



Arrays of waveguides with losses and cavity BEC

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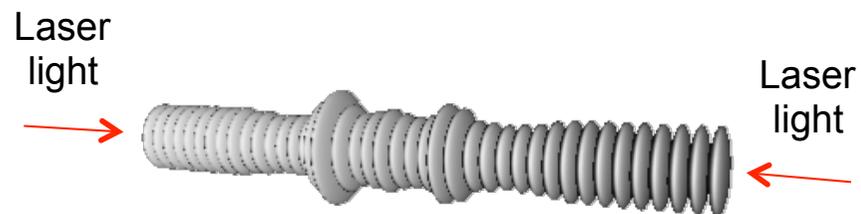
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- ✓ Martin Diver (Strathclyde)
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Update. Atomic losses in a BEC in an Optical Lattice

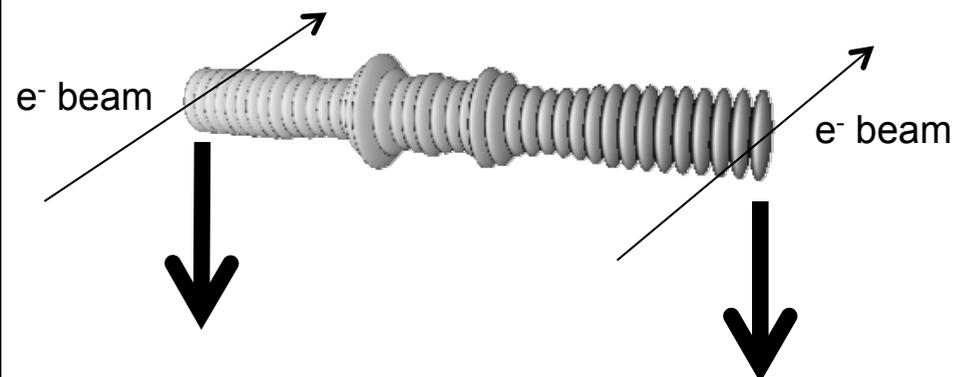
Conservative Case

Confined BEC in an Optical Lattice

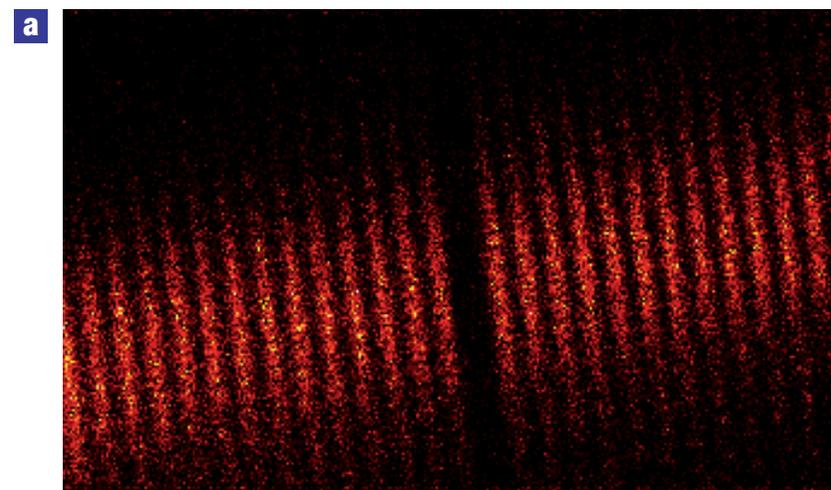
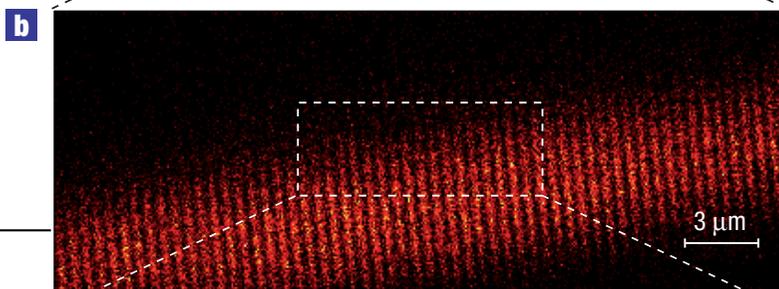
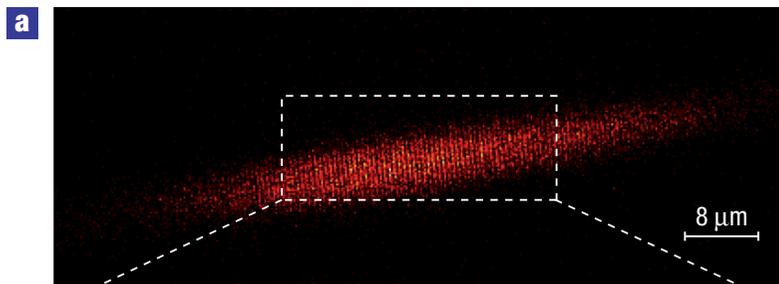


Gericke et al. Nat. Phys. 4, 949 (2008)

Dissipative Case

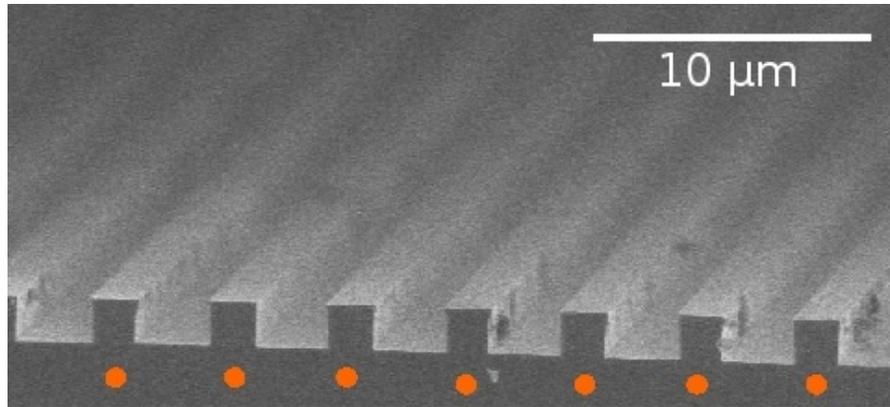


Loss of Atomic Density at the Boundaries





Arrays of optical waveguides

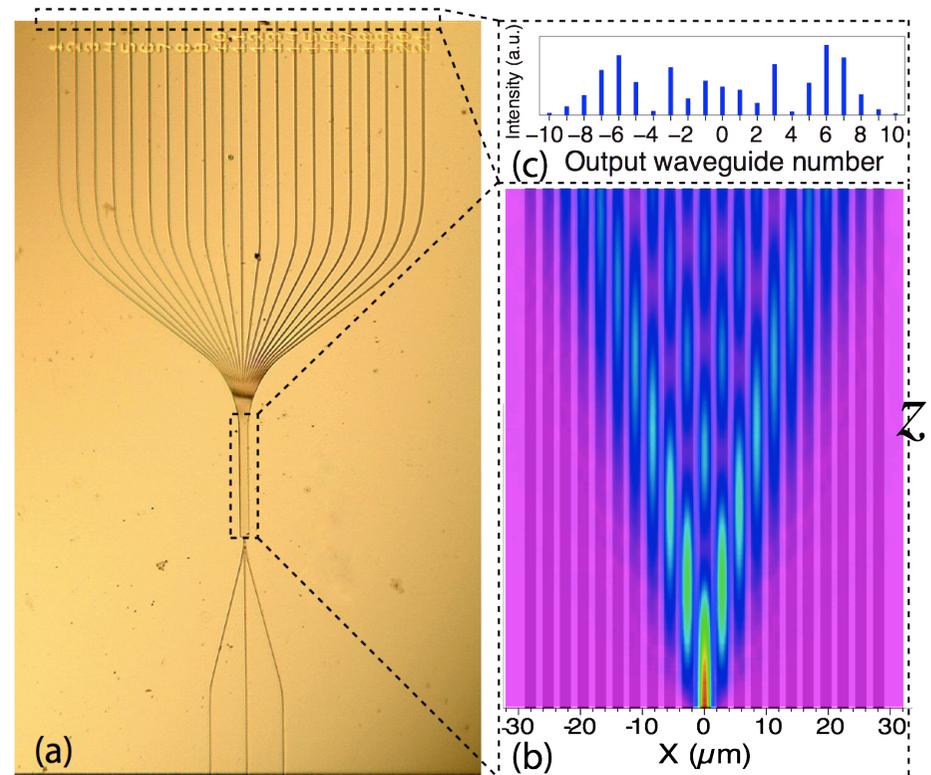


Arrays of optical waveguides with evanescent coupling are also well described by the Discrete Non Linear Schrödinger Equation (DNLSE)

$$i \frac{d}{dz} \psi_m + (\psi_{m+1} + \psi_{m-1}) + \nu |\psi_m|^2 \psi_m = 0$$

Nearest Neighbour
Coupling

Self-Focusing
Self-Defocusing



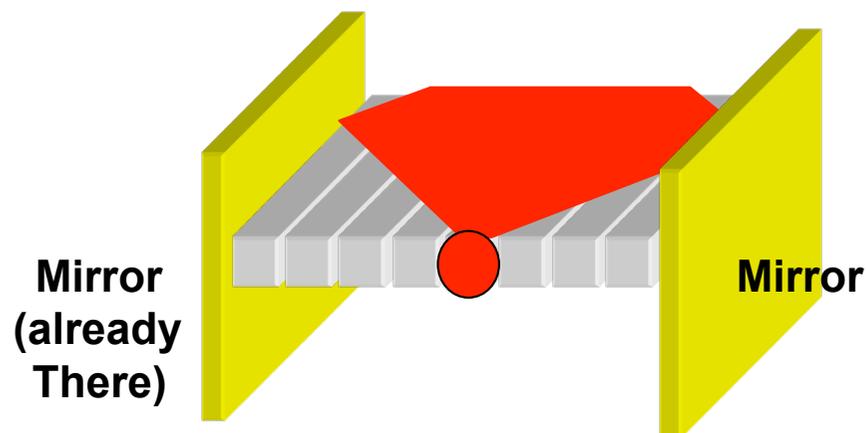
A Peruzzo et al., Science
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Quantum Walks of Correlated Photons
Large Scale Quantum Interference
Quantum Correlations violating classical
limits by 76 standard deviations.

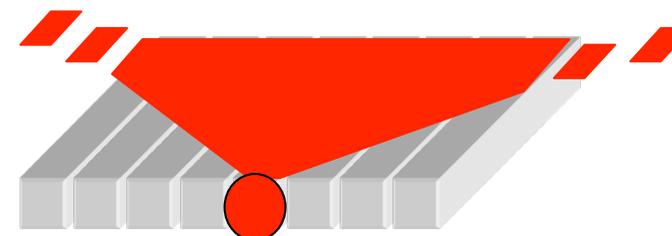


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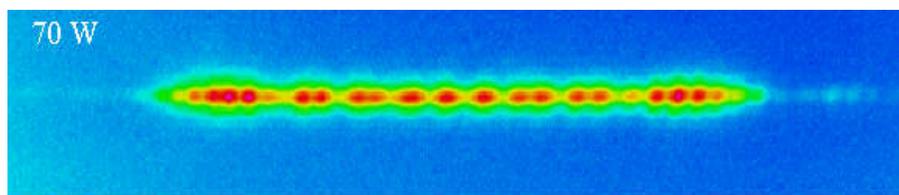
Propagation in a waveguide array



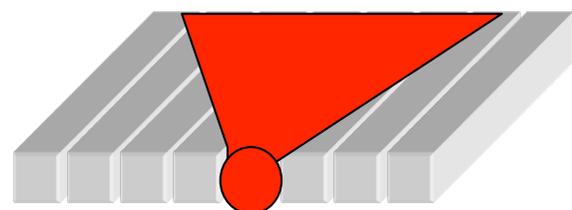
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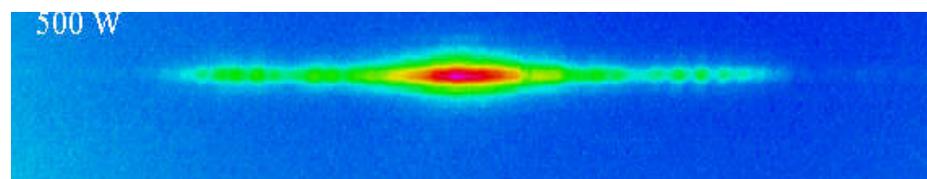
Loss of Light at the Boundaries



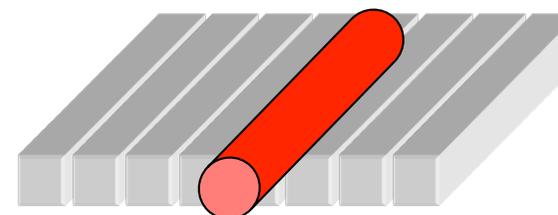
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Low input power



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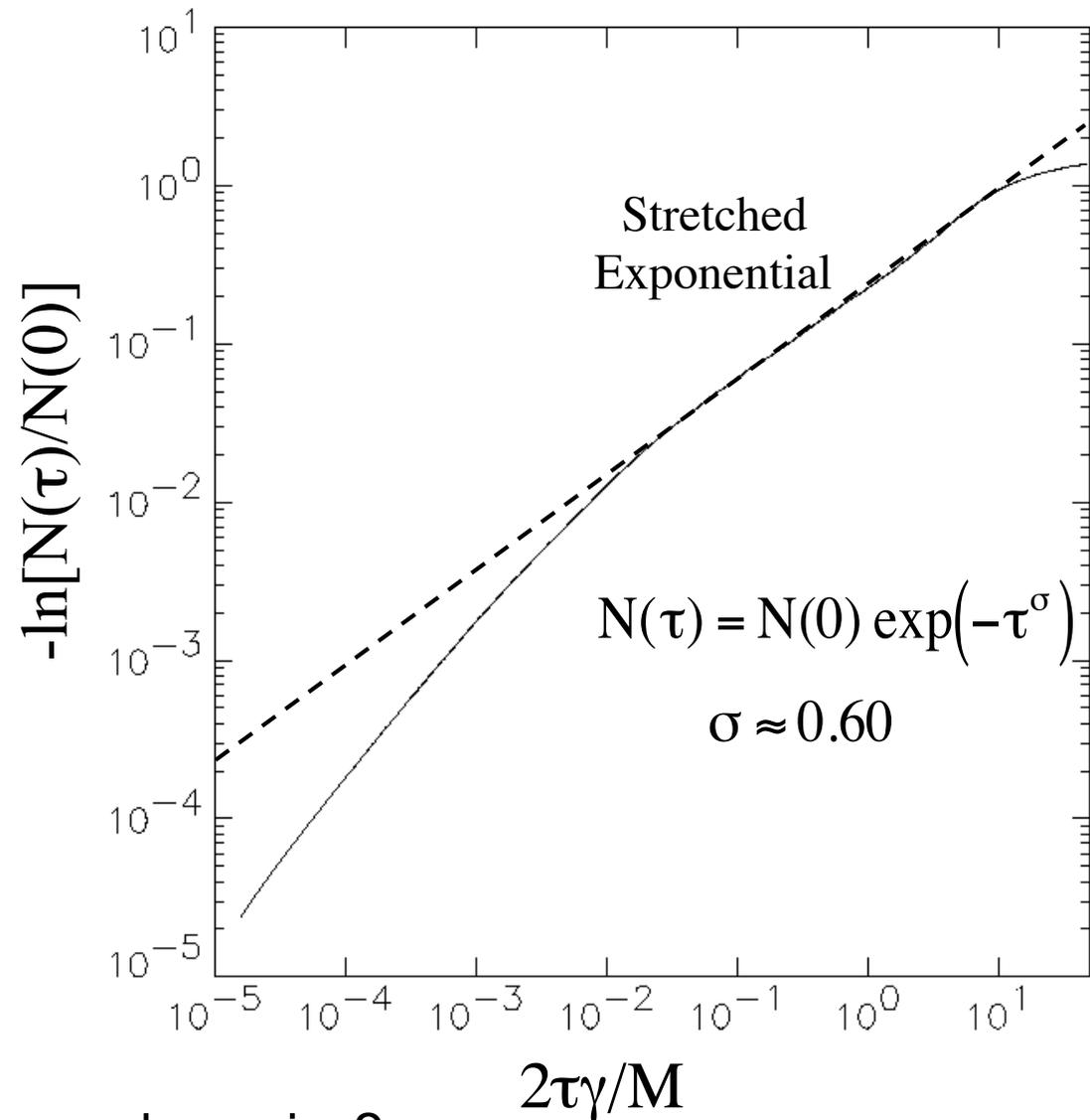
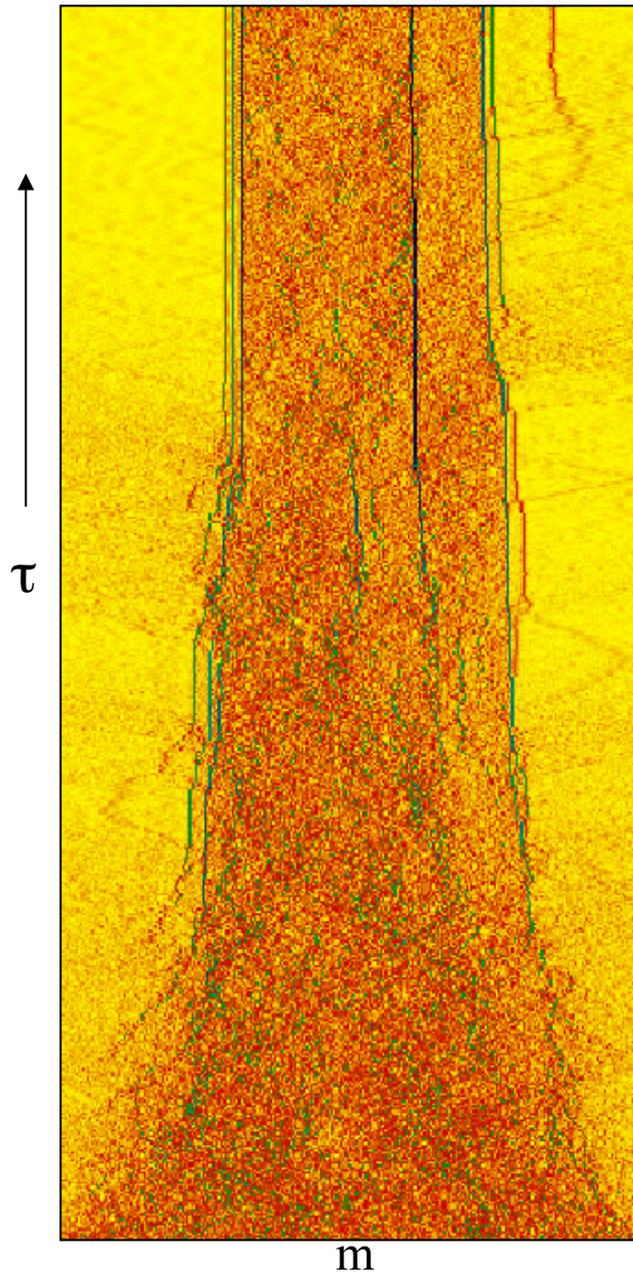


High input power

Localisation: Discrete Breathers, H.S. Eisenberg et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **81**, 3383 (1998)



Statistics of the Localisation Process

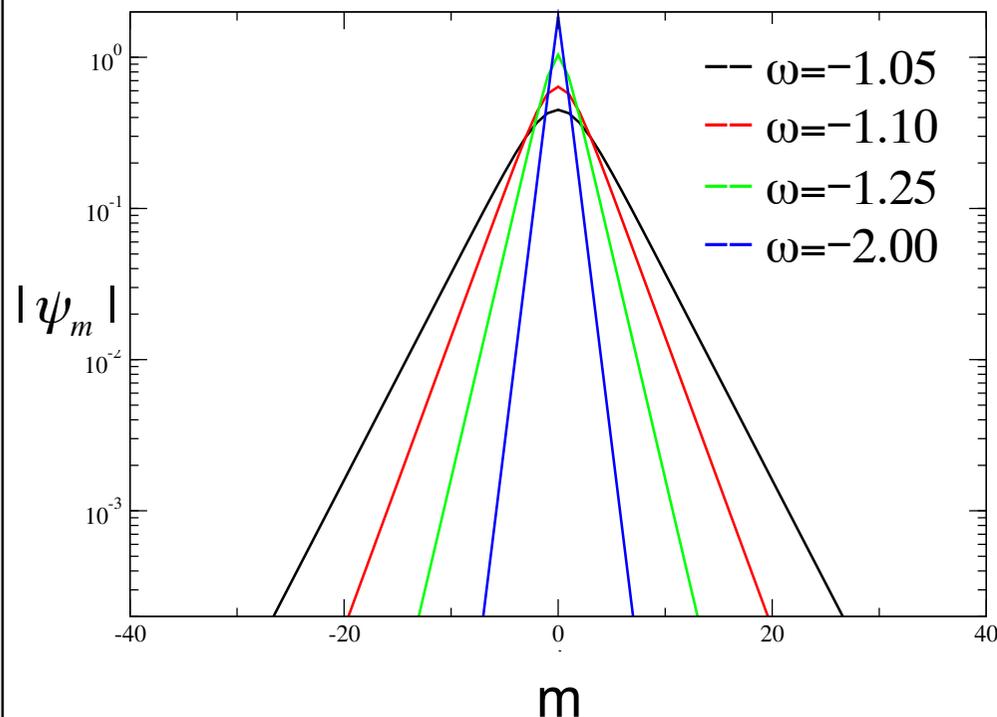


Glassy dynamics?

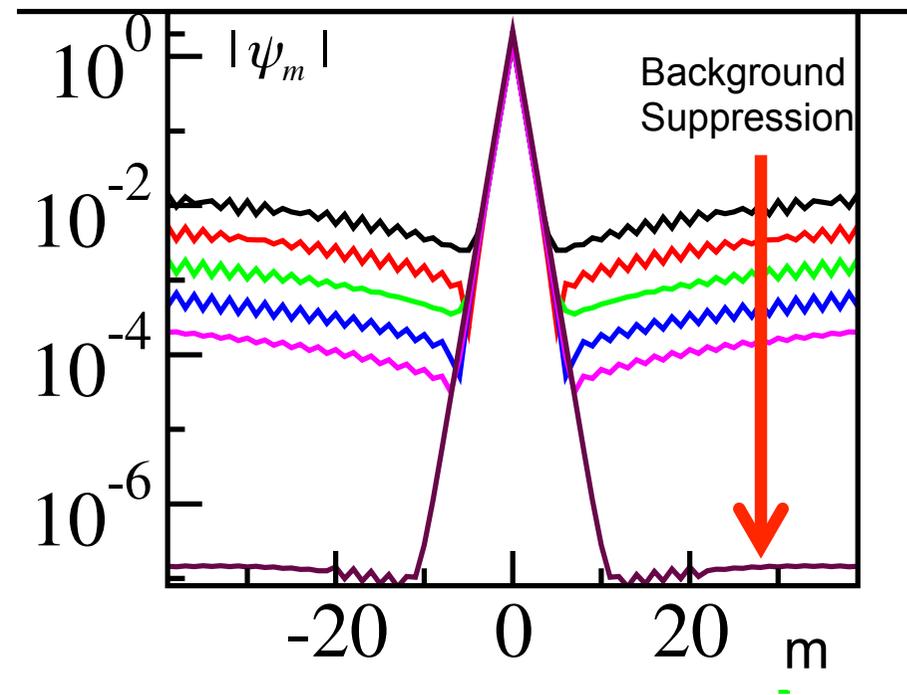


DNLS: Discrete Breathers, background and boundary losses

Naked Conservative Breathers.
The intensity does not breathe



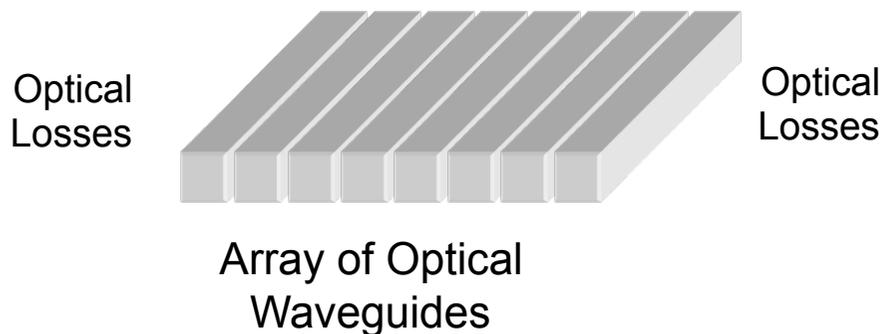
Stripping a Breather Naked
via Boundary Dissipations



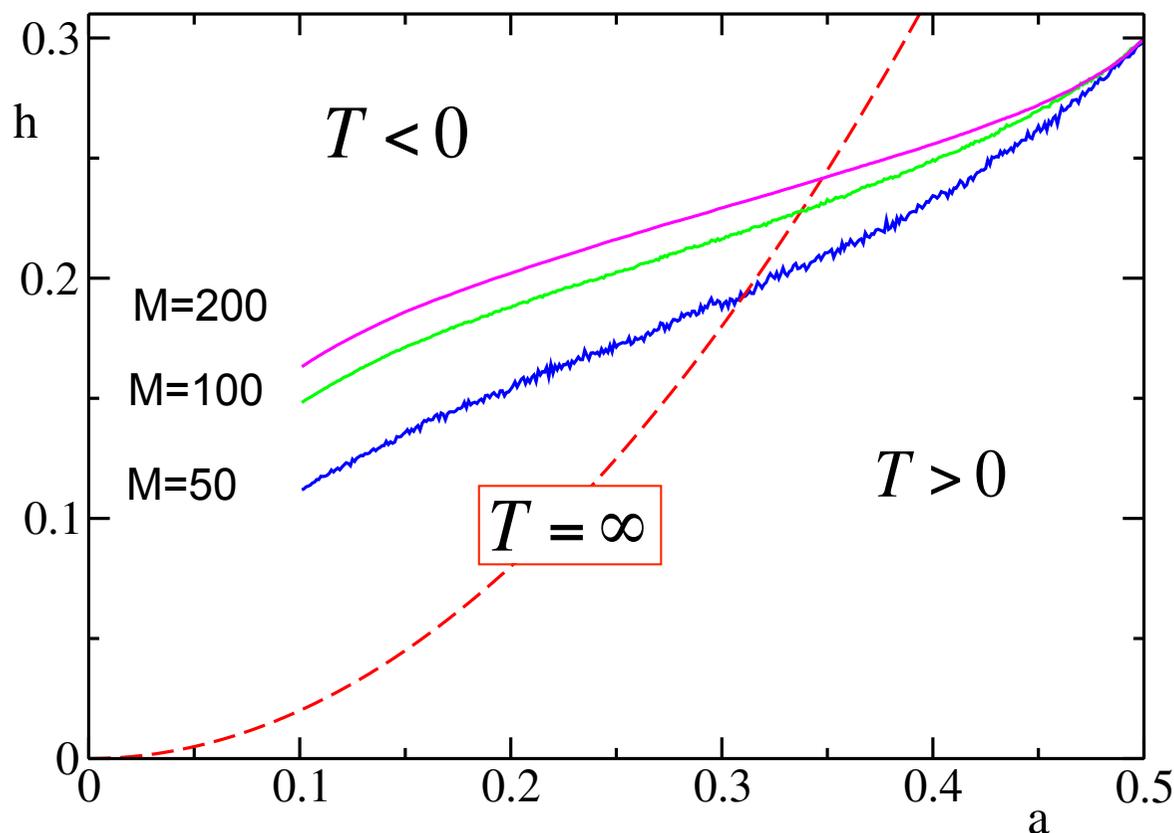
For a review see:
R. Franzosi, R. Livi, G-LO, and A. Politi, *Nonlinearity* **24**, R89 (2011)



How to go from Positive T to Negative T



Yes. We increase T by removing energy and light intensity from the system.



$$\frac{1}{T_\mu} = \left\langle \frac{W \|\xi\|}{\vec{\nabla} H \cdot \xi} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\xi}{\|\xi\| W} \right) \right\rangle_\mu$$

$$\xi_\mu = \frac{\vec{\nabla} H}{\|\vec{\nabla} H\|} - \frac{(\vec{\nabla} H \cdot \vec{\nabla} A) \vec{\nabla} A}{\|\vec{\nabla} H\| \|\vec{\nabla} A\|^2}$$

$$W = \left\{ \sum_{\substack{j,k=1 \\ j < k}}^{2M} \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_k} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_j} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Would it be possible to measure $T < 0$ by measuring output amplitudes and phases?

Is a single Discrete Breather a state at $T < 0$?



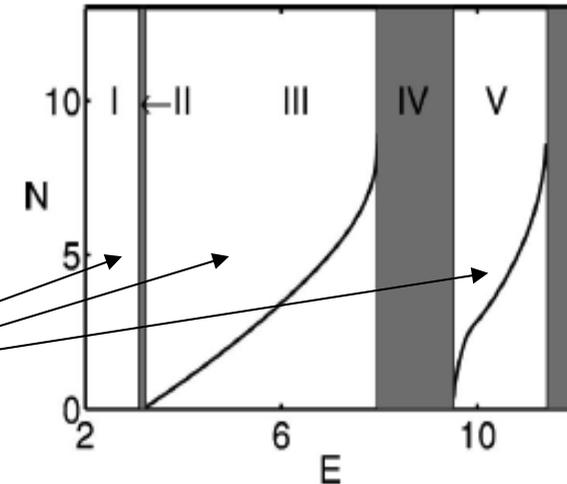
Continuous System: The NLS in a Periodic Potential (Lattice) and Lattice Solitons

NLS in an OL

$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + V_0 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) u + \Lambda |u|^2 u$$

$$N = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |u|^2 dx$$

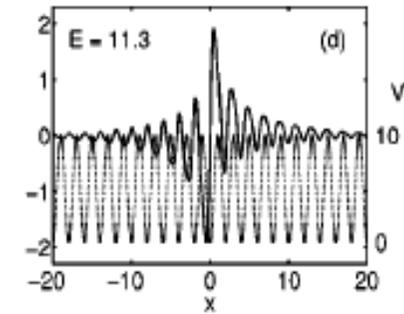
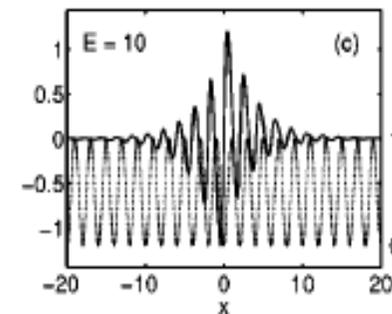
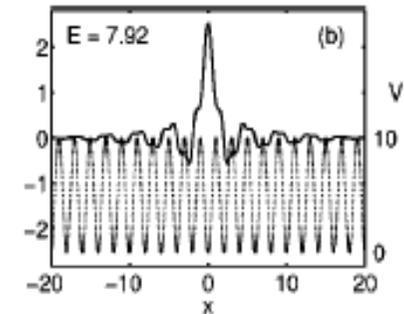
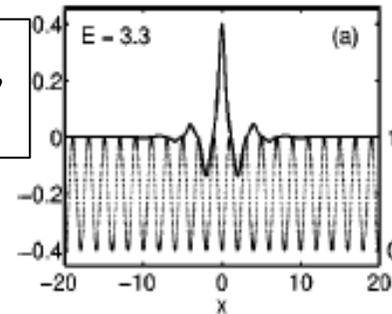
Gaps



Ansatz

$$u(x,t) = v(x) e^{-iEt}$$
$$v(x) \Rightarrow e^{-|x|} \text{ for } x \Rightarrow \pm\infty$$

$$Ev = \Lambda v^3 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + V_0 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) v$$

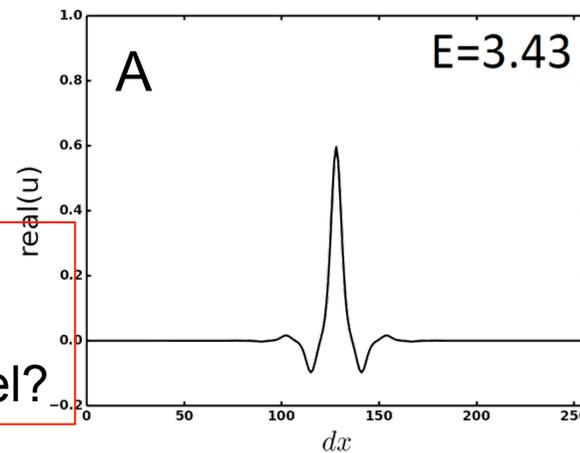
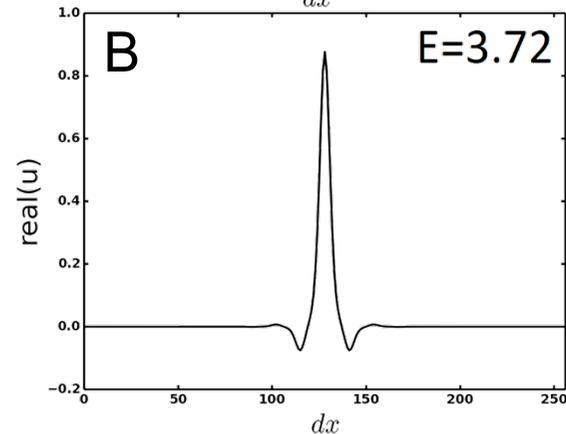
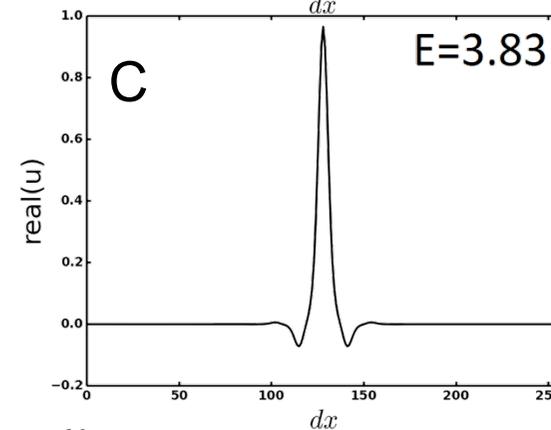
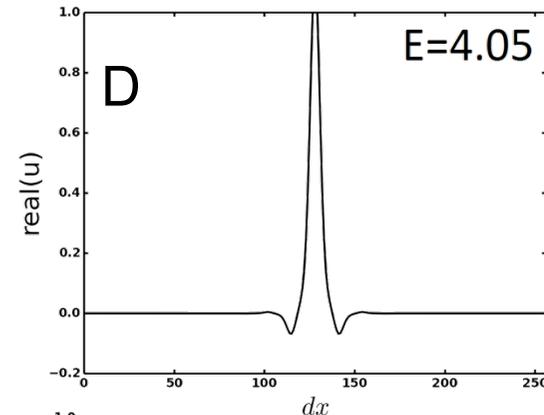
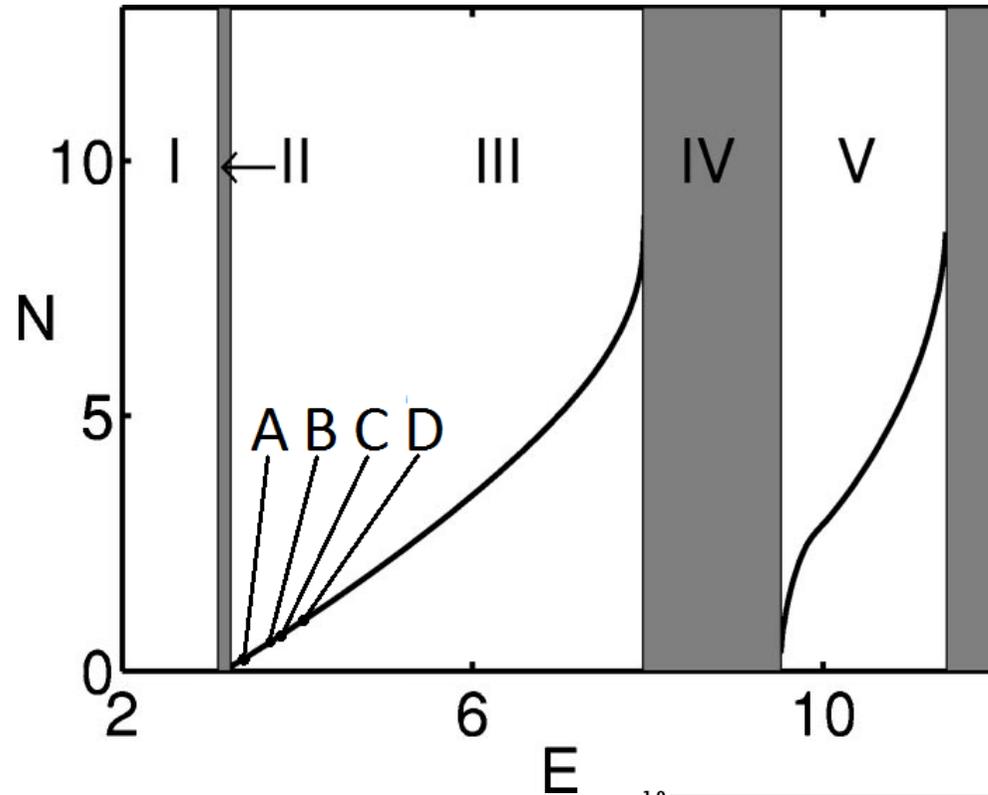


N. Efremidis and D. Christodoulides
Phys. Rev. A 67, 063608 (2003)

Lattice Solitons =
= Continuous Breathers



Lattice Solitons via Boundary Losses

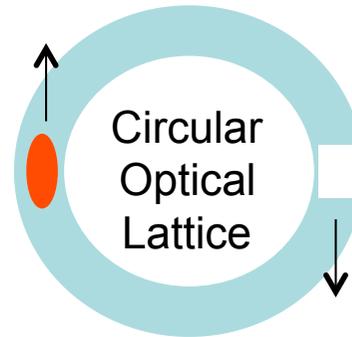


Does this mean moving
from Positive to Negative
T as in the Discrete Model?

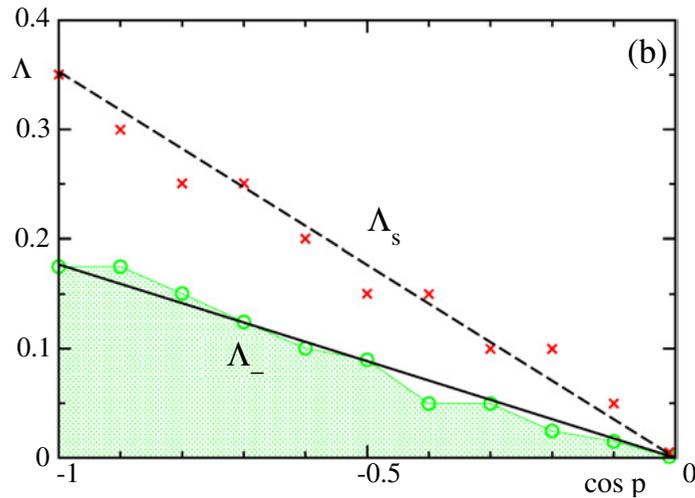


Moving Gap Soliton

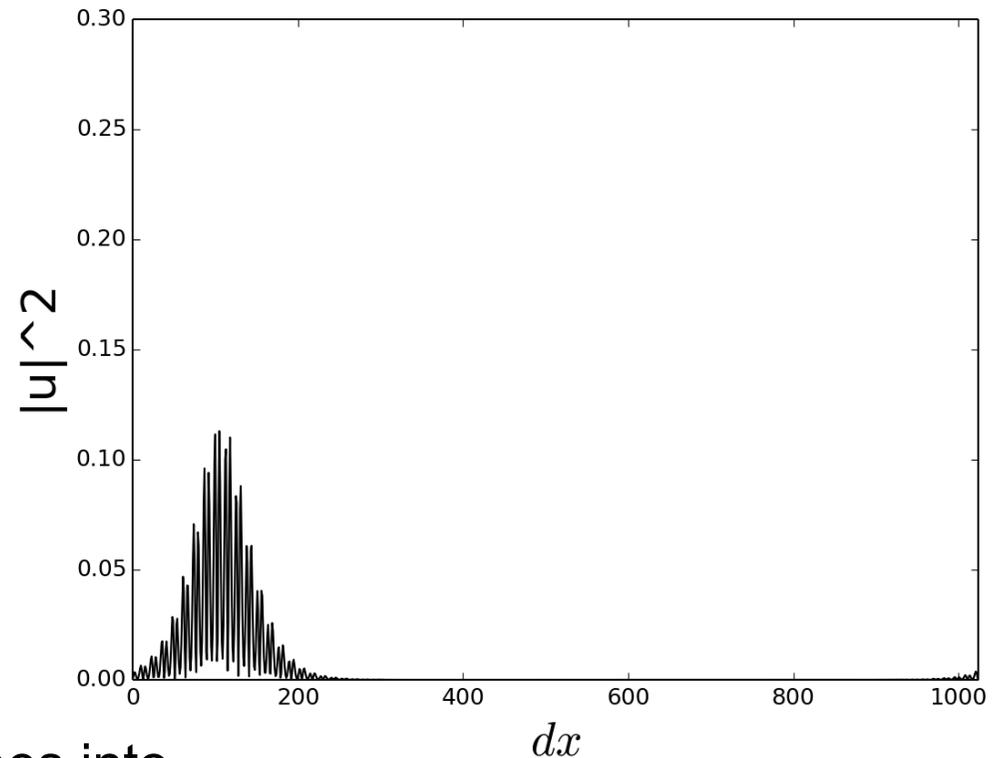
Travelling
Breather



Travelling
Losses



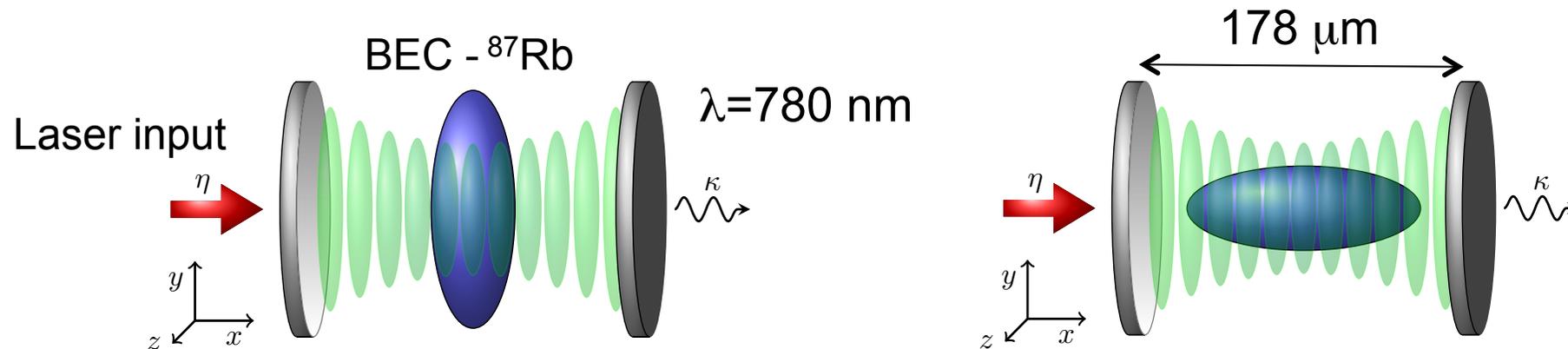
$$\psi(t=0) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/4} \sqrt{\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{(m-\hat{m})^2}{4\sigma^2} + ip(m-\hat{m})\right)$$



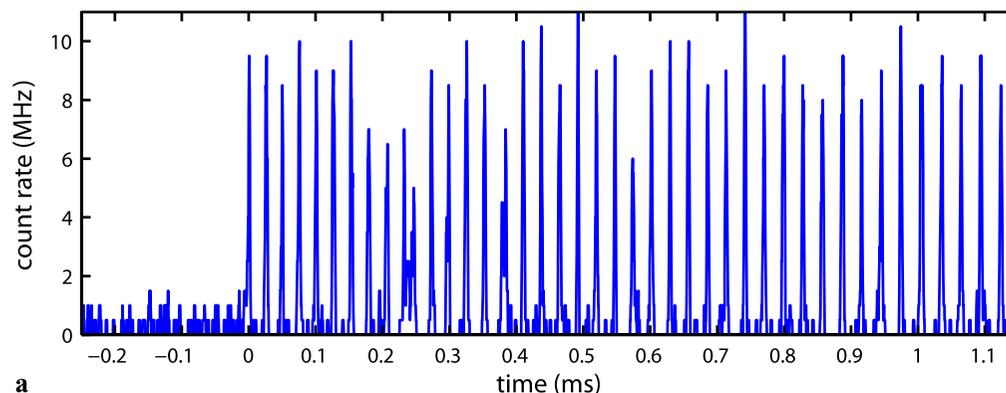
The Gaussian Wavepacket reshapes into the gap soliton. The 'debris' are cleaned by the travelling losses.



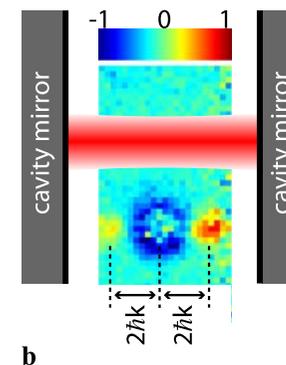
Superfluid BEC in an Optical Cavity



Non-equilibrium process: Externally driven system with cavity losses



F. Brennecke et al. *Science* **322**, 235 (2008)
S. Ritter et al., *App. Phys. B* **95**, 213 (2009)



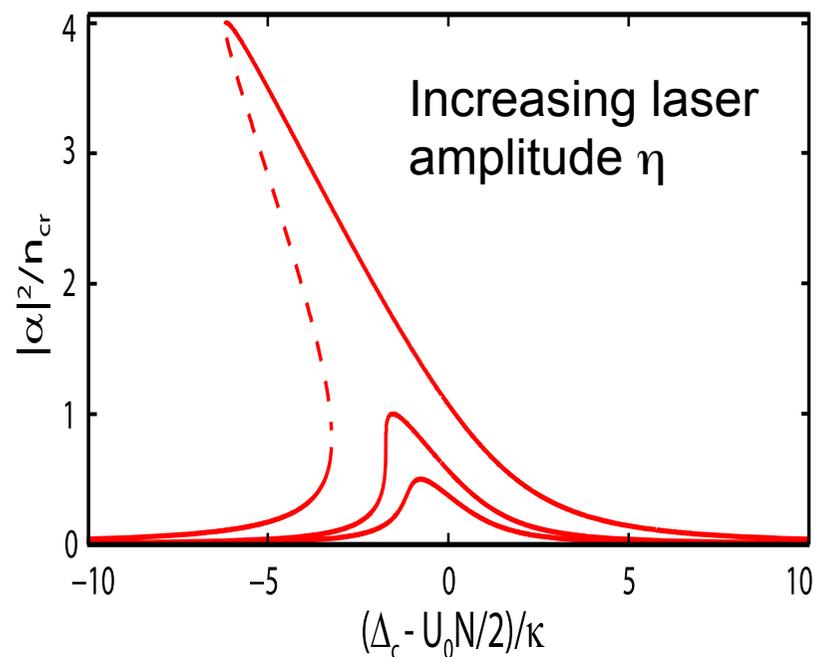
Oscillations
when laser
is on. Atomic
motion too.
Gorgeous stuff

Tilman Esslinger's group
ETH, Zurich, Switzerland

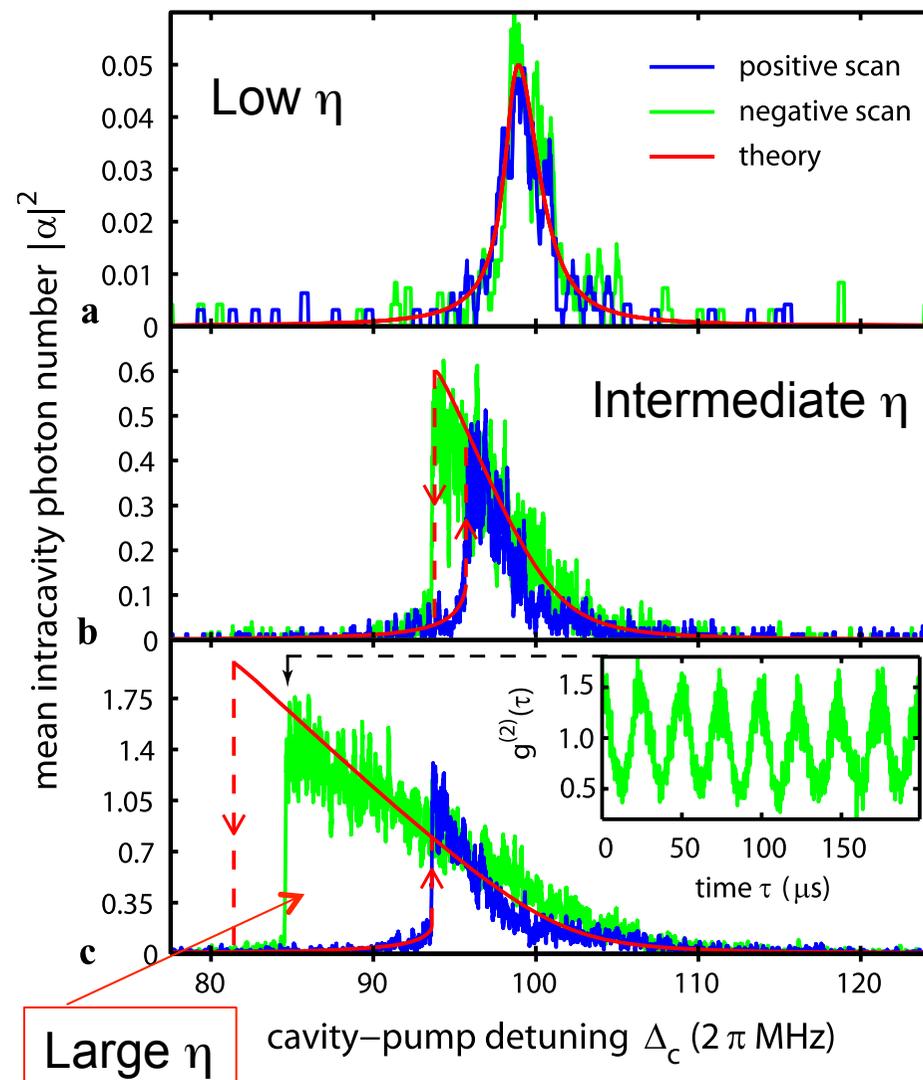


Bistability

Experiment



Theory (see later)





Conservative or dissipative dynamics?

$$\frac{\partial \psi(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - i|\alpha|^2 V_0 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \psi - i\Lambda |\psi|^2 \psi$$

$$|\alpha|^2 = \eta^2 / \left[\kappa^2 + \left(\Delta_c - U_0 N \langle \psi | \sin^2(\pi x / 2) | \psi \rangle \right)^2 \right]$$

- Losses are losses so from a generic initial condition the system dissipates
- However, dissipations end when losses κ are balanced by pump η
- That happens when the field follows the BEC wave-function (on the center manifold). Here the flow is symplectic since for the Jacobian J one has:

$$SJ + J^T S = 0 \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & S \end{bmatrix}$$

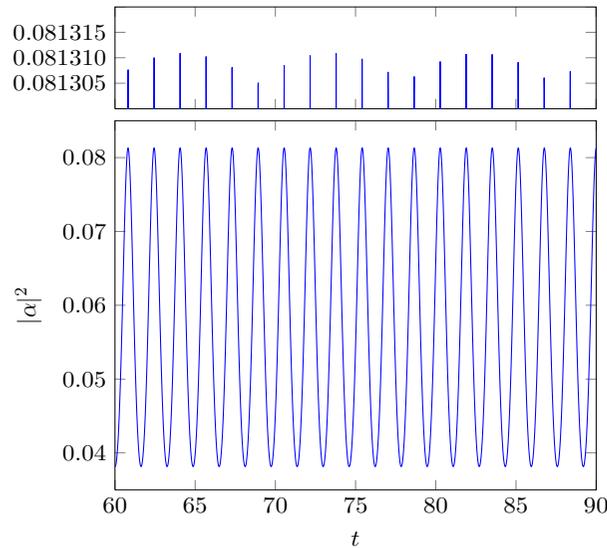
Hamiltonian flows are symplectic
Symplectic flows maybe Hamiltonian
Symplectic flows ARE conservative

Conservative Dynamics

So?

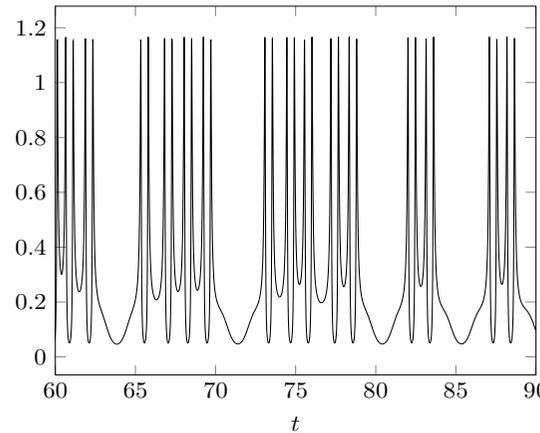


Numerical Integration ($\Lambda = 0$)

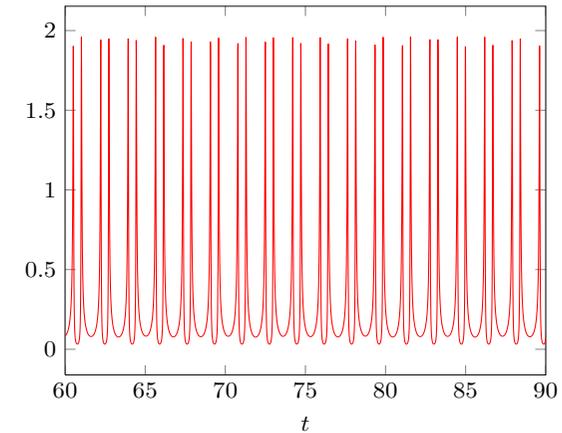


(a) $\eta/\kappa = 0.99$

Chaos near Separatrix



(b) $\eta/\kappa = 1.08$

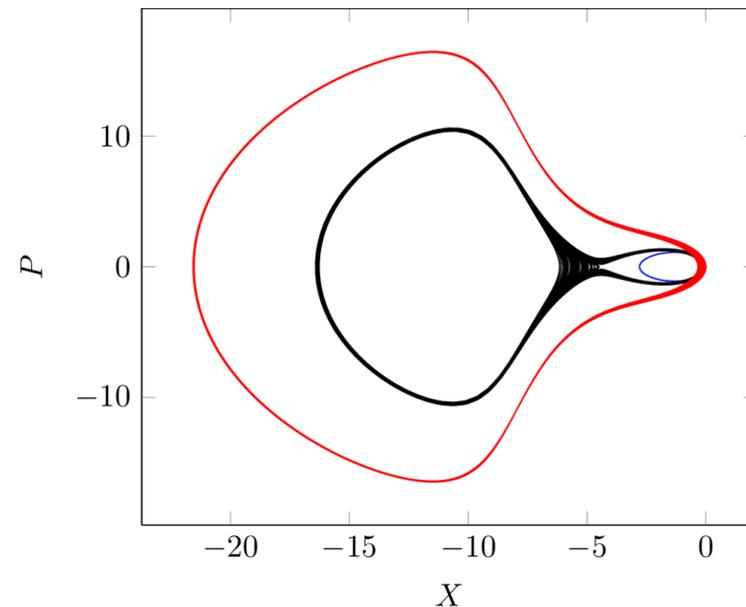


(c) $\eta/\kappa = 1.40$

$$c_n(t) = \frac{1}{L_D} \int_{-L_D/2}^{L_D/2} \psi(x,t) e^{-i\pi n x} dx$$

$$X \propto -\text{Re} \left[c_0 (c_1^* + c_{-1}^*) / 2 \right]$$

$$P \propto \text{Im} \left[c_0 (c_1^* + c_{-1}^*) / 2 \right]$$



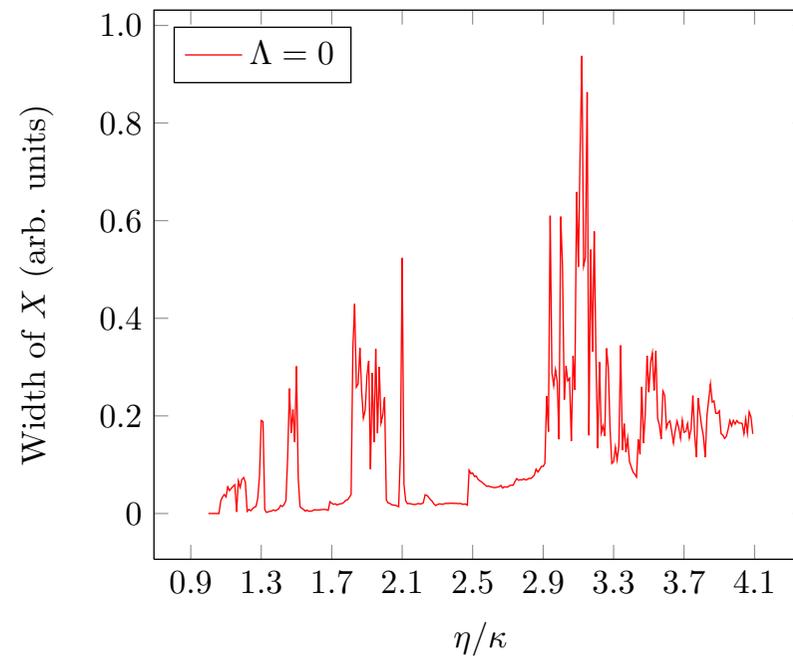
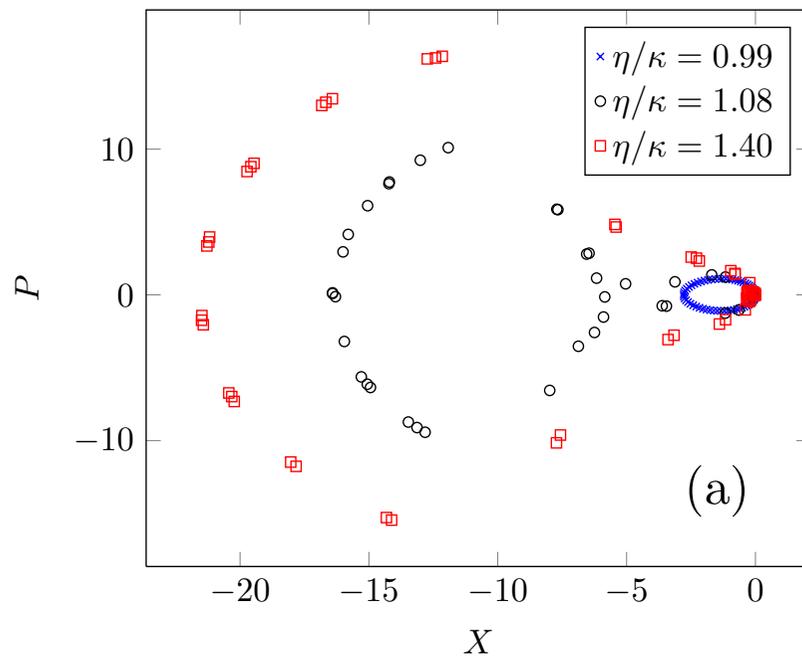
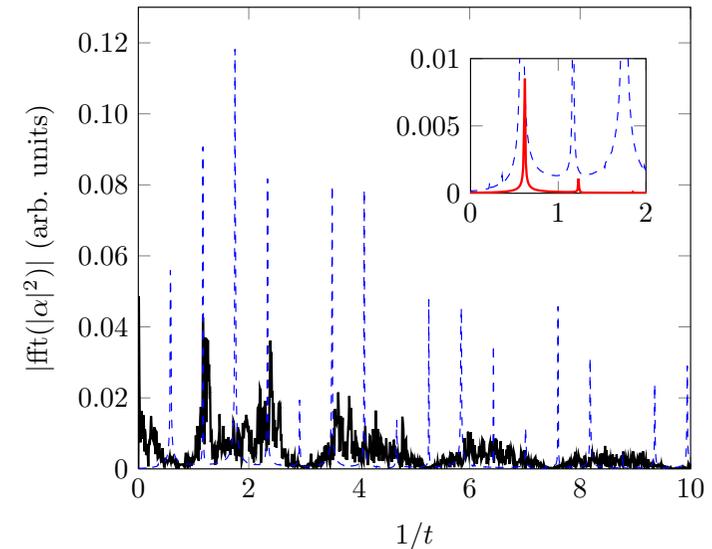
$P = \text{Momentum}$



Is it really conservative chaos?

- Experimental initial condition: all atoms in c_0 , flat wave-function.
- Dynamics depends on initial condition.
- Experimental initial condition self-consistent with model (mean field).
- Spectra, Poincare' sections, thickness of Poincare' sections

YES

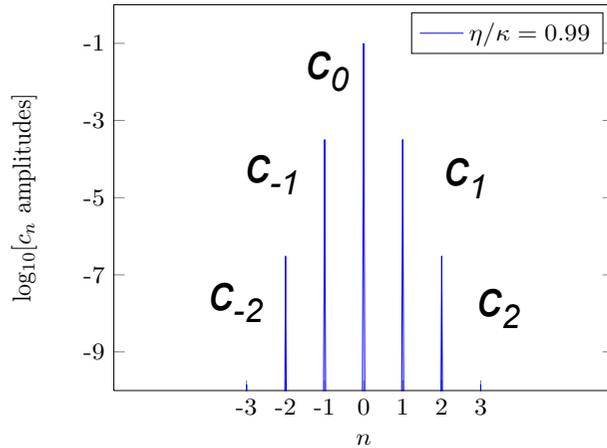


thickness of
Poincare' section

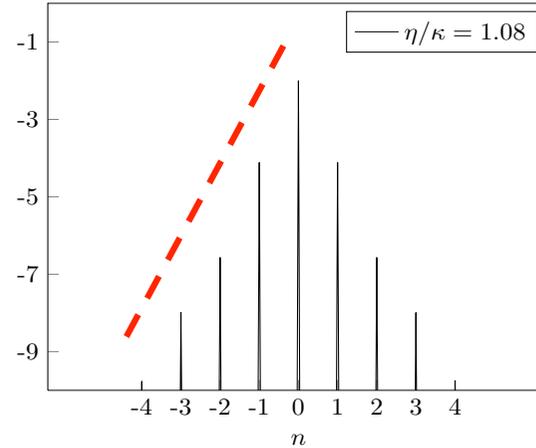


Modal Expansion

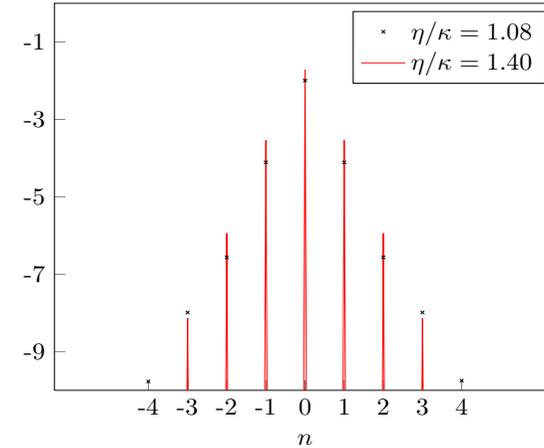
$$c_n(t) = \frac{1}{L_D} \int_{-L_D/2}^{L_D/2} \psi(x, t) e^{-i\pi n x} dx,$$



(a) $\eta/\kappa = 0.99$



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(c) $\eta/\kappa = 1.40$

Log₁₀ of modal amplitudes

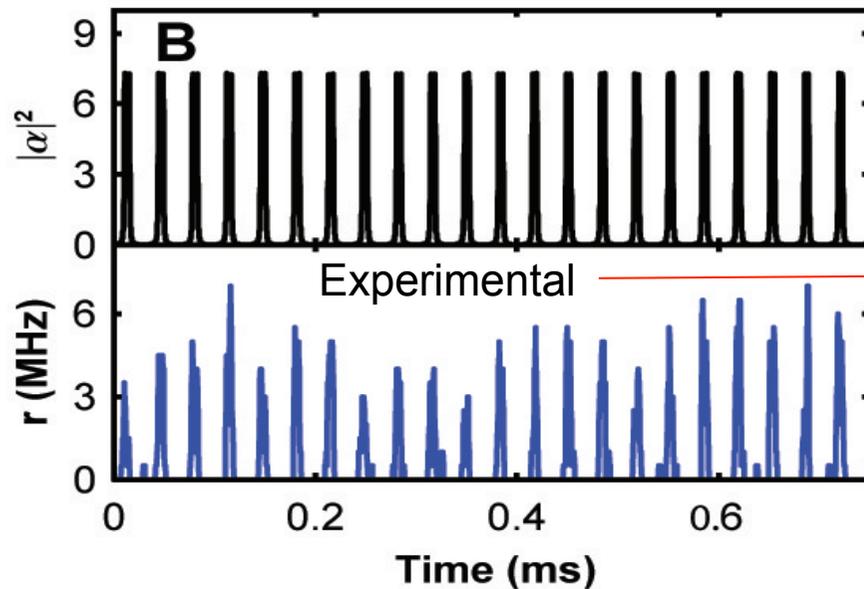
$$\psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_L}} \sum_{n=-N_{\max}}^{N_{\max}} c_n(t) e^{in\pi x}, \quad \langle \psi | \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi x}{2} \right) | \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \sum_{n=-N_{\max}}^{N_{\max}} c_n^* (c_{n-1} + c_{n+1}) \right]$$

$$\frac{dc_n}{dt} = -i \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2} c_n - i \frac{|\alpha|^2 V_0}{2} \left(c_n - \frac{c_{n-1}}{2} - \frac{c_{n+1}}{2} \right) - i \Lambda' \sum_{k, m=-N_{\max}}^{N_{\max}} c_k c_m^* c_{n+m-k}$$

How many modes?



Comparison with experiments



Two or three modes theory.

→ F. Brennecke et al. Science **322**, 235 (2008)

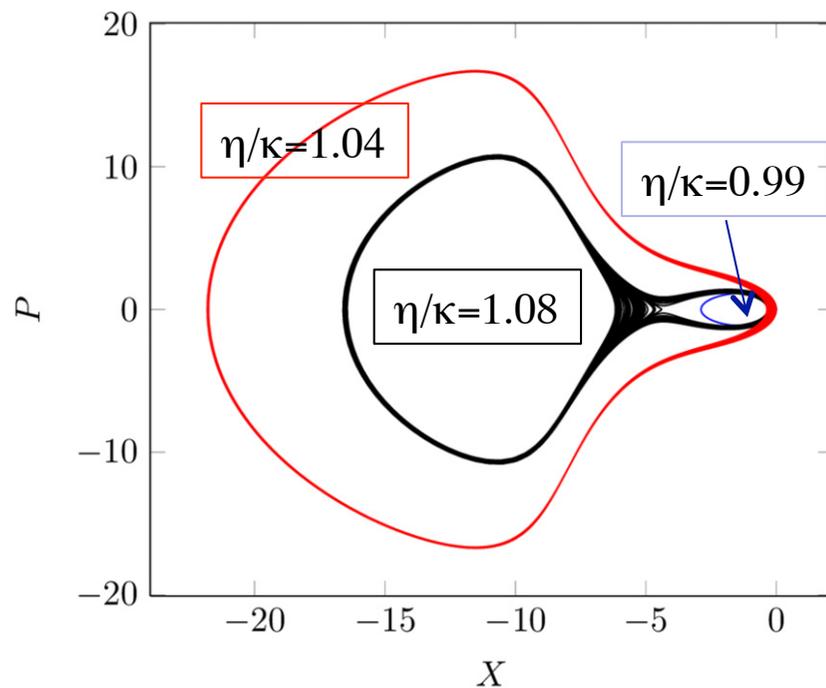
The time scale of the oscillations is predicted correctly but the nature of the oscillations is not correct. In the experiments the fluctuations were 'explained' by a dodgy detector (we do not think so).

Although the modal amplitude decreases exponentially with the mode index, more modes are **NECESSARY** to explain the experiments

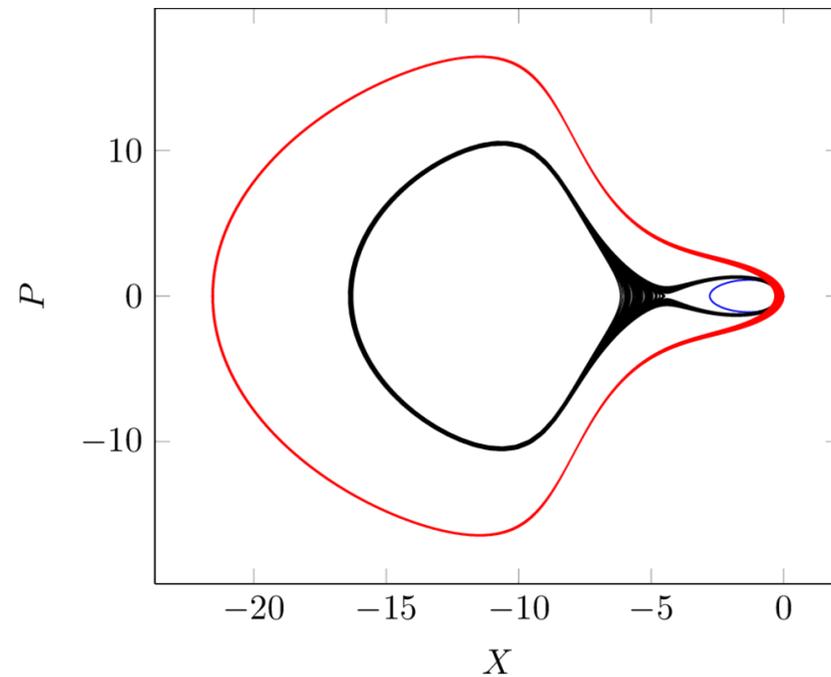


Five mode model

- 5 Modes $c_0, c_1, c_{-1}, c_2, c_{-2}$ but only 5 Independent Variables



Five equation ODE model



Full PDE model

Impressive. It includes chaos



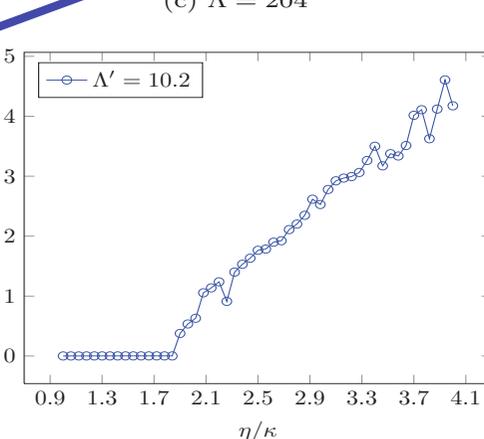
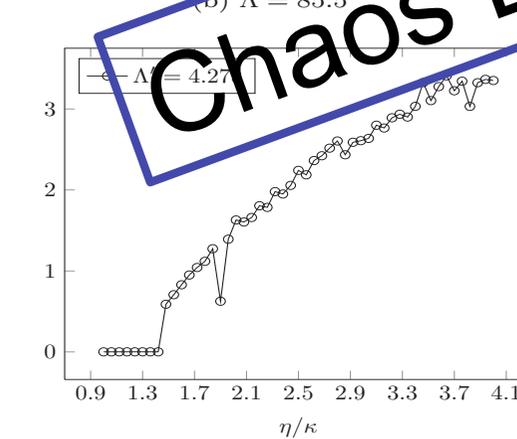
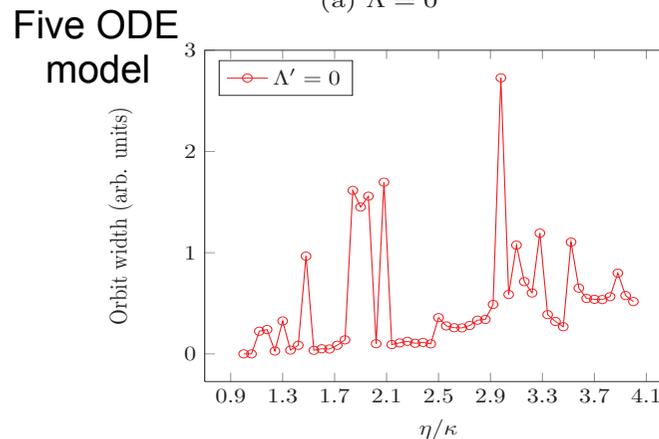
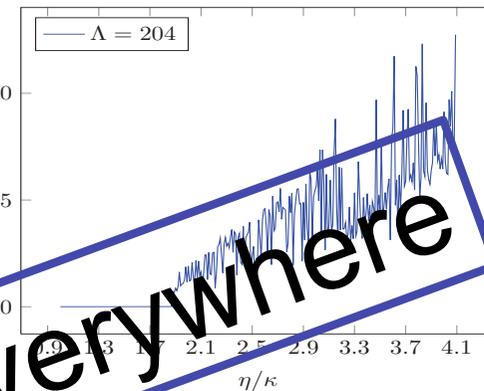
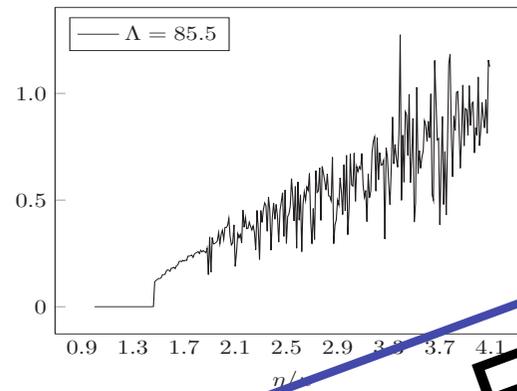
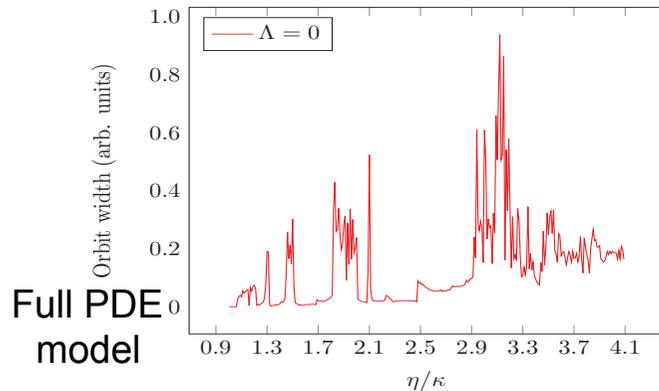
Inclusion of atom-atom interactions ($\Lambda > 0$)

$$\frac{\partial \psi(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - i|\alpha|^2 V_0 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \psi - i\Lambda |\psi|^2 \psi$$

The usual nonlinearity

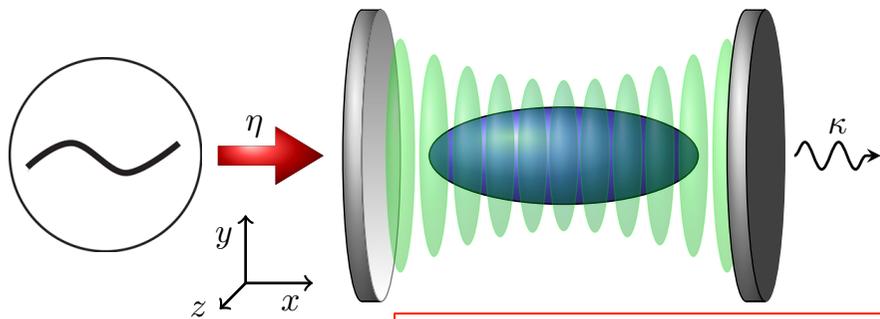
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Thickness of Poincare' sections

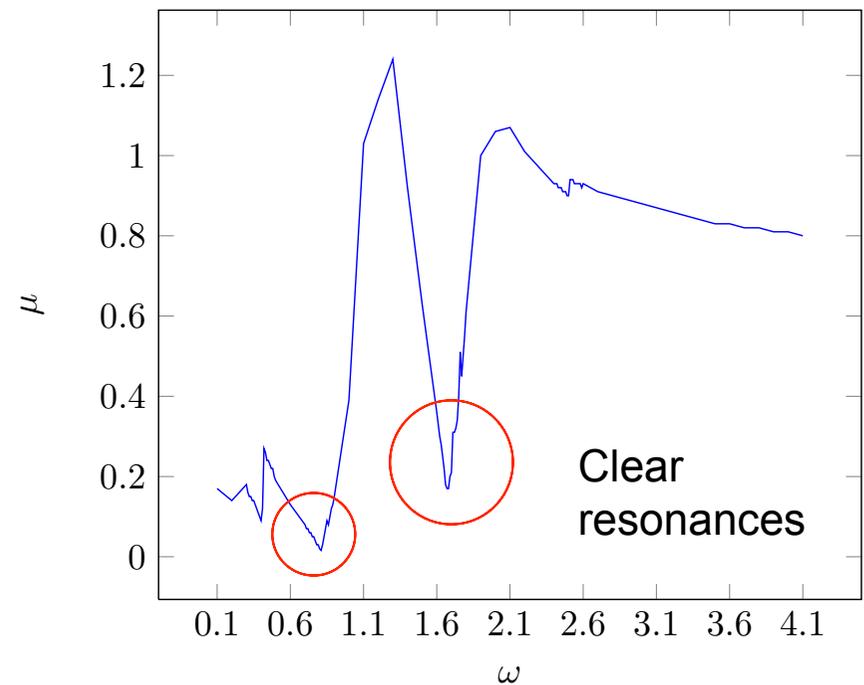
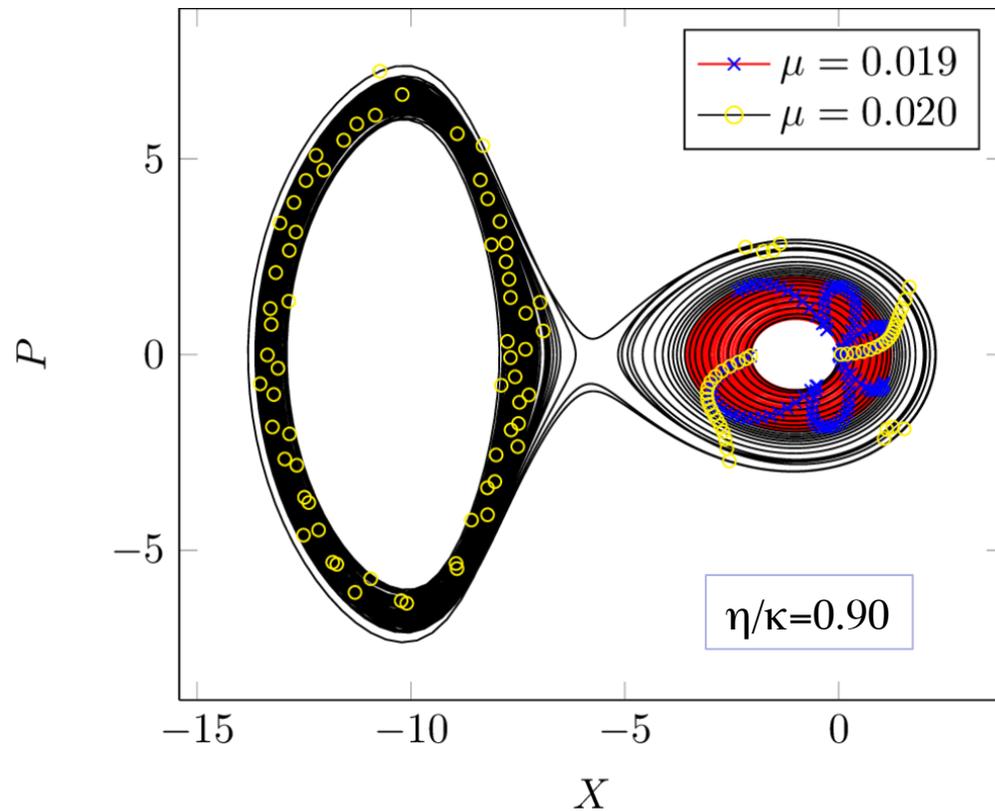
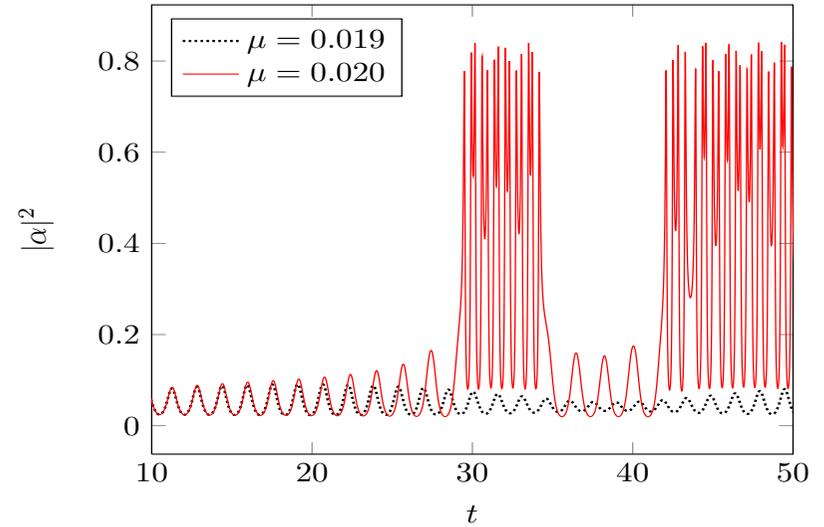


Chaos Everywhere

Modulating the input laser amplitude



$$\eta \Rightarrow \eta [1 + \mu \cos(\omega t)]$$





Conclusions

- ✓ Continuous models reproduce the localization process seen in the DNLS.
- ✓ Moving from positive T to negative T ? (Statistical analysis still missing)
- ✓ Next. BEC in optical cavities are an interesting mixture of conservative (BEC) and dissipative (optical cavity) dynamics
- ✓ Conservative chaotic motion is the norm when atom-atom interactions are included
- ✓ Inclusion of the dynamics of the optical field. Multi-longitudinal optical modes.
- ✓ Mass conserved. Energy flow conservative. Anomalous behaviour?
- ✓ Longitudinal lattice solitons?

For more details see:

M. Diver, G.R.M. Robb and G.-L. O., Phys. Rev. A **89**, 033602 (2014)