

Localization in the Discrete  
Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation:  
a ‘**Random First-Order**’ transition in the  
microcanonical ensemble

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# Summary

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- 1) Large Deviations and Localization
- 2) Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation (DNLSE)
- 3) DNLSE: State of the art and the problem of ensembles
- 4) Localization mechanism
- 5) Finite-size effects, negative temperature, participation ratio
- 6) A mixed-order transition, analogies with glasses
- 7) Differences with Many-Body Localization
- 8) Role of dimensionality (none)
- 9) Condensates and black holes
- 10) Conclusions

# The 'Linear Statistic' problem

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**Linear Statistic Problem:** probability distribution of a sum of random variables

$$P_N(M) = \int \prod_{i=1}^N dm_i p(m_1, \dots, m_N) \delta \left( M - \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \right)$$

Simple case: independent identically distributed **random variables**

$$p(m_1, \dots, m_N) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(m_i) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \langle m \rangle < \infty & \text{Finite mean} \\ \langle m^2 \rangle < \infty & \text{Finite variance} \end{array}$$

$$|M - N\langle m \rangle| \sim \sqrt{N} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad P_N(M) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma N}} e^{-\frac{(M - N\langle m \rangle)^2}{2\sigma^2 N}}$$

Central Limit Theorem

$$|M - N\langle m \rangle| \sim N \quad \Longrightarrow \quad P_N(M) \sim e^{-N \mathcal{I}(m)} \quad m = M/N$$

*Rate function*

**Large Deviations**

# 'Linear Statistic' and Large Deviations

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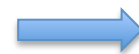
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**Fat tailed  
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***Localization***

$$|M - N\langle m \rangle| \sim N$$



$$P_N(M) \sim p(M)$$

**Large Deviations**

***Whole sum is taken up  
by a single variable***

# 'Linear Statistic' and Large Deviations

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**Mass transport model: stationary partition function**

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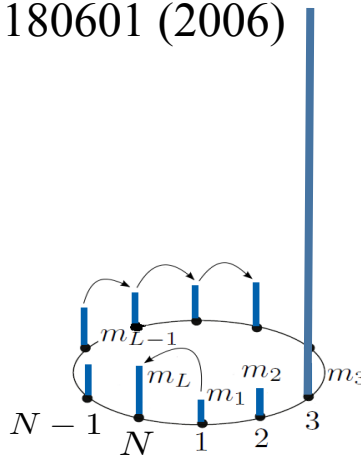
**Localization**

'Nature of the condensate in mass transport models',  
Majumdar, Evans, Zia, *PRL* **94**, 180601 (2006)

**Partition function**

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$$M \sim m_i$$

**Participation Ratio**

$$Y_2(M) = \left\langle \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i^2}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^N m_i\right)^2} \right\rangle$$

$$M < N \langle m \rangle \implies Y_2(M) \sim 1/N$$

$$M > N \langle m \rangle \implies Y_2(M) = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

# Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation (DNLSE)

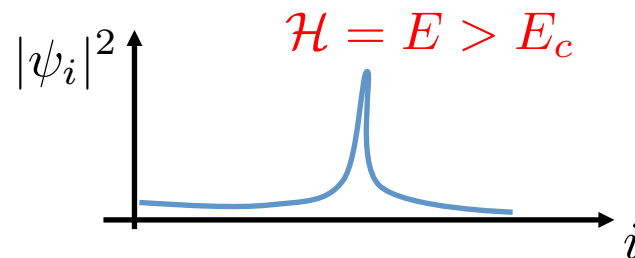
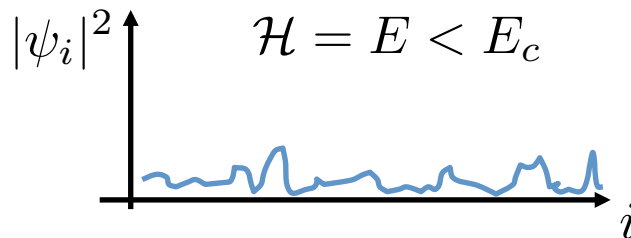
**Inspiration** ‘A First-Order Dynamical Transition for a Driven Run-and-Tumble particle’  
(G. Gradenigo, S. N Majumdar, JSTAT, 2019)

$$\mathcal{Z}_N \left( z = \frac{M - N \langle m \rangle}{N^\alpha} \right) \sim e^{-N \mathcal{I}(\langle m \rangle) - N^{1-\alpha} \mathcal{C}(z)} \quad \alpha < 1$$

**Key observation: the precise characterization of the transition comes from subleading corrections to the rate function.**

## ‘Localization in Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation’

**PHENOMENON**  
Condensate wavefunction  
localized at high energies  
(numerical evidences)



‘Condensation transition and ensemble inequivalence in the discrete nonlinear Schrödinger equation’, G. Gradenigo, S. Iubini, R. Livi, S. N Majumdar, *EPJ-E* 44, 1-6 (2021)

‘Localization transition in the discrete nonlinear Schrödinger equation: ensembles inequivalence and negative temperatures’, G. Gradenigo, S. Iubini, R. Livi, S. N Majumdar, *J. Stat. Mech.* 023201 (2021)

# Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation (DNLSE) <sup>(4)</sup>

## A semiclassical Approximation

$$\hat{H} = \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V_{\text{ext}} \right] \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_s}{2m} \int d^3x \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x})$$

'Discrete Breathers in Bose-Einstein Condensates', Franzosi, Livi, Oppo, Politi, *Nonlinearity*. **24**, R89 (2011)

Second-quantization Hamiltonian of interacting bosons condensate

$V(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$       **Repulsive contact interactions**

**Bogoliubov approximation**       $\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) = \Psi(\mathbf{x}) + \hat{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})$

$\Psi(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$       **Condensate wave-function** (c-number)

$\hat{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$       **Deviation operator**

Expand the Hamiltonian up to second order in powers of  $\hat{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\hat{\varphi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x})$   
**(small quantum fluctuations around the mean-field solution)**

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$$V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\frac{\hbar^2 \omega^2}{4E_r} \sin^2(k_L x)}_{\text{Periodic modulation - x}} + \underbrace{\frac{m\Omega^2}{2} (y^2 + z^2)}_{\text{Harmonic traps (y,z)-plane}}$$

**Effectively on a 1-dimensional lattice**

**Hamiltonian system  
on a lattice**

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N \Psi_i^* \Psi_{i+1} + \Psi_{i+1}^* \Psi_i + \frac{\nu}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N |\Psi_i|^2$$

Canonical conjugate  
variables (classical)

$$\{\Psi_i^*, \Psi_j\} = i \delta_{ij} / \hbar \quad i\dot{\Psi}_i = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \Psi_i^*}$$

Poisson parentheses

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**HAMILTONIAN**



**EQUILIBRIUM  
STATISTICAL MECHANICS**

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**ENERGY** (conserved)

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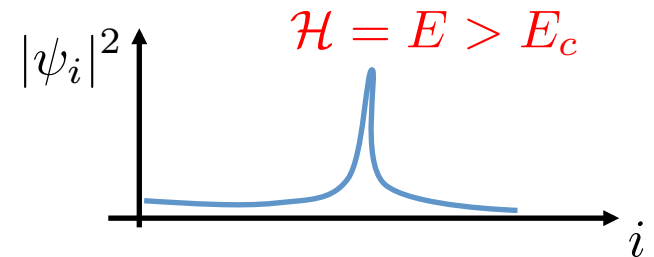
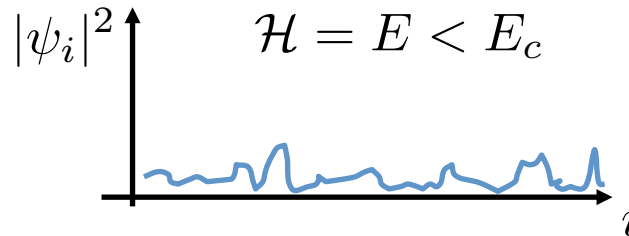
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1) WHICH KIND OF PHASE TRANSITION ?      2) WHICH STATISTICAL ENSEMBLE?

3) LOCALIZATION COMES FROM **INTEGRABILITY**? (N integrals of motion)

4) IS **DISORDER** NECESSARY FOR LOCALIZATION?

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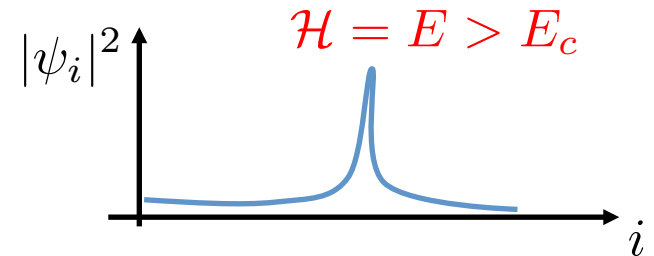
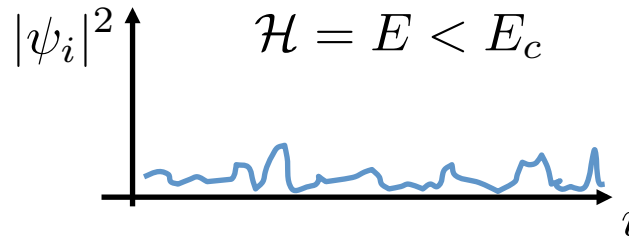
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The 'Fundamental Ensemble': MICROCANONICAL

Microcanonical  
Partition function

$$\Omega_N(A, E) = \int \prod_{i=1}^N d\psi_i \underbrace{\delta\left(A - \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^2\right)}_{\text{Particle number conservation}} \underbrace{\delta\left(E - \mathcal{H}[\psi_i^*, \psi_i]\right)}_{\text{Energy conservation}}$$

**Particle number conservation** **Energy conservation**

# DNLSE theory: state of the art

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*'Statistical Mechanics of a Discrete Non-Linear System',*

K.O. Rasmussen, T. Cretegny, P.G. Kevridis, N. Gronbech-Jensen, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **84**, 3740 (2000)

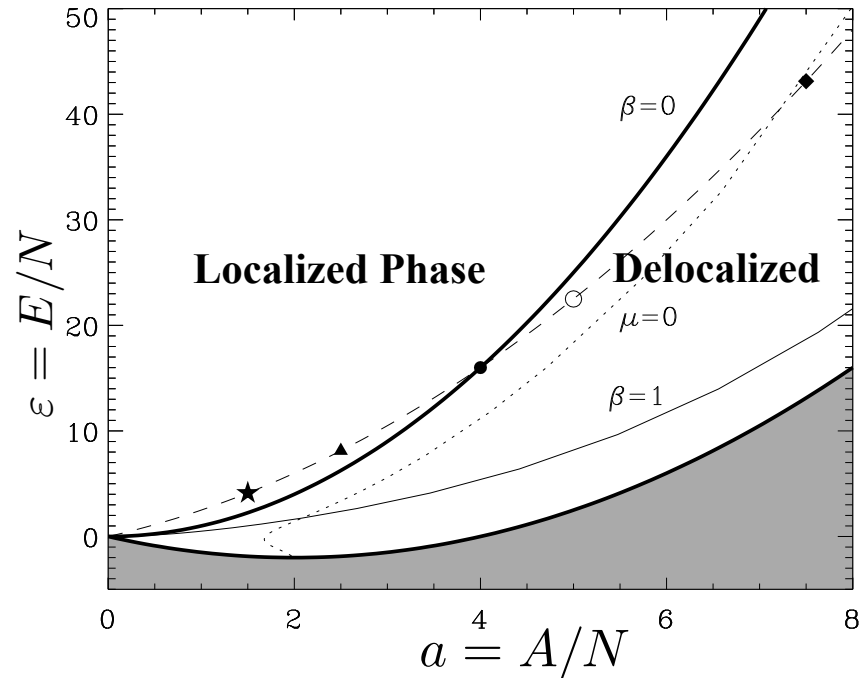
Microcanonical  $\longrightarrow$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Grand Canonical } \mathcal{Z}_N(\mu, \beta) = \int_0^\infty dA dE e^{-\beta E - \mu A} \Omega_N(A, E) \\ \text{Grand Canonical: exact solution with transfer matrix techniques!} \end{array} \right.$

Transition line at **infinite** temperature:  $\beta = 0$   
 $\epsilon = 2 a^2$

**PROBLEM**

Many numerical evidences that the localized phase has negative temperature,  $T < 0$

*'Discrete Breathers and Negative-Temperature States',*  
 S. Iubini, R. Franzosi, R. Livi, G.-L. Oppo, A. Politi,  
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HOW CAN  $\beta < 0$  BE CONSISTENT WITH  $e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}}$  ?  $\longrightarrow$  **IT CANNOT!**

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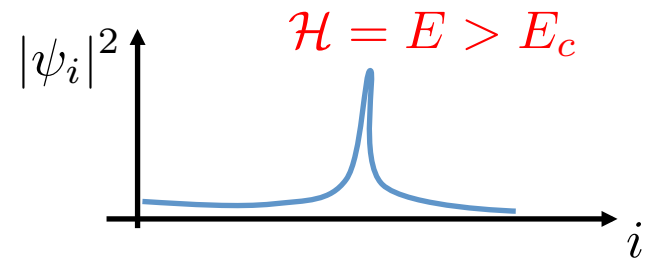
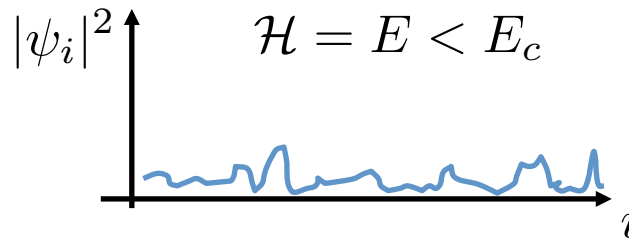
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**ONLY THE MICROCANONICAL IS CORRECT: GO FOR IT!**

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Neglect hopping terms  
**(random-phase argument)**

**Particle number conservation**

**Energy conservation**

# ENSEMBLES **IN-EQUIVALENCE**

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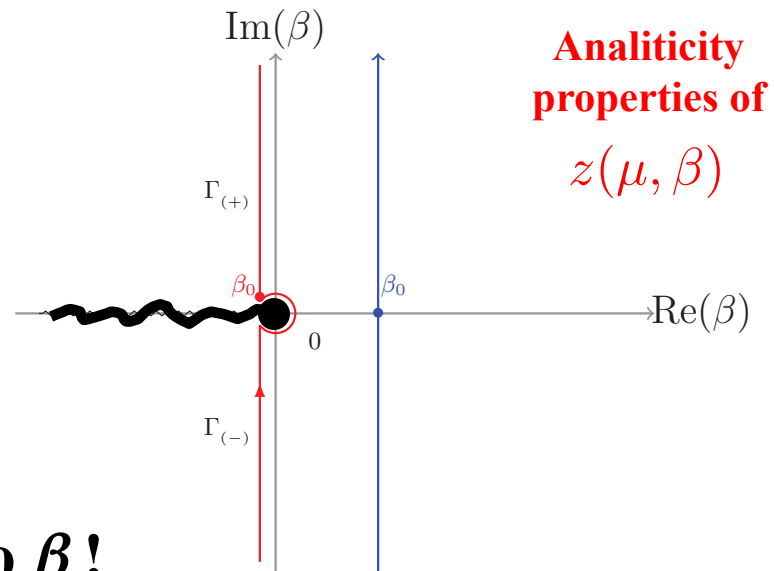
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**ENSEMBLES are equivalent when saddle-points equations have real solutions**

**Can I find real  $\beta$  and  $\mu$  for ANY choice of  $E$  and  $A$ ?**

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**DNLSE: For  $E > E_{th}$  there is no  $\beta$ !**

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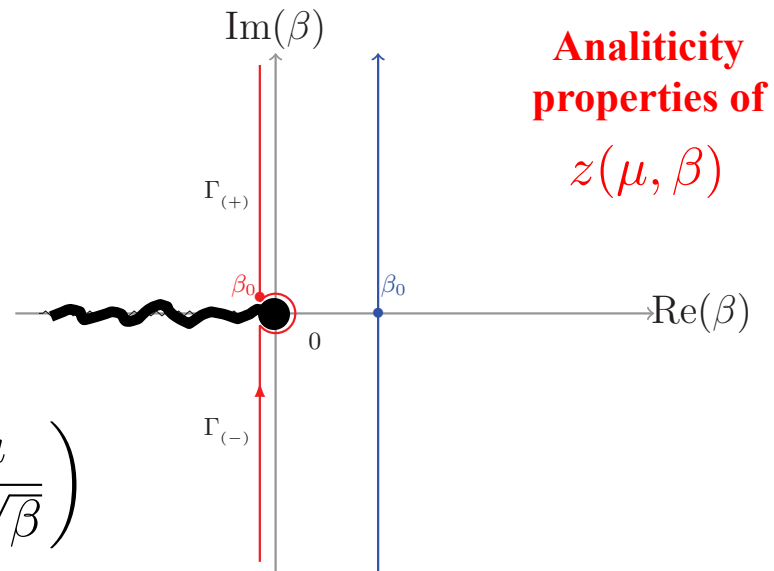
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$$z(\mu, \beta) = \frac{\mu\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{\beta}} \exp\left(\frac{\mu^2}{4\beta}\right) \text{Erfc}\left(\frac{\mu}{2\sqrt{\beta}}\right)$$





# SKETCHY MECHANISM OF LOCALIZATION

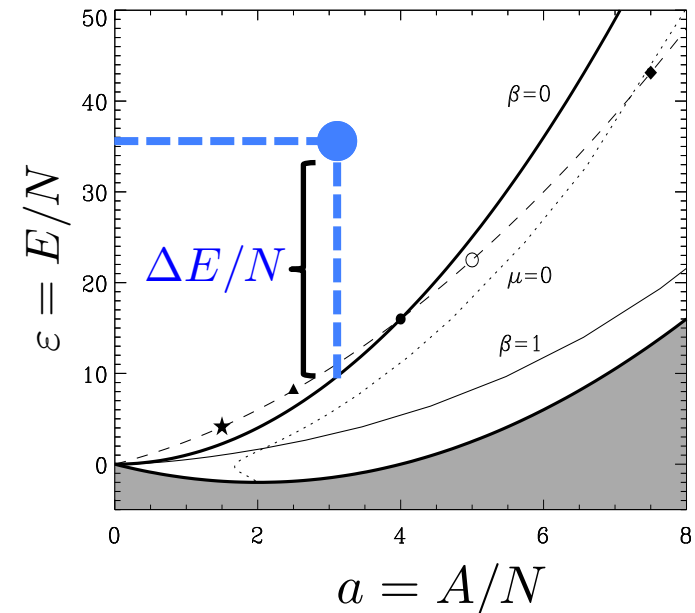
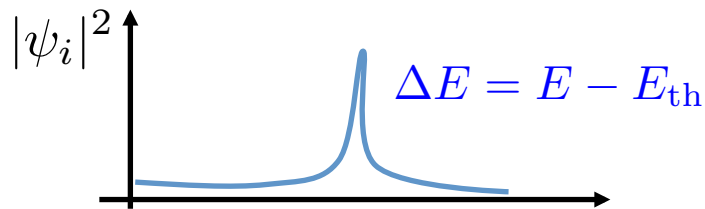
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$$E > E_{\text{th}}$$

- 1) Cannot reach such energy by equal sharing among d.o.f.
- 2) The amount  $E_{\text{th}}$  is identically distributed among the degrees of freedom (infinite temperature background)
- 3) Excess energy is put into the localized phase



# THE LARGE DEVIATIONS APPROACH

**Microcanonical Ensemble**

$$\Omega_N(A, E) = \int \prod_{i=1}^N d\psi_i \delta \left( A - \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^2 \right) \delta \left( E - \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^4 \right)$$

**Release constraint on 'particle number'**

$$\Omega_N(\mu, E) = \int \prod_{i=1}^n d\psi_i e^{-\mu \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^2} \delta \left( E - \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^4 \right)$$

**Change of variables**

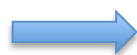
$$\Omega_N(\mu, E) \approx \int \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ d\varepsilon_i \frac{e^{-\mu\sqrt{\varepsilon_i}}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_i}} \right] \delta \left( E - \sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_i \right)$$

1)  $\psi = r e^{i\phi}$

2)  $r_i^4 = \varepsilon_i$

**Partition Function = Probability distribution of fat tailed variables sum**

$$e^{-\varepsilon_i} < \frac{e^{-\mu\sqrt{\varepsilon_i}}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_i}} < \frac{1}{\varepsilon_i^2}$$



**Localization**  $E > N \langle \varepsilon \rangle_\mu = E_{\text{th}}$

**Slow decay of the energy per site probability distribution function**

# MATCHING ARGUMENT FOR LOCALIZATION (16)

**Gaussian regime**

$$E - E_{th} \sim \sqrt{N}$$

**Extreme large deviations**

$$E - E_{th} \sim N$$

$$\Omega_N(A, E) \approx e^{-\frac{(E - E_{th})^2}{2\sigma^2 N}}$$

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*Matching regime (you set the scale)*

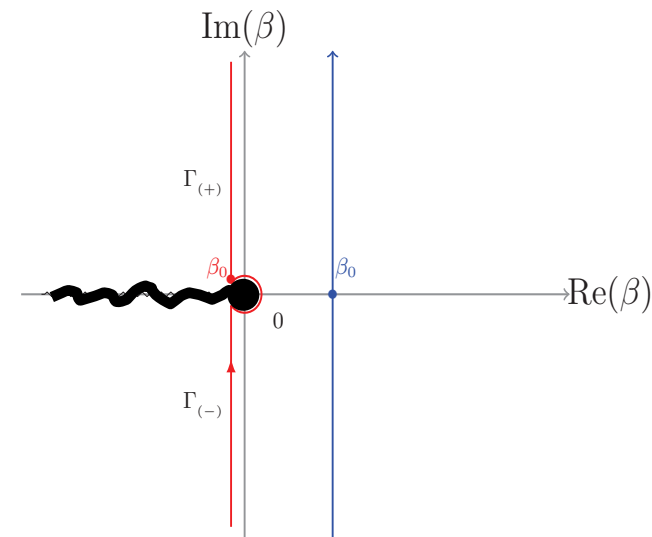
$$\frac{E - E_{th}}{N^{2/3}} = \zeta \sim 1$$

**Zoom in the complex plane around the origin to properly account for the cut contribution**

$$\hat{\beta} = N^{1/3} \beta \sim 1$$

$$\int_{\beta_0 - i\infty}^{\beta_0 + i\infty} d\beta e^{\beta E + N \log[z(\beta, \mu)]}$$

*Expand this guy at the origin*



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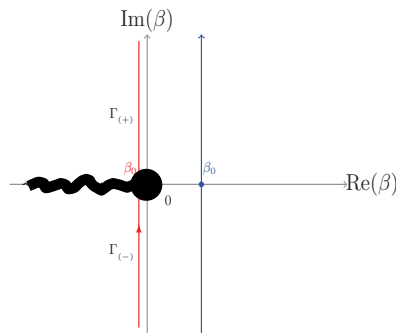
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$$\int_{\beta_0 - i\infty}^{\beta_0 + i\infty} d\beta e^{\beta E + N \log[z(\beta, \mu)]} = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi N}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(E - E_{th})^2}{2\sigma^2 N} \right\} + \underline{\mathcal{C}(E)}$$



**Non-analyticity at the cut**

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$$\Omega_N(A, E) \sim \exp \left\{ N[1 + \log(\pi a)] - N^{1/3} \Psi(\zeta) \right\}$$

**Non-analiticity at the cut**



$$\Psi(\zeta) = \min \left\{ \zeta^2 / (2\sigma^2), \chi(\zeta) \right\} \longrightarrow \frac{\zeta^2}{2\sigma^2} = \chi(\zeta) \implies \zeta_c = \frac{E_c - E_{th}}{N^{2/3}}$$

# MATCHING ARGUMENT FOR LOCALIZATION (19)

**Gaussian regime**

$$E - E_{th} \sim \sqrt{N}$$

**Extreme large deviations**

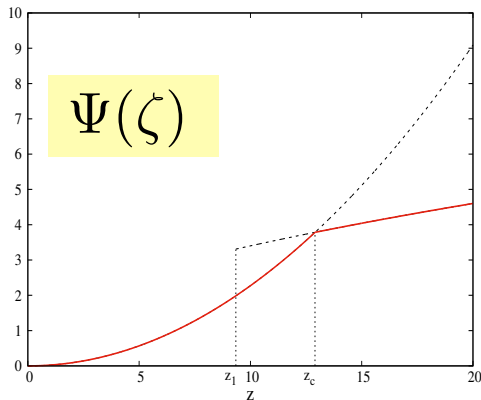
$$E - E_{th} \sim N$$

$$\Omega_N(A, E) \approx e^{-\frac{(E - E_{th})^2}{2\sigma^2 N}}$$

$$\Omega_N(A, E) \approx e^{-\sqrt{E - E_{th}}}$$

**Matching regime (you set the scale)**

$$\frac{E - E_{th}}{N^{2/3}} = \zeta \sim 1 \quad \hat{\beta} = N^{1/3} \beta \sim 1$$



$$\Omega_N(A, E) \sim \exp \left\{ N[1 + \log(\pi a)] - N^{1/3} \Psi(\zeta) \right\}$$

$$\Psi(\zeta) = \min \left\{ \zeta^2 / (2\sigma^2), \chi(\zeta) \right\}$$

$$\zeta \gg 1 \implies \chi(\zeta) = \zeta^{1/2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\langle \varepsilon \rangle} - \frac{\sigma^2}{4\varepsilon} \frac{1}{\zeta}} + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^{-5/2})$$

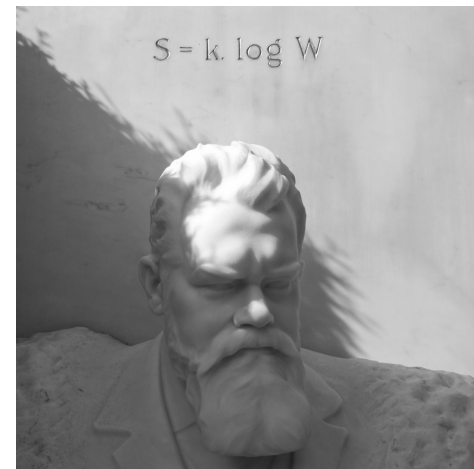
$$e^{-\varepsilon_i} < \frac{e^{-\mu\sqrt{\varepsilon_i}}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_i}} < \frac{1}{\varepsilon_i^2}$$

# THE MAIN RESULT: MICROCANONICAL ENTROPY (20)

## Microcanonical Entropy

$$S_N(A, E) = k \log[\Omega_N(A, E)]$$

The first, the one ... and the ONLY



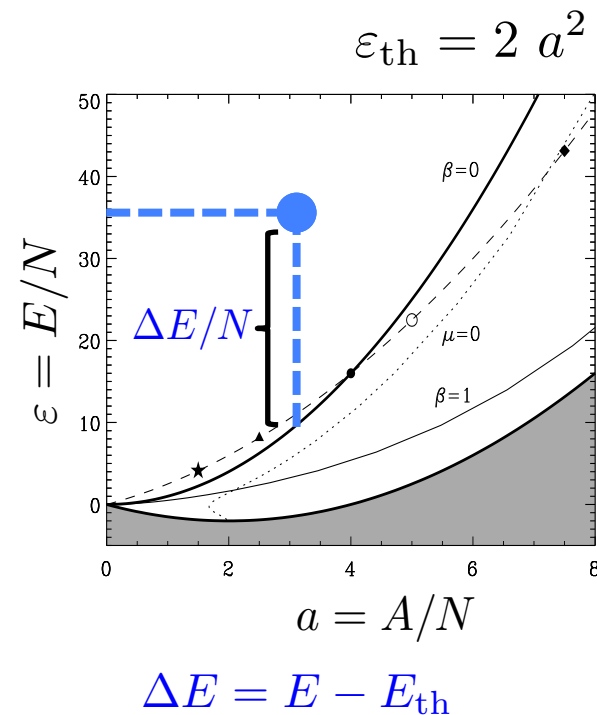
$$E > E_{th}$$

*CONDENSATE ENTROPY (SUBEXTENSIVE)*

$$S_N(A, E) = \underbrace{\Sigma_0(A)}_{\text{Background Entropy (energy independent)}} + \overbrace{\Sigma_1(E, A)}^{\text{Condensate Entropy (subextensive)}}$$

*Background Entropy (energy independent)*

$$\Sigma_0(A) = N[1 + \log(\pi a)]$$



# THE MAIN RESULT: **MICROCANONICAL ENTROPY** (21)

## Microcanonical Entropy

$$S_N(A, E) = k \log[\Omega_N(A, E)]$$

The first, the one ... and the **ONLY**



## Three regimes

$$\Sigma_1(E, A) = \begin{cases} -\frac{N}{2\sigma^2}(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\text{th}})^2 & \text{Gaussian} & \varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\text{th}} \sim 1/\sqrt{N} \\ -N^{1/3}\Psi(\zeta) & \text{Matching} & \varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\text{th}} \sim 1/N^{1/3} \\ -N^{1/2}\sqrt{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\text{th}}} & \text{Large Deviations} & \varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\text{th}} \sim 1 \end{cases}$$

**CONDENSATE  
ENTROPY**

$$\varepsilon_{\text{th}} = 2 a^2 \quad \zeta = N^{1/3}(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\text{th}})$$



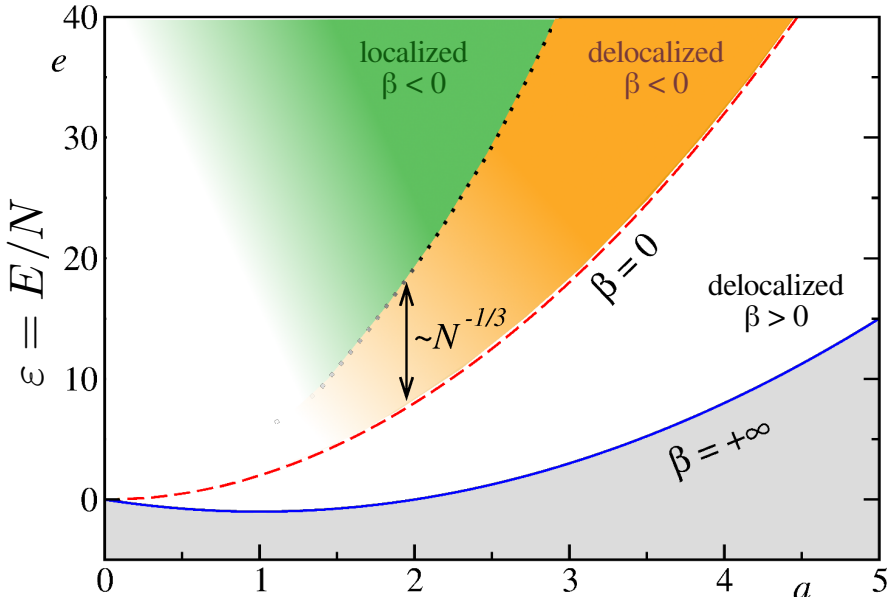
# THE MAIN RESULT: MICROCANONICAL ENTROPY (22)

$$\Psi'(\zeta_c) = \text{jump}$$

$$\zeta_c = N^{1/3}(\varepsilon_c - \varepsilon_{th})$$

$$\varepsilon_c = \varepsilon_{th} + \frac{\zeta_c}{N^{1/3}}$$

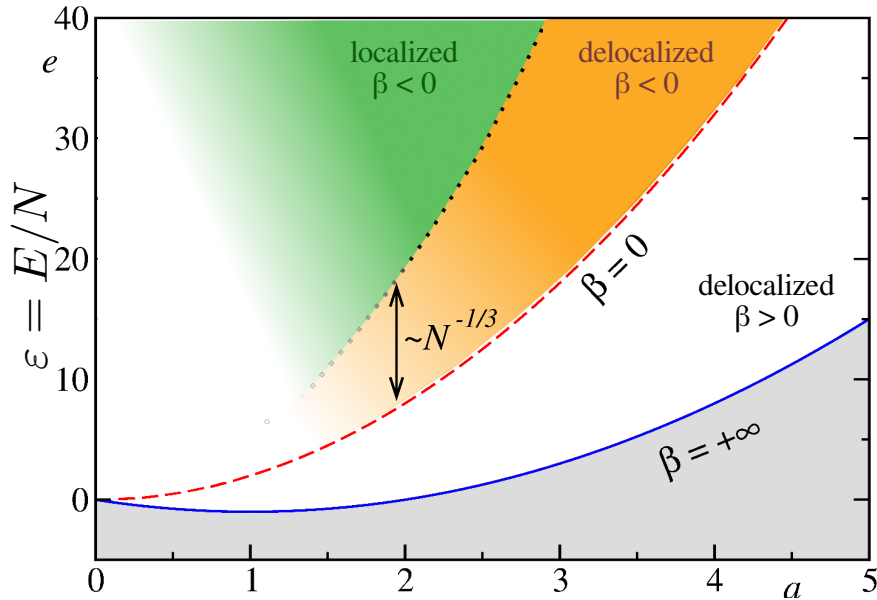
**Finite-size correction to the critical line**



$\Sigma_1(E, A) =$ <i>CONDENSATE ENTROPY</i>	{	$-\frac{N}{2\sigma^2}(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{th})^2$	<b>Gaussian</b>	$\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{th} \sim 1/\sqrt{N}$
		$-N^{1/3}\Psi(\zeta)$	<b>Matching</b>	$\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{th} \sim 1/N^{1/3}$
		$-N^{1/2}\sqrt{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{th}}$	<b>Large Deviations</b>	$\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{th} \sim 1$

$$\varepsilon_{th} = 2 a^2 \quad \zeta = N^{1/3}(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{th})$$

# NEGATIVE TEMPERATURE – SUBEXTENSIVE ENTROPY (23)



$$\underline{\varepsilon_{\text{th}} < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_c = \text{Uninteresting?}}$$

*Not really...*

$$\varepsilon > \varepsilon_{\text{th}} \implies \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} = \frac{1}{T} < 0$$

**NEGATIVE TEMPERATURE**

**CONDENSATE ENTROPY**

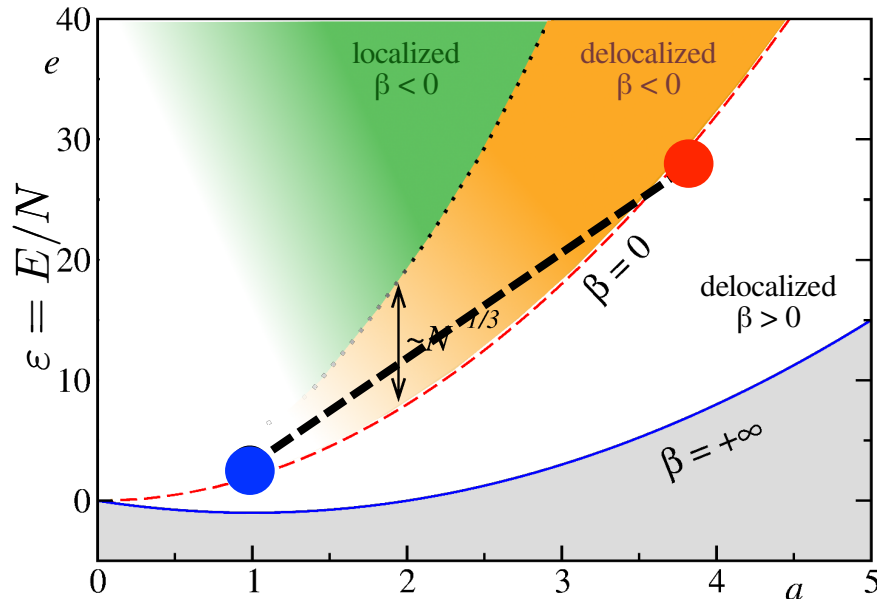
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$$\varepsilon_{\text{th}} = 2 a^2 \quad \zeta = N^{1/3} (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\text{th}})$$

$$T = N^{1/2} \sqrt{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\text{th}}}$$

# PROBING THE NEGATIVE TEMPERATURE

(24)



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*Not really...*

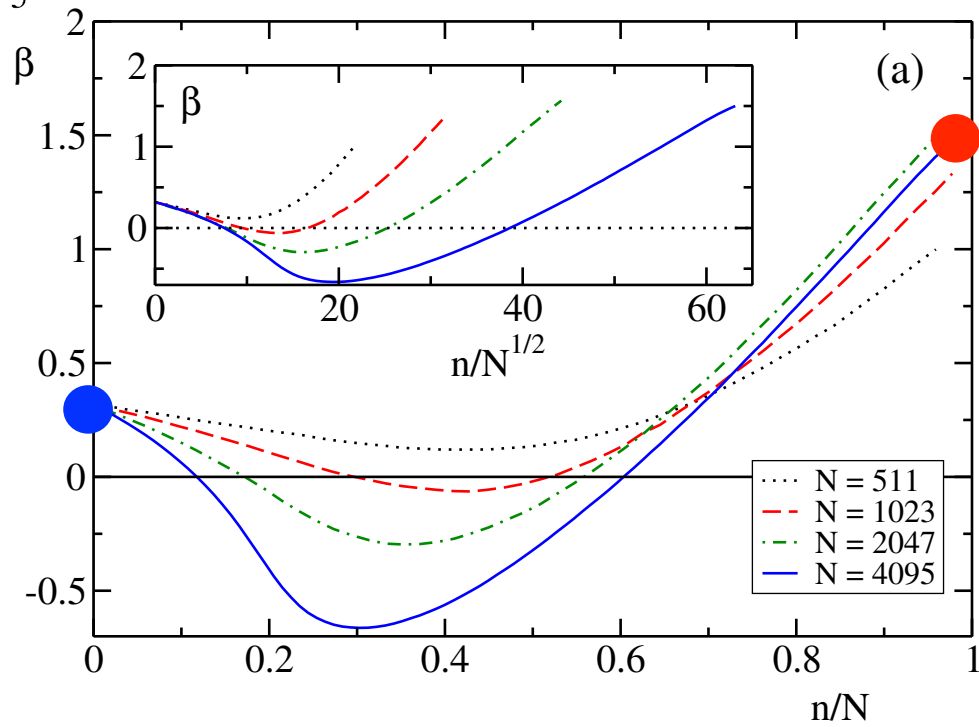
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**NEGATIVE TEMPERATURE**

**Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation coupled at the boundaries with reservoirs at different temperature**

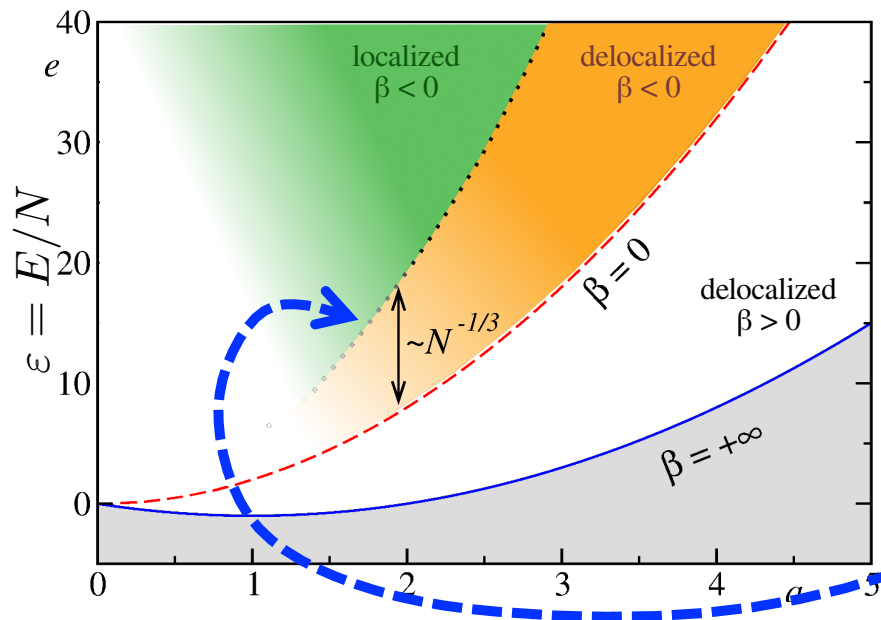
*'A chain, A bath, A sink and a Wall',*

S. Iubini, S. Lepri, R. Livi, G.-L. Oppo, A. Politi, *Entropy* (2017)



# ORDER PARAMETER: PARTICIPATION RATIO

(25)



Consistent with non-analyticity of Entropy

$$\varepsilon > \varepsilon_c \implies \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}_N = c > 0$$

$$\varepsilon < \varepsilon_c \implies \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}_N \sim 1/N$$

*The order parameter jumps at the dotted blue line!*

$$\Psi'(\zeta_c) = \text{jump}$$

$$\zeta_c = N^{1/3}(\varepsilon_c - \varepsilon_{th})$$

$$\varepsilon_c = \varepsilon_{th} + \frac{\zeta_c}{N^{1/3}}$$

**Finite-size correction to the critical line**

# ORDER PARAMETER: PARTICIPATION RATIO

(26)

$$\Psi'(\zeta_c) = \text{jump}$$

Order Parameter = Participation Ratio

$$\mathcal{P}_N = \left\langle \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_i^2}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_i\right)^2} \right\rangle_{micro}$$

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	$\varepsilon < \varepsilon_{th}$	<b>'Pseudo-condensate'</b> $\varepsilon_{th} < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_c$	<b>Localization</b> $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_c$
$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}_N$	$1/N$	$1/N$	$c$
$T^{-1} = \partial S / \partial E$	$> 0$	$< 0$	$< 0$

Ensembles inequivalence

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Ergodicity breaking ?

# ORDER PARAMETER: PARTICIPATION RATIO

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Consistent with non-analyticity of Entropy

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In the thermodynamic limit the two values coincide and the order parameter is **continuous at the transition**

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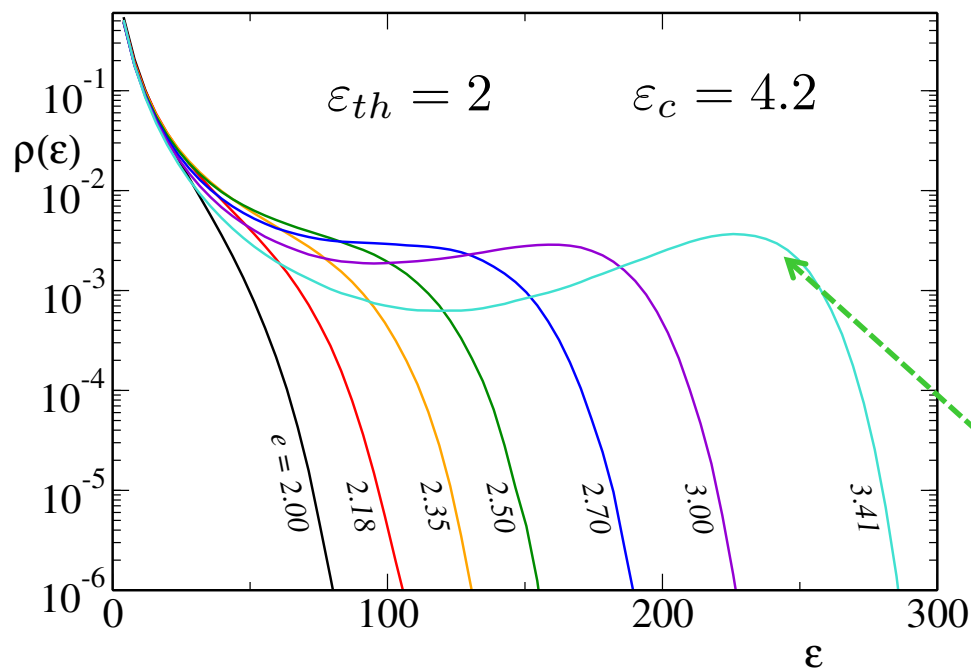
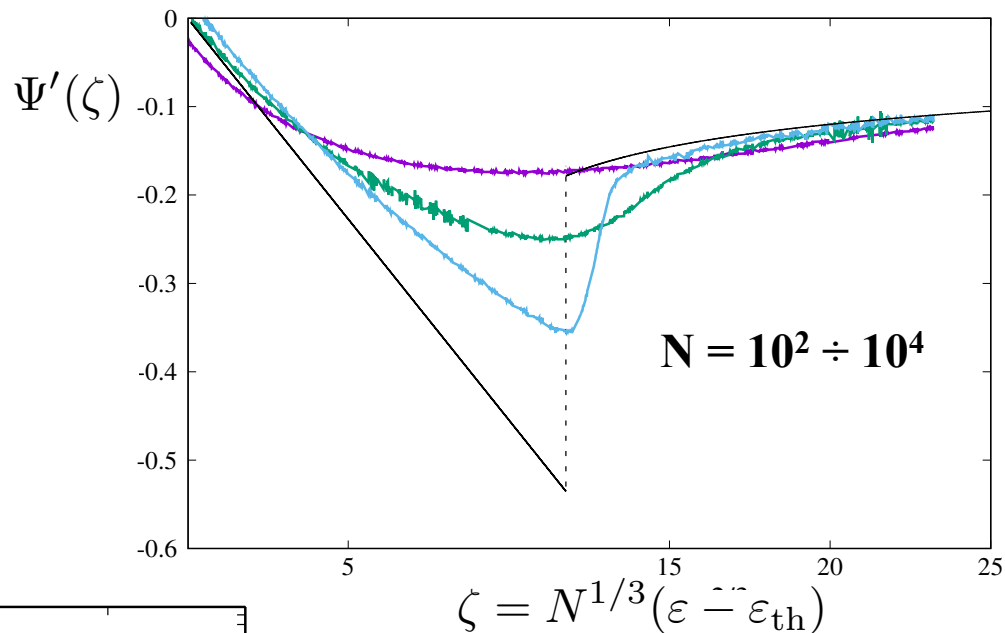




# FINALLY SOME FIGURES!

(29)

**Entropy of the condensate  
As a function of size**



**Marginal distribution on a  
single site (microcanonical)  
N=128: pseudo-condensate**

*'Condensate bump'*

# A VERY WELL KNOWN MIXED ORDER TRANSITION: RANDOM FIRST-ORDER or IDEAL GLASS TRANSITION

**P-spin model**      $\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_k \sigma_l$       $\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^2 = N$

#-interactions =  $N^4$       $J_{ijkl} =$  iid Gaussian variates      $\langle J^2 \rangle \sim N^{-3}$

GLASS TRANSITION = ERGODICITY BREAKING TRANSITION

## *IMPORTANT SIMILARITIES WITH DNLS*

- ✓ *Locally unbounded continuous variables*
- ✓ *Non-linear interactions*
- ✓ *Global spherical constraint*

... *NOT SHARED BY MODELS LIKE SHERRINGTON-KIRKPATRICK*

- ✓ *Discrete spins*
- ✓ *Linear interactions*

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## FIRST-ORDER FEATURES

**Order Parameter: *OVERLAP*** = Similarity among two configurations chosen at random in the equilibrium ensemble

$$q^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\beta$$

$q \approx 0$  different

$q \approx 1$  similar



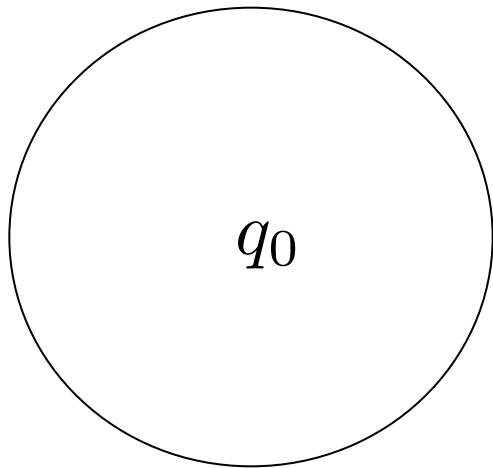
*Can be measured in simulations*

$$P(q) = m \delta(q - q_0) + (1 - m) \delta(q - q_1)$$

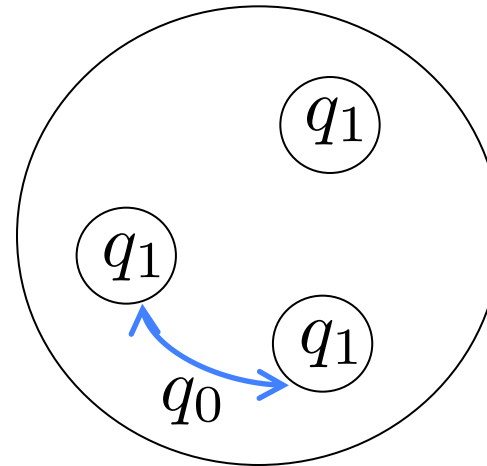
# Ergodicity Breaking: Parisi's order parameter

High Temperature

Low Temperature



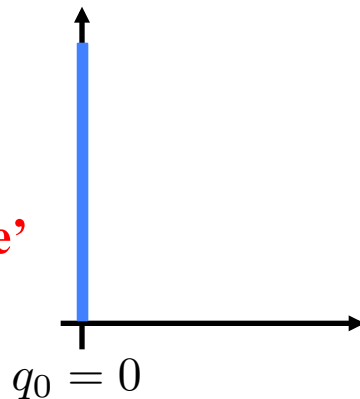
**ERGODIC**  
all regions of  
phase space are  
equally available



**NON-ERGODIC**  
Phase-space partitioning  
in **disjoint ergodic**  
**components** with self  
overlap  $q_1$  (mutual  $q_0$ )

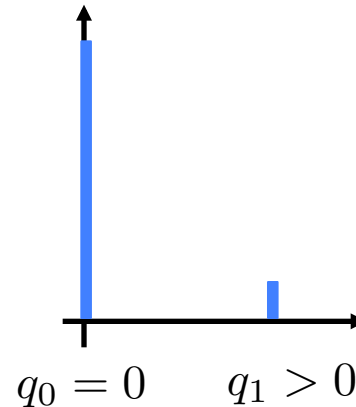
$P(q)$

**'First-order like'**  
behaviour

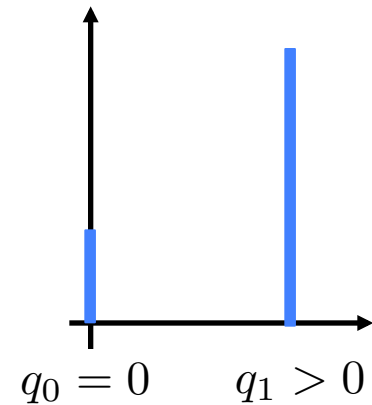


**Ergodic  $T > T_K$**

Typically confs are different



**$T = T_K$**



**Glass  $T < T_K$**

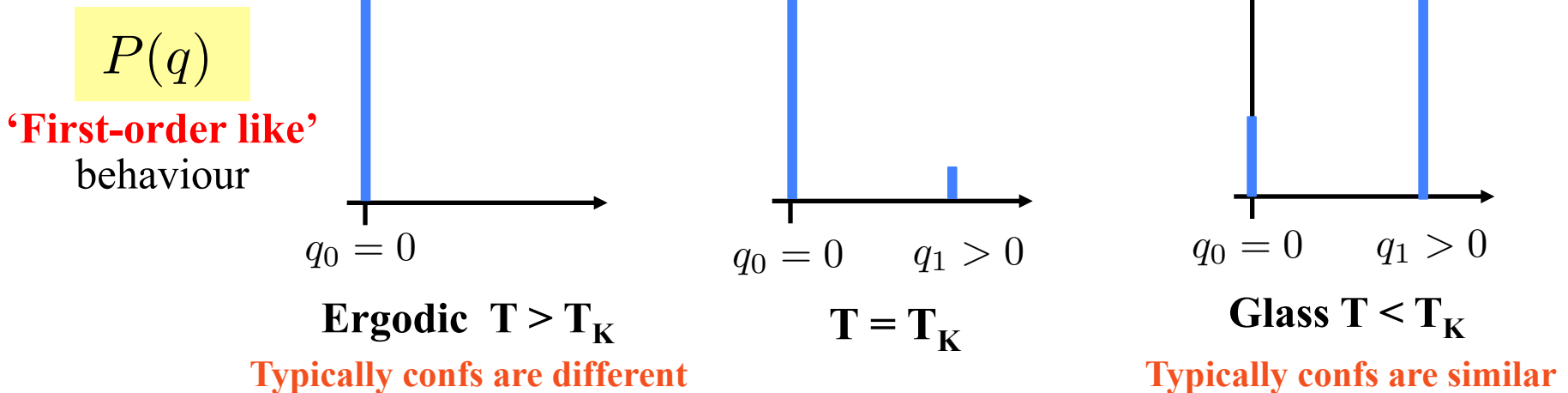
Typically confs are similar

# Ergodicity Breaking: Parisi's order parameter

*...BUT STILL IS NOT A FIRST-ORDER TRANSITION*

- NO LATENT HEAT AT THE CRITICAL TEMPERATURE  $T_K$
- AVERAGE VALUE OF ORDER PARAMETER CONTINUOUS AT THE TRANSITION

$$\int dq P(q) q = (1 - m) q_1$$

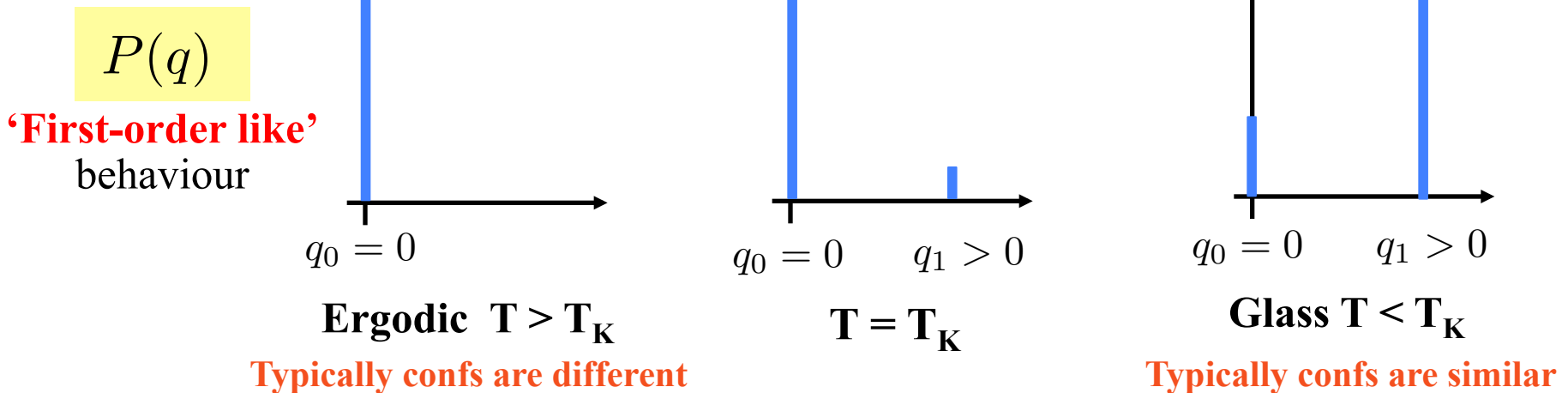


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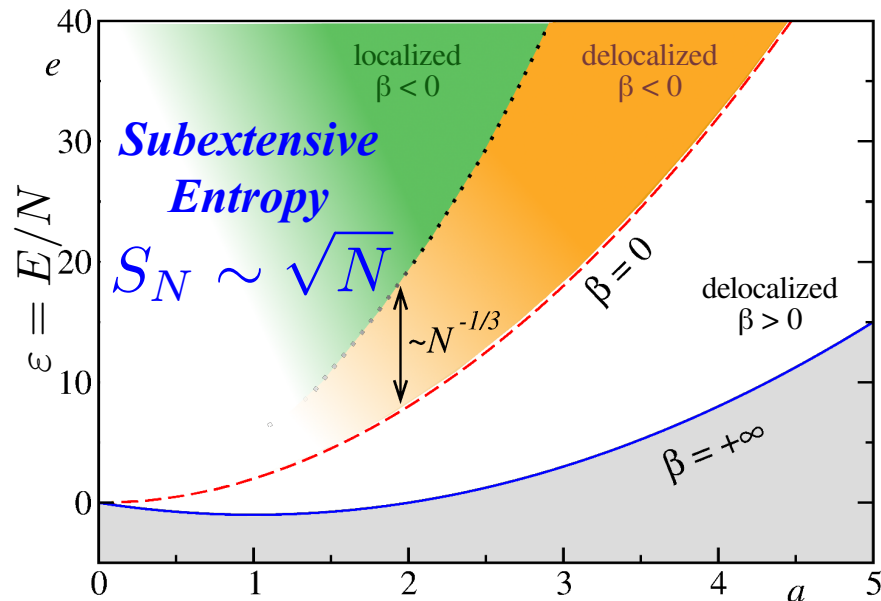
## RANDOM FIRST-ORDER TRANSITION

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# THE MAIN RESULT: MICROCANONICAL ENTROPY (35)



- 1) **Microcanonical and canonical ensembles are not equivalent**
- 2) **Localization is a 'random first-order' transition in the microcanonical ensemble**
- 3) **Negative temperature ONLY in microcanonical ensemble (zero for  $N=\infty$ ).**
- 4) **Localized solution has subextensive entropy (area law?, entanglement?)**

# Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation (DNLS) (36)

*Condensate wave-function* (order parameter)  $\langle \hat{\psi} \rangle = \psi(x_i, t) = \psi_i(t)$

$$i \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \psi_i^*} = -(\psi_{i+1} + \psi_{i-1}) - \nu |\psi_i|^2 \psi_i$$

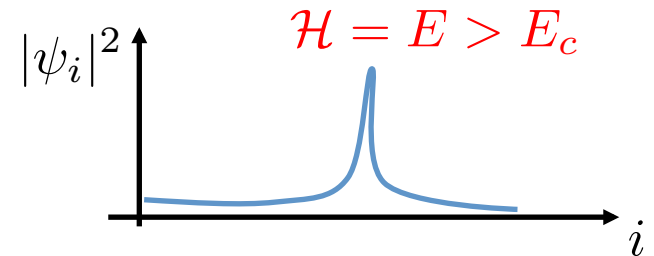
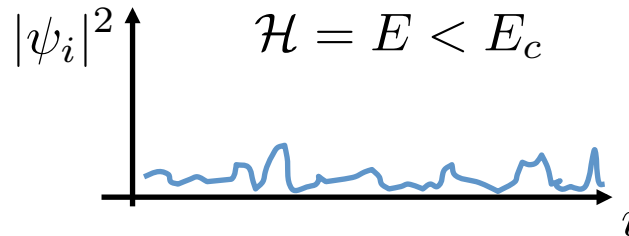
**ENERGY** (conserved)

**PARTICLES NUMBER** (conserved)

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N (\psi_i^* \psi_{i+1} + \psi_i \psi_{i+1}^*) + \frac{\nu}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^4$$

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^2$$

**PHENOMENON**  
Condensate wavefunction  
localized at high energies  
(numerical evidences)



**RANDOM FIRST (MIXED) ORDER!**

**MICROCANONICAL**

1) WHICH KIND OF PHASE TRANSITION ?

2) WHICH STATISTICAL ENSEMBLE?

3) LOCALIZATION COMES FROM **INTEGRABILITY**? (N integrals of motion) **NO!**

4) IS **DISORDER** NECESSARY FOR LOCALIZATION? **NO!**



# Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation (DNLS) (37)

**QUITE OFTEN  
LOCALIZATION IS  
RELATED TO  
INTEGRABILITY**

*'Integrals of motion in the many-body localized phase',  
Valentina Ros, M. Müller, A. Scardicchio,  
Nuclear Physics B 891, 420-465 (2015)  
They compute explicitly the  $N$  integrals of motion!*

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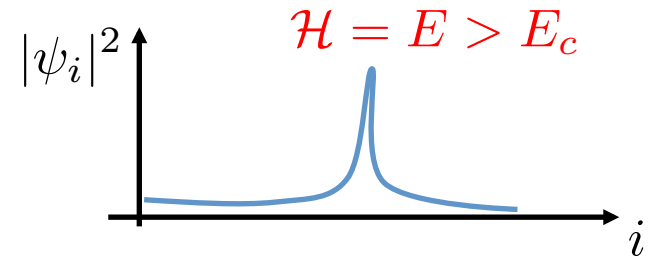
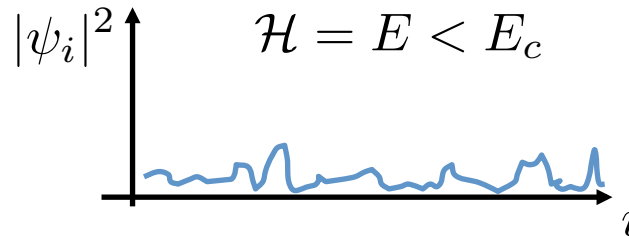
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# Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation (DNLS) (38)

## Anderson Localization

**One-body localization** due to quenched disorder

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_j + \sum_{i=1}^N h_i \hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_i$$

## Many-body Localization (MBL)

Disorder + **WEAK many-body interactions.**

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_j + \sum_{i=1}^N h_i \hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_i + k \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_i \hat{c}_{i+1}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i+1}$$

## STATE of THE ART

- 1) Localized phase is stable with respect to (weak) non-linearities.
- 2) Role of disorder in presence of many-body interactions?
- 3) Does localization survives without disorder?

*Many-Body Localization is well understood perturbatively:  
In jargon: 'a sort of quantum KAM theorem' (B. Altshuler)*

## OUR WORK

(strong coupling regime)

- 1) We do find localization in absence of disorder! (known numerically)
- 2) **NON-LINEAR** terms (many-body) are the source of localization!  
(outcome of the exact calculation)

# OUR RESULT IS ROBUST WITH RESPECT TO DIMENSIONALITY

**ENERGY** (conserved)

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N (\psi_i^* \psi_{i+1} + \psi_i \psi_{i+1}^*) + \frac{\nu}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^4$$

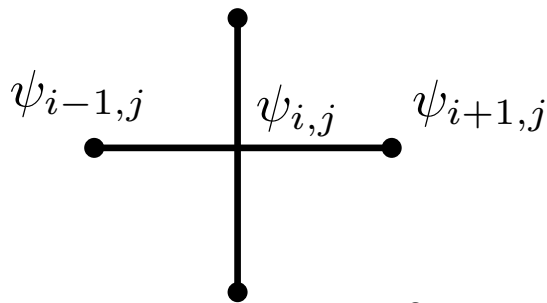
**PARTICLES NUMBER** (conserved)

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^2$$

Everything relies upon  
neglecting the hopping terms  
at infinite temperature ...  
very reasonable!

$$\Omega_N(A, E) = \int \prod_{i=1}^N d\psi_i \delta \left( A - \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^2 \right) \delta \left( E - \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i|^4 \right)$$

THE RESULT HOLDS IN **ANY DIMENSION** (consider 2d for example)



**Discrete Laplacian:**

- All information on dimensionality is here
- **It does not play any role in localization**

**Entropy of the condensate**

$$S_{micro} \sim N^{1/2} = L$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ij}^{N=L^2} \left( \psi_{ij}^* \psi_{i+1,j} + \psi_{ij} \psi_{i+1,j}^* + \psi_{ij}^* \psi_{i,j+1} + \psi_{ij} \psi_{i,j+1}^* \right) + \frac{\nu}{2} \sum_{ij} |\psi_{ij}|^4$$

# OUR RESULT IS ROBUST WITH RESPECT TO DIMENSIONALITY

Exact results on Many-body Localization: severely tight to one-dimensional systems

SLOW DYNAMICS – ERGODICITY BREAKING – LOCALIZATION – QUASI-INTEGRABILITY:

**Perturbative approaches** with results strongly attached to **D=1**

(consider for instance the Fermi-Pasta-Ulam problem)

QUANTUM DYNAMICS IN D=1 ~ CONFORMAL FIELD THEORIES IN D=2 (INTEGRABLE)



*By leaving the perturbative regime and exploiting the non-equivalence of ensembles*

THE RESULT HOLDS IN ANY DIMENSION (consider 2d for example)

- ✓ *Localization in the strong coupling regime*
- ✓ *Non-perturbative approach*
- ✓ *Straightforward extension to  $D > 1$*

Entropy of the condensate

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# Localization and Ensemble Inequivalence

(in more 'exotic' systems, just an analogy)

NON-LINEAR FIELD EQUATIONS

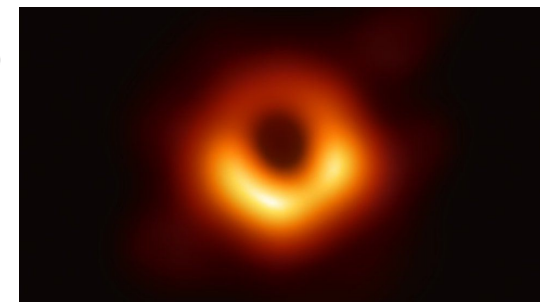
$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 0$$

Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger

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LOCALIZED Schwarzschild SOLUTION (the Breather in the DNLS)

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2MG}{r}\right) dt^2 - \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{2MG}{r}\right)} dr^2 - r^2 d\Omega$$



## LOCALIZED SOLUTION PROPERTIES

- It adsorbs any extra amount of energy fed to the system, increasing its mass (like the Breather)
- True curvature singularity in the Black Hole, mass singularity in the DNLS
- Subextensive growth of the Entropy (counting of microstates)

Non-Linear Schrodinger

$$V \sim N$$

$$S_{\text{Bh}} \sim N^{2/3}$$

$$S_{\text{micro}} \sim N^{1/2}$$

1) We provided the first fully consistent description of the **localization transition** in the Discrete Non-Linear Schrödinger Equation (**DNLS**)

2) Localization in the DNLS can only be described within the **Microcanonical Ensemble**

3) We put in evidence the existence, at large but finite  $N$ , of a delocalized (presumably non ergodic) state at negative temperature, the **pseudo-condensate** (relevant for experiments).

Further investigations: multifractal wave function:  $I(q) = N \langle |\psi_i|^{2q} \rangle$

4) We clarified that the transition has a **mixed first/second order**, similarly to the **ergodicity breaking** transition in **glasses** (not spin glasses!): **Random First-Order transition**.

Further investigations: localization in models of glasses (in progress).

5) We clarified a mechanism for localization/ergodicity-breaking in the strong-coupling regime:

- Not related to integrability (only two conserved quantities, perhaps **emergent** integrability?)
- Straightforward extension to  $D > 1$  (further investigations)
- **DNLSE on dense random graph** → **Talk Next Week Tuesday 30th at 11.15AM**

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