

# SHAKING WAVEPACKET

Suppression of decoherence in a wavepacket

*(with a bucket )*

*and*

Control of quantum chaos *(with a sieve)*

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# ADVERTISEMENT

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Adiabatic Passage  
*driven by a few kicks*  
*by femtosecond laser pulses*

*aka*

Coherently Controlled Adiabatic Passage

Talk by Moshe Shapiro @ the conference

# Done with

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M. Ivanov, M. Spanner, I Walmsley

Yu. Billig – theory of wave packet controllability

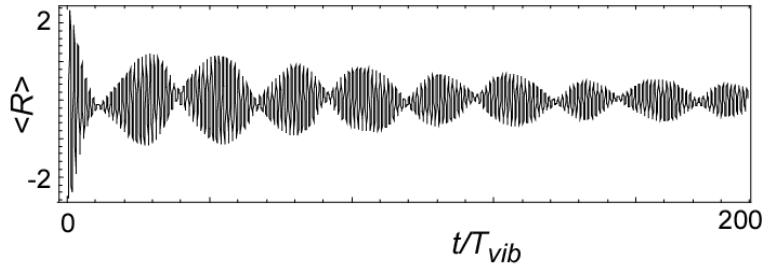
K. Lee, D. Villeneuve, P. Corkum – experiment on wave packet quantum gates

# The plan

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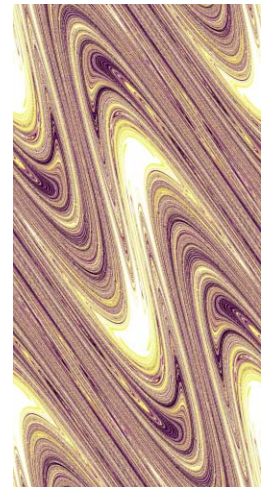
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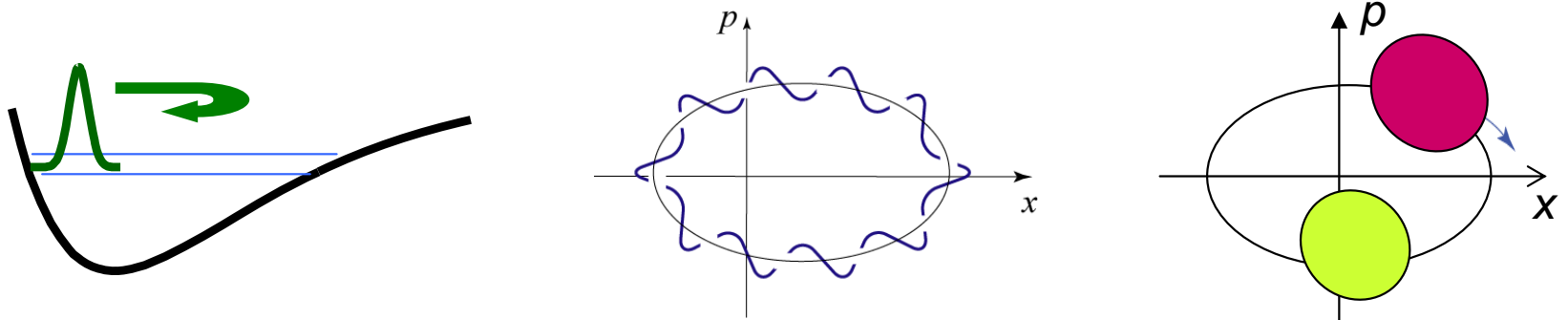
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  - Control of quantum chaos: *Wavepackets in a sieve*
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# Background: Wavepacket QI-QC program

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- Number of levels involved is not known, not fixed.  
Amplitudes of the levels are not of interest.  
Track the flow of probability and phase
- Look for coarse-grained quantum controls: chunks of phase space.  
Scale with the amount of interesting information, not with the number of levels involved
- Control by applying coordinate-dependent, time-dependent potentials
- Encoding and control robust to initial conditions

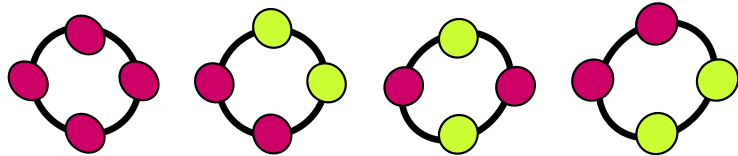


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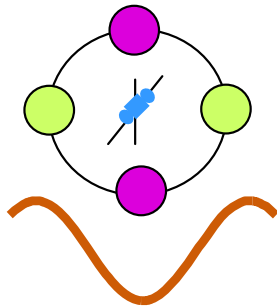
- Encode bitwise information in symmetries

of the wave function *envelope*



PRL **91** 237901 (2003), JMO **52** 897 (2005)

- Control by phase kicks and free evolution



Molecular  
alignment:

$$V \sim -\cos^2 \theta$$

PRL **92** 093991 (2004); **93** 233601 (2004)

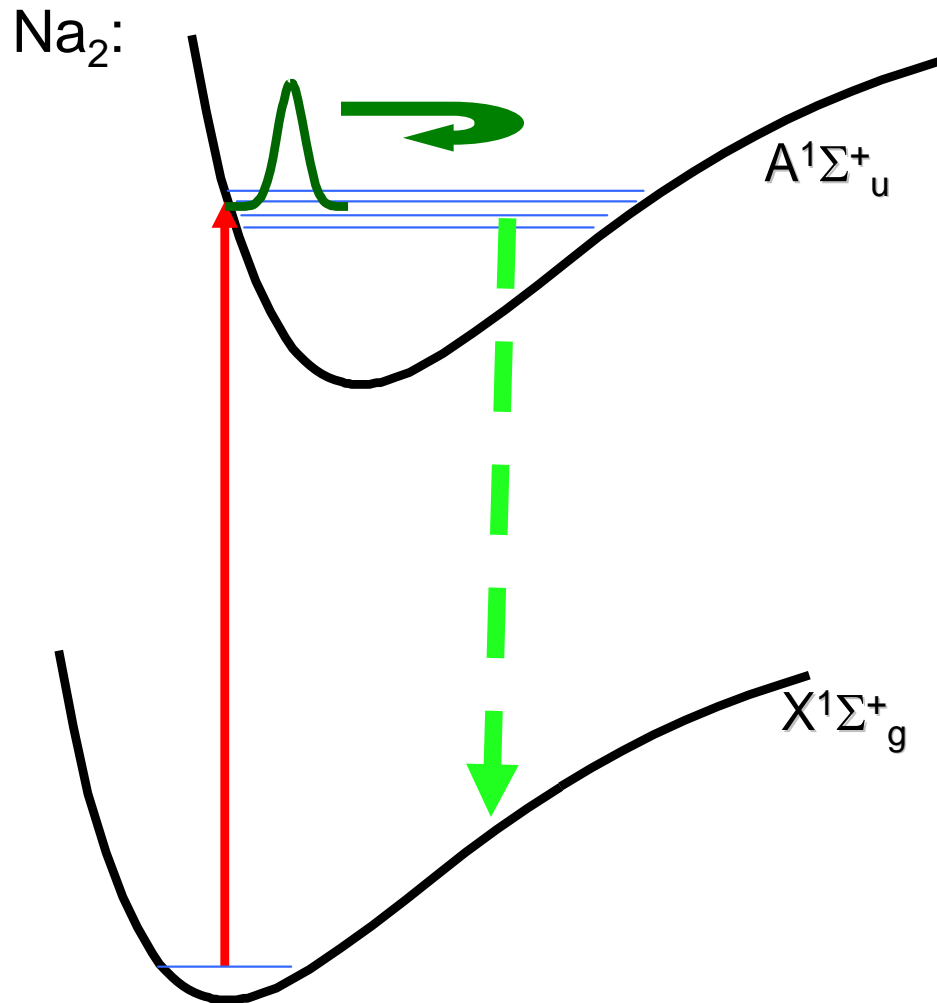
- Controllability with free evolution and *smooth* coordinate dependence of the phase kicks? YES!

JCP **120** 9925 (2004)

Suppression of decoherence  
in a wavepacket  
with the help of a bucket

# Experiment

Na<sub>2</sub>, gas at 450°C from heat pipe



excitation of the wavepacket  
by short pulse

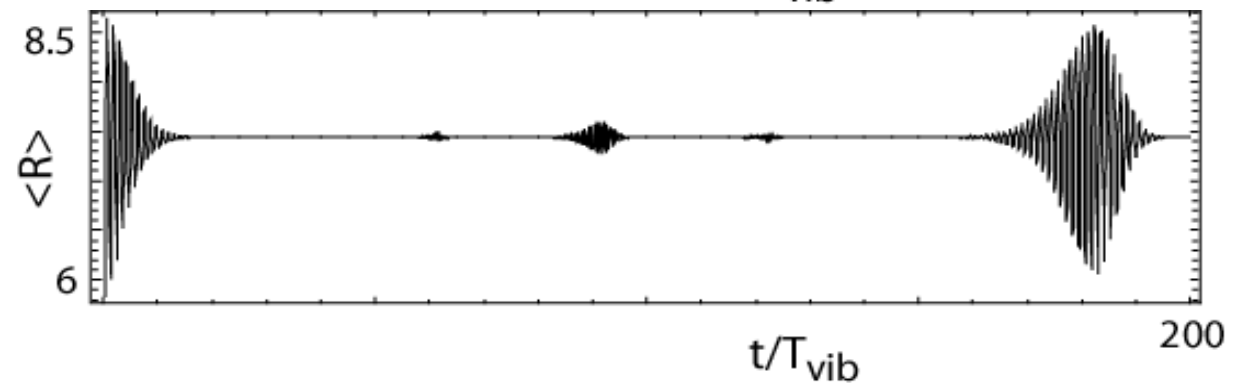
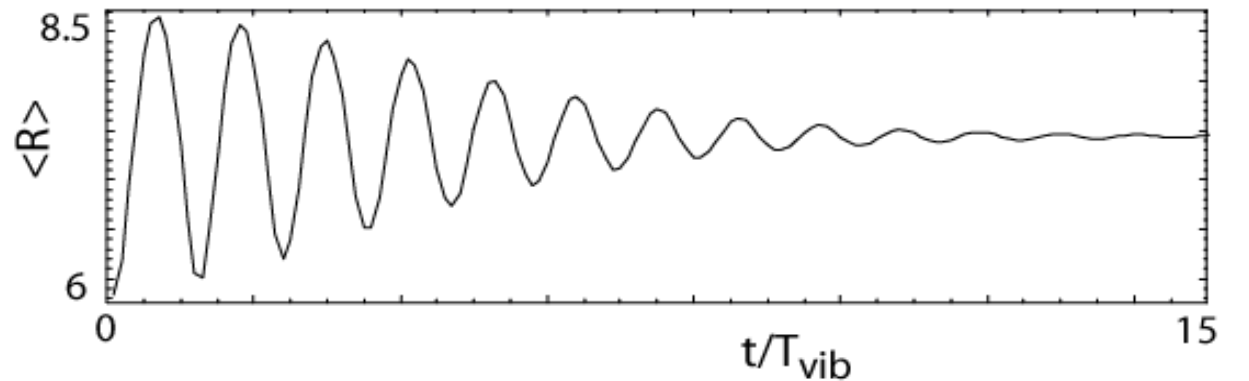
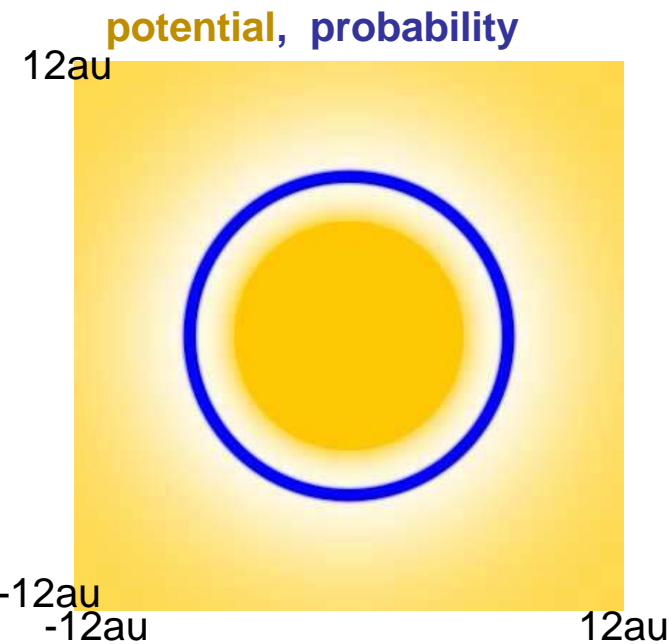
monitoring the state  
by emission tomography  
 $T_{vib} \sim 330$  fs



# Dynamics of the vibrational wavepacket

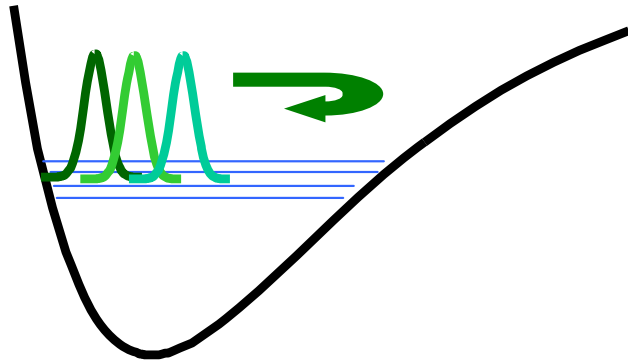
2D: 
$$E_{vJ} = \omega_e (v + 1/2) - \omega_e x_e (v + 1/2)^2 + \underbrace{+ (B - \alpha_e (v + 1/2)) J^2 - DJ^4}$$

$$\omega_{vib}(v, J) = \omega_e - 2 \omega_e x_e (v + 1/2) - 2 \alpha_e J^2$$



Revival:  $E_{v+1} - E_v = 2\pi k$  for all  $v$

# Temperature brings decoherence

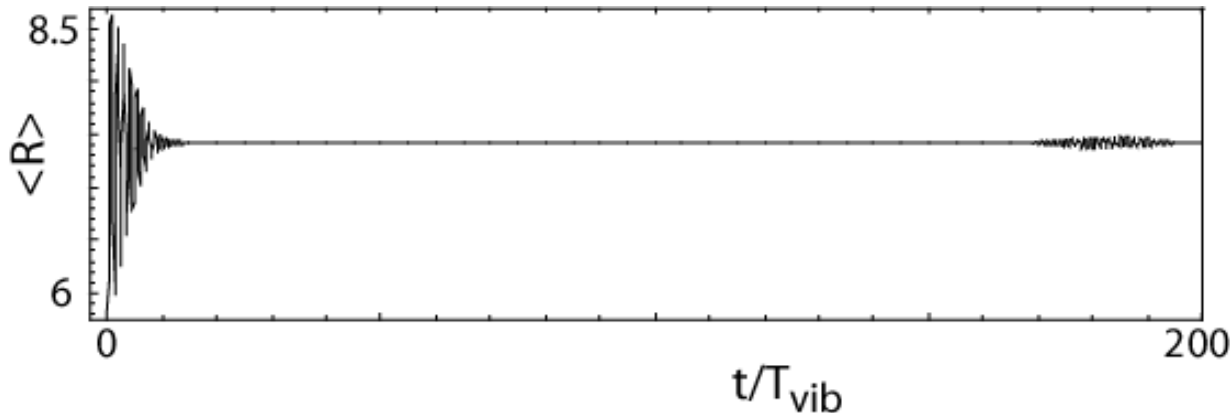


Rotational temperature:

$$\omega_{vib}(v_0, J) = \omega_e - 2 \omega_e x_e (v_0 + 1/2) - \alpha_e J^2$$

oscillators in the hot rotational ensemble mutually dephase

formally = decoherence,  $\rho_{vv'}(t) = C_v C_{v'}^* \left( \sum_J P_J e^{i(E_{v',J} - E_{v,J})t} \right)$



T=450°C

$$t_{dec} \sim 30 T_{vib}$$

Vibrational temperature in combination with anharmonicity works the same way

# Well-known methods

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would not work to fight decoherence in a wavepacket

*decoherence  
free subspaces*

do not exist here

*“bang-bang”*

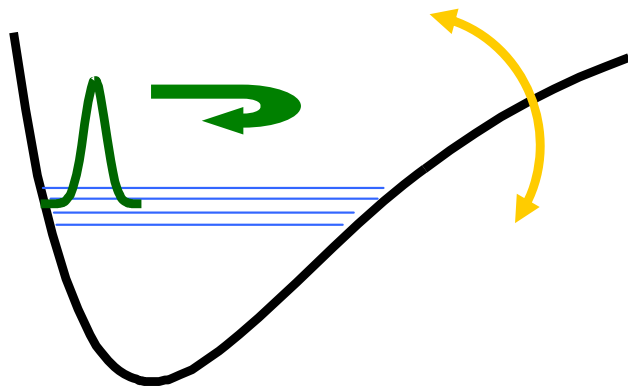
can work well only with few-level systems

*methods to stabilize  
wavepackets  
against decay*

require knowledge of the state to be  
stabilized and/or carefully arranged  
level-by-level interferences

# Place it in the bucket

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Drive it periodically

Nonlinear resonance (*'bucket'*):  
effective potential moving along the resonance  
phase space orbit.

*"Lucky" vs. "unlucky" initial conditions*

classical motion:

- with the bucket, along the resonance orbit
- in the bucket, relative to the resonance orbit

Encode information in quantum motion *relative* to the resonance orbit.

This motion will be stabilized

# Ideal case: we act only on vibrations

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$$H = H_0(R; \theta) + V(R) \cos \Omega t$$

Quantum nonlinear resonance:

- quasienergy states in the rotating frame:

$$\chi(R, t) \sim e^{-i\gamma t} \sum_v C_v(t) e^{-i\Omega(v-v_i)t}$$

- Taylor expand  $E(v)$  near  $v_i$

- envelope:  $\Psi(\lambda) = \sum_v C_v e^{i(v-v_i)\lambda} e^{i\kappa\lambda}$ ,  $\kappa = \frac{\Delta\omega}{2\omega_e x_e}$

$$-\omega_e x_e \Psi'' - V_{v, v\pm 1} \cos \lambda \Psi = \left( \frac{\kappa^2}{2} - \gamma \right) \Psi$$

# Decoupling

$$-\omega_e x_e \Psi'' - V \cos \lambda \Psi = \left( \frac{\kappa^2}{2} - \gamma \right) \Psi \quad \kappa = \frac{\Delta\omega}{2\omega_e x_e}$$

different states in the initial thermal ensemble => different detunings  
=> different excitations in the “bucket” lattice

Buckets are nearly harmonic at the bottom

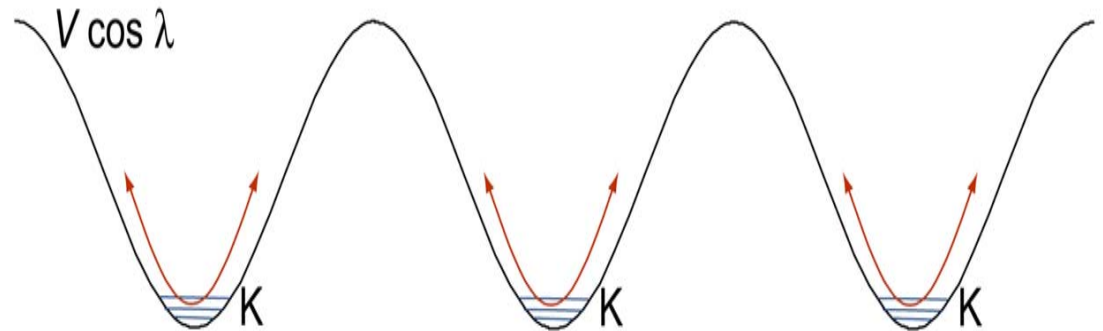
different initial  $(J, v_0)$  states have the same frequency in the bucket  
and so do not decohere

excitations are near the bottom:

$$\Delta\omega_T \ll 2\sqrt{V\omega_e x_e}$$

excitations are in a single QE zone:

$$\Delta\omega_T < 32^{1/4} V^{1/4} \omega_e x_e^{3/4}$$



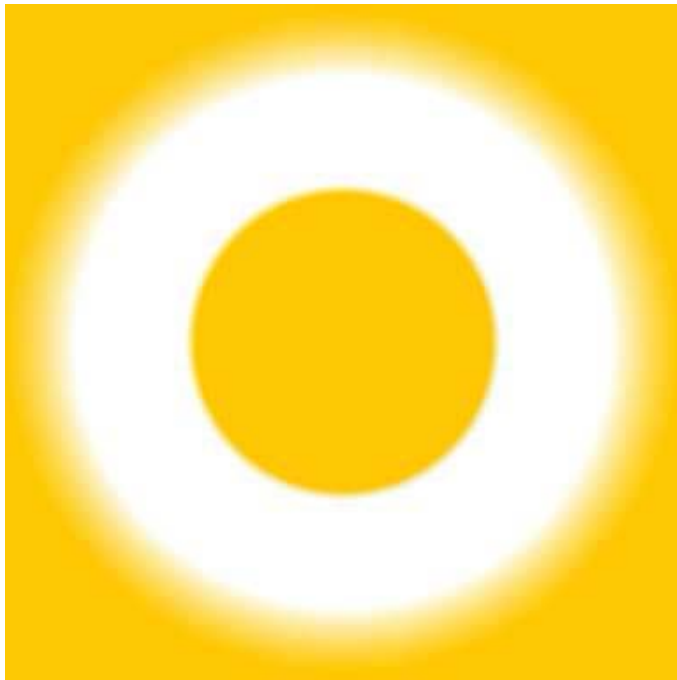
# Driving by polarizability

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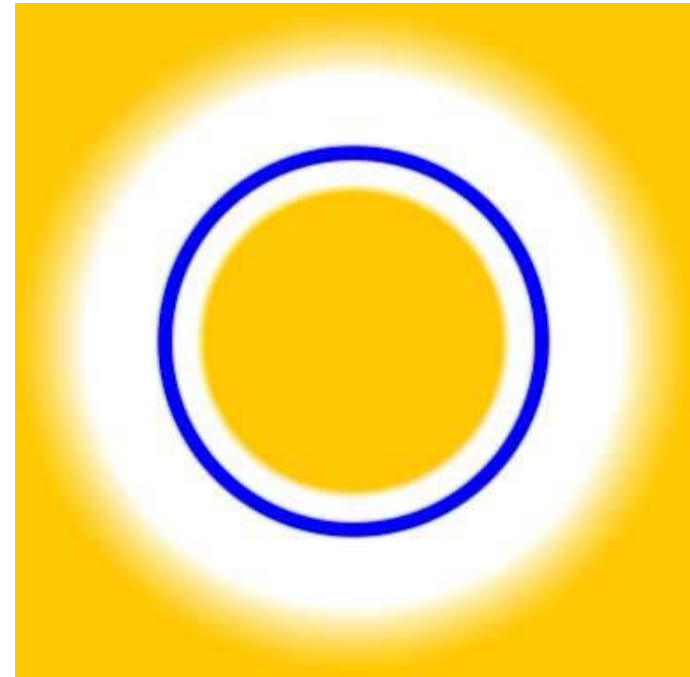
two beams, frequencies  $\omega_L \pm \Omega$ ,  $I_1 = I_2 = I/2$

$$H = H_0(R, \theta) - \frac{E^2}{2} \cos^2 \frac{\Omega t}{2} \left( \alpha_{\perp}(R) \sin^2 \theta + \alpha_{\parallel}(R) \cos^2 \theta \right)$$

potential



probability,  $J = 48$



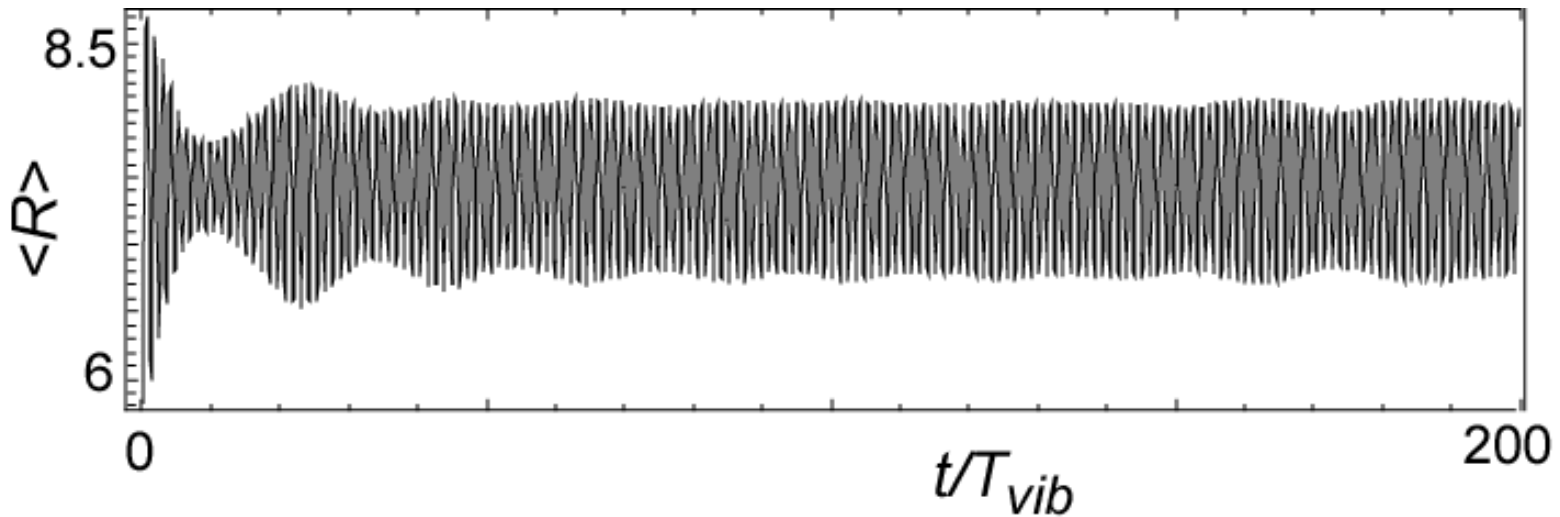
$Na_2$ :  $I = 2 + 10^{11} \text{ W/cm}^2$

linear approximation for  $\alpha(R)$  near  $R_0$

polarizability from Dr. S. Patchkovskii, NRC

# In the bucket

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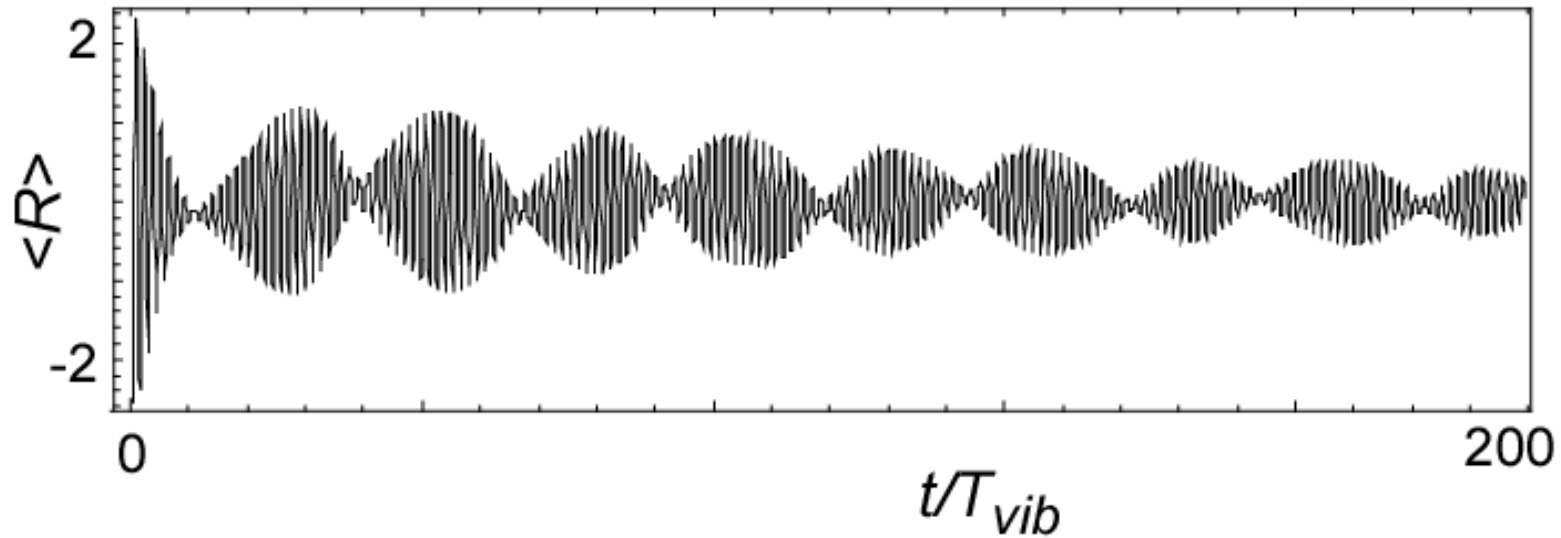
weighted with rotational temperature

signal for the WP on  $A^1\Sigma^+_u$  excited at  $\lambda = 0$  ( $\Omega t_0 = 0$ )



# In the bucket

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difference of signals for  $\lambda = \pi/3$  and  $\lambda = -\pi/3$ ,  $T = 450^\circ\text{C}$

Time scales:

- oscillations with the bucket
- oscillations inside the bucket
- spreading inside the bucket

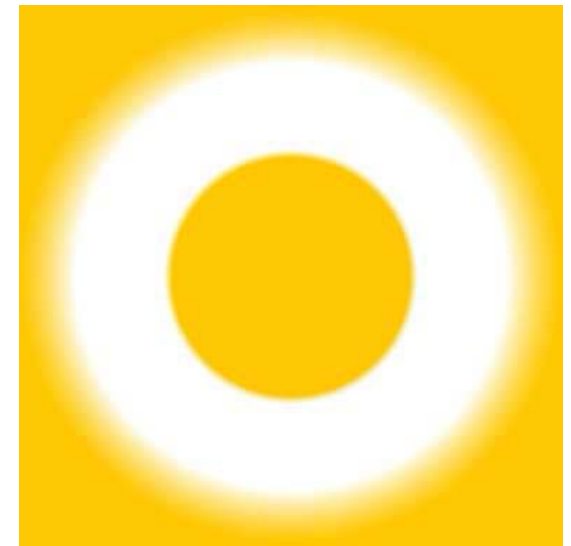
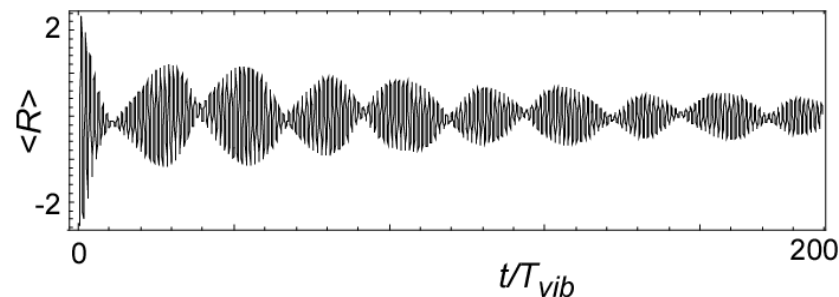
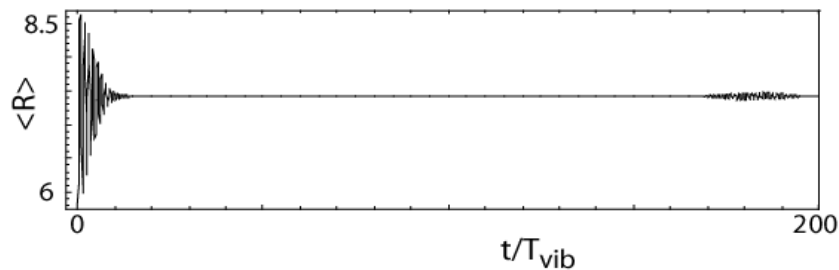
# Non-ideal case

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- angular dynamics
- different  $J$  behave feel different buckets
- additional ro-vibrational coupling

The scheme still works



# Conclusions

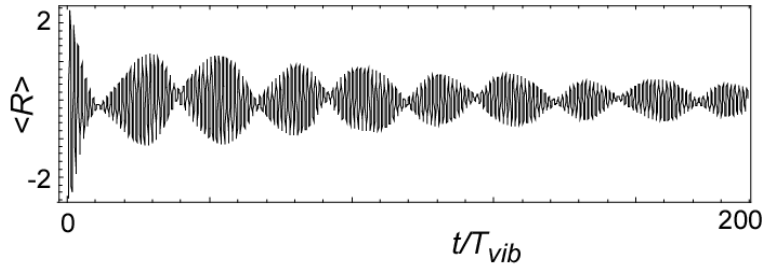
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- WP case: strong off-resonance field to modify the potential.
- Not only the non-linear resonance stabilizes the motion, but it also can suppress the thermal dephasing:  
Different initial conditions are transferred into different excitations in the nearly harmonic bucket.
- In the non-ideal case the effect can still work.

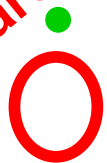
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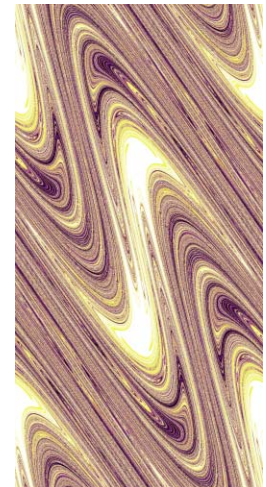
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# Kicked rotor

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$$H = \frac{L^2}{2I} + A \cos \theta \sum_n \delta \left( \frac{t}{T} - n \right)$$

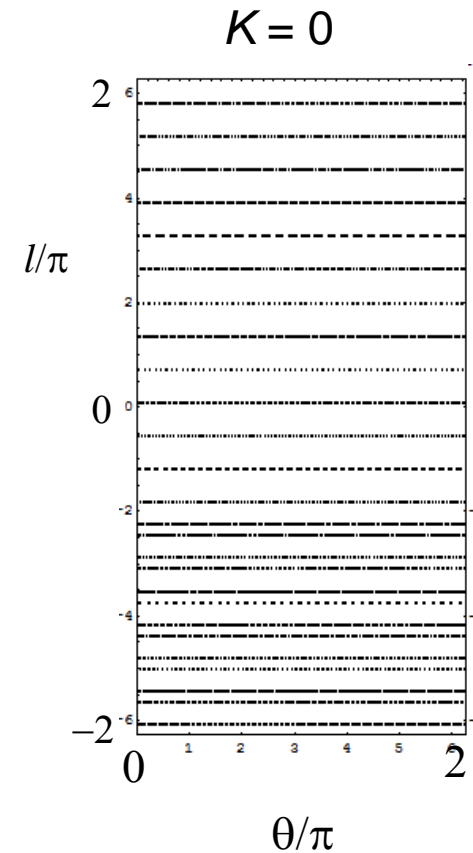
$$K = \frac{AT^2}{I}; \quad l_n = \frac{L_n T}{I}$$

$$l_{n+1} = l_n + KT \sin(\theta_n + l_n / 2)$$

$$\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n + (l_{n+1} + l_n) / 2$$

*the standard map*

*The perturbation scales with  $KT$*

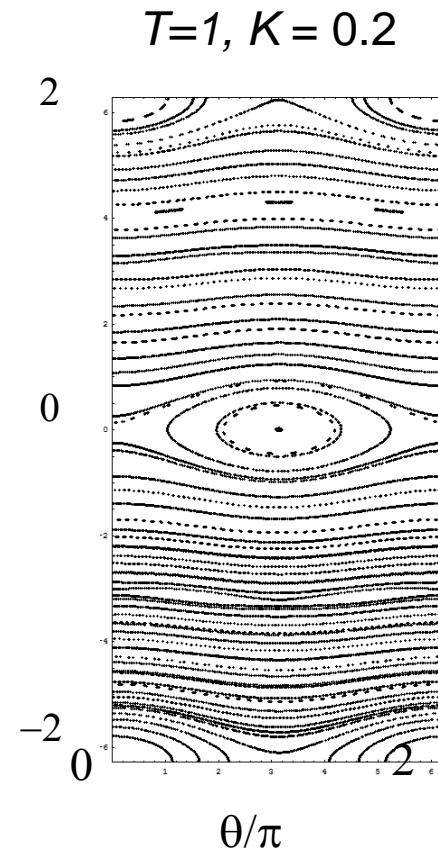


*stroboscopic map  
aka Poincare section*

# Resonances

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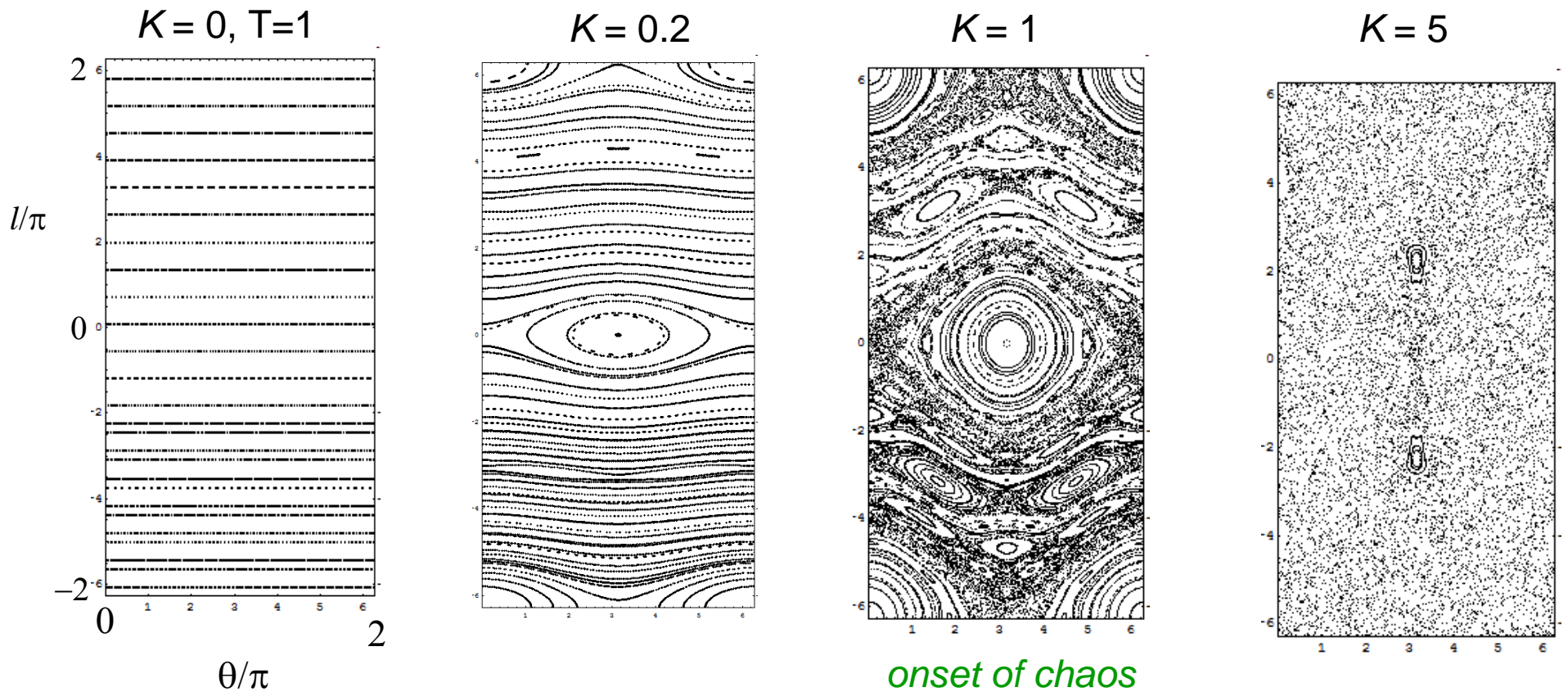
$$H = \frac{L^2}{2I} + A \sum_n \cos(\theta - j\omega t)$$



# From regular motion to chaos

As  $K$  grows, the resonances grow and overlap

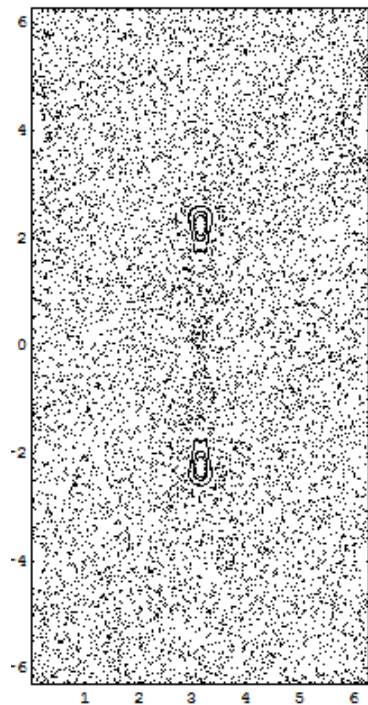
The sea of chaos and the resonance islands



$$\langle E_n \rangle = \frac{1}{M} \sum_M \frac{L_n^2}{2I} \sim Dn$$

# Quantum vs. classical diffusion

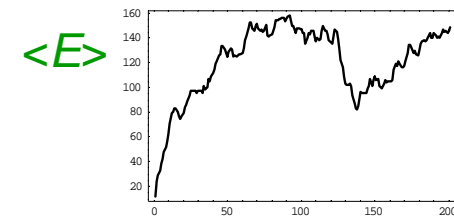
## Classical



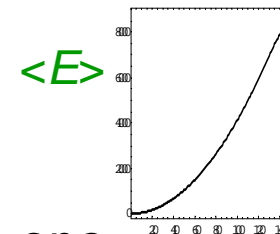
$$\langle E_n \rangle \sim Dn$$

## Quantum

- saturation after  $t \sim 1/\Delta E_{\text{Floquet}}$



- quantum resonances at  $T = 4\pi m/n$



- structures in phase space.  
cantori impede the diffusion  
“scarred” eigenstates

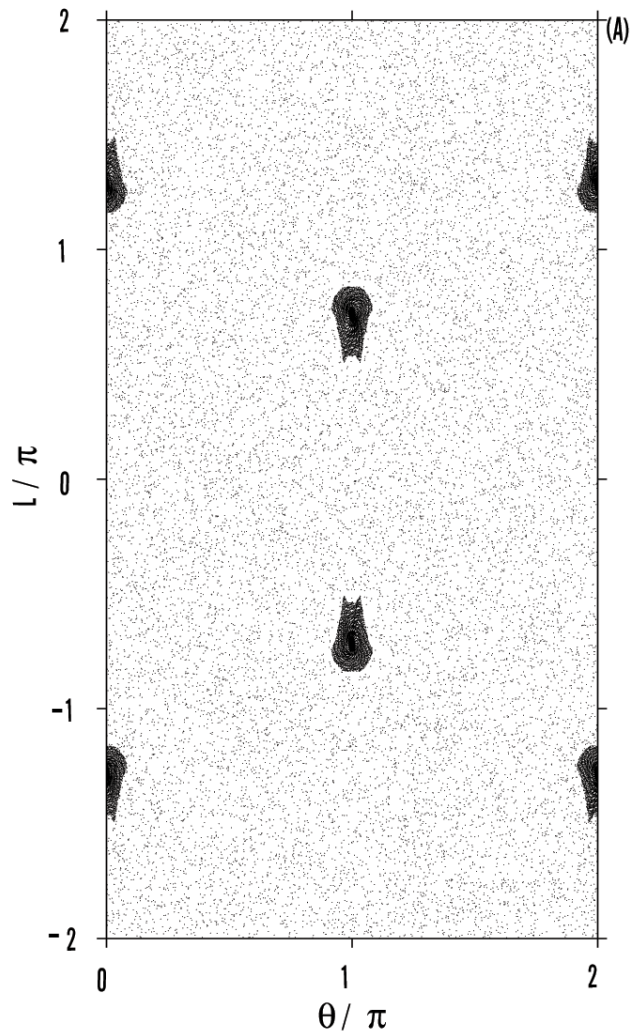
Can one control quantum states under strong chaoticity?



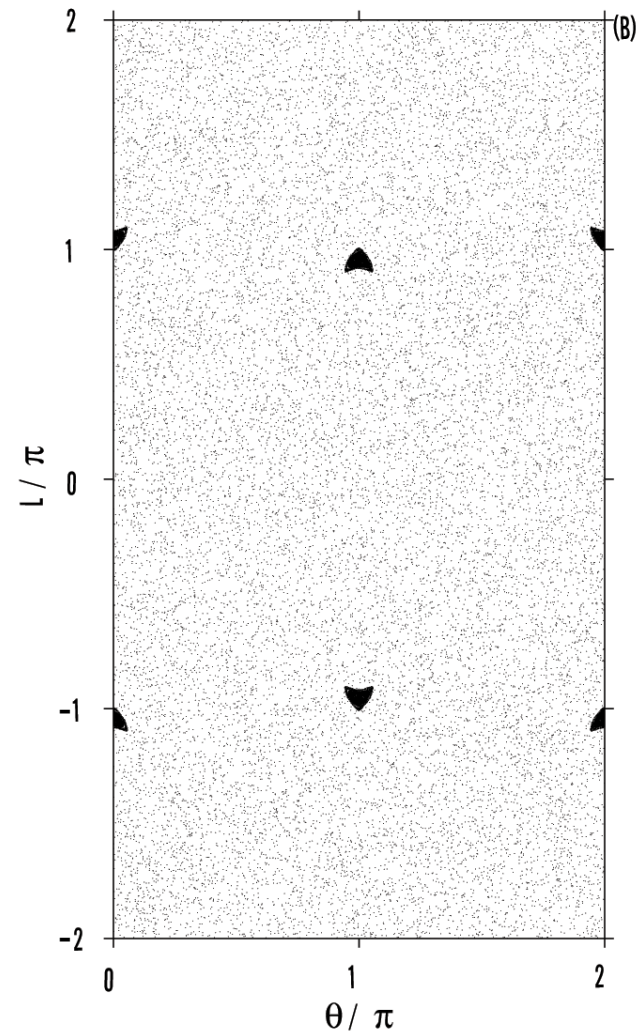
Wave packets in a sieve:  
quantum control  
at the edge of strong chaos

# Poincare sections

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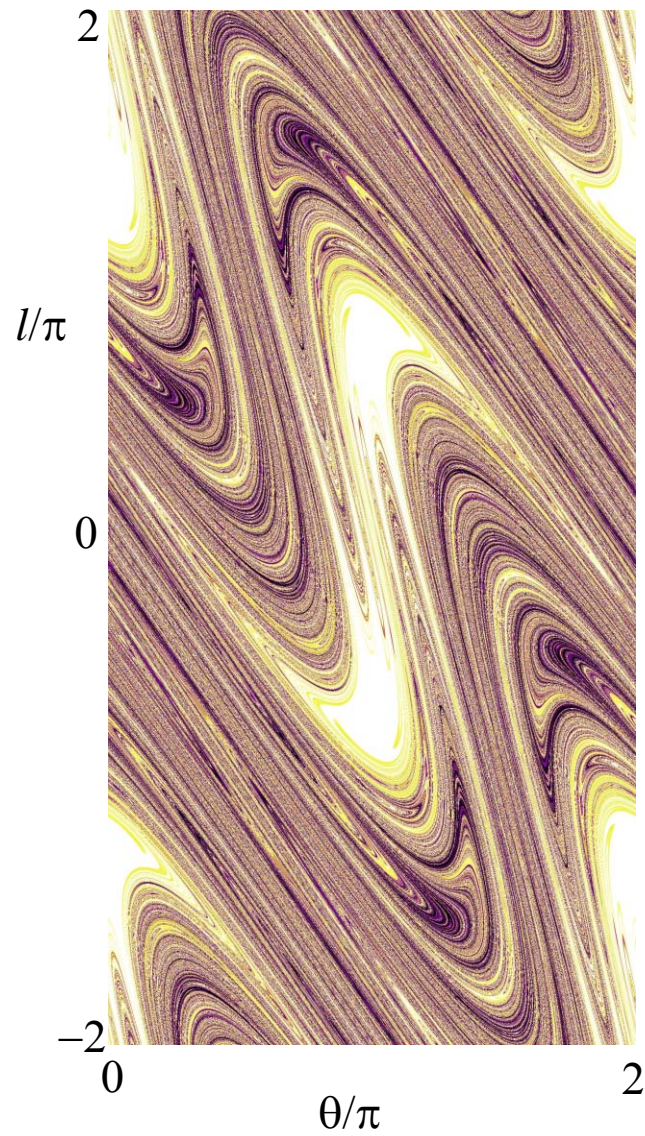
$T = 1; K = 5$



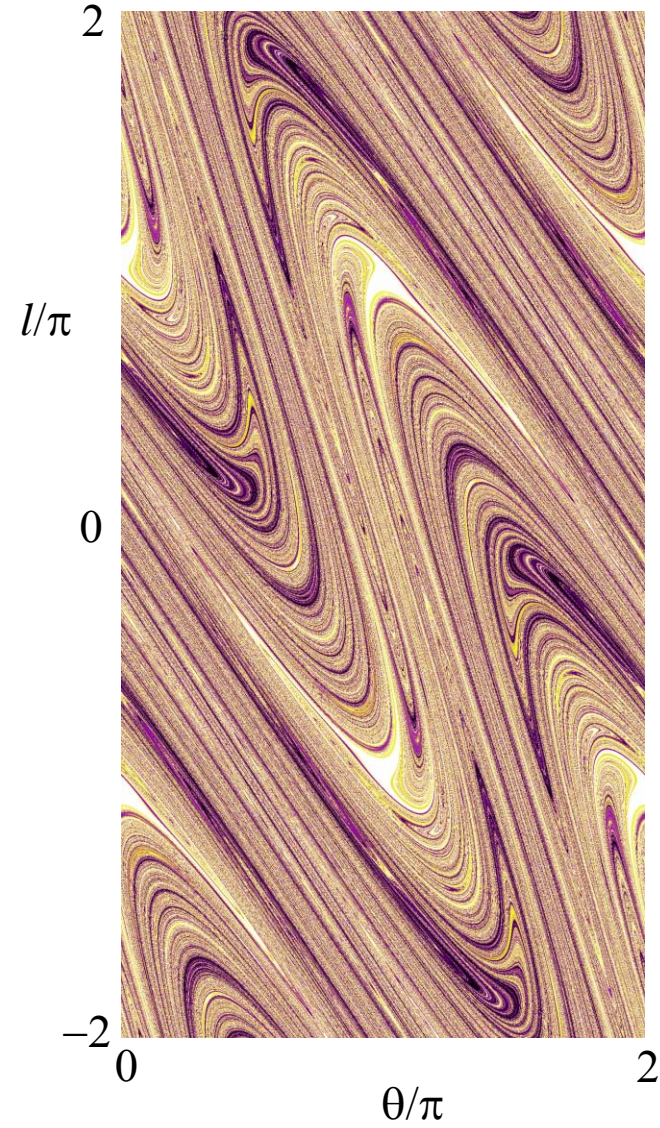
$T = 1; K = 6$

# Diffusion rate is not uniform!

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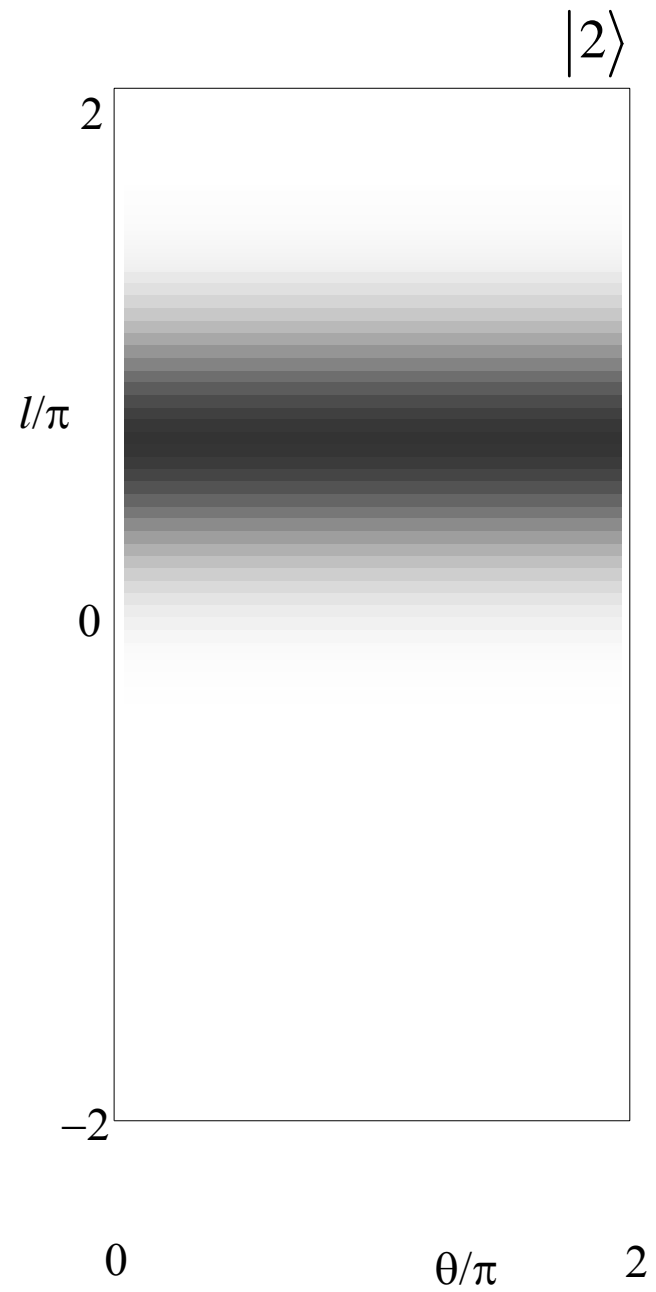
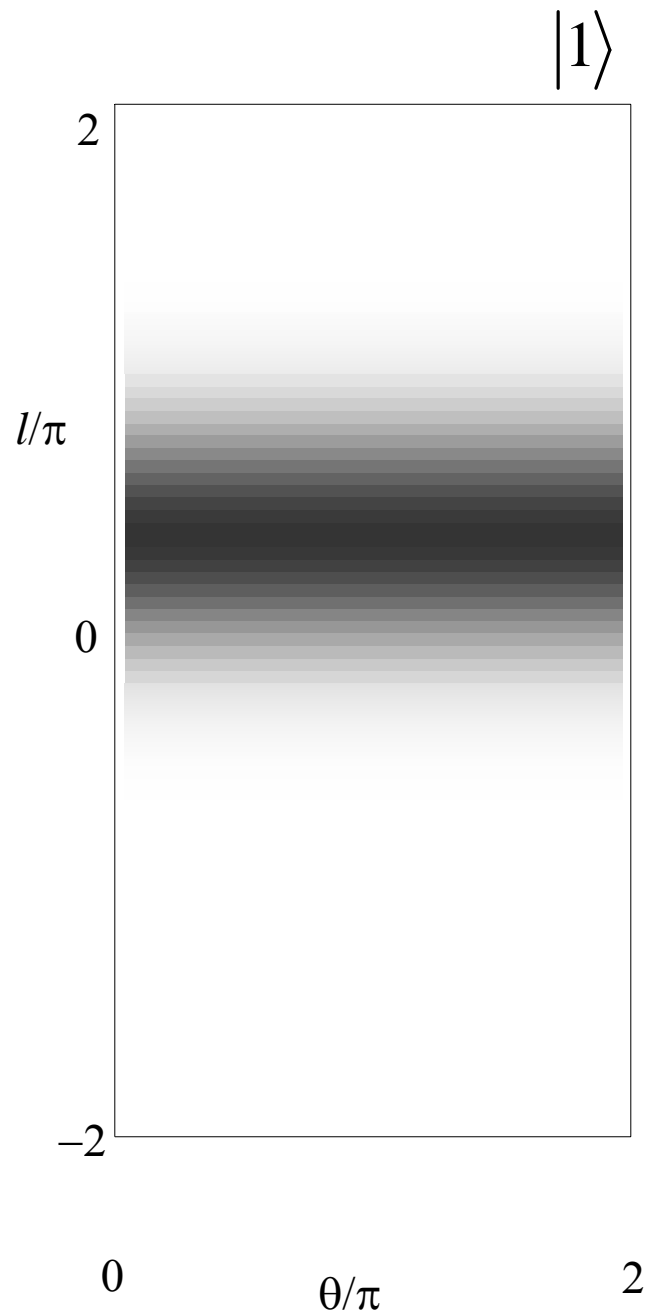
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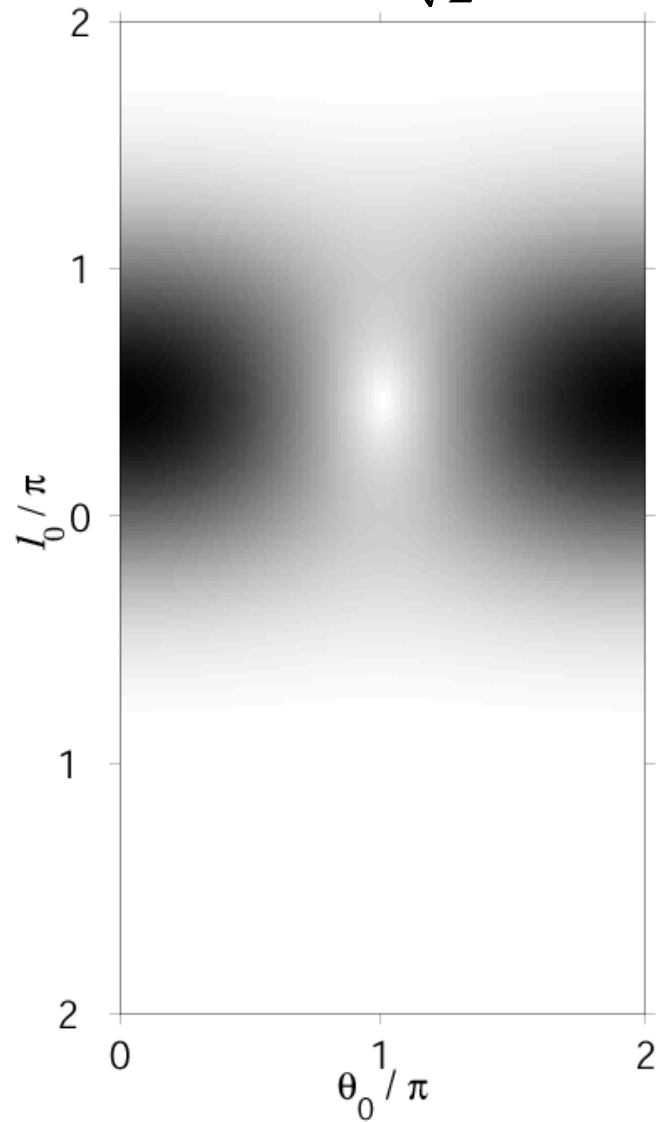
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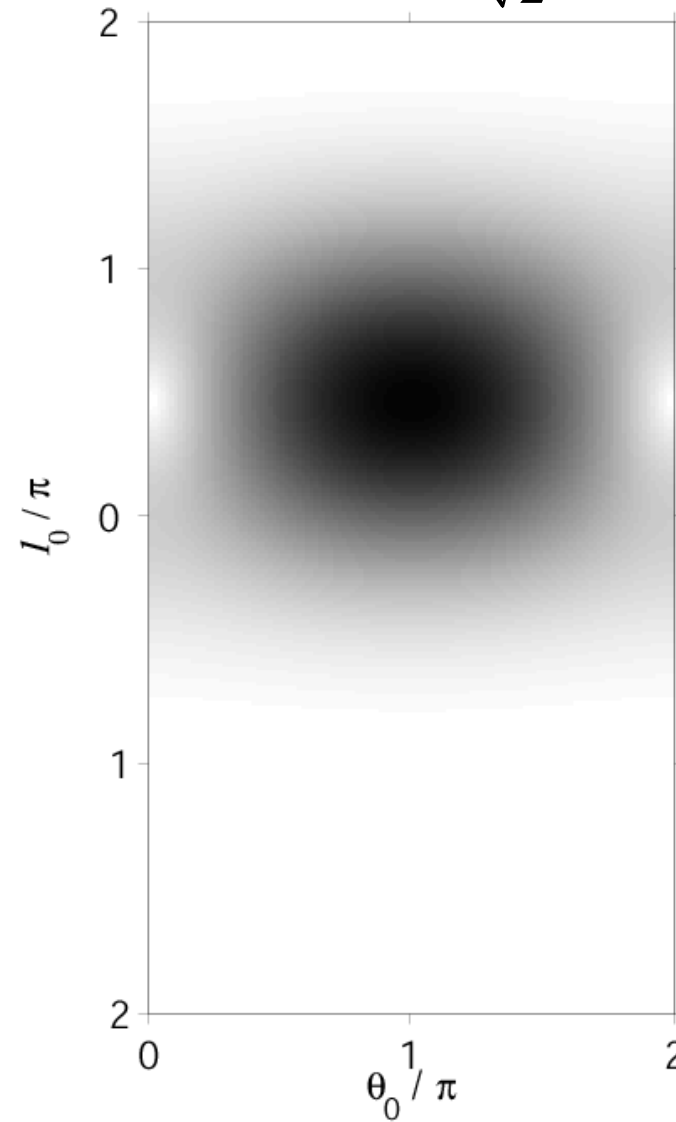
# Husimi distributions.

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$$\Psi_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle + |2\rangle)$$



$$\Psi_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle - |2\rangle)$$

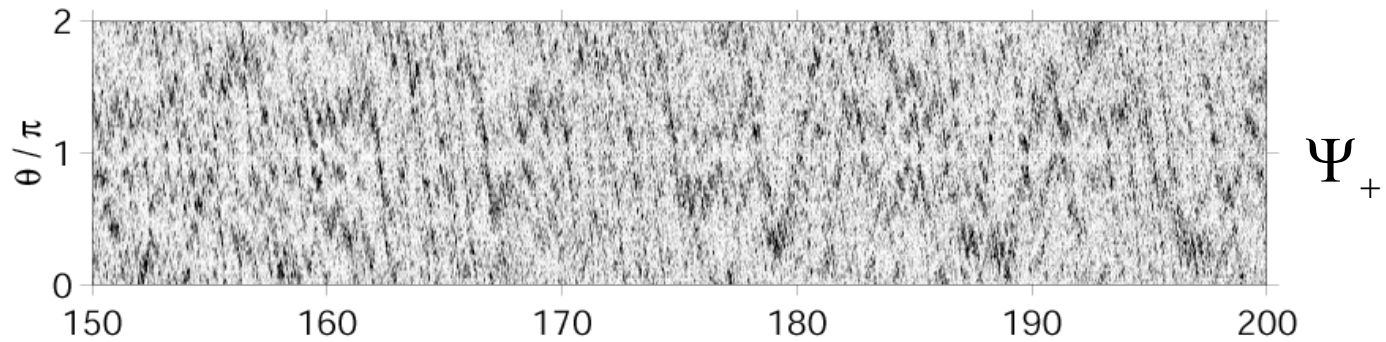


*Wave function is much wider than the stable islands*

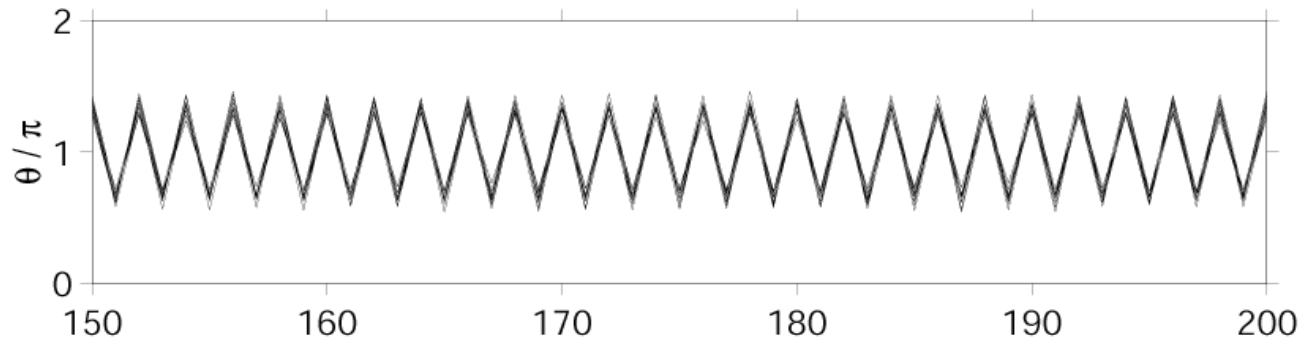
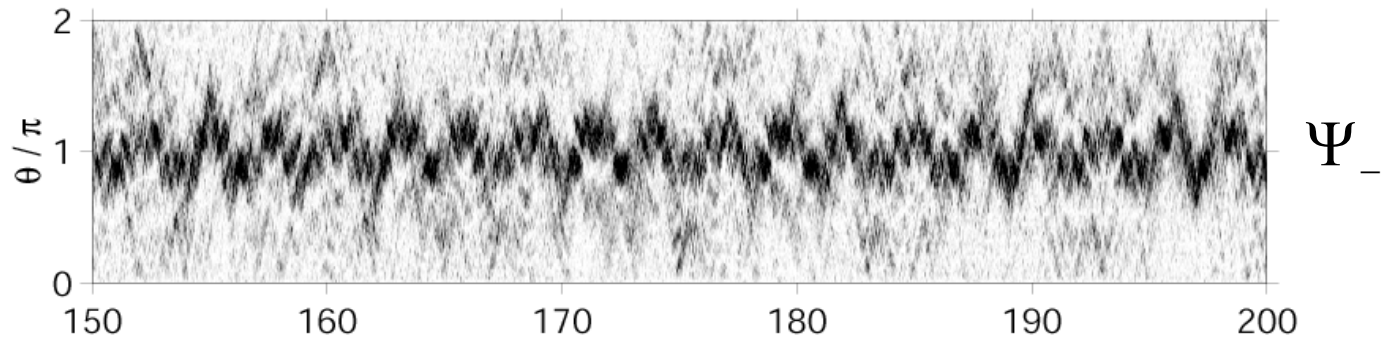


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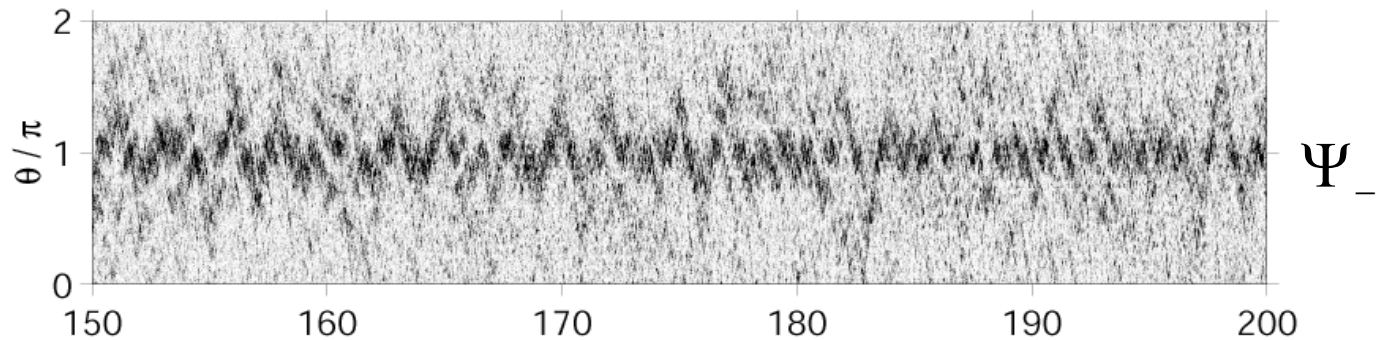
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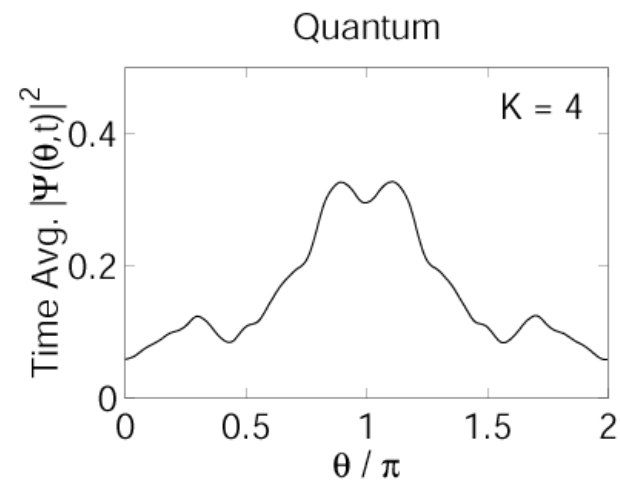
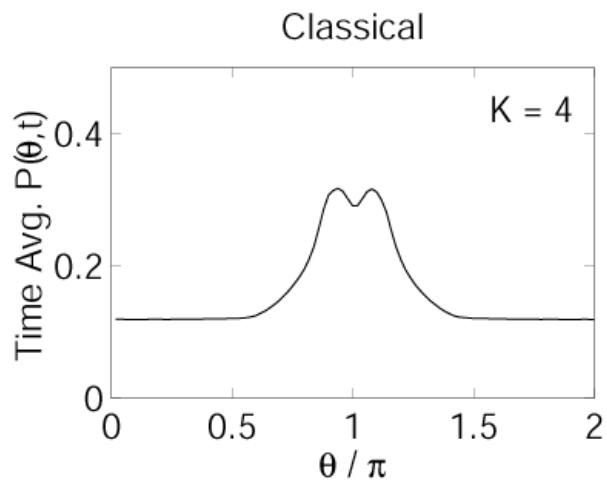


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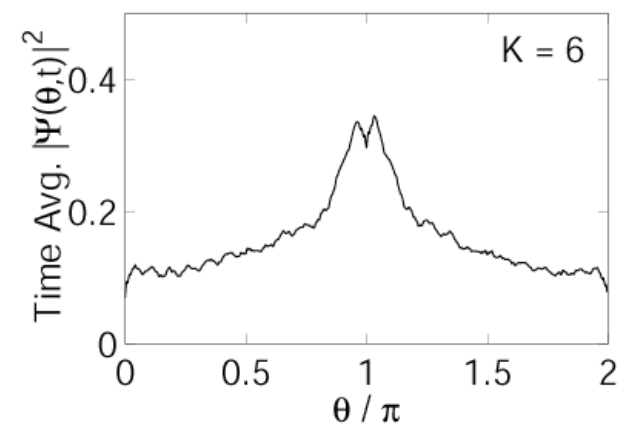
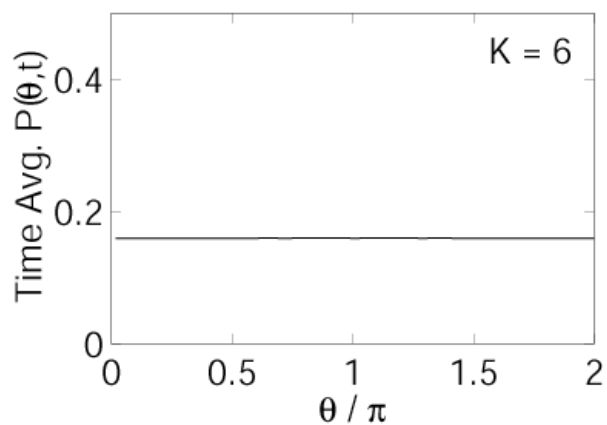
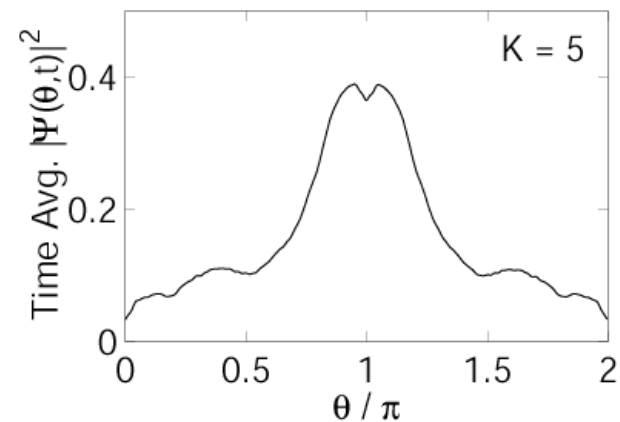
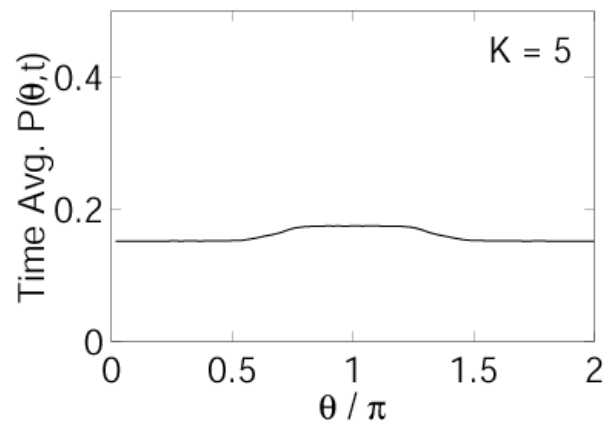


$t/T$

# Quantum vs. classical localization

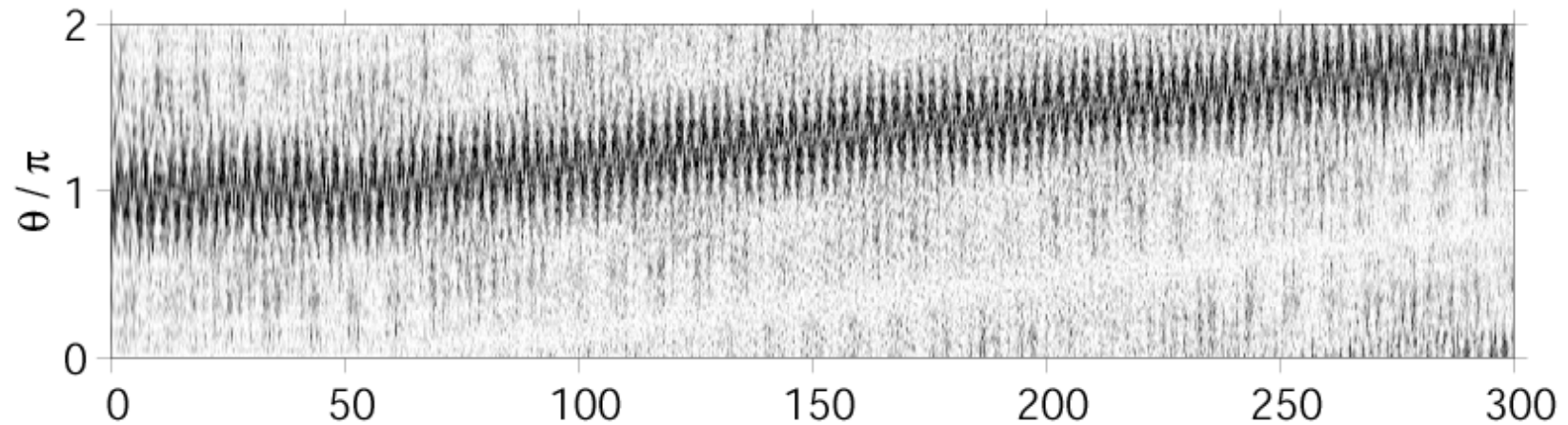


$$\langle |\Psi_-|^2 \rangle_{t=100..200}$$

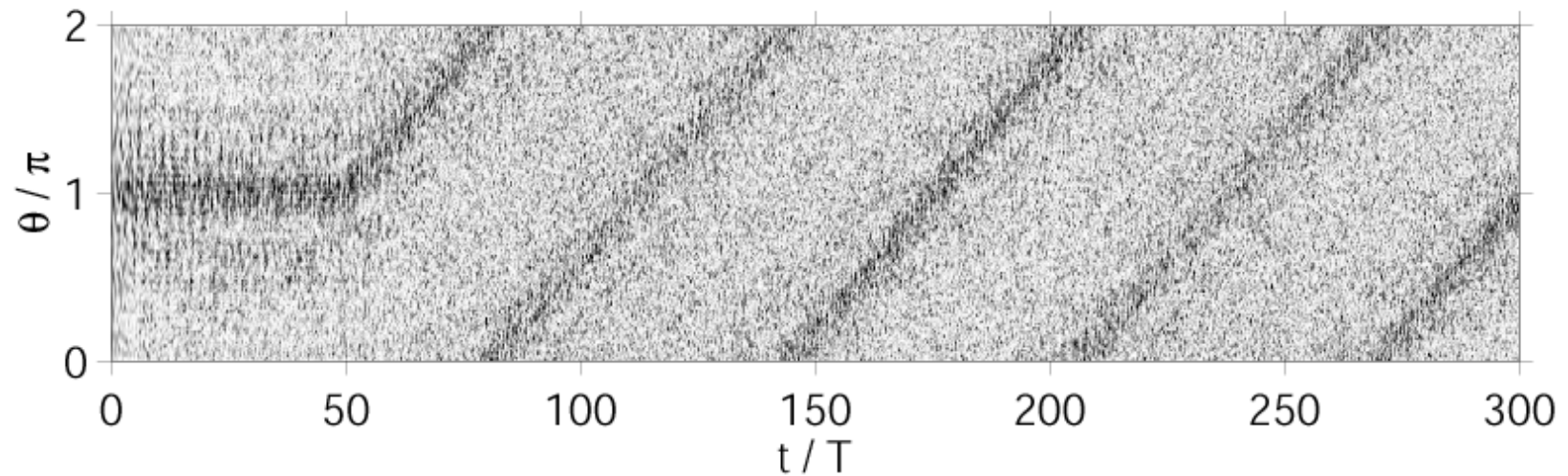


# Drag the low-diffusion areas across the phase space

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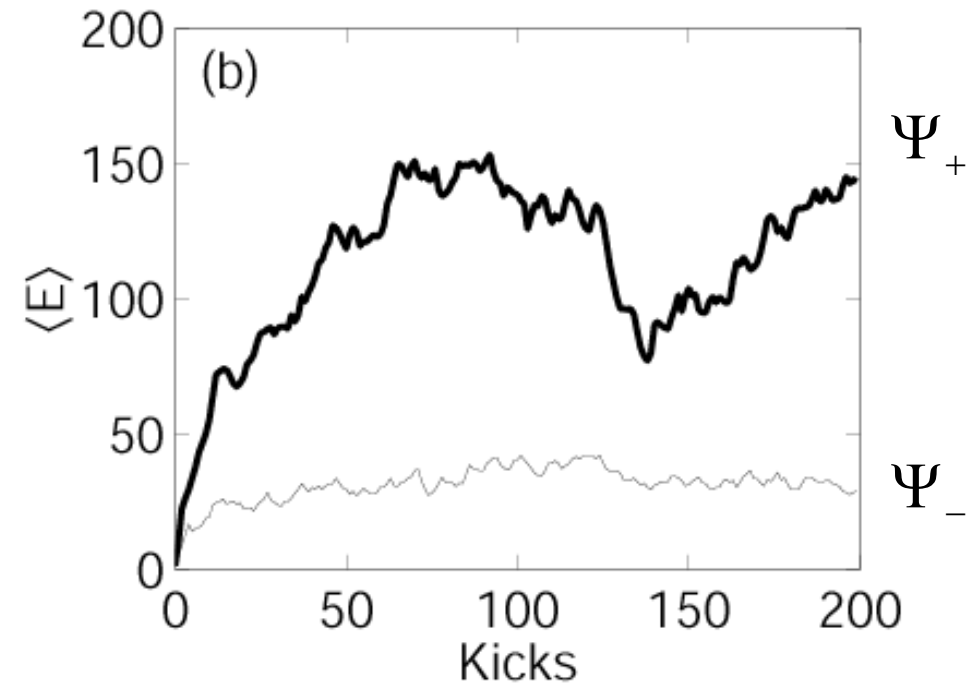
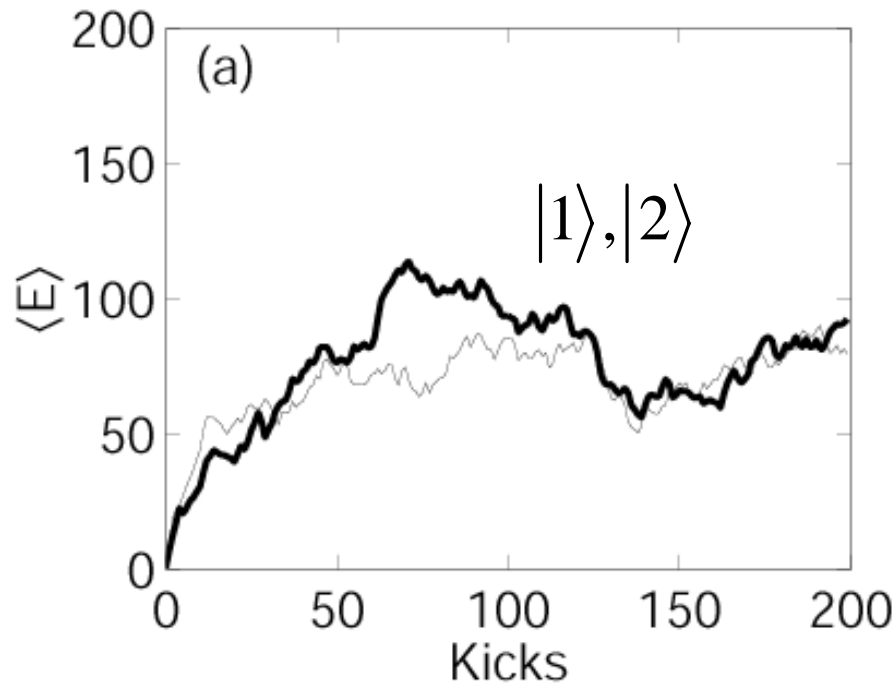


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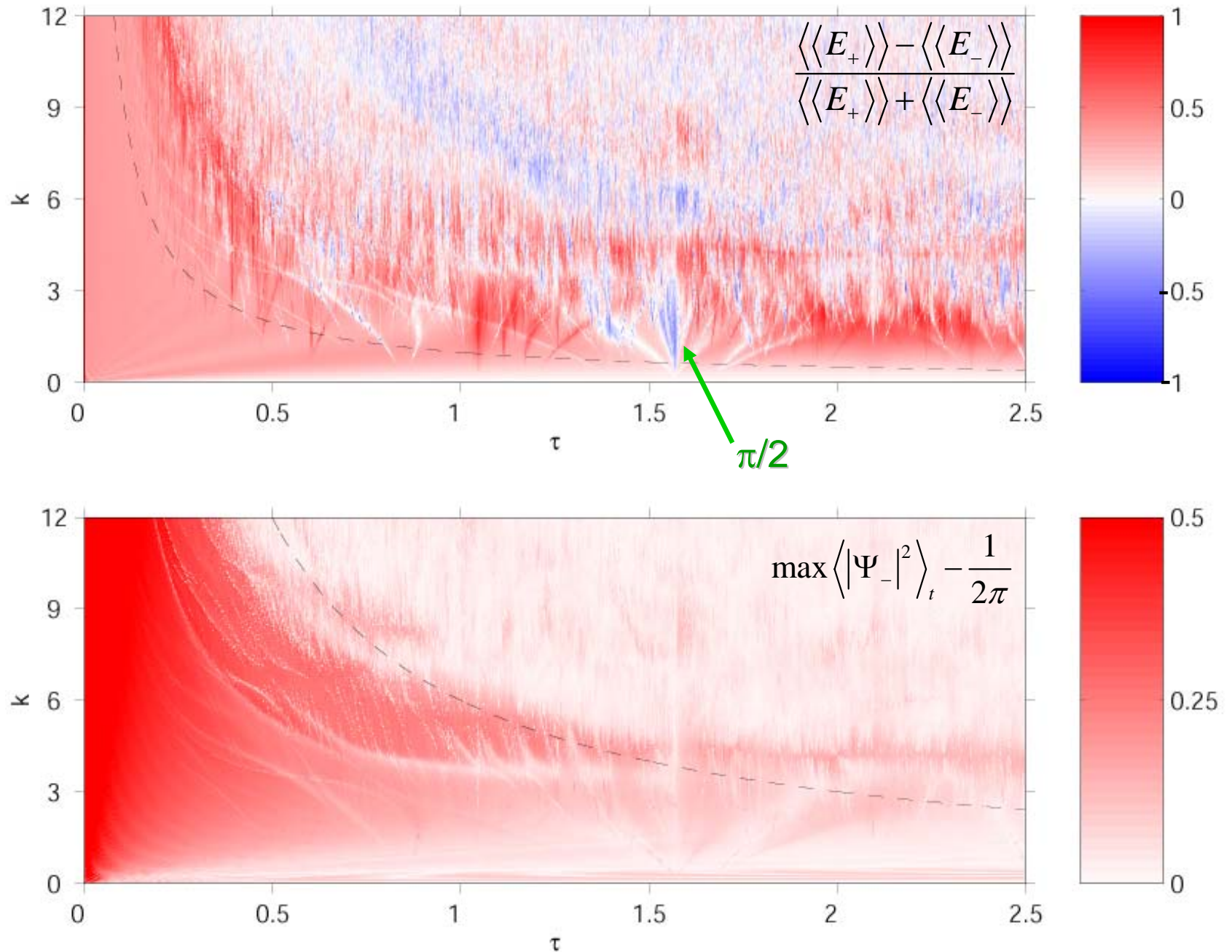
# Diffusion in energy

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*Coherent control of quantum chaos?*

# Diffusion in energy



# Conclusions

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- The low-diffusion areas of phase space can keep and drag quantum population even after the resonance islands are gone.
- Control over the localization energy is questionable. Most probably, due to quantum resonances.