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# Holographic Charged Impurities

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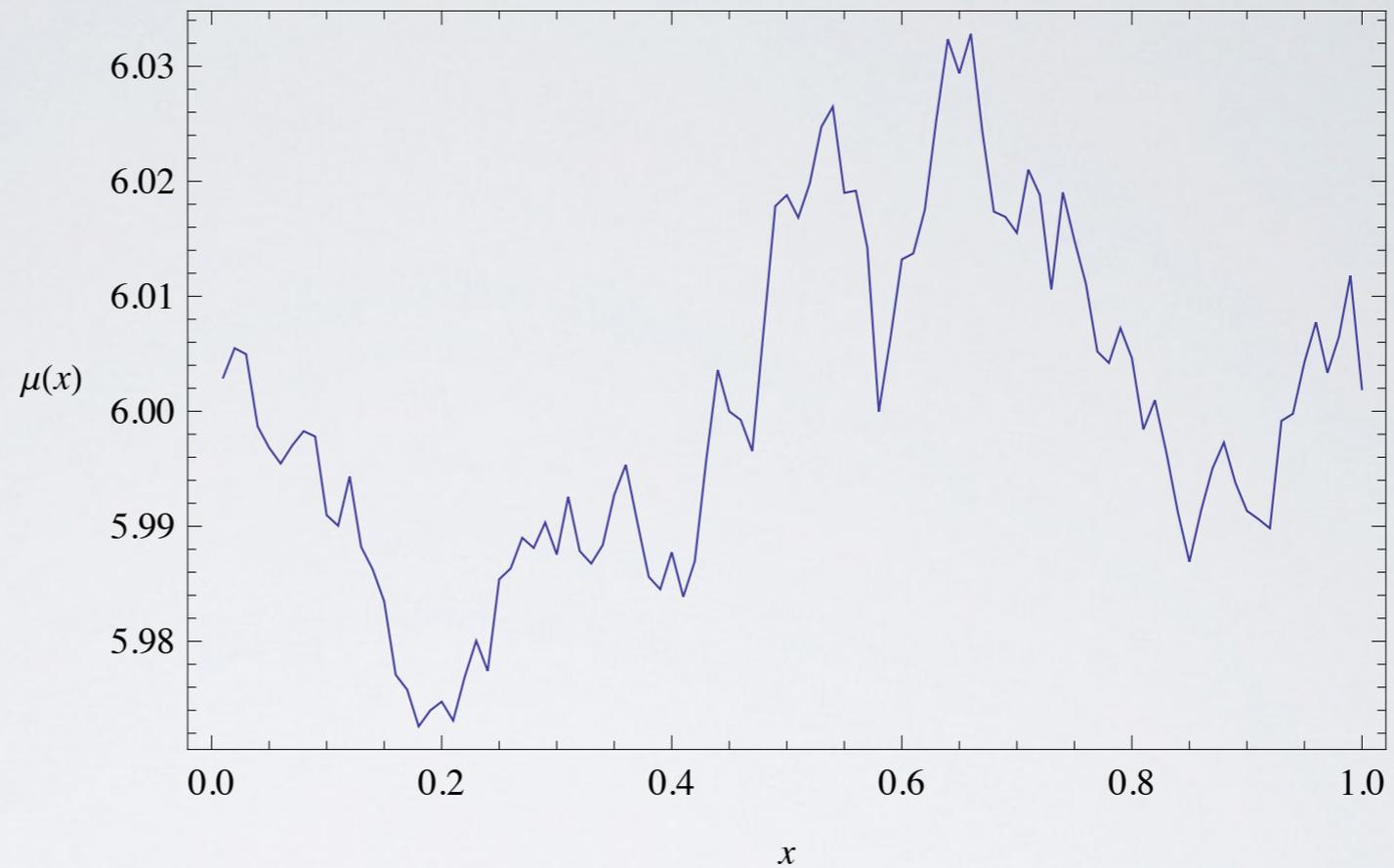
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**Noise**

[charged impurities]

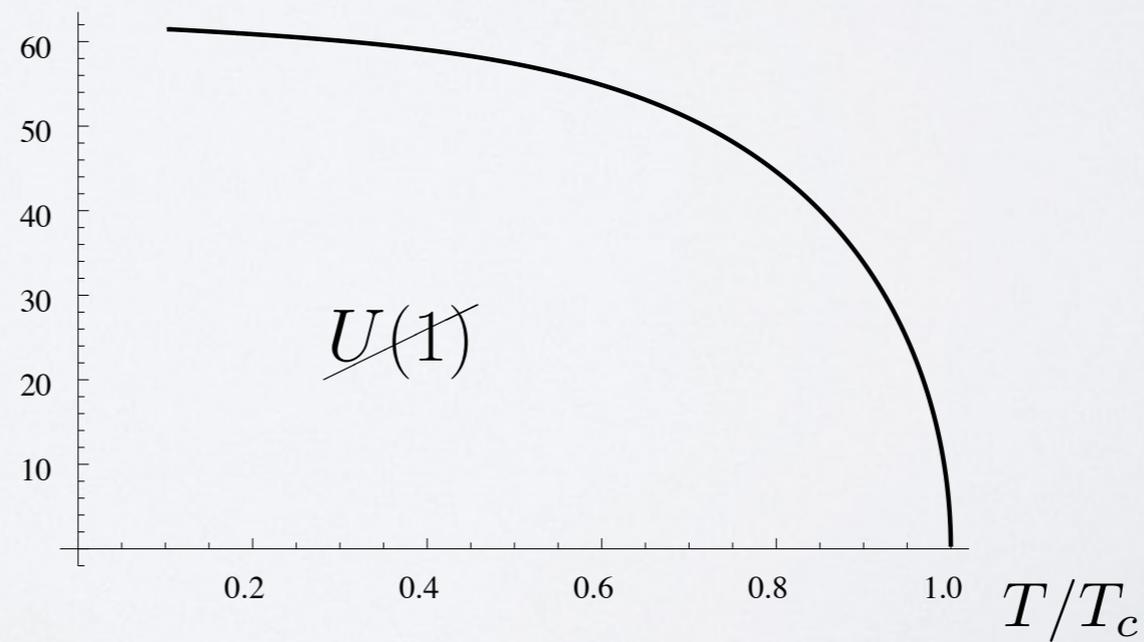
$$\mu(x)$$



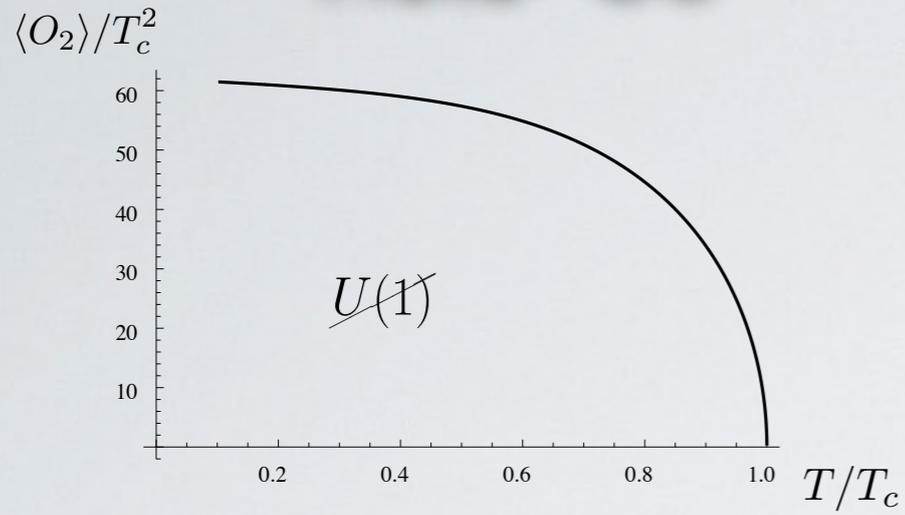
**in holography**

**Holo-SC**

$$\langle O_2 \rangle / T_c^2$$



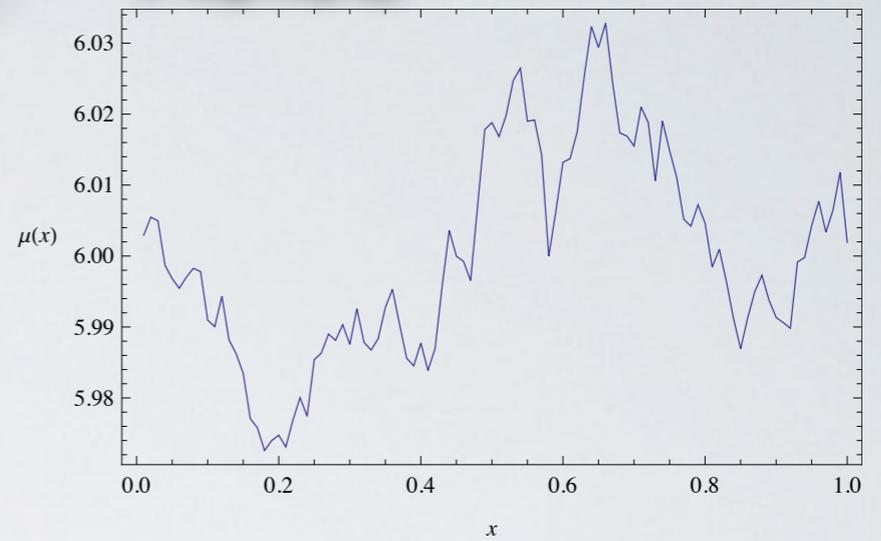
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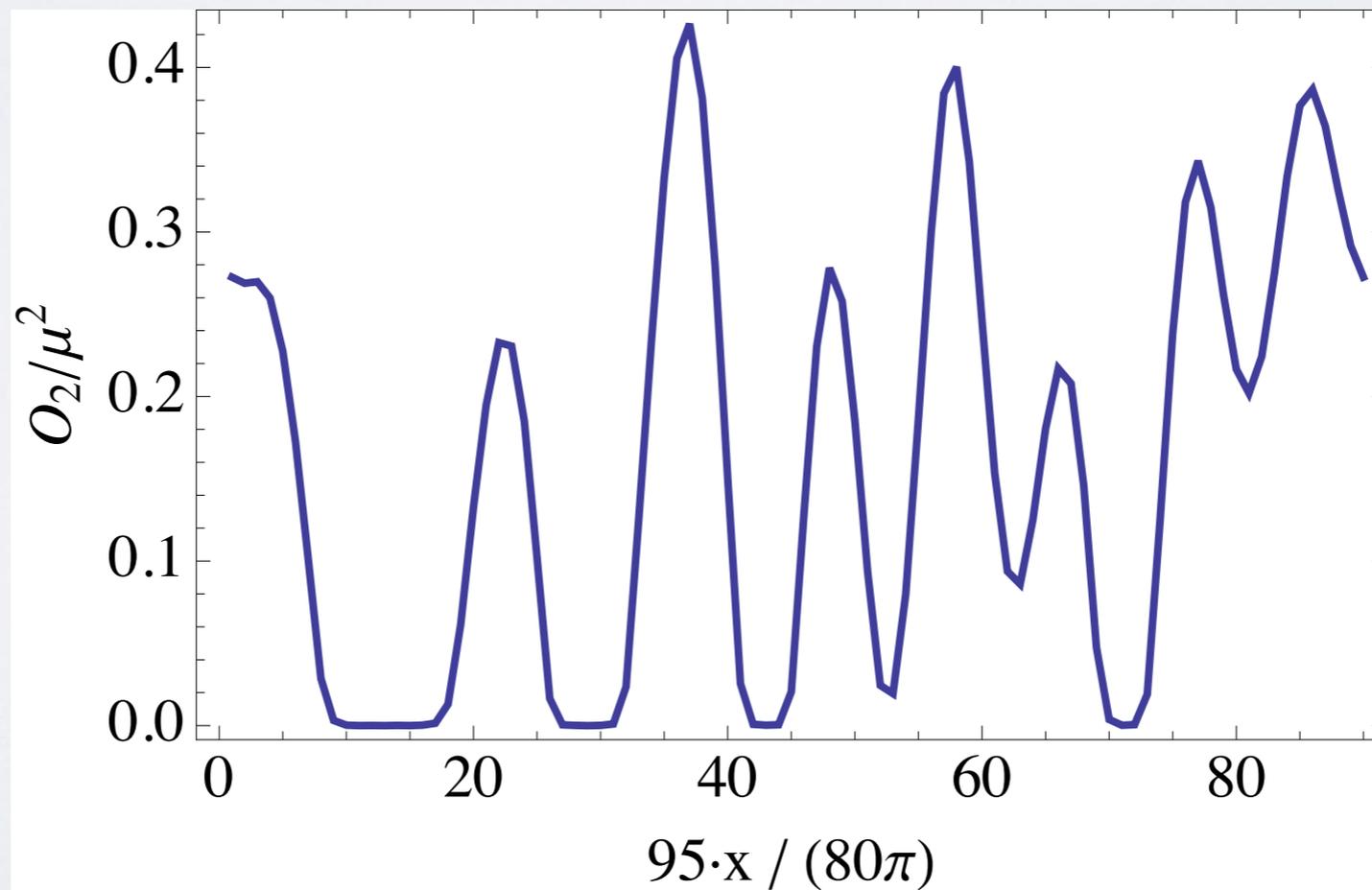
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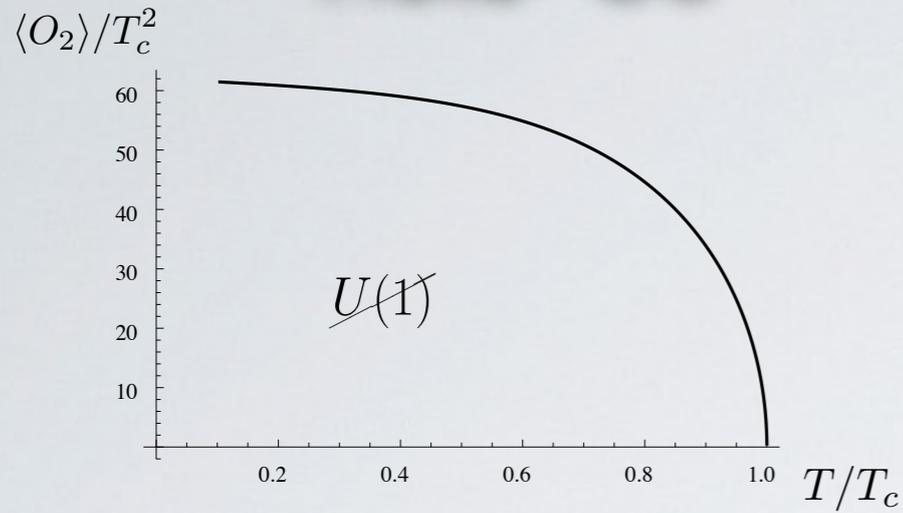
$\mu(x)$



= ★ Islands



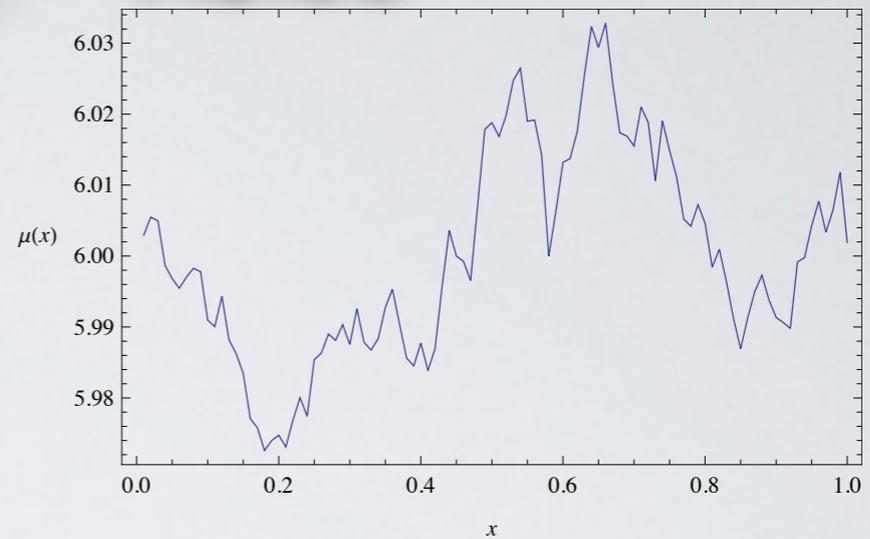
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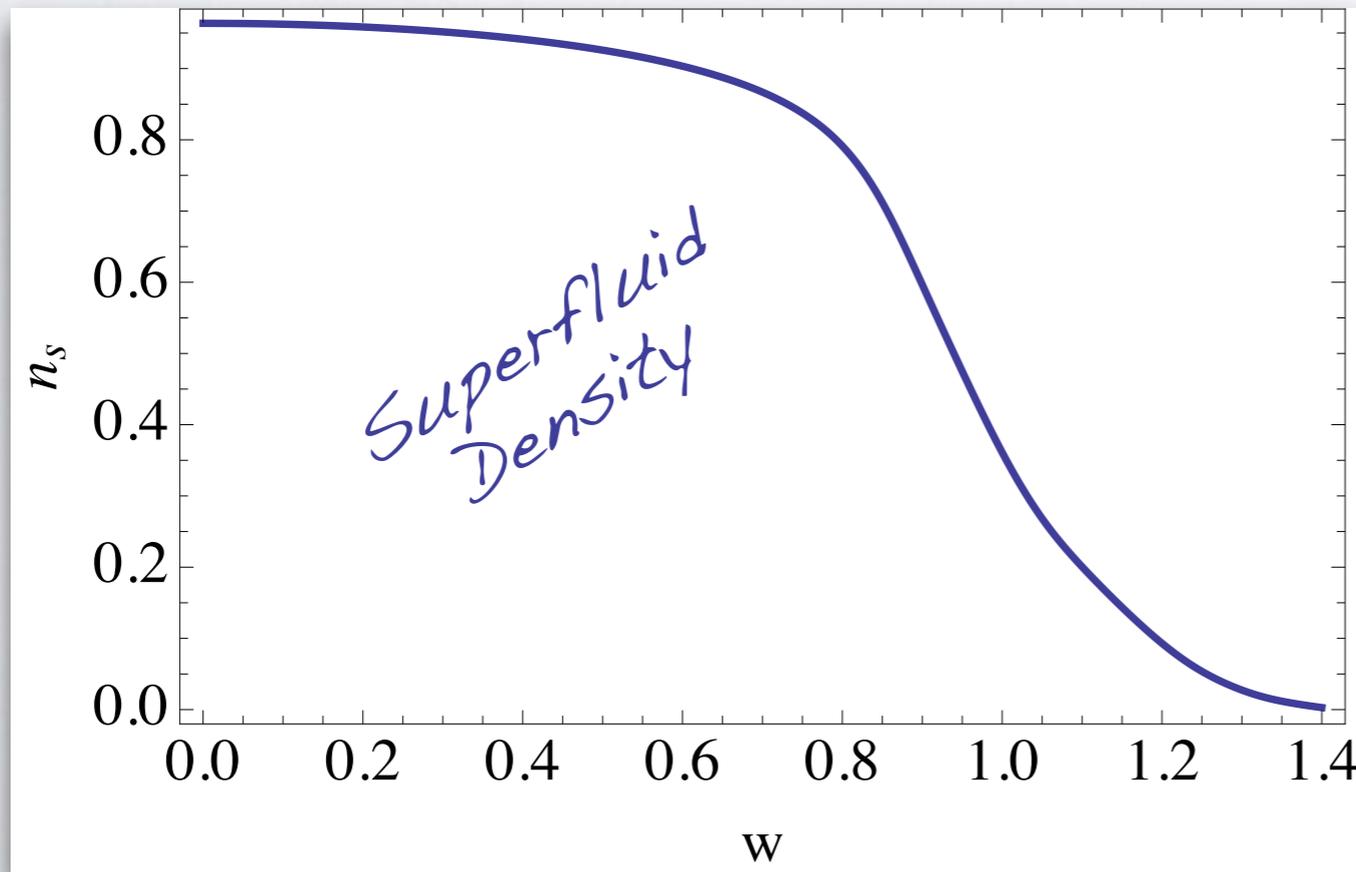
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# Noise

$\mu(x)$



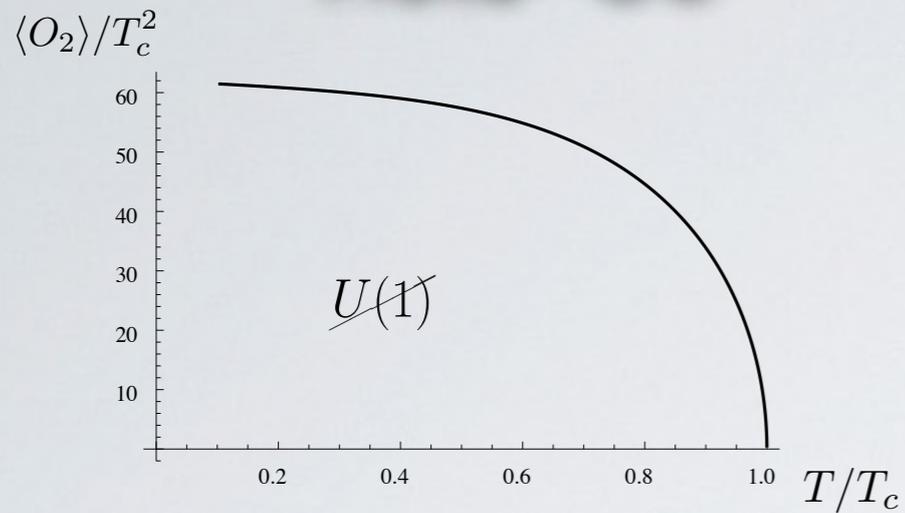
= ★ Disorder can suppress the Superconductivity



disorder

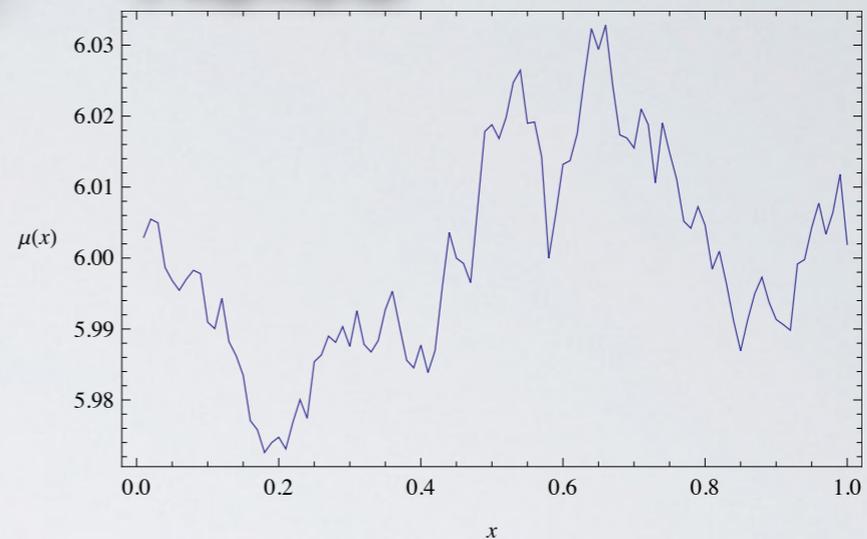
Stay tuned:  
Novel features in  
AC Conductivity !!

# Holo-SC

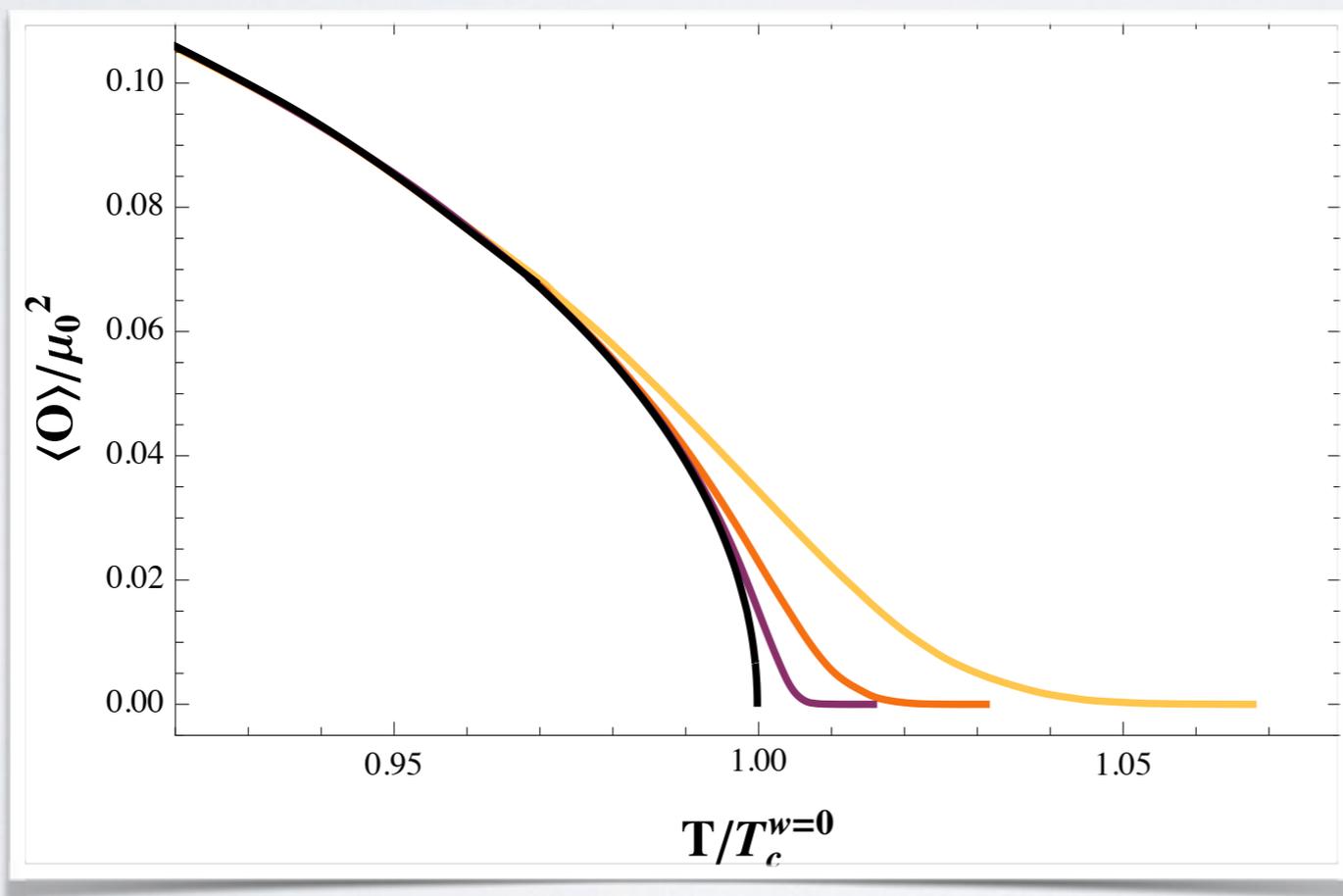


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# Noise $\mu(x)$



= ★ 'Disordered' SC phase transition (non mean-field)



↑ disorder

- $w = 0.016$
- $w = 0.008$
- $w = 0.004$
- $w = 0$

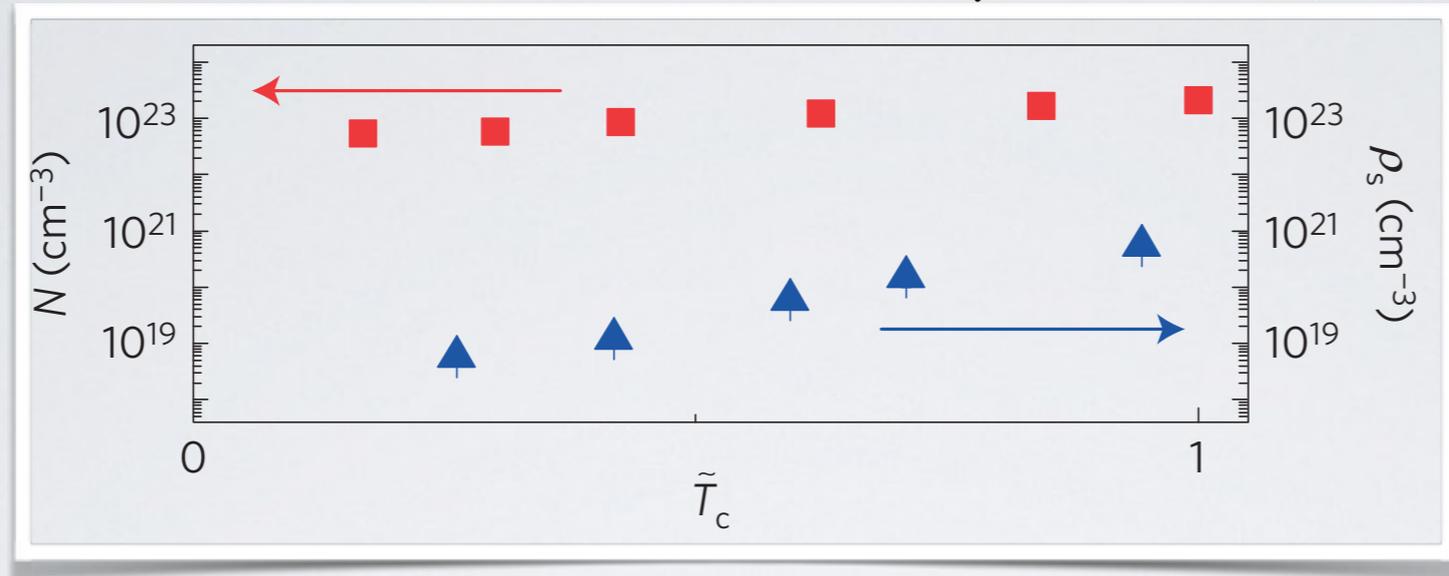
# OUTLINE

- > **Motivation: Disorder-induced SIT**
- > **Setup: hole SC w/ noise**
- > **Results: Islands, phase transition, Conductivity.**
- > **Future: Thin Films, backreaction (insulator?), ...**

# > SC to insulator disorder-induced phase transition

## > Experiment

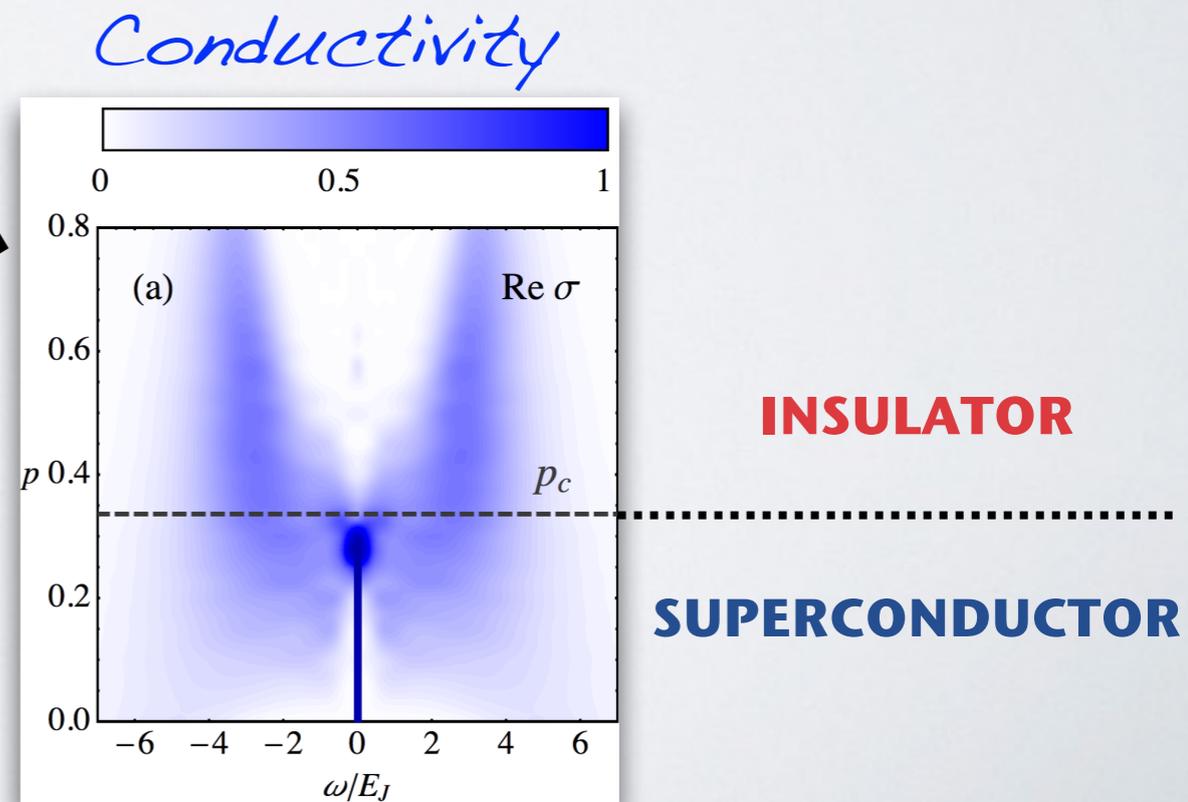
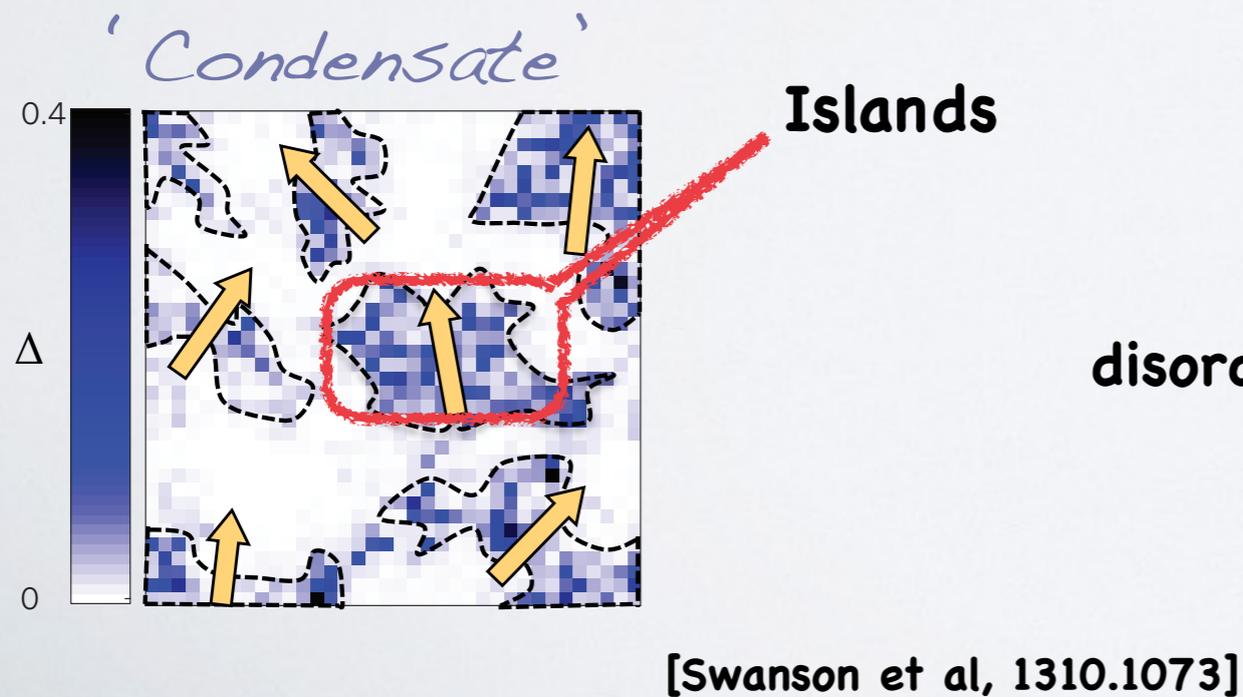
[Sherman et al, Nature Phys 11, 188-192 (2015)]



▲ Superfluid Density

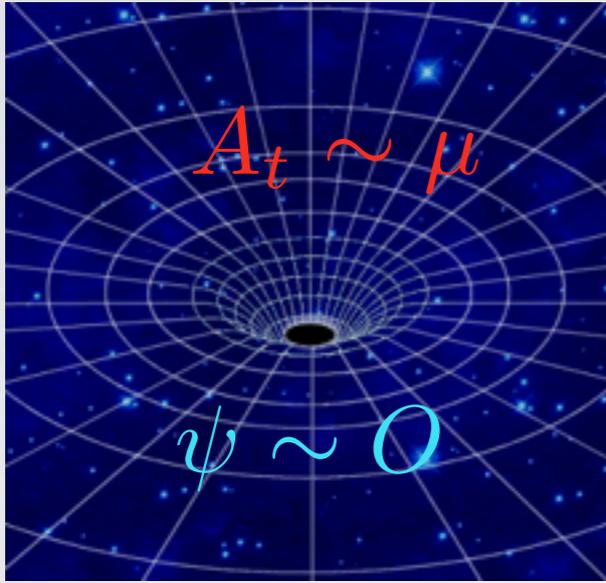
← disorder

## > Theory (quantum Montecarlo)

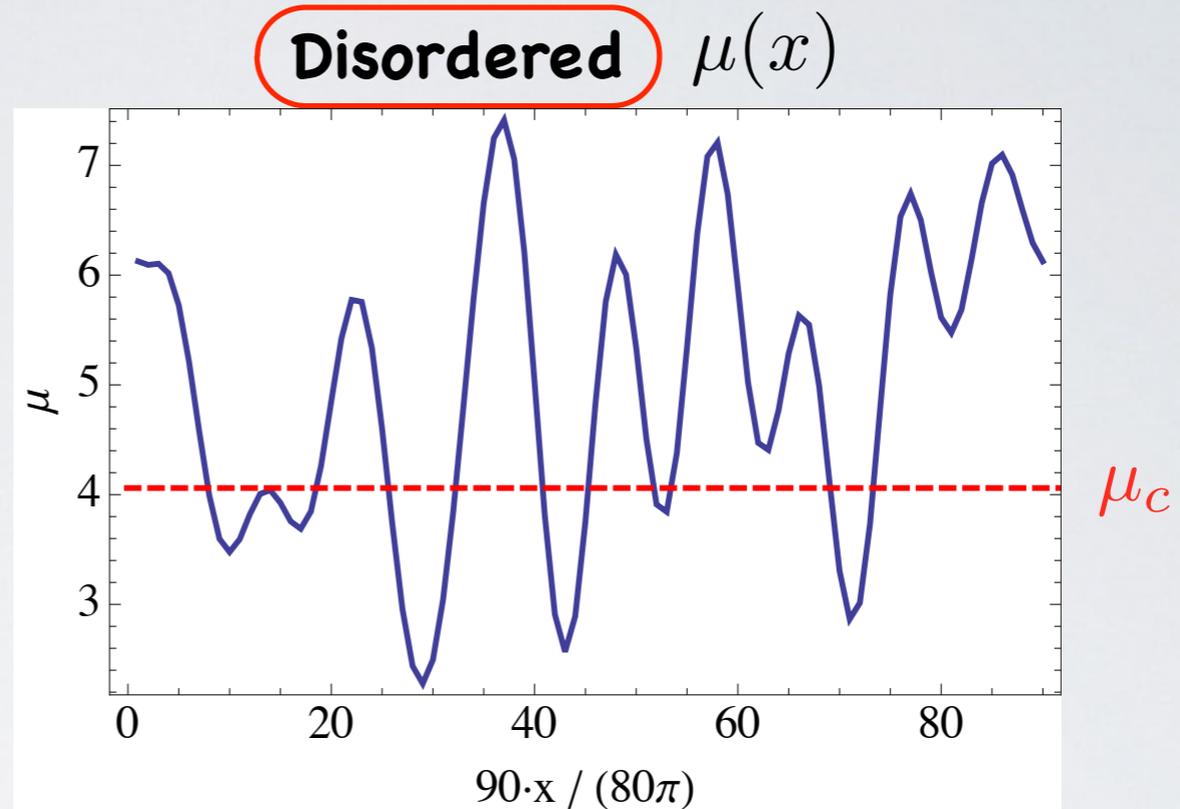


# > SETUP: Dirty Holo (s-wave) Superconductor

Holo SC



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- **Action (probe limit)**  $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{1}{4} F_{ab} F^{ab} - (D_\mu \Psi)(D^\mu \Psi)^\dagger - m^2 \Psi^\dagger \Psi \right)$

- **Geometry: Sch-AdS BH**  $ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left( -f(z) dt^2 + \frac{dz^2}{f(z)} + dx^2 + dy^2 \right), \quad f(z) = 1 - z^3$

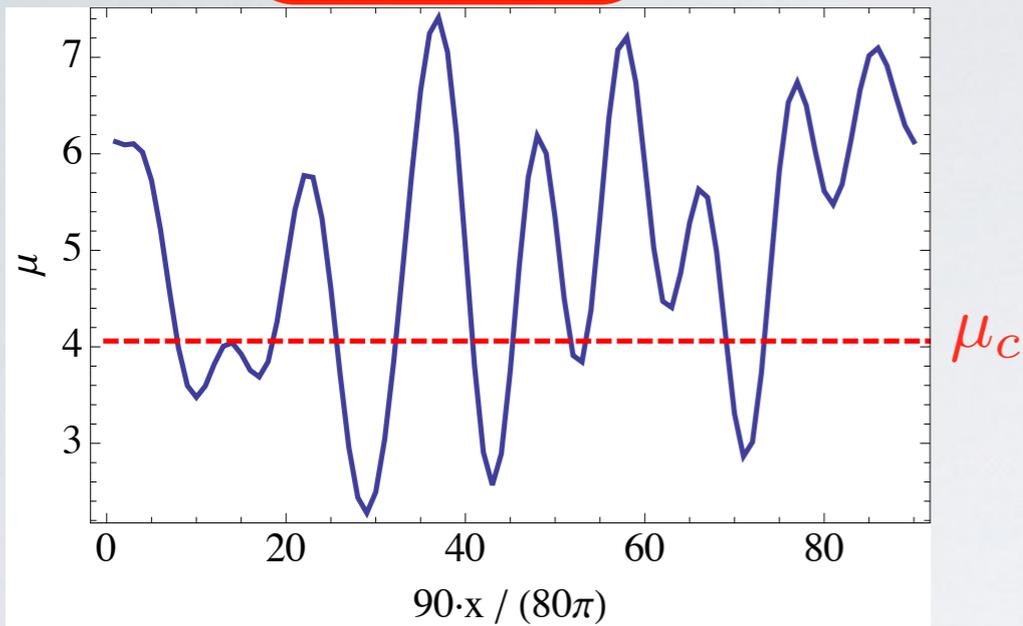
$$\Psi(x, z) = \psi(x, z), \quad \psi(x, z) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \sim \langle O(x) \rangle$$

- **Field content**

$$A = \phi(x, z) dt \quad \sim \mu(x)$$

# > SETUP: Dirty Holo (s-wave) Superconductor

**Disordered**  $\mu(x)$



*Flat Noise*

$$\mu(x) = \mu_0 + w \mu_0 \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_*} \cos(kx + \delta_k)$$

- $w$  Noise strength
- $k_0 \sim 1/(\text{System Size})$ . [IR Scale]
- $k_* \sim 1/\text{Correlation length}$  [UV Scale]

EoMs



**2 Coupled PDEs**

with...

- UV ( $z=0$ ) Boundary Conditions

$$\phi(x, z) = \mu(x) - \rho(x)z + \dots$$

$$\psi(x, z) = \cancel{\psi^{(1)}(x)}z + \langle O(x) \rangle z^2 + \dots$$

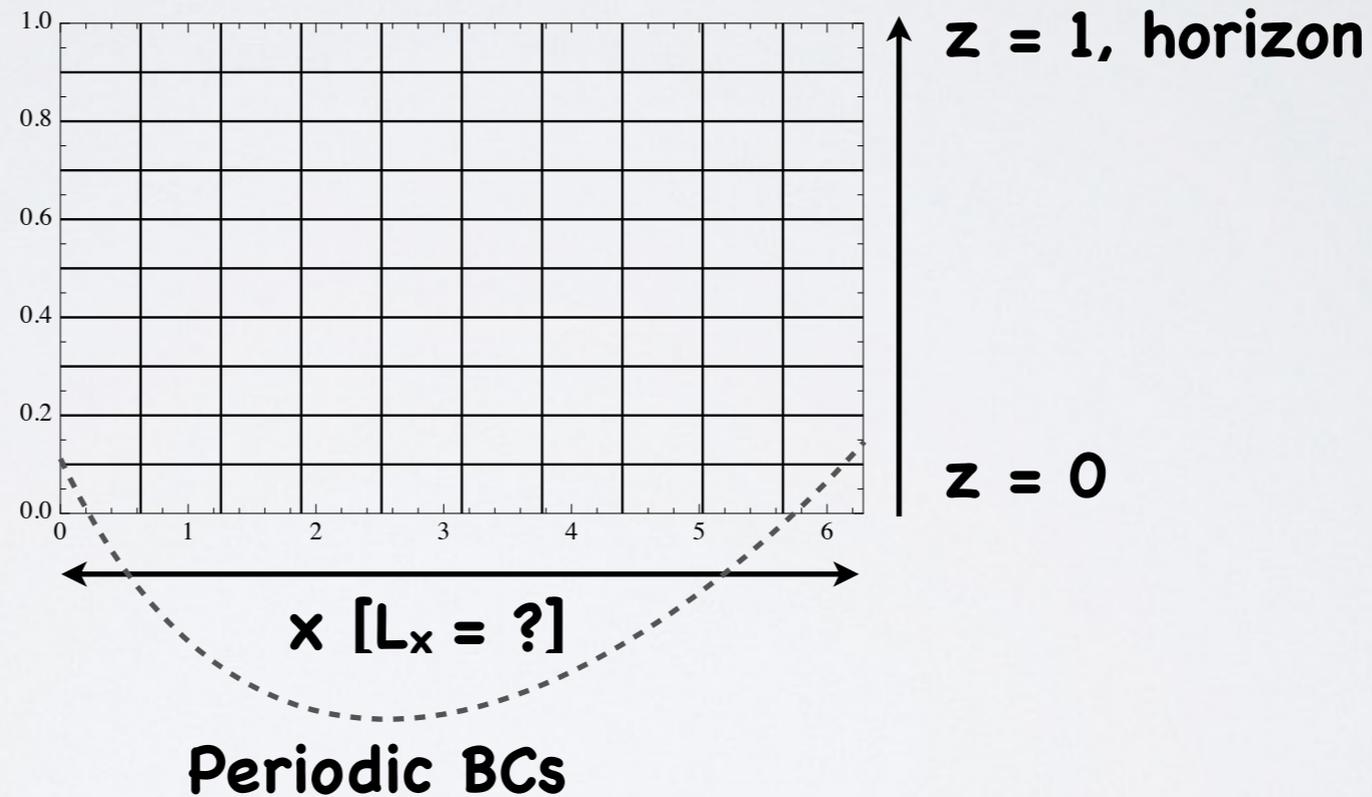
> **SETUP: Solving the background .....**

*Flat Noise*

$$\mu(x) = \mu_0 + w \mu_0 \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_*} \cos(kx + \delta_k)$$

- $w$  Noise strength
- $k_0 \sim 1/(\text{System Size})$ . [IR Scale]
- $k_* \sim 1/\text{Correlation length}$  [UV Scale]

- **SYSTEM ON A GRID**



- **WITH (ideally):**  $L_x \gg 1$  [ $\rightarrow k_0 \ll 1$ ],  $k_* \gg 1$

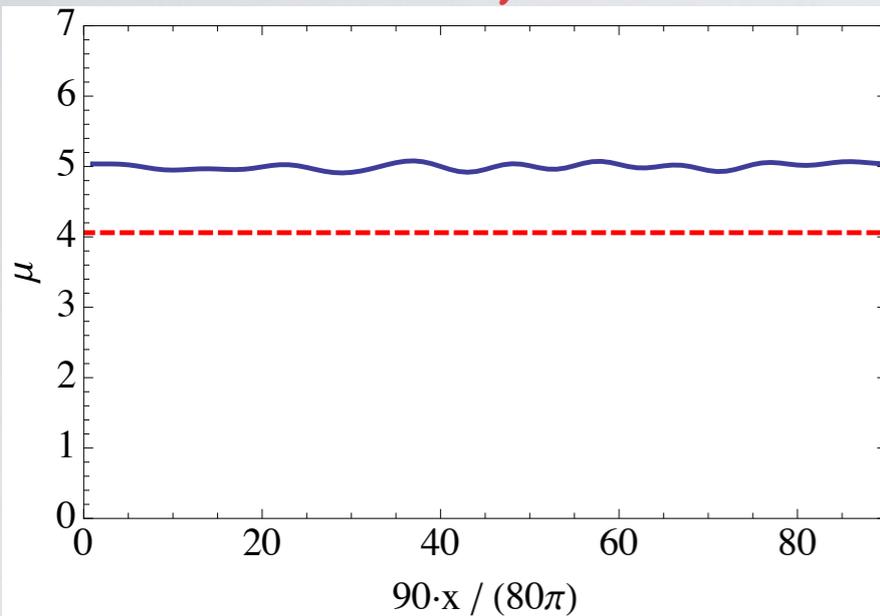
\* [in units of temperature]

*'Uncorrelated Noise'*

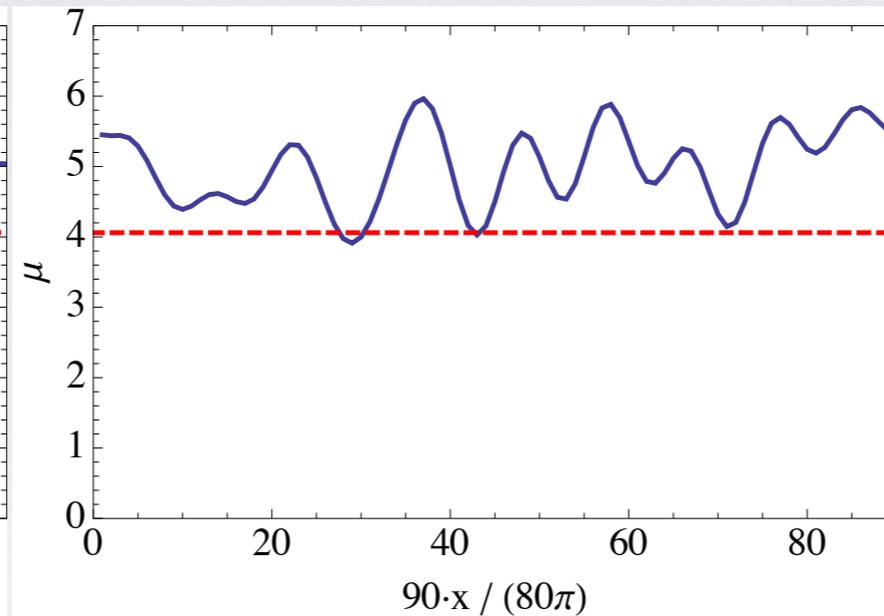
# > Results: The Inhomogeneous Condensate

$$\mu = 5 \rightarrow T \sim 0.8 T_c$$
$$L_x = 80\pi, 9 \text{ modes}$$

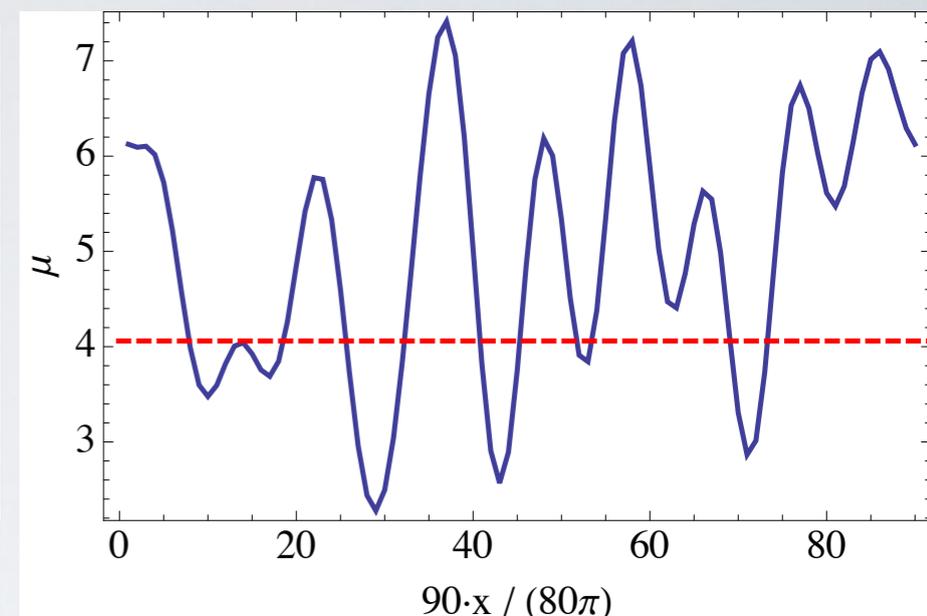
*Chemical potential*



$$w = 0.004$$

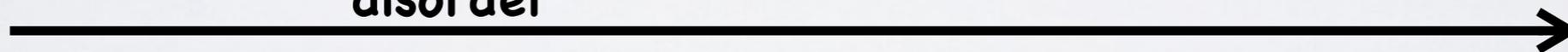


$$w = 0.048$$

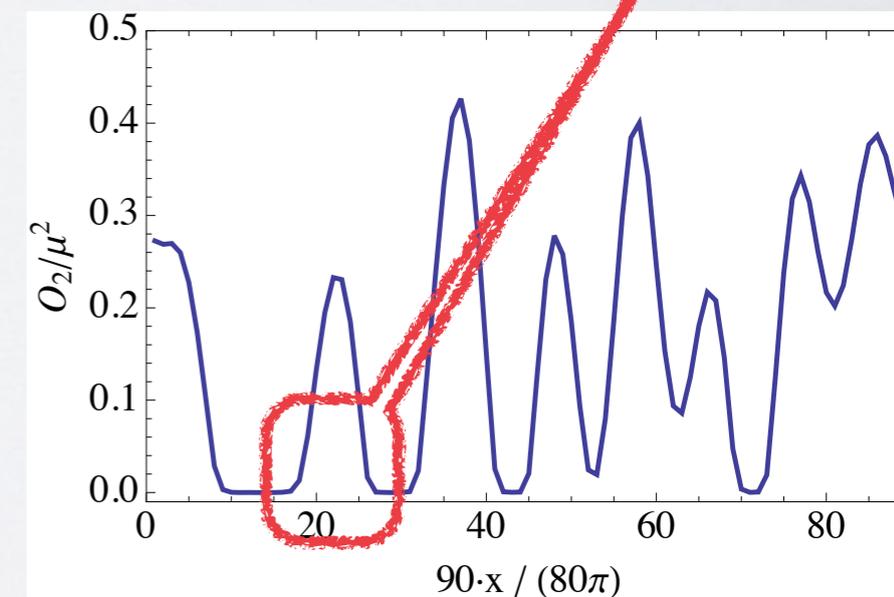
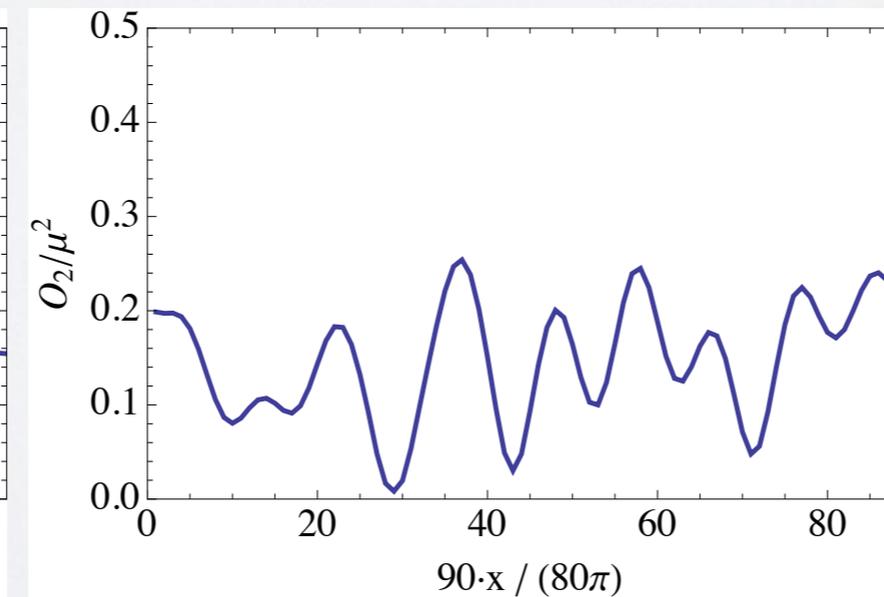
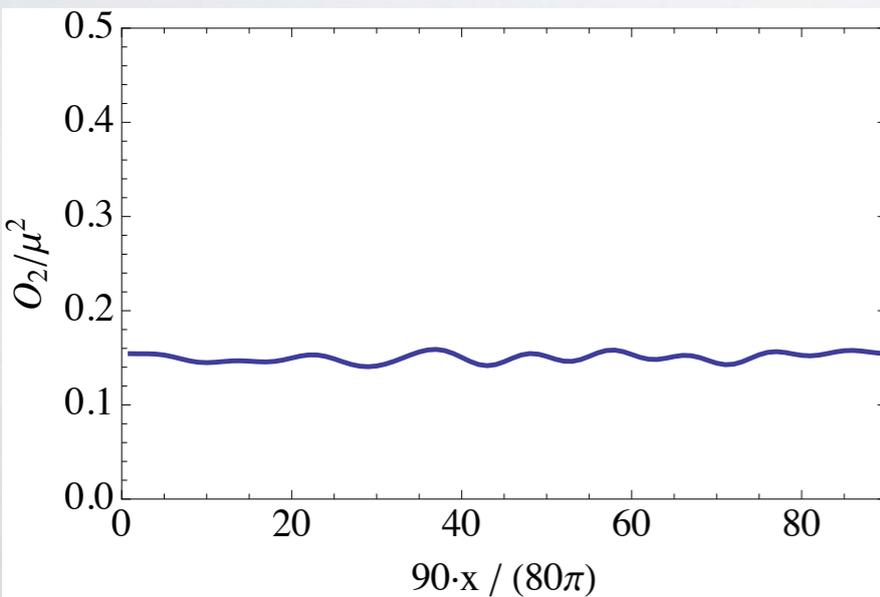


$$w = 0.12$$

**disorder**



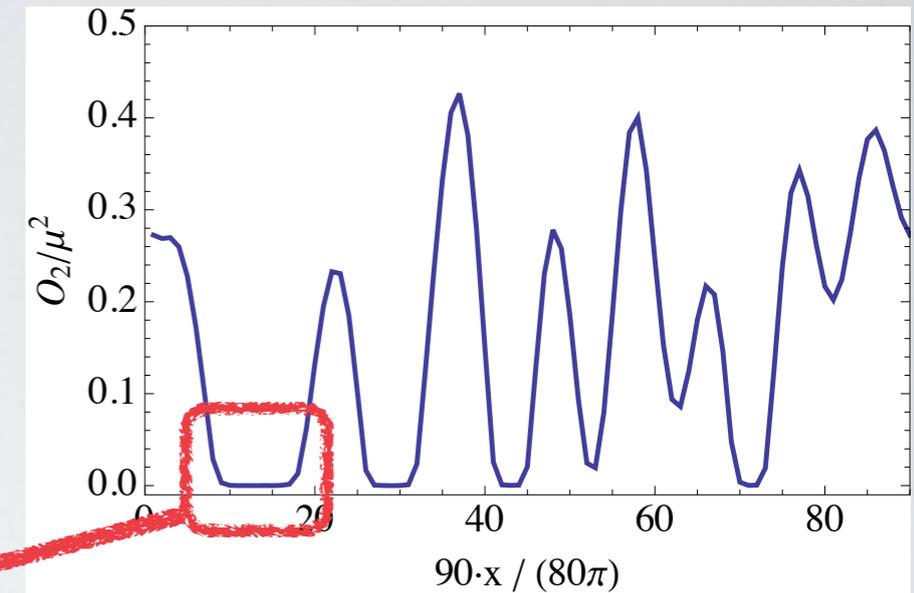
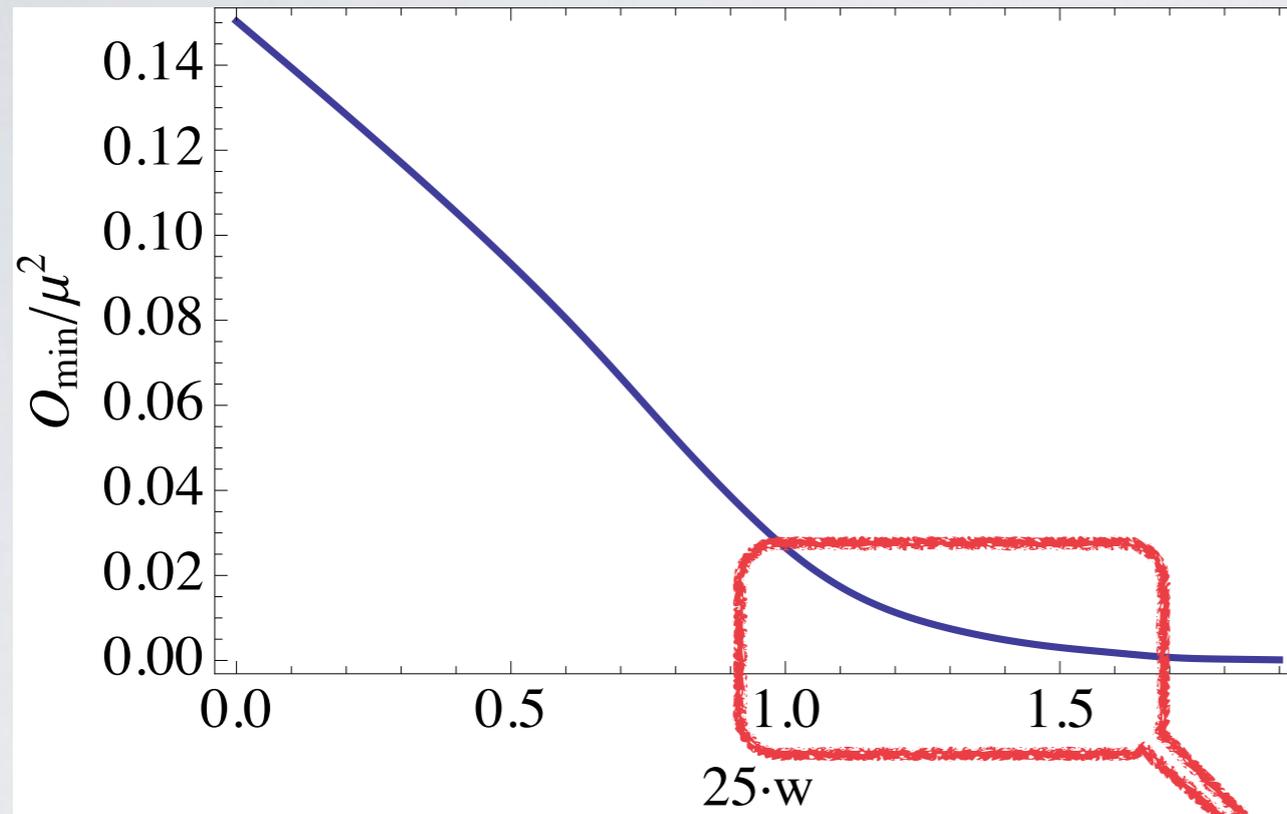
*Condensate*



# > Results: ISLANDS?

$$\mu = 5 \rightarrow T \sim 0.8 T_c$$
$$L_x = 80\pi, 9 \text{ modes}$$

> Let's plot the minimum of the condensate



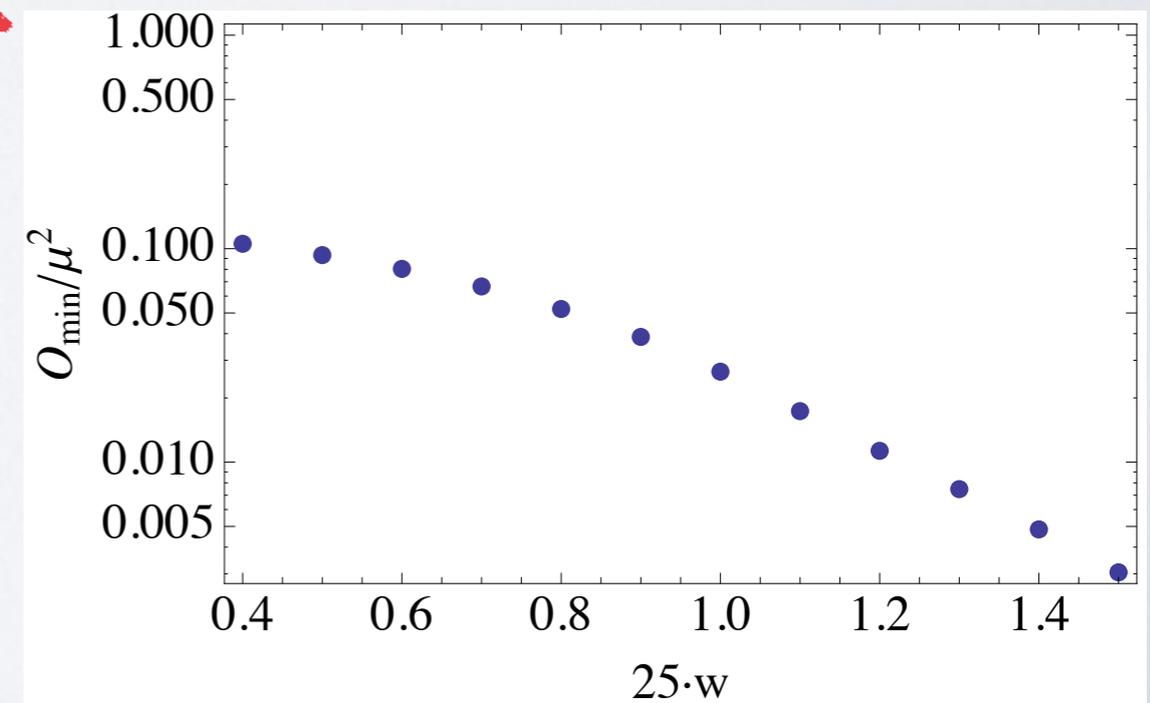
The condensate dies away exp-like

➡ *no critical noise?*



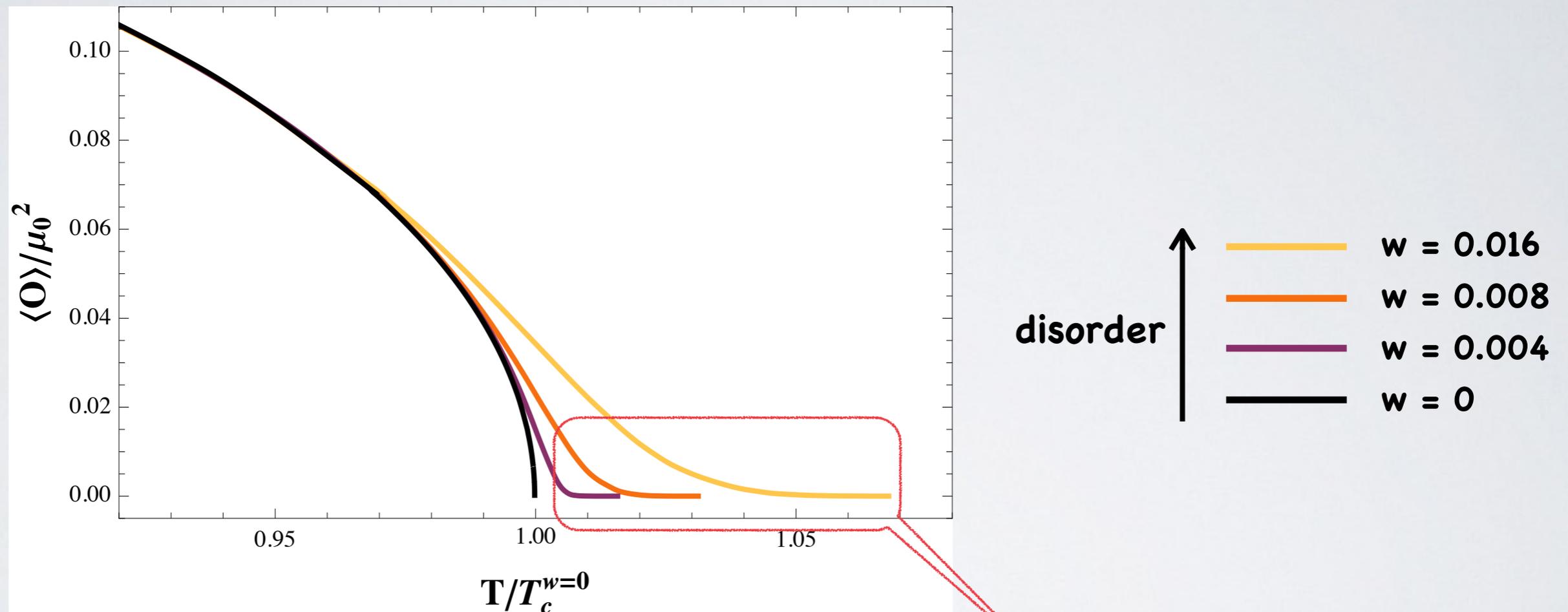
Finite Size + Spec. Renorm. (kills higher modes)

➡ *Condensate leaks!*



## > Results: Phase transition @ finite disorder

> Let's plot the **average of the condensate** vs Temperature



[reminder] mean field:

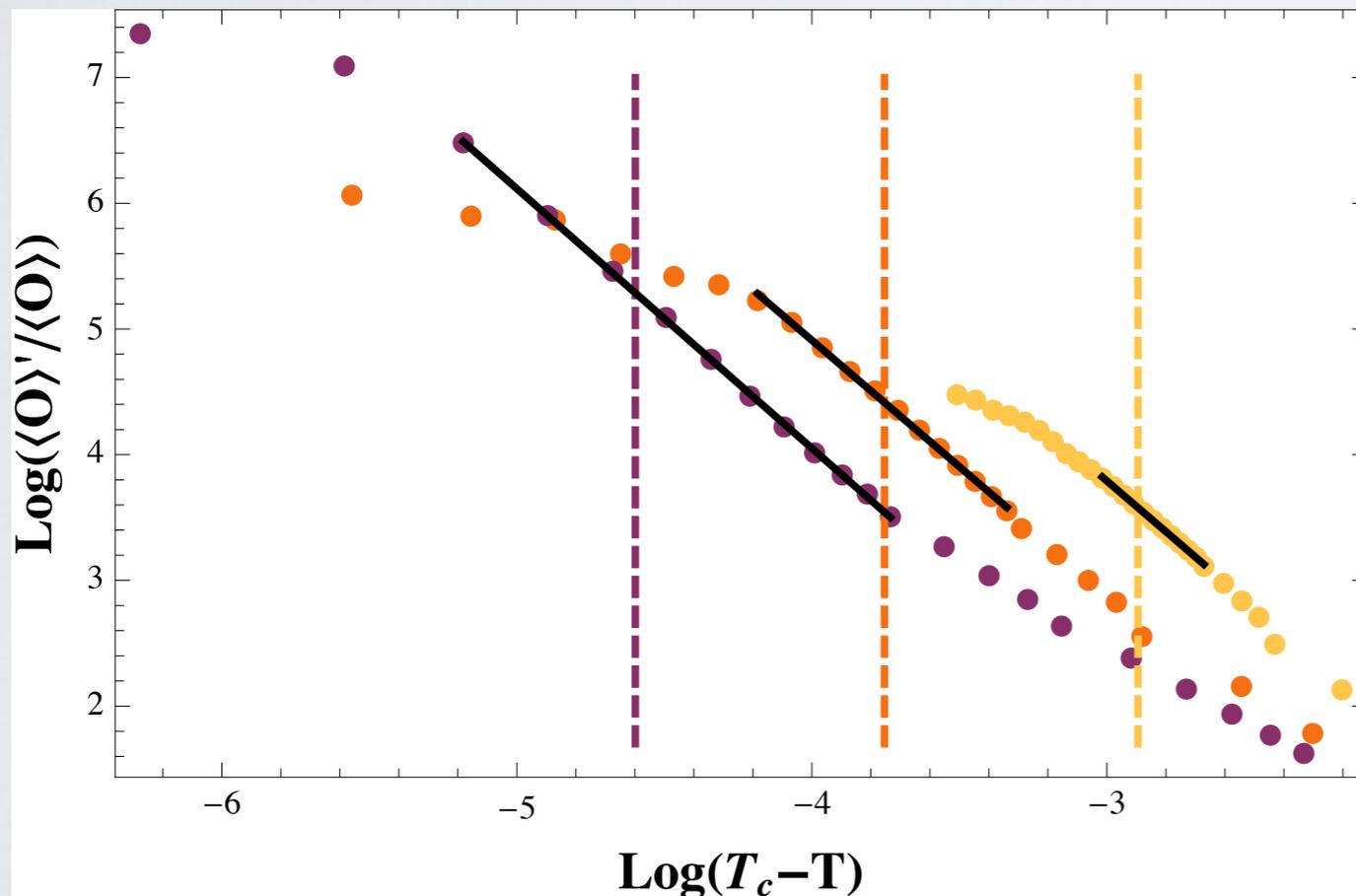
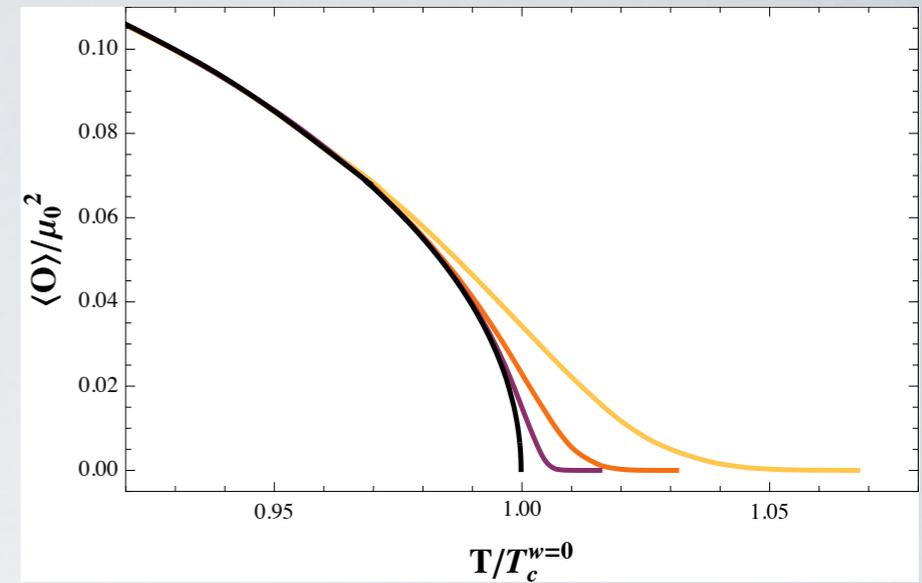
—  $w = 0$  →  $\langle O \rangle \sim \sqrt{T - T_c}$

*Islands be here*

[See Griffiths' phases... T. Vojta, PRL'03]

# > Results: Phase transition @ finite disorder

> Average of the condensate vs Temperature...



$$\langle O \rangle \sim \exp(-A|T - T_c|^{-\nu})$$

with

$$\nu = 1.03 \pm 0.02$$

[See Griffiths' phases... T. Vojta, PRL'03]

## > Computing the conductivity [⇒ Superfluid density]

$$\sigma_x(\omega) = \frac{\langle j_x(x, \omega) \rangle}{E_x(\omega)}$$



Study perturbations

$$\delta A_x = a_x(z, x) e^{-i\omega t} \sim j_x(x, \omega)$$

which couple to

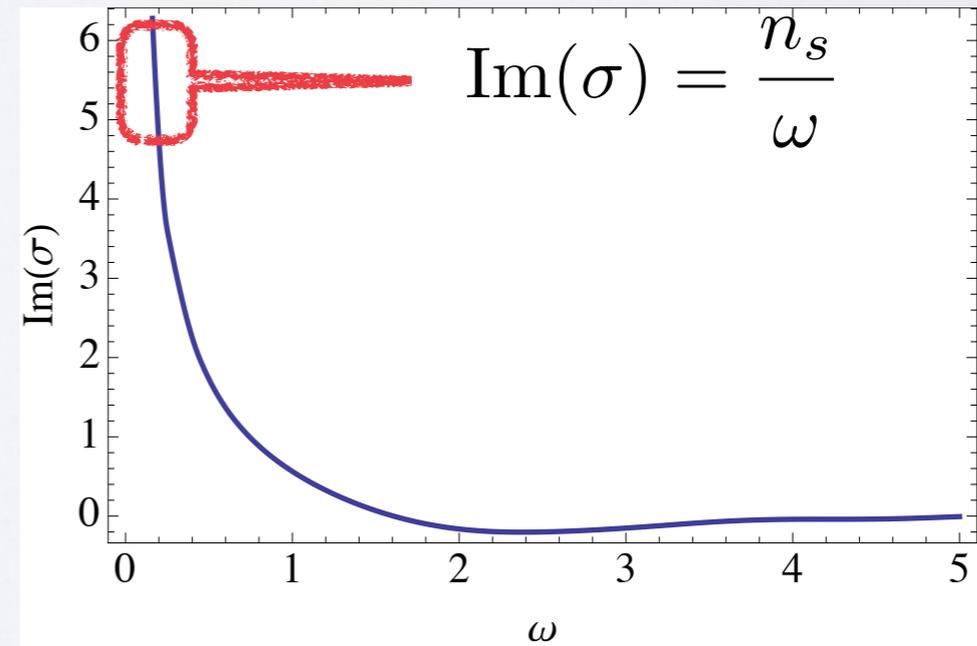
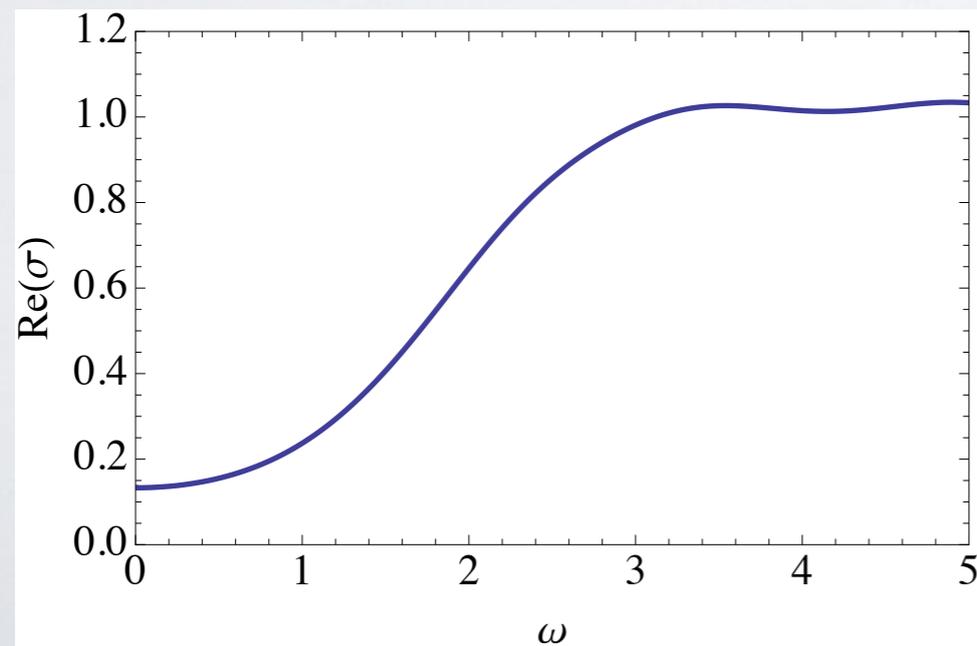
$$(\delta A_t, \delta \Psi) = (a_t(z, x), \psi_r(z, x), \psi_i(z, x)) e^{-i\omega t}$$



4 Coupled linear PDEs

## > Reminder: Homogeneous case

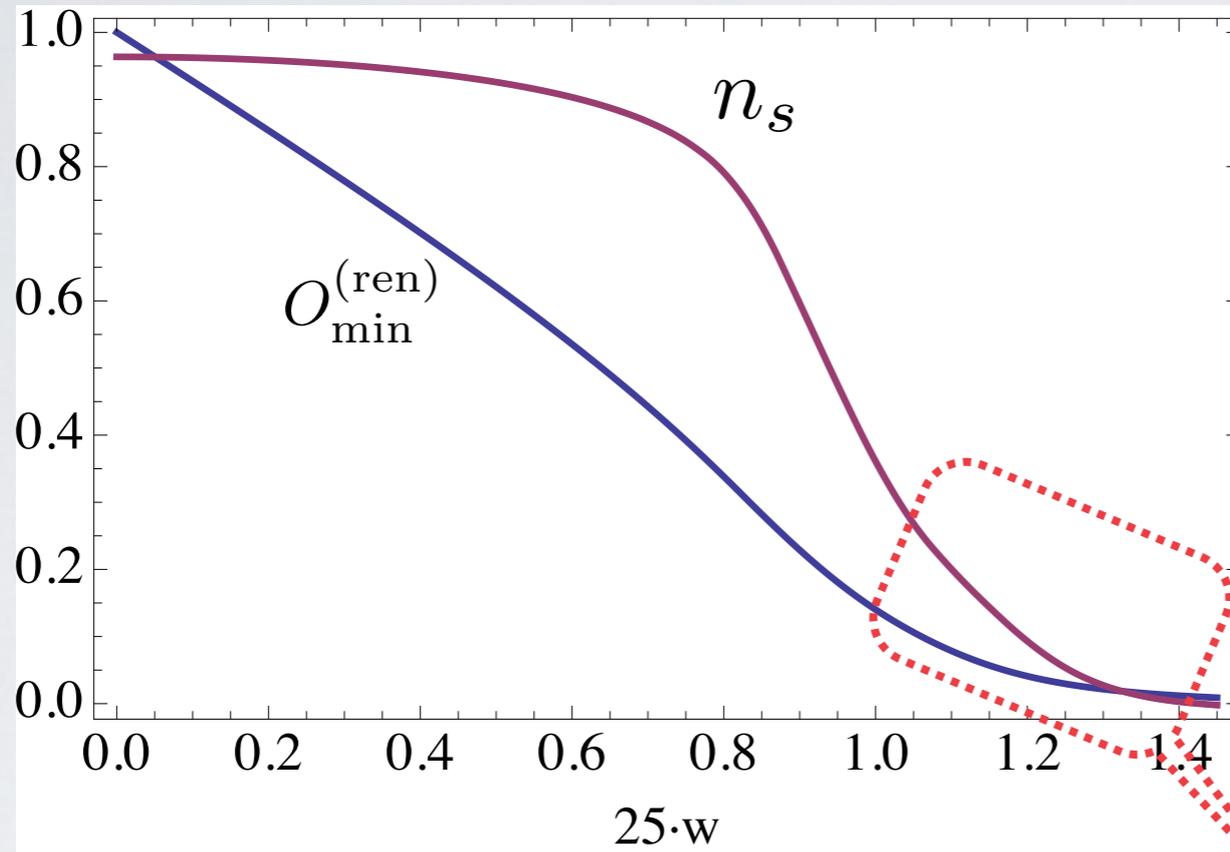
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# > Noisy conductivity

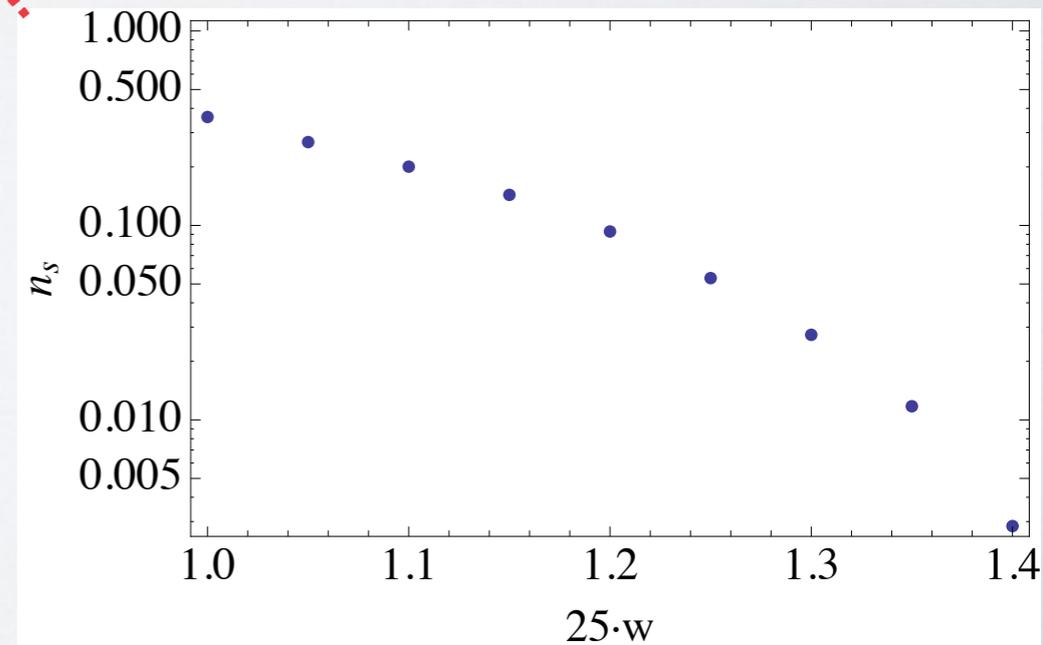
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## > The superfluid density



→ disorder

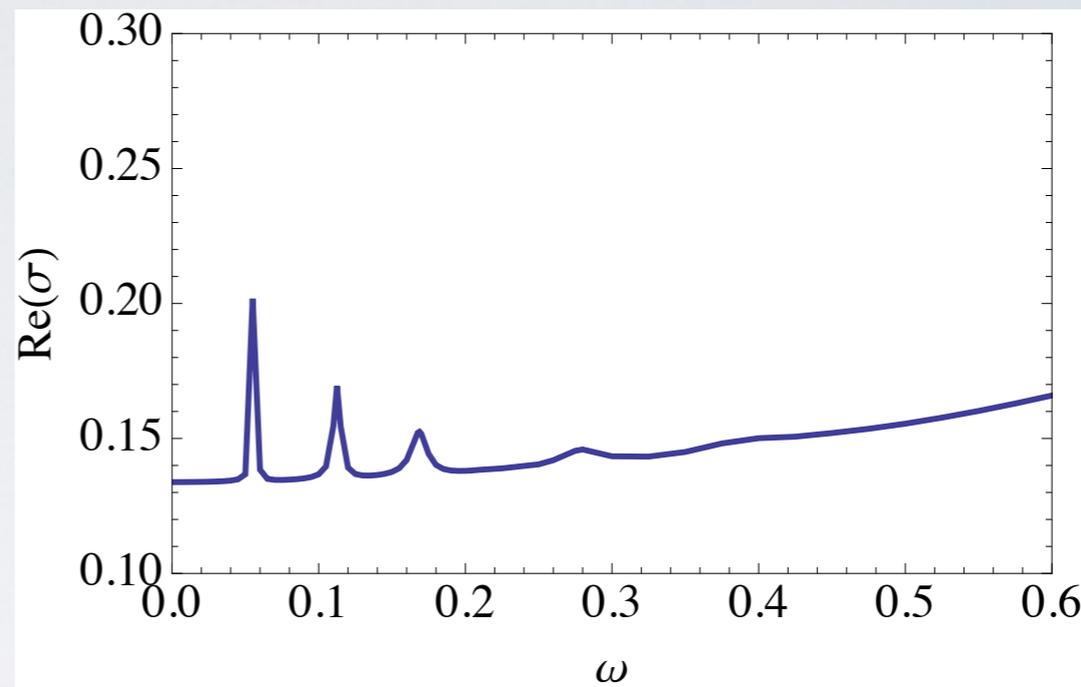
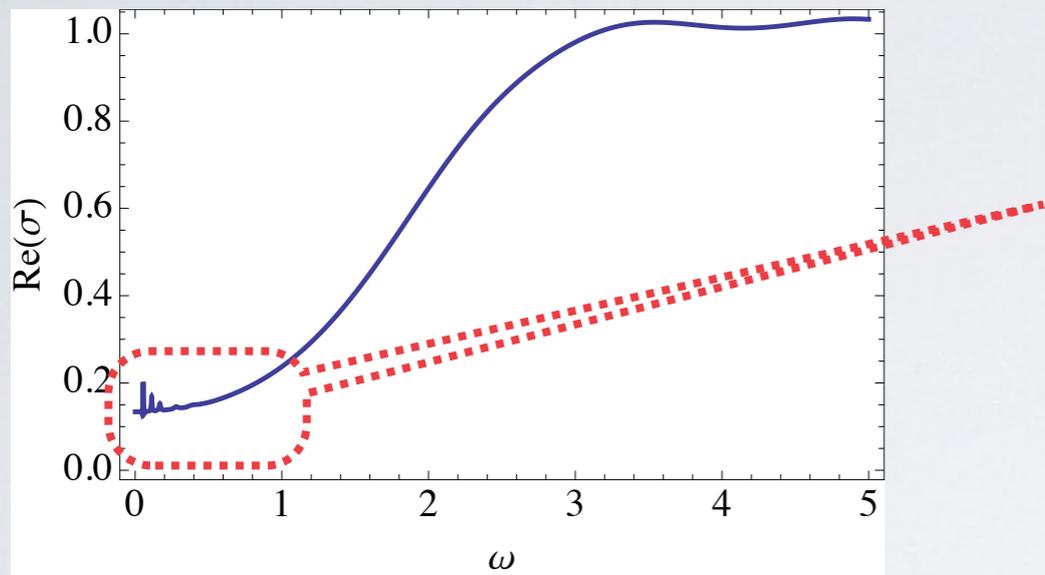
→ Superfluid density follows  $O_{\min}$  and dies away (exp-like)



# > Noisy conductivity

$$\mu = 5 \rightarrow T \sim 0.8 T_c$$
$$L_x = 20\pi, 9 \text{ modes}$$

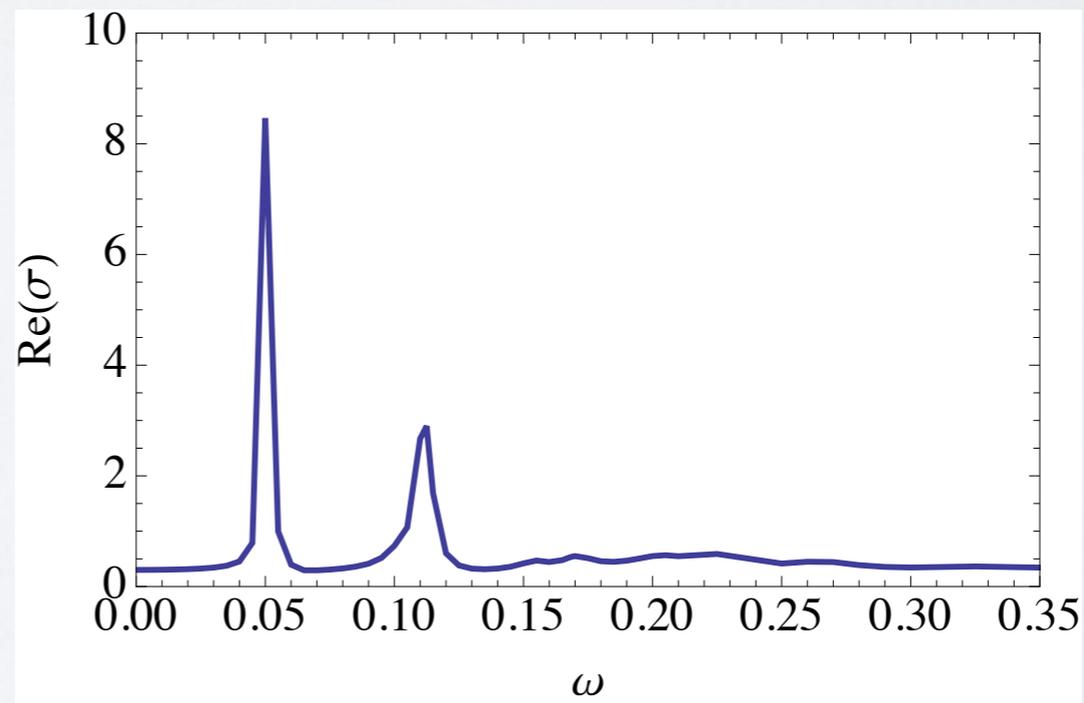
## > The AC Conductivity [averaged over $x$ ]



$w = 0.004$

**disorder**

$w = 0.04$



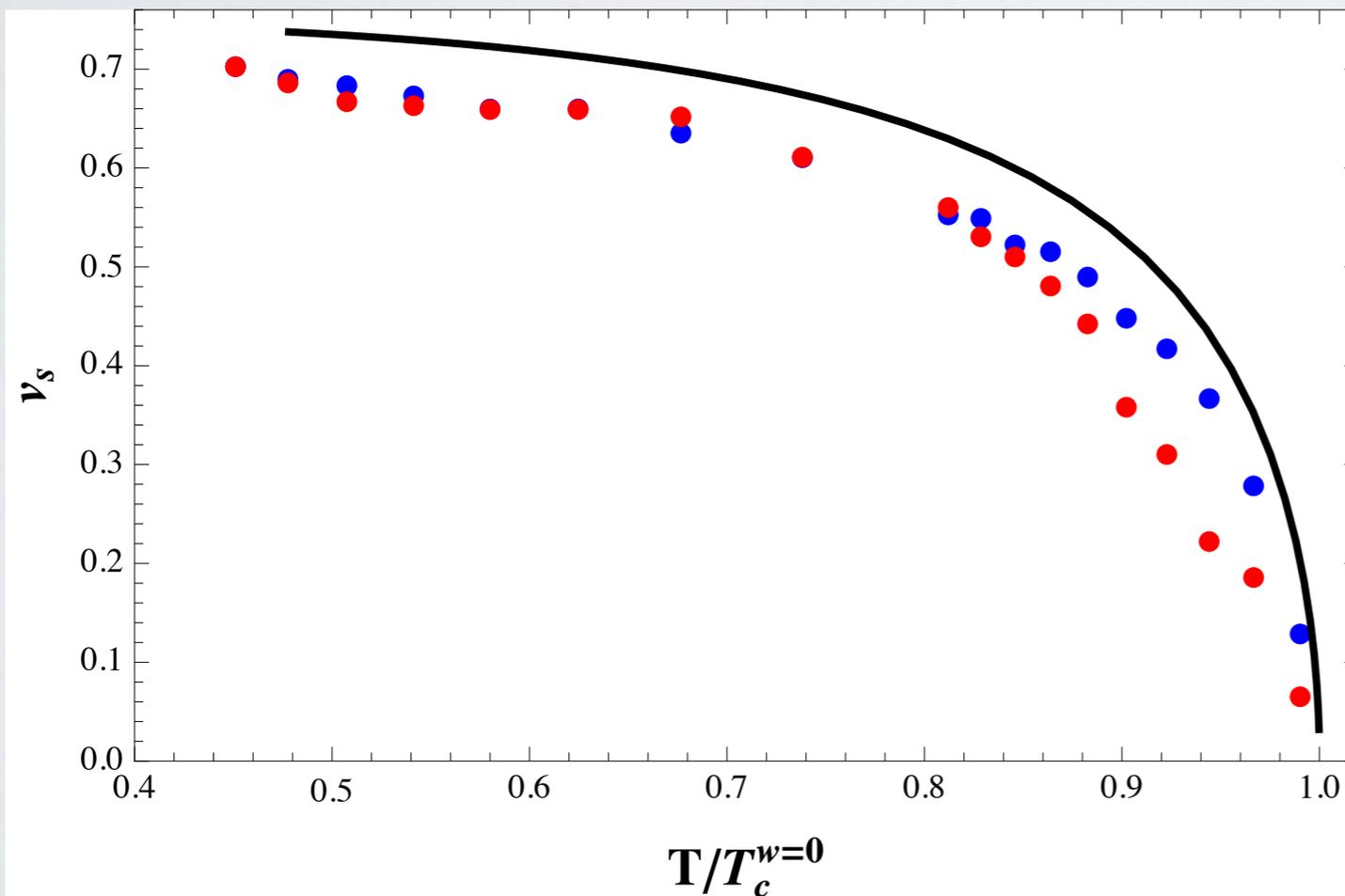
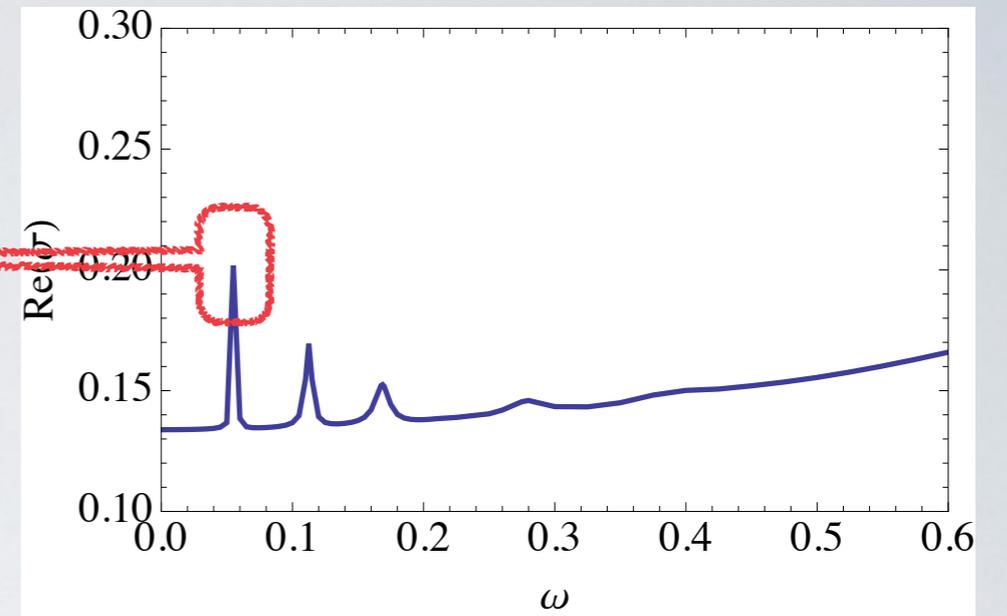
- ➔ Resonances appear
- ➔ 'Steal' spectral weight from the SC delta

[See also Donos&Gauntlett, 1409.6875]

# > Noisy AC conductivity

*Let's follow the peaks...*

&  $\omega = v_s(T, w) k_0$



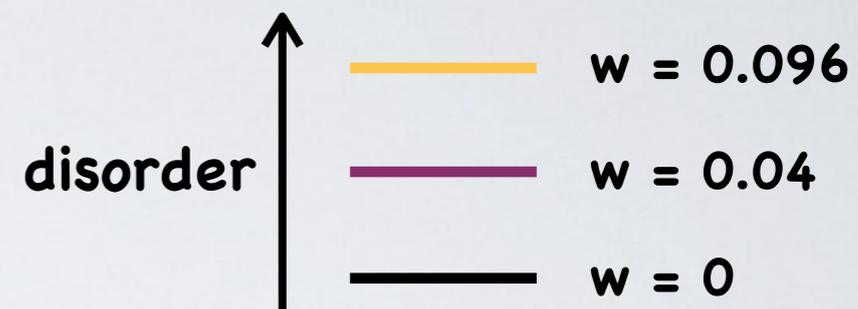
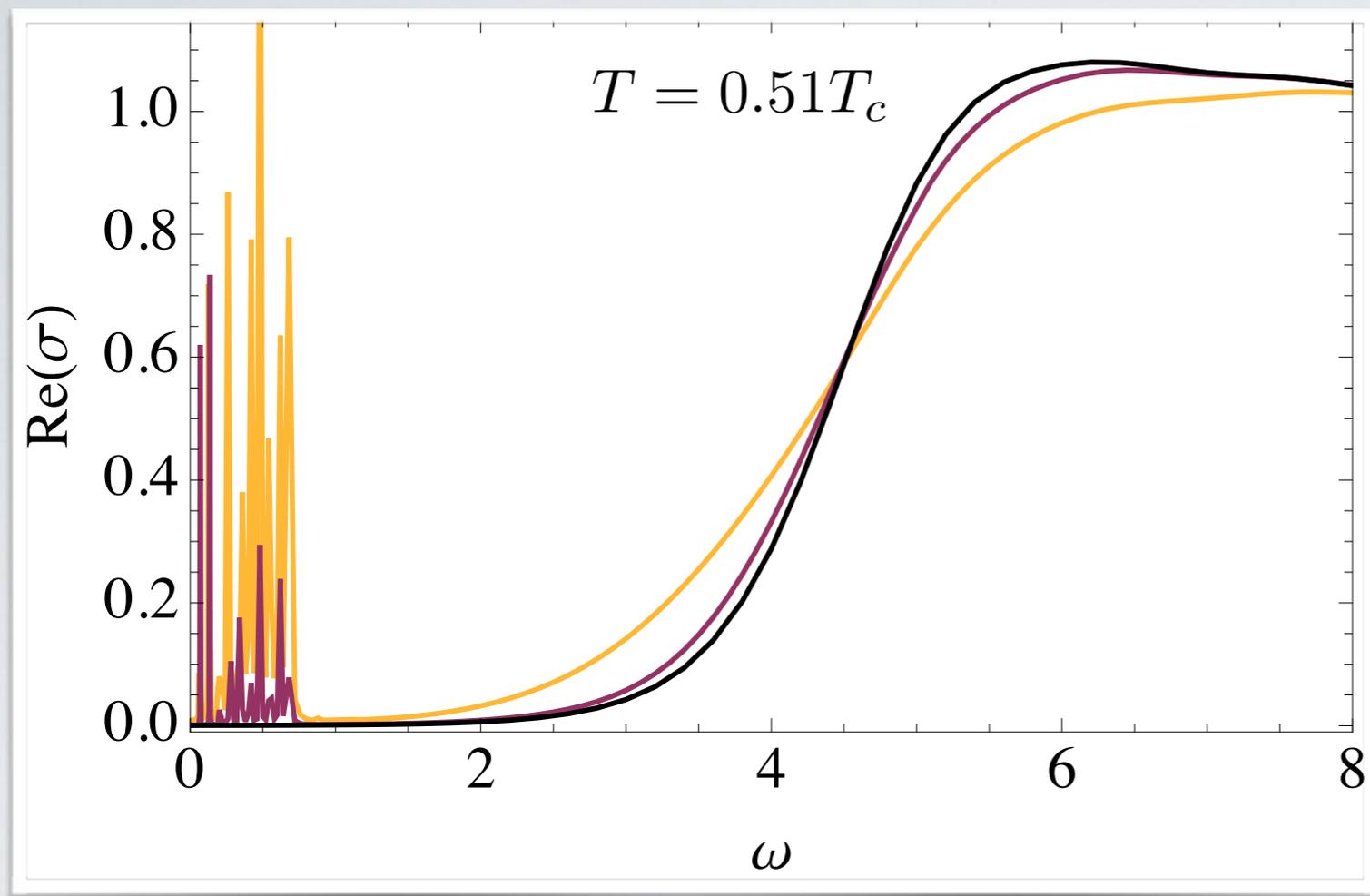
— Gapless QNM holo SCs  
[Amado et al'09 & '13]

●  $w = 0.004$

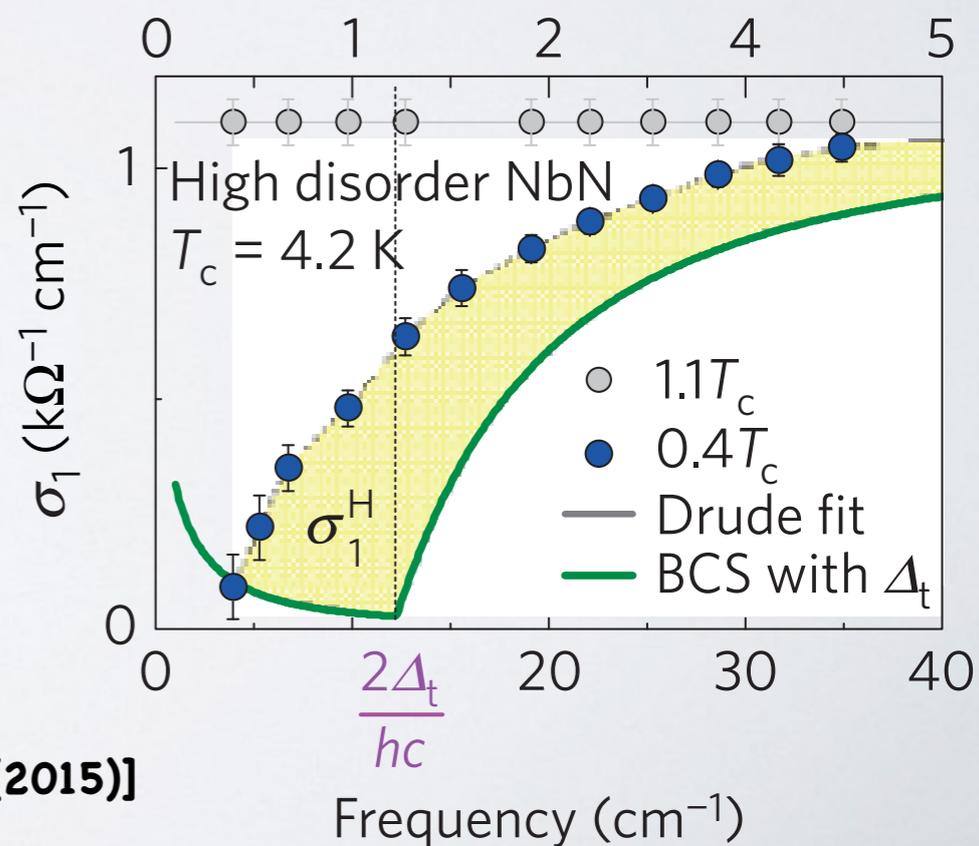
●  $w = 0.008$

➡ *disorder 'excites' the Goldstone*

# > The AC Conductivity. Large disorder [Higgs mode?]

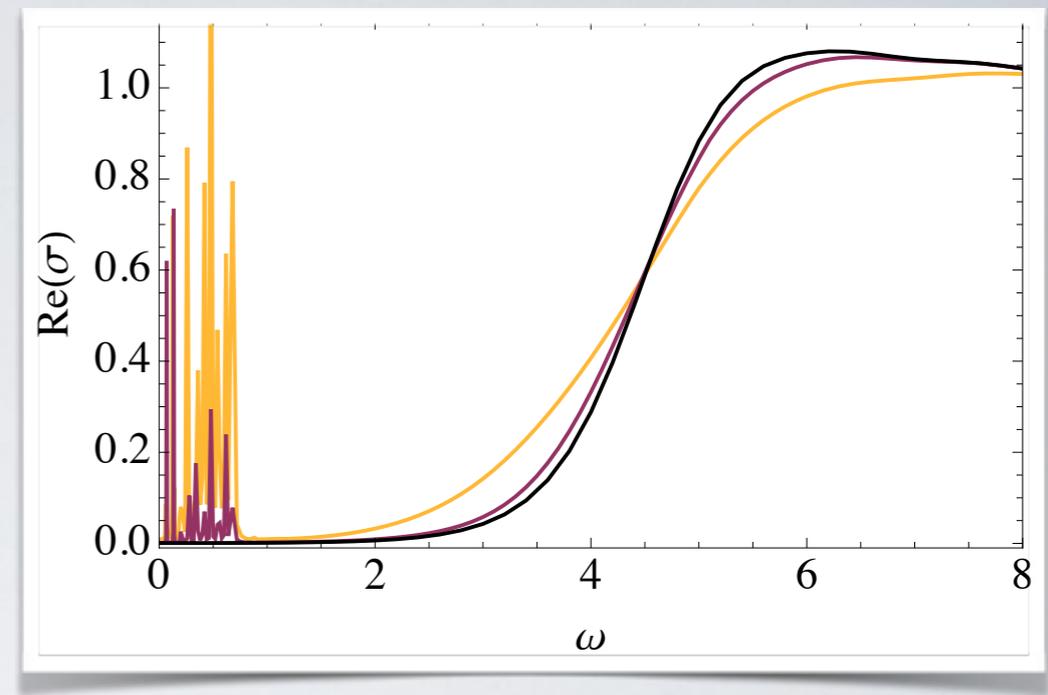


*Disorder suppresses the gap*

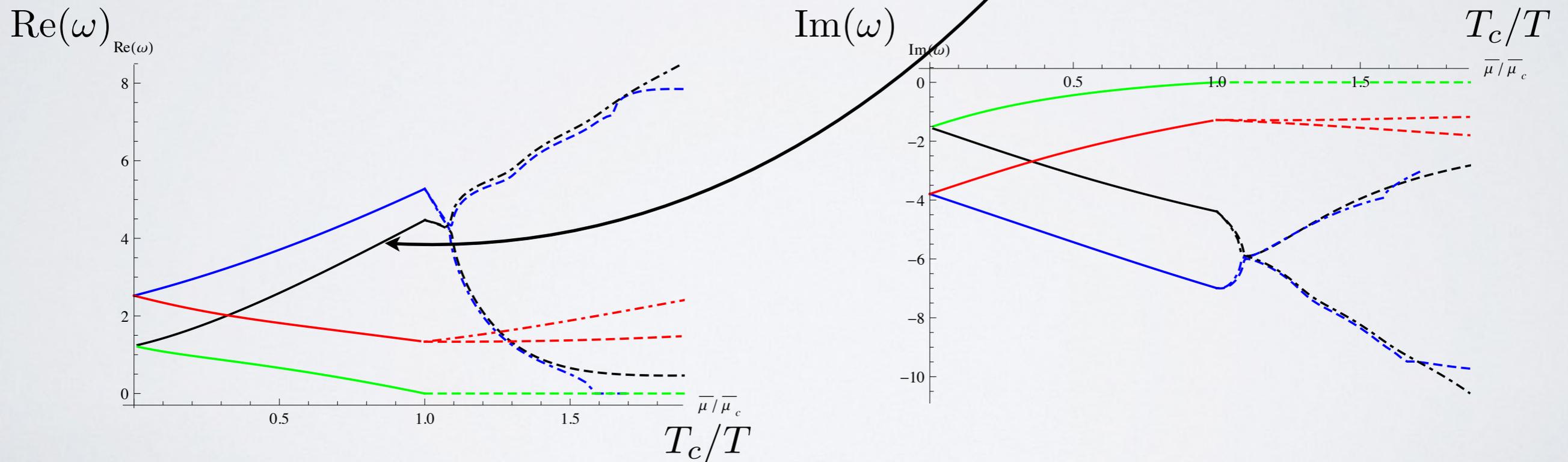


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# > The AC Conductivity. [Higgs mode...]



*The Goldstone QNM has a massive partner...*



## > OUTLOOK & To Do

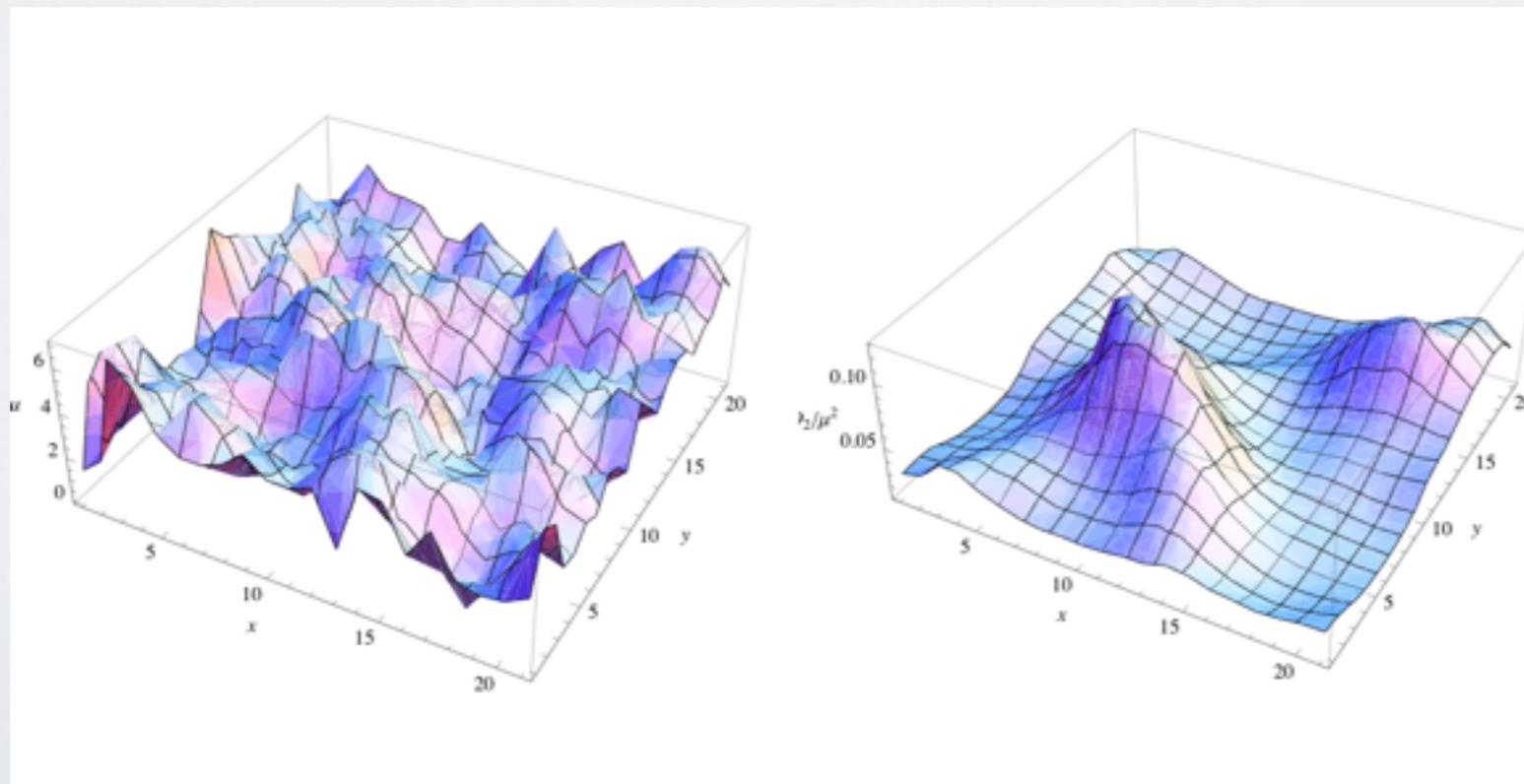
> Disordered holo SCs: both s- and p-wave [1308.1920, 1407.7526]

> 1D Islands of Superfluidity

> 'Disordered' phase transition (non mean field)

> Conductivity: superfluid density  $\Rightarrow$  phase diagram,  $\sim$  Higgs mode

> Future Thin Films, backreaction (insulator?), . . .

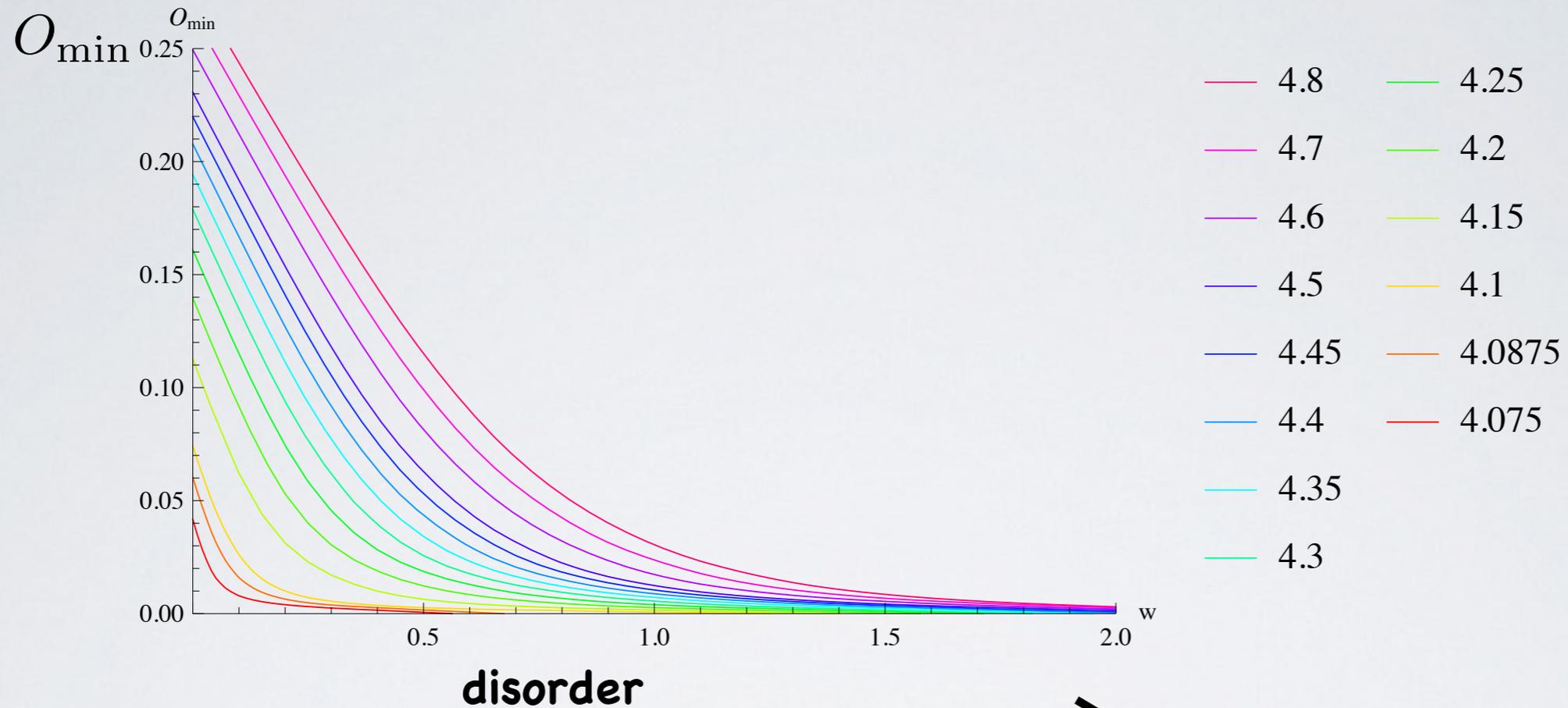




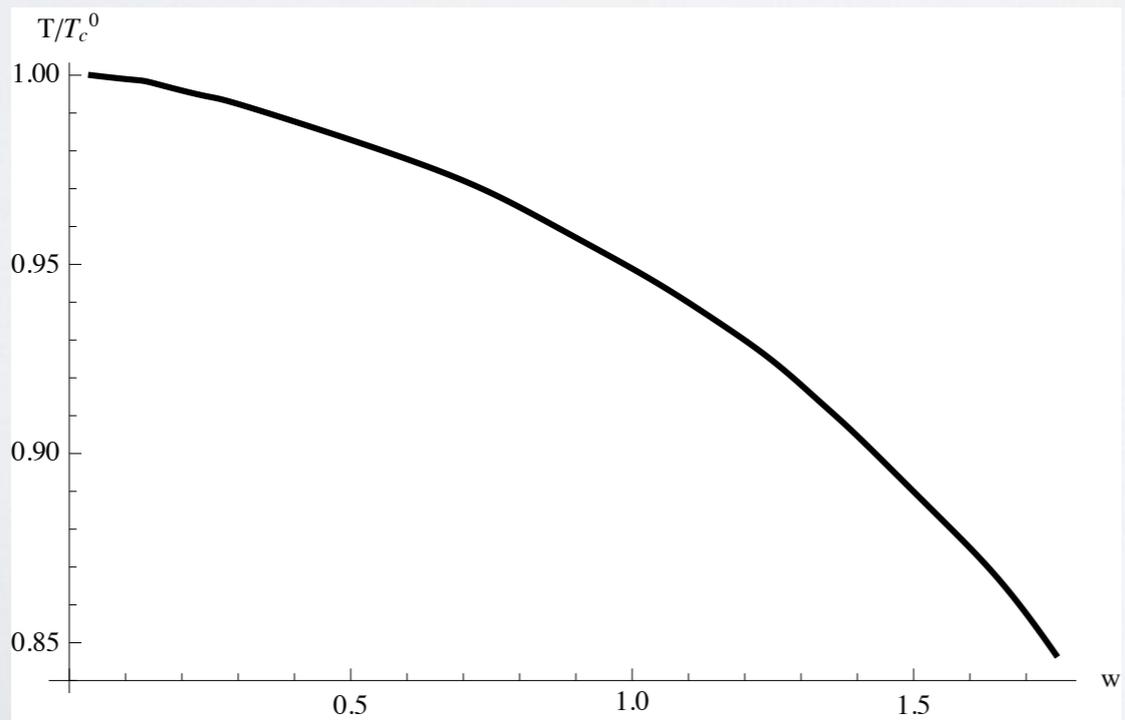
> **AND NOW, SOME ADDITIONAL SLIDES...**

# > Results: TENTATIVE PHASE DIAGRAM

Plotting the minimum vs noise for several values of  $\mu$

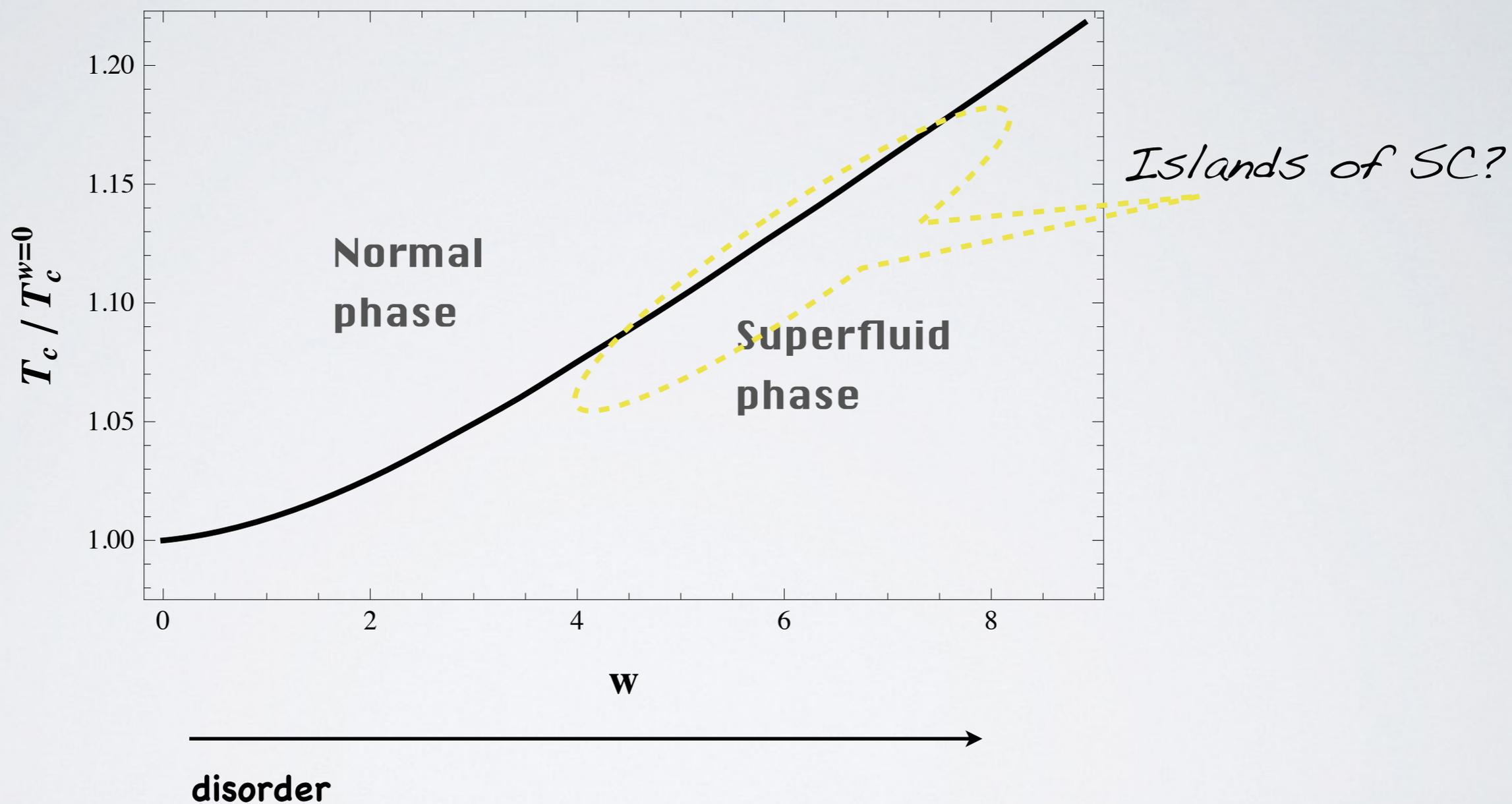


$$\frac{T_c}{T_c^{w=0}}$$



# ★ Enhancement and the island menace

## Phase Diagram



*Seen before in CM (hard-core bosons)*

● 'Disorder-induced superfluidity', Dang et al, Phys. Rev. B 79, 214529

# ★ Spectrum 'renormalization'

>>> Noisy chemical potential

$$\mu(x) = \mu_0 + \epsilon \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_*} \sqrt{S_k} \cos(kx + \delta_k) = \mu_0 + \epsilon \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_*} \frac{1}{k^\alpha} \cos(kx + \delta_k)$$

Power spectrum
Random phases
Strength of noise

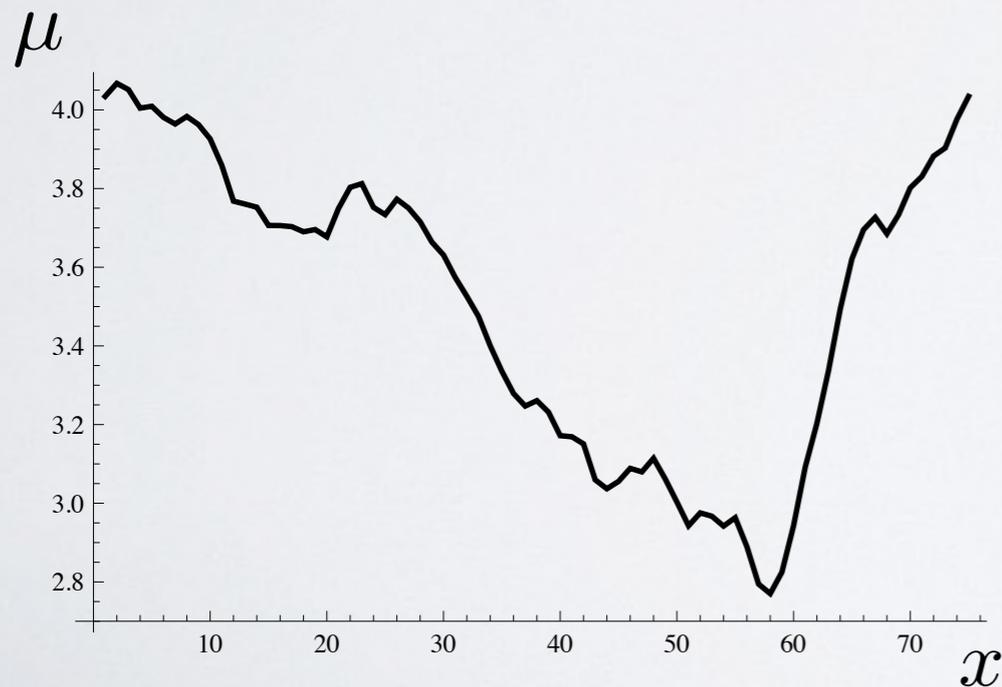
>input spectrum

$$S_k = \frac{1}{k^{2\alpha}}$$

>output spectra

*Condensate*  
*Charge density*

$$S_k = \frac{1}{k^\Gamma} \quad ?$$



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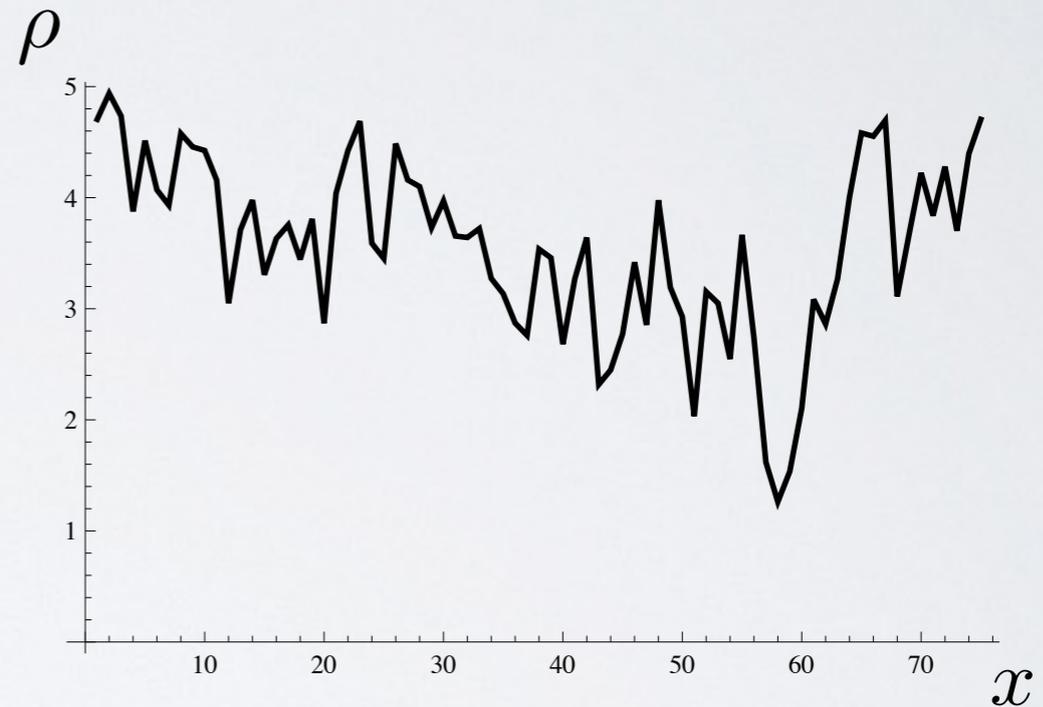
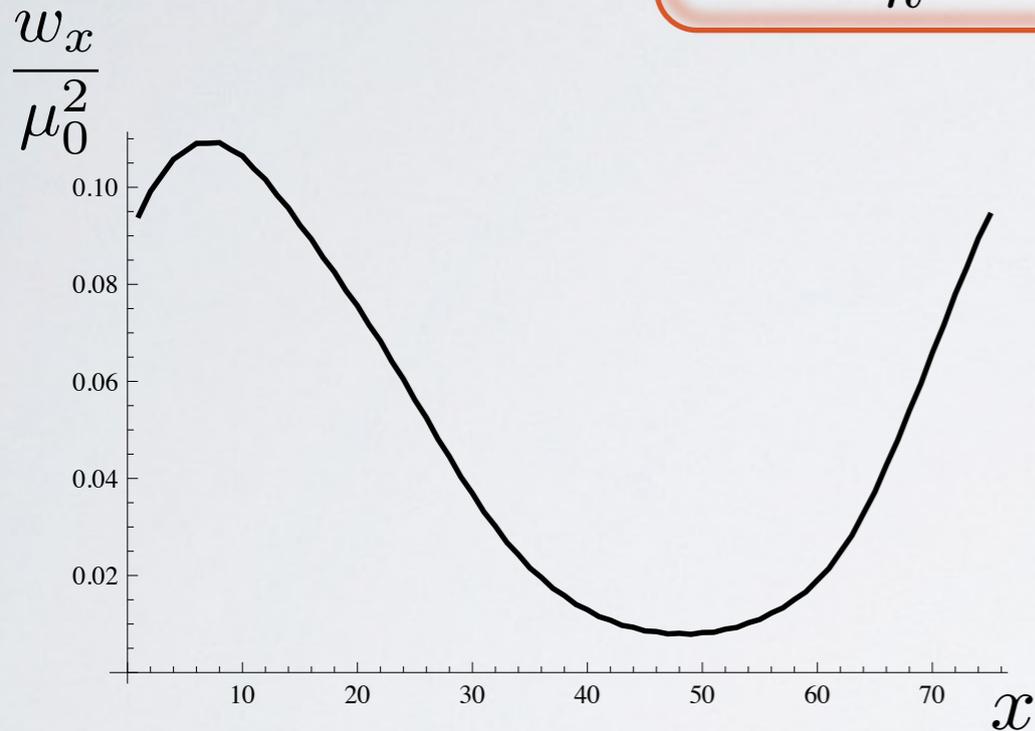
> OUTPUT

*Condensate*

$$S_k = \frac{1}{k^{2\alpha+4}}$$

*Charge density*

$$S_k = \frac{1}{k^{2\alpha-2}}$$

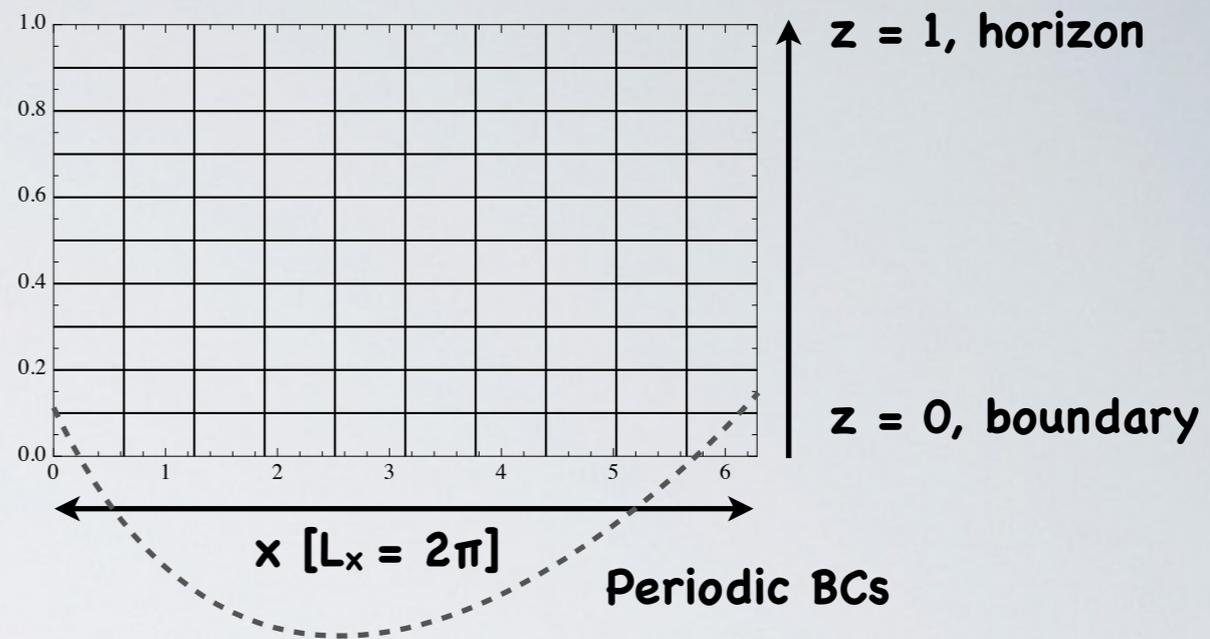


*Hints of universality*

- S-wave [1308.1920]
- [Hartnoll&Santos 1402.0872]
- Fundamental matter (D3-D5) [w/ M. Araújo, J. Lizana, I.S. Landea]
- FT: noisy U(1) @ finite T [D. Musso, I.S. Landea]

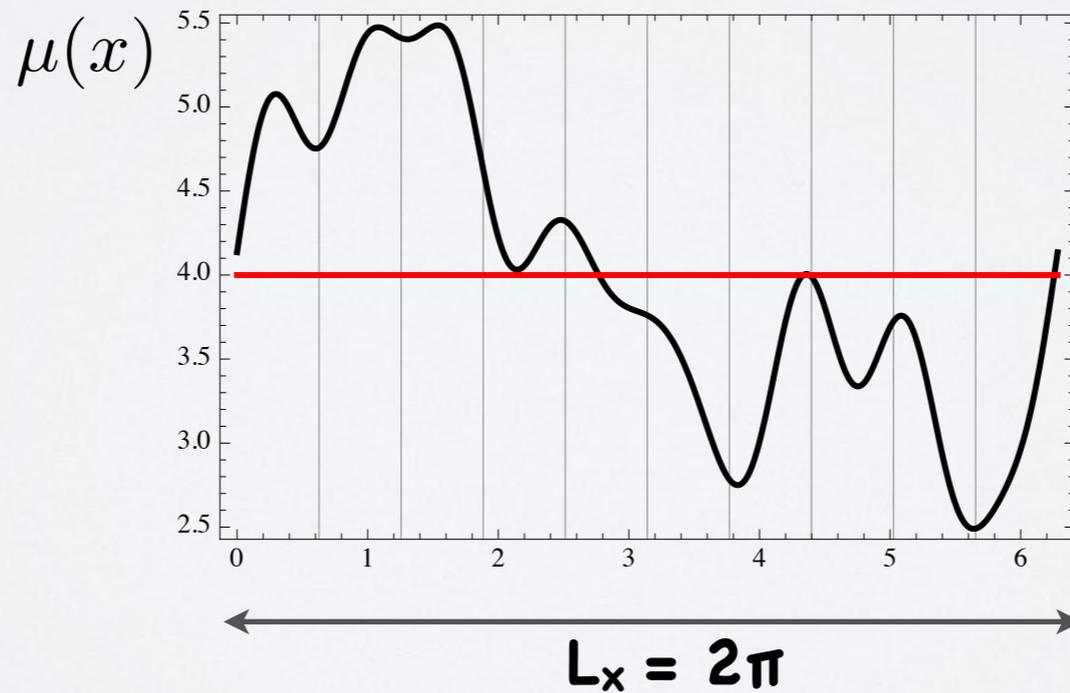
# > Noisy chemical potential

● GRID



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## > Thermodynamic limit

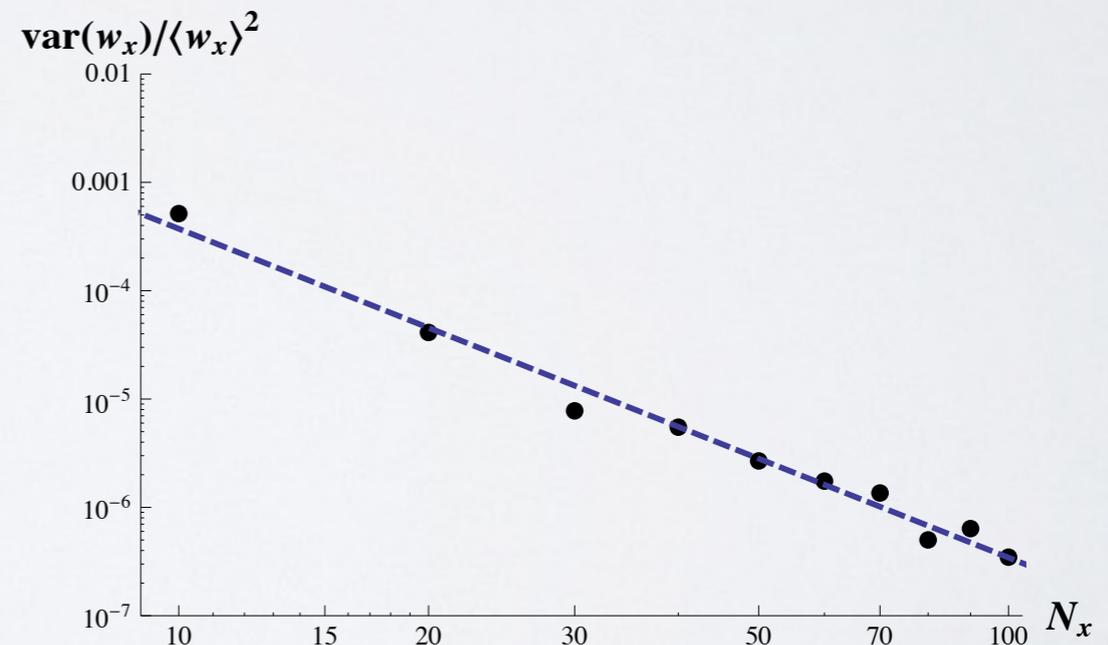
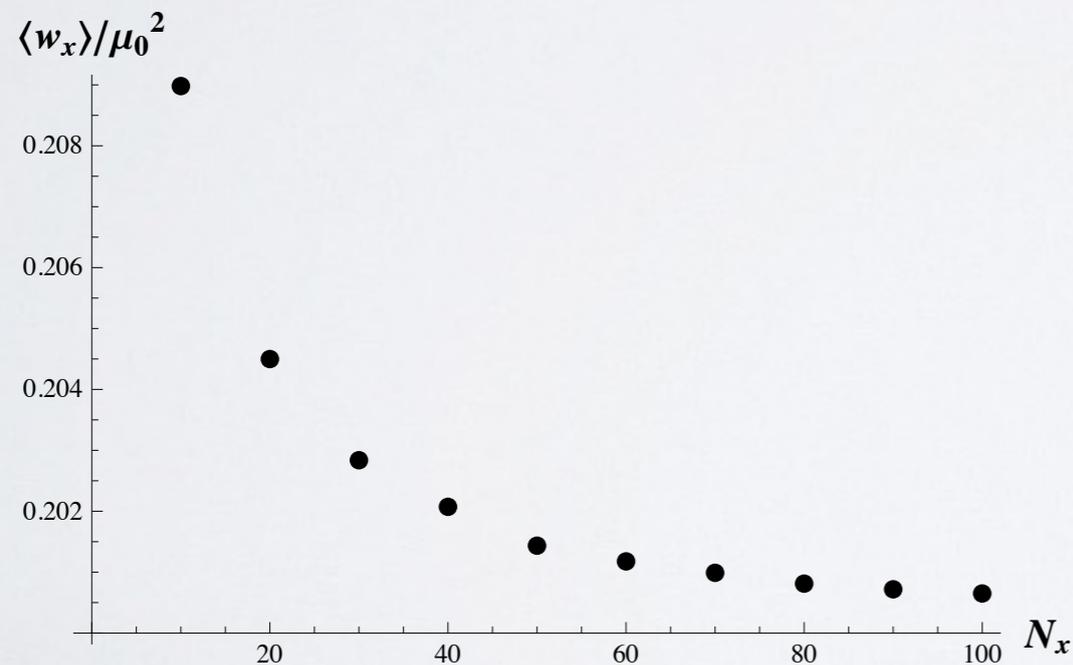
- Thermo limit: Noise correlation length  $\ll$  System length

> Flat spectrum noise: correlation length  $\propto 1 / (\text{grid size})$

- Condensate and Charge density are self-averaging in the thermo limit:

>  $X_n$  is self-averaging when 
$$\frac{\langle X_n^2 \rangle - \langle X_n \rangle^2}{\langle X_n \rangle^2} \rightarrow 0$$

*Condensate*



$$\log(\text{var}(w_x) / \langle w_x \rangle^2) = -0.90 - 3.03 \log(N_x)$$

## > Thermodynamic limit

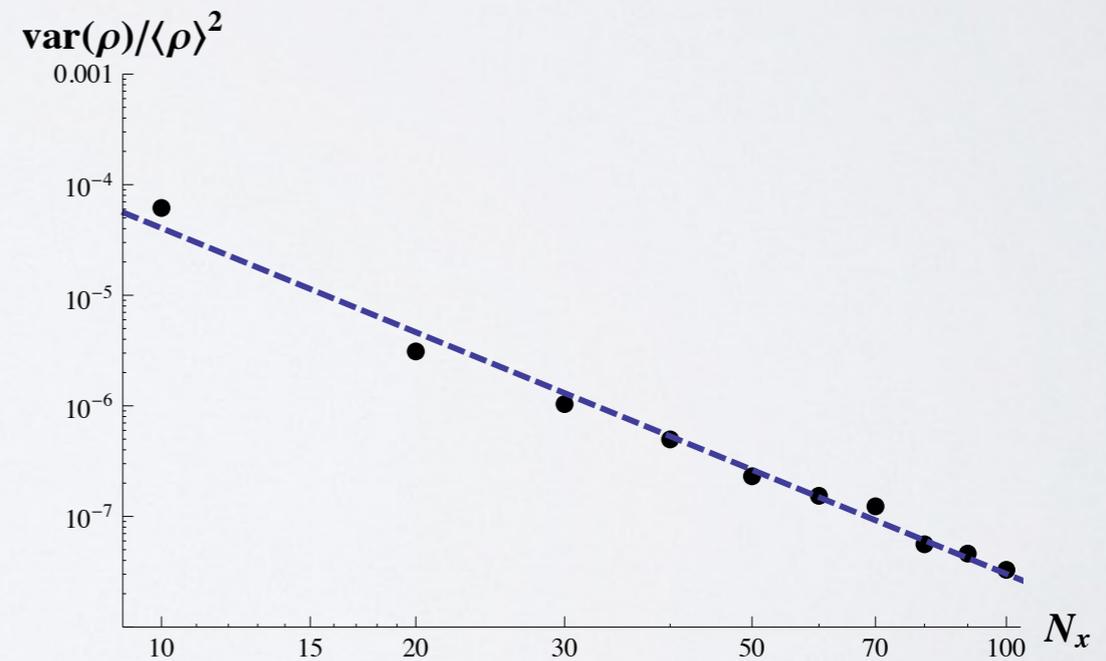
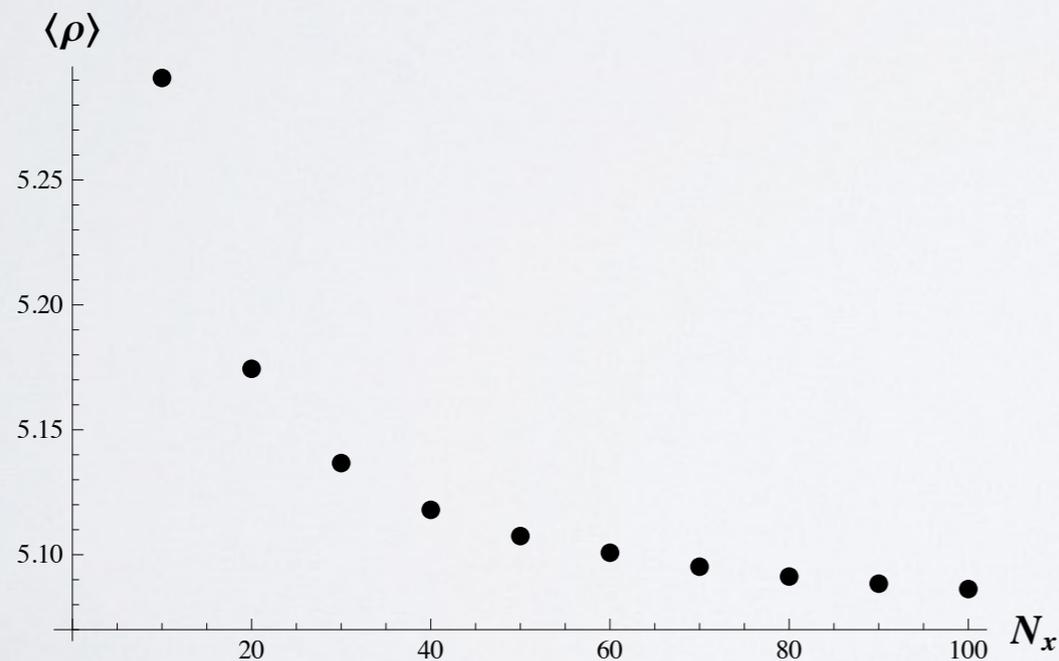
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*Charge density*



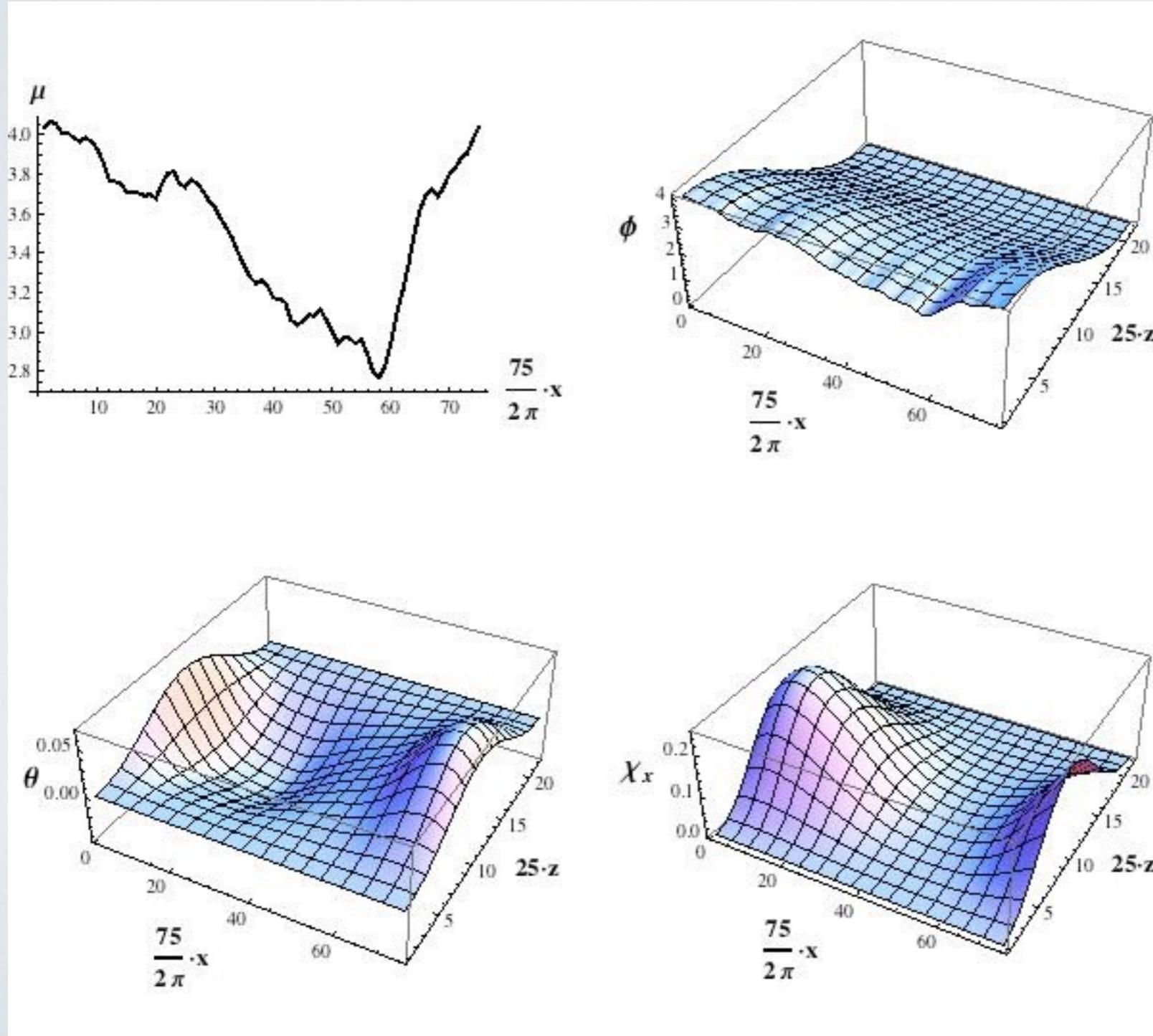
$$\log(\text{var}(\rho)/\langle \rho \rangle^2) = -2.92 - 3.13 \log(N_x)$$

## > Simulation #1

$$\mu(x) = \mu_0 + \epsilon \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_*} \sqrt{S_k} \cos(kx + \delta_k) = \mu_0 + \epsilon \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_*} \frac{1}{k^\alpha} \cos(kx + \delta_k)$$

$$w = 25\epsilon/\mu_0$$

- $\mu_0 = 3.50$ ,  $\alpha = 1.50$ ,  $w = 3.50$  [ $\mu_0 < \mu_c = 3.66$ ]



$$L_x = 2\pi \rightarrow K_0 = 1$$

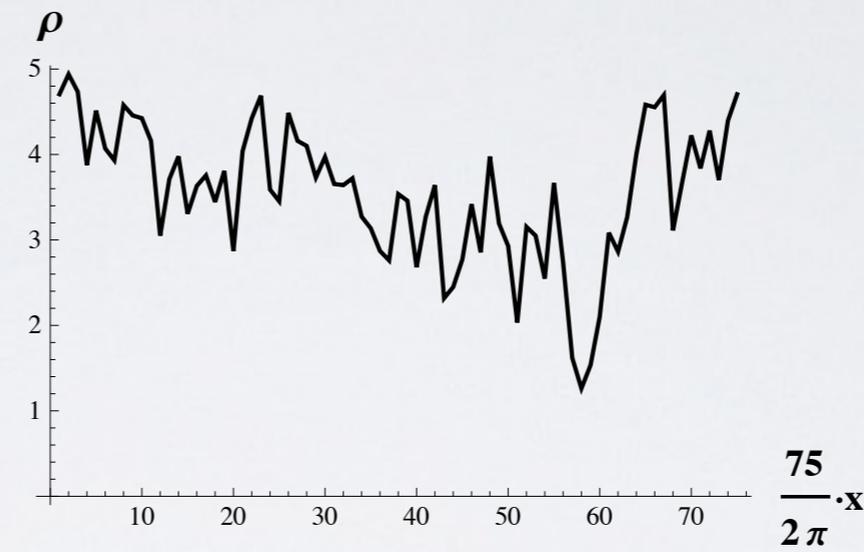
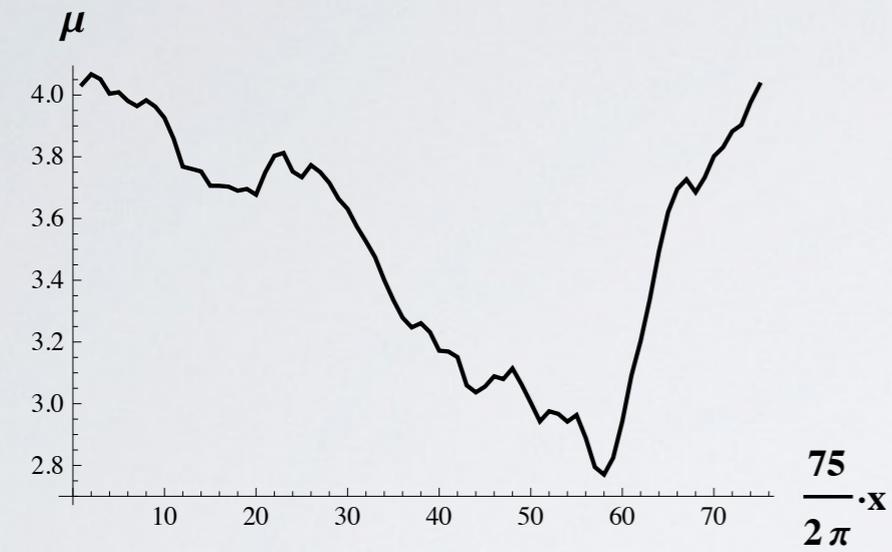
$$N_z \times N_x = 25 \times 75$$

# > Simulation #1

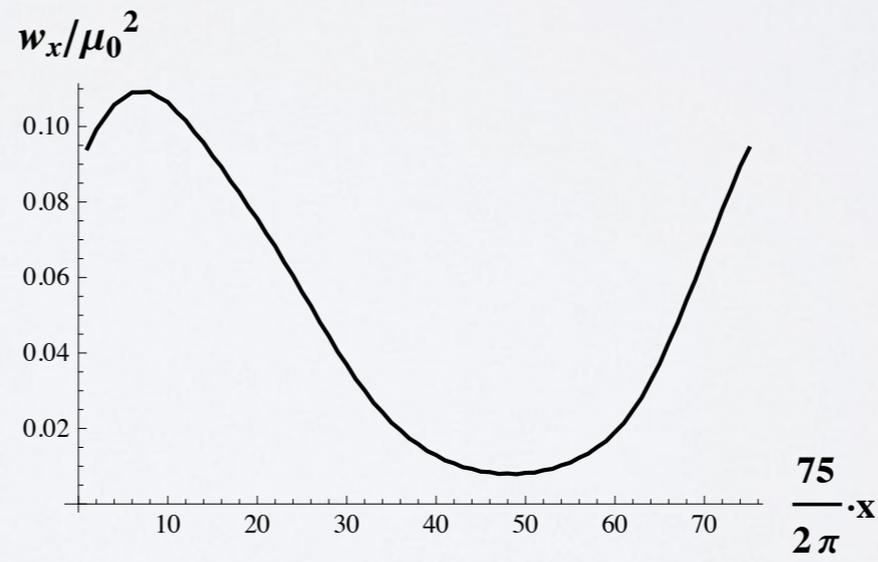
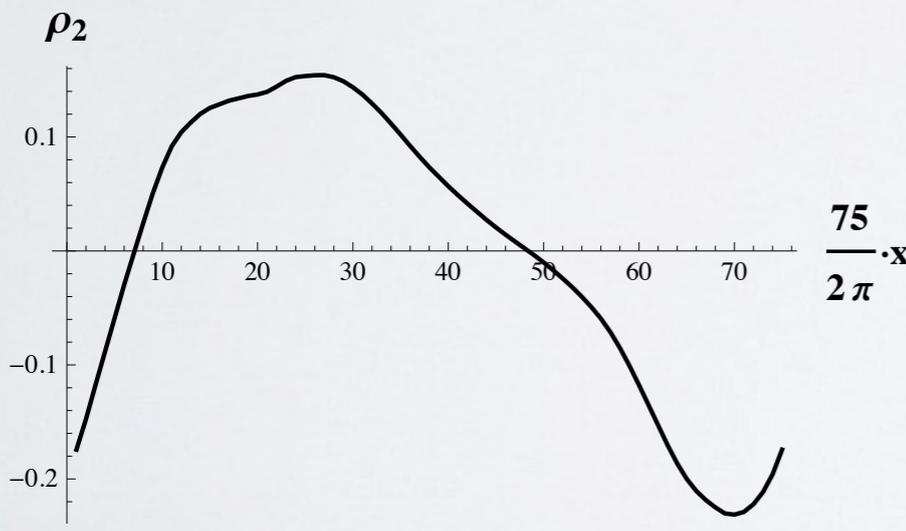
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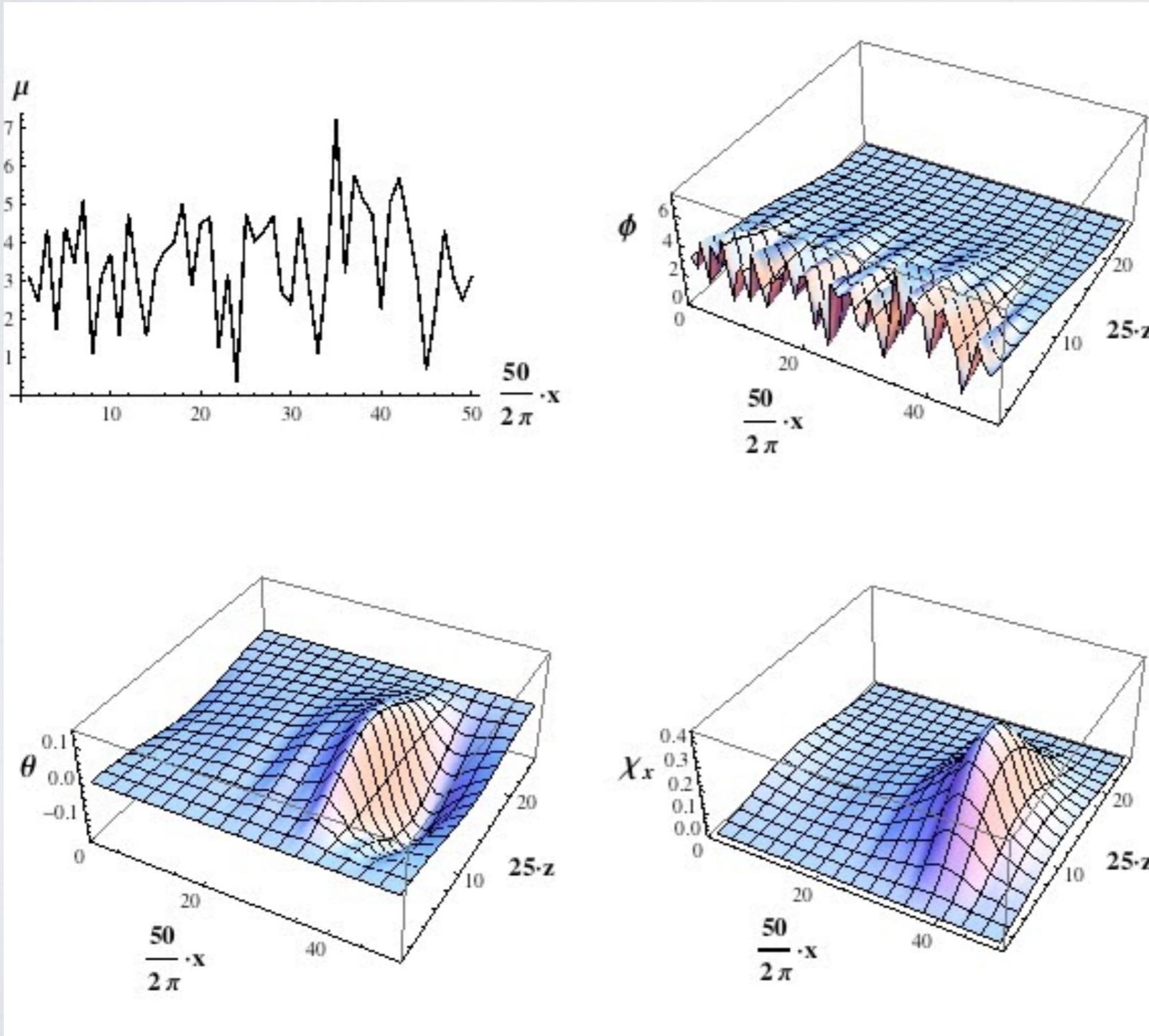
## > Simulation #2

*Flat Noise*

$$\mu(x) = \mu_0 + \epsilon \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_*} \sqrt{S_k} \cos(kx + \delta_k) = \mu_0 + \epsilon \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_*} \frac{1}{k^\alpha} \cos(kx + \delta_k)$$

$$w = 25\epsilon/\mu_0$$

- $\mu_0 = 3.50$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $w = 3.50$  [ $\mu_0 < \mu_c = 3.66$ ]



$$L_x = 2\pi \rightarrow K_0 = 1$$

$$N_z \times N_x = 25 \times 75$$

## > Simulation #2

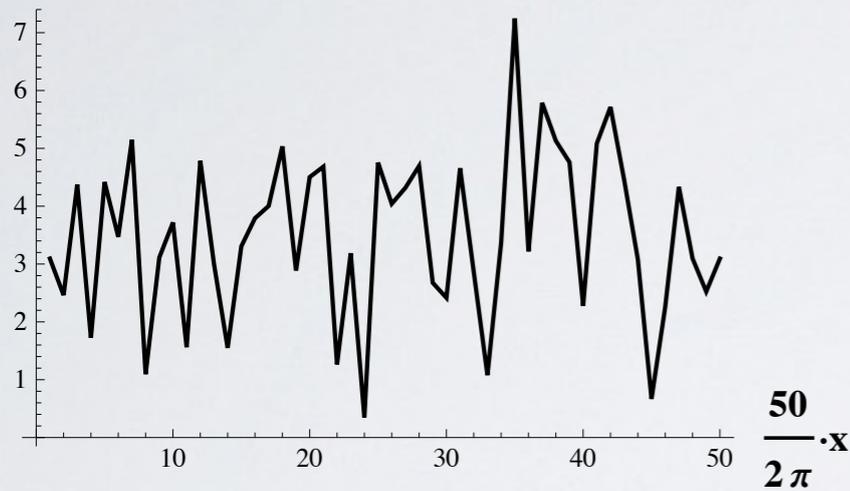
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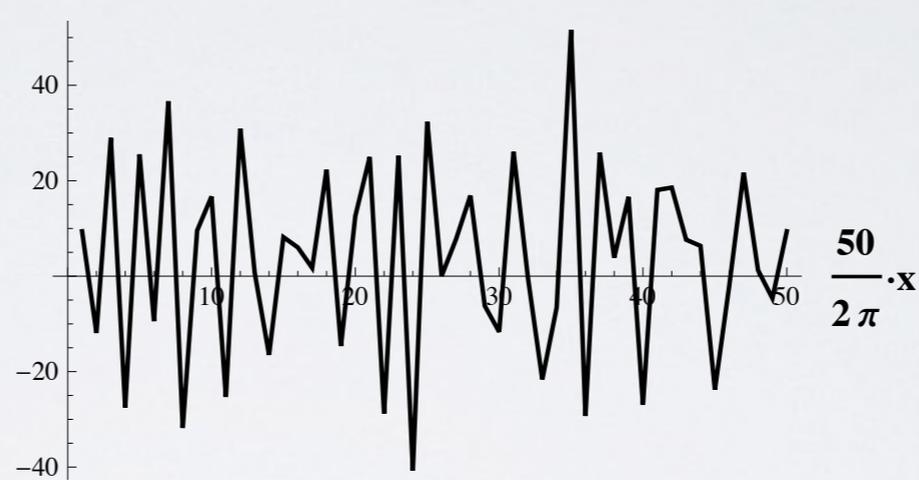
$$w = 25\epsilon/\mu_0$$

- $\mu_0 = 3.50$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $w = 3.50$  [ $\mu_0 < \mu_c = 3.66$ ]

$\mu$



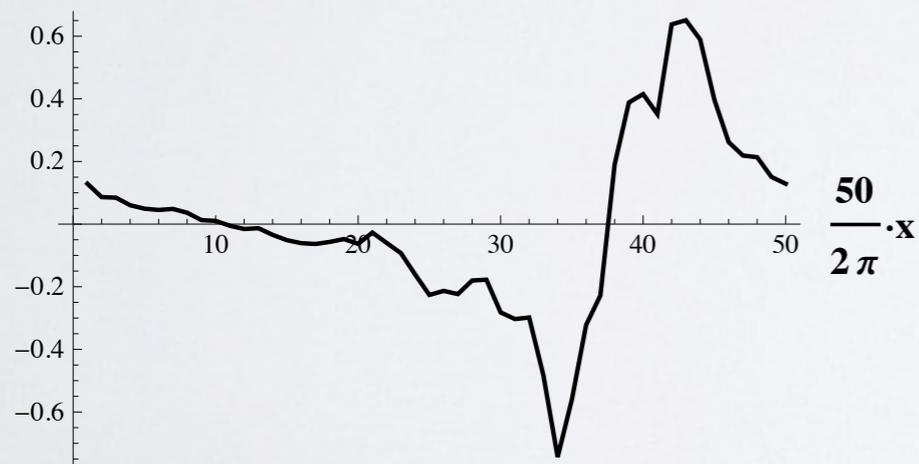
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$$L_x = 2\pi \rightarrow K_0 = 1$$

$$N_z \times N_x = 25 \times 75$$

$\rho_2$



$w_x/\mu_0^2$

