

Anomalous energy transport in FPU- β chain

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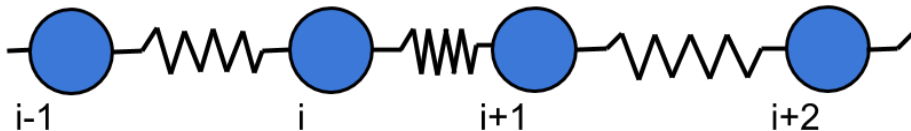
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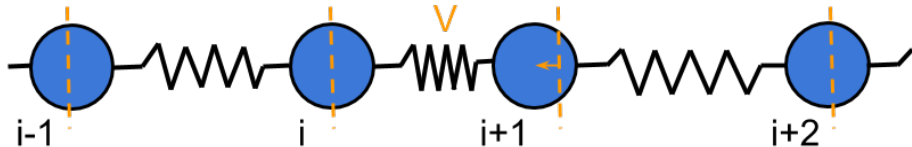
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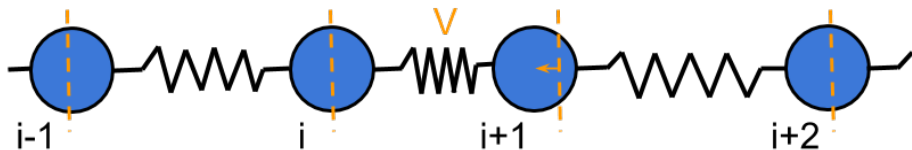
Anomalous energy transport in a solid (1D-2D)



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$$(-\Delta_x)^{\gamma/2} \rho = \mathcal{F}^{-1} (|k|^\gamma \mathcal{F}(\rho)(k))$$

Previous results

MICRO

FPU chain/lattice

$$H(q, p) = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + V(q)$$

Harmonic potential

No relaxation to eq.

Cubic potential

(FPU-alpha chain)

Quartic potential

(FPU-beta chain)

**Harmonic potential +
noise conserving
momentum and energy**

(Olla, Basile,
et.al)

On site potential:
- classic diffusion
(Aoki, Lukkarinen,
Spohn)

Next neighbour pot.:
- 1d, 2d anomalous dif.
- 3d or higher, classic dif.
(Lepri, Livi, Politi)

MACRO

(Anomalous)
diffusion

**Nonlinear heat
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$$\partial_t T = \nabla_x \cdot (\kappa(T) \nabla_x T)$$

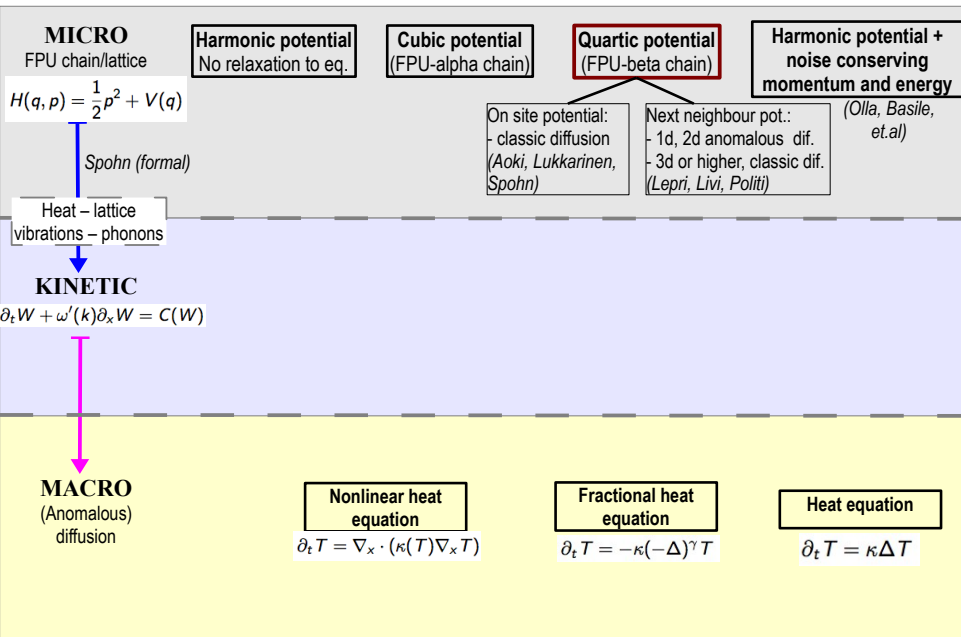
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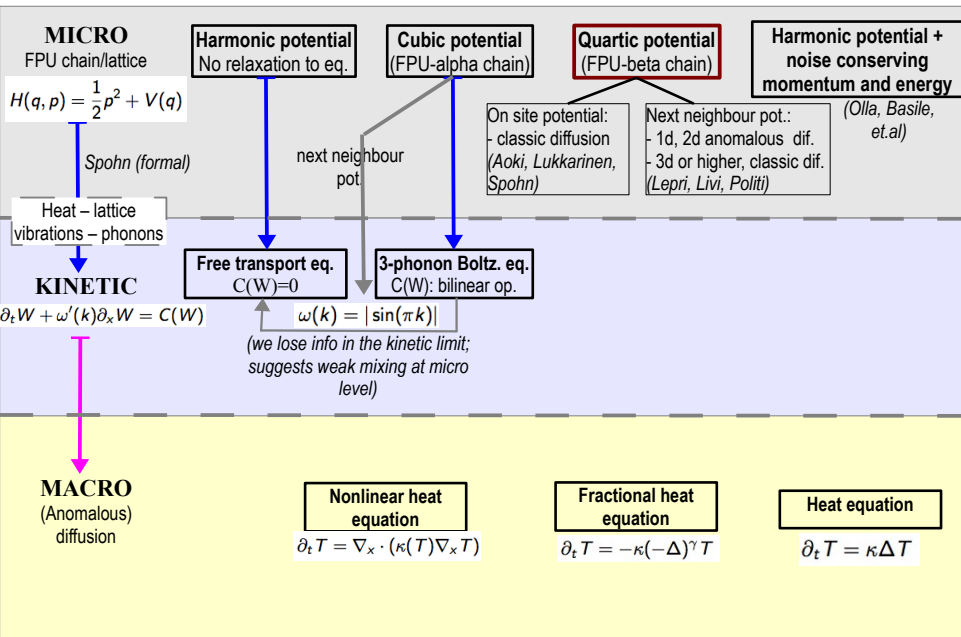
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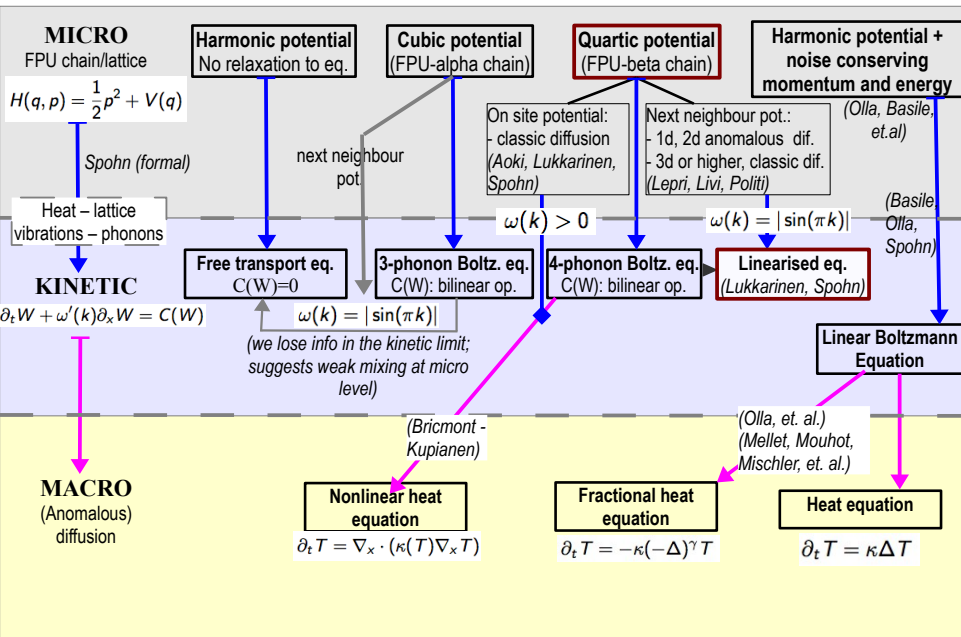
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Proceeding as before

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$$\varepsilon^{-1} \int \omega' f^\varepsilon dk = \int L^{-1}(\omega') \omega' \partial_x f^\varepsilon dk - \int L^{-1}(\omega') Q(f^\varepsilon, f^\varepsilon) dk + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon).$$

But $Q(T, T) = 0$.

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and solves the fractional diffusion equation

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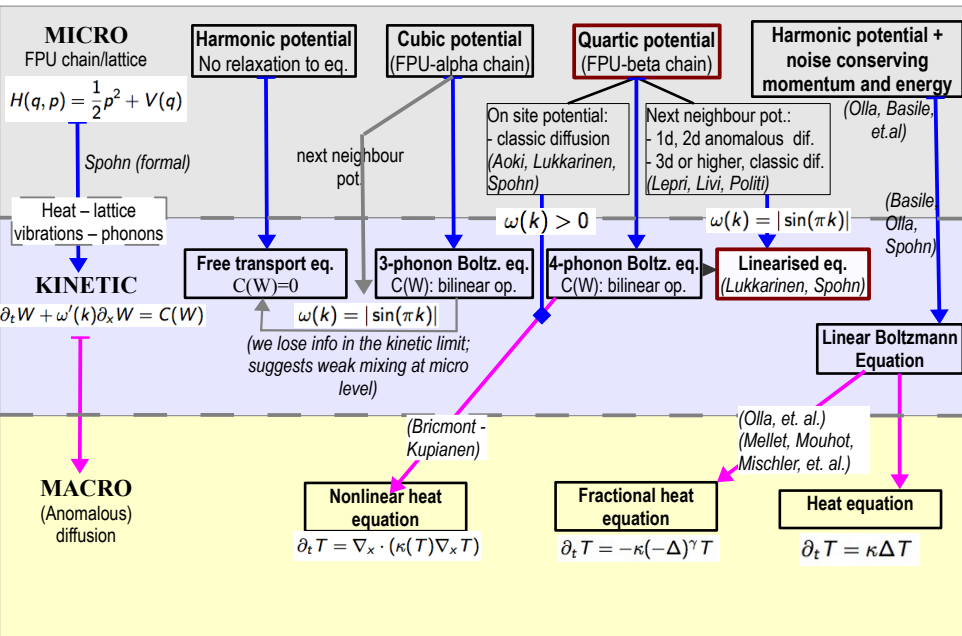
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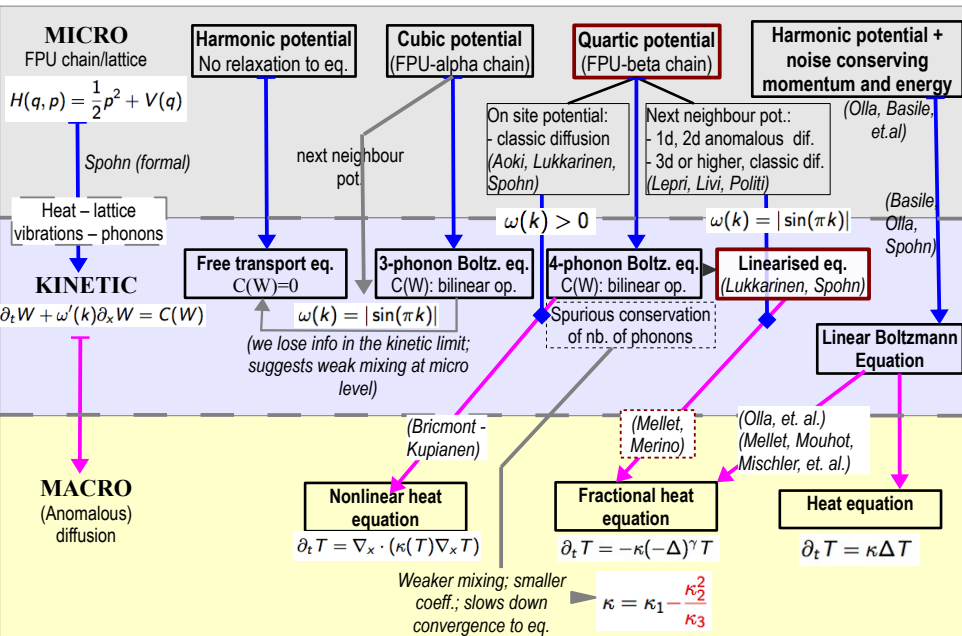
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