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We consider the one-dimensional ergodic operator family

$$(H_{\alpha,\lambda}(x)\Psi)_m = \Psi_{m+1} + \Psi_{m-1} + \lambda v(x + \alpha m)\Psi_m, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (1)$$

in $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$. Such operators are well studied for analytic v where a metal-insulator transition (from absolutely continuous to pure point spectra) occurs for almost every alpha.

We are mainly interested in the case $v(x) = \{x\}$ but the results remain true under a general bi-Lipshitz condition on v . For every λ , for almost every α and almost every x , we show that the spectrum of $H_{\alpha,\lambda}(x)$ is pure point. This model is the first example of pure point spectrum at small coupling for bounded quasiperiodic-type operators, or more generally for ergodic operators with underlying systems of low disorder.

We also show continuity of the Lyapunov exponent in energy for all λ , and uniform positivity for (nonperturbatively) large λ . Finally, in the regime of uniformly positive Lyapunov exponent we establish uniform Anderson localization, thus providing the first natural example of an operator with this property. (Received January 14, 2015)