Momentum signatures of the 3D Anderson metal-insulator transition

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Overview

1. Motion in disordered media (crash course)

- a) From Diffusion to Weak and Strong localization
- b) One-parameter hypothesis and finite size scaling

2. Localization signatures in momentum space

- a) Numerical scenario
- b) CBS & CFS peaks

3. Critical properties of the 3D Anderson transition

- a) Width of the CBS peak
- b) Contrast of the CFS peak (smoking gun of AT)

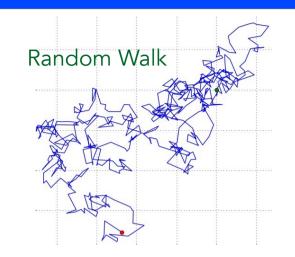
4. Perspectives (multi-fractality)

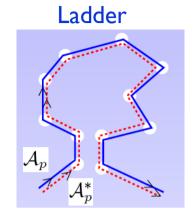
5. Summary

Waves in disordered media in a nutshell

• Pinball Wizard

Discard interference Drude/Boltzmann model Large-scale motion = Diffusion Conductance $g=\sigma L^{d-2}$ (Ohm's law), L = sample size.



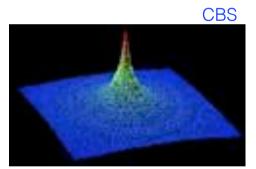


• There has to be a twist

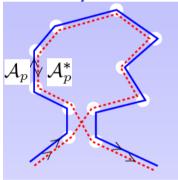


Interference DO play a role (quasi) loops

Coherent backscattering (CBS) Weak localization corrections

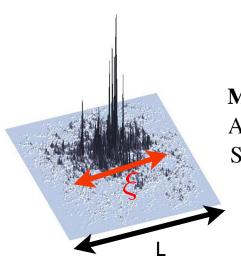


Maximally-Crossed



• Sure plays mean pinball

Interference breaks transport
Strong localization
Disorder-driven Metal-Insulator
transition

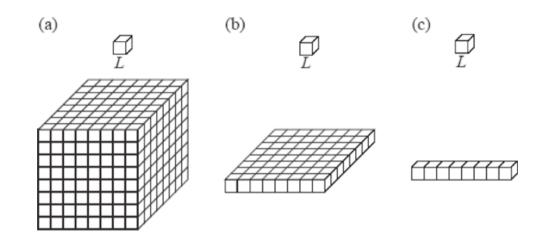


Milestones:

Anderson Localization (58)
Scaling Theory of Localization (79)

One-parameter hypothesis (Gang of 4)

How does the dimensionless conductance g change when the system size L increases?



• One-parameter scaling hypothesis:

$$\frac{\partial \ln g}{\partial \ln L} = \beta(L, E, \ell_s, ...) \equiv \beta(g) = \frac{d \ln g}{d \ln L}$$

scaling function

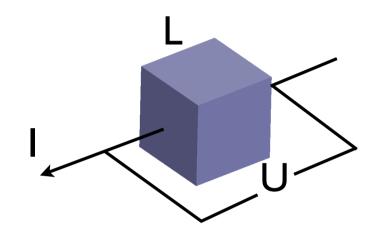
• Equivalently:
$$g(L,E,\ell,...) \equiv F\Big[\frac{L}{\xi_{cor}(E,\ell,...)}\Big]$$

For L large enough

All microscopic lengths subsumed into a single correlation length

Scaling function in metallic and localized regimes

Dimensionless conductance g and $\beta(g)$



Metallic regime (diffusion process) $q \gg 1$

$$I=jS=L^{d-1}\,j$$

$$j=\sigma E$$

$$E=rac{U}{L} \qquad \sigma=rac{2mD}{\hbar}=rac{2}{d}k\ell$$

$$G=rac{I}{U}=L^{d-2}\,\sigma \qquad ext{Ohm's law}$$

$$g = (kL)^{d-2}\sigma = \frac{2}{d}(kL)^{d-2}k\ell$$

$$\beta(g) = d - 2$$

Localized regime

$$g \ll 1$$

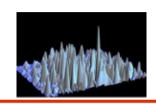
$$g = \exp(-L/2\ell)$$

$$\beta(g) = \ln g$$

Match behaviors assuming monotony

$$\beta(g) = d - 2$$

Anderson Metal-Insulator transition

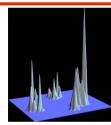


Metal:
$$\beta(g) > 0$$

 $g \uparrow \text{ as } L \uparrow$

Metal-Insulator transition in 3D

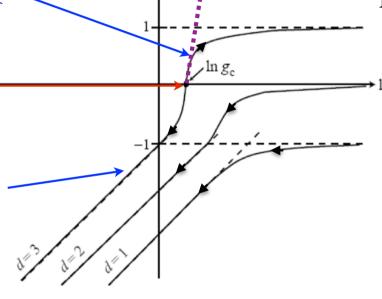
$$\beta(g) = 0$$



 $L > \xi$

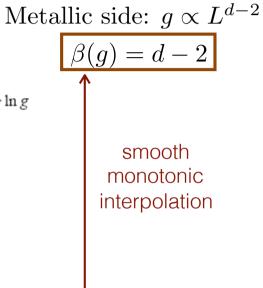
Insulator: $\beta(g) < 0$ $g \downarrow \text{as } L \uparrow$

1D & 2D: Localization is the rule $\beta(g) < 0$



 β (g) \cdot slope = $1/\nu$

Insulating side: $g \sim g_0 \exp(-L/\xi) \mid \beta(g) = \ln(g/g_0)$



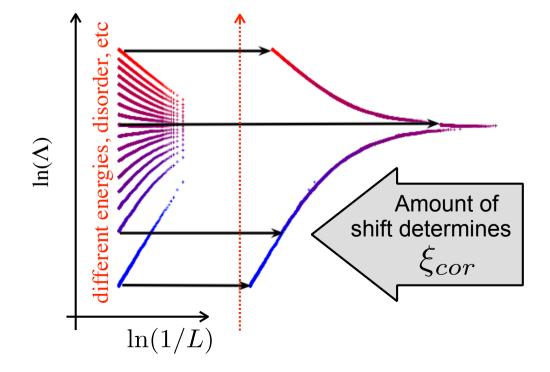
Correlation length & Finite size scaling

$$g(L, E, \ell, ...) \equiv F\left[\frac{L}{\xi_{cor}(E, \ell, ...)}\right]$$

For *L* large enough

Any critical physical observable $\Lambda(E,L,...)$ is a function of $x=L/\xi_{cor}$ alone around the mobility edge with **same** critical exponents.

How to construct the scaling function?



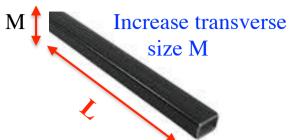
$$\ln(\xi_{cor}/L) = \ln(1/L) + \ln(\xi_{cor})$$

Translation by $\ln(\xi_{cor})$

• How to compute ξ_{cor} ? Quasi-1D: all states are localized. Extrapolate to 3D.

$$\frac{1}{\lambda(E,M)} = -\lim_{L \to \infty} \frac{1}{2L} \ln \text{Tr}[G_L^{\dagger}(E,M)G_L(E,M)]$$

Lyapunov exponent via Transfer-Matrix method



Localized side: $\lambda(E, M) \to \xi(E)$ 3D localization length

Mobility edge: $\lambda(E, M) \sim M$ scales with M

Diffusion constant

Metallic side:
$$\lambda(E, M) \to (\# \text{ tranverse channels}) \times \xi_{1D}(E) = 2\pi \hbar \overline{\rho}(E) D(E) M^2$$

Av-DoS per unit volume

1-parameter hypothesis
$$\Rightarrow \Lambda = \frac{\lambda(E, M)}{M}$$
 is a scaling quantity $\Rightarrow \Lambda \equiv \Lambda(x)$ $x = \frac{M}{\xi_{cor}(E)}$

By identification:

Localized side $\xi_{cor}(E) \propto \xi(E) \sim (E_c - E)^{-\nu}$ near the critical point

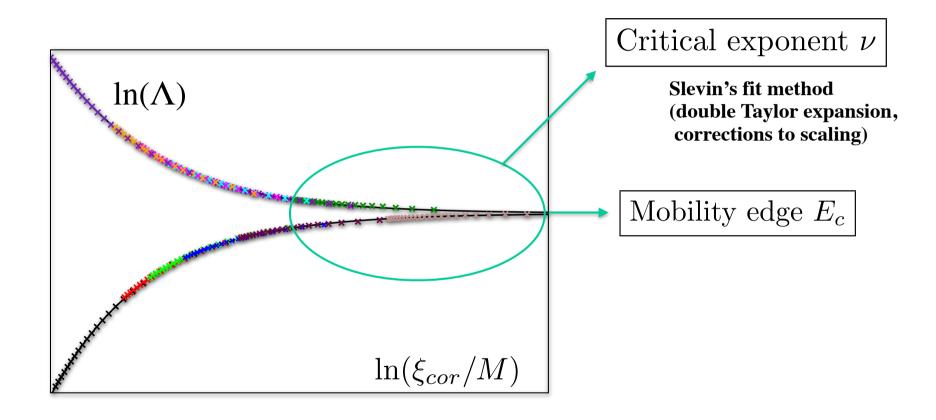
(must DV at critical point)

Metallic side
$$\xi_{cor}(E) \propto \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar\overline{\rho}(E)D(E)} \sim (E - E_c)^{-s}$$
 near the critical point

Wegner's scaling law
$$s = (d-2)\nu = \nu \text{ (3D)}$$

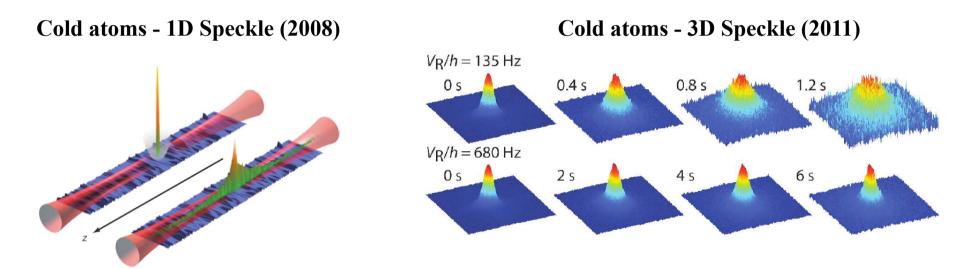
$$\xi_{cor}(E) \sim |E-E_c|^{-\nu}$$
 critical exponent mobility edge

Extracting the mobility edge and critical exponents



Localization in spatial disorder: momentum space signatures

Anderson localization with cold atoms so far: real-space signatures



Momentum distribution easily measurable for cold atom experiments

Are there any signatures of Anderson localization in momentum space?

Numerical road map to the momentum distribution

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{r})$$
 Random potential

Optical laser Speckle, Uncorrelated box distribution, Continuous or lattice model. etc

Initial cloud with a kick

Time evolution in random medium

Experimentally feasible

"Time-of-flight" measurement

(1) Start with an initial plane wave



(2) Propagate with the Hamiltonian H



(3) Filter around energy *E*



(4) Compute the momentum density

$$|\psi(t=0)\rangle = |\boldsymbol{k}_0\rangle$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar}|\mathbf{k}_0\rangle$$

$$|\psi_E(t)\rangle = \hat{F}_{\sigma}(E)|\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$|\langle \mathbf{k} | \psi_E(t) \rangle|^2$$

$$|\psi(t=0)\rangle = |\mathbf{k}|$$

$$\langle v(t) \rangle = e \qquad \langle |\mathbf{k}_0 \rangle \qquad |\mathbf{k}_1 \rangle$$

$$\hat{F}_{\sigma}(E) = e^{-\frac{(E-\hat{H})^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



In presence of V(r), initial wave spreads over a broad range of energies E (cf spectral function). As a result, properties depending sharply on E are blurred by the energy spread. Need for energyfiltering.

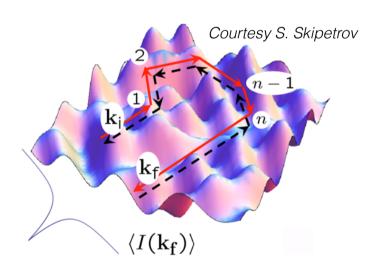


2D numerical experiment: What do we see?

• "Early times" (in units of the correlation time)

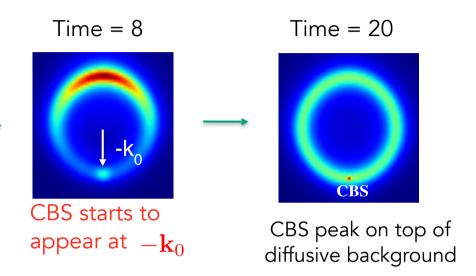
Time = 1 Time = 4

Few scatterings

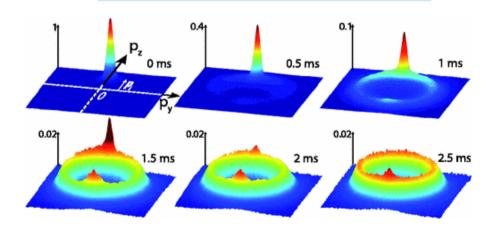


- O CBS is a 2-path interference effect
- O Signature of phase coherence

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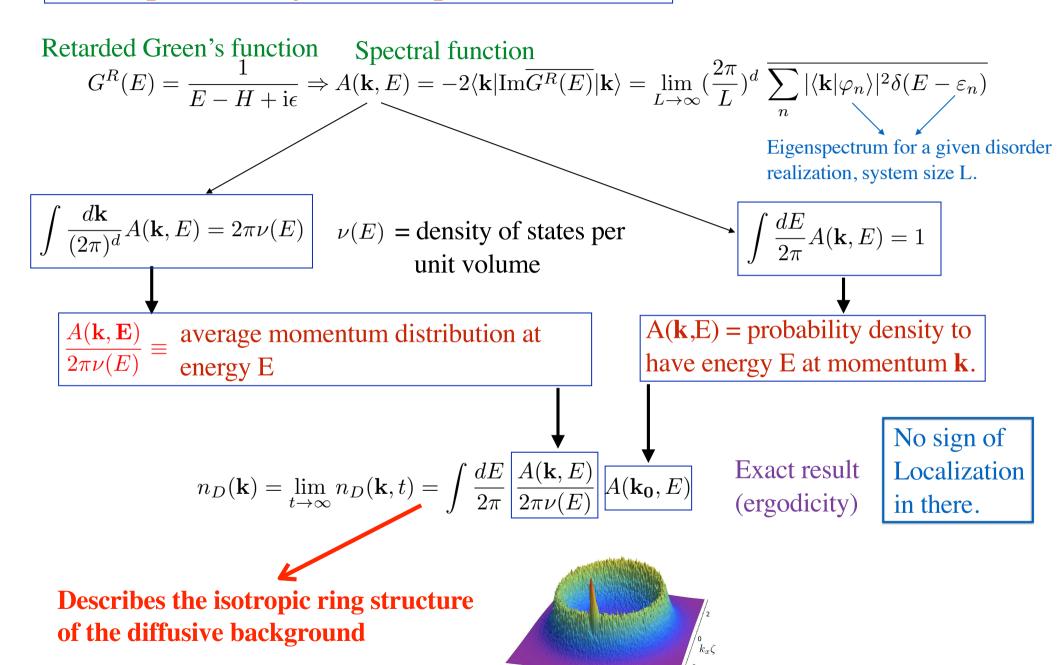


Observed in cold-atomic system



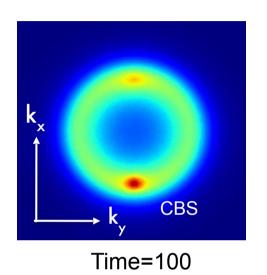
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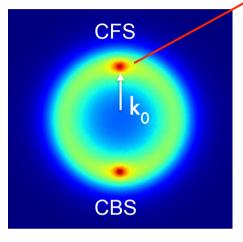
An important object: the spectral function



Is that ALL? Coherent Forward Scattering peak!

Dynamics at "Long times"





Time=1000

A pleasant surprise! New peak emerges at $+\mathbf{k}_0$

T. Karpiuk et al., PRL **109**, 190601 (2012)

K. L. Lee et al., PRA 90, 043605 (2014)

S. Ghosh et al., PRA **90**, 063602 (2014)

Relevant time scale is the **Heisenberg time**

$$\tau_H = 2\pi\hbar\,\overline{\rho}(E)\,\xi^3(E)$$

CFS is a genuine signature of Anderson localization in the bulk!

For time-reversal invariant systems (GOE), CBS and CFS become **twin peaks** in the long-time limit (localized regime).

$$n_E(\mathbf{k}_0, t) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t} \overline{\rho(\mathbf{k}_0, E)\rho(\mathbf{k}_0, E - \hbar\omega)}$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{k}_0, E) = 2\pi \sum_n |\psi_n(\mathbf{k}_0)|^2 \delta(E - \epsilon_n) \quad \text{LDOS in momentum space (aka spectral function)}$$

Relation to Form Factor

Spectral decomposition:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar}|k_0\rangle = \sum_n \phi_n^*(k_0)e^{-iE_nt/\hbar}|\phi_n\rangle$$
 Eigenenergies Eigenfunctions

Momentum distribution in the forward direction:

$$n(\mathbf{k}_{0},t) = \overline{|\langle \mathbf{k}_{0} | \psi(t) \rangle|^{2}} = \overline{\sum_{n,m} |\phi_{n}(\mathbf{k}_{0})|^{2} |\phi_{m}(\mathbf{k}_{0})|^{2} e^{-i(E_{n}-E_{m})t/\hbar}}$$

$$n_{E}(\mathbf{k}_{0},t) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t} (2\pi)^{2} \overline{\sum_{n,m} |\phi_{n}(\mathbf{k}_{0})|^{2} |\phi_{m}(\mathbf{k}_{0})|^{2}} \delta(E - E_{n}) \delta(E - \hbar\omega - E_{m})}$$

RMT-inspired decoupling

$$n(\mathbf{k}_0, t) = \int \frac{dE}{2\pi} n_E(\mathbf{k}_0, t)$$



 (\ldots)

CFS contrast:

$$\Lambda(t) = 2\pi\hbar\,L^d\,\overline{\rho}(E)\,K_E(t) = 1 \quad {
m for}\,\,t/ au_H
ightarrow \infty$$
 Form factor

$$\overline{
ho}(E) = rac{1}{L^d} \, \overline{\sum_n \delta(E-E_n)}$$
 av-DOS per unit volume

$$K_E(t) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} K_E(\omega) e^{-i\omega t}$$

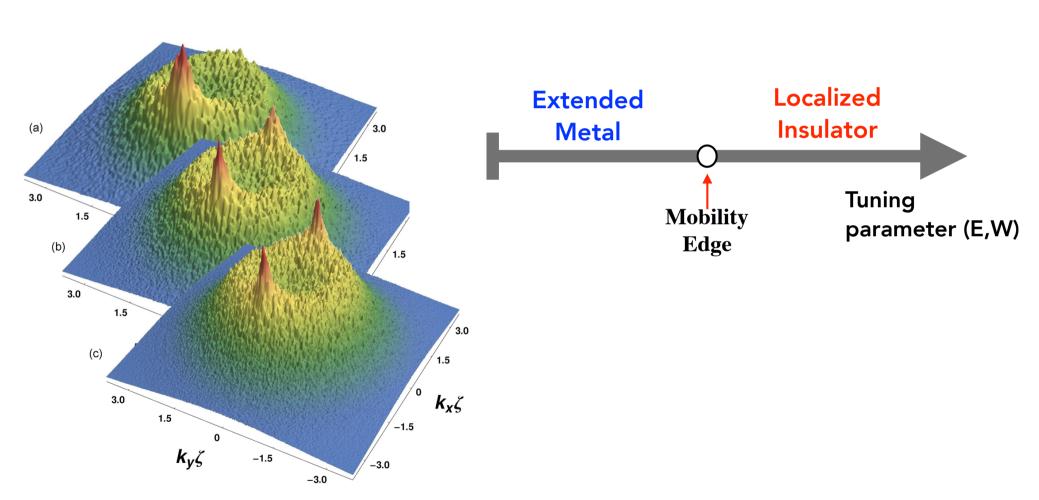
$$K_E(\omega) = rac{\overline{
ho(E)
ho(E-\hbar\omega)}}{\overline{
ho}^2(E)} - 1$$
 DOS-DOS correlator

$$\tau_H(E) = 2\pi\hbar\,\overline{\rho}(E)\,\xi^d(E)$$

Heisenberg time

$$\xi(E) \equiv \text{localization length}$$

Critical properties of the 3D AT from CBS & CFS

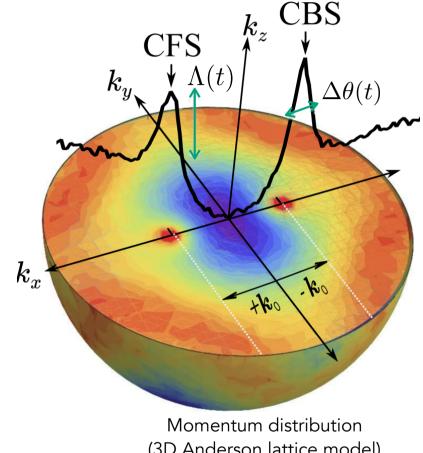


CBS & CFS arise because of interference mechanisms leading ultimately to localization: they must be sensitive to the nature, localized or extended, of the eigenstates:

CLAIM

The critical properties of the 3D Anderson transition are encoded in:

- 1) Dynamics of the CBS width
- 2) Dynamics of the CFS contrast
 - How to prove this?
 - How to extract critical quantities?



(3D Anderson lattice model)

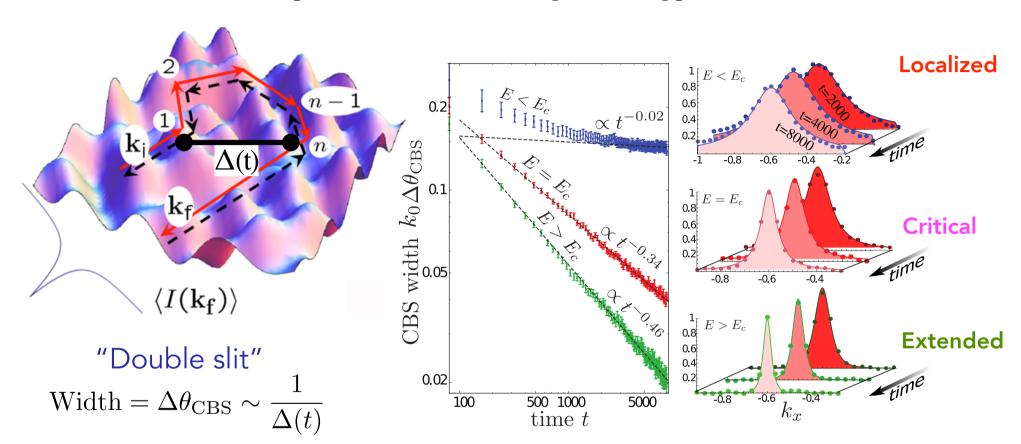


Show that CBS width and CFS contrast satisfy the 1-parameter scaling hypothesis

Use finite time scaling to extract the mobility edge and critical exponent

3D CBS peak width reveals the Anderson transition

Speckle at fixed disorder strength W, tuning parameter = E



Diffusion

$$\Delta(t) \sim \sqrt{Dt}$$

$$\Delta\theta_{CBS}(t) \sim 1/\sqrt{Dt}$$

Subdiffusion

$$\Delta(t) \sim t^{1/3}$$

 $\Delta\theta_{\rm CBS}(t) \sim t^{-1/3}$

Localization

$$\Delta(t) \sim \xi$$

$$\Delta\theta_{\rm CBS}(t) \sim 1/\xi$$

Finite time scaling of the CBS width

Define length L through

$$t = 2\pi\hbar\overline{\rho}(E)L^3$$

Define

$$\Lambda(E,t) = \frac{1}{k_0 L \Delta \theta_{\rm CBS}}$$

(Heisenberg time associated to linear size L)

$$\Lambda(E,t) \sim \sqrt{2\pi\hbar\overline{\rho}(E)D(E)L} \equiv \sqrt{L/\xi_{cor}(E)}$$

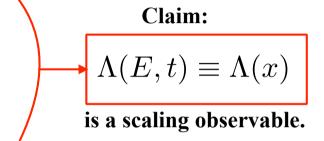
Diffusive side

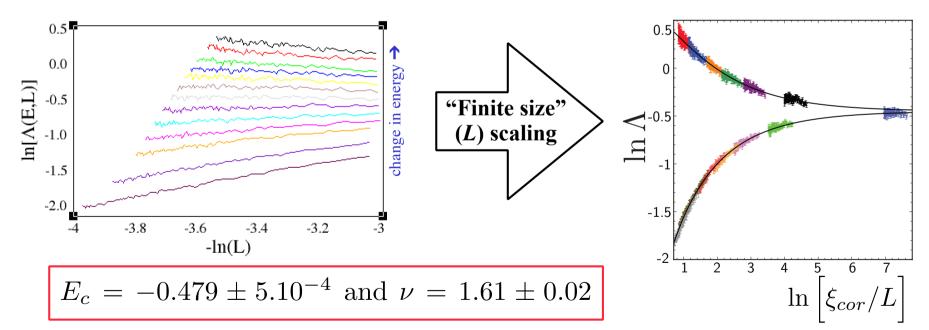
$$\Lambda(E,t) \sim \xi(E)/L \equiv \xi_{cor}(E)/L$$

Localized side

$$\Lambda(E,t) \sim \text{Constant}$$

Critical point





S. Ghosh et. al. PRL 115, 200602 (2015)

TM method: $E_c = -0.478 \pm 7.10^{-4}$ and $\nu = 1.62 \pm 0.03$. Delande & Orso (PRL, 2014): $E_c \approx -0.43$

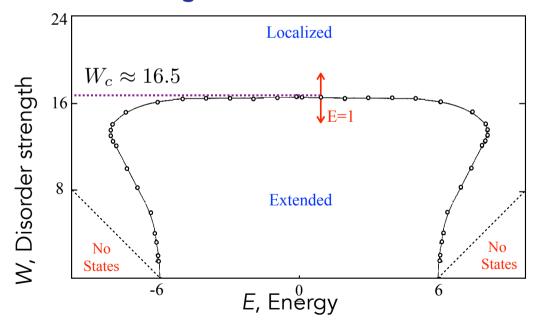
CFS dynamics across the Anderson transition

3D cubic lattice Model:

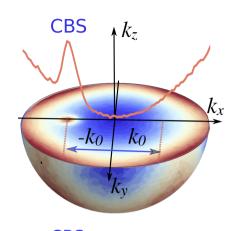
$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \left(C_i^{\dagger} C_j + C_j^{\dagger} C_i \right) + \sum_i W_i C_i^{\dagger} C_i$$

 W_i : onsite *i.i.d.* random potentials, uniformly distributed in [-W/2, +W/2].

Phase diagram



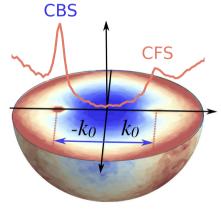
- O We choose E=1.
- **O** *W* is the tuning parameter.



• Metal

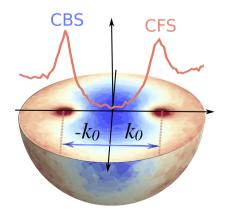
Only the CBS is visible

No CFS!



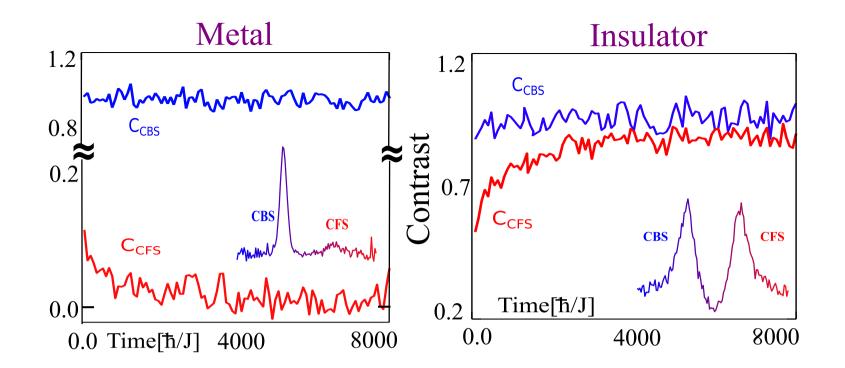
• Critical

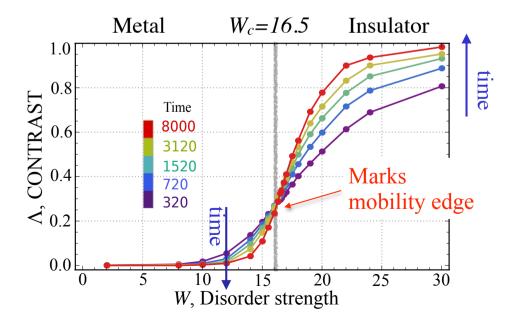
A "critical" CFS peak



• Insulator

CBS & CFS are both visible





Smoking gun of 3D AT!

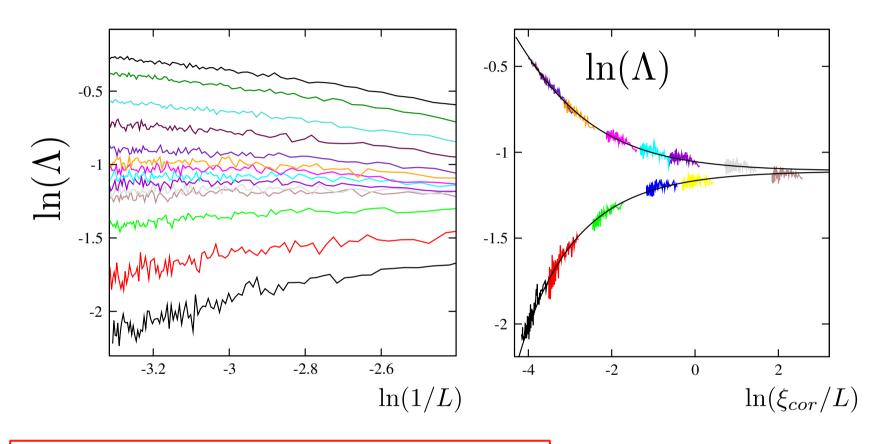
- * Jumps from 0 to 1 across the transition.
- * Crossing locates ME.

S. Ghosh et al., PRA **95**, 041602 (R) (2017)

Finite time scaling of the CFS contrast

Choose $\Lambda(W, t) \equiv \Lambda(W, L) = CFS$ contrast as the scaling quantity

$$t = 2\pi\hbar\overline{\rho}L^3$$

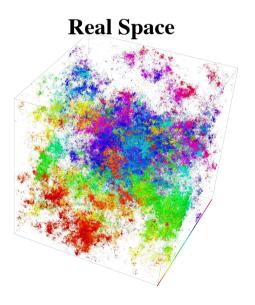


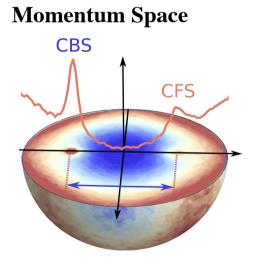
Extracted critical exponent: $\nu = 1.51 \pm 0.07$

Extracted mobility edge: $W_c = 16.53 \pm 0.03$

"Best" TM results (Slevin & Ohtsuki, NJP, 2014): $\nu=1.573$ $W_c=16.536$

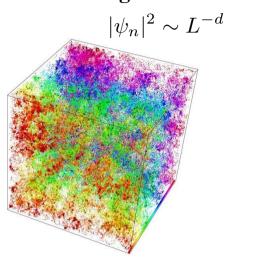
Perspectives: CFS and multi-fractality





Multi-fractal nature of eigenstates at the critical point

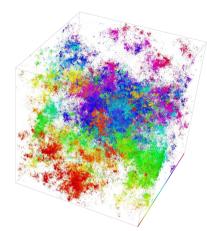
• Metal: **Extended eigenfunctions**



• Insulator: **Localized eigenfunctions**

$$|\psi_n|^2 \sim \xi^{-d} e^{-|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|/\xi}$$

• Mobility Edge: **Fractal eigenfunctions**



Strong fluctuations:

Regions where the eigenfunction is exceptionally large, regions where it is exceptionally small

Rodriguez, et. al. PRB 84, 134209 (2011)

$$P_q = \int_{L^d} d\vec{r} |\psi_n(\vec{r})|^{2q} \sim L^{-D_q(q-1)}$$

$$0 \le D_q \le d$$

Localized eigenfunctions 🗸

 $P_{q} = \int_{r_{d}} d\vec{r} |\psi_{n}(\vec{r})|^{2q} \sim L^{-D_{q}(q-1)} \qquad \int_{L^{d}} d\vec{r} |\psi_{n}(\vec{r})|^{2} \ln |\psi_{n}(\vec{r})|^{2} \sim D_{1} \ln L$

Information dimension

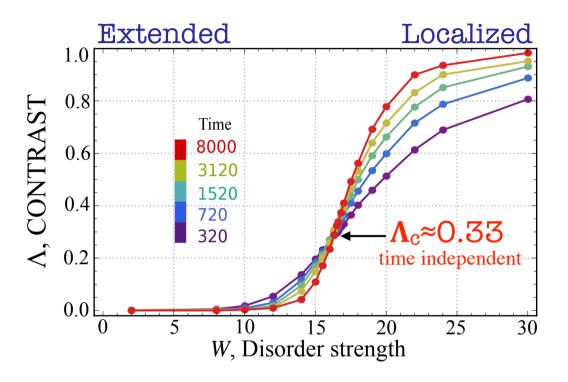
Diffusive eigenfunctions

Bogomolny-Giraud conjecture (2010):

$$\chi + D_1/d = 1.$$

$$\chi = 2\pi\hbar L^d \, \overline{\rho}(E) \, K_E(t \to 0)$$
 Spectral Compressibility

Multi-fractal signatures in CFS

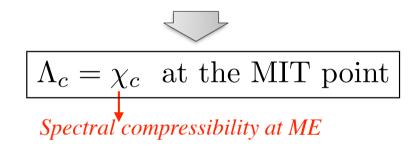


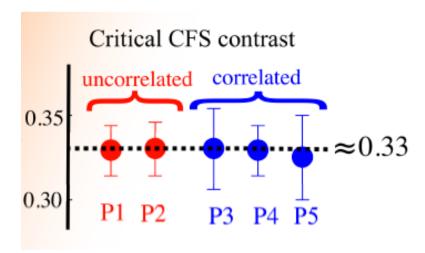
Localized side:

$$\Lambda(t) = 2\pi\hbar L^d \,\overline{\rho}(E) \, K_E(t)$$

At the MIT point

$$\Lambda_c = C^{\text{te}} \equiv 2\pi\hbar L^d \,\overline{\rho}(E) \, K_E(t \to 0)$$





The CFS contrast at the critical point seems to be robust against disorder

Bogolmony-Giraud conjecture in 3D:

$$\chi_c = 1 - D_1/3$$
Information dimension

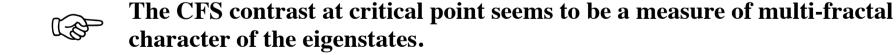
$$\sum_{j=0}^{N} |\psi_j|^2 \ln |\psi_j|^2 \sim D_1 \ln N$$

Combining with $\Lambda_c=\chi_c$

$$D_1 = 3(1 - \Lambda_c)$$

Our work: $\Lambda_c \approx 0.329 \Rightarrow D_1 \approx 2.013$

To be compared to: $D_1 \approx 1.97$ as found from L. J. Vasquez, PhD thesis (2010)

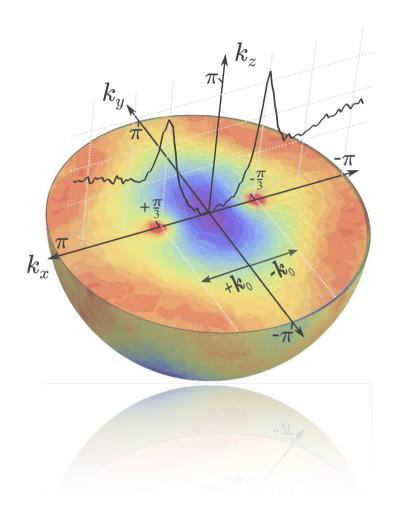


Summary (take-home messages)

O CBS width and CFS contrast obey the one-parameter hypothesis (scaling). The critical properties of the transition are encoded in their time dynamics.

(Already observed for CBS in acoustic experiments by John Page's group and collaborators)

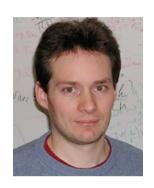
- CFS is *robust*: it exists in other symmetry classes than just GOE.
- O CFS contrast jumps from zero to a finite value across the Anderson transition point: measurable *critical quantity* of ATs.
- O CFS contrast at critical point encodes valuable information on the *multi-fractal* properties of the eigenstates.
- O Pending: How to observe it for classical waves?



My Precious Collaborators



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Appendix

Particles' picture: Conduction is a Pinball game

In a *disordered* landscape, particles do not move along straight lines, but experience a *series of scatterings off obstacles sitting at random positions*.

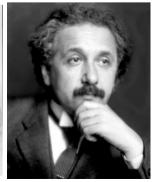
As a net result of this pinball game, the particle undergoes

a *random walk* and its large-scale motion is *diffusive* rather than ballistic. Very intuitive behavior.

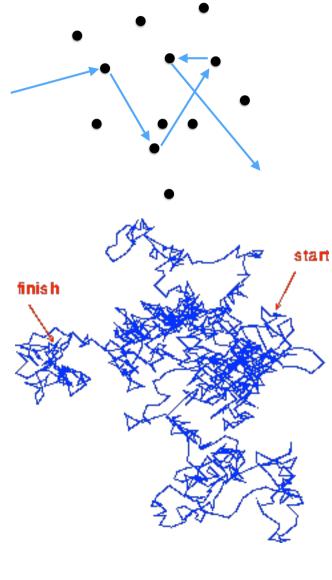
Drude model for a Metal
 Conductance g ~ 1/L (Ohm's law)
 L = sample size











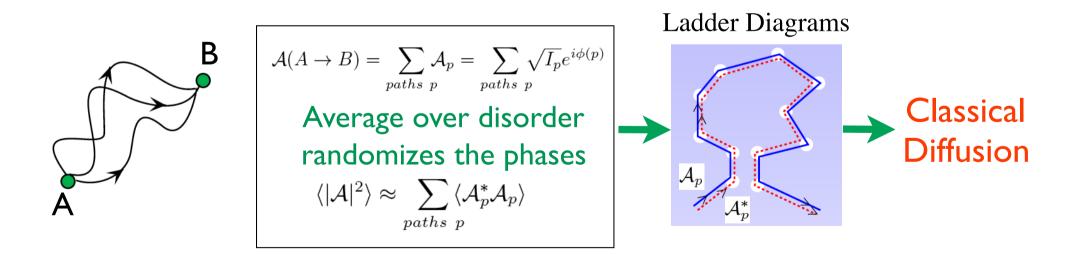
Quantum Mechanics: Particles are Waves

What's new? Interference!

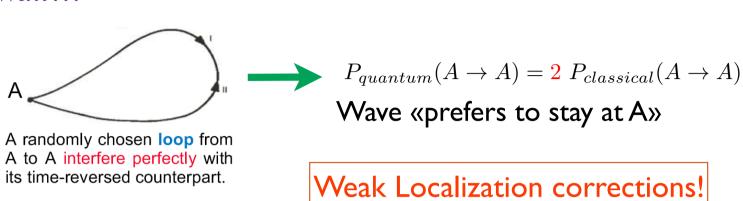
Conductance G between A and B ~ probability P to propagate from A to B.

Classical physics assumes that this probability is just the sum of the probabilities of all possible paths connecting the two points. Wave physics tells us to sum up amplitudes!

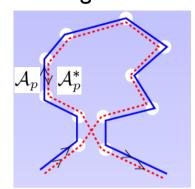
What does it change? Nothing (!?)



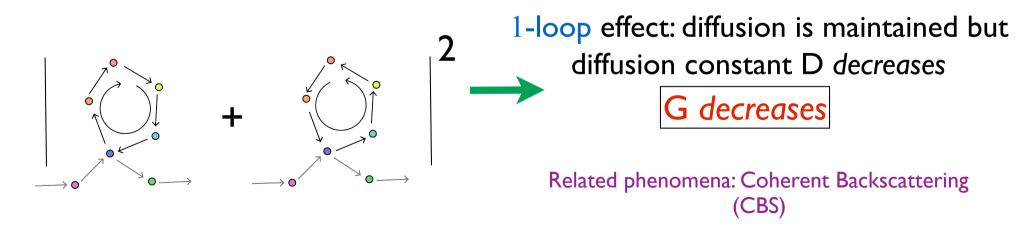
Wait...



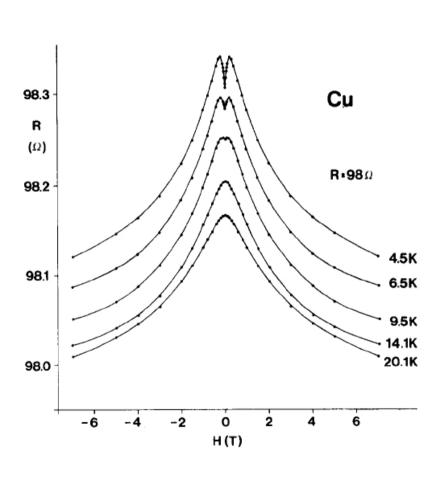
Maximally-Crossed Diagrams

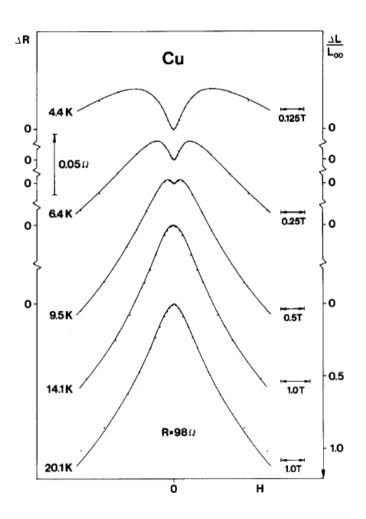


Weak localization is due primarily to (quasi) self-intersecting scattering paths (loops) It is a precursor of strong localization.



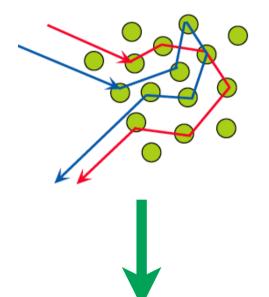
Negative/positive magneto-resistance experiments (Bergmann, 1984)





Coherent Backscattering Effect (CBS)

Light scatterers

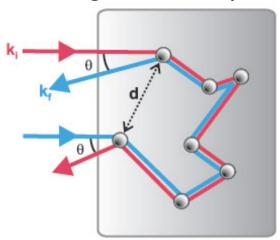


Spatial average do scramble interference between different scattering paths

... but cannot scramble interference originating from reversed paths

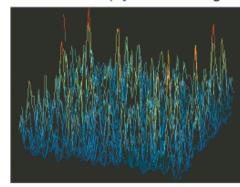
(Cf. loop interference)

Cf Young slits with separation d.



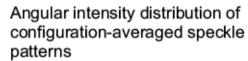
The larger d, the smaller the interfringe.

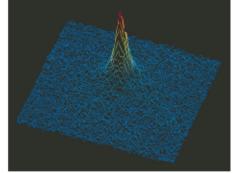
Angular intensity distribution of far-field multiply scattered light



Speckle pattern

Disorder average





CBS Peak

Backscattering direction

Cumulative effect of interference within disorder can bring transport to a halt!



Cumulative effect of nested loops

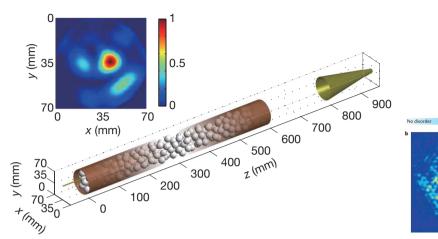


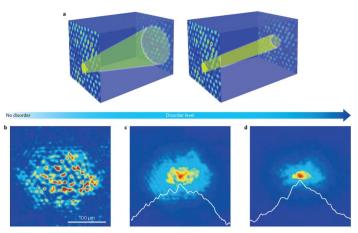
Strong Localization D=0

Anderson localization (AL) is the *complete suppression* of *diffusion* of waves in a *disordered* medium due to *destructive interference between the many scattering amplitudes*.

Microwaves (2011)

2D photonic band gap material (2013)

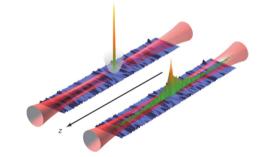




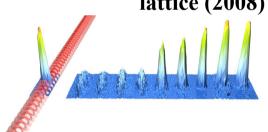
Light???
The story continues
(a real challenge!)

Acoustics (2012, 2016)

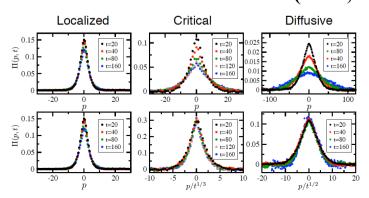
Cold atoms - 1D Speckle (2008)



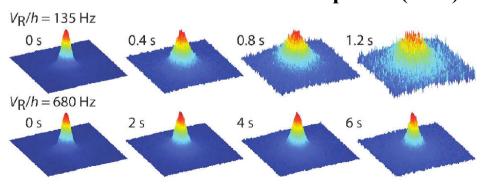
Cold atoms - quasi-periodic lattice (2008)



Cold atoms - Kicked Rotor (1995, 2008, 2010)



Cold atoms - 3D Speckle (2011)



A scaling function $\beta(g)$ for CFS contrast

Define effective dimensionless conductance (with $\Lambda(W, t) \equiv \Lambda(W, L) = CFS$ contrast)

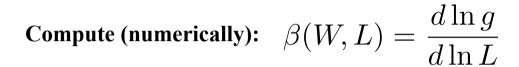
$$g(W, L) = \Lambda^{-2/3} - 1$$

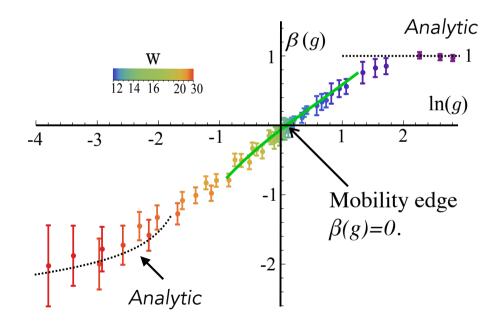
$$g(W,L) \propto L$$

Diffusive side (Ohm's law)

$$g(W,L) \to 0$$

Localized side





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Data for different time and disorder follows same universal curve



CFS contrast obeys the one-parameter scaling! $\beta(W, L) = \beta(g)$

Extracted critical exponent: $\,
u = 1.51 \pm 0.07\,$

(inverse of the slope at origin)