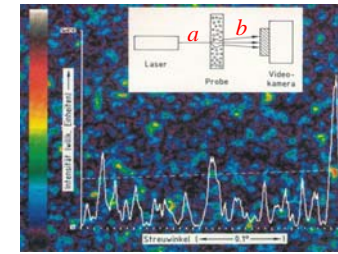


Disorder and mesoscopic physics

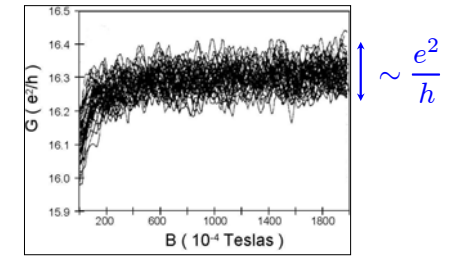
Lecture 4

Universal conductance fluctuations
 Dephasing by e-e interactions
 Anderson localization, scaling theory

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$$\delta T_{ab} = \overline{T_{ab}}$$



$$\delta G \ll \overline{G}$$

Origin of the universality
 Analogies and differences with speckle in optics
 Landauer formula

Universal conductance fluctuations : classical description

Contribution of N incoherent elements :

$$N = \left(\frac{L}{L_c}\right)^d$$

$$\frac{\delta G}{G} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \propto \frac{1}{L^{d/2}}$$

$$\delta G \sim \frac{1}{L^{(4-d)/2}} \rightarrow 0 !!$$

Ohm's law: $G = \sigma L^{d-2}$

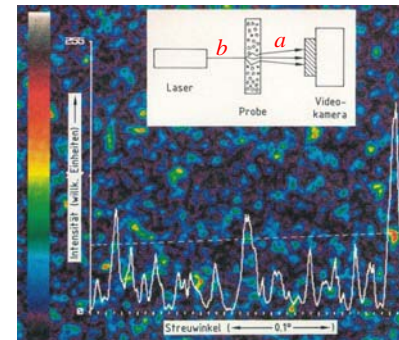
→ Quantum coherence

$$\delta G \sim \frac{e^2}{h}$$

$$L \ll L_\phi$$

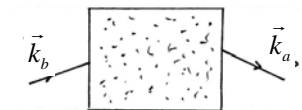
Speckle fluctuations

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$$T_{ab}$$

Transmission from on direction **b** to a direction **a**

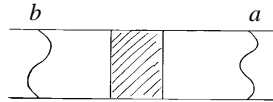


Relative fluctuations are large, of order 1

$$\overline{\delta T_{ab}^2} = \overline{T_{ab}}^2 \quad \text{Rayleigh's law}$$

Compare with universal conductance fluctuations ? $\delta G \ll G$

Conductance = transmission



Multichannel Landauer formula

$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h} T = \frac{2e^2}{h} \sum_{a,b} T_{ab}$$

b, a : incoming and outgoing channels

Number of channels : $M = \frac{k_F^2 S}{4\pi}$

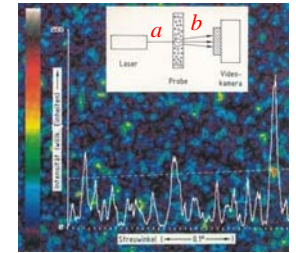
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Conductance = transmission

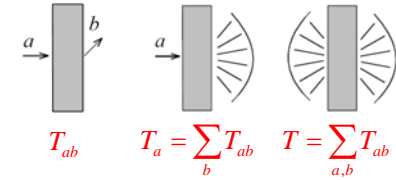
Landauer

$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h} T = \frac{2e^2}{h} \sum_{a,b} T_{ab}$$

b, a : incoming and outgoing channels

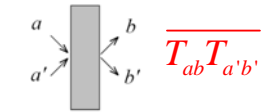


Optics : measure T_{ab} , T_a , or T



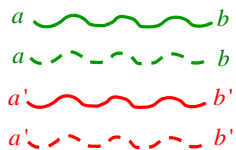
Electronics : measure $T = \sum_{a,b} T_{ab}$

$$\overline{T_{ab}} = \frac{\overline{g}}{M^2}$$



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Conductance and speckle fluctuations



$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h} \sum_{a,b} T_{ab}$$

$$\overline{T_{ab} T_{a'b'}} = \overline{T_{ab}} \overline{T_{a'b'}} + \overline{\delta T_{ab} \delta T_{a'b'}}$$

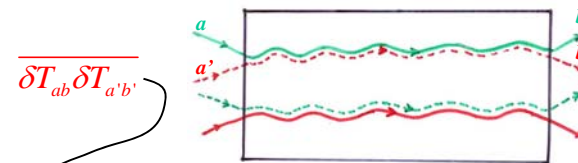
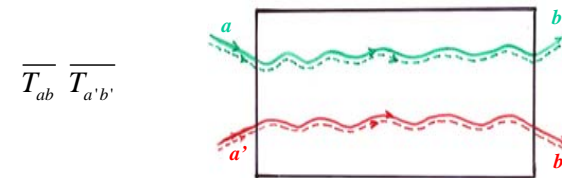
$$\overline{\delta g^2} = \overline{g^2} - \overline{g}^2 = \sum_{a,a',b,b'} \overline{\delta T_{ab} \delta T_{a'b'}}$$

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Conductance and speckle fluctuations

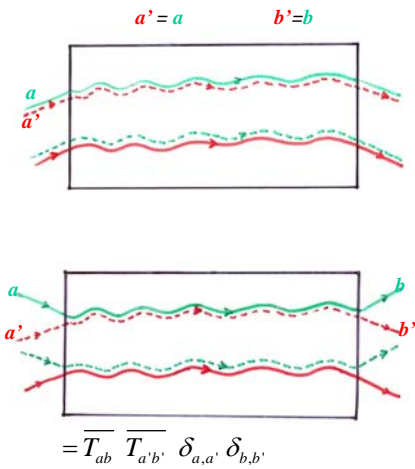
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$$\overline{T_{ab} T_{a'b'}} = \overline{T_{ab}} \overline{T_{a'b'}} + \overline{\delta T_{ab} \delta T_{a'b'}}$$



$$= \overline{T_{ab}} \overline{T_{a'b'}} \delta_{a,a'} \delta_{b,b'}$$

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$$\overline{\delta T_{ab} \delta T_{ab}} = \overline{T_{ab}}^2$$

Rayleigh's law

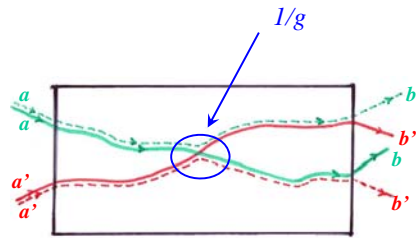
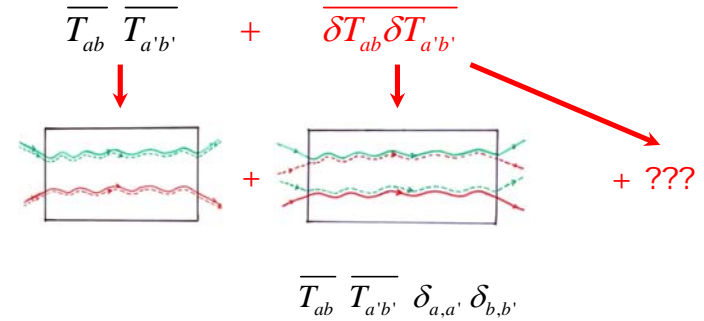
$$\overline{\delta g^2} = \sum_{a,a',b,b'} \overline{\delta T_{ab} \delta T_{a'b'}}$$

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$$= \frac{g^2}{M^4} M^2 = \frac{g^2}{M^2} \sim \left(\frac{l_e}{L}\right)^2 \ll 1$$

Does not explain conductance fluctuations ...

$$\overline{T_{ab} T_{a'b'}}$$

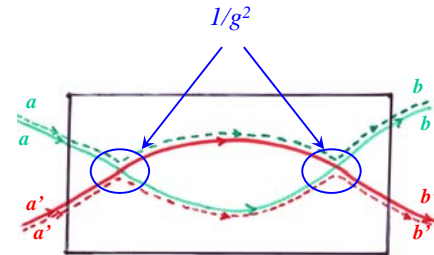


$$\overline{\delta T_{ab} \delta T_{a'b'}} = \frac{2}{3g} \overline{T_{ab}} \overline{T_{a'b'}} \delta_{b,b'} \quad [+ \delta_{a,a'}]$$

$$\overline{\delta g^2} = \frac{2}{3g} \sum_{a,a',b,b'} \overline{T_{ab}} \overline{T_{a'b'}} [\delta_{a,a'} + \delta_{b,b'}]$$

$$= \frac{4}{3g} \frac{g^2}{M^4} M^3 = \frac{4}{3} \frac{g}{M} \sim \frac{l_e}{L} \ll 1$$

Does not explain conductance fluctuations...



$$\overline{\delta T_{ab} \delta T_{a'b'}} = \frac{2}{15g^2} \overline{T_{ab}} \overline{T_{a'b'}}$$

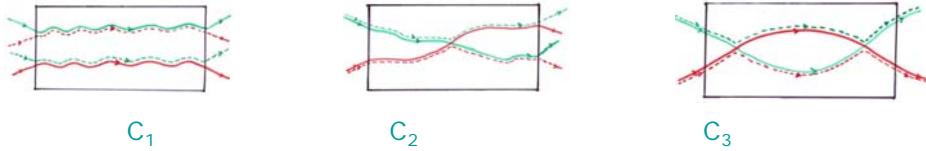
$$\overline{\delta g^2} = \frac{2}{15g^2} \sum_{a,a',b,b'} \overline{T_{ab}} \overline{T_{a'b'}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{15g^2} \frac{g^2}{M^4} M^4 = \frac{2}{15}$$

Universal conductance fluctuations !

Conductance and speckle fluctuations

summary



$$\overline{\delta T_{ab} \delta T_{a'b'}} = \overline{T_{ab}} \overline{T_{a'b'}} \left(\delta_{a,a'} \delta_{b,b'} + \frac{2}{3g} [\delta_{a,a'} + \delta_{b,b'}] + \frac{2}{15g^2} \right)$$

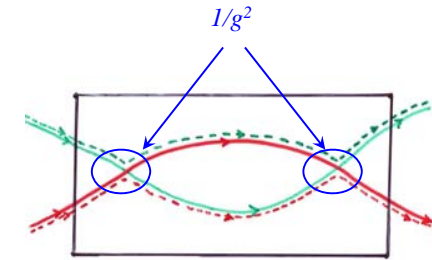
$$\overline{\delta g^2} = \frac{\cancel{g^2}}{\cancel{M^2}} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{\cancel{g}}{\cancel{M}} + \frac{2}{15}$$

$$\frac{g}{M} \sim \frac{l_e}{L} \ll 1$$

Universal conductance fluctuations

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Universal conductance fluctuations



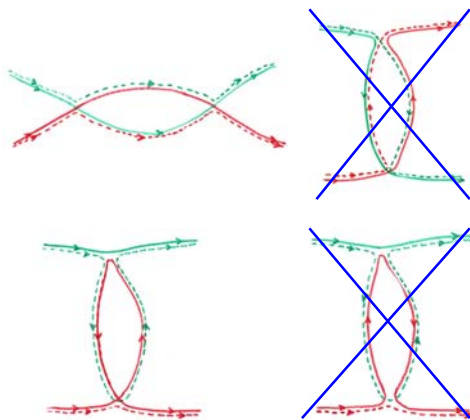
Conductance fluctuations = 2 conductances + 2 crossings

$$\overline{\delta G^2} = \left(\frac{e^2}{h} \right)^2 g^2 \times \frac{1}{g^2} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{e^2}{h} \right)^2$$

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Universal conductance fluctuations and phase coherence

4 combinations



* A magnetic field suppresses
The contribution of the cooperon $P_{int}(t)$

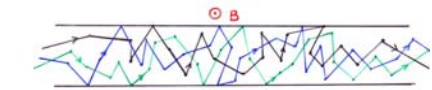
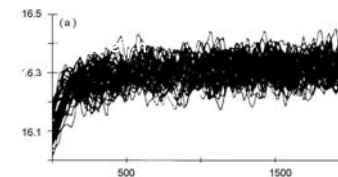
$$\overline{\delta G^2} \rightarrow \frac{\overline{\delta G^2}}{2}$$

Diffuson
« classical »

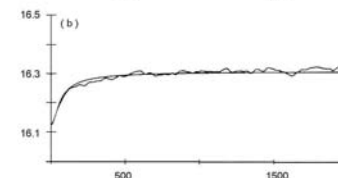
Cooperon
« interference »

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Magneto-fingerprints

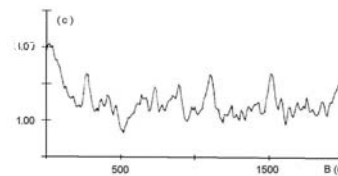


each trace represents an interference pattern



Average $\overline{G} = G_{cl} + \Delta G$

The WL correction ΔG is suppressed by the magnetic field



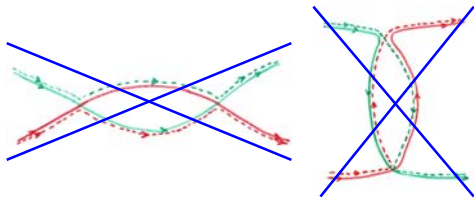
Variance $\overline{\delta G^2}$

In a field, the variance is reduced by a factor 2

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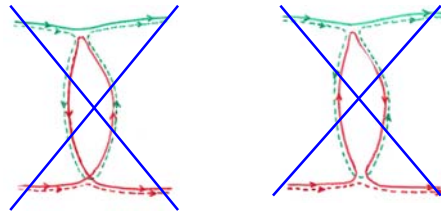
Universal conductance fluctuations and phase coherence

4 combinations



* Un champ magnétique supprime la contribution du cooperon $P_{int}(t)$

$$\overline{\delta G^2} \rightarrow \frac{\overline{\delta G^2}}{2}$$



* Dephasing processes destroys both

$P_{int}(t)$ and $P_{cl}(t)$

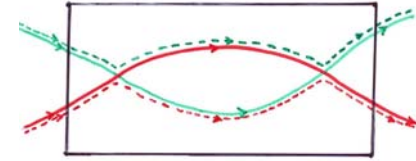
$$L \gg L_\phi \Rightarrow \overline{\delta G^2} \rightarrow 0$$

Diffuson
« classical »

Cooperon
« interference »

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Universal conductance fluctuations



Distribution of loops

$$\overline{\delta G^2} \sim \left(\frac{e^2}{h}\right)^2 g^2 \times \frac{1}{g^2} \times \langle t P(t) \rangle = \left(\frac{e^2}{h}\right)^2 g^2 \times \frac{1}{g^2} \times \int_{\tau_c}^{\min(\tau_D, \tau_\phi, \tau_B)} t P(t) \frac{dt}{\tau_D^2}$$

$$P(t) = P_{cl}(t) + P_{int}(t)$$

$$\overline{\delta G^2} = 12 \left(\frac{2e^2}{h}\right)^2 \int_{\tau_c}^{\tau_c} t P(t) \frac{dt}{\tau_D^2}$$

$$\tau_c = \min(\tau_D, \tau_\phi, \tau_B)$$

Example: the quasi-1D wire $L \ll L_\phi$ mesoscopic limit

$$\overline{\Delta g} = -2 \int_0^\infty P(t) \frac{dt}{\tau_D}$$

← WL UCF →

$$\overline{\delta g^2} = 12 \int_0^\infty t P(t) \frac{dt}{\tau_D^2}$$

$$P(t) = \sum e^{-Dq^2 t}$$

$$\overline{\Delta g} = -2 \sum \frac{1}{(qL)^2}$$

$$\overline{\delta g^2} = 12 \sum \frac{1}{(qL)^4}$$

$$q = \frac{n\pi}{L} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

$$\overline{\Delta g} = -\frac{2}{\pi^2} \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\overline{\delta g^2} = \frac{12}{\pi^4} \sum \frac{1}{n^4}$$

$$\overline{\Delta g} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\overline{\delta g^2} = \frac{2}{15}$$

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Example: the quasi-1D wire $L \gg L_\phi$ macroscopic limit

$$\overline{\delta g^2} = 12 \int_0^\infty t \left(\frac{\tau_D}{4\pi t}\right)^{d/2} e^{-t/\tau_\phi} \frac{dt}{\tau_D^2}$$

$$P(t) = \left(\frac{\tau_D}{4\pi t}\right)^{d/2}$$

$$\overline{\delta g^2} \sim \left(\frac{\tau_\phi}{\tau_D}\right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} = \left(\frac{L_\phi}{L}\right)^{4-d}$$

* classical addition of N incoherent elements: $N = \left(\frac{L}{L_c}\right)^d \rightarrow \delta g \sim \frac{1}{L^{(4-d)/2}}$

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Gaussian fluctuations ?

$$\bar{G} = O(g) + O(1)$$

$$\overline{\delta G^{2^c}} = \text{2 conductances and 2 crossings} \quad g^2 \times \frac{1}{g^2} \sim O(1)$$

$$\overline{\delta G^{3^c}} = \text{3 conductances and 4 crossings} \quad g^3 \times \frac{1}{g^4} \sim O\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)$$

$$\overline{\delta G^{n^c}} = \text{n conductances and (2n-2) crossings} \quad \overline{\delta G^n} \sim g^n \times \frac{1}{g^{2n-2}} \sim O\left(\frac{1}{g^{n-2}}\right)$$

Gaussian fluctuations in the limit $g \rightarrow \infty$

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Rayleigh's distribution

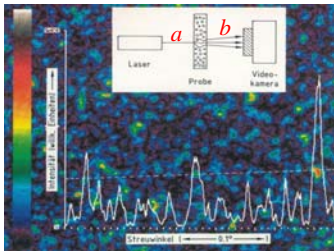
$$\overline{T_{ab}^2} = 2\overline{T_{ab}}^2$$

$$P(T_{ab}) = \frac{1}{\overline{T}} e^{-T_{ab}/\overline{T}}$$

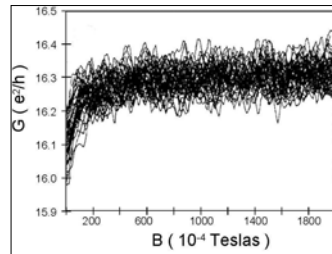
$$\overline{T_{ab}^n} = n! \overline{T_{ab}}^n$$

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Summary



$$\delta T_{ab} = \overline{T_{ab}}$$



$$\delta g \sim 1 \ll \bar{g}$$

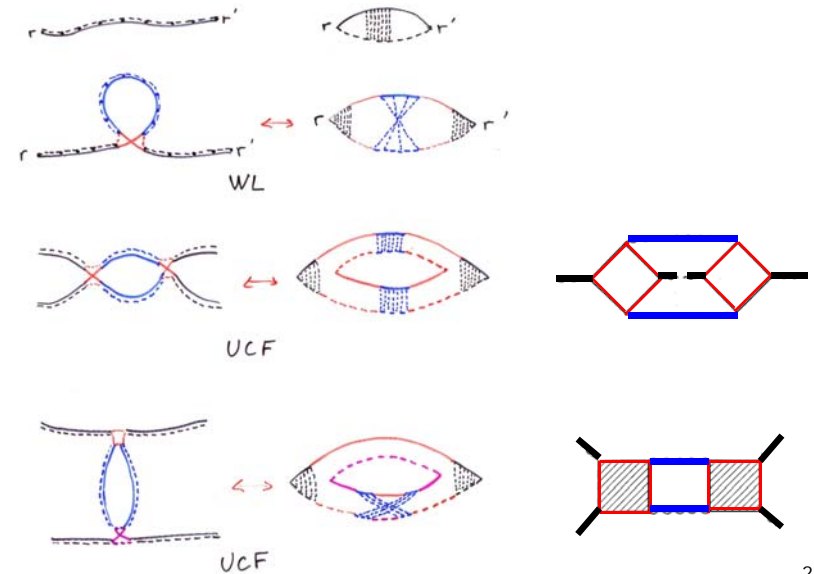
$$P(T_{ab}) = \frac{1}{\overline{T}} e^{-T_{ab}/\overline{T}}$$

$$P(g) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\delta g^2} e^{-\frac{(g - \bar{g})^2}{2\delta g^2}}$$

$$\delta T_{ab} = \sqrt{\overline{T_{ab}^2} - \overline{T_{ab}}^2}$$

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« Real » diagrams

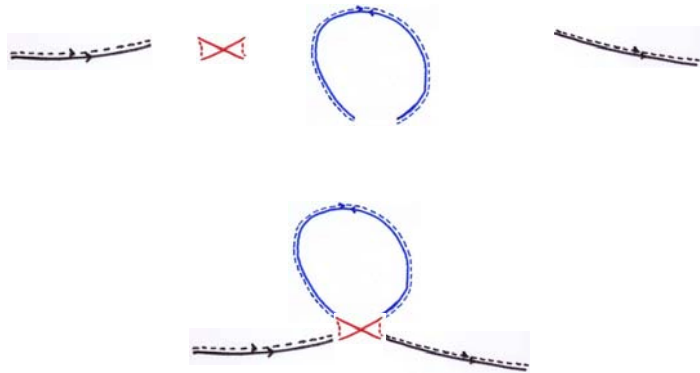


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Quantum Lego

Quantum transport of electrons and light in diffusive systems

« Lego » Classical diffusion (diffuson or cooperon)
Quantum crossings

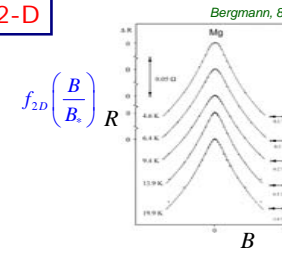


Simple formulation of phase coherent properties in the limit $g \gg 1$

Phase coherence length $L_\phi(T)$??

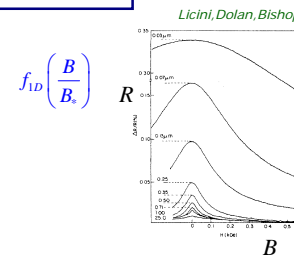
$$L_\phi = \sqrt{D\tau_\phi}$$

2-D



$$B^* L_\phi^2 \sim \phi_0 \rightarrow L_\phi \propto T^{-1/2}$$

Quasi-1D

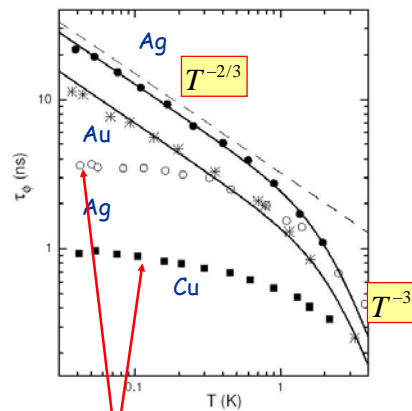


$$B^* W L_\phi \sim \phi_0 \rightarrow L_\phi \propto T^{-1/3}$$

Phase coherence length $L_\phi(T)$??

$$L_\phi = \sqrt{D\tau_\phi}$$

Quasi-1D



e-e e-phonon

$$\frac{1}{\tau_\phi(T)} = AT^{2/3} + BT^3$$

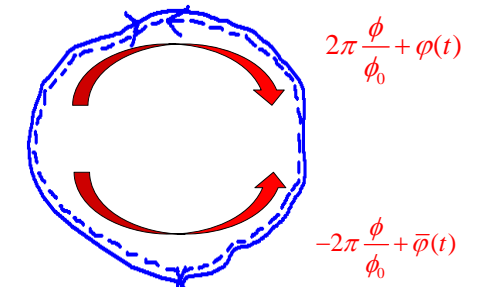
Saturation due to magnetic impurities

Origin of phase decoherence : (very) qualitative

Random dephasing depends on the position of atoms (phonons), other electrons, magnetic impurities, etc.

Dephasing $4\pi \frac{\phi}{\phi_0} + \varphi(t) - \bar{\varphi}(t)$

$$e^{4i\pi \frac{\phi}{\phi_0} + i\Delta\varphi(t)}$$



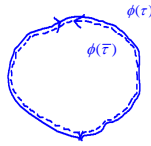
Averaging on the trajectories and the dynamics of external degrees of freedom :

$$\langle e^{i\Delta\varphi(t)} \rangle \sim e^{-\frac{1}{2} \langle \Delta\varphi^2(t) \rangle} \sim e^{-t/\tau_\phi}$$

Dephasing by electron-electron interaction

Weak-localization correction:

$$\Delta g = -4 \int P_{\text{int}}(t) e^{-t/\tau_\phi} \frac{dt}{\tau_D}$$



$$\Delta g = -4 \int P_{\text{int}}(t) \langle e^{i\Phi(t)} \rangle \frac{dt}{\tau_D}$$

quasi-1D wire

Dephasing : e-e interaction

Phase coherence time

$$\tau_\phi \propto T^{-2/3}$$

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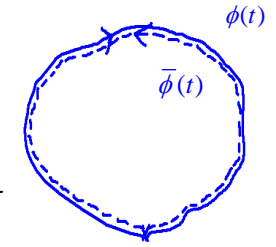
Dephasing by electron-electron interaction : qualitative

$$\langle e^{i\Phi(t)} \rangle ?$$

e-e interaction = electric fluctuating potential

→ fluctuating phase

$$\phi(t) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int_0^t V(r(\tau), \tau) d\tau \quad \bar{\phi}(t) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int_0^t V(r(\tau), \bar{\tau}) d\tau$$



$$\langle e^{i\Phi(t)} \rangle \sim e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle}$$

$$\Phi(t) = \phi(t) - \bar{\phi}(t)$$

$$\bar{\tau} = t - \tau$$

$$\langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle = 2 \frac{e^2}{\hbar^2} \int_0^t [\langle V(r_\tau, \tau) V(r_\tau, \tau) \rangle - \langle V(r_\tau, \tau) V(r_\tau, \bar{\tau}) \rangle] d\tau$$

$$\frac{d\langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle}{dt} \sim \frac{e^2}{\hbar^2} \langle V^2 \rangle_t$$

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Dephasing by electron-electron interaction : qualitative

$$\frac{d\langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle}{dt} \sim \frac{e^2}{\hbar^2} \langle V^2 \rangle_t$$

$$\langle V^2 \rangle_t \sim k_B T R_t \sim k_B T \frac{r_t}{\sigma_0 S}$$

$$\frac{d\langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle}{dt} \sim \frac{e^2 k_B T}{\hbar^2 \sigma_0 S} r_t$$

Johnson-Nyquist noise

Diffusion

$$r_t \sim \sqrt{Dt}$$

$$\langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle \sim \frac{k_B T \sqrt{D}}{\sigma_0 S} t^{3/2} \sim \left(\frac{t}{\tau_N} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$\tau_N \sim \left(\frac{\hbar^2 \sigma_0 S}{e^2 k_B T \sqrt{D}} \right)^{2/3} \propto \frac{1}{T^{2/3}}$$

« Nyquist time » (Aronov, Altshuler, Khmel'nitskii)

$$\langle e^{i\Phi(t)} \rangle \sim e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle} \sim e^{-(t/\tau_N)^{3/2}}$$

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Dephasing by electron-electron interaction : exact

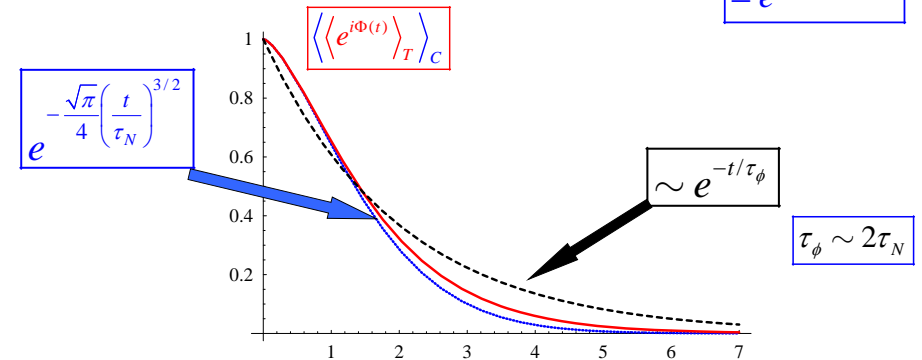
Thermal fluctuations

trajectories

approximation

$$\langle \langle e^{i\Phi(t)} \rangle \rangle_T \Big|_C = \left\langle e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle_T} \right\rangle_C$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle \langle \Phi^2(t) \rangle \rangle_T \Big|_C} = e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \left(\frac{t}{\tau_N} \right)^{3/2}}$$



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B.L. Altshuler, A.G. Aronov, D.E. Khmel'nitskii, J. Phys. C 15, 7367 (1982) G.M., E. Akkermans, Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 016403 (2005)

Dephasing by electron-electron interaction : dimensionality effect

$$\frac{d\langle\Phi^2(t)\rangle}{dt} \sim \frac{e^2}{\hbar^2} \langle V^2 \rangle_t$$

$$\langle V^2 \rangle_t \sim k_B T R_t \sim k_B T \frac{r_t}{\sigma_0 S} \quad d=1$$

d=1

$$\frac{d\langle\Phi^2(t)\rangle}{dt} \sim \frac{e^2 k_B T}{\hbar^2 \sigma_0 S} \sqrt{Dt}$$

$$\langle\Phi^2(t)\rangle \sim \frac{k_B T \sqrt{Dt}}{\sigma_0 S} t^{3/2} \sim \left(\frac{t}{\tau_N}\right)^{3/2}$$

$$\tau_N \propto \frac{1}{T^{2/3}}$$

$$L_\phi \propto T^{-1/3}$$

d=2

$$\frac{d\langle\Phi^2(t)\rangle}{dt} \sim \frac{e^2 k_B T}{\hbar^2 \sigma_0}$$

$$\langle\Phi^2(t)\rangle \sim \frac{k_B T}{\sigma_0} t \sim \frac{t}{\tau_N}$$

$$\tau_N \propto \frac{1}{T}$$

$$L_\phi \propto T^{-1/2}$$

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Anderson localization

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Absence of Diffusion in Certain Random Lattices

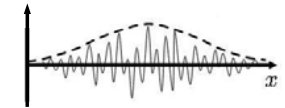
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(Received October 10, 1957)

This paper presents a simple model for such processes as spin diffusion or conduction in the "impurity band." These processes involve transport in a lattice which is in some sense random, and in them diffusion is expected to take place via quantum jumps between localized sites. In this simple model the essential randomness is introduced by requiring the energy to vary randomly from site to site. It is shown that at low enough densities no diffusion at all can take place, and the criteria for transport to occur are given.



In strong disorder, waves are localized by interference effects

Electrons, light, microwaves, sound, matter waves,



Fifty years of Anderson localization,

A. Lagendijk, B.v. Tiggelen and D.S. Wiersma, Physics Today, p.24 (Aug. 2009)

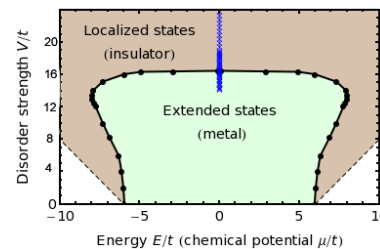
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Anderson localization

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} c_j^\dagger c_i + \sum_i W_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

$$W_i \in [-W/2, W/2]$$

B.Kramer, A. MacKinnon, Rep. Prog. Phys. 56, 1469 (1993)



3D $W_c \simeq 16.5t$

$W < W_c$ metallic regime

$W > W_c$ localized regime

Near the transition...

$W < W_c$ $\sigma(W) \propto (W_c - W)^\nu$

$W > W_c$ $\xi(W) \propto (W - W_c)^{-\nu}$

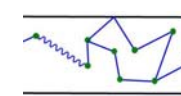
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1D, 2D no transition, no metallic regime, states exponentially localized

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Metallic regime

$$\lambda_F \ll l_e$$



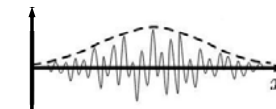
Ohm's law

$$G = \sigma \frac{S}{L}$$

$$g(L) = \sigma L^{d-2}$$

Localized regime

$$\lambda_F \sim l_e$$



Quantum interference \rightarrow states are exponentially localized in strong disorder

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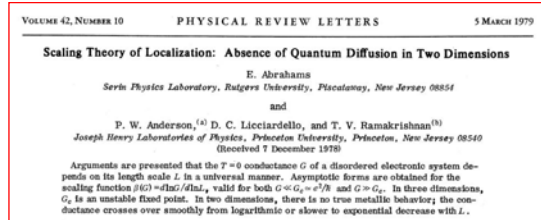
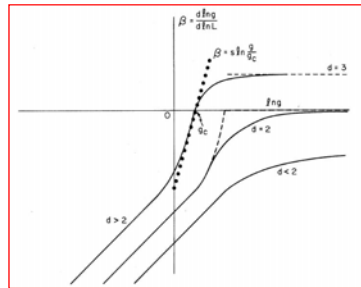
d=1 all states are localized

d=2 marginal dimension

d=3 Anderson transition between metallic and localized regimes

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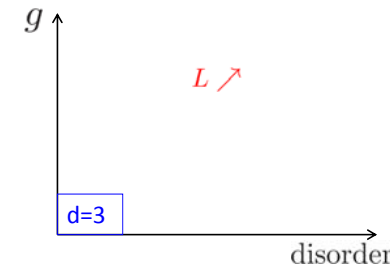
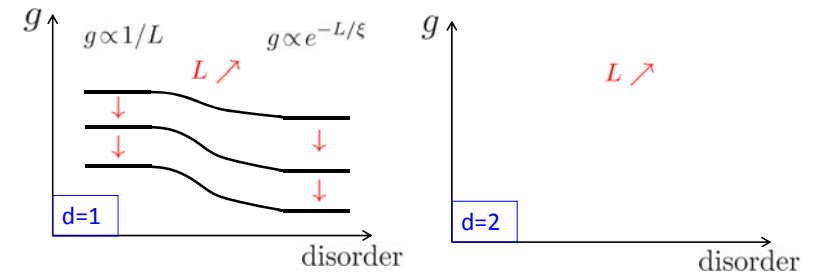
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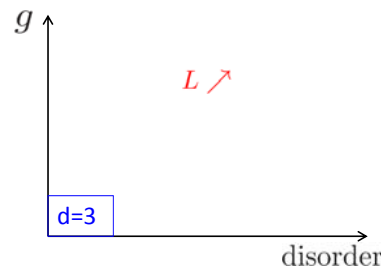
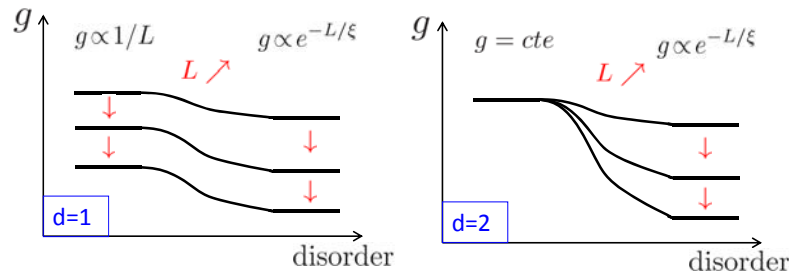
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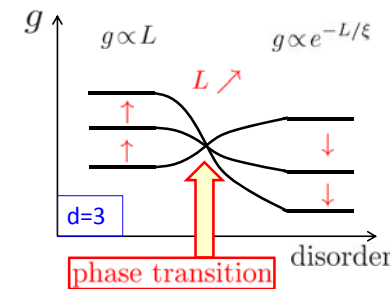
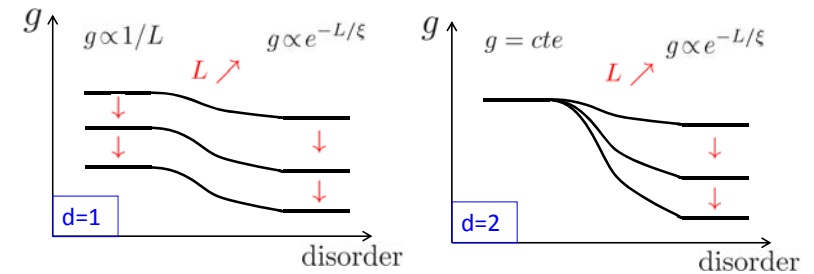
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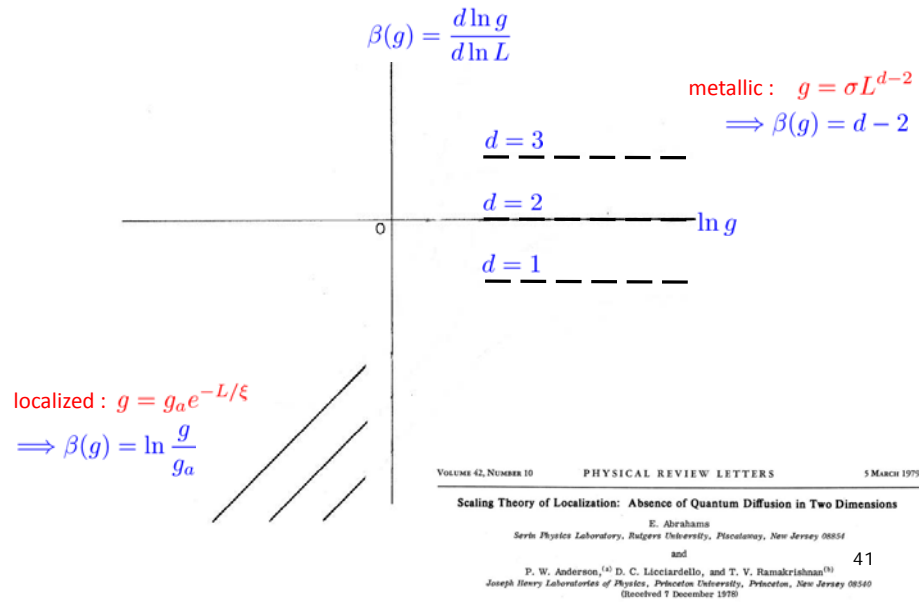
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$\beta(g)$: first correction to the metallic regime

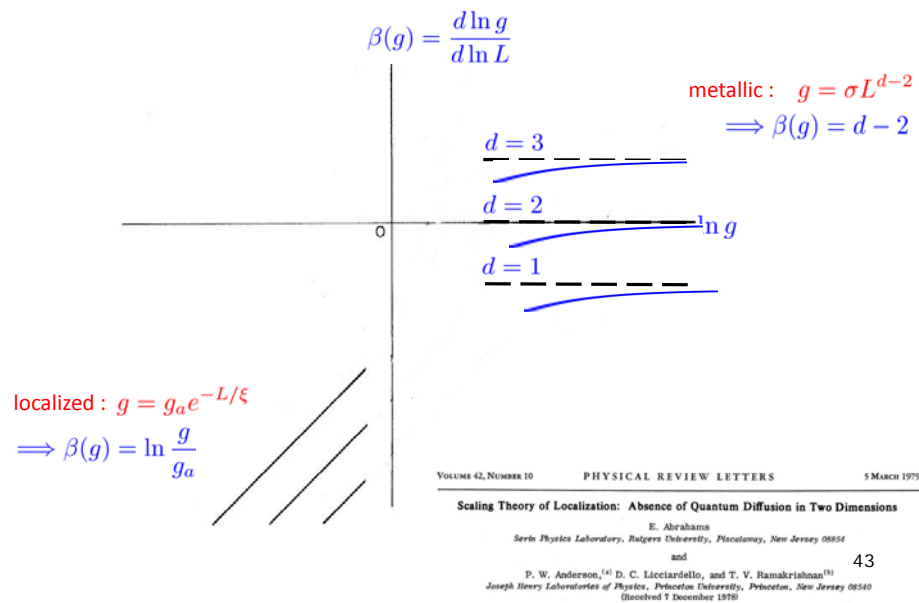
From weak localisation correction:

$d=1 \quad g = \frac{\sigma}{L} - c_1 \left(1 - \frac{l_e}{L}\right)$
 $d=2 \quad g = \sigma - c_2 \ln \frac{L}{l_e}$
 $d=3 \quad g = \sigma L - c_3 \left(\frac{L}{l_e} - 1\right)$

$\beta(g) = \frac{\partial \ln g}{\partial \ln L} = d - 2 - \frac{c_d}{g}$

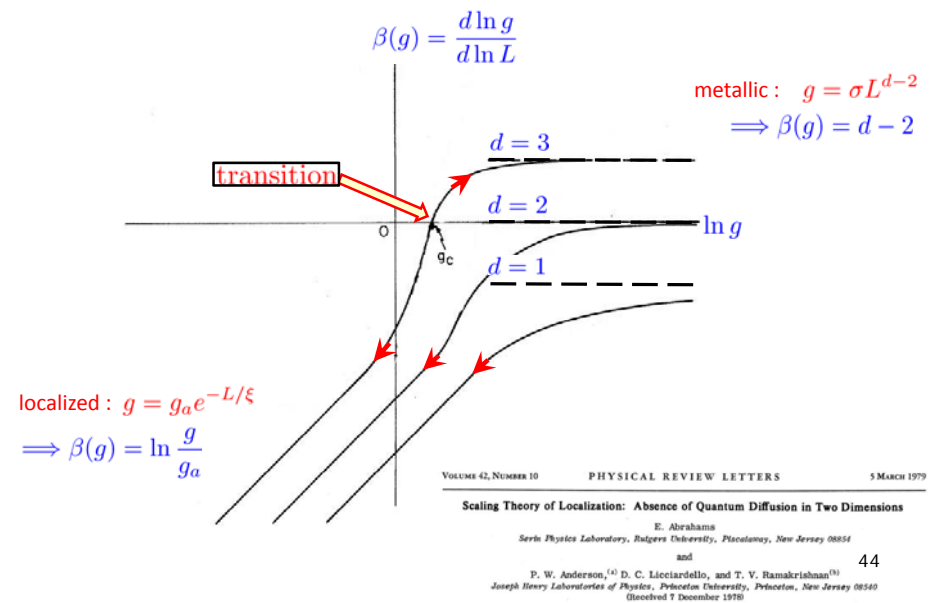
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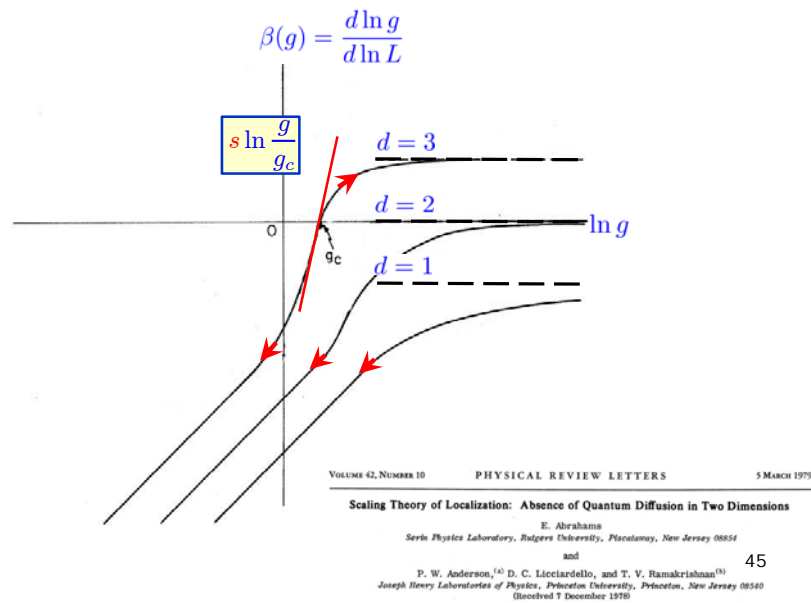


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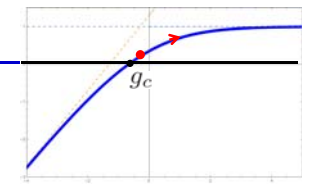
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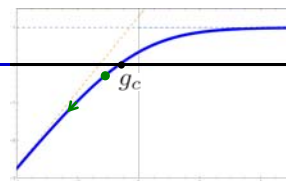
Insulating side ($g_0 < g_c$)

$$g_L = g_a \exp \left[-A (\ln |g_0 / g_c|)^{1/s} L / L_0 \right] = g_a e^{-L/\xi}$$

$$\xi \propto \frac{L_0}{(\ln |g_0 / g_c|)^{1/s}} \propto (g_c - g_0)^{-1/s}$$

$$\xi \propto (W - W_c)^{-1/s}$$

$$\nu = 1/s$$



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