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Outline of the talk

1. Introduction:

- **Fractal wavefunctions: weak- vs. strong- fractality**
- **Critical correlations of fractal wavefunctions and the dynamical scaling hypothesis**
- **Paradox of the critical correlations at strong fractality**

2. Strong multifractality regime:

- **Model (the Critical RMT) and method (the Virial Expansion)**

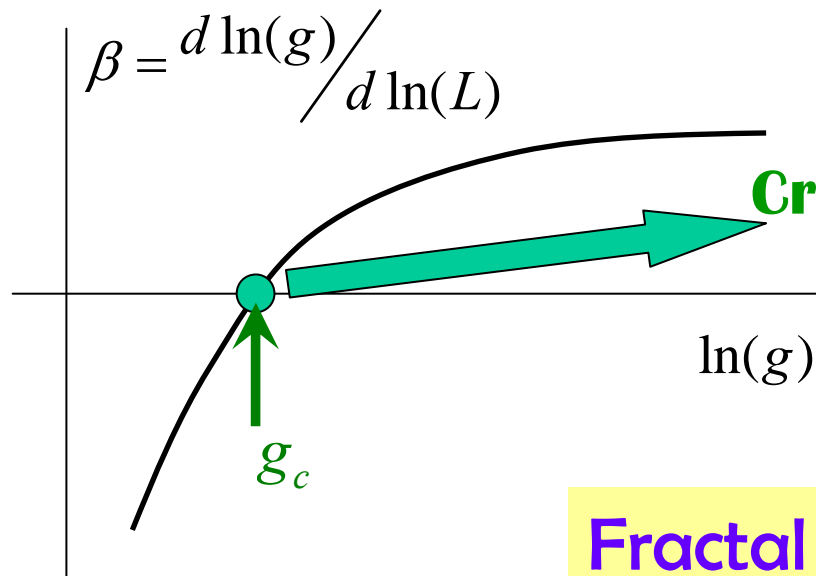
3. Scaling exponents:

- **Outline of calculations and results**

4. Conclusions

Fractal wave-functions at the localization transition

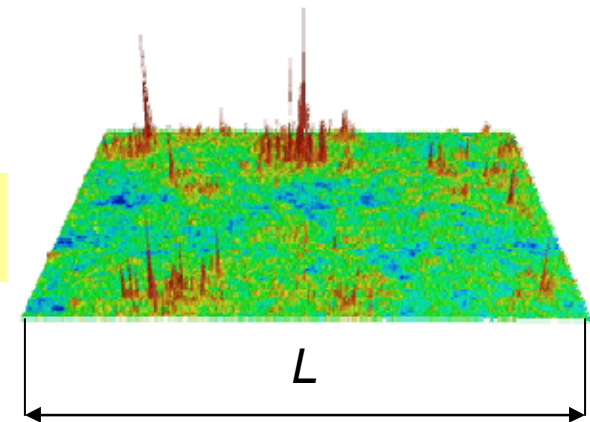
Anderson, 1958
the Gang of four, 1979



Criticality at the localization transition

Fractal wave-functions

(Wegner, 1980)



Inverse Participation Ratio

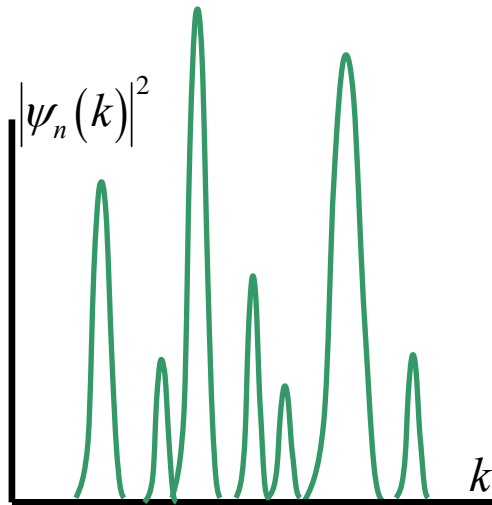
$$P_q = \nu^{-1} \left\langle \sum_{n, \vec{r}} |\psi_n(\vec{r})|^{2q} \delta(E - \varepsilon_n) \right\rangle$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (P_q) \propto \frac{1}{L^{(q-1)d_q}}$$

fractal dimension: $0 < d_q < d$

Wavefunction occupies a fraction of space

Weak- vs. strong- fractality regimes



Weak fractality $d_q \simeq d$

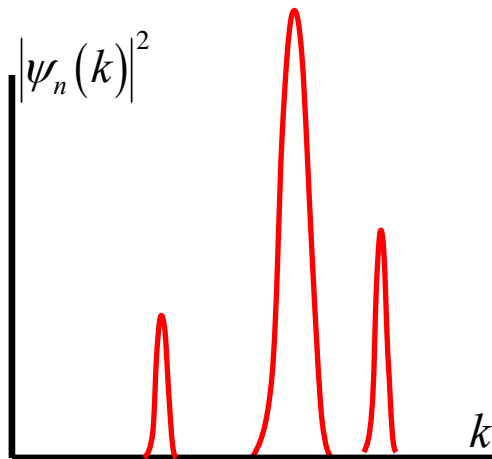
Fractal WF are close to extended states

Examples (talk by Konstantin Efetov):

- 2d disordered systems, weak disorder
- turbulence

Method: σ -model

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- Localization transition in the Anderson model, $d=3$: $d_2 \simeq d/2$, $d_4 \ll d$
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Strong fractality $d_q \ll d$

Fractal WF are close to localized states

Example:

- localization transition in the high-dimensional Anderson model

Method: locator expansion (talk by Boris Altshuler)

Correlations of the fractal wave-functions

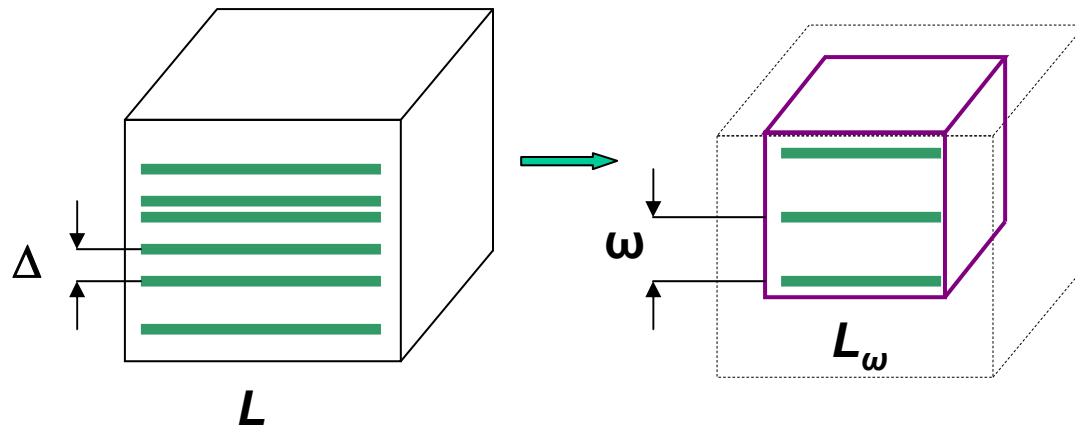
Two point correlation function:

$$C_2(\omega, \mathbf{R}) \equiv \nu^{-1} \langle \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{m,n} \delta(\omega/2 - \xi_n) \delta(\omega/2 + \xi_m) |\psi_{\xi_n}(\mathbf{p})|^2 |\psi_{\xi_m}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{R})|^2 \rangle$$

- For a disordered system at the critical point (fractal wavefunctions)

$$C_2(\omega = 0, \mathbf{R}) \propto (L/|\mathbf{R}|)^{d-d_2}, \quad |\mathbf{R}| \leq L \quad (\text{Wegner, 1985})$$

- If $\omega > \Delta$ then $L_\omega = L(\Delta/\omega)^{1/d}$ must play a role of L:



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Dynamical scaling hypothesis: $L^{d-d_2} \rightarrow (L_\omega)^{d-d_2}$

$$\Rightarrow C_2(\omega > \Delta, \mathbf{R}) \propto (L_\omega/|\mathbf{R}|)^{d-d_2}, \quad l \leq |\mathbf{R}| \leq L_\omega < L$$

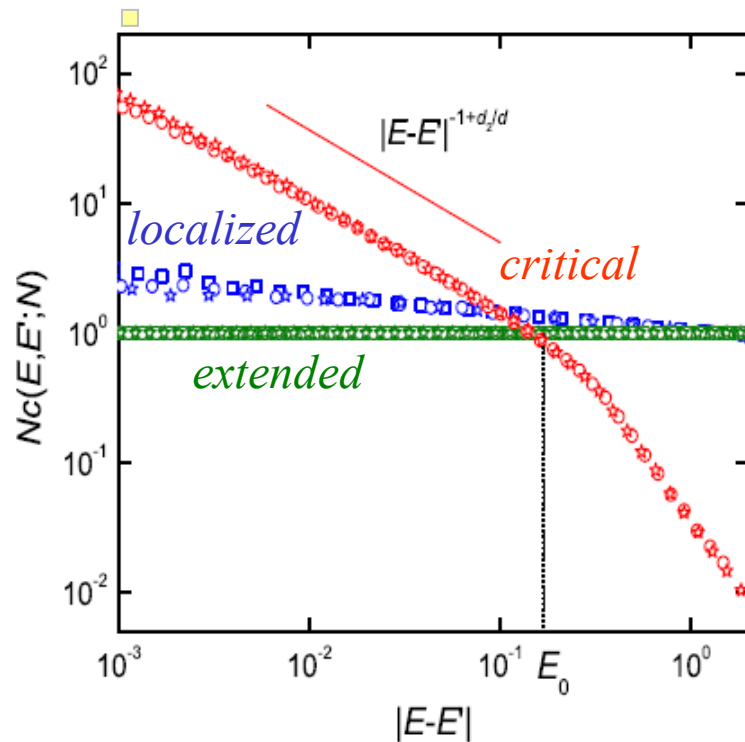
(Chalker, Daniel, 1988; Chalker, 1990)

d – space dimension, Δ – mean level spacing, l – mean free path, $\langle \dots \rangle$ – disorder averaging

Fractal enhancement of correlations

Dynamical scaling: $C_2(\Delta < \omega < E_0, |\mathbf{R}| \ll l) \propto \left(\frac{E_0}{\omega}\right)^{1-d_2/d}$

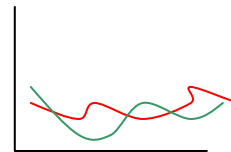
$E_0/\omega > 1, 1 - d_2/d > 0$ - Enhancement of correlations



(Cuevas, Kravtsov, 2007)

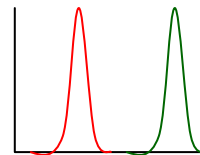
(The Anderson model: tight binding Hamiltonian)

Extended WF:



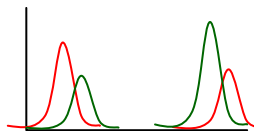
small amplitude
substantial overlap in space

Localized WF:



high amplitude
small overlap in space

Fractal WF:

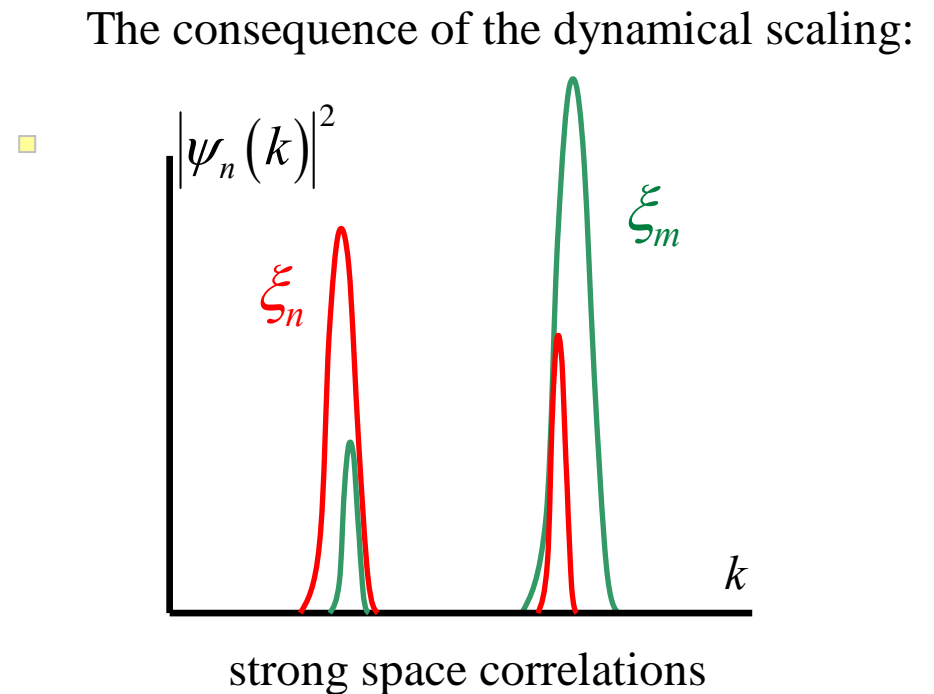
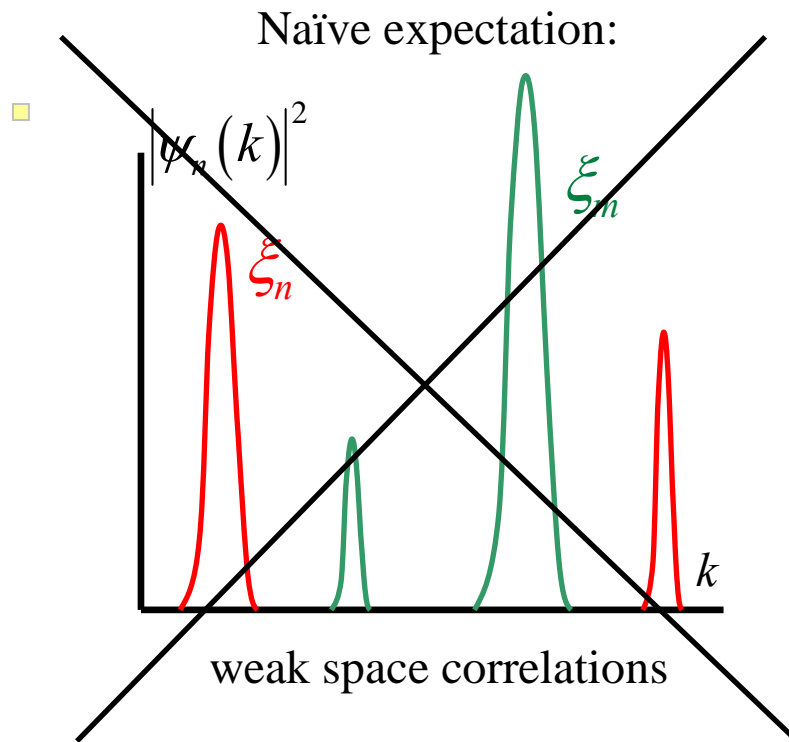


relatively high amplitude and

*the fractal wavefunctions
strongly overlap in space*

Strong fractality regime: do WFs really overlap in space?

$$0 < d_2 \ll d \text{ - sparse fractals, } \Delta \ll |\xi_m - \xi_n| \ll E_0$$



So far, no analytical check of the dynamical scaling; just a numerical evidence

Does the dynamical scaling hypothesis hold true in the strong fractality regime?

IQH WF: Chalker, Daniel (1988),

Huckestein, Schweitzer (1994), Prack, Janssen, Freche (1996)

Anderson transition in 3d: Brandes, Huckestein, Schweitzer (1996)

WF of critical RMTs: Cuevas, Kravtsov (2007)

Coinciding space point: scaling in energy-domain

$\mathbf{R} = 0$, energy representation

$$C_2(\omega, 0) \equiv \nu^{-1} \left\langle \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{m,n} \delta\left(\frac{\omega}{2} - \xi_n\right) \delta\left(\frac{\omega}{2} + \xi_m\right) |\psi_{\xi_n}(\mathbf{p})|^2 |\psi_{\xi_m}(\mathbf{p})|^2 \right\rangle = C_{2,\text{diag}} + C_{2,\text{off-diag}}$$

Diagonal part

$$C_{2,\text{diag}} = \delta(\omega) \underbrace{\left\langle \nu^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_m \delta(\xi_m) |\psi_{\xi_m}(\mathbf{p})|^4 \right\rangle}_{\text{IPR, } \mathcal{P}_2} \propto \delta(\omega) V^{-d_2/d}, \quad V = L^d$$

(space scaling)

Off-diagonal part

$$C_{2,\text{off-diag}} |_{\Delta \ll \omega \ll E_0} \propto \omega^{-\mu} \quad \text{(dynamical scaling)}$$

$$\boxed{1 - \mu = d_2/d}$$

Coinciding space point: scaling in time-domain

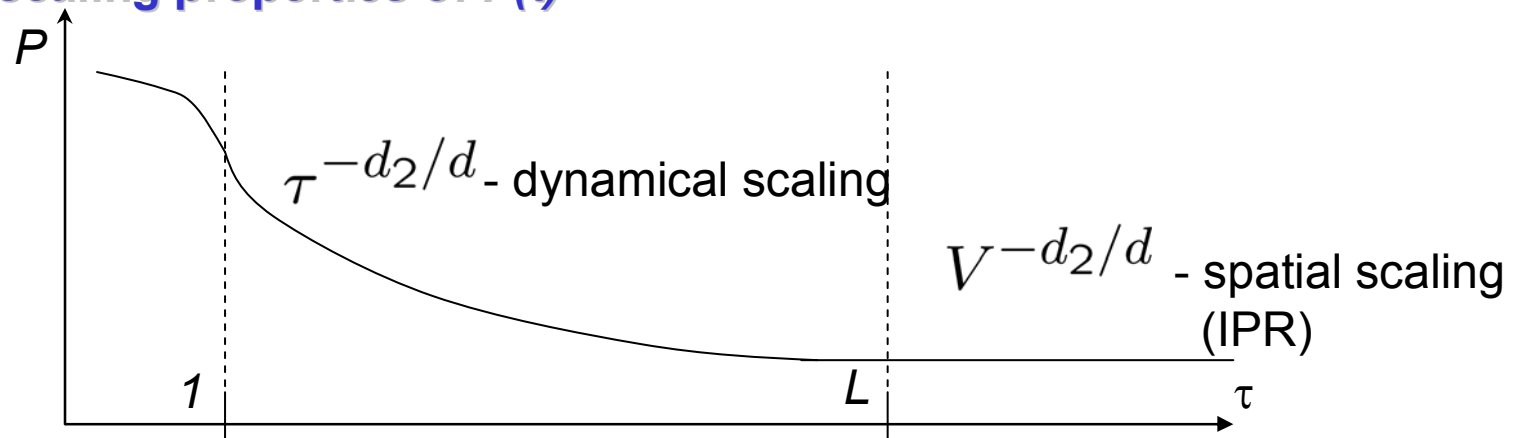
$\mathbf{R} = 0$, time representation

$$\text{Fourier transform of } C_2(\omega, 0): P(t) = \int C_2(\omega, 0) e^{-i\omega t} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}$$

- averaged return probability for a wave packet

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Expected scaling properties of $P(t)$



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$P(t)$ is more convenient for the further analysis

(τ - scaled time)

Scaling of the return probability

$\Upsilon = \min(\tau, L)$ - IR cutoff of the theory

Expected behaviour of $P(t)$ in the long time limit

$$P(t) = A(\Upsilon) \left(\frac{B(\Upsilon)}{\Upsilon} \right)^{\kappa}$$

← Universal exponent

$$\log(P) = \frac{\log(A)}{\quad} + \kappa \left(\frac{\log(B) - \log(\Upsilon)}{\quad} \right)$$

can be non-universal → let's eliminate them

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$$\partial_{\log(\Upsilon)} \log(P) = \cancel{\log(A)} + \kappa \cancel{\log(B)} - \partial_{\log(\Upsilon)} [\kappa \log(\Upsilon)]$$

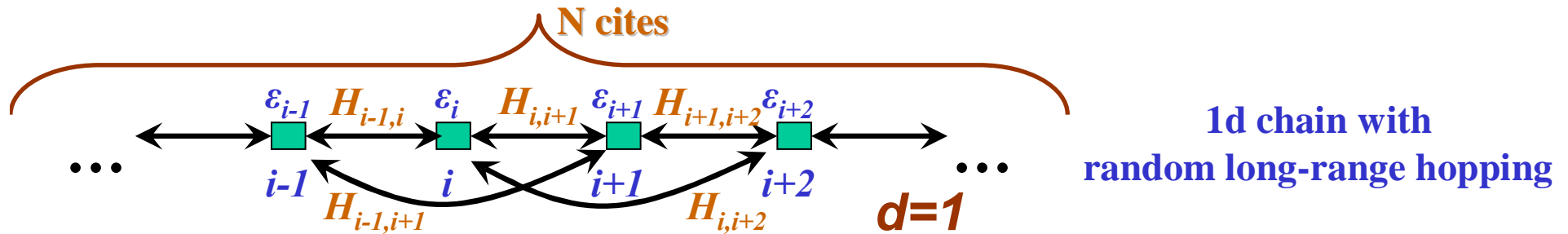
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IF the dynamical scaling hypothesis holds true then

1) $\partial_{\log(\Upsilon)} \log(P) = -\kappa$ - **Equation for κ**

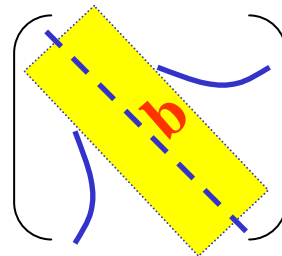
2) $\kappa|_{V \gg \tau} = \kappa|_{\tau \gg V} = d_2/d$ - **Universality of κ**

Model: MF RMT (Power-Law-Banded Random Matrices)



\hat{H} - $N \times N$ Hermitian BRM

b is the bandwidth



$$\langle |H_{i,j}|^2 \rangle \sim \begin{cases} 1, & |i-j| < b \\ \left(\frac{1}{|i-j|}\right)^{2\alpha}, & |i-j| > b \end{cases}$$

$\alpha=1$: RMT with multifractal eigenstates at any band-width

(Mirlin, Fyodorov et. al., 1996, Mirlin, Evers, 2000)

$$2\pi b \gg 1$$

$$d_2 \approx 1 - \frac{\text{const}}{2\pi b}$$

$1-d_2 \ll 1$ – regime of **weak multifractality**

$$b < 1$$

$$d_2 \approx \text{const } b$$

$d_2 \ll 1$ – regime of **strong multifractality**

Variance of matrix elements for almost diagonal MF RMT

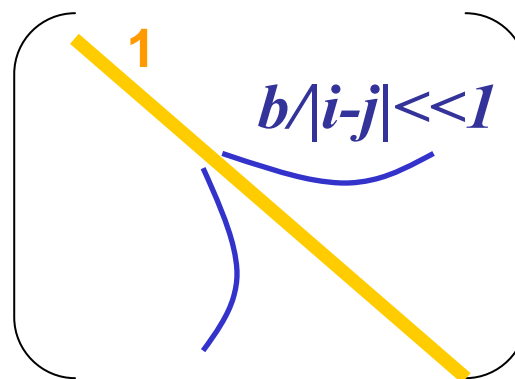
MF RMT from the GUE symmetry class

$$\langle \varepsilon_i^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\langle |H_{i \neq j}|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 + (i-j)^2/b^2} \Big|_{b \ll 1} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b}{i-j} \right)^2$$

$b \ll 1$ - small band width

→ almost diagonal MF RMT



Method: The virial expansion

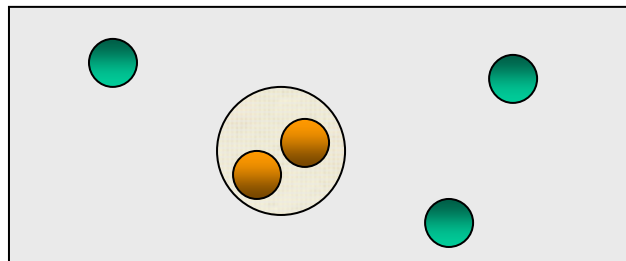
Note: a field theoretical machinery of the σ -model cannot be used in the case of the strong fractality

As an alternative to the σ -model, we use

- the virial expansion in the number of interacting energy levels.

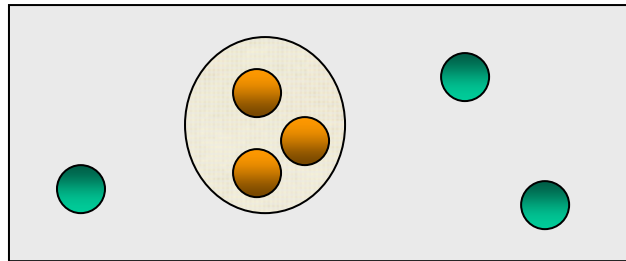
Gas of low density ρ

ρ^1



2-particle collision

ρ^2



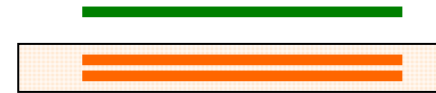
3-particle collision

Almost diagonal RM

$$\Delta \gg b\Delta$$

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$b\Delta$



b^1

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2-level interaction



b^2

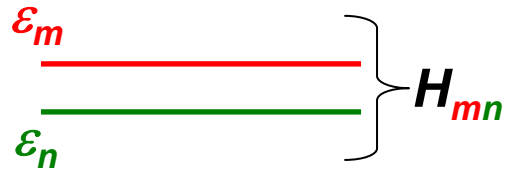


3-level interaction

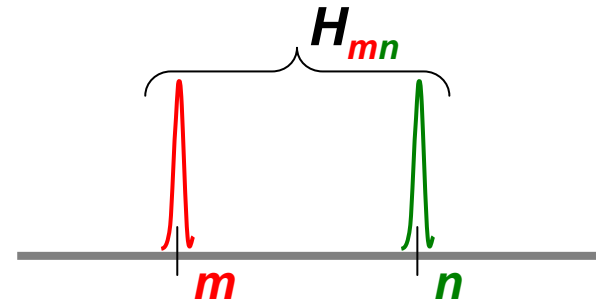
- VE allows one to expand correlations functions in powers of $b \ll 1$

SuSy virial expansion

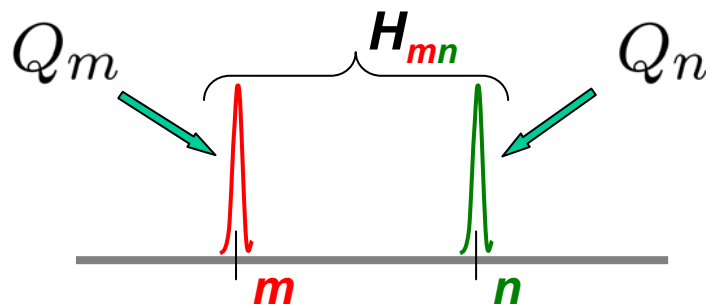
Interaction of energy levels



Hybridization of localized states



SuSy is used to average over disorder (OY, Ossipov, Kronmüller, 2007-2009)



Coupling of supermatrices

$$\rightarrow \exp(-\langle |H_{mn}|^2 \rangle \text{Str}(Q_m Q_n))$$

Summation over all possible configurations

$$\sim \int dx \exp(-\langle |H_{mn}|^2 \rangle \text{Str}(Q_m Q_n)) \underbrace{\mathcal{F}[Q]}_{\text{SuSy breaking factor}}, \quad x \equiv m-n$$

Application of the virial expansion

Expected behavior: $P \propto \Upsilon^{-\kappa}$; $\Upsilon = \min(\tau, N)$, $\kappa \sim b \ll 1$

VE for the return probability: $P = 1 + \sum_{j=2} b^{j-1} P_j$, $P_j \sim \log(\Upsilon)^{j-1}$

Perturbation theory for the scaling exponent

$$\kappa = -\partial_{\log(\Upsilon)} \log(1 + b^1 P_2 + b^2 P_3 + \dots) = \kappa_2 + \kappa_3 + \dots$$

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$$\kappa_2 \equiv -b^1 \partial_{\log(\Upsilon)} P_2 \quad \leftarrow \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

$$\kappa_3 \equiv -b^2 \partial_{\log(\Upsilon)} \left(P_3 - \frac{1}{2} P_2^2 \right) \quad \leftarrow \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

What do we calculate and check

1) Dynamical scaling:

$$P \propto \Upsilon^\kappa; \quad \kappa_2(\Upsilon) \equiv -b^1 \partial_{\log(\Upsilon)} P_2, \quad \kappa_3(\Upsilon) \equiv -b^2 \partial_{\log(\Upsilon)} \left(P_3 - \frac{1}{2} P_2^2 \right)$$

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a) Log-behavior of P_j :

$$P_2 \sim \log(\Upsilon), \quad P_3 \sim \log(\Upsilon)^2 \quad \checkmark$$

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b) Pure power-law dependence of $P(\Upsilon)$

$$\textcircled{9} \log^2(\Upsilon) \text{ must cancel out in } P_3 - (P_2)^2/2 \quad \checkmark$$

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2) Universality: scaling exponent is cut-off independent

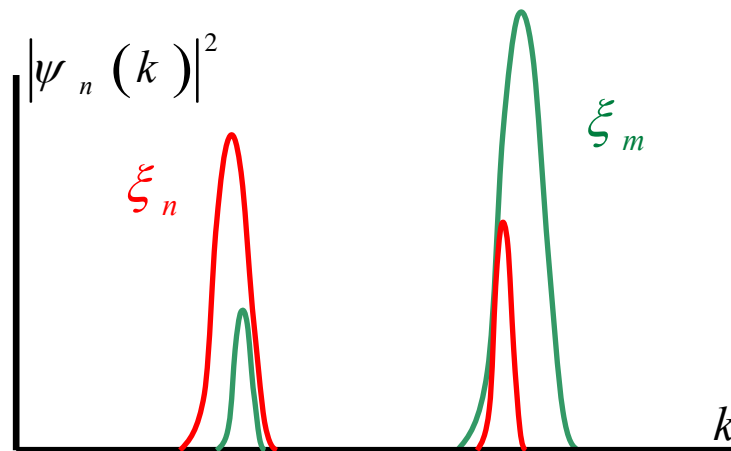
$$\kappa_j|_{\Upsilon=N} = \kappa_j|_{\Upsilon=\tau}, \quad j = 2, 3 \quad \checkmark$$

Results

$$1 - \mu = d_2 \simeq \kappa_2 + \kappa_3 = \frac{\pi b}{\sqrt{2}} + 0.083(\pi b)^2$$

Conclusions

- Using the model of the **of the almost diagonal RMT with multifractal eigenstates in the strong fractality regime** we have shown that:
 - **assumptions about the dynamical scaling and the relation $\mu=1-d_2$ hold true up to the leading and the subleading terms of the VE**



- **our results confirm strong correlation of the sparse fractal wave functions**