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# Interaction Effects in Disordered Conductors

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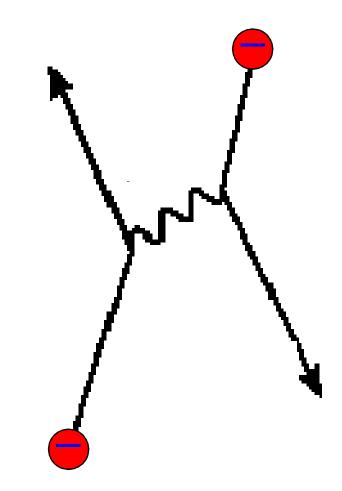
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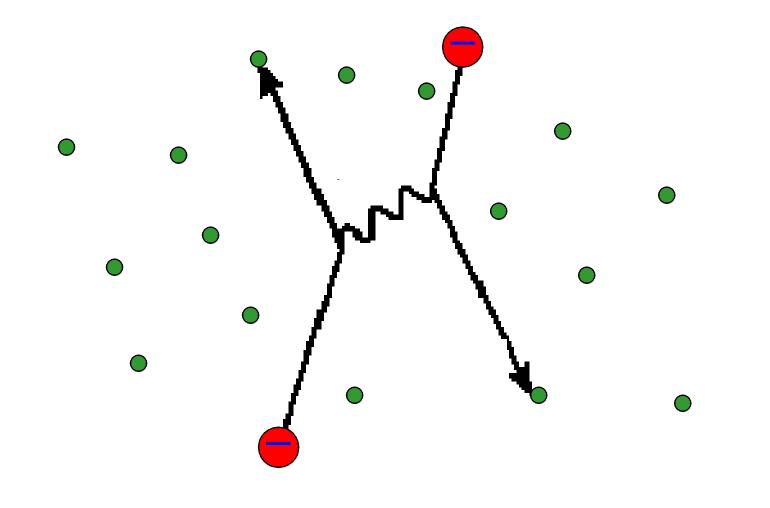
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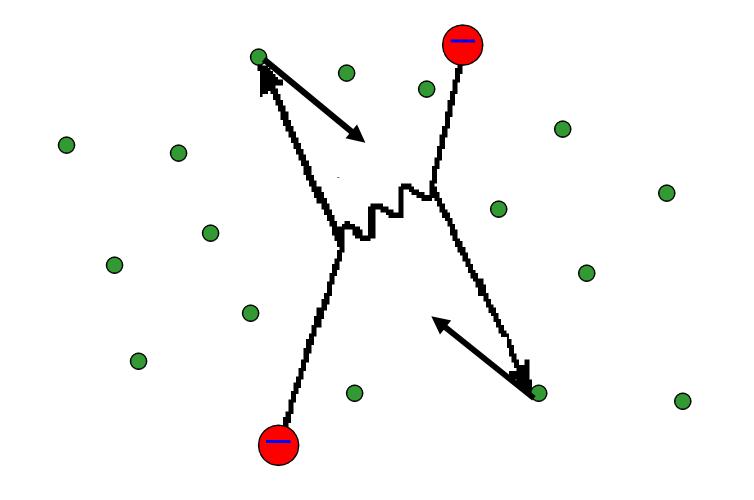
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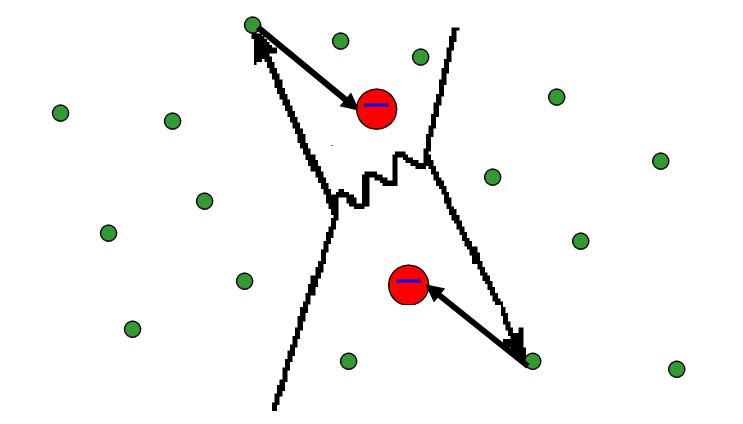






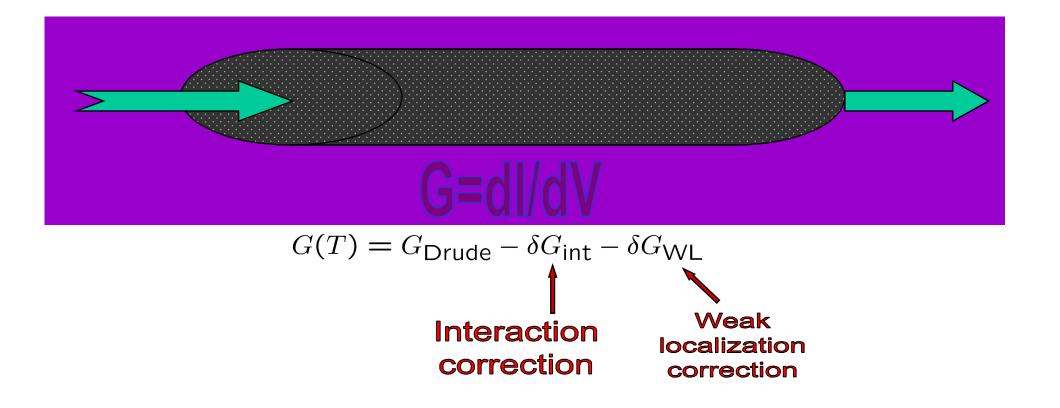








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## **Crossover to Anderson localization at:**

$$L_{\rm T} \sim L_{\varphi} \sim L_{\rm loc}$$

#### **Intrinsic Decoherence in Mesoscopic Systems**

P. Mohanty, E. M. Q. Jariwala, and R. A. Webb

Center for Superconductivity Research, Department of Physics, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742 (Received 17 December 1996)

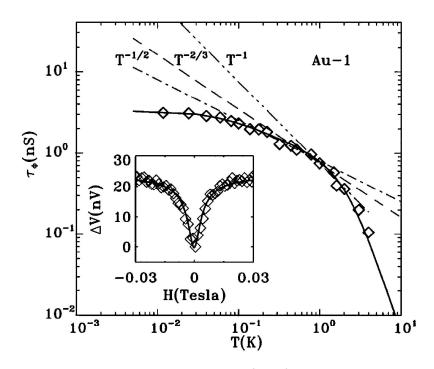


FIG. 1. Temperature dependence of  $\tau_{\phi}$  for sample Au-1. The broken lines are the functional forms expected from previous theories. The solid line is a fit to Eq. (1) with phonons. The inset shows the typical weak localization data taken with 2 nA at 11 mK with a fit to the standard 1D theory.

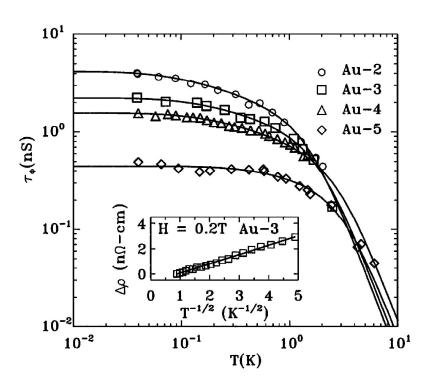


FIG. 2. Temperature dependence of  $\tau_{\phi}$  for four Au wires. Solid lines are fits to Eq. (1) with phonons. The inset is the EE contribution to  $\Delta \rho$  with the theoretical prediction.



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## No Anderson localization!

• low 
$$T$$
 :  $L_{arphi} \sim \sqrt{N}l, \quad \frac{\delta G_{\mathsf{WL}}}{G_{\mathsf{Drude}}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \ll 1$ 

## **Disorder + Interactions:**

### **Universal theory**

Disorder + Interactions: Scattering matrix approach

### Disorder + Interactions: L L L Scattering Hubbard-Stratonovich matrix + approach Keldysh

#### Hamiltonian

$$H = \int d\mathbf{r}\psi_{\sigma}^{+}(\mathbf{r})h(\mathbf{r})\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) + H_{int},$$

$$h(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\nabla^{2}}{2m} - \mu + U(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$H_{int} = \frac{1}{2}\int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}'\psi_{\sigma}^{+}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{\sigma'}^{+}(\mathbf{r}')\frac{e^{2}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}\psi_{\sigma'}(\mathbf{r}')\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r})$$

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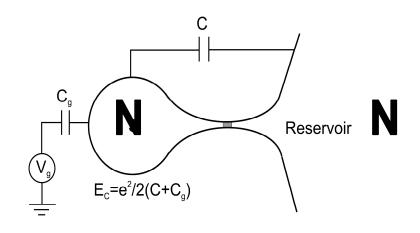
$$\widehat{G} = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}V_1 \mathcal{D}V_2 G_V \exp(iS)}{\int \mathcal{D}V_1 \mathcal{D}V_2 \exp(iS)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} + h(\mathbf{r}') + eV_1(t',\mathbf{r}') & 0\\ 0 & i\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} + h(\mathbf{r}') + eV_2(t',\mathbf{r}') \end{pmatrix} \widehat{G}_V(t't'',\mathbf{r}'\mathbf{r}'') = \sigma_z \delta(t' - t'') \delta(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}'').$$

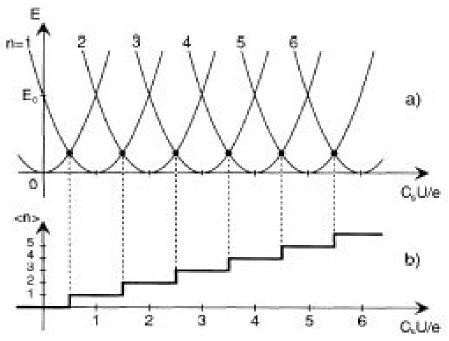
Effective action  $iS = 2\operatorname{Tr} \ln \widehat{G}_V^{-1} + i \int_0^t dt' \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{(\nabla V_1)^2 - (\nabla V_2)^2}{8\pi}.$ 

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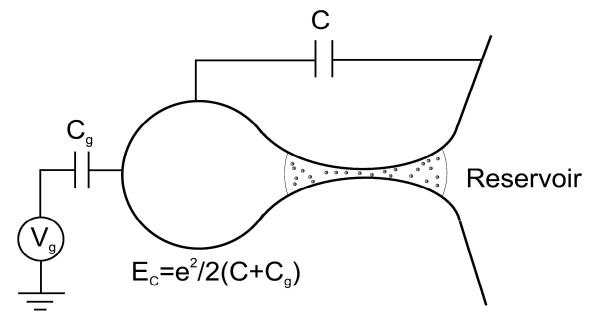
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$$E=(Q_{g}-ne)^{2}/2(C+C_{g})$$
$$Q_{g}=C_{g}V_{g}$$
$$n_{g}=Q_{g}/e$$

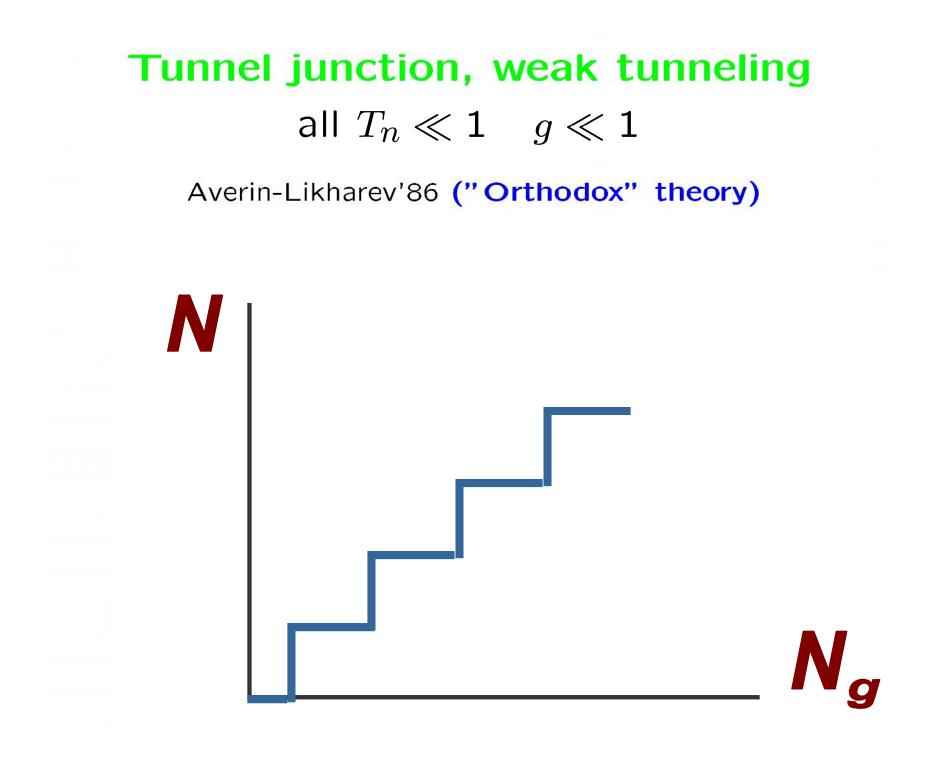


# Coherent scatterer: basic model



$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{e^2}{\pi\hbar} \operatorname{tr}[\hat{t}^+\hat{t}] = \frac{e^2}{\pi\hbar} \sum_n T_n$$

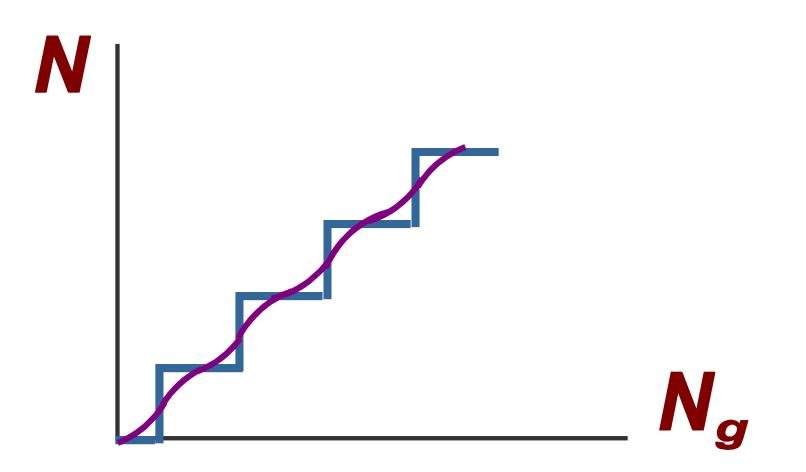
$$g = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{e^2R} = 2\sum_n T_n$$



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Arbitrary scatterer,  $g \gg 1$ Nazarov'99 (effective action, instantons)

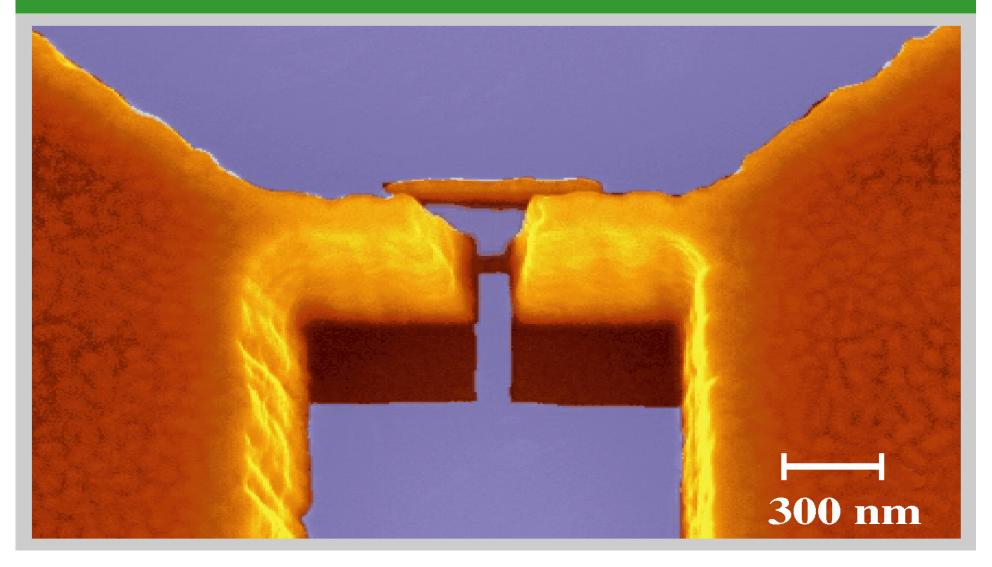
$$\tilde{E}_c \propto E_c \prod_n [1 - T_n] = E_c \exp(-ag)$$

diffusive conductor:  $a = \pi^2/8$ 

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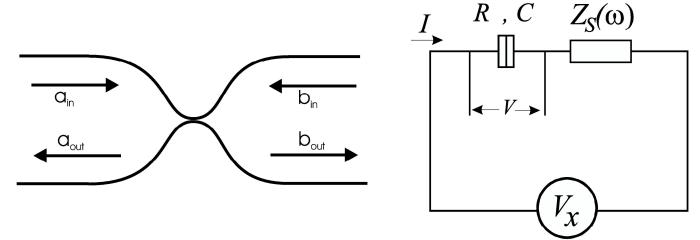
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## **Diffusive metallic bridges** H. Weber et al., PRB'01



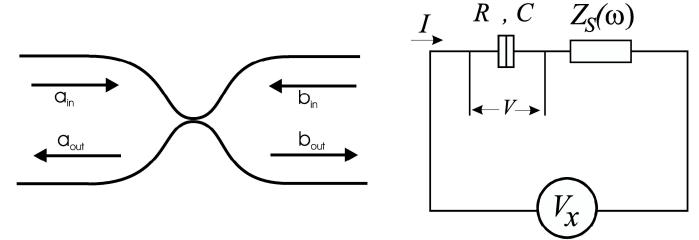
#### Scatterer+Environment R , C $Z_{S}(\omega)$ **C**<sub>in</sub> b -V $b_{\text{out}}$ **O**<sub>out</sub> Short dwell times $V_{\chi}$ $\frac{dI}{dI} = 1 - \beta f(V,T)$ R-Golubev, A.D.Z.'01: $\frac{\sum_n T_n(\mathbf{1}-T_n)}{\sum_n T_n}$

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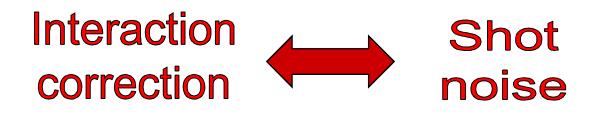


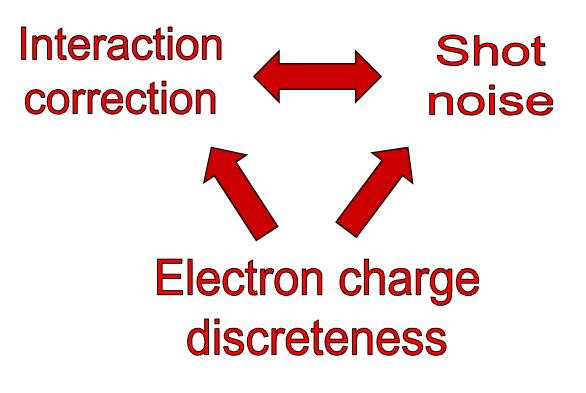
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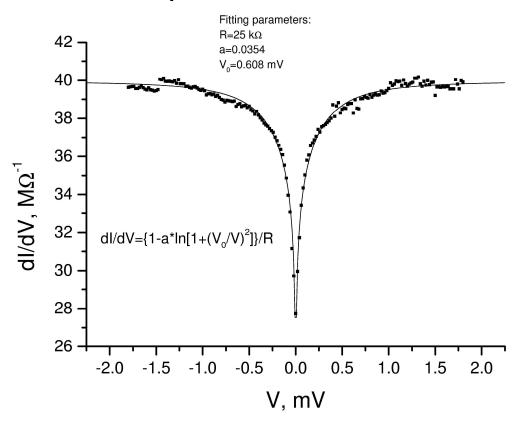
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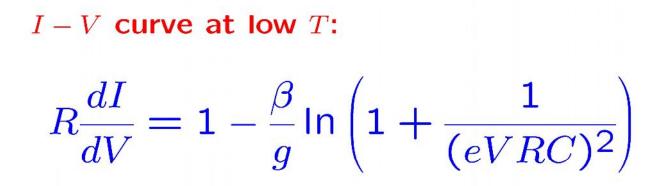
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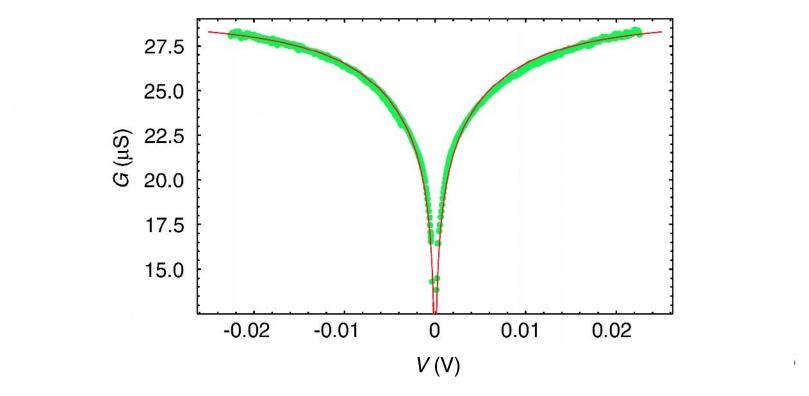




#### Experiment: Krupenin et al., APL'02 (Granular metals)



### Multiwalled Carbon Nanotubes Paalanen et al. (LTL, Helsinki)



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#### Interference and Interaction in multi-wall carbon nanotubes

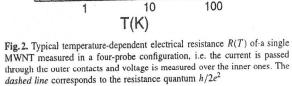
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Au contacts MWNT um

Fig. 1. Scanning electron microscopy image of a single multi-wall nanotube (MWNT) electrically contacted by four Au fingers from above. The separation between the contacts is 350 nm center to center



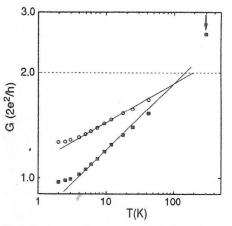
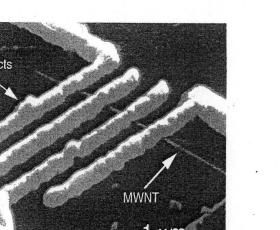
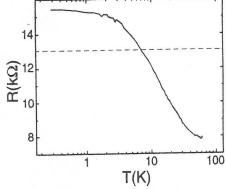
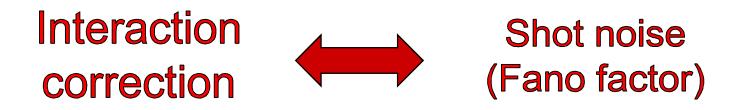


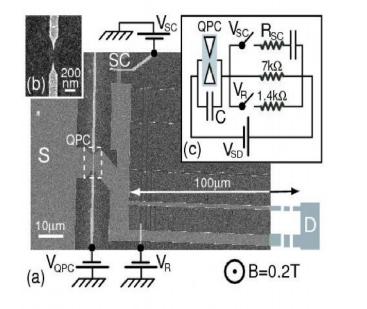
Fig. 6. Conductance G at zero magnetic field as a function of temperature T for the measurement shown in Fig. 5. Filled squares correspond to G at B = 0 and open circles to  $G - \delta G_{WL}$  with  $\delta G_{WL}$  the contribution to the conductance from weak localization. The dashed horizontal line is the conductance expected for an ideal metallic carbon nanotube. The arrow points to the measured room temperature value

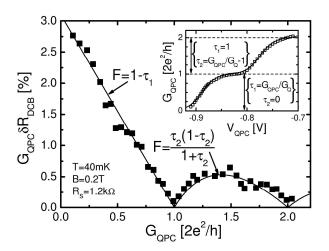






### Experiments on break junctions: Altimiras et al. PRL'07

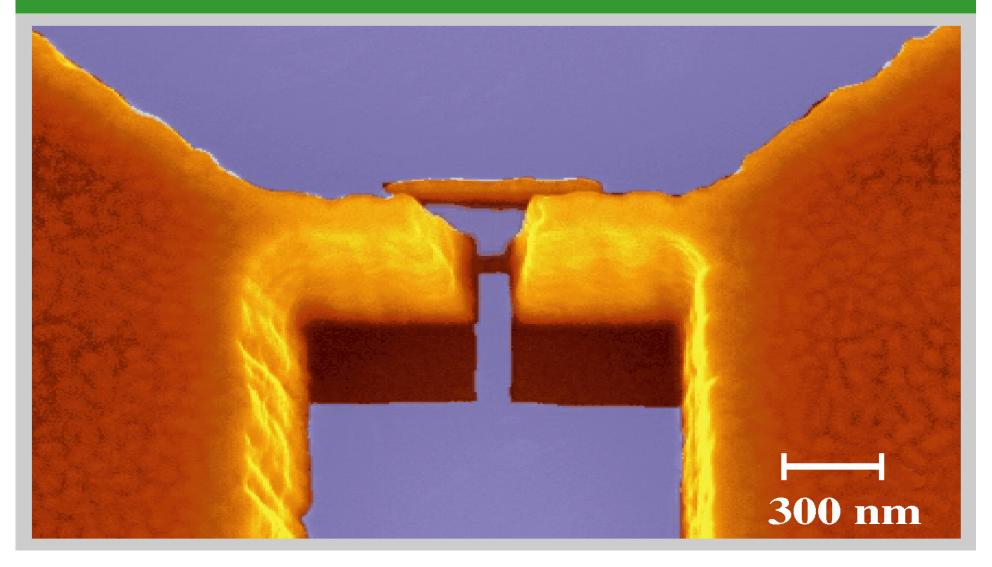


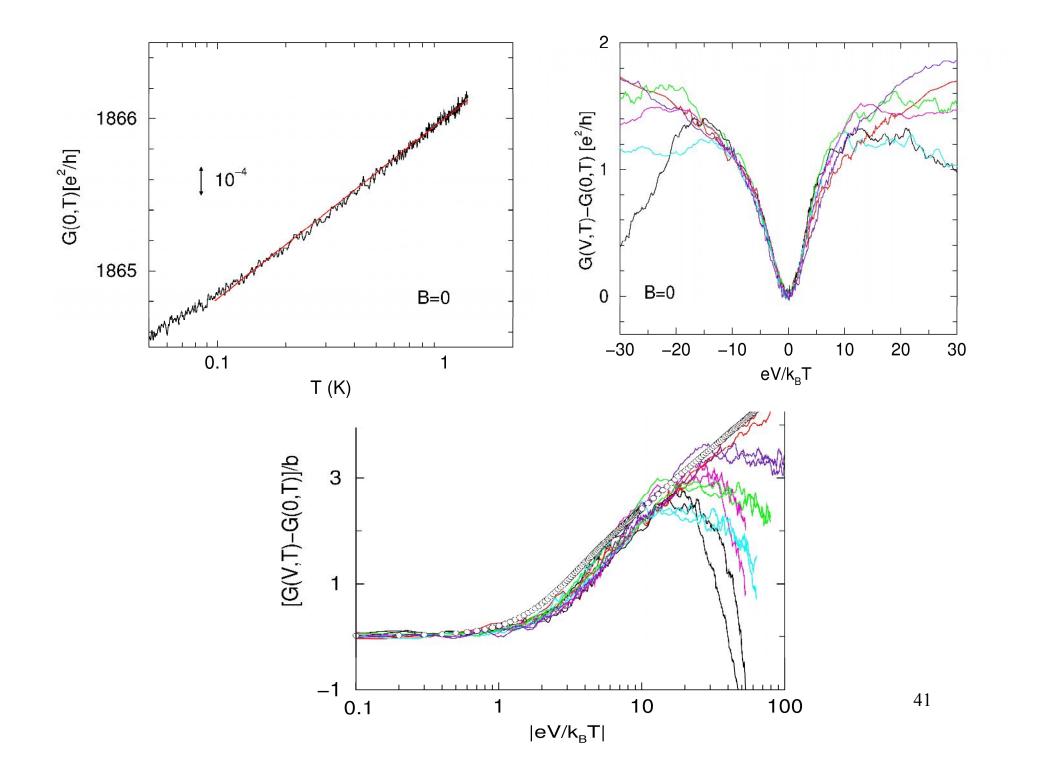


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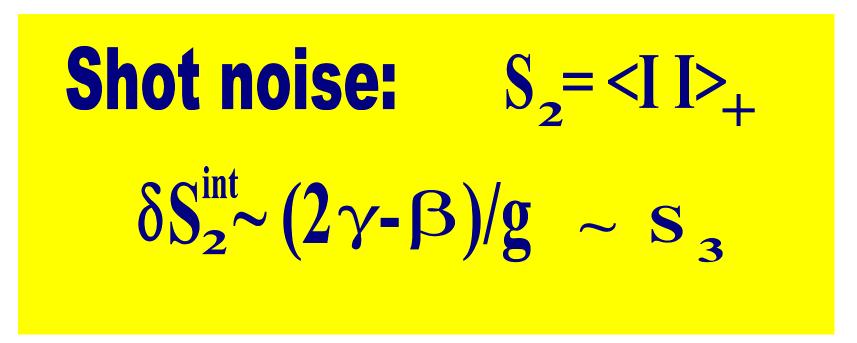
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Shot noise:  $S_2 = \langle I \rangle_+$  $\delta S_2^{int} \sim (2\gamma - \beta)/g$  Interaction correction to higher cumulants and full counting statistics



Golubev, Galaktionov, A.D.Z.'03

$$\tilde{S}(t,t') = \tilde{S}^{\mathsf{ni}}(t,t') + \delta \tilde{S}(t,t')$$
**Nyquist noise...**

$$\delta \tilde{S}_{\omega} = -\frac{4\beta T}{R_q} \ln \frac{gE_C}{T}, \quad \text{if } |\omega|, |eV| \ll T \ll gE_C,$$

$$\delta \tilde{S}_{\omega} = -\frac{2\beta |\omega|}{R_q} \ln \frac{gE_C}{|\omega|}, \quad \text{if } T, |eV| \ll |\omega| \ll gE_C$$
**... always suppressed**

$$\tilde{\mathcal{S}}(t,t') = \tilde{\mathcal{S}}^{\mathsf{ni}}(t,t') + \delta \tilde{\mathcal{S}}(t,t')$$

## Shot noise...

$$\delta \tilde{S}_{\omega} = -\frac{2(\beta - 2\gamma)|eV|}{R_q} \ln \frac{gE_C}{|eV|},$$
  
if  $T, |\omega| \ll |eV| \ll gE_C$ 

... enhanced for 
$$\beta < 2\gamma$$



### Large voltages:

$$\mathcal{S}_{I}(0) = \frac{2e^{3}\mathcal{R}}{\pi} \left( V + \frac{e}{2C} \right),$$

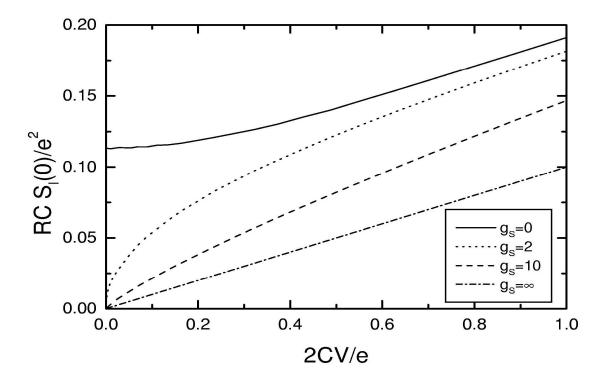
### Small voltages:

$$\mathcal{S}_{I}(0) = \frac{2e^{2}\mathcal{R}(R+R_{S})e^{\frac{2\gamma_{0}}{g+g_{s}}}}{\pi\Gamma\left(2-\frac{2}{g+g_{s}}\right)RR_{S}C} \left(\frac{e|V|RR_{S}C}{R+R_{S}}\right)^{1-\frac{2}{g+g_{s}}}$$

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# Shot noise

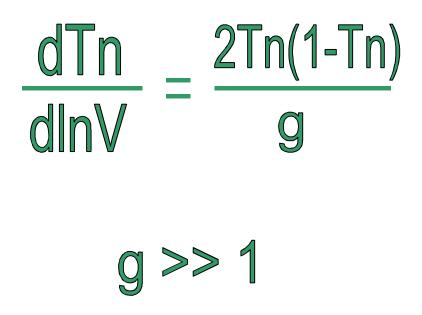
### Golubev, Galaktionov, A.D.Z.'05



## Interaction-induced excess noise

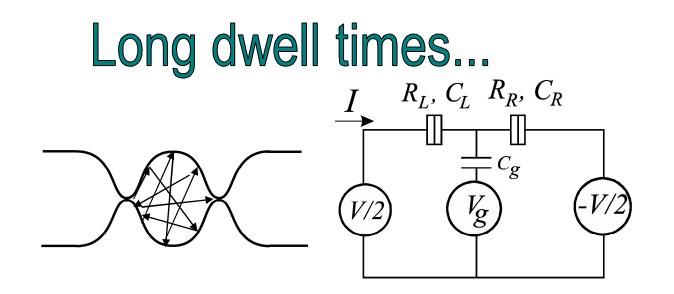
### **Renormalization group**

Kinderman, Nazarov'03 Golubev, A.D.Z.'04 Bagrets, Nazarov'05

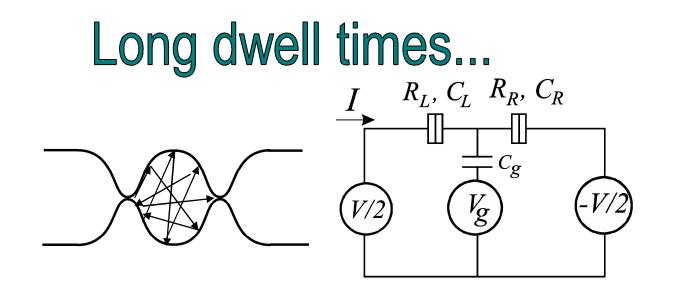


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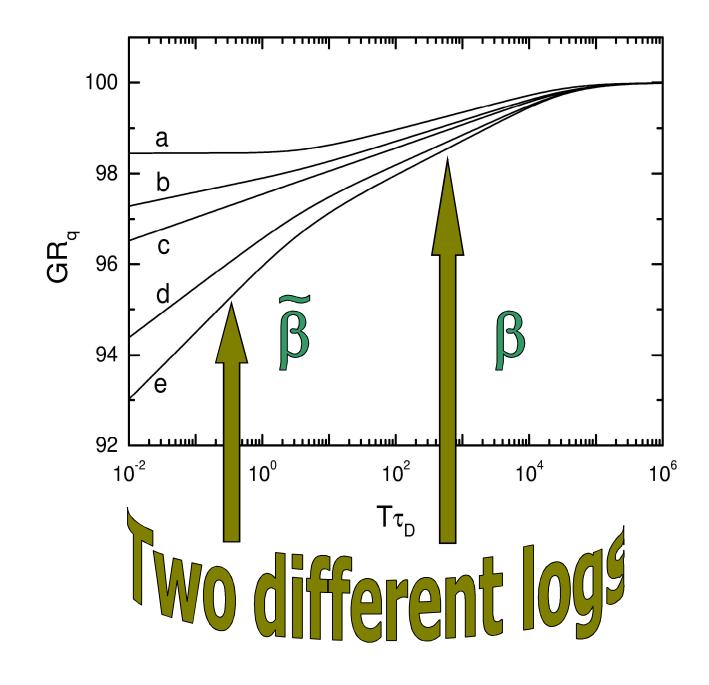
#### Non-zero external impedance

•  $1/\tau_D \ll T \ll gE_C$  :

$$G = G_0 + \frac{\beta \chi}{R_q} \ln \left( T/gE_C \right), \quad 1 \le \chi \le 2,$$

•  $T \ll 1/\tau_D$  :

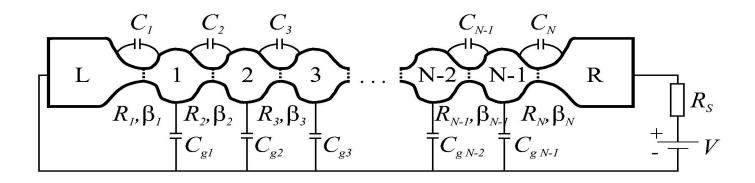
$$G \simeq \tilde{G}_0 + \frac{2\tilde{\beta}}{R_q} \frac{1}{1 + 4R/R_S} \ln(T\tau_D),$$
$$\tilde{G}_0 \simeq G_0 - \frac{\beta\chi}{2R_q} \ln\frac{\tau_D}{RC}$$

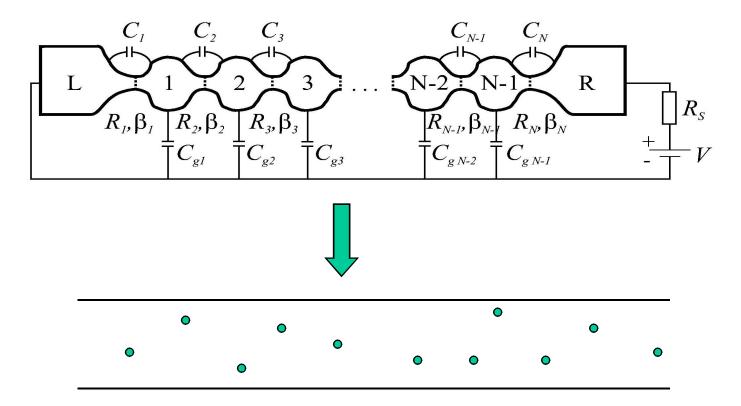


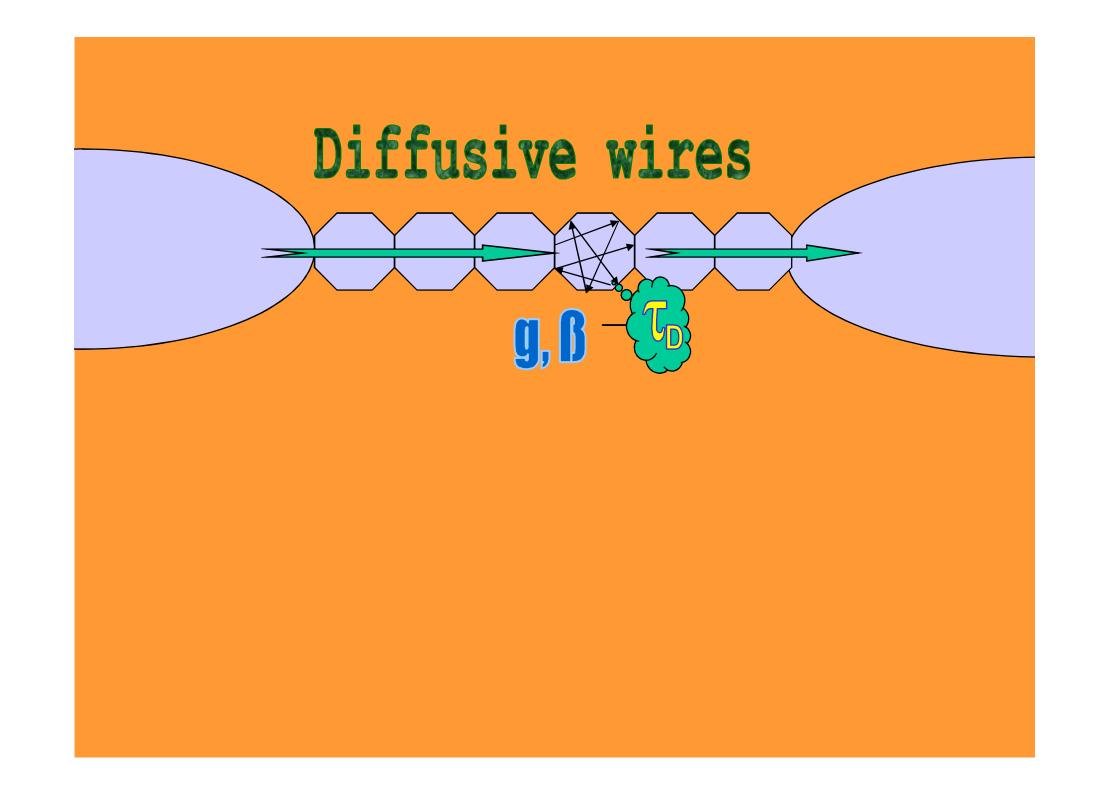
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- Break junctions (Saclay)

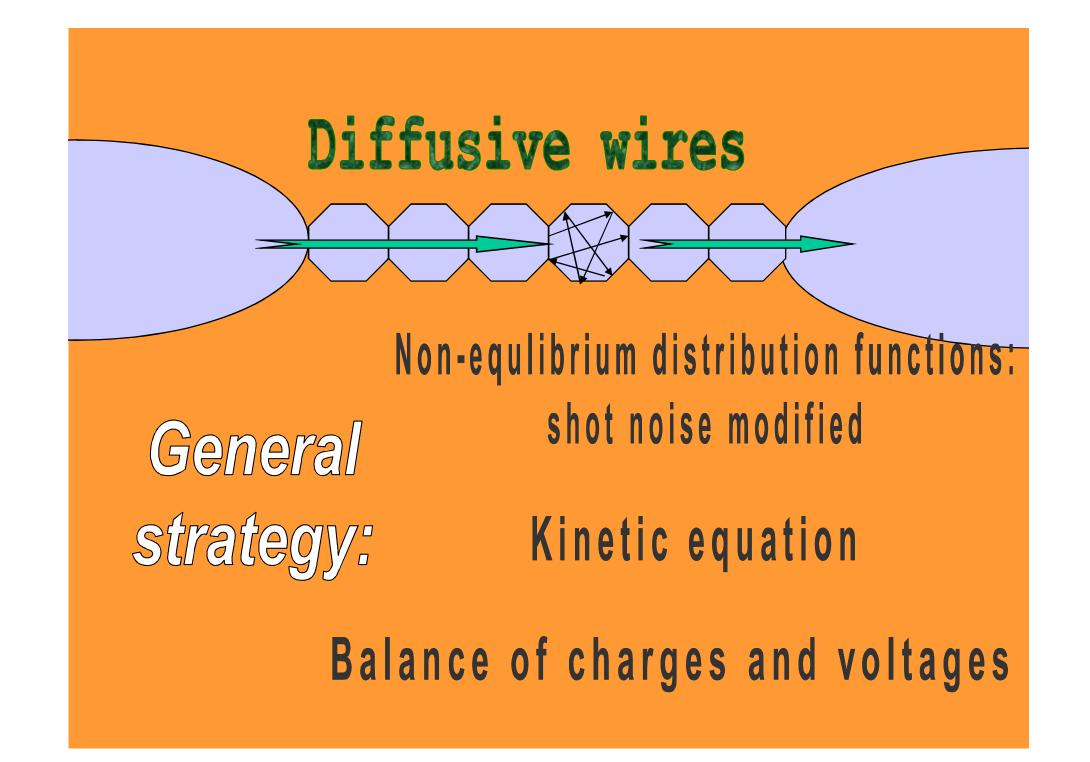
- Metallic constrictions (Natelson et al.)
- Carbon nanotubes (numerous)
- Single tunnel junctions and granular arrays (numerous)
- Diffusive metallic wires (Mohanty-Webb)

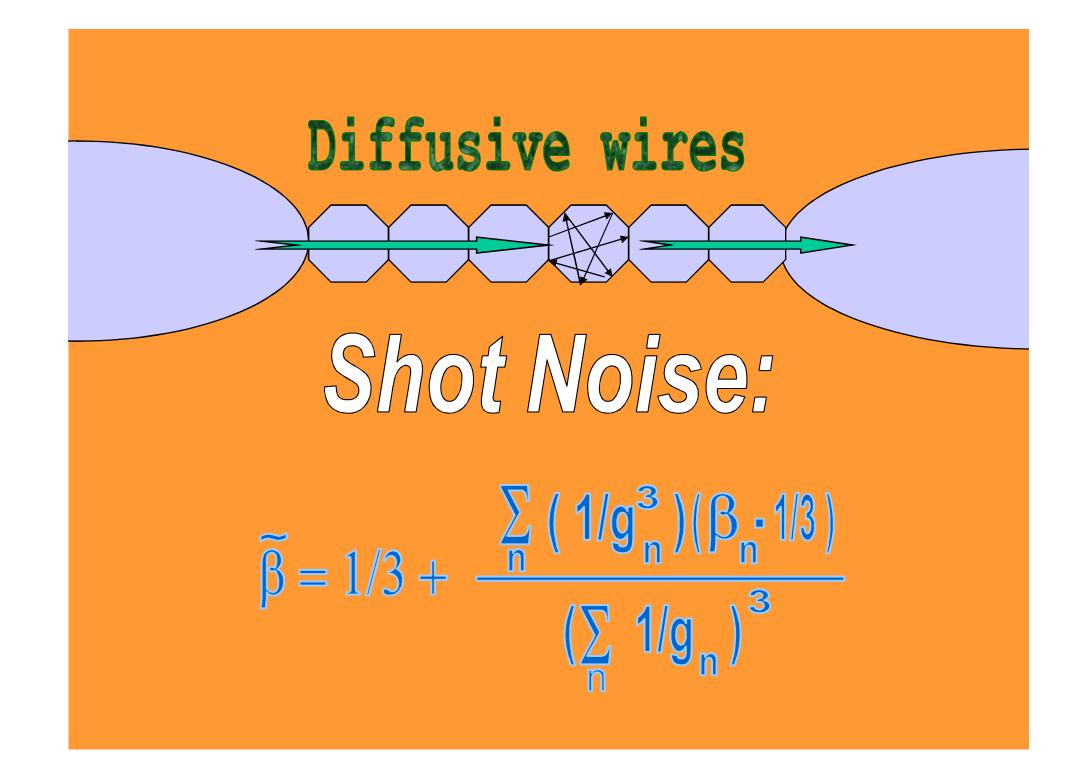
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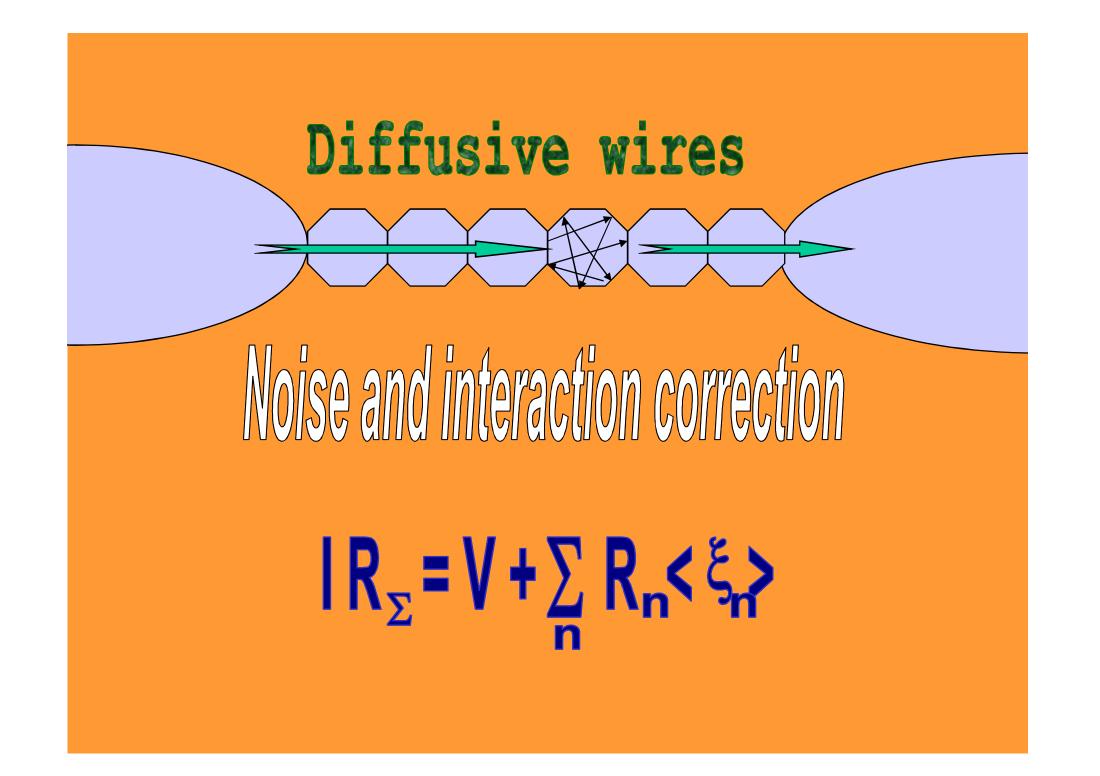




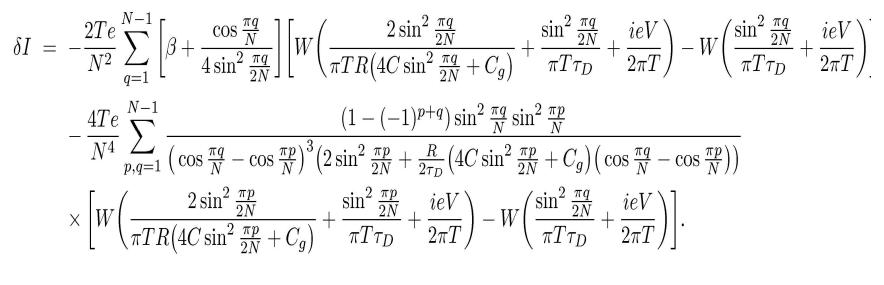






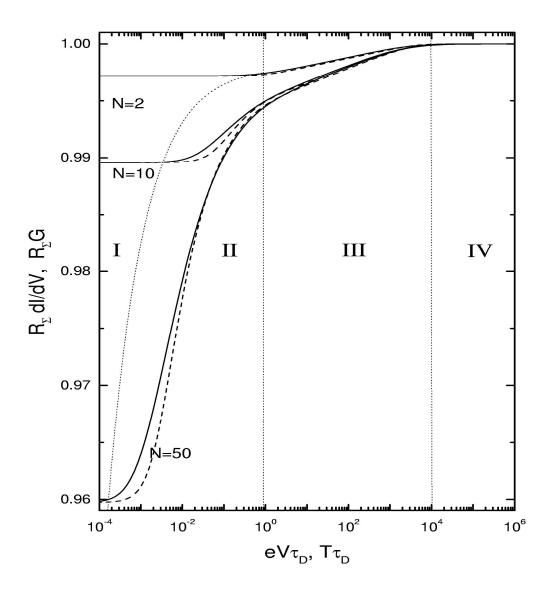


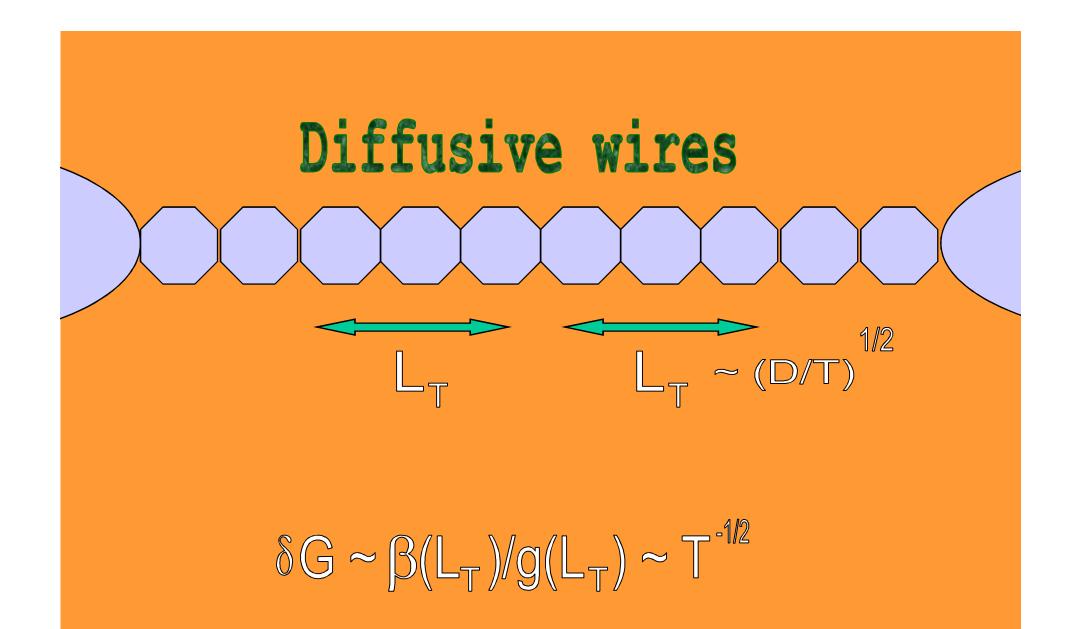
## Perturbation theory: complete expression $|= V/R_{s} + \delta|,$



W(x)=Im[xΨ(1+x)]

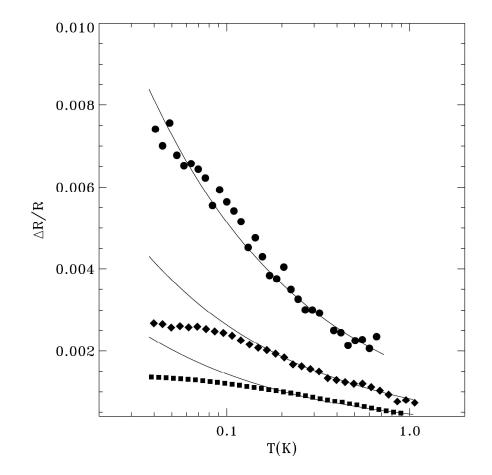
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### **Quasi-1D Disordered Wires**

### Mohanty-Webb'98



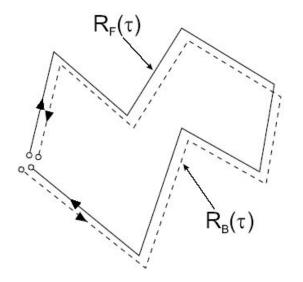
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# Interference (weak localization) correction to conductance:

 $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(r,r') = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi m^2} \int_{-\infty}^t dt_0 \int dt' (\nabla_{r_1}^{\alpha} - \nabla_{r_2}^{\alpha})_{r_1 = r_2 = r} (\nabla_{r_1'}^{\beta} - \nabla_{r_2'}^{\beta})_{r_1' = r_2' = r'} \left\langle G_R(t,t';r_1,r_2')G_A(t_0,t;r_1',r_2) \right\rangle_{\mathrm{imp}}$ 

 $G_R(t,t';r_1,r_2') \sim e^{iS_0[t,t';R_F(\tau)]}, \ G_A(t_0,t;r_1',r_2) \sim e^{-iS_0[t,t_0;R_B(\tau)]}$ 



time reversed paths

 $\begin{aligned} R_B(\tau) &= R_F(t+t_0-\tau), \ t'=t_0 \Rightarrow \\ S_0[t,t';R_F(\tau)] &= S_0[t,t_0;R_B(\tau)] \end{aligned}$ 

weak localization correction

$$\delta \sigma^{
m WL}_{lphaeta}(r,r') = -rac{2e^2 D(r)}{\pi} \delta_{lphaeta} \delta(r-r') \int_{-\infty}^t dt_0 \ C(t,t_0;r,r) dt_0 \ C(t,t_0;r,r)$$

**Decoherence:**  
Electron-electron interaction 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 fluctuating field  
 $G_R(t,t';r_1,r'_2) \sim e^{iS_0[t,t';R_F(\tau)]}e^{-i\int_{t_0}^t d\tau \, eV(\tau,R_F(\tau))}, \ G_A(t_0,t;r'_1,r_2) \sim e^{-iS_0[t,t_0;R_B(\tau)]}e^{i\int_{t_0}^t d\tau \, eV(\tau,R_F(t+t_0-\tau))}$ 

Hence

$$\delta \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\rm WL}(r,r') \approx -\frac{2e^2 D(r)}{\pi} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta(r-r') \int_{-\infty}^t dt_0 \ C(t,t_0;r,r) \ e^{-F(t-t_0,r)}$$

where

$$e^{-F(t-t_0,r)} = \left\langle e^{-i\int_{t_0}^t d\tau \left[ eV(\tau, R_F(\tau)) - eV(\tau, R_F(t+t_0-\tau)) \right]} \right\rangle_{V, \text{ paths}} \approx e^{-(t-t_0)/\tau_{\varphi}}$$

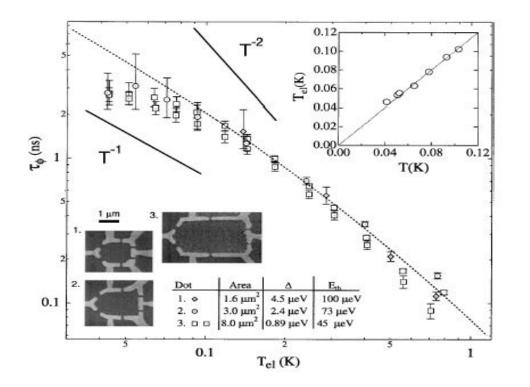
# Saturation of electron dephasing time is observed in:

- Quantum dots (0d)
- Quasi-1d metallic wires
- Quasi-1d semiconductors
- Carbon nanotubes
- 2d metallic films
- 2DEGs
- Graphene
- Bulk metals (3d)

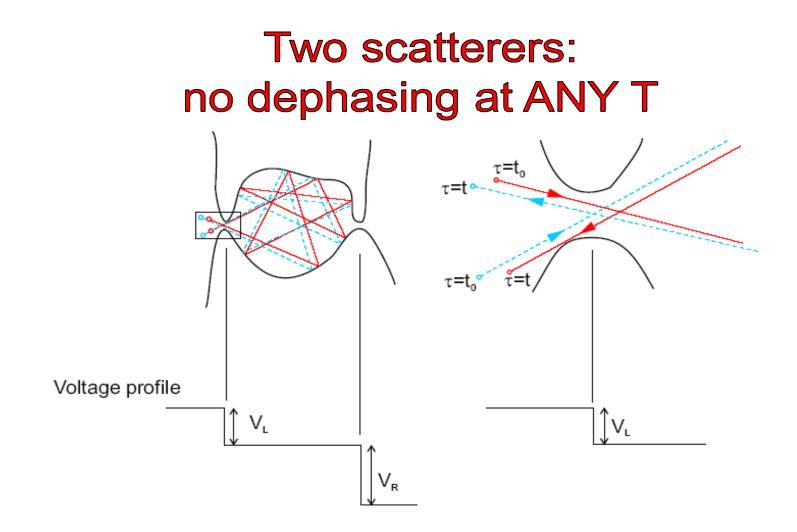
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High T: power law Low T: saturation

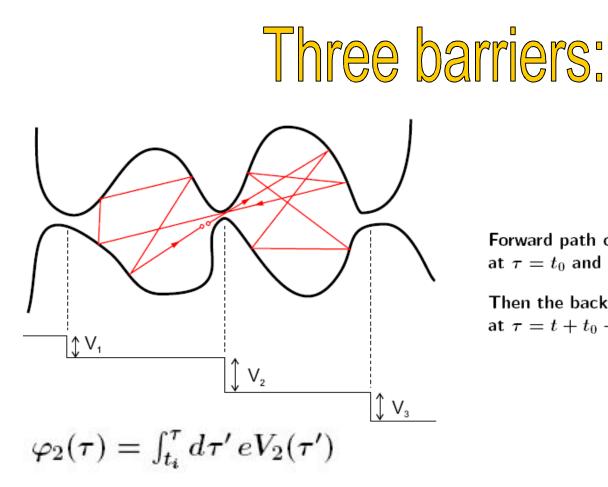


Since  $R_F( au)$  and  $R_B( au)=R_F(t+t_0- au)$  cross the left barrier at the same time,

$$eV(\tau, R_F(\tau)) - eV(\tau, R_F(t+t_0-\tau)) = 0$$

and

$$\left\langle e^{-i\int_{t_0}^t d\tau \left[ eV(\tau, R_F(\tau)) - eV(\tau, R_F(t+t_0-\tau)) \right]} \right\rangle_{V, \text{ paths}} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{\text{no dephasing}}$$



Forward path crosses the central barrier twice: at  $\tau = t_0$  and at  $\tau = s$ .

Then the backward, time reversed path, crosses it at  $\tau = t + t_0 - s$  and at  $\tau = t$ 

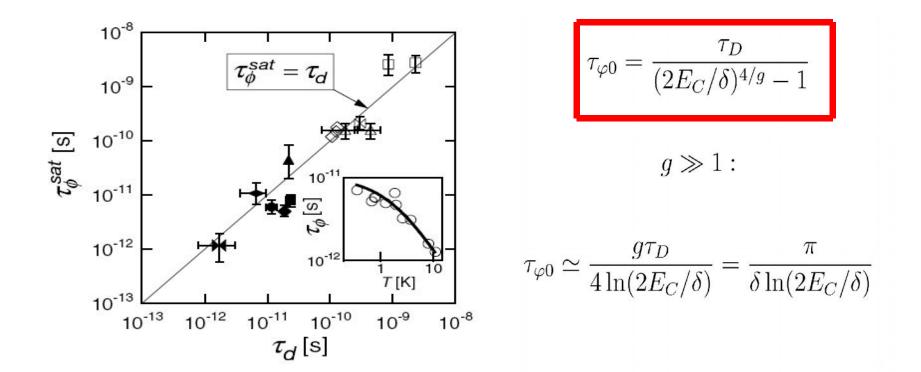
 $G_R \propto e^{iS_0[R_F]} e^{-i\varphi_2(t_0) + i\varphi_2(s)}, \quad G_A \propto e^{-iS_0[R_B]} e^{-i\varphi_2(t+t_0-s) + i\varphi_2(t)}$ 

 $\left\langle e^{-i\varphi_2(t_0)+i\varphi_2(s)}e^{-i\varphi_2(t+t_0-s)+i\varphi_2(t)}\right\rangle < 1 \Rightarrow \text{finite dephasing}$ 

## **QUANTUM DOTS**

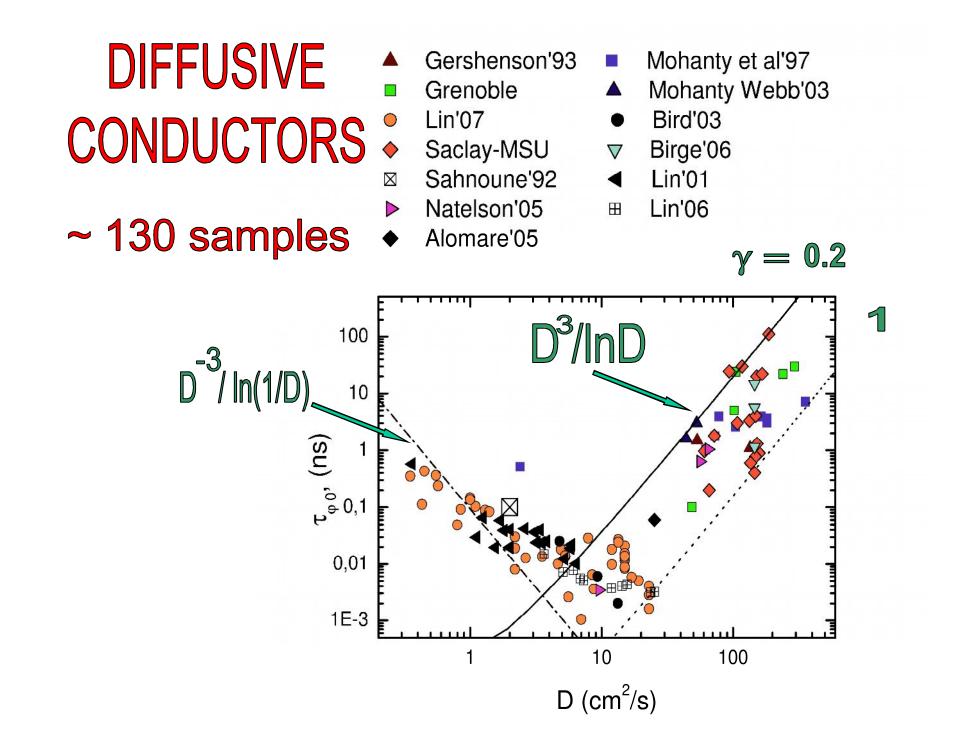






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$$1/\tau_{\Phi} = 1/\tau_{\Phi O}^{GZ} + 1/\tau_{\Phi}^{AAK}(T)$$

• 
$$\mathcal{T}_{\phi o}^{GZ} \sim D^{3}/\ln D, \quad l < t, w$$
  
•  $\mathcal{T}_{\phi}^{AAK} \sim D^{1/3} T^{-2/3} (tw)^{1/3}$   
•  $T_{q} \sim (tw)^{1/2} D^{-4}$ 







$$\tilde{\mathcal{S}}(t,t') = \tilde{\mathcal{S}}^{\mathsf{ni}}(t,t') + \delta \tilde{\mathcal{S}}(t,t')$$

# Shot noise...

$$\begin{split} \delta \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{\omega} &= -\frac{2(\beta - 2\gamma)|eV|}{R_q} \ln \frac{gE_C}{|eV|},\\ \text{if } T, |\omega| \ll |eV| \ll gE_C \end{split}$$

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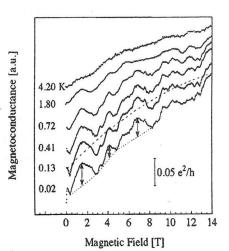
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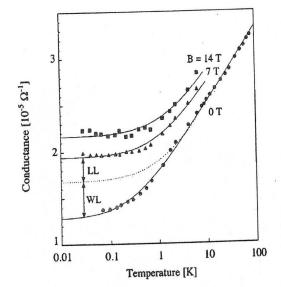
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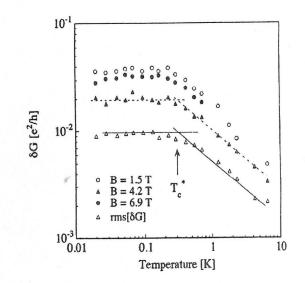
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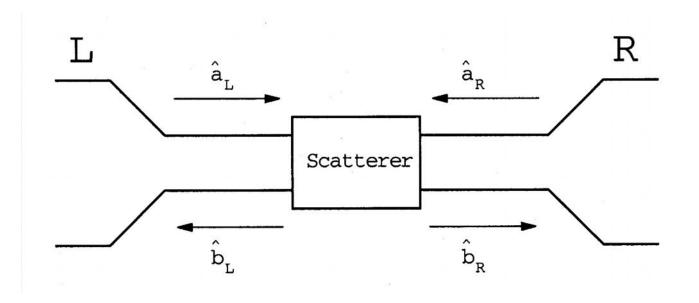




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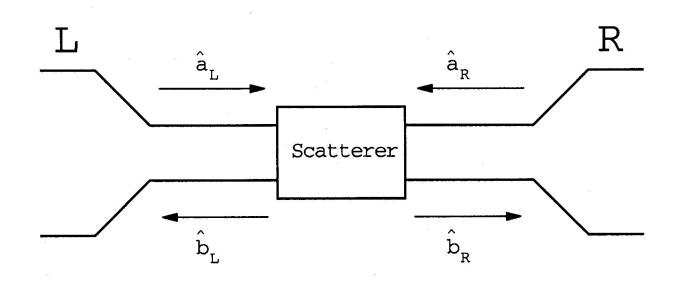


$$-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m}\psi(\boldsymbol{r}) + W(\boldsymbol{r})\psi(\boldsymbol{r}) = E\psi(\boldsymbol{r})$$

. . . . .

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n} c_n \Phi_n(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \chi_n(x).$$

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 $-\frac{1}{2m}\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\chi_n(x) = (E - E_n)\chi_n(x).$ 

$$-\frac{\nabla_{\perp}^2}{2m}\Phi_n(\boldsymbol{r}_{\perp}) + W(\boldsymbol{r}_{\perp})\Phi_n(\boldsymbol{r}_{\perp}) = E_n\Phi(\boldsymbol{r}_{\perp}),$$

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## Scattering matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{L1} \\ \cdots \\ b_{LN_L} \\ b_{R1} \\ \cdots \\ b_{RN_R} \end{pmatrix} = \hat{S}(\xi) \begin{pmatrix} a_{L1} \\ \cdots \\ a_{LN_L} \\ a_{R1} \\ \cdots \\ a_{RN_R} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $(N_L + N_R) \times (N_L + N_R)$ 

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$$\hat{S}(\xi) = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{r}(\xi) & \hat{t}'(\xi) \\ \hat{t}(\xi) & \hat{r}'(\xi) \end{pmatrix}$$

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### $G(T) = G_{\mathsf{Drude}} - \delta G_{\mathsf{int}} - \delta G_{\mathsf{WL}}$

• 
$$\frac{\delta G_{\text{int}}}{G_{\text{Drude}}} \sim \frac{L_{\text{T}}}{L_{\text{loc}}}, \qquad L_{\text{T}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{D}{T}}, \qquad L_{\text{loc}} \sim Nl$$