Anderson Localization of Light and Ultrasound

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Coherent Backscattering of Light by Cold Atoms

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 $T_{\rm dir}(\mathbf{k}\,\boldsymbol{\epsilon},\{m\}\to\mathbf{k}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{\prime},\{m^{\prime}\})=(-1)^{\sum_{i}(m_{i}^{\prime}-m_{i})}T_{\rm rev}(-\mathbf{k}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{\prime*},-\{m^{\prime}\}\to-\mathbf{k}\,\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{*},-\{m\}).$

Coherent backscattering with seismic waves in Auvergne



Larose etal, PRL 2004





Enhanced Backscattering in a magnetic field



$$T_{i\mathbf{k}j\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{B}) = T_{j-\mathbf{k}'i-\mathbf{k}}(-\mathbf{B})$$

$$\Psi_{i\mathbf{k}\to i-\mathbf{k}} (1\to 2\to\cdots n, \mathbf{B}) = \Psi_{i\mathbf{k}\to i-\mathbf{k}} (n\to\cdots 2\to 1, -\mathbf{B})$$

Erbacher, Lenke and Maret, EPL 1993

Enhanced Backscattering in strongly scattering samples



Incoherent background

Coherent background

CBS

Enhanced Backscattering in strongly scattering samples



V.c How much extra energy returns at to the source by constructive interference?



Something is wrong with diffusion picture at large times Enhanced backscattering is precursor

.....and in open quasi 1D wave guide ?





$$= \frac{1}{Ak^2} \frac{\ell}{L} \equiv \frac{1}{g}$$

Number of transverse channels N

Something is wrong with diffusion picture for g < 1 (L > N ℓ)

.....and in open d-dimensional media ?

interference energy/Source =
$$v_E \int_0^{L^2/D} dt \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}\right)^{d-1} \frac{1}{L^d}$$



$$= \frac{\mathbf{v}_E}{k^{d-1}DL^{d-2}}$$

- d=2 critical dimension for localization
- velocity cancels
- d>2: Set of points where this equals 1

$$D \propto v_E \frac{\ell^{d-1}}{L^{d-2}} \qquad k\ell \approx 1$$

A critical point in d>2 near ke=1 with scale dependent diffusion?

Localization in open media ?

 $N(E) \approx L^{d} \int \frac{d^{d} \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \delta \left(E - \frac{\hbar^{2} k^{2}}{2m} \right)$ Thouless number $\frac{k_F^{d-1}DL^{d-2}}{v_F} = \frac{k_F^{d-1}L^d}{\hbar v_F} \hbar D/L^2 = \begin{cases} N(E)\delta E_{\text{Thouless}} = \frac{\delta E_{\text{Thouless}}}{\Delta E_{\text{level}}} \\ \rho(E)D(E)\frac{L^{d-1}}{L} = \frac{G}{e^2/h} \end{cases}$ dimensionless conductance g **Einstein relation**

Onset of Anderson localization

return proba = 1 \iff level width = level spacing \iff g=1

Thouless, Edwards, 1972

Scaling theory of localization



« Gang of four », 1980

V. Enhanced Backscattering as a precursor of localization

• conclusion: near g=1 constructive interferences dominate wave transport

VI. Speckles and correlations



$$C_{ij} \equiv \langle \Psi_i | \Psi_j^* \rangle$$

 $\mathbf{P}_i \ \mathbf{\Psi}_i > \mathbf{From diffusion equation}$

Speckles of Micro-waves in Quasi 1D media



Phase statistics in diffuse regime

$$P(E_{1},...,E_{K}) = \frac{1}{\pi^{K} \det C} \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^{K} \bar{E}_{i}C_{ij}^{-1}E_{j}\right)$$

$$\longrightarrow P\left(\hat{\phi}' = \frac{\phi'}{\langle \phi' \rangle}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q}{[Q + (\hat{\phi}' - 1)^{2}]^{3/2}};$$

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$$E_{2}^{(0)}$$



VI.b Long-range and nonGaussian intensity correlations



Observation of C2 and C3 in dynamic colloids (DWS)



Maret, Scheffold, 1998



g=100, D= 4 um

Observation of C2 and C3 in microwave polarization



VI.c Fluctuations of transmission and transmittance



$$\left\langle \left(\delta T_{a}\right)^{2} \right\rangle = \left\langle T_{ab} \right\rangle^{2} \sum_{bb'=1}^{N} \left(\delta_{bb'} + \frac{1}{g} \left(1 + \delta_{bb'}\right) + \frac{1}{g^{2}} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\ell}{NL} \right)^{2} \left(N + \frac{L}{N\ell} N^{2} + \left(\frac{L}{N\ell}\right)^{2} N^{2} \right)$$

$$= \left\langle T_{a} \right\rangle^{2} \left(\frac{1}{N} + \frac{L}{N\ell} + \left(\frac{L}{N\ell}\right)^{2} \right)$$

$$N >> 1, g >> 1$$

$$\frac{\left\langle \left(\delta T_{a}\right)^{2} \right\rangle}{\left\langle T_{a} \right\rangle^{2}} \propto \frac{1}{g}$$

DMPK equation for Q1D
$$P(s_{ab}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{ds_a}{s_a} P(s_a) \exp(-\frac{s_{ab}}{s_a})$$

$$P(s_a) = \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi i} \exp\left(xs_a - \Phi(x)\right),$$

«in a fixed speckle patteren (T_a fixed), the field Is Gaussian distributed »

$$\Phi(x) = g \ln^2(\sqrt{1 + x/g} + \sqrt{x/g})$$



Fluctuations of transmission and transmittance



 T_{ab}



$$\left\langle \left(\delta T\right)^2 \right\rangle = \left\langle T_{ab} \right\rangle^2 \sum_{aa'bb'=1}^N \left(\delta_{aa'} \delta_{bb'} + \frac{1}{g} \left(\delta_{aa'} + \delta_{bb'} \right) + \frac{1}{g^2} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\ell}{NL} \right)^2 \left(N^2 + \frac{L}{N\ell} N^3 + \left(\frac{L}{N\ell} \right)^2 N^4 \right)$$

$$= \left(\left(\frac{\ell}{L} \right)^2 + \frac{\ell}{L} + 1 \right) \qquad \left\langle \delta T^2 \right\rangle \propto 1$$

$$\text{Universal conductance formula of the set of the set$$

Universal conductance fluctuations (never observed with light)

VI. Speckles and correlations

<u>conclusion</u>: near g=1, fluctuations in transmission are are strong and non Gaussian

VII. Random Laser



Generation of spatially incoherent short pulses in laser-pumped neodymium stoichiometric crystals and powders

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→ Leaky modes overlap

Threshold depends on mean free path

Letokhov, 1968



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Pump light} & \frac{\partial W_G(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} = D\nabla^2 W_G(\vec{r},t) - \sigma_{abs} v[N_t - N_1(\vec{r},t)] W_G(\vec{r},t) + \frac{1}{l_G} I_G(\vec{r},t), \\ & \text{Probe light} & \frac{\partial W_R(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} = D\nabla^2 W_R(\vec{r},t) + \sigma_{em} v N_1(\vec{r},t) W_R(\vec{r},t) + \frac{1}{l_R} I_R(\vec{r},t), \\ & \text{Amplified stimulated}_{emission} & \frac{\partial W_A(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} = D\nabla^2 W_A(\vec{r},t) + \sigma_{em} v N_1(\vec{r},t) W_A(\vec{r},t) + \frac{1}{\tau_e} N_1(\vec{r},t), \\ & \text{Lasing}_{evel population} & \frac{\partial N_1(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} = \sigma_{abs} v[N_t - N_1(\vec{r},t)] W_G(\vec{r},t) - \sigma_{em} v N_1(\vec{r},t) [W_R(\vec{r},t) + W_A(\vec{r},t)] - \frac{1}{\tau_e} N_1(\vec{r},t). \end{aligned}$$

Basic questions

- Is this « random laser » really a laser
 - (or just stimulated emission amplified by scattering ASE)?
- What happens beyond diffuse threshold?
- Is it possible to use one single mode to lase?
- How does the random cavity look like? Localized, extended?

What is a laser anyway, and what makes a laser « random »?



rhodamine 640 dye solutions with ZnO nanoparticles

Photon statistics




Nature of lasing modes



Van der Molen, Lagendijk, 2007

Nature of lasing modes



Localized states act as inert lasing cavities

Sebbah, Vanneste, 2002

VIII. Observation & Modelling of Anderson Localization in high dimensions

VIII.a 3D Localization of Light



VIII.a 3D Localization of Light





VIII.a 3D Localization of Light







$$\partial_t I(\mathbf{r}, t) - D(t)\Delta I(\mathbf{r}, t) = S\delta(t)\delta(\mathbf{r})$$

 $T(t) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{L^2}\int_0^t dt D(t)\right]$

Maret etal, EPL 2006

VIII.b 2D Transverse localisation of light



VIII.b 2D Transverse localisation of light



$$\left(\frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} - k^2 + \delta \varepsilon(\mathbf{\rho}) \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2}\right) \Phi(z, \mathbf{\rho}) + \Delta_{\rho} \Phi(z, \mathbf{\rho}) + \partial_z^2 \Phi(z, \mathbf{\rho}) = \frac{2k}{i} \partial_z \Phi(z, \mathbf{\rho})$$
$$\left|\frac{\partial_z^2 \Phi}{\partial_z}\right| \ll \left|k \partial_z \Phi\right|$$

Paraxial approximation

2D Schrödinger equation with « time » z : localization strongest at small « energies » → Wave packet transversly localized

De Raedt, Lagendijk and De Vries 1988,

VIII.b 2D Transverse localisation of light



 $\delta \varepsilon \approx 10^{-4}$! but $\omega/c_0 \approx k$



Data: A.Z. Genack (2004); theory: Skipetrov and van Tiggelen

VIII.c Quasi 1D localisation of microwaves





VIII.d 3D localisation of ultrasound



Diffuse $\lambda_p = 9 mm$, $\ell = 2 mm$ Localized $\lambda_p = 2 mm$, $\ell = 0.6 mm$ $k_p \ell = 1.4$ $k_p \ell = 1.4$ Page , Skipetrov, Van Tiggelen, Nature Physics 2008

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Time-dependent transmission of ultrasound



transverse confinement of ultrasound



Diffuse: $\langle \rho^2 \rangle = 4Dt$ transition: $\langle \rho^2 \rangle \sim L^2$, not $t^{2/3}$ Localized: $\langle \rho^2 \rangle \sim L\xi$ bvt4 bart van tiggelen; 09/01/2008

Dynamics of Localization in finite open media

Skipetrov & Van Tiggelen, PRL 2004,2006



3D Transverse localisation of ultrasound



3D Transverse confinement of ultrasound



transverse confinement of ultrasound



Transverse position

Speckle distribution of transmission



Multifractality of wave function



extended critical localized multifractal

$$\Delta(q) = \gamma q (1-q) \Leftrightarrow f(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{4\gamma} (\alpha - d - \gamma)^2$$
Anomalous gIPR Lognormal PDF

Multifractality of wave function

Faez, Page, Lagendijk and Van Tiggelen (PRL 2010)



Multifractality of wave function



Lognormal PDF



Localized ultrasound

$$\Delta_q \approx 0.21 \; q(1 - q)$$

is

$$\gamma \propto \frac{1}{g} F(L/\xi(E))$$

?

VII.d Observation of 3D ultrasound Localization

- Transverse confinement: D(r)!
- Anomalous dynamic transmission
- Giant non-poissonian fluctuations g < 1
- Multifractal wave function
- **?** 1/t² reflection (in progress)
- **?** Critical exponent
- **?** Critical LDOS fluctuations (in progress)

3D, localized half space : kl=0.7





1D seismology : Sheng Papanicolaou, 1987 Q1D (DMKP) Titov, Beenakker, 2000

Preliminary observation of infinite range correlations (fluctuations of LDOS)



Hildebrand, Page, Skipetrov, Van Tiggelen

IX. Anderson localization of noninteracting cold atoms

Our disordered potential: laser speckle



IX.a Q1D BEC in random potential





Palaiseau group, Firenze group PRL oct 2005

localization in 1D speckle potential



$$V(z) = \sigma_R^{-1} \left(\frac{\epsilon_R}{k\sigma_R}\right)^n f_n(k\sigma_R),$$

 $T(L) = \exp(-\gamma L)$

Lugan etal 2009

Experimental verification of localized kicked cold atoms in 3D

Experimental observation of the Anderson transition with atomic matter waves

Julien Chabé¹, Gabriel Lemarié², Benoît Grémaud², Dominique Delande², Pascal Szriftgiser¹ & Jean Claude Garreau¹ **PRL**, 2008


Localization of noninteracting cold atoms in 3D white noise

Skipetrov, Minguzzi, BAvT, Shapiro PRL, 2008



Average density profile of atoms at large times Probability of quantum diffusion

$$\left| \left\langle n(\mathbf{r},t) \right\rangle = \int \frac{d^{3}\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^{3}} \left| \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{k}) \right|^{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE A(E,\mathbf{k}) P_{E}(\mathbf{r},t)$$
Distribution of
initial velocities
mv = \hbar k
$$\frac{1}{\text{volume}} \left\langle \mathbf{k} \left| \delta \left(E - \hbar^{2} k^{2} / 2m - V(\mathbf{r}) \right) \mathbf{k} \right\rangle = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \frac{1}{E - \hbar^{2} k^{2} / 2m - \Sigma(E,k)}$$

$$\langle \delta V \rangle = 0 \; ; \langle \delta V (\mathbf{r}) \delta V (\mathbf{r'}) \rangle = 4 \pi U \; \delta (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r'})$$

Mean free path: $\ell = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\right)^2 \frac{1}{U} \Longrightarrow E < \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^3 U^2$ localized

Density profile of atoms at large times

Skipetrov, Minguzzi, BAvT, Shapiro PRL, 2008

$$n(\mathbf{r},t) = n_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{r}) + \Delta n_{AD}(\mathbf{r},t)$$

localized

anomalous diffusion

$$\xi(\varepsilon) \propto \frac{1}{(\varepsilon_c - \varepsilon)^{\nu}} \Longrightarrow n_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{r}) \propto \frac{1}{r^{3 + 1/\nu}}$$

$$D(\mathcal{E}) \propto (\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_c)^s \Longrightarrow \Delta n_{AD}(\mathbf{r}, t) \propto \frac{1}{r^{3-2/s} t^{1/s}}$$



Cold atoms in a 3D speckle potential



$$\langle V(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = \sqrt{U} \qquad \langle \delta V(\mathbf{r}) \delta V(\mathbf{r'}) \rangle = U \operatorname{sinc}^2(\Delta r / \zeta)$$

$$\frac{\hbar}{m\zeta} = 7 \, mm/s \qquad \frac{\hbar}{3m} = 600 \, \mu m^2/s \qquad \text{Mott minimum}$$
$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2m\zeta^2} = E_{\zeta} \approx \sqrt{U} \approx \mu = h \times 220 \, Hz \qquad \zeta \approx \ell \approx 0.3 \, \mu m$$

Self-consistent Born Approximation

$$G(E, p) = \frac{1}{E - p^2 / 2m - \sqrt{U} - \Sigma(E, p)}$$

$$\Sigma(E, p) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}'} \frac{S(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}')}{E - p'^2 / 2m - \sqrt{U} - \Sigma(E, p')}$$



$$D_{\text{Drude}}(E) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{\sum_{p} p^2 2 \operatorname{Im}^2 G(E, p)}{\sum_{p} -\operatorname{Im} G(E, p)} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\hbar}{m} \times "k\ell"$$

$$D_{\text{Boltz}}(E) = \frac{D_{\text{Drude}}(E)}{1 - \langle \cos \theta \rangle} >> D_{\text{Drude}}(E)$$

Selfconsistent theory of localization

$$D(E) \approx D_{\text{Boltz}}(E) \left\{ 1 - K(E) \right\}$$

$$K(E) = -\frac{6}{\left[\sum_{\mathbf{p}} p^2 \operatorname{Im}^2 G(E, p)\right]^2} \sum_{\mathbf{pp'}} \operatorname{Im}^2 G(E, p') \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p'}}{(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p'})^2} \operatorname{Im}^2 \Sigma(E, \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p'}|) |G(E, p)|^2$$



Is 3D cold atoms are delocalized below « sea - level » but above percolation threshold



Cold atoms in 3D speckle





$$N_{\mu}(E) = \int \frac{d^{3}\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^{3}} A(E,k) \left|\phi_{\mu}(k)\right|^{2}$$



Fraction of localized atoms

$$f_{loc}(\mu) = \int_{0}^{E_{c}} dE N_{\mu}(E)$$

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Anderson Localization is still a major theme in condensed matter physics, full of surprises

New experiments (in high dimensions and with « new » waves) exist and are underway.

Thank you for your attention

 B.A. van Tiggelen, Les Houches 1998
 Lagendijk, Van Tiggelen, Wiersman/ Aspect, Inguscio Physics Today, august 2009

•C. Müller, D. Delande, Les Houches 2010 http://arxiv.org/abs/1005.0915

Mesoscopic physics for absolute beginners:



All waves behave in a similar way

L. Brillouin, 1960