

WEAK LOCALIZATION IN NETWORKS OF DIFFUSIVE WIRES

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1. Introduction

- Average conductivity of a weakly disordered metal :

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = \underbrace{\sigma_0}_{\text{Drude (classical)}} + \underbrace{\langle \Delta \sigma \rangle}_{\text{quantum correction}}$$

- First measurements of weak localization correction :

→ quasi 1d **wires** (ex : Masden & Giordano, 1982)

→ **thin films** : AAS oscillations (cylinder) Sharvin & Sharvin, 1981.

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Bergmann, Phys.Rep. 1984.

- Measurements on **networks**

→ From AB to AAS oscillations

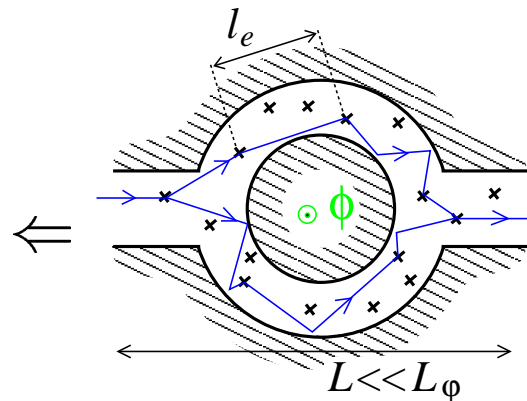
Umbach *et al*, 1986

A weakly disordered ($k_F \ell_e \gg 1$) and

phase coherent ($L \ll L_\phi$) mesoscopic ring

h/e Aharonov-Bohm (AB)

oscillations of the conductance



disorder average \Downarrow

$h/2e$ Altshuler-Aronov-Spivak (AAS) oscillations

→ First observation of AAS oscillations in networks :

honeycomb lattice : Pannetier *et al*, 1984.

Other experiments : rings, arrays of rings, square lattice...

Bishop, Dolan *et al* 1985, 1986.

Umbach *et al* 1986.

Chandrasekhar *et al* 1988.

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- Theory for networks : Douçot & Rammal, 1985.

made more efficient by Pascaud & Montambaux, 1999.

→ Quantum correction to conductivity :

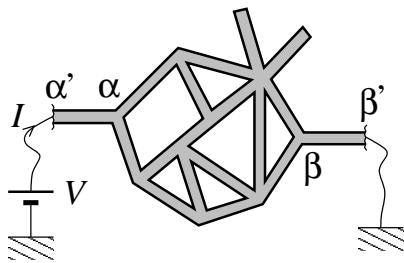
$$\Delta\sigma = -\frac{e^2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\text{Vol}} \int_{\text{Network}} dx P_c(x, x) \propto - \sum_{\text{wire } (\mu\nu)} \int_{(\mu\nu)} dx P_c(x, x)$$

Assumes the same weight for all wires.

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theory of DRPM is only applicable to regular networks

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$$I/V = \frac{e^2}{h} T_{\alpha'\beta'}$$

$$\langle T_{\alpha'\beta'} \rangle = \bar{T}_{\alpha'\beta'} + \Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'} + \dots$$

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 classical ↓
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quantum correction

HOW TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CORRECT WEIGHTS ?

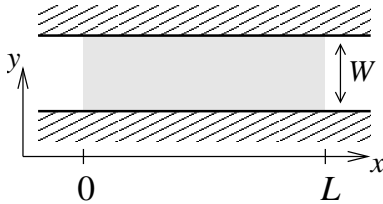
2. Transport theory of weakly disordered metals

- Kubo :

$$\sigma_{ij}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \frac{e^2}{2\pi m_e^2} G^R(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_i \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_j' G^A(\vec{r}', \vec{r})$$

$$\text{with } \overleftrightarrow{\nabla} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\nabla} - \overleftarrow{\nabla})$$

- Landauer :

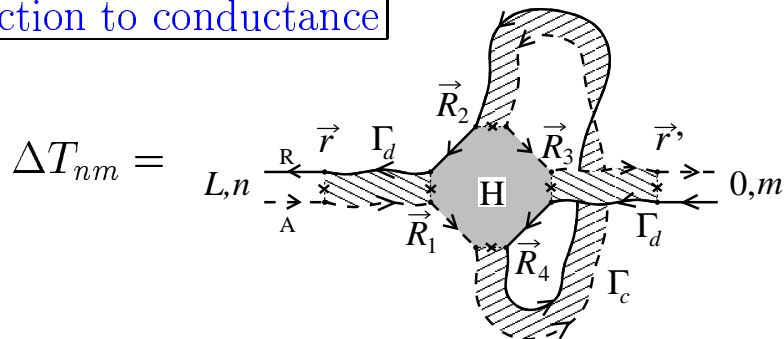


$$G = \int dy dy' \sigma_{xx}(L, y; 0, y') = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{n,m} T_{nm}$$

with

$$T_{nm} = v_n v_m G_{nm}^R(L, 0) G_{mn}^A(0, L)$$

Weak localization correction to conductance

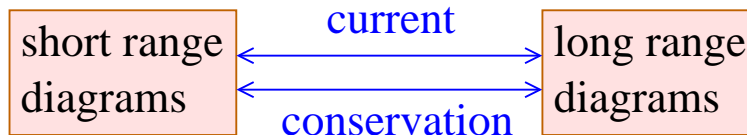


$$\text{Hikami Box} \Rightarrow \Delta g = -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} L \delta(0) !$$

→ A simple way to solve the problem :

Kane, Serota & Lee, 1988.

In the diagrammatic approach (classical transport, weak loc, UCF,...) :



THEORY OF DISORDERED METALS

→ **Weakly** disordered metals ($k_F \ell_e \gg 1$)

$$\langle V(\vec{r})V(\vec{r}') \rangle = w \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

• Average Green function $\overline{G^R}$

$$\frac{1}{2\tau_e} = -\text{Im} \Sigma^R = \begin{array}{c} \times^w \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \longleftarrow G^R \end{array} \Rightarrow \overline{G^R} \simeq G_0^R e^{-R/2\ell_e} \text{ (short range)}$$

$$\ell_e = v_F \tau_e$$

DRUDE CONTRIBUTION $\overline{G^R G^A}$

• Kubo :

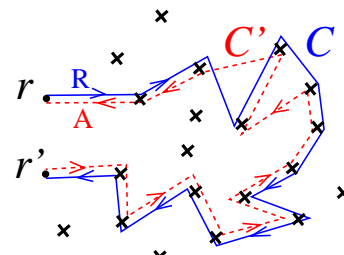
$$\langle \sigma_{ij}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \rangle_{\text{Drude}} = \begin{array}{c} \vec{r}, i \\ \text{wavy} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \text{A} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \vec{r}', j \\ \text{wavy} \end{array} = \sigma_0 \times \delta_{ij}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \\ \longrightarrow \sigma_0 \times \delta_{ij} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

• Landauer :

$$\langle T_{nm} \rangle_{\text{Drude}} = L, n \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \text{A} \end{array} \longleftarrow \longrightarrow 0, m \sim e^{-L/\ell_e} \simeq 0$$

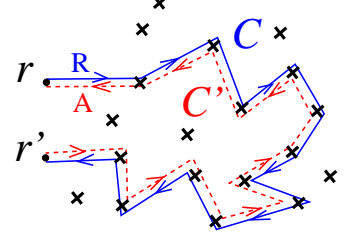
WHAT IS NEXT IN $\overline{G^R G^A} - \overline{G^R} \overline{G^A}$?

$C \neq C'$



$\longrightarrow \overline{e^{ik_F[l(C) - l(C)]}} \sim \frac{1}{k_F \ell_e} \ll 1$

$C = C'$



$\longrightarrow \overline{e^{ik_F[l(C) - l(C)]}} = 1$

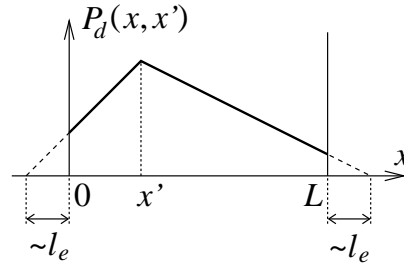
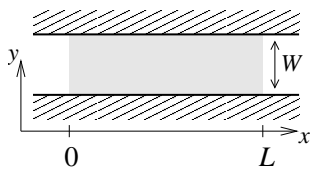
CONTRIBUTION OF THE DIFFUSION

$$P_d(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \times \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \text{A} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \text{A} \end{array} + \dots = \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \text{A} \end{array}$$

Diffusion approximation \downarrow

$$-\Delta P_d(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

boundary conditions :



• Kubo :

$$\langle \sigma_{ij}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \rangle_{\text{diffuson}} = \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \text{A} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \vec{r}, i \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Gamma_d \\ \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \text{A} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \vec{r}', j \\ \text{---} \end{array} = -\sigma_0 \nabla_i \nabla'_j P_d(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$$

• Landauer :

$$\overline{T}_{nm} = L, n \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \text{A} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Gamma_d \\ \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \\ \text{A} \end{array} 0, m = \frac{1}{\alpha_d N_c l_e} P_d(L - v_n \tau_e, v_m \tau_e)$$

$$\Rightarrow g_D = \alpha_d N_c \frac{l_e}{L}$$

CURRENT CONSERVATION :

Classical = Drude + Diffuson

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$$\langle \sigma_{ij}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \rangle_{\text{classical}} = \sigma_0 [\delta_{ij} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') - \nabla_i \nabla'_j P_d(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')]$$

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short range long range

$$\sum_i \nabla_i \sigma_{ij}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = 0$$

- Weak localization correction (Landauer) :

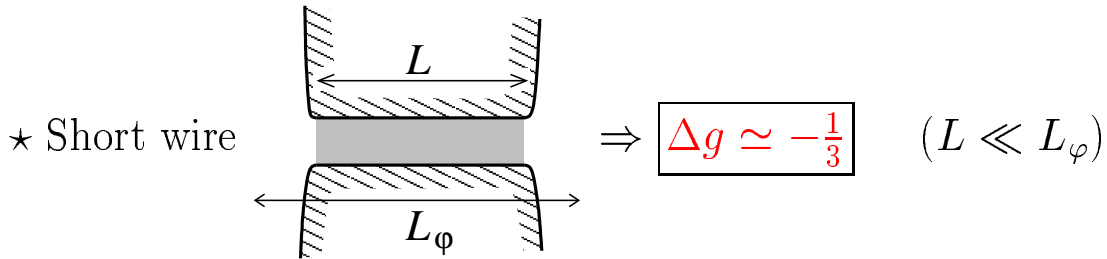
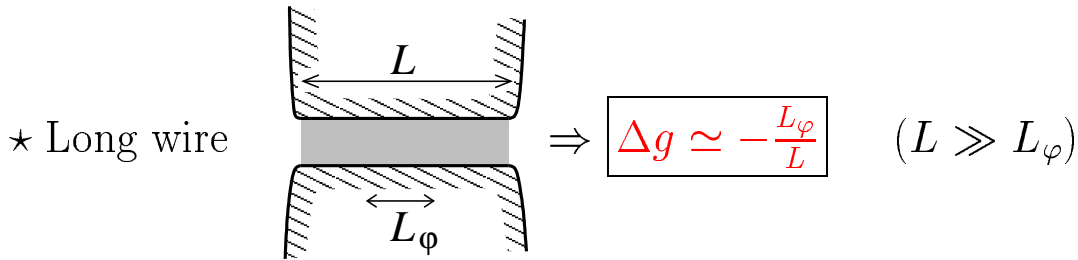
→ Extract the long range term from $\langle \Delta \sigma_{ij}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \rangle$



$$\Delta T_{nm} = \frac{2}{(\alpha_d N_c)^2} \frac{1}{\ell_e^2} \int_0^L dx \frac{d}{dx} P_d(L - v_n \tau_e, x) P_c(x, x) \frac{d}{dx} P_d(x, v_m \tau_e)$$

Conductance of the wire : $g = \frac{G}{e^2/h} = \sum_{n,m} T_{nm}$

$$\Delta g = - \left(\frac{L_\varphi}{L} \right)^2 \left(-1 + \frac{L}{L_\varphi} \coth \frac{L}{L_\varphi} \right)$$



Universal result : Mello & Stone, 1991.

Altshuler & Aronov, 1981.

Solve

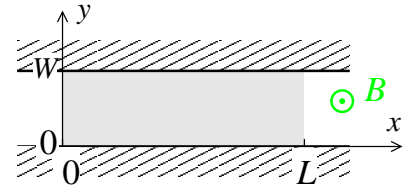
$$\left[\frac{1}{L_\varphi^2} - \left(\vec{\nabla} - 2ie\vec{A} \right)^2 \right] P_c(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

perturbatively in $\vec{A} = \vec{u}_x A_x(y)$

★ quasi 1d and diffusive limit : $L \gg W \gg \ell_e$.

★ weak magnetic field : $W \ll \sqrt{\hbar/eB}$

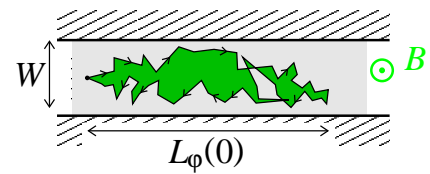
choose the gauge $A_x(W - y) = -A_x(y)$:



$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \vec{r} | \frac{1}{\gamma - (\vec{\nabla} - 2ie\vec{A})^2} | \vec{r}' \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{r} | \frac{1}{\gamma - \Delta} | \vec{r}' \rangle - 4e^2 \langle \vec{r} | \frac{1}{\gamma - \Delta} \vec{A}^2 \frac{1}{\gamma - \Delta} | \vec{r}' \rangle + \dots \\ &\simeq \frac{1}{W} \langle x | \frac{1}{\gamma - d_x^2} | x' \rangle - \frac{(eBW)^2}{3} \frac{1}{W} \langle x | \frac{1}{(\gamma - d_x^2)^2} | x' \rangle + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{W} \langle x | \frac{1}{\gamma + (eBW)^2/3 - d_x^2} | x' \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Effective phase coherence length :

$$\frac{1}{L_\varphi(\mathcal{B})^2} = \frac{1}{L_\varphi(0)^2} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{eBW}{\hbar} \right)^2$$



- Limit $W \ll \ell_e$ \longrightarrow semiclassical methods

Dugaev & Khmel'nitzkiĭ, 1984.

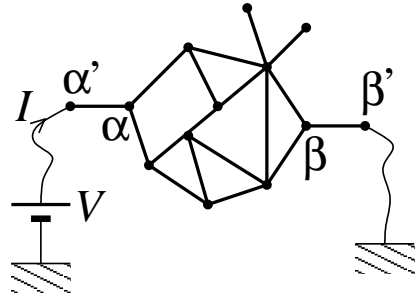
Beenakker & van Houten, 1988.

$$\frac{1}{L_\varphi(\mathcal{B})^2} = \frac{1}{L_\varphi(0)^2} + \tilde{C} e^2 \mathcal{B}^2 W^2 \left(\frac{W}{\ell_e} \right)$$

3. Weak localization in Networks

$$\langle T_{\alpha'\beta'} \rangle = \bar{T}_{\alpha'\beta'} + \Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'} + \dots$$

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 classical quantum correction



- Classical transport :

$$\bar{T}_{\alpha'\beta'} = \frac{2}{\ell_e} P_d(\alpha', \beta')$$

- Weak localization correction :

$$\Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'} = \frac{2}{\ell_e^2} \int_{\text{Graph}} dx \frac{d}{dx} P_d(\alpha', x) P_c(x, x) \frac{d}{dx} P_d(x, \beta')$$

→ CONSTRUCT THE SOLUTION OF $(\gamma - \Delta) P(x, x') = \delta(x - x')$

★ Assume continuity of P at vertices

$$\star \sum_{\beta} a_{\alpha\beta} P'_{(\alpha\beta)}(\alpha) = \lambda_{\alpha} P(\alpha)$$

$\lambda_{\alpha} = 0$: internal vertex

$\lambda_{\alpha} = \infty$: connected vertex $\Rightarrow P(\alpha) = 0$

P_c involves

$$\mathcal{M}_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \left(\lambda_{\alpha} + \sqrt{\gamma} \sum_{\mu} a_{\alpha\mu} \coth(\sqrt{\gamma} l_{\alpha\mu}) \right) - a_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\sqrt{\gamma} e^{-i\theta_{\alpha\beta}}}{\text{sh}(\sqrt{\gamma} l_{\alpha\beta})}$$

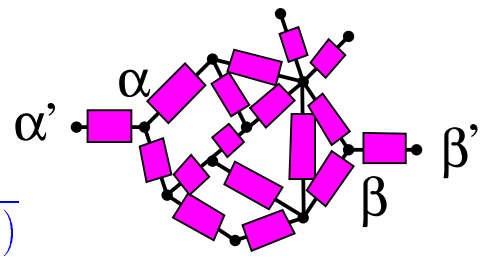
↓ $\gamma = 0$ & $\theta_{\alpha\beta} = 0$

P_d involves

$$(\mathcal{M}_0)_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \left(\lambda_{\alpha} + \sum_{\mu} a_{\alpha\mu} \frac{1}{l_{\alpha\mu}} \right) - a_{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{l_{\alpha\beta}}$$

★ Classical transport : array of resistances

$$\bar{T}_{\alpha'\beta'} = \frac{2\ell_e}{l_{\alpha\alpha'}l_{\beta\beta'}} (\mathcal{M}_0^{-1})_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{2\ell_e}{L_{\text{eff}}(\{l_{\mu\nu}\})}$$



→ In $d > 1 \Rightarrow \times \alpha_d N_c / 2$

★ Weak localization correction

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'} &= \frac{2}{l_{\alpha\alpha'}l_{\beta\beta'}} \sum_{(\mu\nu)} \frac{1}{l_{\mu\nu}^2} \left[-(\mathcal{M}_0^{-1})_{\alpha\mu} + (\mathcal{M}_0^{-1})_{\alpha\nu} + \delta_{\mu\alpha}\delta_{\nu\alpha'} l_{\alpha\alpha'} \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[-(\mathcal{M}_0^{-1})_{\mu\beta} + (\mathcal{M}_0^{-1})_{\nu\beta} + \delta_{\mu\beta}\delta_{\nu\beta'} l_{\beta\beta'} \right] \\ &\quad \times \int_{(\mu\nu)} dy P_c(y, y). \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(\mu\nu)} dy P_c(y, y) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \left\{ \left[(\mathcal{M}^{-1})_{\mu\mu} + (\mathcal{M}^{-1})_{\nu\nu} \right] \left(\coth \sqrt{\gamma} l_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\sqrt{\gamma} l_{\mu\nu}}{\text{sh}^2 \sqrt{\gamma} l_{\mu\nu}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[(\mathcal{M}^{-1})_{\mu\nu} e^{i\theta_{\mu\nu}} + (\mathcal{M}^{-1})_{\nu\mu} e^{i\theta_{\nu\mu}} + \frac{\text{sh} \sqrt{\gamma} l_{\mu\nu}}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \right] \frac{-1 + \sqrt{\gamma} l_{\mu\nu} \coth \sqrt{\gamma} l_{\mu\nu}}{\text{sh} \sqrt{\gamma} l_{\mu\nu}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

After simplification

$$\Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'} = \frac{1}{\ell_e} \sum_{\text{wire } (\mu\nu)} \frac{\partial \bar{T}_{\alpha'\beta'}}{\partial l_{\mu\nu}} \int_{(\mu\nu)} dy P_c(y, y)$$

→ Incoherent networks ($l_{\mu\nu} \gg L_\varphi$) :

$$\Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'} \simeq -\frac{L_\varphi}{l_{\alpha\alpha'}l_{\beta\beta'}} (\mathcal{M}_0^{-1})_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{L_\varphi}{L_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$1/T_{\alpha'\beta'} = \mathcal{R}_{\text{cl}}(R_{\mu\nu}, \dots)$$

Resistance of the wire $(\mu\nu)$: $R_{\mu\nu} = \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} + \Delta R_{\mu\nu}$

★ Drude : $\bar{R}_{\mu\nu} = l_{\mu\nu}/(2\ell_e)$ ($d = 1$)

★ Weak loc. : $\frac{\Delta R_{\mu\nu}}{R_{\mu\nu}} = \frac{e^2}{\pi\sigma_0} \int_{\text{wire } (\mu\nu)} \frac{dy}{l_{\mu\nu}} P_c(y, y)$.

$$\Delta R = \sum_{(\mu\nu)} \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}_{\text{cl}}}{\partial R_{\mu\nu}} \Delta R_{\mu\nu} = \frac{e^2}{\pi\sigma_0} \sum_{(\mu\nu)} \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}_{\text{cl}}}{\partial l_{\mu\nu}} \int_{(\mu\nu)} dy P_c(y, y)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$1/\ell_e \text{ (in } d = 1\text{)}$$

→ Surprising that it works :

(i) starts from classical formula for transport
(no quantum interferences).

(ii) $\Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'}$ is global

contributions of the wires cannot be computed separately :
the cooperon in a given wire depends on the whole network

Douçot & Rammal, 1985.

→ start from

Pascaud & Montambaux, 1999.

$$\langle \Delta \sigma \rangle = -\frac{e^2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\text{Vol}} \int d\vec{r} P_c(\vec{r}, \vec{r})$$

Spectral determinant : $S(\gamma) = \det(\gamma - \Delta) = \prod_n (\gamma + E_n)$,

$\{E_n\}$: eigenvalues of $-\Delta$ on the network.

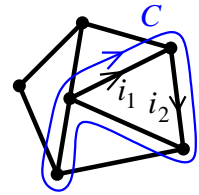
use : $\int d\vec{r} P_c(\vec{r}, \vec{r}) = \text{Tr}\left\{\frac{1}{\gamma - \Delta}\right\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \ln S(\gamma)$

$\langle \Delta \sigma \rangle = -\frac{e^2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\text{Vol}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \ln S(\gamma)$

 with $S(\gamma) = \prod_{(\alpha\beta)} \frac{\text{sh } \sqrt{\gamma} l_{\alpha\beta}}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \det \mathcal{M}$

• Trace formula (Roth, 1983)

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{ij} &= \frac{2}{m_\alpha} - 1 && \text{if } \alpha \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\bar{j}=i} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad} \end{array} \\ &= \frac{2}{m_\alpha} && \text{if } \alpha \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xrightarrow{j} \end{array} \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$



$$S(\gamma) = \gamma^{\frac{V-B}{2}} e^{\sqrt{\gamma} \mathcal{L}} \prod_{\tilde{C}} \left(1 - \alpha(\tilde{C}) e^{-\sqrt{\gamma} l(\tilde{C})} \right)$$

product over primitive orbits

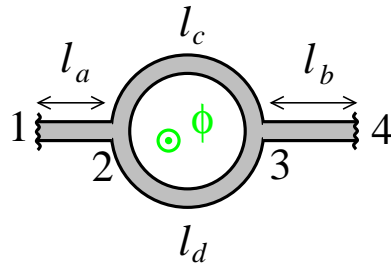
$$\alpha(C) = \epsilon_{i_1 i_2} \epsilon_{i_2 i_3} \cdots \epsilon_{i_n i_1} : \text{weight of orbit } C = (i_1, i_2, \cdots, i_n).$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \ln S(\gamma) = \frac{\mathcal{L}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} + \frac{V-B}{2\gamma} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \sum_{\tilde{C}} l(\tilde{C}) \alpha(\tilde{C}) e^{-\sqrt{\gamma} l(\tilde{C}) + i\theta(\tilde{C})}$$

Akkermans, Comtet, Desbois, Montambaux & Texier, 2000.

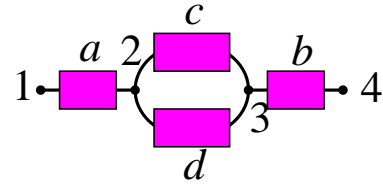
APPLICATIONS

A. Ring :



★ Classical transport :

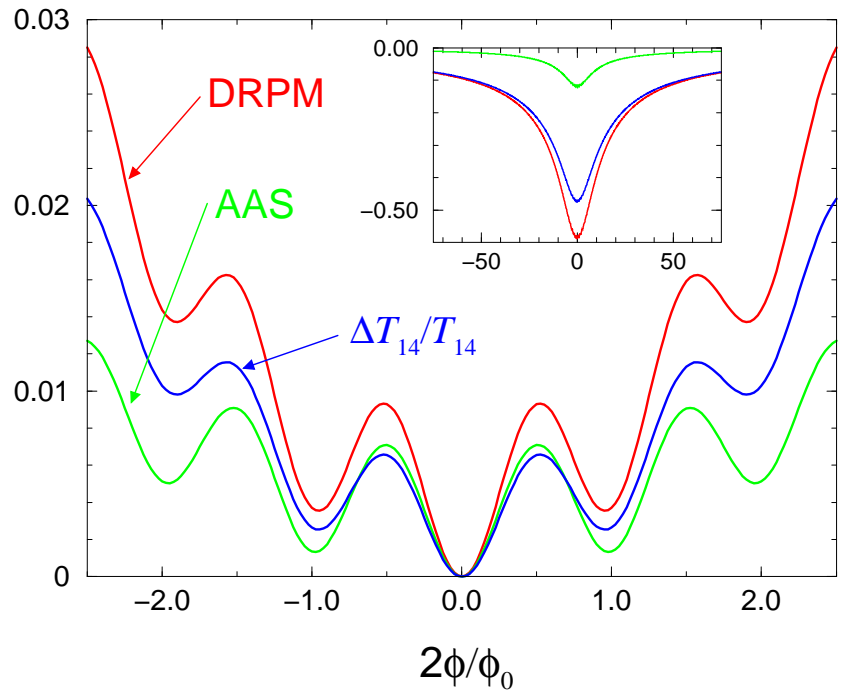
$$\bar{T}_{14} = \frac{2\ell_e}{l_a + l_c/d + l_b}$$



★ Weak localization correction : (for $l_a = l_b$ & $l_c = l_d$)

$$\Delta T_{14} = -\frac{1}{(l_a + l_c/4)^2} \left[\int_{\text{wire } a} dy P_c(y, y) + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\text{wire } c} dy P_c(y, y) \right]$$

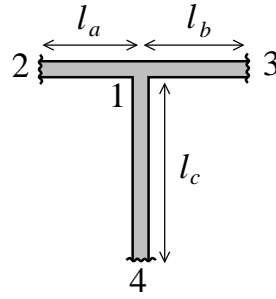
Comparison with theory of DRPM



$l_c = 3.6 \mu\text{m}$, $W = 0.19 \mu\text{m}$, $L_\varphi(0) = 1.7 \mu\text{m}$
 (values from Chandrasekhar *et al*, 1988) and $l_a = 1 \mu\text{m}$.

B. Wire with arms :

- one long arm



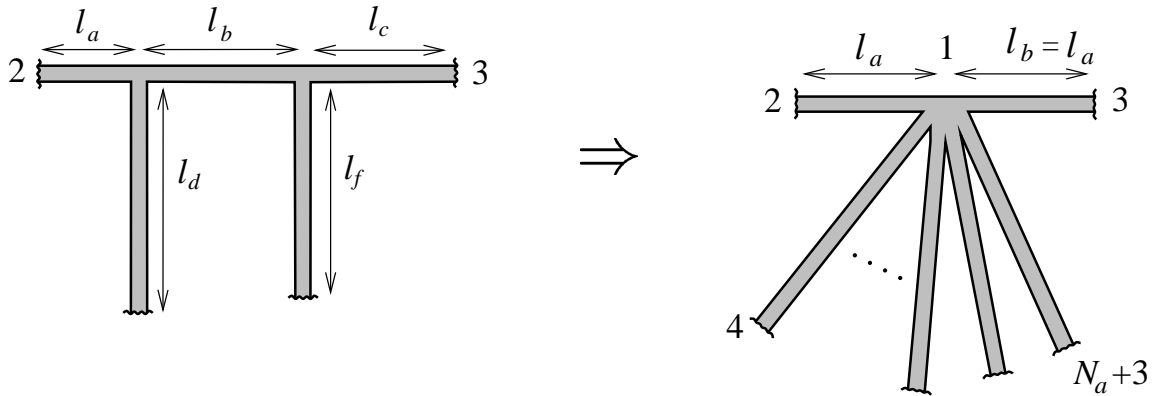
$$\bar{T}_{23} = 2\ell_e \frac{l_c}{l_a l_b + l_b l_c + l_c l_a} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial \bar{T}_{23}}{\partial l_c} > 0}$$

→ In the fully coherent limit $L_\varphi \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Delta T_{23} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{1 + \frac{l_a//b}{l_c} - \frac{l_a//b}{l_a+l_b}}{\left(1 + \frac{l_a//b}{l_c}\right)^2} \xrightarrow{l_c \gg l_a, l_b} \Delta T_{23} \simeq \frac{1}{3} \left(-1 + \frac{l_a//b}{l_a + l_b} \right)$$

\downarrow wire \downarrow arm

- How to make $\Delta T_{23} > 0$?



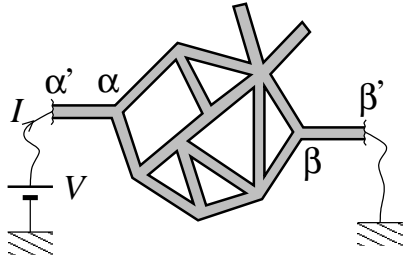
For $l_a \ll l_{\text{arm}} \ll L_\varphi$:

$$\Delta T_{23} \simeq \frac{1}{3} \left(-1 + \frac{N_a}{4} \right)$$

→ Purely geometrical effect

4. Conclusion

- Weak localization corrections $\Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'}$ to the transmissions



$$\langle T_{\alpha'\beta'} \rangle = \bar{T}_{\alpha'\beta'} + \Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'} + \dots$$

- Followed Kane, Serota & Lee to construct a $\Delta T_{\alpha'\beta'}$ free of divergency
- The weight of the wire $(\mu\nu)$ is $\frac{\partial \bar{T}_{\alpha'\beta'}}{\partial t_{\mu\nu}}$
- Comparison with theory of DRPM :
 - ★ for a ring
 - no spectacular effect
 - extract different $L_\varphi(0)$ in experiments
 - ★ New effect for a wire with arms : ΔT_{23} can change sign