

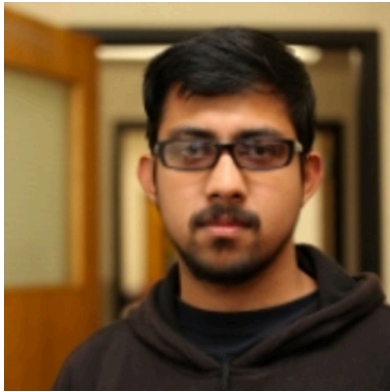
# Nonergodic extended states and many body localization proximity effect through real-space and Fock-space excitations

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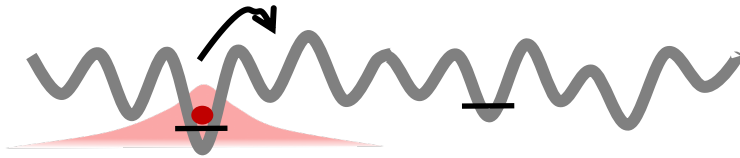
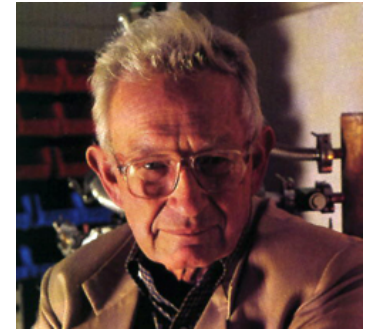
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# Anderson localization

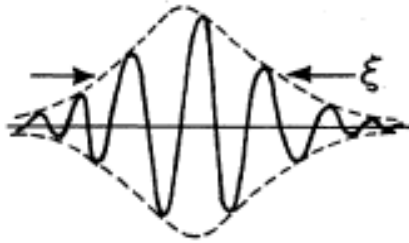
Anderson (single-particle) localization (1958)

Abrahams et al. (1979), Lee & Ramakrishnan (1985), ...

Isolated system



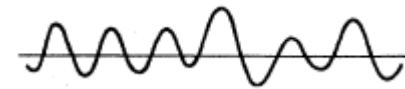
Localized



$$|\psi_\alpha(r_i)|^2 \sim \frac{1}{\xi^d} e^{-\frac{|r_i - r_\alpha|}{\xi}}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (c_i^\dagger c_j + h.c.) - \sum_i \varepsilon_i n_i$$

Extended

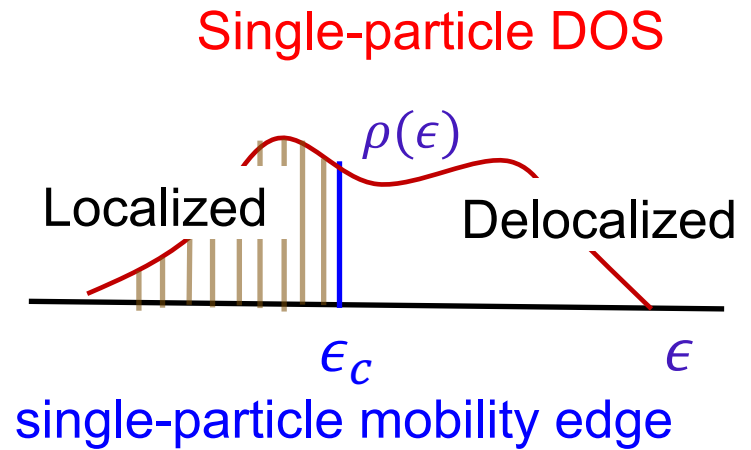
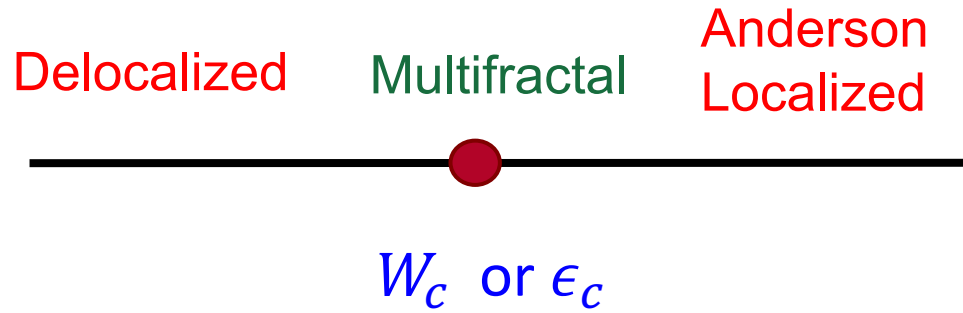


$$|\psi_\alpha(r_i)|^2 \sim \frac{1}{L^d}$$

$$\varepsilon_i \in [-W, W]$$

Usual Anderson transition (e.g.  $D = 3$ )

IPR in real space



Generalized IPR

$$I_q = \sum_{i=1}^N |\langle i | \psi_\alpha \rangle|^{2q} \sim N^{-D_q}$$

- Delocalized states  $D_q = q - 1$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow$  spread over all sites

$$I_2 \sim N^{-1}$$

- Localized states  $D_q = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  spread over finite number of sites

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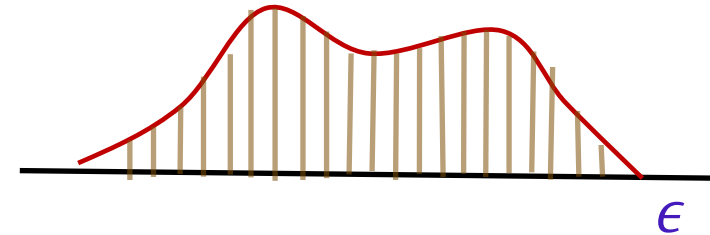
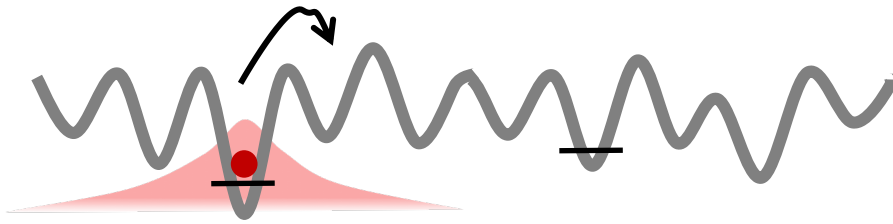
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# Many-body localization (MBL)

Start with all states localized



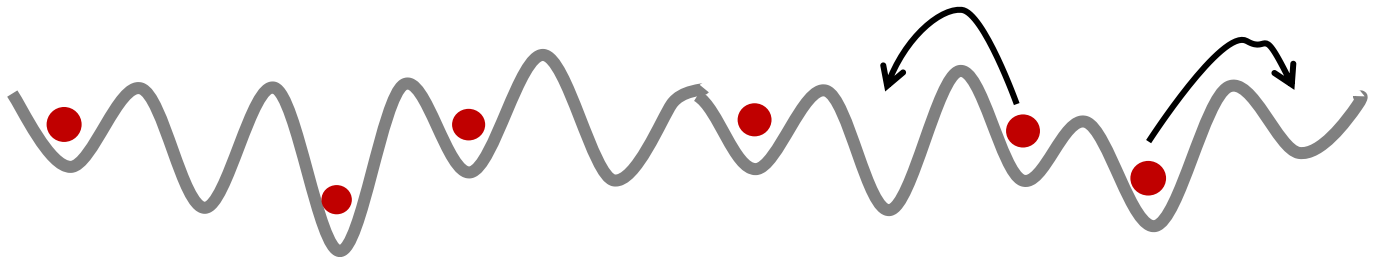
$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (c_i^\dagger c_j + h.c.) - \sum_i \epsilon_i n_i + V \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} n_i n_j$$

$$|\psi_\alpha(r)|^2 \sim \frac{e^{-\frac{|r-r_\alpha|}{\xi}}}{\xi^d}$$

$$\epsilon_i \in [-W, W]$$

$$= \sum_\alpha \epsilon_\alpha c_\alpha^\dagger c_\alpha + \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} c_\alpha^\dagger c_\beta^\dagger c_\gamma c_\delta$$

Add interaction



At high energies interaction connects between  $\sim \exp(N)$  localized states ! Can localization survive?

# Many-body localization (MBL)

Yes!

For sufficiently strong disorder

Basko, Aleiner, Altshuler (2005);  
Gornyi, Mirlin, Polyakov (2005)

Perturbative treatment for weak interaction,  
 $V/\Delta_\xi \ll 1$  in dimension  $d > 1$

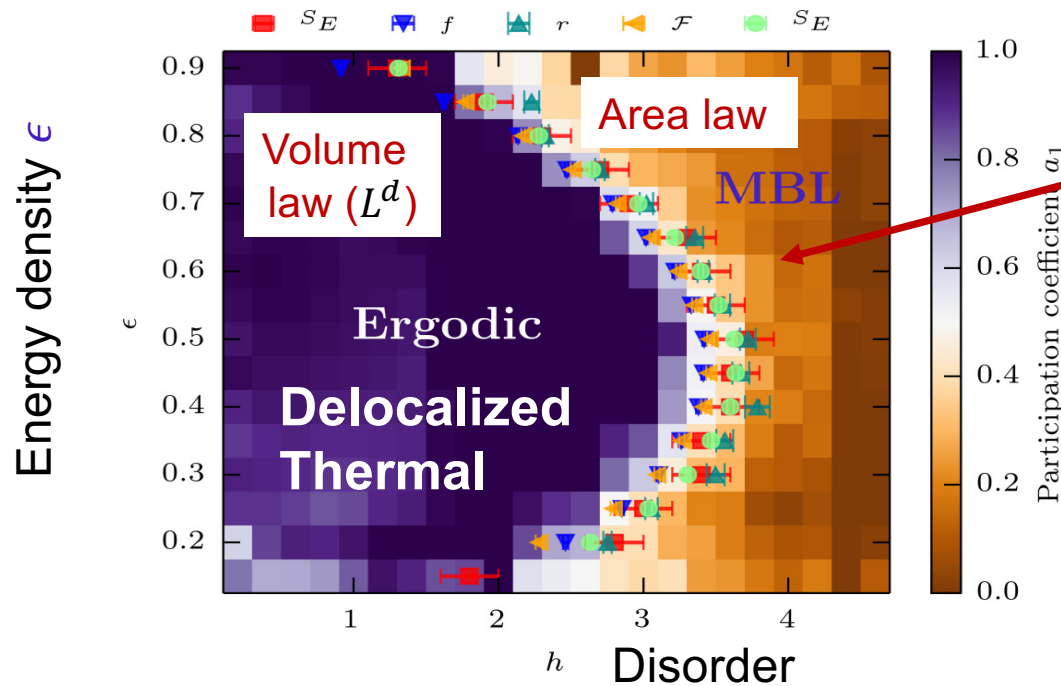
$\Delta_\xi \sim 1/N(0)\xi^d$ , single-particle level  
spacing within a localization volume

\* Mathematical proof with mild assumption  
in a particular model

Imbrie, *J. Stat. Phys.* (2016), *PRL* (2016)

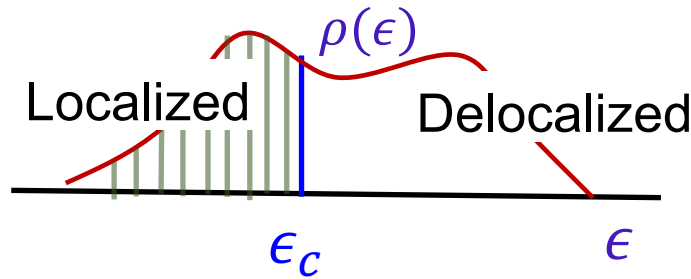
Oganesyan and Huse (2007),  
Pal and Huse (2010), ...

(Finite-size) MBL



Luitz et al, *PRB* (2015)

What happens we start with a mobility edge (or delocalized single-particle (SP) states)?



System with protected delocalized SP state(s)

→ Delocalization of all SP states

Nandkishore & Potter, PRB (2015); Potter & Vasseur, PRB (2016); SB & Altman, PRL (2016);

.....

Generalized Aubry-Andre-Harper (GAAH) models

Ganeshan et al., PRL (2015)

→ MBL can exist even with mobility edge

Ganeshan et al., PRL (2015);  
 Modak & Mukerjee, PRL (2015);  
 Nag and Garg, PRB (2017);  
 Ghosh et al., PRB (2020);.....  
 \*Pomata et al. (2020)

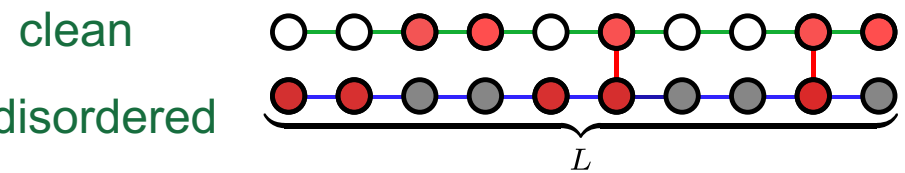
→ States intermediate between MBL and ergodic

Non-ergodic extended (NEE) states

Phases			
	Entanglement entropy	Subsystem number fluctuations	Level spacing statistics
MBL	Area law	Finite for $L \rightarrow \infty$	Poisson
NEE	Volume law	Finite for $L \rightarrow \infty$	Intermediate between Poisson and GOE
Ergodic	Volume law	Vanishes for $L \rightarrow \infty$	GOE

# How non-ergodic states are realized with SP mobility edge?

MBL proximity effect Nandkishore, PRB (2015)

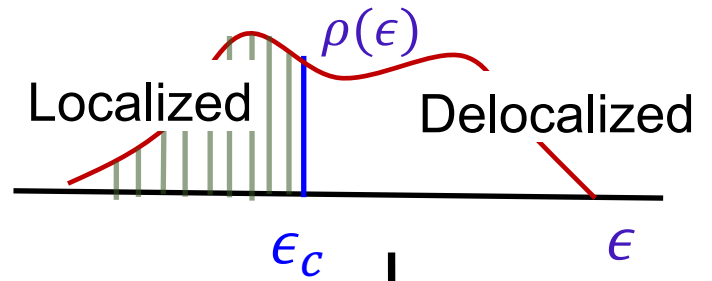


Delocalized SP states get localized by coupling with localized states

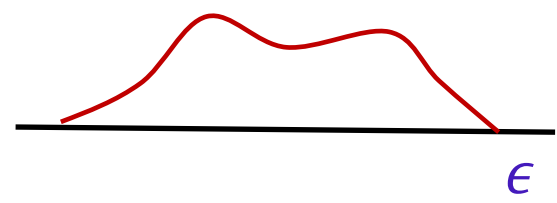
How to see in presence of interaction?

Hyatt et al., PRB (2017), Marino et al., PRB (2018)

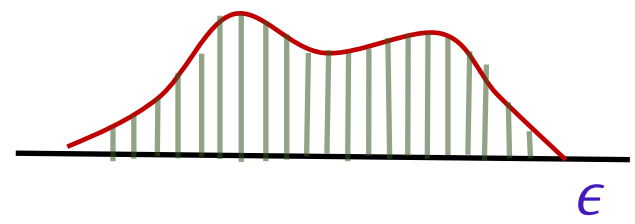
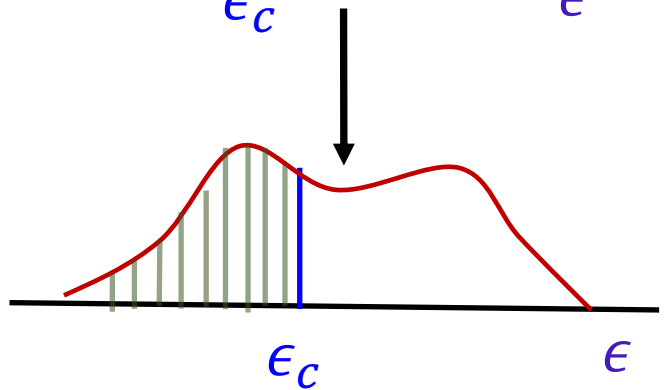
## Non-interacting SP local DOS



## Local SP excitations with interaction



All SP excitations delocalized  
→ Delocalized many-body state



All SP excitations localized  
→ MBL (proximity effect)

Mobility edge in SP excitations  
→ NEE states



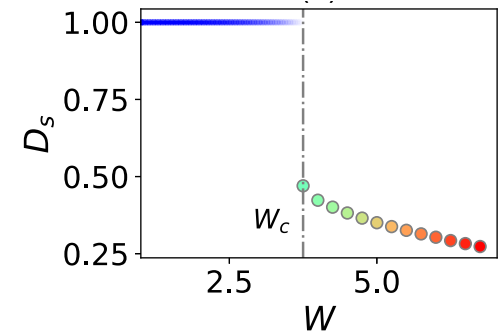
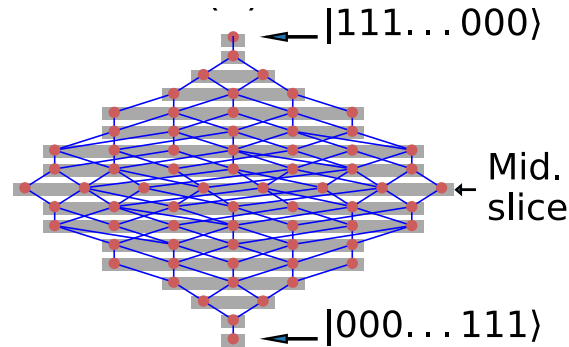
# Plans for rest of the talk

- Real-space and Fock space (FS) pictures for MBL and MBL transition with random disorder

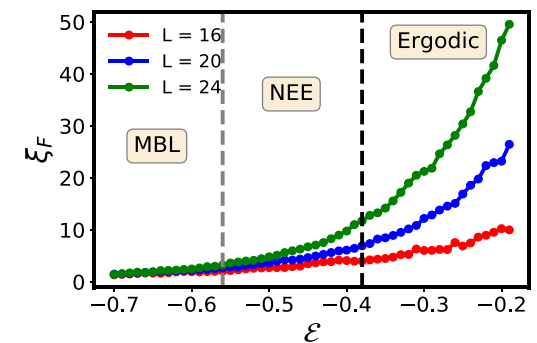
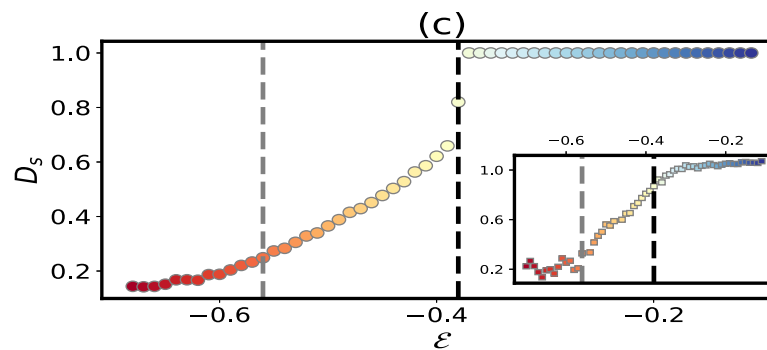
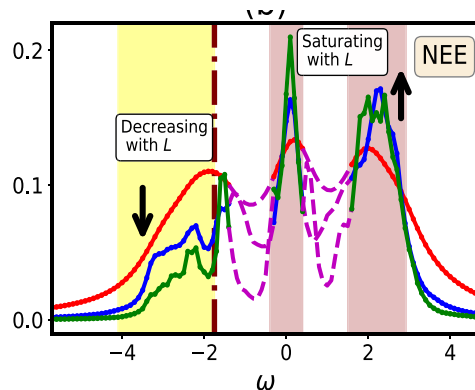
Recursive Green's function

FS propagator

FS multifractality and scaling theory across the transition



- MBL proximity effect and NEE states in a generalized Aubry-Andre-Harper (GAAH) model.



- Conclusions

# MBL: Real-space picture

$$H = \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta}$$



MBL fixed point  $\rightarrow$  Emergent integrability  
 $\rightarrow$  Quasi local integrals of motion  
 (LIOMs or “ $l$ -bits” )

Vosk & Altman, PRL (2013)  
 Serbyn et al., PRL (2013)  
 Huse & Oganesyan, PRB (2013)  
 Chandran et al., PRB (2015);...

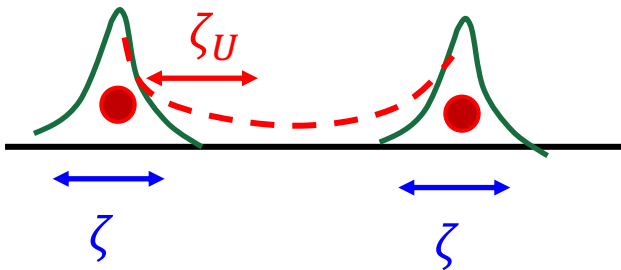
$$\tilde{n}_{\alpha} = \tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \tilde{c}_{\alpha}$$

$$\tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} = \sum_i A_{\alpha}(i) c_i^{\dagger} + \dots$$

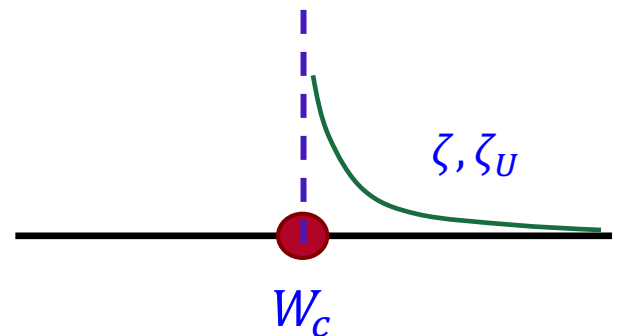
$$H_l = \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} \tilde{n}_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha\beta} U_{\alpha\beta} \tilde{n}_{\alpha} \tilde{n}_{\beta} + \dots$$

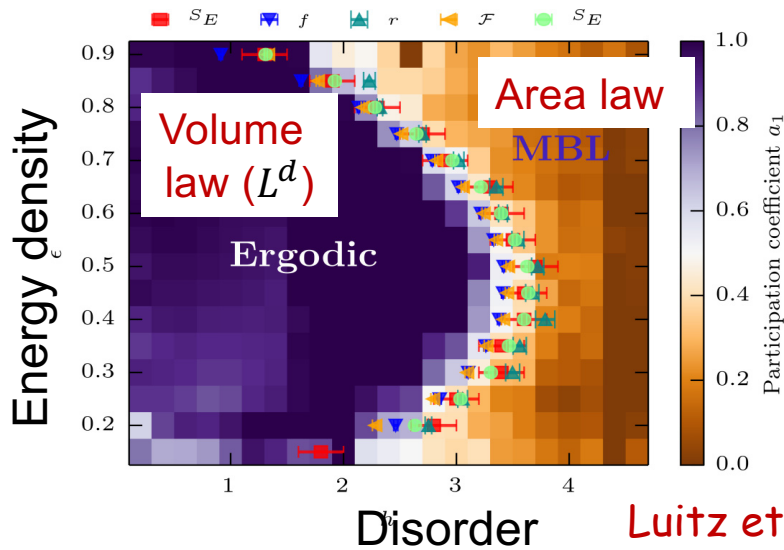
$$A_{\alpha}(i) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{|i - i_{\alpha}|}{\zeta}\right]$$

$$U_{\alpha\beta} \sim \exp\left[-\frac{|i_{\alpha} - i_{\beta}|}{\zeta_U}\right]$$

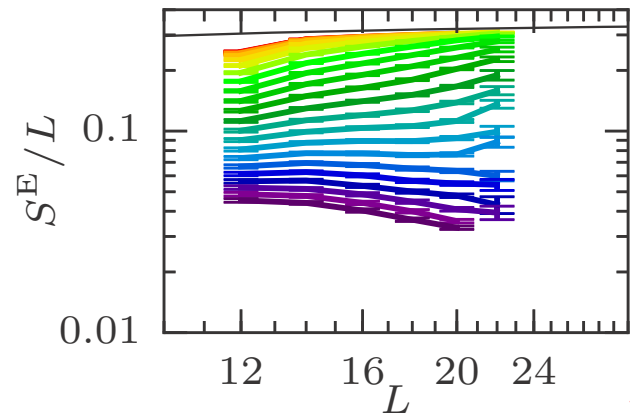


Do  $\zeta, \zeta_U \rightarrow \infty$   
 for  $W \rightarrow W_c^+$  ?

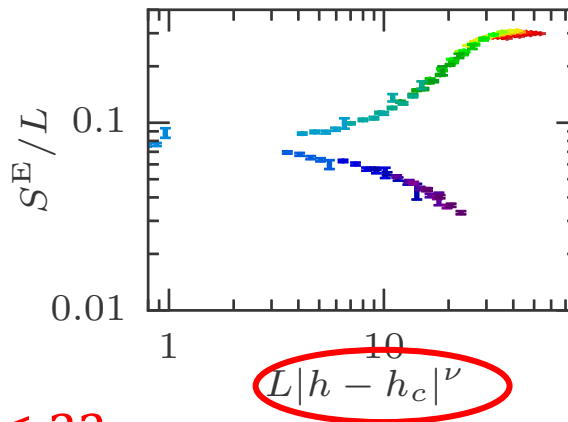




What is the nature of the transition? First order, continuous, ..?  
 Is there diverging length scale? Critical properties, exponents, ..?  
 Theory of the entanglement transition?



$L \leq 22$

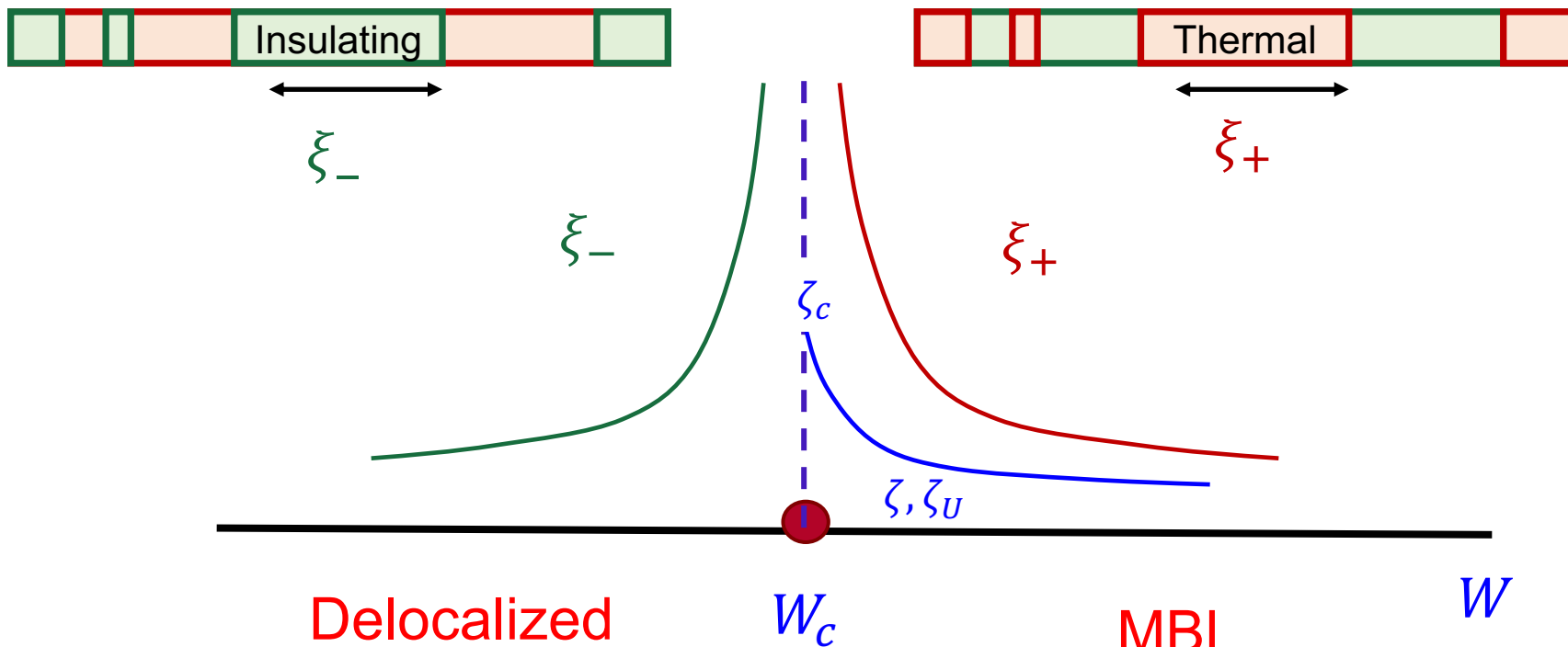


Correlation length  
 exponent  $\nu \leq 1$

Violates Harris-CCFS  
 bound

$\nu \geq 2/d$

# Real-space picture



## Phenomenological renormalization groups (RG)

$$\xi_{\pm} \sim |W - W_c|^{-\nu}$$

Potter et al PRL (2015),  
Vosk et al PRL (2015),

Continuous transition

$$\sim \exp \left[ \frac{b_{\pm}}{\sqrt{|W - W_c|}} \right]$$

Thiery et al PRL (2018),  
Goremykina et al PRL (2019),  
Dumitrescu et al, PRB (2019)

KT transition

# MBL through quantities related to Fock space

$$\mathcal{H} = t \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} (c_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^\dagger c_i) + \sum_{i=1}^L \epsilon_i n_i + V \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} n_i n_{i+1}$$

$L$  sites,  $N$  fermions

$\sum_i \hat{n}_i = \hat{N}$  conserved

$L = 4, N = 2$

$|1100\rangle$   
 $|1010\rangle$   
 $|0110\rangle$   
 $|1001\rangle$   
 $|0101\rangle$   
 $|0011\rangle$

Number of FS sites

$$N_F = \frac{L!}{N! (L-N)!}$$

$\sim \exp(L)$  (Large  $L$ )

FS basis sites  $|I\rangle = |n_1^{(I)} n_2^{(I)} \dots n_L^{(I)}\rangle$

Tight binding model on the FS lattice

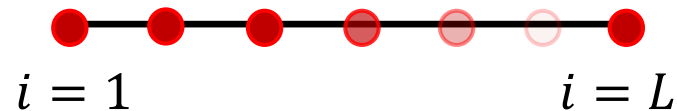
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{I \neq J} T_{IJ} |I\rangle \langle J| + \sum_I \epsilon_I |I\rangle \langle I|$$

$\epsilon_i$ ,  $L$  random numbers  $\Rightarrow \exp(L)$  numbers

$$\epsilon_I = \sum_i \epsilon_i n_i^{(I)} + V \sum_i n_i^{(I)} n_{i+1}^{(I)}$$

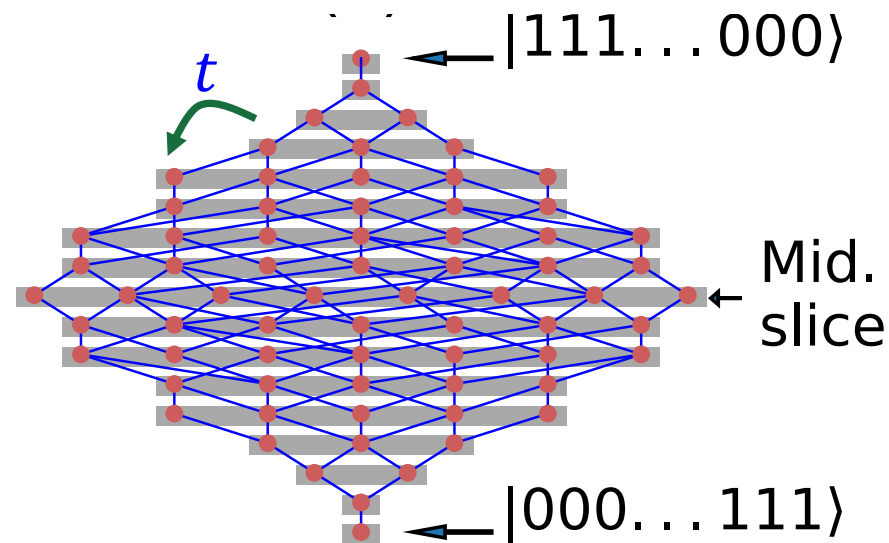
Extremely correlated disorder in Fock space

Real space



Fock space (FS) lattice

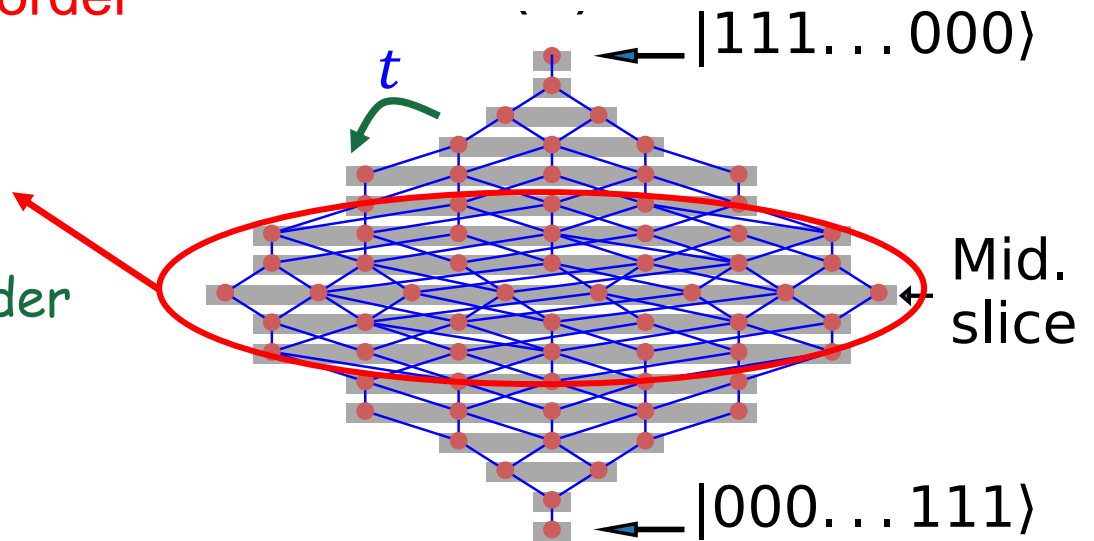
Logan and Welsh, PRB (2019)



MBL  $\equiv$  Anderson localization on a complex lattice with correlated disorder

Coordination number of the FS lattice  $\sim L$   
diverges for  $L \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Requires correlated disorder for localization

Altland & Micklitz, PRL (2017)  
Logan and Welsh, PRB (2019);  
Ghosh et al., PRB (2019)  
Roy & Logan, PRL (2020)



Many-body eigenstate  $|\Psi_n\rangle = \sum_I C_{nI} |I\rangle$

How to detect localization on FS lattice?

Inverse participation ratio (IPR)  $I_q = \sum_I C_{nI}^{2q}$  Usual IPR,  $I_2$

or, participation entropy  $S_q = \frac{1}{1-q} \ln(I_q)$

$$I_q \sim N_F^{-D_q}$$

- Delocalized states  $D_q = q - 1$ ,  $S_q = \ln N_F$   
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- Localized states  $D_q = 0$ ,  $S_q = \text{constant}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  spread over finite number of sites

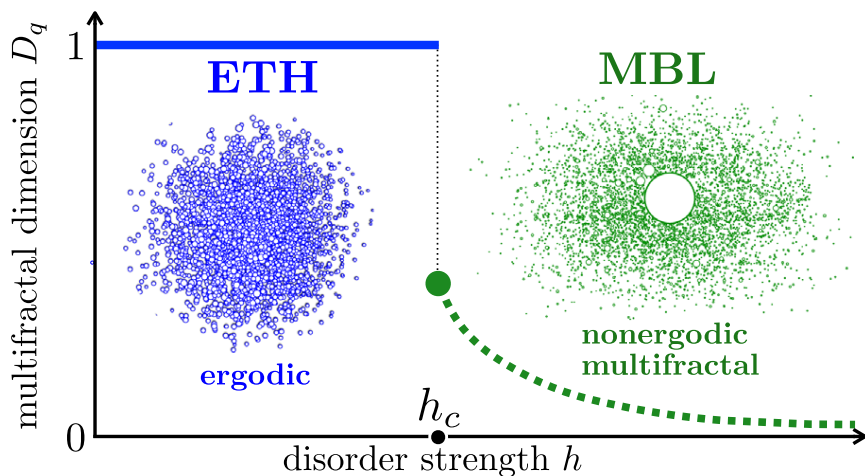
$$I_2 \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

- Fractal or multifractal

non-trivial  $D_q$ ,  $0 < D_q < 1$ ,  $S_q = D_q \ln N_F$   $I_2 \sim N_F^{-D_2}$

$\Rightarrow$  spread over  $\exp(L)$ , but zero fraction of the sites

What happens to MBL?



All MBL states are multifractal!

Mace et al., PRL (2019)

How does the multifractal nature manifest in dynamical properties?

# Propagator or Green's function in Fock space

Tight binding model on the FS lattice

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{I \neq J} T_{IJ} |I\rangle\langle J| + \sum_I \varepsilon_I |I\rangle\langle I|$$

$$\hat{G}(E) = (E + i\eta - \mathcal{H})^{-1} \quad G_{IJ}(E) = \langle I | \hat{G}(E) | J \rangle$$

$\eta$ , broadening parameter

We choose  $\eta = \delta \sim \exp(-L)$

○ Diagonal part  $[G_{II}(E)]^{-1} = E + i\eta - \varepsilon_I - \Sigma_I(E)$

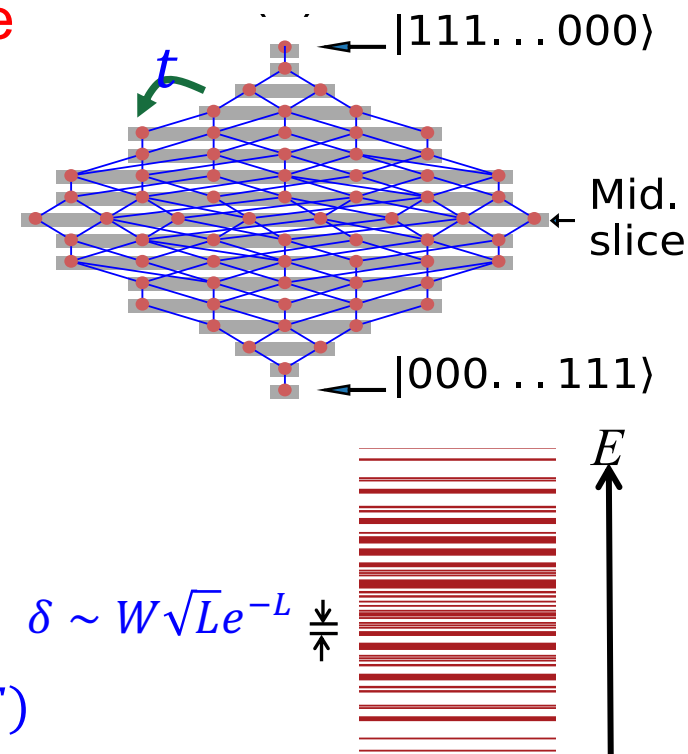
**Feenberg self-energy**  $\Sigma_I(E) = X_I(E) - i\Delta_I(E)$

$\Delta_I(E)$ , imaginary part  $\Rightarrow$  **Decay rate of FS site localized state at energy  $E$**

○ Off diagonal part  $G_{IJ}(E) = G(r_{IJ}) \sim \exp[-r_{IJ}/\xi_F]$

$r_{IJ}$ , distance on FS lattice, **hopping distance**

$\xi_F \Rightarrow$  **Fock space localization length**



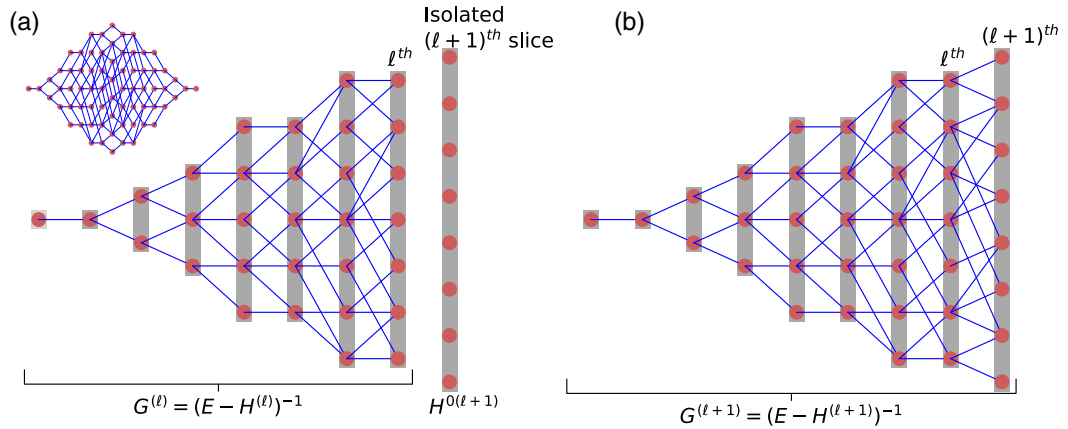


# Recursive Green's function method

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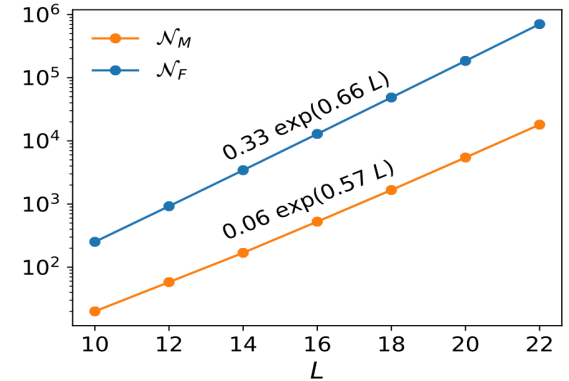
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Recognition of the “slice structure”  
 $\Rightarrow$  well-known Recursive Green's function  
 method for real space MacKinnon & Kramer (~1980)

Relatively easy for  $L \leq 22$   
 comparable to state-of-the-art ED methods  
 $L \leq 22 - 24$



We calculate typical values and distributions of  $\Delta_I(E)$  and  $G_{IJ}(E)$

$$\Delta_t(E) = \exp(\langle \ln \Delta_I(E) \rangle_{I, \{\epsilon_I\}})$$

$$G(r_{IJ}) = \exp(\langle \ln G_{IJ}(E) \rangle_{\{\epsilon_I\}})$$

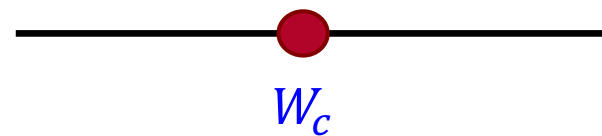
\*Geometric mean

# How do we detect MBL from $\Delta_t$ ?

○ Thermal phase  $\Delta_t \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  for  $N_F \rightarrow \infty$ , decay in finite time

○ MBL phase  $\Delta_t \rightarrow 0$  for  $N_F \rightarrow \infty$ , infinitely long lived, memory of initial state

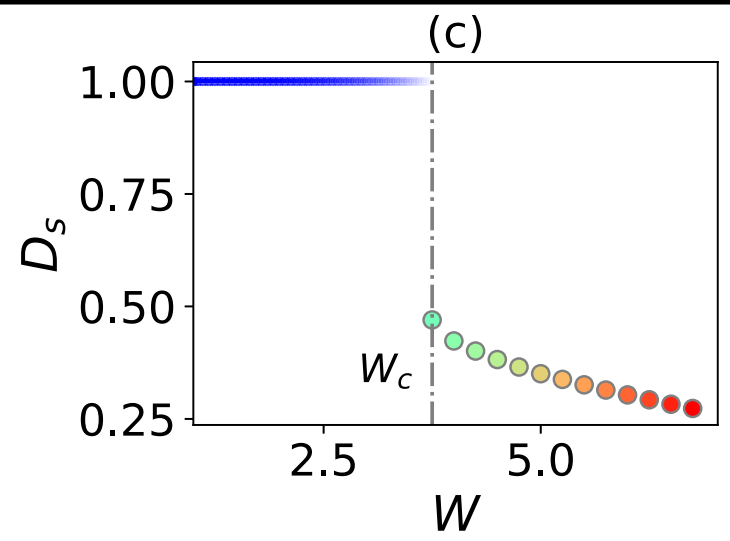
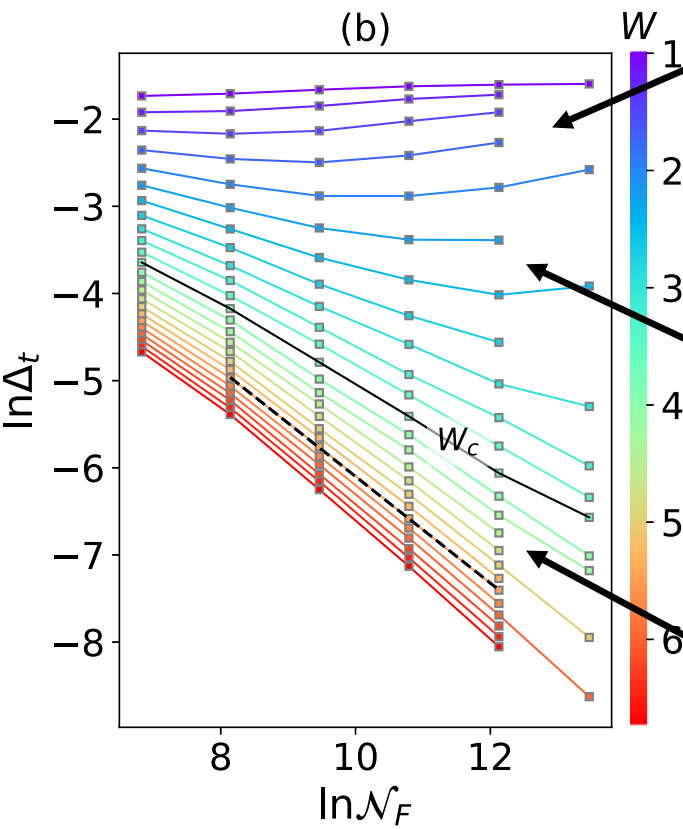
⇒ Like an **order parameter** for transition (**Anderson 1958**)



$\Delta_t \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ , Deep in the egodic phase

“Critical region”

$\Delta_t \sim N_F^{-(1-D_s)}$ , Deep in the MBL phase  
 $D_s \simeq D_2$ , spectral fractal dimension  
 $I_2 \sim N_F^{-D_2}$



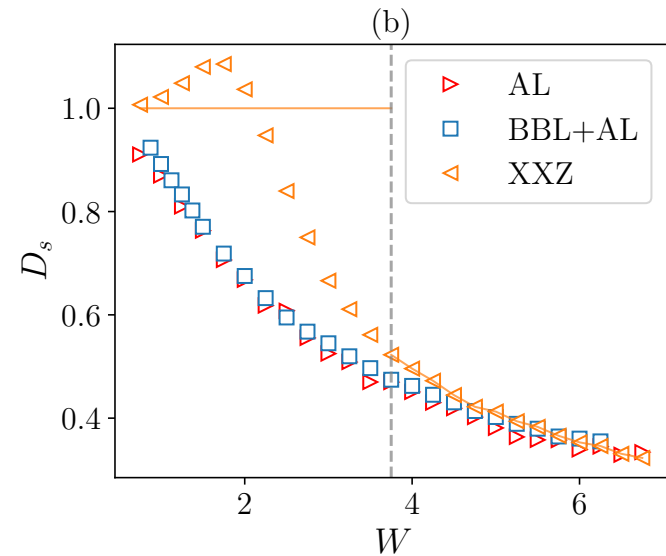
$\Delta_t \Rightarrow$  MBL states are multifractal ,  $D_s$  spectral fractal dimension

How does single-particle Anderson localization (AL) look in Fock-space?

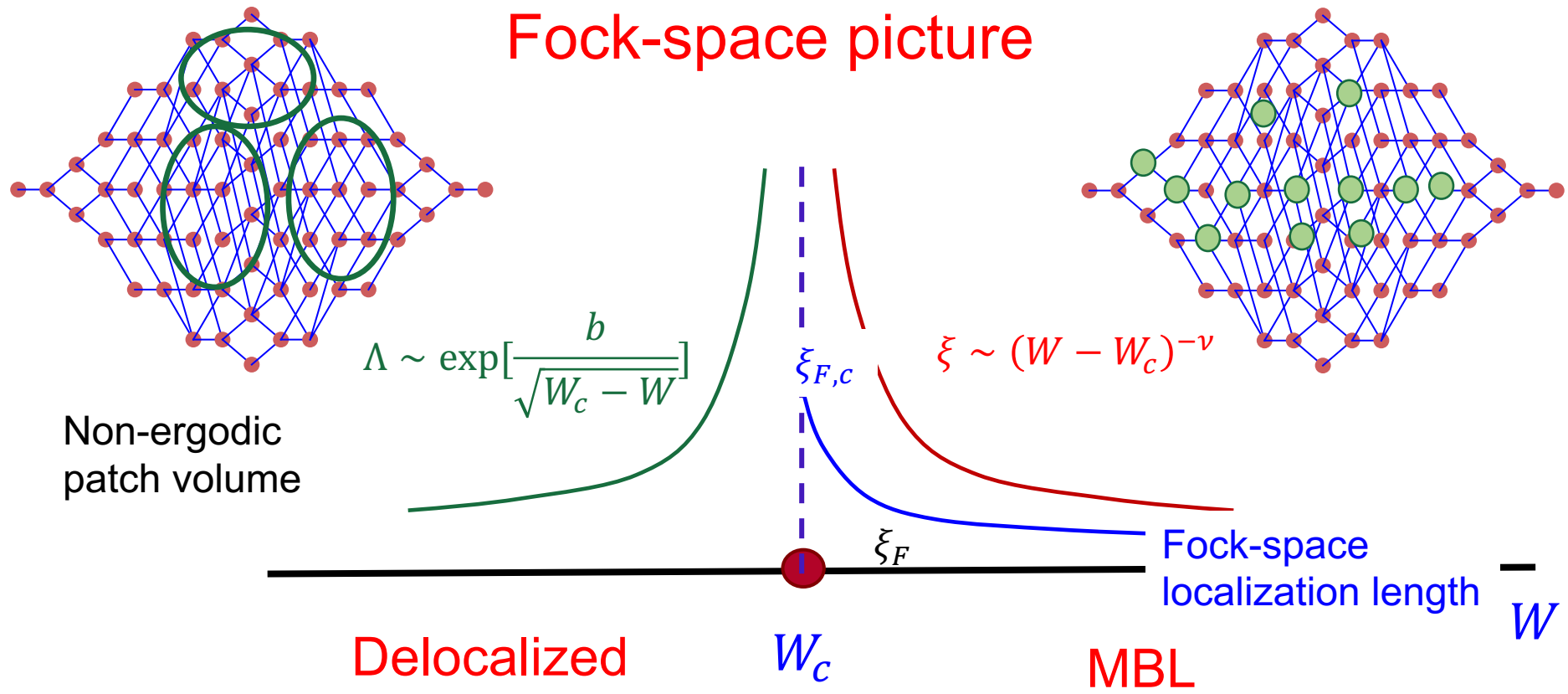
AL states also look multifractal in Fock space.

Real-space uncorrelated disorder  
 $\Rightarrow$  Correlated disorder in Fock-space

Multifractality is inevitable! D. E. Logan (unpublished)



# Fock-space picture



Fock-space localization length  $\xi_F (\leftarrow G(r_{IJ}))$  remains finite at the transition  
 J. Sutradhar, S. Ghosh, S. Mukerjee, SB (unpublished)

S. Ghosh, J. Sutradhar, S. Mukerjee, SB, arXiv:2401.03027

## System with single-particle mobility edge

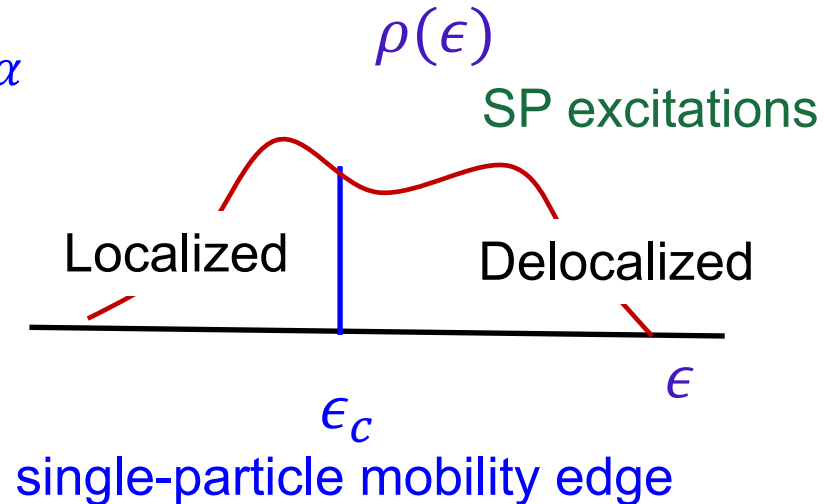
$$\mathcal{H} = t \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} (c_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^\dagger c_i) + \sum_{i=1}^L \epsilon_i n_i + V \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} n_i n_{i+1}$$

Generalized Aubry-Andre-Harper (GAAH) potential Ganeshan et al, PRL (2015)

$$\epsilon_i = \frac{h \cos(2\pi b i + \phi)}{1 - \alpha \cos(2\pi b i + \phi)} \quad \alpha = -0.8$$

Single-particle (SP) density of states (DOS)

Exact mobility edge  $\epsilon_c = \text{sgn}(h)(2|t| - |h|)/\alpha$



What happens in the presence of interaction?

Quarter filling  $N = L/4$

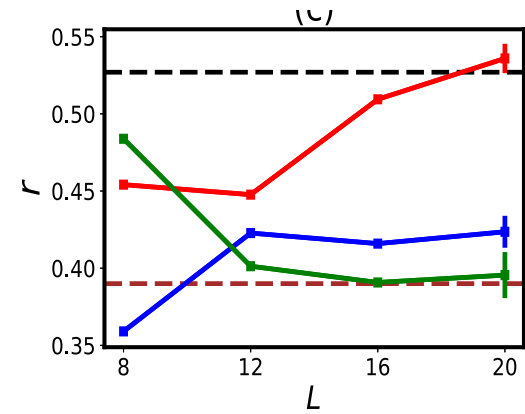
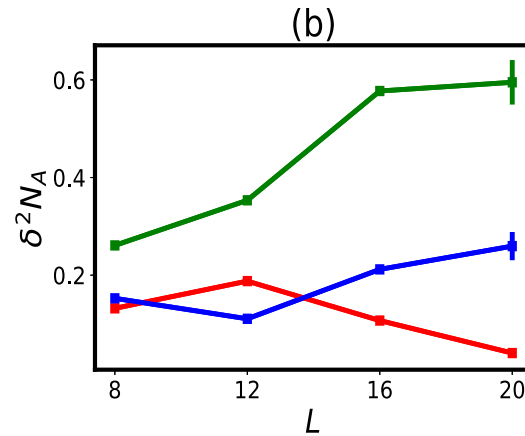
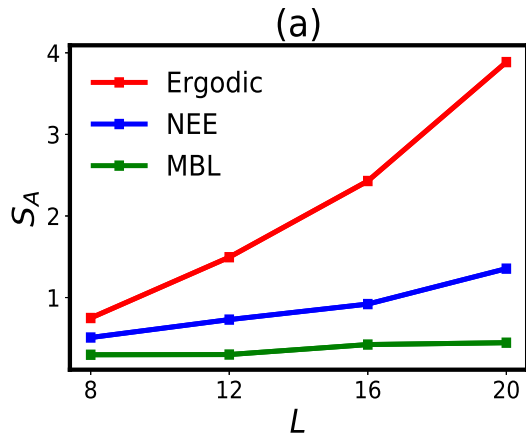
As a function of energy density  $\mathcal{E} = E/L$  and  $h = 0.6, 1.8$

$V = 1, L = 8 - 24$

# Evidences of NEE in interacting GAAHS model

States in between ergodic delocalized and MBL

Li et al, PRL (2015); Modak et al., PRL (2015), ...

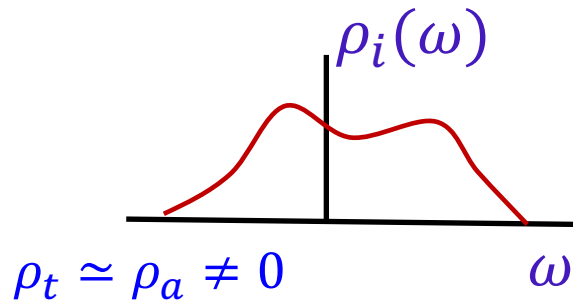


Phases			
	Entanglement entropy	Subsystem number fluctuations	Level spacing statistics
MBL	Area law	Finite for $L \rightarrow \infty$	Poisson
NEE	Volume law	Finite for $L \rightarrow \infty$	Intermediate between Poisson and GOE
Ergodic	Volume law	Vanishes for $L \rightarrow \infty$	GOE

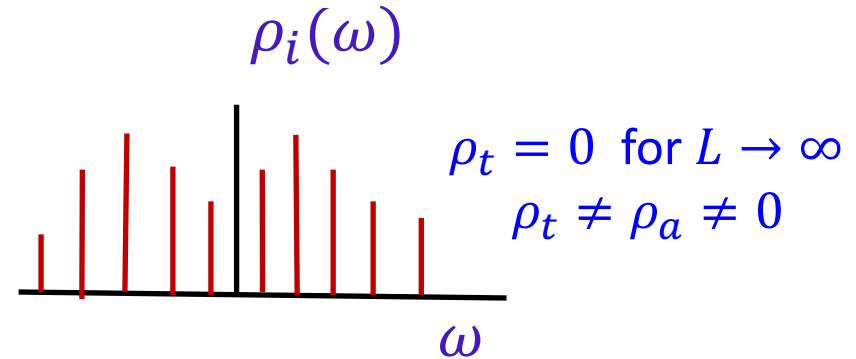
# How to detect localized/delocalized SP excitations?

## Local DOS (LDOS)

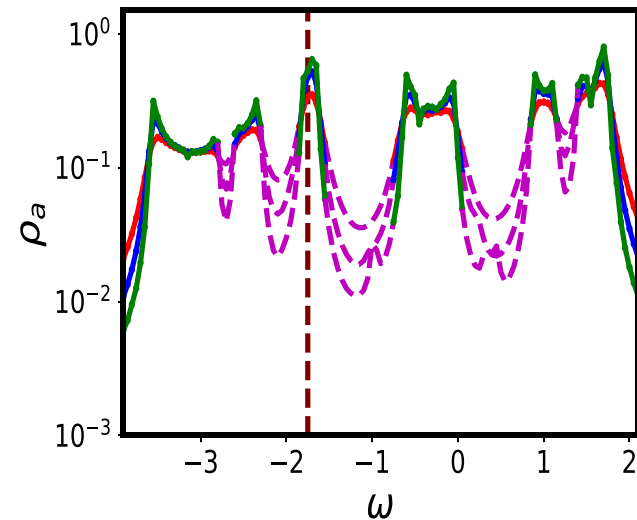
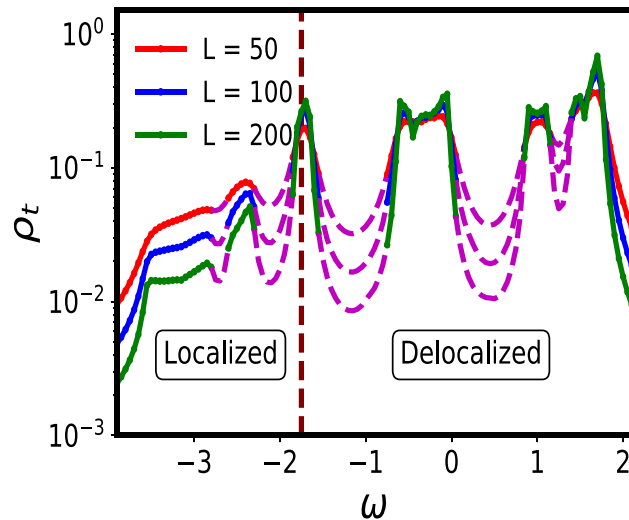
Delocalized



Localized



## Non-interacting GAAH model ( $V = 0$ )



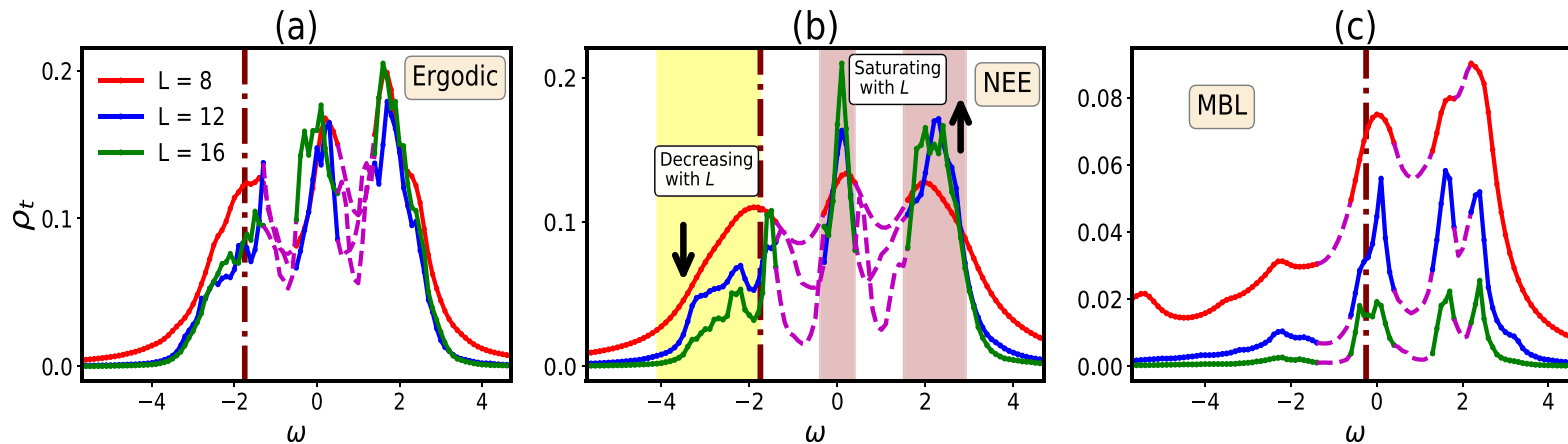
$$\rho_i(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{\alpha=1}^L |\psi_{\alpha}(i)|^2 \frac{\eta_s}{(\omega - \epsilon_{\alpha})^2 + \eta_s^2}$$

For spectral gaps

$\rho_t(\omega), \rho_a(\omega) \rightarrow 0$  as  $L \rightarrow \infty$

# Mobility edge in SP excitations persists in the NEE phase, unlike ergodic and MBL phases

Small system exact diagonalization (ED)



MBL proximity effect

- Local spectral function of an eigenstate

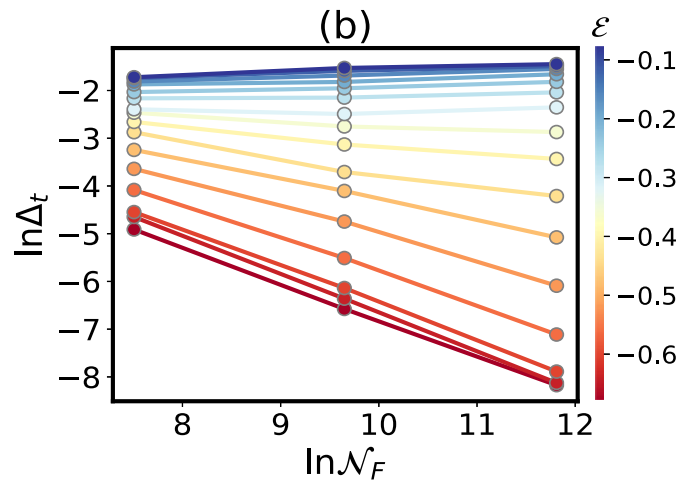
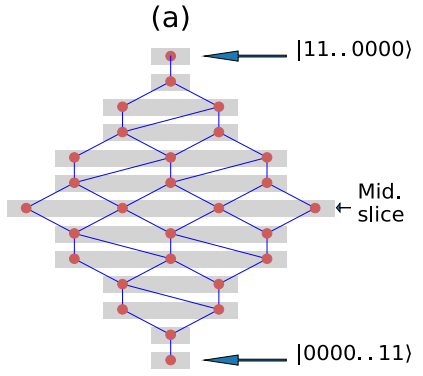
$$\rho_{i,n}(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G_{i,n}^R(\omega)$$

← Single-particle Green's function

$$G_{i,n}^R(t) = -i \langle \Psi_n | \{c_i(t), c_i^\dagger(0)\} | \Psi_n \rangle \theta(t)$$

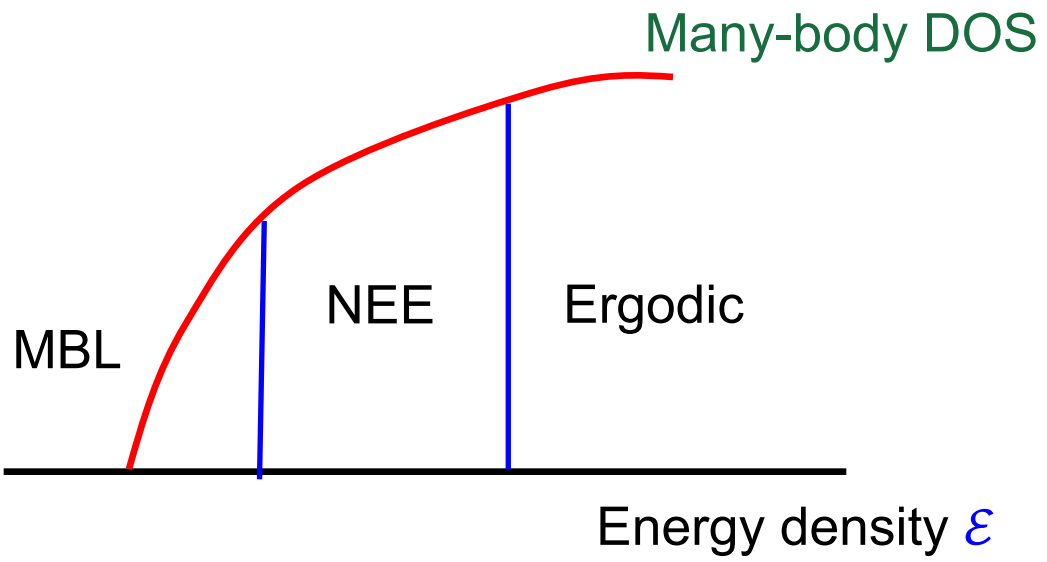
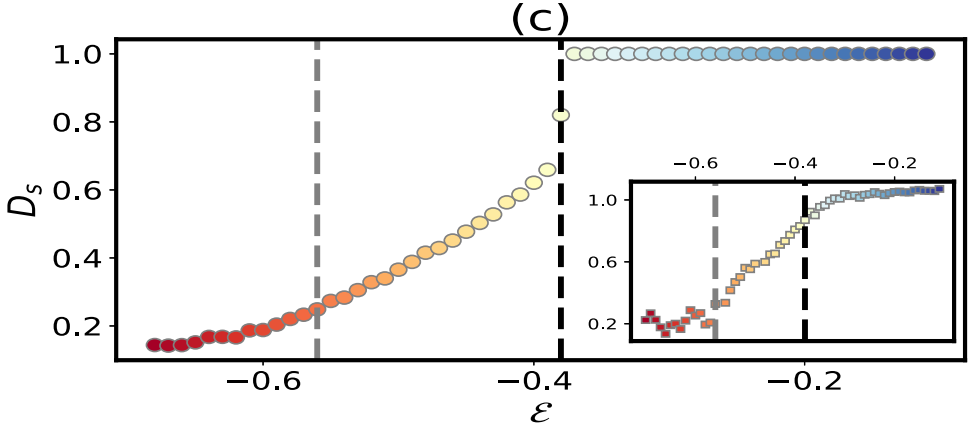


# Fock-space transitions as function of energy density



MBL and NEE states are both multifractal, cannot be distinguished via  $\Delta_t$

Fixed quasiperiodic strength  $h$



# $\Delta_t$ is a probabilistic order parameter

Finite-size scaling theory, Asymmetric scaling ansatz (Garcia-Mata et al, PRL (2017))

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{\Delta_t}{\Delta_c}\right) &= \mathcal{F}_{vol}\left(\frac{N_F}{\Lambda}\right) \quad \varepsilon < \varepsilon_c \\ &= \mathcal{F}_{lin}\left(\frac{\ln N_F}{\xi}\right) \quad \varepsilon < \varepsilon_c \end{aligned}$$

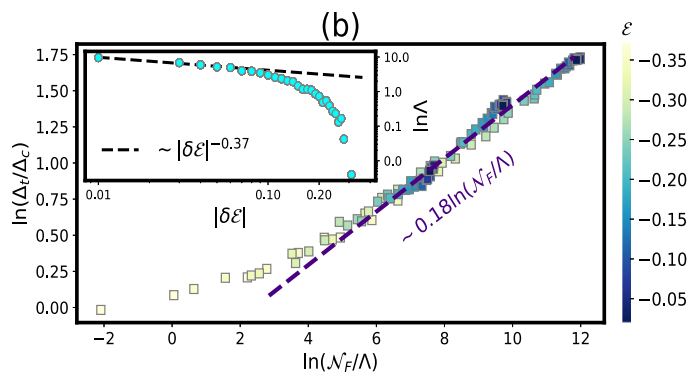
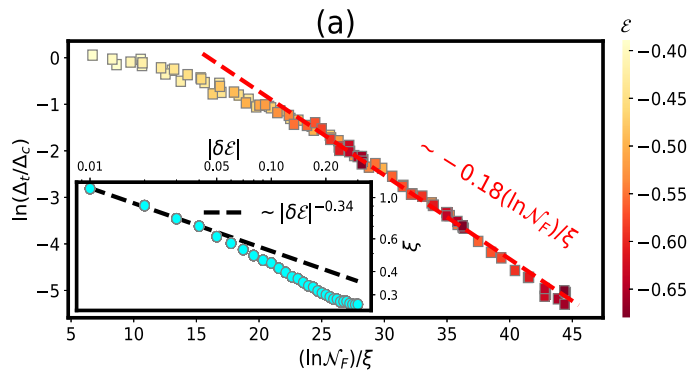
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{vol}\left(\frac{e^L}{\Lambda}\right) \quad \text{"Volumic scaling"}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{lin}\left(\frac{L}{\xi}\right) \quad \text{"Linear scaling"}$$

$$\Delta_c = \Delta_t(W_c) \sim N_F^{-(1-D_c)}$$

\*For real-space  $\mathcal{F}_{vol}\left(\frac{L^d}{\Lambda}\right) = \mathcal{F}_{lin}\left(\frac{L}{\Lambda^{1/d}}\right)$ ,  
FS volume is exponential in  $L$

## Finite-size scaling collapse



$$\varepsilon_c \sim -0.38$$

$$\Lambda \sim \exp\left[\frac{b}{(W_c - W)^{0.4}}\right] \quad \text{"KT like"}$$

$$\xi \sim (W - W_c)^{-\nu} \quad \nu \simeq 0.34 \leq 1$$

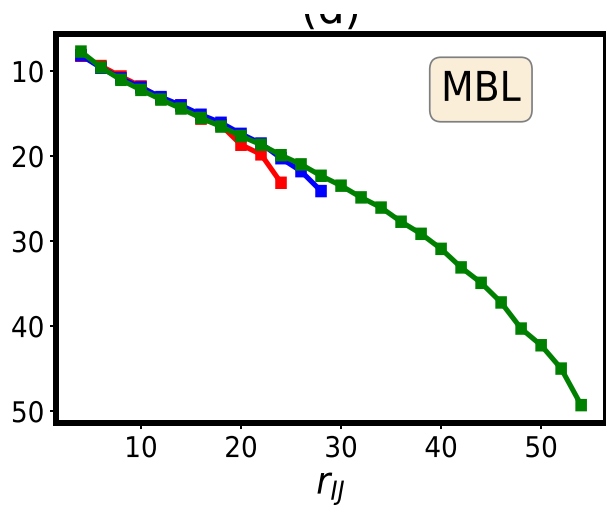
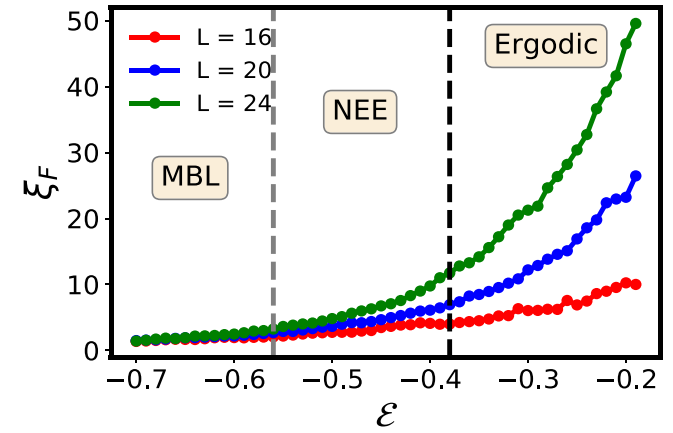
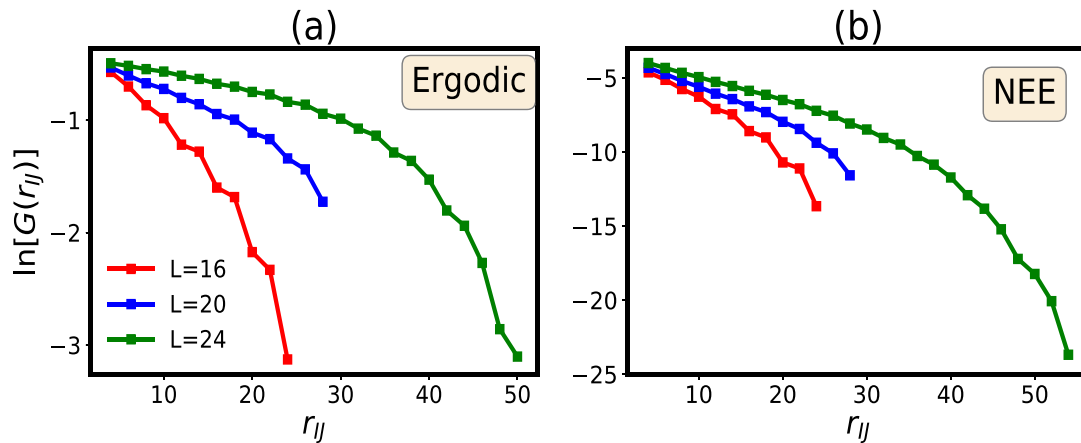
$$\Delta_t(W_c) \sim \Lambda^{-(1-D_c)} \quad N_F \rightarrow \infty$$

Asymptotic scaling functions for  $x \gg 1$   
( $x = N_F/\Lambda$  or  $\ln N_F/\xi$ )

$$\mathcal{F}_{vol}(x) \sim (1 - D_c) \ln x$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{lin}(x) \sim -(1 - D_c)x$$

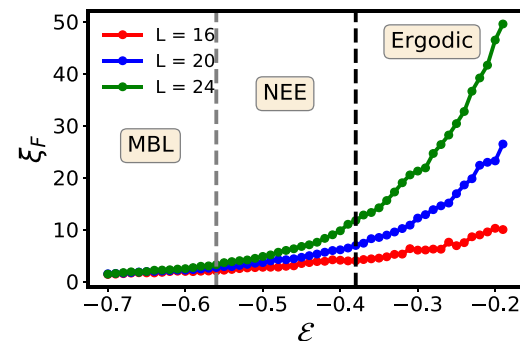
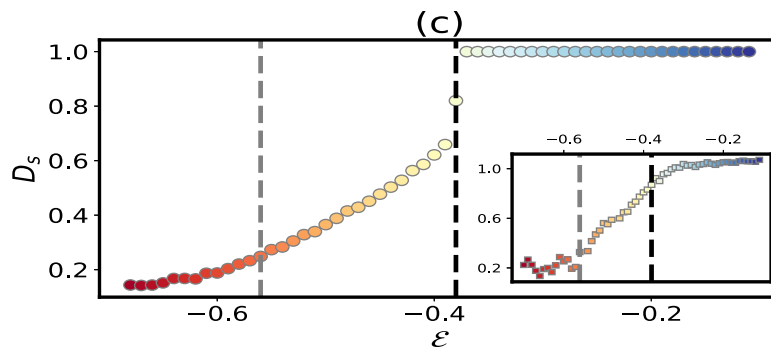
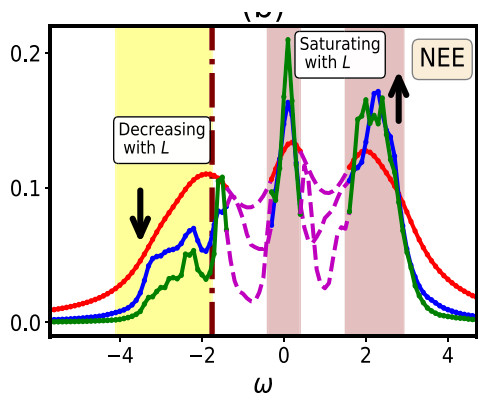
# MBL and NEE states can be distinguished in terms of Fock-space localization length



$\xi_F(L)$  depends on  $L$  in the NEE and ergodic phases but, independent of  $L$  in the MBL phase

# Conclusions

Phases	Diagnostics						
	Entanglement entropy	Subsystem number fluctuations	Level spacing statistics	Single-particle (SP) excitations	Inverse participation ratio (IPR)	Typical local FS self energy $\Delta_t$	FS localization length $\xi_F$
MBL	Area law	Finite for $L \rightarrow \infty$	Poisson	All SP excitations localized	$IPR \sim \mathcal{N}_F^{-D_2}$ $0 < D_2 < 1$ (Multifractal)	$\Delta_t \sim \mathcal{N}_F^{-(1-D_s)}$ $0 < D_s < 1$ (Multifractal)	$\xi_F$ independent of $L$
NEE	Volume law	Finite for $L \rightarrow \infty$	Intermediate between Poisson and GOE	Both localized and delocalized SP excitations separated by an SP mobility edge	$IPR \sim \mathcal{N}_F^{-D_2}$ $0 < D_2 < 1$ (Multifractal)	$\Delta_t \sim \mathcal{N}_F^{-(1-D_s)}$ $0 < D_s < 1$ (Multifractal)	$\xi_F$ increases with $L$
Ergodic	Volume law	Vanishes for $L \rightarrow \infty$	GOE	All SP excitations delocalized	$IPR \sim \mathcal{N}_F^{-1}$ (Extended)	$\Delta_t \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ (Extended)	$\xi_F$ increases with $L$



Thank You!

# MBL: Real-space picture

$$H = \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta}$$



MBL fixed point  $\rightarrow$  Emergent integrability  
 $\rightarrow$  Quasi local integrals of motion  
 (LIOMs or “ $l$ -bits”)

$$\tilde{n}_{\alpha} = \tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \tilde{c}_{\alpha}$$

$$H_l = \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} \tilde{n}_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha\beta} U_{\alpha\beta} \tilde{n}_{\alpha} \tilde{n}_{\beta} + \dots$$

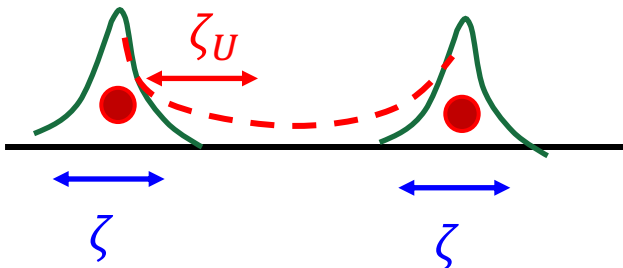
Huse & Oganesyan (2013)  
 Serbyn et al. (2013)

$$\tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} = \sum_i A_{\alpha}(i) c_i^{\dagger} + \dots$$

$$A_{\alpha}(i) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{|i - i_{\alpha}|}{\zeta}\right]$$

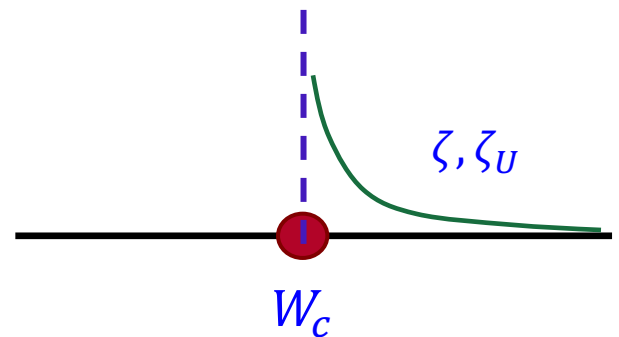
Perturbative construction

$$\tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \simeq c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} + \sum_{\beta\gamma\delta} \frac{V_{\delta\gamma\beta\alpha}}{\epsilon_{\alpha} + \epsilon_{\beta} - \epsilon_{\gamma} - \epsilon_{\delta}} c_{\delta}^{\dagger} c_{\gamma}^{\dagger} c_{\beta} + \dots$$



Do  $\zeta, \zeta_U \rightarrow \infty$   
 for  $W \rightarrow W_c^+$ ?

$$U_{\alpha\beta} \sim \exp\left[-\frac{|i_{\alpha} - i_{\beta}|}{\zeta_U}\right]$$



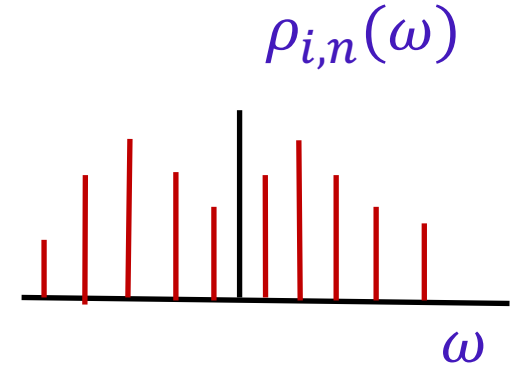
# Spectral signatures of MBL

- Local spectral function of an eigenstate

$$\rho_{i,n}(\omega)$$

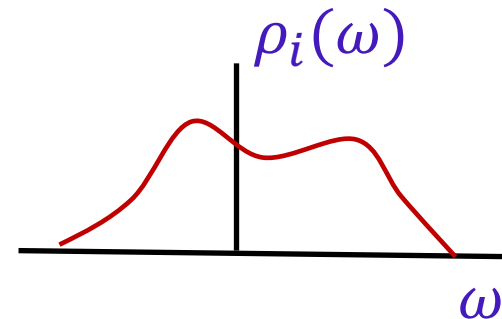
← Single-particle Green's function

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- Thermal spectral function

$$\rho_i^{th}(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} \rho_{i,n}(\omega)$$



\* Generically,  $\rho_i^{th}(\omega)$  does not contain information about localization at  $T \neq 0$

Infinite temperature ( $\beta \rightarrow 0$ ),  $\rho_i^{th}(\omega) = (1/D) \sum_n \rho_{i,n}(\omega)$

Hilbert space  
dimension  $D$

- Delocalized state,  $\rho_i^{th}(\omega) = \rho_{i,n}(\omega)$  for  $T \rightarrow \langle E \rangle = E_n$

← ETH

# Controversies and Caveats

- Till ~2020, the big question was about the nature of MBL transition

ED  $\Rightarrow \nu \leq 1 < 2/d$       Phenomenological RGs  $\nu \simeq 2.5 - 3 > 2/d$

- MBL unstable for  $d > 1$  due to rare regions of weak disorder (thermal bubble)

De Roeck and Huveneers, PRB (2017)

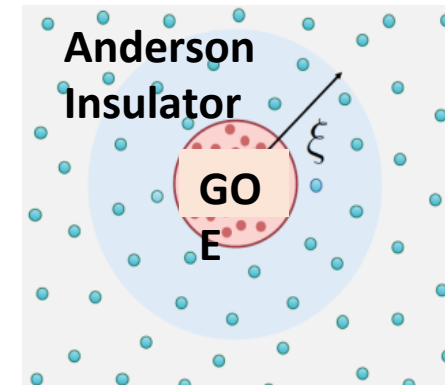
Indications of chaos in the MBL phase  
Suntajs et al, PRE, PRB (2020)

Numerical evidences of delocalization in the MBL phase

Sels, Polkovnikov et al.

Long-range resonances in the MBL spectrum

Mornigstar, Huse et al.

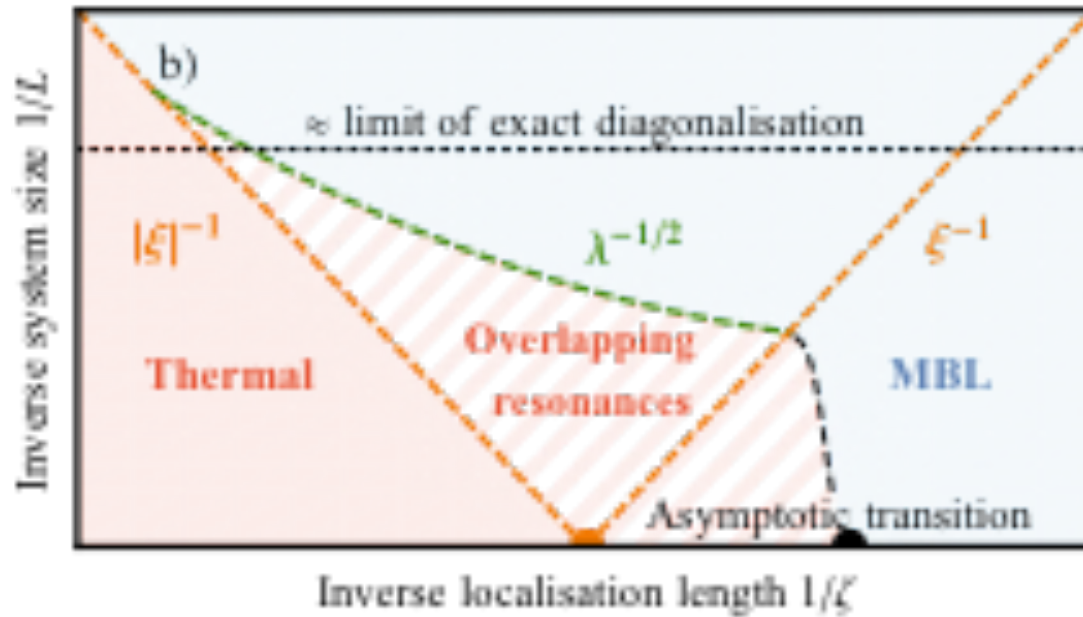


MBL maybe unstable in the thermodynamic limit at any finite disorder even in 1d

vs.

MBL transition shifted much larger  $W_c$

## Finite-size MBL phenomenology



Crowley & Chandran, Sci. Post. (2022)