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Magnetoresistance in insulators close to the superconductor-insulator transition

Localization, Interactions and Superconductivity,
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Outline

- Huge magnetoresistance peak near certain SI transitions:
Origin of **strongly non-monotonous** $R(B)$?
 - Insulator: Inhom. mixture of localized pairs and single electrons;
 - Understanding features of the peak?
- Nature of transport in the insulator ?
 - Strongly disordered superconductors:
systems undergoing manybody localization??
 - Activated resistance in the Bose glass
 - GMR Peak: Interplay of interference and density of states effects!

Insulator: Giant magnetoresistance

Most studied material:

4 decades of research...

Buckley prize 2015...

Ever more puzzles and delights
to come?

InOx

Hebard-Palaanen

Gantmakher

Kapitulnik, Mason

Goldman

Ovadyahu

Shahar

Sacepe, Chapelier

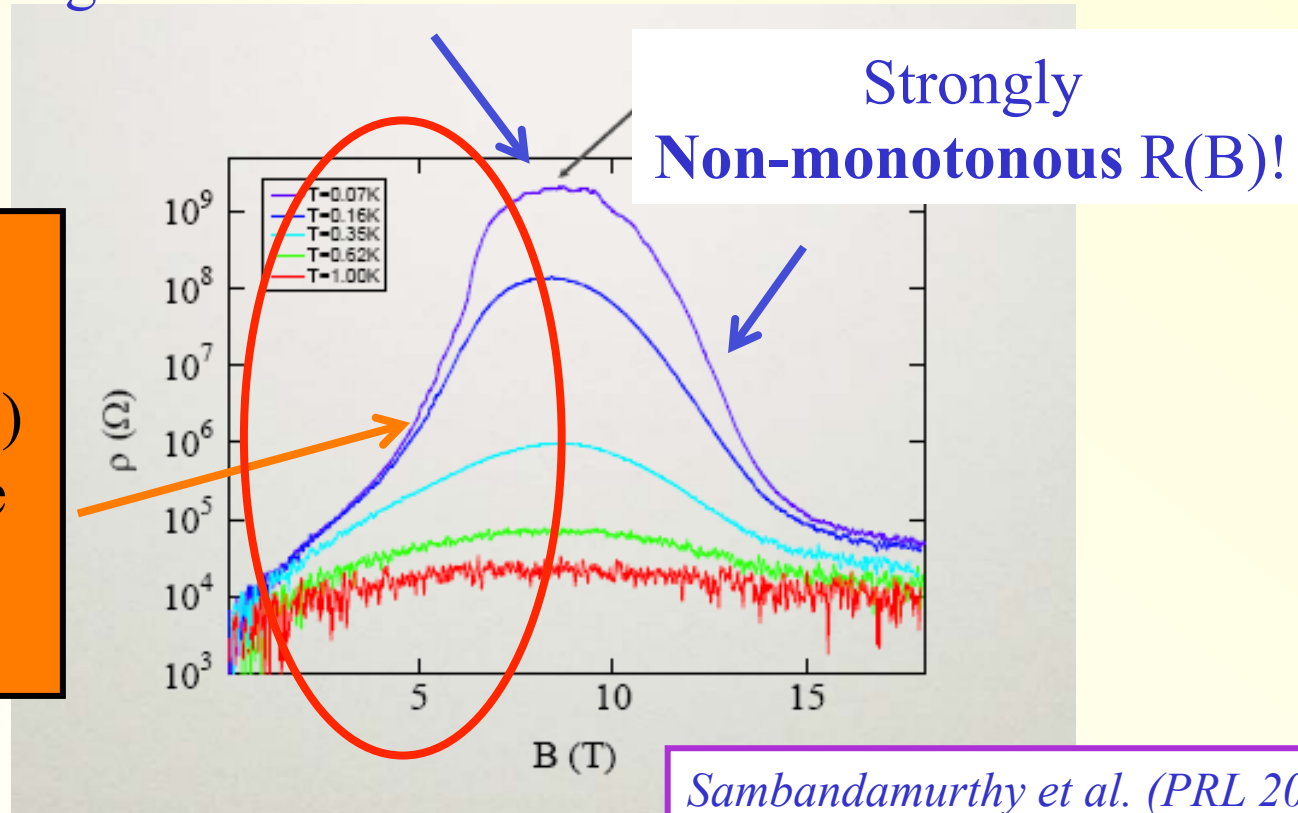
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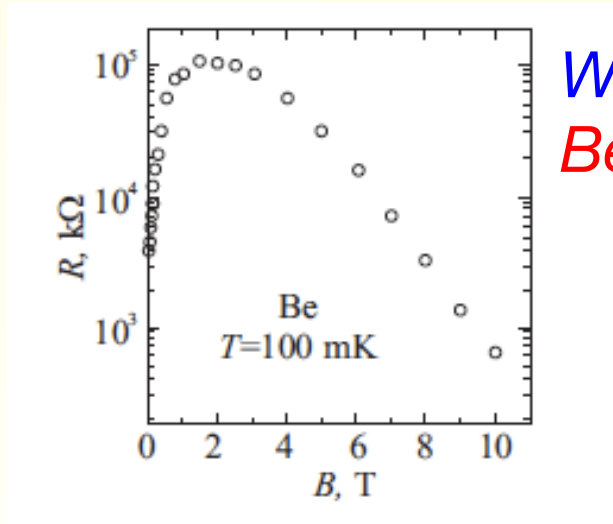
Giant magnetoresistance

Common belief:
Pairs (bosons) survive in the insulator:
Bose glass



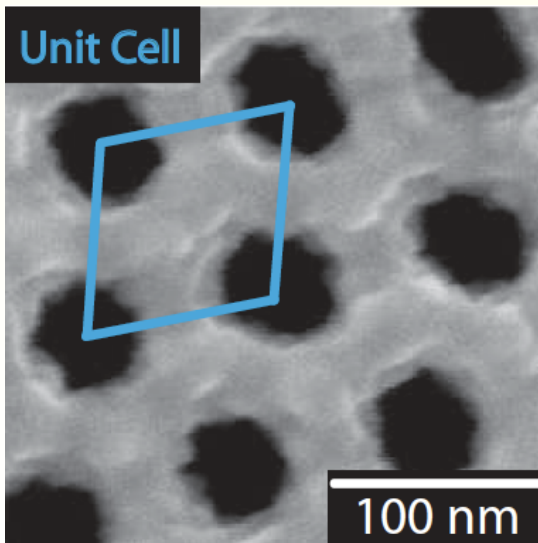
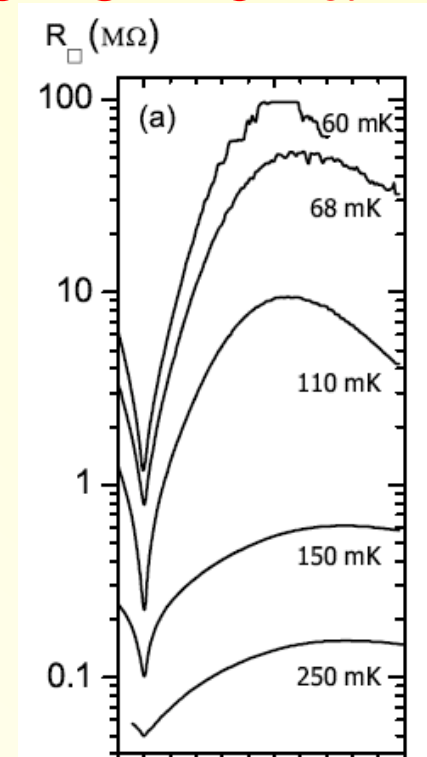
Insulating behavior **enhanced** by local superconductivity!

Other systems - similar phenomena

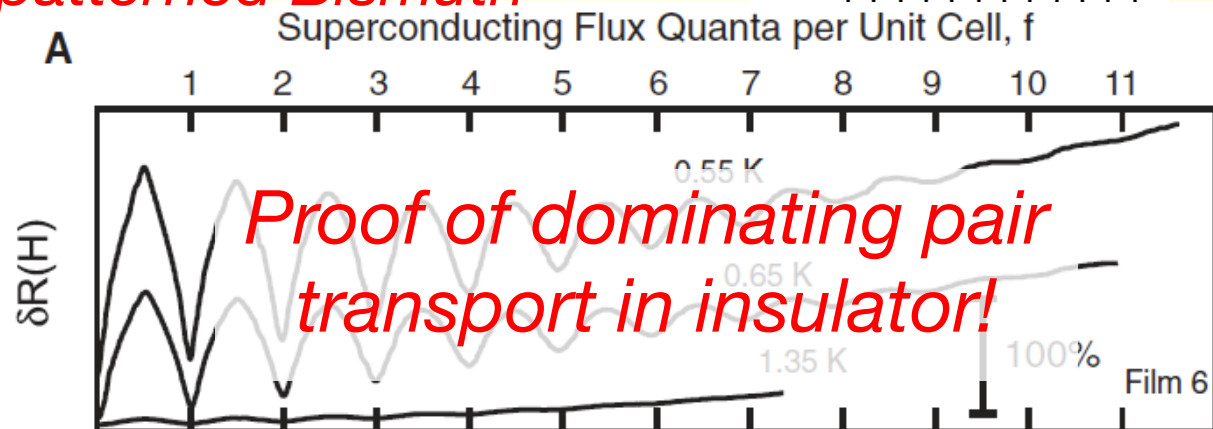


W. Wu -
Beryllium

T. Baturina et
al. - TiN

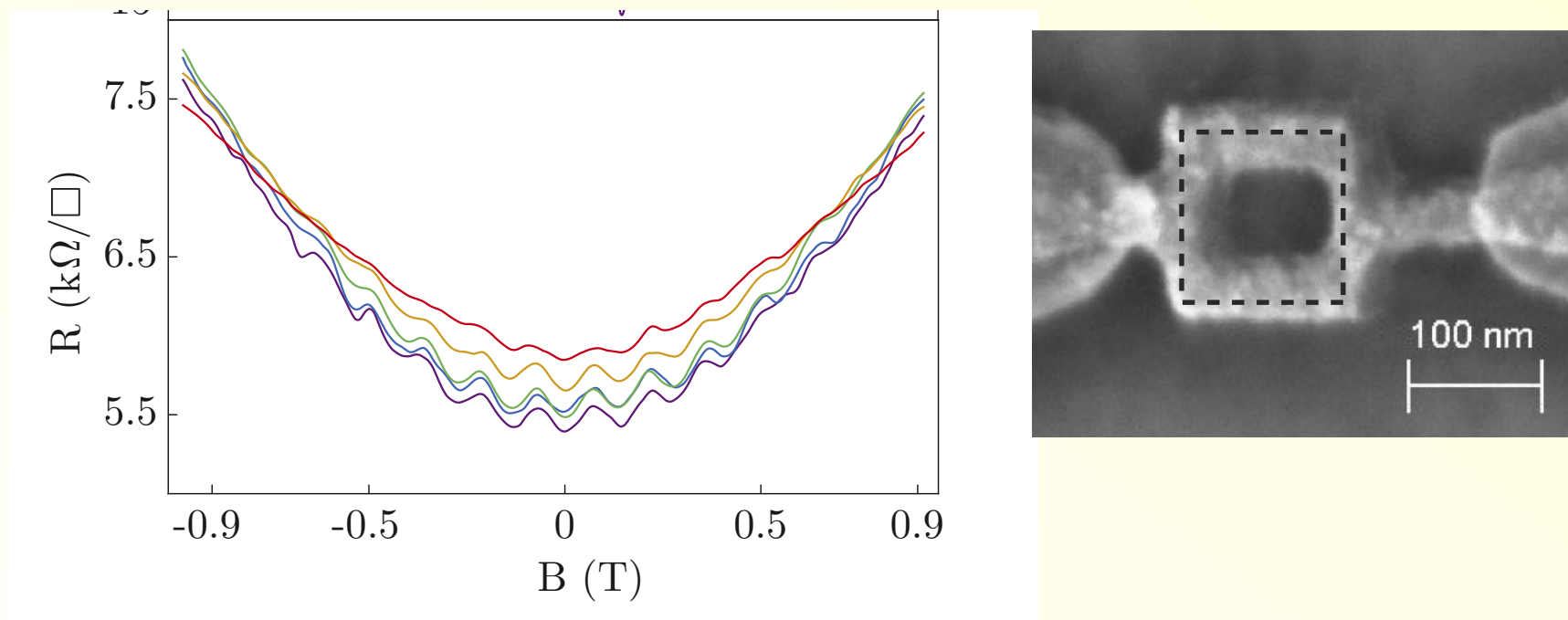


J. Valles et al. -
patterned Bismuth



Proof of dominating pair
transport in insulator!

Further evidence: Little Parks oscillations in weakly insulating ring of InO_x



Gurovich, Tikhonov, Mahalu, and Shahar (2015)

Oscillation period corresponds to charge $2e$!

Road map of this talk

- I. Orbital magnetoresistance of bosons
(& contrast with fermions)
- II. Activated magneto-transport in Bose
insulator with long range Coulomb
- III. Pair-to-electron crossover & MR peak

Magnetoresistance in Bose and Fermi insulators?

How are hard core bosons
different from free fermions?

Disordered insulators

Simplest model: Hopping+disorder

Model

$$H = \sum_i \varepsilon_i n_i - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} t_{ij} (b_j^\dagger b_i + b_i^\dagger b_j), \quad n_i = b_i^\dagger b_i.$$

Fermions

$$\{b_i, b_j\} = 0, \quad \{b_i^\dagger, b_j\} = \delta_{ij}$$

P. W. Anderson (1958)

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Hard core bosons

(\leftrightarrow spin $1/2$)

$$[b_i, b_j] = 0, \quad [b_i^\dagger, b_j] = \delta_{ij} (2n_i - 1)$$

*Krauth, Trivedi, Randeria;
Feigelman, Ioffe, Kravtsov;
Ioffe, Mézard, Feigelman;
Syzranov, Moor, Efetov;
Yu, MM*

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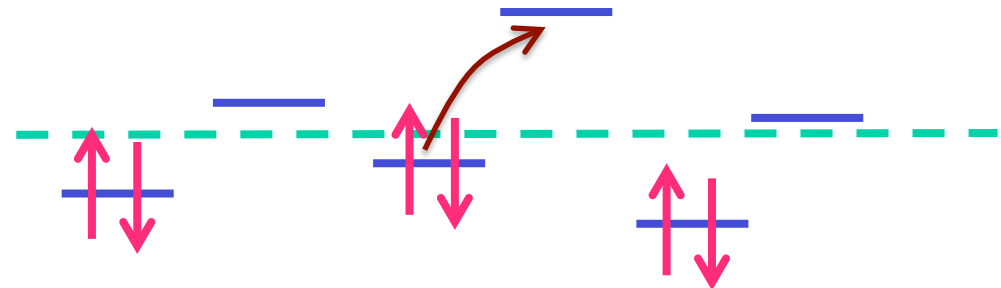
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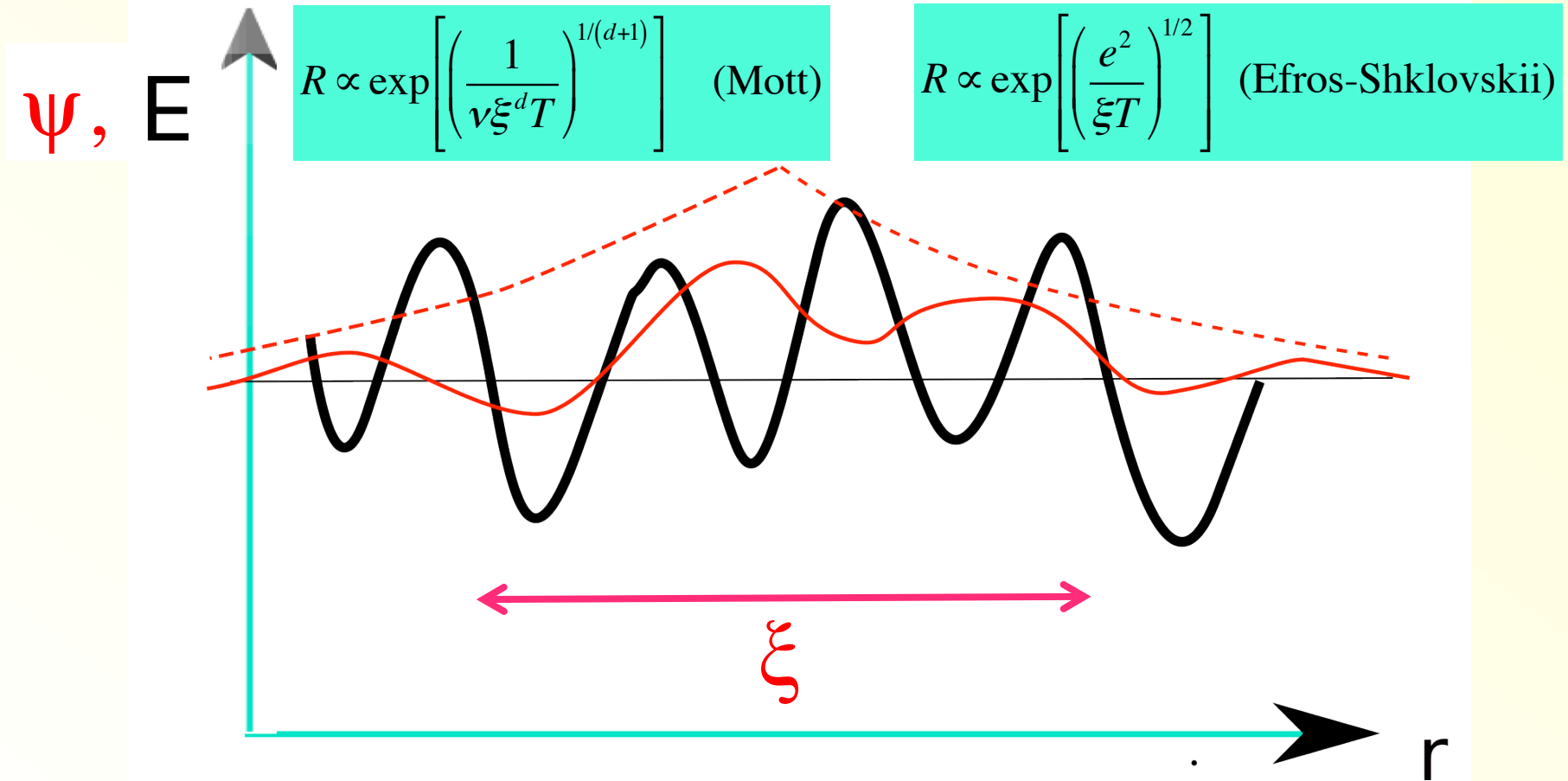
Example: Localized Anderson pseudospins
= doubly occupied or empty orbitals

*M. Ma and P. A. Lee (1985),
Kapitulnik and Kotliar (1985)*



Localization length

Strong insulators: Hopping transport! - Localization length ξ ?



Mobility edge $\omega_c \leftrightarrow \xi(\omega \rightarrow \omega_c) \rightarrow \infty$

Localization length

Fermions $G_{i,0}^R(t-t') = -i\Theta(t-t')\langle\{b_i(t), b_0^\dagger(t')\}\rangle$

Bosons $G_{i,0}^R(t-t') = -i\Theta(t-t')\langle[b_i(t), b_0^\dagger(t')]\rangle$

Generalized localization length (also interacting!)

$$\xi(\omega)^{-1} = - \lim_{\vec{r}_i \rightarrow \infty} \overline{\ln[|G_{i,0}^R(\omega)/G_{0,0}^R(\omega)|]/|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_0|}.$$

Free fermions: no features near E_F : $\xi(\omega) \sim \text{const.}$

What about bosons and/or interactions?

Locator expansion and forward scattering

Fermions

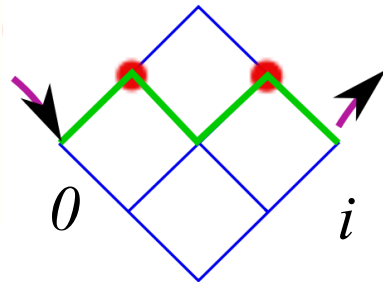
*J. Hubbard (1963):
Equation of motion for
Green's function!*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(i \frac{d}{dt} - \varepsilon_i \right) G_{i,0}^R(t) \\
 &= \delta(t) \delta_{i,0} + i \Theta(t - t') \left\langle \left\{ \sum_{j \in \partial i} t_{ij} b_j(t), b_0^\dagger(t') \right\} \right\rangle \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

$i \frac{d}{dt} b_i(t)$

Fourier transform \rightarrow Anderson-Feynman sum over paths *Anderson (1958)*
 Forward scattering approximation: Sum over shortest paths!

Spivak, Shklovskii, Nguyen (1983)



$$\frac{G_{i,0}^R(\omega)}{G_{0,0}^R(\omega)} = \sum_{\mathcal{P}=\{j_0=0, \dots, j_\ell=i\}} \prod_{p=1}^{\ell} t_{j_{p-1}, j_p} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{j_p} - \omega}$$

Locator expansion and forward scattering

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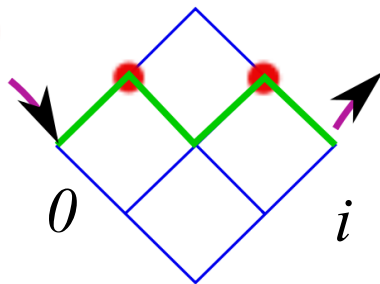
Magnetoresistance: negative (*Nguyen, Spivak, Shklovskii*)

Path amplitudes: **real** with **random signs!**

B-field: $t_{ij} \rightarrow t e^{-i\phi_{ij}}$ makes destructive interference less likely \rightarrow **ξ and $1/R$ increase.**

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Locator expansion and forward scattering

Bosons
(hard core)

MM (EPL '13)

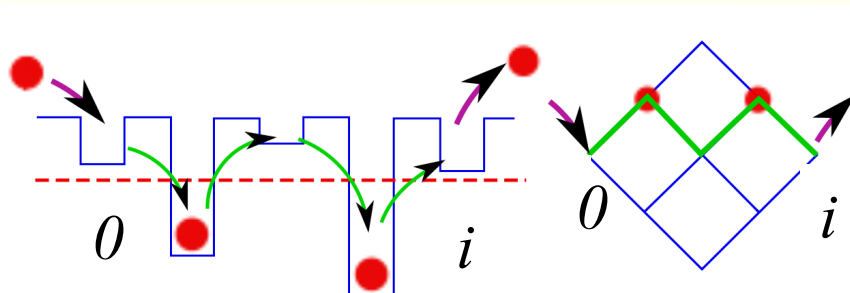
X. Yu, MM, Ann. Phys '13

Equation of motion
for Green's function!

$$\left(i \frac{d}{dt} - \varepsilon_i\right) G_{i,0}^R(t) = \delta(t) \delta_{i,0} (1 - 2\langle n_0 \rangle) + i\Theta(t - t') \left\langle \left[(-1)^{n_i(t)} \sum_{j \in \partial i} t_{ij} b_j(t), b_0^\dagger(t') \right] \right\rangle$$

$$\approx \delta(t) \delta_{i,0} (1 - 2\langle n_0 \rangle) - \text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i) \sum_{j \in \partial i} t_{ij} G_{j,0}^R(t)$$

Forward scattering: Sum over shortest paths, lowest order in t!



Sign difference Bosons/Fermions:

Loop of two paths:

Ring exchange of particles

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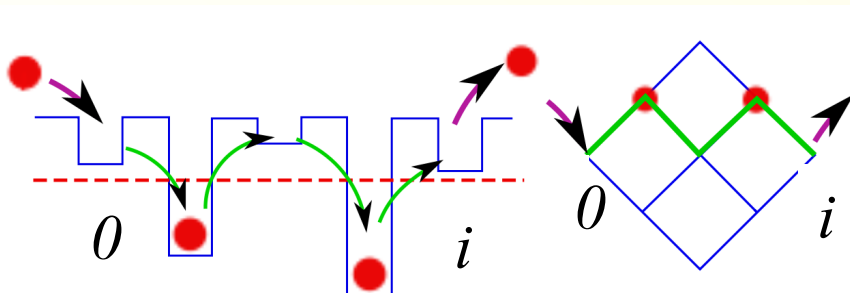
Magnetoresistance: positive

*cf also Zhou, Spivak (1991)
Syzranov et al (2012)*

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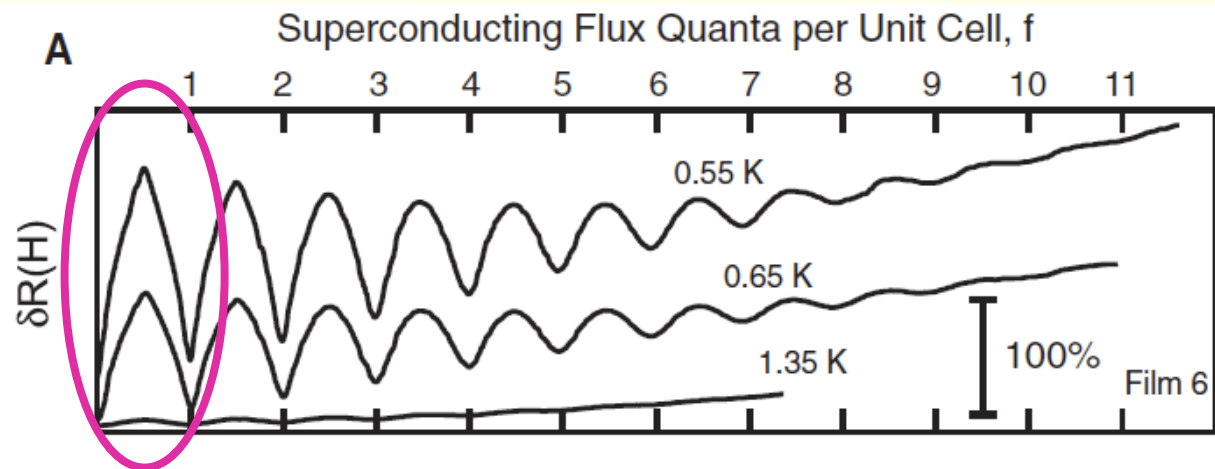
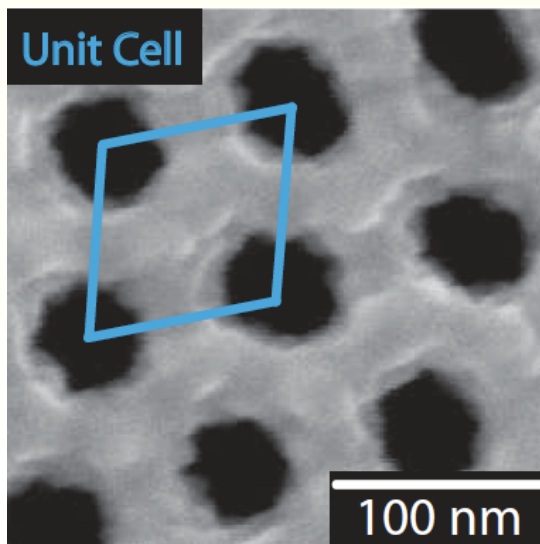
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J. Valles et al. (2007-11): Patterned Bi films -
Oscillations start with **pos. MR: smoking gun for bosons!**

Bosons vs fermions?

Bosons (hard core)

Strongly positive
Shrinks

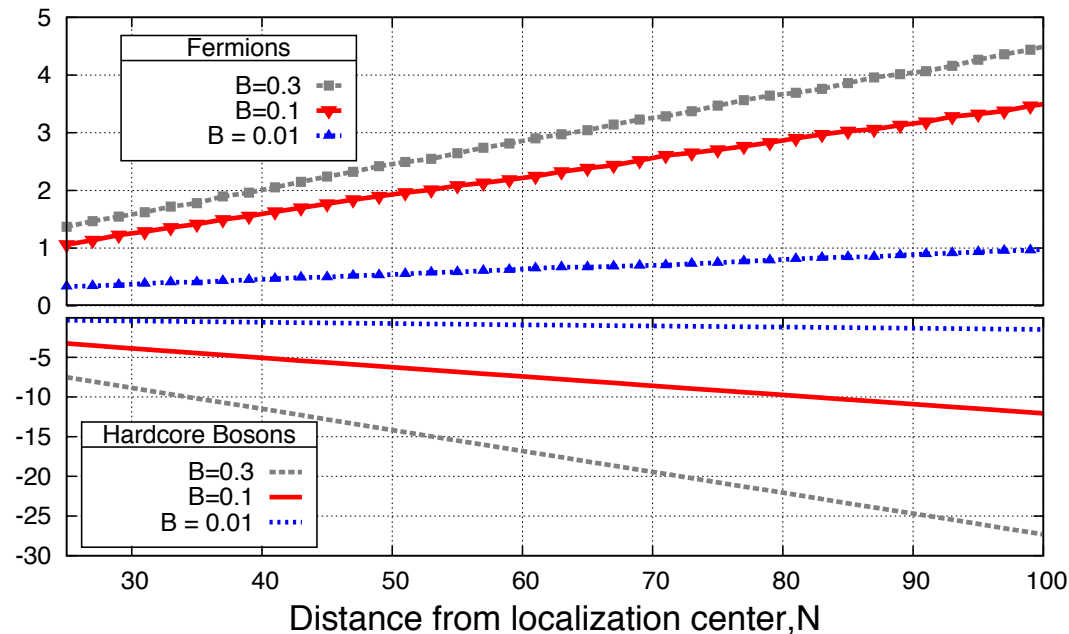
Mag. Resistance
Wavefunction

Fermions

Weakly negative
Expands

$$N \left[\frac{1}{\xi(B)} - \frac{1}{\xi(0)} \right]$$

$$\left(= \Delta \left[\log |G_N| \right] \right)$$



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Bosons: Change in localization length is ~ 7 times bigger than fermions!
Exponentially strong effect on resistance!

Magnetoresistance peak

One ingredient to MR peak in superconducting films:

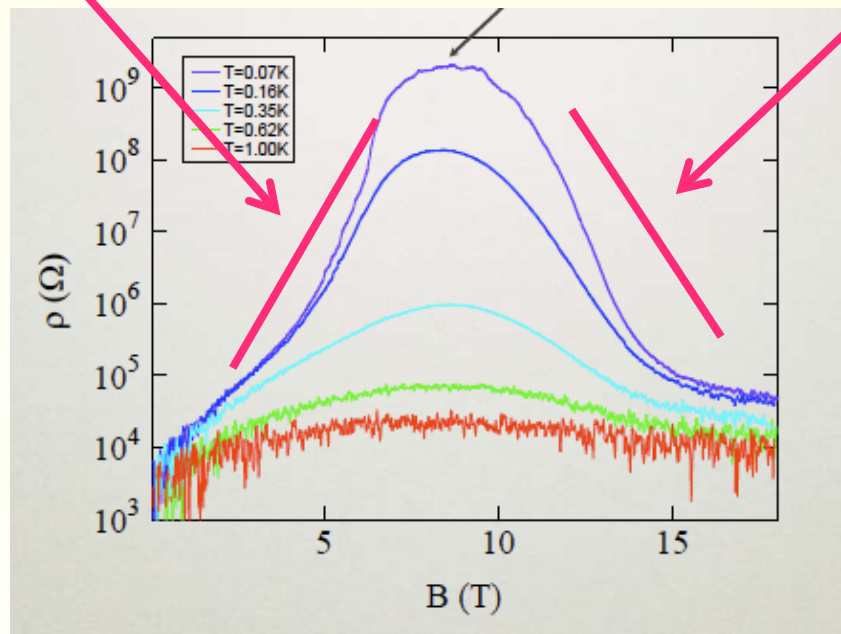
*Hebard+Palaanen,
Gantmakher et al.,
Shahar et al,
Baturina et al, W. Wu,
Valles et al., Goldman et al.*

Local pairs = bosons

→ exponentially positive MR

Unpaired fermions

→ exponentially negative MR

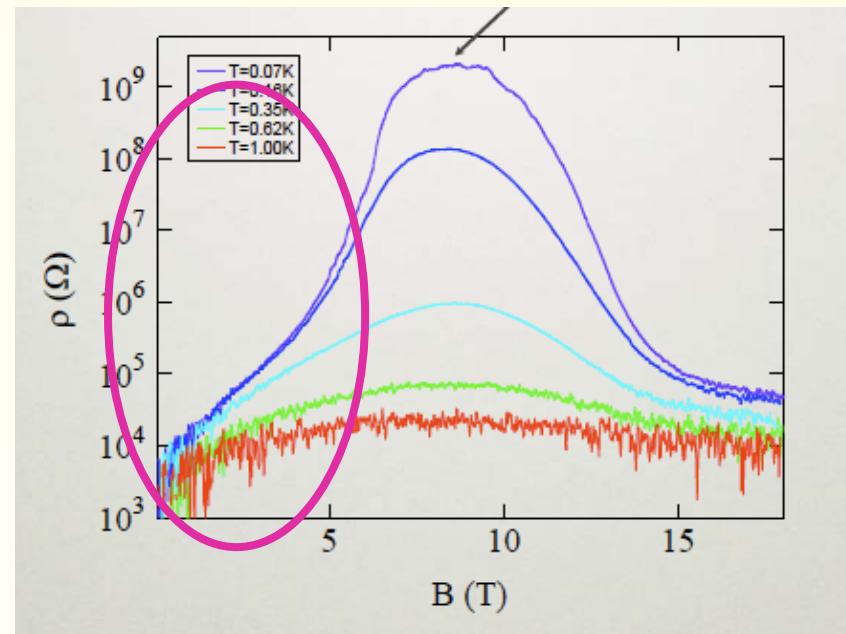


*Sambandamurthy,
Shahar et al.
(2005) - InO_x*

Is that really the main ingredient? **NO! See part III**

Before turning to the Pair-electron
crossover:

II. Transport puzzles in the Bose glass



Puzzles

1. Experiment: Simple activation in $R(T)$;
[and possibly precursor traces of MBL??]

2. Evidence for **purely electronic transport** mechanism

$$R(T) = R(T_{\text{electron}}) \quad \text{not } R(T_{\text{phonon}}) !$$

Demonstrated via overheating instability of electrons

→ Phonon-less transport!

Shahar et al.; Kravtsov et al.

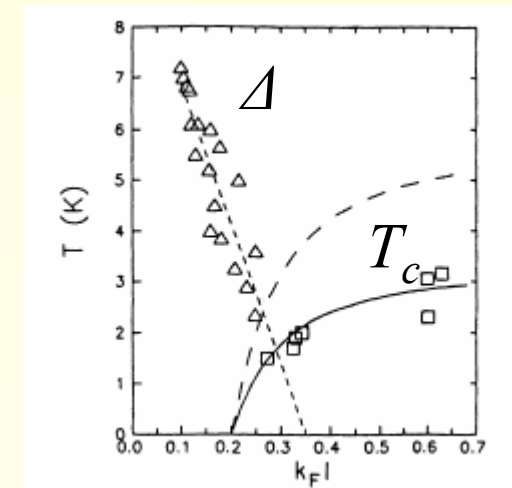
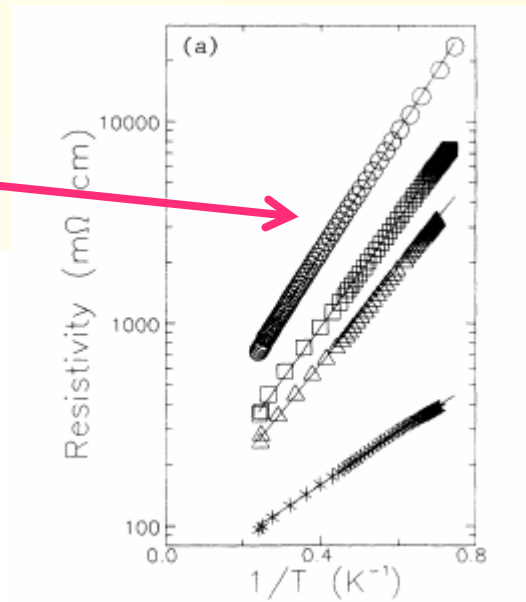
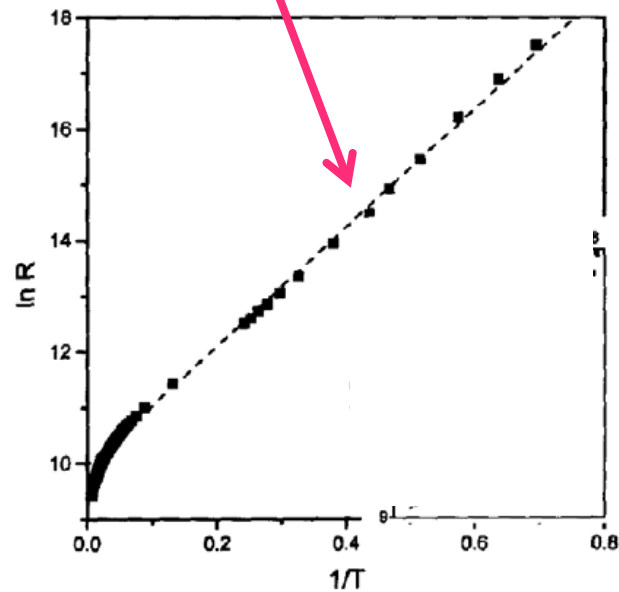
Mechanism?

Activated transport near the SIT

D. Shahar, Z. Ovadyahu, PRB 46, 10971 (1992).

Insulating InO_x

Simple activation!



$$R(T) = R_0 \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta}{T}\right]$$

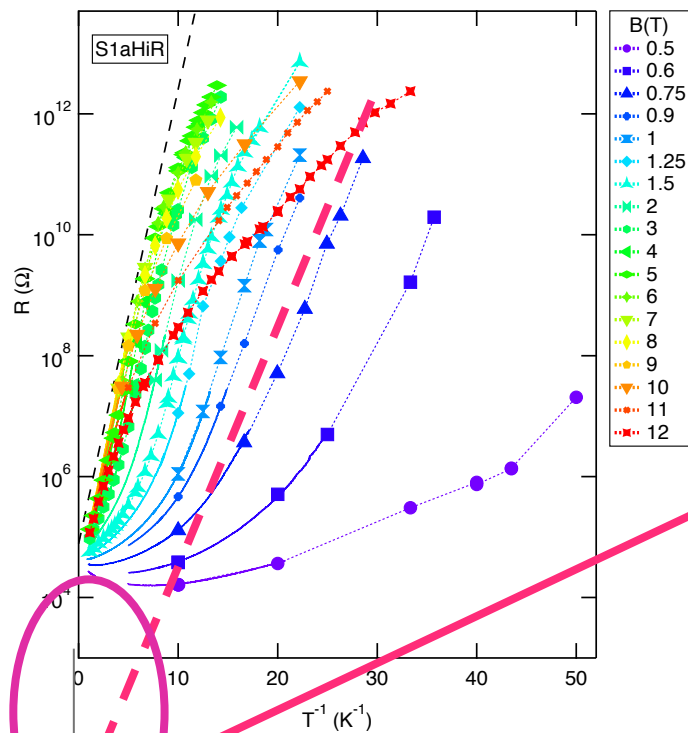
Activation
energy
increases with
distance to SIT

D. Kowal and Z. Ovadyahu, Sol. St. Comm. 90, 783 (1994).

MBL in the pair insulator?

Evidence for a Finite-Temperature Insulator

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1. Interpretation:

Maybe just simple activation with anomalously small prefactor

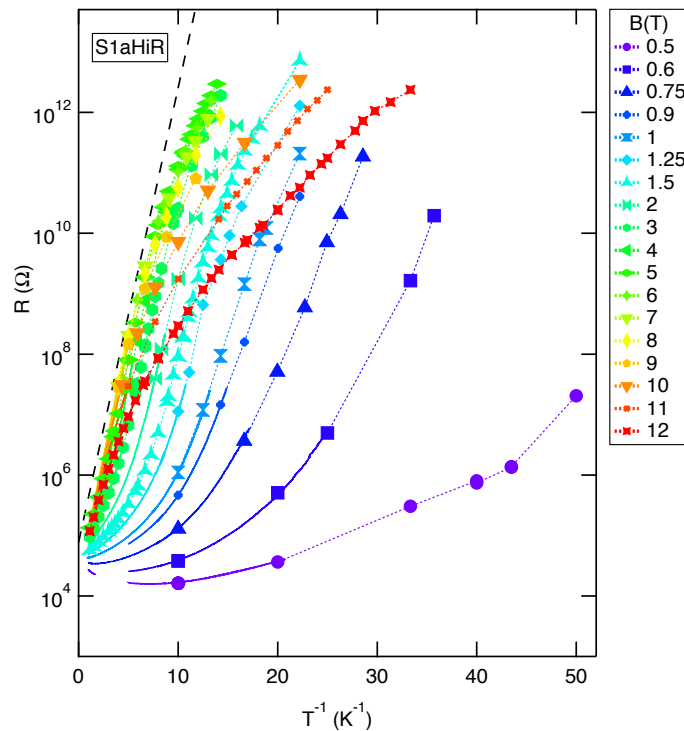
$$R_0 \sim \frac{R_Q}{10^4} \quad ?$$

[Expected from asymptotic “MBL” with “bubbles”]

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2. Empiric fit to super-insulation

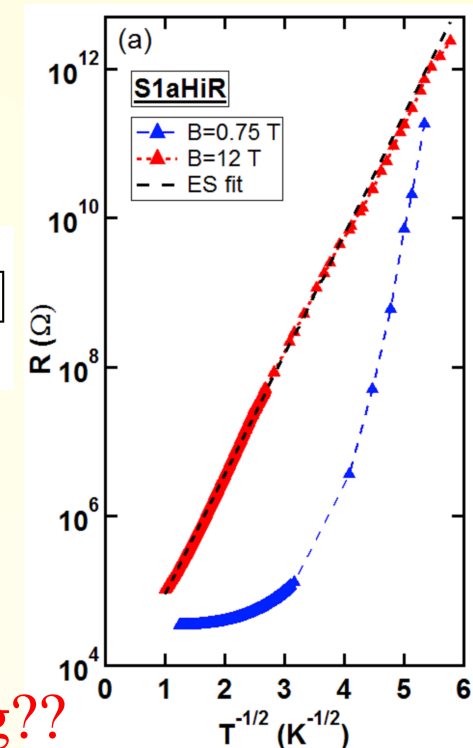
$$\sigma(T) = \sigma_0 \exp\left[-\frac{T_0}{T - T^*}\right]$$

$$T^* = 0.031 \text{ K}$$

$$T_0 = 0.138$$

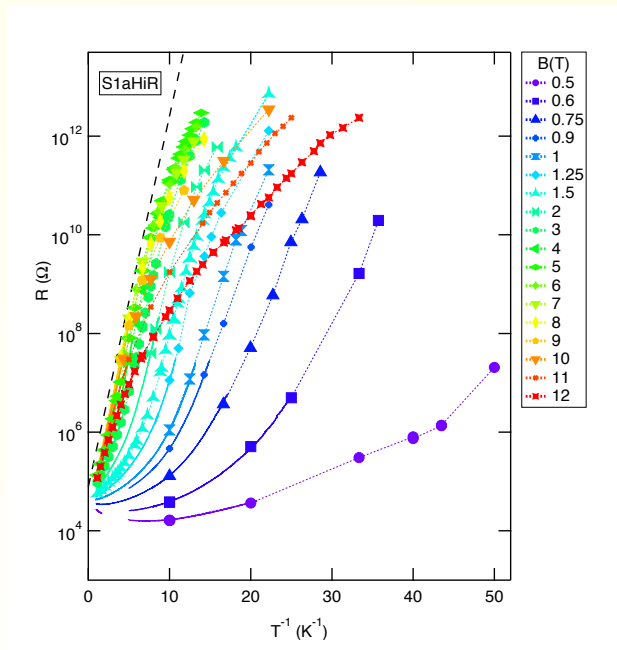
for $T > 1.4 T^*$

Theoretical underpinning??



Activated transport near the SIT

Insulating InO_x



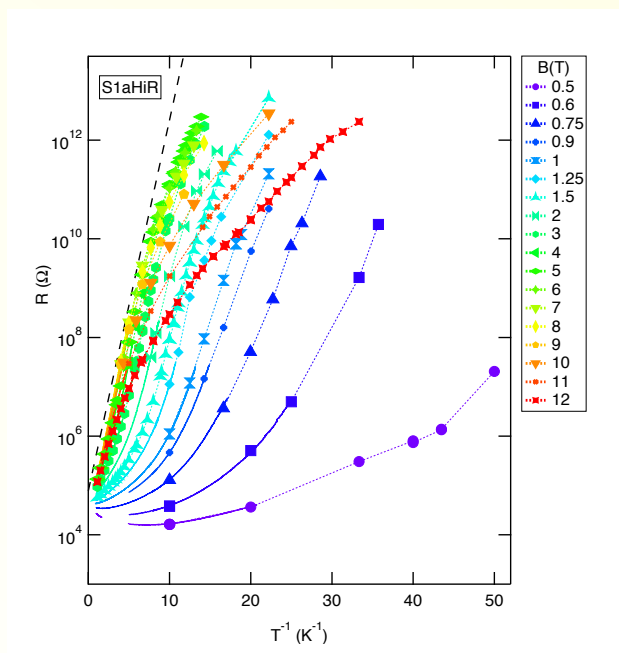
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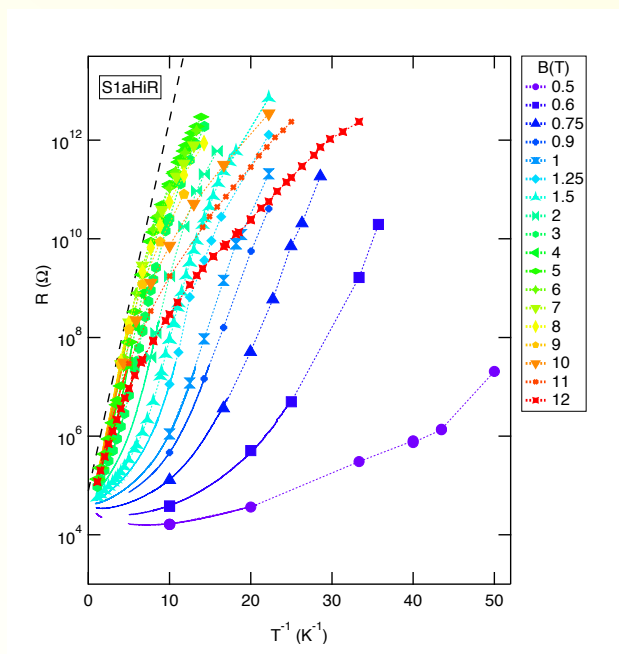
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→ • **But: Boson mobility edge !?**
(suggested by Feigelman-Ioffe-Mezard)

Boson localization as fct of E?

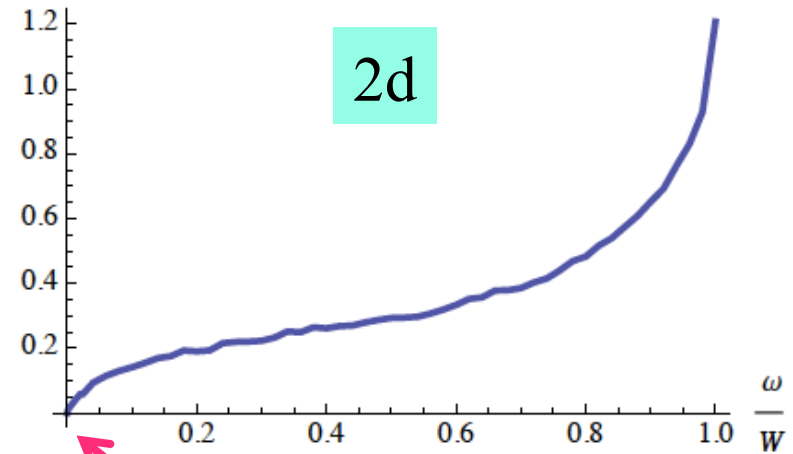
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(B - XY)

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$1/\xi(\omega) - 1/\xi(0)$



Localization **weakest** at lowest energies: $\xi(0) > \xi(\omega)$!

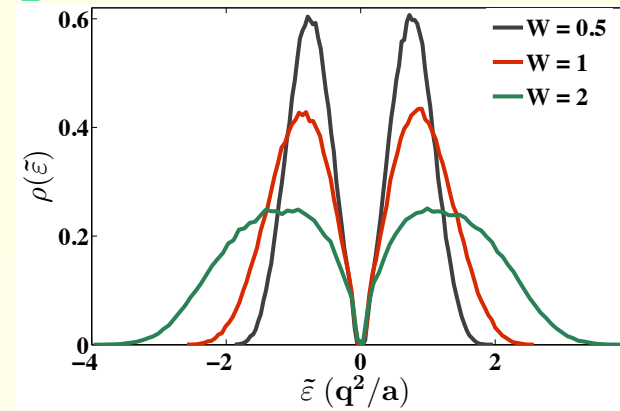
→ Hardcore bosons delocalize best at low energy!

→ No mobility edge??

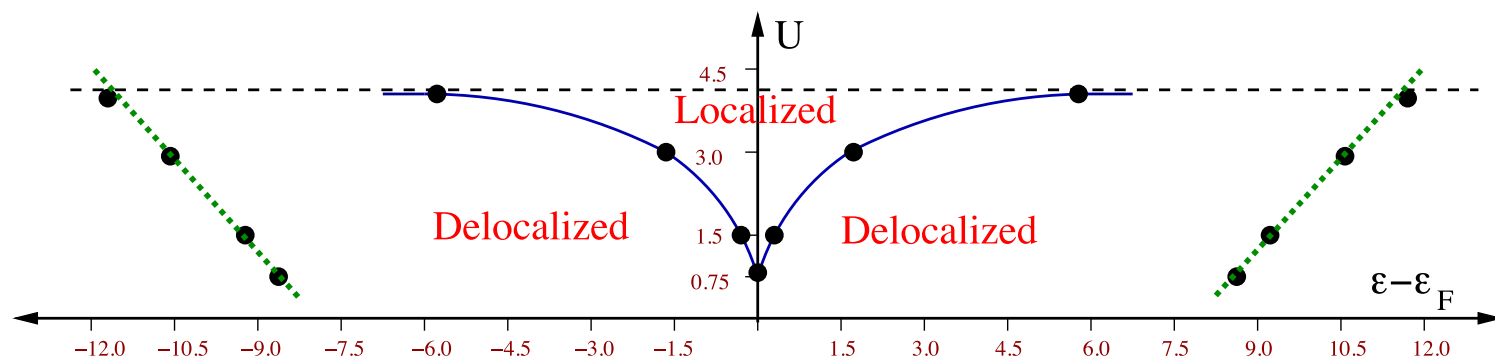
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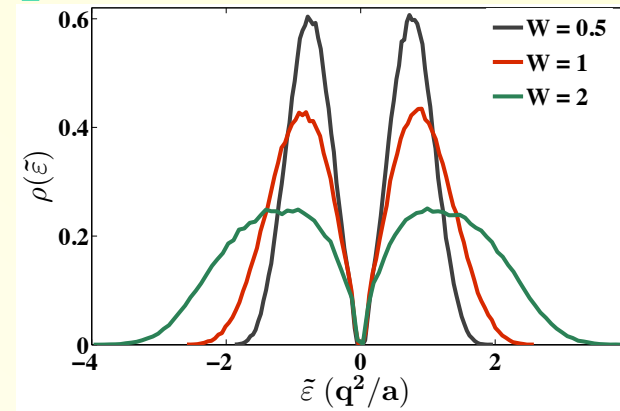


Amini, Kravtsov, MM, NJP 2014; see also Burmistrov et al. 2014

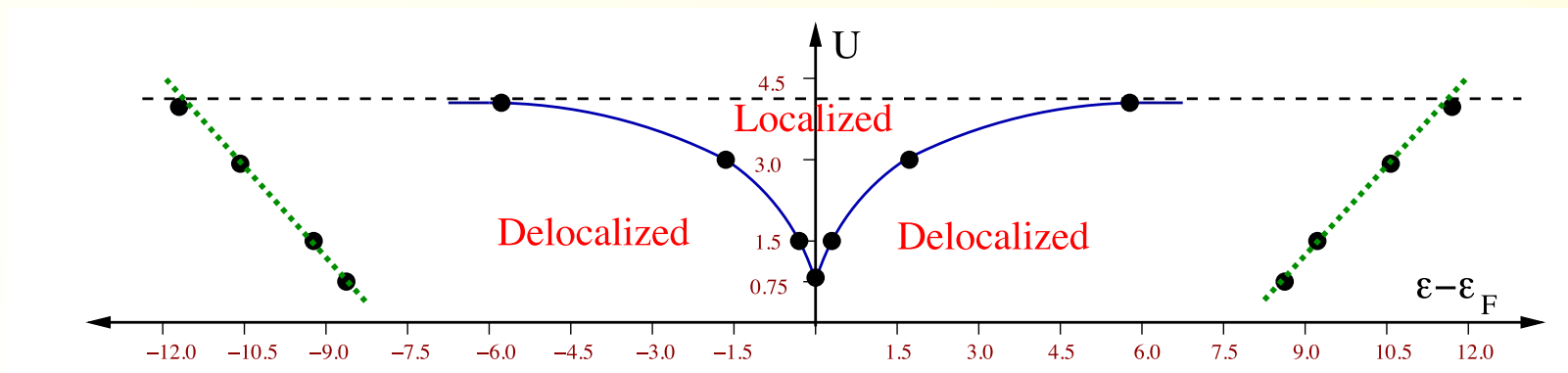
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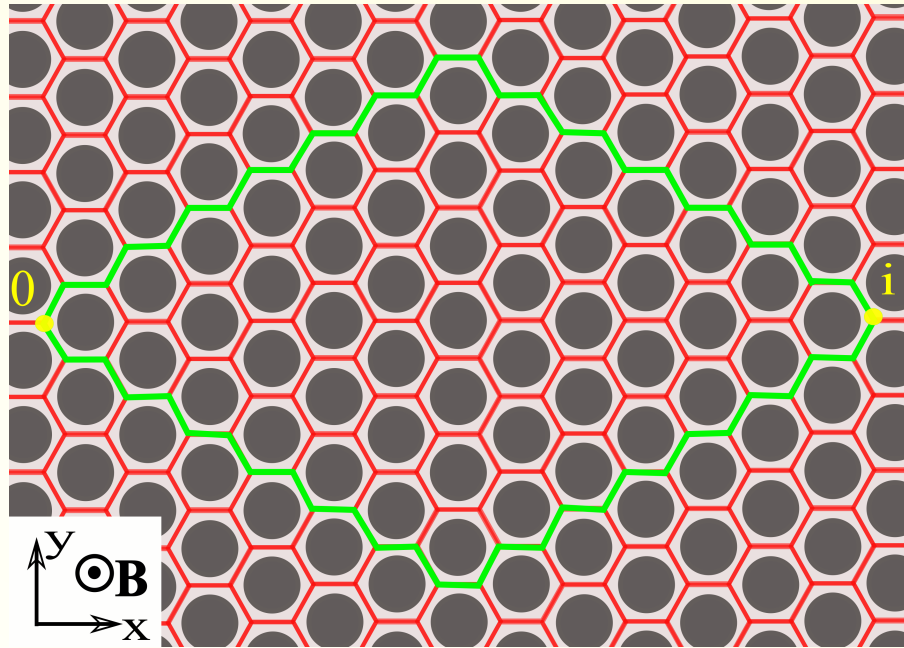
Essentially the same expected for SI transition of bosons with Coulomb

Mobility edge of bosons
with
Coulomb
+
magnetic field?

Magneto-oscillations of mobility edge

T. Nguyen and MM (2016)

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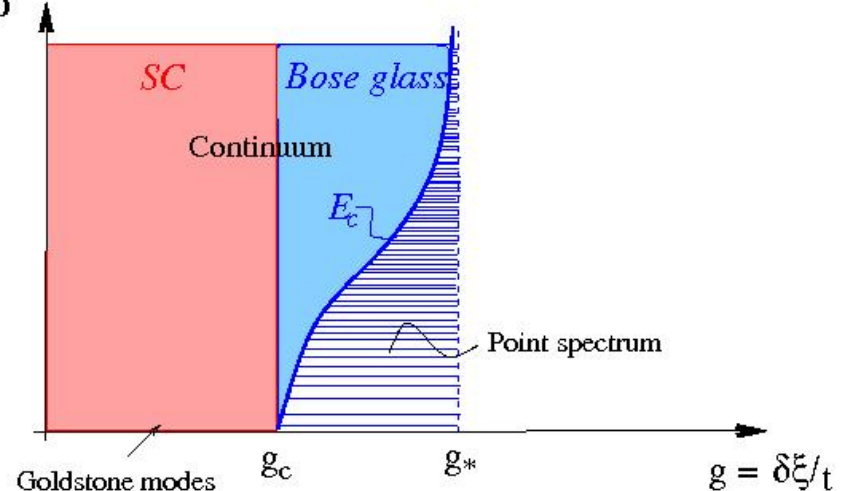
Defining a mobility edge in interacting systems

T = 0

$$\xi^{-1}(\varepsilon_0, B) = - \lim_{r_{0i} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r_{0i}} \ln \left| \frac{G_{0,i}(\omega, B)}{G_{0,0}(\omega, B)} \right|_{\omega \rightarrow \varepsilon_0}$$

$$\varepsilon_c = \inf \{ E | \xi(E) = \infty \} \omega$$

- Well-defined *finite energy* mobility edge ε_c in insulators in $d > 2$ at $T = 0$



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Defining a mobility edge in interacting systems

- In **d=2**: *finite* energy excitations are localized!

BUT: crossover from weak to strong localization:

Define:

Effective ε_c : Forward approx. diverges $\varepsilon_c = \min\{E | \xi^{\text{FSA}}(E) = \infty\}$

[weak inelastic processes at $T > 0$ suffice to really delocalize]

Expect: $R(T) \approx R_0 \exp\left(\frac{\varepsilon_c}{T}\right)$

In d=2, at very low T: $\varepsilon_c(T \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow \infty$

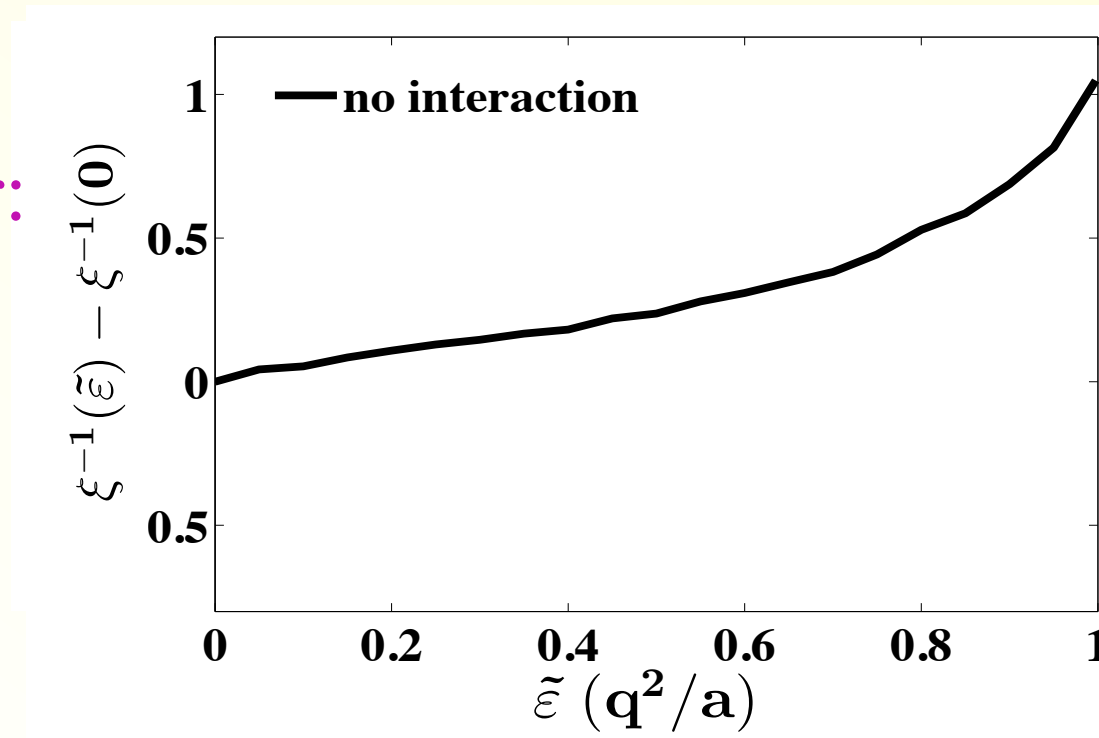
How? Interesting open problem!

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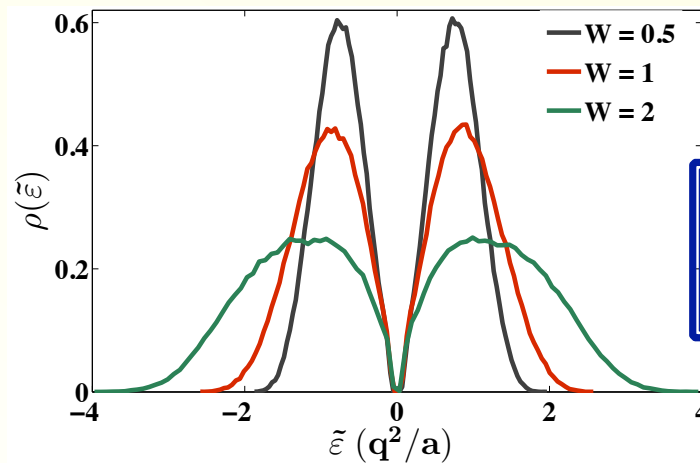


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Coulomb gap

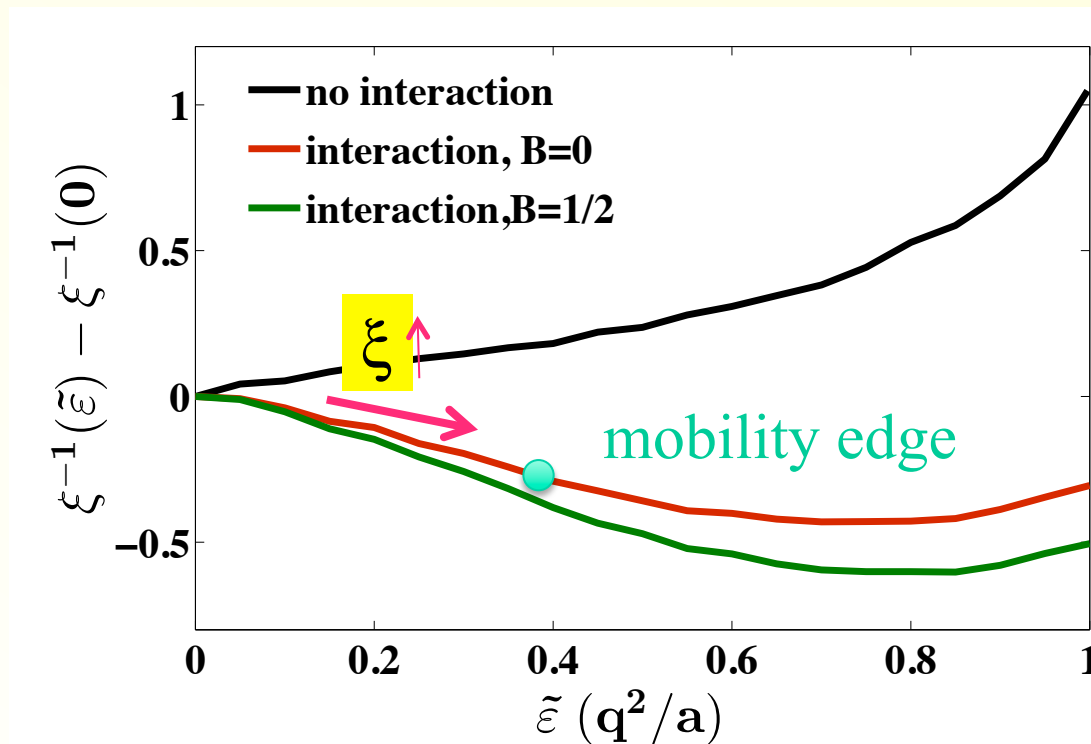


$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_i = \varepsilon_i + \sum_{j \in \partial i} J_{ij} n_j$$

Magneto-oscillations of mobility edge

T. Nguyen and MM (2016)

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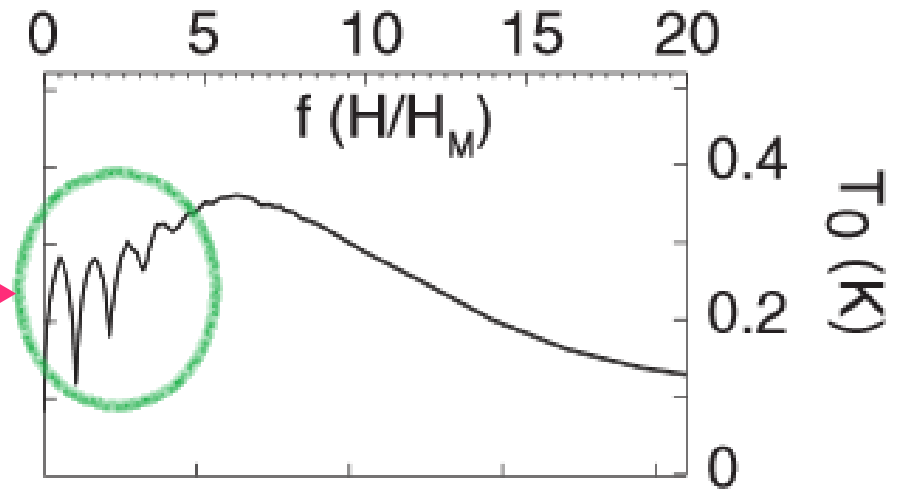
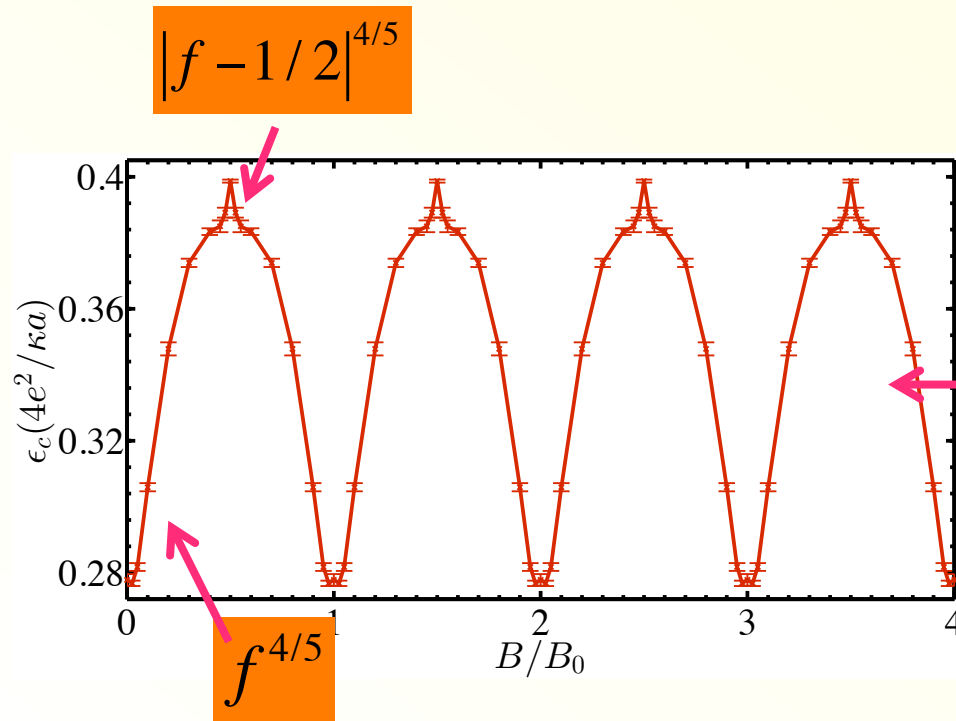
Apply magnetic flux: oscillation of mobility edge!

Magneto-oscillations of boson mobility edge

T. Nguyen and MM (2016)

Substantial oscillations with cusps

*J. Valles group,
PRL 103, 157001 (2009)*



$$R_{\square} = R_0 \exp\left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)$$

If bath is bad: expect transport by activation to mobility edge!

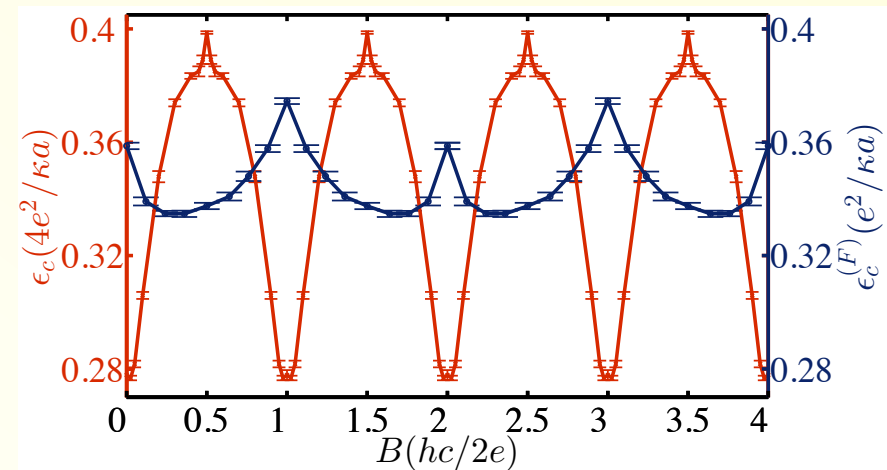
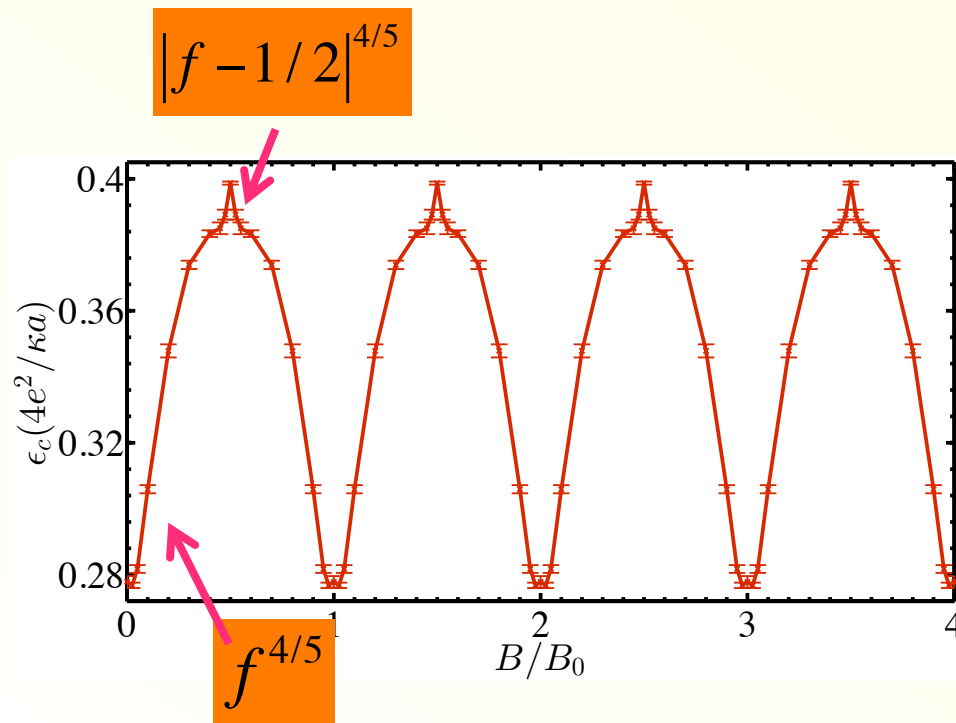
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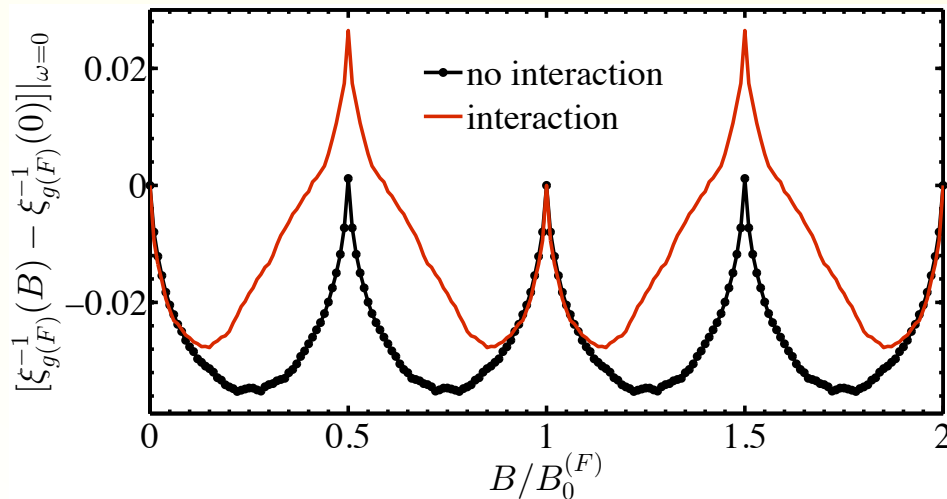
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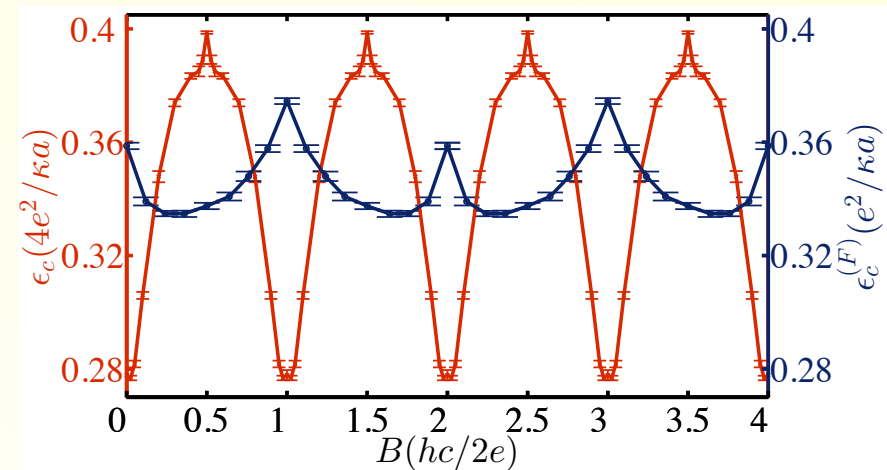
Non-interacting electrons

↔ Coulomb glass



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- **2 unequal maxima per period: reflect Coulomb correlations!**

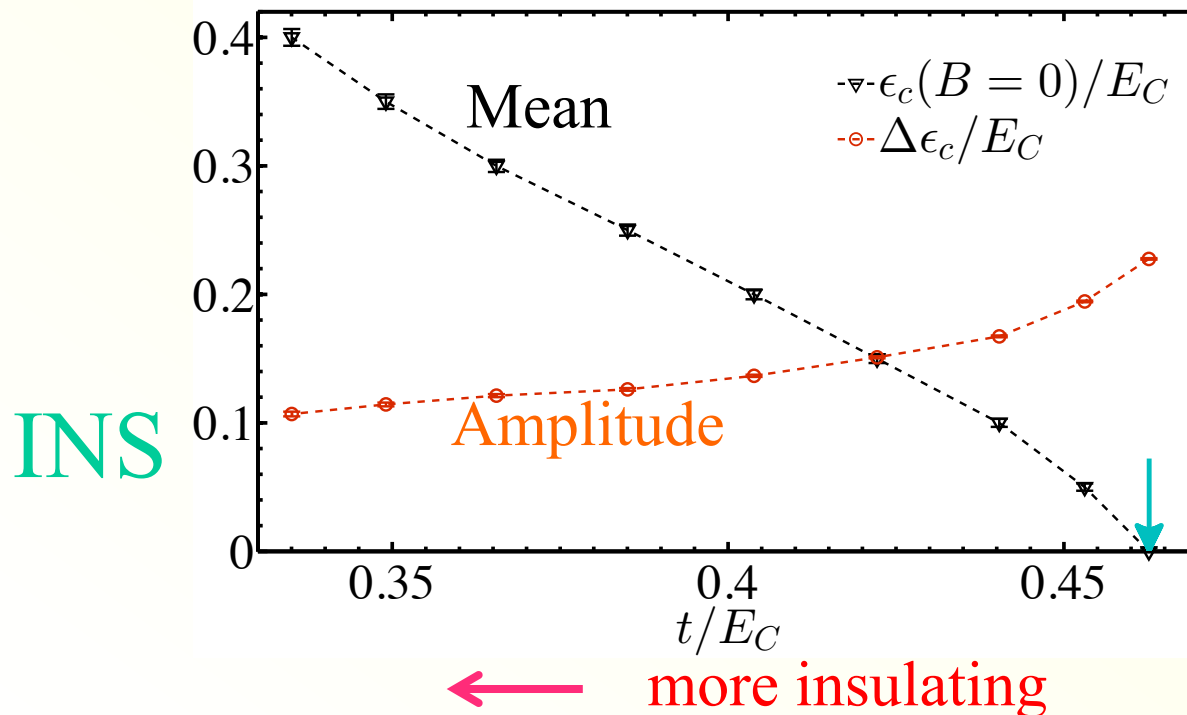
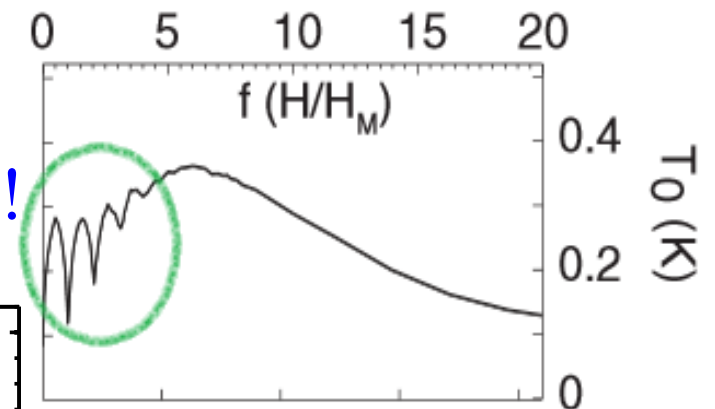


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Amplitude of oscillations:
Increase upon approach to criticality!



→ more insulating

SC

← more insulating

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Defining a mobility edge in interacting systems

T = 0

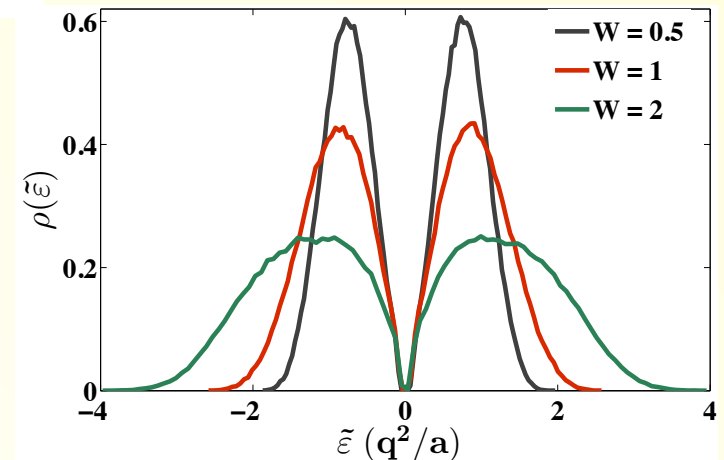
$$\epsilon_c = \min\{E | \xi^{\text{FSA}}(E) = \infty\}$$

- What if insulation is so strong that forward approximation converges at all E? → **no mobility edge** → MBL??

- NOT quite (but it may look like it!):

MBL spoilers: 1. Coulomb (1/r) in $d > 3/2$ [Burin]

2. hot bubbles; 3. $d > 1$: rare ergodic spots might act as baths



Beyond the pure Bose glass:

III. Boson-Fermion crossover?

Include depairing!

Pairs and electrons:

Antagonists increase the insulation!

Boson-Fermion crossover

Simple model for mixed pair / electron glass

- Each site can host 0, 1 or 2 electrons (spin up/down)

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Single electron and pair hopping

(At resulting phenomenological level:

Some similarity with resistor model by Dubi, Avishai, Meir)

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- Simplification: no long range Coulomb; purely local interaction

[With Coulomb, but $\sigma=0$: **non-universal** Coulomb gap! - But: MR peak requires $\sigma>0$

Mitchell, Gangopadhyay, Galitski, MM, 2012]

Boson-Fermion crossover

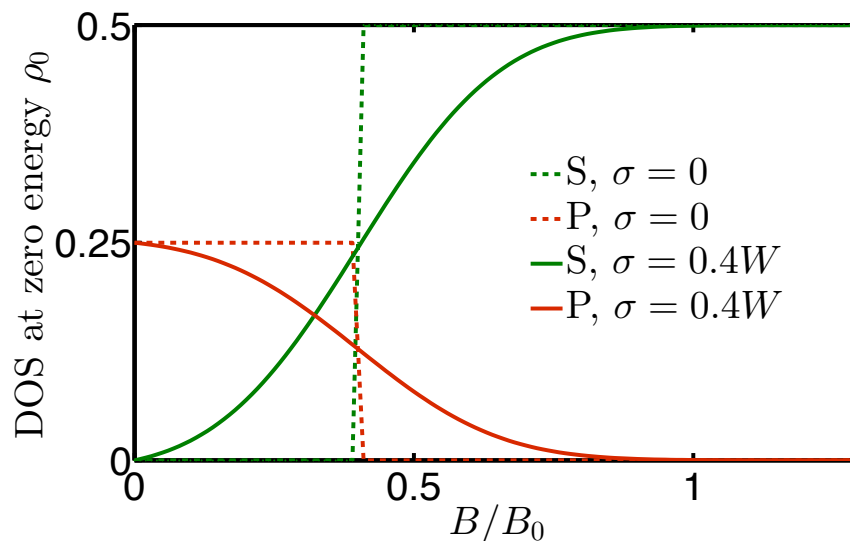
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No dispersion in attraction ($\sigma = 0$):



One species **hard gapped**; jump in $R(B)$ at $B_c = \lambda_0$

Boson-Fermion crossover

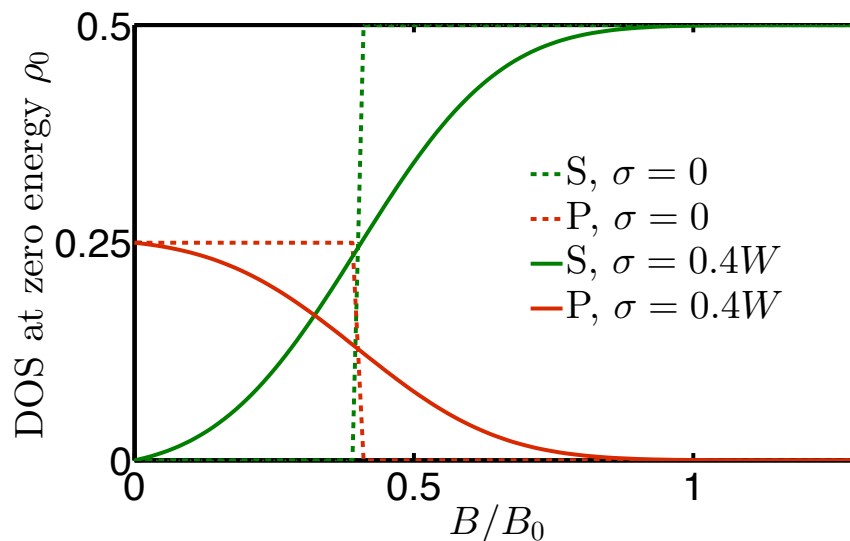
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Widely distributed attraction
($\sigma > 0$):

As B : \uparrow $\rho_{\text{pair}}(0) \downarrow$
 $\rho_{\text{single}}(0) \uparrow$

\rightarrow main drive for MR peak

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As $B \uparrow$: DOS effect: $\xi_{\text{pair}} \downarrow$
 $\xi_{\text{single}} \uparrow$

Forward approximation,
neglecting virtual
break-up of pairs

NB: can even drive an MIT at strong B!

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As $B_{\text{perp}} = B \sin\theta \uparrow$: $\xi_{\text{pair}} \downarrow$
 $\xi_{\text{single}} \uparrow$
 \rightarrow angle(θ)-dependence!

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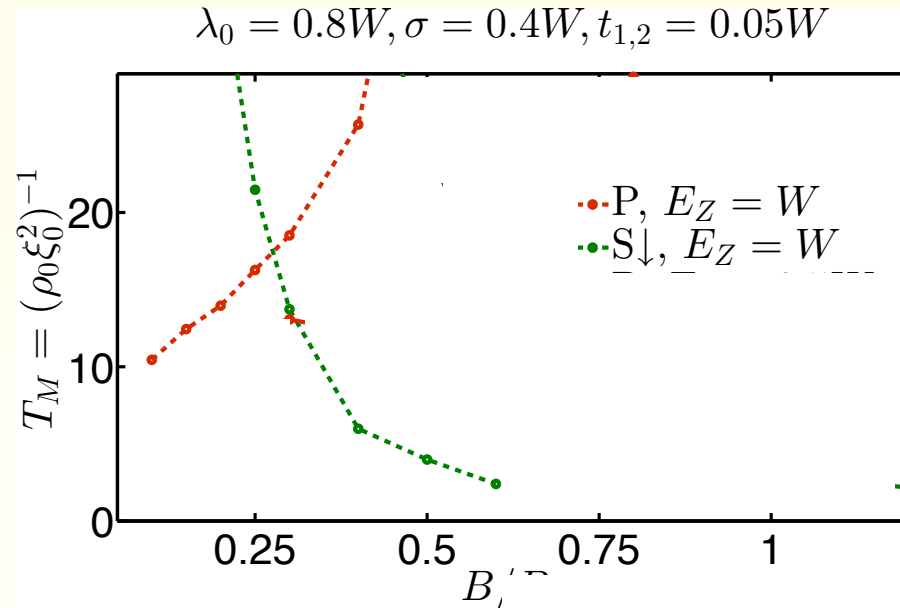
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3. **Assume a bath** (always there!) \rightarrow Mott variable range hopping at low T:

$$R(T) = \exp\left[\left(\frac{T_M}{T}\right)^{1/(1+d)}\right]; \quad T_M = \min[T_M^{\text{pair}}, T_M^{\text{single}}]; \quad T_M^\alpha = \frac{Cst.}{\rho_\alpha(E=0) \xi_\alpha^2}$$

Boson-Fermion crossover

Crossing of Mott temperature

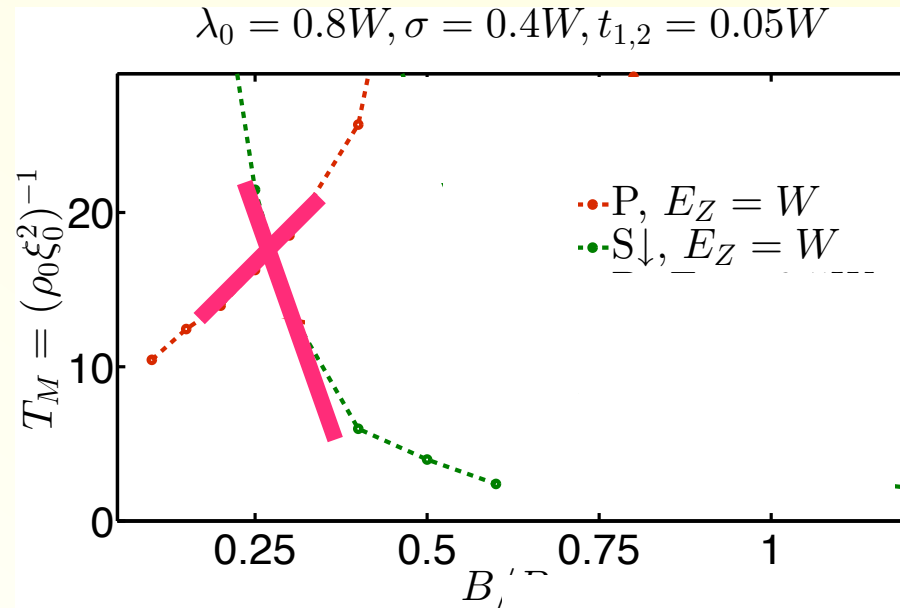


Analytical result for peak position ($u = \xi_{\text{pair}}/\xi_{\text{single}}$)

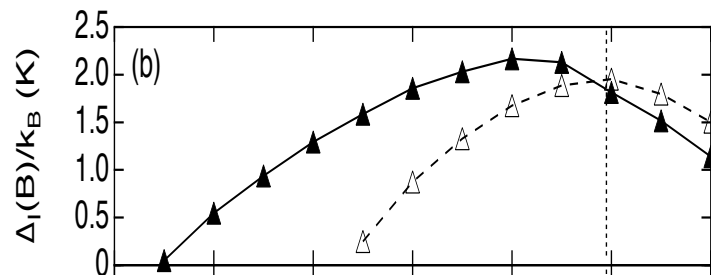
$$B_c E_Z = \frac{\lambda_0}{2} + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}} \operatorname{erf}^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{u^2}{2} \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{2(W-\mu)-\lambda_0}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \right)}{1 + \frac{u^2}{2}} \right]$$

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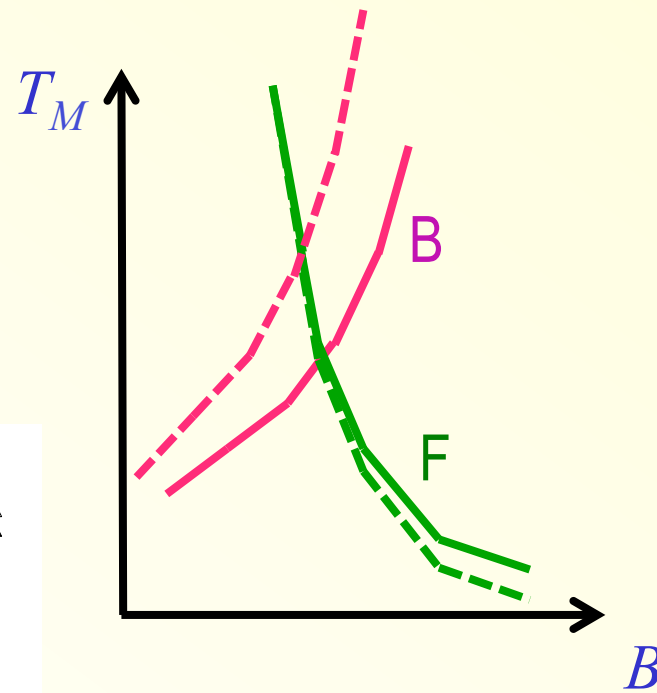
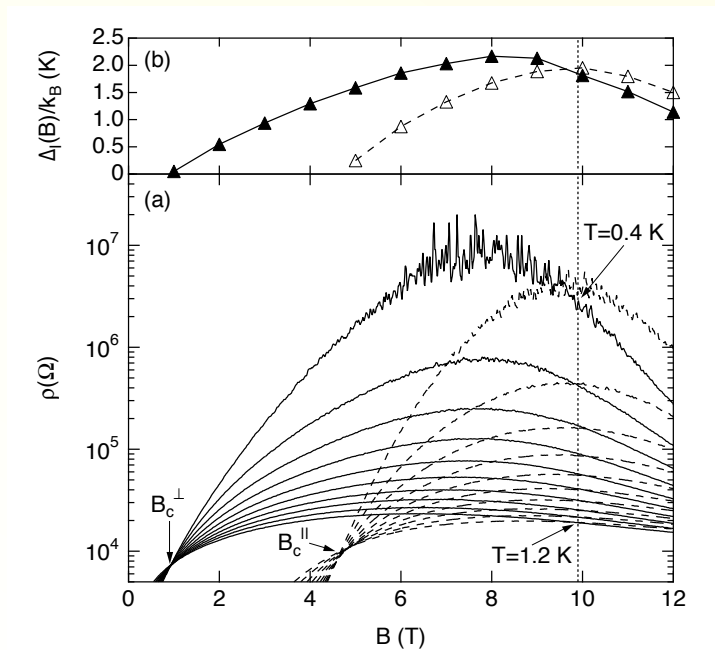
Asymmetric shape of peak: fermionic side steeper



$$\left. \frac{d \ln \rho_{\text{pair}}}{d \ln B} \right|_{\text{peak}} \approx - \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d \ln \rho_{\text{single}}}{d \ln B} \right|_{\text{peak}}$$

A. Johansson, D. Shahar et al., (2006)

Dependence on angle of B-field



Parallel field

Perp. field:

B: stronger localized

$T_M \uparrow$

F: less localized

$T_M \downarrow$



B_{Peak} lower &

$T_{M,Peak}$ higher

More asymmetric

A. Johansson, D. Shahaar et al., (2006)

Conclusions

- ξ of bosons shrinks in B-field, fermions inflate
- Effect of Coulomb gap:
 - **Bosonic mobility edge** (“effective edge” in d=2)
 - Magneto-oscillations of mobility edge: like exp. features
- **MR peak** results from **antagonizing fermions and pairs**:
 - Hampering each other’s transport
 - & On top of that: opposite orbital MR

Angle dependence, asymmetry, peak position qualitatively reproduced by very simple, minimal model
- Open Q: Why is there activated transport ONLY on pair side??