

# Two-eigenfunction correlation in multifractal metal and insulator

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# Two-eigenfunction correlation function

$$C(E - E') = \frac{\sum_{n,m} V \int d^d r \langle |\Psi_n(r)|^2 |\Psi_m(r)|^2 \delta(E_n - E) \delta(E_m - E') \rangle}{\sum_{n,m} \langle \delta(E_n - E) \delta(E_m - E') \rangle}$$

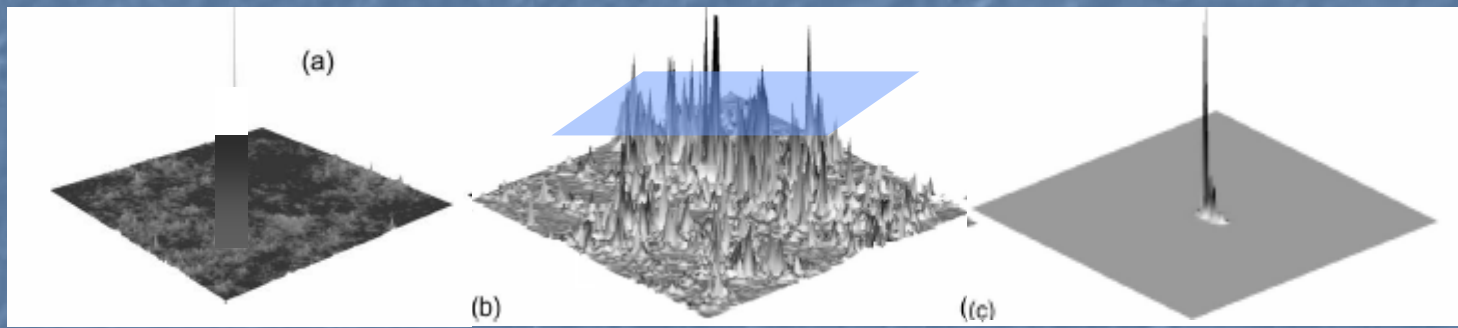
*Eigenfunction overlap at an energy separation  $E-E'$*

# Why to bother?

*Matrix elements of local interactions, e.g. local attraction in superconductivity*

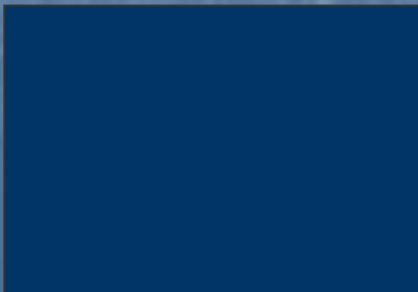
$$J_{nm} = g \int d^d r \Psi_n^2(r) \Psi_m^2(r)$$

# Extended, localized and critical eigenstates



*Extended states*

$$\sum_r |\Psi_i(r)|^4 = \frac{1}{L^d} = \frac{1}{N}$$



*Critical multifractal states*

$$\sum_r |\Psi_i(r)|^4 = \frac{1}{L^{d_2}} = \frac{1}{N^{d_2/d}}$$



*Localized states*

$$\sum_r |\Psi_i(r)|^4 = \frac{1}{\xi^d}$$



# Ideal metal and insulator

$$V \int d^d r \langle |\Psi_n(r)|^2 |\Psi_m(r)|^2 \rangle$$

*Metal:*

$$V \frac{1}{V} \frac{1}{V} = 1$$

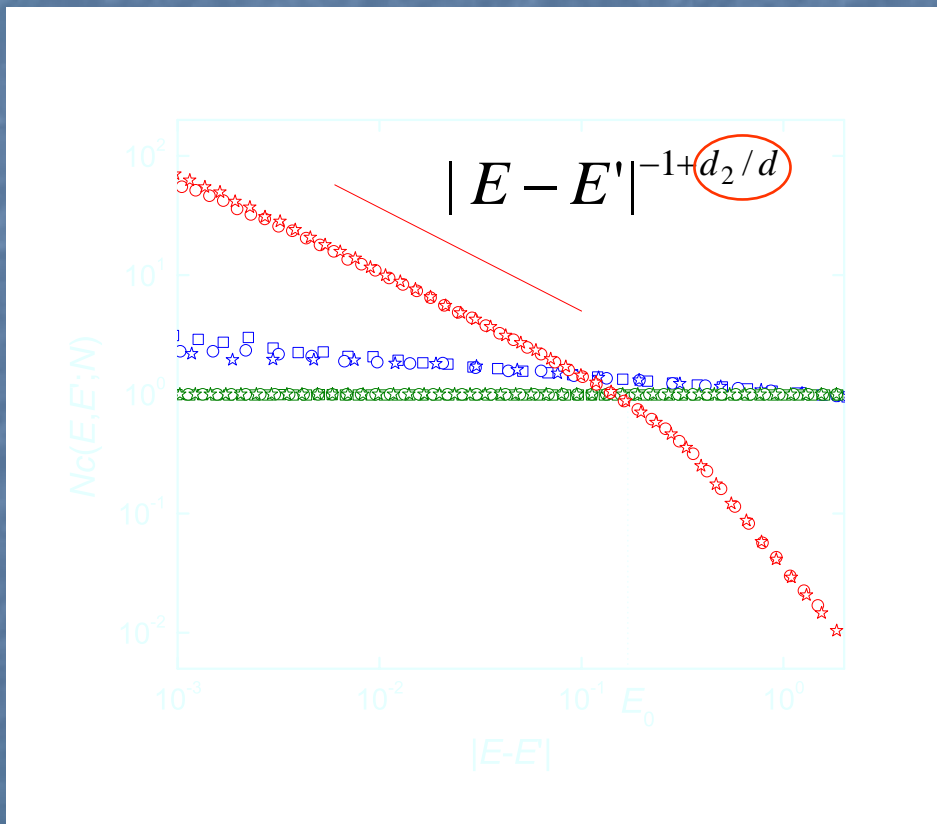
*Small amplitude  
100% overlap*

*Insulator:*

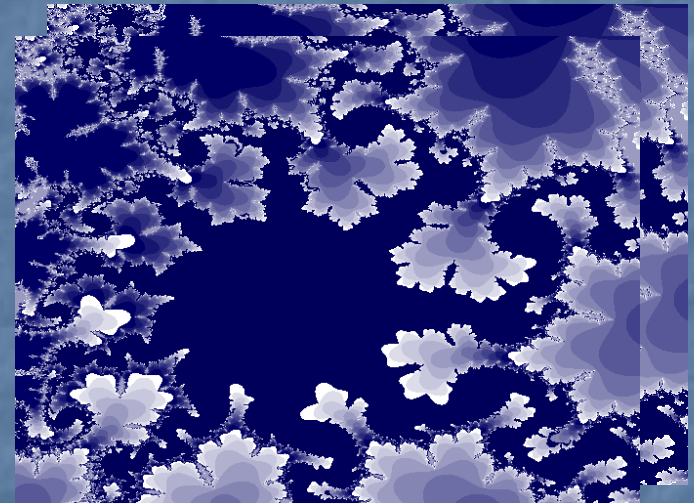
$$V \frac{\xi^d}{\xi^d} \frac{1}{\xi^d} \times \left( \frac{\xi^d}{V} \right) = 1$$

*Large amplitude  
rare overlap*

# Critical enhancement of correlations

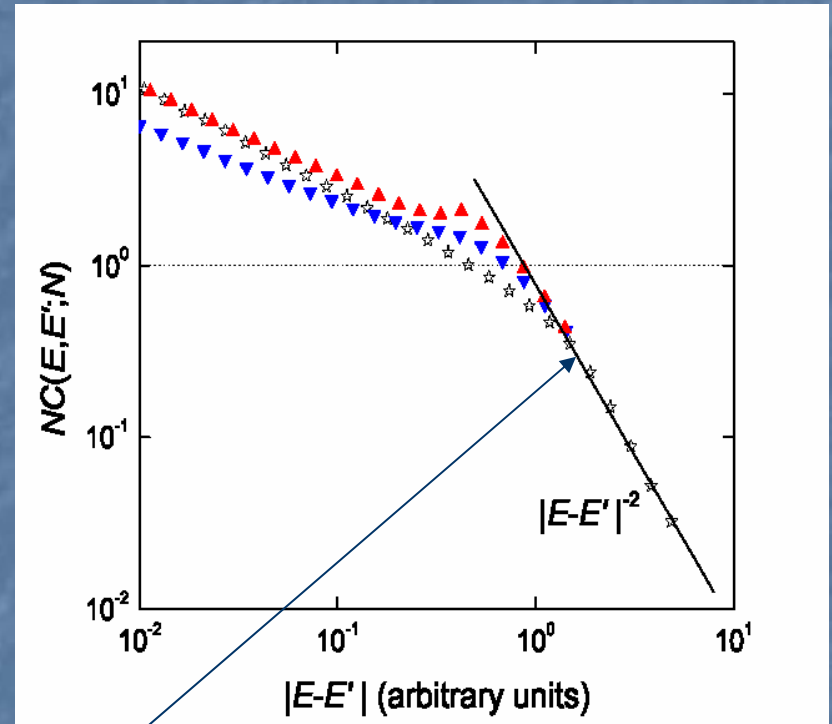
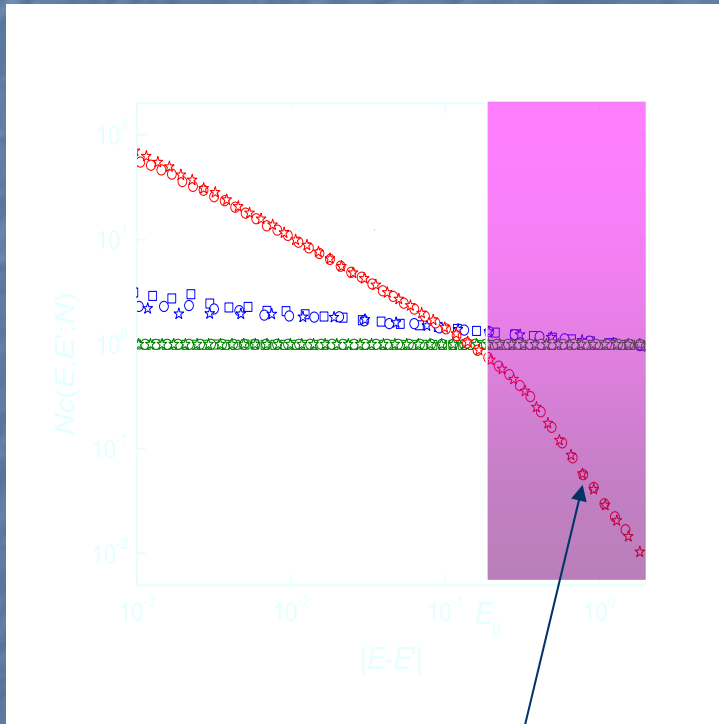


*Amplitude higher than in a metal but almost full overlap*



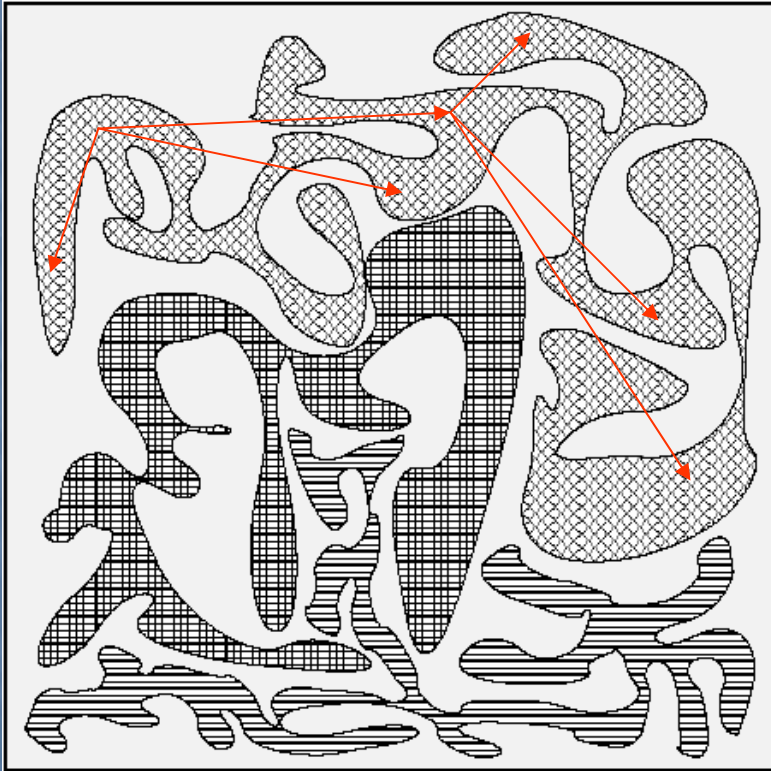
*States far away in energy are strongly correlated*

# Self-avoiding of eigenfunctions



*Overlap is smaller than  
for uncorrelated  
eigenfunctions*

# Stratification of space



*Each shell consists of resonance sites for which  $|E-E'| < V$*

*For  $W = (\delta E_n) > V$  there are more than one shell which avoid each other in space*

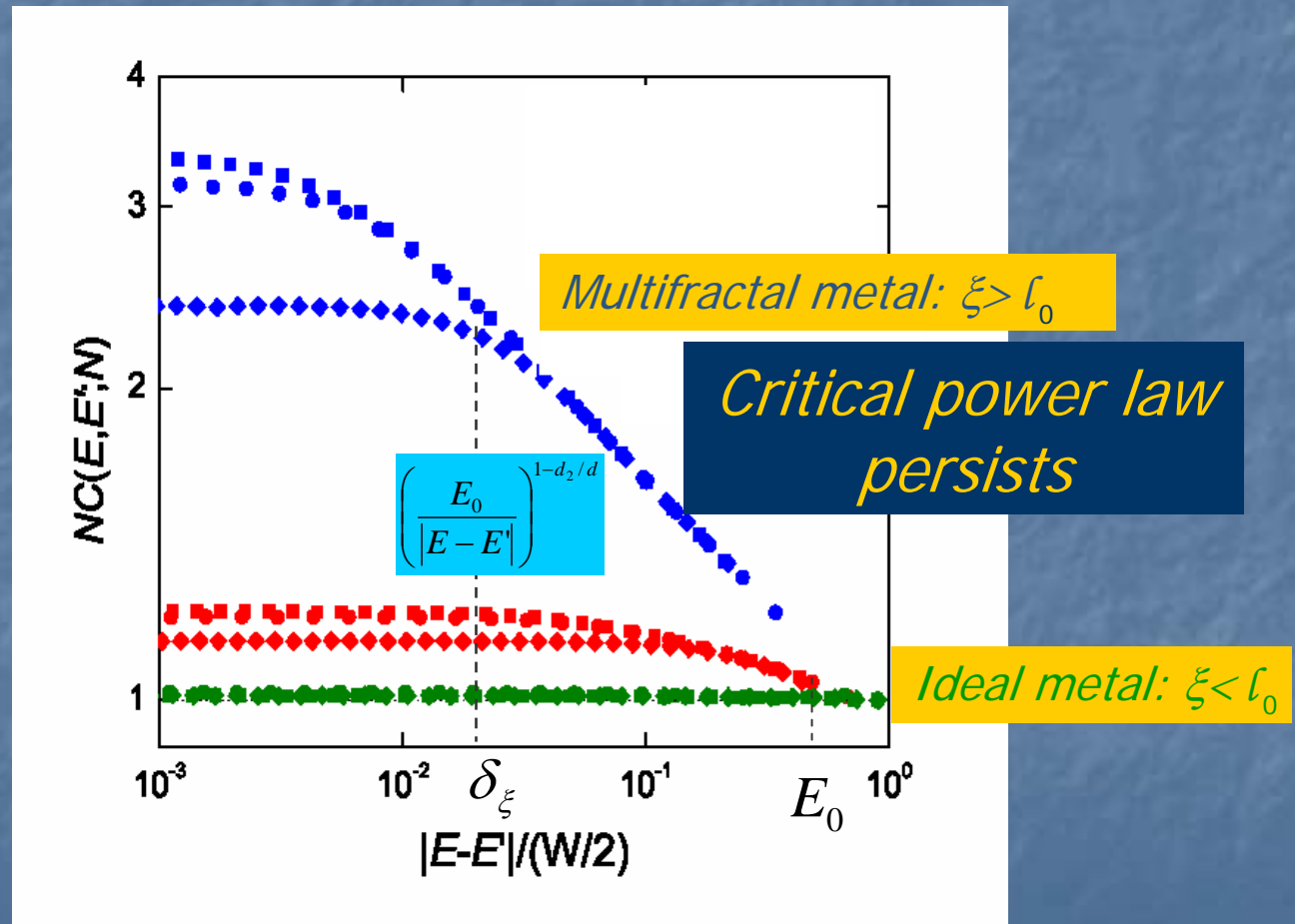
*Intra-shell states overlap almost like in metal: enhancement of  $C(\omega)$  at  $\omega < \text{bandwidth} = E_0$*

*Inter-shell states avoid each other:  $C(\omega)$  rapidly decreases for  $\omega > E_0$ .*



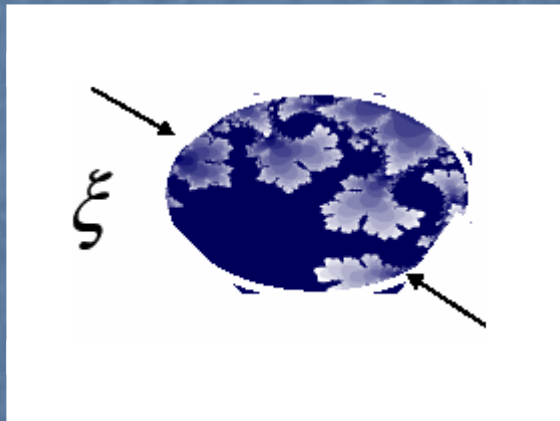
# Two-eigenfunction correlation in 3D Anderson model (metal)

*New length scale  $\ell_0$ ,  
new energy scale  
 $E_0 = 1/\nu \ell_0^3$*

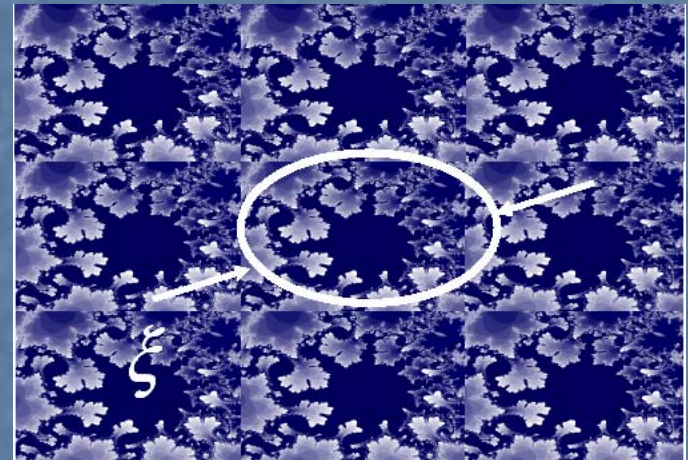


# Multifractal metal and insulator

*Fractal texture persists in the metal and insulator*



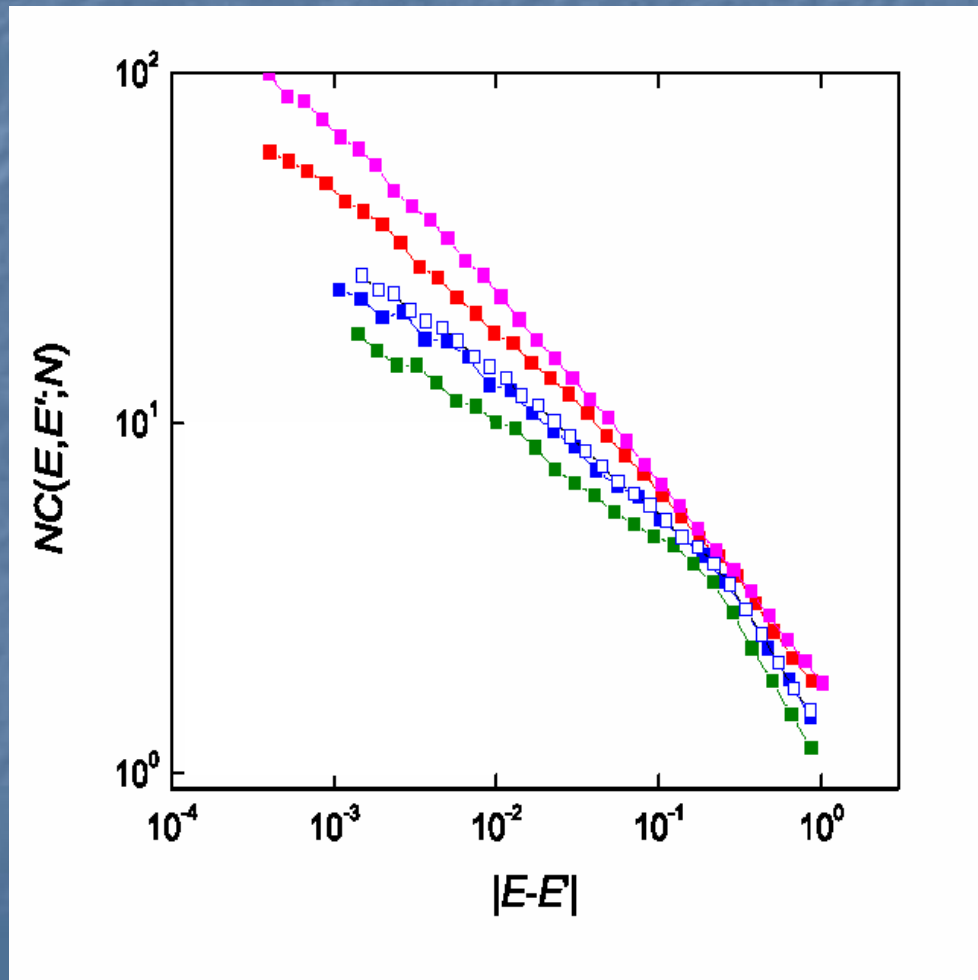
*Multifractal insulator*



*Multifractal metal*

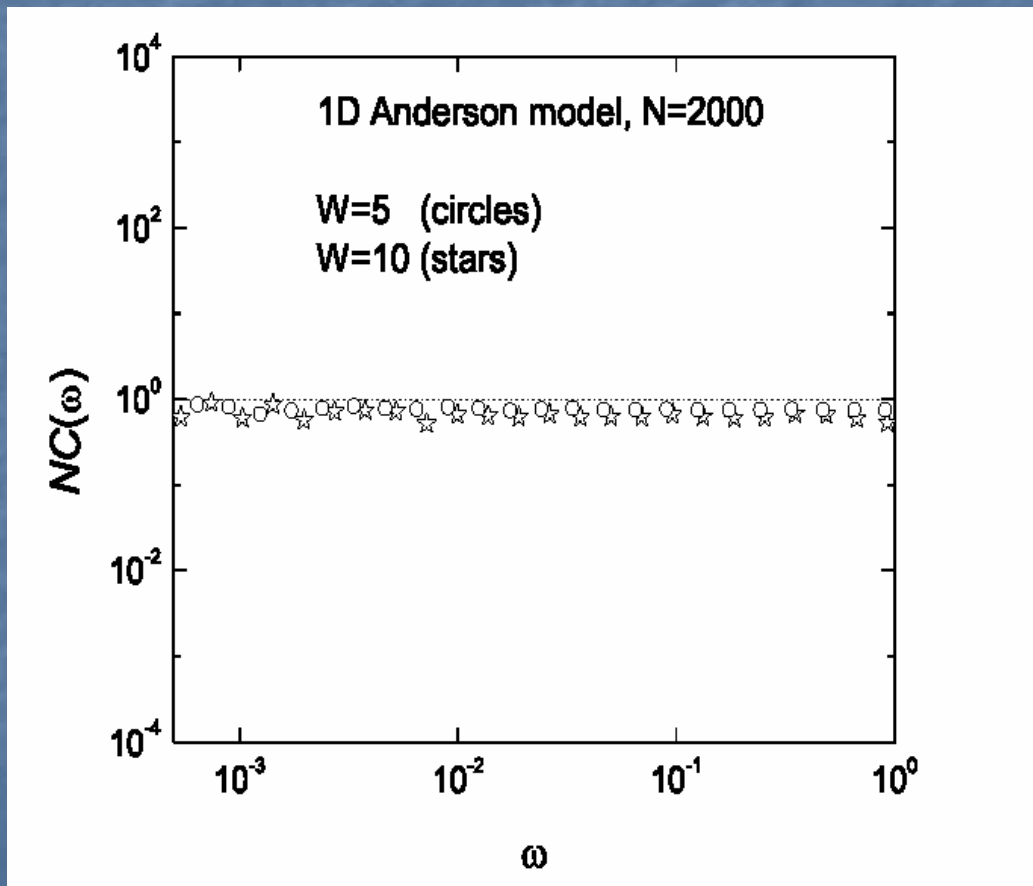
*Localization/correlation length  $\xi$  is much larger than the minimal length scale for fractality  $\ell_0$*

# Two-eigenfunction correlation in 3D Anderson model (insulator)



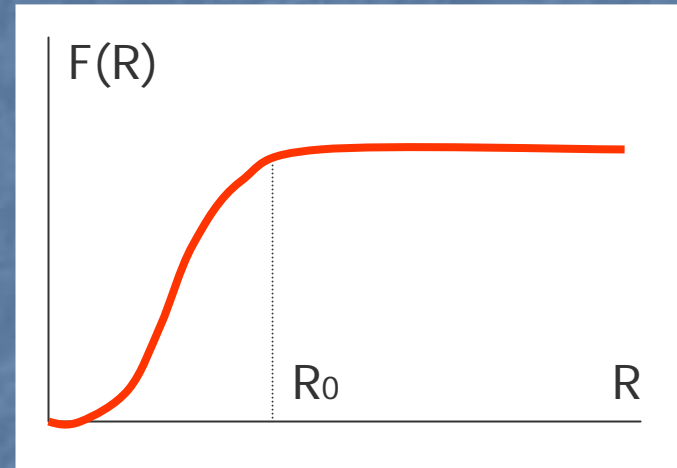
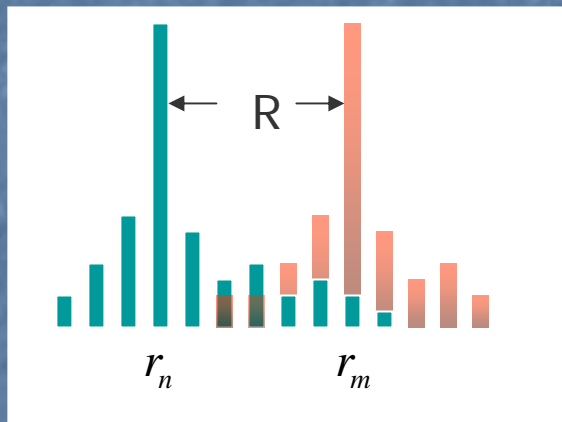
*No ideal  
insulator even  
for very strong  
disorder!*

# Two-eigenfunction correlation in 1D Anderson model (insulator)



*Ideal  
insulator for  
sufficiently  
strong  
disorder*

# Repulsion of centers of localization

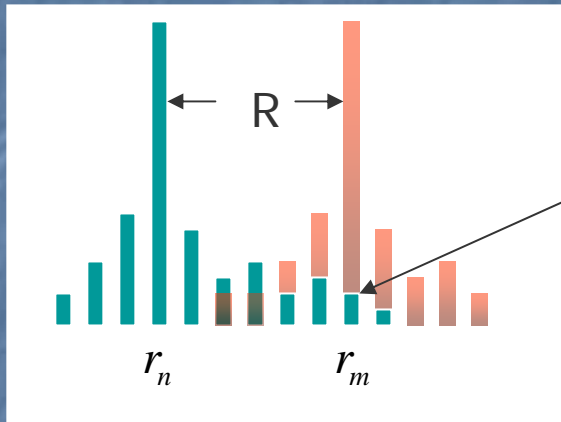


*Resonance repulsion  
of centers of  
localization*

$$R_0 = 2\xi \ln\left(\frac{\delta_\xi}{\omega}\right)$$

$$\omega = |E - E'| \ll \delta_\xi$$

# Resonance enhancement of overlap



$$|\Psi_n(r_m)|^2 \approx \frac{|H_{nm}|^2}{(E_n - E_m)^2} \sim \left(\frac{\delta_\xi}{\omega}\right)^2 \exp\left[-\frac{R}{\xi}\right]$$

*Enhancement of overlap at  $\delta_\xi \gg \omega$*

$$NC(\omega) \sim \left(\frac{\delta_\xi}{\omega}\right)^2 \int_{R_0}^{\infty} dR R^{d-1} \exp\left[-\frac{R}{\xi}\right]$$

$$R_0 = 2\xi \ln\left(\frac{\delta_\xi}{\omega}\right) \gg \xi$$

$$NC(\omega) \propto \ln^{d-1}\left(\frac{\delta_\xi}{\omega}\right)$$

*At  $d=1$  repulsion of centers of localization and the resonance enhancement of overlap compensate each other*

$$NC(\omega) = 1$$

*At  $d>1$  resonance enhancement prevails*

$$NC(\omega) \propto \ln^{d-1} \left( \frac{\delta_\xi}{\omega} \right) \gg 1$$

*Averaged matrix elements of interaction are enhanced*

# Random-matrix theory for 3D multifractal insulator

$$\langle |H_{nm}|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{|n-m|^2}{b^2}\right)} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{|n-m|}{B}\right)^{1/3}\right]$$

***b** controls fractality*

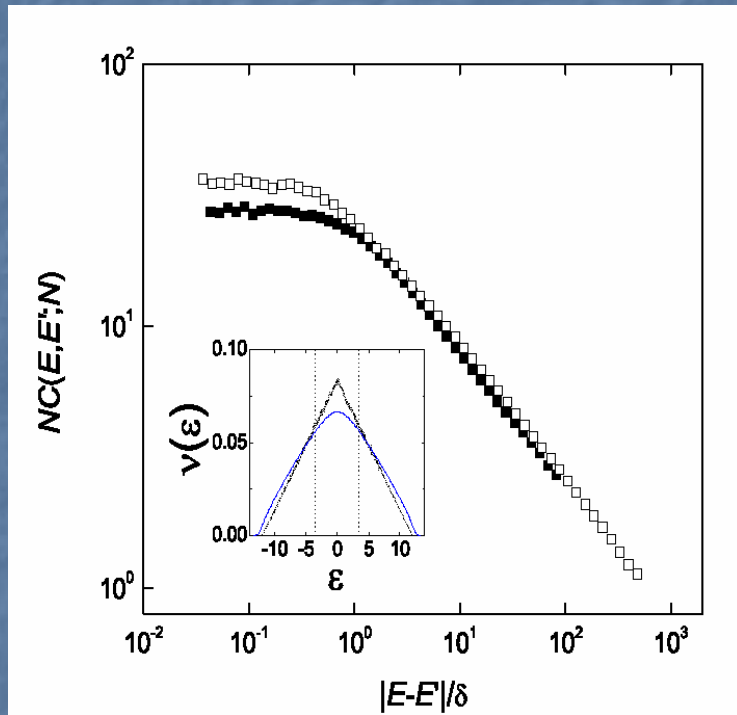
***B** controls localization radius*

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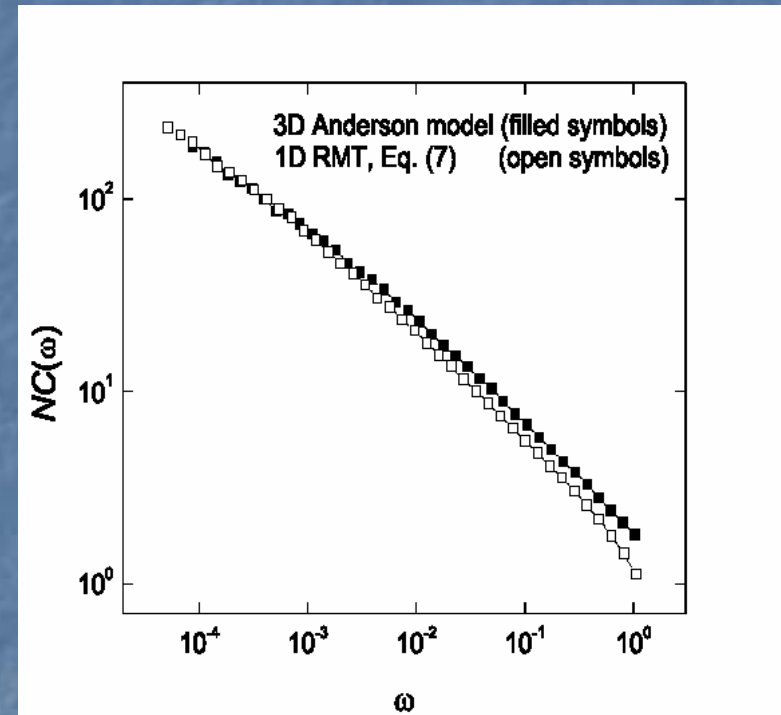
dimensionality of space



# RMT vs. 3D Anderson model



*Mobility edge:*  
 $B = \text{infinity}, b = 0.38$

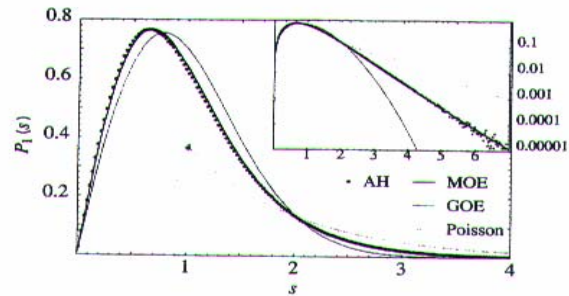


*Strong insulator:*  
 $B = 5, b = 0.38$

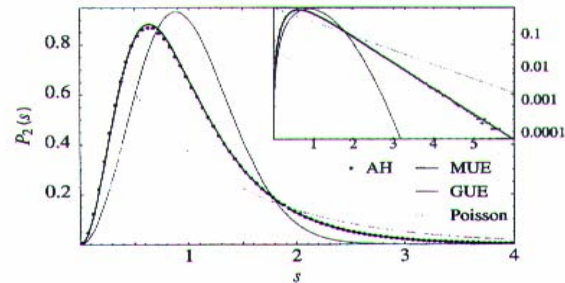
# Conclusion

- Fractal texture of eigenfunctions persists in metal and insulator (multifractal metal and insulator).
- Critical power-law enhancement of eigenfunction correlations.
- Log enhancement of eigenfunction overlap in deep insulator for  $D=2,3$ . No enhancement for  $D=1$ .
- Stratification of space.
- Random matrix model for the 3D multifractal insulator

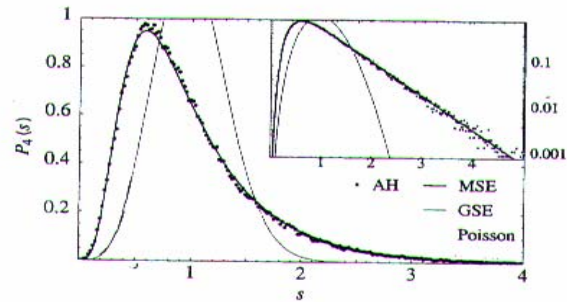
# Spectral statistics



Potential disorder  
 $b=0.38$



Potential disorder  
+ magnetic field  
 $b=0.16$



Potential disorder  
+ spin-orbit inter.  
 $b=0.07$