

LOCALISATION AND TRANSMISSION IN ACTIVE RANDOM MEDIA WITH CORRELATED DISORDER

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OUTLINE OF THE TALK

- Definition of the model
- The transfer matrix formalism
- General formulae
- Application to specific cases of weak and strong absorption or amplification
- Non-Hermitian disorder (random amplification or absorption)
- Conclusions

DEFINITION OF THE PROBLEM

- Problem: Transmission and localisation of waves in an active 1D system with correlated disorder
- Motivation:
 1. Recognised importance of **non-Hermitian models** (open systems; physical systems with absorption or amplification, e.g., electronic models with electron-hole recombination or photonic crystals)
 2. Increasing number of applications of **correlated disorder** in Hermitian models (waveguides, semiconductor superlattices, photonic crystals)
- Purpose: analysis of the interplay of absorption/amplification and spatial correlations of the disorder.

MATHEMATICAL MODEL

Random active barrier sandwiched between two perfect leads.

Schrödinger equation: barrier ($n = 1, \dots, N$)

$$\psi_{n+1} + \psi_{n-1} + (\varepsilon_n + i\gamma) \psi_n = E\psi_n$$

Schrödinger eq.: leads ($n \leq 0$ and $n \geq N + 1$)

$$\psi_{n+1} + \psi_{n-1} = E\psi_n,$$

PARAMETERS OF THE MODEL

- γ : average loss/gain coefficient
($\gamma > 0$: absorption; $\gamma < 0$: amplification)
- ε_n : random site energies

STATISTICAL PROPERTIES OF DISORDER

- Vanishing average values

$$\langle \varepsilon_n \rangle = 0$$

- Weak disorder

$$\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle \ll 1$$

- Correlated disorder

$$\chi(l) = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n \varepsilon_{n+l} \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}$$

DISORDERED BARRIER WITHOUT AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION: EFFECTS OF CORRELATED DISORDER

“Anderson barrier”: $\gamma = 0$

$$\psi_{n+1} + \psi_{n-1} + \varepsilon_n \psi_n = E \psi_n$$

Transmission in the localised regime:

$$\langle \ln T_N \rangle \simeq -2\lambda N$$

Inverse localisation length for *weak disorder*

$$\lambda = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} W(k) + O(\langle \varepsilon_n^4 \rangle)$$

Power spectrum

$$W(k) = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n) \cos(2kn) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \chi(n) e^{i2kn}$$

$$\text{Note that } \chi(0) = 1 \Rightarrow \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} W(k) dk = \pi$$

A vanishing power spectrum in selected energy intervals leads to suppression of localisation in those intervals and to enhancement of localisation in the complementary intervals

DESIGNED MOBILITY EDGES

The binary correlator

$$\chi(n) = \frac{1}{2(\kappa_2 - \kappa_1)n} [\sin(2\kappa_2 n) - \sin(2\kappa_1 n)]$$

with $0 < \kappa_1 < \kappa_2 < \pi/2$ corresponds to

$$W(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2(\kappa_2 - \kappa_1)} & \text{if } k \in [\kappa_1, \kappa_2] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for $k \in [0, \pi/2]$.

Specific long-ranged correlations produce *effective* mobility edges in infinite systems.

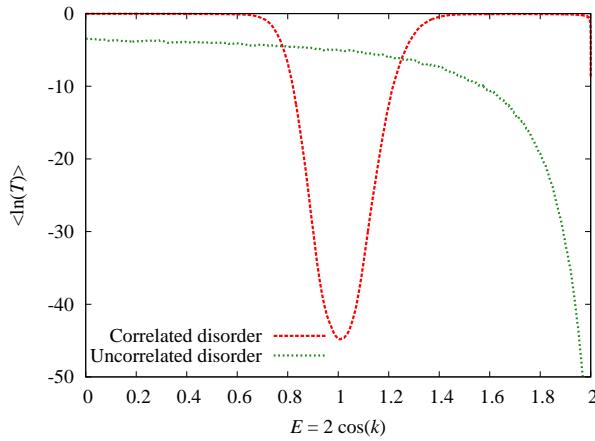
Questions:

- What about finite-size systems?
- What happens if amplification/absorption is present?

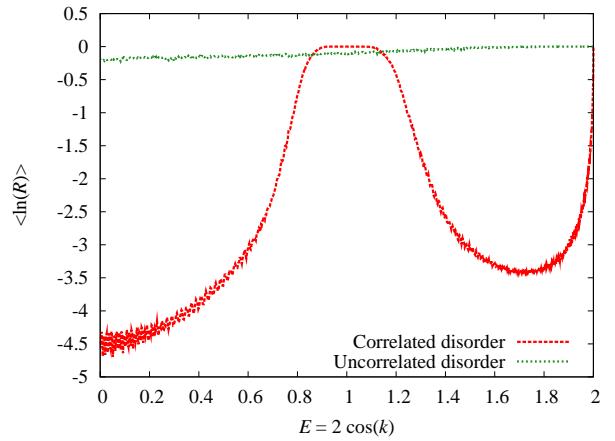
DELOCALISATION EFFECTS ARE ROBUST!

DELOCALISATION EFFECTS SURVIVE IN FINITE SYSTEMS OF LIMITED SIZE

Example:



$\langle \ln(T_N) \rangle$ versus E



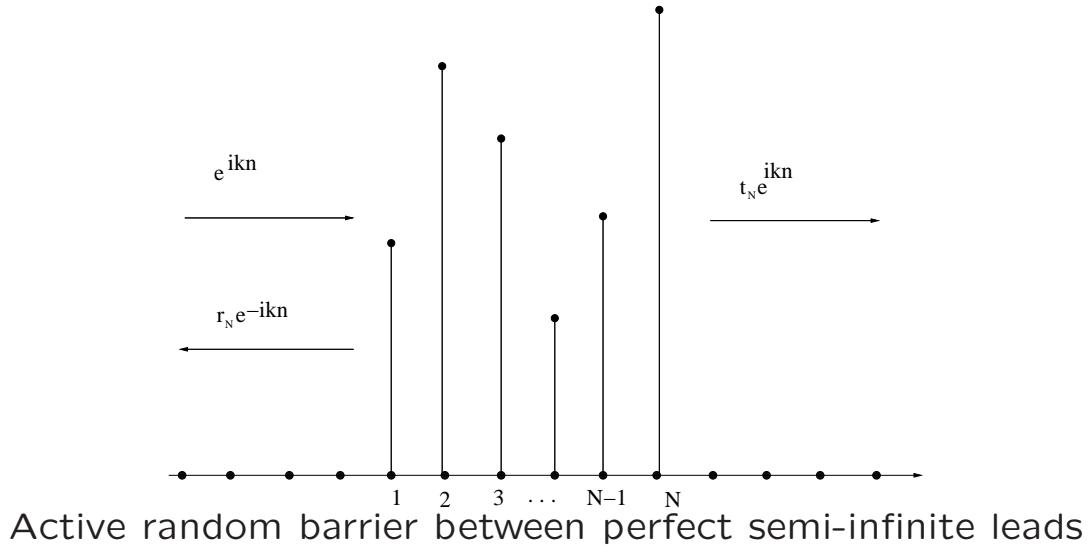
$\langle \ln(R_N) \rangle$ versus E

- Barrier length $N = 300$.
- Disorder strength $\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle = 0.05$.
- For correlated disorder, mobility edges were set at $\kappa_1 = 0.3283\pi$ and $\kappa_2 = 0.3383\pi$

TRANSFER MATRIX APPROACH

Wavefunctions in the leads:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_n &= e^{ikn} + r_N e^{-ikn} \\ \psi_n &= t_N e^{ikn}\end{aligned}$$



Schrödinger equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_{n+1} \\ \psi_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}_n \begin{pmatrix} \psi_n \\ \psi_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Transfer matrix (site representation)

$$\mathbf{P}_n = \begin{pmatrix} E - i\gamma + \varepsilon_n & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

TRANSFER MATRIX IN PLANE WAVE REPRESENTATION

Wavefunction amplitudes

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_n &= A_n e^{ikn} + B_n e^{-ikn} \\ \psi_{n-1} &= A_n e^{ik(n-1)} + B_n e^{-ik(n-1)}\end{aligned}$$

Schrödinger equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{n+1} e^{ikn} \\ B_{n+1} e^{-ikn} \end{pmatrix} = \left(\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} + \mathbf{Q}_n^{(1)} \right) \begin{pmatrix} A_n e^{ik(n-1)} \\ B_n e^{-ik(n-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Transfer matrix (ordered array)

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)}\right) e^{ik} & -\frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)} e^{-ik} \\ \frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)} e^{ik} & \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)}\right) e^{-ik} \end{pmatrix}$$

Additional term due to disorder

$$\mathbf{Q}_n^{(1)} = \frac{i \varepsilon_n}{2 \sin(k)} \begin{pmatrix} e^{ik} & e^{-ik} \\ -e^{ik} & -e^{-ik} \end{pmatrix}$$

TRANSMISSION AMPLITUDE

Transfer matrix across the barrier

$$\Omega(N) = \left[Q^{(0)} + Q_N^{(1)} \right] \cdots \left[Q^{(0)} + Q_1^{(1)} \right]$$

Match between waves in the leads

$$\begin{pmatrix} t_N e^{ikN} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \Omega(N) \begin{pmatrix} e^{-ik} \\ r_N e^{ik} \end{pmatrix}$$

Transmission amplitude

$$t_N = \frac{1}{\Omega_{22}(N)} e^{-ik(N+1)}$$

Reflection amplitude

$$r_N = -\frac{\Omega_{21}(N)}{\Omega_{22}(N)} e^{-i2k}$$

SYMMETRY PROPERTIES

LEFT-RIGHT SYMMETRY: PRESERVED

$$\det \left[\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} + \mathbf{Q}_n^{(1)} \right] = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} |t_N^{(l)}|^2 &= |t_N^{(r)}|^2 \\ |r_N^{(l)}|^2 &= |r_N^{(r)}|^2 \end{cases}$$

TIME REVERSAL SYMMETRY: BROKEN BY
NON-HERMITIAN TERMS

$$\left[\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} + \mathbf{Q}_n^{(1)} \right]^* \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \left[\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} + \mathbf{Q}_n^{(1)} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↓
 $|t_N|^2 + |r_N|^2 \neq 1$

PERTURBATIVE COMPUTATION OF THE TRANSFER MATRIX

Weak disorder



Transfer matrix can be expanded in powers of ε_n

$$\Omega(N) = \Omega^{(0)}(N) + \Omega^{(1)}(N) + \Omega^{(2)}(N) + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega^{(0)}(N) &= [\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}]^N \\ \Omega^{(1)}(N) &= \sum_{l_1=1}^N [\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}]^{N-l_1} \mathbf{Q}_{l_1}^{(1)} [\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}]^{l_1-1} \\ \Omega^{(2)}(N) &= \sum_{l_1=1}^{N-1} \sum_{l_2=l_1+1}^N [\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}]^{N-l_2} \mathbf{Q}_{l_2}^{(1)} \\ &\quad \times [\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}]^{l_2-l_1-1} \mathbf{Q}_{l_1}^{(1)} [\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}]^{l_1-1}\end{aligned}$$

Remark: 2nd-order term plays a role only for *correlated* disorder.

PERTURBATIVE COMPUTATION OF THE TRANSFER MATRIX

An explicit expression for the unperturbed transfer matrix can be obtained by diagonalising $\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}$:

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} = \mathbf{V} \begin{pmatrix} e^{iq} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-iq} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

with

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\gamma}{2\sin(k)} e^{-ik} & \frac{\gamma}{2\sin(k)} e^{-ik} \\ \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{2\sin(k)}\right) e^{ik} - e^{iq} & \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{2\sin(k)}\right) e^{ik} - e^{-iq} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$e^{\pm iq} = \cos(k) - i\frac{\gamma}{2} \pm i\sqrt{1 - \left(\cos(k) - i\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)^2}$$

Then one can write

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}(N) = [\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}]^N = \mathbf{V} \begin{pmatrix} e^{iqaN} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-iqaN} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

TRANSMISSION COEFFICIENT $T_N = |t_N|^2$: FORMAL EXPRESSIONS

Perturbative expansion

$$\ln T_N = 2\operatorname{Re} \left\{ -\ln \Omega_{22}^{(0)}(N) - \frac{\Omega_{22}^{(1)}(N)}{\Omega_{22}^{(0)}(N)} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\Omega_{22}^{(2)}(N)}{\Omega_{22}^{(0)}(N)} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\Omega_{22}^{(1)}(N)}{\Omega_{22}^{(0)}(N)} \right]^2 \right\} + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

with

$$\Omega_{22}^{(0)}(N) = \left(\frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)} - 1 \right) e^{ik} \frac{\sin(qN)}{\sin(q)} + \frac{\sin[q(N+1)]}{\sin(q)}$$

$$\Omega_{22}^{(1)}(N) = \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{-i\varepsilon_l}{2 \sin(k)} \left[e^{-ik} \frac{\sin(ql)}{\sin(q)} - \frac{\sin(q(l-1))}{\sin(q)} \right] \\ \times \left\{ \frac{\sin[q(N-l+1)]}{\sin(q)} - e^{ik} \frac{\sin[q(N-l)]}{\sin(q)} \right\}$$

$$\Omega_{22}^{(2)}(N) = \sum_{l_1 < l_2} \frac{-i\varepsilon_{l_1}\varepsilon_{l_2}}{\sin(k)} \frac{\sin[q(l_2-l_1)]}{\sin(q)} \\ \times \left\{ e^{-ik} \frac{\sin(ql_1)}{\sin(q)} - \frac{\sin[q(l_1-1)]}{\sin(q)} \right\} \\ \times \left\{ e^{ik} \frac{\sin[q(N-l_2)]}{\sin(q)} - \frac{\sin[q(N-l_2+1)]}{\sin(q)} \right\}$$

TRANSMISSION COEFFICIENT: NO DISORDER

General formula:

$$T_N = \frac{|\sin(q)|^2}{\left[i \sin(k) - \frac{\gamma \cos(k)}{2 \sin(k)} \right] \sin(qN) - \sin(q) \cos(qN)}^2$$

Strong amplification/absorption $|\gamma| \gg 1$

$$T_N \simeq \frac{4 \sin^2(k)}{\gamma^{2N}}$$

Asymptotic behaviour

$$\begin{aligned} \ln T_N &= -2N \left(\ln |\gamma| + \frac{1 + \cos^2(k)}{\gamma^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^3}\right) \right) \\ &+ O(N^0) \end{aligned}$$

MAIN FEATURES FOR $|\gamma| \gg 1$

- T_N is the same for $\gamma > 0$ and $\gamma < 0$
- Exponential decay of T_N : for $N \gg 1$ the barrier behaves as a reflector
- Very weak dependence on the energy of the impinging wave

Weak amplification/absorption $|\gamma| \ll 1$

$$T_N = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\gamma N}{\sin(k)}} + \frac{\gamma^2}{8 \sin^2(k)} \cos(2kN) + \frac{\gamma^4}{256 \sin^4(k)} e^{-\frac{\gamma N}{\sin(k)}}}$$

Small-domain limit $N \ll l_a \sim 1/|\gamma|$

$$T_N \simeq 1 - \frac{\gamma N}{\sin(k)} + \dots$$

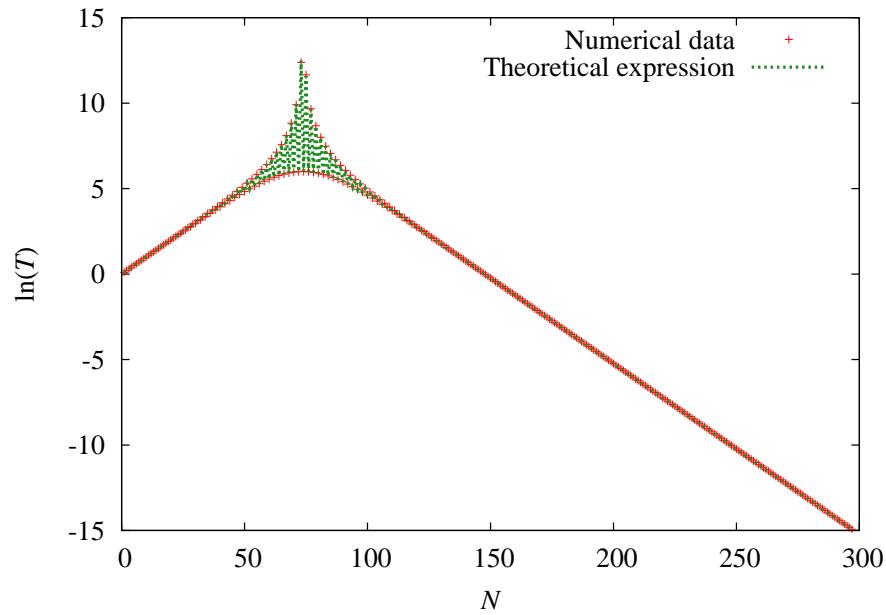
Large-domain limit $N \gg l_a \sim 1/|\gamma|$

$$T_N \simeq \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{\gamma N}{\sin(k)}} & \text{if } \gamma > 0 \\ \left(\frac{4 \sin^2(k)}{\gamma}\right)^4 e^{-\frac{|\gamma| N}{\sin(k)}} & \text{if } \gamma < 0 \end{cases}$$

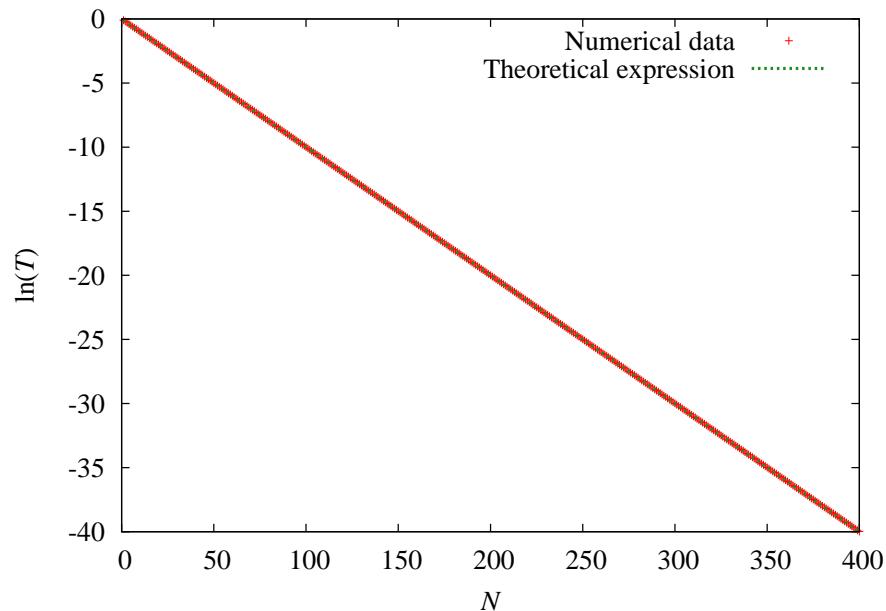
MAIN FEATURES FOR $|\gamma| \ll 1$

- Weak amplification ($\gamma < 0$, $|\gamma| \ll 1$): T_N first increases and then decreases with N (T_N has a maximum)
- Weak absorption ($\gamma > 0$, $|\gamma| \ll 1$): monotonic decrease of T_N with N
- T_N decreases exponentially for $N \gg 1$
- Energy dependence associated to $\gamma/\sin(k)$

$\ln T_N$ versus N : no disorder
weak amplification/absorption



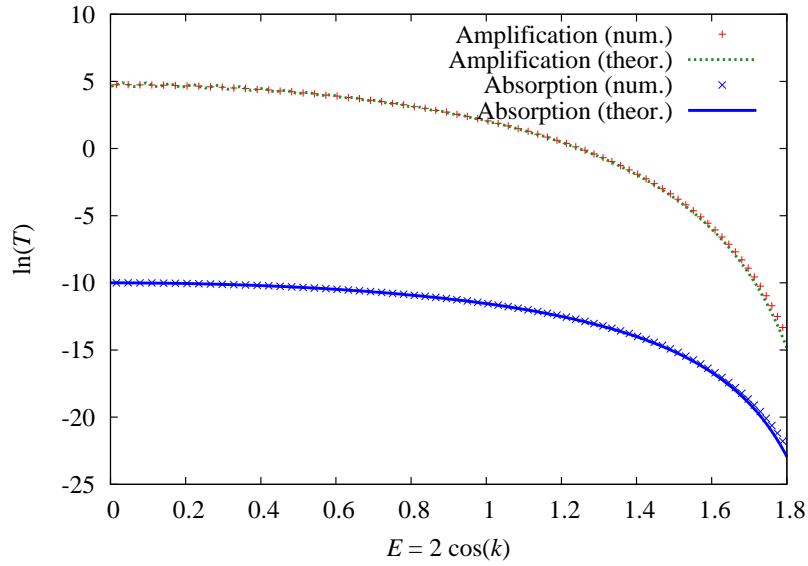
Weak amplification $\gamma = -0.1$; band centre $E = 0$



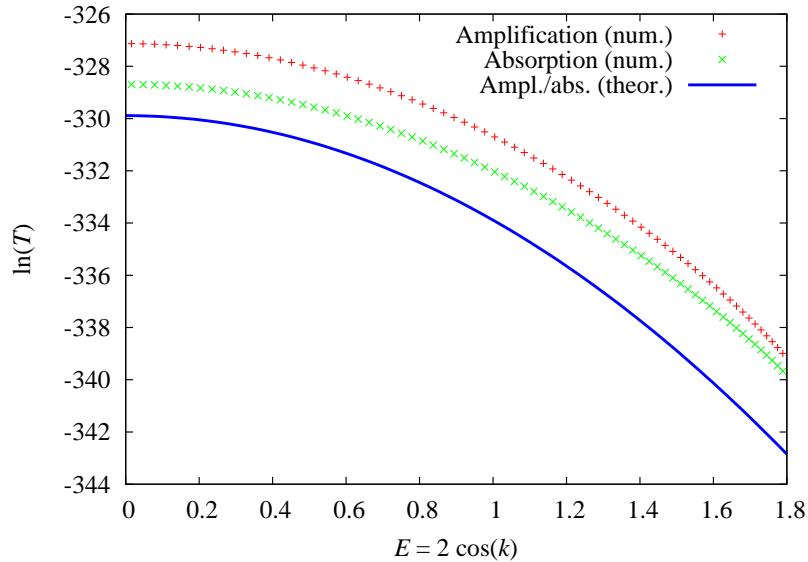
Weak absorption $\gamma = 0.1$; band centre $E = 0$

$\ln T_N$ versus E ; no disorder

$T_N(E)$ monotonically decreases away from the band centre



Weak amplification/absorption $\gamma = \pm 0.1$; barrier length $N = 100$



Strong amplification/absorption $\gamma = \pm 5$; barrier length $N = 100$

RANDOM BARRIER WEAK AMPLIFICATION ABSORPTION; SHORT-DOMAIN LIMIT $N \ll l_a \sim 1/|\gamma|$

Average logarithm of transmission coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle &\simeq -\frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)} \\ &- \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \chi(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) \cos(2kn) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Under the assumptions

$$|\gamma| \sim \frac{1}{N} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \chi(n) n \cos(2kn) = 0$$

one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= -\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle \\ &= \frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)} + \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n) \cos(2kn) \right] \\ &= \pm \frac{1}{l_a} + \frac{1}{l_{\text{loc}}} \end{aligned}$$

WEAK AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION; SHORT-DOMAIN LIMIT: KEY FEATURES

- Absorption and localisation add up; amplification and disorder have opposite effects:
$$\lambda = \pm 1/l_a + 1/l_{loc}$$
- Effect of disorder correlation limited by finite-size of the barrier
- Effective mobility edges can arise only if N is not too short (requires small $|\gamma|$).

RANDOM BARRIER

WEAK AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION

$|\gamma| \ll 1$; LONG-DOMAIN LIMIT: $|\gamma|N \gg 1$

Average logarithm of transmission coefficient:

$$\frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle \simeq -\frac{|\gamma|}{2 \sin(k)} - \frac{1}{2N} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{|\gamma|}\right) \ln \frac{\gamma^2}{16 \sin^4(k)} - \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \chi(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) e^{-\frac{|\gamma|n}{\sin(k)}} \cos(2kn) \right]$$

Taking the limit for $N \rightarrow \infty$ one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= -\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle \\ &= \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n) e^{-\frac{|\gamma|n}{\sin(k)}} \cos(2kn) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{|\gamma|}{2 \sin(k)} + O(\varepsilon^2 \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

One has

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{l_a} + \frac{1}{l_{\text{loc}}}$$

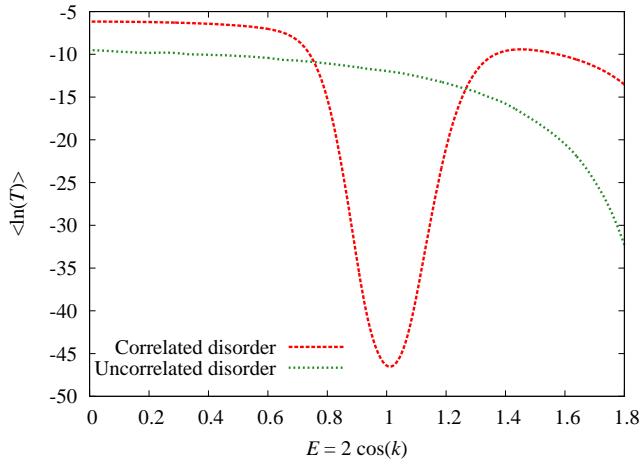
with l_{loc} modified with respect to the standard Izrailev-Krokhin formula.

WEAK AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION; LONG DOMAIN: KEY FEATURES

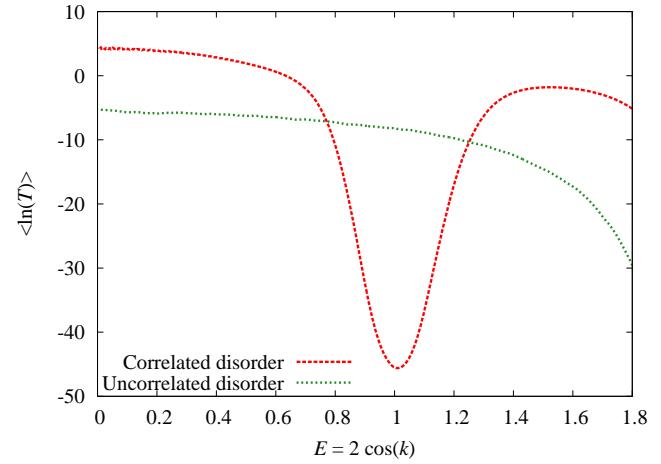
- Amplification/absorption effects and localisation add up: $\lambda = 1/l_a + 1/l_{loc}$
- l_{loc} is given modified Izrailev-Krokhin formula
- Disorder correlations are felt, but gain/loss mechanism introduces an effective correlation length $l_c \sim l_a \sim \sin(k)/|\gamma|$
- Effective mobility edges can arise only if l_c is not too short.

DELOCALISATION EFFECTS SURVIVE IN MODERATELY ACTIVE MEDIA

$\langle \ln T_N \rangle$ versus E :



Absorption ($\gamma = 0.02$)



Amplification ($\gamma = -0.02$)

- Disorder strength $\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle = 0.05$
- barrier length $N = 300$
- Mobility edges for $\kappa_1 = 0.3283\pi$ and $\kappa_2 = 0.3383\pi$

RANDOM BARRIER STRONG AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION $|\gamma| \gg 1$

Asymptotic behaviour ($N \gg 1$) of $\ln T_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= -\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle \\ &= \ln |\gamma| + \frac{1 + 2 \cos^2(k)}{\gamma^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{2\gamma^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

- Any effect of disorder correlations is suppressed
- Localisation itself tends to be destroyed.

RANDOM AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION: NON-HERMITIAN DISORDER

Barrier with random amplification/absorption
($n = 1, \dots, N$)

$$\psi_{n+1} + \psi_{n-1} + i\gamma_n \psi_n = E\psi_n$$

STATISTICAL PROPERTIES OF THE GAIN/LOSS COEFFICIENT

- $\langle \gamma_n \rangle = 0$: zero average
- $\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle \ll 1$: weak disorder
- $\chi_2(l) = \frac{\langle \gamma_{n+l} \gamma_n \rangle}{\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle}$: known binary correlator.

NET EFFECT: AMPLIFICATION OR
ABSORPTION?

FLUCTUATING GAIN/LOSS COEFFICIENT: RESULTS

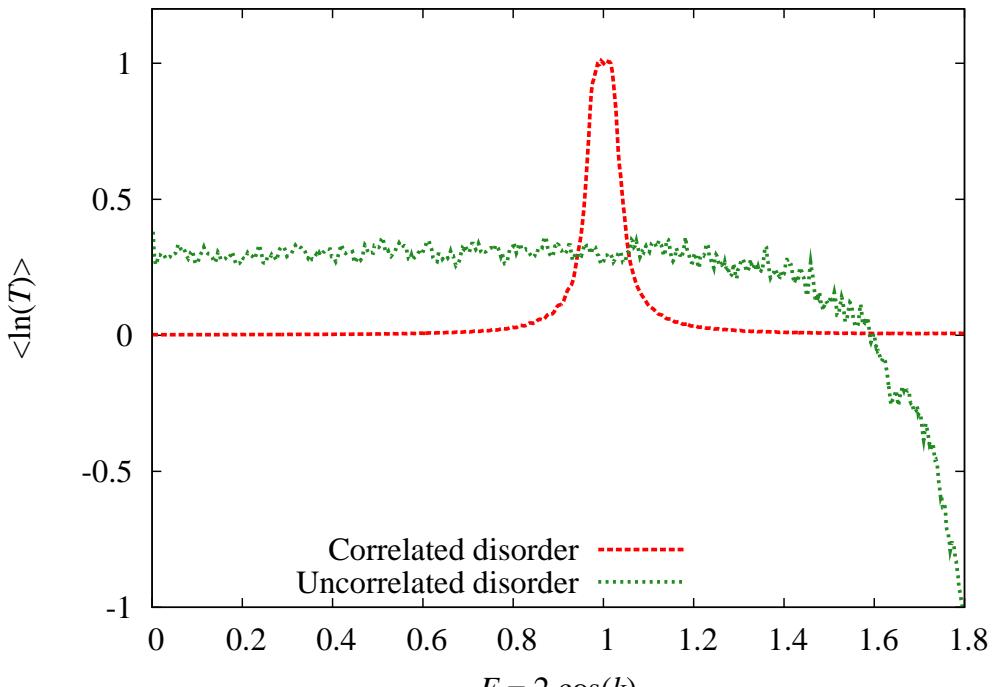
Average logarithm of transmission coefficient:

$$\frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle \simeq + \frac{\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_2(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N} \right) \cos(2kn) \right]$$

In the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lambda = - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle = - \frac{\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_2(n) \cos(2kn) \right]$$

Fluctuations of the gain/loss coefficient lead to enhancement of transmission



$$\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle = 0.005, N = 300$$

ACTIVE RANDOM BARRIER: GENERAL CASE

Active random barrier ($n = 1, \dots, N$)

$$\psi_{n+1} + \psi_{n-1} + [\varepsilon_n + i(\gamma + \gamma_n)] \psi_n = E \psi_n$$

Statistical properties

- Vanishing average values

$$\langle \varepsilon_n \rangle = \langle \gamma_n \rangle = 0$$

- Weak disorder

$$\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle \ll 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle \ll 1$$

- Correlated disorder

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_1(l) &= \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n \varepsilon_{n+l} \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle} \\ \chi_2(l) &= \frac{\langle \gamma_n \gamma_{n+l} \rangle}{\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle} \\ \chi_3(l) &= \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n \gamma_{n+l} + \varepsilon_{n+l} \gamma_n \rangle}{2 \langle \varepsilon_n \gamma_n \rangle}.\end{aligned}$$

RANDOM BARRIER WEAK AMPLIFICATION ABSORPTION; SHORT-DOMAIN LIMIT $N \ll l_a \sim 1/|\gamma|$

Average logarithm of transmission coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle &= -\frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)} \\ &- \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_1(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) \cos(2kn) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_2(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) \cos(2kn) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n \gamma_n \rangle}{2 \sin^2(k)} \left[\sum_{n=1}^N \chi_3(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) \sin(2kn) \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Under the assumptions

$$|\gamma| \sim \frac{1}{N} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_i(n) n e^{i2kn} = 0$$

one obtains for $\lambda = -\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (1/2N) \langle \ln T_N \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{\gamma}{2 \sin(k)} + \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_1(n) \cos(2kn) \right] \\ &- \frac{\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_2(n) \cos(2kn) \right] \\ &- \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n \gamma_n \rangle}{2 \sin^2(k)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_3(n) \sin(2kn) + O(\eta^2 \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

RANDOM BARRIER

WEAK AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION

$|\gamma| \ll 1$; LONG-DOMAIN LIMIT: $|\gamma|N \gg 1$

Average logarithm of transmission coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle = & -\frac{|\gamma|}{2 \sin(k)} - \frac{1}{2N} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{|\gamma|} \right) \ln \frac{\gamma^2}{16 \sin^4(k)} \\ & - \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_1(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N} \right) e^{-\frac{|\gamma|n}{\sin(k)}} \cos(2kn) \right] \\ & + \frac{\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_2(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N} \right) e^{-\frac{|\gamma|n}{\sin(k)}} \cos(2kn) \right] \\ & + \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n \gamma_n \rangle}{2 \sin^2(k)} \left[\sum_{n=1}^N \chi_3(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{N} \right) e^{-\frac{|\gamma|n}{\sin(k)}} \sin(2kn) \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit for $N \rightarrow \infty$ one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda = & -\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle = \frac{|\gamma|}{2 \sin(k)} \\ & + \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_1(n) e^{-\frac{|\gamma|n}{\sin(k)}} \cos(2kn) \right] \\ & - \frac{\langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle}{8 \sin^2(k)} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_2(n) e^{-\frac{|\gamma|n}{\sin(k)}} \cos(2kn) \right] \\ & - \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n \gamma_n \rangle}{2 \sin^2(k)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_3(n) e^{-\frac{|\gamma|n}{\sin(k)}} \sin(2kn) + O(\eta^2 \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

**RANDOM BARRIER
STRONG AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION
 $|\gamma| \gg 1$**

Asymptotic behaviour ($N \gg 1$) of $\ln T_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= -\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N} \langle \ln T_N \rangle \\ &= \ln |\gamma| + \frac{1 + 2 \cos^2(k)}{\gamma^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle - \langle \gamma_n^2 \rangle}{2\gamma^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

**STRONG AMPLIFICATION/ABSORPTION
DESTROY LOCALISATION**

CONCLUSIONS

- For moderate amplification and absorption, spatial correlations of the disorder display strong effects. Strong amplification or absorption destroy influence of correlations (and localisation itself).
- Specific long-range correlations of the disorder can create energy windows of high or low transmittivity in finite barriers with moderate amplification or absorption.
- Fluctuations of the gain/loss coefficient increase transmission.