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Spin-Orbit effects in Quantum Dots: Interplay of disorder and interactions HAKAN E. TÜRECI, Y. ALHASSID, A. DOUGLAS STONE, Center for Theoretical Physics, Sloane Physics Laboratory, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520 — Disordered or chaotic quantum dots with a large Thouless conductance g provide a tractable experimental and theoretical system for studying electronelectron interactions within the framework of the universal Hamiltonian. In particular, good agreement between theory and experiment is observed for the mesoscopic fluctuations of the conductance in dots with negligible spin-orbit scattering[1]. Here we focus on the effects of a tunable spin-orbit scattering within the universal Hamiltonian model. The presence of spin-orbit scattering was shown to introduce new symmetry limits of the single-particle Hamiltonian[2]. We present results for ground state and finite temperature properties in the crossover regime between symmetries. Furthermore, we study the signatures of a quantum critical regime dominated by collective critical fluctuations[3].

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