

Anderson Localization – Looking Forward

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4. Localization beyond the real space. Integrability and chaos.
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>50 years of Anderson Localization

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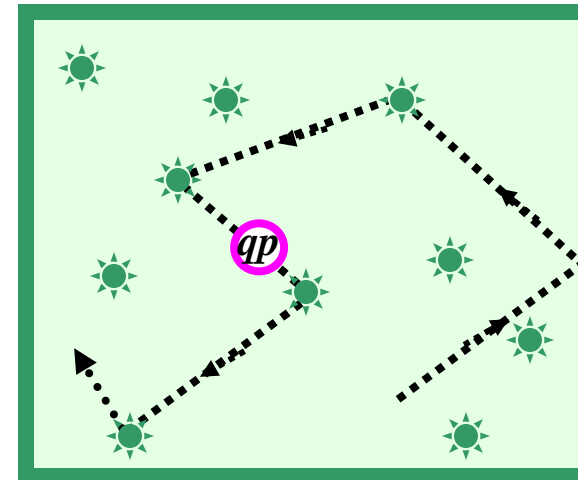
Absence of Diffusion in Certain Random Lattices

P. W. ANDERSON

Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey

(Received October 10, 1957)

This paper presents a simple model for such processes as spin diffusion or conduction in the "impurity band." These processes involve transport in a lattice which is in some sense random, and in them diffusion is expected to take place via quantum jumps between localized sites. In this simple model the essential randomness is introduced by requiring the energy to vary randomly from site to site. It is shown that at low enough densities no diffusion at all can take place, and the criteria for transport to occur are given.





...very few believed it [localization] at the time, and even fewer saw its importance; among those who failed to fully understand it at first was certainly its author...

Nobel Lecture

Nobel Lecture, December 8, 1977

Local Moments and Localized States

Part 1.

*Introduction and
History*

Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} - D \nabla^2 \rho = 0$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = Dt$$

Diffusion constant

$\rho(\vec{r}, t)$ Can be density of particles or energy density. It can also be the **probability** to find a particle at a given point at a given time

Einstein theory of Brownian motion, 1905



The diffusion equation is valid for any random walk provided that there is no memory (markovian process)

Diffusion Equation

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Einstein-Sutherland Relation for electric conductivity σ



William Sutherland
(1859-1911)

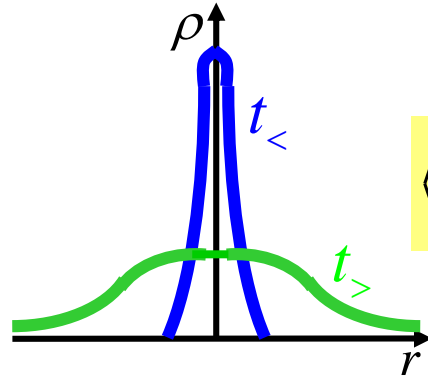
$$\sigma = e^2 D \nu \quad \nu \equiv \frac{dn}{d\mu}$$

Density of states

If electrons would be degenerate and form a classical ideal gas

$$\nu = \frac{n_{tot}}{T}$$

Will a fluctuation (wave packet) spread ?



$$\langle r^2 (t_>) \rangle \stackrel{?}{>} \langle r^2 (t_<) \rangle$$

Einstein (1905): Random walk **without memory**



always **diffusion**

Diffusion Constant

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} - D \nabla^2 \rho = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \langle r^2 \rangle = Dt$$

Anderson (1958): For **quantum** particles



not always

extended states $\langle r^2 \rangle \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} Dt$

localized states $\langle r^2 \rangle \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{const}$

Basic Quantum Mechanics:

$$\left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + U(\mathbf{r}) - \epsilon_F \right] \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \xi_\alpha \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \quad \xi_\alpha \text{ -spectrum}$$

Potential well

Spectra

Continuous
Unbound states

$$|\psi_\alpha(\vec{r})|^2 \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} O(L^{-d})$$

Extended states

Discrete
Bound states

$$|\psi_\alpha(\vec{r})|^2 \xrightarrow{|\vec{r}| \rightarrow \infty} O(e^{-|\vec{r}|/\xi})$$

Localized states

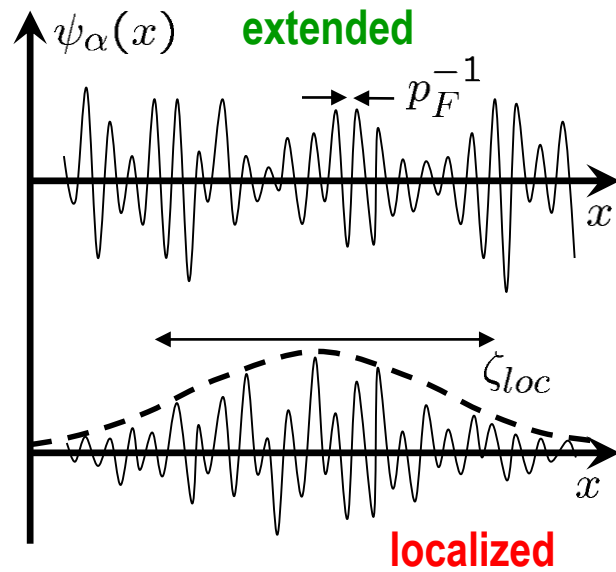
L System size

d Number of the spatial dimensions

Localization of single-particle wave-functions. Continuous limit:

Random potential

$$\left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + U(\mathbf{r}) - \epsilon_F \right] \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \xi_\alpha \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{r})$$



Experiment

Spin Diffusion

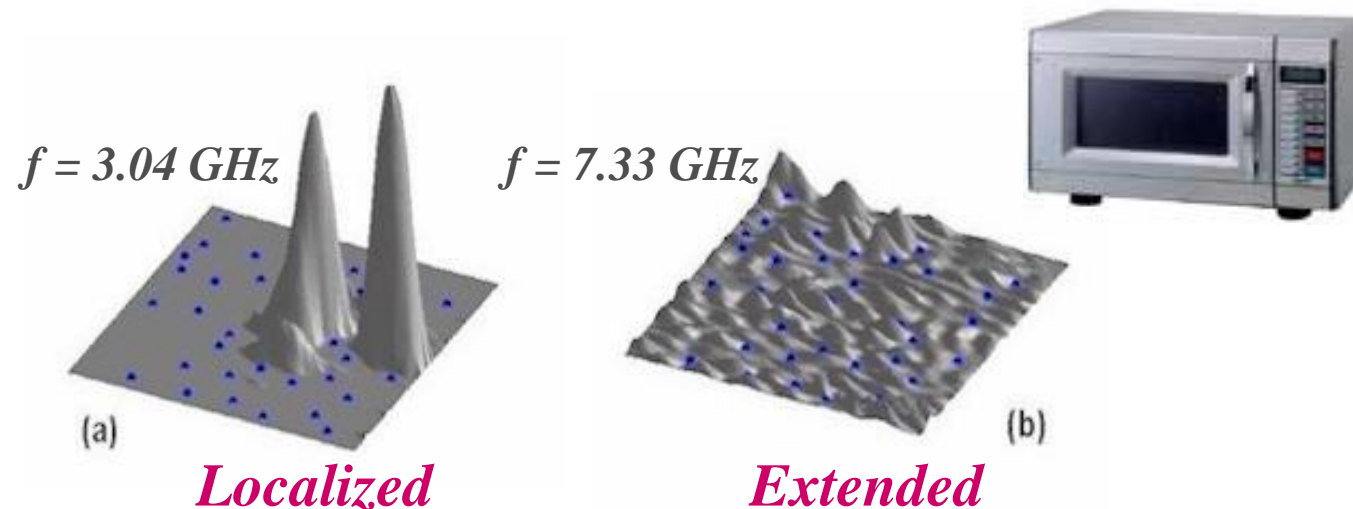
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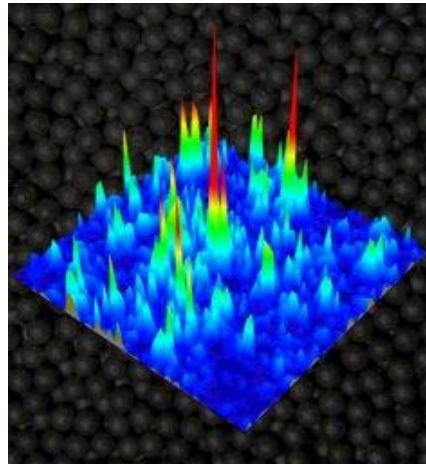


Experiment

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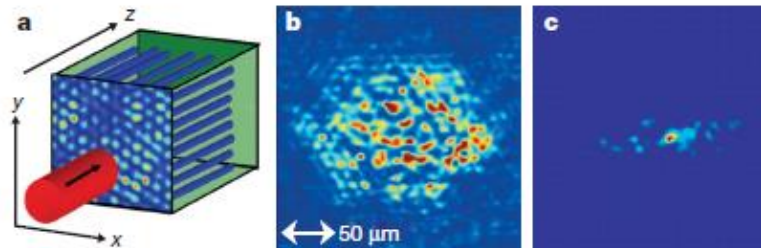


Localization of Light

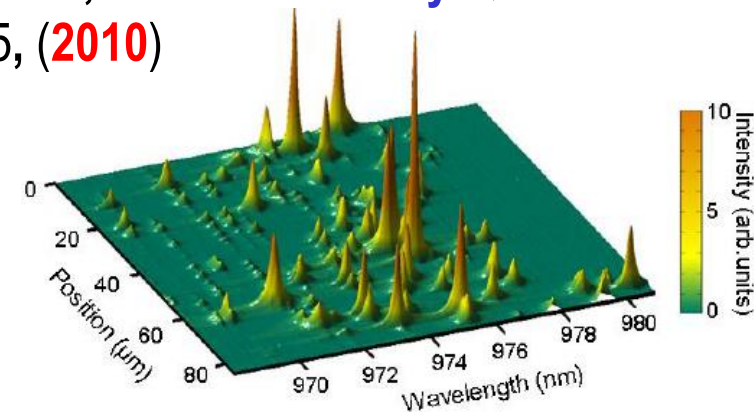
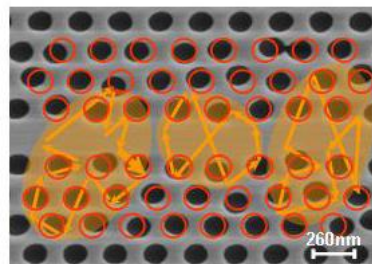
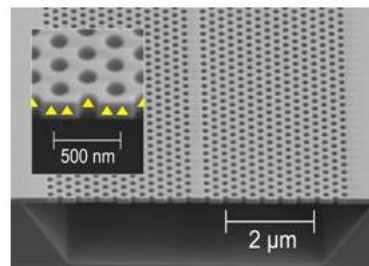
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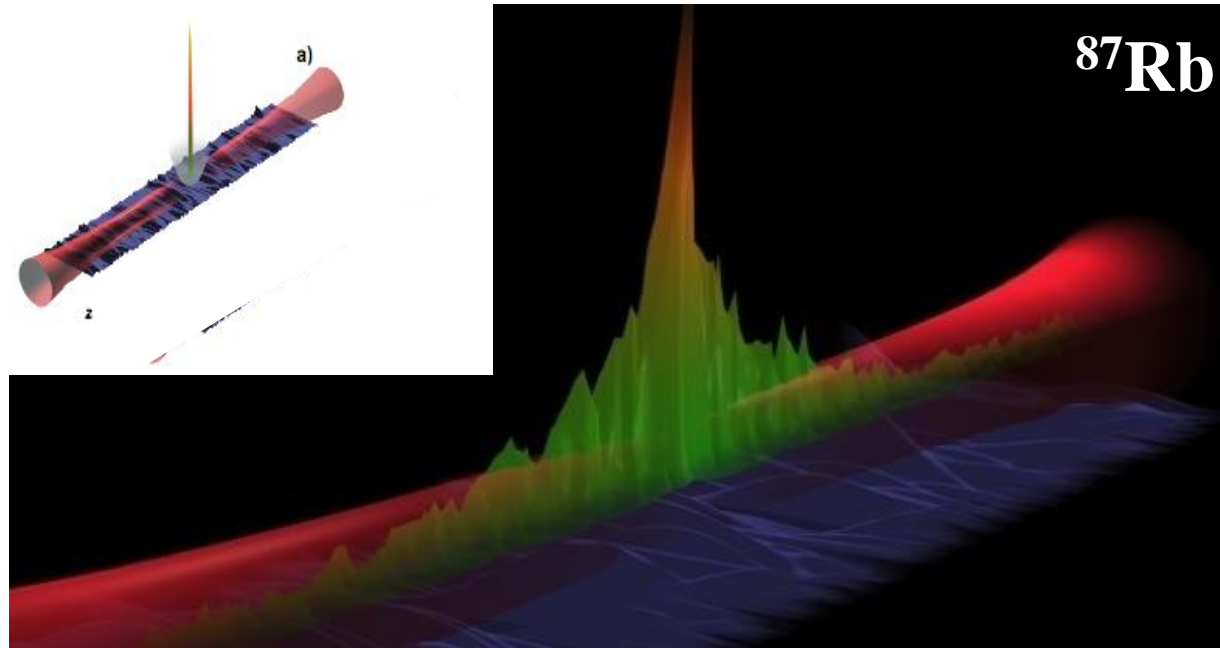


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What about charge transport ?

Problem: electrons interact with each other

Einstein Relation (1905)

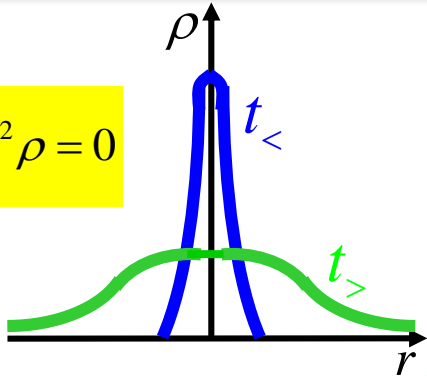
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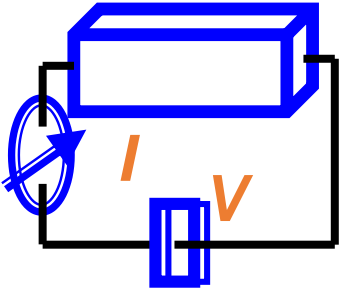
Conductivity

Density of states

Diffusion Constant

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$G = \left(\frac{I}{V} \right)_{r=0}$

Conductance

Conductivity

$S = G \frac{L}{A}$

At zero temperature

Extended states
- **metal**

$G \propto L^{d-2};$
 $S \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} const; \quad D \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} const$

Localized states
- **insulator**:

$G \propto e^{-L/\xi}; \quad S = 0; \quad D = 0$

Part 2.

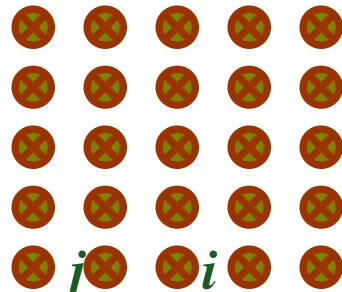
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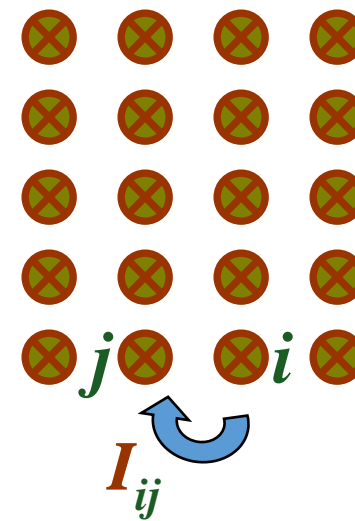
Metal

There appear states extended
all over the whole system

One-dimensional Anderson Model

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & I & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ I & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & I \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & I & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \varepsilon_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Q Why arbitrary weak hopping I is not sufficient for the existence of the diffusion ?



Einstein (1905): Markovian (no memory) process \rightarrow diffusion

Quantum mechanics is not Markovian!
There is memory in quantum propagation!

Why?

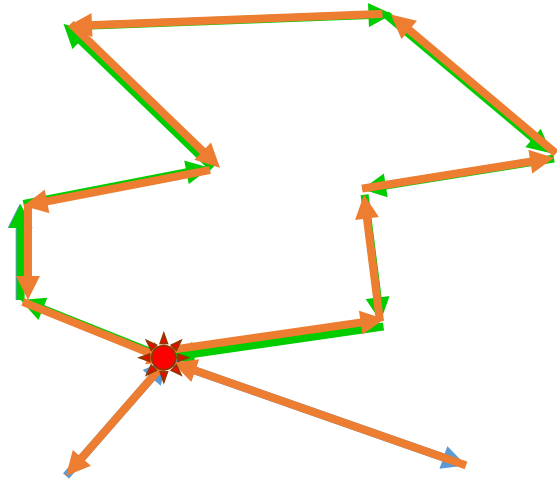
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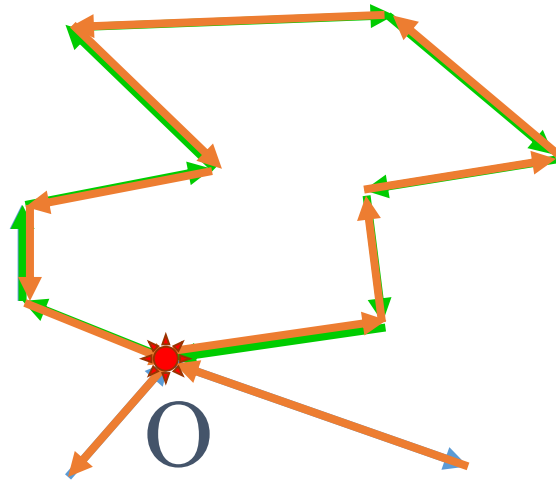
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Memory!

$$\phi = \oint \vec{p} d\vec{r}$$

Phase accumulated
when traveling
along the loop



The particle can go around
the loop in two directions

$$\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$$

Constructive interference \implies probability of the return to the origin gets enhanced \implies quantum corrections reduce the diffusion constant.

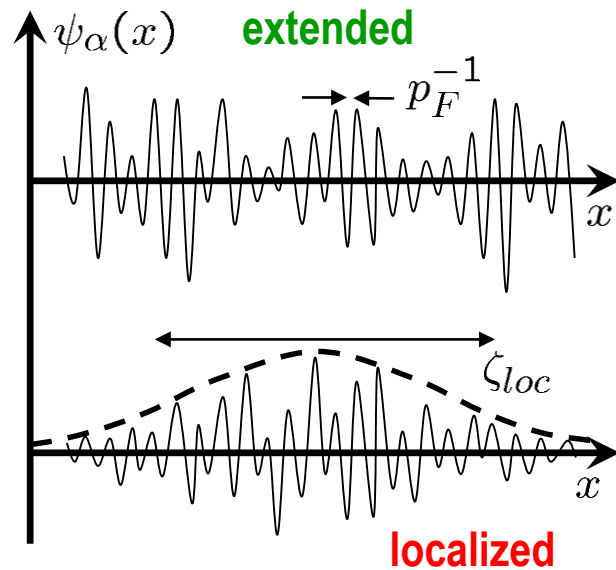
Tendency towards **localization**

WEAK LOCALIZATION

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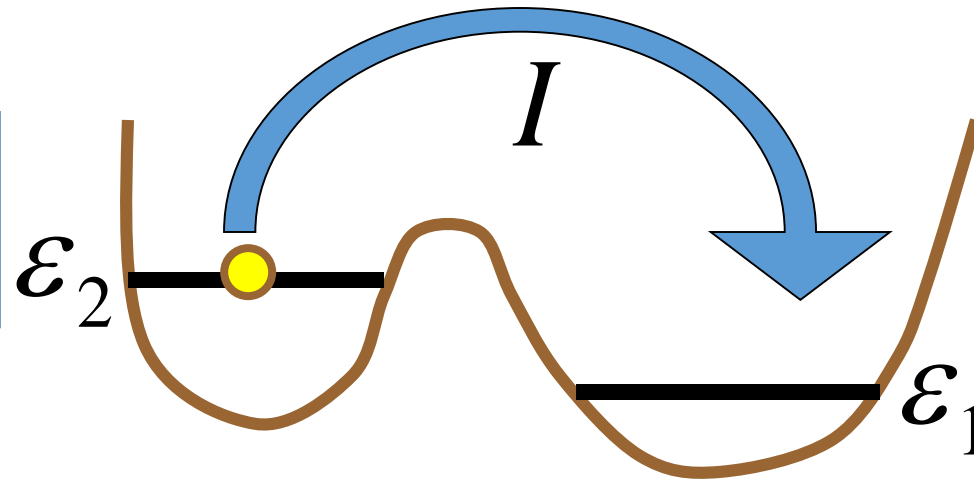


$d=1$; All states are **localized**

$d=2$; All states are **localized**

$d > 2$; Anderson **transition**

Two-site
Anderson = Two-well
model potential



Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & I \\ I & \varepsilon_2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{diagonalize}} \hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 & 0 \\ 0 & E_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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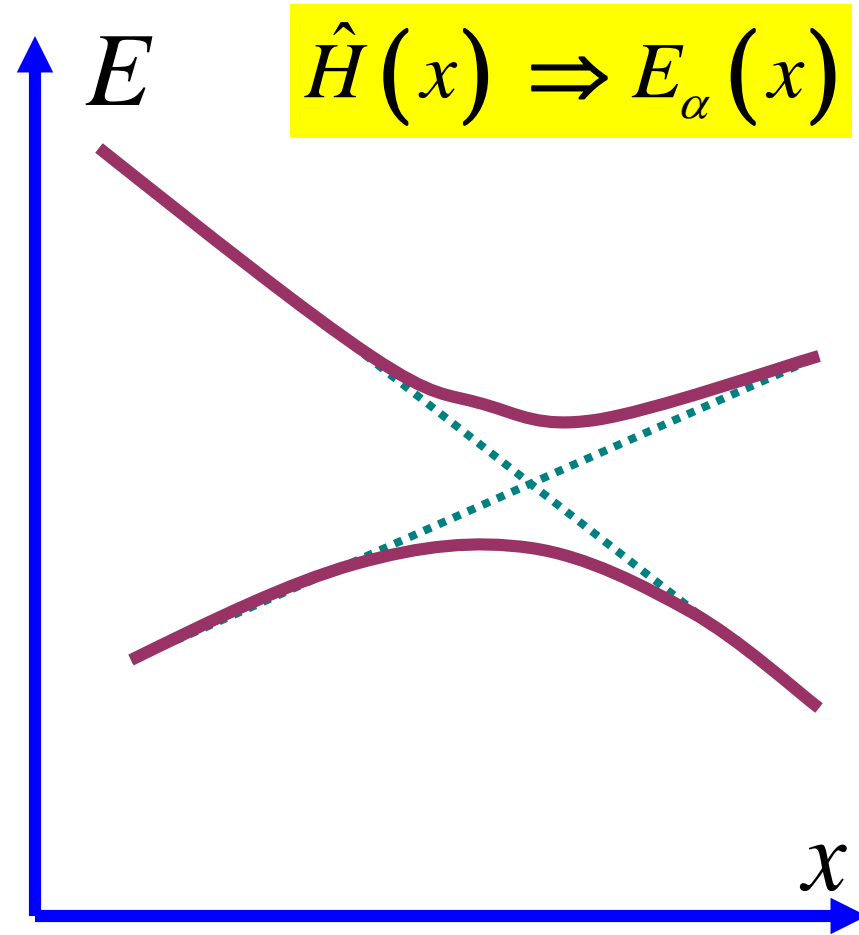
von Neumann & Wigner “noncrossing rule”
Level repulsion



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In general, a multiple spectrum in typical families of quadratic forms is observed only for two or more parameters, while in one-parameter families of general form the spectrum is simple for all values of the parameter. Under a change of parameter in the typical one-parameter family **the eigenvalues can approach closely, but when they are sufficiently close, it is as if they begin to repel one another. The eigenvalues again diverge, disappointing the person who hoped, by changing the parameter to achieve a multiple spectrum.**



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$$\phi_1, \varepsilon_1; \phi_2, \varepsilon_2 \quad \Leftarrow \quad \psi_1, E_1; \psi_2, E_2$$

$$|\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1| \gg I$$

$$\psi_{1,2} = \phi_{1,2} + O\left(\frac{I}{|\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1|}\right) \phi_{2,1}$$

Off-resonance

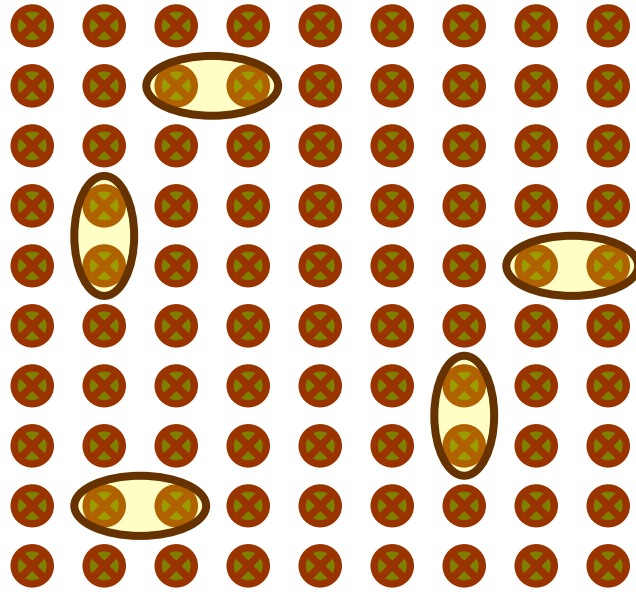
Eigenfunctions are close to the original on-site wave functions

$$|\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1| \ll I$$

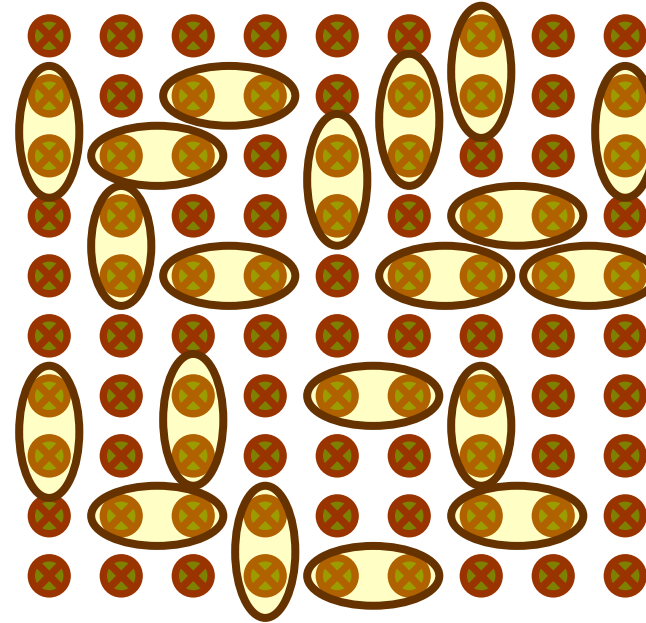
$$\psi_{1,2} \approx \phi_{1,2} \pm \phi_{2,1}$$

Resonance

In both **bonding** and **anti-bonding** eigenstates the probability is equally shared between the sites



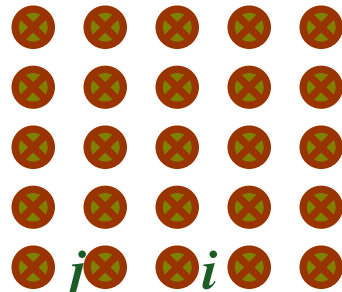
Anderson insulator
Few isolated resonances



Anderson metal
Many resonances and they overlap

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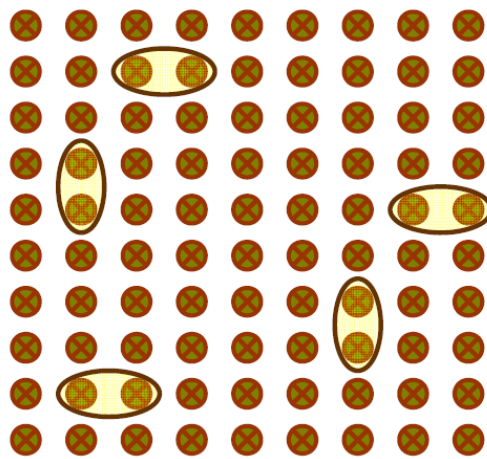
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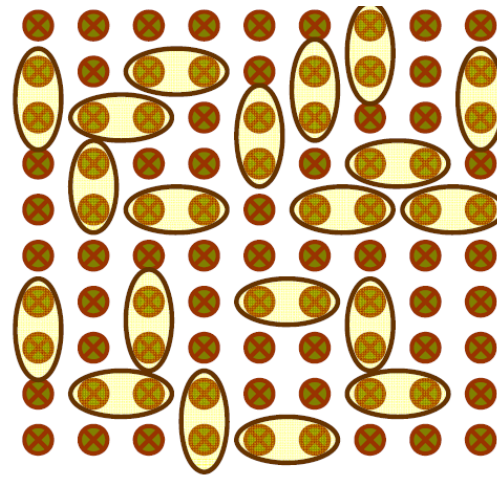
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Condition for Localization:

$$I < \frac{\text{energy mismatch}}{\# \text{ of n.neighbors}}$$

$$\text{energy mismatch} = |\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j|_{typ} = W$$

$$\# \text{ of nearest neighbors} = 2d$$

Transition: Typically each site is in the resonance with some other one

A bit more precise:

$$\frac{I_c}{W} \approx \left(\frac{1}{2d} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\ln d} \right)$$

Logarithm is due to the resonances, which are not nearest neighbors

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**Rule
of the
thumb**

At the localization transition a typical site is in resonance with another one

At the localization transition the hopping matrix element is of the order of the typical energy mismatch divided by the number of nearest neighbors

Anderson's recipe:

Consider an open system (Anderson Model).
Particle escape \longrightarrow "broadening" of each eigenstate

$$E \rightarrow E + i\Gamma; \quad \Gamma \equiv \text{Im} \Sigma$$

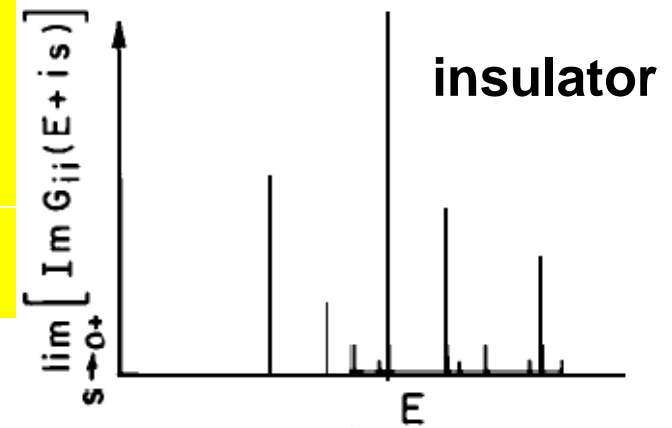
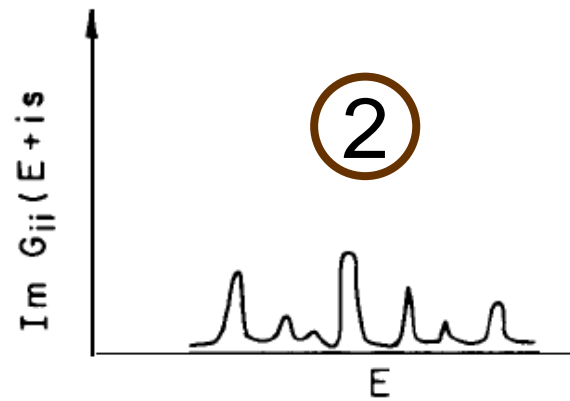
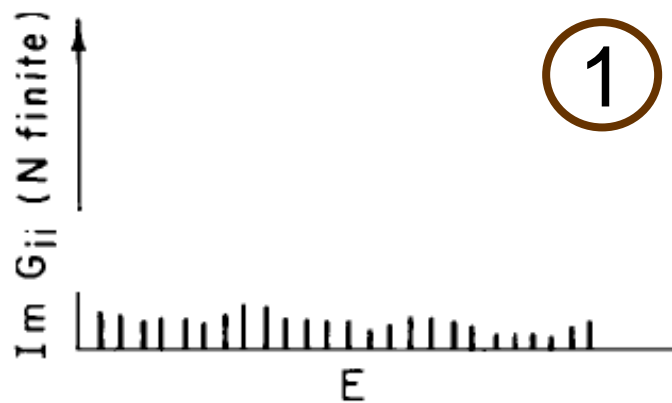
Γ - scape rate (inverse dwell time)

$$I = 0 \Rightarrow \Gamma = 0$$

States localized inside the system - small Γ
Extended states - large Γ

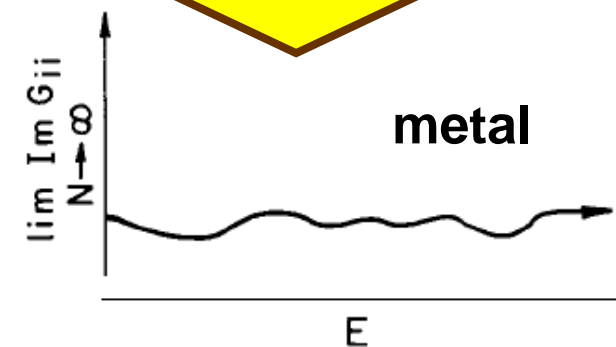
Anderson's recipe:

1. take discrete spectrum E_{ii} of H_0
2. Add an infinitesimal Im part $i\eta$ to E_{μ}
3. Evaluate $Im \Sigma_{\mu}$

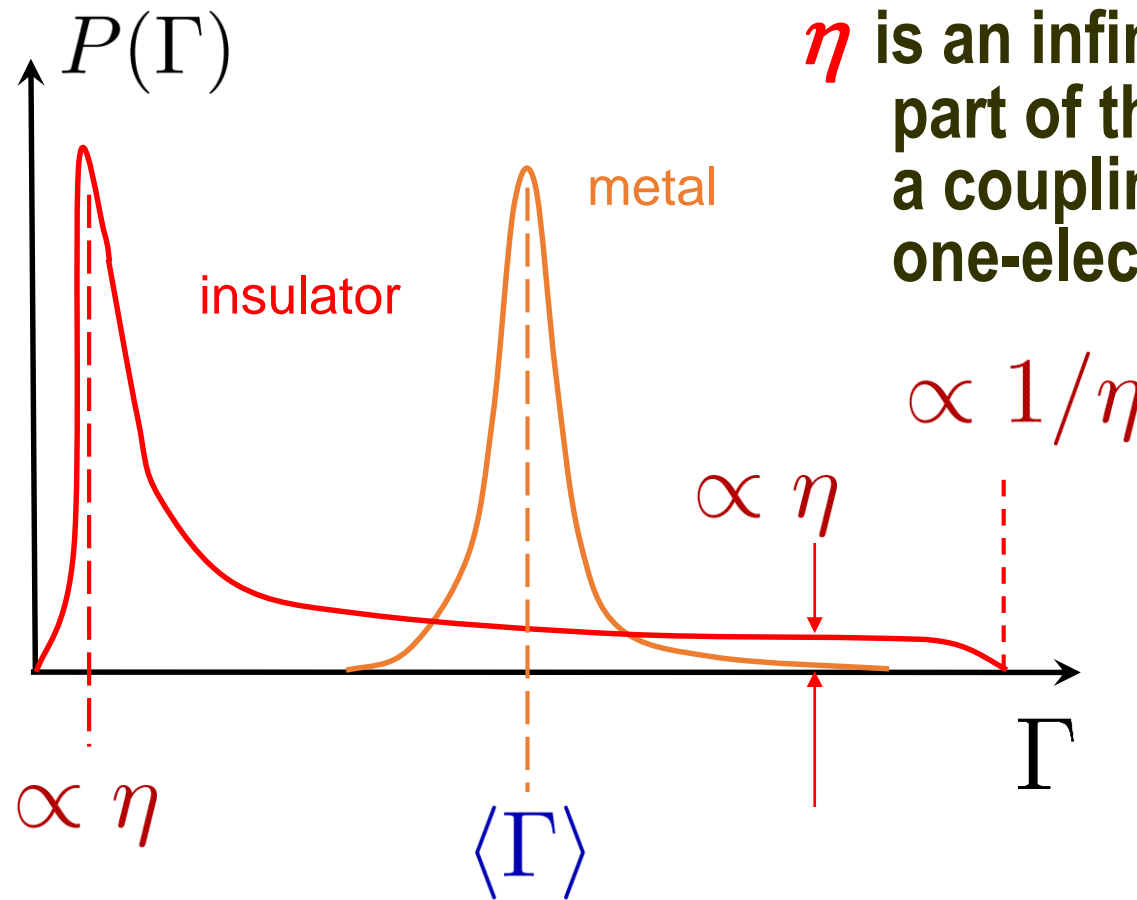


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limits
 1) $N \rightarrow \infty$
 2) $\eta \rightarrow 0$

4. take limit $\eta \rightarrow 0$ but only **after** $N \rightarrow \infty$
5. "What we really need to know is the *probability distribution* of $Im \Sigma$, *not* its average..."



Probability Distribution of $\Gamma = \text{Im} \Sigma$



η is an infinitesimal width (Im part of the self-energy due to a coupling with a bath) of one-electron eigenstates

Look for:

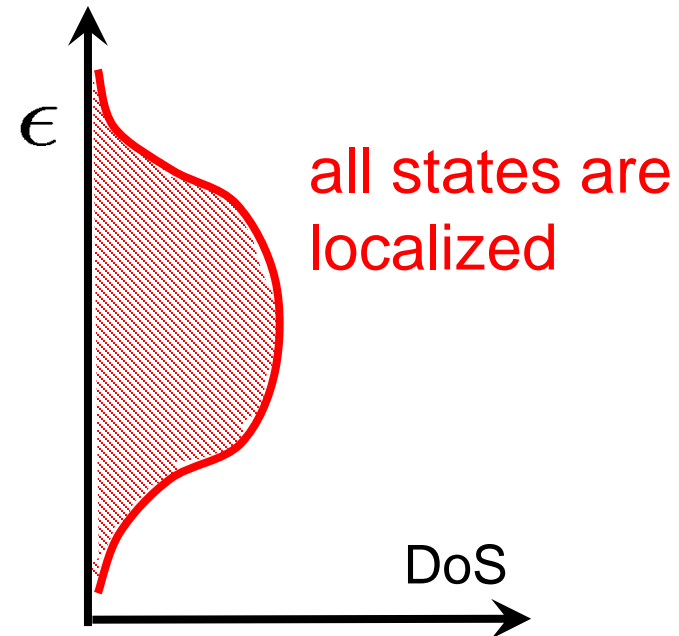
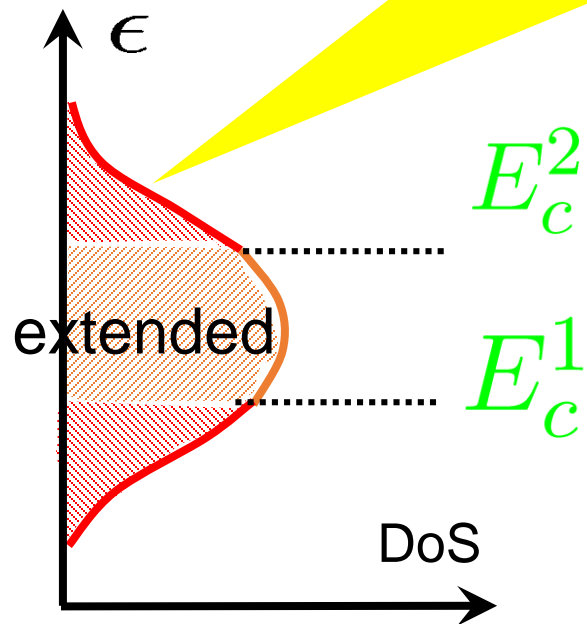
$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} P(\Gamma > 0) = \begin{cases} > 0; & \text{metal} \\ 0; & \text{insulator} \end{cases}$$

Anderson Transition

$$I > I_c$$

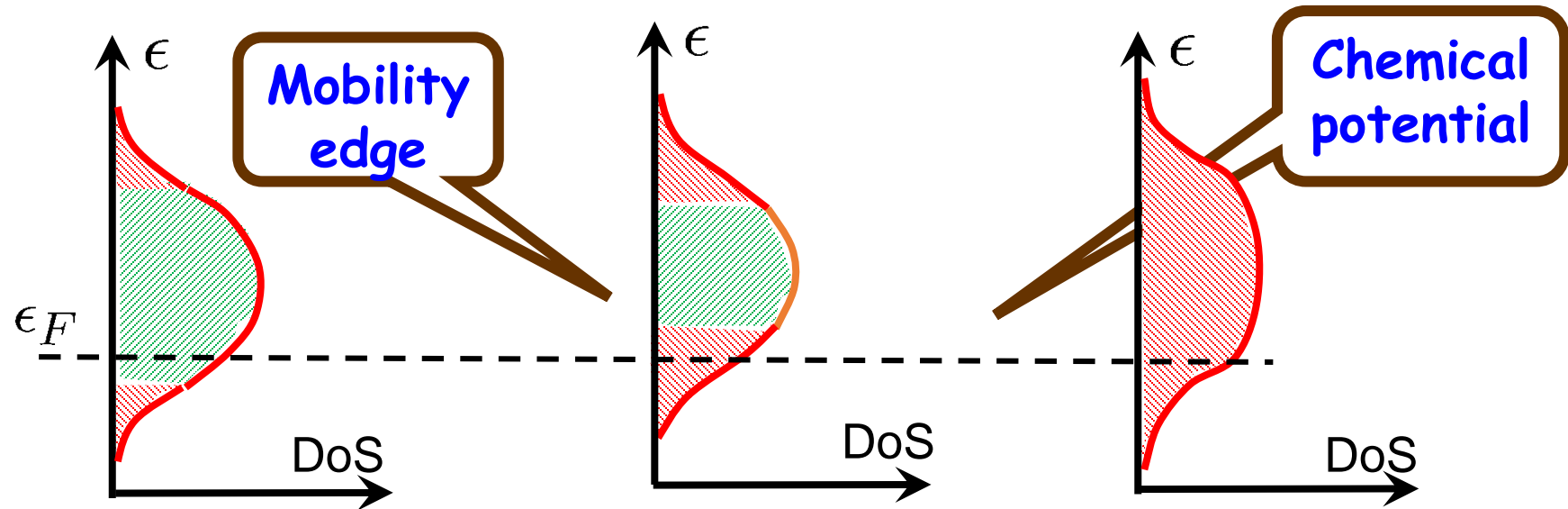
$$I < I_c$$

localized and extended
never coexist!



E_c - mobility edges

Temperature dependence of the conductivity one-electron picture



there are extended states

$I > I_c$

all states are localized

$I < I_c$

Part 3.

*Localization beyond
real space*

Integrability and chaos

Chaos, Quantum Recurrences, and Anderson Localization

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A periodically kicked quantum rotator is related to the Anderson problem of conduction in a one-dimensional disordered lattice. Classically the second model is always chaotic, while the first is chaotic for some values of the parameters. With use of the Anderson-model result that all states are localized, it is concluded that the *local* quasienergy spectrum of the rotator problem is discrete and that its wave function is almost periodic in time. This allows one to understand on physical grounds some numerical results recently obtained in the context of the rotator problem.

Localization in the angular momentum space

Quantum and Classical Dynamical Systems

Large number $d \gg 1$ of the degrees of freedom

Conventional Boltzmann-Gibbs Statistical Physics

Equipartition Postulate

Ergodicity: time average = space (ensemble) average

Chaos

Hamiltonian $H(\{p_i, q_i\})$



$$H = H_0 + \lambda V$$

Integrable Systems

d degrees of freedom
 d integrals of motion

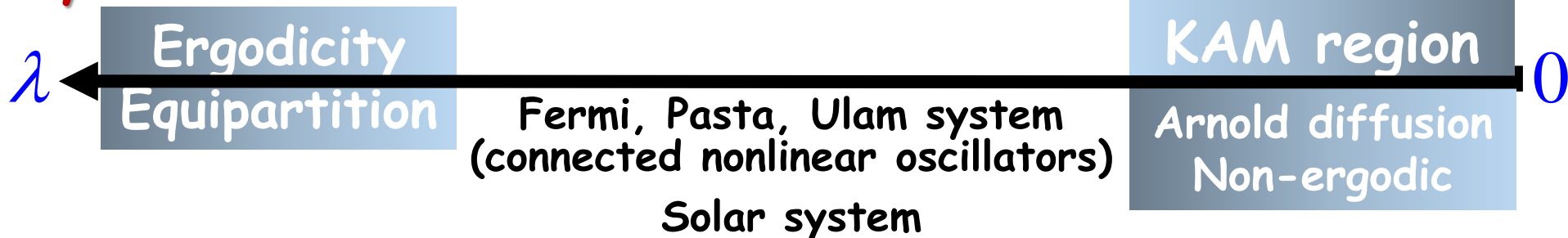
Ergodicity is violated

Invariant tori dimension d

Hamiltonian $H_0(\{p_i, q_i\})$

Energy shell, dimension $2d - 1$

Classical Dynamics

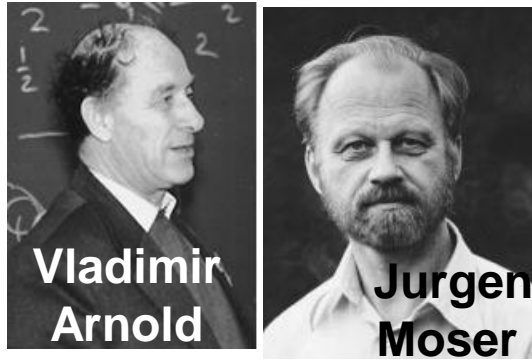
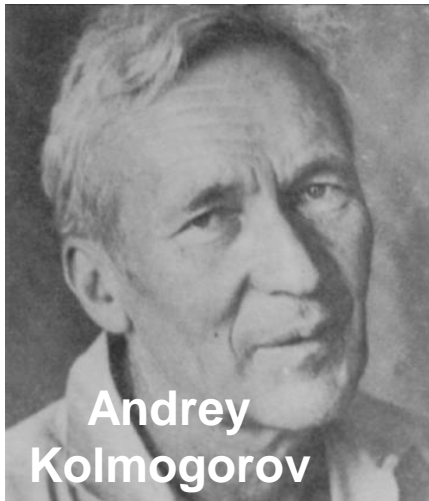


Quantum Dynamics ???

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Kolmogorov – Arnold – Moser (KAM) theory

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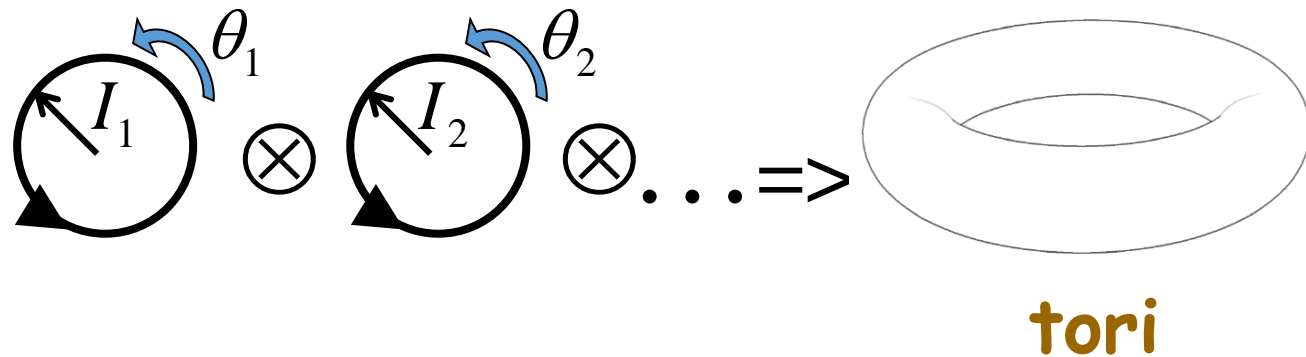
Integrable classical Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_0 \quad d > 1:$$

Separation of variables: d sets of
action-angle variables

$$I_1, \theta_1 = 2\pi\omega_1 t; \dots, I_2, \theta_2 = 2\pi\omega_2 t; \dots$$

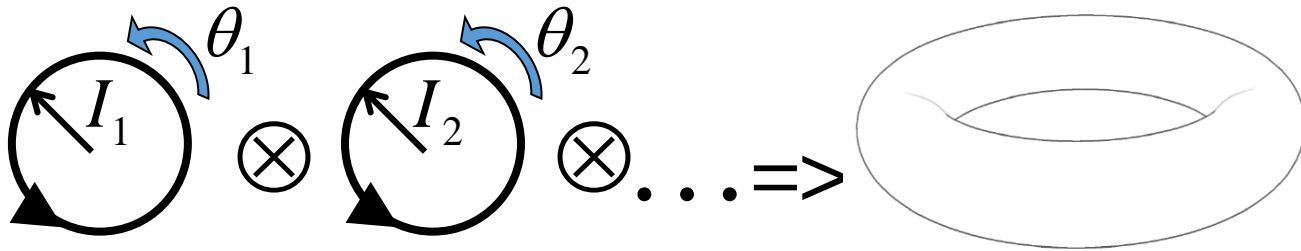
Quasiperiodic motion: set of the
frequencies, $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_d$, which are in
general incommensurate. Actions I_i are
integrals of motion $\partial I_i / \partial t = 0$



Kolmogorov – Arnold – Moser (KAM) theory

A.N. Kolmogorov, Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSSR, 1954.

Proc. 1954 Int. Congress of Mathematics, North-Holland, 1957



Given the set of the integrals of motion $\{I_\mu\}$ all trajectories belong to a torus

Q:

Will an arbitrary weak perturbation \hat{V} of an integrable Hamiltonian \hat{H}_0 destroy the tori and make the motion ergodic (when each point at the energy shell will be reached sooner or later)

?

A:

Most of the tori survive weak and smooth enough perturbations

KAM theorem

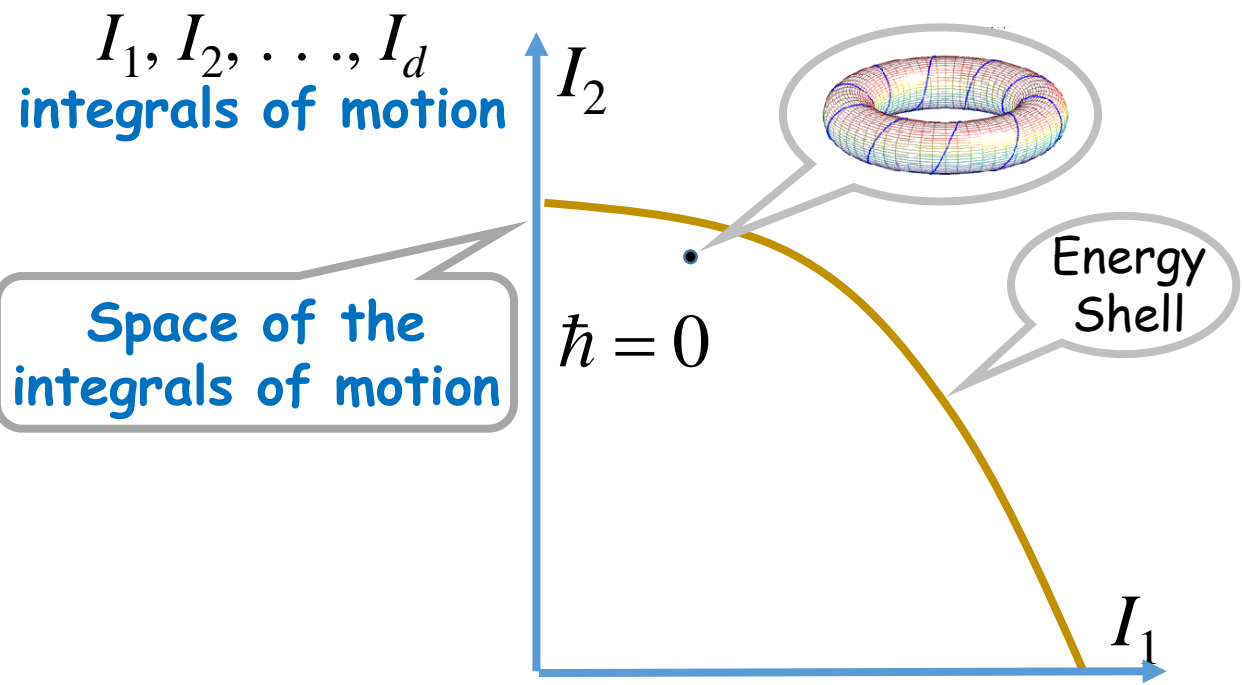
Classical Dynamics:
from KAM to Chaos

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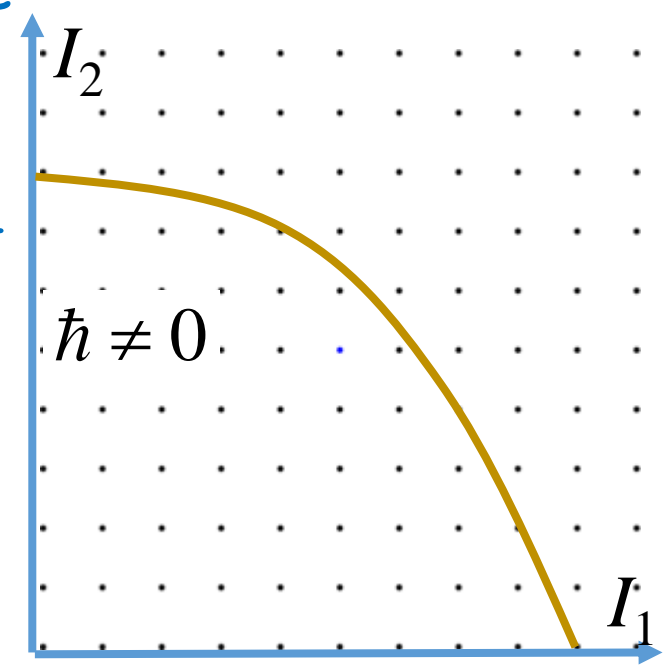
Quantum Dynamics:
Many - Body Localization

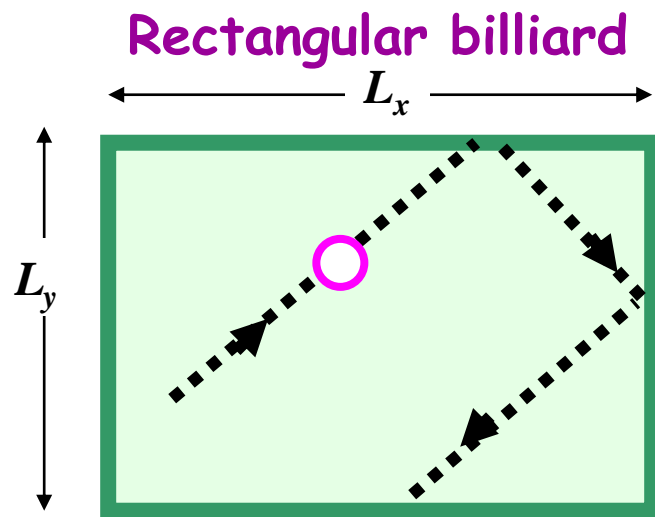
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Quantum, $d \gg 1$ degrees of freedom



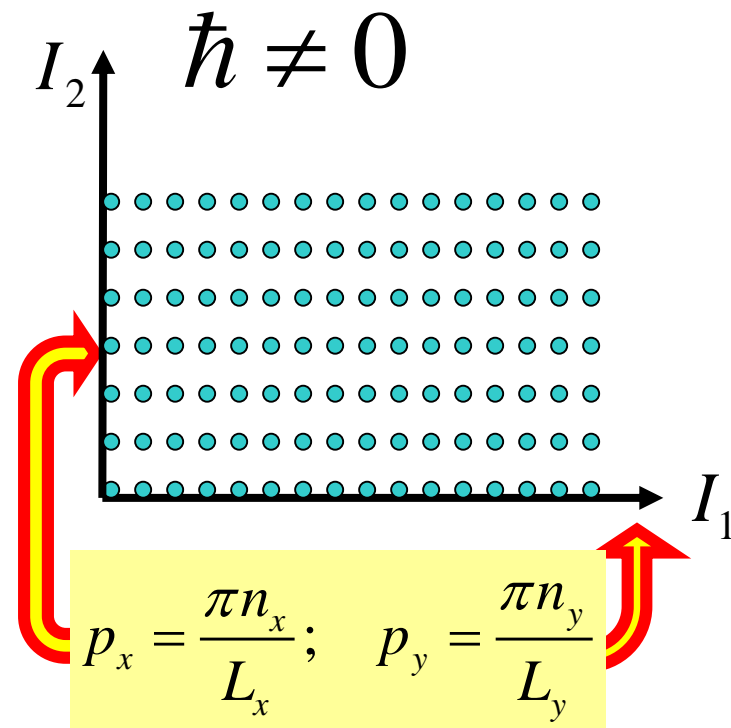
Integrals of motion are
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Form a "lattice".
Sites of the "lattice" -
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Two integrals of motion

$$I_1 = p_x; \quad I_2 = p_y$$



Energy shell:

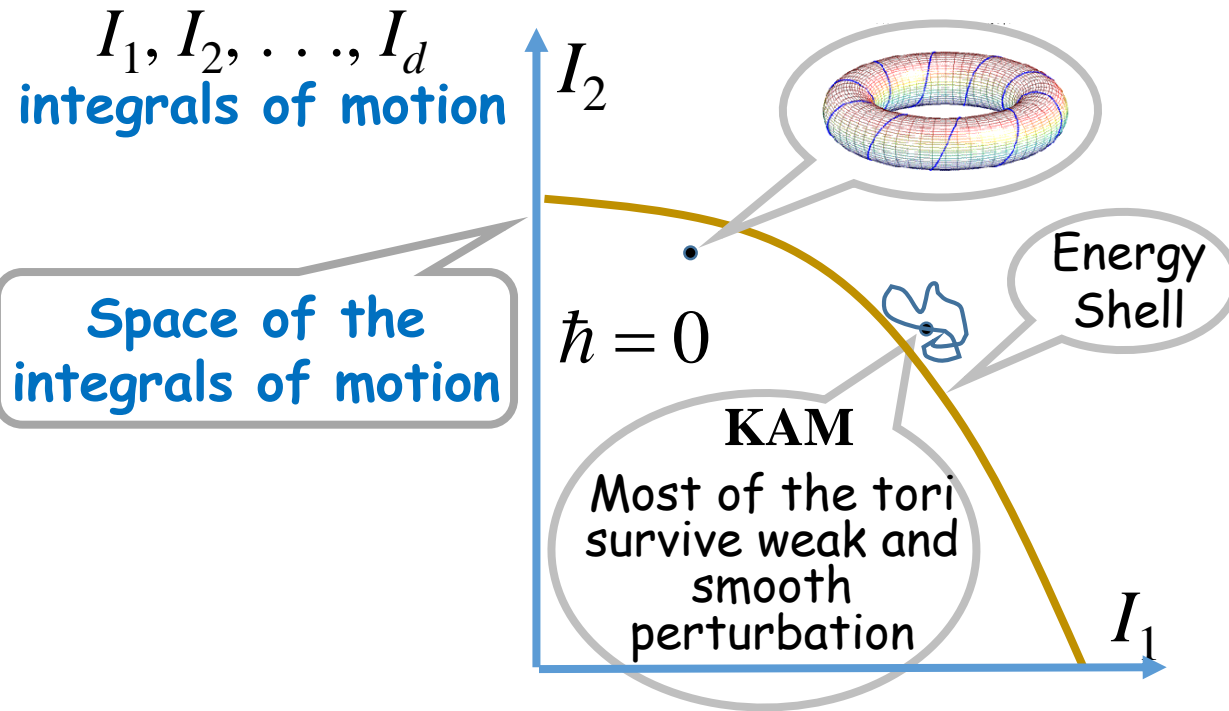
$$p_x^2 + p_y^2 = 2mE$$

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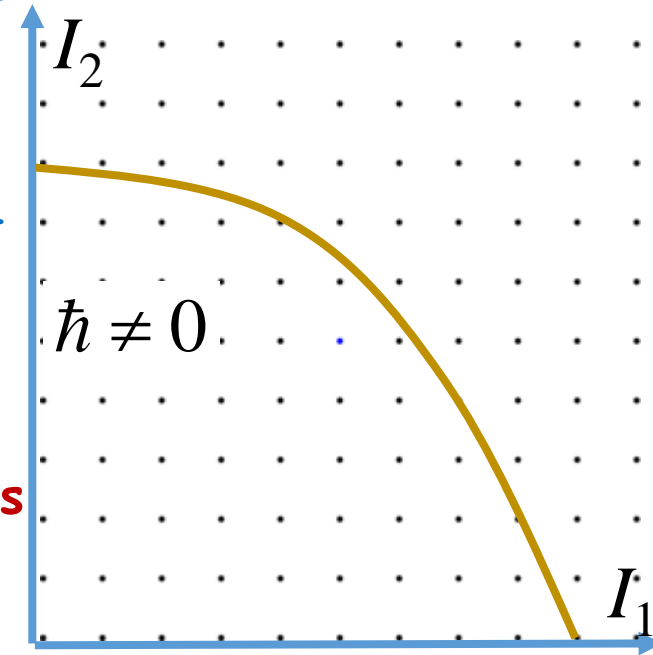


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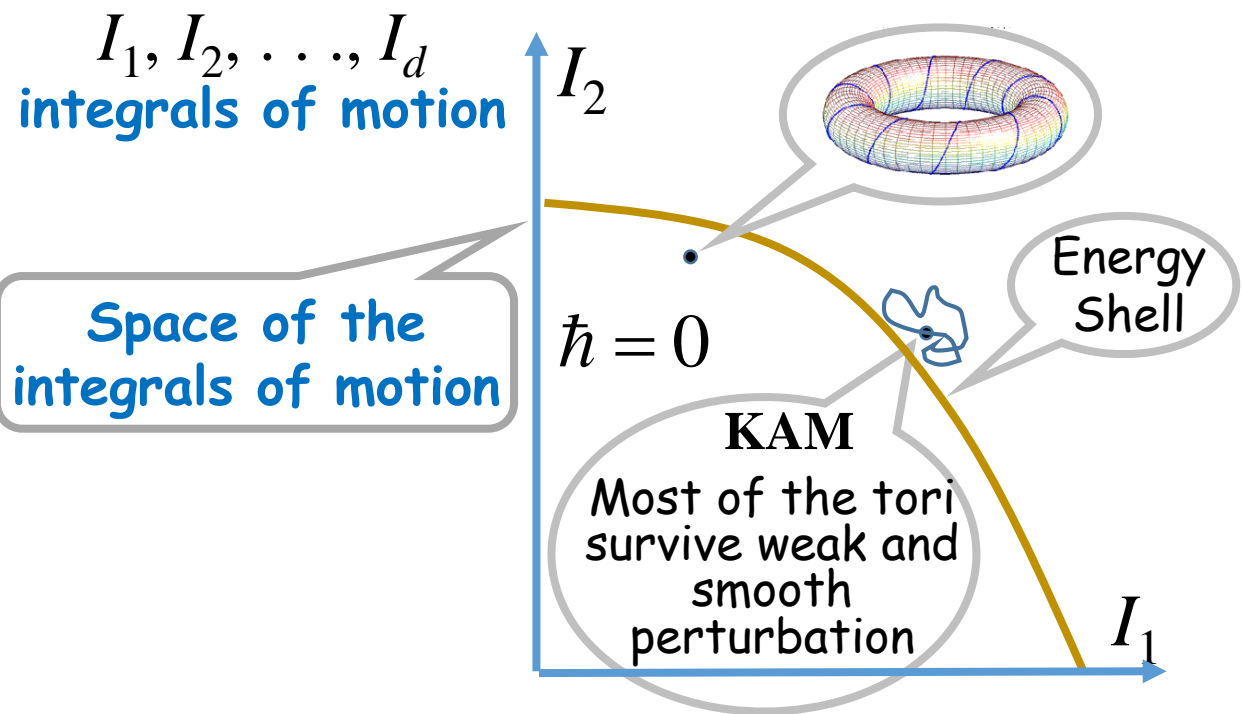
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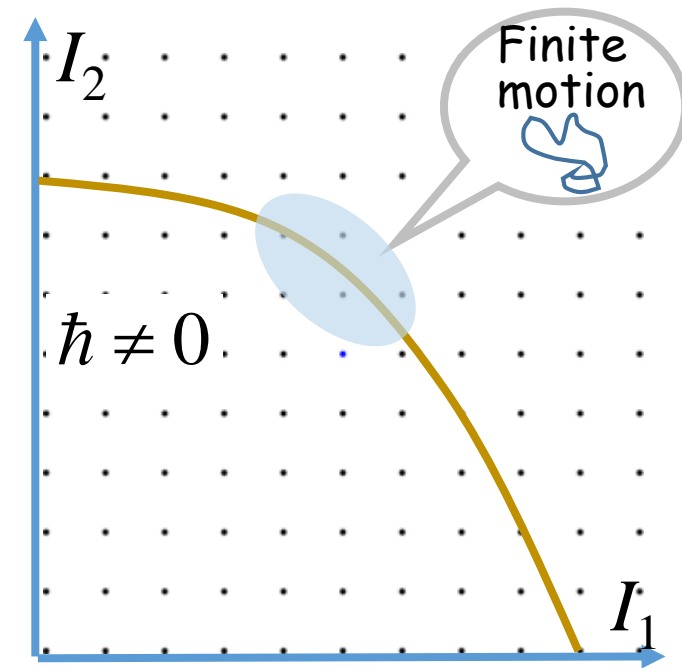
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Wave functions **localized** in the space of quantum numbers

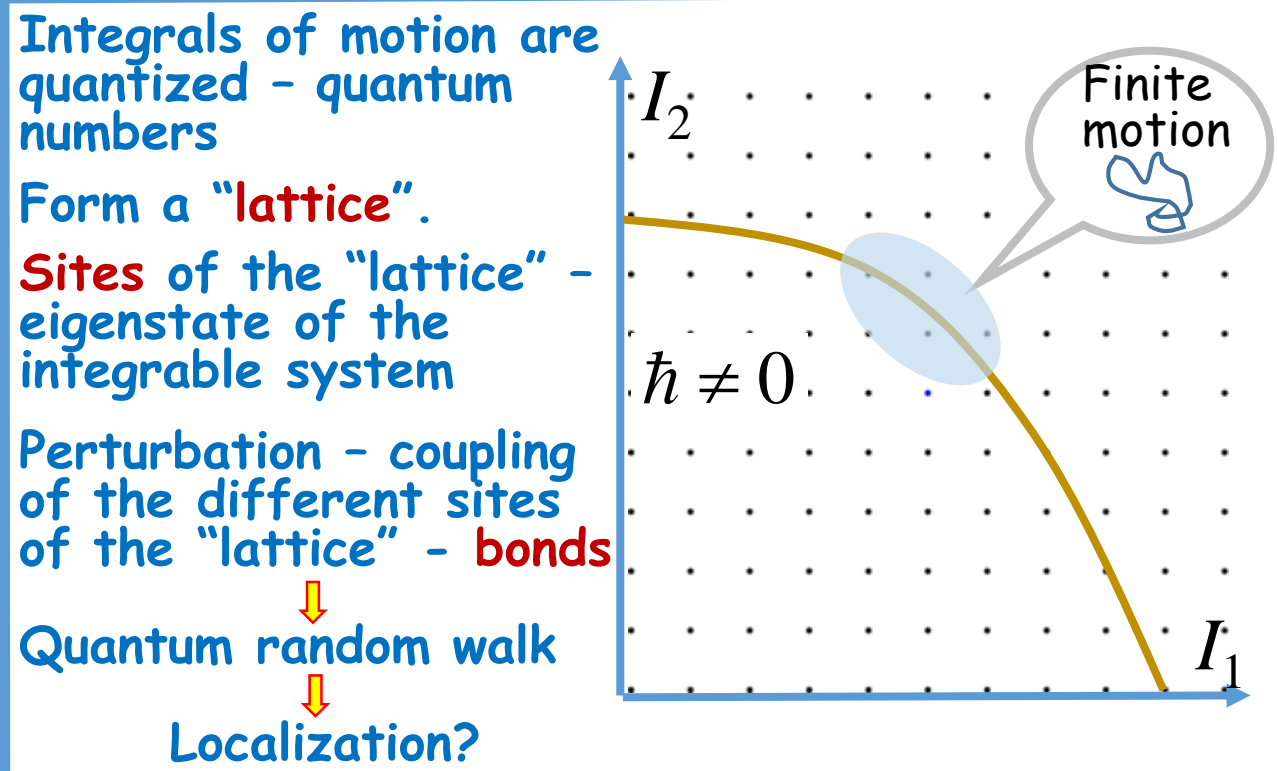
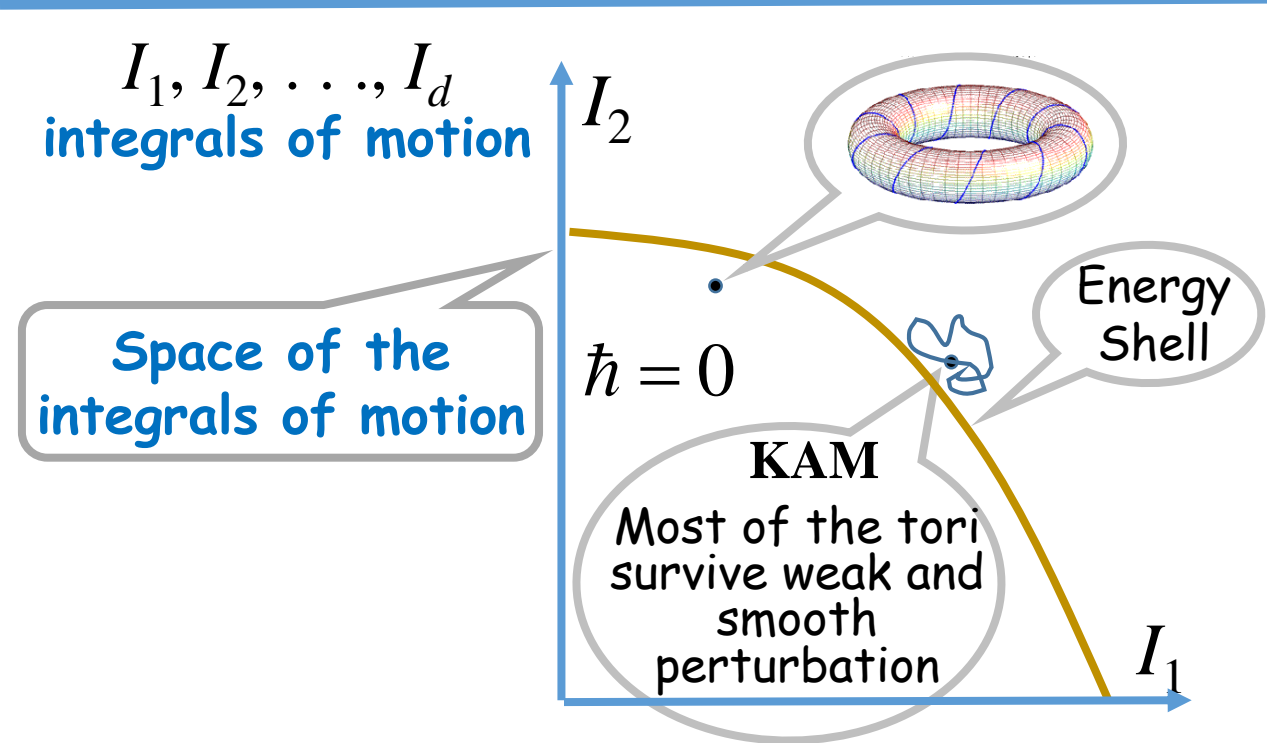


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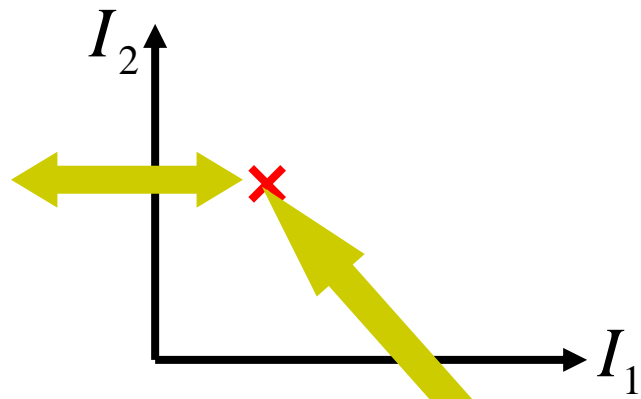
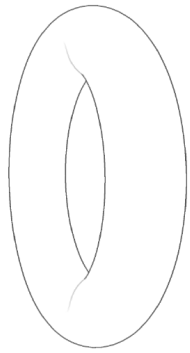
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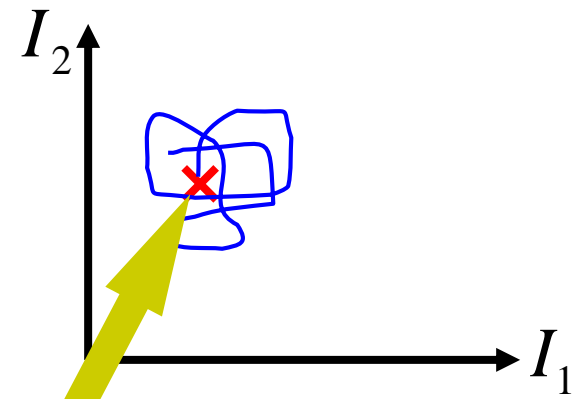
Many - Body Localization is an analog of the Anderson Localization in a finite-dimensional space of a quantum particle subject to a random potential

KAM theorem:

Most of the tori survive weak and smooth enough perturbations



$$\hat{V} \neq 0$$



$$|\mu\rangle_0 = |\vec{I}^{(\mu)}\rangle \quad \vec{I}^{(\mu)} = \{I_1^{(\mu)}, \dots, I_d^{(\mu)}\}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\mu} c_{\mu} |\mu\rangle_0$$

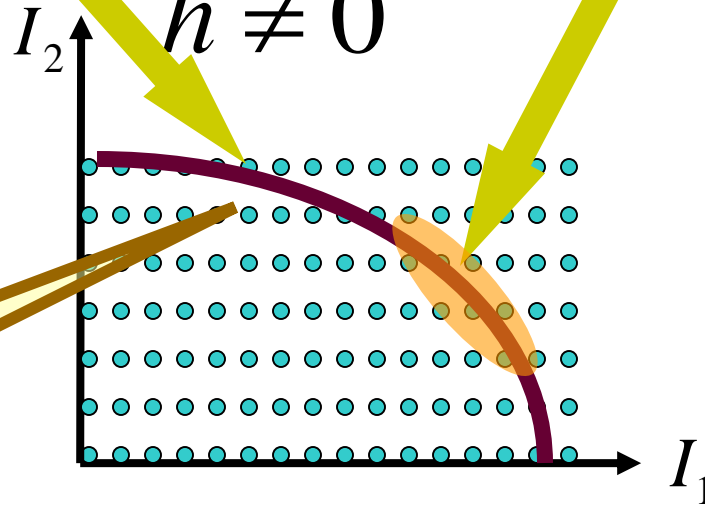
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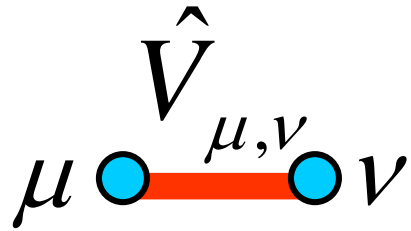
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The integrals of motion are quantized

Energy shell

$$\frac{p_x^2 + p_y^2}{2m} = E$$

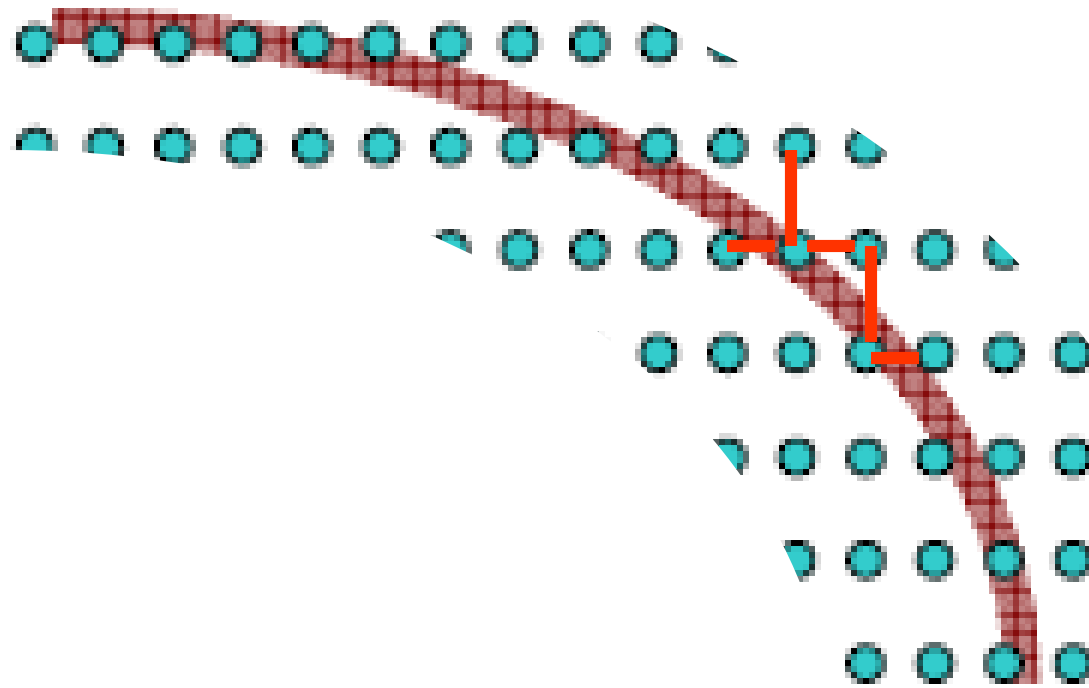




Matrix element of the perturbation

$$|\mu\rangle_0 = |\vec{I}^{(\mu)}\rangle$$

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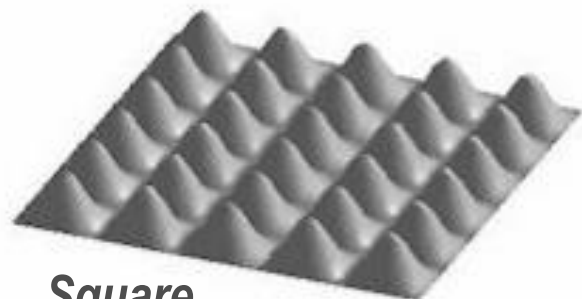


Anderson Model !

AL hops are local - one can distinguish "near" and "far"

KAM perturbation is smooth enough

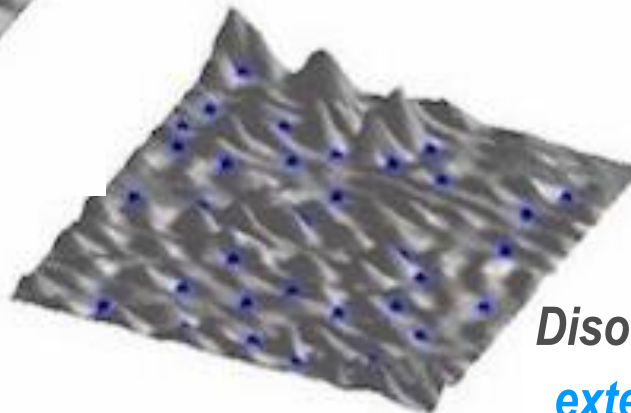
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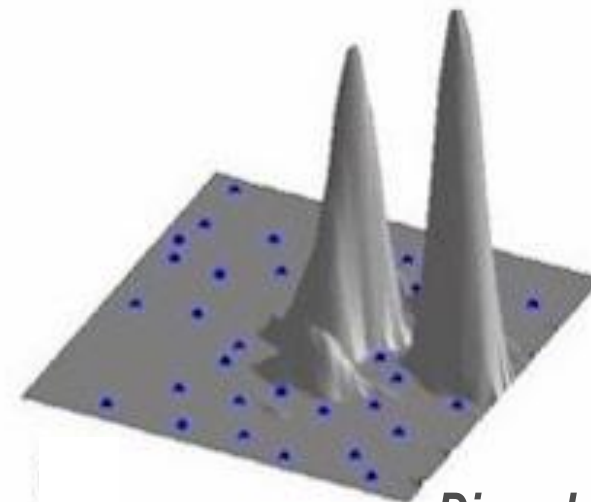
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extended*



*Disordered
localized*

Localized
momentum space

extended

Localized
real space



Glossary

Classical	Quantum
Integrable $H_0 = H_0(\vec{I}); \quad \partial\vec{I}/\partial t = 0$	Integrable $\hat{H}_0 = \sum_{\mu} E_{\mu} \mu\rangle\langle\mu , \quad \mu\rangle = \vec{I}\rangle$
Perturbation $V; \quad \partial\vec{I}/\partial t \neq 0$	Perturbation $\hat{V} = \sum_{\mu, \nu} V_{\mu, \nu} \mu\rangle\langle\nu $
KAM	Localized
Ergodic (chaotic)	Extended ?

Question:

What is the reason to speak about localization if we in general do not know the space in which the system is localized ?

Need an invariant (basis independent) criterion of the localization