

Adiabatic quantum optimization and Anderson localization

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Outline

- 1. Introduction: Adiabatic optimization for NP-complete problems**
- 2. Exact Cover 3 problem**
- 3. Anderson Localization on the hypercube**
- 4. Small gaps in the Adiabatic approach to EC3**
- 5. Exponentially large number of solutions (Knysh and Smelyanskiy, 2010)**

Computational Complexity Classes

P

Polynomial time
 $< N^p$
 N is the size of
the problem

Solution can be
found in a
polynomial time,
e.g. multiplication

NP

Nondeterministic
polynomial time

Solution can be
checked in a
polynomial time,
e.g. factorization

NP

complete

Every NP problem can be
reduced to this problem in a
polynomial time

Cook – Levin
theorem (1971):
SAT problem
is NP complete

Quantum algorithms for NP complete problems ?

Circuit quantum computer - no good ideas

Adiabatic quantum computer - promising

home
what we are trying to build

Quantum Computing
January

The Economist

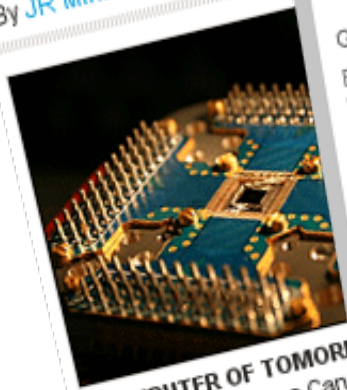
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

February 13, 2007 | 0 comments

First "Commercial" Quantum Computing Solves Sudoku

Quantum computing can solve problems that are intractable for classical computers.

By JR Minkel



COMPUTER OF TOMORROW
D-Wave Systems, a Canadian company, has announced...

The New York Times

Geordie Rose, the founder of D-Wave Systems, says he has created a commercial quantum computer.

By JASON PONTIN
Published: April 8, 2007

DID D-Wave Systems achieve the incredible — a startling advance in computing that would radically expand human capacities for industrial activity and scientific discovery, long before experts believed it possible?

It says it did... concurrently.

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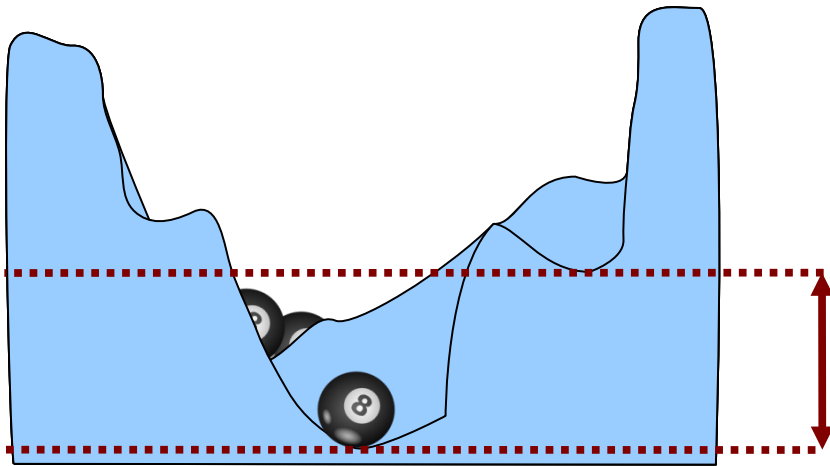
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Slowly varying $\hat{H}(t)$

→ system stays at the ground state

Probability of excitation depends on:

- Total time T (slower is better)
- Gap $\Delta(t)$ (larger gap is better)

Probability to stay in the ground state $\propto \frac{\Delta_{\min}^2}{T}$

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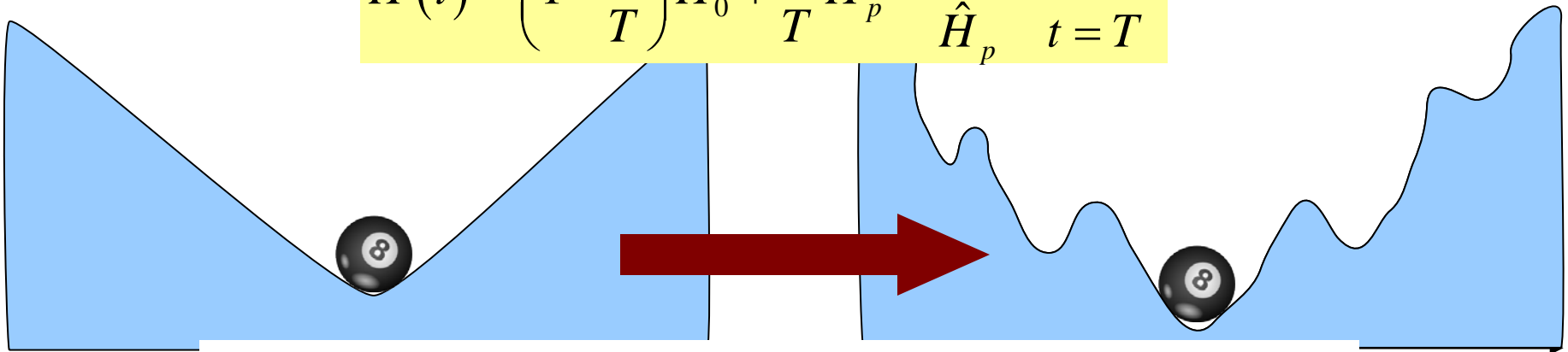
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Problem:

Find minimum of
a function $f(x)$

1. Choose initial Hamiltonian H_0 with known ground state
2. Change Hamiltonian to H_P “matching” $f(x)$

$$\hat{H}(t) = \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right) \hat{H}_0 + \frac{t}{T} \hat{H}_P = \begin{cases} \hat{H}_0 & t=0 \\ \hat{H}_P & t=T \end{cases}$$



T large enough \Rightarrow measuring reveals the minimum

How powerful is it?

- It is quantum! Unstructured search in time

(cf Grover)



[vanDam-Mosca-Vazirani'01,Roland-Cerf'02]

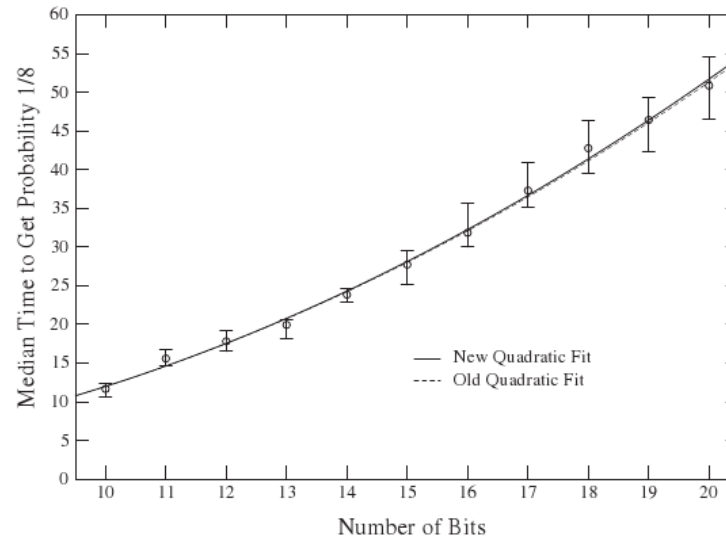
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[Aharonov *et al.*'05]

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- Numerical simulations: promising scaling 
[Farhi *et al.*'00,Hogg'03,Banyuls *et al.*'04,Young *et al.*'08]
- But exponentially small gap
 - for bad choice of initial Hamiltonian [Znidaric-Horvat'06,Farhi *et al.*'08]
 - for specifically designed hard instances [vanDam-Vazirani'03,Reichardt'04]



But maybe **typical** gaps are only polynomial?

1 in 3 SAT = exact cover problem

N bits
laterals
Ising spins
 $\sigma_i = \pm 1$
 $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

M clauses $\{i_c, j_c, k_c\}$
 $c = 1, 2, \dots, M$
 $1 \leq i_c, j_c, k_c \leq N$

Definition

Clause c is **satisfied**
if one of the three
spins is down and
other two are up

$$\sigma_{i_c} = -1, \quad \sigma_{j_c} = 1, \quad \sigma_{k_c} = 1$$

or

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Otherwise the clause is **not satisfied**

Task: to **satisfy** all M clauses

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Important:

We will considering ensemble of randomly selected clauses, not some families of artificially designed instances

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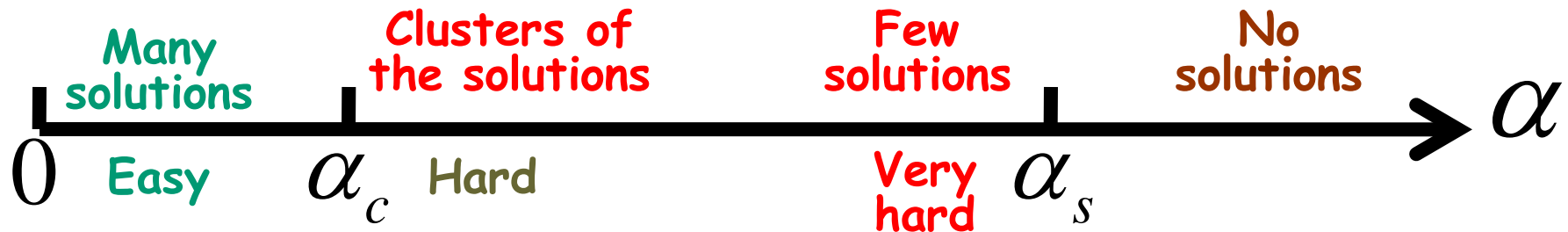
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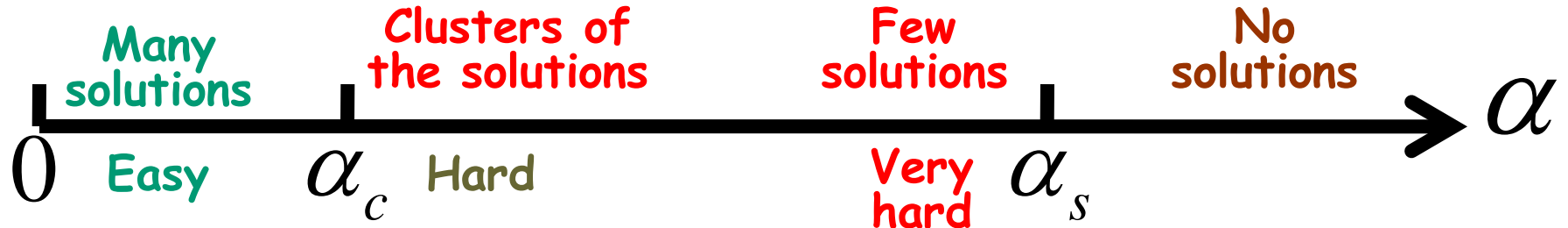
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α_c clustering threshold

α_s satisfiability threshold

$$0.546 < \alpha_s < 0.644$$

J. Raymond, A. Sportiello, & L. Zdeborova,
Physical Review E 76, 011101 (2007).

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{i_c} = -1, \sigma_{j_c} = 1, \sigma_{k_c} = 1 \\ \sigma_{i_c} = 1, \sigma_{j_c} = -1, \sigma_{k_c} = 1 \\ \sigma_{i_c} = 1, \sigma_{j_c} = 1, \sigma_{k_c} = -1 \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow (\sigma_{i_c} + \sigma_{j_c} + \sigma_{k_c} - 1)^2 = 0$$

Otherwise $(\sigma_{i_c} + \sigma_{j_c} + \sigma_{k_c} - 1)^2 > 0$

Solutions $\{\sigma_i\}$ and only solutions are zero energy **ground states** of the Hamiltonian

$$H_p = \sum_{c=1}^M \frac{(\sigma_{i_c} + \sigma_{j_c} + \sigma_{k_c} - 1)^2}{4} = \frac{M}{4} - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{B_i}{4} \sigma_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{J_{ij}}{2} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

B_i - number of clauses, which involve spin i

J_{ij} - number of clauses, where both i and j participate

Adiabatic Algorithm for EC3

Recipe: 1. Construct the Hamiltonian

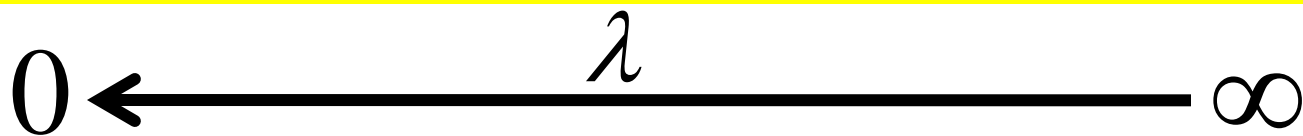
$$\hat{H}_s \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i \right\} \right) = s \hat{H}_p \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i^z \right\} \right) + (1-s) H_0 \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i \right\} \right)$$

2. Slowly change adiabatic parameter s from 0 to 1

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Ising model (determined on a graph) in a random parallel and a uniform **perpendicular field** λ

Adiabatic Algorithm for exact cover

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Another way of thinking:

$\left\{ \sigma_i \right\}$ determines a site of N -dimensional hypercube

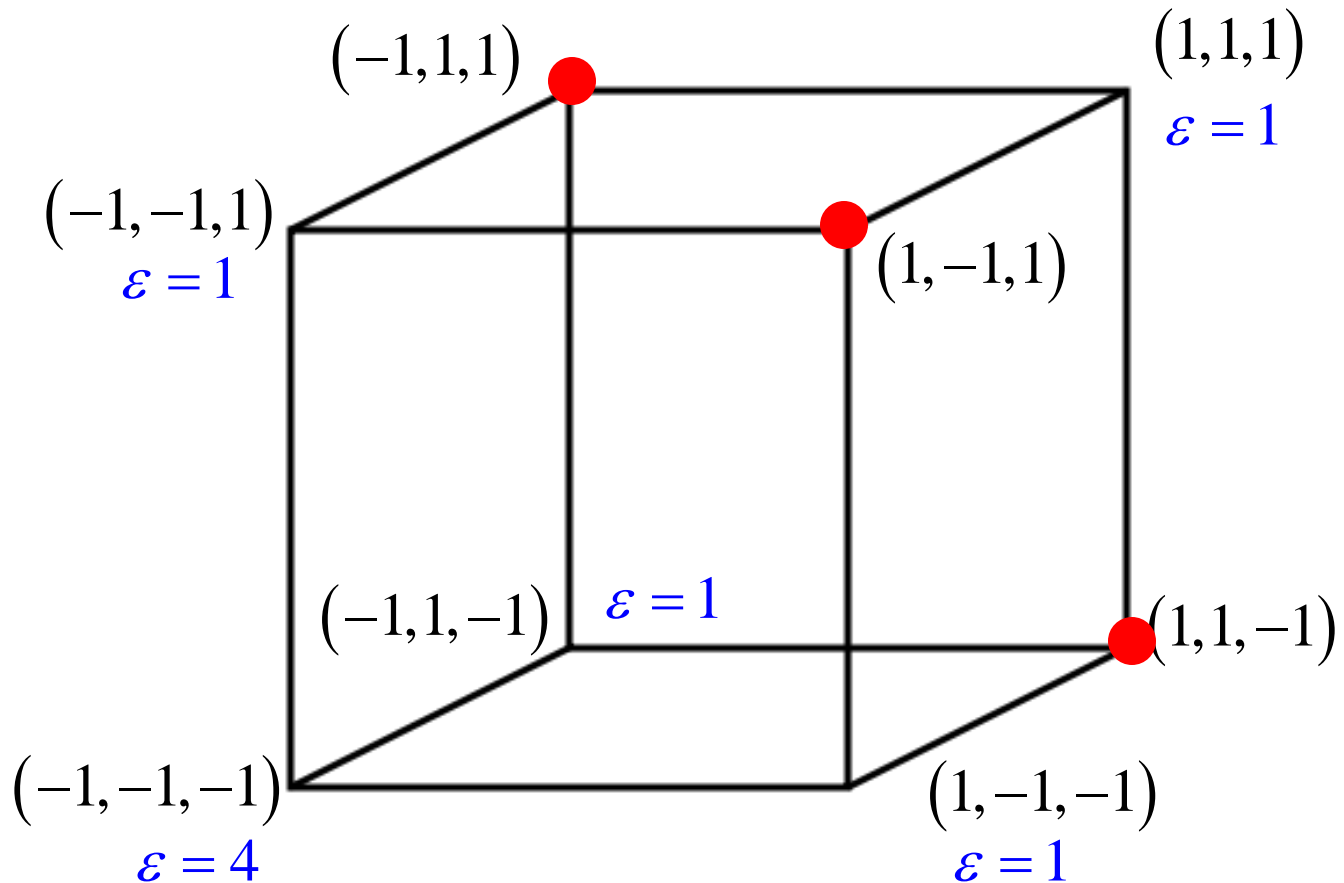
$H_p \left(\left\{ \sigma_i \right\} \right)$
onsite energy

$\lambda \hat{H}_0 \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i \right\} \right) = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\sigma}_i^x$
hoping between nearest neighbors

$\hat{\sigma}^x = \hat{\sigma}^+ + \hat{\sigma}^-$

The simplest example:

3 qubits }
1 clause } \Rightarrow 3d cube, 3 solutions



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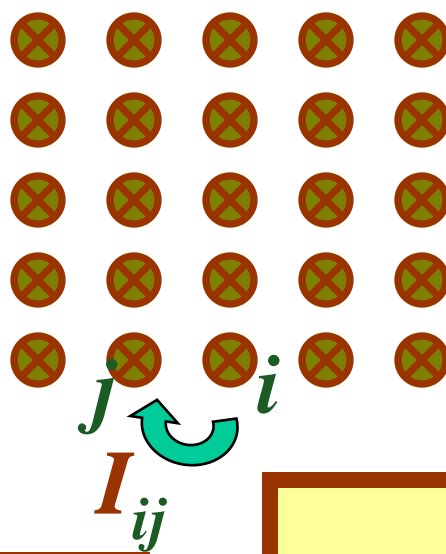
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onsite energy hoping between nearest neighbors

Anderson model for Localization on N -dimensional cube

Anderson Model



- Lattice - tight binding model
- Onsite energies ϵ_i - *random*
- Hopping matrix elements I_{ij}

$$-W < \epsilon_i < W$$

uniformly distributed

$$I_{ij} = \begin{cases} I & i \text{ and } j \text{ are nearest neighbors} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Anderson Transition

$$I < I_c$$

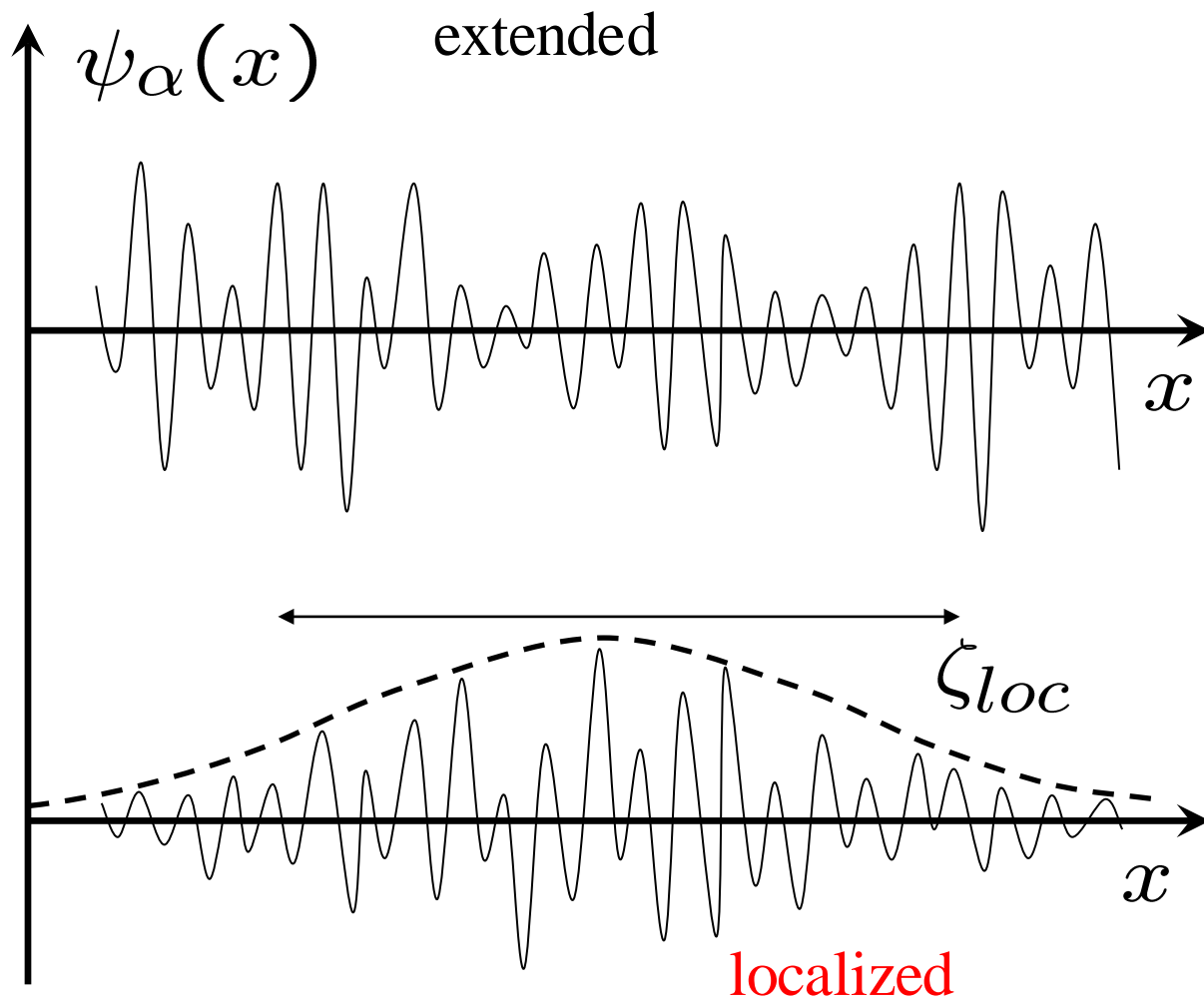
Insulator

All eigenstates are *localized*
Localization length ζ_{loc}

$$I > I_c$$

Metal

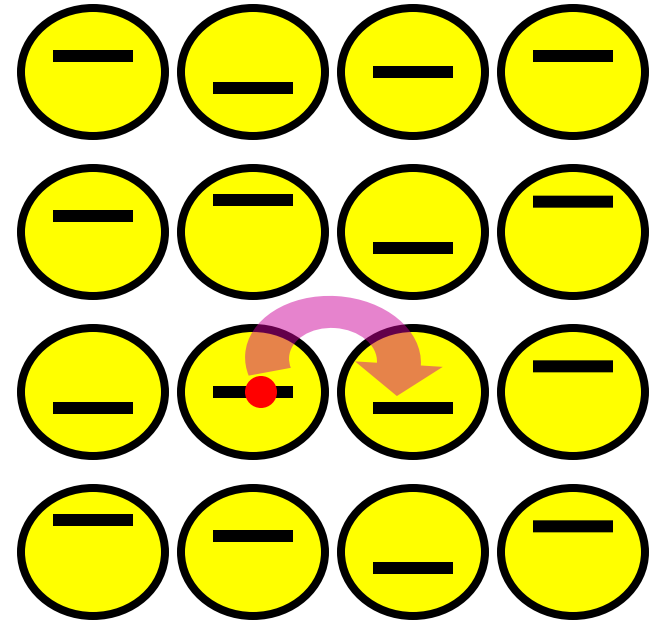
There appear states *extended*
all over the whole system



Conventional Anderson Model

- one "particle",
- one level per site,
- onsite disorder
- nearest neighbor hopping

Basis: $|i\rangle$, i labels sites



Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{V}$$

$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_i \varepsilon_i |i\rangle\langle i|$$

$$\hat{V} = \sum_{i,j=n.n.} I |i\rangle\langle j|$$

Adiabatic Quantum Algorithm for 1 in 3 SAT

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Anderson Model on N -dimensional cube

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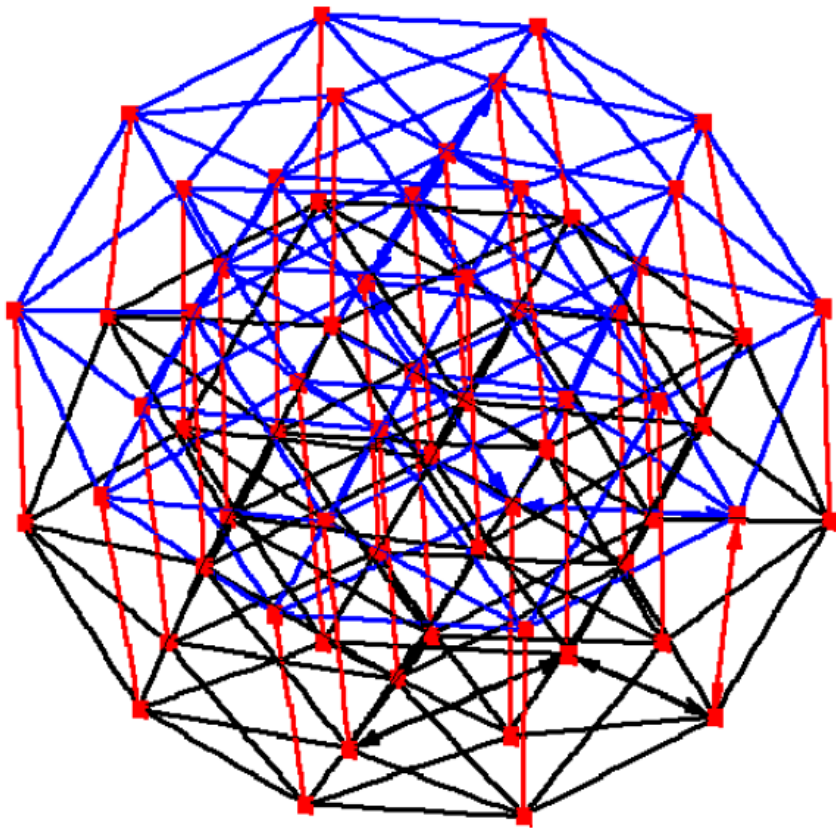
of dimensions $d \rightarrow \text{const}$

system linear size $L \rightarrow \infty$

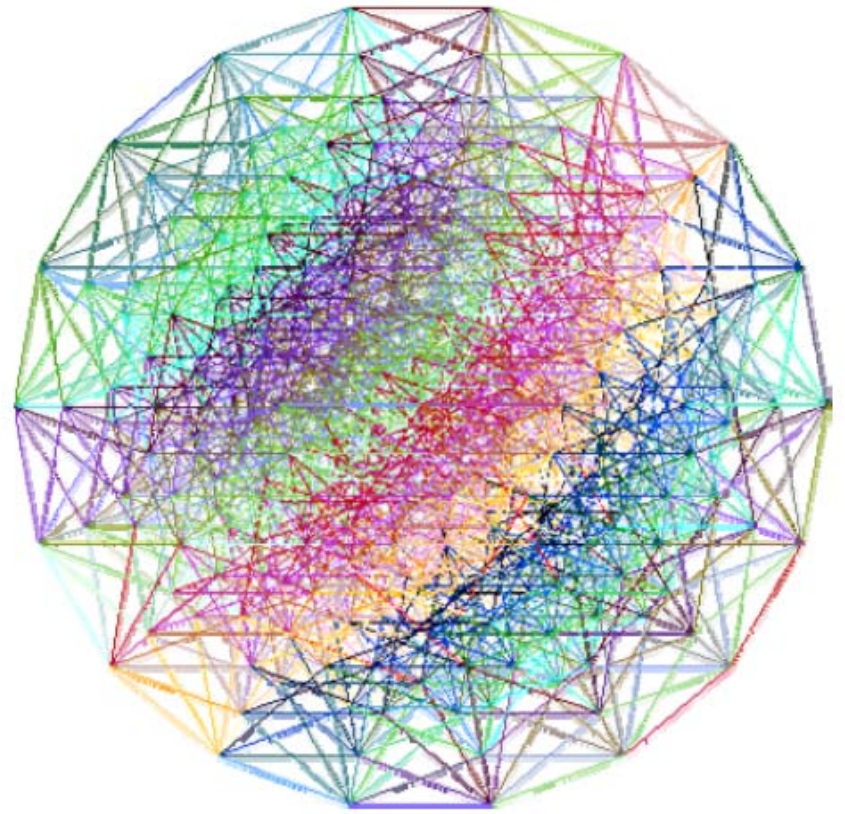
Here:

of dimensions $d = N \rightarrow \infty$

system linear size $L = 1$

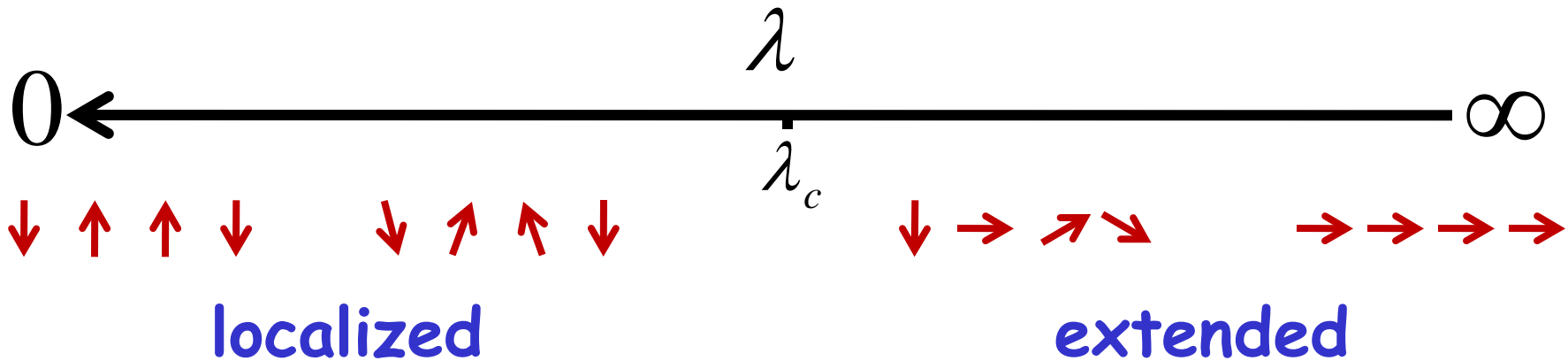


6-dimensional cube



9-dimensional cube

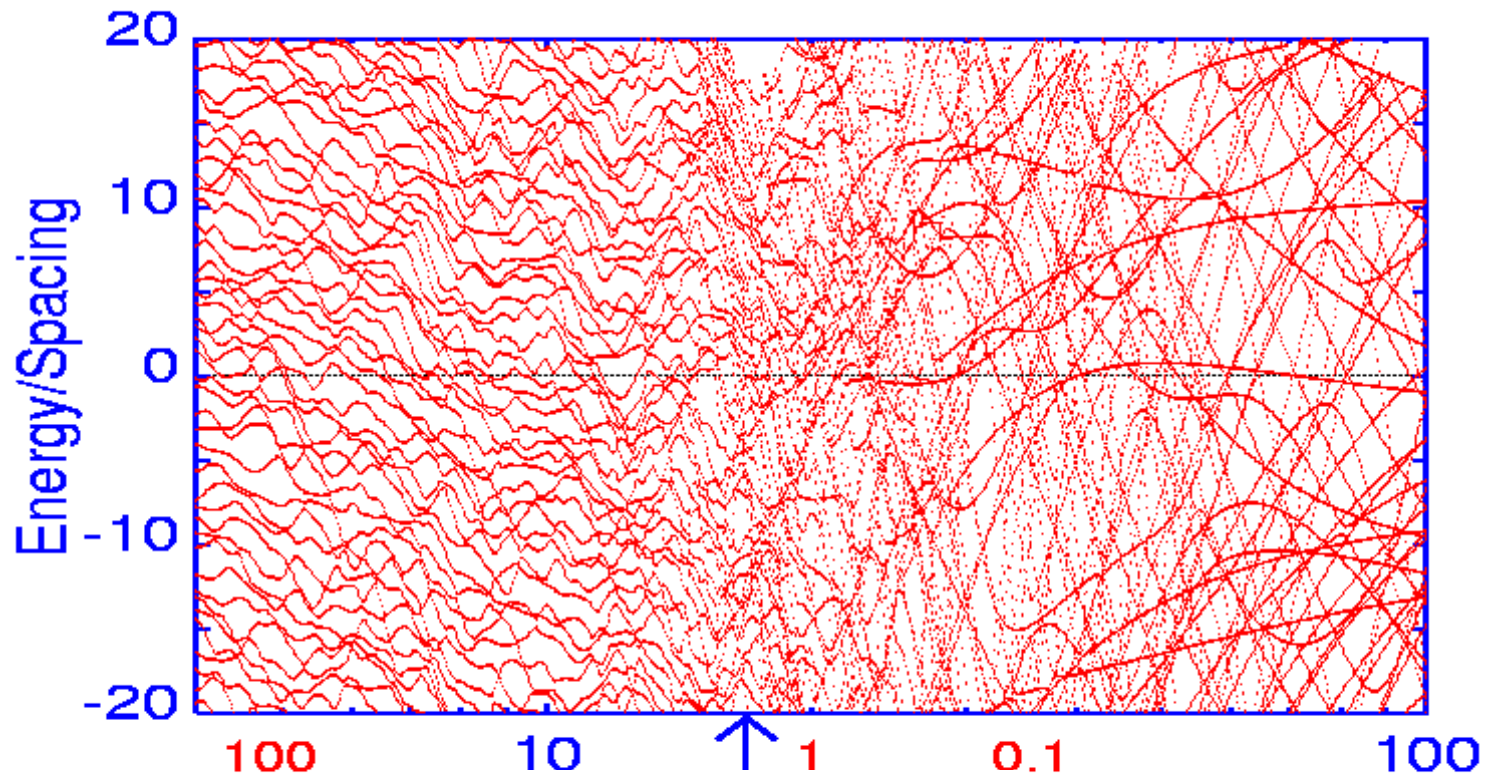
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Zharekeshev & Kramer.

Exact diagonalization of the Anderson model

3D cube of volume 20x20x20



Disorder $W \sim \lambda^{-1}$

Avoided
crossing
gaps

• extended



large

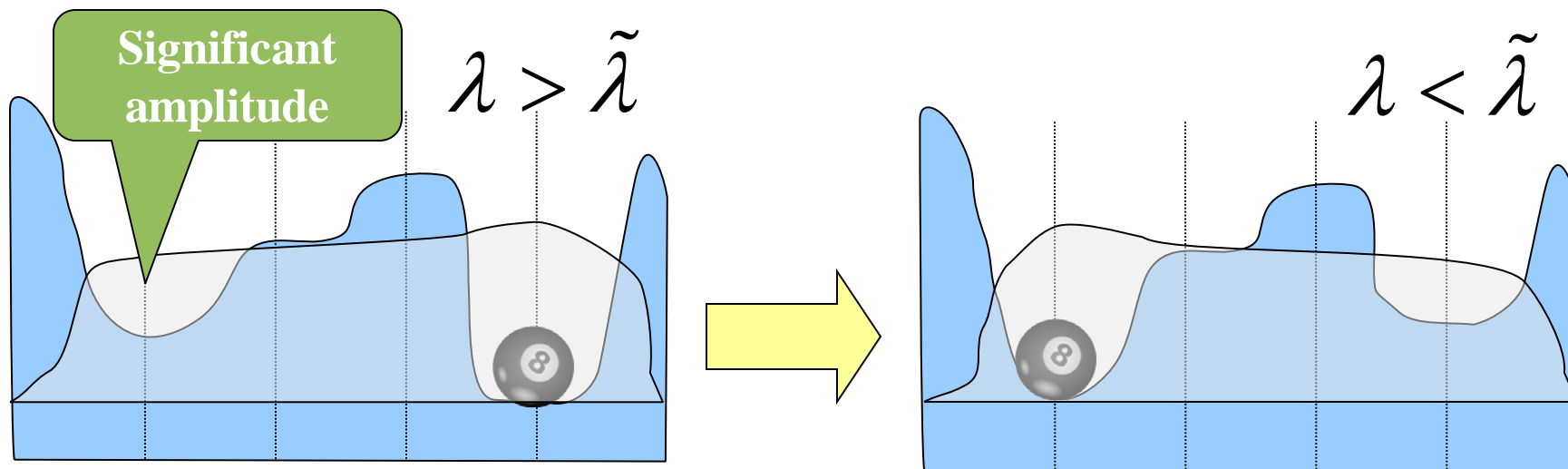
• localized



small

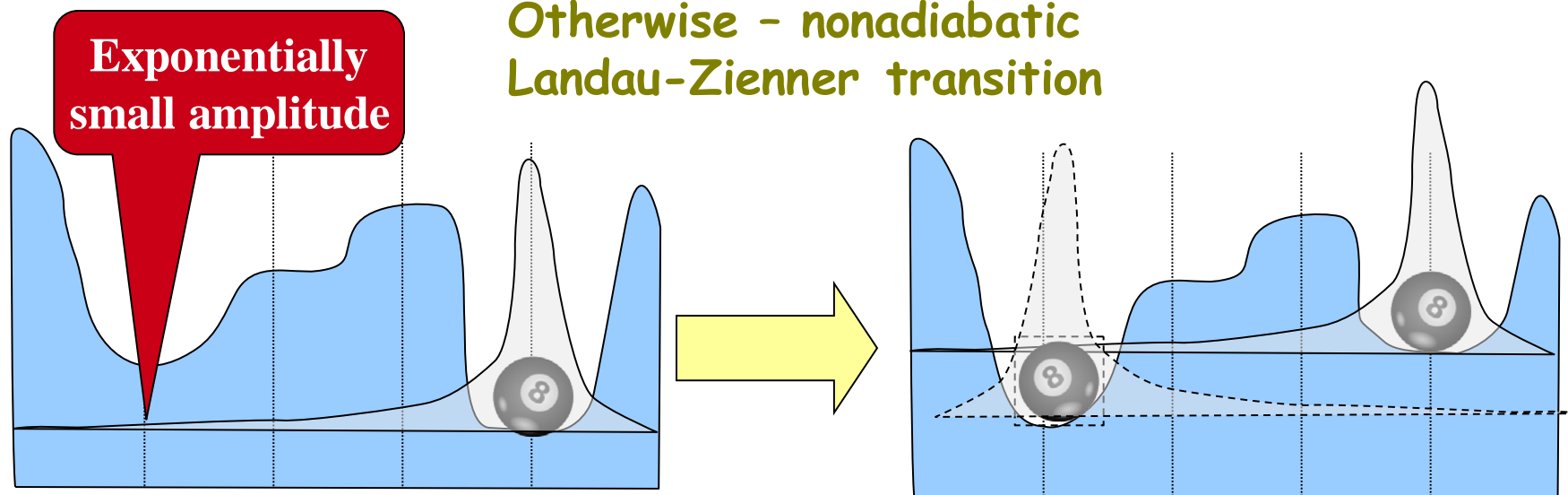
Adiabatic transition:

1. Extended states – can be performed quickly



2. Localized states – need exponentially long time

Otherwise - nonadiabatic
Landau-Zienner transition



Localized
states

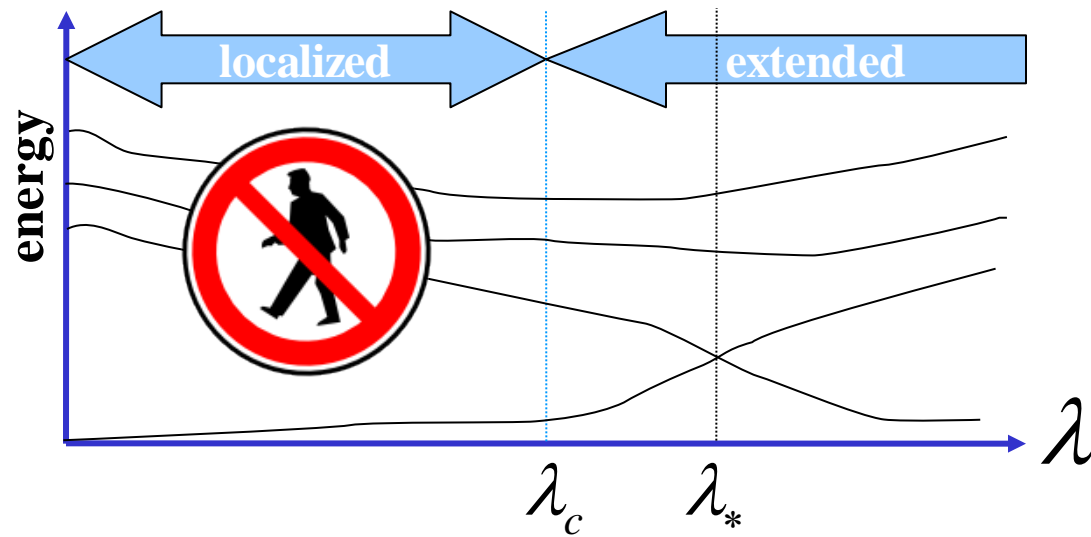


Exponentially
long tunneling
times



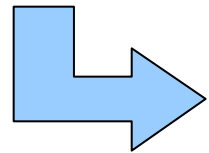
Exponentially
small anticrossing
gaps

**Our
result:**

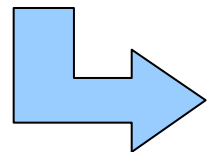


As the size of the problem N increases

- 1) Anderson localization would imply $\lambda_c = \Omega(1/\log N)$
- 2) Anti-crossings between solutions and not-solutions - as long as λ exceeds $\lambda_* \approx (CN)^{-1/8}$



For $N > (C\lambda_c^8)^{-1}$ we have $\lambda_* < \lambda_c$



The algorithm fails (stuck in a local minimum)

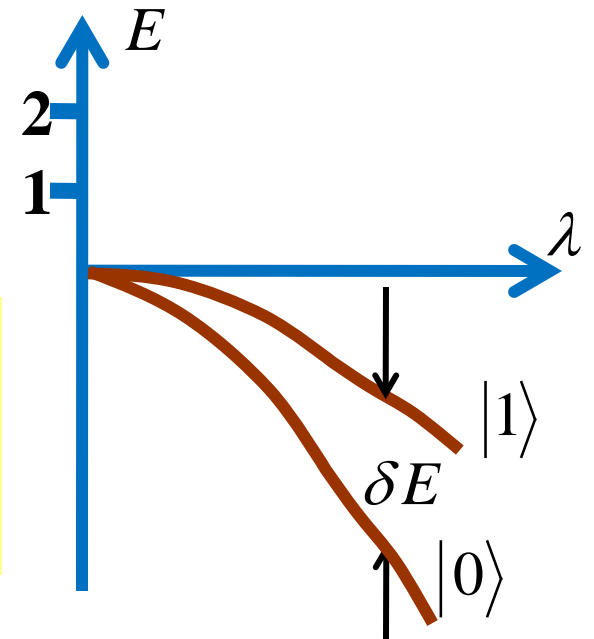
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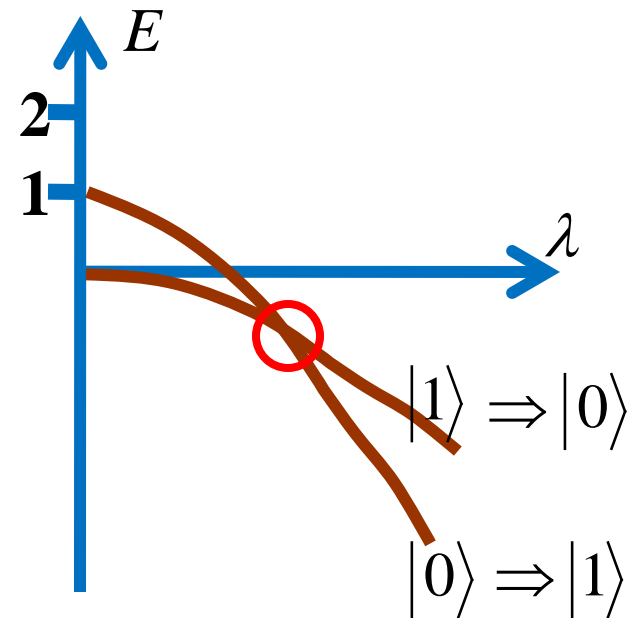
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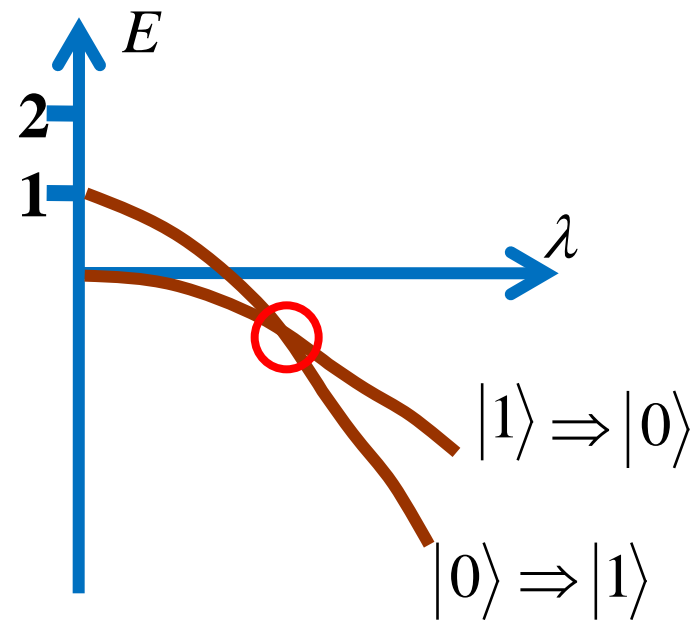
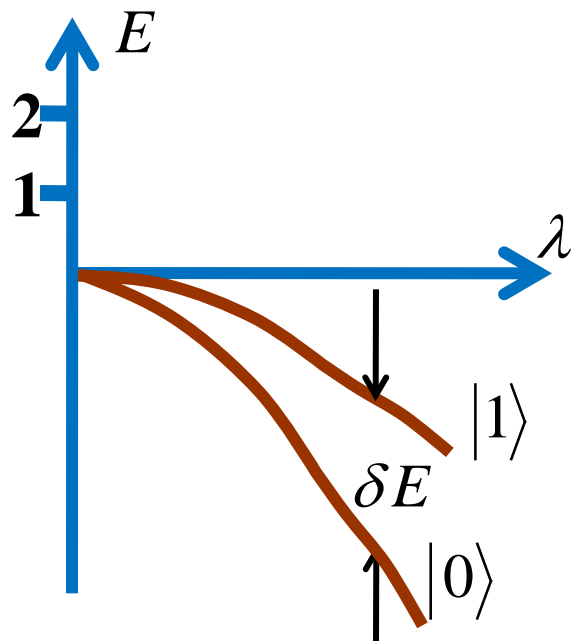
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Q1: Is the splitting δE big enough for $|0\rangle$ to remain the ground state at large λ ?

Q2: How big would be the anticrossing gap ?

Q1:

Is the splitting δE big enough for $|0\rangle$ to remain the ground state at large λ ?

Perturbation theory in λ

$$E_\alpha(\lambda) = N \sum_k \lambda^{2k} C_k^{(\alpha)}$$

$$N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{M}{N} \rightarrow \alpha = \text{const}$$

$\} \Rightarrow E_\alpha(\lambda) \propto N \Rightarrow$ Cluster expansion:
 $\sim N$ terms of order **1**

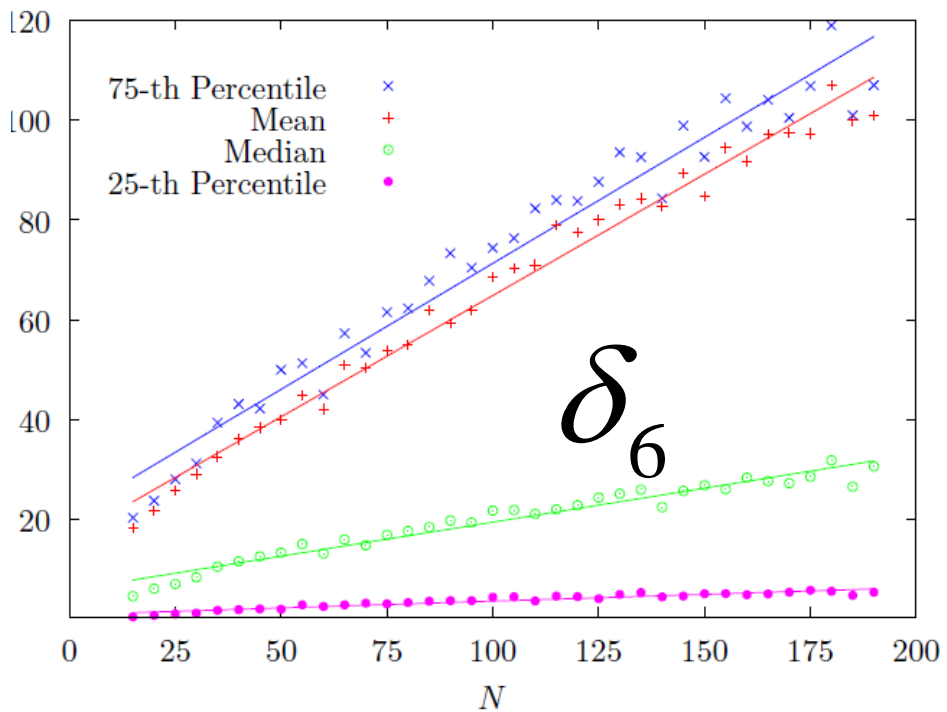
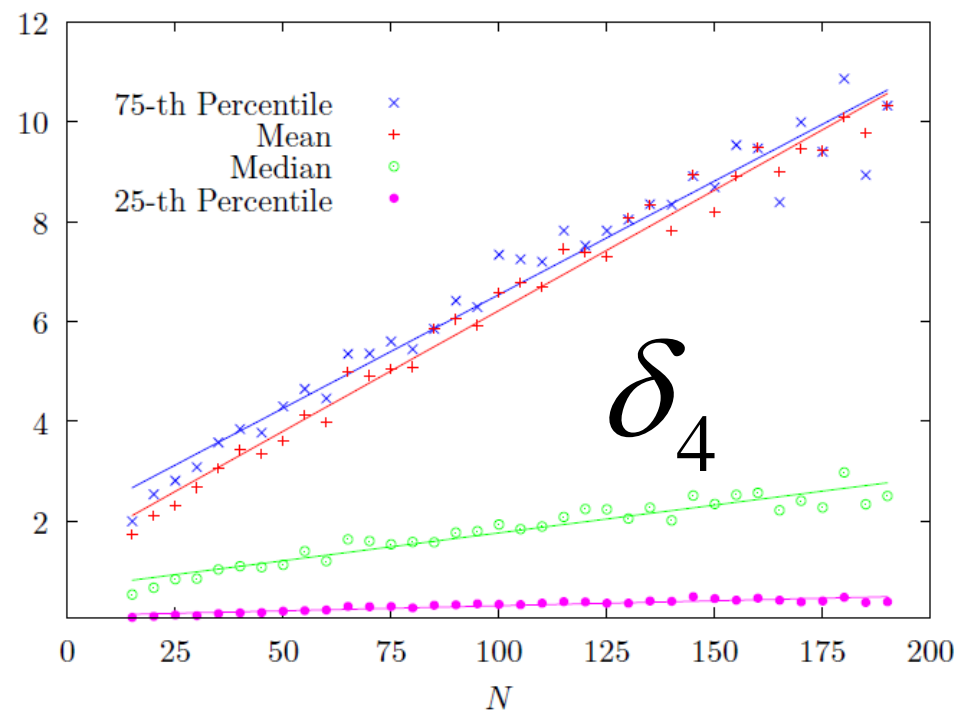
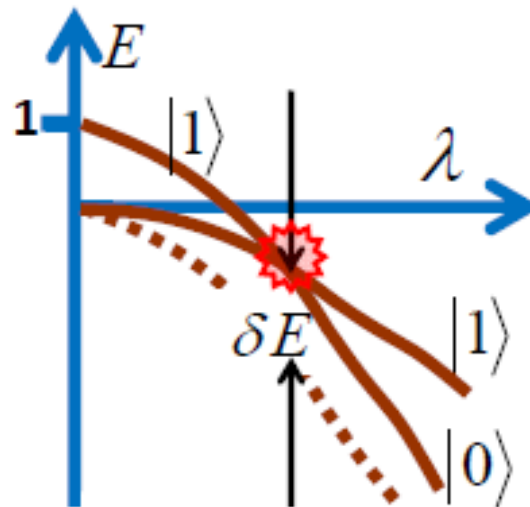
- $C_1^{(\alpha)}$ is exactly the same for all $E_\alpha(\lambda=0)=0$ states, i.e. for all solutions. In the leading order $\delta E \propto \lambda^4$
- In each order of the perturbation theory δE a sum of $O(N)$ terms with random signs.

In the leading order in λ

$$\delta E \propto \lambda^4 \sqrt{N}$$

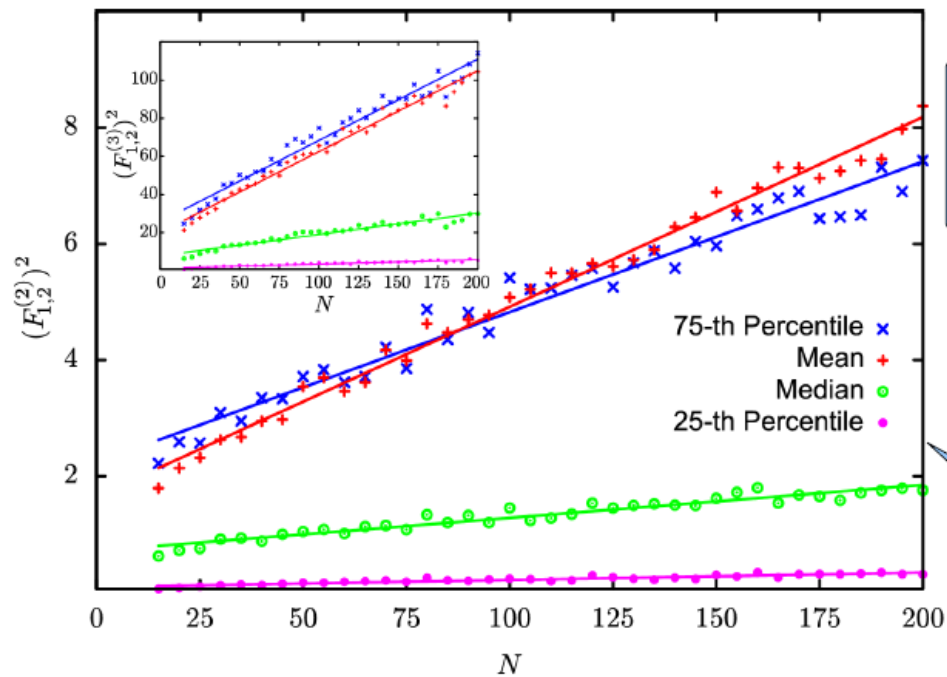
$$\left[\delta E(\lambda, N) \right]^2 = \lambda^4 \delta_4 + \lambda^6 \delta_6 + \dots$$

$$\delta_4, \delta_6, \dots \propto N$$



Numerical Simulations

- We generated EC3 random instances with >2 solutions
- then computed $E_1(\lambda) - E_2(\lambda)$ by order 4 perturbation theory



Leading order because:

- Odd orders are zero
- Order 2 is solution-independent for EC3

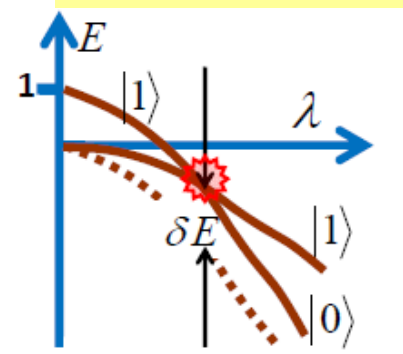
$$(E_1(\lambda) - E_2(\lambda))^2 \approx CN\lambda^8$$

Each data point computed
from 2500 instances

We have $E_1(\lambda) - E_2(\lambda) > 4$ for $\lambda > \sqrt{2}(CN)^{-1/8}$

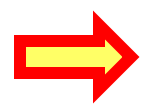
Q1: Is the splitting δE big enough for $|0\rangle$ to remain the ground state at finite λ ?

$$\hat{H}_\lambda \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i \right\} \right) = \hat{H}_p \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i^z \right\} \right) + \lambda H_0 \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i \right\} \right)$$



In the leading order in λ

$$\delta E \propto \lambda^4 \sqrt{N}$$



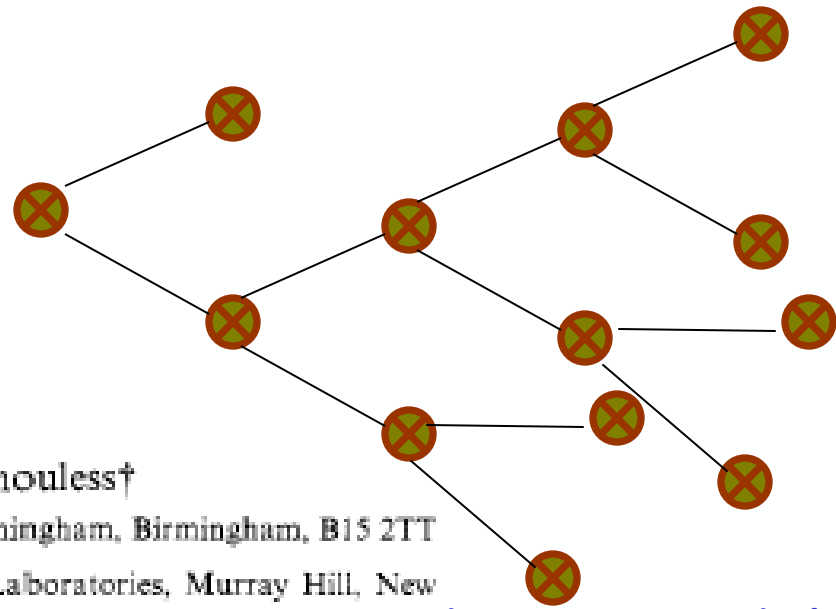
$$\delta E(\lambda) \geq 1 \Rightarrow \lambda \geq (CN)^{-1/8}$$

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Cayley tree



A selfconsistent theory of localization

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Abstract. A new basis has been found for the theory of localization of electrons in disordered systems. The method is based on a selfconsistent solution of the equation for the self energy in second order perturbation theory, whose solution may be purely real almost everywhere (localized states) or complex everywhere (nonlocalized states). The equations used are exact for a Bethe lattice. The selfconsistency condition gives a nonlinear integral equation in two variables for the probability distribution of the real and imaginary parts of the self energy. A simple approximation for the stability limit of localized states gives Anderson's 'upper limit approximation'. Exact solution of the stability problem in a special case gives results very close to Anderson's best estimate. A general and simple formula for the stability limit is derived; this formula should be valid for smooth distribution of site energies away from the band edge. Results of Monte Carlo calculations of the selfconsistency problem are described which confirm and go beyond the analytical results. The relation of this theory to the old Anderson theory is examined, and it is concluded that the present theory is similar but better.

Anderson model

W, I

K – branching #

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2. N -dimensional cube \approx Cayley tree with branching number $K=N$.

almost no loops

no loops

3. Abou-Chacra, Anderson, Thouless; PRL, 1973

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first extended state appears, i.e.
it is a strong underestimation

Important: $\lambda_c = O\left(\frac{1}{\ln N}\right) \gg \lambda_* = O\left(N^{-1/8}\right)$

Perturbation theory
is valid starting with $\lambda \gg \lambda_*$

Q2: How big is the anticrossing gap ?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta E \sim \lambda^{\#N} \\ \lambda \sim \#N^{-1/8} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \delta E \sim \exp(-\#N \ln N) \ll e^{-\#N}$$

Adiabatic quantum computer
badly fails at large enough N

$$\lambda < \lambda_c$$



$$N > N^* \sim 10^4$$

Existing classical algorithms for solving 1
in 3 SAT problem work for $N < (3 \div 4) \times 10^3$

The arguments are robust:

N -dimensional hypercube
 $H_p \left(\left\{ \sigma_i \right\} \right)$ onsite energy } Correct for any
Adiabatic optimization
scheme for any problem

$\hat{H}_0 \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i \right\} \right)$ hoping between the
neighboring sites of
the hypercube } This is not necessary !

For Anderson Localization it is sufficient that
 $\hat{H}_0 \left(\left\{ \hat{\sigma}_i \right\} \right)$ is local, i.e. contains only products of
finite number of spins. Under this condition
the arguments are valid for any adiabatic
path in the Hamiltonian space

Sergey Knysh and Vadim Smelyanskiy

“On the relevance of avoided crossings away from quantum critical point to the complexity of quantum adiabatic algorithm”,

arXiv:1005.3011v1[quant-ph]

• Away from α_s the number of solutions is exponential: $S_0 \sim \exp(\eta N)$ $\eta \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_s^-} 0$

• For a typical solution $(E - \langle E \rangle)^2 \sim \lambda^8 N$

• However the minimum over S_0 solutions

$$(E_{\min} - \langle E \rangle)^2 \sim \lambda^8 N \log S_0 \sim \eta \lambda^8 N^2$$

• # of states with energy 1 is $S_1 \sim NS_0$

• Energy difference between the true ground state and the $E=1$ state at finite λ is $E_{\min} - E_{\min}^1 \sim -1 + O(\lambda^4 \eta^{-1/2} \log N)$

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Moreover:

1. Under reasonable restrictions on the allowed sequences a typical sequence in the ensemble can have few solutions or even a unique one and be at the same time hard to solve.

Zdeborova & Mezard, 2008,

Krzakala & Zdeborova, 2009

Zdeborova to be published

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Moreover:

- 2. Upper bound:** given the evolution time T the state of the system would be a linear combination of low energy eigenstates separated by more than $\log T$. Number of "attempts" is thus $\sim T$ rather than $\exp(\eta N)$. Provided that $\log T/N \rightarrow 0$ we return to more or less previous estimation.

Conclusion

Original idea of adiabatic quantum computation **will not** work

Hopes

• Sampling different trajectories?

Farhi, Goldstone, Gosset, Gutmann, Meyer, & Shor,
arXiv:1004.5127

• Maybe the **delocalized** ground state at finite λ contains information that can speed up the classical algorithm?

• Large number of the solutions?

• Probability to find a solution.

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