

# An introduction to the localization landscape

## Applications to semiconductor and cold atoms systems

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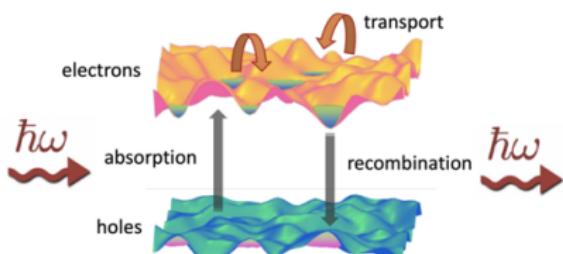
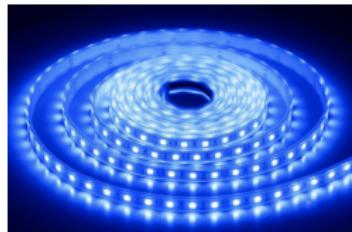
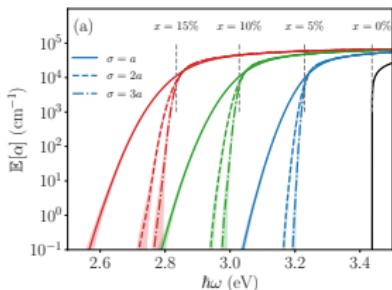
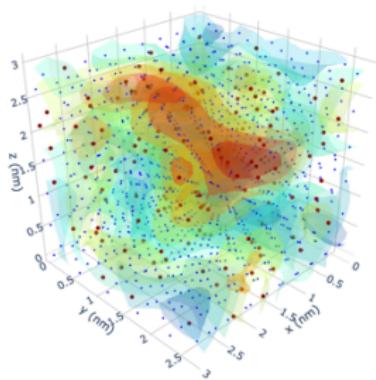
# Context

# Localization of waves and the localization landscape

- Schrödinger equation (M. Filoche, S. Mayboroda)
- Membrane vibration (P. Sebbah)
- Gross-Pitaevskii equation (Filippo Stellin's poster)
- Tight-binding models (M. Filoche, F. Mortessagne)
- Random matrix (M. Filoche, S. Mayboroda, T. Tao)
- Dirac fermions (C. Beenakker)
- Acoustic waves (D. Colas, C. Bellis, B. Lombard, R. Cottreau)
- Electromagnetic waves? (F. Mortessagne)
- Magnetic Schrödinger (B. Poggi, Alioune Seye's poster)
- Many-body systems (V. Galitski)

Focus on Schrödinger equation for **cold atoms** and **semiconductor** problems.

# Context: Modeling radiative processes in disordered alloys



Beer-Lambert law

$$I(z) = I_0 \exp(-\alpha(\omega)z)$$

# Localization landscape

# What is the localization landscape?

**Original motivation:** finding a bounding function to the eigenfunctions.

Schrödinger eigenvalue problem

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \psi + V\psi = E\psi$$

Integral representation for  $\psi$

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \int G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') E\psi(\mathbf{r}') d^d r'$$

Straightforward upper bound

$$|\psi(\mathbf{r})| \leq \int |G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') E\psi(\mathbf{r}')| d^d r' \leq |E| \|\psi\|_\infty \int |G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')| d^d r'$$

Hence

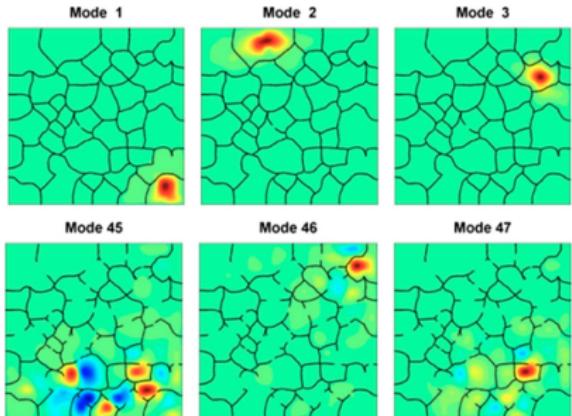
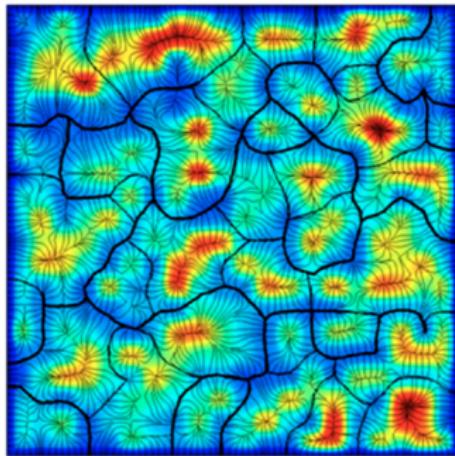
$$\frac{|\psi(\mathbf{r})|}{\|\psi\|_\infty} \leq |E| \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{r})$$

If  $G \geq 0$ , the landscape is easily obtained by solving

$$H\mathcal{L} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \mathcal{L} + V\mathcal{L} = 1$$

# The landscape bounds the eigenstates

$$\frac{|\psi(\mathbf{r})|}{\|\psi\|_\infty} \leq |E| \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{r})$$



\* M. Filoche and S. Mayboroda, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 109, 14761 (2012)

# The spectral picture

## Spectral decomposition of the localization landscape?

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_k \mathcal{L}_k \psi_k(\mathbf{r})$$

By definition

$$1 = H\mathcal{L} = H \sum_k \mathcal{L}_k \psi_k = \sum_k \mathcal{L}_k E_k \psi_k$$

Project against  $\psi_n$

$$\mathcal{L}_n E_n = \langle 1, \psi_n \rangle$$

## Spectral decomposition

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_k \frac{\langle 1, \psi_k \rangle}{E_k} \psi_k(\mathbf{r})$$

## Consequences

"Low energy landscape"

- $1/E_k \rightarrow 0$
- $\langle 1, \psi_k \rangle \rightarrow 0$  (oscillating  $\psi_k$ )  
→ As  $E_k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_k \rightarrow 0$

"Sum of local ground states"

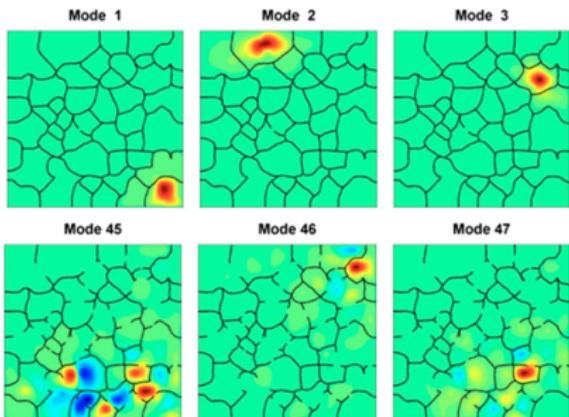
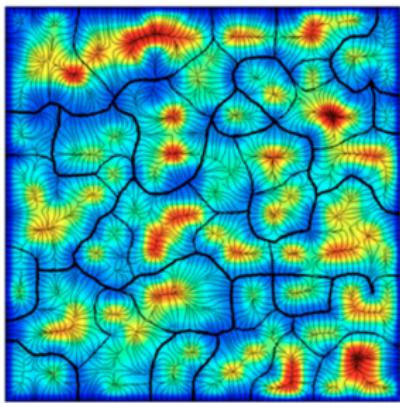
- If at low energy the  $\psi_k$  have almost disjoint supports  $\Omega_k$  then  
→ Locally  $\mathcal{L}|_{\Omega_k} \approx \frac{\langle \psi_k, 1 \rangle}{E_k} \psi_k$

- \* M. Piccardo et al. Phys. Rev. B 95, 144205 (2017)
- \* Filippo Stellin's poster on localization for Gross-Pitaevskii

# The numerical linear algebra picture

## Spectral decomposition

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_k \frac{\langle \mathbf{1}, \psi_k \rangle}{E_k} \psi_k(\mathbf{r})$$



**Ideas:** construct a smart basis of functions based on the domain decomposition as good guesses for Rayleigh-Ritz iterations / solve eigenvalue problem on smaller subdomain / rank reduction.

# The effective potential picture

$$H\mathcal{L} = 1$$

Change of unknown function  $\psi = \mathcal{L}\varphi$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta(\mathcal{L}\varphi) + V\mathcal{L}\varphi = E\mathcal{L}\varphi$$

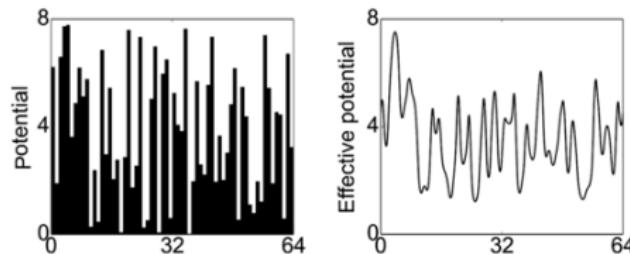
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Property for any  $\psi$

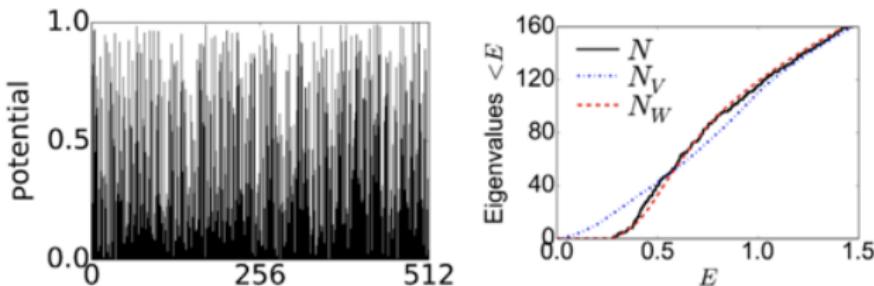
$$\langle\psi| H |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2m} \langle \hat{\mathbf{p}} \psi | \hat{\mathbf{p}} \psi \rangle + \langle\psi| V |\psi\rangle$$

$$\langle\psi| H |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2m} \langle \mathcal{L} \hat{\mathbf{p}} \frac{\psi}{\mathcal{L}} | \mathcal{L} \hat{\mathbf{p}} \frac{\psi}{\mathcal{L}} \rangle + \langle\psi| \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} |\psi\rangle$$

$$\underbrace{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}^2} \nabla \cdot [\mathcal{L}^2 \nabla \varphi]}_{\text{Eff. kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\mathcal{L}}}_{\text{Eff. potential}} \varphi = E\varphi$$



# The effective potential picture - Weyl's law



Weyl's law

$$\text{IDOS}(E) \sim \iint_{\hbar^2 k^2 / 2m + V(\mathbf{r}) < E} \frac{d^d r d^d k}{(2\pi)^d}$$

Modified Weyl's law

$$\text{IDOS}(E) \sim \iint_{\hbar^2 k^2 / 2m + 1/\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{r}) < E} \frac{d^d r d^d k}{(2\pi)^d}$$

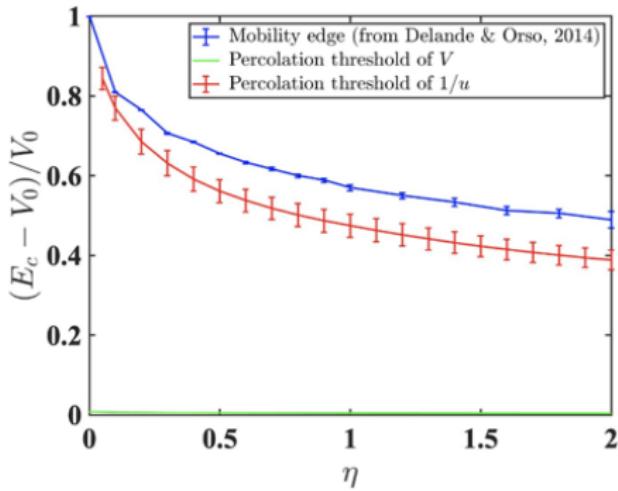
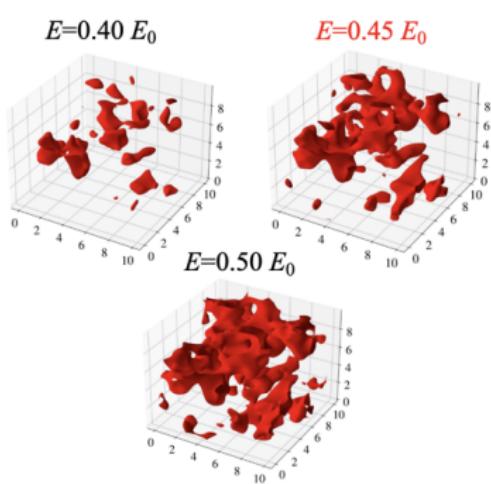
★ D. N. Arnold *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 056602 (2016)

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# Estimating the mobility edge

The **mobility edge** for 3D cold atoms systems can be estimated by the **percolation threshold of the effective potential**.

**Conjecture:** percolation threshold < mobility edge.



Courtesy of Pierre Pelletier.

## A phase space description of the eigenstates

# Wigner transform

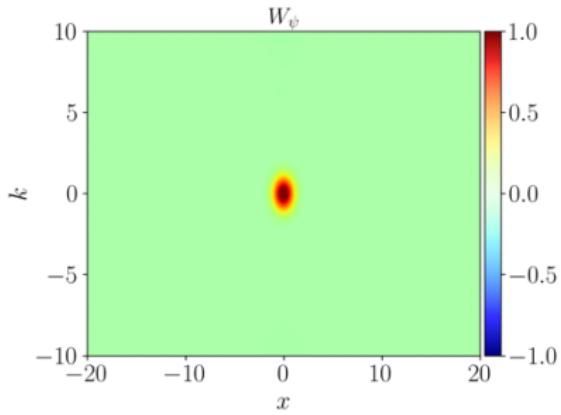
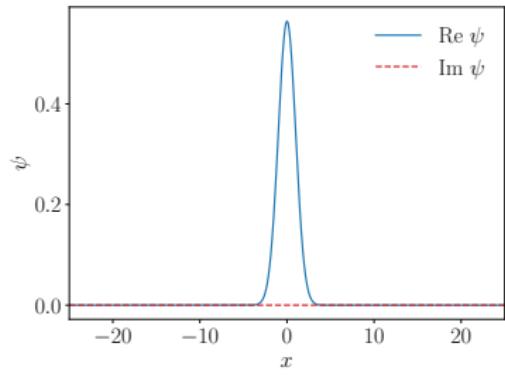
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## Examples

$$\psi(x) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

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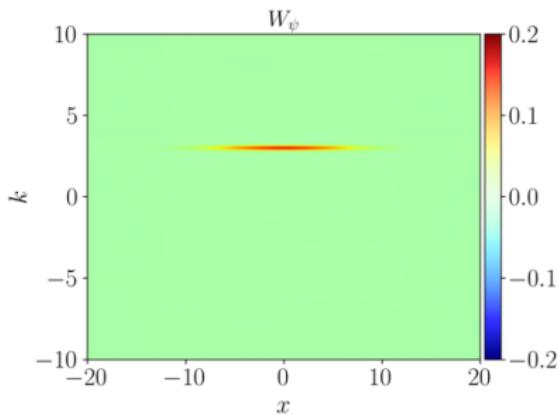
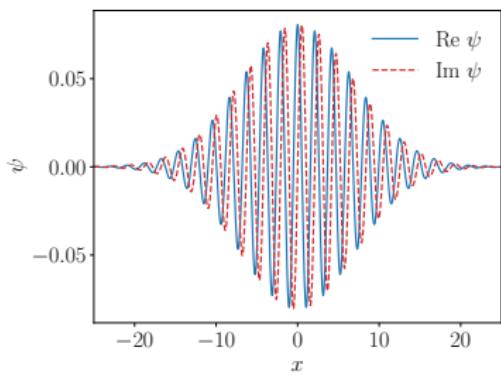
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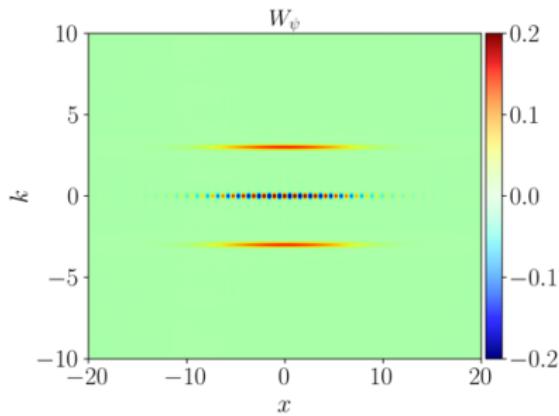
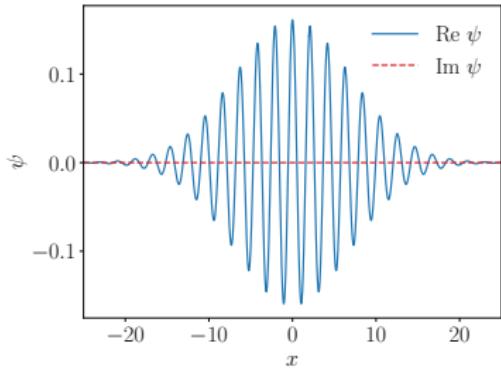
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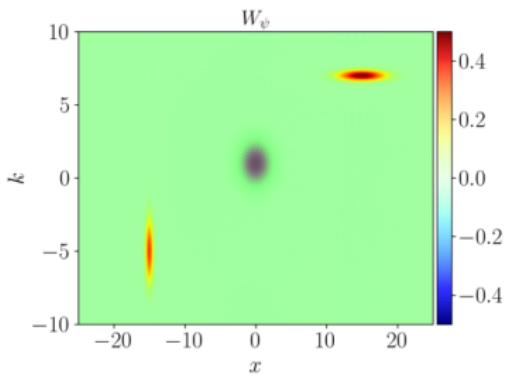
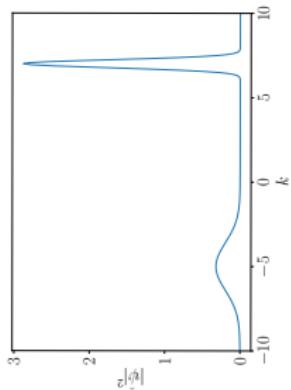
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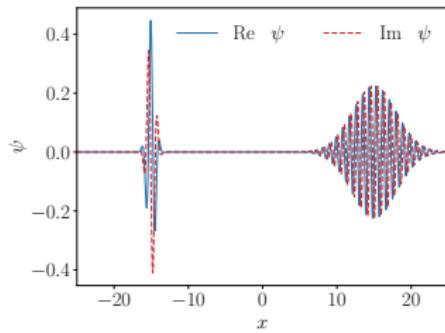
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# Properties of the Wigner transform



$$\int W_\psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) d^d r = |\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{k})|^2$$
$$\int W_\psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} = |\psi(\mathbf{r})|^2$$
$$\iint W_\psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) \frac{d^d r d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} = 1$$



# Density of states in phase space, a central object

Schrödinger eigenvalue problem

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \psi_n + V \psi_n = E_n \psi_n$$

A list of usual densities of states

$$\text{IDOS}(E) = \sum_n \Theta(E - E_n)$$

$$\text{DOS}(E) = \sum_n \delta(E - E_n)$$

$$\text{LDOS}(\mathbf{r}, E) = \sum_n |\psi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2 \delta(E - E_n)$$

$$A(\mathbf{k}, E) = \sum_n |\hat{\psi}_n(\mathbf{k})|^2 \delta(E - E_n)$$

# Density of states in phase space, a central object

A density of states in *phase space* ( $\varphi$ DOS)?

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, E) = \sum_n W_{\psi_n}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) \delta(E - E_n)$$

Link to the usual densities of states

$$\text{IDOS}(E) = \sum_n \Theta(E - E_n) = \int_{-\infty}^E \iint \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon) \frac{d^d r d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} d\varepsilon$$

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# IDOS and integrated $\varphi$ DOS

**Interpretation of Weyl's law for the IDOS in phase-space.**

Definition of the  $\varphi$ DOS

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Property

$$\underbrace{\iint \int_{-\infty}^E \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon) d\varepsilon}_{\sum_{E_n < E} W_{\psi_n}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k})} \frac{d^d r d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} = \text{IDOS}(E) \sim \underbrace{\iint_{\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{r}) < E} \frac{d^d r d^d k}{(2\pi)^d}}_{\text{Weyl's law}}$$

Conjecture / plateau function approximation

$$\int_{-\infty}^E \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon) d\varepsilon \sim \Theta\left(E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} - V(\mathbf{r})\right)$$

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**Interpretation of landscape-based Weyl's law for the IDOS in phase-space.**

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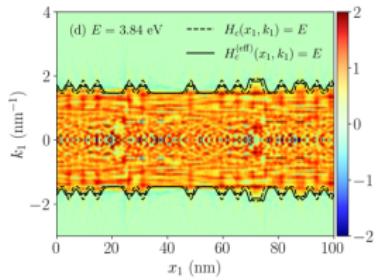
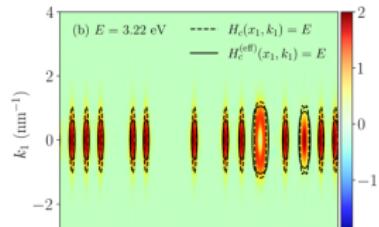
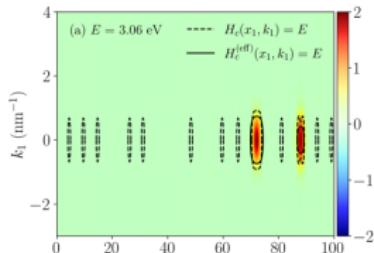
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# The plateau function approx. in a disordered potential



$$H(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{r}), \text{ & } H^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + V^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r})$$

Since we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^E \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon) d\varepsilon \approx \Theta\left(E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} - V^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r})\right)$$

then by differentiating with respect to  $E$  we get

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon) \approx \delta\left(E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} - V^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r})\right)$$

The  $\varphi$ DOS is approximately a Dirac layer on the hypersurface  $E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + V^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r})$ .

★ J.-P. Banon, P. Pelletier, C. Weisbuch, S. Mayboroda, M. Filoche, Phys. Rev. B 105, 125422 (2022).

# Application 1: local density of states

From the property

$$\text{LDOS}(\mathbf{r}, E) = \sum_n |\psi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2 \delta(E - E_n) = \int \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, E) \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d}$$

and the Dirac layer approximation

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon) \approx \delta \left( E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} - V^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

we get after integration over  $\mathbf{k}$

$$\text{LDOS}(\mathbf{r}, E) = \frac{dv_d}{2(2\pi)^d} \left[ \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right]^{d/2} \left( E - V^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r}) \right)_+^{d/2-1}$$

We recover the formula suggested in

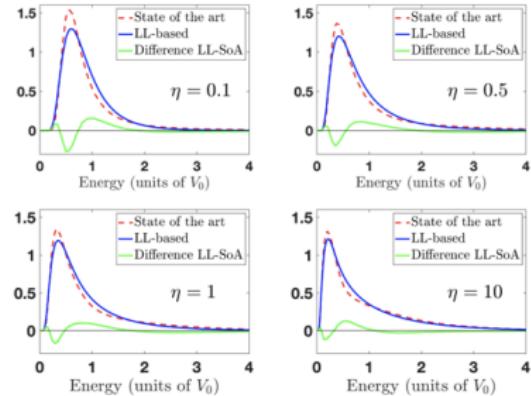
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# Application 2: spectral function in cold atom systems

## Spectral function

$$\begin{aligned} A(\mathbf{k}, E) &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_n |\langle \mathbf{k} | \psi_n \rangle|^2 \delta(E - E_n) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \int \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, E) \frac{d^d r}{|\Omega|} \right] \\ &\approx \mathbb{E} \left[ \int \delta \left( E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} - V^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \frac{d^d r}{|\Omega|} \right] \\ &= P_{V^{(\text{eff})}} \left( E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$P_{V^{(\text{eff})}}$ : probability density for  $V^{(\text{eff})}$ .



Reminder:  $\eta = mV_0\ell_c^2/\hbar^2$ .

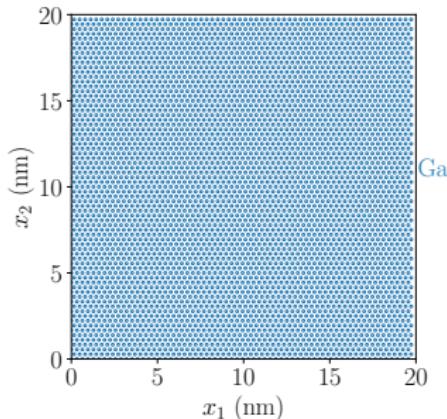
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*Spectral functions and localization-landscape theory in speckle potentials*, Phys. Rev. A **105**, 023314 (2022)

# Absorption and emission of light in disordered semiconductors

## Strategy

Fermi Golden rule  $\xrightarrow{\text{exact}}$  Phase space formulation  $\xrightarrow{\text{approx.}}$  Weyl-landscape law

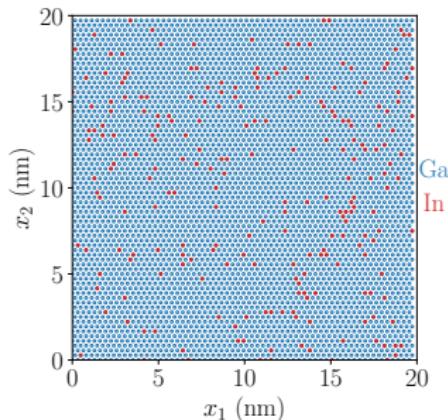
# From ordered GaN...



Eigenstates in the conduction band of a periodic potential (Bloch waves)

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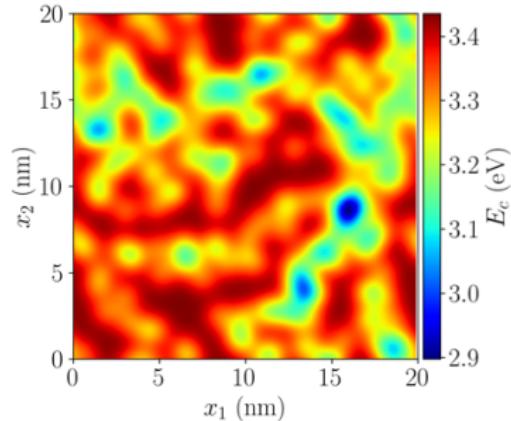
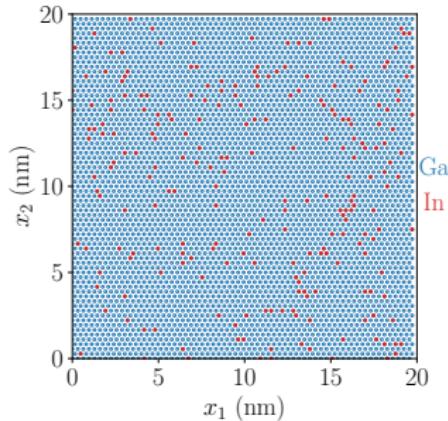
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# From ordered GaN... to disordered InGaN



Eigenstates in the conduction band in the *effective mass approximation*

$$\psi_\mu^{(c)}(\mathbf{r}) = \underbrace{u_c(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{cell function}} \underbrace{\chi_\mu^{(c)}(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{envelope}} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_\nu^{(v)}(\mathbf{r}) = u_v(\mathbf{r}) \chi_\nu^{(v)}(\mathbf{r})$$

Schrödinger equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla \chi_\mu^{(c)}}{m_c} \right] + V_c \chi_\mu^{(c)} = E_\mu^{(c)} \chi_\mu^{(c)}$$

Associated landscape

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla \mathcal{L}_c}{m_c} \right] + V_c \mathcal{L}_c = 1 \quad \text{and effective potential } V_c^{(\text{eff})} = 1/\mathcal{L}_c$$

# Absorption coefficient

In the dipole approximation it can be shown that

$$\alpha(\omega) \propto \sum_{\mu, \nu} \underbrace{\left| \langle \chi_{\mu}^{(c)} | \chi_{\nu}^{(v)} \rangle \right|^2}_{\text{coupling}} \underbrace{\delta(E_{\mu}^{(c)} - E_{\nu}^{(v)} - \hbar\omega)}_{\text{energy conservation}}$$

⇒ Solving two eigenvalue problems... numerically costly.

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Moyal formula

$$\left| \langle \chi_{\mu}^{(c)} | \chi_{\nu}^{(v)} \rangle \right|^2 = \iint \underbrace{W_{\chi_{\mu}^{(c)}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) W_{\chi_{\nu}^{(v)}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k})}_{\text{Wigner transforms}} \frac{d^3 r d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3}$$

Decoupling energies

$$\delta(E_{\mu}^{(c)} - E_{\nu}^{(v)} - \hbar\omega) = \int \delta(E_{\mu}^{(c)} - \hbar\omega - \varepsilon) \delta(E_{\nu}^{(v)} - \varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

We obtain

$$\alpha(\omega) \propto \iiint \underbrace{\sum_{\mu} W_{\chi_{\mu}^{(c)}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) \delta(E_{\mu}^{(c)} - \hbar\omega - \varepsilon)}_{\mathcal{D}^{(c)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon + \hbar\omega)} \underbrace{\sum_{\nu} W_{\chi_{\nu}^{(v)}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}) \delta(E_{\nu}^{(v)} - \varepsilon)}_{\mathcal{D}^{(v)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon)} d\varepsilon \frac{d^3 r d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3}$$

φDOS for the conduction and valence bands!

# Formulation in phase space

Absorption coefficient

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is equivalent to

$$\alpha(\omega) \propto \iiint \mathcal{D}^{(c)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon + \hbar\omega) \mathcal{D}^{(v)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon) d\varepsilon \frac{d^3 r d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3}$$

Densities of states in phase space

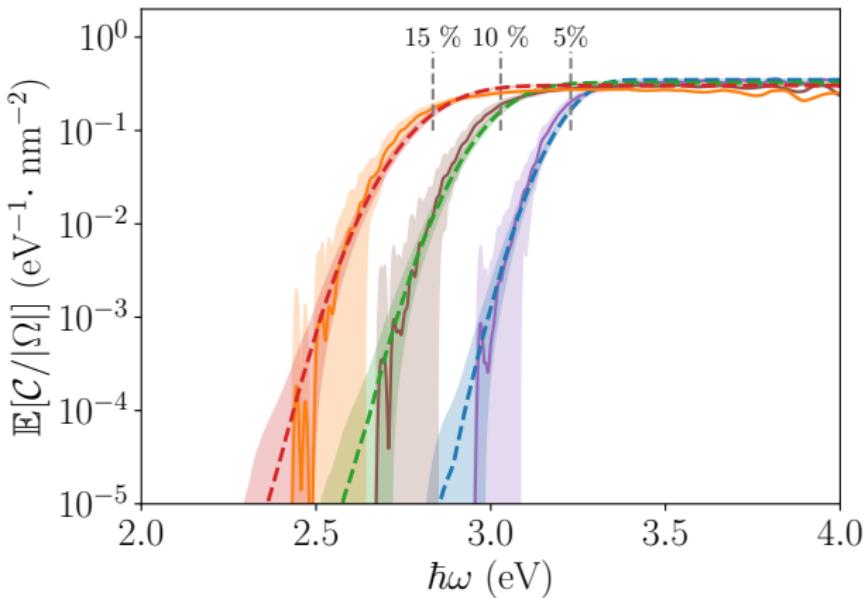
$$\mathcal{D}^{(c)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, E) \approx \delta \left( E - \frac{\hbar^2 |\mathbf{k}|^2}{2m_c(\mathbf{r})} - V_c^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{(v)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}, E) \approx \delta \left( E - \frac{\hbar^2 |\mathbf{k}|^2}{2m_v(\mathbf{r})} - V_v^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

which yields the closed form expression for  $\alpha$  in (3D)

$$\alpha(\omega) \propto \int m_r^{3/2}(\mathbf{r}) \sqrt{\left( \hbar\omega - E_g^{(\text{eff})}(\mathbf{r}) \right)_+} d\mathbf{r}$$

# Simulated absorption curves



Normalized absorption coefficient spectra for 2D alloys of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  averaged over 100 realizations.

Domain size 50 nm × 50 nm.

Computational speed-up  $\approx 300$ .

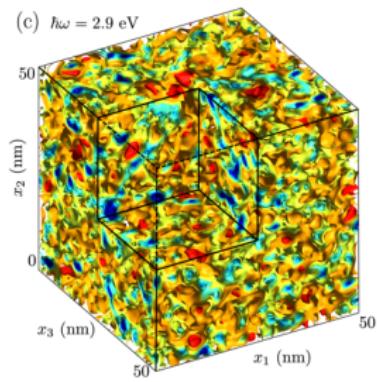
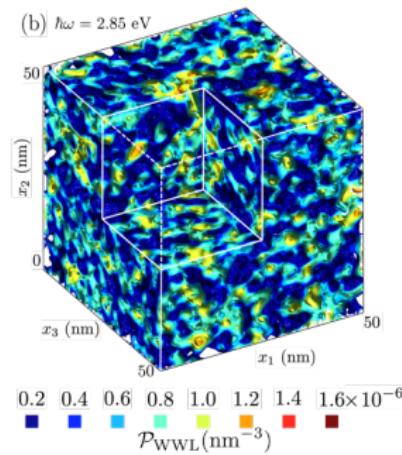
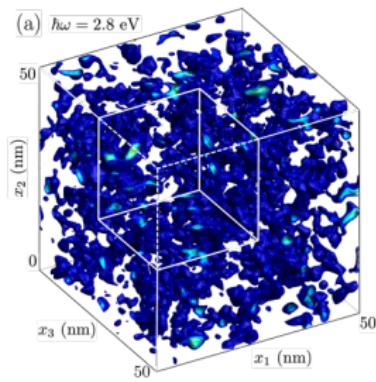
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# Absorbed power density

$$\hbar\omega = 2.80 \text{ eV}$$

$$\hbar\omega = 2.85 \text{ eV}$$

$$\hbar\omega = 2.9 \text{ eV}$$



Domain size:  $50 \text{ nm} \times 50 \text{ nm} \times 50 \text{ nm}$ . Step size  $\Delta x = 3 \text{ \AA}$ .

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# Warning! Low energy $\neq$ localized

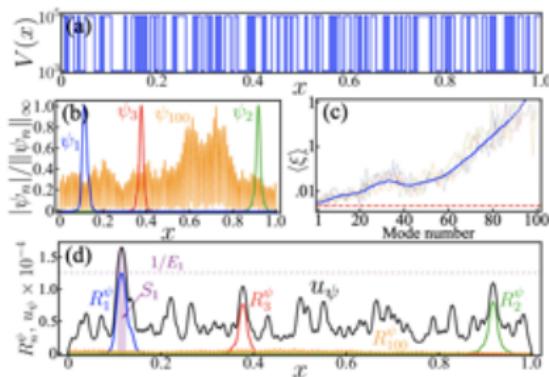
The original localization landscape for the acoustic wave equation is not informative.

Schrödinger equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta\psi_n + V\psi_n = E_n\psi_n$$

Landscape equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta u + Vu = 1$$

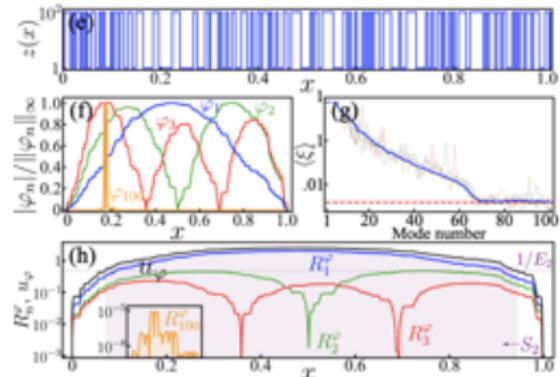


Acoustic wave equation

$$-\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla \phi_n) = \omega_n^2 \phi_n$$

(Naive) landscape equation

$$-\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla u) = 1$$



# Acoustic landscapes

Webster transformation  $\psi = \sqrt{z}\phi$  we go from

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla \phi_n) = \omega_n^2 \phi_n$$

to

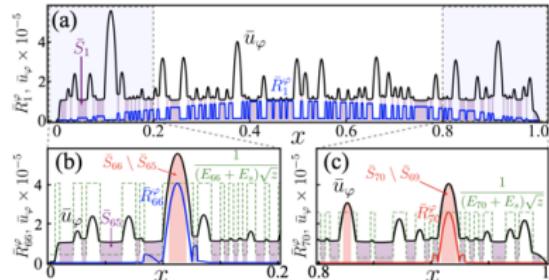
$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \nabla \cdot \left( z \nabla \frac{\psi_n}{\sqrt{z}} \right) = E_n \psi_n$$

and an appropriate landscape is

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \nabla \cdot \left( z \nabla \frac{u_\psi}{\sqrt{z}} \right) + E_s u_\psi = 1$$

or equivalently in the "original" frame

$$-\nabla \cdot (z \nabla u_\phi) + E_s z u_\phi = \sqrt{z}$$



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