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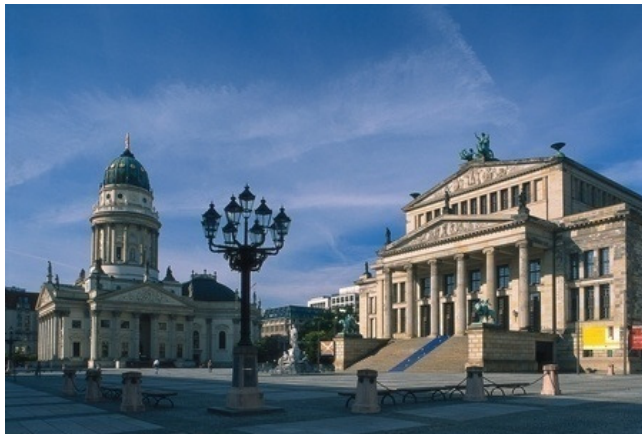
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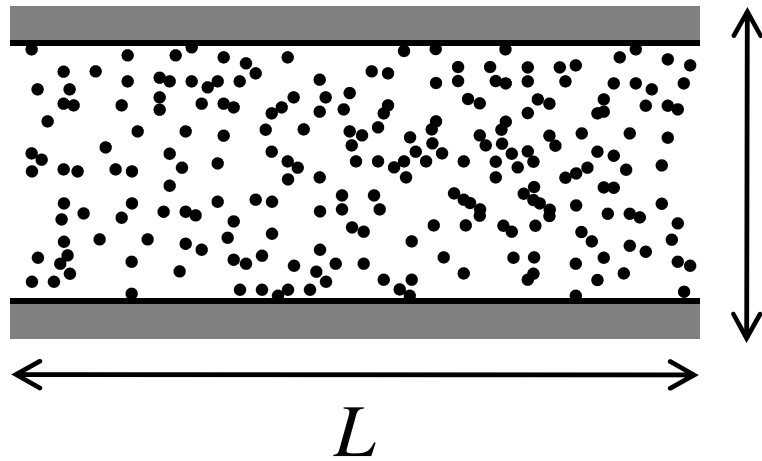
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Anderson localization



disordered wire

Quantum wire: $L \gg W$

$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h}g$$

$$\langle \ln g \rangle = -\frac{2L}{\xi}$$

$$\text{var } \ln g = \frac{4L}{\xi}$$

(localized regime: $L \gg \xi$)

- nonlinear sigma model

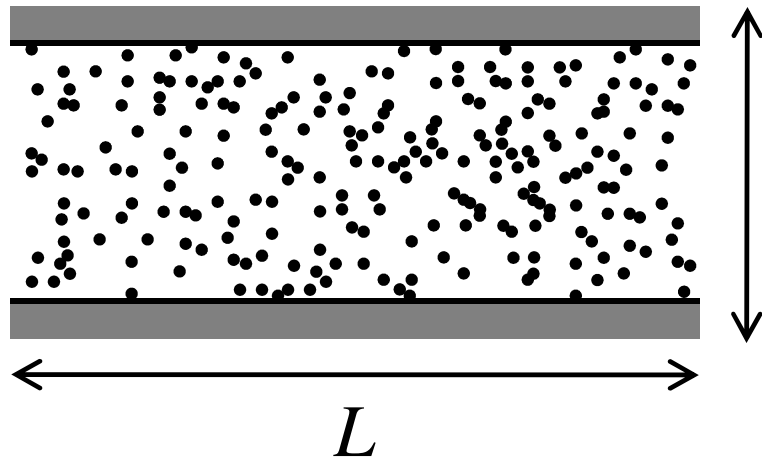
Efetov and Larkin (1983)

- scaling approach

Dorokhov (1982)

Mello, Pereyra, Kumar (1988)

“Precursors” of localization



disordered wire

Diagrammatic perturbation theory

Anderson, Abrahams, Ramakrishnan (1979)

Gorkov, Larkin, Khmel'nitskii (1979)

Altshuler (1985)

Lee and Stone (1985)

Quantum wire: $L \gg W$

metallic regime $L \ll \xi$

$$\langle g \rangle = \frac{\xi}{\beta L} + \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{2}{\beta} \right)$$

weak localization

$$\text{var } g = \frac{2}{15\beta}$$

universal conductance
fluctuations

$\beta = 1, 2, 4$: orthogonal, unitary,
symplectic symmetry

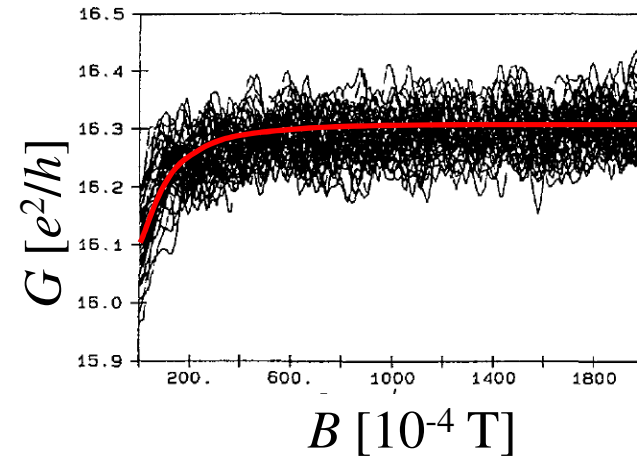
Weak localization

Nonzero (negative) ensemble average
 $\langle \delta G \rangle$ at zero magnetic field

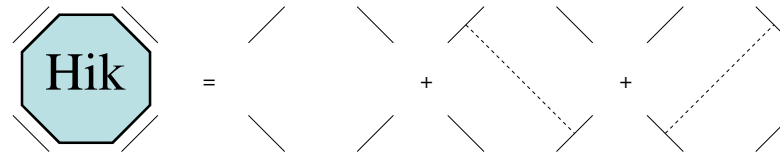
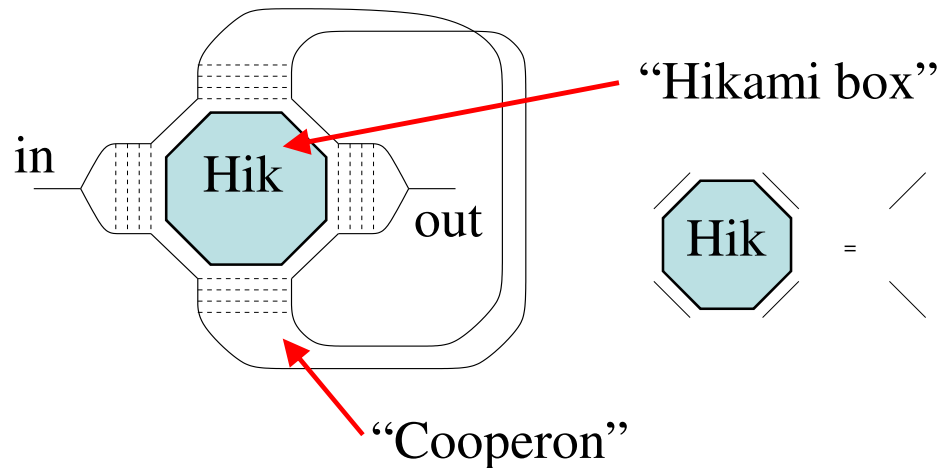
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δG



Maily and Sanquer (1991)



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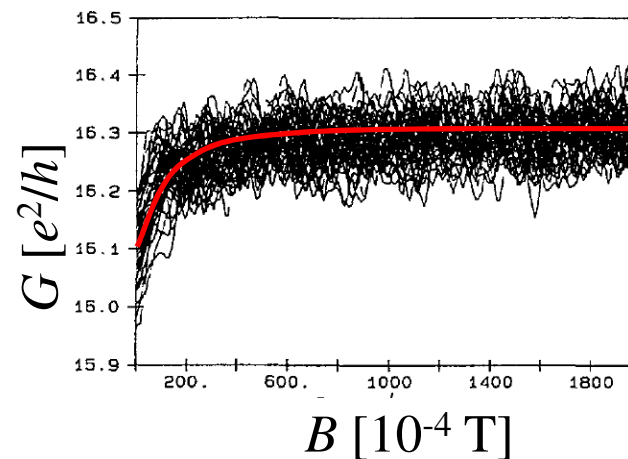
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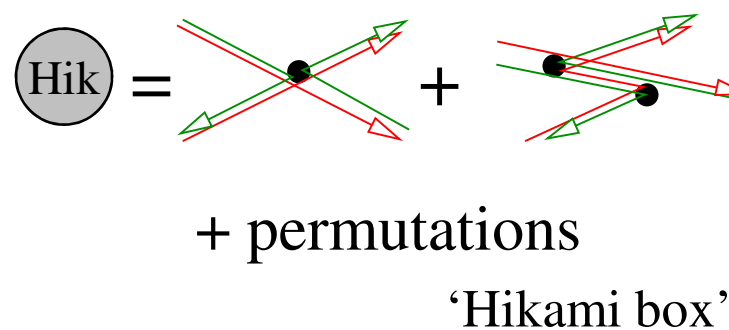
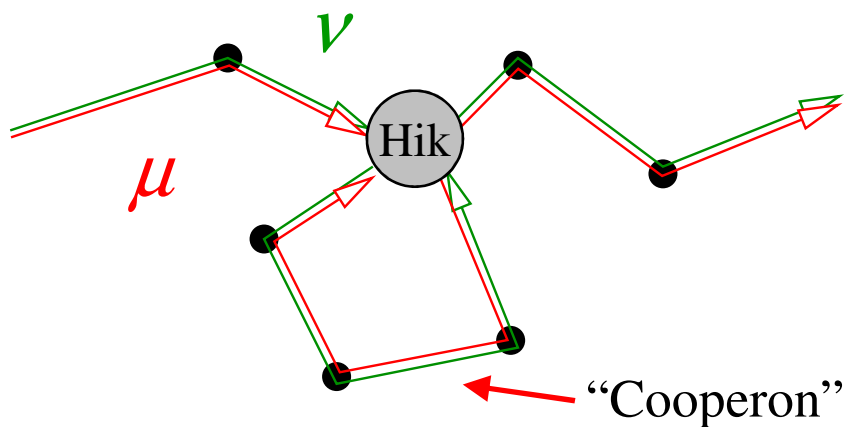
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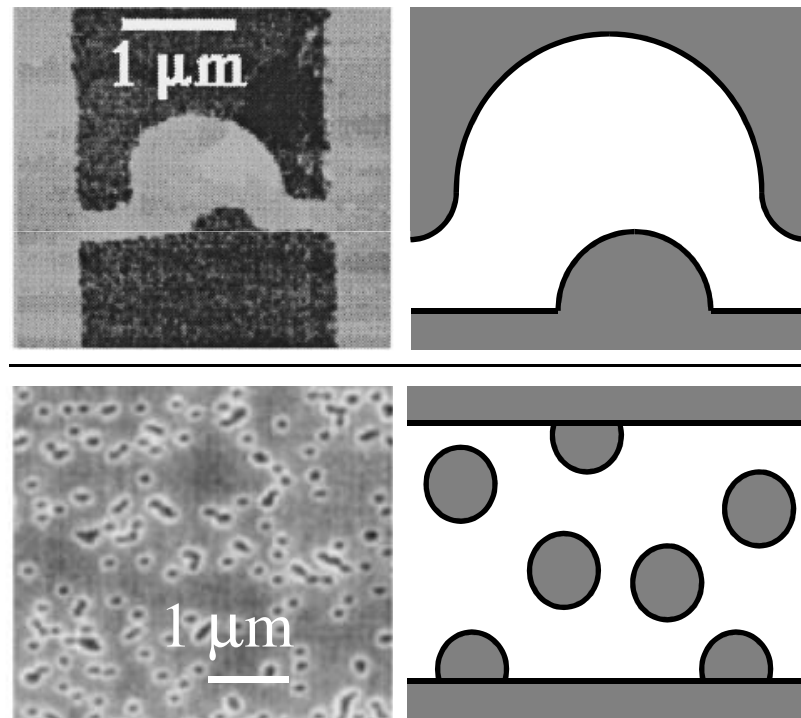
Ballistic conductors

- no impurities
- smooth boundaries
- chaotic classical dynamics

Examples:

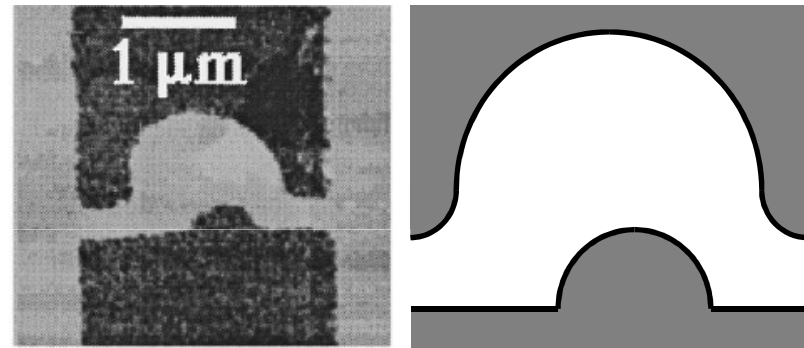
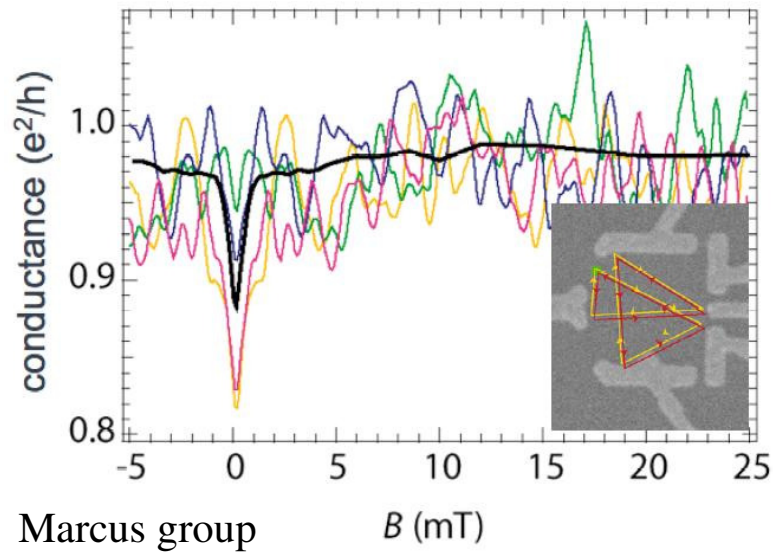
Chaotic cavity
(quantum dot)

Lorentz gas
(antidot lattice)

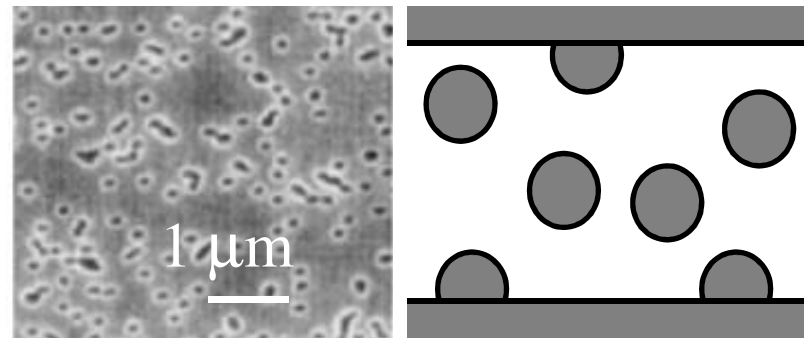
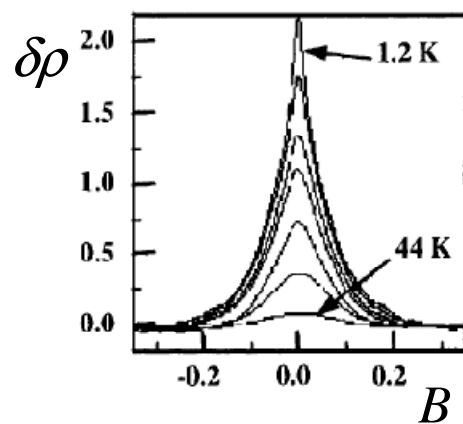


dot: Keller *et al.*; antidot lattice: Yevtushenko *et al.*

Ballistic conductors



Weiss *et al.*

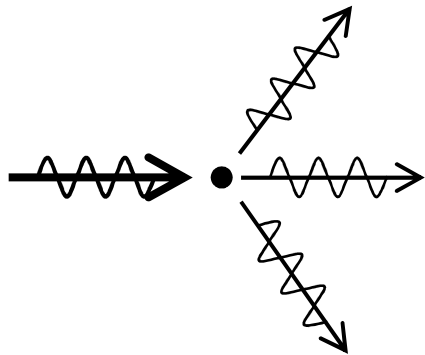


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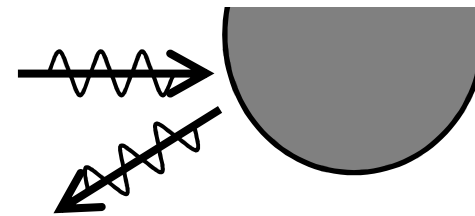
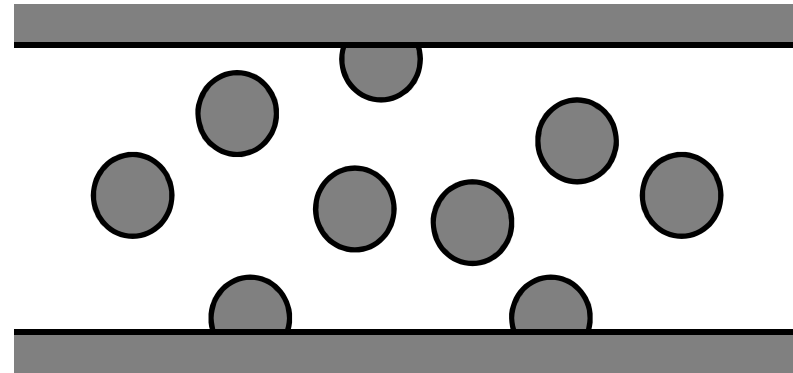
Ballistic conductors

- Theory based on diffractive scattering off point-like impurities not possible;
- No impurity average.

$$\text{Hik} = \text{[Diagram of a point impurity with crossed red and green arrows]} + \dots$$



“disordered”



“ballistic”

Ballistic conductors

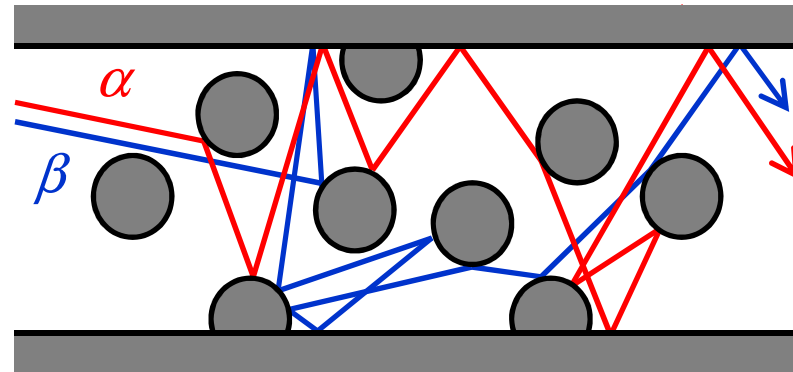
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Instead: Semiclassics

$$g = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} A_{\alpha} A_{\beta} e^{i(S_{\alpha} - S_{\beta})/\hbar},$$

- α and β have equal angles upon entrance/exit
- $S_{\alpha, \beta}$: classical action
- $A_{\alpha, \beta}$: stability amplitudes

Needed: Careful summation over classical trajectories α, β .



Jalabert, Baranger, Stone (1990)

Argaman (1995)

Aleiner, Larkin (1996)

Richter, Sieber (2002)

Heusler, Müller, Braun, Haake (2006)

Weak localization ballistic conductors

$$g \sim \sum_{\alpha, \beta} A_{\alpha} A_{\beta} e^{i(\mathcal{S}_{\alpha} - \mathcal{S}_{\beta})/\hbar},$$

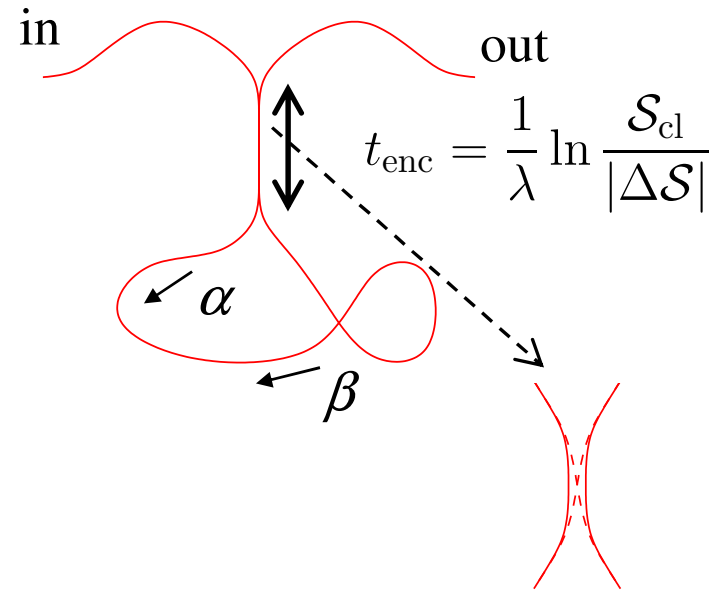
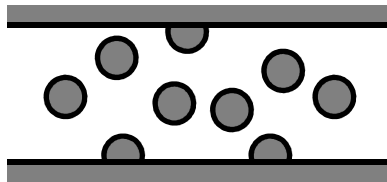
Weak localization: Trajectory pairs with small-angle self encounter

Aleiner, Larkin (1996)
Sieber, Richter (2001)

Encounter duration $t_{\text{enc}} = \tau_E = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \frac{\mathcal{S}_{\text{cl}}}{\hbar}$

If $\tau_E \ll$ dwell time: Semiclassics recovers weak localization correction of disordered metal

$$\langle \delta g \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{2}{\beta} \right)$$



“ballistic Hikami box”

Aleiner, Larkin (1996)
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Brouwer (2007)

Beyond weak localization

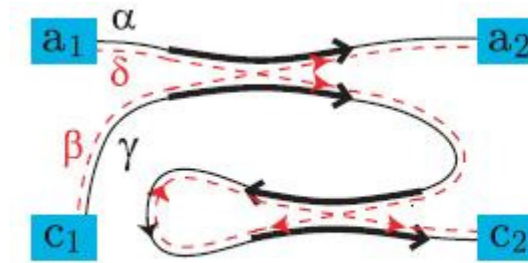
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One or more small-angle self encounters

- shot noise
- conductance fluctuations
- quantum pump
- full counting statistics
- time delay
- ...

If $\tau_E \ll$ dwell time: Recover quantum corrections of disordered metals



Braun *et al.* (2006)

Agam, Aleiner, Larkin (2000)

Whitney and Jacquod (2006)

Brouwer and Rahav (2006)

Berkolaiko *et al.* (2007)

Kuipers and Sieber (2007)

Brouwer (2007)

**But all of these are
perturbative effects!**

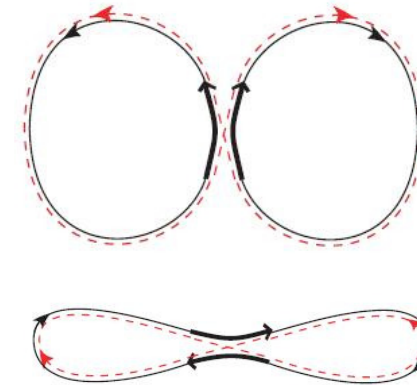
Non-perturbative effects

Level correlations:

Form factor $K(t)$ for $|t| > \tau_H$

Heusler, Müller, Altland, Braun, Haake (2007)

“inspired by field theoretical formulation
of RMT correlation functions”



Heusler et al. (2007)

Today: Anderson localization

... inspired by theory of Anderson localization in disordered metals

- one-dimensional nonlinear sigma model

Efetov and Larkin (1983)

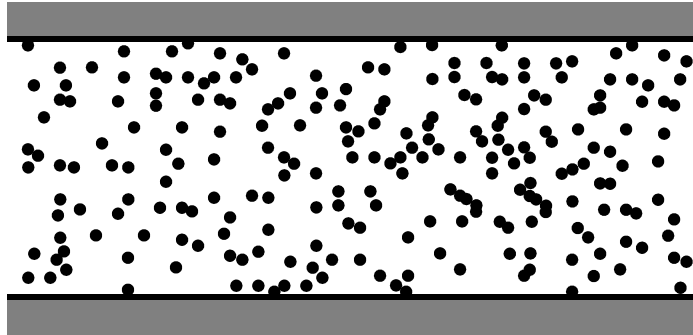
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quantum wire of length L , width W

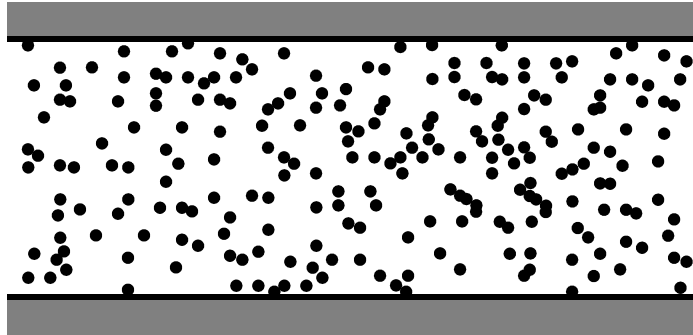
Impurity scattering: mean free path l .

Take limit $W \rightarrow \infty$ while keeping ratio $k_F W l/L$ fixed.

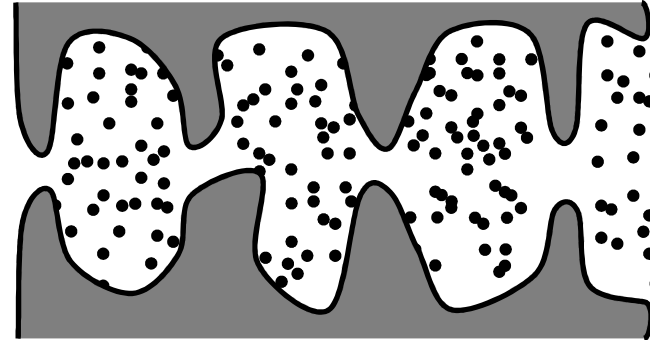
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quantum wire



array of n “quantum dots”

Dots are connected via ballistic contacts with conductance $g_c \gg 1$.
Take limit $g_c \rightarrow \infty$ while keeping ratio g_c/n fixed.

Disordered quantum dots: random matrix theory

Mirlin, Müller-Groeling, Zirnbauer (1994)

Brouwer, Frahm (1996)

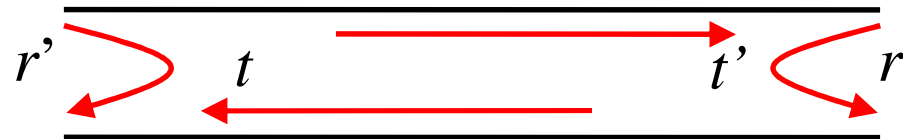
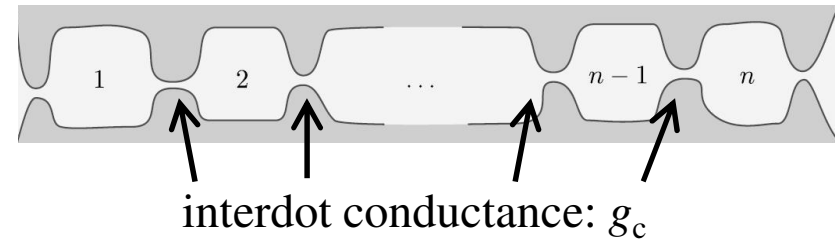
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$$T_m(n) = \text{tr } \mathcal{T}(n)^m$$



$g(n) = T_1(n)$: conductance of array of n dots

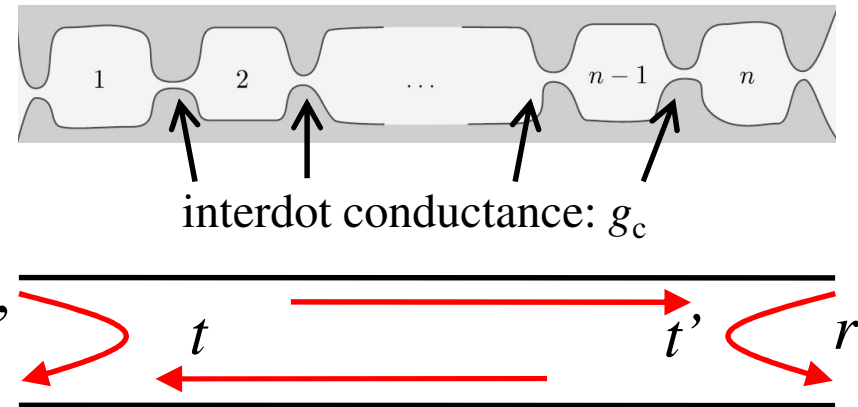
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random matrix theory: recursion relation for moments of the T_i :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \langle T_1 \rangle &= \langle T_1(n) \rangle - \langle T_1(n-1) \rangle && \text{(no time-reversal symmetry, } \beta=2) \\ &= -\frac{1}{g_c} \langle T_1(n-1)^2 \rangle + \mathcal{O}(g_c^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

Replace difference equation by differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial L} \langle T_1 \rangle = -\frac{2}{\xi} \langle T_1^2 \rangle \quad \boxed{L/\xi = n/2g_c \quad \xi: \text{“localization length”}}$$

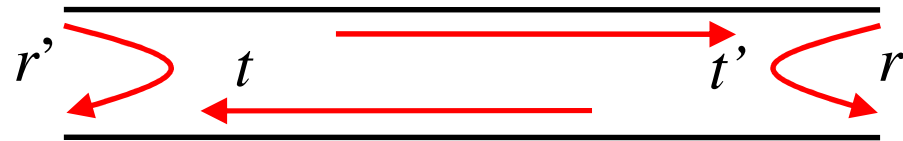
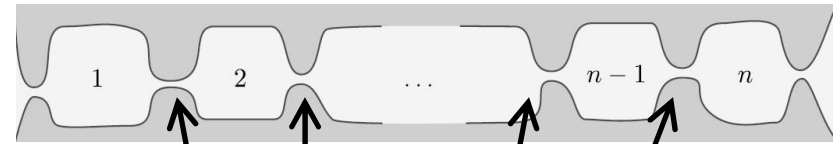
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General recursion relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \left\langle \prod_{m=1}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle &= -\frac{1}{g_c} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n i_k \right) \left\langle T_1 \prod_{m=1}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle \\ &+ \frac{1}{g_c} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i_k-1} i_k \left\langle (T_j(T_{i_k-j} - T_{i_k-j+1})) \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle \\ &+ \frac{2}{g_c} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} i_k i_l \left\langle (T_{i_k+i_l} - T_{i_k+i_l+1}) \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k, l}}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle + \mathcal{O}(g_c^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

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$$+ \frac{1}{g_c} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i_k-1} i_k \left\langle (T_j (T_{i_k-j} - T_{i_k-j+1})) \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle$$

$$+ \frac{2}{g_c} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} i_k i_l \left\langle (T_{i_k+i_l} - T_{i_k+i_l+1}) \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k, l}}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle + \mathcal{O}(g_c^{-2})$$



Transform recursion relations into differential equation for generating function:

$$F_2(\theta_1, \theta_3) = \left\langle \det \left(\frac{2 + (\cos(\theta_3) - 1)\mathcal{T}}{2 + (\cosh(\theta_1) - 1)\mathcal{T}} \right) \right\rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial L} F_2 = \frac{2}{\xi} \sum_{j=1,3} \frac{1}{J(\theta_1, \theta_3)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_1, \theta_3) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} F_2,$$

$$J(\theta_1, \theta_3) = \frac{\sin(\theta_3) \sinh(\theta_1)}{(\cosh(\theta_1) - \cos(\theta_3))^2}.$$

Description equivalent to existing theory of localization in quantum wires

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Can one derive the same set of recursion relations from semiclassics?

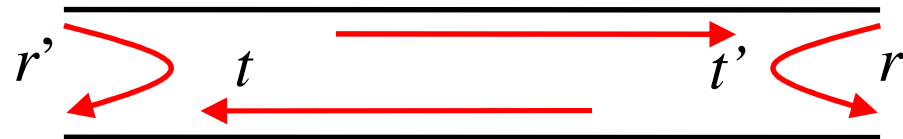
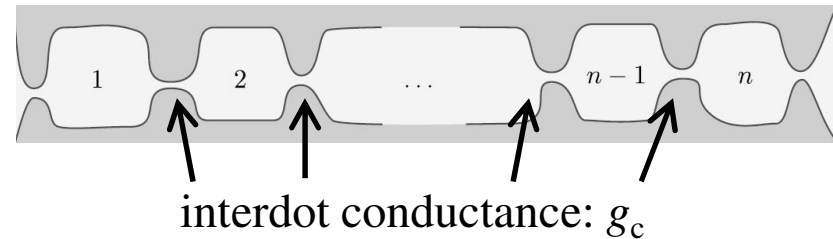
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Can we show that

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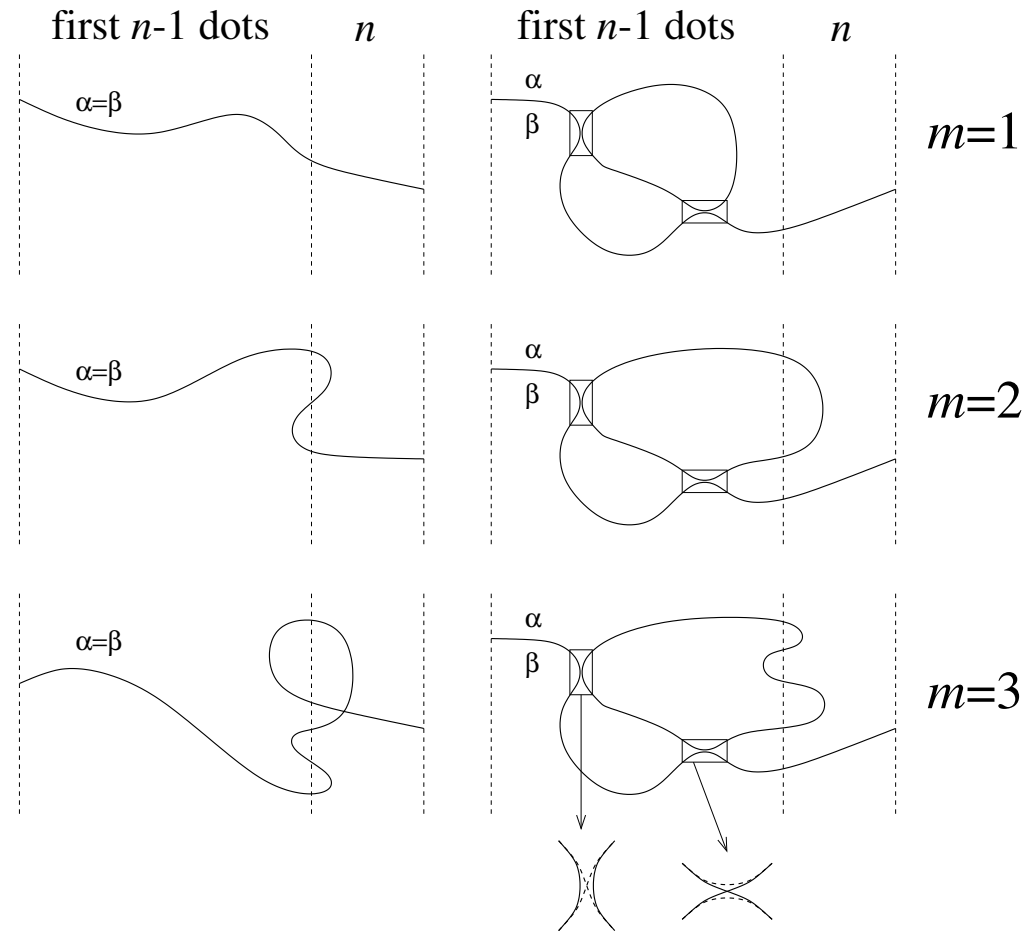
from the semiclassical expression for T_1 ?

$$T_1 = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} A_\alpha A_\beta e^{i(\mathcal{S}_\alpha - \mathcal{S}_\beta)/\hbar}$$

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- α and β each have m segments in n^{th} dot, $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m$.



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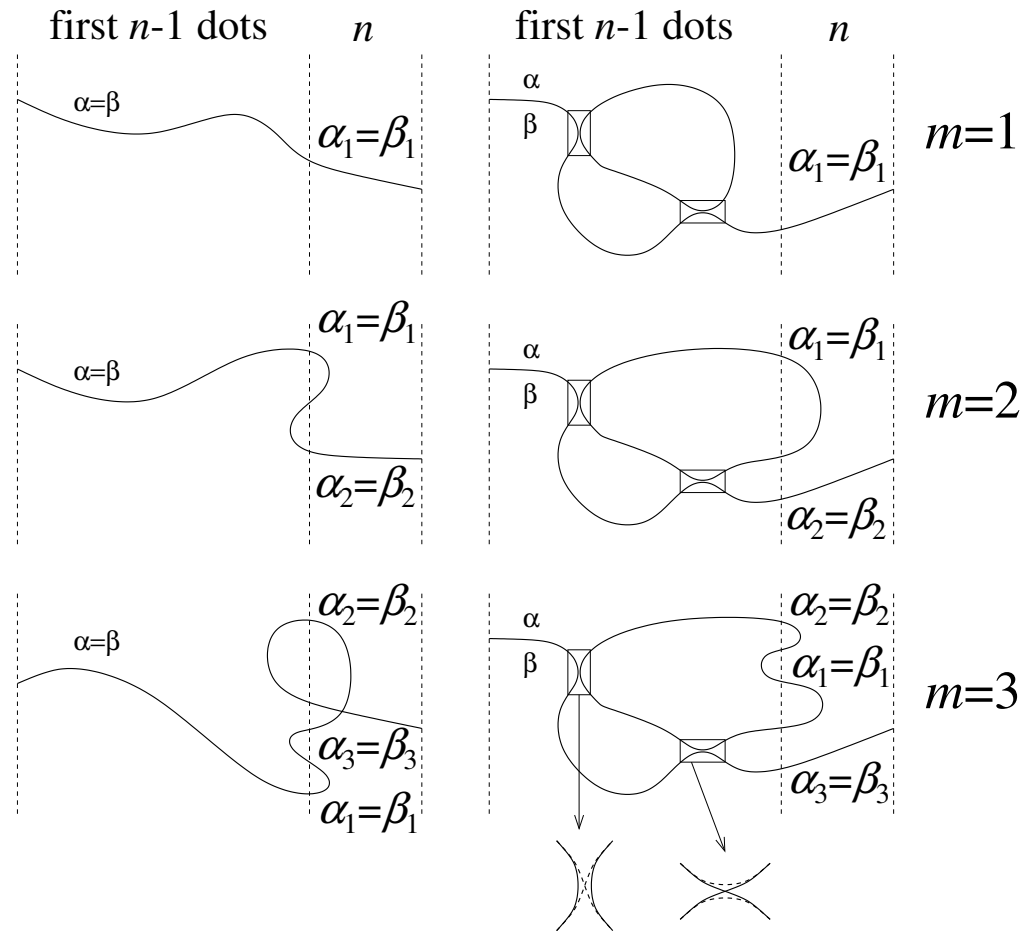
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To leading order in g_c :

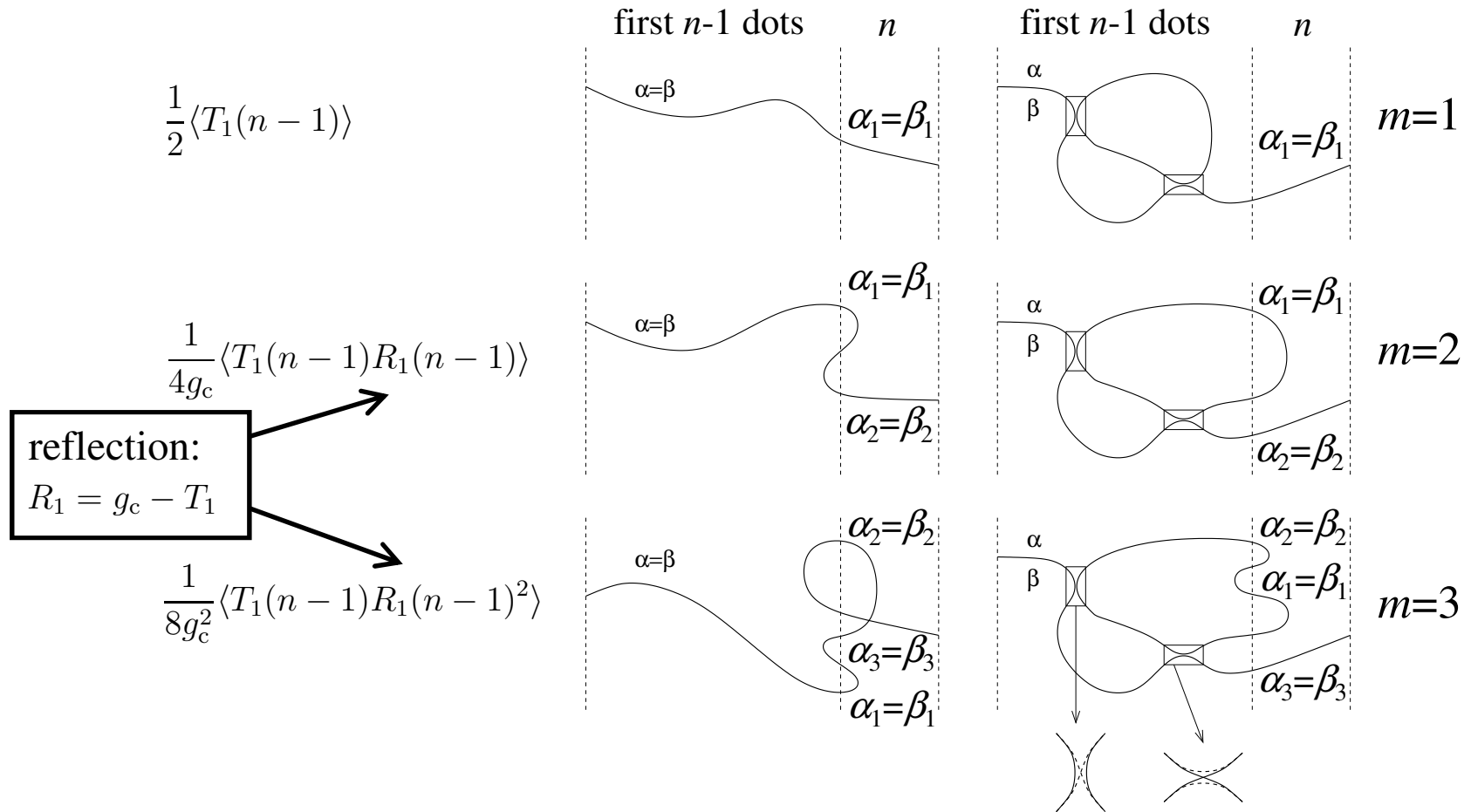
- diagonal approximation in n^{th} dot
- pair α_i with $\beta_i, i=1, \dots, m$

No restriction on number of small-angle self encounters in first $n-1$ dots

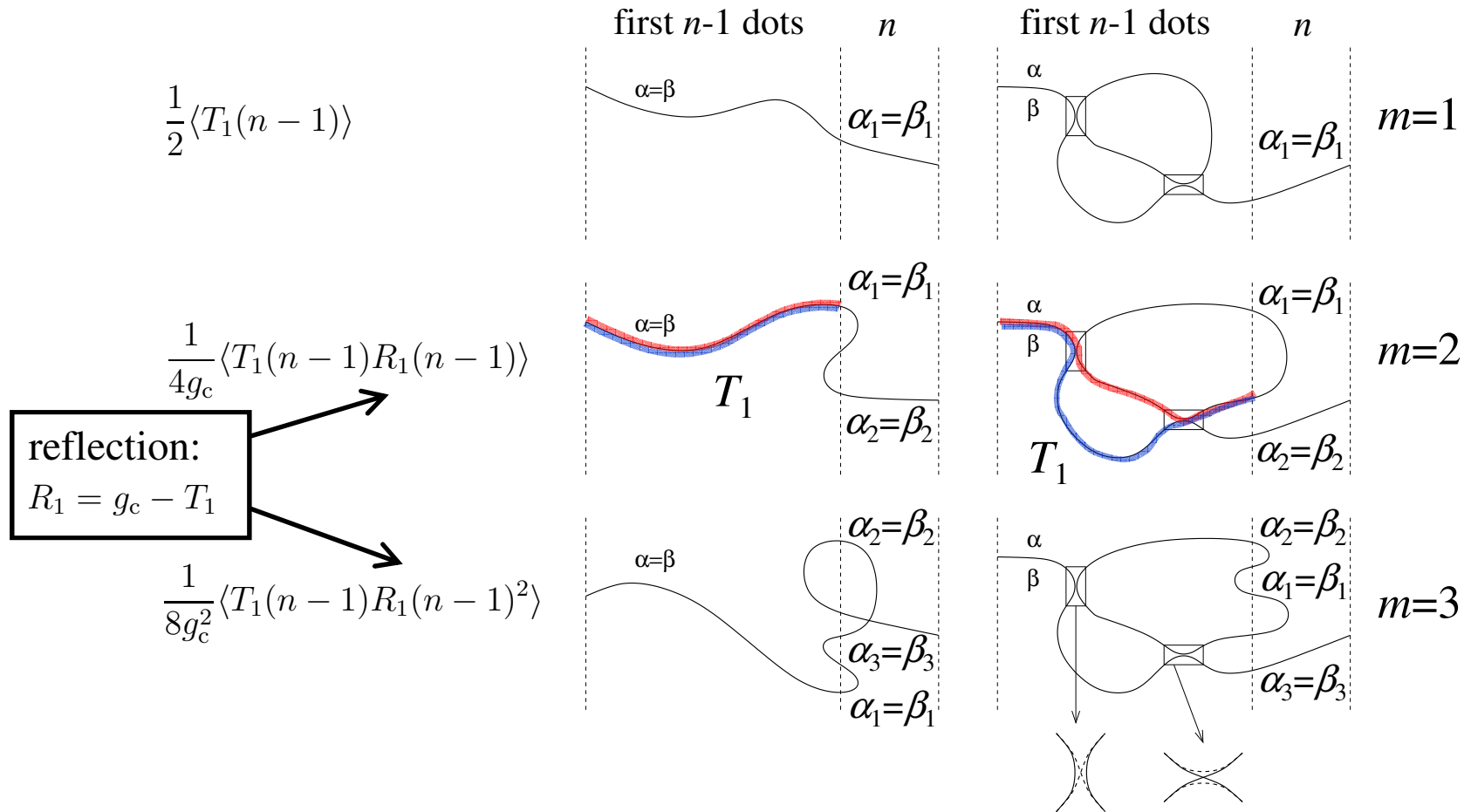


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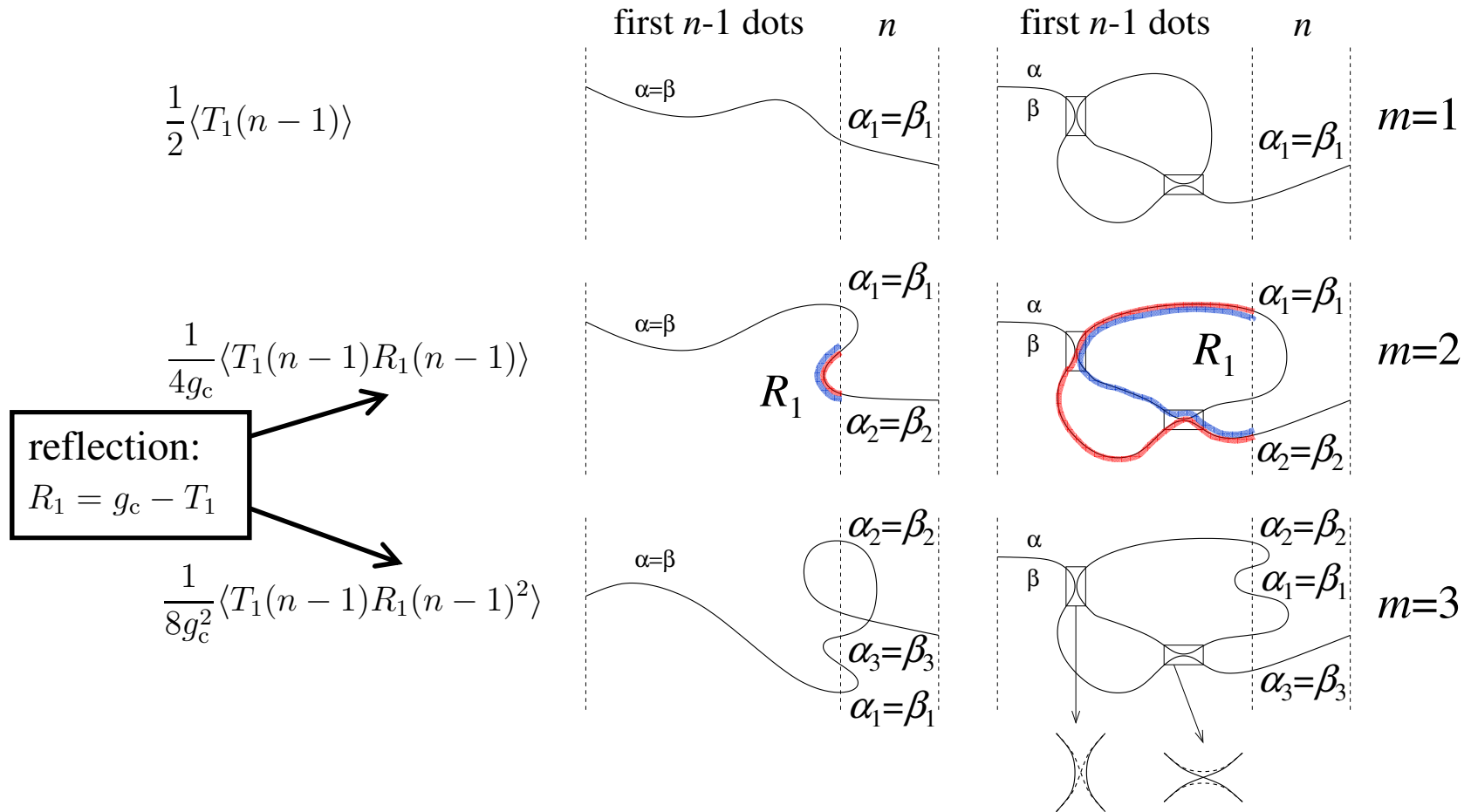
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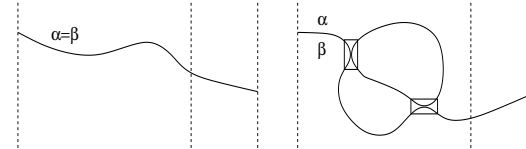


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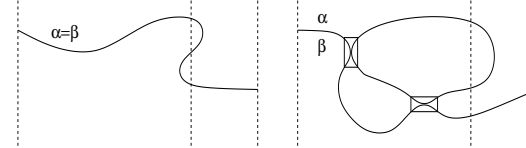
reflection:
 $R_1 = g_c - T_1$

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle T_1(n-1) \rangle$$



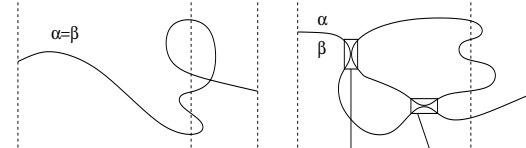
$m=1$

$$\frac{1}{4g_c} \langle T_1(n-1)R_1(n-1) \rangle$$



$m=2$

$$\frac{1}{8g_c^2} \langle T_1(n-1)R_1(n-1)^2 \rangle$$



$m=3$

...



$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_1(n) \rangle &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^m g_c^{m-1}} \langle T_1(n-1) R_1(n-1)^{m-1} \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{g_c T_1(n-1)}{2g_c - R_1(n-1)} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle T_1(n-1) \rangle - \frac{1}{g_c} \langle T_1(n-1)^2 \rangle + \mathcal{O}(g_c^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

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Beyond diagonal approximation in n^{th} dot:

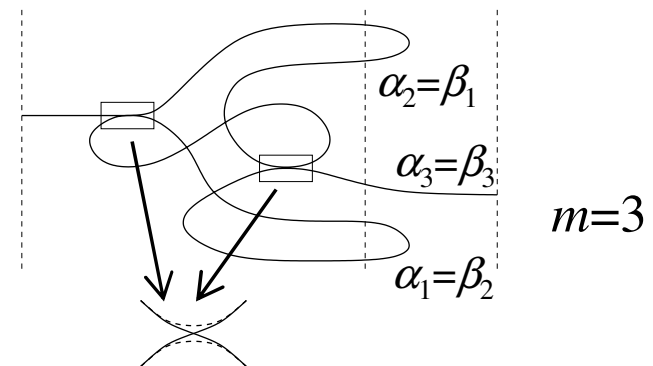
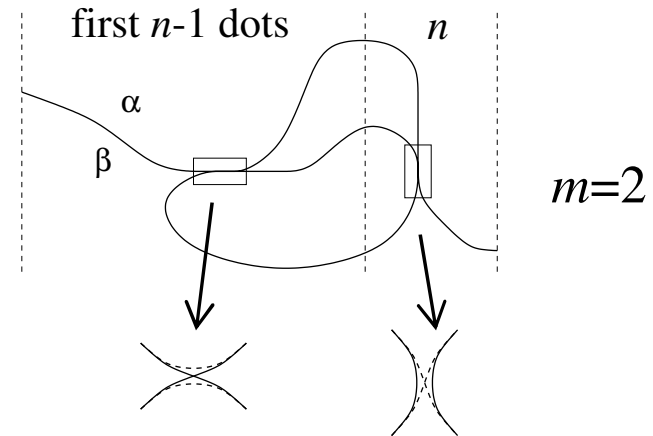
- contribution of order g_c^{-2}

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{8g_c^2} \langle \text{tr} S_{12} S_{22}^\dagger S_{22} S_{12}^\dagger \rangle \\
 & = \frac{1}{8g_c^2} \langle T_2(n-1) - T_1(n-1) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Pairing α_i with β_j , $i \neq j$:

- contribution of order g_c^{-2}

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{8g_c^2} \langle \text{tr} S_{12} (S_{22}^\dagger S_{22})^2 S_{12}^\dagger \rangle : \\
 & = \frac{1}{8g_c^2} \langle T_1(n-1) - 2T_2(n-1) + T_3(n-1) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

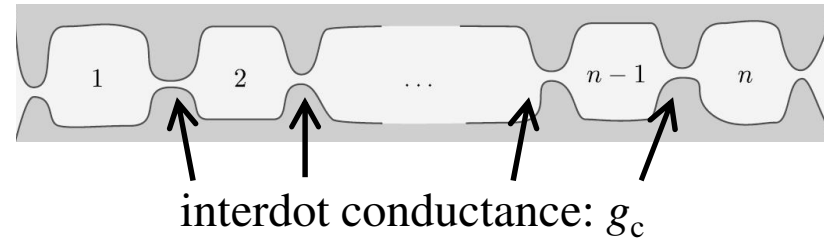


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$$\begin{aligned}\delta\langle T_1 \rangle &= \langle T_1(n) \rangle - \langle T_1(n-1) \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{g_c} \langle T_1(n-1)^2 \rangle + \mathcal{O}(g_c^{-2})\end{aligned}$$



Extension to higher moments and $\beta=1$ (time-reversal symmetry):

- Need to consider up to one encounter in n^{th} dot;
- Need to go (slightly) beyond pairing α_i with β_i , $i=1, \dots, m$.

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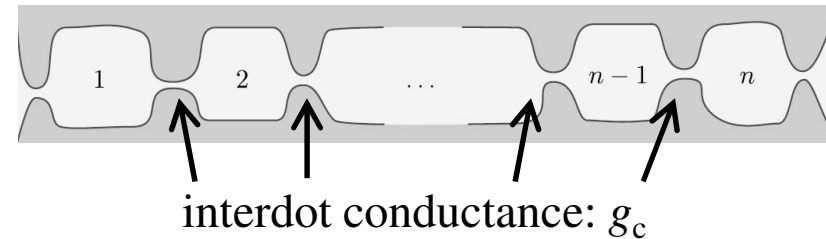
full set of recursion relations

$$\begin{aligned}\delta \left\langle \prod_{m=1}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle &= -\frac{1}{g_c} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n i_k \right) \left\langle T_1 \prod_{m=1}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle \\ &+ \frac{1}{g_c} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i_k-1} i_k \left\langle (T_j(T_{i_k-j} - T_{i_k-j+1})) \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle \\ &+ \frac{2}{g_c} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} i_k i_l \left\langle (T_{i_k+i_l} - T_{i_k+i_l+1}) \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k, l}}^n T_{i_m} \right\rangle + \mathcal{O}(g_c^{-2})\end{aligned}$$

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Theory of Anderson localization in array of ballistic chaotic cavities, formulated in terms of classical trajectories only.