

“Applying the Scientific Method to Understanding Anomalous Heat Effects:
Opportunities and Challenges”

High Energy D_2 Bond from Feynman's Integral Wave Equation

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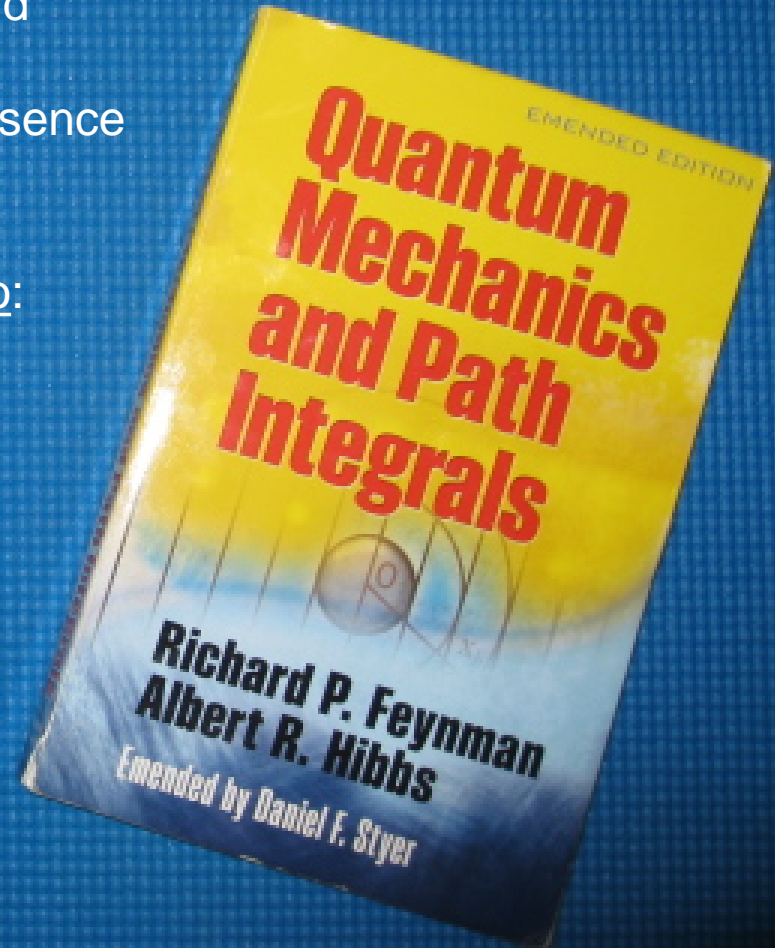
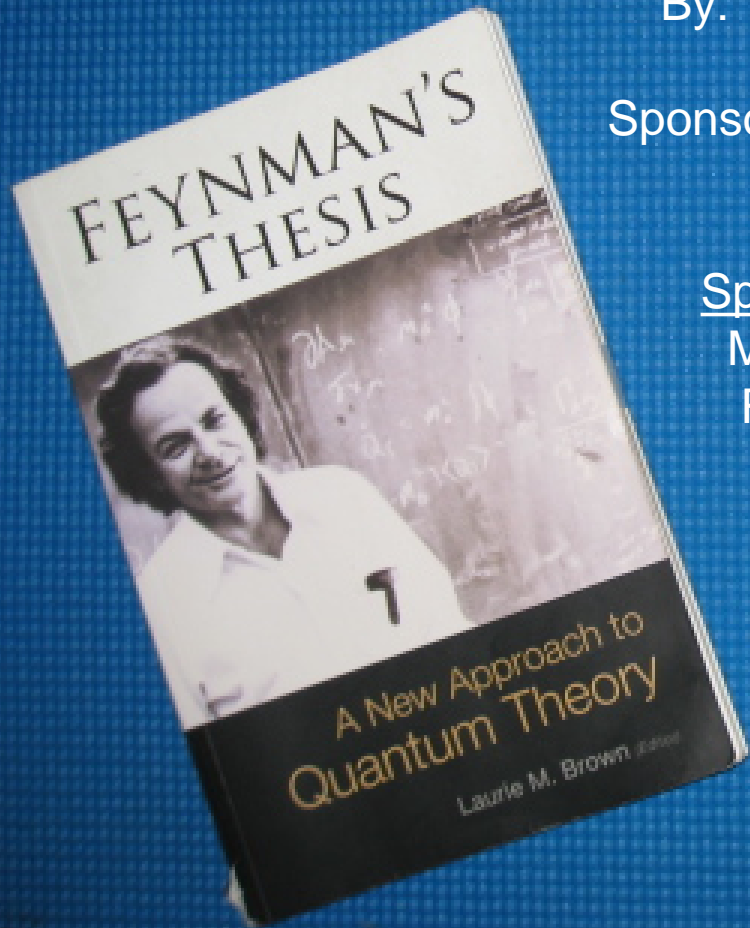
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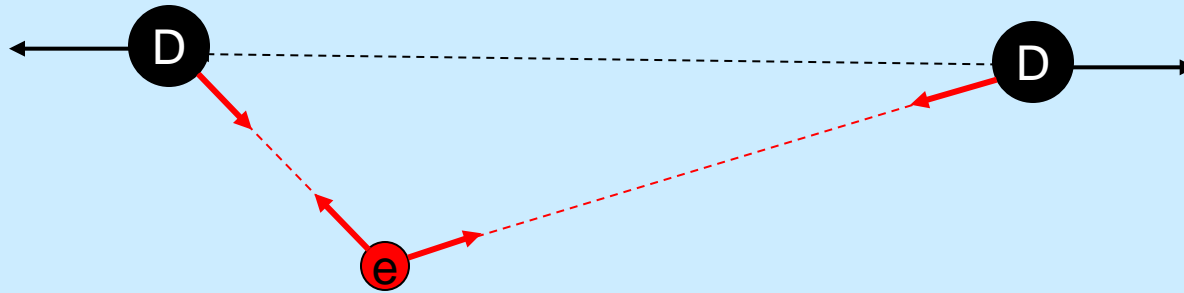
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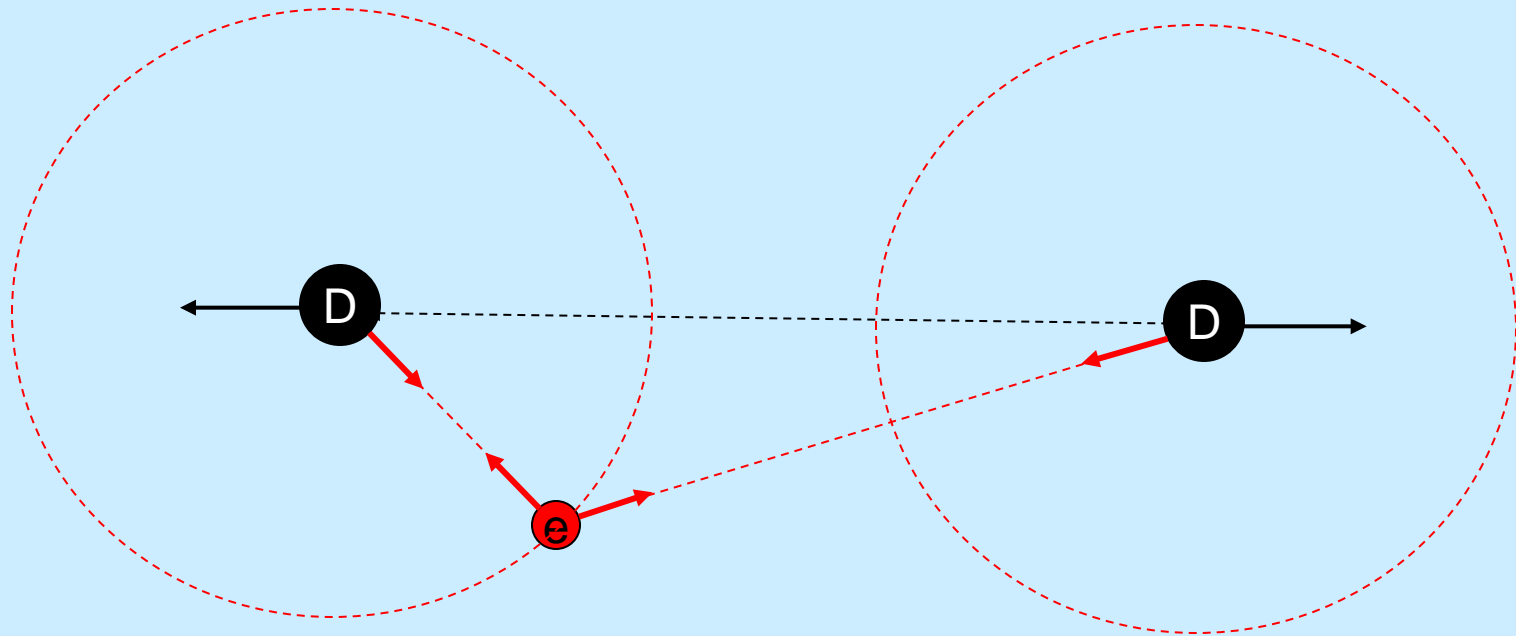


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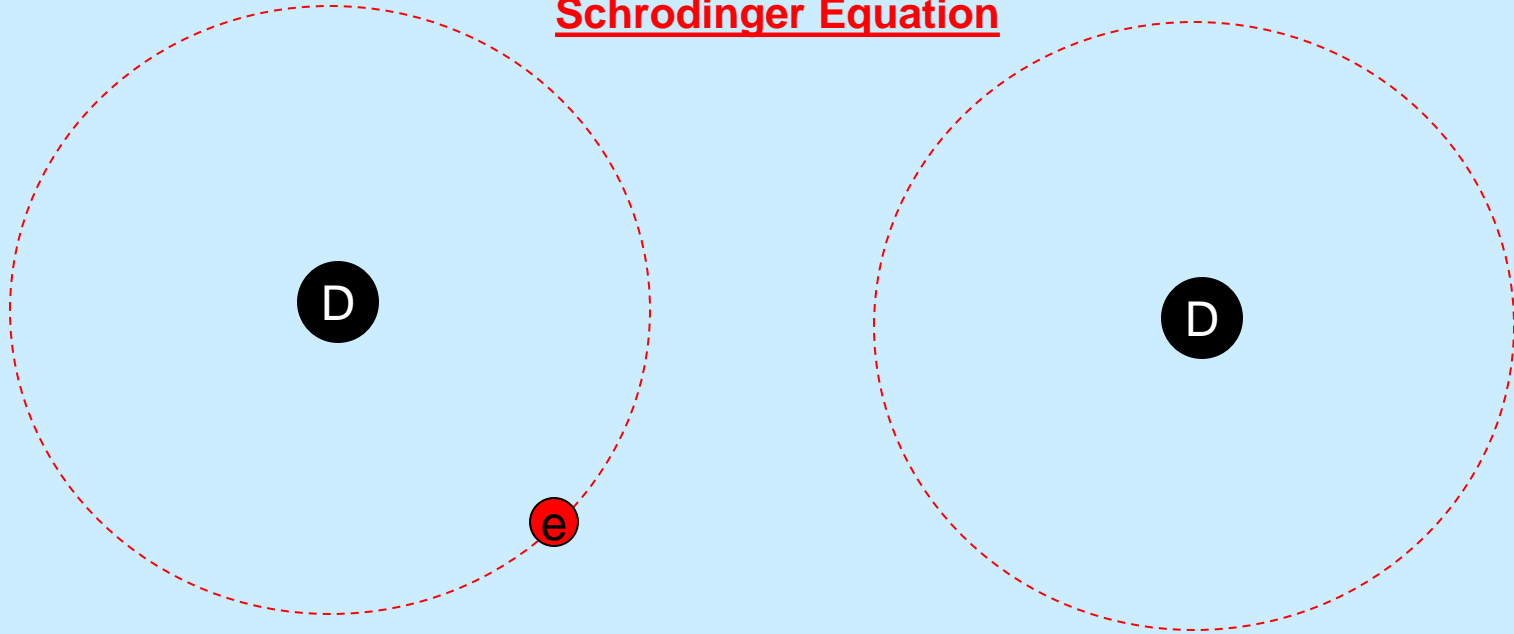
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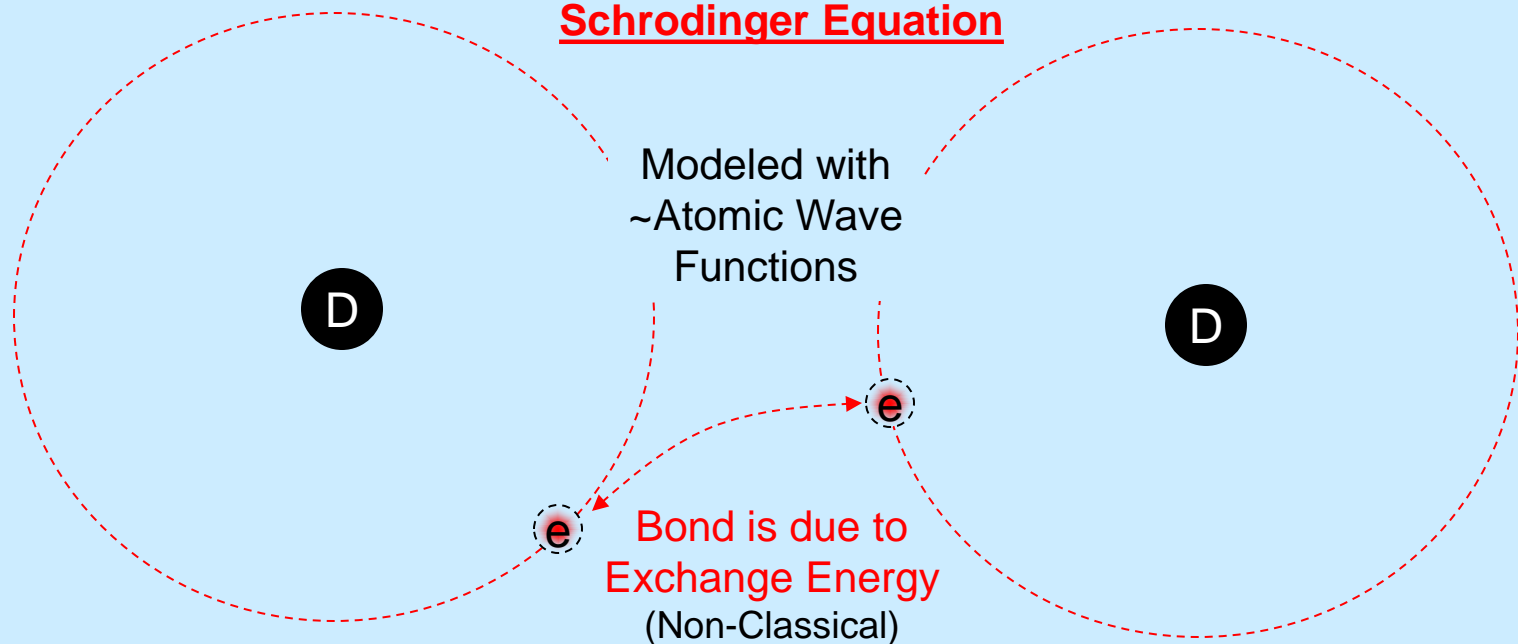
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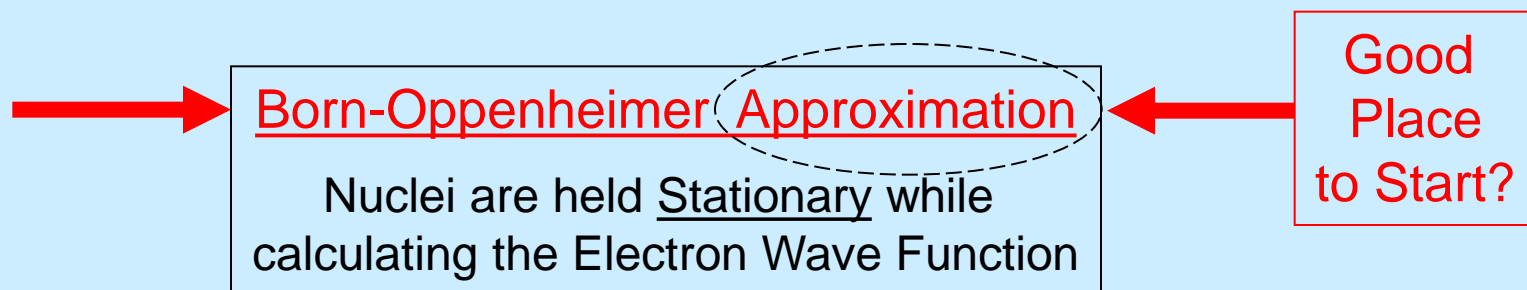
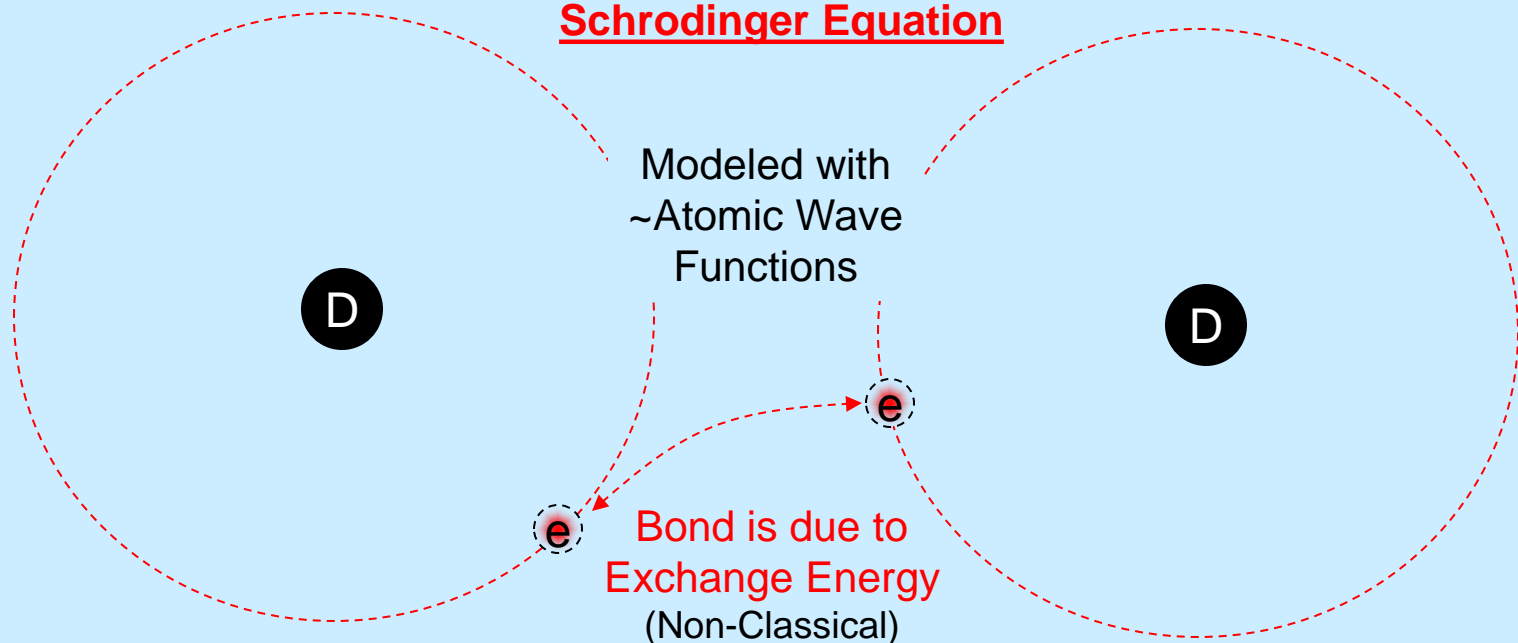
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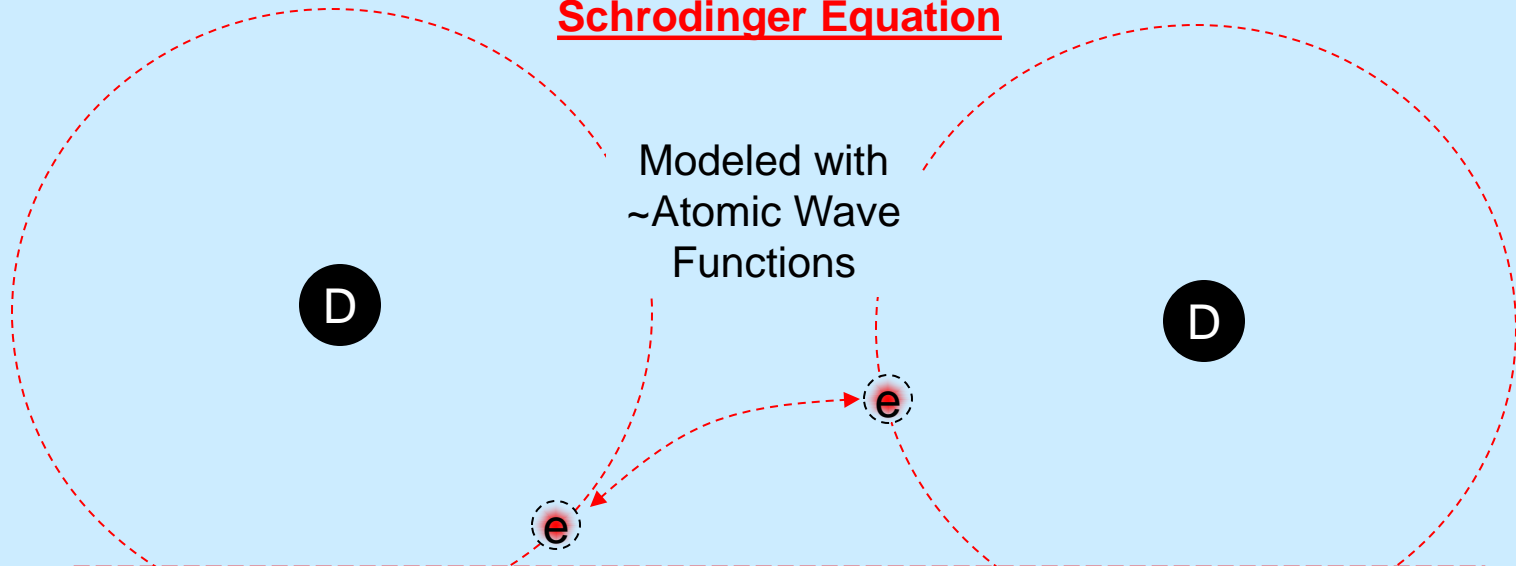
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All Chemistry is Based on this!!

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Fleischman-Pons affect would seem to require
High K.E. Deuterons (not stationary):

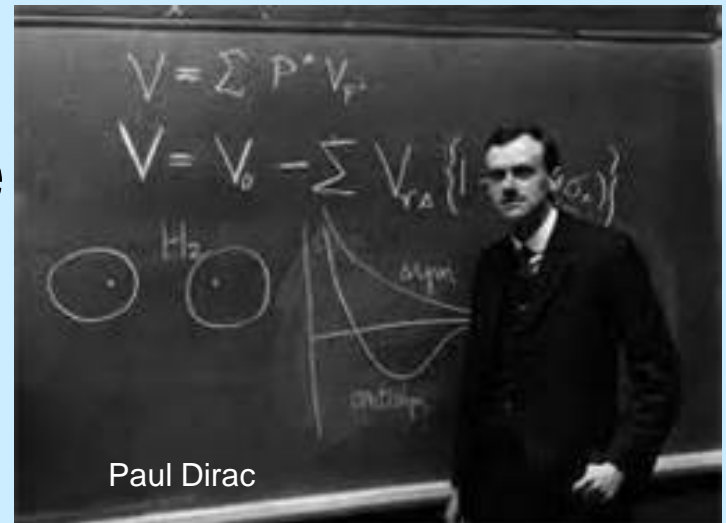
1. To Localize → **Uncertainty Principle** $\left(\Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2\{2mE_k\}^{1/2}}\right)$
2. To Overcome → **Coulomb Repulsion**
3. Similar **Deuteron - Electron** Energies → **Coupling**
- → **Can not** use **Born-Oppenheimer Approximation**

Paul Dirac's, "The Lagrangian in Quantum Mechanics" : 1932

(The paper that *inspired Feynman's Path Integral Approach* ~1942)

"...Now there is an alternative formulation for classical dynamics provided by the Lagrangian... **there are**

reasons for believing that the Lagrangian one is the more fundamental.."

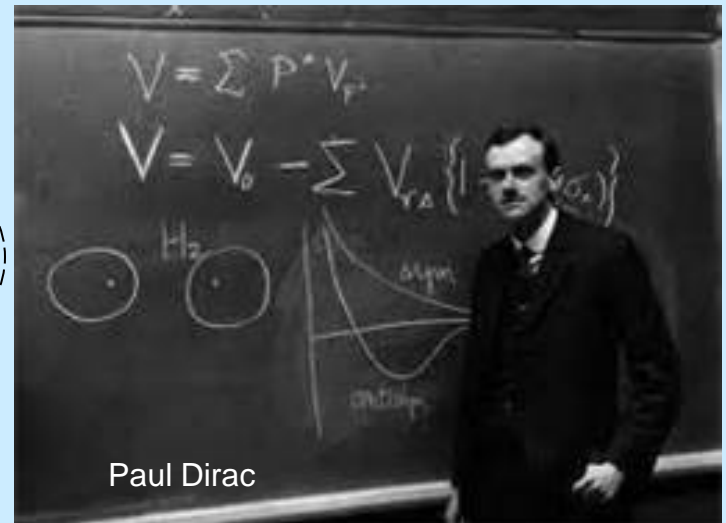


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“...the **Lagrangian method** allows one to collect together **all the equations of motion** and express them as the stationary property of a certain **action function**. (This **action function** is just the time integral of the **Lagrangian**). There is

no corresponding action principle in terms of the coordinates and momenta of the **Hamiltonian theory**.



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What Does That Mean?

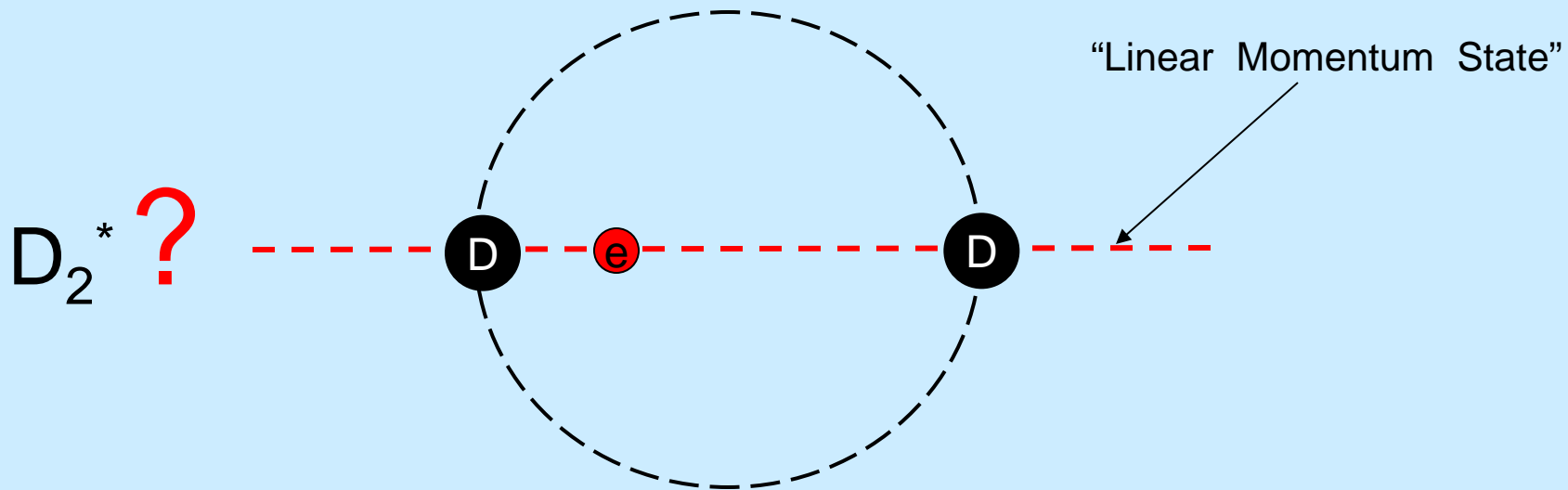
The “Action” integral accounts for particle behavior over the time, or period of an Observation

The **Differential Hamiltonian** (Schrodinger Eq.)
can not easily **model correlated** interference
affects over periods of time and space

(i.e. Should not use Born-Oppenheimer
with High K.E. Deuterons + Electrons)

Could there be Another Form of D_2 ?

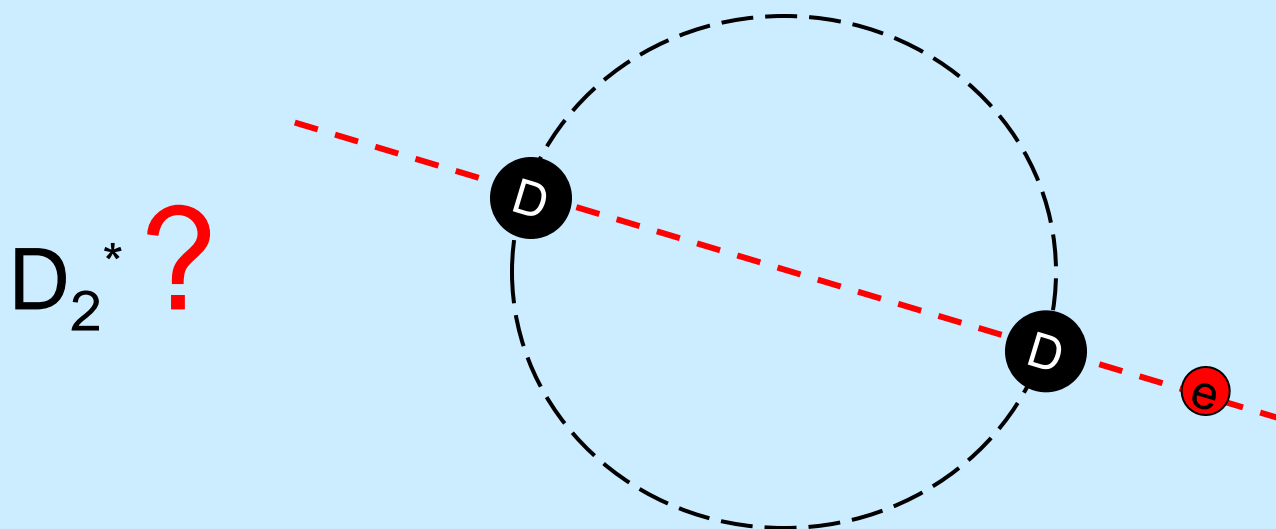
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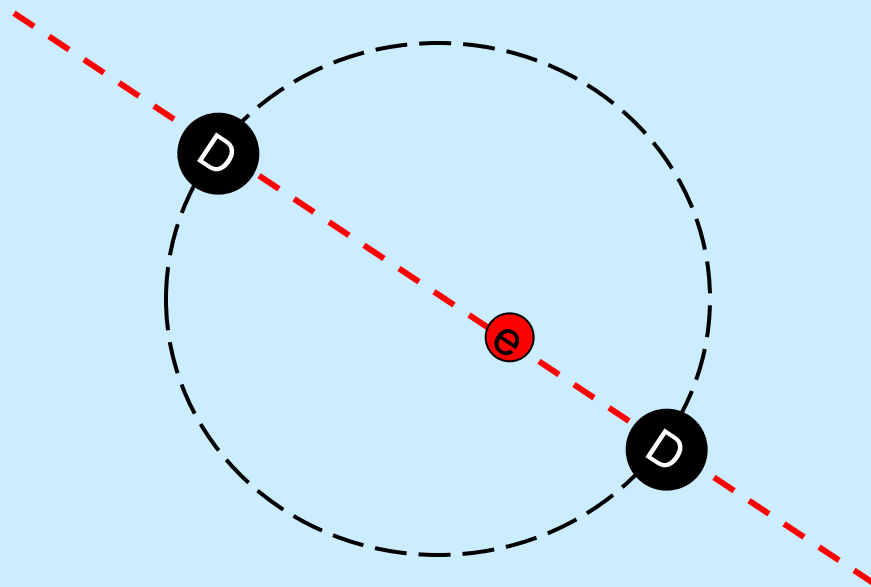


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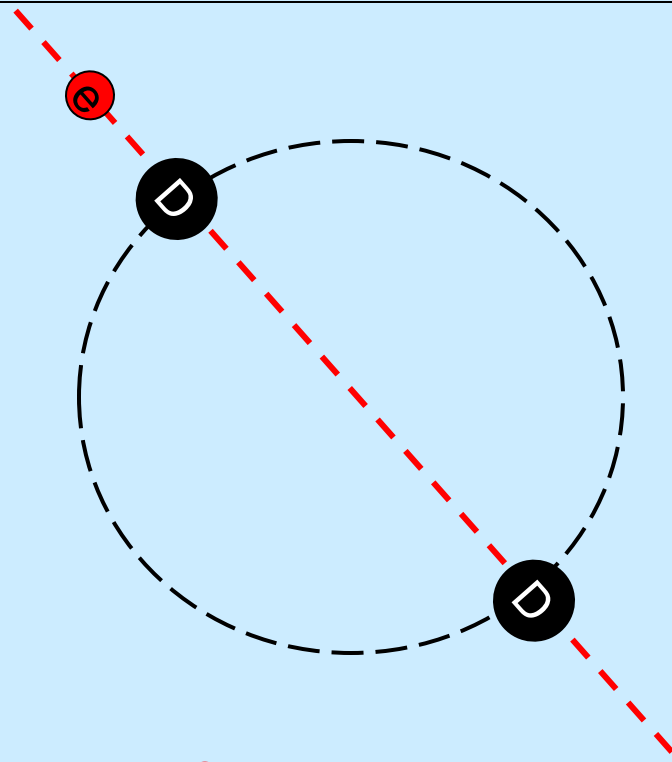


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Nagging Question

Can the Linear Momentum State be
derived from 'accepted' Q.M. principles??!

Conceptual Understanding of the Linear Momentum State

We Need 3 Basic Concepts :

- 1) The 'Action' from the Lagrangian
- 2) Path Amplitude Summation
- 3) Stationary State Requirements

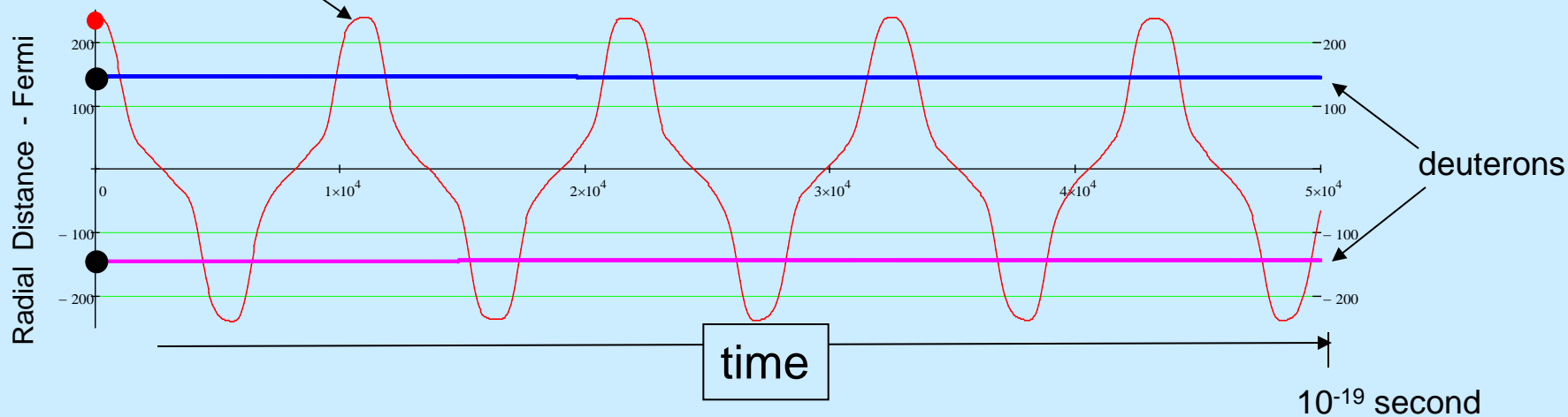
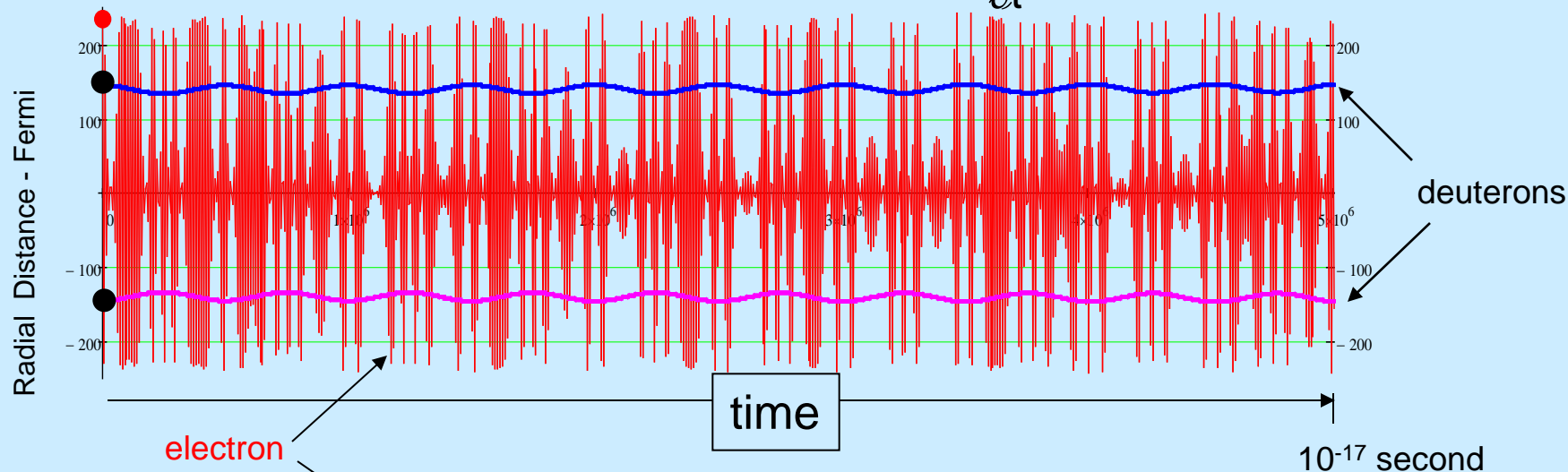
Outline

- D_2^* as a Classical Bond
- Review Double Slit Interference
- Dirac's Path Amplitude
- Principle of least Action
- Summing Complex Amplitudes
- Stationary State Requirement
- **Conclusion:**
 - Semi-Classical "Linear Momentum State"

D_2^* Classical Bond Simulation

-Radial Position vs. Time-

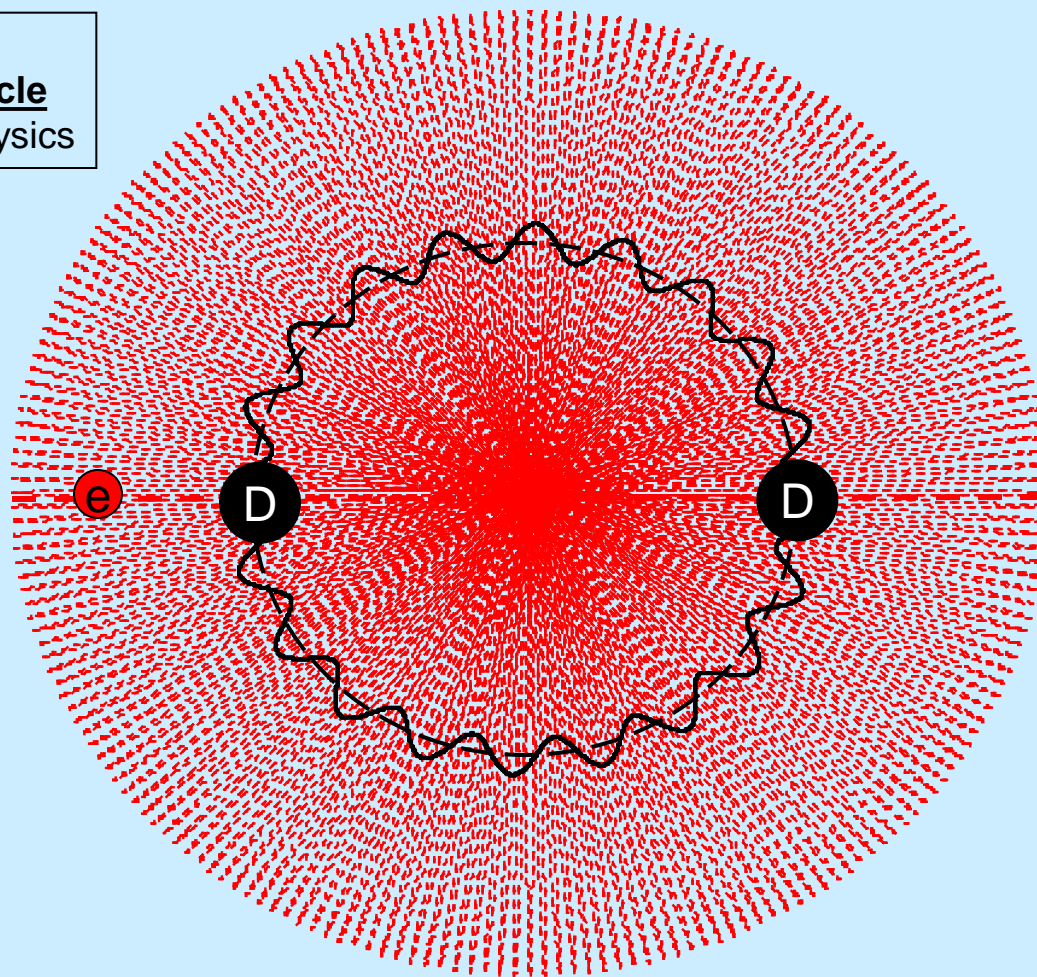
3 coupled 2nd order Differential Eq. using $\rightarrow F = m \cdot a = m \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2}$ Initial velocity: $V(t=0) = 0$



Classical “Orbit” of D_2^*

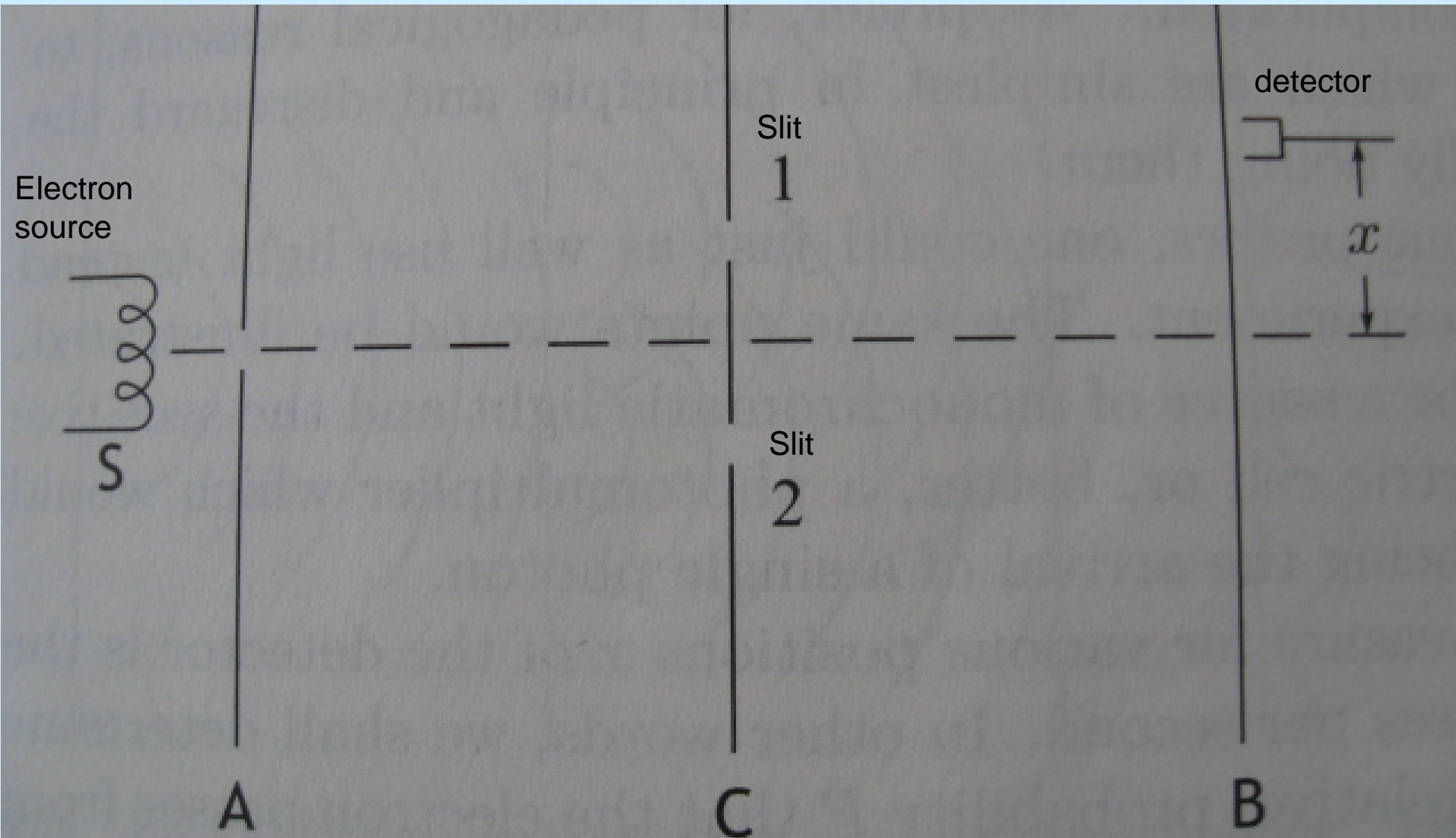
Dimensions determined by Q.M.
just like the Hydrogen atom

Electron acting like a
Force Carrying Particle
familiar to nuclear physics



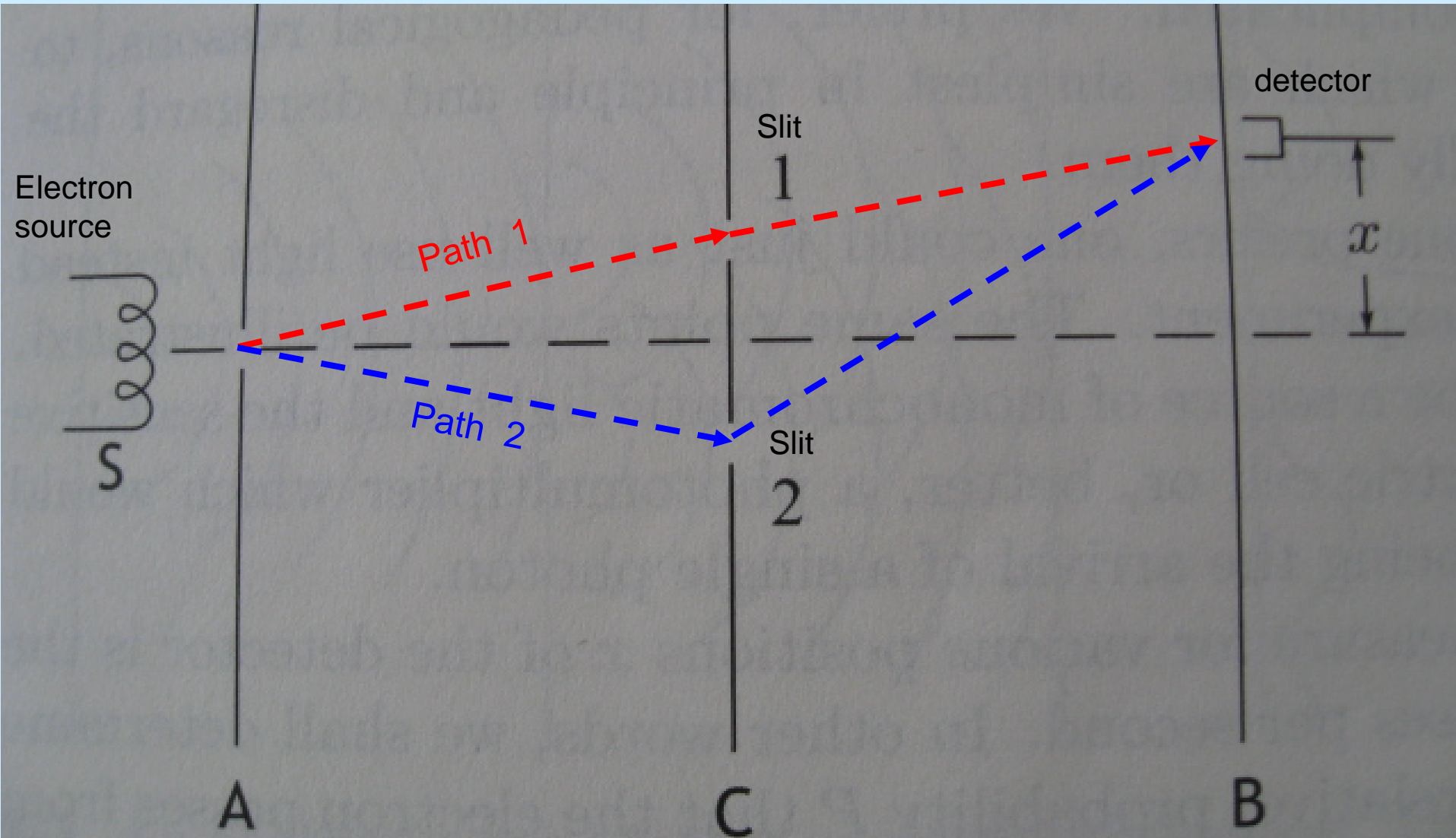
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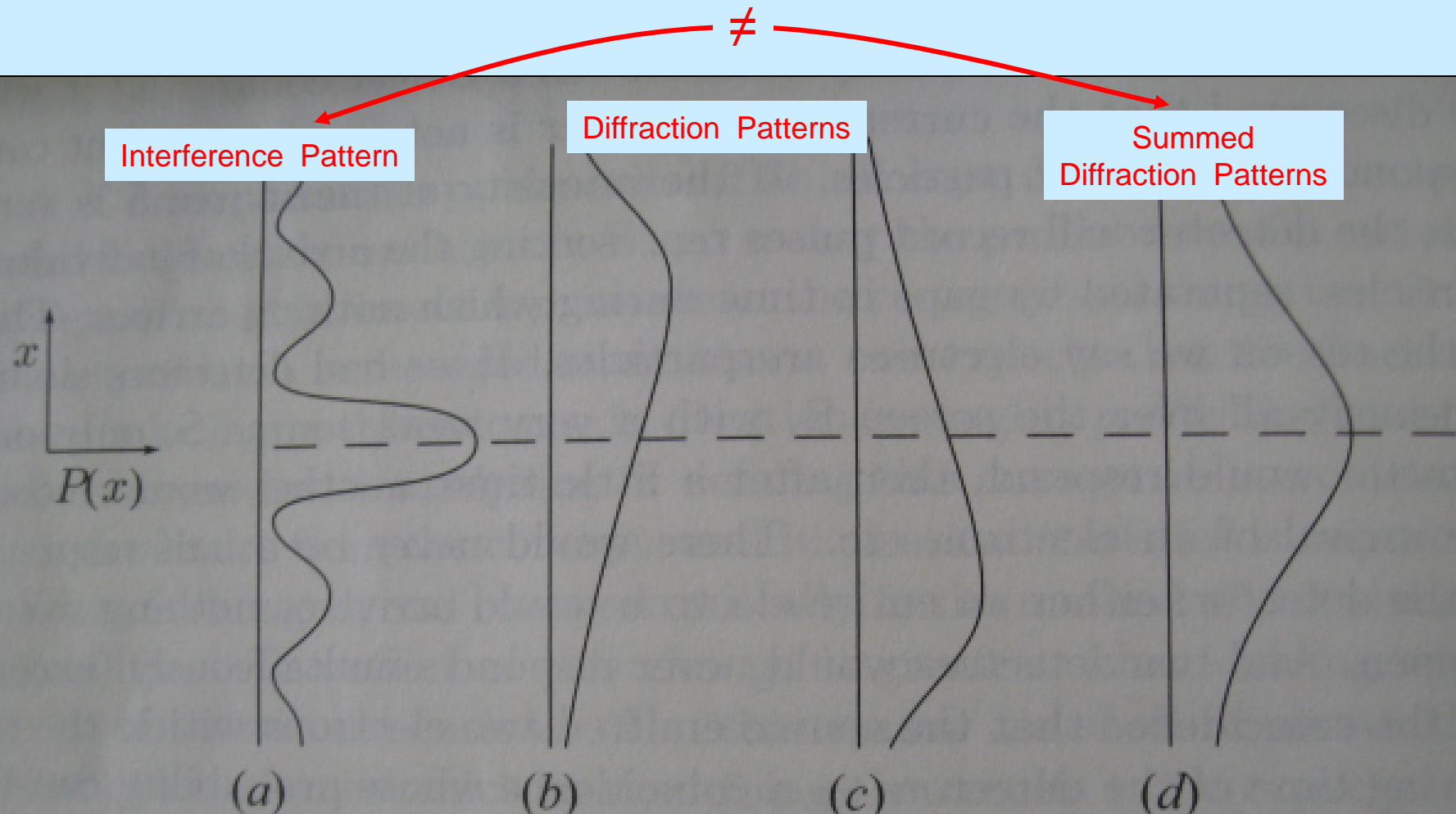
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Probability Distributions from **Double Slit** Experiments

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Interference Pattern

Diffraction Patterns

Summed Diffraction Patterns

$P(x)$ with both Holes open

$P_1(x)$ with just Hole 1 open

$P_2(x)$ with just Hole 2 open

$P_1(x) + P_2(x) \neq P(x)$

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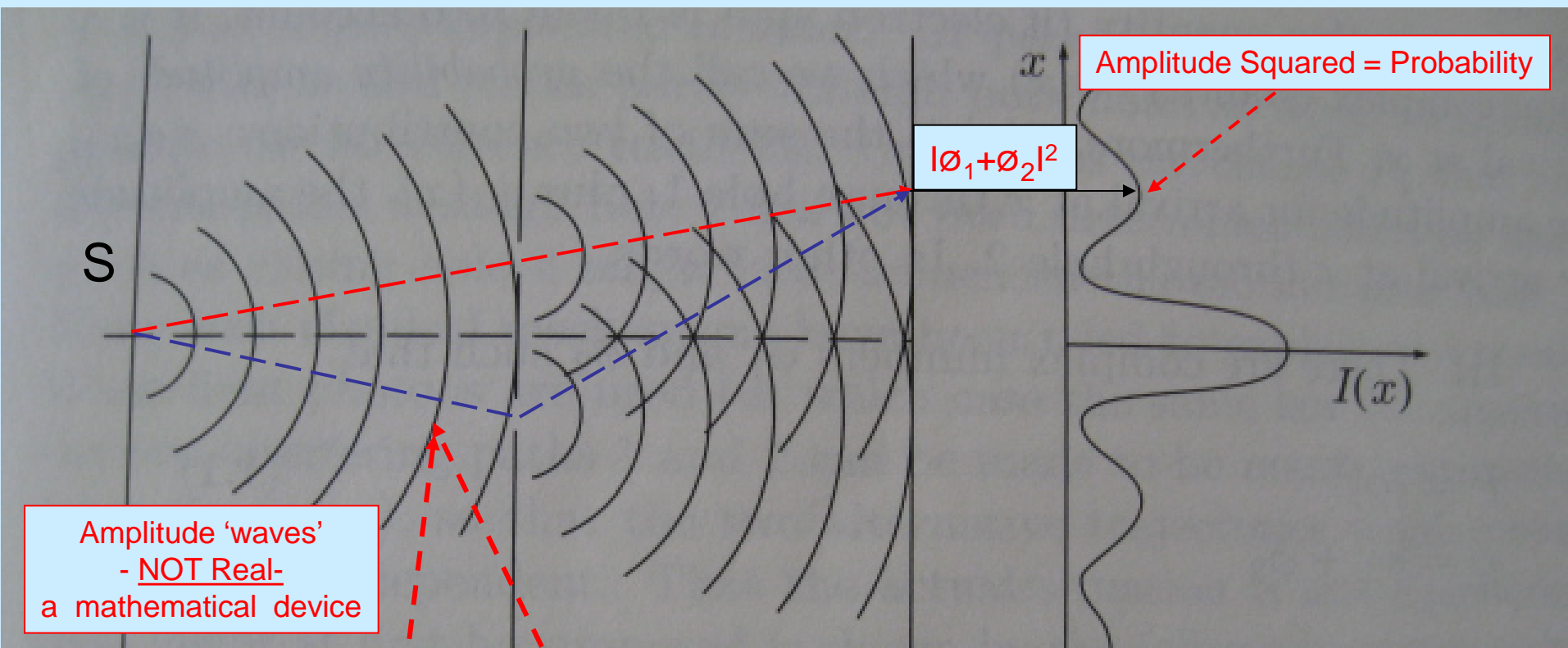
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Analogous Experiment in Wave Interference



Amplitude 'waves'
- NOT Real-
a mathematical device

$$|\phi_1 + \phi_2|^2$$

Amplitude Squared = Probability

$I(x)$

$$\phi_{j[b,a]} \sim e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_j} = \cos(S_j/\hbar) + i \sin(S_j/\hbar)$$

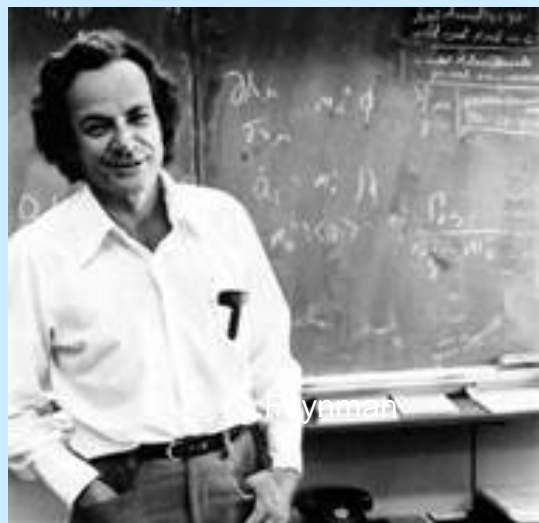
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← Euler's Formula

"... The easiest way to represent wave amplitudes is by complex numbers..." -Feynman

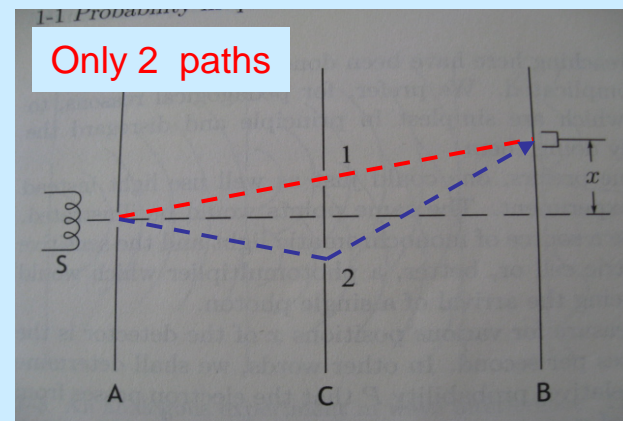
Feynman's Wave Equation

Can Derive Schrodinger Equation from this Concept



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Only 2 paths

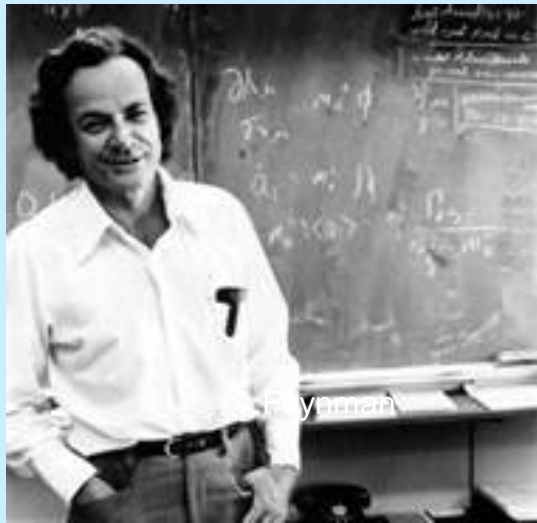
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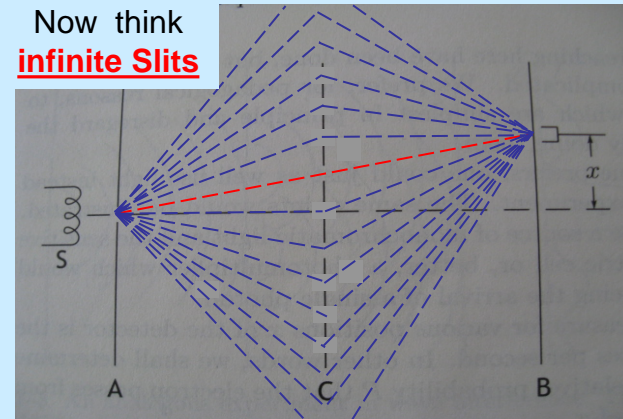
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Now think **infinite Slits**



Can be solved
but
Conceptual Approach today

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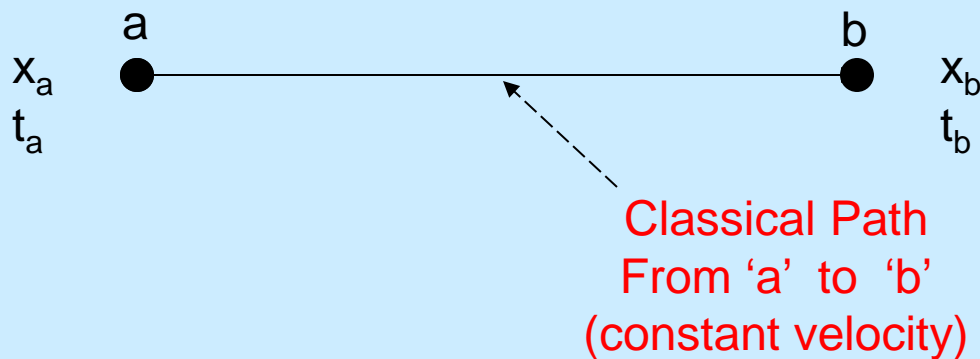
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0 for free particle

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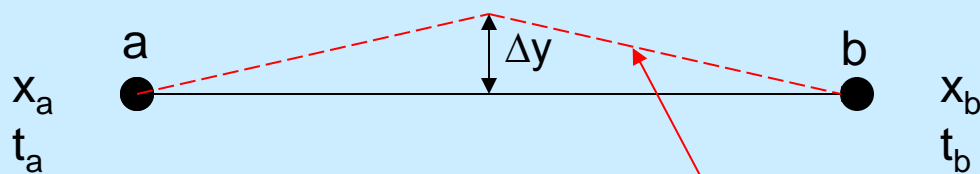
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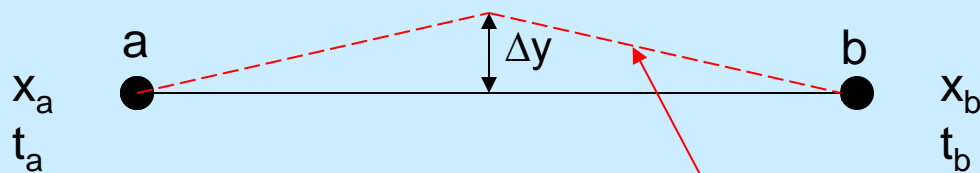
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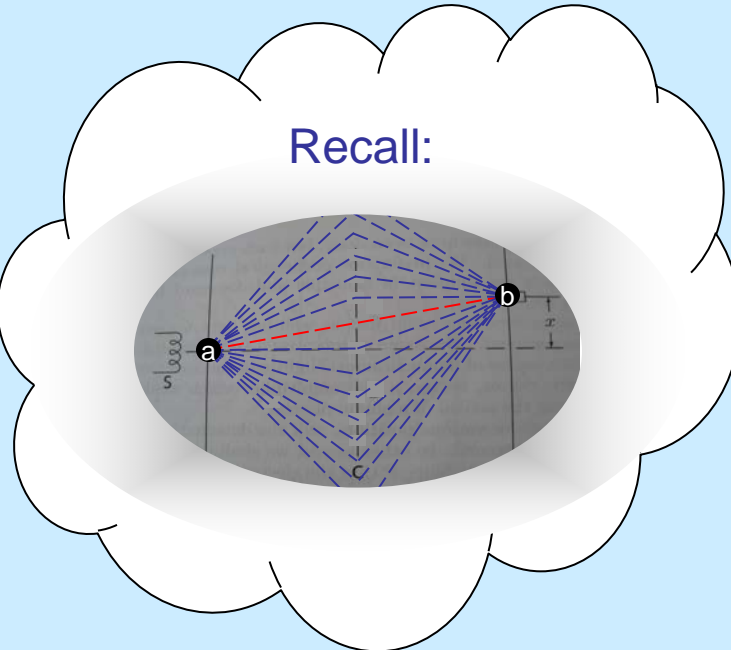
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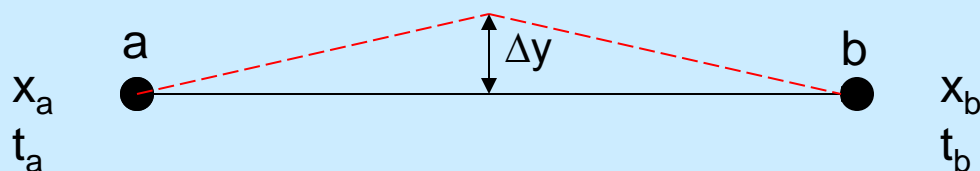
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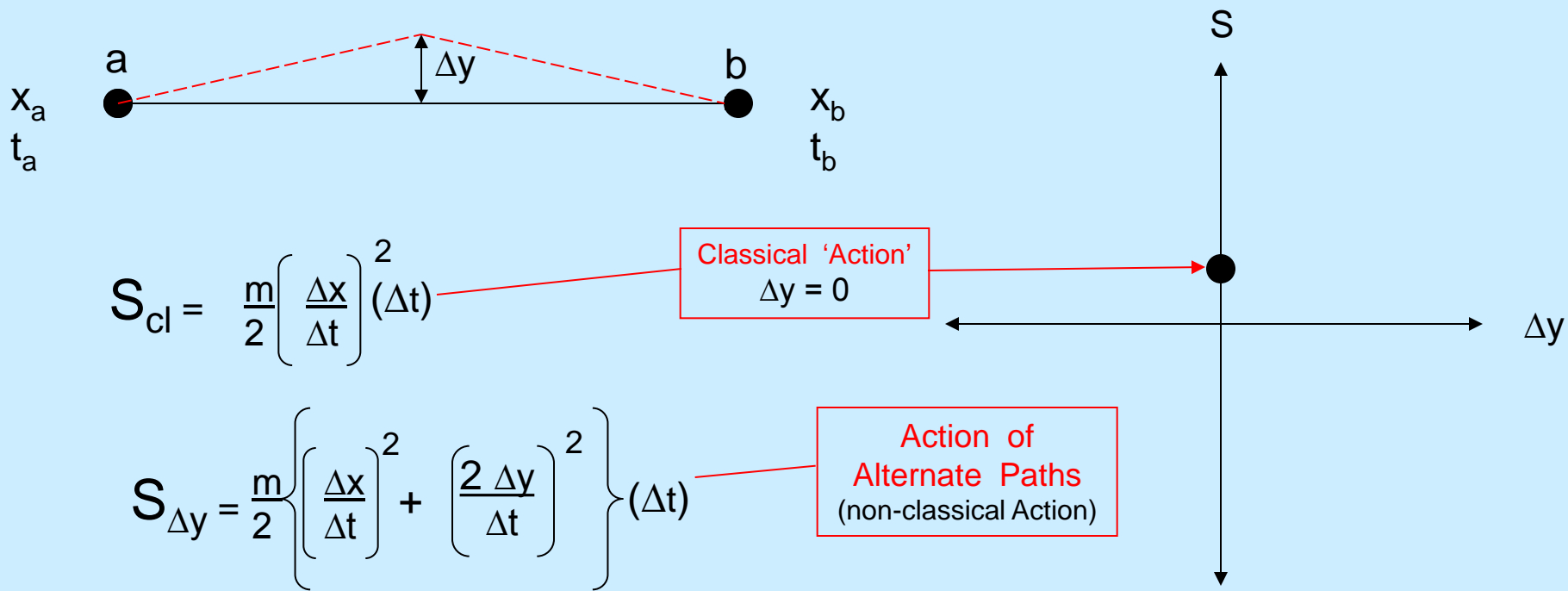
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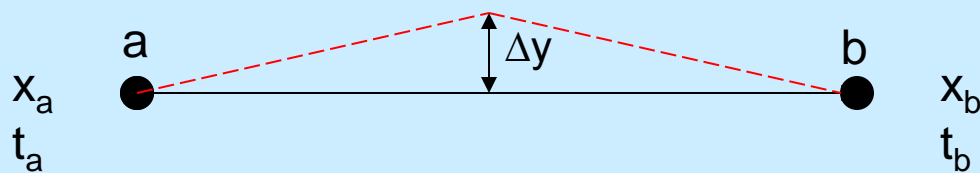


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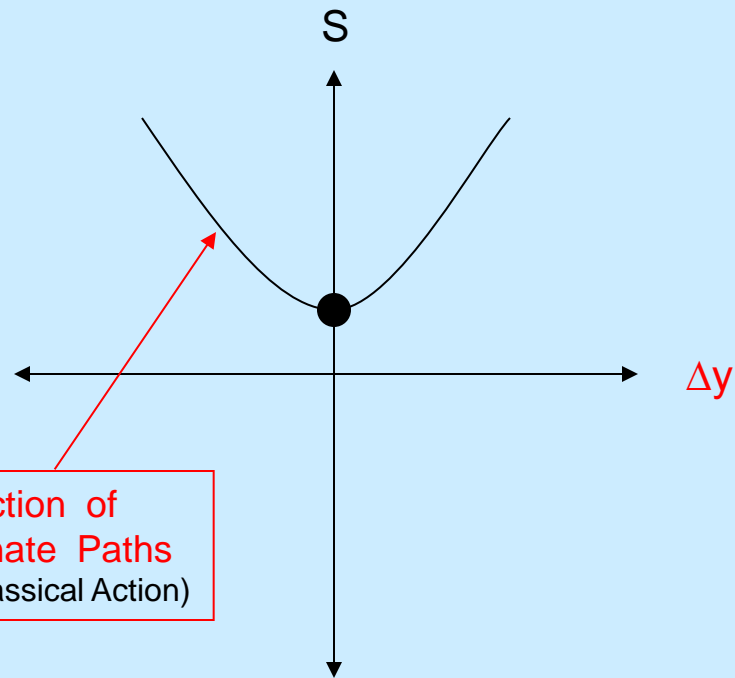
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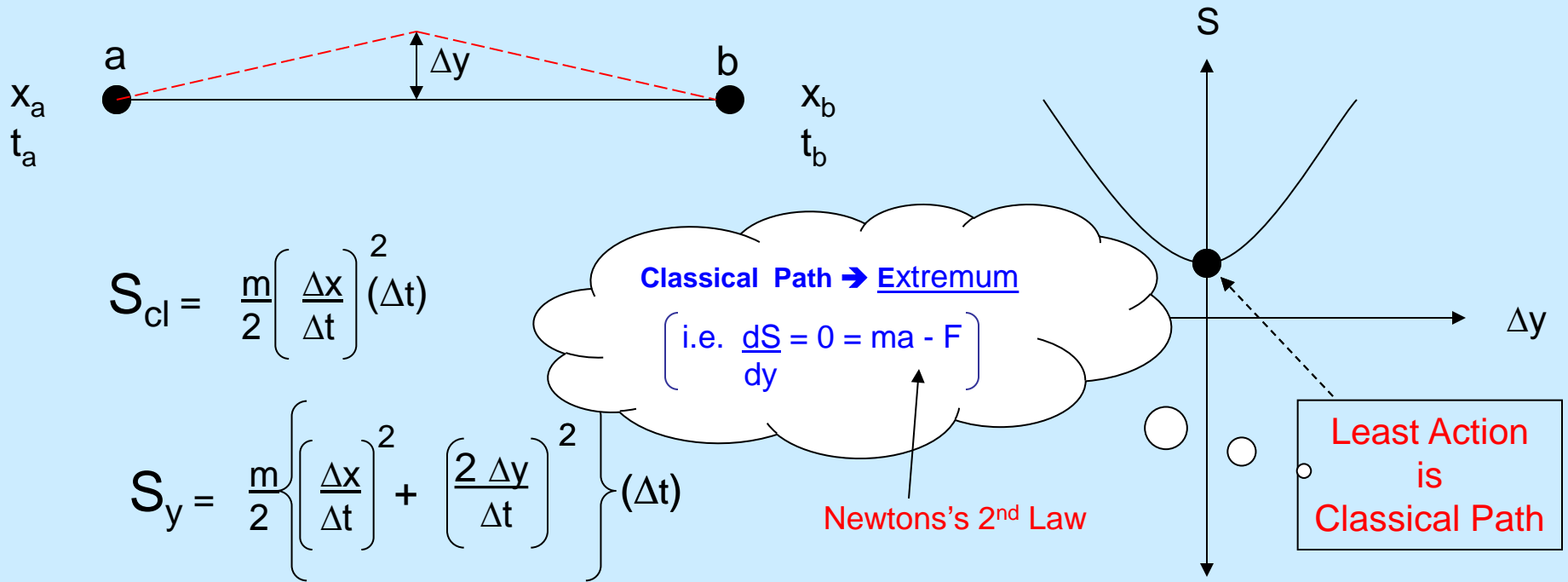


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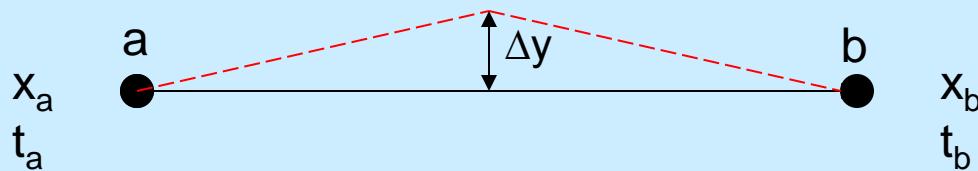


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Recall:
 D_2^* Classical Motion
 ↓
An Extremum

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Classical Path → Extremum
 [i.e. $\frac{dS}{dy} = 0 = ma - F$]

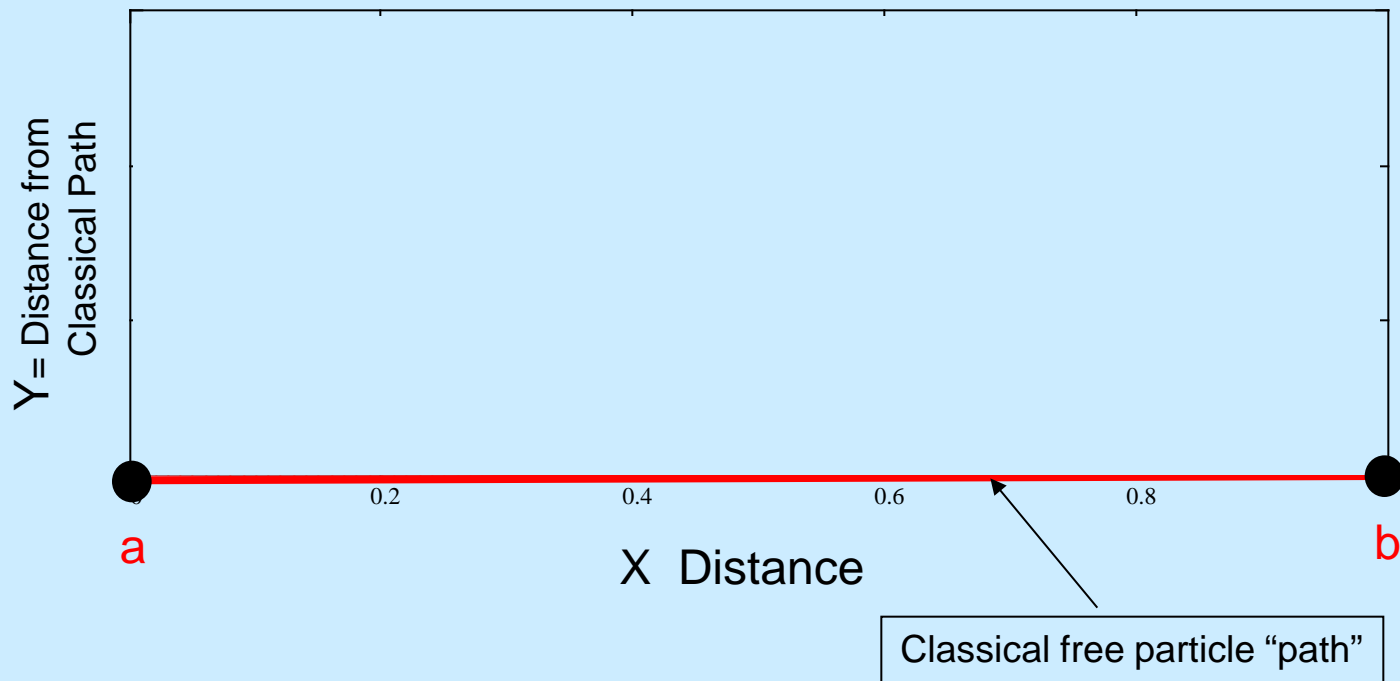
Newton's 2nd Law

Least Action is Classical Path

Summing Amplitudes of Paths

'Free Particle' Examples

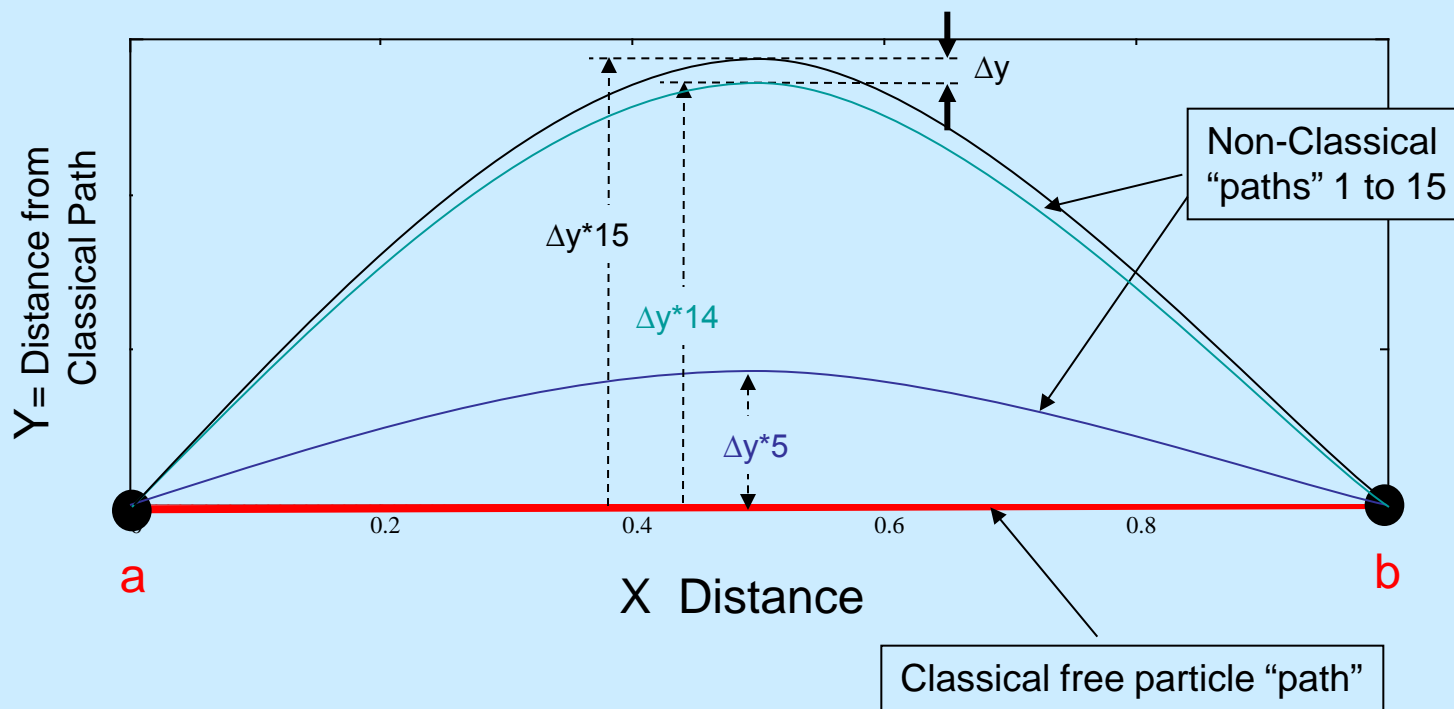
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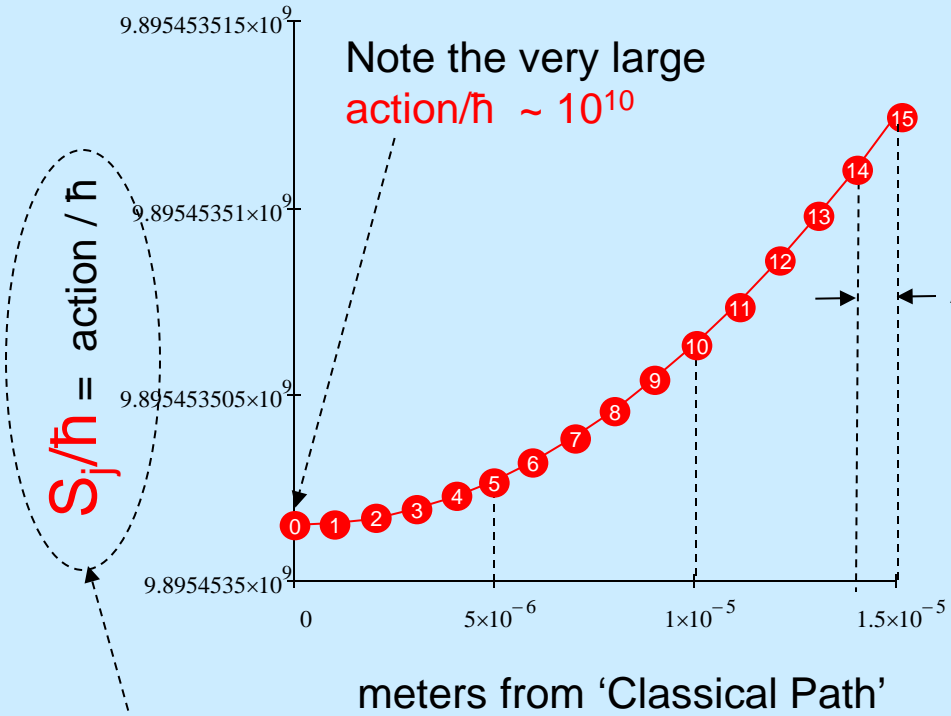
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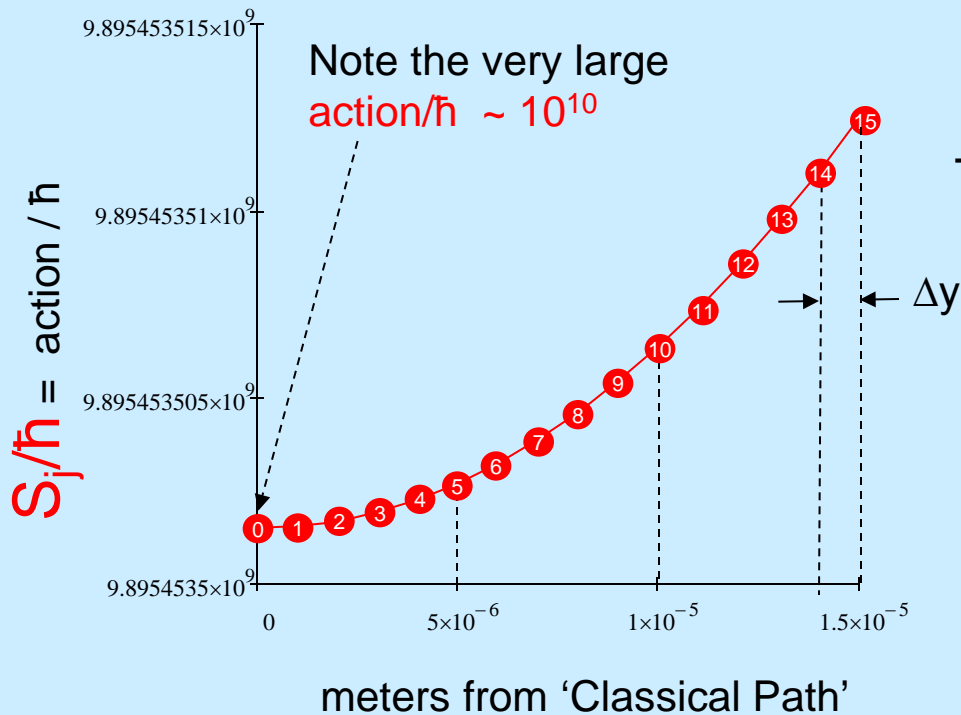


Sum of Paths

Total Amplitude = $\sum_{J=0}^{15} e^{iS(j)/\hbar}$

Action in units of Planks Constant

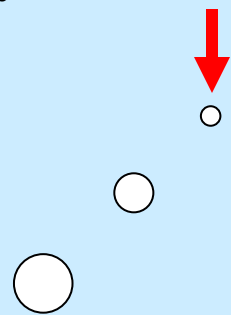
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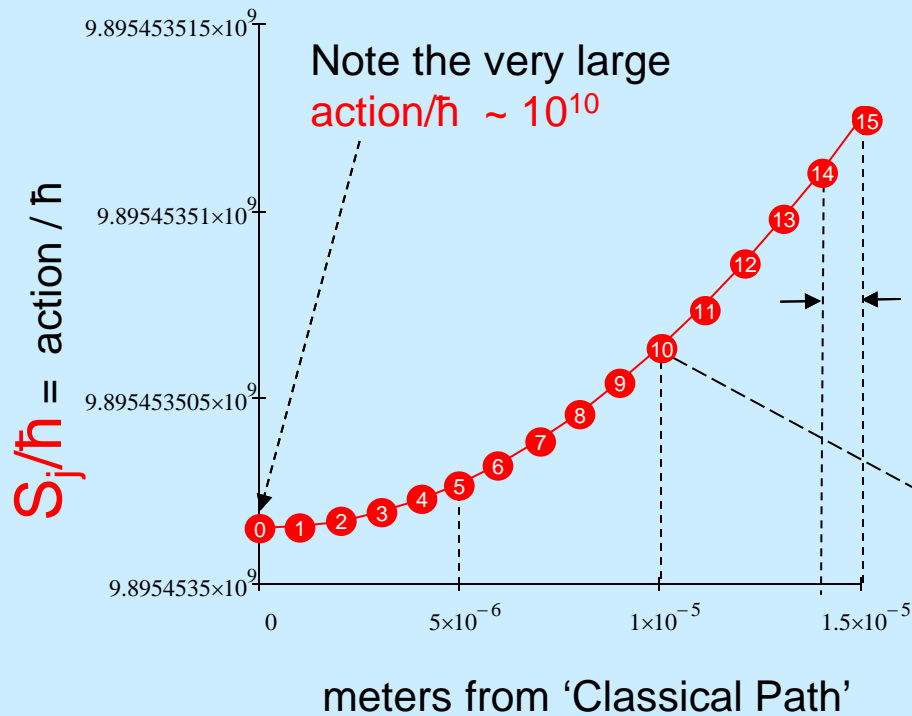
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Like adding Vectors
in the Complex Plane

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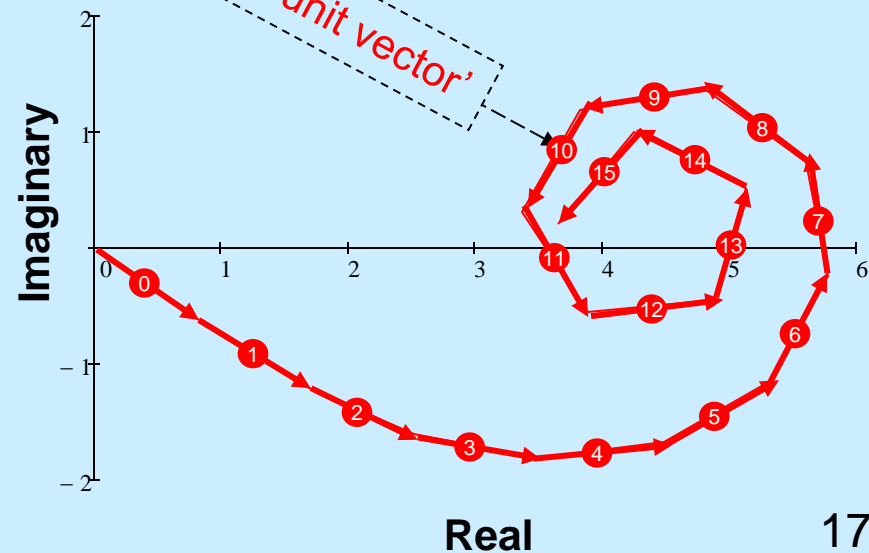
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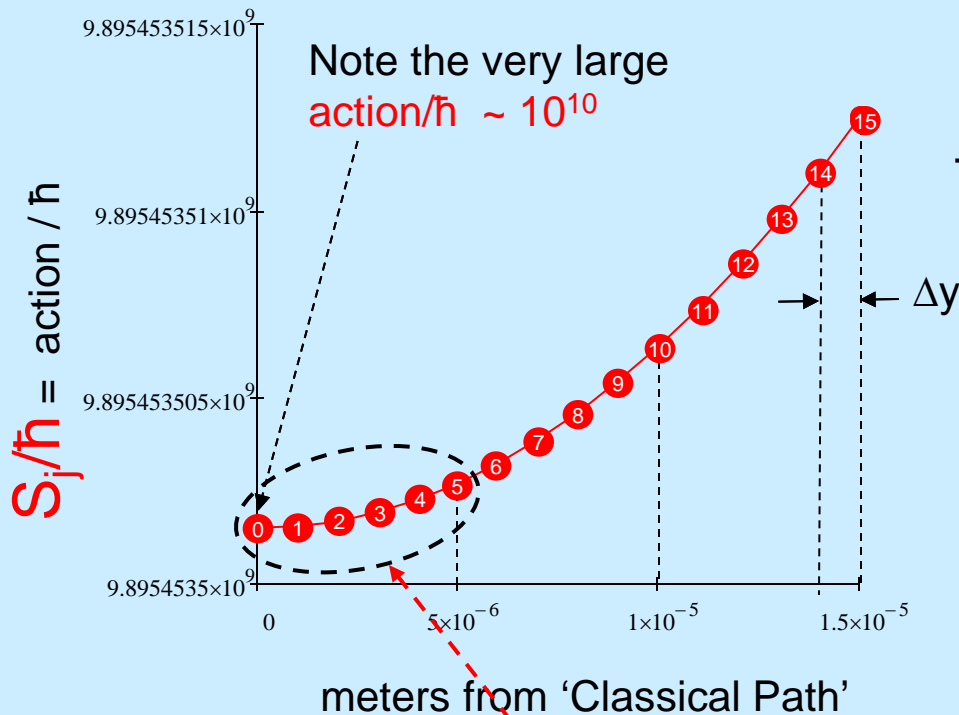
$x = \text{Real}$ $y = \text{imaginary}$

Complex Plane

Each dot has a '~unit vector'



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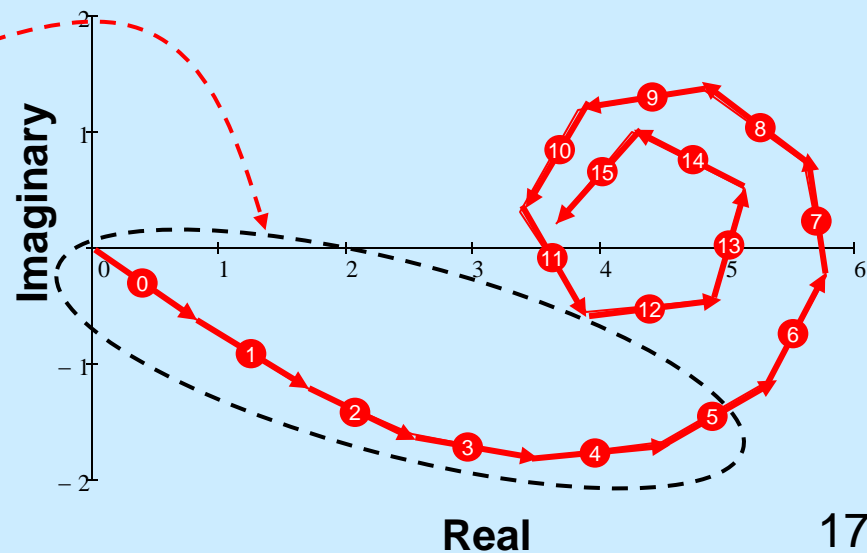
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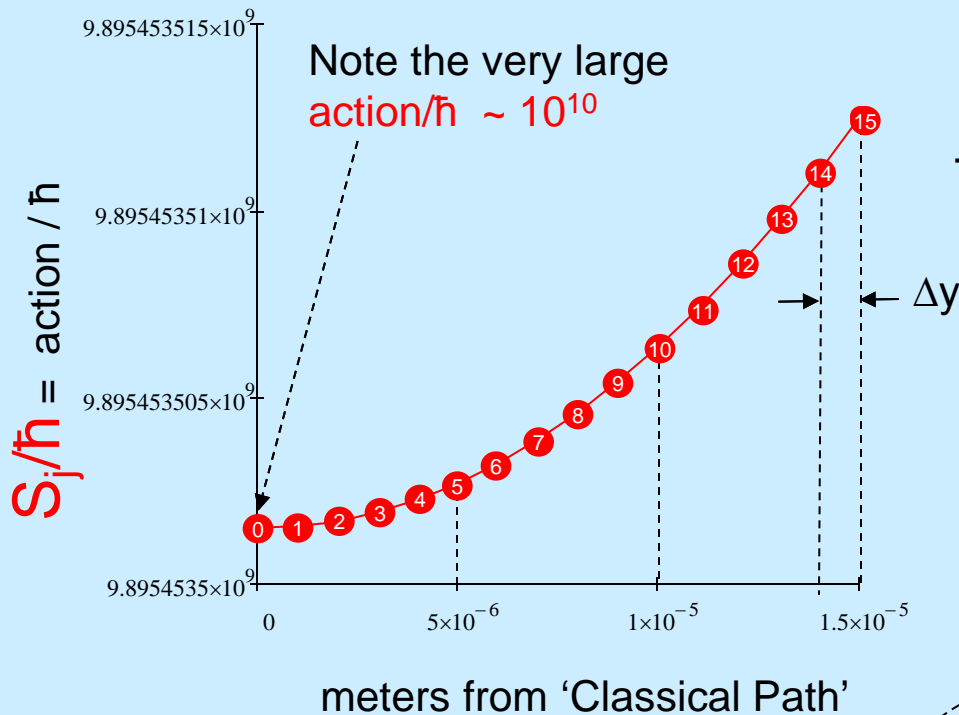
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Complex Plane

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Example #1: Electron with 1 meter path at ~13.6 eV



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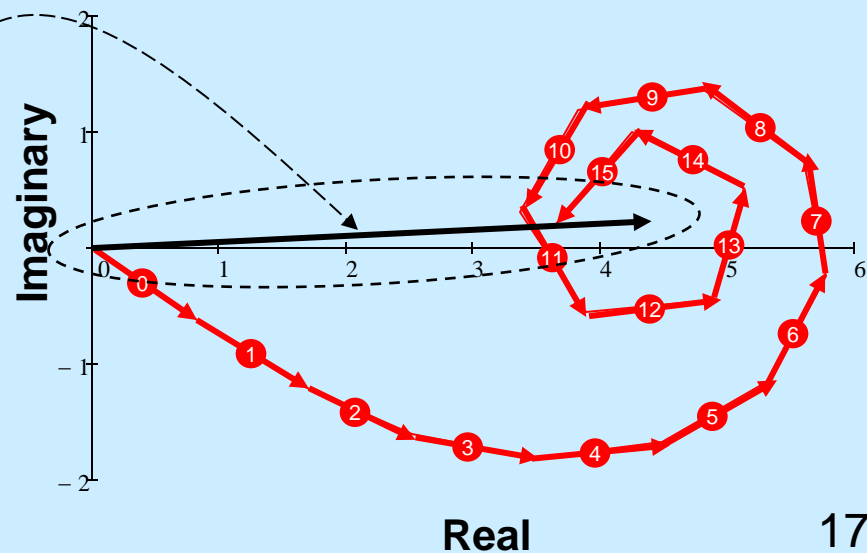
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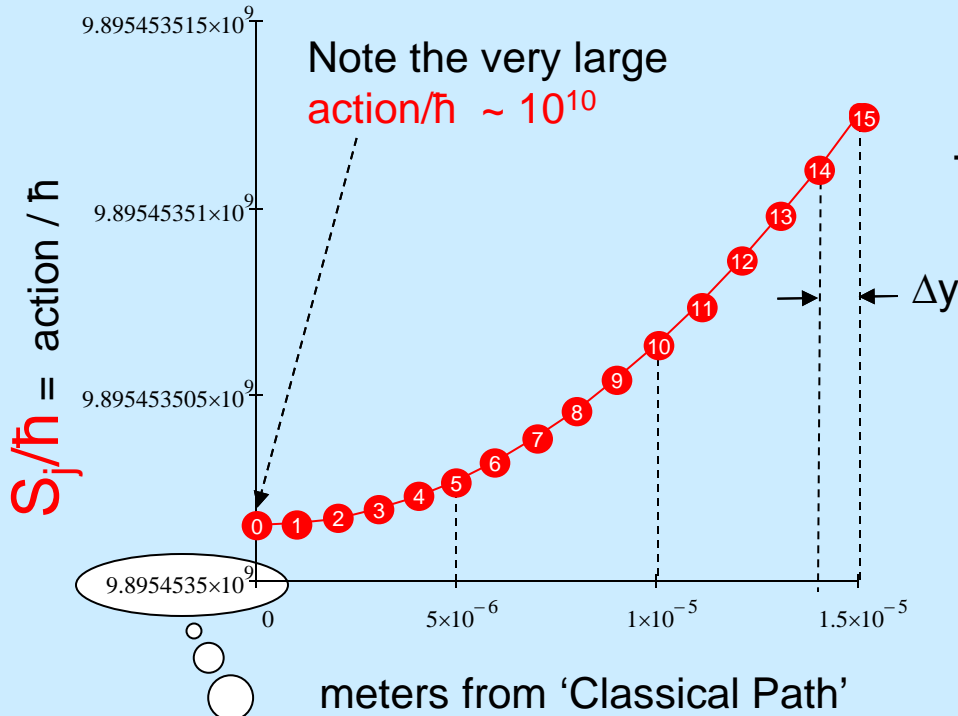
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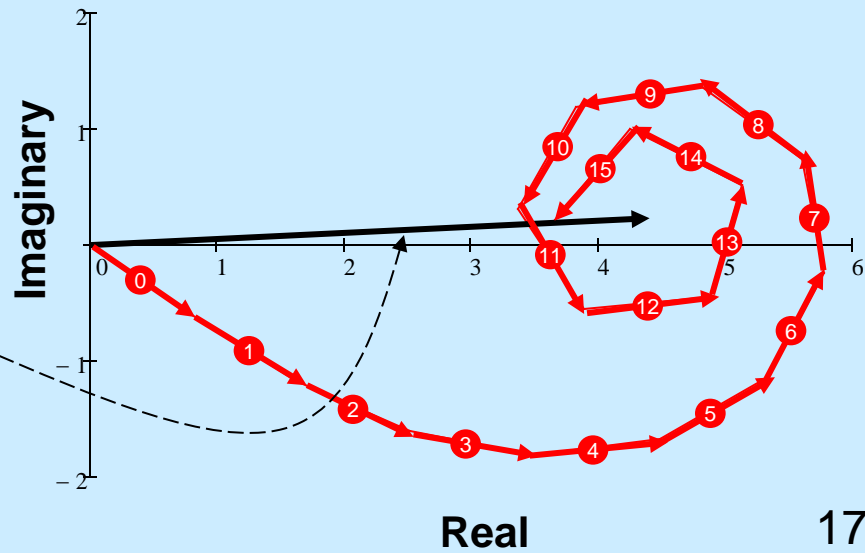
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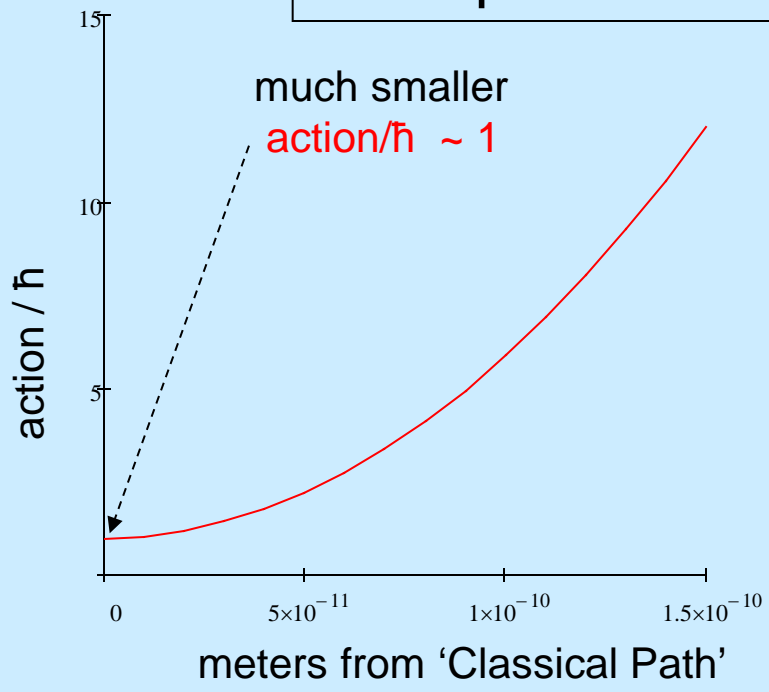
Remember:

Large 'Action' = Small Deviation from Classical Path

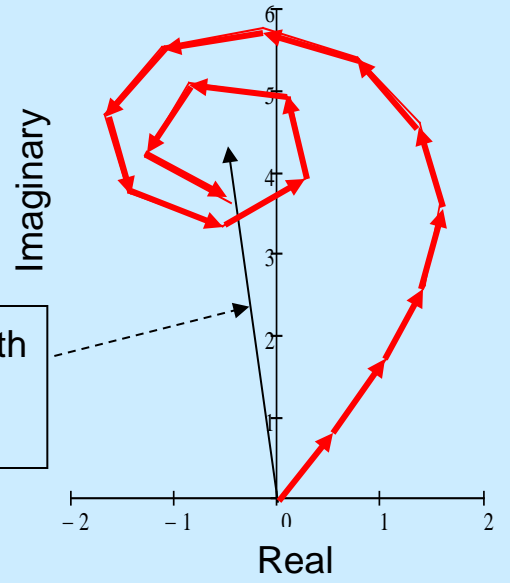
Resultant deviation from Classical path
~ 4.5 microns

Example #2: Electron with 1 Angstrom Path at ~13.6 eV

Hydrogen Electron K.E.



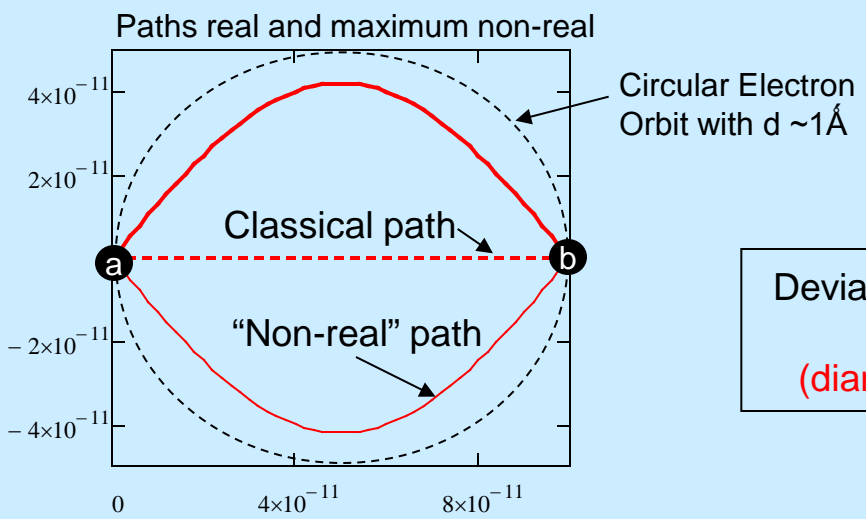
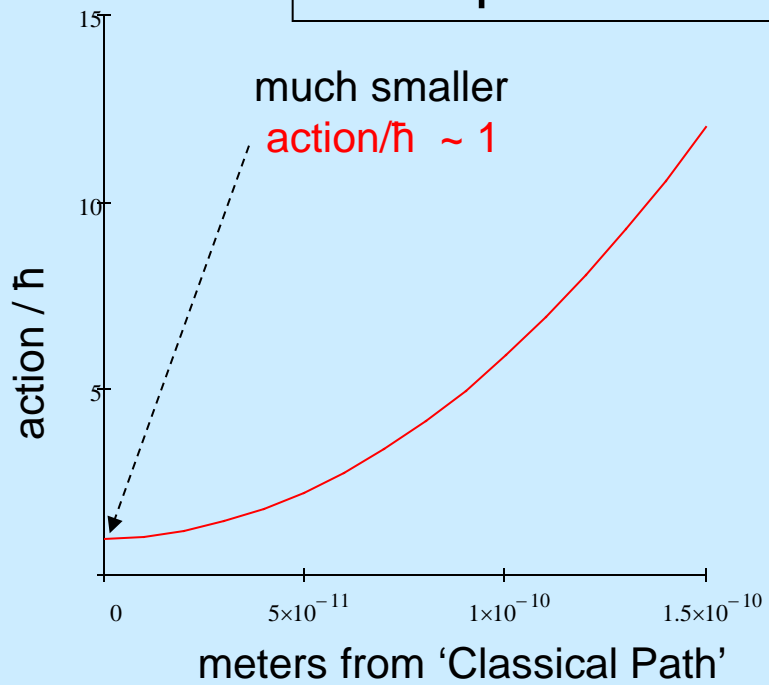
Sum of Paths
Complex Plane



Deviation from Classical path
~ 0.45 Angstroms
(diameter ~0.9 Angstrom)

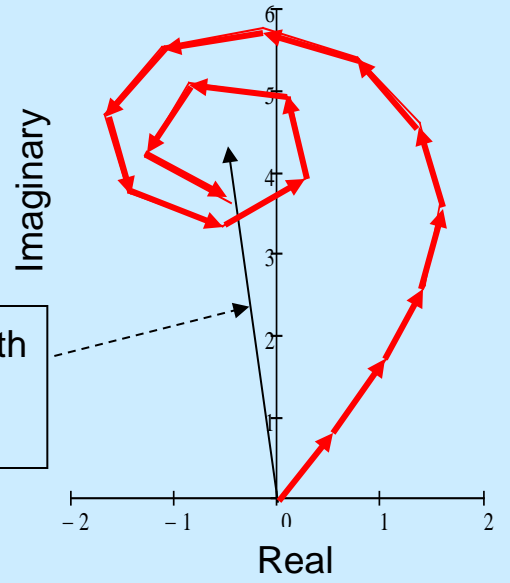
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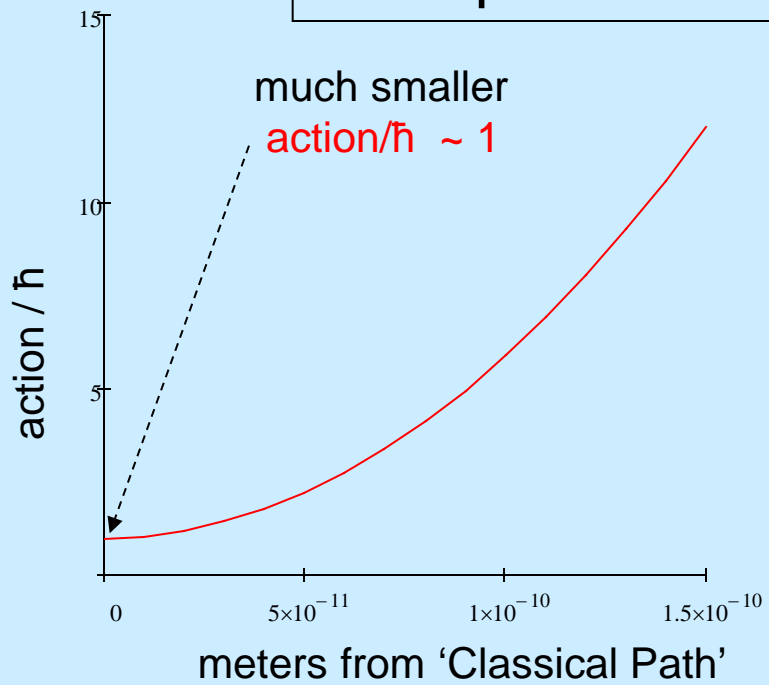
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**Sum of Paths
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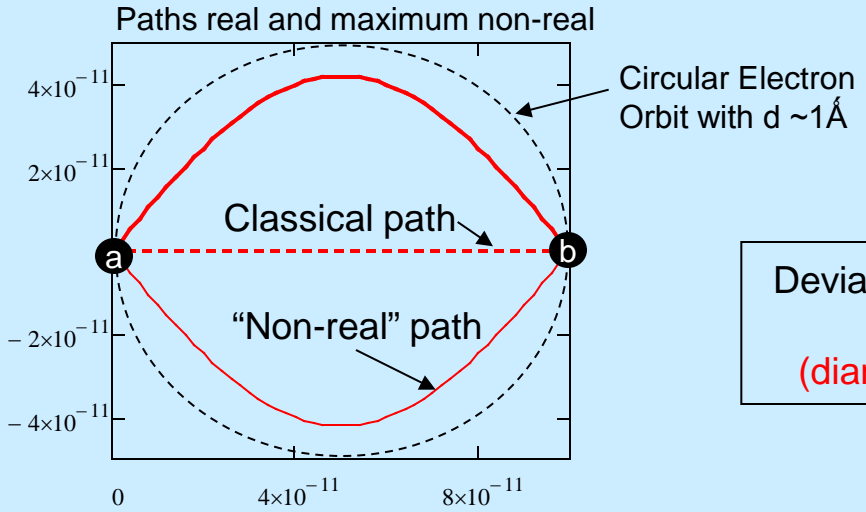


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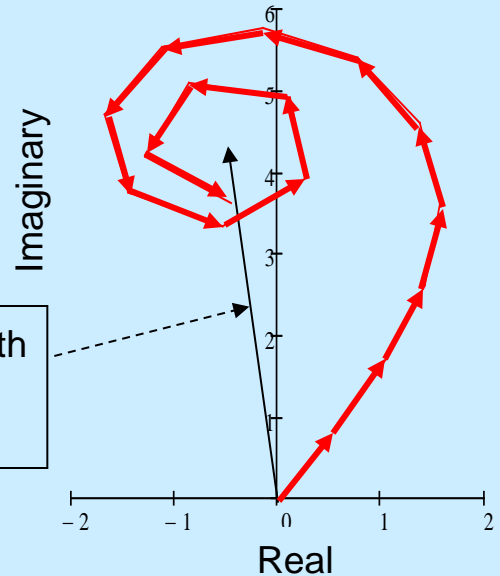


Origin of Atomic Dimensions
-Determined by Plank's Constant-



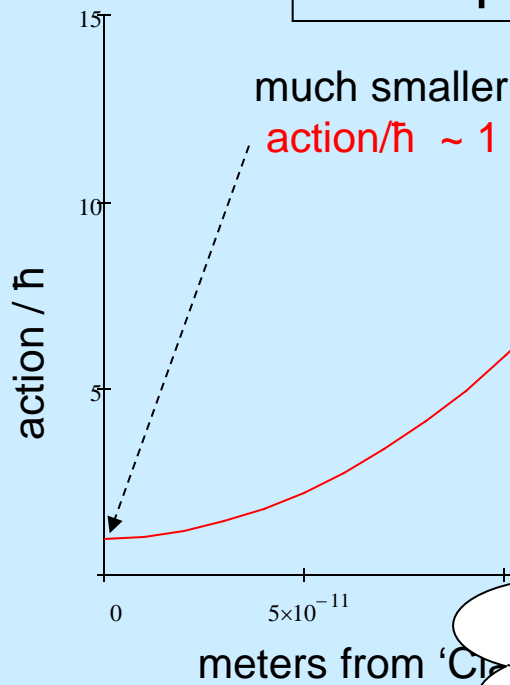
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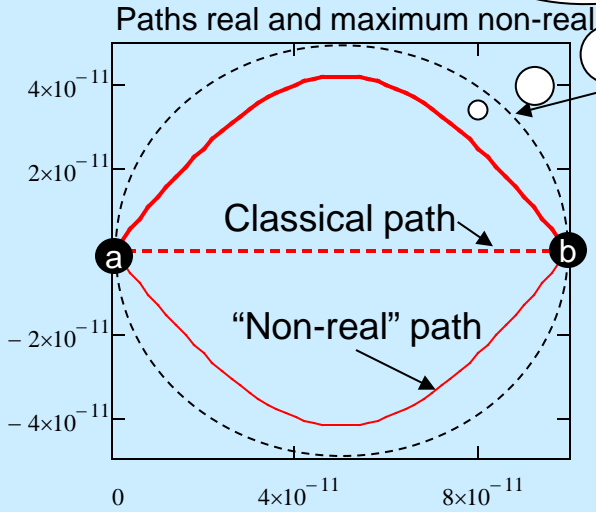
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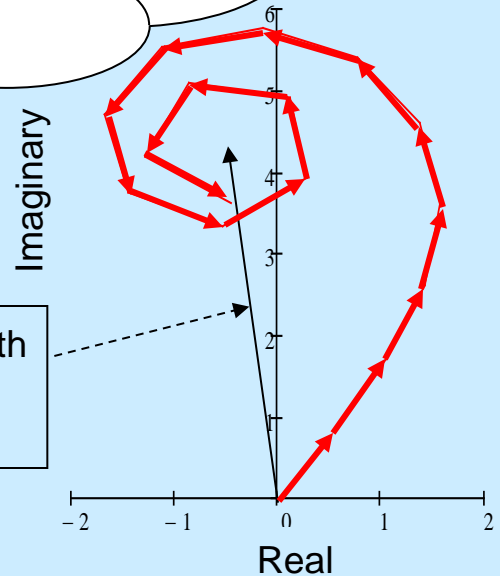
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Remember:
Small 'Action' \rightarrow ill-defined Path
Large 'Action' \rightarrow Classical Path

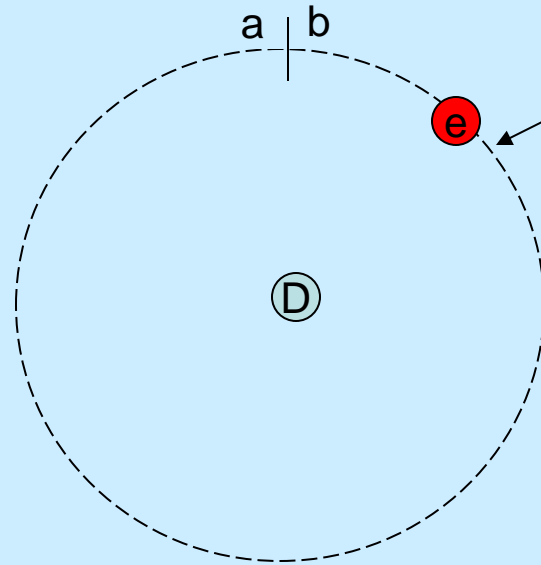
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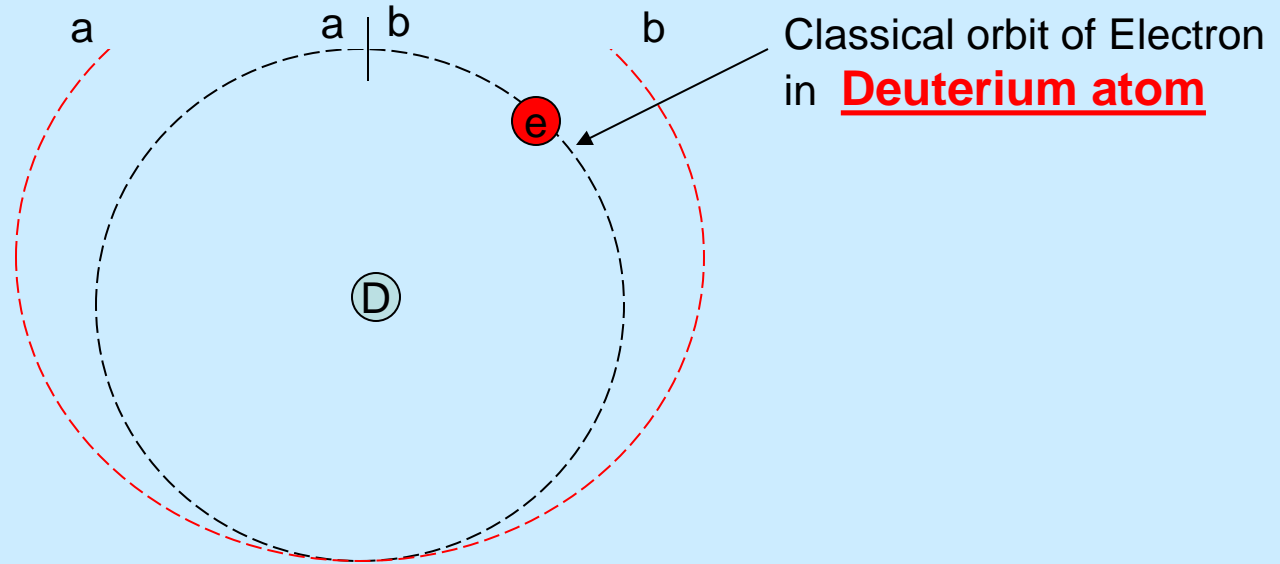
Stationary State Requirement
Repeating Amplitude of Path



Classical orbit of Electron
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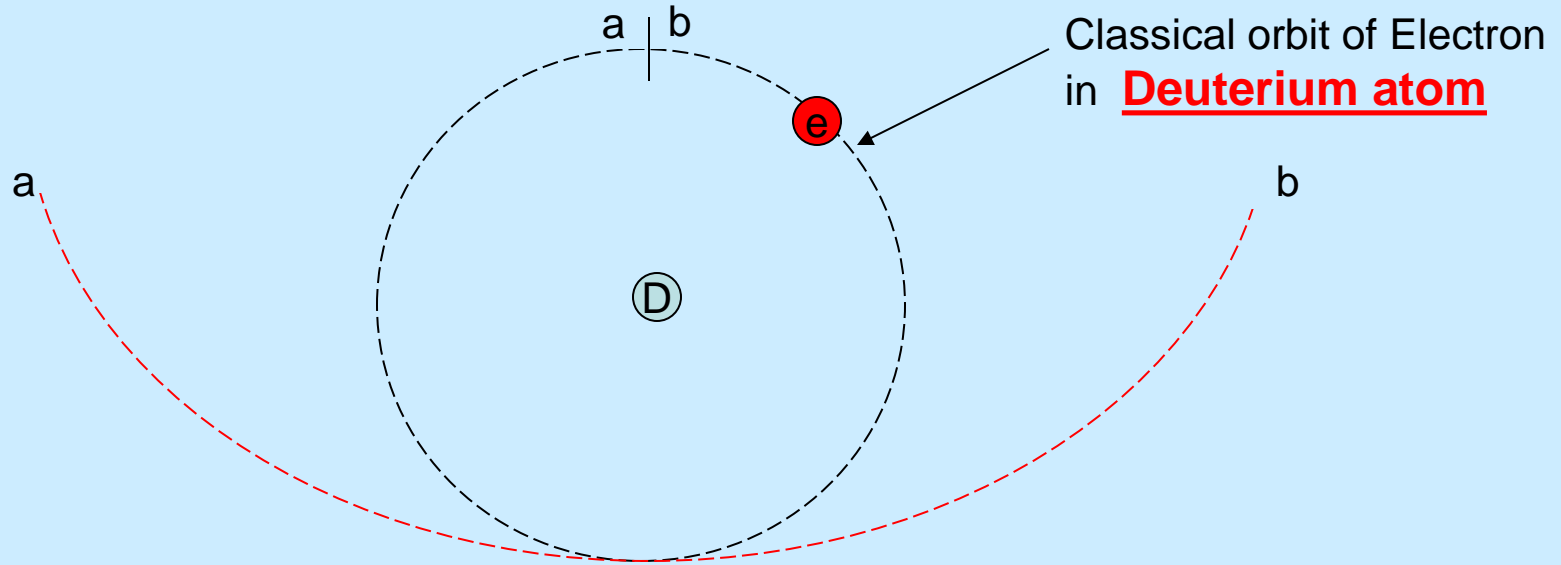
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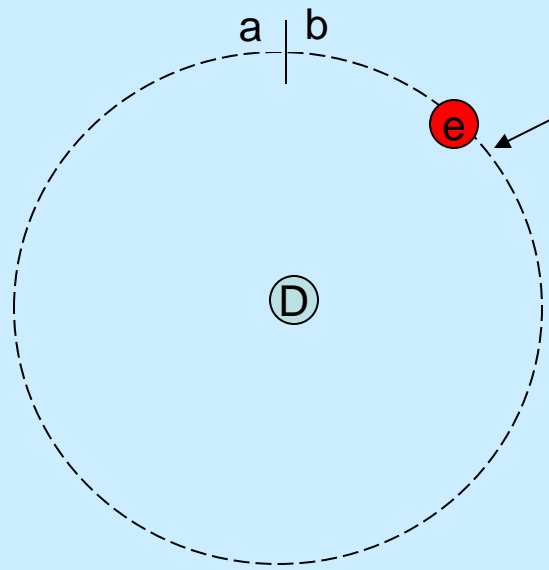


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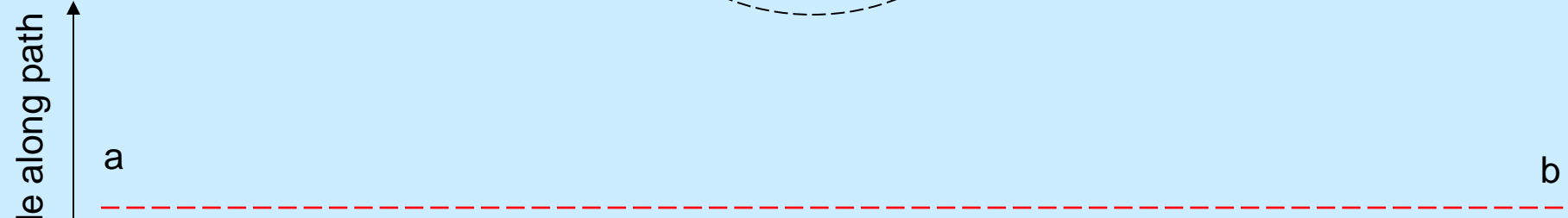
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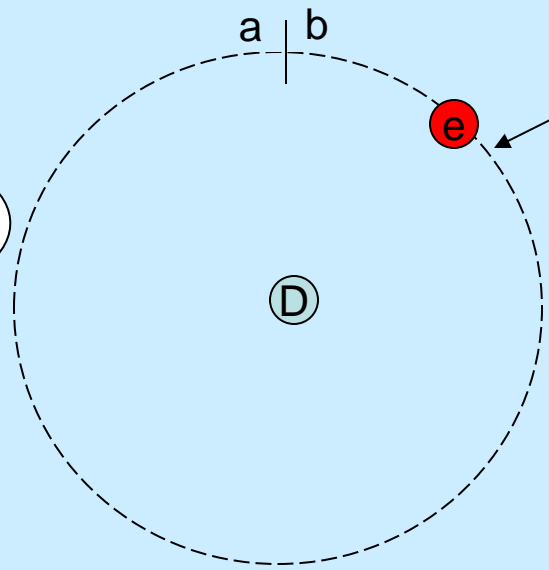


path made linear to
Make the Amplitude
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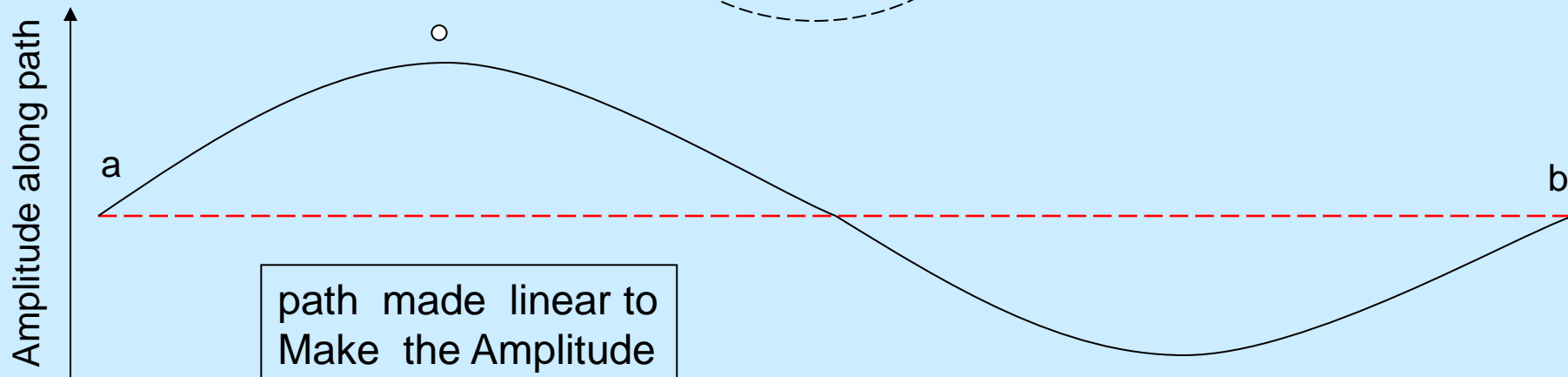
Stationary State Requirement

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Stationary State is like 'Free Particle' amplitude repeating Exact Path
(Classical or Non-Classical Paths)



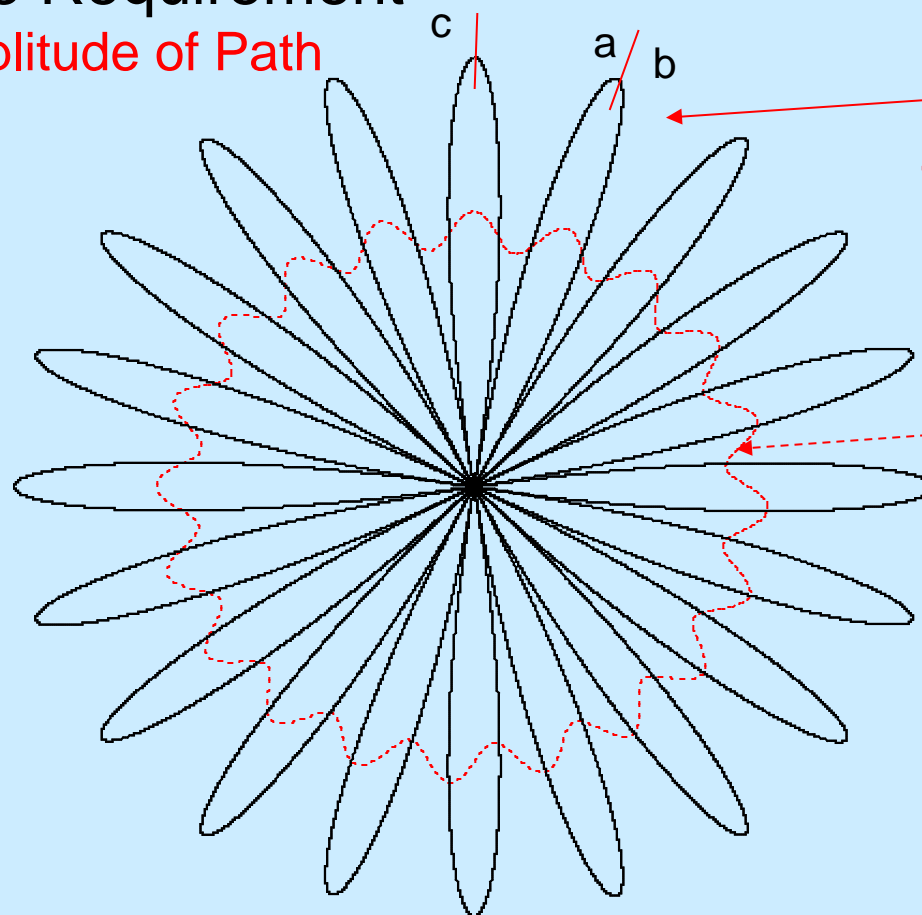
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'Dramatized'

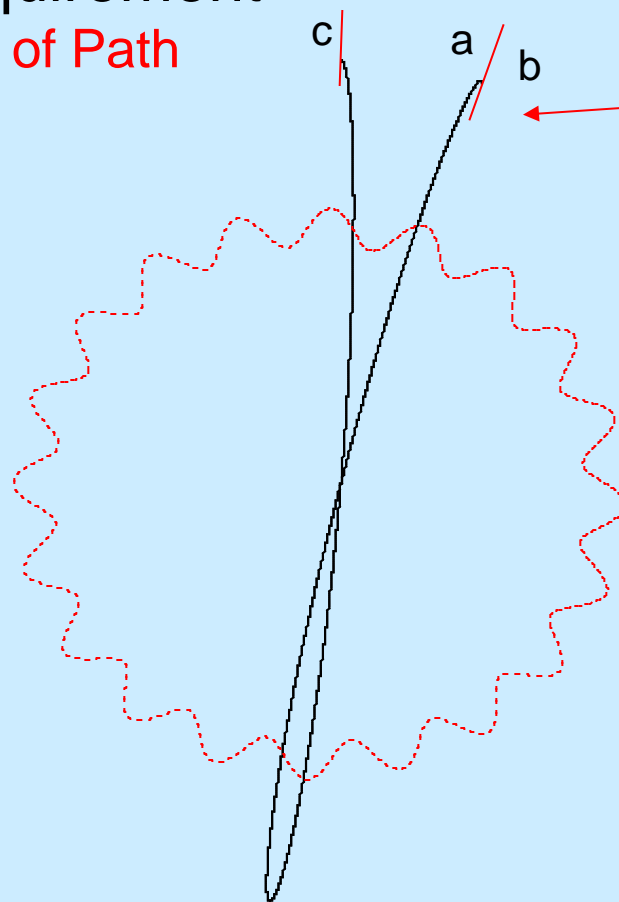
Classical orbit of **electron** in D_2^* molecule

a → b

Deuterons Classical Orbit

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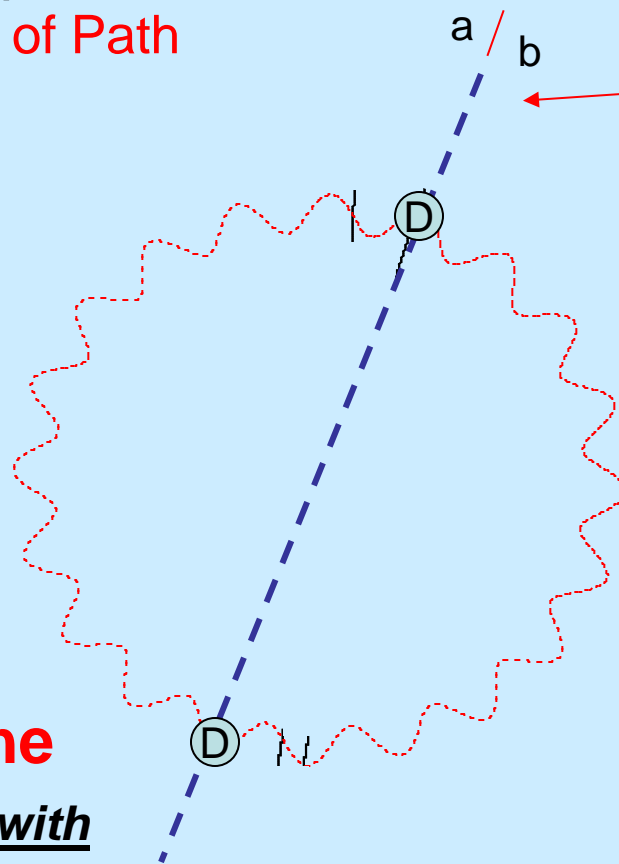


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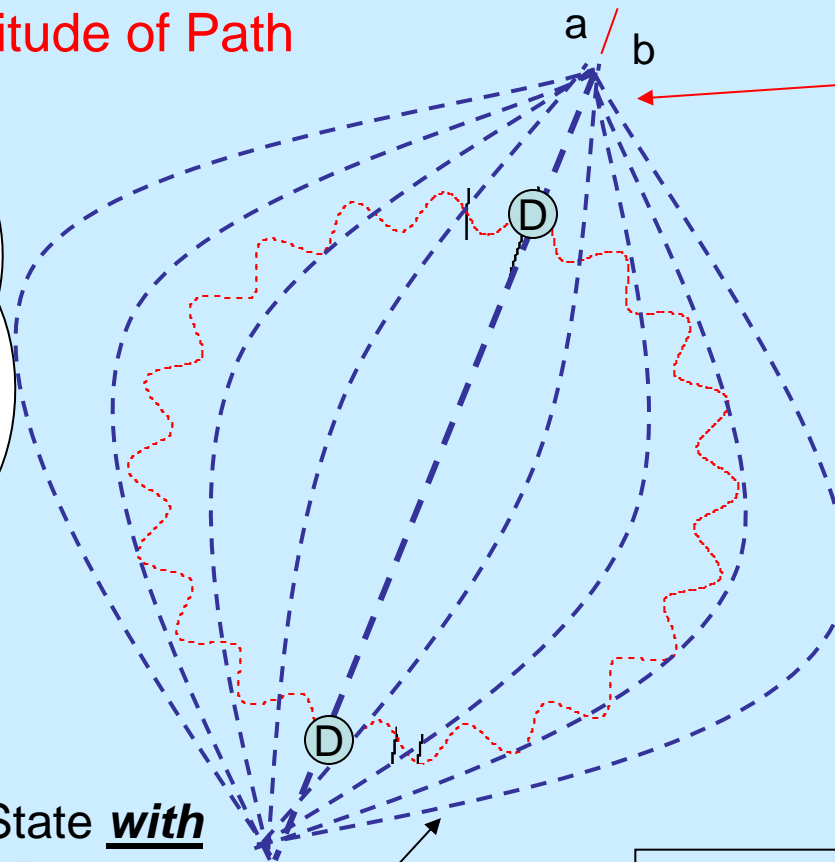
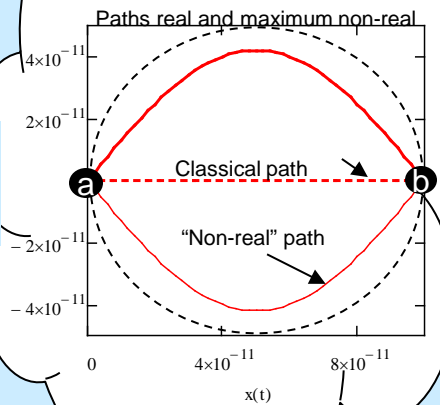
Classical orbit of **electron** in D_2^* molecule
With Born-Oppenheimer
 a \rightarrow b

If we invoke the
 Linear Momentum State with
Born-Oppenheimer

Stationary State Requirement

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Recall: Example #2



Classical orbit of **electron** in D_2^* molecule
With Born-Oppenheimer

$a \rightarrow b$

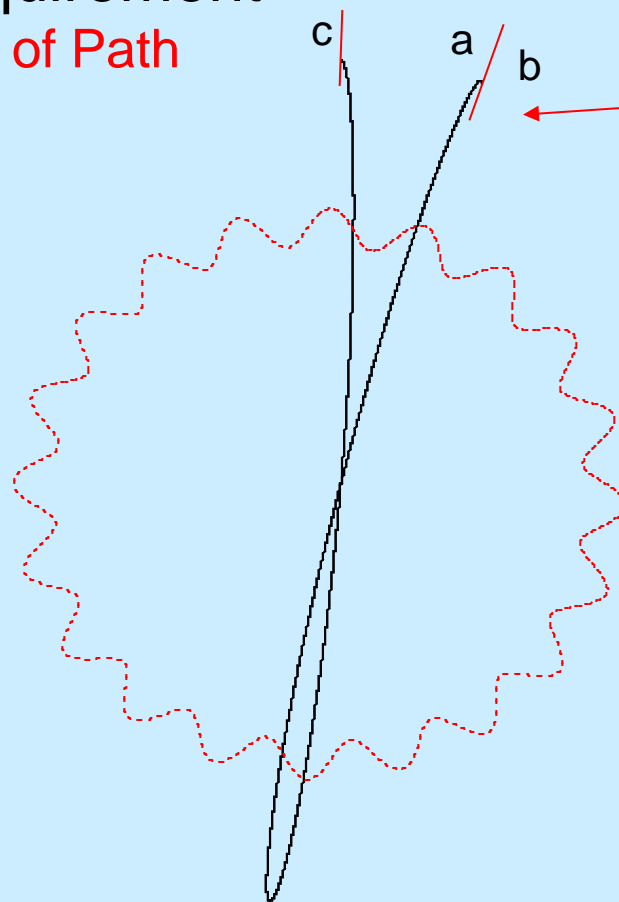
Linear Momentum State with
Born-Oppenheimer

Get other paths with similar probability

Results in **Standard Schrodinger Solution**,
 (i.e. 'Normal' D_2)

Stationary State Requirement

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Classical orbit of electron in D_2^* molecule

a → c

path made linear to
Make the Amplitude
easier to graph
(not to scale)

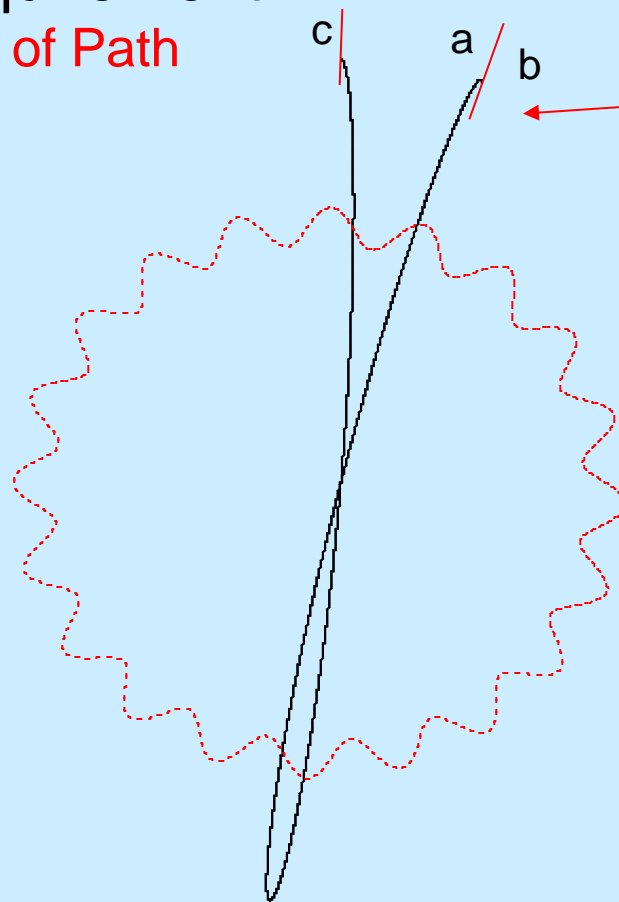
Amplitude along path ↑

a

c

Stationary State Requirement

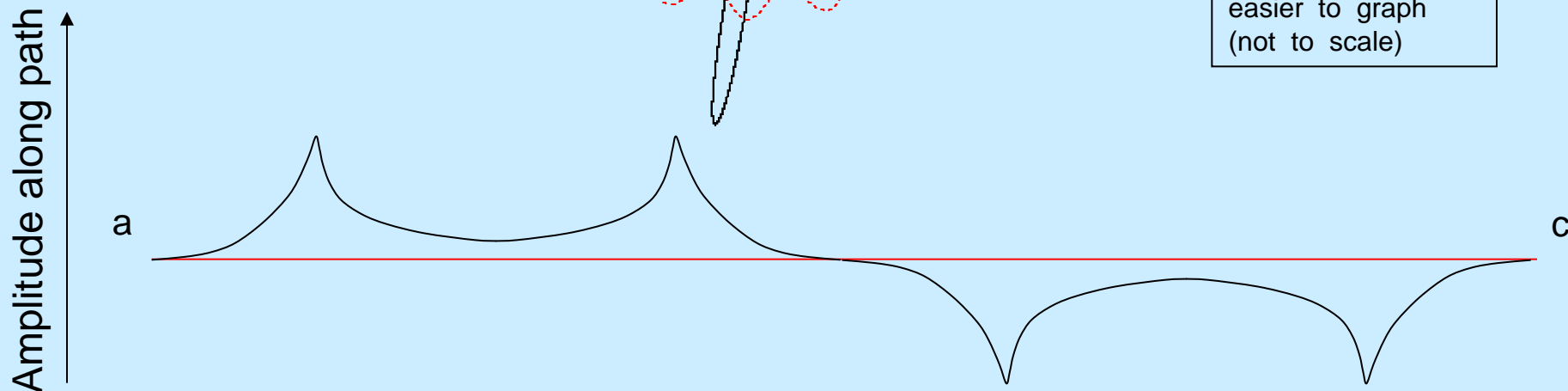
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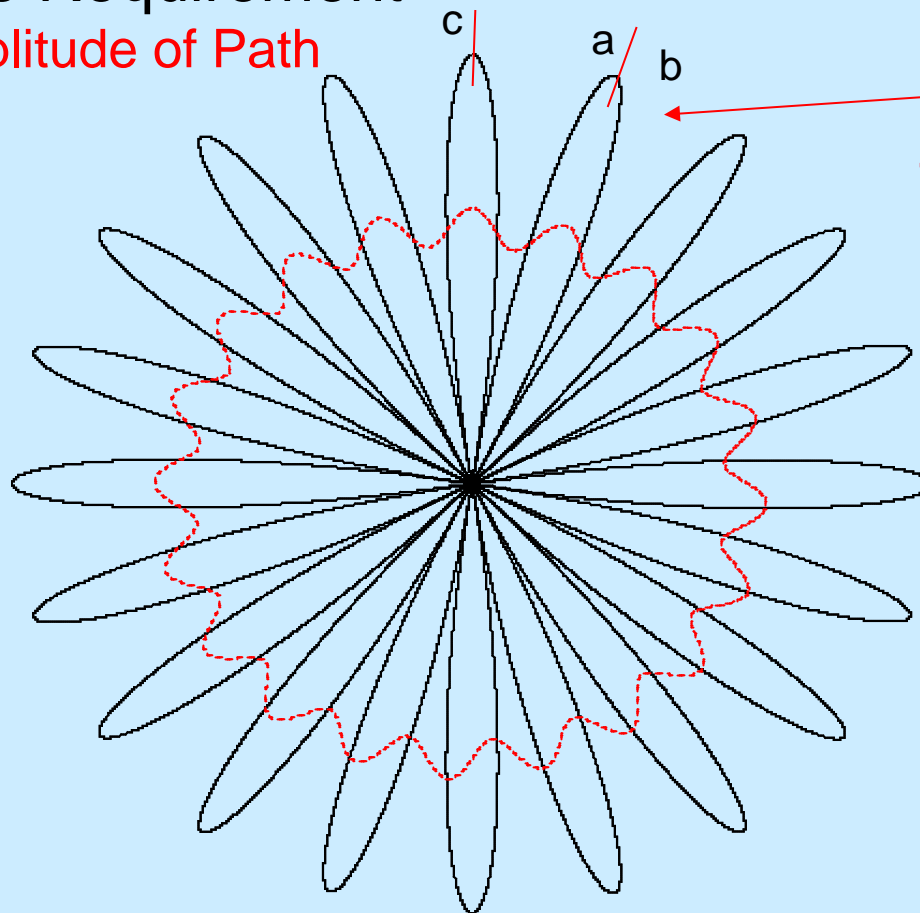
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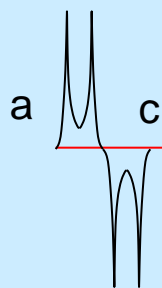


Classical orbit of **electron** in D_2^* molecule

a → b

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Amplitude along path ↑



Expand to full 'Orbit' : a → b

b

Stationary State Requirement

Repeating Amplitude of Path

Recall that large action
→ Classical like Path

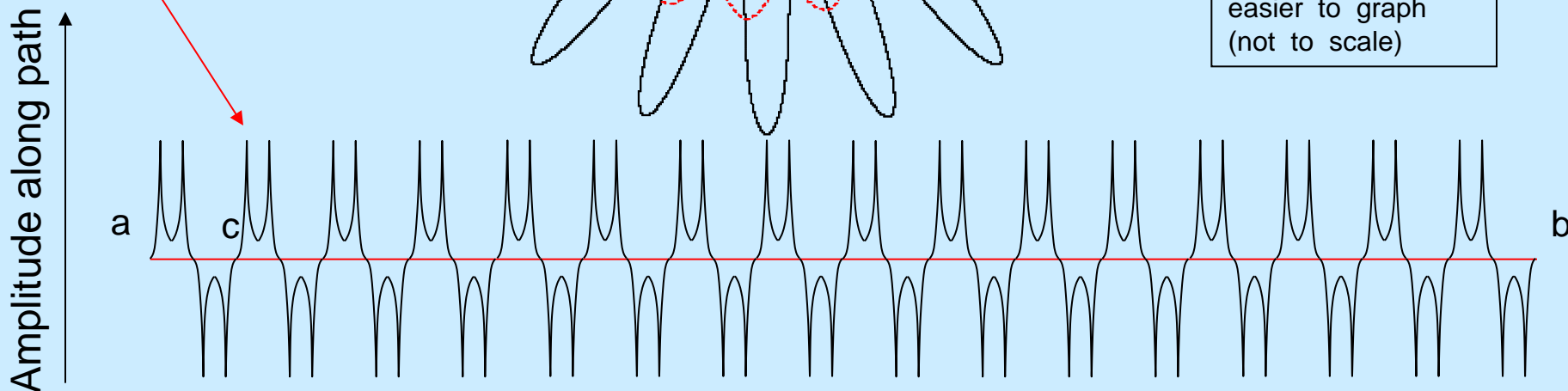
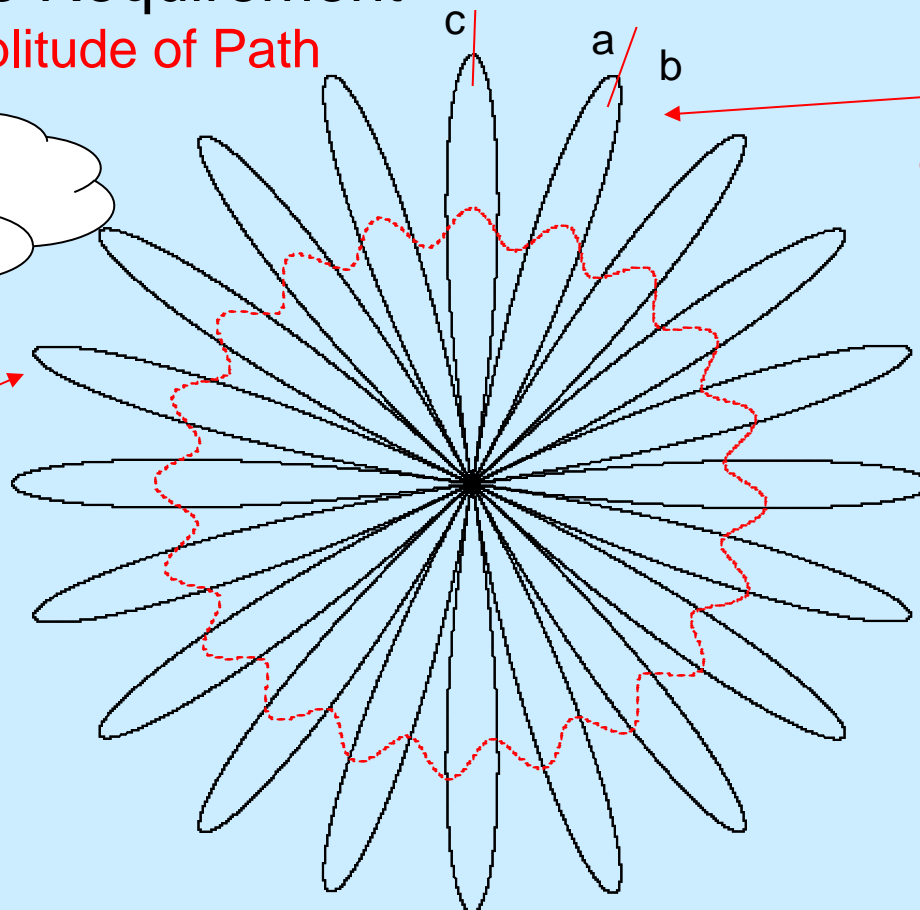
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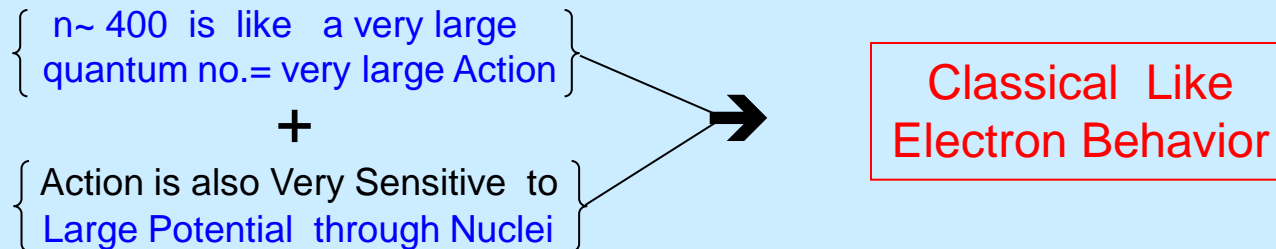
Very Long Path
Gives Very
Large Action

Crosses axis ~400 times

path made linear to
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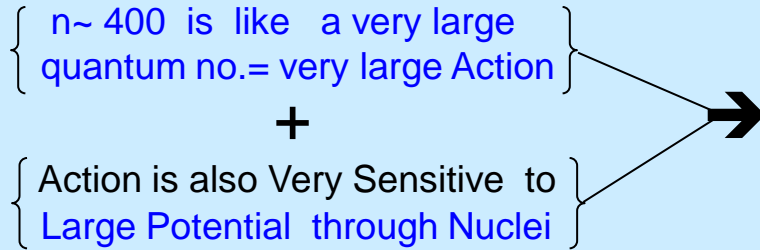


Conceptual Conclusion



- The **Born-Oppenheimer** Approximation *obscures* this straight forward Quantum Solution
- The Schrodinger Equation **Can Not** Easily Describe this Correlation
- The Correlation is Accessible through Feynman's Wave Equation over an Orbital Period
- The Q.M. Correlation is defined by an Extremum of the Lagrangian Action of a Classically defined orbit
- **Yes !** - The **Linear Momentum State** *can* be derived from Basic 'Accepted' Q.M. Principles

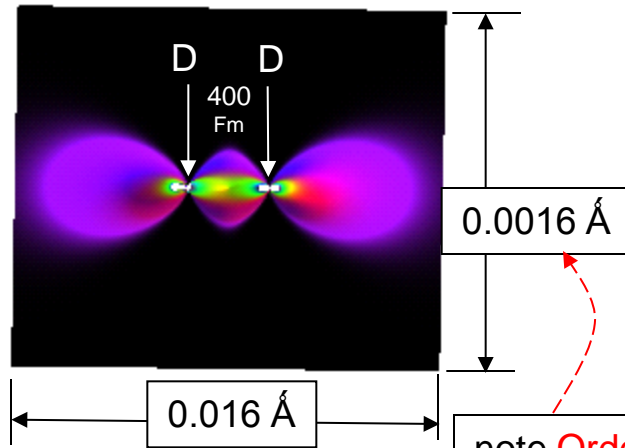
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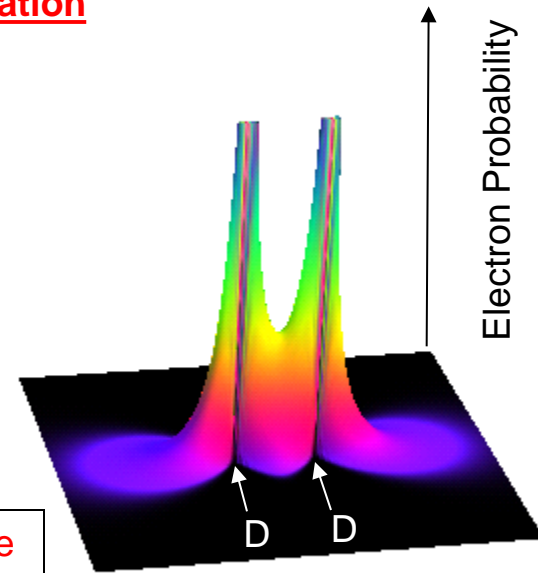
**Classical Like
Electron Behavior**

“Linear Momentum State”

Electron Probability Relative to D's
from Feynman's Wave Equation



note Order of Magnitude
difference in the 2 scales



Top view

Side view

[axially symmetric]

Questions?

Evolution Valley – California Sierras

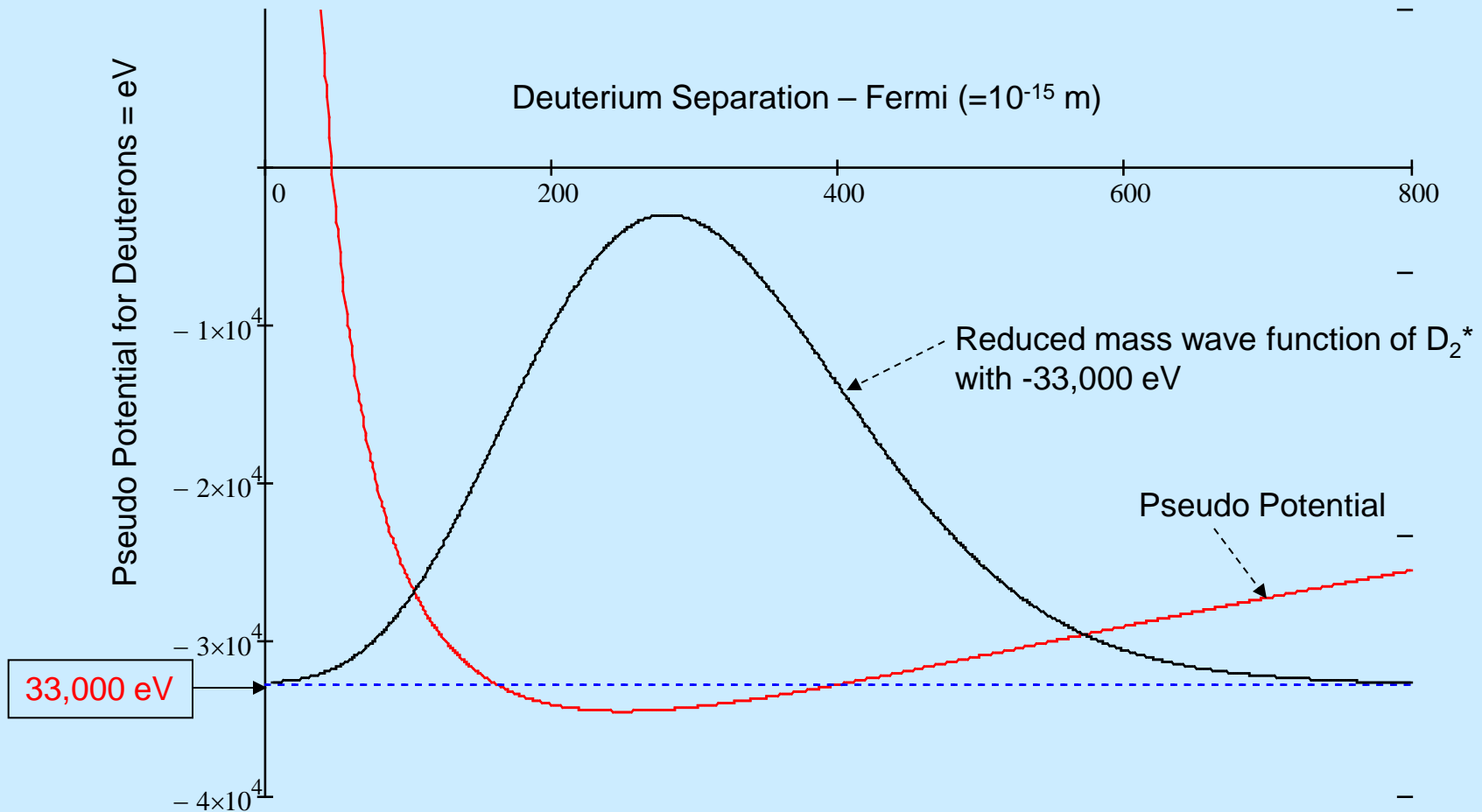
The 4th
Miracle



END of PRESENTATION SLIDES

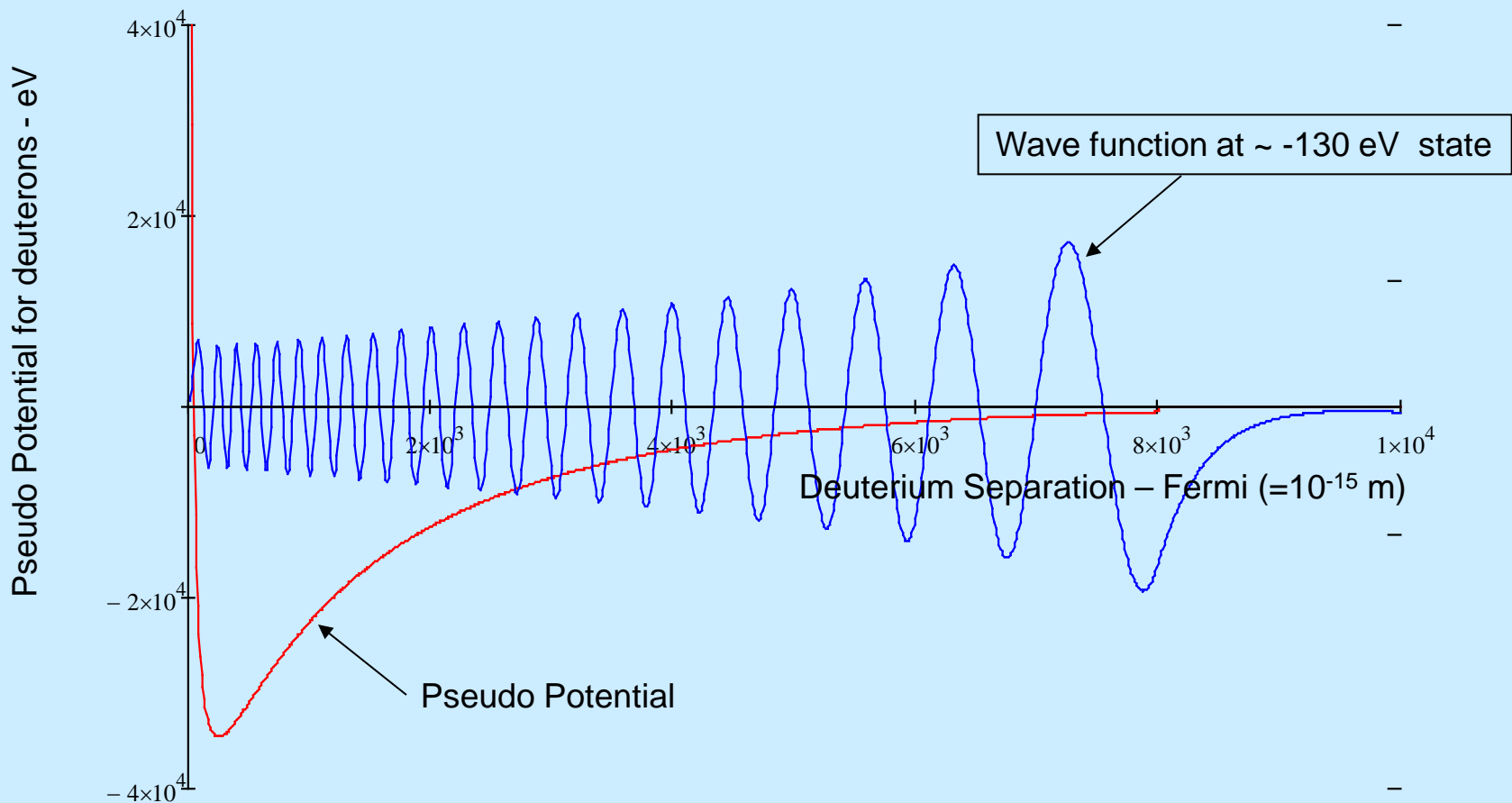
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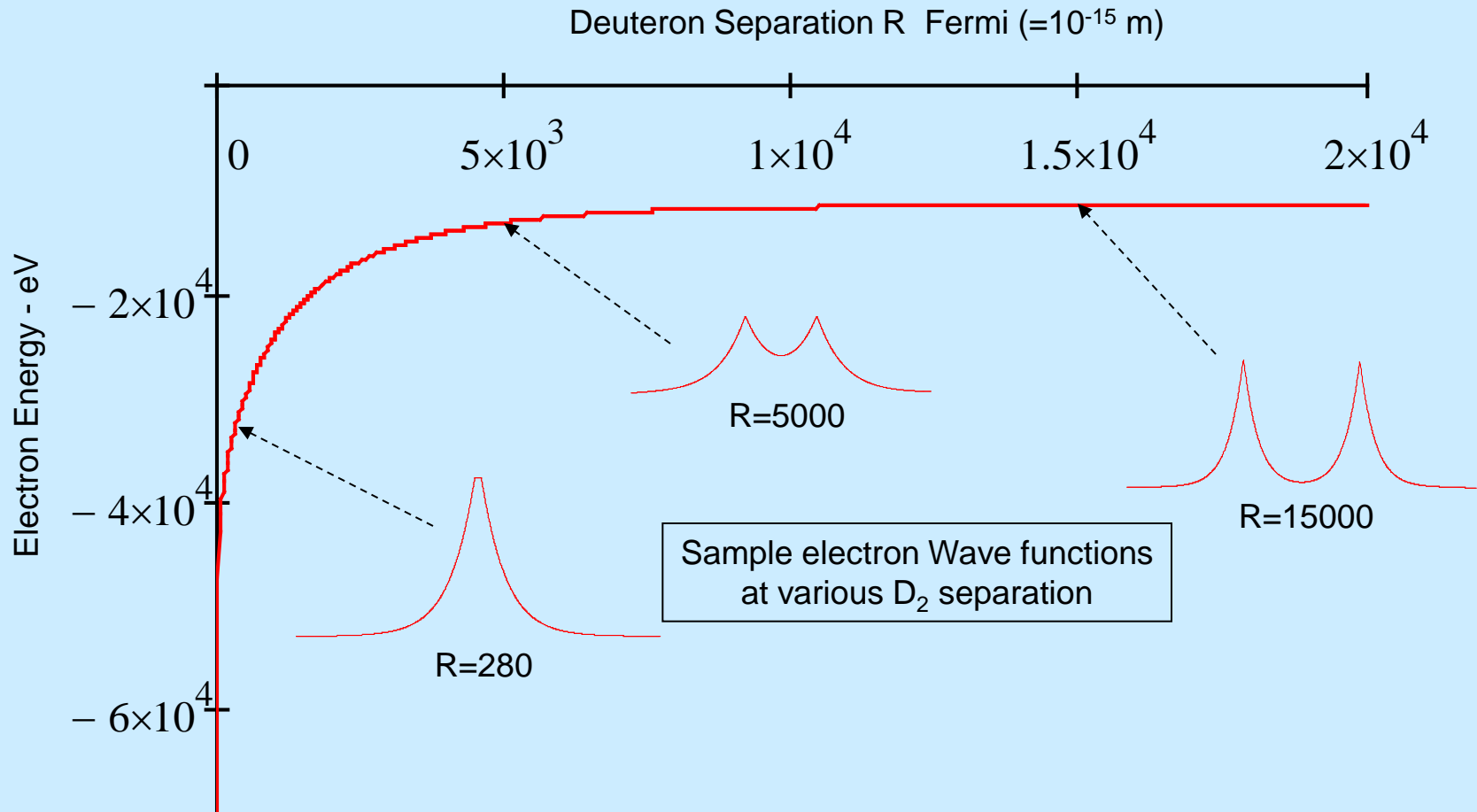


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Electron Energy as a Function of Deuterium Separation

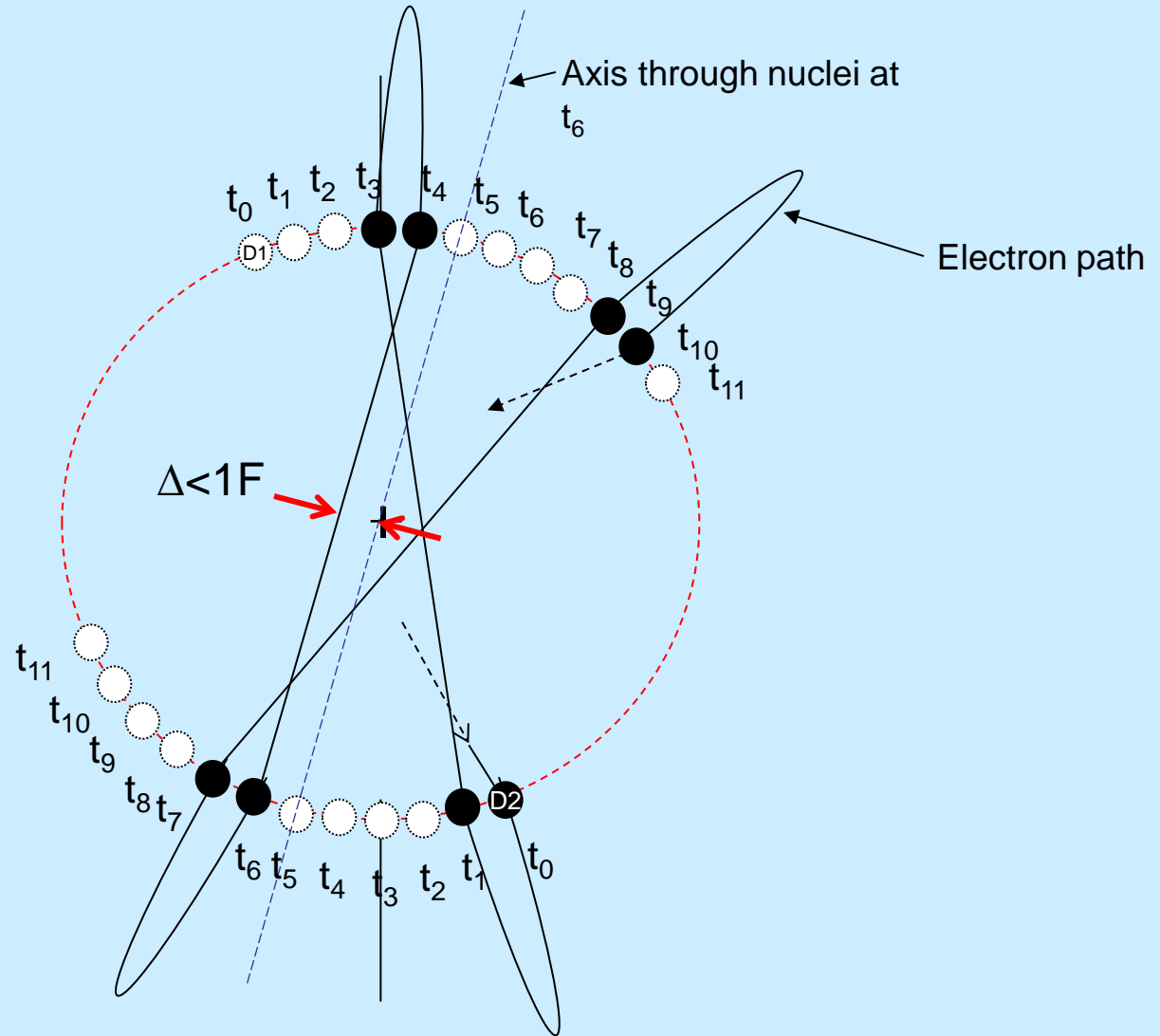


Approximations

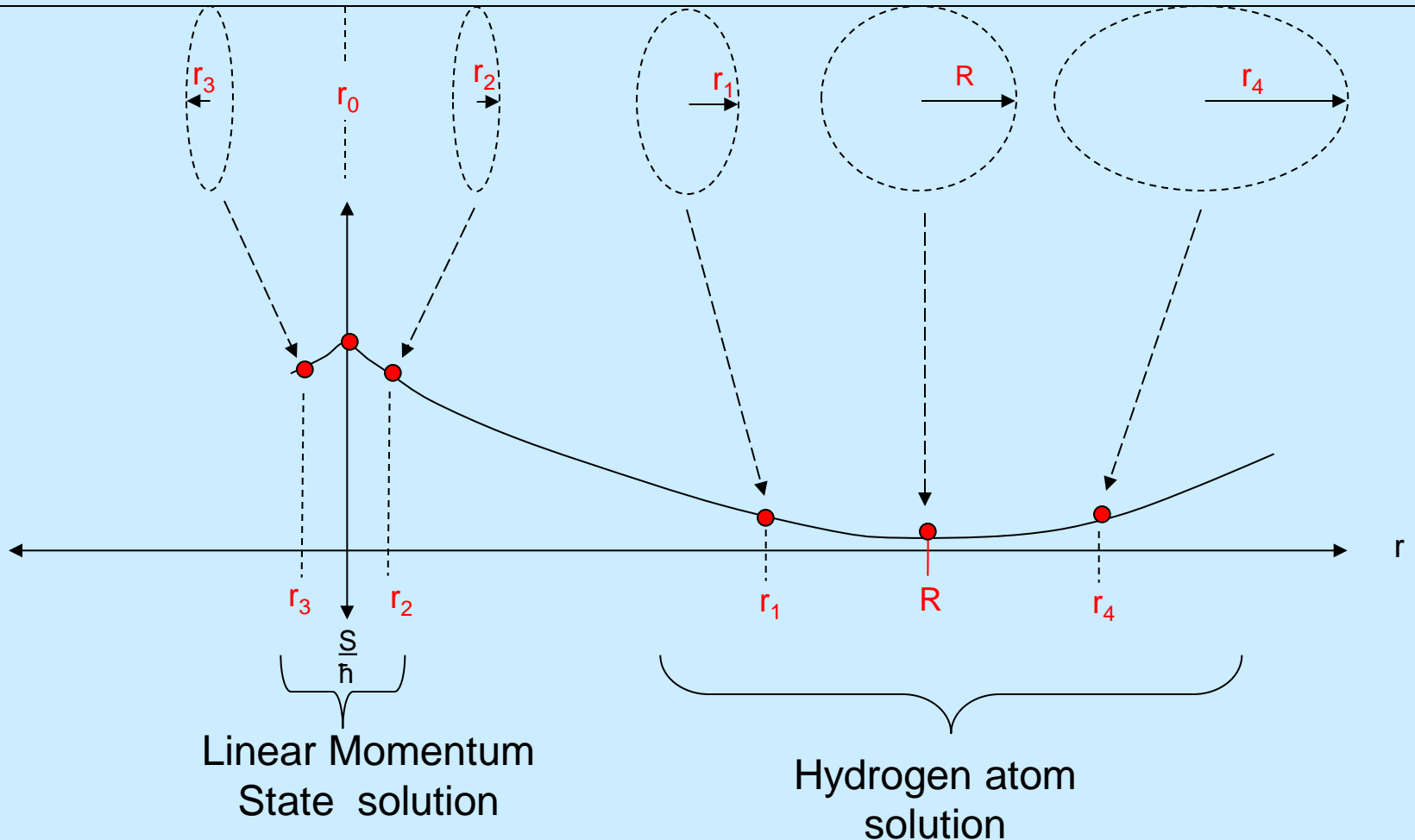
Used in Calculation

1. Nuclear Charge distribution and Relativistic affect.
Less accurate electron energy calculation.
No affect on over all theory, with moderate affect on numbers.
2. Classical path assumed to go through center of mass.
Very small error in electron Action. Not much affect on results.

Δ = maximum deviation of electron path from the center of potential between the two deuterons

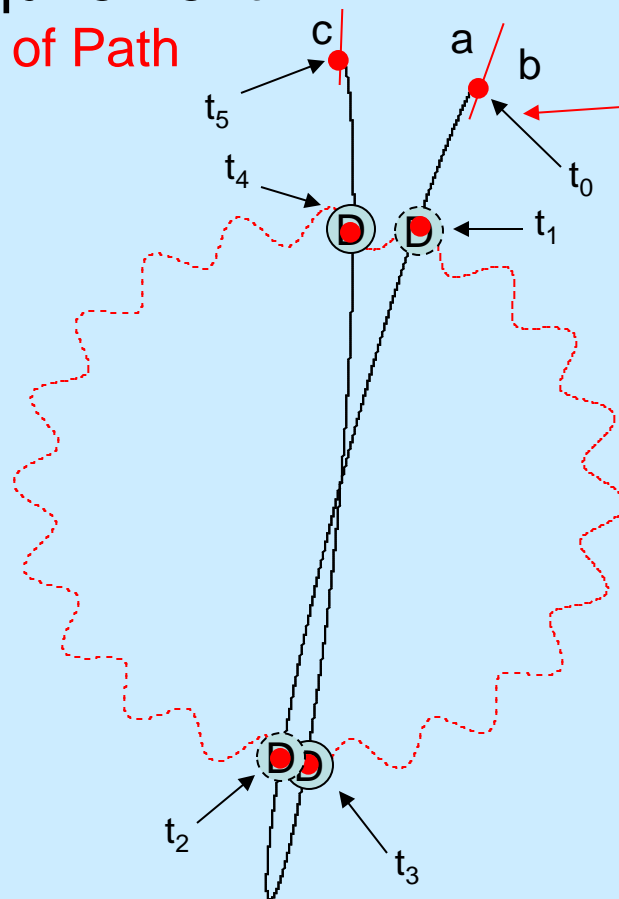


Origin of **'Maximum'** Action
 for Linear Momentum State
 from Circular Orbit **'Least Action'**



Stationary State Requirement

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Classical orbit of electron in D_2^* molecule

$a \rightarrow c$

Need to Solve Feynman's Wave Equation

Can Derive Schrodinger Equation from this Equation

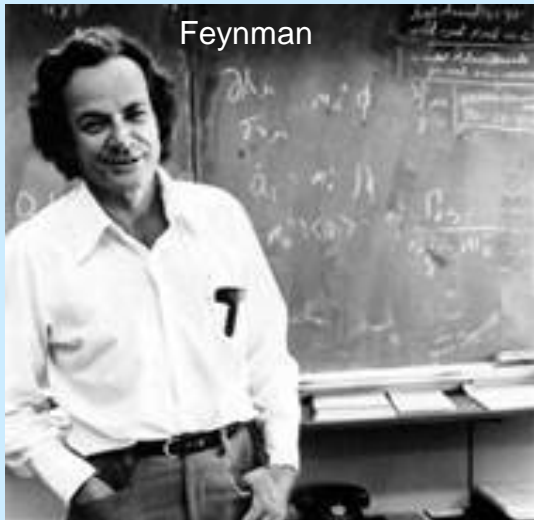
$$\Psi(x_k, t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \dots \int_{x_{k-3}}^{x_{k-2}} \int_{x_{k-2}}^{x_{k-1}} \int_{x_{k-1}}^{x_k} \exp\left[\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{k-1} S(x_{i+1}, x_i)\right] \frac{dx_{k-1}}{A} \frac{dx_{k-2}}{A} \dots$$

where : $S(x_{i+1}, x_i) = \epsilon L\left(\frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{\epsilon}, x_i\right)$

$L = \text{the Lagrangian}$

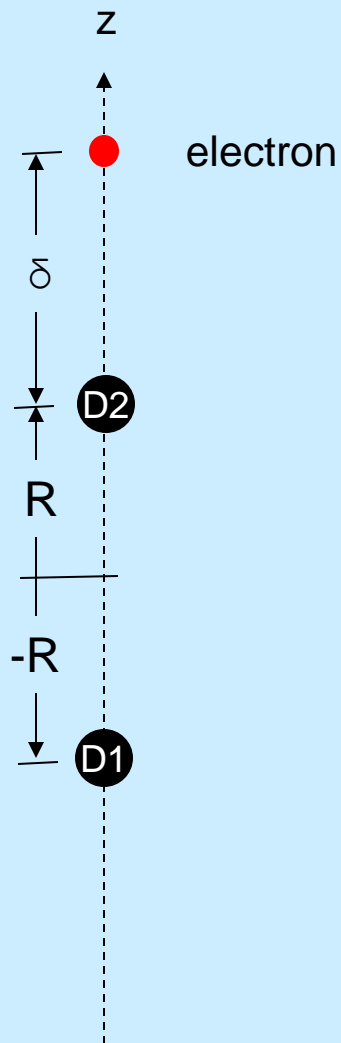
= Classical Newtonian Mechanics

This is doable, but we will take an intuitive approach today



Classical Newtonian Simulation

of 3 Particle Bond



$$F_3 = m_3 * a_3 = \frac{d\{V_{1,3} + V_{2,3}\}}{dz}$$

$$F_2 = m_2 * a_2 = \frac{d\{V_{1,2} + V_{2,3}\}}{dz}$$

$$F_1 = m_1 * a_1 = \frac{d\{V_{1,2} + V_{1,3}\}}{dz}$$

Initial conditions

$$v_1 = v_2 = v_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -R$$

$$x_2 = R$$

$$x_3 = R + \delta$$

Note: The proton distribution in the nucleus is used to calculate the charge distribution in the nucleus