

Magnetic propeties of a two dimentional electron gas strongly coupled to lights

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1 Schrödinger problem for Landau levels in dressed 2DEG

Our analysis is consider on 2 dimentional electronic gas which has distrubuted in (x, y) plane in configuration space. We are going to examine the properties of 2DEG with stationary magnetic field

$$\mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B)^T \quad (1.1)$$

which directed on z axis and a linearly y -polarized strong electromagnetic wave (dressing field) with electric field given by

$$\mathbf{E} = (0, E \sin(\omega t), 0)^T \quad (1.2)$$

which also propagate in z direction. Here B and E represent the amplitude of the stationary magnetic field and electric field of dressing field.

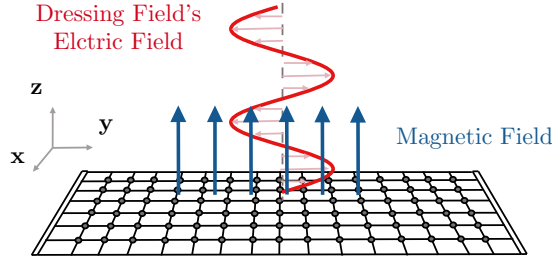


Figure 1: Stationary magnetic filed (blue color) and Strong EM wave (red color) applied to the 2DEG.

Using Landau gauge for the stationary magnetic field we can represent it using vector potential as

$$\mathbf{A}_s = (-By, 0, 0)^T \quad (1.3)$$

and choosing Coulomb gauge the dressing field can be present as the following vector potential

$$\mathbf{A}_d(t) = (0, [E/\omega] \cos(\omega t), 0)^T. \quad (1.4)$$

Now the Hamiltonian of an electron in 2DEG can be reads as

$$\hat{H}_e(t) = \frac{1}{2m_e} \left[\hat{\mathbf{p}} - e(\mathbf{A}_s + \mathbf{A}_d(t)) \right]^2 \quad (1.5)$$

where m_e is the effective mass of the electron and e is the magnitude (without considering the sign of the charge) of the electron charge. This can be simplified to

$$\hat{H}_e(t) = \frac{1}{2m_e} \left[(\hat{p}_x + eBy)\mathbf{e}_x + \left(\hat{p}_y - \frac{eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \mathbf{e}_y \right]^2 \quad (1.6)$$

where \mathbf{e}_x and \mathbf{e}_y are unit vectors along x and y directions respectively. Moreover,

$$\hat{H}_e(t) = \frac{1}{2m_e} \left[(\hat{p}_x + eBy)^2 + \left(\hat{p}_y - \frac{eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right)^2 \right] \quad (1.7)$$

Since $[\hat{H}_e(t), \hat{p}_x] = 0$ both operators share same eigenvalue and eigen functions which are free electron wave functions. Therefore we can modify the Hamiltonian as follows

$$\hat{H}_e(t) = \frac{1}{2m_e} \left[(p_x + eBy)^2 + \left(\hat{p}_y - \frac{eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right)^2 \right]. \quad (1.8)$$

Using momentum operator definition

$$\hat{p}_y = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad (1.9)$$

we can modify Eq. (1.8) as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_e(t) &= \frac{1}{2m_e} \left[(p_x + eBy)^2 + \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2m_e} \left[(p_x + eBy)^2 + \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right)^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

Define the *center of the cyclotron orbit* along y axis as

$$y_0 \equiv \frac{-p_x}{eB} \quad (1.11)$$

and the *cyclotron frequency* as

$$\omega_0 \equiv \frac{eB}{m_e}. \quad (1.12)$$

Then the Hamiltonian will leads to

$$\hat{H}_e(t) = \frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} (y - y_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2m_e} \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right)^2 \quad (1.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_e(t) &= \frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} (y - y_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2m_e} \left(-\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{i\hbar eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{e^2 E^2}{\omega^2} \cos^2(\omega t) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (1.14)$$

$$\hat{H}_e(t) = \frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} (y - y_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2m_e} \left(-\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{2i\hbar eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{e^2 E^2}{\omega^2} \cos^2(\omega t) \right). \quad (1.15)$$

Let

$$(y - y_0) \rightarrow y \quad (1.16)$$

and then this becomes

$$\hat{H}_e(t) = \frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} y^2 + \frac{1}{2m_e} \left(-\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{2i\hbar eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{e^2 E^2}{\omega^2} \cos^2(\omega t) \right). \quad (1.17)$$

Now assume that the solution for the time-dependent schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = \hat{H}_e(t) \psi \quad (1.18)$$

can be represent by the following form

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_x}} \exp \left(\frac{ip_x x}{\hbar} + \frac{ieE(y - y_0)}{\hbar\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \phi(y - y_0, t). \quad (1.19)$$

Using the same subttution from Eq. (1.16) this becomes

$$\psi(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_x}} \exp \left(\frac{ip_x x}{\hbar} + \frac{ieEy}{\hbar\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \phi(y, t). \quad (1.20)$$

Defining

$$\varphi(x, y, t) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_x}} \exp \left(\frac{ip_x x}{\hbar} + \frac{ieEy}{\hbar\omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \quad (1.21)$$

we can simplify the the Eq. (1.20) as

$$\psi(x, y, t) = \varphi(x, y, t)\phi(y, t). \quad (1.22)$$

Let's substitute Eq. (1.20) and Eq. (1.17) into Eq. (1.18) and we can observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = i\hbar \left(\frac{d\varphi}{dt} \phi + \varphi \frac{d\phi}{dt} \right) = i\hbar \left(\left[\frac{-ieEy}{\hbar} \sin(\omega t) \right] \varphi \phi + \varphi \frac{d\phi}{dt} \right) \\ &= [eEy \sin(\omega t)] \varphi \phi + i\hbar \varphi \frac{d\phi}{dt} \end{aligned} \quad (1.23)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S} &= \hat{H}_e(t)\psi \\ &= \left[\frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} y^2 + \frac{1}{2m_e} \left(-\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{2i\hbar eE}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{e^2 E^2}{\omega^2} \cos^2(\omega t) \right) \right] \varphi \phi \end{aligned} \quad (1.24)$$

where we will calculate this part by part as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (\varphi \phi) &= \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\left(\frac{ieE}{\hbar \omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \varphi \phi + \varphi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right] \\ &= \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m_e} \left[\left(\frac{ieE}{\hbar \omega} \cos(\omega t) \right)^2 \varphi \phi + \left(\frac{ieE}{\hbar \omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \varphi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \left(\frac{ieE}{\hbar \omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \varphi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \varphi \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{e^2 E^2}{2m_e \omega^2} \cos^2(\omega t) \right) \varphi \phi - \left(\frac{ieE\hbar}{m_e \omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \varphi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \varphi \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \end{aligned} \quad (1.25)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2i\hbar eE}{2m_e \omega} \cos(\omega t) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\varphi \phi) &= \frac{i\hbar eE}{m_e \omega} \cos(\omega t) \left[\left(\frac{ieE}{\hbar \omega} \cos(\omega t) \right) \varphi \phi + \varphi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{-e^2 E^2}{m_e \omega^2} \cos(\omega t) \right) \varphi \phi + \frac{i\hbar eE}{m_e \omega} \cos(\omega t) \varphi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.26)$$

Therefore we can derive that

$$\text{R.H.S} = \left[\frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} y^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \varphi \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right] \varphi \phi. \quad (1.27)$$

To satisfy the condition L.H.S=R.H.S we need to find a function $\phi(y, t)$ such that

$$[eEy \sin(\omega t)] \varphi \phi + i\hbar \varphi \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \left[\frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} y^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \varphi \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right] \varphi \phi \quad (1.28)$$

which can be simplified as

$$\left[\frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} y^2 - eEy \sin(\omega t) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} - i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \right] \phi(y, t) = 0. \quad (1.29)$$

If we turn off the external dressing field, this equation leads to simple harmonic oscillator Hamiltonian as follows

$$\left[\frac{m_e \omega_0^2}{2} y^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} - i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \right] \phi(y, t) = 0 \quad (1.30)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d\phi(y, t)}{dt} = \left[\frac{\hat{p}_y^2}{2m_e} + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 y^2 \right] \phi(y, t). \quad (1.31)$$

Therefore we can identify the $S(t) \equiv eE \sin(\omega t)$ part as a external force act on the harmonic oscillator and we can solve this as a forced harmonic oscillator in y axis.

$$i\hbar \frac{d\phi(y, t)}{dt} = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 y^2 - yS(t) \right] \phi(y, t). \quad (1.32)$$

This system can be exactly solvable and we can solve this equation using the methods explained by Husimi [*1] as follows.

First we can introduce the time dependent shifted coordinate as

$$y \rightarrow y' = y - \zeta(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = y' + \zeta(t) \quad (1.33)$$

and this implies that

$$\frac{d\phi(y', t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial\phi(y', t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial\phi(y', t)}{\partial y'} \frac{\partial y'}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial\phi(y', t)}{\partial t} - \dot{\zeta}(t) \frac{\partial\phi(y', t)}{\partial y'} \quad (1.34)$$

where $\dot{\zeta}(t) = \frac{\partial\zeta(t)}{\partial t}$. Therefore, Eq. (1.32) will be modified to

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial\phi(y', t)}{\partial t} = \left[i\hbar \dot{\zeta} \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 (y' + \zeta)^2 - (y' + \zeta) S(t) \right] \phi(y', t). \quad (1.35)$$

Let's transform the wave function using following unitary transform

$$\phi(y', t) = \exp\left(\frac{im_e \dot{\zeta} y'}{\hbar}\right) \varphi(y', t) \quad (1.36)$$

and substitute this into the Eq. (1.35) and we will get the following

$$\text{R.H.S} = \left[i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\hbar \left(\frac{im_e \ddot{\zeta} y'}{\hbar} \right) \right] \exp\left(\frac{-im_e \dot{\zeta} y'}{\hbar}\right) \varphi(y', t) \quad (1.37)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} = & \left[i\hbar \dot{\zeta} \left(\frac{im_e \dot{\zeta}}{\hbar} \right) + i\hbar \dot{\zeta} \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} \right. \\ & - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \left[\left(\frac{im_e \dot{\zeta}}{\hbar} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{2im_e \dot{\zeta}}{\hbar} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 y'^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 \zeta^2 + m_e \omega_0^2 y' \zeta \\ & \left. - y' S(t) - \zeta S(t) \right] \exp\left(\frac{-im_e \dot{\zeta} y'}{\hbar}\right) \varphi(y', t). \end{aligned} \quad (1.38)$$

Combining these two we get derive that

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{\partial\varphi(y', t)}{\partial t} = & \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 y'^2 + [m_e \ddot{\zeta} + m_e \omega_0^2 \zeta - S(t)] y' \right. \\ & \left. + \left[-\frac{1}{2} m_e \dot{\zeta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 \zeta^2 - \zeta S(t) \right] \right] \varphi(y', t). \end{aligned} \quad (1.39)$$

Then we can restrict our $\zeta(t)$ function such that

$$m_e \ddot{\zeta} + m_e \omega_0^2 \zeta = S(t) \quad (1.40)$$

and that leads to

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial\varphi(y', t)}{\partial t} = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 y'^2 - L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t) \right] \varphi(y', t) \quad (1.41)$$

where

$$L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t) \equiv \frac{1}{2} m_e \dot{\zeta}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 \zeta^2 + \zeta S(t) \quad (1.42)$$

is the Lagrangian of a driven oscillator.

Now introduce new unitary transformation for the wavefunction as follows

$$\varphi(y', t) = \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t')\right) \chi(y', t) \quad (1.43)$$

and substitute this into the Eq. (1.41) and gets

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \left[\exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t')\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\hbar L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t) \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t')\right) \right] \chi(y', t) \\ = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 y'^2 - L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t) \right] \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t')\right) \chi(y', t) \end{aligned} \quad (1.44)$$

and finally we can derive that

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi(y', t) = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y'^2} + \frac{1}{2} m_e \omega_0^2 y'^2 \right] \chi(y', t). \quad (1.45)$$

This is the well known Schrodinger equation of a stationary harmonic oscillator. In terms of the eigenvalues

$$E_n = \hbar \omega_0 \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (1.46)$$

of well-known harmonic eigenfunctions

$$\chi_n(y') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} \cdot \left(\frac{m_e \omega_0}{\pi \hbar}\right)^{1/4} \cdot e^{-\frac{m_e \omega_0 y'^2}{2\hbar}} \cdot \mathcal{H}_n\left(\sqrt{\frac{m_e \omega_0}{\hbar}} y'\right) \quad (1.47)$$

being proportional to the Hermite functions \mathcal{H}_n , the solutions of Eq. (1.32) can be represent as

$$\phi_n(y, t) = \chi_n(y - \zeta(t)) \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[-E_n t + m_e \dot{\zeta}(t)(y - \zeta(t)) + \int_0^t dt' L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t') \right]\right) \quad (1.48)$$

The set $\chi(y)$ forms a complete set and thus any general solution $\phi(y, t)$ can be expanded in terms of the solutions in Eq. (1.48).

Next we consider special case where we assumed

$$S(t) = eE \sin(\omega t) \quad (1.49)$$

and one can derive the Eq. (1.40) for $\zeta(t)$

$$m_e \ddot{\zeta} + m_e \omega_0^2 \zeta = eE \sin(\omega t) \quad (1.50)$$

and using Green function method the solution can be write as

$$\zeta(t) = \frac{eE}{m_e(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \sin(\omega t). \quad (1.51)$$

from this solutions we are able to derive the final solutions ($n = 0, 1, \dots$) would be

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_n(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_x}} \chi_n(y - \zeta(t)) \\ \times \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[-E_n t + p_x x + \frac{eE y}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) + m_e \dot{\zeta}(t)[y - \zeta(t)] + \int_0^t dt' L(\zeta, \dot{\zeta}, t') \right]\right) \end{aligned} \quad (1.52)$$

and the exponential phase shifts represent the effect done by the stationary magnetic field and strong dressing field. Therefore we can assume that the magnetitranport properties of 2DEG will be renormalized by the magnetic field as well as the dressing field. ■

2 Scattering theory

Since in a real metal there would be many scatters that can behave as obstacles for electron that have free wave functions. Therefore we need to calculate them to analyse the real behaviour of the electrons.

Then the wave function of the electron in a real metal $\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$ should satisfy the following time-dependent Schrodinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = [H_e(t) + U(\mathbf{r})] \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad (2.1)$$

where $U(\mathbf{r})$ is the total scattering potential. We have represented the all scatters using this potential. Since the solutions (1.52) create a complete orthonormal basis we can represent this wave function using those as follows

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_j a_j(t) |\psi_j(t)\rangle \quad (2.2)$$

where the difference indices j corresponding to the different sets of all quantum numbers p_x and n

$$j \rightarrow (m, n) \quad \text{where} \quad m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.3)$$

with m is defined for quantized momentum in x direction

$$p_x = m \frac{2\pi\hbar}{L_x} \quad (2.4)$$

Now we can use the conventional perturbation theory to calculate scattering process of electron at a state $|\psi_j\rangle$ to a state $|\psi_{j'}\rangle$. For that assume an electron be in the j state at the time $t = 0$ and corresponding $a'_j(0) = \delta_{j,j'}$.

First substitute a general electron state $\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$ at time t as the incoming electron to the Schrodinger equation given in Eq. (2.1)

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sum_j a_j(t) |\psi_j(t)\rangle = [H_e(t) + U(\mathbf{r})] \sum_j a_j(t) |\psi_j(t)\rangle \quad (2.5)$$

$$i\hbar \sum_j \dot{a}_j(t) |\psi_j(t)\rangle + a_j(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi_j(t)\rangle = [H_e(t) + U(\mathbf{r})] \sum_j a_j(t) |\psi_j(t)\rangle \quad (2.6)$$

since all the $|\psi(t)\rangle$ satisfy the Schrodinger equation (1.18)

$$i\hbar \sum_j \dot{a}_j(t) |\psi_j(t)\rangle = \sum_j U(\mathbf{r}) a_j(t) |\psi_j(t)\rangle. \quad (2.7)$$

Then take inner product with state with the state $|\psi_{j'}(t)\rangle$

$$i\hbar \sum_j \dot{a}_j(t) \langle \psi_{j'}(t) | \psi_j(t) \rangle = \sum_j a_j(t) \langle \psi_{j'}(t) | U(\mathbf{r}) | \psi_j(t) \rangle \quad (2.8)$$

But using the *Born approximation* we can assume that this incoming wave have the initial state of the electron at $t = 0$ and therefore this equation will modified to

$$i\hbar \sum_j \dot{a}_j(t) \langle \psi_{j'}(t) | \psi_j(t) \rangle = \langle \psi_{j'}(t) | U(\mathbf{r}) | \psi_j(t) \rangle \quad (2.9)$$

due to orthonormality this becomes

$$i\hbar \dot{a}_{j'}(t) = \langle \psi_{j'}(t) | U(\mathbf{r}) | \psi_j(t) \rangle \quad (2.10)$$

and finally this leads to first order perturbation theory for Scattering as follows

$$a_{j'}(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \psi_{j'}(t) | U(\mathbf{r}) | \psi_j(t) \rangle \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$a_{j'}(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' \int_S d\mathbf{r} \psi_{j'}^*(\mathbf{r}, t') U(\mathbf{r}) \psi_j(\mathbf{r}, t') \quad (2.12)$$

where the integration should be performed over the 2DEG area $S = L_x L_y$. Then we can calculate this using the equation we derived in (1.52) as follows