

Effects of Berry Curvature on Thermoelectric Transport



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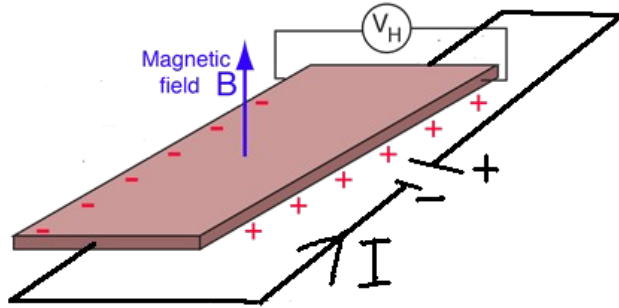
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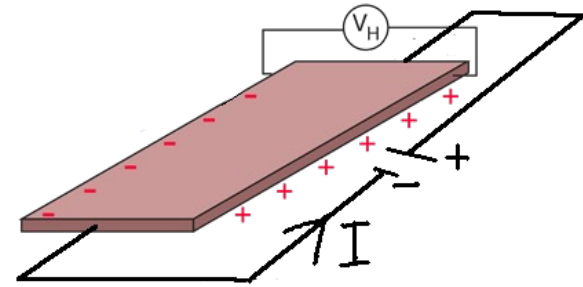
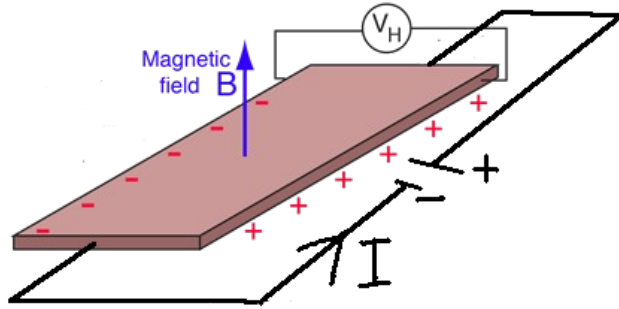
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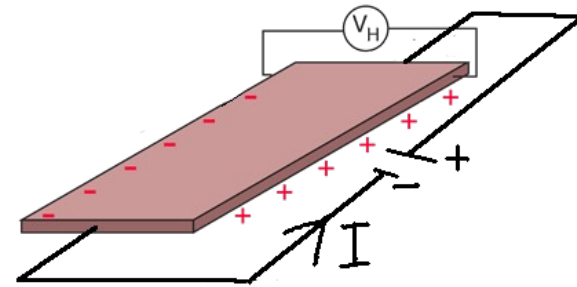
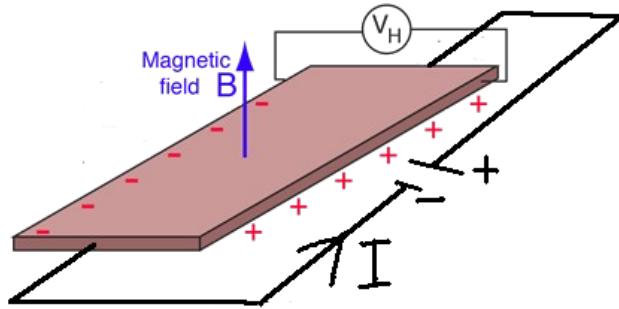
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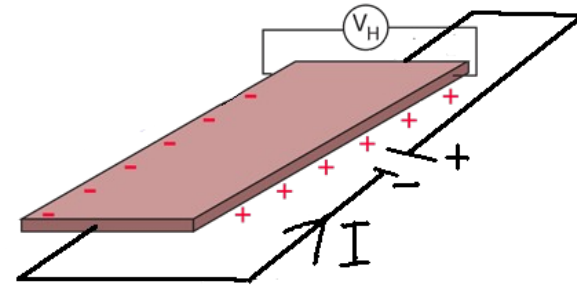
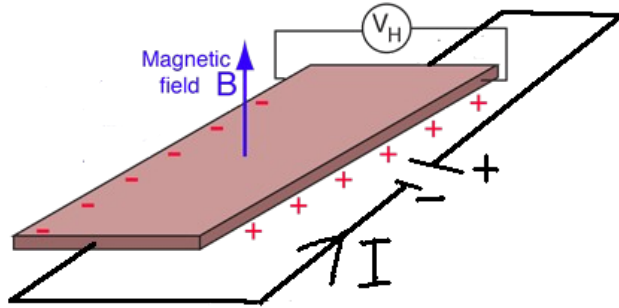


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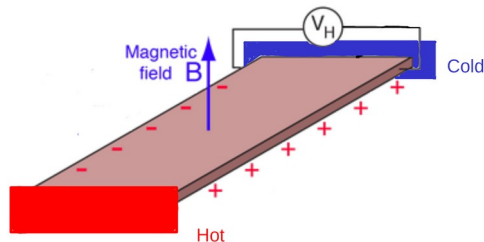
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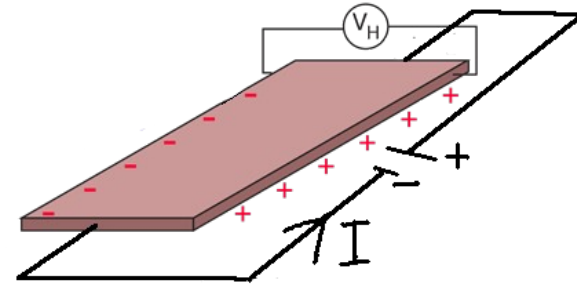
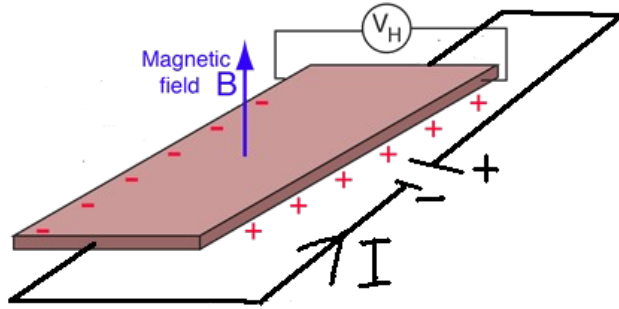
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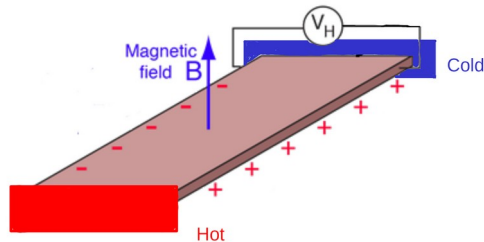
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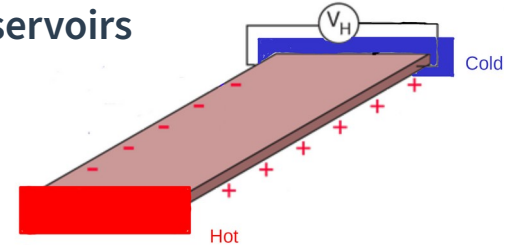


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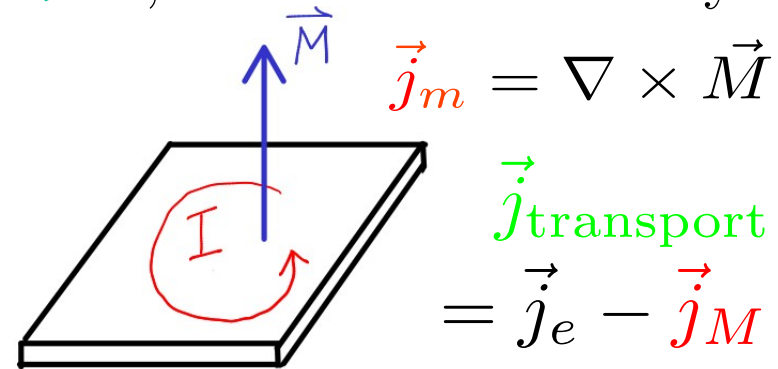
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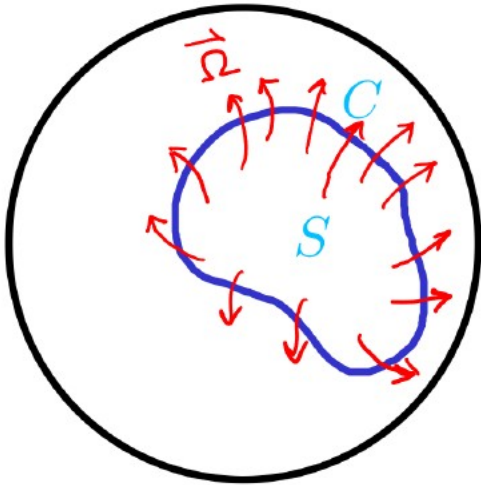
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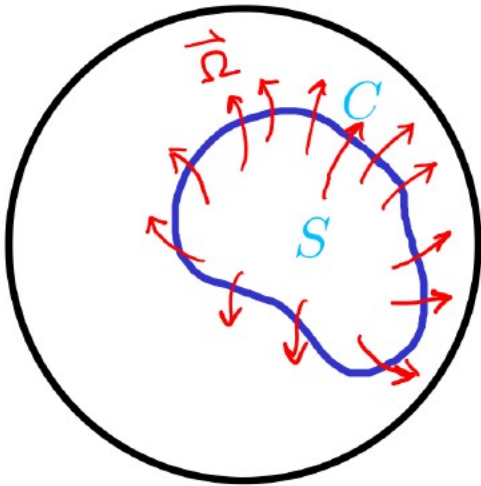


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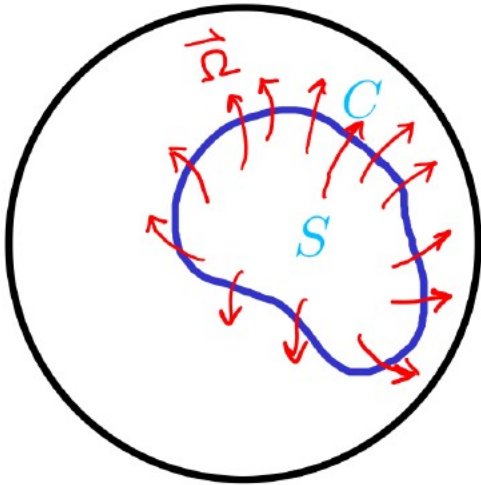
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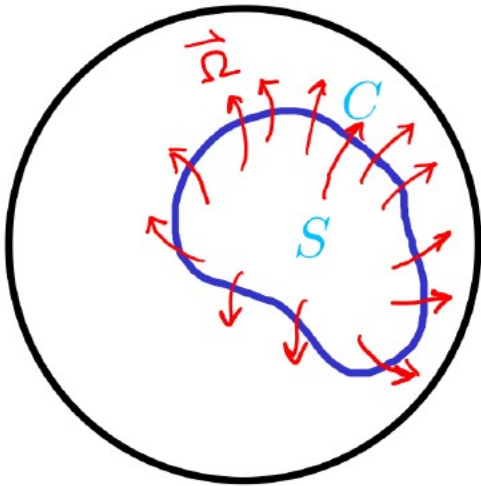
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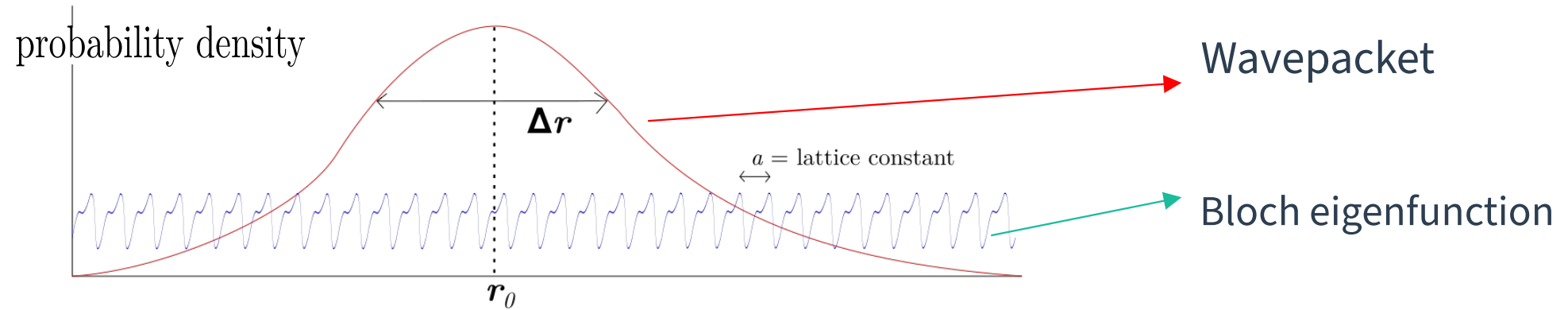
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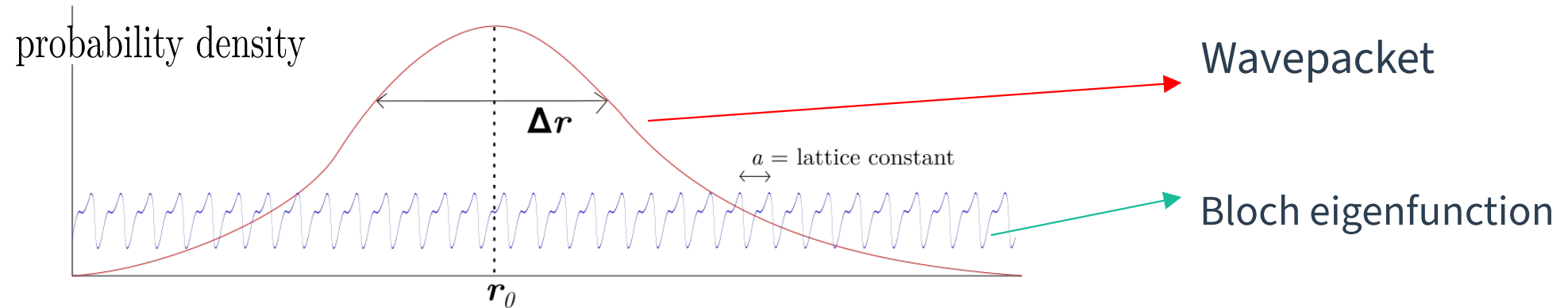
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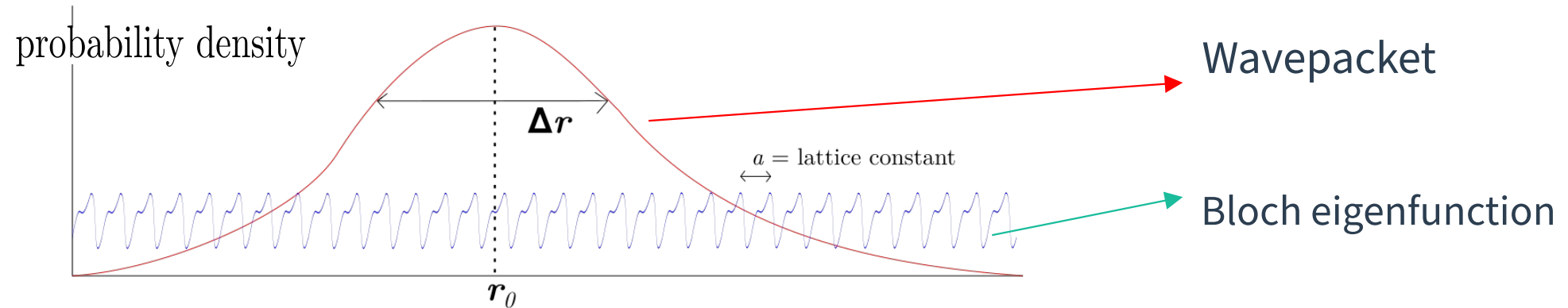


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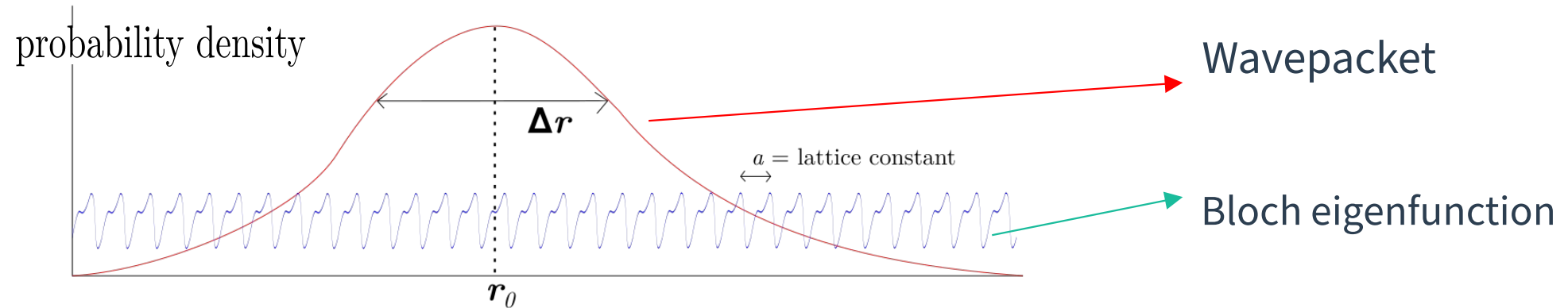
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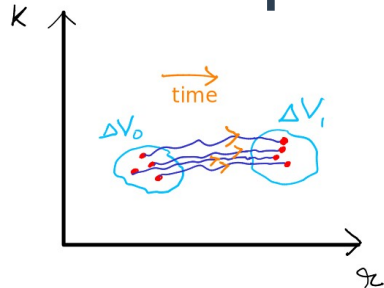
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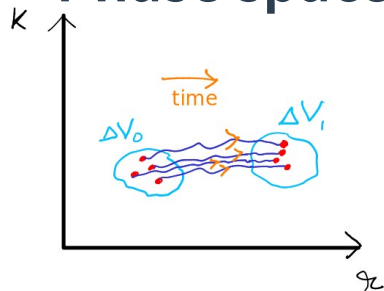
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- If inversion symmetry holds

$$\vec{\Omega}(\vec{k}) = \vec{\Omega}(-\vec{k})$$

- If time reversal symmetry holds

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- When both hold simultaneously, Berry curvature is identically zero.

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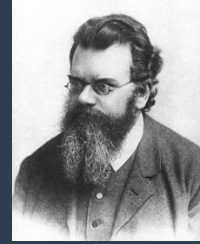
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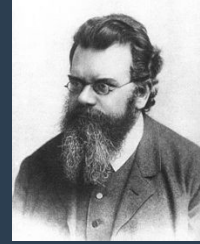
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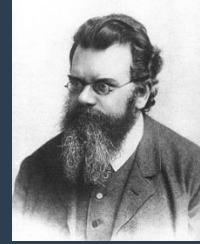
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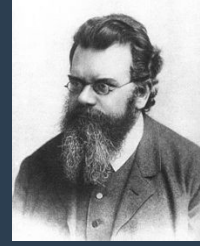
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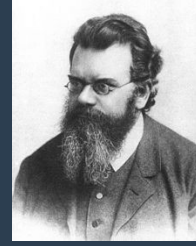
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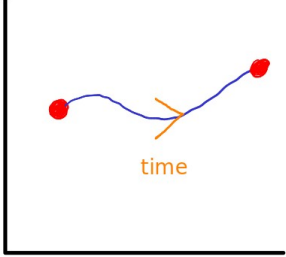
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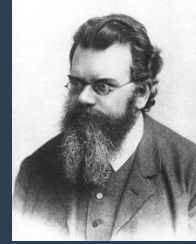
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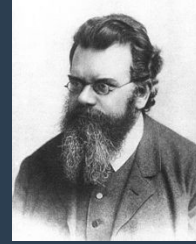
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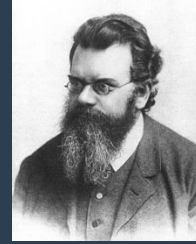


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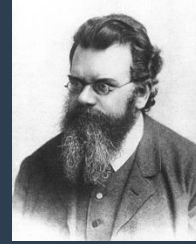
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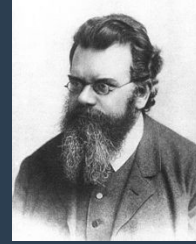
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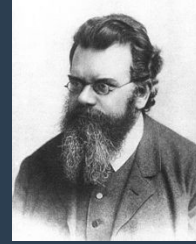
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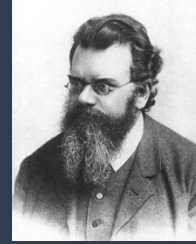
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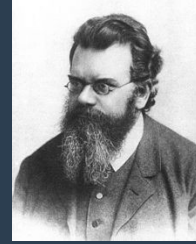
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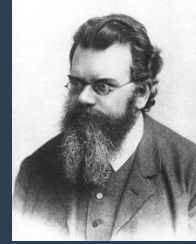


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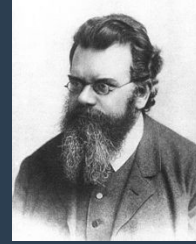
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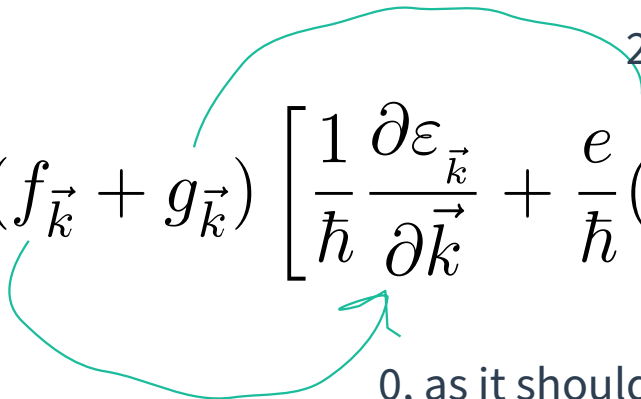
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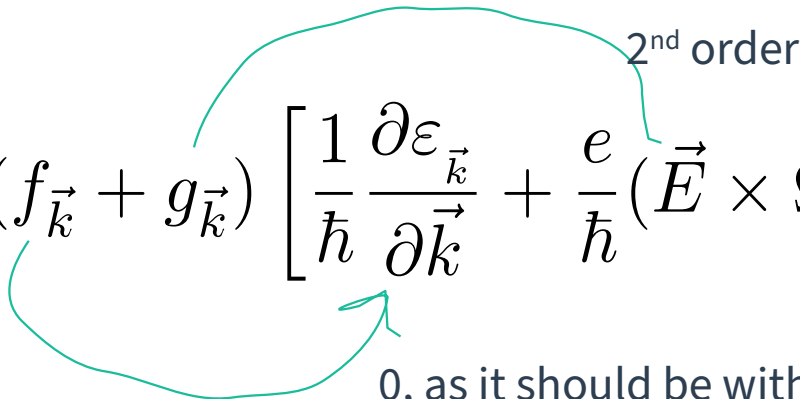
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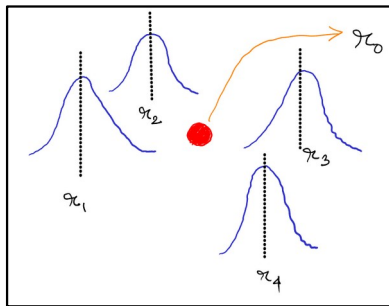
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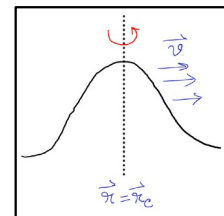
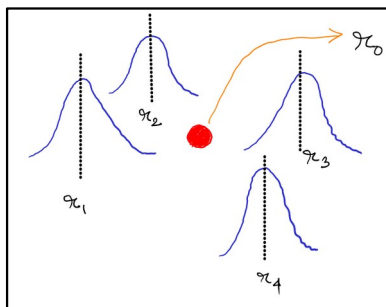
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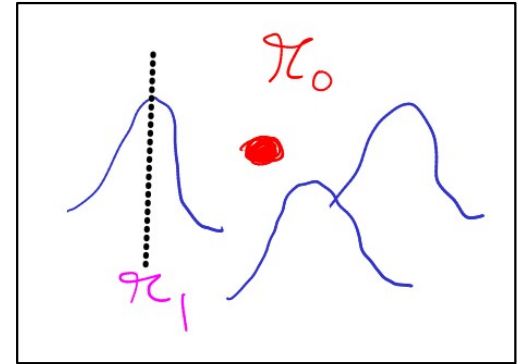


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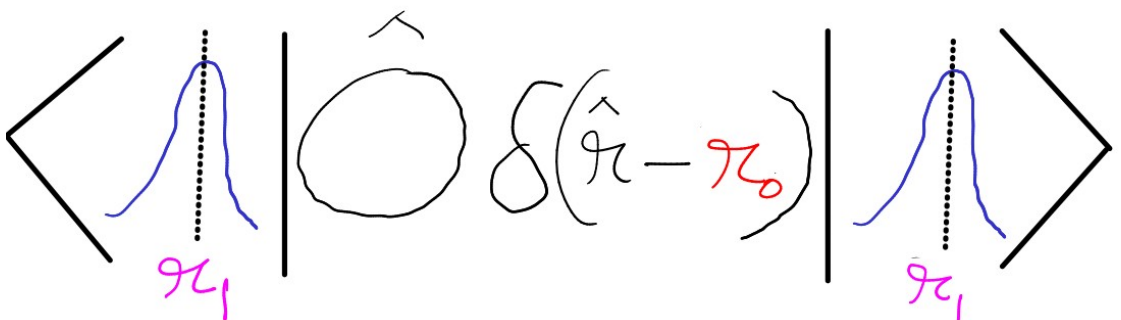
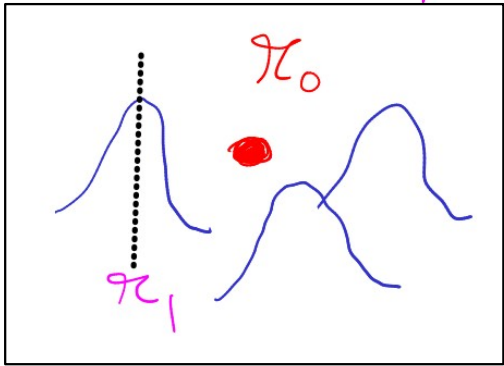
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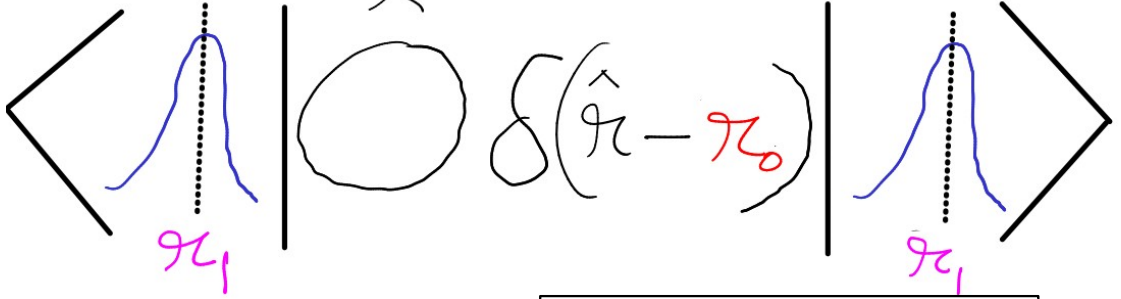
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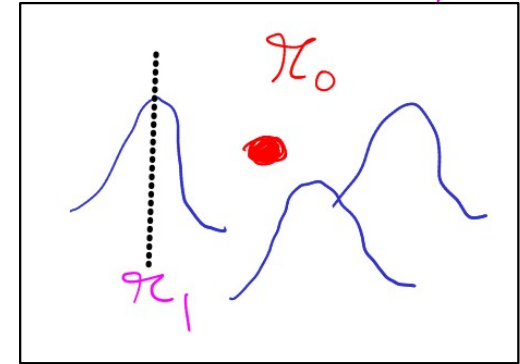
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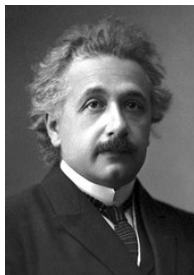
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Phase space density correction is important

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Now we are ready to calculate the transport electric current

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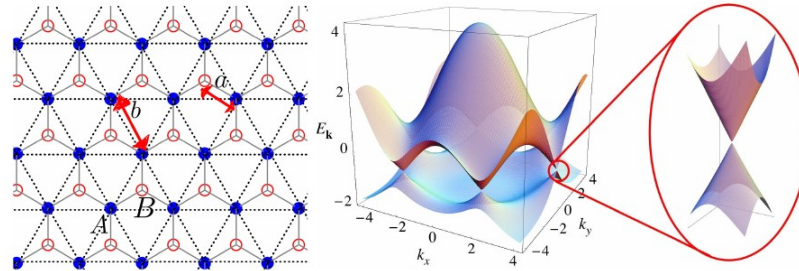
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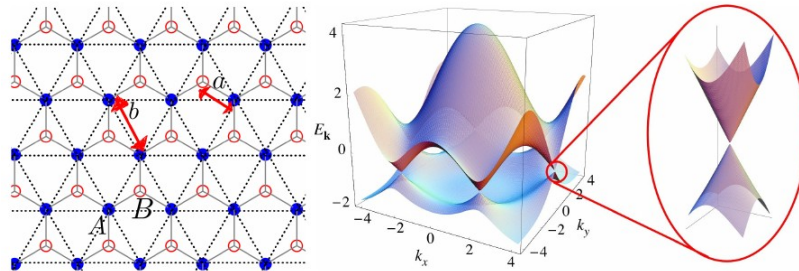


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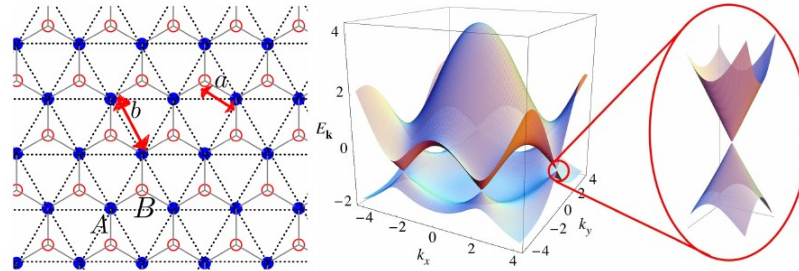
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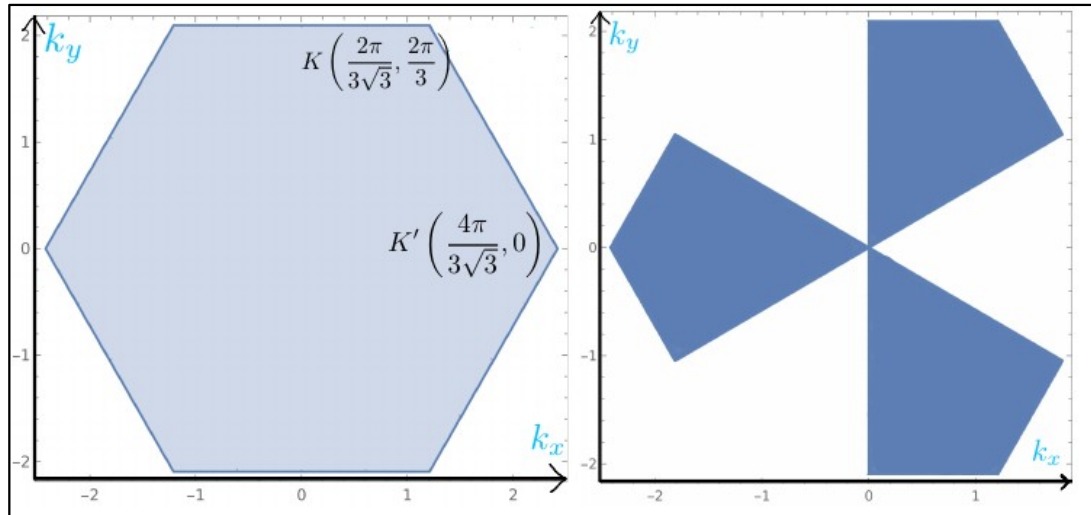
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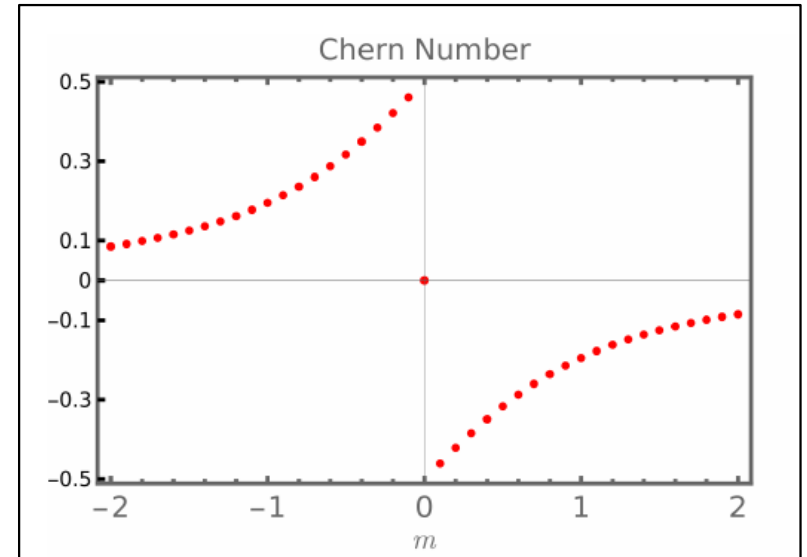
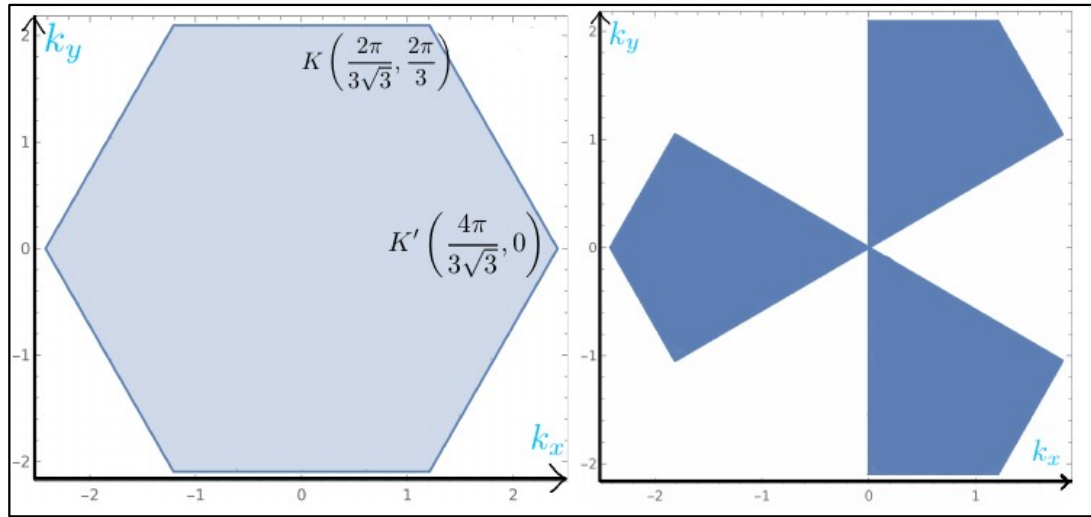
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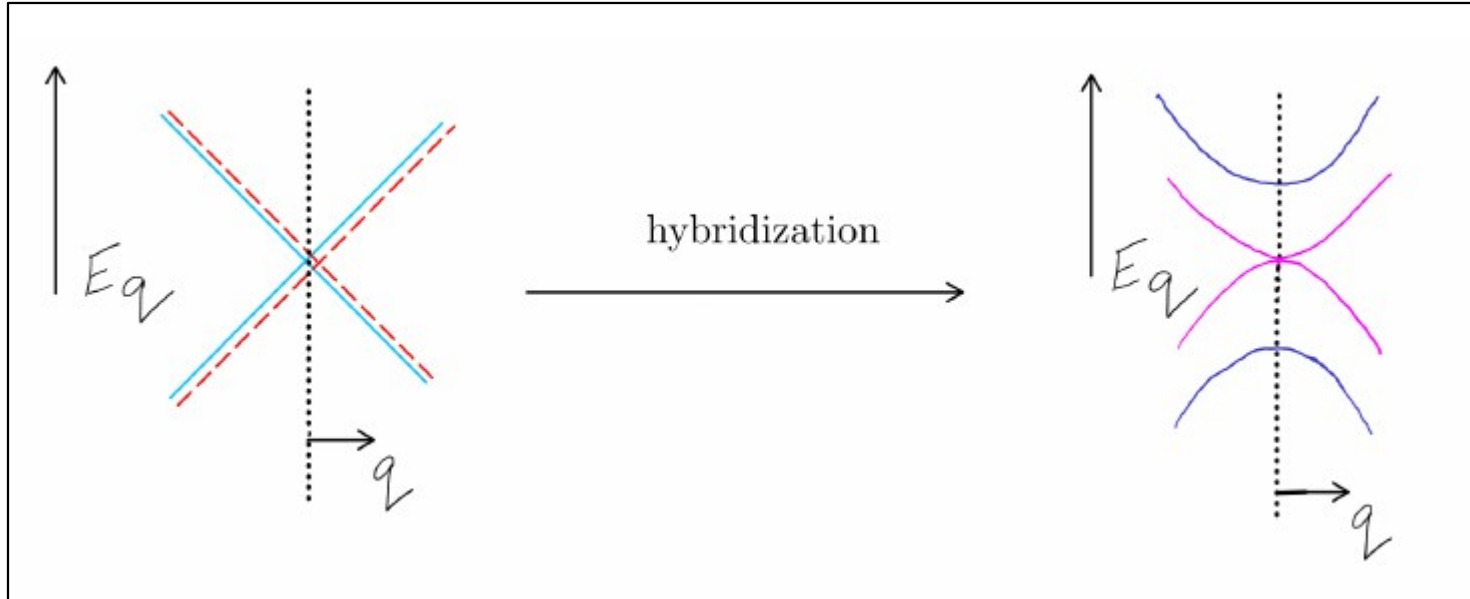
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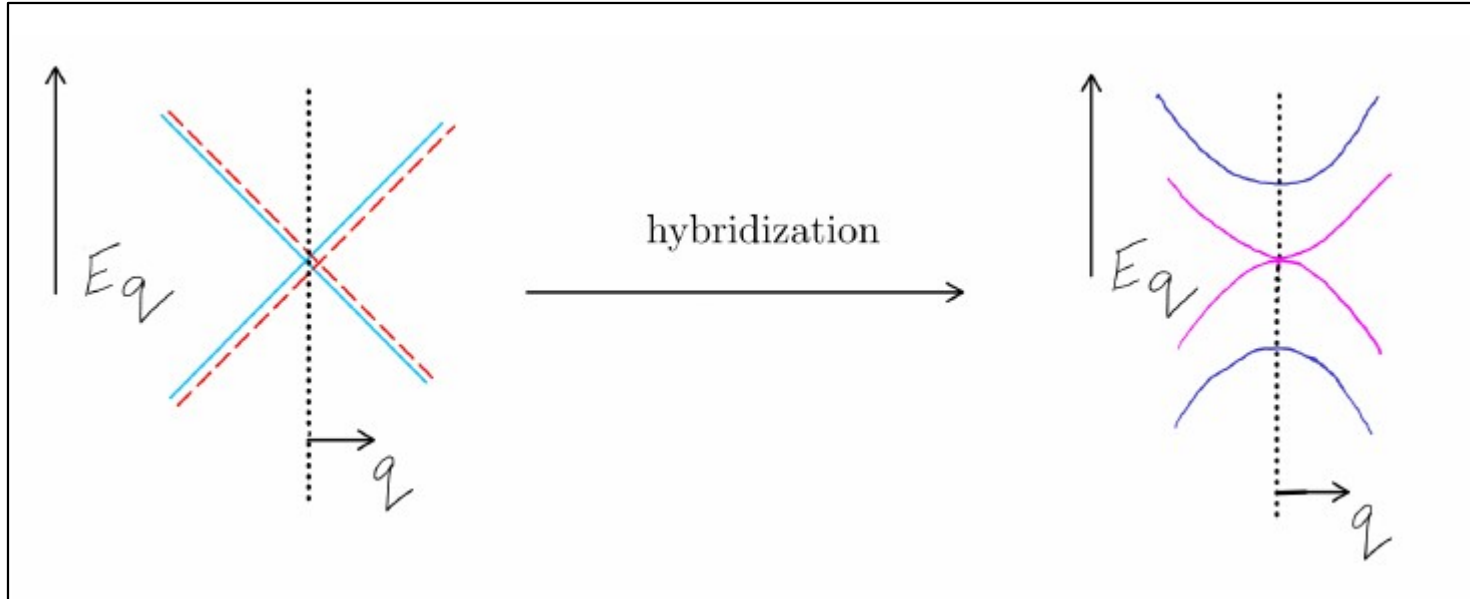
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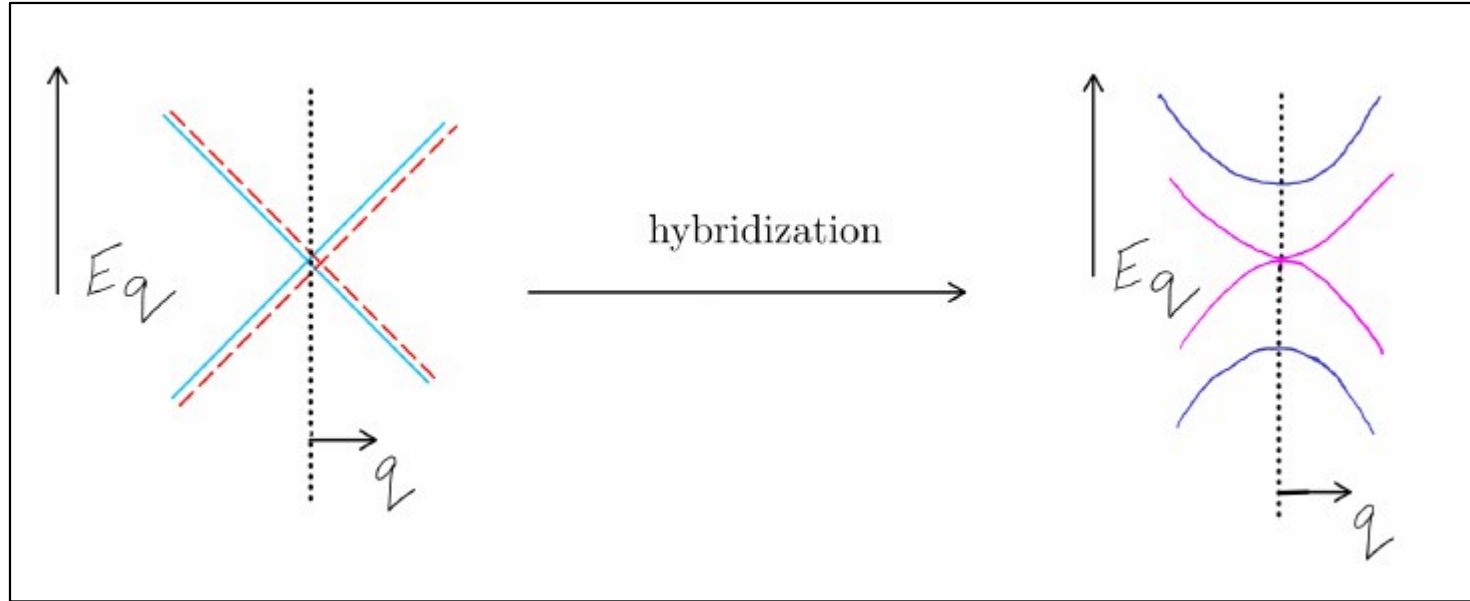


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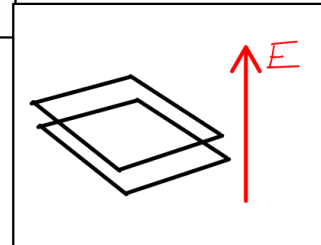


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Thank you