

# Quantum many-body systems (8.513 fa19)

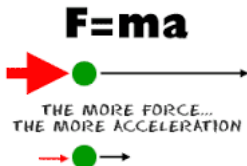
## Lecture note 1

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# Classical motion of a particle and Newton's Law

The motion of electrons or holes in a semiconductor does not follow Newton's law. They follow a generalized Newton law.



# First-order equation of motion and phase-space Lagrangian

- If  $(x, p)$  fully characterize the state of a particle, then their equation of motion is first-order:

$$\dot{x} = \partial_p H(x, p), \quad \dot{p} = -\partial_x H(x, p) \quad \text{Why this form?}$$

which can be obtained via phase-space Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \dot{x}, p, \dot{p}) = p\dot{x} - H(x, p), \quad S = \int dt \mathcal{L}(x, \dot{x}, p, \dot{p}).$$

- A classical system is fully characterized by 1) **EOM + Hamiltonian**, or by 2) **phase-space Lagrangian**.
- A phase-space point fully characterises a classical state.
- Phase-space Lagrangian contains only first order time derivative.
- From  $S$  to first-order equation of motion

$$\delta S = \int dt \delta p \underbrace{[\dot{x} - \partial_p H(x, p)]}_{=0} + \delta x \underbrace{[-\dot{p} - \partial_x H(x, p)]}_{=0},$$

we got that above equation of motion.

# Phase-space Lagrangian description of Shrödinger equation

For a quantum system, its state is fully characterized by a vector  $|\phi\rangle$  in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$$|\phi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \rightarrow \text{first-order E.O.M } i\hbar\dot{\phi}_m = H_{mn}\phi_n$$



(Why  $\phi_m$  is complex? Why  $|\phi_m|^2$  related to probability?)

- Phase-space Lagrangian

$$L = i\hbar\phi_m^*\dot{\phi}_m - \phi_m^*H_{mn}\phi_n = \langle\phi|i\hbar\frac{d}{dt} - H|\phi\rangle, \quad S = \int dt L.$$

- From *(Can we have non-linear Shrödinger equation?)*

$$\delta S = \int dt \delta\phi_m^*[i\hbar\dot{\phi}_m - H_{mn}\phi_n] + \delta\phi_n[-i\hbar\dot{\phi}_m^* - \phi_m^*H_{mn}]$$

we get the equation of motion

$$i\hbar\dot{\phi}_m = H_{mn}\phi_n, \quad -i\hbar\dot{\phi}_n^* = \phi_m^*H_{mn}.$$

# Dynamical variational approach

- Given a Hamiltonian  $H$ , we can use variational approach to get an approximate ground state, by minimizing  $\langle \phi_{\xi^I} | H | \phi_{\xi^I} \rangle$ , where  $\xi^I$  are the variational parameters  $\rightarrow$  approximate ground state  $|\phi_{\xi_0^I}\rangle$ .

*But how to get the low energy excited states?*

- Dynamical variational approach** (semi-classical approach):
  - we assume the variational parameters has a time-dependence  $\xi^I(t)$ .
  - The variational parameters  $\xi^I$  fully characterize the state, ie  $\xi^I$  parametrize a phase-space.
  - The dynamics of  $\xi^I(t)$  is given by the phase-space Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(\xi^I, \dot{\xi}^I) = \langle \phi_{\xi^I(t)} | i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} - H | \phi_{\xi^I(t)} \rangle = \hbar a_I(\xi^I) \dot{\xi}^I - \bar{H}(\xi^I)$$

where

$$a_I(\xi^I) \equiv i \langle \phi_{\xi^I} | \partial_{\xi^I} | \phi_{\xi^I} \rangle,$$

which is the **vector potential** in the phase-space.

# Most general phase-space description of classical system

From  $S = \int dt L(\dot{\xi}^I, \xi^I) = \int dt [\hbar a_I \dot{\xi}^I - \bar{H}]$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\delta S &= \int dt [\hbar(\partial_J a_I) \delta \xi^J \dot{\xi}^I - \hbar \dot{a}_I \delta \xi^I - \delta \xi^I \partial_I \bar{H}(\xi^I)] \\ &= \int dt \delta \xi^I [\hbar(\partial_I a_J) \dot{\xi}^J - \hbar(\partial_J a_I) \dot{\xi}^J - \partial_I \bar{H}] = \int dt \delta \xi^I [\hbar b_{IJ} \dot{\xi}^J - \partial_I \bar{H}]\end{aligned}$$

and the equation of motion

$$\hbar b_{IJ} \dot{\xi}^J = \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial \xi^I}, \quad b_{IJ} = \partial_I a_J - \partial_J a_I = \text{"magnetic field" in phase-space}$$

- The above EOM conserve energy  $\partial_t \bar{H}(\xi^I(t)) = 0$ .

- **Gauge redundancy**: we may choose an equivalent (redundant) trial wave function  $e^{i\theta(\xi^I)} |\psi_{\xi^I}\rangle$ . We will get

$$L(\dot{\xi}^I, \xi^I) = \hbar a_I \dot{\xi}^I - \dot{\theta}(\xi^I) - \bar{H}(\xi^I) = \hbar[a_I - \partial_I \theta] \dot{\xi}^I - \bar{H}(\xi^I)$$

which gives rise to the same EOM.

**Change the phase space Lagrangian by a total time derivative of any function does not change the EOM.**

# Gauge “symmetry” and symmetry

**Gauge redundancy** (also called gauge symmetry by mistake) and **symmetry** (real physical symmetry) in quantum system:

- If we give a single quantum state two names  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$ , then  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$  will have the same properties (since  $|a\rangle = |b\rangle$ ). We say there is a gauge redundancy or gauge symmetry, and the theory of  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$  is a gauge theory.
- If two orthogonal states  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$  same properties, then we say there is a symmetry between  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$  (since  $\langle a|b\rangle = 0$ ).

*Gauge “symmetry” is indeed a symmetry in classical system*

# Change of variables

- If we change the variables to  $\eta^I = \eta^I(\xi^I)$ , we get

$$L(\dot{\eta}^I, \eta^I) = \int dt [\hbar a_I^\eta \dot{\eta}^I - \bar{H}(\eta^I)], \quad \hbar b_{IJ}^\eta \dot{\eta}^J = \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial \eta^I}, \quad b_{IJ}^\eta = \partial_{\eta^I} a_J^\eta - \partial_{\eta^J} a_I^\eta$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_I^\eta &= i \langle \phi | \partial_{\eta^I} | \phi \rangle = i \langle \phi | \partial_{\xi^J} | \phi \rangle \frac{\partial \xi^J}{\partial \eta^I} = a_J \frac{\partial \xi^J}{\partial \eta^I}. \\ b_{IJ}^\eta &= \partial_{\eta^I} (a_K \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \eta^J}) - \partial_{\eta^J} (a_K \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \eta^I}) = (\partial_{\eta^I} a_K) \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \eta^J} - (\partial_{\eta^J} a_K) \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \eta^I} \\ &= (\partial_{\xi^L} a_K) \frac{\partial \xi^L}{\partial \eta^I} \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \eta^J} - (\partial_{\xi^L} a_K) \frac{\partial \xi^L}{\partial \eta^J} \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \eta^I} = (\partial_{\xi^L} a_K - \partial_{\xi^K} a_L) \frac{\partial \xi^L}{\partial \eta^I} \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \eta^J} \\ &= b_{LK} \frac{\partial \xi^L}{\partial \eta^I} \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \eta^J} \end{aligned}$$



# Generalized Liouville's theorem

- Consider time evolution from  $t \rightarrow \tilde{t}$ ,  $\xi^I \rightarrow \tilde{\xi}^I$ . We have

$$d^n \tilde{\xi}^I = \text{Det}(\hat{J}) d^n \xi^I, \quad J_{IJ} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \xi^J}$$

For  $\tilde{t} = t + \delta t$ ,  $\tilde{\xi}^I = \xi^I + b^{IK} \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial \xi^K} \delta t$ , where  $b_{IJ} b^{JK} = \delta_{IK}$ .

$$J_{IJ} = \delta_{IJ} + \partial_J(b^{IK}) \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial \xi^K} \delta t + b^{IK} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{H}}{\partial \xi^K \partial \xi^J} \delta t, \quad \text{Det}(\hat{J}) = 1 + \partial_I(b^{IK}) \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial \xi^K} \delta t$$

- Assume for  $\eta^I$  variable,  $b_{IJ}^\eta$  is independent of  $\eta^I$ . Then (**Liouville's theorem**)

$$d^n \eta^I = d^n \tilde{\eta}^I, \quad \sqrt{\text{Det}(b_{IJ}^\eta)} d^n \eta^I = \sqrt{\text{Det}(\tilde{b}_{IJ}^\eta)} d^n \tilde{\eta}^I$$

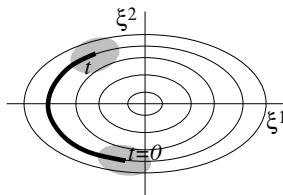
Change variables (**Generalized Liouville's theorem**)

$$\sqrt{\text{Det}(b_{IJ})} \text{Det}\left(\frac{\partial \xi^I}{\partial \eta^J}\right) d^n \xi^I \text{Det}\left(\frac{\partial \eta^I}{\partial \xi^J}\right) = \sqrt{\text{Det}(\tilde{b}_{IJ}^\eta)} \text{Det}\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \tilde{\eta}^J}\right) d^n \tilde{\eta}^I \text{Det}\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}^I}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^J}\right)$$

$$\sqrt{\text{Det}(b_{IJ})} d^n \xi^I = \sqrt{\text{Det}(\tilde{b}_{IJ})} d^n \tilde{\xi}^I \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Pf}(b_{IJ}) d^n \xi^I = \text{Pf}(\tilde{b}_{IJ}) d^n \tilde{\xi}^I$$

# Phase space volume occupied by a quantum state

- For a classical theory every space-time point represents a distinct state. There is an  $\infty$  number of states for a finite phase space.
- For a quantum system,  $|\phi_{\xi^I(t)}\rangle$  and  $|\phi_{\tilde{\xi}^I(t)}\rangle$  are orthogonal (ie are different quantum states) only when  $\xi^I$  and  $\tilde{\xi}^I$  are different enough  $\rightarrow$  uncertainty of  $\xi^I$ . There is a finite number of states for a finite phase space.



- A phase space region  $D^n$  contain how many quantum states? We guess

$$N = \int_{D^n} \frac{d^n \xi^I}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \text{Pf}(b_{IJ})$$

We will confirm it later.

# An example: an anharmonic oscillator

- What is low energy spectrum of (choose  $\hbar = 1$  unit)

$$H = \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}vx^2 + \frac{1}{4}x^4, \quad k = -i\partial_x$$

- Trial ground state:

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha x^2}$$

The value of  $\alpha$  is determined by minimizing the average energy

$$\langle\psi_0^\alpha|\hat{H}|\psi_0^\alpha\rangle = \frac{3 + 4\alpha^2 + 4\alpha v}{16\alpha^2}.$$

We find

$$\alpha = \frac{2 \times 6^{\frac{2}{3}} v + 6^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(27 + \sqrt{729 - 48 v^3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{6 \left(27 + \sqrt{729 - 48 v^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \sqrt{v} + \frac{3}{4v} + O(1/v^2)$$

$$\langle\hat{H}\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{v} + \frac{3}{16v} + O(1/v^2)$$

# An anharmonic oscillator

- Dynamical trial ground state

$$|\psi_{\xi^I}\rangle = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} e^{i\xi^2 x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha(x-\xi^1)^2}$$

a state with position  $x = \xi^1$  and momentum  $k = \xi^2$  fluctuations.

$$L(\dot{\xi}^I, \xi^I) = \langle \psi_{\xi^I(t)} | i \frac{d}{dt} - H | \psi_{\xi^I(t)} \rangle = a_I(\xi^I) \dot{\xi}^I - \bar{H}(\xi^I)$$

where  $a_I = i \langle \psi_{\xi^I} | \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle$ ,  $\bar{H}(\xi^I) = \langle \psi_{\xi^I} | \hat{H} | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle$

- The resulting equation of motion is given by

$$b_{IJ} \dot{\xi}^J = \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial \xi^I}, \quad b_{IJ} = \partial_I a_J - \partial_J a_I$$

- Calculate  $a_I = i \langle \psi_{\xi^I} | \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle$ :

$$a_1 = i \int dx \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} e^{-i\xi^2 x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha(x-\xi^1)^2} \alpha(x-\xi^1) e^{i\xi^2 x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha(x-\xi^1)^2} = 0$$

$$a_2 = i \int dx \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} e^{-i\xi^2 x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha(x-\xi^1)^2} i x e^{i\xi^2 x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha(x-\xi^1)^2} = -\xi^1$$

# An anharmonic oscillator

We find  $b_{IJ} = -\epsilon_{ij}$  and

$$\bar{H}(\xi^I) = \frac{1}{2}(\xi^2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\nu\left(1 + \frac{3}{2\alpha\nu}\right)(\xi^1)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\xi^1)^4 + \frac{3 + 4\alpha^3 + 4\alpha\nu}{16\alpha^2}$$

- The corresponding equation of motion has a form

$$\dot{\xi}^1 = \xi^2, \quad \dot{\xi}^2 = -\nu\left(1 + \frac{3}{2\alpha\nu}\right)\xi^1 - (\xi^1)^3$$

- The number of quantum states

$$N = \int_{D^2} \frac{d\xi^1 d\xi^2}{2\pi} \text{Pf}(b_{IJ}) = \int_{D^2} \frac{d\xi^1 d\xi^2}{2\pi} = \int_{D^2} \frac{dx dk}{2\pi}$$

which is what we expected.

# An anharmonic oscillator

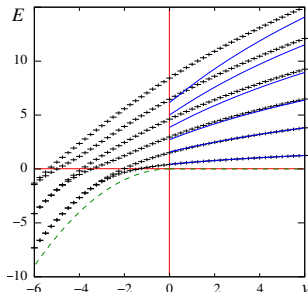
- The small motions around the ground state  $\xi_0^I \rightarrow$  A collection of Harmonic oscillators  $\rightarrow$  low energy spectrum.
- This is why for many interacting systems, the low energy excitations are non-interacting (like phonons in interacting crystals).
- This is why semi-classical approach works well for many systems.
- For small motion around the ground state  $\xi^1 = 0, \xi^2 = 0$ :

$$\dot{\xi}^1 = \xi^2, \quad \dot{\xi}^2 = -v \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2\alpha v} \right) \xi^1$$

A harmonic oscillator with mass  $m = 1$ ,  
spring constant  $K = \frac{3\alpha + 2\alpha^2 v}{2\alpha^2}$ ,  
and frequency  $\omega = \sqrt{v \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2\alpha v} \right)}$ .

- Re-quantizing the harmonic oscillator  $\rightarrow$  low energy spectrum for the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}vx^2 + \frac{1}{4}x^4, \quad k = -i\partial_x$$



# Geometric phase

$a_I = i \langle \psi_{\xi^I} | \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle$  is the so call **geometric phase** (Berry Phase).

- *What is the geometric phase?*

Consider  $|\psi_{\xi^I}\rangle$  and  $|\psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I}\rangle$ , what is the phase different between  $|\psi_{\xi^I}\rangle$  and  $|\psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I}\rangle$ ?

- But  $|\psi_{\xi^I}\rangle$  and  $|\psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I}\rangle$  are not parallel:  $|\psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I}\rangle \neq e^{i\delta\phi} |\psi_{\xi^I}\rangle$ . They differ by more than a phase.
- But for small  $\delta\xi^I$

$$\langle \psi_{\xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I} \rangle \approx 1 + iO(\delta\xi^I), \quad \langle \psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle \approx 1 - iO(\delta\xi^I)$$

since, to the first order in  $\delta$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \delta \langle \psi_{\xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle = (\langle \psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I} | - \langle \psi_{\xi^I} |) | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle + \langle \psi_{\xi^I} | (| \psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I} \rangle - | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle) \\ &= [\langle \psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I} \rangle - 1] + [\langle \psi_{\xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I} \rangle - 1] \end{aligned}$$

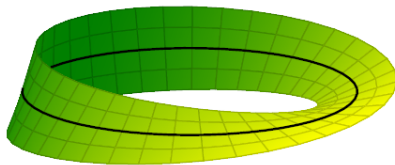
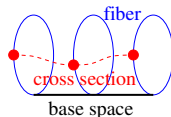
Therefore  $\langle \psi_{\xi^I} | \psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I} \rangle \approx e^{iO(\delta\xi)}$ , or

$$|\psi_{\xi^I+\delta\xi^I}\rangle = e^{i\delta\phi} |\psi_{\xi^I}\rangle + \#(\delta\xi^I)^2, \quad \delta\phi = a_I(\xi^I) \delta\xi^I$$

# $U(1)$ fiber bundle and global view of geometric phase

The physical states are characterized by a point  $\xi^i$  on the phase-space, after we pick the phase of  $|\psi(\xi^i)\rangle$ . Different choices of phases are equivalent  $\rightarrow$  the notion of  $U(1)$  fiber bundle:

- The phase space  $\xi^i$  is the base space. The equivalent normalized quantum states  $e^{i\phi}|\psi(\xi^i)\rangle$  form the fiber, which is  $S^1$ .
- So, a  $U(1)$  fiber bundle is (locally)  $S^1 \times \text{phase-space}$ .
- the  $\xi^i$ -labeled quantum states  $|\psi(\xi^i)\rangle$  is a cross section of the  $U(1)$  bundle. **Pick a phase = pick a cross section.**
- Trivial  $U(1)$  bundle =  $S^1 \times \text{base-space}$  (globally).
- Non-trivial  $U(1)$  fiber bundle different topology from  $S^1 \times \text{base-space}$ . **No smooth cross section.**  $\rightarrow$  A different class of classical system.
- **An example:** Möbius strip is a non-trivial  $I$  bundle on base-space  $S^1$  ( $I = [0, 1]$  is the fiber)





# Spin-1/2 example: geometric phase and fiber bundle

- All possible spin-1/2 states (or qubit states)

$$(a + ib)|\uparrow\rangle + (c + id)|\downarrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a + ib \\ c + id \end{pmatrix} = z, \quad a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$$

form a 3-dimensional sphere  $S^3$  (a sphere in 4-dimensional space).

- But since  $|\psi\rangle \sim e^{i\phi}|\psi\rangle$ , all possible spin-1/2 states (or qubit states) actually form a 2-dimensional sphere  $S^2$ .  $z^\dagger \sigma z = \mathbf{n}$ : a map  $S^3 \rightarrow S^2 \rightarrow |\mathbf{n}\rangle$ : spin-1/2 in  $\mathbf{n}$  direction.

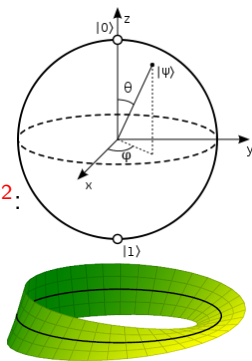
- $S^3$  locally looks like  $S^1 \times S^2$ :  $S^3$  is a **fiber bundle** with **fiber**  $S^1$  and **base space**  $S^2$ :

$$pt \rightarrow S^1 \xrightarrow{inj} S^3 \xrightarrow{surj} S^2 \rightarrow pt$$

- If we pick a phase  $\phi$  for each  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle$ , we may get  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\phi/2} \cos(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\phi/2} \sin(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$

or 
$$|\mathbf{n}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\phi} \sin(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

- The above correspond to two cross sections of the fiber bundle.



Möbius strip locally  $I \times S^1$

# What is the geometric phase?

In the above, the phase  $\phi$  for each  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle$  is chosen quite arbitrarily. Can we make better choice?

- Let us compare the phase of  $|\mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi)\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{n}(\theta + \delta\theta, \varphi + \delta\varphi)\rangle$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) | \mathbf{n}(\theta + \delta\theta, \varphi + \delta\varphi) \rangle \\ &= 1 + \underbrace{\langle \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) | \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} | \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) \rangle}_{i a_\theta} \delta\theta + \underbrace{\langle \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) | \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} | \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) \rangle}_{i a_\varphi} \delta\varphi \\ &= 1 + i a_\theta \delta\theta + i a_\varphi \delta\varphi \approx e^{i(a_\theta \delta\theta + a_\varphi \delta\varphi)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $i a_\theta = \langle \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) | \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} | \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) \rangle$  and  $i a_\varphi = \langle \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) | \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} | \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) \rangle$

- $e^{i(a_\theta \delta\theta + a_\varphi \delta\varphi)} = e^{i \mathbf{a} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{n}}$  is the **geometric phase** as we change  $|\mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi)\rangle$  to  $|\mathbf{n}(\theta + \delta\theta, \varphi + \delta\varphi)\rangle = |\mathbf{n} + \Delta \mathbf{n}\rangle$ .
- $\mathbf{a} = (a_\theta, a_\varphi)$  is the **connection (vector potential)** of the geometric phase. (Like the vector potential in electromagnetism.)

# Is the geometric phase meaningless?

- If  $\langle \mathbf{n} | \mathbf{n} + \Delta \mathbf{n} \rangle = e^{i \mathbf{a} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{n}}$ , we can always change the phase of  $|\mathbf{n} + \Delta \mathbf{n}\rangle \rightarrow |\mathbf{n} + \Delta \mathbf{n}\rangle_1 = e^{-i \mathbf{a} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{n}} |\mathbf{n} + \Delta \mathbf{n}\rangle$ , so that  $\langle \mathbf{n} | \mathbf{n} + \Delta \mathbf{n} \rangle_1 = e^{-i \mathbf{a} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{n}} e^{i \mathbf{a} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{n}} = 1$ .

*We can always make geometric phase = 0, and the geometric phase is meaningless. Wrong!*

- As we change the phase of  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle$ :  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle \rightarrow e^{if(\theta, \varphi)} |\mathbf{n}\rangle$ , the geometric phase (ie the connection) also changes:

$$(a_\theta, a_\varphi) \rightarrow (a_\theta + \partial_\theta f, a_\varphi + \partial_\varphi f)$$

- We can always choose a  $f$  to make  $(a_\theta, a_\varphi) = (0, 0)$  at any chosen  $(\theta, \varphi)$ , ie to make  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{n} + \Delta \mathbf{n}\rangle$  to have the same phase.
- But since  $S^3 \rightarrow S^2$  is not a trivial bundle, we cannot find a  $f$  to make  $(a_\theta, a_\varphi) = (0, 0)$  for all  $(\theta, \varphi)$ , ie to make all  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle$ 's to have the same phase. There is no crosssection such that  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle$  all have the same phases (ie  $(a_\theta, a_\varphi) = (0, 0)$  for all  $(\theta, \varphi)$ ).

*Some part of the geometric connection  $\mathbf{a} = (a_\theta, a_\varphi)$  is physical, and other part is not.*

# The notion of the “flux” of the geometric phase

- Consider a loop  $|\mathbf{n}(t)\rangle$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbf{n}(0) = \mathbf{n}(1)$ . The total geometric phase of the loop

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i \sum \delta\varphi(t)} &= \langle \mathbf{n}(0) | \mathbf{n}(t_1) \rangle \langle \mathbf{n}(t_1) | \mathbf{n}(t_2) \rangle \langle \mathbf{n}(t_2) | \mathbf{n}(t_3) \rangle \cdots \langle \mathbf{n}(t_{N-1}) | \mathbf{n}(1) \rangle \\ &= e^{i \sum \mathbf{a}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{n}(t)} = e^{i \int \mathbf{a}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{n}(t)} = e^{i \int \mathbf{a}(t) \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{n}(t)}{dt} dt} \end{aligned}$$

- If we change the phase of  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle$ :  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle \rightarrow e^{if(\mathbf{n})} |\mathbf{n}\rangle$ , the total geometric phase for a loop – the **geometric flux** – does not change.

- Computing the geometric flux:

$$\oint_C \mathbf{a} \cdot d\mathbf{n} = \oint_C a_\theta d\theta + a_\varphi d\varphi = \iint_D (\partial_\theta a_\varphi - \partial_\varphi a_\theta) d\theta d\varphi$$

where  $C = \partial D$ , ie the loop  $C$  is the boundary of the disk  $D$ .

- $b = \partial_\theta a_\varphi - \partial_\varphi a_\theta$  is called the geometric curvature (magnetic field):

$b \Delta\theta \Delta\varphi$  = the total geometric phase for a small loop

$$(\theta, \varphi) \rightarrow (\theta + \Delta\theta, \varphi) \rightarrow (\theta + \Delta\theta, \varphi + \Delta\varphi) \rightarrow (\theta, \varphi + \Delta\varphi) \rightarrow (\theta, \varphi).$$

- The total geometric phase for a loop  $\oint_C \mathbf{a} \cdot d\mathbf{n}$  and the geometric curvature  $b$  are meaningful, since they are invariant under the **gauge transformation**  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle \rightarrow e^{if(\mathbf{n})} |\mathbf{n}\rangle$  and  $\mathbf{a} \rightarrow \mathbf{a} + \partial f$ .

# The geometric phase (the flux) for spin-1/2

From  $i a_\theta = \langle \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) | \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} | \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) \rangle$  and  $i a_\varphi = \langle \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) | \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} | \mathbf{n}(\theta, \varphi) \rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\varphi} \sin(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$ , we find that

$$a_\theta = 0, \quad a_\varphi = \sin(\theta/2) \sin(\theta/2) = \frac{1 - \cos(\theta)}{2}$$

“Flux” of geometric phase: total geometric phase around a loop

For a loop  $(\theta, \varphi) \rightarrow (\theta + \Delta\theta, \varphi) \rightarrow (\theta + \Delta\theta, \varphi + \Delta\varphi) \rightarrow (\theta, \varphi + \Delta\varphi) \rightarrow (\theta, \varphi)$ :

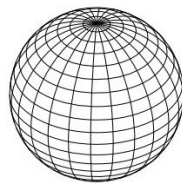
$$\oint_{[\Delta\theta, \Delta\varphi]} a_\theta d\theta + a_\varphi d\varphi = 0 + \frac{1 - \cos(\theta + \Delta\theta)}{2} \Delta\varphi + 0 - \frac{1 - \cos(\theta)}{2} \Delta\varphi$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sin(\theta) \Delta\theta \Delta\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \Omega([\Delta\theta, \Delta\varphi]) \rightarrow \text{half of the solid angle.}$$

- The total “flux” of the geometric phase on any compact space  $S^2$  must be quantized

$$\int_{C^2} \frac{1}{2!} b_{IJ} d\xi^I d\xi^J = 2\pi \times \text{integer}$$

$$= 2\pi \times \text{Chern number.}$$

*Spin-1/2 has a Chern number 1*



# The geometric phase of spin-1

- The geometric connection for spin-1/2  $|\mathbf{n}_{S_n=\frac{1}{2}}\rangle$  is

$$(a_\theta^{S=\frac{1}{2}}, a_\varphi^{S=\frac{1}{2}}) = (0, \frac{1-\cos(\theta)}{2}).$$

- The geometric connection for spin-1  $|\mathbf{n}_{S_n=1}\rangle$  is

$$(a_\theta^{S=1}, a_\varphi^{S=1}) = 2(a_\theta^{S=\frac{1}{2}}, a_\varphi^{S=\frac{1}{2}}) = (0, 1 - \cos(\theta)).$$

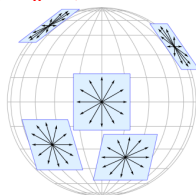
- This is because we may view  $|\mathbf{n}_{S_n=1}\rangle = |\mathbf{n}_{S_n=\frac{1}{2}}\rangle \otimes |\mathbf{n}_{S_n=\frac{1}{2}}\rangle$

$$e^{i\Delta\phi^{S=1}} = \langle \mathbf{n}_{S_n=1} | \mathbf{n}'_{S_n=1} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{n}_{S_n=\frac{1}{2}} | \mathbf{n}'_{S_n=\frac{1}{2}} \rangle \times \langle \mathbf{n}_{S_n=\frac{1}{2}} | \mathbf{n}'_{S_n=\frac{1}{2}} \rangle = e^{i2\Delta\phi^{S=\frac{1}{2}}}$$

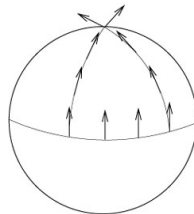
## How to visualize the geometric phase of spin-1

Different arrows in the plan at a point  $\mathbf{n}$  on the sphere correspond to the different phase choices  $e^{i\phi}|\mathbf{n}_{S_n=1}\rangle$ . We try to choose  $\phi$  for

the spin-1 states along the loop, such that  $|\mathbf{n}_{S_n=1}\rangle$  all have the same phase. But after going around the loop, the phase mismatch is the total geometric phase along the loop.

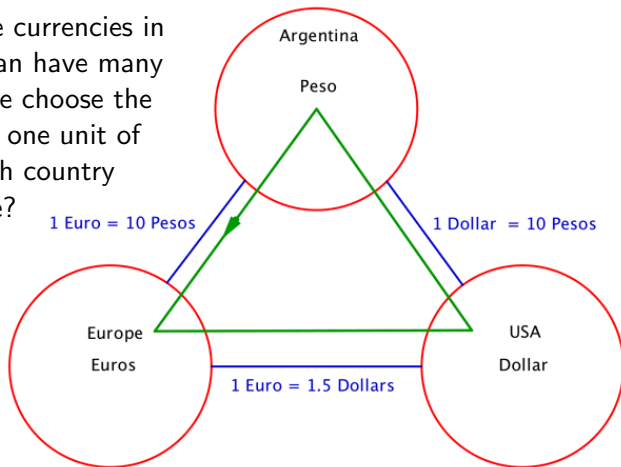


Tangent bundle on a 2-sphere



# The geometric phase and currency exchange

- The phase of the state  $|n\rangle$  for a spin in  $\mathbf{n}$  direction can have many choices. Can we choose a phase for each  $|n\rangle$  such that all the states  $|n\rangle$  have a same phase? *Only when  $b_{IJ} = 0$ .*
- The unit of the currencies in each country can have many choices. Can we choose the units such that one unit of currency in each country worth the same?



## Why do we care about such a subtle geometric phase?

The geometric phase is a quantum effect that can affect the equation of motion. Its effect can be real and not subtle in quantum materials.



# Classical motion of spin-1/2: two views

The phase-space action

$$S = \int dt \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos \theta) \dot{\varphi} - V(\theta, \varphi) \right] = \int dt \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \dot{\varphi} - V(\theta, \varphi) \right] + \dots$$

- Near the equator,  $\cos \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta = L_z$ :

$$S = \int dt [L_z \dot{\varphi} - V(\frac{\pi}{2} - L_z, \varphi)]$$

- The uniform phase-space magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  the usual canonical coordinate-momentum pair.
- $L = p\dot{x} - H(p, x) \rightarrow$  uniform phase-space magnetic field  
 $a_p = 0, a_x = p$  and  $b_{px} = \partial_p a_x - \partial_x a_p = 1$ .

- A particle moving on  $S^2$  with a uniform magnetic field  $b_{\theta\varphi}$  of total flux  $2\pi$ . It is the motion in the lowest Landau level assuming  $\hbar\omega_c$  is large. Modified Newton law  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  (not  $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$ ).
- A sphere with a uniform magnetic field of  $2\pi N_{\text{Chern}}$  flux  $\rightarrow$  lowest Landau level has  $N_{\text{Chern}} + 1$ -fold degeneracy  $\rightarrow$  spin- $N_{\text{Chern}}/2$ .

# The motion of a neutron in a non-uniform magnetic field

Consider a spin-1/2 neutron moving in a strong non-uniform **spin magnetic field**  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})$ . The neutron magnetic moment is  $\mu_n = -1.91304272(45)\mu_N$ , where  $\mu_N = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p}$  in SI unit (or  $\mu_N = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p c}$  in CGS unit). The interaction between the magnetic moment and the magnetic field,  $-\mu_n \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ , will force the neutron spin to be anti-parallel to the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  at low energies.

- *What is the quantum Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  that describes the quantum motion of the above low energy neutron?*
- *What is the classical equation that describes the motion of the above low energy neutron?*

**Our first guess:**

- $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_n} \partial^2 + V(\mathbf{x})$  where  $V(\mathbf{x}) = -|\mu_n \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})|$  is the effective potential energy.

*Is this guess correct?*

# Schrödinger equation and coordinate basis

- Schrödinger equation (basis independent):  $i\hbar\partial_t|\psi\rangle = \hat{H}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \hat{\mathbf{x}})|\psi\rangle$
- In a coordinate basis  $|\psi\rangle = \int d\mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{x}\rangle$ , it becomes
$$i\hbar\partial_t\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = H\left(\frac{1}{i\hbar}\partial, \mathbf{x}\right)\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_n}\partial^2 + V(\mathbf{x})\right)\psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$$
- In the above, we have assumed that there is no geometric phase for  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle$ , ie the phase change from  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle$  to  $|\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}\rangle$  is 0.
- But for our neutron problem, the phase from  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle$  to  $|\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}\rangle$  is not 0. *How to compute the phase change?*
- For our neutron problem,  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle$  is actually  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle \otimes |\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x})\rangle$ .
- The phase change from  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle \otimes |\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x})\rangle$  to  $|\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}\rangle \otimes |\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x})\rangle$  is given by  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \delta\mathbf{x}$ :
$$e^{i\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \delta\mathbf{x}} = \langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) | \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}) \rangle \rightarrow i\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) | \partial | \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$$
- *If there is a geometric phase for  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle$ , ie a phase change  $e^{i\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \delta\mathbf{x}}$  from  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle$  to  $|\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}\rangle$ , what will the Schrödinger equation look like?*
- The result  $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_n}\partial^2 - |\mu_n \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})|$  is valid only if the direction of  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})$  does not change.

# How geometric phase affects Schrödinger equation?

- If we choose a new basis  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle_{\text{tw}} = e^{i\phi(\mathbf{x})}|\mathbf{x}\rangle$ .  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle_{\text{tw}}$  will have a non-zero geometric phase: The phase change from  $|\mathbf{x}\rangle_{\text{tw}}$  to  $|\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}\rangle_{\text{tw}}$  is  $e^{i[\phi(\mathbf{x}+\delta\mathbf{x})-\phi(\mathbf{x})]} = e^{i\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x})\cdot\delta\mathbf{x}}$  where  $\mathbf{a} = \partial\phi(\mathbf{x})$ .

- What is the Schrödinger equation in the new basis  
 $|\psi\rangle = \int d\mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{x}\rangle = \int d\mathbf{x} \psi_{\text{tw}}(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{x}\rangle_{\text{tw}}$  or  $e^{i\phi(\mathbf{x})}\psi_{\text{tw}} = \psi(\mathbf{x})$

$$i\hbar\partial_t\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \hat{H}\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \hat{H}e^{i\phi(\mathbf{x})}\psi_{\text{tw}}$$

$$e^{-i\phi(\mathbf{x})}i\hbar\partial_t\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = e^{-i\phi(\mathbf{x})}\hat{H}e^{i\phi(\mathbf{x})}\psi_{\text{tw}}$$

$$i\hbar\partial_t\psi_{\text{tw}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \hat{H}_{\text{tw}}\psi_{\text{tw}}, \quad \hat{H}_{\text{tw}} = e^{-i\phi(\mathbf{x})}\hat{H}e^{i\phi(\mathbf{x})}.$$

- $\hat{H}_{\text{tw}}(\partial, \mathbf{x})$  is obtained from  $\hat{H}(\partial, \mathbf{x})$  by replacing  $\partial$  in  $\hat{H}$  by  $e^{-i\phi(\mathbf{x})}\partial e^{i\phi(\mathbf{x})} = \partial + i\partial\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \partial + i\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x})$ .

$$\hat{H}_{\text{tw}} = \hat{H}(\partial + i\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_n}(\partial + i\mathbf{a})^2 + V.$$

The above is how geometric phase affects Schrödinger equation.

# Effective Hamiltonian for neutron in spin magnetic field

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_n}(\partial + i\mathbf{a})^2 + V$$

where

$$i\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) | \partial | \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle, \quad \mathbf{n} = -\frac{\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})}{|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})|}, \quad V(\mathbf{x}) = -|\mu_n \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})|.$$

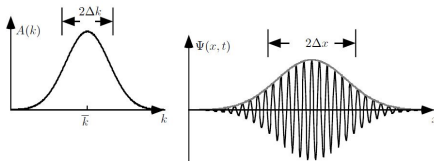
$\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x})$  comes from geometric phase and  $V(\mathbf{x})$  is potential energy.

- $V(\mathbf{x})$  generates a potential force  $\mathbf{F} = -\partial V$  on the particle.
- We will see that  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x})$  generates a Lorentz force  $\mathbf{F} \propto \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{b}$  on the particle, as if there is a “orbital magnetic field”  $\mathbf{b} = \partial \times \mathbf{a}$ .

The geometric phase gives rise to an effective orbital magnetic field.

# Obtain classical equation of motion

- Consider wavepacket with space-time dependent spin



$$|\psi_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{k}_0}\rangle = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} e^{i\mathbf{k}_0 \mathbf{x}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_0)^2} |\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}_0)\rangle$$

Phase space Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \langle \psi_{\mathbf{x}_0(t), \mathbf{k}_0(t)} | i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} - H | \psi_{\mathbf{x}_0(t), \mathbf{k}_0(t)} \rangle \\ &= \hbar \underbrace{\mathbf{a}'}_{=0} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 + \hbar \underbrace{\mathbf{a}''}_{-\mathbf{x}_0} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{k}}_0 + \hbar \underbrace{\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{-i\langle \mathbf{n} | \partial_{\mathbf{x}_0} | \mathbf{n} \rangle} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 - \frac{\hbar^2 \mathbf{k}_0^2}{2m_n} - |\mu_n \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}_0)| \\ &= -\hbar \mathbf{x}_0 \cdot \dot{\mathbf{k}}_0 + \hbar \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 - \frac{\hbar^2 \mathbf{k}_0^2}{2m_n} + |\mu_n \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}_0)| \\ &\approx \mathbf{p}_0 \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 + \hbar \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 - \frac{\mathbf{p}_0^2}{2m_n} - V(\mathbf{x}_0) \end{aligned}$$

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For  $S = \int dt [\mathbf{p} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \hbar \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_n} - V(\mathbf{x})]$

From  $\int dt \hbar \delta(a_i(\mathbf{x}) \dot{x}^i) = \int dt \hbar [\delta x^j (\partial_j a_i) \dot{x}^i - \dot{a}_i(\mathbf{x}) \delta x^i]$

$$\delta S = \int dt \delta p_i [\dot{x}^i - \frac{p_i}{m_n}] + \delta x^i [-\dot{p}_i + \hbar (\partial_i a_j) \dot{x}^j - \hbar (\partial_j a_i) \dot{x}^j - \partial_i V]$$

we obtain the phase space equation of motion

$$\dot{x}^i = \frac{p_i}{m_n}, \quad \dot{p}_i = \underbrace{\hbar (\partial_i a_j - \partial_j a_i) \dot{x}^j}_{\text{Lorentz force}} - \partial_i V = \hbar b_{ij} \dot{x}^j - \partial_i V$$

**Spin twist gives rise to simulated vector potential**

$\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) = -i \langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) | \partial | \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \rightarrow$  **simulated magnetic field.**

# Geometric phase = orbital magnetic field

- Equation of motion for  $x^3 = z$

$$m_n \ddot{z} = -\partial_z V + \dot{x}[\partial_z \hbar a_x - \partial_x \hbar a_z] + \dot{y}[\partial_z \hbar a_y - \partial_y \hbar a_z]$$

- Compare with the equation of motion in a magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$

$$\begin{aligned} m_n \ddot{z} &= -\partial_z V + \frac{e}{c}(\dot{x}B_y - \dot{y}B_x) \\ &= -\partial_z V + \dot{x}(\partial_z \frac{e}{c}A_x - \partial_x \frac{e}{c}A_z) - \dot{y}(\partial_y \frac{e}{c}A_z - \partial_z \frac{e}{c}A_y). \end{aligned}$$

- We find that  $\hbar \mathbf{a} = \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{A}$

- **The geometric meaning of magnetic field**

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ of flux quanta} &= \int_S d\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B} / \frac{hc}{e} = \oint_{\partial S} d\mathbf{x} \cdot \frac{e}{hc} \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\partial S} d\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{a} \\ &= \text{geometric phase around a loop}/2\pi \end{aligned}$$

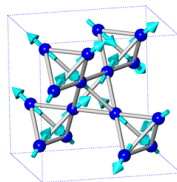


# Simulate orbital magnetic field by twisted spin

When an electron move in a background twisted spins, the electron spin may following the direction of the background twisted spins  
→ geometric phase = simulated magnetic field.

**The geometric phase around a loop/ $2\pi$  = The number of flux quanta of the simulated magnetic field through the loop.**

- Note that  $hc/e = 4.135667516 \times 10^{-15} \text{T m}^2$ .
- If there is one flux quantum per  $(10^{-8} \text{m})^2$ , then  
 $B = 4.135667516 \times 10^{-15} / (10^{-8})^2 = 41 \text{T}$   
(About the highest static magnetic field produced)



- For electron hopping in a non-coplanar magnet, the geometric phase from the spin-twist is of order **1** per unit cell:  
There is one flux quantum per  $(10^{-9} \text{m})^2$ , or the simulated magnetic field by the spin-twist geometric phase is  
 $B_{\text{spin}} = 4.135667516 \times 10^{-15} / (10^{-9})^2 = 4100 \text{T}$

# Energy bands in a crystal

- Hopping Hamiltonian

$$H_{m\alpha;n\beta} = \sum_{\Delta n} -t_{\alpha\beta}^{\Delta n} \delta_{m,n+\Delta n},$$

$n$  label unit cell,  $\alpha, \beta$  label orbitals

- Plane wave state ( $\mathbf{x}_n = n_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + n_3 \mathbf{a}_3$ )<sub>(a)</sub>

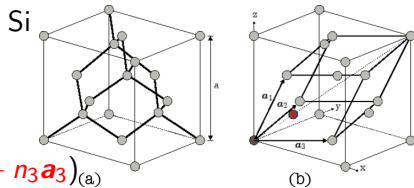
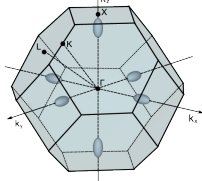
$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(n, \beta) = \psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_n}, \quad \sum_{n, \beta} H_{m\alpha;n\beta} \psi_{\mathbf{k}}(n, \beta) = \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \psi_{\mathbf{k}}(m, \alpha)$$

- The energy bands  $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$  are eigenvalues of  $M_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k})$

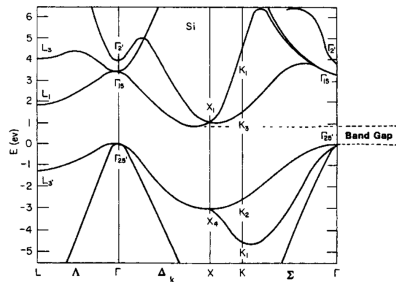
$$\sum_{\beta} M_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k}) \psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}),$$

$$M_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k}) = - \sum_{\Delta n} t_{\alpha\beta}^{\Delta n} e^{-i\mathbf{x}_{\Delta n} \cdot \mathbf{k}}$$

- Number of bands = number of orbitals in a unit cell.



Si bands



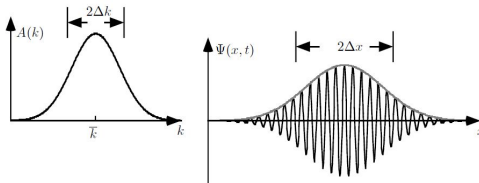
# Dynamics of an electron in semiconductor

## The standard theory

- Quantum dynamics:  $H(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) = \epsilon(\hat{\mathbf{p}})$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{p}} = -i\hbar\partial \rightarrow$   
A plane wave  $e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}\psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}|\psi(\mathbf{k})\rangle$   
evolves as  $e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}e^{-i\frac{\epsilon(\hbar\mathbf{k})}{\hbar}t}|\psi(\mathbf{k})\rangle$ .

With potential term, the Hamiltonian is changed to  $H(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \epsilon(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + V(\hat{\mathbf{x}})$ , where  $[\hat{p}^i, \hat{x}^j] = -i\hbar\delta_{ij}$ .

- Classical dynamics:  $\frac{d}{dt}\langle\hat{O}\rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar}\langle[H, \hat{O}]\rangle \rightarrow$   
$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\partial H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{p}}.$$



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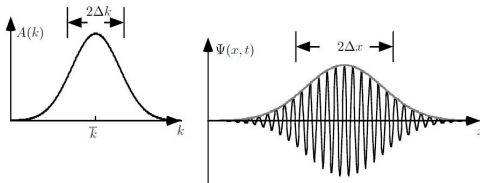
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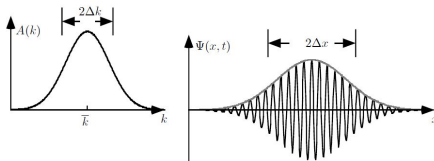
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- The standard theory is wrong.  $V(\hat{\mathbf{x}})$  is wrong*

# Obtain classical EOM of an electron in a band

- Consider wavepacket with space-time dependent spin



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# Obtain classical EOM of an electron in a band

- The  $\mathbf{k}$ -space connection (vector potential) in Brillouin zone.

$$i\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{k}) = \langle \psi(\mathbf{k}) | \partial_{\mathbf{k}} | \psi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

- For  $S = \int dt [\mathbf{p} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{p}/\hbar) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{p}} - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_n} - V(\mathbf{x})]$

$$\text{From } \int dt \delta(\tilde{a}_i(\mathbf{p}/\hbar) \dot{p}^i) = \int dt [\delta p^j (\partial_{p_j} \tilde{a}_i) \dot{p}^i - \dot{\tilde{a}}_i(\mathbf{p}/\hbar) \delta p^i]$$

$$\delta S = \int dt \delta p_i [\dot{x}^i - \frac{p_i}{m_n} + \hbar^{-1} (\partial_{k_i} \tilde{a}_j) \dot{p}^j - \hbar^{-1} (\partial_{k_j} \tilde{a}_i) \dot{p}^j] + \delta x^i [-\dot{p}_i - \partial_i V]$$

we obtain the phase space equation of motion

$$\dot{x}^i = \frac{p_i}{m_n} - \underbrace{\hbar^{-1} (\partial_{k_i} \tilde{a}_j - \partial_{k_j} \tilde{a}_i) \dot{p}^j}_{\text{Velocity correction}} = \frac{p_i}{m_n} - \hbar^{-1} \tilde{b}_{ij} \dot{p}^j, \quad \dot{p}_i = -\partial_i V$$

where  $\tilde{b}_{ij} = \partial_{k_i} \tilde{a}_j - \partial_{k_j} \tilde{a}_i$  is the  $\mathbf{k}$ -space “magnetic” field (geometric curvature).



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The  $\mathbf{k}$ -space connection (ie the  $\mathbf{k}$ -space magnetic field) also modifies the equation of motion

# The correct classical EOM of an electron in a band

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \mathbf{p} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{p}/\hbar) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{p}} - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_n} - V(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \hbar[\mathbf{k} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{k}}] - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_n} - V(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

## The real equation of motion in semiconductor

$$\dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x^i} + \frac{e}{c} B_{ij} \dot{x}^j = F_i, \quad \dot{x}_i = \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial p_i} - \hbar^{-1} \tilde{b}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \dot{p}_j.$$

$F_i$  include both potential force and Lorentz force.

- Phase space curvature ( $I = x^1, x^2, x^3, k^1, k^2, k^3$ )

$$(b_{IJ}) = \begin{pmatrix} b_{ij} & \delta_{ij} \\ -\delta_{ij} & \tilde{b}_{ij} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\delta_{ij} \\ \delta_{ij} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{ij} & \delta_{ij} \\ -\delta_{ij} & \tilde{b}_{ij} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{ij} & \tilde{b}_{ij} \\ b_{ij} & \delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\log \text{Det} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{ij} & \tilde{b}_{ij} \\ b_{ij} & \delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix} = \text{Tr} \log \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{ij} & \tilde{b}_{ij} \\ b_{ij} & \delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix} = 2b_{ij}\tilde{b}_{ji} + O(b_{ik}\tilde{b}_{kj})^2$$

$$\text{Pf} \begin{pmatrix} b_{ij} & \delta_{ij} \\ -\delta_{ij} & \tilde{b}_{ij} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \text{Pf}(b, \tilde{b}) = 1 + b_{ij}\tilde{b}_{ji} + O(b_{ik}\tilde{b}_{kj})^2.$$

# Compare with Newton's law

From the EOM

$$\dot{k}_i = \hbar^{-1} F_i, \quad \dot{x}_i = \hbar^{-1} \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial k_i} - \tilde{b}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \dot{k}_j = \hbar^{-1} \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial k_i} - \hbar^{-1} \tilde{b}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) F_j$$

and assume  $H = \frac{\hbar^2 \mathbf{k}^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\tilde{b}_{ij} = \tilde{b}_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x}^j &= \hbar^{-2} (\partial_{k_i} \partial_{k_j} H) F_j - \hbar^{-1} \tilde{b}_{ij} \dot{F}_j - \hbar^{-2} \partial_{k_l} \tilde{b}_{ij} F_j F_l \\ \text{or } \ddot{x}^j &= (\partial_{p_i} \partial_{p_j} H) F_j - D_{ij} \dot{F}_j - \partial_{k_l} D_{ij} F_j F_l \\ &= m^{-1} F_i - D_{ij} \dot{F}_j - \partial_{k_l} D_{ij} F_j F_l \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_i = \hbar k_i$ ,  $D_{ij} = \hbar^{-1} \tilde{b}_{ij}$ .

We obtain correction to the Newton law  $-D_{ij} \dot{F}_j - \partial_{p_l} D_{ij} F_j F_l$ .

$\frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} \rightarrow \sqrt{m^2 c^4 + c^2 \mathbf{p}^2}$  is the relativistic correction.



# AC conductivity (from classical Drude model)

First way to include a friction force

$$F_i \rightarrow F_i - \gamma \dot{x}^i$$

We obtain

$$\ddot{x}^i = m^{-1}(F_i - \gamma \dot{x}^i) - D_{ij}(\dot{F}_j - \gamma \ddot{x}^j) - \partial_{P_l} D_{ij}(F_j - \gamma \dot{x}^j)(F_l - \gamma \dot{x}^l)$$

- Assume  $\partial_{P_l} D_{ij} = 0$  and go to  $\omega$ -space  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_\omega e^{-i\omega t}$ :

$$[-\omega^2(\delta_{ij} - \gamma D_{ij}) - i\omega\gamma m^{-1}\delta_{ij}]x_\omega^j = [m^{-1}\delta_{ij} + iD_{ij}]F_j$$

$$\mathbf{x}_\omega = [-\omega^2(m - \gamma m D) - i\omega\gamma]^{-1}(1 + i\omega m D)\mathbf{F}_\omega$$

$$\mathbf{v}_\omega = [\gamma - i\omega m(1 - \gamma D)]^{-1}(1 + i\omega m D)\mathbf{F}_\omega$$

*Effect of  $D_{ij}$  disappear for DC conductance.*

# AC conductivity (from classical Drude model)

Second way to include a friction force

$$F_i \rightarrow F_i - \gamma \partial_{p_i} H = F_i - \gamma m^{-1} p_i$$

Still assume  $\partial_{p_i} D_{ij} = 0$ :

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \partial_{\mathbf{p}} H - D(\mathbf{F} - \gamma m^{-1} \mathbf{p}) = (1 + \gamma D) m^{-1} \mathbf{p} - D \mathbf{F}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{F} - \gamma m^{-1} \mathbf{p}.$$

- Go to  $\omega$ -space  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_\omega e^{-i\omega t}$ :  $-i\omega \mathbf{p}_\omega = \mathbf{F}_\omega - \gamma m^{-1} \mathbf{p}_\omega$

$$\mathbf{v}_\omega = -i\omega \mathbf{x}_\omega = (1 + \gamma D) m^{-1} \mathbf{p}_\omega - D \mathbf{F}_\omega$$

$$= (1 + \gamma D) m^{-1} \frac{1}{\gamma m^{-1} - i\omega} \mathbf{F}_\omega - D \mathbf{F}_\omega$$

$$= (1 + \gamma D) \frac{1}{\gamma - i\omega m} \mathbf{F}_\omega - D \mathbf{F}_\omega$$

$$= (1 + i\omega D m)(\gamma - i\omega m)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_\omega$$

*Effect of  $D_{ij}$  still disappear for DC conductance, the result is different from the first one.*

# Transport: Boltzmann equation (fluid equ. in phase space)

*In fact,  $D_{ij}$  has effect on DC conductance,  
at least for **quantum Fermi gas**.*

- Phase space is parametrized by  $\xi^I = x^1, x^2, x^3, k^1, k^2, k^3$

$$L(\dot{\xi}^I, \xi^I) = \hbar a_I \dot{\xi}^I - H, \quad \hbar b_{IJ} \dot{\xi}^J = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \xi^I}, \quad b_{IJ} = \partial_I a_J - \partial_J a_I$$

- We introduce phase space density distribution

$$dN = g(\xi^I) \text{Pf}[b(\xi^I)] \frac{d^n \xi^I}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

$g$  is the number per orbital.

- Local equilibrium distribution

$$g_0(\xi^I) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\xi^I)[H(\xi^I) - \mu]} + 1}, \quad \text{for fermions}$$

$$g_0(\xi^I) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\xi^I)[H(\xi^I) - \mu]} - 1}, \quad \text{for bosons}$$

$$g_0(\xi^I) = e^{-\beta(\xi^I)[H(\xi^I) - \mu]}, \quad \text{for classical particles}$$

# Hydrodynamic equation of motion

- Consider a small cluster of gas, that evolve from time  $t$  to  $\tilde{t}$

$$dN = d\tilde{N} \quad \text{or} \quad g(\xi^I) \text{Pf}[b(\xi^I)] \frac{d^n \xi^I}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} = g(\tilde{\xi}^I) \text{Pf}[b(\tilde{\xi}^I)] \frac{d^n \tilde{\xi}^I}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

Due to Liouville's theorem  $\text{Pf}[b(\xi^I)] d^n \xi^I = \text{Pf}[b(\tilde{\xi}^I)] d^n \tilde{\xi}^I$ , we have

$$g(\xi^I) = g(\tilde{\xi}^I) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d}{dt} g[\xi^I(t)] = 0$$

We obtain **hydrodynamic equation**

$$\frac{d}{dt} g[\xi^I(t)] = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \dot{\xi}^I \partial_I g = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \hbar b^{IJ} \partial_J H \partial_I g = 0$$

- Consistent with the conservation of particle number ( $b_{IJ} = \text{const.}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \partial_I \mathcal{J}^I &= 0, \quad \text{current: } \mathcal{J}^I = g \dot{\xi}^I = \hbar g b^{IJ} \partial_J H \\ 0 &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \partial_I \mathcal{J}^I = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \hbar b^{IJ} \partial_I g \partial_J H + \hbar b^{IJ} g \partial_I \partial_J H \\ &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \hbar b^{IJ} \partial_I g \partial_J H \end{aligned}$$

# The conservation of particle number for $b_{IJ} \neq \text{const.}$

Assume for phase space coordinates  $\tilde{\xi}^I$ ,  $\tilde{b}_{IJ} = \text{const.}$

- Hydrodynamic EOM and conservation equation:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{g}}{\partial t} + \dot{\tilde{\xi}}^I \tilde{\partial}_I \tilde{g} = \frac{\partial \tilde{g}}{\partial t} + \hbar \tilde{b}^{IJ} \tilde{\partial}_J H \tilde{\partial}_I \tilde{g} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{g}}{\partial t} + \tilde{\partial}_I \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^I = 0, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^I = \tilde{g} \dot{\tilde{\xi}}^I, \quad \dot{\tilde{\xi}}^I = \hbar \tilde{b}^{IJ} \tilde{\partial}_J H$$

- Change of coordinates:**  $\xi^I = \xi^I(\tilde{\xi}^I)$

$$g(\xi^I) = \tilde{g}(\tilde{\xi}^I), \quad \partial_I = \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^J}{\partial \xi^I} \tilde{\partial}_J, \quad \dot{\xi}^I = \frac{\partial \xi^I}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^J} \dot{\tilde{\xi}}^J, \quad \mathcal{J}^I = \frac{\partial \xi^I}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^J} \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^J,$$

$$b_{IJ} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^K}{\partial \xi^I} \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^L}{\partial \xi^J} \tilde{b}_{KL}, \quad b^{IJ} = \frac{\partial \xi^I}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^K} \frac{\partial \xi^J}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^L} \tilde{b}^{KL}$$

- The subscript and superscript indicate how the quantity transforms under the coordinate transformation.
- The form of the hydrodynamic EOM remain unchanged:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \dot{\xi}^I \partial_I g = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \hbar b^{IJ} \partial_J H \partial_I g = 0$$

# The conservation of particle number for $b_{IJ} \neq \text{const.}$

- The form of the conservation equation is changed:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I} \left( \partial_K \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \xi^L} \mathcal{J}^L \right) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \partial_I \mathcal{J}^I + \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I} \left( \partial_K \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \xi^L} \right) \mathcal{J}^L \\ &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \partial_I \mathcal{J}^I + \frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I} \left( \partial_L \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \xi^K} \right) \mathcal{J}^L \end{aligned}$$

In fact:  $\frac{\partial \xi^K}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I} \left( \partial_L \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \xi^K} \right) = \text{Det}^{1/2}(b^{IJ}) \partial_K \text{Det}^{1/2}(b_{IJ})$ , since the RHS

$$= \text{Det} \left( \frac{\partial \xi^J}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I} \right) \text{Det}^{1/2}(\tilde{b}^{IJ}) \partial_K \left[ \text{Det} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \xi^J} \right) \text{Det}^{1/2}(\tilde{b}_{IJ}) \right] = \text{Det} \left( \frac{\partial \xi^J}{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I} \right) \partial_K \text{Det} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \xi^J} \right)$$

We also have (let  $M_{IJ} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}^I}{\partial \xi^J}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Det}(M^{IJ}) \delta \text{Det}(M_{IJ}) &= \text{Det}(M^{IJ}) \text{Det}(M_{IJ} + \delta M_{IJ}) - 1 \\ &= \text{Det}(\delta_{IJ} + M^{IK} \delta M_{KJ}) - 1 = M^{IK} \delta M_{KI} \end{aligned}$$

**Conservation equation:** (not just  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \partial_I \mathcal{J}^I = 0$ )

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \partial_I \mathcal{J}^I + \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} [\partial_I \text{Pf}(\hat{b})] \mathcal{J}^I = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) \mathcal{J}^I] = 0$$

# Conservation equation = Hydrodynamic equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) \mathcal{J}^I] = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) g \hbar b^{IJ} \partial_J H] \\
 &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \hbar b^{IJ} \partial_I g \partial_J H + \hbar g \partial_J H \underbrace{\frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) b^{IJ}]}_{=0}
 \end{aligned}$$

We first note that  $0 = \partial_M (b^{IK} b_{KL}) = (\partial_M b^{IK}) b_{KL} + b^{IK} (\partial_M b_{KL})$   
 $\rightarrow 0 = \partial_M b^{IJ} + b^{IK} (\partial_M b_{KL}) b^{LJ}$

This allows us to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) b^{IJ}]}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} &= \frac{b^{KL} \partial_I b_{LK}}{2} b^{IJ} + \partial_I b^{IJ} = \frac{b^{KL} b^{IJ} \partial_I b_{LK}}{2} - b^{IK} (\partial_I b_{KL}) b^{LJ} \\
 &= \frac{b^{KL} b^{IJ} \partial_I (\partial_L a_K - \partial_K a_L)}{2} - b^{IK} b^{LJ} \partial_I (\partial_K a_L - \partial_L a_K) \\
 &= b^{KL} b^{IJ} \partial_I \partial_L a_K + b^{IK} b^{LJ} \partial_I \partial_L a_K = b^{KL} b^{IJ} \partial_I \partial_L a_K + b^{LK} b^{IJ} \partial_L \partial_I a_K = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

We recover the hydrodynamic equation  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \hbar b^{IJ} \partial_I g \partial_J H = 0$ .

# Adding dissipation – diffusion in phase space

*The environmental influence only change  $\xi^I$  slightly each time.*

Diffusion current

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{diff}}^I = \gamma^{IJ} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \xi^J} = -\gamma^{IJ} \partial_J g. \quad (\text{Should } \gamma^{IJ} \text{ be symmetric?})$$

New EOM (new continuity equation)

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) g \dot{\xi}^I] - \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) \mathcal{J}_{\text{diff}}^I] = 0$$
$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \dot{\xi}^I \partial_I g = \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) \gamma^{IJ} \partial_J g]$$

- But the above diffusion model does not satisfy detail balance. It assume the transition rates caused by environmental influence between two states  $A, B$  to be the same in either direction:  $t_{A \rightarrow B} = t_{B \rightarrow A}$ . Such a transition rates give rise to equilibrium probability distribution that satisfies  $P_A = P_B$  regardless the energy difference  $E_A - E_B$  of the two states. This corresponds to  $T = \infty$  case. Indeed the above diffusion model tends to make  $g$  to be uniform in phase space, which is the  $T = \infty$  case.



# Adding dissipation – diffusion in phase space

How to find a diffusion model that satisfy detail balance?

How to find a diffusion model that make  $g$  to evolve into the equilibrium distributions for a finite temperature  $T$ :

$$g_0(\xi^I) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta[H(\xi^I) - \mu]} + 1}, \quad \text{for fermions}$$

$$g_0(\xi^I) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta[H(\xi^I) - \mu]} - 1}, \quad \text{for bosons}$$

$$g_0(\xi^I) = e^{-\beta[H(\xi^I) - \mu]}, \quad \text{for classical particles}$$

Diffusion current

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{diff}}^I = -\gamma^{IJ} g \partial_J (\log g + \beta H), \quad \text{for classical particles}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{diff}}^I = -\gamma^{IJ} g(1 - g) \partial_J [-\log(g^{-1} - 1) + \beta H], \quad \text{for fermions}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{diff}}^I = -\gamma^{IJ} g(1 + g) \partial_J [-\log(g^{-1} + 1) + \beta H], \quad \text{for bosons}$$

# Hydrodynamics in phase space with dissipation

For classical particles (high temperature limit)

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \xi^I \partial_I g = \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) \gamma^I g \partial_J (\log g + \beta H)]$$

For fermions

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \xi^I \partial_I g = \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) \gamma^I g (1 - g) \partial_J (\log \frac{g}{1 - g} + \beta H)]$$

For bosons

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \xi^I \partial_I g = \frac{1}{\text{Pf}(\hat{b})} \partial_I [\text{Pf}(\hat{b}) \gamma^I g (1 + g) \partial_J (\log \frac{g}{1 + g} + \beta H)]$$

- The equilibrium distribution  $g_0$  satisfies the above EOM.
- The above diffusion term only incorporates the particle number conservation, not energy conservation, since we consider an open system and assume  $T$  to be fixed.

*How to include energy conservation for a closed system?*

## Go to $\xi' = \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}$ phase space

But the scattering by impurities and other particles usually cause large  $\Delta \mathbf{k}$ . Diffusion only happen in  $\mathbf{x}$  space. In  $\mathbf{k}$ -space, we have something more dramatic.

$$L = \hbar[\mathbf{k} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{k}}] - E(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}), \quad E(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) = \epsilon(\mathbf{k}) + V(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\hbar \dot{k}_i = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial x^i} + \underbrace{\hbar b_{ij}}_{=\frac{e}{c} B_{ij}} \dot{x}^j, \quad \hbar \dot{x}_i = \frac{\partial E}{\partial k_i} - \hbar \tilde{b}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \dot{k}_j.$$

- $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k})$ -density distribution function

$$g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, t) : dN = g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, t) \text{Pf}(b, \tilde{b}) \frac{d^3 \mathbf{x} d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3}$$

$g$  is the number per orbital, and  $\text{Pf}(b, \tilde{b}) = 1 + b_{ij} \tilde{b}_{ji} + \dots$ .

- Local equilibrium distribution

$$g_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\mathbf{x})[E(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) - \mu(\mathbf{x})]} + 1}, \quad \text{for fermions}$$

$$g_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\mathbf{x})[E(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) - \mu(\mathbf{x})]} - 1}, \quad \text{for bosons}$$

$$g_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) = e^{-\beta(\mathbf{x})[E(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) - \mu(\mathbf{x})]}, \quad \text{for classical particles}$$

# Adding dissipation – relaxationtime approximation

- We will model large  $\Delta k$  redistribution in  $\mathbf{k}$ -space by

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \xi^I \partial_I g = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \dot{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \dot{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{k}} = -\frac{1}{\tau}(g - g_0)$$

- $\frac{dg}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau}(g - g_0)$  corresponds to the change of  $g$  caused by scattering process in  $\mathbf{k}$  space. It should conserve the  $\mathbf{x}$ -space particle density  $n(\mathbf{x}) = \int \text{Pf}(b, \tilde{b}) \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} g$ . Thus the chemical potential  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$  in  $g_0$  is chosen to make  $g_0$  to satisfy

$$\delta n(\mathbf{x}) = \int \text{Pf}(b, \tilde{b}) d^3 \mathbf{k} (g - g_0) = 0.$$

- No particle diffusion in  $\mathbf{x}$ -space.
- To conserve the energy density in  $\mathbf{x}$ -space  $n_E(\mathbf{x}) = \int \text{Pf}(b, \tilde{b}) \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) g$ , we choose temperature  $T(\mathbf{x})$  such that

$$\delta n_E(\mathbf{x}) = \int \text{Pf}(b, \tilde{b}) d^3 \mathbf{k} E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) (g - g_0) = 0.$$

# Linear response in steady state

- Steady state:  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 0$  or  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \dot{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{k}} = -\frac{1}{\tau}(g - g_0)$   
 with EOM for particles  $\hbar \dot{k}_i = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x^i} + \hbar b_{ij} \dot{x}^j$ ,  $\hbar \dot{x}_i = \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial k_i} - \hbar \tilde{b}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \dot{k}_j$   
 and  $g_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) = 1/(e^{\beta(\mathbf{x})[\epsilon(\mathbf{k})+V(\mathbf{x})-\mu(\mathbf{x})]} + 1)$
- When  $\partial_{\mathbf{x}} V = 0$ ,  $b_{ij} = 0$ ,  $\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mu = 0$ ,  $\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \beta(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ ,  
 $g_0$  satisfies the EOM, since  $\dot{\mathbf{k}} = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial g_0}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial g_0}{\partial t} = 0$
- Linear response: first order in

$$\dot{\mathbf{k}} \sim \partial_{\mathbf{x}} V, b_{ij}, \quad \partial_{\mathbf{x}} g_0 \sim \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \underbrace{(V - \mu)}_{-\bar{\mu}}, \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \beta \quad \delta g = g - g_0.$$

## Linear response for steady state

$$\delta g + \tau \hbar^{-1} \partial_{k_i} \epsilon \partial_{x_i} \delta g = -\tau [\hbar^{-1} \partial_{k_i} \epsilon \partial_{x_i} g_0 + \dot{k}_i \partial_{k_i} g_0]$$

$$\text{or} \quad \delta g + \tau v^i \partial_{x_i} \delta g = -\tau [v^i \partial_{x_i} g_0 + \dot{k}_i \partial_{k_i} g_0], \quad v^i = \hbar^{-1} \partial_{k_i} \epsilon.$$

Assume  $\tau v^i \partial_{x_i} \delta g \ll \delta g$  and since  $\hbar \dot{k}_i = eE_i + \hbar b_{ij} v^j$ :

$$\delta g = -\tau v^i \partial_{x_i} g_0 + \frac{\tau}{\hbar} (eE_i + \hbar b_{ij} v^j) \partial_{k_i} g_0, \quad g_0 = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\mathbf{x})[\epsilon(\mathbf{k})-\bar{\mu}(\mathbf{x})]} + 1}$$

## 2D conductivity from $k$ -space “magnetic” field $\tilde{b}_{ij}$

Assume real space magnetic field  $b_{ij} = 0$  and  $T(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\bar{\mu}(\mathbf{x})$  are independent of  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\delta g = \tau e E_i \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\hbar \partial k_i} \frac{\partial g_0}{\partial \epsilon} = \tau e E_i v^i \frac{\partial g_0}{\partial \epsilon}$$

The current ( $\text{Pf}(b_{ij}, \tilde{b}_{ij}) = \text{Pf}(0, \tilde{b}_{ij}) = 1$ )

$$J^i = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e \dot{x}^i g = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} (e v^i - e \tilde{b}_{ij} \hbar^{-1} e E_j) (g_0 + \tau e E_i v^i \frac{\partial g_0}{\partial \epsilon})$$

Note that

$$\int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e v^i g_0 = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e \frac{\partial \epsilon(\mathbf{k})}{\partial k_i} g_0(\epsilon) = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e \frac{\partial G_0[\epsilon(\mathbf{k})]}{\partial k_i} = 0$$

where  $\partial G(\epsilon)/\partial \epsilon = g_0(\epsilon)$ .

$$J^i = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e \dot{x}^i g = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ -\frac{e^2}{\hbar} \tilde{b}_{ij} g_0 + \tau e^2 v^j v^i \frac{\partial g_0}{\partial \epsilon} \right] E_j$$

- Conductivity:**

$$\sigma_{ij} = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ -\frac{e^2}{\hbar} \tilde{b}_{ij} g_0 + \tau e^2 v^j v^i \frac{\partial g_0}{\partial \epsilon} \right]$$

# Quantized Hall conductance in 2D

For a filled band,  $g_0 = 1$

$$\sigma_{ij}^H = - \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \tilde{b}_{ij} g_0 = -\epsilon_{ij} n_{\text{Chern}} \frac{e^2}{h}$$

where (let  $\tilde{b}_{ij} = \epsilon_{ij} \tilde{b}$ )

$$n_{\text{Chern}} = \int_{B.Z.} \frac{d^2 k}{2\pi} \tilde{b} = \int_{B.Z.} \frac{d^2 k}{2\pi} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{a}_x}{\partial k_y} - \frac{\partial \tilde{a}_y}{\partial k_x} \right) = \text{integer},$$
$$i \tilde{a}_i = \langle \psi(\mathbf{k}) | \partial_{k_i} | \psi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle.$$

We see that we have a quantized Hall conductance.  $n_{\text{Chern}}$  is Chern number.

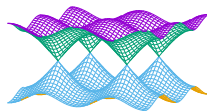
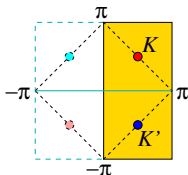
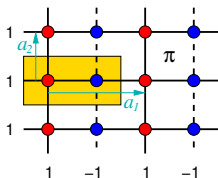
**We have a Chern insulator if the total Chern number of the filled bands is non-zero.**

- How to make a Chern insulator?



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# $\pi$ -flux, Dirac fermion, and its geometric connection $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{k})$



Hopping matrix in  $\mathbf{k}$ -space ( $\mathbf{a}_1 = 2\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{y}$ ):

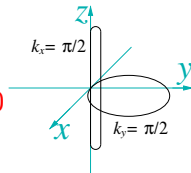
$$M(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) & t + t e^{-i\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}} \\ t + t e^{i\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}} & -2t \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \cos k_y & t + t e^{-2ik_x} \\ t + t e^{2ik_x} & -2t \cos k_y \end{pmatrix}$$

- $M(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ :  $\epsilon = \pm |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})|$ . The vector field  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})$  on B.Z.:

$$v_x = t + t \cos(2k_x), \quad v_y = t \sin(2k_x), \quad v_z = 2t \cos(k_y).$$

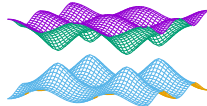
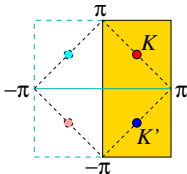
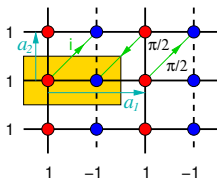
$$|\mathbf{v}| = t \sqrt{2 + 2 \cos(2k_x) + 4 \cos^2(k_y)} = t \sqrt{4 \cos^2(k_x) + 4 \cos^2(k_y)}.$$

- Eigenstate in conduction band  $|\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})\rangle$ ,  
 $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})/|\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})|$ , has geometric connection  
 $i\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i(\mathbf{k}) = \langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) | \partial_{k_i} | \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$ :  $\tilde{b}_{xy} = \partial_{k_x} \tilde{a}_y - \partial_{k_y} \tilde{a}_x \neq 0$   
 $\oint_K d\mathbf{k} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{a}} = \pi$ ,  $\oint_{K'} d\mathbf{k} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{a}} = \pi \rightarrow$  two  $\pi$ -flux tubes.





# $\pi/2$ -flux state: complex hopping $\rightarrow$ Chern insulator



Hopping matrix in  $\mathbf{k}$ -space ( $\mathbf{a}_1 = 2\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{y}$ ):  $M(\mathbf{k}) =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2t \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) & t + t e^{-i\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}} + i t' e^{i\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}} + i t' e^{-i(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k})} \\ t + t e^{i\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}} - i t' e^{-i\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}} - i t' e^{i(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k})} & -2t \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix}$$

- $M(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ :  $\epsilon = \pm |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})|$ . The vector field  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})$  on B.Z.:

$$v_x = t + t \cos(2k_x) - t' \sin(k_y) + t' \sin(k_y + 2k_x),$$

$$v_y = t \sin(2k_x) - t' \cos(k_y) - t' \cos(k_y + 2k_x), \quad v_z = 2t \cos(k_y).$$

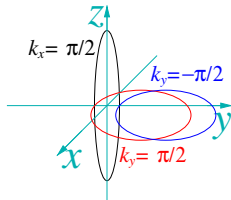
- Eigenstate in conduction band  $|\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})\rangle$ ,

$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})/|\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})|$ , has geometric connection

$$i \tilde{a}_i(\mathbf{k}) = \langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) | \partial_{k_i} | \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle: \tilde{b}_{xy} = \partial_{k_x} \tilde{a}_y - \partial_{k_y} \tilde{a}_x \neq 0$$

$\rightarrow$  The wrapping number (Chern number) = 1

**Chern insulator (IQH state)**



# Geometric phase from geometric connection $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{k})$

- Geometric phase  $\phi = \oint_{\partial D} d\mathbf{k} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2}\Omega$

$$\phi = \oint_{\partial B.Z.} d\mathbf{k} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{k}) = 2\pi \times \text{wrapping num.}$$

- Geometric curvature  $\tilde{B} = \partial_{k_x} \tilde{a}_y - \partial_{k_y} \tilde{a}_x$ .

$$\phi = \oint_{\partial D} d\mathbf{k} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{k}) = \int_D d^2k \tilde{B},$$

$$\int_{B.Z.} d^2k \tilde{B} = 2\pi \times \text{Chern number}$$

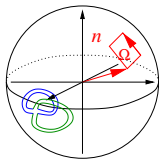
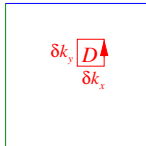
- Compute geometric curvature:

$$\tilde{B} \delta k_x \delta k_y = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{n} \cdot \left( [\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k} + \delta k_x \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})] \times [\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k} + \delta k_y \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})] \right)$$

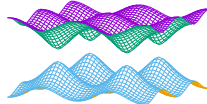
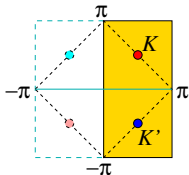
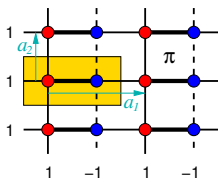
$$\tilde{B}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{n} \cdot [\partial_{k_x} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \times \partial_{k_y} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})]$$

- Compute Chern number (the wrapping number):

$$(4\pi)^{-1} \int_{B.Z.} d^2k \mathbf{n} \cdot [\partial_{k_x} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \times \partial_{k_y} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})] = \text{Chern number}$$



# Dimmer state



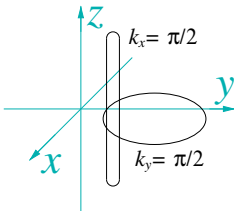
Hopping matrix in  $\mathbf{k}$ -space ( $\mathbf{a}_1 = 2\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{y}$ ):

$$M(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) & t' + t e^{-i\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}} \\ t' + t e^{i\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}} & -2t \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix}$$

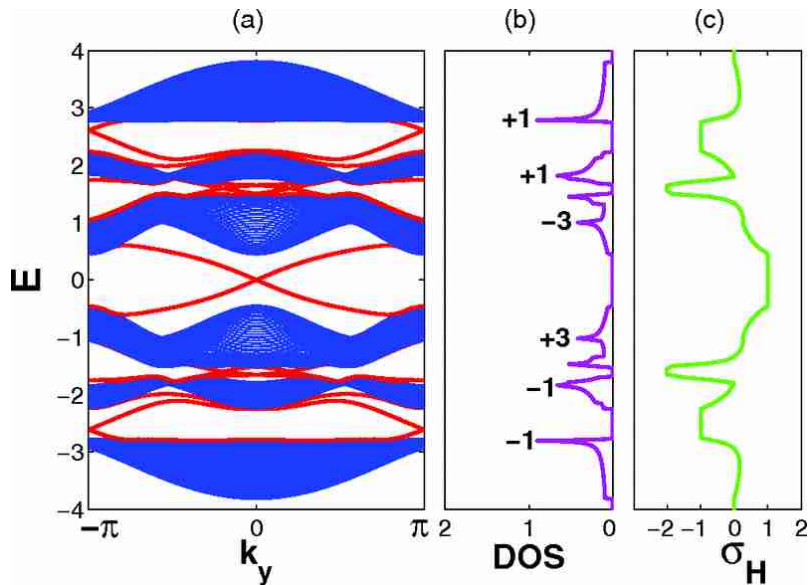
- $M(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ :  $\epsilon = \pm |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})|$ . The vector field  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})$  on B.Z.:  
 $v_x = t' + t \cos(2k_x)$ ,  $v_y = t \sin(2k_x)$ ,  $v_z = 2t \cos(k_y)$ .

- Eigenstate in conduction band  $|\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})\rangle$ ,  
 $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})/|\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})|$ , has geometric connection  
 $i\tilde{a}_i(\mathbf{k}) = \langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) | \partial_{k_i} | \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$ :  $\tilde{b}_{xy} = \partial_{k_x} \tilde{a}_y - \partial_{k_y} \tilde{a}_x \neq 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  The wrapping number (Chern number) = 0

**Atomic insulator**



# Chern number of the bands



# Continuum limit and Dirac equation (Dirac fermion)

- Near  $K$ -point  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$M(\delta\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K}) = -2t\delta k_x\sigma^y - 2t\delta k_y\sigma^z + \Delta_K\sigma^x$$

The  $\mathbf{k}$ -space magnetic field  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_{xy}$  has a peak near  $K$ -point with total flux  $\pi$ . The sign of  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_{xy}$  is determined by the handedness of  $(-2t\sigma^y, -2t\sigma^z, \Delta_K\sigma^x)$

- $\mathbf{k}$ -space Shrödinger equation:  $i\hbar\dot{\psi}_{\delta\mathbf{k}} = M(\delta\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K})\psi_{\delta\mathbf{k}}$   
 $\mathbf{x}$ -space Shrödinger equation ( $\delta\mathbf{k} \rightarrow -i\partial$ ):

$$i\hbar\dot{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) = 2it(\sigma^y\partial_x + \sigma^z\partial_y + \Delta_K\sigma^x)\psi(\mathbf{x})$$

Dirac equation (multiply  $\sigma^x$  on both sides):

$$(i\hbar\sigma^x\partial_t + 2t\sigma^z\partial_x - 2t\sigma^y\partial_y + \Delta_K)\psi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$(\gamma_K^t\partial_t + v\gamma_K^x\partial_x + v\gamma_K^y\partial_y + \hbar^{-1}\Delta_K)\psi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\gamma_K^t = i\sigma^x, \gamma_K^x = \sigma^z, \gamma_K^y = -\sigma^y, \quad \{\gamma_K^\mu, \gamma_K^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}, \quad \mu, \nu = t, x, y.$$

# Continuum limit and Dirac equation (Dirac fermion)

- Near  $K'$ -point  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$M(\delta\mathbf{k} + K') = -2t\delta k_x\sigma^y + 2t\delta k_y\sigma^z + \Delta_{K'}\sigma^x$$

The  $\mathbf{k}$ -space magnetic field  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_{xy}$  has a peak near  $K$ -point with total flux  $\pi$ . The sign of  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_{xy}$  is determined by the handedness of  $(-2t\sigma^y, 2t\sigma^z, \Delta_{K'}\sigma^x)$

- Dirac equation:

$$(\gamma_{K'}^t\partial_t + v\gamma_{K'}^x\partial_x + v\gamma_{K'}^y\partial_y + \hbar^{-1}\Delta_{K'})\psi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\gamma_{K'}^t = i\sigma^x, \gamma_{K'}^x = \sigma^z, \gamma_{K'}^y = \sigma^y, \quad \{\gamma_{K'}^\mu, \gamma_{K'}^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}, \quad \mu, \nu = t, x, y.$$

- For the dimmer phase  $\Delta_K = \Delta_{K'}$ . The handedness of  $(-2t\sigma^y, -2t\sigma^z, \Delta_K\sigma^x)$  and  $(-2t\sigma^y, 2t\sigma^z, \Delta_{K'}\sigma^x)$  are opposite. The  $\mathbf{k}$ -space flux from  $K$  and  $K'$  cancel. The Chern number = 0.
- For the  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ -flux phase  $\Delta_K = -\Delta_{K'}$ . The handedness of  $(-2t\sigma^y, -2t\sigma^z, \Delta_K\sigma^x)$  and  $(-2t\sigma^y, 2t\sigma^z, \Delta_{K'}\sigma^x)$  are the same. The  $\mathbf{k}$ -space flux from  $K$  and  $K'$  add up to  $2\pi$ . The Chern number = 1.

# Quantum Hall states and their edge excitations

*The  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ -flux phase (the Chern insulator), although is fully gapped in the bulk, has a gapless boundary which is **topological**. To see this more easily, we turn off the lattice potential.*

- The Hamiltonian for a 2D electron in a uniform magnetic field  $B$ :

$$H = - \sum \frac{1}{2m} (\partial_i - A_i)^2 = - \sum \frac{1}{2m} (\partial_z - \frac{B}{4} z^*) (\partial_{z^*} + \frac{B}{4} z) + \text{const.}$$

in complex coordinate  $z = x + iy$  (in  $\hbar = c = e = 1$  unit).

- The lowest energy eigenstates:  $P(z) e^{-\frac{1}{4l_B^2} |z|^2}$ ,

where  $P(z) = \sum a_l z^l$ ,  $B = \frac{1}{l_B^2}$ , since

$$e^{\frac{1}{4l_B^2} z z^*} (i\partial_z - i\frac{B}{4} z^*) (i\partial_{z^*} + i\frac{B}{4} z) e^{-\frac{1}{4l_B^2} z z^*} = (i\partial_z - i\frac{B}{4} z^*) i\partial_{z^*}$$

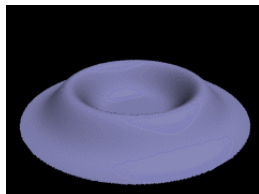
- Basis of first Landau level states:

angular momentum  $l$ -orbital  $z^l e^{-\frac{1}{4l_B^2} |z|^2}$

with a ring shape with  $R_l = \sqrt{2l_B^2 l}$

that enclose  $l$ -unit of magnetic flux,

since  $\pi R_l^2 B = 2\pi l$ .

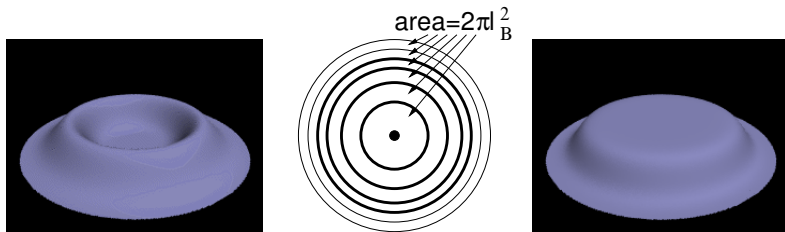


# Integer quantum Hall (IQH) state

- Many-body wave function of the IQH state

$$\psi = P_1(z_1, \dots, z_N) e^{-\frac{1}{4l_B^2} \sum_{i=1}^N z_i z_i^*}, \quad P_1 = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j).$$

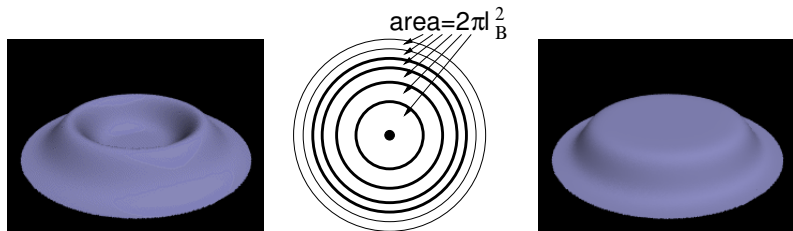
- Let  $S_N$  is the power of  $z$ 's in  $P(z_1, \dots, z_N)$ , the total angular momentum of the  $N$ -electron state:  $S_N = \frac{N(N-1)}{2}$
- Let  $l_N = S_N - S_{N-1} \rightarrow$  the  $N^{\text{th}}$  electron is added to the angular momentum  $l_N$ -orbital:  $l_N = N - 1$
- The shape of quantum Hall wave function



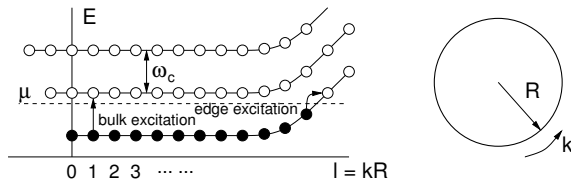
$\rightarrow P_1$  is a filling fraction  $\nu = 1$  IQH state.



# Edge excitations of IQH state: chiral edge

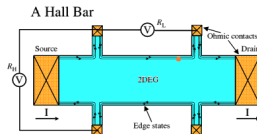
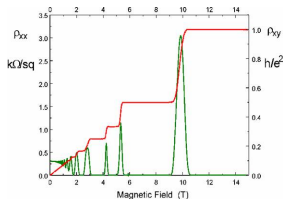
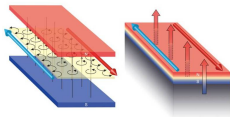


In the presence of circular confining potential, the angular momentum  $l$ -orbital has a non-zero energy  $E(l)$ . Since  $l = kR$  ( $R$  = radius of the droplet), edge electron dispersion relation  $\epsilon(k) = E(kR)$ . The velocity of edge excitation is  $v = c|E|/|B|$ .



**All excitations on the edge move in the same direction.**

# Physics of chiral edge states: Quantized Hall effect

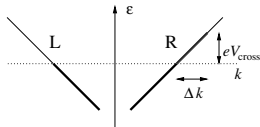


$$I = ev_{\text{edge}} \Delta n_{1D} = ev_{\text{edge}} \Delta k / 2\pi = e \frac{eV_{\text{cross}}}{h}$$

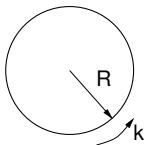
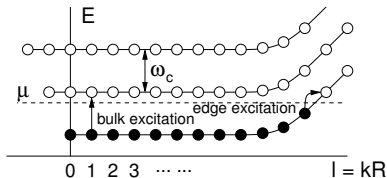
$$= \frac{e^2}{h} V_{\text{cross}} \rightarrow \sigma_{xy} = \frac{I}{V_{\text{cross}}} = \frac{e^2}{h}.$$

- Wrapping number of the band  
= number of edge modes  $\rightarrow$

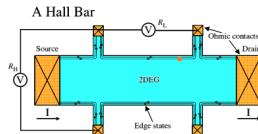
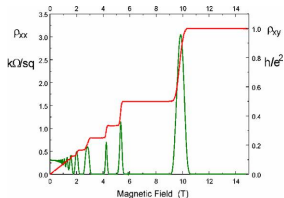
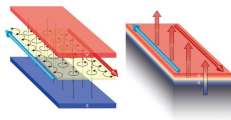
$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{I}{V_{\text{cross}}} = \text{Wrapping-number} \times \frac{e^2}{h} = \text{Chern-number} \times \frac{e^2}{h}.$$



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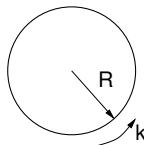
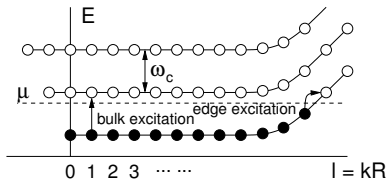
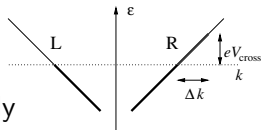


# Physics of chiral edge states: Perfect conducting channel

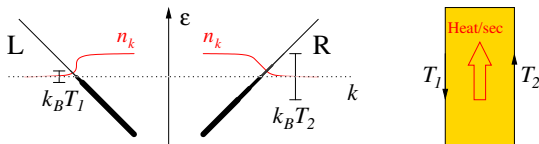


- Electrons on one edge cannot turn back, have to go forward  $\rightarrow V_{\text{drop}} = 0, R_{xx} = 0$
- The non-zero voltage drop  $V_{\text{drop}} \neq 0$  can only come from interedge tunneling (back scattering):

$$V_{\text{drop}} \sim e^{-\Delta\epsilon/k_B T}$$



# Universal thermal Hall conductance $\kappa$



- Heat flux  $= \kappa \Delta T$ . Heat flux = entropy flux  $\times T$
- Entropy for one electron  $S = -k_B n_k \log n_k$ .  $n_k = \frac{1}{e^{\epsilon_k/k_B T} + 1}$ .
- Entropy density

$$s = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} (-k_B n_k \log n_k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} k_B \frac{\log(e^{\epsilon_k/k_B T} + 1)}{e^{\epsilon_k/k_B T} + 1}$$

- Heat flux  $= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} v T k_B \frac{\log(e^{\hbar v k/k_B T} + 1)}{e^{\hbar v k/k_B T} + 1} = \frac{(k_B T)^2}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{2\pi} \frac{\log(e^x + 1)}{e^x + 1}$

$$\int dx \frac{\log(e^x + 1)}{e^x + 1} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$\text{Heat flux} = \frac{(k_B T)^2 \pi}{12\hbar}, \text{ Total heat flux} = \frac{k_B^2 \pi}{12\hbar} (T_2^2 - T_1^2) = \frac{\pi k_B^2 T}{6\hbar} \Delta T$$

- Thermal Hall conductance  $\kappa = \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{k_B^2 T}{\hbar}$
- In general  $\kappa = c \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{k_B^2 T}{\hbar}$ ,  $c = \# \text{ of right-modes} - \# \text{ of left-modes}$

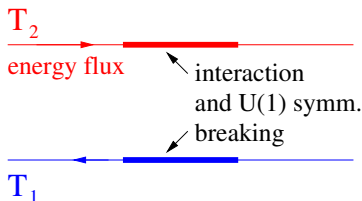
# Stability of Chern insulator against $U(1)$ symm. breaking

- **Chern insulator**: non-interacting fermions with translation and  $U(1)$  symmetry, characterized by the non-zero Chern number of the filled band in the Brillouin zone.
- If we break the  $U(1)$  symmetry (by attaching a superconductor), there will be no Hall conductance nor  $U(1)$ -Chern-Simons term.  
*Is Chern insulator still well defined, ie still different from the trivial insulator?*

# Robust $c = 1$ chiral gapless edge state

- The thermal Hall conductance  $\kappa = \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{k_B^2 T}{\hbar}$  is always quantized, *since the time-independent interaction and  $U(1)$ -symmetry breaking terms cannot change the energy flux, and the energy flux cannot flow backwards and cross the bulk.*

The 2D topological phase for fermions



- The thermal Hall conductance  $\kappa = \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{k_B^2 T}{\hbar}$  is robust against  $U(1)$  symm. breaking and interaction.  $\rightarrow$  Chern insulator (IQH state) is robust against  $U(1)$  symm. breaking and interaction, although it is constructed for non-interacting fermions with  $U(1)$  symm.

**Chern insulator (IQH state) has a non-trivial topological order** (ie cannot smoothly deform into trivial insulator via any paths that can have interaction and break any symmetries)

## Summary: a more general example

- $n$  layers of  $N_{\text{Chern}} = 1$  Chern insulators of charge-1 fermions  
+  $m$  layers of  $N_{\text{Chern}} = -1$  Chern insulators of charge-0 fermions.
- Hall conductance  $\sigma_{xy} = \frac{n}{2\pi}$ .

Thermal Hall conductance  $\kappa = (n - m) \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{k_B^2 T}{\hbar}$   
(ie chiral central charge  $c = n - m$ ).

- Different phases of 2D gapped fermion systems without any symmetry and with non-degenerate ground state on torus are labeled by (at least) one integer  $c = n - m$ .**

Non-zero  $c \rightarrow$  non-trivial topological order (Cannot be deformed into product state)

- Different phases of 2D gapped fermion systems with  $U(1)$  symmetry and non-degenerate ground state on torus are labeled by (at least) two integers  $(n, m)$ .**

$\rightarrow$  symmetry enriched topological order (Cannot be deformed into product state if we break the symmetry. Cannot be deformed into each other if we preserve the symmetry.)