

# Week7 – Relaxation Time Approximation

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# Boltzmann Transport Equation

- The Boltzmann transport equation that we found for the case that the distribution  $f(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t)$  is a small deviation from equilibrium distribution  $f_0(\mathcal{E})$  looks like

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = & -\frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f - \frac{e}{\hbar} \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f \\ & + \frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \int d^3 k' P_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} f_0(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{r}) [1 - f_0(\mathcal{E}', \mathbf{r})] [\phi(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{r}, t) - \phi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t)] \end{aligned}$$

where the small deviation  $F(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t) = -\phi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t) \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}}$ .

- In steady state,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = 0$ , so the equation can be further simplified as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f + \frac{e}{\hbar} \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f \\ & = \frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \int d^3 k' P_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} f_0(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{r}) [1 - f_0(\mathcal{E}', \mathbf{r})] [\phi(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{r}, t) - \phi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t)] \end{aligned}$$

# Relaxation Time Approximation

- This equation is hard to be handled analytically as is.
- One simple but effective approach is approximate scattering term:

$$\frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \int d^3 k' P_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} f_0(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{r}) [1 - f_0(\mathcal{E}', \mathbf{r})] [\phi(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{r}, t) - \phi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t)]$$

- And this is so-called relaxation time approximation:

$$\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{scatt.} = - \frac{f - f_0}{\tau} = - \frac{F}{\tau}$$

$$F(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t) = -\phi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t) \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}}$$

- This gives

$$\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} = - \frac{1}{k_B T} f_0 (1 - f_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\tau} = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{scatt.} \left( - \frac{1}{F} \right) = \int d\mathbf{k}' P_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \frac{[1 - f_0(\mathcal{E}')] }{[1 - f_0(\mathcal{E})]} \left[ 1 - \frac{\phi(\mathbf{k}')}{\phi(\mathbf{k})} \right]$$

\* $\mathbf{r}$  and  $t$  are dropped

## Relaxation Time Approximation(2)

- The relaxation time  $\tau(\mathbf{k})$  is a meaningful quantity provided that it is independent of the strength and type of the perturbation causing  $f$  to depart from  $f_0$ .
- What it means is that we can use this approximation if  $\tau(\mathbf{k})$  is an intrinsic property of material itself and not influenced by the external perturbation applied to the system.
- In order for  $\tau(\mathbf{k})$  to be independent of the external perturbation, or for the previous equation  $(\frac{1}{\tau} = \int d\mathbf{k}' P_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \frac{[1-f_0(\mathcal{E}')] }{[1-f_0(\mathcal{E})]} \left[ 1 - \frac{\phi(\mathbf{k}')}{\phi(\mathbf{k})} \right] )$  to be justified,
  - 1)  $f_0(\mathcal{E}') = f_0(\mathcal{E})$ . This means  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}') = \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k})$ , or the scattering process is elastic (no energy loss).
  - 2)  $\left[ \frac{\phi(\mathbf{k}')}{\phi(\mathbf{k})} \right]$  must be independent of the type of perturbation.

# Relaxation Time Approximation(3)

- ❖ In the cases where the relaxation time approximation is not justified (for instance inelastic scattering), another method must be used to solve BTE.
  - A variational calculation under the assumption that the return to the equilibrium from a steady state, when the perturbation is removed suddenly, would occur via a particular rapid relaxation mechanism.

## Relaxation time solution of BTE.

- With the relaxation time approximation, the BTE can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f + \frac{e}{\hbar} \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f &= -\frac{f - f_0}{\tau} \\ &= \frac{\phi}{\tau} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \end{aligned}$$

# Relaxation Time Approximation(4)

- $f = f_0 + F = f_0 - \phi \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} .$
- Let  $\phi = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} .$
- Then,  $f = f_0 + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \quad (*)$

(\*)  $\mathbf{G}$  is small change in distribution function caused by external perturbation or excitation. (Like Taylor expansion)

$$\begin{aligned} f &= f_0 + \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{G} \\ &= f_0 + \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G} \quad \leftarrow \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \\ &= f_0 + \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f}_{\text{Diffusion Term}} + \underbrace{\frac{e}{\hbar} \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f}_{\text{Drift Term}} = -\frac{f - f_0}{\tau}$$

$$= -\frac{\phi}{\tau} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}}$$

# Relaxation Time Approximation - Diffusion Term

- **Diffusion term**

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f = \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f_0 + \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \right)$$



Let's ignore this term since it has small effect.

None zero. Thus, in first order approx. ,  $\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f \approx \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f_0$  .

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F)/k_B T}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\eta}}$$

where  $\eta = (\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F)/k_B T$  .

▪ Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f_0 &= \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \eta} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \eta = \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \eta} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{k_B T} \right) \\ &= k_B T \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{k_B T} \right) \end{aligned}$$



## Relaxation Time Approximation – Diffusion Term(2)

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_F}{k_B T} \right) = \frac{1}{k_B T} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_F) - \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_F}{k_B T^2} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} T$$

- Thus, the diffusion term becomes

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f_0 \cong \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \varepsilon} \mathbf{v} \cdot \left\{ \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_F) - \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_F}{T} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} T \right\}$$

# Relaxation Time Approximation – Drift Term

- Drift term**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \mathbf{E} + \boxed{\frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E}} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f &= (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \left( f_0 + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \right) \\
 &= \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f_0 + \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \left( \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \quad \text{ignore higher order} \\
 &\quad + (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f_0 + \boxed{(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \left( \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} \right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is zero from the vector identity:

$(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$  since

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f_0 = \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} // \mathbf{v}$$

$$(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \left( \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} \right) = \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G}) + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G}) (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \left( \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \right)$$

Only this term survives.

$\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \left( \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}^2} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} // \mathbf{v}$  and from the vector identity, it is zero.

## Relaxation Time Approximation – Drift Term(2)

- **Drift term**

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f &\cong \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} + \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G}) \\ &= \hbar \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G}) \end{aligned}$$

Apply here

Vector Identity:  $A \cdot (B \times C) = B \cdot (C \times A) = C \cdot (A \times B)$

Since they are all the same volume.

$$= \hbar \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot [\mathbf{B} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G})]$$

# Relaxation Time Approximation(5)

- **Diffusion term**

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f_0 = \mathbf{v} \cdot T \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{T} \right) \cong \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \left\{ \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} (\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F) - \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{T} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} T \right\}$$

- **Drift term**

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f &\cong \hbar \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G}) \\ &= \hbar \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot [\mathbf{B} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G})] \end{aligned}$$

- **BTE**

$$\frac{\phi}{\tau} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f + \frac{e}{\hbar} \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} f$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{G} = -T \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{T} \right) - e \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E} - \frac{e}{\hbar^2} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{v} \cdot [\mathbf{B} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G})]$$

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = -e\tau \mathbf{E} - \tau T \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{T} \right) - \frac{e\tau}{\hbar^2} [\mathbf{B} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G})]$$

Magnetic term also has  $\mathbf{G}$  component

# Relaxation Time Approximation(6)

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = -e\tau\mathbf{E} - \tau T \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{T} \right) - \frac{e\tau}{\hbar^2} [\mathbf{B} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G})]$$

Interestingly, magnetic term also has  $\mathbf{G}$  component. This is more like the dependence on the magnitude of  $\mathbf{G}$ , rather than the direction of  $\mathbf{k}$ . (no angular dependence)

- Let's assume that  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{G}(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{r})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G}) &= (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \mathbf{G} + \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{G}) \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} + \mathbf{G} \times (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathcal{E}) \end{aligned}$$

=0 : curl of curl

Vector Identity:  $\nabla(A \cdot B) = (A \cdot \nabla)B + (B \cdot \nabla)A + A \times (\nabla \times B) + B \times (\nabla \times A)$

$$(*) \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \times (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{G}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \left( \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathcal{E}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E})$$

Vector Identity:  $A \times (B \times C) = B(A \cdot C) - C(A \cdot B)$

# Relaxation Time Approximation(7)

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{k}}(\nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G}) &= (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathcal{E}} + \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \left( \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathcal{E}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E}) \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \\ &= \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \left( \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \right) + (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E}\end{aligned}$$

cancel to each other

- Then the magnetic term  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}(\nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{G})$  becomes

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \left[ \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \left( \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \right) + (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E} \right] = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E}$$

~ $\mathbf{v}$

They cancel to each other

- If we collect all together,

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{r}) = -e\tau \mathbf{E} - \tau T \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{T} \right) - \frac{e\tau}{\hbar^2} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{E}$$

## Relaxation Time Approximation(8)

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{r}) = \underbrace{-e\tau\mathbf{E}}_{\text{Drift term}} - \underbrace{\tau T \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{T} \right)}_{\text{Temperature term}} - \frac{e\tau}{\hbar^2} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E}$$

- Now, we define “electro thermal field” as

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{E} + \frac{T}{e} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_F}{T} \right)$$

- Then,

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{r}) = -e\tau\mathcal{F} - \frac{e\tau}{\hbar^2} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E}$$

# Relaxation Time Approximation(9)

- For the case of an ellipsoidal energy band,

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_c + \frac{\hbar^2 k_x^2}{2m_x^*} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2m_y^*} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m_z^*}$$

- Then,

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m_x^*} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{m_y^*} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{m_z^*} \end{pmatrix}$$

and we can express  $\mathcal{E}$  as

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_c + \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{k}$$



# Relaxation Time Approximation(10)

- Then,

$$(\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{G}$$

- Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{r}) &= -e\tau \mathcal{F} - \frac{e\tau}{\hbar^2} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{E} \\ &= -e\tau \mathcal{F} - \frac{e\tau}{\hbar^2} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{G}) \end{aligned}$$

- After a few algebraic manipulation,

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} = -e\tau \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{F} + e\tau(\mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathcal{F}) \times \mathbf{B} + (e\tau)^2 (\det \mathbf{M}^{-1})(\mathcal{F} \cdot \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B})}{1 + (e\tau)^2 (\det \mathbf{M}^{-1})(\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{B}} \right\}$$

# Relaxation Time Approximation(11)

- For a spherical energy band where  $m_x^* = m_y^* = m_z^* = m^*$ ,

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} = -e\tau \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{F} + e\tau(\mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{F}) \times \mathbf{B} + (e\tau)^2 (\det \mathbf{M}^{-1})(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B})}{1 + (e\tau)^2 (\det \mathbf{M}^{-1})(\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{B}} \right\}$$

$\frac{\mathbf{F}}{m^*}$        $\left(\frac{1}{m^*}\right)^3$        $m^* \mathbf{B}$

becomes

$$\mathbf{G} = -e\tau \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{F} + \frac{e\tau}{m^*} \mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{B} + \left(\frac{e\tau}{m^*}\right)^2 (\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{B}}{1 + \left(\frac{e\tau}{m^*}\right)^2 \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}} \right\}$$

Ohmic contribution of  
transport (including  
thermoelectric effect)

Hall contribution

Magnetoresistance