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quantum spin Hall effect.**

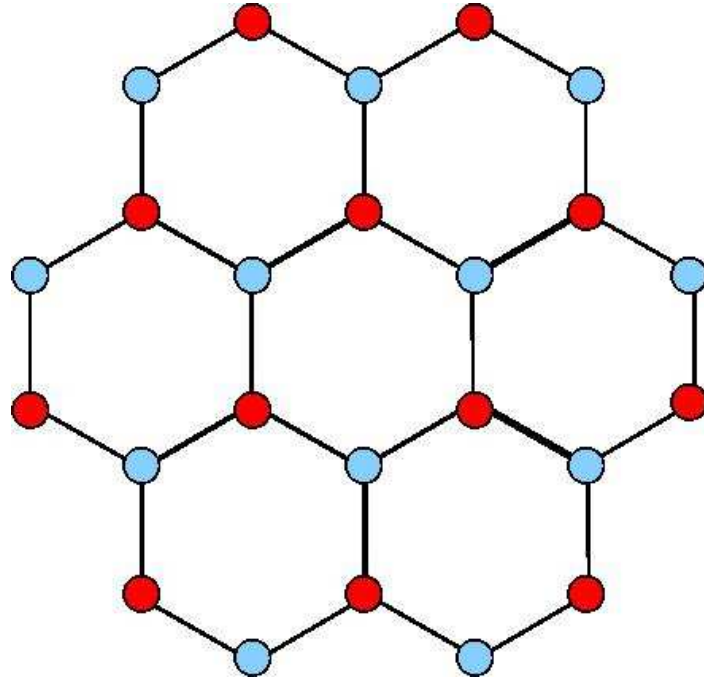
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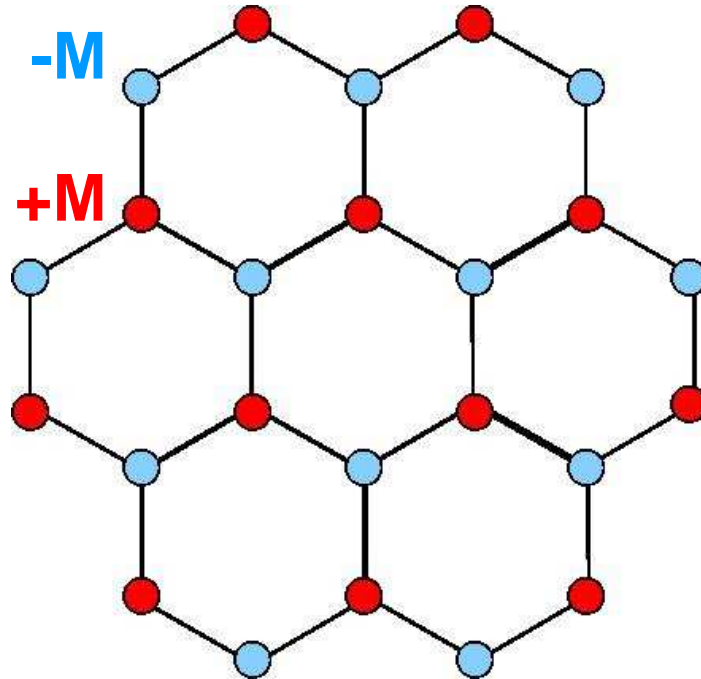
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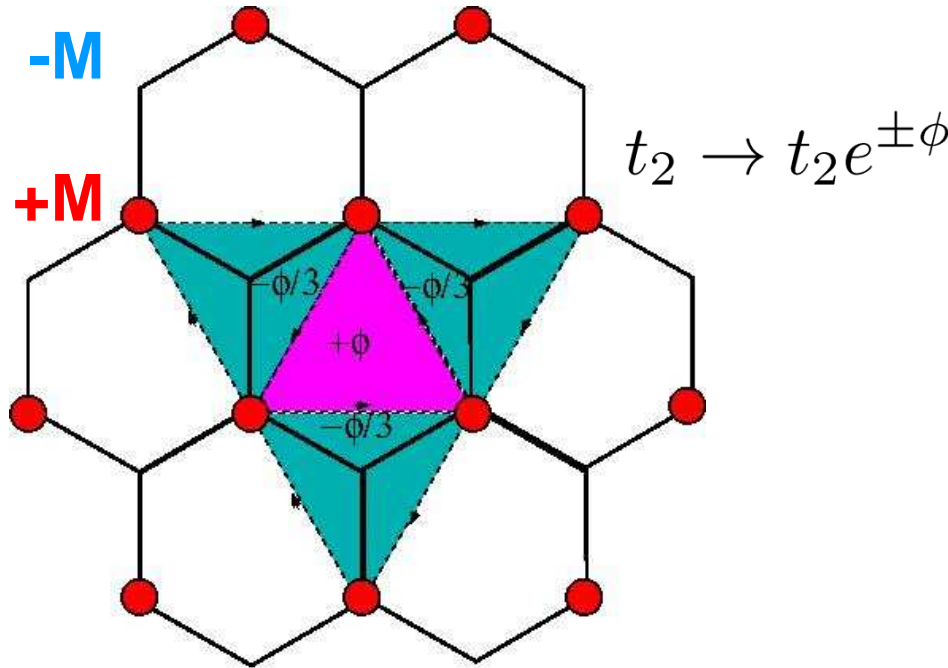
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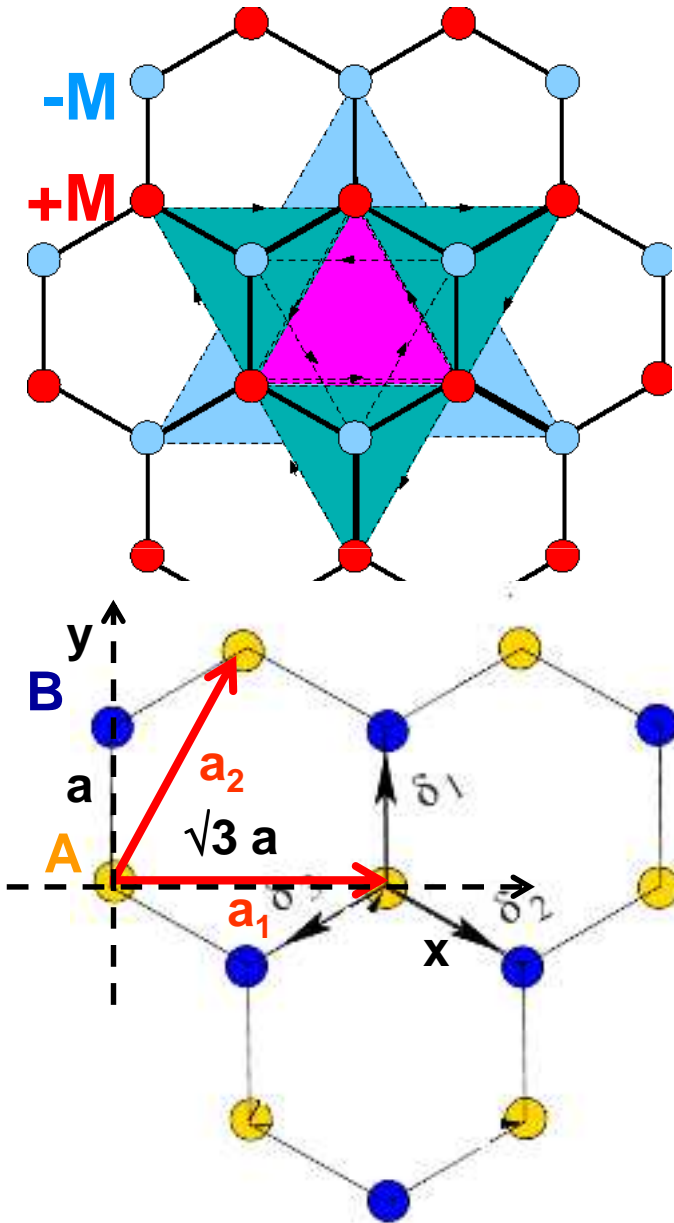
Space-varying $B(r)$ with **ZERO NET FLUX**: Time reversal symmetry breaking.

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$$\hat{H}_{\text{Haldane}} = -t_1 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} c_i^\dagger c_j - t_2 \sum_{\langle\langle i,j \rangle\rangle} e^{i\phi_{ij}} c_i^\dagger c_j + M \sum_i \epsilon_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

https://topocondmat.org/w4_haldane/haldane_model.html

Haldane model: eigenvalues

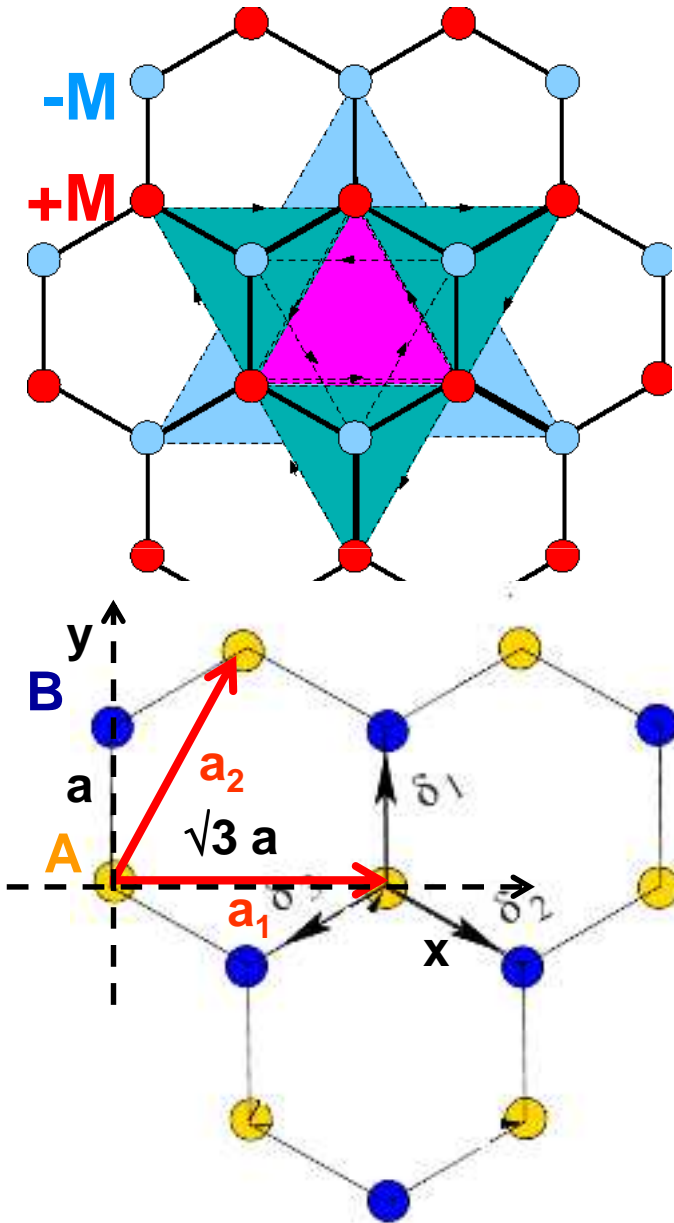


$$\frac{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{q}}}{N} = \begin{pmatrix} M + 2t_2 f(\mathbf{q}, \phi) & t_1 \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \\ t_1 \gamma_{\mathbf{q}}^* & -M + 2t_2 f(\mathbf{q}, -\phi) \end{pmatrix}$$

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Tarefa 19: Haldane model



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Consider: $t_1=1$, $\phi=\pi/2$, and \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 as in the left.

- 1) Calculate the Hamiltonian matrix for the Brillouin zone vertices $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{K}$ and $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{K}'$. (remember Lista 03!)
- 2) Show that the gap *vanishes* for

$$t_2 = \pm M / (3\sqrt{3})$$

but not in \mathbf{K} and \mathbf{K}' at the same time!

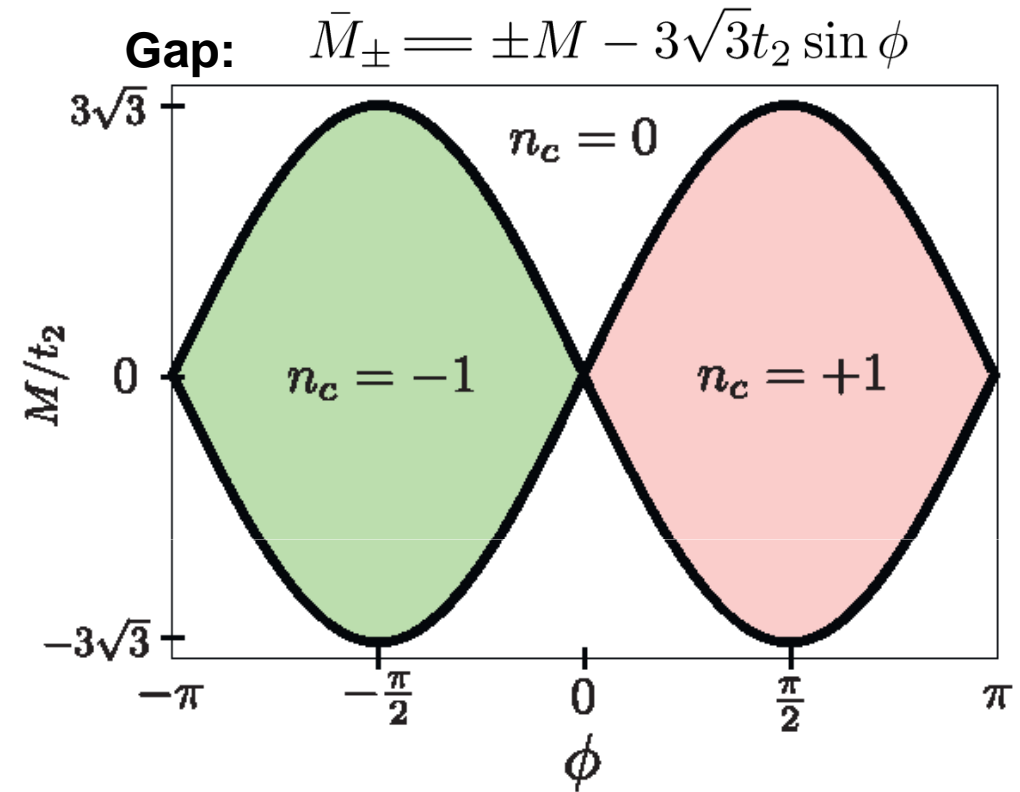
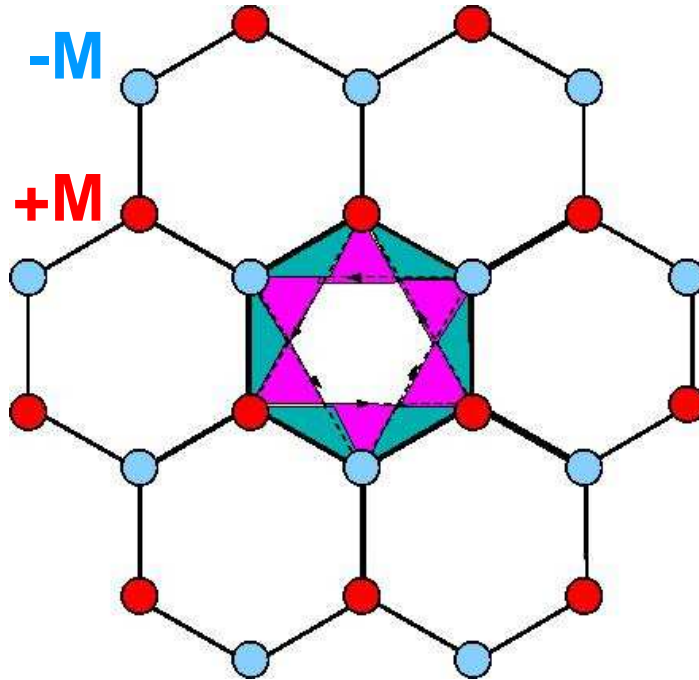
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Hall conductance also given by a
Chern number:

$$n_c = \frac{1}{2} \text{sgn}(\bar{M}_+) + \text{sgn}(\bar{M}_-)$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = n_c \frac{e^2}{h}$$

$n_c = \pm 1$: **Topological phases**