

Adiabatic phase.

Consider the Hamiltonian:

$$H(\mathbf{k})|n, \mathbf{k}\rangle = E_n(\mathbf{k})|n, \mathbf{k}\rangle$$

The time evolution is given by:

$$H|n, t\rangle = i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}|n, t\rangle$$

Now, suppose that \mathbf{k} changes slowly with time :

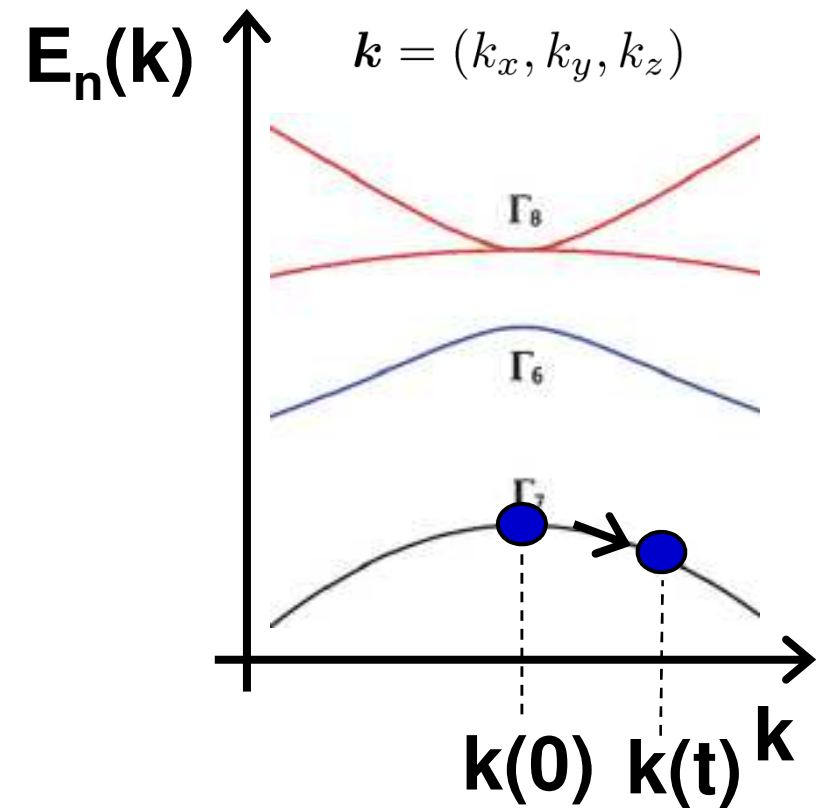
$$|n, \mathbf{k}(0)\rangle \rightarrow |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle$$

Notice that $|n, t\rangle$ IS NOT EQUAL to $|n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle$!

In fact, they are related by a PHASE FACTOR:

$$\boxed{|n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle = e^{+i\theta(t)} |n, t\rangle}$$

$$\left(|n, t\rangle = e^{-i\theta(t)} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle \right)$$



Adiabatic phase.

We have:

$$1) \quad i\hbar \frac{d|n, t\rangle}{dt} = i\hbar e^{-i\theta(t)} \left[\frac{d|n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle}{dt} - i \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle \right]$$

$$2) \quad \frac{d}{dt} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle = \frac{d\mathbf{k}(t)}{dt} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle$$

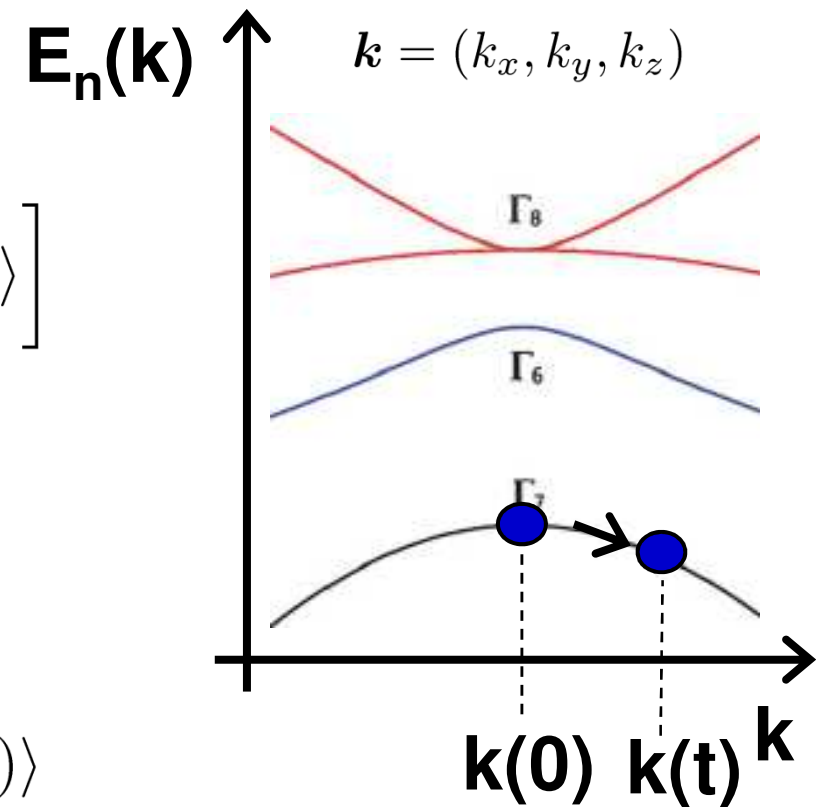
Using the time-dependent Schrodinger's equation:

$$\hbar \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} = E_n(\mathbf{k}(t)) - i\hbar \frac{d\mathbf{k}(t)}{dt} \cdot \langle n, \mathbf{k}(t) | \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle$$

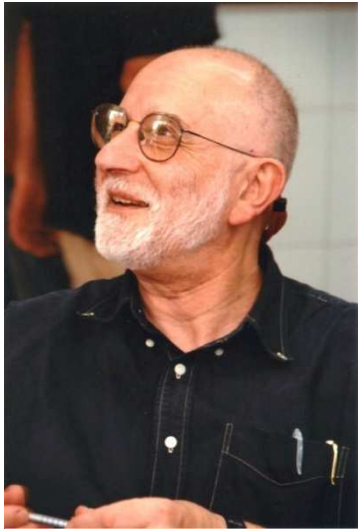
Finally:

$$|n, t\rangle = \exp \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t L_n[\mathbf{k}(t')] dt' \right) |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle$$

$$L_n[\mathbf{k}(t)] = i\hbar \frac{d\mathbf{k}(t)}{dt} \cdot \langle n, \mathbf{k}(t) | \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle - E_n[\mathbf{k}(t)]$$



Berry phase.



Sir Michael Berry

We can write as

$$|n, t\rangle = e^{i\gamma_n} e^{\frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_0^t E_n[\mathbf{k}(t')] dt'} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle$$

The first term is a **GEOMETRICAL PHASE FACTOR**

$$\gamma_n \equiv i \int_C \langle n, \mathbf{k} | \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle \cdot d\mathbf{k}$$

We define the **“BERRY VECTOR POTENTIAL”**:
or “Berry connection”:

$$\mathbf{A}_n(\mathbf{k}) \equiv i \langle n, \mathbf{k} | \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle$$

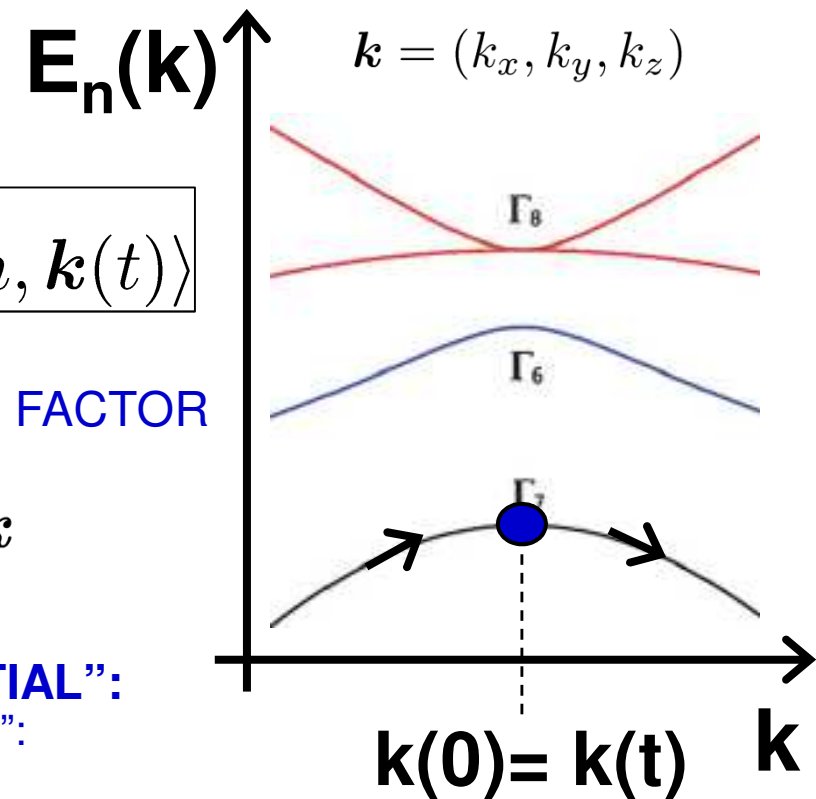
Such that, if $\mathbf{k}(t)=\mathbf{k}(0)$ (closed path):

$$\gamma_n = \oint_C \mathbf{A}_n(\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{k}$$

BERRY PHASE

“BERRY CURVATURE”:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{A}_n(\mathbf{k}) \Rightarrow \gamma_n = \iint_S \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$



How to calculate Ω in a gauge-invariant way?

1) Vector identity ($m = n$):

$$\Omega_n(\mathbf{k}) = i \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \times \langle n, \mathbf{k} | \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle = i (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \langle n, \mathbf{k} |) \times (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle)$$

2) Identity ($m \neq n$):

$$\langle m, \mathbf{k} | [\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle] = [\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \langle n, \mathbf{k} |] | m, \mathbf{k} \rangle = \frac{\langle m, \mathbf{k} | (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} H) | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle}{E_n - E_m}$$

$$\Omega_n(\mathbf{k}) = i \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle n, \mathbf{k} | (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} H) | m, \mathbf{k} \rangle \times \langle m, \mathbf{k} | (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} H) | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle}{(E_n - E_m)^2}$$

It is much easier to apply the $\nabla_{\mathbf{k}}$ operator in H rather than in the state!

Example: two-band system (Dirac-Weyl).

Consider the Hamiltonian of the form:

$$H(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \quad H(k_x, k_y, k_z) = \begin{pmatrix} k_z & k_x - ik_y \\ k_x + ik_y & -k_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues (**Tarefa 19**): $E_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \pm |\mathbf{k}|$

$$k_z = |\mathbf{k}| \cos \theta$$
$$k_x + ik_y = |\mathbf{k}| \sin \theta e^{+i\phi}$$

Eigenvectors (up to a phase) (**Tarefa 19**):

$$|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) e^{-i\phi/2} \\ \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) e^{+i\phi/2} \end{pmatrix} \quad |-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) e^{-i\phi/2} \\ -\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) e^{+i\phi/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Gradient of the Hamiltonian: $H(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \Rightarrow \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} H = \boldsymbol{\sigma}$

$$\text{Berry curvatures: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega_+(\mathbf{k}) = i \frac{\langle + | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | - \rangle \times \langle - | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | + \rangle}{(E_+ - E_-)^2} \\ \Omega_-(\mathbf{k}) = i \frac{\langle - | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | + \rangle \times \langle + | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | - \rangle}{(E_- - E_+)^2} \end{array} \right.$$

After a looong calculation (Lista 5): $\Omega_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \mp \frac{\hat{\mathbf{k}}}{2|\mathbf{k}|^2}$ (NOT gauge-dependent!) (Lista 5)

A “Berry curvature monopole” irradiating at the origin ($\mathbf{k}=0$):

$$\text{Chern number: } n_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_S \Omega_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \Rightarrow n_c = \pm 1$$

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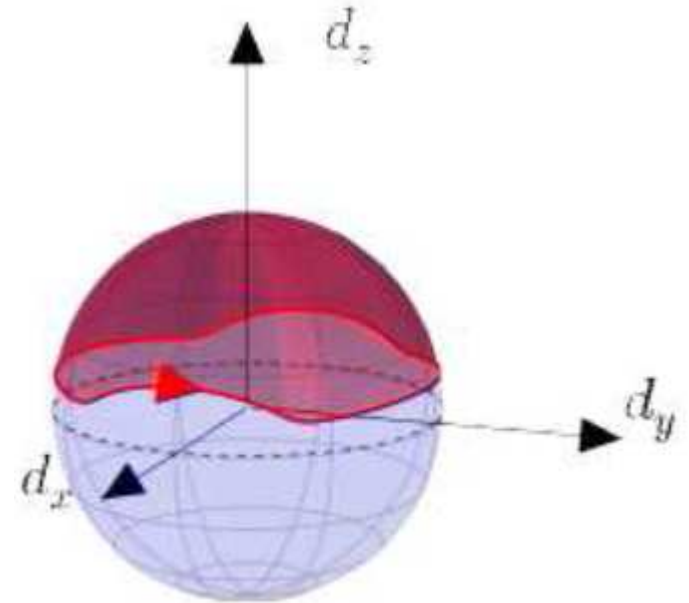
Berry phase:
$$\gamma_n = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{A}_n(\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{k}$$

For a **closed path** \mathcal{C} , the Berry phase is the Berry connection flux through the **open surface** \mathcal{S} :

$$\gamma_n = \iint_{\mathcal{S}} \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Using :

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \mp \frac{\hat{\mathbf{k}}}{2|\mathbf{k}|^2}$$



$$\gamma_{\pm} = \mp \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\mathcal{S}} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}}{|\mathbf{k}|^2} dS = \mp \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\mathcal{S}} \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

We find that the Berry phase is half of the solid angle enclosed by \mathcal{C} :

$$\gamma_{\pm} = \mp \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{\mathcal{C}} \quad 0 \leq \Omega_{\mathcal{C}} \leq 4\pi$$

Tarefa 19: two-band system (Dirac-Weyl).

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1) Calculate the two eigenvalues of $H(\mathbf{k})$

2) Calculate the eigenvectors (up to a phase) in terms of the angles θ and ϕ :

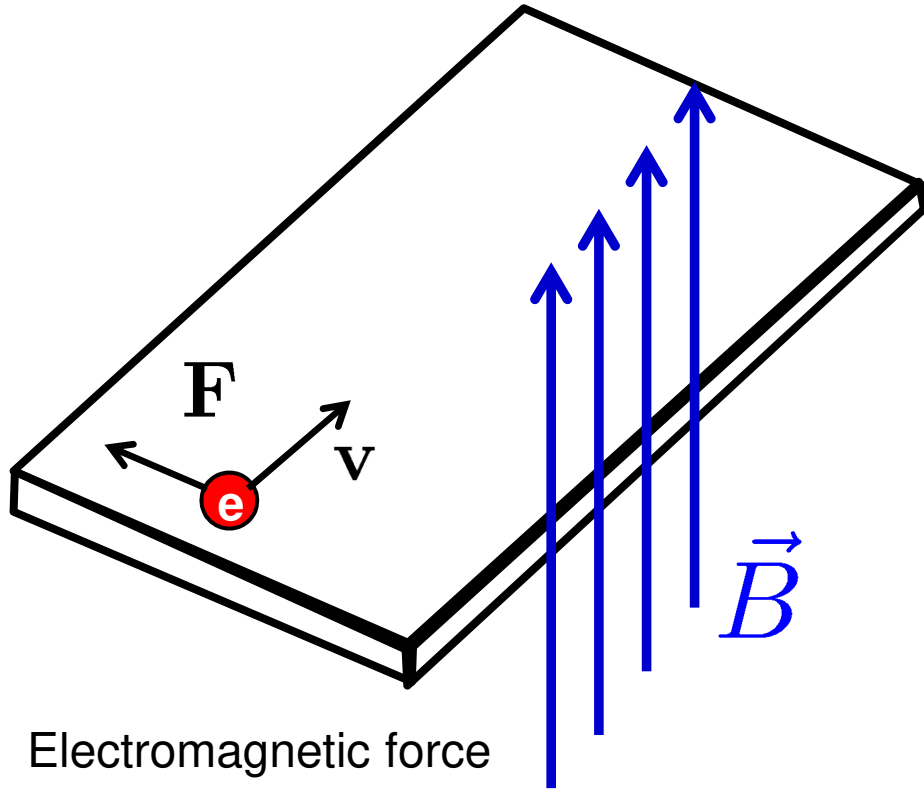
$$k_z = |\mathbf{k}| \cos \theta$$

$$k_x + ik_y = |\mathbf{k}| \sin \theta e^{+i\phi}$$

3) Calculate the Berry curvatures for each eigenstate:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_+(\mathbf{k}) = i \frac{\langle + | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | - \rangle \times \langle - | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | + \rangle}{(E_+ - E_-)^2} \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega}_-(\mathbf{k}) = i \frac{\langle - | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | + \rangle \times \langle + | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | - \rangle}{(E_- - E_+)^2}$$

Velocity and Berry curvature in the QHE



Electromagnetic force

$$\mathbf{F} = (-e)\mathbf{E} + (-e)\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Electric potential and Vector potential.

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{B} = \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \mathbf{E} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} V(\mathbf{r}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) \end{cases}$$

In the absence of other charges:

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{(\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A}(t))^2}{2m^*} \equiv \frac{\hbar^2 (\mathbf{k}(t))^2}{2m^*}$$

Velocity: $m^* \mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A}(t) = \hbar \mathbf{k}(t)$

Thus: $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} H(\mathbf{k})$

Tarefa 20: identity for the velocity

Using:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} H(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial k_x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial k_y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial k_z} \mathbf{k} \right) \\ H|n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle = E_n[\mathbf{k}(t)]|n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle \\ i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{d\mathbf{k}(t)}{dt} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} |n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle \\ H|\Psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi(t)\rangle \end{array} \right.$$

Show that:

$$1) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (H|n, \mathbf{k}\rangle) = (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} H)|n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle + H(\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} |n, \mathbf{k}\rangle)$$

$$2) H(\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} |n, \mathbf{k}\rangle) = i\hbar \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \left(\frac{d\mathbf{k}(t)}{dt} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} |n, \mathbf{k}\rangle \right)$$

$$3) \hbar \mathbf{v}|n, \mathbf{k}(t)\rangle = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (E_n[\mathbf{k}]|n, \mathbf{k}\rangle) - i\hbar \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \left(\frac{d\mathbf{k}(t)}{dt} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} |n, \mathbf{k}\rangle \right)$$

Tip: Do it by components so you don't get confused!!

Velocity and Berry curvature in the QHE

From the previous result, it follows(*):

$$\mathbf{v}_n(\mathbf{k}) = \langle n, \mathbf{k}(t) | \mathbf{v} | n, \mathbf{k}(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E[\mathbf{k}] + \frac{d\mathbf{k}(t)}{dt} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \times \langle n, \mathbf{k} | i \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle$$

Remember the definition of the Berry curvature:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \times \langle n\mathbf{k} | i \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle$$

and using:
$$\frac{d\mathbf{k}(t)}{dt} = \frac{e}{\hbar} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = -\frac{e}{\hbar} \mathbf{E}$$

we get
$$\mathbf{v}_n(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E_n[\mathbf{k}] - \frac{e}{\hbar} \mathbf{E} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k})$$

(*) Should be on Lista 5!

Hall Conductance and Chern number

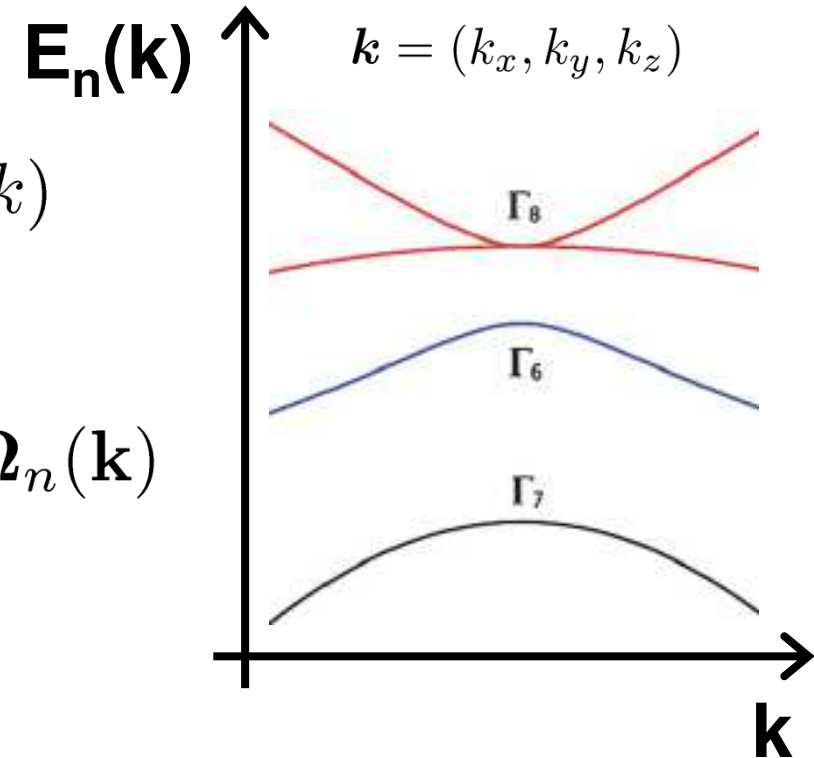
Current density(*):
$$\mathbf{J} = -e \sum_n \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \mathbf{v}_n(\mathbf{k}) f(k)$$

Using:
$$\mathbf{v}_n(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E_n[\mathbf{k}] - \frac{e}{\hbar} \mathbf{E} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k})$$

we might calculate the conductance:
$$\mathbf{J} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

If we have a **gap** and N filled levels:
$$\sum_{n \in \text{filled}} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E_n[\mathbf{k}] f(k) = 0$$

(*) Quantum version of the usual:
$$\mathbf{J} = (-e)n \langle \mathbf{v} \rangle$$



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The conductance can then be calculated: $\mathbf{J} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{E}$

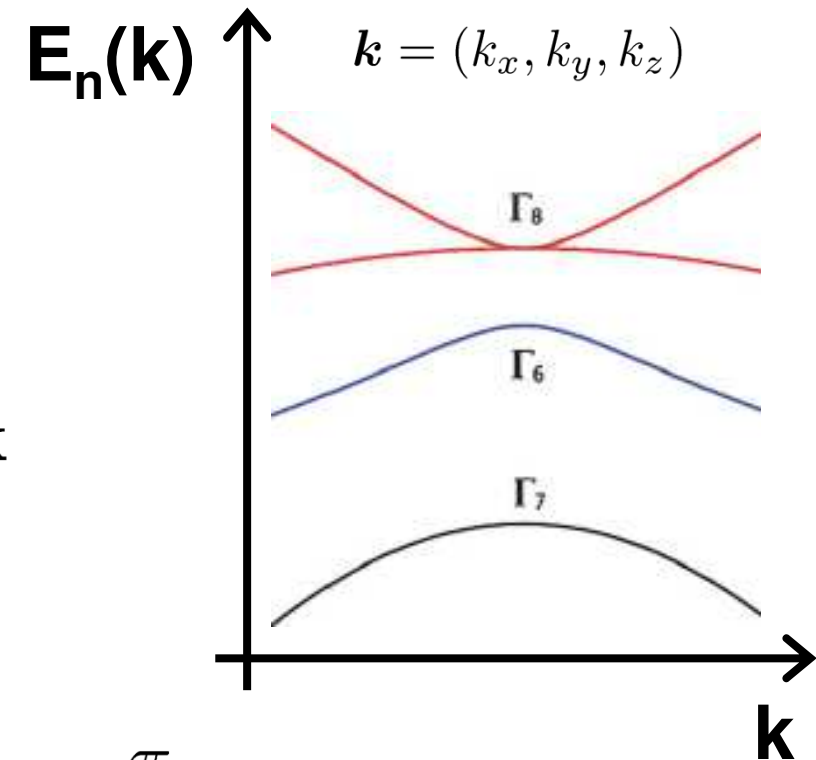
$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \text{filled}} \int_{\text{BZ}} \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{k}$$

The integral will be carried out in the 1st BZ, which is a torus for the Berry curvature:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(k_x, k_y) = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n\left(k_x + \frac{\pi}{a}, k_y\right) = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n\left(k_x, k_y + \frac{\pi}{a}\right)$$

Thus the integral will be 2π (Chern number) and the sum will give the number of filled bands ν :

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{1}{2\pi} 2\pi \nu = \frac{e^2}{h} \nu$$



TKNN invariant: 1982

The Hall conductivity is proportional to a **Chern number** (Berry-phase-like)



$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{n < N_F} \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_{\text{BZ}} \Omega_n(\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{k} \equiv \nu \frac{e^2}{h}$$

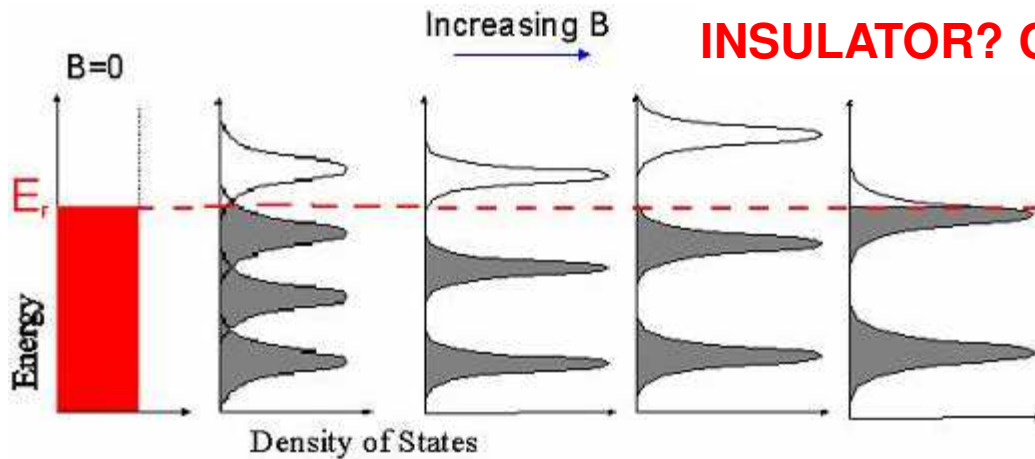
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- System is periodic (BZ is a torus in k-space)
- There is an uniform magnetic field in the system.
- Fermi energy lies in a gap with N_F filled bands.

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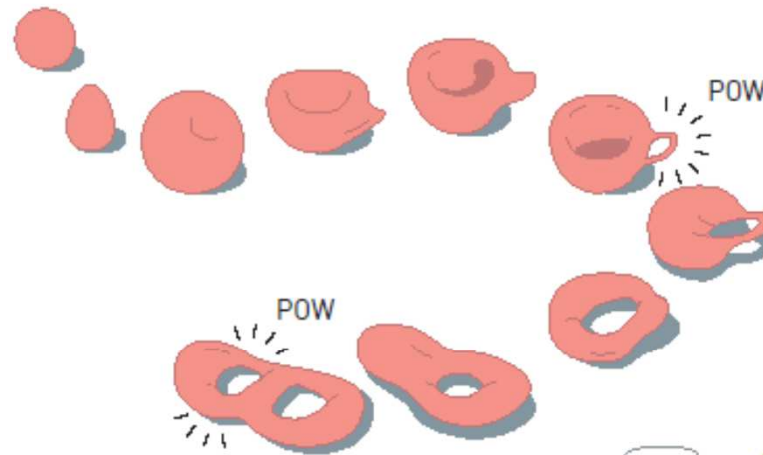
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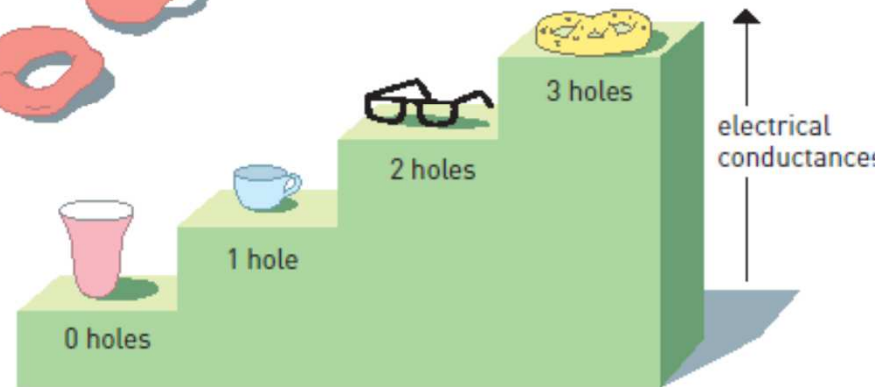


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