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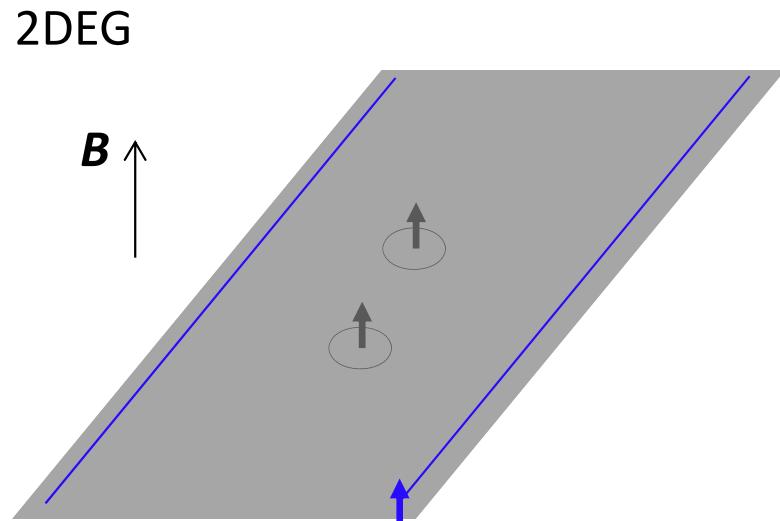
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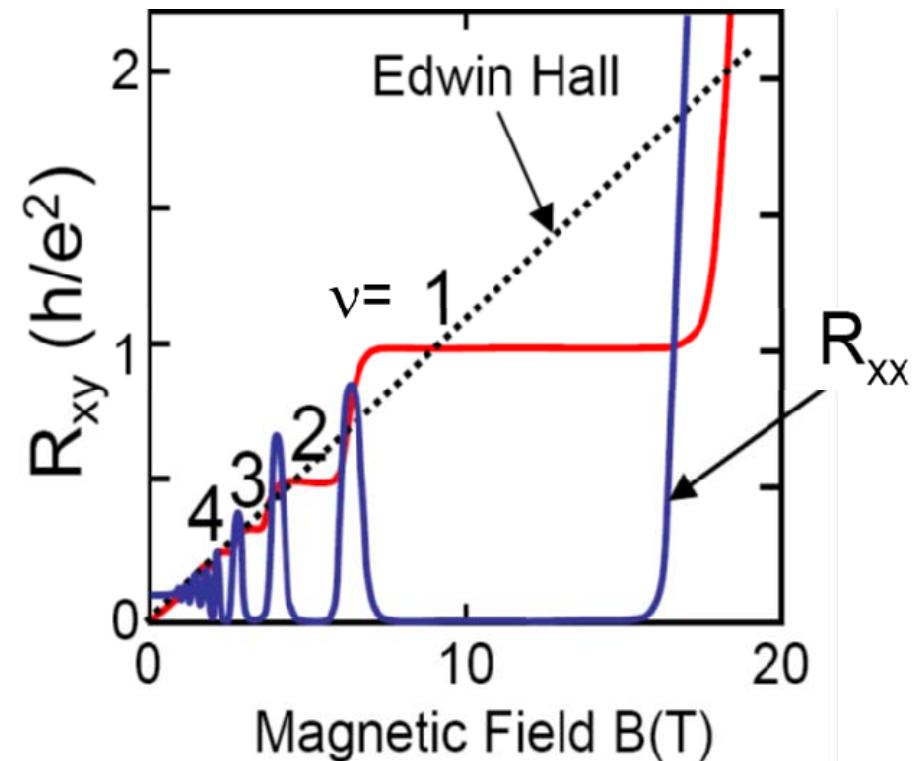
outline

- Quantum Hall effect
- Z₂ topological insulators
- Electromagnetic responses

Quantum Hall effects



K. von Klitzing 1980



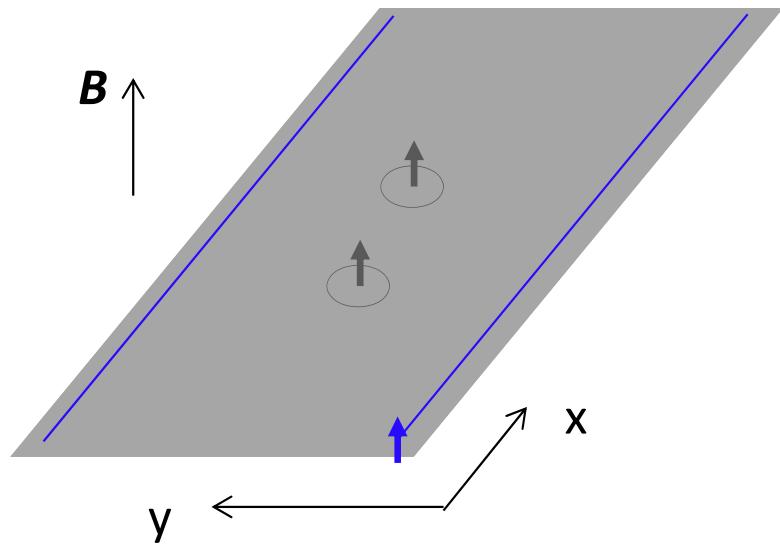
Hall conductivity

$$\sigma_{xy} = R_{xy}^{-1} = N \frac{e^2}{h}$$

$$N \in \mathbf{Z} = \{\dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

Quantum Hall effects

2DEG



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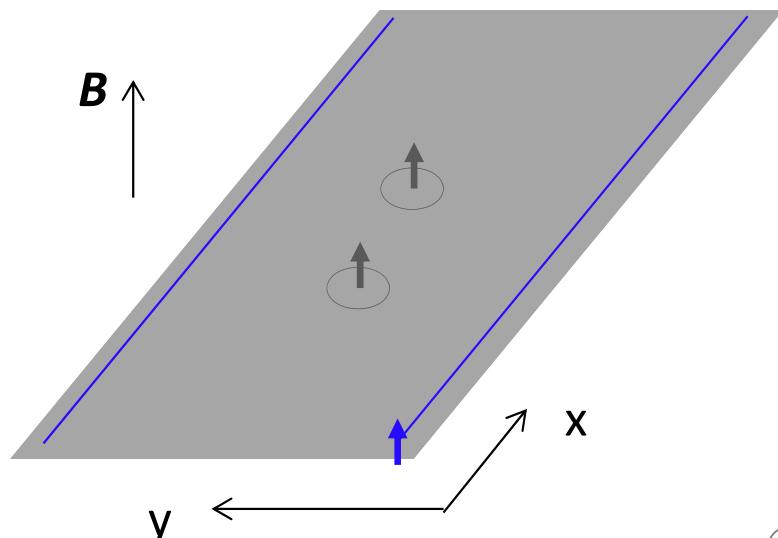
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translational symmetry in x -direction

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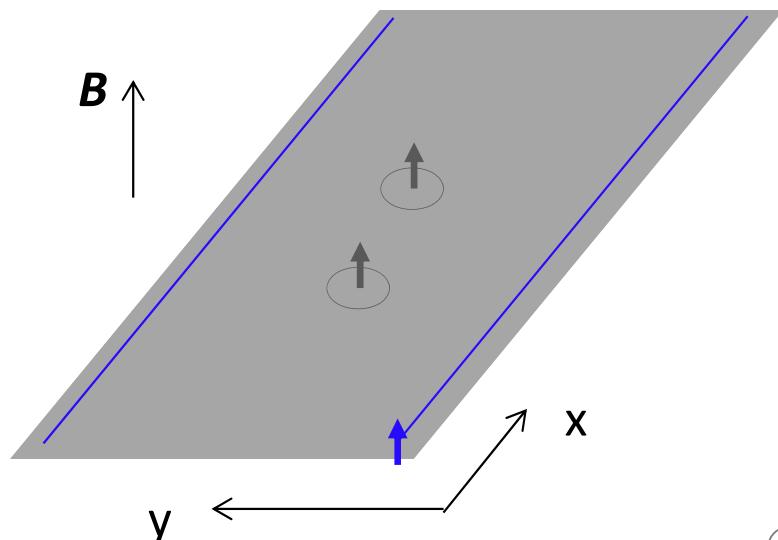
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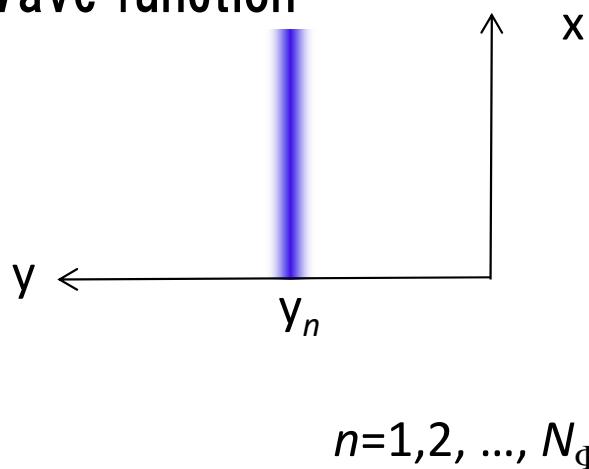
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Wave function



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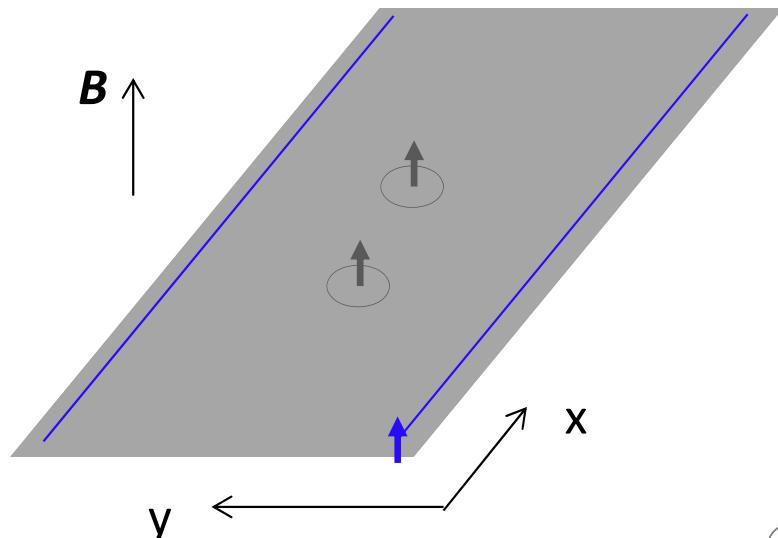
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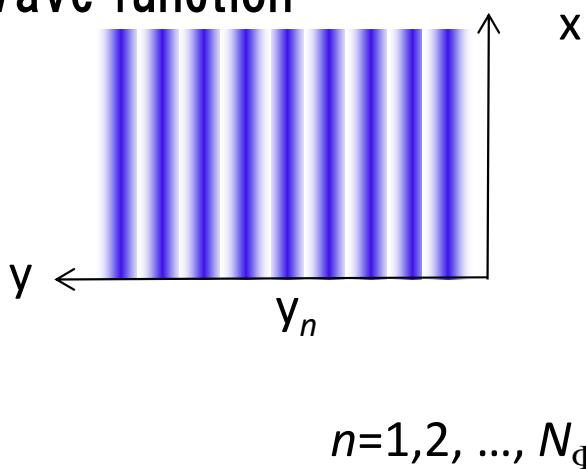
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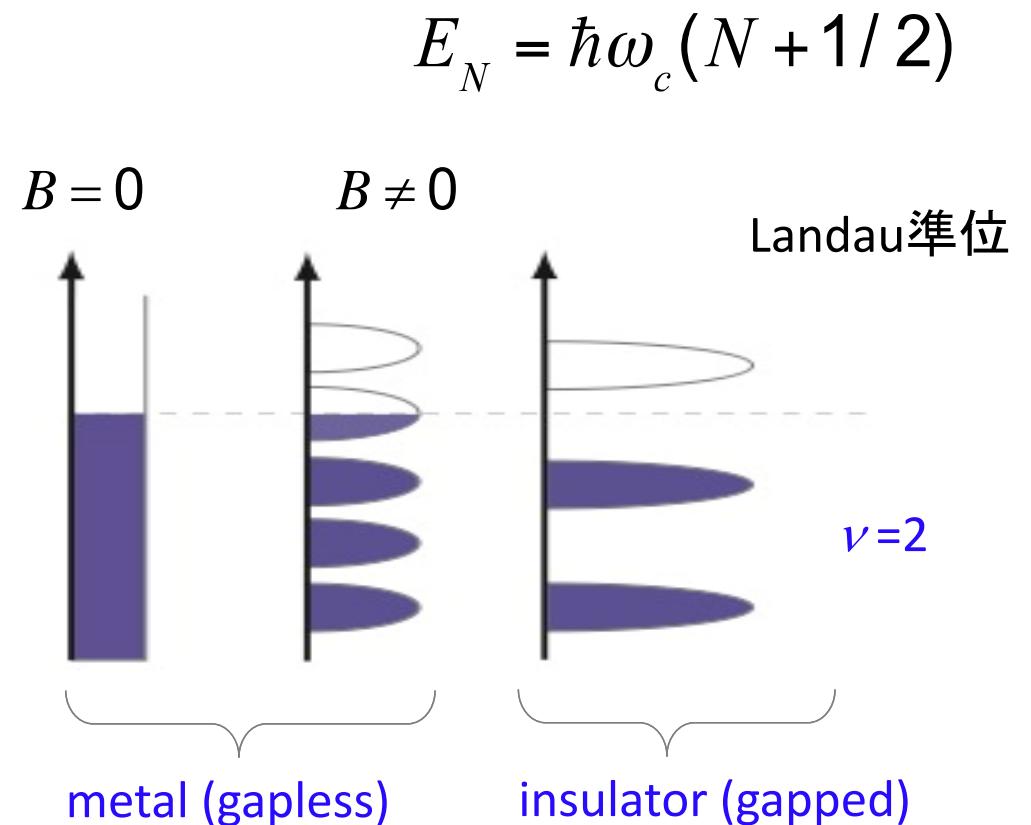
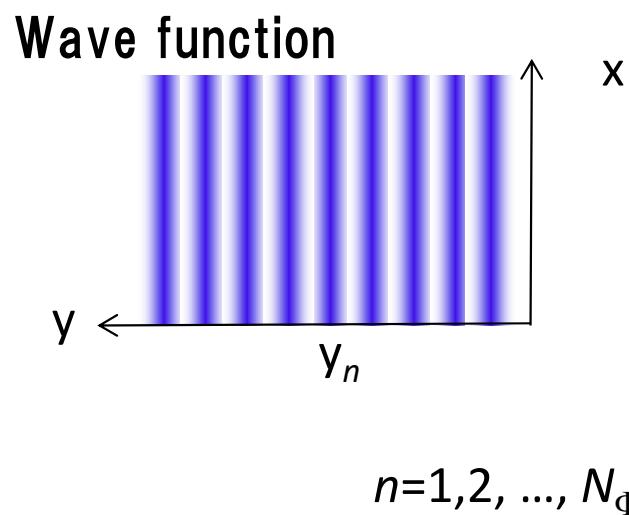
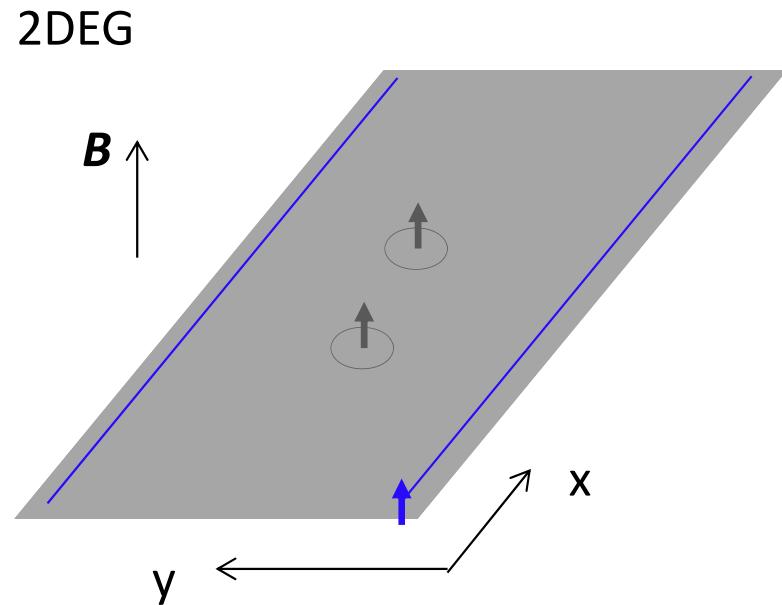
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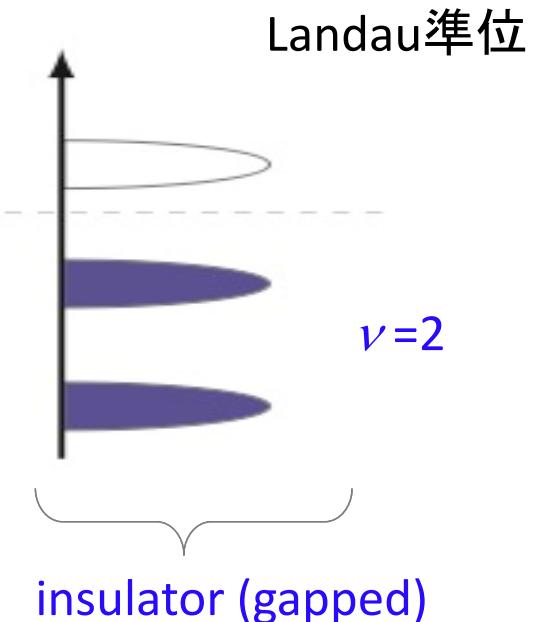
Insulators (gapped)



Current does not flow

$$\mathbf{j} = 0 \text{ (?)}$$

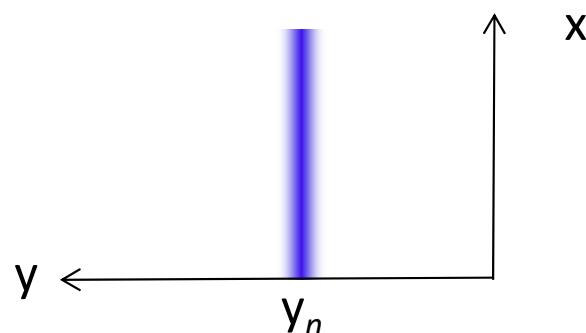
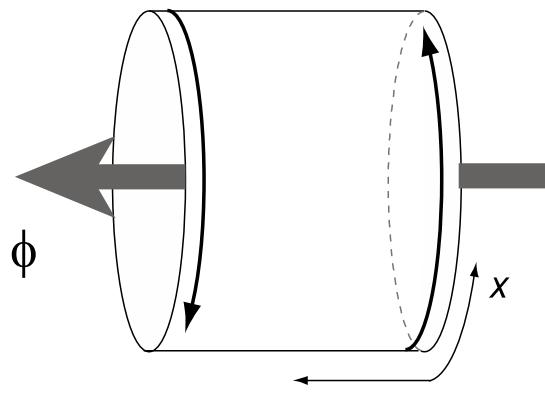
$$E_N = \hbar\omega_c(N + 1/2)$$



Quantized Hall current is carried in the ground state

Quantum Hall effects

Laughlin (1982)



$$n=1, 2, \dots, N_\Phi$$

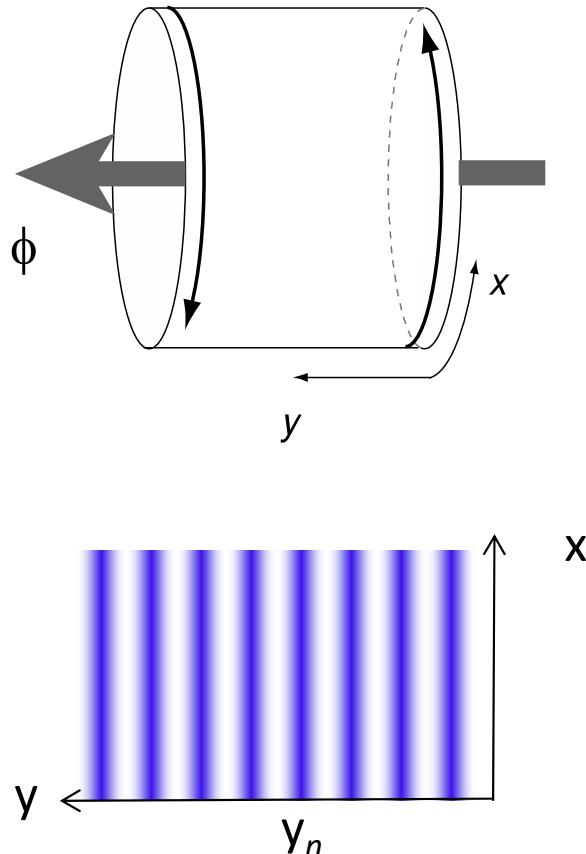
$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2m} \left(\mathbf{p} + e[\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}_\phi] \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \left([-i\partial_x + e(-By + \frac{\phi}{L_x})]^2 - \partial_y^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{m\omega_c^2}{2} \left(y - y_n + \frac{\phi}{\phi_0} \Delta y \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2m} \partial_y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_n = n\Delta y$$

$$\Delta y = L_y / N_\Phi$$

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} t = 0 \rightarrow T \\ \phi = 0 \rightarrow \phi_0 \end{array} \right\} E_x L_x = \frac{\phi_0}{T}$$

Faraday's law

$$\begin{aligned} j_y &= \frac{(-ve)}{L_x T} = \frac{-ve}{(h/eE_x)} \\ &= -v \frac{e^2}{h} E_x \end{aligned}$$

Hall conductivity

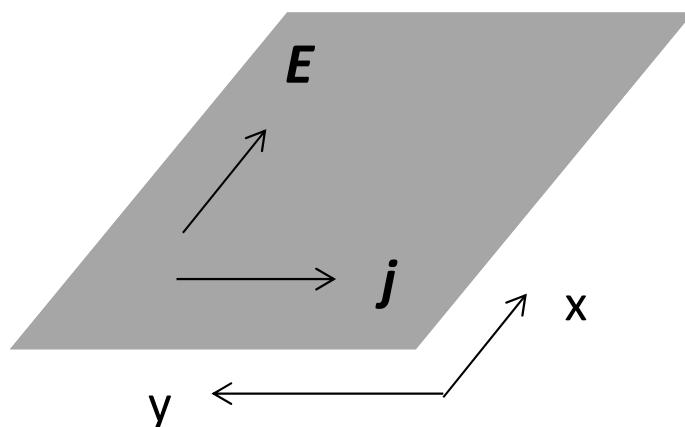
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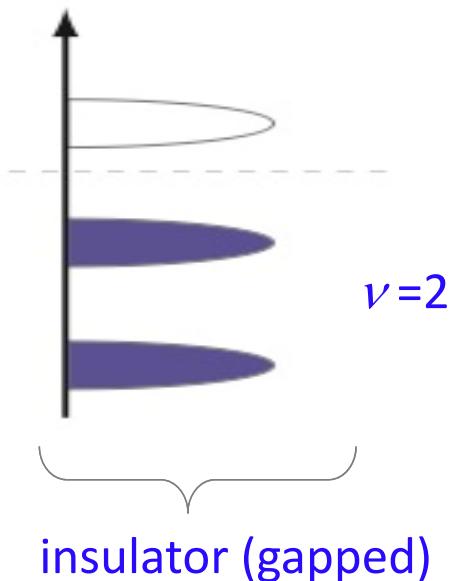


The ground state carries the current

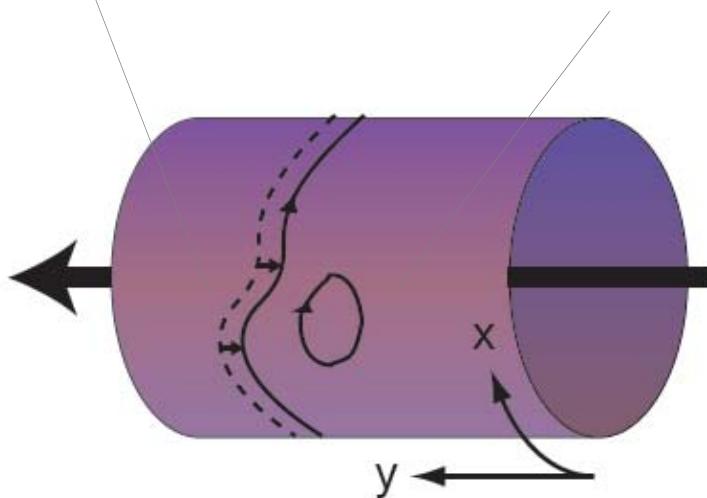
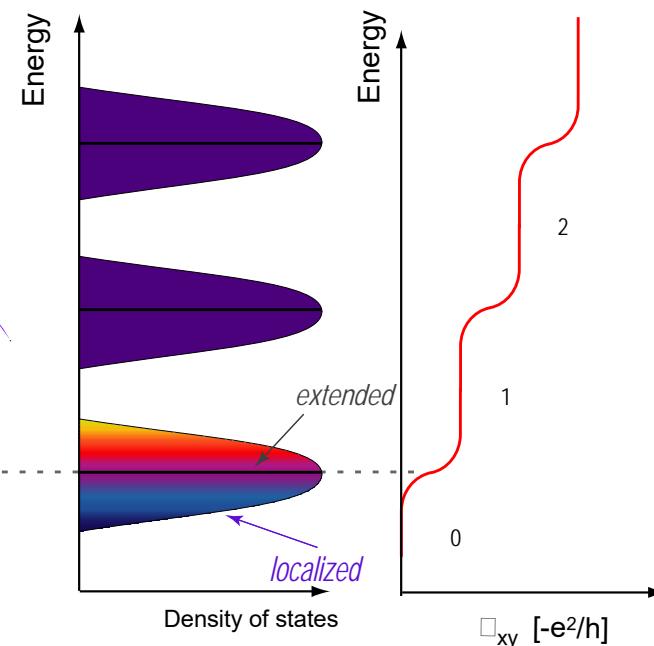
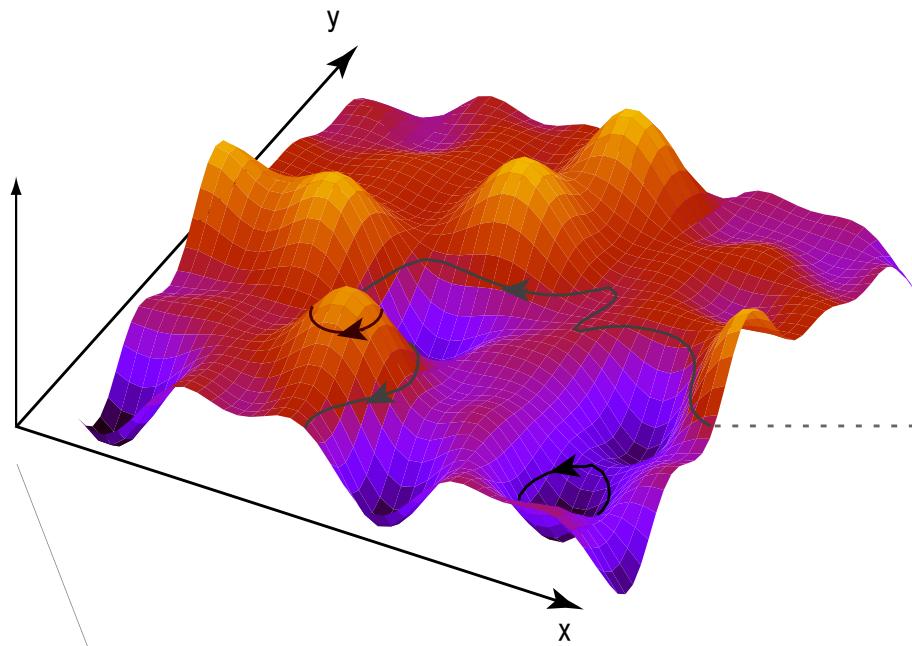


$$\sigma_{xy} = \nu \frac{e^2}{h}$$

No Joule heating

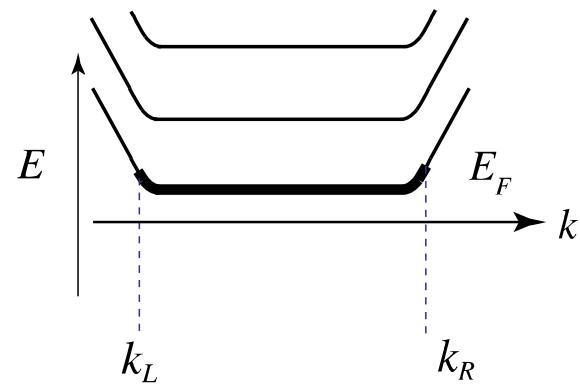
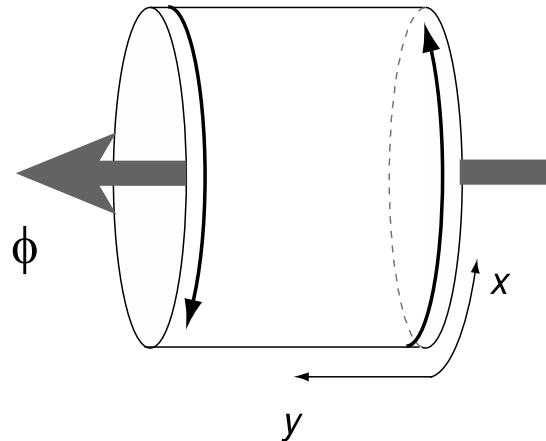


Disorder effects



$$\begin{aligned} j_y &= \frac{(-\nu e)}{L_x T} = \frac{-\nu e}{(h / eE_x)} \\ &= -\nu \frac{e^2}{h} E_x \end{aligned}$$

Edge states



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{potential term} \\
 & H = \frac{1}{2m} \left([-i\partial_x + e(-By)]^2 - \partial_y^2 \right) + U(y) \\
 & \approx -\frac{1}{2m} \partial_y^2 + \frac{m\omega_c^2}{2} (y - y_n)^2 + U(y_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

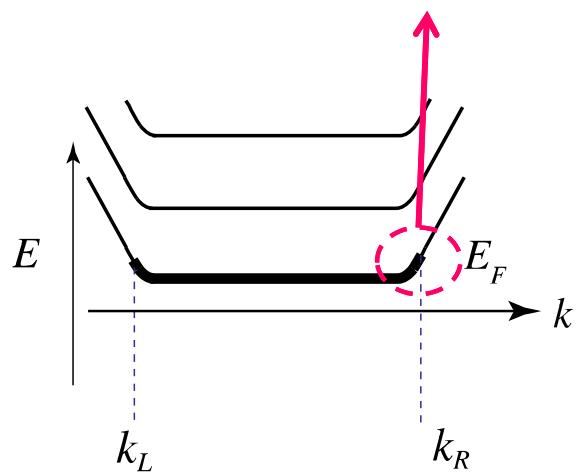
$$\begin{aligned}
 E_N(k_x) &= \hbar\omega_c(N + 1/2) + U(y_n) \\
 &= \hbar\omega_c(N + 1/2) + U(-\ell_B^2 k_x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_n = -\ell_B^2 k_x$$

Edge states

$$E(k) \cong E_F + v_F (k - k_F^R) \quad v_F \equiv \left. \frac{dE(k)}{dk} \right|_{k=k_F^R} > 0$$

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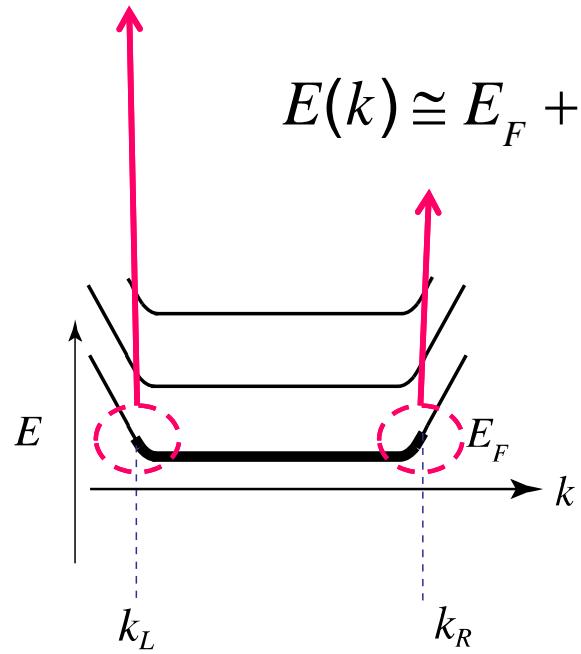
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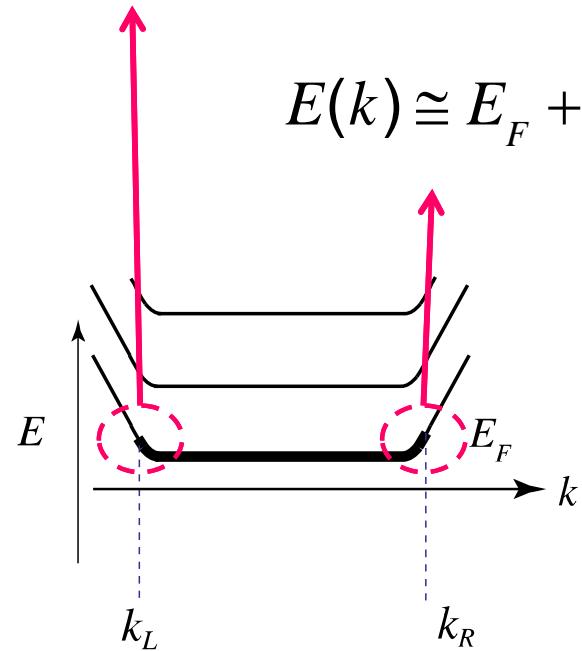
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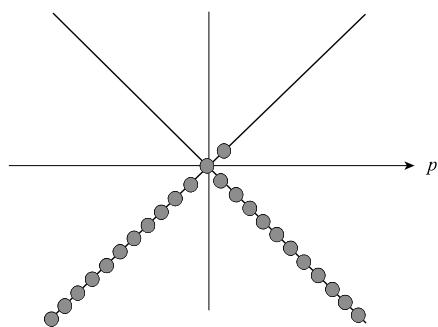
$$\varphi_R(x,t) = e^{ik_F^L x} \psi_R(x,t)$$



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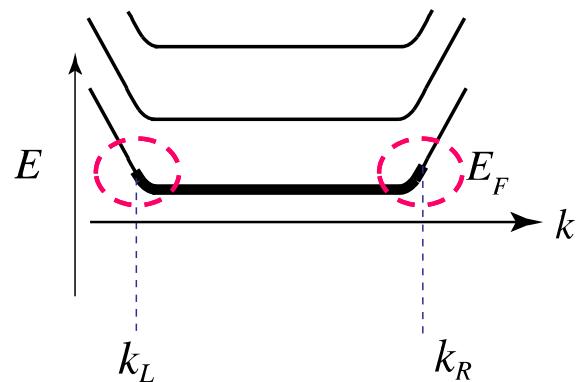
Edge states



$$\left. \begin{aligned} N_R &= \int dx \ \psi_R^+ \psi_R \\ N_L &= \int dx \ \psi_L^+ \psi_L \end{aligned} \right\}$$

2nd quantization formalism

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{N_R - N_L}{2} \right) = \nu \frac{-e}{h} \int dx E_x$$



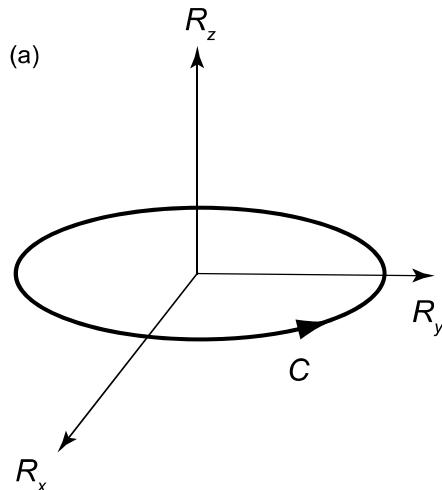
anomaly equation

$$(i\partial_t + eA_0 + i\partial_x - eA_x)\psi_R = 0$$

$$(i\partial_t + eA_0 - i\partial_x + eA_x)\psi_L = 0$$

Berry's phase

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_n[C] &= \int_0^T dt \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{R}}(t) \cdot i\langle n, \boldsymbol{R}(t) | \nabla_{\boldsymbol{R}} | n, \boldsymbol{R}(t) \rangle \\ &= \oint_C d\boldsymbol{R} \cdot i\langle n, \boldsymbol{R} | \nabla_{\boldsymbol{R}} | n, \boldsymbol{R} \rangle \\ &\equiv -\oint_C d\boldsymbol{R} \cdot \boldsymbol{A}_n(\boldsymbol{R}) = -\int_S d\boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{B}_n(\boldsymbol{R})\end{aligned}$$



$$|n, \boldsymbol{R}\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\gamma_n[C]} |n, \boldsymbol{R}\rangle$$

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$$\boldsymbol{A}_n(\boldsymbol{R}) = -i\langle n, \boldsymbol{R} | \nabla_{\boldsymbol{R}} | n, \boldsymbol{R} \rangle$$

Berry connection

$$\boldsymbol{B}_n(\boldsymbol{R}) = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{R}} \times \boldsymbol{A}_n(\boldsymbol{R})$$

Berry curvature

Berry's phase

$$\begin{aligned} |n, \mathbf{R}\rangle' &= e^{i\Lambda(\mathbf{R})} |n, \mathbf{R}\rangle \\ \gamma_n[C] &= A'_n(\mathbf{R}) = -i \left(\langle n, \mathbf{R} | e^{-i\Lambda(\mathbf{R})} \right) \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \left(e^{i\Lambda(\mathbf{R})} |n, \mathbf{R}\rangle \right) \\ &= A_n(\mathbf{R}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \Lambda(\mathbf{R}) \\ &\equiv - \oint_C d\mathbf{R} \cdot A_n(\mathbf{R}) = - \int_S d\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B}_n(\mathbf{R}) \end{aligned}$$

Gauge transformation

$$A_n(\mathbf{R}) = -i \langle n, \mathbf{R} | \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} |n, \mathbf{R}\rangle$$

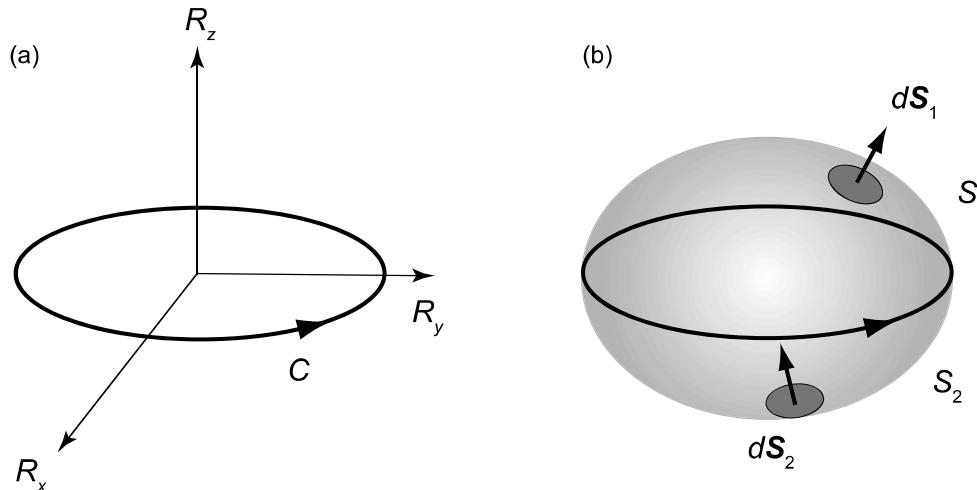
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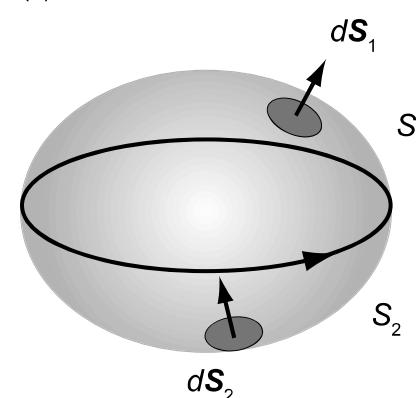
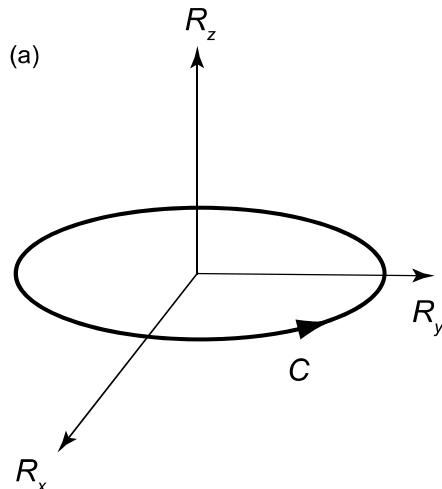


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Berry's phase

$$\int_{S_1} d\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{B}_n(\mathbf{R}) = \int_{S_2} d\mathbf{S}_2 \cdot \mathbf{B}_n(\mathbf{R}) + 2\pi N, \quad N \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\int_{S_1 - S_2} d\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B}_n(\mathbf{R}) = 2\pi N$$

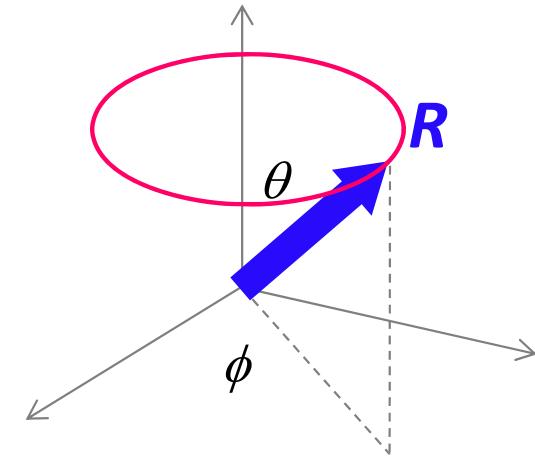


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Berry's phase

$$H[\mathbf{R}] = \mathbf{R} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} R_z & R_x - iR_y \\ R_x + iR_y & -R_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|+, \mathbf{R}\rangle = e^{i\psi/2} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi/2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{-i\phi/2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 A_+(\mathbf{R}) &= -i \langle +, \mathbf{R} | \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} | +, \mathbf{R} \rangle \\
 &= -ie^{+i\frac{\psi}{2}} \left(e^{+i\frac{\phi}{2}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, e^{-i\frac{\phi}{2}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \\
 &\quad \cdot e^{-i\frac{\psi}{2}} \left(-\frac{i}{2} \nabla(\psi + \phi) e^{-i\frac{\phi}{2}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \theta e^{-i\frac{\phi}{2}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. -\frac{i}{2} \nabla(\psi - \phi) e^{+i\frac{\phi}{2}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla \theta e^{+i\frac{\phi}{2}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \\
 &= -i \left[-\frac{i}{2} \nabla \psi - \frac{i}{2} \nabla \phi \left(\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\nabla \psi - \nabla \phi \cos \theta \right)
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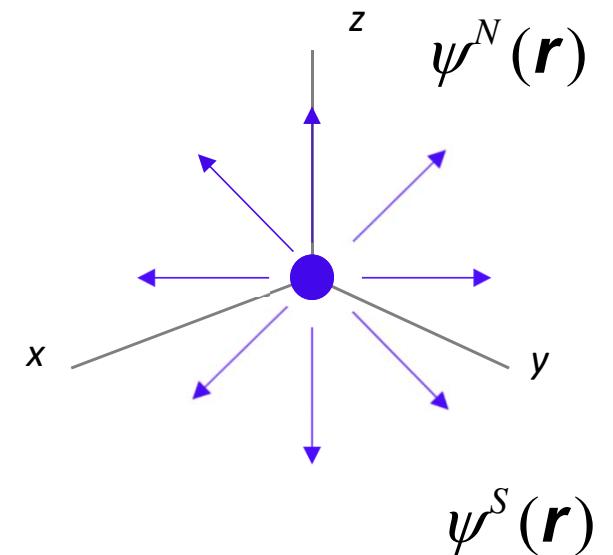
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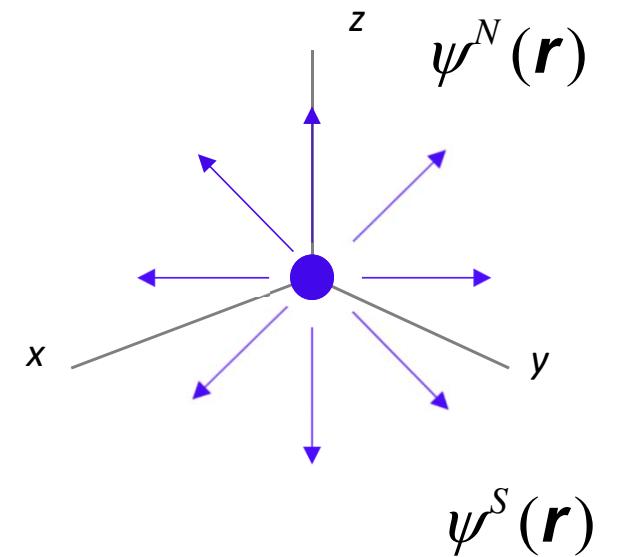
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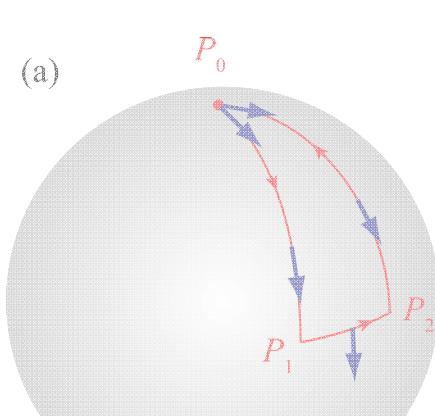
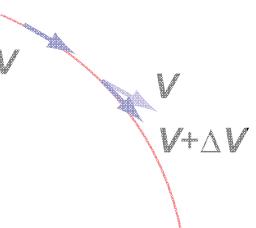
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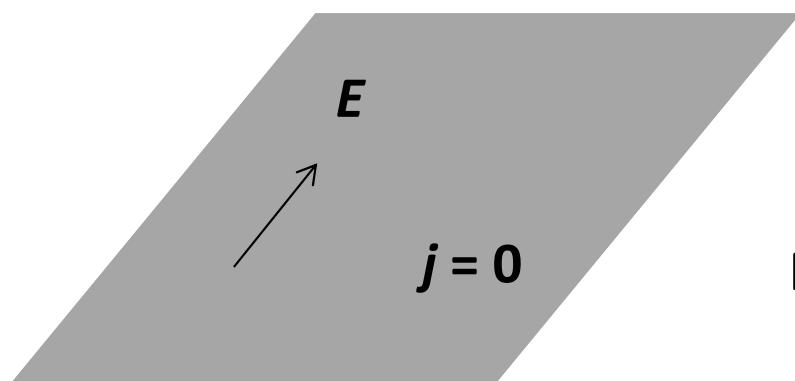
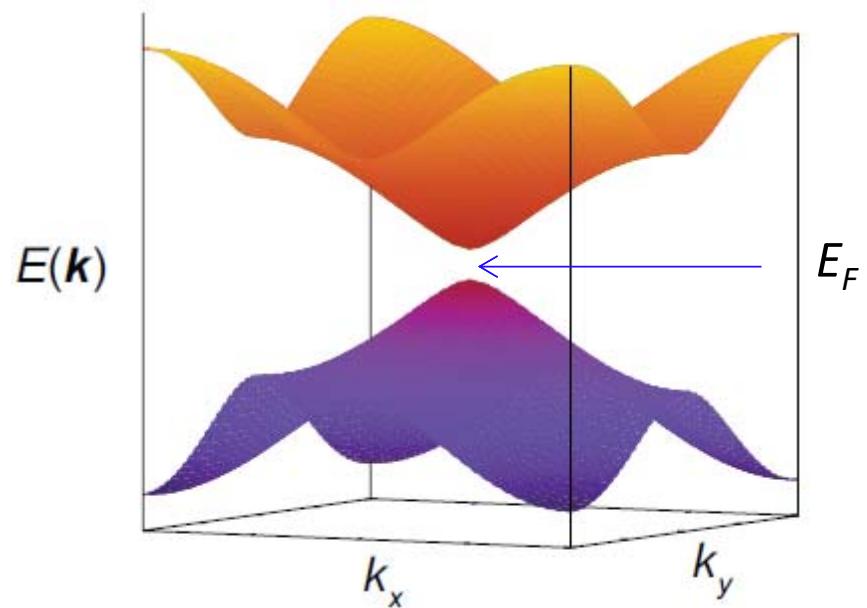
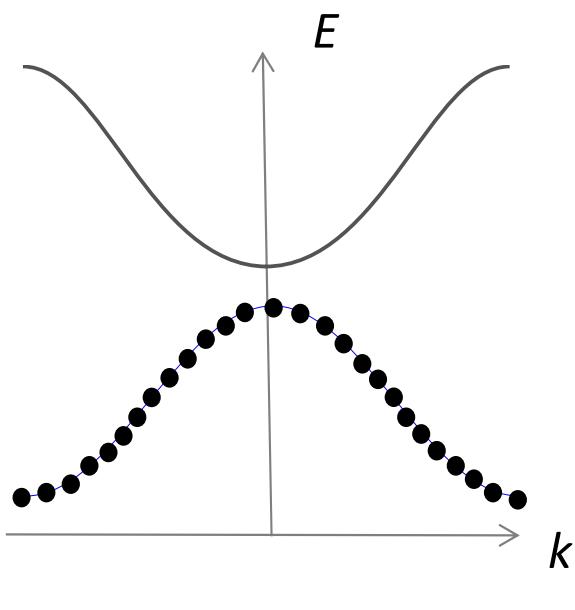
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Geometry and Quantum Mechanics

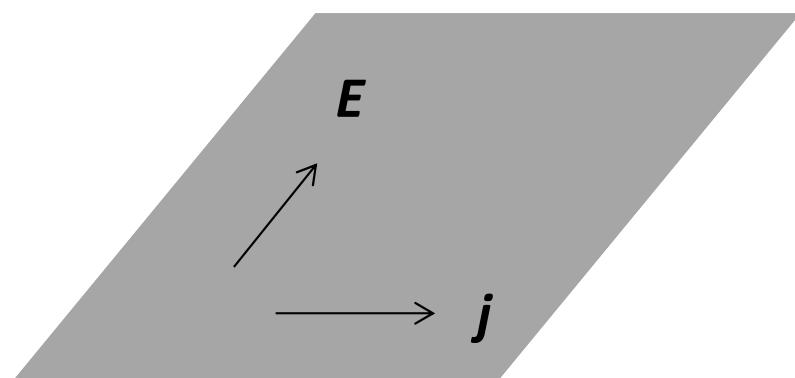
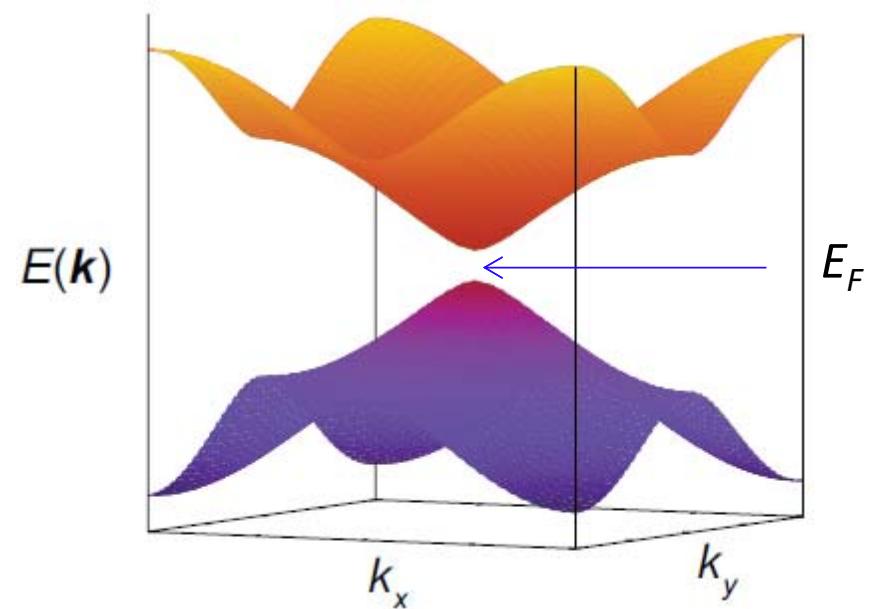
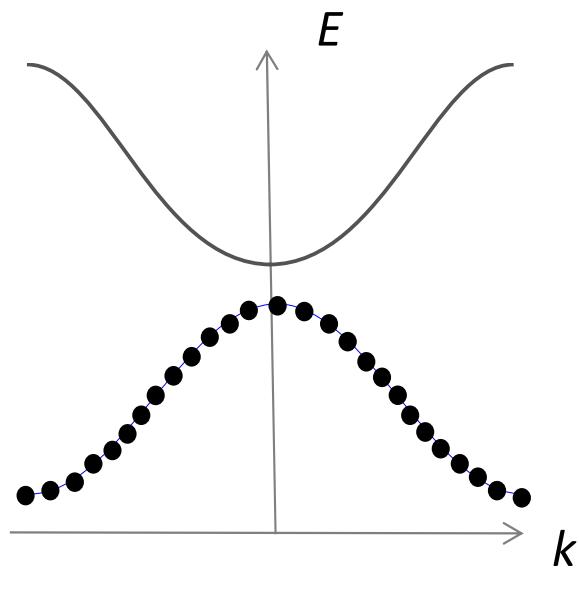
	Curved space	Quantum system
basis	$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i(\mathbf{x})$	$ n, \mathbf{R}\rangle$
differential	$\partial_i V^j \rightarrow \partial_i V^j + \Gamma_{ik}^j V^k = D_i V^j$	$\partial_{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow \partial_{\mathbf{R}} + i\mathbf{A} = D_{\mathbf{R}}$
connection	$\Gamma_{ji}^k(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mathbf{e}}^k(\mathbf{x}) \partial_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i(\mathbf{x})$	$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{R}) = -i \langle n, \mathbf{R} \partial_{\mathbf{R}} n, \mathbf{R} \rangle$
curvature	$(D_a D_b - D_b D_a)V^j = R_{iab}^j V^i$	$D_x D_y - D_y D_x = iB_z$
	 <p>(a)</p>	 <p>(b)</p>

Trivial band insulator



No current flows

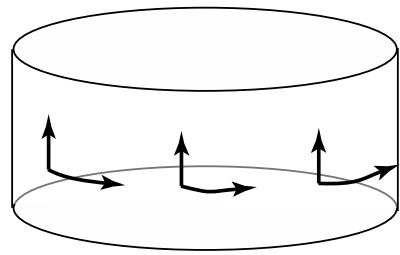
Non-trivial band insulator



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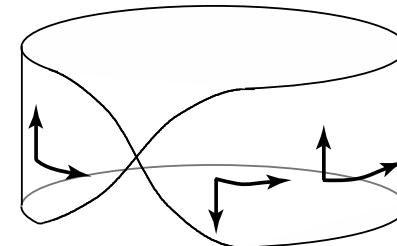
QHE

Topology?



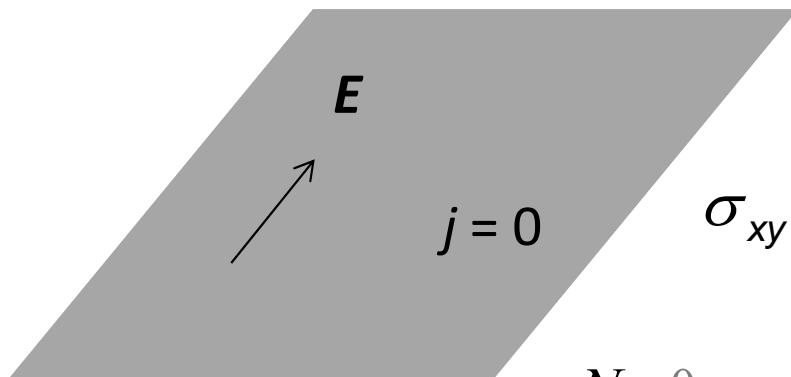
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topologically trivial

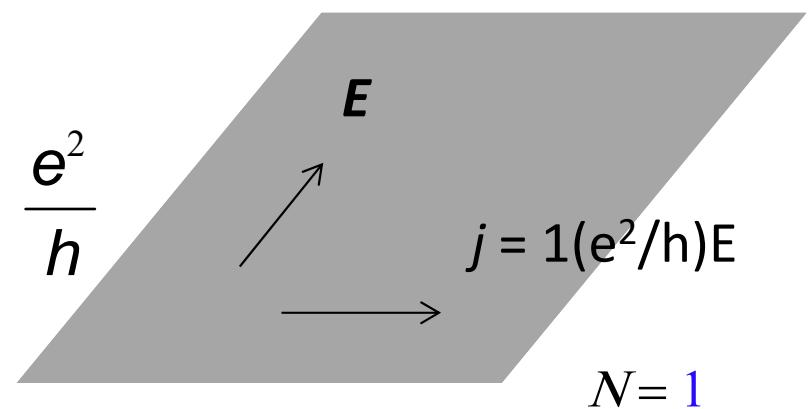


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topologically nontrivial



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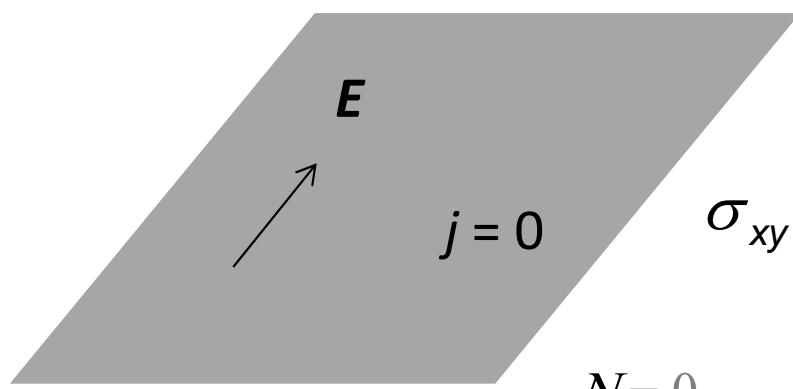


Hall conductivity

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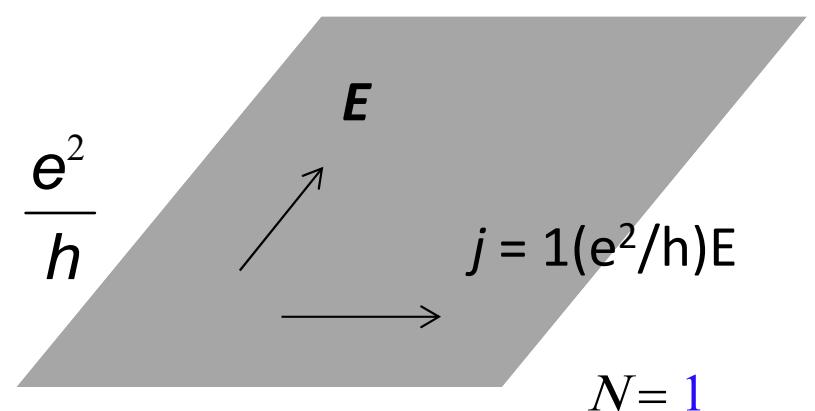
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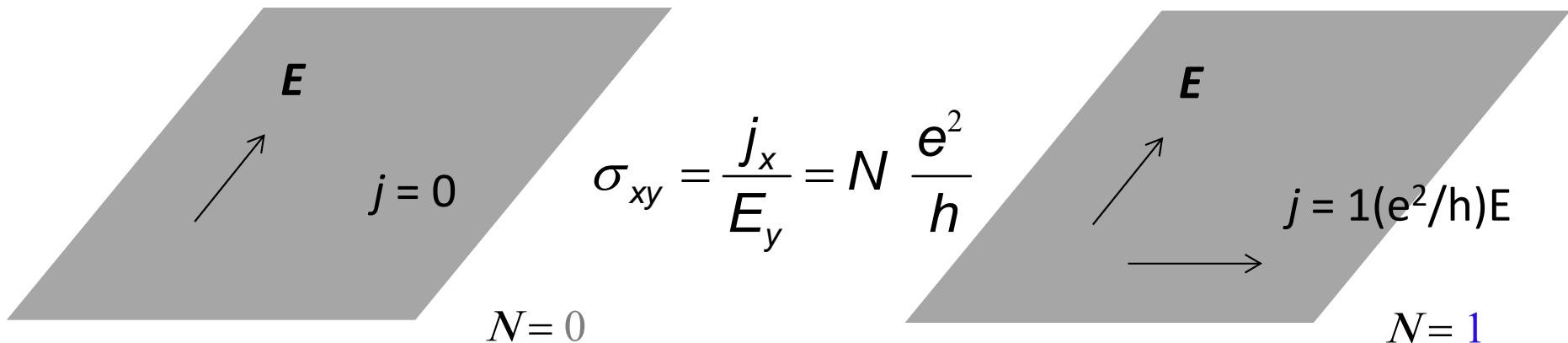
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Hall conductivity

$$\color{blue} \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{k}) = -i \sum_n \langle u_{n\mathbf{k}} | \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | u_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$

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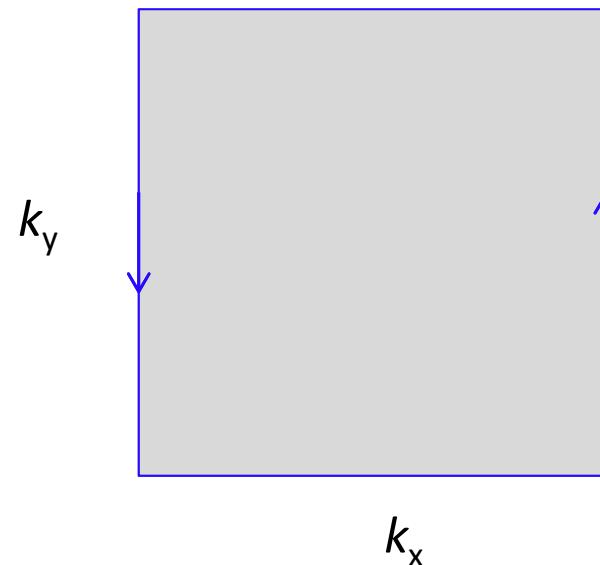
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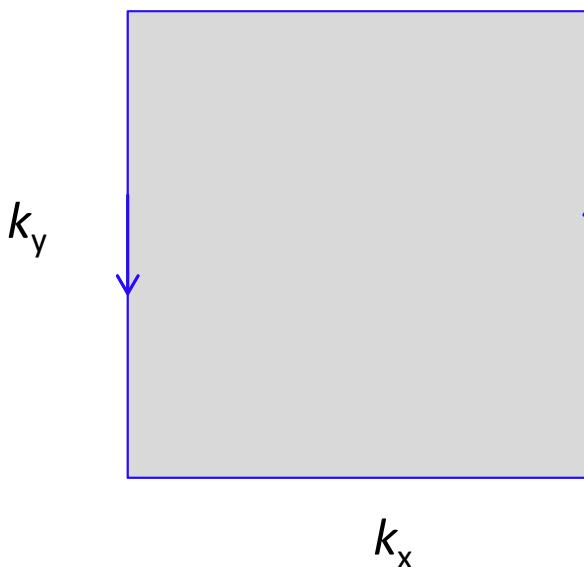


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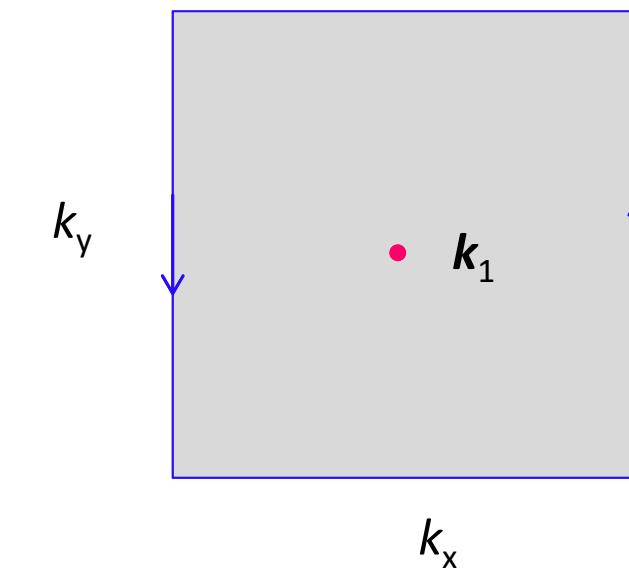
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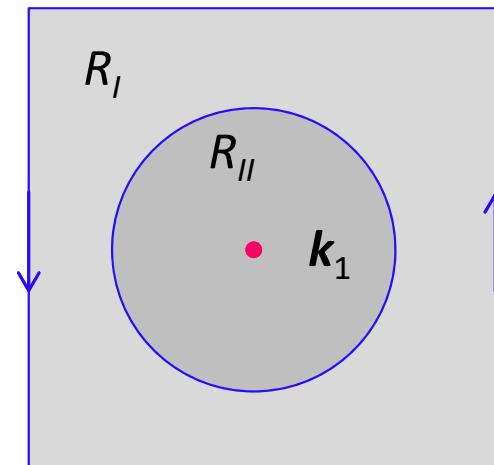
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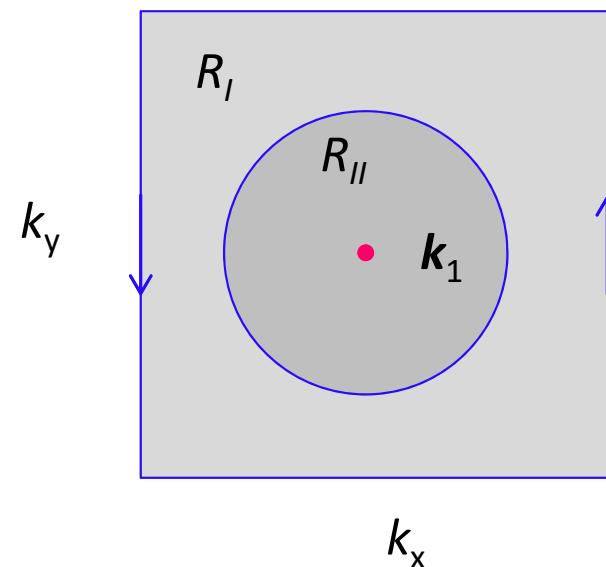


k_x

Hall conductivity

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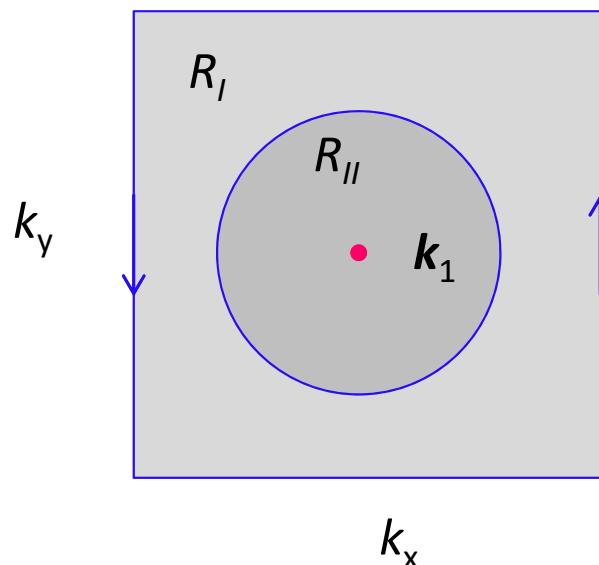
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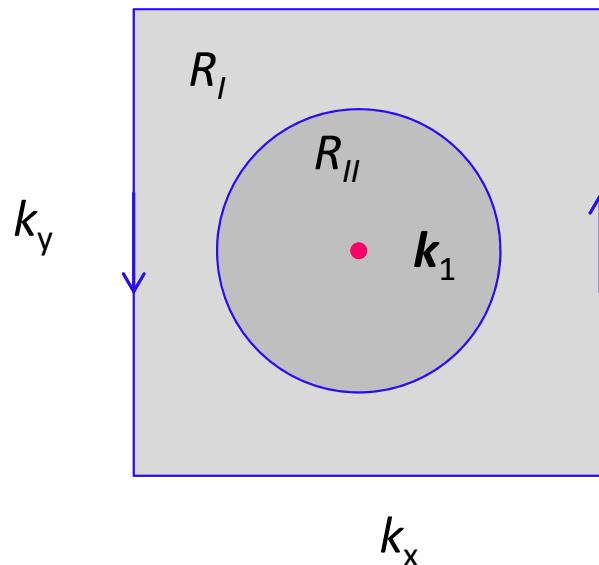
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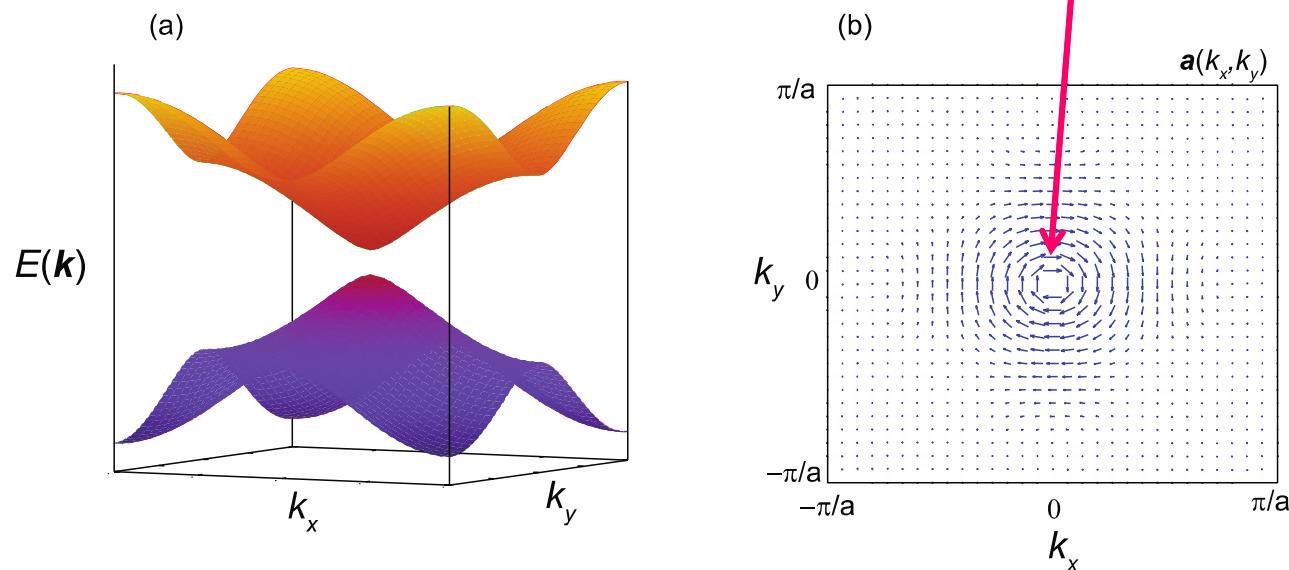
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 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \underbrace{\oint_C d\mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_k \chi(\mathbf{k})}_{2\pi N} \quad \left| u_{n\mathbf{k}}^I \right\rangle = e^{i\chi(\mathbf{k})} \left| u_{n\mathbf{k}}^{II} \right\rangle \\
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Hall conductivity

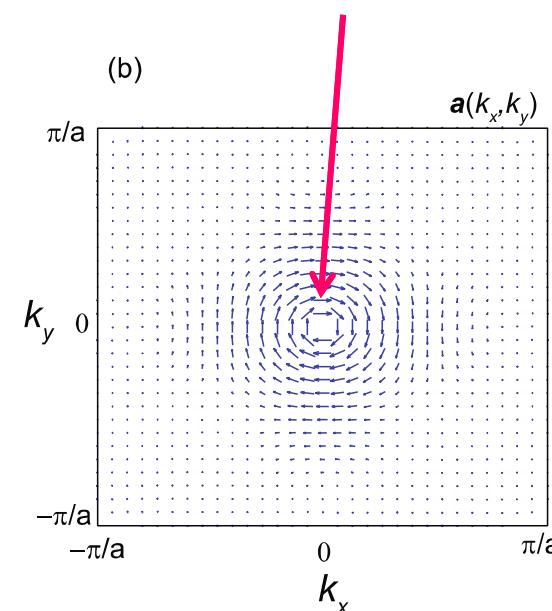
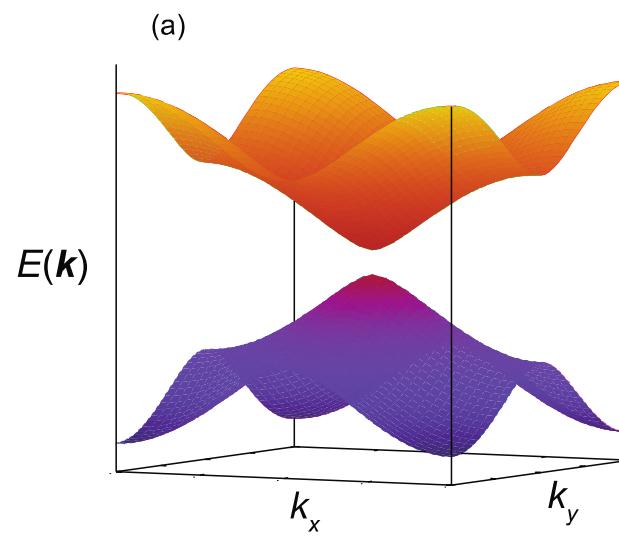
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Hall conductivity

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) &= \epsilon(\mathbf{k}) + \mathbf{R}(k_x, k_y) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon(\mathbf{k}) + R_z(\mathbf{k}) & R_x(\mathbf{k}) - iR_y(\mathbf{k}) \\ R_x(\mathbf{k}) + iR_y(\mathbf{k}) & \epsilon(\mathbf{k}) - R_z(\mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

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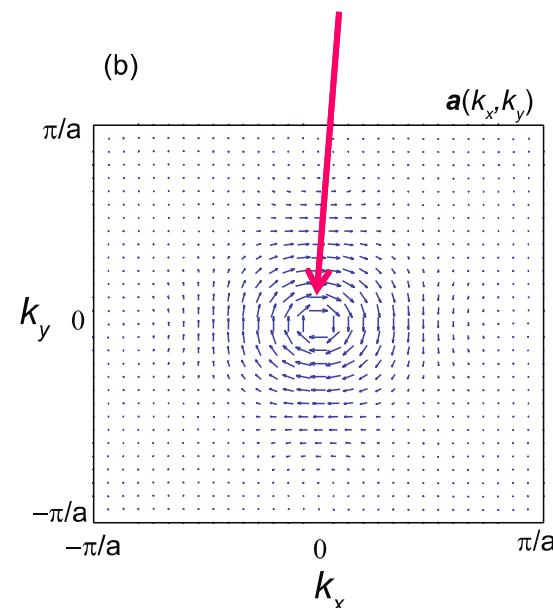


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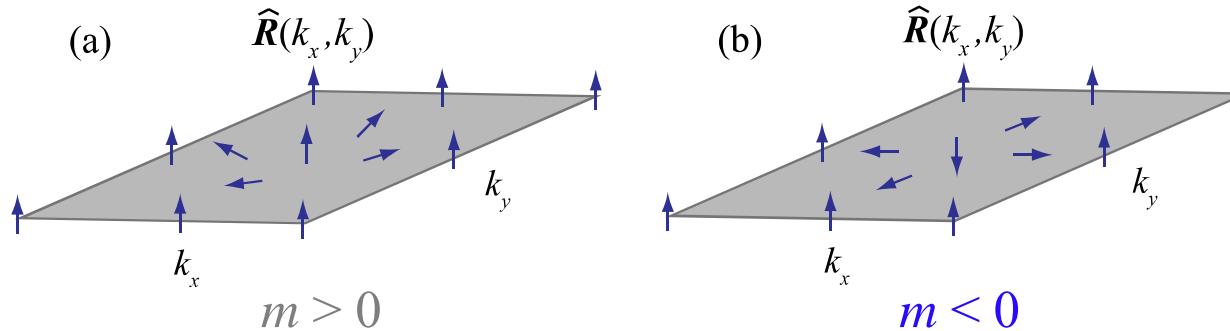
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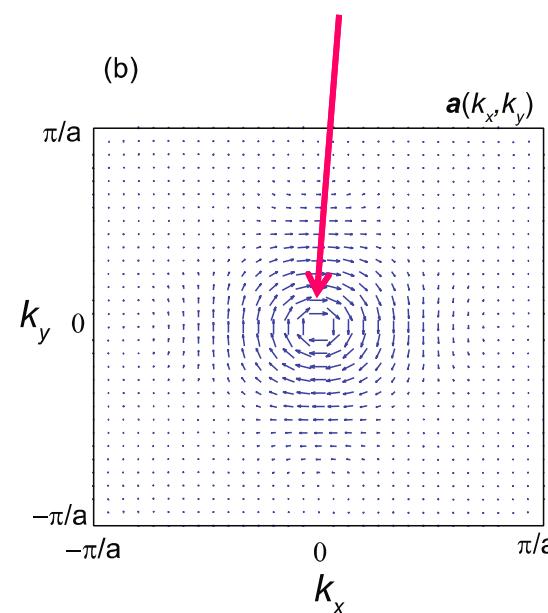
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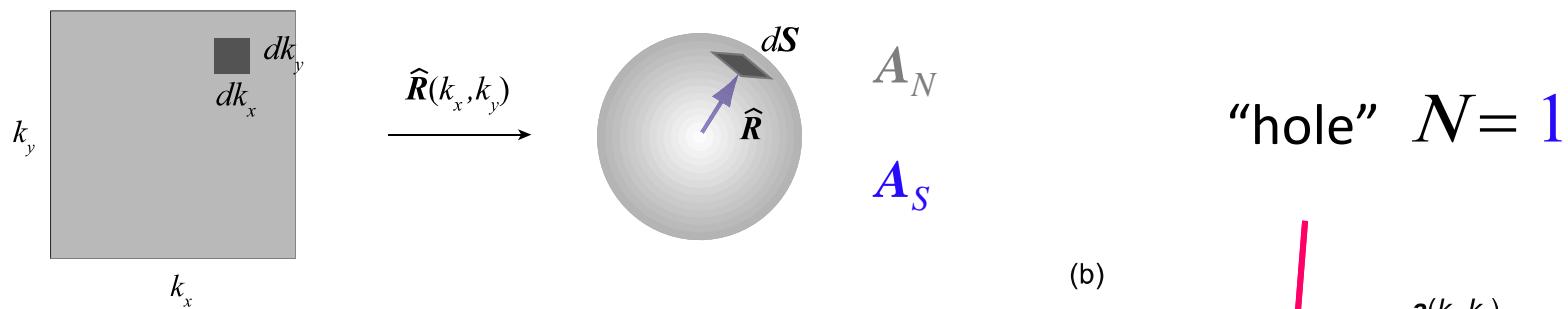
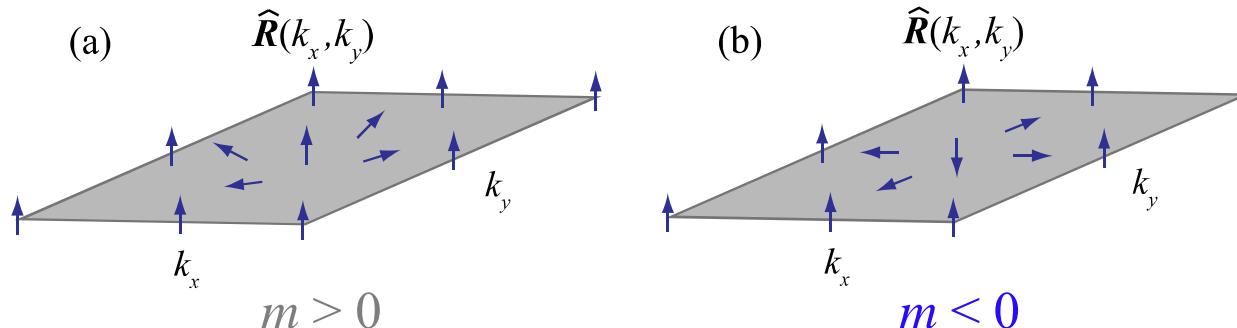
$$\mathbf{R}(k_x, k_y) = \begin{pmatrix} R_x(\mathbf{k}) \\ R_y(\mathbf{k}) \\ R_z(\mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \sin k_x a \\ t \sin k_y a \\ m + r \sum_{\mu=x,y} [1 - \cos k_\mu a] \end{pmatrix}$$

“hole” $N=1$

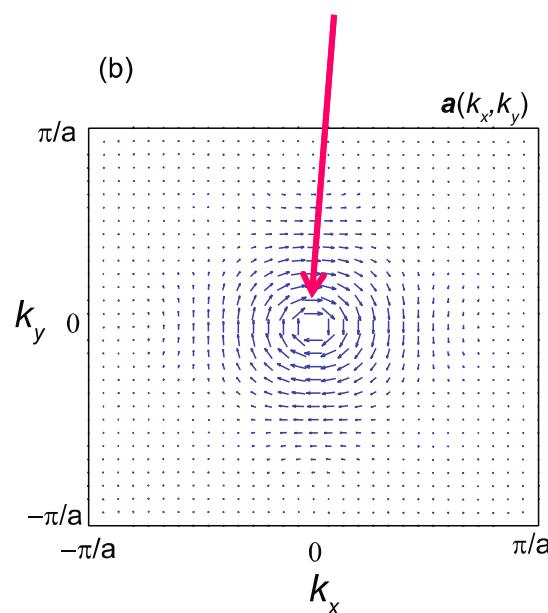
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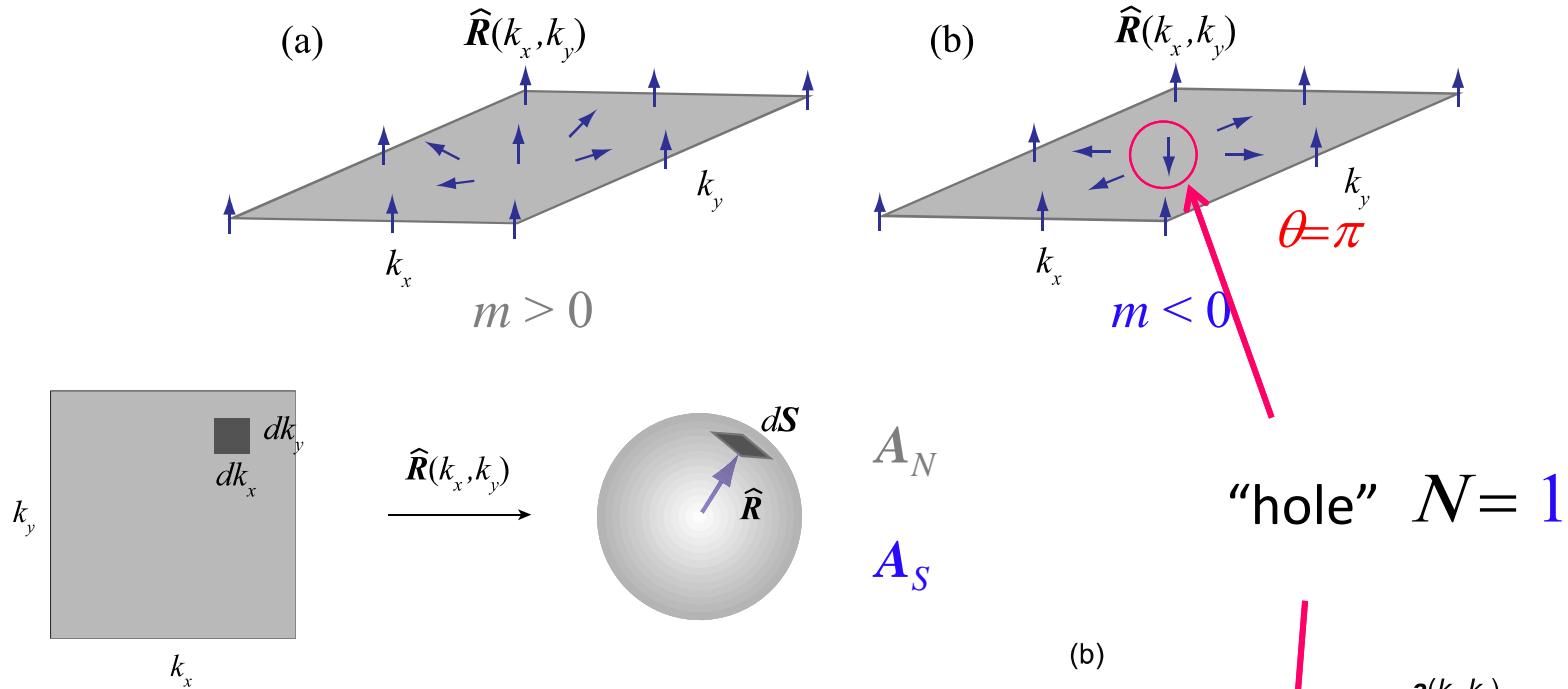
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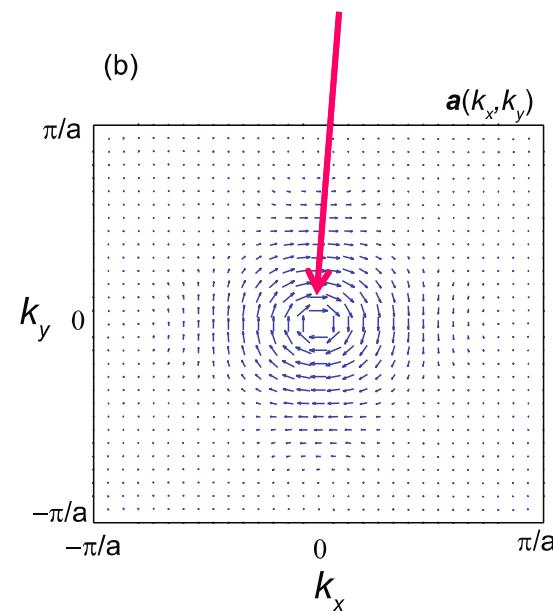


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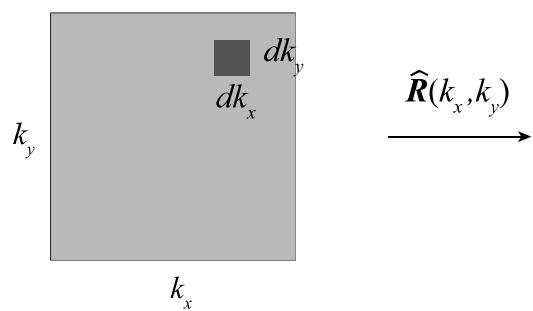
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$$A_N(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2R \sin \theta} \mathbf{e}_\phi$$



Hall conductivity

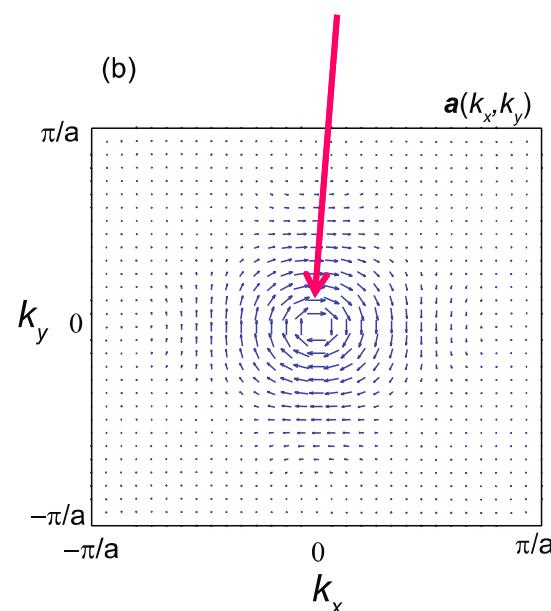
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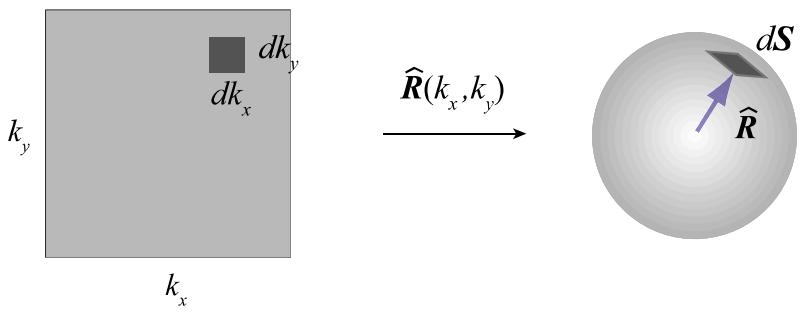
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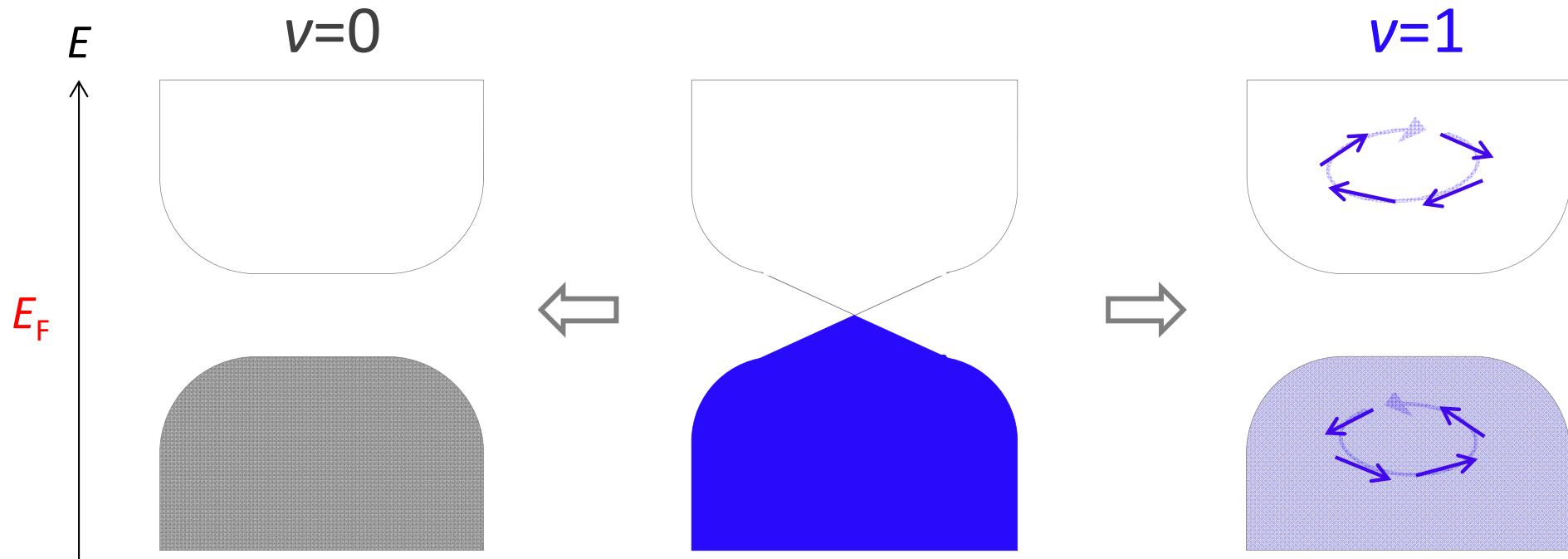
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How topology changes?

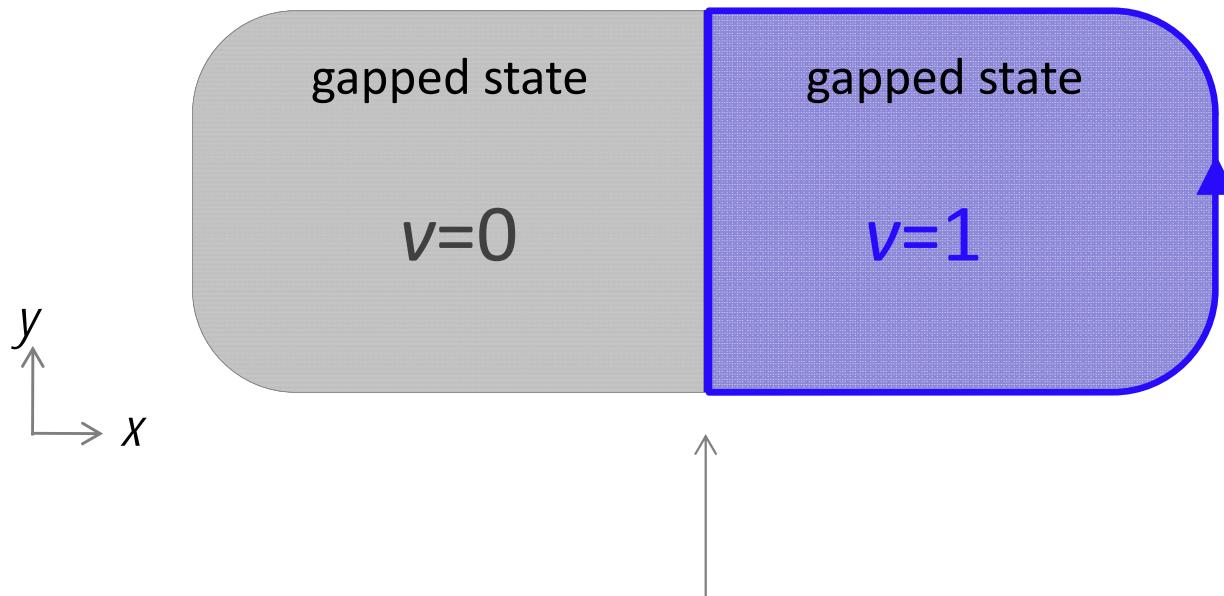
Transition between different topological phases
for example $\nu = 0$ and 1



The gap closes
at the transition point

Edge states

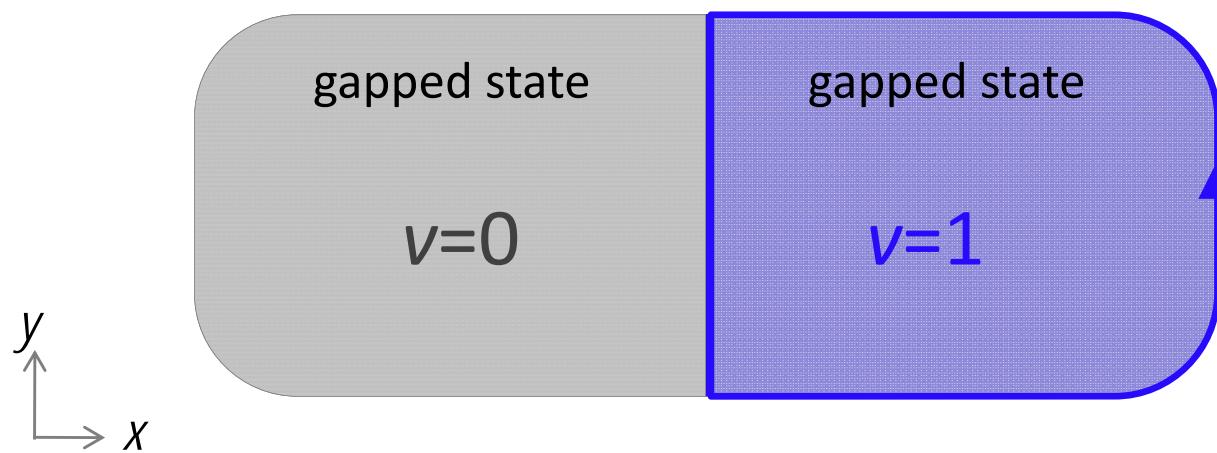
Two topologically distinct insulators
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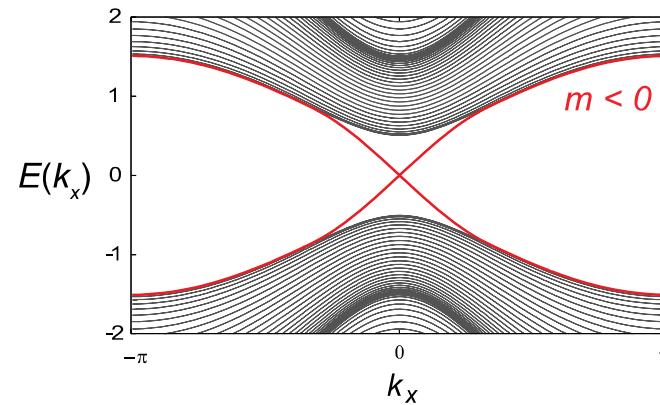
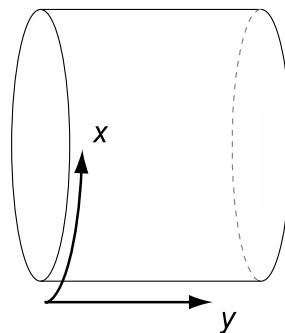
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(a)

(b)



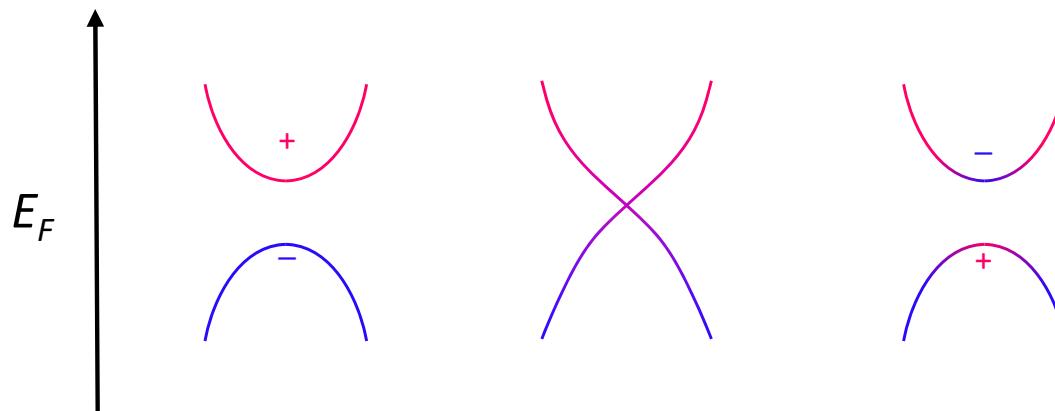
Introduction to Topological Insulators

Kentaro Nomura (IMR, Tohoku)

outline

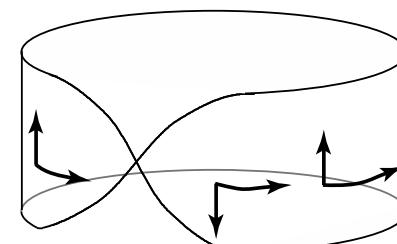
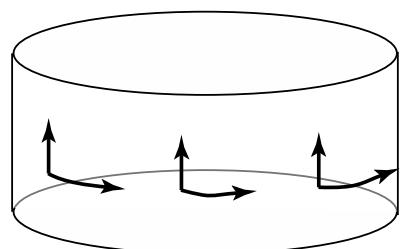
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What is topology insulators?

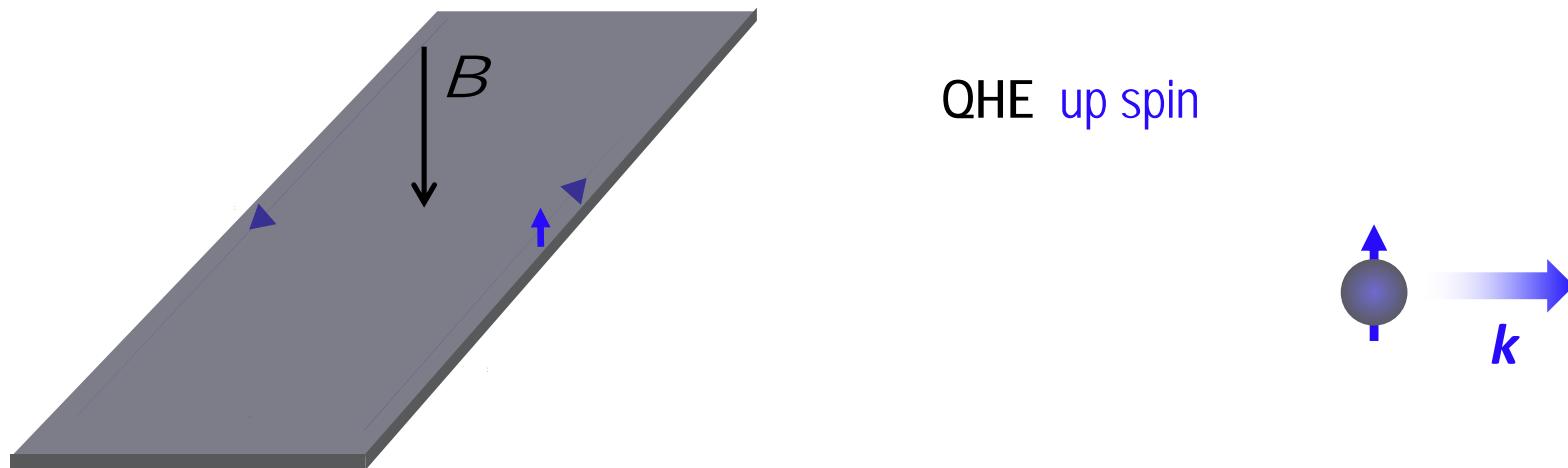


Trivial insulator

topological insulator

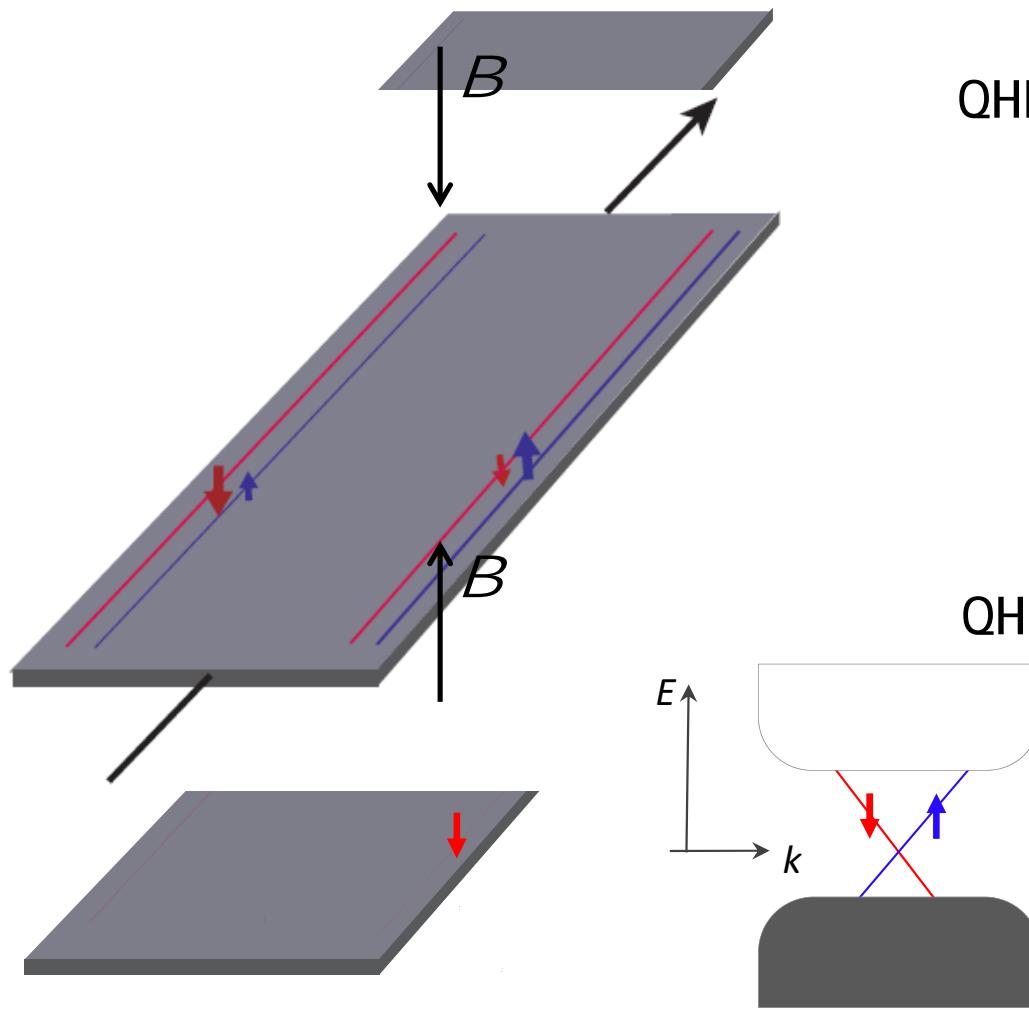


Basic idea



Quantum Hall Effect (QHE) is realized when time-reversal symmetry is broken

Basic idea



Quantum spin Hall effect (QSHE)

QHE up spin
Theory

Kane-Mele (2005)

Bernevig-Zhang (2006)

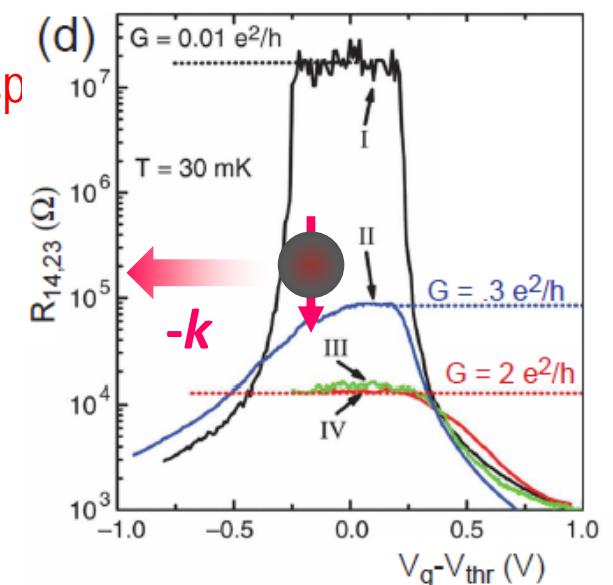
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Experiment

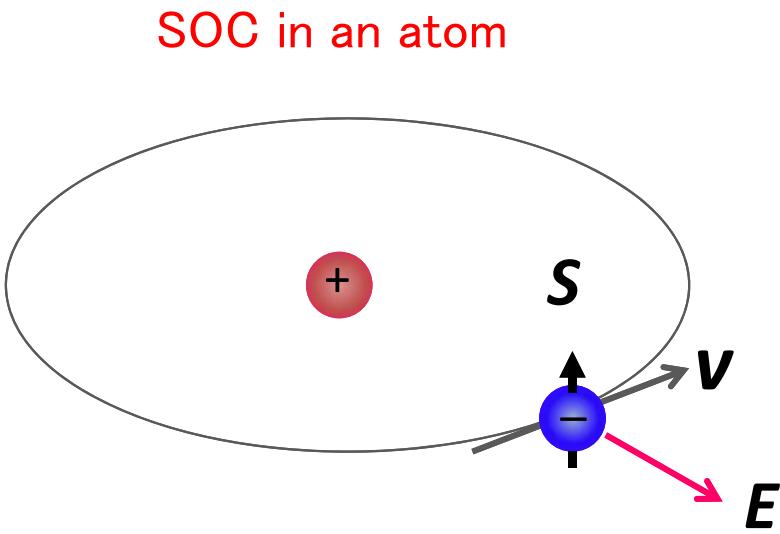
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HgTe QW

QHE down sp



Spin–Orbit Coupling (SOC)



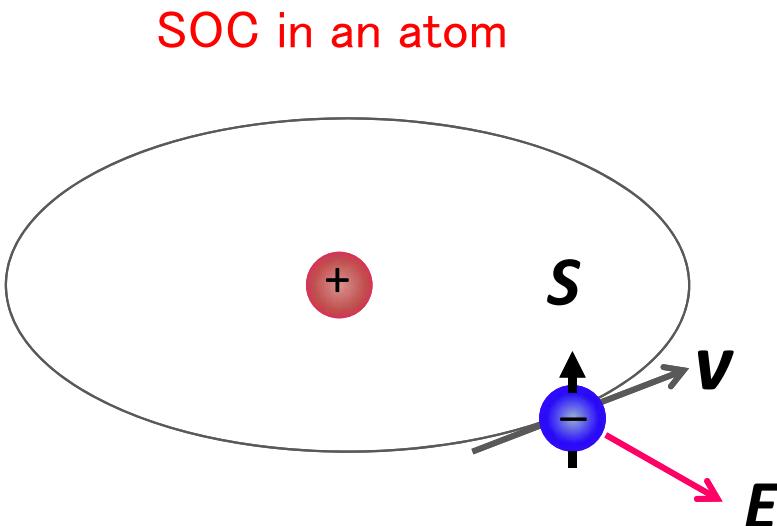
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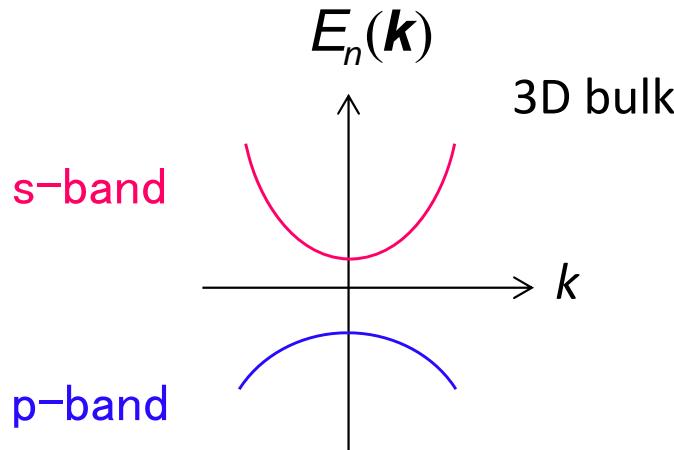
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Analogy with a magnetic field

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Insulator (Semiconductor)



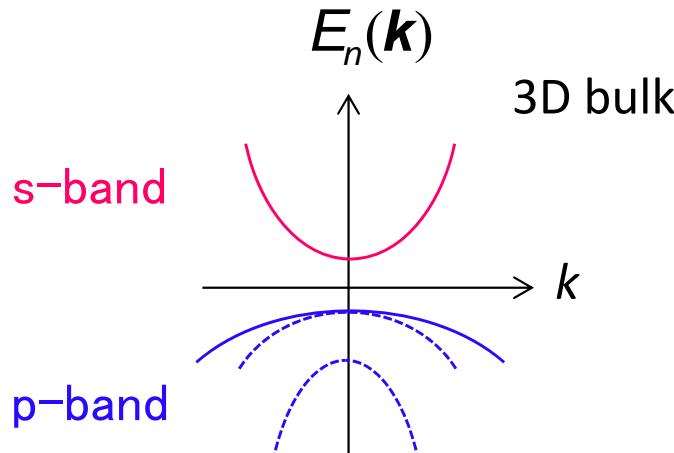
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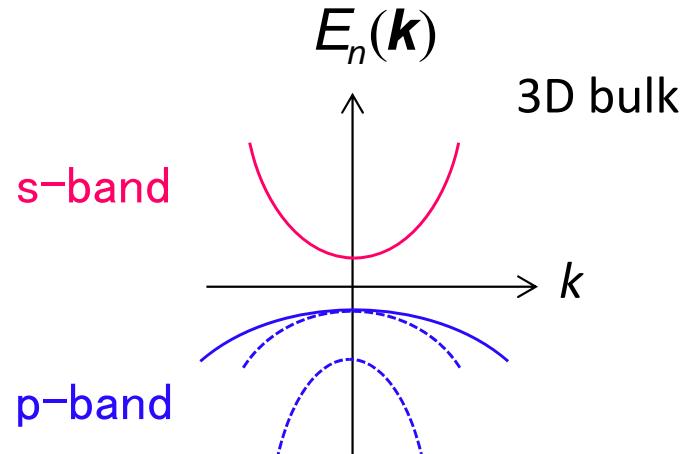
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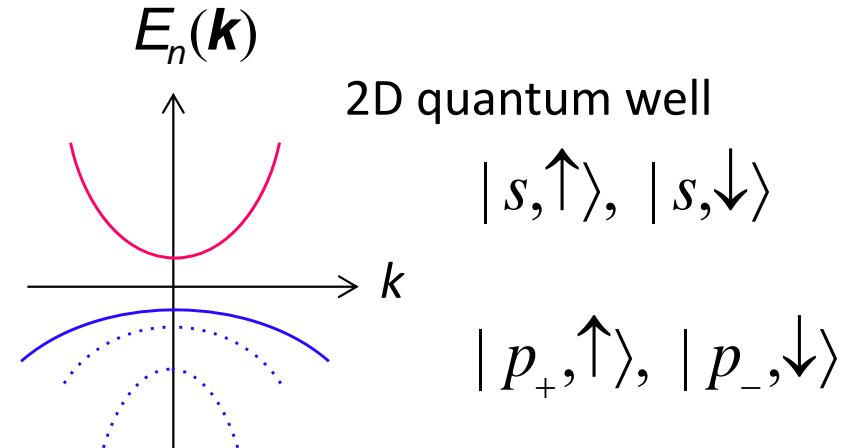
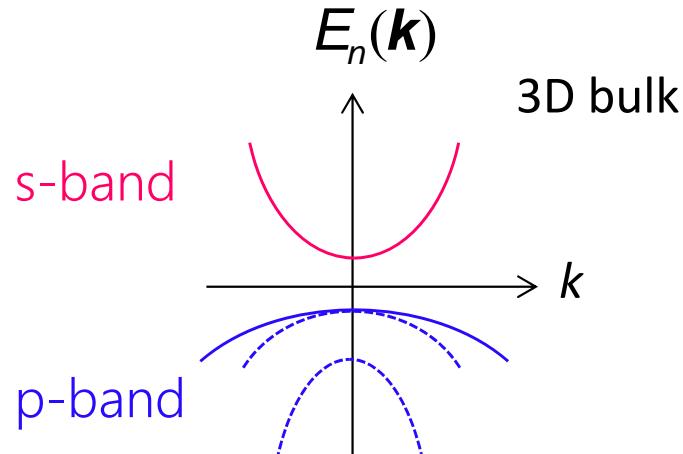
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2D (quantum well)



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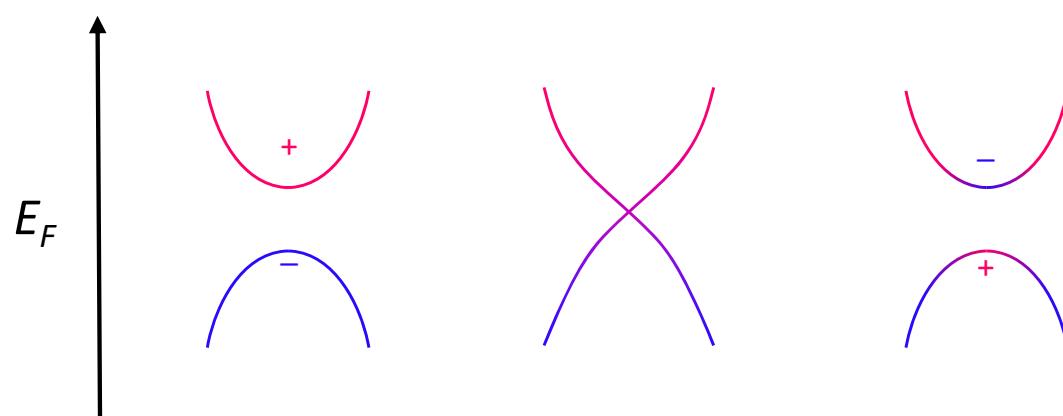
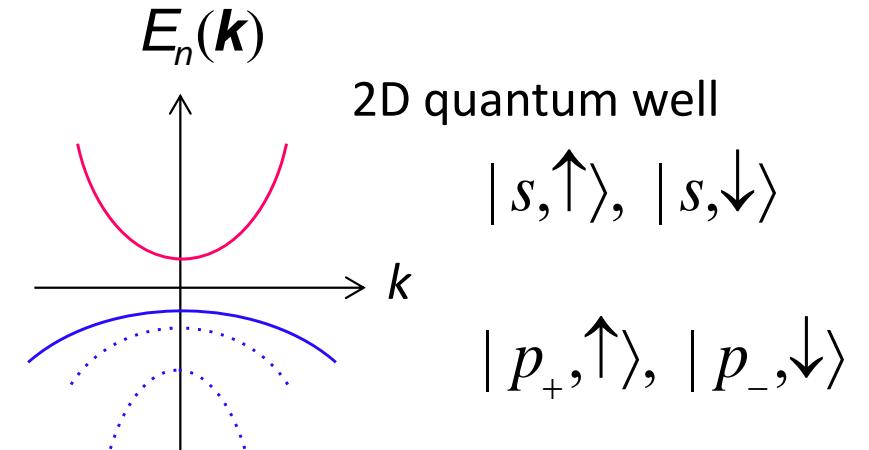
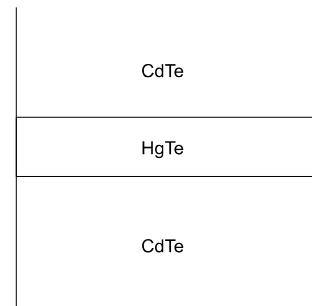
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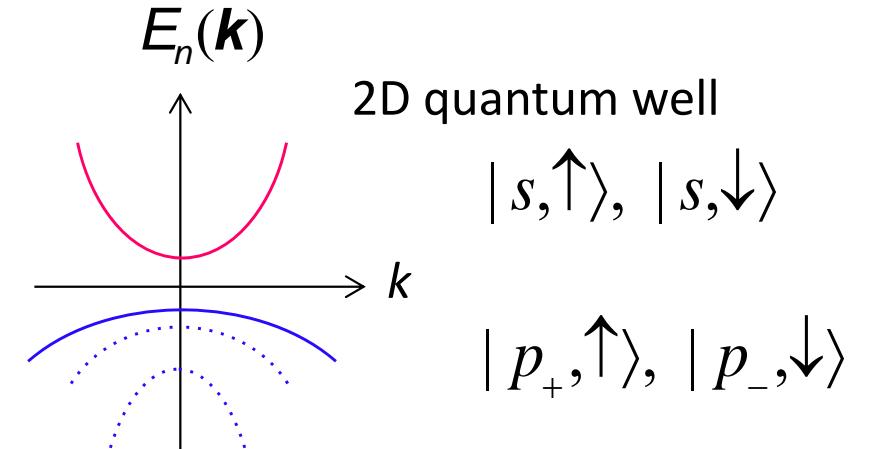
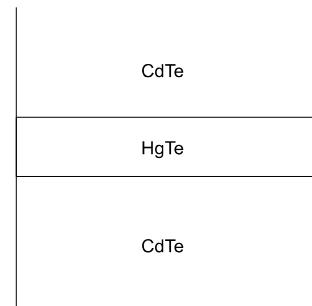
2dTI in HgTe/CdTe quantum well



Trivial insulator

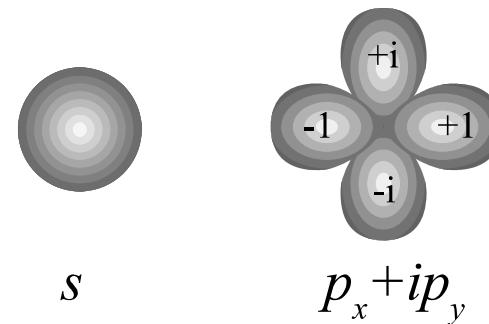
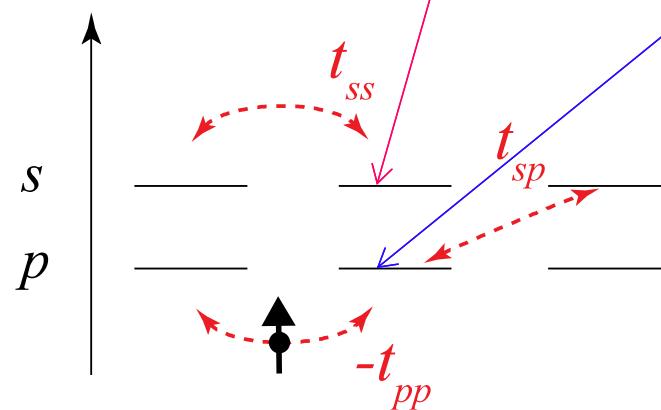
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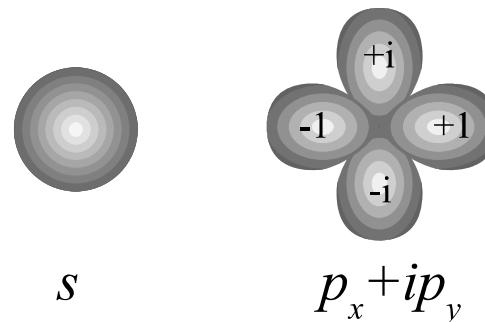
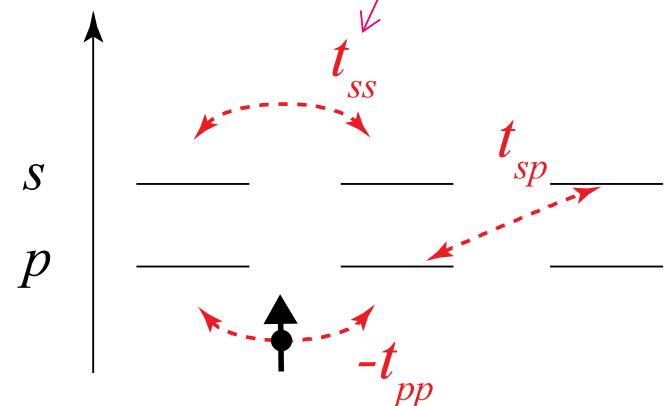


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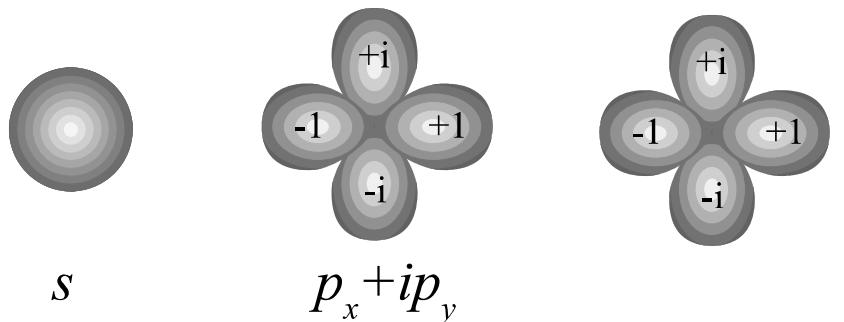
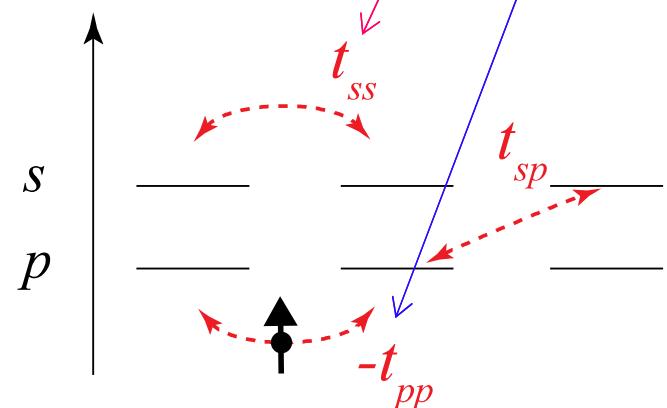
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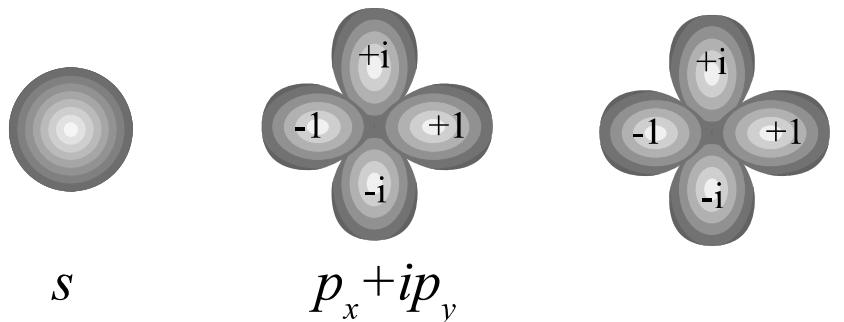
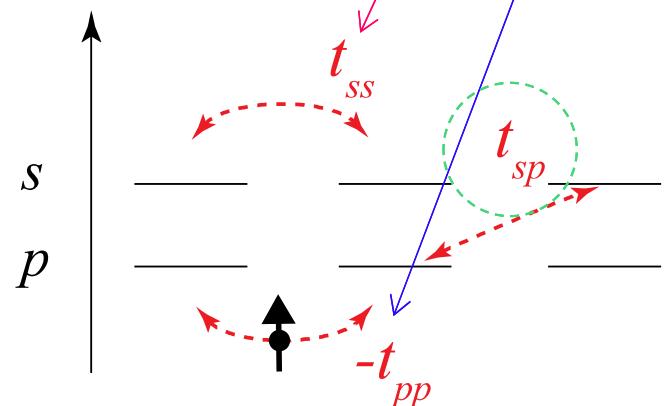
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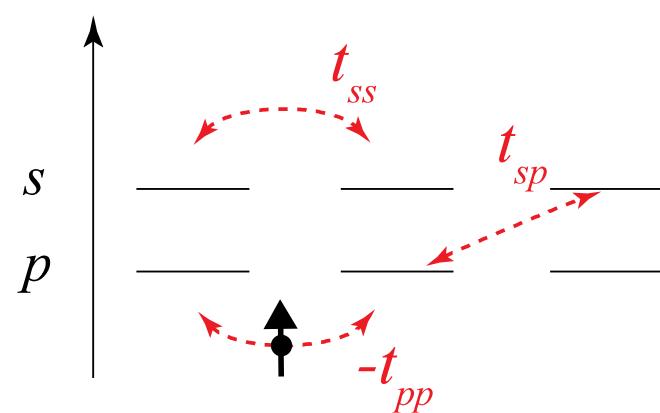
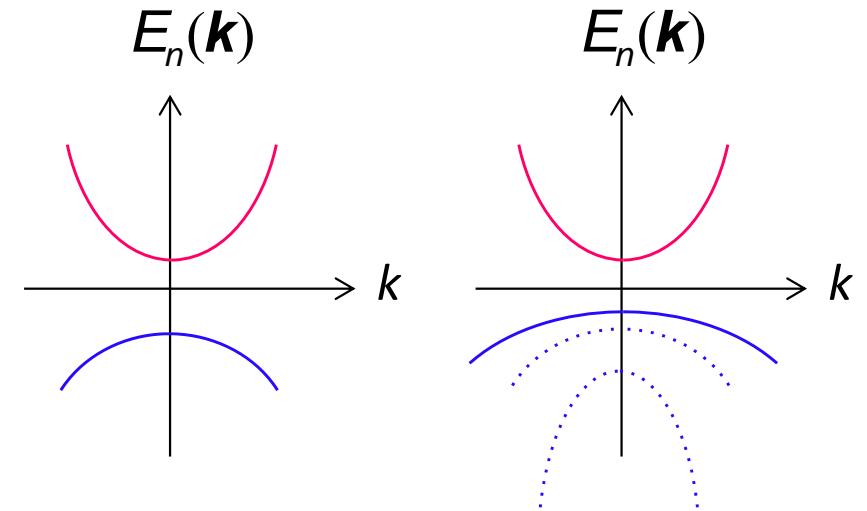
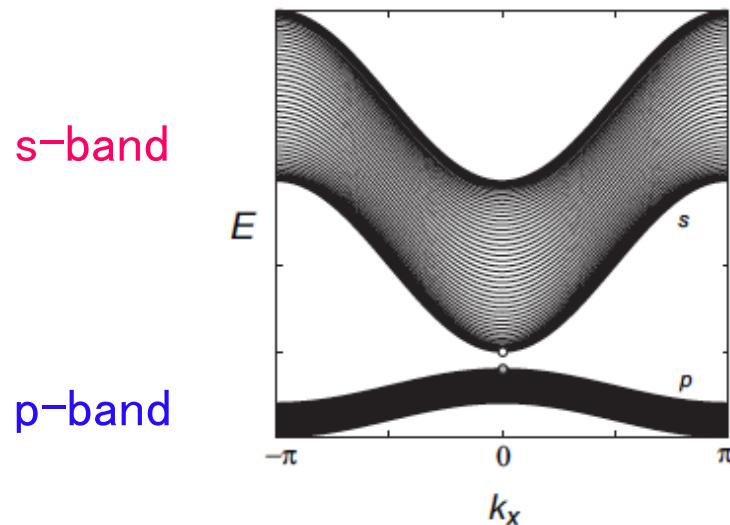
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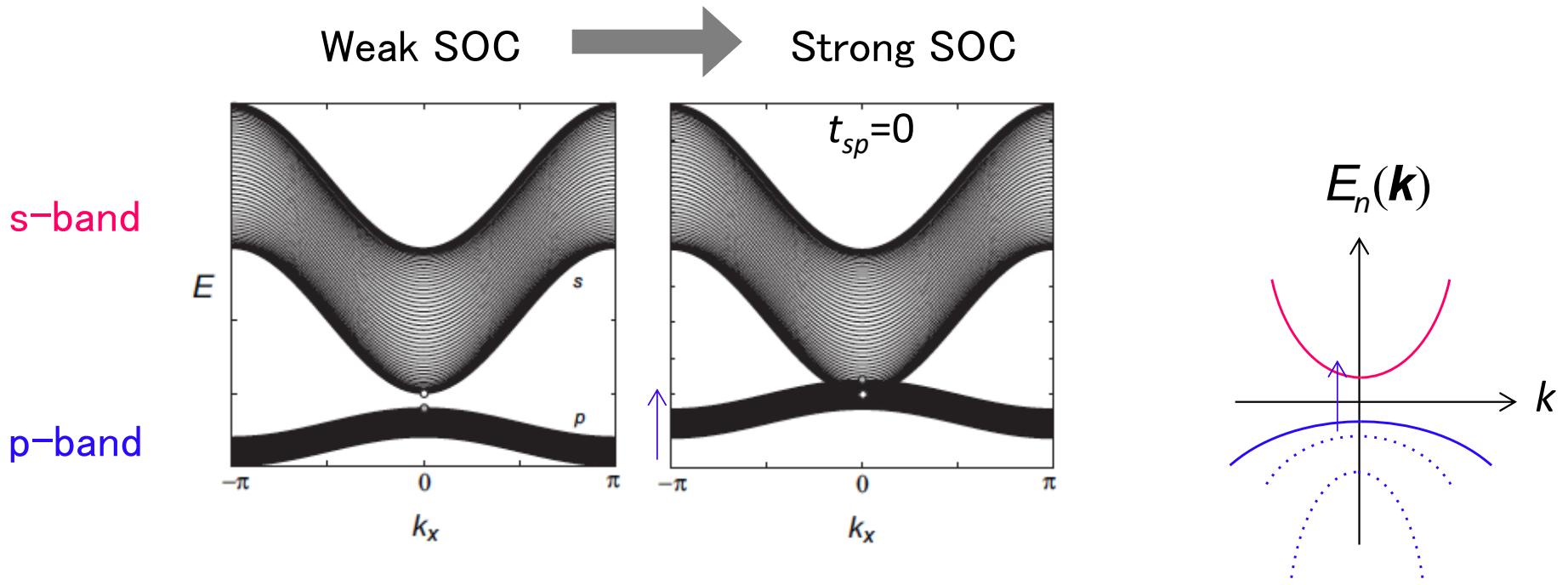


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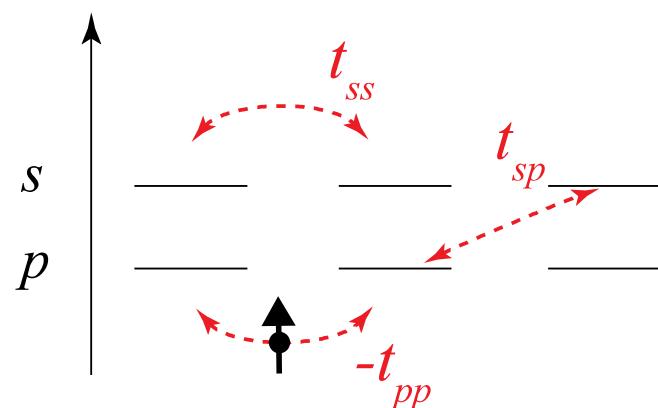


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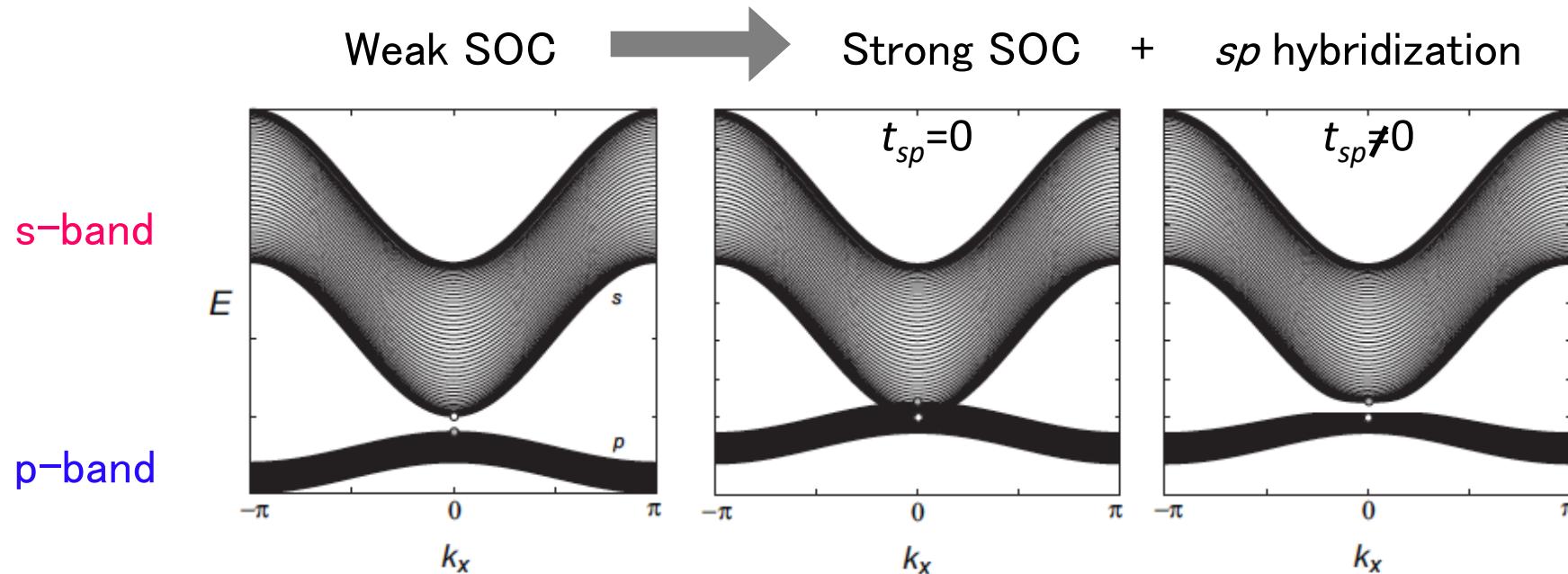
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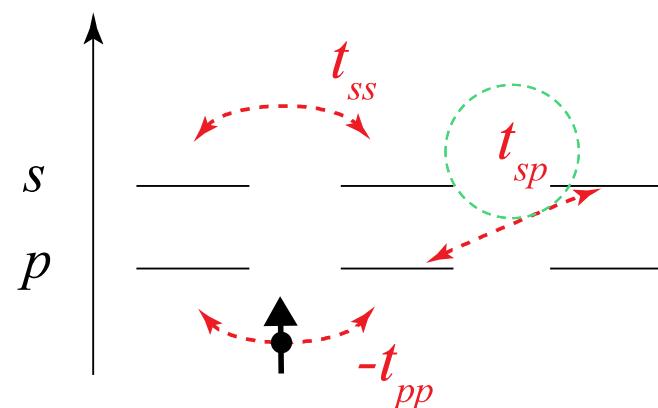
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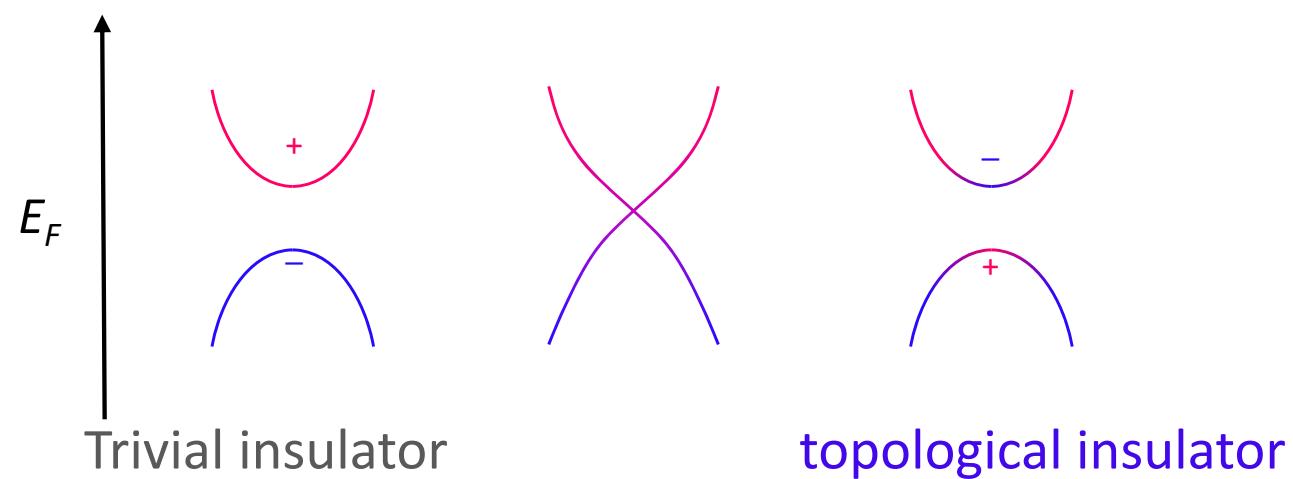
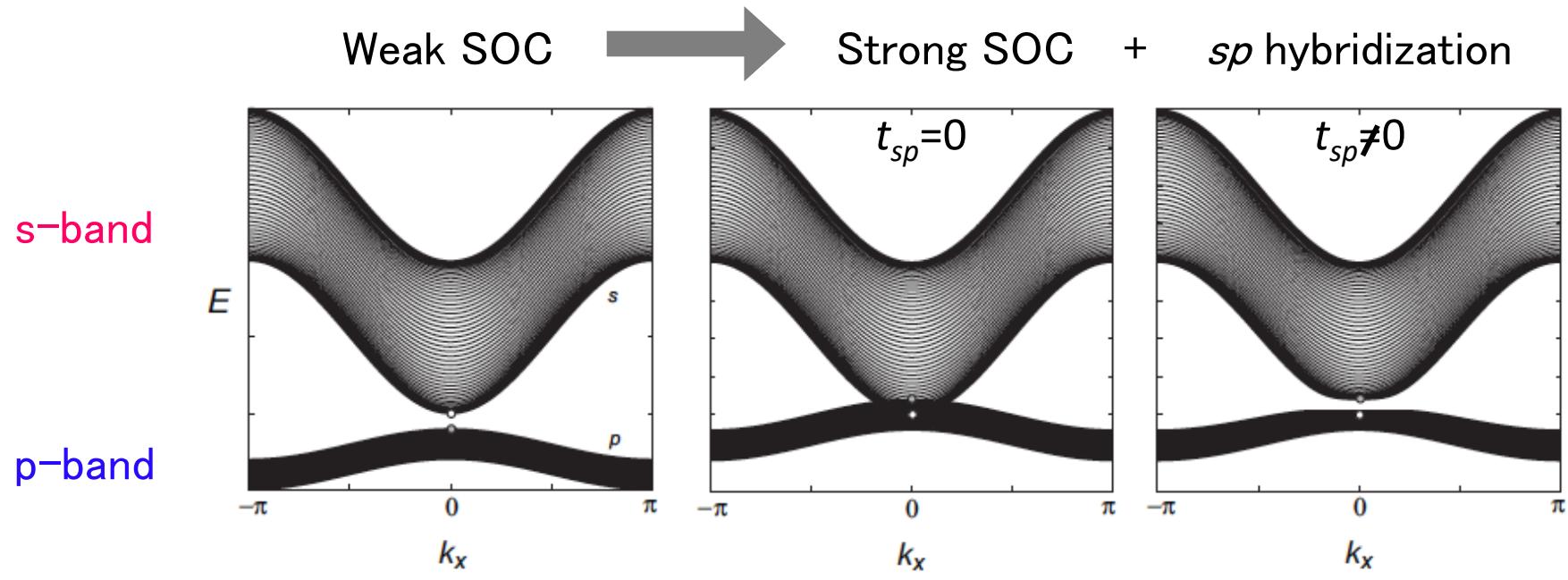
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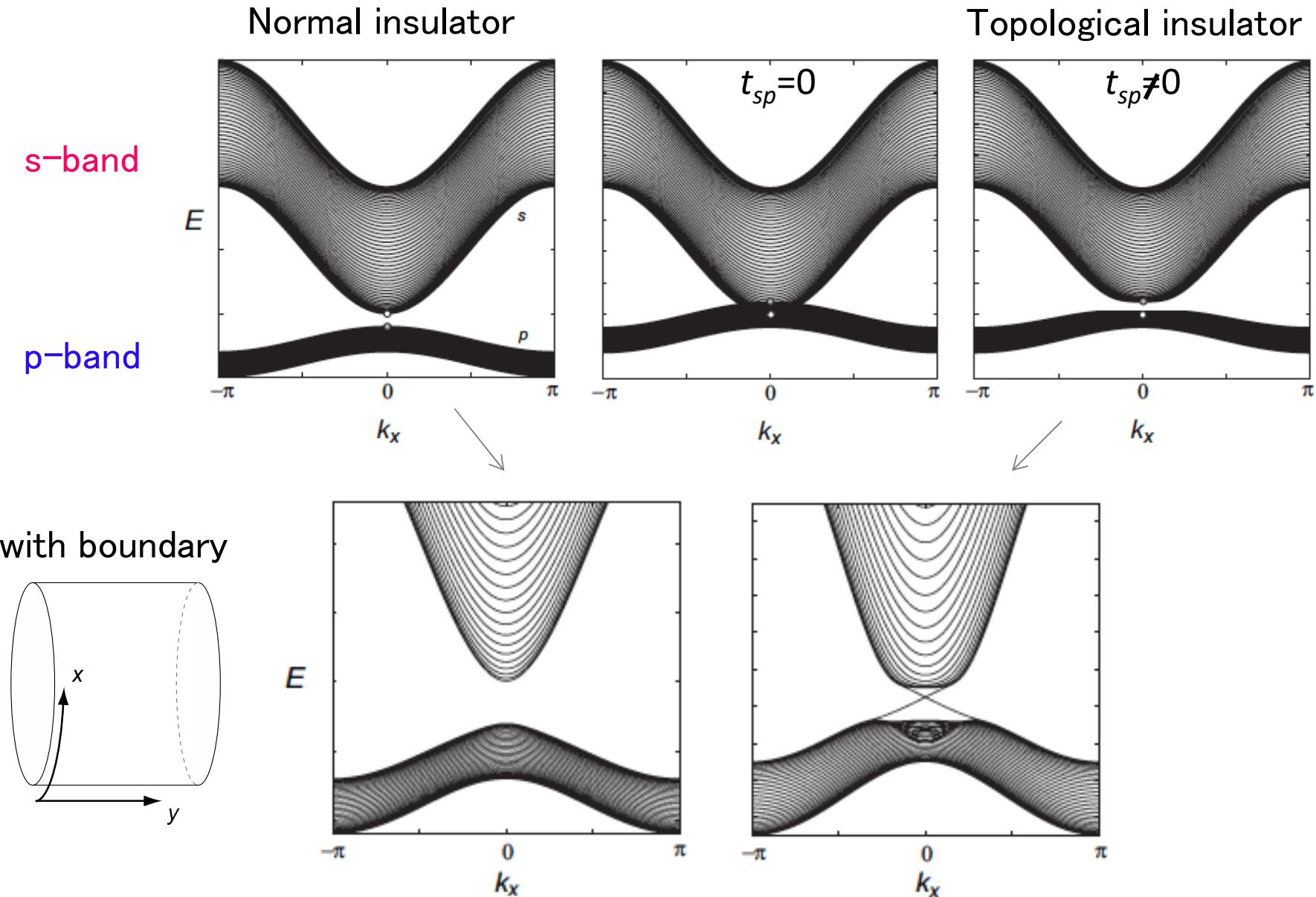
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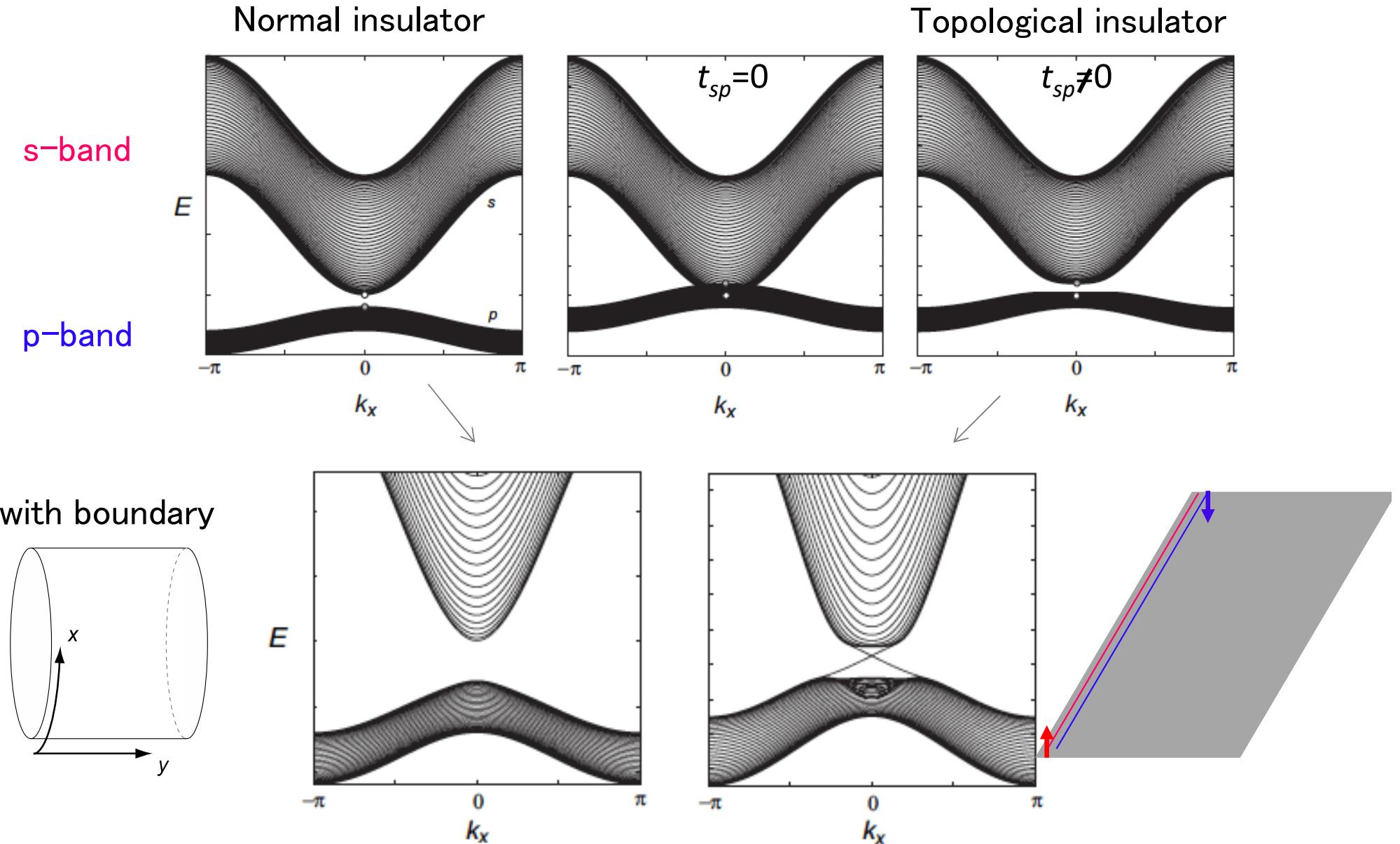
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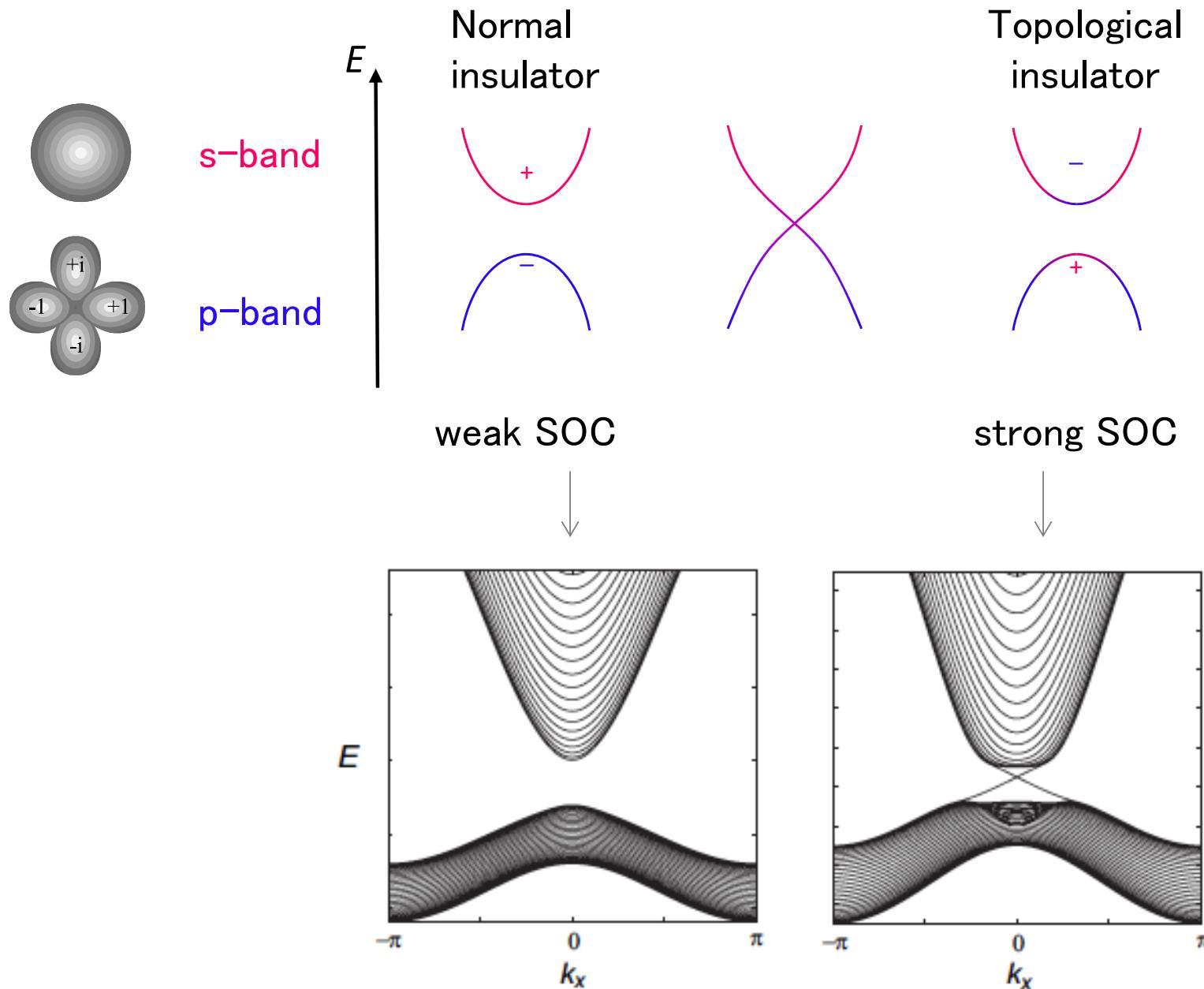
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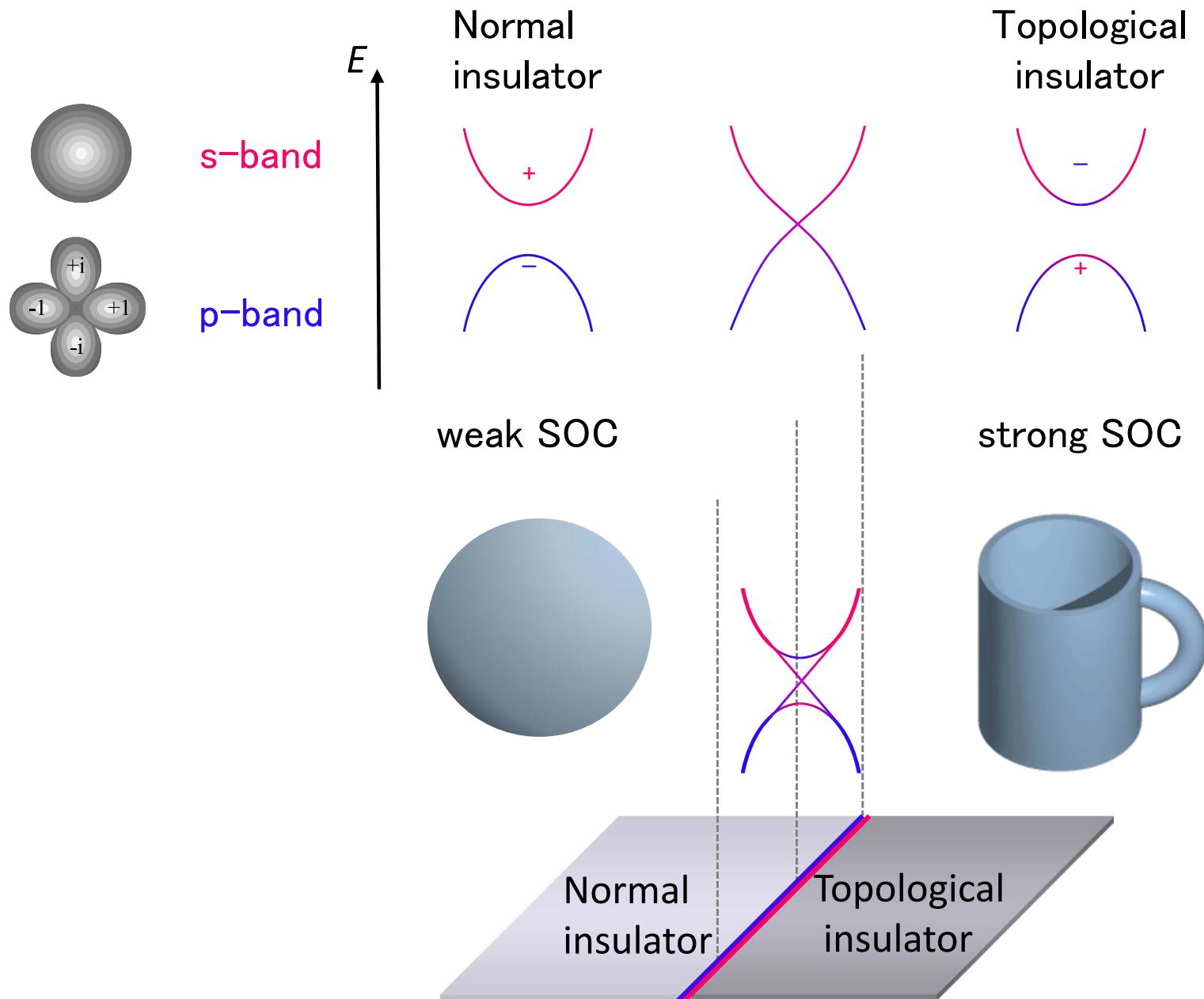
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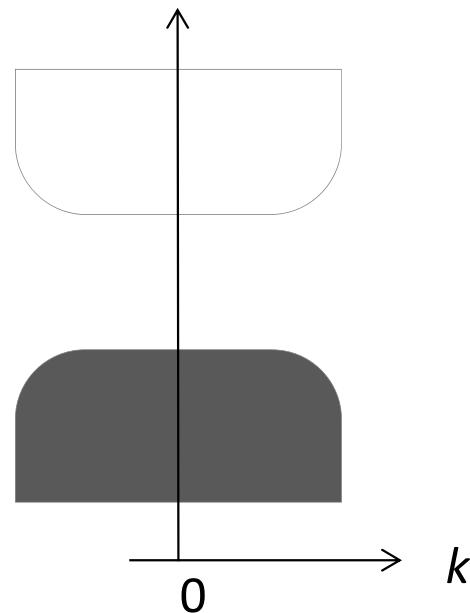
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Time-reversal symmetry

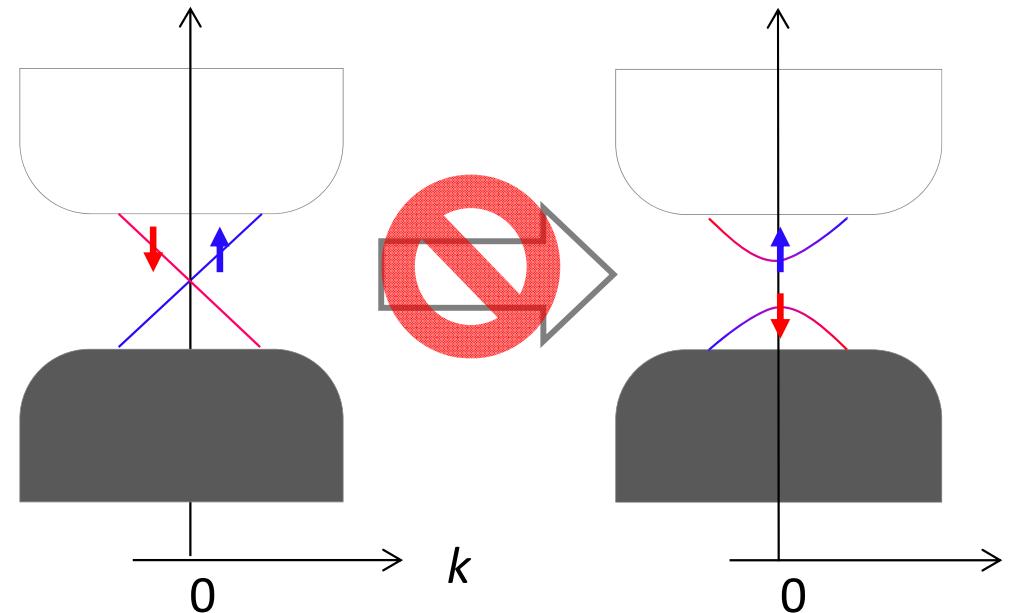
$$E_{k\uparrow} = E_{-k\downarrow}$$

2-fold degeneracy at $k=0$ is protected by symmetry

Normal

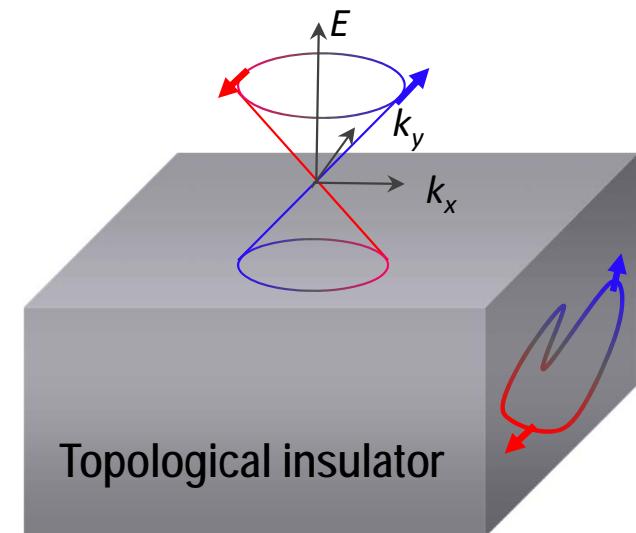
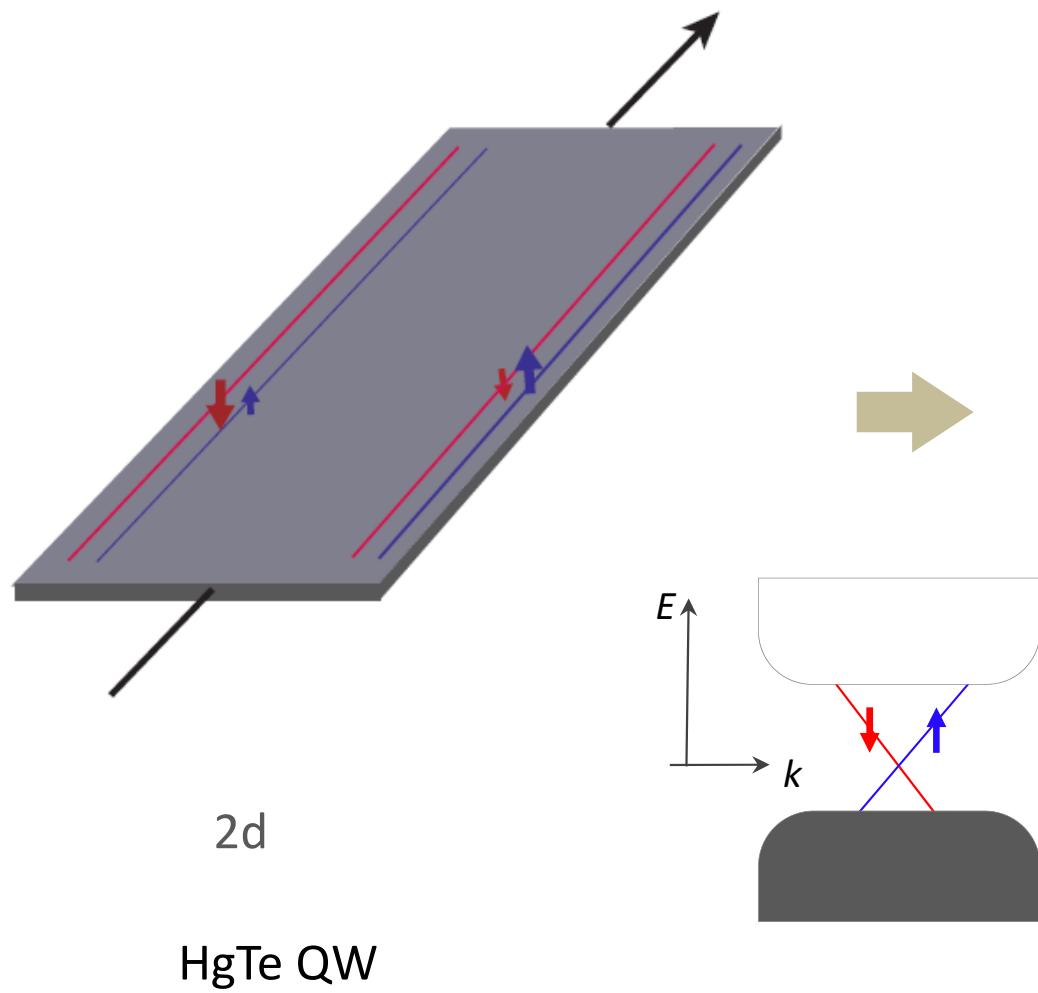


Topological



From 2d to 3d

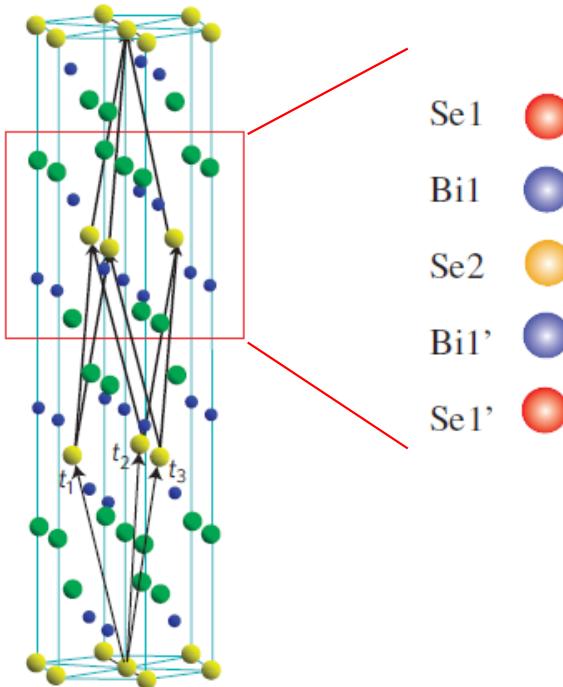
Moore-Balents, Roy, Fu-Kane-Mele, ...



3d
Bi-Sb, Bi_2Se_3 , Bi_2Te_3 , ...

3d Topological insulator Bi_2Se_3

Zhang et al. '09



Bi : $6s^2 6p^3$
Se : $4s^2 4p^2$

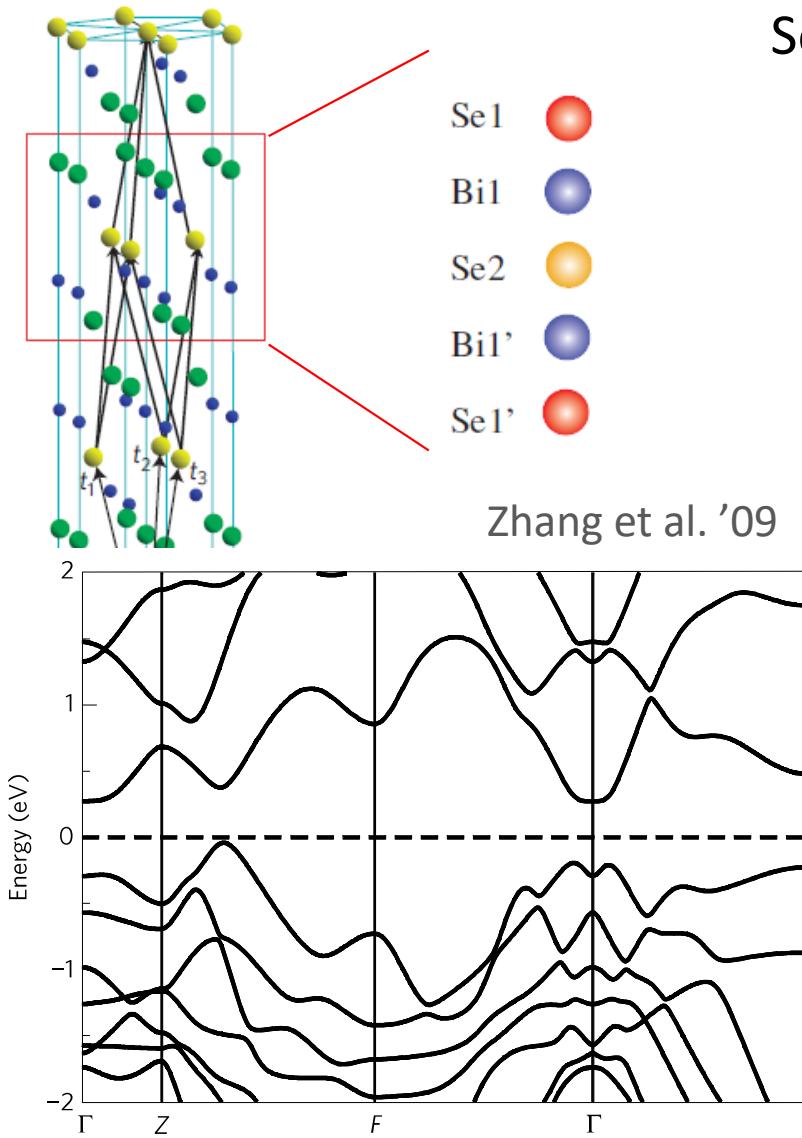


$5 \times 3 (p_x, p_y, p_z) \times 2 (\text{spin}) = 30 p\text{-states}$

A periodic table of elements from atomic number 1 to 118. Elements are color-coded by group: alkali metals (light blue), alkaline earth metals (medium blue), halogens (light green), chalcogens (light yellow-green), nitrogen group (light yellow), boron group (light brown), and transition metals/lanthanides (various shades of grey).

2 He						
5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	
30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo

3d Topological insulator Bi_2Se_3



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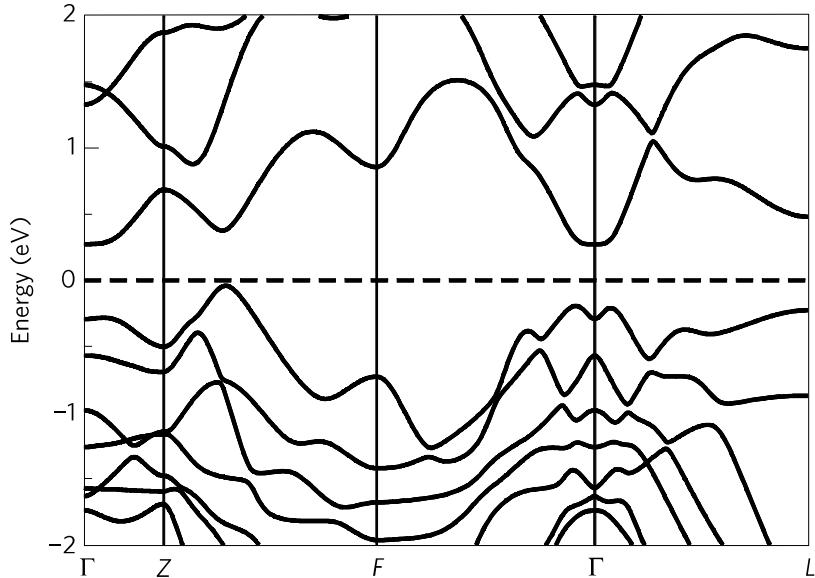
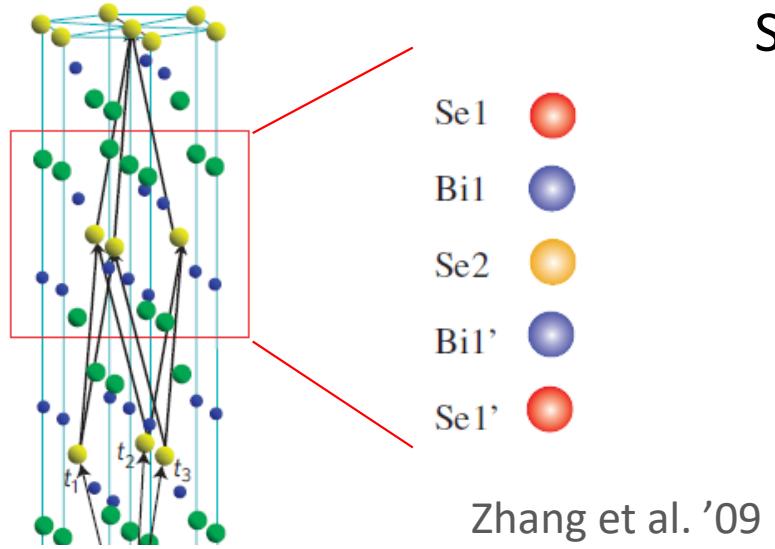


$$5 \times 3 (p_x, p_y, p_z) \times 2 (\text{spin}) = 30 \text{ } p\text{-states}$$

A periodic table highlighting group 15 elements (N, P, As, Sb, and At) in yellow. The table includes the following groups:

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5	B
13	Al
30	Zn
48	Cd
80	Hg
112	Cn
6	C
14	Si
31	Ga
49	In
81	Tl
113	Uut
7	N
15	P
32	Ge
50	Sn
82	Pb
114	Fl
8	O
16	S
33	As
51	Sb
83	Bi
115	Uup
9	F
17	Cl
34	Se
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117	Uus
86	Rn
118	Uuo

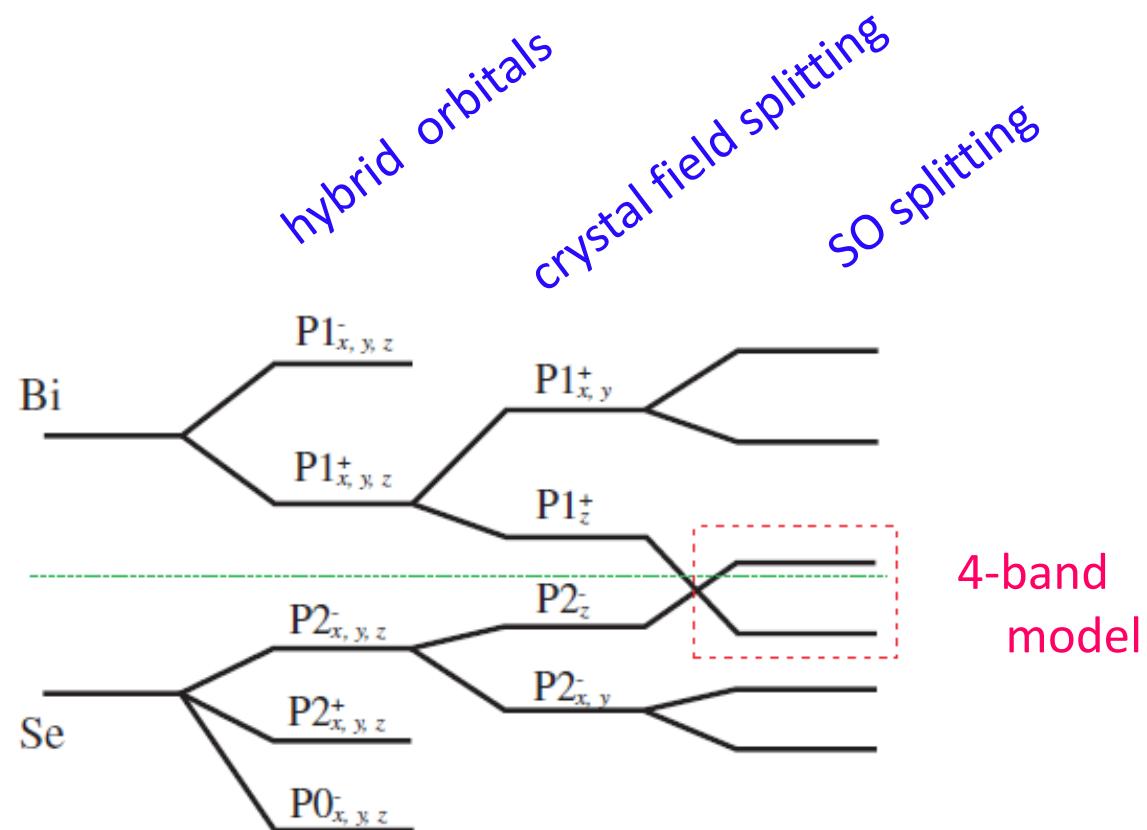
3d Topological insulator Bi_2Se_3



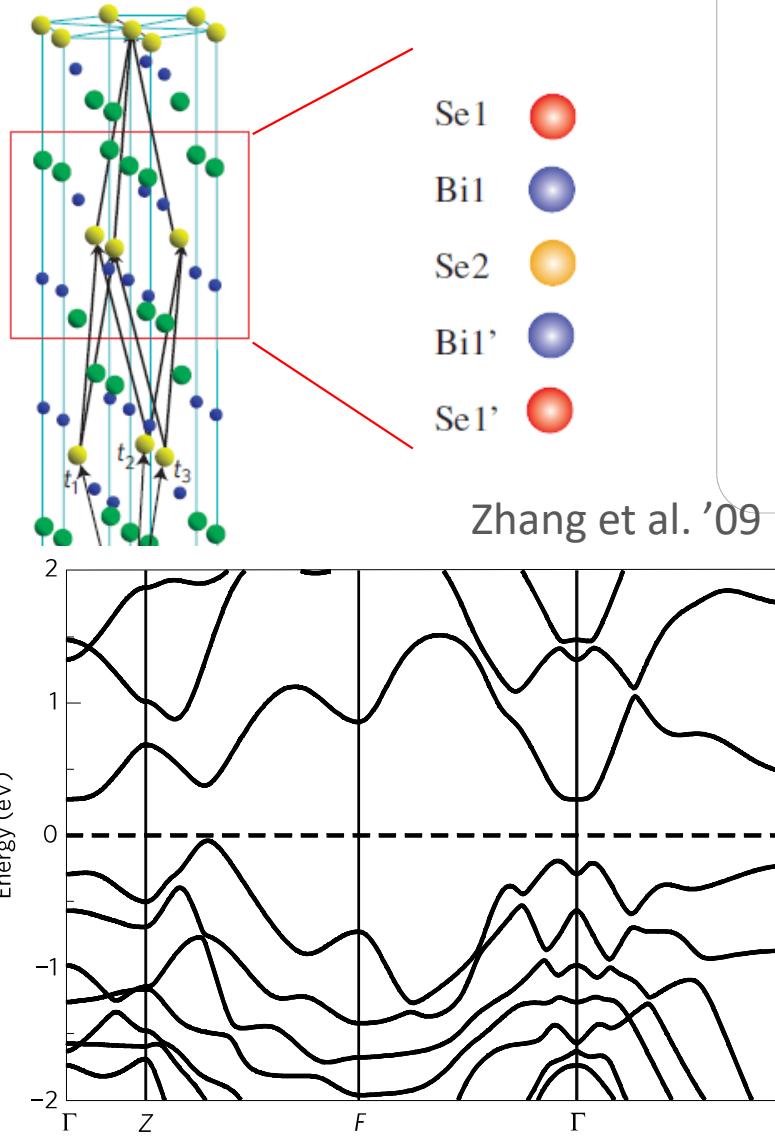
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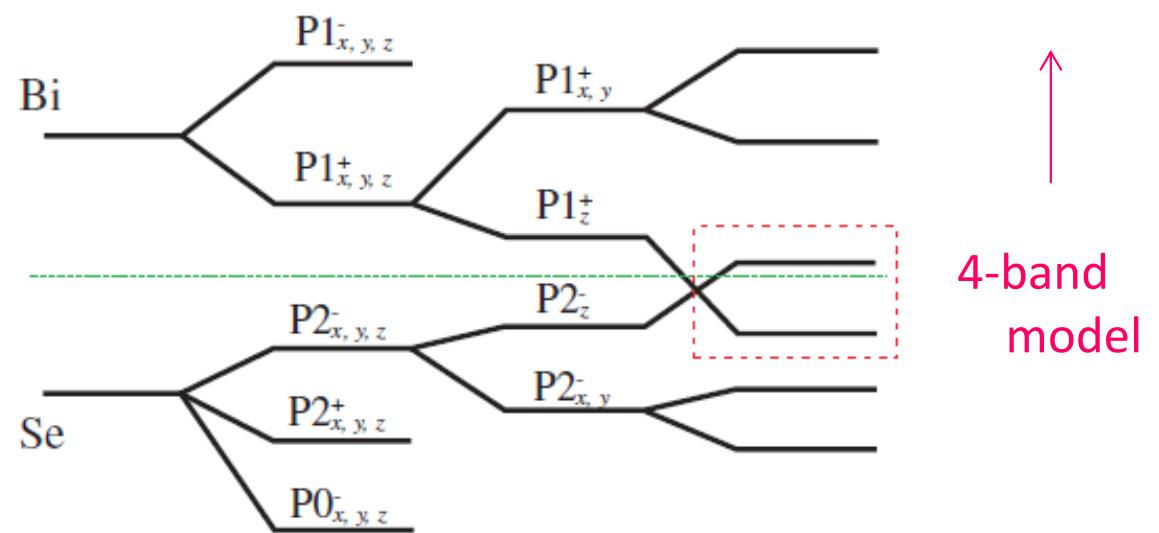
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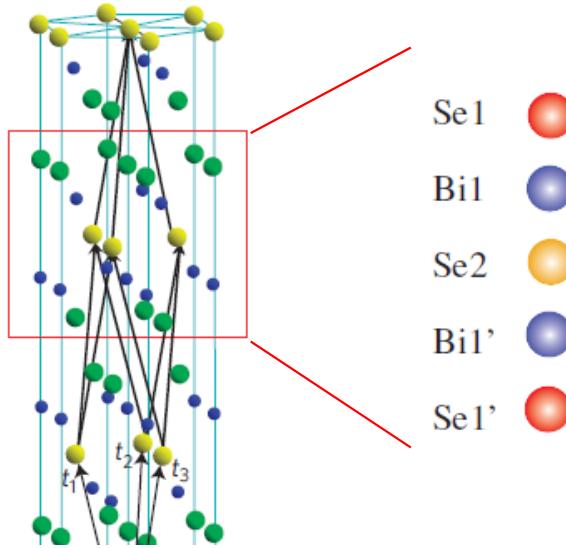
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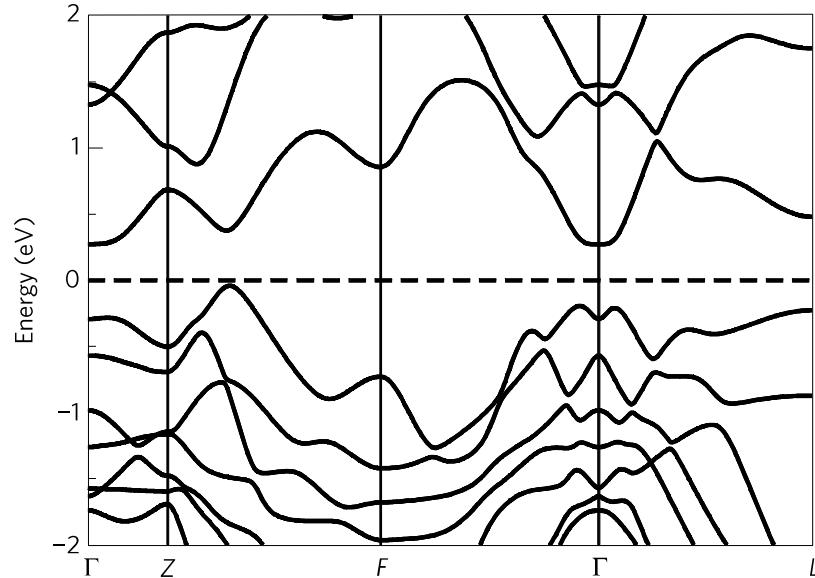
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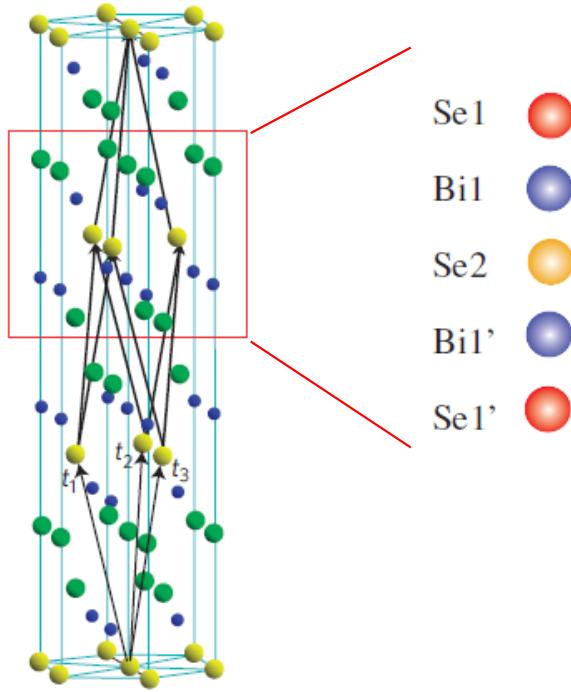
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$k.p$ theory

$$\begin{aligned} H(\mathbf{k}) &= e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{x}) \right] e^{+i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \\ &= \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{x}) \right] + \boxed{\frac{\hbar}{m} \mathbf{k} \cdot (-i\hbar \nabla)} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \mathbf{k}^2 \end{aligned}$$

3d Topological insulator Bi_2Se_3



$$H(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} m(\mathbf{k}) & 0 & & \\ 0 & m(\mathbf{k}) & & \\ Ak_z & A_2k_+ & Ak_z & Ak_- \\ A_2k_- & -Ak_z & -m(\mathbf{k}) & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon(\mathbf{k})$$

$m(\mathbf{k}) = m_0 + \sum_i c_i k_i^2$

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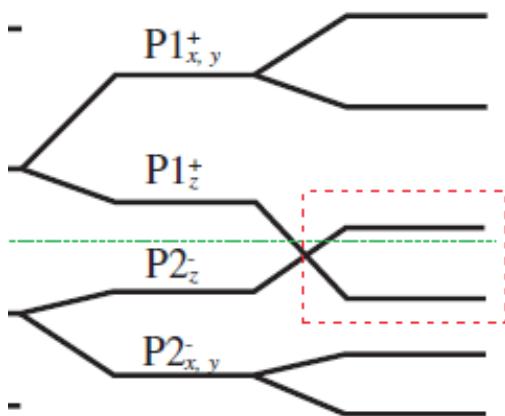
1st order

2nd order

3d Topological insulator Bi_2Se_3

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normal insulator

$$m_0 > 0$$

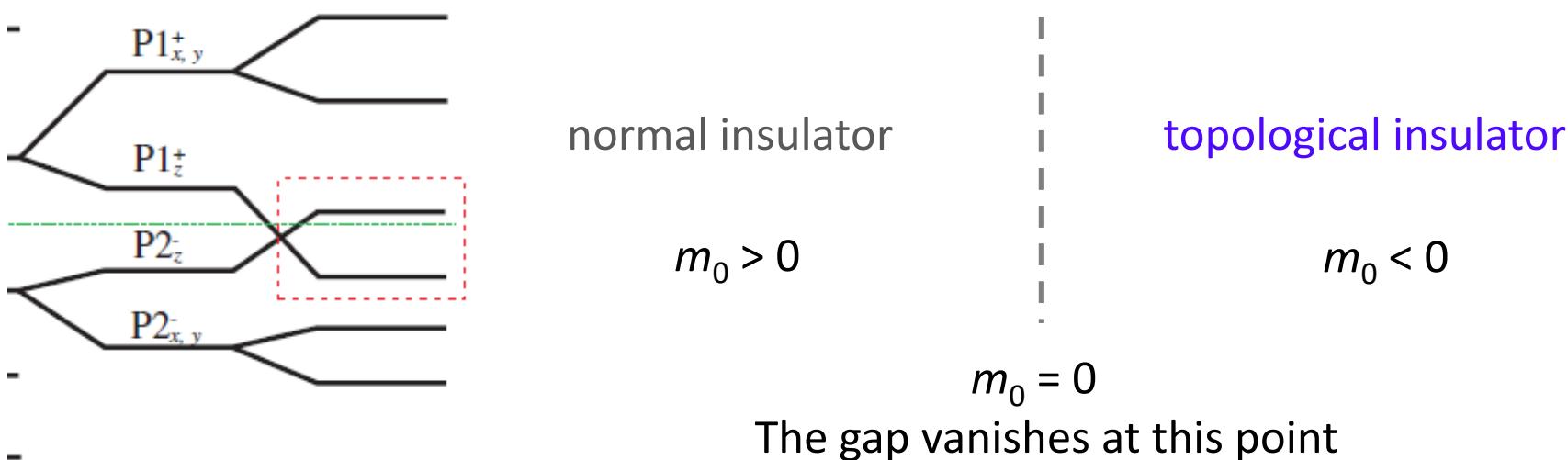
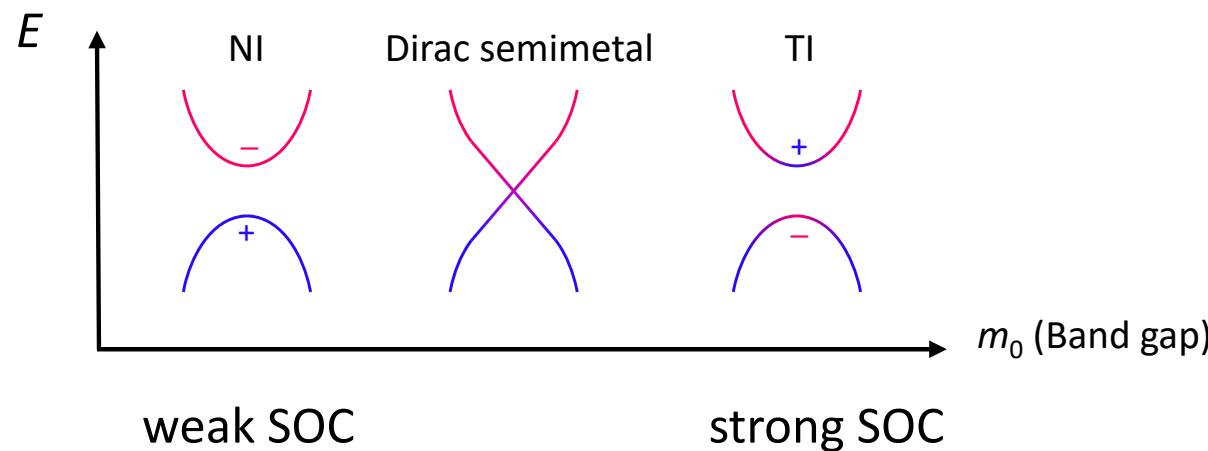
topological insulator

$$m_0 < 0$$

$$m_0 = 0$$

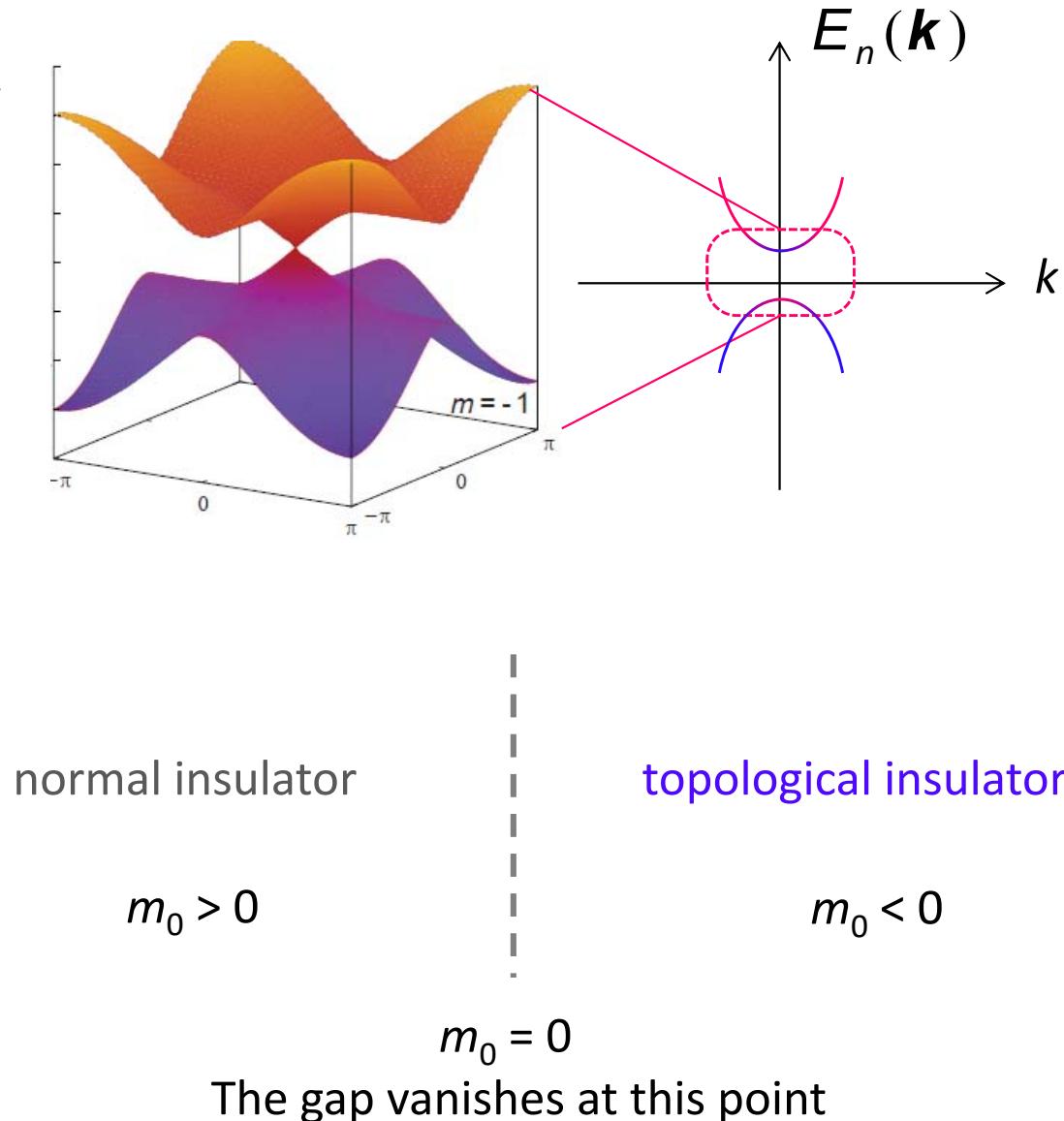
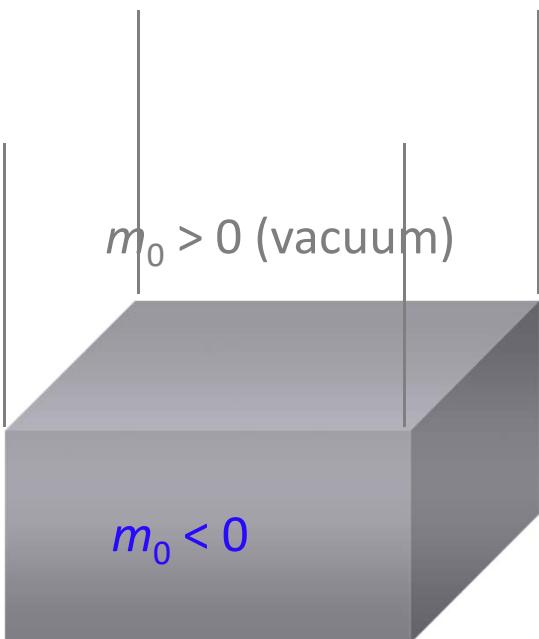
The gap vanishes at this point

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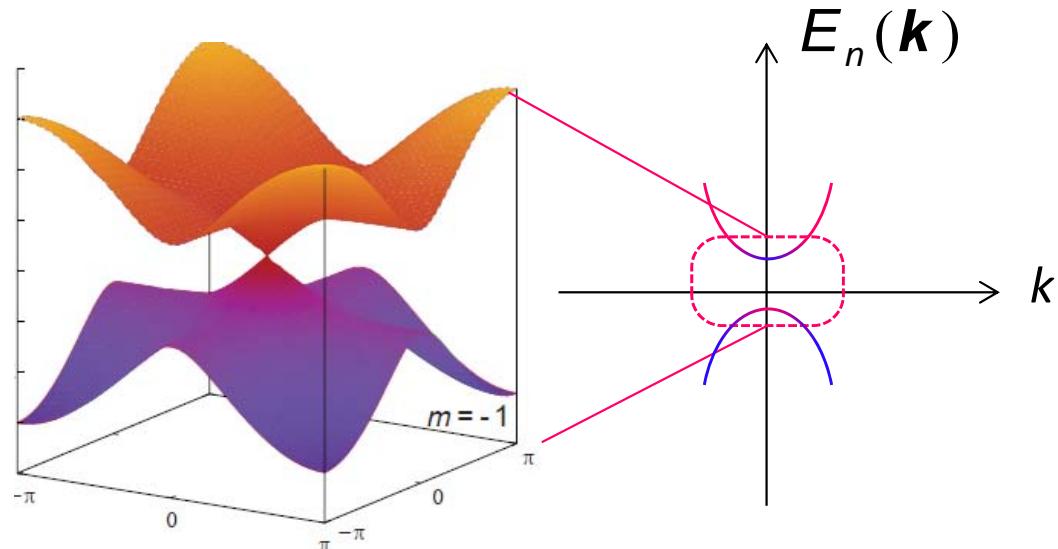
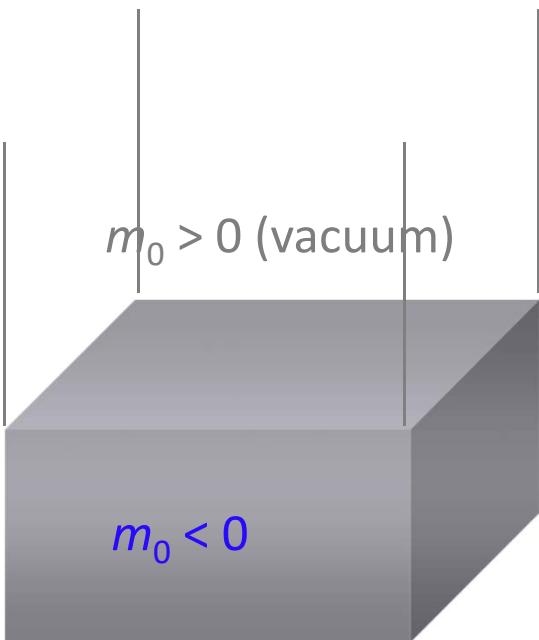
3d Topological insulator Bi_2Se_3

Surface Dirac modes
realized in a slab geometry



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Surface modes described by the Dirac Hamiltonian:

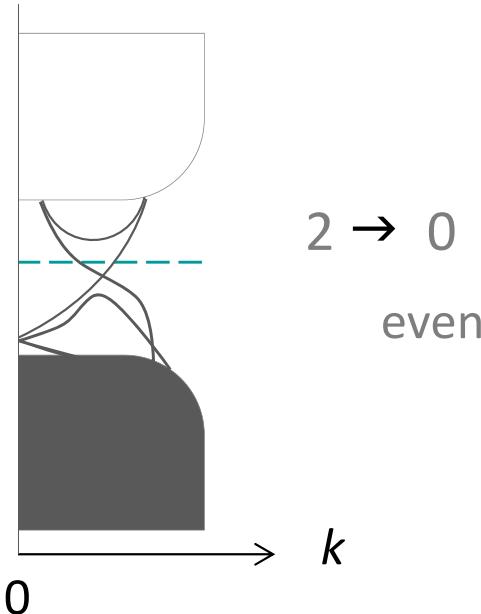
$$H = i\hbar v \sigma_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\hbar v \sigma_x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + m \sigma_z \quad (m=0)$$

Z_2 topological insulators

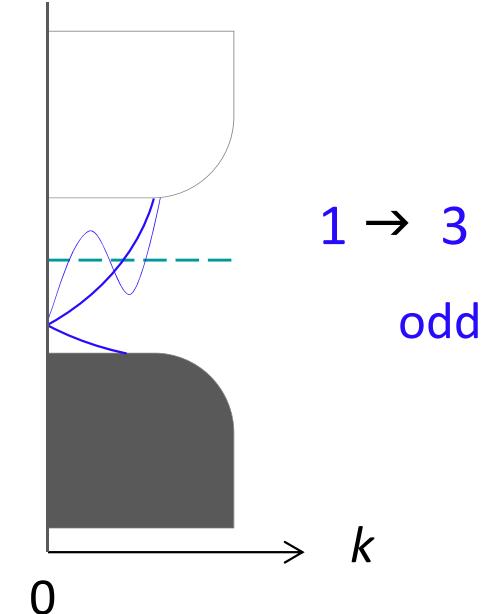
$$Z_2 = \{ 0, 1 \}$$

even or **odd**

weak topological insulator
(ordinary insulator)



strong topological insulator



$$2 \rightarrow 0$$

even

$$1 \rightarrow 3$$

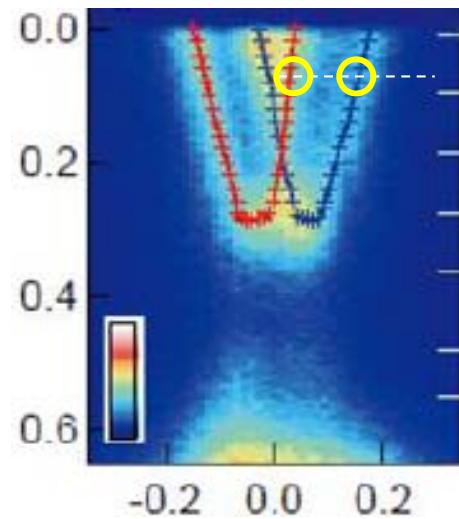
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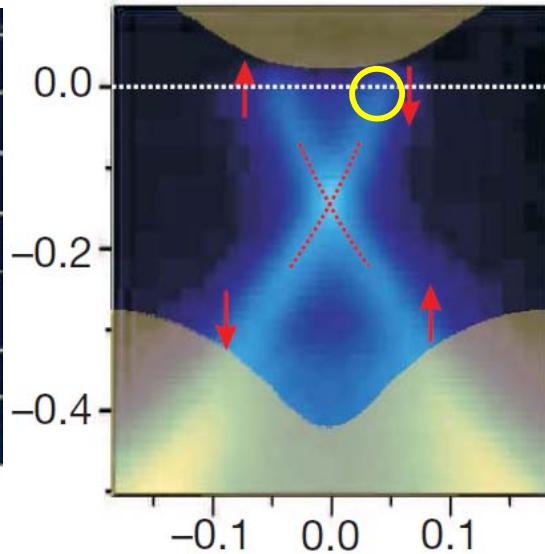
even or odd

Ishizaka et al. (2011)



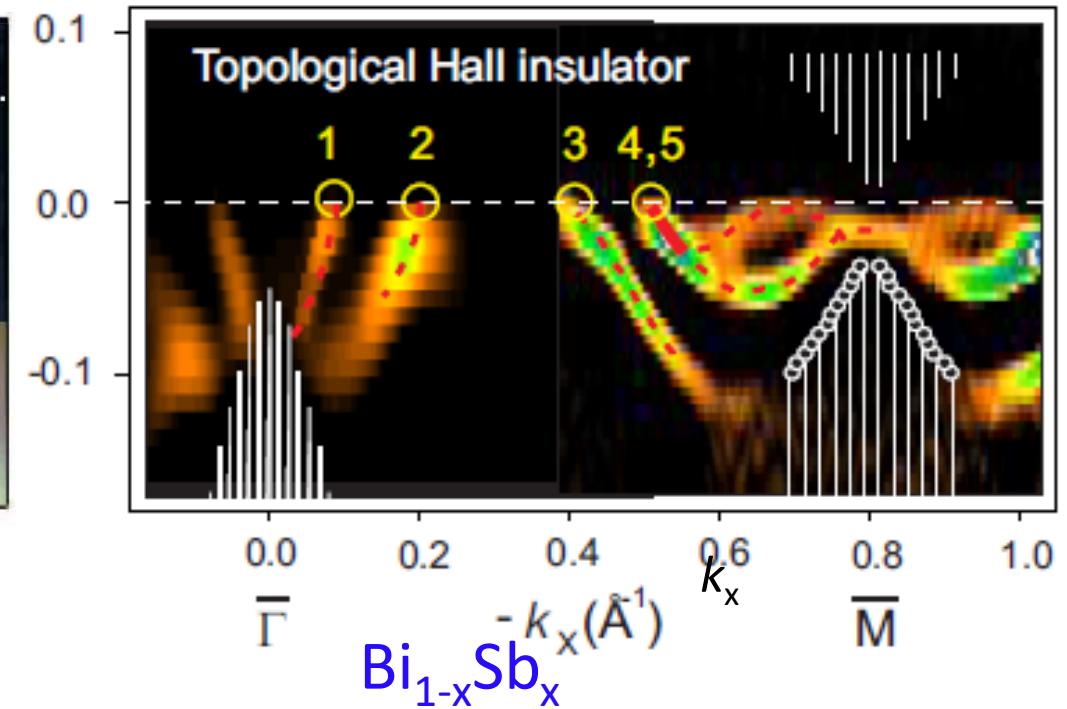
BiTeI

Hsieh et al. (2009)



Bi_2Se_3

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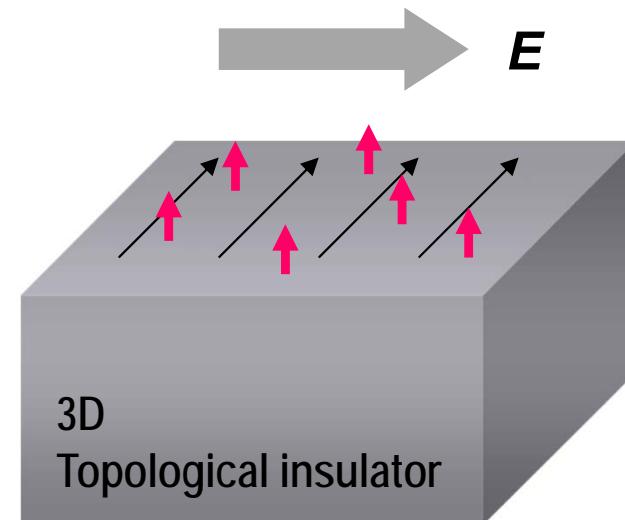
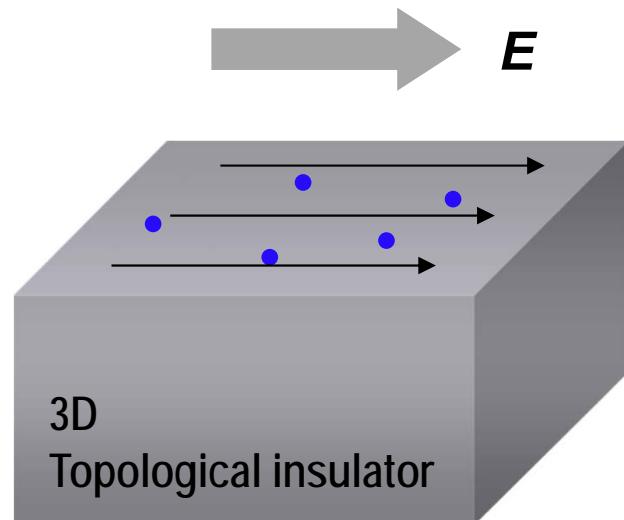
$\text{Bi}_{1-x}\text{Sb}_x$

Impurity effects

$$H_{surface} = v_F(\sigma_y p_x - \sigma_x p_y) + V_0(\mathbf{r}) + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r})$$

non-magnetic impurities

magnetic impurities

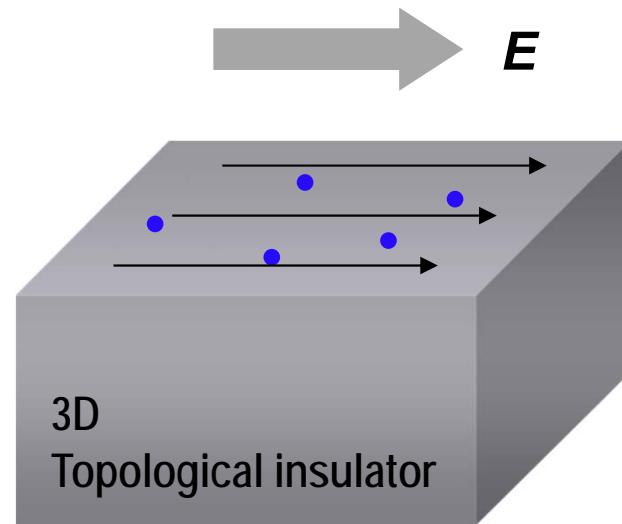


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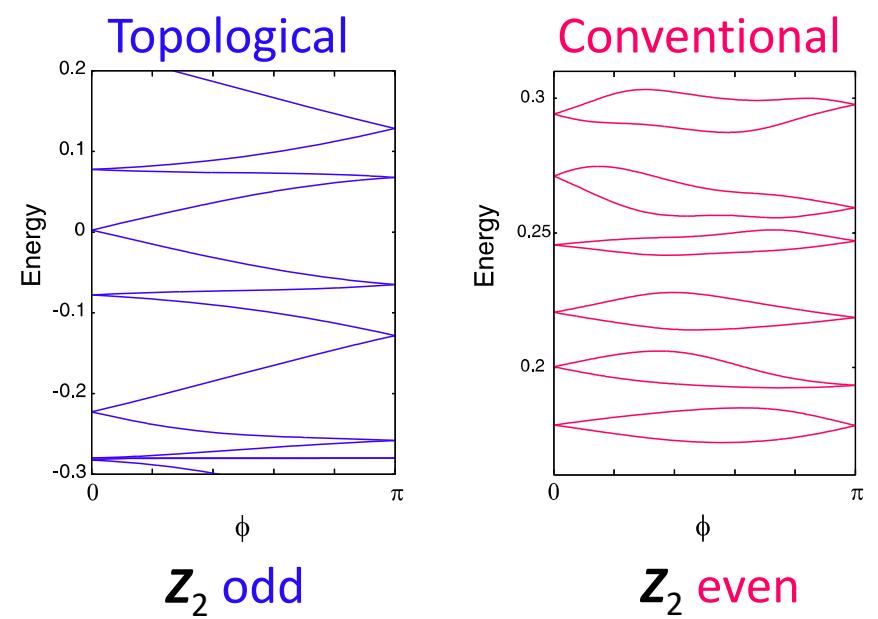
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non-magnetic impurities

KN, Koshino, Ryu, PRL (2007)



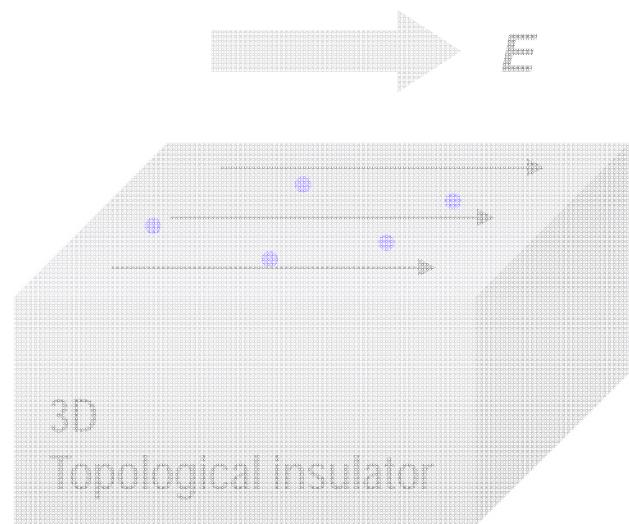
Topologically protected from
Anderson localization



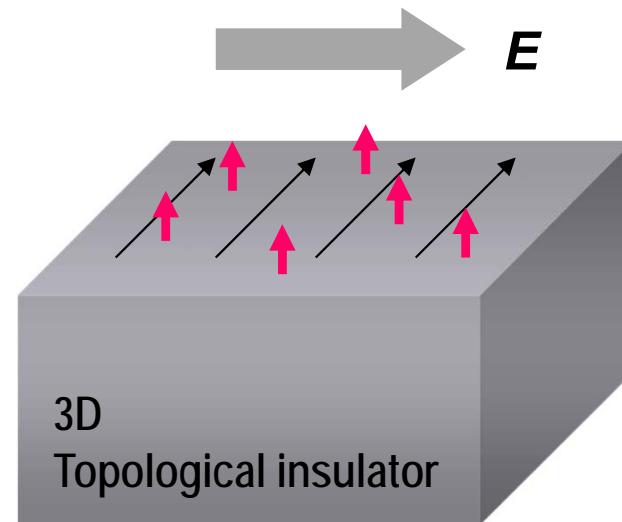
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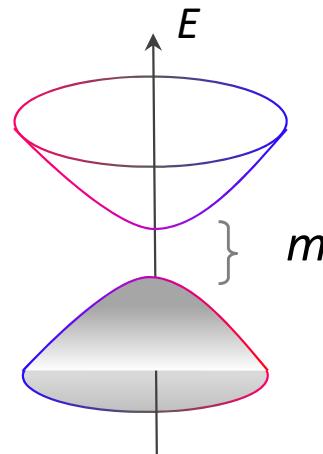


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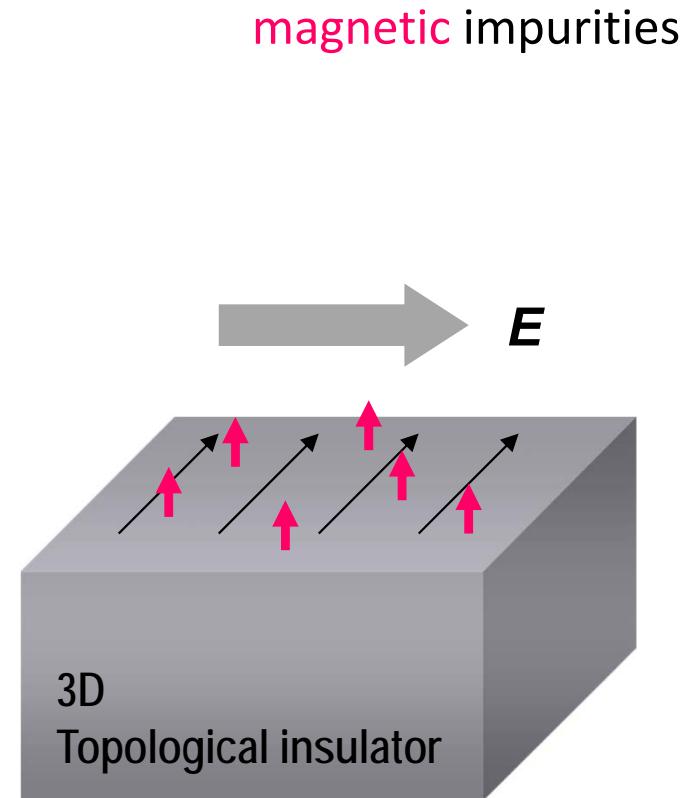
Ideal uniform case

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$$b_z(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{m}{2\sqrt{k^2 + m^2}}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{xy}}{e^2/h} = \int \frac{d^2k}{2\pi} b_z(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

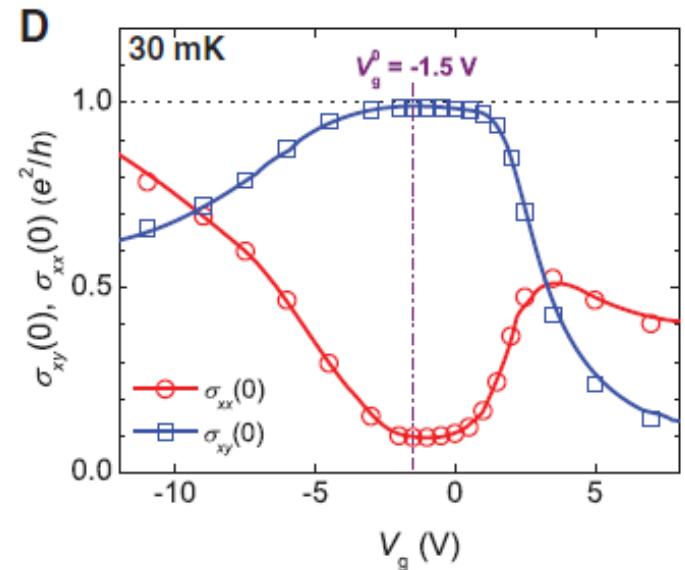
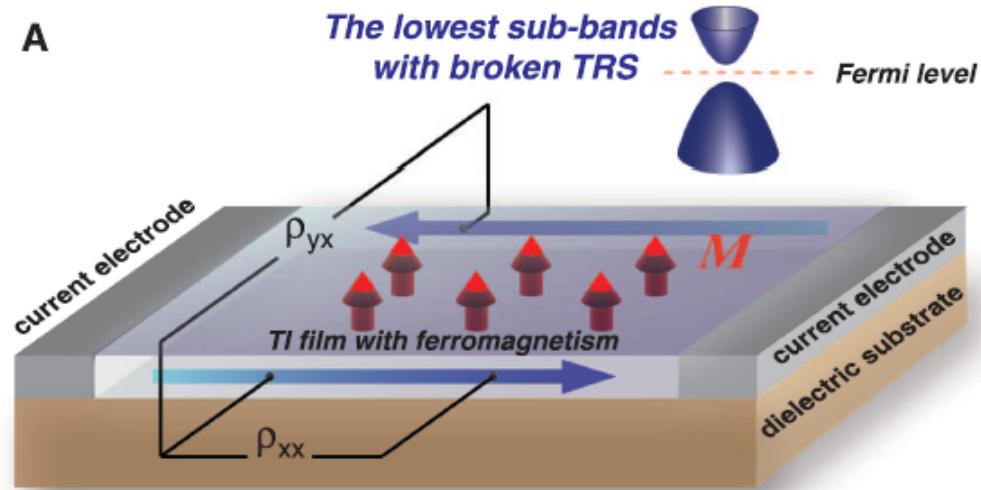
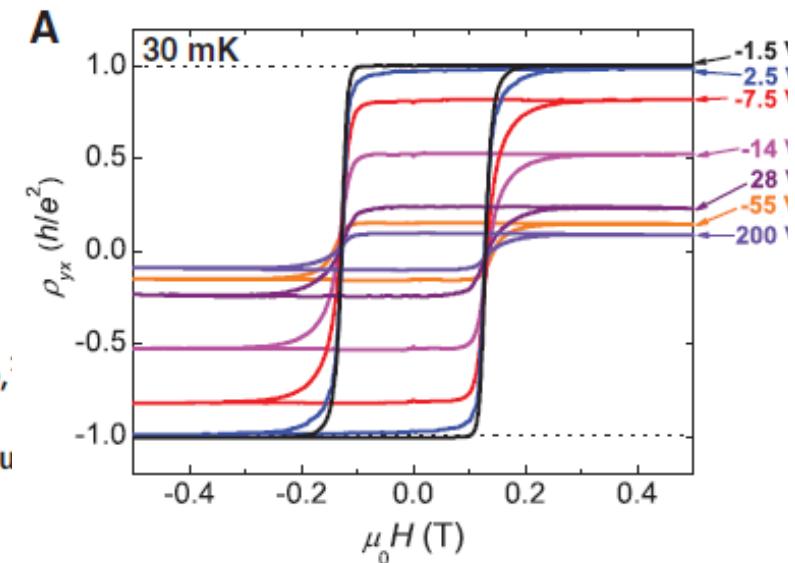


Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect

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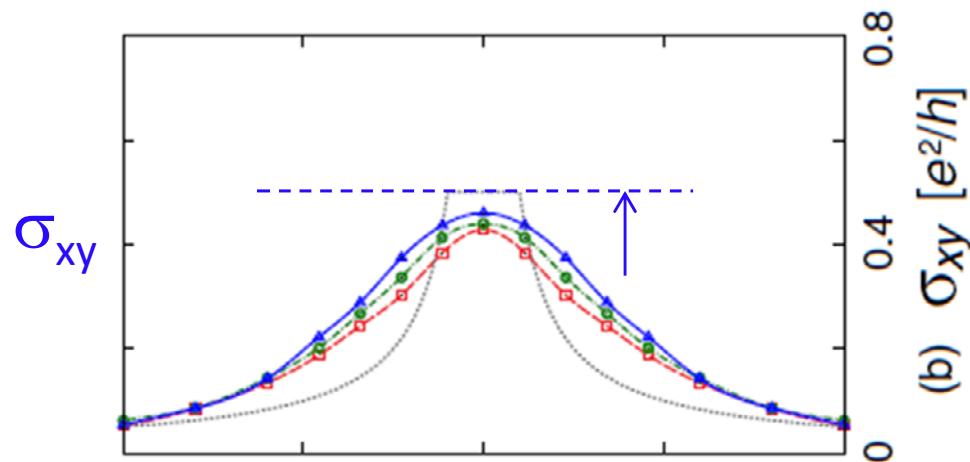
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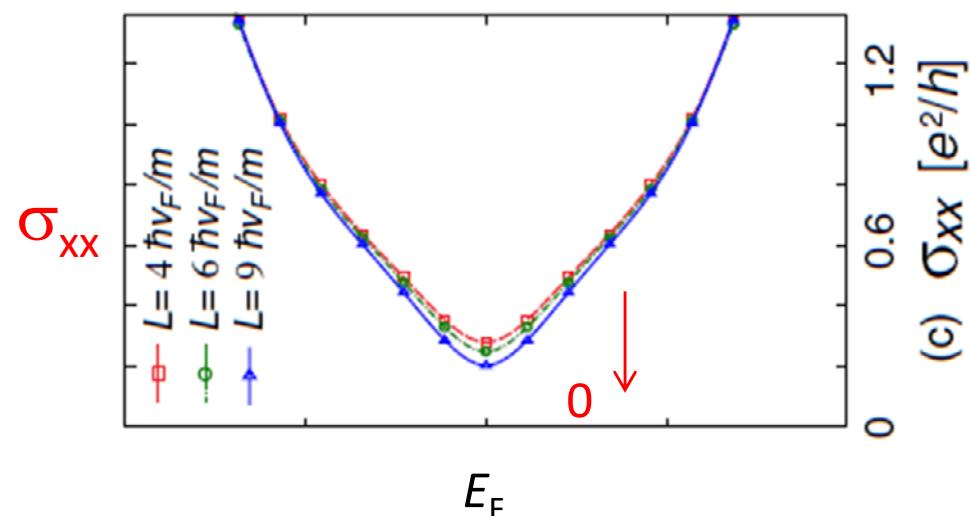
Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect

Theory

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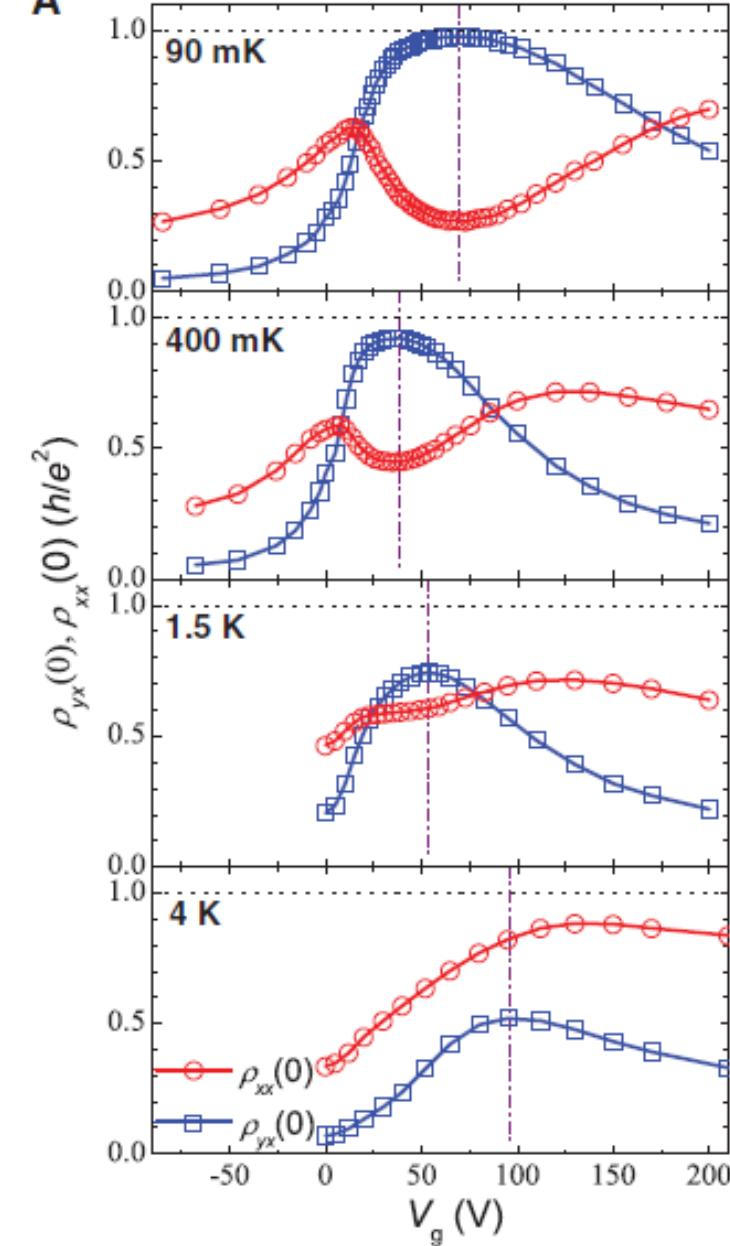
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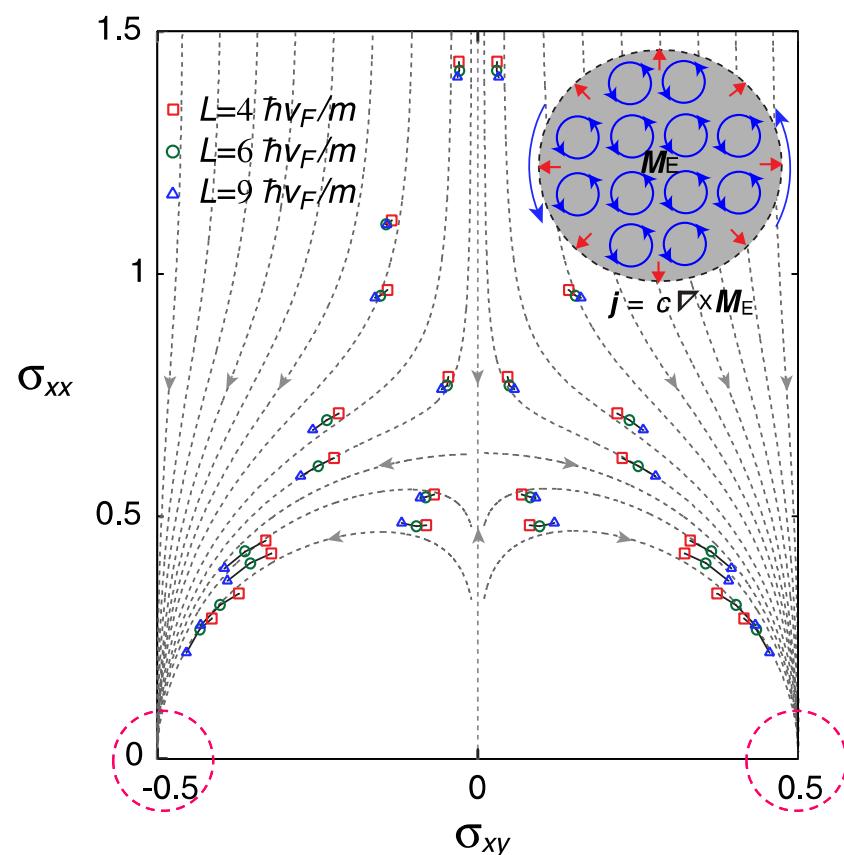
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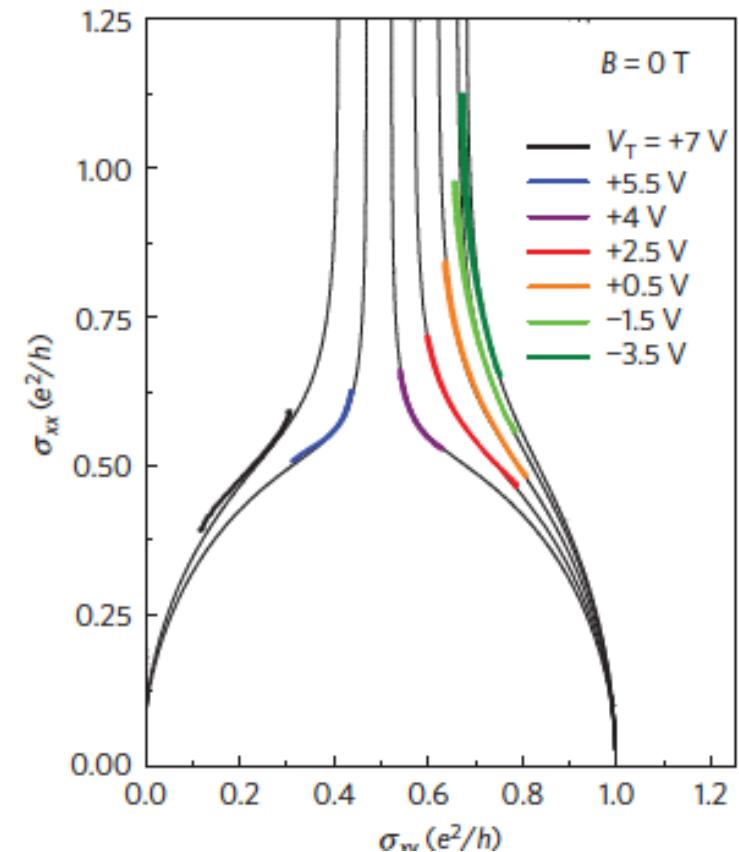
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Introduction to Topological Insulators

Kentaro Nomura (IMR, Tohoku)

outline

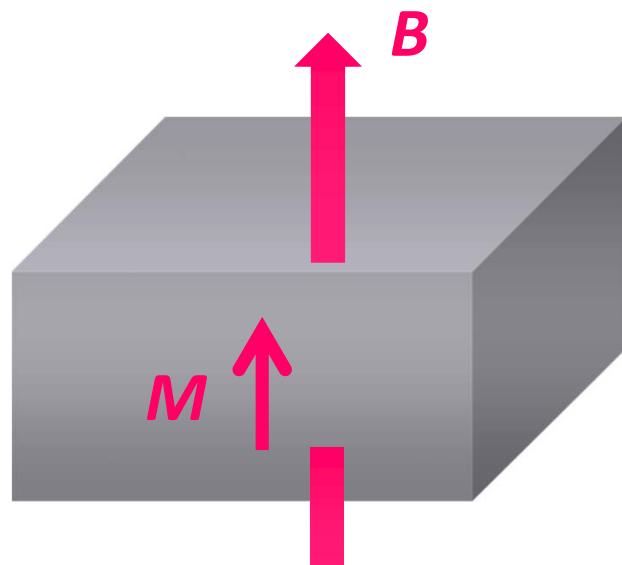
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Response to ElectroMagnetic fields

in normal insulators

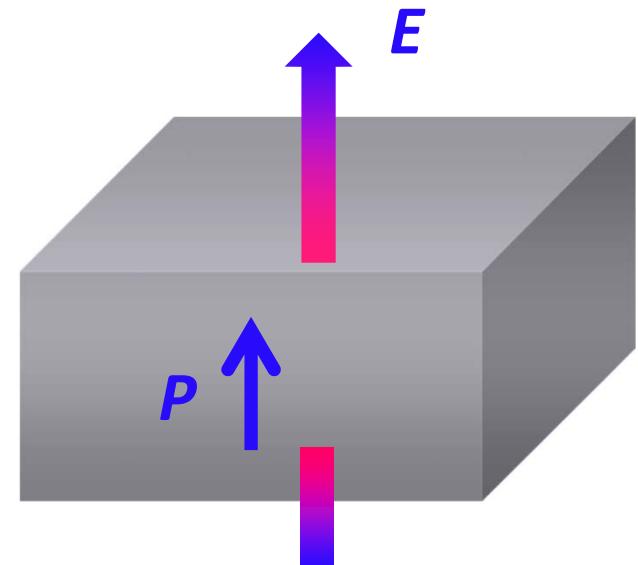
$$\mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{B}$$

(magnetization)



$$\mathbf{P} = \chi_e \mathbf{E}$$

(Electric polarization)



Response to ElectroMagnetic fields

in topological insulators

(magnetic moment)

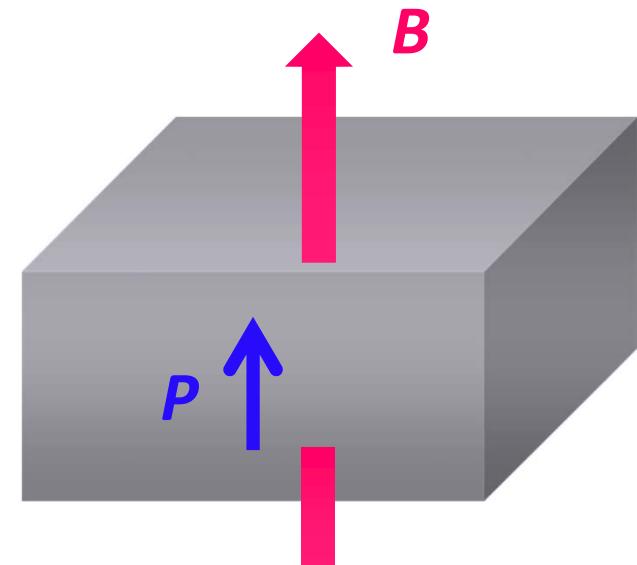
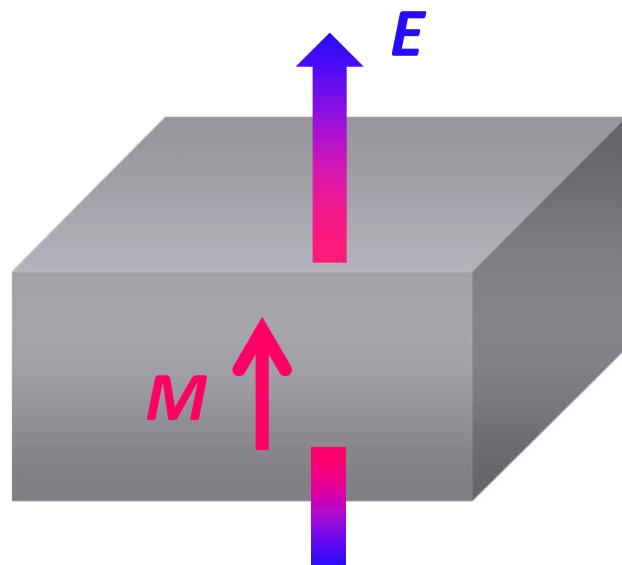
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(electric field)

(electric polarization)

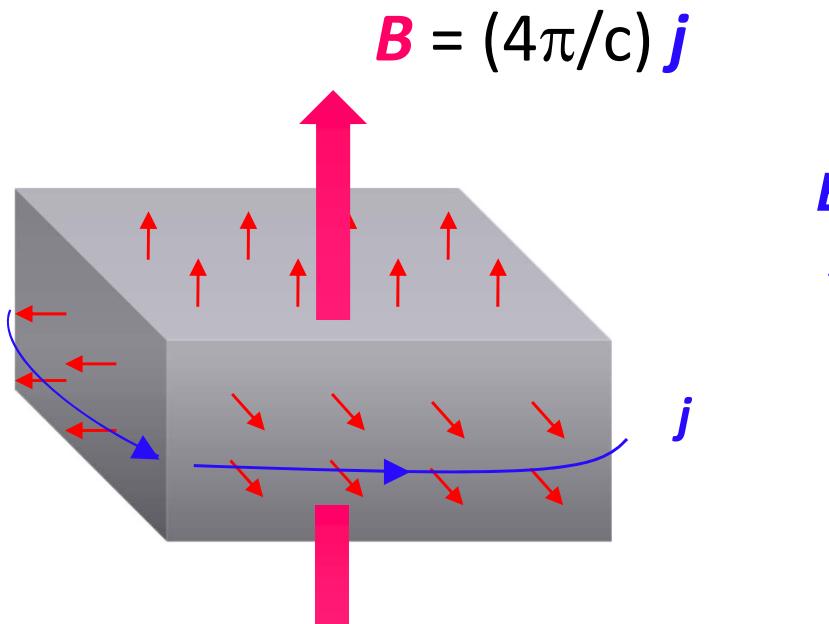
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(magnetic field)



Response to ElectroMagnetic fields

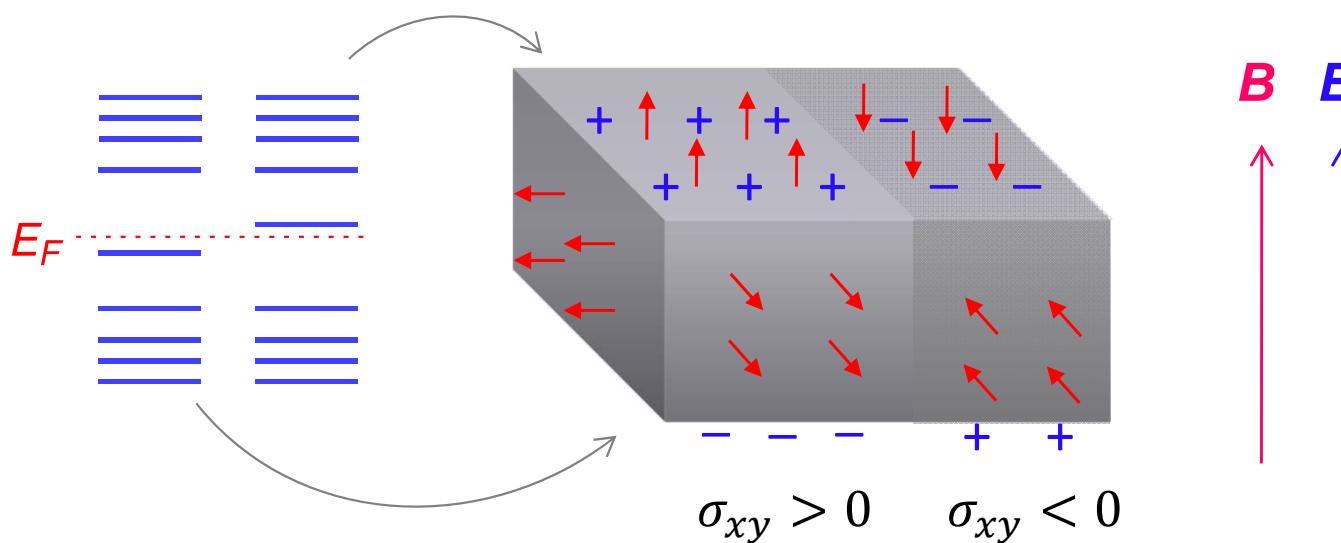
3D TI + magnetic impurities



$$M = \frac{e^2}{2hc} E$$

Qi, Hughes, Zhang '08
Essin, Moore, Vanderbilt '09

Response to ElectroMagnetic fields



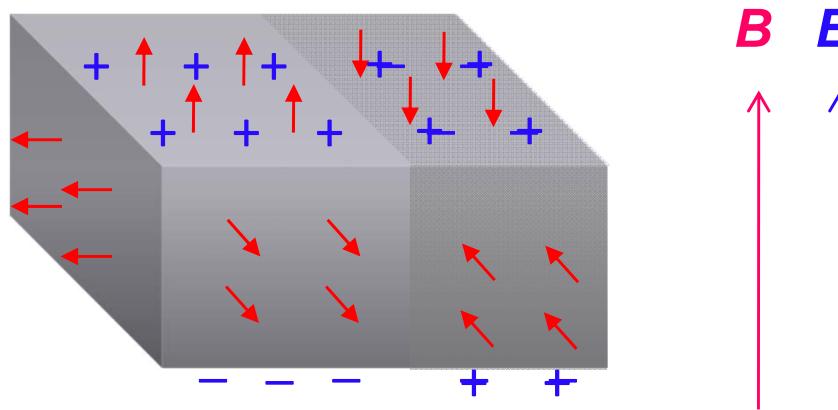
Surface QH states

$$j^\mu = \sigma_{xy} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} F_{\nu\lambda}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho &= \sigma_{xy} B_z \\ \mathbf{j} &= \sigma_{xy} \mathbf{E} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Response to ElectroMagnetic fields

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Surface QH states

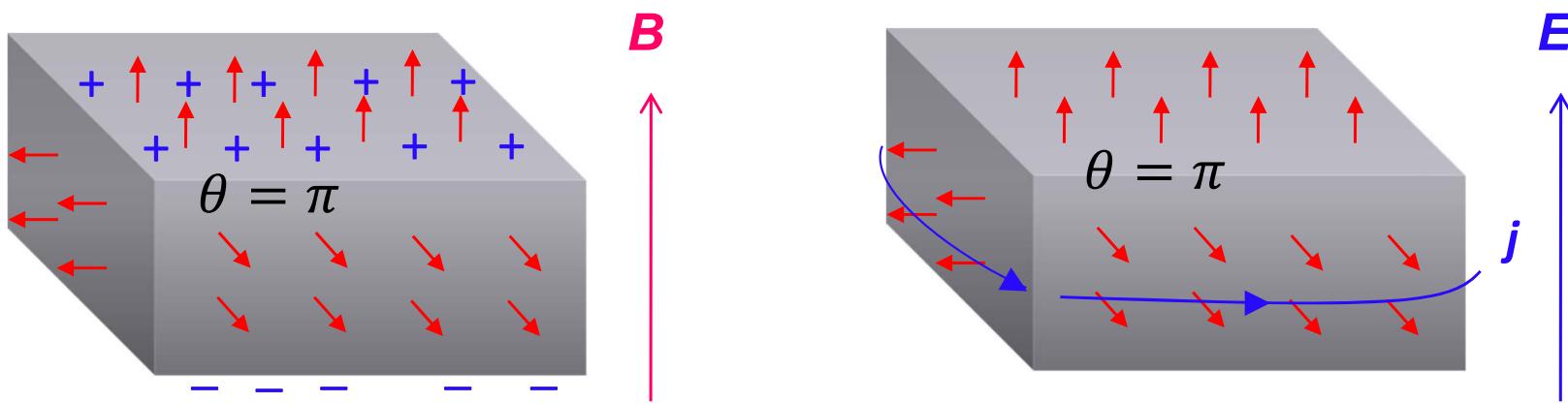
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Peccei, Quinn 1977
Wilczek 1987

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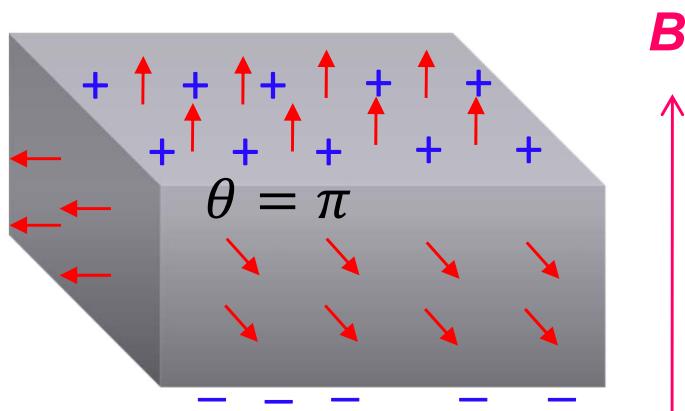


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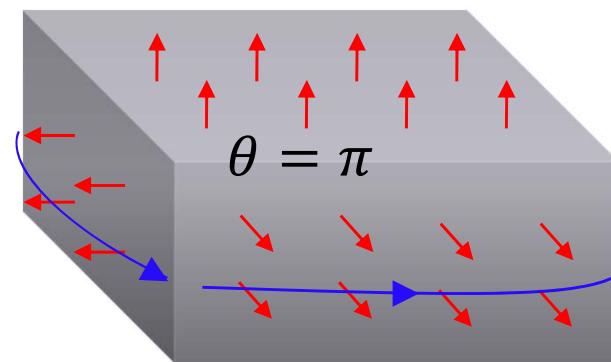
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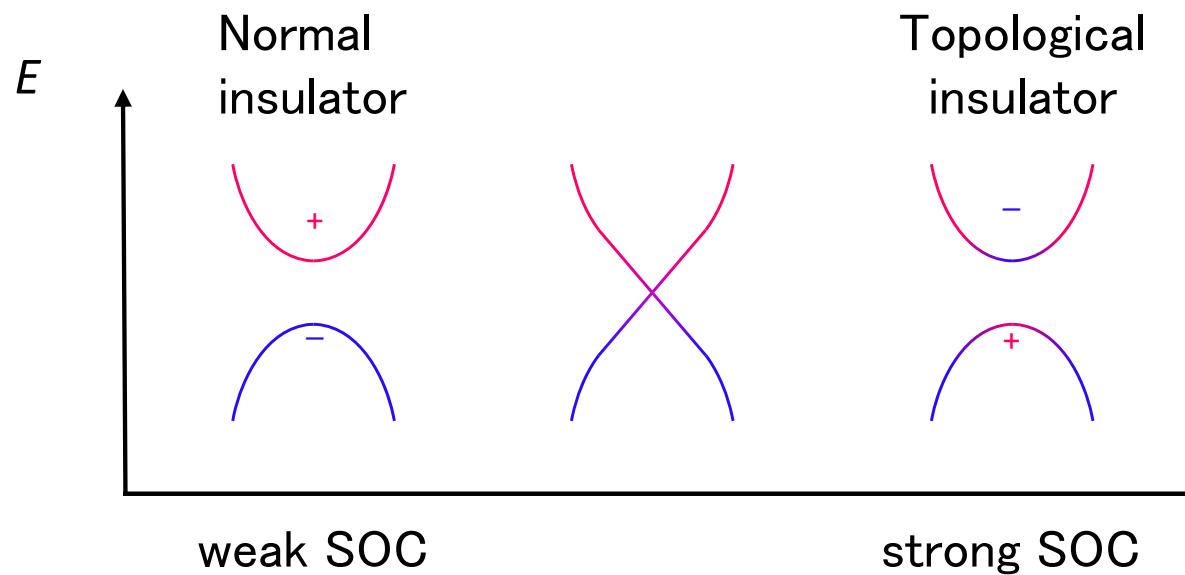
Qi, Hughes, Zhang 2008

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Summary

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It realizes novel magnetoelectric response.

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