

# Topological metals



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- Liquid of interacting bosons, e.g. liquid helium.

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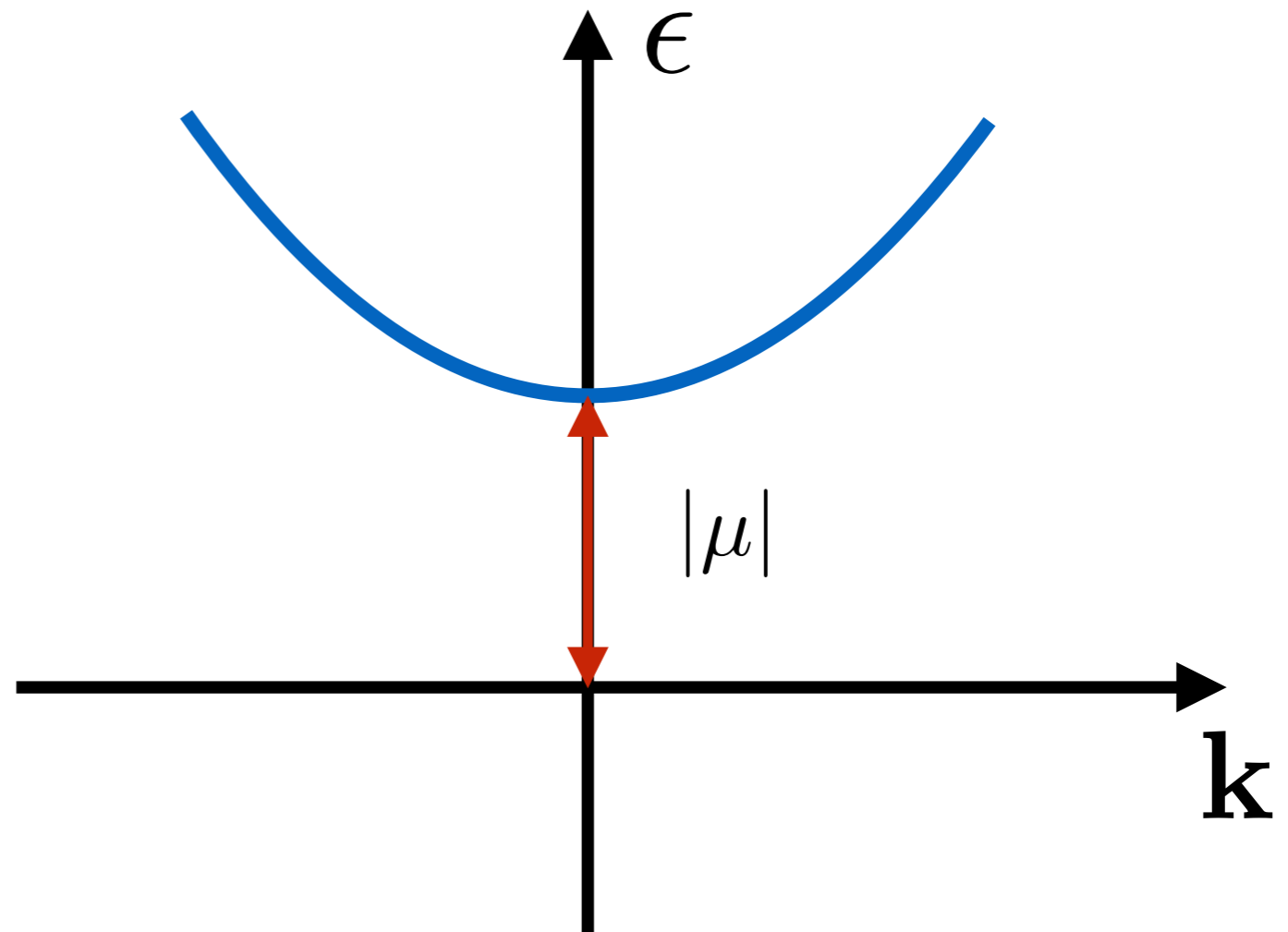
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- Chemical potential is large and negative at high  $T$ , thus all bosons have high energy relative to it, no low energy excitations.

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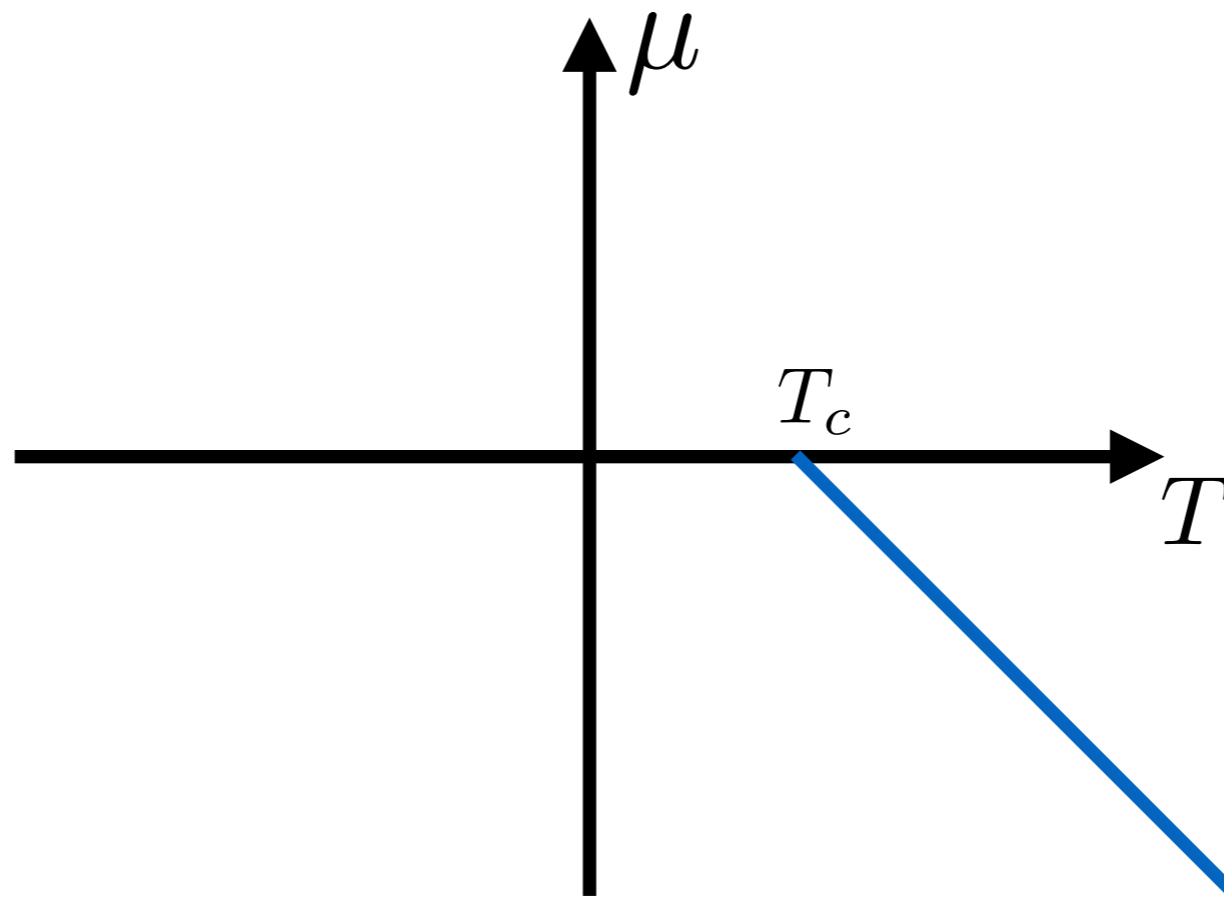
$$\mu = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right)_{T,V}$$

$$F = E - TS$$



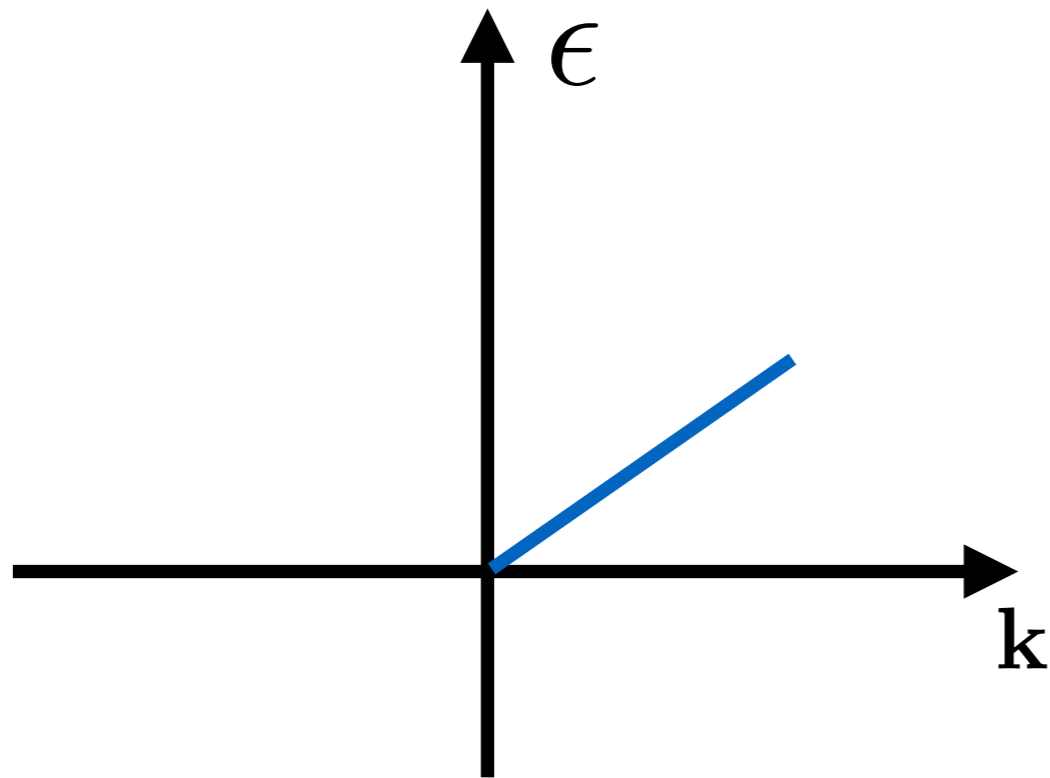
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- Transition to superfluid at low  $T$ .



# Where do gapless excitations come from?

- Excitations are phonons with a gapless linear dispersion.

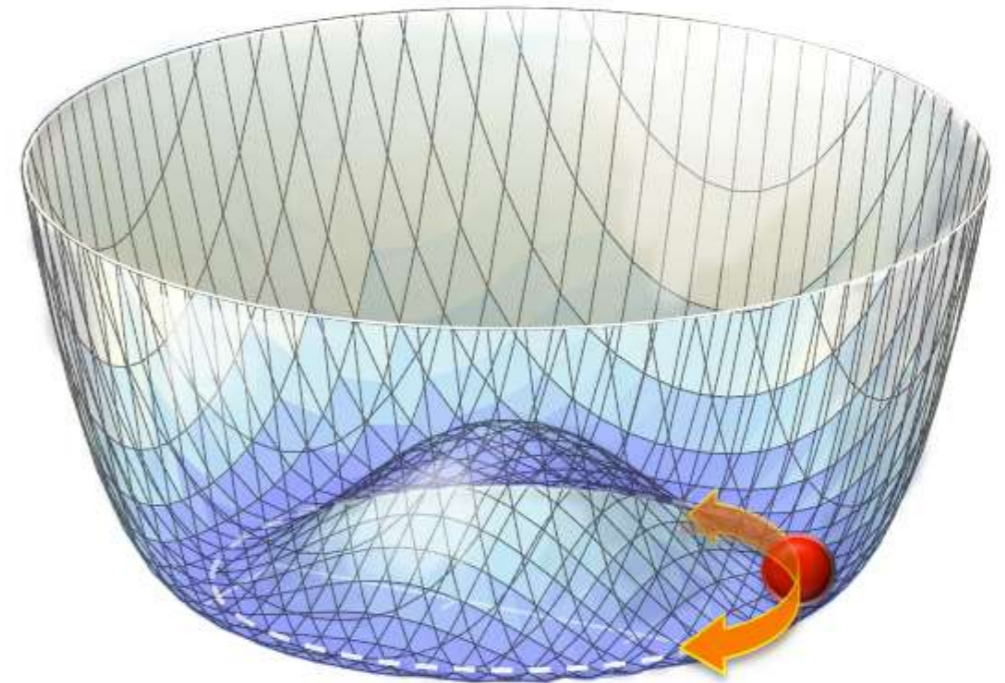


$$\epsilon(\mathbf{k}) = vk$$

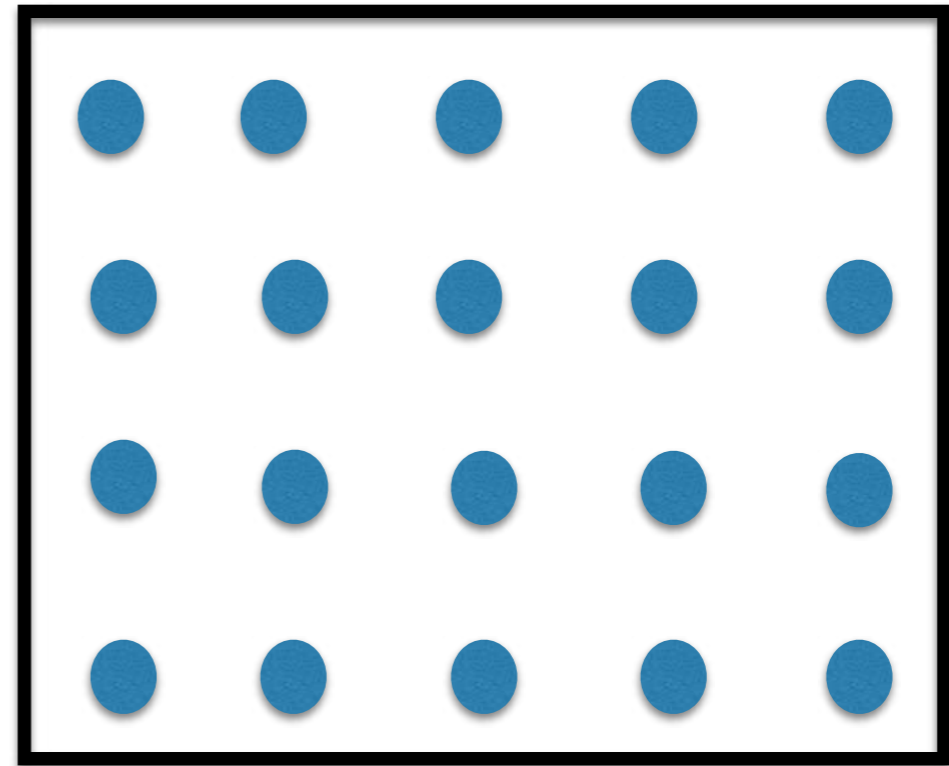
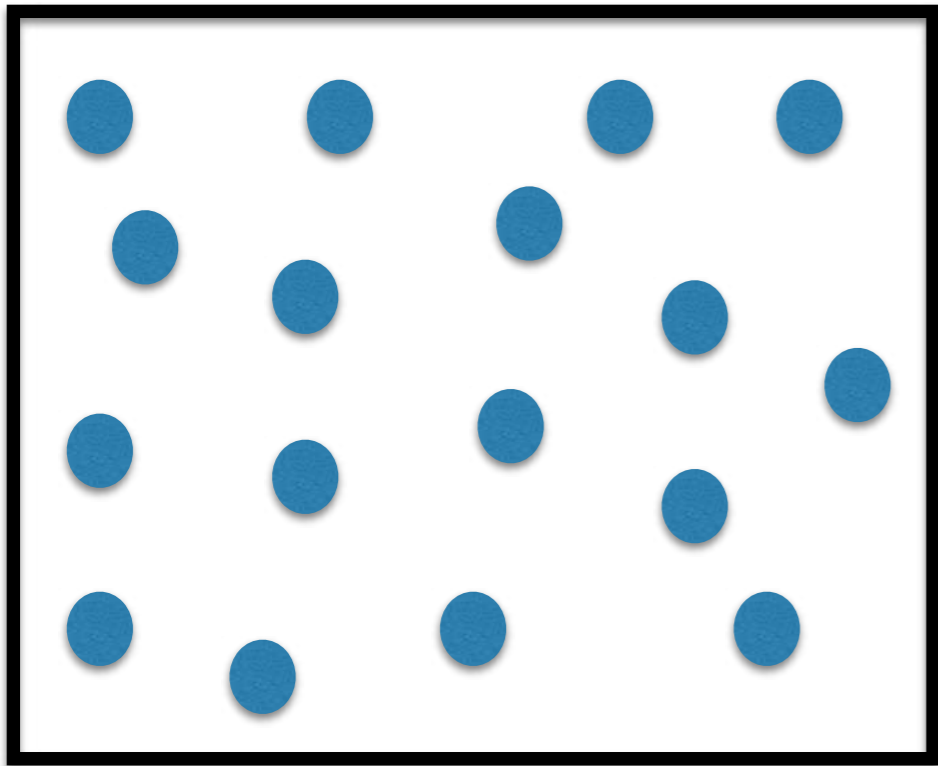
# Where do gapless excitations come from?

- The origin of phonons is spontaneous symmetry breaking.

$$\langle \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle = \langle \sqrt{\rho} e^{i\theta(\mathbf{r}, t)} \rangle \neq 0$$



# Gapless excitations in crystals

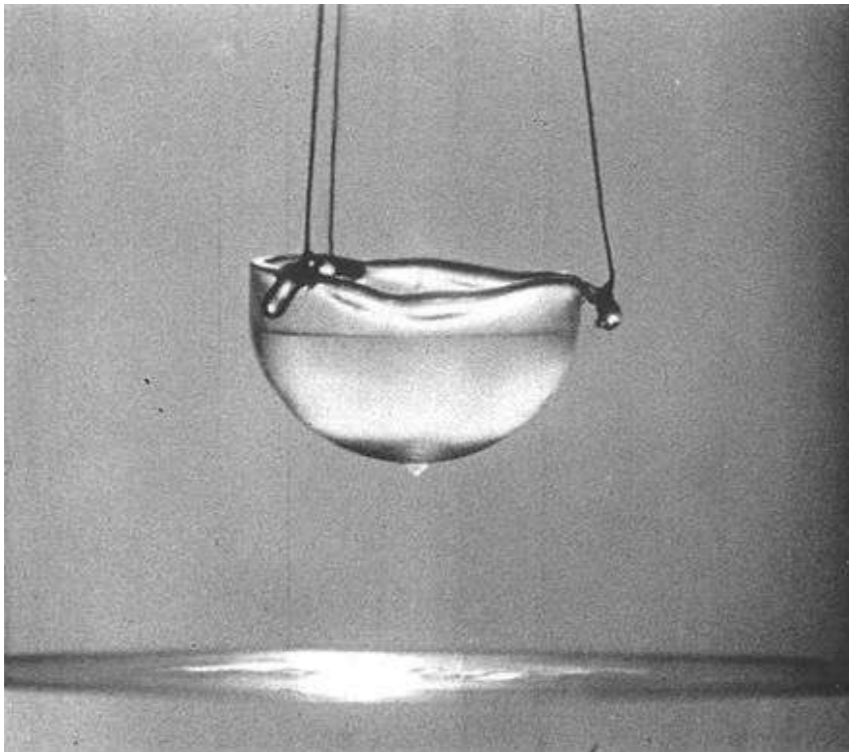


- Crystal breaks translational symmetry of space, has gapless acoustic phonons.



# Where do gapless excitations come from?

- Lesson 1: gapless excitations do not arise accidentally, there must be a reason.
- Lesson 2: their existence is associated with interesting physics, such as superfluidity, crystallinity, etc.

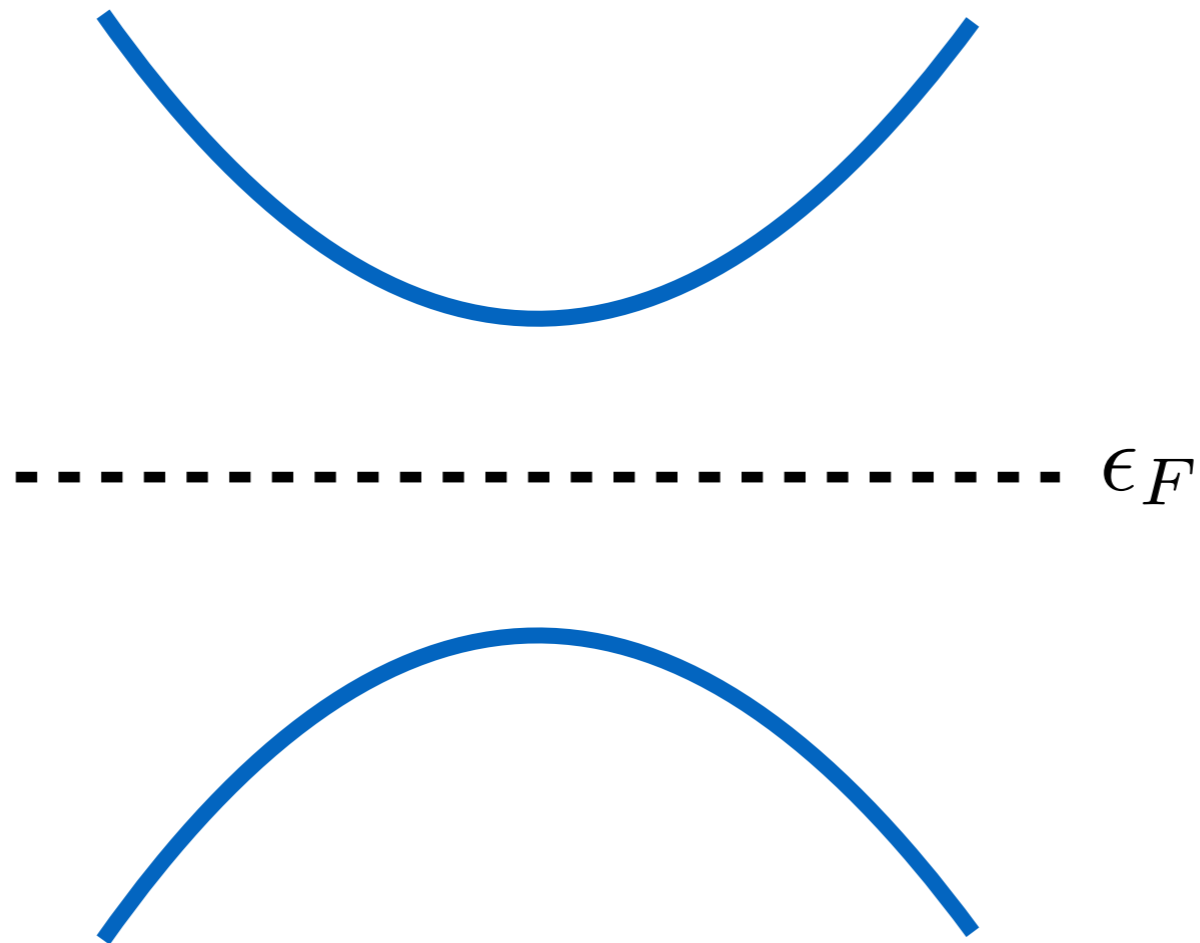


# Gapless fermions

- Energy spectrum of electrons in solids has form of bands separated by bandgaps.
- Electrons obey Pauli principle.
- Number of states in a band is always 2 times the number of unit cells.

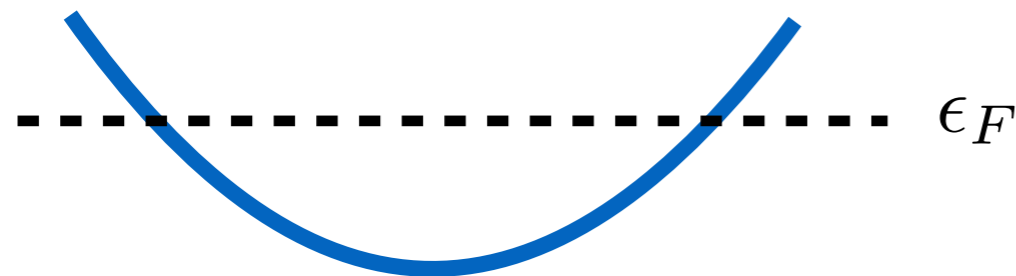
# Gapless fermions

- Even integer number of electrons per unit cell: insulator, no gapless excitations.

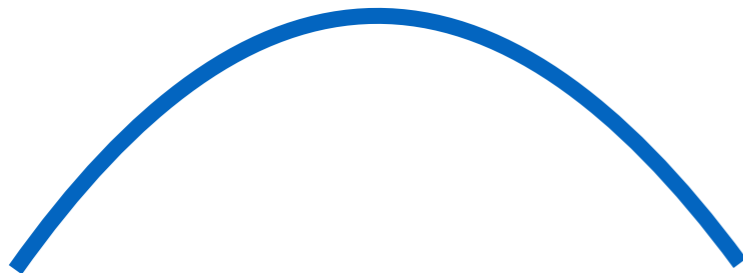


# Gapless fermions

- Fractional (not even integer) number of electrons per unit cell: metal, Fermi surface of gapless excitations.



$$\frac{2V_F}{(2\pi)^d} = \frac{\nu - 2n}{v_c}$$



Luttinger

# Metals



- Metals are fun and useful.

# Insulators



- Insulators are boring.

# Where do gapless excitations come from?

- Recent understanding: gapless excitations may also appear for topological reasons.
- Insulators are not as boring as one might have thought: there are two distinct classes of insulators, not adiabatically connected to each other.

## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2016



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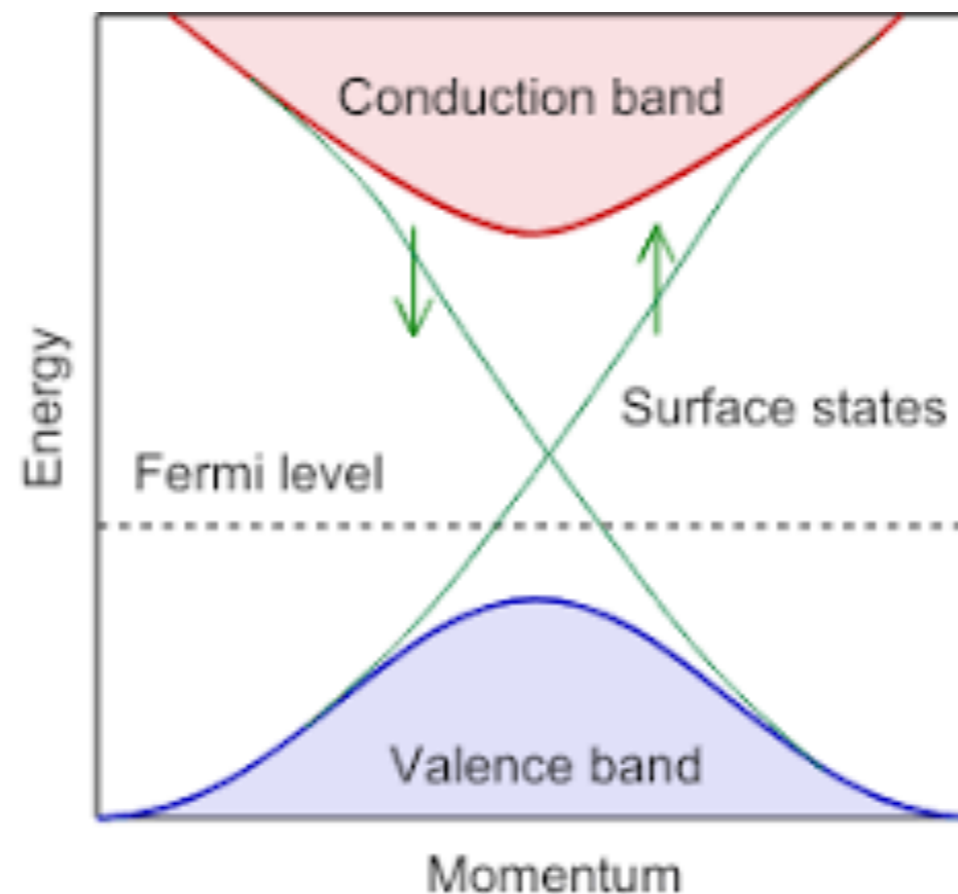


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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2016 was divided, one half awarded to David J. Thouless, the other half jointly to F. Duncan M. Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz *"for theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter"*.

# Topological insulators

- Transition between a topological and an ordinary insulator is only possible through closing the gap, which leads to gapless surface states on topological insulators.





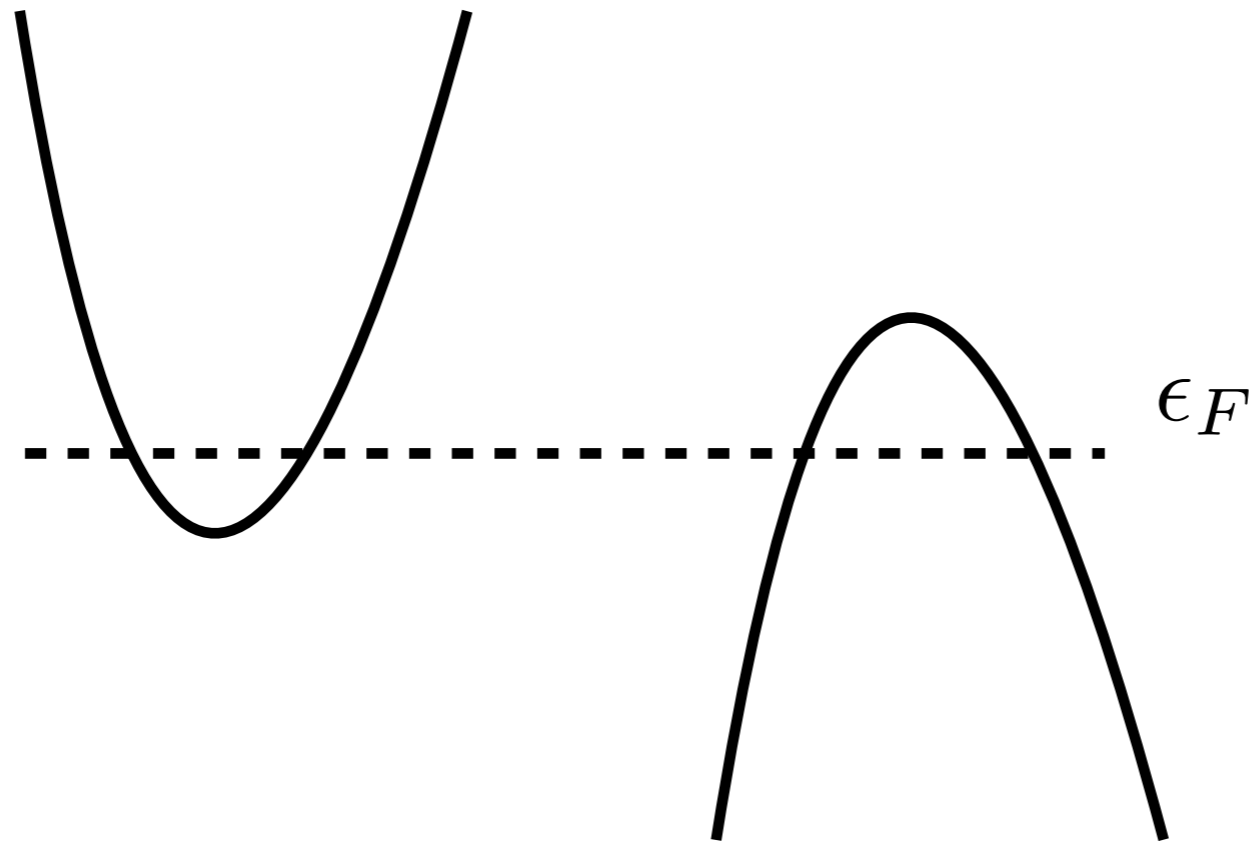
# Bulk topological metals

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- Can we have a bulk 3D topologically-protected metal when the material should be an insulator by band filling?

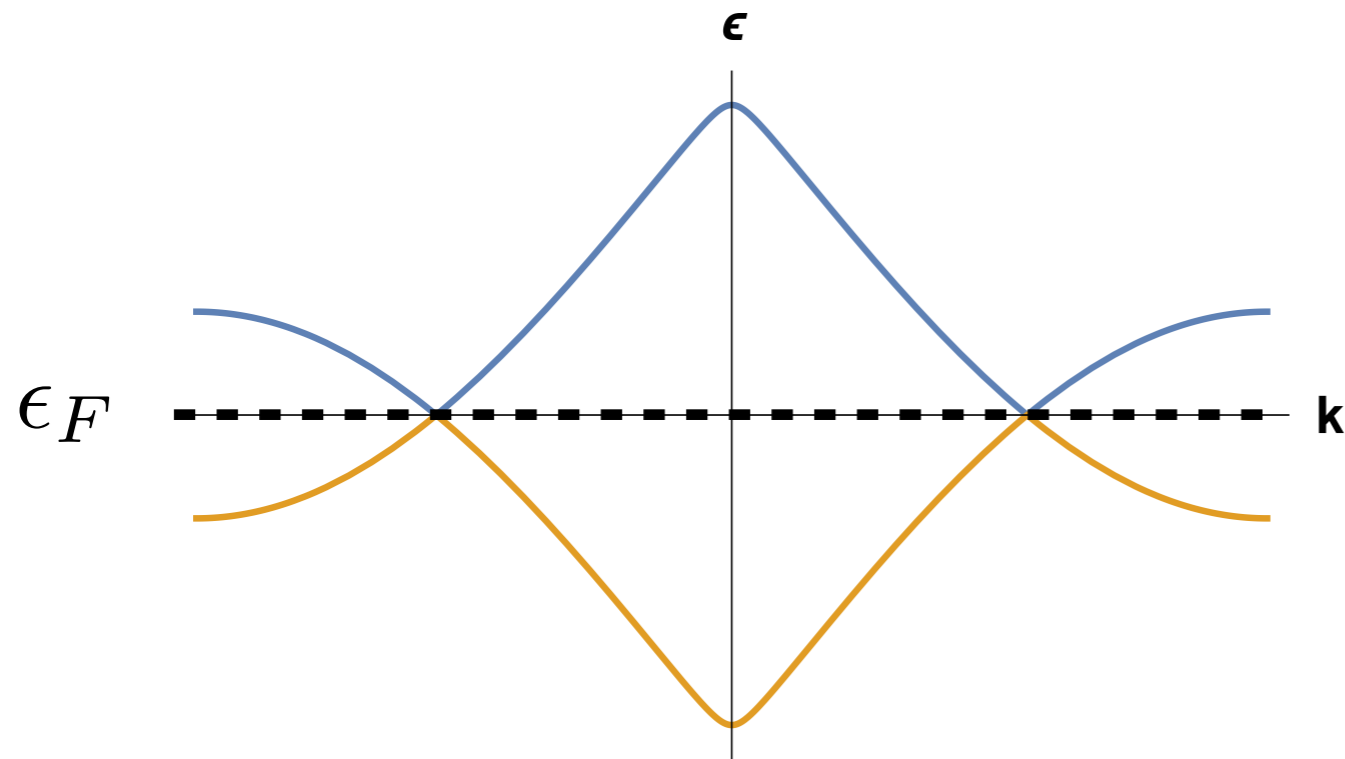
# Accidental semimetal



- Bands can overlap: materials with even number of electrons per unit cell often fail to be insulators.

# Weyl semimetal

- Weyl semimetal: gapless topological phase which arises in 3D materials lacking time-reversal or inversion symmetries.



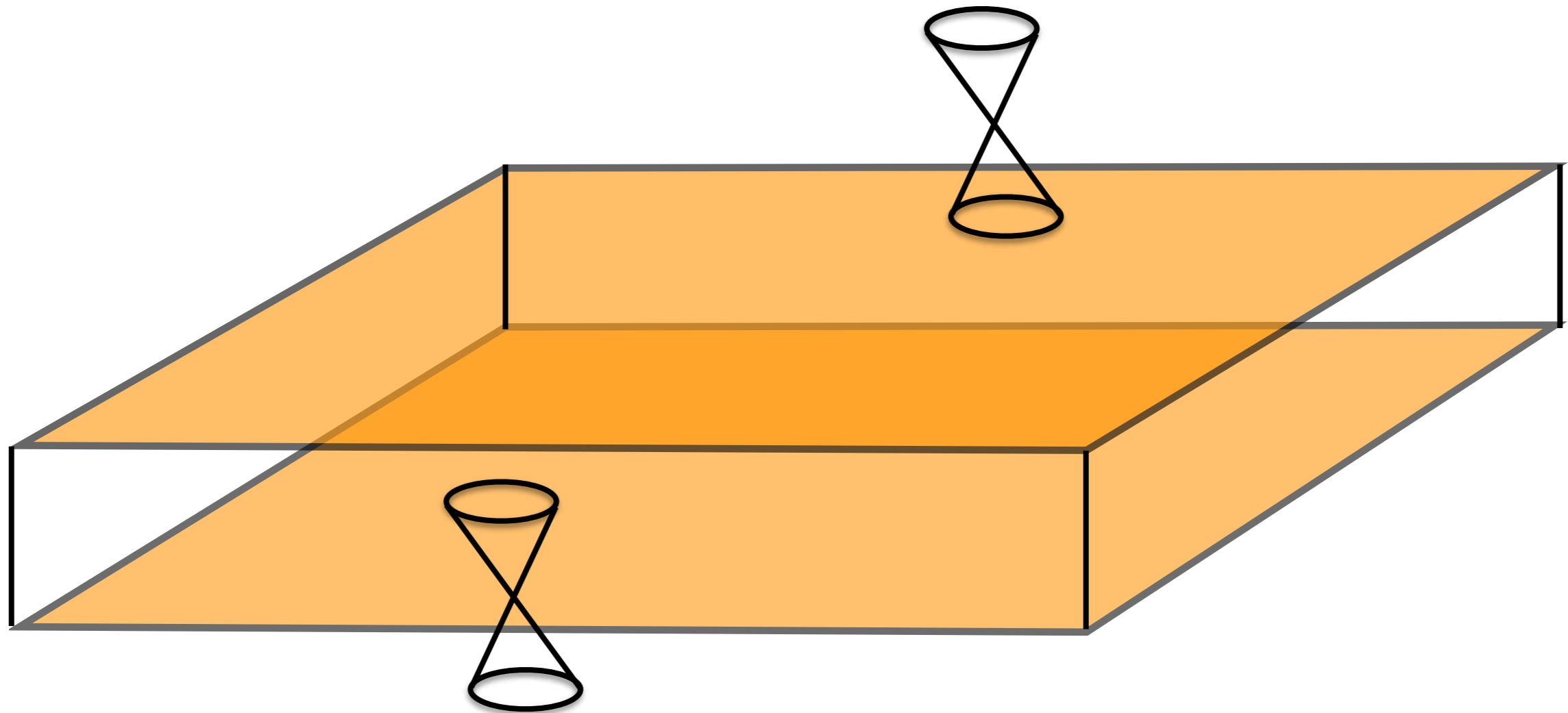
Murakami, 2007

Wan et al., 2011

AAB & Balents, 2011

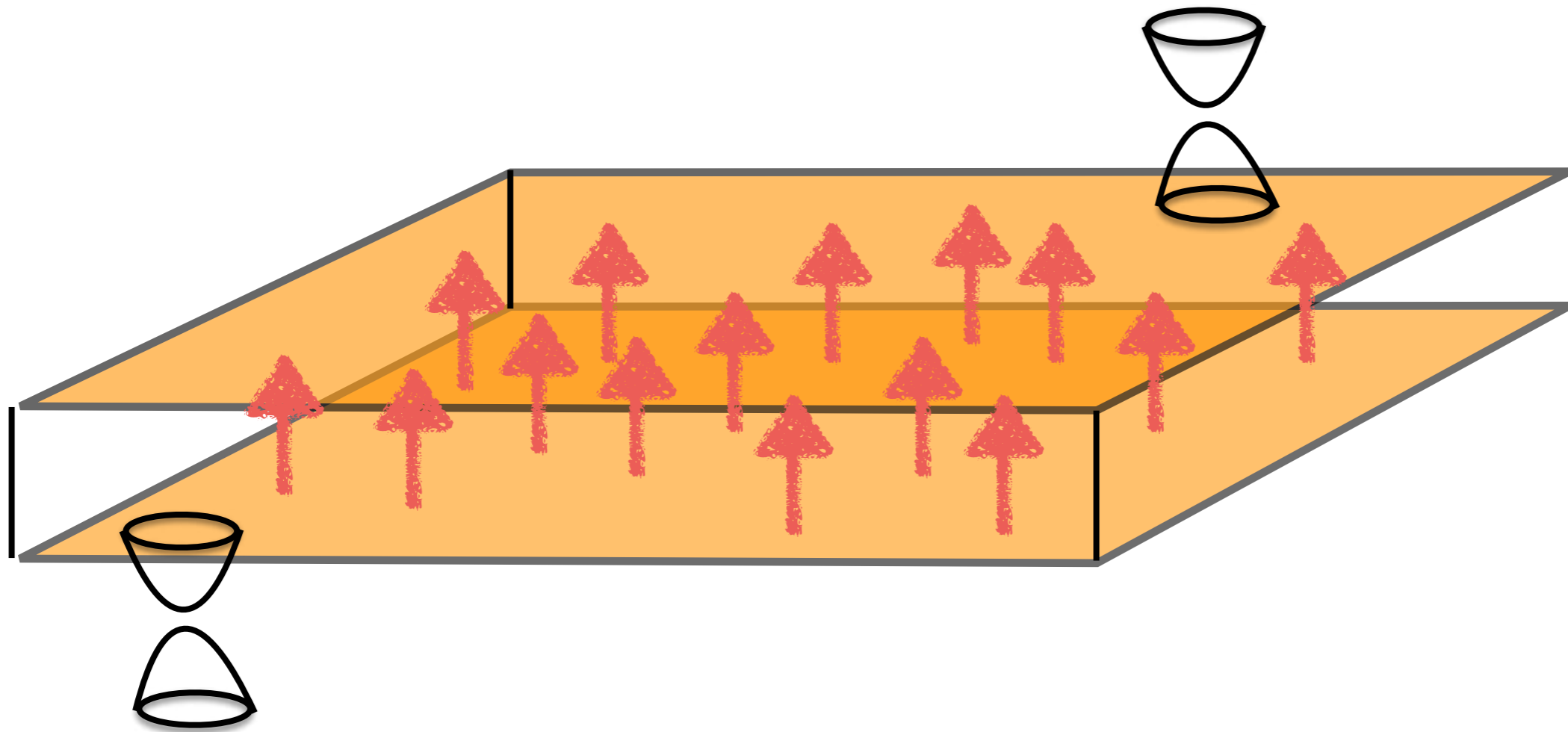
- Exists unavoidably as an intermediate phase between a topological and ordinary insulator in 3D.

# Quantum Anomalous Hall Insulator



**Thin film of 3D TI: gapless Dirac surface states  
protected by TRS**

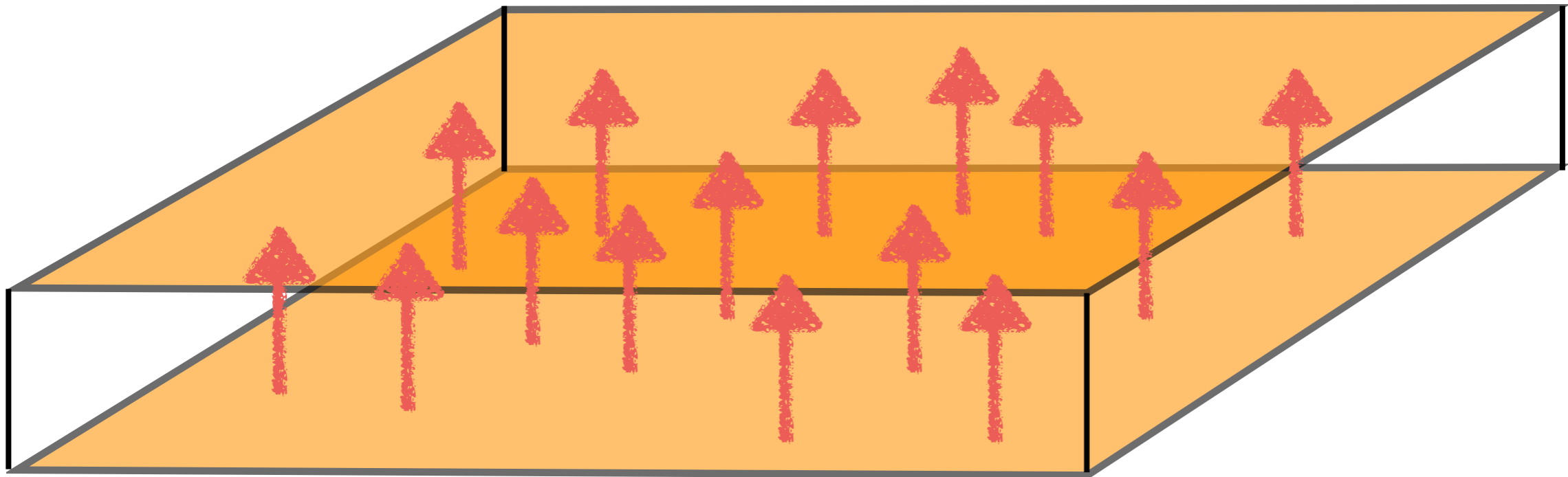
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Break TRS by doping with magnetic impurities, or can use a magnetic TI.

# Quantum Anomalous Hall Insulator

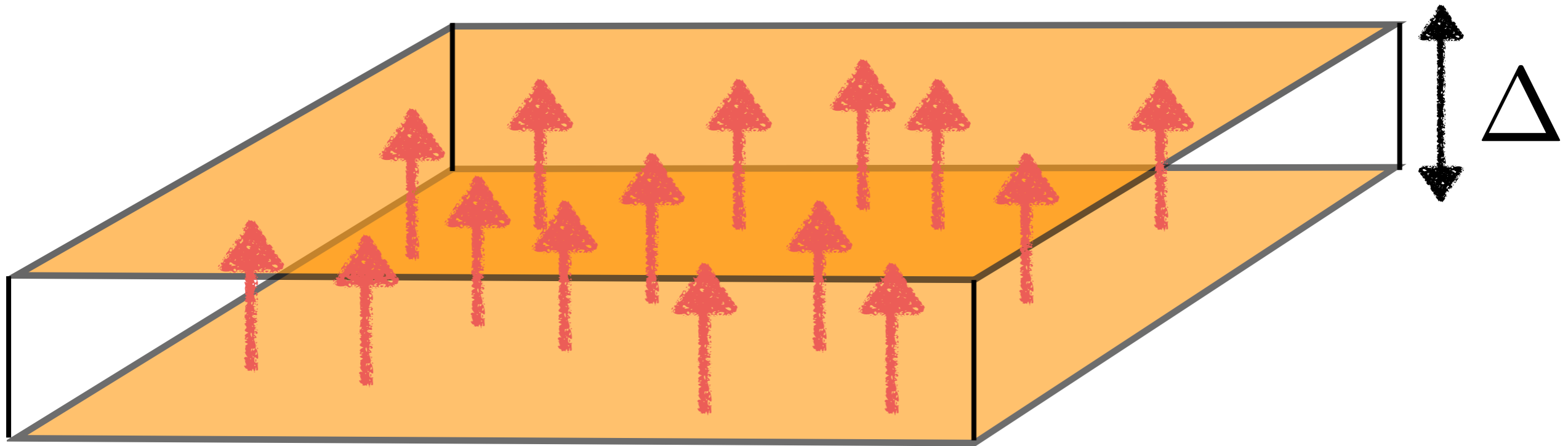
$$\sigma_{xy}^T = \frac{e^2}{2h}$$



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

$$\sigma_{xy} = \sigma_{xy}^T + \sigma_{xy}^B = \frac{e^2}{h}$$

# Quantum Anomalous Hall Insulator



$$b < \Delta$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = 0$$

$$b > \Delta$$

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

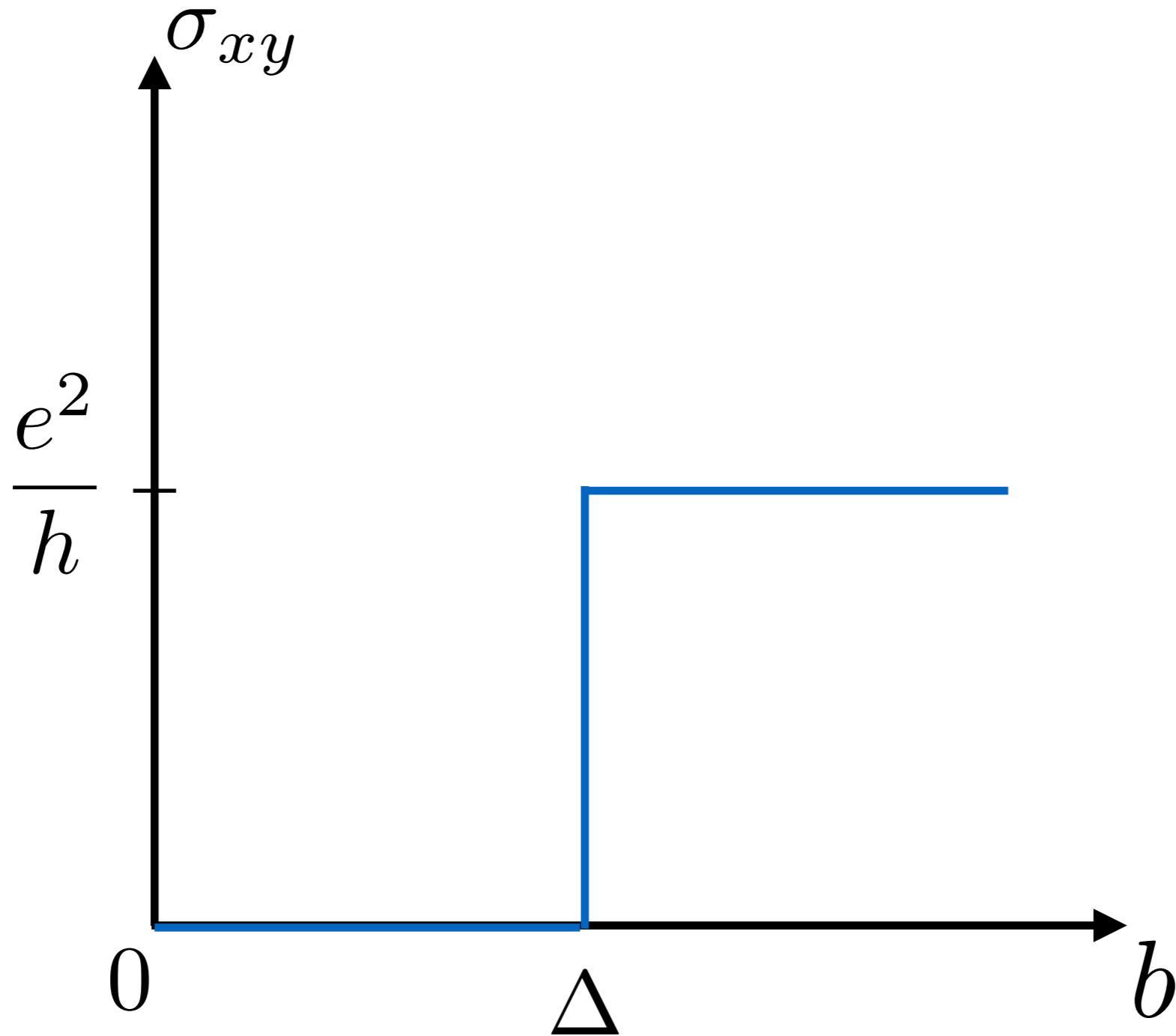
Haldane, 1988

Yu et al., 2010

Chang et al., 2013

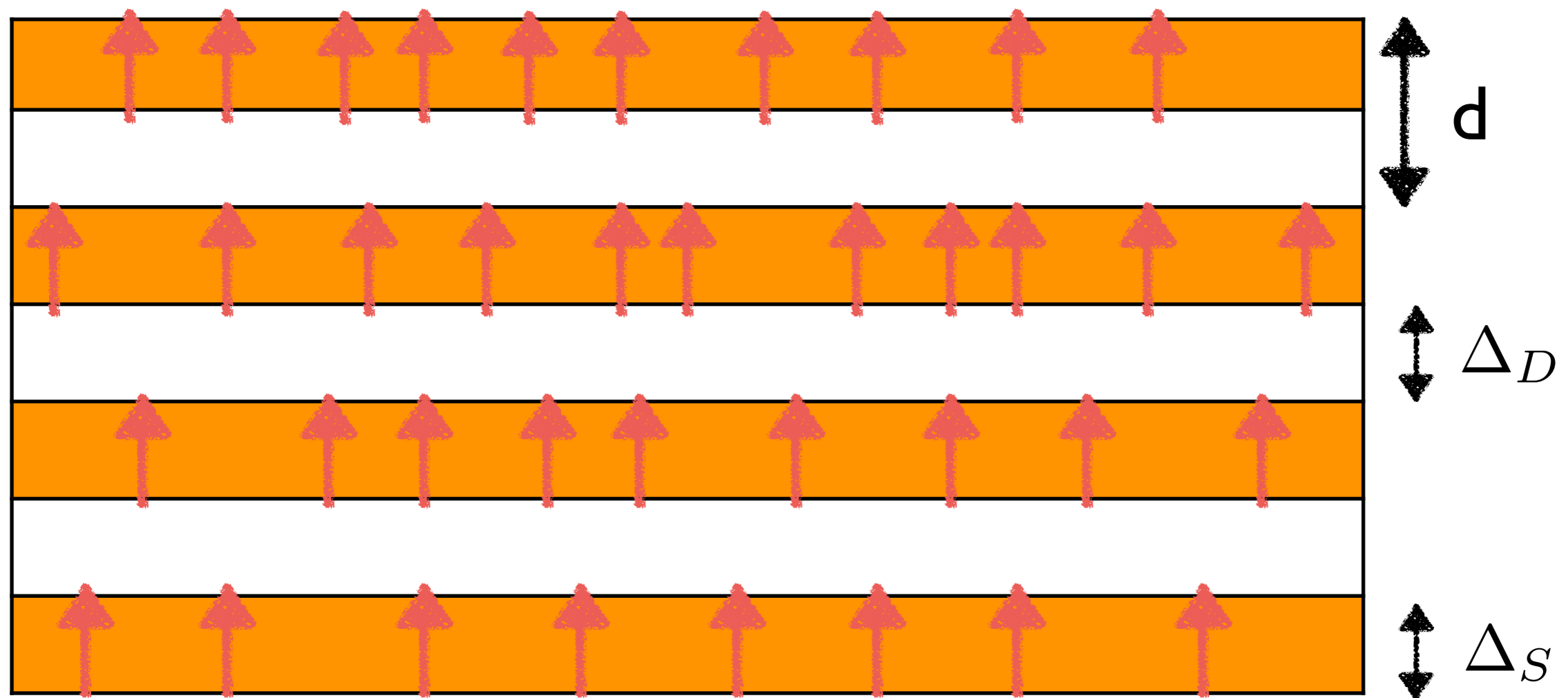


# Plateau transition in 2D

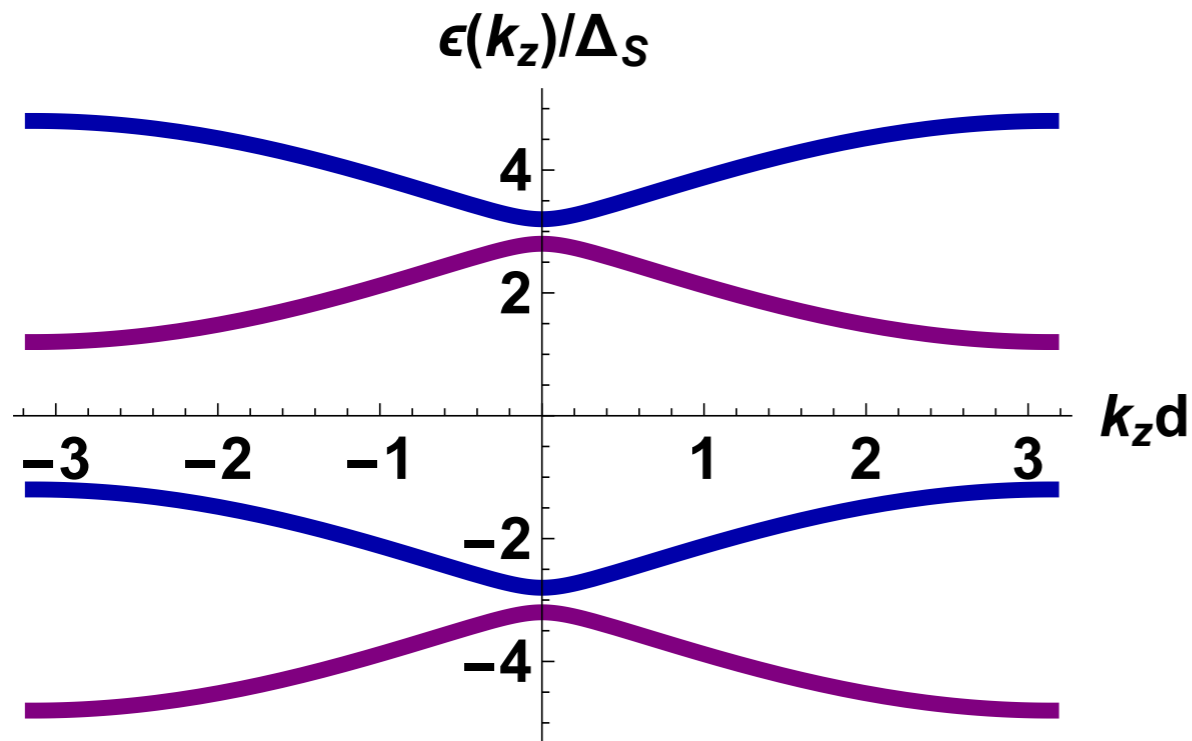


# From 2D QAH insulator to 3D Weyl semimetal

- Stack of 2D QAH insulators, separated by ordinary insulator spacers.



# 3D Integer Quantum Hall Effect



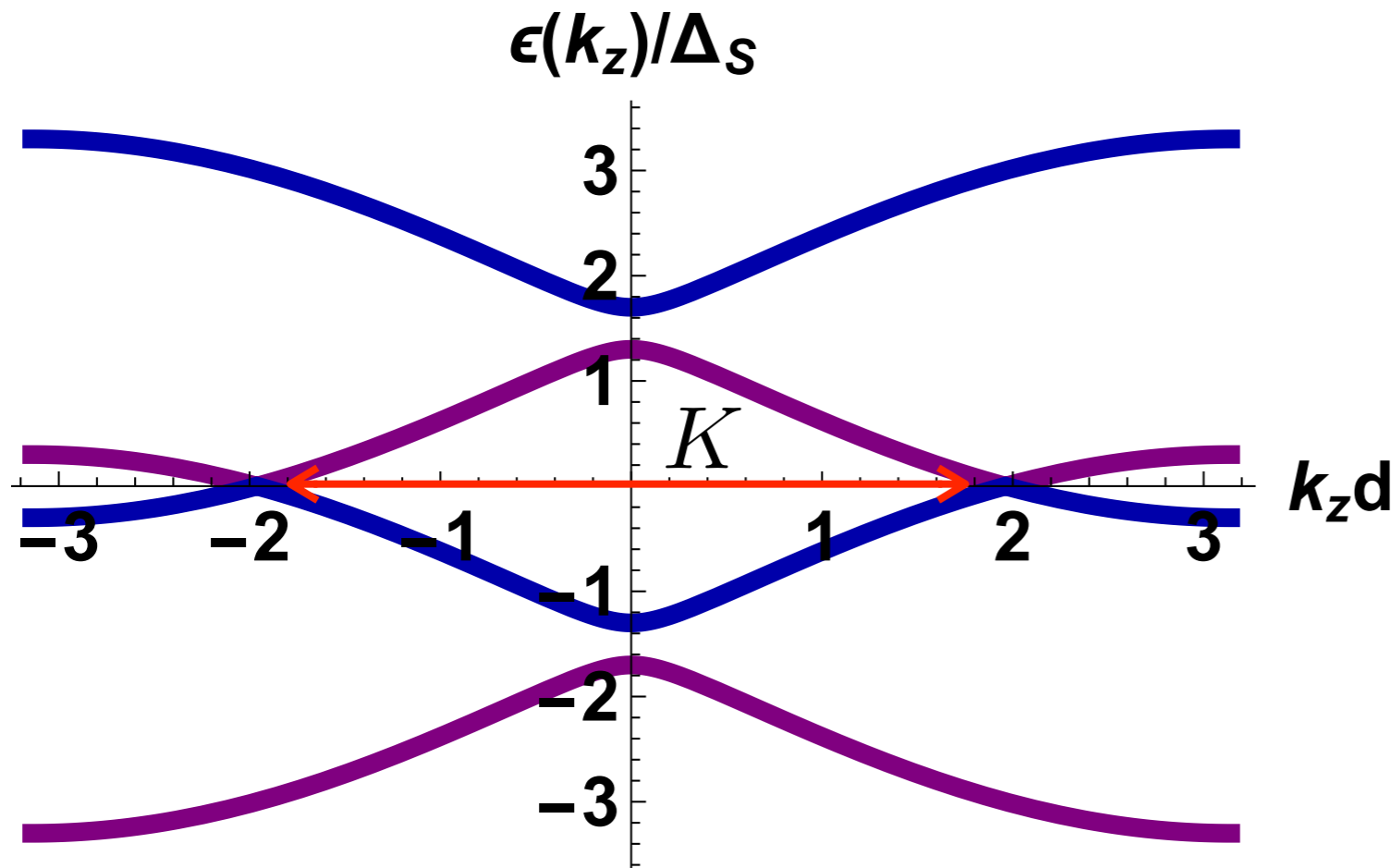
$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{G}{2\pi}$$

$$G = \frac{2\pi}{d}$$

Kohmoto, Halperin, Wu

- Hall conductivity involves a wavevector, transition to zero must happen smoothly.

# 3D Integer Quantum Hall Effect

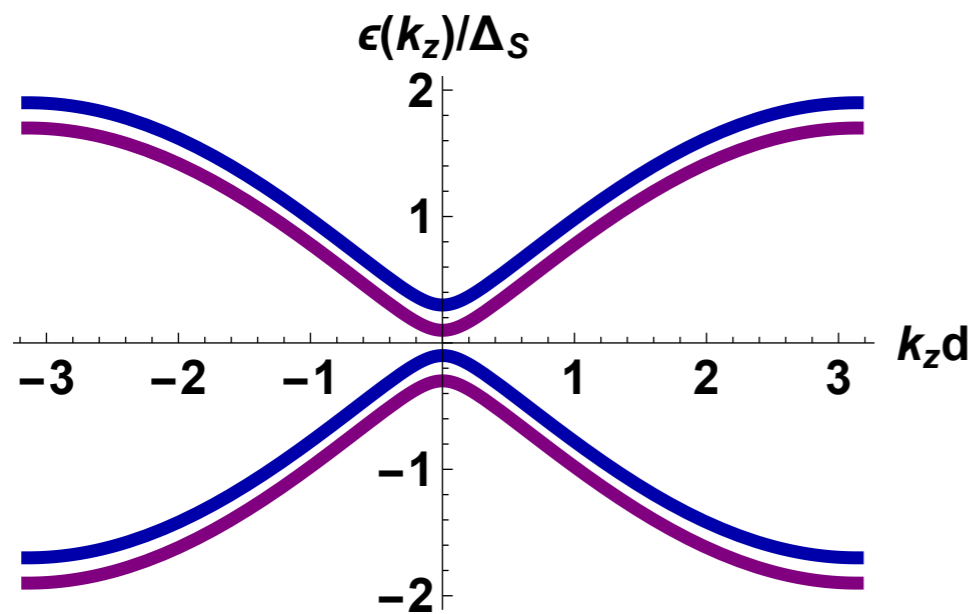


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AAB & Balents

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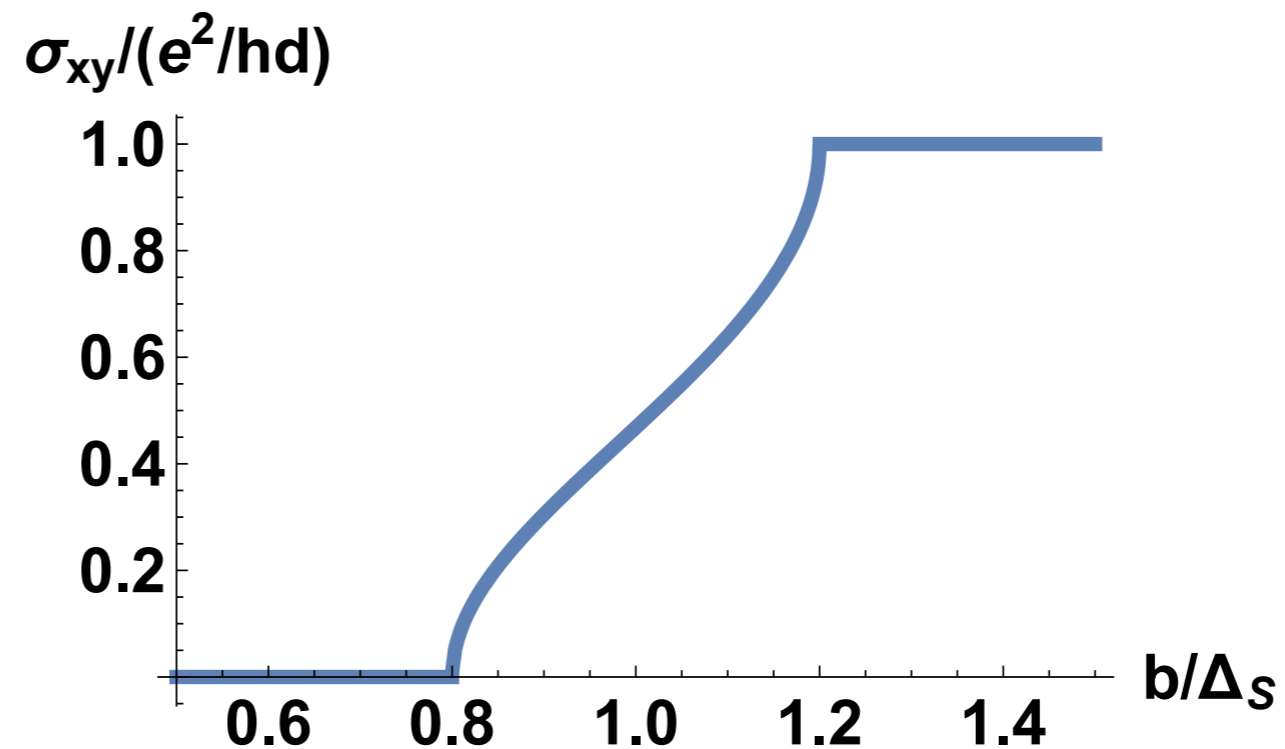


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# “Plateau transition” in 3D

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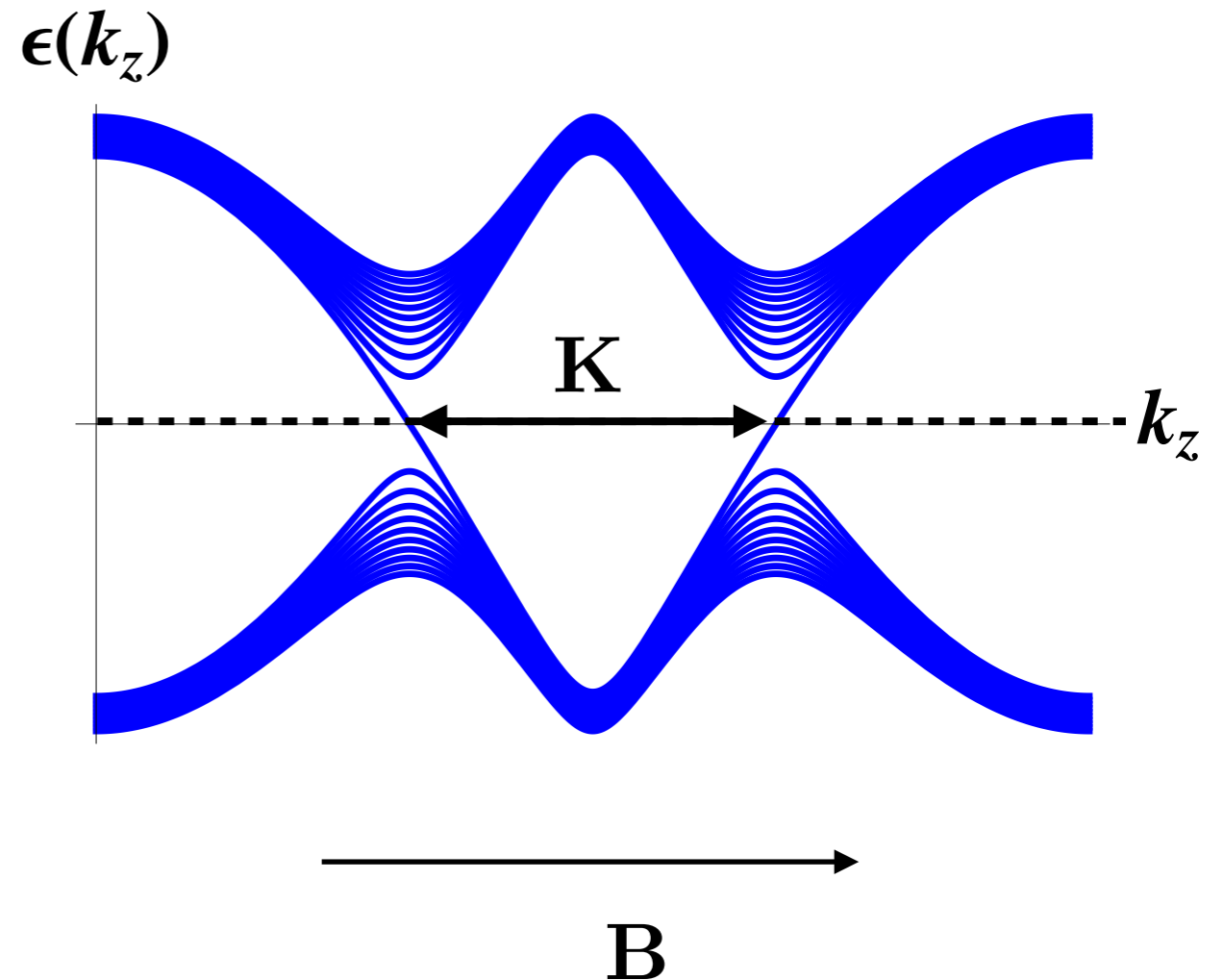


- Plateau transition is sharp in 2D, but broadens into Weyl semimetal phase in 3D.

# Chiral anomaly

- Extra Landau level below the Fermi energy in between the Weyl nodes.

$$\sigma_{xy} = e \frac{\partial n}{\partial B} = e \frac{K}{2\pi\hbar} \frac{\partial}{\partial B} \frac{1}{2\pi l_B^2} = \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{K}{2\pi}$$

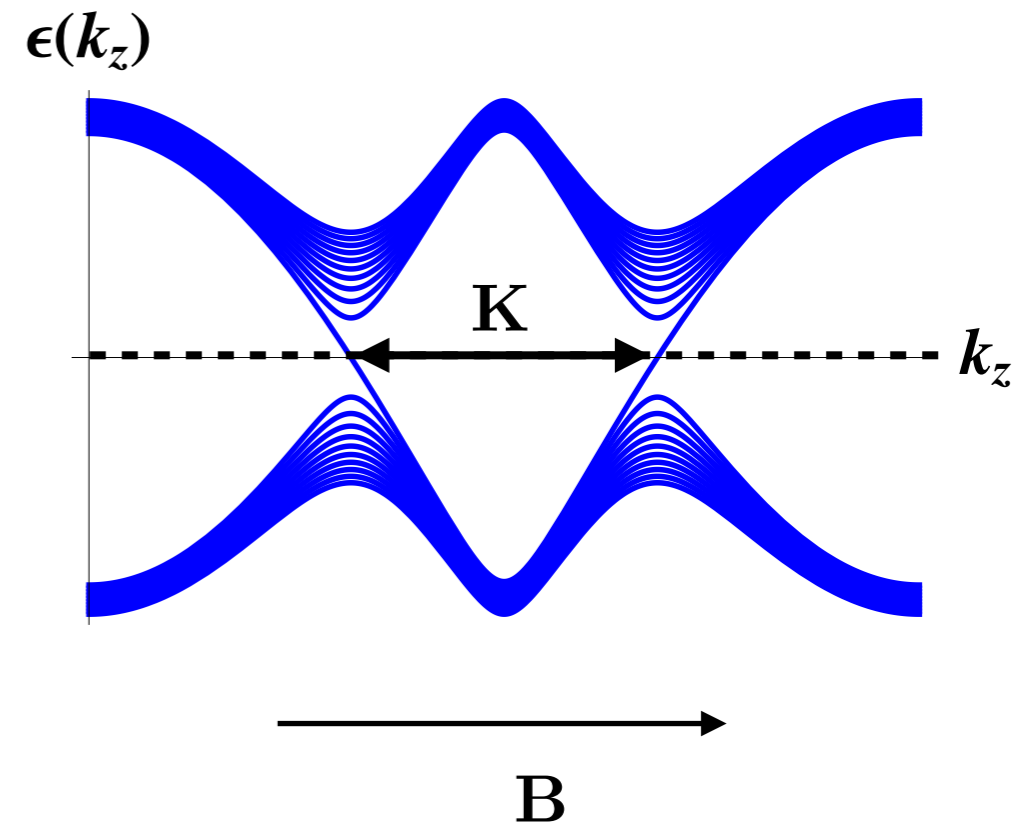


- Hall conductivity is a derivative of the Luttinger volume with respect to the magnetic field.

# Chiral anomaly

- “Fractional” Hall conductivity in the absence of a Fermi surface inevitably implies Weyl nodes.

- Extra Landau level below the Fermi energy in between the Weyl nodes.

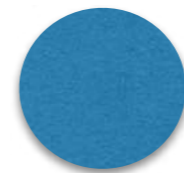
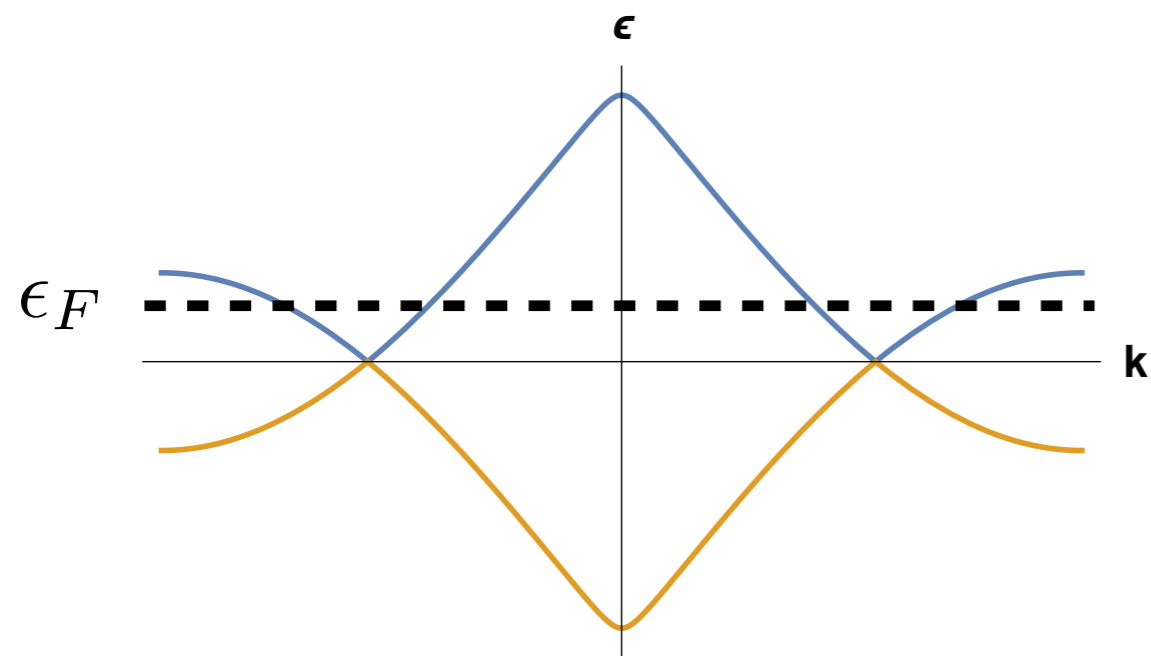


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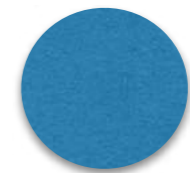


# Chiral anomaly

- Left-handed and right-handed charges should be separately conserved.



$n_L$



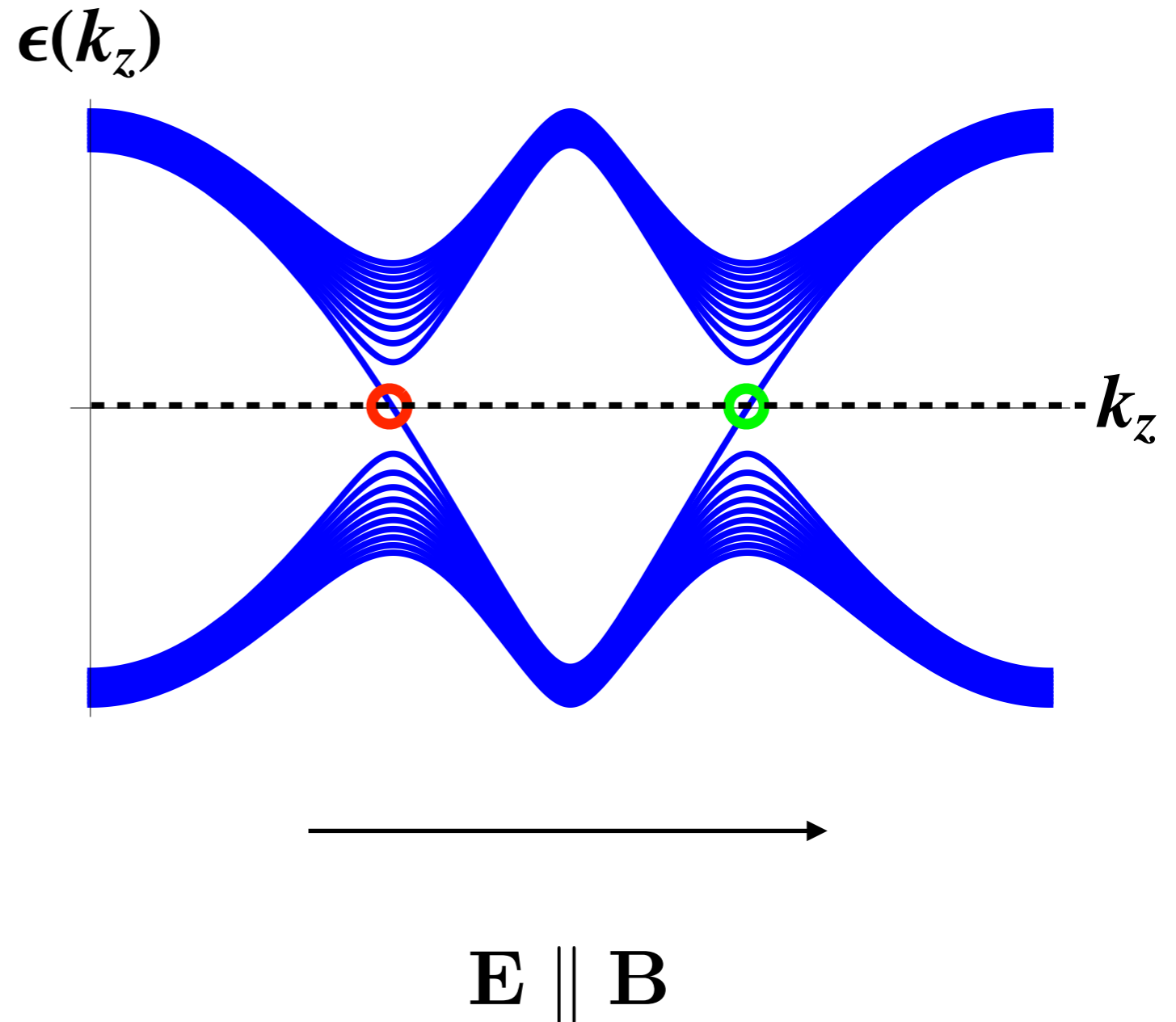
$n_R$

# Chiral anomaly

- Conservation is violated in the presence of collinear electric and magnetic fields.

$$\frac{\partial n_R}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{\partial n_L}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$



# Density response in an ordinary metal

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 (n + gV)$$

- Diffusion and drift current:  $\mathbf{j} = eD \nabla n + egD \nabla V = eD \nabla n + \sigma \mathbf{E}$

- Einstein relation:  $\sigma = e^2 gD$

# Density response in a Weyl metal

Total charge:  $n = n_R + n_L$

Chiral charge:  $n_c = n_R - n_L$

- If both were conserved, both would obey independent continuity (diffusion) equations:

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 n \qquad \frac{\partial n_c}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 n_c - \frac{n_c}{\tau_c}$$

# Density response in topological metal

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 (n + gV) + \mathbf{\Gamma} \cdot \nabla (n_c + gV_c)$$

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- New transport coefficients:

$$n = n_R + n_L$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \frac{e\mathbf{B}}{2\pi^2 g}$$

$$n_c = n_R - n_L$$

Chiral charge relaxation time:

$$\tau_c \gg \tau$$

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- First derivatives will dominate at long length scales. This leads to propagating density modes and quasiballistic conductance.

# Diffusion propagator

$$\mathcal{D}^{-1}(q, \omega) = \begin{pmatrix} -i\omega\tau + Dq^2\tau & -i\Gamma q\tau \\ -i\Gamma q\tau & -i\omega\tau + \tau/\tau_c + Dq^2\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

- Poles of the diffusion propagator determine the long-distance, long-time dynamics of the system.

# Diffusion eigenmodes

$$i\omega_{\pm} = Dq^2 + \frac{1}{2\tau_c} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\tau_c^2} - \Gamma^2 q^2}$$

$$q < \frac{1}{2\Gamma\tau_c}$$

- Ordinary diffusion of conserved electric and almost conserved chiral charges:

$$i\omega_+ = Dq^2 + \frac{1}{\tau_c} \qquad i\omega_- = Dq^2$$



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- This mode is weakly damped as long as:

$$q < \frac{\Gamma}{D} = \frac{1}{L_a}$$

$$L_a = \frac{D}{\Gamma} \sim \ell(k_F \ell_B)^2$$

$$\ell_B = \sqrt{\hbar c / eB}$$

# Propagating mode

- Linearly-dispersing propagating mode:

$$\omega = \Gamma q$$

- Exists as long as:  $\frac{1}{L_*} < q < \frac{1}{L_a}$

$$L_* = \frac{L_c^2}{L_a} \quad L_c = \sqrt{D\tau_c} \quad \text{chiral charge diffusion length}$$

- The existence of such a propagating mode in the diffusive transport regime in weak magnetic fields is a qualitatively new feature of topological metals.

# Propagating modes

- First time and first space derivative: wave equation rather than diffusion.

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \Gamma \frac{\partial n_c}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial n_c}{\partial t} = \Gamma \frac{\partial n}{\partial z}$$

$$n_R = \frac{1}{2}(n + n_c)$$

$$n_L = \frac{1}{2}(n - n_c)$$

$$\frac{\partial n_R}{\partial t} = \Gamma \frac{\partial n_R}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial n_L}{\partial t} = -\Gamma \frac{\partial n_L}{\partial z}$$

- A pair of propagating chiral density modes.

# Chiral Magnetic Effect

$$\mathbf{j} = \frac{\sigma}{e} \nabla \mu + eg\mu_c \mathbf{\Gamma}$$

Kharzeev et al.

$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$$

involves irreversible randomization of momentum, dissipative.

- Second term is nondissipative.

# Chiral Magnetic Effect

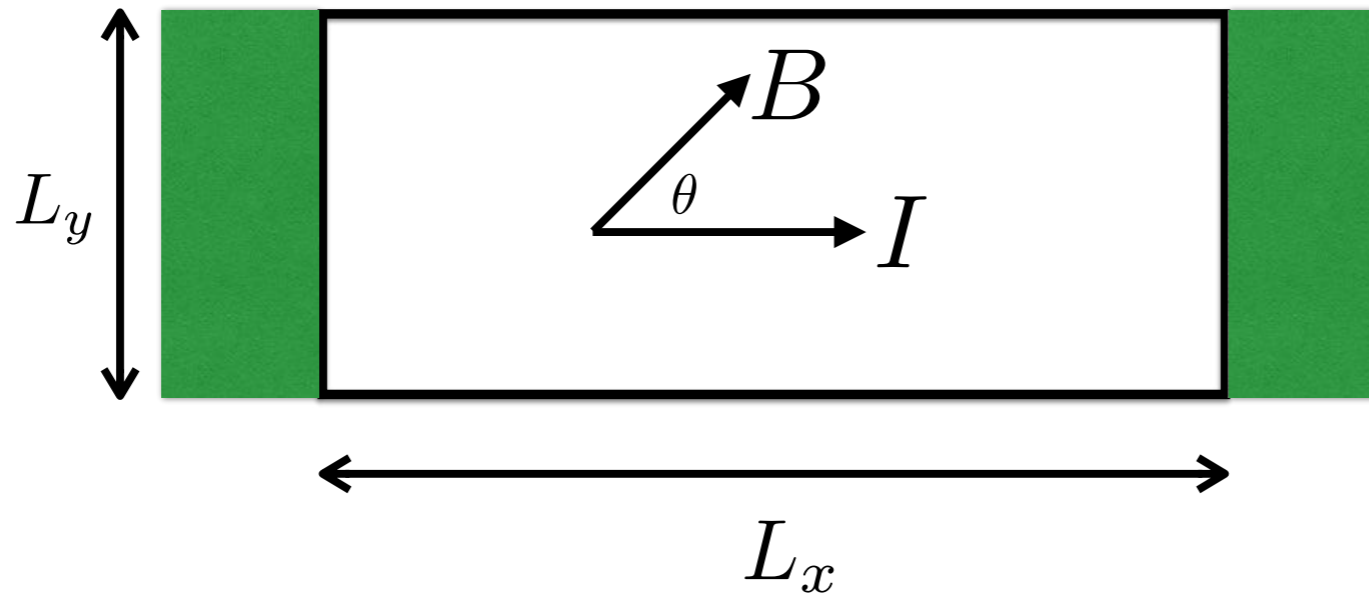
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$$\mathbf{j} = -\frac{c}{4\pi\lambda^2} \mathbf{A}$$

# Anisotropic MR



Kharzeev et al.

- Chiral magnetic effect:  $\mathbf{j} = \frac{\sigma}{e} \nabla \mu + eg\mu_c \mathbf{\Gamma}$

$$\rho_{xx} = \rho_{\perp} - \Delta\rho \cos^2 \theta,$$

$$\rho_{yx} = -\Delta\rho \sin \theta \cos \theta,$$

$$\Delta\rho = \rho_{\perp} - \rho_{\parallel}$$

$$\rho_{\perp} = 1/\sigma$$

# Anisotropic MR

Negative LMR:  $\rho_{xx} = \rho_{\perp} - \Delta\rho \cos^2 \theta$

Son & Spivak

AAB

Planar Hall Effect:  $\rho_{yx} = -\Delta\rho \sin \theta \cos \theta$

AAB

$$\Delta\rho = \rho_{\perp} - \rho_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{(L_c/L_a)^2}{1 + (L_c/L_a)^2}$$

$$L_a = \frac{D}{\Gamma} \sim \ell(k_F \ell_B)^2$$

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purely quantum phenomena!



# Anisotropic MR

$$\Delta\rho = \rho_{\perp} - \rho_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{(L_c/L_a)^2}{1 + (L_c/L_a)^2}$$

- AMR has opposite sign to what is typically seen in ferromagnets and much larger magnitude.

$$\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_{\perp}} \approx 50\% \quad \text{largest AMR in a FM metal in } \text{U}_3\text{As}_4$$

- Several hundred percent in  $\text{Na}_3\text{Bi}$ , N.P. Ong et al.

$$\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_{\parallel}} = \frac{(L_c/L_a)^4}{1 + (L_c/L_a)^2}$$

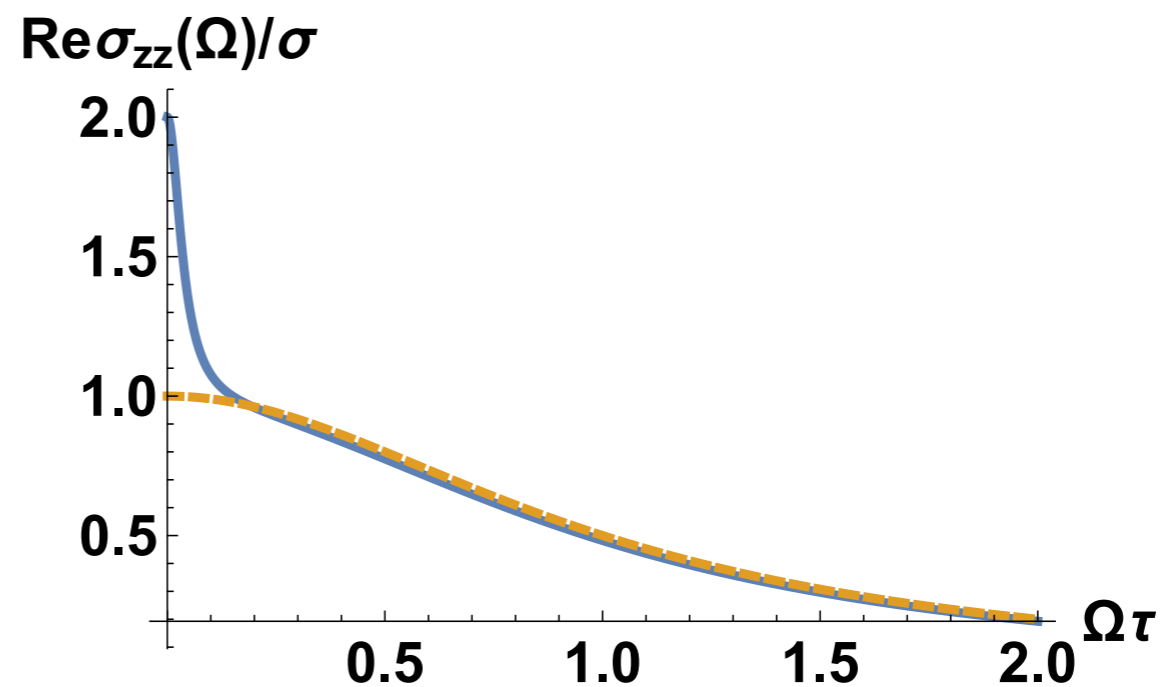
# Optical conductivity

- From charge continuity equation:

$$\sigma_{zz}(\omega) = \lim_{q \rightarrow 0} \frac{ie^2\omega}{q^2} \chi_{00}(q, \omega)$$

$$\text{Re}\sigma_{zz}(\omega) = \frac{\sigma}{1 + \omega^2\tau^2} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{L_c}{L_a} \right)^2 \frac{1 - \omega^2\tau\tau_c}{1 + \omega^2\tau_c^2} \right]$$

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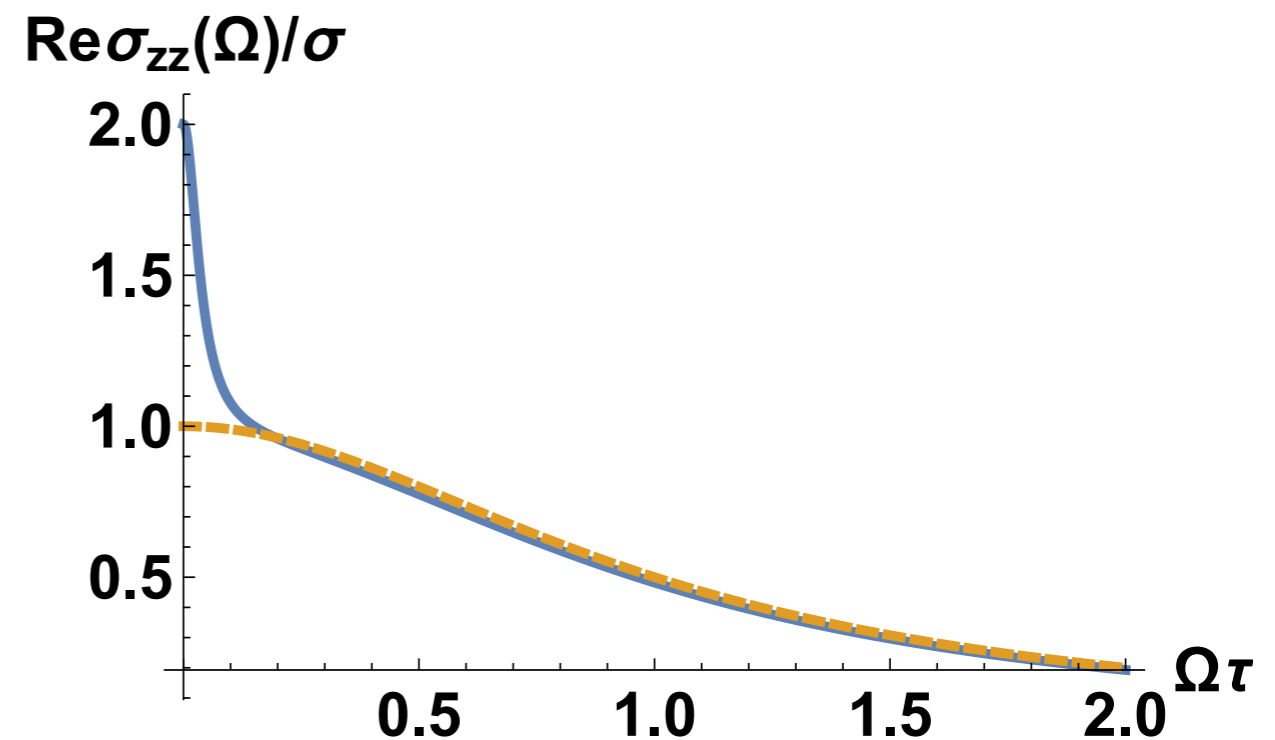
# Optical conductivity

- Transfer of spectral weight to a narrow low-frequency peak.

$$\text{Re}\sigma_{zz}(\omega) = \frac{\sigma}{1 + \omega^2\tau^2} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{L_c}{L_a} \right)^2 \frac{1 - \omega^2\tau\tau_c}{1 + \omega^2\tau_c^2} \right]$$

- Drude weight is preserved.

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \text{Re}\sigma(\omega) = \frac{\pi\sigma}{2\tau}$$



# Optical conductivity

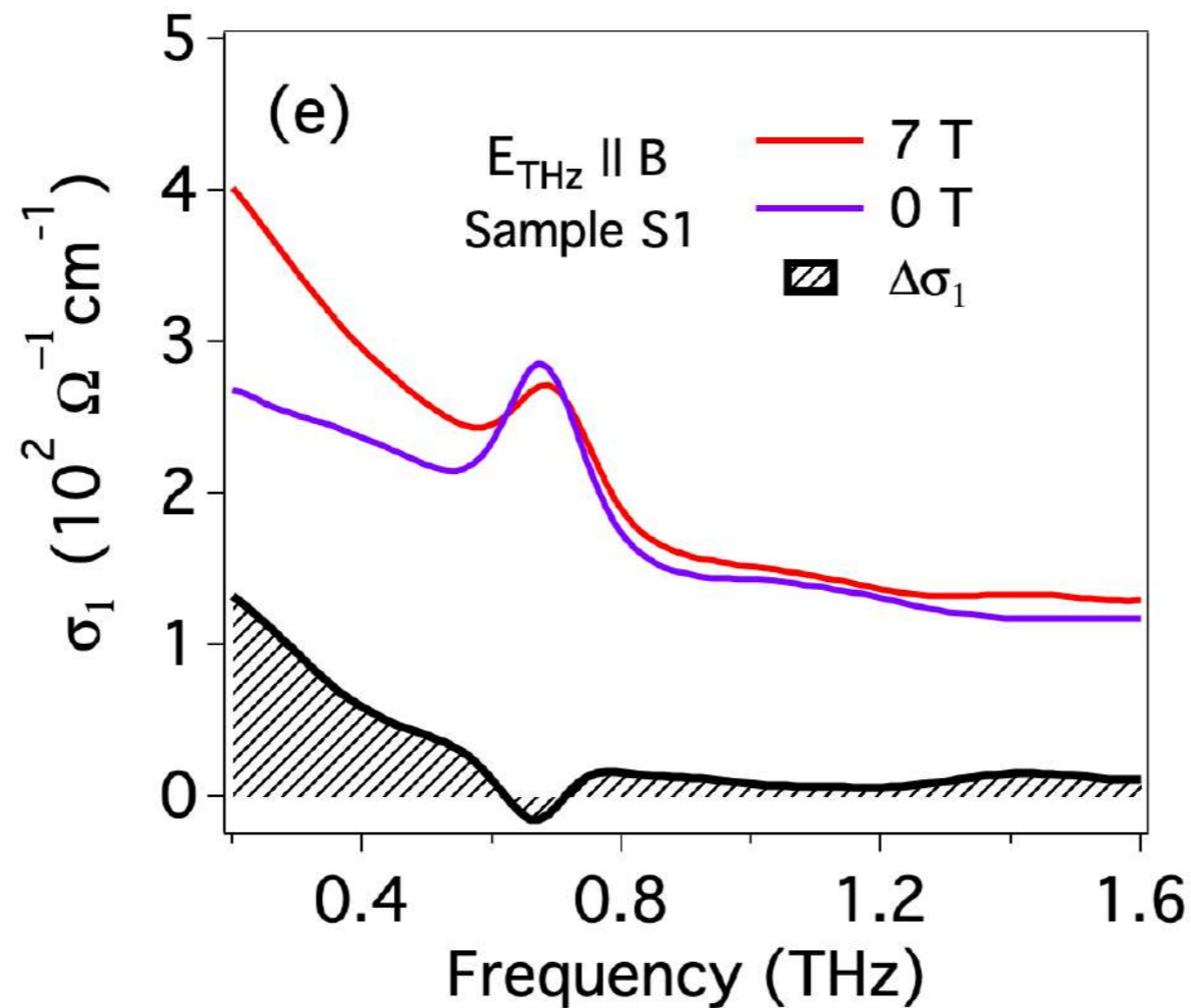
## Probing charge pumping and relaxation of the chiral anomaly in a Dirac semimetal

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# Chiral anomaly and interactions

- Chiral anomaly inevitably implies Weyl nodes in case of weak interactions.
- Does this remain true when the interactions are not weak?
- In other words, can we gap out the Weyl nodes while preserving the chiral anomaly and while not breaking any symmetries?

# 3D Fractional Quantum Hall Effect

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## Fractional Quantum Hall Effect in Weyl Semimetals

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- We can “defeat” the anomaly, but at the cost of fractionalizing electrons.
- This is analogous to asking if we can have a gapped Mott insulator not breaking any symmetries at odd integer electron filling per unit cell.

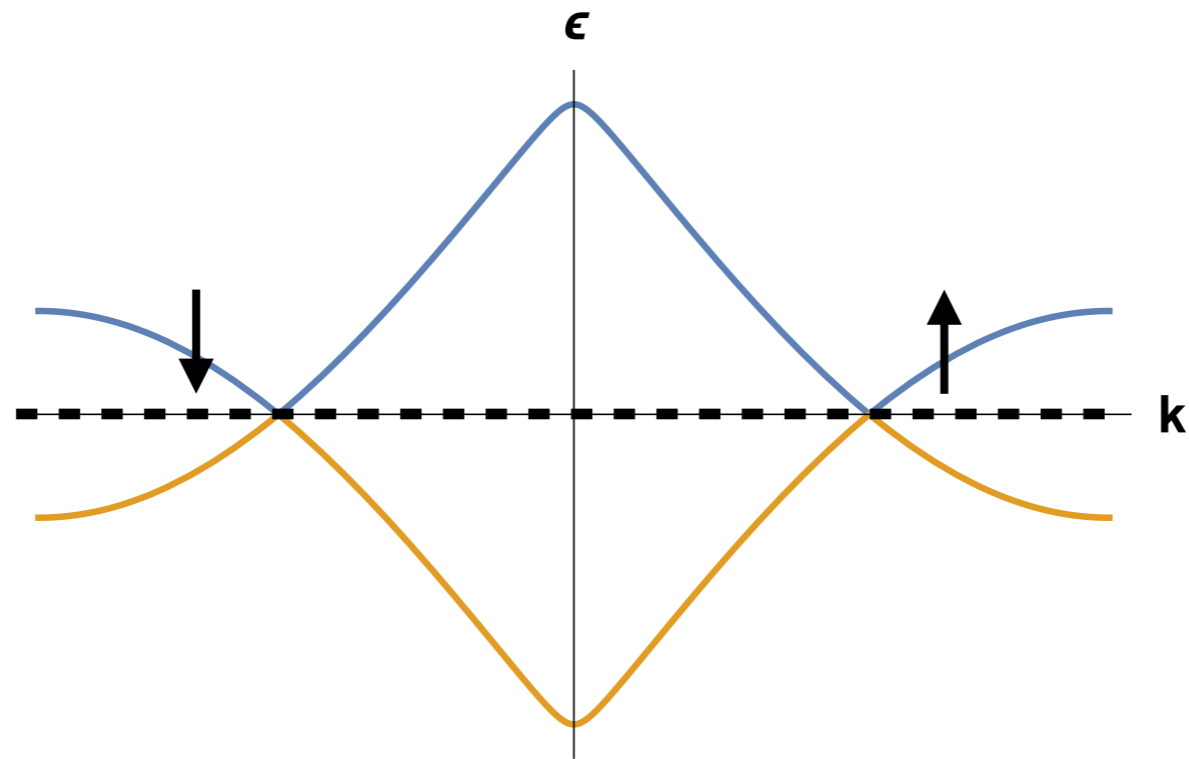
# Vortex condensation

- Induce fully gapped superconductivity in Weyl semimetal.
- Destroy SC coherence by condensing vortices while keeping the pairing gap: this produces an insulator.
- Chiral anomaly places strong restrictions on the procedure and prohibits a simple insulator, has to have topological order.



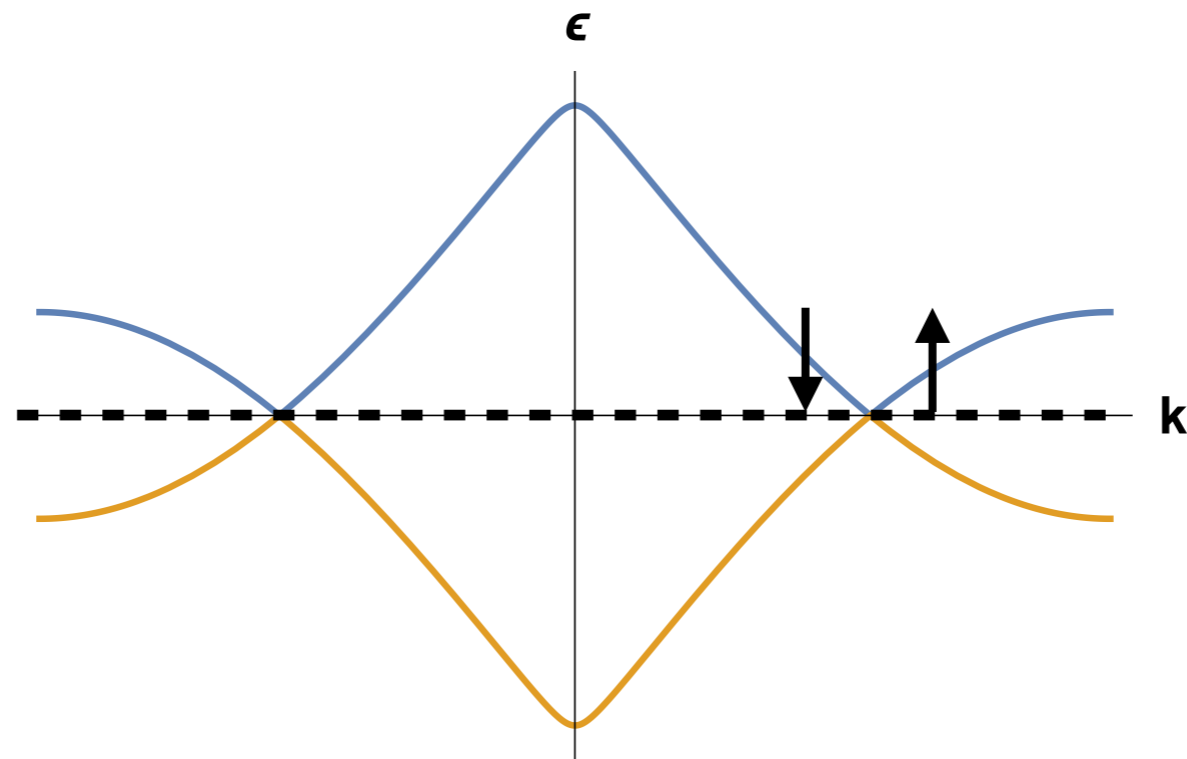
# Weyl superconductor

- BCS: pairing  $k$  and  $-k$  states, i.e. internodal pairing.



# Weyl superconductor

- FFLO: pairing states on the opposite side of each Weyl point, i.e. intranodal pairing.



# BCS pairing

- BCS pairing can not open a gap, since the two chiralities are not mixed by the pairing term:

$$H = v_F \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \tau^z \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} c_{\mathbf{k}} + \Delta \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (c_{\mathbf{k}R}^\dagger i\sigma^y c_{-\mathbf{k}L}^\dagger + h.c.)$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}} = (c_{\mathbf{k}R\uparrow}, c_{\mathbf{k}R\downarrow}, c_{-\mathbf{k}L\downarrow}^\dagger, -c_{-\mathbf{k}L\uparrow}^\dagger)$$

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger (v_F \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} + \Delta \tau^x) \psi_{\mathbf{k}}$$

# FFLO pairing

- FFLO does open a gap, but breaks translational symmetry:

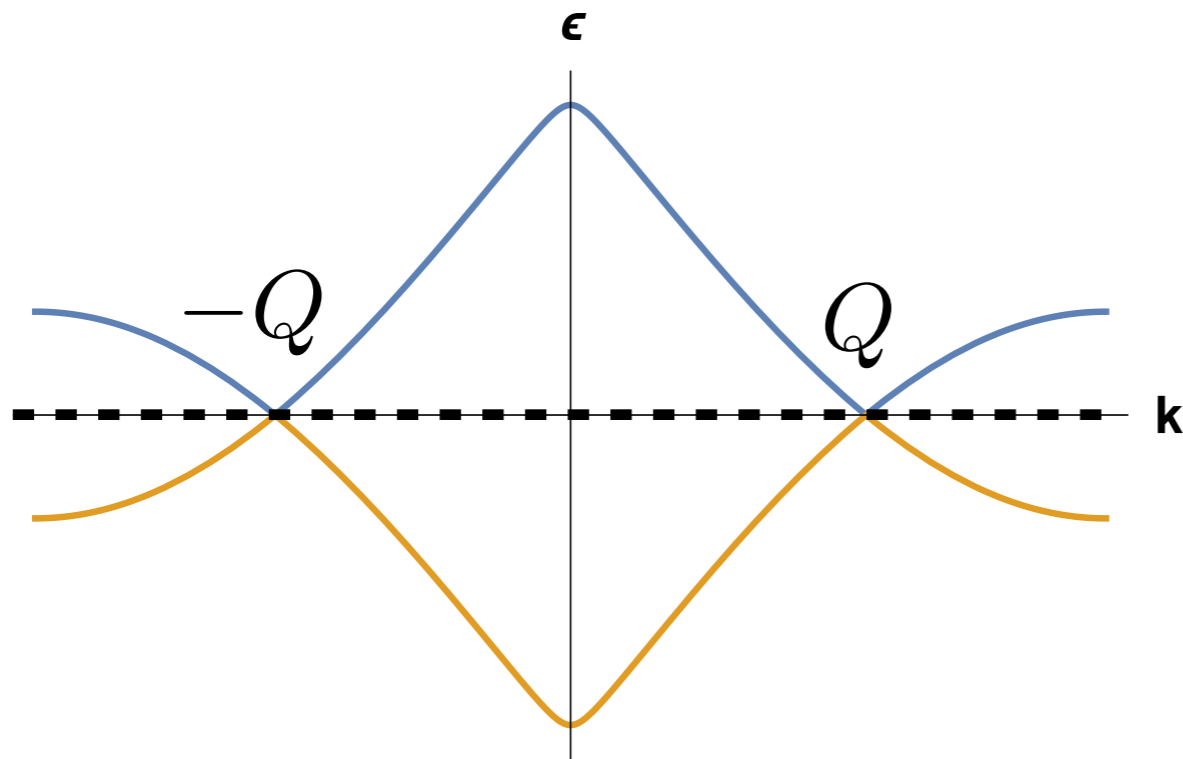
$$H = v_F \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} c_{\mathbf{k}} + \Delta \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^{\dagger} + c_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow} c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow})$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}} = (c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}, c_{\mathbf{k}\downarrow}, c_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^{\dagger}, -c_{-\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^{\dagger})$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} (v_F \tau^z \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} + \Delta \tau^x) \psi_{\mathbf{k}}$$

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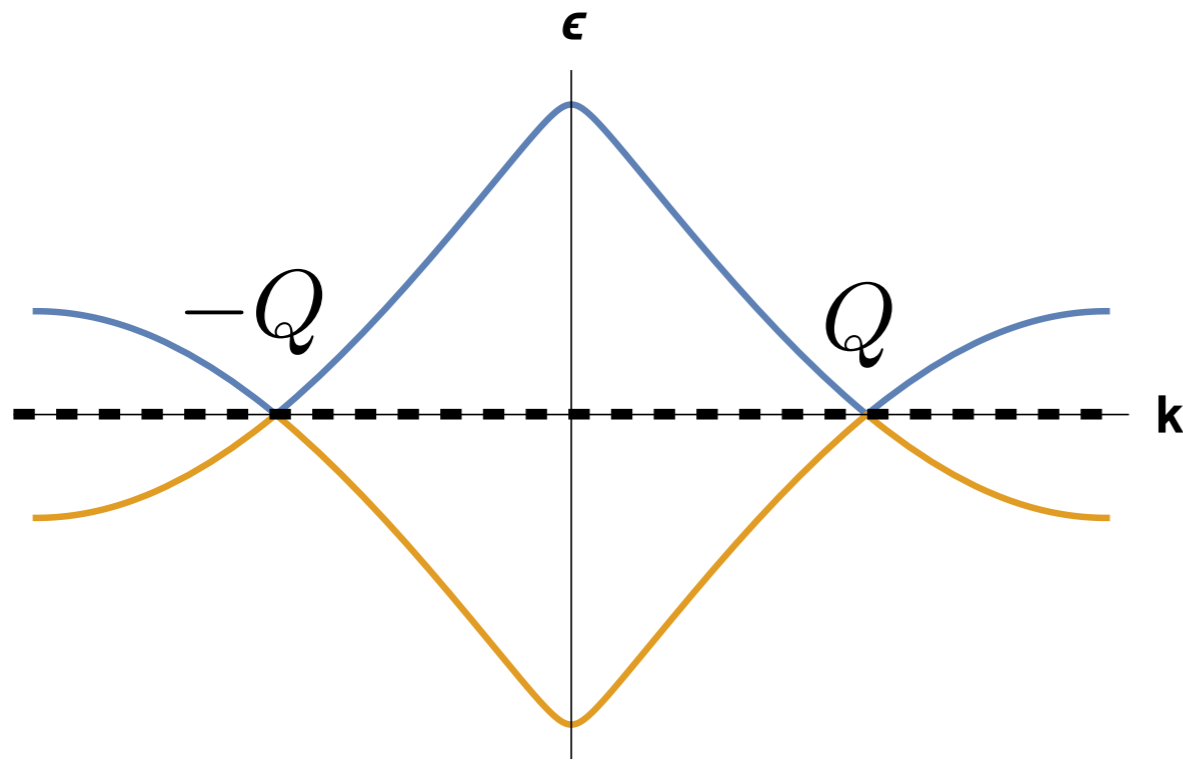
$$\Delta(\mathbf{Q}) \sim \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle c_{\mathbf{Q}+\mathbf{k}}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \rangle$$

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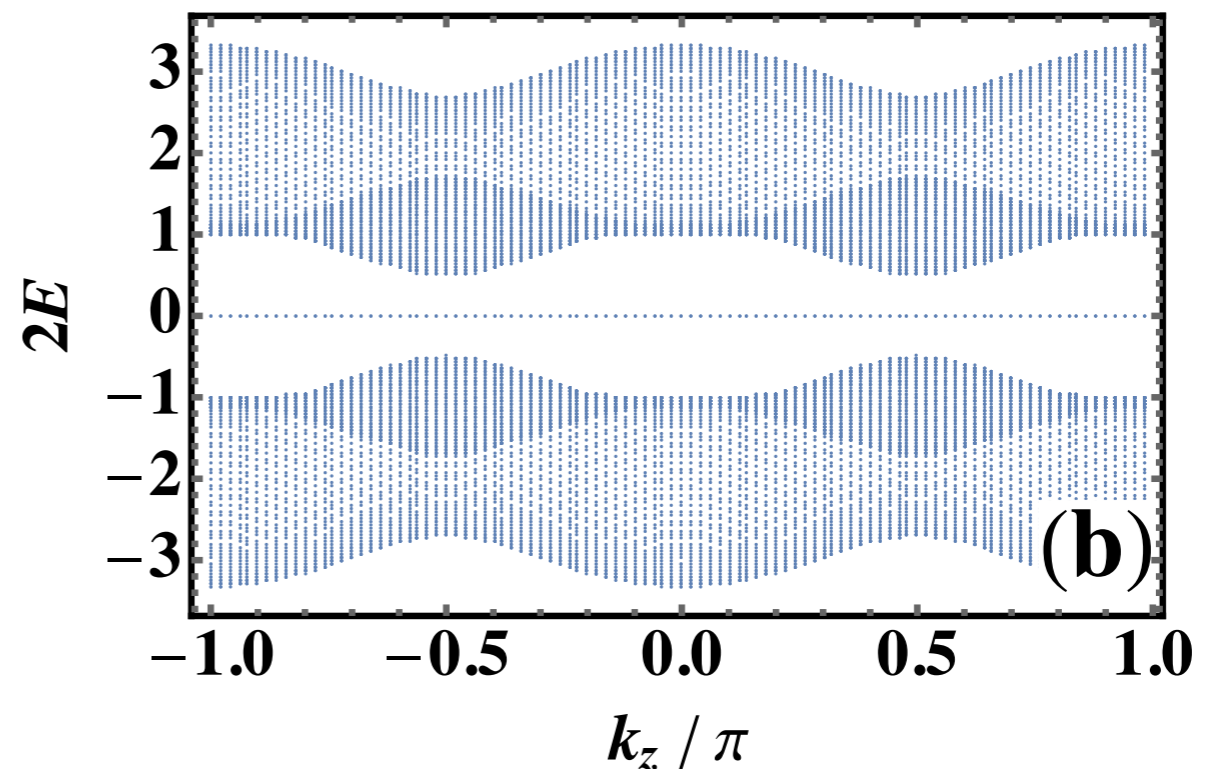
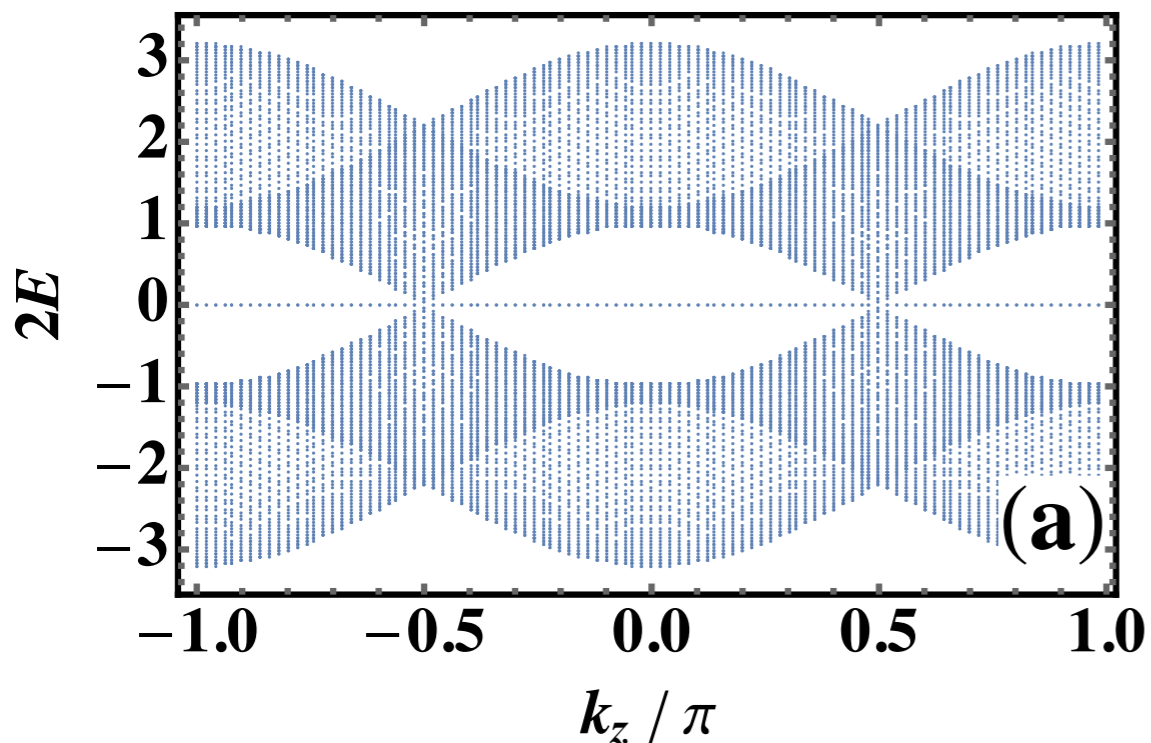
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- This breaks translational symmetry, unless  $Q = G/4$
- In other words, FFLO does not break translational symmetry when Weyl node separation is exactly half the BZ size.

# Majorana arc

- Fermi arc becomes Majorana arc, which occupies twice the momentum interval of the Fermi arc, i.e.  $4Q$ .

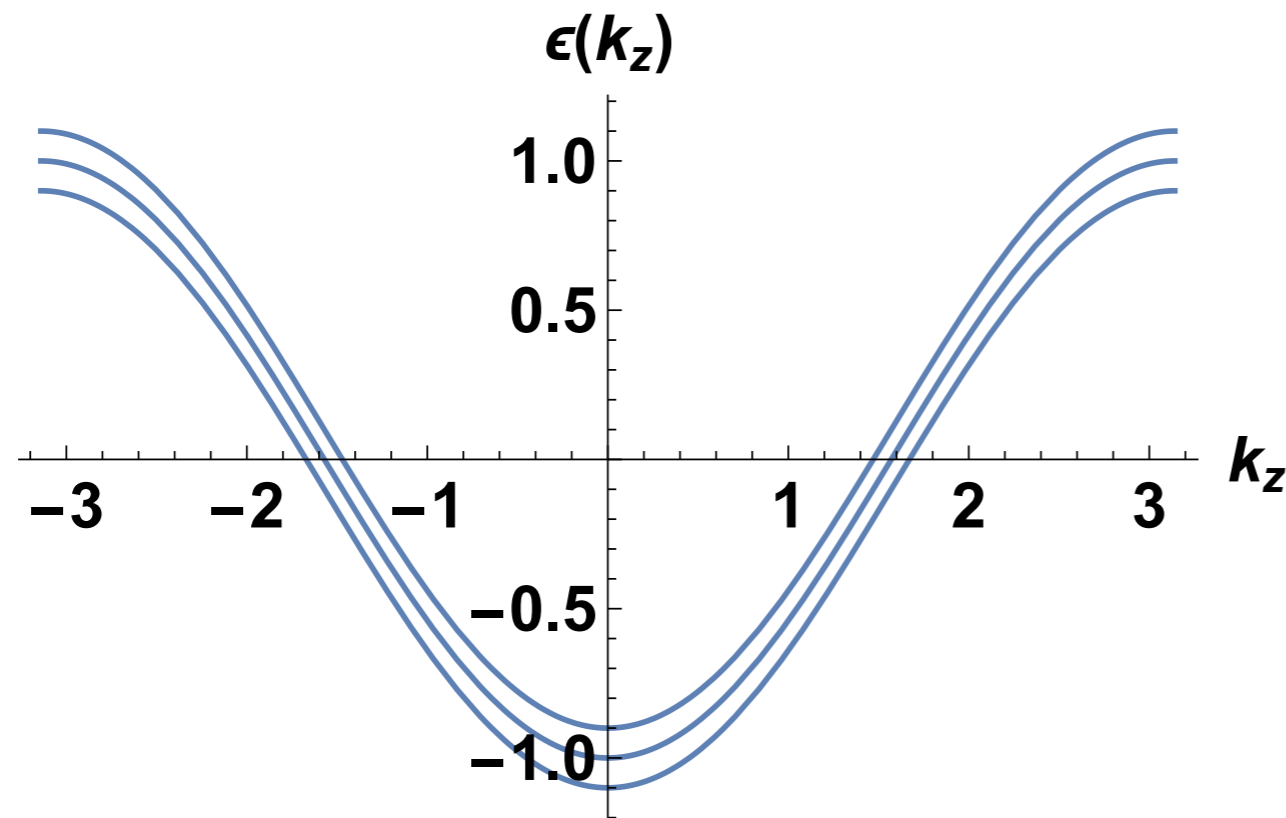


$$\kappa_{xy} = \sigma_{xy} \left( \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3} \right)$$

# Vortex condensation in FFLO state

- n-fold vortex ( $\Phi = nhc/2e$ ) in FFLO paired state: get n chiral Majorana modes in the vortex core.

$$\epsilon_p(k_z) = \epsilon_F \left( 1 - \frac{2p}{n+1} \right) + v_F k_z. \quad p = 1, \dots, n.$$



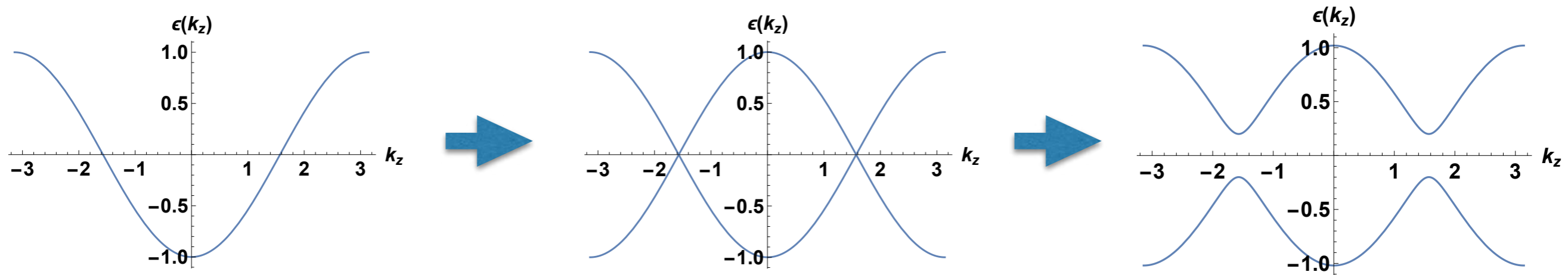
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- An odd number of Majorana modes can not be eliminated without breaking translational symmetry, thus a fundamental SC vortex may not be condensed.

$$\Phi = \frac{hc}{2e} = \pi \quad \hbar = c = e = 1$$

# Vortex condensation in FFLO state

- A double vortex does not have Majorana modes, but may still not be condensed.
- This follows from the fact that the insulating state we want to obtain must preserve the chiral anomaly, i.e. must have a Hall conductivity of half conductivity quantum per atomic plane:

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2Q}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

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- A vortex will induce a charge when intersecting an atomic plane:

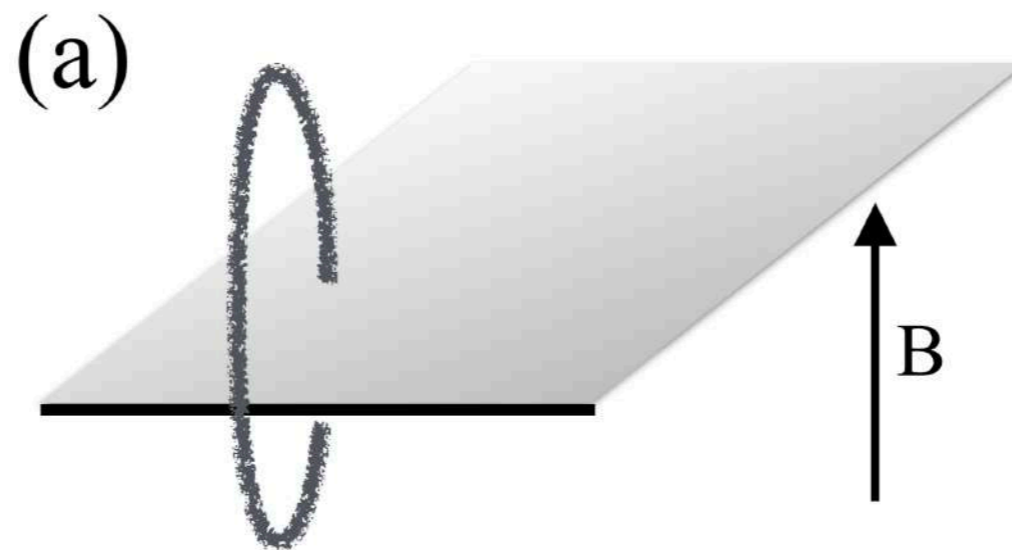
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} A_\mu \partial_\nu A_\lambda$$

$$n = \frac{\Phi}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- Since vortex is a loop, it will always intersect any atomic plane twice, inducing a pair of opposite charges, whose effect will thus cancel.

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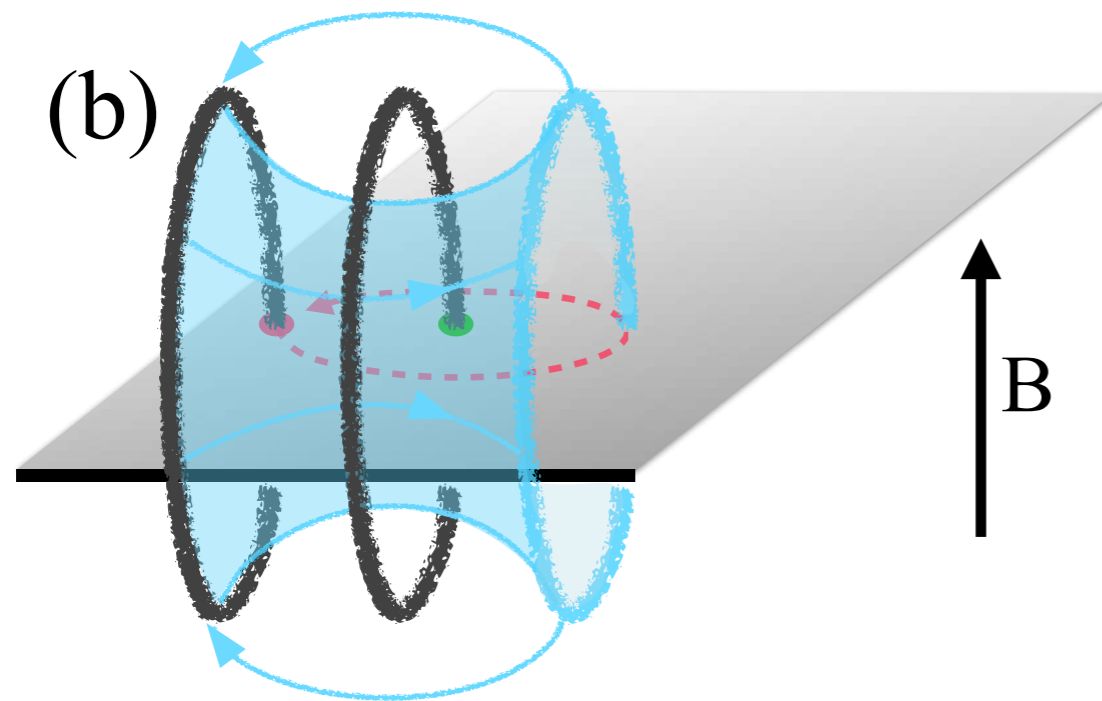
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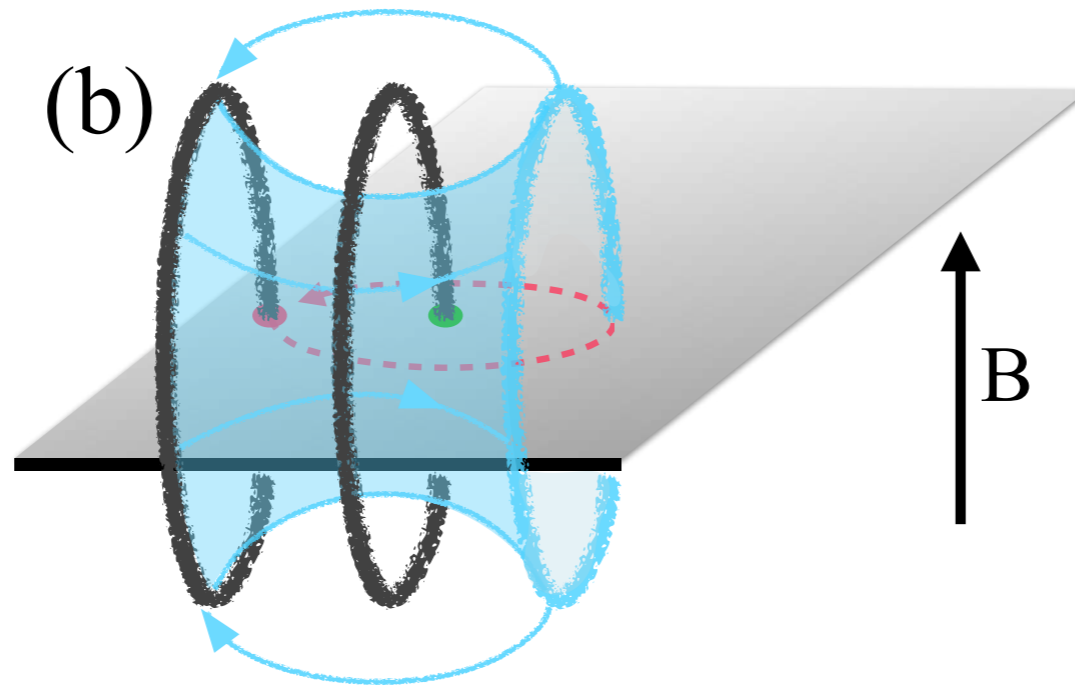


Wang & Levin 3-loop braiding

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- This means that, inserting a dislocation in a crystal with condensed vortices will cost an energy  $O(L^2)$
- This implies broken translational symmetry.

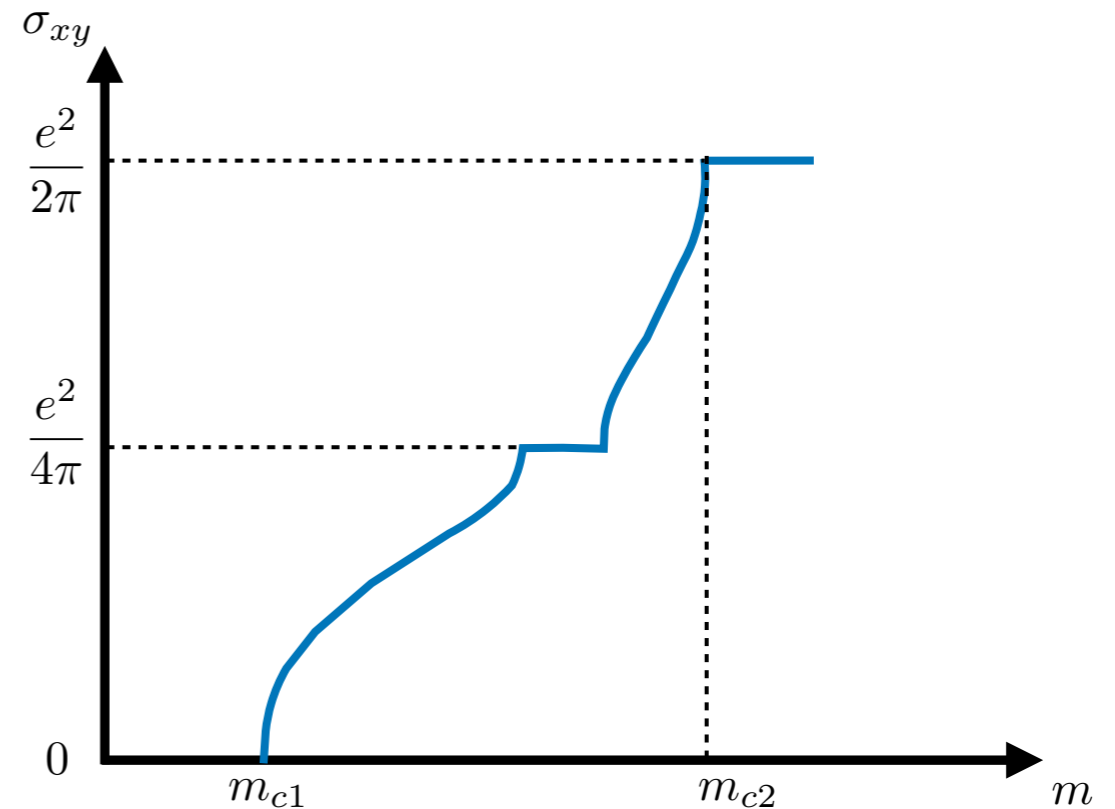
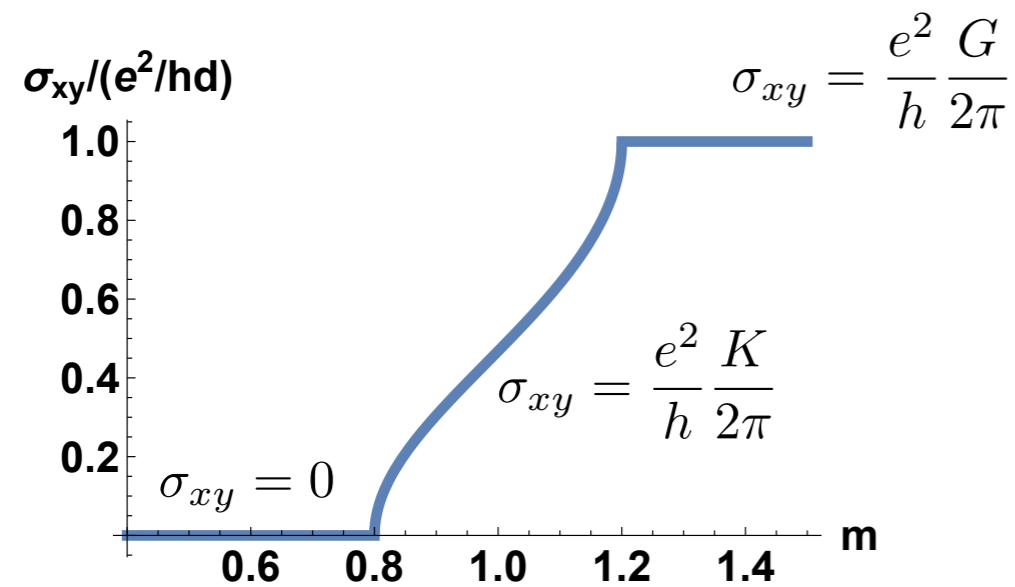
# Vortex condensation in FFLO state

- Following the same logic, quadruple vortices have bosonic statistics and thus may be condensed without breaking any symmetries.
- This is an insulating state that preserves the chiral anomaly and does not break any symmetries.

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# Nontrivial generalization of FQHE to 3D



- In the presence of interactions, smooth evolution of the Hall conductivity with the magnetization in a Weyl semimetal may be interrupted by a half-quantized plateau.

# Conclusions

- Both insulators and metals may be topological.
- Topological metal is a metal, whose Fermi surface breaks up into disconnected sheets, each enclosing a “magnetic monopole in momentum space”, or Weyl node.
- These nodes are topological objects and lead to observable phenomena: Fermi arc surface states, giant anisotropic magnetoresistance and dissipationless transport, non-Drude optical conductivity, 3D fractional quantum Hall effect, etc.