

# Quantum kinetics, non-linear response, and band geometry

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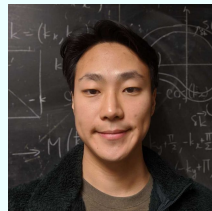
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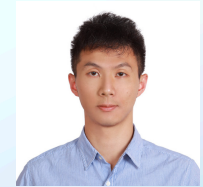
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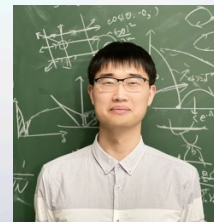
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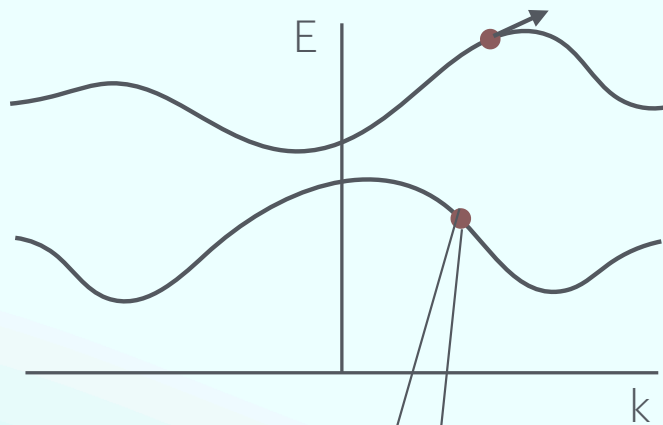


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# Outline

- Bands and quantum geometry
- Quantum geometric nesting in flat bands
- Doing semiclassics correctly in dispersive bands with quantum geometry

# Bands



$|\psi_{nk}\rangle$

Geometry

$$\epsilon_n(k) \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_n(k)$$

Energetics

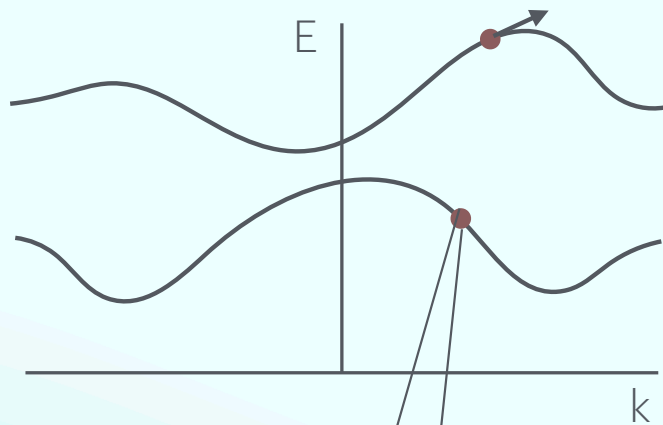
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# Quantum geometric nesting

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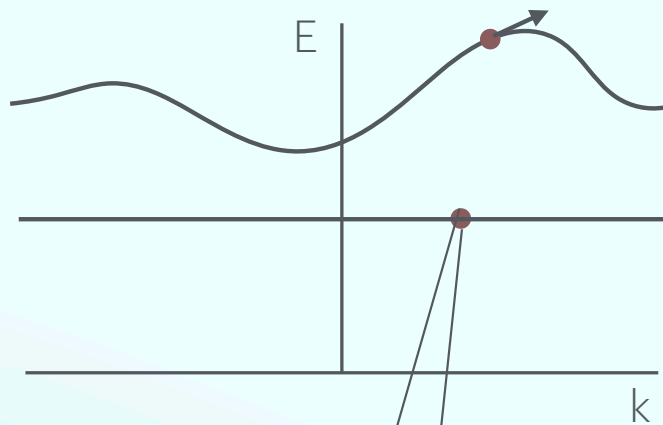
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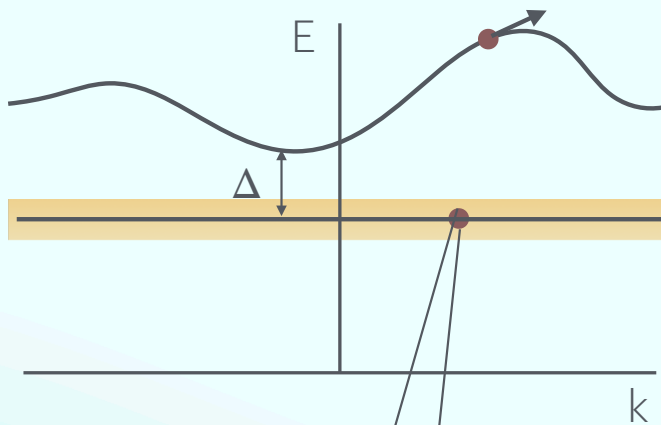
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Geometry

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Interaction  $U \ll \Delta$

How does geometry determine the instabilities?

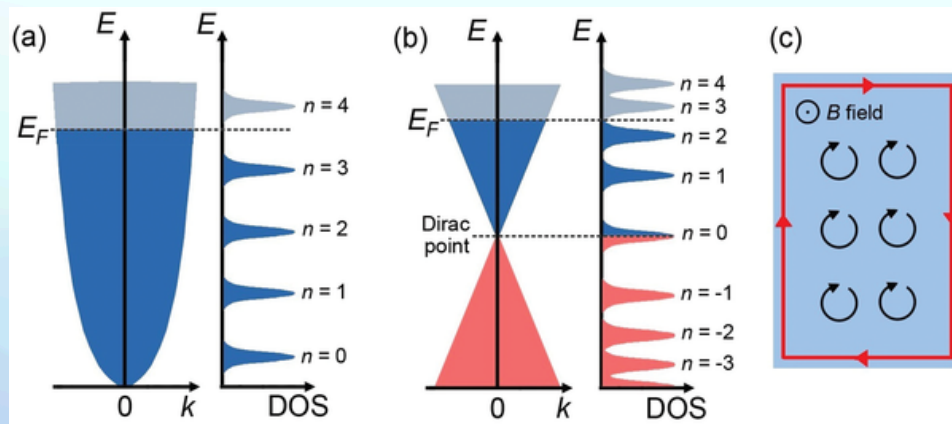
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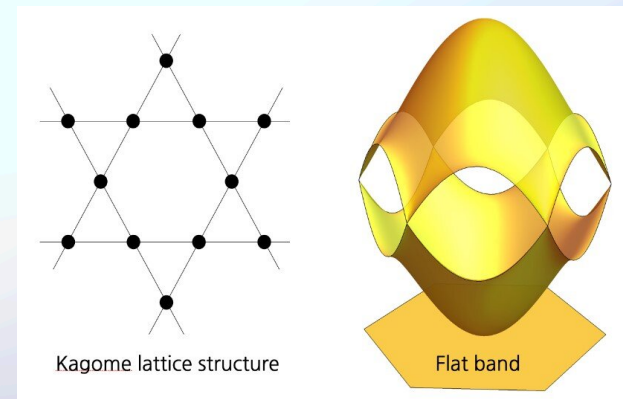
# Flat bands

Generally a result of interference in electron motion, which can be induced by frustration or by magnetic flux.

Landau levels

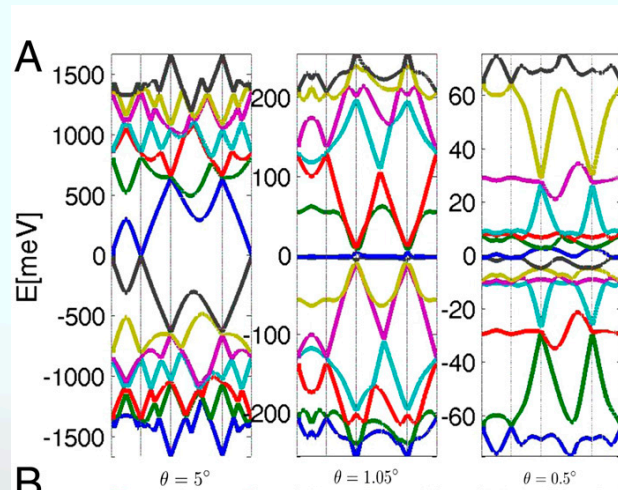
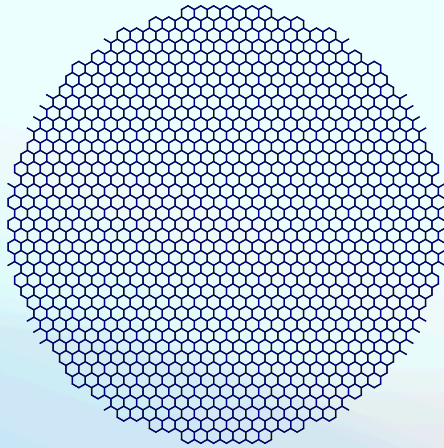


Frustrated hopping



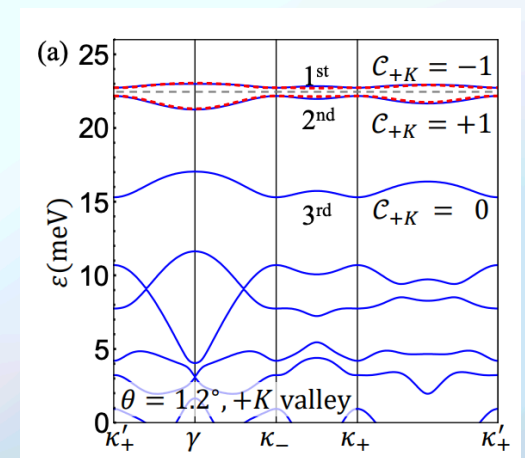
# Flat bands

moiré



Bistritzer+Macdonald, 2011

Graphene

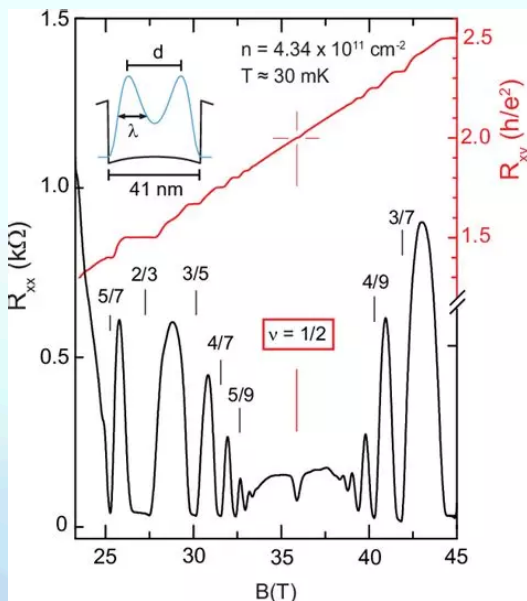


F. Wu *et al*, 2019

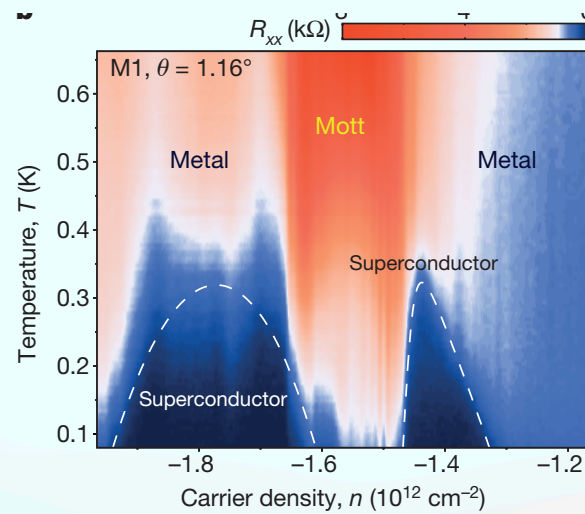
TMDs



# Correlation physics

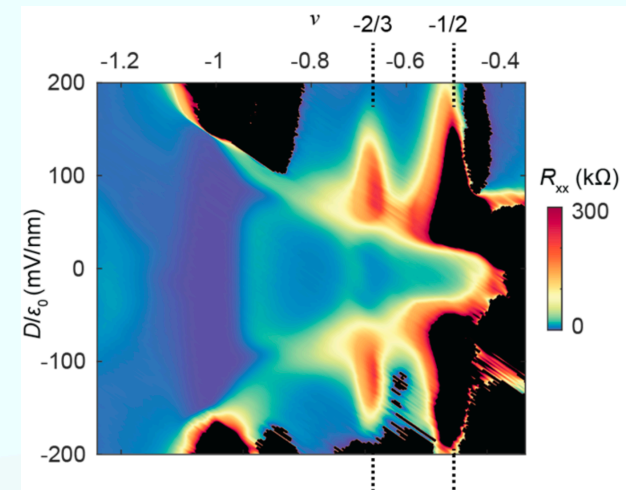


FQHE



Cao *et al*, 2018

Superconductivity and correlated insulators in TBG



H. Park *et al*, 2023

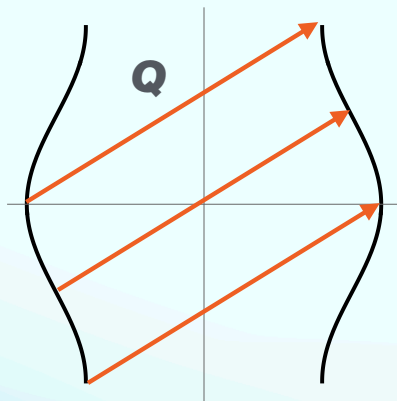
FQAHE in twisted MoTe2

# So many different orders

- Ferromagnetism
- Antiferromagnetism
- Intervalley coherence
- Fractional quantum Hall effect
- Stripes
- Charge density wave
- Loop currents
- Superconductivity (s-wave, p-wave, d-wave, FFLO...)

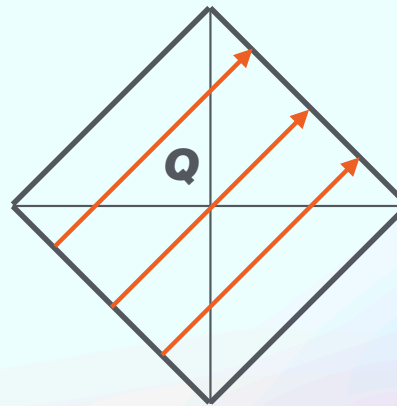
# Nesting

Within a *dispersive* band, Fermi surface structure controls instabilities



Quasi-1d

" $2k_F$ " CDW/SDW

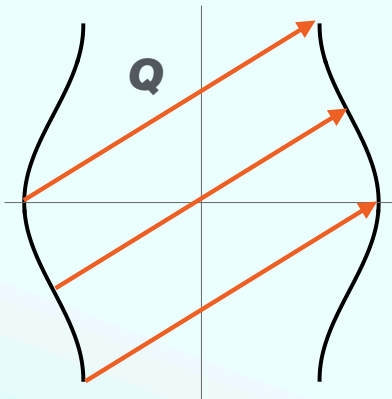


Square lattice Hubbard

$(\pi, \pi)$  antiferromagnet



# Susceptibility



Restricts to near Fermi surface

$$\chi(Q, \omega) \sim \sum_k \frac{n_F(\epsilon_{k+Q}) - n_F(\epsilon_k)}{\omega - \epsilon_k + \epsilon_{k+Q}}$$

Enhanced susceptibility  
when this vanishes for  
extended range of  $k$

What happens when the band is flat?? No Fermi surface!

# Quantum geometric nesting

Z. Han *et al*, 2024

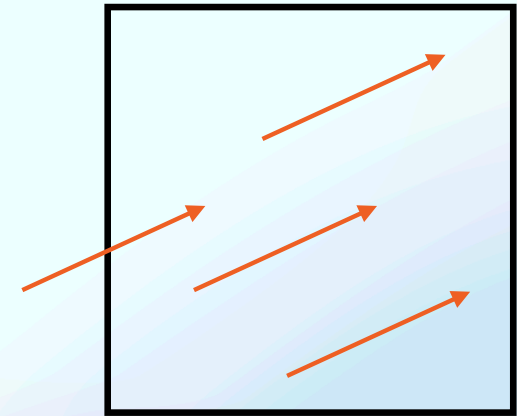
For flat band (or bands) at the Fermi energy, susceptibility is rendered finite only by thermal fluctuations. But there is still structure.

$$\chi_{\mathbf{Q}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \text{Tr} [\mathcal{O}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) P(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}) \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{k}) P(\mathbf{k})].$$

Order parameter

Projector

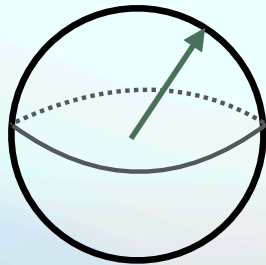
$$P(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{n \in \text{FB}} |\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\rangle \langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}|$$



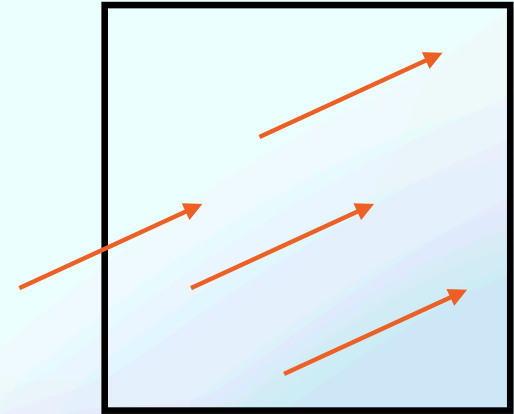
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Bloch vector representation

e.g. 2-band  $P(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$



$$\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{k}) = o(\mathbf{k}) + o(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$





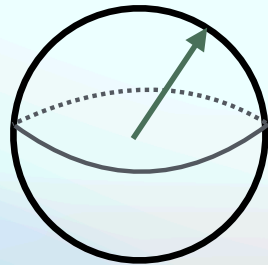
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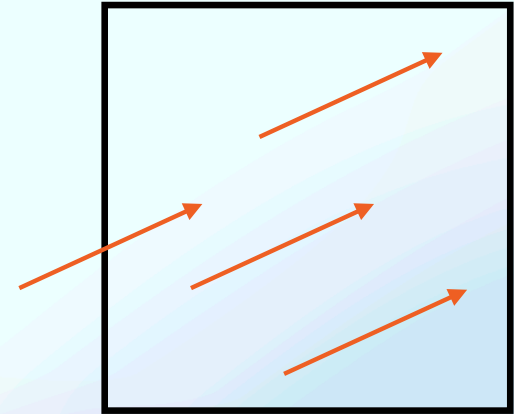
N bands,  $N_L$  flat

$$P(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{N_L}{N} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

$\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \text{SU}(N)$



$$\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{k}) = o(\mathbf{k}) + \mathbf{o}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

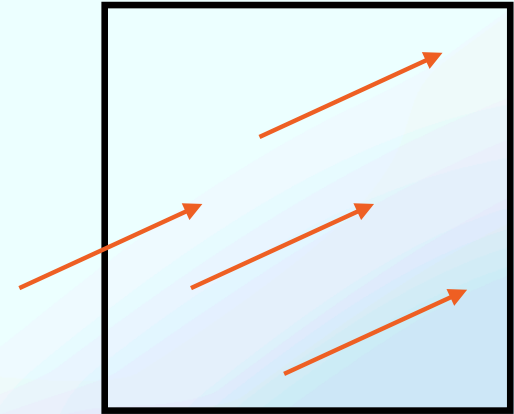


# Quantum geometric nesting

$$\chi(\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\text{Tr}[\mathcal{O}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{k})]}{T} \left( \frac{N_L^2}{N} + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_o(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}) \cdot \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{k}) \right),$$

Relates quantum geometry at  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_o(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}) \equiv \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}) - N [\hat{o}(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}) \times \hat{o}(\mathbf{k})]$$



QGN condition:

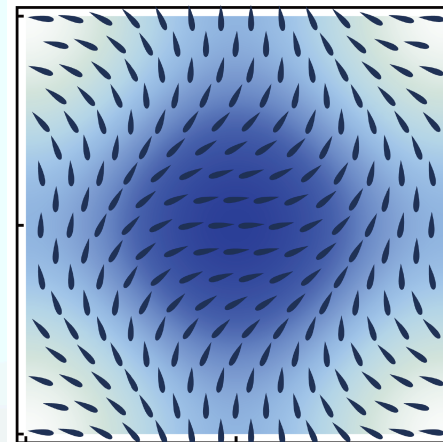
$$\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_o(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}) \parallel \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{k}), \quad \forall \mathbf{k} \in \text{BZ}$$

# Example

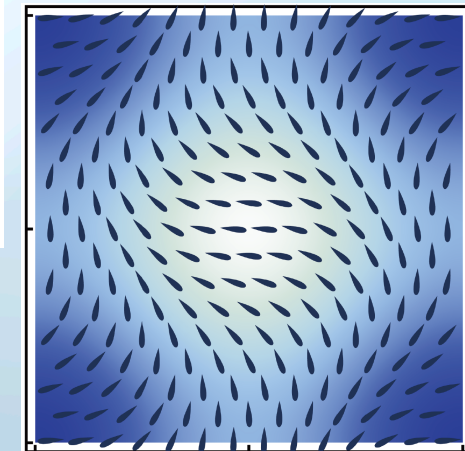
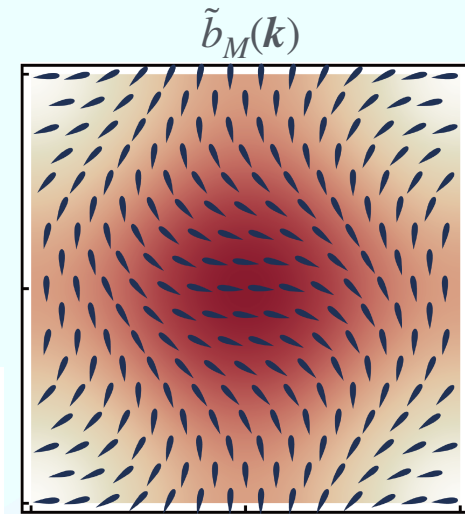
JS Hofmann et al, 2022,2023

$$H_0 = t \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} -\mu & -ie^{i\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^\uparrow} & 0 & 0 \\ ie^{-i\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^\uparrow} & -\mu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\mu & ie^{-i\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^\downarrow} \\ 0 & 0 & -ie^{i\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^\downarrow} & -\mu \end{pmatrix} c_{\mathbf{k}}$$

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$b(\mathbf{k})$



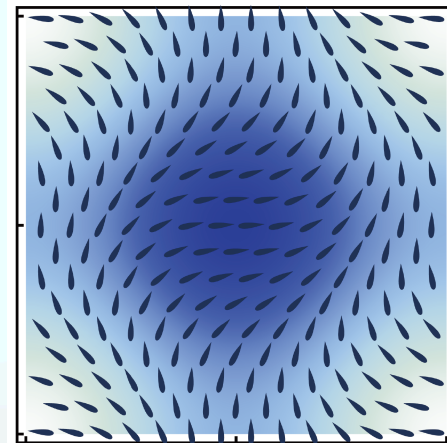
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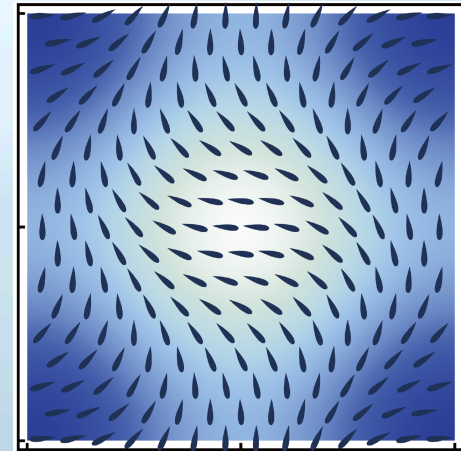
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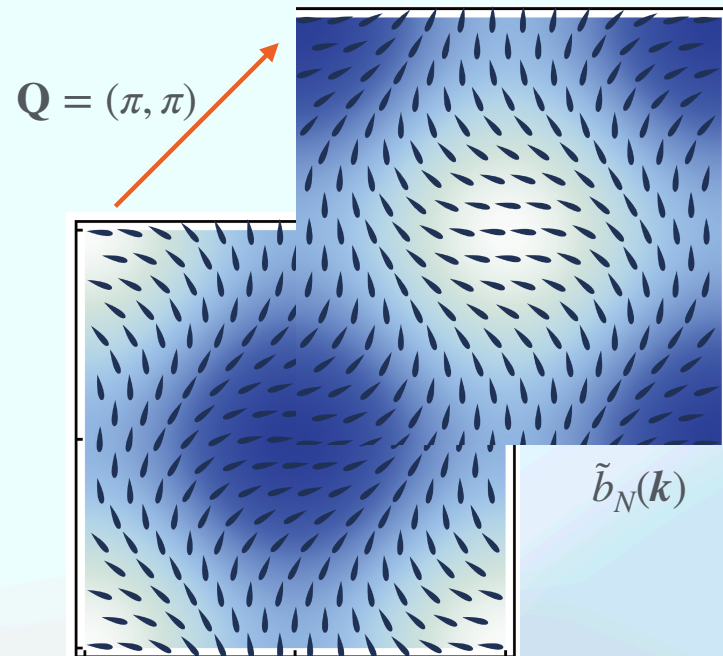
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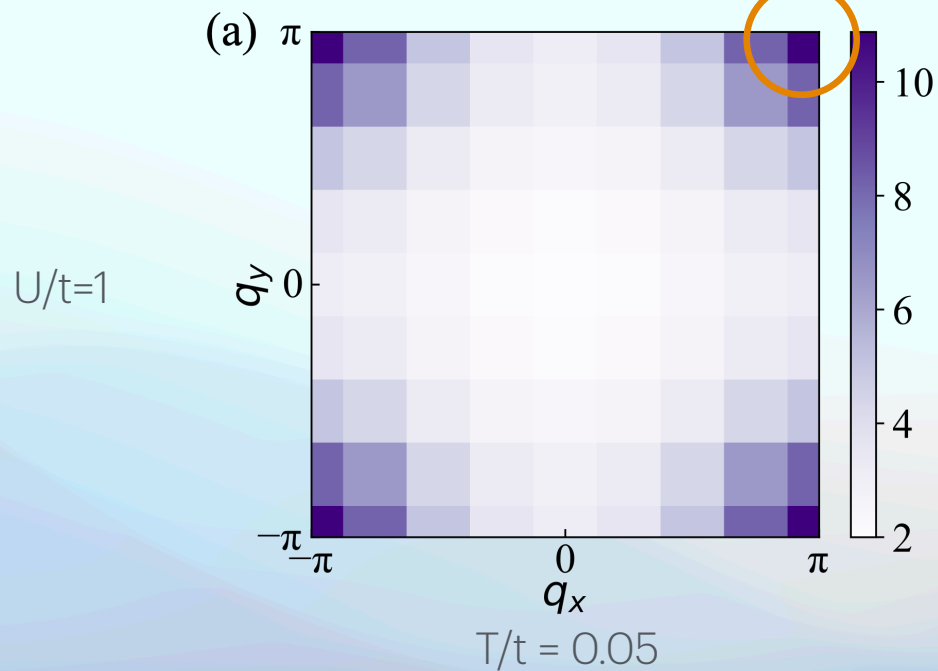
QGN!



# QMC Simulation

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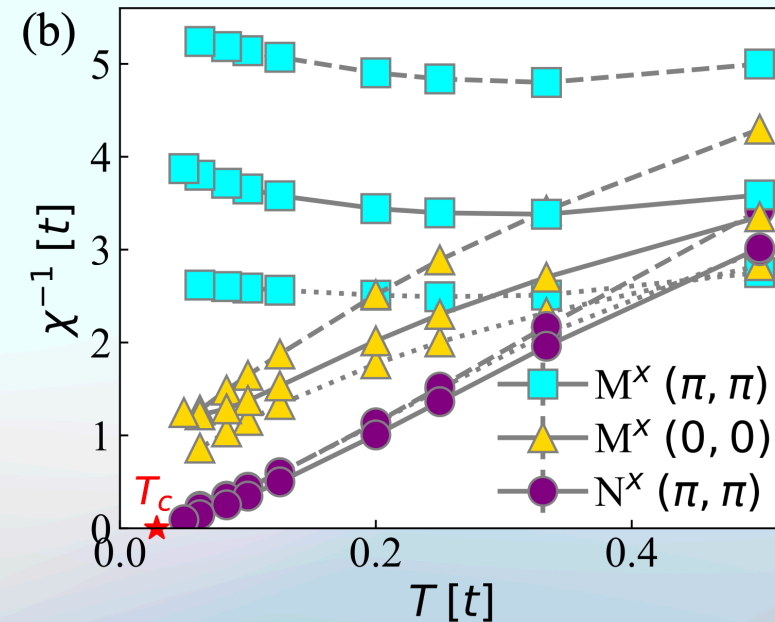
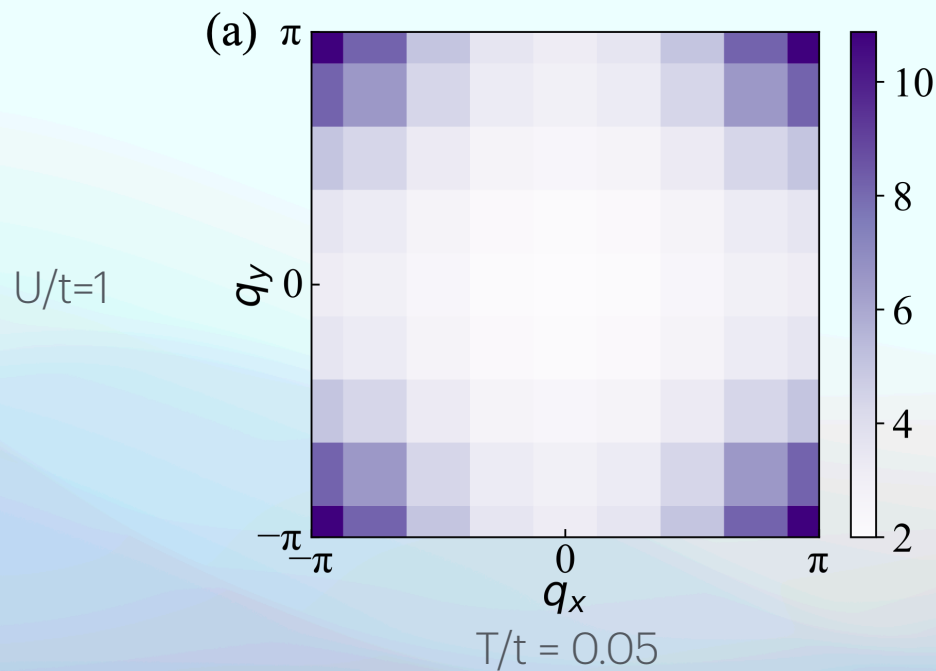
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# Superconductivity

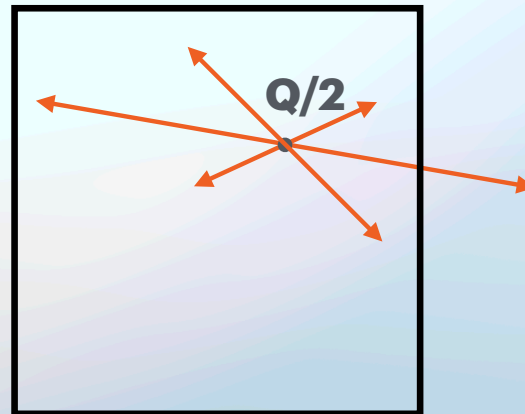
With attractive interactions in the flat band, can get exotic superconductivity

$$\chi_Q^{\text{pp}} = \frac{1}{4T} \frac{|\nu|}{\text{arctanh}|\nu|} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} o_0^2(\mathbf{k}) \left( Nn^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}^R(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}) \cdot \mathbf{b}(-\mathbf{k}) \right)$$

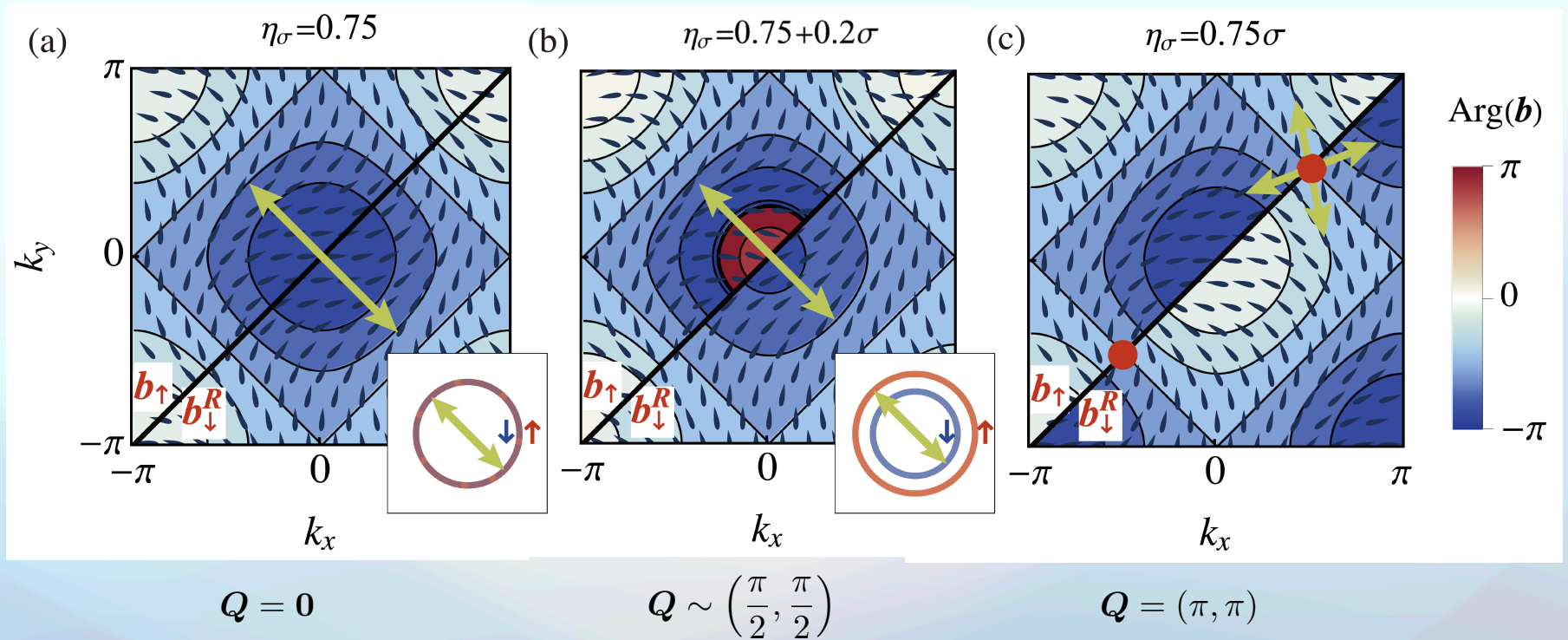
Similar nesting conditions

$$\mathbf{b}^R(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}) \parallel \mathbf{b}(-\mathbf{k})$$

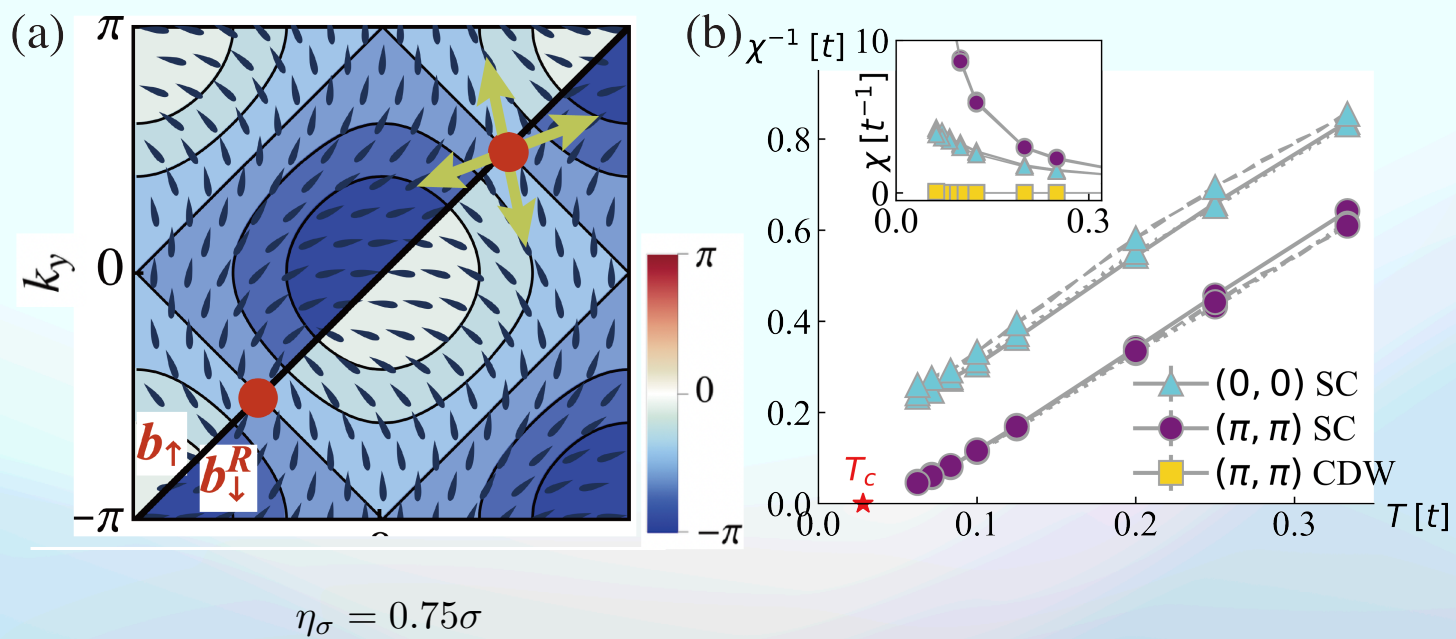
$$\mathbf{b}^R\left(\frac{\mathbf{Q}}{2} + \frac{\mathbf{k}}{2}\right) \parallel \mathbf{b}\left(\frac{\mathbf{Q}}{2} - \frac{\mathbf{k}}{2}\right)$$



# Superconducting QGN



# QMC



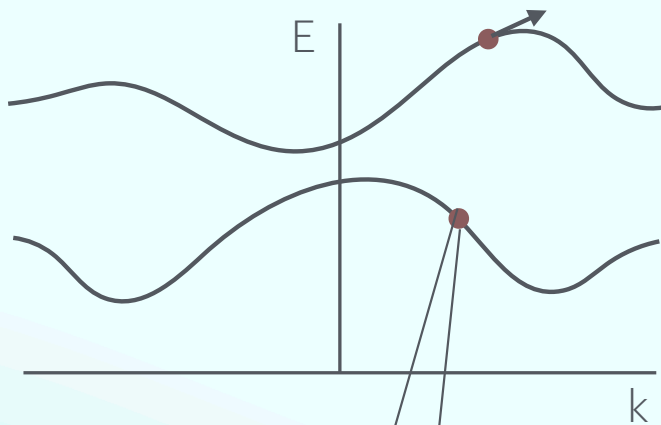
# Summary

- We developed an algebraic approach to quantum geometric nesting
- It allows intuitive study of ordering instabilities of flat bands
- QMC validates the approach for a simple model system
- We also obtain relations between a “high temperature stiffness” and a generalized quantum metric (for both particle/hole and superconducting orders at any  $\mathbf{Q}$ )
- ?? Is there a way to include *non-symmetry breaking “orders”* like FQAHE?



# Kinetic theory

# Bands



$|\psi_{nk}\rangle$

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Geometry

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Energetics

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$$\sigma_{xy} \sim \langle \Omega \rangle$$

Souza, Wilkens, Martin 2000  
Various suggestions

Role in interacting systems?

# Linear response

A host of “conventional” (but still complex) transport coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{j} &= \mathbf{L}^{11}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \mathbf{L}^{12}(-\nabla T), \\ \mathbf{j}^q &= \mathbf{L}^{21}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \mathbf{L}^{22}(-\nabla T), \end{aligned} \quad \text{Ashcroft+Mermin}$$

And some originating from Berry curvature

Anomalous Hall effect

$$\mathbf{j}_e^{ah} = e^2 \sum_n \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} n_F(\omega_n(\mathbf{k})) \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathbf{E}$$

Karplus+Luttinger, 1954!

Gyromagnetic effect

$$\alpha_{ij}^{\text{GME}} = \frac{i\omega\tau e}{1 - i\omega\tau} \sum_n \int [d\mathbf{k}] (\partial f / \partial \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n}) v_{\mathbf{k}n,i} m_{\mathbf{k}n,j}$$

Ma+Pesin 2015; Song et al 2016

Chiral anomaly...

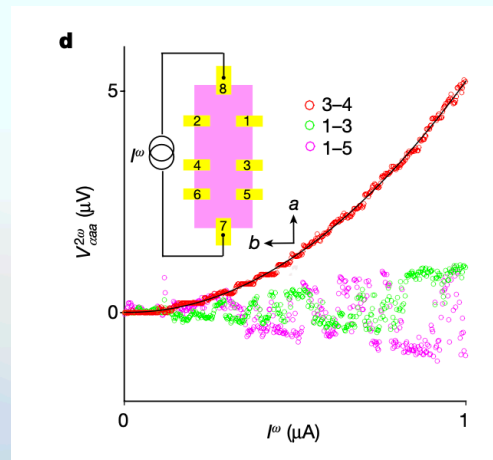
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Non-linear Hall effect

$$j_a^0 = \chi_{abc} \mathcal{E}_b \mathcal{E}_c^*, \quad j_a^{2\omega} = \chi_{abc} \mathcal{E}_b \mathcal{E}_c,$$

$$\chi_{abc} = -\varepsilon_{adc} \frac{e^3 \tau}{2(1 + i\omega\tau)} \int_k f_0(\partial_b \Omega_d)$$

Sodemann+Fu, 2015



Q. Ma *et al*, 2019 (WTe<sub>2</sub>)

# Non-linear response

Quantum metric effects

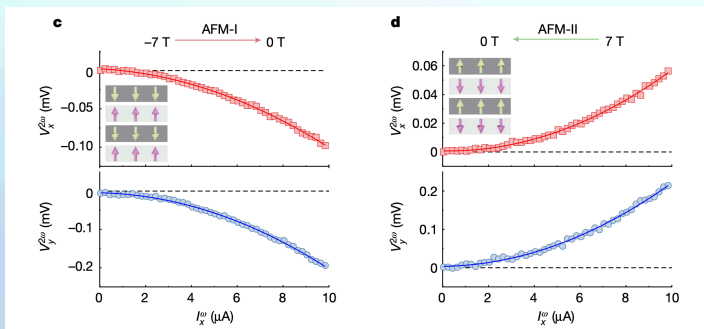
$$\sigma_{a;bc}^{\text{BCPD}} = \frac{e^3}{\hbar} \sum_{m,p,k} \int [dk] f_m [\partial_a \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_{mp}^{bc} + \partial_b \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_{mp}^{ac} + \partial_c \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_{mp}^{ab}].$$

“Band-resolved quantum metric dipole”

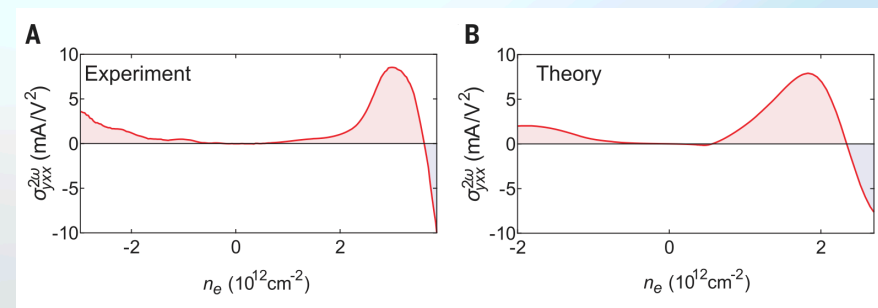
K. Das *et al*, 2023

D. Kaplan *et al*, 2024

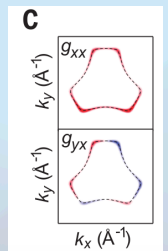
MnBi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>



N. Wang *et al*, 2023



A. Gao *et al*, 2023



# Response to field gradient

$$j_{\text{geom.}}^{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{Q^2}{2\hbar} \int \frac{d^D \mathbf{K}}{(2\pi)^D} f_0(\mathbf{K}) E_{\nu\lambda}^{(0)} \frac{\partial g^{\nu\lambda}(\mathbf{K})}{\partial K_{\mu}},$$

Quantum metric dipole

M. Lapa + T. Hughes, 2019

$$E_{\mu\nu} = \partial E_{\mu} / \partial x_{\nu}$$

# Theoretical approaches

- Quantum response theory (~Kubo)
  - Usually regarded as most rigorous method
  - Formal. Simple results often obtained by very technical route.
  - Does not show dis-equilibrium
- Semi-classics
  - Intuitive
  - Directly reveals deviations from equilibrium
  - Approximate?

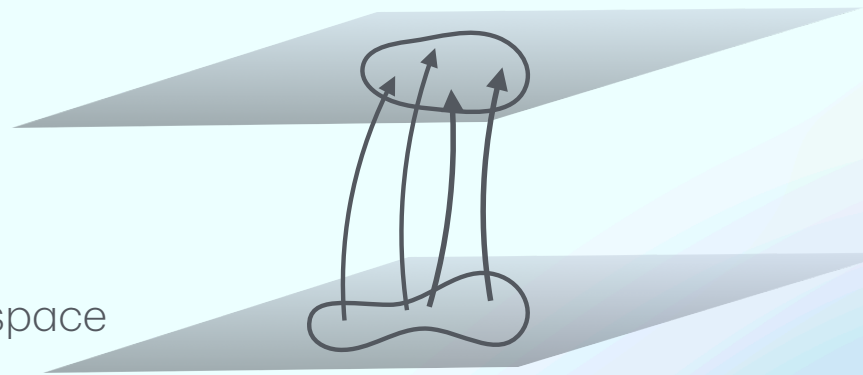


# Semiclassics

- Boltzmann equation

$$\partial_t f_n + \frac{dx_\mu}{dt} \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_\mu} + \frac{dk_\mu}{dt} \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial k_\mu} = \mathcal{C}[f]$$

Incompressible flow of states in phase space



- One particle equations of motion

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_n = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{\epsilon}_{n\mathbf{k}} - \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{dt} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{n\mathbf{k}},$$
$$\frac{d\mathbf{k}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}_n = -e\mathbf{E} - e \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \times \mathbf{B}.$$

# The power of semiclassics

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Immediately gives AHE

- Thermal conductivity

$$f_n = n_F(\epsilon; T(x)) + g_n$$

$$g_n = \tau n'_F \mathbf{v}_n \cdot \frac{(\epsilon - \mu) \nabla T}{T^2} \quad \text{n.b. essential to include } T(x).$$

$$j_\mu^q = \int_{\mathbf{k}} (\epsilon_n - \mu) v_n^\mu g_n = -\frac{\partial_\nu T}{T^2} \tau \int_{\mathbf{k}} n'_F (\epsilon - \mu)^2 v_n^\mu v_n^\nu \quad \text{"Standard" thermal conductivity}$$

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These and many other results agree with Kubo exactly. This is because the semiclassical approximation is exact to first order in spatial gradients.

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Q. Niu ++

Just written down!  $i\hbar\partial_t\rho = [H, \rho]$

Wavepacket  
approximation

$$i\hbar\partial_t\mathbf{x} = [H, \mathbf{x}]$$

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Incompressible flow of states in phase space

- One particle equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} &= \mathbf{v}_n = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{\epsilon}_{n\mathbf{k}} - \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{dt} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{n\mathbf{k}}, \\ \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{dt} &= \mathbf{F}_n = -e\mathbf{E} - e \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \times \mathbf{B}. \end{aligned}$$

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Just written down!  $i\hbar\partial_t\rho = [H, \rho]$

Two semiclassical approximations at the same time

Wavepacket approximation

$$i\hbar\partial_t\mathbf{x} = [H, \mathbf{x}]$$

# Kinetics

Liouville-von Neumann equation  $i\hbar\partial_t\rho = [H, \rho]$

Systematic derivation of Boltzmann-like equations

Intuitively  $f_n(k) \sim \langle n, k | \rho | n, k \rangle$

Two issues:

- Track spatial dependence
- Off-diagonal terms in density matrix (inter-band coherence)

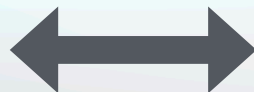
# Wigner transformation

$$F(k, X) = \int dx e^{ikx} F\left(X + \frac{x}{2}, X - \frac{x}{2}\right) \left\langle X + \frac{x}{2} \left| \rho \right| X - \frac{x}{2} \right\rangle$$

Wigner-Weyl quantization

$$C = AB$$

Operators



$$C(k, X) = A(k, X) \star B(k, X)$$

Functions on phase space



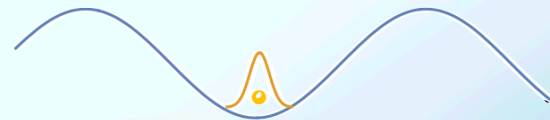
# Moyal/star product

$$\star = \exp\left(\frac{i\hbar}{2}\left(\vec{\nabla}_x \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p - \vec{\nabla}_p \cdot \vec{\nabla}_x\right)\right) = \exp\left(\frac{i\hbar}{2}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}\vec{\partial}_\alpha\vec{\partial}_\beta\right)$$

Symplectic form  $[q_\alpha, q_\beta] = i\hbar\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}$

Semi-classical expansion

$$\star = \exp\left(\frac{i\hbar}{2}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}\vec{\partial}_\alpha\vec{\partial}_\beta\right) = 1 + \frac{i\hbar}{2}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}\vec{\partial}_\alpha\vec{\partial}_\beta + \dots$$



Slow spatial variation

Systematic procedure to carry out gradient expansion while working in both position and momentum.

# Star diagonalization

Even with phase space formalism,  $\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{F}$ , etc are still matrices

To pass to a semi-classical kinetic equation, we want to eliminate off-diagonal terms.

Diagonalization is compatible with star product

$$\mathbf{H} = U \star \tilde{h} \star U^\dagger \quad \mathbf{F} = U \star \tilde{f} \star U^\dagger$$

*Almost* the desired diagonal Hamiltonian and distribution

Formal diagonalization carried out order by order in gradient expansion.

*BUT* we need to ensure gauge invariance.

# Gauge invariance

Quantum mechanics allows an arbitrary phase for each eigenfunction. Within a band this is the usual origin of Berry gauge field.

$$U \rightarrow U \star E^{i\theta(x,k)}$$

$$\tilde{f} \rightarrow E^{-i\theta} \star \tilde{f} \star E^{i\theta}$$

Transforms non-trivially  
because of star product

Gauge invariant form

$$f_n = \text{tr} [U \star p_n \tilde{f} \star U^\dagger]$$

Projector on n<sup>th</sup> band

Energy density

$$\rho_n^E = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [U \star p_n (\tilde{h} \star \tilde{f} + \tilde{f} \star \tilde{h}) \star U^\dagger]$$

# Gauge invariance

We worked these out to second order in gradients:

$$f_n = \tilde{f}_n + \hbar \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha (\tilde{f}_n A_{n\beta}) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon_{\sigma\lambda} \partial_{\alpha\sigma}^2 (\tilde{f}_n (\Lambda_\beta \Lambda_\lambda)_{nn})$$

$$h_n \equiv \tilde{h}_n + \hbar \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \tilde{h}_n (A_{n\beta} + \hbar \varepsilon_{\sigma\lambda} A_{n\lambda} \partial_\sigma A_{n\beta}) - \hbar^2 \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon_{\sigma\lambda} \partial_{\alpha\sigma}^2 \tilde{h}_n \left( \frac{1}{4} \{ \Lambda_\beta, \Lambda_\lambda \}_{nn} - A_{n\beta} A_{n\lambda} \right)$$

$$\Lambda_\alpha = -iU^\dagger \star \partial_\alpha U$$

$$A_\alpha = \text{diag}(\Lambda_\alpha) \quad \text{Berry gauge field}$$

Now simply

$$\mathcal{N} = \int_{x,p} \sum_n f_n$$

$f_n$  is electron density in a band

$$E = \int_{x,p} \sum_n f_n h_n$$

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# Kinetic equation

$$\partial_t f_n + \partial_\alpha \mathcal{J}_\alpha = 0$$

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c.f. simple convection

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Incompressible flow

Boltzmann equation

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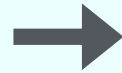
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quantum metric  $g_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \text{diag} (\Lambda_\alpha \Lambda_\beta + \Lambda_\beta \Lambda_\alpha) - A_\alpha A_\beta = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\partial_\alpha P_n \partial_\beta P_n)$

# Kinetic equation

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- General and exact up to second order in semiclassical expansion
- Explicitly contains real space and momentum space, and capable of describing inhomogeneous systems. Magnetic field can be included by modifying  $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}$
- Quantum geometry of bands appears explicitly, takes local band Hamiltonian as input
- Only band-intrinsic quantities appear: but these are bands renormalized by quantum corrections.
- Ready to attack all sorts of problems!



# Example: separable problem

$$\mathbf{H}(x, p) = \mathbf{H}_0(p) - eV(x)\mathbf{I}_N$$

Band form    Diagonal potential

Kinetic equation    (relaxation time approx)

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t f = & -\partial_{x_i} \left[ f \left( v_i + \frac{e}{\hbar} \Omega_{ij} \partial_{x_j} V + e \mathbb{T}_{ij} \partial_{x_j}^2 V + \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \left( \partial_{k_j} \mathbb{T}_{il} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{k_i} \mathbb{T}_{jl} \right) \partial_{x_j} V \partial_{x_l} V + \frac{e}{\hbar} \left( \hbar v_j \mathbb{T}_{il} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{k_i} \mathbf{g}_{jl} \right) \partial_{x_j x_l}^2 V \right) \right] \\ & - \frac{e}{\hbar} \partial_{k_i} f \partial_{x_i} V + \frac{e}{2\hbar} \partial_{x_i x_l}^2 (f \partial_{k_j} \mathbf{g}_{il} \partial_{x_j} V) - \frac{e}{\hbar} \partial_{k_i x_j}^2 (f \mathbf{g}_{jl} \partial_{x_i x_l}^2 V) + \frac{1}{24\hbar} \partial_{x_i x_j x_l}^3 f \partial_{k_i k_j k_l}^3 \varepsilon \\ & + \frac{e}{24\hbar} \partial_{k_i k_j k_l}^3 f \partial_{x_i x_j x_l}^3 V + \mathcal{I}[f] + \mathcal{O}(\partial_x^4). \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

$$T_{n;\mu\nu} = - \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle \partial_{p_\mu} u_n | u_m \rangle \langle u_m | \partial_{p_\nu} u_n \rangle + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)}{\epsilon_n - \epsilon_m} \quad \text{"band-normalized quantum metric"}$$

(not a purely geometric quantity)

# Non-equilibrium current

Linear conductivity:  $q$  dependence  $\sigma_{ij}^{(1)}(q, \omega) = \sigma_{ij}^{(1,0)}(\omega) + \sigma_{ijl}^{(1,1)}(\omega)iq_l + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$

$$\sigma_{ijl}^{(1,1)}(\omega) = \sum_{n=1}^N e^2 \int_k \left( f'_n \frac{v_i v_j v_l}{(i\omega - \tau^{-1})^2} + f_n \frac{1}{2} (v_j \mathbb{T}_{li} + v_l \mathbb{T}_{ij} - \hbar^{-1} \partial_{k_j} \mathbf{g}_{li} - \hbar^{-1} \partial_{k_l} \mathbf{g}_{ij}) - f_n \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (M_{j;il} + M_{l;ij}) \right)$$

Lapa+Hughes

Quadratic conductivity

$$\sigma_{ijl}^{(2)}(q\omega; q'\omega') = \frac{e^3}{\hbar^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \int_k f_n \left[ \frac{\partial_{k_i k_j k_l}^3 \varepsilon}{(i\omega - \tau^{-1})(i\omega' - \tau^{-1})} - \left( \frac{\hbar v_i}{2} \mathbb{T}_{jl} - \partial_{k_i} \mathbb{T}_{jl} + \partial_{k_j} \mathbb{T}_{il} \right) + \frac{\partial_{k_j} \Omega_{ij}}{i\omega' - \tau^{-1}} \right] + \mathcal{O}(q)$$

Band-normalized quantum metric dipole

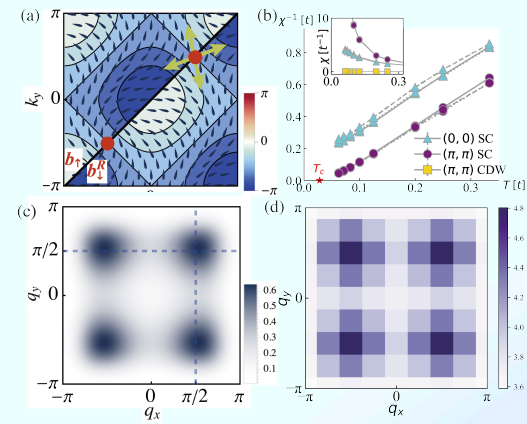
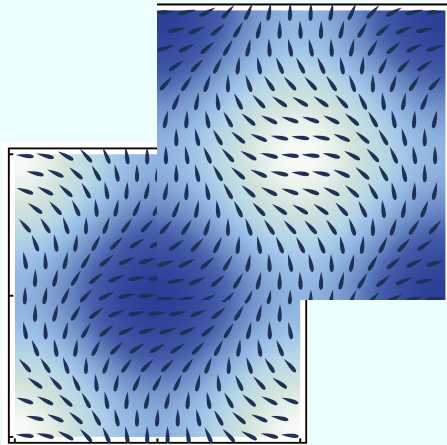
Sodemann+Fu

# Summary

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- We found a procedure to obtain semiclassical electron dynamics organized by spatial gradients
- We found a general result for the phase space current to *second* order in gradients, capable of handling inhomogeneous systems and magnetic fields
- Prior results for linear and non-linear response are recovered, and in some cases corrected
- Still needed: a scattering/interactions theory with the same validity

# Thanks



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