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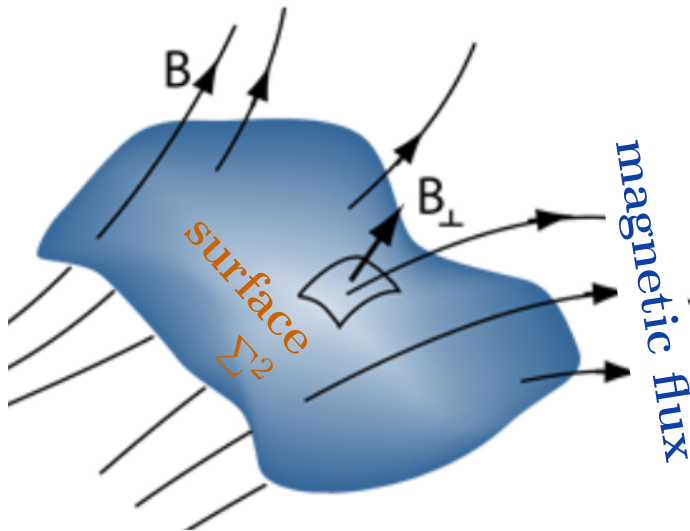
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The pursuit of robust quantum computation necessitates the identification and control of exotic states of matter exhibiting topological order, where information is encoded not in local degrees of freedom but in the global properties of the system. Recent observations of fractional anomalous Hall (FQAH) states, characterised by fractionalised quantum Hall effects in the absence of an external magnetic field, present a promising avenue for realising such topological hardware. However, confirming the existence of the crucial anyonic excitations, quasiparticles obeying non-Abelian statistics essential for quantum computation, remains a significant challenge. [Hisham Sati and Urs Schreiber, alongside colleagues at the Center for Quantum and Topological Systems at New York University Abu Dhabi, address this issue in their work, "Identifying Anyonic Topological Order in Fractional Quantum Anomalous Hall Systems".](#) Their research establishes a link between the fragile topology of these systems and the identification of anyons within momentum space, utilising a theorem from algebraic topology dating back to 1980, and providing a framework for understanding symmetry-protected topological order in FQAH systems through computations in equivariant cohomotopy.

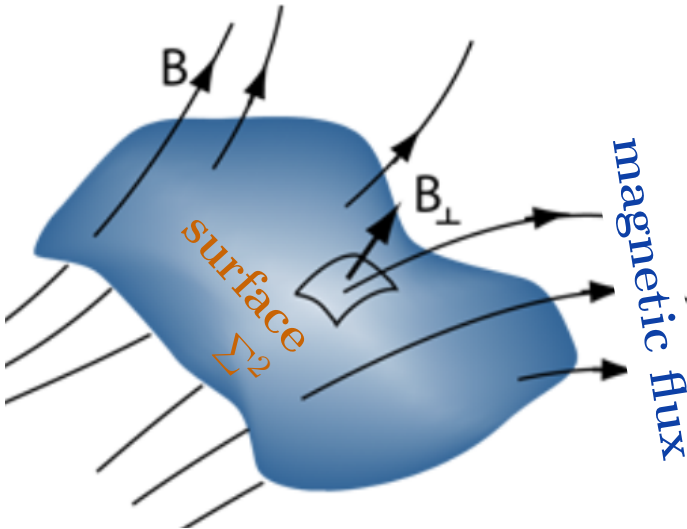
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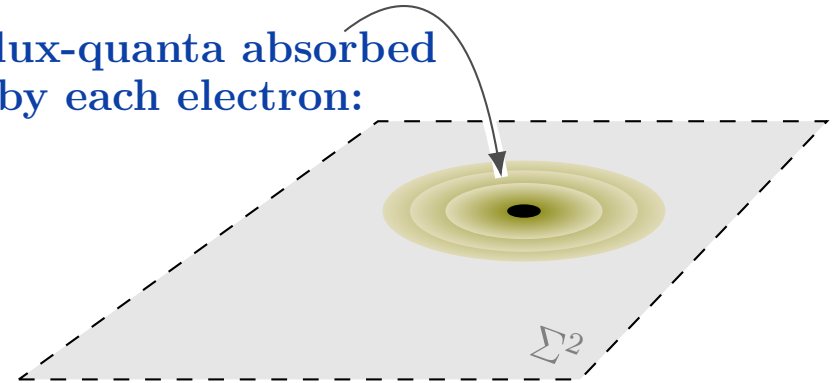
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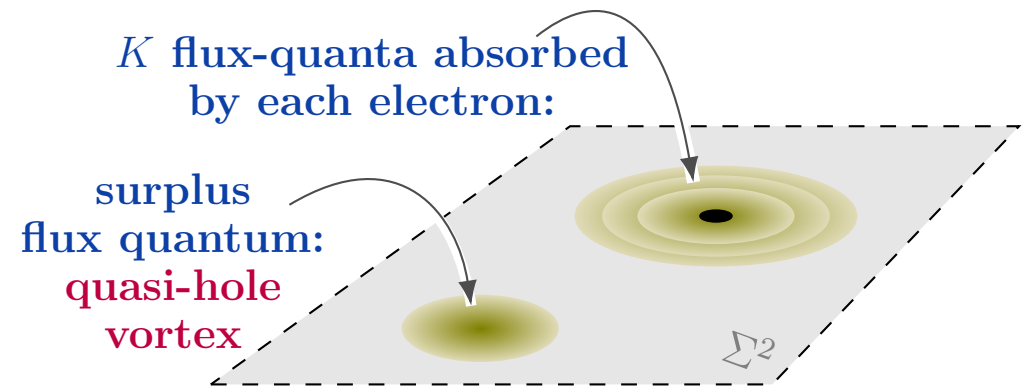
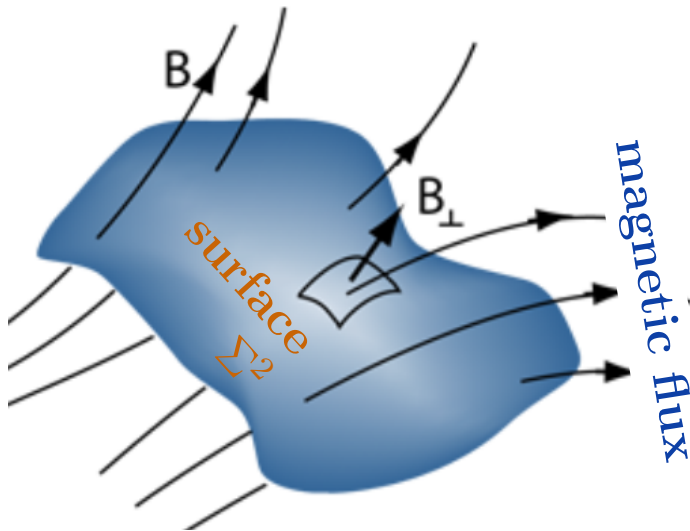
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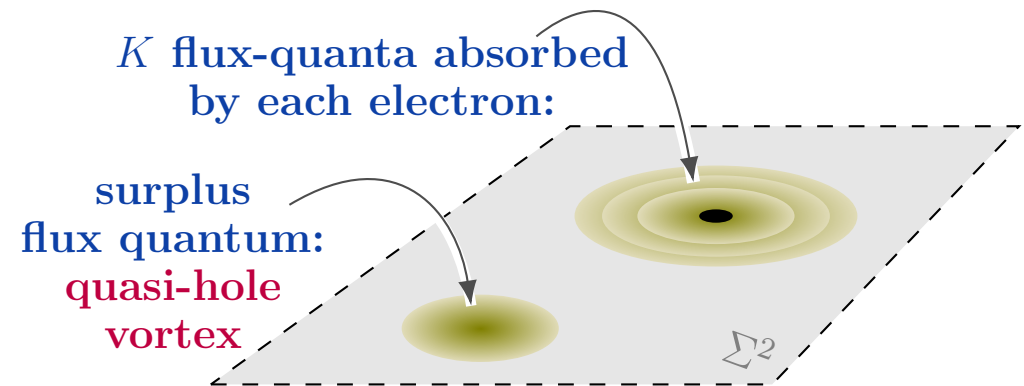
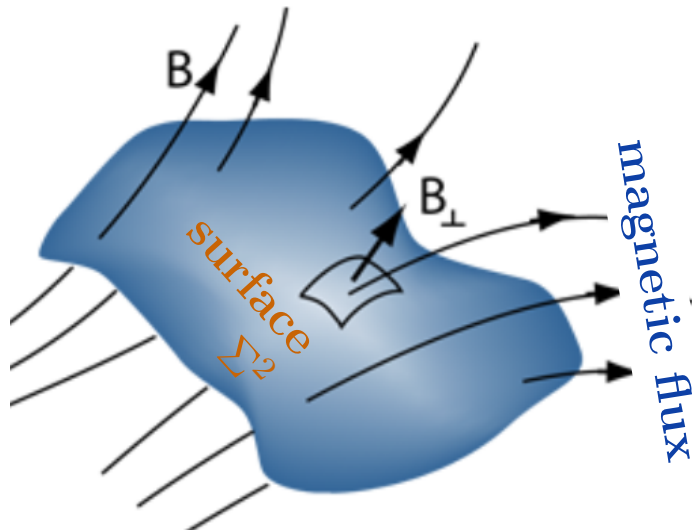
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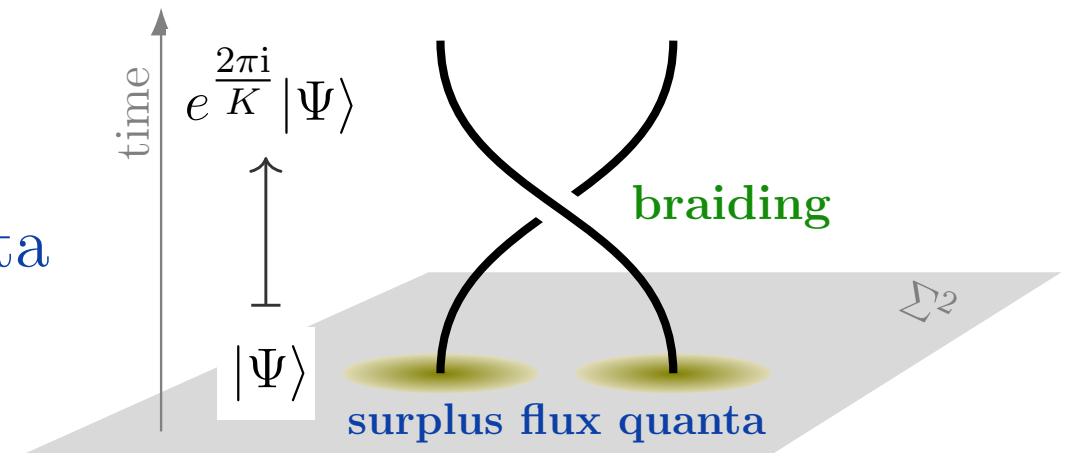
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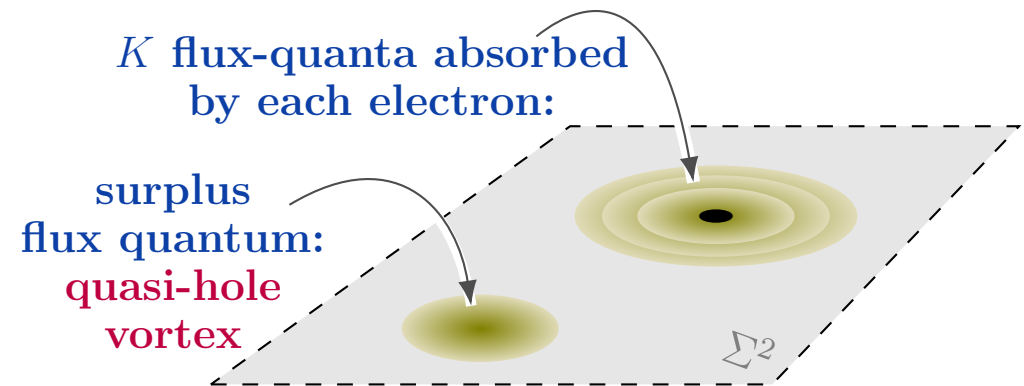
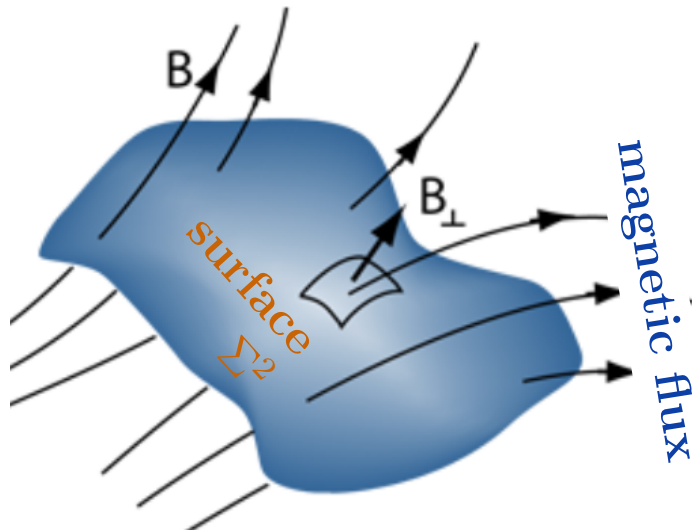
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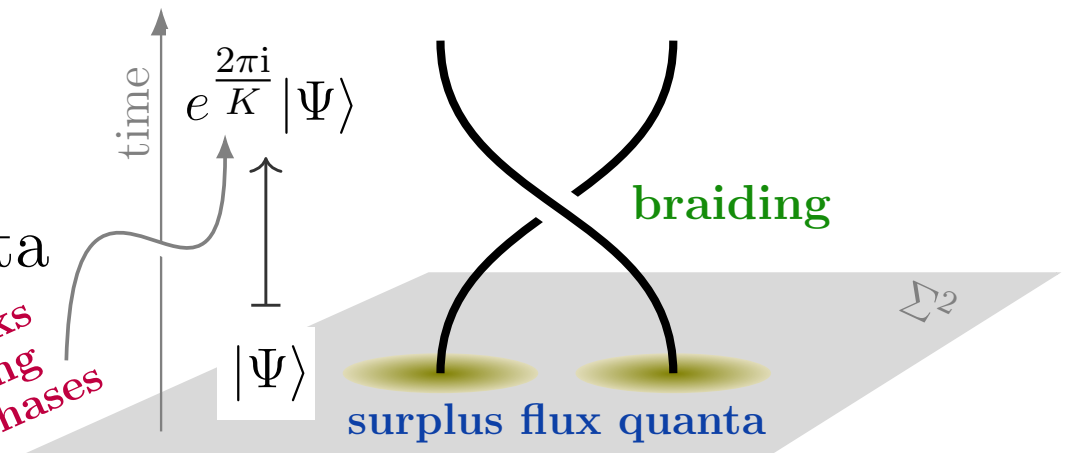


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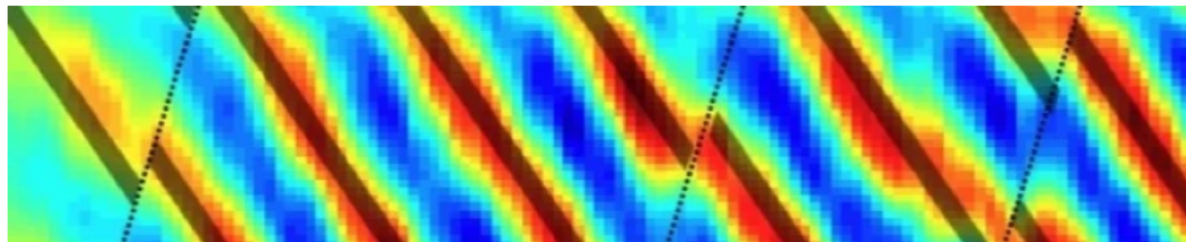
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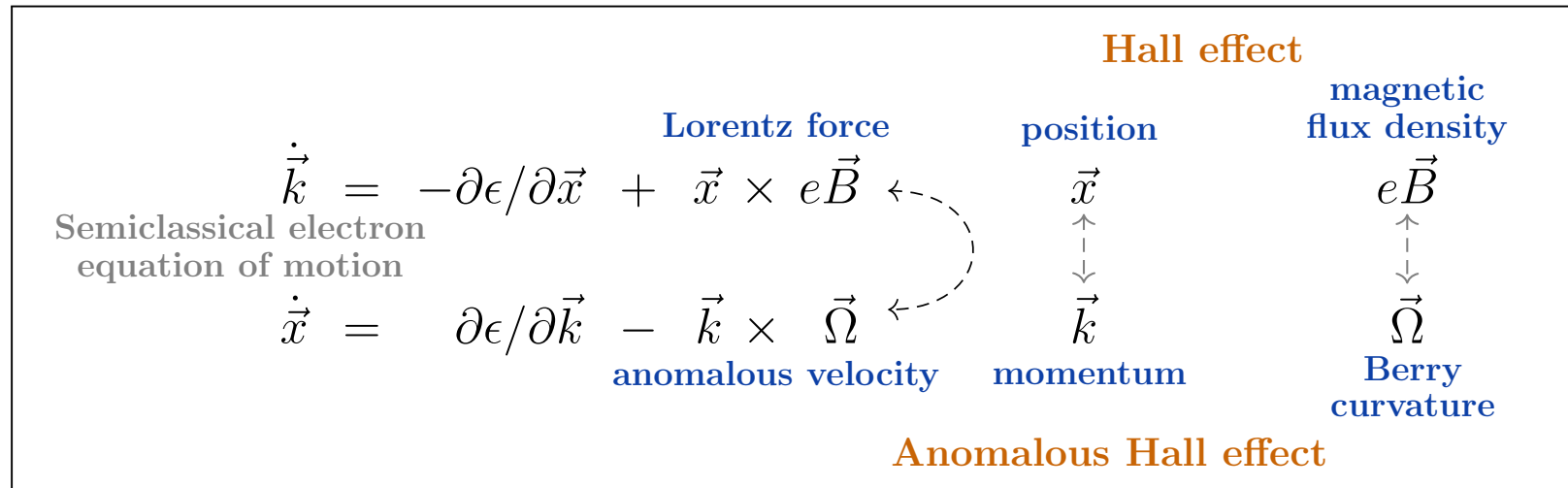
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magnetic flux density $e\vec{B}$

Lorentz force $\vec{x} \times e\vec{B}$

Semiclassical electron equation of motion

$\dot{\vec{k}} = -\partial\epsilon/\partial\vec{x} + \vec{x} \times e\vec{B}$

$\dot{\vec{x}} = \partial\epsilon/\partial\vec{k} - \vec{k} \times \vec{\Omega}$

anomalous velocity $\vec{k} \times \vec{\Omega}$

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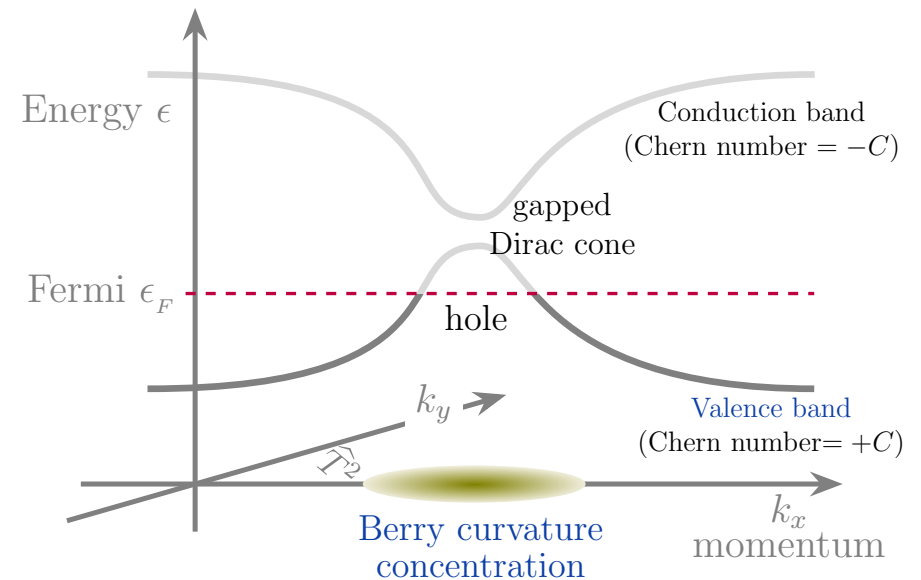
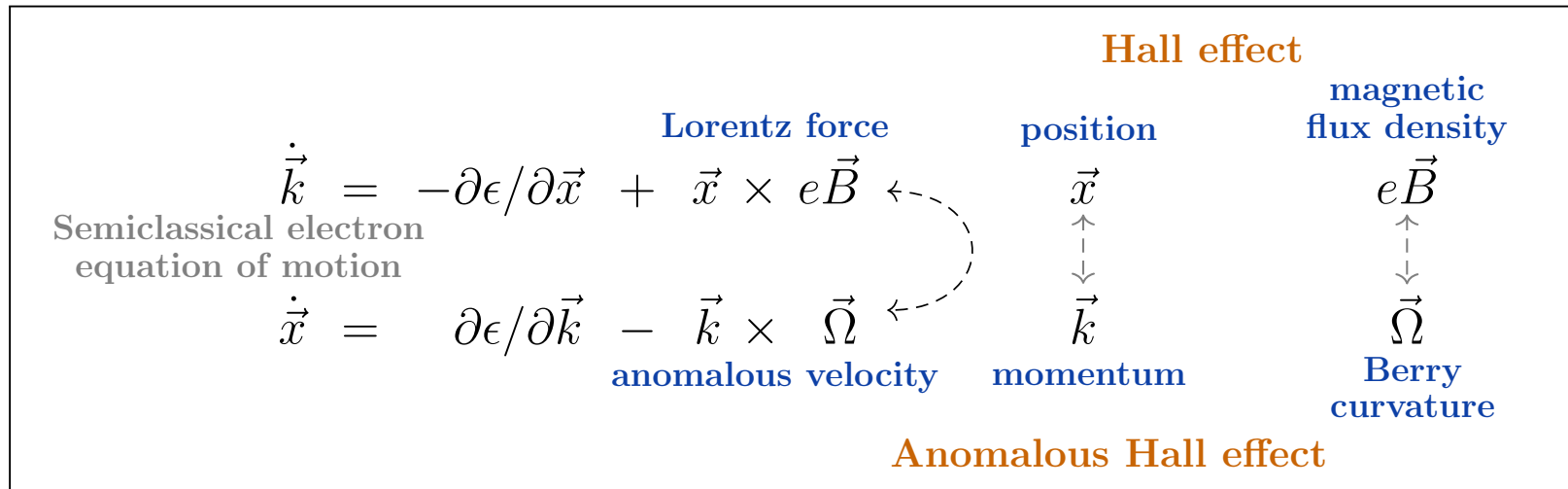
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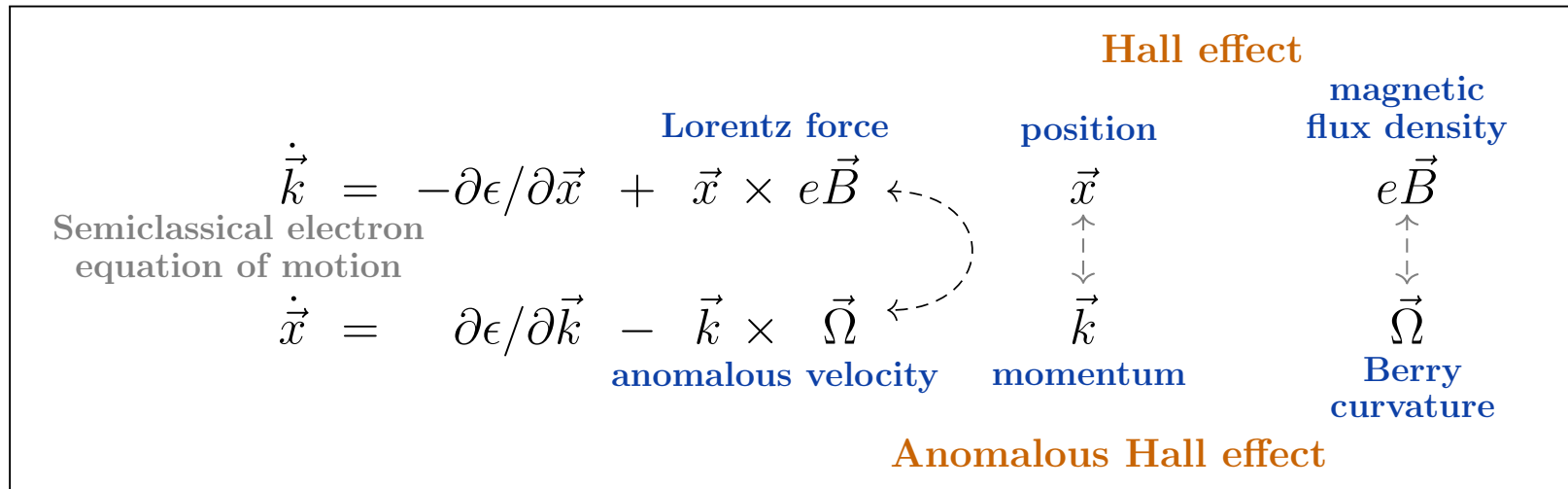
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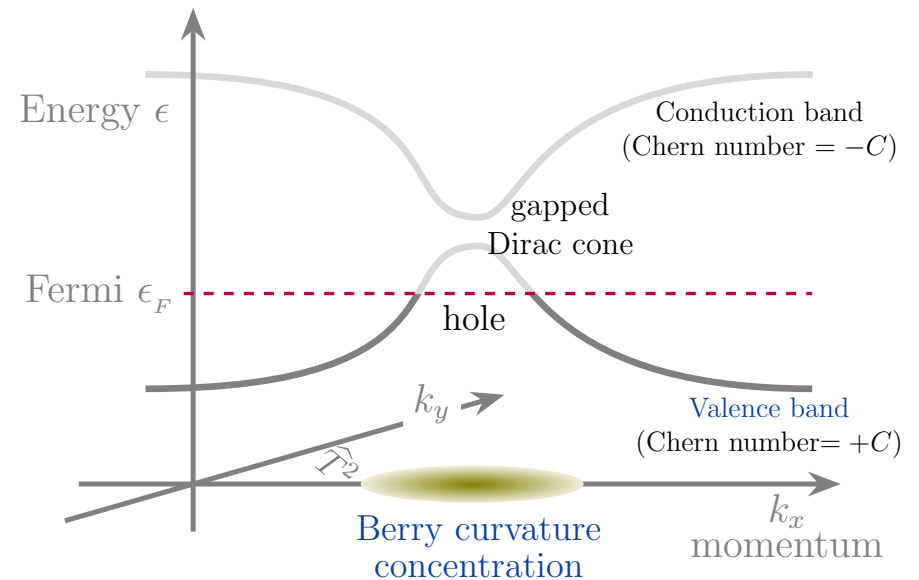
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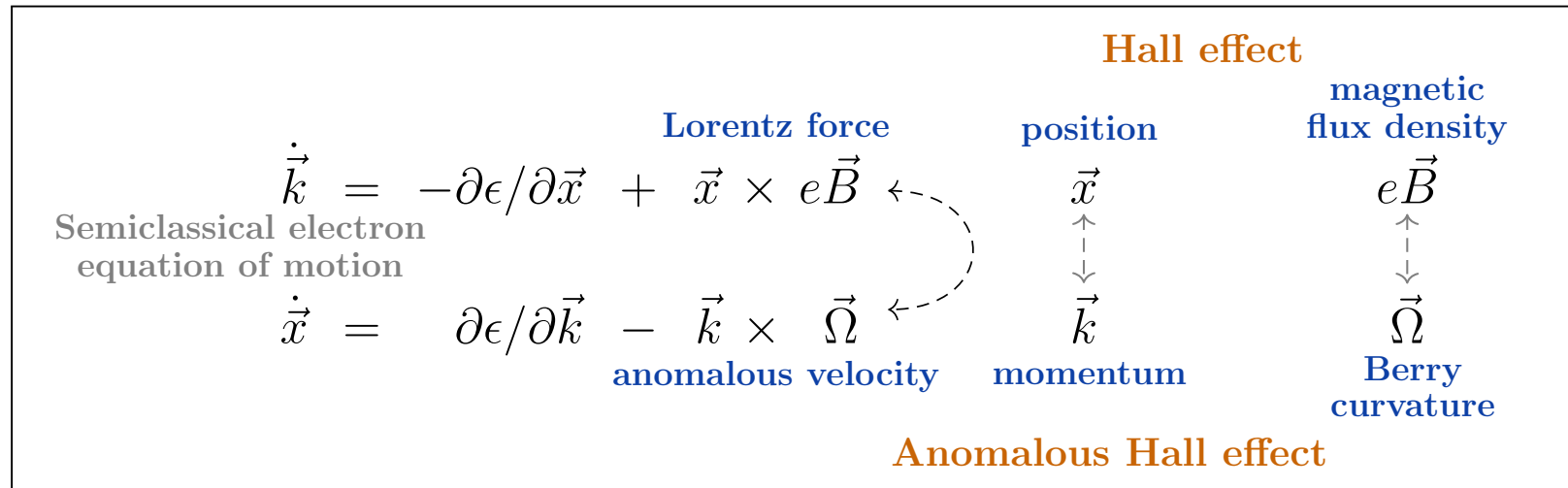
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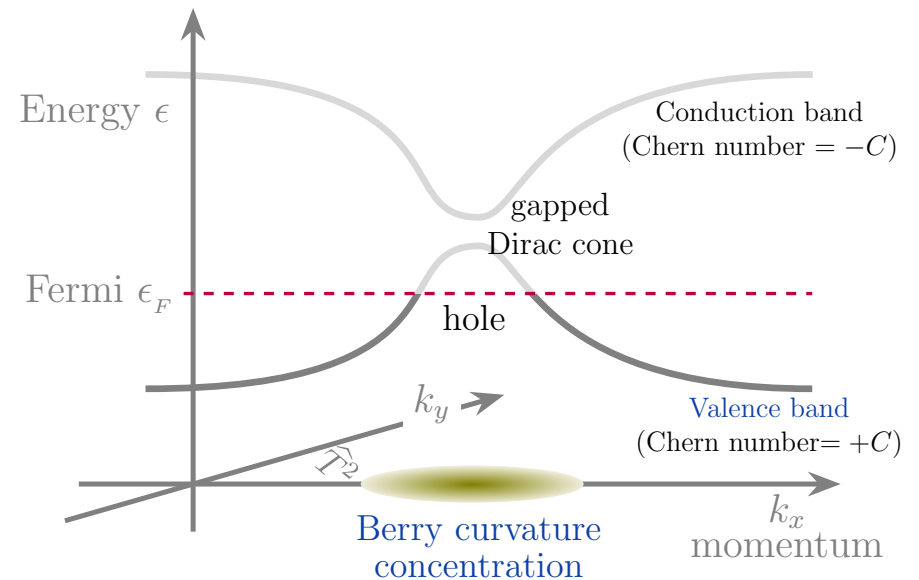
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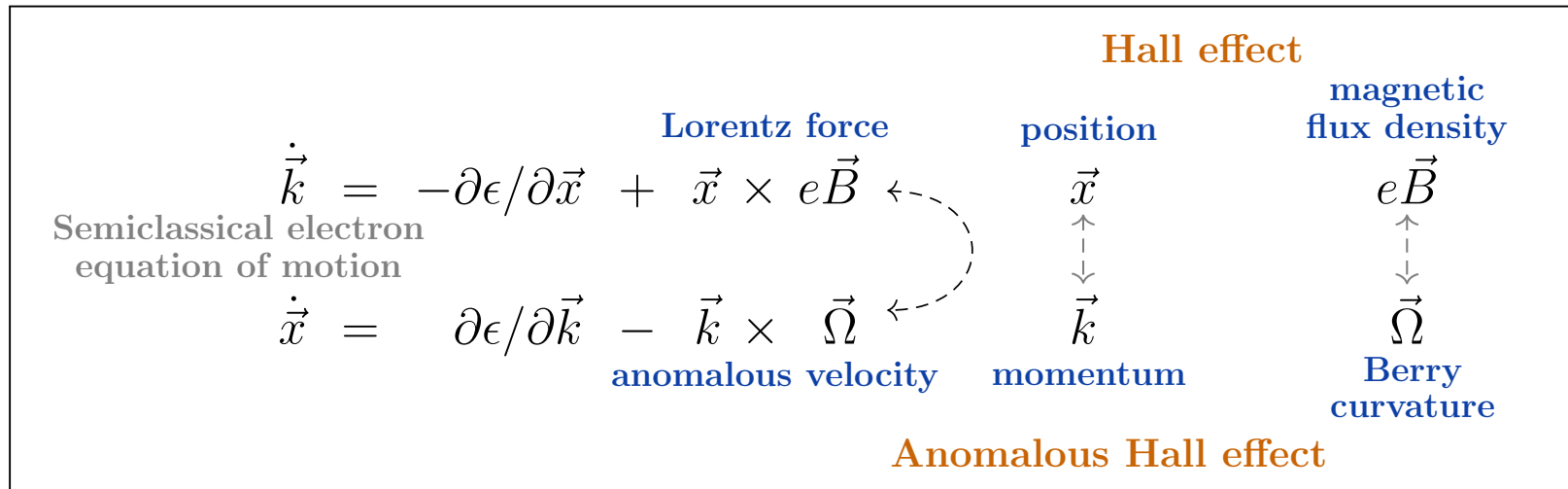
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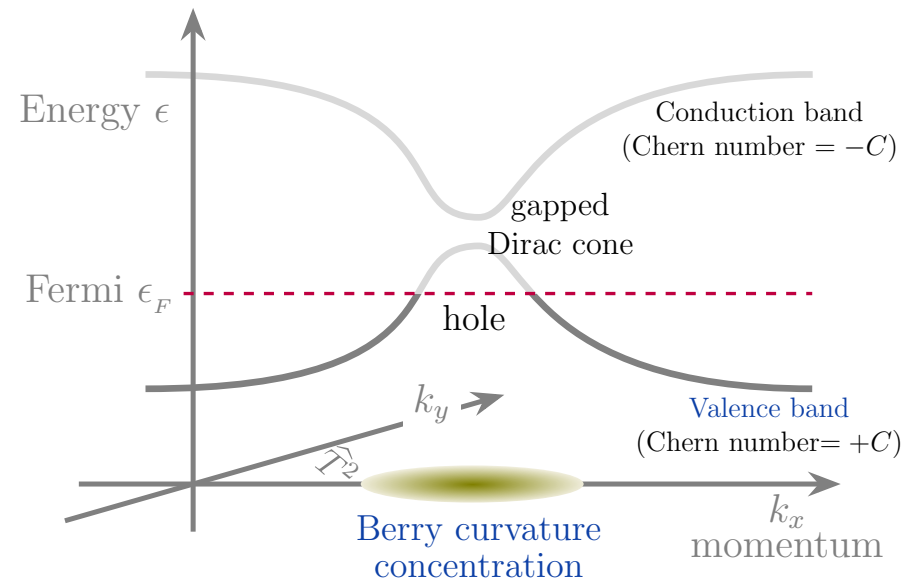
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the Bloch Hamiltonians are a map
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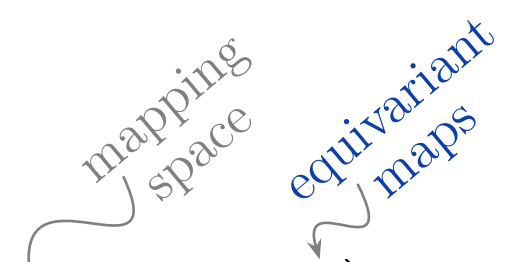
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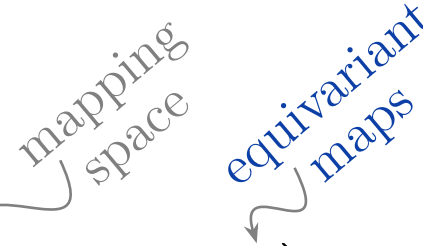
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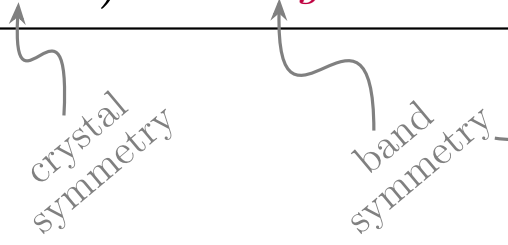


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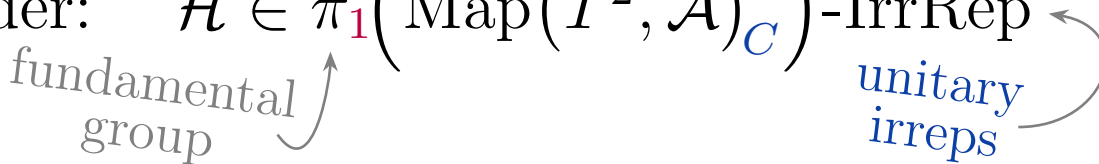
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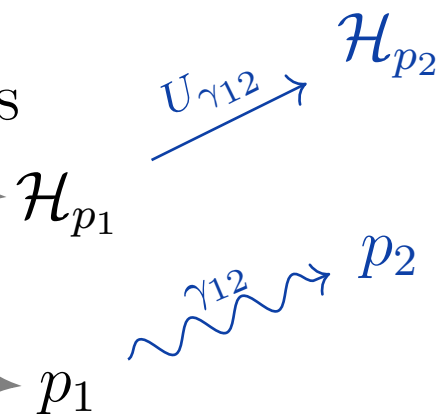
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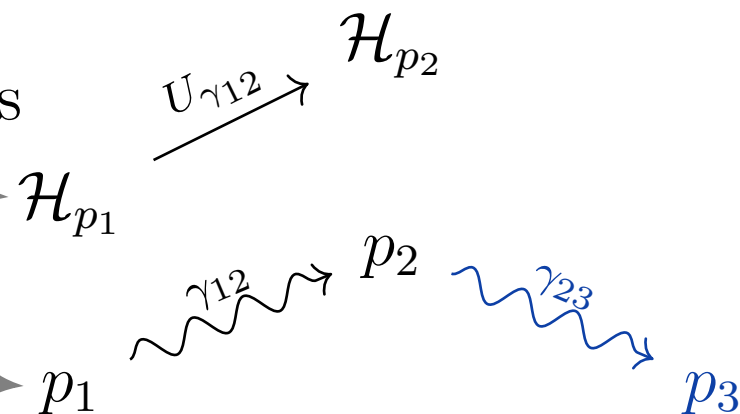
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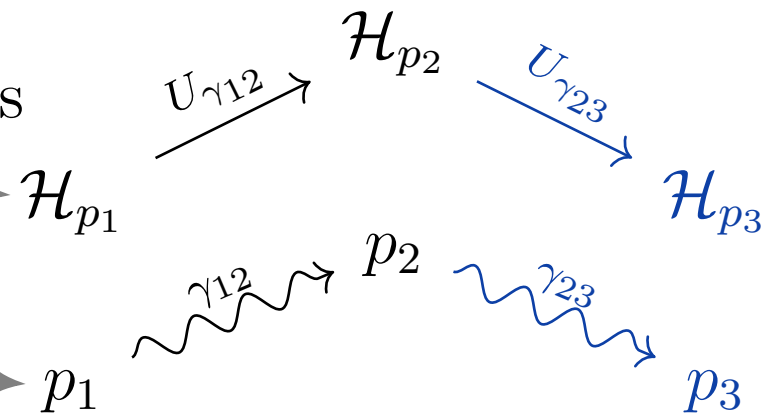
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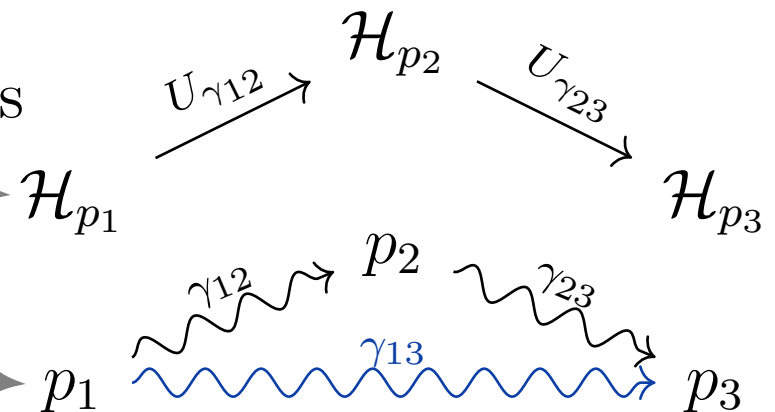
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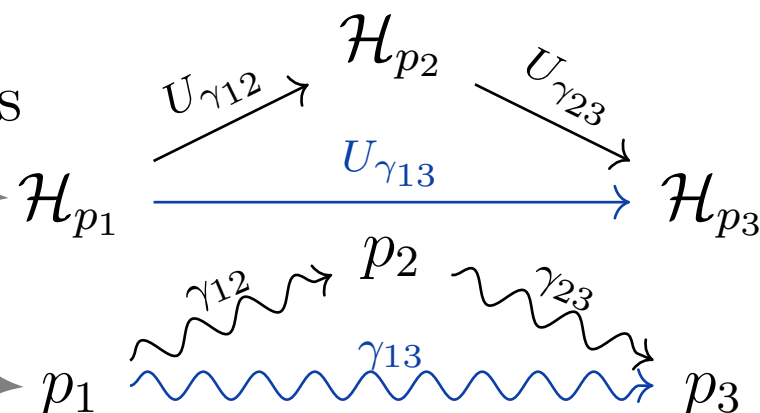
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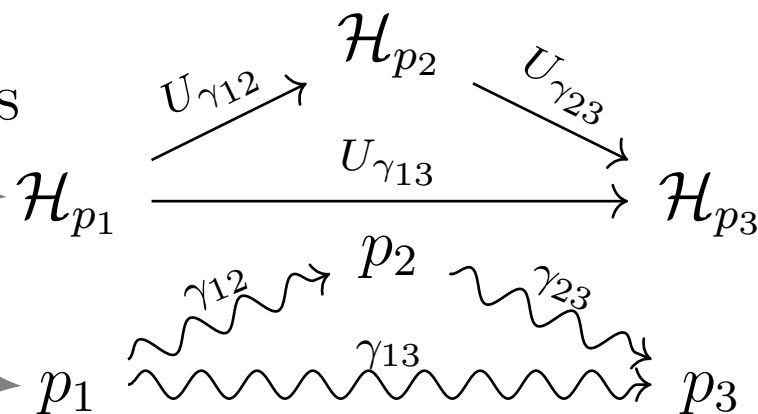
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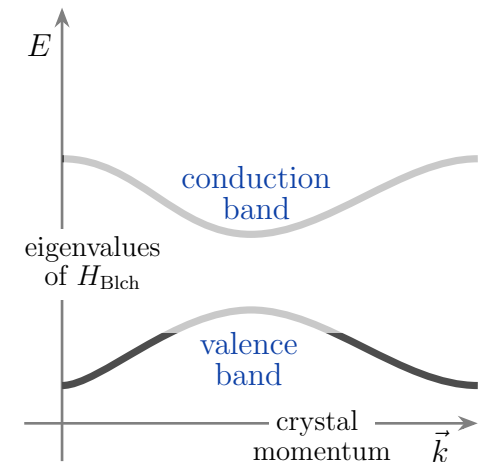
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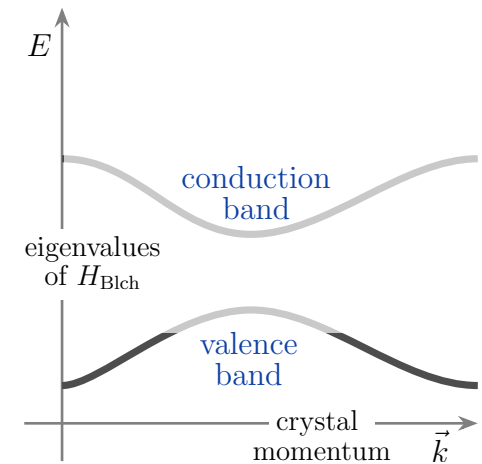
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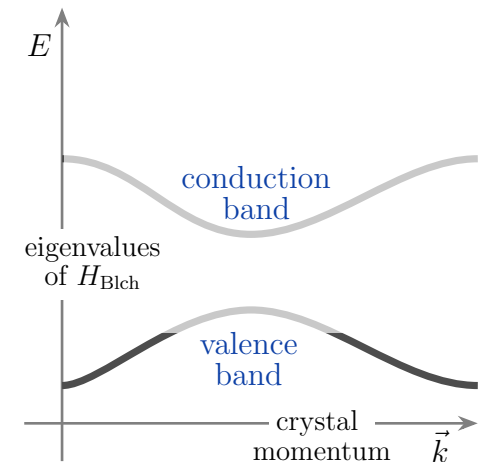
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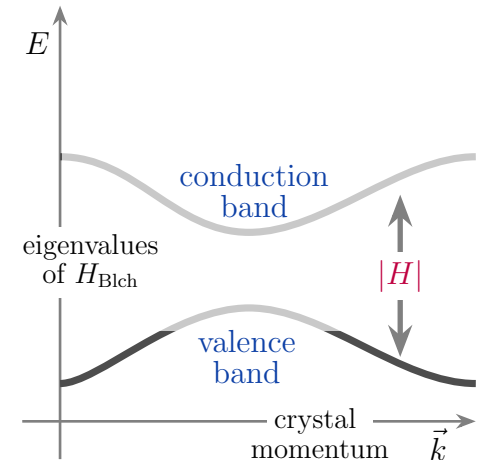
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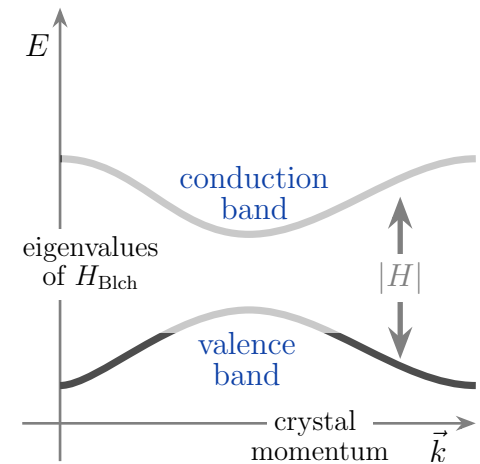
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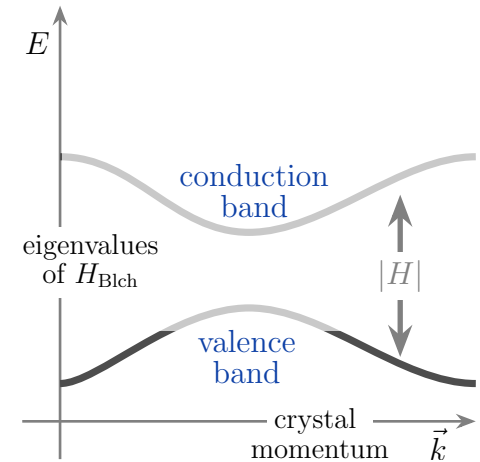
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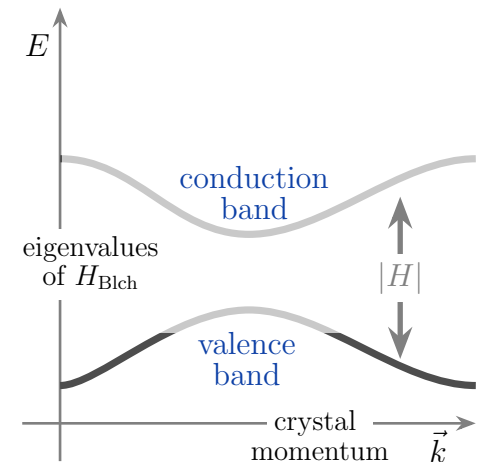
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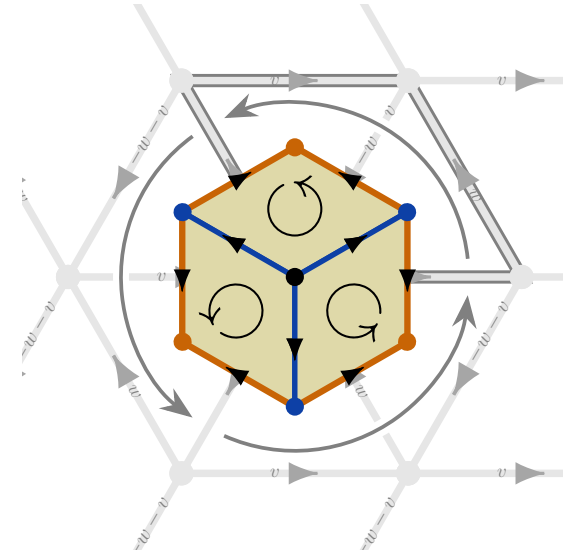
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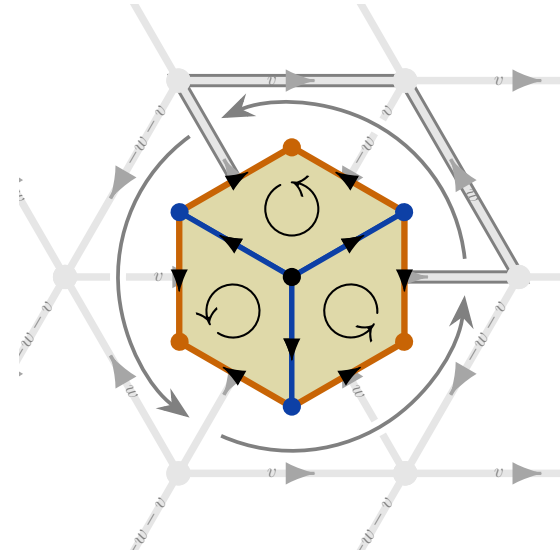


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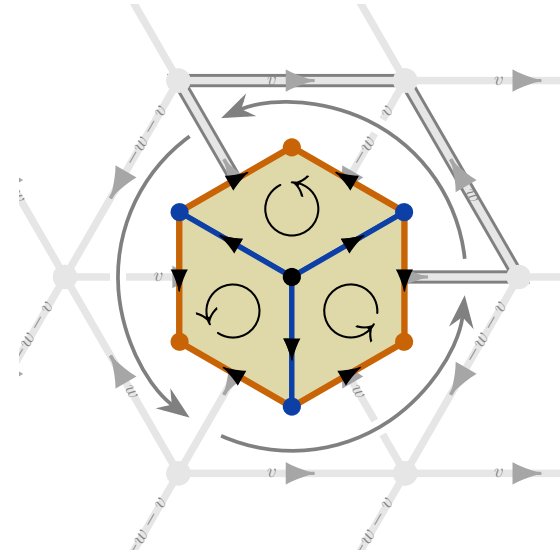
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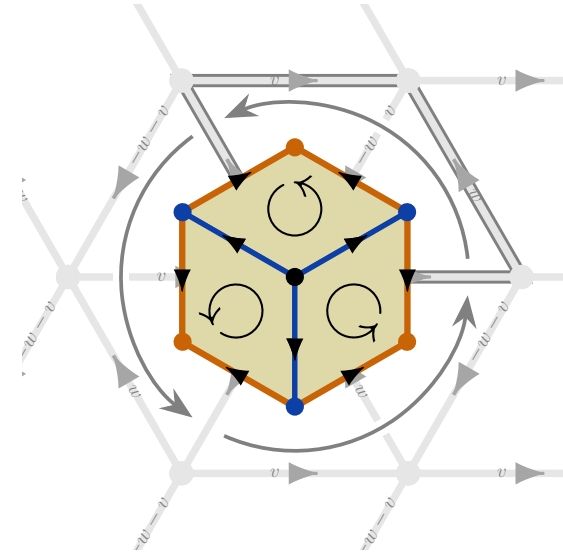
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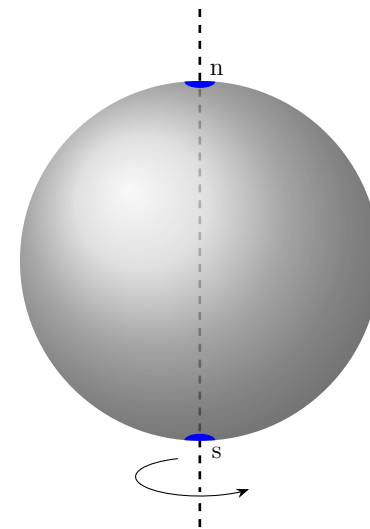
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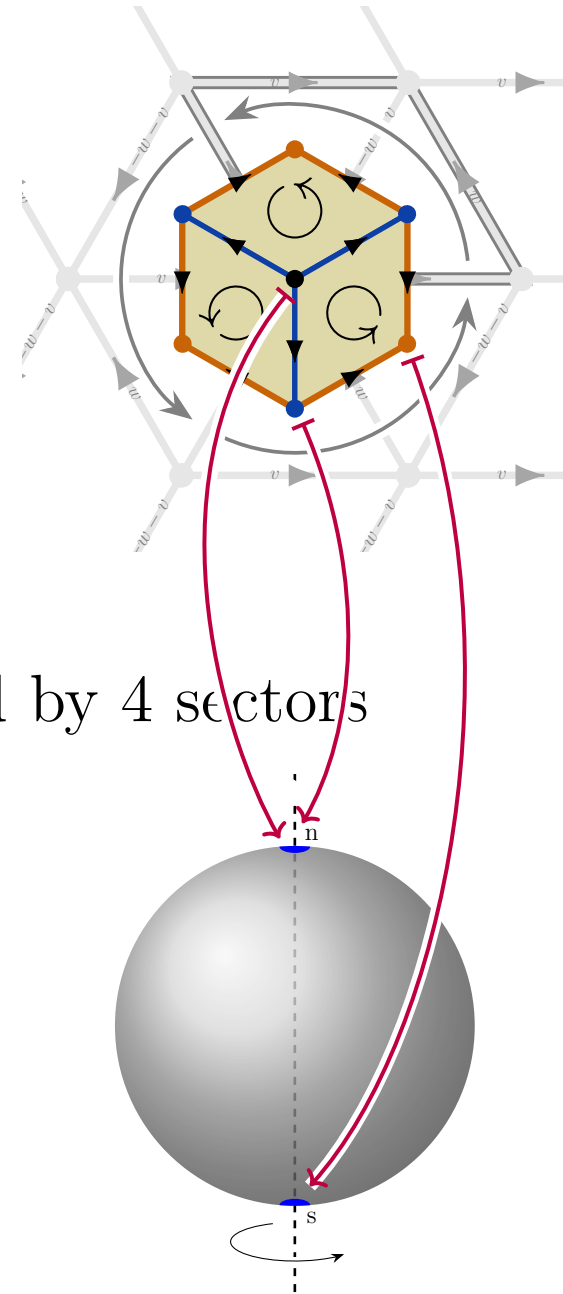
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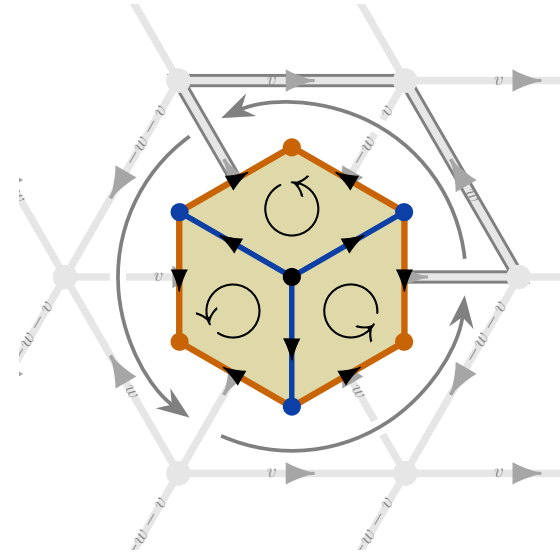
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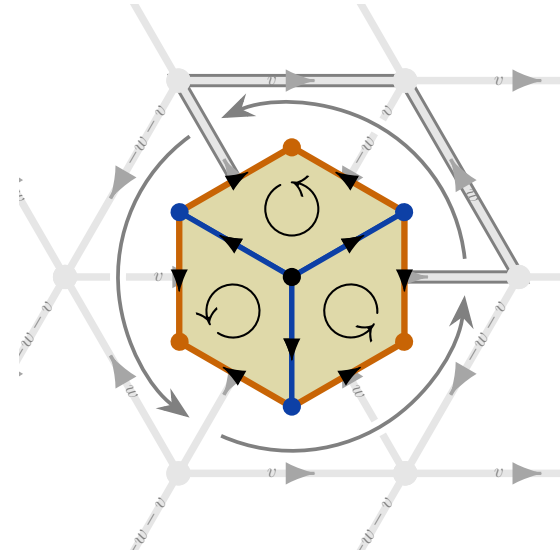
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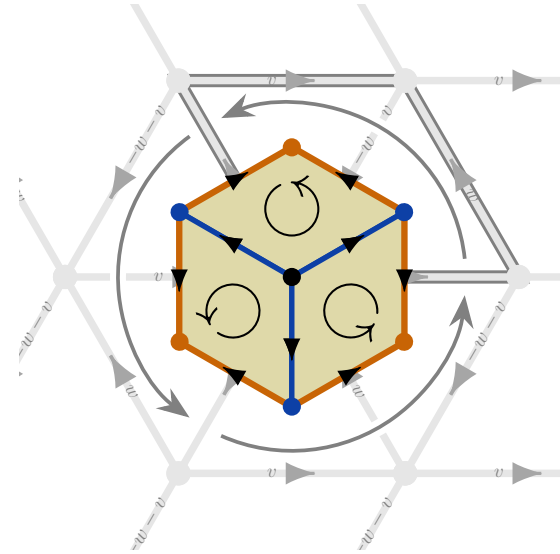
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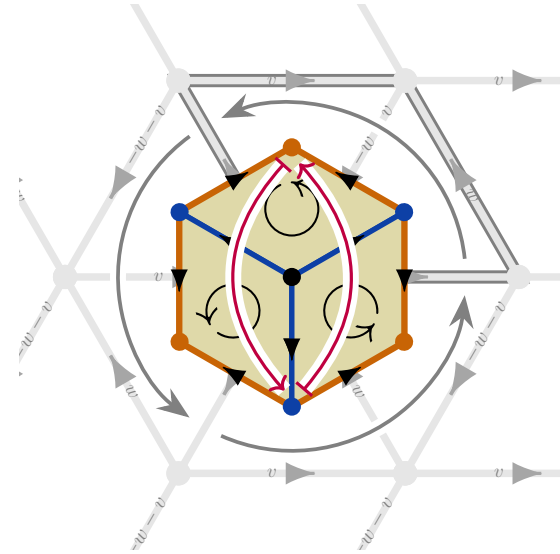
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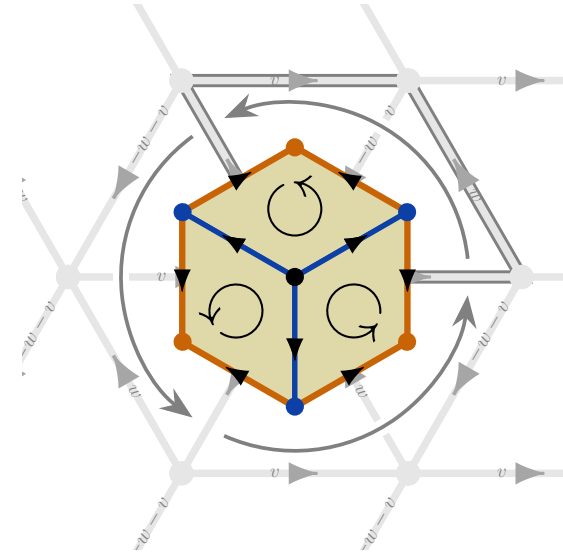
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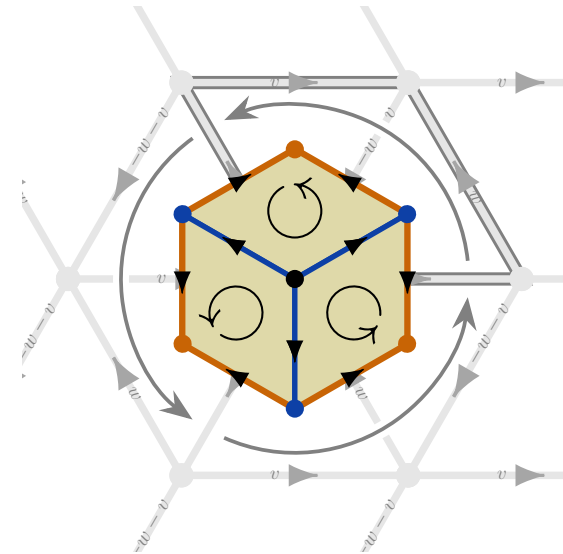
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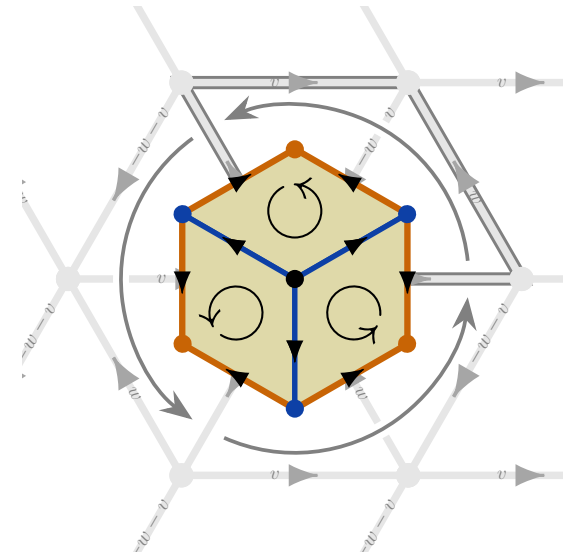
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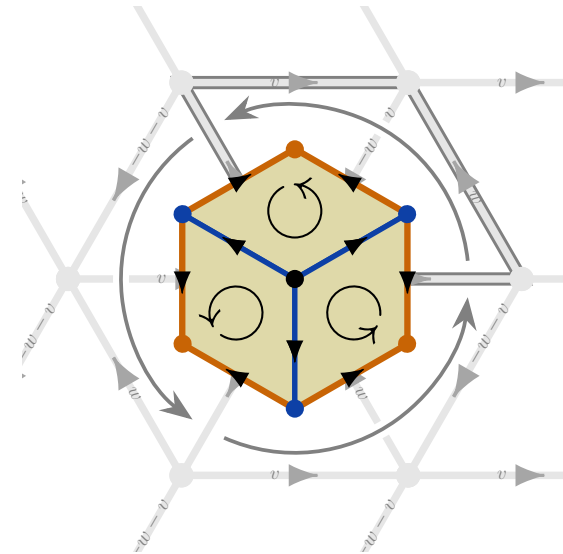
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