

Física de Semiconductores

Lección 15

The K point hamiltonian I

- The whole hamiltonian is

$$H_K = \begin{pmatrix} H_0 + H_z & H_x - iH_y \\ H_x + iH_y & H_0 - H_z \end{pmatrix}$$

- or

$$H_0 = \varepsilon_p - 3V_2 \cos \alpha$$

$$H_x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a}{2} q_x$$

$$H_y = -\frac{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a}{2} q_y$$

$$H_z = \Delta_p - 3\sqrt{3}V_2 \sin \alpha$$

$$H_K = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_p - 3V_2 \cos \alpha + \Delta_p - 3\sqrt{3}V_2 \sin \alpha & -\frac{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a}{2} (q_x - iq_y) \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a}{2} (q_x + iq_y) & \varepsilon_p - 3V_2 \cos \alpha - \Delta_p + 3\sqrt{3}V_2 \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

K- point hamiltonian II

- Or

$$H_K = -\frac{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a}{2} \times \begin{pmatrix} -2 \frac{\varepsilon_p - 3V_2 \cos \alpha + \Delta_p - 3\sqrt{3}V_2 \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a} & (q_x - iq_y) \\ (q_x + iq_y) & -2 \frac{\varepsilon_p - 3V_2 \cos \alpha - \Delta_p + 3\sqrt{3}V_2 \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a} \end{pmatrix}$$

- We then change the zero of energy so that

$$H_K = -\frac{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \frac{+\Delta_p - 3\sqrt{3}V_2 \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a} & (q_x - iq_y) \\ (q_x + iq_y) & -2 \frac{-\Delta_p + 3\sqrt{3}V_2 \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi} a} \end{pmatrix}$$

K and K' point hamiltonian

- We then define a “mass” so that

$$H_K = -\frac{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi}a}{2} \begin{pmatrix} m & q_x - iq_y \\ q_x + iq_y & -m \end{pmatrix} = \hbar v_F \begin{pmatrix} m & q_x - iq_y \\ q_x + iq_y & -m \end{pmatrix}$$

- A similar analysis for the K' point gives

$$H_{K'} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}V_{pp\pi}a}{2} \begin{pmatrix} m & q_x + iq_y \\ q_x - iq_y & -m \end{pmatrix} = \hbar v_F \begin{pmatrix} m & q_x + iq_y \\ q_x - iq_y & -m \end{pmatrix}$$

Spherical coordinates

- We define

$$\begin{aligned}m &= k \cos \theta \\q_x &= k \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\q_y &= k \sin \theta \sin \varphi\end{aligned}$$

- Then we get

$$\begin{aligned}H_K &= \hbar v_F k \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta e^{-i\varphi} \\ \sin \theta e^{i\varphi} & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\H_{K'} &= \hbar v_F k \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta e^{i\varphi} \\ \sin \theta e^{-i\varphi} & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Eigenvectors and eigenvalues

- The eigenvalues of our hamiltonians are

$$\varepsilon_{\pm} = \pm \hbar k v_F$$

- and the eigenvector for the filled band:

$$u_{-} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Singularity

- The eigenvector $u_- = \left(-\sin \frac{\theta}{2}, e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$ is singular for $\theta = 0$.
- The equivalent eigenvector $u_- = \left(-e^{-i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$ is singular for $\theta = \pi$. We then choose

$$u_-^S = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}; \quad u_-^N = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Berry connection I

- We now calculate the Berry connection in spherical coordinates for the south pole eigenvectors.

$$\mathcal{A}_H^s = i \left\langle u_-^s \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \right| u_-^s \right\rangle = 0$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\theta^s = i \left\langle u_-^s \left| \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right| u_-^s \right\rangle = \left(-\sin \frac{\theta}{2}, e^{-i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{i}{k} \left(-\sin \frac{\theta}{2}, e^{-i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Berry connection II

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}_\varphi^s &= i \left\langle u_-^s \left| \frac{1}{k \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right| u_-^s \right\rangle = i \left(-\sin \frac{\theta}{2}, e^{-i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \frac{1}{k \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{i}{k \sin \theta} \left(-\sin \frac{\theta}{2}, e^{-i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ ie^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\cos^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{k \sin \theta}\end{aligned}$$

Berry curvature for K point

- For the Berry curvature we use the curl in spherical coordinates, knowing that the connection only has a ϕ component. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_K &= \nabla \times \mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{k \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\mathcal{A}_\phi \sin \theta) \hat{e}_k - \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial k} (k \mathcal{A}_\phi) \hat{e}_\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{k \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(-\frac{1}{k} \cos^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right) \hat{e}_k - \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \left(\frac{\cos^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{\sin \theta} \right) \hat{e}_\theta \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{k^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\cos^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right) \hat{e}_k = -\frac{1}{k^2 \sin \theta} \cos \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) = -\frac{\hat{e}_k}{2k^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Berry curvature for K' point

- For the K' point, the only change is $\varphi \rightarrow -\varphi$, and this changes the sign of the connection and the curvature, so

$$\Omega_{K'} = \frac{\hat{e}_k}{2k^2}$$

Chern number

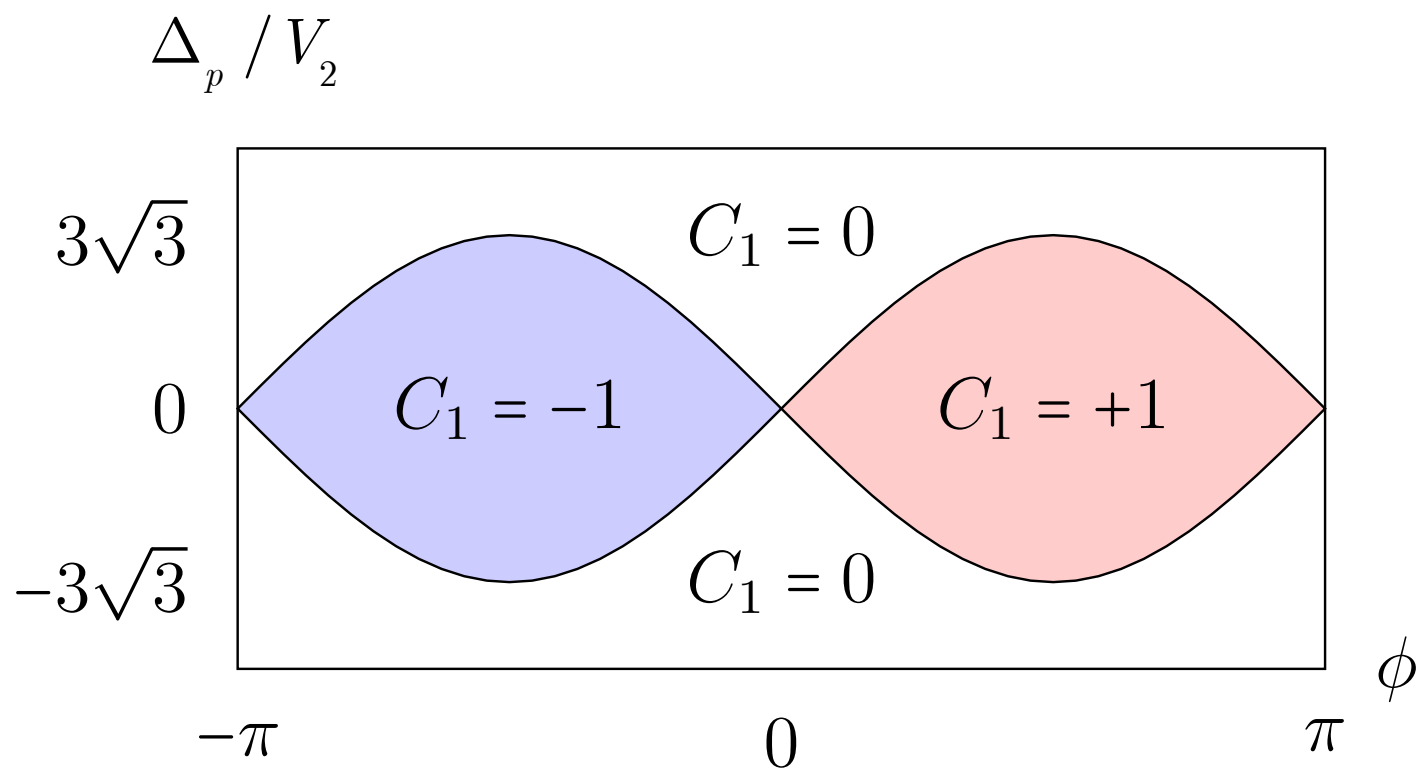
- The Chern number is defined as the surface integral of the Berry curvature over the BZ. - is for K point, + for K' point:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_{BZ} dq_x dq_y \Omega_z = \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_{BZ} dq_x dq_y \frac{\pm (\hat{\mathbf{e}}_k)_z}{2k^2} \\ &= \pm \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{BZ} dq_x dq_y \frac{\cos \theta}{(q^2 + m^2)} = \pm \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{BZ} dq_x dq_y \frac{m}{(q^2 + m^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \pm \frac{2\pi}{4\pi} m \int_0^\infty \frac{q dq}{(q^2 + m^2)^{3/2}} = \pm \frac{1}{4} m \int_{m^2}^\infty \frac{du}{u^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{4} m \left(-2u^{-1/2} \right) \Big|_{m^2}^\infty \\ &= \pm \frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{|m|} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \text{sgn}(m) \end{aligned}$$

Phase diagram

- For $m_K > 0, m_{K'} > 0$
$$\mathcal{C}_K + \mathcal{C}_{K'} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$
- For $m_K < 0, m_{K'} > 0$
$$\mathcal{C}_K + \mathcal{C}_{K'} = +\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$
- For $m_K > 0, m_{K'} < 0$
$$\mathcal{C}_K + \mathcal{C}_{K'} = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = -1$$
- For $m_K < 0, m_{K'} < 0$
$$\mathcal{C}_K + \mathcal{C}_{K'} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

Phase diagram



Periodicity of energy function

- The energy function is periodic in k-space:

$$E_n(\mathbf{k}) = E_n(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K})$$

- Therefore

$$E_n(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} E_n(\mathbf{R}) e^{i\mathbf{R}\cdot\mathbf{k}}$$

- Now consider operator $E_n(-i\nabla)$

$$E_n(-i\nabla) \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} E_n(\mathbf{R}) e^{\mathbf{R}\cdot\nabla} \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{R}} E_n(\mathbf{R}) \left[1 + \mathbf{R}\cdot\nabla + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{R}\cdot\nabla)^2 + \dots \right] \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{R}} E_n(\mathbf{R}) \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} E_n(\mathbf{R}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) = E_{nk} \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r})$$

- so that the Bloch function is an eigenfunction of this operator with eigenvalue $E_n(\mathbf{k})$

Bloch hamiltonian plus perturbation

- Consider $\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}) - e\phi(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$
- Ansatz $\psi = \sum_{nk} c_{nk}(t) \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r})$
- Then

$$\sum_{nk} c_{nk}(t) \left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}) - e\phi(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r})$$
$$\sum_{nk} c_{nk}(t) \left[E_{nk} - e\phi(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{nk} c_{nk}(t) \left[E_n(-i\nabla) - e\phi(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r})$$
$$= i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$

Weak perturbation approx

- If the perturbation is weak enough not to mix different bands

$$\psi \simeq \sum_k c_{nk}(t) \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r})$$

- then, since the square bracket is indep of k.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k c_{nk}(t) [E_n(-i\nabla) - e\phi(\mathbf{r})] \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) &= [E_n(-i\nabla) - e\phi(\mathbf{r})] \sum_k c_{nk}(t) \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= [E_n(-i\nabla) - e\phi(\mathbf{r})] \psi \end{aligned}$$

- So

$$[E_n(-i\nabla) - e\phi(\mathbf{r})] \psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$

Effective mass theory I

- Let us assume

$$E_n(k) = E_0 + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m^*}; \quad \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) = u_{nk}(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \simeq u_{n0}(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} = \psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

- Then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &\simeq \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{nk}(t) \psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{nk}(t) \psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} = \\ &= \psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r}) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{nk}(t) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} = F_n(\mathbf{r}, t) \psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$

- where F is called an envelope function.

Effective mass theory II

- Let us now compute

$$\begin{aligned} E_n(-i\nabla)F_n(\mathbf{r},t)\psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{R}} E_n(\mathbf{R})F_n(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R},t)\psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) \\ &= \psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r}) \sum_{\mathbf{R}} E_n(\mathbf{R})F_n(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R},t) = \psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r}) \sum_{\mathbf{R}} E_n(\mathbf{R})e^{\mathbf{R}\cdot\nabla}F_n(\mathbf{r},t) \\ &= \psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r}) E_n(-i\nabla)F_n(\mathbf{r},t) \end{aligned}$$

- Then

$$\psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r}) E_n(-i\nabla)F_n(\mathbf{r},t) - e\phi(\mathbf{r})\psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r})F_n(\mathbf{r},t) = i\hbar\psi_{n0}(\mathbf{r})\frac{\partial F_n(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t}$$

- which gives

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2\nabla^2}{2m^*} + E_0 - e\phi(\mathbf{r}) \right] F_n(\mathbf{r},t) = i\hbar\frac{\partial F_n(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t}$$

Quantum wells

- The corresponding equation is

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m^*(x)} + E_0(x) \right] F_n(\mathbf{r}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial F_n(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

- The boundary conditions are complicated. A common choice

$$F_n^-(x=0) = F_n^+(x=0)$$
$$\frac{1}{m^{*-}} \frac{\partial F_n^-}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{m^{*+}} \frac{\partial F_n^+}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0}$$

Edge states IV

- We now apply EMT to our Haldane hamiltonian

$$\hbar v_F \begin{pmatrix} m & q_x - iq_y \\ q_x + iq_y & -m \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \hbar v_F \begin{pmatrix} m(y) & -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & -m(y) \end{pmatrix}$$

- We propose a solution

$$\Psi(x, y) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = e^{iq_x x} \exp\left(-\int_0^y m(y') dy'\right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Then, using

$$\frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x} = iq_x \Psi(x, y); \quad \frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial y} = -m(y) \Psi(x, y)$$

Edge states V

• Then $m(y)\Psi(x,y) - \left(-i \frac{\partial \Psi(x,y)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \Psi(x,y)}{\partial y} \right) = E\Psi(x,y)$

$$m(y)\Psi(x,y) + i \frac{\partial \Psi(x,y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \Psi(x,y)}{\partial y} = E\Psi(x,y)$$

$$m(y)\Psi(x,y) + i(iq_x)\Psi(x,y) - m(y)\Psi(x,y) = E\Psi(x,y)$$

$$-q_x = E$$

$$H \propto \begin{pmatrix} m(y) & -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & -m(y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-i \frac{\partial \Psi(x,y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \Psi(x,y)}{\partial y} + m(y)\Psi(x,y) = -E\Psi(x,y)$$

$$-i(iq_x) - m(y) + m(y) = -E$$

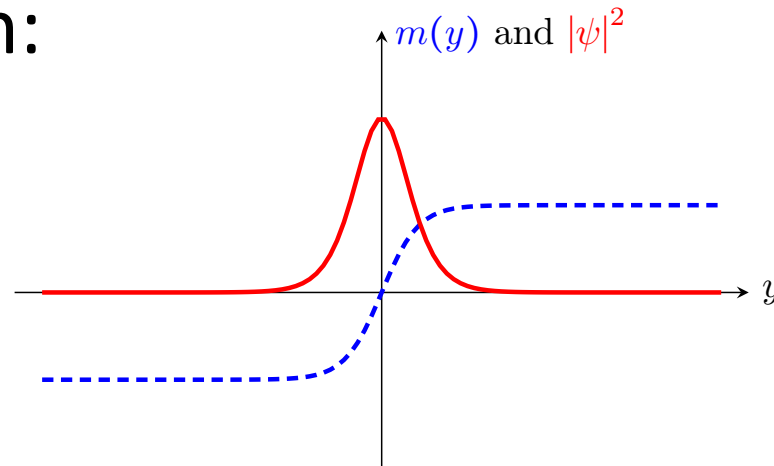
$$q_x = -E$$

Edge states VI

- Restoring units

$$E = -\hbar v_F q_x$$

Wavefunction:



nontrivial insulator	trivial insulator
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The other side

- We propose

$$\Psi(x, y) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = e^{iq_x x} \exp\left(\int_0^y m(y') dy'\right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x} = iq_x \Psi(x, y); \quad \frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial y} = m(y) \Psi(x, y)$$

- Then

$$m(y) \Psi(x, y) + \left(-i \frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial y} \right) = E \Psi(x, y)$$

$$m(y) \Psi(x, y) - i \frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial y} = E \Psi(x, y)$$

$$m(y) \Psi(x, y) - i(iq_x) \Psi(x, y) - m(y) \Psi(x, y) = E \Psi(x, y) \quad \Rightarrow \quad E = \hbar v_F q_x$$
$$q_x = E$$

The k.p hamiltonian

- In a previous lecture we wrote down the k.p hamiltonian for $\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, k_z)$. Allowing for x- and y-components, it is easy to show that

	$ S_a \uparrow\rangle$	$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle_b$	$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle_b$	$ S_a \downarrow\rangle$	$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\rangle_b$	$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle_b$
$ S_a \uparrow\rangle$	E_0	0	$\frac{i\hbar P k_z}{m} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	0	$\frac{i\hbar P (k_x + ik_y)}{m \sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{i\hbar P (k_x - ik_y)}{\sqrt{3m} \sqrt{2}}$
$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle_b$	0	0	0	$\frac{-i\hbar P (k_x - ik_y)}{m \sqrt{2}}$	0	0
$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle_b$	$-\frac{i\hbar P k_z}{m} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	0	0	$\frac{-i\hbar P (k_x + ik_y)}{\sqrt{3m} \sqrt{2}}$	0	0
$ S_a \downarrow\rangle$	0	$\frac{i\hbar P (k_x + ik_y)}{m \sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{i\hbar P (k_x - ik_y)}{\sqrt{3m} \sqrt{2}}$	E_0	0	$\frac{i\hbar P k_z}{m} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$
$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\rangle_b$	$-\frac{i\hbar P (k_x - ik_y)}{m \sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0	0	0
$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle_b$	$-\frac{i\hbar P (k_x + ik_y)}{\sqrt{3m} \sqrt{2}}$	0	0	$-\frac{i\hbar P k_z}{m} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	0	0

Heavy hole hamiltonian

- If we make a quantum well and apply effective mass theory, the light holes and heavy holes will approximately decouple, and we get for HH

	$ S_a \uparrow\rangle$	$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle_b$	$ S_a \downarrow\rangle$	$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\rangle_b$
$ S_a \uparrow\rangle$	E_0	0	0	$\frac{i\hbar P}{m} \frac{(k_x + ik_y)}{\sqrt{2}}$
$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle_b$	0	0	$\frac{-i\hbar P}{m} \frac{(k_x - ik_y)}{\sqrt{2}}$	0
$ S_a \downarrow\rangle$	0	$\frac{i\hbar P}{m} \frac{(k_x + ik_y)}{\sqrt{2}}$	E_0	0
$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\rangle_b$	$\frac{-i\hbar P}{m} \frac{(k_x - ik_y)}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0

Reorder:

	$ S_a \uparrow\rangle$	$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\rangle$	$ S_a \downarrow\rangle$	$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle$
$ S_a \uparrow\rangle$	E_0	$\frac{i\hbar P (k_x + ik_y)}{m \sqrt{2}}$	0	0
$ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\rangle$	$\frac{-i\hbar P (k_x - ik_y)}{m \sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0
$ S_a \downarrow\rangle$	0	0	E_0	$\frac{i\hbar P (k_x + ik_y)}{m \sqrt{2}}$
$ \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle$	0	0	$-\frac{i\hbar P (k_x - ik_y)}{m \sqrt{2}}$	0

Pauli matrices

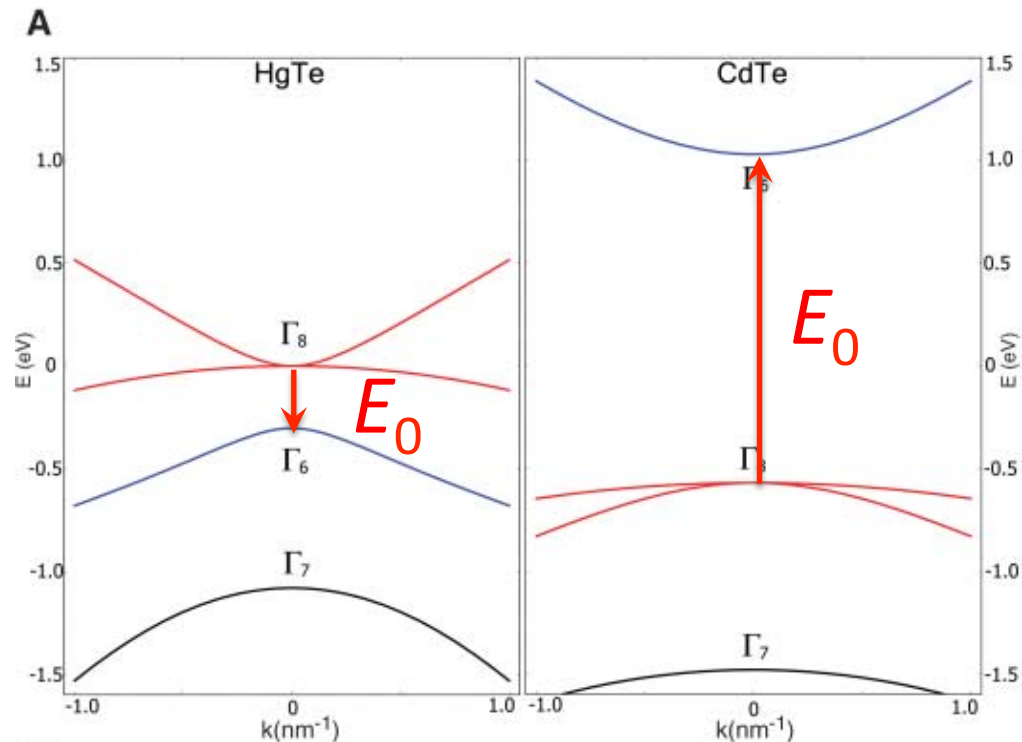
- This has the form

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H(\mathbf{k}) & 0 \\ 0 & H^*(-\mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix} \quad H(\mathbf{k}) = E(\mathbf{k}) + \sum_{\alpha} d_{\alpha} \sigma_{\alpha}$$

- With

$$d_x = \frac{i\hbar P}{\sqrt{2m}}; \quad d_y = -\frac{i\hbar P}{\sqrt{2m}}; \quad d_z = \frac{E_0}{2}$$

The bands



We see that E_0 is positive for CdTe and negative for HgTe. so we can get the same “mass” reversal we had in the Haldane model. The fact that HgTe is a semimetal, not a semiconductor, can be “fixed” by applying strain, which lifts the degeneracy at the G point. So by making strained layer HgTe-CdTe superlattices one can obtain topological phases akin to the Haldane model.