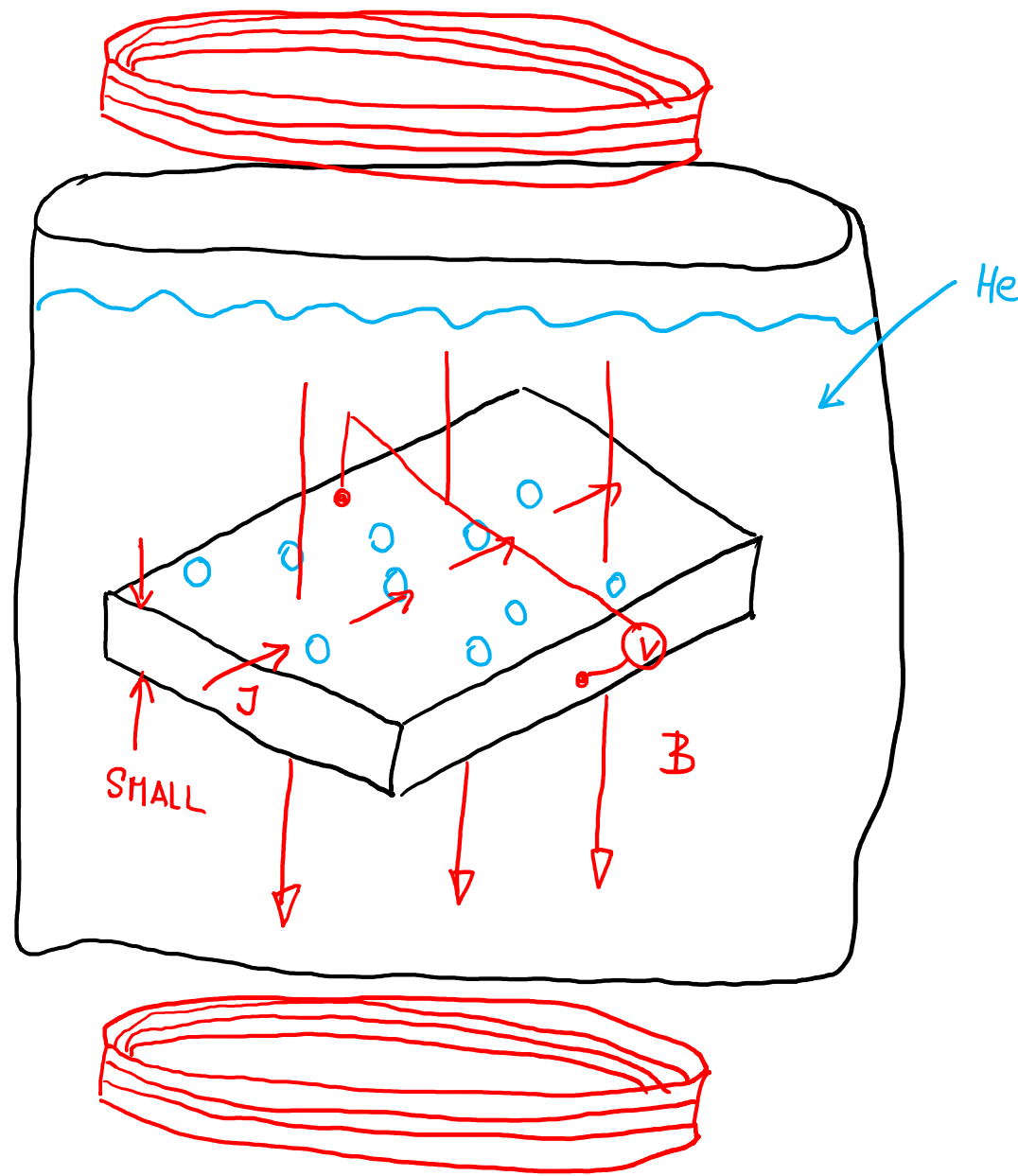


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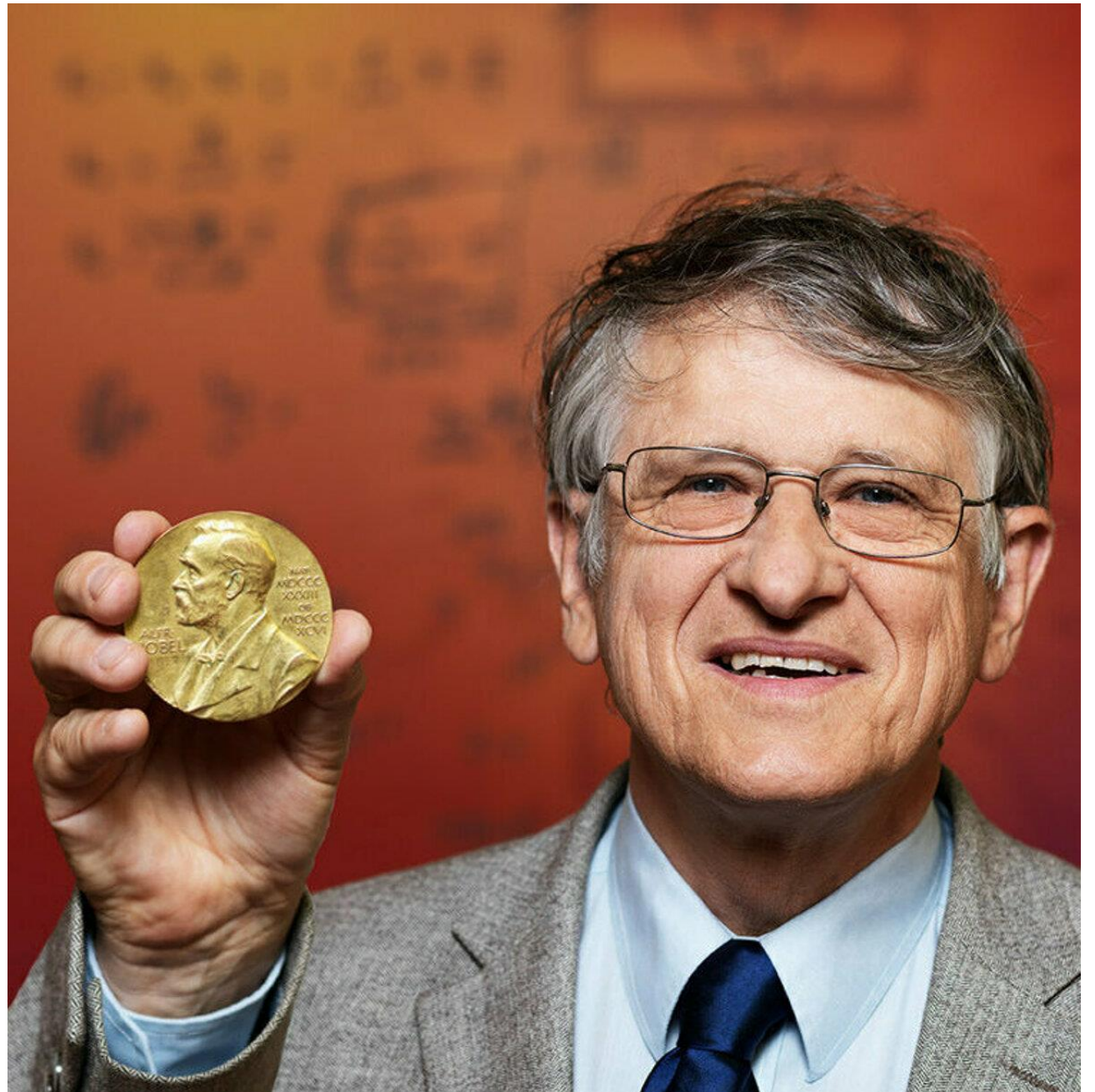
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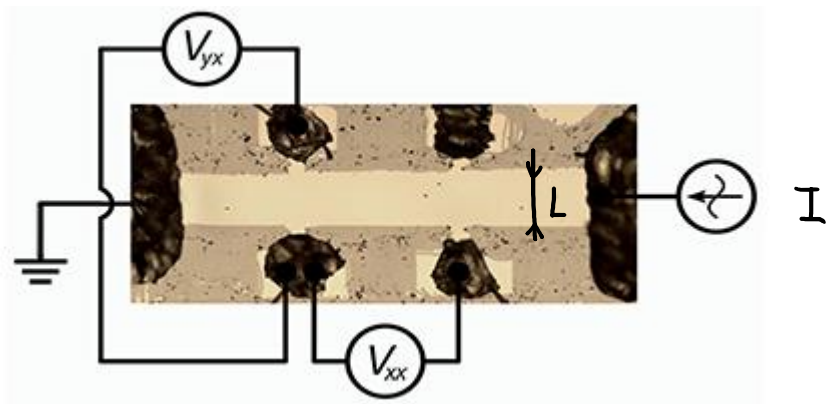
# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: INTRO

RECIPE ON GETTING FULLY QUANTUM:

- 1) TAKE SOME ELECTRONS
- 2) LIMIT THEIR MOVEMENT IN 1 DIRECTION
- 3) COOL IT DOWN WELL
- 4) APPLY LARGE MAGNETIC FIELD
- 5) APPLY CURRENT, MEASURE VOLTAGE
- 6) ENJOY TOUCHING QUANTUM WORLD



# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: INTRO



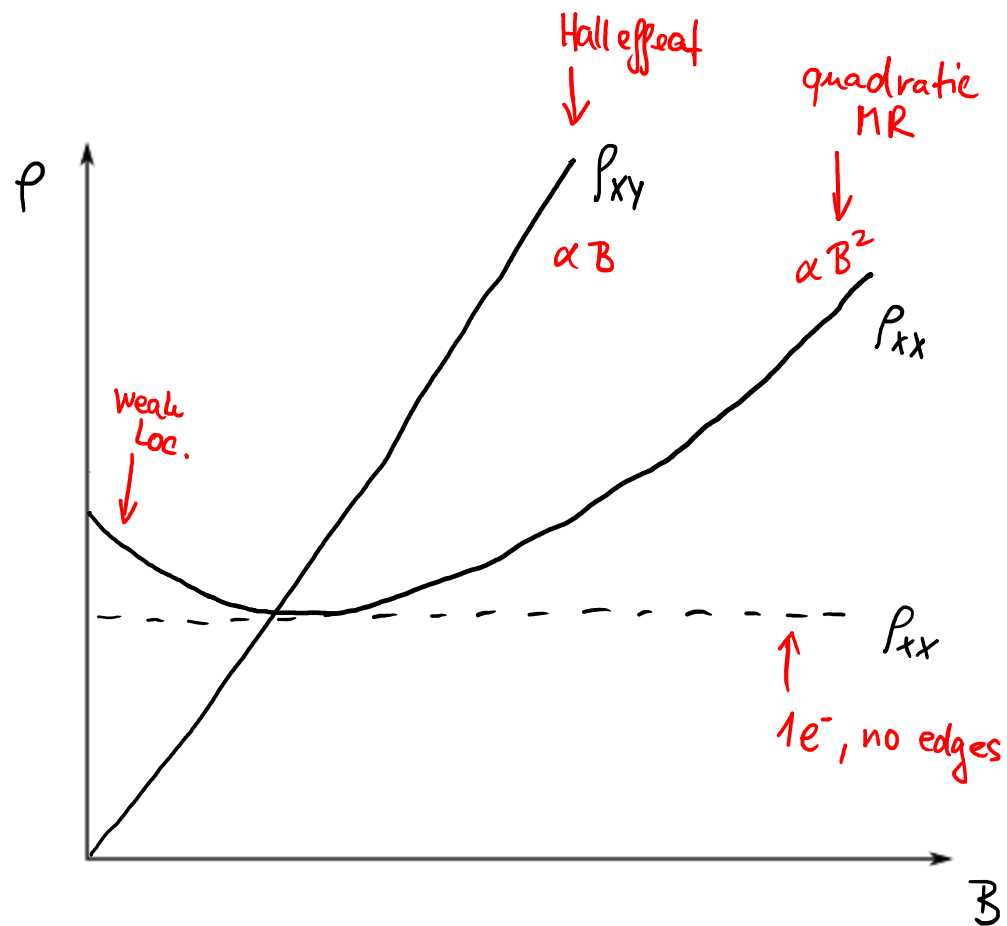
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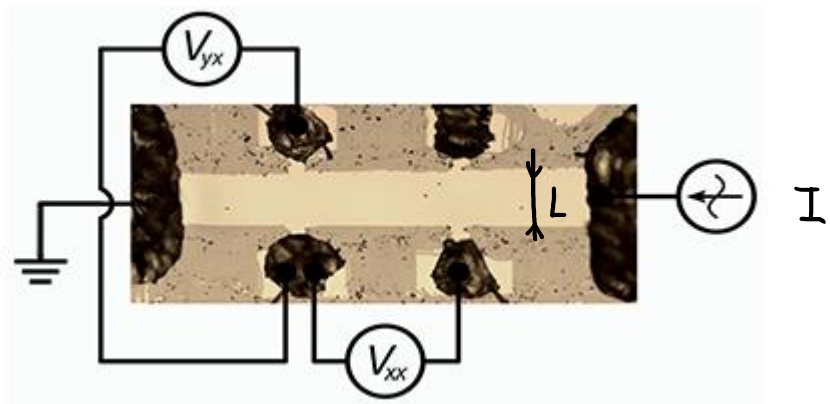
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*ef. mass*  
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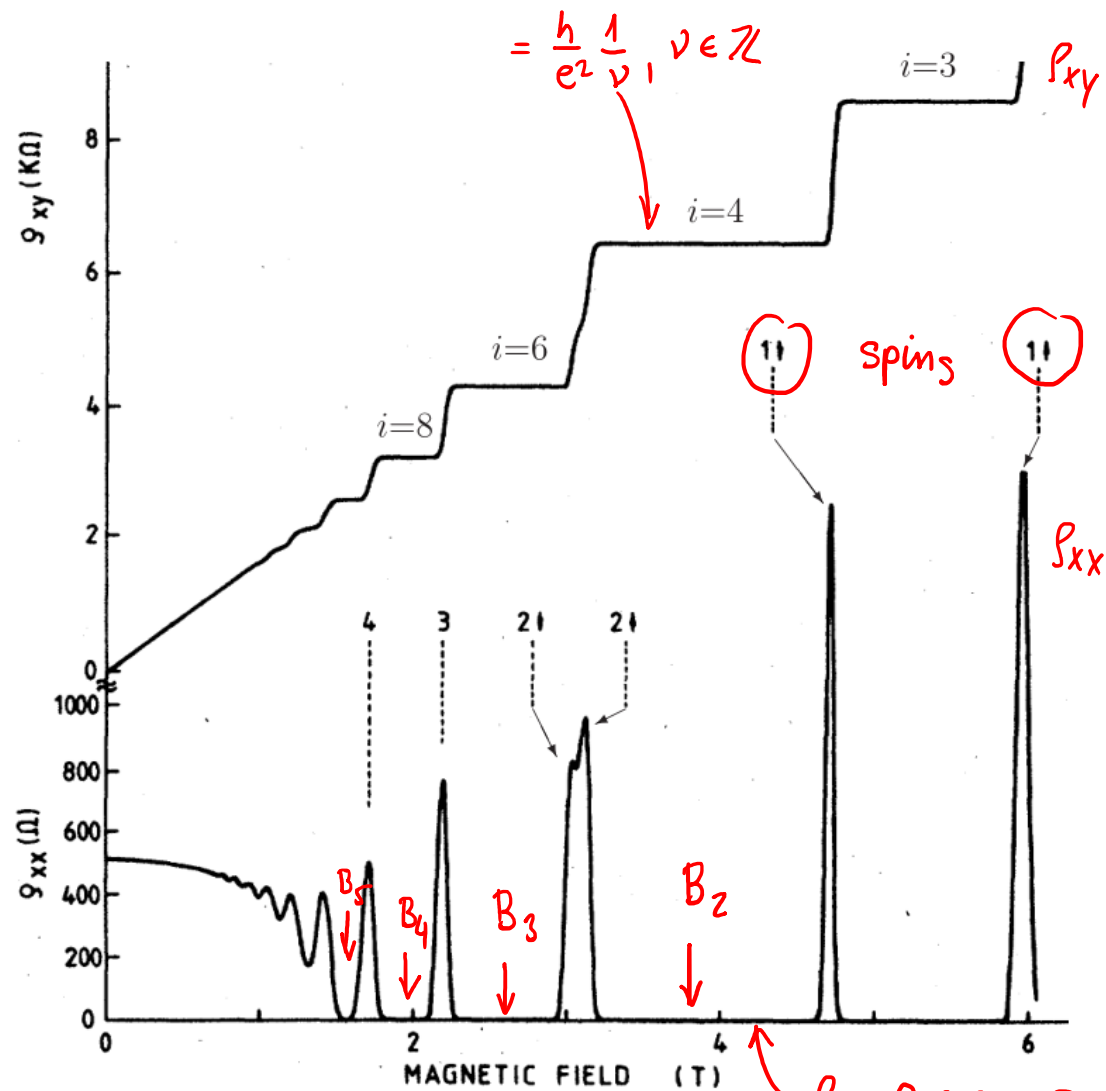
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$\frac{h}{e^2} \sim 25,812 \text{ k}\Omega$   
 precision to 10 orders

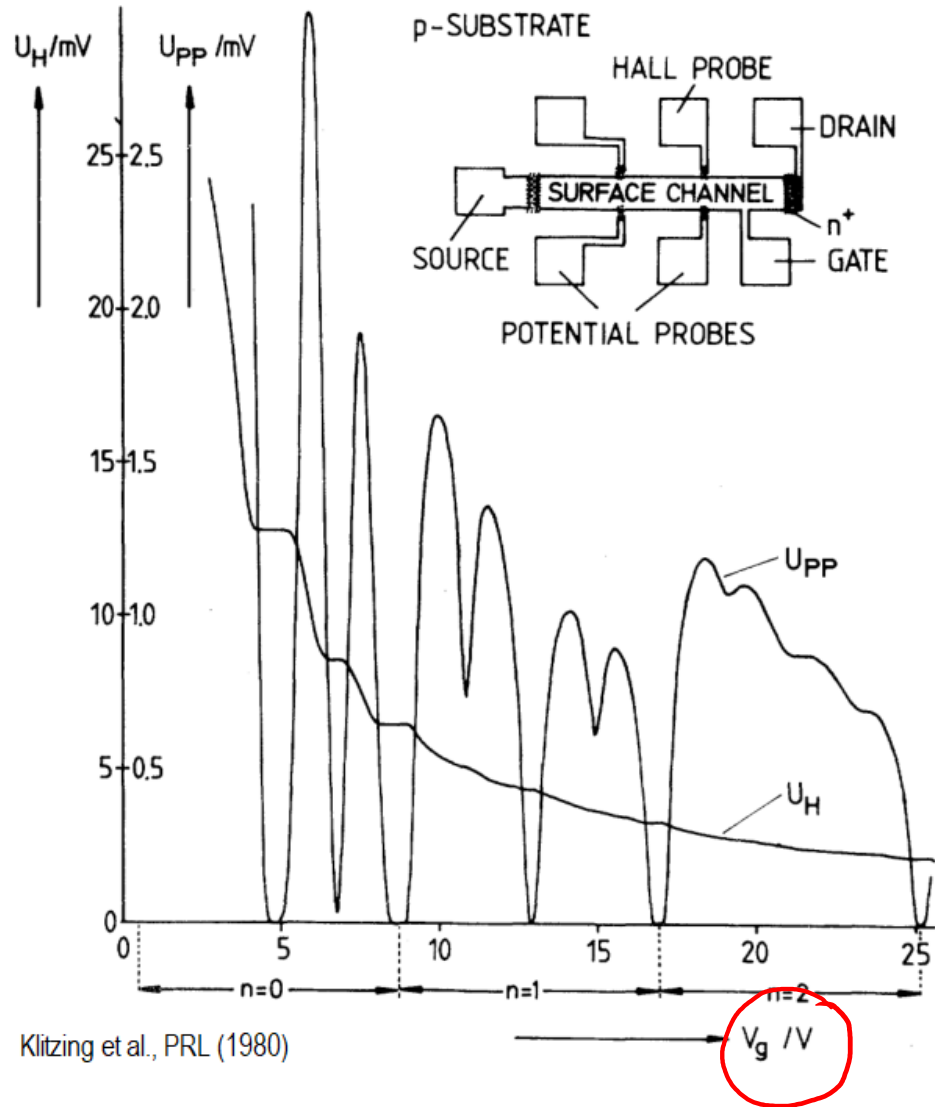


$$\frac{B_2}{B_3} = \frac{3}{2}$$

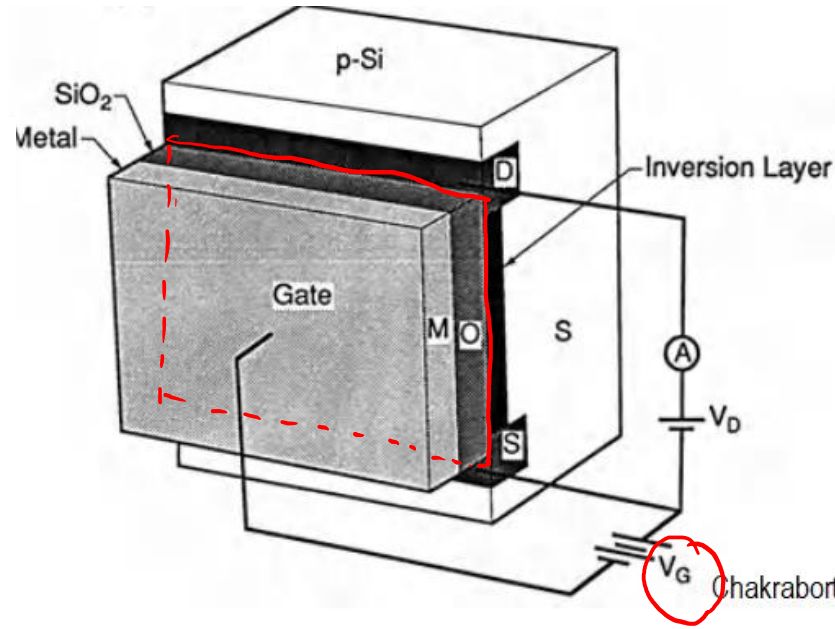
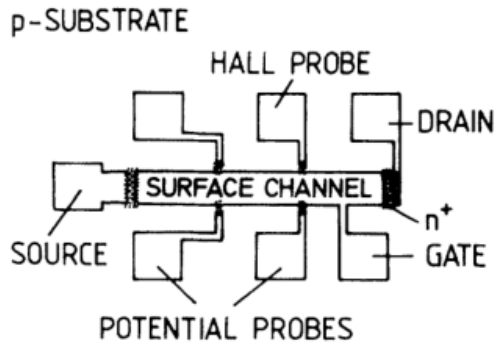
$\rho_{xx} = 0,000 \dots \Omega$   
 $< 10^{-10} \Omega/\square$

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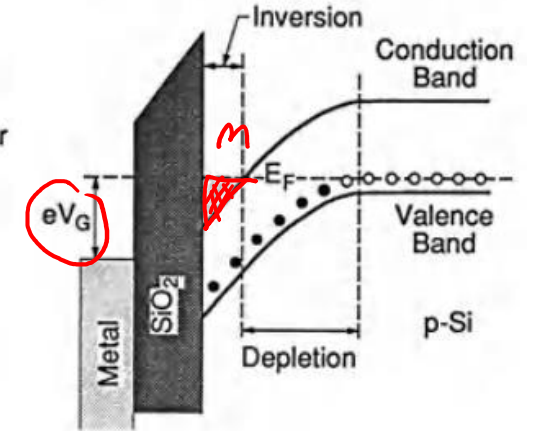
Klitzing observed it vs  $V_g$ :



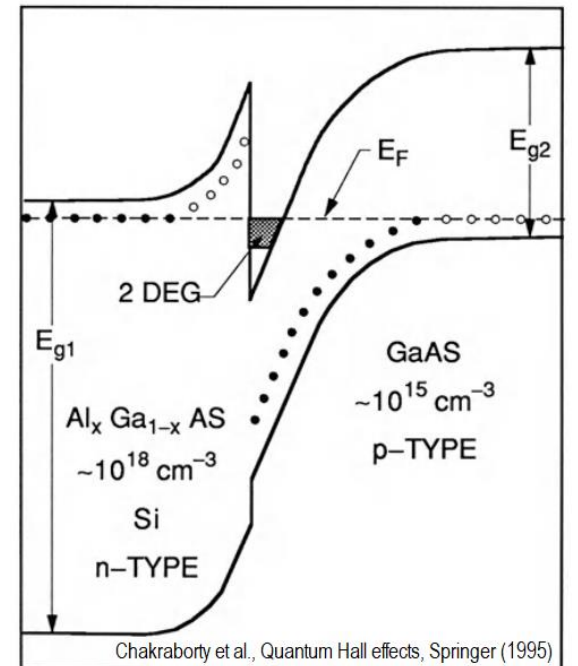
Klitzing et al., PRL (1980)



Chakraborty et al., Quantum Hall effects, Springer (1995)



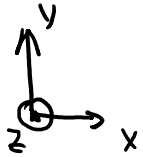
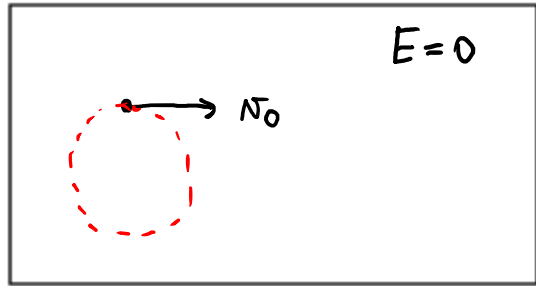
$\Rightarrow$  QHE will depend on carrier density



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# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: LANDAU LEVELS

CLASSICALLY:



$$m\dot{\vec{r}} = e(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{B} = (0, 0, B)$$

$$m\dot{v}_x = e v_y B$$

$$m\dot{v}_y = -e v_x B \quad / \partial t$$

$$m\dot{v}_z = 0$$

b.c.  $v(0) = v_0$   
 $\dot{r}(0) = 0$

$$\frac{m}{eB} \ddot{v}_y = -v_y \frac{B}{m}$$

$$\ddot{v}_y = -\omega_c^2 v_y$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$$

CYCLOTRON FREQ

Sol.  $v_y(t) = C_1 e^{i\omega_c t} + C_2 e^{-i\omega_c t} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} v_y(t) &= v_0 \cos(\omega_c t) \\ v_x(t) &= v_0 \sin(\omega_c t) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{v_0}{\omega_c} \cos \omega_c t \\ \frac{v_0}{\omega_c} \sin \omega_c t \end{array} \right.$$

$$r_c = E_0/B$$



$$v_x(t) = -\frac{E_0}{B} + \frac{E_0}{B} \cos \omega_c t$$

$$v_y(t) = \frac{E_0}{B} \sin \omega_c t$$

it drifts  $\perp$  to applied E

But  $P_{xy}$  contains  $\hbar \rightarrow$  we have to go quantum to explain it.

# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: LANDAU LEVELS

QUANTUM APPROACH:

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2m} [\hat{\vec{p}} + e\vec{A}]^2}_{\text{KINETIC}} + \underbrace{e\vec{E} + V}_{\text{POTENTIAL}} + \underbrace{g\mu_B B \hat{S}_z}_{\text{SPIN}}$$

$$\vec{E} = 0 \quad (\text{now})$$

$$\vec{B} = (0, 0, B)$$

vector potential

$$\vec{A}: \quad \nabla \times \vec{A} = \vec{B} \Rightarrow (\nabla \times \vec{A})_z = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_y - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_x$$

$$\nabla \times = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times$$

Landau gauge:

$$\vec{A} = (0, xB, 0)$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_x^2 + \frac{1}{2m} [\hat{p}_y + e\hat{x}B]^2 \quad (\text{no motion in } \hat{z} \rightarrow \hat{p}_z = 0)$$

Let's get rid of  $p_y$

Two ways:

1.  $[\hat{H}, \hat{p}_y] = 0$  since there is no  $\hat{y}$   $\Rightarrow$  replace  $\hat{p}_y$  by eigenvalue:  $\hat{p}_y \rightarrow \hbar k_y$
- or
2. Let's use  $\Psi_k(x, y) = e^{ik_y y} \cdot \chi_k(x)$

we feel it will be plain wave in  $\hat{y}$

Apply  $\hat{H}$  on  $\Psi_k \Rightarrow$  expand  $[\ ]^2$ , apply  $\hat{p}_y = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \rightarrow \hbar k_y$ , again collaps to  $[\ ]^2$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_x^2 + \frac{1}{2m} [\hbar k_y + e\hat{x}B]^2 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_x^2 + \frac{m\omega_c^2}{2} [\hat{x} + k_y \ell_B^2]^2}_{\text{hamiltonian of harm. oscillator}} \quad \text{shift} \quad X_0 = -k_y \ell_B^2$$

cyclotron fr.

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$$

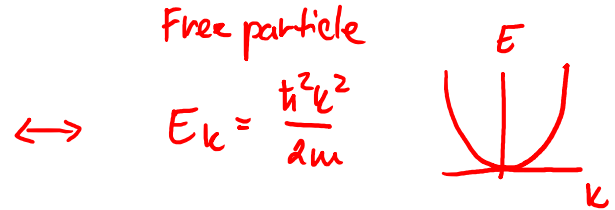
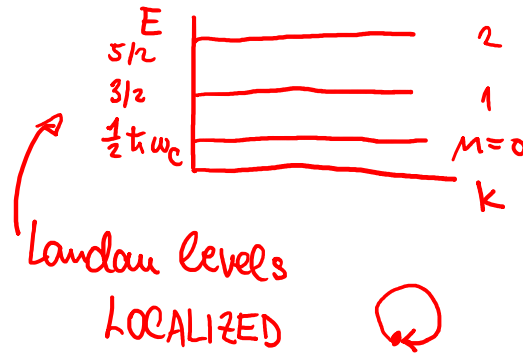
$$\ell_B = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{eB}} \quad \text{magnetic length}$$

# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: LANDAU LEVELS

Quantum oscillator:  $\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2m} p_x^2 + \frac{m\omega_c^2}{2} [x + k_y l_B^2]^2$

$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$   
 $l_B = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{eB}}$

→ Eigen energy cannot depend on position of oscillator:  $E_m = \hbar\omega_c (m + 1/2)$



And motion? "  $v = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial k} = 0$  "

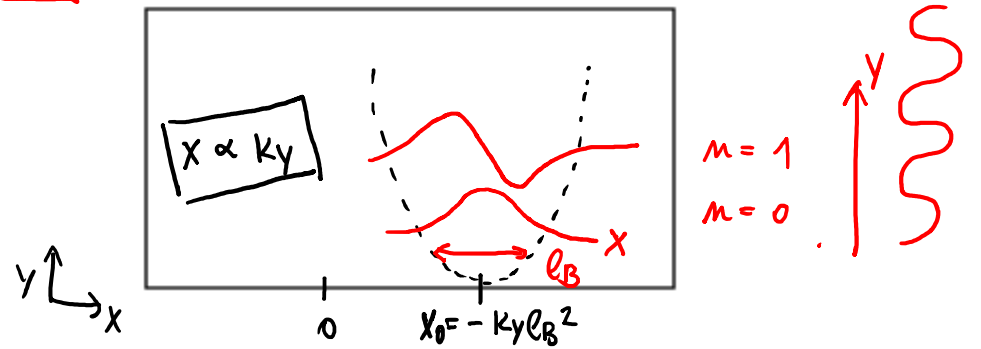
no group motion! ⇒ classical picture

→ Eigen function:  $\psi_{k,m} \propto \underbrace{e^{ik_y y}}_{\text{PLAIN WAVE IN } \hat{y}} \underbrace{H_m\left(\frac{x + k_y l_B^2}{l_B}\right)}_{\text{HERMIT. POL.}} \underbrace{e^{-(x + k_y l_B^2)^2 / 2l_B^2}}_{\text{GAUSSIAN}}$

Shifted

QUANTUM OSC:

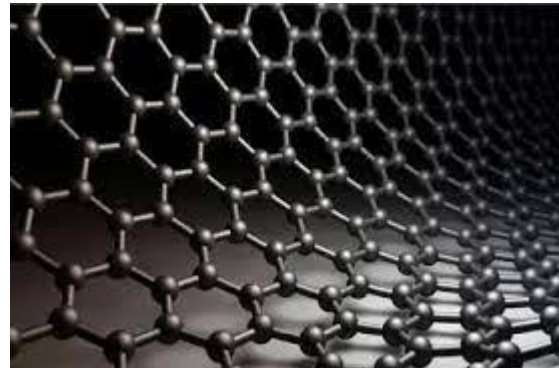
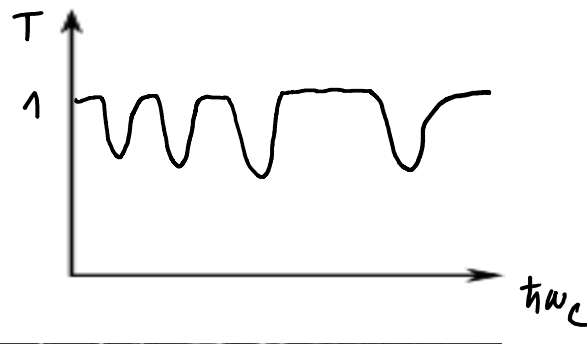
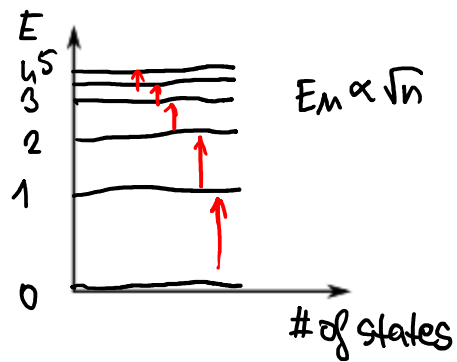
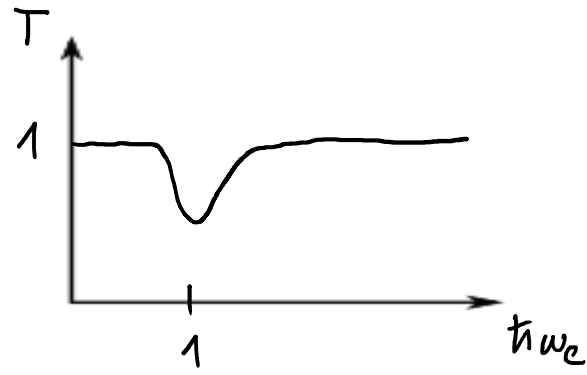
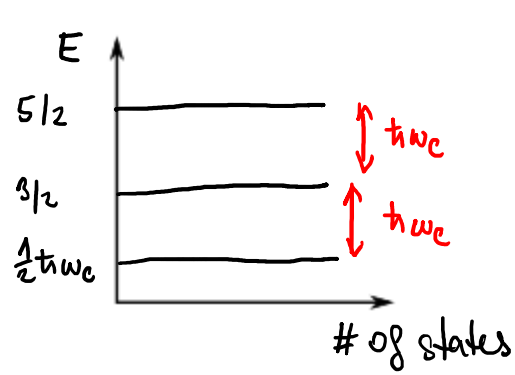
$$\psi_n(x) = e^{-\frac{m\omega x^2}{2\hbar}} \cdot H_n\left(\sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}} x\right)$$



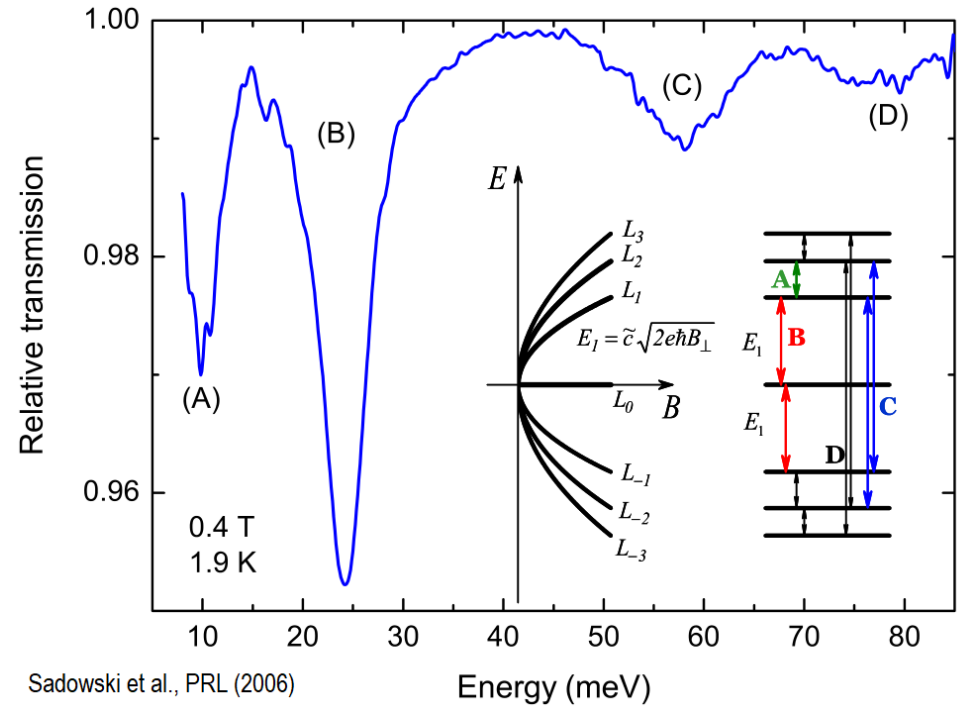


# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: LANDAU LEVELS

## SPECTROSCOPY OF LANDAU LEVELS



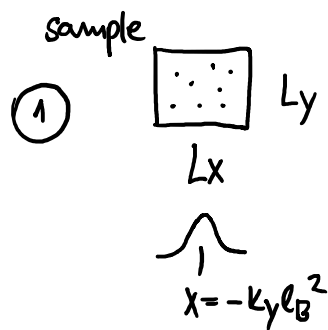
Normal system (GaAs QW)



# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: DENSITY OF STATES

→  $\Psi_{m,k}$  depends on  $m$  and  $k$  but  $E_m$  only on  $n$  ⇒ huge degeneration (all  $k$  have same energy) <sup>w/ 1m</sup>

How huge is HUGE?



in  $\hat{y}$ : plain waves & particle in a box:  $dk_y = \frac{2\pi}{L_y}$

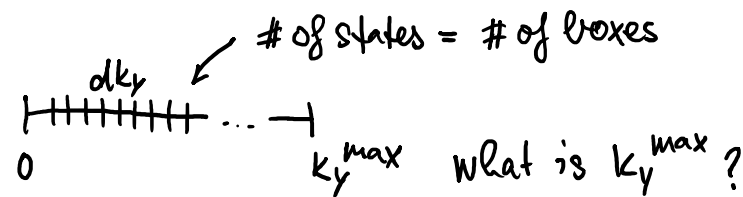
in  $\hat{x}$ : localized within  $l_B$ :

$$0 < x < L_x$$

$$0 < k_y < \frac{L_x}{l_B^2}$$

$x \rightarrow k_y$

this is maximal  $k_y$



$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{k_y^{\max}}{dk_y}$$

or better scientifically

$$N = \int_0^{k_y^{\max}} \frac{L_y}{2\pi} dk_y = \frac{L_y}{2\pi} \frac{L_x}{l_B^2}$$

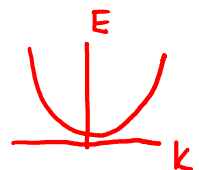
$$M = \frac{N}{L_x L_y} = \frac{eB}{2\pi\hbar}$$

$$\frac{eB}{h} = M_L = \frac{B}{\Phi_0}$$

magnetic flux

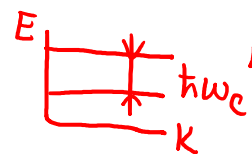
density of 1LL

②  $B=0$   
2DEG



$$dn = g(E)^{2D} dE$$

$B \neq 0$



we have to get there  
Same number of electrons

$$dn = \frac{g_s m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \frac{dE}{\hbar\omega_c}$$

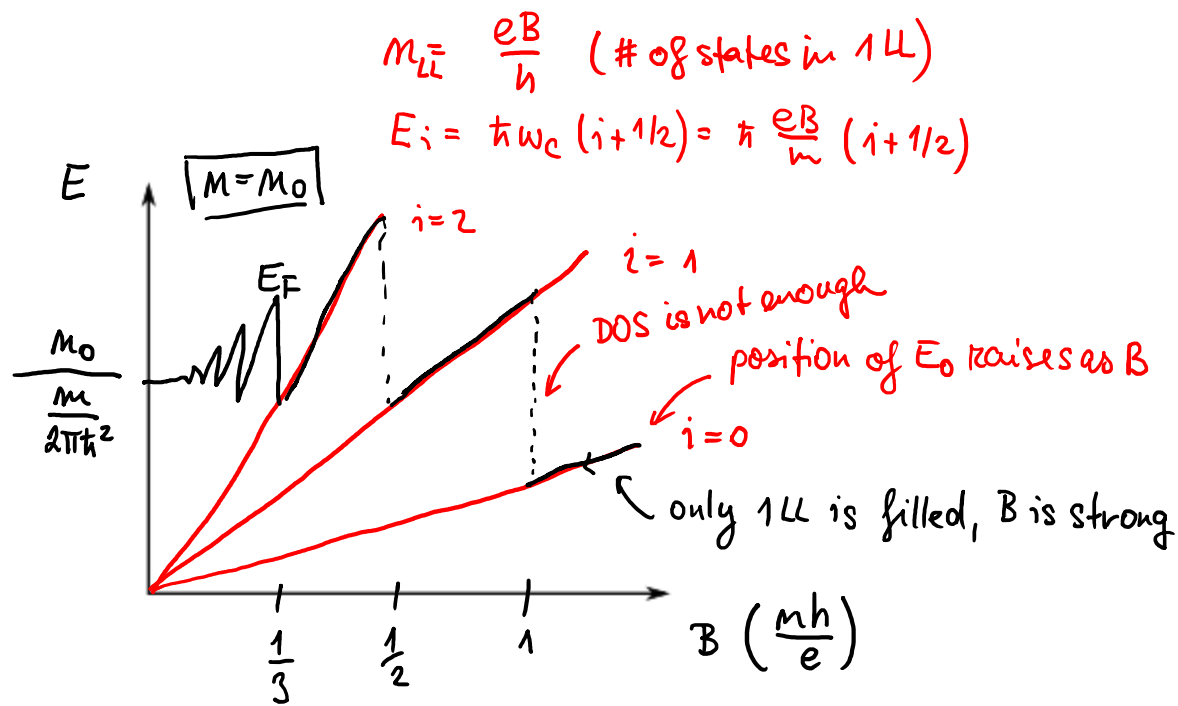
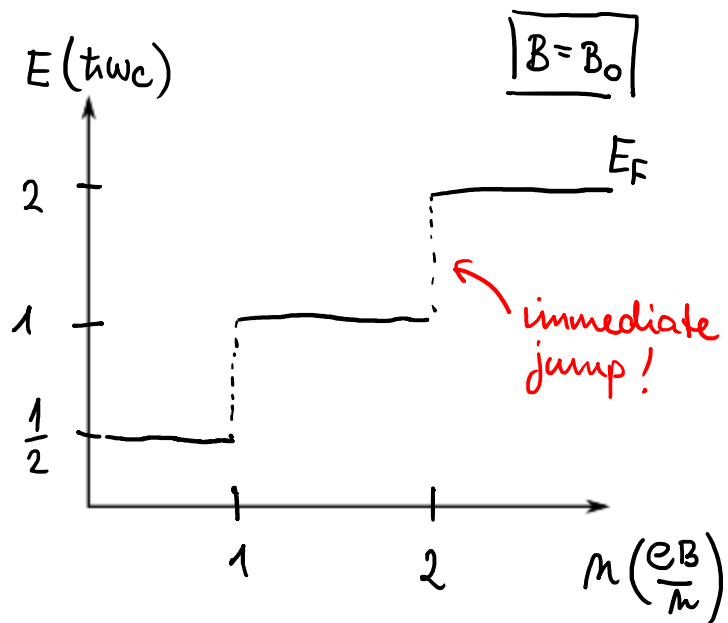
$$= \frac{g_s m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \hbar \frac{eB}{m} = \frac{g_s eB}{h}$$

same

spin degeneration = 2

# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: DENSITY OF STATES

Let's now turn knobs! Where is Fermi level?



$$M_{LL} = \frac{eB}{h} \quad (\text{\# of states in 1LL})$$

$$E_i = \hbar\omega_c (i + 1/2) = \hbar \frac{eB}{m} (i + 1/2)$$

Filling factor  $\nu$ :

$$M = \frac{eB}{h} \nu$$

$\nu \in \mathbb{Z}$

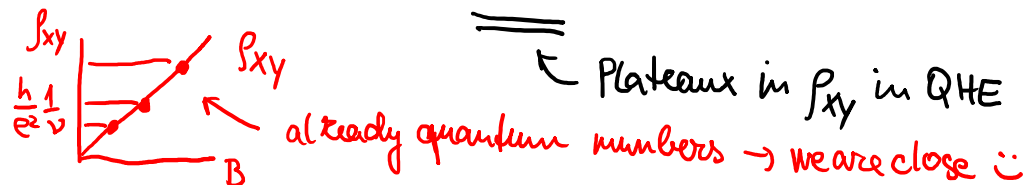
total density

# of states in 1LL

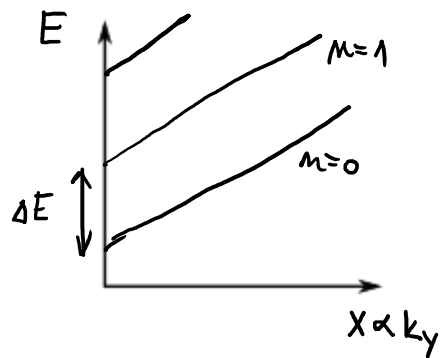
remember

$$\rho_{xy} = R_{xy} = \frac{B}{me} = \frac{\hbar}{e^2} \frac{1}{\nu}$$

still linear in B, no steps



# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: EDGE STATES



degeneration removed

Apply  $E_x$ :

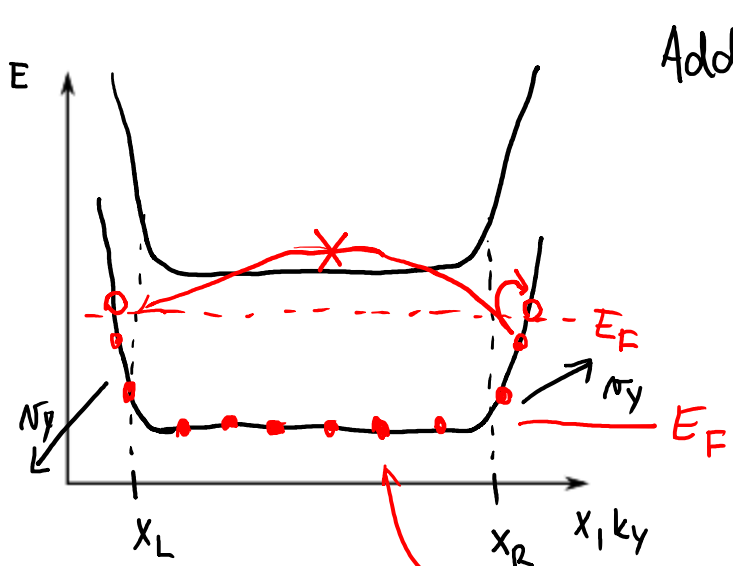
$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_x^2 + \frac{1}{2m} [\hat{p}_y + eBx]^2 + eE_x$$

$$E_m = \underbrace{\hbar \omega_c (m + 1/2)}_{\text{unperturbed LL}} + \underbrace{eE (k_y l_B^2)}_{\propto x} - \frac{eE}{m\omega_c^2} + \frac{m}{2} \frac{E^2}{B^2}$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E_m}{\partial k_y} = \frac{1}{\hbar} eE l_B^2 = \frac{E}{B} \quad \sigma_x = 0$$

no dep. on  $k_x$  or  $\hat{y}$

motion in  $\hat{y}$  (as in classical approach)



Localized states

Add edges:  $\hat{H} \rightarrow \hat{H} + V(x)$

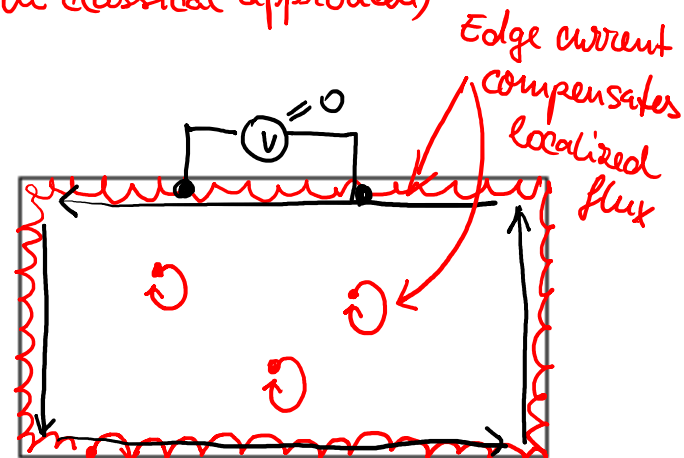
$$\sigma_y = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial k_y} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial V}{\partial k_y} \stackrel{k_y \leftrightarrow x}{=} \frac{1}{\hbar} l_B^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{eB} E(x)$$

internal edge  $E$

no over-bar scattering is allowed

→ no net current

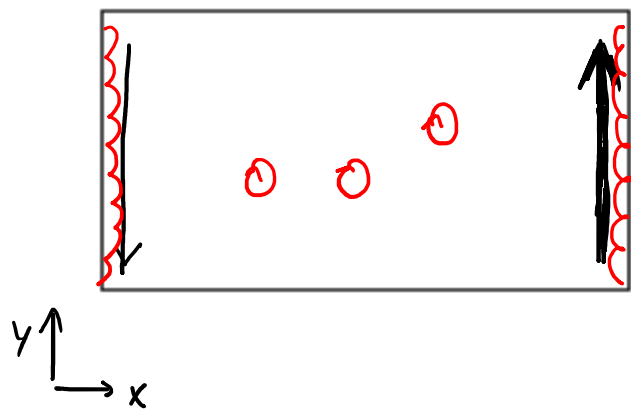
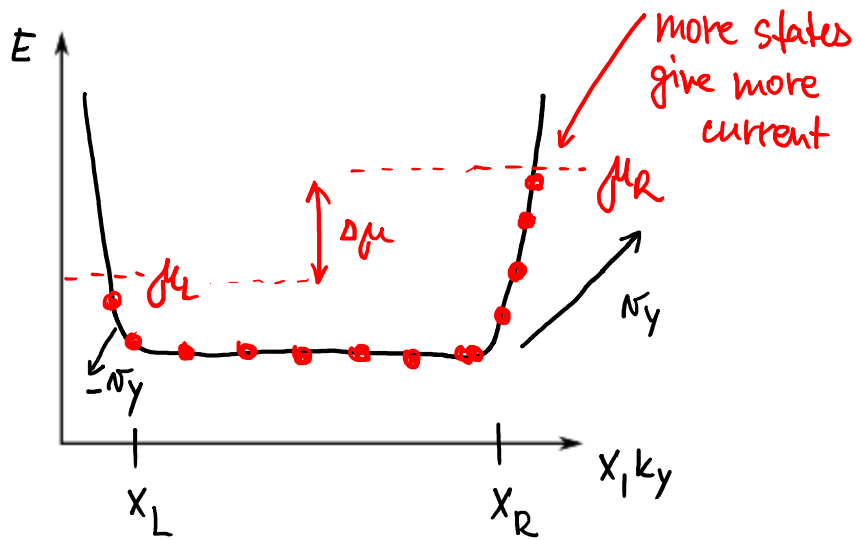
→ no potential drop/resistance at edges



edge currents

$\rho_{xx} = 0$

# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: EDGE STATES

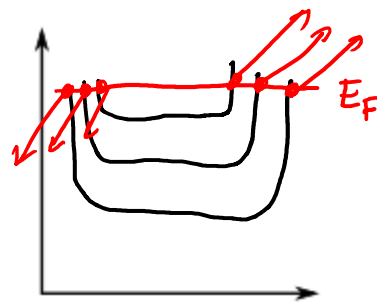


If we want a non-zero net current in  $\hat{y}$ ?

$$I_y = -e \int \frac{dk_y}{2\pi} n_y(k_y) \stackrel{dk_y \rightarrow dx}{=} \frac{e}{2\pi e_B^2} \int dx \frac{1}{eB} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \frac{e}{h} \int dV = \frac{e}{h} \Delta\mu$$

$e_B^2 = \frac{\hbar}{eB}$      $\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{I_y}{V_H} = \frac{I_y}{\frac{\Delta\mu}{e}} = \frac{e^2}{h}$$



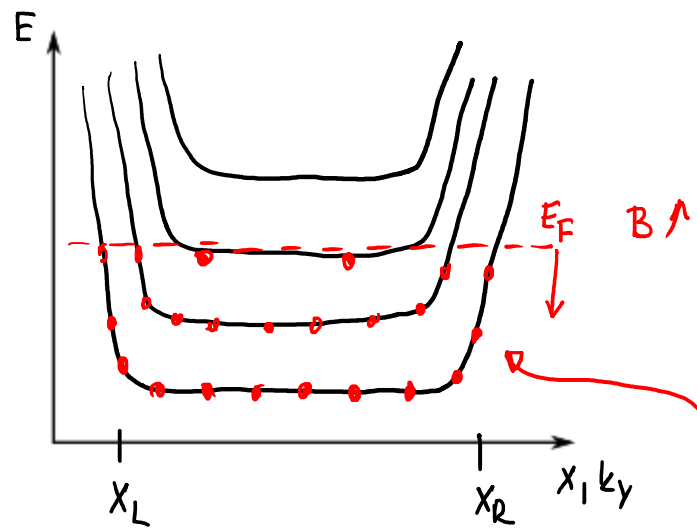
$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} i$$

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{h}{e^2} \frac{1}{\nu} \rightarrow \frac{B}{he}$$

$$\rho_{xx} = 0 \rightarrow +0$$

$E_F$  is: Between LL (edge states) inside a LL

# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: EDGE STATES



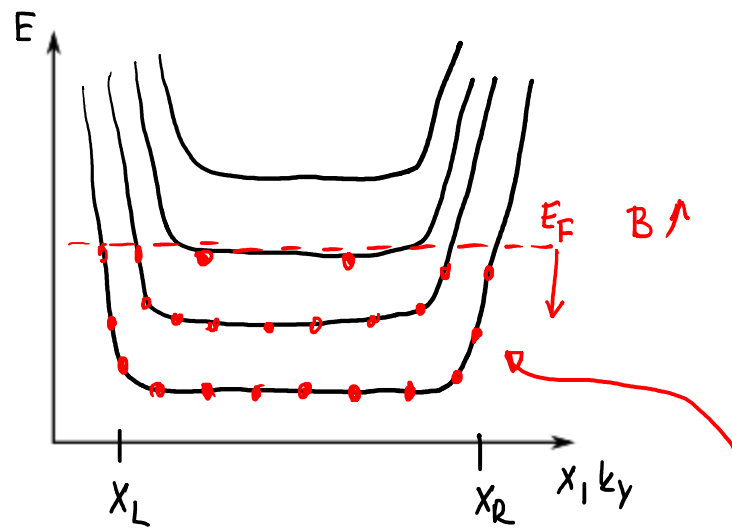
→  $E_F$  MUST go "slowly" down, stay between LLs when  $B \uparrow$  to form edge states and quantum regime ( $\rho_{xx}=0, \rho_{xy} = \frac{h}{e^2} \frac{1}{\nu}$ )

→ if there are no states between LLs,  $E_F$  jumps abruptly from one LL to another  $\Rightarrow$  no quantum regime

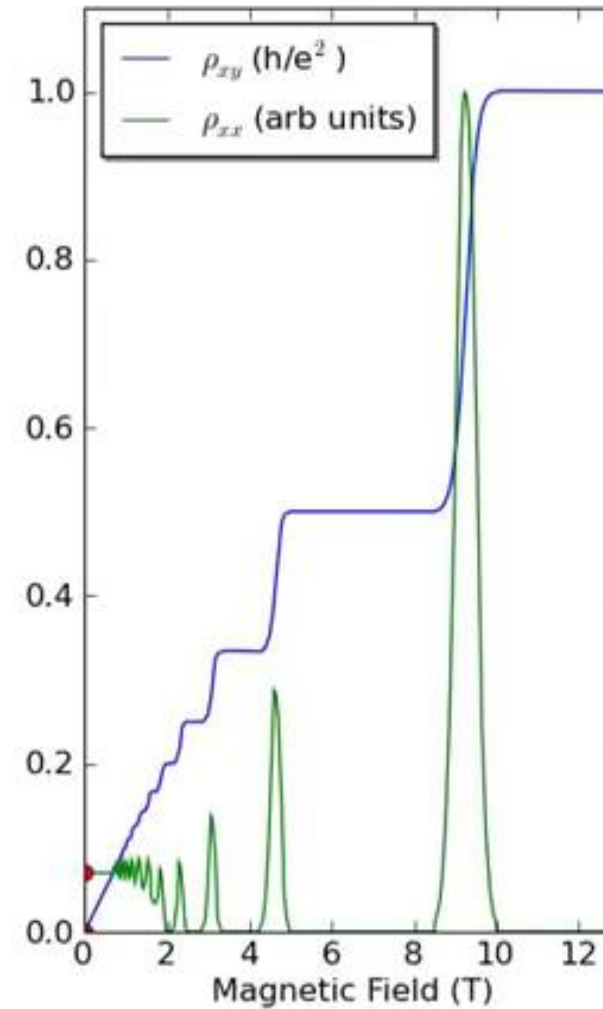
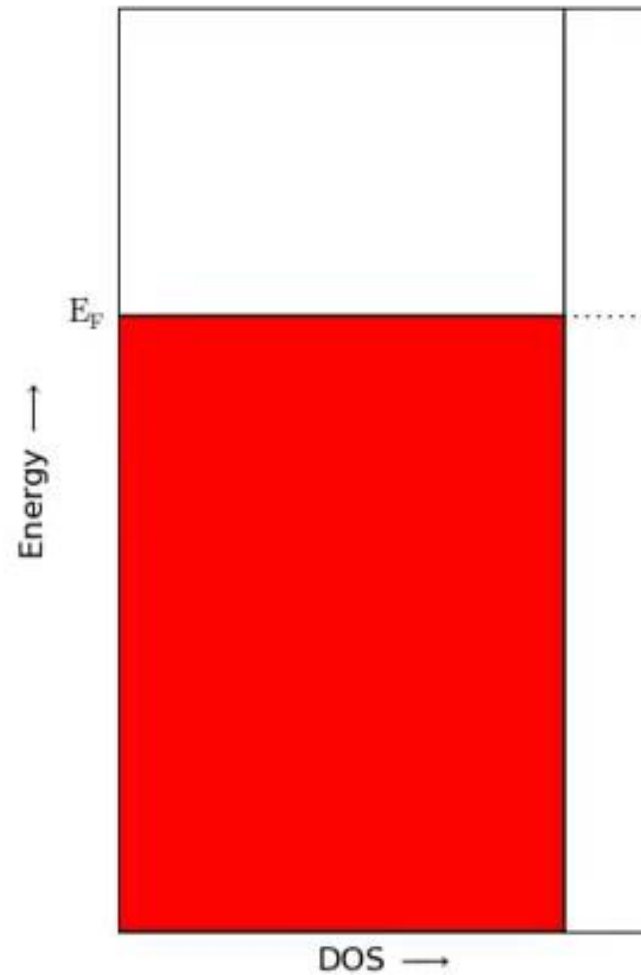
DOS of edge states is tiny  $\rightarrow$  it doesn't help

$\Rightarrow$  BROADENING OF LLs !

# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: EDGE STATES



$\Rightarrow$  BROADENING OF LLS !

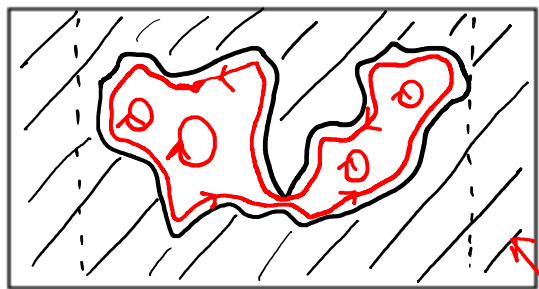


# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: LOCALIZED STATES

LL is below  $E_F$

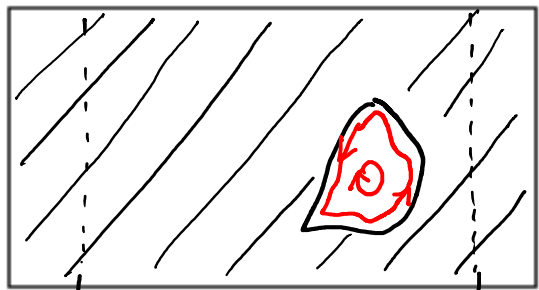


$E_1$

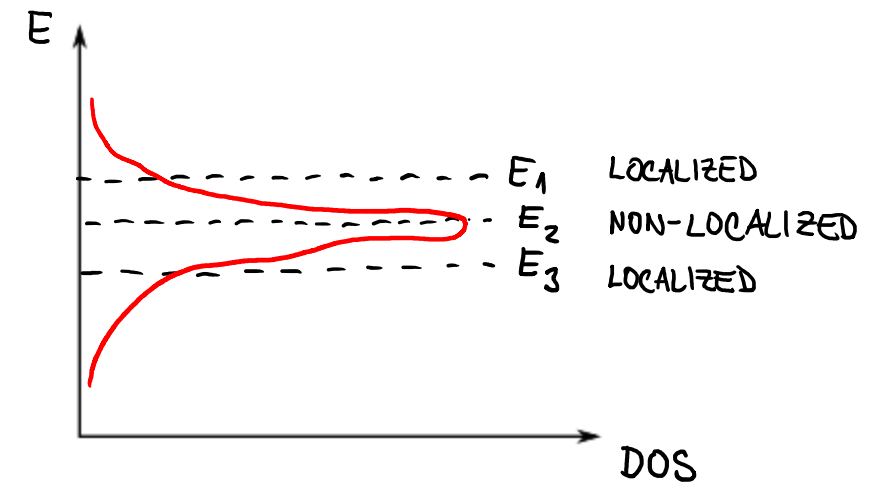
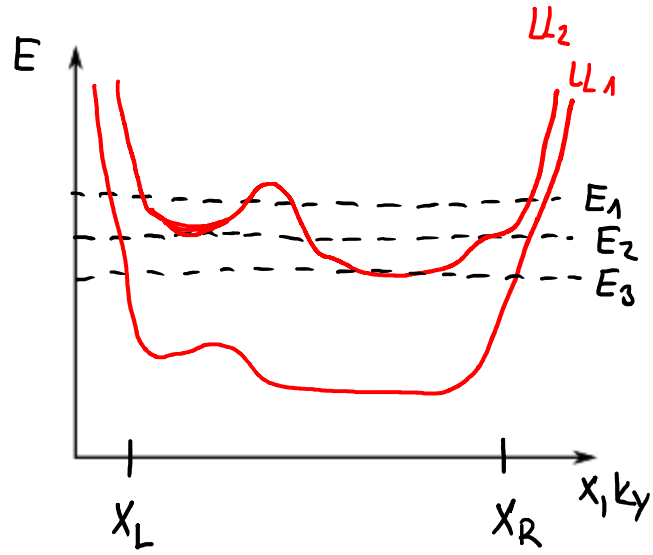
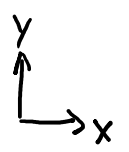


$E_2$

LL is above  $E_F$

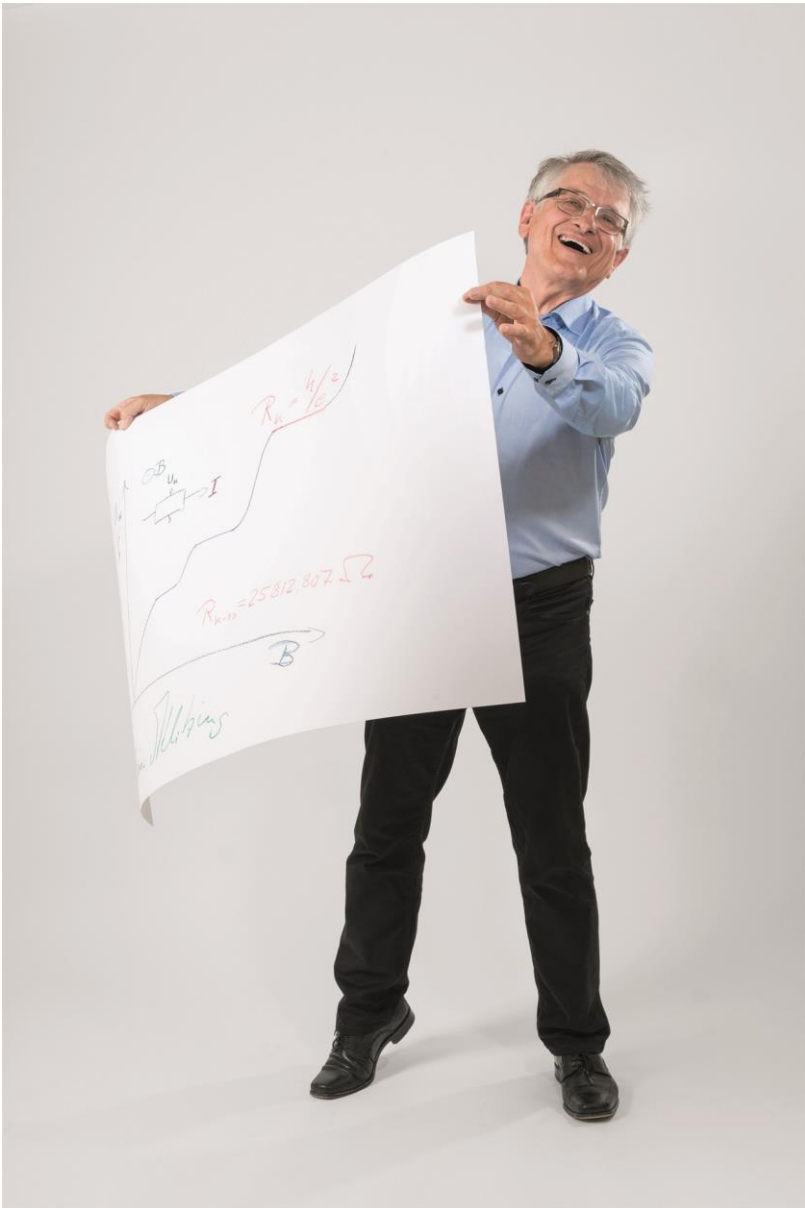


$E_3$





# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: CHECK OUT YOUR UNDERSTANDING



Klaus von Klitzing, Nobel prize for QHE in 1985

① Can you measure your QHE @ home? What temperatures do you need if you are equipped with a Nd-based permanent magnet (1T @ surface) and your 2D material is made of GaAs ( $m^* = 0,067 m_0$ )?

Help: LL spacing in E should be compared to  $k_B T$  ↖ free electron mass

And what if you used a scotch tape and pencil and exfoliate a nice piece of graphene as the sample?

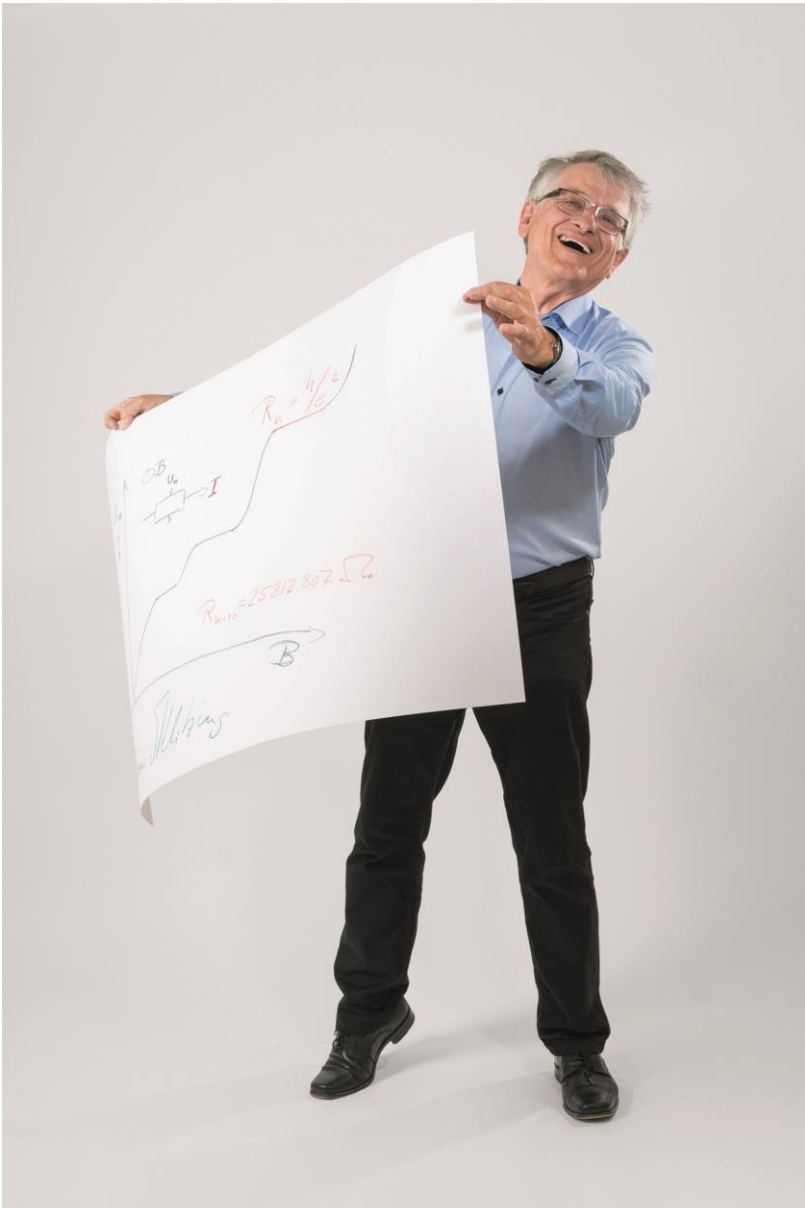
Help: Look @ the slide with spectroscopy of LL:

graphene has different quantization of LL:

$$E_n = v_F \sqrt{2e\hbar B |n|} \quad v_F \sim 10^6 \text{ m/s (Fermi velocity)}$$

# QUANTUM HALL EFFECT: CHECK OUT YOUR UNDERSTANDING

time between collisions



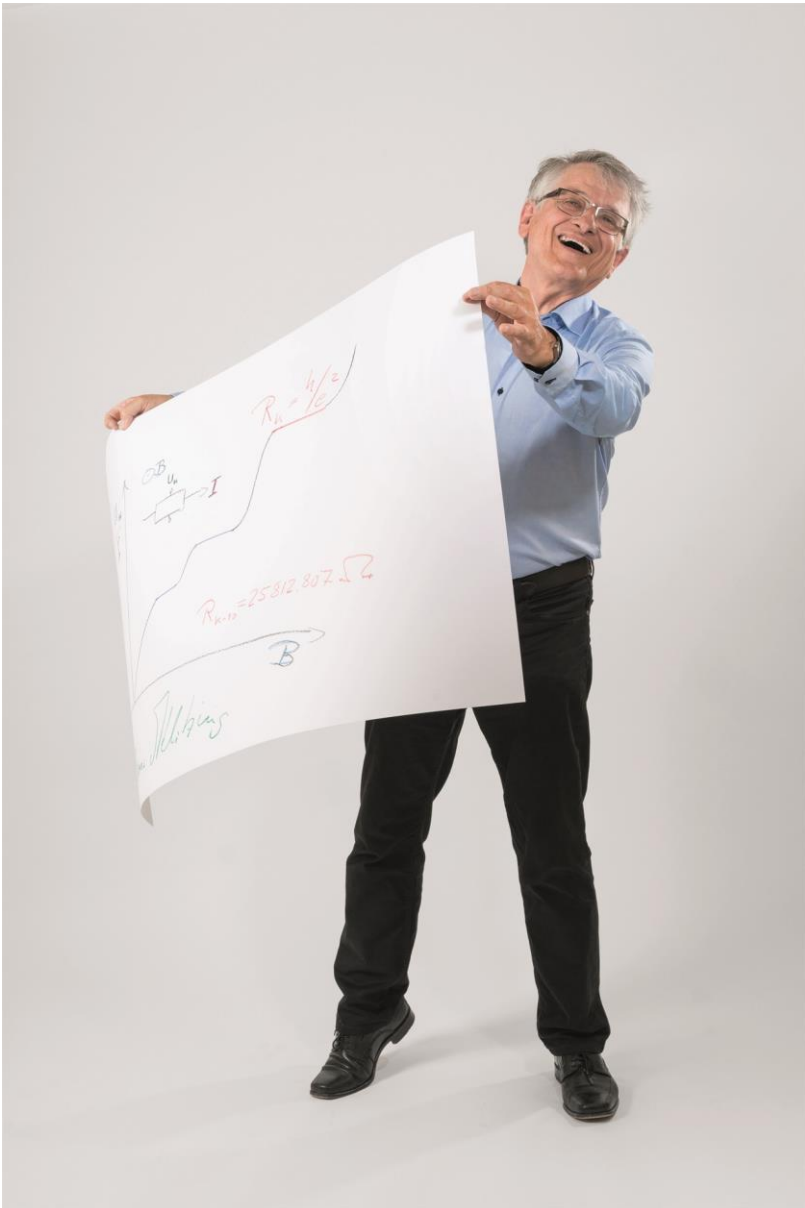
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- ② Electrons are well localized in their LLs if their scattering time  $\tau$  allows them to complete at least 1 orbit. Which of these materials would you choose to observe well visible quantum Hall plateaux (you still use the permanent magnet):

<u>material</u>	<u>mobility <math>\mu</math> (cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs)</u>
GaAs/AlGaAs QW	10 <sup>5</sup>
Si	1400
GaAs	8500
Al	13
Ag	60

Help: Condition is  $\omega_c \tau > 1$ . I remind that  $\mu$  is related to  $\tau$ .

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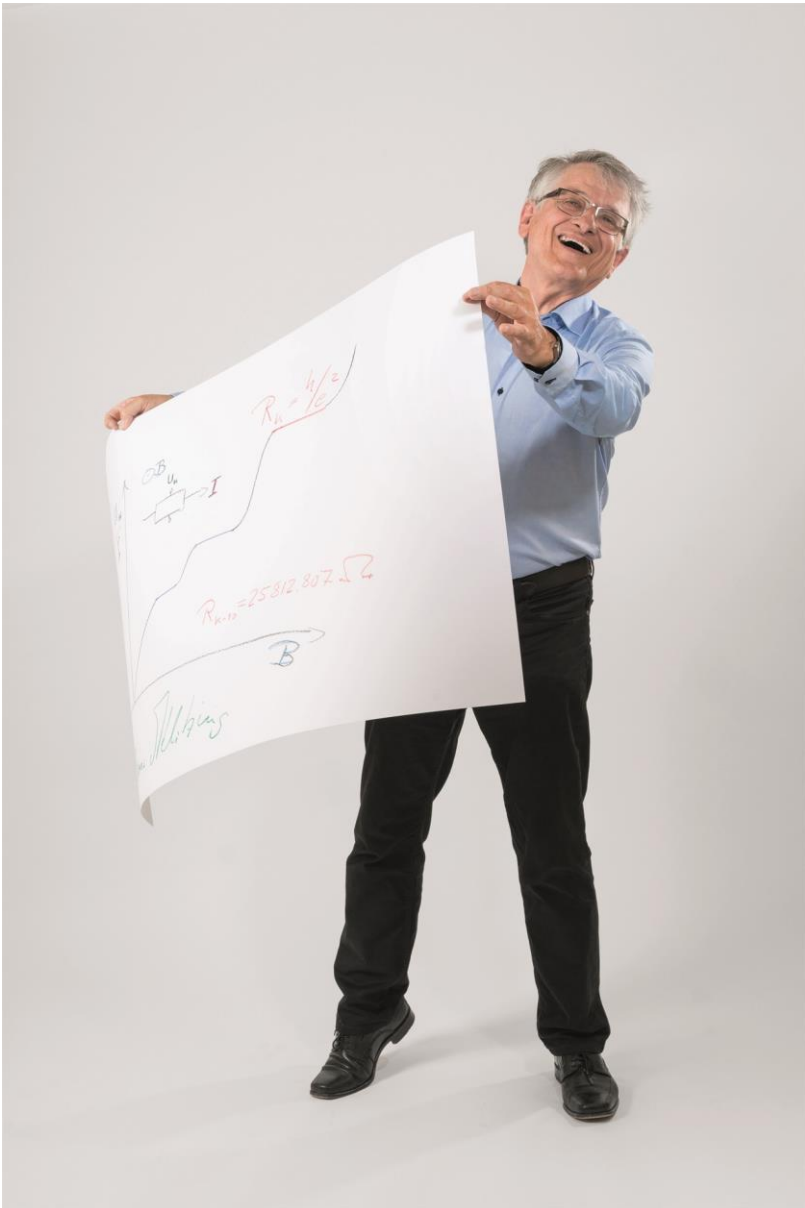


③ Why is everyone talking about 2D materials? Can you observe QHE in 3D bulk samples? Do you have a fundamental argument?

Help: Think about LLs in 3D. How do their cyclotron orbit look like? And what about localized states?

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