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Quantum Hall Effect



Heterostructure

pn junction formed from two semiconductors with different band gaps



MODFET (HEMT)

Modulation doped field effect transistor (MODFET) High electron mobility transistor (HEMT)



The magnetic field can be at an angle to the 2DEG. The Landau splitting experiences the component perpendicular to the plane. The Zeeman splitting experiences the full field.



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MOSFETs



Drift

The electrons scatter and change direction after a time τ_{sc} .

Classical equipartition: $\frac{1}{2}mv_{th}^2 = \frac{3}{2}k_BT$

At 300 K, $v_{th} \sim 10^7$ cm/s.

mean free path: $\ell = v_{th} \tau_{sc} \sim 10 \text{ nm} \sim 200 \text{ atoms}$



Drift (diffusive transport)

$$\vec{F} = -e\vec{E} = m^*\vec{a} = m^*\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$
$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 - \frac{e\vec{E}}{m^*}(t - t_0)$$

 $<_{v_0}> = 0$ $< t - t_0> = \tau_{sc}$

time between two collisions



$$\vec{v}_d = \frac{-e\vec{E}\tau_{sc}}{*} = \frac{-e\vec{E}}{*}$$

$$_{d} = \frac{-e\vec{E}\tau_{sc}}{m^{*}} = \frac{-e\vec{E}\ell}{m^{*}v}$$

drift velocity:
$$\vec{v}_{d,n} = -\mu_n \vec{E}$$
 $\vec{v}_{d,p} = \mu_p \vec{E}$

Review of the Hall effect

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = -e\vec{E} = m\frac{\vec{v}_d}{\tau_{\rm sc}} \quad \text{diffusive regime}$$
$$\vec{F} = -e\left(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}\right) = m\frac{\vec{v}_d}{\tau_{\rm sc}}$$

If *B* is in the *z*-direction, and *E* is in the *x*- direction, the three components of the force are

$$-e\left(E_{x} + v_{dy}B_{z}\right) = m\frac{v_{dx}}{\tau_{sc}}$$

$$ev_{dx}B_{z} = m\frac{v_{dy}}{\tau_{sc}} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \tan \theta_{H} = -\frac{eB_{z}}{m}\tau_{sc}$$

$$0 = m\frac{v_{dz}}{\tau_{sc}} \qquad \qquad \text{Hall angle}$$

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If no forces are applied, the electrons diffuse.

The average velocity moves against an electric field.

In just a magnetic field, the average velocity is zero.

In an electric and magnetic field, the electrons move in a straight line at the Hall angle.

The drift velocity decreases as the B field increases.

The Hall Effect (diffusive regime)



If $v_{d,y} = 0$,

 $E_{y} = v_{d,x}B_{z} = V_{H}/W = R_{H}j_{x}B_{z} \qquad V_{H} = \text{Hall voltage, } R_{H} = \text{Hall Constant}$ $v_{d,x} = -j_{x}/ne$ $\boxed{R_{H} = E_{y}/j_{x}B_{z} = -1/ne}$

The Hall Effect (diffusive regime)



$$R_H = E_y / j_x B_z = -1/ne$$



multiply both sides by B_z

In 2D, *j* has units of A/m and *n* has units of $1/m^2$.

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{E_y}{j_x} = \frac{-B_z}{ne}$$

In 3D, *j* has units of A/m³ and *n* has units of $1/m^3$.

The Hall resistivity is proportional to the magnetic field.

Quantum Hall Effect





If the Fermi energy is between Landau levels, the electron density *n* is an integer *v* times the degeneracy of the Landau level $n = D_0 v$

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{E_y}{j_x} = \frac{-B_z}{ne}$$

 $\rho_{xy} = \frac{-B_z}{ne} = \frac{-hD_0}{ve^2 D_0} = \frac{-h}{ve^2}$

Each Landau level can hold the same number of electrons.

$$D_0 = \frac{m\omega_c}{2\pi\hbar} = \frac{eB_z}{h}$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB_z}{m} \qquad \qquad B_z = \frac{hD_0}{e}$$

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Edge states are responsible for the zero resistance in ρ_{xx}

