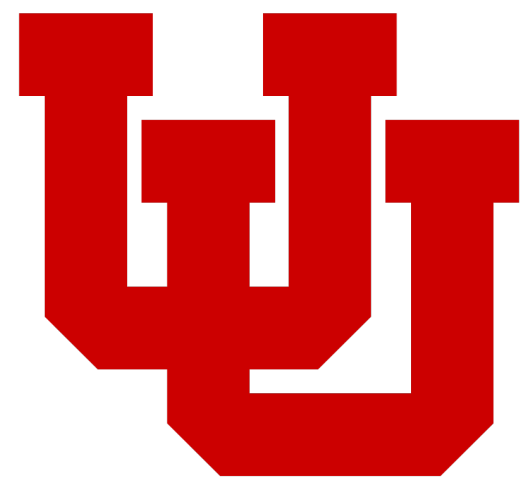




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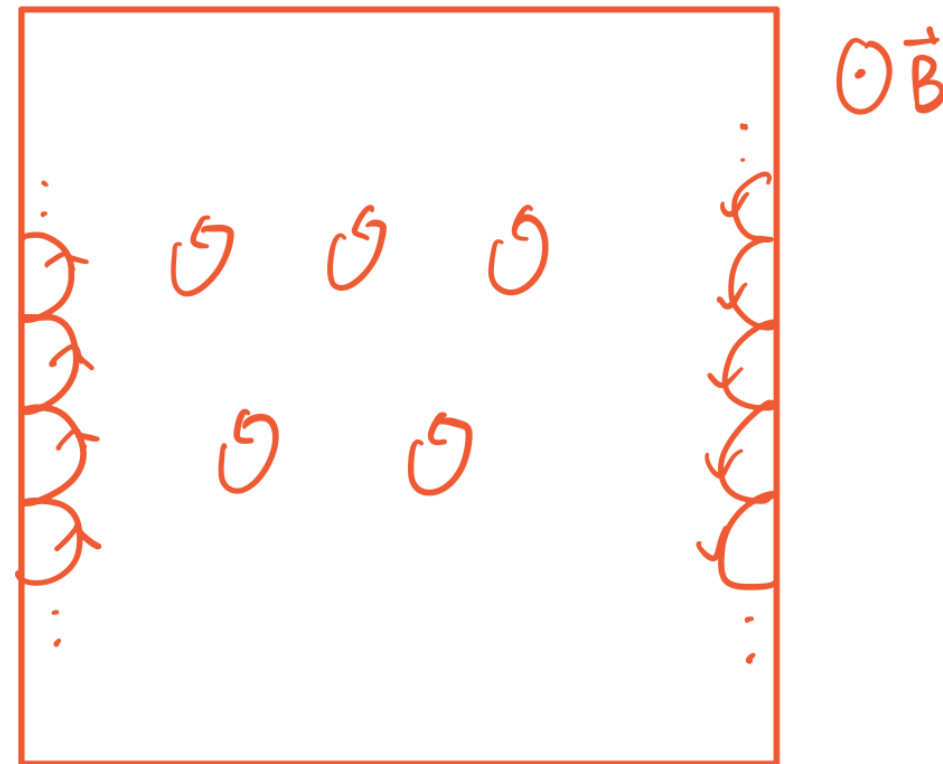


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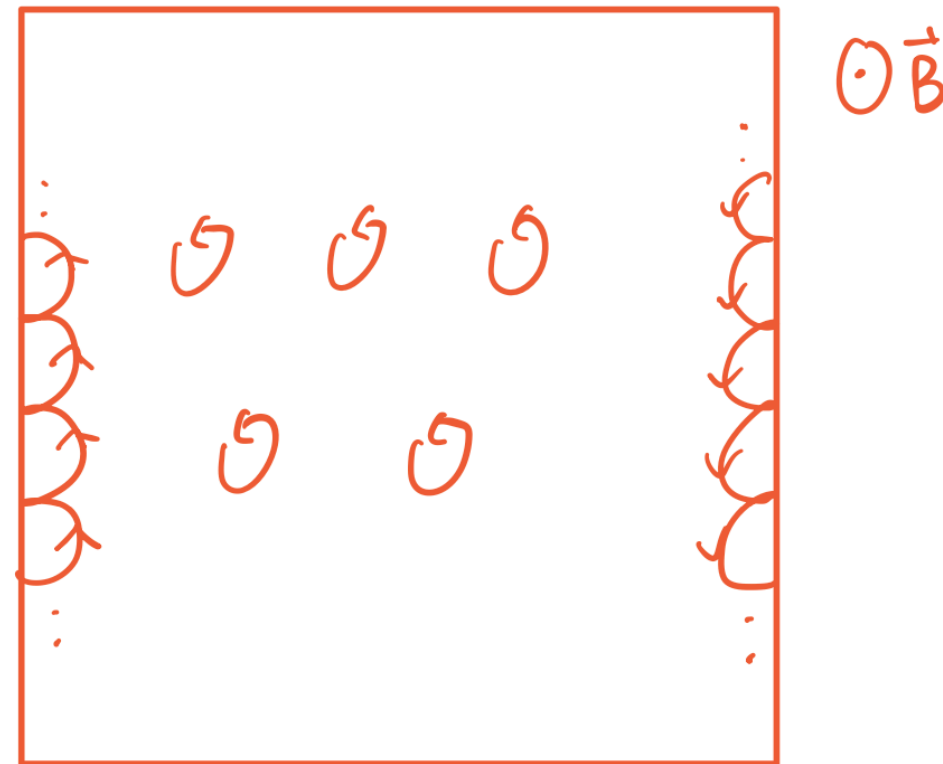
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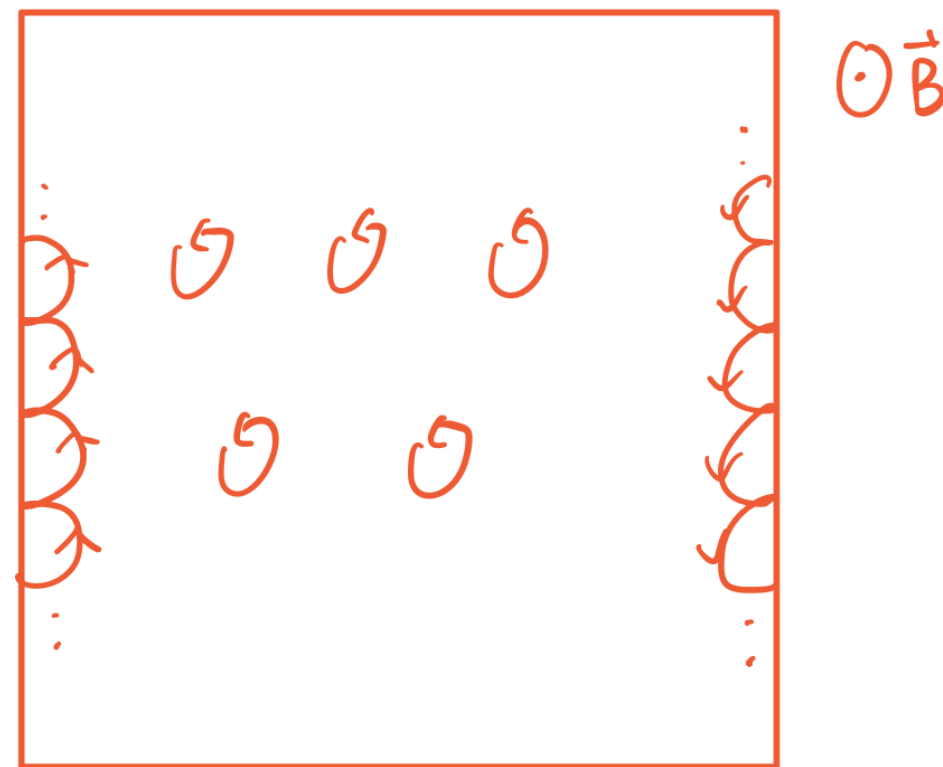
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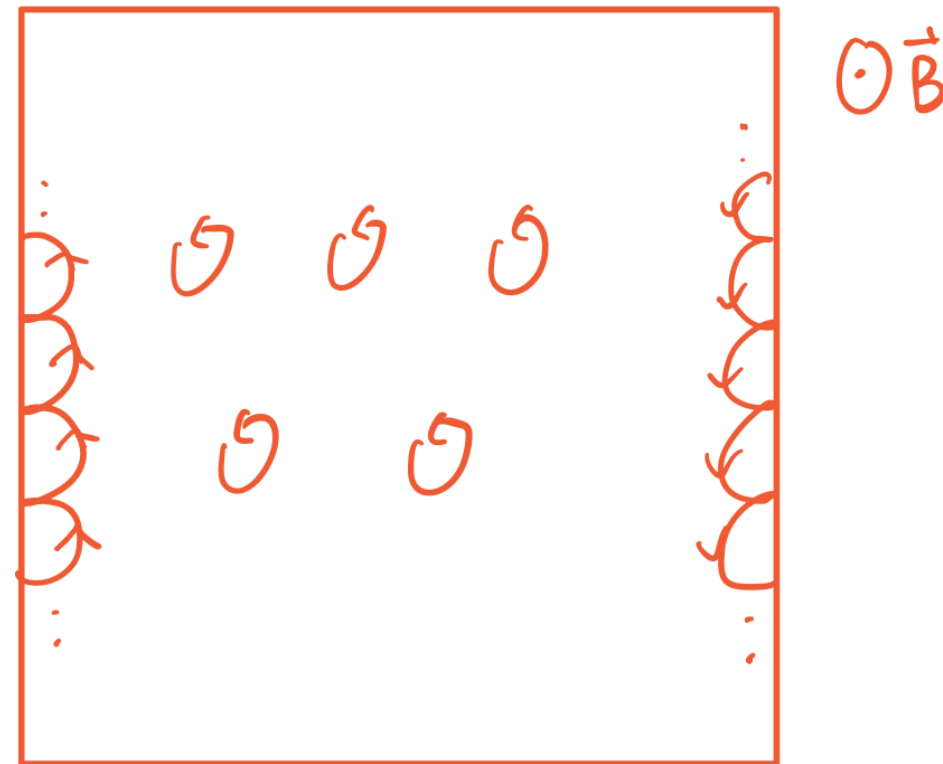
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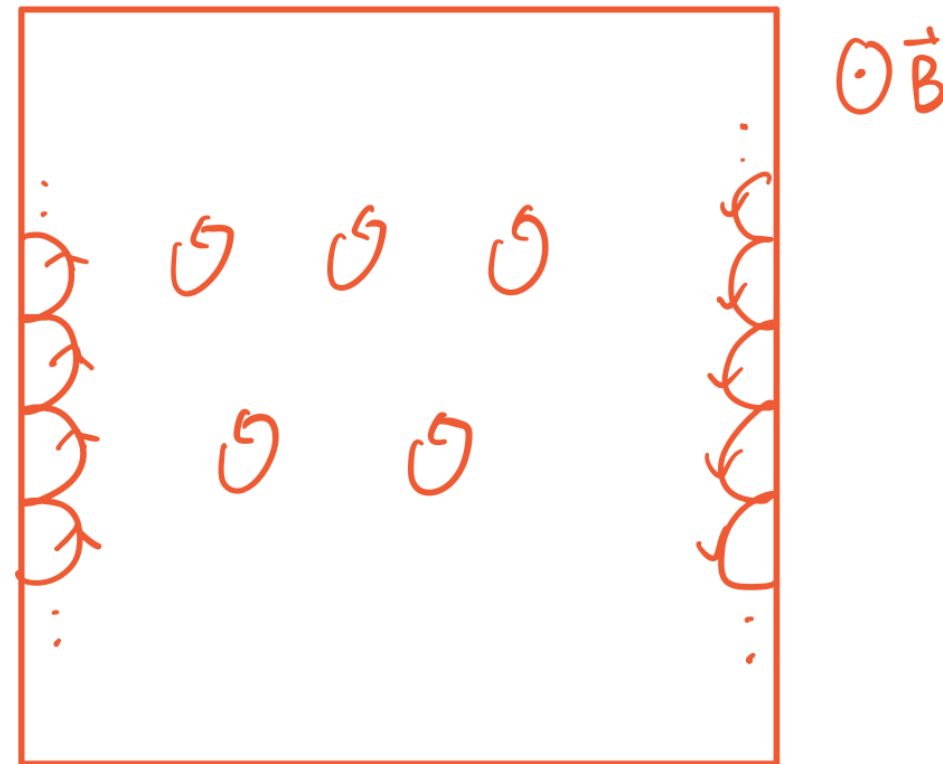
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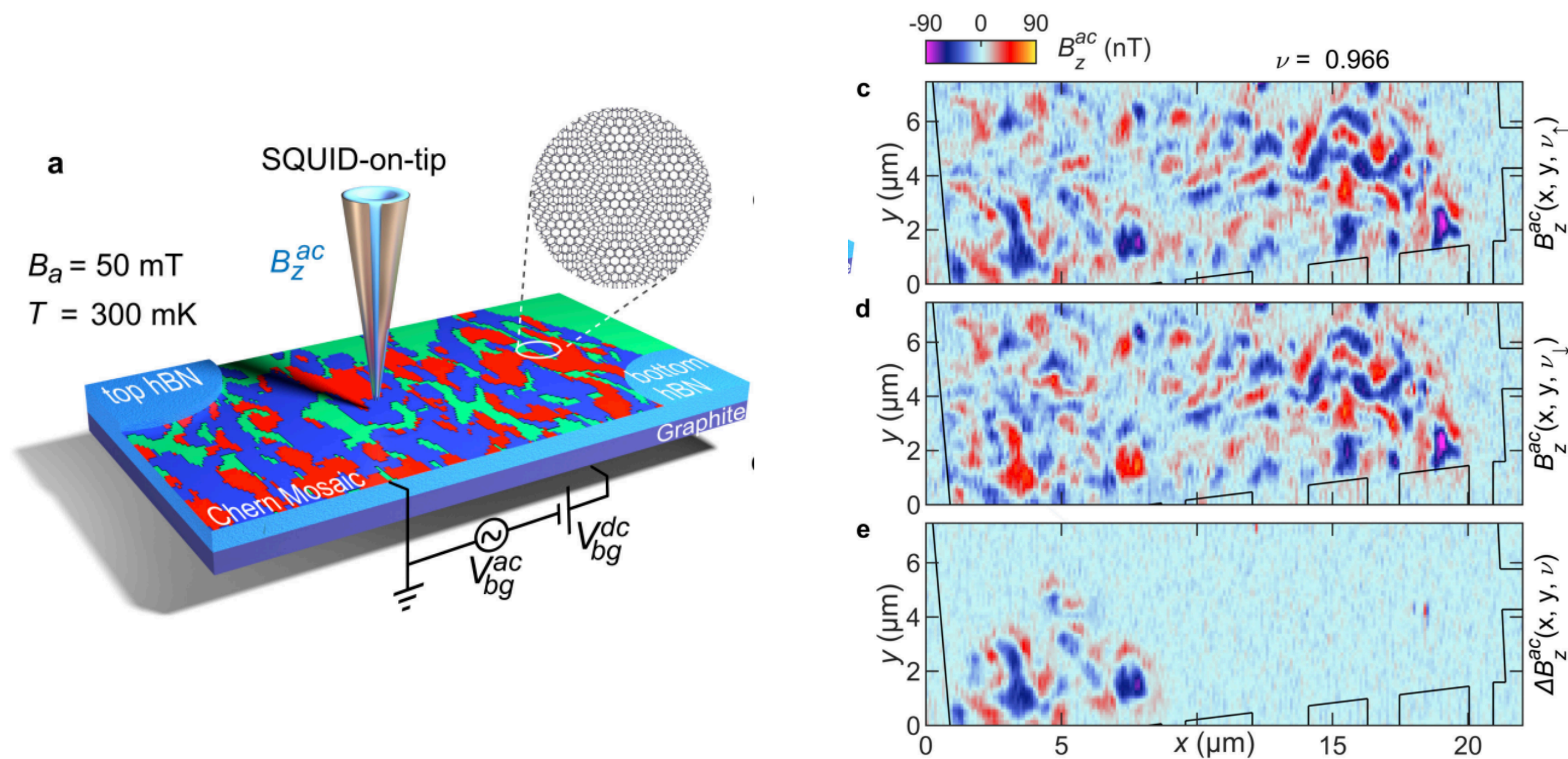
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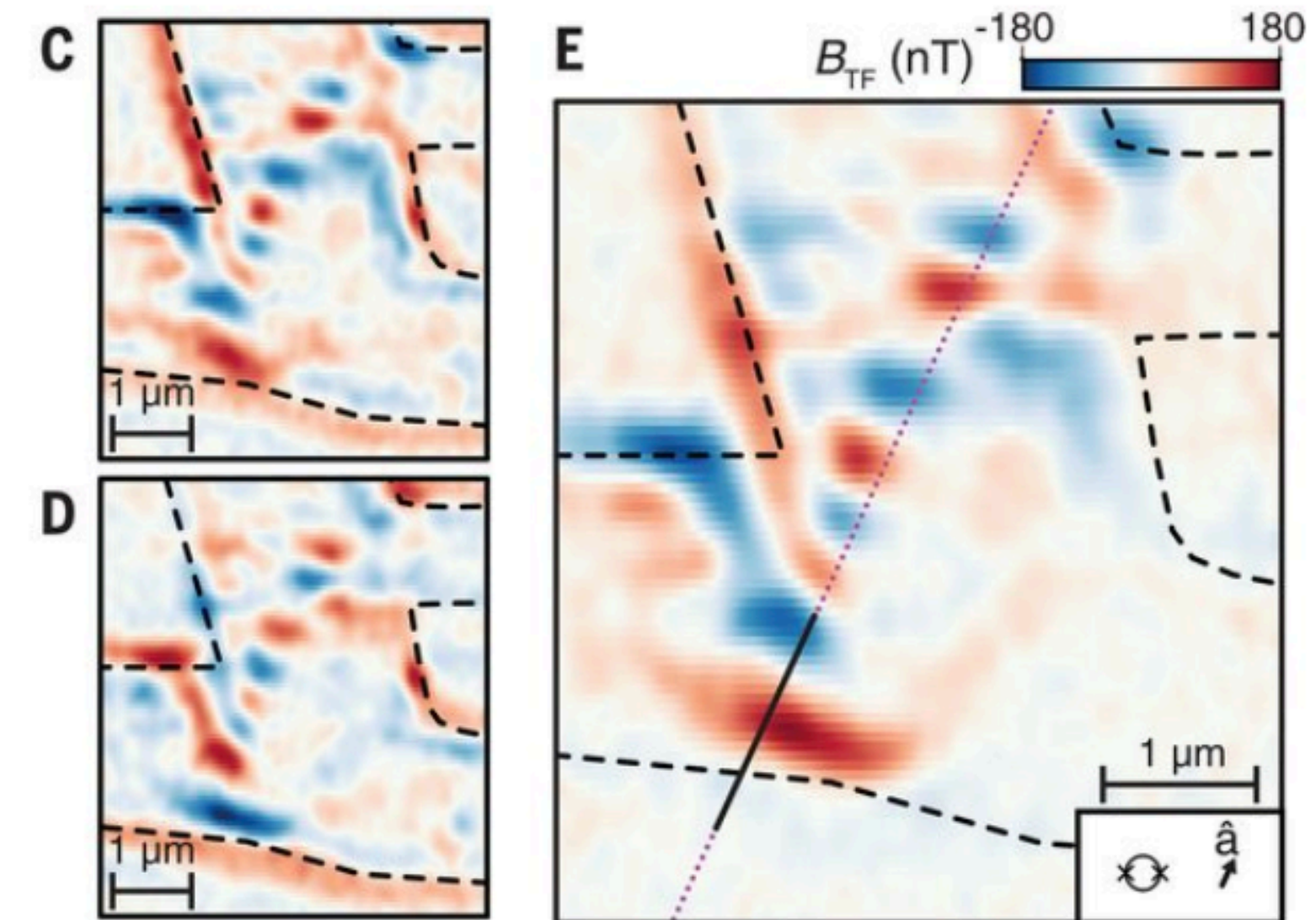
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E. Zeldov, et al, Nat. Phys. (2022)



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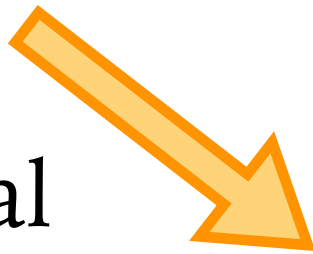
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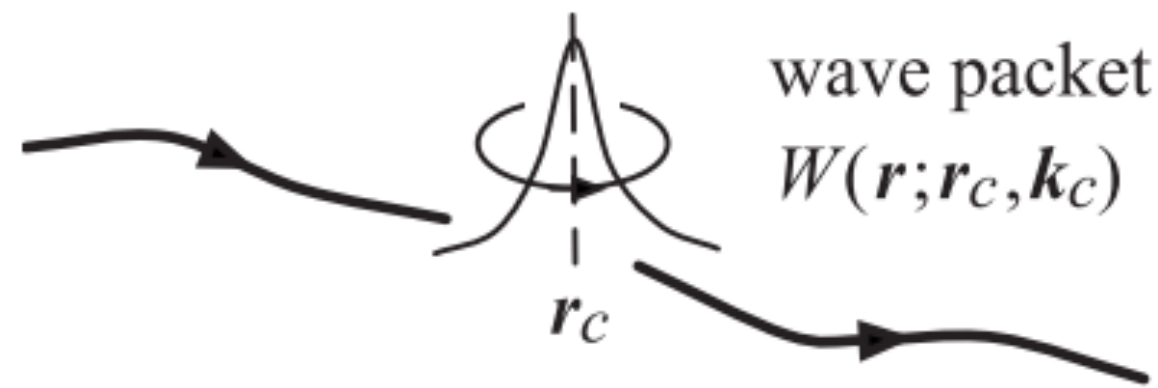
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“Modern” theories of spontaneous orbital magnetization

- Semiclassical derivation of $M_{orb}^{(0)}$ D. Xiao, J. Shi, Q. Niu, PRL (2005)



- Matrix element of $\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{J}$ on Wannier orbitals T. Thonhauser, D. Ceresoli, D. Vanderbilt, and R. Resta, PRL (2005, 2006)

- Quantum mechanical: $B \rightarrow B(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{q})$ J. Shi, G. Vignale, D. Xiao, and Q. Niu, PRL (2007)

$$\lim_{\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0} \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \quad \text{v.s.} \quad \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0}$$

Interacting case:

R. Nourafkan, G. Kotliar, and A.-M.S. Tremblay, PRB (2014)

- More recent developments for non-interacting systems: gauge invariant formulation

K. T. Chen and P. A. Lee, PRB (2011)

D. Haldane, Journal of Mathematical Physics (2021)

Our Goal

How to compute thermodynamic quantities for multi-band systems in a magnetic field?

A theory that we want to develop:

- ◉ Orbital magnetic response derived from the thermodynamic potential, e.g. $M_{orb}^{(0)} = - \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial B} \Big|_{B=0, \mu, T}$
 - Can be generalized to interacting systems.
 - Define $M_{orb}^{(0)}$ un-ambiguously. c.f. $c \nabla \times M_{orb} = J(\mathbf{r})$
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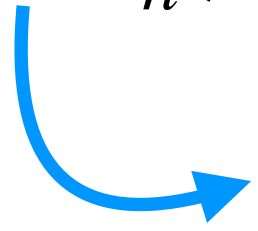
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Technical goal:

Find a proper and physical basis that allows for diagonalization in “momentum” space order by order in B .

New basis functions and Fourier transform

“Fourier transform” of local fields $\Psi(x)$, $\bar{\Psi}(x)$, or generally $\mathcal{O}(x)$:

$$\text{Define } \hat{\tau}_x = e^{i\hat{\pi}\cdot x} \quad [\hat{\pi}_i, \hat{\pi}_j] = i\epsilon_{ij}qB = i\epsilon_{ij}l_B^{-2} = i\theta_{ij} \quad \hat{\pi}_i = -i\partial_i - qA_i$$

Fuzziness in momentum space $\Leftrightarrow \Leftrightarrow \Leftrightarrow$ Coherent state basis:

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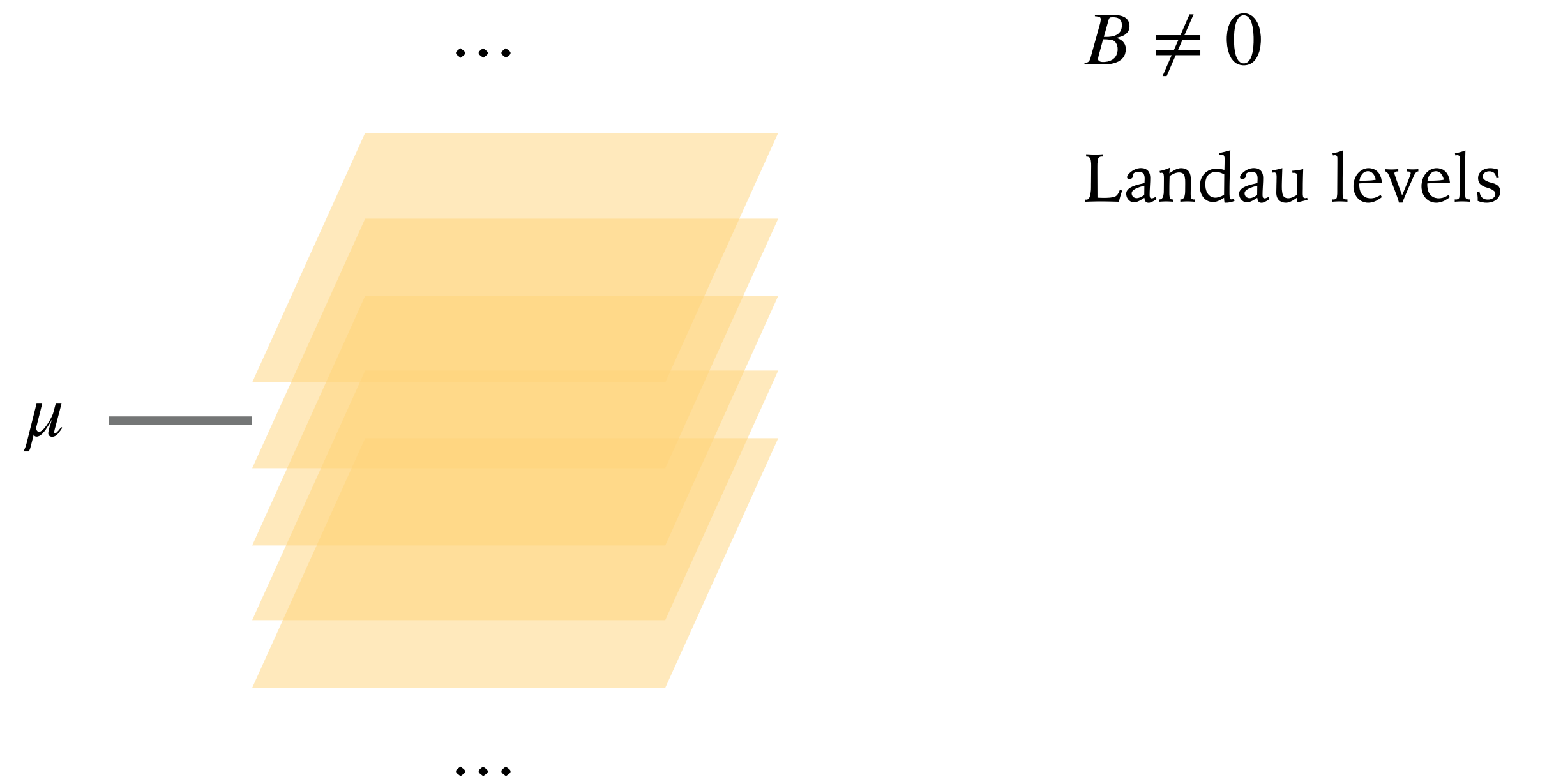
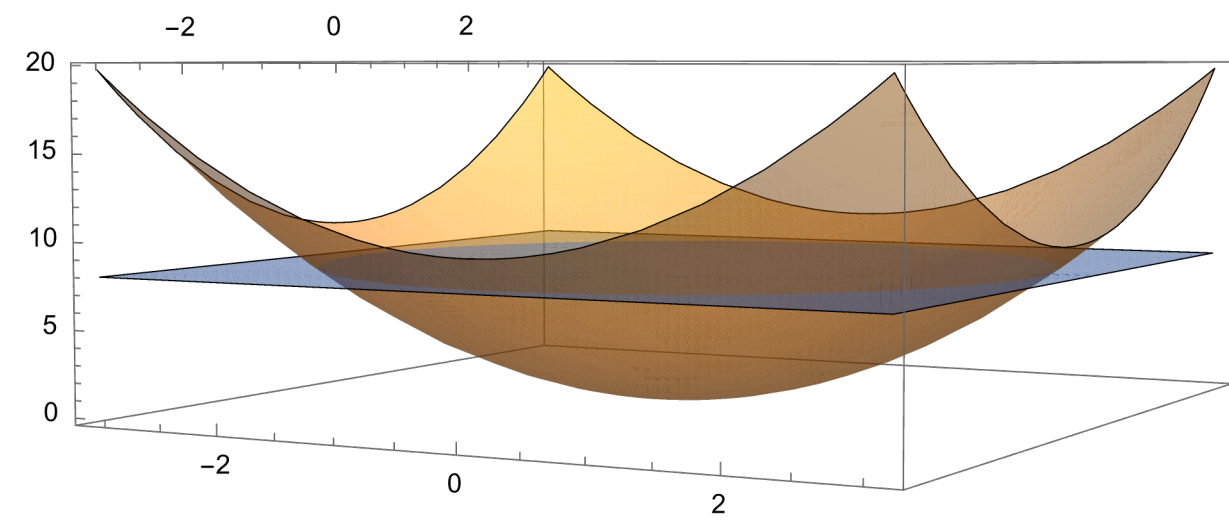
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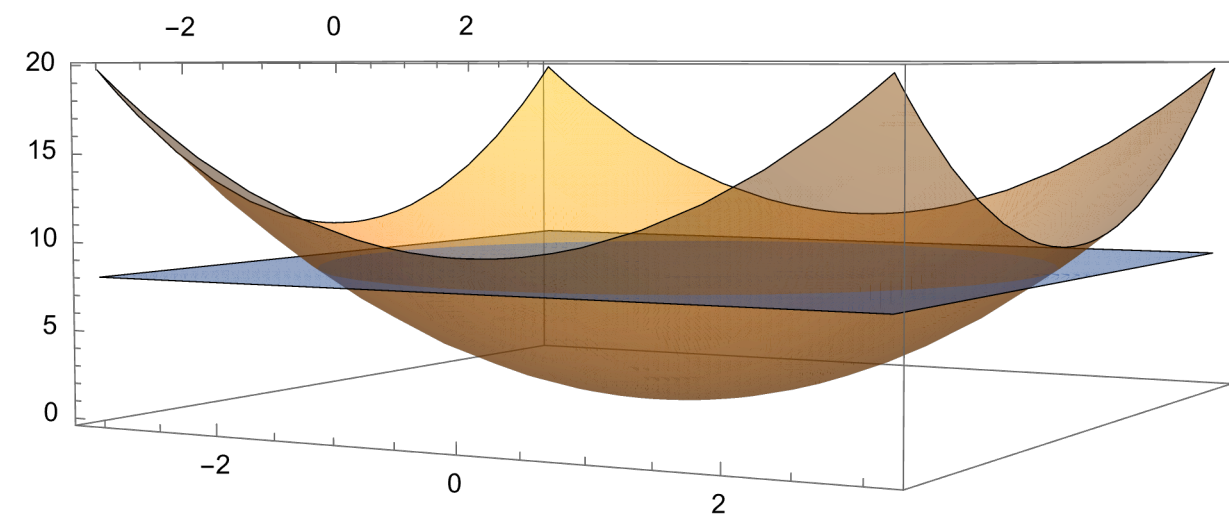
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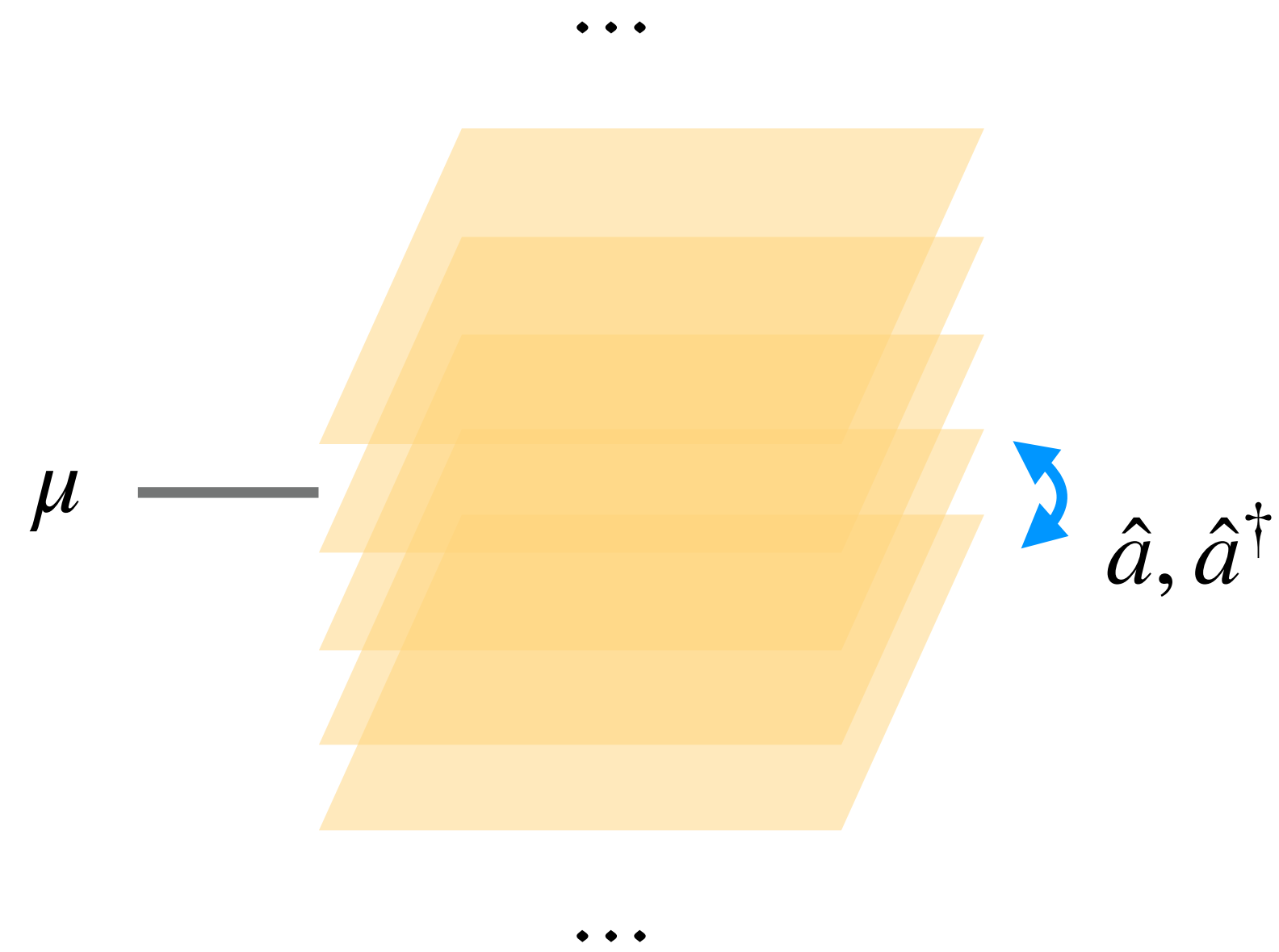
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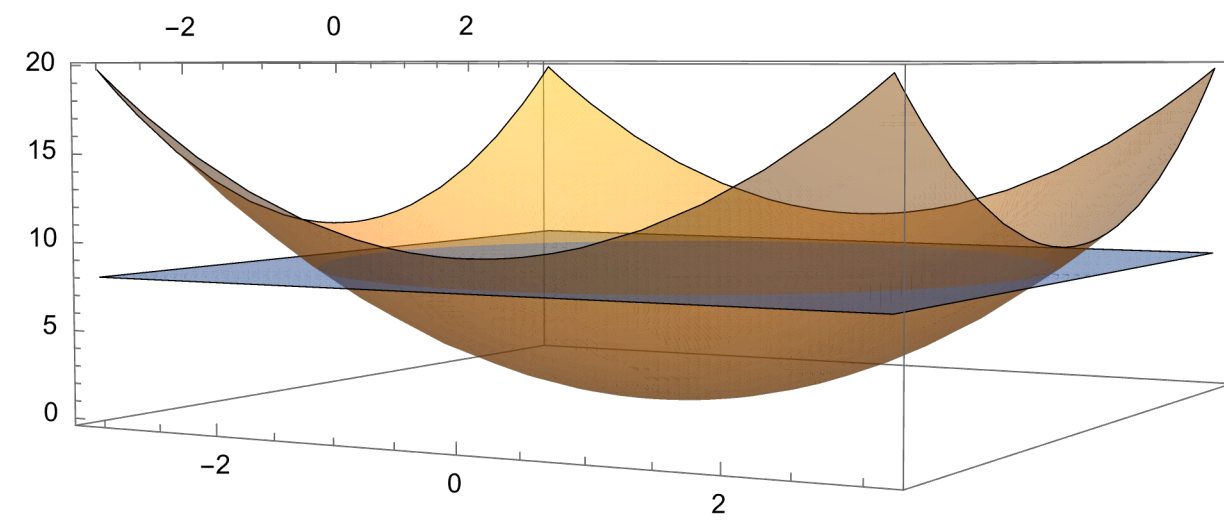
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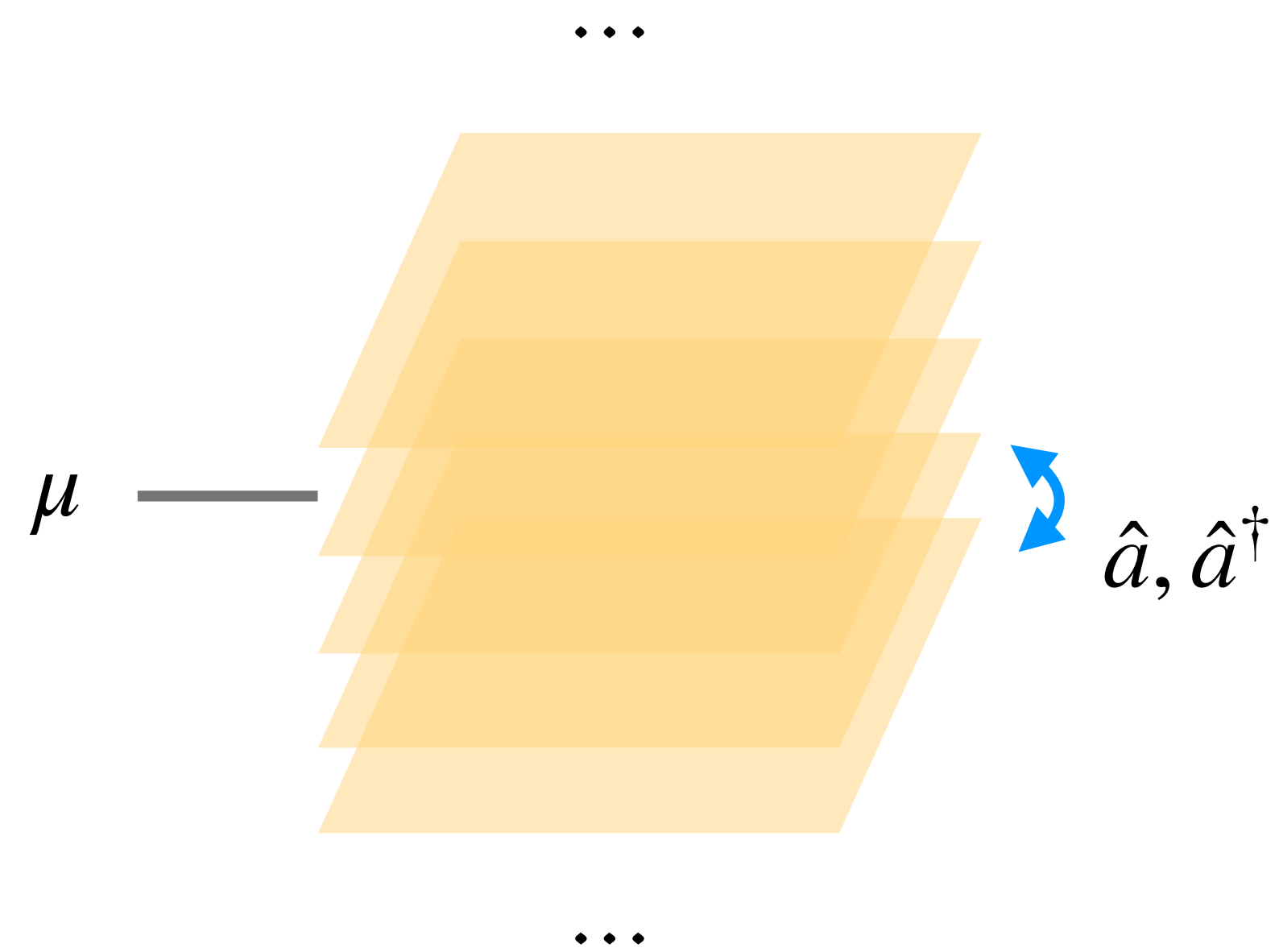
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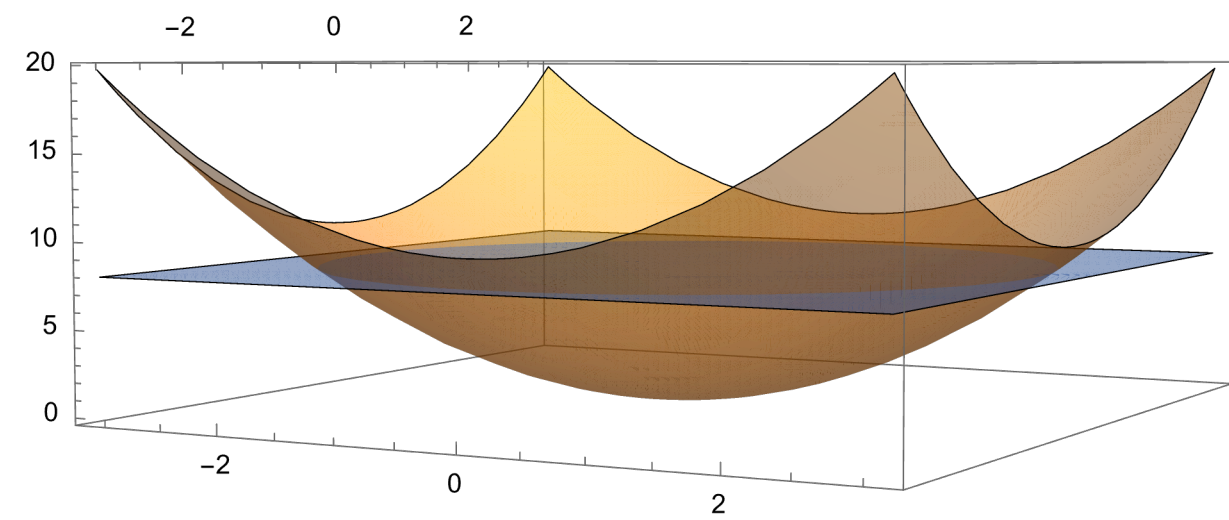
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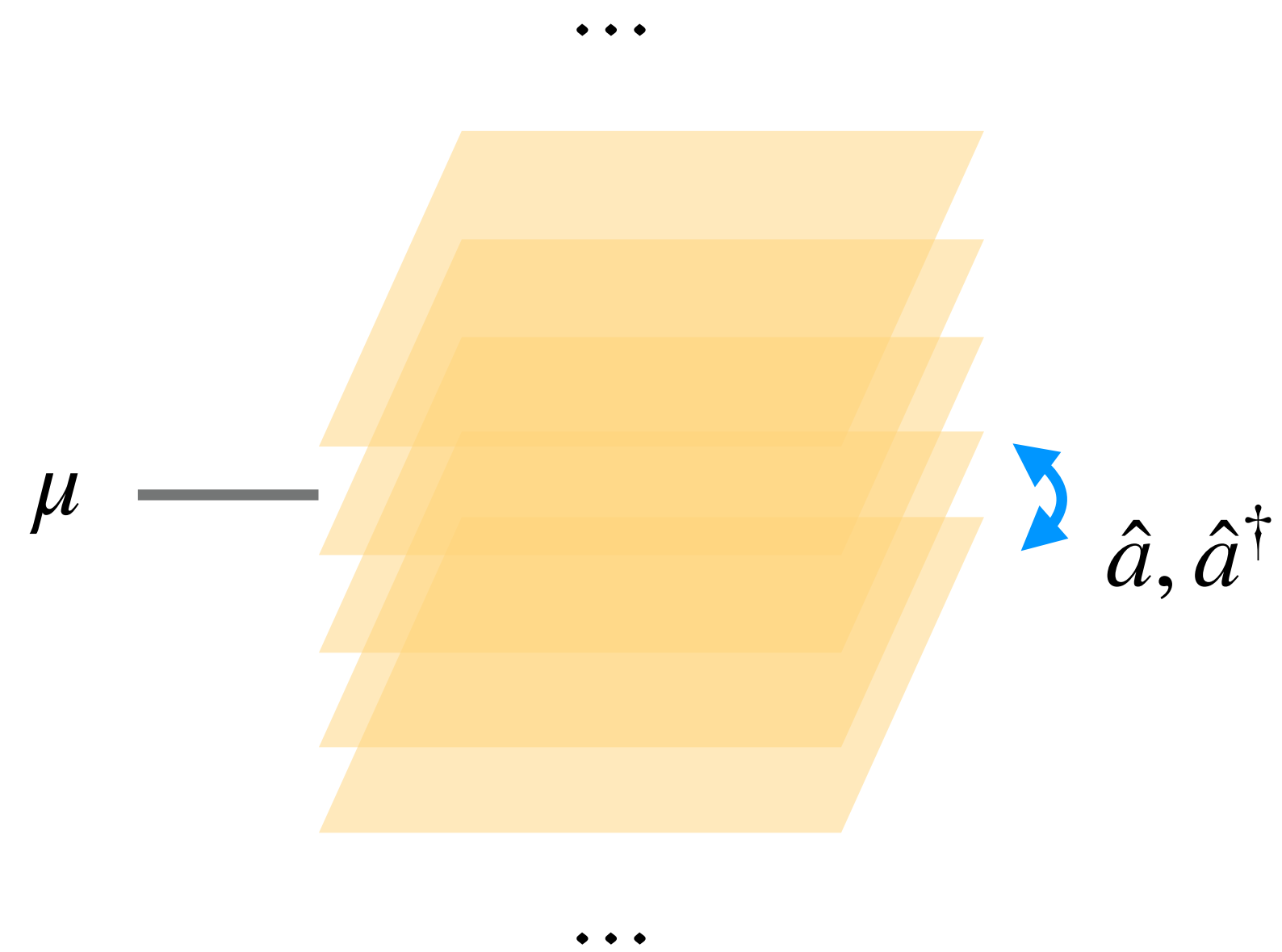
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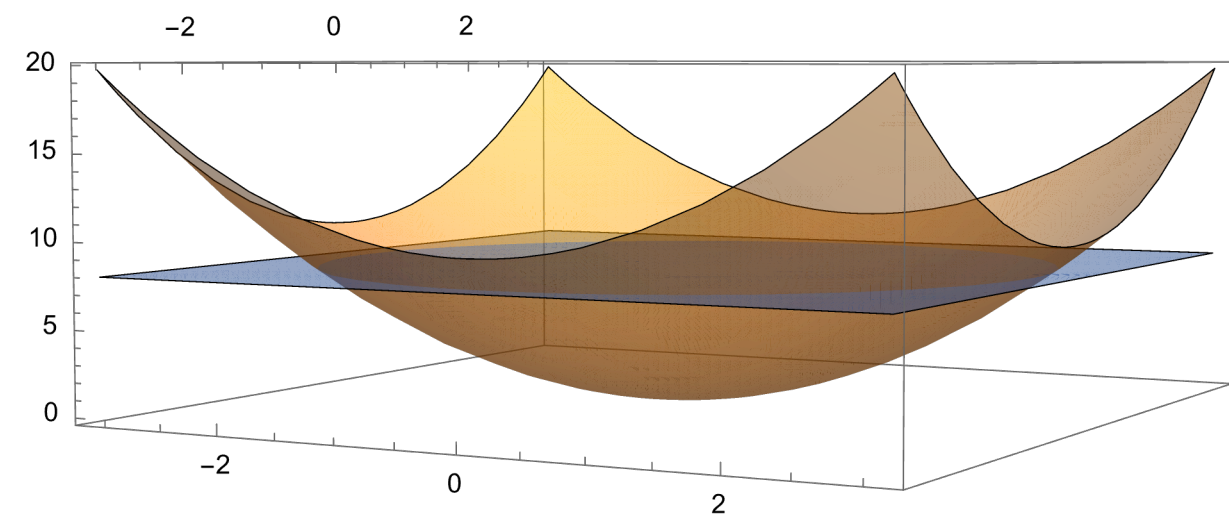


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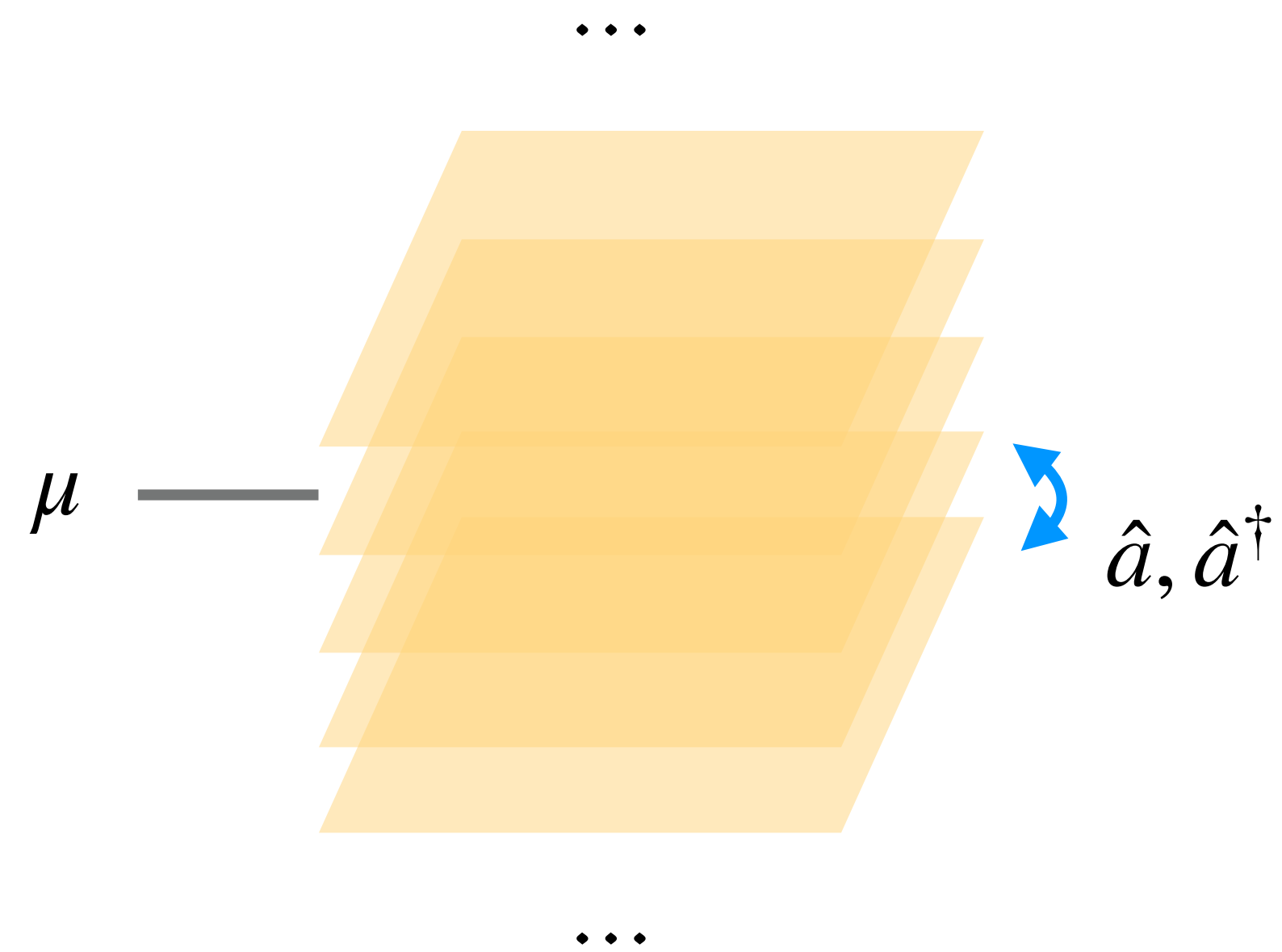
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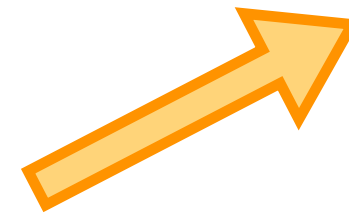
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B^2 B^4

Generalization to interacting multi-band systems

Outlook

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Controversy between semiclassical and finite q method.

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Y. Gao, S. Yang, Q. Niu et al, PRB (2015)

- Projection to narrow band systems

- Add other ingredients:

- Spatial inhomogeneity

- Magneto-electric response in multi-band systems

- Compute quantum oscillation (Ω_{osc}) without explicit projection to Landau levels.

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