Topological transport of mobile impurities

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We study the Hall response of topologically-trivial mobile impurities (Fermi polarons) interacting weakly with majority fermions forming a Chern-insulator background. This setting involves a rich interplay between the genuine many-body character of the polaron problem and the topological nature of the surrounding cloud. When the majority fermions are accelerated by an external field, a transverse impurity current can be induced. To quantify this polaronic Hall effect, we compute the drag transconductivity, employing controlled diagrammatic perturbation theory in the impurity-fermion interaction. We show that the impurity Hall drag is not simply proportional to the Chern number characterizing the topological transport of the insulator on its own – it also depends continuously on particle-hole breaking terms, to which the Chern number is insensitive. However, when the insulator is tuned across a topological phase transition, a sharp jump of the impurity Hall drag results, for which we derive an analytical expression. We describe how to experimentally detect the polaronic Hall drag and its characteristic jump, setting the emphasis on the circular dichroism displayed by the impurity’s absorption rate.

I. Introduction

As a rule of thumb, interacting many-body systems in more than one dimension are difficult to analyze, and controllable routes to the inclusion of interactions are rare. One such approach is to consider a non-interacting “majority” system, couple it to a small number of quantum impurities, and study interaction effects on the impurities only. If the majority system is a conventional metal, the impurities are transformed into so-called Fermi polarons [1] [2], which by now are routinely observed in ultracold-gas [3–7] and also solid state experiments [8] – for a review, see for instance Refs. [9–11].

In these systems, the local kinematic properties of the impurities are modified by the interaction with the medium, while the medium itself is unmodified if the impurity density is small. The next logical question to ask is whether global topological characteristics of the medium [12] can influence the impurity as well: Can a topologically trivial impurity inherit the topological quantum numbers of the medium? Such an interaction-induced topology is a fundamentally interesting prospect. Furthermore, this question is of high relevance to current cold-atom experiments, where a broad family of topological band structures have been realized [13]. Topological and polaronic physics are thus well-controlled (and highly active) but largely separate fields in cold-atom research, and it is thus worthwhile and intriguing to combine them together. This goal has been approached in a few recent theoretical works, mainly from two perspectives: Either interaction effects are strong such that an impurity-majority bound state is formed [14–17], and the impurity inherits the topological quantum numbers of the majority, or, alternatively, one can study the problem in weak coupling [18], as previously done by some of us, with the majority forming a Chern insulator. This perturbative approach is well-controlled and does not require additional regularization.

As a diagnostic tool for the inherited topological properties of the impurity particles, Ref. [18] numerically computed the impurity Hall drag for majority particles governed by the Haldane lattice model [19]. It was found that the Hall drag is neither quantized nor simply follows the majority phase diagram, and even vanishes in the center of the topological phase; however, it exhibits a sharp jump upon tuning the insulator across its topological phase transition. In this work, we introduce a generic (continuum) Dirac model of a Chern insulator. This model follows the same universal physics as the Haldane model, but allows for an analytical understanding of the phenomena numerically observed in Ref. [18].

With a diagrammatic approach, we show that the Hall drag can be split into two drag contributions exercised by majority particles and holes, respectively. These two contributions counteract each other, and completely cancel at the particle-hole symmetric point. This is reminiscent of Coulomb drag in two-layer systems [20–22], and explains the observed vanishing of the drag in the center of the majority topological phase. If particle-hole symmetry is broken, the impurity Hall drag can be non-vanishing even if the majority Chern insulator is in the trivial phase. To understand the observed jump

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across the topological phase transition, one should view
the majority system as a combination of Dirac-like fer-
ions with linear dispersion, and "spectator" fermions [23] with a quadratic dispersion. At the phase trans-
ition, the spectator fermions change smoothly, but the
Dirac fermions feel the gap closing and exhibit a singular
Berry curvature. We show that this singularity is inte-
grated over in the expression for the impurity Hall
drag, which leads to a jump proportional to the change
in Chern number, including the correct sign. This is the
only clear manifestation of topology in weak-coupling im-
parity transport. We derive an analytical formula for the
jump, and validate all results numerically for the Haldane
lattice model.

To supplement the theoretical results, we present a
detailed discussion on how to detect the Hall drag and
jump with various experimental techniques. A particu-
lar promising approach is to use circular dichroism, that
is, measuring impurity excitation rates upon driving the
system with left and right circularly polarized fields [24–
27]. A systematic method of computing the excitation
rates in an interacting many-body system is presented
along the way.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows:
In Sec. II we present the continuum Dirac model and the
evaluation of the impurity drag. In Sec. III, we invest-
igate the jump across the topological phase transition.
The drag including its jump at the topological transition is
analyzed for the Haldane model in Sec. IV. The differ-
ent measurement protocols are detailed in Sec. V, with
special focus on the dichroic measurement. Conclusions
and outlook are presented in Sec. VI. Some technical de-
tails are relegated to Appendices.

II. Drag transconductivity in the continuum model

We start by computing the impurity drag in a gen-
eric continuum model and consider the following two-
dimensional Bloch Hamiltonian for majority particles
indexed by a pseudospin \( \text{↑} \):

\[
\mathbf{H}_\uparrow(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} \psi_\uparrow^\dagger(k) h_i(k) \sigma_i \psi_\uparrow(k), \tag{1}
\]

\[
\psi_\uparrow(k) = (c_{\uparrow A}(k), c_{\uparrow B}(k))^T,
\]

\[
h_1(k) = k_x, \quad h_2(k) = k_y, \quad h_3(k) = m + d_1 k^2,
\]

\[
h_0(k) = d_2 k^2, \quad k = |k|
\]

with \( \sigma_0 = 1 \) and \( \sigma_i \) with \( i = 1, 2, 3 \) being the Pauli
matrices. Throughout this paper we will work in units
where \( \hbar = c = e = 1 \); all quantities are measured in
appropriate powers of the (inverse) physical fermion
mass, while momenta are rescaled by the band velocity.
Equation (1) can be seen as a low-energy approxima-
tion to a microscopic tight-binding Hamiltonian with a
two-sublattice structure \( (A, B) \) and broken time-reversal

\[
\mathcal{F}_{xy}(k)
\]

Figure 1. Berry curvature for \( d_1 = -1 \) and \( m = \pm 0.1 \) (full lines), \( m = \pm 0.2 \) (dashed lines). The inset shows a zoom-in
on small values of \( \mathcal{F}_{xy}(k) \), highlighting the sign-change of the
Berry curvature in the trivial phase.

invariance. The eigenenergies corresponding to (1) read

\[
\epsilon_{\uparrow,1,2}(k) = h_0(k) \mp h(k), \quad h(k) = \sqrt{k^2 + h_3(k)^2}. \tag{2}
\]

Without the terms \( d_1, d_2 \) (which have physical dimen-
sions \( \text{mass}^{-1} \)), Eq. (1) describes a gapped Dirac cone
with mass gap \( m \). The term \( d_1 \) serves as a UV regular-
izer and makes the dispersion quadratic at higher en-
gergies while preserving particle-hole symmetry, \( \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k) = -\epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k) \). The symmetry is broken for finite \( d_2 \). We assume \( |d_1| > |d_2| \), thus the lower (upper) band is filled
(empty).

For general \( d_2 \), the Hamiltonian (1) is in the Altland-
Zirnbauer class A [28], and gives rise to a quantized Chern
number \( \mathcal{C} \). As shown below, it reads

\[
\mathcal{C} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk}{k^2 + (m + d_1 k^2)^2} \frac{(m - d_1 k^2)}{\sqrt{m^2 + d_1^2 k^4}} \tag{3}
\]

The integrand of Eq. (3) is nothing but the Berry
curvature \( \mathcal{F}_{xy}(k) \). As visualized in Fig. 1, for \( m \to 0 \)
\( \mathcal{F}_{xy}(k) \) consists of a sharp half-quantized peak for \( k \lesssim m \),
ariasing from the Dirac fermions, on top of a broad back-
ground from high-energy “spectator” fermions [23]. Both
types of fermions effectively contribute a half-integer
Chern number, such that the total Chern number is
quantized to an integer.

As explicit in Eq. (3), \( \mathcal{C} \) does not depend on the
particle-hole symmetry breaking parameter \( d_2 \). This is in
line with the geometrical interpretation of \( \mathcal{C} \) as a winding
number [29], which is independent of the term \( h_0 \) com-
muting with the Hamiltonian [30].

As a preparation for the later calculations, it is useful
to recap the computation of \( \mathcal{C} \) explicitly as \( \mathcal{C} = -2\pi \sigma_{xy} \)
[31, 32], with \( \sigma_{xy} \) the transconductivity; the conduc-
tivity quantum is \( \sigma_0 = e^2/h = 1/2\pi \) with the chosen units.
In linear response, \( \sigma_{xy} \) is proportional to the retard-
current-current correlation function, which may be ob-
We can view the impurities as governed by a similar tight-binding Hamiltonian as the majority, but with a chemical potential almost at the bottom of the lower band, around which the dispersion is approximated by an effective mass $M$. Higher impurity bands can be safely neglected.

The majority and minority particles interact via an on-site-interaction $H_{\text{int}}$ [18], which does not distinguish between the sublattices (recall that the sublattices give rise to the two-band structure):

$$H_{\text{int}} = \frac{g}{A_0} \sum_{k,p,q} \sum_{\ell=A,B} \epsilon_{\ell}^{\dagger}(k+q) c_{\ell,\alpha}(k) \epsilon_{\ell}^{\dagger}(p-q) c_{\ell,\beta}(p) W_{\alpha\beta}(k,q),$$

where we have rotated to the band space in the second line. Now we imagine a constant and uniform force $E = E_0$ acting on both majority and minority particles [33]. Due to the interaction $H_{\text{int}}$, a transverse impurity current $J^y_\ell$ will be induced; without interaction, there is none due to time reversal symmetry of the impurities. To quantify this effect, we must compute the Hall drag transconductivity

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{1}{\omega \rightarrow 0 - i \omega A_0} \left[ - \langle \dot{J}_x^y J^y_\ell \rangle (i \Omega) \right]_{j \Omega \rightarrow \omega + i \Omega^+},$$

This computation will be done to second order in the impurity-majority coupling $g$, since the first order contribution vanishes [18]; thus, attractive and repulsive interactions lead to the same result. We point out that such perturbative expansion is well-controlled for small $g$, and no resummation is needed, in contrast with the recent evaluation of longitudinal polaron drag in the metallic case [34].

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**Figure 2.** Diagram representing Eq. (5), with $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2$. The Matsubara Green function $G_{\alpha,\beta}$ describes the propagation of a hole in the filled lower band, while $G_{\alpha,\beta}$ represents a particle in the upper band. The frequency integral in Eq. (5) only receives contributions when $\alpha \neq \beta$, and thus one can view creation of virtual particle-hole pairs as the origin of the conductivity. These quasiparticles are virtual, since the external field does not provide enough energy ($\Omega \rightarrow 0$) to overcome the band gap.

Evaluation of Eqs. (5) and (4) is straightforward. One finds

$$\sigma_{xy} = -\frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{d \epsilon_{\ell,\alpha}(k) J^{\dagger}_{\ell,21}(k) J^{\dagger}_{\ell,12}(k) - J^{\dagger}_{\ell,12}(k) J^{\dagger}_{\ell,21}(k)}{(\epsilon_{\ell,1}(k) - \epsilon_{\ell,2}(k))^2} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} C.$$

Inserting current matrix elements and dispersions into Eq. (6) produces Eq. (3). After this noninteracting prelude, we are ready to attack the polaron problem. We consider a minority particle species indexed by $\downarrow$, with a trivial quadratic Hamiltonian $H_\downarrow(p)$:

$$H_\downarrow(p) = \epsilon_\downarrow(p) c_\downarrow^{\dagger}(p) c_\downarrow(p), \quad \epsilon_\downarrow(p) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2M}.$$
As in the case of Coulomb drag in two-layer systems [20], the \( O(g^2) \) contribution corresponds to the two diagrams shown in Fig. 3. We evaluate these diagrams to leading order in the small impurity density \( n_\downarrow \). The diagrams involve an impurity loop and are therefore proportional to \( n_\downarrow \), unlike the single-particle polaron diagrams which have an impurity “backbone” [35]. It is convenient to identify the impurity lines that represent filled states ( \( \pm \) impurity holes). Since these carry vanishing momenta in the small density limit, impurity lines coupled to the current vertex, \( J_\tau^\nu(q) = q_\pm/M \), are excluded; thus, the central (red) line corresponds to a filled state. We may set its momentum to zero as done in Fig. 3, and the integration over filled states then simply produces a factor of \( n_\downarrow \).

Identification of the red line with a filled state also fixes the (red) index of the central majority line in order for the \( \tilde{\omega} \) integral (see Fig. 3) to be non-vanishing. Schematically the top diagram in Fig. 3 describes the scattering of an impurity with a particle, with momentum transfer \( q \), and the bottom diagram the scattering with a hole, with momentum transfer \(-q\). Therefore, the net momentum transfer and drag vanish in the particle-hole symmetric case [20–22], as will be seen explicitly below. The remaining evaluation of the diagrams is straightforward (see App. B). We obtain

\[
\sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} = -2g^2n_\downarrow \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^2} \text{Im} \left\{ J_{\tau,12}^\nu(k)W^{22}(k-q,q)W^{21}(k,-q) \right\} \frac{q_\pm}{M(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k))^2} \left( d(k,q) + c(k,q) \right),
\]

\[
d(k,q) = \frac{2\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k-q) - \epsilon_\downarrow(q)}{(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k-q) - \epsilon_\downarrow(q))^3}, \quad c(k,q) = \frac{2\epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k-q) + \epsilon_\downarrow(q)}{(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k-q) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k-q) - \epsilon_\downarrow(q))^3}.
\]

Here, \( c,d \) represent the contributions of the “direct” (top in Fig. 3) and “crossed” (bottom) diagrams. When flipping \( d_2 \rightarrow -d_2 \), we have \( \epsilon_1 \rightarrow -\epsilon_2 \) and vice versa, thus \( \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} \) is antisymmetric in \( d_2 \). In particular, it vanishes in the particle-hole symmetric case, \( d_2 = 0 \). Numerical evaluation of Eq. (10) as function of \( d_2 \) is shown in Fig. 4(a). Let us point out that the complete cancellation of \( \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} \) at \( d_2 = 0 \) only occurs to second order, \( O(g^2) \), and is not expected in higher order, as can be shown explicitly for the Haldane model (see below).

In Fig. 4(b), \( \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} \) is depicted as function of \( m \) for non-zero \( d_2 \), tuning the majority system from the trivial phase with \( C = 0 \) to a non-trivial one, \( C = 1 \). While \( \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} \) exhibits a clear jump when the majority particles undergo a topological phase transition (see next section), it is neither constant in the non-trivial phase, nor does it vanish in the trivial phase: For the majority particles, time-reversal symmetry is broken everywhere in the phase diagram, but for \( C = 0 \) the transconductivity contributions of the “Dirac” and “spectator” fermions cancel exactly, as long as the chemical potential is in the gap and the lower majority band is completely filled. In the case of the gapless impurity band, such cancellation is not guaranteed, and the impurity Hall drag therefore does not vanish in the non-trivial phase.

Figure 4. Impurity transconductivity \( \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} \) from numerical evaluation of Eq. (10). Lines are guides for the eye. (a) \( \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} \) as function of \( d_2 \) for \( M = 1, m = 0.2, d_1 = -1 \). (b) \( \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} \) as function of \( m \) for \( M = 1, d_1 = -1, d_2 = 0.5 \).
III. The jump across the phase transition for the continuum model

Another salient feature of Fig. 4(b) is the discontinuous change of the drag transconductivity which occurs upon crossing the topological phase boundary $m = 0$. This jump can be understood as arising from a singular contribution of Dirac fermions: When the gap closes, the Dirac part of the majority Berry curvature ($\propto m$ in Eq. (3)) evolves into a delta-function, $\text{sign}(m)\delta^{(2)}(k)$ – compare also Fig. 1. In contrast, the part corresponding to the spectator fermions ($\propto d_1$ in Eq. (3)) is smooth across the transition. In the expression for the impurity drag (10), a singular Dirac contribution $\propto \text{sign}(m)\delta^{(2)}(k)$ arises as well. This singular contribution changes sign across the transition, and so induces the jump $\Delta\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ in the Hall drag, with a sign determined by the change in Chern number $\Delta C$. To extract $\Delta\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ we can set $k = 0$ in all parts of Eq. (10) which are non-singular as $k \to 0$. As detailed in App. C, in this way we obtain

$$\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow,\text{Dirac}} = g^2n_{\uparrow} \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^2} \Im \left\{ J_{\uparrow,\text{Dirac},12}^\eta(k) J_{\uparrow,\text{Dirac},21}^\eta(k) \right\} \frac{q^2}{Mq\sqrt{1+(d_1q)^2}} \left( \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(q) + \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(q))^2} - \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(q) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(q))^2} \right),$$

where $J_{\uparrow,\text{Dirac}}^\eta(k)$ represents the majority current carried by the Dirac (i.e., not the spectator) fermions. Compared to Eq. (10) the $k$ and $q$ integrals in Eq. (12) have factorized. The $k$ integral, which simplifies to an integral over a delta function as $m \to 0$, is nothing but the Chern number contribution of the Dirac fermions, cf. Eq. (6). It evaluates to $(1/8\pi)\text{sign}(m)$. Performing the remaining $q$ integral, one finds

$$\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow,\text{Dirac}} = g^2n_{\uparrow} \frac{8\pi^2 d_2 M \cdot \text{sign}(m)}{(2\pi)^4} \cdot \frac{4\pi^2 d_2 M}{1 + 4M(|d_1| + (d_1^2 - d_2^2)M)} Mq\sqrt{1+(d_1q)^2}.$$

Defining $\Delta\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ as the jump of Hall drag when going from the trivial to the topological phase, with change in Chern number $\Delta C$, Eq. (13) leads to the final result:

$$\Delta\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} = \Delta C \cdot g^2n_{\uparrow} \frac{8\pi^2 d_2 M}{(2\pi)^4} \left( \frac{1}{1 + 4M(|d_1| + (d_1^2 - d_2^2)M)} \right).$$

As a check, in Fig. 5 this formula is compared with a numerical evaluation of the jump from Eq. (10) as function of the impurity mass $M$, yielding excellent agreement. Note that both Hall drag and jump will vanish in the limits $M \to 0$ or $M \to \infty$: In the former limit, the impurity cannot interact efficiently with the majority particles due to the large kinetic energy cost, while in the latter the impurity is immobile and cannot be dragged.

While the Dirac part of the Hall drag, $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow,\text{Dirac}}$, changes sign at the transition, there is also a small smooth background contribution from the spectator fermions, to be denoted $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow,\text{spec}}$. This contribution can be extracted numerically from Eq. (10) as

$$\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow,\text{spec}} = \frac{1}{2} [\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(m = 0^+) + \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(m = 0^-)] ,$$

see the inset to Fig. 5.

![Figure 5](image_url)

Figure 5. Jump of the Hall drag $\Delta\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ in the continuum model as function of $M$, with $d_1 = -1, d_2 = 0.5$. The dashed line corresponds to Eq. (14), points are computed numerically by evaluating Eq. (10) at two points $m = \pm 0.001$ close to the phase boundary. Numerical errors are of the order of the points size. Inset: The smooth contribution of the spectator fermions, obtained numerically from Eq. (10).

We note in passing that the jump of $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ is reminiscent of the recently shown [36] change of sign in the Hall coefficient for a single-particle gapless Dirac cone upon variation of the particle density.

IV. Drag and jump in the Haldane lattice model

The general behaviour of $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ to leading order, $O(g^2)$, is not limited to the continuum model (1), but will hold in other Chern insulators as well. As another example, we consider a situation [18] where the majority particles are described by the Haldane model on the honeycomb
lattice [19], with Hamiltonian

$$H_\uparrow(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} \psi_\uparrow^\dagger(k) (h_i(k) \sigma_i) \psi_\uparrow(k),$$  

where

$$\psi_\uparrow(k) = (c_{\uparrow,A}(k), c_{\uparrow,B}(k))^T, \quad k = k \cdot u_i,$$

and

$$h_0(k) = -2t' \cos(\phi) \left[ \cos(k_1 - k_2) + \cos(k_1) + \cos(k_2) \right],$$

$$h_1(k) = - \left[ 1 + \cos(k_1) + \cos(k_2) \right],$$

$$h_2(k) = - \left[ \sin(k_1) + \sin(k_2) \right],$$

$$h_3(k) = \Delta/2 + 2t' \sin(\phi) \left[ \sin(k_1 - k_2) + \sin(k_2) - \sin(k_1) \right],$$

with

$${\mathbf{u}}_1 = (3/2, \sqrt{3}/2)^T, \quad {\mathbf{u}}_2 = (3/2, -\sqrt{3}/2)^T,$$

and the lattice constant and nearest neighbour hopping amplitude are set to 1. The reciprocal lattice vectors are given by

$${\mathbf{b}}_1 = (2\pi/3, 2\pi/\sqrt{3})^T, \quad {\mathbf{b}}_2 = (-2\pi/3, 2\pi/\sqrt{3})^T.$$ 

The model is parametrized by the next-nearest-neighbour hopping $t'$, the angle $\phi$ quantifying the time-reversal symmetry breaking, and the sublattice potential offset $\Delta$. For given values of $t'$, $\phi$, $\Delta$, the majority chemical potential is implicitly placed in the gap (its precise value is irrelevant). The well-known topological phase diagram of the Haldane model is shown in Fig. 6(a).

The impurity particles are governed by the tight-binding model for graphene (i.e., $t' = \Delta = 0$), with the chemical potential at the bottom of the lower band [18] by setting $h_0(k) = 3$. The impurity-majority interaction, Eq. (8), is straightforwardly modified to account for the impurity multi-band structure.

The Hall drag $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ can then be derived in analogy to the continuum model, see App. D for details; the only minor change is the appearance of diagonalizing unitary matrices $U_{\uparrow}(q)$ for the impurity. Numerical evaluation of $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ is presented in Figs. 6(b)–(d). Now, the particle-hole symmetric case where $\epsilon_1 = -\epsilon_2$ corresponds to $\phi = \pm \pi/2$, and $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ vanishes accordingly [18]. Furthermore, one can easily demonstrate the symmetry $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\phi) = -\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\pi - \phi)$, see App. D below Eq. (D2). This symmetry is readily seen in Fig. 6(c), which shows a cut through the phase diagrams for fixed $\Delta = 0$. Combined with the symmetry $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\phi) = -\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\phi)$ inherited from the Haldane model, this gives the Hall drag a periodicity

$$\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\phi) = \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\phi + \pi),$$

apparent in Fig. 6(b). This remarkable manifestation of particle-hole antisymmetry is in stark contrast to the pure majority case, where the Chern number only has the trivial periodicity $C(\phi) = C(\phi + 2\pi)$, see Fig. 6(a).

At the special particle-hole symmetric parameter points, $\phi = \pm \pi/2, \Delta = 0$, one can also get insight into the behavior of $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ to higher order in $g$ (see App. E): employing a particle-hole transformation which also exchanges band indices of the majority particles, it can be shown that at these points the Hall drag is antisymmetric in $g$ to all orders. So while there is no $O(g)$ contribution, and the leading order, $O(g^2)$, must vanish, at order $O(g^3)$ the Hall drag will be nonzero.

In the numerics, the jump of $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ across the topological phase transition is again prominent, and clearly delineates the topological phases of the parent Haldane model. Its origin is analogous to the continuum model – it comes from a sign-changing contribution of Dirac fermions, which becomes singular upon gap closing. The only significant difference is that there are now two Dirac cones in the problem, but except at the special points $\phi = 0, \pi$, the gap closes at only one of them. In the language employed for the continuum model, states near the Dirac cone with open gap count as spectator fermions. A detailed analysis of the jump leads to (see App. D)

$$\Delta \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} = \Delta C \cdot \frac{g^2 n_1}{(2\pi)^2} \cdot f(t', \phi),$$

where $f(t', \phi)$ is a numerical function defined in Eq. (D4). It involves the remaining $q$ integral, which is difficult to evaluate analytically in the lattice case. In Fig. 7(a), $\Delta \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ is depicted as a function of $\phi$. It is maximal as $\phi \to 0^+, \pi^-$, where the particle-hole asymmetry of the dispersion (away from the Dirac points) is largest. Again, the jump occurs on top of a smooth background contribution from the spectator fermions, presented in Fig. 7(b). It too is maximal as $\phi \to 0^+, \pi^-$, approaching $1/2\Delta \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ close to these angles, the spectator contribution is almost fully determined by the second Dirac cone, which has a very small gap. Accordingly, the values of the sign-changing drag contribution, $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow, \text{Dirac}}$, and the almost Dirac-like background contribution are the same.

V. Measurement of the Hall drag

We now discuss how to detect $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ experimentally. In a solid state system, the total translational conductivity $\sigma_{xy, \text{tot}}$ is an easily accessible quantity, typically obtained from a resistivity measurement. Since the majority particles form a Chern insulator, their contribution to $\sigma_{xy, \text{tot}}$ is quantized, and the Hall drag contribution $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ can in principle be read off by subtracting this quantized value from $\sigma_{xy, \text{tot}}$. In practice, however, it may be necessary to use the specific parameter dependence of $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ to separate it from $\sigma_{xy, \text{tot}}$. $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ can for example be obtained as the contribution to $\sigma_{xy, \text{tot}}$ proportional to the impurity density $n_1$, or by subtracting measurements of $\sigma_{xy, \text{tot}}$ at two particle-hole inverted points of the phase diagram.

Chern insulators have also been successfully realized in ultracold gas systems. Here, an established technique for measuring topological quantum numbers [37, 38] is the in-situ observation of the center of mass displacement of the atomic cloud upon the action of an external force. In the present polaron context, this measurement would have to be performed in a state-dependent manner to extract the Hall drag. In addition, one could conduct either a state-dependent time-of-flight measurement...
or Raman spectroscopy (as recently implemented for polarons [41]), to infer the in-trap momentum distribution of the impurity, in view of evaluating the current response of the impurity to an applied force.

All these transport experiments would extract the Hall drag from the linear current response to an external, linearly polarized electric field, which is the standard point of view. However, recent theoretical works have shown [24–26, 42, 43] that topological invariants can also be obtained from a measurement of excitation rates to second order in the amplitudes of circularly polarized fields, which was verified in the experiment of Ref. [27]. For the Hall drag, a relation to an impurity excitation rate can be established as well, as we now show.

Measuring such excitation rates may be a simpler route to detect the Hall drag experimentally, in both ultracold gas and solid state systems.

To set the stage, we first rephrase the results of Ref. [24] for the majority sector (non-interacting Chern insulator). The particles are coupled to external left or right circular polarized electrical fields:

\[ \mathbf{E}_\pm(t) = 2E \left( \cos(\omega t), \pm \sin(\omega t) \right)^T , \]

with \( \omega \) a fixed drive frequency. In the temporal gauge, the time-dependent light-matter Hamiltonian reads

\[ H_\tau,\pm(t) = \frac{2E}{\omega} \left( \hat{J}_\tau^x \sin(\omega t) \mp \hat{J}_\tau^y \cos(\omega t) \right) . \]  

(20)

When this perturbation is switched on, particles are excited from the lower to the upper band. One can define the associated depletion rates of initially occupied states with momentum \( \mathbf{k} \), \( \Gamma_{\tau,\pm}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \), which depend on the polarization of the driving field (“circular dichroism”). In Ref. [24], these rates are obtained from Fermi’s Golden Rule. Let \( \Delta \Gamma_\tau(\omega) \) be the difference in total depletion rates for a fixed frequency \( \omega \), \( \Delta \Gamma_\tau(\omega) \equiv 1/2 \sum_\mathbf{k} \Gamma_{\tau,\pm}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) - \Gamma_{\tau,-}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \). Then the Chern number \( C \) follows the simple relation [44]:

\[ A_0 E^2 C = - \int_0^\infty d\omega \Delta \Gamma_\tau(\omega) . \]  

(21)

This integration has to be understood as an average of \( \Delta \Gamma_\tau(\omega) \) over different drive frequencies, obtained by repeating the experiment many times [27].

For our purposes here, it is useful to rederive the result (21) from diagrammatic perturbation theory. This is achieved by relating the depletion rate to the on-shell retarded self-energy as

\[ \Gamma_{\tau,\pm}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = -2\text{Im} \left[ \Sigma_{\tau,\pm}(\epsilon_{\tau,\pm}(\mathbf{k}), \mathbf{k}; \omega) \right] . \]  

(22)
Figure 7. (a) Jump of the Hall drag $\Delta \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$ in the Haldane model as function of $\phi$, with $t' = 0.2$ and $\Delta = \Delta_c$ tuned to the transition line. The dashed line corresponds to formula (18), points are computed numerically by evaluating Eq. (D2) at two points close to the phase boundary, with $\Delta = \Delta_c \pm 0.001$ (filled circles). For comparison, a numerical evaluation with iterative agreement only. (b) Smooth contribution from spectator fermions, obtained numerically from (D2). Horizontal lines correspond to $\Delta \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\phi = 0^\circ, \pi^\circ)/2$.

In turn, the self-energy to second order in $H'_{\uparrow,\pm}$ can be represented by the Feynman diagram of Fig. 8, plus the diagram with the $J^x_\uparrow, J^y_\uparrow$ vertices interchanged. The necessary Feynman rules in energy-momentum space are easily derived from $H'_{\uparrow,\pm}$, and are detailed in App. F. There are also processes involving $(J^x_\uparrow)^2, (J^y_\uparrow)^2$, but they cancel in $\Delta \Gamma_\uparrow(\omega)$. Working directly in the real frequency space for convenience, $\Delta \Gamma_\uparrow(\omega)$ can then be directly written ten down as

$$\Delta \Gamma_\uparrow(\omega) = -\sum_k \text{Im} [\Sigma_+(\epsilon_1(k), k; \omega) - \Sigma_-(\epsilon_1(k), k; \omega)] =$$

$$-\sum_k \frac{E^2_k}{\omega^2} \text{Im} \left[ \left( 2iJ_{\uparrow,12}^x(k)J_{\uparrow,12}^y(k) - 2iJ_{\uparrow,21}^x(k)J_{\uparrow,21}^y(k) \right) \frac{1}{\omega + \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k) + i0^+} \right].$$

Integrating over $\omega$, we find:

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \Delta \Gamma_\uparrow(\omega) =$$

$$\frac{4\pi E^2 A_0}{(2\pi)^2} \int dk \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\delta(\omega - (\epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k)))}{\omega^2} \times \text{Im} \left[ J_{\uparrow,12}^x(k)J_{\uparrow,21}^y(k) \right] \overset{(6)}{=} -A_0 E^2 C,$$

in agreement with Eq. (21).

To summarize, we have related the majority Chern number to the differential depletion rate of filled states from the lower band when the system is subjected to a circular perturbation. We can now extend this idea to the impurity case. We consider our previous interacting majority-impurity setup, with a small number of impurities prepared in the lower band, and couple both majority and impurity particles to the circular fields. On their own, the impurities would not experience a differential depletion because of the time reversal invariance of the impurity Hamiltonian. Only due the interaction with the majority particles such differential depletion will set in, corresponding to occupation of higher momentum states. Note that, for strong impurity-majority interactions, it will rather be polaronic (dressed impurity) states which are depleted. For weak coupling, however, such band-dressing effects can be neglected (to order $O(g^2)$), and we can think in terms of bare impurities in lieu of polarons. In technical terms, our Feynman diagrams will not contain any impurity self-energy insertions.

Let us couple the impurities to the circular fields in the same way as the majority particles, Eq. (20). We consider the depletion rate of the filled impurity state with vanishing momentum $\Gamma_{\downarrow,\pm}(0, \omega) = \Gamma_{\downarrow,\pm}(\omega)$, which is of most interest when the impurity density is small. Since non-vanishing contributions to $\Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow}(\omega)$ must involve majority scattering, to order $O(g^2)$ there are two classes of relevant diagrams; representative diagrams are shown in Fig. 9.

Consider first the two diagrams 9(a), 9(b) in the top row of the Figure. These diagrams describe processes where only the majority particles are excited by the external fields. Since they do not involve an impurity current, they are not related to the drag. Two additional diagrams where the direction of the external field lines is inverted can be drawn as well.

The structural difference between Fig. 9(a) and 9(b) is the orientation of the majority lines, which maps to an inverted energy-momentum transfer on the impurity

\[ \Delta \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{g^2 n_{\downarrow}}. \]
Figure 9. Non-vanishing contributions to the impurity depletion rate $\Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(0,\omega)$. Panels (a), (b): Diagrams not related to the drag, which are particle-hole symmetric. Panels (c), (d): Diagrams related to the drag. These two diagrams differ in the orientation of the field lines and the index structure of the majority particles.

(marked red). Thus, similar to the drag diagrams of Fig. 3, the diagrams are related by particle-hole symmetry. However, the contributions of these diagrams add up rather than cancel, since they do not contain an impurity current operator, $J_{\downarrow}(q)$, which is odd in $q$. Therefore, as can be verified by a straightforward evaluation (cf. App. F, Eq. (F4)), the total contribution $\Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}$ of these diagrams obeys $\Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(\phi) = \Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(\pi - \phi)$ for the Haldane and $\Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(d_2) = \Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(-d_2)$ for the continuum model. As a result, in an experiment these processes can be projected out by subtracting $\Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(\phi) - \Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(\pi - \phi)$, which leaves out only the antisymmetric drag contribution. Another way to separate $\Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}$ from the drag is to have a different coupling constant between external field and impurities, which is feasible in the ultracold gas setup where the circular perturbation can for example be implemented by lattice shaking [27, 45]. Since $\Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}$ is independent of the coupling to the impurities, it can again be eliminated by subtracting measurements obtained for two different impurity couplings.

Let us assume either such elimination implicitly, and move on to the two diagrams of Fig. 9(c), 9(d). In essence, they correspond to the drag transconductivity diagram of Fig. 3 (top), with the central (red) impurity line cut. The two other diagrams in this class have crossed interaction lines, akin to the “crossed” diagrams of Fig. 3 (bottom). Evaluation of these four diagrams is straightforward, see App. F. Summation over the filled impurity states simply yields:

$$\sum_{p,\text{filled}} \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(p,\omega) \simeq \sum_{p,\text{filled}} \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(\omega) = A_0 n_{\uparrow} \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(\omega).$$

(25)

For the integrated differential depletion rate, one then finds

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow \pm}(\omega) = 2\pi A_0 E^2 \sigma_{\downarrow \uparrow} \ ,$$

(26)

as naively expected from Eq. (24). However, the impurity depletion rate also receives contribution from processes involving the currents $J^x_{\downarrow}, J^y_{\downarrow}$. Per the Feynman rules (cf. App. F), these diagrams come with a relative minus sign, and then yield a factor of two for the total differential rate, since $\sigma_{yx,\downarrow \uparrow} = -\sigma_{yx,\downarrow \uparrow}$ for both the continuum and the Haldane model, as one can check easily. Modulo the
antisymmetrization discussed above, we therefore have
\[
\sigma_{q\uparrow} = \frac{1}{4\pi A_0 E^2} \int_0^\infty d\omega \Delta \Gamma_\downarrow(q,\omega). \tag{27}
\]

This result can also be rephrased in terms of excitation instead of depletion rates. Since the impurities are initially prepared at the bottom of the band, one can write
\[
\int_0^\infty d\omega \Delta \Gamma_\downarrow(q,\omega) = \sum_{q>0} \int_0^\infty d\omega \Delta \Gamma_{\downarrow,\text{exc}}(q,\omega), \tag{28}
\]
meaning that the impurities are excited into states with higher momentum which are initially empty. These \(q\)-states correspond to the intermediate impurity lines in Fig. 9. Via Eq. (27) we can then define a \(q\)-resolved impurity drag as
\[
\sigma_{q\uparrow} \equiv \sum_{q>0} \sigma_{q\uparrow}(q). \tag{29}
\]
This provides an alternative view on, say, the topological jump \(\Delta \sigma_{q\uparrow}\). For the Haldane model, it can be phrased as \(\Delta \sigma_{q\uparrow} = \Delta C \int dq f_\text{jump}(q)\), where \(f_\text{jump}(q)\) is a known function, see Eqs. (18), (D4). If the excitation rates defined in Eq. (28) can be experimentally detected in \(q\)-resolved fashion (for instance with band mapping techniques [46–48]), so can the \(q\)-resolved impurity drag \(\sigma_{q\uparrow}(q)\). Measuring \(\sigma_{q\uparrow}(q)\) at two points in the phase diagram close to the topological boundary then gives direct access to \(f_\text{jump}(q)\). Taken the other way around, supposing that \(f_\text{jump}(q)\) is known for the model realized in the experiment, at each \(q\)-point an independent estimate of the change in Chern number across the phase transition \(\Delta C\) is possible.

VI. Conclusions

In this work we have studied to which extent a topologically trivial impurity can be Hall-dragged by majority excitations in a Chern insulator, looking at two different models in a controlled perturbative setting. Since the impurity Hall drag is sensitive to the dispersion of the majority particles and holes, there is no one-to-one correspondence to the Chern number; nevertheless, the change in Chern number across a topological transition is clearly reflected by a discontinuous jump in the drag transconductivity \(\sigma_{q\uparrow}\). This jump arises from the integrated singular Berry curvature of the majority fermions. The transconductivity can be extracted either from transport experiments, or from a measurement of impurity excitation rates upon driving the system by a circularly polarized field.

A worthwhile goal for future study is the extension to the strong-coupling limit, in particular the analysis of impurity-majority bound state formation. These bound states may have rather rich physics: They could inherit the topological characteristics of the majorities [14, 15], have opposite chirality as found for Haldane model in the two-body limit [49], or even be topological when the single-particle state are trivial [50–52].

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A. Basis rotation

To evaluate the conductivities, it is convenient to work in the diagonal band basis, introducing a diagonalizing unitary matrix \(U_\uparrow(k)\)
\[
U_\uparrow(k) H_\uparrow(k) U_\uparrow(k) = \text{diag}(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k), \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k)) \tag{A1}
\]
\[
U_\uparrow(k) = \begin{pmatrix} U_{\uparrow,A1}(k) & U_{\uparrow,A2}(k) \\ U_{\uparrow,B1}(k) & U_{\uparrow,B2}(k) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{A2}
\]
\[
U_{\uparrow,A1}(k) = \frac{h_3(k) - h(k)}{\sqrt{2h(k)(h(k) - h_3(k))}} 
\]
\[
U_{\uparrow,A2}(k) = \frac{h_3(k) + h(k)}{\sqrt{2h(k)(h(k) + h_3(k))}} 
\]
\[
U_{\uparrow,B1}(k) = \frac{h_1(k) + ih_2(k)}{\sqrt{2h(k)(h(k) - h_3(k))}} 
\]
\[
U_{\uparrow,B2}(k) = \frac{h_1(k) - ih_2(k)}{\sqrt{2h(k)(h(k) + h_3(k))}} ,
\]
where \(A, B\) refer to the sublattice- and 1, 2 to the diagonal band basis. The same expressions apply for the Haldane model as well.

In the band basis, the second-quantized current operator is given by
\[
\hat{j}^{x/y}_\uparrow = \sum_k c_{\uparrow,\alpha}(k) \hat{j}^{x/y}_{\uparrow,\beta}(k) c_{\uparrow,\beta}(k), \tag{A3}
\]
with matrix elements

\[ J^r_\uparrow(k) = U^\dagger_\uparrow(k) J^{r,0}_\uparrow(k) U_\uparrow(k) \]
\[ J^{r,0}_\uparrow(k) = \frac{\partial H_\uparrow(k)}{\partial k_x} = \sigma_x + 2k_x(d_1 \sigma_z + d_2 1), \]

and likewise for \( J^r_\downarrow(k) \).

B. Evaluation of the drag diagrams in the continuum model

Let us start by considering the first “direct” diagram in Fig. 3 with majority band indices \( \alpha = 1, \beta = 2 \). Its contribution to the Matsubara correlator \( -\langle \hat{J}^r_\uparrow \hat{J}^y_\uparrow \rangle (i\Omega) \), to be denoted by \( \mathcal{P}_1(i\Omega) \), reads

\[ \mathcal{P}_1(i\Omega) = -g^2 n_1 A_0 \int_{k,q} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} J^y_\uparrow(k) W^{22}(k-q, q) W^{21}(k,-q) J^r_\uparrow(q) \]
\[ \left[ \frac{1}{i(\Omega + \omega_q)} - \frac{\epsilon_\downarrow(q)}{\epsilon_\uparrow(q)} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon_\uparrow(k) - \epsilon_\downarrow(k-q) - \epsilon_\downarrow(q)} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{i\Omega + \epsilon_\uparrow(k) - \epsilon_\downarrow(k)} \right]. \]

where \( 0^+ \) in the third impurity propagator ensures the correspondence to filled states. Evaluating the frequency integrals we find:

\[ \mathcal{P}_1(i\Omega) = -g^2 n_1 A_0 \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} J^y_\uparrow \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon_\downarrow(k) - \epsilon_\downarrow(k-q) - \epsilon_\downarrow(q)} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon_\uparrow(k) - \epsilon_\downarrow(k-q) - \epsilon_\downarrow(q)} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{i\Omega + \epsilon_\uparrow(k) - \epsilon_\downarrow(k)} \right]. \]

Upon analytical continuation, \( i\Omega \to \omega \), only the \( \mathcal{O}(\omega) \) part contributes to the static drag as in the non-interacting case. With Eq. (9), we get:

\[ \sigma^r_{\uparrow,\downarrow} = ig^2 n_1 \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^2} J^y_\uparrow W^{22}(k-q, q) W^{21}(k,-q) \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_\uparrow(k) - \epsilon_\downarrow(k)} \right) d(k,q), \]

where \( d(k,q) \) as defined in Eq. (11). The remaining three contributions to \( \sigma^r_{\uparrow,\downarrow} \) have the following structure. The direct diagram with majority indices \( \alpha = 2, \beta = 1 \) leads to Eq. (B3) with \( A \equiv J^y_{\uparrow,12}(k) W^{22}(k-q, q) W^{21}(k,-q) \) replaced by \( B \equiv -J^y_{\uparrow,11}(k) W^{12}(k-q, q) W^{22}(k,-q) \); using elementary properties of unitary matrices, one can show that \( B = -\overline{A} \) (with \( \overline{A} \) the complex conjugate of \( A \)), thus yielding the part \( \propto d(k,q) \) of Eq. (10) in the main text. The remaining “crossed” diagram of Fig. 3 likewise generates the part \( \propto c(k,q) \).

C. Jump of the Hall drag in the continuum model

To derive the jump from Eq. (10), we need to project on the part of the \( k \)-integrand corresponding to the Dirac fermions, which becomes singular at \( k = 0 \) as \( m \to 0 \). This can be done by setting \( k = 0 \) in all regular parts. The last factor in the integrand becomes

\[ d(k,q) + c(k,q) \to \left( \frac{1}{(\epsilon_\downarrow(q) + \epsilon_\downarrow(q))^2} - \frac{1}{(\epsilon_\downarrow(q) - \epsilon_\downarrow(q))^2} \right). \]

In the part involving interaction matrices \( W \), it is useful to rewrite

\[ W^{22}(k-q, q) W^{21}(k,-q) \]
\[ U^\dagger_{\uparrow,2n}(k) U_{\uparrow,n2}(k-q) U^\dagger_{\uparrow,2m}(k-q) U_{\uparrow,m1}(k) \to \]
\[ U^\dagger_{\uparrow,2n}(k) U_{\uparrow,n2}(-q) U^\dagger_{\uparrow,2m}(-q) U_{\uparrow,m1}(k) = \]
\[ (U^\dagger_{\uparrow}(k) V(q) U_{\uparrow}(k))_{21}, \]
\[ V(q)_{nm} \equiv U_{\uparrow,n2}(-q) U^\dagger_{\uparrow,2m}(-q), \]

where \( n, m \) are sublattice indices, and in the second step we have only kept the singular \( k \) dependence. \( V(q) \) is a hermitian matrix, and so can be expanded as a linear combination of the unit and Pauli matrices with real coefficients. Then it is easy to show that only the contribution \( \propto \sigma_x \) survives the integration in Eq. (10), while the rest either does not contribute to the required imaginary part or is antisymmetric in \( k_x \). Therefore, we can
write
\[
\left( U_+^+(k) V(q) U_-^+(k) \right)_{21} \doteq \text{(C3)}
\]
\[
\left( U_+^+(k) \sigma_x U_-^+(k) \right)_{21} \Re \left[ V(q)_{12} \right] = \text{Re} \left[ V(q)_{12} \right]
\]
\[
\left( U_+^+(k) J_{\text{Dirac}}^z U_-^+(k) \right)_{21} \frac{-q_x}{2q \sqrt{1 + (d_1q)^2}}.
\]

where in the last step we identified the current operator of the Dirac fermions in the sublattice basis, \( \sigma_x = J_{\text{Dirac}}^z \) (cf. Eq. (1)), and wrote out \( V(q) \) by inserting matrix elements of \( U_+^+(k) \) from App. A. Inserting Eqs. (C1), (C3) into Eq. (10), we can write the sign-changing Dirac part of the Hall drag as shown in Eq. (12) of the main text.

\[ H_{\text{int}} = \frac{g}{A_0} \sum_{\ell=A,B} \sum_{k,p,q} c_{\ell,k}^\dagger (k + q) c_{\ell,k} (p - q) c_{\ell,p} (p) = \frac{g}{A_0} \sum_{k,p,q} c_{\ell,k}^\dagger (k + q) c_{\ell,k} (p - q) c_{\ell,p} (p) \rho_{\alpha\beta}(k, p, q), \]

\[
W_{\alpha\beta}(k, p, q) = \sum_{\ell=A,B} U_{\ell,k}^+ (k + q) U_{\ell,p}^+ (p - q) U_{\ell,q} (p).
\]

In Eq. (D1), we have restricted the impurity to the lower band, which is legitimate for weak interactions.

With this interaction, the derivation of the Hall drag proceeds analogously to the continuum model, App. B, and results in

\[
\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} = -2g^2 n_\uparrow \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^2} \text{Im} \left\{ \left( J_{\uparrow,12}^r (k) W^{22}(k - q, q) W^{11}(k, 0, -q) \right) J_{\downarrow,11}^r (q) \frac{1}{(q_1(k) - q_2(k))^2} (d(k, q) + c(k, q)) \right\},
\]

with \( J_{\uparrow,11}^r (q) \) the impurity current operator in the band basis (taking into account lower band contributions only), and \( c, d \) as in Eq. (11), only replacing the single band energy of the continuum model \( \epsilon_\uparrow(q) \) by the lower band energy \( \epsilon_{\downarrow,1}(q) \).

From Eq. (D2) one can readily derive the additional symmetry \( \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\phi) = -\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\pi - \phi) \) mentioned in the main text. In the majority Hamiltonian \( H_+(k) \), \( h_0(k) = -h_0(\pi - k) \), while the other coefficients are invariant under such reflection. As a result, one finds \( c(k, q, \phi) = -d(k, q; \pi - \phi) \). All other elements of Eq. (D2) do not change, which shows the property as claimed.

To evaluate the jump of the Hall drag \( \Delta \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} \) in the Haldane model in analogy with Sec. III, let us focus on the transition line, \( \Delta = 2\sqrt{3} \sin(\phi) \), where the gap closes at the Dirac point \( k_A = (0, 4\pi/3\sqrt{3}) \). Since \( \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} \) is symmetric in \( \Delta \), for a given value of \( \phi \) the value of \( \Delta \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} \) is \( -\Delta \), is the same. To extract the singular Dirac contribution at \( k_A \), we let \( k \to k_A \) in all regular parts of Eq. (D2). In this limit,

\[
J_{\uparrow}^r (k) \to U_{\uparrow}^r(k) \frac{3g^2 n_\uparrow}{2} \sigma_\uparrow U_\uparrow(k) \equiv J_{\uparrow\text{Dirac}}^r (k).
\]

This current can be extracted from the interaction part of Eq. (D2) as in Sec. III, which allows to write the Dirac part of the Hall drag as

\[
\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow, \text{Dirac}} = \frac{g^2 n_\uparrow}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{dk}{\pi} \int \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^2} \text{Im} \left\{ J_{\uparrow\text{Dirac},12}^r (k) J_{\uparrow\text{Dirac},21}^r (k) \right\} \frac{1}{(q_1(k) - q_2(k))^2} \cdot f(t', \phi),
\]

\[
f(t', \phi) = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \int dq J_{\uparrow}^r (q) \left( \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k_A) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k_A - q) - \epsilon_{\downarrow,1}(q))^2} - \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k_A - q) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k_A) - \epsilon_{\downarrow,1}(q))^2} \right).
\]

Again, the \( k \) and \( q \) integrals have factorized, and the \( k \) integral gives \( \pm 1/2 \). This yields a value of the jump as in Eq. (18) of the main text. The remaining \( q \) integral has to be evaluated numerically.

E. Antisymmetry of the Hall drag as function of \( g \) in the Haldane model with \( \phi = \pm \pi/2, \Delta = 0 \).

Here we show that the Hall drag \( \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} \) in the Haldane model, with parameters \( \phi = \pm \pi/2, \Delta = 0 \), is antisym-
Due to particle-hole symmetry for $\phi = \pm \pi/2$, the form of the non-interacting majority Hamiltonian is invariant under this transformation (up to a constant):

\[
b_{\alpha}(k) \equiv c_{\uparrow,\alpha}^{\dagger}(-k), \quad b_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(k) \equiv c_{\uparrow,\alpha}(-k), \quad \tilde{1} \equiv 2, \quad \tilde{2} \equiv 1. \tag{E1}
\]

where $\epsilon_{\alpha}(k) = -\epsilon_{\tilde{\alpha}}(-k)$ was used. However, the interaction term acquires a minus sign under the variable transformation (E1):

\[
H_{\text{int}} = \frac{g}{A_0} \sum_{k,p,q} \left[ \frac{c_{\uparrow,\alpha}^{\dagger}(k + q)c_{\uparrow,\beta}(k)c_{\downarrow,1}^{\dagger}(p - q)c_{\downarrow,1}(p)}{W_{\alpha\beta}(k, p, q)} \right] + \text{const.}
\]

The unimportant additional terms are constant in the majority sector. In the last step, we used $W_{\tilde{\beta}\tilde{\alpha}}(-k - q, p, q) = W_{\alpha\beta}(k, p, q)$. This can be easily shown by inserting the matrix elements from Eqs. (A2), (16), but requires $h_{\tilde{\beta}}(k) = -h_{\tilde{\alpha}}(-k)$, which is only fulfilled for $\Delta = 0$ (and is violated in the continuum model).

Last, the required majority current operator transforms as

\[
J_{\uparrow,\alpha\beta}^{\mu}(k) = \sum_{k} c_{\uparrow,\alpha}^{\dagger}(k) U_{\uparrow,\alpha\gamma}^{\mu}(k) \left[ J_{y,\alpha\beta}^{\mu}(k) \right]_{nm} U_{\uparrow,\gamma\beta}^{\mu}(k)c_{\uparrow,\beta}(k), \quad \left[ J_{y,\alpha\beta}^{\mu}(k) \right]_{nm} = \left[ \partial_{k_{\gamma}} H_{\uparrow}(k) \right]_{nm}, \tag{E4}
\]

\[
J_{\uparrow,\alpha\beta}^{\mu}(k) = -\sum_{k} b_{\beta}^{\dagger}(-k) U_{\uparrow,\alpha\gamma}^{\mu}(k) \left[ J_{y,\alpha\beta}^{\mu}(k) \right]_{nm} U_{\uparrow,\gamma\beta}^{\mu}(k)b_{\beta}(-k) + \text{const.}
\]

Again, inserting matrix elements one can show that

\[
U_{\uparrow,\alpha\beta}^{\mu}(k) \left[ J_{y,\alpha\beta}^{\mu}(k) \right]_{nm} U_{\uparrow,\gamma\beta}^{\mu}(k) = U_{\uparrow,\alpha\gamma}(k) \left[ J_{y,\alpha\beta}^{\mu}(k) \right]_{mn} U_{\uparrow,\gamma\beta}(k),
\]

and the majority current changes sign. In conclusion, for $\phi = \pm \pi/2, \Delta = 0$ this proves the antisymmetry

\[
\sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow}(g) = -\sigma_{\downarrow\uparrow}(-g), \tag{E5}
\]

as claimed in the main text.

\section{F. $\sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow}$ from circular dichroism: Technical details}

The Feynman rules for the perturbation $H_{\uparrow,\pm}(t)$ of Eq. (20) in the energy-momentum domain are easily derived from Wick’s theorem. They read:

- Each current vertex comes with a factor $E/\omega$.
- If an incoming (outgoing) electrical field line couples to a $J_{y,\pm}$-vertex, there is an extra factor $-i$ (i) for both $\Gamma_{\pm}(\omega)$.
If an electrical field line (incoming or outgoing) couples to a $J_y$-vertex, this gives a factor $\mp 1$ for $\Gamma_{\pm}(\omega)$. Application of these rules directly leads to Eq. (23) in the non-interacting case. For the integrated impurity depletion rate, let us consider for instance the contribution of the two diagrams of Fig. 9(c), 9(d), to be denoted $D$. It reads

$$D = -n_1 g^2 E^2 A_0 \int_0^\infty d\omega \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^2} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \int \frac{d\omega_k}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\omega_q}{2\pi} \left( -2iJ_{\uparrow,21}(k)J_{\uparrow}^*(q)W^2 + 2iJ_{\uparrow,12}(k)J_{\uparrow}^*(q)W^2 \right) \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right\}$$

Here $W$ is shorthand for the proper interaction matrices (cf. Eq. (10)). The third propagator is advanced (it corresponds to a majority hole) and has a $-i0^+$ term in the denominator, the other propagators are retarded. Performing the $\omega_k, \omega_q$ integrals yields

$$D = -n_1 g^2 E^2 A_0 \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{>0} d\omega \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \left( -2iJ_{\uparrow,21}(k)J_{\uparrow}^*(q)W^2 + 2iJ_{\uparrow,12}(k)J_{\uparrow}^*(q)W^2 \right) \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right\}$$

The expression involving the currents is real, and the imaginary part comes from the propagators only. They yield a sum of two delta-functions, since the propagator in the middle is real. Computing the $\omega$-integral, after some trivial algebra one then finds

$$D = 2\pi E^2 A_0 \cdot -2g^2 n_1 \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^2} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ J_{\uparrow,12}(k)J_{\uparrow}^*(q)W^2 \right\} \frac{2(\epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k) - \epsilon_{\downarrow}(q) - i0^+)(\epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k) - \epsilon_{\downarrow}(q) - i0^+)}{\omega^2(\epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k) - \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k))}$$

which is precisely $2\pi E^2 A_0$ times the $\sigma_{\downarrow\uparrow}$-contribution of the “direct” diagram, cf. (10). Evaluation of the other non-vanishing drag diagrams (crossed diagram and diagrams with $J_{\uparrow,12}^y$ interchanged) proceeds in the same manner.

Since diagrams where both external field lines couple to the impurity vanish when forming $\Delta\Gamma_{\downarrow}$, the only remaining non-zero diagrams are those of Fig. 9(a), 9(b) plus those with inverted directions of the external field lines. After some straightforward simplifications, one finds a total contribution

$$D = \frac{n_1 g^2}{(2\pi)^4} 4E^2 A_0 \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega^2} \int dk dq \operatorname{Im} \left[ J_{\uparrow,21}(k - q)J_{\uparrow,12}(k)W_{11}(k, -q, -q)W_{22}(k - q, 0, q) \right]$$

$$\operatorname{Im} \left\{ (-1)^{\omega + \epsilon_{\uparrow,2}(k - q) - \epsilon_{\downarrow}(q) - i0^+} \left( -\omega + \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k - q) - i0^+ \right)^{-1} \left( -\omega + \epsilon_{\uparrow,1}(k - q) - \epsilon_{\downarrow}(q) - i0^+ \right)^{-1} \right\}$$

It is readily seen that this expression is invariant under $\epsilon_{\uparrow,1} \leftrightarrow -\epsilon_{\uparrow,2}$, which implies the particle-hole symmetry claimed in the main text. We have also checked this symmetry explicitly for the Haldane model by numerically implementing Eq. (F4).

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