Lecture 2

Hopping magnetoresistance

Topics:

1. Asymptotic behavior of the impurity wave function in magnetic field
2. Anomalous tunneling in magnetic field
3. Interference effects in hopping magnetoresistance
4. Spin-orbit effects in hopping magnetoresistance
5. Interplay of interference and orbital effects in hopping magnetoresistance
Schrödinger equation in cylindrical coordinates

\[- \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \frac{\partial F}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 \rho^2}{8m\lambda^4} F - \frac{e^2}{\kappa r} F = EF\]

\[\lambda = \left( \frac{ch}{eH} \right)^{1/2}\]

magnetic length

cyclotron barrier

weak field

\[\lambda \gg a\]

orbital shrinkage

NNH regime

VRH regime

\[F(r) \propto \exp \left( - \frac{r}{a} + \frac{\rho^2 ra}{24\lambda^4} \right)\]

\[t \equiv B_c / 24\pi = 0.036\]

\[\frac{\rho_3(H)}{\rho_3(0)} = \exp \left( t \frac{ae^2}{Nc^2\hbar^2} H^2 \right)\]

\[r \sim \rho \sim a \left( \frac{T_0}{T} \right)^{1/4}\]

\[\ln \frac{\rho(H)}{\rho(0)} = t_1 \frac{e^2a^4H^2}{c^2\hbar^2} \left( \frac{T_0}{T} \right)^{3/4}\]

Fig. 7.5. Magnetoresistance of a lightly doped n-GaAs sample at \(T = 2.6\) K [7.23]

\[t_1 = 5/2016\]
\[ F(r) \propto \exp \left[ -\left( \frac{\rho^2}{4\lambda^2} + \frac{|z|}{a_H} \right) \right] \]

\[ a_H = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2mE_H}} \]

**strong field**

cigar-shaped wave function

\[ \psi_{np_z}(0, z) = \frac{1}{\lambda \sqrt{2\pi}} L_n \left( \frac{\rho^2}{2\lambda^2} e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{4\lambda^2}} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p_z z} \right) \]

**VRH regime**

\[ \frac{2|z_{ij}|}{a_H} + \frac{x_{ij}^2 + y_{ij}^2}{2\lambda^2} + \frac{\epsilon_{ij}}{kT} \leq \xi \]

\[ n(\xi) = 2g(\mu)\epsilon_{\max} x_{\max} y_{\max} z_{\max} = 2g(\mu)\lambda^2 a_H kT \xi^3 \]

\[ \rho(H) = \rho_0 \exp \left\{ \left[ T_0(H)/T \right]^{1/3} \right\} \]

\[ T_0(H) = \frac{2.1eH}{g(\mu)c\hbar a_H k} \]

**Fig. 7.1.** Solid lines represent the inverse temperature dependences of the longitudinal resistivity \( \rho_{||} \) in an \( n \)-InSb sample with \( N_D \approx 6 \times 10^{14} \) cm\(^{-3} \) (17.5), sample A9 for different values of the magnetic field. The transverse resistivity \( \rho_{\perp} \) for \( H = 10 \) kOe is shown by a dashed line.

\[ G_E(r, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_z}{2\pi} \frac{\psi_{np_z}(\rho, z) \psi_{np_z}(0, 0)}{\hbar \Omega (n + \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{p_z^2}{2m} - E} \]

\[ F(\vec{r}) \propto G_E(r, 0) \propto e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{4\lambda^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_z \int_{0}^{\infty} dt e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p_z z - \frac{p_z^2}{2m} t - E_n t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\hbar \Omega t} L_n \left( \frac{\rho^2}{2\lambda^2} \right) \]
Variable-range hopping conductivity in a strong magnetic field

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Anomalous tunneling: Tunnel decay of the donor wave function across the magnetic field slows down due to the under-barrier scattering

\[ \mathcal{H} = \sum_i \epsilon_i a_i^+ a_i + \sum_{i \neq j} V_{ij} a_i^+ a_j \]

\[ V_{ij} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{r_{ij}^2}{4\lambda^2}\right) \]

\[ \psi_1(r) \approx \psi_1^0(r) + \sum_i \frac{V_{1i} \psi_i^0(r)}{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_i} + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{V_{1i} V_{ij} \psi_j^0(r)}{(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_i)(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_j)} + \ldots \]

\[ \propto \exp\left[-\frac{\bar{r}_i^2 + (\bar{r} - \bar{r}_i)^2}{4\lambda^2}\right] \gg \exp\left[-\frac{\bar{r}^2}{4\lambda^2}\right] \]

and the most probable optimum tunneling path to the point \( \mathbf{r} \) in the plane of the film will consist of \( n \approx r/R \) “steps,” each with a length of order \( R \) (Fig. 2). For each step we have \( V_{ij} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{R^2}{4\lambda^2}\right) \) and thus

\[ \psi_1 \propto \exp\left(-\frac{nR^2}{4\lambda^2}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{r}{b}\right) \]

where \( b = s\lambda^2 R^{-1} \), and \( s \) is a numerical factor. In the case \( r \gg R \) we obviously have \( \psi_1(r) \gg \psi_1^0(r) \).
Tunnel transparency of disordered systems in a magnetic field

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It is shown that multiple nonresonant scattering in a magnetic field alters substantially the character of the decay (the argument of the exponential) of the wave function of a tunneling electron. For example, the wave function in a strong magnetic field is proportional to $\exp(-x^2/2\lambda^2)$ without allowance for scattering, but when scattering is taken into account it takes the form $\exp(-|x|/b)$, where $x$ is the coordinate in the direction perpendicular to the magnetic field, $\lambda$ is the magnetic length, $b = \lambda/|\ln B|$, and $B$ is a parameter that describes the scattering. The mean square modulus of the Green's function with negative energy in a magnetic field is calculated for scattering by a random Gaussian potential. It is shown that in semiconductor solid solutions this quantity can be used to describe the tunnel transparency of films in a magnetic field parallel to the surface, as well as the magnetoresistance of bulk samples in the region of hopping conduction.

\[ \psi(x) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{x}{a} - \frac{x^3a}{6\lambda^4}\right), \quad x \ll \frac{\lambda^2}{a} , \quad (1a) \]

\[ \psi(x) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\lambda^2}\right), \quad x \gg \frac{\lambda^2}{a} , \quad (1b) \]
\[ G_z(r, r') = G_z^0(r, r') + \int dr_1 G_z^0(r, r_1) V(r_1) G_z^0(r_1, r') + \int dr_1 dr_2 G_z^0(r, r_1) V(r_1) G_z^0(r_1, r_2) V(r_2) G_z^0(r_2, r'), + \ldots, \]

\[ G_z^0(r, r') = \left( \frac{m}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right) \frac{1}{R} \exp \left\{ -\frac{R^2 a^2}{24\lambda^4} \sin^2 \theta \right\} e^{-i\Phi(r, r')} \]

at \( \lambda \gg a, R^2 \sin^2 \theta \ll \lambda^4/a^2, \) and

\[ G_z^0(r, r') = \left( \frac{m}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right) \frac{a}{\lambda^2} \exp \left( -\frac{R\cos \theta}{a} - \frac{R^2 \sin^2 \theta}{4\lambda^2} \right) e^{-i\Phi(r, r')} \]

at \( \lambda \ll a. \)

returns of tunneling electron are exponentially “costly”

in calculating \( \langle |G_z(r, r')|^2 \rangle \) only this sequence should be retained
in calculating \( \langle | G_n(r, r') |^2 \rangle \) only this sequence should be retained

\[ \langle | G_n |^2 \rangle = \gamma^n \int | G^0(0, r_1) |^2 | G^0(r_1, r_2) |^2 \ldots | G^0(r_n, r_{n+1}) |^2 d\mathbf{r}_1 \ldots d\mathbf{r}_n. \]

relevant domains of integration do not overlap

\[ B^n \exp \left[ -(n+1) \left( \frac{x}{n+1} \right)^2 \frac{1}{4\lambda^2} \right] \]

\[ n = n_{\text{max}} = \frac{x}{2\lambda} | \ln B |^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1. \]

\[ G_\epsilon(0, x) \sim \exp \left( -\frac{x}{\lambda} | \ln B |^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \]

localization length \[ a = \frac{\lambda}{(\ln B)^{1/2}} \]
Localization and hopping conductivity in the quantum Hall regime

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The long-range asymptotic behavior of the two-particle Green function of a two-dimensional electronic system in the presence of a strong magnetic field and a Gaussian white-noise potential is studied. Away from the center of the Landau level we can show that weak disorder leads to an exponential tail of the Green function, i.e., $G \sim e^{-\alpha |r-r'|}$. The rate of the exponential decay is found when $\alpha$ is large to be $\alpha \approx (|\ln W|/2)^{1/2}$, where $W$ parametrizes the strength of the disorder. At shorter distances the Gaussian behavior of the unperturbed system predominates, and so there is a crossover between the two. The hopping conductivity in the quantum Hall devices is also discussed, and it is shown that the temperature dependence of the exponent in the conductance is not a simple power law, although it approaches the usual Mott $T^{-1/3}$ law as $T \to 0$.

\[ |G|^2 = |G_0|^2 + G_0^* G_0 V G + G_0^* V G^* G_0 + G_0^* V G^* G_0 V G \]

\[ \langle \delta(V(r)) \delta V(r') \rangle = W \delta(r-r') \]

\[ \Delta \langle |G|^2 \rangle = W^2 \int dr_1 \int dr_2 G_0^*(r, r_1) G_0^*(r_1, r_2) G_0(r, r_2) G_0(r_2, r_1) \langle G^*(r_2, r') G(r_1, r') \rangle \]

Exponential decay of the wave functions away from the center of the Landau level
Anomalous tunneling in a strong magnetic field and a smooth potential

\[ V(x) = V_0 \cos(qx + \theta) \]

\[ V_0 \ll |E| \ll \hbar \omega, \]

\[ R_c = \frac{2\pi}{q} \gg l \]

magnetic length much smaller than the correlation energy

\[ \psi_{x_0}(x,y) = \frac{e^{-ix_0 y/l^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi l^2}} \frac{e^{-(x-x_0)^2/2l^2}}{\sqrt{\pi^{1/2}l}} \]

\[ \epsilon_0(x_0) = \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \Delta \epsilon(x_0) \]

\[ \Delta \epsilon(x_0) = e^{-q^2l^2/4} V_0 \cos(qx_0 + \theta) \]

\[ G(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi l^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx_0}{\sqrt{\pi l^2}} \frac{e^{-x_0^2/2l^2 - i x_0 y/l^2}}{E - V_0 \cos(qx_0 + \theta)} \]

poles of denominator

\[ qx_p = 2\pi p - \theta \pm i\alpha \]

\[ \alpha = \text{arcosh}(|E|/V_0) \approx \ln(2|E|/V_0) \]
\[ G(y) \propto \exp \left( -\frac{y^2}{4l^2} \right), \quad y < \frac{2\alpha}{q} = \frac{\alpha R_c}{\pi} \]
\[ G(y) \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{y \alpha}{ql^2} + \frac{\alpha^2}{q^2 l^2} - \frac{\theta^2}{l^2 q^2} + i \theta \left( \frac{y}{ql^2} - \frac{2\alpha}{q^2 l^2} \right) \right] \quad y > \frac{2\alpha}{q} = \frac{\alpha R_c}{\pi} \]

\[ \langle G(y) \rangle_\theta \equiv \frac{d \theta}{2\pi} G(y) \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{y^2}{4l^2} \right] \]
\[ \langle |G(y)|^2 \rangle_\theta \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{2y \alpha}{ql^2} + \frac{2\alpha^2}{q^2 l^2} \right] \]

**decay length**

\[ \alpha = \frac{ql^2}{\alpha} = \frac{2\pi l^2}{R_c \ln(2|E|/V_0)} \]

\[ y_c = 2\alpha/q = R_c \frac{\ln(2|E|/V_0)}{\pi} \]

**FIG. 2.** The plot of \( \ln \langle |G(y)|^2 \rangle_\theta \) vs \( y \) (solid curve). The Gaussian decay is changed to the exponential decay at \( y = y_c \).

**FIG. 3.** A schematic representation of the electron trajectory with imaginary “time” (solid curve). The electron energy is much larger than the amplitude of periodic potential (dashed curves). The periodic scattering by potential results in a snake-like shape of the imaginary-time electron trajectory.
Interference of real directed amplitudes + log-averaging in the hopping regime cause negative magnetoresistance

Aaronov-Bohm oscillations with normal and superconducting flux quanta in hopping conductivity

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no coherent backscattering in the hopping regime

Scatterers with energies outside the Mott energy strip

\[
\left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^{1/2} \left[ r^2 + \left( \sqrt{ra} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} - r \approx \frac{a}{2}
\]

Contributions of different tunneling paths to the net amplitude have random signs

Orbital Magnetoconductance in the Variable-Range–Hopping Regime

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Tunnel hopping in disordered systems

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\[ g(\varepsilon_i) = (1-x)\delta(\varepsilon_i - W) + x\delta(\varepsilon_i - W/A) \]

\[ I = V \sum_{(\Gamma)} \prod_{(i\Gamma)} \left( \frac{V}{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_i} \right) \bigg|_{\varepsilon = 0} = V \left( \frac{|V|}{W} \right)^{k_n-1} J \]

\[ J = \sum_{(\Gamma)} \prod_{(i\Gamma)} \alpha_i \]

\[ V_{ij} = V \exp(i\varphi_{ij}) \]

\[ \varphi_{ij} = \left( e/2\hbar c \right) H[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \]

All multiple-scattering paths have the same length.

Random energy denominators take two values.

Aharonov-Bohm phases.

FIG. 1. Lattice used in the simulation of the quantity J. Sites 1 and 2 are the source and observation point. The arrow shows one of the oriented paths between these sites. The square at the center of the lattice is used in Section 3 to simulate an aperture in which a solenoid is placed. The dashed line is a “cut” on which the phase changes discontinuously.

FIG. 7. The quantity \( L_T + \langle \ln|J(H)/J(0)|^2 \rangle \) as a function of the dimensionless magnetic field \( H/\bar{H} \) for the three-dimensional case and various values of \( A \) and \( x \): 1—\( x = 0 \); 2—\( A = 8 \), \( x = 0.001 \); 3—\( A = 2 \), \( x = 0.5 \); 4—\( A = 20 \), \( x = 0.01 \); 5—\( A = -8 \), \( x = 0.01 \); 6—\( A = -1 \), \( x = 0.1 \); 7—\( A = 20 \), \( x = 0.1 \); 8—\( A = -8 \), \( x = 0.02 \); 9—\( A = 8 \), \( x = 0.1 \); 10—\( A = -1 \), \( x = 0.5 \). Shown separately in the inset is the region of very weak fields, \( H < 0.01\bar{H} \).

negative magnetoresistance
Contributions to hopping conductivity from disorder configurations

where virtual amplitudes almost cancel each other

are most sensitive to a weak magnetic field

\[ |A_1 + A_2| << |A_1|,|A_2| \]

Aharonov-Bohm flux

\[ \frac{\sigma(B) - \sigma(0)}{\sigma(0)} = \ln \left[ \frac{A_1^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos \varphi + A_2^2}{A_1^2 + 2A_1A_2 + A_2^2} \right] \approx \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{|A_1A_2| \varphi^2}{(A_1 + A_2)^2} \right] \]

“Phase volume” of configurations sensitive to magnetic field \( B \)

is proportional to \( B \) \( \rightarrow \) linear NMR
Single-scattering-path approach to the negative magnetoresistance in the variable-range-hopping regime for two-dimensional electron systems

\[ \psi_\mu = 2\pi \frac{(B \cdot S_\mu)}{\phi_0} \]

Single-scattering paths

\[ \frac{\mathcal{R}(B) - \mathcal{R}(0)}{\mathcal{R}(0)} = -K(A)\frac{B}{B_0} \]

Linear NMR at small fields

slope is \( \propto T^{-1} \)

With orbital effect taken into account

Linear NMR is due to the paths for which direct and scattered amplitudes cancel each other

\[ G(\varphi) = \pi g \int d^2r \frac{V_{1,r} V_{2,r}}{V_{1,2}} |\sin[\psi(\mathbf{r}) - \varphi]| \]

\[ \vec{V}_{\mu,\nu} = \nu_{\mu,\nu} \exp \left( -\frac{r_{\mu,\nu}^3 a}{24\lambda^4} \right) \]

\[ (8 \ln \mathcal{R})_{\text{orb}} = \frac{r_{1,2}^3 a}{12\lambda^4} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{B^2}{B_0^2} \]
VRH

\[ R(H = 0) \text{ increases} \]

\[ \tau \text{ increases} \rightarrow \text{NMR increases} \]

FIG. 5. Transverse magnetoresistance of a channel of sample H6 with 
\[ N_d = 1.8 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3} \] at \( T = 4.2 \text{ K} \) recorded for different values of \( V_g \) and 
\[ R \sigma (H = 0): 1) 2.24 \text{ V}, 160 \text{ k}\Omega; 2) 2.38 \text{ V}, 270 \text{ k}\Omega; 3) 2.57 \text{ V}, 1.7 \text{ M}\Omega; 4) \]
\[ 2.59 \text{ V}, 2.7 \text{ M}\Omega; 5) 2.70 \text{ V}, 28 \text{ M}\Omega. \]

FIG. 3. a) Temperature dependences of the channel conductance (sample H1, \( N_d = 1.0 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3} \)) obtained for different values of the gate voltage — \( V_g \): (1) 0; (2) 1; (3) 1.95; (4) 2.04; (5) 2.17; (6) 2.27; (7) 2.34; (8) 2.395. b) Curves 3–5 replotted using the coordinates \( \log G \) and \( T^{-1/3} \).

FIG. 6. Channel magnetoresistance (of sample H6) obtained for three orientations of the magnetic field: the continuous curves correspond to \( H \perp \); the black dots (●) correspond to \( H \parallel \), and the open circles (○) correspond to \( H \perp \). The curves were obtained for different values of \( V_g \) and \( R \sigma \)
\[ (H = 0): a) 2.24 \text{ V}, 160 \text{ k}\Omega; b) 2.38 \text{ V}, 270 \text{ k}\Omega; c) 2.61 \text{ V}, 7.0 \text{ M}\Omega \text{ (the curves are shifted along the y axis)}. \]
Magnetococonductance in the variable-range-hopping regime due to a quantum-interference mechanism

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Results of systematic magnetococonductance measurements on highly disordered $\text{In}_2\text{O}_{3-x}$ films are described. Measurements were performed as a function of magnetic field, electric field, temperature, system dimensionality, and amount of static disorder. It is shown that in the hopping regime, the low-field magnetococonductance is always positive, and anisotropic in sufficiently thin films. The latter feature is suggestive of a nonlocal (orbital) mechanism. We demonstrate that the spatial range of phase coherence, involved in the phenomenon, scales with the hopping length. This length may be controlled by either the temperature or the electric field. It is further shown that several aspects of the experimental results support the basic ideas of a newly proposed quantum-interference mechanism. An intuitive physical description of the reason for the positive magnetococonductance is discussed based on the percolation model for the hopping transport.

FIG. 2. MR for three SL films (with indicated sheet-resistances), measured at 4.2 K as a function of the angle between the field direction and the sample plane ($d=100$ Å).

FIG. 3. MR of two 250-Å-thick films as function of the angle between a 2.4-kOe field direction ans samples plane: solid circles, sample with $\xi=35$ Å; open circles, sample with $\xi=85$ Å. (Note that anisotropy is stronger at the lower temperature.)

FIG. 5. Resistance as a function of temperature for several 100-Å-thick samples. The curves are labeled by the respective $\xi$ values derived through Eq. (1) using $N(0)=10^{12}$ erg$^{-1}$ cm$^{-3}$ (cf. Sec. II) and $T_\ast$ was taken from the logarithmic slope of the $R(T)$ data.

strongly localized
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A magnetoconductance is observed for weakly insulating $n$-type CdSe which, depending on the temperature of the measurement, is quadratic or approximately linear with field in small magnetic fields, and exhibits saturation as the field is increased. The crossovers from quadratic to linear behavior and to saturation occur at magnetic fields which are consistent with theoretical expectations for the effect of quantum interference in the hopping regime.

FIG. 1. The magnetoconductance of compensated $n$-type CdSe with net In dopant concentration $N=(N_D-N_A)=2.25 \times 10^{17}$ cm$^{-3}$ (sample 4), where $N_D$ and $N_A$ are the donor and acceptor concentrations, respectively: (a) magnetic fields to 10 T; (b) magnetic fields to 0.8 T. To demonstrate the quadratic behavior at higher temperatures, the inset in (b) shows the same data plotted as a function of $H^2$. The list of symbols and corresponding temperatures refers to both (a) and (b). The straight lines represent least-mean-square fits to the data and the curves are drawn to guide the eye.

FIG. 2. The magnetoconductance $\Delta \sigma/\sigma$ of sample 4 vs magnetic field plotted on a log-log scale. The symbols denote the following: $\square$, 0.1 K; $\bigcirc$, 0.12 K; $\diamond$, 0.3 K; $\blacksquare$, 0.5 K; $\times$, 1.0 K; $\triangle$, 1.2 K; $\blacktriangle$, 1.6 K; $\blacklozenge$, 2.75 K; $+$, 6.0 K. The straight lines are least-mean-square fits to the data, and their slopes give the exponent $s$ of $\Delta \sigma/\sigma \propto H^s$. The inset shows the slope $s$ as a function of the logarithm of the temperature for samples 1 ($\bigcirc$), 2 ($\triangle$), 4 ($\bigcirc$), and 5 ($\times$).
In the presence of spin-orbit scattering

With SO scattering, the hopping amplitude is an operator

\[ A = G_0(r_{12}) + G_0(r_{13})QG_0(r_{32}) \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{B \cdot S}{\Phi_0}\right). \]

\[ A_\uparrow = A_d^\uparrow + A_s^\uparrow \]

\[ A_\downarrow = A_d^\downarrow - A_s^\downarrow \]

tunneling probability

\[ W = |A_\uparrow|^2 + |A_\downarrow|^2. \]

in a weak magnetic field:

\[ \ln\left[ \frac{R(B)}{R(0)} \right] \approx \delta R(B)/R(0). \]

\[ \tau = A_\uparrow(0)/A_s^\uparrow \]

interference parameter

\[ \lambda = Q_\downarrow/Q_\uparrow \]

strength of SO scattering

Major contribution to the integral comes from small zero-field amplitudes

\[ \frac{\delta R(B)}{R(0)} = -2\pi F_S(0) \left( \sqrt{\lambda^2 + \frac{4\pi^2 B^2 S^2}{\Phi_0^2}} - |\lambda| \right) \]

SO scattering turns linear NMR into quadratic
SO coupling in the bare Hamiltonian instead of SO scattering

\[ \hat{H}_{SO} = \alpha n \cdot (\sigma \times k) \]

normal to the 2D plane

\[
\hat{G}(r) = \int \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{e^{i k \cdot r}}{E - \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m - \alpha n \cdot (\sigma \times k)} = \exp[-i k_0 n \cdot (\sigma \times r)] G_0(r),
\]

with the help of identity
\[
e^{\hat{A}} e^{\hat{B}} = e^{\hat{A} + \hat{B} + \frac{1}{2} [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]} \ldots
\]

\[
k_0 = \frac{\alpha m}{\hbar^2}
\]

\[
\hat{G}(r_{13}) \hat{G}(r_{32}) = G_0(r_{13}) G_0(r_{32}) \exp \left\{ -i k_0 n \cdot (\sigma - \frac{k_0^2}{2} [n \cdot (\sigma \times r_{13}), n \cdot (\sigma \times r_{32})]) \right\}
\]

the commutator \([n \cdot (\sigma \times r_{13}), n \cdot (\sigma \times r_{32})]\) is equal to \(4i (S \cdot n)(\sigma \cdot n)\)

\[
\hat{A} = t \hat{G}(r_{12}) \left[ \tau - 1 + \exp \left( 2\pi i \frac{(B - \hat{B}_0) \cdot S}{\Phi_0} \right) \right]
\]

\[
t = Q G_0(r_{13}) G_0(r_{32}) / G_0(r_{12}).
\]

**SO magnetic field**

\[
B_0 = \frac{k_0^2 \Phi_0}{\pi} = \frac{\alpha^2 m^2}{\pi \hbar^4} \Phi_0
\]
SO anomaly

\[
\frac{\delta R(B)}{R(0)} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=\pm 1} \int d\tau F_S(\tau) \times \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{(B + sB_0)^2 - B_0^2}{\tau^2\Phi_0^2/4\pi^2S^2 + B_0^2} \right]
\]

\[
\frac{\delta R(B)}{R(0)} = -\frac{1}{2B_c} (|B + B_0| + |B - B_0| - 2B_0)
\]

\[B_c = \frac{\Phi_0}{4\pi^2SF_S(0)}\]

Position of anomaly \( B_0 = \frac{k_0^2\Phi_0}{\pi} = \frac{\alpha^2m^2}{\pi\hbar^4}\Phi_0 \) is independent of disorder

for Dresselhaus mechanism

\[\alpha = 2a_{42}\langle \hat{k}_z^2 \rangle\]

For AlGaAs/GaAs heterostructure with width \( d = 50\text{Å} \) we get \( \alpha = 2 \times 10^{-9}\text{eV cm} \)

\[B_0 = 0.18T\]
Electrical transport properties in a single-walled carbon nanotube network

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\[ k_B T_0 = \frac{3}{N(E_F)} \xi^2 d \]  

(1)

where \( k_B \) is Boltzmann constant, \( T_0 \) is the degree of disorder \([6]\) equal to the slope determined in Fig. 2(b), \( N(E_F) \) is the density of states at the Fermi level \( E_F \) and \( d \) is the thickness of the SWCNT network, we can extract the localisation length \( \xi \). \( N(E_F) \) has been reported to be \( \sim 10^{18} - 10^{19} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3} \) \([10]\). With our sample thickness \( d \) equal to 200 nm, \( \xi \) is evaluated to be between 3.6 nm and 11 nm, indicating that our SWCNT sample forms a 3D network.

**Figure 1** Scanning electron microscopy image of the SWCNT network. The black scale bar represents 1 \( \mu \text{m} \).

**Figure 2** (a) The resistance of the SWCNT network within the temperature \( T \) range 0.5 K-249 K depends strongly on the temperature. The inset shows the linear I-V characteristics of the SWCNT network at \( T = 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8 \) and 0.9 K. The corresponding values of the resistance are also displayed. (b) The plot shows the linear relationship between \( \ln R \) and \( T^{-1/3} \).
Figure 3 (a) The natural logarithm of ratio \( R(B)/R(0) \) versus \( B \) at \( T \) = 1, 1.6, 4.3, 5, 7 and 10 K. \( B_{\text{min}} \) values are indicated for \( T = 1 \) K and 10 K. (b) \( B_{\text{min}} \) is proportional to the temperature. The inset shows a schematic drawing of alternative tunnelling paths for strongly localised hopping electrons. Applying a \( B \)-field destroys the quantum interference process between the paths. (c) Temperature dependence of the negative slope of the magnetoresistance curves when \( B \) is close to 0 T.
Negative Hopping Magnetoresistance of Two-Dimensional Electron Gas in a Smooth Random Potential

electron gas breaks up into lakes
each lake accommodating many electrons

\[ U(x,y) = U_0 - \frac{m \omega_x^2 x^2}{2} + \frac{m \omega_y^2 y^2}{2} \]

\[ \exp \left[ -\pi \left( U_0 - E + \frac{m \omega_y^2 y^2}{2} \right) / \hbar \omega_x \right] \]

transmission of barrier as a function of \( y \)

saddle-point potential between two lakes

tunnel matrix element between two lakes

\[ t_{pk} \sim \exp \left[ -\pi (U_0 - E) / \hbar \omega_x \right] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \]

\[ \times \exp (-y^2/\lambda^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi_p \left( -\frac{d}{2}, y \right) \]

\[ \times \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi_k \left( \frac{d}{2}, y \right) \right]^*. \]

Fig. 1. (a) Two electronic lakes separated by a saddle point.
(b) The schematic potential profile in the cross-section \( y = 0 \).
In a zero magnetic field:

$$t_{pk} \sim \exp\left[-\pi(U_0 - E)/\hbar \omega_x\right] \times \{\cos(\chi_1 - \chi_r) \exp[-(p - k)^2 \lambda^2/4] - \cos(\chi_1 + \chi_r) \exp[-(p + k)^2 \lambda^2/4]\}.$$ 

In a weak magnetic field:

$$\psi_p\left(-\frac{d}{2}, y\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_k\left(-\frac{d}{2}, y\right) \quad \text{acquire the gauge phase factors}.$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{2\pi i y BD_1}{\Phi_0}\right] \quad \text{and} \quad \exp\left[-\frac{2\pi i y BD_2}{\Phi_0}\right].$$

The physical meaning of the negative magneto-resistance is that the phase factors acquired by the wavefunctions in a magnetic field effectively compensate the difference in their wave numbers in the y-direction and, therefore, lead to an increase of the coupling.

$$B_0 = \frac{\Phi_0}{\sqrt{2\pi(D_1 + D_r)\lambda}}.$$ $$t_{kp}(B) = t_{kp}(0) \exp\left(-\frac{B^2}{2B_0^2}\right) \times \left[\cosh \frac{B}{B_1} + i \tan(\chi_1 + \chi_r) \sinh \frac{B}{B_1}\right].$$

$$B_1 = \frac{\Phi_0}{\pi(D_1 + D_r)|k - p|\lambda^2}.$$ 

$$\frac{R(B)}{R(0)} = \left(\frac{t_{kp}(B)}{t_{kp}(0)}\right)^{-2} = \exp\left(\frac{B^2}{B_0^2}\right) \times \frac{1}{\cosh^2 B/B_1 + \tan^2(\chi_1 - \chi_r) \sinh^2 B/B_1}.$$
Small-field expansion: in a smooth potential

\[ \frac{\delta R(B)}{R(0)} = \left( \frac{1}{B_0^2} - \frac{1}{B_1^2 \cos^2(\chi_1 - \chi_r)} \right) B^2 \]

while the temperature dependence is weak

\[ R \gg \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \]

and it is negative for any \( \chi_1 \) and \( \chi_r \) if \( B_0 > B_1 \). The ratio \( B_0/B_1 = |k - p| \lambda/\sqrt{2} \) can be estimated as \( (E_F/\hbar\Omega)^{1/2} \), where \( E_F \) is the Fermi energy of an electron in a lake and \( \Omega = \omega_y/\omega_x \). This ratio is large in the semiclassical regime. Hence, in the small field region the resistance decreases as \( \delta R(B)/R(0) \simeq -B^2/B_1^2 \), the characteristic value \( B_1 \) being of the order of \( \Phi_0/S \), where \( S \sim D_1^2 \sim D_1^2 \) is of the order of the area of the lake. The resistance falls off exponentially with \( B \) in the region \( B_c \gg B \gg B_1 \), where the crossover field is \( B_c = B_0^2/B_1 \). After reaching a minimum at \( B \approx B_c \), the resistance rises sharply at higher fields. Note however that at \( B = B_c \) the cyclotron frequency becomes of the order of \( \hbar\Omega \) so that the effect of magnetic field on the eigenstates in the lakes cannot be reduced to the phase factors only.
Electronic transport through a quantum dot network

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FIG. 1. (Color online) Magnetoresistance measured from A to C across diagonal 1 at different top gate voltages at $T=90$ mK, commensurability peaks around 1 and 4 antidots are marked. Inset: AFM-micrograph of the antidot lattice and the enclosing cavity. Bright regions are oxidized and correspond to depletion in the underlying two-dimensional electron system.
FIG. 5. (Color online) (a) Conductance as a function of top gate voltage and magnetic field in the Coulomb blockade regime at $T = 90$ mK. A clear positive magnetoconductance for individual Coulomb peaks is observed. (b) Averaged magnetoconductance between $-54$ and $-70$ mV in steps of 0.02 mV. Dashed lines mark a flux quantum through the unit cell (290 mT) and a fit using Eq. (4). (c) Conductance as a function of top gate voltage and magnetic field in the open regime. (d) Averaged magnetoconductance between 30 and 0 mV in steps of 0.25 mV. Dashed lines mark a flux quantum through the unit cell (290 mT).
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Transport through a closed ring

\( r_{\text{eff}} = 0.13 \, \mu \text{m} \)

\( \mu = 4 \times 10^5 \, \text{cm}^2 / \text{V} \cdot \text{s} \)

Fit to

\[
\frac{R(B)}{R(0)} = \exp\left(\frac{B^2}{B_0^2}\right) / \cosh^2\left(\frac{B}{B_1}\right)
\]

\( B_0 = 2.0 \, T \)

\( B_1 = 0.294 \, T \)

\( n_s = 1.6 \times 10^{12} \, \text{cm}^{-2} \)
Hopping transport in \( \delta \)-doping layers in GaAs

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\section*{\( \delta \)-doped GaAs}

\begin{figure}[h]
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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{figure8.png}
\caption{Relative magnetoresistance \( \Delta R (B)/R (0) \) as function of the magnetic field for the three configurations at various temperatures. The thin solid lines at low field indicate that the \( \Delta R / R \) is linear in the \( B \) field.}
\end{figure}

\begin{figure}[h]
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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{figure2.png}
\caption{Sheet resistance \( (R_0) \) vs reciprocal temperature for layers contributing to the transport. The solid line models the transport on the basis of excitation to the band edge and nearest-neighbor hopping (NNH). Variable-range hopping (VRH) dominates above 0.2 \( \text{K}^{-1} \).}
\end{figure}

positive magnetoresistance due to orbital shrinkage of the donor wave functions

weak-field negative-hopping magnetoresistance due to interference of tunneling paths

feature

VRH
Mechanisms of magnetoresistance in variable-range-hopping transport for two-dimensional electron systems

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FIG. 1. Evolution of the negative magnetoresistance from the NNH regime (4.2 K in Ref. 8) to low temperatures where VRH applies. Note that $\Delta R(B)/R(0)$ exceeds 50% and is non-monotonic.

Fitting to Mott's law
Giant negative magnetoresistance of a degenerate two-dimensional electron gas in the variable-range-hopping regime

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GaAs/Al$_x$Ga$_{1-x}$As MBE-grown heterostructure

- Localization radius is inferred from fitting to Mott’s law
- 3 times net drop of resistance
- Feature evolved into a deep minimum
Observation of Magnetic-Field-Induced Delocalization: Transition from Anderson Insulator to Quantum Hall Conductor

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GaAs/Al$_x$Ga$_{1-x}$As MBE-grown heterostructure

measurements at $T=80\text{mK}$

two delocalization transitions are resolved within resistance minimum

in field domain between two transitions Hall resistivity is quantized

FIG. 2. Hall resistance and the longitudinal resistance as a function of the magnetic field (sample A).

FIG. 4. $R_{xx}$ vs $B$ at $V_G = -2.0\text{ V}$ (sample B) in a temperature range from 130 to 650 mK (160, 180, 250, 300, 400, and 550 mK in between the top and bottom curves).

resistivity insensitive to temperature-signature of criticality
Magnetic-field-induced insulator–quantum Hall–insulator transition in a disordered two-dimensional electron gas

δ-doped GaAs gated structure

\[ \rho_{xx}(0) \text{ (microscopic disorder)} \]

\[ \rho^0_{xy} (\text{units of } \hbar/\epsilon^2) \]

\[ s_{xy} = 0 \text{ insulator} \]

\[ s_{xy} = 1 \text{ quantum Hall liquid} \]

\[ \sigma_{xx} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho_{xx}} \]

\[ V_{\text{gate}} = -0.2V \]

\[ B_L \]

\[ B_H \approx 2B_L \]

\[ T = 50\text{mK} \]

\[ T = 1.0K \]

\[ (1) \]

\[ (2) \]

\[ (3) \]

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Magnetic-Field-Induced Metal-Insulator Transition in Two Dimensions

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GaAs/Al\(_{0.3}\)Ga\(_{0.7}\)As heterostructure

\[
B_H \approx 4B_L
\]

two delocalization transitions survive at high temperatures

**FIG. 1.** Both \(\rho_{xx}\) (left axis) and \(\rho_{xy}\) (right axis) as a function of magnetic field \(B\) for sample A. Plotted are three temperatures: 6.1, 4.2, and 1.9 K.

**FIG. 3.** The magnetoresistance curves \(\rho_{xy}(B)\) for sample B. From the upper insulating curve to the lower insulating curve (i.e., \(B < B_c\)), the temperatures are 75 mK, 200 mK, 400 mK, 600 mK, 1.0 K, 1.5 K, and 2.18 K.
ON LOCALIZATION IN THE THEORY OF THE QUANTIZED HALL EFFECT: A TWO-DIMENSIONAL REALIZATION OF THE θ-VACUUM

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It is shown that the localization problem in the theory of the quantized Hall effect is governed by the zero-component grassmannian U(2n) non-linear σ-model with a θ-term, a two-dimensional analogue of the θ-vacuum in Yang-Mills theory. In this case, θ is to be interpreted as the "bare" value for the Hall conductivity, determined by an underlying non-critical theory. A detailed derivation is presented starting from the replica method and a delta function distribution for the impurities.

Topological term-Shubnikov oscillations

\[
\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial \ln L} = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2 \sigma_{xx}} - \sigma_{xx}^2 D e^{-2\pi \sigma_{xx}} \cos(2\pi \sigma_{xy})
\]

\[
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\]

instead of the Dingle factor

\[
-\frac{2\pi}{\omega_c \tau \hbar \omega_c} = -2\pi \frac{\sigma_{xx}}{\sigma_{xy}}
\]

AsGaGaAs/Al xGa 1−x As MBE-grown heterostructure density vs. magnetic field phase diagram is inferred from the peaks in diagonal conductance at temperature $T=25\text{mK}$

**FIG. 2.** Floating of the lowest delocalized state is shown here in the context of the delocalized states in the $n$-$B$ plane. Quantum Hall conductor regions are labeled with appropriate filling factors or values of $\sigma_{xy}/(e^2/h)$, and are separated by metallic delocalized states. The energy of these delocalized states can be considered directly proportional to $n$ in the data region. Dotted lines represent the traditional Landau levels, with both spin states plotted for the lowest level.

**FIG. 4.** Phase diagram for the lowest delocalized state, derived from the peaks in $\sigma_{xx}$, as in Fig. 3, unequivocally demonstrates floating. Error bars suggest the diminishing resolvability of the peak as $B \rightarrow 0$ and represent a reasonable uncertainty in the peak position.
Symmetry in the insulator–quantum-Hall–insulator transitions observed in a Ge/SiGe quantum well

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hole gas in Ge/SiGe strained quantum well

\[ B_H \approx 2B_L \]
\[ \rho_c^L = \rho_c^H \]

FIG. 1. Diagonal and Hall resistivity as a function of magnetic field. \( \rho_c^H = 2.2h/e^2 \). The temperatures are 0.3, 0.55, 0.75, 0.9, 1.2, 2.4, and 4.2 K.
ON LOCALIZATION IN THE THEORY OF THE QUANTIZED HALL EFFECT: A TWO-DIMENSIONAL REALIZATION OF THE $\theta$-VACUUM

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$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial \ln L} = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2 \sigma_{xx}} - \sigma_{xx}^2 De^{-2\pi \sigma_{xx}} \cos(2\pi \sigma_{xy})$$

instead of the Dingle factor

$$-\frac{2\pi}{\omega_c \tau \hbar \omega_c}$$
New Universality at the Magnetic Field Driven Insulator to Integer Quantum Hall Effect Transitions

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experimentally, levitation is not strong

hole gas in Ge/SiGe strained quantum well

transition sequence
$0 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0$

is resolved

FIG. 1. $\rho_{xx}$ and $\rho_{xy}$ versus magnetic field ($B$) for $V_g = 2.5$ V at $T = 40, 130, 230,$ and $330$ mK. $B_c$ (1.56 T) denotes the critical magnetic field at which the transition from an insulator to QHE occurs. The top-left inset shows the IQHE portion of the theoretical phase diagram suggested by KLZ. The arrow indicates a possible trajectory for a sample. The bottom-right inset shows a magnified view around the transition.

FIG. 2. $\rho_{xx}$ vs $B$ traces for two $V_g$ values. The insets show traces of $\rho_{xy}$ at $120$ mK and magnified views of the crossing points. (a) $V_g = 2.72$ V and $T = 30, 120, 240,$ and $320$ mK. (b) $V_g = 2.85$ V and $T = 30, 120, 250,$ and $350$ mK.

FIG. 4. The experimental phase diagram for 2DHG in our strained Ge quantum well. Different symbols denote different transitions; (□) low-$B$ insulator to QHE transition, (△) $\nu = 3$ to $\nu = 2$ QHE transition, (○) $\nu = 2$ to $\nu = 1$ QHE transition, and (△) $\nu = 1$ to high-$B$ insulator transition deduced from $B$ values where $\rho_{xx} = \hbar/\epsilon^2$. 
QUANTUM HALL EFFECT AND ADDITIONAL OSCILLATIONS OF CONDUCTIVITY IN WEAK MAGNETIC FIELDS

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In the framework of the scaling hypothesis for localization of 2D electrons in a magnetic field \( B \) it is shown that at \( T = 0 \) the conductivity \( \sigma_{xx} \) has maxima at \( B_n^{(1,2)} = (mc/e\hbar) \left[ E_F/(2n + 1) \pm \sqrt{[E_F/(2n + 1)]^2 - (\hbar/r)^2} \right]^{1/2} \), i.e. besides oscillations of the Shubnikov type with maxima at \( B_n^{(1)} \approx (mc/e\hbar) E_F/(n + 1/2) \) there is the same number of additional oscillations at \( B_n^{(2)} \approx (mc/e\hbar)(\hbar/E_F r^2)(n + 1/2) \). The Hall conductivity \( \sigma_{xy} = (e^2/2\pi\hbar) n \) at \( B_n^{(1)} < B < B_n^{(2)} \) and at \( B_n^{(2)} < B < B_n^{(2)} \) gives the number of delocalized states at \( E < E_F \) with energies \( E_n \), described by the interpolating relation \( E_n = \hbar \Omega (n + 1/2) [1 + (\Omega \tau)^{-2}] \). At \( B < B_0 \), when \( r_H > l \) (\( r_H \) is the magnetic length, \( l \) is the mean free path), all states with \( E < E_F \) are localized.

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LEVITATION OF EXTENDED-STATE BANDS IN A STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD

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\[ \sigma_{xy}^0 = (\omega_c \tau) \sigma_{xx}^0 \]

\[ E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega_c \left[ \frac{1 + (\omega_c \tau)^2}{(\omega_c \tau)^2} \right] \]
with initial conditions

\[ \sigma_{xx} \big|_{L \sim l} = \frac{\sigma_0}{1 + (\omega_c \tau)^2}, \quad \sigma_{xy} \big|_{L \sim l} = \frac{\sigma_0 (\omega_c \tau)}{1 + (\omega_c \tau)^2} \]

fixed point

\[
\sin 2\pi \sigma_{xy} = 0, \quad \cos 2\pi \sigma_{xy} = -1
\]

\[ E_n = (n + 1/2) \frac{\hbar}{\omega_c \tau^2} \]

rotation angle

\[ E_n \approx \frac{1}{k_F l} \sim \omega_c \tau \]

return probability

\[ E_n = \hbar \omega_c \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{(\omega_c \tau)^2} \right] \]

same for unitary and orthogonal classes

- tail of the lowest Landau level

quantum Hall phase

\( \xi = \xi_u \)

\( \xi = \xi_u \)

\( \xi = \xi_u \)

Anderson insulator

\( \omega_c \tau \ll 1 \)

\( \omega_c \tau \gg 1 \)

\( \omega_c \)
Deeply insulating regime: $\xi$ determines $\rho_{xx}$ via Mott’s law.

\[
\ln \rho_{xx} \propto \frac{1}{(\xi^2 T)^{1/3}}
\]

\[
\xi_{\text{noTRS}}^{(0.53)} \bigg|_{q=0} = 2
\]
\[
\xi_{\text{noTRS}}^{(0.8)} \bigg|_{q=1/2} = 11
\]
\[
\xi_{\text{noTRS}}^{(0.6)} \bigg|_{q=0} = 60
\]

with orbital action of magnetic field, NMR is much stronger.
Magnetic-field-induced crossover from Mott variable-range hopping to weakly insulating behavior

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In three-dimensional $n$-CdSe samples that obey Mott variable-range hopping, $\rho = \rho_0 \exp(T_0/T)^{1/4}$, in the absence of a magnetic field, we report a field-induced crossover at low temperatures to a resistivity that exhibits a weak power-law divergence, $\rho = \rho_0 T^{-\alpha}$, with an exponent $\alpha$ that decreases slowly with increasing field.

**FIG. 1.** Resistivity in zero field vs $T^{-1/4}$ on a semilogarithmic scale for three insulating, $n$-type CdSe:In samples with dopant densities $0.57n_c$ (sample A), $0.43n_c$ (sample B), and $0.36n_c$ (sample C) (based on a critical concentration $n_c = 2.8 \times 10^{17}$ cm$^{-3}$). The resistivity obeys Mott variable-range hopping $\rho = \rho_0 \exp(T_0/T)^{1/4}$ with $T_0 = 7400$, $8400$, and $8400$ K, and $\rho_0 = 0.037$, $0.083$, and $0.301$ cm for samples A, B, and C, respectively.