

# de Haas-van Alphen for free electrons

1.

$$E(\nu, k_z) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k_z^2 + \hbar\omega_c(\nu + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$m\frac{v^2}{r} = qvB \rightarrow \omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$$

$$2D-DOS: g = 2 \frac{2\pi k dk}{(2\pi)^2} = \frac{2}{2\pi} \frac{m}{\hbar^2} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}$$

↑  
Spin

$$\Delta E = \hbar\omega_c$$

$$\Delta E \cdot g = \hbar\omega_c \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} = \frac{eB}{\hbar} \cdot \frac{2m}{\hbar} = \frac{2eB}{\hbar} \text{ (per unit area)}$$

$$g_{3D}(E) = \sum_{\nu} \int \frac{dk_z}{2\pi} \delta(E - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k_z^2 - \hbar\omega_c(\nu + \frac{1}{2})) \cdot \frac{2eB}{\hbar} \quad \checkmark \text{ units}$$

$$= \sum_{\nu=0}^{\nu_{\max}} \left\{ \frac{2}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}\hbar} \cdot \frac{2eBm}{\hbar m} \right\} \leftarrow \frac{2m}{\pi\hbar} \frac{\omega_c}{\sqrt{z}\hbar}$$

where  $\nu_{\max}$  is the largest  $\nu$  so that

$$\hbar\omega_c(\nu + \frac{1}{2}) < E$$

$$\nu < \frac{E}{\hbar\omega_c} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\nu_{\max} = \text{floor} \left( \frac{E}{\hbar\omega_c} - \frac{1}{2} \right),$$

and

$$\frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} = E - \hbar\omega_c(\nu + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$P_z = \sqrt{2m(E - \hbar\omega_c(\nu + \frac{1}{2}))}$$

$$V_z = \frac{P_z}{m} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m}} \sqrt{E - \hbar\omega_c(\nu + \frac{1}{2})}$$

$$\rightarrow g_{3D}(E) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\nu_{\max}} \frac{\sqrt{2m}^{3/2} \omega_c}{\pi \hbar^2 \sqrt{E - \hbar\omega_c(\nu + \frac{1}{2})}}$$

$$g_{3D}(E) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\nu_{\max}} \frac{\sqrt{2} m^{3/2}}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \frac{\hbar \omega_c}{\sqrt{E - \hbar \omega_c (\nu + \frac{1}{2})}}$$

Check:  $\hbar \omega_c \rightarrow 0$ ,  $E = \hbar \omega_c (\nu + \frac{1}{2})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g_{3D}(E) &= \int_0^E d\varepsilon \frac{(2m)^{3/2}}{(2\pi)^2 \hbar^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E - \varepsilon}} \\ &= \frac{(2m)^{3/2}}{(2\pi)^2 \hbar^3} 2\sqrt{E} = \frac{\sqrt{2} m^{3/2}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3} \sqrt{E} \end{aligned}$$

What do we expect in 3D?

$$g_{3D} = 2 \frac{4\pi k^2 dk}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{\frac{\hbar^2 k dk}{m}} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{m k}{\hbar^2} \quad (2.64 \text{ A \& M})$$

$$\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = E \rightarrow k^2 = 2mE/\hbar^2, \quad k = \sqrt{2mE}/\hbar$$

$$g_{3D} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{m}{\hbar^2} \sqrt{2mE}/\hbar = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi^2} \frac{m^{3/2}}{\hbar^3} \sqrt{E}$$

Units:  $[\hbar] = M \cdot L^2/T$

$$\rightarrow [g_{3D}] = \frac{M^{3/2}}{M^3 L^6/T^3} M^{1/2} L/T = \frac{1}{M L^5/T^2} = \frac{1}{E} \cdot \frac{1}{L^3}$$

$$[F] = [eVB] \rightarrow [eB] = \frac{[F]}{[v]} = \frac{M}{T}$$

$$\frac{[eB]}{[\hbar]} = \frac{M/T}{M L^2/T} = \frac{1}{L^2}$$

$$\frac{[m][\omega_c]}{[\hbar][v_z]} = \frac{M/T}{(M L^2/T)(L/T)} = \frac{1}{L^3} \frac{1}{1/T}$$

$$\frac{g_{3D}(E, B)}{g_{3D}(E, B=0)} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\nu_{\max}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \frac{\hbar \omega_c}{\sqrt{E - \hbar \omega_c (\nu + 1/2)}}$$

check again:

$$\int_0^E dE \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E - \epsilon}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \sqrt{E - \epsilon} \Big|_0^E = 1 \checkmark$$

Fix and plot as a function of  $\hbar \omega_c$ .

$$\nu_{\max} = \text{floor} \left( \frac{E}{\hbar \omega_c} - \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

Take  $E$  to be large compared to  $\hbar \omega_c$ , say 1000.

We expect this to be periodic in

$$\Delta \left( \frac{E}{\hbar \omega_c} \right) = 1 = \Delta \left( \frac{Em}{\hbar e B} \right) \propto \Delta \left( \frac{1}{B} \right) \text{ or } \Delta \left( \frac{1}{\hbar \omega_c} \right).$$

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{B} \right) = \frac{e}{m} \frac{\hbar}{E} = \frac{e}{m} \frac{1}{\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}} = \frac{2e}{\hbar k^2} = \frac{2\pi e}{\hbar} \frac{1}{\pi k^2} = \frac{2\pi e}{\hbar} \frac{1}{A(E)} \checkmark$$

Also examine

$$\Delta A = \frac{2\pi e B}{\hbar} \quad (14.12 \text{ in } A \& M)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} m \omega_c = \Delta(\pi k^2) < \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}$$

$$\rightarrow \hbar \omega_c = \Delta \left( \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \right)$$

This is consistent with  $E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \hbar \omega_c \left( \nu + \frac{1}{2} \right)$ .

Continue on  $\frac{2\Delta A}{(2\pi)^2} = \text{degeneracy} = \frac{2eB}{h}$  ↙ spin

$$\Delta A = \frac{2\pi e B}{h} \text{ from prev. page}$$

$$\frac{2}{(2\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{2\pi e B}{h} = \frac{2eB}{h} \checkmark$$

Finally look at the semiclassical quantization condition:

$$k \cdot 2\pi r = \frac{k \cdot 2\pi v}{\omega_c} = \frac{2\pi p \cdot v}{\hbar \omega_c} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{2E}{\hbar \omega_c} = 2\pi 2\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad X$$

$E_{\nu+1} - E_{\nu} = \hbar \omega_c$  from prev. page is better. ✓