

# Dirac points for TBG with in-plane magnetic field

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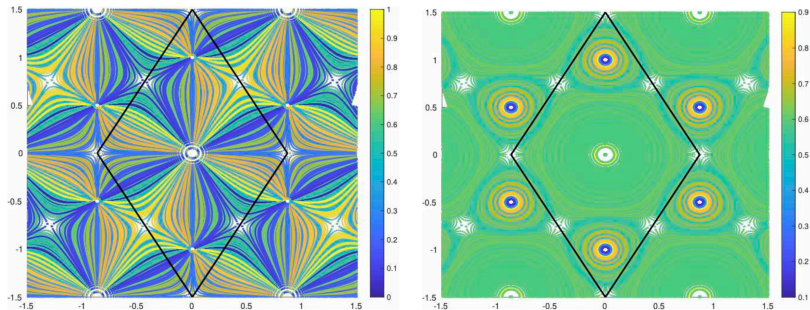


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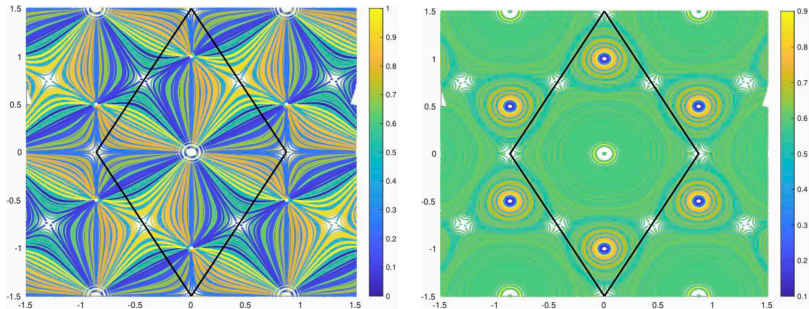


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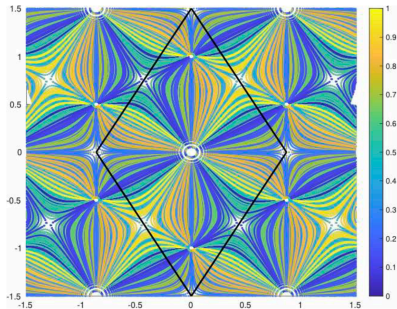


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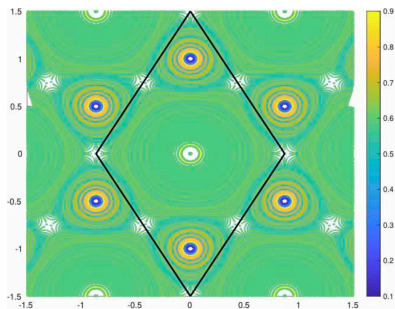


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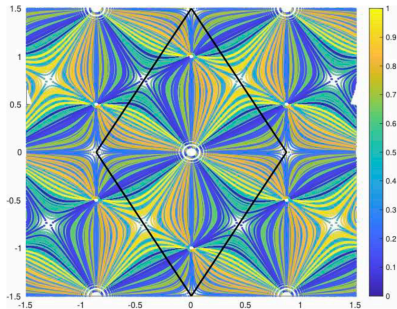


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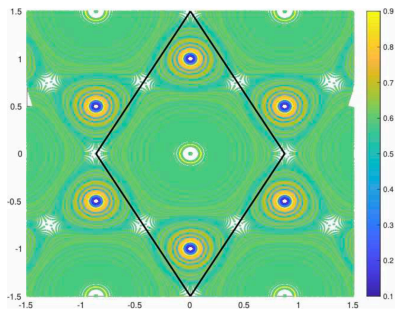


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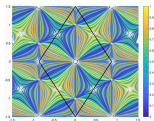
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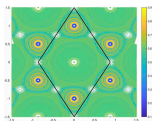
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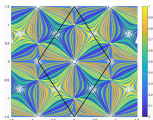


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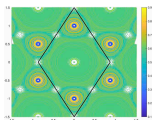


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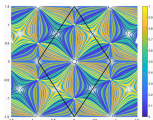


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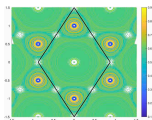


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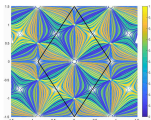




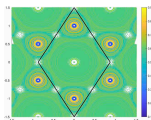
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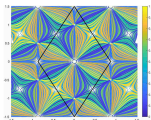
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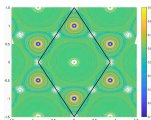
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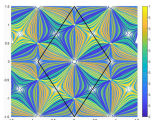
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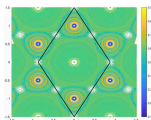
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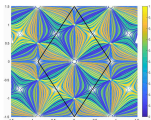


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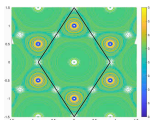


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Mathematical derivation:

Cancès–Garrigue–Gontier, Watson–Kong–MacDonald–Luskin '22

Bands: eigenvalues  $H_k(\alpha_1, \alpha_0)$  obtained by  $2D_{\bar{z}} \rightarrow 2D_{\bar{z}} + k$ .

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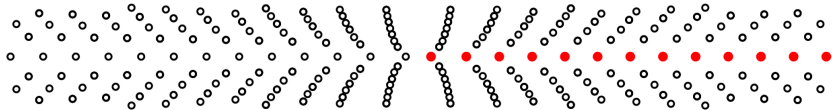
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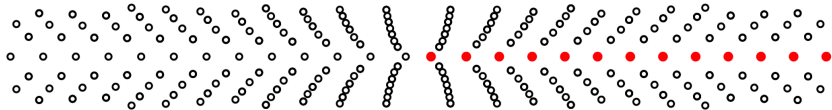


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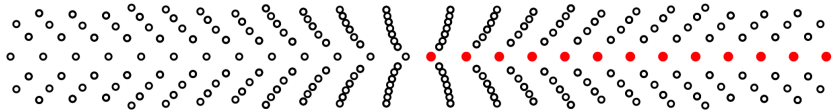
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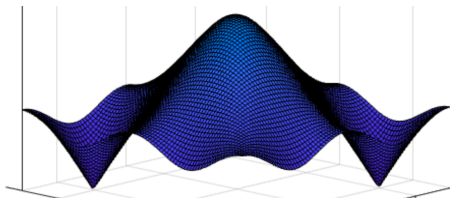
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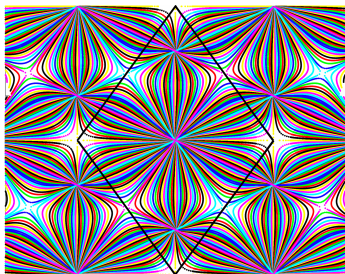
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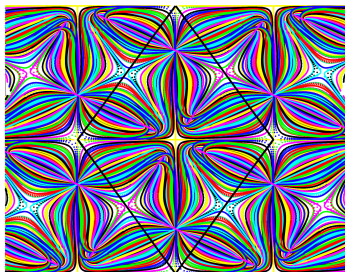
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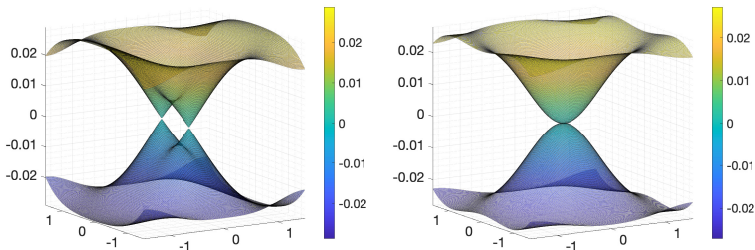
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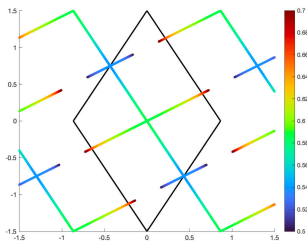
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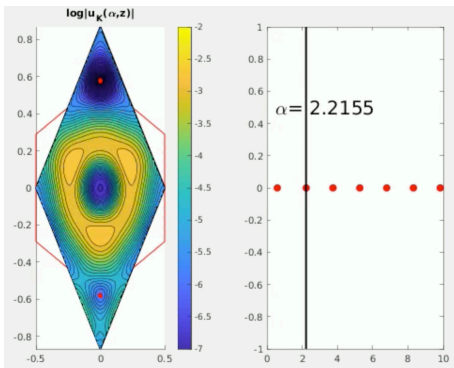
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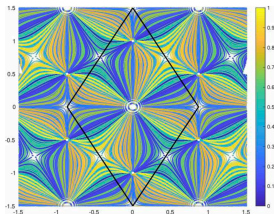
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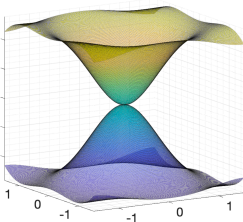
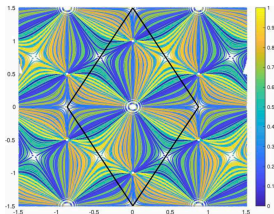
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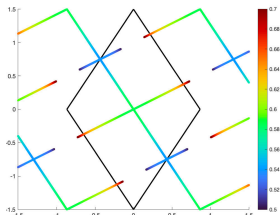
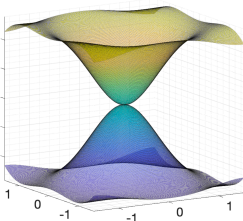
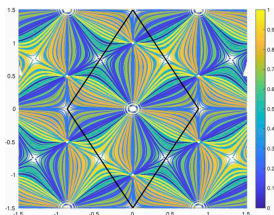
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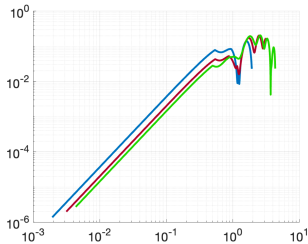
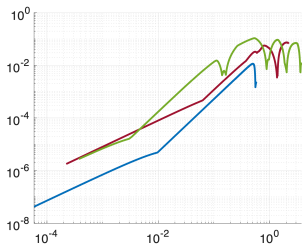
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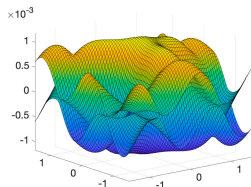
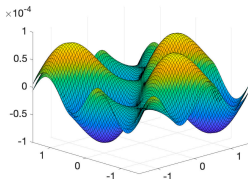
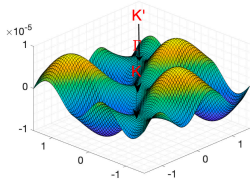
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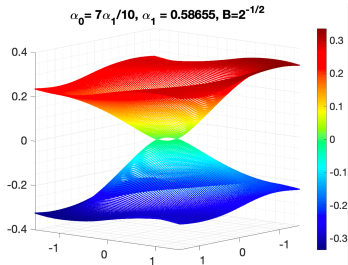
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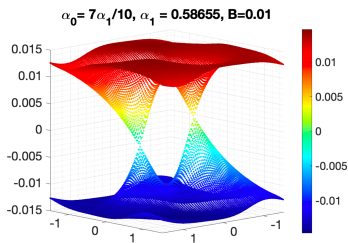
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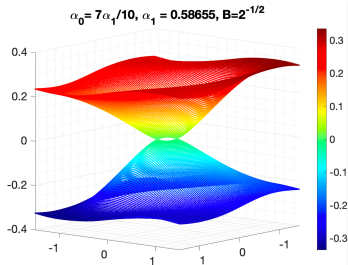
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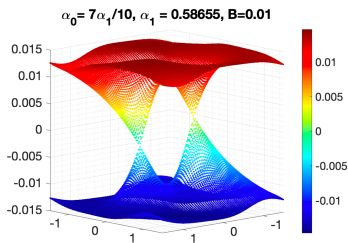
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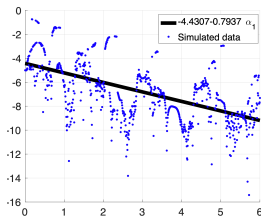
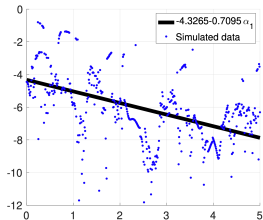


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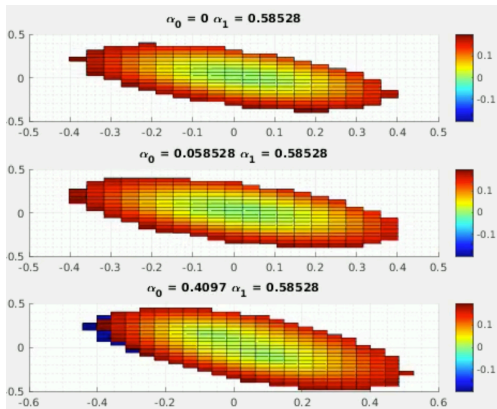
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Thanks for your attention!

