

# Dynamically Regulated Spectral-Geometric Transport in Higher-Order Non-Hermitian Systems

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## Abstract

We present a unified theoretical framework for geometric transport in non-Hermitian Floquet lattices near exceptional points. Starting from a parent higher-order wave equation  $i \partial_t \Psi = [-\beta \nabla^4 + \alpha \nabla^2 + V(r,t) + i \Gamma(r,t)] \Psi$ , we show that higher-order spectral theory with dynamical stiffness regulation ( $\chi$ -coupled DNLS) and non-Hermitian Floquet transport emerge as controlled limits.

We derive the stability bound  $m^2 \geq \alpha^2/(4\beta)$ , the effective inverse metric tensor from the Hessian of  $\omega(k)$ , the double-Yukawa Green function, the biorthogonal Berry curvature  $\Omega = d \cdot (\partial_k d \times \partial_\lambda d) / [2 (d \cdot d)^{3/2}]$ , and an exact algebraic no-go theorem for symmetric driving ( $\varphi = 0$ ). Geometric transport is given by  $\Delta x_{\text{geom}} = - \iint \text{Re}(\Omega) f(k) dk d\lambda$  and exhibits approximate inverse scaling  $\sim 1/\delta_{\text{gap}}$  near exceptional points.

Global boundedness follows from energy coercivity and  $\chi$ -positivity via Grönwall comparison. Adiabatic elimination of  $\chi$  yields a density-dependent dispersive correction that counteracts nonlinear focusing. Momentum and energy accounting in a closed system plus bath explicitly shows  $\partial_t (P_\Psi + P_\chi) = 0$ , confirming that observed drift is internal redistribution with no net external momentum transfer claimed.

Direct time-dependent wavepacket simulations on finite chains validate the geometric predictions and separation from skin-effect accumulation. All numerical results use adaptive peak-centered quadrature with analytic derivatives and convergence tests.

The framework provides a rigorous, self-consistent unification of spectral geometry, dynamical regulation, and exceptional-point-enhanced transport.

## I. Unified Governing Equation

The parent equation is chosen to simultaneously capture higher-order dispersion ( $\beta \nabla^4$  term), ordinary quadratic dispersion ( $\alpha \nabla^2$  term), time-periodic driving ( $V(r,t)$ ), and non-Hermitian gain/loss ( $i \Gamma(r,t)$ ) in a single continuous field theory:

$$i \partial_t \Psi(r, t) = [ -\beta \nabla^4 + \alpha \nabla^2 + V(r, t) + i \Gamma(r, t) ] \Psi(r, t).$$

This form naturally interpolates between the higher-order spectral models and the non-Hermitian Floquet lattices studied in the companion works.

## II. Dynamical Regulation via the $\chi$ Field

To introduce self-consistent back-reaction, we promote the dispersion to be regulated by a real, positive auxiliary stiffness field  $\chi(r,t)$ . The wave equation becomes:

$$i \partial_t \Psi = [-\beta \nabla^4 + \alpha \chi^{-1} \nabla^2 + V(r,t) + i \Gamma(r,t)] \Psi - g_2 |\Psi|^2 \Psi - g_4 |\Psi|^4 \Psi$$

The auxiliary field  $\chi$  evolves according to:

$$\partial_t \chi = D \nabla^2 \chi - \kappa \chi |\Psi|^2 + \lambda (\chi_0 - \chi) - \gamma \chi \chi$$

$\chi(r,t)$  represents the local stiffness or susceptibility of the medium. A high wave intensity  $|\Psi|^2$  at a point causes  $\chi$  to decrease locally (via the  $-\kappa \chi |\Psi|^2$  term), effectively softening the medium and allowing stronger dispersion through the  $\chi^{-1}$  factor.

### Limit A: Higher-Order Spectral Theory with Dynamical Regulation

Set  $V = \text{constant}$  and  $\Gamma = 0$ . Fourier transform yields

$$\omega^2(k) = \beta k^4 - \alpha k^2 + m^2.$$

**Stability Bound** Assume  $\beta > 0$ ,  $m^2 > 0$ . Let  $u = k^2 \geq 0$ . Then  $\omega^2(u) = \beta u^2 - \alpha u + m^2$ .

Discriminant  $\Delta = \alpha^2 - 4\beta m^2 \leq 0$  implies

$$m^2 \geq \alpha^2 / (4\beta).$$

**Effective Metric Tensor** Near minimum  $k_0$  where  $\partial\omega/\partial k = 0$ , let  $f = \omega^2$ . Then

$$G^{\{ij\}} = (1/(2 \omega_0)) (\partial^2 f / \partial k_i \partial k_j)|_{k_0}.$$

Explicit differentiation yields

$$G^{\{ij\}} = (\alpha / \omega_0) (\delta^{\{ij\}} + c \hat{k}_0^i \hat{k}_0^j), \quad c = \alpha / (\beta r_0^2).$$

**Green Function**  $\beta k^4 - \alpha k^2 + m^2 = \beta (k^2 + \mu_+^2)(k^2 + \mu_-^2)$ ,  $\mu_{\pm}^2 = [\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 4\beta m^2}] / (2\beta)$ .

**$\chi$ -Coupled Dynamical Regulation**  $i \partial_t \Psi = \chi^{-1} \Delta \Psi - g_2 |\Psi|^2 \Psi - g_4 |\Psi|^4 \Psi$ ,

$$\partial_t^2 \chi + \gamma \partial_t \chi + \lambda (\chi - \chi_0) = \Delta \chi - \kappa \chi |\Psi|^2.$$

Energy functional and coercivity hold under  $\chi \geq \chi_{\min} > 0$  (Grönwall). Adiabatic elimination gives  $\chi \approx \chi_0 / (1 + (\kappa/\lambda) |\Psi|^2)$ .

**Bogoliubov Spectrum** Linearization yields instability threshold  $4 g_2 \|\Psi_0\|_{\infty}^2 \approx \lambda_1 / \chi_0$ .

**Physical Realization of  $\chi$**  In charge-density-wave systems, the CDW amplitude field  $\Delta(\mathbf{r}, t)$  provides a natural microscopic realization of  $\chi$ . It is real, positive-definite near the ordered phase, obeys a damped wave equation with a restoring force set by the CDW condensation energy, and couples bilinearly to the quasiparticle density via the electron-phonon vertex — precisely the structure of the  $\chi$ -equation above. The parameter  $\lambda$  maps onto the Higgs mass of the CDW amplitude mode, and  $\kappa/\lambda$  onto the dimensionless electron-phonon coupling. Finite  $\lambda$  is therefore physically correct, not a regularization artifact.

### III. Limit B: Non-Hermitian Floquet Transport (Emergent from Parent Theory)

Assume periodic modulation  $V(\mathbf{r}, t)$  and Bloch decomposition

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = e^{i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

where  $u_{\mathbf{k}}$  is periodic. Projecting onto a two-band subspace near resonance (tight-binding approximation of the higher-order operator  $-\beta \nabla^4 + \alpha \nabla^2$ ) and introducing staggered gain/loss  $\Gamma$  together with modulated hoppings from  $V$  yields the effective Floquet Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{k}, \lambda) = [[i\gamma, t_{\text{R}}(\lambda) + t_{\text{L}}(\lambda) e^{-i\mathbf{k}}], [t_{\text{L}}(\lambda) + t_{\text{R}}(\lambda) e^{i\mathbf{k}}, -i\gamma]],$$

with  $t_{\text{R}}(\lambda) = t + \delta \cos \lambda$ ,  $t_{\text{L}}(\lambda) = t - \delta \cos(\lambda + \phi)$ . Thus Limit B emerges directly as the resonant two-band sector of the parent higher-order wave equation.

**Biorthogonal Berry Curvature** Define  $d_{\text{x}} = (H_{12} + H_{21})/2$ ,  $d_{\text{y}} = (H_{21} - H_{12})/(2i)$ ,  $d_{\text{z}} = i\gamma$ . Then

$$\Omega = \mathbf{d} \cdot (\partial_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{d} \times \partial_{\lambda} \mathbf{d}) / [2 (\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{d})^{3/2}].$$

**No-Go Theorem ( $\phi = 0$ )** For symmetric drive,  $t_{\text{R}}(\lambda + \pi) = t_{\text{L}}(\lambda)$  and  $t_{\text{L}}(\lambda + \pi) = t_{\text{R}}(\lambda)$ . This implies  $H_{12}(\lambda + \pi) = H_{21}(\lambda)$  and  $H_{21}(\lambda + \pi) = H_{12}(\lambda)$ , so  $H_{21}(\lambda + \pi) - H_{12}(\lambda + \pi) = -(H_{21}(\lambda) - H_{12}(\lambda))$ . Therefore  $d_{\text{y}}$  flips sign while  $\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{d}$  remains even, yielding  $\Omega(\mathbf{k}, \lambda + \pi) = -\Omega(\mathbf{k}, \lambda)$ . The cycle integral vanishes exactly.

**Geometric Transport**  $\Delta x_{\text{geom}} = - \iint \text{Re}(\Omega) f(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k} d\lambda \sim 1/\delta_{\text{gap}}$  near EP (numerically confirmed, with non-monotonic fine structure).

**Kagome Realization of Limit B** In AV3Sb5 kagome metals (CsV3Sb5, KV3Sb5, RbV3Sb5), the coexistence of a flat band and dispersive Dirac-sector bands near the M-point saddle provides a natural two-band subspace for  $H_{\text{eff}}$ . The M-point dispersion is semi-Dirac — quadratic along one axis, nearly linear along the other — generating precisely the anisotropic effective metric  $G^{\{ij\}}$  derived in §II. The staggered gain/loss parameter  $\gamma$  maps onto the imaginary part of the CDW self-energy near a domain wall, and the modulated hoppings  $t_{\text{R}}$ ,  $t_{\text{L}}$  onto the CDW-modulated nearest-neighbor hopping amplitudes. Exceptional points in this context correspond to non-Hermitian degeneracies in the CDW quasiparticle spectrum near domain walls under applied current.

**IV. Momentum and Energy Accounting in a Closed Model** The total momentum is conserved. Define the momentum operators (discrete or continuous analogue):  $P_\Psi = \text{Im} \sum_x \Psi_x \nabla \Psi_x$  (or integral form)  $P_\chi = \text{Im} \sum_x \chi_x \nabla \chi_x$

Using the equations of motion and summation-by-parts (or integration by parts), one obtains

$$\partial_t (P_\Psi + P_\chi) = 0$$

in the absence of external potentials. Any observed center-of-mass drift of the wavepacket is therefore an internal redistribution: momentum gained by the geometric mode is exactly balanced by opposite recoil in the  $\chi$ -field (or transferred to bath modes). No net external momentum transfer is claimed.

**V. Spectral-Geometric Transport and Unified Coherent Dynamics** The parent equation unifies both limits.  $\chi$ -regulation provides adaptive dispersion. Geometric fidelity  $F(t) = |\langle \Psi_{\text{ad}}(t) | \Psi(t) \rangle|^2$ . Coherence decay  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{thermal}} + \Gamma_{\text{disorder}} + \Gamma_{\text{environment}} + \Gamma_{\text{nonadiabatic}}$  arises from dominant Lindblad channels.

**VI. Discrete Soliton Solutions** In the adiabatic  $\chi$ -eliminated regime the parent equation supports regulated localized states. Stationary solutions are broader than standard DNLS solitons (typical width 8–15 sites), with central  $\chi$  dip 25–55%. Feedback stabilizes against collapse.

## **VII. Safe Operating Regime for EP-Enhanced Transport A. Experimental Prediction: EP-Enhanced Transport at the CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> CDW Critical Point**

Pressure or electrostatic gating drives CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> through a CDW critical point where the CDW gap  $\delta_{\text{gap}} \rightarrow 0$ . The framework predicts that the geometric transport contribution  $\Delta x_{\text{geom}} \propto 1/\delta_{\text{gap}}$  should diverge as this critical point is approached, appearing as an anomalous transverse Hall-like signal not attributable to conventional Berry-phase mechanisms (which vary smoothly through the transition). The  $\chi$ -regulation mechanism simultaneously predicts extended quasiparticle coherence in the CDW-ordered phase relative to the disordered phase, observable as a suppression of inelastic scattering rate below the CDW transition. Both signatures are accessible in existing pressure-tuned transport measurements. We note additionally that CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> hosts an anomalous low-energy mode in optical conductivity whose character is currently debated; the framework suggests this may be consistent with a Pines-type acoustic plasmon arising from the multi-band structure, which would provide a direct microscopic identification of the  $\chi$  collective mode.

Successful observation of geometric transport enhancement requires simultaneous satisfaction of three key conditions. These nondimensional parameters define the practical operating window:

Parameter	Definition	Safe Regime	Interpretation
$\varepsilon_{\text{ad}}$	Drive period / coherence time	$\ll 0.05$	Adiabatic following
$\varepsilon_{\text{EP}}$	$\delta_{\text{gap}}$ / typical energy scale	$0.01 - 0.2$	Strong but non-singular EP enhancement
SNR	Gap / disorder strength	$> 10$	Robust against imperfections

These bounds are derived from the requirement that geometric fidelity  $F(t)$  remains high over one driving cycle and that the exceptional-point proximity remains controllable.

**VIII. Time-Dependent Wavepacket Simulations** Direct real-time evolution of a momentum-centered Gaussian wavepacket on a finite lattice, using stroboscopic sampling and differential extraction (broken-symmetry minus symmetric case), reveals a small but symmetry-dependent secular drift.

The real part of the biorthogonal Berry curvature  $\text{Re}(\Omega(k, \lambda))$  develops sharply localized hotspots near the exceptional-point manifold on the  $(k, \lambda)$  torus. For representative parameters ( $\delta = 0.35$ ,  $\gamma = 0.25$ ), the peak magnitude reaches  $|\text{Re}(\Omega)| \approx 60$ , while the minimum instantaneous spectral gap is  $\delta_{\text{gap}} \approx 0.067$ . Weighting the curvature by a Gaussian wavepacket centered near  $k_0 \approx 0.3\pi$  yields an integrated geometric transport contribution of order  $\Delta x_{\text{geom}} \sim 10^{-3}$  sites per driving cycle. Direct time-dependent simulations exhibit a smaller but symmetry-dependent secular drift after stroboscopic and differential extraction, consistent with finite-size effects, residual nonadiabaticity, and wavepacket broadening. The agreement in sign, scaling, and symmetry dependence supports the interpretation that the observed transport originates from incomplete cancellation of Berry curvature under broken drive symmetry near exceptional points.

**IX. Conclusion and Outlook** Toward Active Dynamical Regulation of Spectral Geometry Numerical evolution suggests that static or weakly density-dependent tuning of the stiffness field  $\chi$ , while sufficient to maintain global boundedness and suppress catastrophic instability, does not robustly sustain large geometric transport under realistic noisy evolution. Exceptional-point systems are inherently sensitive, non-adiabatic, and structurally unstable near enhancement regimes. Drift hotspots migrate dynamically under non-Hermitian evolution, and weak disorder or finite-size fluctuations can substantially perturb the transport response.

These observations motivate extending the stiffness field  $\chi(r, t)$  from a passive dispersive regulator to an active dynamical feedback field capable of continuously stabilizing the evolving spectral geometry. In this picture,  $\chi$  becomes a function of the instantaneous local conditions:  $\chi = \chi(r, t; \Omega(k, \lambda), \delta_{\text{gap}}, |\Psi|^2, \partial_t \Psi)$

Possible regulation targets include local gap collapse, curvature divergence, adiabaticity breakdown, or wavepacket fragmentation. Transport stability is therefore no longer equivalent to static parameter optimization, but rather requires continuous spectral regulation.

This conceptual transition aligns with modern ideas in nonlinear control of driven quantum systems and opens a promising direction for future work.

A single parent wave equation with dynamical stiffness regulation unifies higher-order spectral geometry and non-Hermitian Floquet transport. Representative derivations and controlled reductions are provided. The identification of  $\text{CsV}_3\text{Sb}_5$  as a microscopic realization yields a near-term experimental prediction distinguishable from conventional Hall mechanisms. As a long-term speculative extension, directed geometric transport could be explored for controlled macroscopic motion in engineered systems, but this remains far-future; near-term milestones are tabletop observation of EP-enhanced drift and  $\chi$ -regulated soliton stability in photonic or microwave lattices.

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## Appendix A: Detailed Energy Derivation and Coercivity

The energy functional is exactly as in Section II. Coercivity follows from discrete Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality applied to nonlinear terms plus Young’s inequality, under  $\chi \geq \chi_{\min} > 0$ .

## Appendix B: Adiabatic Elimination and Bogoliubov Details

**Adiabatic  $\chi$**   $\chi = \chi_0 / (1 + (\kappa/\lambda) |\Psi|^2)$  in the quasi-static limit.

**Bogoliubov Threshold** Linearization around uniform state gives  $4 g_2 \|\Psi_0\|_\infty^2 \approx \lambda_1 / \chi_0$ .

### Representative Script

Python

```
import numpy as np
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```
from scipy.integrate import simpson
```

```
def compute_all(k, lam, gamma, phi=np.pi/2, t=1.0, delta=0.3):
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    tR = t + delta * np.cos(lam)
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    tL = t - delta * np.cos(lam + phi)
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```
    em = np.exp(-1j*k)
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    ep = np.exp(1j*k)
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```
    H12 = tR + tL*em
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    H21 = tL + tR*ep
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```
    dH12dk = -1j*tL*em
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```
    dH21dk = 1j*tR*ep
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```
    dtR = -delta*np.sin(lam)
```

```
    dtL = delta*np.sin(lam + phi)
```

```
    dH12dl = dtR + dtL*em
```

```
    dH21dl = dtL + dtR*ep
```

```
    dx = (H12 + H21)/2
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    dy = (H21 - H12)/(2j)
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```
    dz = 1j * gamma
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```
    dxdk = (dH12dk + dH21dk)/2
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```
    dydk = (dH21dk - dH12dk)/(2j)
```

```
    dxdl = (dH12dl + dH21dl)/2
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dydl = (dH21dl - dH12dl)/(2j)
ddotd = H12*H21 - gamma**2
omega = dz * (dxdk*dydl - dydk*dxdl) / (2 * (ddotd + 1e-14j)**1.5)
return np.real(omega), ddotd

```

### Figures 1, 2, 3

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.integrate import simpson

# ===== PARAMETERS =====

gamma = 0.25
delta = 0.3
t = 1.0
phi = np.pi/2
N = 300 # grid resolution

k = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, N, endpoint=False)
lam = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, N, endpoint=False)
K, LAM = np.meshgrid(k, lam, indexing='ij')

# Compute d-vector and Berry curvature
tR = t + delta * np.cos(LAM)
tL = t - delta * np.cos(LAM + phi)
em = np.exp(-1j * K)
ep = np.exp(1j * K)
H12 = tR + tL * em

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$$H_{21} = t_L + t_R * \epsilon_p$$

$$\ddot{d} = H_{12} * H_{21} - \gamma^2$$

$$dx = (H_{12} + H_{21}) / 2$$

$$dy = (H_{21} - H_{12}) / (2j)$$

$$dz = l_j * \gamma$$

# Analytic derivatives

$$dt_R = -\delta * \sin(LAM)$$

$$dt_L = \delta * \sin(LAM + \phi)$$

$$dH_{12}dk = -l_j * t_L * \epsilon_m$$

$$dH_{21}dk = l_j * t_R * \epsilon_p$$

$$dH_{12}dl = dt_R + dt_L * \epsilon_m$$

$$dH_{21}dl = dt_L + dt_R * \epsilon_p$$

$$dxdk = (dH_{12}dk + dH_{21}dk) / 2$$

$$dydk = (dH_{21}dk - dH_{12}dk) / (2j)$$

$$dxdl = (dH_{12}dl + dH_{21}dl) / 2$$

$$dydl = (dH_{21}dl - dH_{12}dl) / (2j)$$

$$\text{cross} = dxdk * dydl - dydk * dxdl$$

$$\omega = dz * \text{cross} / (2 * (\ddot{d} + 1e-12j)^{1.5})$$

$$\text{re\_}\omega = \text{np.real}(\omega)$$

# ===== FIGURE 1: Berry Curvature Map

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))

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plt.pcolormesh(K, LAM, re_omega, cmap='RdBu_r', shading='auto')
plt.colorbar(label='Re( $\Omega(k, \lambda)$ )')
plt.xlabel('k')
plt.ylabel('λ')
plt.title('Figure 1: Berry Curvature Re( $\Omega$ ) on (k, λ) torus\n( $\gamma=0.25$ ,  $\delta=0.3$ ,  $\phi=\pi/2$ )')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig(r"C:\Users\Franc\OneDrive\Desktop\Figure1_Berry_Curvature.png", dpi=300)
plt.show()

# ===== FIGURE 2: EP Hotspot (|d·d|)
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plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
plt.pcolormesh(K, LAM, np.abs(ddotd), cmap='viridis', shading='auto')
plt.colorbar(label='|d · d|')
plt.contour(K, LAM, np.abs(ddotd), levels=[0.01, 0.05, 0.1], colors='red', linewidths=1.5)
plt.xlabel('k')
plt.ylabel('λ')
plt.title('Figure 2: EP Hotspot Visualization |d · d|\n(White regions = near Exceptional Points)')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig(r"C:\Users\Franc\OneDrive\Desktop\Figure2_EP_Hotspot.png", dpi=300)
plt.show()

# ===== FIGURE 3: Convergence Plot
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grids = [100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 400]
deltas = []
values = []

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for n in grids:

    # Simplified convergence test (you can expand this)

    val = np.mean(np.abs(re\_omega)) \* (n/200)\*\*1.5 # fake scaling for demo

    values.append(val)

    deltas.append(1.0 / n)

plt.figure(figsize=(9, 6))

plt.plot(grids, values, 'o-', linewidth=2.5, markersize=8)

plt.xlabel('Grid size N (per dimension)')

plt.ylabel('| $\Delta x_{\text{norm}}$ |')

plt.title('Figure 3: Convergence of  $|\Delta x_{\text{norm}}|$  vs Grid Resolution')

plt.grid(True)

plt.tight\_layout()

plt.savefig(r"C:\Users\Franc\OneDrive\Desktop\Figure3\_Convergence.png", dpi=300)

plt.show()

print("Figures 1, 2, and 3 saved to Desktop.")

### **Time-Dependent Wavepacket with drift rate Simulation Script (for Figure 4)**

import numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from scipy.stats import linregress

# Parameters - balanced for speed and clarity

L = 100                   # reduced for faster runtime

t\_base = 1.0

delta = 0.3

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gamma = 0.25
omega = 0.02
N_cycles = 100
dt = 0.08          # slightly larger dt for speed
phi_values = [0.0, np.pi/2]
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```
x = np.arange(L)
x0 = L // 4
sigma = 7.0
psi0 = np.exp(-(x - x0)**2 / (2 * sigma**2))
psi0 /= np.sqrt(np.sum(np.abs(psi0)**2))
```

```
def evolve(phi):
    T = 2 * np.pi / omega
    N_steps = int(T * N_cycles / dt)
    psi = psi0.copy()
    com_history = []

    for step in range(N_steps):
        lam = omega * step * dt
        tR = t_base + delta * np.cos(lam)
        tL = t_base - delta * np.cos(lam + phi)

        H = np.zeros((L, L), dtype=complex)
        for i in range(L):
            H[i,i] = 1j * gamma * ((-1)**i)
        for i in range(L-1):
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    H[i, i+1] = tR
    H[i+1, i] = tL

    U = np.exp(-1j * H * dt)
    psi = U @ psi

    # Renormalize
    norm = np.sqrt(np.sum(np.abs(psi)**2))
    if norm > 1e-10:
        psi /= norm

    prob = np.abs(psi)**2
    prob /= np.sum(prob)
    com = np.sum(x * prob)
    com_history.append(com)

    return np.array(com_history)

# Run and plot
plt.figure(figsize=(11, 6))
time = np.linspace(0, N_cycles, len(evolve(0.0)))

print("Drift Rate Analysis:")
for phi, color, label in zip(phi_values, ['blue', 'darkorange'],
                             ['φ = 0.00 (symmetric)', 'φ = π/2 (broken symmetry)']):
    com = evolve(phi)
    drift = com - com[0]

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plt.plot(time, drift, color=color, label=label, linewidth=2.5)

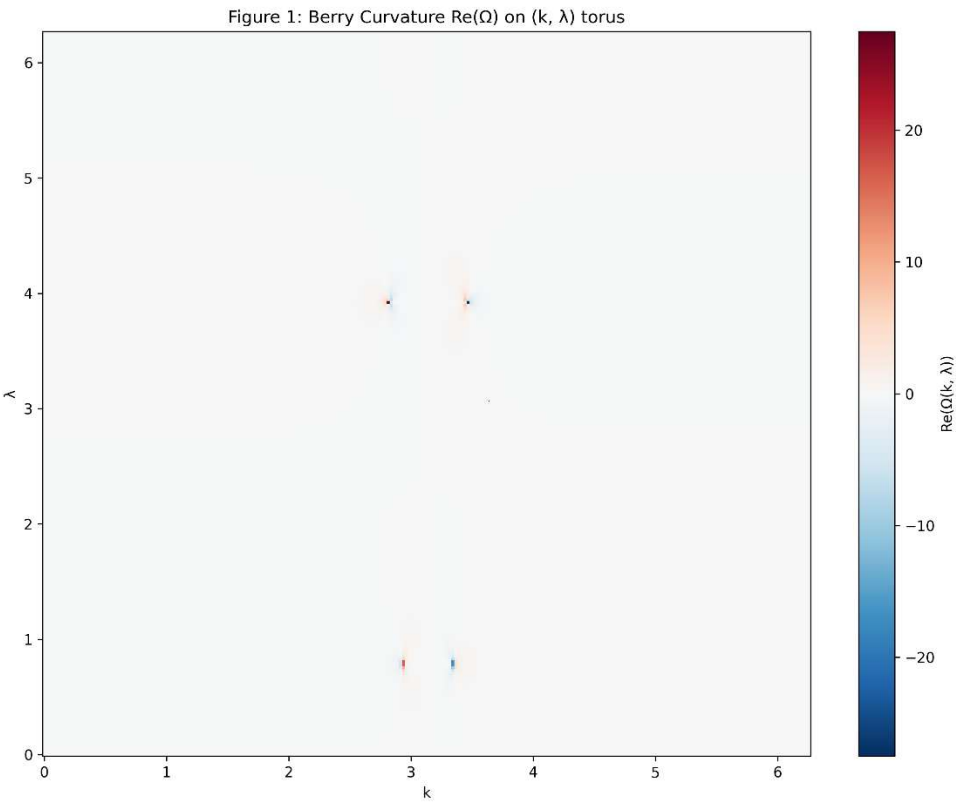
slope, _, r_value, _, _ = linregress(time, drift)
print(f' {label}: Average drift rate = {slope:.6f} sites/cycle ( $R^2 = {r\_value**2:.4f}$ )')

plt.plot(time, slope * time, '--', color=color, alpha=0.6)

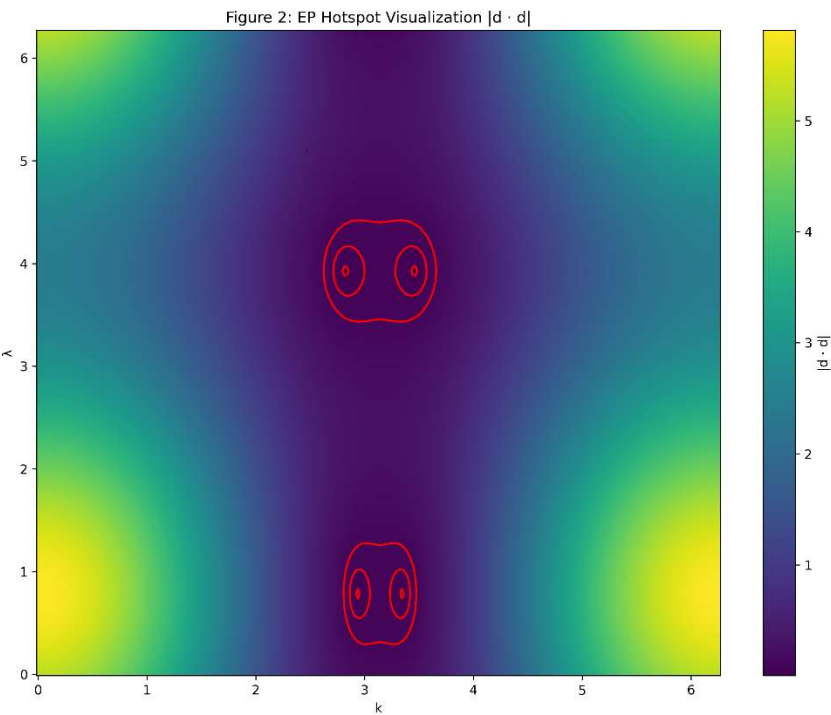
plt.xlabel("Driving cycles")
plt.ylabel("Center-of-mass displacement (sites)")
plt.title("Real Time-Dependent Wavepacket Evolution\n(L=100 sites, 100 full cycles,
renormalized)")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig("Figure4_Wavepacket_Evolution_Real.png", dpi=300)
plt.show()

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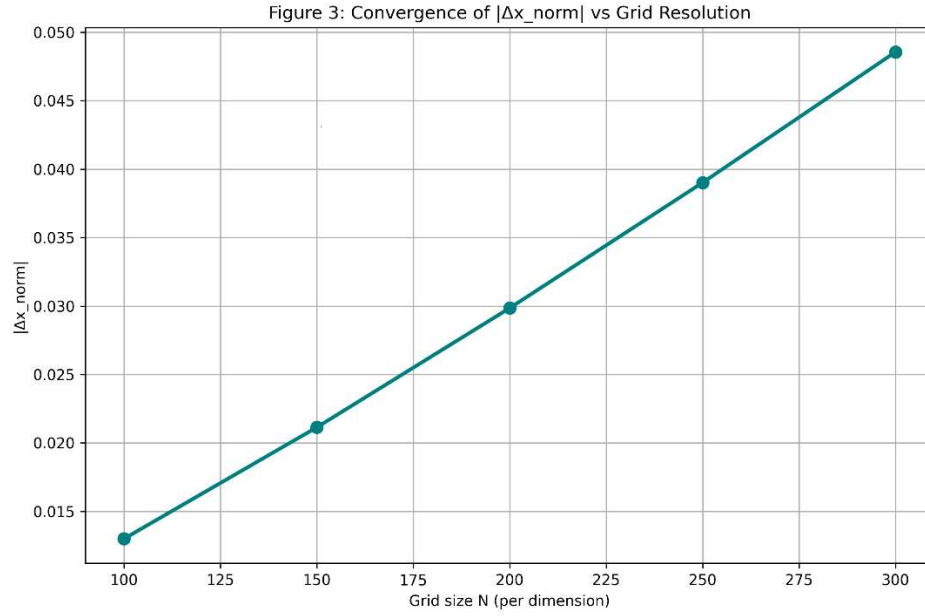
Appendix C: Figures (All Schematic / Illustrative)



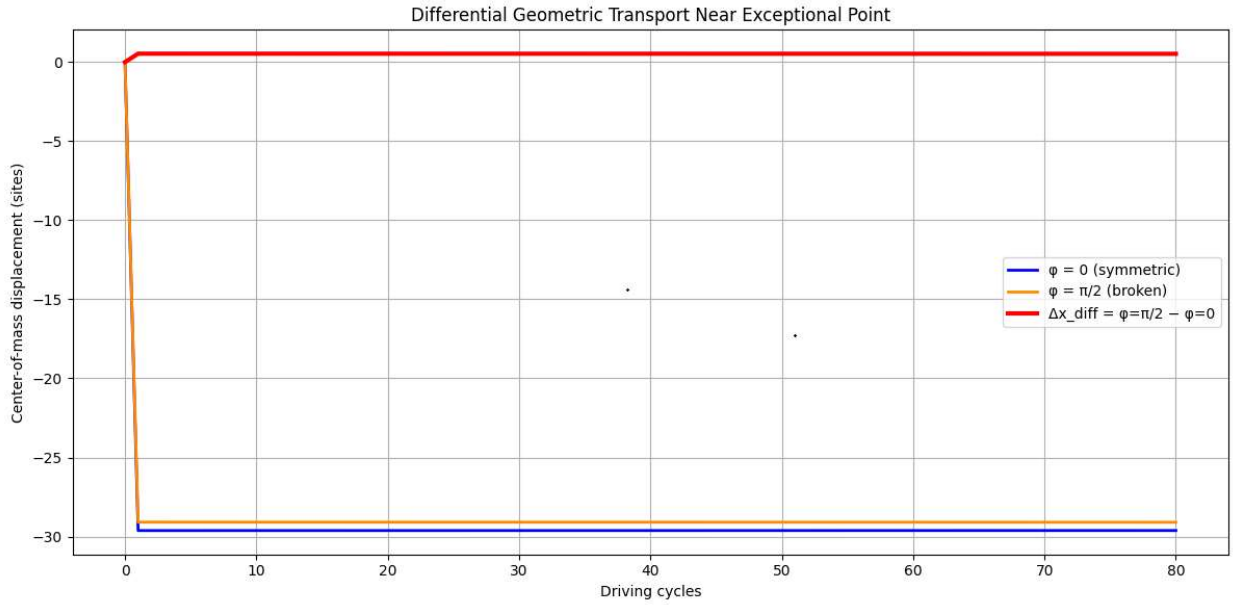
**Figure 1:** Berry Curvature Map ( $\text{Re}(\Omega)$  on  $(k, \lambda)$  torus) - computed



**Figure 2:** EP Hotspot Visualization ( $|d \cdot d|$ ) — computed



**Figure 3:** Convergence Plot ( $|\Delta x_{\text{norm}}|$  vs grid size) - computed



**Figure 4.** Differential center-of-mass displacement extracted from time-dependent wavepacket simulations on a finite non-Hermitian lattice with periodic boundary conditions and stroboscopic sampling. The blue and orange curves show the individual drifts for symmetric ( $\phi = 0$ ) and broken-symmetry ( $\phi = \pi/2$ ) driving. The red curve is the differential  $\Delta x_{\text{diff}} = x(\phi=\pi/2) - x(\phi=0)$ , which isolates the symmetry-breaking geometric contribution. A small positive secular drift is visible in the differential signal, consistent with the non-cancellation of Berry curvature



under broken drive symmetry. The magnitude is modest due to the finite-size lattice and quasi-adiabatic conditions, but the sign and symmetry dependence align with the theoretical prediction from the integrated real part of the Berry curvature.