

### 5.3 Particle and energy current

As often used before each volume element  $dk$  contains

$$2 \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \quad (5.19)$$

electronic states which are occupied with

$$dn = \frac{d^3 k}{4\pi^3} f(\vec{r}, \vec{k}) \quad (5.20)$$

particles. The complete current density is therefore

$$\vec{j} = \frac{q}{4\pi^3} \int_{V_k} \vec{v}(\vec{k}) f(\vec{r}, \vec{k}) d^3 k = \frac{q}{4\pi^3} \int_{V_k} \vec{v}(\vec{k}) f^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{k}) d^3 k \quad . \quad (5.21)$$

Here we used

$$\int_{V_k} \vec{v}(\vec{k}) f_0(\vec{r}, \vec{k}) d^3 k = 0 \quad (5.22)$$

since  $f_0(\vec{r}, \vec{k})$  is a symmetric function in  $\vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  an antisymmetric function in  $\vec{k}$  and we integrate over symmetric boundaries (In equilibrium no currents are flowing!). Correspondingly we find for the energy flux density:

$$W = \frac{1}{4\pi^3} \int_{V_k} E(\vec{k}) \vec{v}(\vec{k}) f^{(1)}(\vec{r}, \vec{k}) d^3 k \quad . \quad (5.23)$$