

Chern/Flat bands and correlation effects



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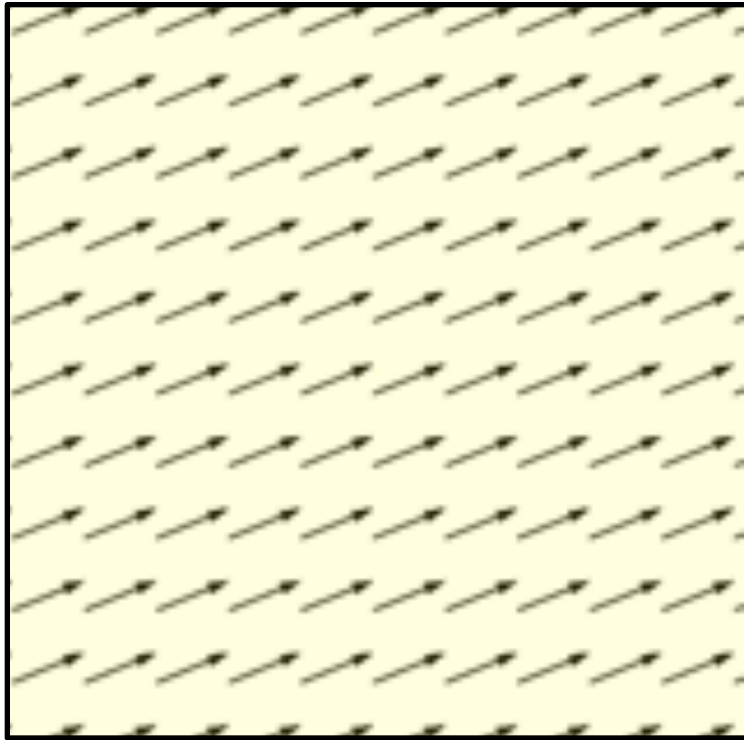
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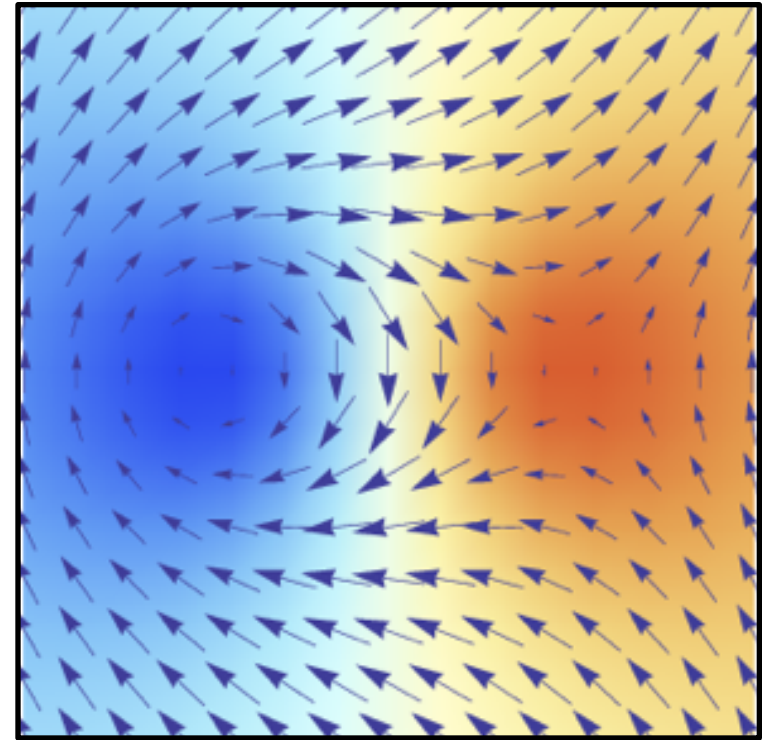
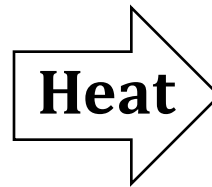
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Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless transition



Ordered ferromagnet



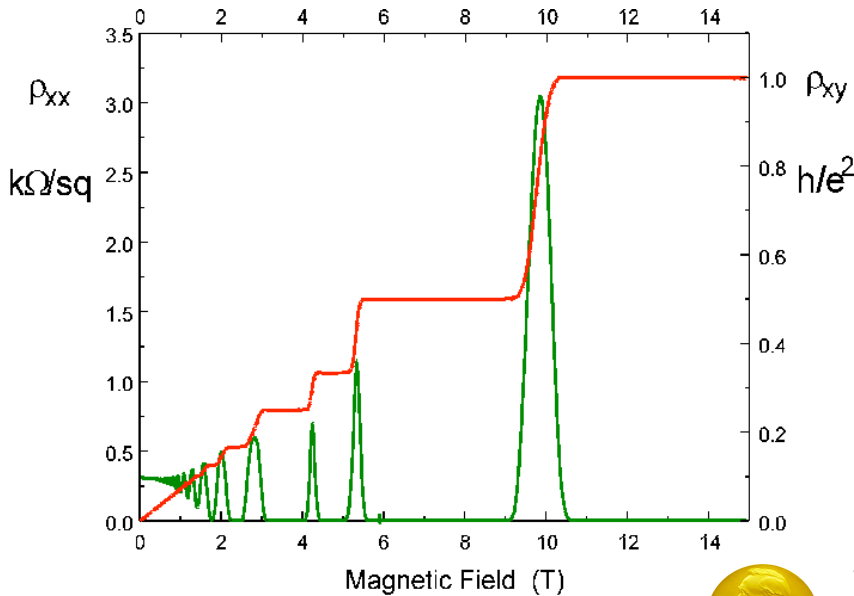
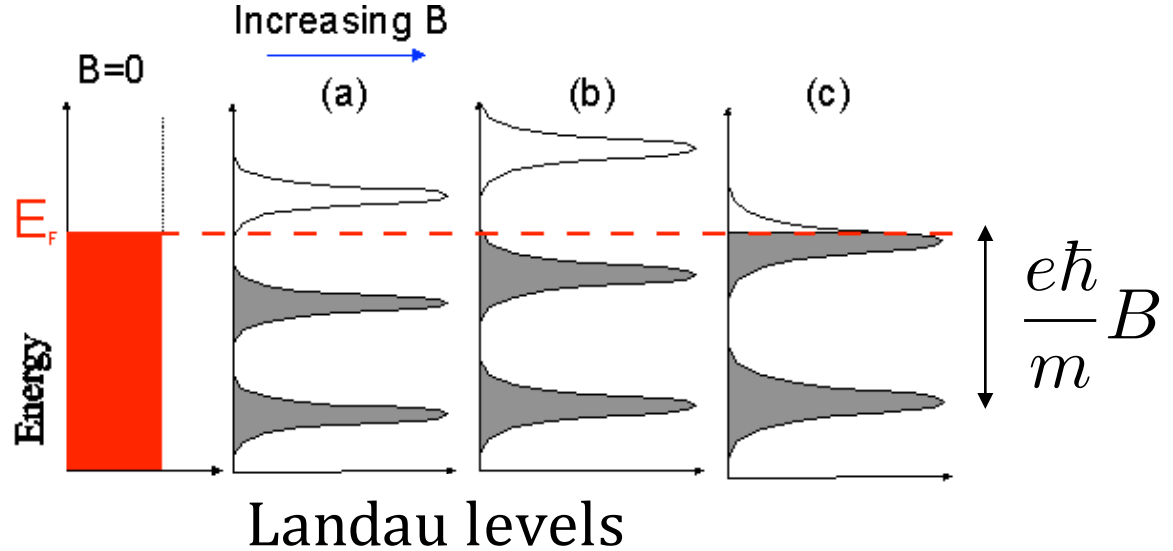
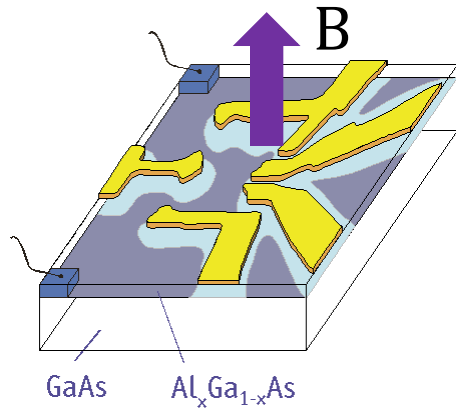
Vortex-Antivortex pair

- Proliferation of **Topological Defects: vortices, antivortices**
- Magnets, Superfluids, Superconductors, Early Universe

Berezinskii + Kosterlitz, Thouless
Topological ideas in condensed matter



Quantum Hall Effect

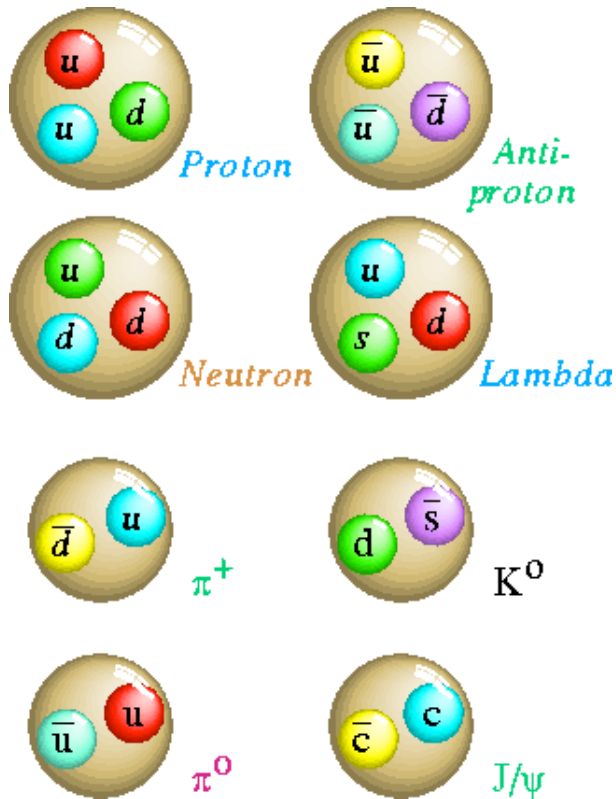


- New high mobility heterostructures
 - High B field measurements
- Precise quantization in a “dirty” system!
 - New standard of resistance
 - **Topological ideas in quantum matter**



K. Von Klitzing (1985) / Tsui, Laughlin, Stormer (1988)
Thouless, Kosterlitz, Haldane (2016)

Fractionalization: Interaction driven physics in a fractionally filled Landau level



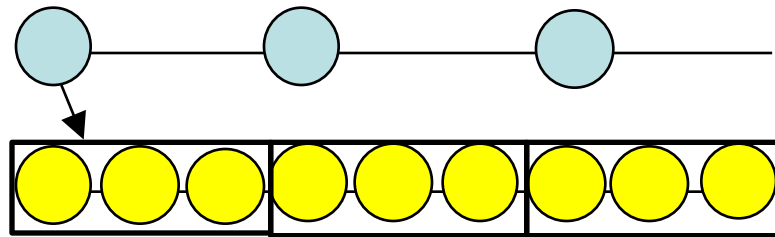
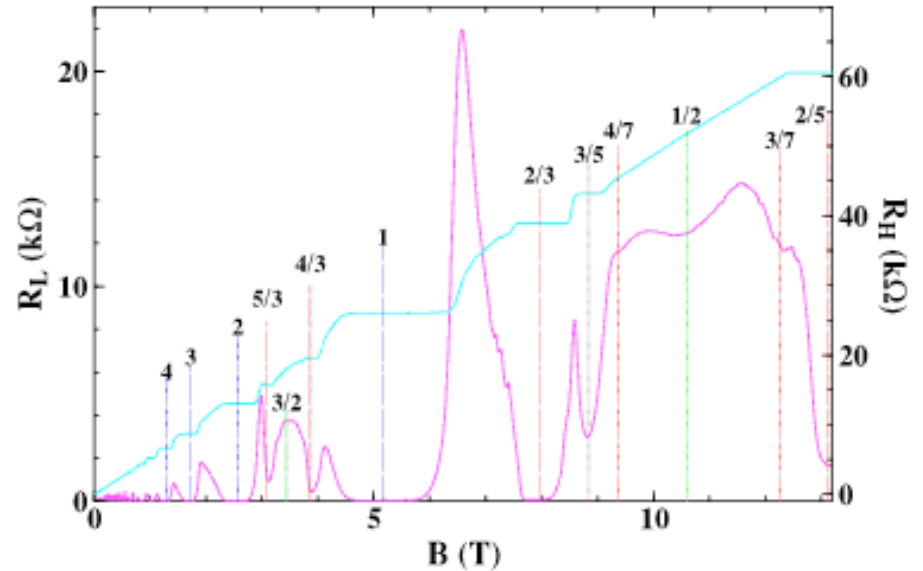
Quarks

Building blocks of hadrons, confined at low energies

$$(u, c, t) = +2/3$$

$$(d, s, b) = -1/3$$

Integer and Fractional Quantum Hall Effects



R.B. Laughlin
J. K. Jain
X.G. Wen

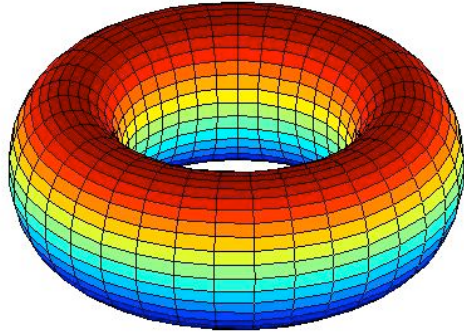
- **(1/3)-Laughlin liquid: Electron \sim 3 'partons'**
- **Electron FQHE = IQHE of fractional charges**
- **Kills enormous entropy**
- **Emergent charge- $e/3$ quasiparticle**

Can we realize quantum Hall effects in crystalline solids?

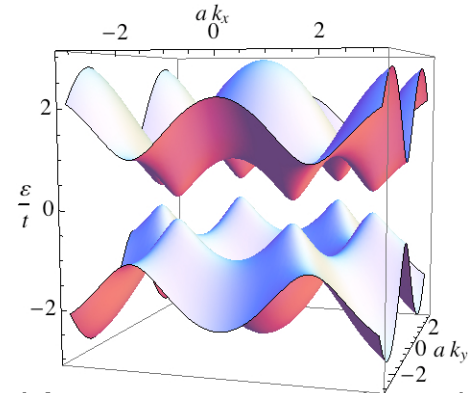
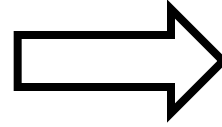
- **Without large magnetic fields**
- **Without ultralow temperatures**
- **With interaction-driven emergent phases**

Bands in Crystals – Momentum Space Topology

Crystal momentum



2D Brillouin zone: Torus



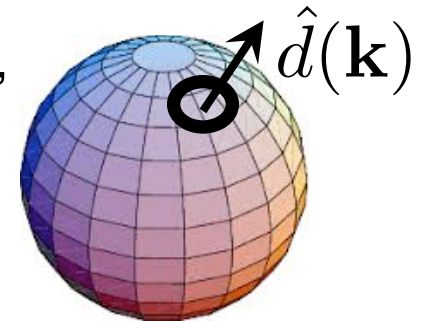
K-space energy bands + Bloch wavefunctions

Two-Band System

$$H(\mathbf{k}) = \vec{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \vec{\sigma} \quad \text{pseudospin}$$

$$E_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \pm |\vec{d}(\mathbf{k})|$$

“Bloch sphere”

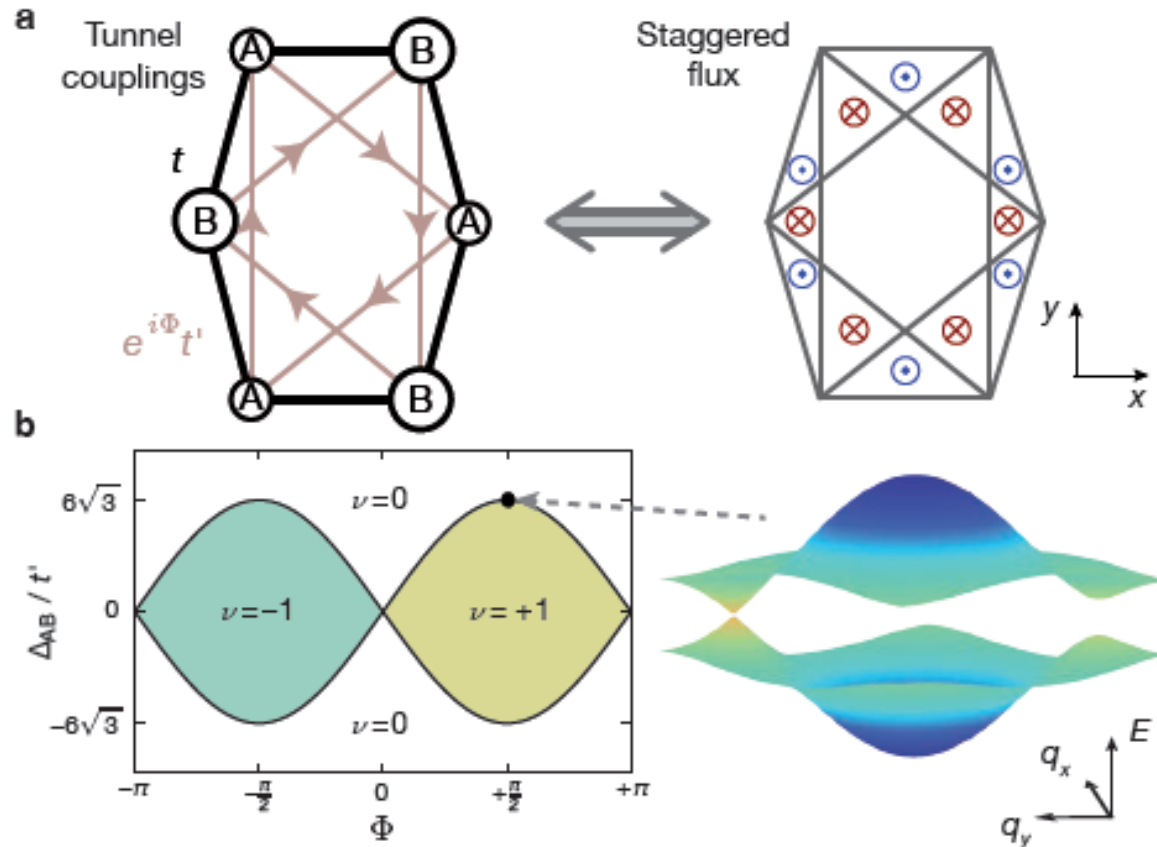


$\hat{d}(\mathbf{k})$: Information about wavefunction

$$\int \frac{dk_x dk_y}{4\pi} \hat{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \partial_x \hat{d}(\mathbf{k}) \times \partial_y \hat{d}(\mathbf{k})$$

→ Topological invariant (Chern number)

Haldane model

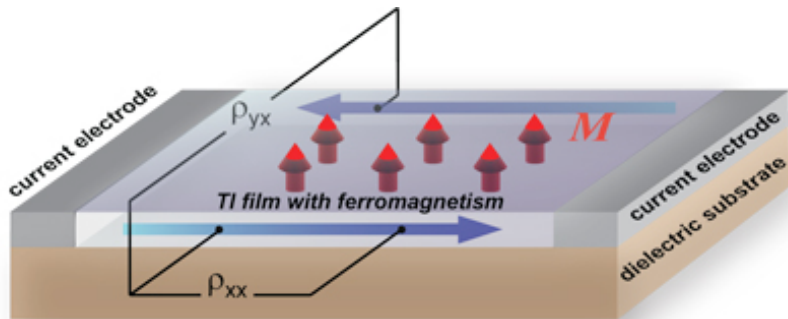


- Time-reversal broken, but “no net magnetic field”
- Bands carry nonzero Chern numbers: Quantum Hall effect
- **Chern bands ~ Landau levels**

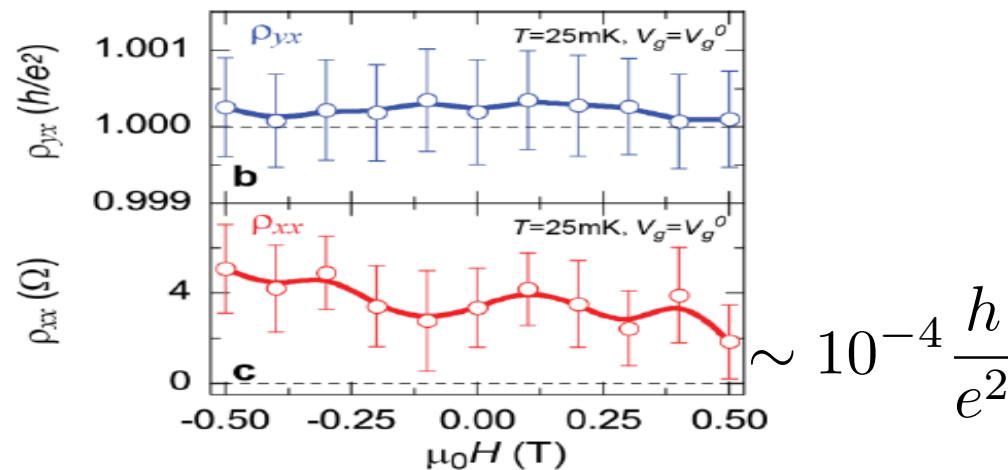
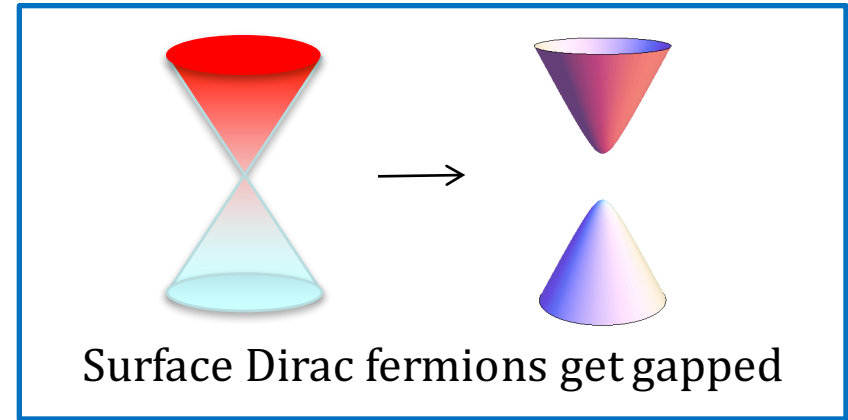
DR Hofstadter, PRB 1976; Thouless, Kohmoto, Nightingale, Nijs, PRL 1982;
FDM Haldane, PRL 1988; G. Jotzu, et al (Esslinger group) Nature 2014

Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect

- Topological insulators: Surface Dirac Fermions
- Breaking time-reversal with dopant magnetization, no B-field!
- Spin orbit coupling is crucial: Gives a “Lorentz force”



R. Yu, et al (Science 2010)



(Bi,Sb)₂Te₃ film doped with Cr or V

Early results

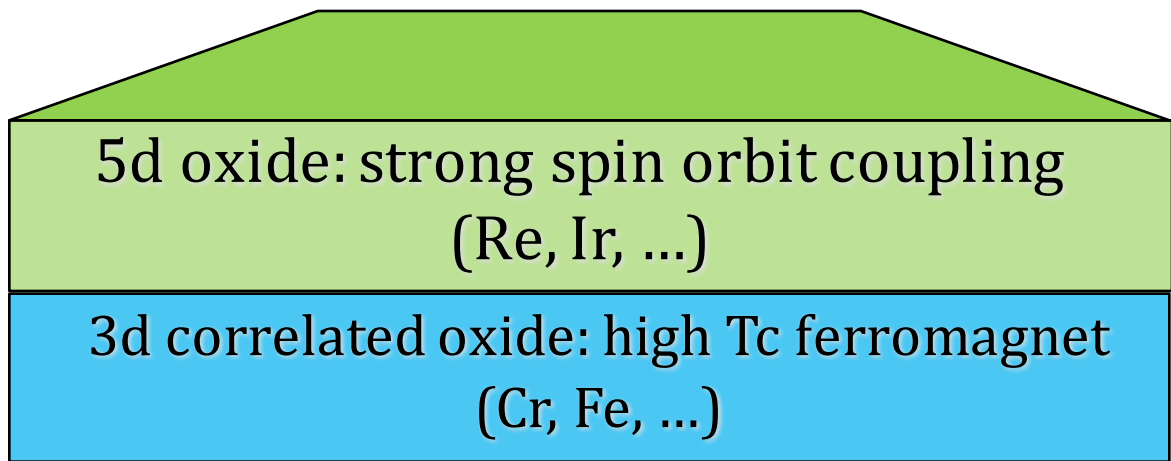
Ferromagnetic $T_c \sim 10K$
 Hall quantization: $T \sim 25 mK$

- C.Z. Chang et al, Science 2013 (Xue group, Tsinghua)
- C.Z. Chang et al, arXiv (M. Chan + J. Moodera groups)
- A. J. Bestwick et al, arXiv (Goldhaber-Gordon group)
- A. Kandala, et al, arXiv (N. Samarth group)

Can one induce nontrivial band topologies in strongly correlated materials?

- **Transition metal oxide layers: Quantum anomalous Hall effects**
(Di Xiao, Zhu, Okamoto, Y Ran, Nagaosa, Okamoto, Nat Comm 2011; Fiete, PRB 2011, PRL 2013)

Multicomponent (111) bilayer thin films
Predict high T_c quantum anomalous Hall effect



5d oxide: strong spin orbit coupling
(Re, Ir, ...)

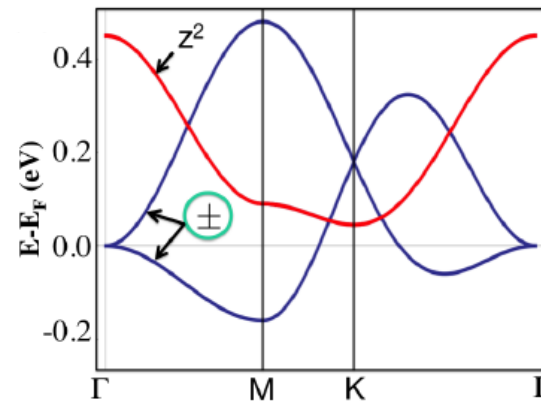
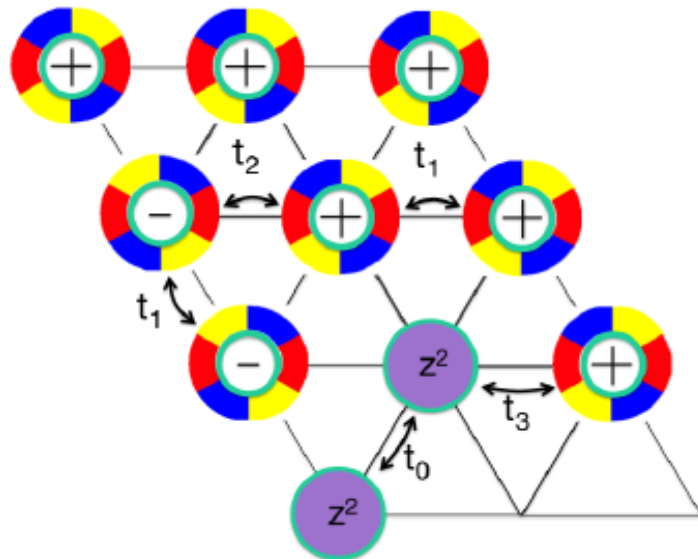
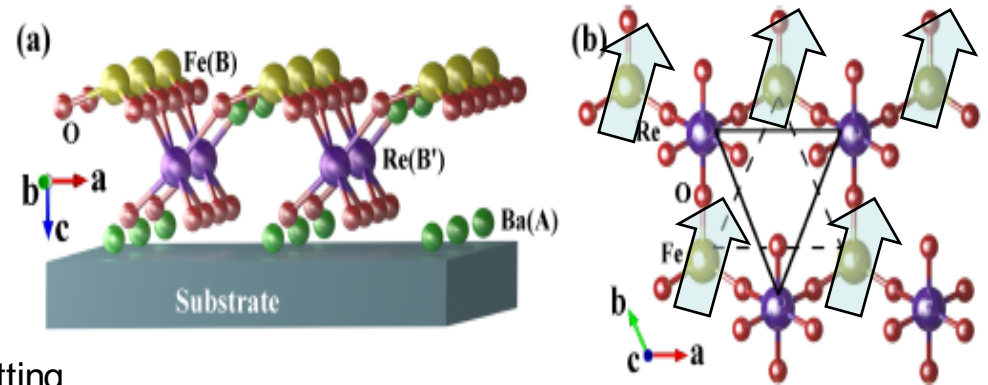
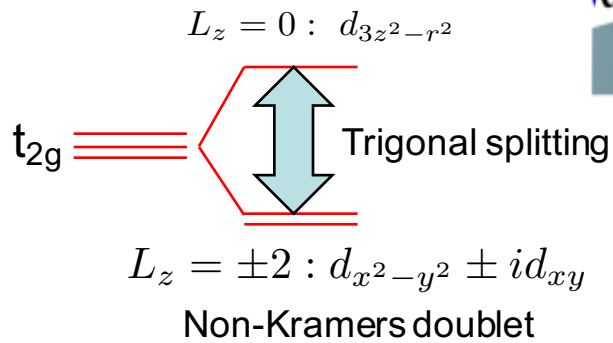
3d correlated oxide: high T_c ferromagnet
(Cr, Fe, ...)

DFT+Monte Carlo

QAH gap ~ 100 meV
Ferromagnetic $T_c \sim 300$ K

Half-metallic double perovskite (111) bilayer

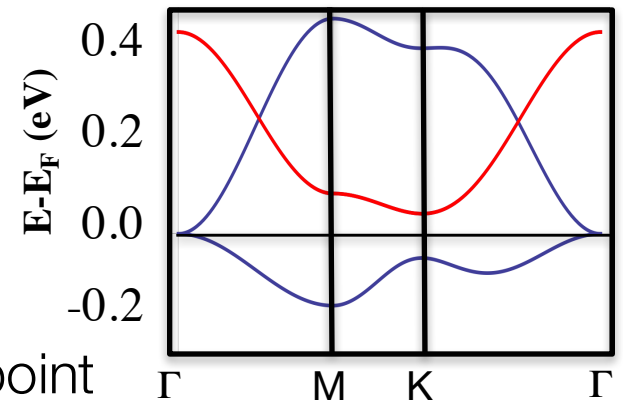
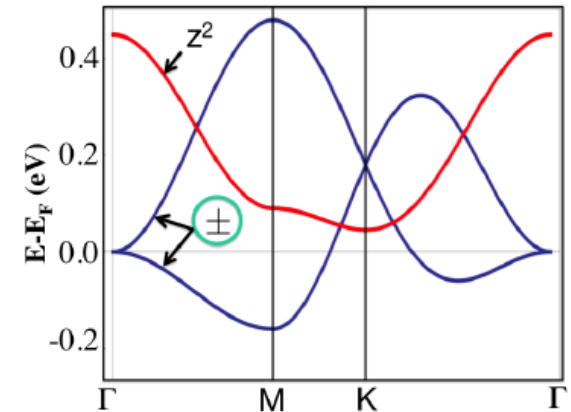
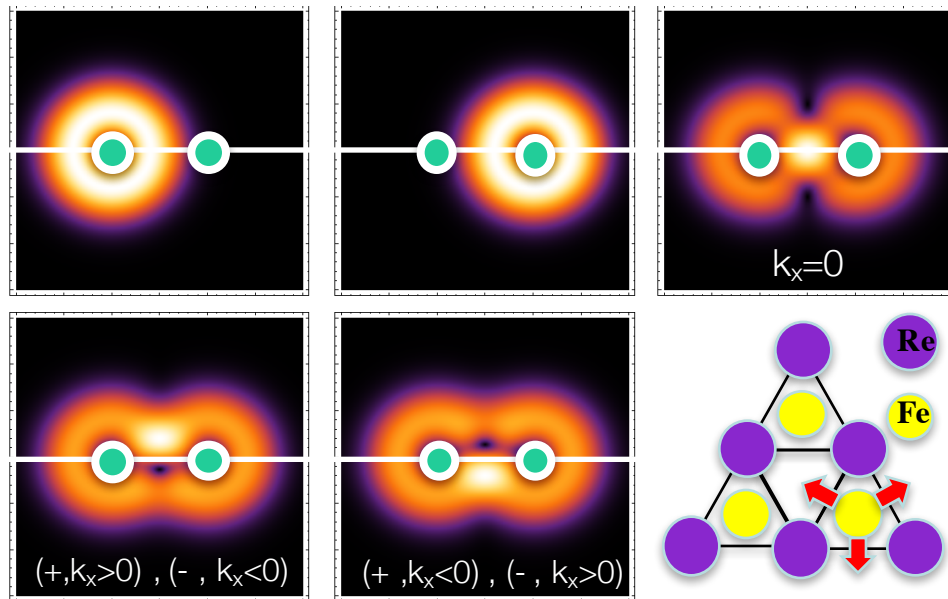
- Triangular half-metal



Dirac points at K: Inversion + “Time-reversal”
 Quadratic band touching at Γ : C3 + “Time reversal”

“Orbital Dipoles” and the “Orbital Rashba effect”

[“Orbital Rashba”, Jung-Hoon Han group, PRL 2011, PRB 2012]



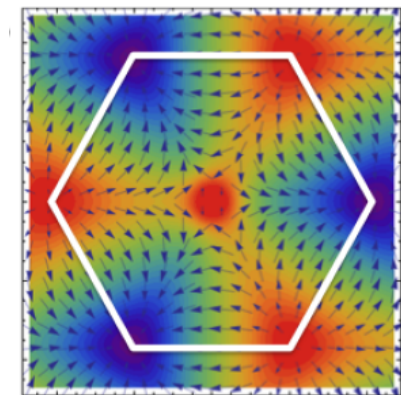
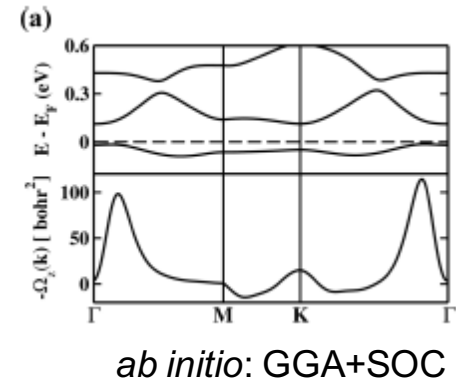
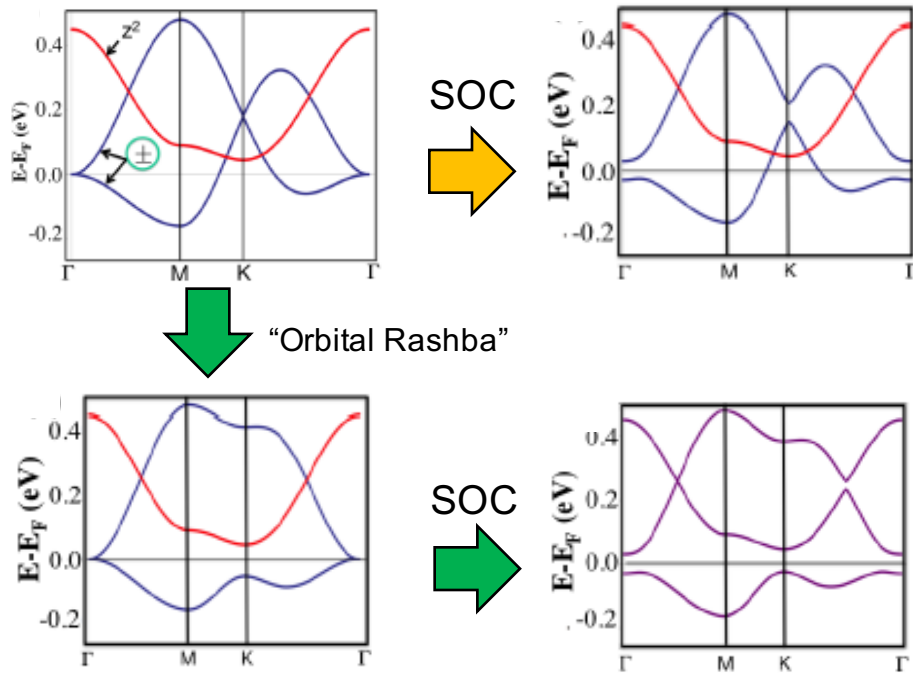
Inversion-symmetry breaking

- “Orbital Rashba” effect gaps out K Dirac point
- Half-semimetal

S. Baidya, U. Waghmare, AP, T. Saha-Dasgupta (PRB 2016)

Large gap quantum anomalous Hall insulator

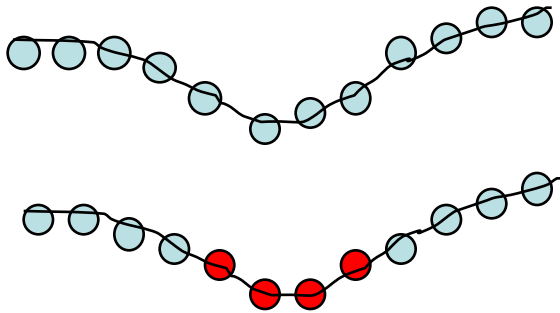
$$\text{SOC: } -\lambda \langle S_z \rangle L_z$$



k-space skyrmion

QAH gap ~ 100 meV
Ferromagnetic $T_c \sim 250$ K

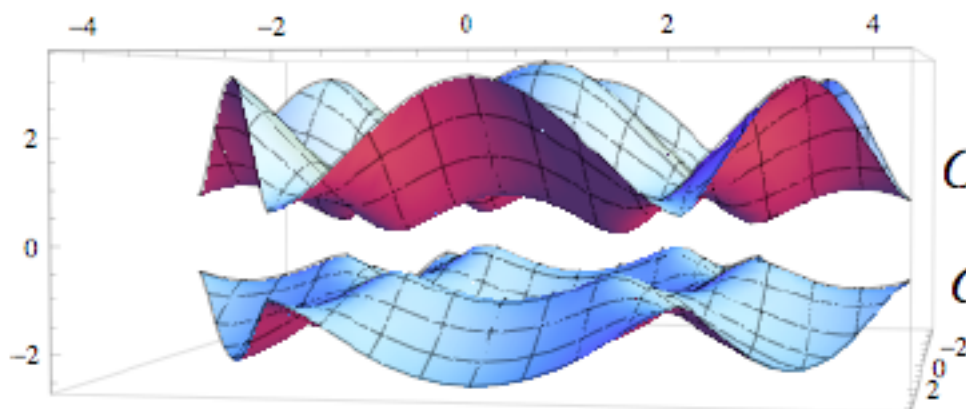
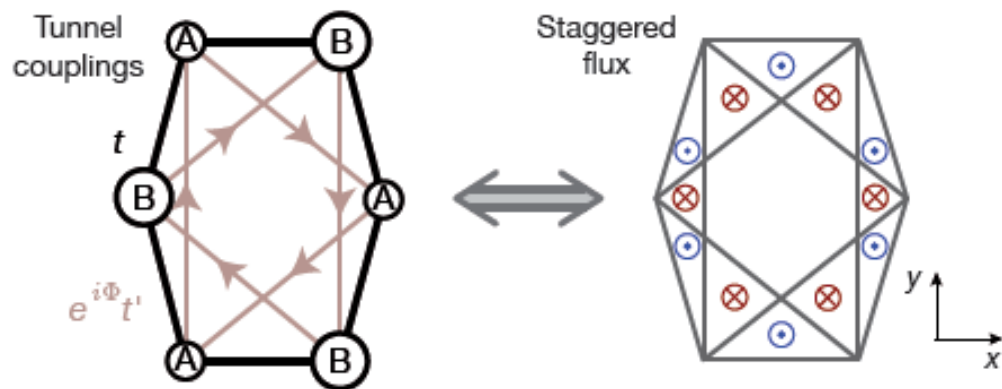
Fractionalization in Chern bands



- $C=1$ Chern band \sim Landau level
- Can $1/3$ -filled Chern band show FQHE?
- Clear alternative: Zero entropy metal

- **Band flattening** \sim more analogous to Landau levels
- Interactions drive fractional quantum Hall effect
- **Regime:** Dispersion \ll Interactions \ll Band gap
- $\nu=1/2$: Lattice version of bosonic Laughlin liquid
- $\nu=1/3$: Lattice version of fermionic Laughlin state

Half-filled Haldane Chern insulator with strong correlation



- Bulk gap
- Nontrivial Chern numbers

- Consider 2 copies: \uparrow, \downarrow
- Fill up lower Chern band: $\sigma_{xy} = 2e^2/h$ (“2” due to spin)
- Crank up interactions between \uparrow and \downarrow : “Haldane-Hubbard” model

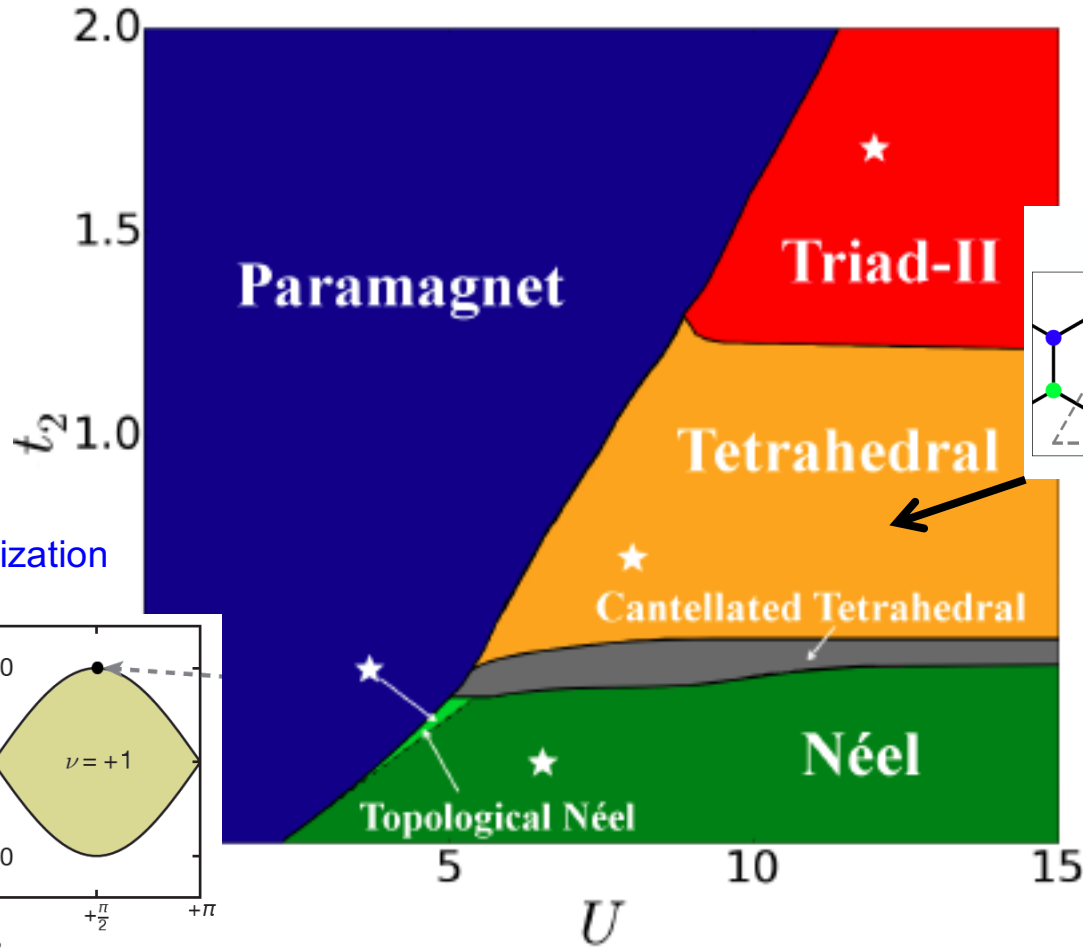
Theoretical proposals -

J. He, et al, PRB 2011, 2012 - Slave rotor mean field theory: Chiral spin liquid ($\nu=1/2$ bosonic Laughlin state)

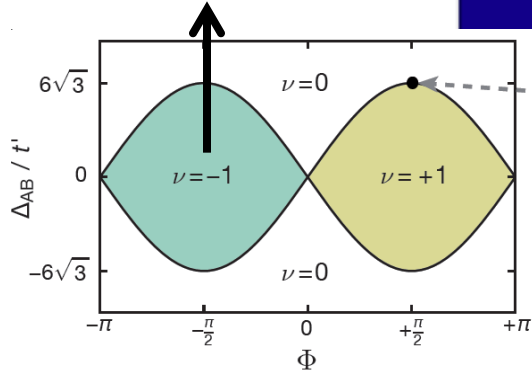
J. Maciejko, A. Rugg, PRB 2013 - Exotic Z_2 Cl* phase at intermediate U

D. Prychynenko, S. Huber arXiv:1410.2001 - Topological SDW/CDW order (with sublattice imbalance)

Mean Field Phase diagram: Novel broken symmetries



Sublattice magnetization



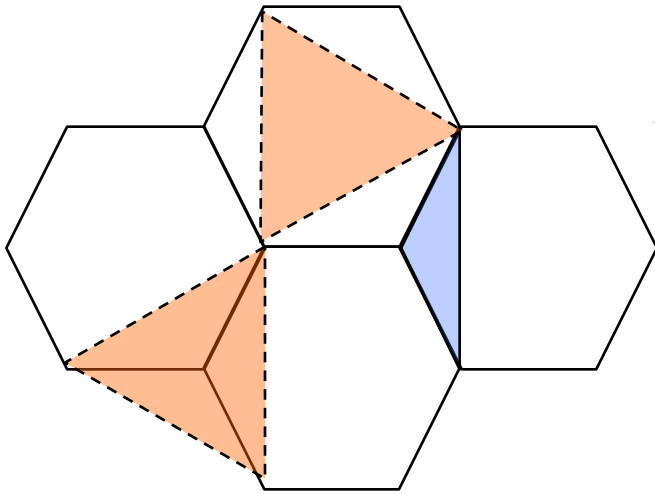
- First careful mean field study - W. Zheng, H. Shen, Zhong Wang, Hui Zhai (PRB 2015)
- * Predicted mean field topological Neel state (see: K. Jiang, S. Zhou, Xi Dai, Z. Wang, PRL 2018)
- * Predicted fluctuation-induced 1st order – confirmed: M. Troyer group, (PRB 2016)

Mean field extended to larger t_2 : V. S. Arun, R. Sohal, C. Hickey, AP (PRB 2016)

Strong coupling limit: Chiral spin interactions

$$H_{\text{spin}} = \frac{4t_1^2}{U} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \frac{4t_2^2}{U} \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

$$- \frac{24t_1^2 t_2}{U^2} \sum_{\text{small-}\Delta} \hat{\chi}_\Delta \sin \Phi_\Delta - \frac{24t_2^3}{U^2} \sum_{\text{big-}\Delta} \hat{\chi}_\Delta \sin \Phi_\Delta$$

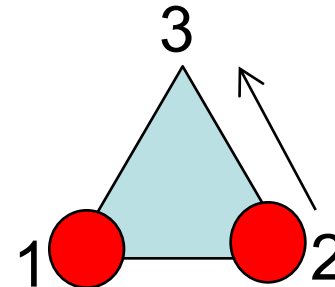


$$\chi_\Delta = \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \times \vec{S}_3$$

Scalar spin chirality

Boson language: Correlated hopping

$$in_1 (b_2^\dagger b_3 - b_3^\dagger b_2)$$



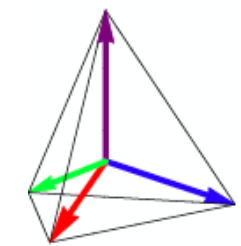
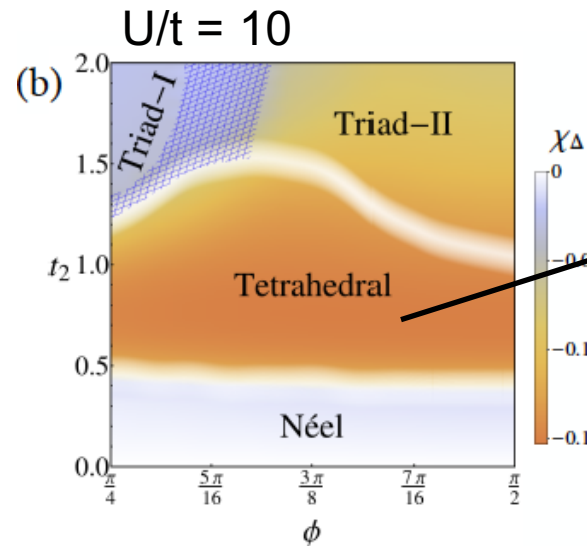
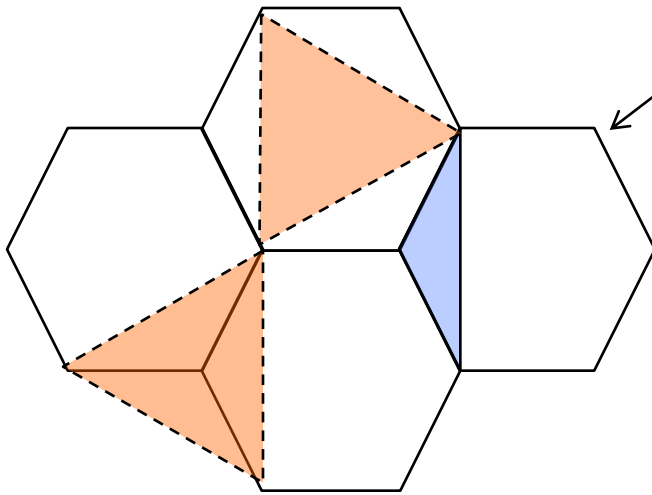
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Scalar spin chirality



Exact Diagonalization
with N=18,24,32

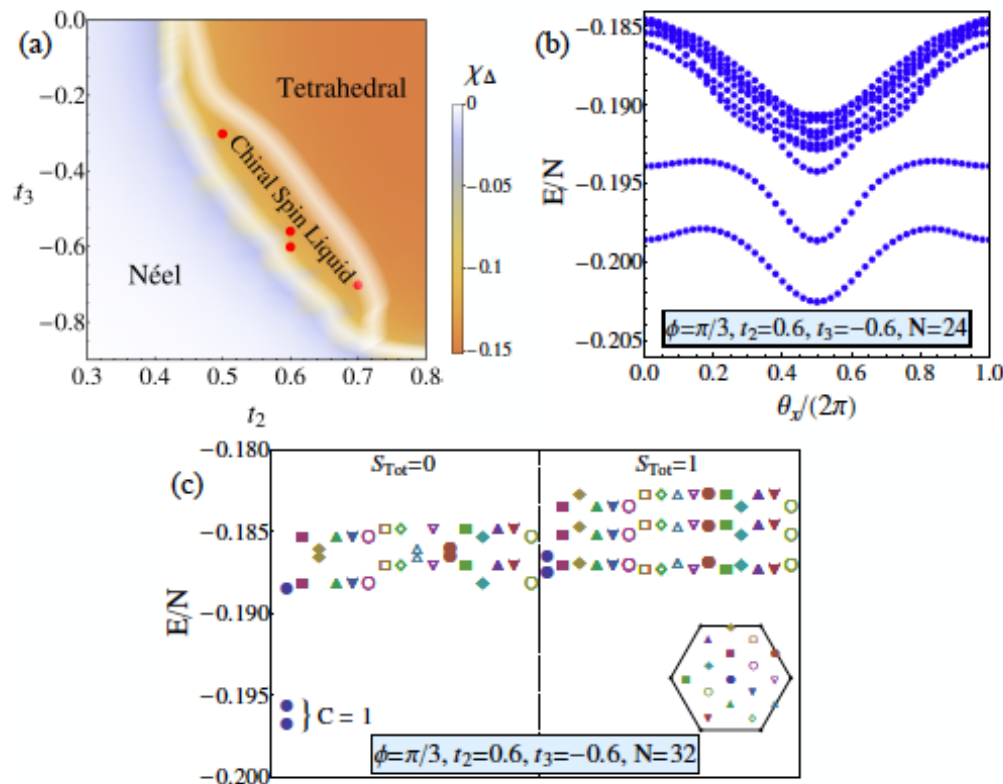
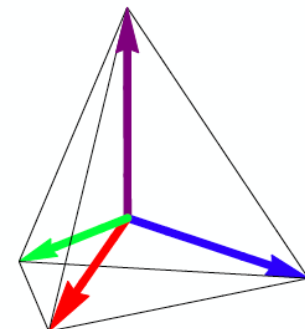
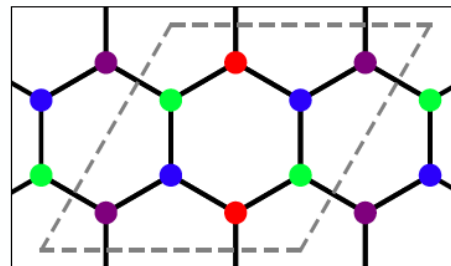
- Classical ground states
- Exact diagonalization
- Ground state: magnetically ordered!

C. Hickey, L. Cincio, Z. Papić, AP (PRL 2016)

Cf: Nielsen, Sierra, Cirac, Nat. Comm. 2013 – Square lattice Chern insulator yields a CSL Mott insulator
 Cf: B. Bauer, et al, Nature Communications 5, 5137 (2014) – Kagome chiral terms give CSL Mott insulator

Melting the Tetrahedral Order

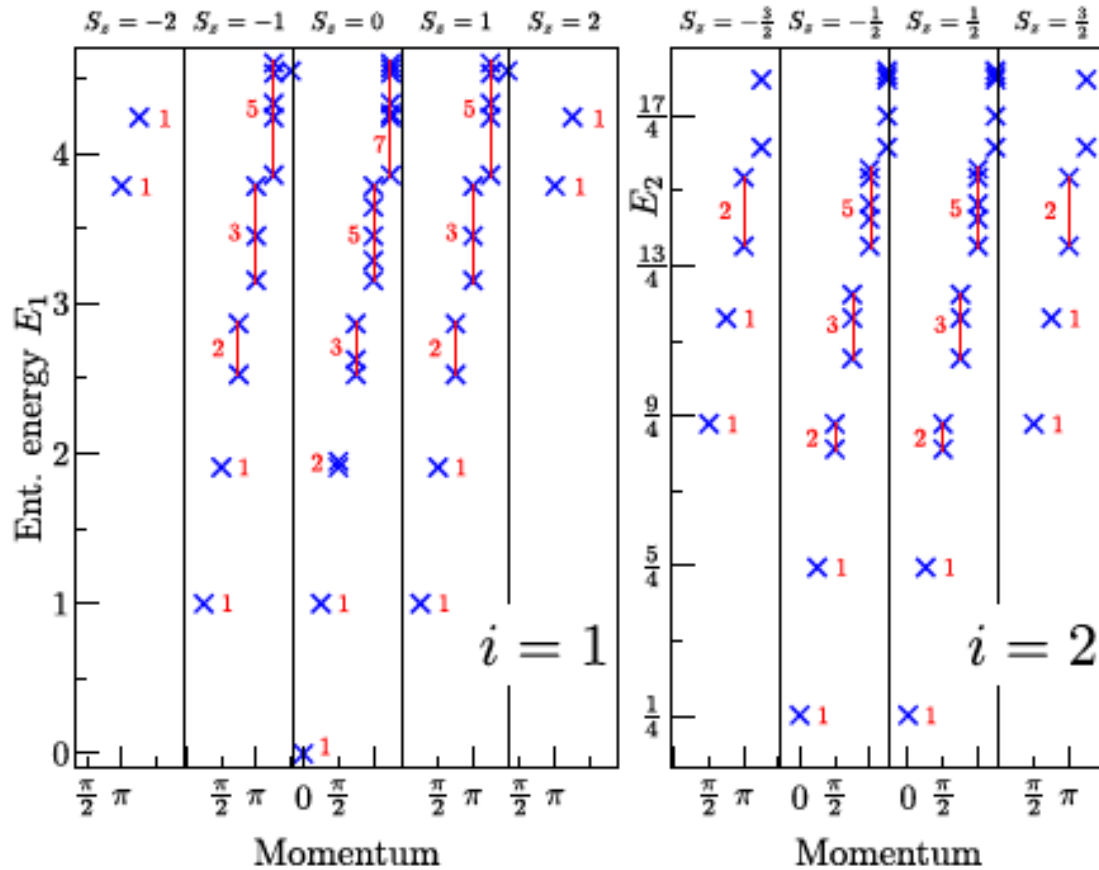
Add 3rd neighbor AFM interaction
 Frustrates Tetrahedral order
 Creates a CSL retaining large chirality!



Exact diagonalization
 results: $N=18,24,32$

Infinite cylinder DMRG results

Y. Zhang, et al PRB 2013
L. Cincio and G. Vidal, PRL 2013



Agrees with chiral semion

Spin crystallization transition out of the CSL

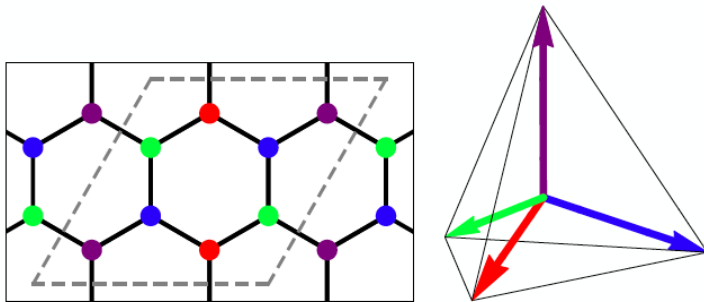
- **Low energy theory of CSL: Pure topological Chern Simons theory**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CS}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\lambda} a_\alpha \partial_\beta a_\lambda \quad \text{U(1) level } k=2$$

- Need gapped excitations in CSL: Semions
- Like to examine continuous transition to a magnetically ordered state

Minimally couple bosonic spinons to CS gauge field

- In the CSL: Bosonic spinons bind π -flux to give semions
- Out of CSL: Condensing spinons can yield magnetic order



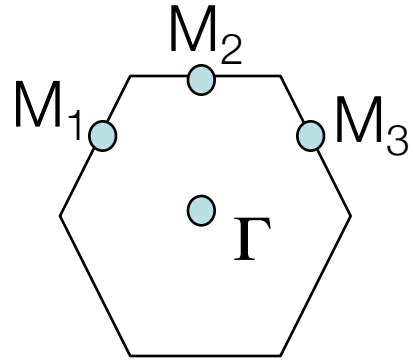
Hofstadter Problem

Adiabatic spinon transport: Berry Fluxes

Triangular loops: $\pi/2$

Hexagonal loops: π

Spin crystallization transition out of the CSL



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CS},\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} a_\mu \partial_\nu a_\lambda + |(\partial_\mu - ia_\mu)\phi_{i\alpha}|^2 + r|\phi_{i\alpha}|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i &= \phi_{i\alpha}^* \phi_{i\alpha} \\ \vec{\mathcal{S}}_i &= \phi_{i\alpha}^* \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \phi_{i\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Interactions:

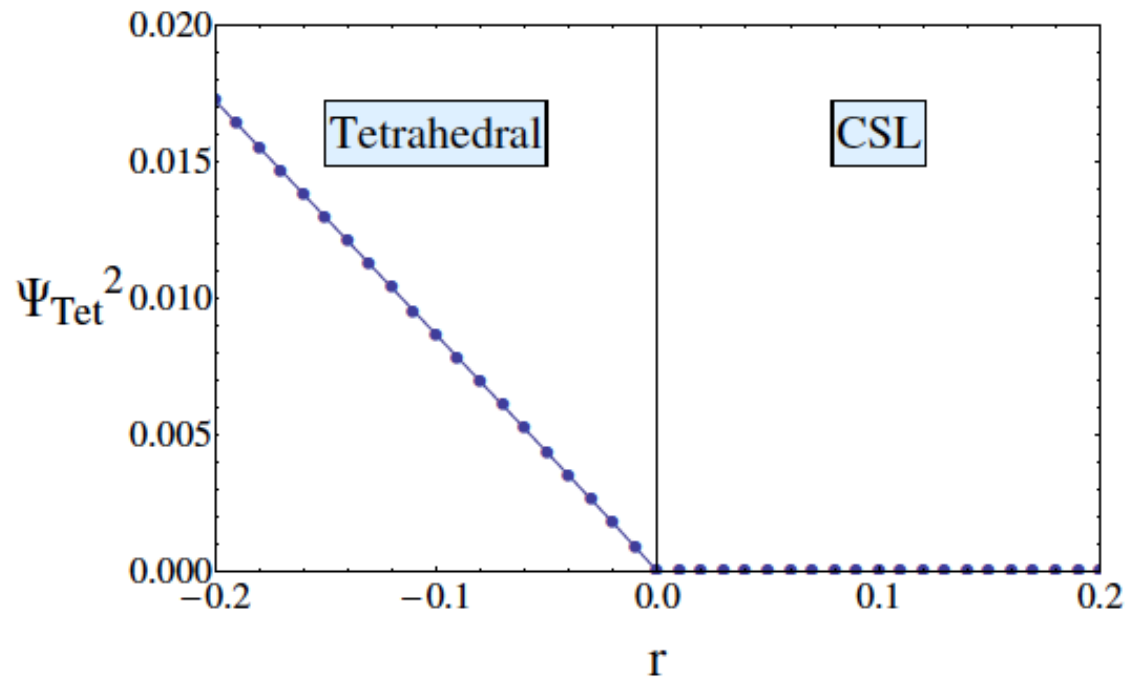
$u_2 < 0$ favors multimode

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{(1)} &= u_1 \left(\sum_i \rho_i \right)^2 + u_2 \sum_{i \neq j} \rho_i \rho_j + u_3 \sum_{i \neq j} \vec{\mathcal{S}}_i \cdot \vec{\mathcal{S}}_j \\ &+ u_4 \sum_{[ijkl]} \phi_{i\alpha}^* \phi_{j\beta}^* \phi_{k\alpha} \phi_{l\beta} + u_5 \sum_{i \neq j} \phi_{i\alpha}^* \phi_{i\beta}^* \phi_{j\alpha} \phi_{j\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Spin crystallization transition out of the CSL

Chern-Simons-Higgs theory

Mean field Landau theory

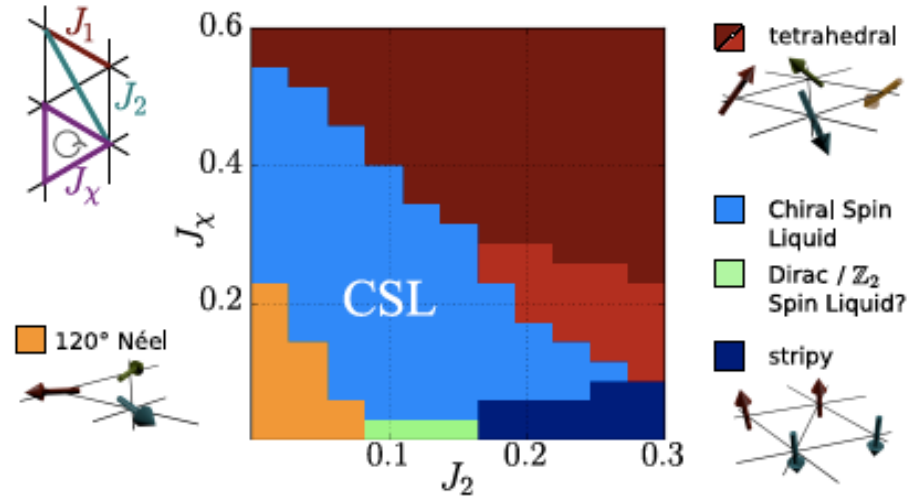


- CSL arises from frustration induced melting of tetrahedral order
- How generic is this idea?

Generalization to other lattices

Triangular lattice

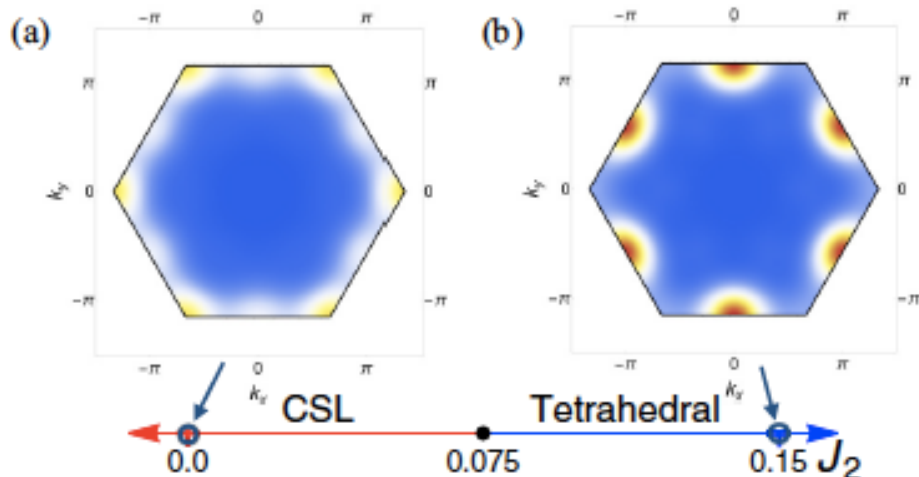
$$\mathcal{H} = J_1 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J_2 \sum_{\langle\langle i,j \rangle\rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J_\chi \sum_{i,j,k \in \Delta} \vec{S}_i \cdot (\vec{S}_j \times \vec{S}_k)$$



VMC/ED: Wietek, A. Laeuchli (PRB 2017)

DMRG: Saadatmand, McCulloch (PRB 2017)

DMRG: S.S. Gong, Zhu, Zhu, D.N. Sheng, K. Yang (PRB 2017)

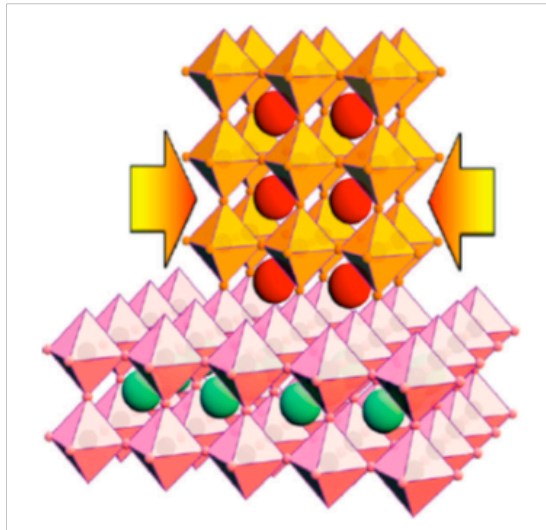


ED/DMRG:

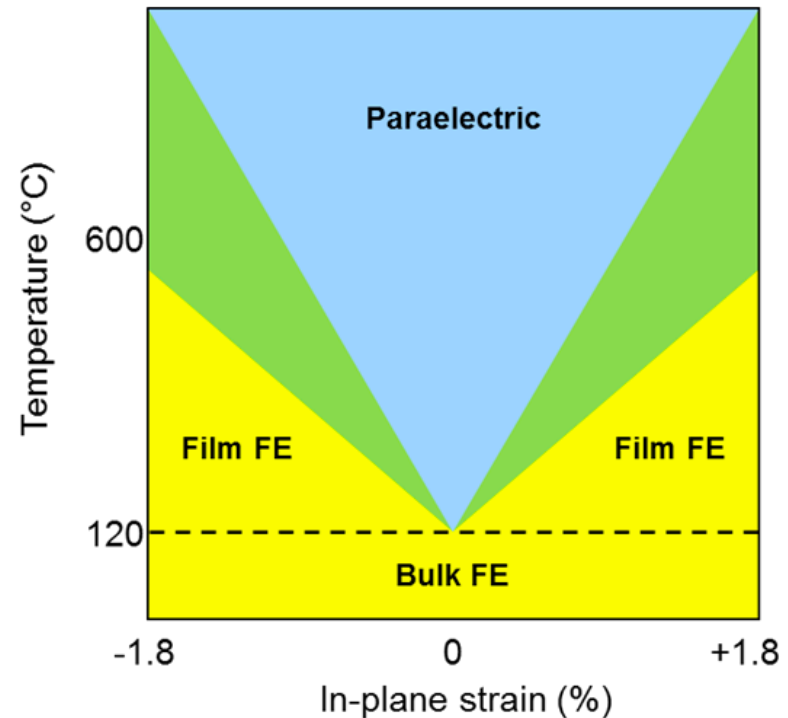
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Strain in correlated materials

Strained BaTiO_3 films

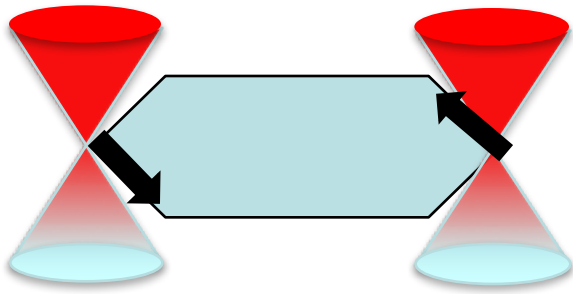


D.G. Schlom *Rev. Mater. Res.* 37 589 (2007)



- **Strain impacts electronic bands**
- **How do interactions modify the resulting phases?**

Strain induced “Landau levels” in graphene

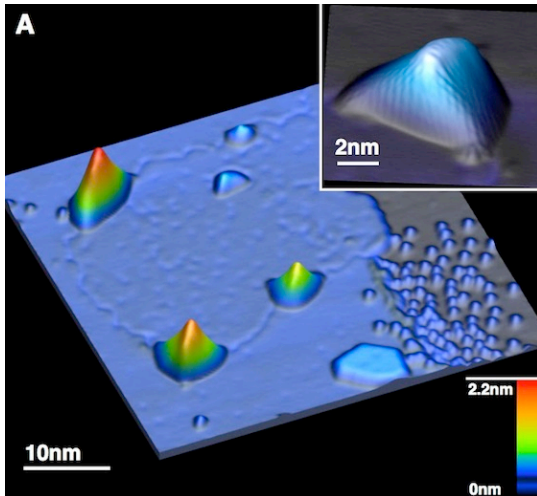


Uniform strain: Moves Dirac points

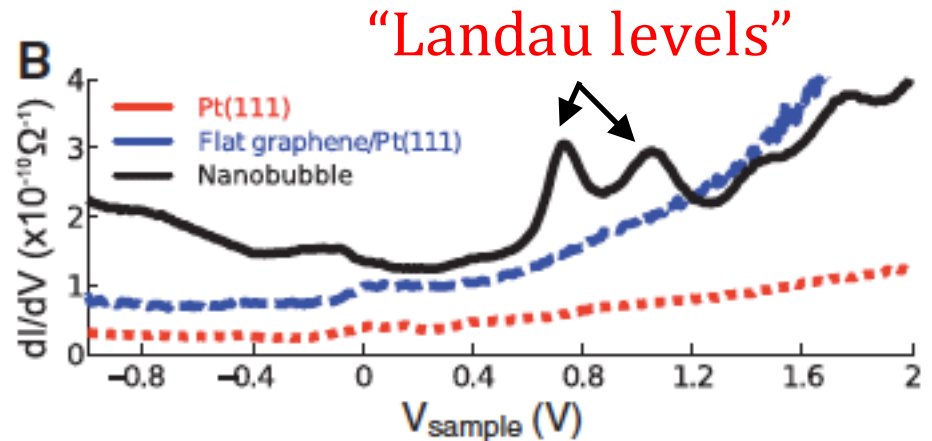
$$\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{p} - "e\vec{A}"$$

Non-uniform strain: $\vec{A}(\mathbf{r})$

Graphene



- Time-reversal invariant
- Pseudomagnetic field: 300 Tesla!

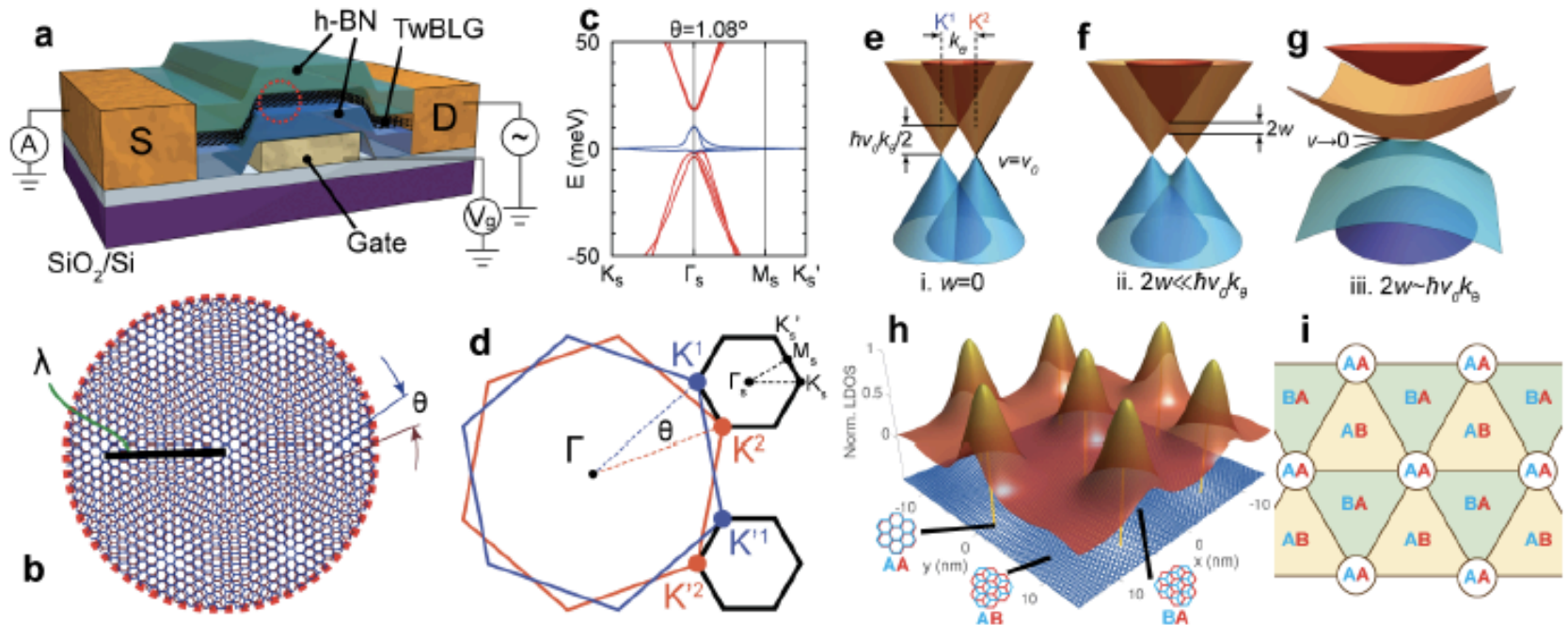


F. Guinea, Katsnelson, Geim (Nat Phys 2010)

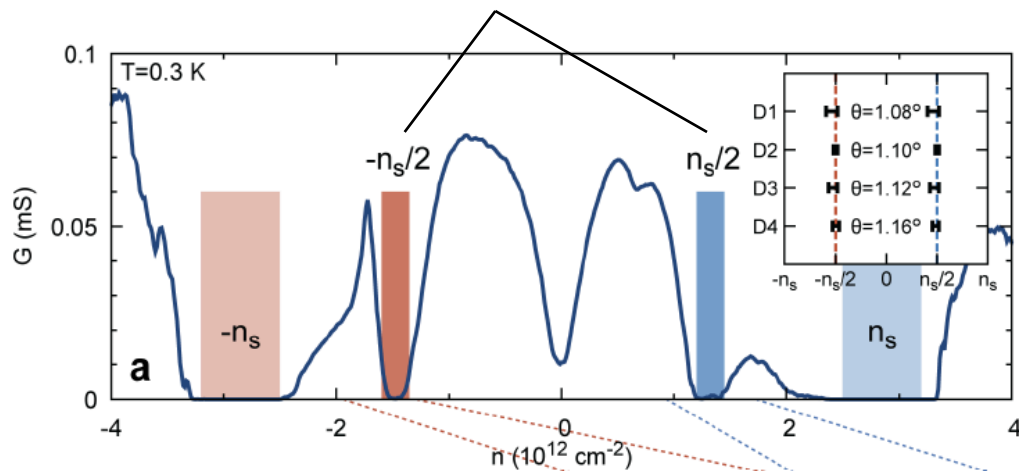
N. Levy, et al (Science 2010)

Interactions can induce fractionalized phases: Ghaemi, Cayssol, Sheng, Vishwanath (PRL 2012)

Flat bands in twisted bilayer graphene



Mott insulators?



**Superconductivity
at $T_c \sim 1\text{K}$ upon doping**

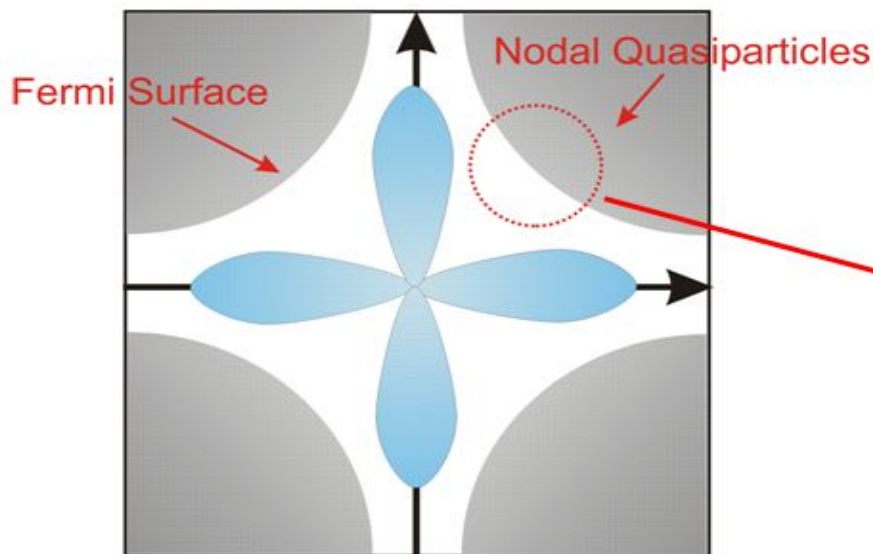
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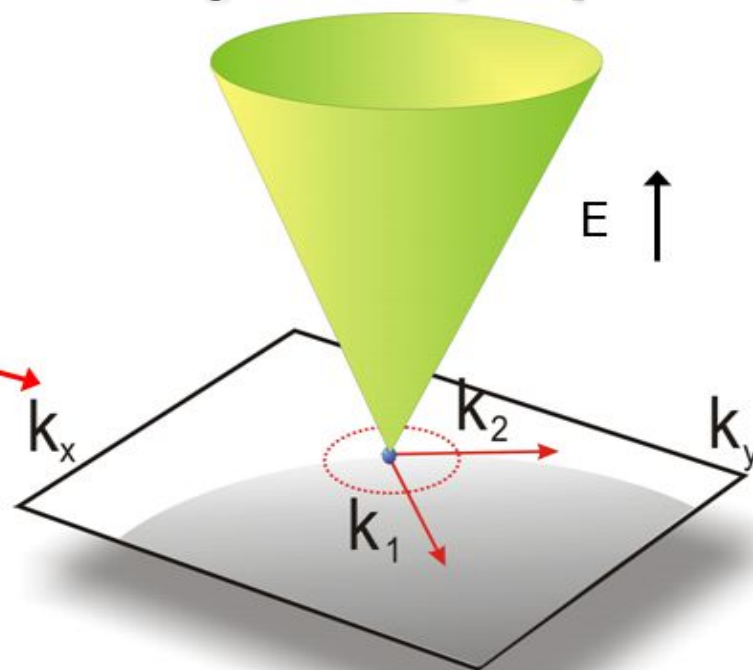
Strain-induced Landau levels in Correlated Matter

Cuprate high T_c superconductors

d-wave gap: $\Delta = \Delta_0 \cos(2\phi)$



Bogoliubov Quasiparticles



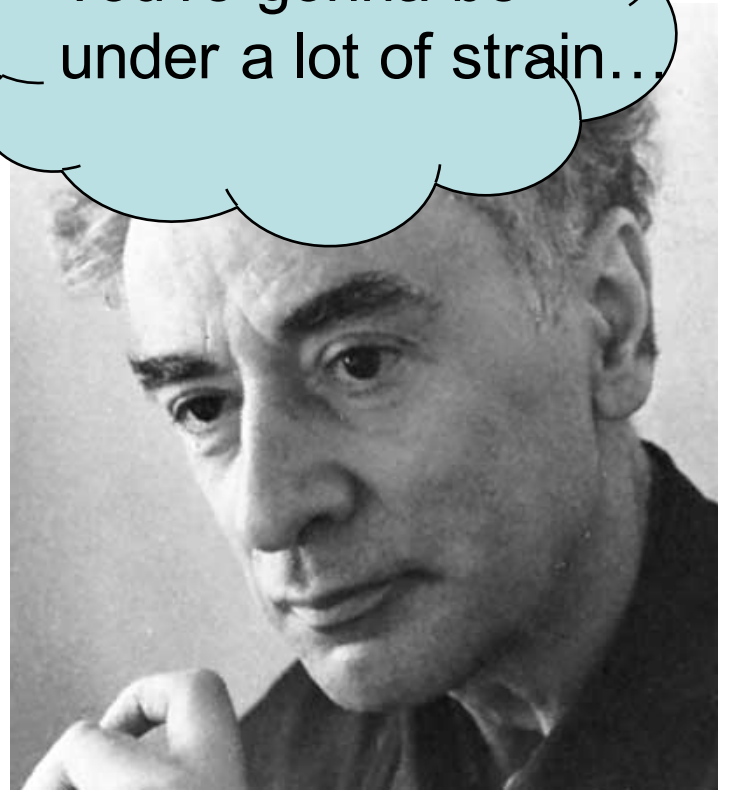
The quasiparticle excitation spectrum near the nodes takes the form of a 'Dirac cone':

$$E_{\vec{k}} = \sqrt{v_F^2 k_1^2 + v_\Delta^2 k_2^2}$$

Bogoliubov quasiparticles in d-wave SCs



Man, I wanna be at
your **level!**



You're gonna be
under a lot of strain...

Bogoliubov quasiparticles in strained d-wave SCs

Linearized BdG Hamiltonian

$$H_0 = \int d^2 \mathbf{r} \left[-i\sigma^z \vec{v}_f \cdot \vec{\nabla} - i\sigma^x \vec{v}_\Delta \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right]$$

Strain: Time-reversal invariant perturbation

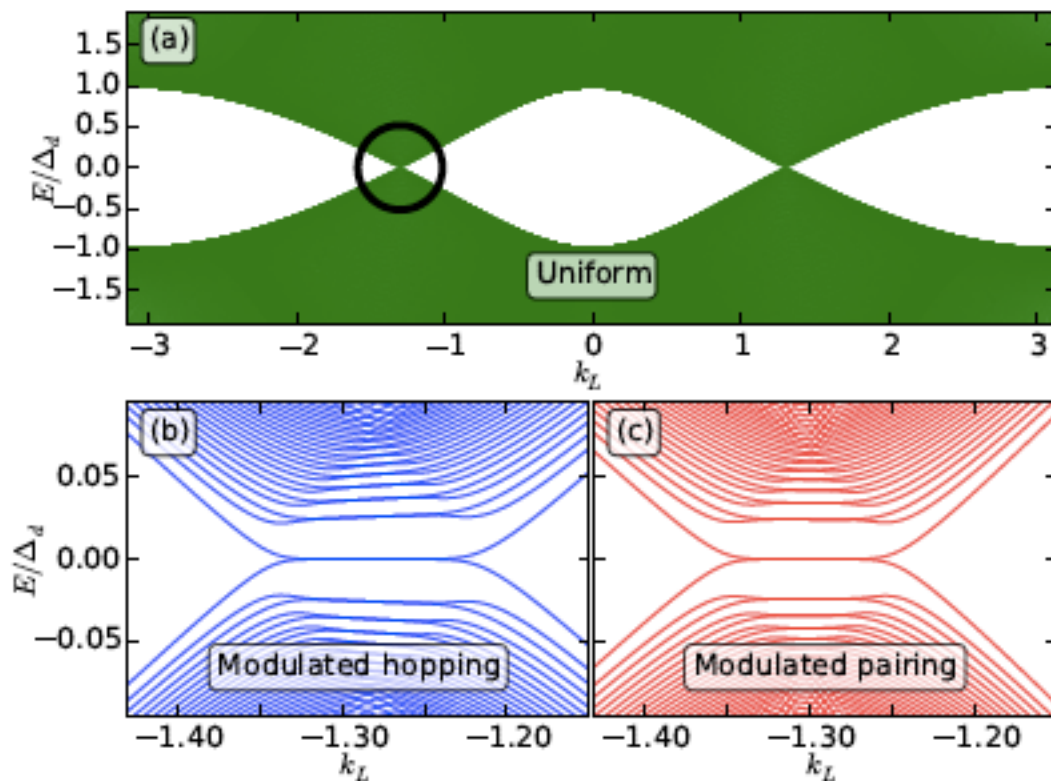
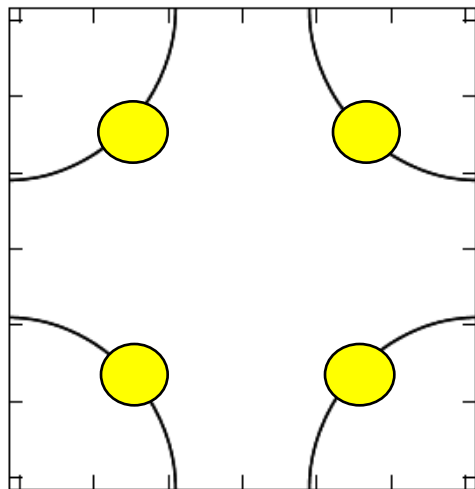
$$\delta H_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{R}, \eta, \alpha} \delta t_\eta(\mathbf{R}) (c_{\mathbf{R}, \alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{R}+\eta, \alpha} + \text{h.c.})$$

Hopping

$$\delta H_2 = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{\mathbf{R}, \eta} \delta \Delta_\eta(\mathbf{R}) (c_{\mathbf{R}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{R}+\eta, \downarrow}^\dagger - c_{\mathbf{R}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{R}+\eta, \uparrow}^\dagger + \text{h.c.})$$

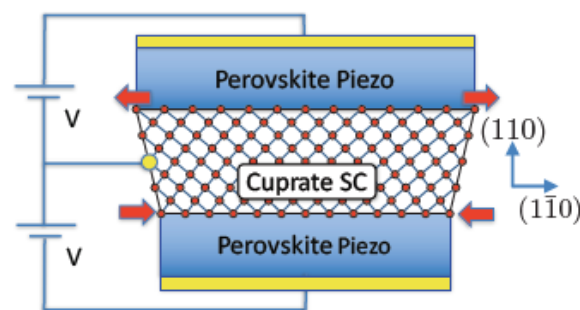
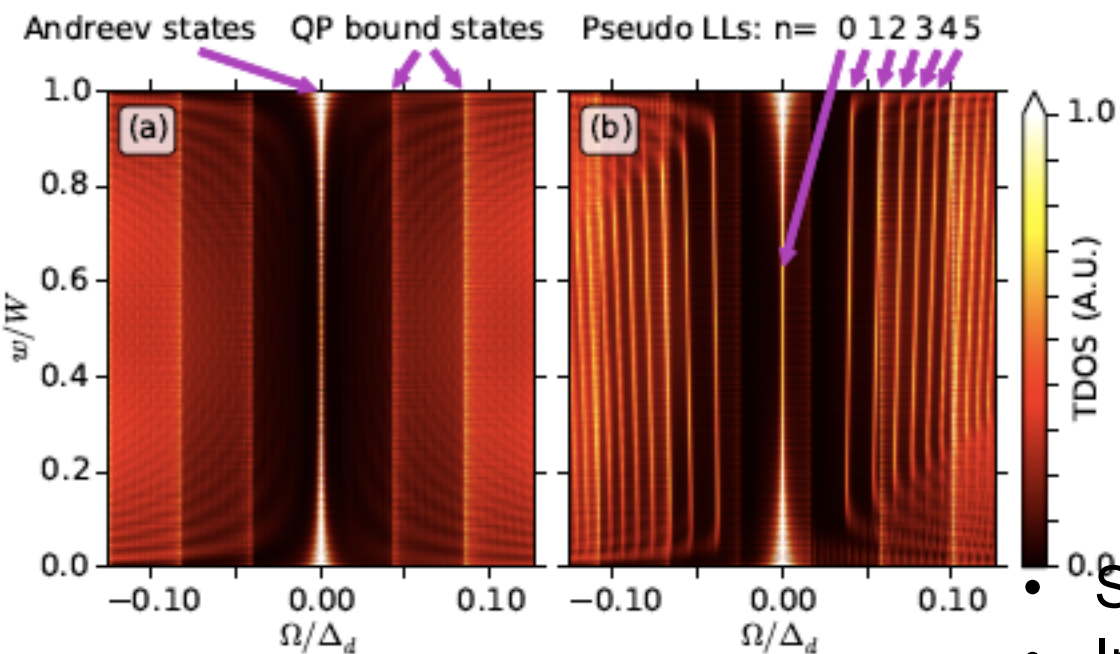
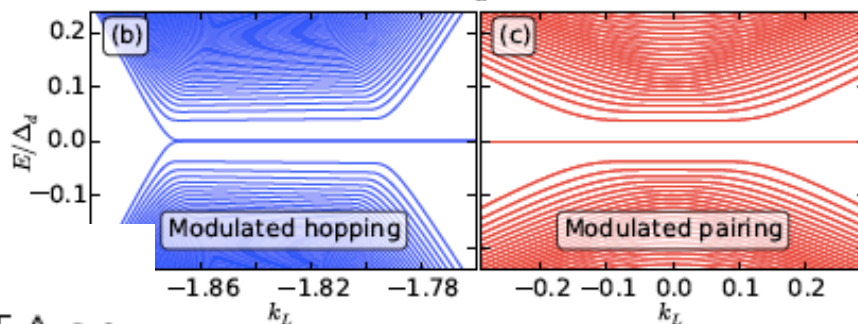
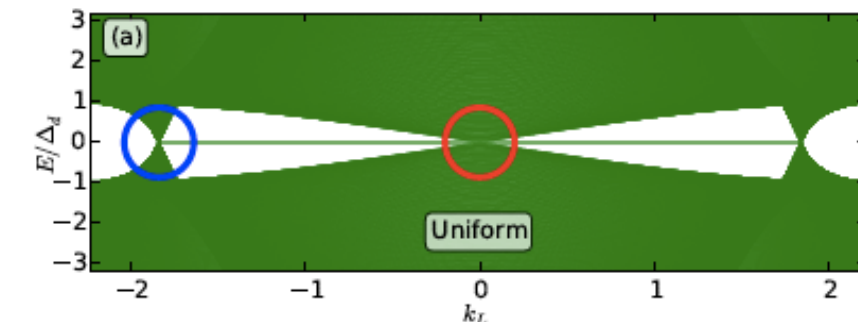
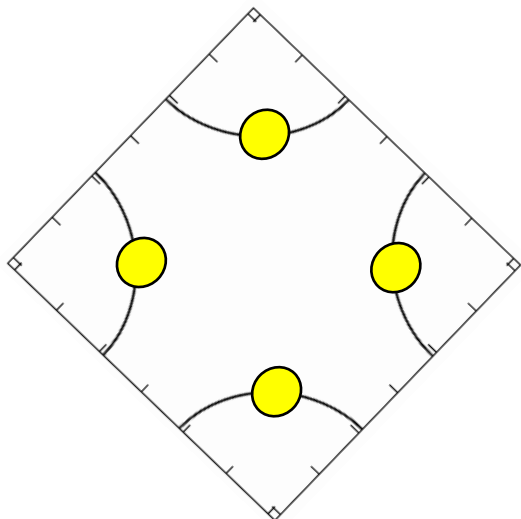
Pairing

Bogoliubov Landau levels on a (10) oriented d-wave SC strip



- Strain induced Landau levels
- Impact of residual interactions?

Bogoliubov Landau levels on a (11) oriented d-wave SC strip

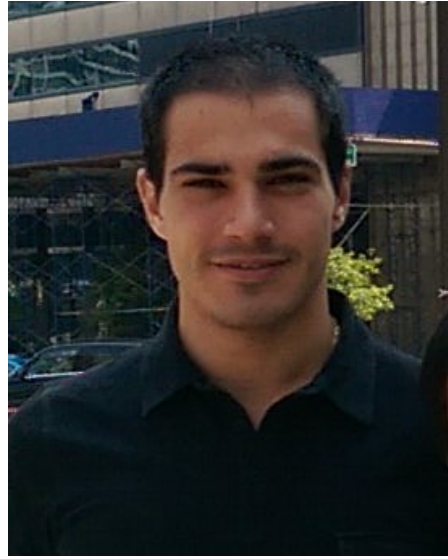


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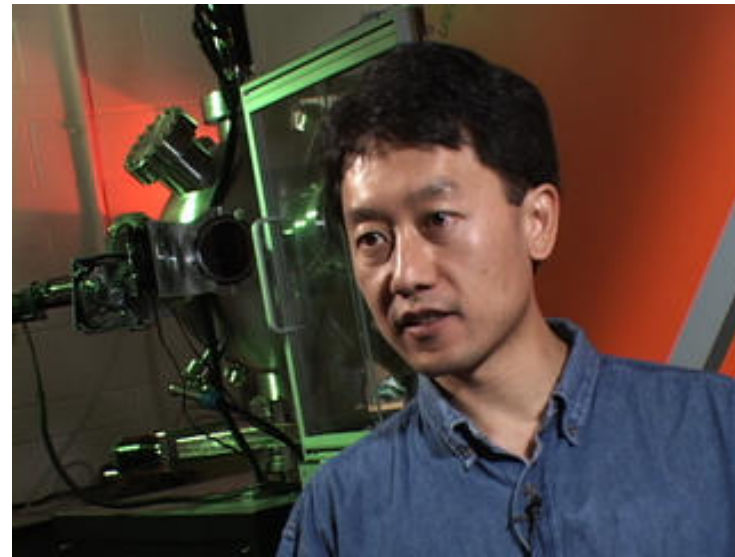
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Summary

- Correlated materials are potential candidates for high T_c QAH
- Correlations in topological bands can induce FQH states
- Frustration of non-coplanar magnets: Chiral spin liquids
- Strain: Tunable knob to control superconductor band topology