## Berry opto-electronics: new tools for engineering lightmatter interaction

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## Plan

#### Part I.

#### Giant Hall photoconductivity

gapped Dirac materials with a narrow gap yield Hall photoconductivity order ~  $e^2/h$ ; access to new "Berry" transport regime

JS, Kats, Nano Letters (2016)

if we have time:

#### Part II.

#### Anomalous plasmons

(i) electron interactions + Berry curvature = new collective modes ("Berry Plasmons")

(ii) unusual Fermi-arc plasmons in Weyl semimetals

JS, Rudner, PNAS (2016)

**JS**, Rudner, arXiv (2017)

## Solid state 101: "Vanilla" electrons



Litany of free electron properties:

- Fermi-surface + thermody. properties,
- Drude-type transport [e.g., electrical conductivity], and dynamical response
- Hall resistance, ....

free-electron eq. of motion:

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = e\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} + e\mathbf{E}$$

E pushes Fermi surface out of equilibrium



cyclotron motion



drifting cyclotron orbits



### Solid state 101: Hall effect



## Quantum coloring: Quantum Hall effect



wavefunction matters: QH wavefunction gives qualitatively different behavior

Figure adapted from nobelprize.org

## Quantum Hall systems possess rich phenomenology



Kim and Shepard Groups, Nature Physics (2011), lots of others as well

## Can we use crystal fields instead?

## Quasiparticles in a crystal

Energy bands in a crystal; depends on k





## Wavefunction matters: **Berry curvature**

Energy bands in a crystal; depends on k





Emergent quantum mechanical property:



**Berry curvature** (self-rotation of wavepackets)

Electron wavepacket traveling through certain special crystals

## (Self-) Rotation enables transverse motion

Magnus effect:







Drifting cyclotron motion:



# Anomalous velocity and Berry curvature $\Omega(\mathbf{p})$



Electron wavepacket traveling through certain special crystals





for extended discussion see Xiao, Chang, Niu RMP (2010)

#### Zero-field quantum Hall effect

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#### Model for a Quantum Hall Effect without Landau Levels: Condensed-Matter Realization of the "Parity Anomaly"

F. D. M. Haldane

Department of Physics, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California 92093 (Received 16 September 1987)

A two-dimensional condensed-matter lattice model is presented which exhibits a nonzero quantization of the Hall conductance  $\sigma^{xy}$  in the *absence* of an external magnetic field. Massless fermions without spectral doubling occur at critical values of the model parameters, and exhibit the so-called "parity anomaly" of (2+1)-dimensional field theories.

tight-binding "graphene" type model with complex second neighbor hopping



FIG. 1. The honeycomb-net model ("2D graphite") showing nearest-neighbor bonds (solid lines) and second-neighbor bonds (dashed lines). Open and solid points, respectively, mark the Aand B sublattice sites. The Wigner-Seitz unit cell is conveniently centered on the point of sixfold rotation symmetry (marked "•") and is then bounded by the hexagon of nearestneighbor bonds. Arrows on second-neighbor bonds mark the directions of positive phase hopping in the state with broken time-reversal invariance.

 $3\sqrt{3}$   $\frac{M}{t_2} = 0$   $-3\sqrt{3}$   $-\pi = 0$   $\nu = 0$   $\nu = +1$   $\nu = 0$   $\pi = 0$ 

FIG. 2. Phase diagram of the spinless electron model with  $|t_2/t_1| < \frac{1}{3}$ . Zero-field quantum Hall effect phases ( $v = \pm 1$ , where  $\sigma^{xy} = ve^2/h$ ) occur if  $|M/t_2| < 3\sqrt{3} |\sin\phi|$ . This figure assumes that  $t_2$  is positive; if it is negative, v changes sign. At the phase boundaries separating the anomalous and normal (v=0) semiconductor phases, the low-energy excitations of the model simulate undoubled massless chiral relativistic fermions.

#### summing up Berry curvature over BZ

## Realizing Haldane model and imaging Berry curvature





Jotzu, ..., Esslinger, Nature (2014)

## Electronic chirality without magnetic field



## Topological materials: novel electronic + opto-electronics



Xu et al, Science (2015), [Hasan group, and many others]

## Topological materials: novel electronic + opto-electronics



Search for new "topological" flavored responses in more readily available materials?

## Hall photoconductivity in gapped Dirac materials

Circularly polarized light absorption in  $MoS_2$ 

K'

**Right Handed** 

Hall effect at zero magnetic field

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0.4



KF Mak, K McGill, JW Park, PL McEuen, Science (2014)



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Left Handed

## Hall photoconductivity in gapped Dirac materials



 $\sigma_{xx} \gg \sigma_{xy}$ 

Can we achieve Hall regime in gapped Dirac materials?

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# Narrow gapped Dirac materials (GDM)

#### G/h-BN heterostructures



narrow gaps:  $\Delta \approx 5 - 30 \,\mathrm{meV}$ 

Dual-gated Bilayer graphene



Tunable gaps from 0 up to 100-200 meV



Berry curvature and Valley Hall effect observed



G/hBN: Gorbachev, JS, et al, Science (2014), Dual-gated bilayer graphene: Shimazaki, et al Nature Physics (2015), Sui, et al Nature Physics (2015)

## Giant Hall photoconductivity in <u>narrow</u> gap GDMs

Intrinsic Hall photoconductivity:



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## Giant Hall photoconductivity in <u>narrow</u> gap GDMs



## Giant Hall photoconductivity in <u>narrow</u> gap GDMs



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## Intuitive explanation: pseudo-spin and velocity



$$\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{p}} = \langle \psi(\mathbf{p}) | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | \psi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$$

JS, Kats, Nano Letters (2016)

all on B site

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## Enhancement of valley imbalance rate

Fermi's golden rule (valley selective absorption rate)

$$W_{K(K')} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} |M_{\mathbf{k}}^{K(K')}|^2 \delta(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \hbar\omega/2)$$

Valley population imbalance rate:

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## How large? Accessing Hall regime $\sigma_{xy} \gg \sigma_{xx}$



longitudinal motion:

## Signatures of the Hall regime: $\sigma_{xy} \gg \sigma_{xx}$

Magneto-transport: Lorentz force impedes longitudinal motion

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}} = rac{darepsilon}{d\boldsymbol{p}}$$
  
 $\dot{\boldsymbol{p}} = -rac{dV}{d\boldsymbol{x}} + \dot{\boldsymbol{x}} \times \boldsymbol{B}$ 

## Signatures of the "Berry" Hall regime: $\sigma_{xy} \gg \sigma_{xx}$

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"Berry transport": Berry curvature **boosts** longitudinal motion

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 $\dot{\boldsymbol{p}} = -rac{dV}{d\boldsymbol{x}}$ 



photo-resistivity is *suppressed* in "Berry" Hall regime

JS, Kats, Nano Letters (2016)

### Anomalous two-terminal conductance



#### Anomalous two-terminal conductance boost



## "Berry transport" in narrow GDMs

Narrow gapped Dirac materials enable *giant* Hall photoconductivity

Far larger than wide gap Dirac materials.

new characteristics; readily accessible

Hall photoconductivity can overwhelm longitudinal conductivity: **Hall regime**.



#### Narrow gapped Dirac materials: platform for novel "Berry" opto-electronics

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# Part II. Anomalous Plasmons

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## Interactions and Collective modes

#### Plasmons



#### Spin waves/magnons



Image from http://wikipedia.org

#### e.g. Plasmons in graphene



Koppens group, Nature (2013) Basov group Nature (2013)

### Interactions + Berry curvature = Berry plasmons?

### Chiral edge plasmons induced by Berry curvature



characteristic wavevector

 $q_0 = \kappa \mu / e^2$ 

## Berry plasmons in a disk

Counter-clockwise (fast) mode



Linearized equation of motion:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 & -\omega_a \frac{d}{dt} \\ \omega_a \frac{d}{dt} & \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \{x(t)\} \\ \{y(t)\} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \qquad \omega_a = \frac{\mathcal{F}\omega_0^2 m}{n_0 \hbar}$$

#### Obtain two chiral modes:

$$\{\mathbf{x}(t)\}_{\pm} = \frac{|\mathbf{x}_0|}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ \pm i \end{pmatrix} e^{i\omega_{\pm}t}, \quad \omega_{\pm} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 + \frac{\omega_a^2}{4}} \pm \frac{\omega_a}{2}$$

Clockwise (slow) mode



using 
$$\omega_0 \sim \omega_{2D}(q=1/d)$$
, find 
$$\delta\omega \approx \frac{9\mathcal{F}}{d[\mu\mathrm{m}]} \mathrm{meV}$$

## Experimental signatures: optical absorption



JS, Rudner, PNAS (2016)

Optical valley polarization enables CBPs "on demand" in *non-magnetic* materials (e.g., Gapped Dirac Materials)



JS, Rudner, PNAS (2016)

# **Topological** materials

#### **Topological Insulators**

Surfaces of 3D TIs: Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> Bi<sub>x</sub>Sb<sub>1-x</sub>,...

Topological Crystalline Insulators: Sn Te, ...

Magnetic Topological Insulators: Cr-doped BiSbTe

Hg <sub>x</sub>Cd<sub>1-x</sub>Te Quantum Wells, InAs/GaSb QWs

#### 3D Dirac/Weyl

Experimentally Observed:  $Cd_3As_2$ ,  $Na_3Bi$ , TiBiSe  $TaAs_2$ , ...

Type II Weyl semimetals (candidates):WTe2, MoTe2

Proposed in TI stacks; HgCdTe Stacks

Nodal-line semimetals

#### **2D Dirac Materials**

(materials that host Berry curvature)

Graphene heterostructures: G/hBN, dual-gated Bilayer graphene, ...

Transition metal dichalcogenides: MoS<sub>2</sub>,WS<sub>2</sub>,WSe<sub>2</sub>, MoSe<sub>2</sub>, MoTe<sub>2</sub>,....





## Weyl semimetals and Fermi arc surface states

topological surface states and (open) Fermi arcs  $e^{k_y}$ Fermi arc :  $-k_*$ 

bulk Weyl nodes and bulk (closed) Fermi surface



 $\mathbf{z}$ 

# Fermi arc plasmons in Weyl semimetals

with broken TRS

inter bulk/surface[fermi-arc] dynamics

 $\rightarrow \mathbf{V}_s$ 

 $\mathbf{v}_b^z$ 

х

 $n_s$ 





## Hyperbolic plasmons

conventionally, plasmons have <u>elliptical</u> dispersions (closed) = finite wave vector magnitude



<u>Hyperbolic</u> dispersion does not close on itself (open) = sustain large wavevectors for fixed energy



## Fermi arc plasmons in Weyl semimetals



JS, Rudner, arxiv (2017)

## Fermi arc plasmons

characteristic of bulk "topological" Weyl carrier dynamics plasmon dispersion can be dominated by  $\sigma_H$ 

collimated beam pitch controlled by frequency:

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta_{\infty}}{\cos \theta_{\infty}} = -\frac{\tilde{\omega}}{\tilde{\mathcal{D}}} \Big( 1 - \frac{1}{\tilde{\omega}^2} \Big),$$

$$\omega_{\pm}^{(1)} = \sqrt{\left[2\pi\sigma_H/(\kappa+1)\right]^2 + \left[\omega_{\rm pl}^{\rm surf}\right]^2} \pm \frac{2\pi\sigma_H}{(\kappa+1)},$$

large q limit: hyperbolic plasmons

small q limit: non-reciprocal discontinuity



# new opto-electronics in topological materials quantum coloring: new tools, lots to be done

unusual properties of the crystal wave function (e.g., encoded in Berry curvature, chiral edge states) yield unconventional single-particle as well as interacting behavior

new opto-electronics couplings, and tools to be found in "topological" materials

