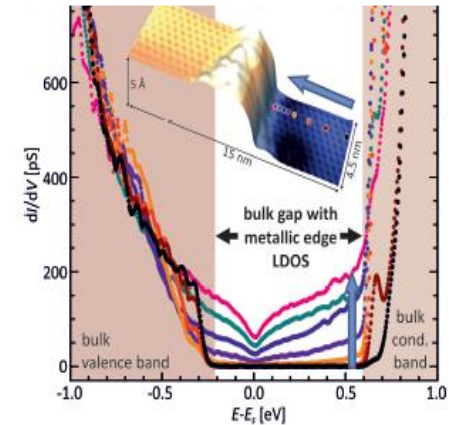
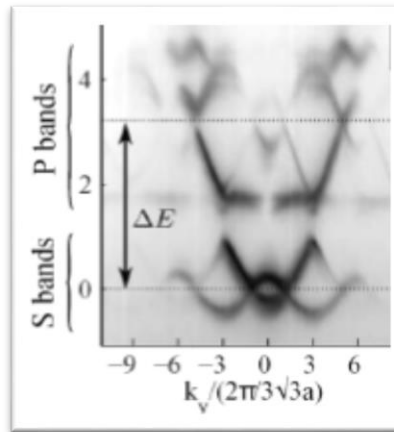
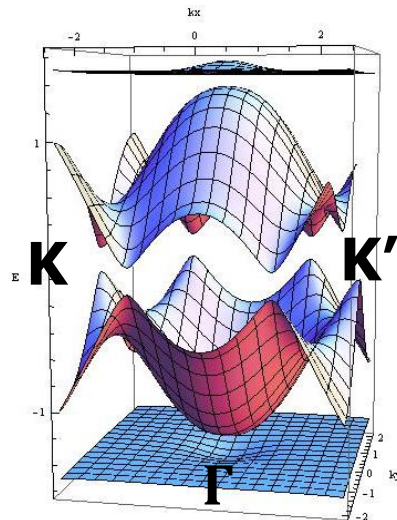
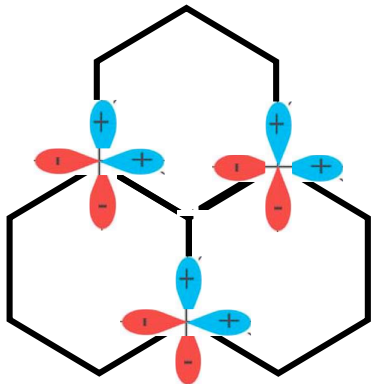


Orbital-active honeycomb materials

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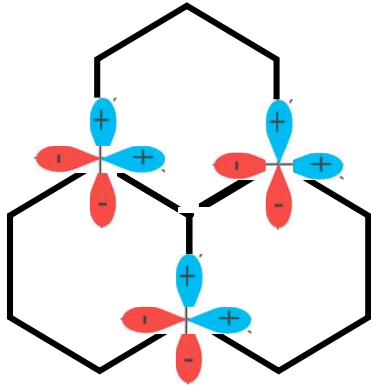
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Collaborators

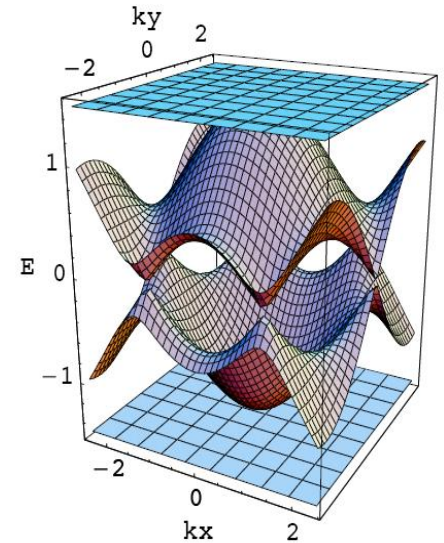
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| Yi Li | (UCSD → Princeton → Johns Hopkins) |
| Gufeng Zhang | (UCSD → experiment) |
| Shenglong Xu | (UCSD → Univ. Maryland) |
| S. Das Sarma | (University of Maryland) |
| L. Balents | (UCSB) |
| Chuanwei Zhang | (Washington state → UT Dallas) |
| Gang Li | (Shanghai Tech.) |
| Werner Hanke | (Wuerzburg Univ.) |



Flat band: Wigner
crystal, ferromagnetism



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 $(p_x p_y), (d_{xz}, d_{yz})$
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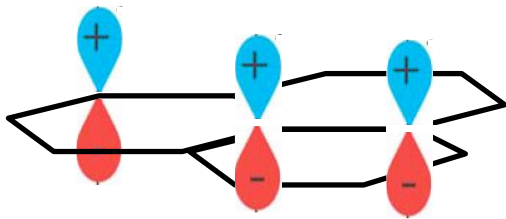
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The dual version (p_x, p_y) to graphene (p_z)

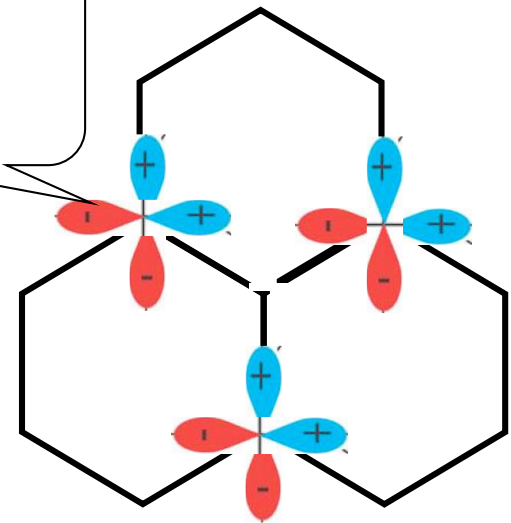
Orbital-inactive

Orbital-active: degeneracy

A₂ (p_z) graphene



E: (p_x, p_y)



Recent foci:

bilayer twisted graphene
(Paballo),

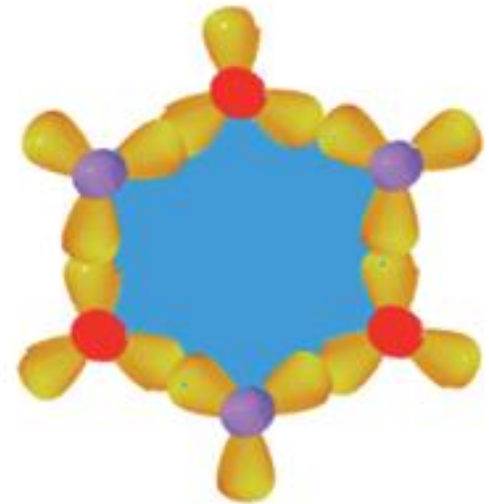
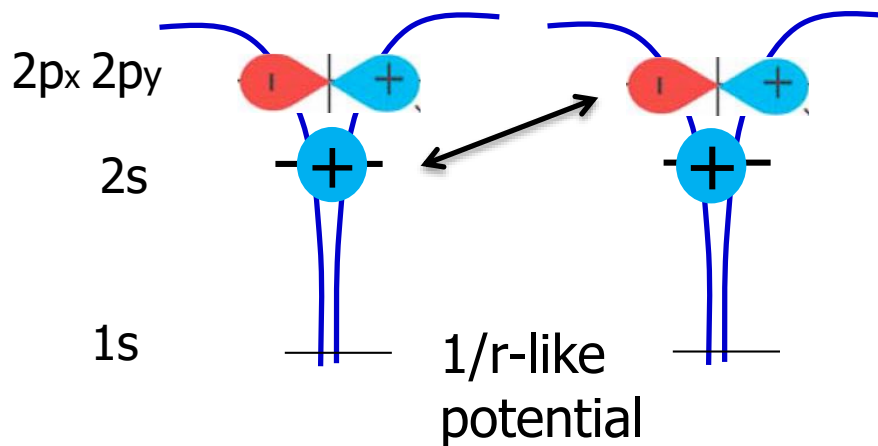
trilayer graphene: gate tunable
Mott states (Feng Wang)

How to find orbital-active honeycomb system?

- Graphene is not orbital-active

sp_2 -hybridization $\rightarrow 2s, 2p_x, 2p_y$, strong σ -bonds.

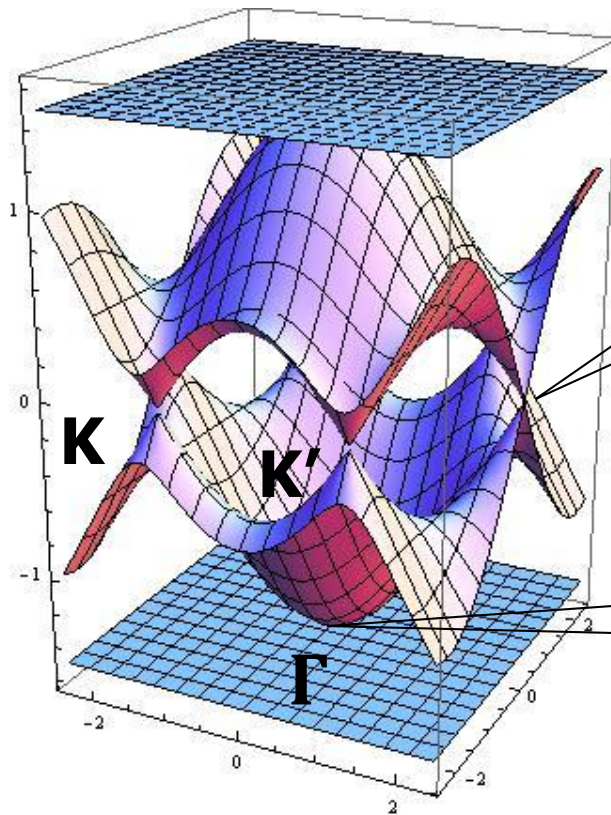
σ -bands away from Fermi surface.



- Need to passivate the s and p_z -orbitals.

Flat band and Dirac cones (orbital-enriched)

C. Wu, D. Bergman, L. Balents, and S. Das Sarma, PRL 99, 70401 (2007).
C. Wu, PRL 101, 186107 (2008).



Dirac cones: orbital structure
→ large gap topo-insulator

W. C. Lee, C. Wu, S. Das Sarma, PRA 2010;
G.F. Zhang, Y. Li, C. Wu, PRB 90 (2014).

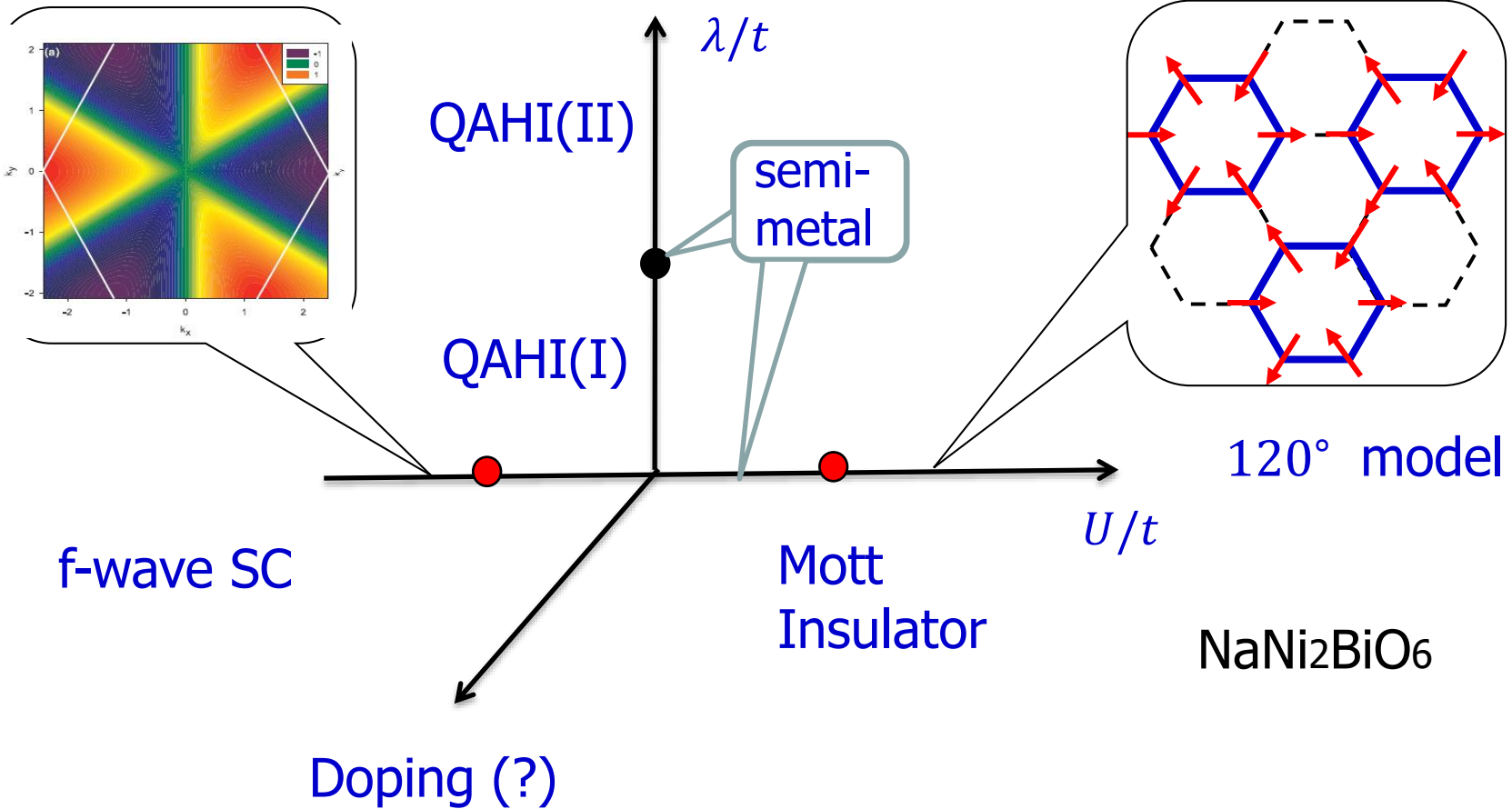
Flat band → ferromagnetism,
Wigner crystal

S. Z. Zhang, H. h. Hung, C. Wu, PRA 82,
053818 (2010).

Topology and frustration

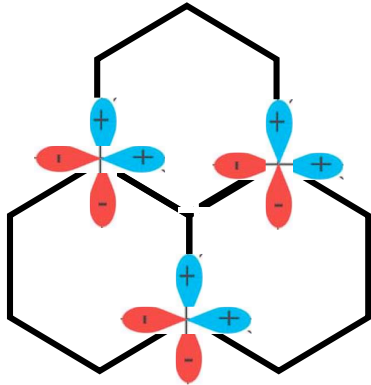
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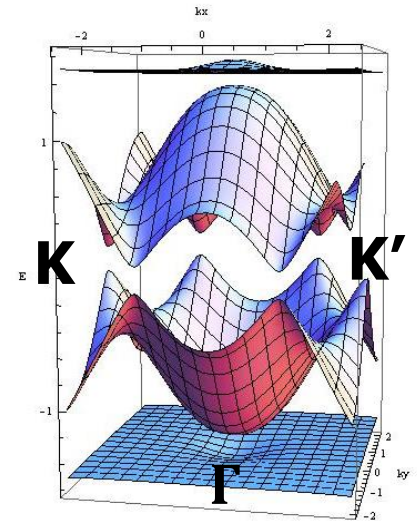


arxiv1807.02528, Cava, Broholm et al.

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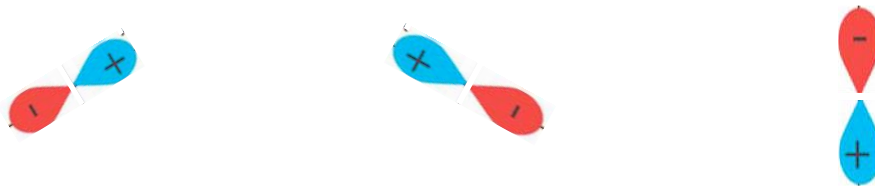
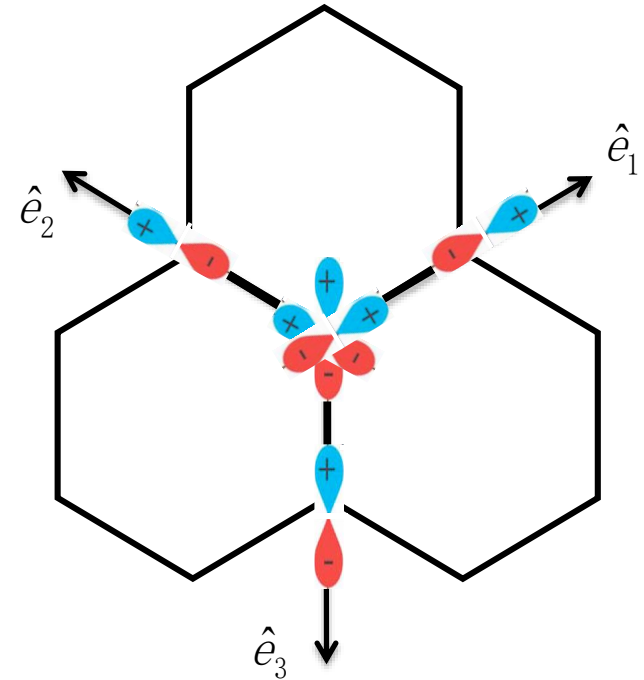


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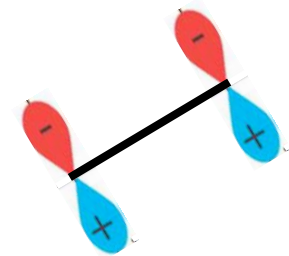
Minimal Hamiltonian (σ -bonding)

$$H_t = t_{//} \left\{ \sum_{\vec{r} \in A} [p_1^+(\vec{r})p_1(\vec{r} + \hat{e}_1) + h.c.] \right. \\ \left. + [p_2^+(\vec{r})p_2(\vec{r} + \hat{e}_2) + h.c.] \right. \\ \left. + [p_3^+(\vec{r})p_3(\vec{r} + \hat{e}_3) + h.c.] \right\}$$



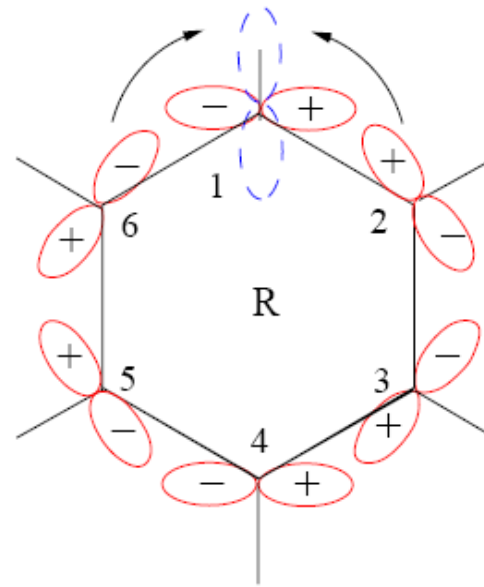
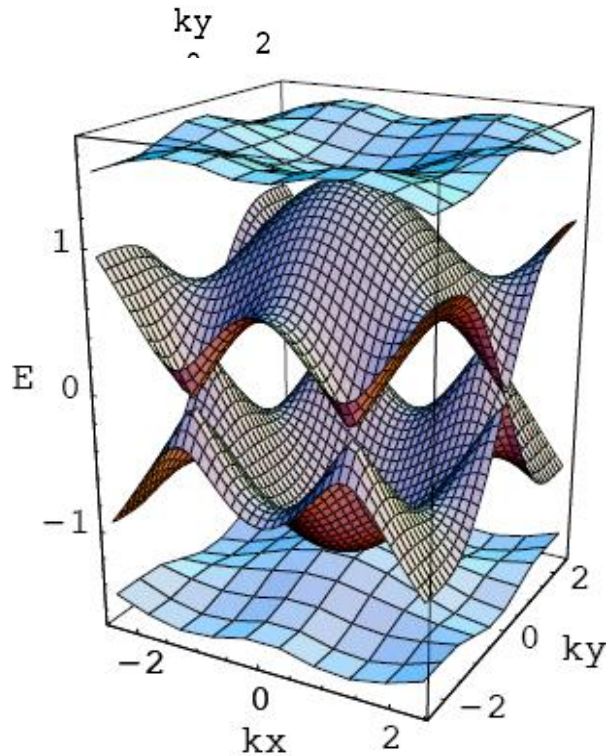
$$p_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} p_x + \frac{1}{2} p_y \quad p_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} p_x + \frac{1}{2} p_y \quad p_3 = -p_y$$

- π -bonding neglected – good approx. in transition metal oxide. Not good in semiconductor.



t_{\perp} π -bond

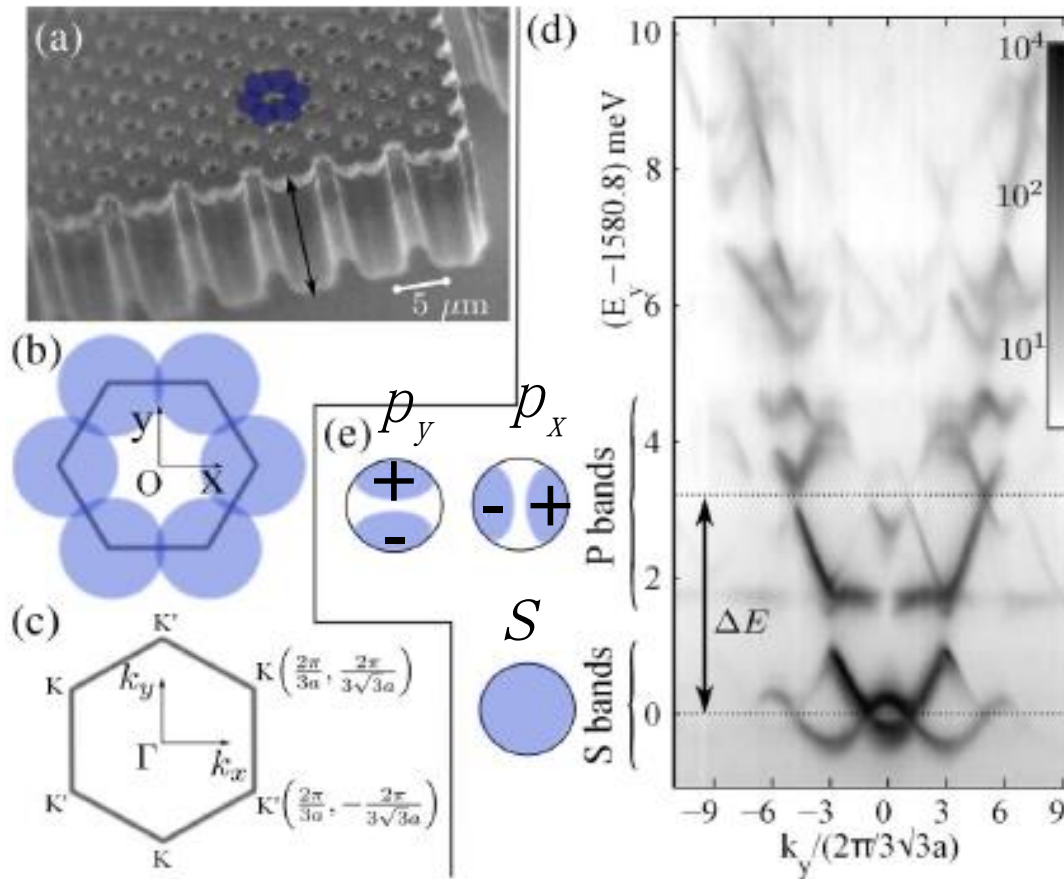
Flat bands -- localized eigenstates



C. Wu, D. Bergman, L. Balents, and S. Das Sarma, PRL 99, 70401 (2007).

- If t_{\perp} is included, flat bands \rightarrow narrow bands .

Observed! (polariton in the p_x - p_y bands of the honeycomb lattice)

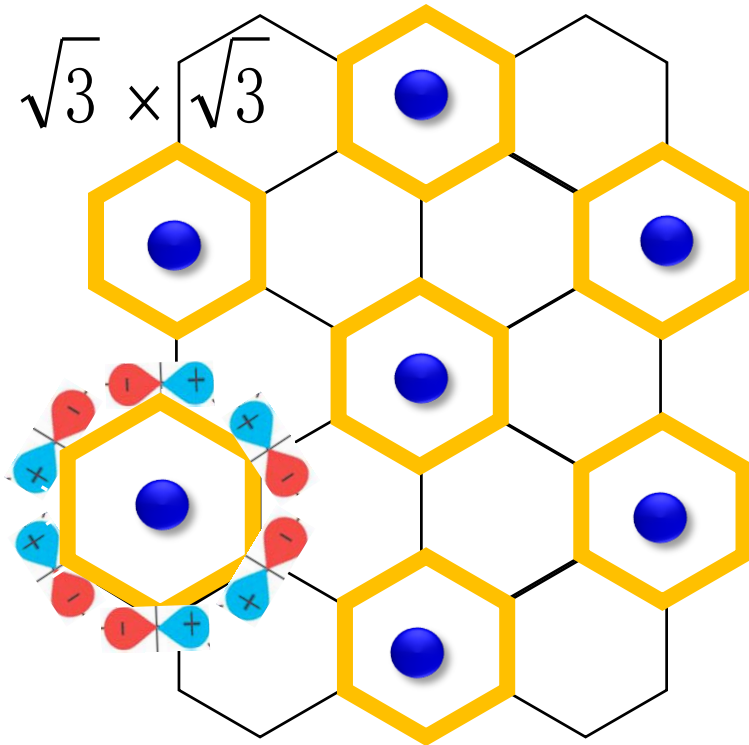


“Direct Observation of Dirac Cones and a flatband in a honeycomb lattice for Polaritons”,

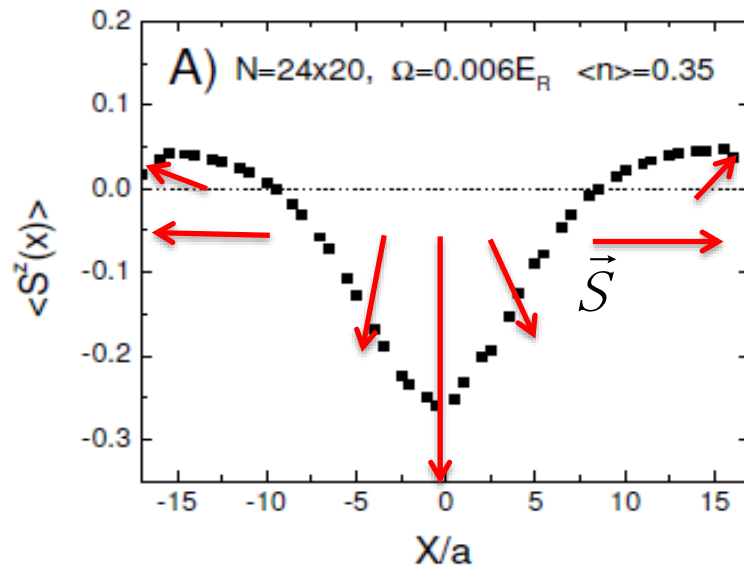
T. Jacqmin, I. Carusotto, et al. PRL 112, 116402 (2014)

Strong correlations in the flat-band

- Wigner crystal (spinless fermions or bosons).



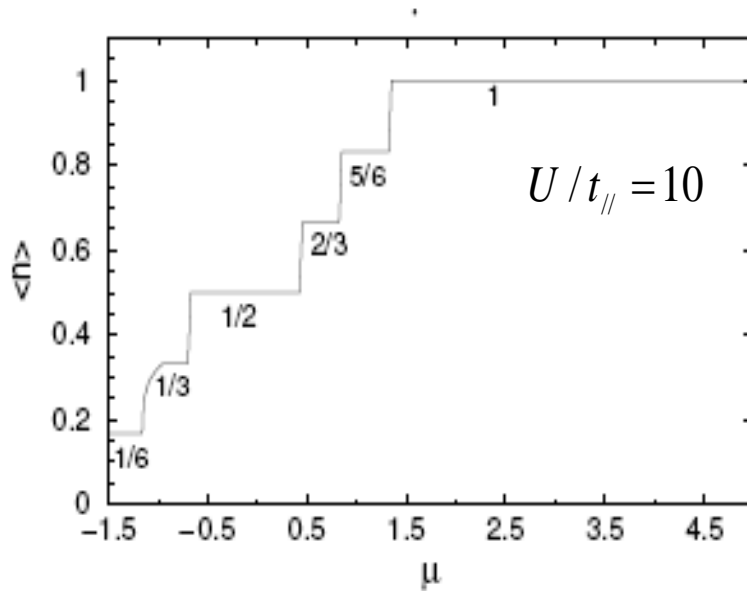
- **Flat-band FM** for spinful fermions.
- Large entropy \rightarrow good for cold atom expt.
- Skyrmion texture.



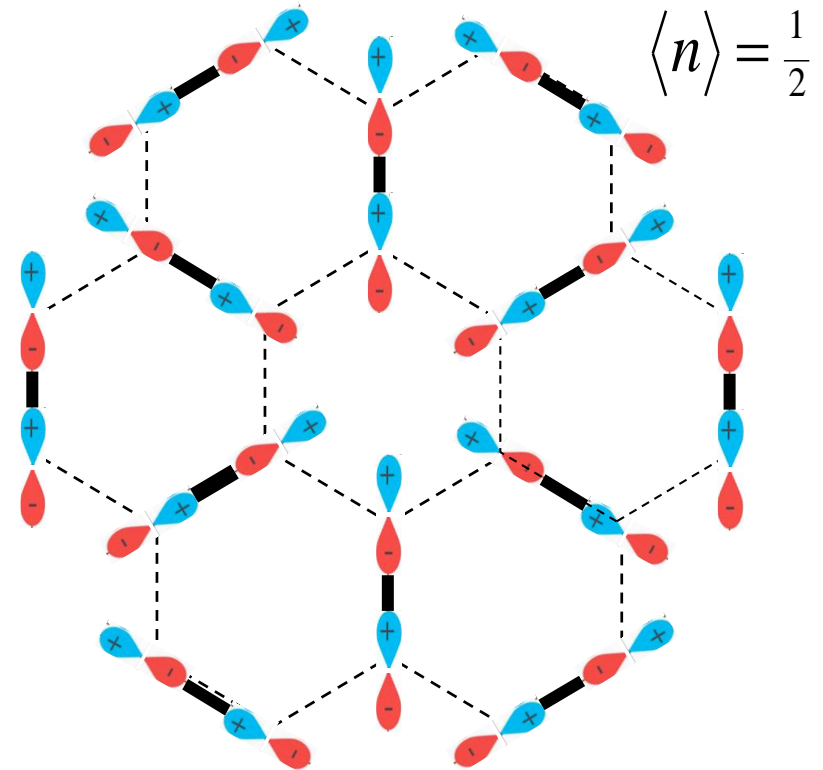
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Orbital ordering with strong repulsions

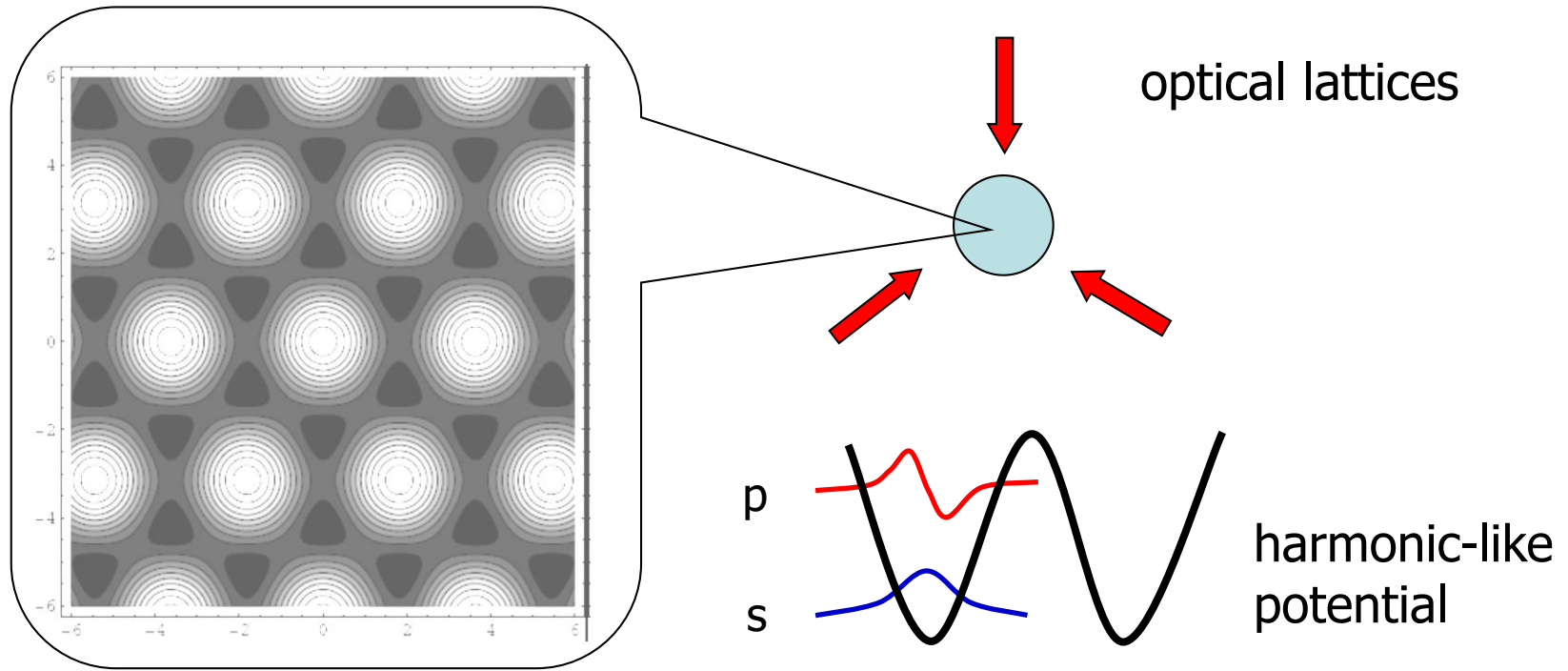


- Various orbital ordering insulating states at commensurate fillings.



Kekule pattern

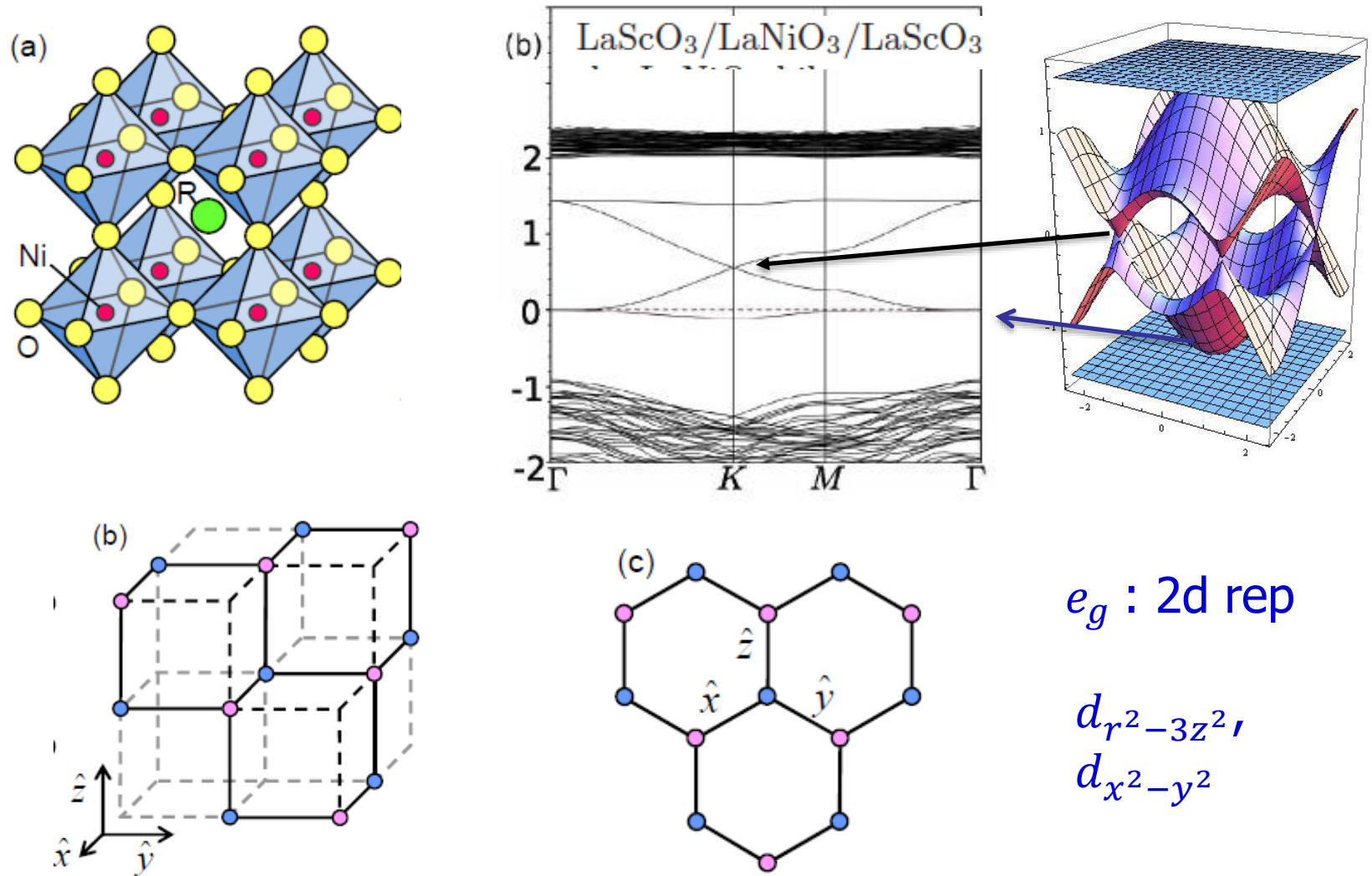
How to make p_x / p_y -orbital active?



- p_x / p_y -orbital bands well separated from s .
- Strong confinement along z -direction \rightarrow p_z pushed to high energy

G. Grynberg et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **70**, 2249 (1993).
also recent works from K. Sengstock, Esslinger, Bloch's groups.

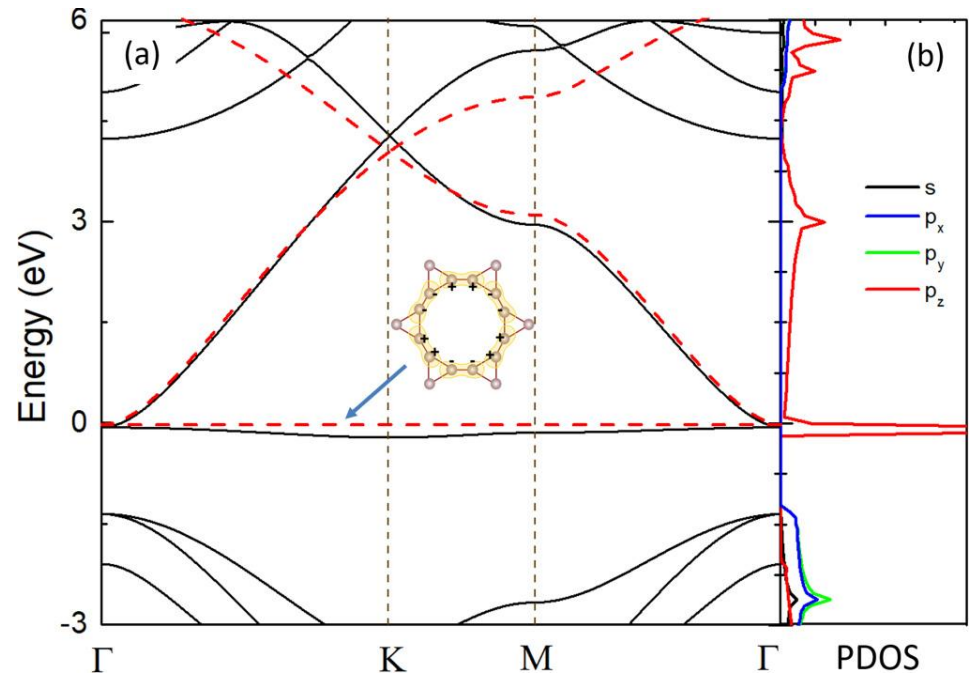
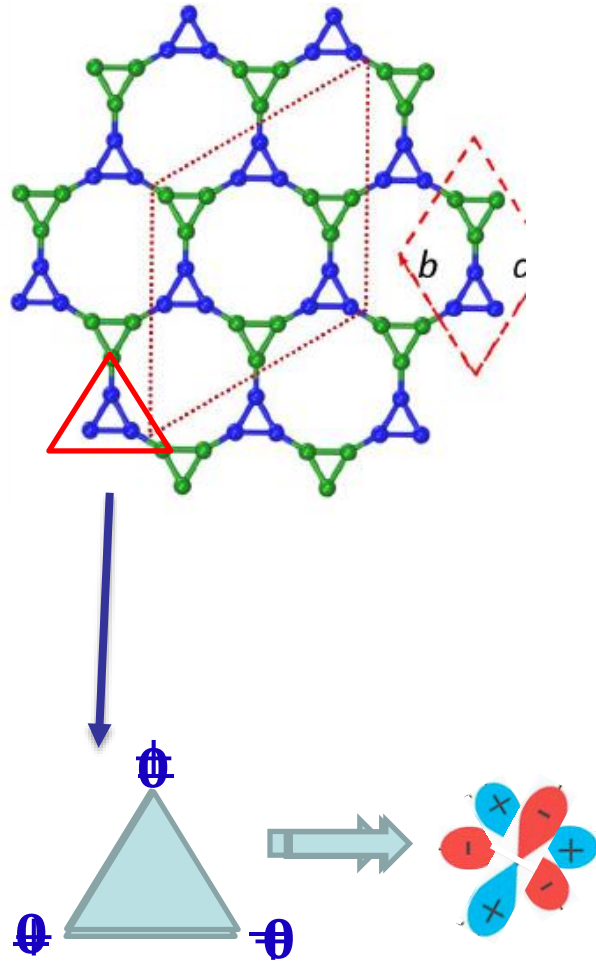
Transition metal oxide bilayer (111) LaNiO3



$e_g : 2d \text{ rep}$

$d_{r^2-3z^2},$
 $d_{x^2-y^2}$

Flat-band in "Kagome graphene"



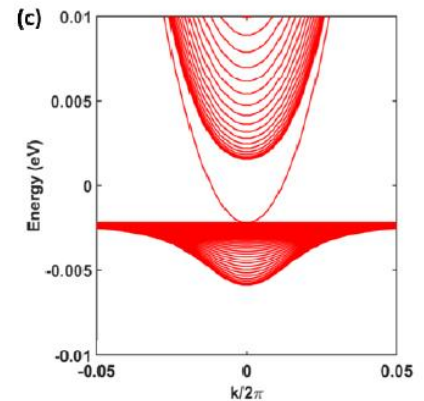
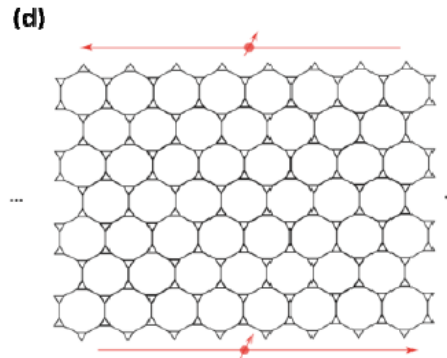
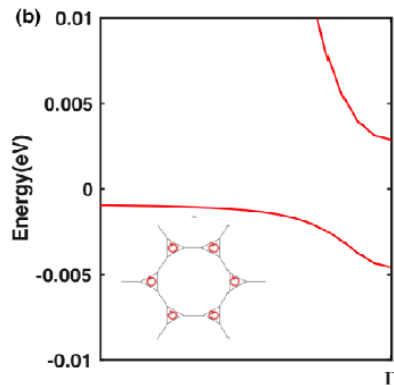
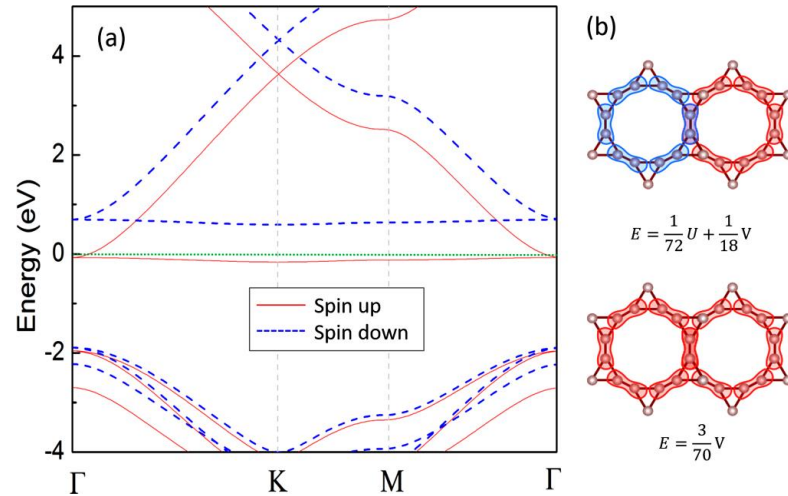
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Ferromagnetism and spontaneous quantum anomalous Hall state

LDA: dope holes:
half-filled flat-band

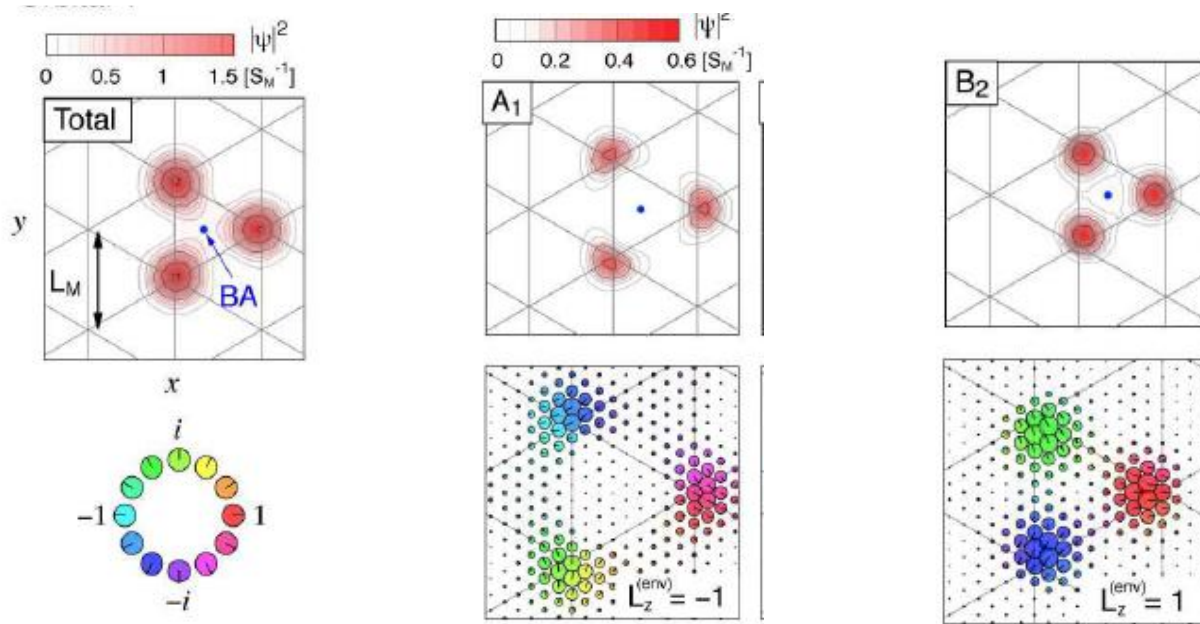
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Mean-field: Spontaneous
generation of orbital
moment $\langle L_z \rangle = 0.004\hbar$

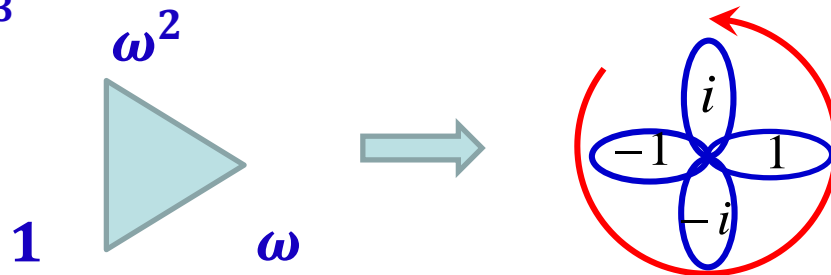


Sun, Yao, Fradkin, Kivelson, PRL 2009

Wannier orbitals in twisted bilayer graphene

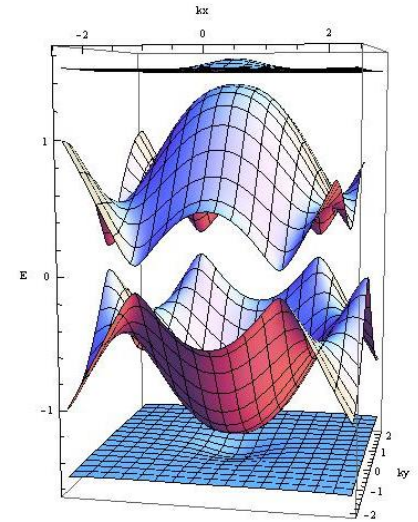
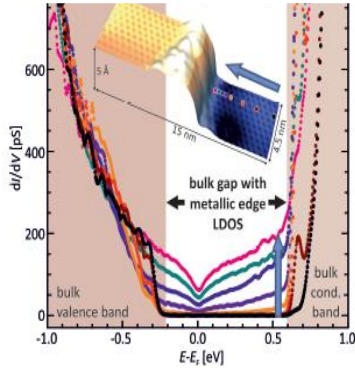


$$\omega = e^{\frac{i2\pi}{3}}$$



Liang Fu et al, PRX 8, 031087 (2018).

large topo-gap at the atomic SO energy scale



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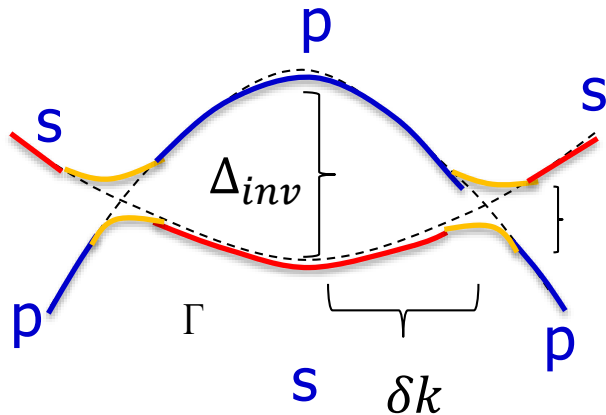
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sp -band inversion -- small gap

- HgTe/HgCdTe: **s-p hybridization.**

Bernevig, Hughs, Zhang Science 314, 1757 (2006); Molenkamp's group, Science. 318 766–770 (2007)



$$\Delta_{topo}/\Delta_{inv} \propto \delta k a_0$$

$$\psi_{\uparrow}(k) = \begin{pmatrix} s_{\uparrow}(k) \\ p_{x+iy\uparrow}(k) \end{pmatrix} \quad \psi_{\downarrow}(k) = \begin{pmatrix} s_{\downarrow}(k) \\ p_{x-iy\downarrow}(k) \end{pmatrix}$$

C. X. Liu et al, PRL 100, 2336601 (2008),
R. R. Du's group, PRL 115 136804 (2015) .

- InAs/GaSb type II quantum well

s and p spatially separated, inversion controlled by gate potential.

Topo-gap boosting mechanism

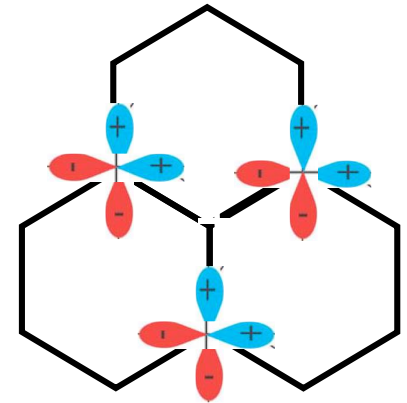
Gap at the atomic SO coupling (1eV)

Orbital-active honeycomb systems

C. Wu, PRL 101, 186807 (2008)

M. Zhang, H. Hung, C. W. Zhang, C. Wu, PRA 83, 023615 (2011)

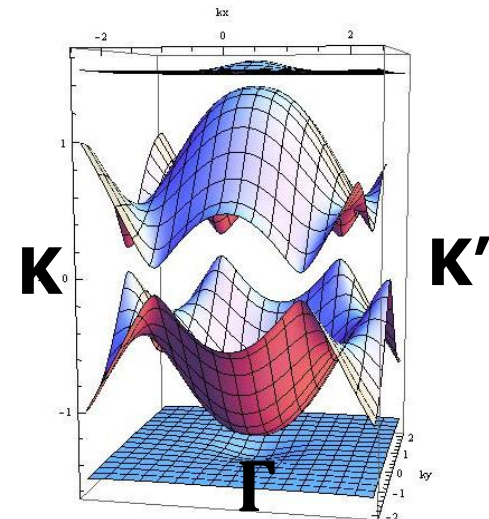
G. F. Zhang, Y. Li, C. Wu, PRB 90, 075114 (2014).



Real materials \rightarrow Bismuthene on SiC

F. Reis, G. Li, L. Dudy, M. Bauernfeind, S. Glass, W. Hanke, R. Thomale, J. Schaefer, and R. Claessen, Science (2017).

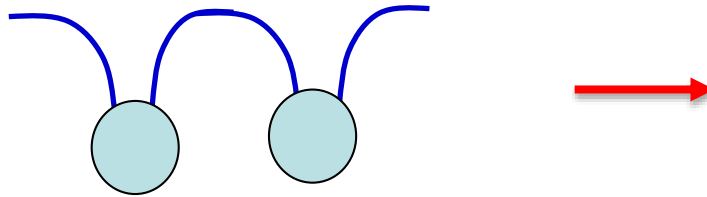
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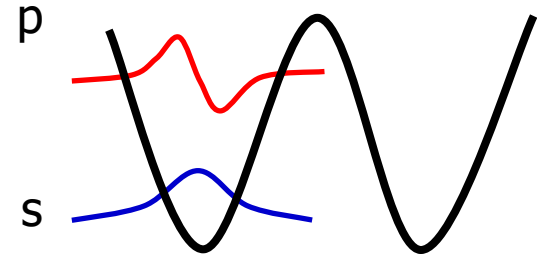
Stanene (Theory Xu, S. C. Zhang, Exp: Xue, Jia, He):

Topo-gap: solids v.s. AMO

- Solids: ionic core \rightarrow soft pseudo-potential



(6s 6p no longer degenerate)



SO coupling: quantum spin Hall

$$H_{SO} = -\lambda \sum_r (L_{\uparrow z}(\vec{r}) - L_{\downarrow z}(\vec{r}))$$

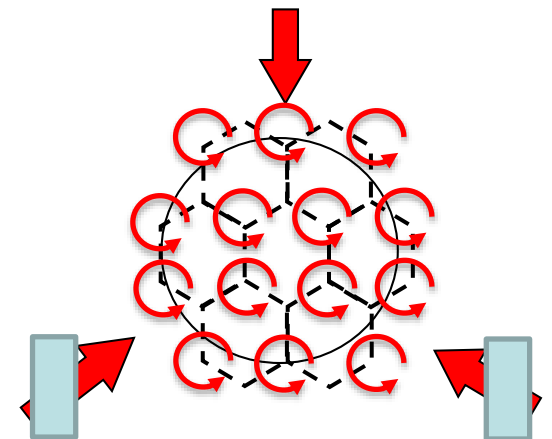
$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} \rightarrow \cancel{\sigma_x L_x} + \cancel{\sigma_y L_y} + \sigma_z L_z$$

G. F. Zhang, Y. Li C. Wu, PRB 90 (2014).

- AMO: Rotate each site around its own center.

$$H_{zmn} = -\Omega \sum_r L_z(\vec{r})$$

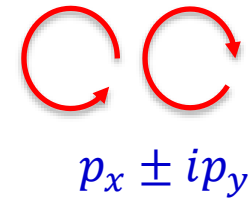
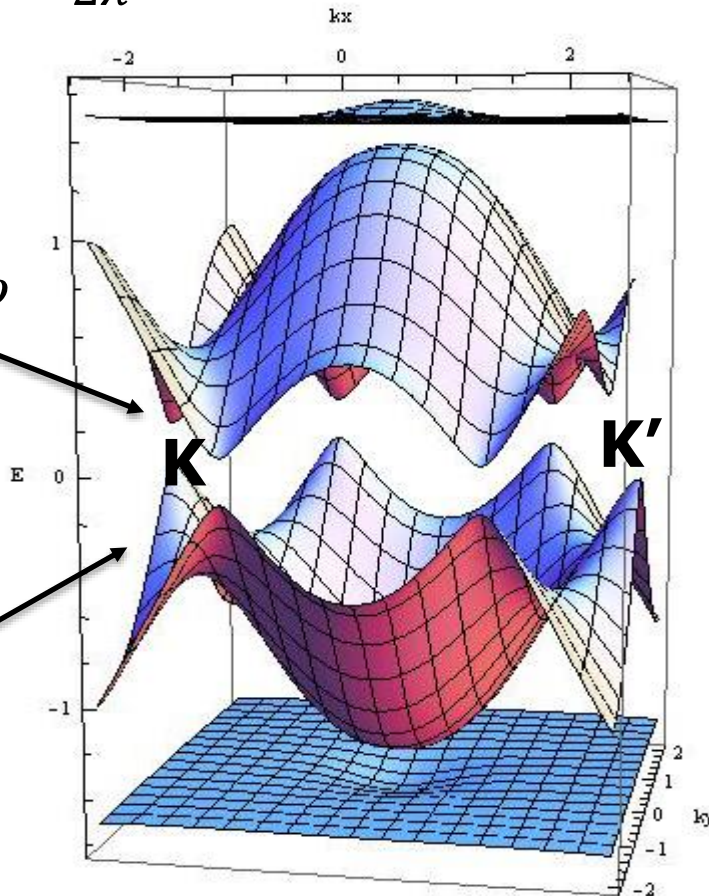
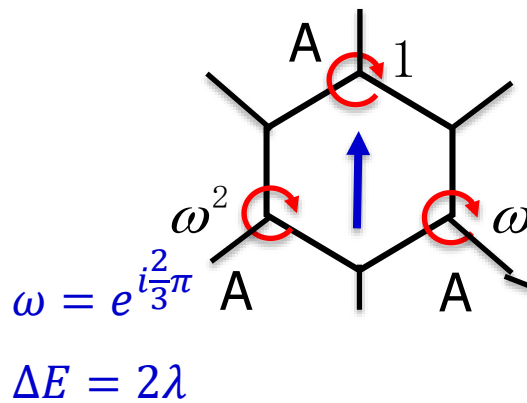
C. Wu, PRL 101, 186107 (2008);
M. Zhang, Hung, C. Zhang, C. Wu, PRA (2011).



Topological gap = Atomic level spacing

- A/B sublattices decouple due to *destructive interference*: non-bonding states at K (K')

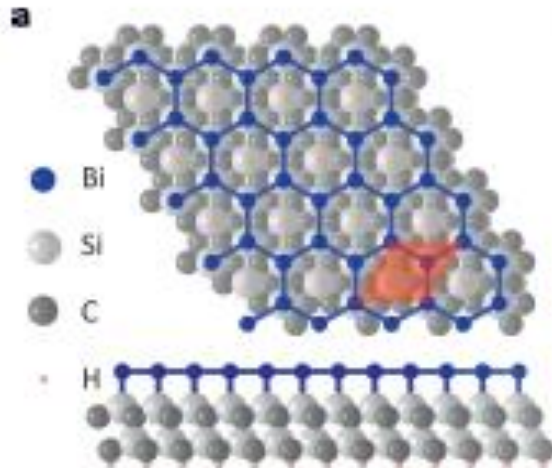
$$H_{SO} = \lambda L_z \sigma_z \rightarrow \Delta E = 2\lambda$$



G. F. Zhang, Y. Li, CW,
PRB 90 (2014).

Bismuthene on the SiC substrate

- Monolayer – no buckling
- Large topo-gap $\sim 0.67\text{eV}$ (STM)



weak s-p hybridization
 p_z -orbital passivated
by the SiC

p_x, p_y orbital-active
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Strong SO
coupling

large topo-gap 2D
materials

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F. Reis, et al, Science 2017.

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Spectra of Bismuthene on SiC

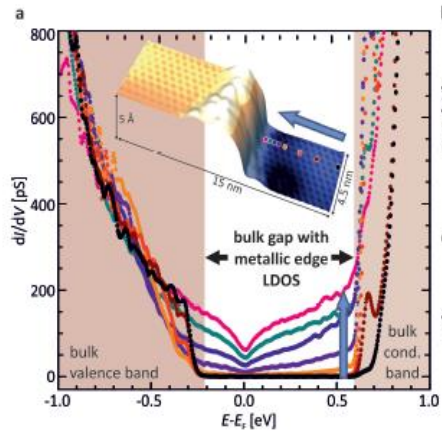
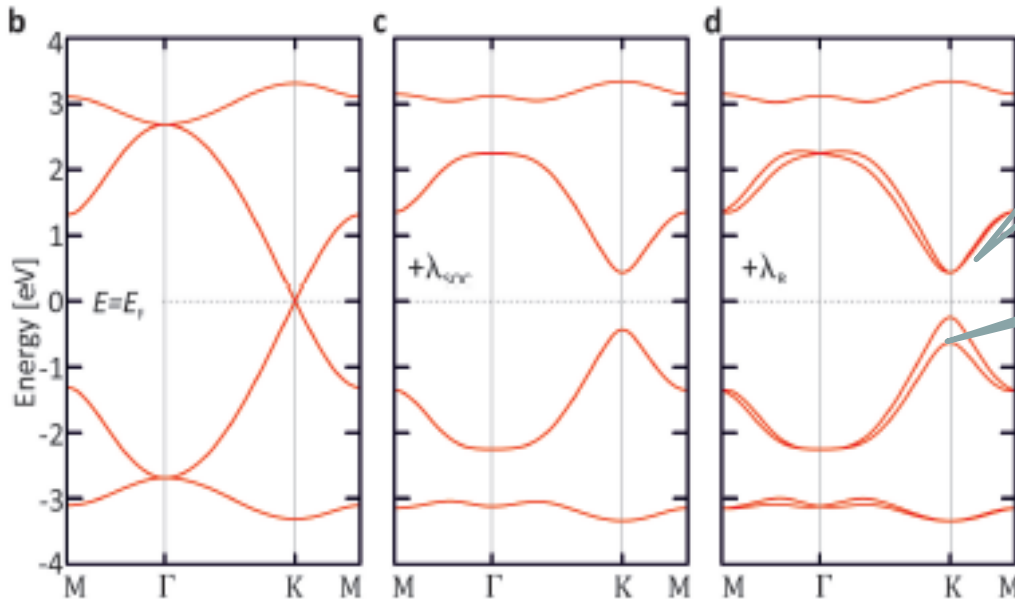


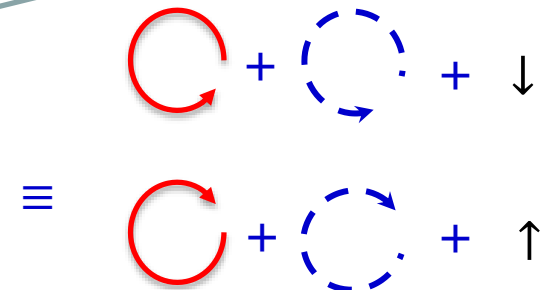
Figure 4 Spectroscopy of the Edge State

1. F. Reis, G. Li, et al Science (2017).
2. Gang Li, W. Hanke, Ewelina, M. Hankiewicz, J. Schafer, R. Claessen, C. Wu, and R. Thomale, PRB (2018).



$$j_z = \pm \frac{5}{2} \equiv \mp \frac{1}{2}$$

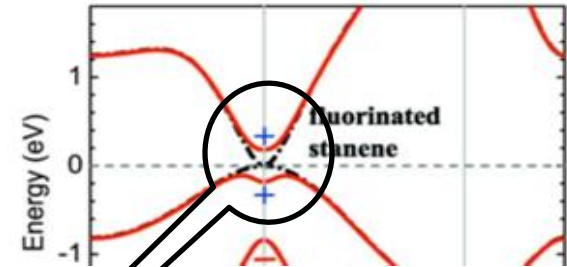
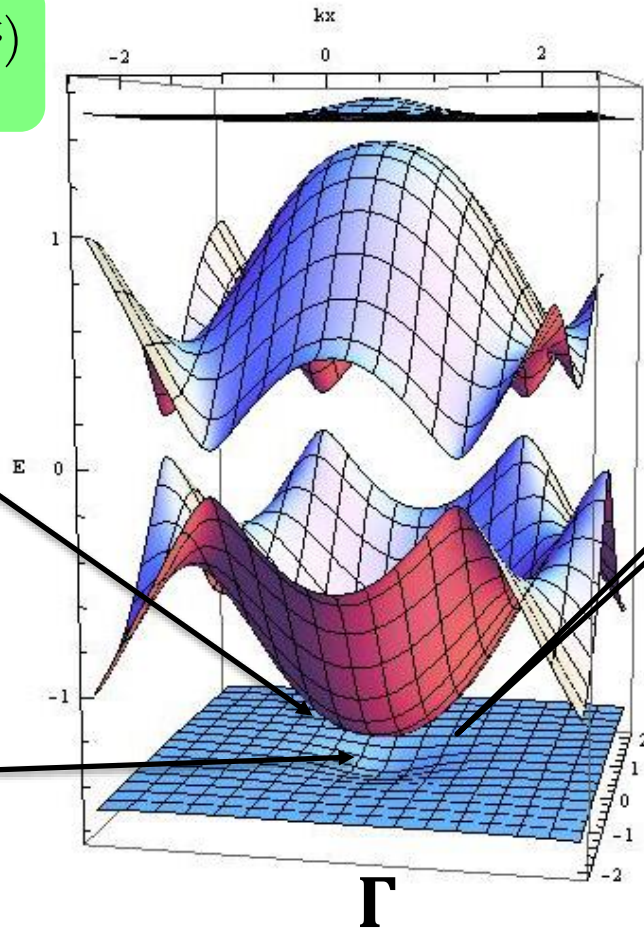
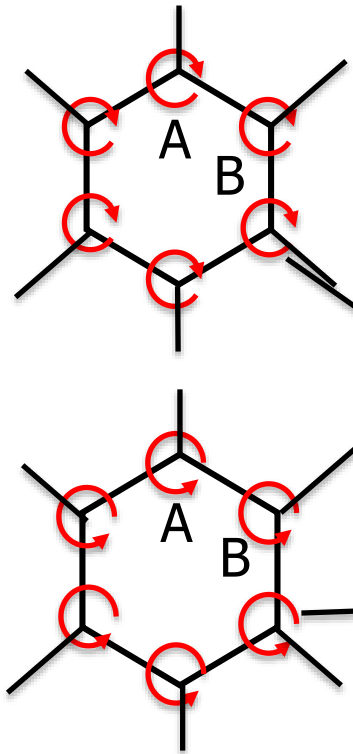
Double group:
Rashba splitting



$$1 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \equiv -\frac{3}{2} \pmod{3}$$

Unification: Stanene - Γ -point

$$H_{SO,\uparrow} = -\lambda \sum_r L_z(\vec{r})$$

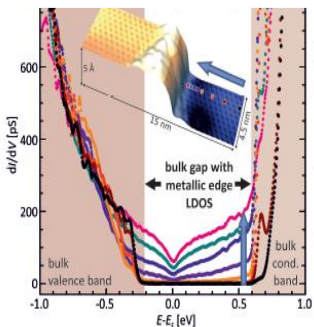


$$\Delta E = 2\lambda$$

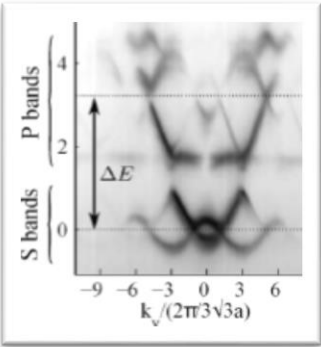
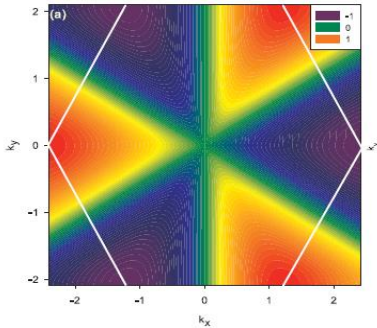
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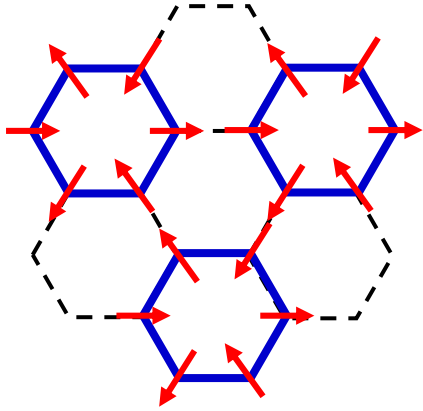
Experiments:
Menghan Liao, et al,
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Materials 14, 1020 (2015).



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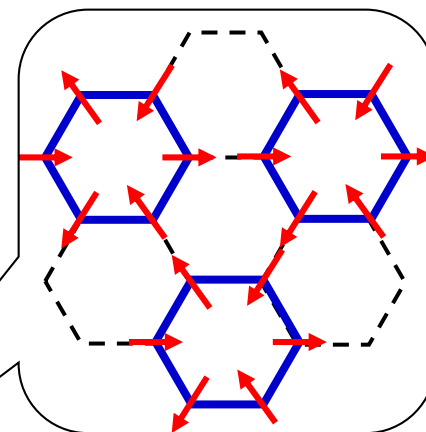
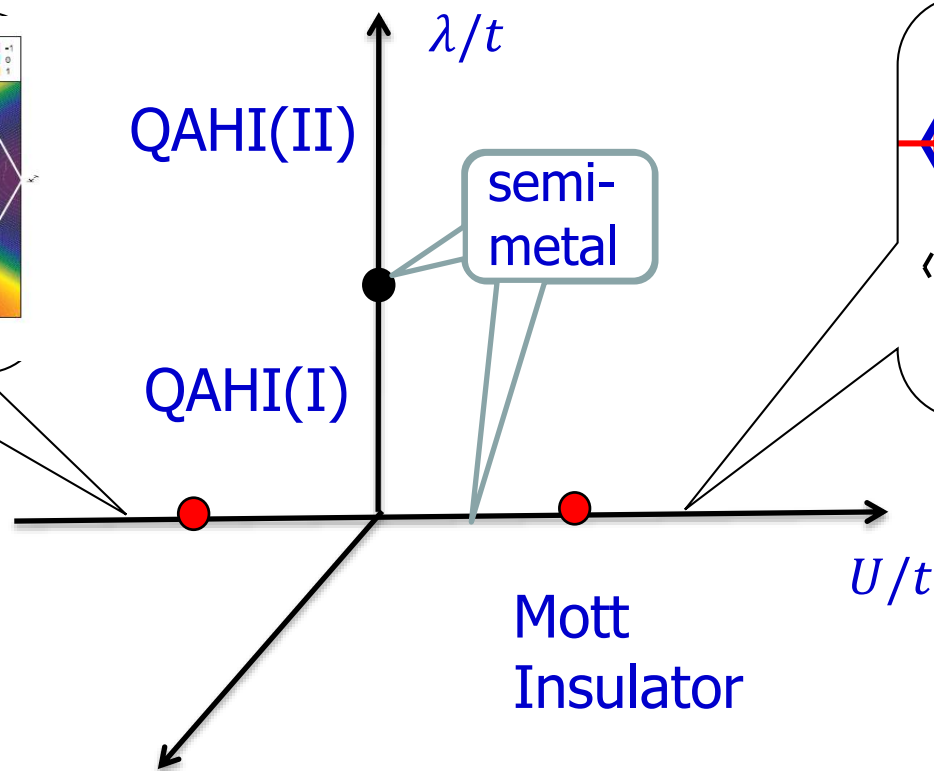
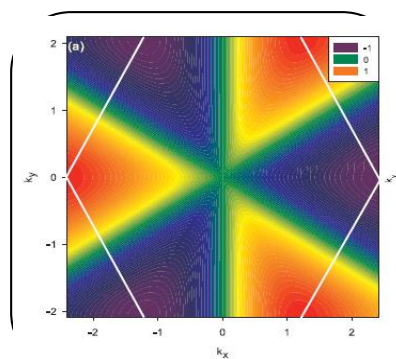
- Bismuthene, Stanene
- Polariton lattice
- Twisted bilayer graphene
- transition metal oxides

- FM , Wigner crystal in flat band
- Frustrated orbital exchange -120° model
- f-wave supercond.

band topology, orbital frustration

Lee, CW, Das Sarma, PRA (2010).

CW, PRL.100, 200406 (2008).



120° model

NaNi₂BiO₆

f-wave SC

Mott
Insulator

Doping (?)

arxiv1807.02528, Cava, Broholm et al.

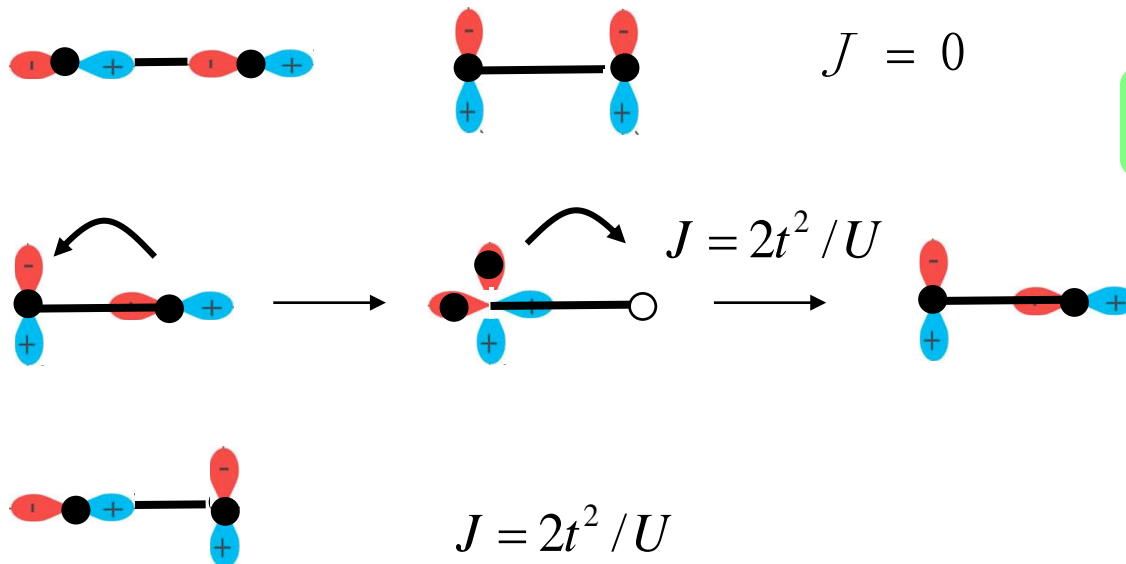
Mott insulator of SPINLESS fermions: orbital exchange

- Pseudo-spin representation.



$$\tau_1 = \frac{1}{2} (p_x^+ p_x - p_y^+ p_y) \quad \tau_2 = \frac{1}{2} (p_x^+ p_y + p_y^+ p_x) \quad \tau_3 = \frac{i}{2} (p_x^+ p_y - p_y^+ p_x)$$

- Orbital exchange: no orbital flipping process.

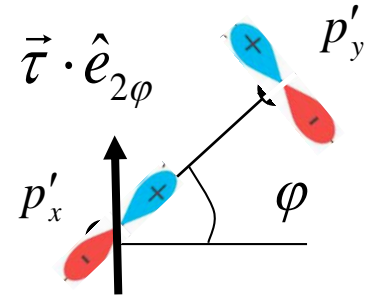


$$H_{ex} = J \tau_1(r) \tau_1(r + \hat{x})$$

Hexagon lattice: quantum 120° model

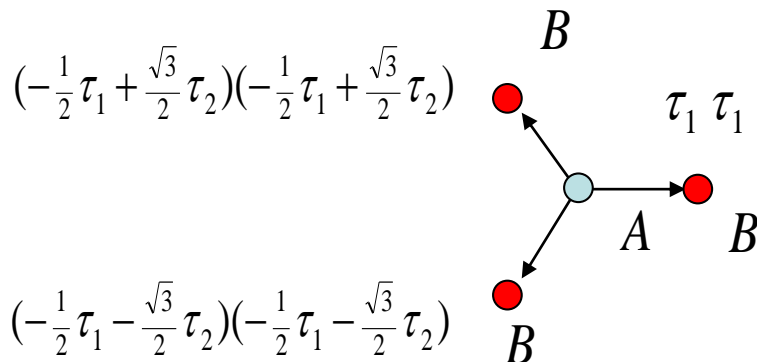
- Ising quantization axis depends on bond orientation.

p'_x, p'_y : eigen-states of $\vec{\tau} \cdot \hat{e}_{2\varphi} = \cos 2\varphi \tau_x + \sin 2\varphi \tau_y$



$$H_{ex} = J(\vec{\tau}(r) \cdot \hat{e}_{2\varphi}) (\vec{\tau}(r + \hat{e}_\varphi) \cdot \hat{e}_{2\varphi})$$

- Transformation: the Ising quantization axes \rightarrow bond orientations.



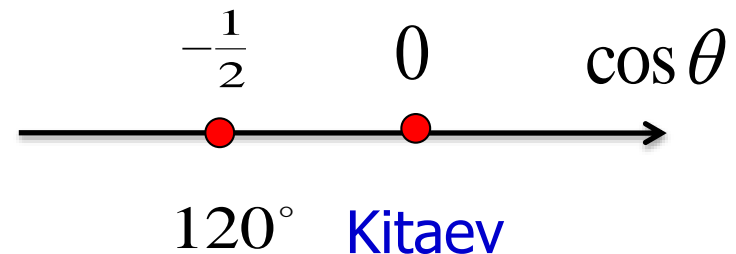
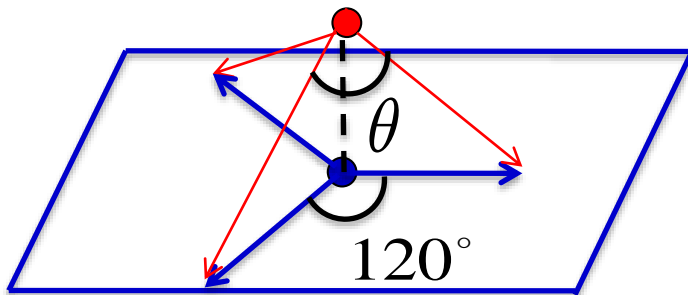
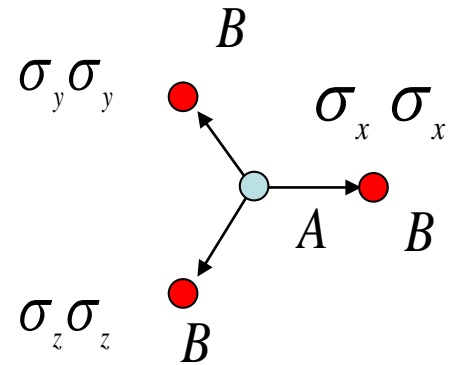
$$H_{ex} = -\sum_{r,r'} J(\vec{\tau}(r_i) \cdot \hat{e}_{ij}) (\vec{\tau}(r_j) \cdot \hat{e}_{ij})$$

C. Wu et al, arxiv0701711v1; C. Wu, PRL 100, 200406 (2008). E. Zhao, and W. V. Liu, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 160403 (2008)

From the Kitaev model to 120 degree model

- cf. Kitaev model: Ising quantization axes form an orthogonal triad.

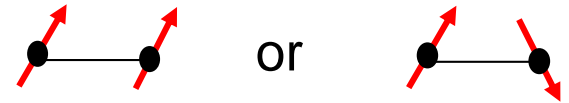
$$H_{\text{kitaev}} = -J \sum_{r \in A} (\sigma_x(r) \sigma_x(r+e_1) + \sigma_y(r) \sigma_y(r+e_2) + \sigma_z(r) \sigma_z(r+e_3))$$



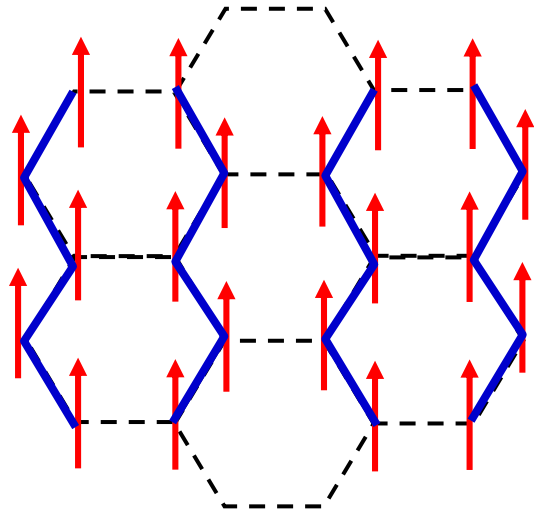
Large S picture: heavy-frustration of classic ground states

- Ground states: the two τ -vectors have the same projection along the bond orientation.

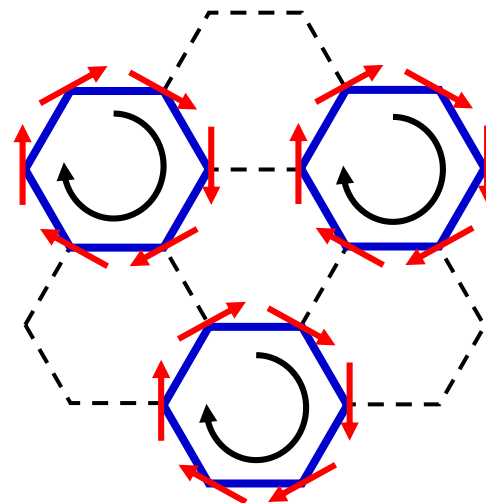
$$H_{ex} = \sum_{r,r'} J \{ [(\vec{\tau}(r) - \vec{\tau}(r')) \cdot \hat{e}_{rr'}] \}^2 + J \sum_r \tau_z^2(r)$$



- Ferro-orbital configurations.

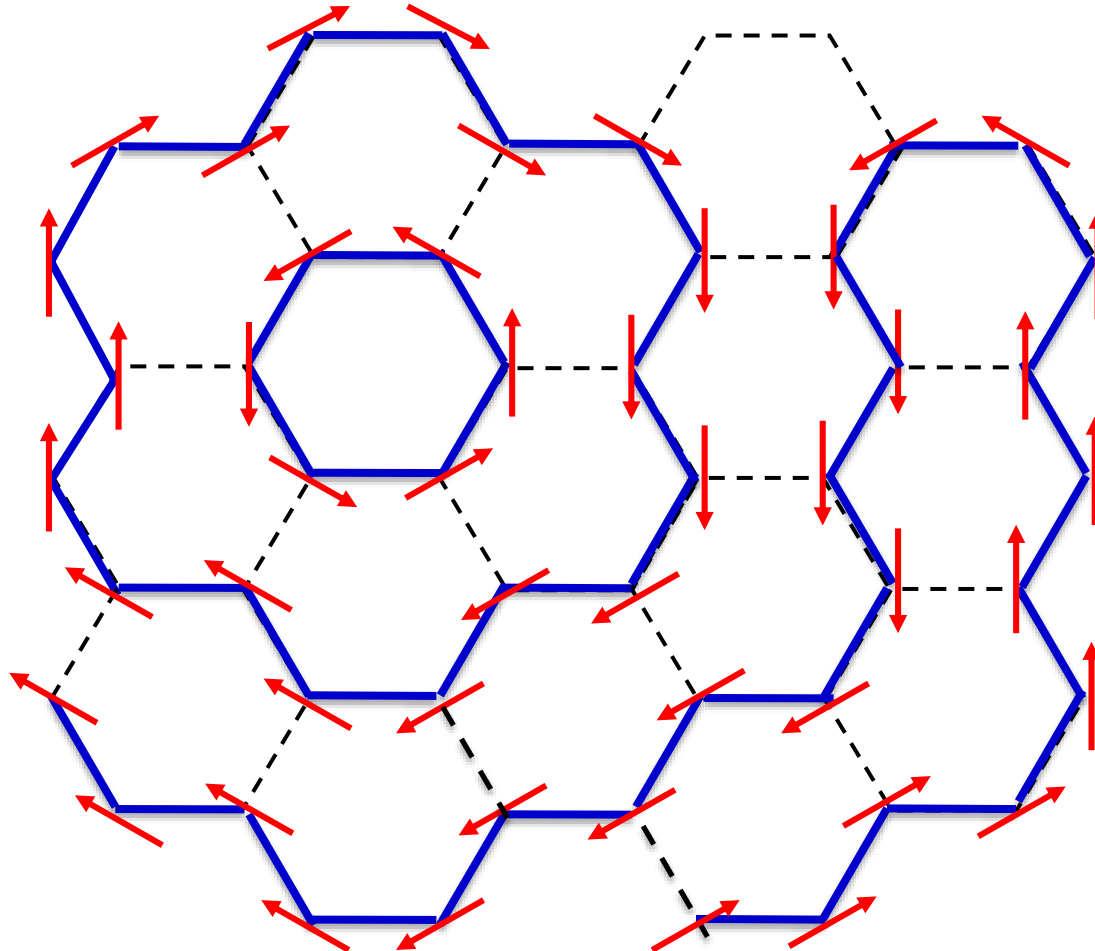


- Loop config: τ -vectors along the tangential directions.



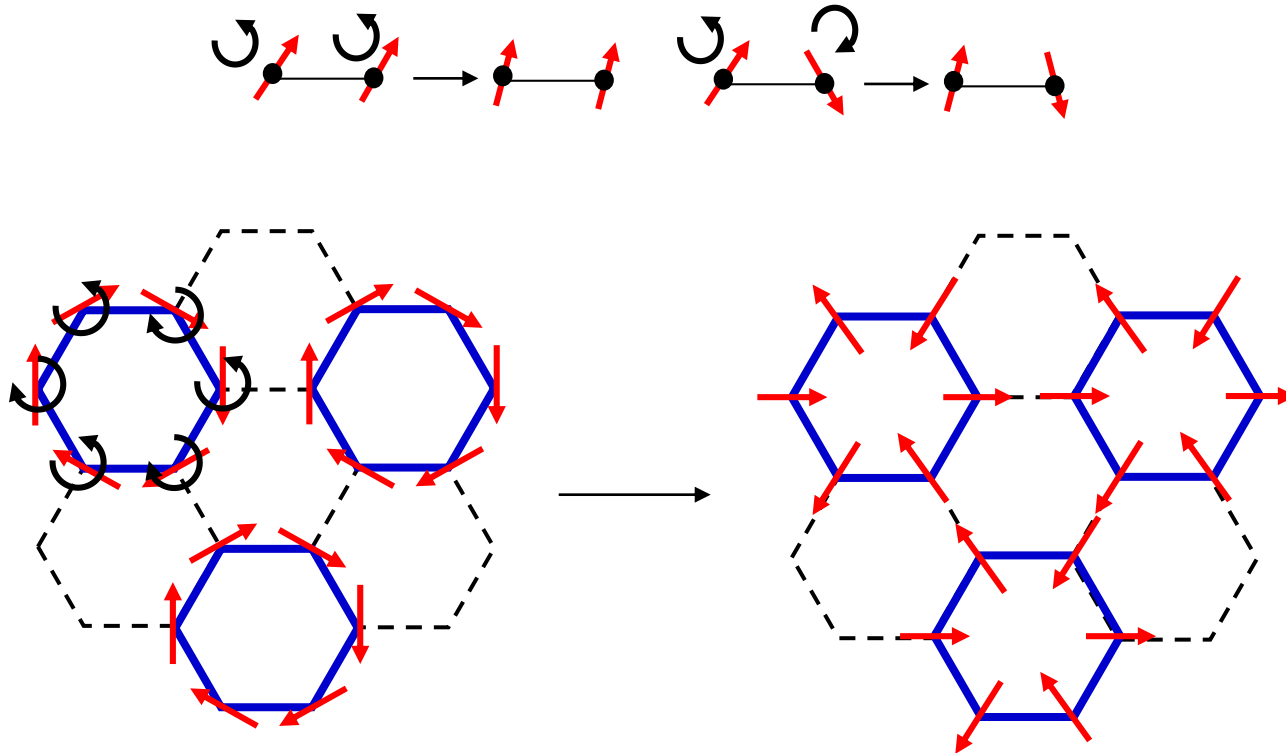
Heavy-degeneracy of the classic ground states

- General loop configurations

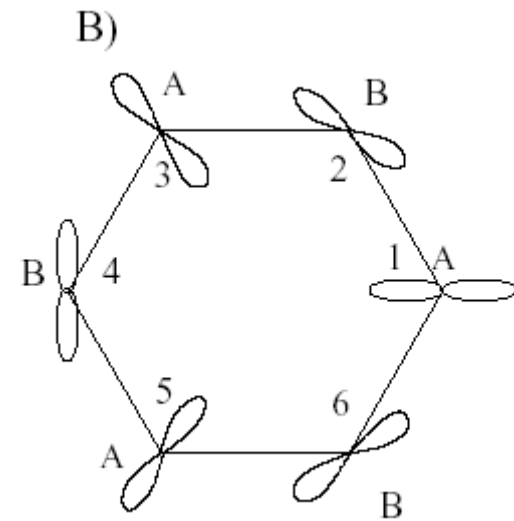
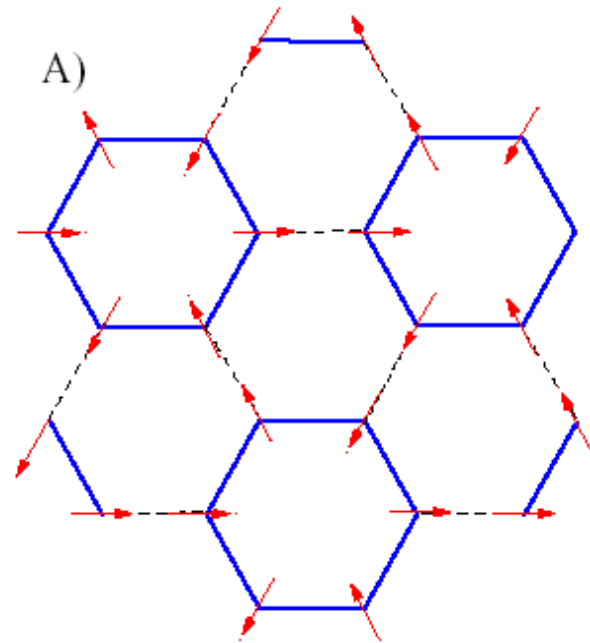
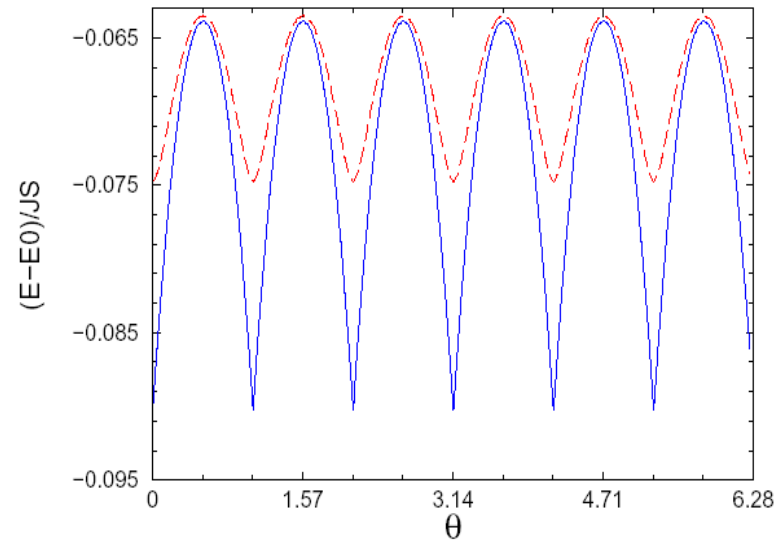
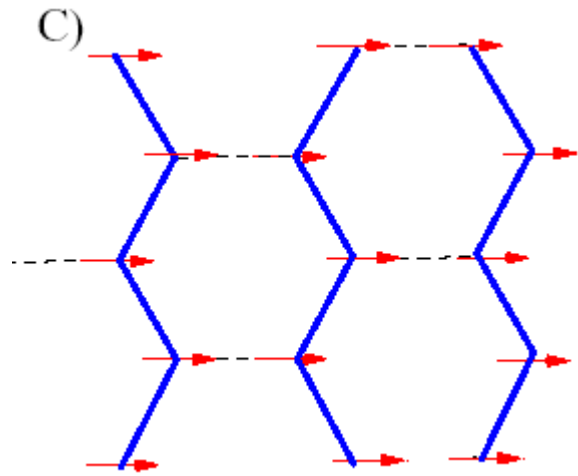


Global rotation degree of freedom

- Each loop config remains in the ground state manifold by a suitable arrangement of clockwise/anticlockwise rotation patterns.



"Order from disorder": 1/S orbital-wave correction

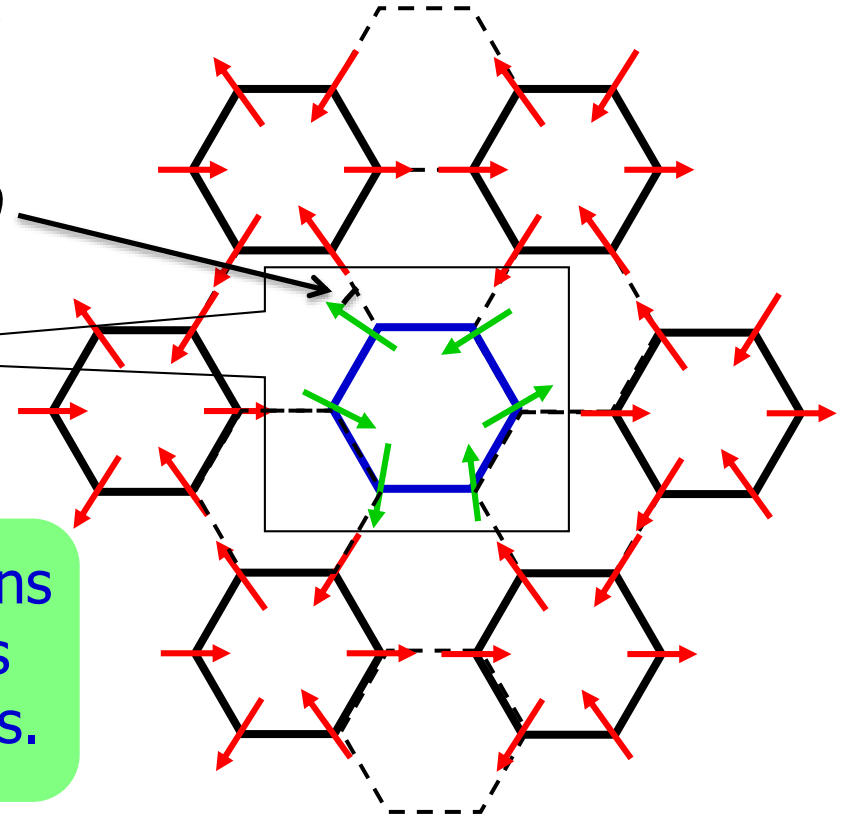


Zero energy orbital wave fluctuations

- Each loop has a local zero energy mode.

$$\Delta E = 6JS^2(1 - \cos \Delta\theta)^2$$
$$\propto (\Delta\theta)^4$$

$\Delta\theta$

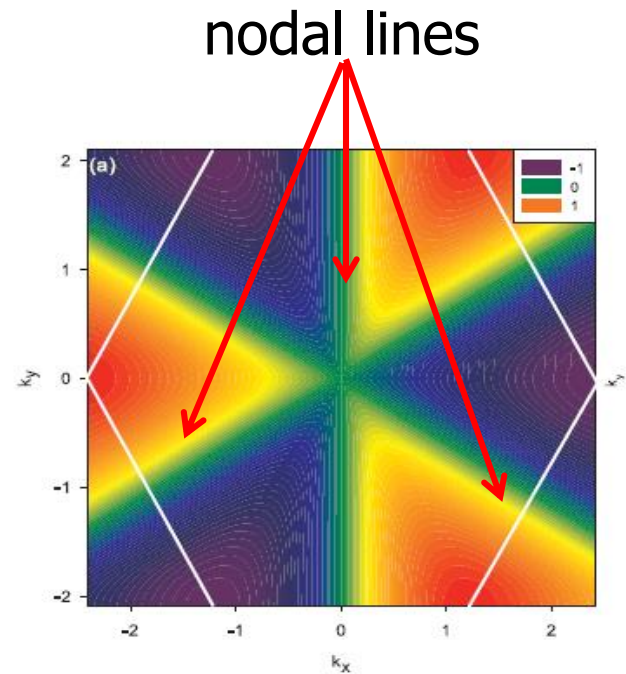
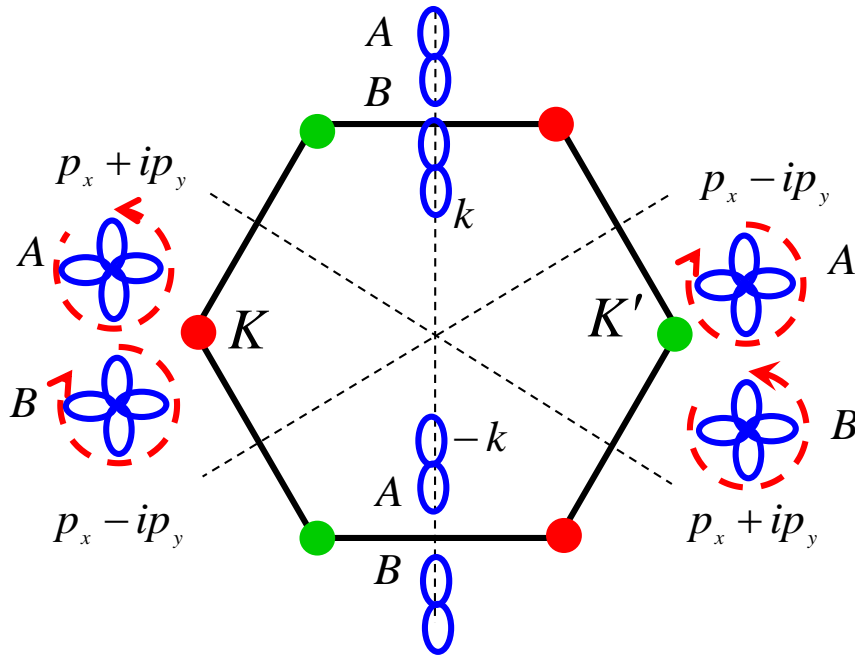


- The closest packed config. contains the maximal number of zero modes
→ selected by quantum fluctuations.

f-wave structure from conventional interaction

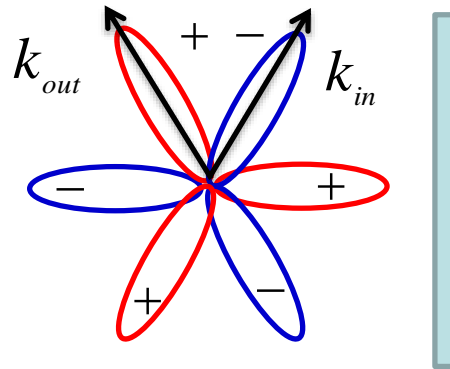
$$H_{\text{int}} = -U \sum_{\vec{r}} n_{p_x}(\vec{r}) n_{p_y}(\vec{r}) = -U \sum_{\vec{r}} n_{p_x + ip_y}(\vec{r}) n_{p_x - ip_y}(\vec{r})$$

- Bisector lines are nodal lines: no interaction between TR pairs.
- The TR pair at K and K' has the largest pairing.

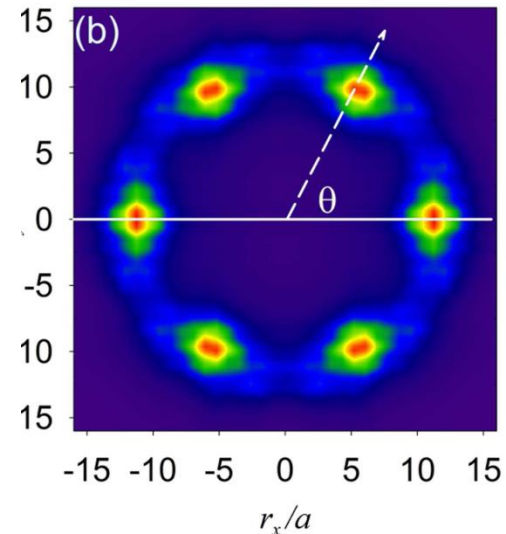
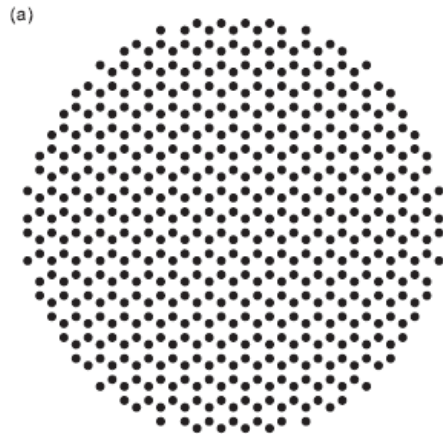


Orbital-assisted f-wave superconductivity

Zero energy Majorana boundary modes

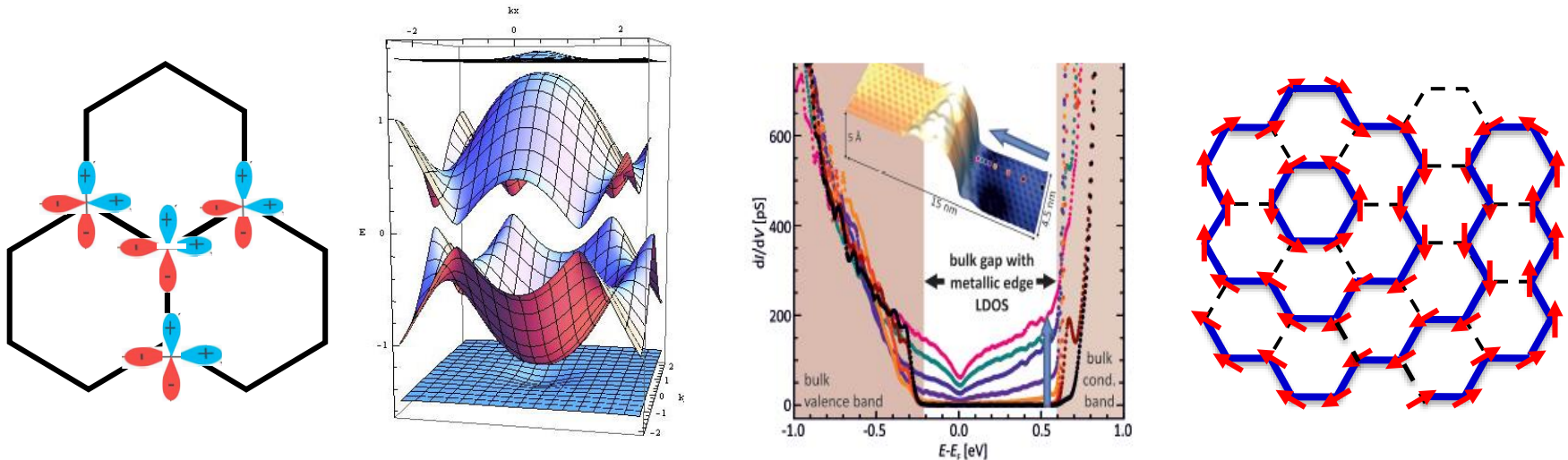


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PRA 2010;



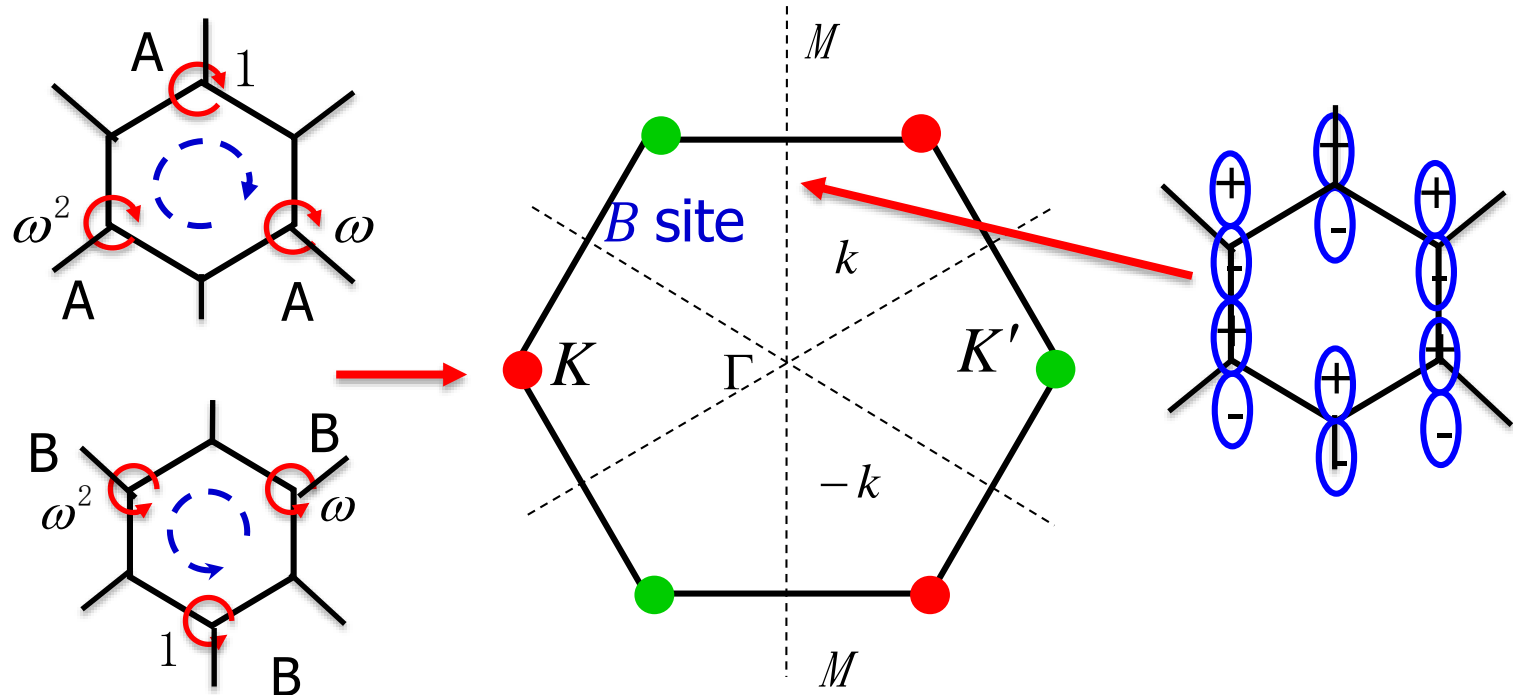
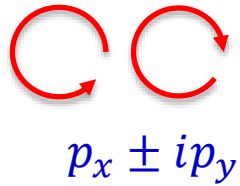
A unified framework for bismuthen, stanene, and more ...

- p_x and p_y orbital-active honeycomb lattice
- Large topo gap to the scale of atomic spin-orbit coupling (1eV)
- Novel many-body physics: flat-band ferromagnetism, orbital frustration, f-wave superconductivity etc.



Back up!

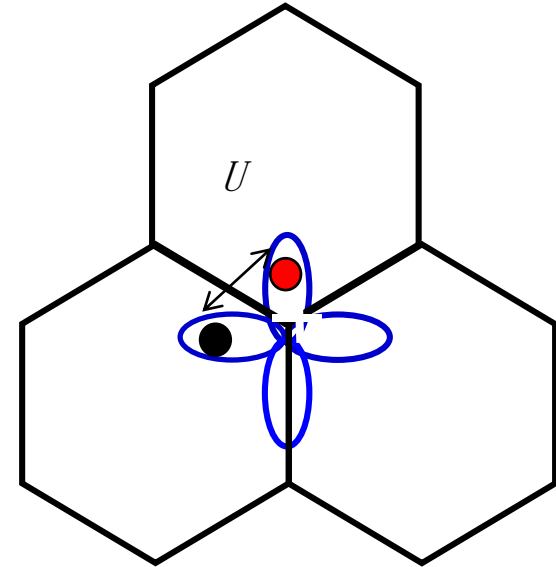
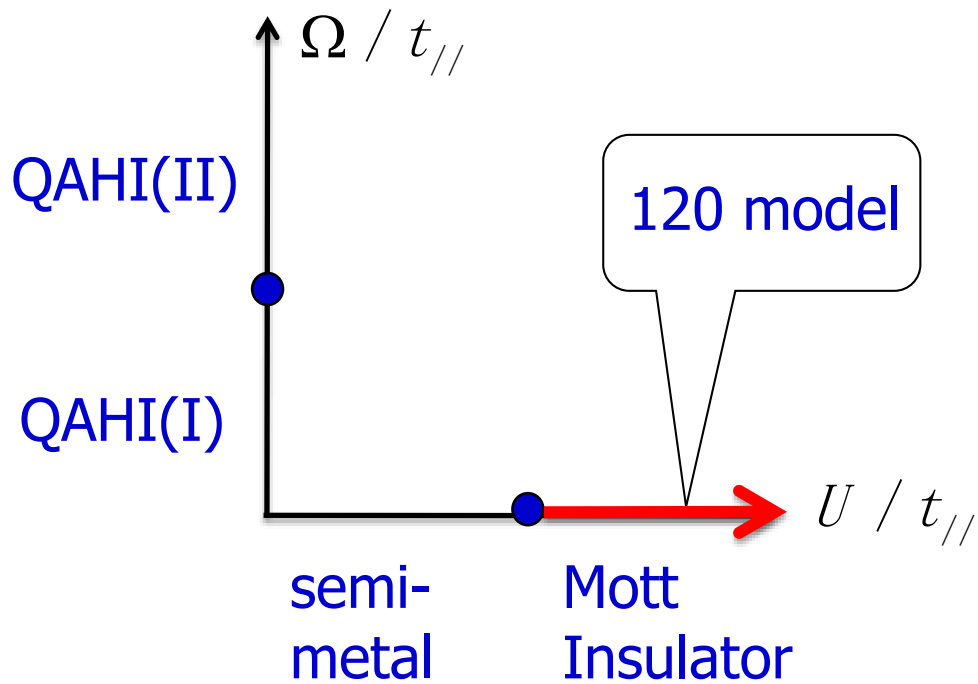
Orbital configuration (Dirac band)



- **Real** eigen-orbitals along the M- Γ -M- line \rightarrow f-wave pairing.
- **Complex** eigen-orbitals at K (K') \rightarrow large topo-gap with SO coupling.

C. Wu PRL 101, 2008; W. C. Lee, C. Wu, S. Das Sarma, PRA 2010;
G. F. Zhang, Y. Li C. Wu, PRB 90 (2014).

Add interactions (spinless fermions)



$$H_{\text{int}} = U \sum_{\vec{r}} n_{p_x}(\vec{r}) n_{p_y}(\vec{r})$$

$$H_0 = H_t - \Omega \sum_r L_z(\vec{r})$$

(Quantum) anomalous Hall state

- k -space Berry curvature.

$$\vec{A}(k) = \langle \psi_{L,k} | i\vec{\partial}_k | \psi_{L,k} \rangle, \quad \Omega_z(\vec{k}) = \partial_{k_x} A_{k_y} - \partial_{k_y} A_{k_x}$$

- Anomalous velocity.

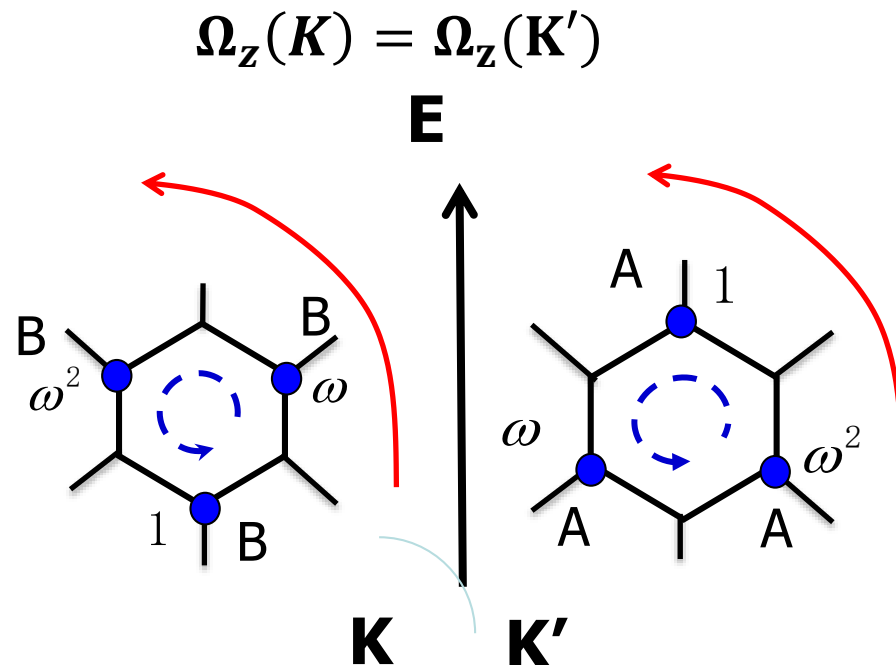
Luttinger, PR, 112 793 (1958),
Xiao, Chang, Niu, RMP 82, 1959 (2010).

$$\dot{\vec{r}} = \nabla_k \epsilon(\vec{k}) - \dot{\vec{k}} \times \vec{\Omega}(\vec{k})$$

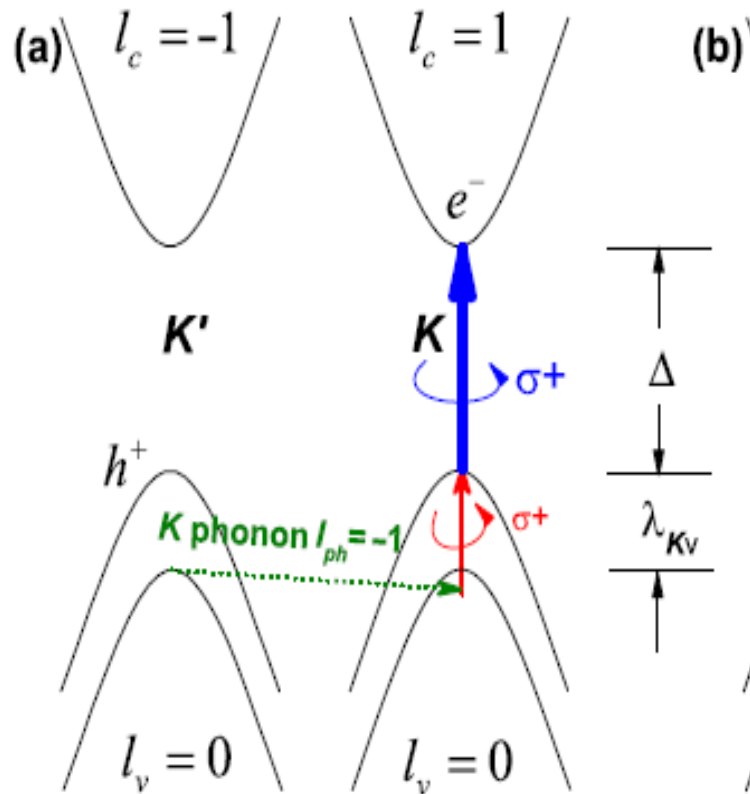
$$\dot{\vec{k}} = q\vec{E} + q\dot{\vec{r}} \times \vec{B}(\vec{r})$$

- Van Vleck (inter-band) response.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xy} &= \frac{e^2}{h} \oint \frac{d^2\vec{k}}{2\pi} \Omega_z \\ &= \frac{e^2}{h} \oint \frac{d^2\vec{k}}{2\pi} \nabla \times \vec{A}(\vec{k}) = \pm \frac{e^2}{h} \end{aligned}$$



Creation of chiral phonon and large momentum exciton



1. Right-handed light \rightarrow exciton at K-valley

2. Another right-handed light \rightarrow hole scattered to K' -valley by absorbing phonon and emitting a chiral phonon ($K-K'=2K=K'$)

3. Electron and hole are in different valleys \rightarrow large momentum exciton.

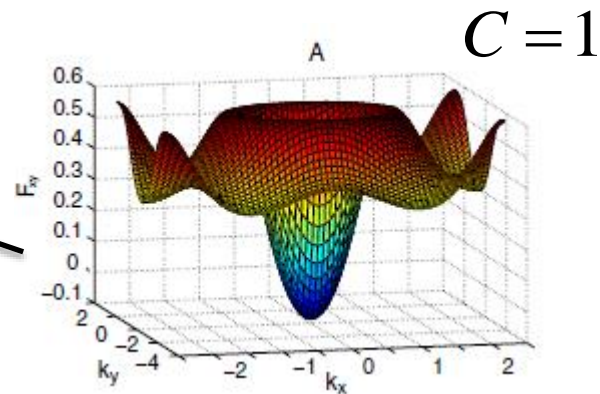
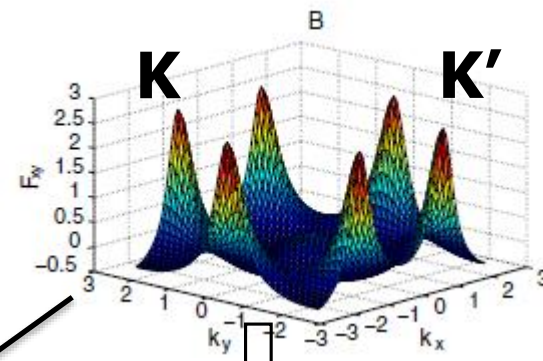
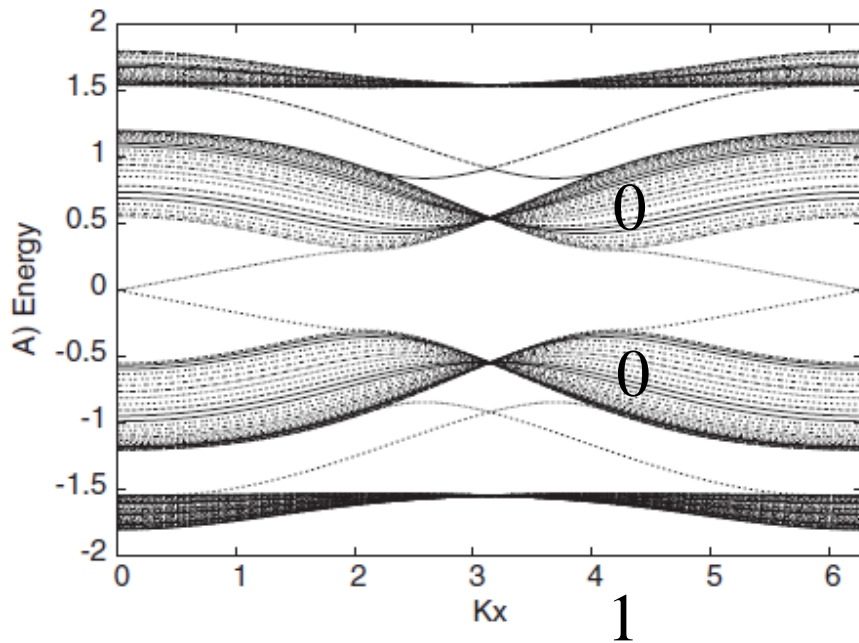
$$\Delta = 1.65\text{eV}$$

$$\lambda_{Kv} = 0.15\text{eV}$$

Edge spectra and Berry curvature (spin \uparrow)

$\lambda = 0.3t_{//}$ $C = -1$

$C = 0 \approx 1 + (-1)$



C. Wu, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 186807 (2008).

Quantum anomalous Hall (QAH): a triangle relation

- The 3rd gap mechanism: Neel exchange.

$$H_N = -n \sum_r (S_{zA}(r) - S_{zB}(r))$$

- Superpose charge and spin sublattice asymmetry.

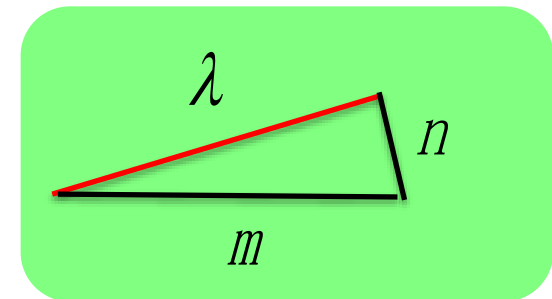
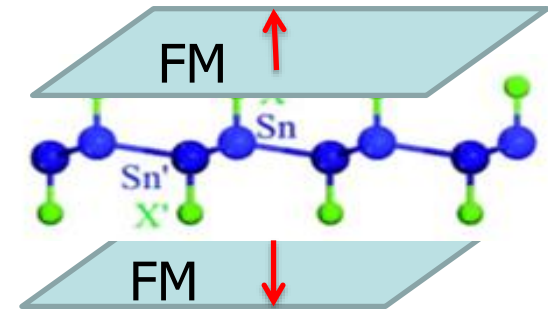
spin-up

spin-down

$$m + n > \lambda > |m - n|$$

topo trivial

topo non-trivial



- QAH -- **Three players**: none should be too large, too small either.

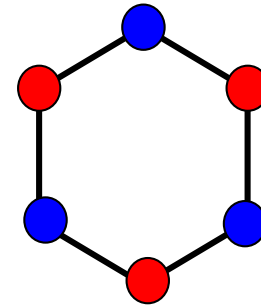
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Gaps due to sub-lattice asymmetry $m > \ell$ (cf. MoS₂)

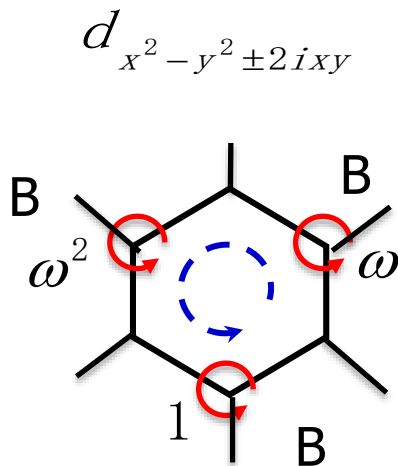
- Gaps around K (K') \rightarrow valley Hall.

$$H_M = -m \sum_r (n_A(r) - n_B(r))$$

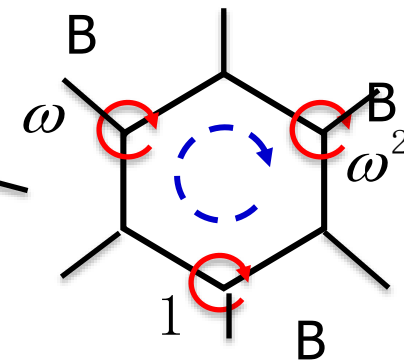
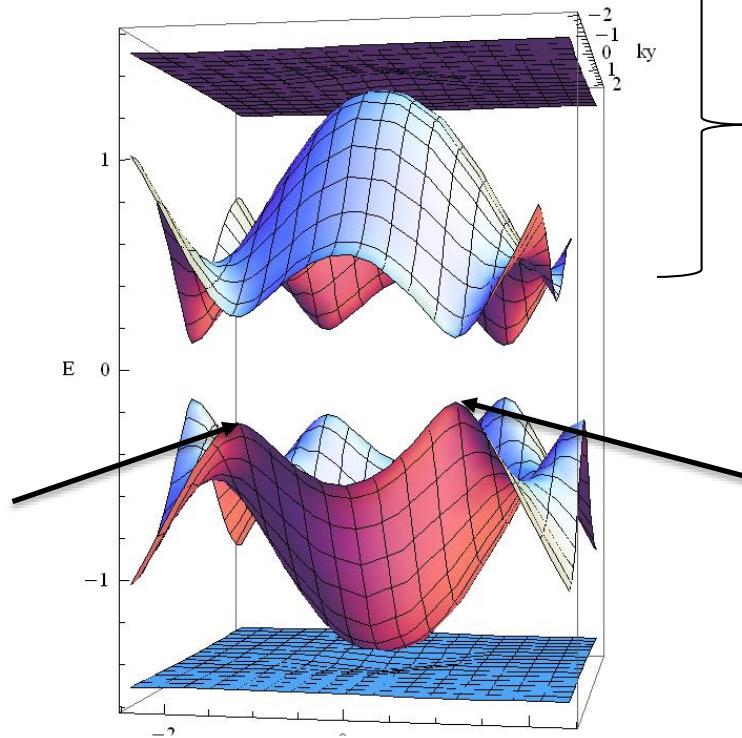


MoS₂: upper bands are replaced by

$$d_{r^2 - 3z^2}$$

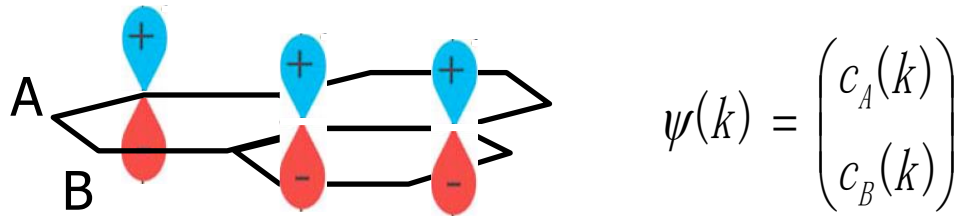


$$\Delta E = -(m + \lambda)$$



$$\Delta E = -(m - \lambda)$$

Honeycomb lattice system (graphene)



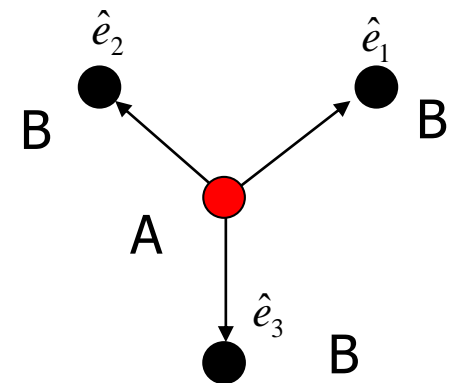
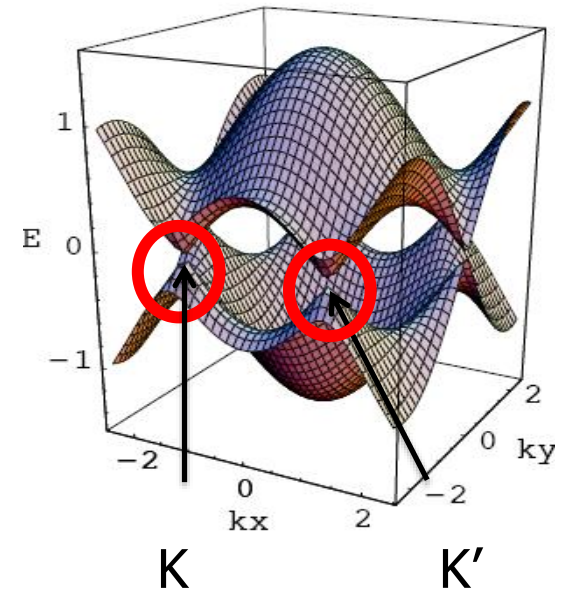
- 2-level in a planar pseudo-B field.

$$H(\vec{k}) = \vec{h}(\vec{k}) \cdot \vec{\tau}$$

$$h_x(\vec{k}) + ih_y(\vec{k}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \hat{e}_i}, \quad h_z(\vec{k}) = 0$$

- Symmetry and topology protection:

gapless Dirac cones $\leftrightarrow \vec{h}(K) = \vec{h}(K') = 0$.



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Early work: on-line video

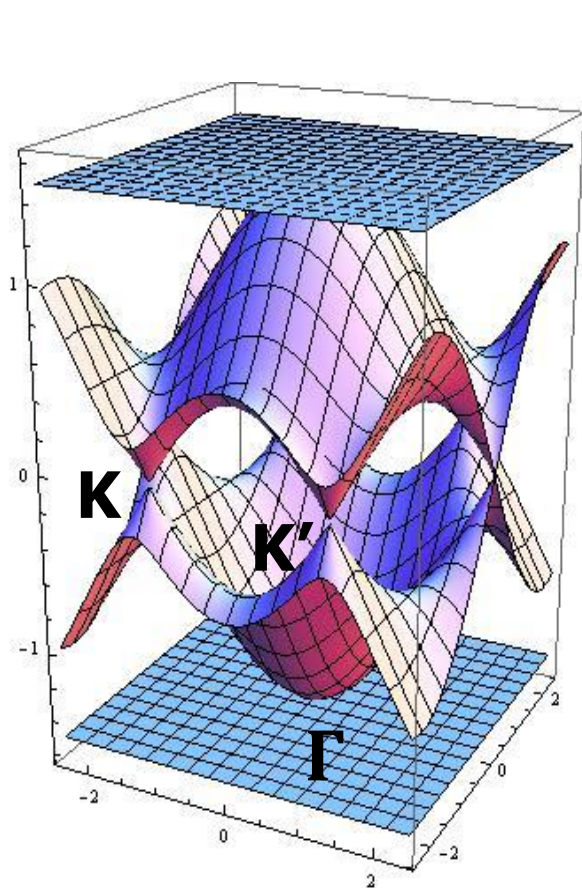
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Large topo-gaps \sim atomic SO coupling strength

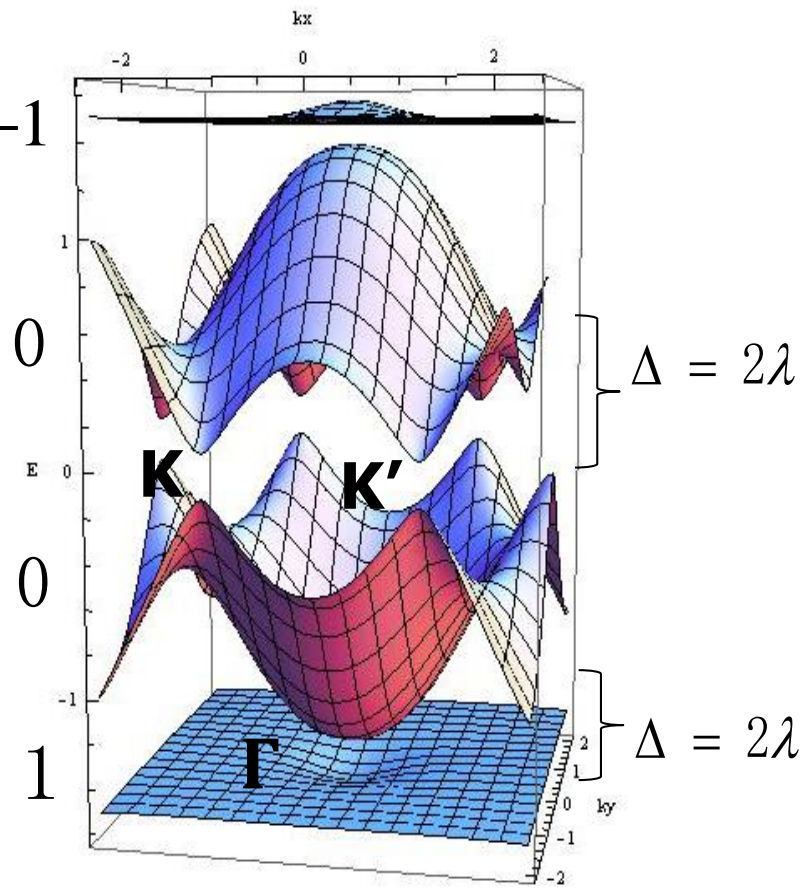


$$H_{so\uparrow} = -\lambda \sum_r L_z(\vec{r})$$



$$H_{\Omega} = -\Omega \sum_r L_z(\vec{r})$$

$$C = -1$$



Little group:

Γ
K(K')

$\Omega = 0$

D_6
 D_3

$\Omega > 0$

C_6
 C_3

degeneracy

$2 \rightarrow 1+1$
 $2 \rightarrow 1+1$