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ELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF DIRAC AND WEYL SEMIMETALS

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DIRAC & WEYL SEMIMETALS

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Real band structures

- Electron quasiparticles with a wide range of properties are possible
- They may even have an emergent spinor structure of Dirac/Weyl fermions, e.g.,

 $H_W \approx v_F \left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \right)$

where \vec{k} is the momentum measured from the Weyl node and v_F is the Fermi velocity

• How likely/common is this?

Weyl semimetals TaAs, TaP, NbAs, and NbP





Relativistic-like band crossing



The bands cross when [Witten, Riv. Nuovo Cimento 39, 313 (2016)]

These 3 equations can be solved by adjusting \vec{k} in 3D

 $\vec{b}_{k}=0$



Emergent chirality in solids

Near a band crossing (e.g., $\vec{k} \approx \vec{k}_+$)

$$H_{k} = a_{k_{+}} + (\nabla_{k} a_{k} \cdot \delta \vec{k}) + \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{i} b_{ij} \delta k_{j}$$

cone tilting

After an orthogonal transformation

$$b_{ij} \equiv \partial b_i / \partial k_j \to \hbar v_i \delta_{ij}$$

Assuming isotropy & a suitable reference point,

$$H_{\boldsymbol{k}} = \pm v_F \big(\vec{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \cdot \vec{\boldsymbol{k}} \big)$$

which is the Weyl Hamiltonian

The *chirality* is defined by

$$\lambda = \operatorname{sign}[\operatorname{det}(b_{ij})]$$







Weyl quasiparticles

• The quasiparticle eigenstates for Weyl Hamiltonian $H_{\lambda} = \lambda v_F(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$ are

$$\psi_{k}^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\epsilon_{k}^{2} + \lambda v_{F}\epsilon_{k}k_{z}}} \begin{pmatrix} v_{F}k_{z} + \lambda\epsilon_{k} \\ v_{F}k_{x} + iv_{F}k_{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The quasiparticle energy $\epsilon_k = v_F \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}$ is relativistic-like
- Mapping $k \to \psi_k^{\lambda}$ has a nontrivial topology
- Consider adiabatic evolution of the wave function from ψ_k to $\psi_{k+\delta k}$: $\langle \psi_k | \psi_{k+\delta k} \rangle \approx 1 + \delta k \cdot \langle \psi_k | \nabla_k | \psi_k \rangle \approx e^{ia_k \cdot \delta k}$

where $a_k = -i \langle \psi_k | \nabla_k | \psi_k \rangle$ is the Berry connection



Berry curvature & topology

• For Weyl eigenstates, the Berry curvature is

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{k} \equiv \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{k} \times \boldsymbol{a}_{k} = \lambda \frac{\boldsymbol{k}}{2k^{3}}$$

- The Chern number (topological charge) $C = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint \mathbf{\Omega}_k \cdot d\mathbf{S}_k = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \oint \frac{\vec{k}}{2k^3} \cdot \frac{\vec{k}}{k} k^2 \sin\theta \, d\theta d\varphi = \lambda$
- In a solid state material, the Brillouin zone is compact
- A closed surface around a node at \vec{k}_0 is also a closed surface around the rest of the Brillouin zone
- Thus, Weyl fermions come in pairs of opposite chirality [Nielsen & Ninomiya, Nucl. Phys. B 193, 173 (1981); B 185, 20 (1981)]



[Morimoto & Nagaosa, Scientific Reports 6, 19853 (2016)]



Idealized Dirac and Weyl model

• Low-energy Hamiltonians of a Dirac and Weyl materials

$$H = \int d^{3}\mathbf{r}\,\overline{\psi} \Big[-i\nu_{F} \Big(\vec{\gamma}\cdot\vec{\mathbf{p}}\Big) - \Big(\vec{b}\cdot\vec{\gamma}\Big)\gamma^{5} + b_{0}\gamma^{0}\gamma^{5}\Big]\psi$$

Dirac (e.g., Na₃Bi, Cd₃As₂, ZrTe₅)

Weyl (e.g., TaAs, NbAs, TaP, NbP,WTe₂)





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ELECTRON HYDRODYNAMICS



Electron hydrodynamics

• First ideas date back to the 1960s [Radii Gurzhi, JETP 17, 521 (1963)]





Higher than ballistic transport

[Guo et al., PNAS USA 114, 3068 (2017)]



Other Signatures:

Negative nonlocal resistance

[Torre et al., Phys. Rev. B **92**, 165433 (2015)] [Bandurin et al., Science **351**, 1055 (2016)] [Pellegrino et al., Phys. Rev. B **94**, 155414 (2016) [Levitov & Falkovich, Nat. Phys. **12**, 672 (2016)]

• Visualization of the Poiseuille flow

[Sulpizio et al., Nature 576, 75 (2019)]

[Kumar et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 1182 (2017)]



ASJ Hydrodynamics in Weyl semimetals

Weyl semimetals WP₂ & WTe₂ [Gooth et al., Nat. Comm. 9, 4093 (2018); Vool, et al., arXiv:2009.04477]





RELATIVISTIC-LIKE ELECTRON HYDRODYNAMICS

[Gorbar, Miransky, Shovkovy, Sukhachov, Phys. Rev. B 97, 121105(R) (2018)]



Chiral Hydrodynamics (plasma)

• Evolution of conserved quantities:

$$\frac{\partial T^{j0}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T^{ji}}{\partial x^{i}} = -enE^{j} - e(\vec{j} \times \vec{B})^{j} + F_{\text{other}}^{j}$$

$$\frac{\partial T^{00}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T^{0i}}{\partial x^{i}} = -e(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}) + W_{\text{other}}$$

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial n_5}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_5 = -\frac{e^2(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{E})}{2\pi^2} - \Gamma_5 n_5$$

() Maxwell equations

Note:

 $T^{00} = \varepsilon + \cdots$

 $w = \varepsilon + P$

 $T^{0i} = wv^i + \cdots$

 $T^{ij} = wv^i v^j - P\delta^{ij} + \cdots$



• Expressions for currents and $T^{\mu\nu}$

$$\vec{j} = n\vec{v} + \vec{j}_a + \vec{j}_{dis}$$
$$\vec{j}_5 = n_5\vec{v} + \vec{j}_{5,a} + \vec{j}_{5,dis}$$
$$T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon v^{\mu}v^{\nu} - \Delta^{\mu\nu}P + h^{\mu}v^{\nu} + v^{\mu}h^{\nu} + \tau^{\mu\nu}_{dis}$$

• Anomalous terms:

$$\vec{j}_a = \vec{j}_{CS} + \sigma_\omega \vec{\omega} + \sigma_B \vec{B} \quad \& \quad \vec{j}_{5,a} = \vec{j}_{5,CS} + \sigma_\omega^5 \vec{\omega} + \sigma_B^5 \vec{B}$$

where

$$\sigma_{\omega} = \frac{\mu\mu_5}{\pi^2\hbar^2}, \qquad \sigma_B = \frac{e\mu_5}{2\pi^2\hbar^2}$$
$$\sigma_{\omega}^5 = \frac{3(\mu^2 + \mu_5^2) + \pi^2 T^2}{6\pi^2\hbar^2}, \quad \sigma_B^5 = \frac{e\mu}{2\pi^2\hbar^2}$$



Hydrodynamics in Weyl metals

• The Euler equation from CKT:

$$\frac{1}{v_F}\partial_t \left(\frac{\epsilon + P}{v_F}\mathbf{u} + \sigma^{(\epsilon,B)}\mathbf{B}\right) = -en\left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c}[\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}]\right) + \frac{\sigma^{(B)}(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B})}{3v_F^2}\mathbf{u} - \frac{\epsilon + P}{\tau v_F^2}\mathbf{u} + O(\nabla_\mathbf{r})$$

• The energy conservation from CKT

$$\partial_t \epsilon = -\mathbf{E} \cdot (en\mathbf{u} - \sigma^{(B)}\mathbf{B}) + O(\nabla_{\mathbf{r}})$$

\oplus Maxwell equations

• One must include topological Chern-Simons currents and densities,



$$\begin{split} \rho_{\rm CS} &= -\frac{e^3(\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{B})}{2\pi^2\hbar^2c^2} \\ \mathbf{J}_{\rm CS} &= -\frac{e^3b_0\mathbf{B}}{2\pi^2\hbar^2c} + \frac{e^3\left[\mathbf{b}\times\mathbf{E}\right]}{2\pi^2\hbar^2c} \end{split}$$

[Gorbar, Miransky, Shovkovy, Sukhachov, Phys. Rev. B 97, 121105(R) (2018)]

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ANOMALOUS HYDRO MODES

[Sukhachov, Gorbar, Shovkovy, Miransky, J. Phys. Cond. Matt. 30, 275601 (2018)]

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- Local values of $\delta\mu$, $\delta\mu_5$, δT , $\delta \vec{u}$, etc. oscillate
- Seek solutions of linearized equations as plane waves,

$$\delta \mu = \delta \mu_0 \exp(-i\omega t + i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}), \text{ etc.}$$

• Account for all constitutive relations, e.g.,

$$\begin{split} \delta\rho &= -\operatorname{e}\delta n + \frac{\left(\mathbf{B}_{0}\cdot\delta\mathbf{u}\right)\sigma^{\left(B\right)}}{3v_{\mathrm{F}}^{2}} + i\frac{5c^{2}\sigma^{\left(\epsilon,u\right)}\left(\mathbf{B}_{0}\cdot\left[\mathbf{k}\times\delta\mathbf{u}\right]\right)}{2v_{\mathrm{F}}^{2}} - \frac{e^{3}\left(\mathbf{b}\cdot\delta\mathbf{B}\right)}{2\pi^{2}\hbar^{2}c^{2}},\\ \delta\rho_{5} &= -\operatorname{e}\delta n_{5} + \frac{\left(\mathbf{B}_{0}\cdot\delta\mathbf{u}\right)\sigma_{5}^{\left(B\right)}}{3v_{\mathrm{F}}^{2}}, \end{split}$$

$$\delta \mathbf{J} = -en_0 \delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{B}_0 \delta \sigma^{(B)} + \frac{e^3 \left[\mathbf{b} \times \delta \mathbf{E}\right]}{2\pi^2 \hbar^2 c} + \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{(V)} \left[\mathbf{k} \times \delta \mathbf{u}\right] - \frac{1}{4} \sigma^{(\epsilon, V)} \left[\mathbf{k} \times \left[\mathbf{k} \times \delta \mathbf{u}\right]\right],$$

$$\delta \mathbf{J}_5 = -en_{5,0}\delta \mathbf{u} + \sigma_5^{(B)}\delta \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}_0\delta\sigma_5^{(B)} + \frac{i}{2}\sigma_5^{(V)}[\mathbf{k}\times\delta\mathbf{u}] - \frac{1}{4}\sigma_5^{(\epsilon,V)}[\mathbf{k}\times[\mathbf{k}\times\delta\mathbf{u}]].$$



Rich spectrum of hydro modes

• One example: longitudinal anomalous Hall wave (with $k \parallel B_0$ and $b \perp B_0$):

$$\omega_{\text{IAHW},\pm} \approx \pm \frac{\hbar B_0 k_{\parallel} \sqrt{3 v_{\text{F}}^3 \left(\pi^3 c^4 \hbar T_0^2 + 3 e^4 \mu_m v_{\text{F}}^3 b_{\perp}^2\right)}}{c T_0 \sqrt{\pi^3 \mu_m \left(3 \varepsilon_e v_{\text{F}}^3 \hbar^3 B_0^2 + 4 \pi e^2 T_0^2 b_{\perp}^2\right)}} + O(k_{\parallel}^3)$$

n continuity equation

 n_5 continuity equation

$$\frac{T^2\omega}{3\nu_{\rm F}^3\hbar}\delta\mu + \frac{eB_0k_{\parallel}}{2\pi^2c}\delta\mu_5 = 0$$

$$\frac{eB_0k_{\parallel}}{2\pi^2c}\delta\mu + \frac{T^2\omega}{3v_{\rm F}^3\hbar}\delta\mu_5 - i\frac{e^2B_0}{2\pi^2c}\delta E_{\parallel} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_{e}\omega\delta E_{\parallel} + i\frac{2e^{2}}{\pi c\hbar^{2}}\left(B_{0}\delta\mu_{5} + eb_{\perp}\delta\tilde{E}_{\perp}\right) = 0 \qquad \left(\omega^{2} - \frac{c^{2}k_{\parallel}^{2}}{\varepsilon_{e}\mu_{m}}\right)\delta\tilde{E}_{\perp} - i\frac{2e^{3}\omega b_{\perp}}{\pi c\varepsilon_{e}\hbar^{2}}\delta E_{\parallel} = 0$$
Maxwell's equations
$$\delta\tilde{E}_{\perp} \parallel [B_{0} \times b]$$



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IS CONVECTION POSSIBLE?

[Sukhachov, Gorbar, Shovkovy, arXiv:2103.1583]



Motivation

• Convection is a signature effect of hydrodynamics



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- Convection can have important applications
 - Efficient heat transfer, measured by Nusselt number

$$Nu = \frac{Q_{conv}}{Q_{cond}}$$

(1-10 for laminar, while 100-1000 for turbulent flow)

• Rayleigh number

$$Ra = \frac{t_{diff}}{t_{conv}} = \frac{L^2/\kappa}{\eta/(gL\delta\varrho)}$$

Thermal conductivity helps heat transfer

Viscous drag slows convection

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Pre-convection: Steady state

• Ansatz: $T \approx T_0 + \tilde{T}$, $\mu \approx \mu_0 + \tilde{\mu}$, $E \approx \tilde{E}$

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \tilde{P} &= -en_0 \tilde{\mathbf{E}}, \\ \sigma \left(\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \right) + \frac{\sigma}{e} \Delta \left(\tilde{\mu} - \frac{\mu_0}{T_0} \tilde{T} \right) = 0, \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{E}} &= -4\pi e \tilde{n}, \end{split}$$



$$\tilde{E} \approx \frac{4\pi e \delta T (n_0 \partial_T n - s_0 \partial_\mu n)}{L n_0 q_{TF}^2} \ll \frac{\Delta \varphi}{L}$$
$$\tilde{n} \approx 0$$

• Screening effects are strong already in steady state

Criterion of convective instability

• Ansatz: $T \approx T_0 + \tilde{T} + T_u$, where $T_u \simeq C_T e^{i(\vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{r}_\perp) + ik_x x}$, etc.

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\nabla} P_u &- \eta \Delta \mathbf{u} - \left(\zeta + \frac{\eta}{d} \right) \boldsymbol{\nabla} \left(\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) = -\frac{w_0 \mathbf{u}}{v_F^2 \tau} - e n_0 \mathbf{E}_u - e n_u \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ (\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}) \tilde{w} + w_0 (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ -e n_0 (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \sigma (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{E}_u) + \frac{\sigma}{e} \Delta \left(\mu_u - \frac{\mu_0}{T_0} T_u \right) = 0, \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{E}_u &= -4\pi e n_u. \end{aligned}$$

• Nontrivial solution exists when

$$Ra = L^4 \frac{\left(k_{\perp}^2 + k_x^2\right) \left(k_{\perp}^2 + k_x^2 + \lambda_G^{-2}\right) \left(k_{\perp}^2 + k_x^2 + q_{\text{TF}}^2\right)}{k_{\perp}^2}$$

here the Rayleigh number is defined by

$$\operatorname{Ra} = L^4 \frac{e^3 n_0 \tilde{E}(\partial_x \tilde{w}) T_0}{\sigma w_0^2 \eta} \left[n_0 (\partial_T n) - s_0 (\partial_\mu n) \right]$$

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Phase diagram





- Coulomb screening is much weaker
- In the "gradual channel" approximation

$$\vec{E}_u = \frac{e}{C} \vec{\nabla} n_u$$

where $C = \varepsilon/(4\pi L_g)$ is the capacitance per unit area

• Convection appears when

$$\operatorname{Ra} = L^{4} \frac{\left(k_{\perp}^{2} + k_{x}^{2}\right)^{2} \left(k_{\perp}^{2} + k_{x}^{2} + \lambda_{G}^{-2}\right) \left(1 + Q^{2}\right)}{k_{\perp}^{2}}$$

where
$$Q = \sqrt{e^2(\partial_\mu n)/C}$$

• For realistic parameters, convection can occur when

$$L \gtrsim 1 \text{ cm}$$



Image credit: Nafari, Aizin, Jornet, Phys. Rev. Applied 10, 064025 (2018)

ENTROPY WAVE INSTABILITY

[Sukhachov, Gorbar, Shovkovy, arXiv:2106.11992]



Dyakonov-Shur instability





Observation & application



Experimental observation: Emission



[Tauk, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 89, 253511 (2006)]
[Vitiello, et al., Nano Lett. 12, 96 (2012)]
[Vicarelli, et al., Nat. Mater. 11, 865 (2012)]
[Giliberti, et al., Phys. Rev. B 91, 165313 (2015)]
[Bandurin, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 112, 141101 (2018)]





• System of equations

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{v_F^2} \left[\partial_t + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}) \right] (\mathbf{u}w) + \frac{1}{v_F^2} w \mathbf{u} (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{u}) = -\boldsymbol{\nabla}P + en \boldsymbol{\nabla}\varphi + \eta \Delta \mathbf{u} + \frac{\eta}{d} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \left(\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) - \frac{w \mathbf{u}}{v_F^2 \tau} \\ &- e \partial_t n + (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{J}) = 0, \\ &\partial_t \epsilon + (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{J}^\epsilon) = (\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}), \\ &\Delta \varphi = 4\pi e \left(n - n_0 \right). \end{split}$$

• Collective modes in an infinite system:

3D:
$$\omega_{\pm} \approx \pm \sqrt{\omega_p^2 + v_s^2 k_x^2} + \frac{2}{3} u_0 k_x$$
, Plasmons
2D: $\omega_{\pm} \approx \pm v_p k_x + \frac{1}{2} u_0 k_x$,
2D and 3D: $\omega_e \approx u_0 k_x$. Entropy wave
where $v_s = v_F / \sqrt{d}$ and $\omega_p^2 = 4\pi e^2 n_0^2 v_F^2 / w_0$



Instability in 3D: analytical results

• Boundary conditions:

$$n_1(x = 0) = 0,$$

$$J_x(x = L) \equiv n_0 u_1(x = L) + u_0 n_1(x = L) = 0,$$

$$T_1(x = 0) = 0.$$

• Frequencies of the collective modes:

$$\begin{split} \omega_{\pm}^{3D} &\approx \pm \sqrt{\omega_p^2 + \left[v_s \frac{\pi}{L} \left(l + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]^2} + i \frac{2u_0}{3L} \left(3 - 2\Lambda_p^2 \right) &\longleftarrow \text{Plasmon instability} \\ \omega_e^{3D} &\approx \frac{2\pi l}{L} u_0 - i \frac{u_0 \omega_p}{v_s} - i \frac{u_0}{L} \ln \left[\frac{3}{8} \frac{v_s^2}{u_0^2 \left(1 - \Lambda_p^2 \right)} \right] &\longleftarrow \text{Entropy wave instability} \\ l &= 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \\ \Lambda_p &= \omega_p / (v_s q_{\text{TF}}) < 1, \quad \lim_{T \to 0} \Lambda_p = 1. \end{split}$$



Instability in 3D (numerical)



- Plasmon modes: $\operatorname{Re}(\omega_{DS}) \simeq \omega_P$
- Entropy waves: $\operatorname{Re}(\omega_{EW}) \propto u_0$

- $\operatorname{Im}(\omega_{EW}) \gg \operatorname{Im}(\omega_{DS})$
- DSI and EWI occur for opposite sign(u₀)



Instability in 2D (numerical)

[Tomadin, Polini, Phys. Rev. B **88**, 205426 (2013); Svintsov, et al., Phys. Rev. B **88**, 245444 (2013); Koseki, et al., Phys. Rev. B **93**, 245408 (2016)]

$$\omega_{\pm}^{2D} \approx \pm v_p \frac{\pi}{L} \left(l + \frac{1}{2} \right) + i \frac{u_0}{2L} \left(4 - 3\Lambda_p^2 \right)$$





Summary

- Electron hydrodynamics in Dirac/Weyl semimetals is chiral (if realized)
- Chern-Simon currents/densities appear and play role

[Gorbar, Miransky, Shovkovy, Sukhachov, Phys. Rev. B 97, 121105(R) (2018)]

• New anomalous hydrodynamic modes are expected

[Sukhachov, Gorbar, Shovkovy, Miransky, J. Phys. Cond. Matt. 30, 275601 (2018)]

- Convection is impossible due to strong Coulomb effects (3D) and impurities (2D) [Sukhachov, Gorbar, Shovkovy, arXiv: 2103.1583]
- Entropy wave instability can develop (signature of relativistic-like nature) [Sukhachov, Gorbar, Shovkovy, arXiv:2106.11992]