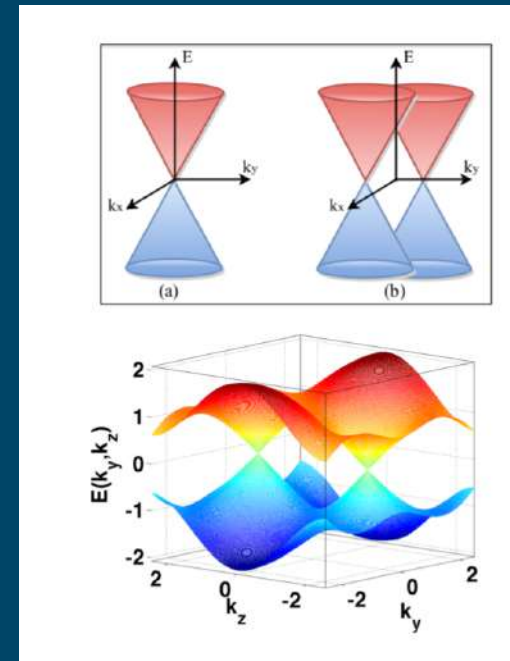
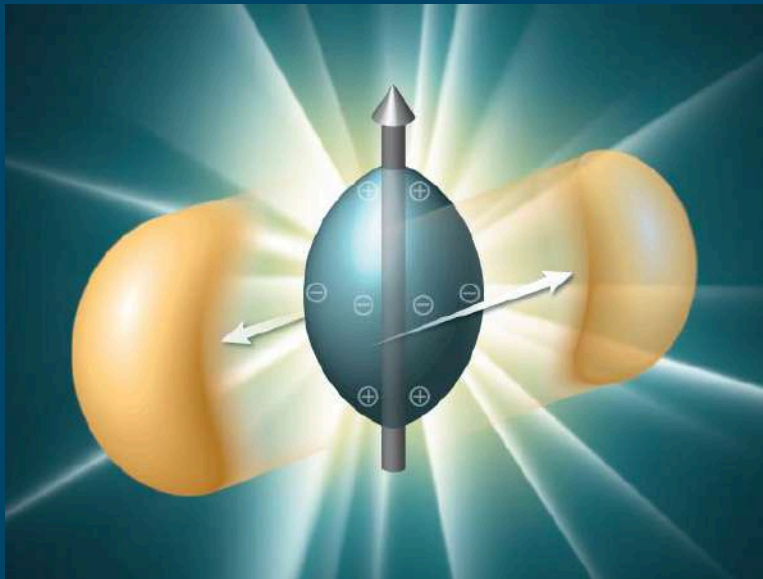


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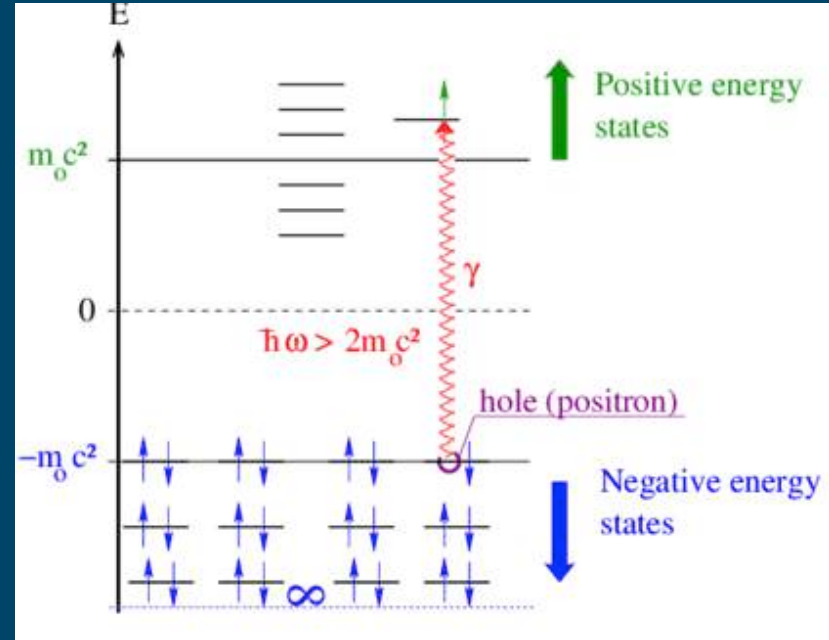


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# 1. Dirac physics: HEP vs CM

# High school QFT fermions

 The Nobel Prize in Physics 1933  
Erwin Schrödinger, Paul A.M. Dirac

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1933 was awarded jointly to Erwin Schrödinger and Paul Adrien Maurice Dirac "for the discovery of new productive forms of atomic theory."



$$H(t)|\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$(i\gamma \cdot \partial - m)\psi = 0$$

Negative energy solutions:

Vacuum: the infinite, filled, Dirac sea.

Particles: quantum excitations of the Dirac sea

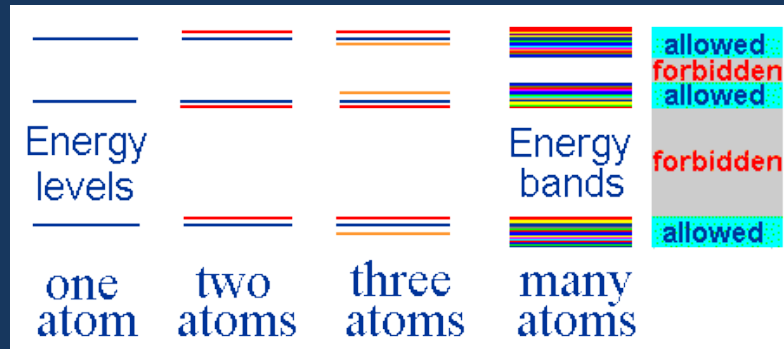
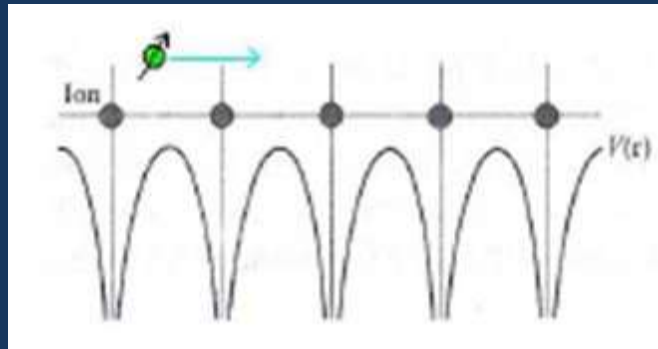
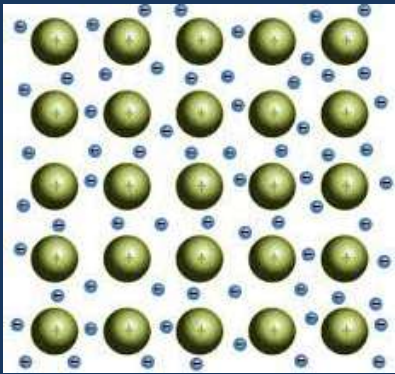
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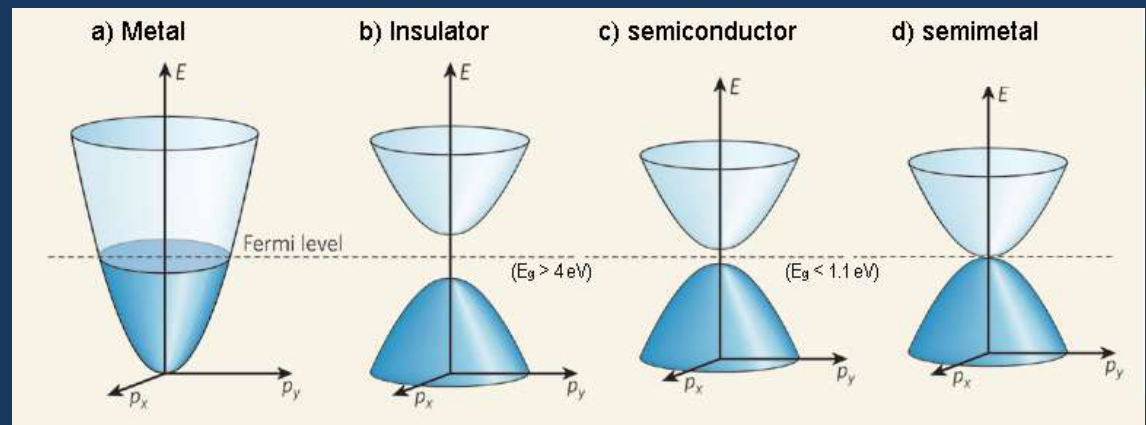
# High school solids

Crystal: many atoms in a periodic lattice. Band theory.



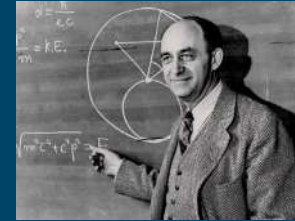
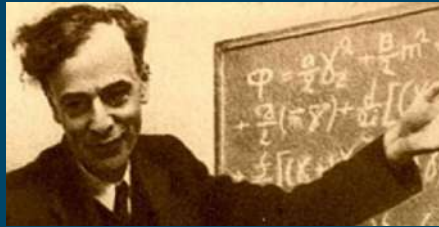
Electrons: Pauli exclusion principle

The Fermi level:  
Last occupied energy



# The standard model of condensed matter

## The Landau Fermi liquid for metals\*



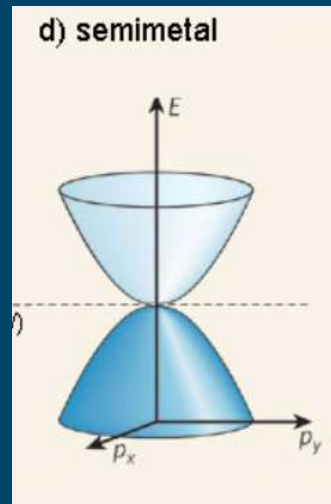
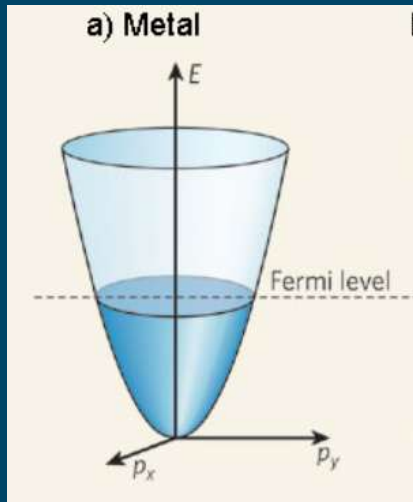
### Vacuum: the Fermi sea

$$\varepsilon(k) = k^2 / 2m^*$$

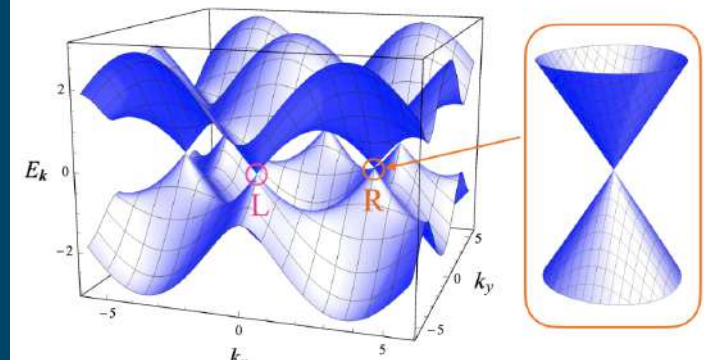
$$\varepsilon(k) = k^2 / 2m^*$$
$$m^* = \partial^2 \varepsilon(k) / \partial k^2 \Big|_{k_F}$$

$$\varepsilon(k) = \pm v|k|$$

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### Dirac or Weyl semimetal



Quasiparticles: quantum excitations of the (filled) Fermi sea.

\*HEP ref.: J. Polchinski, Effective Field Theory and the Fermi Surface, hep-th/9210046



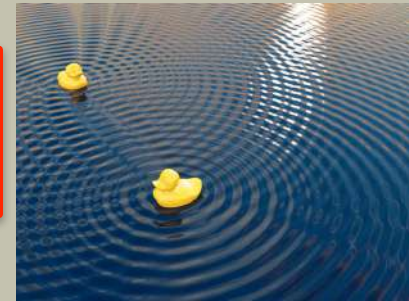
# Particles and quasiparticles



## Dirac and Fermi seas

Particles  
 Quasiparticles

{ are elementary excitations of the { Dirac Fermi seas

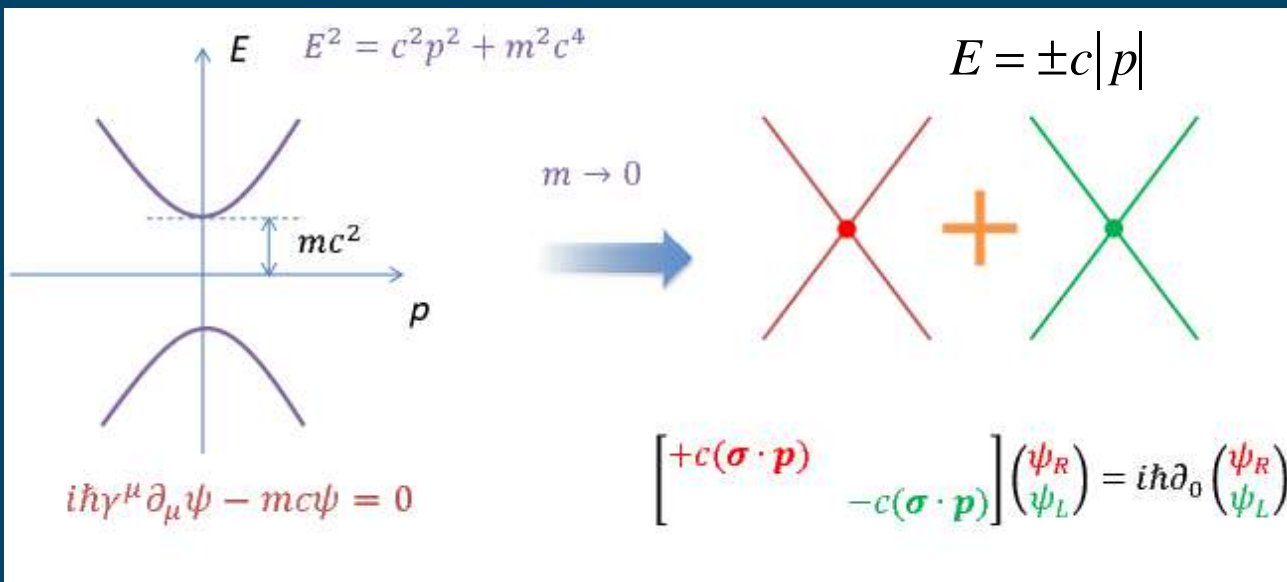
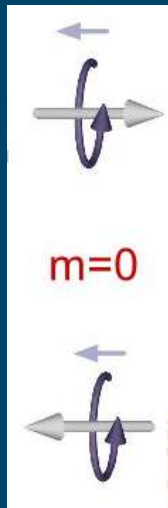


Same equations, same solutions!



## 2. Weylfermions in nature

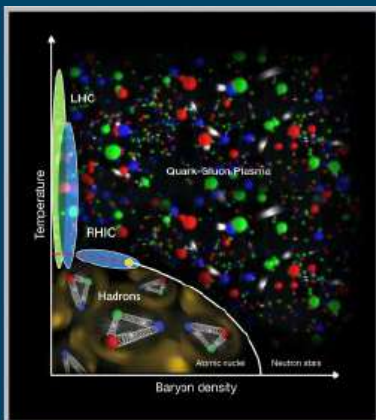
# Dirac and Weyl fermions



Massless fermions in **(3+1) dimensions** are 4 component Dirac spinors which split into two 2 component **Weyl fermions** of well defined **chirality**.

$$H = \pm v_F \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}$$

High energy labs: Quark-gluon plasma in heavy ion collisions  
Early universe

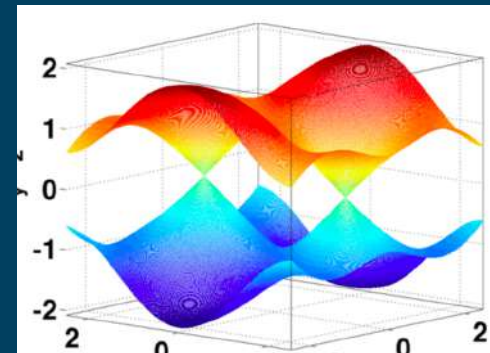
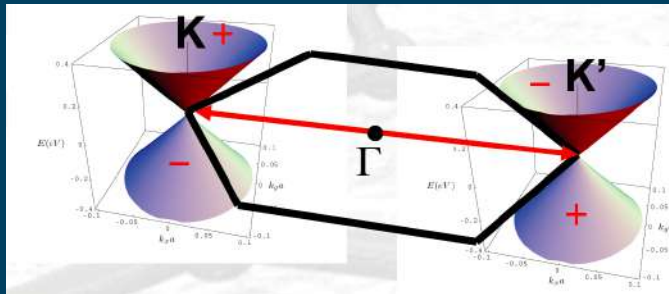


# Obstructions to the existence of Weyl fermions

## 1. Nielsen–Ninomiya

Absence of neutrinos on a lattice, NPB'81

Chiral fermions in a lattice come in pairs of opposite chirality



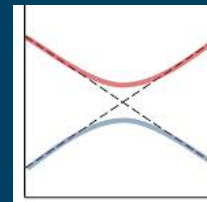
## 2. Kramers degeneracy

Time reversal invariance  $\rightarrow$  pairs of opposite spin.



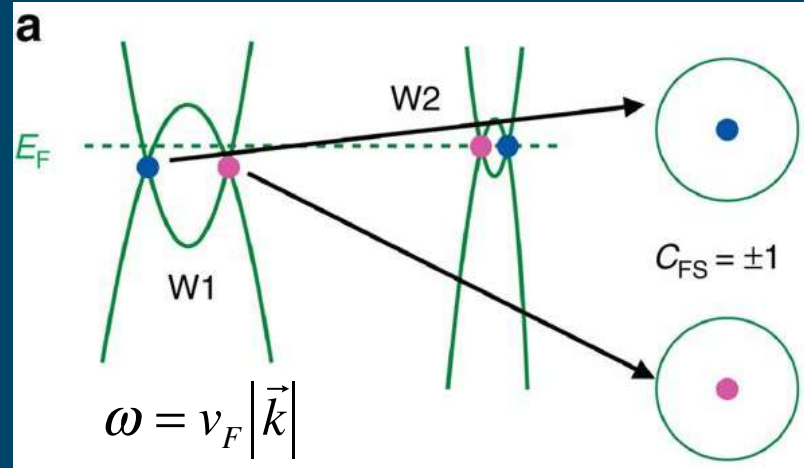
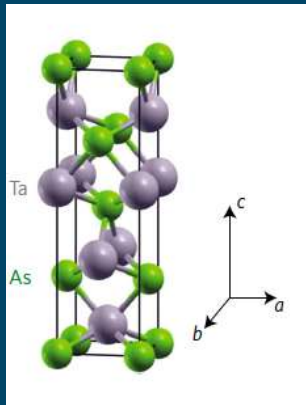
## 3. Level repulsion

Bands avoid crossings



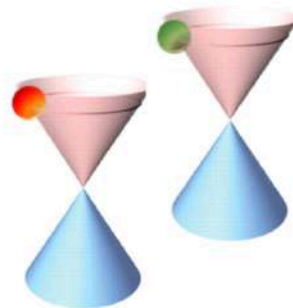
# Dirac fermions in condensed matter

Effective low energy description around band crossings in 3D crystals.



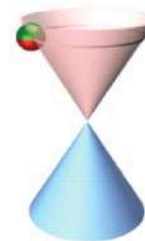
They exist!

**Weyl semimetal**  
(non-degenerated bands)



TaAs  
NbAs  
NbP  
TaP

**Dirac semimetal**  
(doubly degenerated bands)



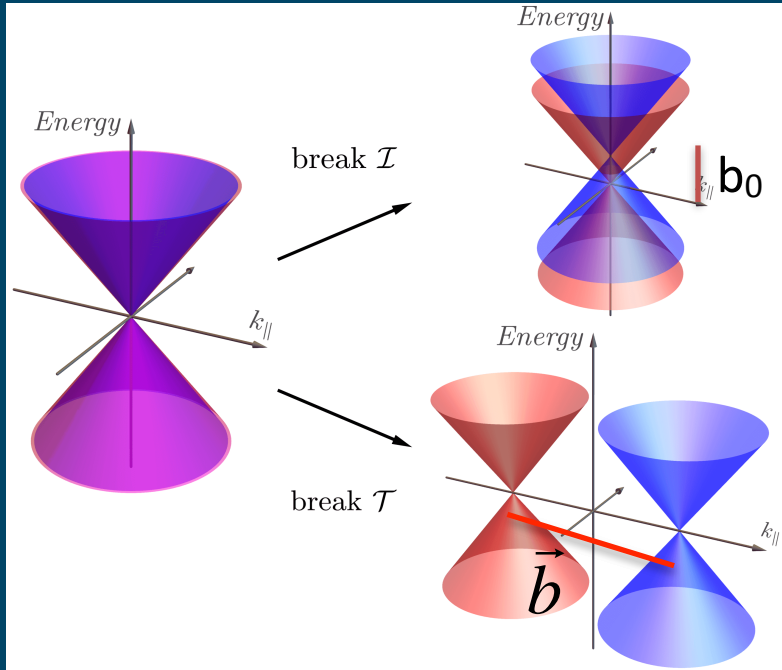
ZrTe<sub>5</sub>  
Na<sub>3</sub>Bi,  
Cd<sub>3</sub>As<sub>2</sub>



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# Weyl from Dirac in 3D matter

Dirac: doubly degenerate Weyl



I broken crystal lattices. Nodes protected by crystal symmetries

Magnetic materials or pair of nodes at T conjugate points of the BZ.

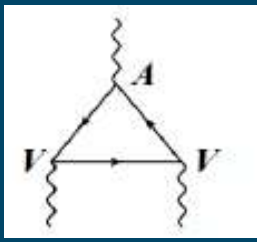
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} -\vec{\sigma}(\vec{k} - \frac{\vec{b}}{2}) & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma}(\vec{k} + \frac{\vec{b}}{2}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu (i\partial_\mu + \gamma^5 b_\mu) \Psi,$$

The nodes separation couples as a (constant) axial gauge field  
(more to come)



# The chiral anomaly



# Chiral anomaly

$$S = \int d^4x \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi$$

Action classically invariant under independent L and R rotations: L and R currents and charges.



$$\Psi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha\gamma} \Psi$$

Electric (vector) current.

$$\Psi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha\gamma_5} \Psi$$

Axial current.

$$j^\mu = \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi, \quad Q = \int j^0(x) d(x)$$

Electric charge:  $N_L + N_R$

$$j_5^\mu = \bar{\Psi} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \Psi, \quad Q_5 = \int j_5^0(x) d(x)$$

Axial charge:  $N_L - N_R$ .

$$J_V = J_L + J_R, \quad J_5 = J_L - J_R$$

The quantum system can not keep both: axial charge not conserved at the quantum level.

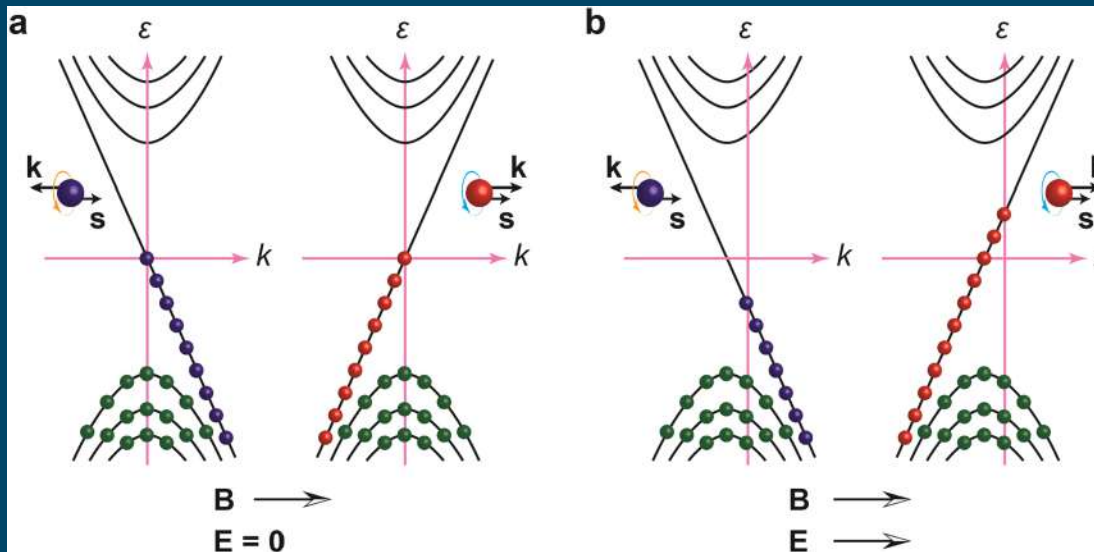
$$\partial_\mu J_\mu^A = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

# Physical implications: Nielsen–Ninomiya



The Adler–Bell–Jackiw anomaly and Weyl fermions in a crystal, Phys. Lett. B'83

$$\partial_{\mu} J_5^{\mu} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \Rightarrow \text{Charge is pumped from L to R points}$$

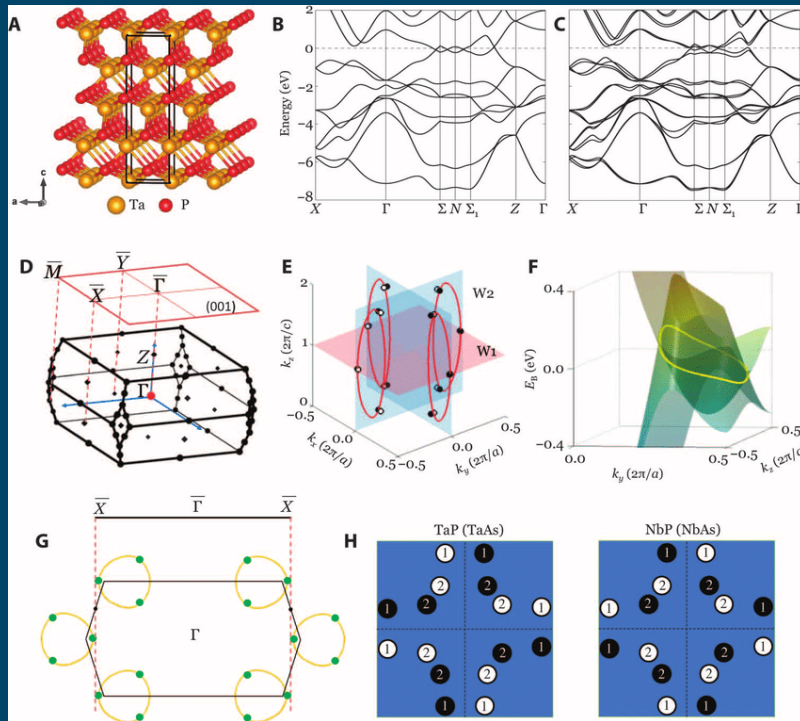
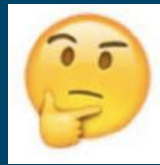


$$\frac{dQ_5}{dt} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

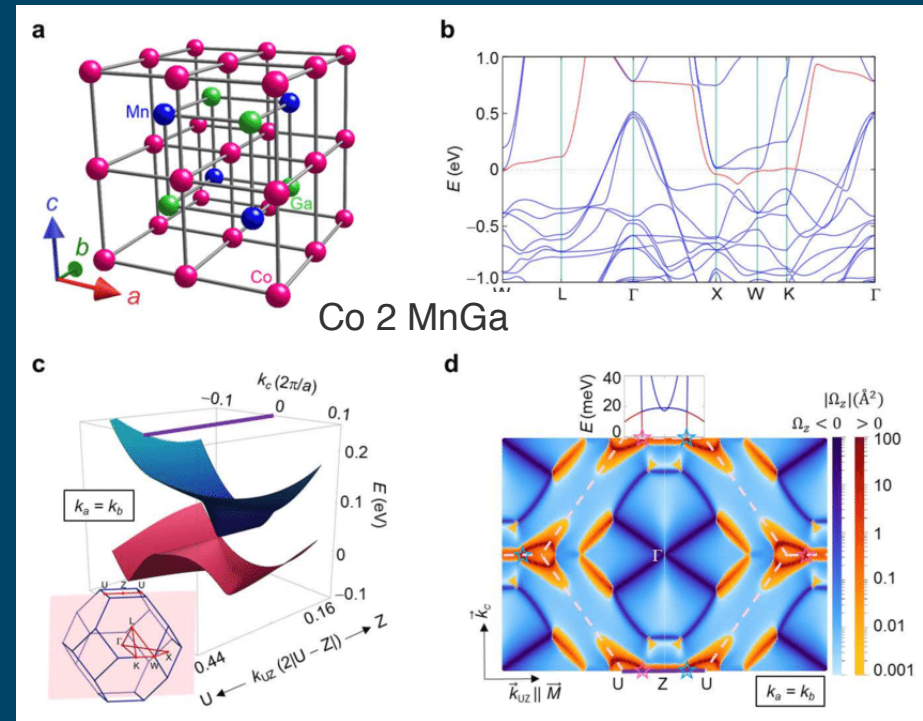
Observed?

It generates **large negative MR** locked to the B field.

# Real materials complications



Science Advances 1, e1501092 (2015)



Nature Physics 14, 1119 (2018)

- Many pairs of Weyl nodes (12)
- Very anisotropic cones
- Surface states (Fermi arcs)
- $E_F$  not at the Dirac point
- Other trivial bands cross  $E_F$

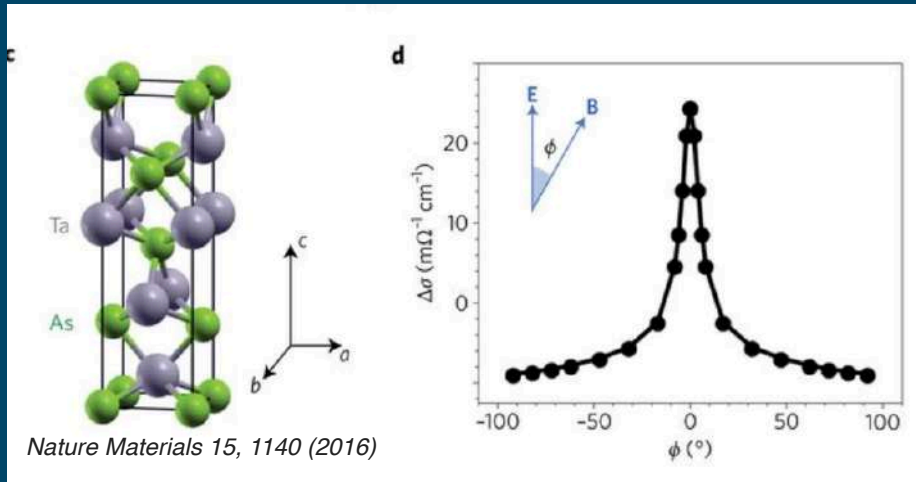
Still..

# Experimental observation?

Science 23 Oct 2015:

## Evidence for the chiral anomaly in the Dirac semimetal $\text{Na}_3\text{Bi}$

Jun Xiong<sup>1</sup>, Satya K. Kushwaha<sup>2</sup>, Tian Liang<sup>1</sup>, Jason W. Krizan<sup>2</sup>, Max Hirschberger<sup>1</sup>, Wudi Wang<sup>1</sup>, R. J. Cava<sup>2</sup>, N. P. Ong<sup>1,\*</sup>



Nature Materials 15, 1140 (2016)

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Observation of the Chiral-Anomaly-Induced Negative Magnetoresistance in 3D Weyl Semimetal TaAs, Xiaochun Huang, et al, PRX5, 031023 (2015)

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## Signatures of the Adler–Bell–Jackiw chiral anomaly in a Weyl fermion semimetal

Cheng-Long Zhang, Su-Yang Xu, Ilya Belopolski, Zhujun Yuan, Ziquan Lin, Bingbing Tong, Guang Bian, Nasser Alidoust, Chi-Cheng Lee, Shin-Ming Huang, Tay-Rong Chang, Guoqing Chang, Chuang-Han Hsu, Horng-Tay Jeng, Madhab Neupane, Daniel S. Sanchez, Hao Zheng, Junfeng Wang, Hsin Lin, Chi Zhang, Hai-Zhou Lu, Shun-Qing Shen, Titus Neupert, M. Zahid Hasan & Shuang Jia

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## The chiral anomaly and thermopower of Weyl fermions in the half-Heusler $\text{GdPtBi}$

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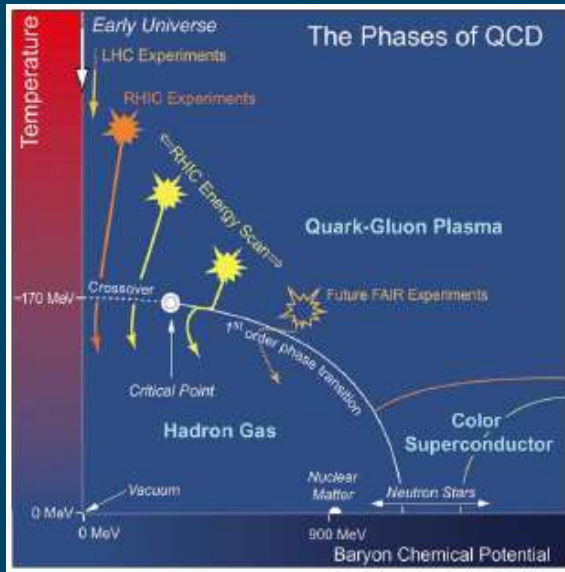
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A good discussion on the experimental situation in the review  
**Review of experiments on the chiral anomaly in Dirac–Weyl semimetals**  
N. P. Ong, Sihang Liang, arXiv2010.08564



# Anomaly related transport

In the presence of a chiral imbalance  $\mu_5$  or an axial field  $B_5$



- Chiral magnetic effect:  $\vec{J} = \frac{\mu_5}{2\pi^2} \vec{B}$
- Axial magnetic effect:  $\vec{J}_\varepsilon = \frac{\mu^2 + \mu_5^2}{4\pi^2} \vec{B}_5$
- Chiral vortical effect:  $\vec{J} = \frac{\mu_5 \mu}{\pi^2} \vec{\omega}$

Coefficients (conductivities) determined by the anomaly.  
 Topologically protected.  
 Difficult to observe.  
 No axial magnetic fields in HEP.

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## Chiral magnetic effect in $ZrTe_5$

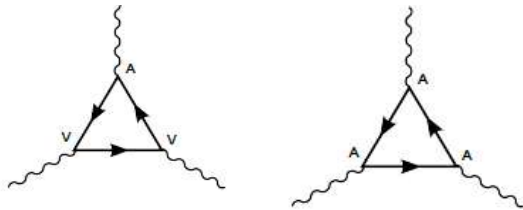
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### 3. New effects arising in matter: Axial gauge fields

# Chiral anomaly with axial gauge fields\*

$$S = \int d^4x \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu (i\partial_\mu + eA_\mu + b_\mu \gamma^5) \psi.$$



The AAA triangle anomaly

$$\partial_\mu J_5^\mu = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} (\vec{E}\vec{B} + \vec{E}_5\vec{B}_5)$$

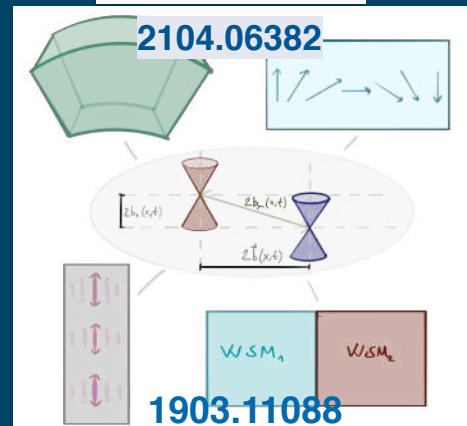
No axial fields in particle physics

The nodes separation  $b$  in WSMS acts as a (constant) axial gauge field

How to promote  $b$  to a dynamical field?

1. Elastic deformations of the lattice
2. Boundaries
3. Non-uniform magnetization

Two reviews



\*K. Landsteiner, Y. Liu, arXiv:1703.01944

# Axial magnetic effect

Generation of an energy current in the direction of an axial magnetic field.

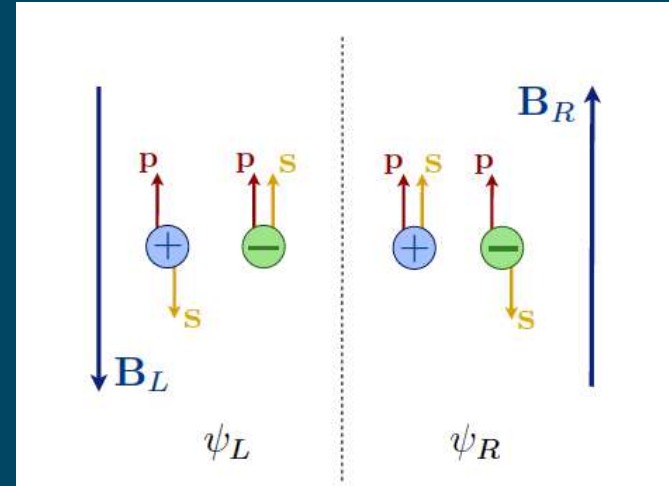
( $B_5$  From boundaries)

$$S = \int d^4k \bar{\Psi}_k (\gamma^\mu k_\mu - b_\mu \gamma^\mu \gamma^5) \Psi_k$$

$b_0$ : Energy separation

$b_i$ : k separation.  $b(x) \rightarrow B_5(x)$ .

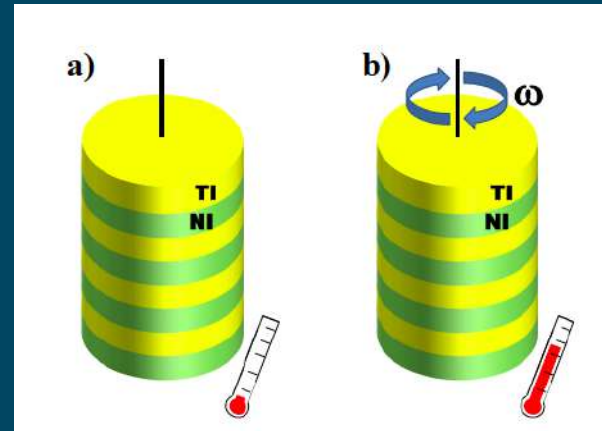
$$\mathbf{b} = \hat{z} b_z \Theta(a - |r|). \quad B_\theta \sim b_z \delta(|r| - a).$$



$$T^{0i} = J_\epsilon^i = \sigma_{AME} B_5^i.$$

$$\sigma_{AME} = \frac{\mu^2 + \mu_5^2}{4\pi^2} + \frac{T^2}{12},$$

$$L_z = \frac{N_f}{6} T^2 b_z \mathcal{V},$$



Experimental confirmation of the gravitational anomaly?

# Axial gauge fields from strain

(Effective action approach)

Totalitarian principle: "Everything not forbidden is compulsory"

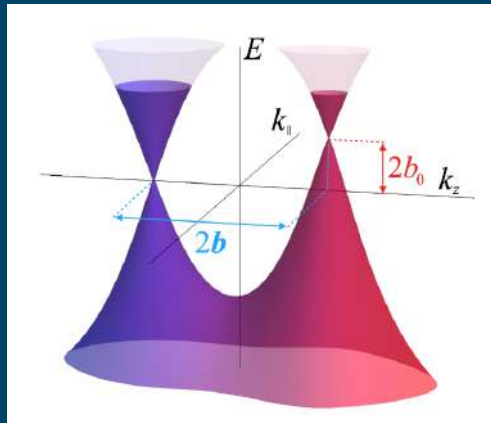


Fig. from M. Chernodub

Elasticity: Strain tensor

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)$$

Building blocks

$$\sigma_i, k_j, u_{ij}, \mathbf{b}_i$$

**Elastic axial gauge field**

$$A_i^5(x) \approx u_{ij}(x)b_j \quad A_0^5(x) \sim \beta b_0 \text{tr}(u(x))$$

Fluctuations of the axial vector  $\mathbf{b}$  induced by:

Static inhomogeneous deformations

Time dependent deformations

A tight binding derivation provides values for the coupling<sup>1</sup>

In the presence of  $b_0$  get an  $A_0$  component<sup>2</sup>

1. A. Cortijo, Y. Ferreiros, K. Landsteiner, MAHV, Elastic gauge fields in Weyl semimetals PRL (2015).

2. A. Cortijo, D. Kharzeev, K. Landsteiner, MAHV, Strain-induced CME in Weyl semimetals, PRR (2016).



# Mixed axial-em gauge fields

$$S = \int d^4 k \bar{\Psi}_k \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - ib_\mu \gamma^5 - ieA_\mu) \Psi_k$$

Effective action:

$$S_{CS} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \int d^4 x b_\mu \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A_\nu \partial_\rho A_\sigma$$

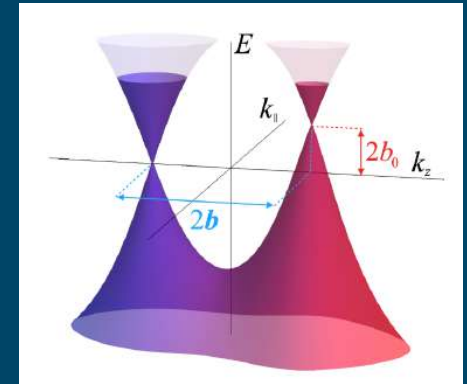


Fig. from M. Chernodub

- Elastic contribution to all anomaly related responses!
- New response functions.
- Mixed em-elastic responses (piezoelectric-like).

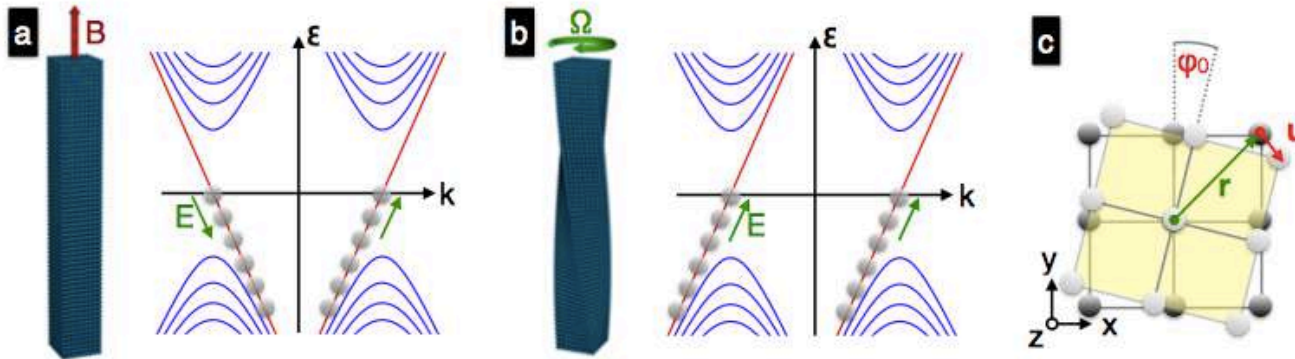
Hall viscosity from Hall conductivity  
Chiral magnetic effect in equilibrium

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# WSM straintronics (theory)

PRX 6, 041021 (2016)



$$\vec{B}^5 = \vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{A}^5$$

$$\vec{E}^5 = \partial_t \vec{A}^5 + \vec{\nabla} A_0^5$$

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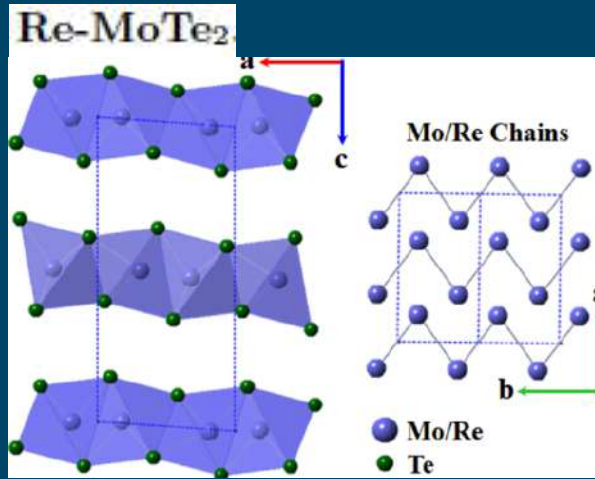
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# Experimental evidence?

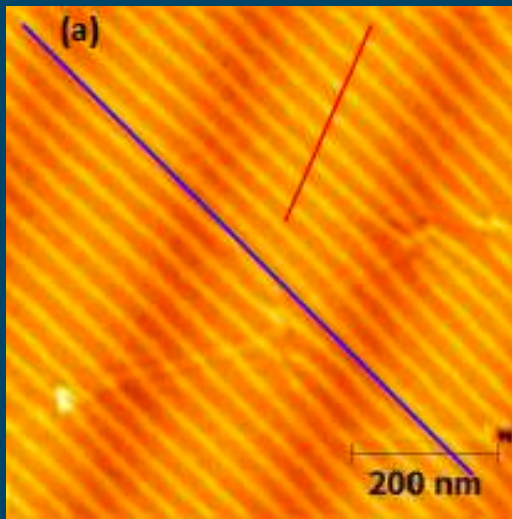
Generation of strain-induced pseudo-magnetic field in a doped type-II Weyl semimetal

Suman Kamboj<sup>1</sup>, Partha Sarathi Rana<sup>2</sup>, Anshu Sirohi<sup>1</sup>, Aastha Vasdev<sup>1</sup>, Manasi arXiv:1903.06224

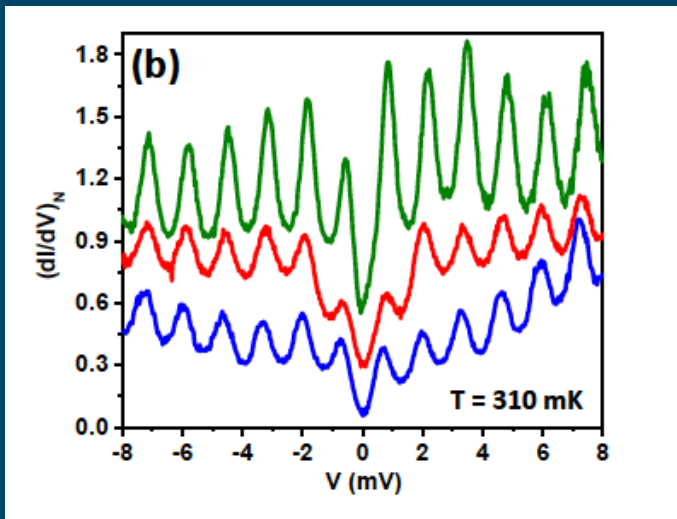


Landau levels from strain

$$\vec{B}_5 = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_5$$



Stripes  $\lambda \sim 35$  nm



$B \approx 3T$ , 300 mK,

# 4. Heat and geometry: Geometrical anomalies

**Thermal transport, geometry, and anomalies**

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# Gravitational anomalies

PURE GAUGE ANOMALY

MIXED GAUGE-GRAVITATIONAL ANOMALY

$$\nabla_\mu J_5^\mu = \frac{3c_A}{4} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\lambda} + \frac{c_m}{4} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} R^\alpha_{\beta\mu\nu} R^\beta_{\alpha\rho\lambda}$$

## QFT in curved space

Contribution to the axial current from curvature.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + \Gamma_\mu + ieA_\mu) \Psi$$

**nature**  
International journal of science

Letter Published: 20 July 2017

## Experimental signatures of the mixed axial-gravitational anomaly in the Weyl semimetal NbP

Johannes Gooth, Anna C. Niemann, Tobias Meng, Adolfo G. Grushin, Karl Landsteiner, Bernd Gotsmann, Fabian Menges, Marcus Schmidt, Chandra Shekhar, Vicky Süß, Ruben Hühne, Bernd Rellinghaus, Claudia Felser, Binghai Yan & Kornelius Nielsch

Thermoelectrical transport in a magnetic field: positive-magnetothermoelectric conductance

**nature materials**  
International journal of science

Article  
Published: 07 June 2021

## Thermal chiral anomaly in the magnetic-field-induced ideal Weyl phase of Bi<sub>1-x</sub>Sb

Dung Vu, Wenjuan Zhang, Cüneyt Şahin, Michael E Flatté, Nandini Trivedi & Joseph P. Heremans

Curvature, thermal?  
What the hell?



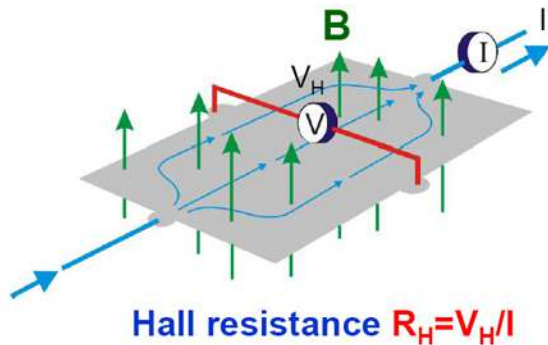
# Thermoelectric responses



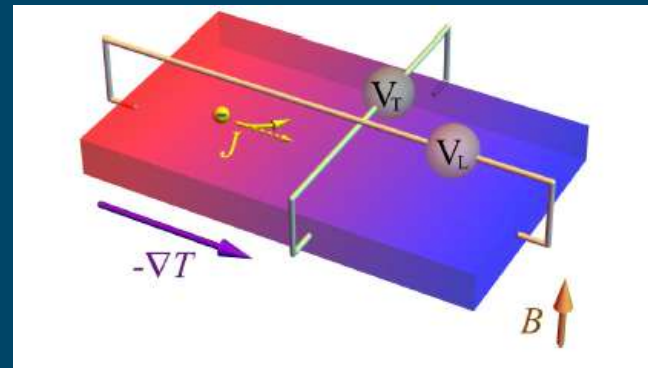
General:  $\vec{J} = \hat{\sigma} \vec{E} - \hat{\alpha} \vec{\nabla} T$

## Hall Effect

Edwin H. Hall (1879)



## Nernst effect



$$J^i = \sigma_H^{ij} \nabla_j V$$

$$\sigma^{ij} \sim \langle J^i J^j \rangle$$

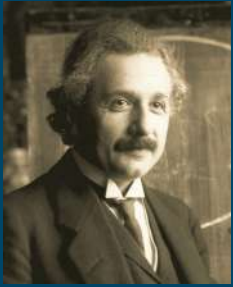
$$J^i = \alpha^{ij} \nabla_j T$$

??

How can we get Kubo formulas for thermal transport coefficients?



# Relating gravity to thermal transport



$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

## Stress–Energy Tensor

(Source of the gravitational field in the Einstein's Gravity)

$T_{\mu\nu} =$

$T_{00}$	$T_{01}$	$T_{02}$	$T_{03}$	
$T_{10}$	$T_{11}$	$T_{12}$	$T_{13}$	shear stress
$T_{20}$	$T_{21}$	$T_{22}$	$T_{23}$	
$T_{30}$	$T_{31}$	$T_{32}$	$T_{33}$	pressure

Where,  $\mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3.$

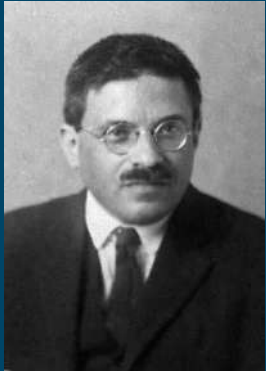
$c^{-2}$  (energy density)      momentum density  
 momentum density      momentum flux

In a curved space formalism, variations of the metric generates variations in the energy-momentum tensor.

$$S = S_{flat} - \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = -2 \frac{\delta S}{\delta h_{\mu\nu}}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

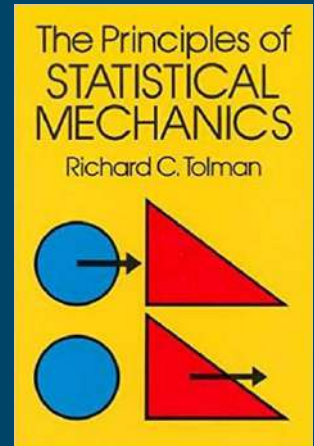
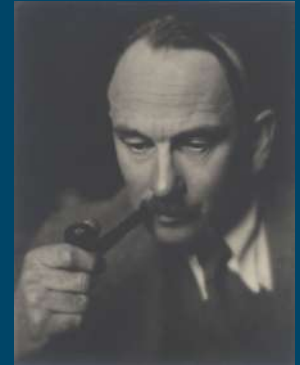


# Tolman-Ehrenfest effect

## Precursors

APRIL 15, 1930      *PHYSICAL REVIEW*      VOLUME 35  
 ON THE WEIGHT OF HEAT AND THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM  
 IN GENERAL RELATIVITY  
 BY RICHARD C. TOLMAN

DECEMBER 15, 1930      *PHYSICAL REVIEW*      VOLUME 36  
 TEMPERATURE EQUILIBRIUM IN A STATIC  
 GRAVITATIONAL FIELD  
 BY RICHARD C. TOLMAN AND PAUL EHRENFEST



The problem: thermodynamic equilibrium in gravitational fields.

heat has weight

$$\frac{1}{T} \nabla T = -\frac{1}{c^2} \nabla \Phi,$$

Variations of gravitational potentials induce variations of temperature

## Theory of Thermal Transport Coefficients\*

J. M. LUTTINGER

Just as the space- and time-varying external electric potential produced electric currents and density variations, so a varying gravitational field will produce, in principle,<sup>7</sup> energy flows and temperature fluctuations.



Gravitational potential  $\Phi$   
as a local source of  
thermal (energy) currents

$$\frac{1}{T} \nabla T = -\frac{1}{c^2} \nabla \Phi,$$

Kubo formulas for thermal transport coefficients

<sup>7</sup>calling these interesting references to my attention.) Although the effect is very small, in practice we are only interested in questions of principle, and an arbitrarily small effect is just as good as a large one. In fact, if the gravitational field didn't exist, one could invent one for the purposes of this paper.

# Conformal anomaly

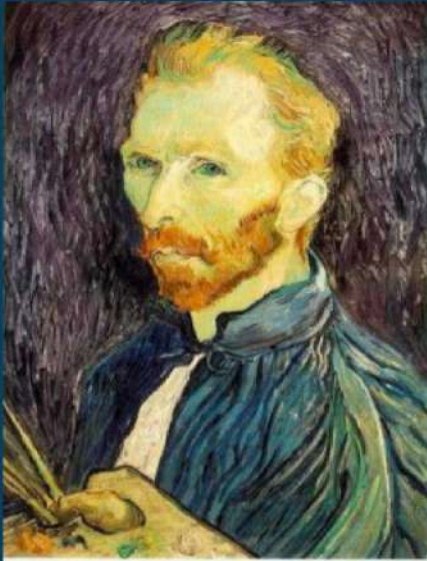
Scale invariance\*:

$$x \rightarrow \lambda^{-1} x,$$

Noether:

$$j_D^\mu = T^{\mu\nu} x_\nu$$

$$(T^\mu_\mu)_{cl} \equiv 0.$$



Dirac action is scale invariant

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} i \not{D} \psi,$$

And has an anomaly when coupled to **A**

$$\langle T^\alpha_\alpha(x) \rangle = \frac{\beta(e)}{2e} F^{\mu\nu}(x) F_{\mu\nu}(x),$$

Which gives rise to a Scale Magnetic effect:\*\*

Scale transformation (Weyl)

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = e^{2\tau(x)} \eta_{\mu\nu},$$

Conformal factor

$$S \rightarrow S_\tau = S + \int d^4x \tau(x) T^\alpha_\alpha(x)$$

$$J = -\frac{2\beta(e)}{e} \nabla \tau(x) \times B(x).$$

\* Scale+Lorentz = conformal

\*\* M. N. Chernodub, Anomalous Transport due to the Conformal Anomaly, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 141601 (2016).





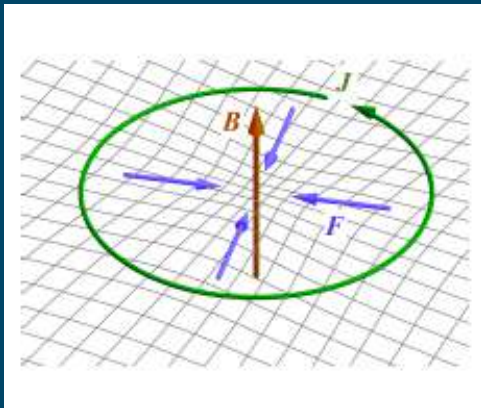
# Generation of a Nernst Current from the Conformal Anomaly in Dirac and Weyl Semimetals

M. N. Chernodub,<sup>1,2</sup> Alberto Cortijo,<sup>3</sup> and María A. H. Vozmediano<sup>3</sup>

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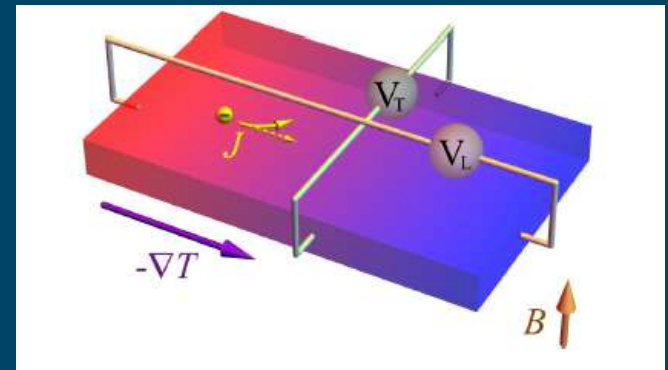
## Scale magnetic effect



$$\mathbf{J} = -\frac{2\beta(e)}{e} \nabla\tau(x) \times \mathbf{B}(x).$$

$$\nabla\phi \leftrightarrow \frac{\nabla T}{T}$$

## Nernst effect



$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{e^2 v_F}{18\pi^2 T \hbar} \mathbf{B} \times \nabla T.$$

$$\beta_{\text{QED}}^{\text{1loop}} = \frac{e^3}{12\pi^2}.$$

Newtonian limit:  $\Phi \sim g_{00} \sim \tau$

Kubo calculation: Arjona, Chernodub, MV, PRB**99**, 235123 (2019).

# Fingerprints of the conformal anomaly in the thermoelectric transport in Dirac and Weyl semimetals

Vicente Arjona,<sup>1,\*</sup> Maxim N. Chernodub,<sup>2,3,†</sup> and María A. H. Vozmediano<sup>1,‡</sup> PRB99,235123(2019)

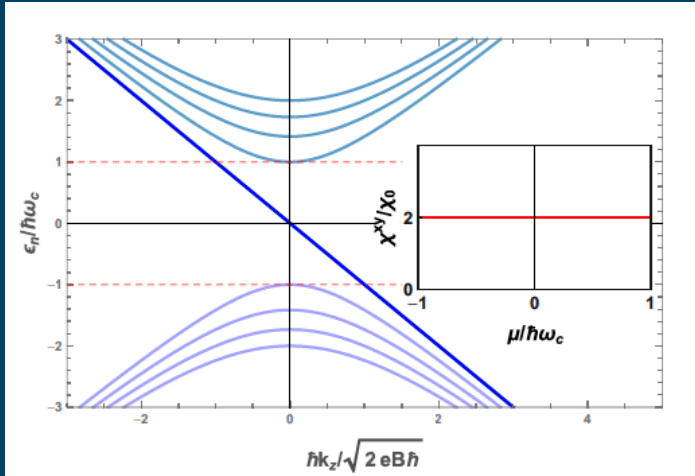


Kubo calculation:

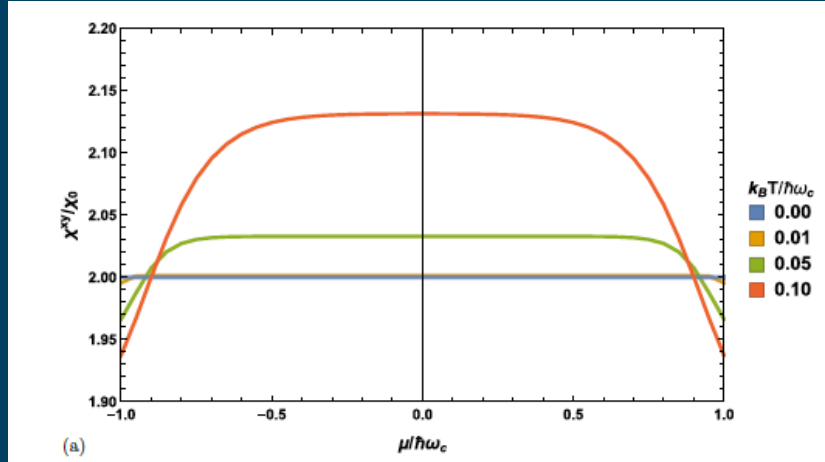
$$J^x = \sigma^{xy} E_y - \alpha^{xy} \nabla_i T$$

$$\alpha^{xy}(T = \mu = 0) = \frac{e^2 v_F B_z}{18\pi^2}$$

$$\chi^{ij}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', \tau) = -i\Theta(\tau) \langle [\hat{J}^i(\mathbf{r}, \tau), \hat{T}^{0j}(\mathbf{r}')] \rangle_0$$



LL structure



Finite  $\mu$

$$\chi^{xy} = \frac{\alpha^{xy}}{T}$$

The thermoelectric coefficient remains constant for  $\mu \in [-\hbar\omega_c, \hbar\omega_c]$



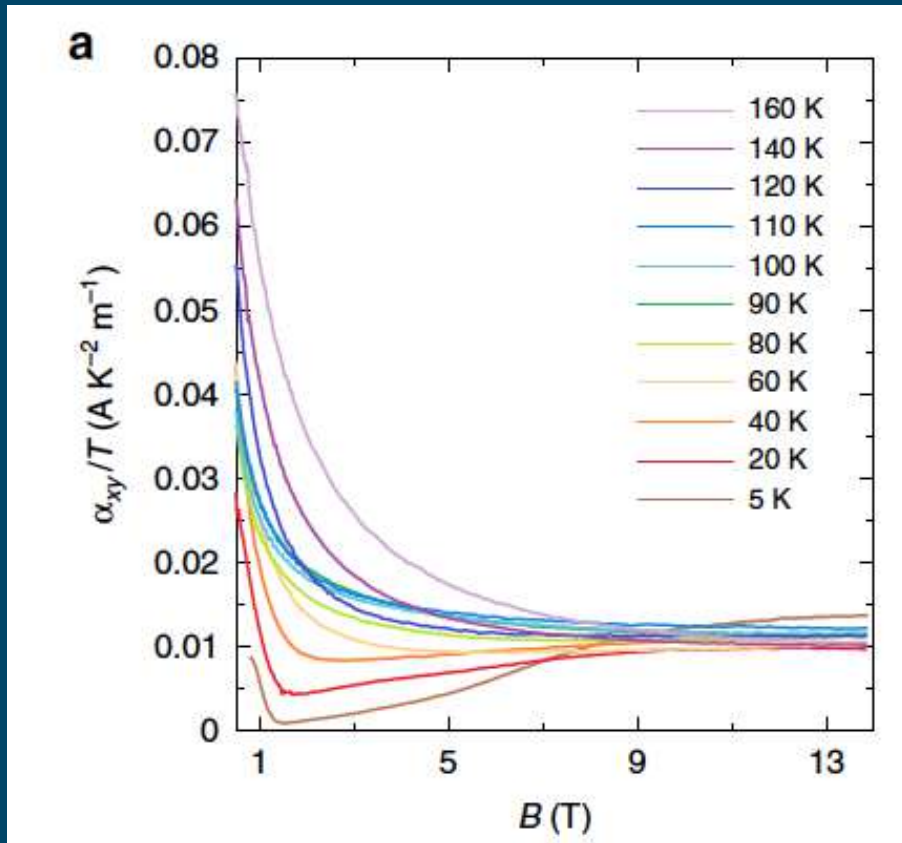
# Experimental situation?

Observation of a thermoelectric Hall plateau in the extreme quantum limit

Wenjie Zhang<sup>1,9</sup>, Peipei Wang<sup>2,9</sup>, Brian Skinner<sup>3,4,9</sup>, Ran Bi<sup>1</sup>, Vladyslav Kozii<sup>3,5,6</sup>, Chang-Woo Cho<sup>2</sup>, Ruidan Zhong<sup>7</sup>, John Schneeloch<sup>7</sup>, Dapeng Yu<sup>1,2</sup>, Genda Gu<sup>7</sup>, Liang Fu<sup>3,8</sup>, Xiaosong Wu<sup>1,8</sup> & Liyuan Zhang<sup>1,2,8</sup>

Thermoelectric Hall conductivity:

$$\mathbf{J} = \hat{\sigma}\mathbf{E} - \hat{\alpha}\nabla T$$



# 5. Torsional fields in matter

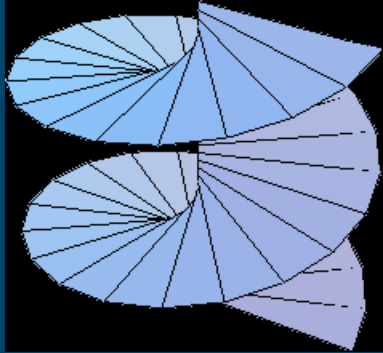
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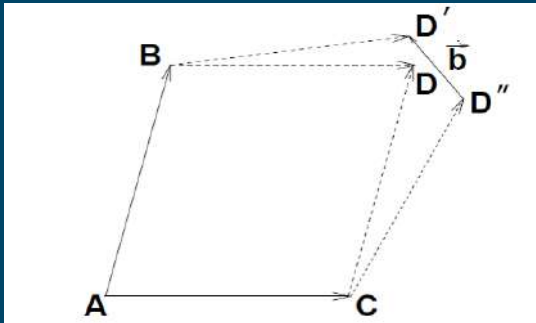
# Torsion in differential geometry



Basic buildings of geometry in manifolds:  
Metric tensor & Covariant derivative (connection)

$$D_{\mu} V^{\nu} = (\partial_{\mu} + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^{\nu}) V^{\rho}$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \rho \\ \mu\nu \end{matrix} \right\} + \Theta_{\mu\nu}^{\rho}$$



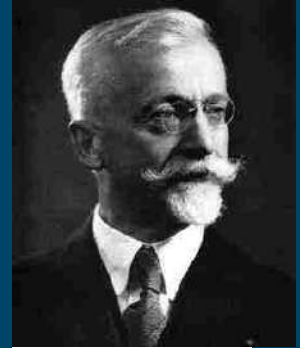
In spaces with torsion infinitesimal parallelograms do not close. Parallel transport in different directions do not commute:

$$[\nabla_{\mu}, \nabla_{\nu}] V^{\rho} = R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} V^{\sigma} + \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\sigma} \nabla_{\sigma} V^{\rho}.$$

Curvature (Riemann) tensor  
Rotation

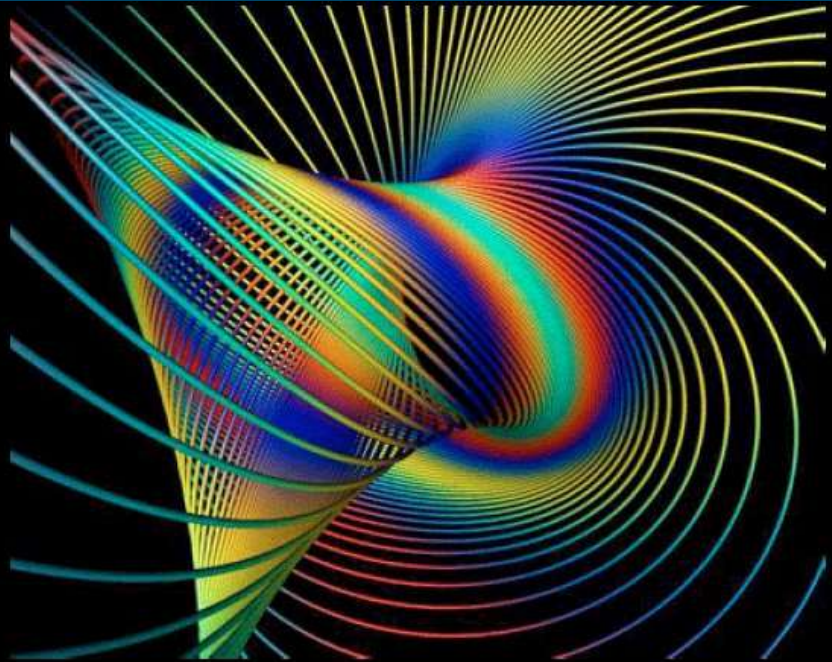
Torsion tensor  
Displacement

# Torsion in General relativity



E. Cartan

## Einstein–Cartan relativity



**Torsion Field:** Einstein's Metric Torsion Tensor allows a spin-field to twist spacetime.

$$G^{ij} = R^{ij} - \frac{1}{2}g^{ij}R_k^k = \kappa\Sigma^{ij}, \quad [1]$$

The energy-momentum tensor of a spinor field has an antisymmetric part

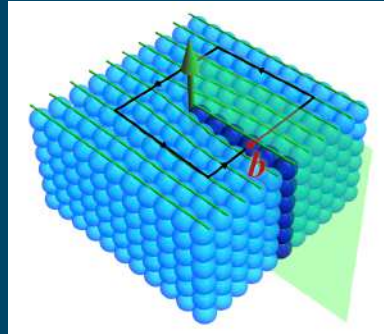
$$\Sigma^{ij} = -\frac{\hbar c}{2}[(\nabla^i\bar{\Psi})\gamma^j\Psi - \bar{\Psi}\gamma^j\nabla^i\Psi],$$

and can not be included in [1]

Include a general connection with antisymmetric part (torsion).  
Curvature couples to mass and torsion to spin.

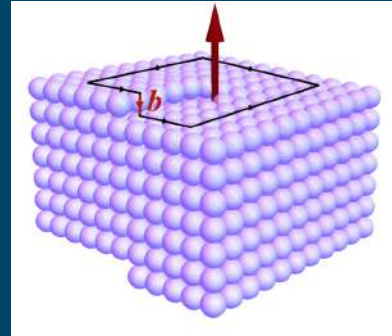
# Dislocations in crystals

Characterized by the Burgers vector  $\mathbf{b}$



Edge

$$\vec{b} \perp \vec{t}$$



Screw

$$\vec{b} \parallel \vec{t}$$

Images from M. Chernodub

**Geometrical description:**

Gauge theory of linear defects in solids: metric approach to elasticity  
M.O. Katanaev and I.V. Volovich, Ann. Phys. (N.Y.) 216 (1992) 1

Elastic deformations	$R_{\mu\nu}{}^{ij} = 0$	$T_{\mu\nu}{}^i = 0$
Dislocations	$R_{\mu\nu}{}^{ij} = 0$	$T_{\mu\nu}{}^i \neq 0$
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H. Kleinert, Gauge fields in condensed matter, vol 2.

**Dislocations can be described in the covariant formalism by adding torsion to the spacetime connection.**

# Weyl fermions in curved space with torsion

$$L = \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - \Omega_\mu(x)) \Psi + ig_v \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu T_\mu \Psi + g_A \bar{\Psi} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu S_\mu \Psi$$

$$\Omega_\mu = \frac{1}{4} \gamma^a \gamma^b e^v_{a;\mu} e_{bv}$$

$$T_\rho = g_\mu^v \theta^\mu_{\nu\rho}, \quad S_\sigma = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \theta^{\mu\nu\rho}$$

The trace part of the torsion is associated to edge dislocations –change in volume element – and couples as a usual vector gauge field.

The axial part couples as an axial vector field and generates a contribution to the axial anomaly:

**The Nieh-Yan term**

$$\nabla_\mu J_5^\mu - \theta^\lambda_{\lambda\mu} J_5^\mu = C_N \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} (\eta_{ab} \theta^\mu_{\mu\nu} \theta^b_{\rho\lambda} - R_{ab\mu\nu} e^a_\rho e^b_\lambda).$$

The coefficient  $C_N$  has dimensions of  $\ell^{-2}$



# Torsional anomaly?

## New anomaly-induced transport?

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The Nieh–Yan term is a total derivative.  
It can be removed by a local counterterm

$$S_{eff}^{NY} = C_N \int d^4x e \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} \eta_{ab} A_\mu^5 e_\nu^a \theta_{\rho\lambda}^b$$

No dissipationless chiral electric transport as a response to torsion.  
Manifestation of the chiral vortical effect.

Open, debated question.



# Other interesting developments

# Hydro aspects of Dirac matter



$\tau_{ee} \gg \tau_{any}$

Fermi liquids in ultrapure crystals



March 24, 2015

Negative magnetoresistivity in chiral fluids and holography  
Karl Landsteiner, Yan Liu and Ya-Wen Sun

## Negative local resistance caused by viscous electron backflow in graphene

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D. A. Bandurin,<sup>1</sup> I. Torre,<sup>2</sup> R. Krishna Kumar,<sup>1,3</sup> M. Ben Shalom,<sup>1,4</sup> A. Tomadin,<sup>5</sup> A. Principi,<sup>6</sup> G. H. Auton,<sup>4</sup> E. Khestanova,<sup>1,4</sup> K. S. Novoselov,<sup>4</sup> I. V. Grigorieva,<sup>1</sup> L. A. Ponomarenko,<sup>1,3</sup> A. K. Geim,<sup>1\*</sup> M. Polini<sup>7\*</sup>

ELECTRON TRANSPORT

## Observation of the Dirac fluid and the breakdown of the Wiedemann-Franz law in graphene

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Jesse Crossno,<sup>1,2</sup> Jing K. Shi,<sup>1</sup> Ke Wang,<sup>1</sup> Xiaomeng Liu,<sup>1</sup> Achim Harzheim,<sup>1</sup> Andrew Lucas,<sup>1</sup> Subir Sachdev,<sup>1,3</sup> Philip Kim,<sup>1,2\*</sup> Takashi Taniguchi,<sup>4</sup> Kenji Watanabe,<sup>4</sup> Thomas A. Ohki,<sup>5</sup> Kin Chung Fong<sup>6\*</sup>

## Evidence for hydrodynamic electron flow in PdCoO<sub>2</sub>

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## Hydrodynamic theory of thermoelectric transport and negative magnetoresistance in Weyl semimetals

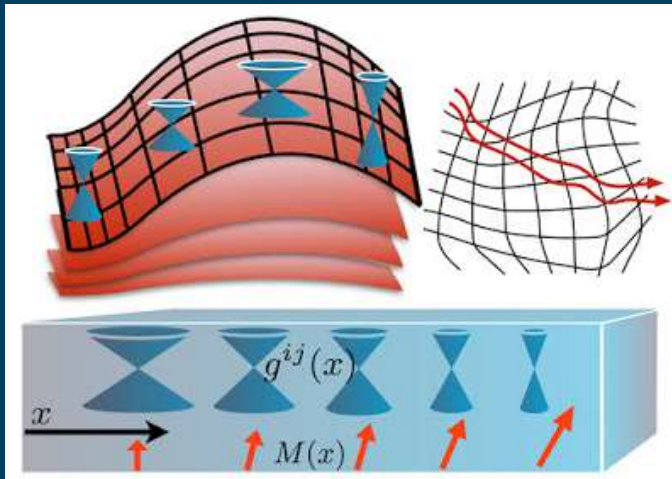
Andrew Lucas<sup>a,1</sup>, Richard A. Davison<sup>a,1</sup>, and Subir Sachdev<sup>a,b,1</sup>

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# The holographic Weyl semi-metal

Karl Landsteiner Yan Liu

May 2015 · Physics Letters B 753(C)



Designer Curved-Space Geometry for Relativistic Fermions in Weyl Metamaterials

Alex Westström and Teemu Ojanen\* PHYSICAL REVIEW X 7, 041026 (2017)

## The Chiral Qubit: quantum computing with chiral anomaly

Dmitri E. Kharzeev\* Qiang Li†

arXiv:1903.07133

Quantum information

Featured in Physics

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## Hear the Sound of Weyl Fermions

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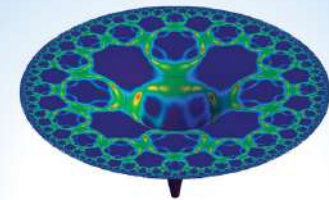
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HOLOGRAPHIC  
DUALITY  
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# DIRAC MATTER

## grand unification

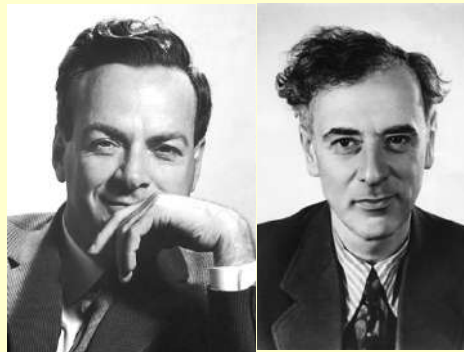
The big picture

**Quantum field theory**  
particle physics



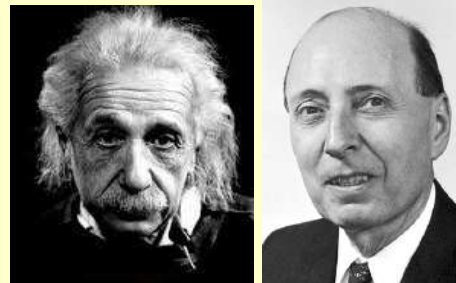
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**Hydrodynamics**



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