## Nonlinear optical probing and control of magnetic and electronic quantum geometry

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## Outline

- Motivation
  - Diversity of knobs for material control/probing
  - Experimental examples of driven materials
- Tuning the effective twist angle using a Floquet drive.
- Non-linear phononics—modifying magnetism and band topology (CrI3 and MnBi2Te4).
- Nonlinear optical response (shift & injection currents) of Weyl systems as a probe of quantum geometry.
- Nonlinear optical response of superconductors as a probe of topology.
- Nonlinear optical response of ABC rhombohedral graphene as a probe of quantum geometry.

## Laser Parameters for Driven Materials

#### Parameters that can be controlled

- Polarization (linear vs. circular)
- Frequency (selectively couple to electrons or phonons)
- Intensity (fluence, time integrated flux of laser)
- Angle of incidence relative to material orientation
- Pulse shaping (used in quantum chemistry)
- Multiple drive lasers (could produce a "response on top of a response")

## Experimental Realization of Floquet (time-periodic) Systems

Time-resolved ARPES: Nuh Gedik Group, MIT



Surface states of Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>

Floquet states appear and go as periodic drive is present and then absent. (Subgap drive.)



Wang, Steinberg, Jarillo-Herrero, and Gedik *Science* (2013) Mahmood, Chan, Alpichshev, Gardner, Lee, Lee, and Gedik *Nat. Phys.* (2016)

### Light induced anomalous Hall effect in graphene



J. W. McIver, B. Schulte, F.-U. Stein, T. Matsuyama, G. Jotzu, G. Meier and A. Cavalleri, *Nature Physics* **16**, 38 (2020).

### Hamiltonian of twisted bilayer graphene

M. Vogl, M. Rodriguez-Vega, GAF Phys. Rev. B 101, 235411 (2020).

## Direct control of the interlayer twist angle: Creation of longitudinal vector potential

$$\begin{split} t_{ij} \rightarrow t_{ij} \exp\left(-i \int_{\mathbf{r}_{i}}^{\mathbf{r}_{j}} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}\right) \\ \mathbf{A} &= \hat{z}A \sin\left(m\pi x/a\right) \sin\left(n\pi y/b\right) \operatorname{Re}(e^{-ik_{z}z-i\Omega t}) \\ H &= \begin{pmatrix} h(-\theta/2, \mathbf{k} - \kappa_{-}) & T(\mathbf{x}) \\ T^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) & h(\theta/2, \mathbf{k} - \kappa_{+}) \end{pmatrix} \\ T_{n} &= w_{0}\mathbb{1}_{2} + w_{1} \left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{3}\right)\sigma_{1} + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{3}\right)\sigma_{2}\right) \\ w_{1} \rightarrow w_{1}e^{-ia_{AB}A\cos(\Omega t)} \\ w_{0} \rightarrow w_{0}e^{-ia_{AA}A\cos(\Omega t)} \\ \end{split}$$

M. Vogl, M. Rodriguez-Vega, GAF Phys. Rev. B 101, 241408(R) (2020).

## Direct control of the effective interlayer twist angle: Increasing or decreasing



Magic angles tuned by light *in situ*! <u>Increased or</u> <u>Decreased</u>.



$$heta_n = rac{w_1 J_0 \left( \left| a_{AB} A 
ight| 
ight)}{v_F k_D lpha_n}$$

High frequency limit

M. Vogl, M. Rodriguez-Vega, GAF *Phys. Rev. B* 101, 241408(R) (2020).

#### Experimental results for bilayer Crl<sub>3</sub>



Tiancheng Song, ..., Xiaodong Xu, Nat. Mat. 18, 1298 (2019)

## Non-linear phononics

 Selectively excite infrared active modes to create transient lattice distortion through nonlinearly coupled Raman modes → temporarily shifts equilibrium ion positions which modifies electronic properties.



Mankowsky, Forst, and Cavalleri, Rep. Prog. Phys. 79, 064503 (2016)

### Phonon mediated dimensional crossover in Crl<sub>3</sub>

- <u>Idea</u>: modulate interlayer exchange coupling via nonlinear phonon effects.
- 2D interlayer AF, bulk interlayer FM



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### Phonon mediated dimensional crossover in Crl<sub>3</sub>

0.0

-0.1

-0.2

-0.3

-0.4

 $Q_{R(i)} \rangle (A \sqrt{amu})$ 

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• 2D interlayer AF, bulk FM

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{intra}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \in \lambda \mu(\nu)} \mathcal{J} \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j + K s_i^{\nu} s_j^{\nu} + \Gamma \left( s_i^{\lambda} s_j^{\mu} + s_i^{\mu} s_j^{\lambda} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{inter} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in int.} J_{ij} \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j \quad J^{eff} = J^0 + \delta J \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}$$

 $Q_{\rm R}^{(2)}$  (Å $\sqrt{\rm amu}$ )

0.6

0.4

0.2

0.0

-0.2

-0.4

-6

 $J_{ij} (meV)$ 



Change sign of interlayer Coupling: AFM  $\rightarrow$  FM

 $E_0 \, (MV/cm)$ 

12

14

10

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### Phonon mediated magnetic transition and topological band transition in MnX<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>4</sub>, X=Bi, Sb bilayers





M. Rodriguez-Vega, Z. Lin, A Leonardo, A. Ernst, M. G. Vergniory, and GAF, JPCL (2022).

## Advertisement: Swati Chaudhary



Chiral phonons with a giant phonon Zeeman effect

Thursday, 16:50 Talk



## Nonlinear optical responses in Weyl systems: a probe of quantum geometry

 $T_{\alpha\beta}^{nn'} = g_{\alpha\beta}^{nn'} + i\Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{nn'} \quad g_{\alpha\beta}^{nn'} = Re \sum_{\substack{m \neq n, n' \\ m \neq n, n'}} \begin{bmatrix} \langle u_n | i\partial_{k_\alpha} | u_m \rangle \langle u_m | i\partial_{k_\beta} | u_{n'} \rangle \end{bmatrix} \overset{\text{quantum}}{\underset{m \neq n, n'}{\text{metric}}} \\ \text{Quantum geometry} \qquad \Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{nn'} = -2Im \sum_{\substack{m \neq n, n' \\ m \neq n, n'}} \begin{bmatrix} \langle u_n | i\partial_{k_\alpha} | u_m \rangle \langle u_m | i\partial_{k_\beta} | u_{n'} \rangle \end{bmatrix} \overset{\text{Berry}}{\underset{\text{curvature}}{\text{curvature}}} \\ \end{cases}$ 

- Focus on the bulk photogalvanic effects where a dc photocurrent is generated in systems with broken inversion symmetry.
- The photocurrent reveals the quantum geometric structure of the band structure and has two physical origins during optical excitation: (i) A transition in the electron position, leading to a "shift current" and (ii) a transition of the electron velocity leading to an "injection current".
   J. Ahn, G.-Y. Guo, and N. Nagaosa, PRX 10, 0411042 (2020).
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## Weyl Systems: Fundamentals

• Topologically protected metal with nodal points exhibiting linear band dispersion with connected surface Fermi arcs.



 Weyl materials require broken time-reversal and/or broken inversion symmetry.

L. Balents, *Physics* **4**, 36 (2011); X. Wan, A. M. Turner, A. Vishwanath, and S. Y. Savrasov *Phys. Rev. B* **83**, 205101 (2011); N. P. Armitage, E. J. Mele, and Ashvin Vishwanath Rev. Mod. Phys. **90**, 015001 (2018); B. Yan and C. Felser, *Ann. Rev. Cond. Mat.* **8**, 337 (2017).

## Predicted quantized photogalvanic response

• Electrical currents induced as a nonlinear response to illumination with light.  $\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{dj_{\odot}}{dt} - \frac{dj_{\odot}}{dt} \right] = \frac{2\pi e^3}{h^2 c c_0} IC_i = \frac{4\pi \alpha e}{h} IC_i$ 



F. de Juan, A. G. Grushin, T. Morimoto, J. E. Moore, *Nat. Comm.* **8**, 15995 (2017). C.-K. Chan, N. H. Lindner, G. Refael, and P. A. Lee *Phys. Rev. B* **95**, 041104(R) (2017).

## Circular photogalvanic effect (CPGE) in RhSi

No sharp quantization as predicted in theory, but suggestive.



Nearly quantized, but rather poor compared to quantum Hall effects.

D. Rees, K. Manna, B. Lu, T. Morimoto, H. Borrmann, C. Felser, J. E. Moore, D. H. Torchinsky, and J. Orenstein, *Sci. Adv.* **6**, (2020). See also: Z. Ni, B. Zu, ...L. Wu, *npj Quantum Materials* **5**, 96 (2020).

# Nonlinear response: Role of quantum geometry

 $\sigma^{abc}(0;\omega,-\omega) = \sigma^{abc}_{\text{shift}} + \sigma^{abc}_{\text{inj}}$  $j_{dc}^{a} = \sigma^{abc}(\omega)E_{b}(\omega)E_{c}(-\omega),$  $\sigma_{\rm shift}^{abc} = \frac{-i\pi e^3}{\hbar^2} \int_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} f_{nm} \left( r_{nm}^b r_{mn;a}^c - r_{mn}^c r_{nm;a}^b \right)$ Quantum geometry  $\times \delta(\omega_{nm}-\omega),$ expressed in "r":  $\sigma_{\rm inj}^{abc} = \tau \frac{2\pi e^3}{\hbar^2} \int_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{n \ge m} f_{nm} \Delta_{nm}^a r_{nm}^b r_{mn}^c \delta(\omega_{nm} - \omega), \Box$  $\xi^a_{nn} = \langle n | i \frac{\partial}{\partial k} | n \rangle$  $r^{b}_{nm;a} = \frac{\partial r^{b}_{nm}}{\partial k} - i(\xi^{a}_{nn} - \xi^{a}_{mm})r^{b}_{nm}$  $r_{nm}^{b} = \langle n | i \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{\mu}} | m \rangle$ J. Ahn, G.-Y. Guo, and N. Nagaosa, PRX 10, 0411042 (2020). J. Ahn, G.-Y. Guo, N. Nagaosa and A. Vishwanath Nat. Phys. 18, 290 (2022).

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## Model Hamiltonian and Quantization of CPGE: Analytical Results

Consider nodes with n=1,2,3 (and 4 with different form)

$\mathcal{H}_n =$	$\int u_z k_z + u_t k_z - \mu$	$\varepsilon_0(\zeta_x ilde k_x-i\zeta_y ilde k_y)^n$	Chirality:
	$\left(\varepsilon_0(\zeta_x\tilde{k}_x+i\zeta_y\tilde{k}_y)^n\right)$	$-u_z k_z + u_t k_z - \mu_f$	$\chi = \operatorname{sgn}(u_z \zeta_x \zeta_y)$

 $\frac{k_0^2}{8\pi^2|u_z|}\frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{\omega}{2\varepsilon_0}\right)^{2/n}\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2}\cos^{2/n-1}\theta\,\mathrm{d}\theta$ JDOS Shift conductivity **Broken symmetries**  $n\frac{i\operatorname{sgn}(u_z)e^3k_0^2}{32\pi\hbar^2}(\sin^2\theta_2-\sin^2\theta_1)\frac{1}{\omega}$  $\sigma^{xzx} = -\sigma^{xxz} = \sigma^{yzy} = -\sigma^{yyz}$  $M_{z}$ , TRS  $n\frac{\operatorname{sgn}(u_{\zeta\zeta\zeta})e^{3}k_{0}^{2}}{\operatorname{sgn}k_{0}^{2}}(\sin\theta_{2}\cos^{2}\theta_{2}-\sin\theta_{1}\cos^{2}\theta_{1})\frac{1}{\omega}$  $\sigma^{xyz} = \sigma^{xzy} = -\sigma^{yzx} = -\sigma^{yxz}$  $M_x, M_y, M_z$ Injection conductivity  $n\frac{i\tau\operatorname{sgn}(u_{z}\zeta_{x}\zeta_{y})e^{3}k_{0}^{2}}{24\pi\hbar^{2}}(\sin^{3}\theta_{1}-\sin^{3}\theta_{2})$  $\sigma^{zxy} = -\sigma^{zyx}$  $M_x, M_y, M_z$  $n\frac{\tau \operatorname{sgn}(u_z)e^3k_0^2}{64\pi\hbar^2}(\cos^4\theta_1-\cos^4\theta_2)$  $\sigma^{yzy} = \sigma^{yyz} = \sigma^{xzx} = \sigma^{xxz}$  $M_{z}$ , TRS  $n\frac{i\tau\operatorname{sgn}(u_{z}\zeta_{x}\zeta_{y})e^{3}k_{0}^{2}}{48\pi\hbar^{2}}(3\sin\theta_{1}-\sin^{3}\theta_{1}-3\sin\theta_{2}+\sin^{3}\theta_{2})$  $\sigma^{xyz} = -\sigma^{xzy} = \sigma^{yzx} = -\sigma^{yxz}$  $M_x, M_y, M_z$  $n \frac{\tau \operatorname{sgn}(u_z) e^3 k_0^2}{256\pi \hbar^2} \left[ -6\cos(2\theta_1) + \cos^2(2\theta_1) + 6\cos(2\theta_2) - \cos^2(2\theta_2) \right]$  $\sigma^{zxx} = \sigma^{zyy}$  $M_{z}$ , TRS  $\frac{\tau u_z^2 \operatorname{sgn}(u_z) e^3 k_0^2}{2^{2+2/n} \varepsilon_0^{2/n} (1+n) \pi \hbar^2 \omega^{2-2/n}} (\cos^{2+2/n} \theta_2 - \cos^{2+2/n} \theta_1)$  $M_z$ , TRS  $\sigma^{zzz}$  $2\pi$  $\frac{-\cdots}{i\tau e^3 k_0^2/\hbar^2} \epsilon_{abc} \sigma_{\rm inj}^{abc} = -n \operatorname{sgn}(u_z \zeta)$ 

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## Quality of quantization in n=2 low-energy model versus tight-binding model



Tight-binding Low-energy Low-energy with corrections

The low-energy corrections produce remarkably accurate results.

## Quality of quantization in n=2 full 4-band model compared to low-energy theory



## New Weyl results for n=4

Two-band lattice model with n=4 Weyl points:  $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_4 &= -2c_1(\cos(k_x) + \cos(k_y) + \cos(k_z))\sigma_0 \\ &+ 2c_2(\sqrt{3}(\cos(k_y) - \cos(k_x))\sigma_x & \mathcal{H}_z) \\ &- (\cos(k_x) + \cos(k_y) - 2\cos(k_z))\sigma_z) \\ &+ c_3\sin(k_x)\sin(k_y)\sin(k_z)\sigma_y - \widetilde{\mu}\sigma_0, \end{aligned}$  Effective low-energy Hamiltonian near the  $\Gamma$  point:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{4}^{\Gamma} &= c_1 \left( k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 \right) \sigma_0 + c_2 \left( \sqrt{3} \left( k_x^2 - k_y^2 \right) \sigma_x \right. \\ &+ \left( k_x^2 + k_y^2 - 2k_z^2 \right) \sigma_z \right) + c_3 k_x k_y k_z \sigma_y - \mu \sigma_0, \end{aligned}$$



Strong quantization of CPGE within the two-band model.

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# Summary of non-linear optical responses in Weyl systems

- Quantization of injection current reveals quantum geometry of multi-Weyl systems, but does not survive beyond 2-bands.
- Investigated the dependence of the shift & injection currents on the topological charge, tilt and chemical potential within full multi-band and low-energy approx.
- Information about the chiral charge of Weyl points and type-I/type-II character can be inferred from a measurement of different components of the second order conductivity tensor.
- We provided new analytical results and analysis for the case of chiral charge 4 (the largest stable value permitted on a lattice).

## Candidate Topological Superconductor: 4Hb-TaS<sub>2</sub>



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## Evidence of topological boundary modes with topological nodal-point superconductivity

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#### **Topological edge mode?**

Metallic-like boundary states seen in zero-bias conductance.

## Optical Probe of Candidate Topological Superconductor: 4Hb-TaS<sub>2</sub>



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G. Margalit, E. Berg, and Y. Oreg, Ann. Phys. 345, 168561 (2021)
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## Nonlinear optical responses in rhombohedral trilayer graphene



Focus in on band gap closing and band-resolved transitions

A. Postlewaite, A. Raj. S. Chuadhary, GAF arXiv:2407.03404



## Summary

- Tuning of effective twist angle with light.
- Nonlinear phononics can be used to change magnetic order, magnon band topology, and electronic band topology.
- Nonlinear optical responses of electronic systems can provide detailed information about band structure and nodal points of multi-Weyl systems.
- Nonlinear optical responses provide a tool to help diagnose topological superconductivity.
- Nonlinear optical responses provide important information about the quantum geometric tensor, but most often not a direct measure of it.

## Wonderful Collaborators—Thank you!









Maia Garcia-Vergniory

## Weyl response to light: photocurrents

 Because of the chiral nature of Weyl fermions, there is a helicity-dependent interband absorption.



Band topology and quantum geometric properties of the bands are revealed in the nonlinear optical responses.

H. Weng, Nat. Mat. 18, 428 (2019).

## Floquet engineering of interlayer couplings in twisted bilayers: graphene and MoTe<sub>2</sub>



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## Simultaneous excitation of phonons and electrons in bilayer graphene

Adopt an atomically adiabatic model: V. Mohanty and E. J. Heller, PNAS 116, 18316 (2019).



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## AF insulators with tunable magnon-polaron Chern numbers (non-driven phonons)



In-plane optical phonons couple to magnetization.

Mirror-symmetry breaking allows in-plane DM.

$$H = H_m + H_p + H_{mp}$$

