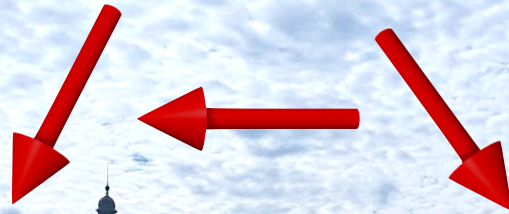


New twists on magnetism in flatland



Collaborators



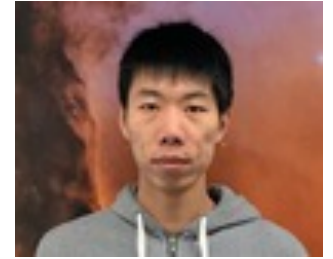
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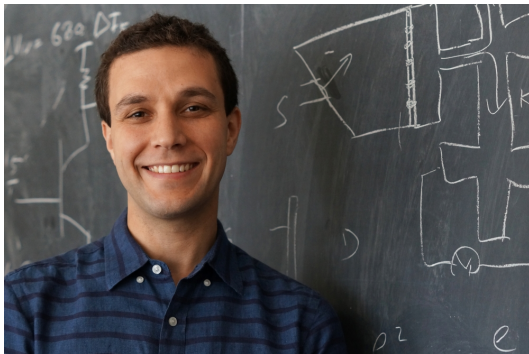
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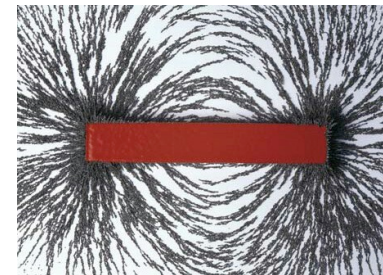
Magnets

~500BC: Ferromagnetism
documented in Greece,
India, used in China



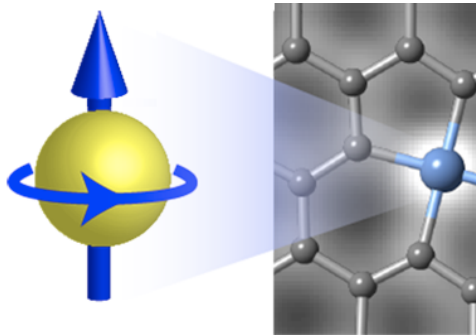
sinan, ~200BC

and in elementary school today



Spin

Almost all magnetism originates from unpaired d and f electrons in atoms



	3d	4s
²¹ Sc	↑ □ □ □ □	↑↓
²² Ti	↑↑ □ □ □	↑↓
²³ V	↑↑↑ □ □	↑↓
²⁴ Cr	↑↑↑↑↑	↑
²⁵ Mn	↑↑↑↑↑	↑↓
²⁶ Fe	↑↓↑↑↑	↑↓
²⁷ Co	↑↓↑↓↑	↑↓
²⁸ Ni	↑↓↑↓↑	↑↓
²⁹ Cu	↑↓↑↓↑	↑
³⁰ Zn	↑↓↑↓↑	↑↓



Friedrich Hund

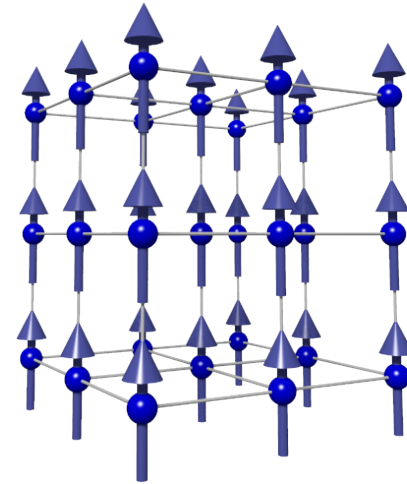
Hund's 1st rule: electrons avoid pairing within a shell

(this minimizes Coulomb repulsion within the same orbital)

Magnetism

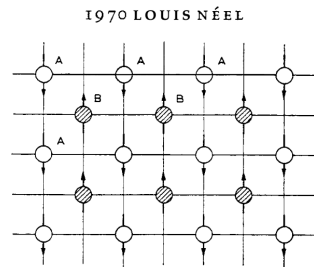
- Atomic spins interact via *exchange* to favor an ordered arrangement
- Aligned parallel: ferromagnets

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$



Magnetism

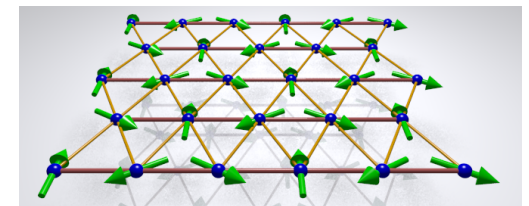
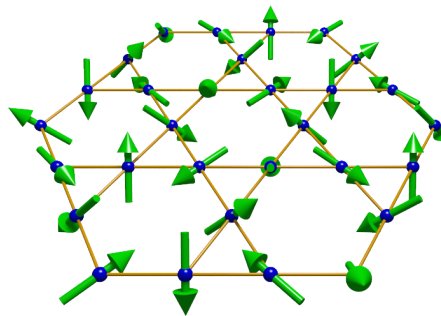
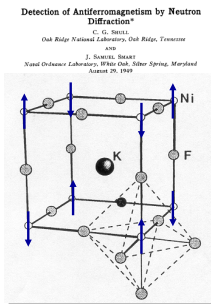
- Atomic spins interact via *exchange* to favor an ordered arrangement
- More complex arrangements: antiferromagnets



Louis Néel

1949AD:
antiferromagnetism
proven experimentally

but there are 1000s of
them, much more
common than FMs



2d Ising model

- Onsager, 1943: Solved 2d Ising model exactly, proving that a phase transition exists with non-trivial critical behavior



Lars Onsager

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\sigma_i = \pm 1\}} e^{-\beta H}$$

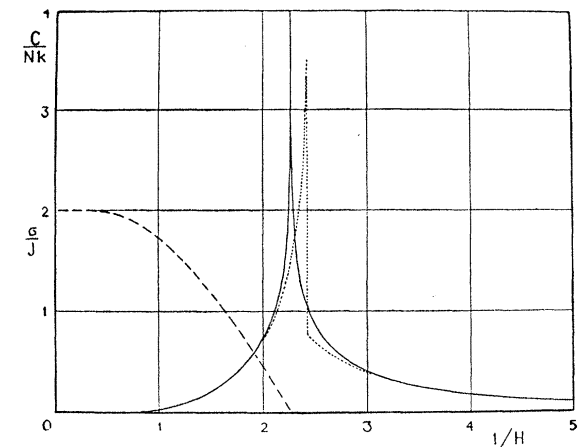


FIG. 6. Properties of quadratic crystal. — — — — — Boundary tension σ between regions of opposite order. — — — — — Specific heat C . ······· Approximate computation of C by Kramers and Wannier.

Mermin-Wagner-Hohenberg-Berezinskii theorem

- Heisenberg (vector) spins with finite interactions cannot order in two dimensions at any $T > 0$

ABSENCE OF FERROMAGNETISM OR ANTIFERROMAGNETISM
IN ONE- OR TWO-DIMENSIONAL ISOTROPIC HEISENBERG MODELS*

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(Received 17 October 1966)

It is rigorously proved that at any nonzero temperature, a one- or two-dimensional isotropic spin- S Heisenberg model with finite-range exchange interaction can be neither ferromagnetic nor antiferromagnetic. The method of proof is capable of excluding a variety of types of ordering in one and two dimensions.

Thermal fluctuations prevent order

- Rough idea: $\mathbf{S}_i = M \hat{\mathbf{z}} + \delta \mathbf{S}_i \quad \delta \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = 0$ suppose small fluctuation

$$E[\delta \mathbf{S}] \approx \int d^2 \mathbf{x} \, \rho (\nabla \delta \mathbf{S})^2 \quad \text{rotational symmetry}$$

$$\langle (\delta \mathbf{S})^2 \rangle \approx \frac{k_B T}{\rho} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{k^2} \sim \frac{k_B T}{2\pi \rho} \ln(L/a)$$

diverges no matter how
low the temperature is

O(3) model

- At low temperature, non-linear sigma model applies

$$Z = \int_{|\mathbf{n}|=1} [d\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x})] e^{-\beta \rho \int d^2 \mathbf{x} (\nabla \mathbf{n})^2}$$

- Correlation length

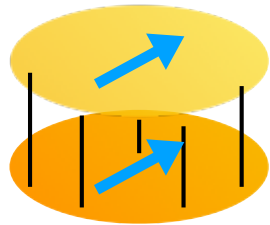
$$\langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{0}) \rangle \sim e^{-|\mathbf{x}|/\xi}, \quad \xi \sim e^{2\pi\rho/k_B T}$$

- When $kT \ll \rho$, correlation length becomes exponentially long and most properties become nearly indistinguishable from an ordered state

No phase transition but smooth evolution to almost ordered spins at low T

Quasi-2d systems

- Even most quasi-2d solids have some weak coupling between layers



$$E_{AF} - E_{FM} \sim J' \xi^2 \sim J' e^{4\pi\rho/k_B T}$$

$E_{AF} - E_{FM} > kT$ when $T < T_c$, with

$$k_B T_c \sim 4\pi\rho / \ln(4\pi\rho/J')$$

❖ 3d ordering is induced by even very weak J'

Example: 2d square AF

- La_2CuO_4 : parent material of high- T_c

Instantaneous spin correlations in La_2CuO_4

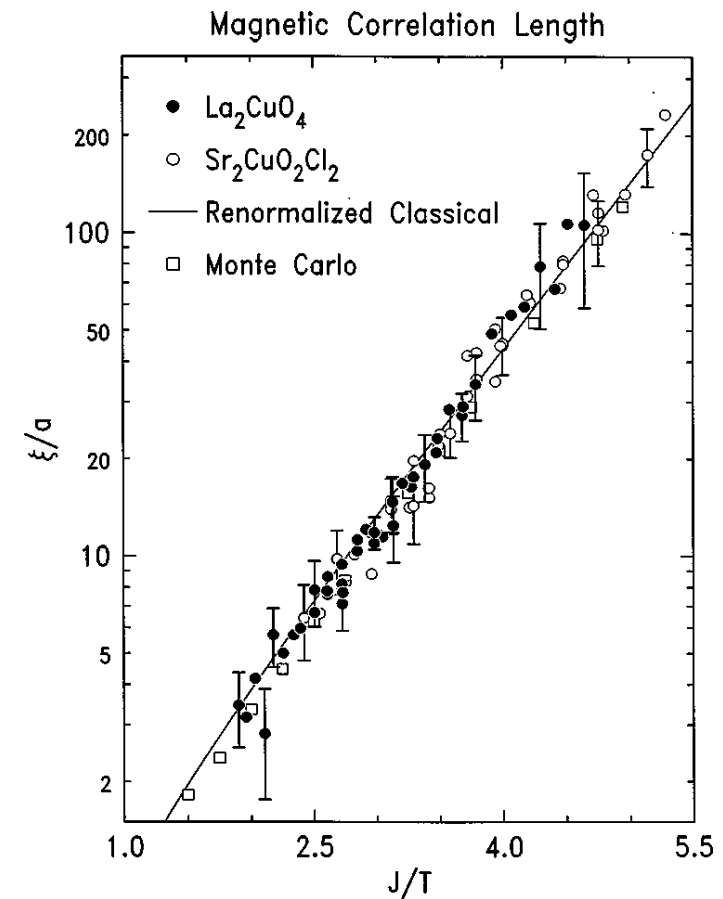
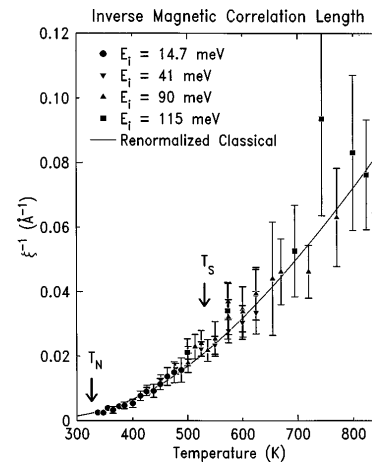
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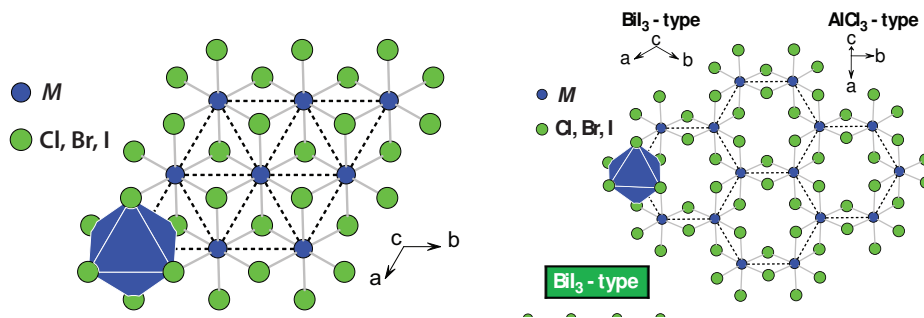
TABLE I. Néel temperature, superexchange energy, and corrections to the 2D Heisenberg Hamiltonian for La_2CuO_4 (Ref. 9) and $\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (Ref. 10). α_{DM} and α_{XY} are larger than the values quoted in Refs. 9 and 10 by factors by (Z_c/Z_g) and $(Z_c/Z_g)^2$, respectively. Here $Z_c(\frac{1}{2}) \approx 1.17$ and $Z_g(\frac{1}{2}) \approx 0.6$ are the quantum renormalization factors for the spin-wave velocity and spin-wave gap, respectively.

	La_2CuO_4	$\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$
S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
T_N (K)	325	256.5
J (meV)	135	125
α_{NNN}	~ 0.08	~ 0.08
α_{DM}	1.5×10^{-2}	—
α_{XY}	-5.7×10^{-4}	-5.3×10^{-4}
$\alpha_{\perp 1} - \alpha_{\perp 2}$	5×10^{-5}	$\sim 10^{-8}$



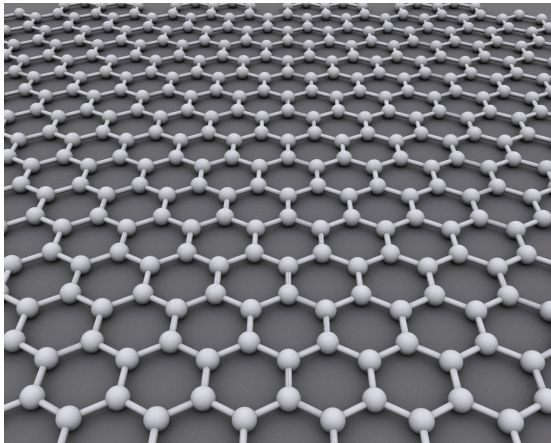
Truly 2d materials

- 2d Van der Waals magnets



$\text{MnPS}_3, \text{FePS}_3, \text{NiPS}_3, \text{CoPS}_3, \text{CrSiTe}_3, \dots$
 $\text{CrI}_3, \text{RuCl}_3, \dots$

- The parent of 2d materials: graphene



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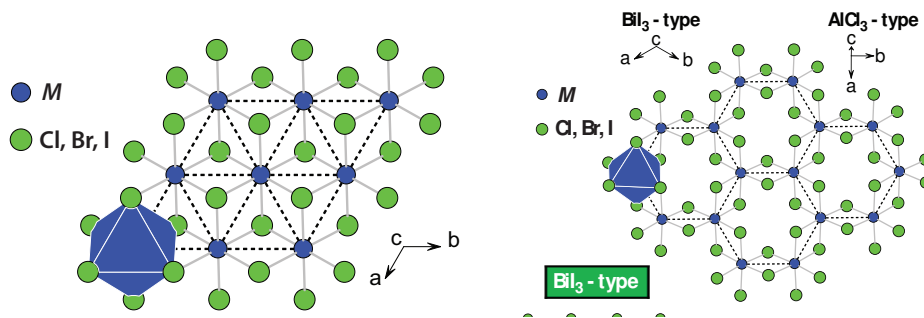
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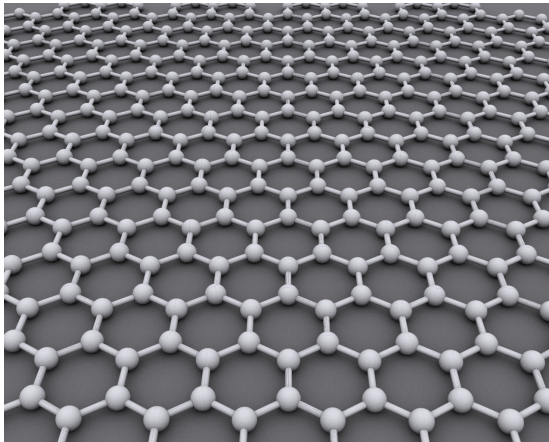
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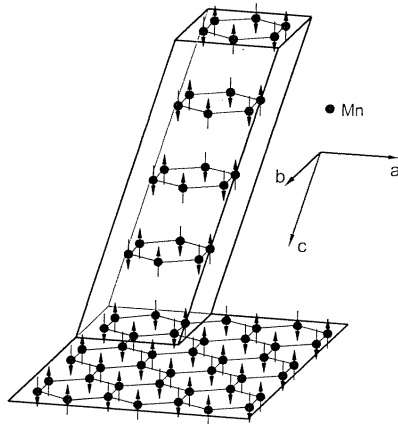


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2d VdW magnets

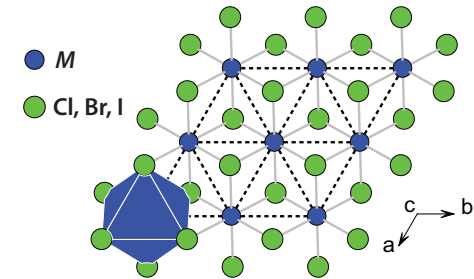


MnPS₃, FePS₃, NiPS₃, CoPS₃, CrSiTe₃...

MCl_2

Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni
Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd
Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt

MBr_2

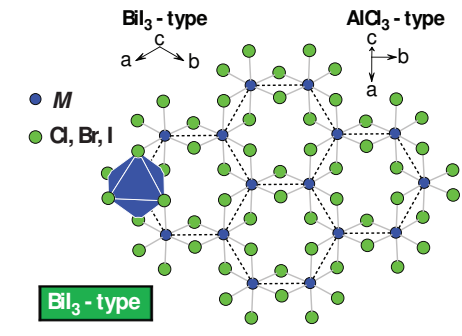


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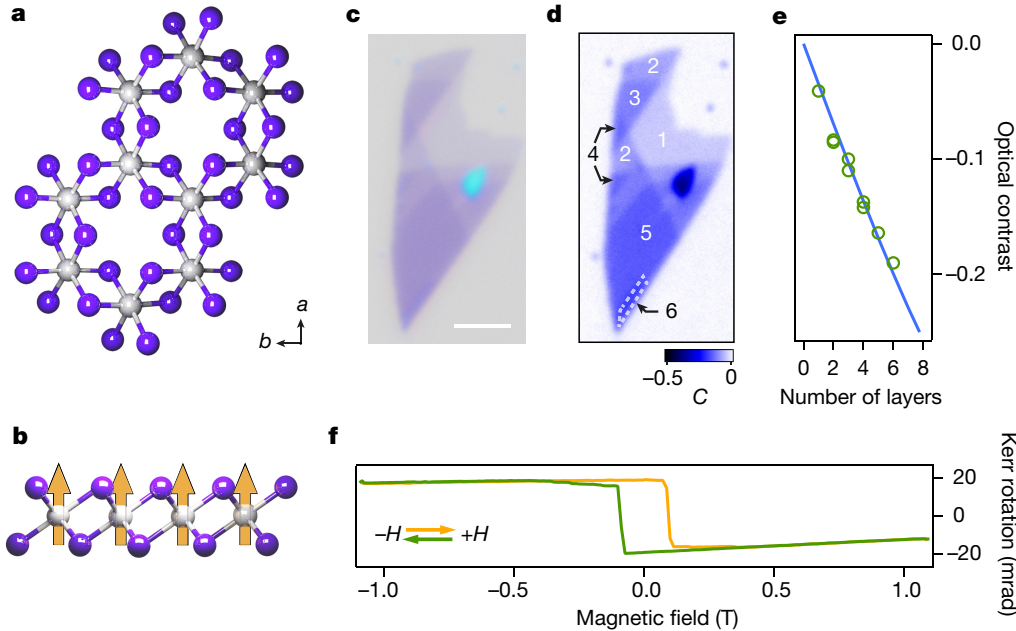
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CrI₃, RuCl₃, ...

CrI₃

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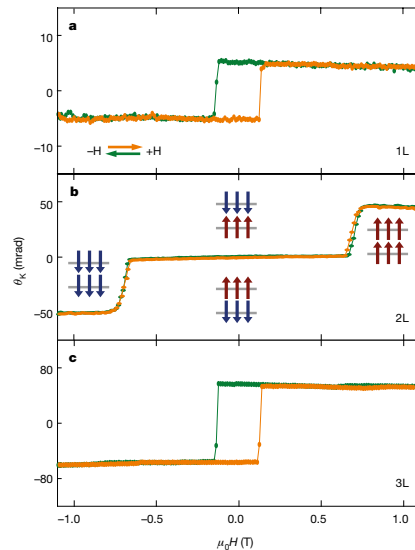
Ferromagnetic 2d honeycomb layers

Optical measurement of magnetization

1L

2L

3L



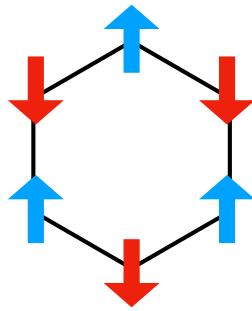
Still ferromagnetic in single layer

Surprise: bilayer is anti-ferromagnetic

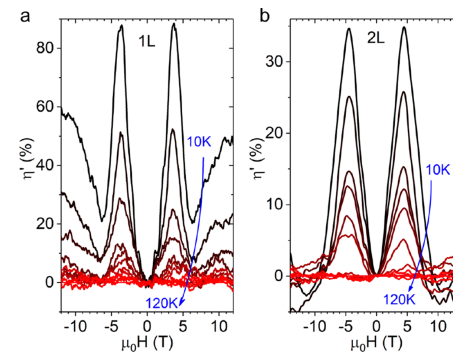
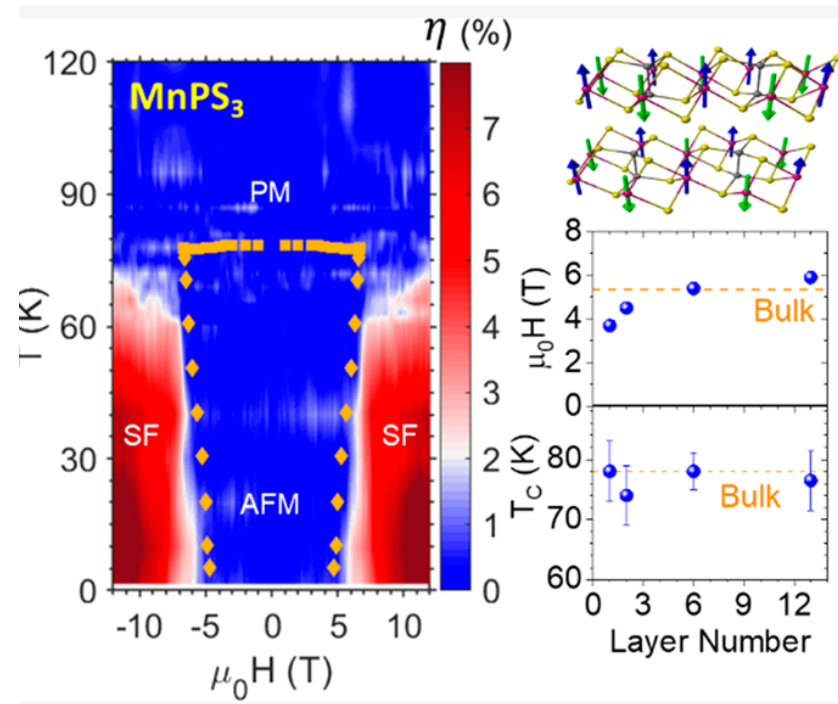
MnPS₃

G. Long et al, 2020

antiferromagnetic
honeycomb



order persists to single layer



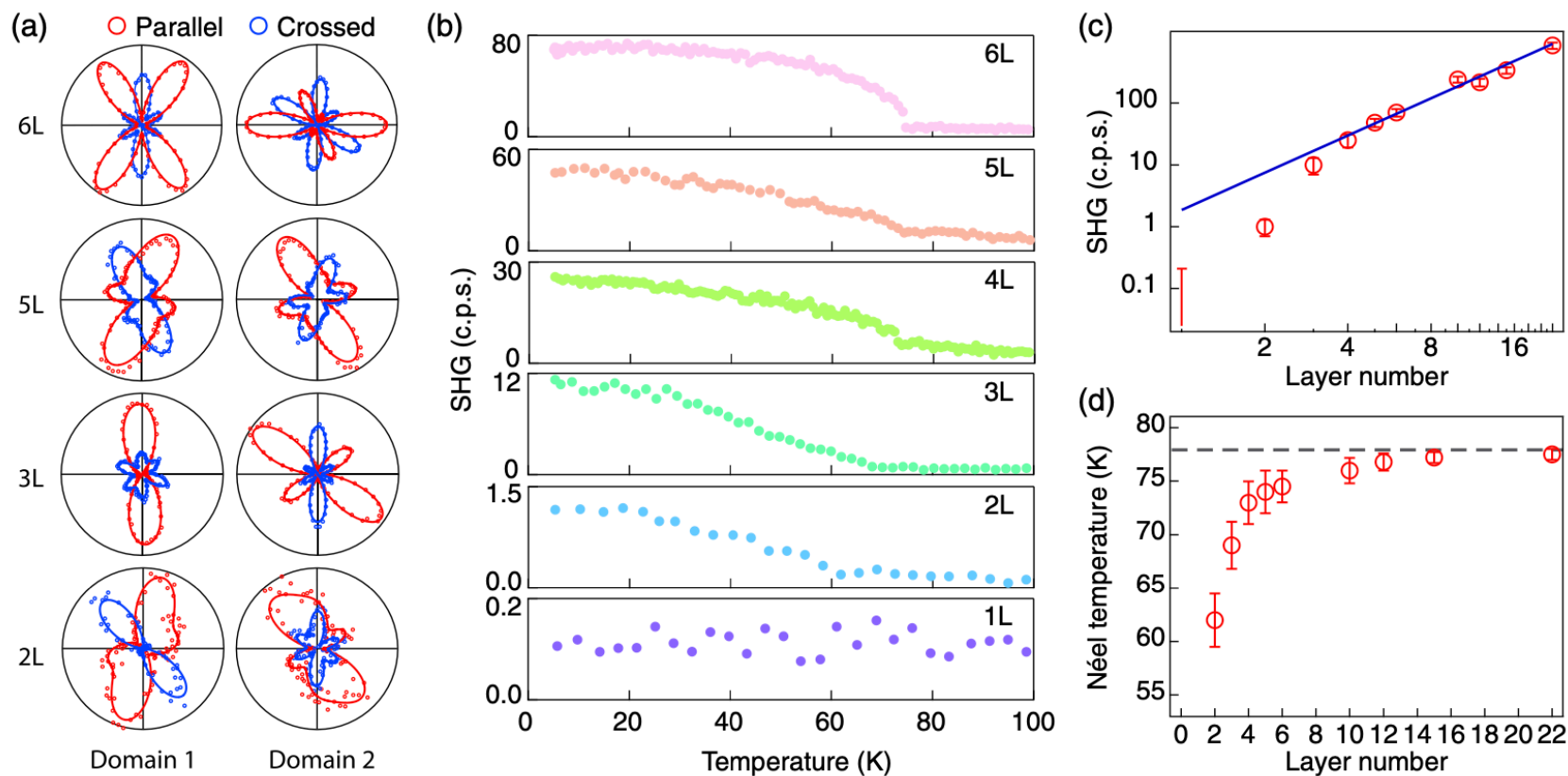
tunneling MR

MnPS₃

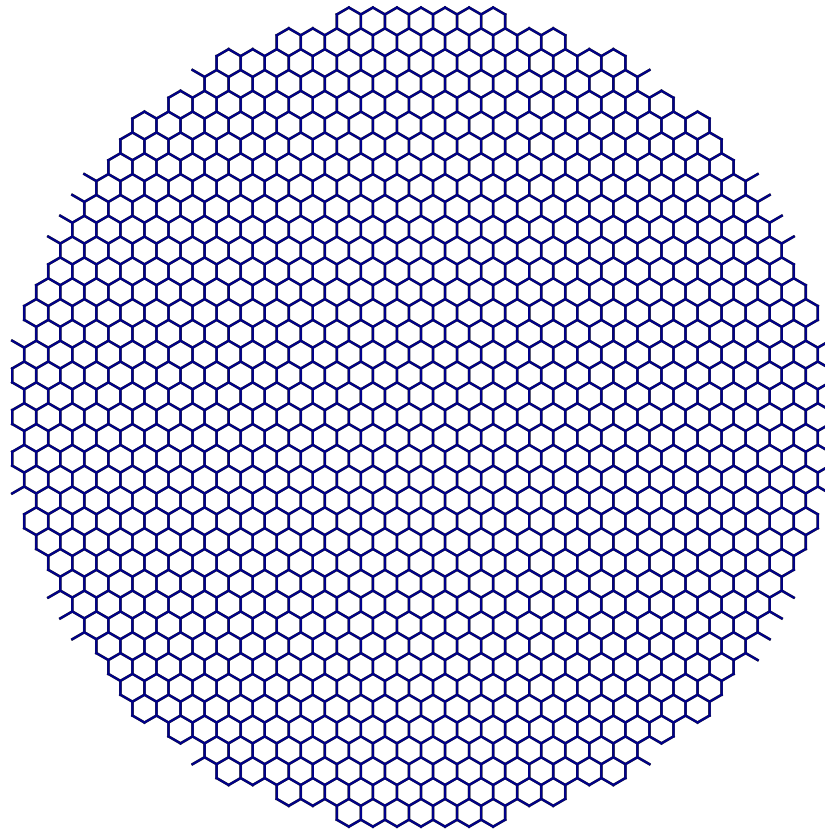
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Twisting and moiré



Moiré



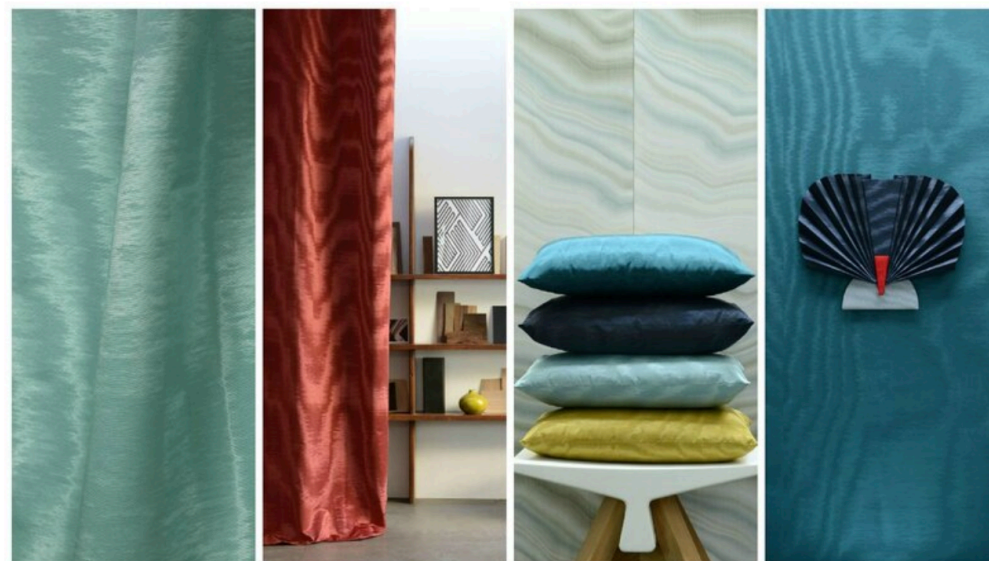
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Le retour de la moire



Le grand retour de la moire chez vous

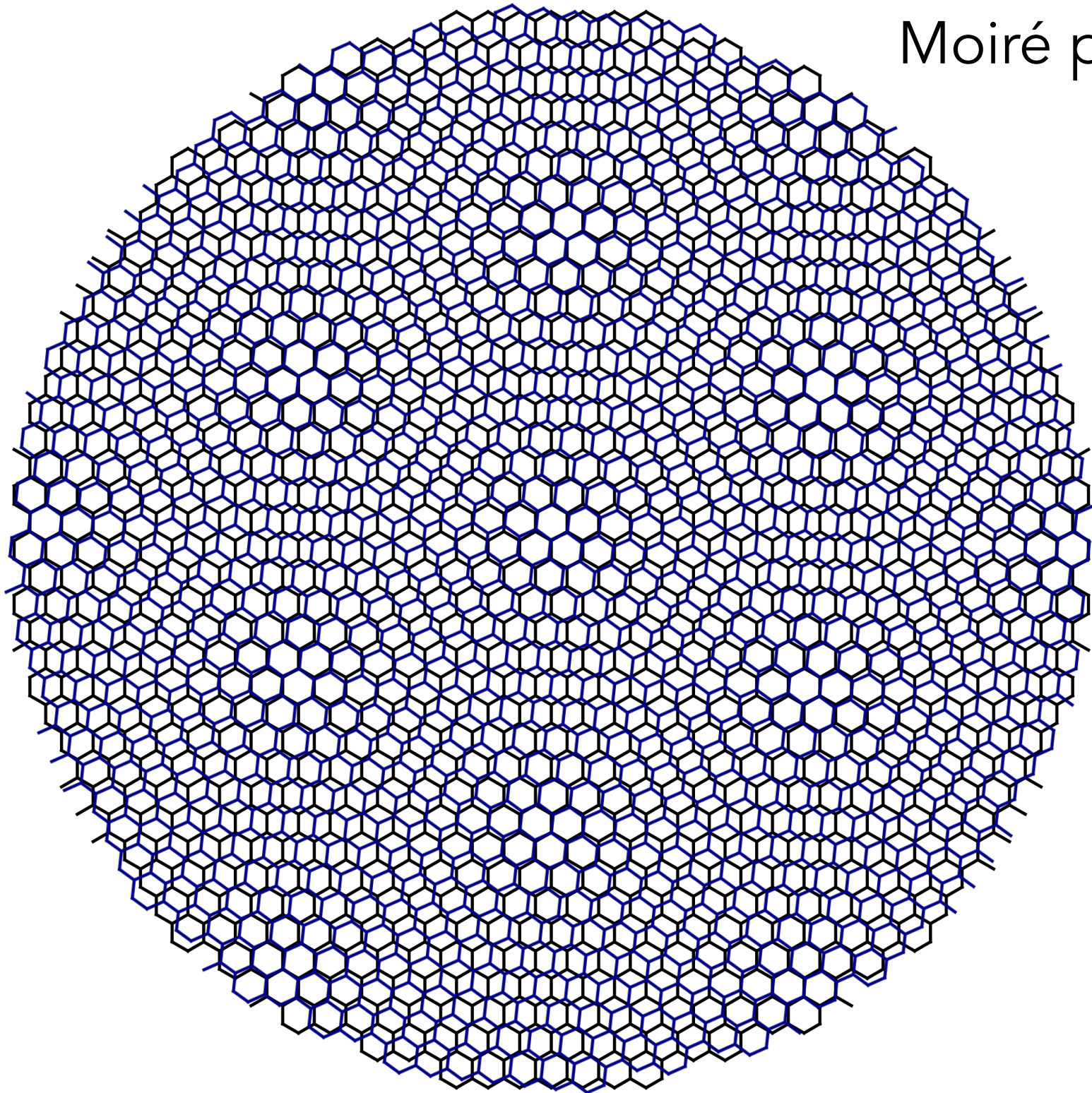
La moire : Un tissu d'exception pour des murs, des rideaux et des meubles originaux





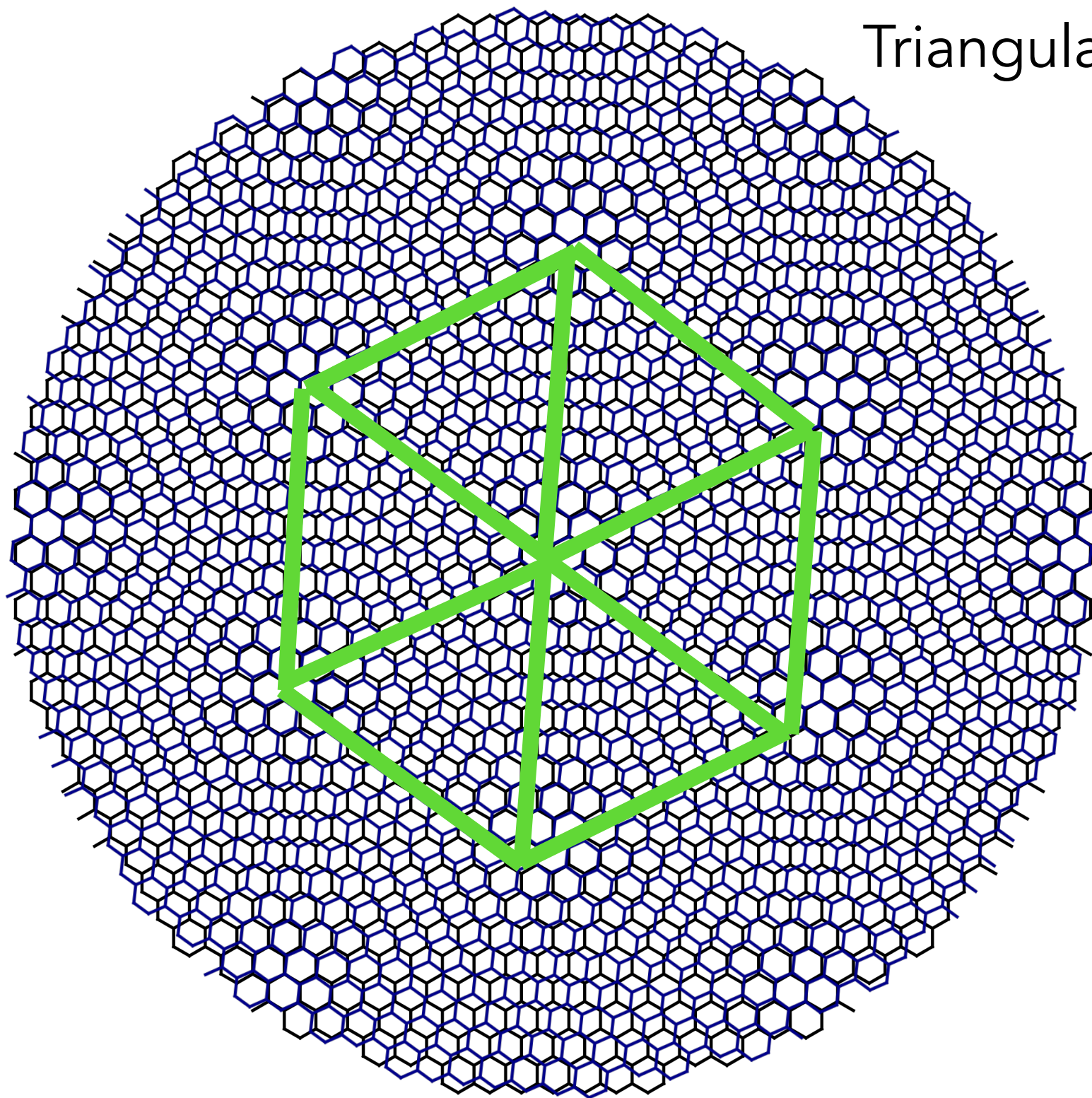
Moiré pattern

6°

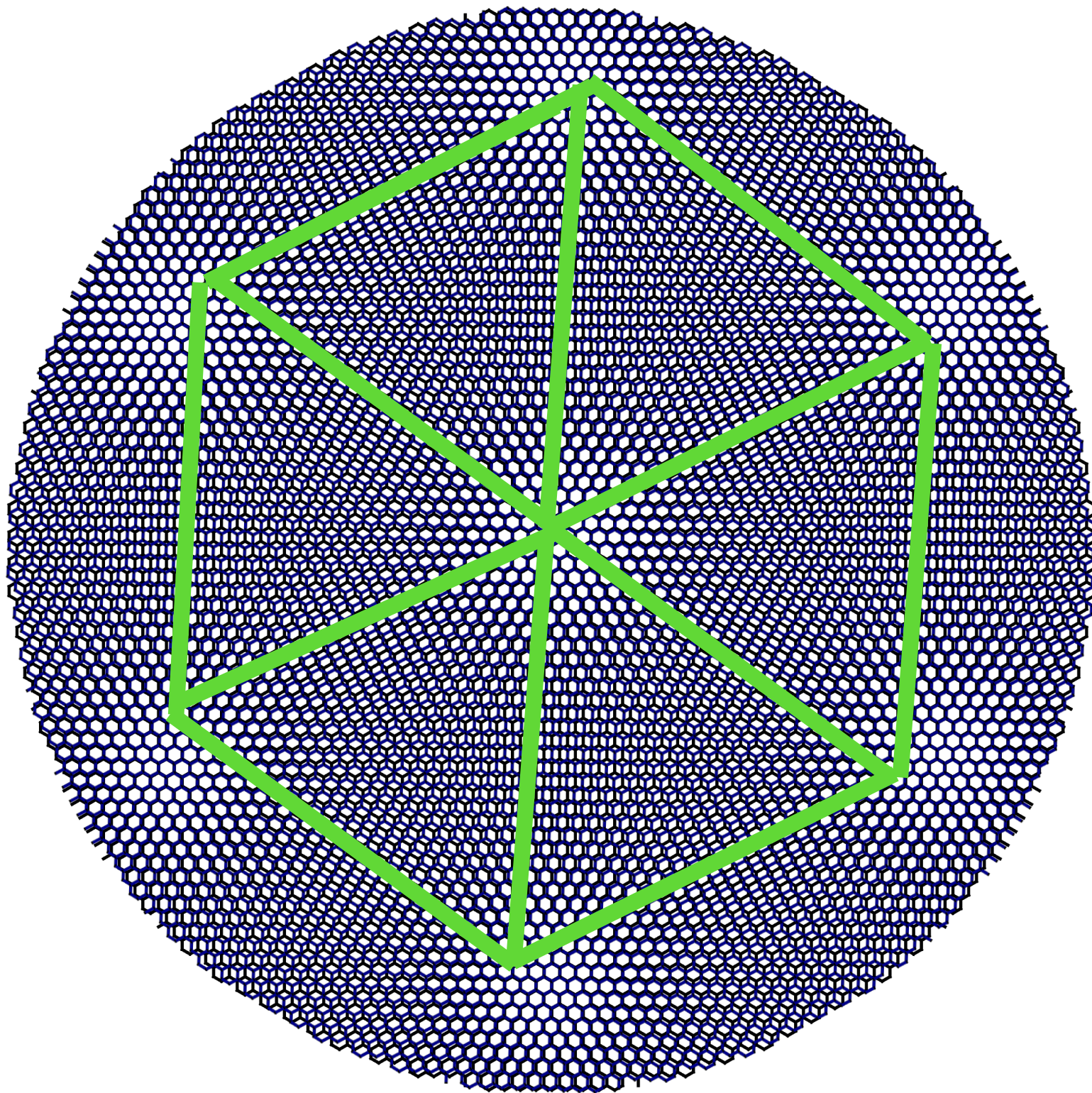


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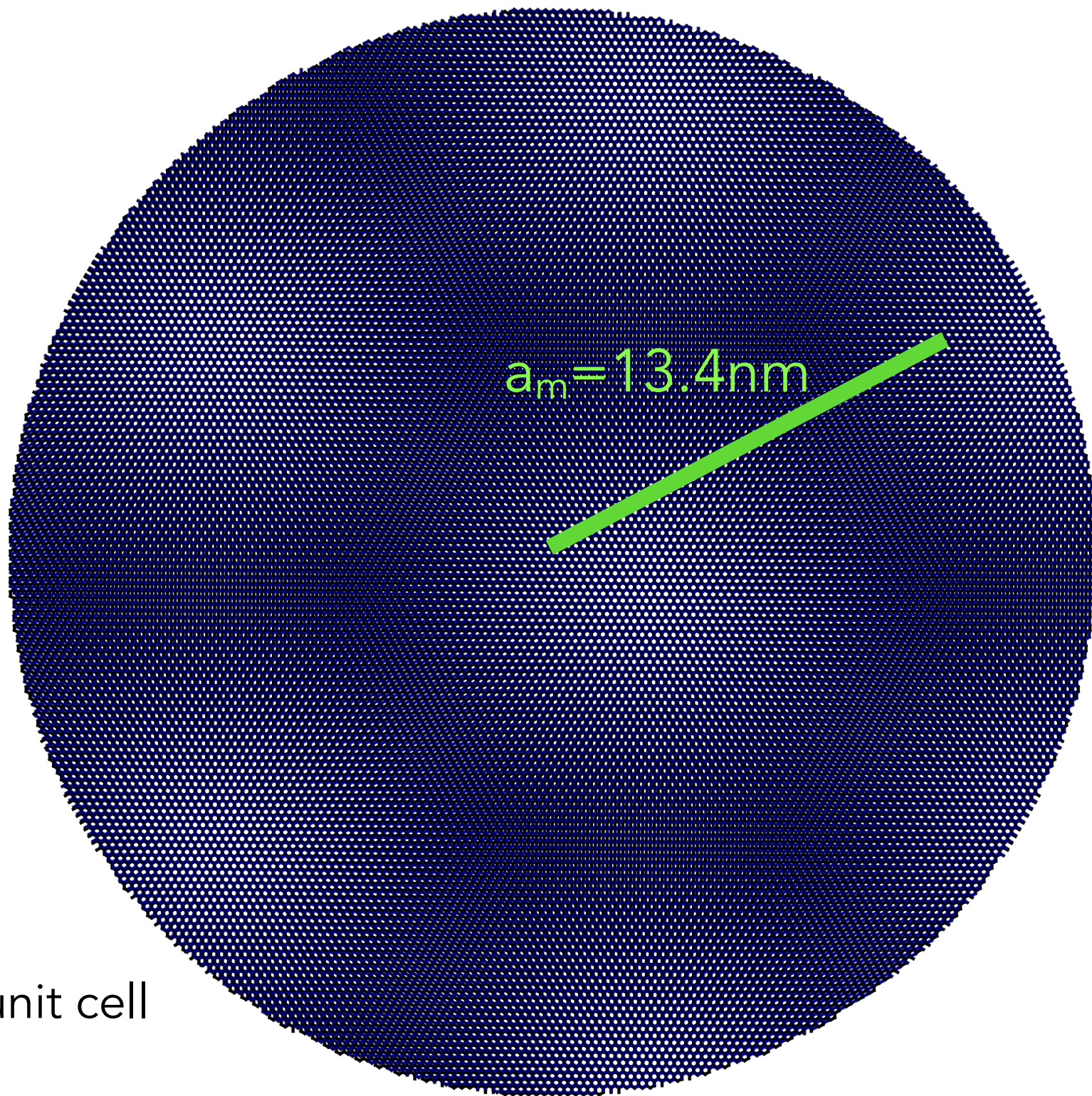
Triangular lattice



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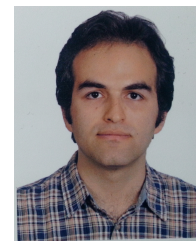
1°



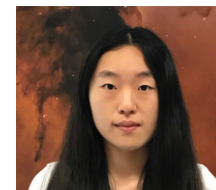
huge unit cell

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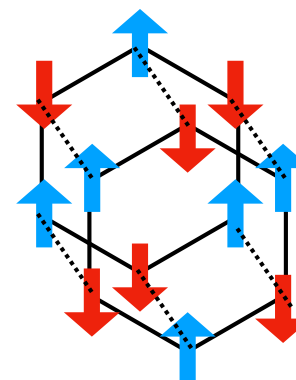
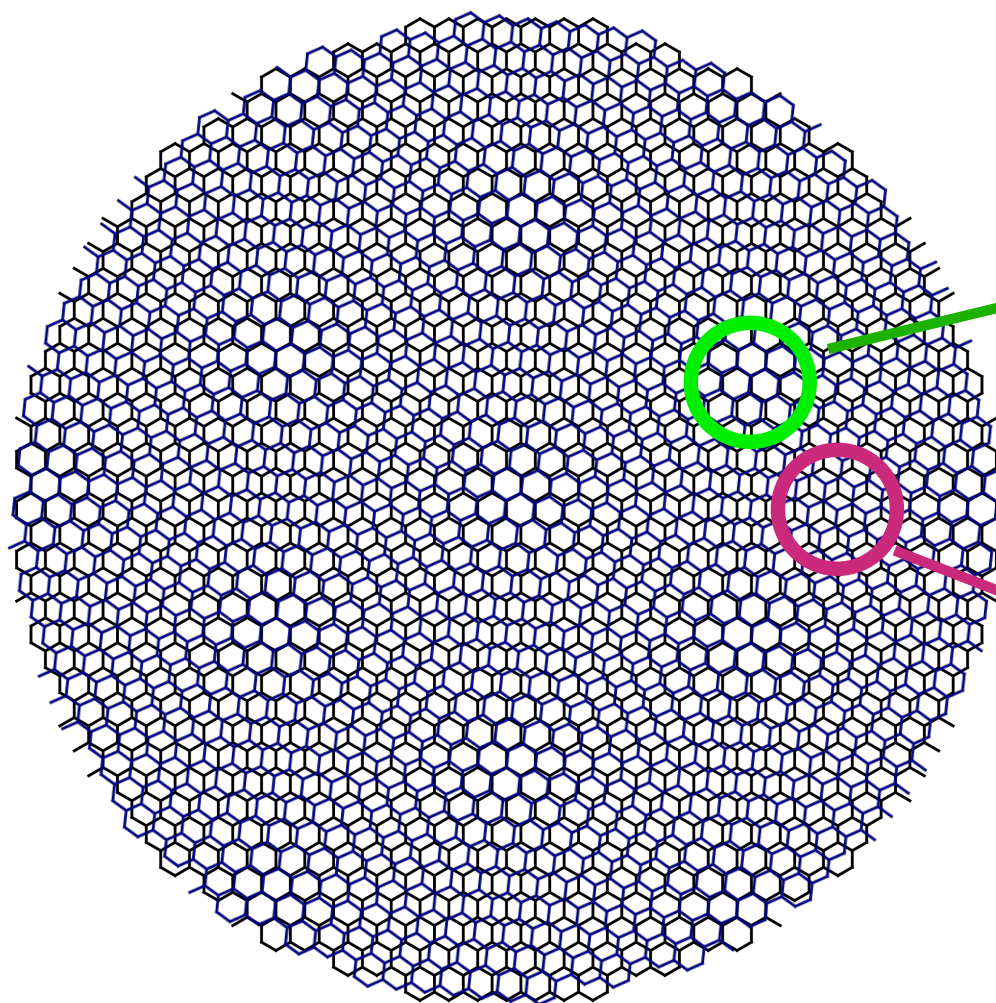
Twisted AF



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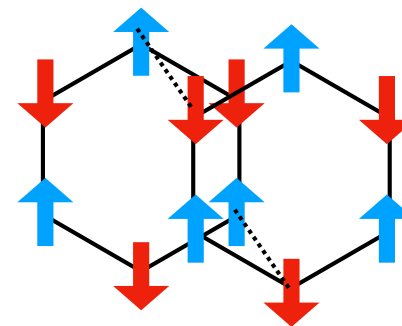


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AA

$$N_1 = -N_2$$



AB

$$N_1 = N_2$$

Frustration: Néel vectors must rotate

Continuum model(s)

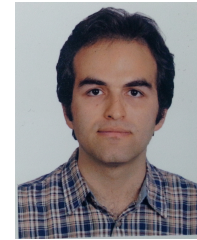
- Basic assumptions:

- Inter-layer coupling weak $J' \ll J$

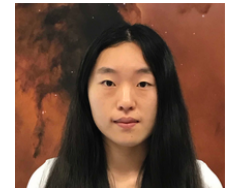
- Rotation angle is small (can also treat general strains)

- Example: MnPS_3 : excellent Heisenberg AF

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_l \frac{\rho}{2v^2} (\partial_t \mathbf{N}_l)^2 - \mathcal{H}_{\text{cl}} \quad \mathcal{H}_{\text{cl}} = \sum_l \left[\frac{\rho}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{N}_l)^2 - d (N_l^z)^2 \right] - J' \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{N}_1 \cdot \mathbf{N}_2$$
$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{a=1}^3 \cos(\mathbf{q}_a \cdot \mathbf{x})$$



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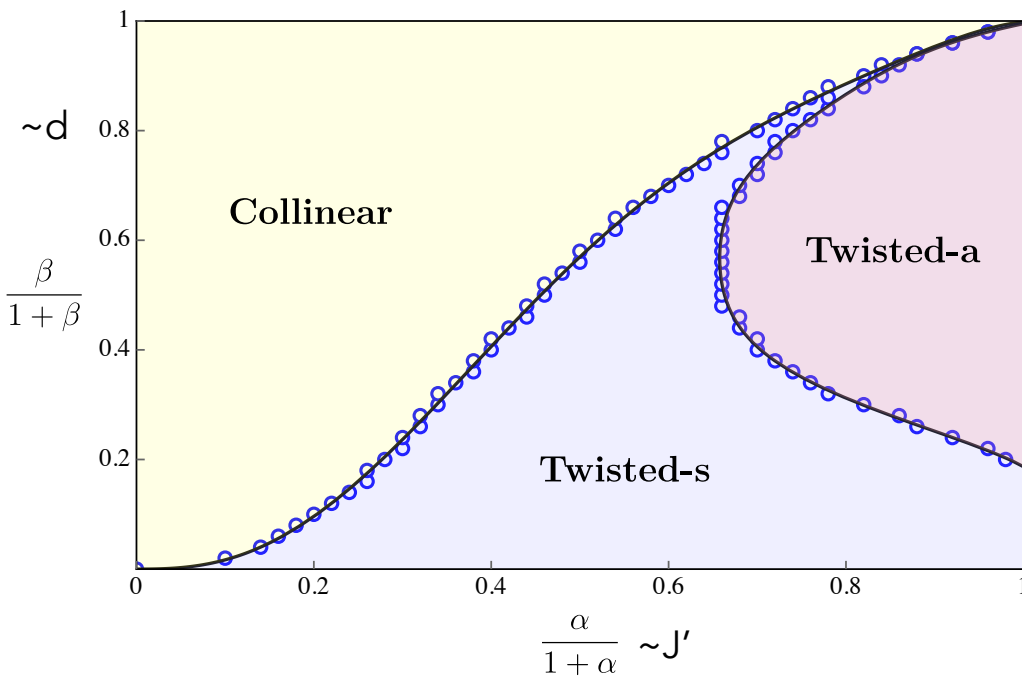
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Can predict spin textures, magnon subbands, etc.

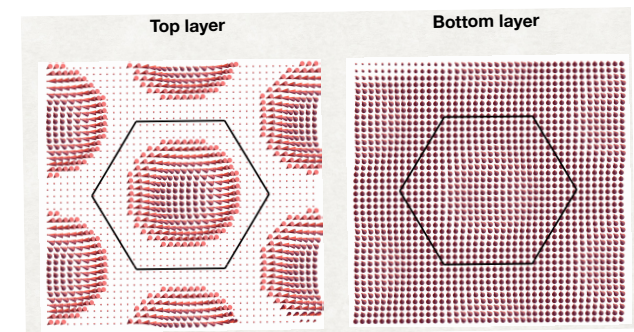
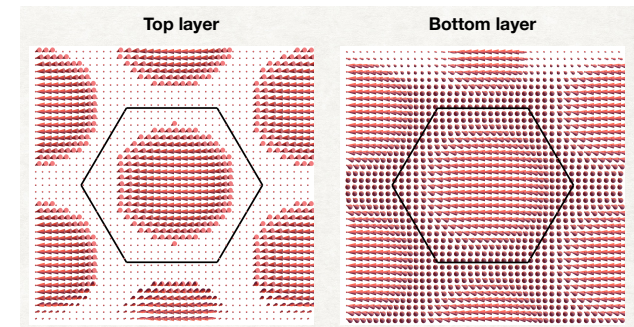
Twisted AF

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Dimensionless parameter $\alpha = \frac{2J'}{\rho q_m^2} \sim \frac{J'}{J\theta^2}$

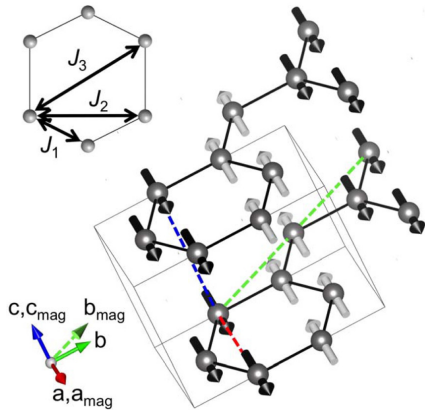


Coplanar spin textures



Transitions should be tunable by applied field

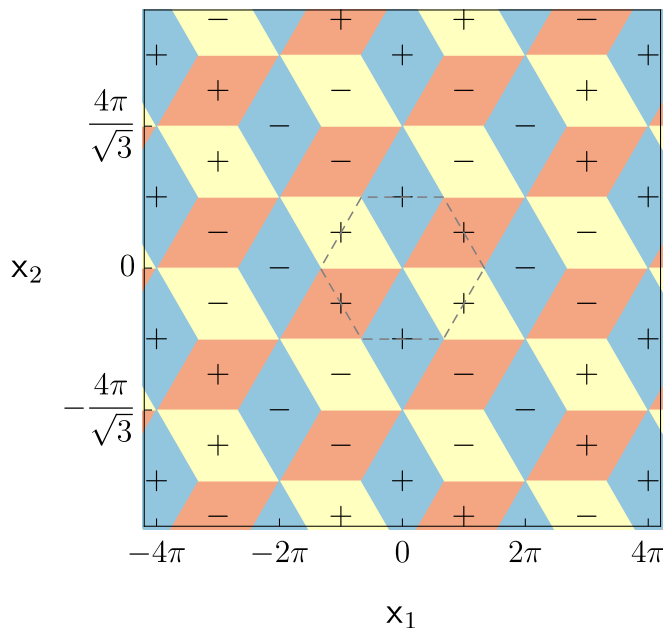
Zig-Zag antiferromagnets



$$\mathcal{H}_{cl} = \sum_{a,l} \frac{\rho}{2} (\nabla N_{a,l})^2 - \frac{J'}{2} \sum_a N_{a,1} \cdot N_{a,2} \cos\left(\frac{\mathbf{q}_a \cdot \mathbf{x}}{2}\right)$$

3 distinct \mathbf{q}_a domains

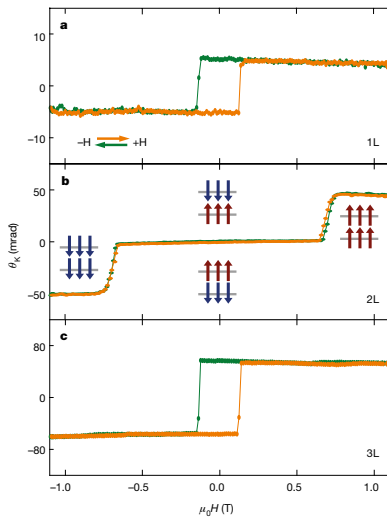
$\text{NiPS}_3, \text{FePS}_3, \text{CoPS}_3, \text{RuCl}_3 \dots$



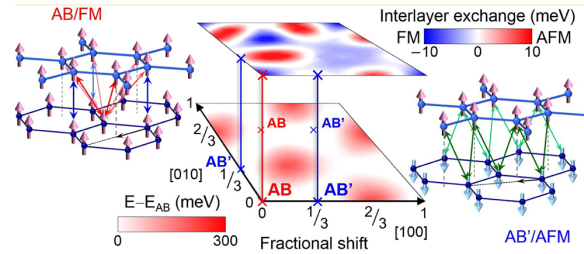
Strong-coupling
domains have structure
of "dice lattice"

CrI₃

Might not expect much from a *ferro*-magnet, but...



B. Huang *et al*, 2017



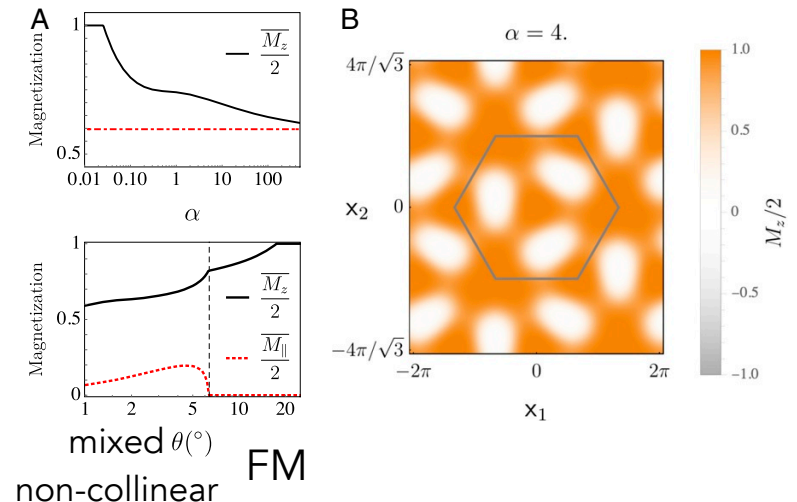
Sivadas *et al*, 2018

Sign-changing stacking-dependent interactions

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{cl}} = \sum_l \left[\frac{\rho}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{M}_l)^2 - d (M_l^z)^2 \right] - J' \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{M}_1 \cdot \mathbf{M}_2$$



from DFT theory



CrI₃

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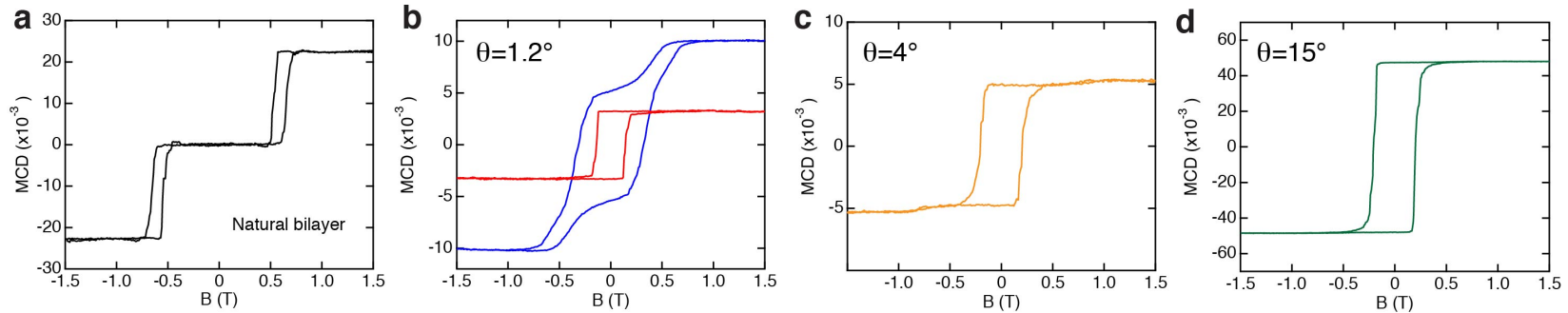
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Coexisting ferromagnetic-antiferromagnetic state in twisted bilayer CrI₃

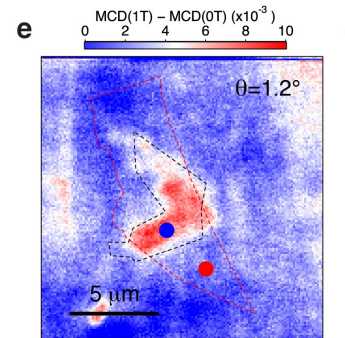
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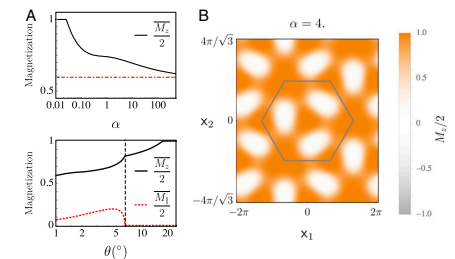
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small twist: mixed

large twist: FM



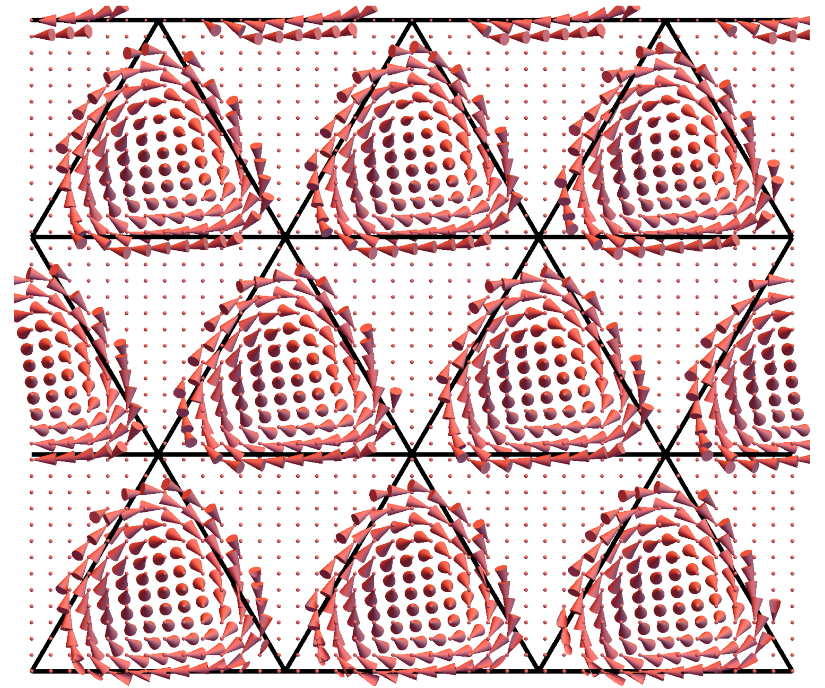
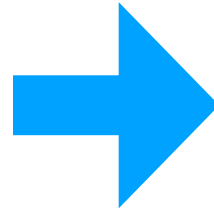
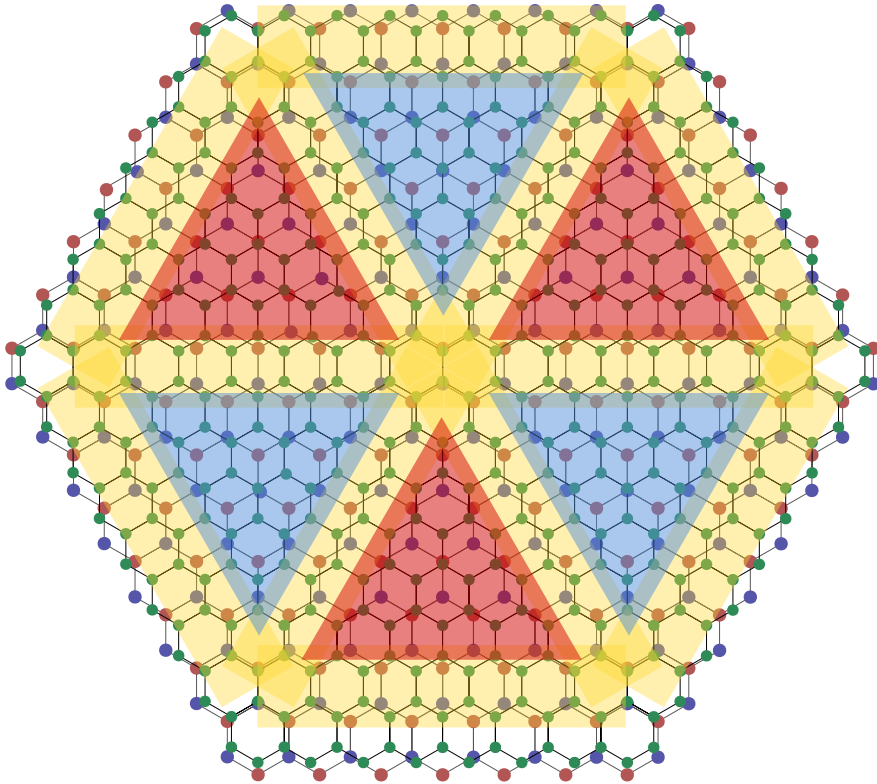
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n.b. Also recent twisted double bilayer arXiv:2103.13573 claims evidence of non-collinear state

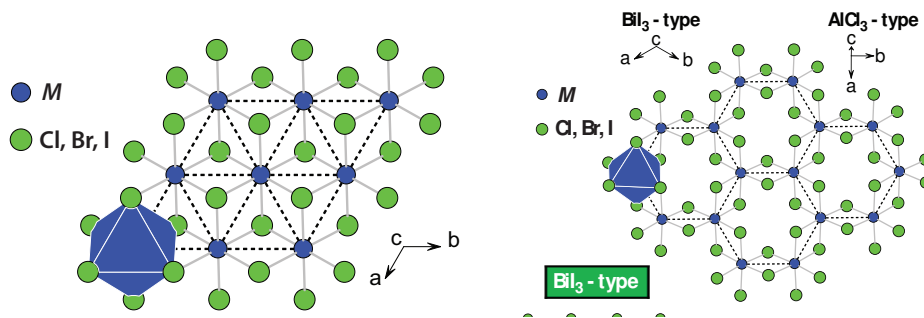
Moiré skyrmions

FM+AF heterobilayer



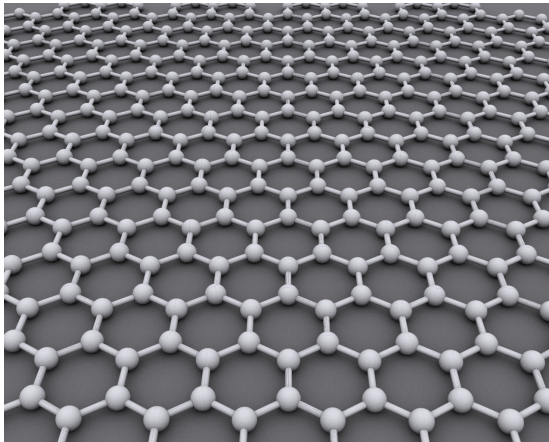
Truly 2d materials

- 2d Van der Waals magnets



MnPS₃, FePS₃, NiPS₃, CoPS₃, CrSiTe₃...
CrI₃, RuCl₃,...

- The parent of 2d materials: graphene



extraordinarily defect-free material, highly conducting, described by 2d Dirac equation

Entirely composed of C atoms, with electrons in bonded s+p orbitals. No local spins.

but it still shows magnetism!!

How to make graphene magnetic

- Stoner criterion: need to enhance density of states/reduce Fermi energy

applied is not appreciably extended by the inclusion of further terms. The relation shows at once that there is a lower limit to $k\theta'/\epsilon_0$ for the occurrence of spontaneous magnetization at any temperature. For ferromagnetism to occur at all (i.e. for $k\theta/\epsilon_0 > 0$) a necessary condition is

Stoner, 1938

$$k\theta'/\epsilon_0 > \frac{2}{3}. \quad (5.4)$$


- Twisting creates the required small Fermi energy

N.b.: even without twisting, multilayers recently observed to show ferromagnetism

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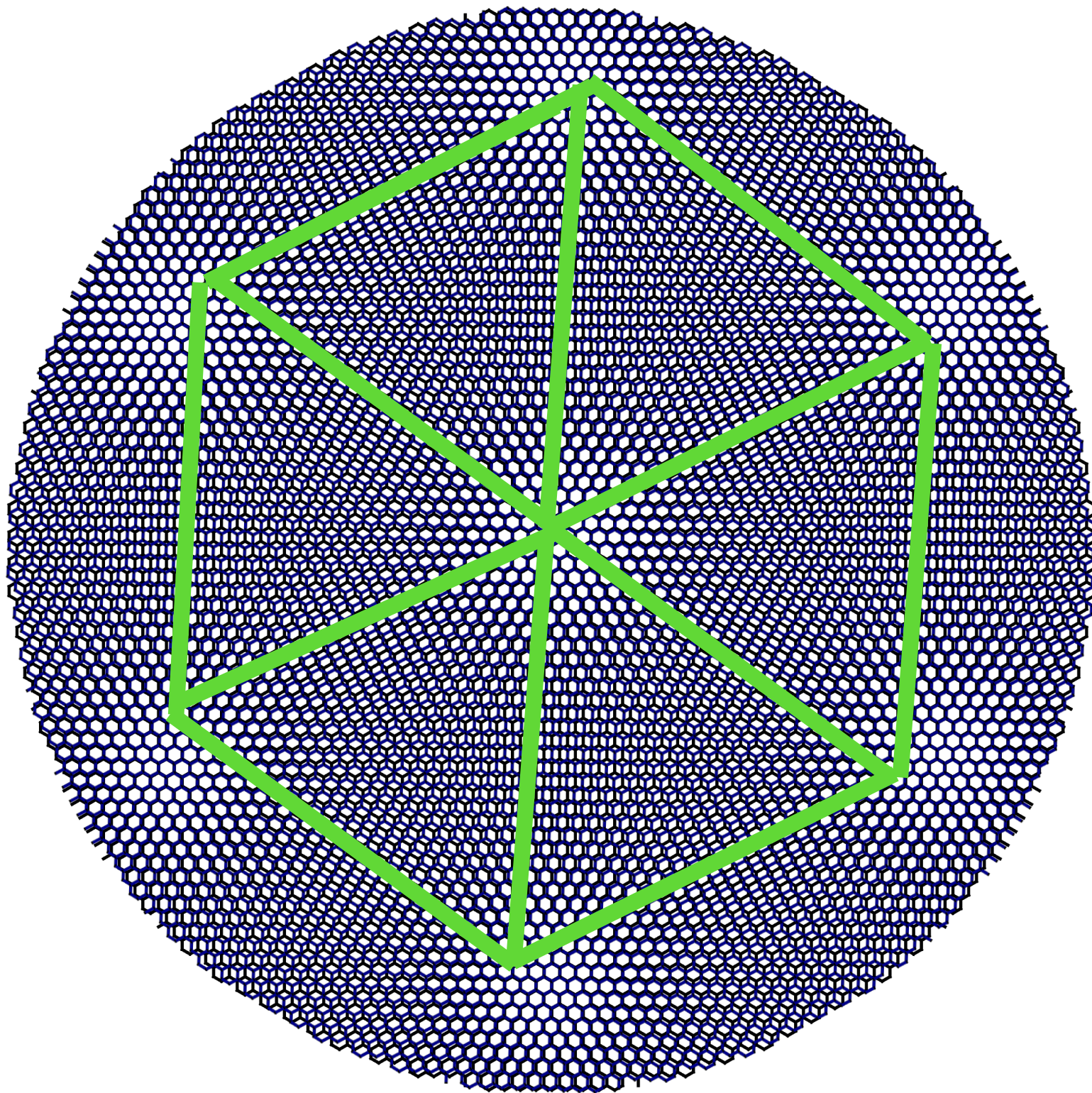
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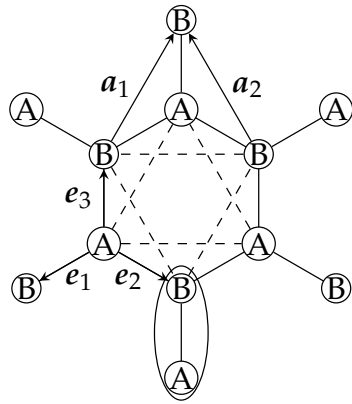
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Moiré Bands

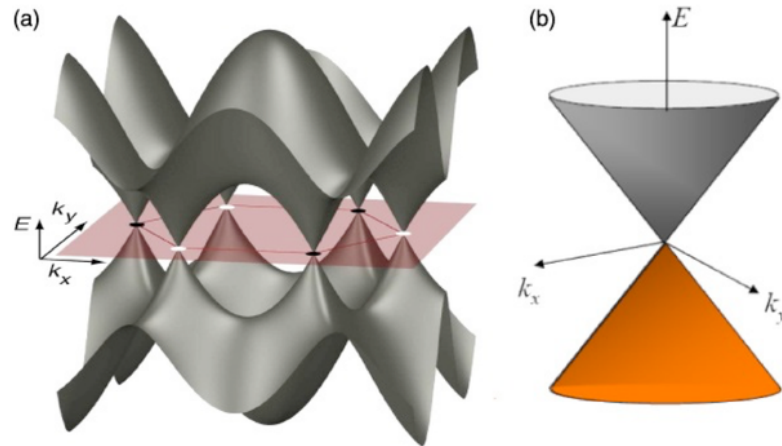
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Dirac bands in graphene



2 sublattice spinor

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_A \\ \psi_B \end{pmatrix}$$

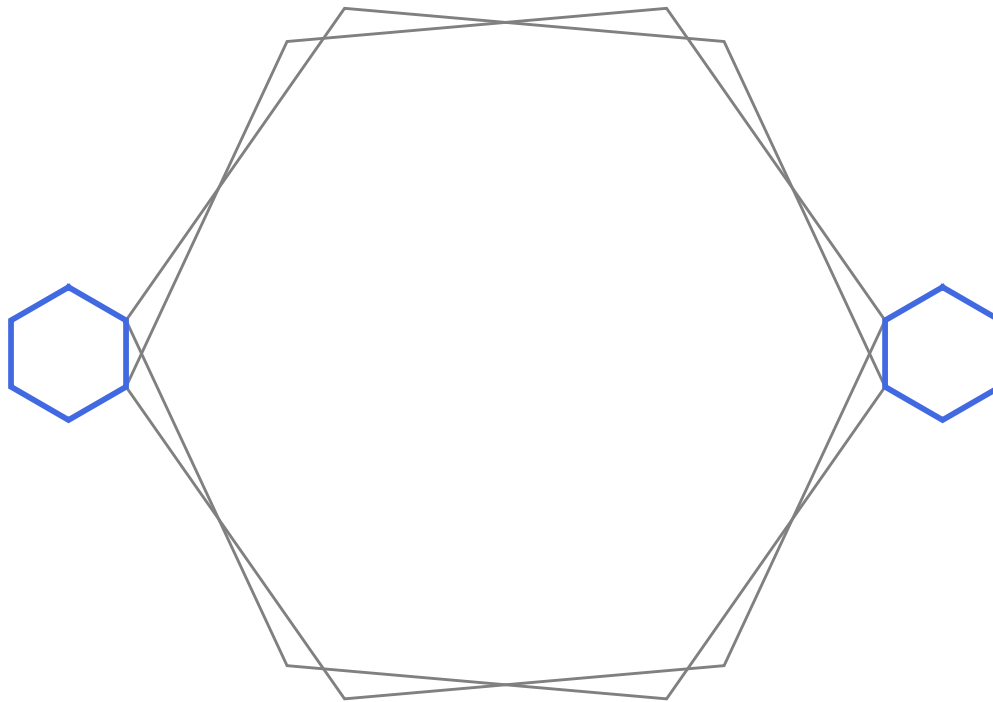


$$H_K = v \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$H_{K'} = [H_K(-\vec{k})]^*$$

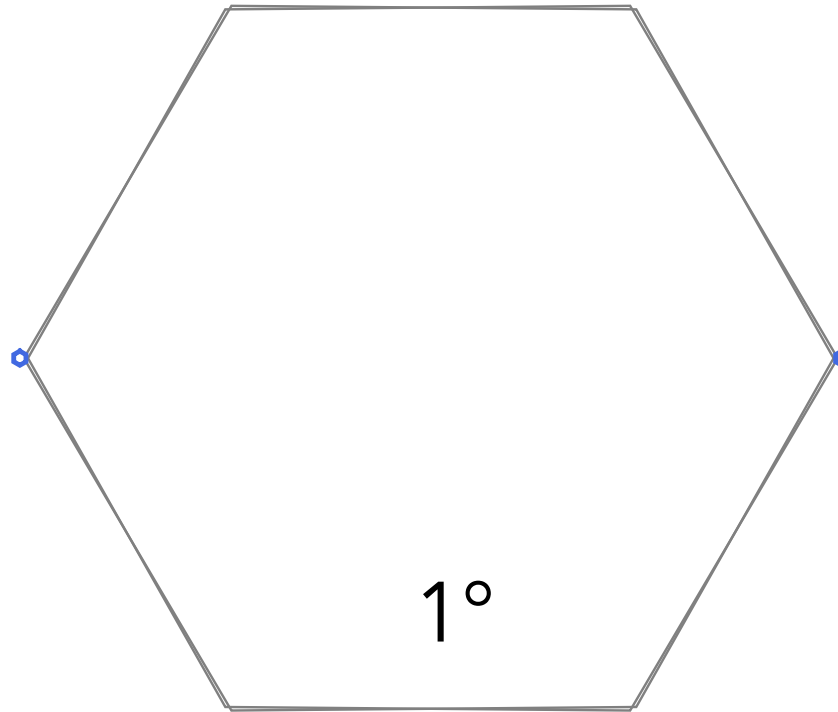
K, K' "valleys"

Moiré bands



Two layers define two slightly shifted Dirac points for each valley

Moiré bands



Tiny moiré bands at each valley are well separated - act as two "flavors" of electrons

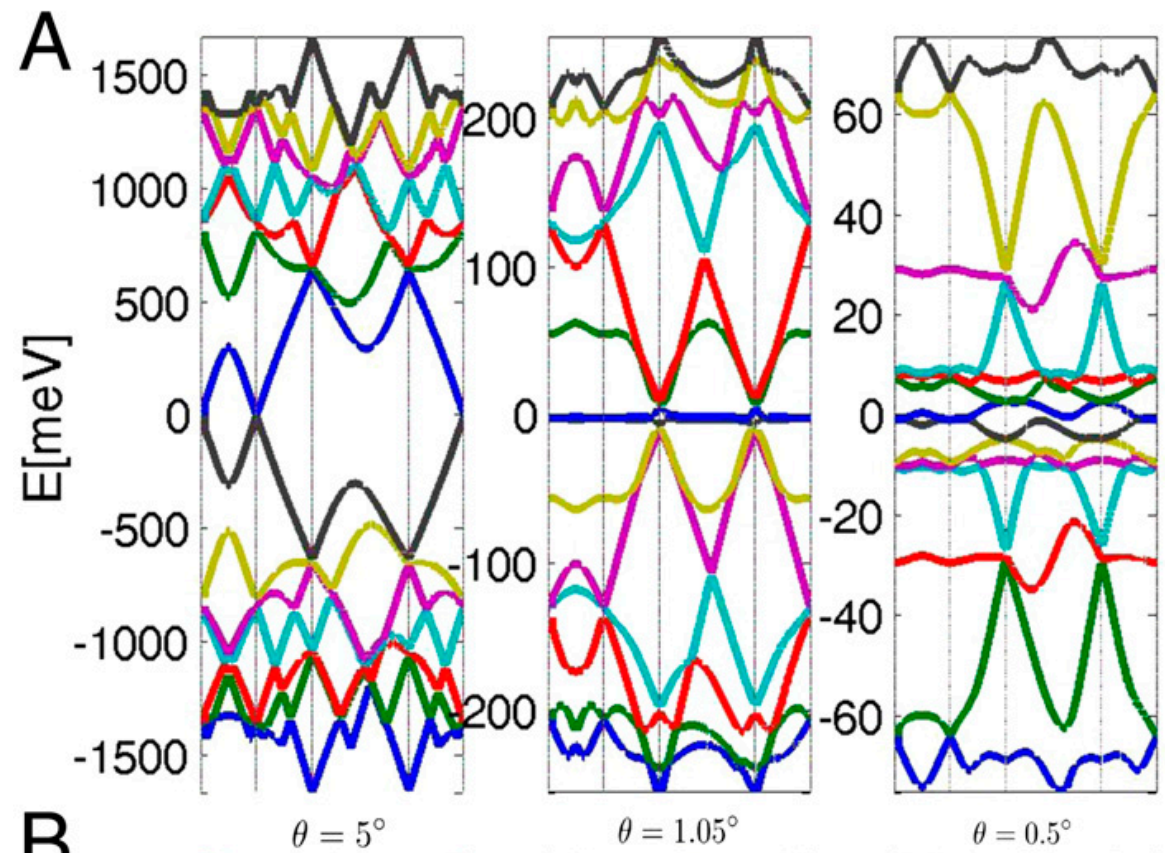
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Magic angle bands

Bistritzer+Macdonald, 2011:
moiré pattern behaves like an
artificial lattice with its own
bands, which becomes
especially flat at the “magic”
angle $\sim 1^\circ$

These bands retain their Dirac
points, i.e. Berry phase



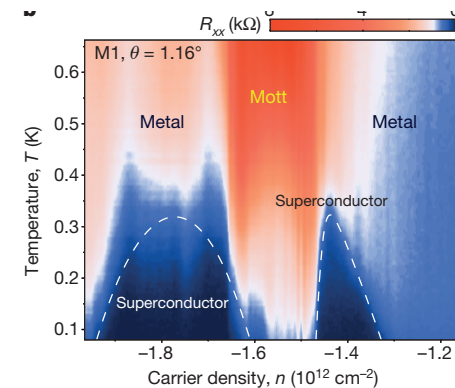
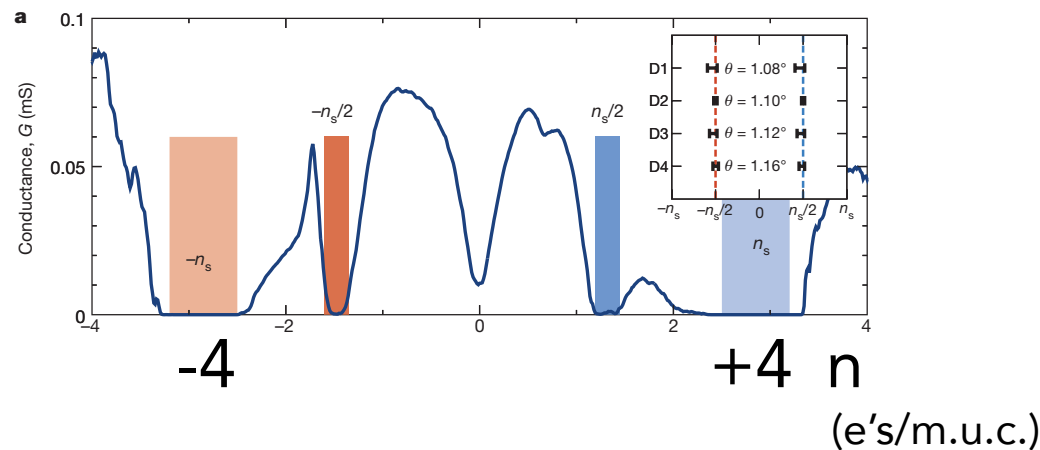
narrow band = small kinetic energy

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Correlation effects

- A quantum correlated electron simulator
- Tunable electron density
- Tunable correlation
- (Somewhat) Tunable topology
- 1/100 energy scale of usual solids



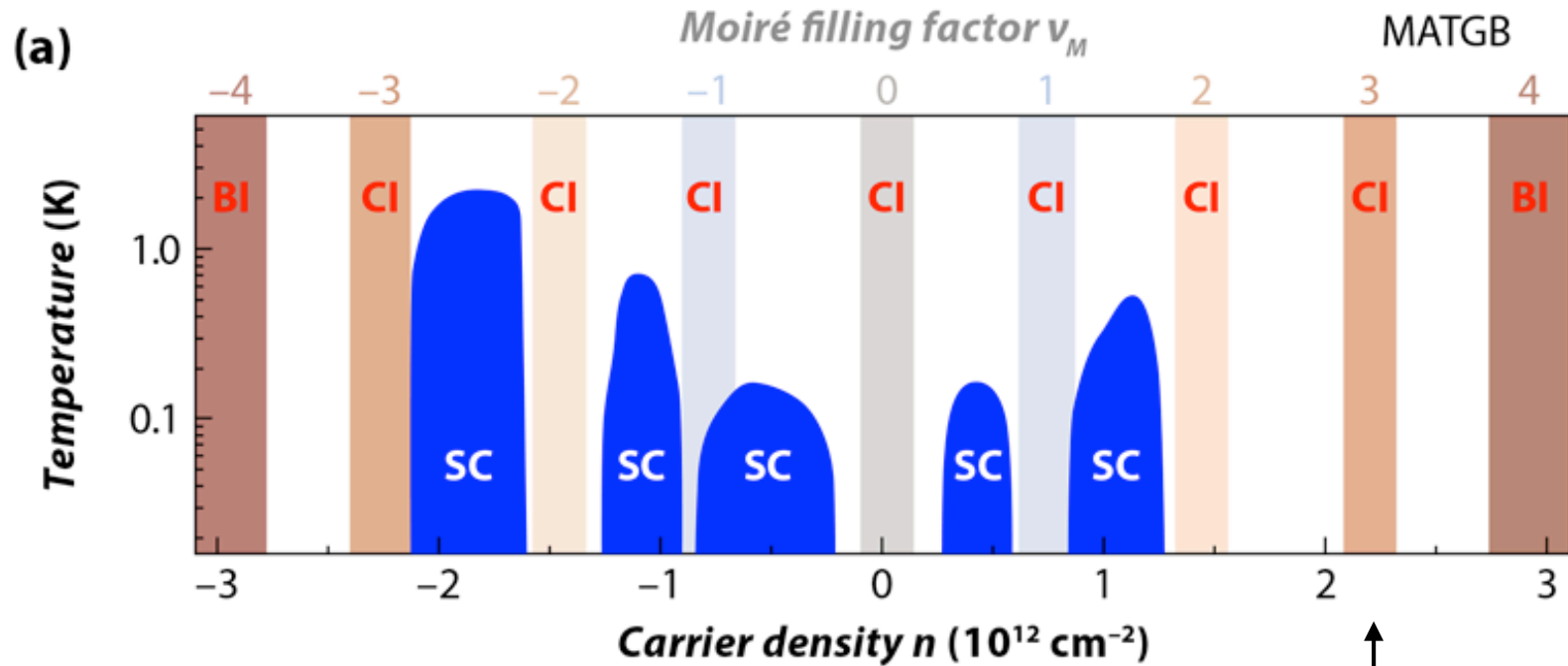
Jarillo-Herrero group

Nature 2018

2021: >300 papers on arXiv

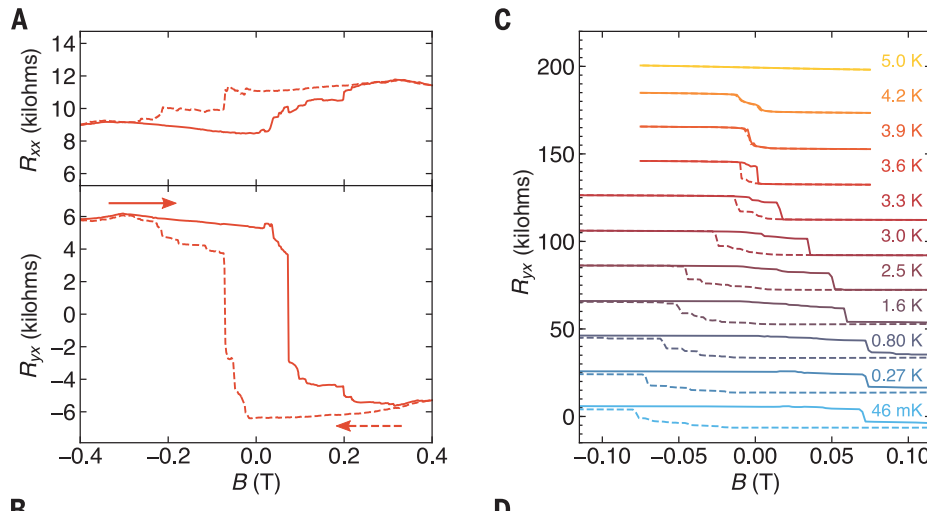
Correlation effects

from A. Macdonald, Physics today

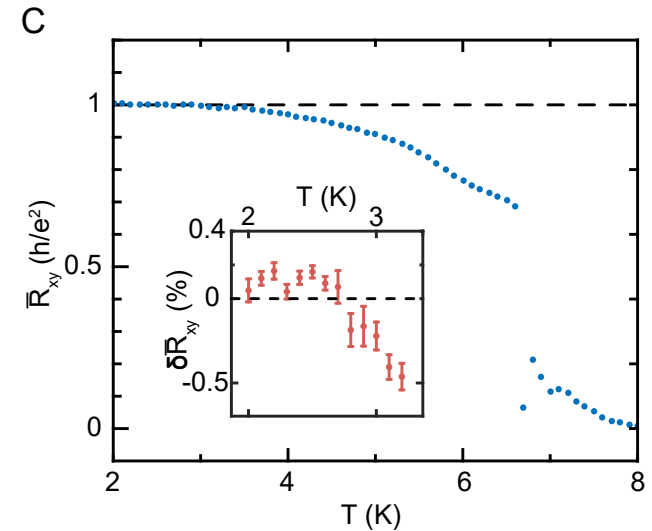
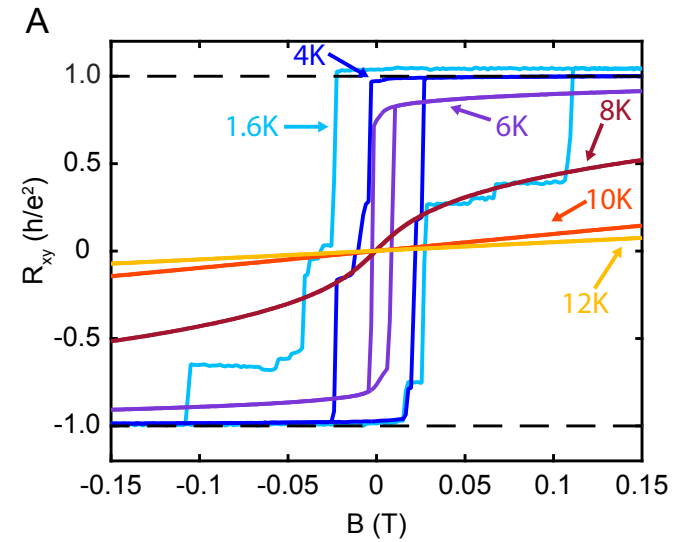


Today: magnetism

Ferromagnetism in TBG



A. Sharpe et al, 2019



M. Serlin et al, 2019

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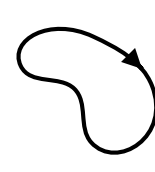
Berry phase and curvature

- Hamiltonian depending on parameters

$$H = H(\{\lambda_i\})$$

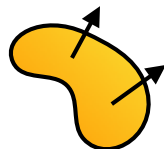
- Under adiabatic evolution $\lambda_i = \lambda_i(t)$

- Wavefunction accumulates a geometric (Berry) phase over a closed loop


$$\gamma = i \oint d\lambda_i \langle \psi | \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_i} | \psi \rangle \quad \sim \text{Aharonov-Bohm phase}$$

- Using Stokes' theorem

$$\gamma = \iint d\lambda_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \quad F_{\mu\nu} = i (\langle \partial_\mu \psi | \partial_\nu \psi \rangle - \langle \partial_\nu \psi | \partial_\mu \psi \rangle)$$



Berry curvature

\sim magnetic field

Berry curvature in 2d solids

- Hamiltonian depends on k_x, k_y

$$\Omega = i \left(\langle \partial_{k_x} \psi | \partial_{k_y} \psi \rangle - \langle \partial_{k_y} \psi | \partial_{k_x} \psi \rangle \right)$$

- Controls several physical effects

- Hall conductivity $\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_n \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \Omega_n(\mathbf{k}) f(\epsilon_n(\mathbf{k}))$

- Orbital magnetic moment $m_n^z(\mathbf{k}) \sim e \Omega_n(\mathbf{k})$

- $T=0$, insulator: quantization

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{n \text{ occupied}} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \Omega_n(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{n \text{ occupied}} C_n$$

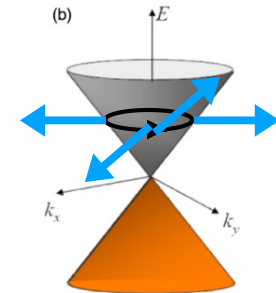
Chern number
= integer

Dirac and topology

- Dirac electrons are topological

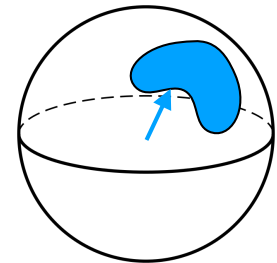
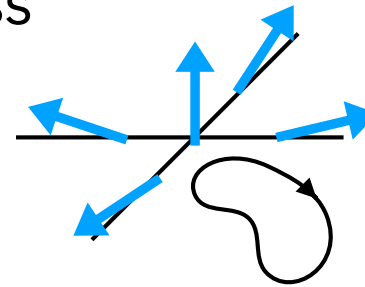
$$H_K = v \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\gamma = \pm\pi$$



- When symmetry relating the two sublattices is broken, the Dirac fermions acquire a "mass"

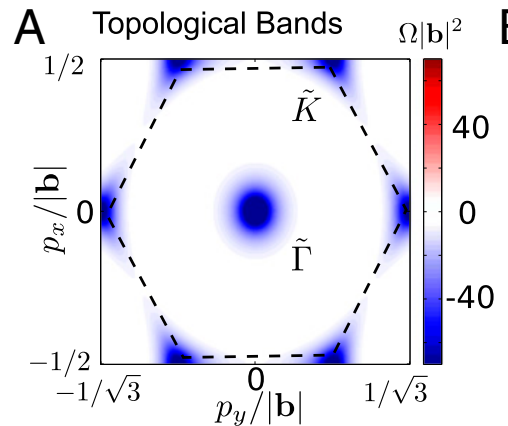
$$H_K \rightarrow v \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + m\sigma^z$$



- Berry curvature = $1/2$ (area swept on sphere/unit area in k space). Large near Dirac points.

Moiré Chern bands

- Small coupling to aligned hBN substrate readily creates such Berry curvature



Topological Bloch bands in graphene superlattices

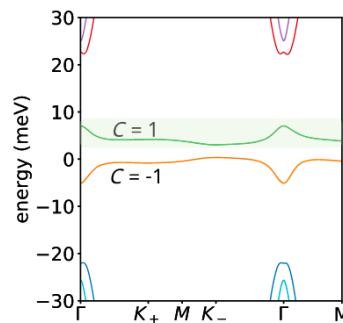
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- The flat moiré bands then become Chern bands

e.g.



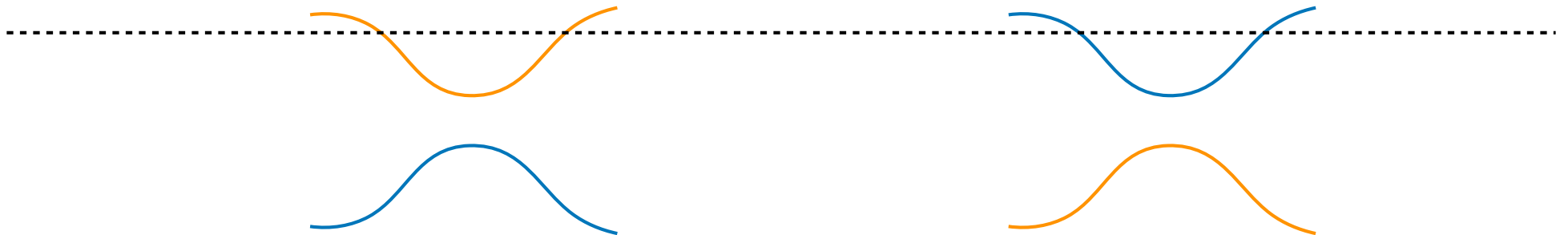
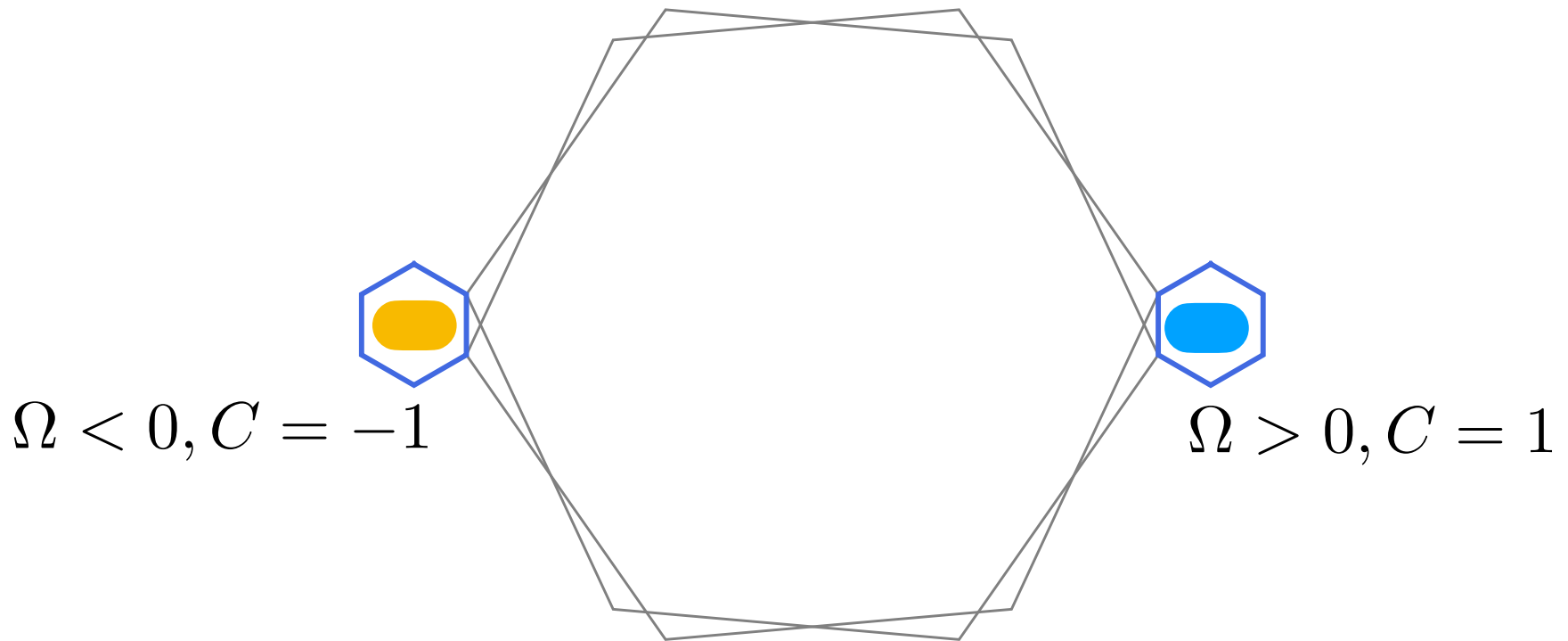
N. Bultinck et al, 2020

States in each valley carry Hall current and large orbital magnetic moment

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Valley Chern number

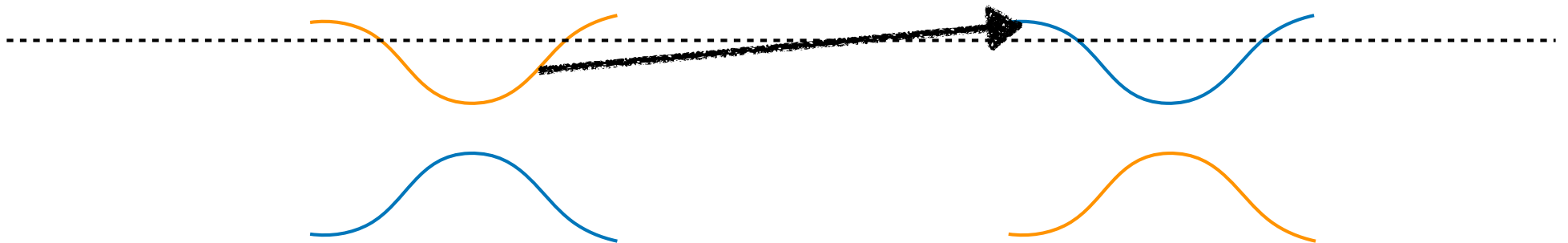


Stoner ferromagnetism

- Coulomb repulsion favors polarization of spin and valley, at cost of kinetic (band) energy

Due to narrow magic angle bands, Coulomb wins

$$H_{\text{int}} = \sum_{a < b} U_{ab} n_a n_b \quad (a = \text{spin} + \text{valley})$$

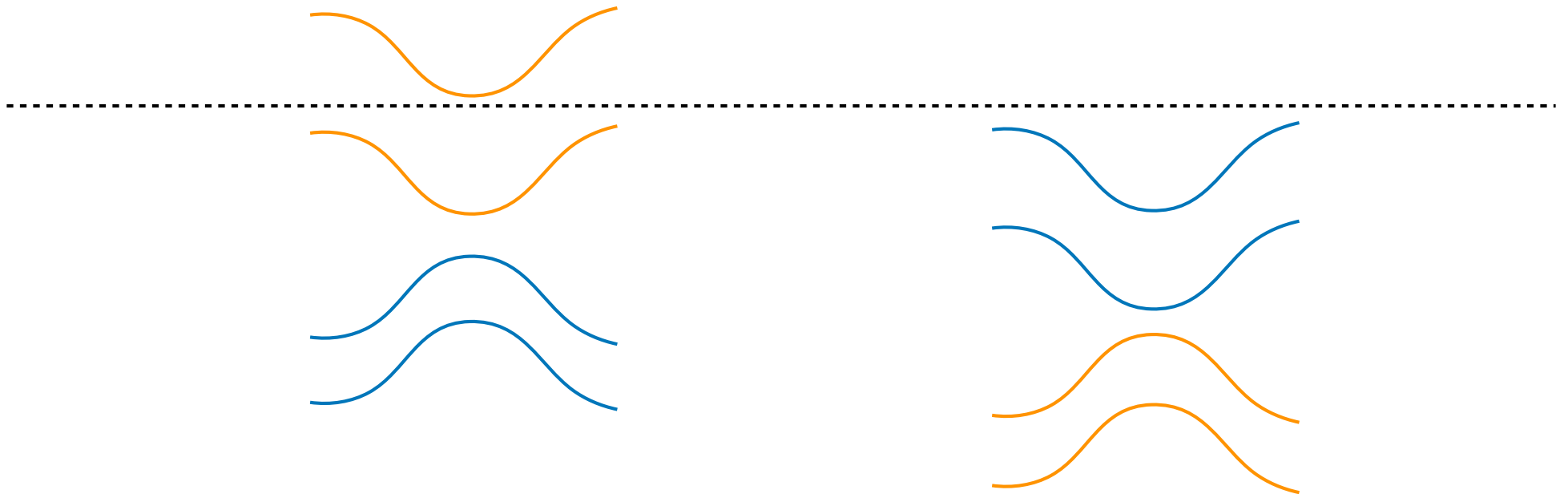


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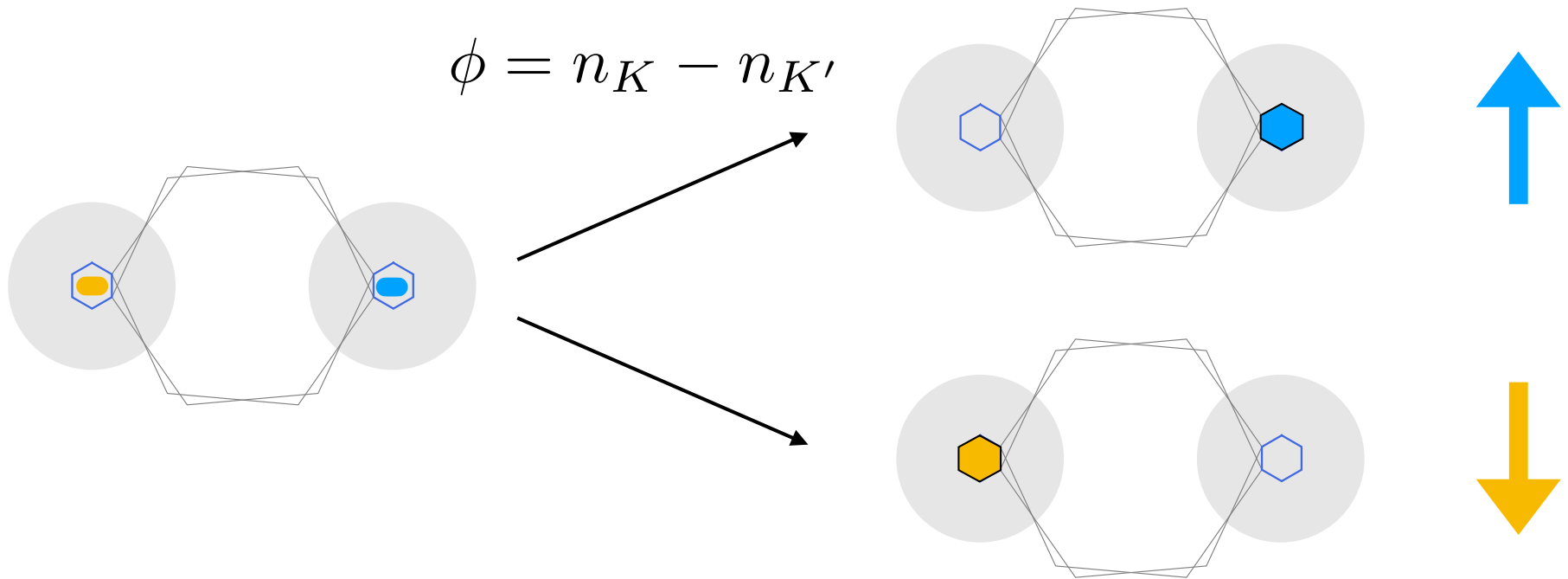
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(a=spin+valley)



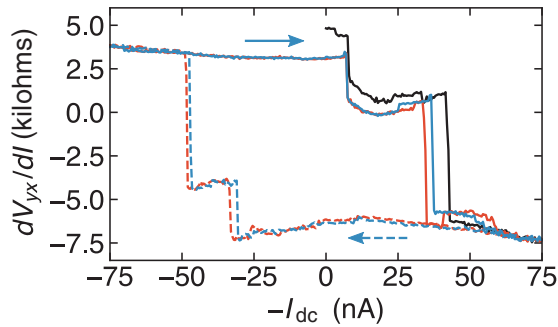
Valley ferromagnetism

- Recall Mermin-Wagner: is 2d ordering possible?
A1: ordering of the *valley* is possible, because this is an *Ising* symmetry breaking ✓

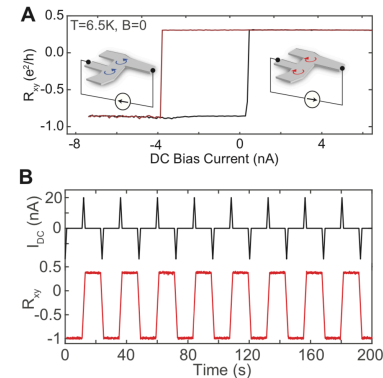


A2: We expect no additional transition associated with spin ✓

Current control

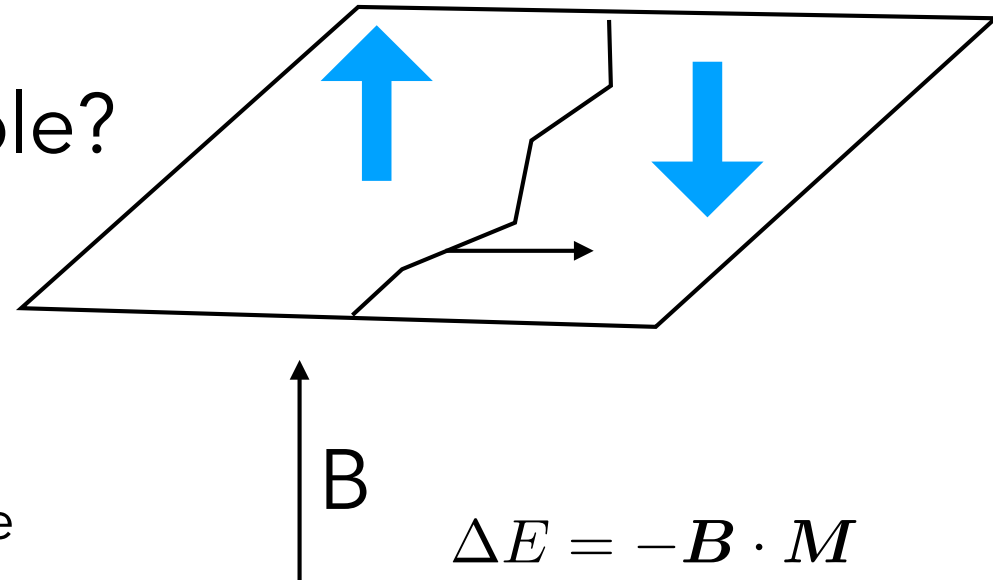


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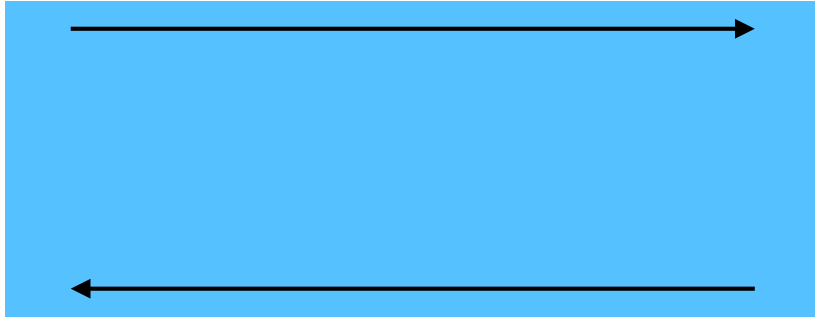
How does the current couple?



For magnetic fields it is simple

$$\Delta E = -\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{M}$$

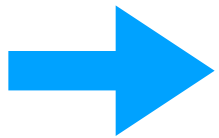
Quantized regime



$$\rho_{xx} \ll \rho_{xy}$$

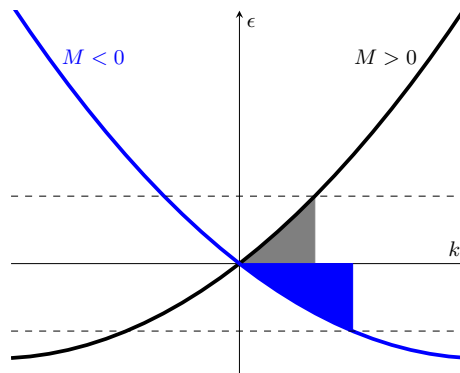
- no dissipation, only edge state transport
- Charge of each edge is separately conserved

✿ Can view current-carrying state as quasi-equilibrium ensemble where current determines edge occupation



Can formulate $F(I, M)$

$$\Delta F \sim \frac{\hbar^2}{me^3 v^3} L I^3$$

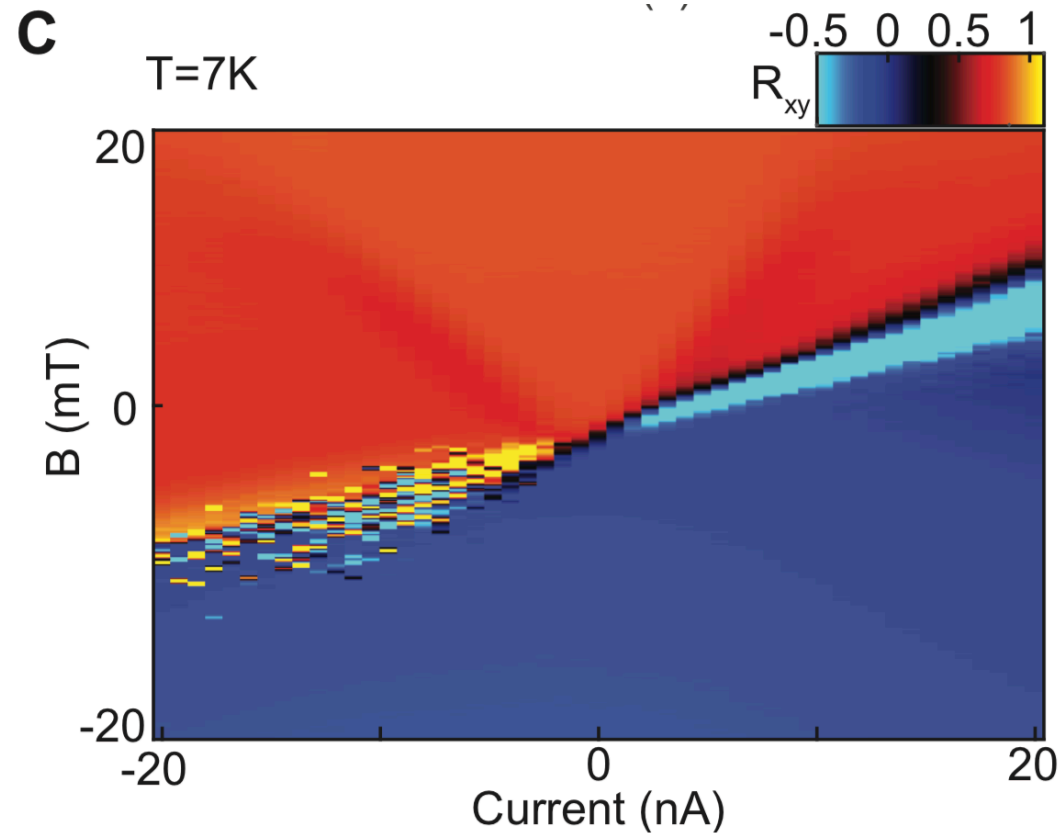


another mechanism

Current Driven Magnetization Reversal in Orbital Chern Insulators

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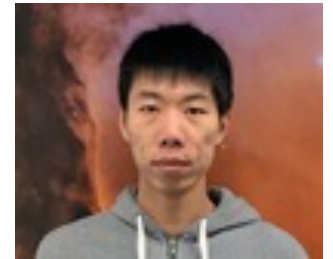
Dissipative Regime



Close to Curie temperature

Small Hall angle

Presumably no spin
polarization



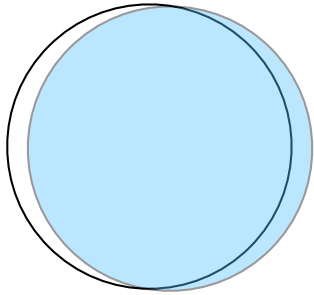
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A fully non-equilibrium problem, bulk 2d physics

Can current induce M?



Liouville theorem: semi-classical dynamics preserves phase space volume: Valley polarization is **not** induced by equations of motion

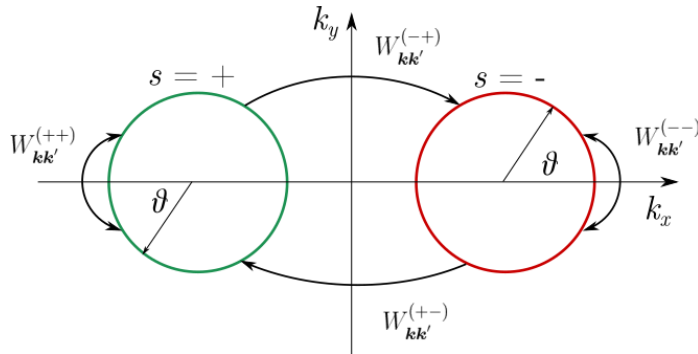
$$\partial_t f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)} + \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)} + e \mathbf{E} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)} = \sum_{s'=\pm} \int d\Gamma' W_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}^{(ss')} \left(f_{\mathbf{k}'}^{(s')} - f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)} \right) \delta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}^{(s')} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)})$$

In relaxation time approximation:

$$\mathbf{M} = \alpha \mathbf{E} \sim \tau \mathbf{E} \sim \mathbf{j}$$

$\phi = 0$ Valley polarization is primary order parameter, but not induced by ME mechanism (not in equilibrium)

Inter-valley motion

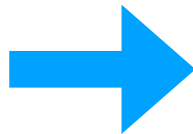


anisotropic scattering between valleys can induce polarization

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e.g.

$$W_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}^{(-+)} = W_{\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{k}}^{(+-)} = \frac{1}{\nu\tau'} (1 + a_1 \cos \theta_{\mathbf{k}} + b_1 \sin \theta_{\mathbf{k}} + a'_1 \cos \theta_{\mathbf{k}'} + b'_1 \sin \theta_{\mathbf{k}'})$$



$$\Delta n_0 = n^{(+)} - n^{(-)} = \frac{1}{2} \nu v_F \tau [eE_x (a_1 + a'_1) + eE_y (b_1 + b'_1)] \propto \frac{\tau}{\tau'}$$

$$\Delta n_0 = \frac{1}{2h\nu_F} \frac{h}{e^2} [ej_x (a_1 + a'_1) + ej_y (b_1 + b'_1)]$$

local k-space shift induces valley population shift through scattering

Result

Very rough estimates $\Delta n_0 \simeq \frac{1}{ev_F} \mathbf{j} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_\epsilon \propto \frac{\epsilon}{\theta_w} \frac{1}{\hbar v_F} \frac{\hbar}{e^2} e \mathbf{j}$

This is the “bare” response just from quasiparticle physics. Should be included in a TDGL-like formulation as a force, to take into account both quasiparticle physics and interactions.

This gives $\alpha_4 \phi^3 + (r - r_c) \phi = \alpha_0 \Delta n_0$
describes hysteresis etc.

Quantitative estimates consistent with the observed effect

X. Ying, M. Ye, LB, PRB, (2021)

Thanks



Exciting new opportunities to study truly 2d magnetism in Van der Waals moiré materials

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