



3D Dirac semimetals - Probing the Fermi surface with quantum oscillations

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Dirac dispersion in 3D

• 2D – graphene: $\widehat{H}(\vec{k}) = v(k_x\sigma_x + k_y\sigma_y) \longrightarrow \text{SOC} \sim \sigma_z \text{ opens a gap.}$

• 3D:
$$\widehat{H}(\vec{k}) = v_{ij}k_i\sigma_j$$
, $j = x, y(z) \rightarrow \text{Robust against perturbations!}$

 Interesting properties: fundamental physics, large LMR, high mobility, transport...

3D Dirac semimetals

• Two classes of 3D Dirac semimetals:



SOC – spin orbit coupling

Quantum oscillations

• Electrons in strong B-field → Landau levels



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$$E_{\pm}(N) = \pm \sqrt{(2e\hbar v_f^2 B/c)N}$$

Periodic behaviour of DOS.

Oscillations of physical quantities with 1/B!

Magnetization → dHvA Conductivity (resistivity) → SdH Seebeck coefficient Heat capacity

Quantum oscillations



• Lifshitz-Kosevich theory (3D):

$$\Delta M = AR_T R_D R_s \sin\left[2\pi\left(\frac{F}{B} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} + \beta\right)\right]$$
$$\Delta \sigma_{xx} = AR_T R_D R_s \cos\left[2\pi\left(\frac{F}{B} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} + \beta\right)\right]$$

 $_{\pi} 2\pi\beta = \gamma$ (Berry phase)

For Dirac fermions $\gamma = \pi$.



Materials

• Some of successfuly synthesized materials in our group:





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BiSbTeSe<sub>2</sub>
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 $Pb_{0.83}Sn_{0.17}Se$







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 In Pb_{1-x}Sn_xSe increasing x leads to NI-TCI transition. In Pb_{0.83}Sn_{0.17}Se band gap closes → Dirac point.







Pb_{0.83}Sn_{0.17}Se

Landau level diagram



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- Intrinsic Dirac semimetal
- A pair of Dirac points in direction of rotational symmetry axis.



 Cd_3As_2



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Questions?



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