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#### GAPLESS TOPOLOGICAL MATTER AND FLAT BANDS

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# **Gapless topological matter and flat bands**

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- **1.** Gapless & gapped topological media as momentum-space topological objects
- **2.** Fermi surface as topological object
- **3.** Fermi points in 3D (Weyl, Majorana & Dirac points)
  - \* superfluid 3He-A, topological semimetals,
    - vacuum of Standard Model of particle physics in massless phase
  - \* QED, QCD and gravity as emergent phenomena; quantum vacuum as 4D graphene
- **4.** From Weyl point to fully gapped 2D topological media
  - \* 3He-A film, 2D topological insulators, chiral superconductors
  - \* bulk-surface correspondence, edge states
  - \* 1D flat band in the vortex core and Fermi-arc on the surface of Weyl system
- **5.** Dirac points in 2D & nodal lines in 3D
  - \* topological semimetals, cuprate superconductors, graphene, graphite
  - \* exotic fermions: quadratic, cubic & quartic dispersion; 2D flat band
  - \* towards room-temperature superconductivity
- **6.** Fully gapped 3D topological media
  - superfluid 3He-B, 3D topological insulators, chiral superconductors, \*
    - vacuum of Standard Model of particle physics in present massive phase edge states & Majorana fermions in the vortex core

Lev Landau

I think it is safe to say that no one understands **Quantum Mechanics** 

Richard Feynman

**Thermodynamics** is the only physical theory of universal content

Albert Einstein

**Symmetry:** conservation laws, translational invariance, spontaneously broken symmetry, Grand Unification, ...



effective theories of quantum liquids: two-fluid hydrodynamics of superfluid <sup>4</sup>He & Fermi liquid theory of liquid <sup>3</sup>He

**Topology:** you can't comb the hair on a ball smooth, anti-Grand-Unification





Weyl point: hedgehog in **p**-space



flat band: half-quantum vortex in **p**-space



Fermi arc: Dirac string in **p**-space (vortex in **p**-space terminating on monopole)

#### classes of topological matter in terms of momentum-space objects

# **bulk-surface correspondence**

2D Quantum Hall insulator

3D topological insulator

superfluid 3He-B

superfluid 3He-A

graphene

semimetal with Fermi lines

chiral edge states

Dirac fermions on surface

Majorana fermions on surface

Fermi arc on surface

1D flat band on the surface

2D flat band on the surface

**bulk-vortex correspondence** 

superfluid 3He-A

dispersionless zero mode in the core

# 2. Effective theory of vacuum with Fermi surface

analog of

**Fermi surface** 



### two major universality classes of gapless fermionic vacua



# **Route to Landau Fermi-liquid**

\* Fermi surface is robust to interaction: winding number N=1 cannot change continuously, interaction cannot destroy singularity

\* Typical singularity: Migdal jump



\* Other types of singularity: Luttinger Fermi liquid, marginal Fermi liquid, pseudo-gap ...

$$G(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{Z(p, \omega)}{i\omega - \varepsilon(p)}$$

$$Z(p,\omega)=(\omega^2+\varepsilon^2(p))^\gamma$$

- \* Zeroes in Green's function instead of poles ( for  $\gamma > 1/2$ ) have the same winding number N=1
- \* Fermi surface in superconductors Gubankova-Schmitt-Wilczek, *Phys.Rev.* **B**74 (2006) 064505





# non-topological flat bands due to interactionKhodel-Shaginyan fermion condensateJETP Lett. 51, 553 (1990)GV, JETP Lett. 53, 222 (1991)Negiores L Phys. (Er.) 2, 442 (1002)

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splitting of Fermi surface to flat band

#### Flat band as momentum-space dark soliton terminated by half-quantum vortices



phase of Green's function changes by  $\pi$  across the "dark soliton"

# Weyl points: superfluid <sup>3</sup>He-A, Standard Model, topological semimetals



magnetic hedgehog vs Weyl point

 $H = + c \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p}$ right-handed Weyl electron = hedgehog in **p**-space with spines = spins



**Topological invariant for right-handed and left-handed elementary particles** 

$$N_{3} = \frac{1}{8\pi} e_{ijk} \int dS^{i} \mathbf{\hat{g}} \cdot (\mathbf{\partial}^{j} \mathbf{\hat{g}} \times \mathbf{\partial}^{k} \mathbf{\hat{g}})$$
  
over 2D surface  
around Fermi point



#### **Chiral Weyl fermions in Standard Model**

Family #1 of quarks and leptons



## From massless Weyl particles to massive Dirac particles



# Weyl fermions in 3+1 gapless topological cond-mat

topologically protected Weyl points in: topological semi-metal (Abrikosov-Beneslavskii 1971), <sup>3</sup>He-A (1982), triplet Fermi gases Gap node - Weyl point (anti-hedgehog)  $N_3 = -1$ E $N_3 = \frac{1}{8\pi} e_{ijk} \int d\mathbf{S}^k \ \hat{\mathbf{g}} \cdot (\partial_{p_i} \, \hat{\mathbf{g}} \times \partial_{p_j} \, \hat{\mathbf{g}})$ over 2D surface S  $p_{y}(p_{z})$ in 3D p-space  $p_{x}$  $N_3 = 1$  $p^2 = p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2$ Gap node - Weyl point (hedgehog)  $H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^{-}}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + ip_y) \\ c(p_x - ip_y) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_3(\mathbf{p}) & g_1(\mathbf{p}) + i g_2(\mathbf{p}) \\ g_1(\mathbf{p}) - i g_2(\mathbf{p}) & -g_3(\mathbf{p}) \end{pmatrix}$ 

# emergence of relativistic QFT near Fermi (Dirac) point

original non-relativistic Hamiltonian

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + ip_y) \\ c(p_x - ip_y) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_3(\mathbf{p}) & g_1(\mathbf{p}) + i g_2(\mathbf{p}) \\ g_1(\mathbf{p}) - i g_2(\mathbf{p}) & -g_3(\mathbf{p}) \end{pmatrix} = \tau \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{p})$$
close to nodes, i.e. in low-energy corner relativistic chiral fermions emerge
$$H = N_3 c \tau \cdot \mathbf{p}$$

$$E = \pm cp$$

$$K_3 = 1$$

$$K$$

#### Landau theory of Fermi liquid **Standard Model + gravity** collective Bose modes: Fermi propagating surface Fermi oscillation of position point of Fermi point $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{p} - e\mathbf{A}$ form effective dynamic collective Bose modes electromagnetic field of fermionic vacuum: propagating oscillation of shape propagating of Fermi surface oscillation of slopes $E^2 = c^2 p^2 \rightarrow g^{ik} p_i p_k$ form effective dynamic gravity field Landau, ZhETF **32**, 59 (1957)

bosonic collective modes in two generic fermionic vacua

two generic quantum field theories of interacting bosonic & fermionic fields

### relativistic quantum fields & gravity emerging near Weyl point

Atiyah-Bott-Shapiro construction: linear expansion of Hamiltonian near the nodes in terms of Dirac  $\Gamma$ -matrices  $E = v_F (p - p_F) \quad \text{emergent relativity} \quad H = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near Fermi surface  $I = v_F (p - p_F) \quad \text{emergent relativity} \quad H = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near Weyl point  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near Weyl point  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near Weyl point  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near Weyl point  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k \Gamma^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^k P^a \cdot (p_k - p_k^0)$ linear expansion near  $I = e_a{}^$ 



crossover from Landau 2-fluid hydrodynamics to Einstein general relativity they represent two different limits of hydrodynamic type equations

> equations for  $g^{\mu\nu}$  depend on hierarchy of ultraviolet cut-off's: Planck energy scale  $E_{\text{Planck}}$  vs Lorentz violating scale  $E_{\text{Lorentz}}$



 $\begin{array}{c} & E_{\text{Planck}} >> E_{\text{Lorentz}} \\ & \text{emergent Landau} \\ & \text{two-fluid hydrodynamics} \end{array}$ 

 $E_{\rm Planck} << E_{\rm Lorentz}$ 

emergent general covariance & general relativity



<sup>3</sup>He-A with Fermi point

$$E_{\text{Lorentz}} \iff E_{\text{Planck}}$$
  
 $E_{\text{Lorentz}} \sim 10^{-3} E_{\text{Planck}}$ 

Universe

 $E_{\text{Lorentz}} >> E_{\text{Planck}}$  $E_{\text{Lorentz}} > 10^9 E_{\text{Planck}}$ 

# quantum vacuum as crystal

## 4D graphene Michael Creutz JHEP 04 (2008) 017







- Fermi (Dirac) points with  $N_3 = +1$
- Fermi (Dirac) points with  $N_3 = -1$

# 4. From Fermi point to intrinsic QHE & topological insulators

$$N_{3} = \frac{1}{8\pi} e_{ijk} \int dS^{k} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \cdot (\partial_{p_{i}} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \times \partial_{p_{j}} \hat{\mathbf{g}})$$
  
over 2D surface S  
in 3D momentum space  
  
3+1vacuum with Fermi point  
  
dimensional reduction  
  
Fully gapped 2+1 system  
  
$$\widetilde{N}_{3} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int dp_{x} dp_{y} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \cdot (\partial_{p_{x}} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \times \partial_{p_{y}} \hat{\mathbf{g}})$$
  
skyrmion  
in p-space

over the whole 2D momentum space or over 2D Brillouin zone

# From Weyl point to quantum Hall topological insulators



# topological insulators & gapped superconductors in 2+1

topological insulator = bulk insulator with topologically protected gapless states on the boundary topological gapped superconductor = superconductor with gap in bulk but with topologically protected gapless states on the boundary

*p*-wave 2D superconductor (Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> ?), <sup>3</sup>He-A thin film, CdTe/HgTe/Cd insulator quantum well, planar phase of 2D triplet superfluid

generic example: 
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + ip_y) \\ c(p_x - ip_y) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix} \qquad p^2 = p_x^2 + p_y^2$$

fully gapped for  $\mu \neq 0$ 

#### **Topological invariant in momentum space**

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + ip_y) \\ c(p_x - ip_y) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix} \qquad H = \begin{pmatrix} g_3(\mathbf{p}) & g_1(\mathbf{p}) + i g_2(\mathbf{p}) \\ g_1(\mathbf{p}) - i g_2(\mathbf{p}) & -g_3(\mathbf{p}) \end{pmatrix} = \tau \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{p})$$
$$p^2 = p_x^2 + p_y^2 \qquad \qquad \text{fully gapped 2D state at } \mu \neq 0$$
$$\tilde{N}_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2 \mathbf{p} \ \hat{\mathbf{g}} \cdot (\partial_{p_x} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \times \partial_{p_y} \hat{\mathbf{g}}) \qquad \qquad \text{GV, JETP 67, 1804 (1988)}$$

#### **Skyrmion** (coreless vortex) in momentum space at $\mu > 0$





# quantum phase transition: from topological to non-topologicval insulator/superconductor

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + ip_y) \\ c(p_x - ip_y) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_3(\mathbf{p}) & g_1(\mathbf{p}) + i g_2(\mathbf{p}) \\ g_1(\mathbf{p}) - i g_2(\mathbf{p}) & -g_3(\mathbf{p}) \end{pmatrix} = \tau \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{p})$$
  
**Fopological invariant in momentum space**  

$$\widetilde{N}_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2 \mathbf{p} \ \hat{\mathbf{g}} \cdot (\partial_{p_x} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \times \partial_{p_y} \hat{\mathbf{g}})$$
trivial insulator  

$$\widetilde{N}_3 = 0$$
trivial insulator  

$$\widetilde{N}_3 = 0$$

$$\mu = 0$$
quantum phase transition

 $\Delta \widetilde{N}_3 \neq 0$  is origin of fermion zero modes at the interface between states with different  $\widetilde{N}_3$  *p*-space invariant in terms of Green's function & topological QPT



## topological quantum phase transitions

transitions between ground states (vacua) of the same symmetry, but different topology in momentum space

example: QPT between gapless & gapped matter

QPT interrupted by thermodynamic transitions



other topological QPT: Lifshitz transition, transtion between topological and nontopological superfluids, plateau transitions, confinement-deconfinement transition, ...



interface between two 2+1 topological insulators or gapped superfluids



\* domain wall in 2D chiral superconductors:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + i p_y \tanh x) \\ c(p_x - i p_y \tanh x) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix}$$



Edge states at interface between two 2+1 topological insulators or gapped superfluids



Index theorem: number of fermion zero modes at interface:  $v = N_{+} - N_{-}$ 

#### **Edge states and currents**



current 
$$J_y = J_{\text{left}} + J_{\text{right}} = 0$$

#### **Intrinsic quantum Hall effect & momentum-space invariant**



## general Chern-Simons terms & momentum-space invariant

(interplay of *r*-space and *p*-space topologies)

$$S_{CS} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \tilde{N}_{3IJ} e^{\mu\nu\lambda} \int d^2x \, dt \, A_{\mu}^{\ I} F_{\nu\lambda}^{\ J}$$
  
*r*-space invariant  
*p*-space invariant protected by symmetry  

$$\tilde{N}_{3IJ} = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} e^{\mu\nu\lambda} tr \left[ \int d^2p \, d\omega \, K_I \, K_J \, G \, \partial^{\mu} \, G^{-1} \, G \, \partial^{\nu} \, G^{-1} G \, \partial^{\lambda} \, G^{-1} \right]$$

$$K_I - charge interacting with gauge field  $A_{\mu}^{\ I}$   

$$K = e \quad \text{for electromagnetic field } A_{\mu}$$
  

$$K = \overset{\wedge}{\sigma}_Z \quad \text{for effective spin-rotation field } A_{\mu}^{\ Z} \quad (A_0^{\ Z} = \gamma H^{\ Z})$$
  

$$id/dt - \gamma \overset{\wedge}{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{H} = id/dt - \overset{\wedge}{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{A}_0$$
  
applied Pauli magnetic field plays the role of components of effective SU(2) gauge field  $A_{\mu}^{\ I}$$$

Intrinsic spin-current quantum Hall effect & momentum-space invariant

spin current 
$$J_x^z = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\gamma N_{ss} dH^z/dy + N_{se} E_y)$$
  
spin-spin QHE spin-charge QHE

2D singlet superconductor:

$$\sigma_{xy}^{\text{spin/spin}} = \frac{N_{\text{ss}}}{4\pi} \begin{cases} s \text{-wave:} & N_{\text{ss}} = 0\\ p_x + ip_y; & N_{\text{ss}} = 2\\ d_{xx-yy} + id_{xy}; & N_{\text{ss}} = 4 \end{cases}$$

film of planar phase of superfluid <sup>3</sup>He



GV & Yakovenko J. Phys. CM **1**, 5263 (1989) planar phase film of 3He & 2D topological insulator

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + i p_y \sigma_z) \\ c(p_x - i p_y \sigma_z) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\widetilde{N}_{3} = \frac{1}{24\pi^{2}} e_{\mu\nu\lambda} \operatorname{tr} \left[ \int d^{2}p \ d\omega \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial^{\mu} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial^{\nu} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \ \partial^{\lambda} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \right] = 0$$

$$\widetilde{N}_{se} = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} e_{\mu\nu\lambda} \operatorname{tr} \left[ \int d^2 p \ d\omega \ \sigma_z \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial^{\mu} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial^{\nu} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \ \partial^{\lambda} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \right]$$

$$\tilde{N}_3 = +1$$
  $\tilde{N}_3 = -1$   
 $\tilde{N}_3 = \tilde{N}_3^+ + \tilde{N}_3^- = 0$   $\tilde{N}_{se} = \tilde{N}_3^+ - \tilde{N}_3^- = 2$ 

#### spin quantum Hall effect

 $N_{\rm se}$ 

 $4\pi$ 

 $N_{\rm se} = 2$ 

spin/charge

ху

spin current 
$$J_x^z = \frac{1}{4\pi} N_{se} E_y$$
 spin-charge QHE

GV & Yakovenko J. Phys. CM **1**, 5263 (1989)


## From Weyl point to quantum Hall topological insulators









#### Fermi arc:

Fermi surface separates positive and negative energies, but has boundaries



Fermi surface of localized states is terminated by projections of Weyl points when localized states merge with

continuous spectrum

L spectrum of edge states on left wall



**R** spectrum of edge states on right wall

### **3D matter with Weyl points: Topologically protected flat band in vortex core**



#### **Topologically protected flat band in vortex core of superfluids with Weyl points**



topology of graphene nodes

$$N = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \operatorname{tr} \left[ \mathbf{K} \oint dl \, \mathbf{H}^{-1} \, \partial_l \, \mathbf{H} \right]$$

**K** - symmetry operator, commuting or anti-commuting with **H** 

close to nodes:

$$\mathbf{H}_{N=+1} = \tau_{x}p_{x} + \tau_{y}p_{y}$$
$$\mathbf{H}_{N=-1} = \tau_{x}p_{x} - \tau_{y}p_{y}$$
$$\mathbf{K} = \tau_{z}$$



 $E/\gamma_0$ 

 $k_x/a$ 

exotic fermions: massless fermions with quardatic dispersion semi-Dirac fermions fermions with cubic and quartic dispersion

bilayer graphene double cuprate layer surface of top. insulator neutrino physics



Dirac fermions

massive fermions

massless fermions with quadratic dispersion

### multiple Fermi point

T. Heikkilä & GV arXiv:1010.0393



what kind of induced gravity emerges near degenerate Fermi point?

route to topological flat band on the surface of 3D material

# Flat bands in topological matter



flat band: half-quantum vortex in **p**-space

nodal spiral in multilayered graphene generates flat band with zero energy in the top and bottom layers

nodes in graphene generate flat band on zigzag edge nodal lines in cuprate superconductors generate flat band on side surface formation of nodal spiral in bulk (together with flat band on the surface) by stacking of graphene layers



**Emergence of nodal line from gapped branches by stacking graphene layers** 



 $p_x$ 

#### Nodal spiral generates flat band on the surface

projection of spiral on the surface determines boundary of flat band



$$N_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \operatorname{tr} \left[ \mathbf{K} \oint_{\mathbf{C}} dl \, \mathbf{H}^{-1} \, \partial_l \, \mathbf{H} \right]$$

at each  $(p_x, p_y)$  except the boundary of circle one has 1D gapped state (insulator)

 $N_{\text{outside}} = 0$  trivial 1D insulator

 $N_{\text{inside}} = 1$  topological 1D insulator

at each  $(p_x, p_y)$  inside the circle one has 1D gapless edge state this is flat band

#### Nodal spiral generates flat band on the surface

projection of nodal spiral on the surface determines boundary of flat band

lowest energy states: surface states form the flat band energy spectrum in bulk (projection to  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$  plane)



# Helicity of nodal spiral



#### **Spiral in rhombohedral graphite (McClure 1969)**





Fig. 2. The Fermi surface of rhombohedral graphite. The surface is centered on one of the six vertical zone edges. The widths of the surfaces have been magnified by more than an order of magnitude.

Fig. 1. The crystal lattice of rhombohedral graphite. The numbering of the groups of neighbors of the central A atom is explained in the text.

#### Gapless topological matter with protected flat band on surface or in vortex core



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flat band in soliton

$$H = \tau_3 (p_x^2 + p_z^2 - p_F^2)/2m + \tau_1 c(z)p_z$$
  
nodes at  $p_z = 0$  and  $p_x^2 = p_F^2$ 

$$N = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \mathbf{K} \oint dl \mathbf{H}^{-1} \partial_l \mathbf{H} \right]$$



Flat band on the graphene edge



### Surface superconductivity in topological semimetals: route to room temperature superconductivity



### **Extremely high DOS of flat band gives high transition temperature:**

normal superconductors: exponentially suppressed transition temperature

$$T_{c} = T_{F} \exp(-1/gv)$$
  
interaction DOS

$$1 = g \int \frac{d^2 p}{2h^2} \frac{1}{E(p)}$$

"Recent studies of the correlations between the internal microstructure of the samples and the transport properties suggest that superconductivity might be localized at the interfaces between crystalline graphite regions of different orientations, running parallel to the graphene planes." PRB. 78, 134516 (2008)

flat band superconductivity: linear dependence of  $T_c$  on coupling g



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Stripes of increased diamagnetic susceptibility in underdoped superconducting  $Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$ single crystals: Evidence for an enhanced superfluid density at twin boundaries

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Kathryn Moler: possible 2D superconductivityof twin boundaries



FIG. 1. (Color online) Local susceptibility image in underdoped Ba(Fe<sub>1-x</sub>Co<sub>x</sub>)<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>, indicating increased diamagnetic shielding on twin boundaries. (a) Local diamagnetic susceptibility, at T=17 K, of the *ab* face of sample UD1 (x=0.051 and  $T_c=18.25$  K), showing stripes of enhanced diamagnetic response (white). In addition there is a mottled background associated with local  $T_c$  variations that becomes more pronounced as  $T \rightarrow T_c$ . Overlay: sketch of the scanning SQUID's sensor. The size of the pickup loop sets the spatial resolution of the susceptibility images. [(b) and (c)] Images of the same region at (b) T=17.5 K and (c) at T=18.5 K show that the stripes disappear above  $T_c$ . A topographic feature (scratch) appears in (b) and (c).

### relativistic quantum fields and gravity emerging near Weyl point

Atiyah-Bott-Shapiro construction:

linear expansion of Hamiltonian near the nodes in terms of Dirac  $\Gamma$ -matrices



# **Fermions in 2+1 bylayer graphene**

single layer

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_x + ip_y \\ p_x - ip_y & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_x p_x + \sigma_y p_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\mathbf{e}_1(\mathbf{p}) + i \mathbf{e}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{A}) \\ (\mathbf{e}_1(\mathbf{p}) - i \mathbf{e}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{A}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

double layer

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (p_x + ip_y)^2 \\ (p_x - ip_y)^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [(\mathbf{e}_1(\mathbf{p}) + i \, \mathbf{e}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{A})]^2 \\ [(\mathbf{e}_1(\mathbf{p}) - i \, \mathbf{e}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{A})]^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

anisotropic scaling: x = b x',  $t = b^2 t'$ 

### 2+1 anisotropic QED emerging in bylayer graphene

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (p_x + ip_y)^2 \\ (p_x - ip_y)^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [(\mathbf{e}_1(\mathbf{p}) + i \, \mathbf{e}_2)(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{A})]^2 \\ [(\mathbf{e}_1(\mathbf{p}) - i \, \mathbf{e}_2)(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{A})]^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

anisotropic scaling: x = b x',  $t = b^2 t'$ ,  $B = b^{-2} B'$ ,  $E = b^{-3} E'$ , S = S'

$$S_{\text{QED}} = \int \frac{d^2 x \, dt}{b^2} \left( \frac{B^2 - E^{4/3}}{b^{-4}} \right)$$

### **3+1 isotropic QED emerging in Weyl semimetal**

isotropic scaling: 
$$x = b x'$$
,  $t = b t'$ ,  $B = b^{-2} B'$ ,  $E = b^{-2} E'$ ,  $S = S'$   
 $S_{\text{QED}} = \int \frac{d^3 x}{b^3} \frac{dt}{b} \left( \frac{B^2 - E^2}{b^{-4}} \right)$   
 $b^3 b b^{-4} b^{-4}$ 

2+1 isotropic QED emerging in single layer graphene

$$S_{\text{QED}} = \int d^2 x \, dt \left( B^2 - E^2 \right)^{3/4}$$
  
b<sup>2</sup> b b<sup>-3</sup>

# **3D** topological superfluids / insulators / semiconductors / vacua

gapless topologically nontrivial vacua fully gapped topologically nontrivial vacua



3He-A, Standard Model above electroweak transition, semimetals, 4D graphene (cryocrystalline vacuum)



3He-B, Standard Model below electroweak transition, topological insulators,→ triplet & singlet chiral superconductor, ...



### Present vacuum as semiconductor or insulator



electric charge of quantum vacuum  $Q = \sum_{a} q_{a} = N [-1 + 3 \times (-1/3) + 3 \times (+2/3)] = 0$ 

# fully gapped 3+1 topological matter

superfluid <sup>3</sup>He-B, topological insulator Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>, present vacuum of Standard Model

\* Standard Model vacuum as topological insulator

**Topological invariant protected by symmetry** 

$$N_{\rm K} = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} e_{\mu\nu\lambda} \operatorname{tr} \int dV \, \mathrm{K} \, \mathbf{G} \, \partial^{\mu} \, \mathbf{G}^{-1} \, \mathbf{G} \, \partial^{\nu} \, \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \, \partial^{\lambda} \, \mathbf{G}^{-1}$$

**G** is Green's function at  $\omega=0$ , K is symmetry operator **G**K =+/- K**G** 

Standard Model vacuum: 
$$K=\gamma_5$$
  $G\gamma_5 = -\gamma_5 G$   
 $N_K = 8n_g$ 



**8** massive Dirac particles in one generation

topological superfluid <sup>3</sup>He-B

H = 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m^*} - \mu & c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} & -\frac{p^2}{2m^*} + \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m^*} - \mu \end{pmatrix} \tau_3 + c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} \tau_1 & \mathbf{K} = \tau_2 \\ 1/m^* \\ \mathbf{non-topological superfluid} & \mathbf{topological } ^3\mathbf{He-B} & \mathbf{Dirac vacuum} \\ N_{\mathbf{K}} = 0 & N_{\mathbf{K}} = +1 & \mathbf{Dirac} \\ N_{\mathbf{K}} = -1 & \mathbf{Dirac} & N_{\mathbf{K}} = +1 & \mathbf{Dirac} \\ N_{\mathbf{K}} = -2 & \mathbf{Dirac} & N_{\mathbf{K}} = 0 \\ \mathbf{Dirac} & N_{\mathbf{K}} = -2 & \mathbf{Dirac} \\ \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{K}} = 0 & \mathbf{Dirac} \\ \mathbf{Dirac} & \mathbf{Dirac} \\ \mathbf{Dirac} & \mathbf{Dirac} \\ \mathbf{Dirac$$

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### Boundary of 3D gapped topological superfluid



### fermion zero modes on Dirac wall





Majorana fermions on interface in topological superfluid <sup>3</sup>He-B

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m^*} - \mu & \sigma_x c_x p_x + \sigma_y c_y p_y + \sigma_z c_z p_z \\ \sigma_x c_x p_x + \sigma_y c_y p_y + \sigma_z c_z p_z & -\frac{p^2}{2m^*} + \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N_K = -2 \qquad N_K = +2$$

$$N_K = +2 \qquad N_K = +2$$

$$N_K = +2 \qquad N_K = -2$$

$$N_K = -2 \qquad N_K = -2$$

one of 3 "speeds of light" changes sign across wall



spectrum of fermion zero modes

$$H_{zm} = c (\sigma_x p_y - \sigma_y p_x)$$

Zero energy states in the core of vortices in topological superfluids

vortices in fully gapped 3+1 system

fermion zero modes in vortex core

# Bound states of fermions on cosmic strings and vortices

Spectrum of quarks in core of electroweak cosmic string

quantum numbers: Q - angular momentum &  $p_z$  - linear momentum



 $E(p_z) = -cp_z$  for d quarks

$$E(p_z) = cp_z$$
 for u quark

#### asymmetric branches cross zero energy

**Index theorem:** 

Number of asymmetric branches = N N is vortex winding number Jackiw & Rossi Nucl. Phys. B**190**, 681 (1981)

# **Bound states of fermions on vortex in s-wave superconductor**

Caroli, de Gennes & J. Matricon, Phys. Lett. 9 (1964) 307





Angular momentum Q is half-odd integer in s-wave superconductor

**Index theorem for approximate fermion zero modes:** 

Number of asymmetric Q-branches = 2N N is vortex winding number no true fermion zero modes: no asymmetric branch as function of p<sub>Z</sub>

Index theorem for true fermion zero modes?

is the existence of fermion zero modes related to topology in bulk?

GV JETP Lett. 57, 244 (1993)

### fermions zero modes on symmetric vortex in 3He-B

topological <sup>3</sup>He-B at  $\mu > 0$ :  $N_{K} = 2$ 



Misirpashaev & GV Fermion zero modes in symmetric vortices in superfluid 3He, Physica B **210**, 338 (1995)


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# topological quantum phase transition in bulk & in vortex core



## superfluid <sup>3</sup>He-B as non-relativistic limit of relativistic triplet superconductor

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p} + \beta M - \mu_{R} & \gamma_{5}\Delta \\ \gamma_{5}\Delta & -c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p} - \beta M + \mu_{R} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\downarrow \begin{array}{c} cp < < M \\ \mu < < M \end{pmatrix}$$
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^{2}}{2m} - \mu & c_{B}\sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ c_{B}\sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} & -\frac{p^{2}}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix}$$
$$c_{B} = c \Delta / M \qquad m = M / c^{2}$$
$$(\mu + M)^{2} = \mu_{R}^{2} + \Delta^{2}$$

relativistic triplet superconductor

superfluid <sup>3</sup>He-B

### phase diagram of topological states of relativistic triplet superconductor



## energy spectrum in relativistic triplet superconductor



## spectrum of non-relativistic <sup>3</sup>He-B



fermion zero modes in relativistic triplet superconductor



#### possible index theorem for fermion zero modes on vortices

(interplay of *r*-space and *p*-space topologies)

$$N_{5} = \frac{1}{4\pi^{3}i} \operatorname{tr} \left[ \int d^{3}p \ d\omega \ d\phi \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial_{\omega} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial_{\phi} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial_{p_{x}} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial_{p_{y}} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G} \ \partial_{p_{z}} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G} \ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \ \mathbf{G}^$$

for vortices in Dirac vacuum

 $N_5 = N$  winding number



#### Conclusion

Momentum-space topology determines:

universality classes of quantum vacua effective field theories in these quantum vacua topological quantum phase transitions (Lifshitz, plateau, etc.) quantization of Hall and spin-Hall conductivity topological Chern-Simons & Wess-Zumino terms quantum statistics of topological objects bulk-surface & bulk-vortex correspondence fermion states on walls & quantum vortices: Majorana fermions, flat band, Fermi arc, etc chiral anomaly & vortex dynamics, etc.

flat band & room-temperature superconductivity

**superfuid phases** <sup>3</sup>He serve as primer for topological matter: quantum vacuum of Standard Model, topological superconductors, topological insulators, topological semimetals, etc.

**we need:** low T, high H, miniaturization, atomically smooth surface, nano-detectors, ... and fabrication of samples with room-temperature surface superconductivity

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