

# Magneto-transport in Weyl metals.

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# classical magnetoconductance of conventional metals and semiconductors

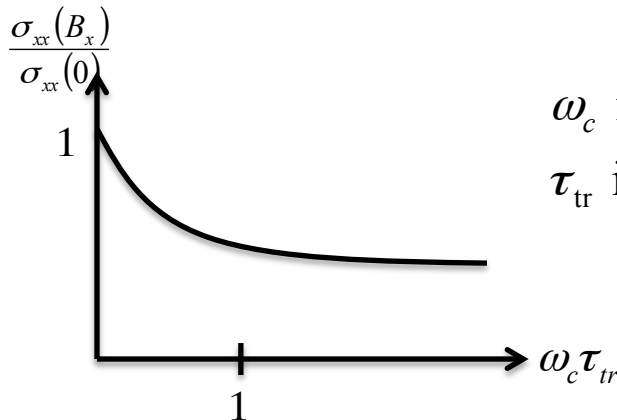
quasiclassical magnetoconductance is always negative

$$\mathbf{E} \perp \mathbf{B}$$

$$\sigma_{xx}(\mathbf{B}) = \frac{\sigma(0)}{1 + (\omega_c \tau_{tr})^2}$$

in the relaxation time approximation the longitudinal magnetoconductance is absent. Beyond this approximation it is negative and it saturates at  $\omega_c \tau_{tr} > 1$

$$\mathbf{E} \parallel \mathbf{B}$$



$\omega_c$  is the cyclotron frequency

$\tau_{tr}$  is the transport relaxation time

a generalization of the quasi-classical equations of motion for non centrosymmetric or not time reversal conductors. (Luttinger; Sundaram and Niu)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \mathbf{v} + \left[ \boldsymbol{\Omega}_p \times \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} \right]; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = e\mathbf{E} + \frac{e}{c} \left[ \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \times \mathbf{B} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \left( 1 + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_p \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{v} + e\mathbf{E} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_p + \frac{e}{c} (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{B} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \left( 1 + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_p \right)^{-1} \left( e\mathbf{E} + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{e^2}{c} (\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \boldsymbol{\Omega}_p \right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_p = \nabla_p \mathbf{A}_p; \quad \mathbf{A}_p = i \langle u_p | \nabla_p u_p \rangle$$

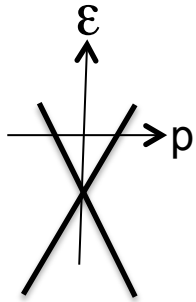
$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_p = -\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{-p} \text{ in timereversal invariant systems}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_p = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{-p} \text{ in centrosymmetric systems}$$

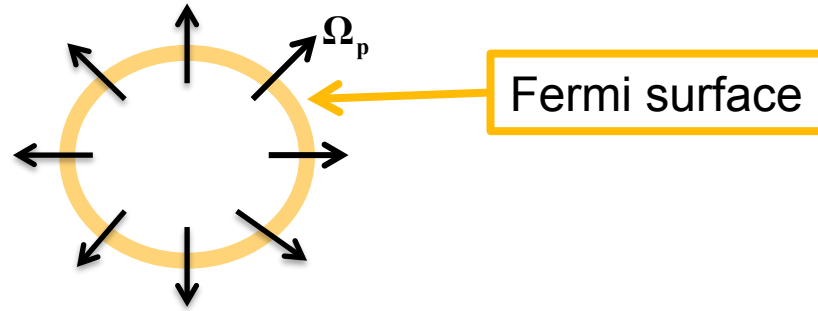
$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_p = 0 \text{ in centro- and time reversalsymmetric systems}$$

$u_p(\mathbf{r})$  are Bloch wave functions

Berry curvature is divergence-free except at isolated points in the P-space, which are associated with band degeneracies.



$$\Omega_p = \text{curl } \mathbf{A}_p;$$



$$k^{(i)} = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int \Omega_p^{(i)} dS = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

$$r_s = \frac{e^2}{\hbar v} \approx \frac{1}{10} \ll 1$$

at low magnetic field interactional corrections to the quasiclassical equations are small

# Quasiclassic description of electron transport in conventional metals and semiconductors

$$\frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \dot{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}} \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = I_{st} \left\{ f_{\mathbf{p}} \right\}$$

$I_{st}$  is the scattering integral characterized by intervalley scattering time  $\tau$  and intravalley scattering time  $\tau_{\text{intra}}$

## a generalization of the kinetic equation

$$\frac{df_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{dt} + \left(1 + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}}\right)^{-1} \left[ \left( \mathbf{v} + e\mathbf{E} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}} + \frac{e}{c} (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{B} \right) \frac{df_{\mathbf{p}}}{d\mathbf{r}} + \left( e\mathbf{E} + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{e^2}{c} (\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}} \right) \frac{df_{\mathbf{p}}}{d\mathbf{p}} \right] = I_{st}(f_{\mathbf{p}})$$

$$N^{(i)} = \int d\mathbf{p} \left(1 + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}}^{(i)}\right) f_{\mathbf{p}}^{(i)}; \quad \mathbf{j}^{(i)} = \int d\mathbf{p} \left[ \mathbf{v} + e\mathbf{E} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}}^{(i)} + \frac{e}{c} (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{B} \right] f_{\mathbf{p}}^{(i)}$$

## conservation law of number of particles

$$\frac{dN^{(i)}}{dt} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}^{(i)} + \frac{\delta N^{(i)}}{\tau} = k^{(i)} \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2 \hbar^2 c} [\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}]$$

$$k^{(i)} = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}}^{(i)} d\mathbf{S} = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

Chiral anomaly related term  
Adler Bell Jackiw

**Quasiclassical kinetic equation captures effects of chiral anomaly**

# There are equilibrium valley currents in Weyl's metals

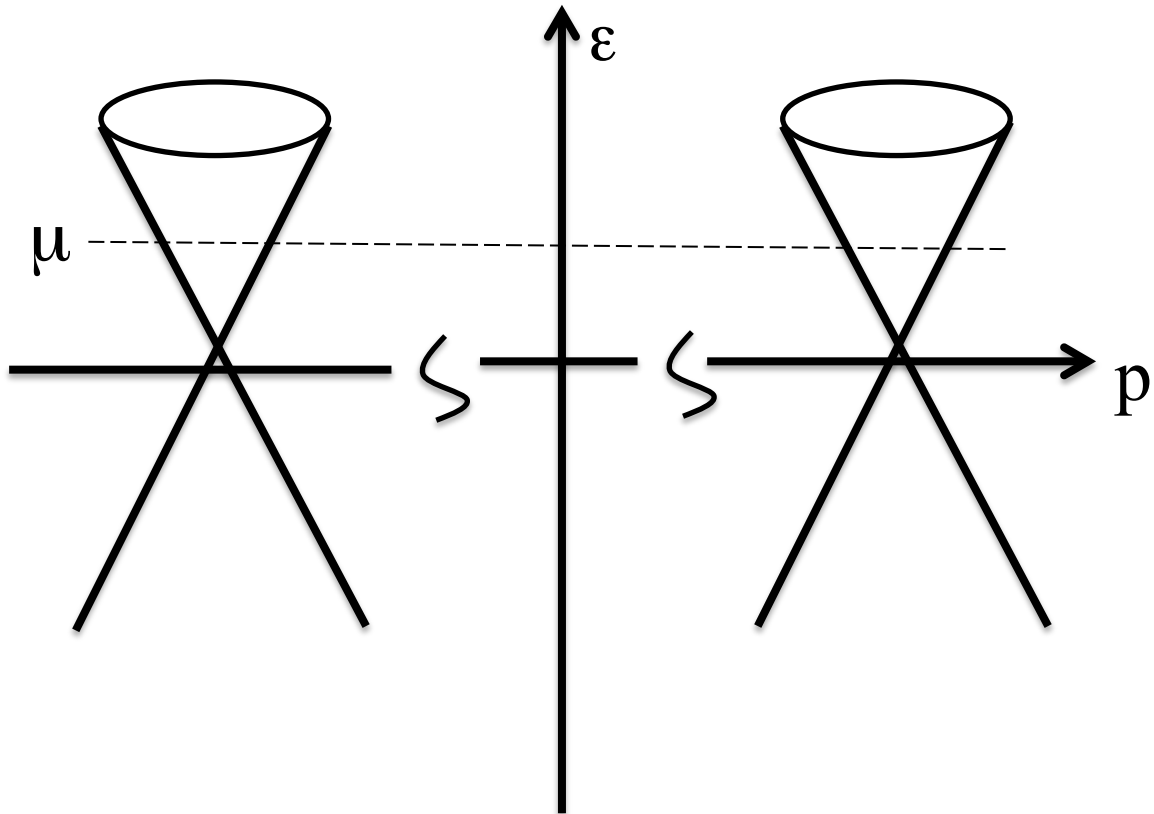
$$\int d\mathbf{p} \frac{d\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}}}{d\mathbf{p}} f_{\mathbf{p}}(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{j}^{(i)} = \int d\mathbf{p} \frac{e}{c} (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{B} f_{\mathbf{p}}^{(F)} = \mu k^{(i)} \mathbf{B}; \quad \text{Vilenkin}$$

$$\mu^{(i)} = \mu, \quad \sum_i k^{(i)} = 0; \quad \mathbf{j} = \sum_i \mathbf{j}^{(i)} = 0;$$

Nielsen and Ninomiya theorem

Number of Weyl (massless Dirac) points should be even.  
(Nielsen and Ninomiya theorem)





# Anomaly-related contribution to the conductivity corresponds to positive magnetoconductance

$$\delta\mu^{(i)} \propto \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} \tau$$

$$\sigma_{zz}^{(an)} = N_D \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2 \hbar c} \frac{v}{c} \frac{(eB)^2 v^2}{\mu^2} \tau \quad \mu > T$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^{(an)} = 0 \quad i, j \neq z$$

$\tau$  is the intervalley relaxation time

The current flows only in z-direction parallel to the magnetic field.

It responds only to z-component of the electric field.

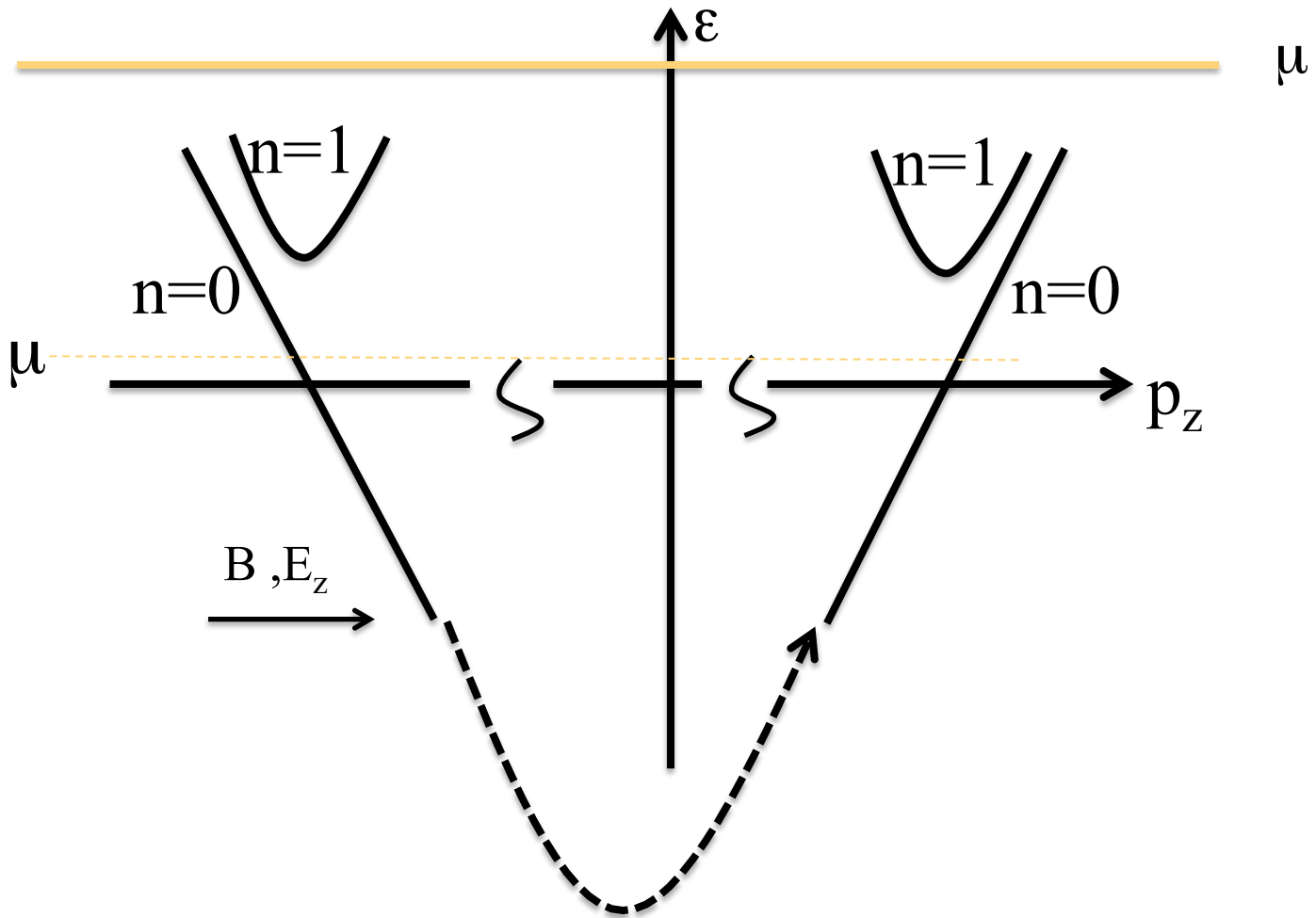
Anomaly related contribution dominates magnetoresistance if the ratio between the inter- and intra-valley relaxation times is sufficiently large!

$$\frac{\tau}{\tau_{\text{intra}}} \frac{1}{(\mu\tau_{\text{intra}})^2} > 1 \quad (\mu > T)$$

$\tau$  and  $\tau_{\text{intra}}$  are the intervalley and intravalley relaxation times respectively

# Electron spectrum in ultra-quantum limit

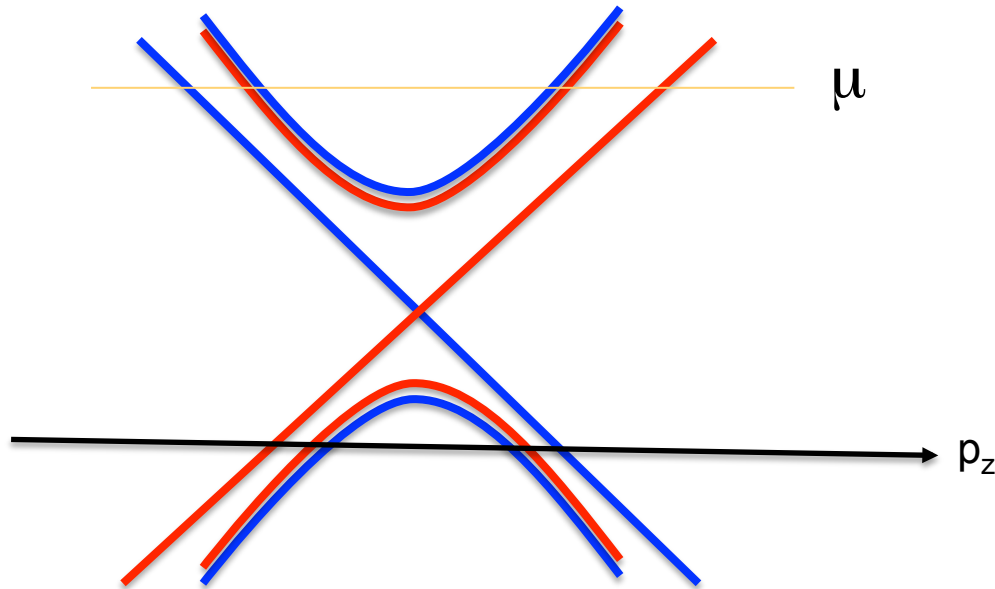
$$H = \pm v\sigma \left( \frac{\nabla}{i} + \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right)$$



# Electron spectrum of Dirac equation in magnetic field

Akhiezer, Berestetzki, "Quantum electrodynamics"

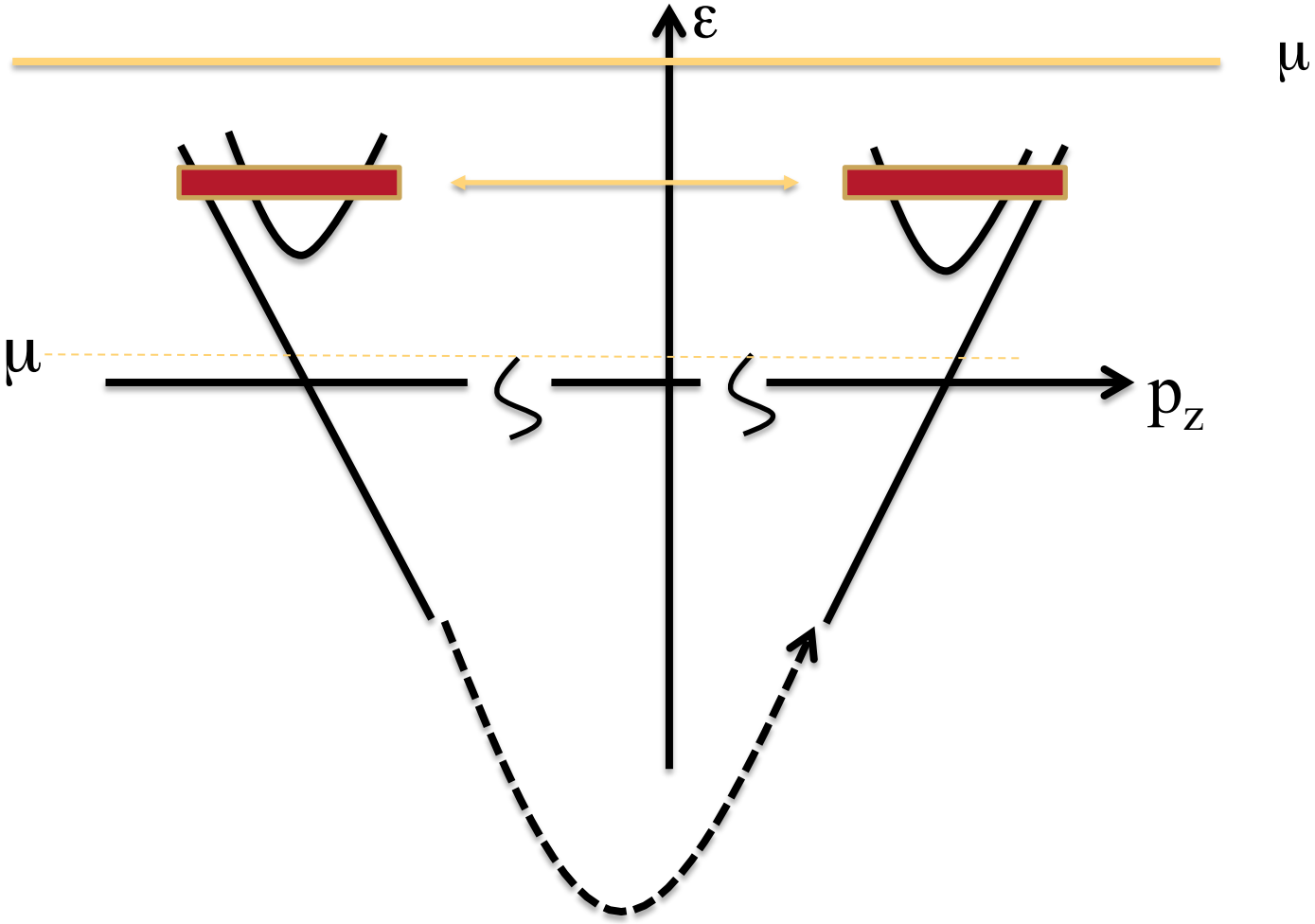
$$E_n^2 = p_z^2 + m^2 + |e|B(2n + 1)|e|B\sigma$$



At  $m=0$  there are two non-degenerate chiral levels.

Red and blue lines correspond to branches of spectrum with different helicities.

# Einstein's relation between conductivity and diffusion coefficient



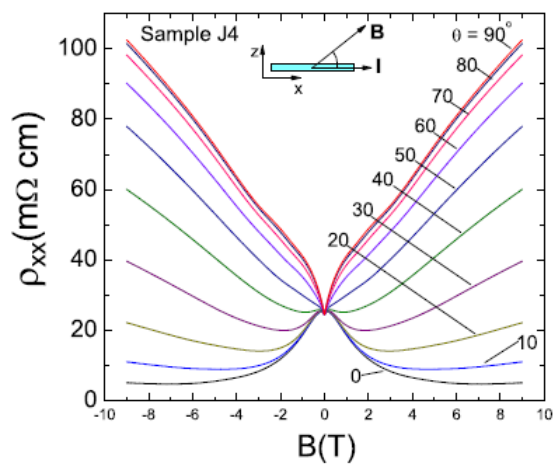
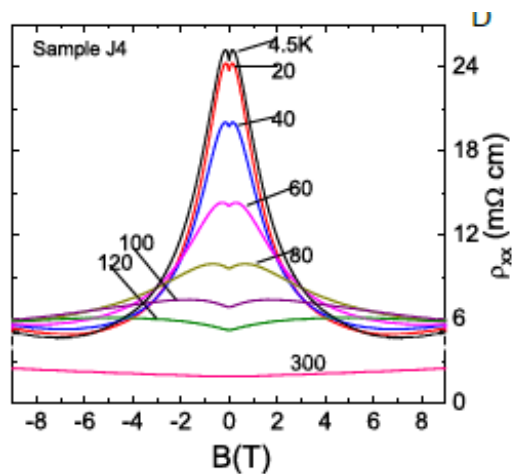
# Signature of the chiral anomaly in a Dirac semimetal – a current plume steered by a magnetic field\*

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$\text{Na}_3\text{Bi}$



# Observation of the chiral magnetic effect in $\text{ZrTe}_5$

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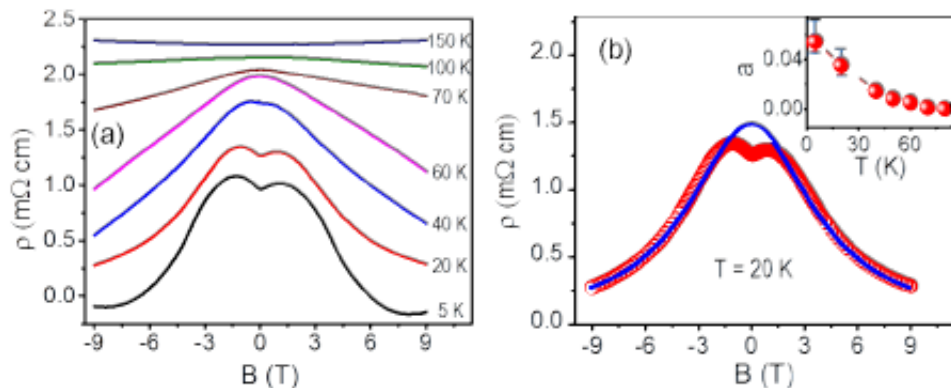


FIG. 2: Magnetoresistance in field parallel to current ( $\vec{B} \parallel a$ ) in  $\text{ZrTe}_5$ . (a) MR at various temperatures. For clarity, the resistivity curves were shifted by  $1.5 \text{ m}\Omega\text{cm}$  (150 K),  $0.9 \text{ m}\Omega\text{cm}$  (100 K),  $0.2 \text{ m}\Omega\text{cm}$  (70 K) and  $-0.2 \text{ m}\Omega\text{cm}$  (5 K). (b) MR at 20 K (red symbols) fitted with the CME curve (blue line); inset: temperature dependence of the fitting parameter  $a(T)$  in units of  $\text{S}/(\text{cm T}^2)$ .

bservation of Negative Magnetoresistance and nontrivial  $\pi$  Berrys phase in 3D Weyl semi-metal NbAs

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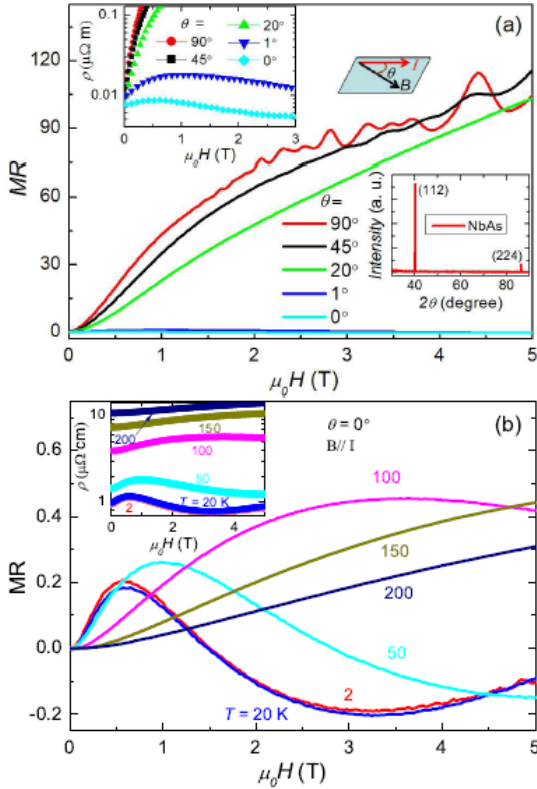
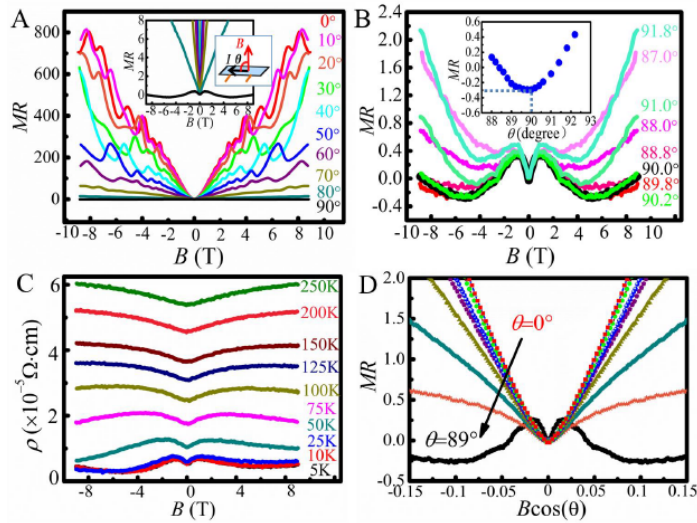


FIG. 1: (Color online) (a), Magnetic field dependence of Magnetoresistance with magnetic field ( $\mu_0H$ ) from perpendicular ( $\theta = 90^\circ$ ) to parallel ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ) to the electric current ( $I$ ) at  $T = 2$  K. The upper left inset displays the original resistivity data plotted on logarithmic scale, emphasizing the contrast between extremely large positive MR for magnetic field perpendicular to current ( $\theta = 90^\circ$ ) and negative MR for field parallel to current ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ). The upper right inset depicts the corresponding measurement configurations. The lower inset present the single crystal XRD data. (b), Magnetic field dependence of MR under various temperatures for magnetic field ( $\mu_0H$ ) parallel ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ) to the electric current ( $I$ ). The inset display the original resistivity data.



# Observation of the chiral anomaly induced negative magneto-resistance in 3D Weyl semi-metal TaAs

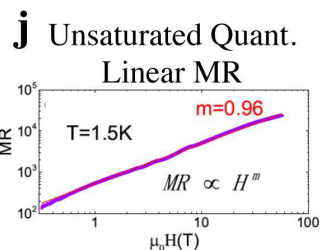
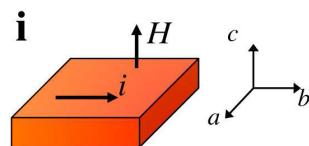
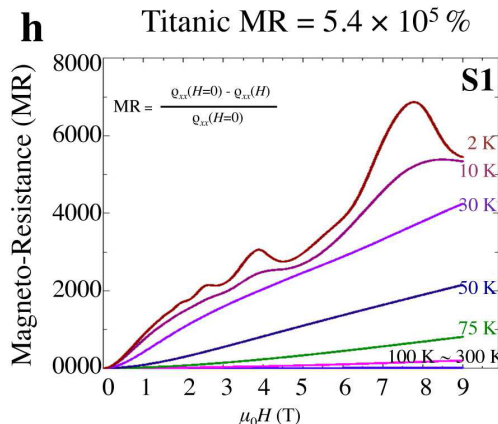
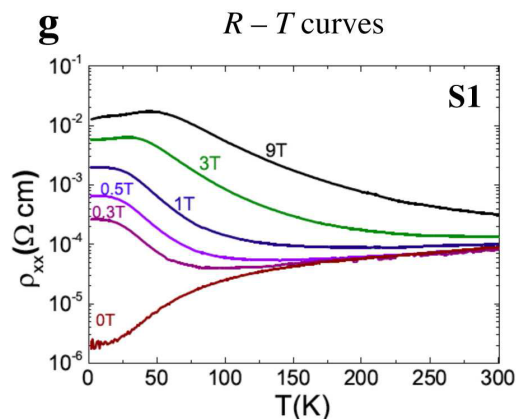
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**Figure 2: Angular and field dependence of MR in TaAs single crystal at 1.8 K.** (A) Magneto-resistance with magnetic field ( $B$ ) from perpendicular ( $\theta=0^\circ$ ) to parallel ( $\theta=90^\circ$ ) to the electric current ( $I$ ). The inset zooms in on the lower MR part, showing negative MR at  $\theta=90^\circ$  (longitudinal negative MR), and depicts the correspondingly measurement configurations. (B) Magneto-resistance measured in different rotating angles around  $\theta=90^\circ$  with the interval of every  $0.2^\circ$ . The negative MR appeared at a narrow region around  $\theta=90^\circ$ , and most obviously when  $B//I$ . Either positive or negative deviations from  $90^\circ$  would degenerate and ultimately kill the negative MR in

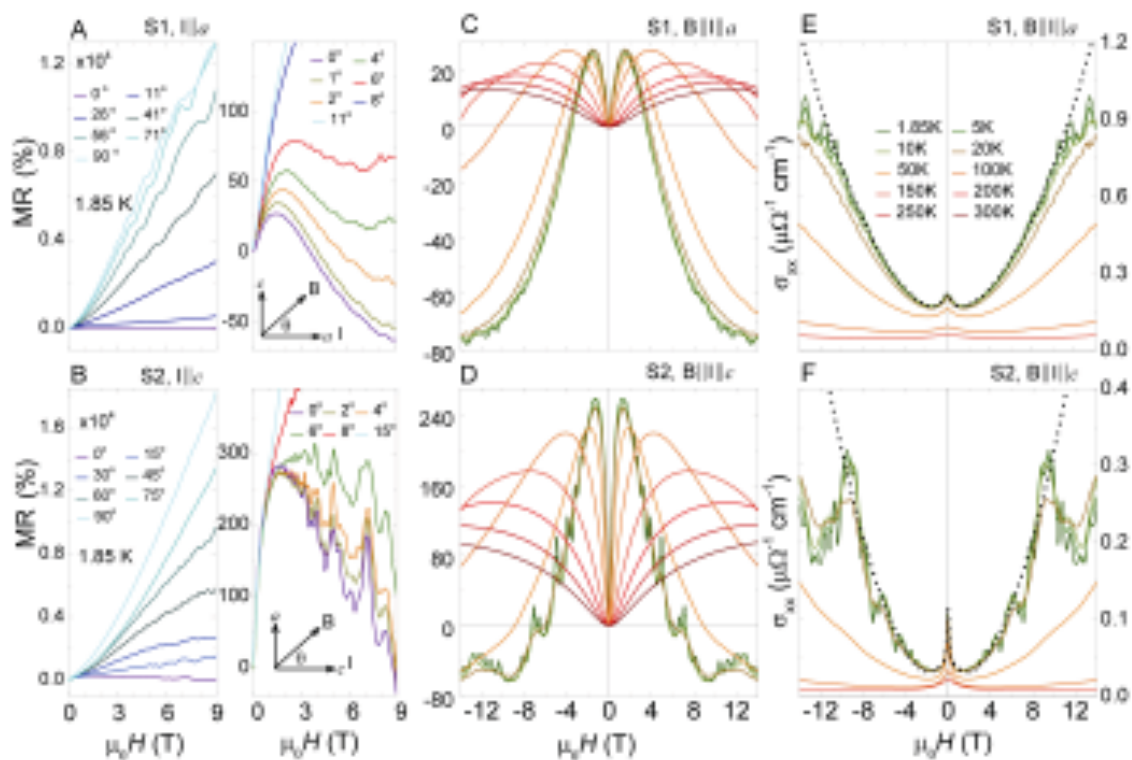
# Observation of the Adler-Bell-Jackiw chiral anomaly in a Weyl semimetal

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## Large and unsaturated negative magnetoresistance induced by the chiral anomaly in the Weyl semimetal TaP

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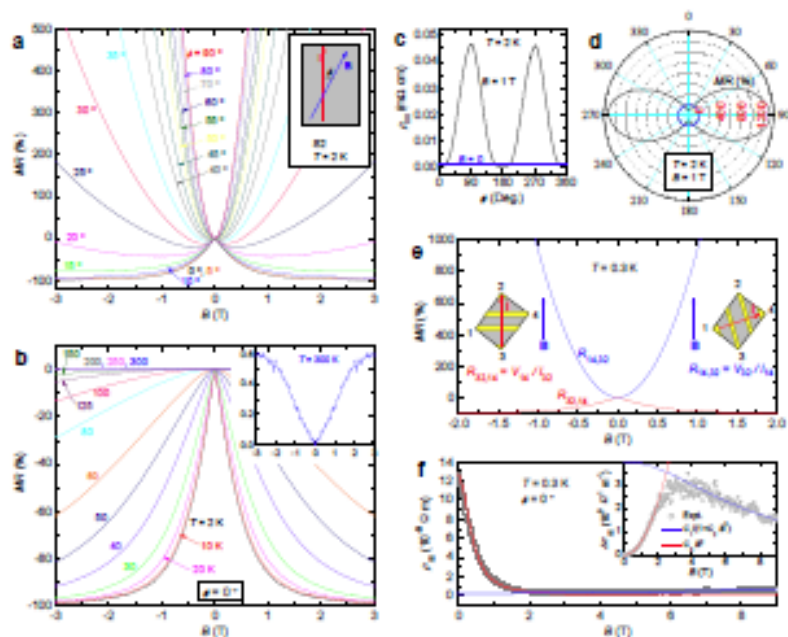


## Anomalous magnetoresistance in TaAs<sub>2</sub>

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**Figure 3 | Longitudinal magnetoresistance (LMR) of TaAs<sub>2</sub>.** **a**, Field-dependent MR of TaAs<sub>2</sub> with various angles  $\phi$  at 2 K. The inset shows the configuration of the measurements. **b**, MR at different temperatures, measured at  $\phi=0$ . The inset displays the data at 300 K. **c** shows the angular dependence of  $\rho_{xx}$  at 2 K and 1 T. **d** is a polar plot of MR at 2 K. **e** shows the results with two different geometries,  $R_{32,14}=V_{14}/I_{32}$  (red) and  $R_{14,32}=V_{32}/I_{14}$  (blue). Schematic sketches of the geometry are shown in the insets. **f** presents theoretical fits of  $\rho_{xx}(B)$  and  $\Delta\sigma_{xx}(B)$ . The high-field part of  $\Delta\sigma_{xx}(B)$  is fit to  $C_1/(1+C_2B^2)$  (blue), while the low-field part is fit to  $C_3B^2$  (red).

Why the parameter  $\tau/\tau_{\text{intra}}$  is so big in this experiments?

# Conceptual and practical difficulties in ultra-quantum limit

1. B dependence of  $\tau(B)$  is not universal.

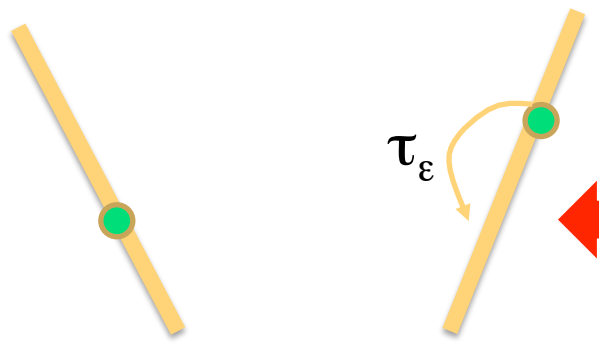
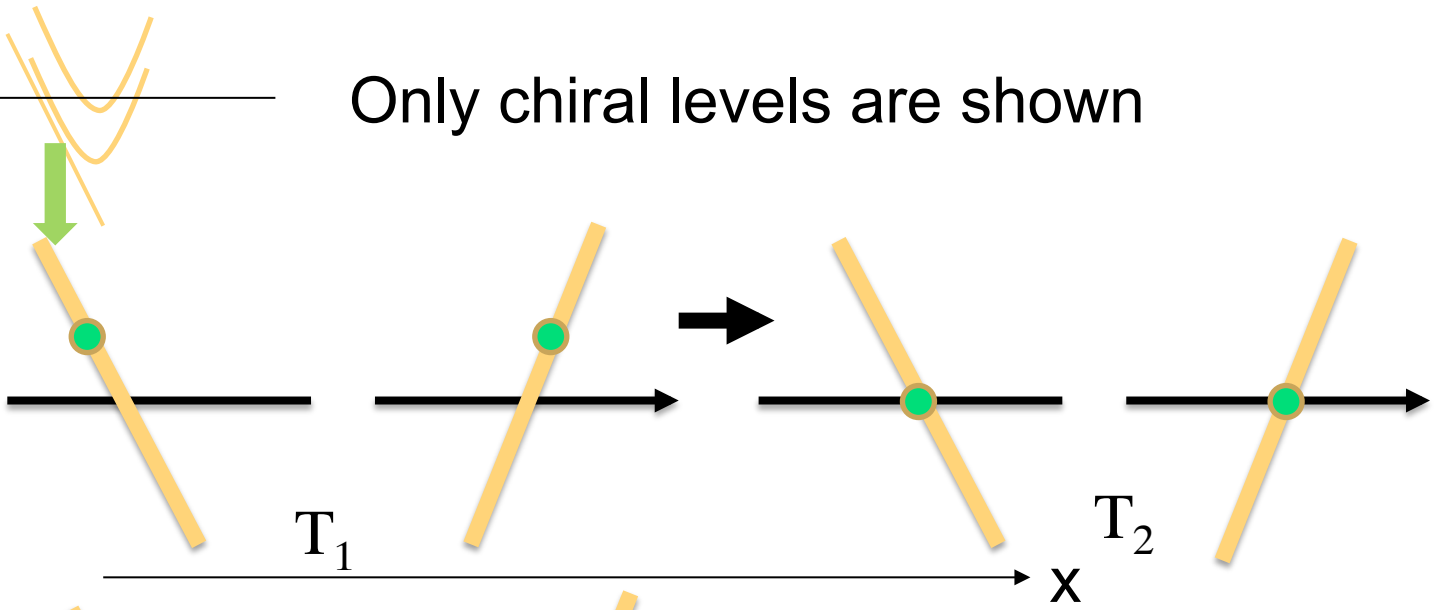
For example in the case of short range impurities  $\frac{1}{\tau} \propto \frac{1}{L_B^2}$

is proportional to the density of states and  $\sigma_{zz}$  is independent on B

2. It is difficult to distinguish chiral anomaly related magnetoresistance from magnetoresistance in conventional conductors in ultra – quantum magnetic field

3. At  $T = 0$  the system is unstable with respect to charge density wave. In this case chiral anomaly does not exist

Temperature gradient does not pump either electrons or energy between valleys with different chiralities! So the magnetetic field dependence of the thermoelectric effect has nothing to do with any



Gravitational anomaly or a part of introductory course in CM theory !

## Thermal conductivity

$$\kappa_{zz} = \frac{\pi^2 \sigma_{zz}^{(an)} T}{3e^2} \frac{\tau_\varepsilon}{\tau_\varepsilon + \tau}$$

## Thermoelectric coefficient

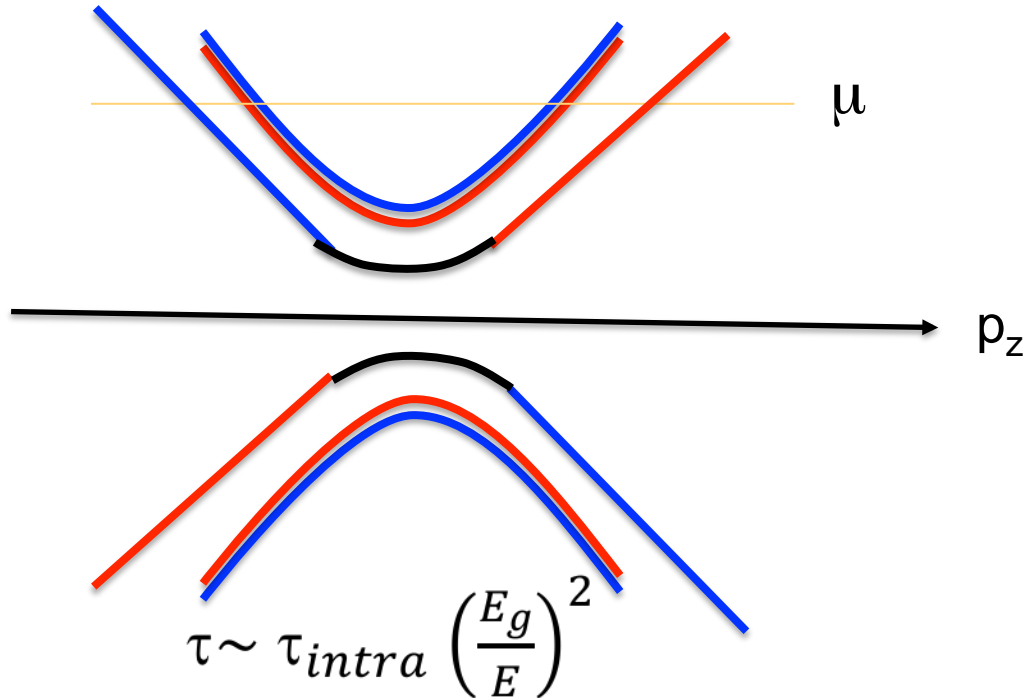
$$\eta_{zz} = \frac{\pi^2}{3e^2} T \frac{d\sigma_{zz}^{(an)}}{d\mu} \frac{\tau_\varepsilon}{\tau_\varepsilon + \tau}$$



**All effects which have been observed in Weyl metals are allowed by symmetry. So it is only a question of finding a proper relation between parameters which will lead to explanation of observables.**

semiconductors with sufficiently small gaps and sufficiently large chemical potential should have magnetic field dependence of kinetic coefficients which are similar to those in Weyl and Dirac metals

Spectrum of Dirac equation at finite mass



# what about other mechanisms of negative parallel magnetoresistance?

## *NEGATIVE LONGITUDINAL MAGNETORESISTANCE ASSOCIATED WITH SCATTERING FROM IONIZED IMPURITY CENTERS*

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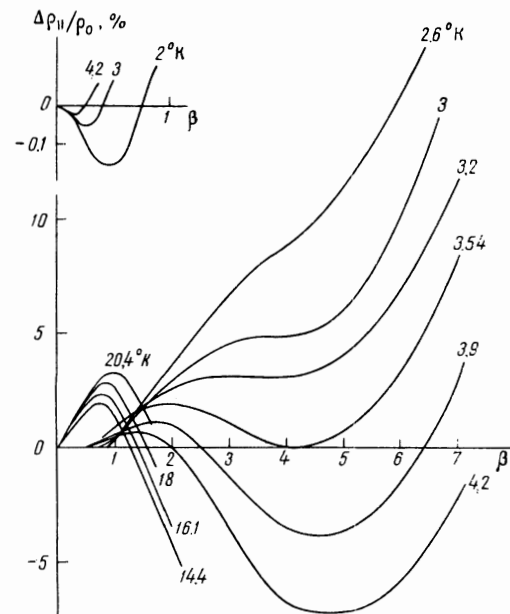


FIG. 3. Experimental dependences of the magnetoresistance  $\Delta\rho_{||}/\rho$  on  $\beta$  at different temperatures. Initial segments of some curves, representing amplified measurements, are shown in the upper left-hand corner.

**conclusion**