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# Experiments on kagome CDW/Superconducting Materials

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## Overview

- Motivation for kagome metals
- New kagome systems AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> (A=K, Rb, Cs)
  - CDW order
  - Superconductivity
  - Intertwined CDW and SC order
- Other recent materials/candidates
  - New series of RV<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub> systems (R=Y, Gd-Yb)
  - Other classes
- Prospects



#### **Collaborators**

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#### Kagome lattice as promising structural motif









Fractionalized spin excitations Quantum spin liquid candidate

#### **Kagome lattice band structure**





O'Brian et al., Phys. Rev. B (2010) 0 <del>ъ</del> -1 -2 -3 0.5 0.5 0 k<sub>x</sub>/π -0.5 k<sub>v</sub>/π Dirac points vHs flat band  $H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \left( c_i^{\dagger} c_j + \text{H.c.} \right) + V \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} n_i n_j$ 



#### Examples in:

Fe<sub>3</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>: FM Chern insulator (Ye et al., Nat. 2018) FeSn : FM 2D Dirac (Kang et al., Nat. Mat. 2020) Co<sub>3</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: Magnetic Weyl (Liu et al., Nat. Phys. 2018) CoSn: Dirac (Liu et al., Nat. Comm. 2020) TbMn<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub>: QAH, Chern gap (Yin et al., Nature 2020)

#### **Electronic instabilities on kagome lattice**



- Variety of interaction-driven instabilities predicted at different fillings
  - Charge density wave order
  - Bond density wave states
  - Chiral spin density waves
  - Superconductivity
- Saddles points at select fillings give rise to van Hove singularities (e.g. 5/4 electrons per band)
  - Wan-sheng Wang et al., Phys. Rev. B (2013)
  - Kiesel et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2013)
- Sublattice interference amplifies influence of  $\rm U_1$

#### $AV_3Sb_5$ (A=K, Cs, Rb)

#### Kagome lattice of AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> (A=K, Rb, Cs)

Ortiz et al., Physical Review Materials (2019)



- New phase found in ternary phase diagram of A-V-Sb
- Layered, exfoliable material with perfect (P6/mmm) Kagome nets of V-ions
- V-V distances are small (~2.75 Å), suggesting V-ions are nonmagnetic

# **Electronic structure of AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>**

Ortiz et al., Physical Review Materials (2019)



- Initial DFT modeling shows Fermi level close to saddle points at M
- Electronic structure similar across the AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> series

# vHs in multiband CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



Mingu Kang et al., Nat. Phys. (2022)

#### **Topological classification: Z2 metal**



Normal state band structure categorized as Z2 topological metal Surface states reasonably close to  $E_F$ 

Good agreement between DFT and observed band structure

#### **CDW order in AV\_3Sb\_5 (A=K, Cs, Rb)**

# High temperature phase transition in AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



- Quasi-2D electron transport
- High-temperature Pauli paramagnetism
- $T^*$  anomalies in  $\chi(T)$ ,  $\rho(T)$ ,  $C_P(T)$
- Strong MR turns on below T\*



# **CDW** state in AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>

Yu-Xiao Jiang et al, Nature Materials (2021)



-20

0 Bias Voltage (mV)

-40

20

40

He Zhao et al, Nature (2021)



# Partial gap opening at M-point below T\*



Partial gap opens at M-points, proposed nesting driven by m-type vHs Nesting alone likely insufficient (Farnaz Kaboudvand et al., APL (2022))

#### Bulk probe of CDW via quantum oscillations

Ortiz et al, Phys. Rev. X (2021)



- Reconstruction of V-orbits below CDW
- Light cyclotron masses in new orbits
- New orbits have  $\Phi_{\rm B} = \pi$ 
  - Fu et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2021)
  - Sherstha et al., Phys. Rev. B (2022)



#### Models for charge density wave state

#### Undistorted CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



- Two likely distortion modes in kagome plane
  - "Star of David" (-*M*, *M*, *M*)
  - "Tri-Hexagonal" (*M*, *M*, *M*)
- DFT favors "Tri-Hexagonal"
  - ~10 meV/unit cell below SoD
  - Hengxin et al. PRL (2021)
- Modulation along c-axis can arise from phasing of Q in-plane or mixture of two distortion types



#### **3D CDW-coupled distortion in CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>**



### Structure of the CDW state in CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



- Inversion symmetry preserved
  - Second harmonic generation data
- Modulation between strongly distorted TrH and weakly distorted SoD layers
- Average structure
  - 2 domains included
  - Likely missing twinning effects due to subtle orthorhombic distortion

#### Indications of both SoD and TrH in ARPES



- Photoemission resolves band folding near K and M points
- Folding suggestive of both SoD and TrH models
- Consistent with 3Q=(*L*,*L*,*L*) order (but both are 2x2x2 cells)

#### **Out-of-plane modulation suffers from local minima**



- Others: Q. Chen et al., arXiv (2022) + Haoxiang Li et al., PRX (2021)
- Out-of-plane modulation depends on growth/disorder + thermal history
- Quenching vs slow cooling
- Irreversible changes after thermal cycling

#### **3D CDW-coupled distortion in (K,Rb)V<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>**



#### **Unconventional behavior in CDW**

ρ<sup>инε</sup> (10<sup>-3</sup> μΩ cm) <sub>k</sub>  $\mu_0 H(T)$ 

Yu et al., PRB (2021)

- Extraordinarily large AHE
  - Yang et al., Science Advances (2020)
- AHE appears coincident with CDW Yu et al., Phys. Rev. B (2021)

Kenney et al., J. Phys. Cond. Matt. (2021)



- Weak depolarization consistent with nuclear moments
- μsR measurements performed by Mike Graf at Boston College

# Hints of TRSB in AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



800

2600

2800

Nana Shumiya et al., Phys. Rev. B. (2021)

*Not observed in other studies of KV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>* (Hong Li et al., Nat. Phys. (2022))

No signature of CDW superlattice coupling to pulsed field unpublished

3000 3200 3400

Sigma DSO time (1e-5 s)

3800

3600

4000

(0.5,0.5,0.25) 61 shots

# Other hints of TRSB in AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



# Scanning optical studies cont.



- CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> shows birefringence domains with mixed CD character
- Birefringence domains remain static on thermal cycles
- Some evolution in CD signal upon thermal cycling

Yishuai Xu et al., arXiv:2204.10116

#### Variety of flux phases predicted

Xilin Feng et al., Phys. Rev. B (2021)



Also: Lin and Nandkishore Phys. Rev. B. (2021) Park, Ye, and Balents., Phys. Rev. B (2021)



- Chiral flux states
  - Orbital antiferromagnets
- Primary and secondary orders
  - Real and "imaginary" CDW states

SC in  $AV_3Sb_5$  (A=K, Cs, Rb)

#### Superconductivity in optimized AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



# SC state in AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



• Evidence for multiband, multigap superconductivity

 Isotropic, gap and singlet pairing

- **TDO measurements***<sup>7</sup>* Weiyin Duan et al., Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astr.. (2021).
- NMR measurements: Chao Mu et al., Chin. Phys. Lett. (2021)

+ others...

Open questions:	Thermal transport C. C. Zhao et al. arXiv:2102.08356	Little-Parks effect Jun Ge et al. arXiv:2201.10352
	<b>V-shaped gap and PDW instability</b> Hui Chen et al., Nature (2021).	<b>Nodal SC state, μsR</b> Z. Guguchia et al., 2202.07713v1

#### Interplay between CDW and SC order

#### TSS near E<sub>F</sub> and potential coupling to CDW



# Staged CDW order



- 1D charge stripes appear below ~60K in CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>
  Coexists with 3Q order
- Also observed in RbV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> (rarely in KV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>)
- Bulk vs surface effect debated



## **Quasi-1D quasiparticle scattering**



#### Hints of PDW order

- Superfluid density modulated along wave vector 4a/3
  - Matching new CDW wave vector at low-T
- Little-Parks effect
  - Transition into 4e, 6e pairing states
- Reminiscent of models:
  - D. F. Agterberg et al., Phys. Rev. B 84, 014513 (2011)
  - Zhaoyu Han et al., Phys, Rev, Lett. 125, 167001 (2020)



#### Hole-doping to tune vHs: $CsV_3Sb_{5-x}Sn_x$

CDW T\*

 $-\blacksquare$  - midpoint  $T_c$ 

0.8

0.6

0.4

 $-\bullet-$  onset  $T_c$ 



#### **Preferential site substitution**



NQR data show shifts at only in-plane Sb site upon Sn-doping STM identifies Sn atoms in center of kagome net hexagons DFT suggests a preference for Sn on in-plane site

# **CDW order in CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5-x</sub>Sn<sub>x</sub>**





 2x2x4 order destabilized

- Highly sensitive to disorder
- Thermal history
- Switches to shortrange 2x2x2
  - Quasi-2D
- CDW correlations vanish by x=0.15

#### **Pressure-T phase diagram of SC**



- High-pressure SC-II state universal across AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>
- Low-pressure "double dome" in SC-I state suggestive of phase competition

# CsV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5-x</sub>Sn<sub>x</sub> vs high-pressure



# Sn-doping in RbV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> and KV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>



• Different starting CDW states

#### **Other potential materials**

## **Other kagome V-Sb families**



Mengzhu Shi et al., arXiv:2110.09782. (2021)



#### $V_6 Sb_4$

• No phase transitions under ambient pressure

# RV<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub> structure



Ganesh Pokharel et al., Phys. Rev. B (2021)

- MgFe<sub>6</sub>Ge<sub>6</sub> structure type
- P6/mmm space group
- $[V_3Sn2][RSn1][V_3Sn2][Sn3]$ 
  - L. Romaka et al. J. All. Comp. (2011)
- Ideal V kagome net
- Triangular lattice of R-site ions
- Affords independent control of R-site magnetism and V-site kagome net

#### **DFT bandstructure of YV<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub>**



Ganesh Pokharel et al., Phys. Rev. B (2021)

- Flat band above  $\sim 0.4$  above  $E_F$
- Dirac points at K-point and saddle points at M-point close to E<sub>F</sub>

#### Surface states predicted due to Z2 metal

#### Ganesh Pokharel et al., Phys. Rev. B (2021)



	parity prod.			invariant	
band	$\delta_{\Gamma}$	$\boldsymbol{\delta}_M$	$\delta_{\mathrm{A}}$	$\delta_{\text{L}}$	$(\mathbb{Z}_2; \nu_1 \nu_2 \nu_3)$
173	+	+	+	+	(0;000)
171	—	—	+	—	(1;001)
169	_	+	_	—	(1;000)



Ganesh Pokharel et al., Phys. Rev. B (2021) Shutin Peng et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2021)



- Qualitative agreement between DFT and ARPES
- Band structure classified as Z2 topological metal
- Surface states predicted near the M- and K-points

# **Nonmagnetic Y-166**



- Multiband transport
  - Parameterized by two-band fits below ~150 K
- High mobility metal

- Local magnetism dominated by weak impurity fraction (~0.3  $\mu_{\text{B}}/\text{f.u.})$
- Confirms nonmagnetic V-lattice (~2.7 Å V-V)





#### ScV<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub>



#### Hasitha W. Suriya Arachichige et al., arxiv:2205.04582v1



- Transition near 100 K
- Distortion with q = (1/3, 1/3, 1/3)
- Much larger distortion that 135's

#### Conclusions

- New classes of kagome metals as platforms for searching for new electronic phases (interplay between correlation effects and topology)
- AV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> (A=K, Cs, Rb)
  - Unconventional CDW state with hints of TRSB
  - CDW order arises from saddle points nested near E<sub>F</sub>
  - Multigap SC onsets within the CDW state
  - Unconventional interplay between CDW and SC orders
- Other classes of materials under investigation by community searching for comparable phenomenology
- Exciting new directions and much left to be done

