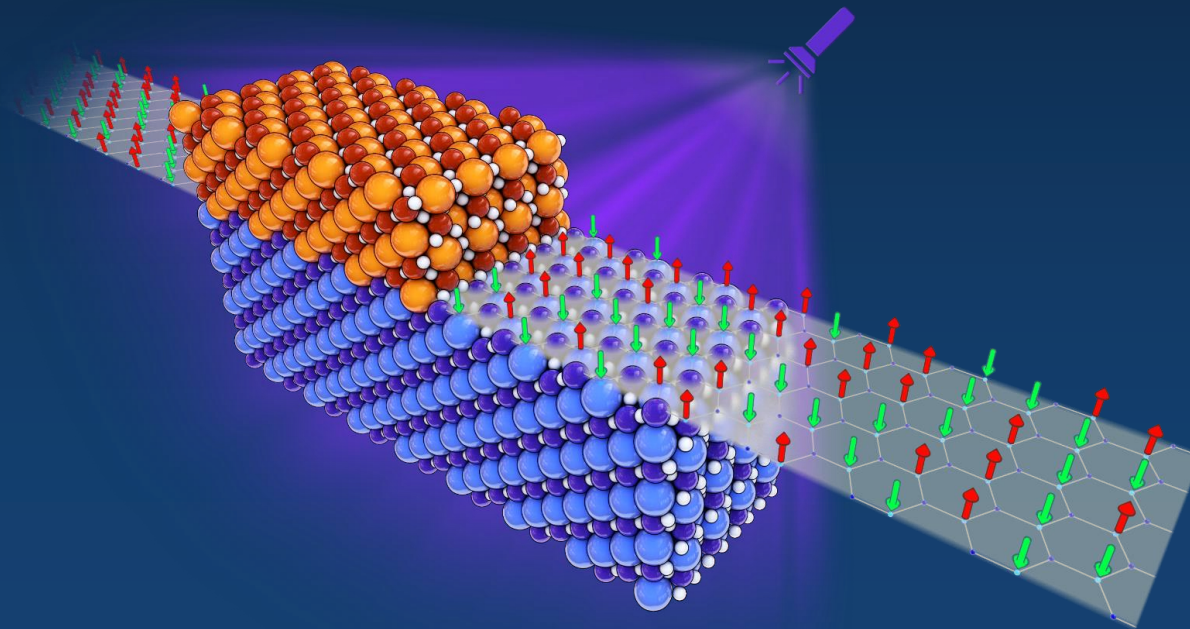


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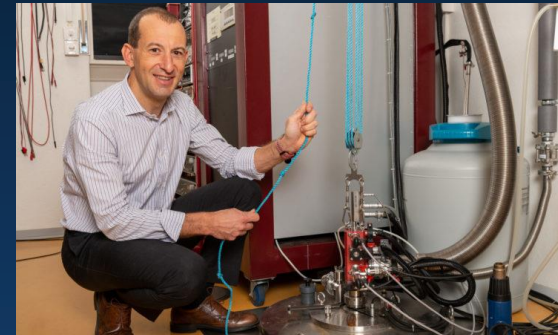
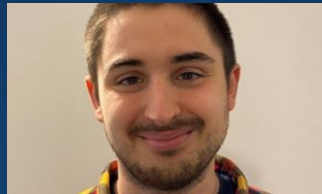
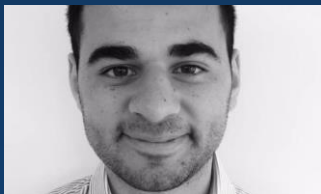


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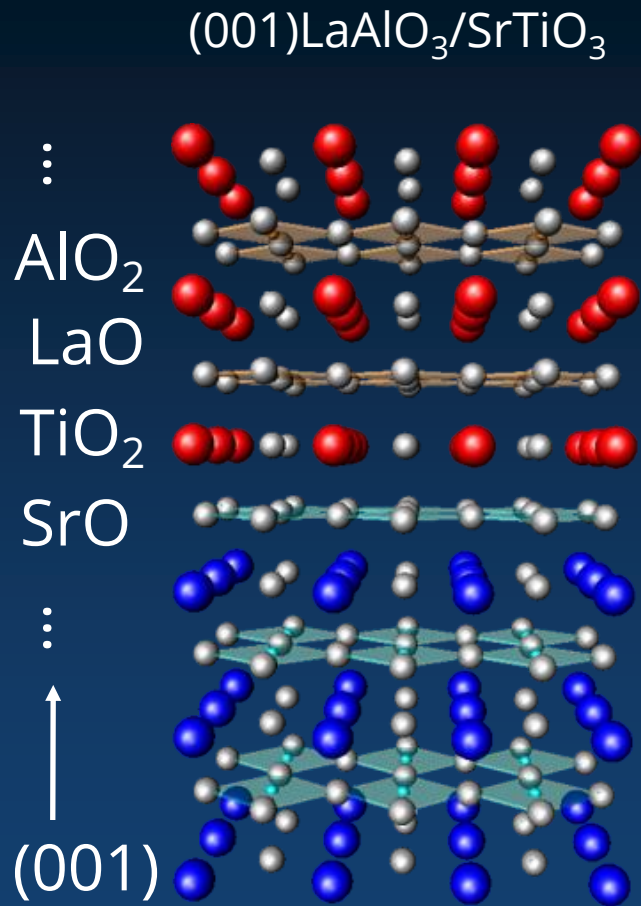


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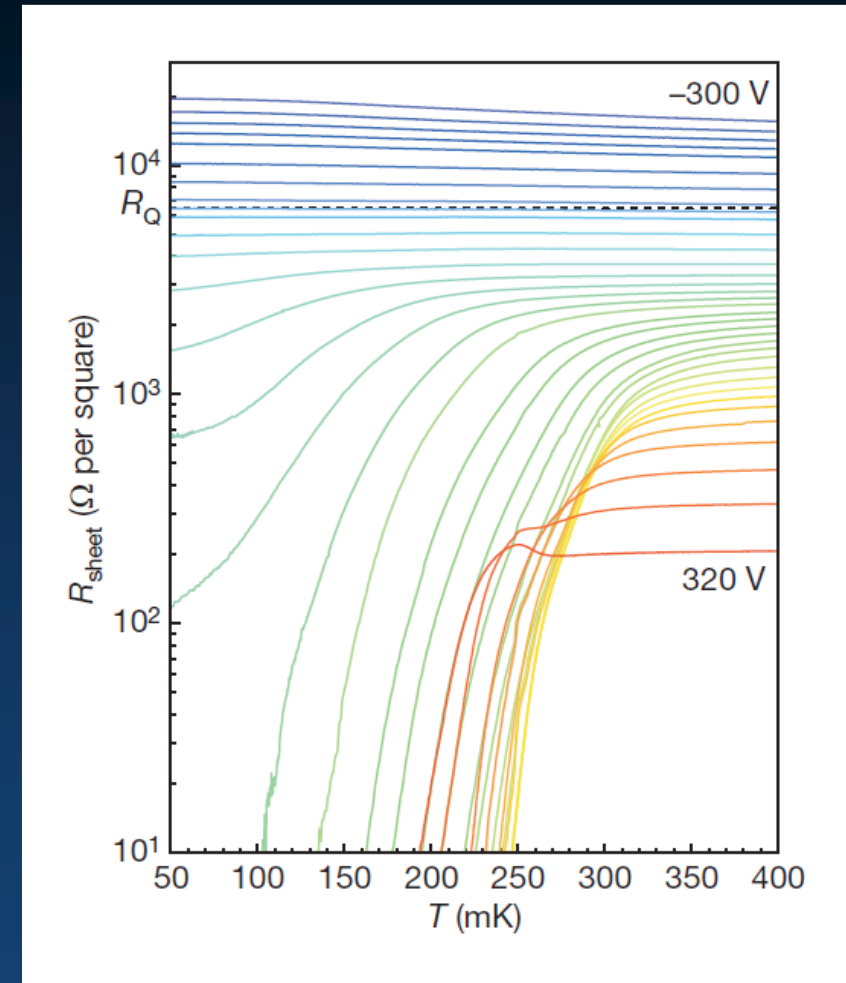


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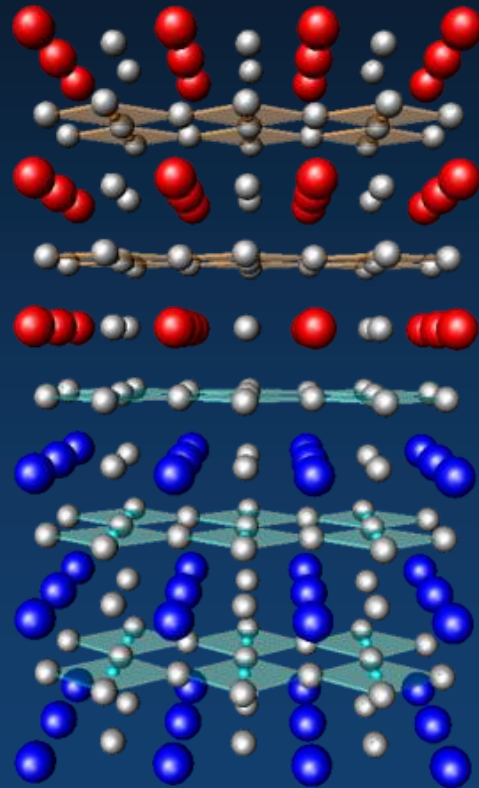


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# Take-home message



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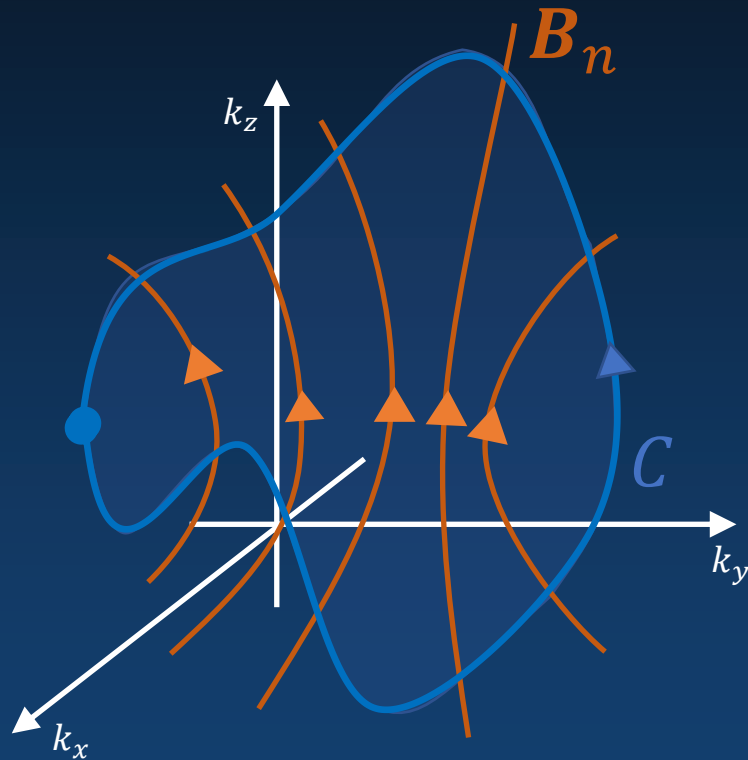
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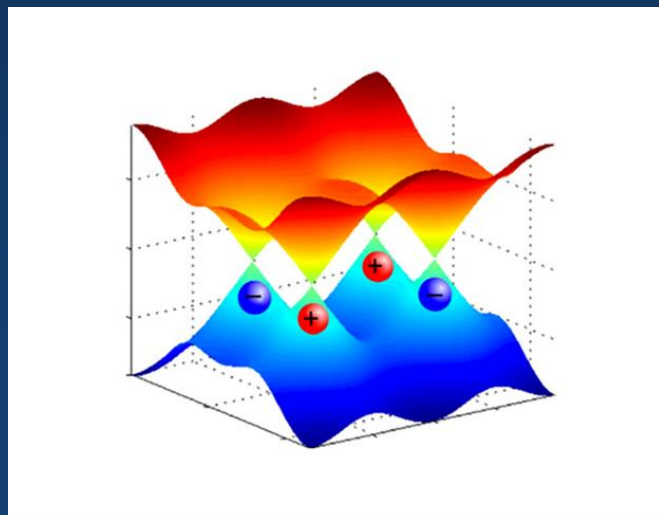
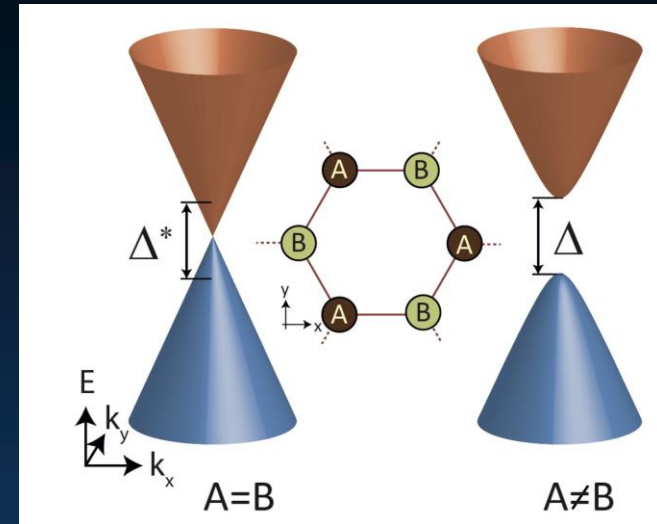
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## Gapped graphene

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$\sigma$  sublattice space

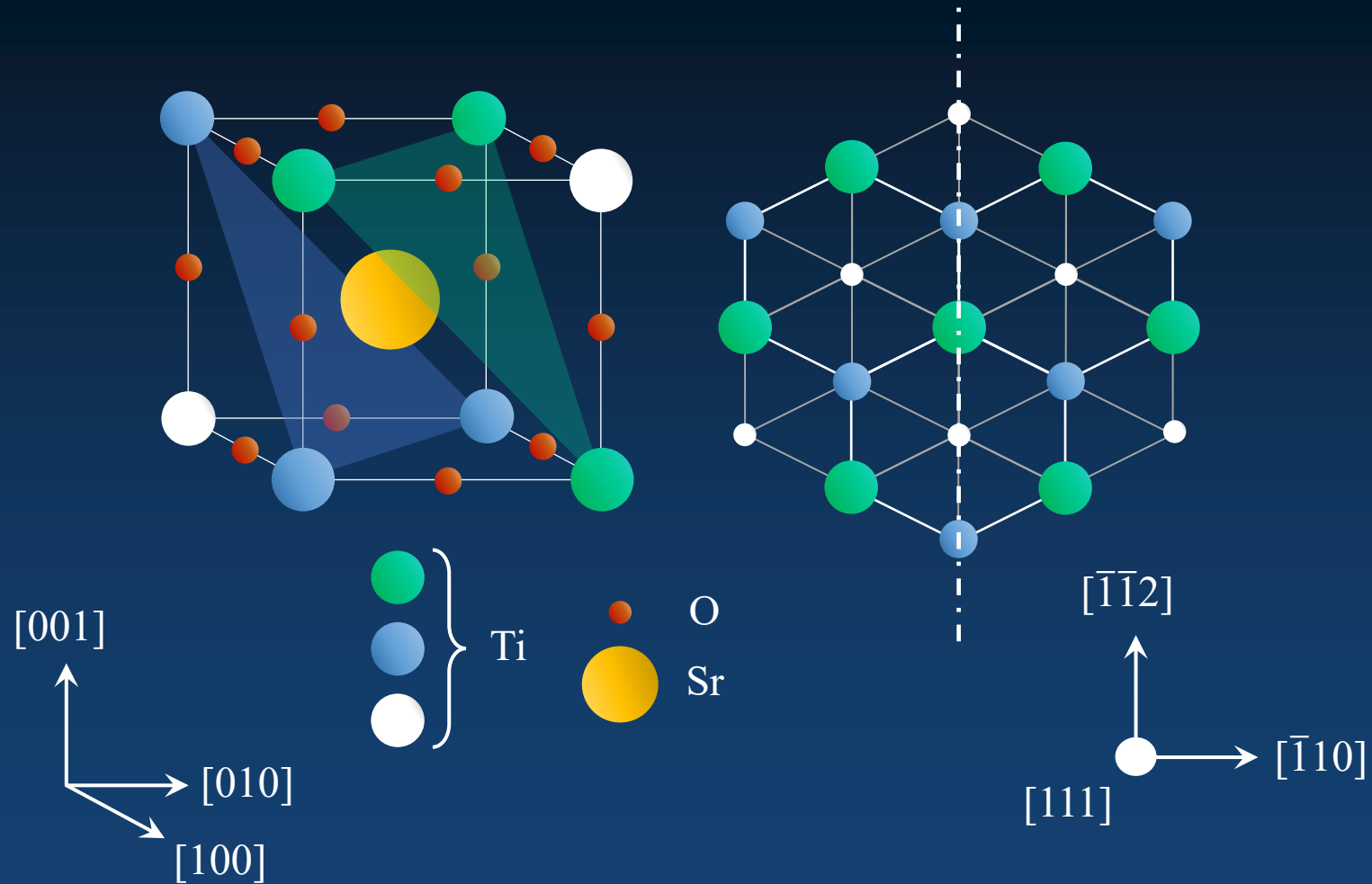


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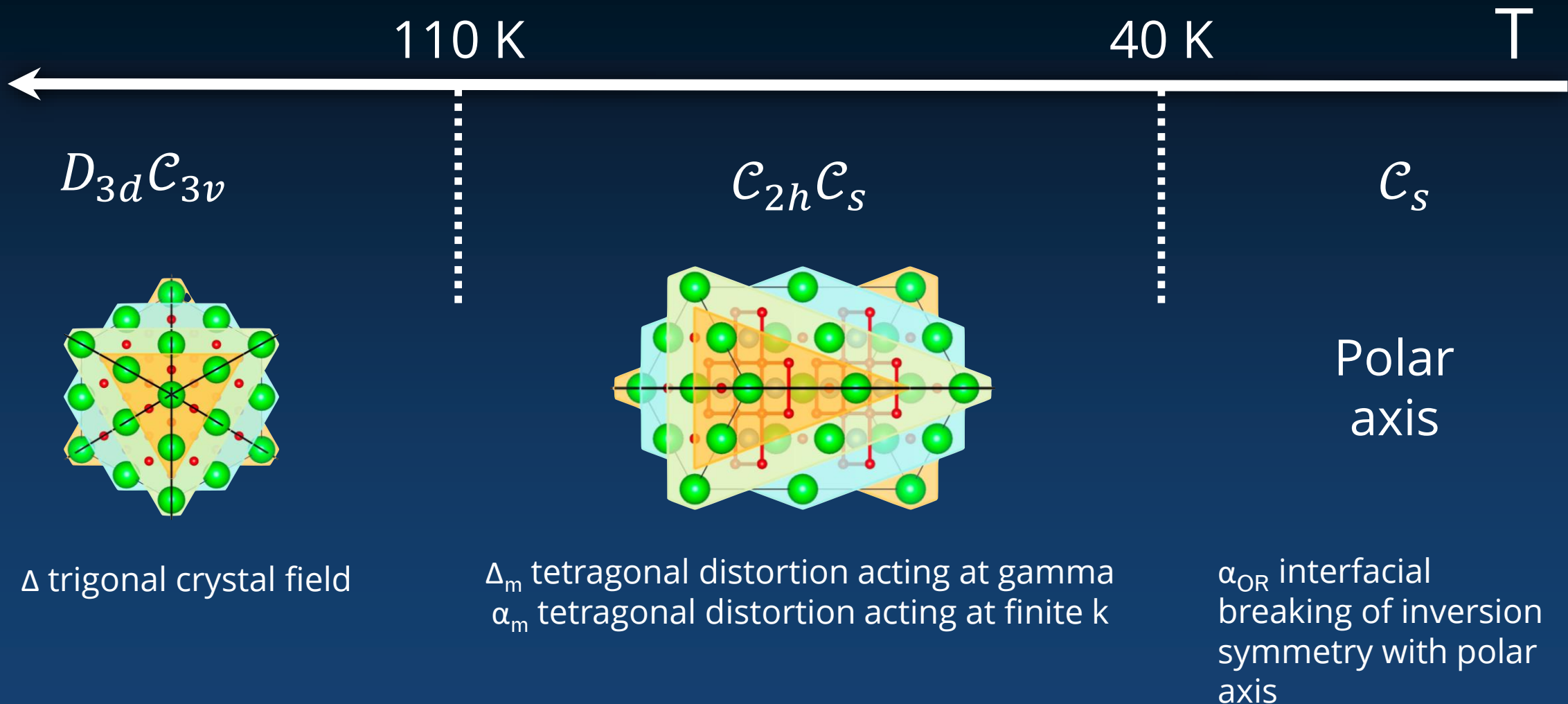
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$\sigma$  spin space

# Exploring hexagonal symmetry



# Structural phase transitions in SrTiO<sub>3</sub>



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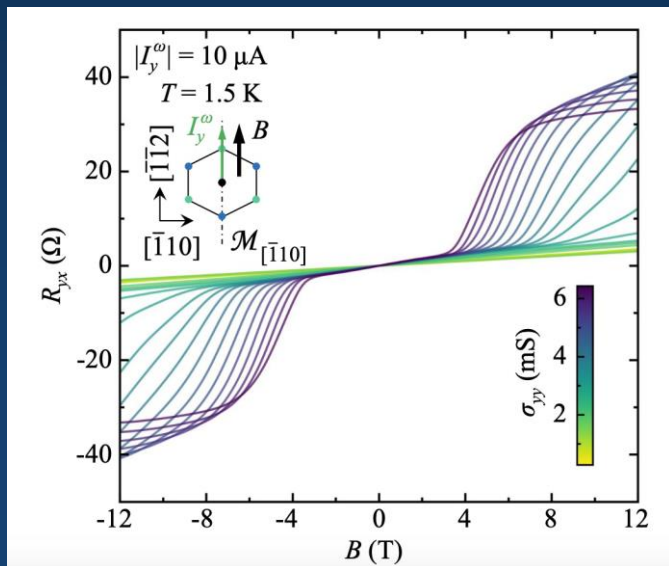
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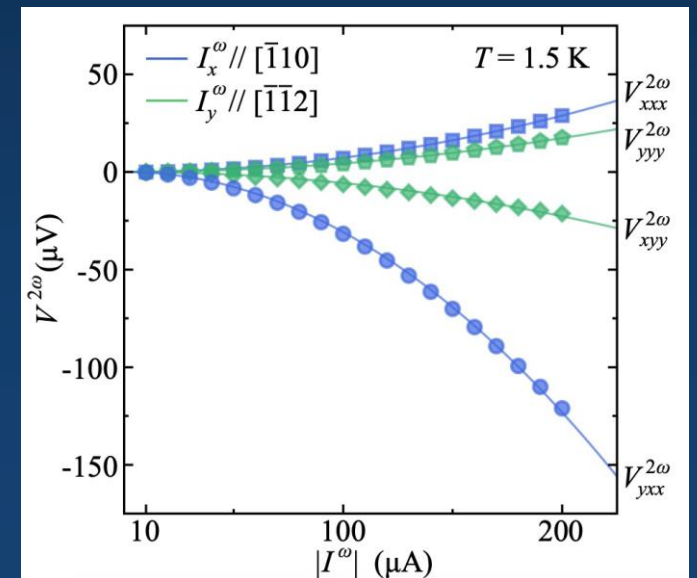


Orbital sources



(111)LAO/STO

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# Orbital sources of Berry curvature



$t_{2g}$  orbitals with mixing terms (neglecting spin-orbit coupling)

$\Delta$  trigonal crystal field

$T < 105$  K

$\Delta_m$  and  $\alpha_m$  tetragonal distortion

$T < 40$  K

$\alpha_{OR}$  interfacial breaking of inversion symmetry with polar axis

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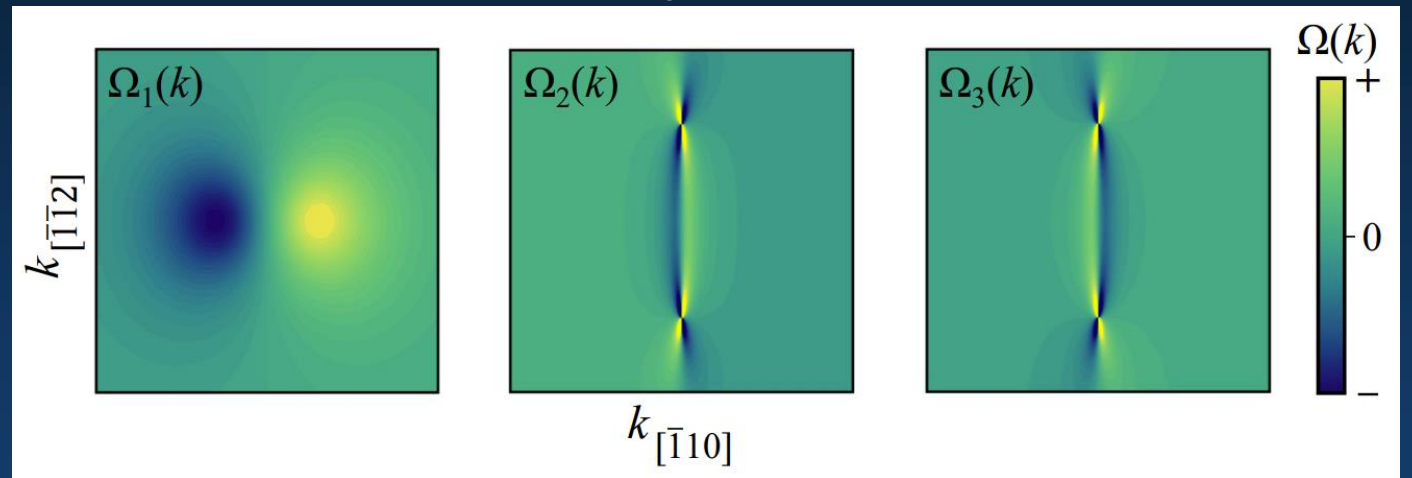
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Dipolar distributions: nonlinear transport responses

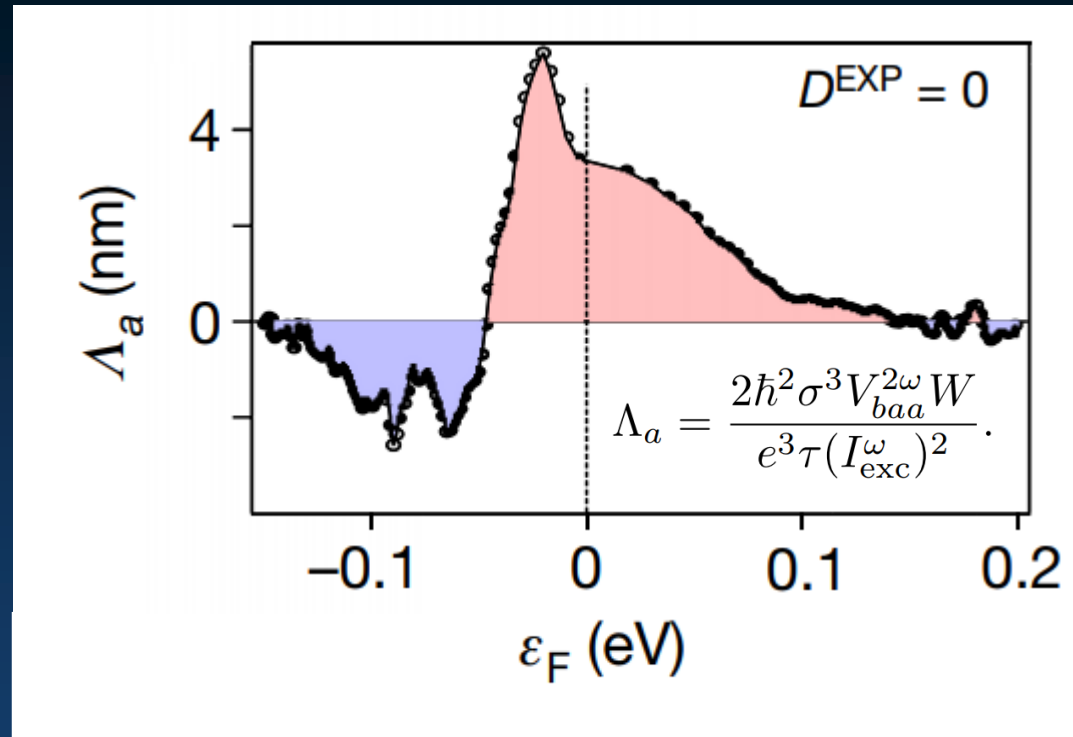


Hot spots

Singular pinch points

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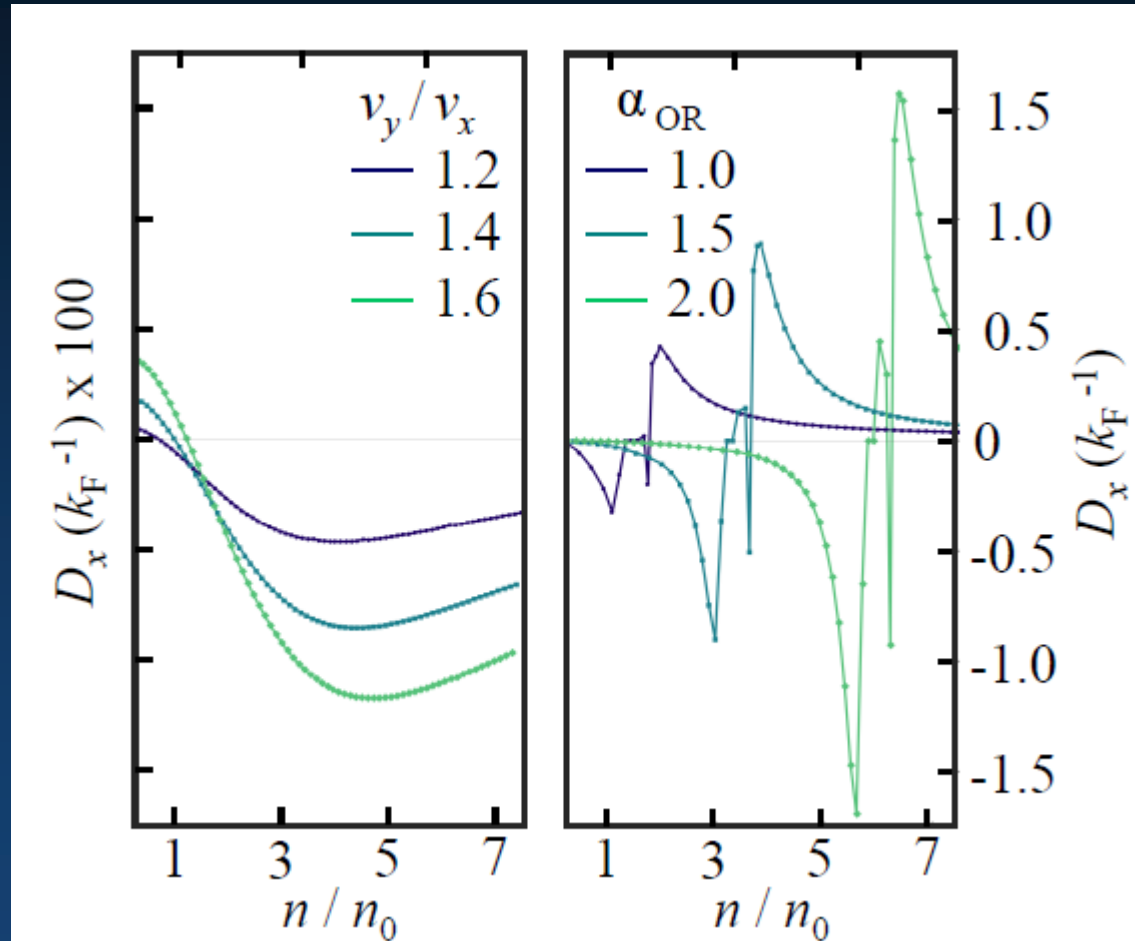


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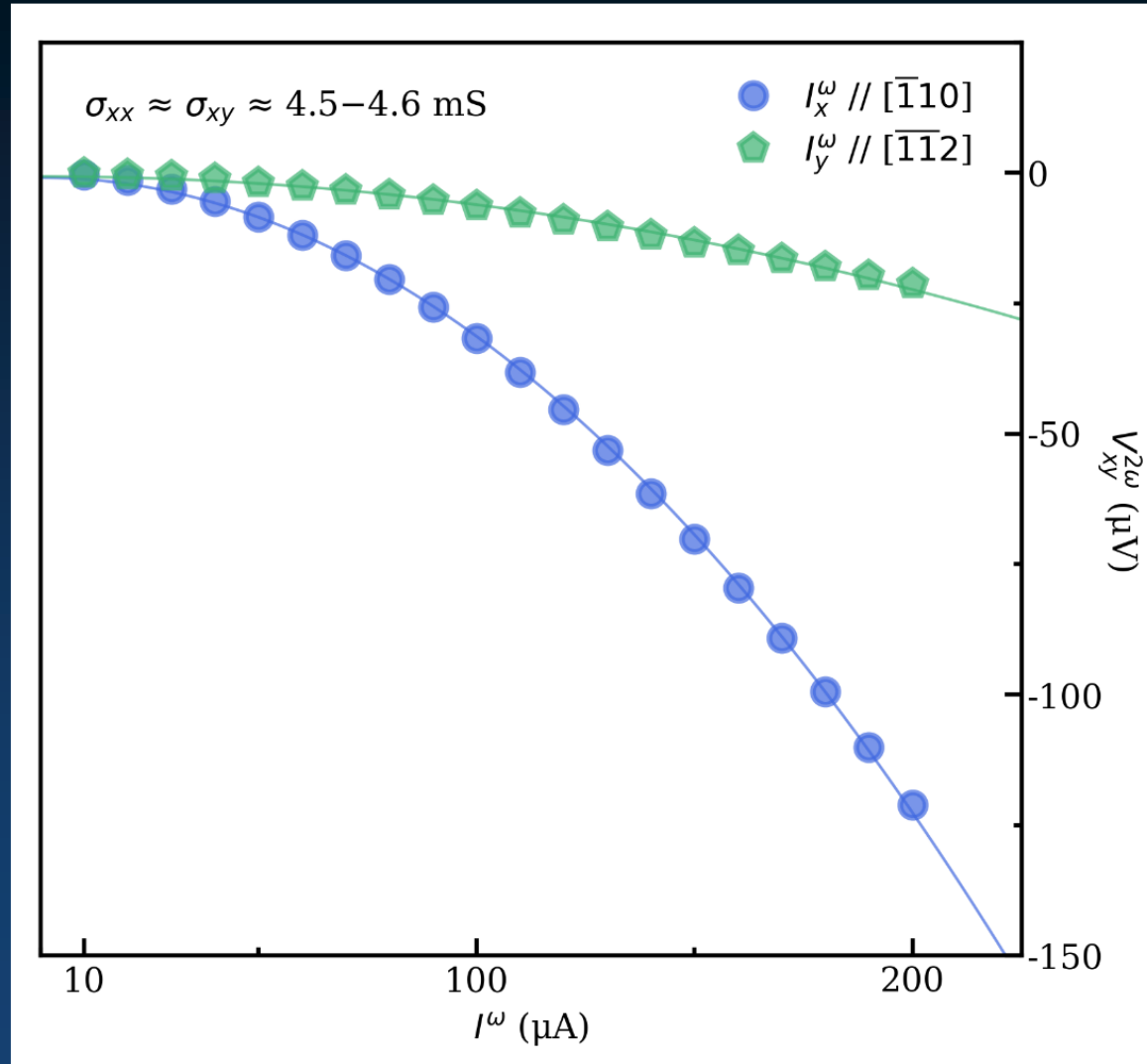
Prediction:  
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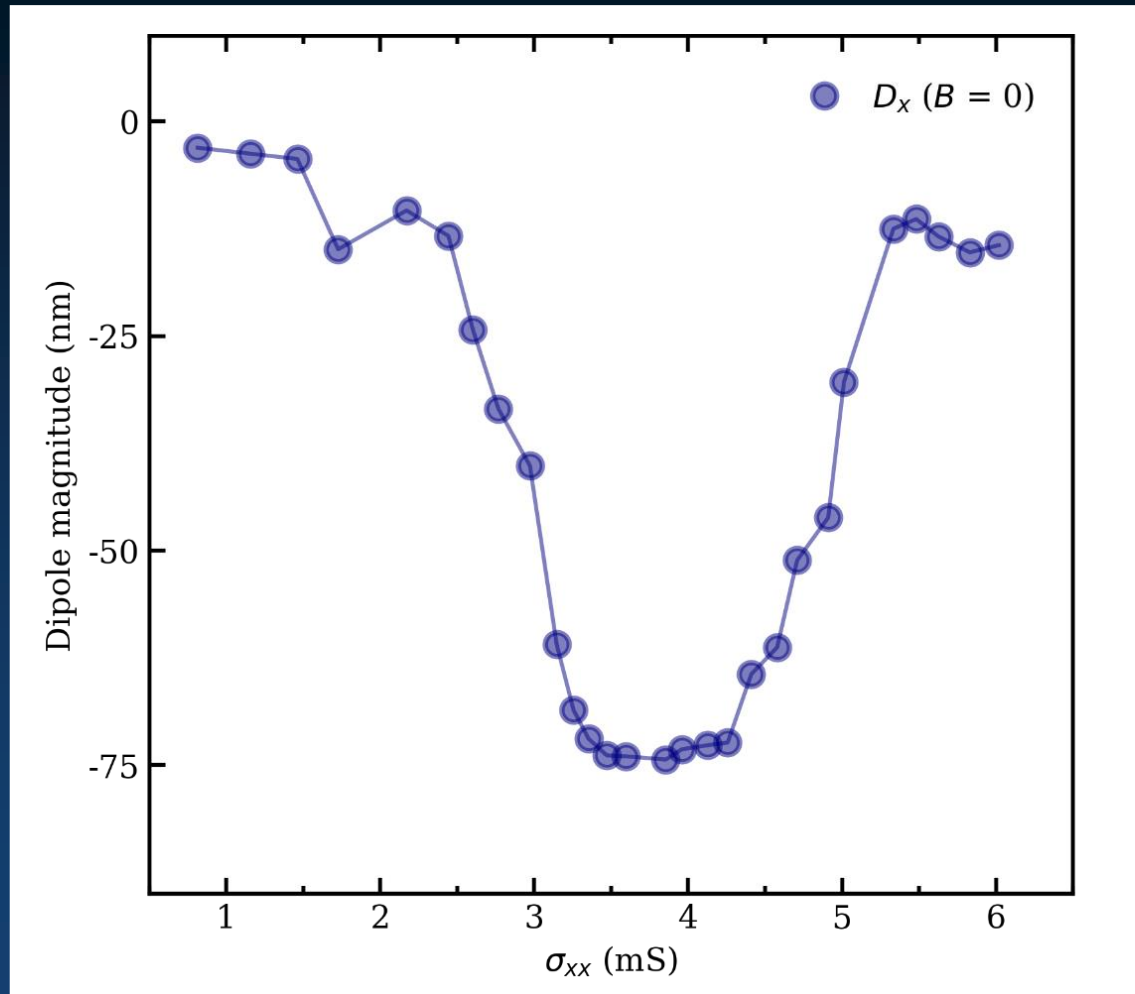


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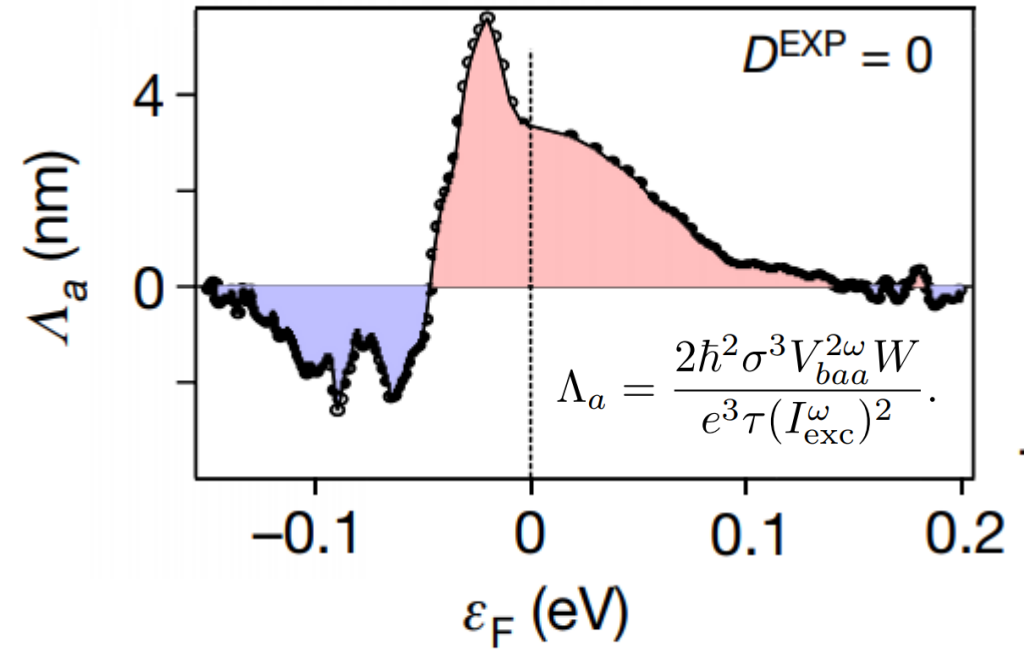
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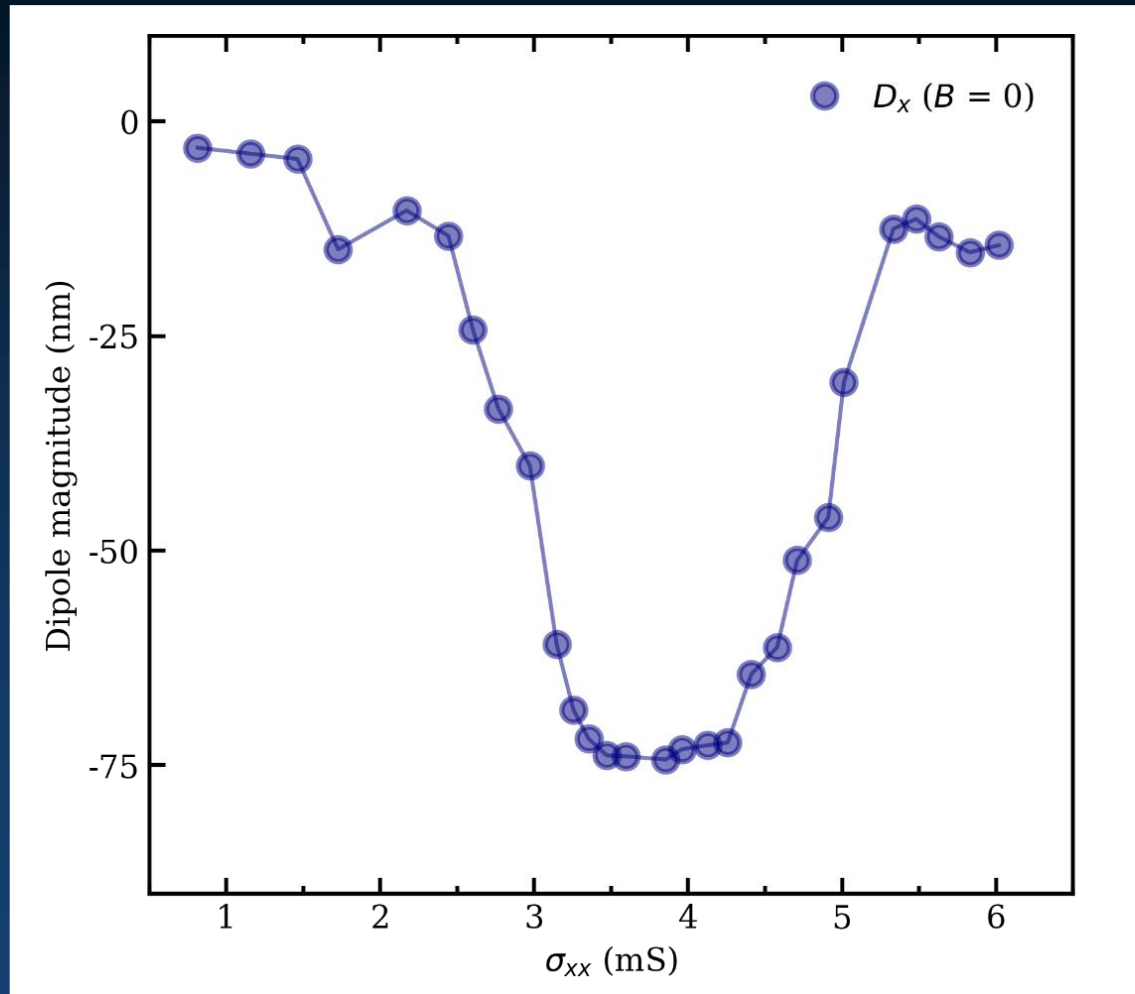


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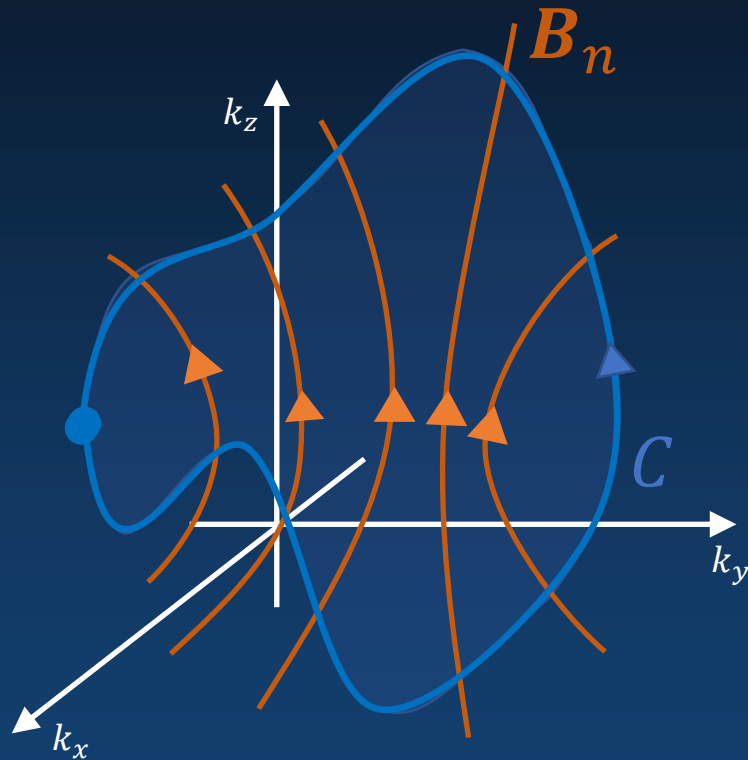


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Materials	Dimension	Experimental estimate of Berry curvature dipole (nm)
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Monolayer WTe <sub>2</sub>	2	0.06
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Twisted WSe <sub>2</sub>	2	0.5
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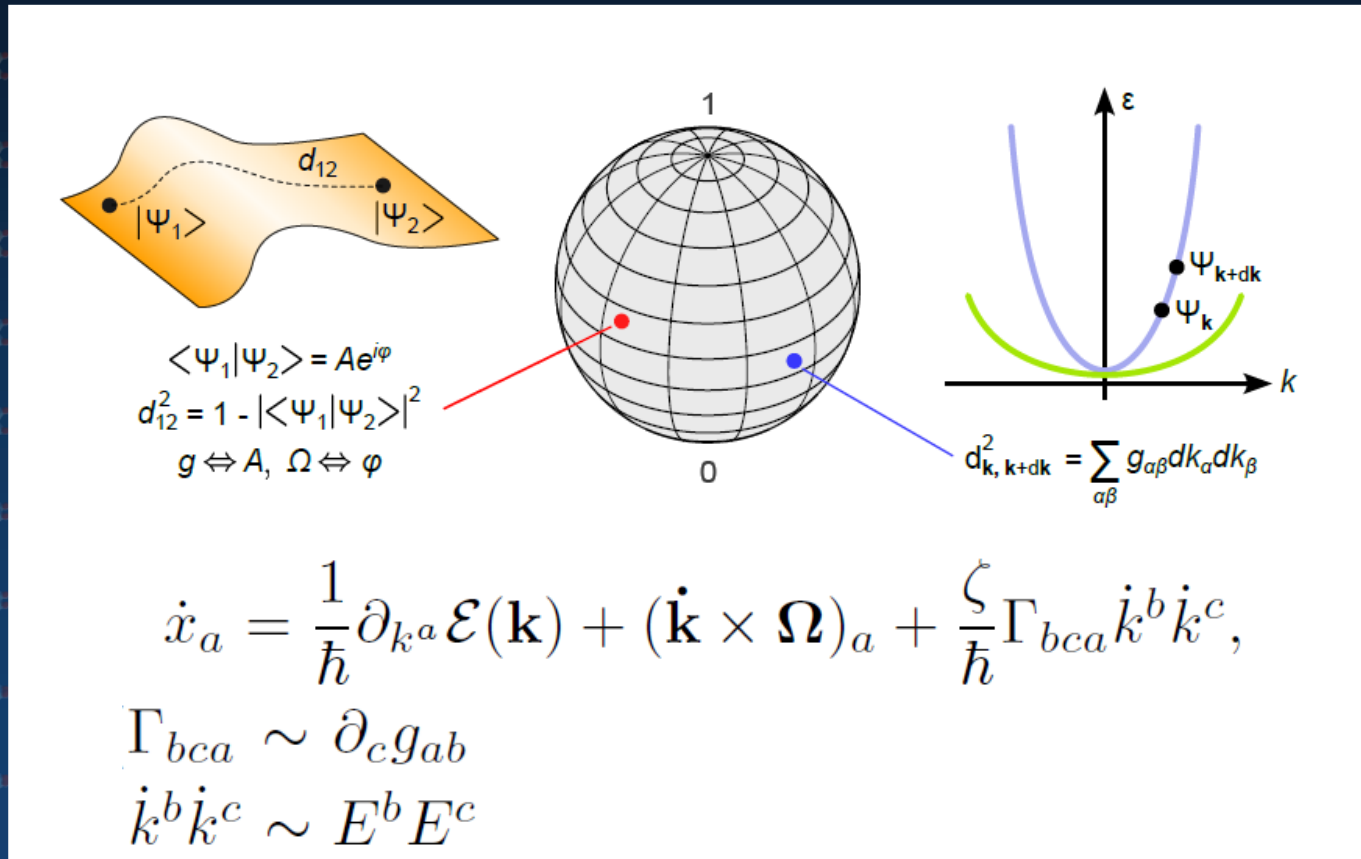
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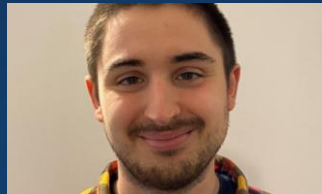
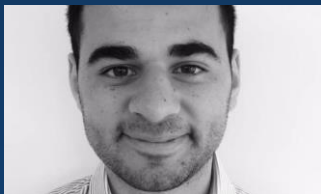
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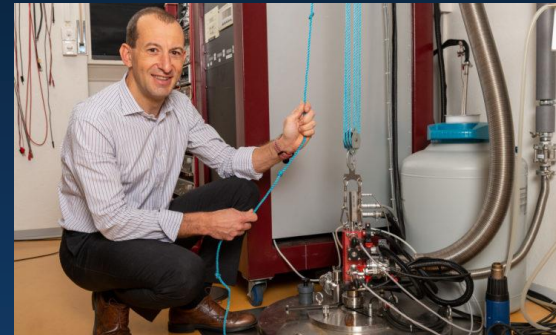
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