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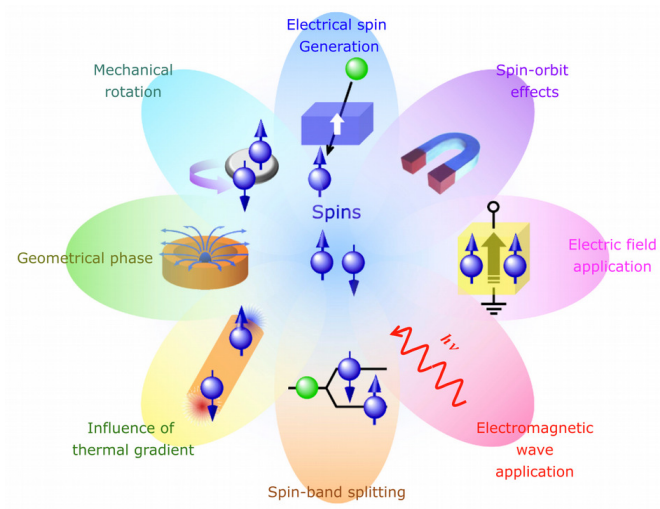
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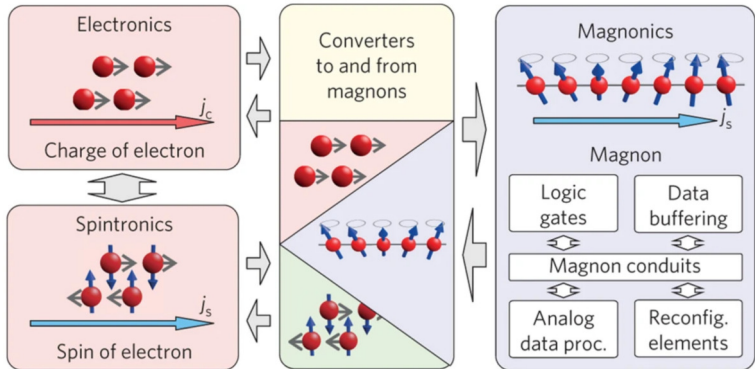
Interacting and higher-order topological spin excitations

Spintronics



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Magnon Spintronics



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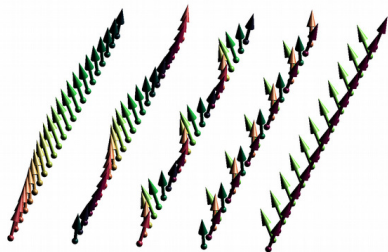
Magnons

Interacting localized spin moments

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \mathbb{I}_{ij} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j - \sum_i \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i$$

Classical: Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{S}}}_i = -\frac{\gamma}{\mu(1+\alpha^2)} \left[\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{B}_i^{\text{eff}} + \alpha \mathbf{S}_i \times (\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{B}_i^{\text{eff}}) \right]$$

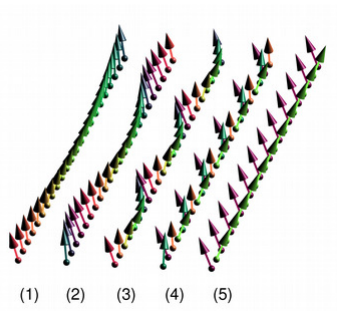
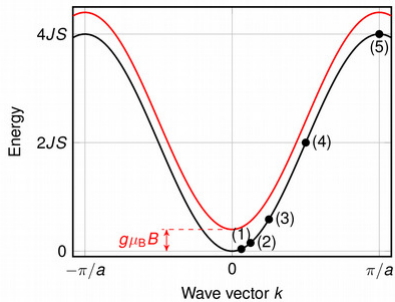


Quantum: Holstein-Primakoff transformation from spins $\hat{\mathbf{S}}_r$ to bosons $\hat{a}_r^{(\dagger)}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_r = \sqrt{\frac{S}{2}} \left[(\hat{f}_r \hat{a}_r + \hat{a}_r^\dagger \hat{f}_r) \hat{\mathbf{x}}_r - i(\hat{f}_r \hat{a}_r - \hat{a}_r^\dagger \hat{f}_r) \hat{\mathbf{y}}_r \right] + (S - \hat{a}_r^\dagger \hat{a}_r) \hat{\mathbf{z}}_r, \quad \hat{f}_r = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\hat{a}_r^\dagger \hat{a}_r}{2S}}$$

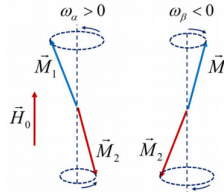
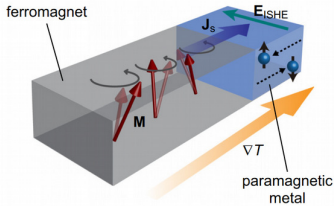
$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_1 + \hat{H}_2 + \hat{H}_3 + \dots$$

Magnons



Spintronics: Spin Seebeck effect

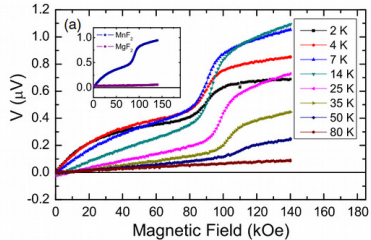
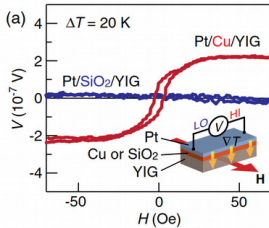
Nonequilibrium spin current caused by temperature gradient: $\langle \mathbf{J}_s \rangle = \chi_Y \nabla T$



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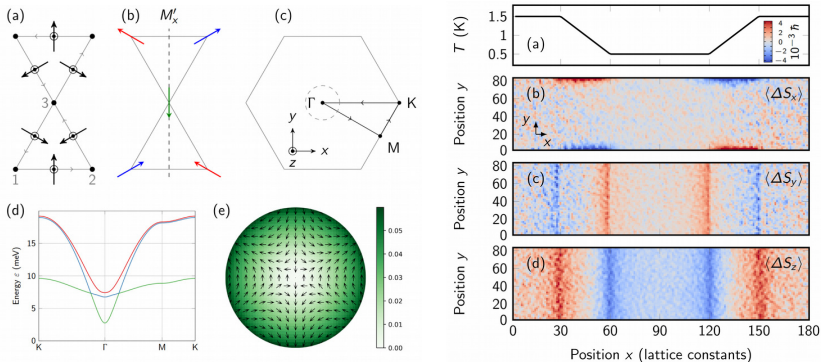


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Magnon spin transport in noncollinear magnets

Nonequilibrium spin current caused by temperature gradient: $\langle \mathbf{J}_\gamma \rangle = \chi_\gamma \nabla T$



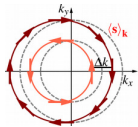
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Magnonic thermal Edelstein effect

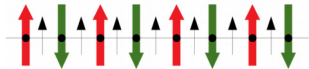
Nonequilibrium spin-polarization caused by temperature gradient: $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \chi \nabla T$

Reminder: electronic EE $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \chi \mathbf{E}$

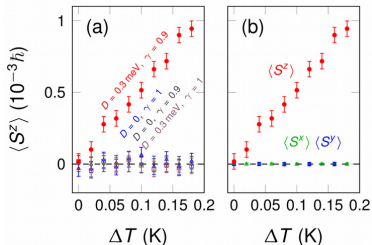
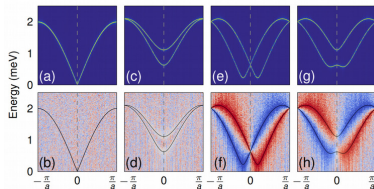


- ▶ Nonconserved spin
- ▶ Broken inversion symmetry

Toy model: AFM spin chain



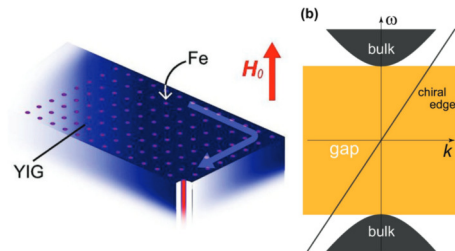
$$H = J \sum_i (\gamma S_i^x S_{i+1}^x + S_i^y S_{i+1}^y + \lambda S_i^z S_{i+1}^z) + D \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_{i+1}$$



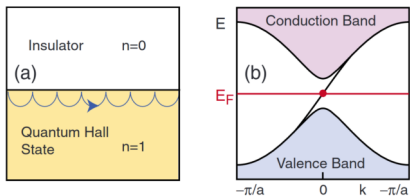
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Topological magnonics



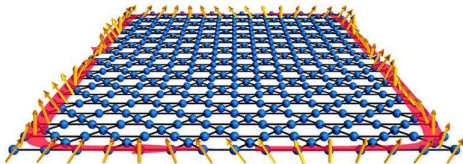
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Topological magnon insulators

Cu(1,3-benzenedicarboxylate)



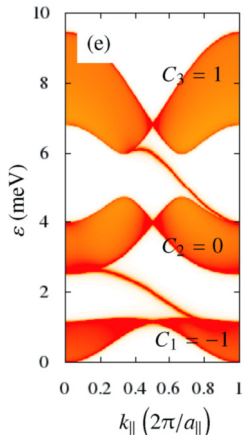
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Chern number

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\text{BZ}} \Omega_n(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k}$$

$$\Omega_n(\mathbf{k}) = i \langle \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} u_n(\mathbf{k}) | \times | \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} u_n(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

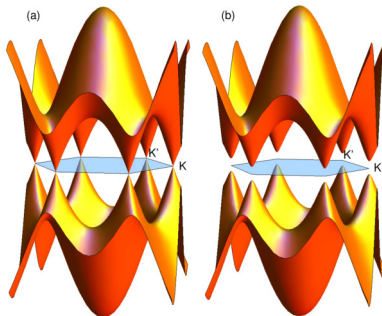
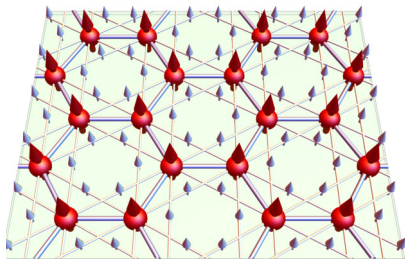
Bulk-boundary correspondence



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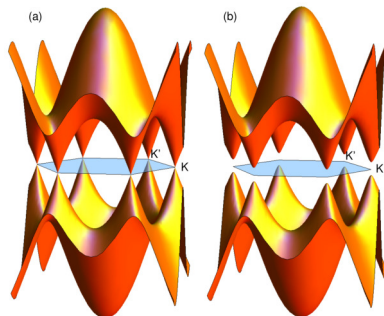
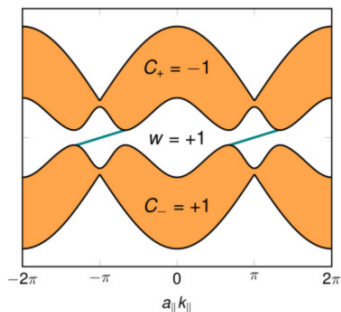
Honeycomb lattice ferromagnet

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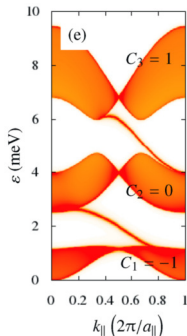
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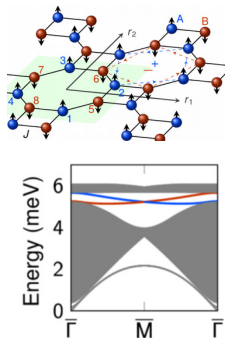
Topological phases of magnons (incomplete)

Chern insulator



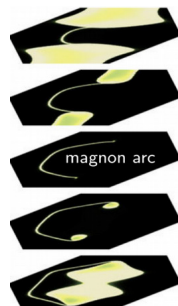
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\mathbb{Z}_2 topological insulator



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Dirac/Weyl magnons



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Topological magnon materials (incomplete)

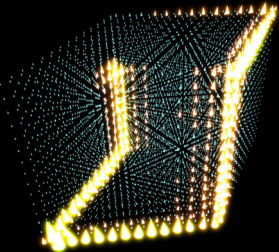
Compound	Magnon topology	Theory	Experiment
$\text{Lu}_2\text{V}_2\text{O}_7$	Weyl magnons	[1]	[2]
$\text{Cu}(1,3\text{-bdc})$	Chern insulating	[3]	[4]
CrI_3	Chern insulating	[5]	[6]
CrBr_3	Dirac magnons	[7]	[8]
	Chern insulating	[9]	[9]
Cu_2OSeO_3	Weyl magnons	[10]	[10]
YMn_6Sn_6	Dirac magnons	[11]	[11]
FeSn	Dirac magnons	[12]	[12]
Cu_3TeO_6	Dirac magnons	[13]	[14]
CoTiO_3	Nodal lines	[15]	[15]
$\text{CrSiTe}_3/\text{CrGeTe}_3$	Chern insulating	[16]	[16]
Skyrmion crystals	Chern insulating	[17]	[18]
Elemental Gd	Nodal lines	[19]	[19]
Antiskyrmion crystals	Second-order	[20]	[21]
van der Waals magnet stacks	Second-order	[22]	–
Magnonic metamaterials	various
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Central questions

How to go 3D?



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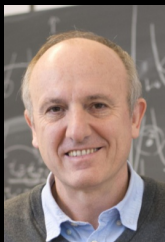
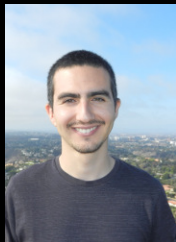
Single-particle sector



Two-particle sector

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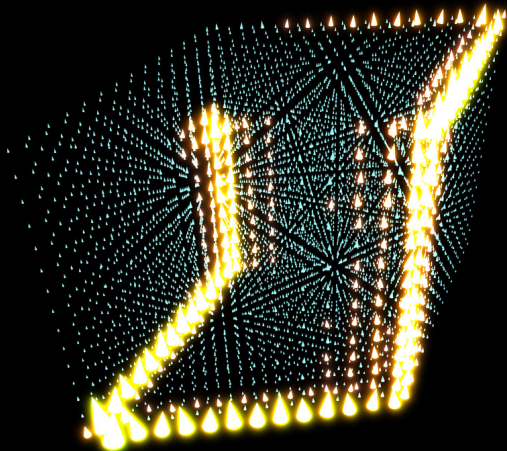
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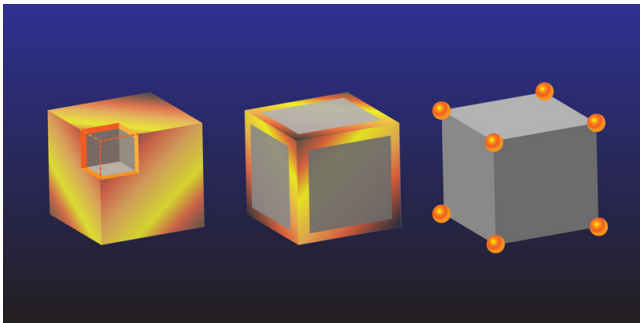
Second-order topological chiral hinge magnons

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Second-and-higher-order topology

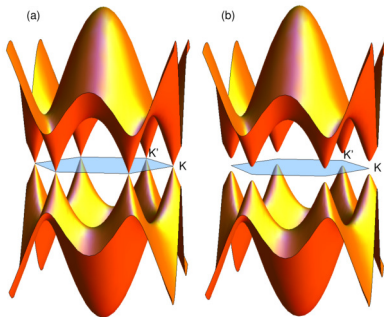
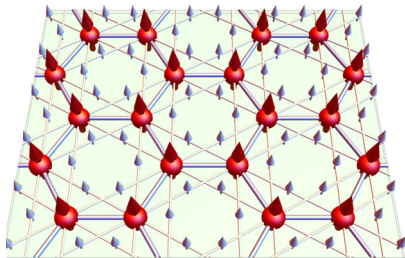


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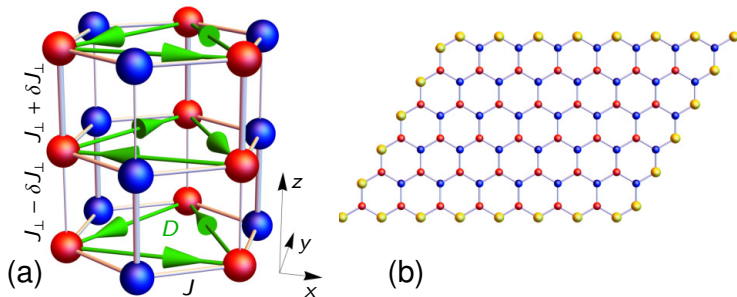
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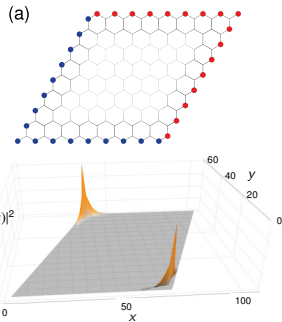
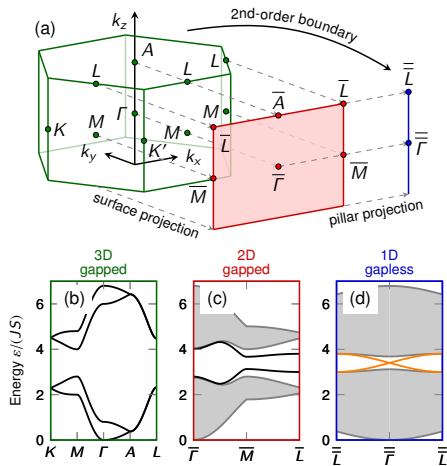
Stack of honeycomb-lattice ferromagnets

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\ell} \left[\hat{H}_{\text{honeycomb}}^{(\ell)}(J, D^{(\ell)}) + \hat{H}_{\text{coupling}}^{(\ell \rightarrow \ell+1)}(J_{\perp}, \delta J_{\perp}) \right], \quad D^{(\ell)} = (-1)^{\ell} D$$



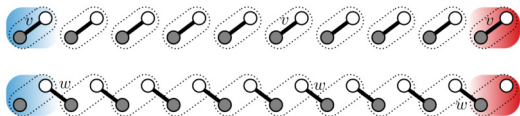
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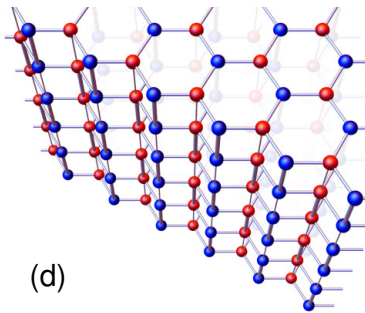
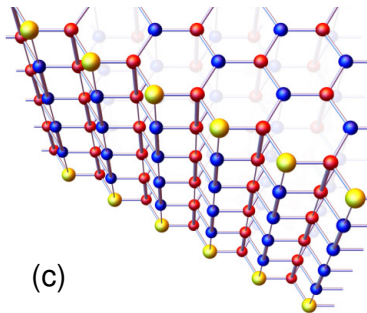
SSH chains along stacking direction



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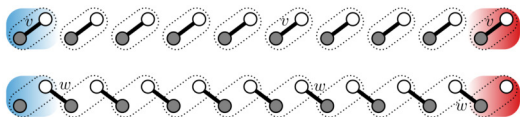
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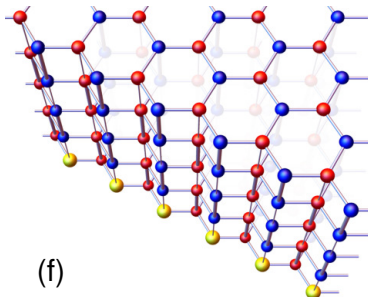
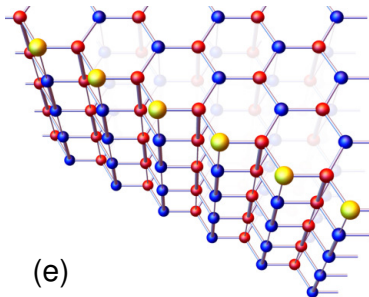
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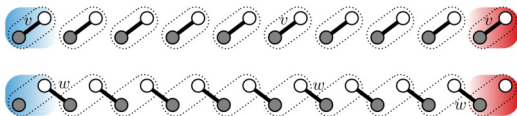
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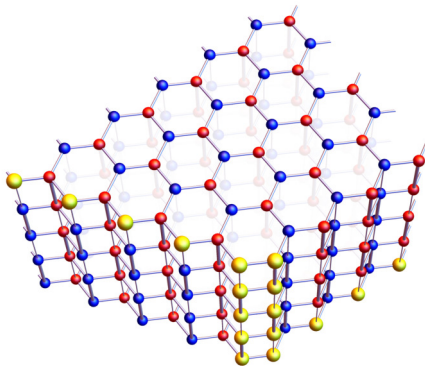


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SSH chains along stacking direction: Domain walls

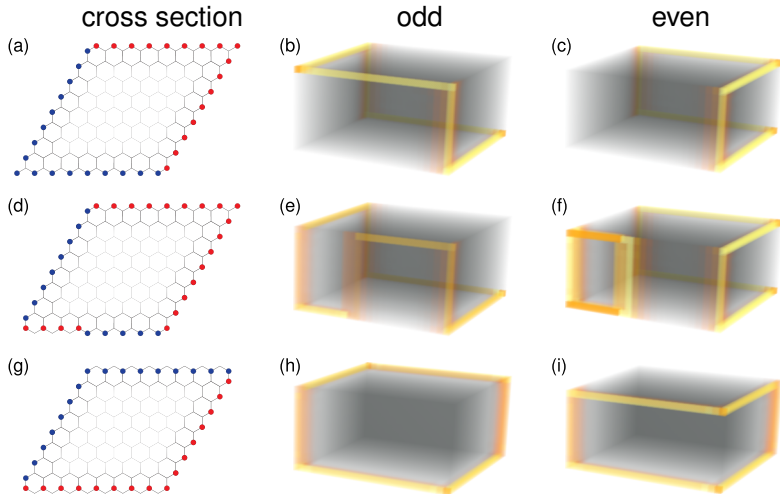


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Spin dynamics simulations

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Spin dynamics simulations with disorder

$$R = \frac{\text{Disorder strength}}{\text{Band gap}}$$

$$R = 0.21$$

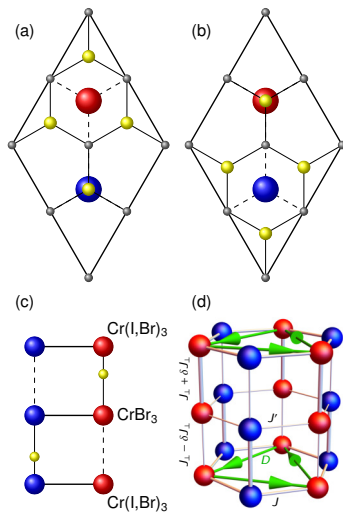
$$R = 0.64$$

$$R = 1.07$$



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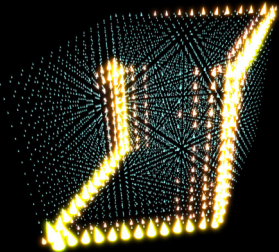
Proposal for experimental realization



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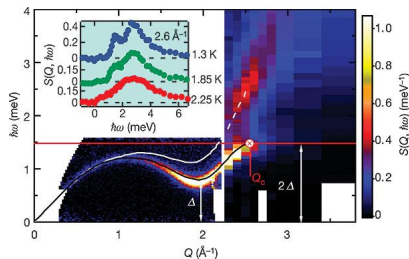
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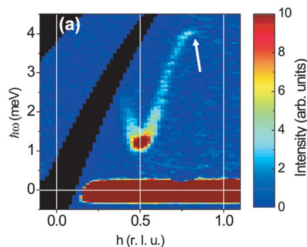
Spontaneous quasiparticle decay

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_2 + \hat{H}_3 + \hat{H}_4 + \dots$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{q},\mu}^\dagger \hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{p},\nu}$$



Stone *et al.*, Nature 440, 187 (2006)

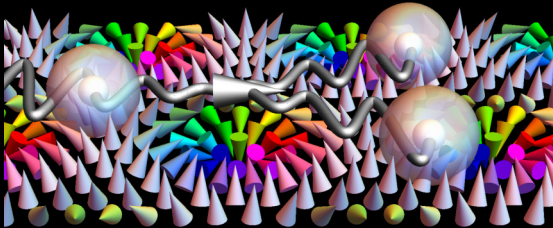


Masuda *et al.*, PRL 96, 047210 (2006)

- 1) Does single-particle topology survive many-body interactions?
- 2) Can many-body interactions bring about nontrivial topology?

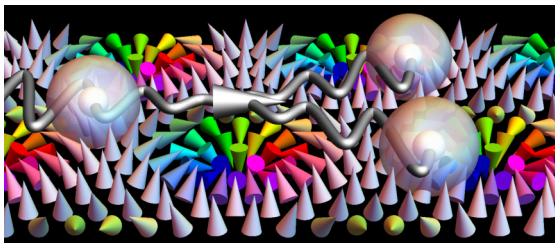
Spontaneous magnon decay in skyrmion crystals

—Topological magnons **in spite of** interactions—

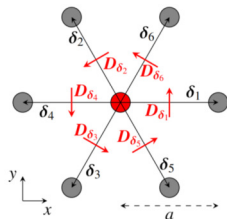


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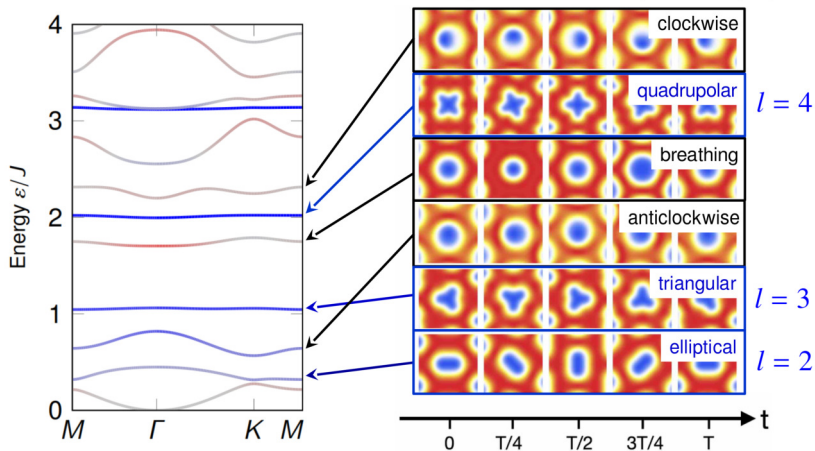
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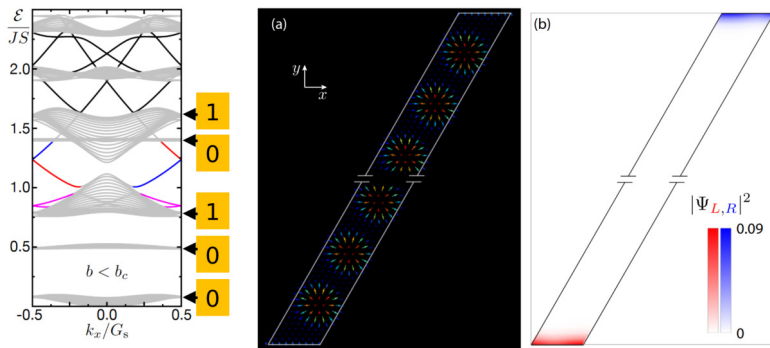
$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r,r'} \left(-J \hat{\mathbf{S}}_r \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{r'} + \mathbf{D}_{r,r'} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_r \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{r'} \right) - b_z \sum_r \hat{S}_r^z$$



Skyrmion crystal eigenmodes



Topology of skyrmion crystal eigenmodes



☞ Díaz *et al.*, PRRes 2, 013231 (2020)

☞ Roldán-Molina *et al.*, New J. Phys. 18, 045015 (2016)

Noncollinear texture causes topological magnon bands.
BUT: Noncollinear texture also causes spontaneous magnon decay!

Any hope to detect topological magnons?

Many-body theory of spontaneous magnon decay

Perturbation theory

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_2 + \hat{V}, \quad \hat{V} = \hat{H}_3 + \hat{H}_4$$

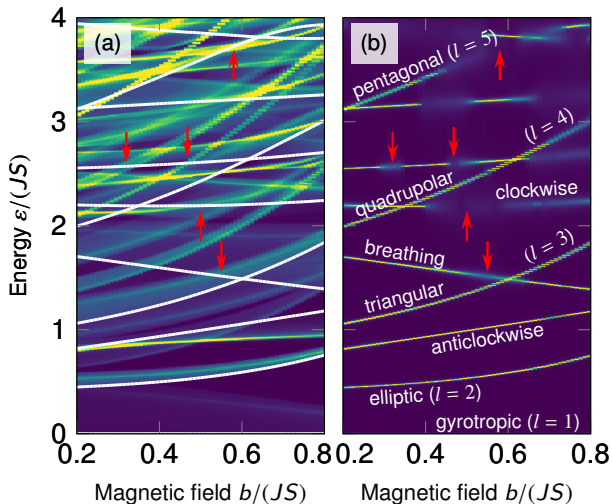
Spontaneous damping (inverse lifetime)

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\nu} = \frac{\pi}{2N} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \text{BZ}} \sum_{\lambda, \mu} \left| \mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q} \leftarrow \mathbf{k}}^{\lambda \mu \leftarrow \nu} \right|^2 \delta(\varepsilon_{\nu, \mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{\lambda, \mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_{\mu, \mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}})$$

Two-magnon density of states

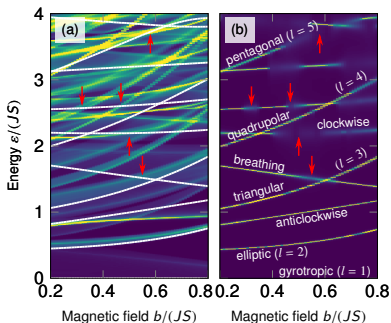
$$D_{\mathbf{k}}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\pi}{2N} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \text{BZ}} \sum_{\lambda, \mu} \delta(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\lambda, \mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_{\mu, \mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}})$$

Magnon spectral function



Implications

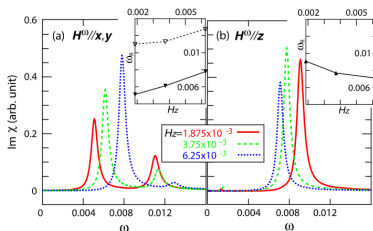
- ▶ Great prospects for topological magnonics
- ▶ Field-dependent quantum damping of C mode



Quantum vs. classical damping

$$\frac{\Gamma_C^{\text{qm.}}}{\Gamma_C^{\text{Gilbert}}} \approx \frac{0.1}{\alpha S} \left(\frac{D}{J}\right)^2 \approx 3.6$$

(CuO₂SeO₃)

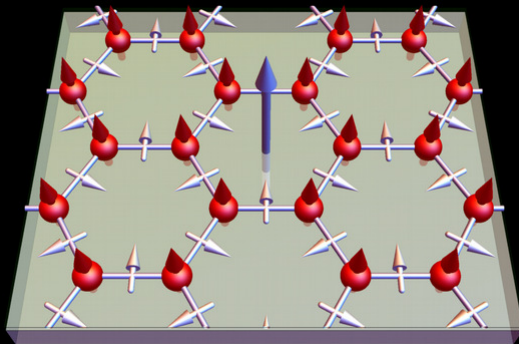


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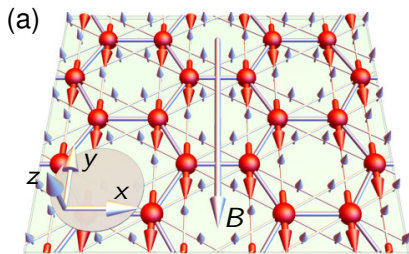
Quantum mass of Dirac magnons

—Topological magnons **because of** interactions—

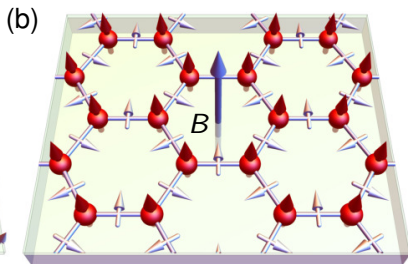


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Models



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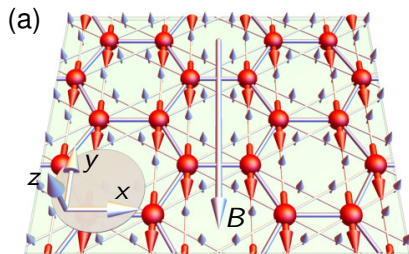


Chiral

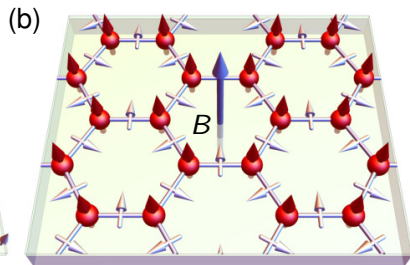
$$\hat{H}^A = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle r, r' \rangle} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_r \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{r'} - \sum_r \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_r + \frac{D_z}{2} \sum_{\langle\langle r, r' \rangle\rangle} \nu_{r, r'} \mathbf{z} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{S}}_r \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{r'})$$

$$\hat{H}^C = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle r, r' \rangle} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_r \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{r'} - \sum_r \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_r + \frac{D}{2} \sum_{\langle r, r' \rangle} \mathbf{d}_{r, r'} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{S}}_r \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{r'})$$

Models



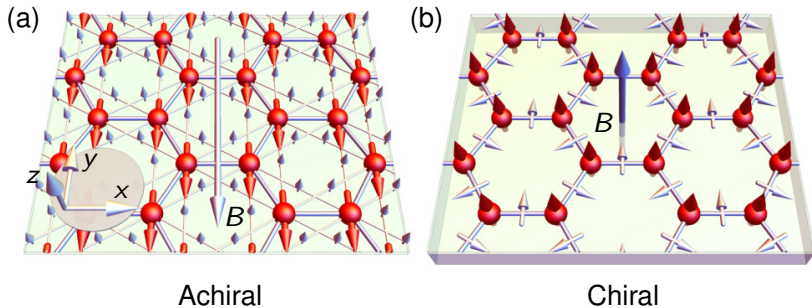
Achiral



Chiral

	Achiral	Chiral
Time-reversal symmetry	$\mathcal{R}(\pi, \mathbf{z})\mathcal{T}$	–
Parity symmetry	I	$\mathcal{R}(\pi, \mathbf{z})I$

Models



$$\hat{H}^{A/C} - \hat{H}_0 \approx \hat{H}_2(J, B) + \hat{H}_3^{A/C}(D) + \hat{H}_4(J)$$

Models differ only in particle-number nonconserving interactions.

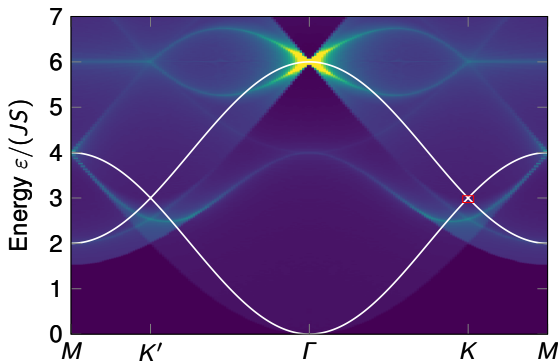
Harmonic theory

Free-magnon dispersion

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},\pm} = JS (3 \pm |\gamma_{\mathbf{k}}|) + B$$

Dirac cones at $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'$ ($\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} = 0$)

$$\varepsilon_{\text{D}} = 3JS + B$$



Anharmonic theory

Three-magnon interaction:

$$\hat{H}_3 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\lambda,\mu,\nu=1}^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\mathbf{p}}^{\mathbf{p}=\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} \left(\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}\leftarrow\mathbf{p}}^{\lambda\mu\leftarrow\nu} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q},\mu}^\dagger \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p},\nu} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

Interacting Green's function:

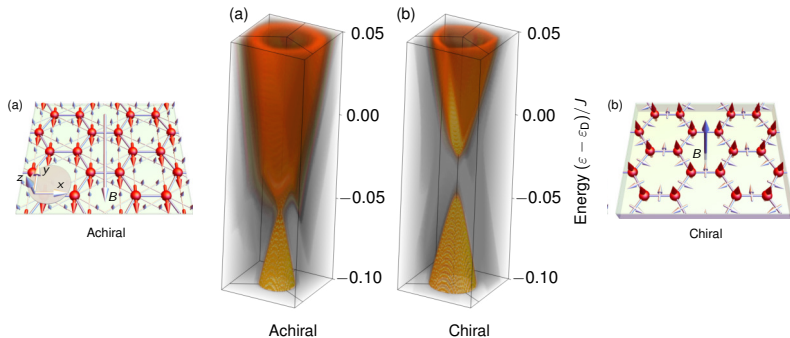
$$\mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{k}}^{-1}(\varepsilon, T) = (\varepsilon + i0^+) - \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma_{\mathbf{k}}(\varepsilon, T)$$

Self-energy:

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\alpha\beta}(\varepsilon, T) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \text{BZ}} \sum_{j,j'} \frac{\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{k}\leftarrow\mathbf{q},\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}}^{\alpha\leftarrow jj'} \mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}\leftarrow\mathbf{k}}^{jj'\leftarrow\beta}}{\varepsilon + i0^+ - \varepsilon_{j,\mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_{j',\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}}}$$

Interaction-renormalized Dirac cones

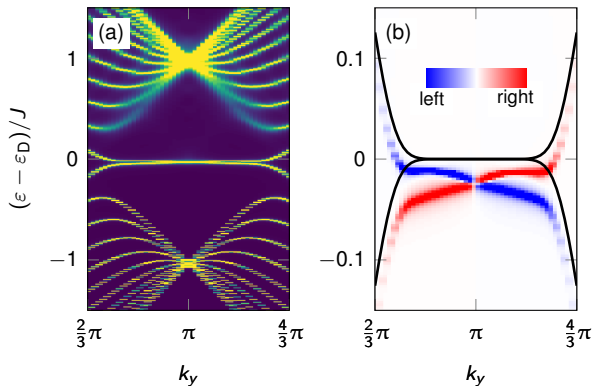
$$\text{Spectral function } A_{\mathbf{k}}(\varepsilon) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{ImTr} \mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{k}}(\varepsilon)$$



Chiral magnet exhibits a spontaneous Dirac mass gap.

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Slab calculation

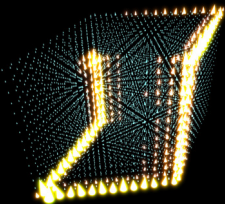


Interaction-induced topological band gap with chiral edge magnons.

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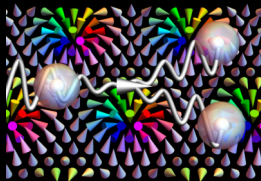
Summary

Second-order
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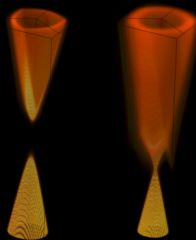
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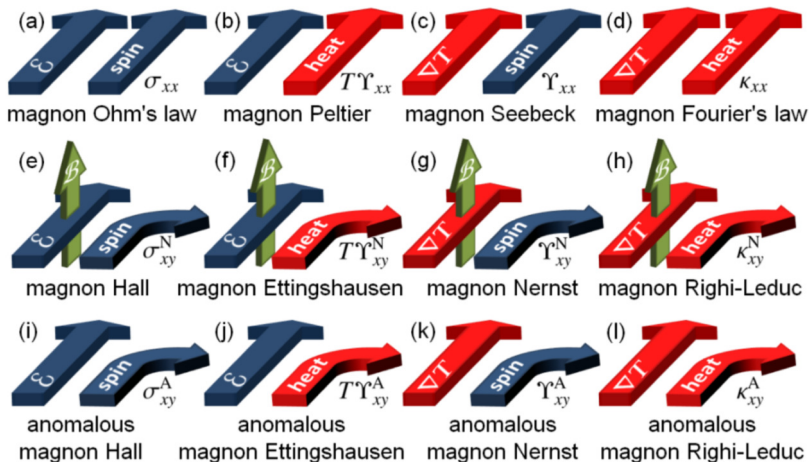
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Magnon-magnon
interactions cause
topology!



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Anomalous transverse transport



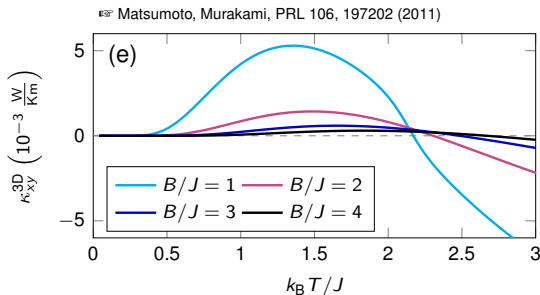
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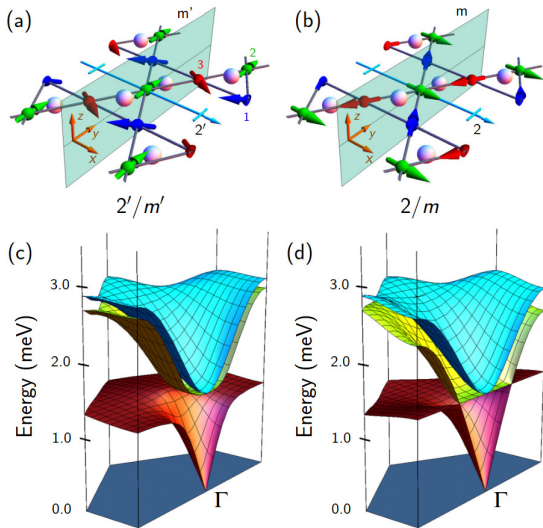
$$\mathbf{j} = L^{(0)} \nabla B - L^{(1)} T^{-1} \nabla T,$$

$$\mathbf{q} = L^{(1)} \nabla B - L^{(2)} T^{-1} \nabla T,$$

$$L_{xy}^{(i)}(T) \propto \sum_{j=\pm} \int_{\text{BZ}} c_j[\rho(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k},j}, T)] \Omega_{\mathbf{k},j} d^2k$$

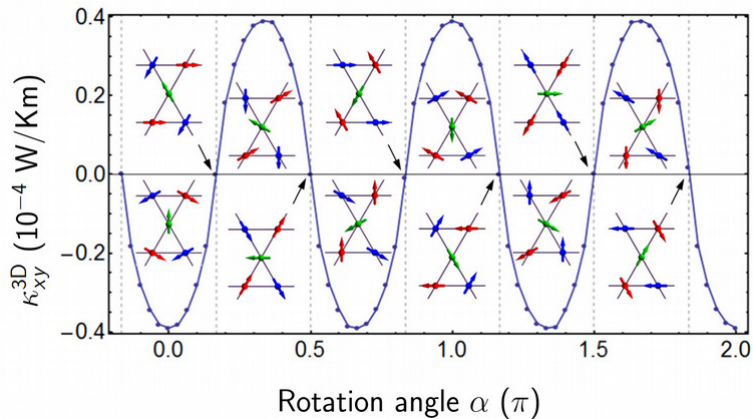


Magnon Chern insulator in antiferromagnets



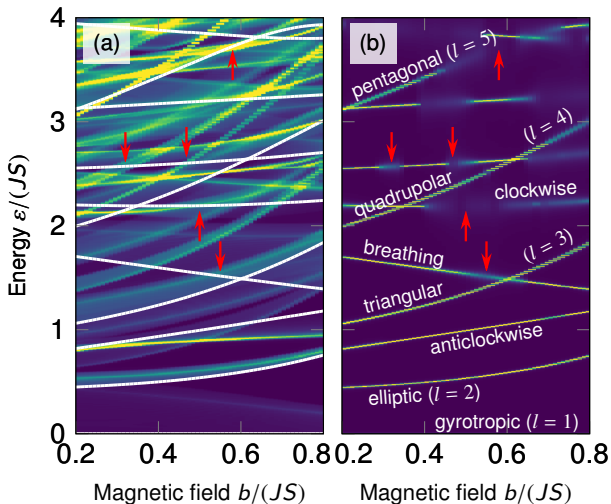
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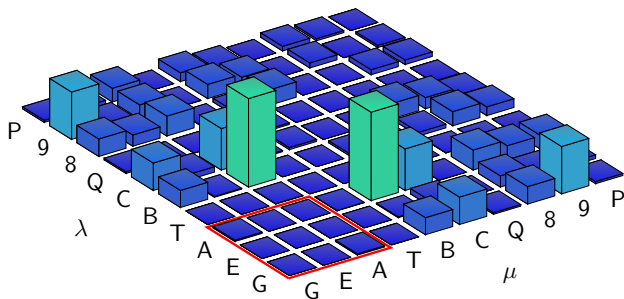
Magnon spectral function



Anticlockwise mode is very stable

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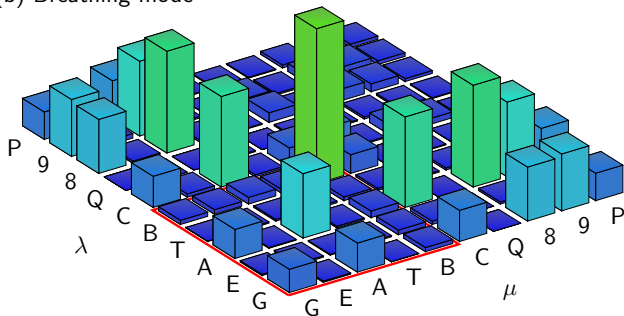
(a) Anticlockwise mode



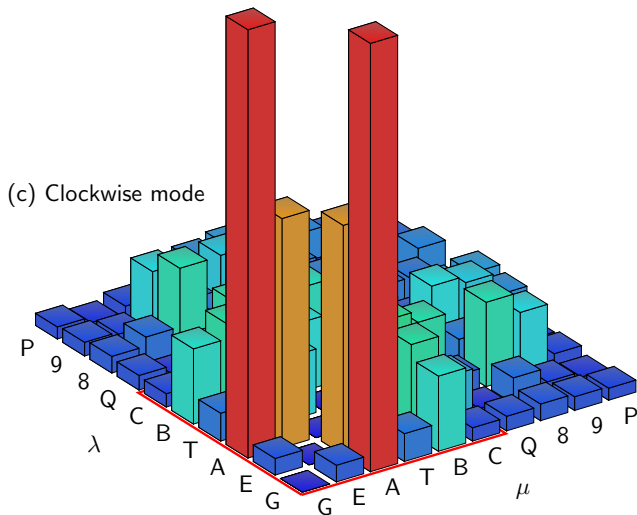
Breathing mode is also stable

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(b) Breathing mode

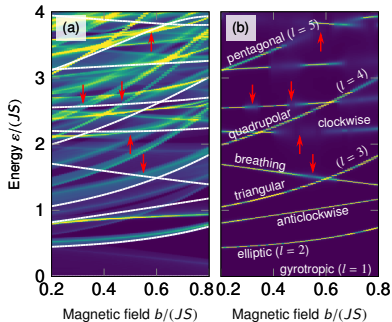


Clockwise mode is very unstable



Implications

Zero-temperature magnon lifetimes are strongly momentum and field-dependent.

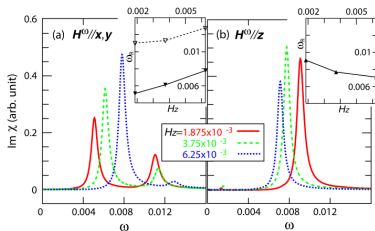


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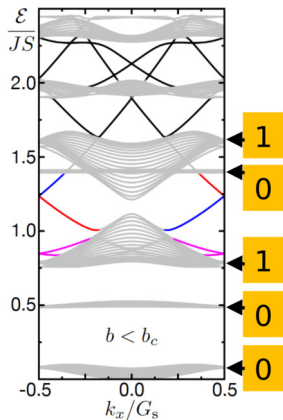
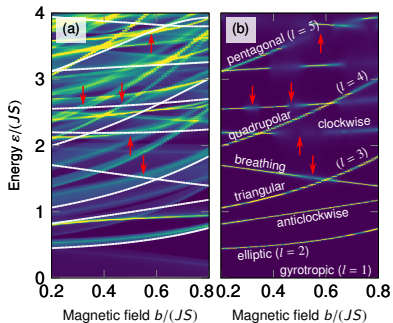
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Implications

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