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Non-linear Anomalous Hall effects detect topological phase transitions in moiré super lattices

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Background

• 1879: Edwin Hall made a revolution by the first observation of transverse potential difference in a conductor, fixed in position with respect to a steady magnetic field at right angles to the applied current.







Theory of Anomalous Hall effect

In the early stages of research on the anomalous Hall conductivity, it was widely believed that its origins were solely related to **Extrinsic** contributions— scattering of charge carriers by impurities, defects, or other extraneous factors within the material.



Time Reversal Symmetry : Non-linear AHE

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Can we obtain Anomalous Hall Effect in systems with TRS?



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Quantum Nonlinear Hall Effect Induced by Berry Curvature Dipole in Time-Reversal Invariant Materials

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Time Reversal symmetry: $\Omega(k) = -\Omega(-k)$ Space Inversion symmetry: $\Omega(k) = \Omega(-k)$

In presence of both TRS and SIS, the Berry curvature is identically zero at every BZ points

Anomalous velocity:
$$v(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial e(\mathbf{k})}{\partial \mathbf{k}} + \dot{\mathbf{k}} \times \Omega_n(\mathbf{k})$$

Out of equilibrium $\Rightarrow f(e_{\mathbf{k}}) \neq f(e_{-\mathbf{k}})$
Berry curvature dipole
 $\Lambda_{ab} = \int f_0 (\partial_a \Omega_b) [d\mathbf{k}] = -\int \Omega_b (\partial_a f_0) [d\mathbf{k}]$

Feasibility of topology from tilted Dirac model

Do we have any **Topological characterisation** from **NL-AHE** in presence of **TRS**?

$$H_s = \hbar v_F (k_x \sigma_y - s k_y \sigma_x) + s \hbar v_t k_x \sigma_0 + \Delta \sigma_z$$







- Time Reversal symmetry preserved
- Space Inversion symmetry broken
- Tenability with external perturbations



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Twistronics

In 2018, the world break through has happened in the field of condensed matter physics with discovery of *magic* angle in twisted graphene superlattice namely ``**Moiré** " systems



Illustration of energy dispersion



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Key criteria for NL Anomalous Hall effect



External vertical electric field induces metal insulator transition by opening a gap and charge neutrality point



Second order Hall response



Breaking of C₃ symmetry is important to get finite BCD hence NLA Hall response

Non-linear Hall current:



Experimental observation



NLH voltage (at 2ω) and longitudinal voltage (at ω) scaling analysis:



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Non-linear AHE as indicator of topological phase transition



phase diagram of Z_2 index

Summary:

Detection of topological transition through NL anomalous Hall responses not restricted to TDBG only rather is very generic to Moiré as well as for three dimensional time reversal symmetric systems too.

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