



Weekly Seminar

Weyl semimetals on the atomic scale

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Abstract

Weyl semimetals host pairs of bulk Weyl bands with Dirac-like dispersion of opposite chirality. Their chiral degeneracy is lifted by a broken crystallographic or time reversal symmetry. Each pair of Weyl nodes acts as source and drain monopoles of quantized Berry flux in momentum space. This induces corresponding Fermi arc surface bands with open contour dispersion connecting the surface projection of the pair of bulk Weyl nodes. We show the existence of the topological surface Fermi arc bands in both inversion and time reversal symmetry broken Weyl materials and investigate them on the atomic scale using scanning tunneling spectroscopy. In TaAs we find that the Bloch band structure of Fermi arc states distinguishes them from trivial surface states. In $\text{Co}_3\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_2$ we find distinct inter Weyl node connectivity on three different crystallographic terminations. Our findings demonstrate both the unique aspects of Fermi arc states as well as the topologically unprotected aspects of those exotic surface bands.

About the speaker

ACADEMICS

2005-2009 Ph.D. in physics, Department of Condensed Matter, Weizmann Institute.
2004-2005 M.Sc. in physics, Department of Condensed Matter, Weizmann Institute.
2001-2003 B.Sc. in physics and computer science, Tel-Aviv University.

POSITIONS

2012-current Senior Scientist, Department of Condensed Matter, Weizmann Institute of Science.
2009-2012 Post-doctorate in physics, Department of Condensed Matter, Princeton University.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2018 Levinson prize for young researcher by the scientific council of the Weizmann Institute of Science
2016 Prize for young researcher by the Israeli Physics Society
2016 ARCHES Award for Research Cooperation and High Excellence in Science, Minerva Stiftung.