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粒子物理学标准模型 17种基本粒子

宇宙中基本的粒子



 $\frac{1}{i}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi + m\psi = 0$



量子力学+相对论=狄拉克方程 计算出费米子能量为E = ±√c²p²+m²

员的能量预言了反粒子。



狄拉克费米子的世界

这种反粒子与自身不同的费米子我们叫做狄拉克费米子。







外尔想到: 当秋拉克费米子无质量时, 秋拉克费米子可以视为左手的外尔费米子与右手的外尔费米子组合



字称不守恒

 $\sigma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi=0$



马约拉纳费米子的世界

马约拉讷则枸恕了一种自己是自己的反粒子的费米子



 $i\partial\!\!\!/\psi - m\psi_c = 0$

但到目前为止,宇宙中的基本粒子中只发现了狄拉克费米子! 我们将如何去发现新的粒子?

宏德森



More Is Different

多者异也!

将所有事物还原为简单的基本定律的 能力并不意味着从那些基本定律出发并重 建整个宇宙的能力。

我们不断还原去得到最基本的粒子

从非常简单的相互作用之中展示出复杂的结构和模式(pattern)

固体材料中有些集体行为。从大量基本粒子 的复杂相互作用中产生,表砚得像是一个粒子一 样。



铁磁体中的磁矩振动 磁振子 magnon

晶格的振动 声子 phonon

"准粒子"

什么是谁粒子?



淮粒子

 □ 也表砚出固有的量子属性 (质量, 面旋, 电荷)
□ 也遵从与前者一样的物理 方程



固体宇宙



我们的宇宙波澜壮阔,我们的材料也丰富多彩。同样的电子在不同的材料中,可以被"装饰"成各种各样不同的准粒子

Dirac & Weyl fermions



Band dispersions



Band design by controlling lattice geometry

Honeycomb lattice





$$\widehat{H} = -t \sum_{i} a_{r_{i}}^{\dagger} b_{r_{i}+e_{1}} - t \sum_{i} a_{r_{i}}^{\dagger} b_{r_{i}+e_{2}} - t \sum_{i} a_{r_{i}}^{\dagger} b_{r_{i}+e_{3}} + h.c.$$



$$E_{\pm}(q) \approx \pm v_F |q| + O[(q/K)^2]$$
$$v_F = 3ta/2$$

Kagome lattice: flat band & Dirac band



Kagome lattice: ideal platform to exploit rich physics







Topology, strong correlation, magnetism, relativity, ...

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Dirac Point and its protection

Four-fold degenerate Dirac points are unstable

Symmetry protection for Dirac point

• Doubly degenerate band

PT symmetry

- *P*: space-inversion symmetry
- T: time-reversal symmetry
- Band crossing

Non-symmorphic symmetry (Screw rotation or gliding mirror)



Previous demonstration of nonmagnetic Dirac semimetal



Nonmagnetic Na₃Bi with both *P* and *T* symmetries

Liu et al., Science 343, 864 (2014)

Magnetic Dirac semimetal?

• Doubly degenerate band

P and T symmetries absent separately

Combined PT symmetry survived





3D antiferromagnetic Dirac semimetal: theory



Zhang et al., Nat. Phys. 12, 1100 (2016)

Magnetic Dirac semimetal in kagome compounds?



Antiferromagnetic kagome lattice: An ideal platform to exploit massless Dirac fermions

Antiferromagnetic kagome compound FeSn



Antiferromagnetism and symmetry



Néel temperature 366 K

- ➢ In-plane FM order, out-of-plane AFM order
- T and P broken
- Combined PT symmetry survived

Band structure of FeSn bulk: theory



With SOC



Dirac point at H protected by *PT* and *S*_{2z} (screw rotation) symmetries





Dirac bands in FeSn: ARPES



Dirac points at H/H' around 0.4 eV below E_F

Symmetry control induced topological phase transition



S_{2z} symmetry breaking: spin reorientation



Massless Dirac fermion

Massive Dirac fermion

PT symmetry breaking: ferromagnetization



PT symmetry breaking: surface Stark effect



Surface potential breaking the *PT* symmetry Paired Weyl points residing in the first and second Fe₃Sn layers no longer degenerate in energy

Experimental verification of 2D Weyl-like states at the surface



> Band crossing at \overline{K} point around -0.21 eV

Symmetry breaking induced topological phase transitions



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well-developed field may hold uncovered gems.



EDITORS' SUGGESTION

Dirac fermions in antiferromagnetic FeSn kagome lattices with combined space inversion and time-reversal symmetry

The authors demonstrate experimentally the existence of theoretically predicted antiferromagnetic Dirac states in the kagome compound FeSn, where the P and T symmetries are individually broken but the combined PT symmetry is present. Moreover, their theoretical analysis reveals that, due to the salient antiferromagnetic structure, the Dirac fermions can be transformed into either massless/massive Weyl or massive Dirac fermions via symmetry manipulation, and the study does report the experimental observation of Weyl-like cones at the surface driven by PT symmetry breaking that is induced by the Stark effect.

Zhiyong Lin et al. Phys. Rev. B 102, 155103 (2020)

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Strain-tunable ferromagnetism and chiral spin textures in two-dimensional Janus chromium dichalcogenide Oirui Cui et al

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Lin et al., Phys. Rev. B 102, 155103 (2020)

Editors' Suggestion





Flat band induced emergent effects: theory

In a flat band, the kinetic energy of electrons is quenched, this highly degenerate energy level becomes an ideal platform to achieve strongly correlated electronic states

Ferromagnetism

J. Phys. A: Math. Gen. 24 (1991) L73-L77. Printed in the UK

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ferromagnetic ground states for the Hubbard model on line graphs

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Mielke et al., J.Phys.A:Math.Gen.24, L73 (1991)

Wigner crystalization

PRL 99, 070401 (2007)

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Flat Bands and Wigner Crystallization in the Honeycomb Optical Lattice

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High-temperature FQHE

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High-Temperature Fractional Quantum Hall States

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We show that a suitable combination of geometric frustration, ferromagnetism, and spin-orbit interactions can give rise to nearly flatbands with a large band gap and nonzero Chern number. Partial filling of the flatband can give rise to fractional quantum Hall states at high temperatures (maybe even room temperature). While the identification of material candidates with suitable parameters remains open, our work indicates intriguing directions for exploration and synthesis.

Wen et al., PRL. 106, 236802 (2011)

Bose-Einstein condensation

PHYSICAL REVIEW B 82, 184502 (2010)

Bose condensation in flat bands

Sebastian D. Huber and Ehud Altman

Department of Condensed Matter Physics, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot 76100, Israel (Received 27 July 2010; published 2 November 2010)

Huber et al., PRB.82, 184502 (2010)

High temperature superconductivity PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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Superconductivity from Flat Dispersion Designed in Doped Mott Insulators

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Imada et al., PRL.84, 143 (2000)

Fascinating flat band physics in magic-angle twisted bilayer graphene



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Understanding the flat band in kagome lattice



Bloch state of the flat band

$$\psi_k = (\sin k_3, -\sin k_2, \sin k_1)^T$$

In real space

$$\psi_{\mu\sigma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sum_{i \in \mu} (-1)^i d^{\dagger}_{i\sigma} \left| 0 \right\rangle$$



- Wavefunction alternates its sign around the six vertices in each hexagon
- Flat band arises from the local destructive interference of the Bloch wave functions

Definitive experimental demonstration of flat bands in kagome lattice remains to be accomplished

Ferromagnetic kagome compound Fe₃Sn₂



Fe atoms form quasi-2D kagome lattice in each Fe-Sn layer
Fe₃Sn₂ surfaces



Two surface Terminations: Fe-Sn-1 and Sn layers

ARPES results



Photon energy 35 eV, surface sensitive A nearly dispersionless surface flat band at ~ 0.2 eV below E_F

Scanning tunneling spectra on the Fe-Sn-1 surface



DI/dV spectra: a prominent peak at ~-0.2 eV
 Consistent with ARPES observation of a flat band at ~-0.2 eV

Ferromagnetism of Fe₃Sn₂



Ferromagnetic state vs nonmagnetic state



 \blacktriangleright Nonmagnetic state: Several nearly flat bands near E_F

- Ferromagnetic state: A splitting of ~2.4 eV between the majorityand minority-spin bands
- Ferromagnetic configuration is more stable than the nonmagnetic one by 2.8 eV per unit cell

Stoner criterion

Stoner criterion of ferromagnetism:

 $U\cdot n(E_F)>1$

- *U*: Coulomb interaction energy
- $n(E_F)$: density of states at the Fermi level

 Fe_3Sn_2

- Effective on-site Coulomb interaction U within the hexagonal cell ~1.15 eV
- High DOS of the flat bands at the Fermi level for the nonmagnetic state



FM Mechanism of Fe₃Sn₂: a real space picture



- Local spin polarization due to the intramolecular exchange of localized electrons around each hexagon
- Such spin moments coupled with each other via the intermolecular correlation through a unique network of the hexagons

Ferromagnetism in 2D van der Waals crystals

LETTER

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Cr₂Ge₂Te₆

Crl₃

Discovery of intrinsic ferromagnetism in two-dimensional van der Waals crystals

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LETTER

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Layer-dependent ferromagnetism in a van der Waals crystal down to the monolayer limit

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Magnetic atoms are ferromagnetically coupled with the interelectronic exchange *J*



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EDITORS' SUGGESTION Flatbands and Emergent Ferromagnetic Ordering in Fe₃Sn₂ Kagome Lattices

Evidence for flat-band physics near the Fermi level is attributed to the local destructive interference of Bloch wave functions within a kagome lattice.

Zhiyong Lin et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 096401 (2018)



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Lin et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 096401 (2018) Editors' suggestion, highlighted on the cover

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Paramagnetic kagome compound CoSn



Paramagnetism: to exclude any effect from long-range magnetic order

Band structure of CoSn



- \blacktriangleright Nearly dispersionless flat band around $E_{\rm F}$
- Band width smaller than 0.1 eV

Anomalously giant electronic transport anisotropy

Quasi-2D kagome lattice $ho_{//ab} \gg
ho_{\perp ab}$

Conventional quasi-2D materials $ho_{//ab} \ll
ho_{\perp ab}$





Edman et al., Phys. Rev. B 57, 6227 (1998)

Flat band mechanism



Comparison with other kagome compounds



Why much larger anomalous resistivity anisotropy in CoSn?

Flat bands locate just around the Fermi level

No long-range magnetic order

1. arXiv: 1906. 07140 (2019) 4. arXiv: 1902. 06601, (2019) 2. Phys. Rev. Appl. 5, (2016) 3. Phys. Rev. B 103, 014416 (2021) 5. J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 88, (2019)

6. Sci. Adv. 5, 9867, (2019)

Anomalous diamagnetism along the perpendicular direction

Absence of long-range magnetic order
 Superior to investigate the intrinsic magnetic properties of kagome lattice



Pauli paramagnetism, with magnetic-impurity contribution below 36 K
 Giant magnetic anisotropy:
 Δχ = χ_{⊥ab}-χ_{//ab} = -8.6×10⁻⁵ emu·G⁻¹·mol⁻¹
 Additional diamagnetism along the out-of-plane direction

Flat band contributed orbital diamagnetism in CoSn



Real-space scenario for the flat-band negative magnetism

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Orbital diamagnetism in benzene ring

Η

In kagome lattice, flat-band electrons are sellocalized in the hexagons, similar to the benzene case Orbital diamagnetism in kagome lattice





Aromatic molecule

Flat-Band-Induced Anomalous Anisotropic Charge Transport and Orbital Magnetism in Kagome Metal CoSn

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Summary

Kagome lattice:

- Rich Dirac/Weyl & flat-band physics
- Ideal platform to exploit novel magnetic, topological and strongly correlated physics
- New-concept applications: topological spintronic devices











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Intriguing Weyl physics

Open Fermi arcs





S. Y. Xu et al., Science 349, 613 (2015)

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Q. Li et al., Nat. Phys. 12, 550 (2016)

Fermi arcs
 → Quantum oscillations



Andrew C. Potter et al., Nat. Commun. 5, 5161 (2014)



ab plan

T. Liang et al., Nat. Phys. 14, 451-455 (2018)

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 $\mu_0 H(T)$

T = 2.5 K

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Z2







C. Zhang et al., Nature 565, 331 (2019)

Typical systems



K. Kuroda, et al., Nat. Mater. 16,1090 (2017)

E. Liu, et al., Nat. Phys. 14, 1125 (2018)

Weyl semiconductor?



Te: an ideal element Weyl semiconductor candidate



- Strong spin-orbit coupling
- Chiral structure without inversion symmetry
- Direct narrow band gap p-type semiconductor (0.38 eV)
- ID helical vdW material

Structure



Band structure



Vacancy-induced hole doping



Basic transport characterization



- Typical transport behavior of doped semiconductor
- Relatively low carrier density

Negative MR effect: signatures of chiral anomaly



$$\sigma(B) = \sigma_0 + \frac{e^4 B^2 \tau_a}{4\pi^4 g(\epsilon_F)}$$

Nielsen & Ninomiya, Phys. Lett. B 130, 389 (1983) Son & Spivak, Phys. Rev. B 89, 054202 (2013)

Negative MR effect: signatures of chiral anomaly



M. Hirschberger *et al.*, Nat. Mater. 15, 1161 (2016)

E. K. Liu. et al., Nat. Phys. 14, 1125 (2018)

Negative MR when B//I



- NMR magnitude up to 22% at 14 T and 25 K
- \blacktriangleright Comparable to that for Weyl semimetals (WTe₂, Co₃Sn₂S₂)
- NMR degraded with increasing temperature due to the thermal effect but still observable up to ~100 K

Temperature dependence



 $\sigma(B) = (1 + C_{\rm w}B^2) \cdot \sigma_{\rm WAL} + \sigma_{\rm N}$ C_w: chiral coefficient, measuring chiral anomaly contribution to the conductivity

$$C_{\rm w} \propto v_{\rm F}^3 \tau_v / (T^2 + \mu^2 / \pi^2)$$

Temperature dependence of the chiral anomaly

100

Consistent with the theory of chiral anomaly

Angle dependence



Quantum oscillation zoom



Geometric series 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ... 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ... Log periodicity

Discrete scale invariance (DSI)

Self reproduction for certain geometrical scaling factor



Matryoshka doll

Koch curve



Menger sponge
Supercritical collapse

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We describe the status of the problem of the electron structure of superheavy atoms with nuclear charge $Z > Z_c$; here $Z_c \approx 170$ is the critical value of the nuclear charge, at which the energy of the ground state of the $1S_{1/2}$ electron reaches the limit of the lower continuum of the solutions of the Dirac equation ($\epsilon = -m_{ec}c^{2}$). We discuss the dependence of Z_{c} on the nuclear radius R and on the character of the distribution of the electric charge inside the nucleus, and also the form of the wave functions at Z close to Z_c . Owing to the Coulomb barrier, the state of the electron remains localized at $Z > Z_{C_1}$ in spite of the fact that its energy approaches the continuum. An analysis of the polarization of the vacuum in a strong Coulomb field shows that a bare nucleus with supercritical charge Z $> Z_c$ produces spontaneously two positrons and, in addition a charge density with a total of two units of negative charge in the vacuum. The distribution of this density is localized in a region of dimension $r \sim \hbar/m_ec$ at the nucleus. The possibility of experimentally observing the effect of quasistatic production of positrons in the collision of two bare uranium nuclei (i.e., without electrons) is discussed. A brief review is presented of work on the motion of levels with increasing depth of the potential well in other relativistic equations (Kelin-Gordon, Proca, etc.).



Critical condition: $Z\alpha > 1$

$$\alpha = e^2/4\pi\varepsilon_0\hbar\nu = 1/137$$

$$Z_{c} = 170$$

Vacuum fine-structure constant



What Don't We Know?

t Science, we tend to get excited about new discoveries that lift the veil a little on how things work, from cells to the universe. That puts our focus firmly on what has been added to our stock of knowledge. For this anniversary issue, we decided to shift our frame of reference, to look instead at what we don't know; the scientific puzzles that are driving basic scientific research.

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We began by asking Science's Senior Editorial Board, our Board of Reviewing Editors, and our own editors and writers to suggest questions that point to critical knowledge gaps. The ground rules: Scientists should have a good shot at answering the questions over the next 25 years, or they should at least know how to go about answering them. We intended simply to choose 25 of these suggestions and turn them into a survey of the big questions facing science. But when a group of editors and writers sat down to select those big questions, we quickly realized that 25 simply wouldn't convey the grand sweep of cutting-edge research that lies behind the responses w

received. So we have ended up with 125 questions, a fitting number for Science's 125th anniversary. First, a note on what this special issue is not: It is not a survey of the big societal challenges that science can help solve, nor is it a forecast of what science might achieve. Think of it instead as a survey of our scientific ignorance, a broad swath of questions that scientists themselves are asking. As Tom Siggfried puts it in his introductory essay, they are "opportunities to be exploited."

We selected 25 of the 125 questions to highlight based on several criteria: how fundamental they are, how broad-ranging, and whether their solutions will impact other scientific disciplines. Some have few immediate practical implications-the composition of the universe, for example. Others we chose because the answers will have enormous societal impact-whether an effective HIV vaccine is feasible, or how much the carbon dioxide we

are pumping into the atmosphere will warm our planet, for example. Some, such as the nature of Contents >> News dark energy, have come to prominence only recently; others, such as the mechanism behind limh regeneration in amphibiane have



Are there stable igh-atomic-numbe elements? A superheavy element with 184 neutrons and 114 protons should be relatively stable, if physicists can create it.

Supercritical collapse in Dirac/Weyl systems



Opposite charge centers

Quasi-bound states in Dirac/Weyl systems



Relativistic energy—momentum dispersion relation of a Dirac/Weyl band Solving Dirac/Weyl equation under the supercritical collapse condition Energy levels of quasi-bound states in geometric series DSI

Quasi-bound states passing the Fermi level with varying magnetic field Resonant scattering between the free carriers and quasi-bound states Log-periodic oscillation in transport



H. Wang et al., Sci. Adv. 4, eaau5096 (2018)

LogB oscillation in Te?



- Weyl band (relativistic holes)
- Te vacancy (negative chage center)
- Much smaller Fermi velocity than c > Supercritical collapse criteria
- Low carrier density Quantum limit

Unusual oscillations in MR & Hall data

MR

Hall



Oscillations beyond the quantum limit

Quantum limit: all carriers condensed to the lowest Landau level

Quantum limit: $B_Q = (2\pi^4)^{1/3}\hbar n^{2/3}/e$

- End of SdH oscillations
- 4.4 T for this Te sample ($n = 3.9 \times 10^{16} cm^{-3}$ at T=2 K)

High magnetic field facilities



Steady High Magnet Field Facility CHMFL, Hefei



Pulsed High Magnetic Field Facility WHMFC, Wuhan

Oscillations



LogB oscillations



Temperature dependence



Oscillation suppressed with increasing temperature

- Thermionic excitation \rightarrow Weakened Coulomb attraction
- Increased carrier density → Reinforced Coulomb screening effect

Mechanism



DSI scale factor: $\lambda = B_n/B_{n+1}$ (estimated from the log-period) In theory, $\lambda = e^{2\pi/s_0}$, $s_0 = \sqrt{(Z\alpha)^2 - \kappa^2} = \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 1}$ (for Z=1, $\kappa = \pm 1$) Fine-structure constant $\alpha = e^2/4\pi\varepsilon_0\hbar\nu_F$ ν_F : Fermi velocity

Te crystal: $\lambda \sim 2.33 \quad \alpha \sim 7.5 >> 1/137 \quad v_F \sim 2.9 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$

Supercritical condition $(Z\alpha > 1) \rightarrow$ Quasi-bound states with DSI

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Magnetotransport signatures of Weyl physics and discrete scale invariance in the elemental semiconductor tellurium

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From bulk to 2D Weyl semiconductor

Weyl semiconductor hosting Weyl fermions



• Developing topological semiconductor devices

New degree of freedom→ New-concept device



D. Xiao et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 236809 (2007)

Utilizing chirality degree of freedom



Q. Ma, et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 842 (2017)

Topological field effect transistor (TFET)



Dual switch of conducting- and topological states

Quasi-2D Te samples

Te nanoflakes grown using hydrothermal method



Basic transport characterizations



Chiral-anomaly-induced negative MR when *B*//*I*



Field effect performance



• Effective tuning of the Fermi level (valence band \rightarrow band gap)

Dual switch of conducting- and topological states



Dual switch

Conductivity: High
Topology: Nontrivial

Dual switch of conducting- and topological states



- Three orders of magnitude change of resistance
- In-plane MR changes from negative (-5.8%) to positive (65.9%)

Intriguing functionality of the present TFET



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Chiral charge pumping control by parallel electric- and magnetic field

Hybrid device applications with multi-field control

Editors' Suggestion

Topological Field-Effect Transistor Based on Quasi-Two-Dimensional Tellurium Flakes

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For semiconductors, adding a degree of freedom beyond charge, e.g., spin and valley, will lead to alternative physics and device applications. Here, we demonstrate that another electronic degree of freedom, the chirality of Weyl node, can be used in the Weyl semiconductor tellurium, a unique system harnessing intriguing Weyl physics and high tunability of the semiconductor. By constructing a field-effect device based on quasi-two-dimensional tellurium flakes, the Fermi level can be effectively tuned from the top of valence bands, where the Weyl nodes locate at, into the bandgap via electrostatic gating. In addition to a significant reduction of channel conductivity, a transition from chiral-anomaly-induced negative magnetoresistance to conventional positive magnetoresistance occurs at the same time, indicating complete suppression of the chirality-related topological transport. The simultaneous switch of both conducting and topological states is unprecedented in previous Weyl semimetals. Our findings pave the way for developing new-principle semiconductor devices with fascinating functionalities.

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有时准粒子可能比粒子本身更有趣



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Auguries of Innocence (节选)

To see a world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wild flower Hold infinite in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour $-iy - \#\mathcal{R}, -ik - x \neq 0$

无限掌中置,刹那成永恒。(徐志摩译)

"佛土生五仓茎, 一花一世界, 一叶一如来"

《华严经》



William Blake (1757-1827)





