

# In search of the Chern insulator



Haldane model



experimental realization of Chern insulators

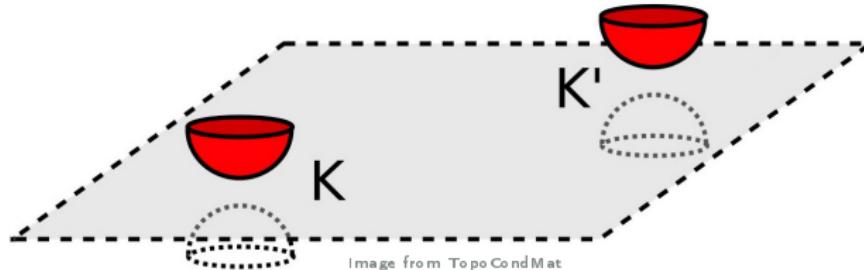
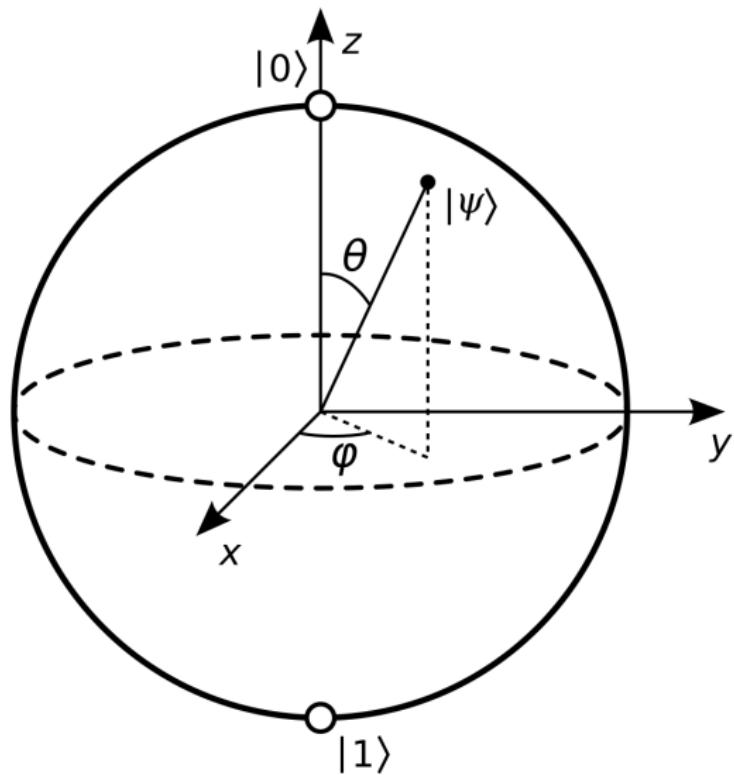
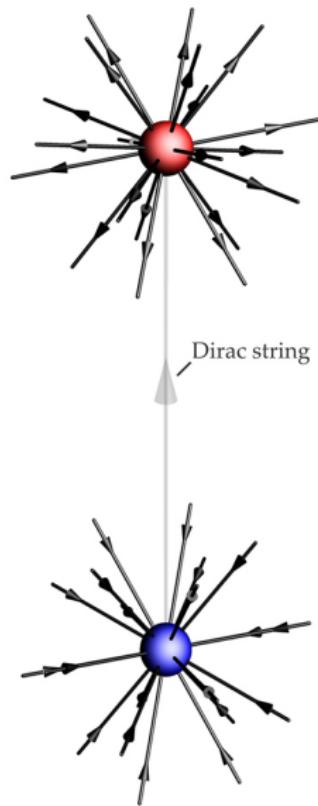
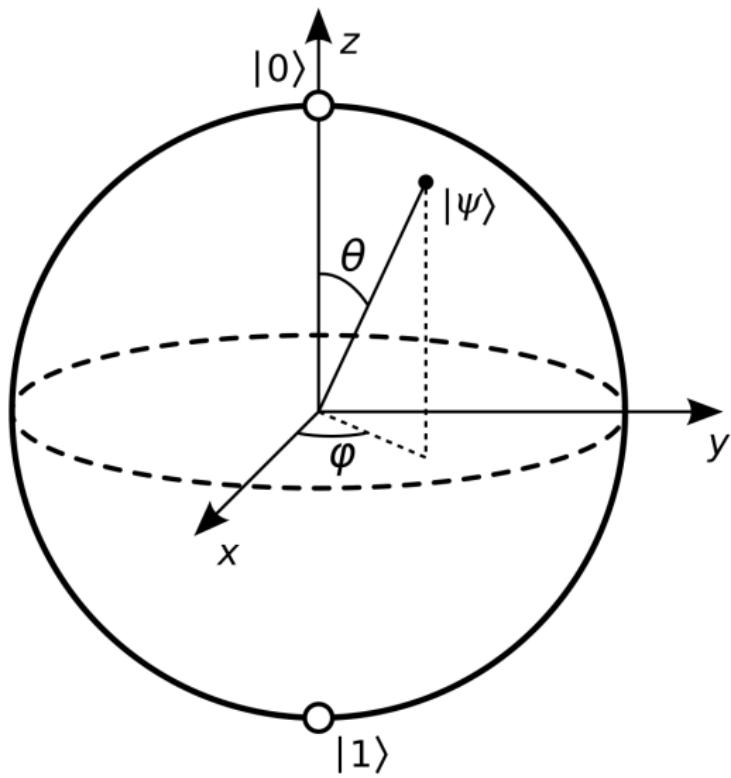


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# Spin-1/2 and monopoles



# Band structure of graphene

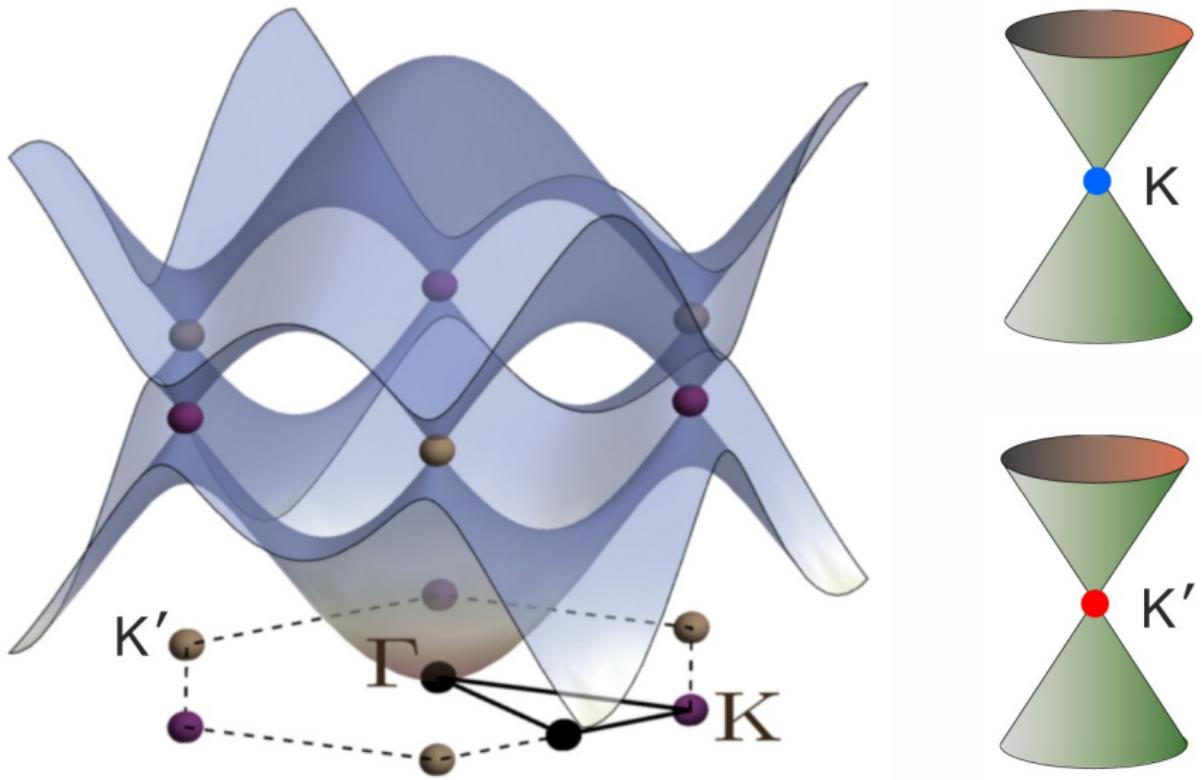
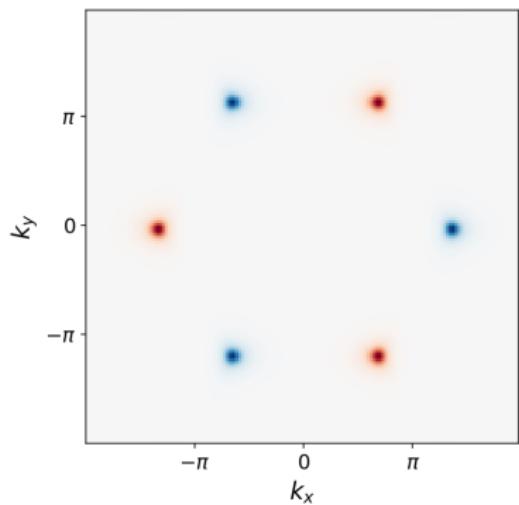
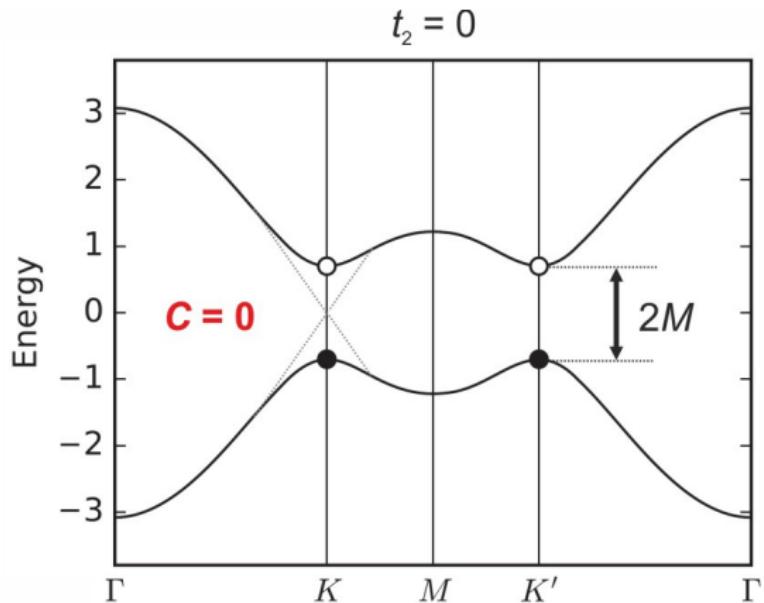
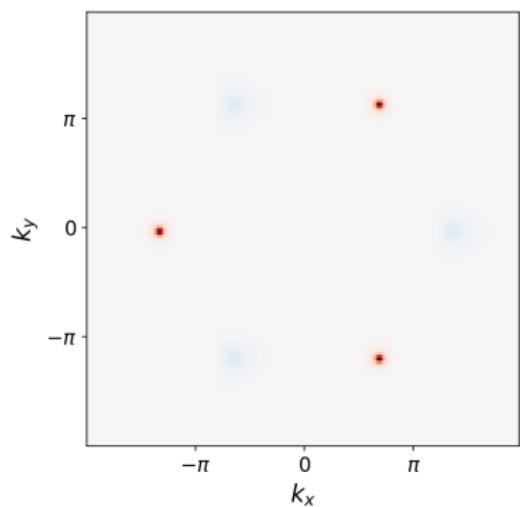
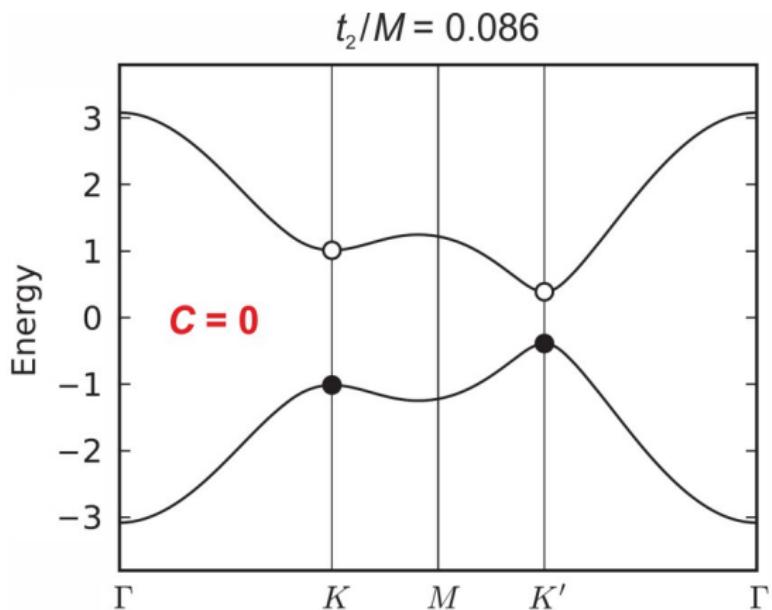
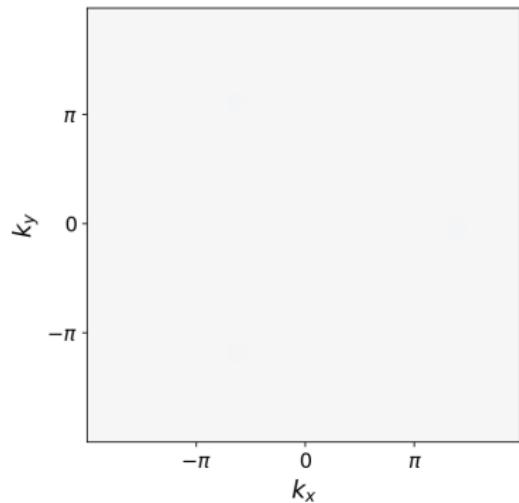
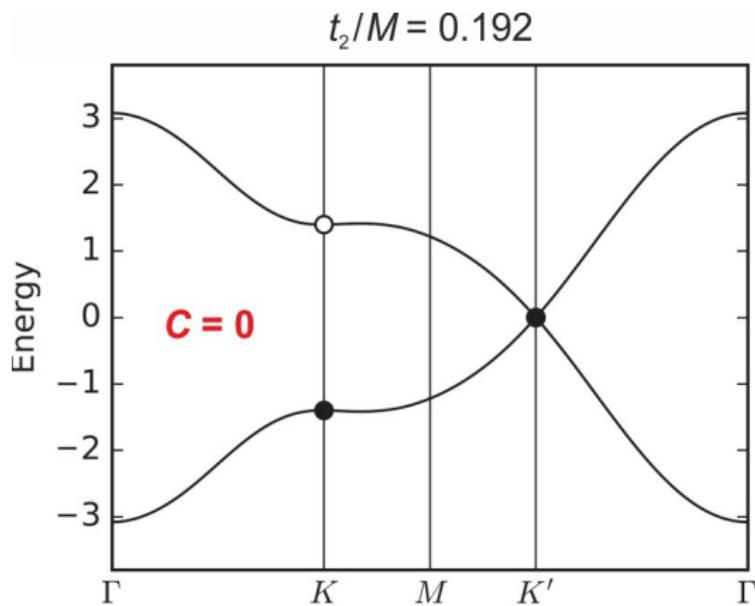
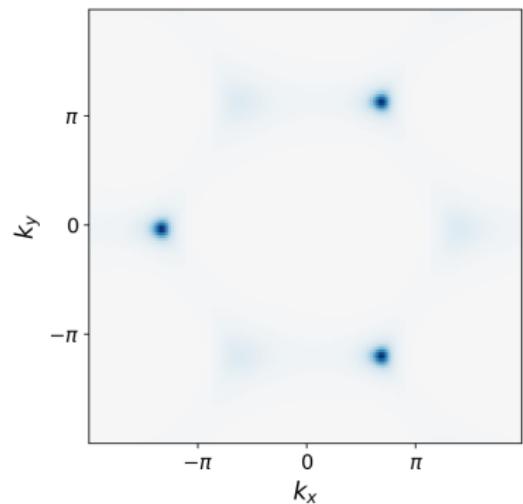
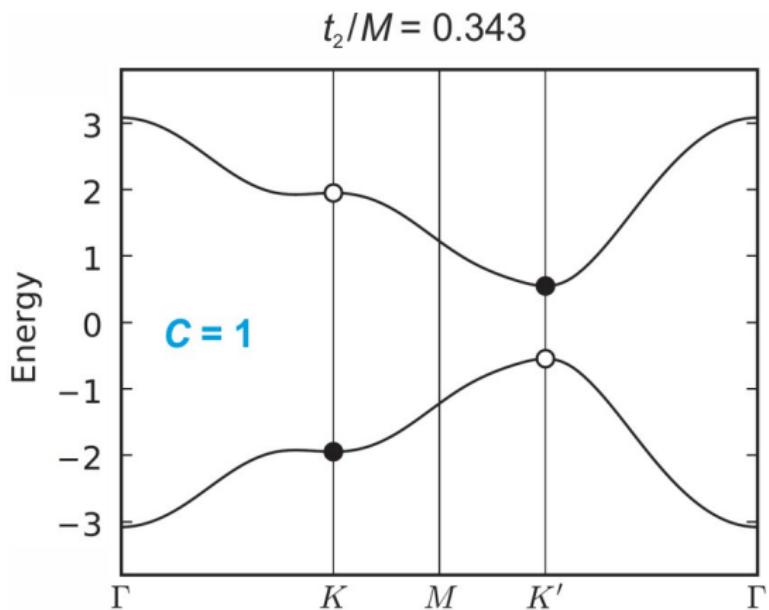


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# Haldane diagram

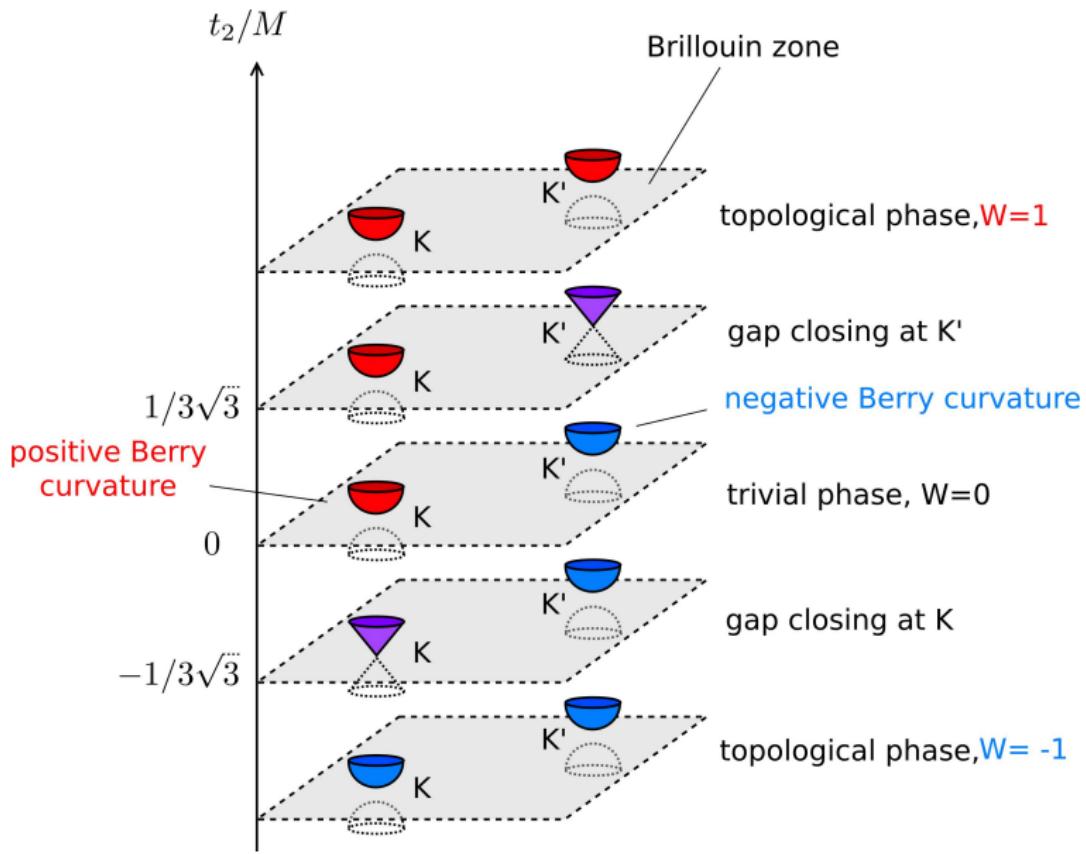


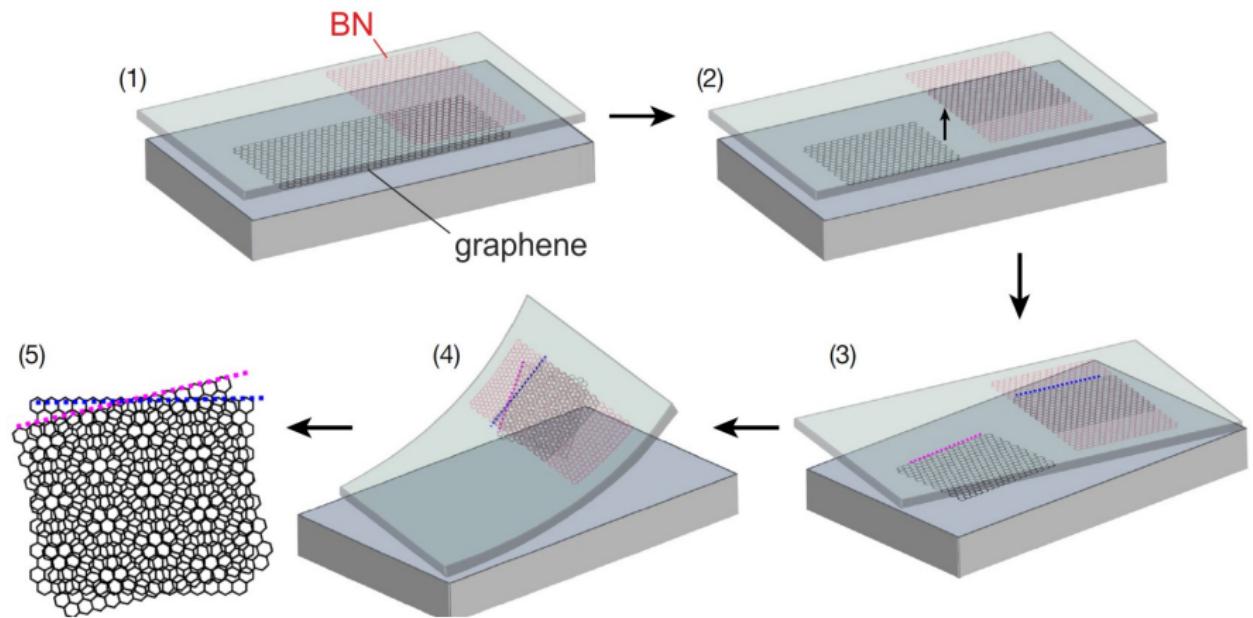
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Open problem

*experimental realization  
of Chern insulators*

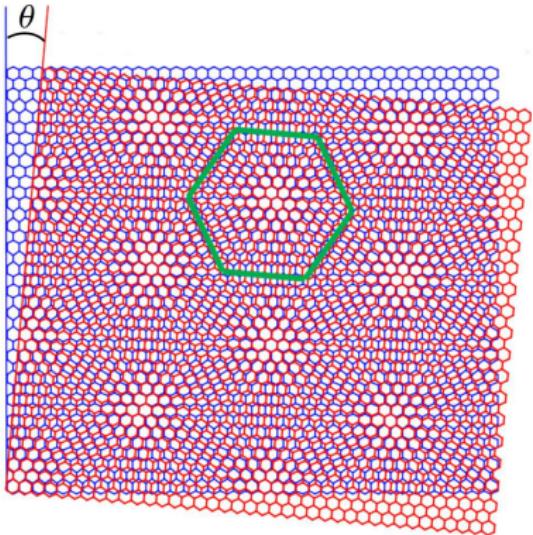
# Fabrication of twisted bilayers



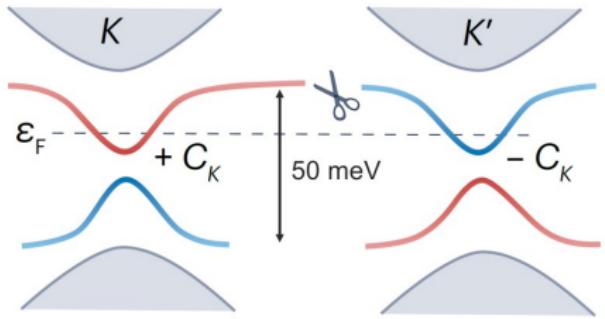
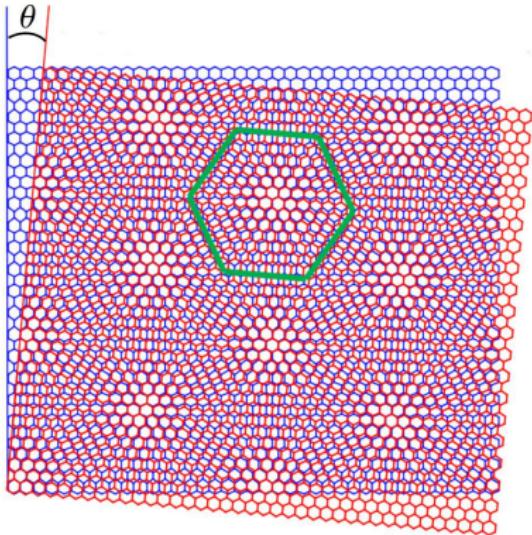
twisted bilayer graphene  
on top of a BN flake

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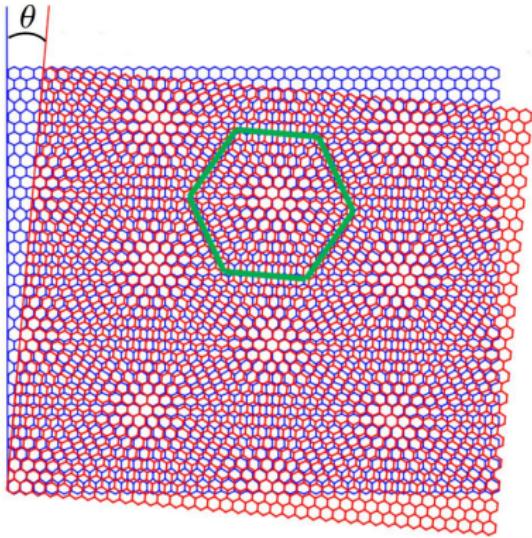
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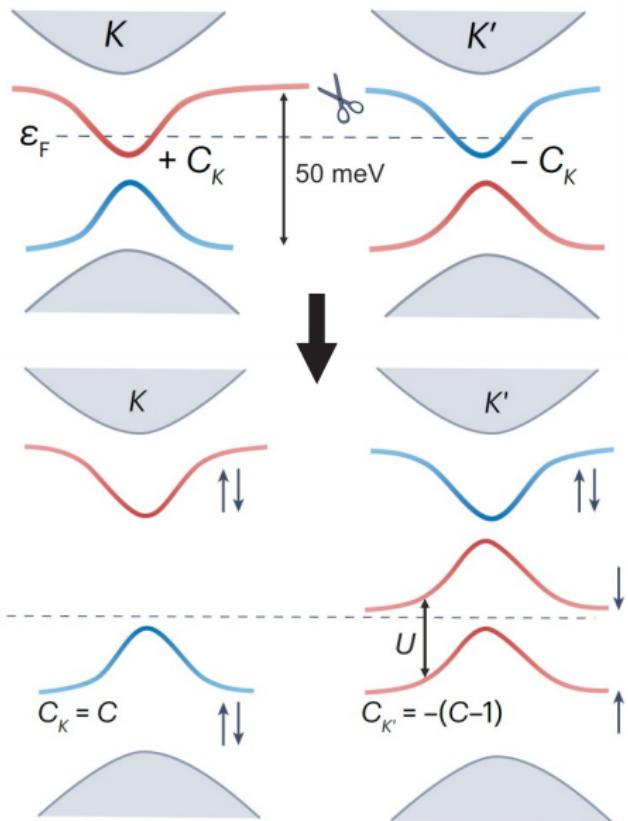
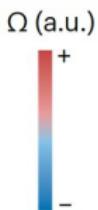
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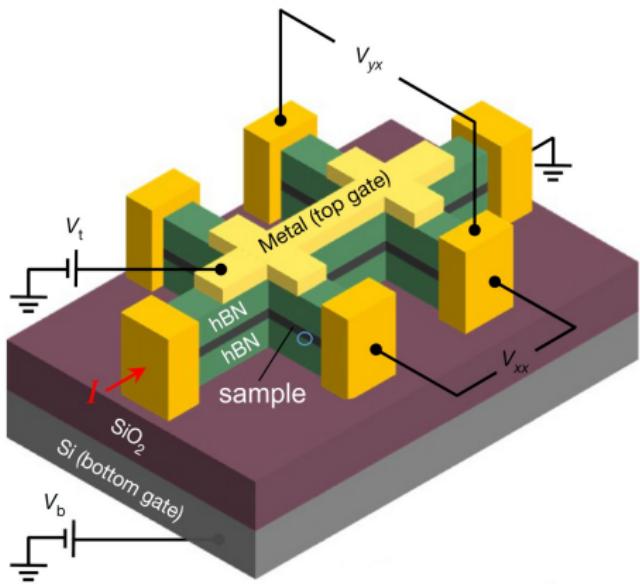
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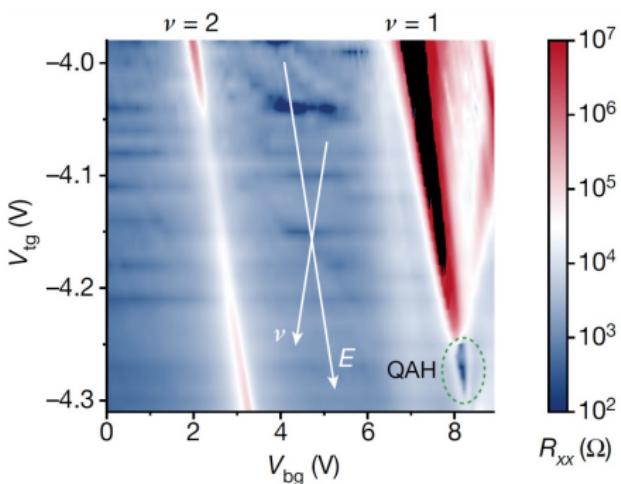
correlated  
electrons?



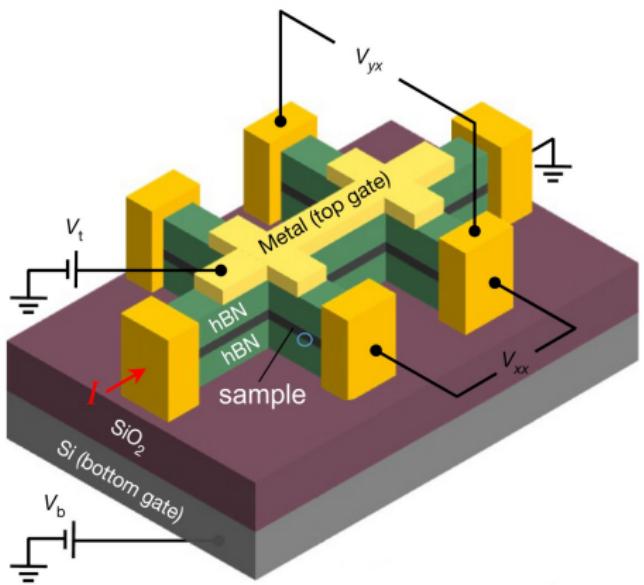
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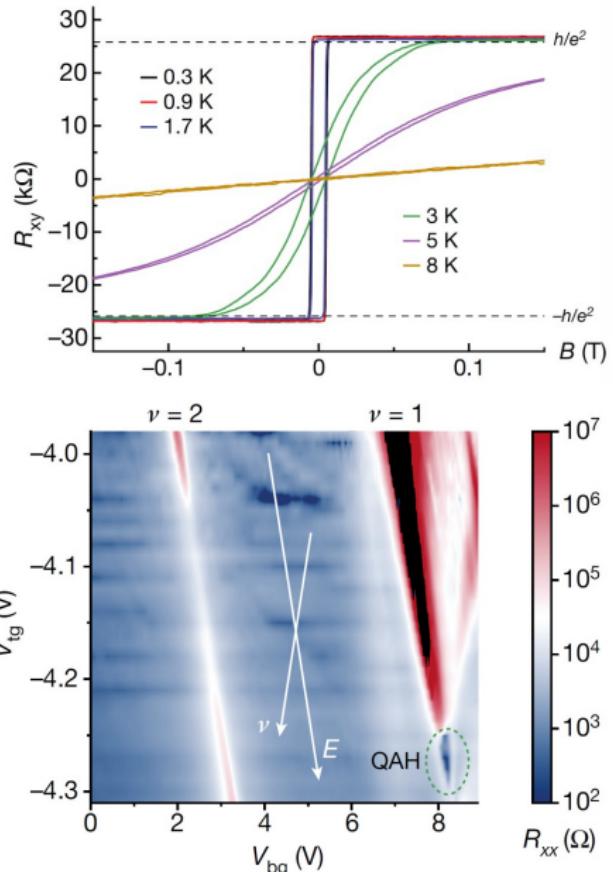
MoTe<sub>2</sub>/WSe<sub>2</sub> moiré bilayer

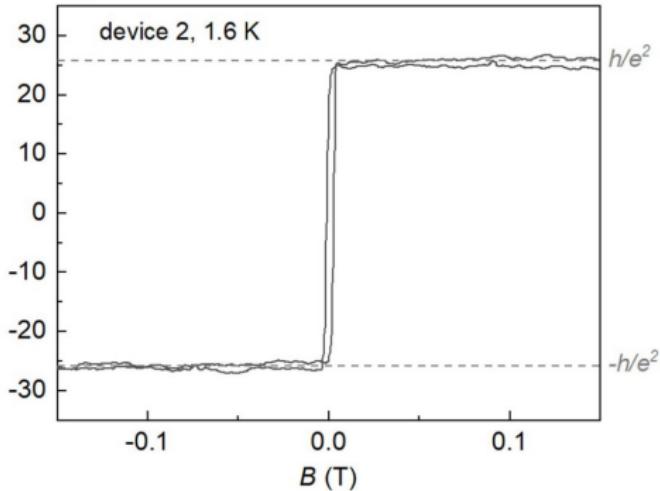
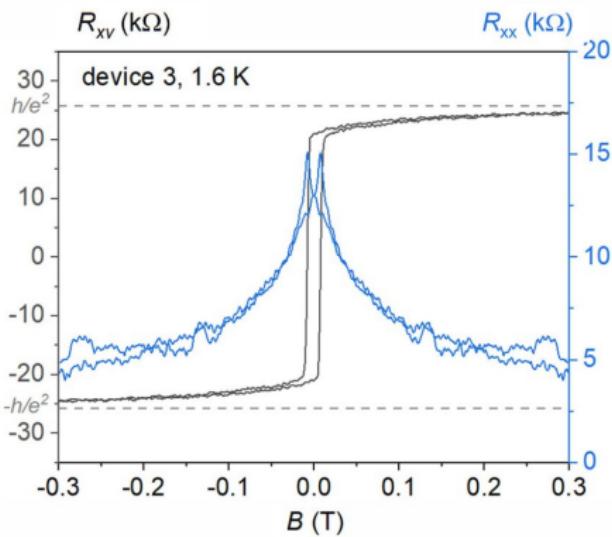


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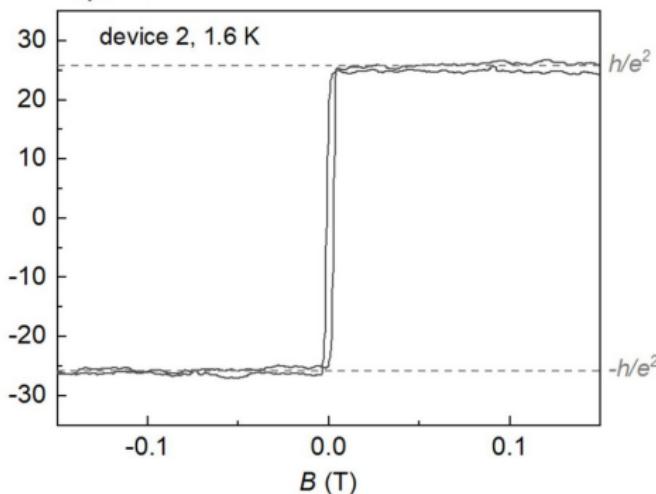
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$R_{xy}$  (k $\Omega$ )MoTe<sub>2</sub>/WSe<sub>2</sub> moiré bilayer

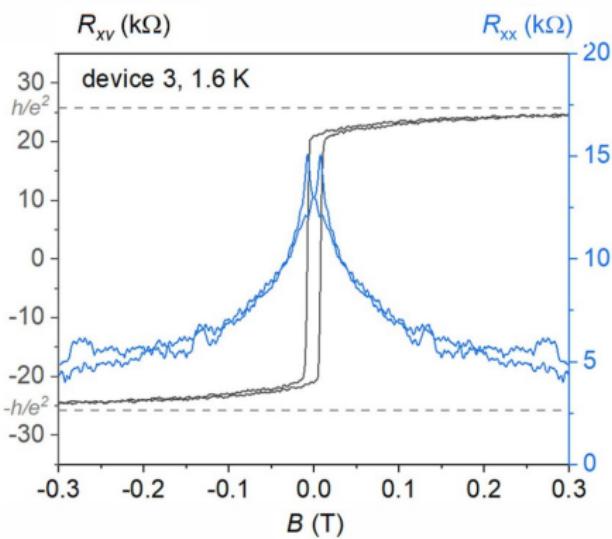
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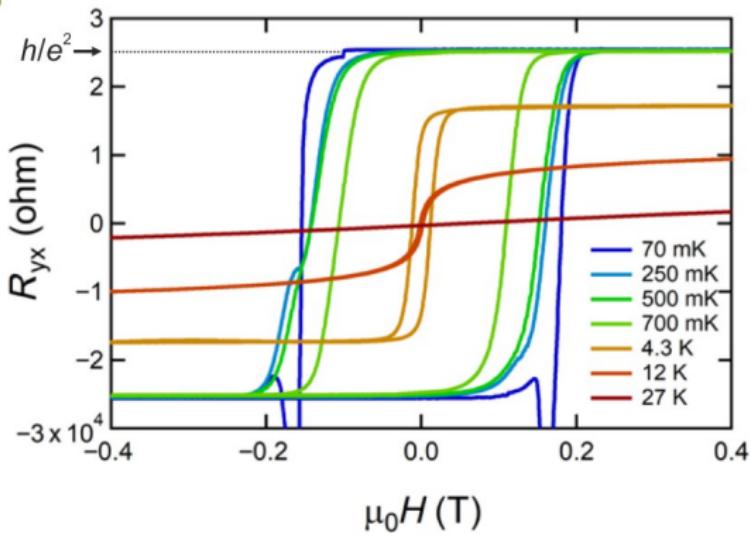
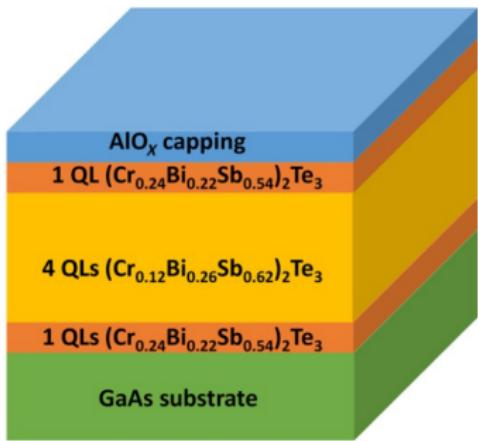


quantized  $R_{xy}$  value possible,  
but is it topologically protected?

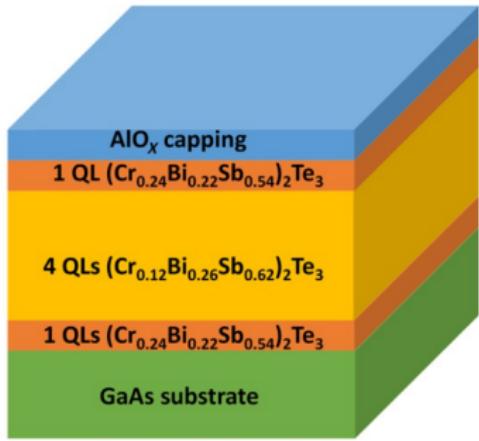
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# Magnetic topological insulators



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“Weak” topological state,  
very low  $T$ ’s required

Laughlin pump realized  
in a similar material:  
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