Visualizing Electronic Structures of Quantum Materials

- By Angle Resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy (ARPES)

PART A: ARPES & Application

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How to "see" band structures

Basic principle of angle resolved photoemission spectroscopy



Heinrich Hertz

Albert Einstein





$$\begin{split} & Energy \ Conservation \\ & E_B = h\nu - E_{kin} - \Phi \\ & \text{Momentum Conservation} \\ & K_{||} = k_{||} + G_{||} \end{split}$$

Synchrotrons around the world



Advantages

- ✓ <u>Broad Spectrum</u> (from microwaves to hard X-rays): the users can select the wavelength required for their experiment.
- ✓ <u>High Flux</u>: high intensity photon beam allows rapid experiments or use of weakly scattering crystals.
- ✓ <u>High Brilliance</u>: highly collimated photon beam generated by a small divergence and small size source (spatial coherence)
- ✓ <u>High Stability</u>: submicron source stability
- ✓ **<u>Polarization</u>**: both linear and circular
- ✓ <u>Pulsed Time Structure</u>: pulsed length down to tens of picoseconds allows the resolution of process on the same time scale.

Developments of the Cyclotron





Cartoon





ARPES system

SDA Electron Analyzers

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ARPES system

TOF electron Analyzers







ARPES system

HERS endstation at ALS



Modern ARPES data taking



Modern ARPES data taking





Data acquired



Some of our works on TQMs



General principle





K (1/A)



E_F location



Background subtraction



Background subtraction













EDC



Momentum distribution curves



Momentum distribution curves



EDC



Difference EDC & MDC ?



$m_e = 0.35 m_0$





Carrier density ~4X10¹²/cm²

Application of ARPES to Topological quantum materials

Classification of matter



Gauge

What is a topological insulator (TI)

An Insulator that conducts

2D real space





Valence band

Band structure

Conduction band

We also live on the surface...





Why "topological"

Topologically distinct objects





Characterization of TIs

Z₂ topological invariant

Band theory [Fu, Kane & Mele (2007) Moore & Balents (2007), Roy (2007)]



With inversion symmetry: *v* represents the *Parity of occupied Bloch states*

Field theory [Qi, Zhang, et. al., (2008, 2009), Wilczek, (1987, 2009)]



Unique surface state properties of TIs



How to find TIs

Search for the unique band structure


How to discriminate bulk & surface?



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TI Checklist:

- **1.** There exist Dirac surface states
- 2. There are odd number of Dirac fermions in a Brillouin Zone
- 3. The E_F is in the gap

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 - There are odd number of Dirac fermions in a Brillouin Zone 2.
 - 3. The E_F is in the gap



0.2 k₇=-0.9π

0

-0.2

0

-0

0

-0.2

0.2 k_z=π

0.2 k,=0.9π

-0.2

0

0.2

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Protection of the time reversal symmetry

Massless Dirac fermion is protected by time reversal symmetry (Kramers' theorem)



Non-magnetic bulk & surface doing



TRS protection – bulk doping

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TRS protection – surface doping

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Surface doping



Photo assisted surface Oxygen doping



What if TRS is broken?

Y. L. Chen, et. al., Science 329, 659 (2010)

Formation of massive Dirac fermion if TRS is broken



Magnetic doing





Dirac fermion becomes massive

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Realize insulating massive Dirac fermion state



Why insulating massive Dirac fermion state?

Completing the table of Hall effects

Realize new phenomena

Image Surface Monopole

Provide control for applications

Turn off surface conduction

All electric magnetic writing

New topological states

Search for topological superconductors

Majorana fermion

Quantum computation

Measure $(|0_{12}0_{34}>+|1_{12}1_{34}>)/\sqrt{2}$

Fu, Kane (2008) Hasan, Kane (2010) Qi, Zhang (2010)

Some candidates

Hor, et. al., (2010) Fu, Berg, (2010) Wray, et.al., (2010) TlBiTe₂

Hein/Swiggard, (1970) Yan, et. al., (2010) Chen, et. al., (2010)

A candidate for topological superconductors

Y. L. Chen et. al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 266401 (2010)

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PHYSICAL

What can TI be used in real life

Flexible transparent electrodes – band structure

H. L. Peng, et. al., Nature Chemistry, 4, 281 (2012)

Electronic structure of a 10nm Bi₂Se₃ film

Estimate surface states Carrier density (up and down surfaces): $2 \times \pi \times k_f^2 / (2 \times \pi)^2 = 0.0016 \text{ Å}^{-2} = 1.6 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Effective 2D density of bulk carrier for a 10nm film is roughly: $(4/3 \times \pi \times k_f^3 \times (10nm))/(2 \times \pi)^3 = 0.0017 \text{ Å}^{-2} = 1.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Transparent electrode for IR application

Flexible transparent electrodes - Transmittance

H. L. Peng, et. al., Nature Chemistry, 4, 281 (2012)

Flexible transparent electrodes - Durability

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Bending test

and

test

Flexible transparent electrodes

Flexibility and durability test

Dirac electron systems

Can we find other topological matter?

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3D Topological Dirac Semi-metal (TDS)

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

Interesting phenomena

A platform for rich novel states

- Giant diamagnetism
 E. Röber, et. al., *Phys. Status Solidi B*, **93**, K99 (1979)
 M. Koshino, et. al., *Phys. Rev. B*, **81**, 195431 (2010)
- Linear quantum magnetoresistance in bulk

A. A. Abrikosov, *Phys. Rev. B*, **58**, 2788 (1998)
W. Zhang *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **106**, 156808 (2011)

• Oscillating QSH effect in quantum well W. Zhang *et al., Phys. Rev. Lett.,* **106**, 156808 (2011). Z. Wang *et al., Phys. Rev. B* **85**, 195320 (2012)

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Crystal structure

Brillouin Zone

How to identify a 3D TDS?

The 3D counterpart of graphene

Identify the band structure

How to determine *kz*?

Photon energy dependent ARPES measurement

Extracting kz dispersions

 $I(k_z, E) \propto [|M_{f,i}^k|^2 \cdot A(k_z, E) \cdot f(E)] * R(\delta k_z, \delta E)$

 $|M_{f,i}^k|$: Photoemission matrix element A(k, E) Spectrum function

$$f(E) = (e^{\frac{E}{k_B T}} + 1)^{-1}$$
$$R(\delta k, \delta E) = e^{\left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{K_Z}{\delta K_Z}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{E}{\delta E}\right)^2\right)\right\}}$$

Extracting kz dispersions

Multiple BZ mapping along kz

Complete 3D Fermi-surface mapping

Surface with Na-vacancies

Projections to (kx, ky, E) space

Projection to (ky, kz, E) space

- Vx = 2.75 eV•A or Vy = 2.39 eV∙A or
- $Vz = 0.6 eV \cdot A$ or
- 4.17×10⁵m/s 3.63×10⁵m/s 0.95×10⁵m/s

k^Dz

Unusual hyperbolic dispersion

Dispersions at different kx, ky values

Dispersions at different kz values

Observing the Dirac point and upper cone







Protection of the crystalline symmetry



Emerge of the surface state

Results of the Na vacancies



The problem of Na₃Bi

Too reactive in ambient environment ...



Sample

Hard to handle and used in functional devices

A stable 3D TDS, Cd₃As₂

Z. K. Liu. et. al., Nature Materials, 13, 677 (2014)

Crystal structure

Brillouin Zone





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3D Brillouin Zone

Dispersion at different k_z



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Projection to (K_x, k_y, E)



Projection to (K_y,k_z,E)





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Topologically trivial world

Topologically non-trivial world



What's next?