

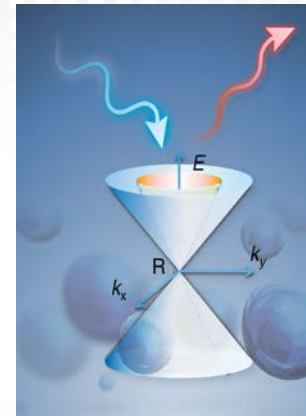
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Topological physics in the solid state

Types of topological
physics

1. Non-abelian
2. Band structures

2 is applicable in any
system with
quasiparticles

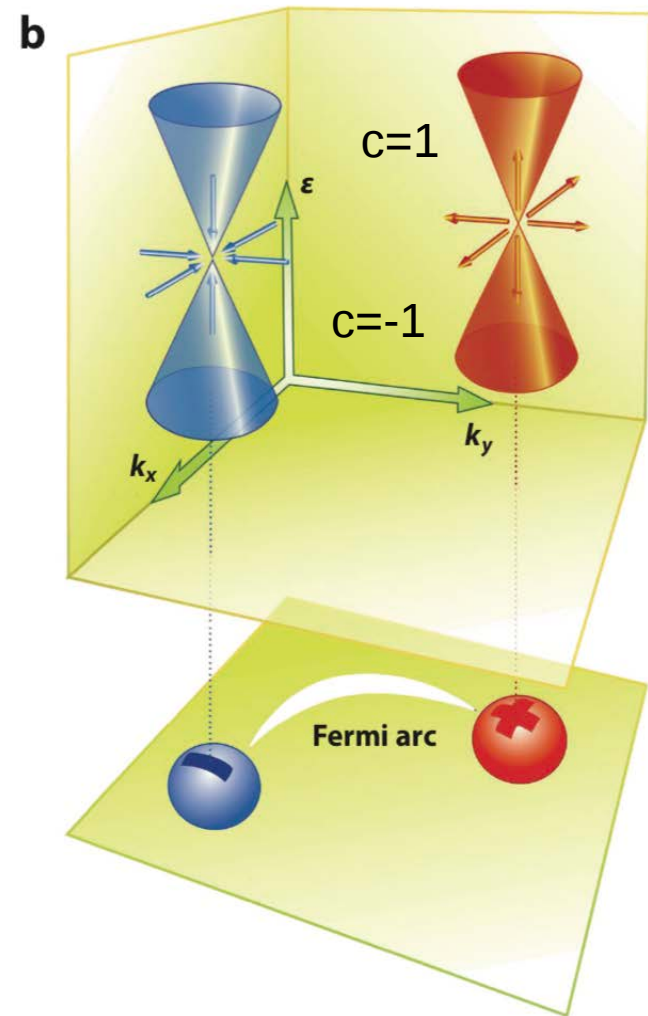
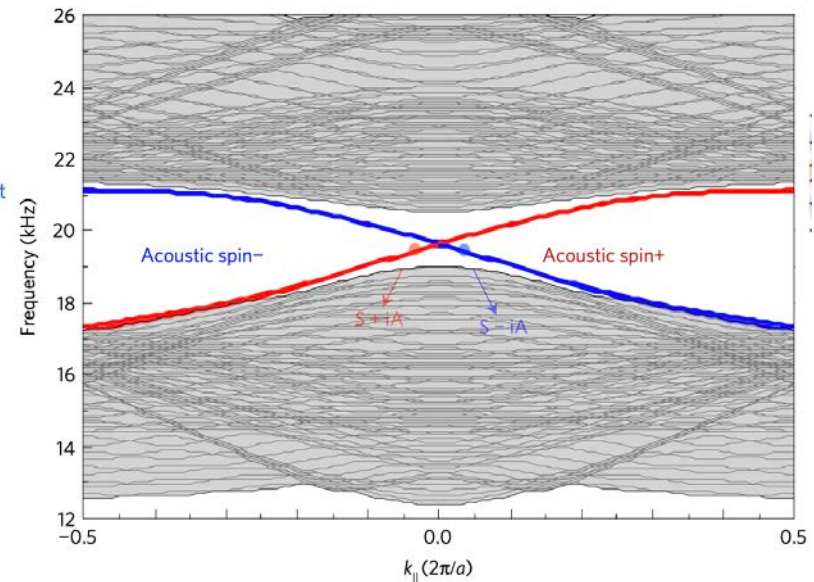
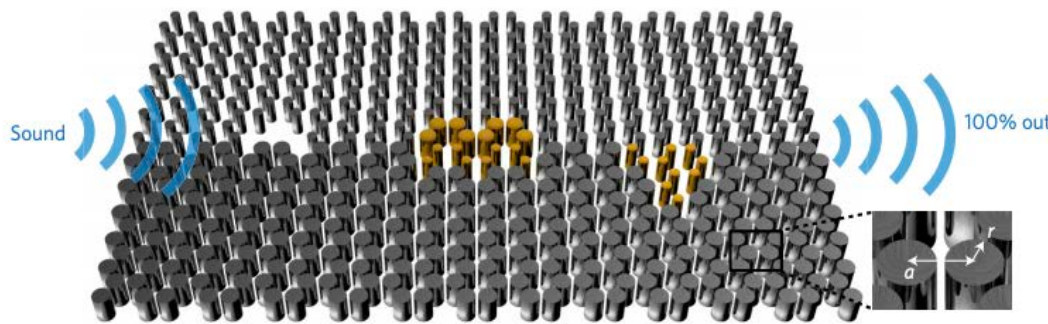


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kHz one-way sound transport



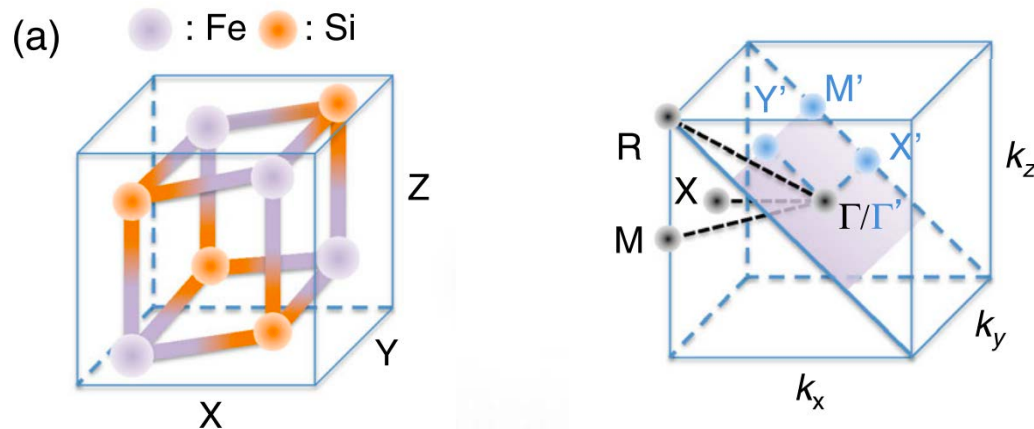
$a = 1$ cm

Can topological physics be realized in natural crystals?

MSi where $M=Fe, Co, Mn, Re, Ru$

SG $P2_13$ (No. 198)

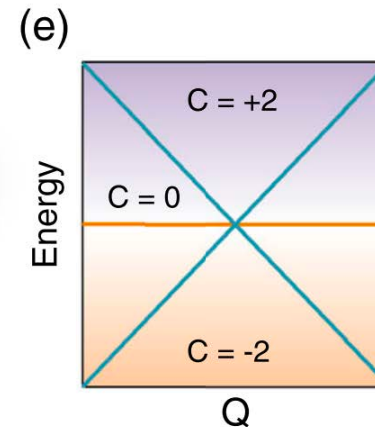
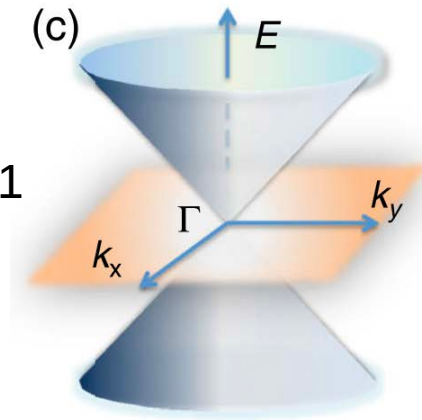
Break PT symmetry



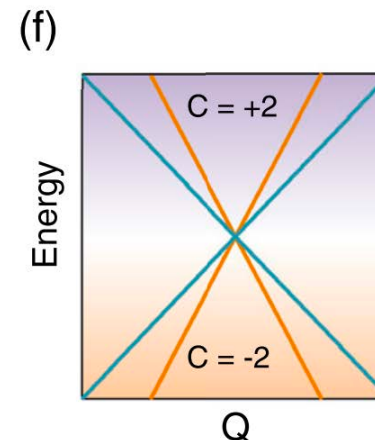
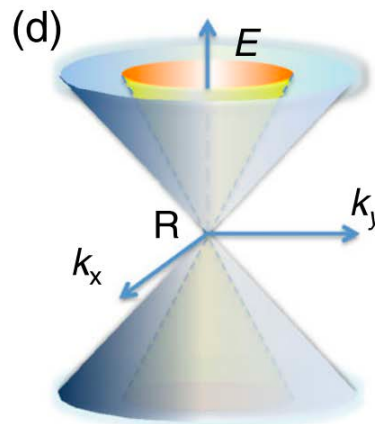
Double Weyl Points in FeSi

Double Weyl points

Effective spin 1
Weyl



Effective
Charge 2
Dirac

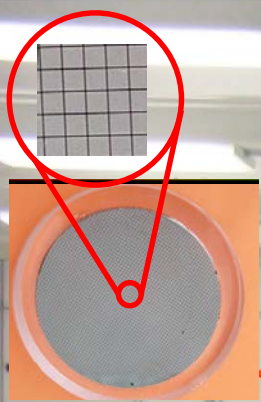


Inelastic x-ray scattering

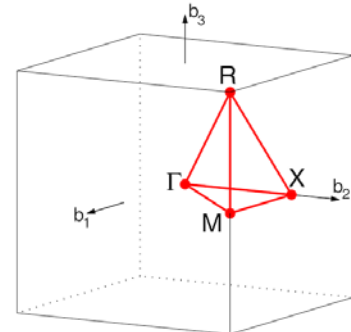
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9)m

$E_i = 23.7 \text{ keV}$
 $\Delta E = 1.5 \text{ meV}$
 $T = 300 \text{ K}$

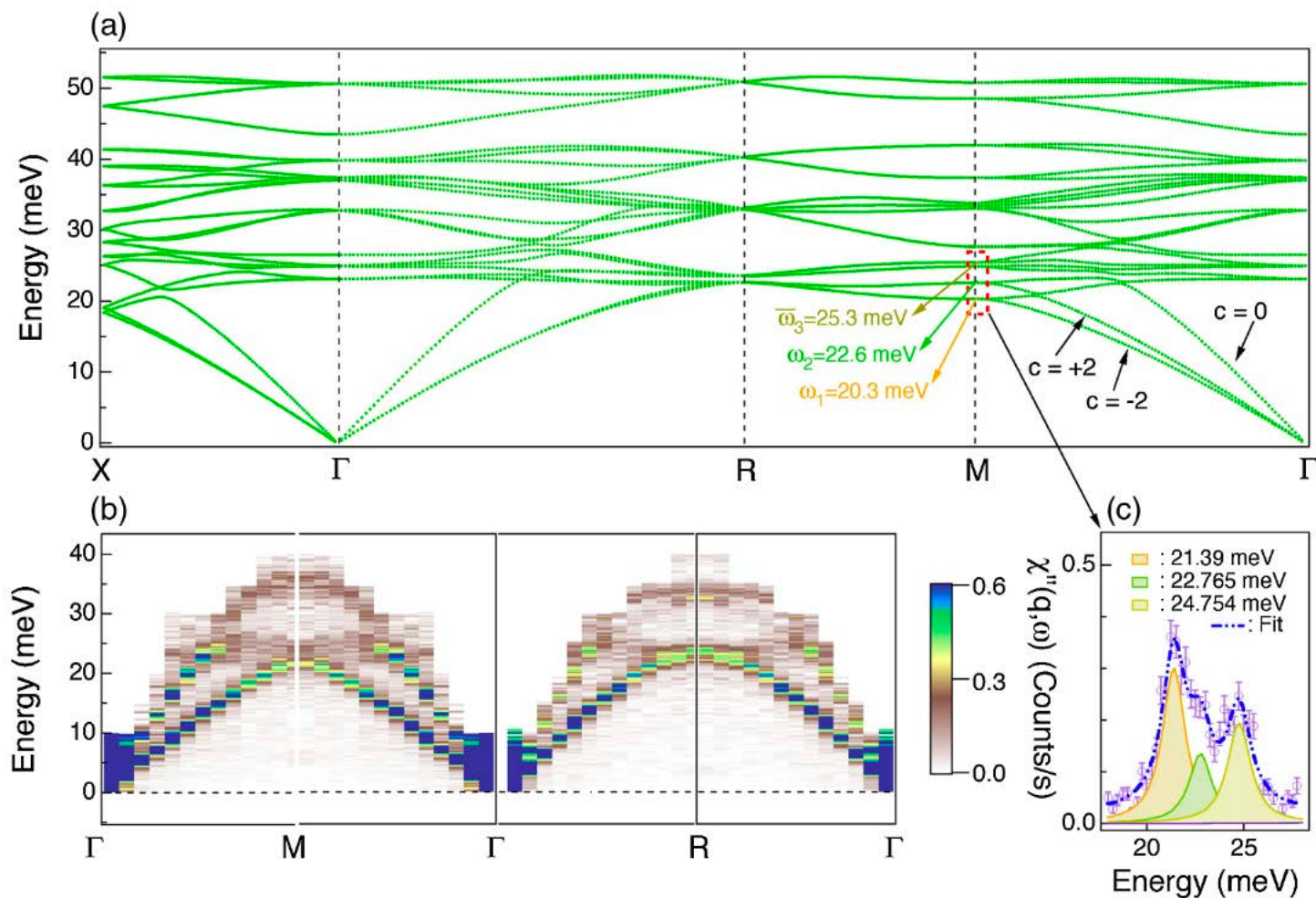


Effective spin 1 Weyl Point

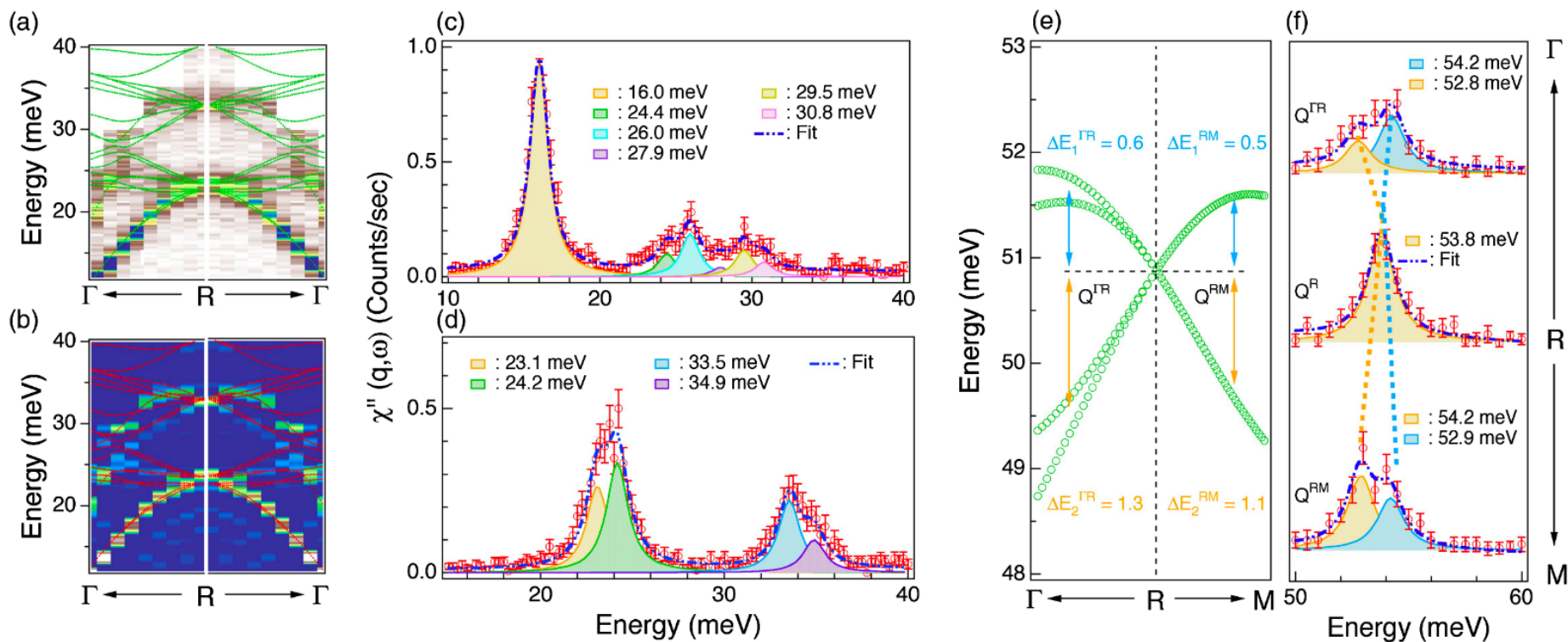


CUB path: Γ -X-M- Γ -R-X|M-R

[Setyawan & Curtarolo, DOI: 10.1016/j.commatsci.2010.05.010]



Effective charge-2 Dirac point



Why might this be interesting?

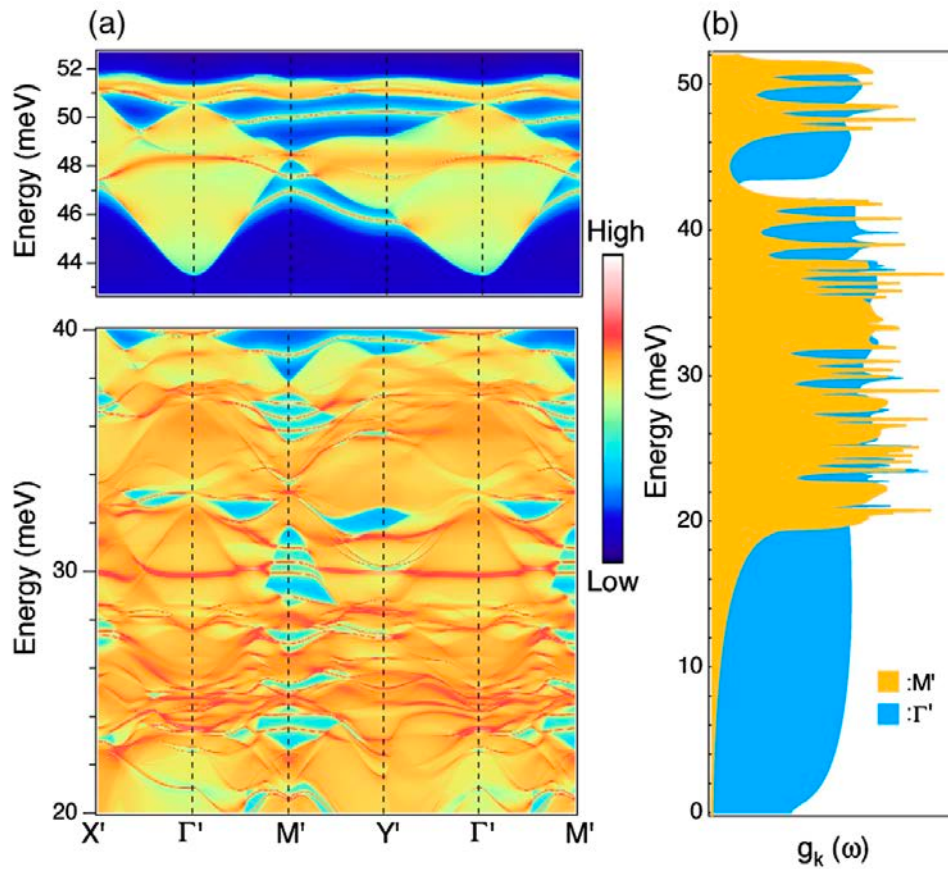
Phonons are important in condensed matter

Non-trivial transport of phonons / heat / information

Unique symmetry properties? SOC

Bosonic statistics

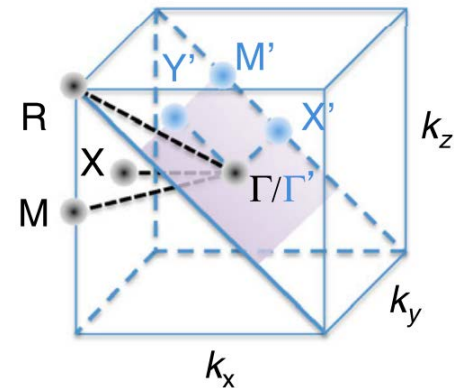
Surface modes



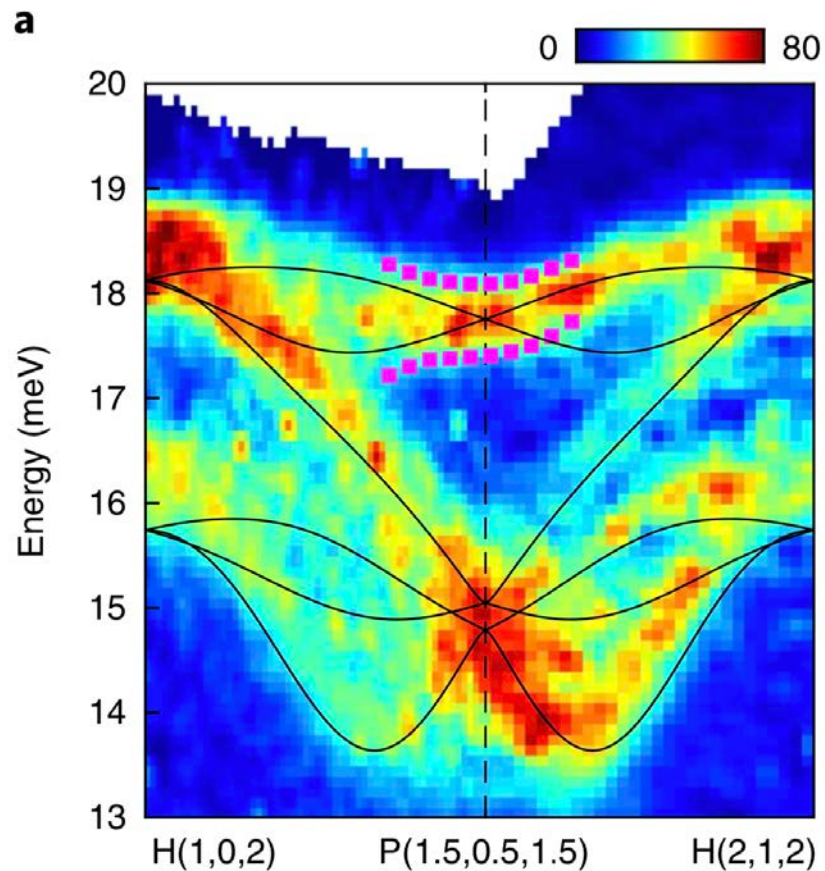
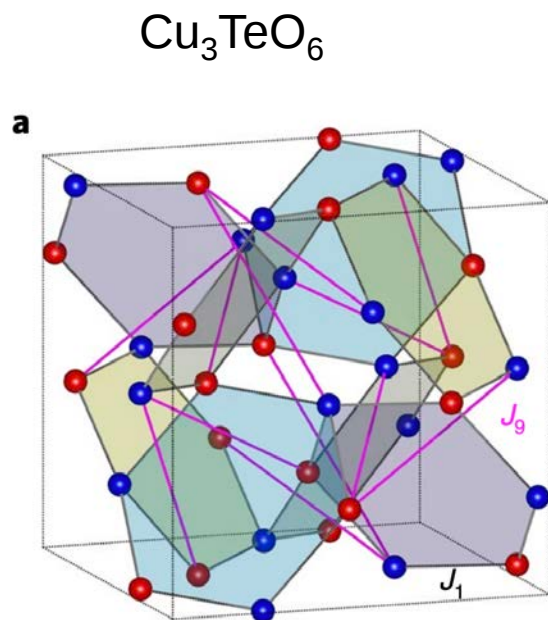
110 Surface

Arc state around
50 meV

Minimal overlap
with bulk modes



Topological magnons



Conclusions

- First experimental observation of phonon double Weyl points
- These modes must terminate in non-trivial surface states
- Potential for new routes towards protected phonon transport at the nanoscale