

Strongly Correlated Dirac Materials, Electron Hydrodynamics & AdS/CFT

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The AdS/CFT correspondence

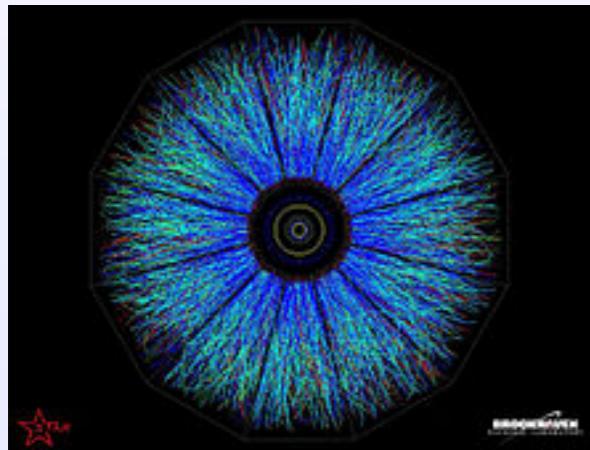
Maldacena 1997



What does the AdS/CFT correspondence tell us about universal properties of strongly coupled fluids?

The AdS/CFT correspondence

Which systems to test AdS/CFT in experiment?

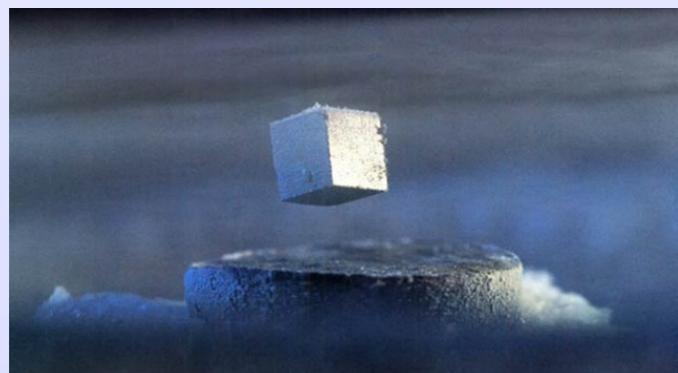


Quark-Gluon
Plasma

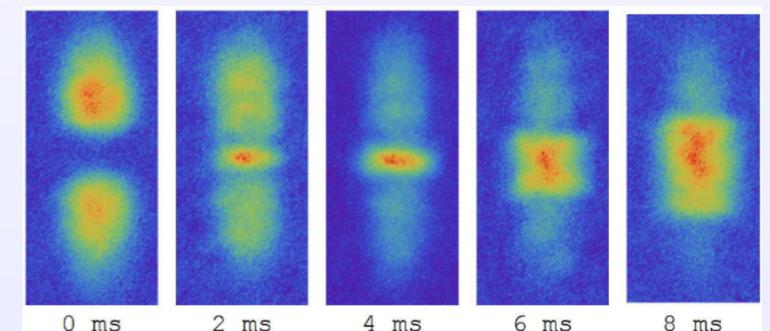


Strongly Coupled
Hydrodynamics

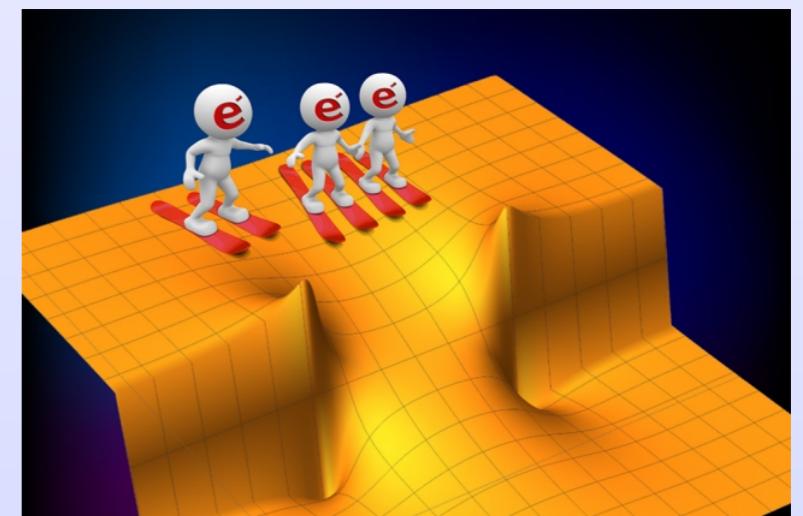
$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B}$$



High T_c Superconductors
Quantum Critical Phases



Unitary Fermions



Electronic Fluids

Motivation and Overview

New Proposal for a strongly correlated Dirac material:

Turbulent hydrodynamics in strongly correlated Kagome metals

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Scandium-substituted Herbertsmithite: New Dirac material with stronger Coulomb coupling between electrons than in Graphene

- Enhanced applicability of hydrodynamic regime
- Allows for smaller η/s
(shear viscosity to entropy density ratio)
- Closer to AdS/CFT regime
- Larger Reynolds numbers, turbulent flow regime

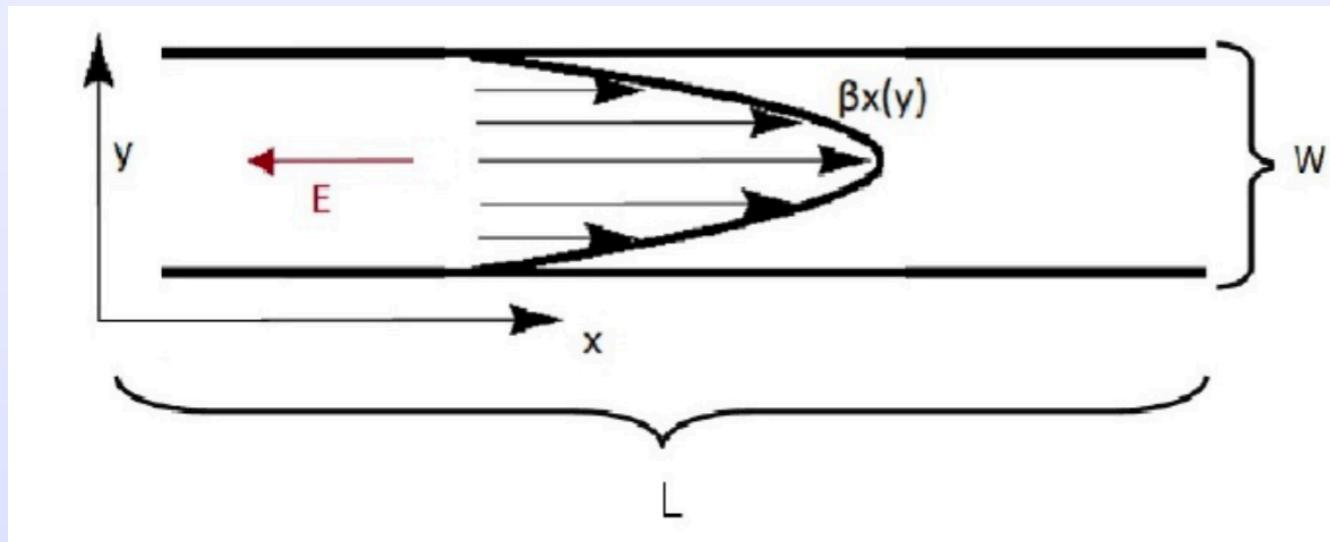
Electron Hydrodynamics in Solids

Electrons first Coulomb interact with each other, before loosing energy or momentum to phonons, impurities, or walls.

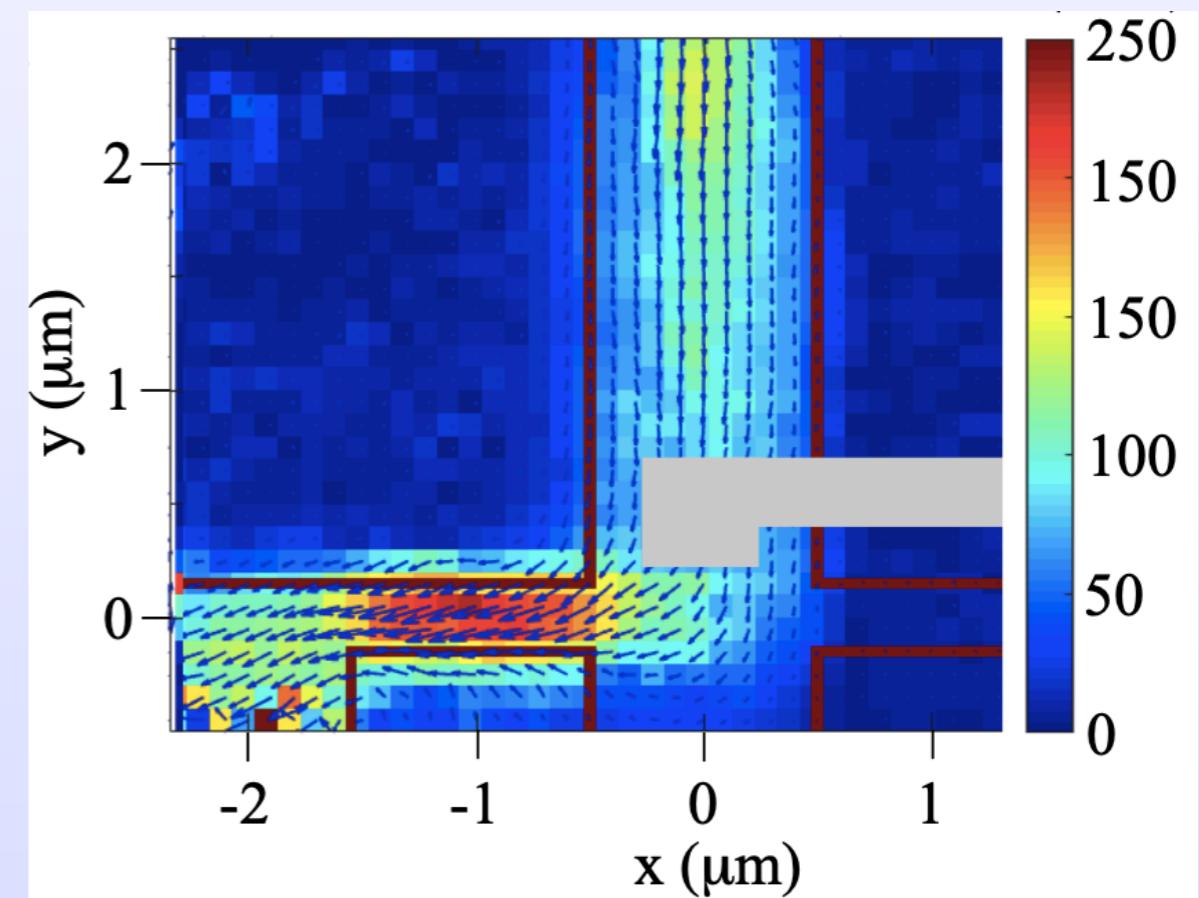
$$\ell_{ee} < \ell_{imp}, \ell_{phonon}, W$$



Hydrodynamic electron flow



Poiseuille flow



Ku et. al. 1905.10791

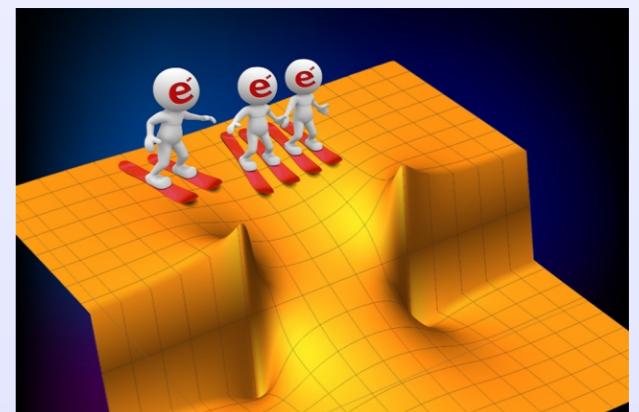
New Transport from Electron Flow

- Decreasing differential resistance dV/dI with increasing current I (non-linear response)

[Molenkamp+de Jong 1994,95]

- Larger than ballistic conductances

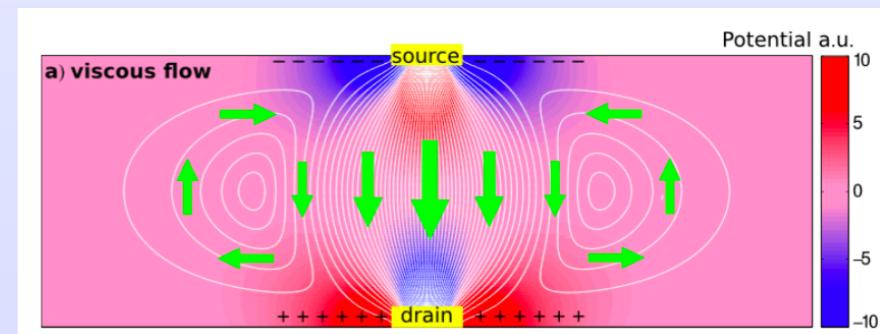
[Geim et.al. Nat. Phys. 2017]



- Negative nonlocal resistance

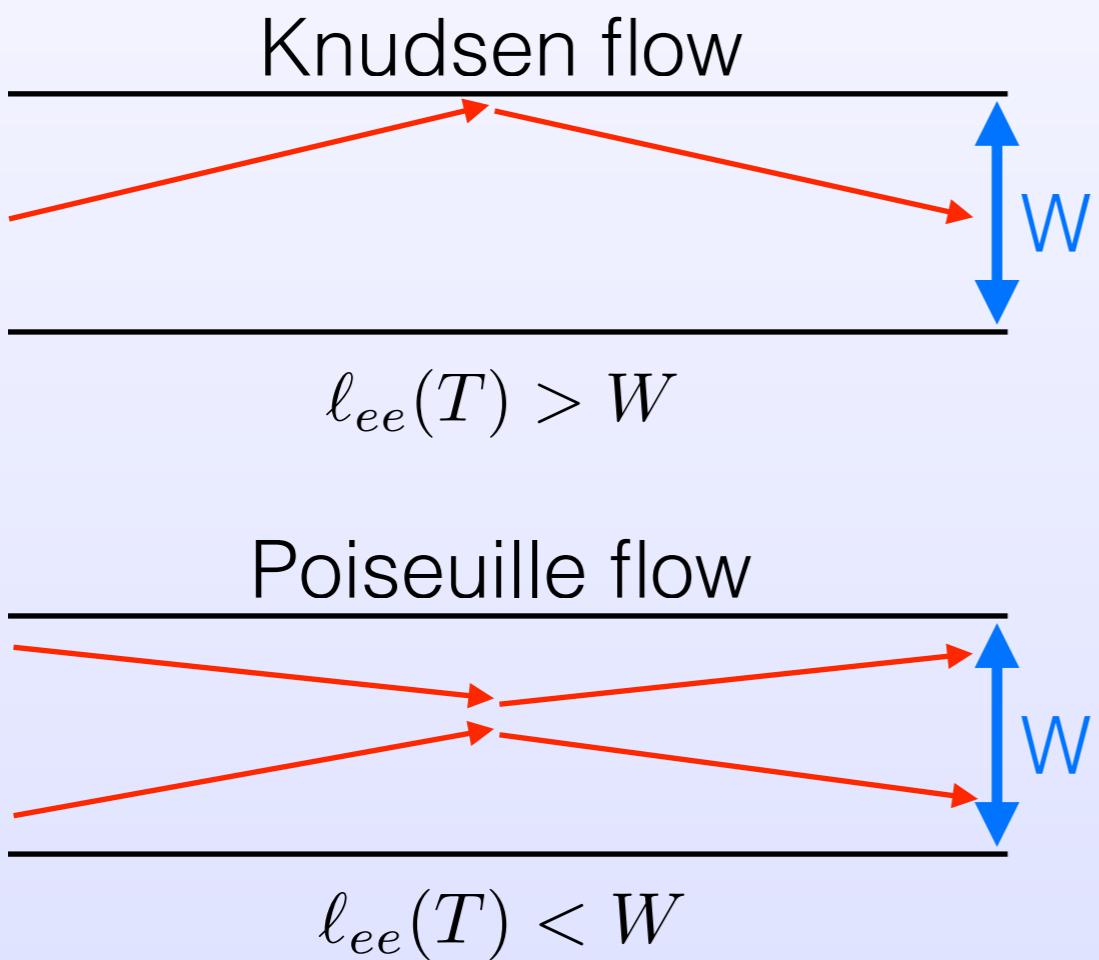
[Falkovich et.al. Nat. Phys. 2016]

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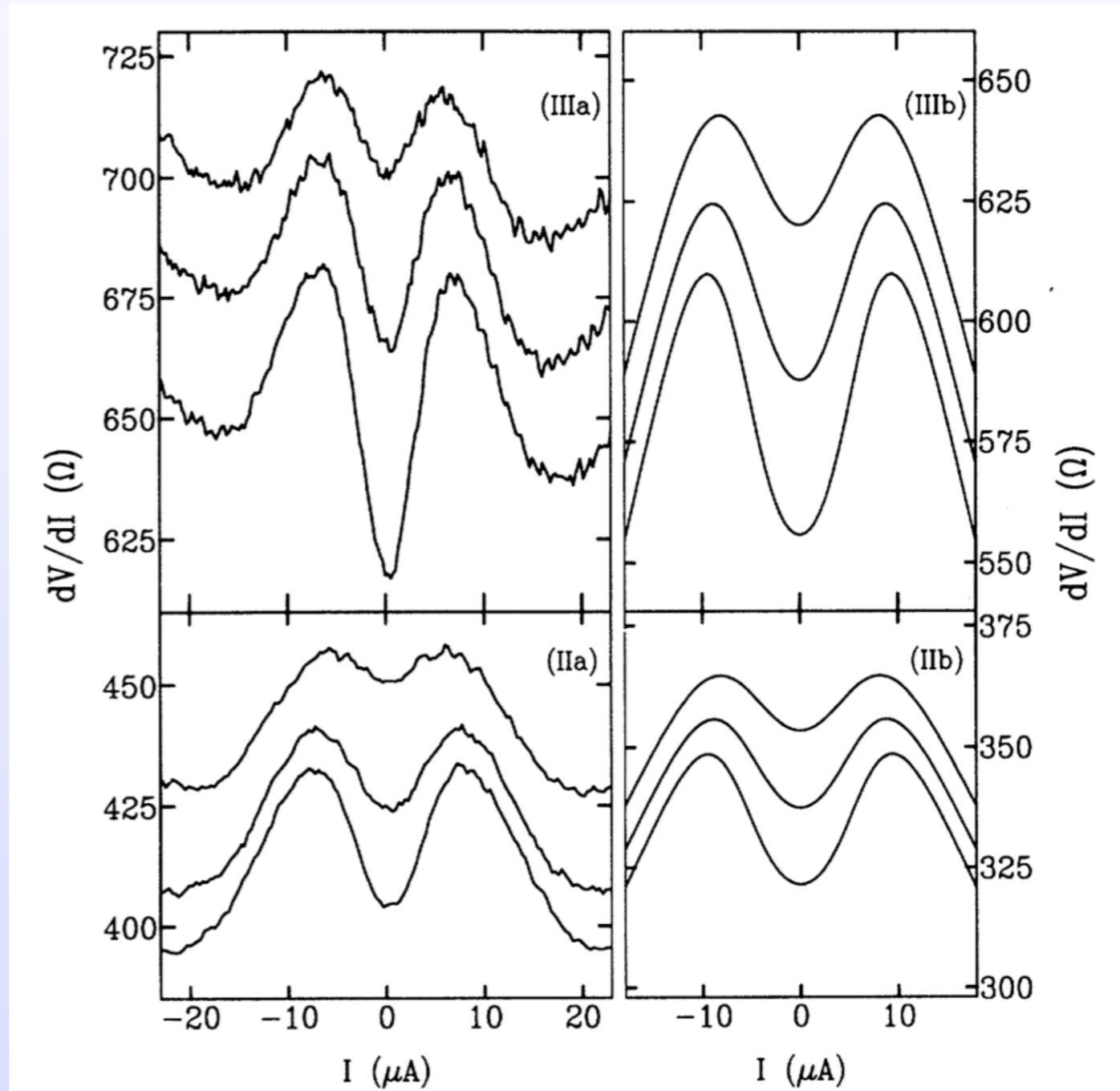
Gurzhi Effect

- 2D Electrons in (Al)GaAs Heterostructures



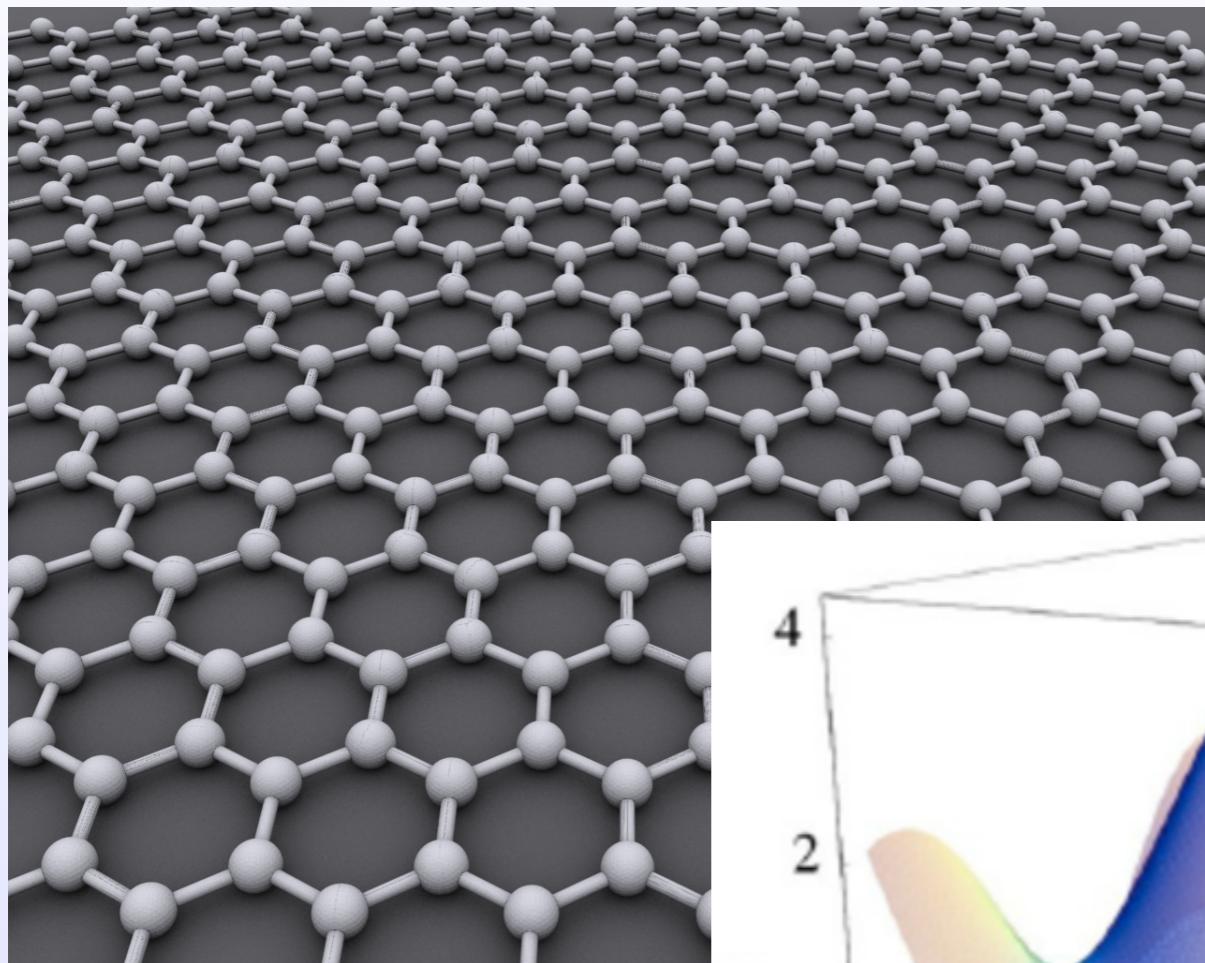
[Gurzhi 1968]

Weakly Coupled!



[Molenkamp+de Jong 1994,95]

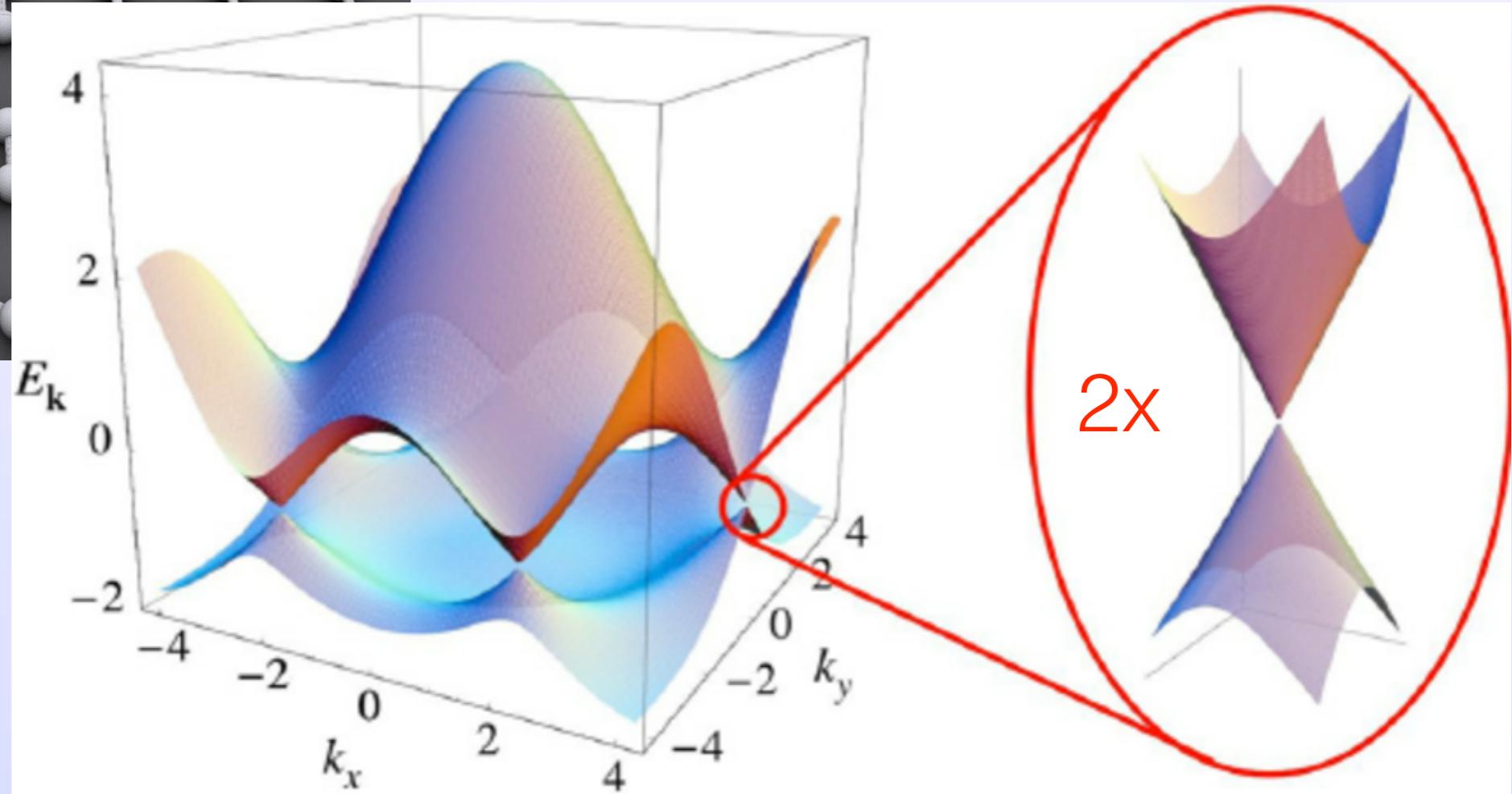
Graphene



$$v_F \approx \frac{c}{300}$$

Very clean: $\ell_{ee} < 0.1 \ell_{mr}$
Phonons decouple up to high T

$$\nu = \frac{\eta}{mn} \approx 0.1 \frac{m^2}{s}$$



[Geim, Novozelov Nature 2005, Nobel Prize 2010; Geim et al. Science 2016]

Typical Values



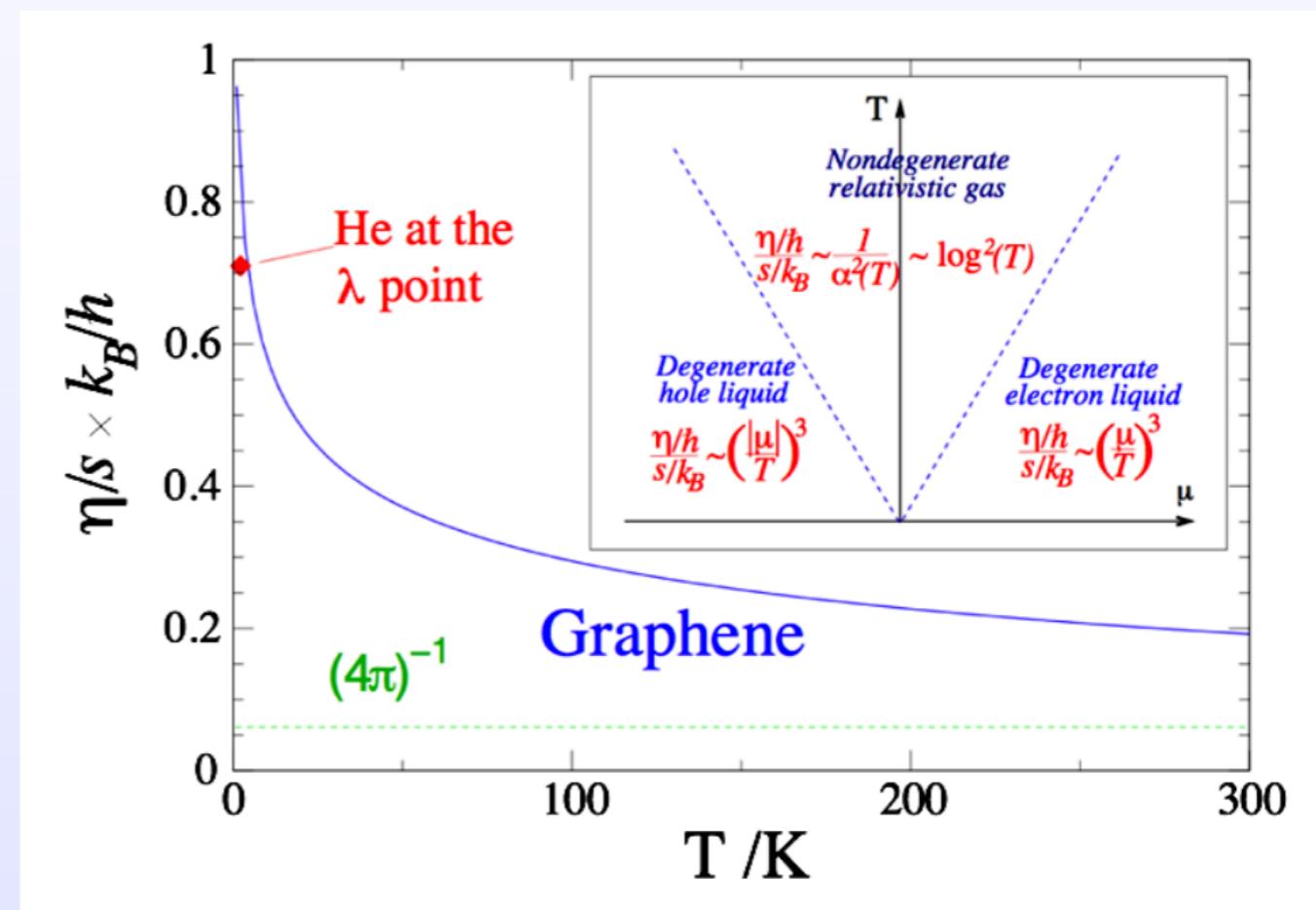
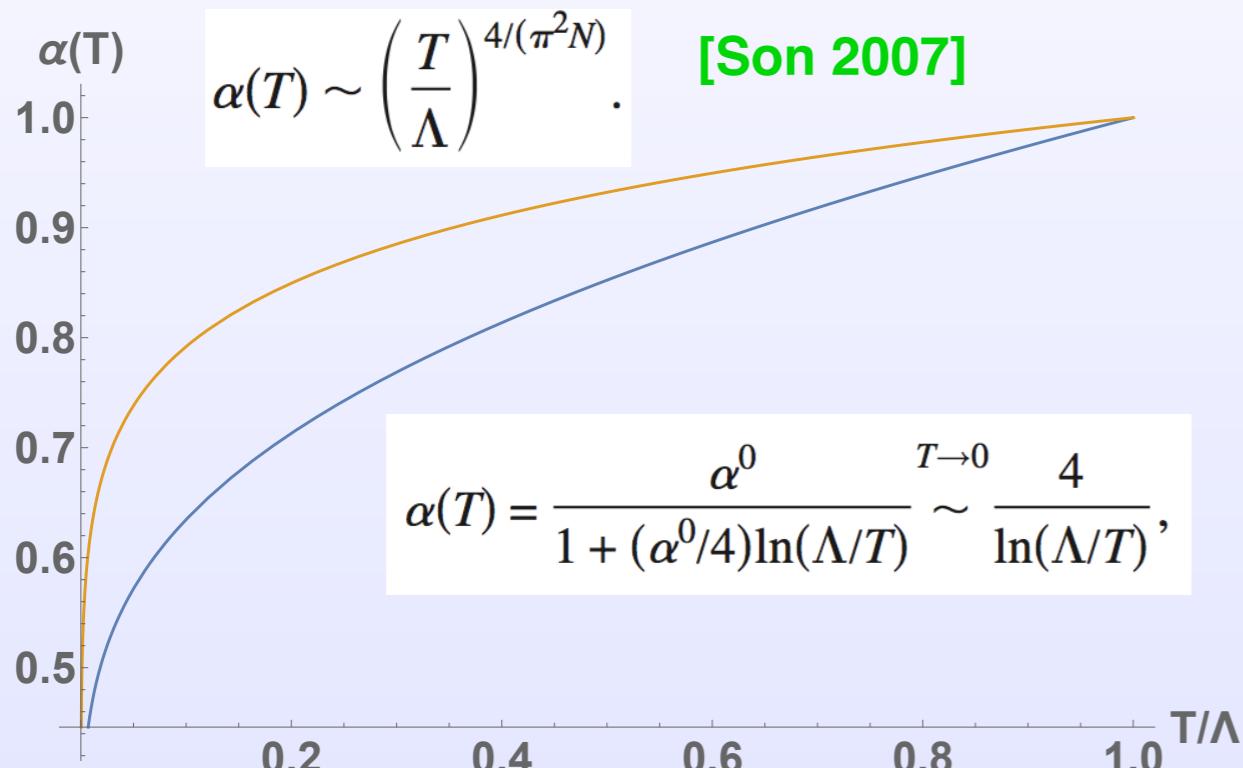
$$\nu \sim 10^{-6} m^2/s$$



$$\nu \sim 10^{-3} m^2/s$$

Hydrodynamic Fluid in Graphene

- Graphene in the nonperturbative regime



$$\eta/s = \frac{\hbar}{k_B} \frac{C_\eta \pi}{9\zeta(3)} \frac{1}{\alpha^2(T)} \simeq 0.00815 \times \left(\log \frac{T_\Lambda}{T}\right)^2.$$

[Fritz, Schmalian, Sachdev et al PRB, PRL 2008,09]

Hydrodynamics

Hydrodynamics: Long wavelength, low frequency perturbations of a fluid away from global equilibrium

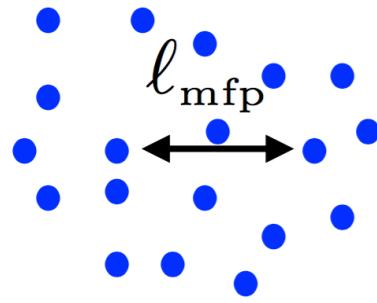


Theory of transport of (approx.) conserved quantities
(energy, momentum, charges)

Black hole horizons show hydrodynamic response

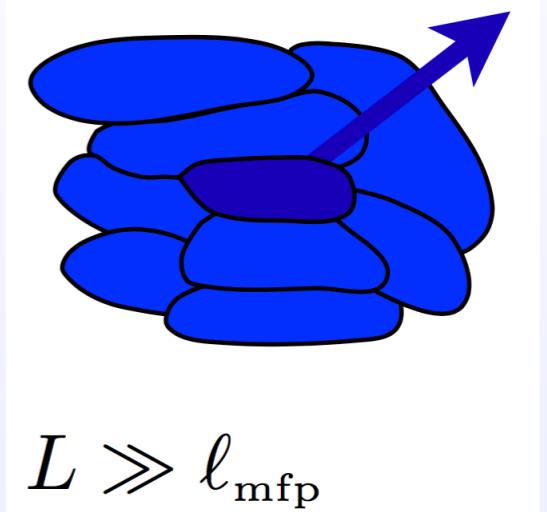
[T. Damour 1970s, AdS/CFT]

Charged Relativistic Fluid



$$L \gg \ell_{\text{mfp}}$$

$\epsilon(x^\mu)$	Energy density	$\leftrightarrow T(x^\mu)$
$\rho(x^\mu)$	Charge density	$\leftrightarrow \mu(x^\mu)$
$u^\nu(x^\mu)$	Velocity field ($u_\mu u^\mu = -1$)	



$$L \gg \ell_{\text{mfp}}$$

Theory of Transport of (approx.) conserved quantities:

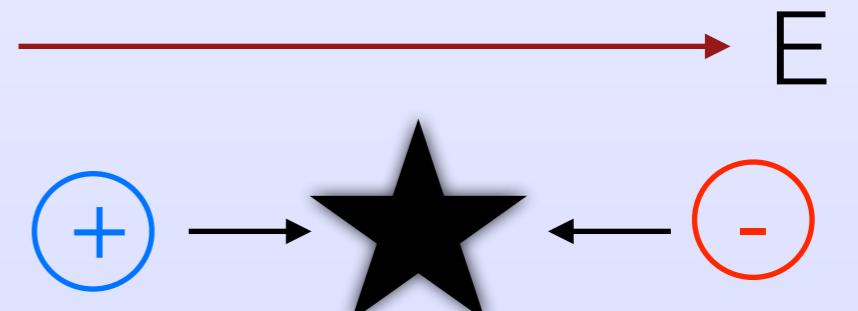
$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = F^{\nu\rho} J_\rho - \frac{T^{0i} \delta_i^\nu}{\tau_{\text{imp}}}$$

$$\nabla_\rho J^\rho = 0$$

Relevant transport coefficients:

η : Shear viscosity

σ : Quantum Critical conductivity

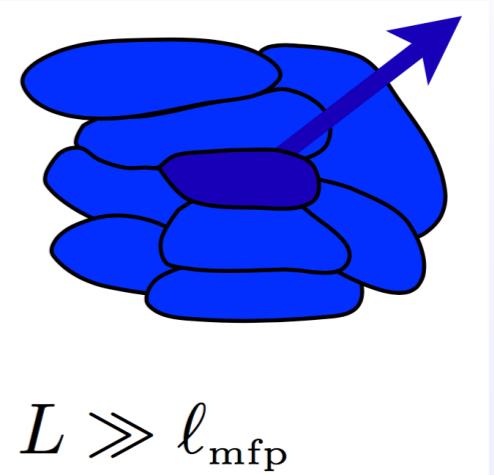


Bulk viscosity can be neglected for conformal fluids or incompressible flows ($\partial_\mu v^\mu = 0$)

Hydrodynamics as EFT

Expand $T_{\mu\nu}$ and J_μ in

$$\ell_{mfp} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} = \frac{\ell_{mfp}}{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^\mu}$$



$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{ideal}^{\mu\nu} + T_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} + \dots \quad J^\mu = \rho(T, \mu) u^\mu + J_{(1)}^\mu + \dots$$

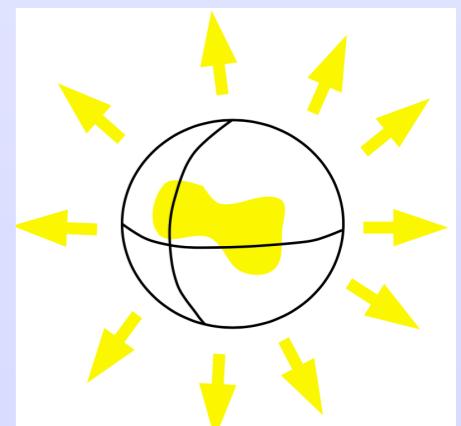
$$T_{ideal}^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon(T, \mu) u^\mu u^\nu + p(T, \mu) \underbrace{(u^\mu u^\nu + g^{\mu\nu})}_{\equiv \Delta^{\mu\nu}}$$

$$T_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} = \eta \underbrace{\Delta^{\mu\rho} \Delta^{\nu\sigma} (\nabla_\rho u_\sigma + \nabla_\sigma u_\rho - g_{\rho\sigma}(\nabla u))}_{shear} - \zeta \Delta^{\mu\nu} (\nabla u)$$

$$J_{(1)}^\mu = \sigma \left(E^\mu - T \Delta^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\nu \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right) \right)$$

Local version of the 2nd law:

$$\partial_\mu J_s^\mu \geq 0$$



Hydrodynamics as EFT

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Linear Response:
(e.g. in 2+1D)

$$G_R^{ij,kl}(\omega, 0) = \langle T^{ij}(-\omega) T^{kl}(\omega) \rangle_R$$

$$G_R^{i,j}(\omega, 0) = \langle J^i(-\omega) J^j(\omega) \rangle_R$$

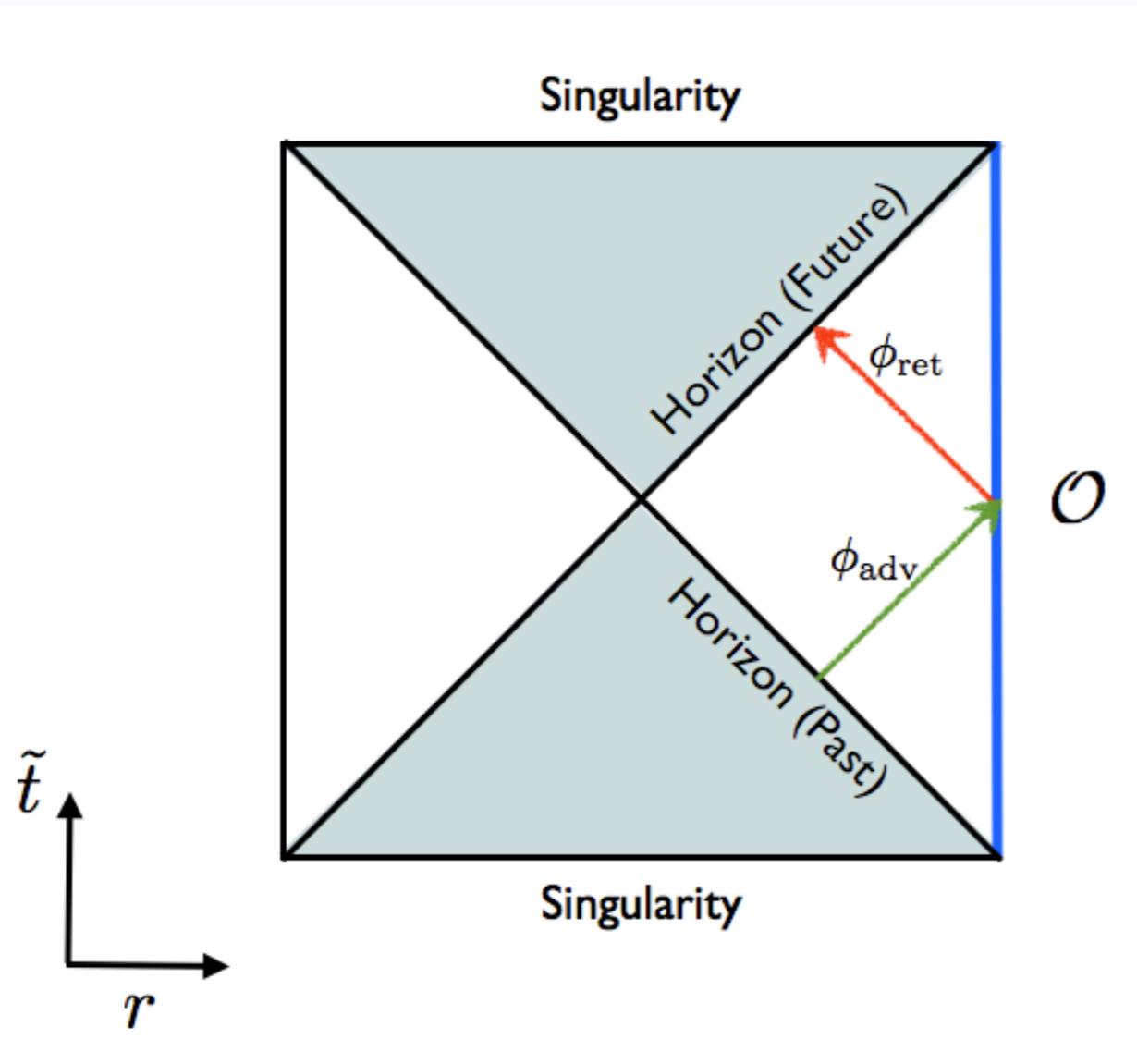
$$\eta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{8\omega} (\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \epsilon_{ik}\epsilon_{jl}) \operatorname{Im} G_R^{ij,kl}(\omega, 0),$$

$$\sigma = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\omega} \delta_{ij} \operatorname{Im} G_R^{i,j}(\omega, 0),$$

$$\zeta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{4\omega} \delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} \operatorname{Im} G_R^{ij,kl}(\omega, 0),$$

η, σ, ζ calculated from microscopic or other effective models (kinetic theory, AdS/CFT)

Hydrodynamics from Black Holes



$$\eta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{8\omega} (\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \epsilon_{ik}\epsilon_{jl}) \operatorname{Im} G_R^{ij,kl}(\omega, 0)$$

$$G_R^{ij,kl} = \frac{\langle \delta T^{ij} \rangle_R}{\delta h_{(0),kl}}$$

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B}$$

[Kovtun, Son, Starinets '04]

- Universal in AdS/CFT at large N and coupling
- Same in 2+1D and 3+1D, Rotational invariance
- Corrections can be systematically included

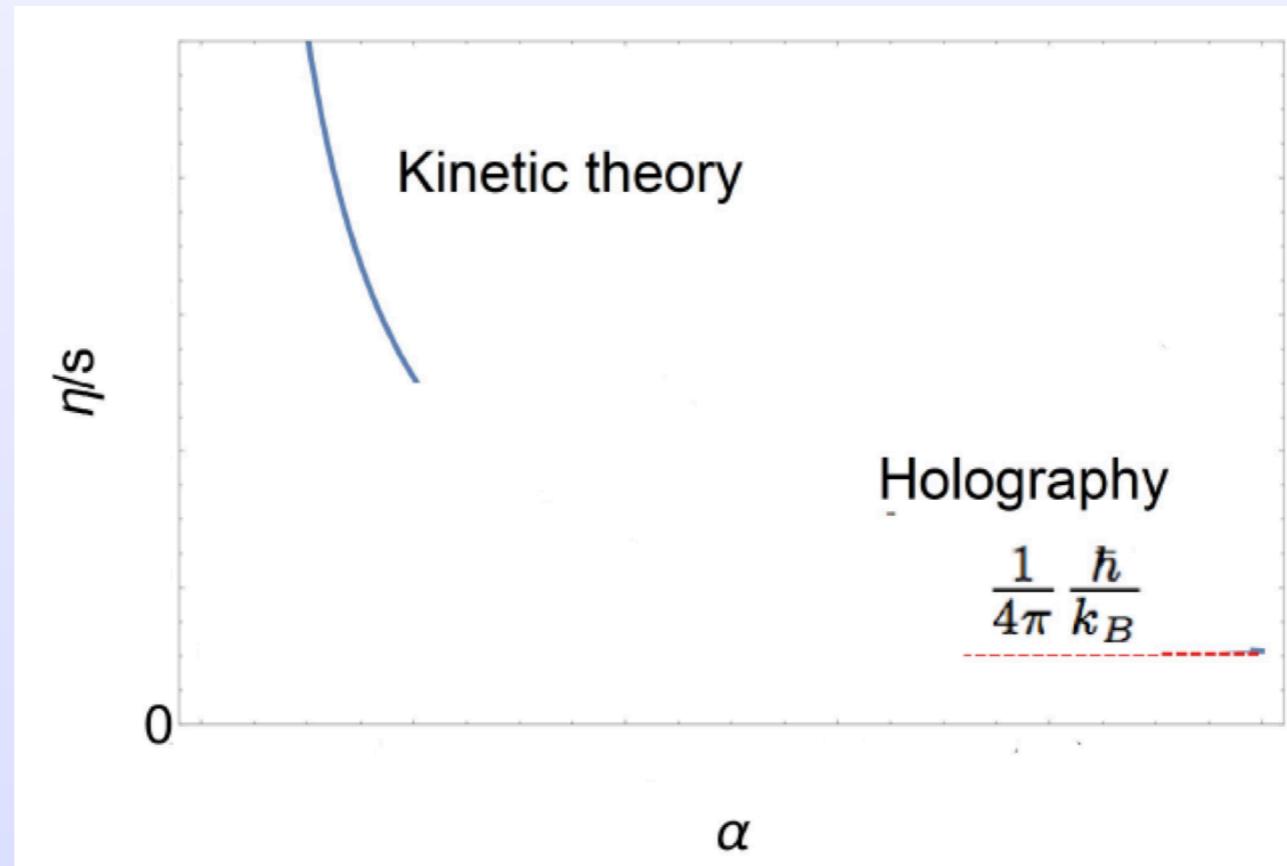
Improving the hydrodynamic approximation to get closer to AdS/CFT

Electron-electron scattering length:

$$\ell_{ee} \sim \frac{1}{\alpha_{eff}^2}$$

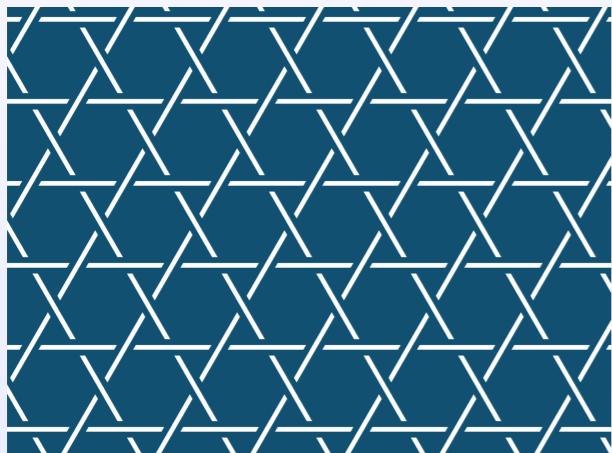
Effective fine structure constant:

$$\alpha_{eff} = \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \hbar v_F}$$



Kagome Lattices

Kagome: Basket weaving pattern from Japan



[[Wikipedia](#)]

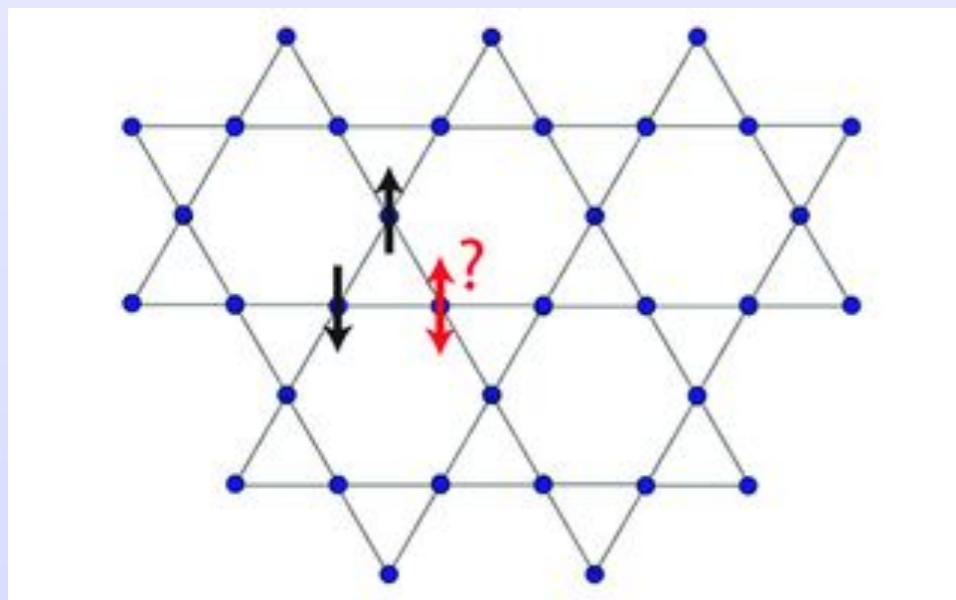
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(kago) Basket

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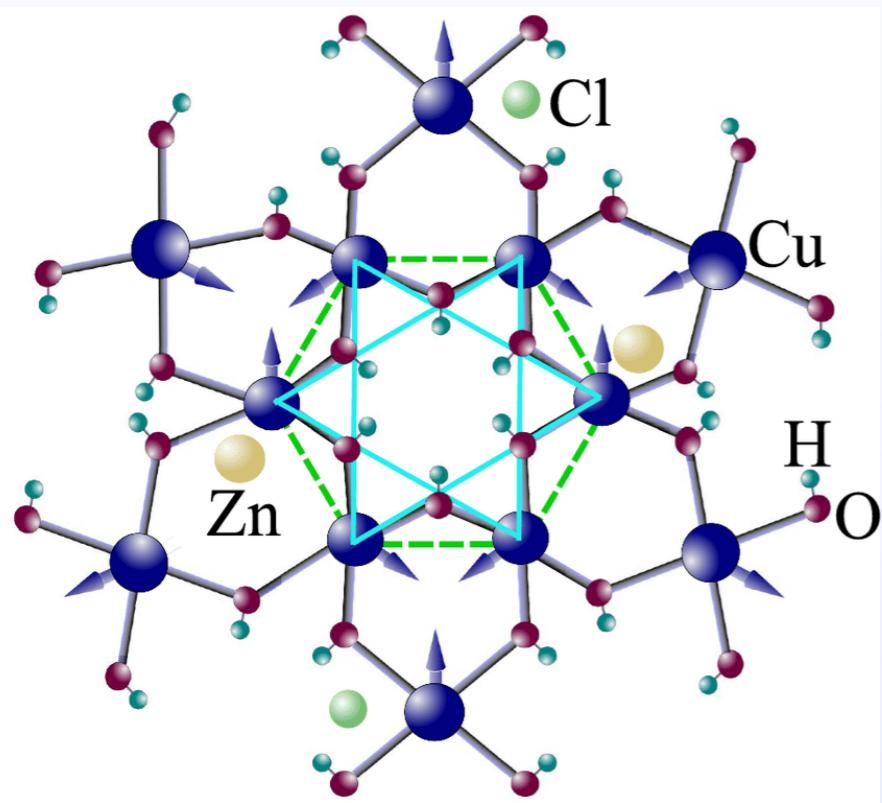
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Kagome lattice: Frustration prevents ordering phenomena

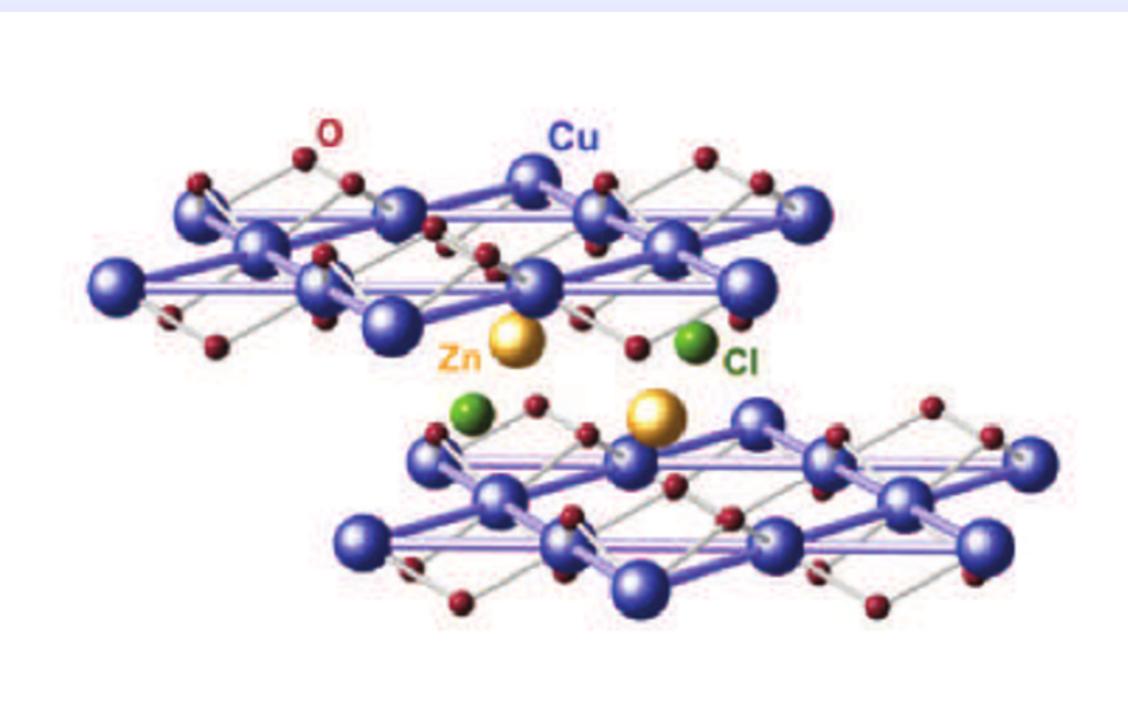
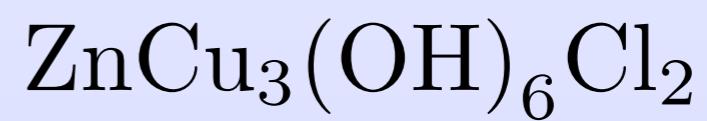


Kagome Materials

Herbertsmithite



[Wikipedia]

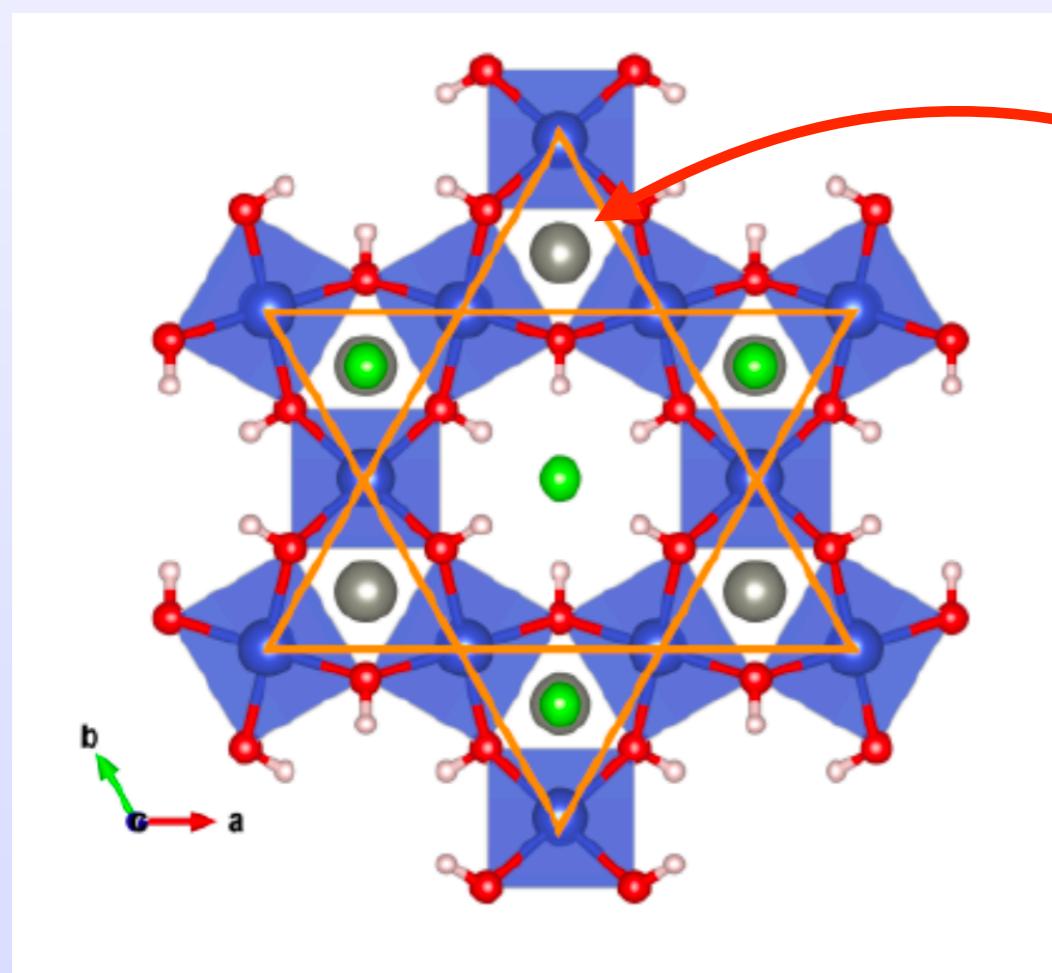


Scandium-Herbertsmithite

Herbertsmithite: Zn^{2+} Fermi surface below Dirac point

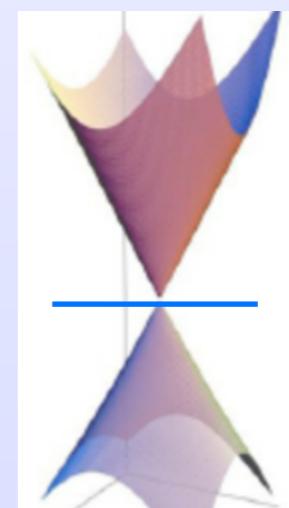
Sc-Herbertsmithite: Sc^{3+} Fermi surface at Dirac point

Same low energy band structure as Graphene

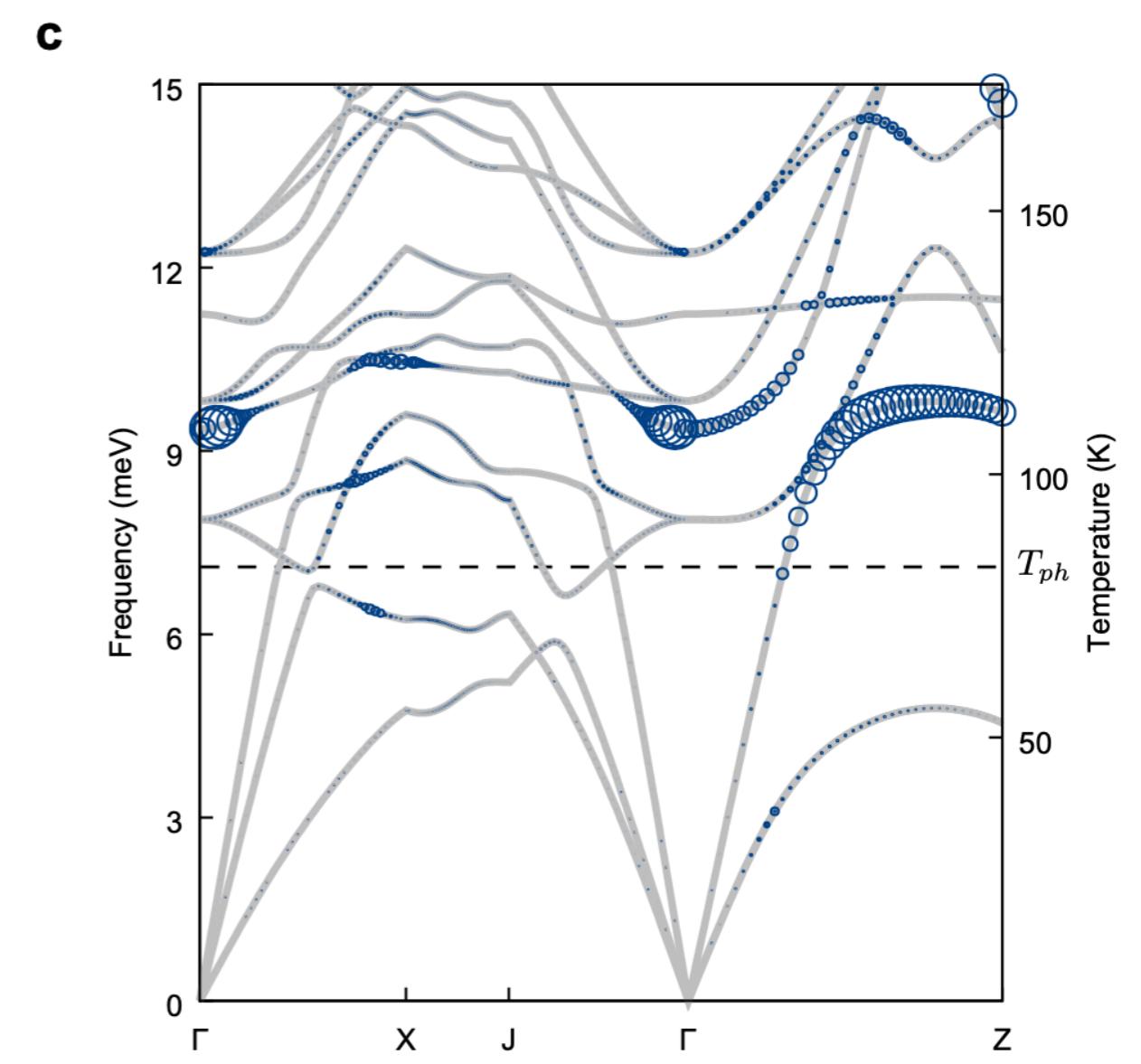
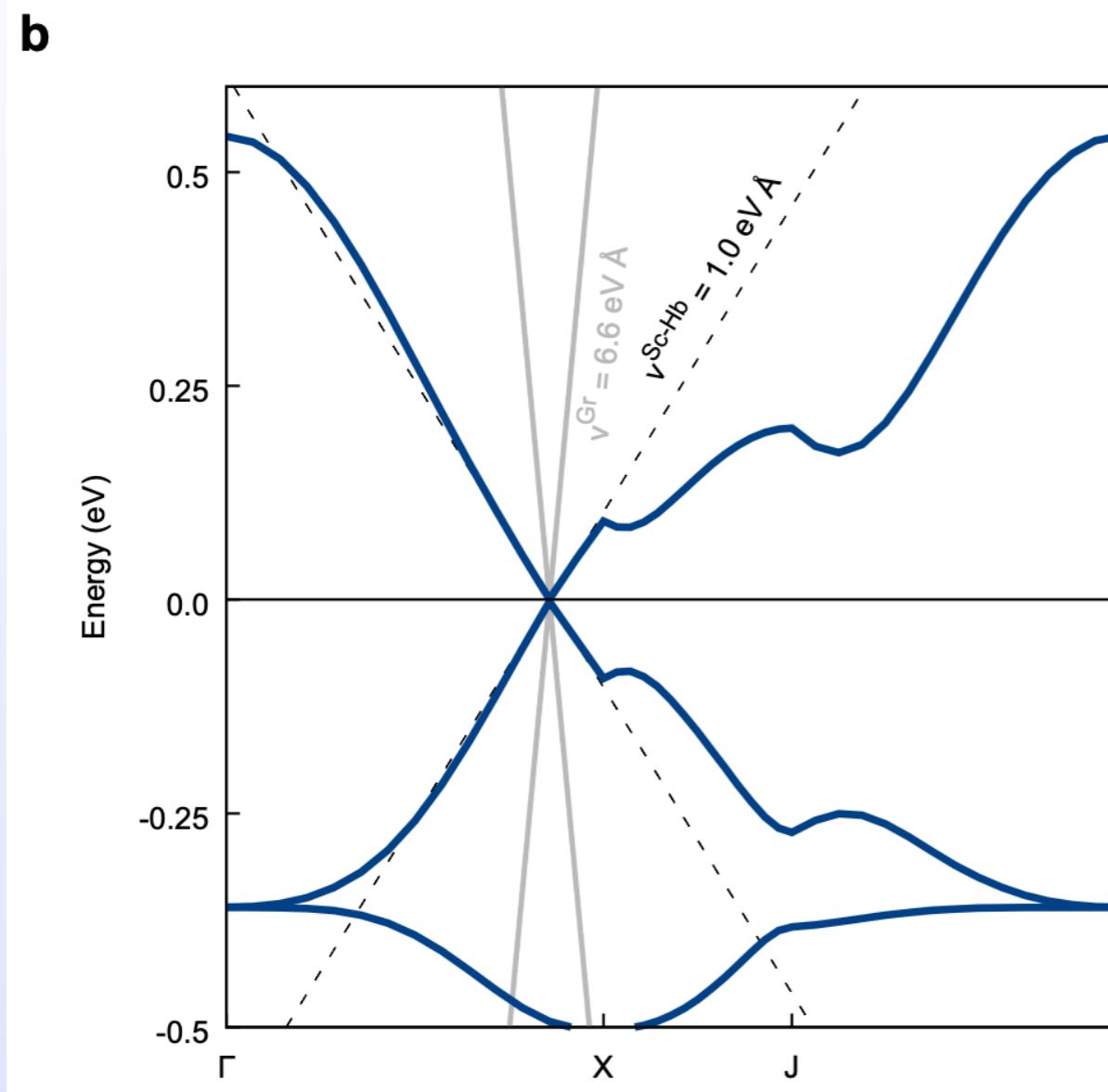


Sc^{3+}

2x



Scandium-Herbertsmithite



Electronic Band Structure

$$v_{F,Sc} \approx 0.15 v_{F,Gr}$$

Phonon Dispersion

$$T_{phon} \sim 80K$$

Scandium-Herbertsmithite

Table I. Dirac fluid parameters. The Fermi velocity v_F , the relative dielectric constant ϵ_r and the fine-structure constant α for electrodynamics in vacuum, (hBN encapsulated) graphene [25, 26] and stoichiometric Scandium substituted Herbertsmithite. In graphite [27] the low-energy dispersion at the K point of the Brillouin zone is quadratic and not linear as in graphene.

	v_F (eVÅ)	ϵ_r	$\alpha = e^2/\epsilon_0\epsilon_r\hbar v_F$
ED in vacuum	2×10^3	1	1/137
hBN/graphene/hBN	6.6	2.2 – 4.0	0.5 – 1.0
graphite	–	2.5	–
Sc-Herbertsmithite	1.0	5.0	2.9

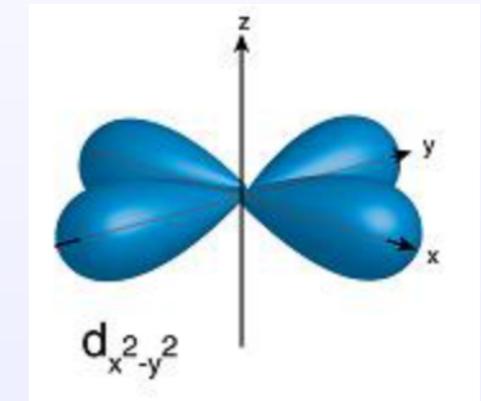
$$\alpha_{eff} = \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0\epsilon_r\hbar v_F}$$

Increase in fine structure constant driven by smaller Fermi velocity

Scandium-Herbertsmithite

- Kagome lattice formed by CuO_4 plaquettes

- Cu $d_{x^2-y^2}$ orbitals form Dirac points



- Fermi level at Dirac point (4/3 filling)

- Orbital hybridization leads to larger Coulomb coupling

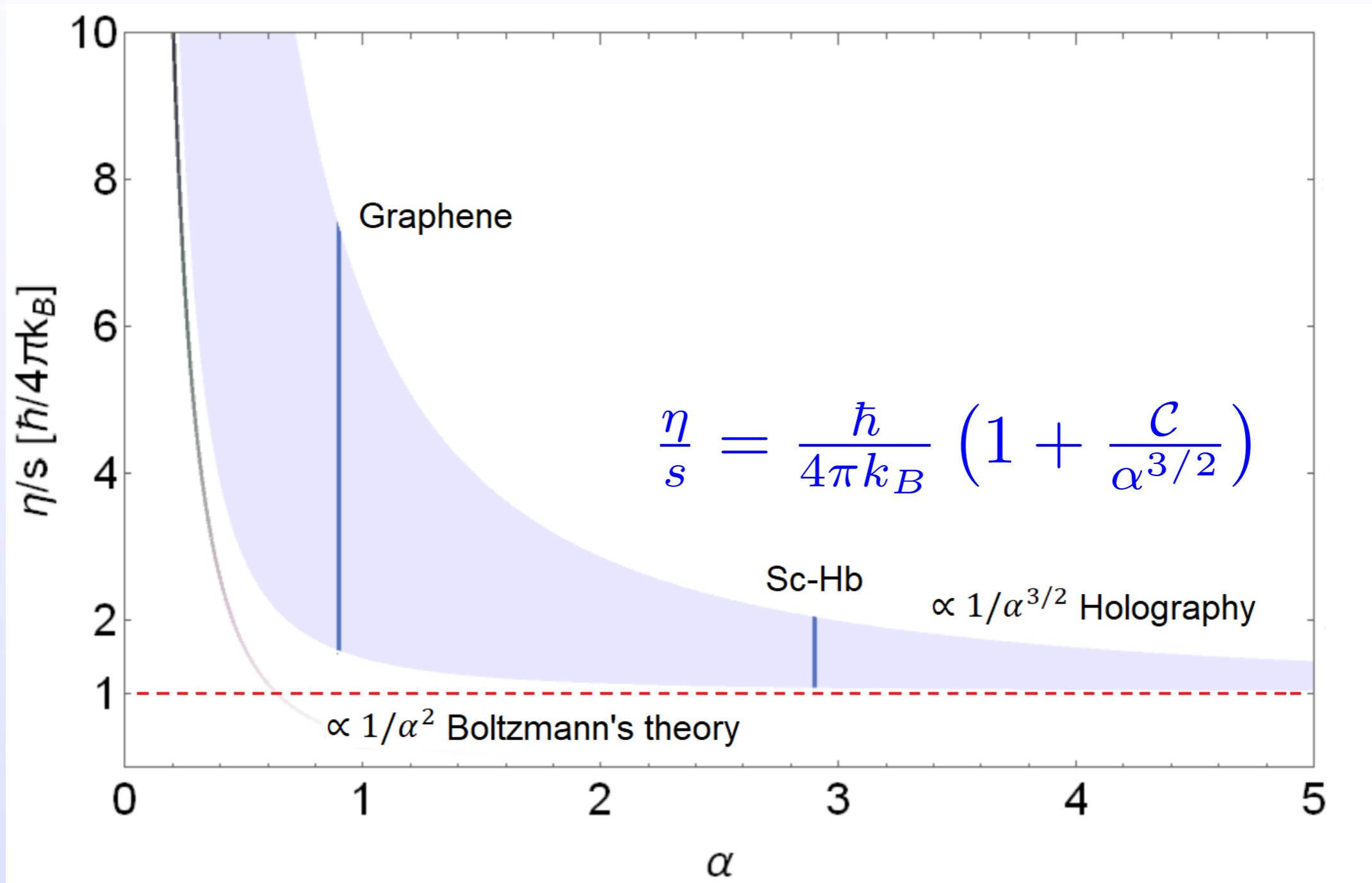
$$\alpha_{Sc-Hb} = 2.9 \quad (\alpha_{Gr} = 0.9)$$

- Enhanced hydrodynamic behavior: $\ell_{ee, Sc} = \frac{1}{6} \ell_{ee, Gr}$

- Optical phonons activated above $T_{phon} \sim 80K$

- Candidate to test universal predictions from AdS/CFT

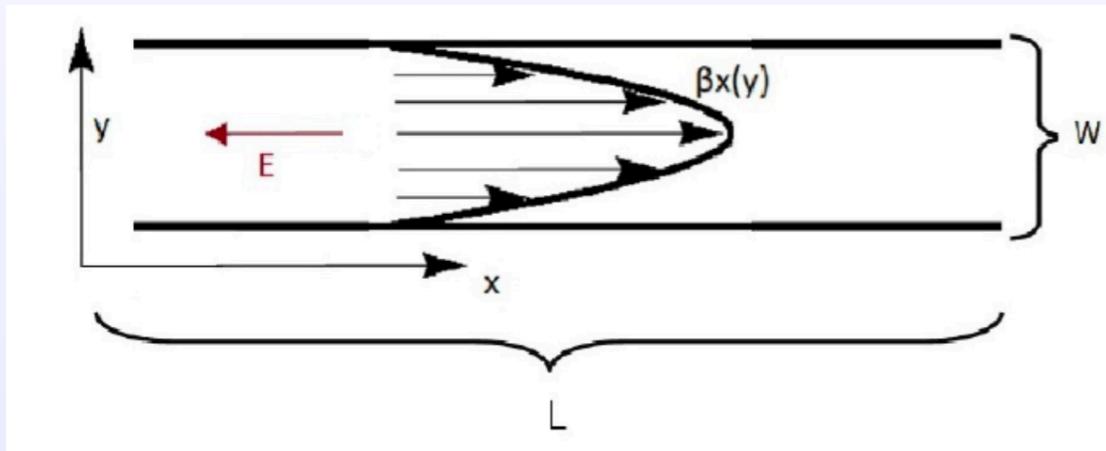
Estimate of Shear Viscosity over Entropy Density



Parametrize leading R^4 correction by $\mathcal{C} = 5 \cdot 10^{-4} \dots 2$

Reynolds number and Turbulence

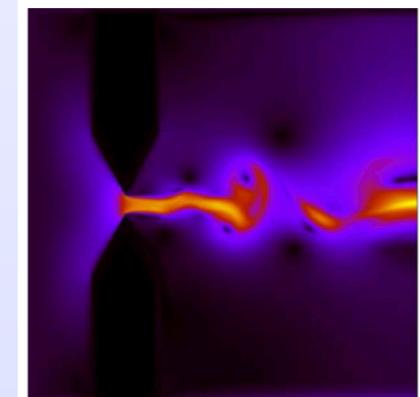
- Low viscosity fluids easily become turbulent



$$Re = \left(\frac{\eta k_B}{s \hbar} \right)^{-1} \frac{k_B T}{\hbar v_F} \frac{u_{typ}(\eta/s)}{v_F} W,$$

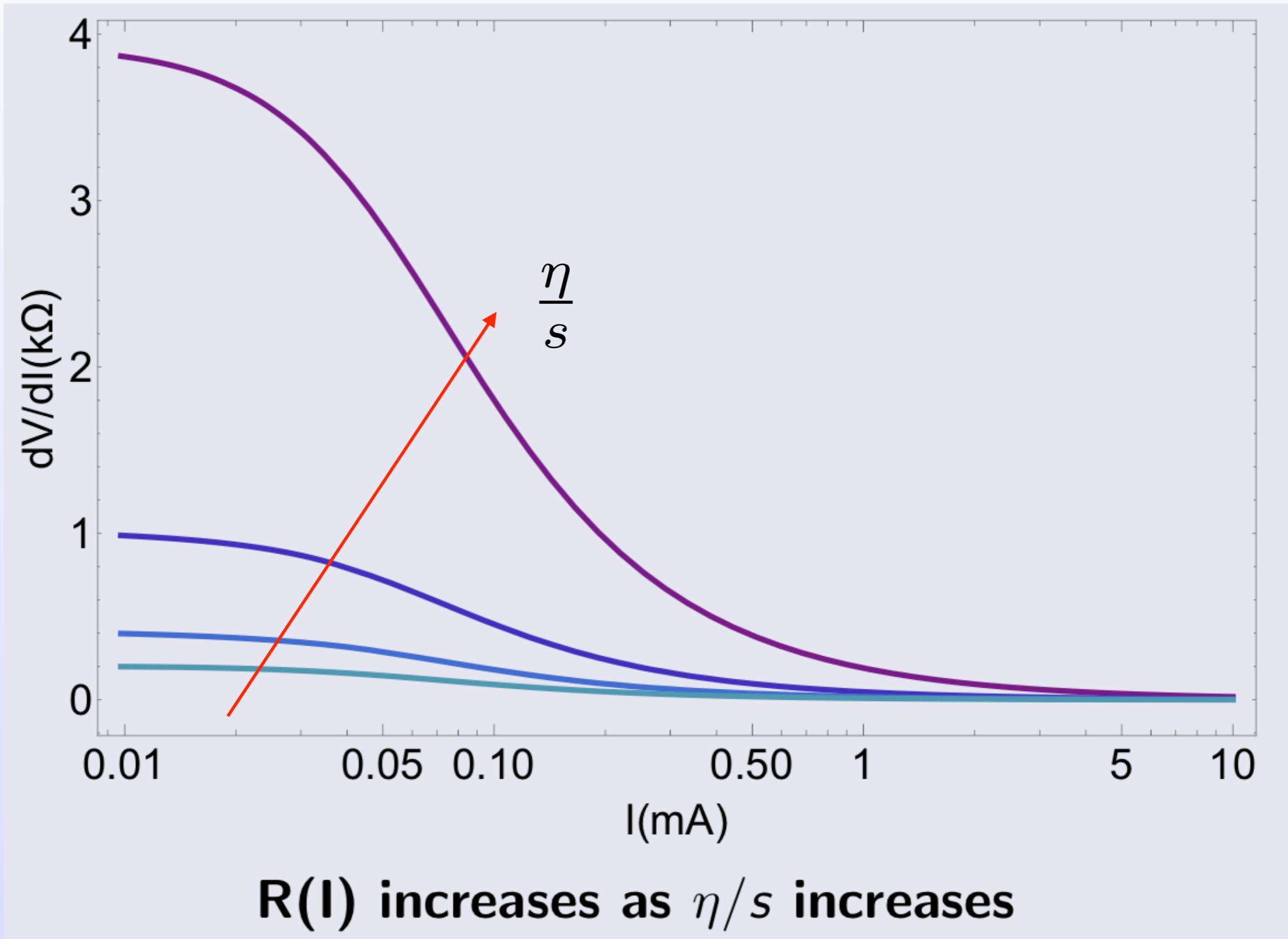
Poiseuille flow

Enhancement of factor 100 in Sc-Hb
compared to Graphene



[Mendoza et.al. PRL 2016]

Differential Wire Resistance



Holographic Poiseuille Flows

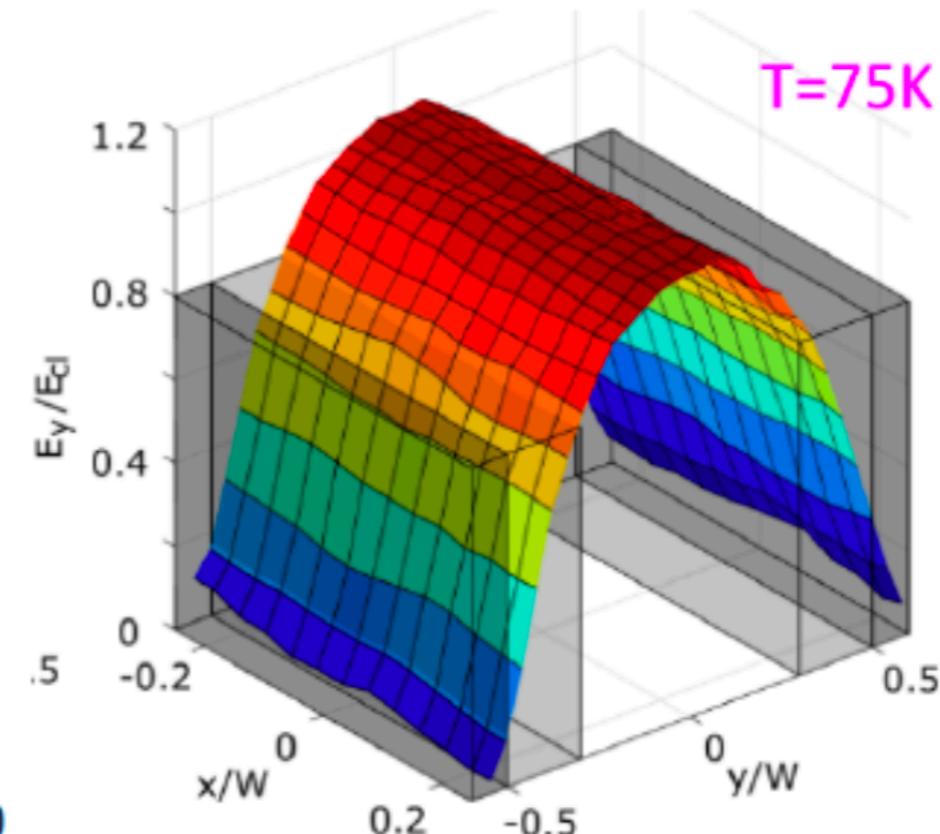
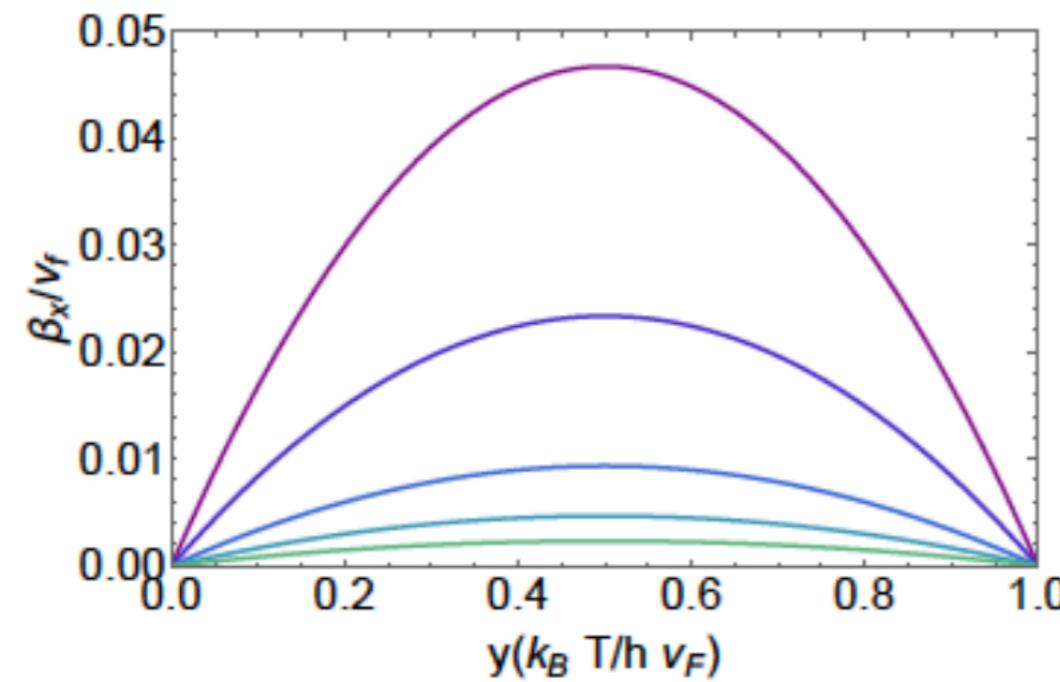
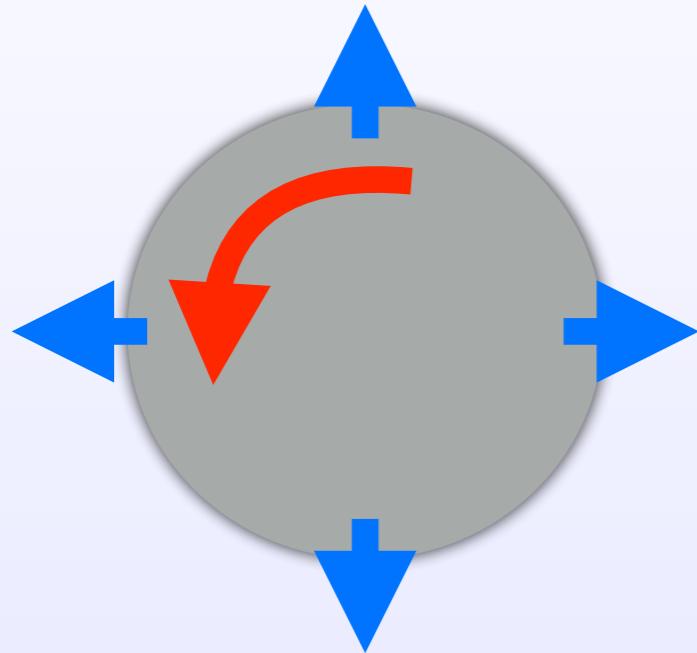


Figure: Left figure: Top curve, $\eta/s = \hbar/4\pi k_B$ (Holography). Right figure: Experimental observation of the Poiseuille flow in graphene (fig. taken from [J. Sulpizio et al \[1905.11662\]](#))

Faster flow at stronger coupling (smaller viscosity over entropy density ratio)

Hall viscosity in Channel Flows



[Avron, Seiler, Zograf 1995]

Incompressible Flow: $\partial_\mu v^\mu = 0$

$$(\epsilon + P)\dot{v}^x + \eta\partial_y^2 v^x = E^x \rho - \frac{(\epsilon + P)v^x}{\tau_{\text{imp}}}$$

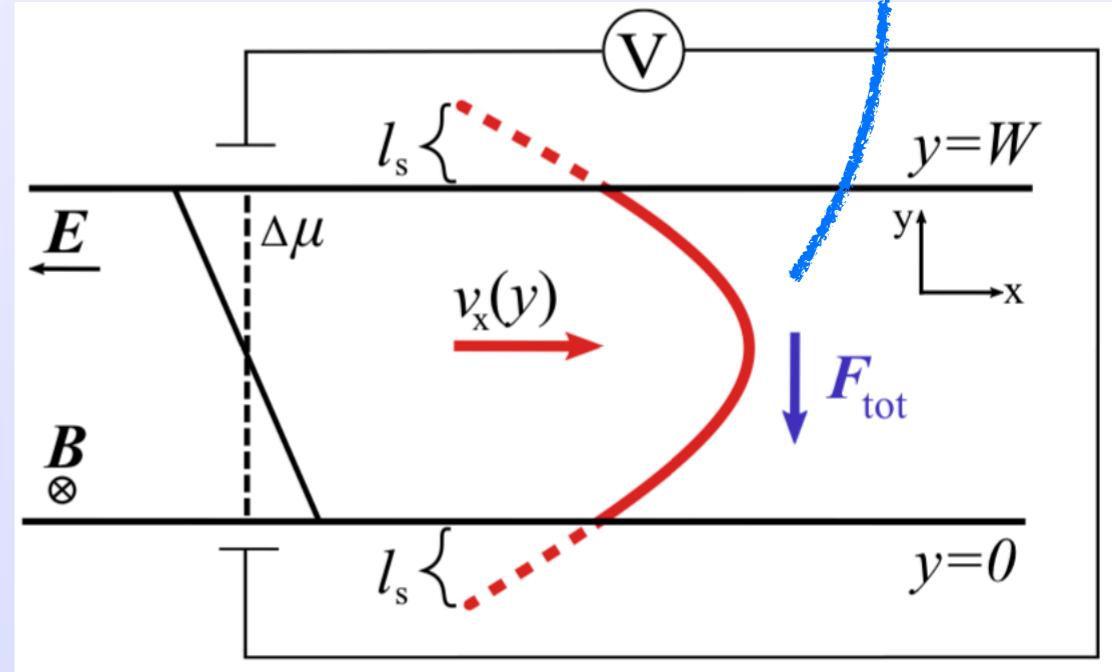
$$2\eta_H\partial_y^2 v^x = \partial_y P = \rho\partial_y V + s\partial_y T$$

$$\dot{P}^i + \partial_j T^{ji} = F^{i\mu} J_\mu - \Gamma P^i$$

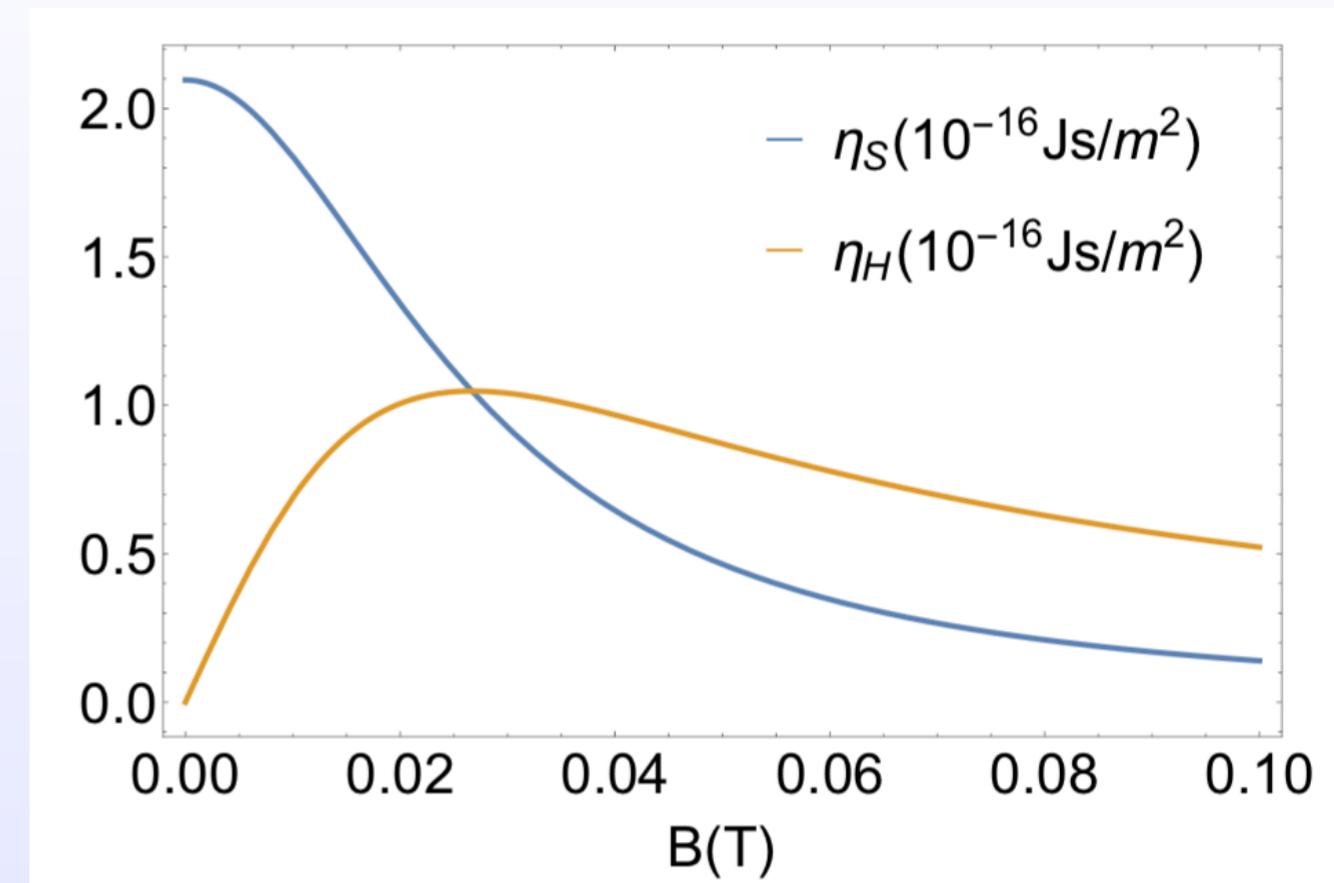
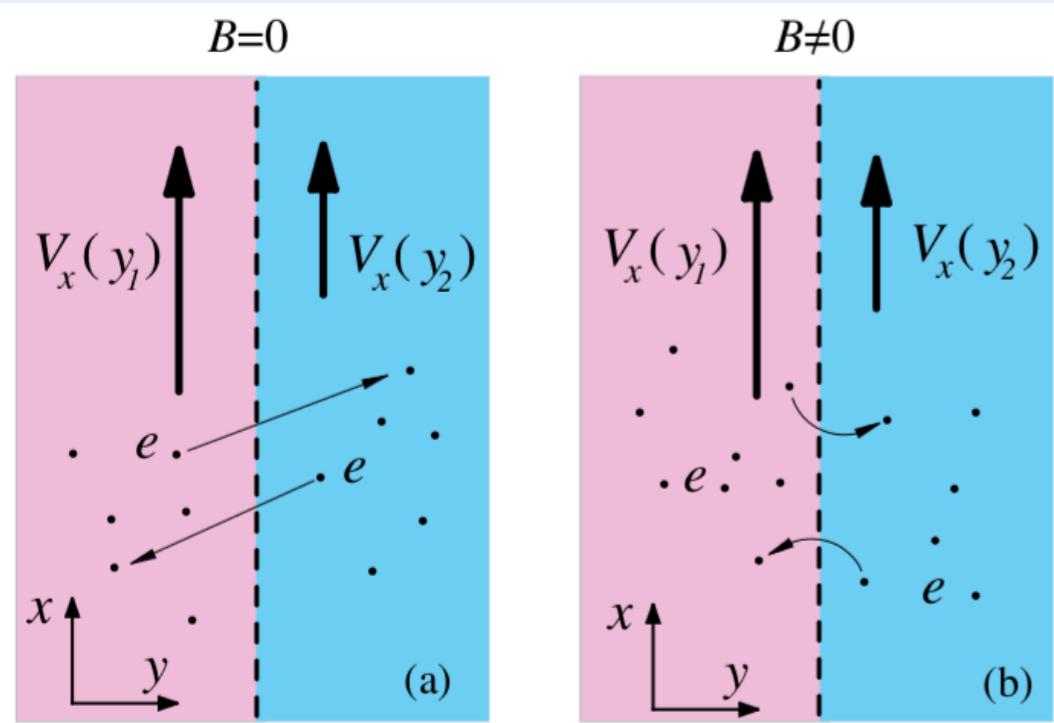
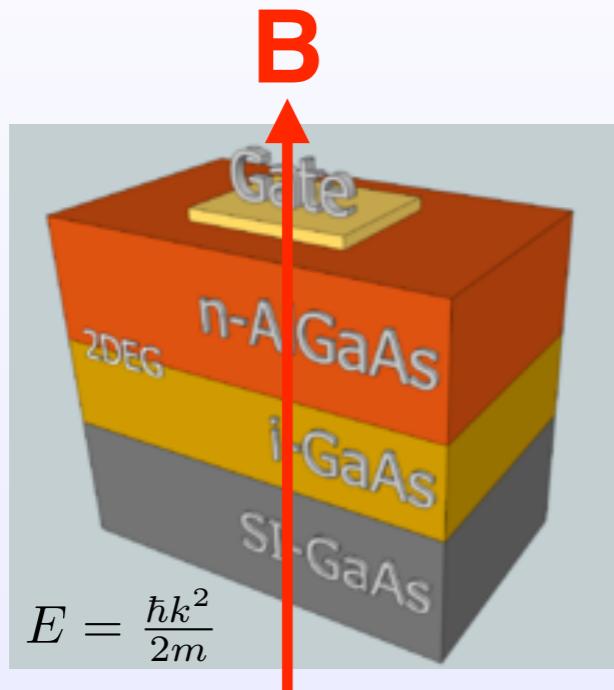
$$T_{ij}^{\text{Hall}} = \eta_H (\epsilon_{ik} v_{kj} + \epsilon_{jk} v_{ki})$$

$$F_{\text{visc}}^y = 2\eta_H \partial_y^2 v_x(y)$$

Poiseuille Flow



Hall Viscosity in a 2DEG



$$\eta_{xx} = \frac{\eta}{1 + (2\omega_c \tau_2)^2}, \quad \eta_{xy} = \frac{2\omega_c \tau_2 \eta}{1 + (2\omega_c \tau_2)^2}$$

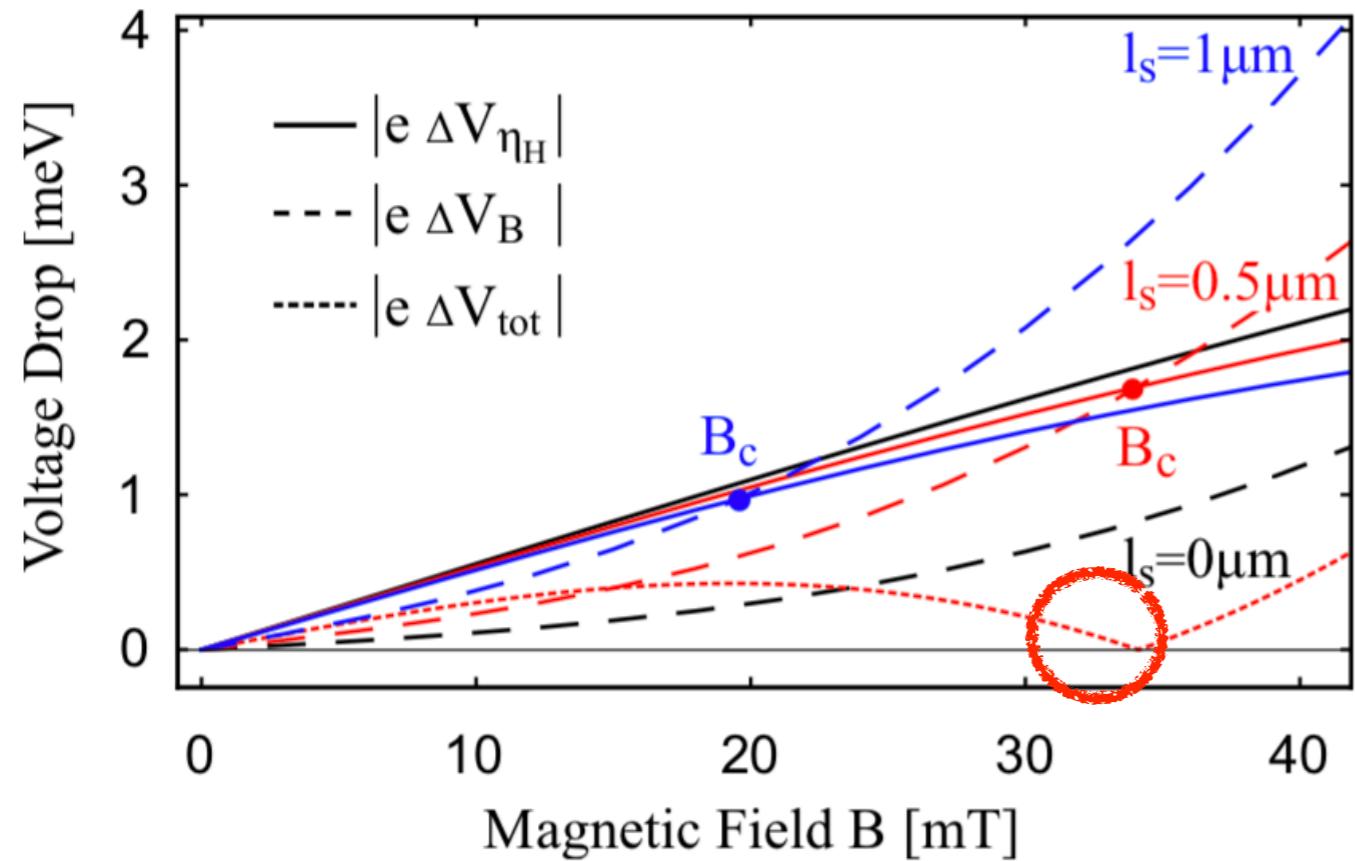
$$\frac{1}{\tau_2(T)} = \frac{1}{\tau_{2,ee}(T)} + \frac{1}{\tau_{2,0}}$$

$$\omega_c = eB/mc$$

Weakly Coupled!

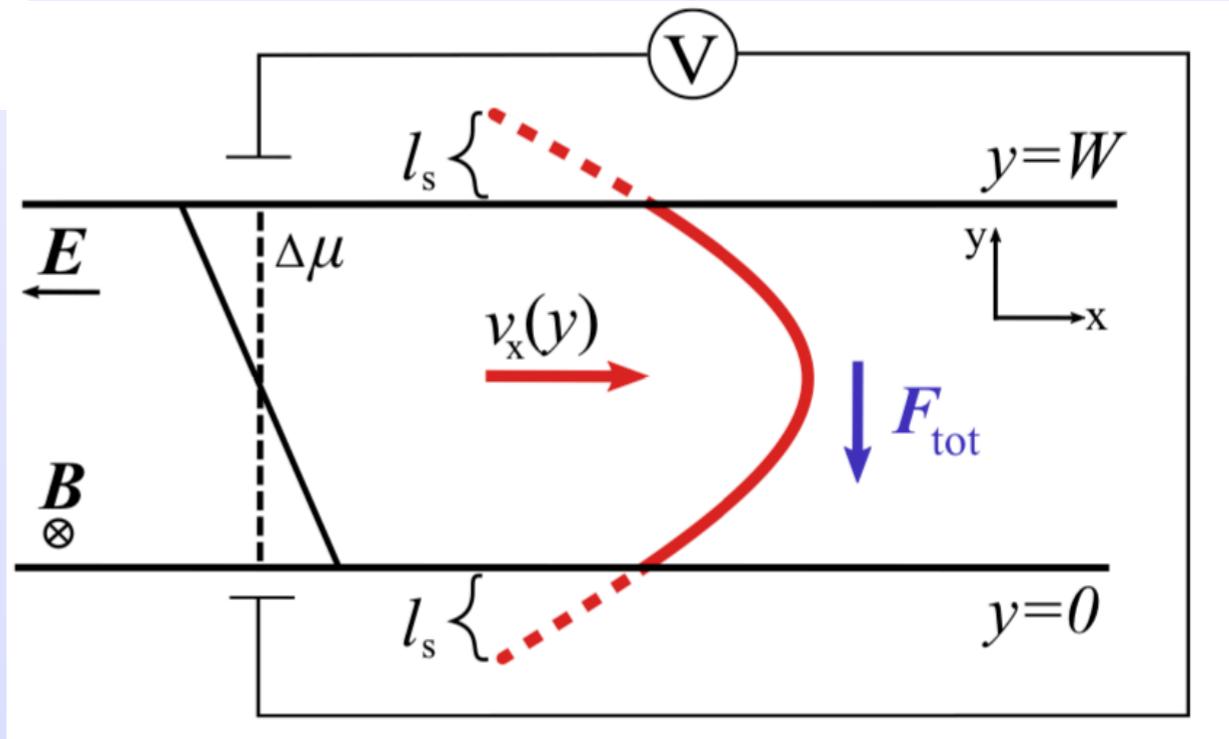
[Alekseev PRL 2016]

Transverse Hall Response



$$f_{\eta_H}^i = \eta_H \epsilon^{ij} \Delta v^j$$

$$\vec{\nabla} P = en\vec{\nabla} V + s\vec{\nabla} T$$

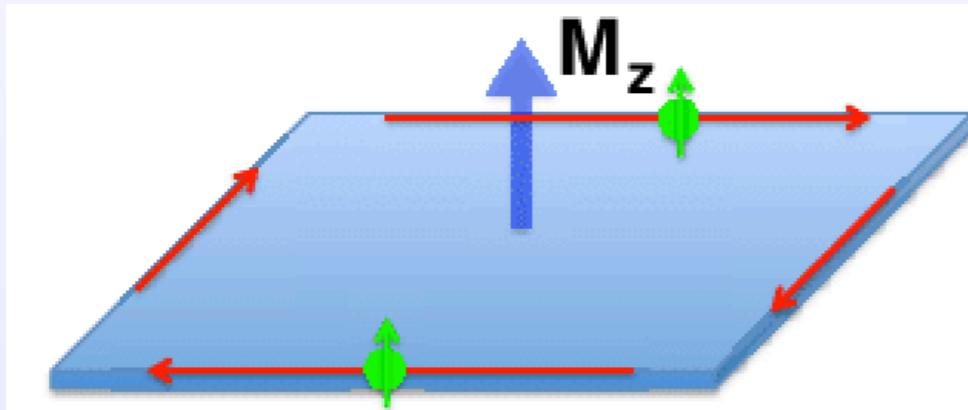


Nonrelativistic UV terms and nondissipative response

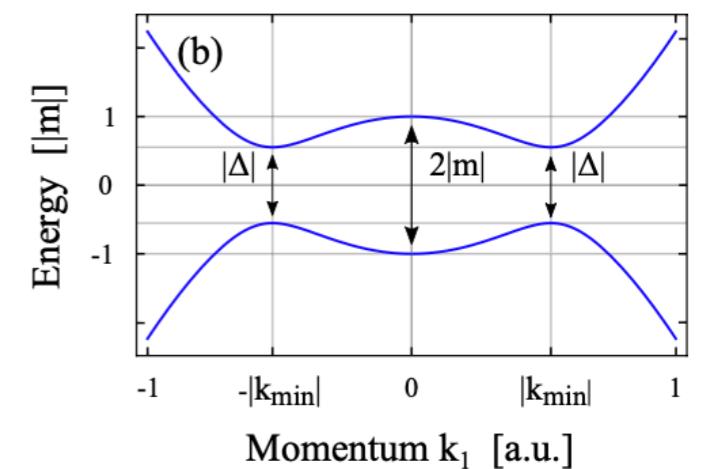
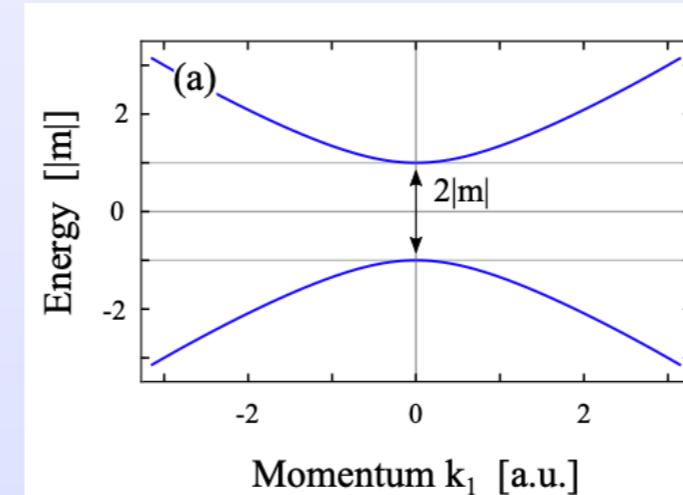
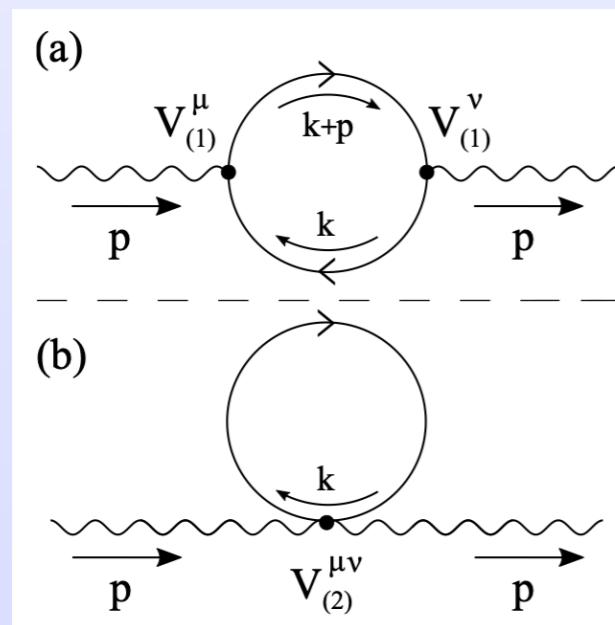
Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect Model

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) = (m - \boxed{B|\mathbf{k}|^2}) \sigma_3 - \cancel{D|\mathbf{k}|^2 \sigma_0} + A (k_1 \sigma_1 - k_2 \sigma_2)$$

[Bernevig, Hughes, Zhang Science 2006]



(d) Quantum Anomalous Hall effect



$$\sigma_{xy}(0) = \frac{e^2}{2h} [\text{sgn}(m) - \boxed{\text{sgn}(B)}] = \frac{e^2}{h} \mathcal{C}_{\text{QAH}}$$

Conclusions and Outlook

- Materials with large Coulomb coupling good to test AdS/CFT
- Scandium-substituted Herbertsmithite:
 - Effective Coulomb coupling 3 times larger than Graphene
 - Smaller shear viscosity to entropy density ratio
 - More robustly in the electron hydrodynamics regime
 - Turbulent flow regime seems to be at the doorstep
- Strongly coupled holographic fluids may show distinct responses from weakly coupled ones in suitable geometries (e.g. Poiseuille flow)
- Electron hydrodynamics provides a window to non dissipative anomaly-induced transport - mind the UV!
- Interdisciplinary synergy between String theory and AdS/CFT, Condensed Matter Physics, QFT, and effective theories