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Electronic Band Structure of Topological TMDCs

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Topological transition-metal dichalcogenides (TMDCs) have attracted significant research interest in recent years due to their potential applications in spintronics, optoelectronics, and quantum computation. In this talk, I will present angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) studies of various topological TMDCs, including ZrTe₂, ZrSe₂, TaTe₂, and TaSb₂. ARPES studies of ZrTe₂ reveal free charge carriers at the Fermi level, a finding further confirmed by DFT calculations. Equal hole and electron carrier densities estimated from the ARPES data indicate that ZrTe₂ is a semimetal. The DFT calculations further suggest a band inversion between Te *p* and Zr *d* states at the Γ point, hinting at the nontrivial band topology in ZrTe₂, while ZrSe₂ has been found to be a semiconductor. In contrast, TaTe₂ exhibits a complex low-energy electronic structure arising from Fermi-surface reconstruction. Notably, its surface electronic structure resembles that of the 2H-TaTe₂ phase, while the bulk bands are closer to those of the hypothetical 1T-TaTe₂ phase. I will also present our recent ARPES results on TaSb₂.

Towards the end of my presentation, I will try to discuss our recent paper on the successful induction of superconductivity in the ferromagnetic layered skyrmion system Cr₃Te₄ via Sn intercalation. The resulting compound, Sn_{0.06}Cr₃Te₄, exhibits a superconducting phase transition at $T_c \approx 3.5$ K, where superconductivity coexists with long-range ferromagnetism and pronounced topological Hall effect. The observation of superconductivity in a skyrmion lattice brings up a new class of topological quantum materials.

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[3] *Sn_{0.06}Cr₃Te₄: A Skyrmion Superconductor*, Shubham Purwar, Anumita Bose, Achintya Low, Satyendra Singh, R. Venkatesh, Awadhesh Narayan, and Setti Thirupathaiah, Applied Materials Today **39**, 102328 (2024).

[4] *Investigation of the Anomalous and Topological Hall Effects in Layered Monoclinic Ferromagnet Cr_{2.76}Te₄*, Shubham Purwar, Achintya Low, Anumita Bose, Awadhesh Narayan, S. Thirupathaiah, Physical Review Materials **7**, 094204 (2023).

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