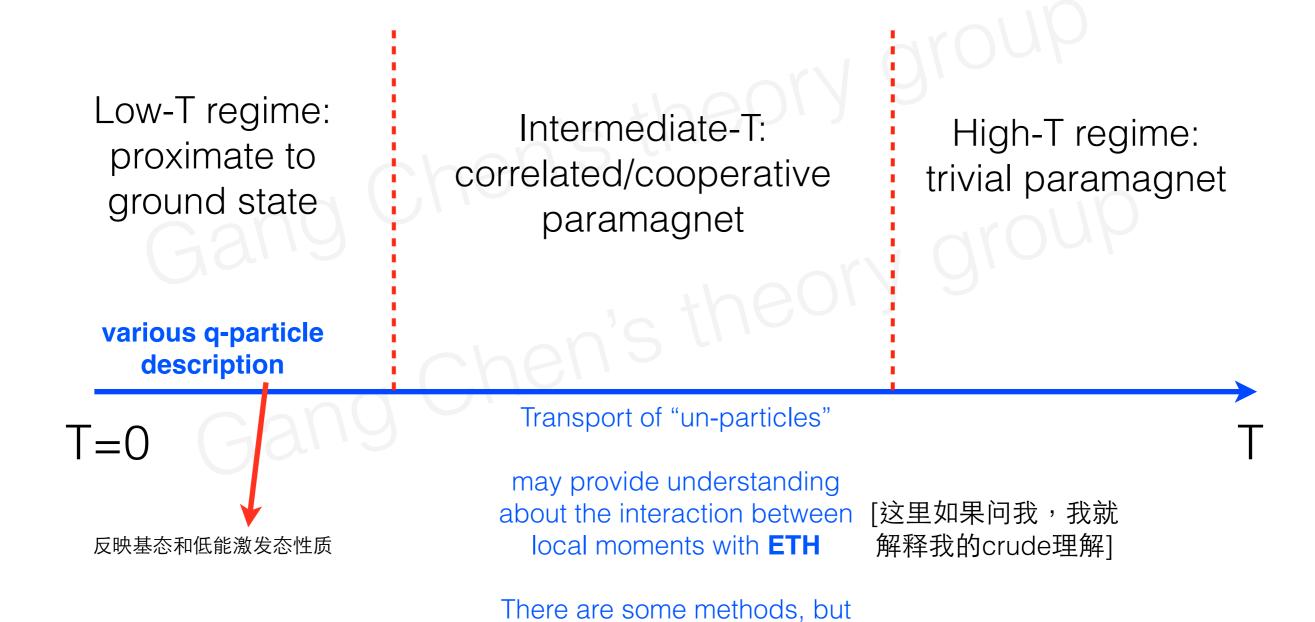
Some perspectives about thermal Hall effects in correlated electron systems

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"Big picture": thermal transports in Mott insulators



not conclusive at all.

Transports of magnon quasiparticles

Observation of the Magnon Hall Effect

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Lu2V2O7

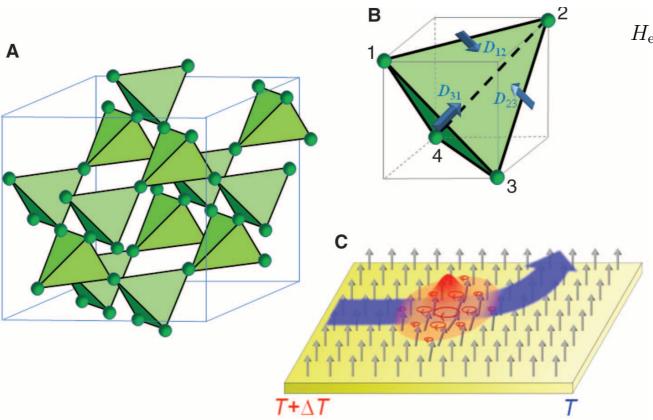


Fig. 1. The crystal structure of $Lu_2V_2O_7$ and the magnon Hall effect. **(A)** The V sublattice of $Lu_2V_2O_7$, which is composed of corner-sharing tetrahedra. **(B)** The direction of the Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya vector \vec{D}_{ij} on each bond of the tetrahedron. The Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction $\vec{D}_{ij} \cdot (\vec{S}_i \times \vec{S}_j)$ acts between the i and j sites. **(C)** The magnon Hall effect. A wave packet of magnon (a quantum of spin precession) moving from the hot to the cold side is deflected by the Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction playing the role of a vector potential.

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} -J\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + \vec{D}_{ij} \cdot (\vec{S}_i \times \vec{S}_j) - g\mu_{\text{B}}\vec{H} \cdot \sum_i \vec{S}_i = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} h_{ij},$$

$$h_{ij} = -J\vec{S}_{i} \cdot \vec{S}_{j} + D_{ij}^{n}(S_{i}^{l}S_{j}^{m} - S_{i}^{l}S_{j}^{m}) - \frac{H}{6}(S_{i}^{n} + S_{j}^{n})$$

$$= -\frac{J}{2}(S_{i}^{+}S_{j}^{-} + S_{i}^{-}S_{j}^{+}) - JS_{i}^{n}S_{j}^{n} + i\frac{D_{ij}^{n}}{2}(S_{i}^{+}S_{j}^{-} - S_{i}^{-}S_{j}^{+}) - \frac{H}{6}(S_{i}^{n} + S_{j}^{n})$$

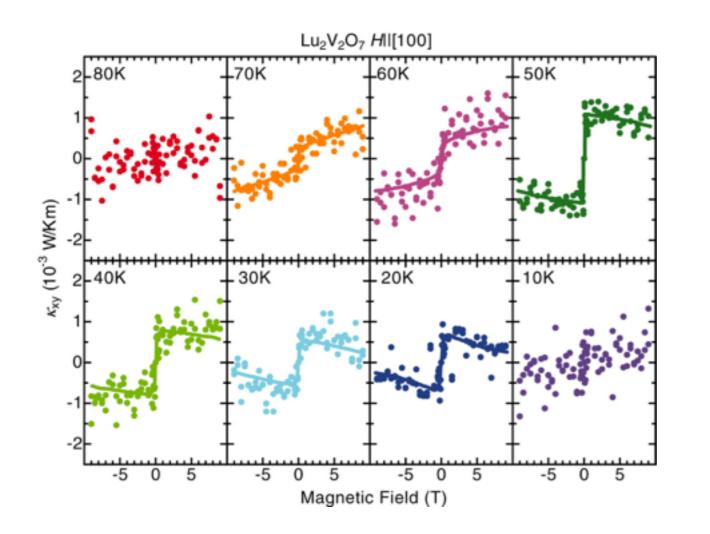
$$= -\frac{J_{ij}}{2}(e^{-i\phi_{ij}}S_{i}^{+}S_{j}^{-} + e^{i\phi_{ij}}S_{i}^{-}S_{j}^{+}) - JS_{i}^{n}S_{j}^{n} - \frac{H}{6}(S_{i}^{n} + S_{j}^{n}),$$
where $J_{ij} = \sqrt{J^{2} + (D_{ij}^{n})^{2}}$ and $\tan \phi_{ij} = D_{ij}^{n}/J$.

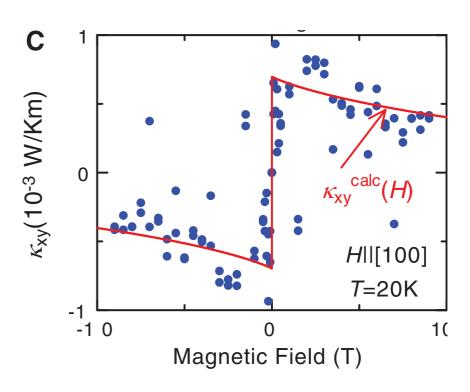
$$S_i^n = S - b_i^{\dagger} b_i, \quad S_i^+ = (2S - b_i^{\dagger} b_i)^{1/2} b_i, \quad S_i^- = b_i^{\dagger} (2S - b_i^{\dagger} b_i)^{1/2},$$

$$h_{ij} \sim -J_{ij}S(e^{-i\phi_{ij}}b_i^{\dagger}b_j + e^{i\phi_{ij}}b_j^{\dagger}b_i) + \left(JS + \frac{H}{6}\right)(b_i^{\dagger}b_i + b_j^{\dagger}b_j).$$

DMI works as vector gauge potential for magnons

Transports of magnon quasiparticles





$$\kappa_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2T} \operatorname{Im} \sum_{m=1}^{4} \int_{BZ} \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} n_{B} [\omega_{m}(\vec{k})] \left\langle \frac{\partial u_{m}(\vec{k})}{\partial k_{\alpha}} \middle| [H_{SW}(\vec{k}) + \omega_{m}(\vec{k})]^{2} \middle| \frac{\partial u_{m}(\vec{k})}{\partial k_{\beta}} \right\rangle,$$

- 1. transport is from thermally activated magnons
- 2. Thermal Hall is from magnon Berry curvature
- 3. kxy/T ->0 as T ->0 due to the magnon gap in many cases.

Giant thermal Hall conductivity in the pseudogap phase of cuprate superconductors

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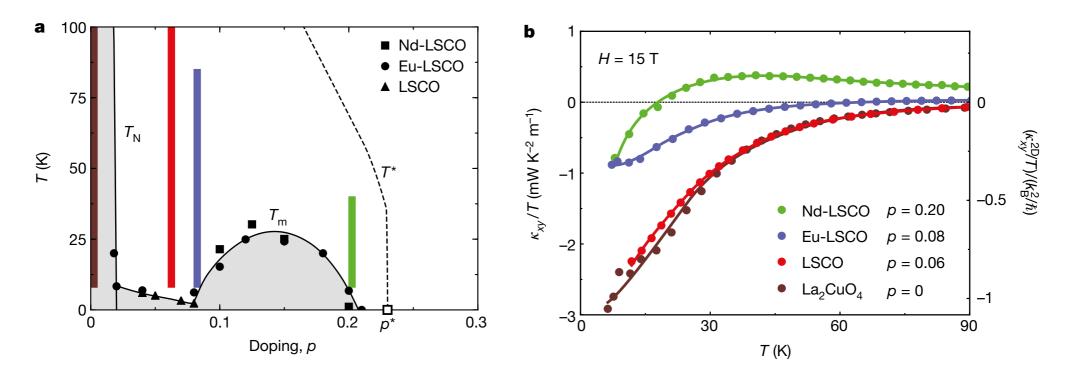


Fig. 1 | Phase diagram and thermal Hall conductivity of cuprates.

a, Temperature–doping phase diagram of Nd-LSCO, Eu-LSCO and LSCO, showing the antiferromagnetic phase below the Néel temperature $T_{\rm N}$ and the pseudogap phase below T^* (ref. ²⁹), which ends at the critical doping $p^*=0.23$ for both Nd-LSCO (ref. ¹⁷) and Eu-LSCO (ref. ³⁰). For LSCO, $p^*\approx 0.18$ (ref. ²⁹). Short-range incommensurate spin order occurs below $T_{\rm m}$, as measured by μ SR on Nd-LSCO (squares²¹), Eu-LSCO (circles³¹) and LSCO (triangles³²). The coloured vertical strips indicate the temperature range where the thermal Hall conductivity κ_{xy}/T at the corresponding doping decreases towards negative values at low temperature (see **b**). **b**, Thermal Hall conductivity κ_{xy}/T versus temperature in a field H=15 T, for four materials and dopings as indicated, colour-coded with the vertical strips in **a**. On the right vertical axis, the magnitude of κ_{xy}/T is expressed in fundamental units of thermal conductance per plane ($k_{\rm B}^2/\hbar$).

Violation of W-F law

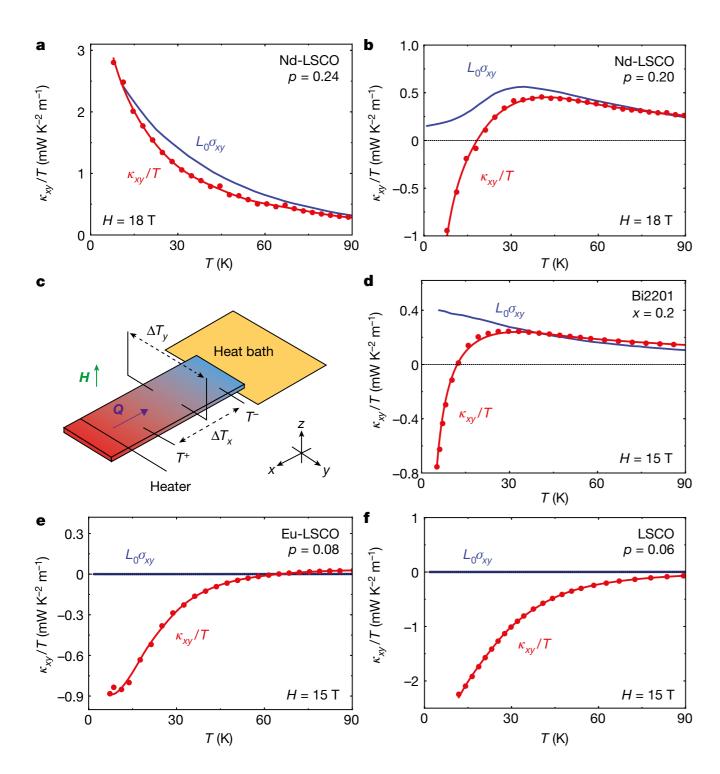


Fig. 2 | Thermal and electrical Hall conductivities of four cuprates. Data panels show thermal Hall conductivity κ_{xy} , plotted as κ_{xy}/T (red), and electrical Hall conductivity σ_{xy} , expressed as $L_0\sigma_{xy}$ (blue), where $L_0 = (\pi^2/3)(k_B/e)^2$, as a function of temperature: the material, its doping p and field H are indicated. **a**, **b**, Nd-LSCO; **c**, sketch of the thermal Hall measurement set-up (see Methods); **d**, Bi2201; **e**, Eu-LSCO; and **f**, LSCO.

(For Nd-LSCO p=0.20 (**b**), σ_{xy} was measured¹⁷ at H=33 T.) In Nd-LSCO at p=0.24, κ_{xy}/T and $L_0\sigma_{xy}$ are both positive at all temperatures and they track each other, satisfying the Wiedemann–Franz law in the T=0 limit. By contrast, for $p < p^*$ in all four materials, κ_{xy}/T falls to large and negative values at low temperature, whereas $L_0\sigma_{xy}$ remains positive.

Sign reversal across p*

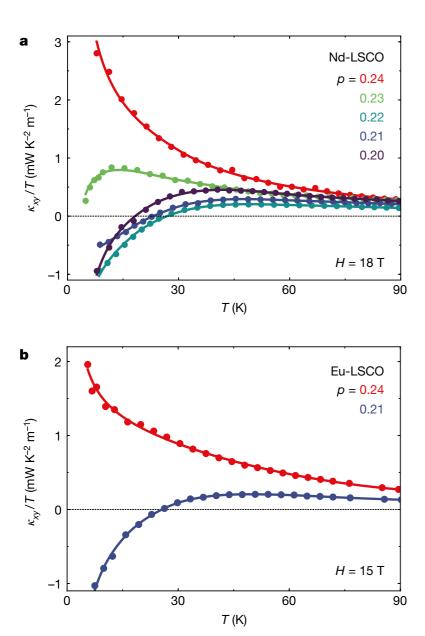
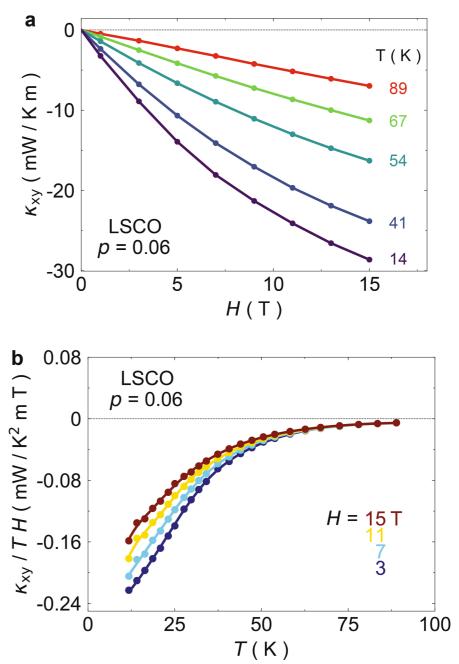


Fig. 3 | Thermal Hall conductivity across the pseudogap critical point p^* . Shown is thermal Hall conductivity κ_{xy}/T for Nd-LSCO in H=18 T (a) and Eu-LSCO in H=15 T (b), at dopings as indicated, on both sides of the pseudogap critical point $p^*=0.23$. In both materials, κ_{xy} becomes negative at low temperature when $p < p^*$.

Linearly increase with field



Extended Data Fig. 4 | **Magnetic field dependence of** κ_{xy} **in LSCO. a**, Field dependence of the thermal Hall conductivity of LSCO at p = 0.06, plotted as κ_{xy} versus H at various temperatures, as indicated (data points).

The dependence of κ_{xy} on H is linear at high T and it becomes sublinear at lower T. **b**, Deviation from linearity displayed by plotting $\kappa_{xy}/(TH)$ versus T at four different fields H, as indicated (data points).

Table 1 | Thermal Hall conductivity in various insulators

or triangular QSL

	Material	κ_{xy} (mW K $^{-1}$ m $^{-1}$)	κ_{xx} (W K $^{-1}$ m $^{-1}$)	$ \Delta \kappa_{\rm xx} $ (W K $^{-1}$ m $^{-1}$)	$ \Delta \kappa_{\rm XX}/\kappa_{\rm XX} $	T (K)	<i>H</i> (T)	Reference
	La ₂ CuO ₄	-38.6	12.4	~0.06	~0.005	20	15	This work
	LSCO	-30.0	5.1	~0.02	~0.004	15	15	This work
	Eu-LSCO	-13.2	4.5	~0.015	~0.003	15	15	This work
pyrochlore FM	$-$ L $u_2V_2O_7$	1.0	0.75	ND	ND	50	9	28
	$Fe_2Mo_3O_8$	24	9	5	0.55	45	14	3
ice QSL	$(Fe,Zn)_2Mo_3O_8$	24	10	3.2	0.32	30	9	3
	\leftarrow Tb ₂ Ti ₂ O ₇	1.2	0.37	0.12	0.32	15.5	8	12
	RuCl ₃	8	15.5	0.62	0.04	20	15	4
2d Kitaev QSL	← RuCl ₃	3.5	8	0.45	0.055	35	16	23
2d kagome QSL -	Ca kapellasite	1.1	0.2	ND	ND	16	15	6
2d honevcomb	← Ba₃CuSb₂O ₉	0.008	0.07	0.0035	0.05	5	15	20

Maximal value of the thermal Hall conductivity κ_{xy} (second column) in various insulators (first column), compared to our three cuprates (the first three entries, namely, La₂CuO₄, LSCO p=0.06 and Eu-LSCO p=0.08), measured at temperature T and field H as indicated (columns 6 and 7 respectively): the ferromagnet Lu₂V₂O₇ (ref. ²⁸); the multiferroic ferrimagnets Fe₂Mo₃O₈ and (Fe_{0.875}Zn_{0.125})₂ Mo₃O₈ (ref. ³); the spin-ice material Tb₂Ti₂O₇ (ref. ¹²); and the spin-liquid candidates RuCl₃ (refs ^{4,23}), Ca kapellasite⁶ and Ba₃CuSb₂O₉ (ref. ²⁰). We also list the thermal conductivity κ_{xx} measured at the same temperature, in zero field (third column). The change induced in κ_{xx} by the field, $\Delta\kappa_{xx} = \kappa_{xx}(H) - \kappa_{xx}(0)$, is given in absolute and relative terms (fourth and fifth column, respectively). ND, not determined.

Puzzle of experiments

Most striking is large thermal Hall effect in the Mott insulating phase [with no doping].

Thermal Hall transport is from the charge neutral particles/excitations in the Mott phase.

Thermal Hall effect kxy/T is as large as a quantized one.

Help us to understand

What is really the "parent" Mott state of high-Tc SC?

What is inside the soup of excitations in the underdoped regime?

Magnon does not work

Quote from Consideration of Thermal Hall Effect in Undoped Cuprates

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on the whole is an attempt to fit the observation. On the experimental side, the renormalized spin-wave theory does a good job in accounting for the magnetic excitations in the square-lattice antiferromagnet, as revealed for instance in recent experiments [49, 50]. On the other hand, some high-energy features in the magnetic excitation are not fully explained within the spin-wave theory alone [49, 50], which in turn prompted speculations about residual spinon excitations in the Heisenberg model [51]. ior under the magnetic field. In the spin-wave scenario, a magnon gap inevitably opens and suppresses magnon contribution to transport. For the spinon-based scenario,

This paper was written in a very honest way.

The story of Subir's theory

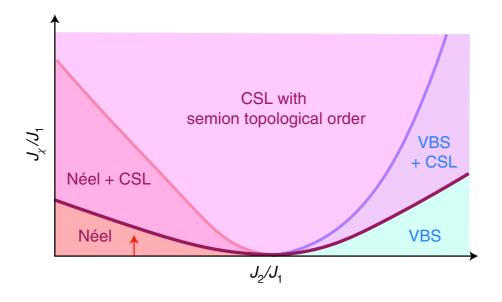
- 1. The Mott insulator Neel state is proximate to Neel-VBS transition.
- 2. This DQCP is likely dual to Dirac fermions [recent theory development].
- 3. A sizable scalar spin chirality from magnetic field generates a Dirac mass and convert the system into a chiral spin liquid.
- 4. The field could drive a transition from Neel to Neel+CSL state.

Predictions: chiral edge states? surface sheath state? Neel to Neel+CSL transition driven by magnetic field, this topological transition has some interesting properties.

- ?issues: 1. whether the system is proximate to Neel-VBS transition?
 - 2. whether the field coupling to scalar spin chirality is large enough to take care of the experiments?

Enhanced thermal Hall effect in the square-lattice Néel state

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We are interested in spin S = 1/2 antiferromagnets with spin operators S_i on the sites i of the square lattice and Hamiltonian $H = H_1 + H_B$. The first term has the form

$$H_1 = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \dots \tag{1}$$

$$H_B = J_{\chi} \sum_{\triangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot (\mathbf{S}_j \times \mathbf{S}_k) - \sum_i \mathbf{B}_{Z} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i$$
 (2)

Fig. 1 | Schematic of proposed phase diagram of $H_1 + H_B$ at $B_Z = 0$. (See Fig. 3a for a phase diagram with non-zero B_Z .) By varying the first, J_1 , and second, J_2 , nearest-neighbour exchange interactions and the orbital coupling J_χ in equation (2), the antiferromagnet on the square lattice shows phases with combinations of Néel, VBS and chiral spin liquid (CSL) topological order. The phase boundaries are presumed to meet at an SO(5)-symmetric (near) critical point at which J_χ is a relevant perturbatio and the phase boundaries all scale as $J_\chi \approx |J_2 - J_{2c}|^{\lambda_\chi/\lambda_2}$; we expect $\lambda_\chi/\lambda_2 > 1$. Here, we imagine starting from the Néel state at zero magnetic field ($J_\chi = 0$), close to the boundary of the VBS order such that a small value of field-induced J_χ can already drive the system close to the phase boundary with Néel + CSL (indicated by the red arrow). The existence of an SO(5) critical point is not a precondition for a continuous Néel to Néel + CSL transition.

tesimal J_{χ} is a relevant perturbation. The phase diagram we propose for the square-lattice $J_1-J_2-J_{\chi}$ antiferromagnet is summarized in Fig. 1, and the critical spin liquid is realized by the deconfined critical point at $J_{\chi}=0$ between the Néel and valence bond solid (VBS)

$$\mathcal{L}_{SO(5)} = i\bar{\psi}_a \gamma^{\mu} (\partial_{\mu} - iA_{\mu}) \psi_a + m_{\chi} \bar{\psi}_a \psi_a \tag{8}$$

where a = 1, 2 is the flavour index.

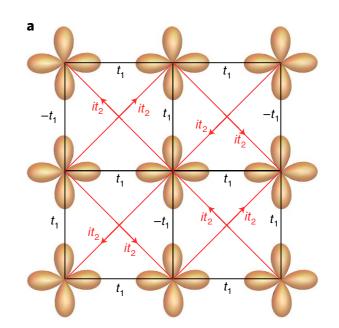
The SO(5) symmetry is apparent after we express $\mathcal{L}_{SO(5)}$ in terms of Majorana fermions. The fermion mass $m_\chi \propto J_\chi$ is also SO(5) invariant and is a perturbation on the putative SO(5)-invariant Néel–VBS critical point at $m_\chi = 0$. It is plausible that m_χ is a relevant perturbation on such a critical point (with scaling dimension $\lambda_\chi > 0$); then an infinitesimal J_χ will be sufficient to drive the critical antiferromagnet into the chiral spin liquid phase. If the Néel–VBS transition is weakly first-order, then a very small value of J_χ will be sufficient. Tuning away from

This proximity to Neel-VBS is independent from Neel-Neel+CSL.

Mean-field theory for Neel-Neel+CSL

Our analysis starts from a model²⁰ of the square-lattice Néel state as the confining phase of an SU(2) gauge theory of fluctuations about a ' π -flux' mean-field state²². In this formulation, the spins are represented by fermionic spinons $f_{i\alpha}$, via $\mathbf{S}_i = (1/2) f_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} f_{i\beta}$, where

$$H_f = -\sum_{i < j} \left(t_{ij} f_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{j\alpha} + t_{ij}^{\star} f_{j\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{i\alpha} \right)$$
$$-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \left(\mathbf{B}_Z + \eta_i \mathbf{N} \right) \cdot f_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathbf{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} f_{i\beta}.$$



it2 takes care of U(1) gauge flux (scalar spin chirality), Neel order is taken as a mean-field treatment.

$$\kappa_{xy} = -\frac{k_{\rm B}^2}{\hbar T} \int d\varepsilon \, \varepsilon^2 \sigma_{xy}(\varepsilon) f'(\varepsilon) \tag{4}$$

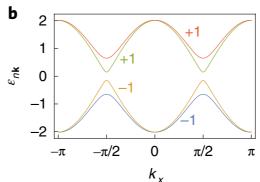
where $\sigma_{xy}(\varepsilon) = -\int_{\varepsilon_{nk} < \varepsilon} d^2k \,\Omega_{nk}/(4\pi^2)$ is \hbar/e^2 times the Hall conductivity, and $f(\varepsilon)$ is the Fermi distribution function at energy ε . The corresponding Chern number is

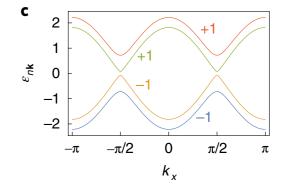
$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 k \, \Omega_{nk} \in \mathbb{Z} \tag{5}$$

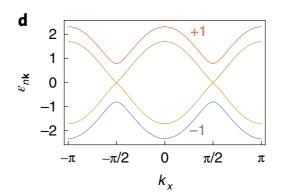
As T approaches 0,

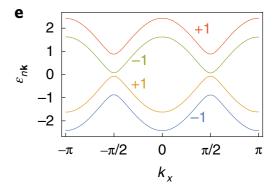
$$\frac{\kappa_{xy}}{T} = -\frac{\pi k_{\rm B}^2}{6\hbar} \sum_{n \in \text{filled bands}} C_{\rm n} \tag{6}$$

correction from Chern-Simon term









Neel-Neel+CSL transition

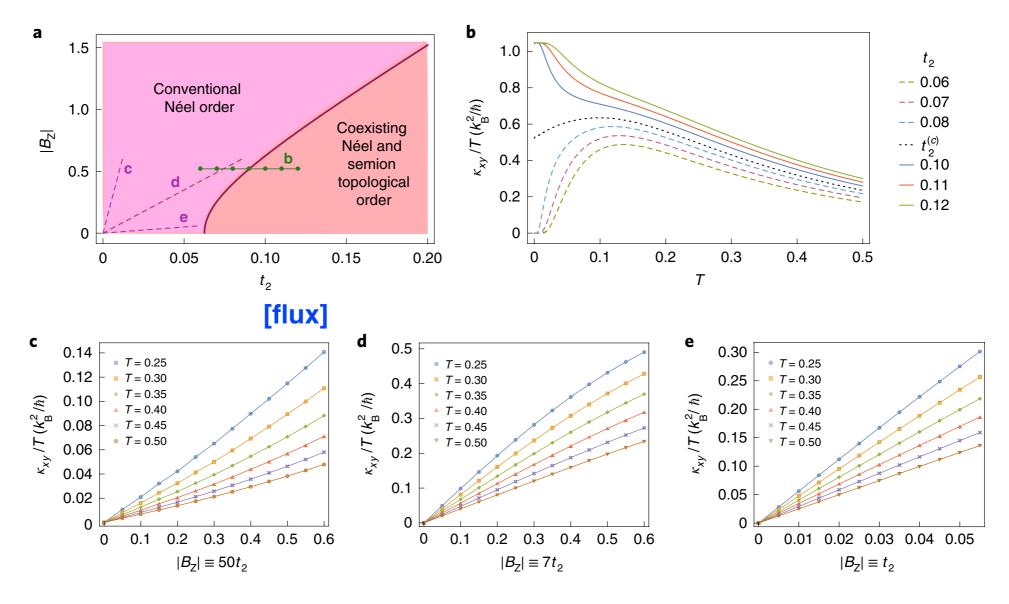


Fig. 3 | **Phase diagram and thermal Hall conductivity of spinon mean-field theory. a**, The two different phases of H_f in equation (3) are shown as a function of it_2 (see Fig. 2a) and $|\mathbf{B}_Z|$. Here, we take $\mathbf{N}=0.5\hat{z}$ and measure all energies in units of t_1 . As discussed in the main text, it_2 is induced by the orbital coupling of the magnetic field. Both t_2 and $|\mathbf{B}_Z|$ are linear functions of the applied magnetic field, and the dashed purple lines show three possible trajectories for which we plot the field dependence of κ_{xy} in \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{e} for different T. \mathbf{b} , Temperature dependence of the mean-field κ_{xy} as t_2 is tuned across the phase boundary; the corresponding discrete values of $|\mathbf{B}_Z|$ and t_2 are indicated by green dots in \mathbf{a} . The quantized value of the ordinate in the topological phase is $\pi/3$, and the bifurcation point as T approaches 0 is at $\pi/6$. Both values are corrected by gauge fluctuations (the exact quantized value in the topological phase is $\pi/6$). \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{e} , Field dependence of κ_{xy} for different T for the trajectories noted in \mathbf{a} when $|\mathbf{B}_Z| \equiv 50t_2(\mathbf{c})$, $7t_2(\mathbf{d})$ and $t_2(\mathbf{e})$.

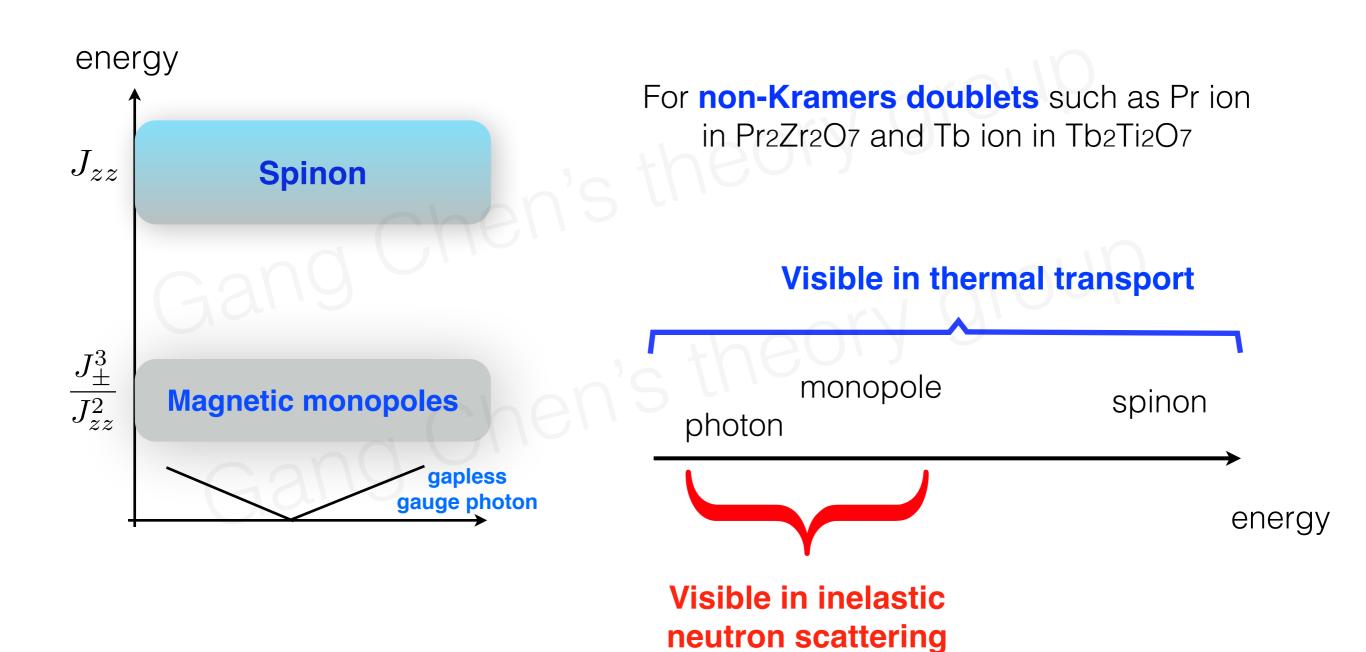
The coupling to scalar spin chirality can come from DM interaction or from higher order perturbation of Hubbard model. The former is tied to the direction of DMI and is probably not a uniform coupling, the later is uniform.

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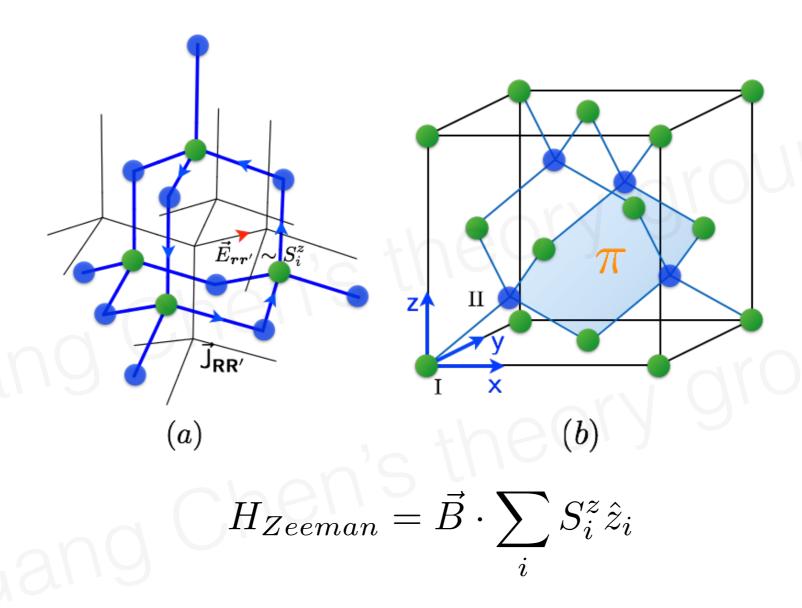
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the very small magnitude. One can make an estimate of J_{χ} using the t/U expansion by Motrunich [48], to find $J_{\chi} = -48\pi (t_2t^2/U^2)(\phi/\phi_0)$ where $\phi_0 = hc/e = 2.07 \times 10^{-15}$ Wb is the flux quantum, and $\phi = BA_0$ is the magnetic flux through a triangular plaquete of area $A_0 \approx (3.8 \text{Å})^2/2$ for the cuprate. At B = 10T we find $\phi/\phi_0 \approx 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$. Further using commonly accepted values of $t_2 = -0.3t$, U = 8t and $J = 4t^2/U$, we find $J_{\chi} \approx 5.6 \times 10^{-4}J$ at B = 10T. The use of a smaller effective U may increase this number a bit, but in any case a very small number is expected for J_{χ} , due to the small ratio ϕ/ϕ_0 . As we emphasized in this paper, the

Pyrochlore spin ice U(1) QSL

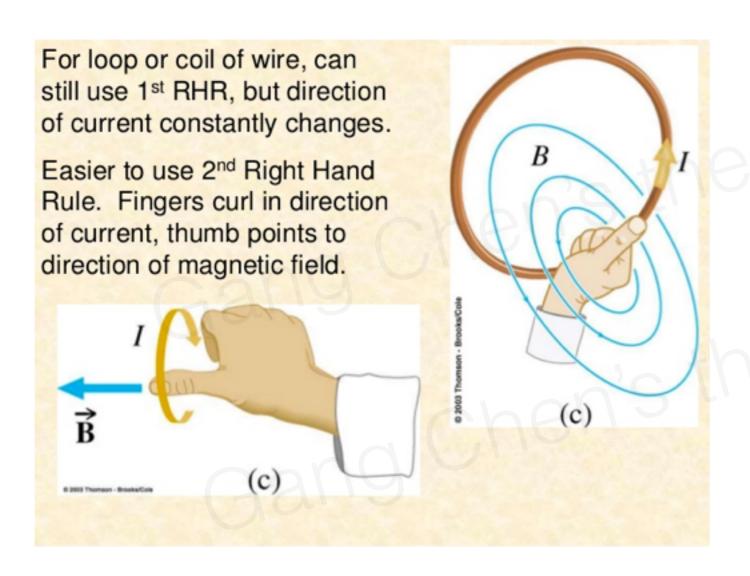


Effect of the external magnetic field



The weak magnetic field polarizes Sz slightly, and thus modifies the background electric field distribution. This further modulates monopole band structure, creating "Hofstadter" monopole band, which may be detectable in inelastic neutron.

Electromagnetic duality



Duality

Electric loop current -> Magnetic field Magnetic loop current -> Electric field

 $S_z \sim E$ (emergent electric field)

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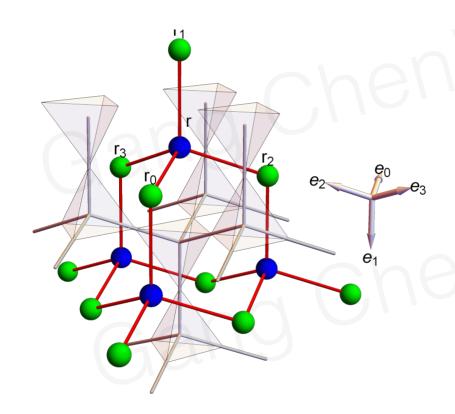
Motrunich & Senthil, 2004, Bergman, Fiete, Balents, 2006



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Topological thermal Hall effect of "magnetic monopoles" in pyrochlore U(1) spin liquid

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netic monopoles" and creates a TTHE in the system. The dual Hamiltonian for the "magnetic monopoles", that captures this effect, is given as

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{dual}} = -t \sum_{\text{rr'}} \Phi_{\text{r}}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\text{r'}} e^{-i2\pi a_{\text{rr'}}} - \mu \sum_{\text{r}} \Phi_{\text{r}}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\text{r}}$$

$$+ \sum_{rr'} \frac{U}{2} (\text{curl } a - \bar{E}_{rr'})^2 - K \sum_{\text{rr'}} \cos B_{\text{rr'}}$$

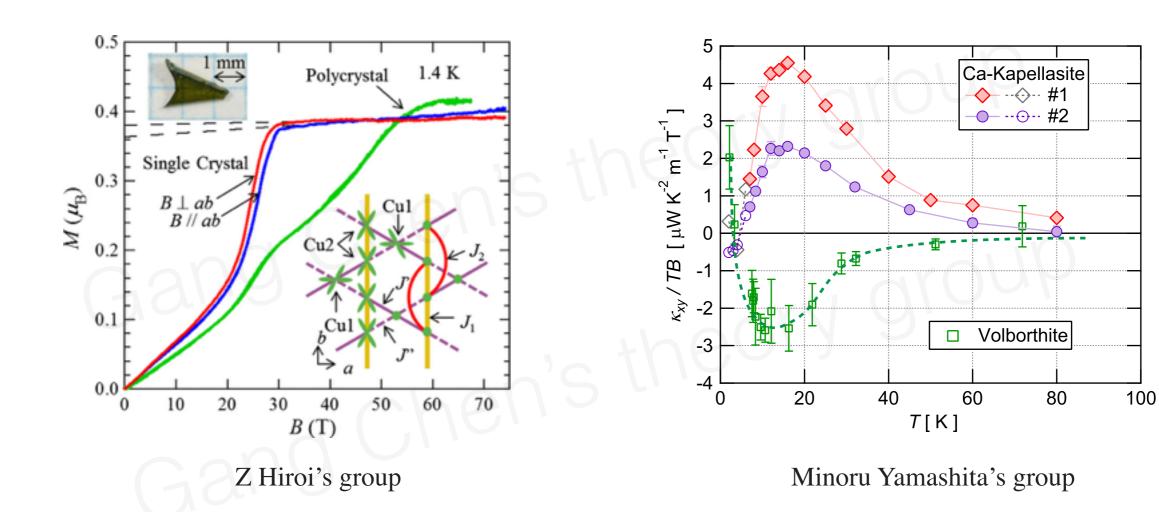
$$(1)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{Zeeman}} = -g\mu_B H_0 \sum_{i} (\hat{n} \cdot \hat{z}_i) \tau_i^z$$

$$\simeq -g\mu_B H_0 \sum_{i} (\hat{n} \cdot \hat{z}_i) (\text{curl } a_{rr'} - \bar{E}_{rr'}),$$

Experiments by P Ong's group on Tb2Ti2O7, Science

Large thermal Hall effect in spin-1/2 Kagome magnets

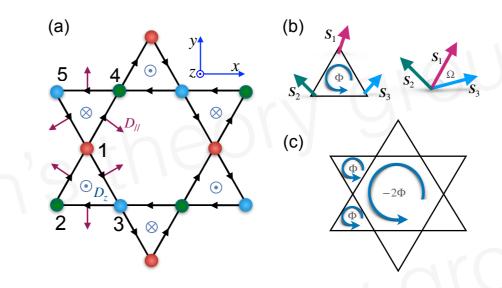


- 1. Why it is finite? All neutral excitations.
- 2. Non-monotonic.
- 3. Opposite signs in two materials.

Our observation: induced internal gauge flux and emergent Lorentz force



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$$H = \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{D}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j - \sum_i BS_i^z,$$

$$\langle \boldsymbol{S}_i \times \boldsymbol{S}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{S}_k \rangle \sim \langle \boldsymbol{S}_i \times \boldsymbol{S}_j \rangle \cdot \langle \boldsymbol{S}_k \rangle \neq 0$$

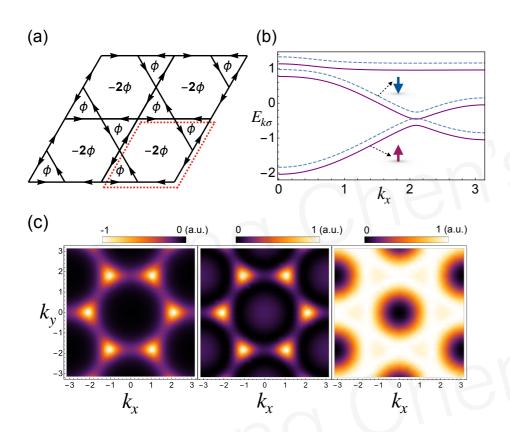
The combination of Zeeman coupling and DMI generates an internal U(1) gauge flux distribution.

This provides a way to **control** emergent D.O.F. with external probes.

Topological thermal Hall effect



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Spinon bands and Berry curvatures

$$H_{\rm MF}[\phi] = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [e^{-i\phi/3} f_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} f_{j\sigma} + h.c.] - \mu \sum_{i} f_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} f_{i\sigma}$$
$$-B \sum_{i,\alpha\beta} f_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} \frac{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{z}}{2} f_{i\beta},$$

$$\kappa_{xy} = -\frac{1}{T} \int d\epsilon (\epsilon - \mu)^2 \frac{\partial f(\epsilon, \mu, T)}{\partial \epsilon} \sigma_{xy}(\epsilon).$$

$$\sigma_{xy}(\epsilon) = -\sum_{\boldsymbol{k},\sigma,\xi_{n,\boldsymbol{k}}<\epsilon} \Omega_{n,\boldsymbol{k},\sigma}$$

Summary

- 1. point out the physical origin of emergent Lorentz force on spinons and obtain the resulting topological thermal Hall effects.
- 2. establish the connection between microscopic interactions and emergent D.O.F. and thus provide a scheme to control the emergent D.O.F.
- 3. Thermal transports in Mott insulators are not well understood. Thermal Hall reflects the internal structure of the excitations.