Design and realization of heavy-fermion quantum matter in twisted van der Waals materials

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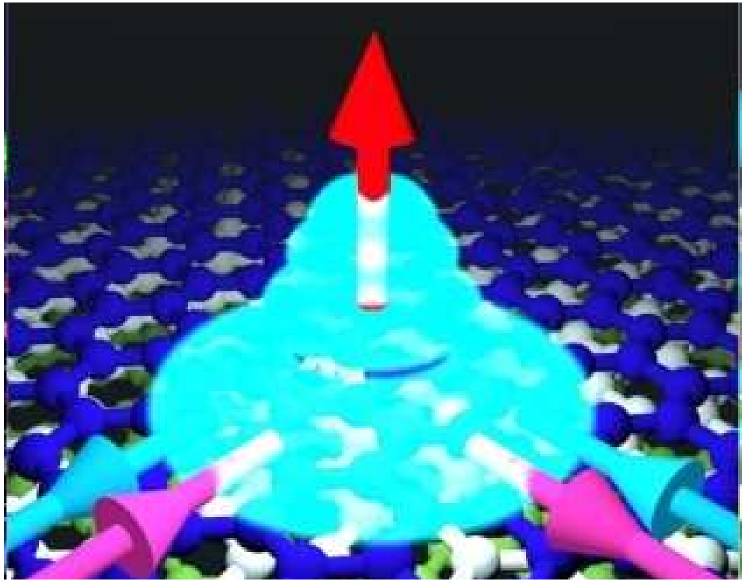

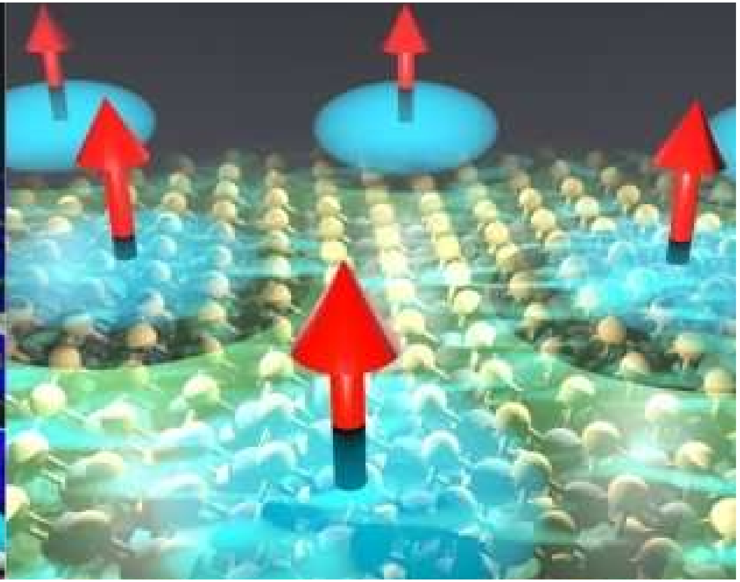

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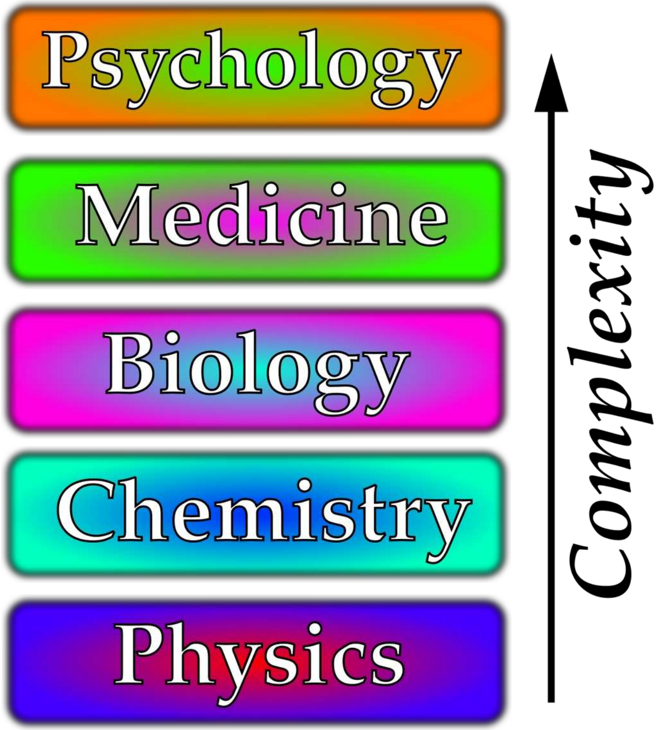
Complexity, universality and emergence



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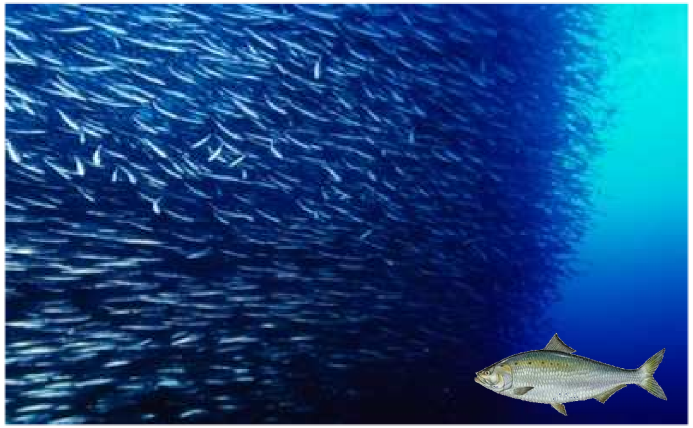

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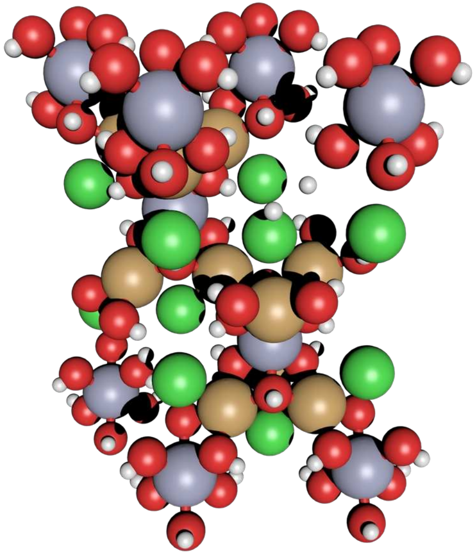
Complex compounds



Complex systems allow to have new phenomena that did not exist before

Exotic physics in quantum materials

Quantum spin liquids

Unconventional superconductivity

Topological matter

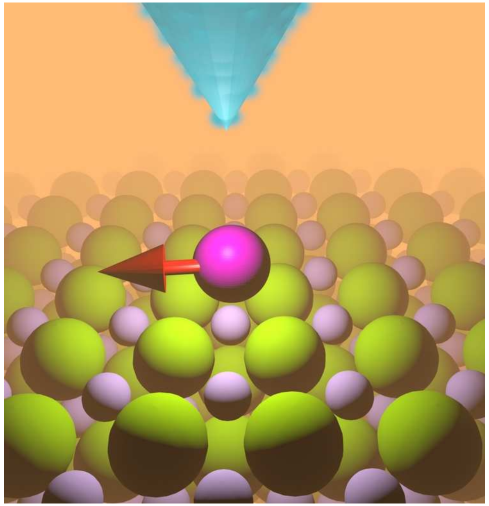
<u>Topological quantum computing</u>

<u>Low consumption electronics</u>

<u>New physics not yet realized in nature (fractional quantum particles)</u>

Building quantum matter with artificial lattices

Atomic lattices



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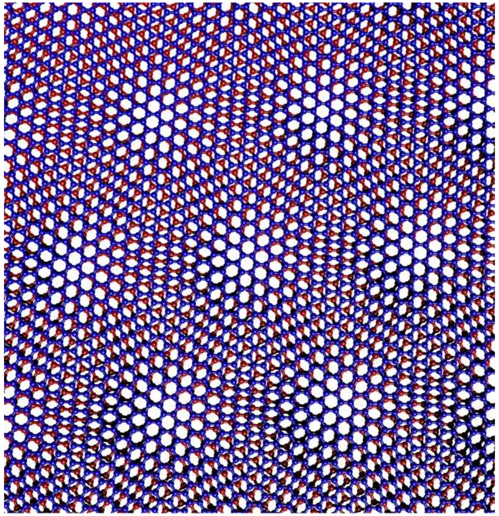
Twisted 2D moire materials



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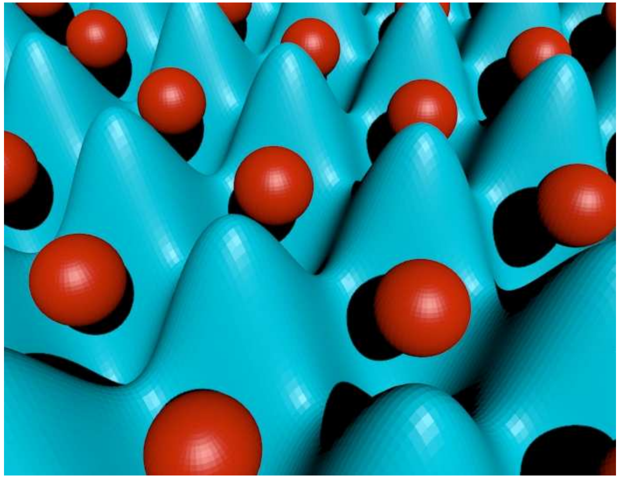
Cold atoms



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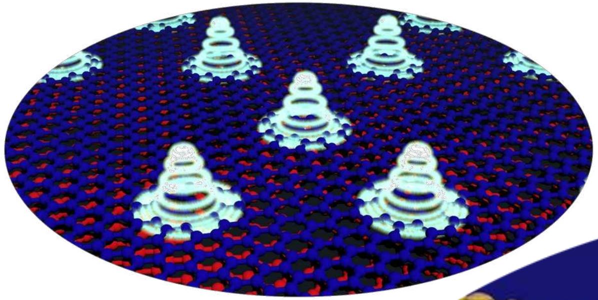
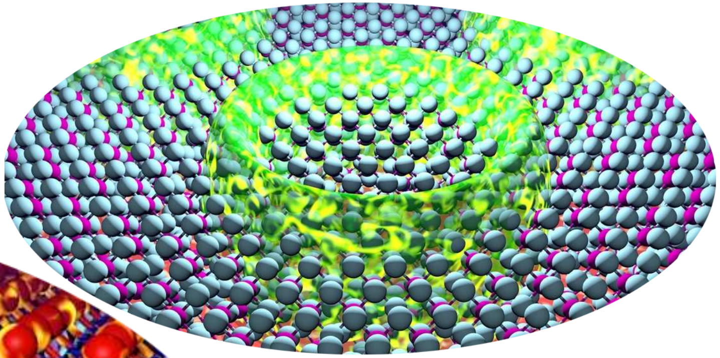
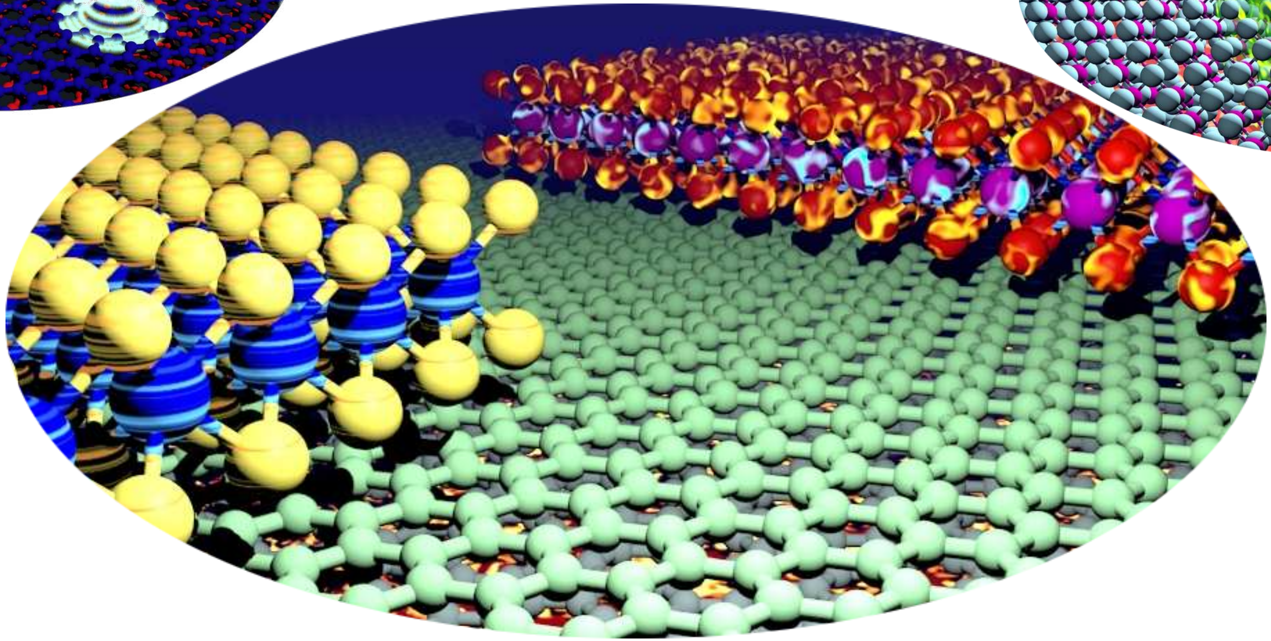
A new universe in each van der Waals heterostructure



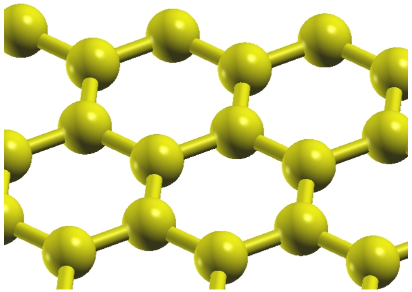




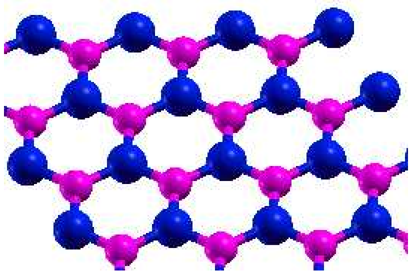
Each van der Waals heterostructure allows creating a whole new universe for electron

The two-dimensional materials world

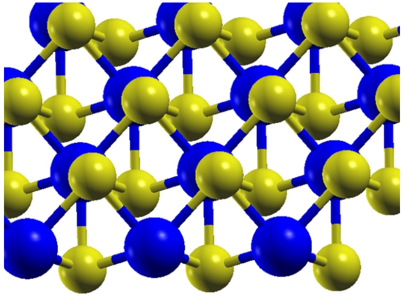
Semimetal
Graphene



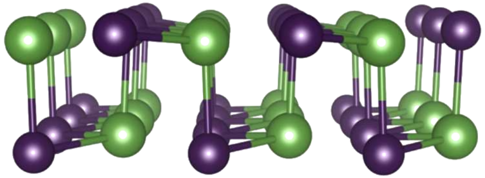
Insulator
BN



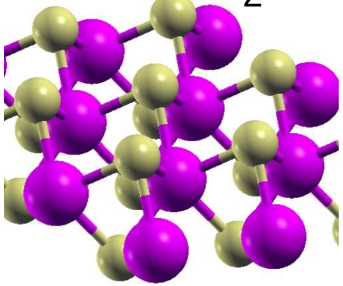
Superconductor
$NbSe_2$



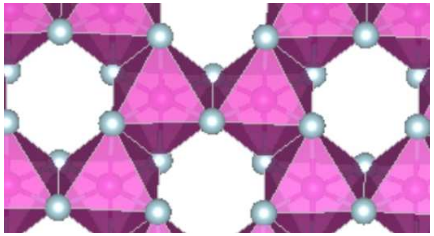
Ferroelectric
SnTe



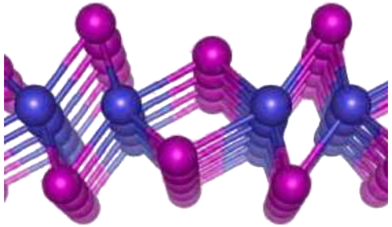
Semiconductor
WSe_2



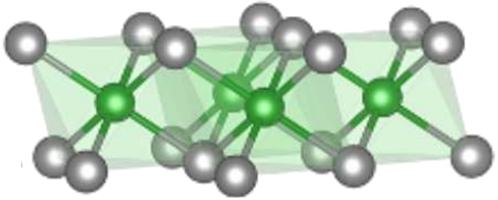
Ferromagnet
CrI_3



Quantum spin Hall insulator
WTe_2

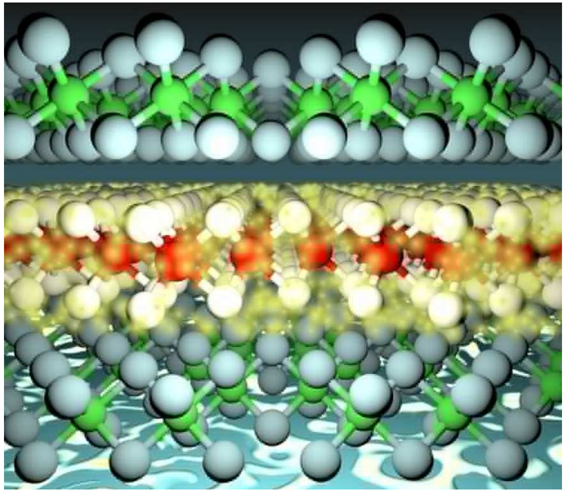


Multiferroic
NiI_2



The flexibility of two-dimensional materials

They can be stacked



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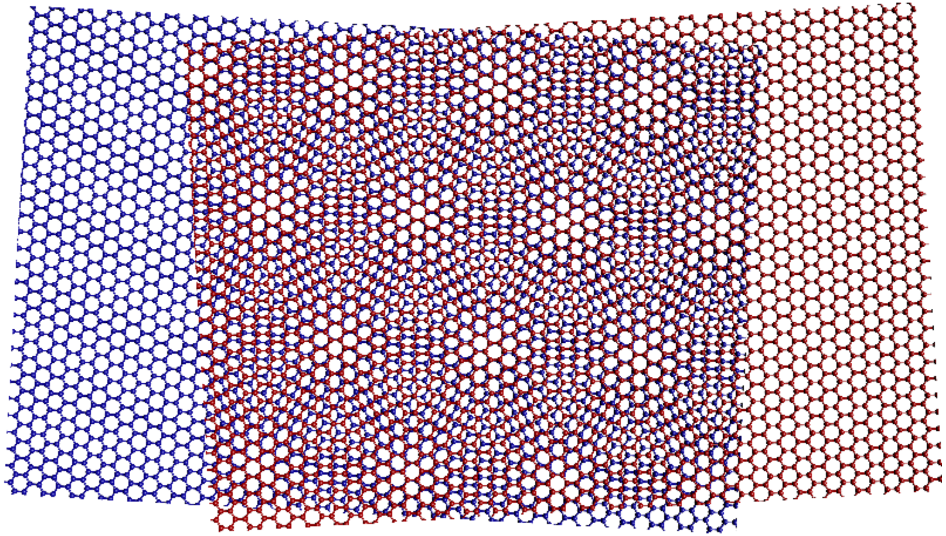
They can be rotated



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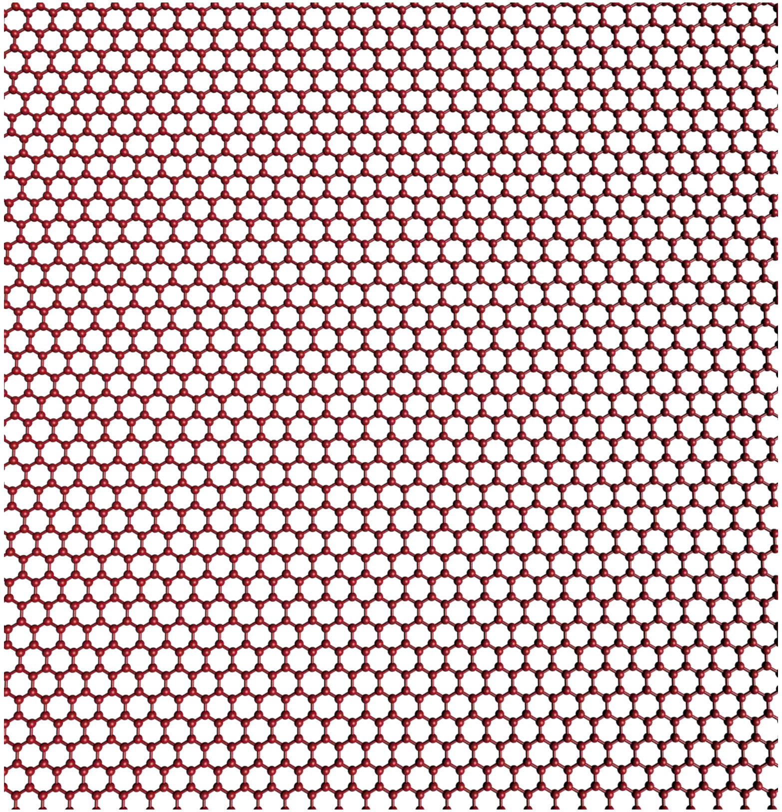
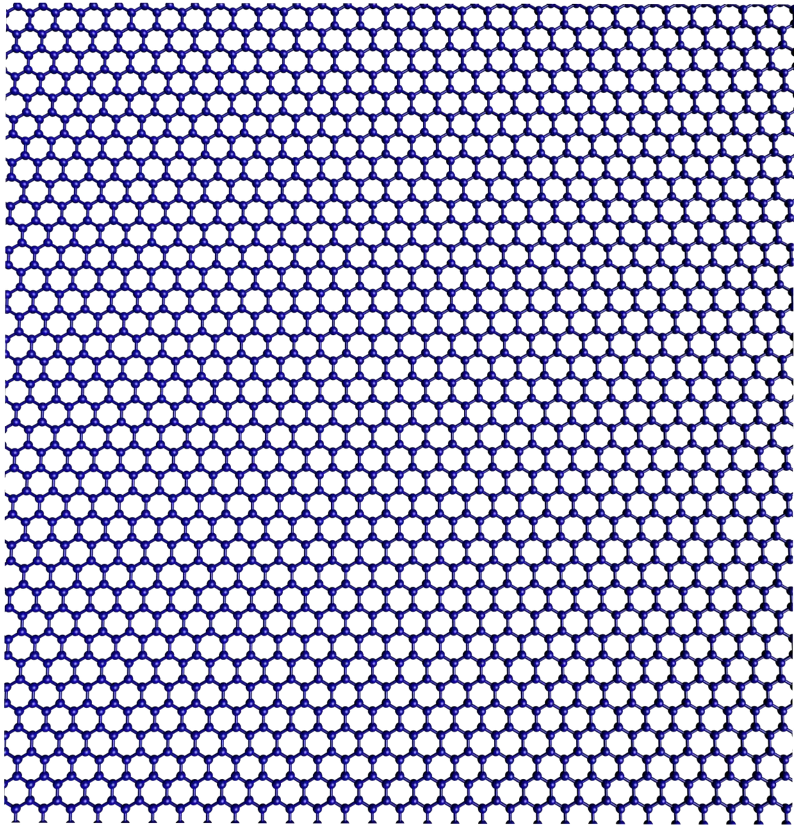
These are unique features of two-dimensional materials

Moire in twisted bilayer graphene

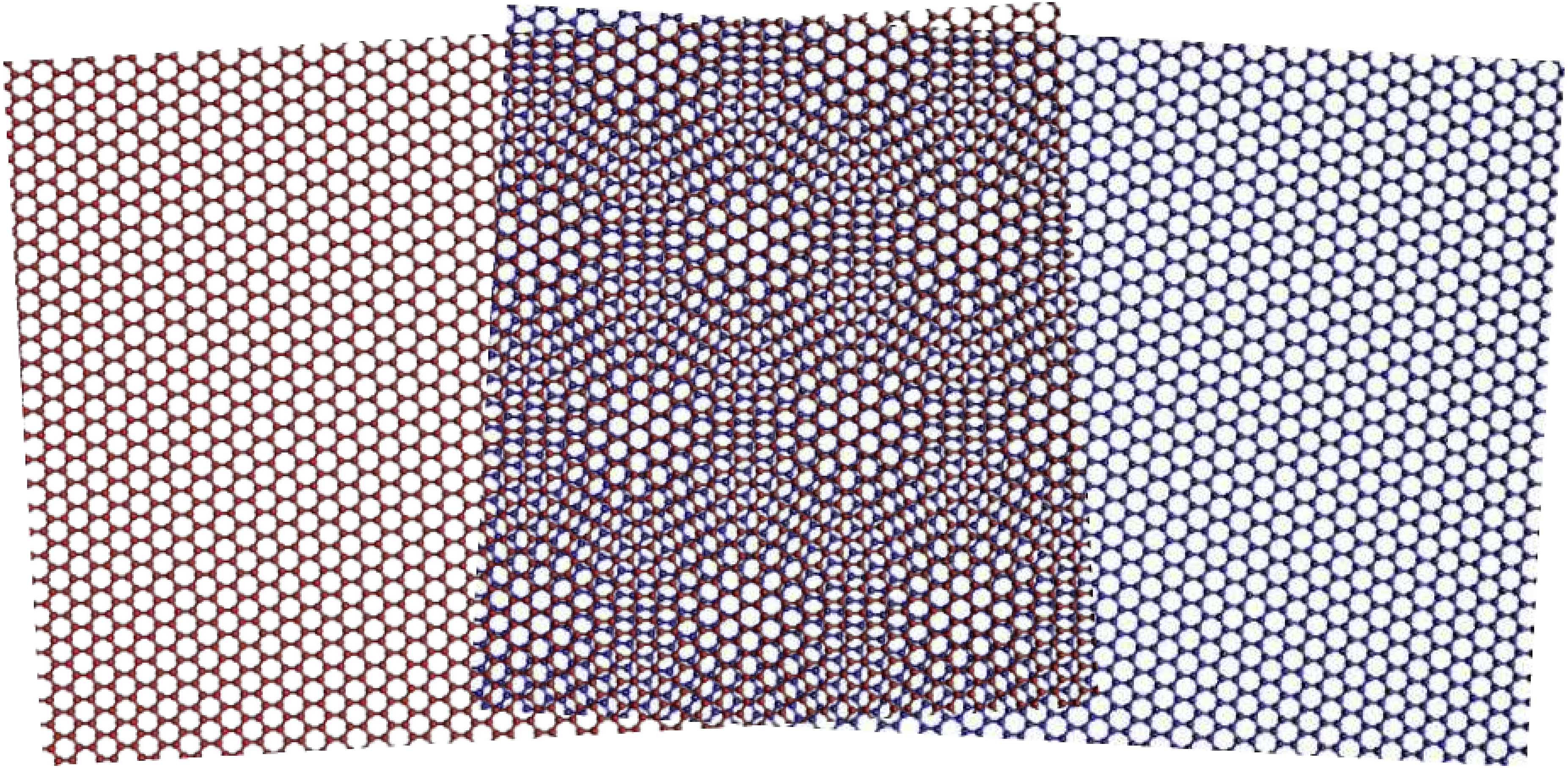
Upper graphene layer



Lower graphene layer



Moire in twisted bilayer graphene



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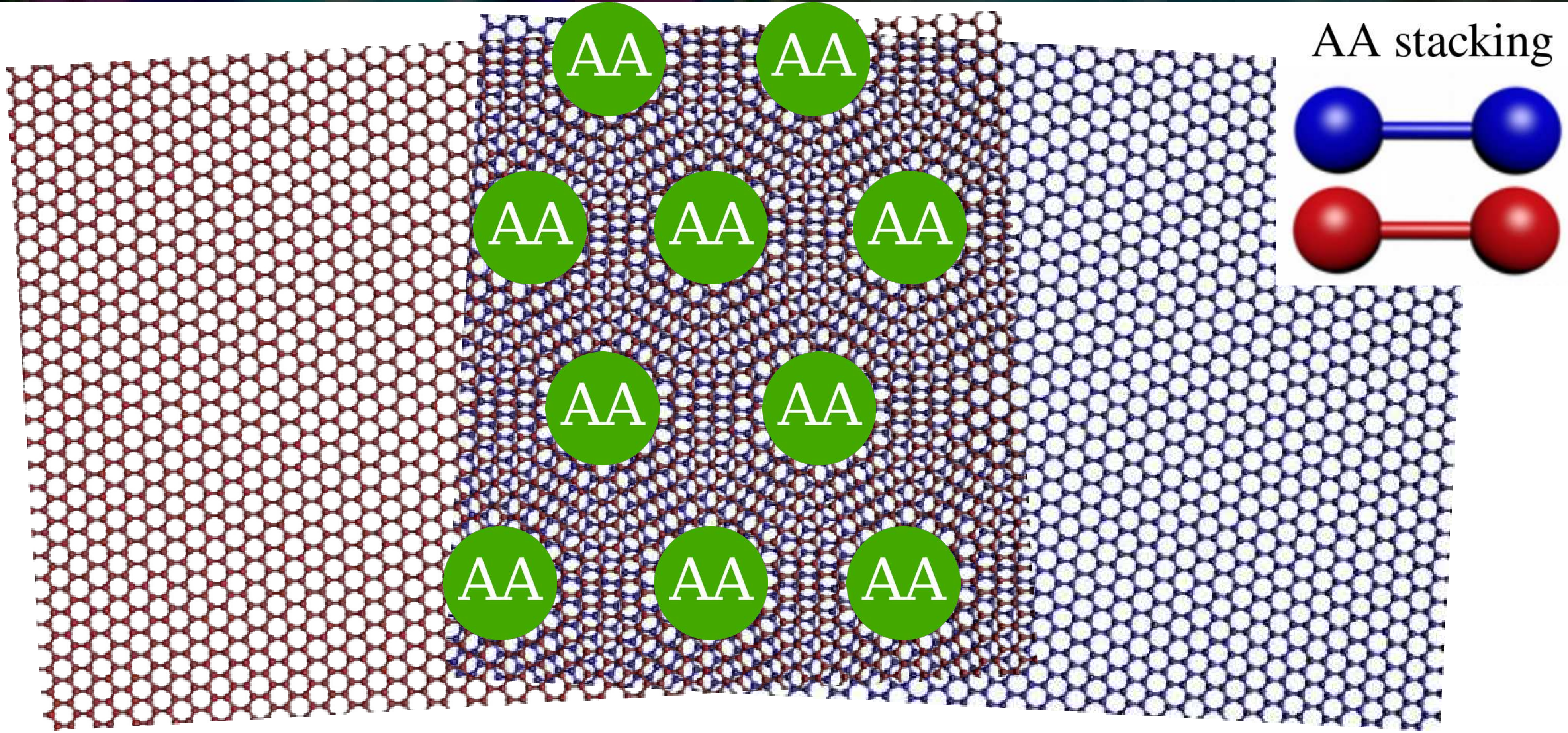

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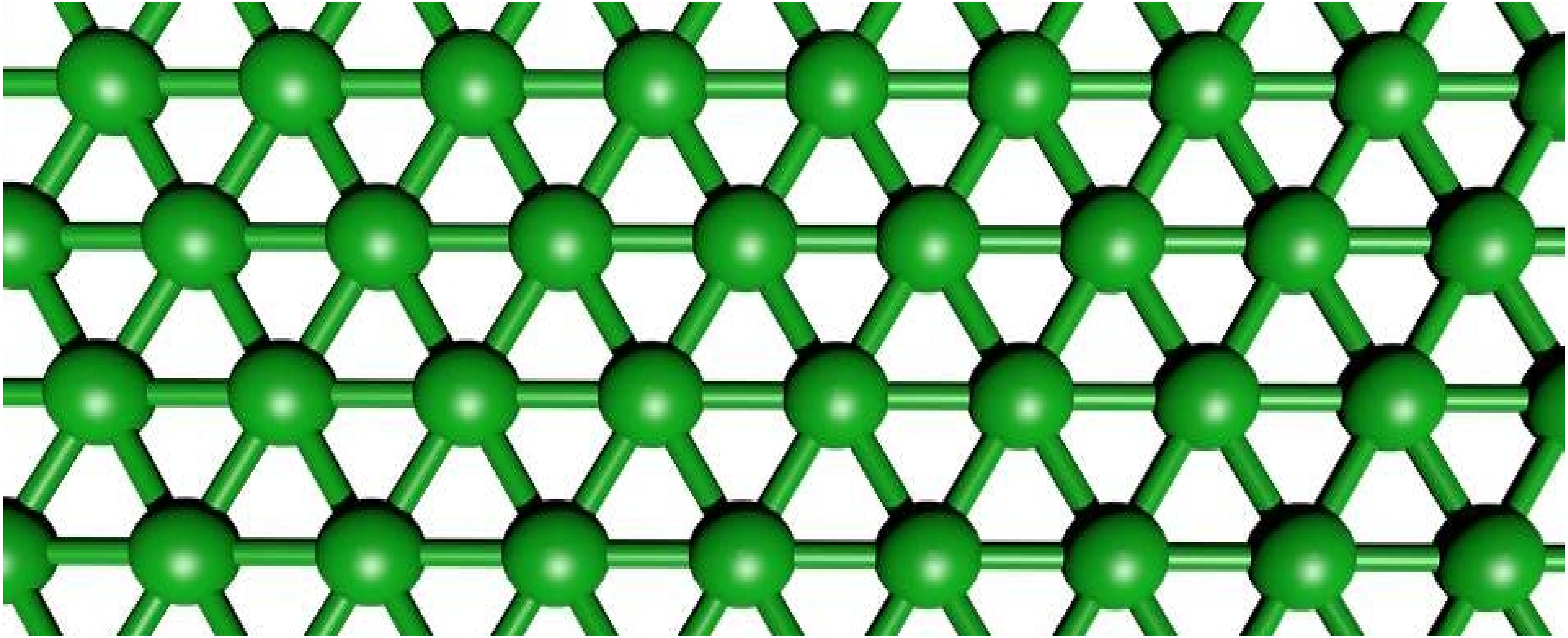
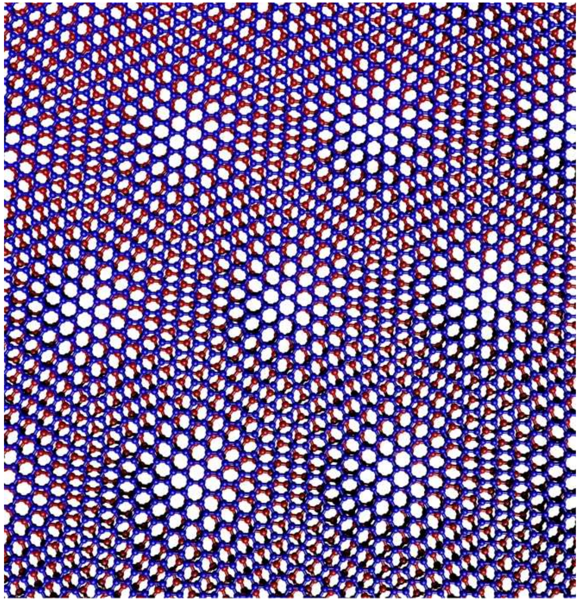
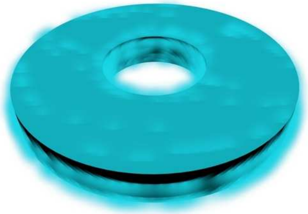


One material, a zoo of electronic phases

Twisted bilayer graphene



Superconductivity



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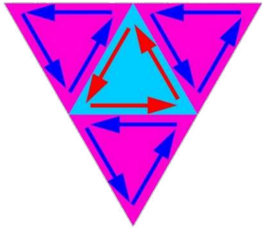
Topological networks



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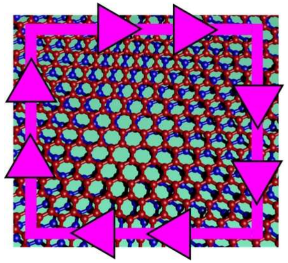
Chern insulators



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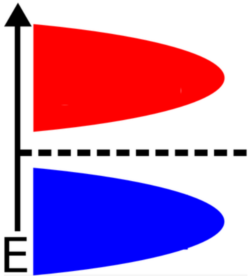
Correlated insulators



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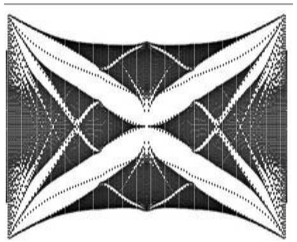
Quasicrystalline physics



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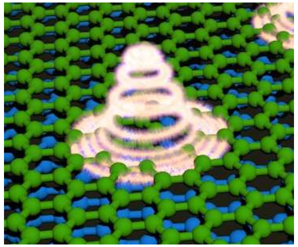
Fractional Chern insulators



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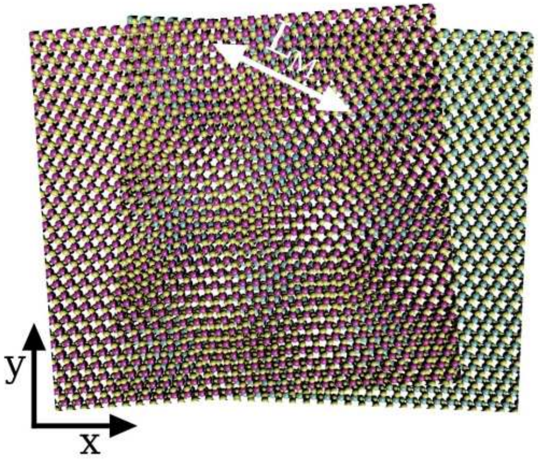
A bilayer of a van der Waals material realizes a variety of widely different electronic states

The generality of correlated physics in twisted 2D materials

Superconductivity & correlated behavior found also in

Twisted dichalcogenides



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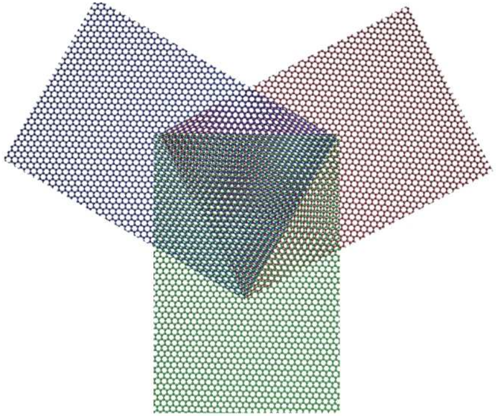
Twisted graphene trilayers



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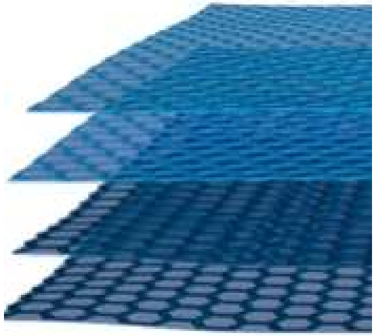
Twisted graphene tetralayers



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<u>Some of new physics observed were only realized before in rare, heavy or even toxic compounds</u>

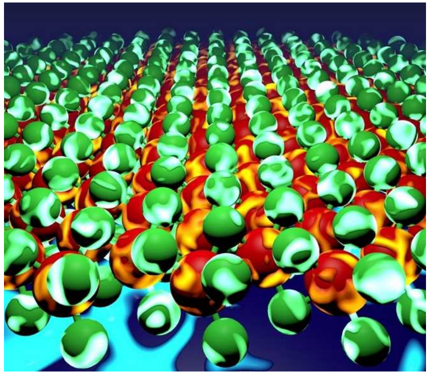
Controlling electronic states in van der Waals materials

Of course, we can use the typical knobs of bulk compounds

(pressure, chemical doping, etc)

Most importantly, we can exploit the full tunability of van der Waals materials

Gating



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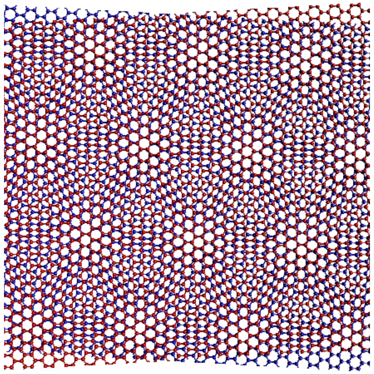
Twist engineering



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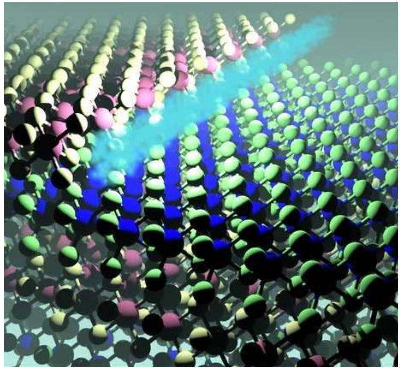
Materials engineering



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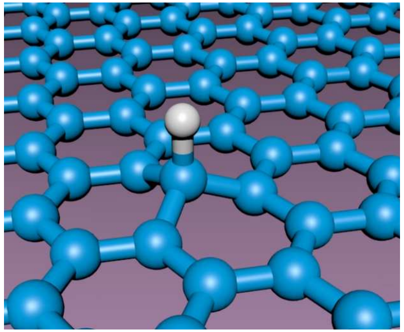
Atomic engineering



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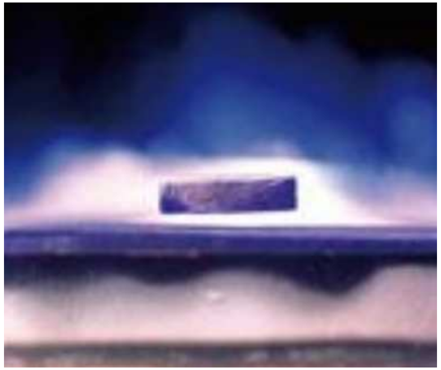
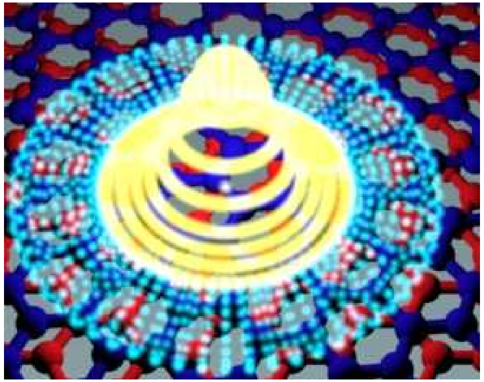
Allowing to independently control different features of the electronic structure

The opportunities of twisted van der Waals materials

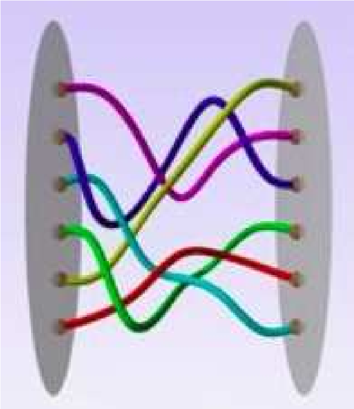
“Unveil” the nature of high T_C superconductivity (?)



Controllable exotic quantum matter (?)



A platform for topological quantum computing (?)



Explore exotic physics with a degree of control unprecedented in any other material

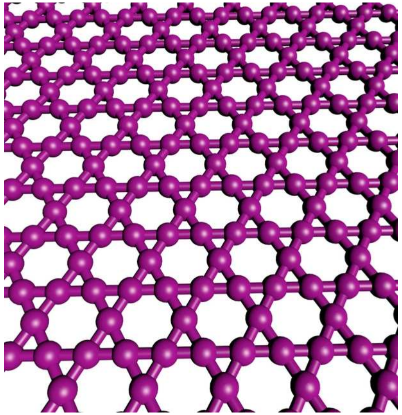
→ ***Control of single particle and many-body interactions***
→ ***Explore physics that only appear in rare or toxic compounds***

Designing quantum matter in twisted materials

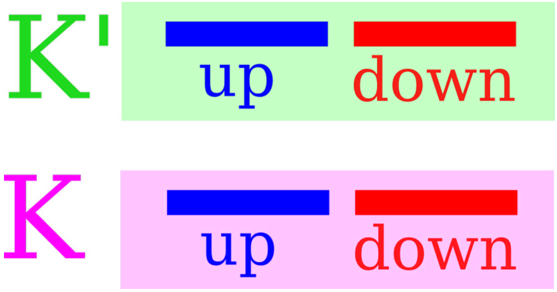
The strength of electronic correlations

$$V_{ijkl} c_i^\dagger c_j c_k^\dagger c_l$$

The details of the electronic dispersion



The local quantum degrees of freedom



Twist angle control

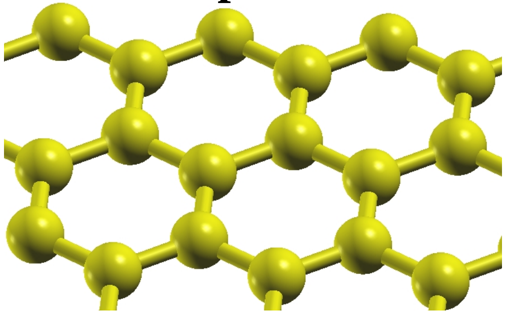
Interlayer bias

Magnetic 2D materials

Goal: engineer local quantum degrees of freedom via 2d magnetism

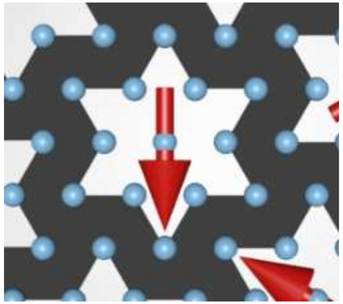
Designing heavy-fermion quantum matter with twisted magnetic van der Waals materials

Graphene



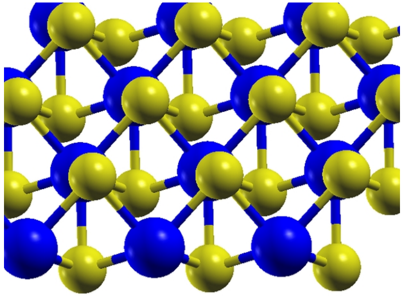
Magnet

1T-TaS_2



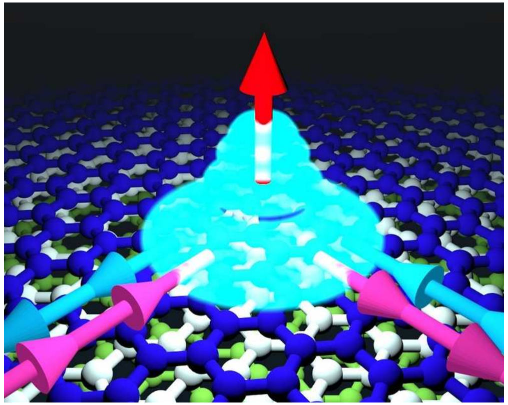
Metal

1H-TaS_2



Behind the scenes

Heavy fermions in twisted graphene trilayers



Aline Ramires

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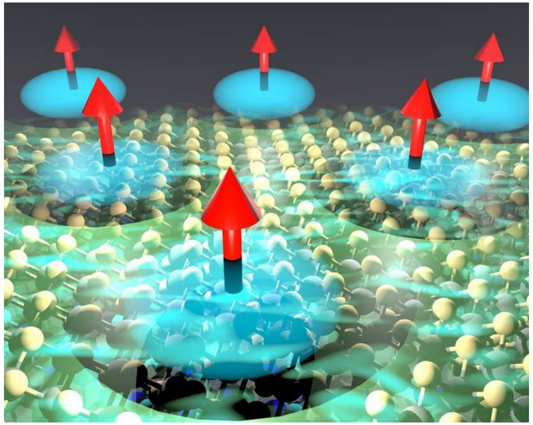
Heavy fermions in twisted dichalcogenide bilayers



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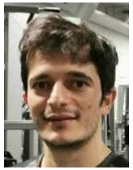

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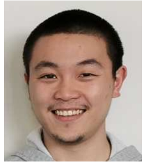

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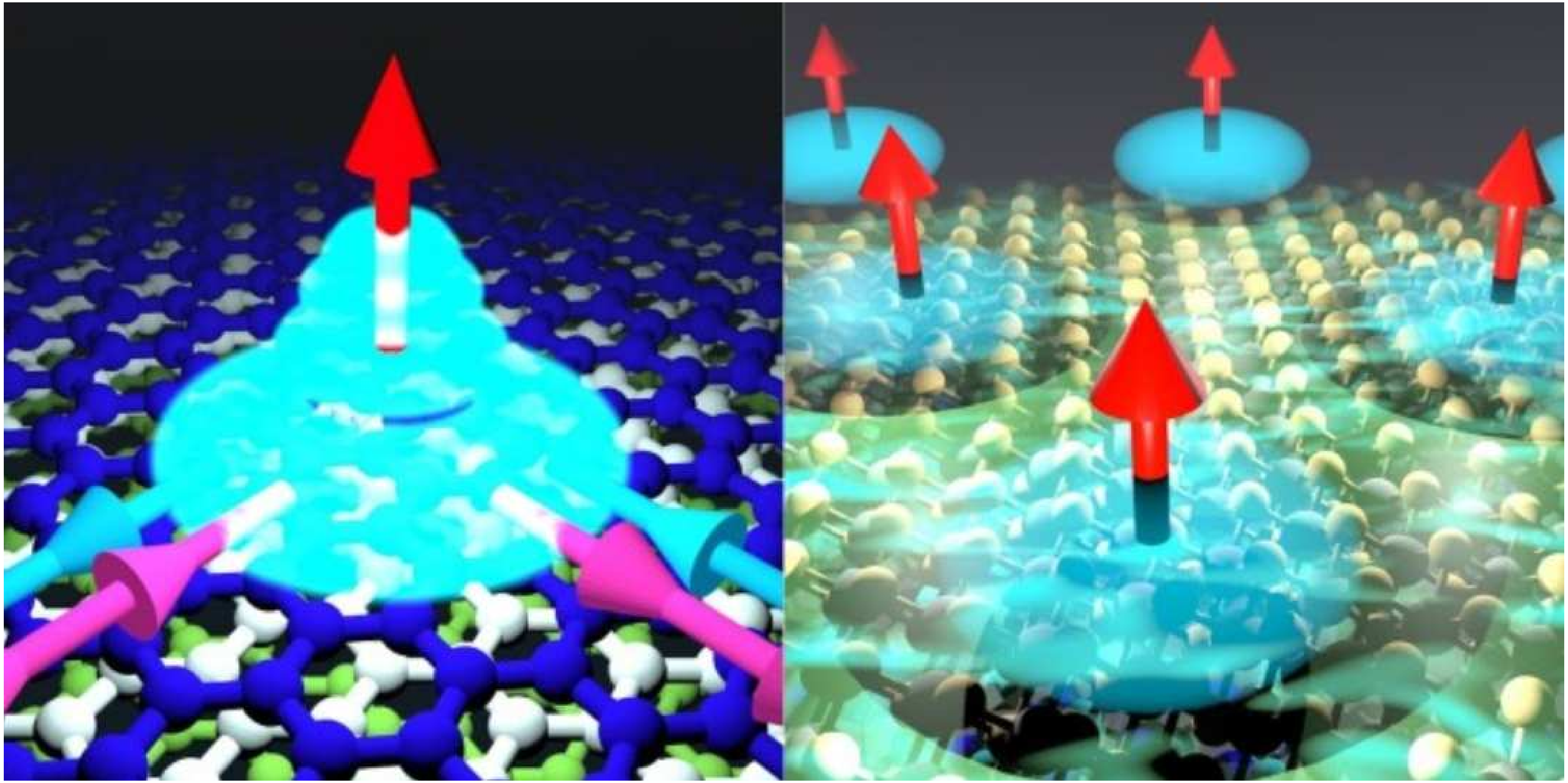
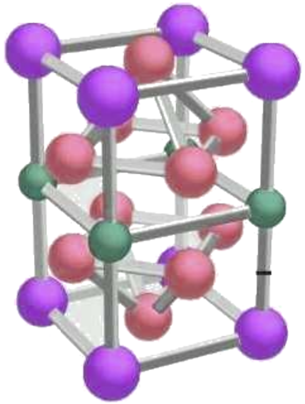


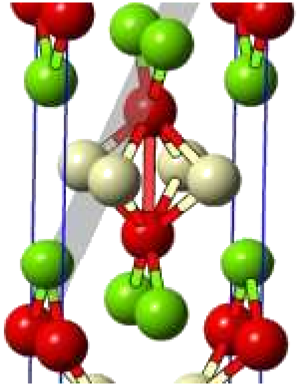
Searching for new heavy fermion compounds

We have a rich family of bulk heavy-fermion compounds

$CeCoIn_5$
Science 375, 6576, 76-81 (2021)



UTe_2
Nature 579, 523–527 (2020)



- Strongly correlated matter, dominated by Kondo lattice physics
- Unique system to realize quantum criticality and unconventional superconductivity
- Found in rare-earth compounds, such as UTe_2 or UPt_3

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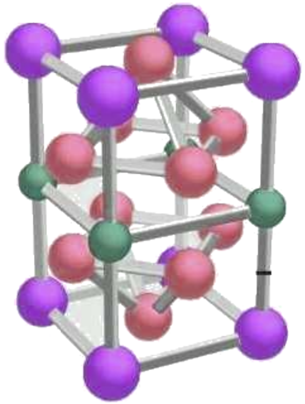

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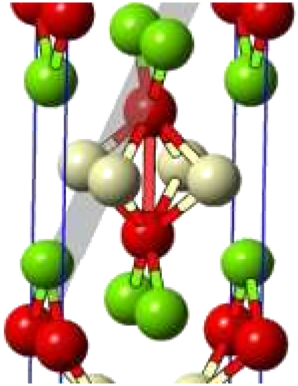
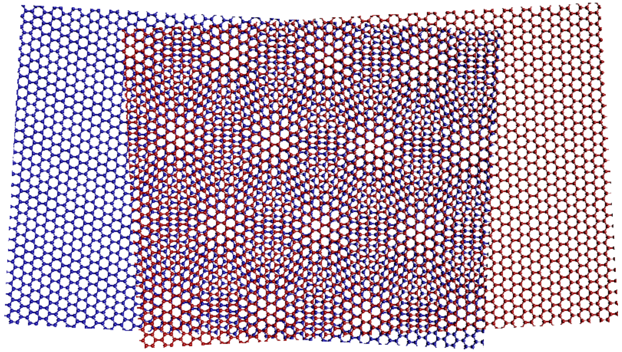
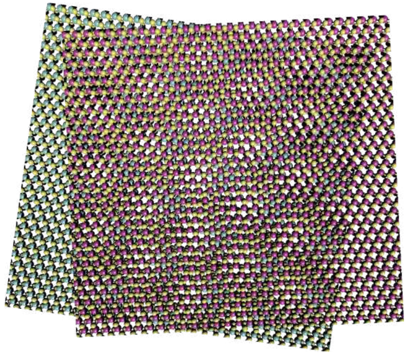


Can we realize heavy-fermion physics with two-dimensional materials?





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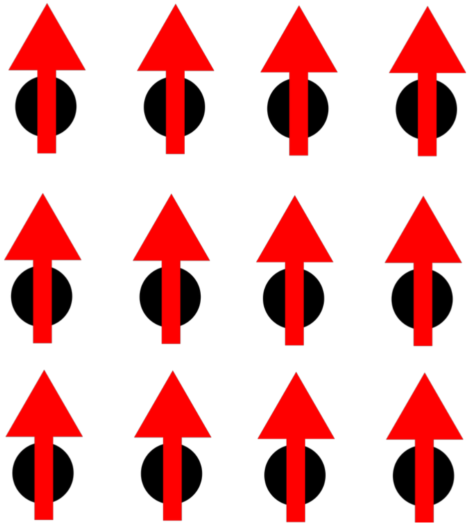
Building an artifcicial heavy fermion state

Lattice of Kondo impurities



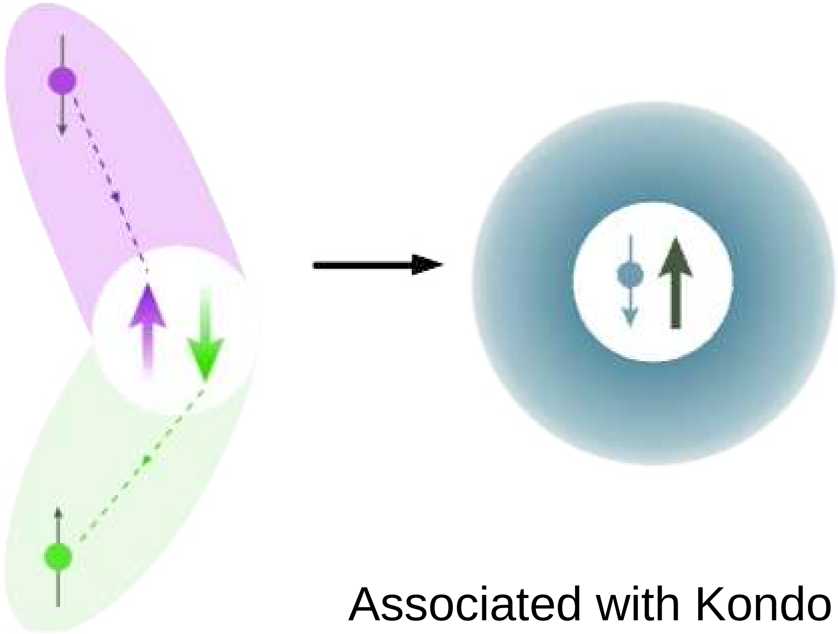
f-electrons in
rare-earth compounds

Dispersive electron gas

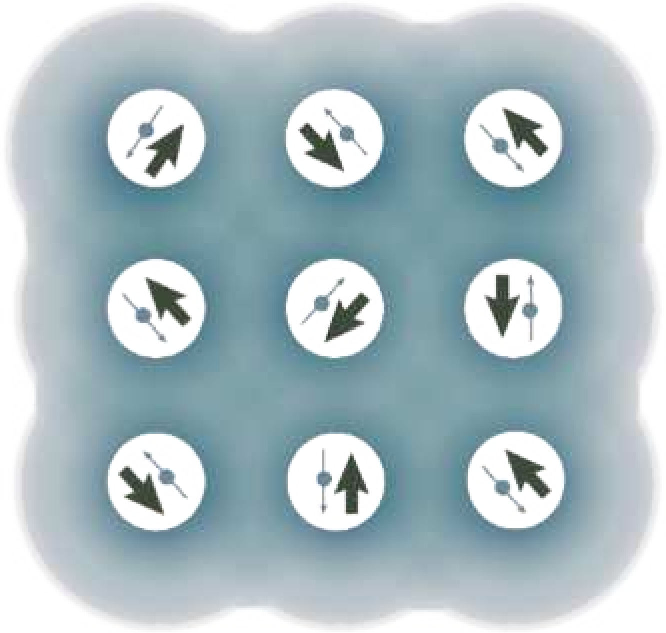
s/p/d-electrons in
rare-earth compounds

Building an artificial heavy fermion state

Conduction electrons form Kondo singlets with the impurities

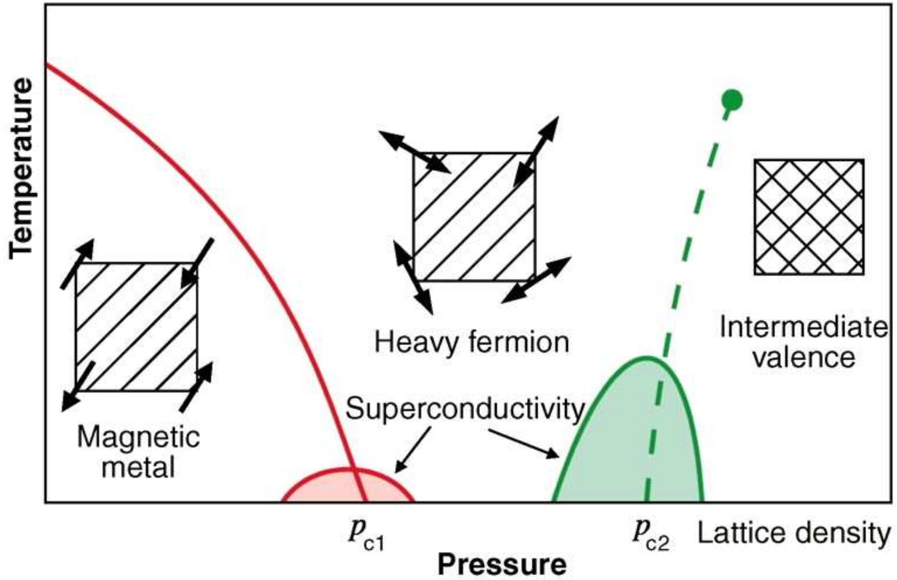


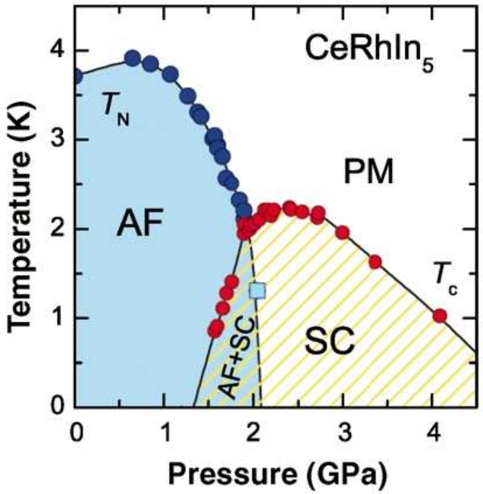
Kondo-lattice model



Associated with Kondo lattice physics:
- Colossal mass enhancement of electrons
- Quantum criticality
- Unconventional (topological) superconductivity

Basics of heavy fermion physics





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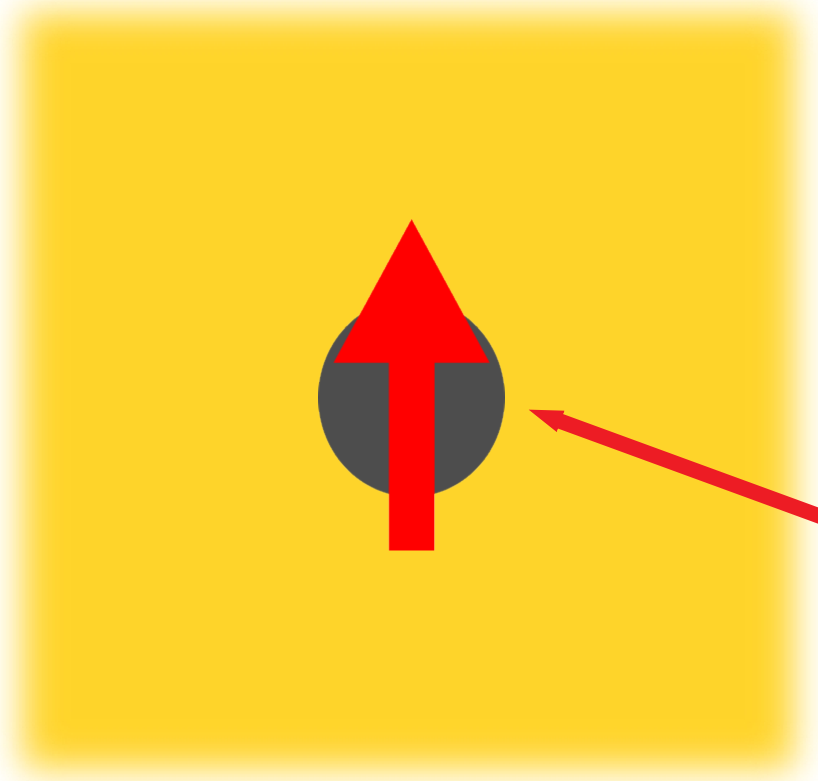
Associated with Kondo lattice physics:
- Colossal mass enhancement of electrons
- Quantum criticality
- Unconventional (topological) superconductivity

The Kondo lattice problem

The Kondo problem



Conduction electrons

$$H = -t \sum_{(i,j)\sigma} \left(c^{\dagger}_{i\sigma} c_{j\sigma} + \text{ H.c} \right)$$

Kondo coupling

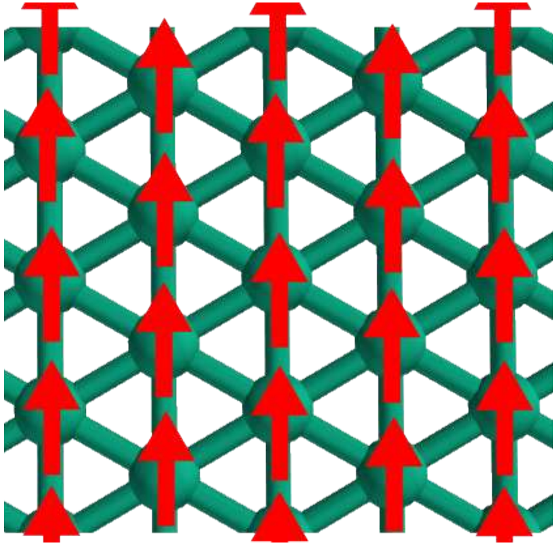
$$H_K = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \left(c^{\dagger}_{0\beta} \vec{\sigma}_{\beta\alpha} c_{0\alpha} \right) \cdot \vec{S}$$

We now take a quantum spin S=1/2

$$|GS\rangle \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [| \Uparrow \downarrow \rangle - | \Downarrow \uparrow \rangle]$$

The Kondo lattice problem

Lattice of Kondo impurities



$$J_K$$

Dispersive electron gas

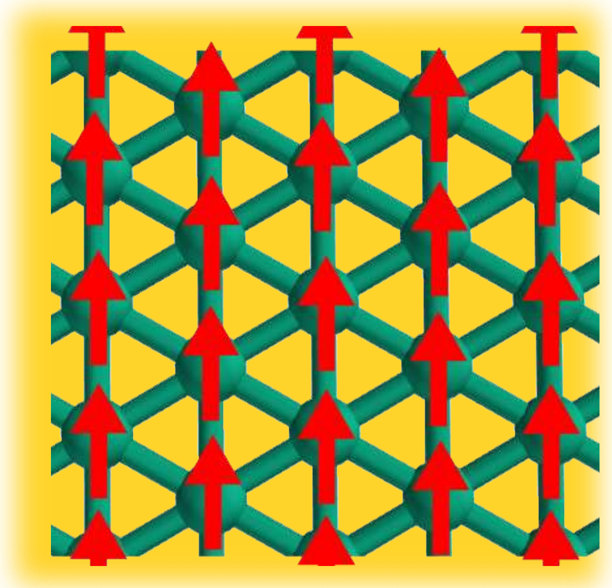
Both ingredients coupled through Kondo coupling

The Kondo lattice problem

The Kondo lattice problem

$$H = -t\sum_{(i,j)\sigma}\left(c^{\dagger}_{i\sigma}c_{j\sigma} + \text{ H.c }\right) + J\sum_{j,\alpha\beta}\left(c^{\dagger}_{j\beta}\vec{\sigma}_{\beta\alpha}c_{j\alpha}\right)\cdot\vec{S}_j$$

Conduction electrons



Kondo coupling

Kondo sites

Solving the Kondo lattice problem

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Replace the spin sites by auxiliary fermions

$$S_{\alpha\beta}(j) \sim f^\dagger_{j\alpha}f_{j\beta} - \frac{n_f(j)}{N}\delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

This makes the effective Hamiltonian an “interacting” fermionic Hamiltonian

$$H \sim \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}c^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} - J\sum_{j,\alpha\beta}\left(c^\dagger_{j\beta}f_{j\beta}\right)\left(f^\dagger_{j\alpha}c_{j\alpha}\right)$$

Solving the Kondo lattice problem

Now we decouple the fermions with a mean-field approximation

$$H \sim \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} - J \sum_{j,\alpha\beta} \left(c^\dagger_{j\beta} f_{j\beta} \right) \left(f^\dagger_{j\alpha} c_{j\alpha} \right)$$

Obtaining a quadratic Hamiltonian

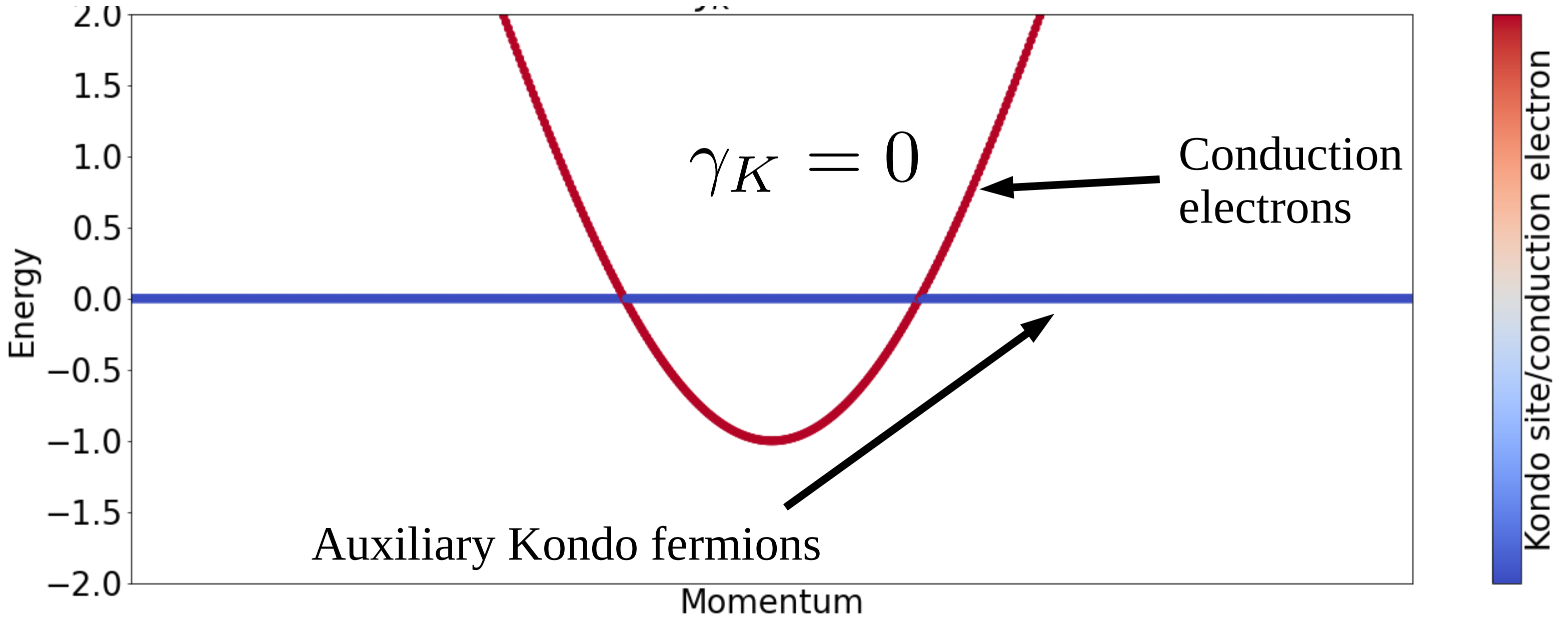
$$H \sim \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} - \gamma_K \sum_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} f^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} + h.c.$$

Conduction band dispersion

Kondo hybridization

Electronic structure of the Kondo lattice problem

$$H \sim \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} - \gamma_K \sum_{\mathbf{k},\alpha\beta} f^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} + h.c.$$



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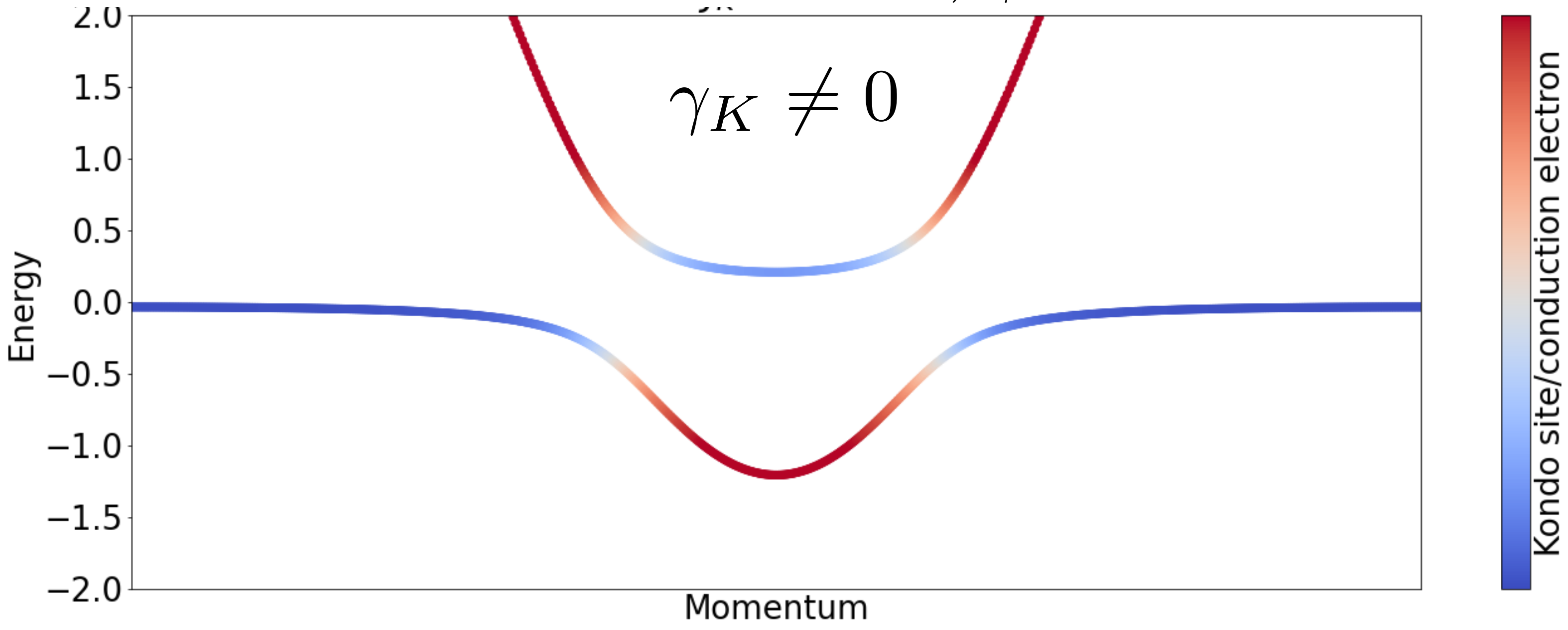
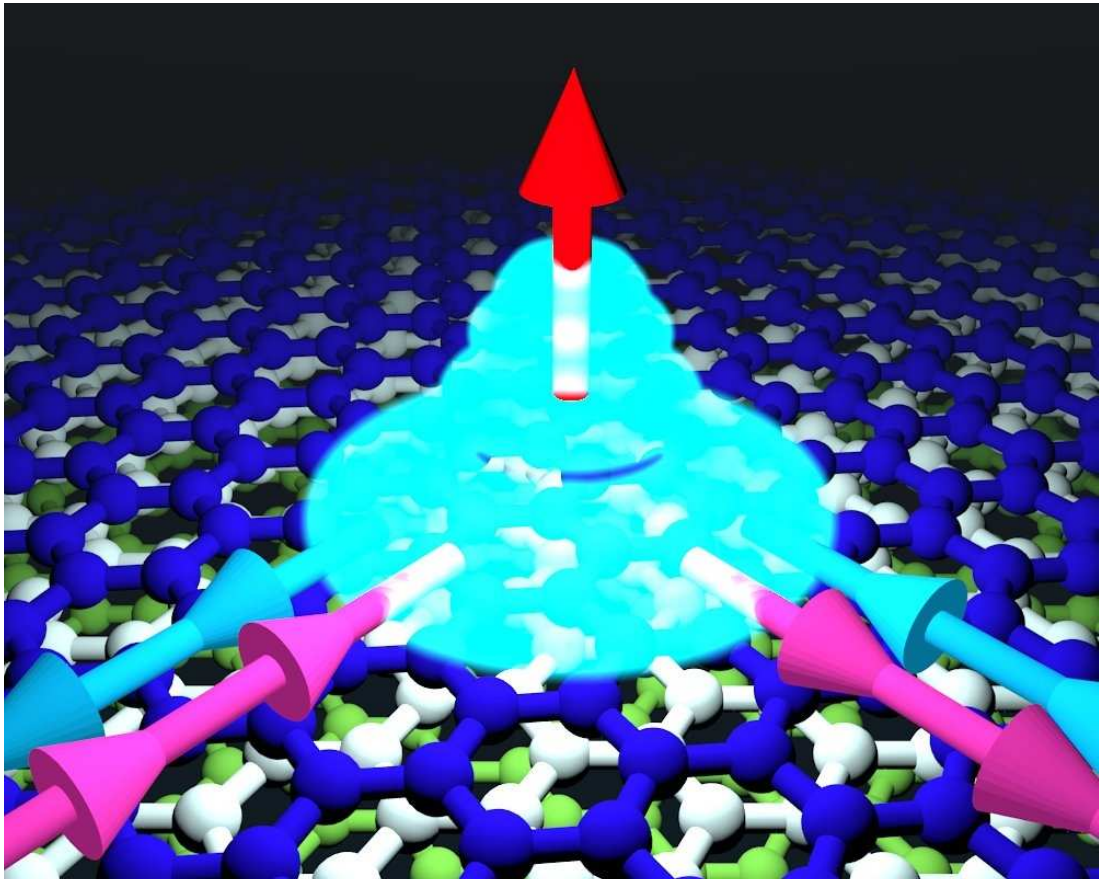


The Kondo coupling opens up a gap in the electronic structure

Heavy-fermions in twisted graphene trilayers



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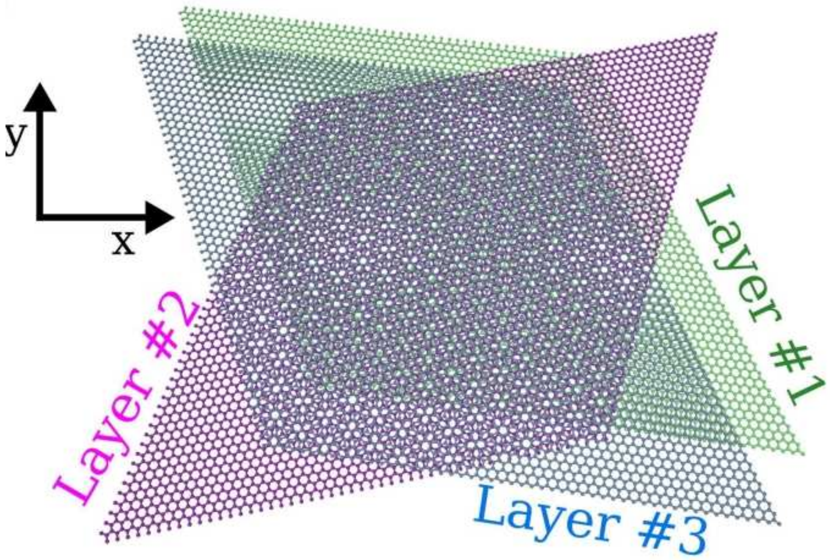
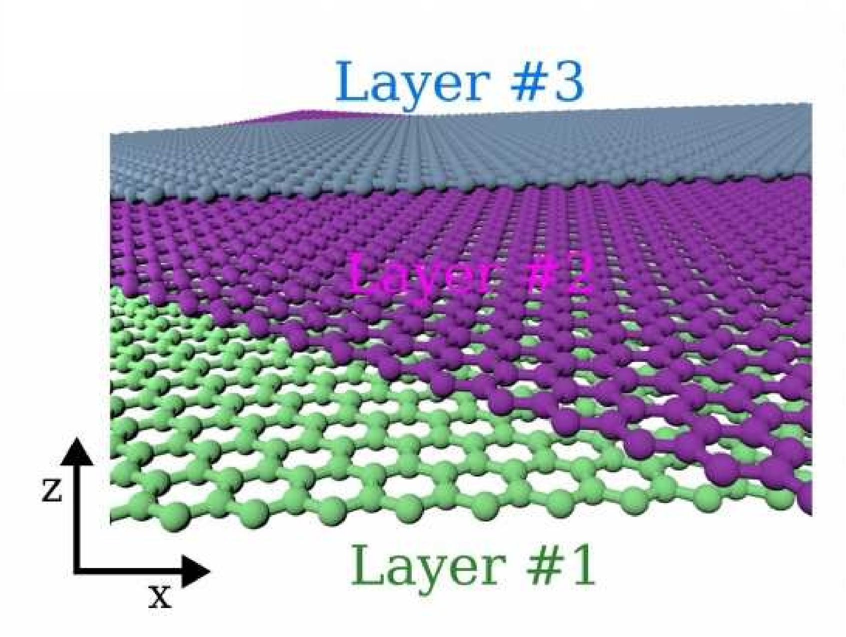
Heavy-fermions in twisted graphene trilayers

Top view



Lateral view



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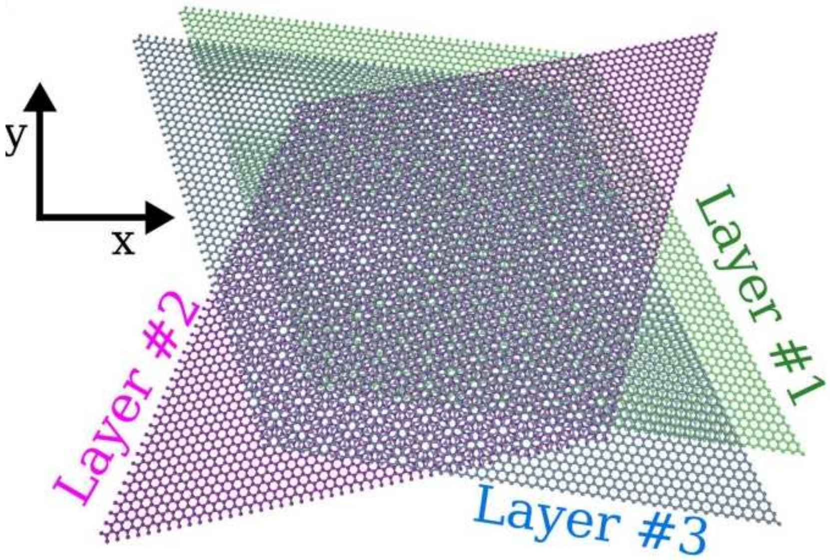
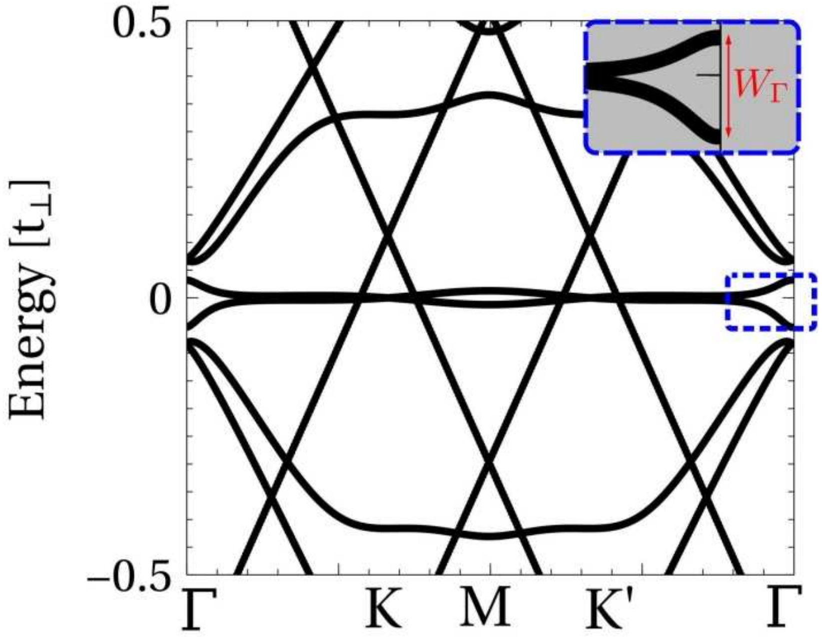


Band structure



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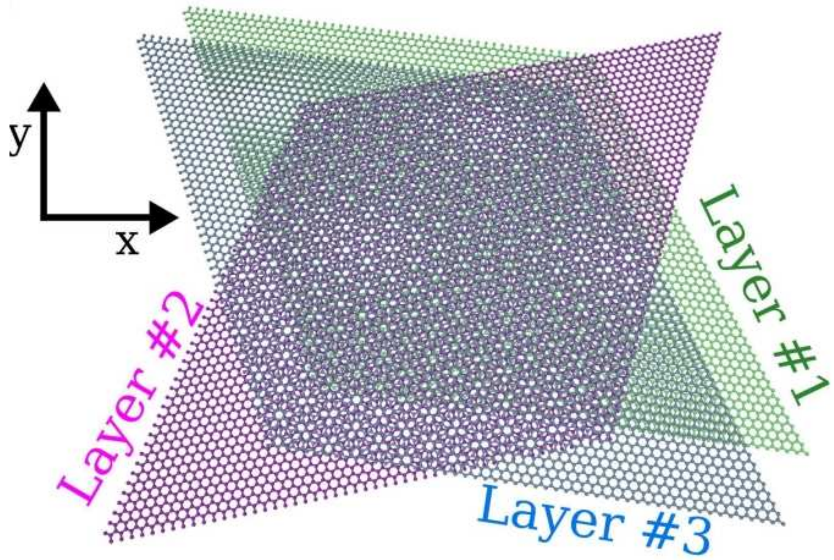
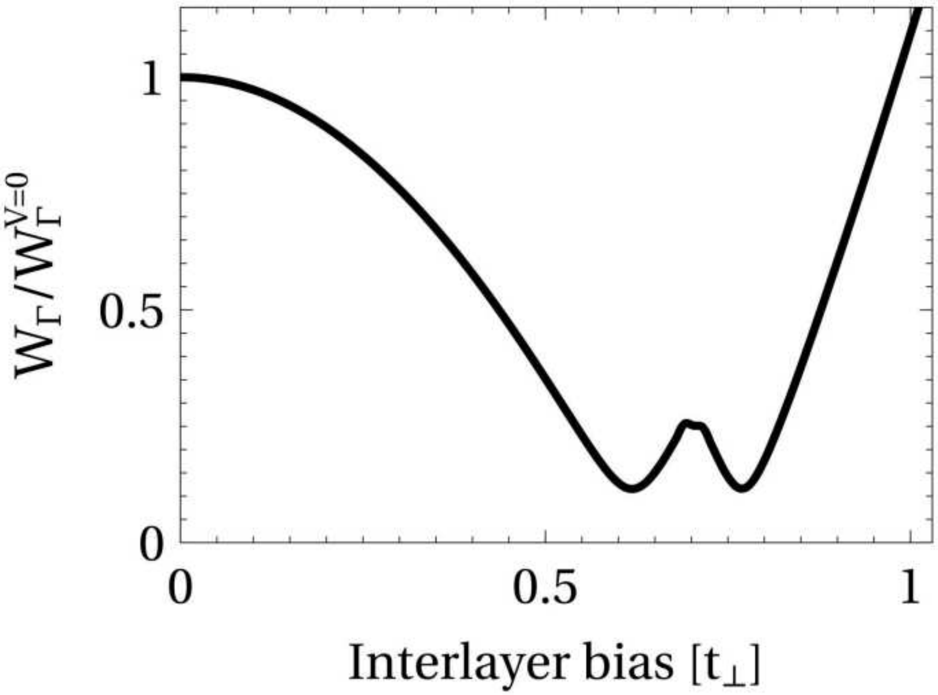


Bandwidth of nearly flat bands



Band flattening as an interlayer bias is applied

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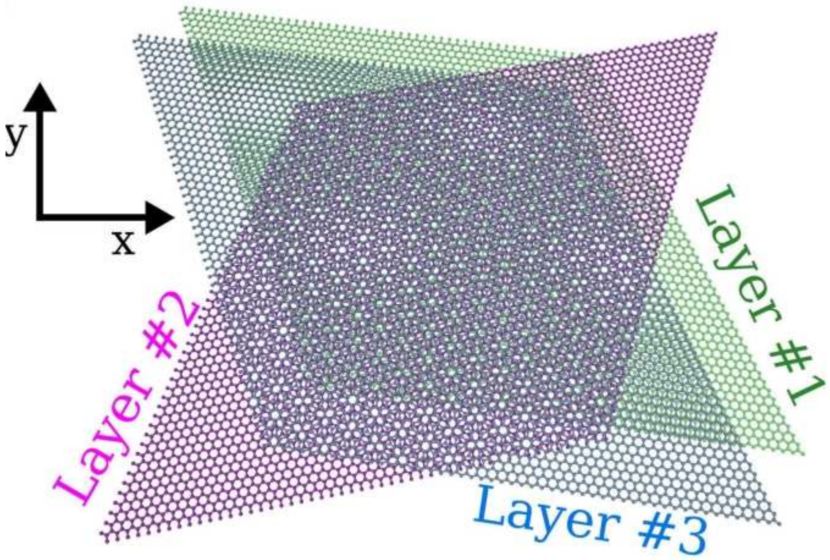
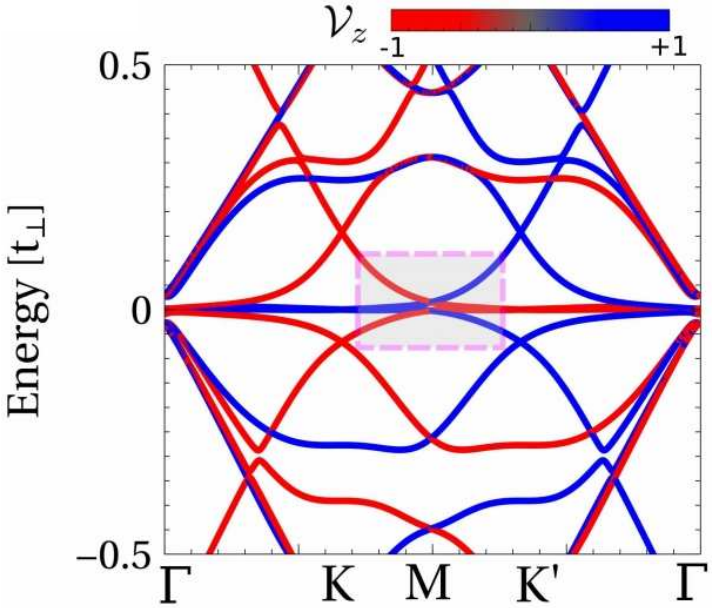


Electronic structure in the presence of an electric bias



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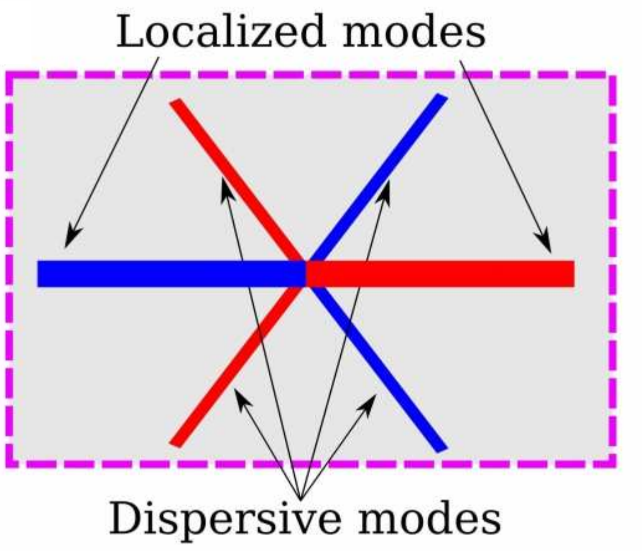
Low energy model



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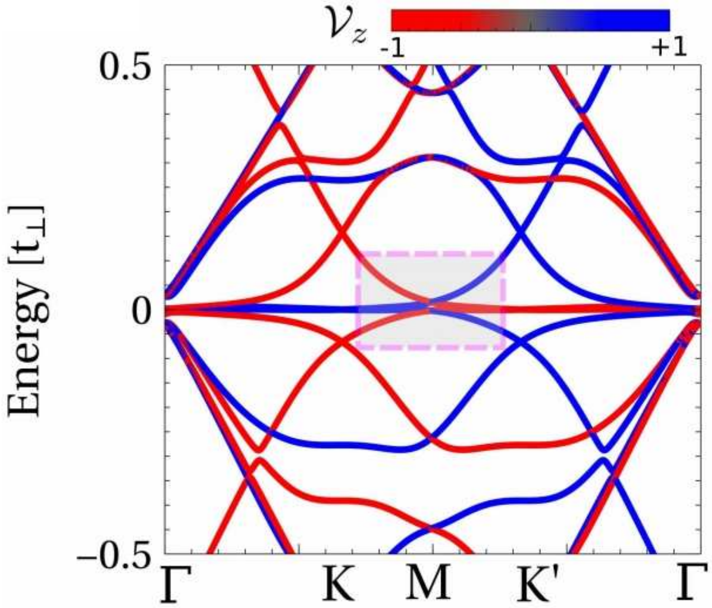
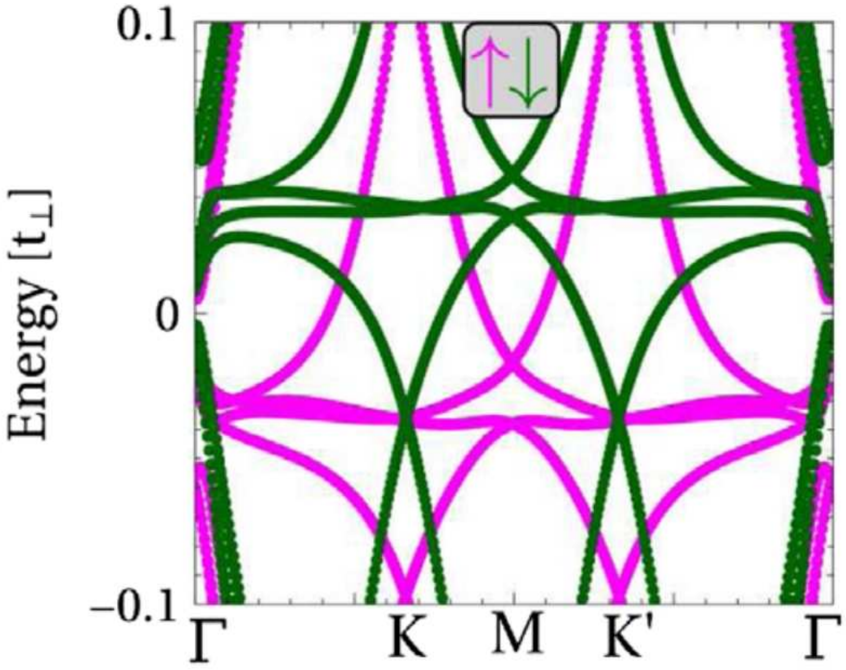
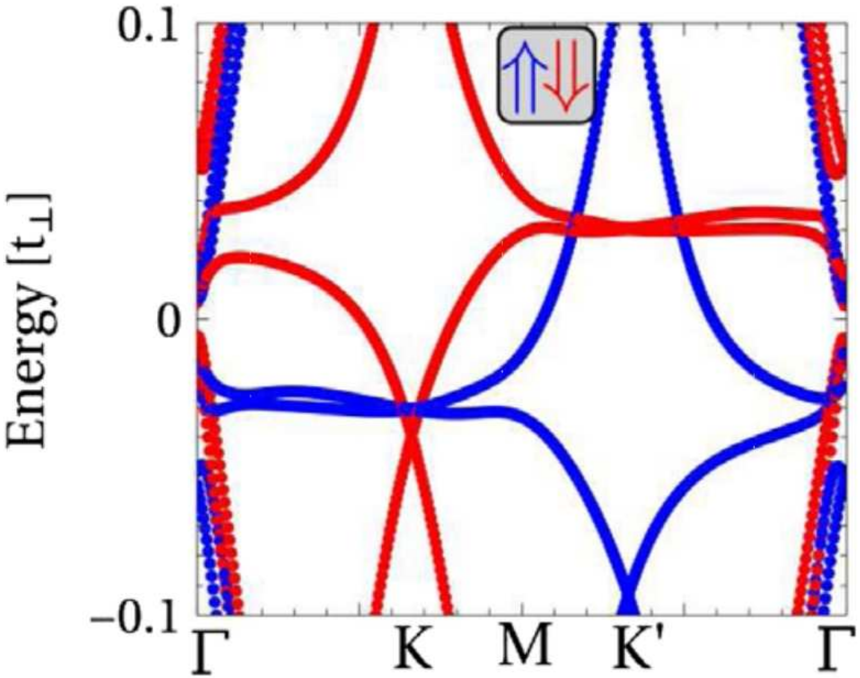


Mean-field electronic structure at half filling

Promoting spin moment formation



Promoting valley moment formation



Local spin and valley moments appear when including electronic interactions at the mean-field level

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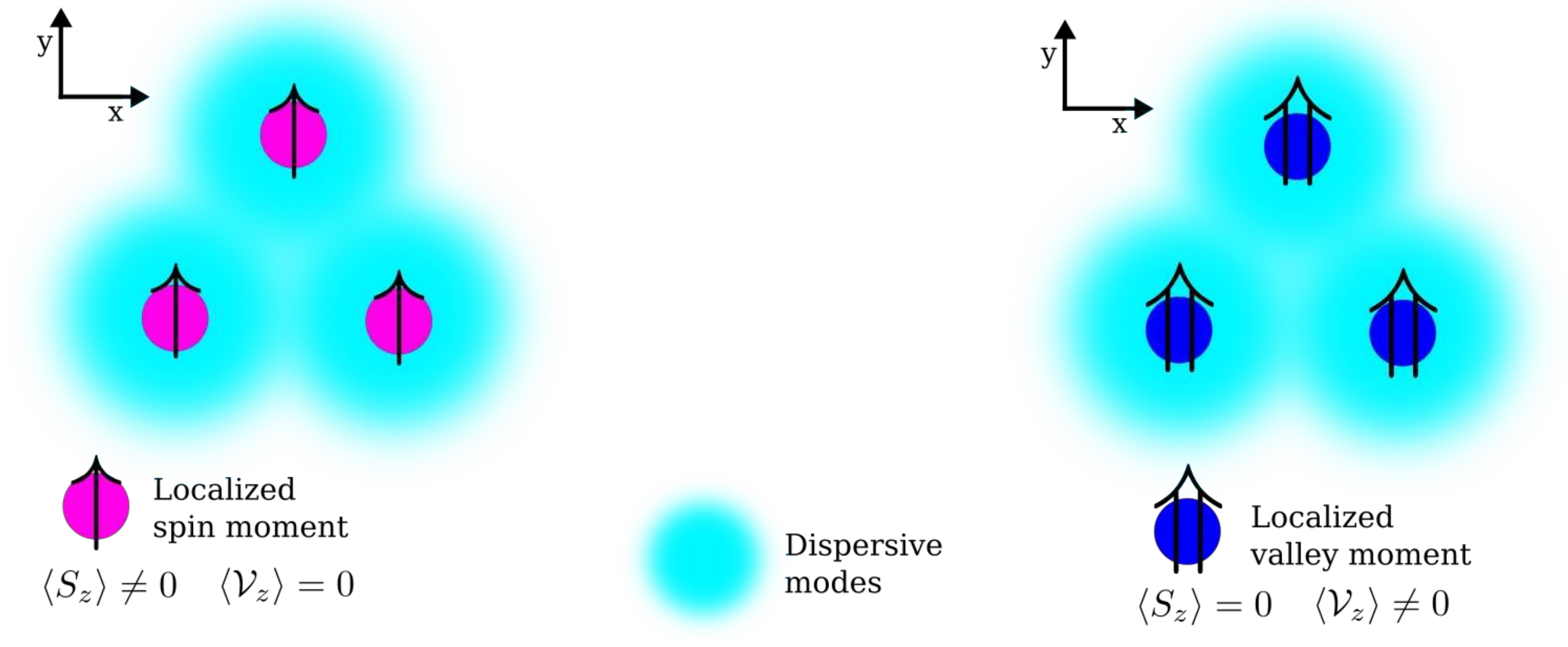

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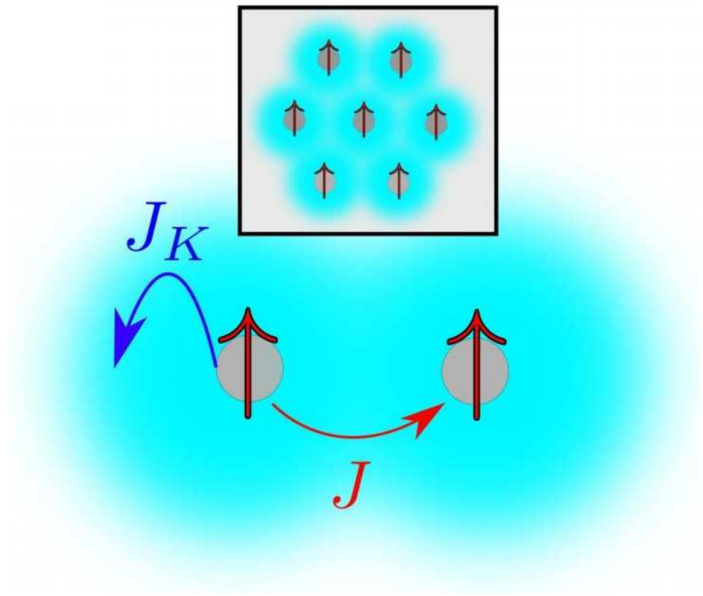
Kondo lattice model in the presence of interactions

Interactions of the Kondo lattice model



Kondo coupling

Exchange coupling

$$H = H_{\text{dispersive}} + J_K \sum_{\langle i\alpha \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_\alpha + J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

Promotes
Kondo screening

Promotes
magnetic order

A heavy fermion regime appears when the Kondo coupling dominates over the exchange coupling

$$|J/J_K| < 1$$

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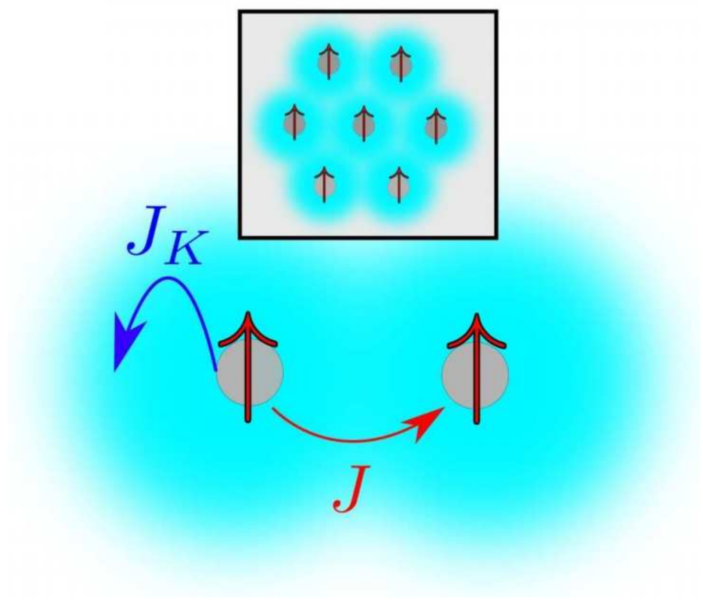
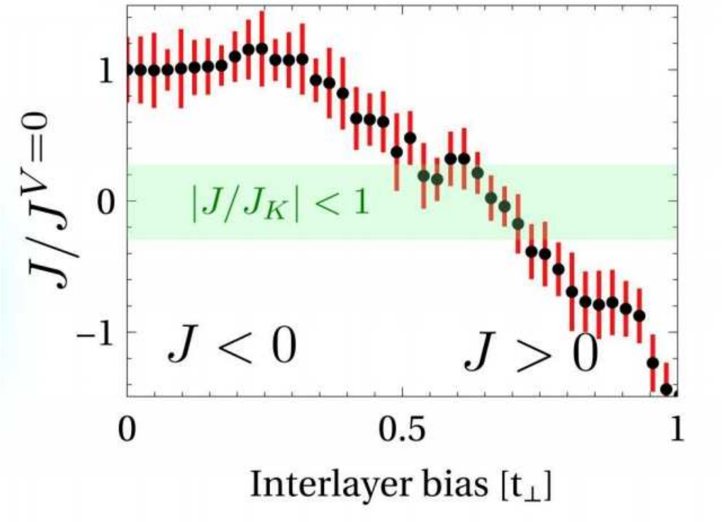


Electric control of the Kondo regime



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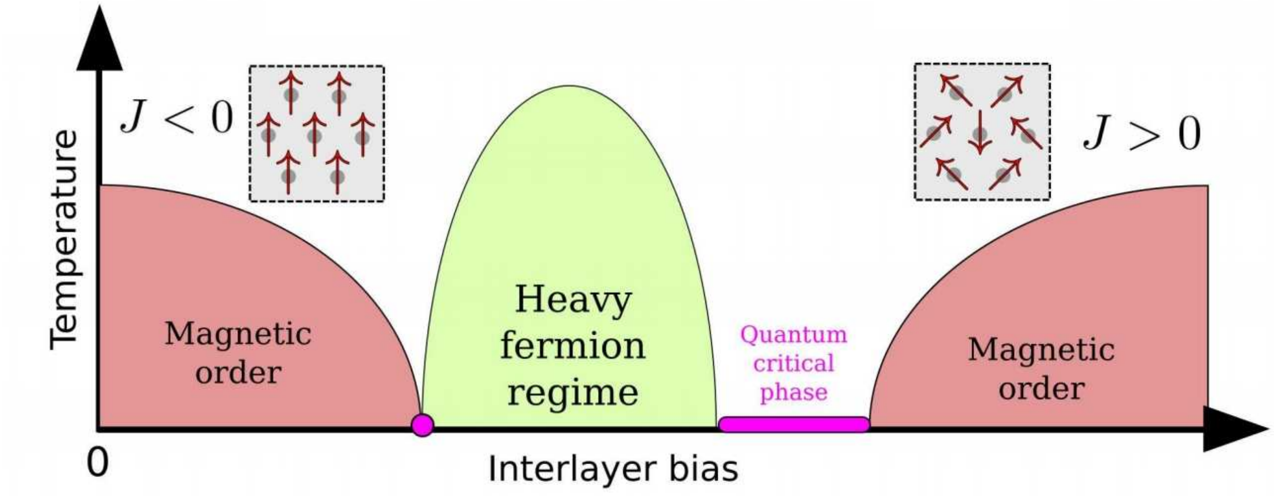
Heavy-fermions in twisted graphene trilayers

Heavy-fermion (Doniach) phase diagram



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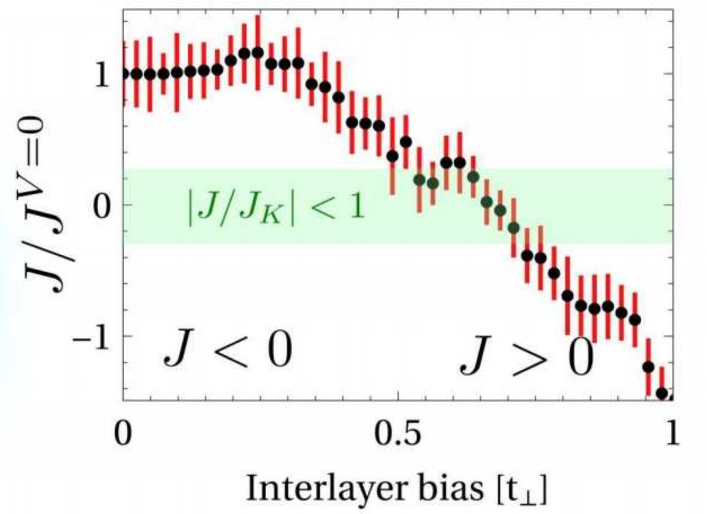
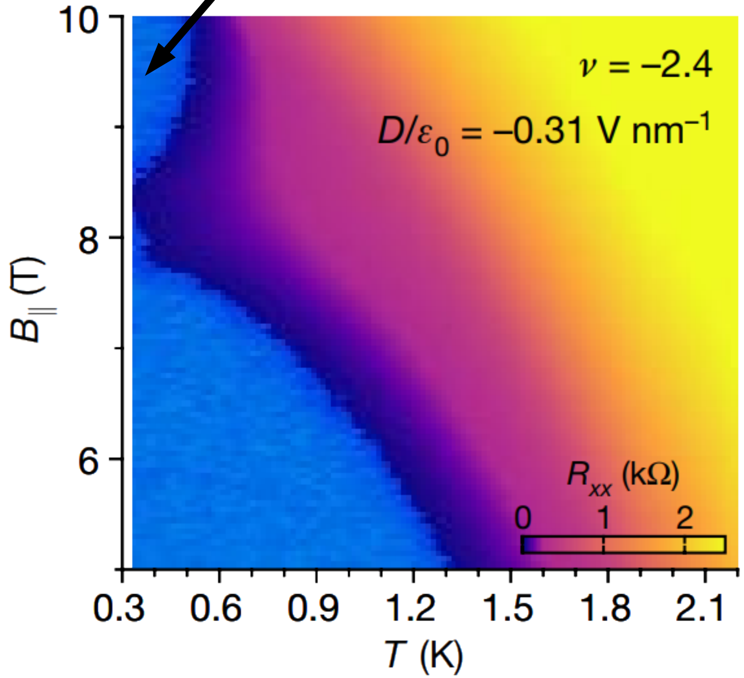


The full phase diagram of the heavy fermion system can be explored in a single twisted graphene, by tuning the system with an electric bias

An experimental signature of heavy-fermion physics: spin-triplet superconductivity

Reentrant superconductivity in twisted trilayer graphene



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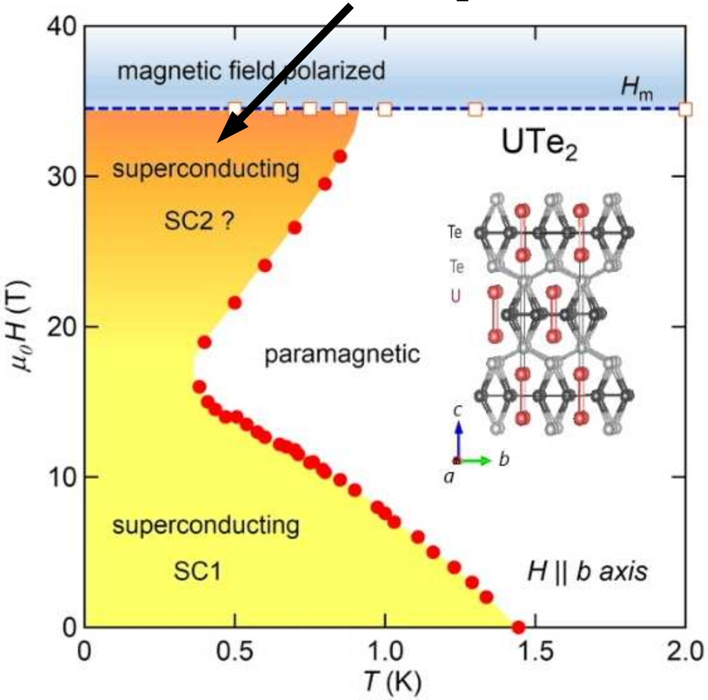
Reentrant superconductivity in UTe_2



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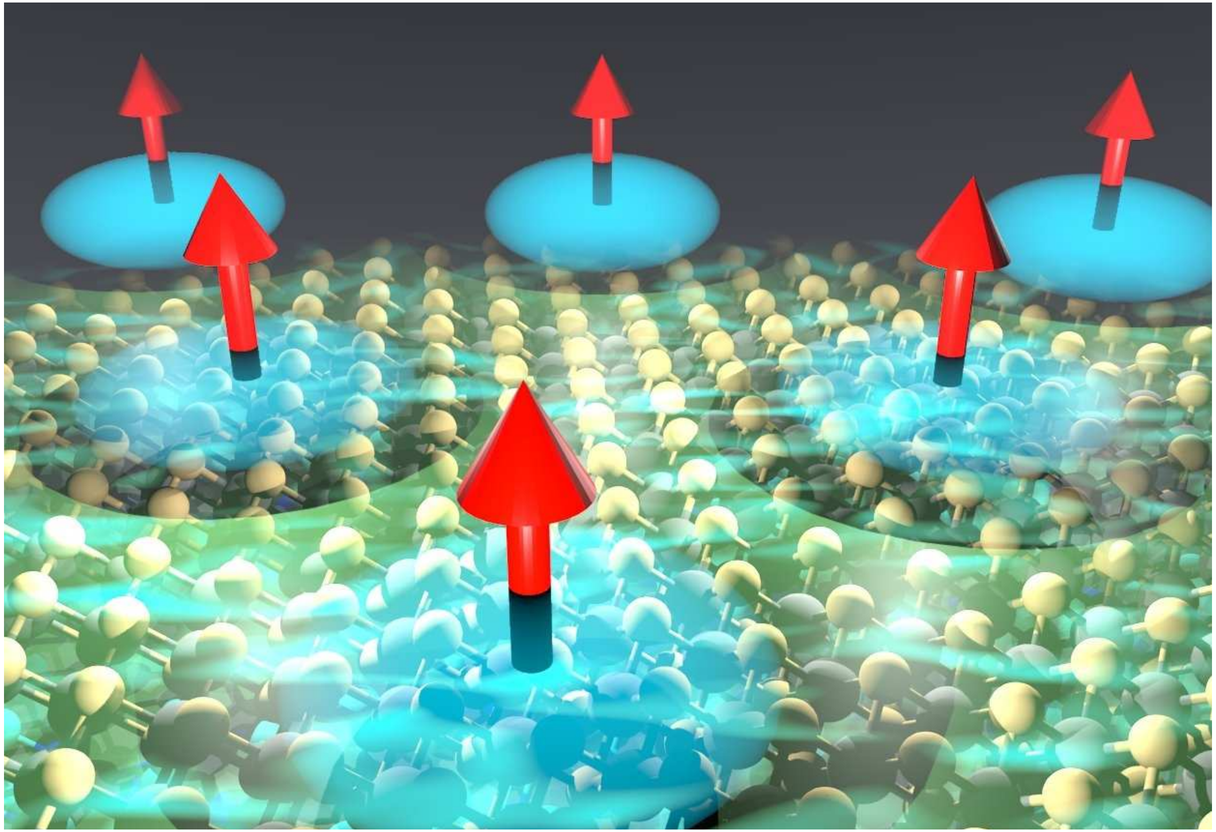
Heavy-fermions in a van der Waals dichalcogenide heterostructure



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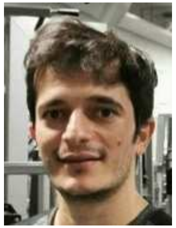

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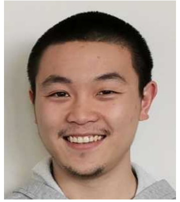

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Heavy-fermions in dichalcogenide bilayers

Triangular lattice of local magnetic moments

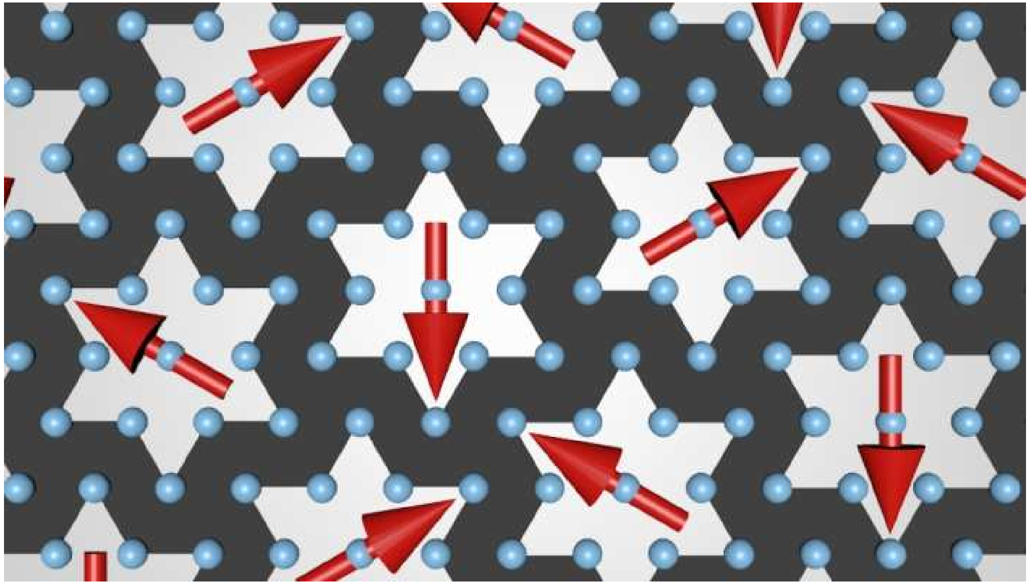
$1T\text{-}TaS_2$

Two-dimensional electron gas

$1H\text{-}TaS_2$

Moment formation in 1T-TaS_2

Charge-density wave reconstruction, leading to a localized orbital in a $\sqrt{13} \times \sqrt{13}$ unit cell



Strong interactions give rise to local moment formation

Effectively described by an S=1/2 Heisenberg model in a triangular lattice

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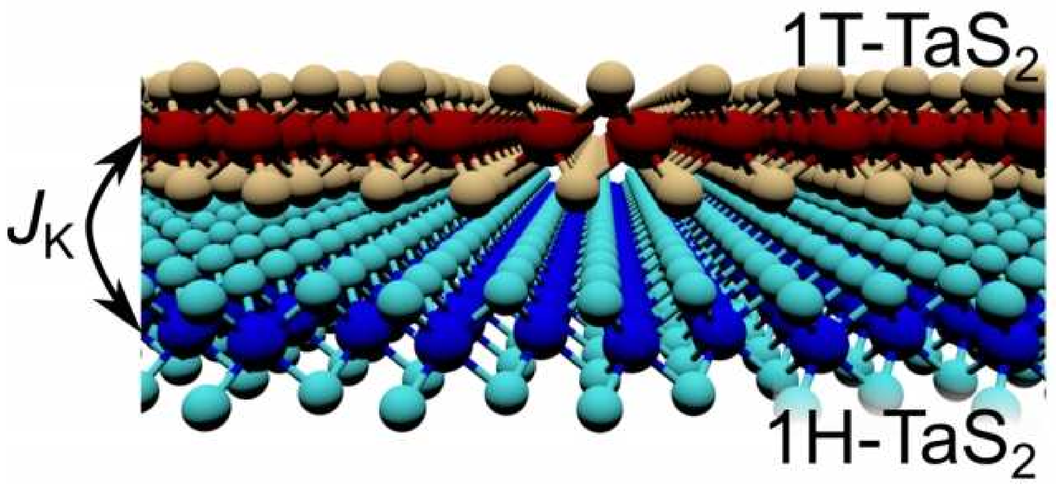
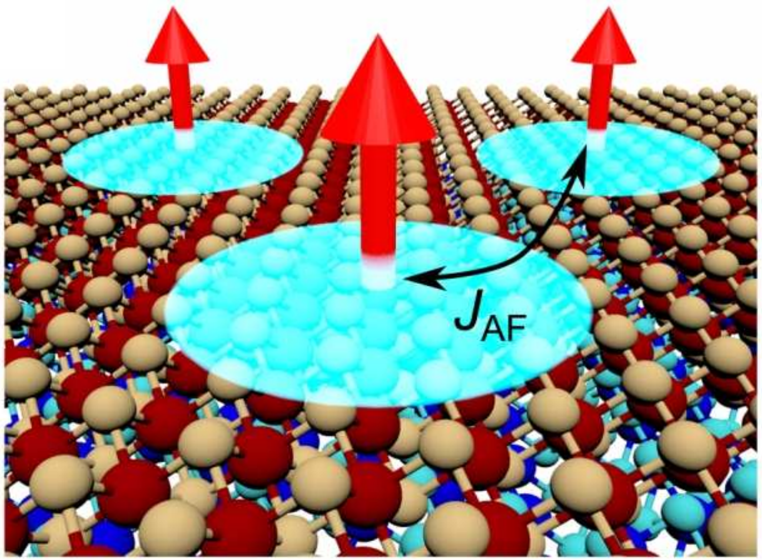
Heavy-fermions in dichalcogenide bilayers

Interlayer coupling creates the Kondo coupling



Intralayer exchange between local moments

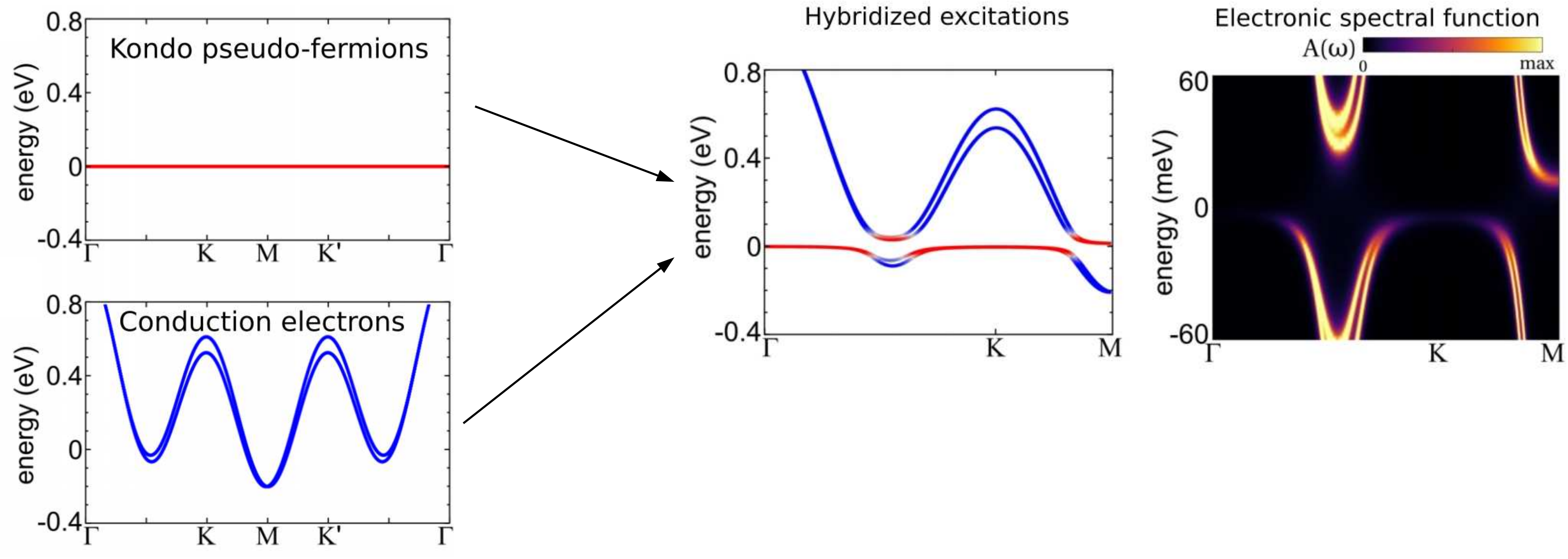


The bilayer realizes all the ingredients for heavy-fermion physics

Brief theory of heavy-fermions

Kondo physics introduces resonant pseudo-fermions at the chemical potential

Leading to the opening of a heavy-fermion gap

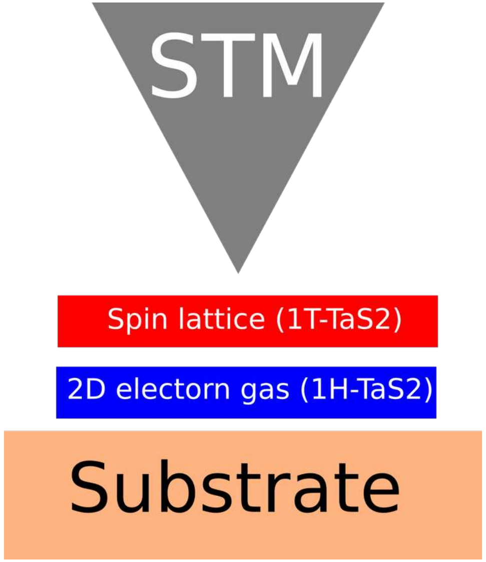


Experimental signatures of heavy-fermion physics

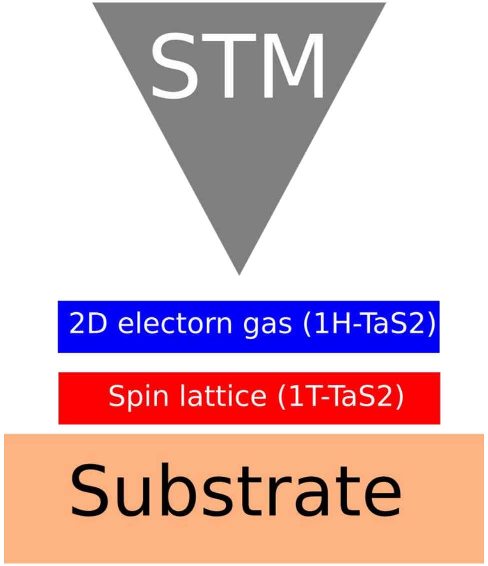
- Kondo physics in the magnetic lattice
- Gap opening in the metallic layer

Both signatures can be probed with scanning tunnel microscopy by growing two heterostructures

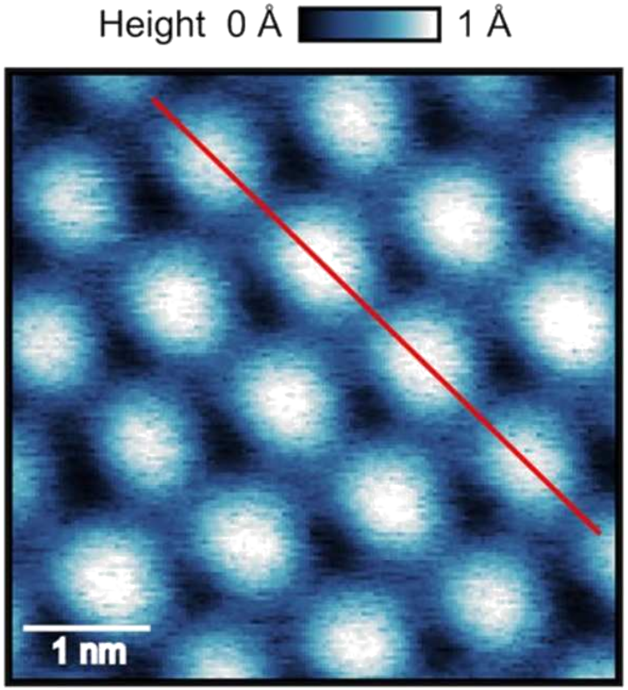
Probing the Kondo peak

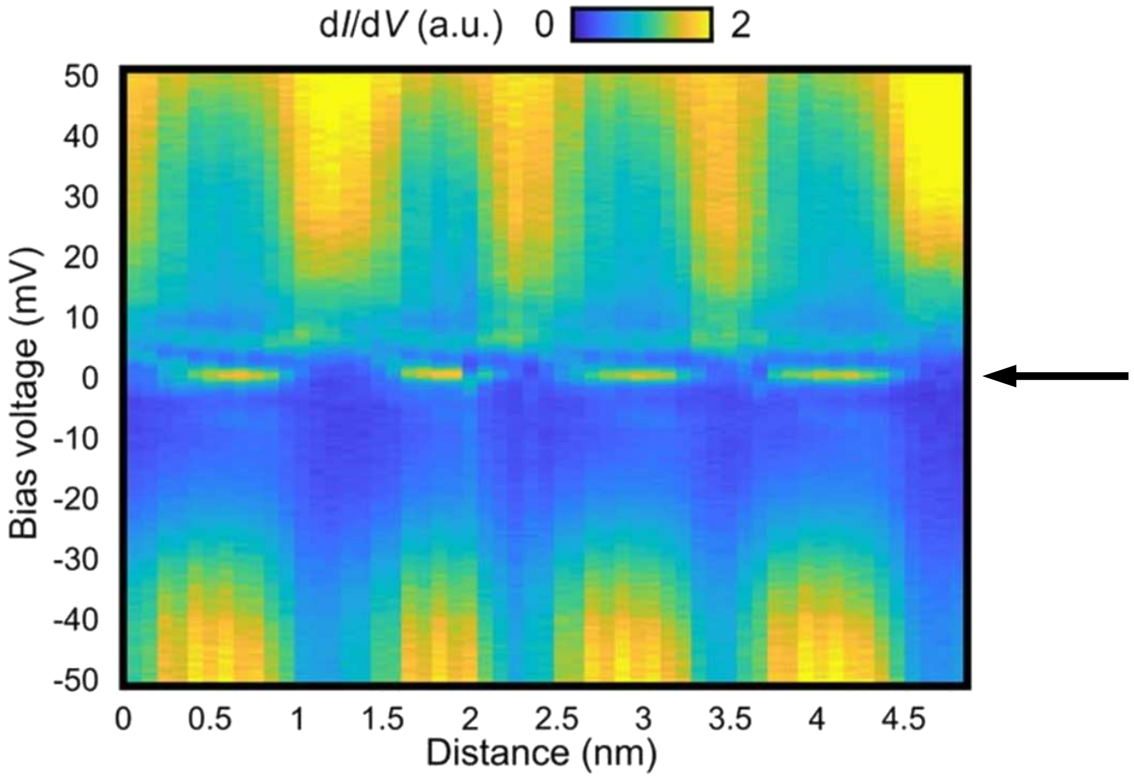


Probing the heavy-fermion gap



Grid spectroscopy of 1T-1H





Zero bias (Kondo) peak appearing with the CDW periodicity

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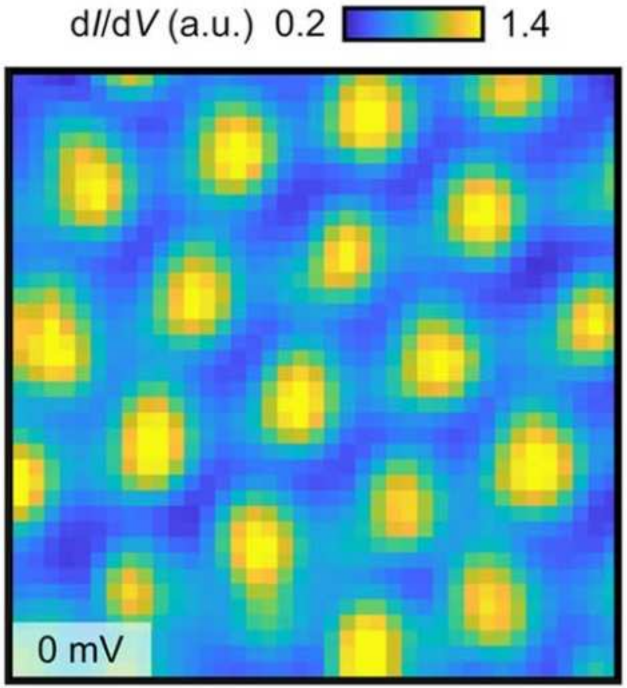

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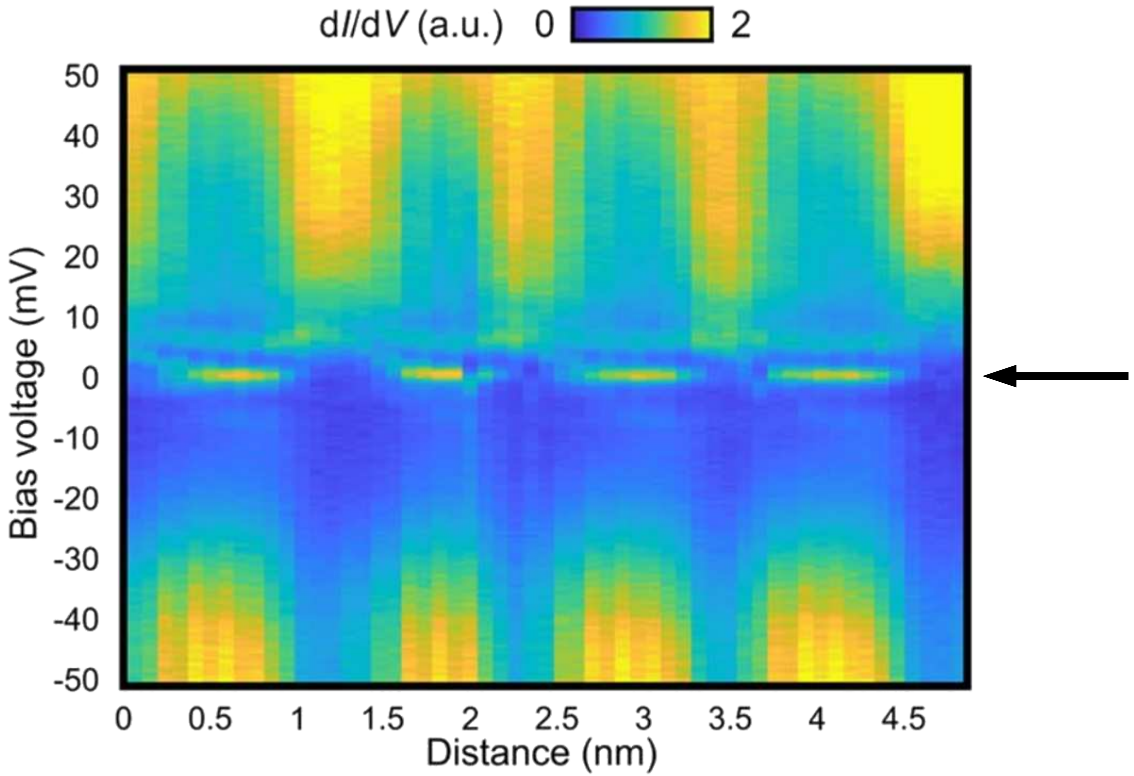

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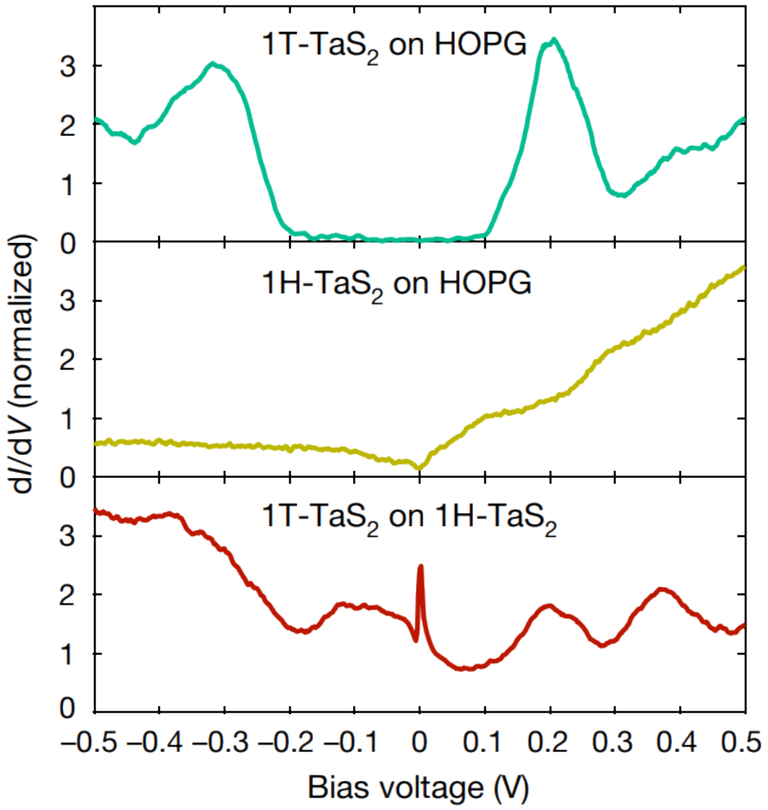
Zero bias Kondo peak

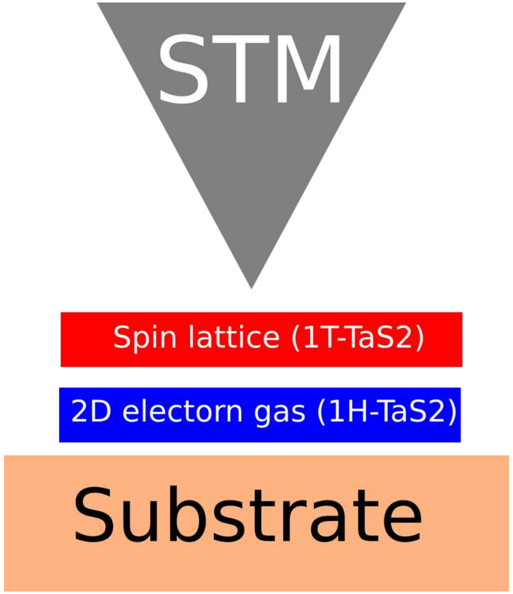


1T @ HOPG: Mott insulator

1H @ HOPG: Metal
(with a SC state at very low T)

1T @ 1H: Kondo peak

Kondo physics in the magnetic lattice



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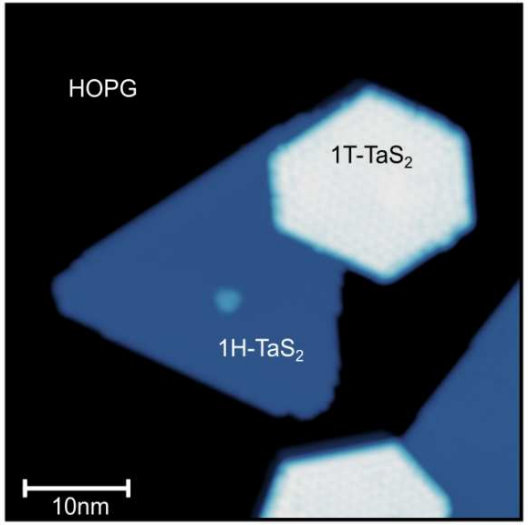
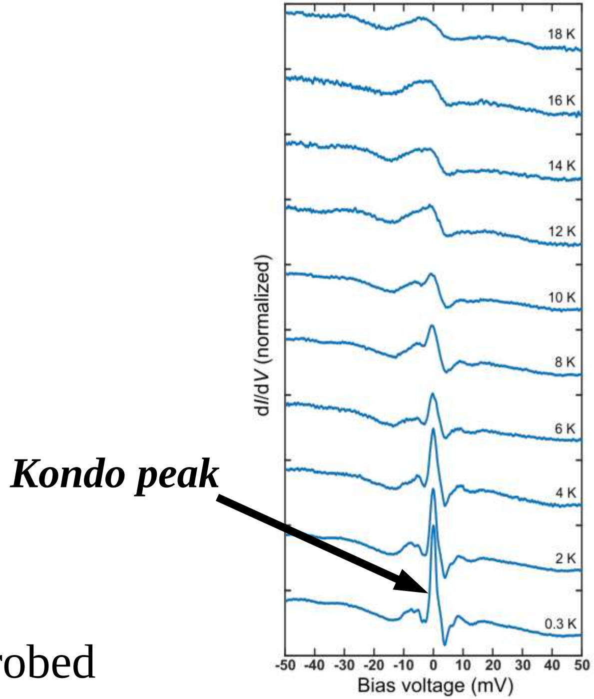


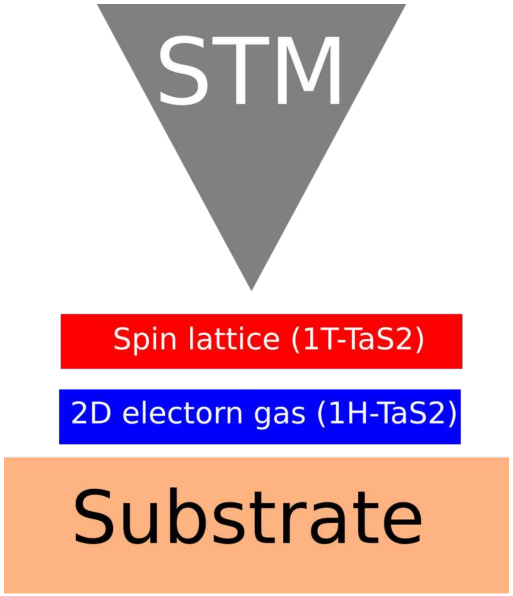
Differential conductance

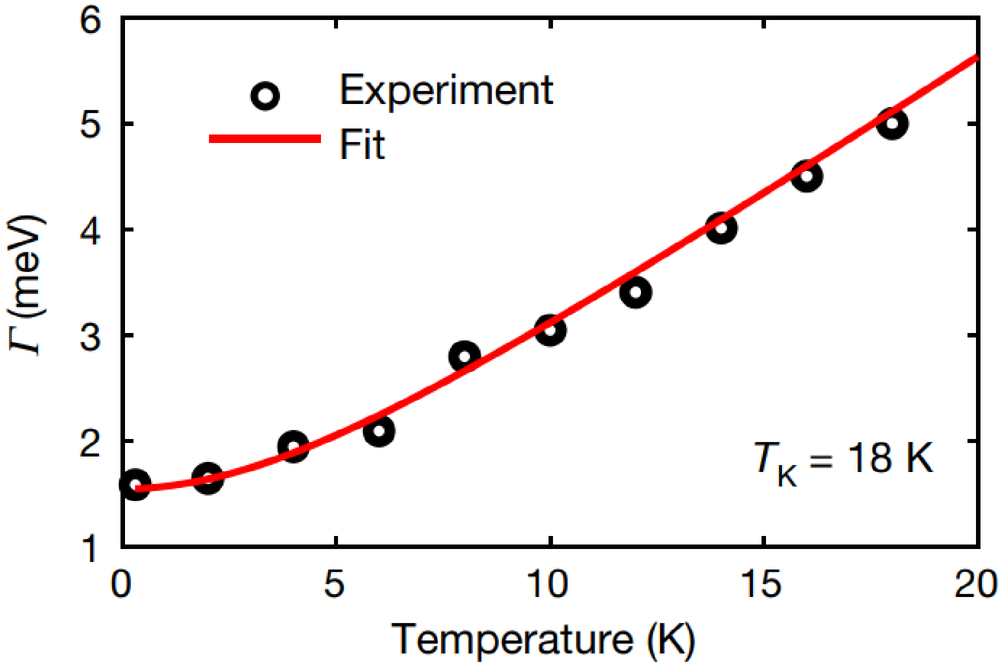


The system shows a Kondo peak when the local moments are probed

Temperature and field dependence consistent with Kondo

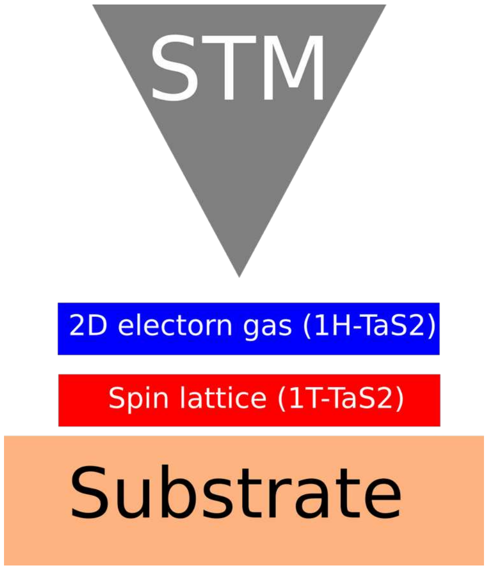
Kondo physics in the magnetic lattice





The Kondo peak follows the expected temperature dependence

Heavy-fermion gap in the 2D electron gas



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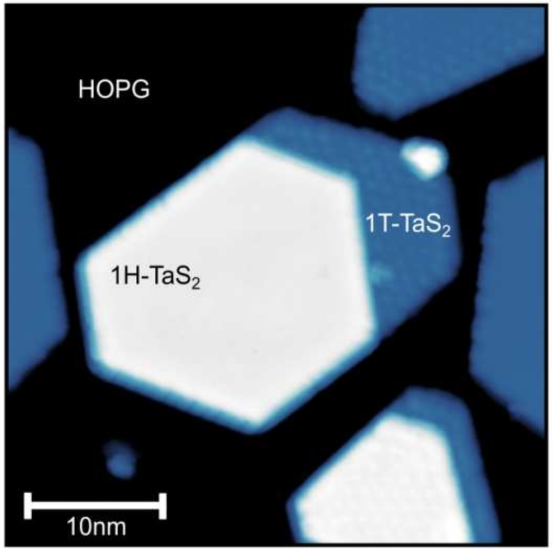

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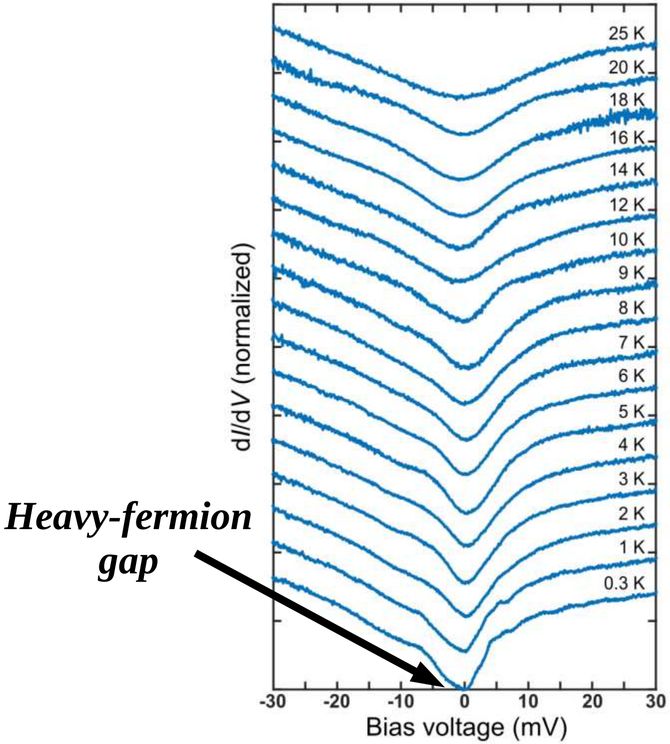
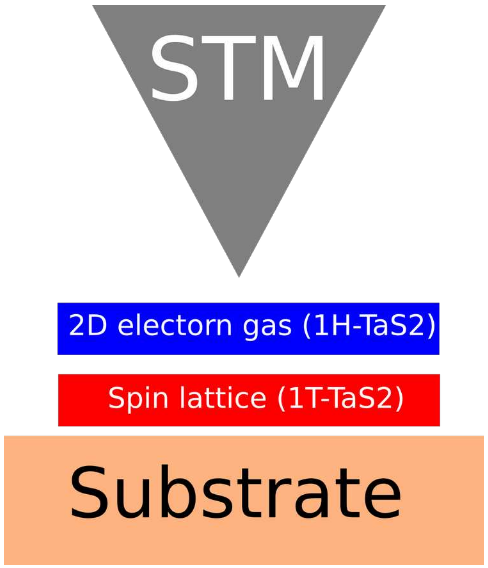
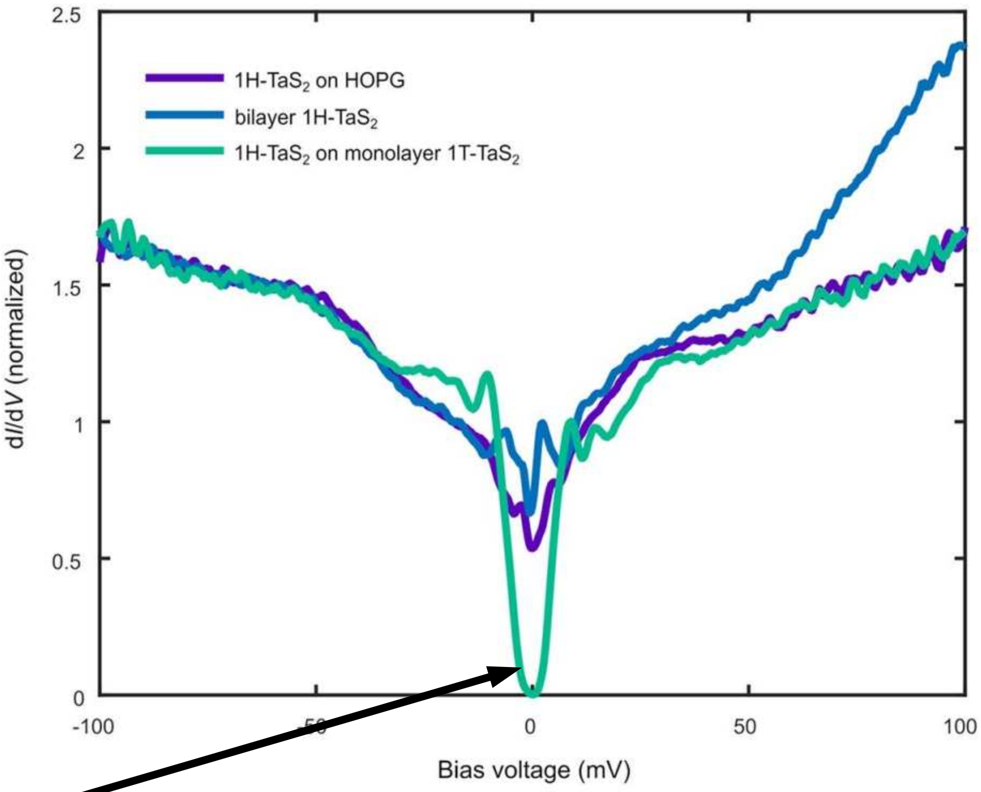


A heavy-fermion gap appears on the metal side

Temperature and field dependence consistent with a heavy-fermion gap

Heavy-fermion gap in the 2D electron gas





Heavy-fermion gap

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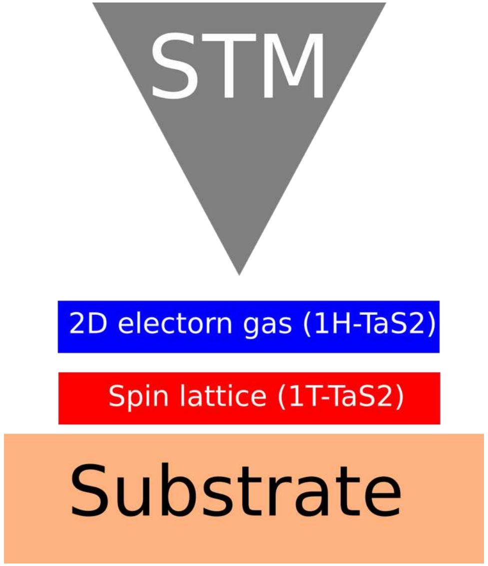
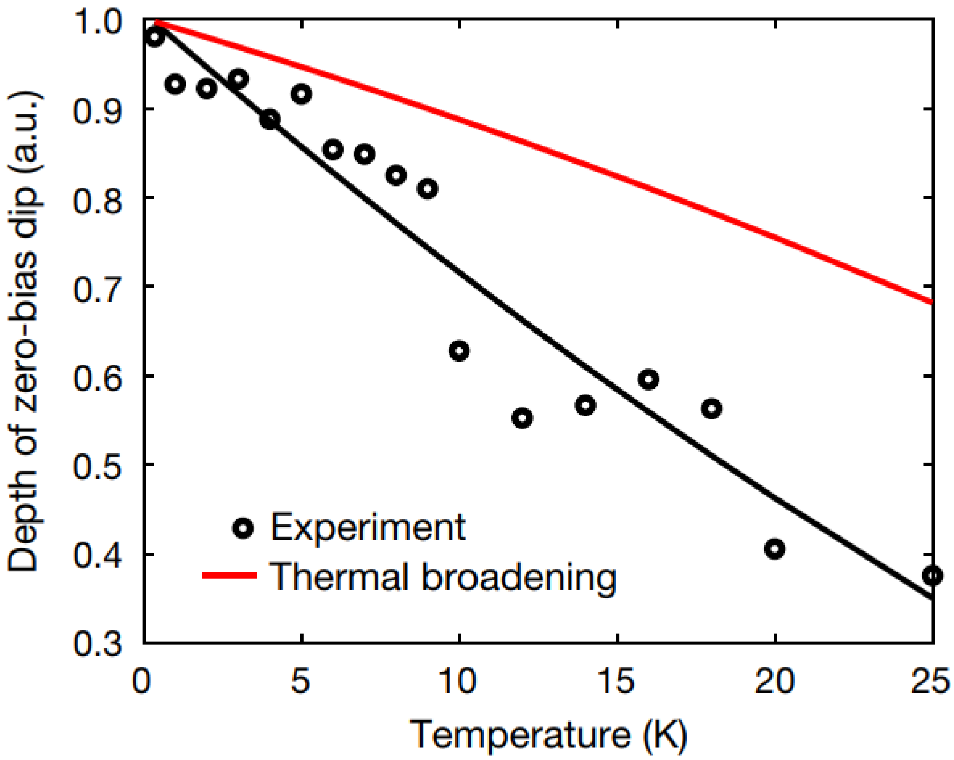
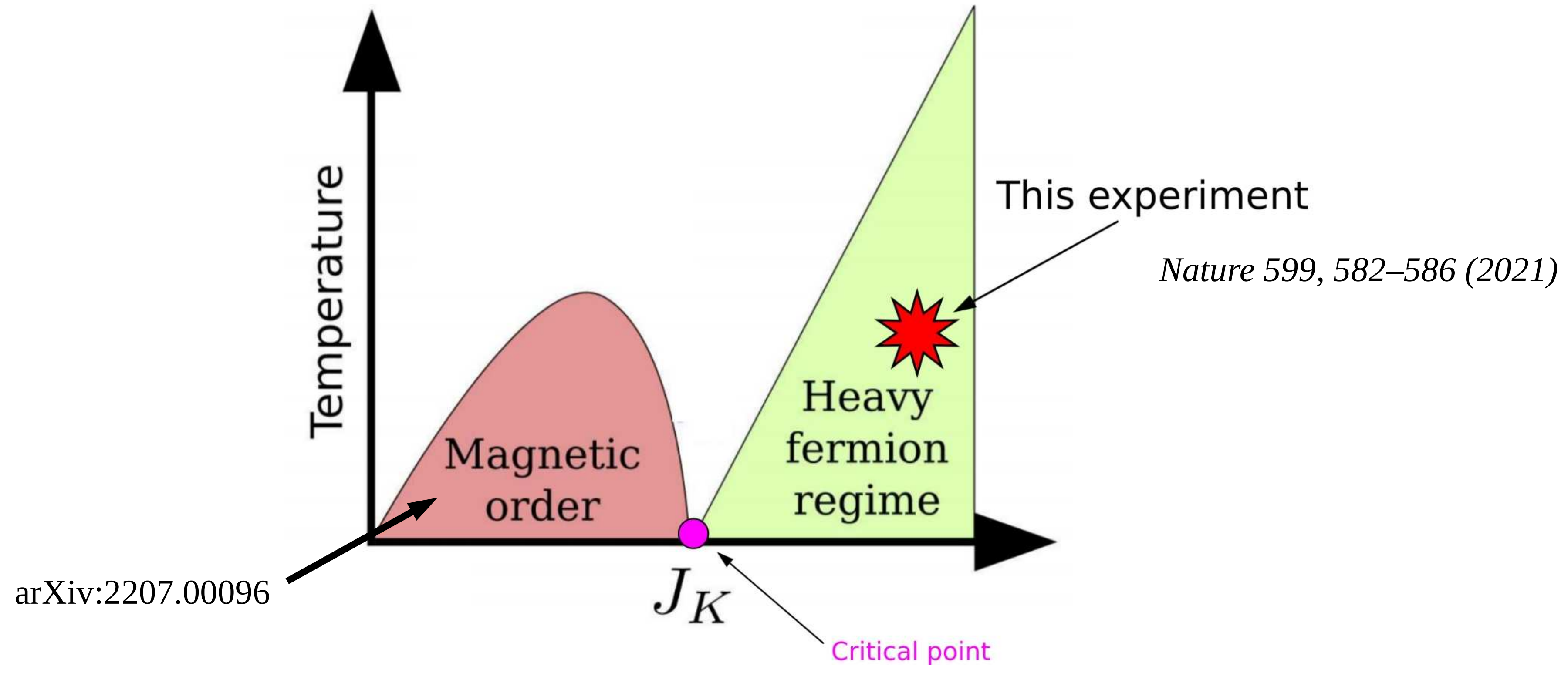




The gap shows a temperature dependence beyond thermal broadening, expected from a heavy-fermion gap

Next steps in van der Waals heavy-fermions



Can we push this system to critical and different unconventional superconducting regimes?

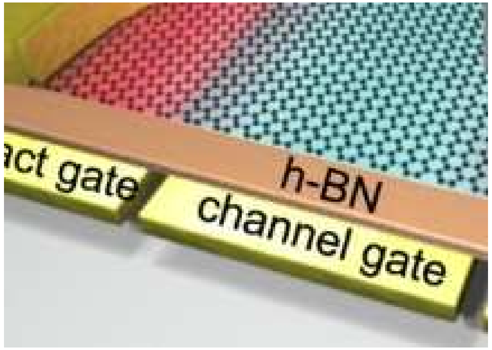
Controlling the heavy-fermion state

Of course, we can use the typical knobs of bulk heavy fermion compounds

(pressure, chemical doping, etc)

Most importantly, we can exploit the full tunability of van der Waals materials

Gating



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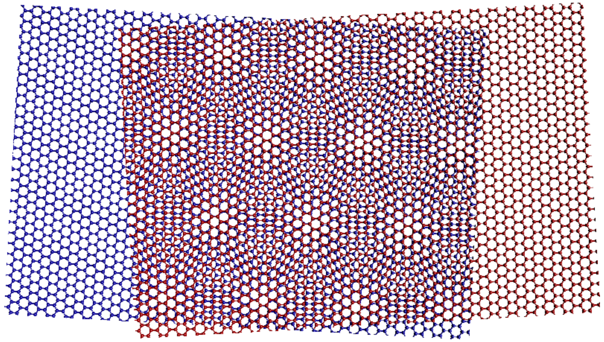

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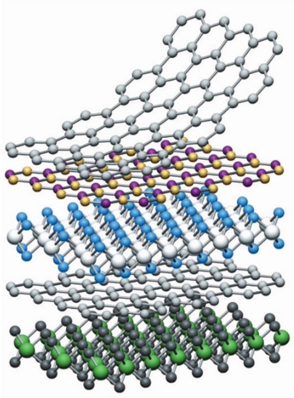

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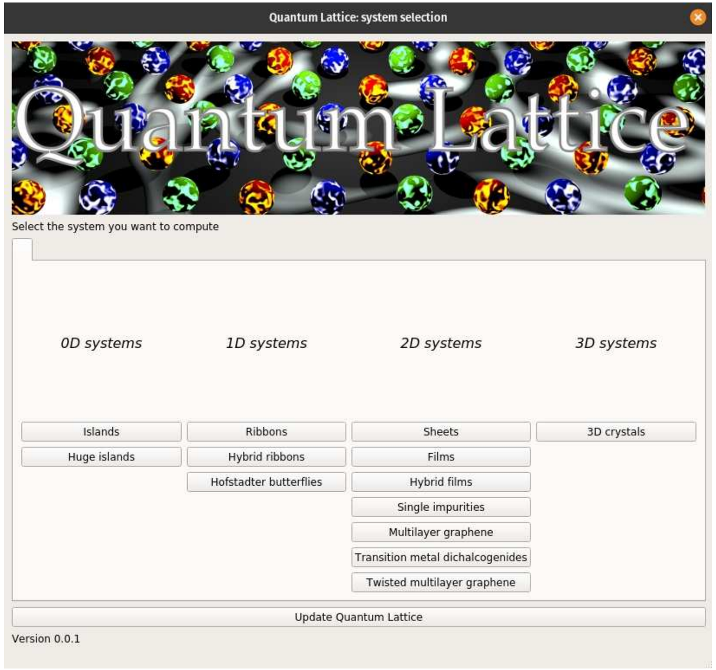
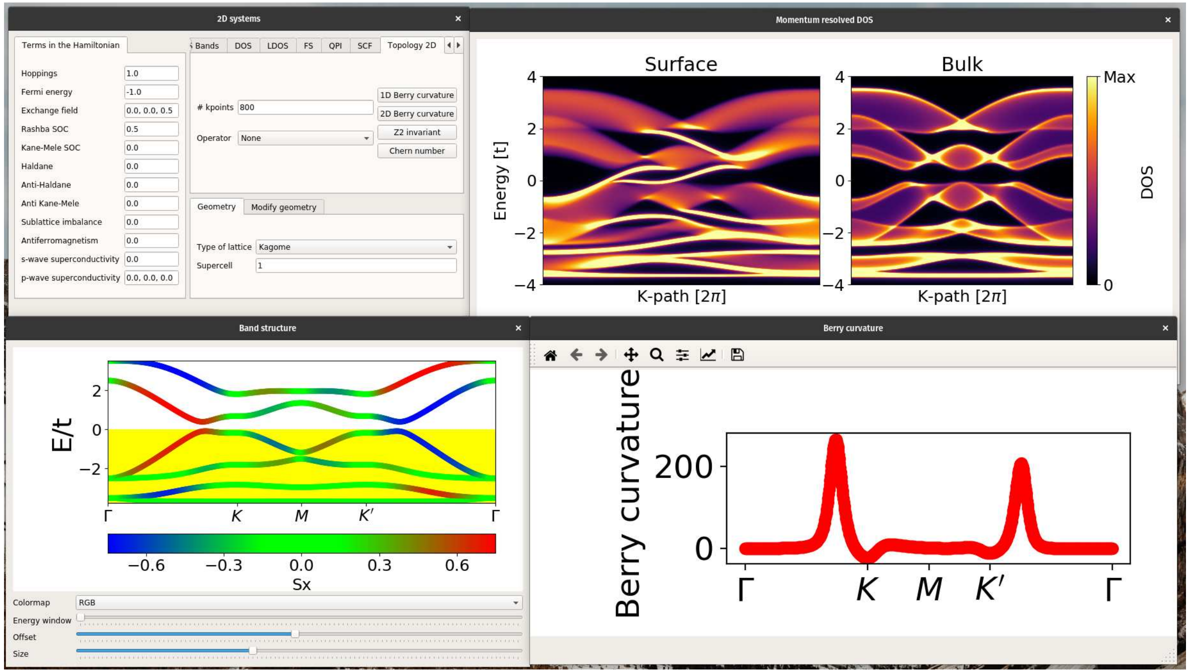
Allowing to independently control Kondo coupling, exchange coupling, doping and electronic dispersion

Computing electronic properties

Quantum Lattice: A user interface to compute electronic properties

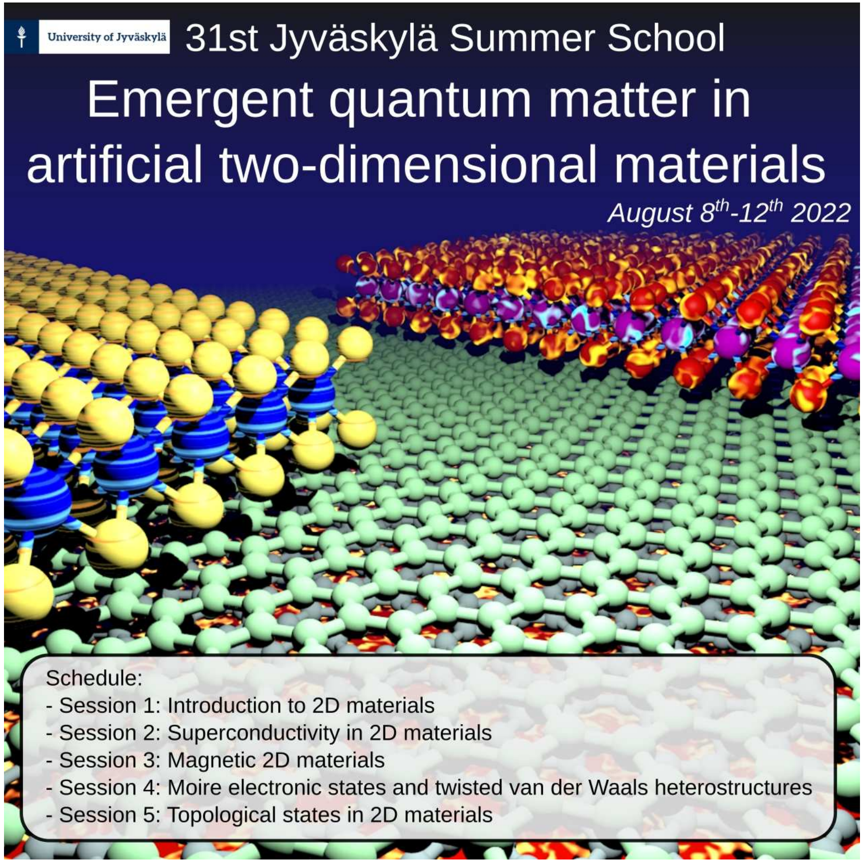




Quantum Lattice: open source interactive interface for tight binding modeling

https://github.com/joselado/quantum-lattice

Quantum matter in van der Waals materials school



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- Session 1: Introduction to 2D materials
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- Session 3: Magnetic 2D materials
- Session 4: Moire electronic states and twisted van der Waals heterostructures
- Session 5: Topological states in 2D materials

Take home

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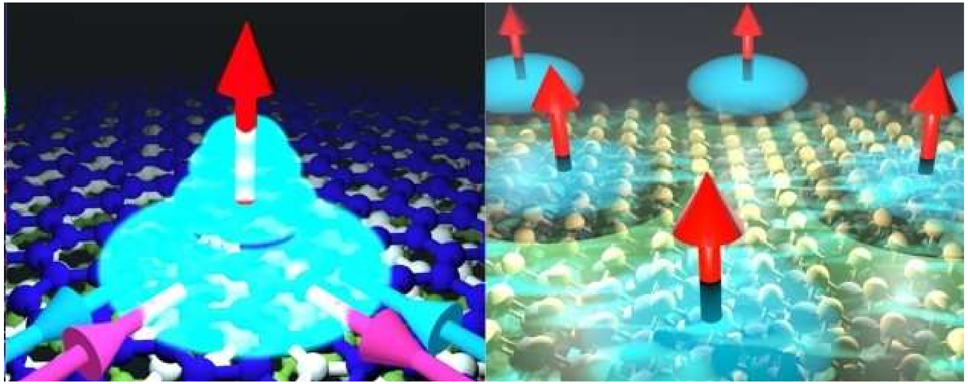

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