

Nonlocal electrodynamics in anisotropic metals

Skin effect in PdCoO_2

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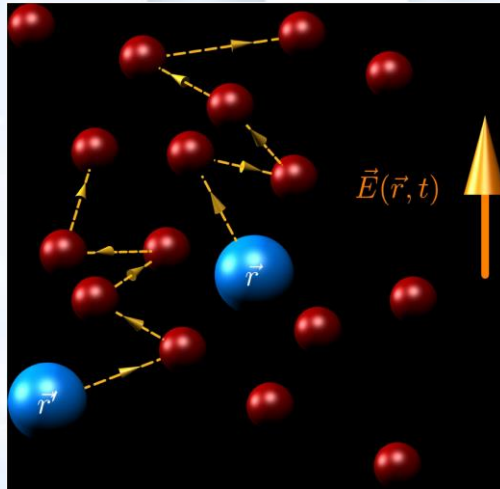


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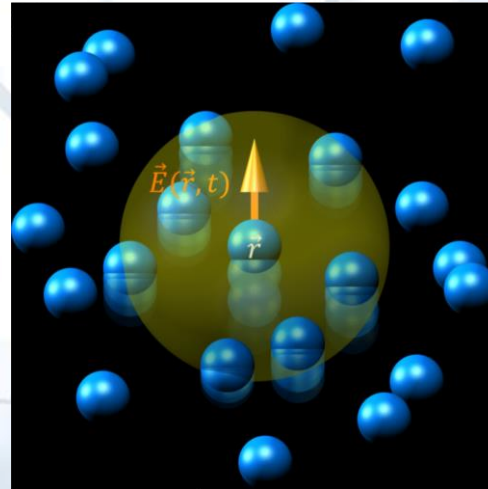
Non-diffusive electron flow: non-local response

Diffusive transport: local response



Momentum-relaxing scattering rate γ_{mr}

Non-diffusive transport: non-local response



Momentum-conserving scattering rate γ_{mc}

Inhomogeneous, retarded current in translationally invariant systems:

$$J_{\alpha}(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_{\beta} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}', t - t') E_{\beta}(\vec{r}, t)$$



Momentum dependence:

$$J_{\alpha}(\vec{q}, \omega) = \sum_{\beta} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\vec{q}, \omega) E_{\beta}(\vec{q}, \omega)$$

Electron hydrodynamics^[*]

$$\gamma_{mc} \gg \{\gamma_{mr}, \omega, v_F/L\}$$

Ballistic conduction

$$\{\omega, v_F/L\} \gg \{\gamma_{mr}, \gamma_{mc}\}$$

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Viscosity of electron fluids

- Mainly observed in the **DC limit**

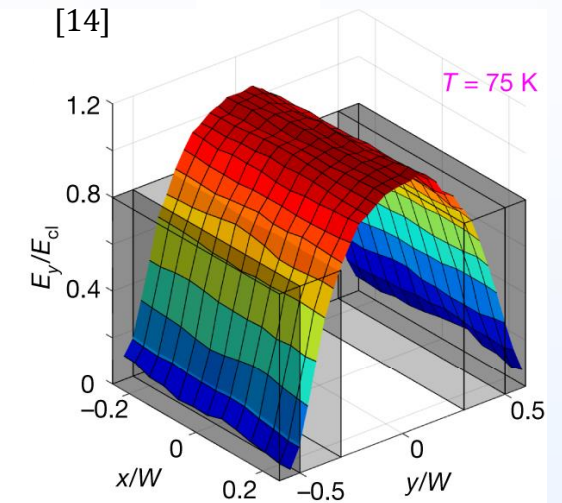
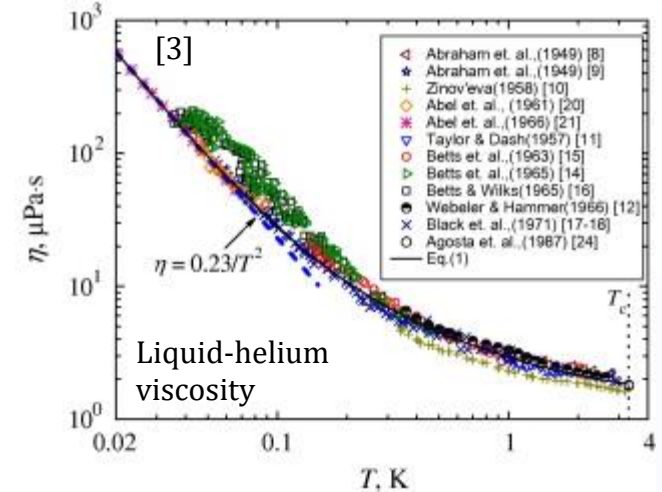
Materials:

- Galilean-invariant
 - Fermi liquids (liquid Helium)^[1-3]
- Without Galilean invariance:
 - GaAs heterostructures^[3,4]
 - Graphene^[5-8,14,16,17]
 - Delafossites^[9,10]
 - Semimetals^[11-13,15]
 - Doped metal oxides^[18]
 - Engineered nanoapertures^[19]

Experiments:

- Electrical transport^[3-7,11-13] and imaging^[8,14]
- Thermal transport^[6,11-13]
- Magnetotransport^[9-11,14]
- Quantum magnetometry^[15,17]
- Time-domain spectroscopy^[16]
- Plasmonic resonances^[18,19]

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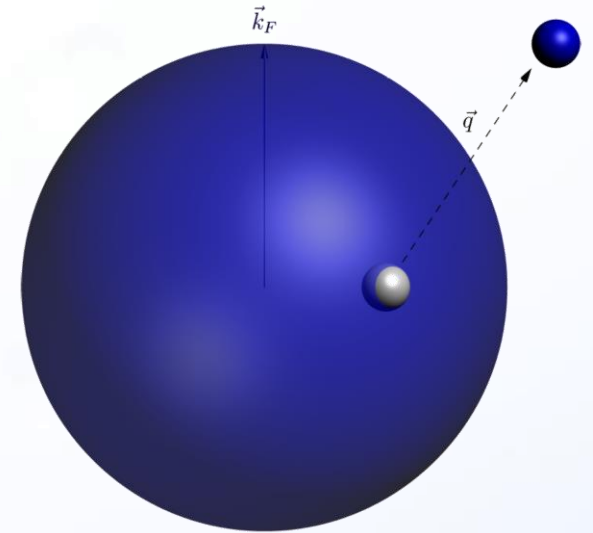
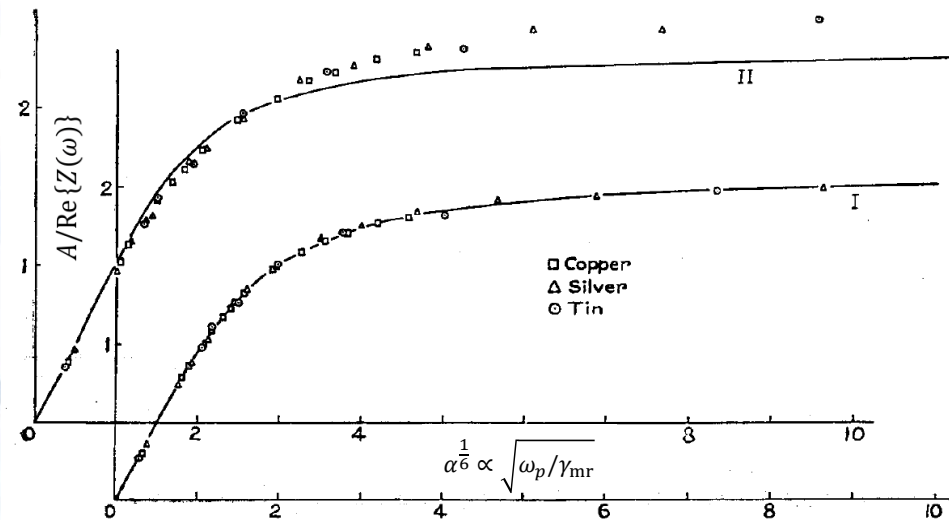
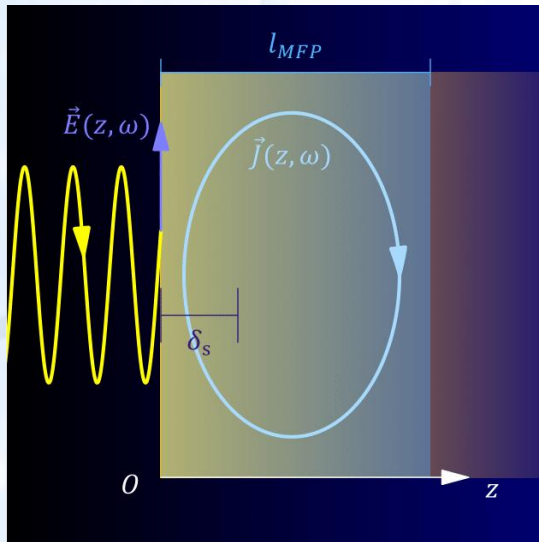


Hall field profile imaging in graphene

Ballistic conduction: anomalous skin effect

- Observed saturation of surface resistance $R(\omega) = \text{Re}\{Z(\omega)\}$ for $l_{MFP} = v_F/\gamma_{mr} \gg \delta_s$: ballistic response^[1]
- Momentum-conserving scattering (γ_{mc}) should impact results: hydrodynamic skin effect^[2]
- **Fermi-surface isotropy is often assumed^[1]**

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{E(z, \omega)|_{z=0^+}}{\int_0^{+\infty} dz J(z, \omega)}$$



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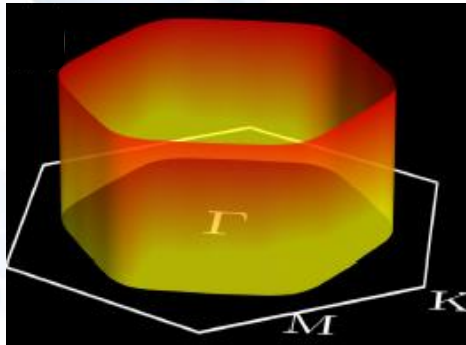
Kinetic theory for arbitrary Fermi surface

Anisotropic Fermi surfaces in high-purity metals

Copper^[1]



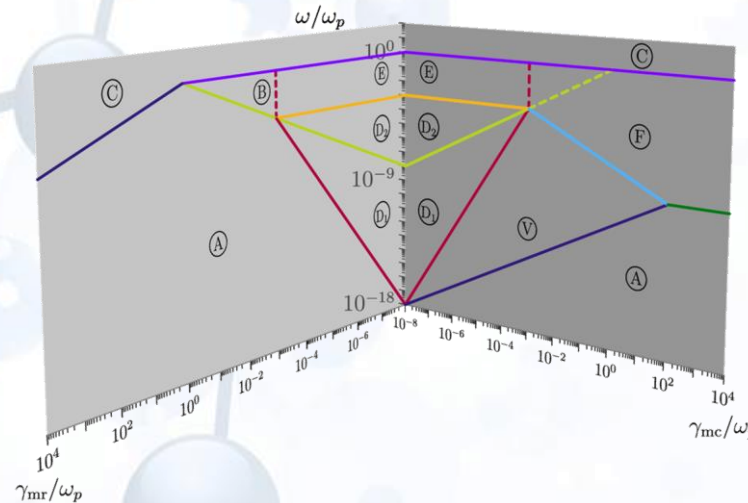
PdCoO₂^[2]



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Many crossovers between diffusive, ballistic, hydrodynamic regimes as functions of γ_{mr} , γ_{mc} , ω ^[2]



Regimes:

Diffusive: (A) (B)

Ballistic: (D₁) (D₂) (E)

Viscous: (V)

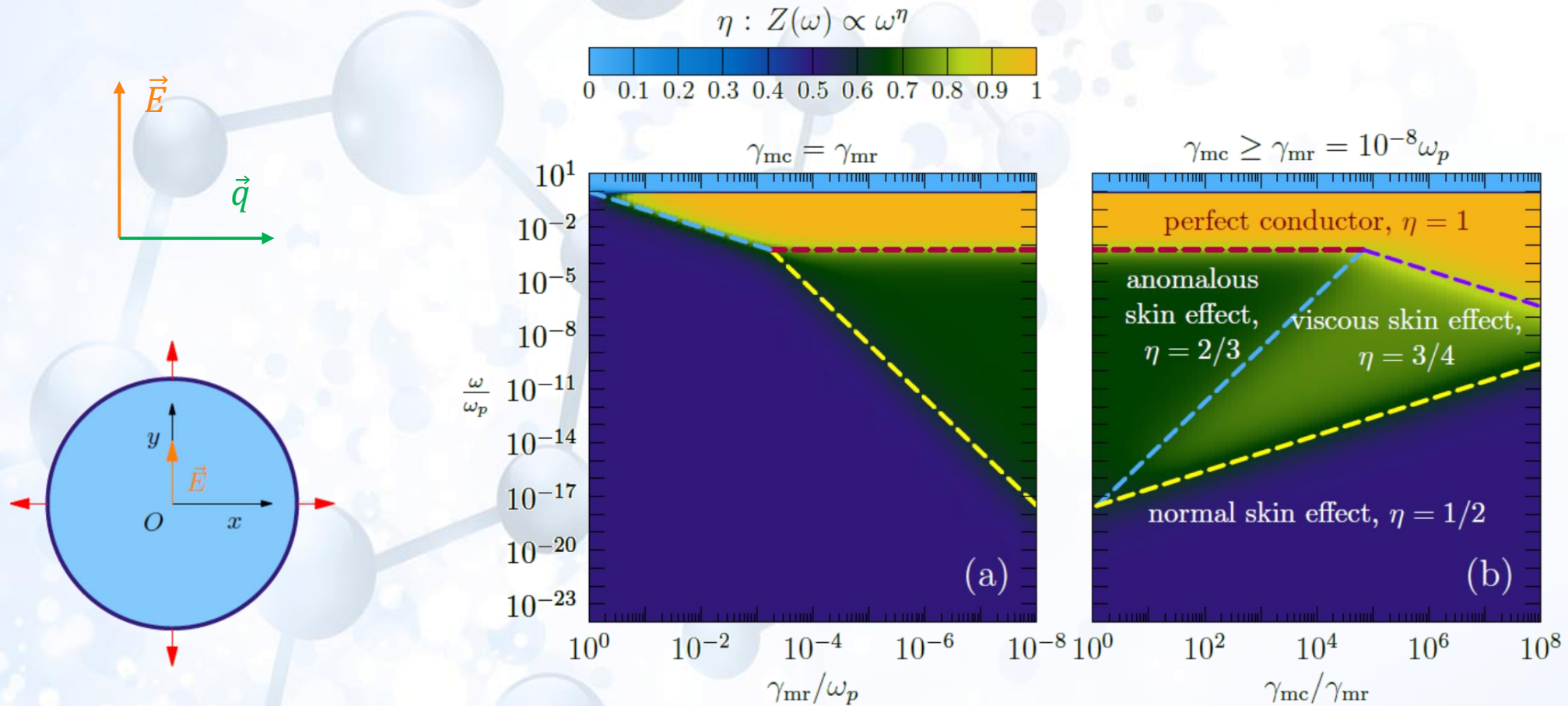
Transparent: (C)

- Boltzmann equation with driving field $\vec{E}(\vec{q}, \omega)$ and collision operator: $\hat{C}\chi_{\vec{k},m} = \gamma_m \chi_{\vec{k},m}$

- Charge conservation: $\chi_{\vec{k},0} = c_0 : \gamma_0 = 0$
- Momentum relaxation in spatial direction i : $\chi_{\vec{k},i} = c_0 c_i \vec{v}_{\vec{k},i} / v_{\vec{k},i} : \gamma_i = \gamma_{mr}$
- Momentum-conserving modes: $\chi_{\vec{k},j} : \gamma_j = \gamma_{mc}, j \neq \{0, i\}$
- Mirror planes in $\vec{k}$ space (e.g., polygonal or regular solid Fermi-surface shapes)

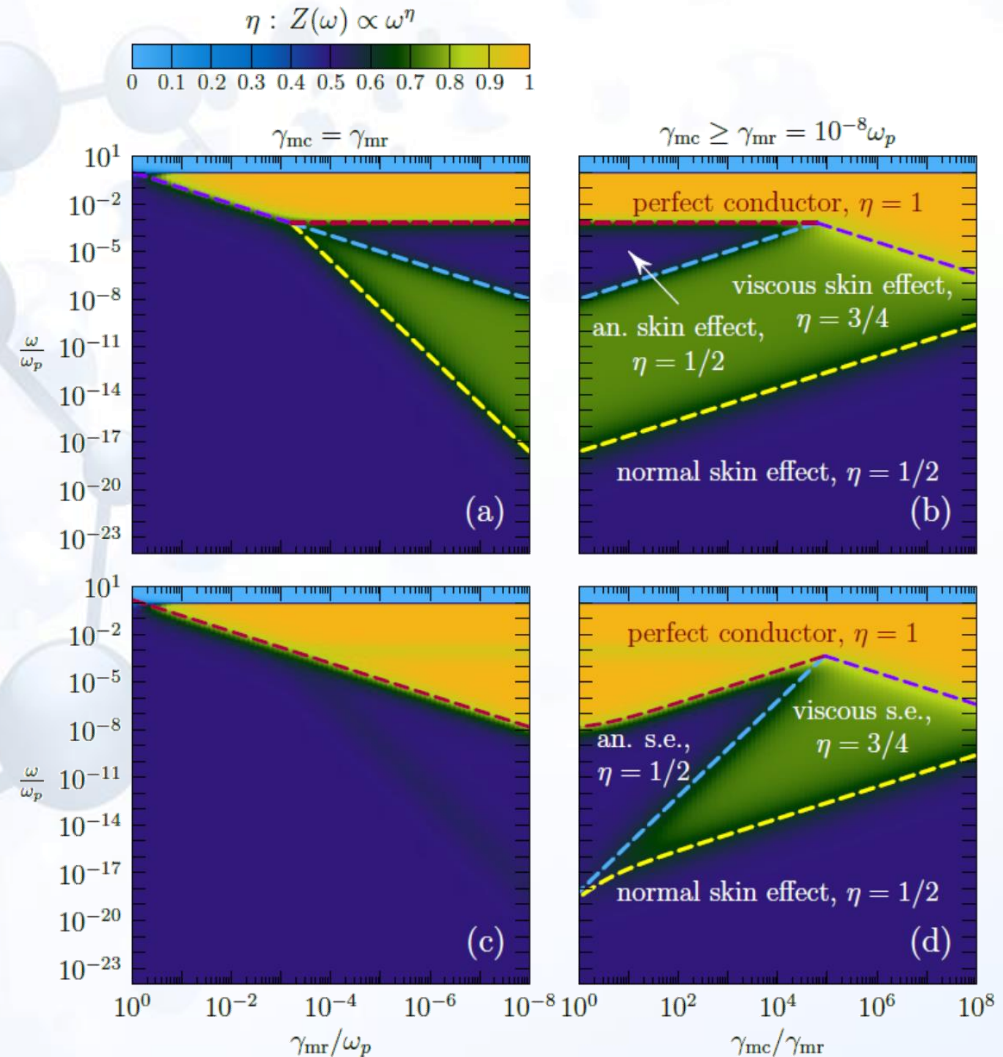
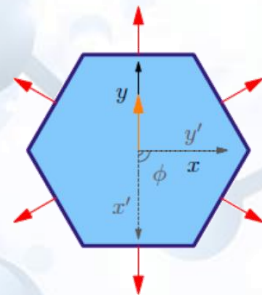
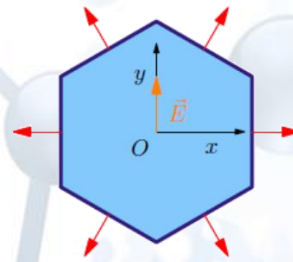
- Conductivity $\sigma_{ij}(\vec{q}, \omega)$
- Skin depth $\delta_s(\omega)$
- Surface impedance $Z(\omega)$

Isotropic skin effect «phase diagram»



Anisotropic «phase diagram»: hexagonal

- Different power law in ballistic regime due to anisotropy: $\eta = 1/2$ (cf. $\eta = 2/3$ in isotropic case)
- Quantitative boundaries for crossovers between regimes, influenced by FS shape
- **Orientational dependence** of skin effect
- $\vec{v}_{\vec{k}} \cdot \vec{q} = 0$: suppression of nonlocality for state $\vec{k}$



Microwave experiments on PdCoO₂

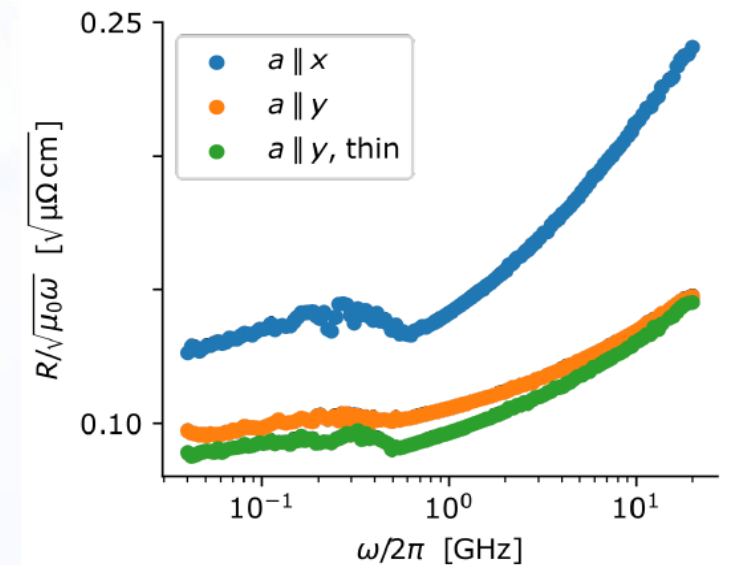
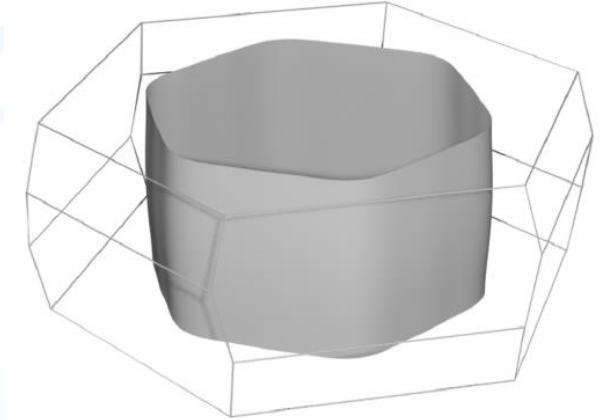
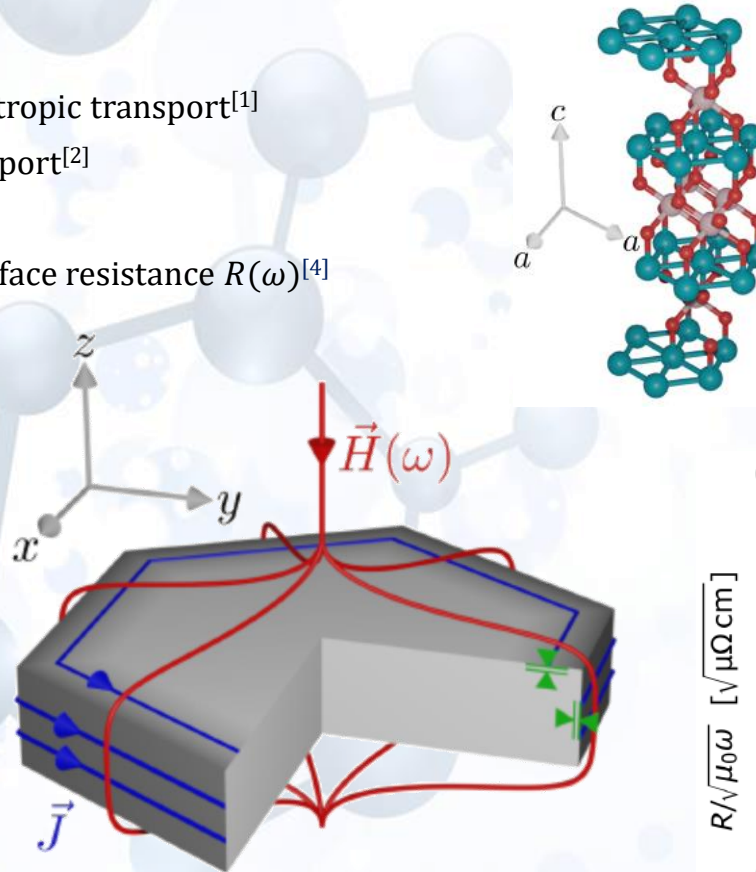
- Delafossite: extremely long mean free path, anisotropic transport^[1]
- Evidence for hydrodynamic and ballistic DC transport^[2]
- Quasi-2D, polygonal-like in-plane Fermi surface^[3]
- Microwave induction measurements to probe surface resistance $R(\omega)$ ^[4]



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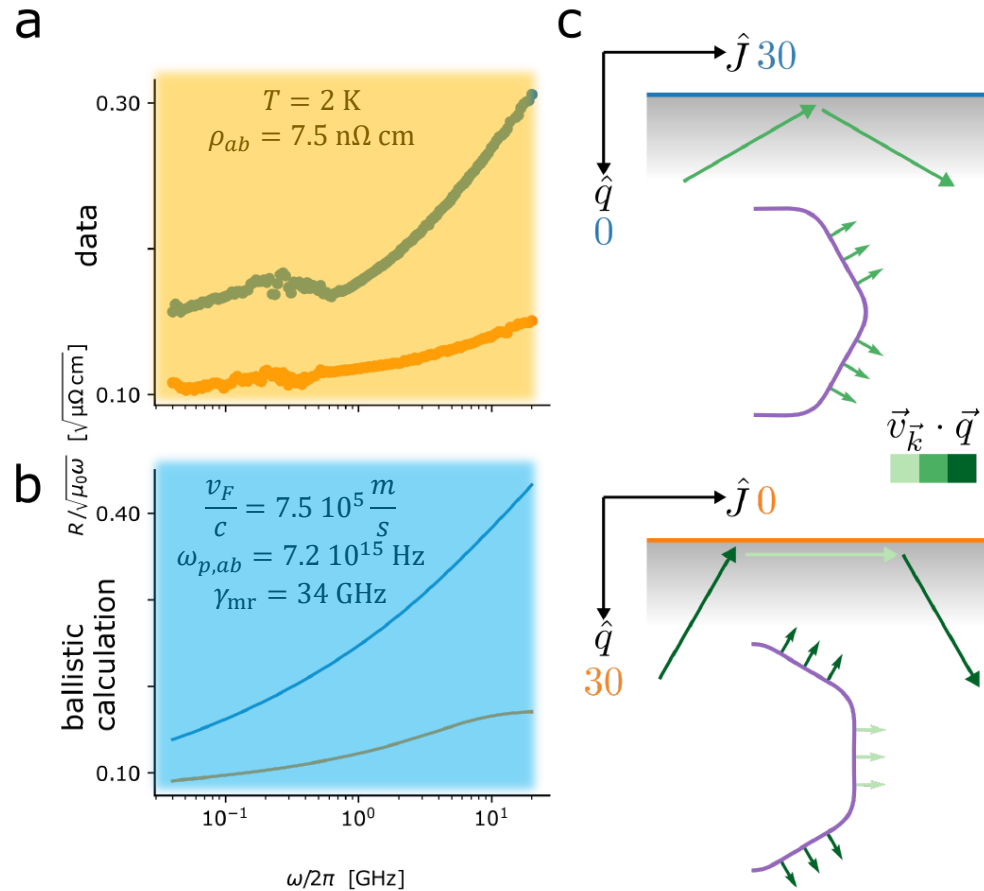
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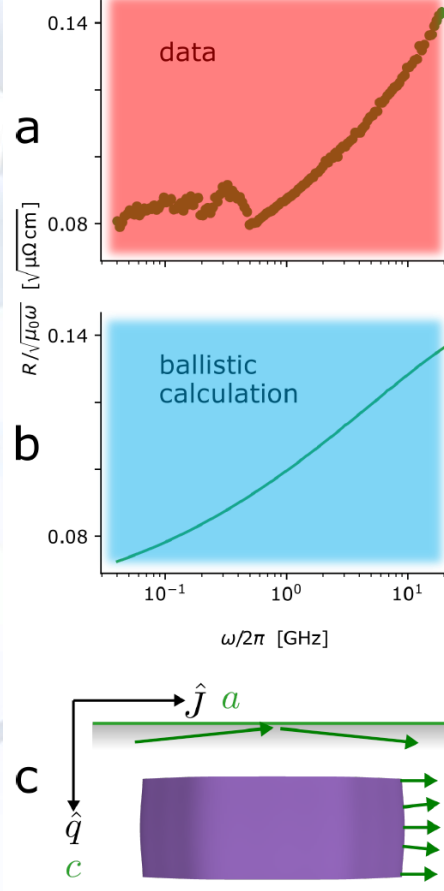
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In-plane conduction



Out-of-plane conduction

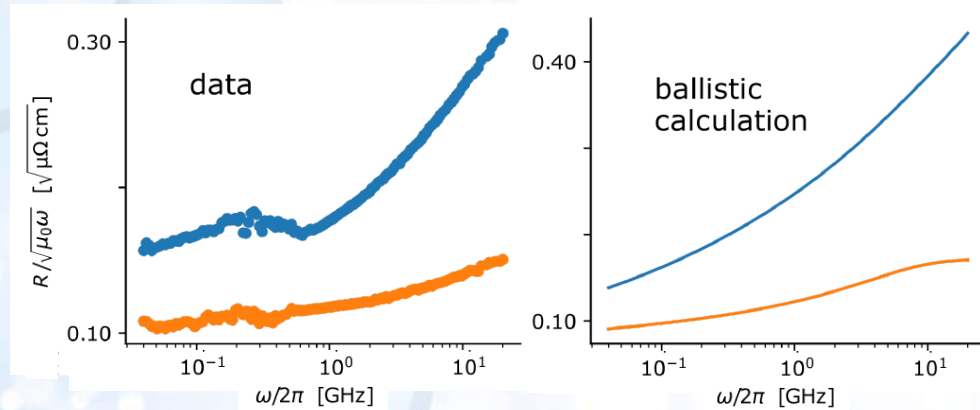


Results:

1. **Orientational dependence of skin effect: anisotropic conduction**
2. **Out-of-plane component: PdCoO₂ EM response is 3D**
3. Crossover from normal to **ballistic** skin effect
4. Quantitative agreement with kinetic theory
5. Constraint on scattering rates $3 < \gamma_{mc}/\gamma_{mr} < 10$

Conclusions

- Kinetic theory of electrodynamics in 2D and 3D anisotropic systems
 - Orientational dependence of surface impedance and skin depth
- Microwave spectroscopy experiments on delafossite PdCoO_2
 - Anisotropic skin effect observation
 - Diffusive/ballistic crossover



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