

## Novel Undamped Gapless Plasmon Mode in a Tilted Type-II Dirac Semimetal

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We predict the existence of a novel long-lived gapless plasmon mode in a type-II Dirac semimetal (DSM). This gapless mode arises from the out-of-phase oscillations of the density fluctuations in the electron and the hole pockets of a type-II DSM. It originates beyond a critical wave vector along the direction of the tilt axis, owing to the momentum separation of the electron and hole pockets. A similar out-of-phase plasmon mode arises in other multicomponent charged fluids as well, but generally, it is Landau damped and lies within the particle-hole continuum. In the case of a type-II DSM, the open Fermi surface prohibits low-energy finite momentum single-particle excitations, creating a “gap” in the particle-hole continuum. The gapless plasmon mode lies within this particle-hole continuum gap and, thus, it is protected from Landau damping.

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The topological semimetal state in crystalline solids allows for the existence of relativistic quasiparticles, which have no analog in the Standard Model [1,2]. Protected by crystalline symmetries, tilted type-I and type-II Dirac (DSM) and Weyl semimetal (WSM) phases [3] are examples of this class of materials [4–7]. For a tilted DSM, the electronic dispersion is a sum of “potential” and “kinetic” terms,  $E_{\mathbf{k}} = U_{\mathbf{k}} \pm T_{\mathbf{k}}$ , where both the terms vanish at the fourfold degenerate (including spin) Dirac point [8,9]. The first term is odd along a specific direction of  $\mathbf{k}$  (the “tilt” direction), while the second term has the usual form of an anisotropic massless Dirac cone. The DSM phase is type-II if the Dirac cone is tilted over, or  $U_{\mathbf{k}} > T_{\mathbf{k}}$  along the tilt direction, otherwise it is classified as type-I DSM. Experimental realizations of a type-I DSM include  $\text{Na}_3\text{Bi}$  [10,11] and  $\text{Cd}_3\text{As}_2$  [12,13] among others. Type-II DSM phase has been identified in  $\text{PtTe}_2$  [8,9,14],  $\text{PtSe}_2$  [15], and  $\text{PdTe}_2$  [14,16,17], among others.

The Fermi surface in a type-I DSM is an ellipsoid enclosing a single type of carrier pocket (either electron or hole), with a vanishing density of states at the Dirac point. Contrarily, the Fermi surface of a type-II DSM is a hyperboloid with *open* electron and hole pockets along the tilt axis, as shown in Figs. 1(a)–1(d). The presence of both types of carriers at the Fermi energy in a type-II DSM leads to several interesting magnetotransport and optical properties [18,19]. Here, we explore collective density excitations in a type-II DSM [9,20] and predict the existence of a novel undamped gapless plasmon mode.

The presence of both electron and hole pockets at the Fermi energy in a type-II DSM suggests the possibility of two plasmon modes, related to the in-phase and the out-of-phase oscillation of the density deviations in the two electron fluids. The in-phase oscillation leads to the normal

gapped plasmon mode in three-dimensional systems [21], while the out-of-phase oscillations generally lead to gapless plasmon mode. A similar gapless plasmon mode has been reported in other two-component systems, including spatially separated electron liquids [22,23], bilayer graphene [23], and spin-polarized systems [24]. However, the out-of-phase gapless mode is generally damped, as it lies within the particle-hole continuum (PHC) [22,23,23,24]. In contrast to this, we show that in type-II DSM the out-of-phase plasmon mode is undamped.

Our demonstration of this novel gapless plasmon mode in type-II DSM is based on hydrodynamic theory, along with exact analytical calculation of the density response function. The gapless plasmon mode appears beyond a critical wave vector on account of the momentum separation of electron and hole pockets along the tilt axis. The hyperboloidal open Fermi surface in a type-II DSM prohibits particle-hole excitations for vanishing energies and finite wave vectors along the tilt axis, creating a “PHC gap” in the single-particle excitation spectrum. The predicted gapless plasmon mode lies within this PHC gap, protected from Landau damping, and is *long-lived* for small energies.

The oppositely tilted Dirac nodes generally appear in pairs on different  $k$  points [4] located on the high-symmetry rotation axis (chosen to be the  $\hat{z}$  axis). For simplicity, we consider DSM hosting one pair of Dirac nodes tilted along the  $\hat{z}$  axis, as in several materials [8–13,15–17,25]. A simple low-energy Hamiltonian for each Dirac node has a block diagonal form with two  $2 \times 2$  matrices [26],  $\mathcal{H}_\chi$  and  $\mathcal{H}_\chi^*$ , where

$$\mathcal{H}_\chi = \hbar v_F [\chi \beta k_z \sigma_0 + k_x \sigma_x + k_y \sigma_y + k_z \sigma_z]. \quad (1)$$

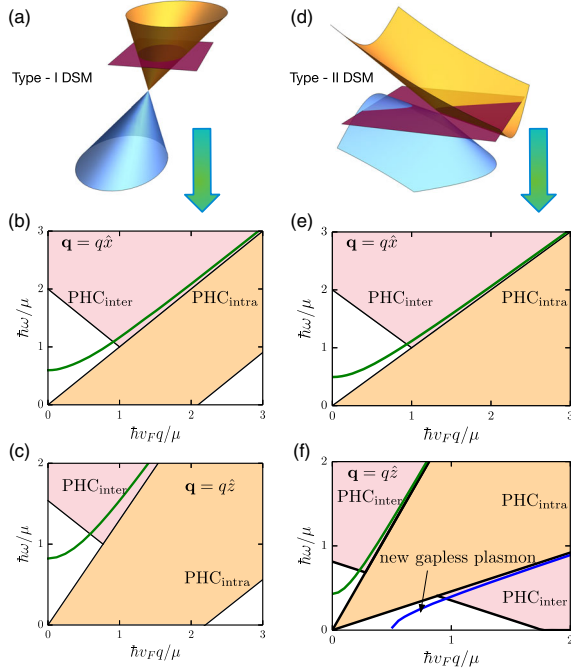


FIG. 1. Schematic of the band structure ( $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$ ) of DSM node for a (a) type-I and (d) type-II DSM. The closed elliptic Fermi surface with an electron pocket in a type-I DSM and the open hyperbolic Fermi surface with an electron and a hole pocket in type-II DSM is evident. (b),(c) The PHC along with the gapped plasmon mode for a type-I DSM for  $q$  along the  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{z}$  direction. (e),(f) The PHC and the plasmon modes of type-II DSM along the  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{z}$  direction. The low-energy particle-hole gap and the novel gapless plasmon mode (blue line) are also shown. Here,  $v_F = 0.65 \times 10^6$  m/s, and  $\beta = 0.3(1.4)$  for a type-I (type-II) DSM.

Here,  $v_F$  denotes the isotropic Fermi velocity,  $\chi = \pm 1$  is the node index,  $\sigma_i$  are the Pauli spin matrices, and  $\sigma_0$  is the  $(2 \times 2)$  unit matrix. The case of anisotropic Fermi velocities is discussed in the Supplemental Material [27]. Depending on the tilt parameter  $\beta$ , the boundaries of the Dirac cone along the  $z$  axis have either the opposite or same sign of their slopes, resulting in a type-I ( $\beta < 1$ ) or a type-II DSM ( $\beta > 1$ ). The energy dispersion for a given Dirac node is given by

$$\epsilon_{\lambda\mathbf{k}}^{\chi} = \hbar v_F (\chi \beta k_z + \lambda k), \quad (2)$$

with  $\lambda \pm 1$  being the band index denoting the conduction or valance band. The energy dispersion for both type-I and type-II DSM is shown in Figs. 1(a) and 1(d), respectively. The differing topology of the Fermi surfaces along the tilt axis is evident. While the Fermi surface for each node of a type-I DSM is a closed ellipsoid, type-II DSM has a pair of open hyperboloid Fermi surfaces along the tilt axis.

For an electron-doped type-I DSM with a closed Fermi surface, the structure of the PHC is very similar to that in an isotropic DSM [28,29]. The low-energy intraband

single-particle transitions occur only for a continuous range of  $q$  values lying within the closed Fermi surface [see Figs. 1(b) and 1(c)]. Qualitatively, this also occurs in a type-II DSM for  $\mathbf{q}$  perpendicular to the tilt axis (in the  $\hat{x}$ - $\hat{y}$  plane), as shown in Fig. 1(e).

Along the tilt axis ( $\mathbf{q} = q\hat{z}$ ) in a type-II DSM, the open (hyperboloid) Fermi surface restricts all low-energy finite- $q$  intraband transitions, causing the PHC to lie between the lines  $\hbar\omega = v_F(\beta \pm 1)q$ . More interestingly, the coexistence of an electron and a hole pocket in a type-II DSM results in low-energy interband transition for  $q \geq q_{eh}$ . Here,

$$q_{eh} = 2\mu / [\hbar v_F(\beta^2 - 1)] \quad (3)$$

quantifies the momentum separation between the electron and hole pockets for a fixed  $\mu$ . This produces a PHC spectrum, which has a PHC gap in the low-energy finite- $q$  regime for  $q < q_{eh}$  [see Fig. 1(f)]. (See Secs. S2 and S3 of the Supplemental Material [27] for more details.) Below, we show that this PHC gap hosts a novel gapless Dirac plasmon mode.

To unveil the nature of the collective modes, we start with the hydrodynamics approach [30]. To this end, we first generalize the hydrodynamics approach to include (i) the anisotropic effective mass in DSM and (ii) the presence of two interacting charged fluids. In a type-I DSM, two electron liquids reside in different Dirac nodes with opposite tilt, giving them different mass. In a type-II DSM, the electron and hole liquids having different effective mass coexist in a single node itself. In the continuum limit, the electronic density fluctuation of the two fluids can be expressed as  $n_a(\mathbf{r}, t) = n_{a0} + n_{a1}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ , where  $a = \{1, 2\}$ . The corresponding electronic current density satisfies the local continuity equation:  $\partial_t n_a + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_a = 0$ .

For these fluids interacting via Coulomb interactions, the Euler-Lagrange equation of motion is given by coupled vector equations for  $a = \{1, 2\}$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}_a \frac{\partial \mathbf{j}_a}{\partial t} = -n_{a0} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} [n_{11}(\mathbf{r}', t) + n_{21}(\mathbf{r}', t)]. \quad (4)$$

Here,  $\mathcal{M}_a$  is the effective mass tensor of fluid  $a$ , and it multiplies the column vector of  $\mathbf{j}_a$ . For simplicity, we assume  $\mathcal{M}_a$  to be diagonal matrix with the diagonal elements being  $m_{ai}$  for  $i = \{x, y, z\}$ . Using the continuity equation to eliminate  $\mathbf{j}_a$  in Eq. (4), and by means of a Fourier transform, we obtain the equation for the long-wavelength dispersion of the collective modes to be

$$\text{Det} \begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 - n_{10} V_q^{11} \sum_i \frac{q_i^2}{m_{1i}} & -n_{10} V_q^{12} \sum_i \frac{q_i^2}{m_{1i}} \\ -n_{20} V_q^{21} \sum_i \frac{q_i^2}{m_{2i}} & \omega^2 - n_{20} V_q^{22} \sum_i \frac{q_i^2}{m_{2i}} \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad (5)$$

Here,  $V_q^{ab}$  is the Fourier transform of the Coulomb interactions between fluids  $a$  and  $b$ . For electron fluids interacting via unscreened Coulomb interaction,  $V_q^{11} = V_q^{22} = V_q \equiv e^2/(\epsilon_0\epsilon_r q^2)$ . In a type-II DSM, the electron and the hole pockets are separated in the momentum space (by  $q_{eh}$ ), and hence,  $V_q^{12} = V_q^{21} = V_{|q+q_{eh}|}$ .

To incorporate the anisotropic effective mass in DSM, we use the following definition:  $m_i^\lambda = \hbar^2 k_i / (\partial_{k_i} \epsilon_{\lambda\mathbf{k}})$ , with  $\epsilon_{\lambda\mathbf{k}}$  denoting the electronic dispersion. This reproduces the conventional effective mass for parabolic band systems, as well as the cyclotron mass in graphene:  $m = \mu/v_F^2$ . For the dispersion of Eq. (2) with  $\mu > 0$ , we obtain

$$m_{\{x,y,z\}}^{\lambda\chi} = \frac{\mu}{v_F^2} \frac{\lambda}{|\lambda + \chi\beta \cos \theta_q|} \left\{ 1, 1, \frac{\cos \theta_q}{(\chi\beta + \lambda \cos \theta_q)} \right\}. \quad (6)$$

Here,  $\cos \theta_q = q_z/q$  is the polar angle of  $\mathbf{q}$  [27]. In a type-II DSM, even for a given node with  $\mu > 0$ , we have  $\lambda = \pm 1$ , resulting in different effective masses for the electron and the hole pockets.

A type-I DSM node hosts a single charged fluid for any  $\mu$  (electron liquid for  $\mu > 0$ ), with an anisotropic mass. Thus, we find the conventional 3D gapped Dirac plasmons with anisotropic dispersion and different plasmon gap depending on the direction of approach to the  $q \rightarrow 0$  limit,

$$\omega_{\text{pl}}^2 \approx \frac{2n_e e^2 v_F^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mu} \times \begin{cases} (1 + \beta^2) + \mathcal{O}(q^2) & \text{for } \mathbf{q} = q\hat{z}, \\ 1 + \mathcal{O}(q^2) & \text{for } \mathbf{q} = q\hat{n}_{x-y}. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Here,  $n_e = 2\mu^3/[3\pi^2\hbar^3 v_F^3(1 - \beta^2)^2]$  is the total electron density (per Dirac node for  $\mu > 0$ , including spin) in a type-I DSM. Equation (7) reproduces the known result for the isotropic case without any tilt [29]. The plasmon dispersion for a type-I DSM, along with the corresponding PHC, is shown in Figs. 1(b) and 1(c).

The case of a type-II DSM hosting an electron and a hole pocket along the  $k_z$  axis is more interesting. Using Eq. (6) in Eq. (5), the plasmon dispersion along  $\mathbf{q} = q\hat{z}$  is given by the roots of

$$\omega^2 = \frac{n_2 v_F^2 q^2}{\mu} [V_q(\beta + 1)^2 - V_{|q+q_{eh}|}(\beta - 1)^2]. \quad (8)$$

Here,  $n_2 \approx \mu \mathcal{E}_{\text{max}}^2 / (12\pi^2 \beta \hbar^3 v_F^3)$  denotes the cutoff ( $\mathcal{E}_{\text{max}}$ ) dependent electron (and hole) density for each node (with spin) of a type-II DSM. Equation (8) permits two solutions. One of these is the conventional gapped plasmon mode in the limit  $q_z \rightarrow 0$ , whose dispersion is given by

$$\omega_{\text{pl}}^2 \approx \frac{n_2 e^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mu} v_F^2 (1 + \beta)^2 + \mathcal{O}(q^2), \quad \text{for } \mathbf{q} = q\hat{z}. \quad (9)$$

In the  $x$ - $y$  plane, the plasmon gap for a type-II DSM is identical to that of type-I DSM in Eq. (7), with the replacement  $n_1 \rightarrow n_2$ .

Interestingly, Eq. (8) permits another gapless solution (for  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ ) beyond a critical wave vector,  $q > q_c \equiv \mu\beta/[2\hbar v_F(\beta - 1)]$ . Expanding the right-hand side of Eq. (8) around  $q_c$ , we find the dispersion of the novel gapless plasmon mode ( $\omega_{\text{npl}}$ ) to be

$$\omega_{\text{npl}}^2 \approx \frac{8n_2 e^2 \hbar v_F^3 (1 + \beta)^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mu^2 \beta} (q - q_c), \quad \text{for } \mathbf{q} = q\hat{z}. \quad (10)$$

More remarkably, this low-energy finite- $q$  plasmon mode lies in the PHC gap arising from the open nature of the Fermi surface along the  $q_z$  direction. Consequently, this novel mode remains undamped (for  $q_c < q_{eh}$ ; see Sec. S11 in the Supplemental Material [27]) with a large quality factor until it enters the PHC [see Fig. 1(d)]. Physically, this novel mode arises from the out-of-phase *intranode* density oscillations of the electron and hole fluids in a type-II DSM [31].

Note that we have adopted the hydrodynamic theory, which works well only in the long-wavelength ( $q \rightarrow 0$ ) limit, in order to find the finite- $q > q_c$  collective mode. Thus, the  $q_c$  derived here will be quantitatively different from the exact  $q_c$  calculated below, although the qualitative behavior is identical. Going beyond the hydrodynamic theory, we now explicitly calculate the interacting density response function. The electron-electron interaction will be treated within the random phase approximation (RPA).

The noninteracting density response (or Lindhard) function of a single Dirac node is given by [21,29,30,32–34]

$$\Pi_{\lambda'}^{\text{NI}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \frac{g_s}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda, \lambda'} \frac{f(\epsilon_{\lambda\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda'}) - f(\epsilon_{\lambda'\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda'})}{\hbar\omega^+ + \epsilon_{\lambda\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda'} - \epsilon_{\lambda'\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\lambda'}} F_{\lambda\lambda'}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}). \quad (11)$$

Here,  $V$  is the volume,  $\omega^+ = \omega + i\eta$  with  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ , and  $F_{\lambda\lambda'}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$  is the orbital overlap function. The Fermi function  $f(\epsilon)$  acts as a step function at  $T = 0$ . The total density response function includes both nodes:  $\Pi^{\text{NI}} = \Pi_+^{\text{NI}} + \Pi_-^{\text{NI}}$ . The analytical calculation of  $\Pi^{\text{NI}}$  for both type-I and type-II DSM is detailed in Secs. S3 and S4 of the Supplemental Material [27]. The density response function for an interacting electron fluid, within RPA, is given by

$$\Pi^{\text{RPA}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \Pi^{\text{NI}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) / \epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega). \quad (12)$$

Here,  $\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \equiv 1 - V_q \Pi^{\text{NI}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  is the dynamical dielectric function. The plasmon dispersion and damping constant  $\omega_{\text{pl}}(\mathbf{q}) - i\gamma_{\text{pl}}(\mathbf{q})$  can now be obtained from the poles of  $\Pi^{\text{RPA}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  or, alternately, from the complex roots of  $\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = 0$ . For small damping rate, an expansion of

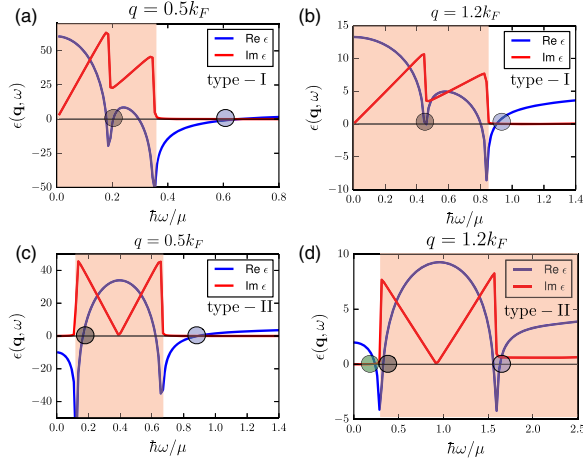


FIG. 2. The real and imaginary parts of the dielectric function  $\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  for two different values of  $q$  along the tilt axis, for (a),(b) type-I and (c),(d) type-II DSM. The shaded region depicts the PHC, and the circles denote the zeros of  $\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  corresponding to collective excitations. The blue circle is the regular gapped plasmon, while the gray circle is the highly damped mode arising from the out-of-phase oscillation of the electron fluids in different nodes. The green circle in (d) is the novel gapless plasmon mode arising from the out-of-phase oscillations of the intranode electron-hole pockets in a type-II DSM. Other parameters are identical to those of Fig. 1.

$\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  around  $\omega_{\text{pl}}$  yields  $\gamma_{\text{pl}} = [\text{Im}(\epsilon)/\partial_{\omega}\text{Re}(\epsilon)]|_{\omega_{\text{pl}}} > 0$ . For a stable plasmon mode  $\gamma_{\text{pl}} > 0$ .

The dielectric function for both type-I and type-II DSM is shown in Fig. 2 for  $\mathbf{q}(=q\hat{z})$  along the tilt axis. Figures 2(a) and 2(b) for a type-I DSM show the existence of two stable plasmon modes (same sign of  $\text{Im}[\epsilon]$  and  $\partial_{\omega}\text{Re}[\epsilon]$ , at the  $\text{Re}[\epsilon] = 0$  crossings). The rightmost root of  $\text{Re}[\epsilon] = 0$  with a vanishingly small  $\text{Im}[\epsilon]$  is the gapped 3D Dirac plasmon mode [9,35]. The other root of  $\text{Re}[\epsilon] = 0$  is the damped plasmon mode. It lies in the PHC and corresponds to the out-of-phase oscillations of the electron fluids in different Dirac nodes (see Fig. S2 in the Supplemental Material [27]). The dielectric function for a type-II DSM is shown in Figs. 2(c) and 2(d) for small and large  $q$  along the tilt axis, respectively. For small  $q$  in Fig. 2(c), there are two stable collective modes: the 3D gapped Dirac plasmon and the Landau damped mode, originating from the out-of-phase *internode* density oscillations. This changes drastically for large  $q_z$  in Fig. 2(d), with the emergence of the novel undamped gapless plasmon mode for  $q_z > q_c$  at low energies, as predicted by the hydrodynamic theory. Physically, this mode corresponds to out-of-phase *intranode* density oscillations in the electron and hole pockets in type-II DSM [31].

Experimentally, plasmon resonances also appear as peaks in the momentum-resolved electron energy loss spectrum (EELS), which probes the loss function  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{loss}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = -\text{Im}[1/\epsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega)]$ . The loss function for the type-I and type-II DSMs, for  $\mathbf{q}$  along different directions, is shown

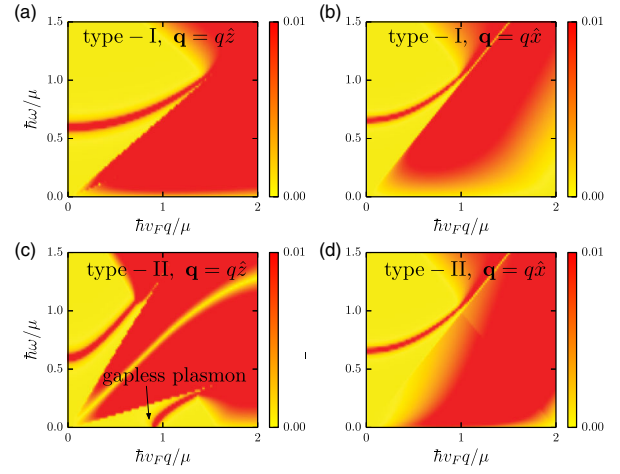


FIG. 3. The RPA loss function  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{loss}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  for (a),(b) type-I and (c),(d) type-II DSM along different directions. The anisotropic band structure results in an anisotropic plasmon gap. The PHC gap in the low-energy finite- $q$  loss function and the existence of the novel undamped plasmon mode for  $\mathbf{q}$  along the tilt axis are evident in (c). Other parameters are identical to those of Fig. 1.

in Fig. 3. For type-I DSM, the gapped Dirac plasmon mode with an anisotropic energy gap is evident in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b), for  $\mathbf{q} = q\hat{z}$  and  $\mathbf{q} = q\hat{x}$ , respectively. The Landau damped, out-of-phase *internode* plasmon mode lies within the PHC spectrum in Fig. 3(a), and it is not clearly visible.

The RPA loss function  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{loss}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  for a type-II DSM is shown in Figs. 3(c) and 3(d), for  $\mathbf{q} = q\hat{z}$  and  $\mathbf{q} = q\hat{x}$ , respectively. Figure 3(c) clearly highlights the (i) PHC gap in the low-energy but finite- $q$  loss spectrum for  $q$  along the tilt axis, and (ii) the existence of the novel undamped gapless plasmon mode (for  $q > q_c$ ) [36]. Our analytical calculations for the density response function coupled with the RPA yield the critical wave vector (for  $\beta > 1$ ) to be

$$q_c \approx \frac{\mu}{\hbar v_F} \sqrt{\frac{2g_s \alpha_{\text{fine}}}{\pi} G(\beta)}, \quad \text{where } G(\beta) = \beta \ln \frac{\beta + 1}{\beta - 1} - 2, \quad (13)$$

and  $\alpha_{\text{fine}} = e^2/(4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r\hbar v_F)$  is the effective fine structure constant. For  $q > q_c$  and for low energies, the novel gapless plasmon mode disperses as

$$\omega_{\text{npl}}^2 \approx v_F^2 (\beta^2 - 1)^2 G(\beta) q_c (q - q_c). \quad (14)$$

The  $\omega_{\text{npl}} \propto (q - q_c)^{1/2}$  behavior is qualitatively consistent with the results from the hydrodynamic theory, albeit with a different prefactor. The normal gapped plasmon mode in both type-I and type-II DSM has an anisotropic plasmon gap, owing to the anisotropic electronic dispersion. In a type-II DSM, the plasmon gap  $\omega_{\text{pl}}(q = 0)$  along the tilt axis is given by the root of the following transcendental equation:



$$\omega^2 = \frac{\mu^2 4g_s \alpha_{\text{fine}}}{\hbar^2 3\pi\gamma(\omega)}, \quad \gamma(\omega) = 1 + \frac{g_s \alpha_{\text{fine}}}{3\pi} \ln \left| \frac{4\mathcal{E}_{\text{max}}^2}{4\mu^2 - \omega^2} \right|. \quad (15)$$

Here, the plasmon gap scales as  $\omega_{\text{pl}}(q=0) \propto \mu \propto n$ , in contrast to the  $\omega_{\text{pl}} \propto n^{2/3}$  scaling in type-I DSM.

The normal gapped plasmon mode was recently observed in PtTe<sub>2</sub> (a type-II DSM) along the direction perpendicular to the tilt axis (along  $\Gamma-K$ ) by means of high-resolution EELS (HREELS) [9,20]. HREELS analyzes the electrons reflected by the crystal surface with an energy resolution of a few meV [9,20] and can transfer only momentum components parallel to the cleavage surface ( $q_{\parallel}$ ) [37]. Therefore, plasmons along the tilt axis ( $\Gamma-A$ ) are generally inaccessible to HREELS and also to other scattering techniques used to study the dispersion relation of low-energy collective modes, such as inelastic helium atom scattering [38]. Conversely, momentum-resolved EELS with transmission electron microscopy (EELS-TEM) easily enables probing excitations along  $\Gamma-A$ . Unfortunately, the energy resolution of most EELS-TEM apparatuses ( $>200$  meV [39]) is largely inadequate to detect gapless excitations. Nevertheless, recent technological advancements have been decisive in improving the energy resolution up to 18–50 meV [40,41], with the next target to reach 5 meV [42]. Consequently, it is expected that in a few years the measurement of the dispersion relation of plasmonic modes along the tilt axis ( $\Gamma-A$ ) will be experimentally feasible.

In summary, we predict a novel undamped gapless plasmon mode in a type-II DSM, arising from the presence of both electron and hole pockets at the Fermi energy. This novel mode exists beyond a critical wave vector and only along the direction of the tilt axis. Physically, it arises due to the out-of-phase oscillation of the density deviations in the electron and the hole pockets. Such a gapless mode can also arise in other nontopological semimetals with open Fermi surfaces, though its undamped nature has to be explored carefully. A similar gapless (and possibly undamped) plasmon mode is also expected to arise in type-II WSM.

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