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Quantum oscillations in focused ion beam prepared microstructures of ZrSiS

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Nodal-line semimetals are a topological phase of matter whose unique physics has only begun to be explored. The intersection of adjacent two-dimensional electronic bands creates closed nodal loops in reciprocal space with various potential configurations, providing a rich playground to explore correlation effects and different topological phases. Bulk ZrSiS has already proven to be an excellent probe into nodal-line semimetal physics, as quantum oscillation measurements have allowed for complete Fermi surface mapping in good agreement with density-functional-theory calculations [1] and it has shown a topological quantum phase transition under pressure [2]. Focused ion beam microstructuring techniques unlock new experimental capabilities, as sample sizes can be of order with their electronic mean free path leading to novel quantum coherent orbits [3]. Microstructures of ZrSiS allow for the exploration of these finite size effects. Here we present a size dependent study of magneto-quantum oscillations in microstructured ZrSiS, with particular emphasis on low strain in the sample. The appearance of new oscillation frequencies requires interpretation beyond the conventional Lifshitz-Kosevich formalism.

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