

Static and Floquet topological defects: Topological modes and higher-dimensional topological invariants

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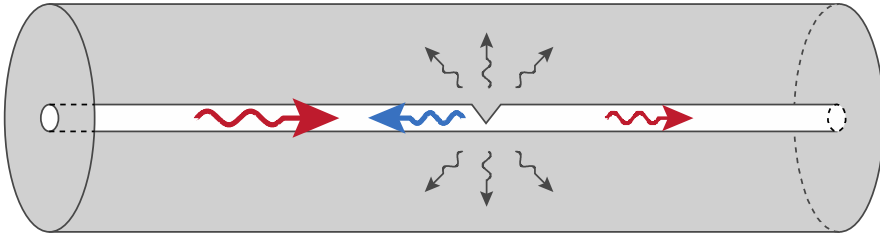
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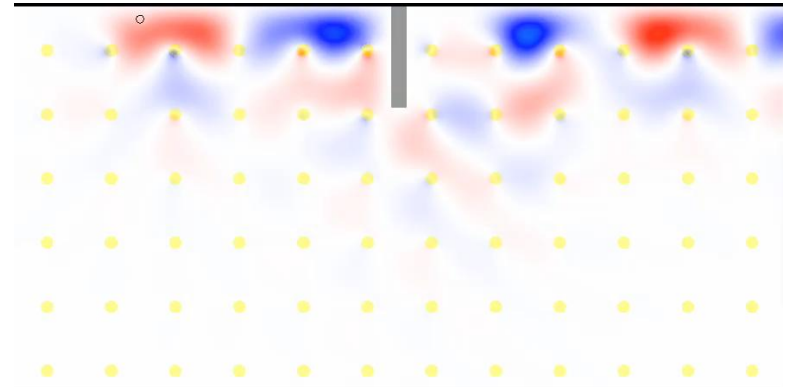
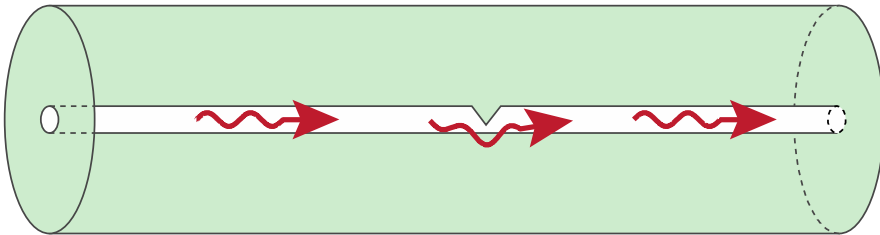


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a Ordinary fiber



b Topological one-way fiber



Edge of 2d system

Theory: Haldane&Raghu

Experiment: Zheng Wang et al (MIT)

**3d systems??
(without interface)**

In other words:

Line defect carrying one-way (chiral) modes in a 3d photonic crystal

Try and error? Sounds not good...

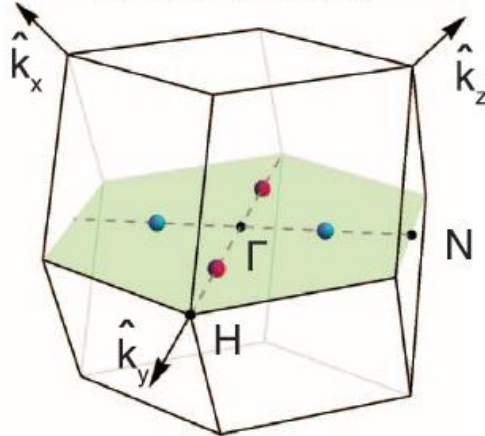
Our approach: Obtain one-way fiber from photonic Weyl crystals by spatial modulation.

A prerequisite, photonic Weyl crystal, has already been experimentally realized ([Ling Lu, et al, Science, 2015](#)):

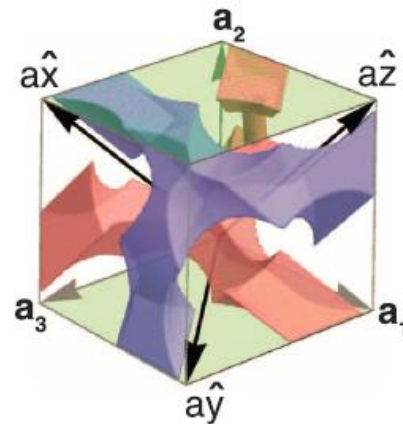
A Weyl points
(Berry charges)



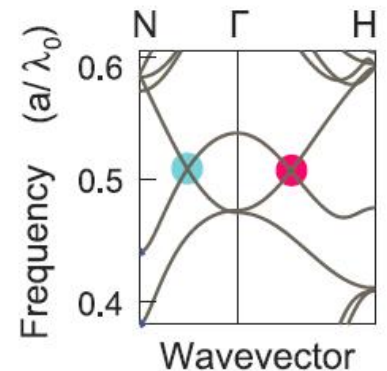
B Brillouin zone



C P-breaking DG



D Band structure

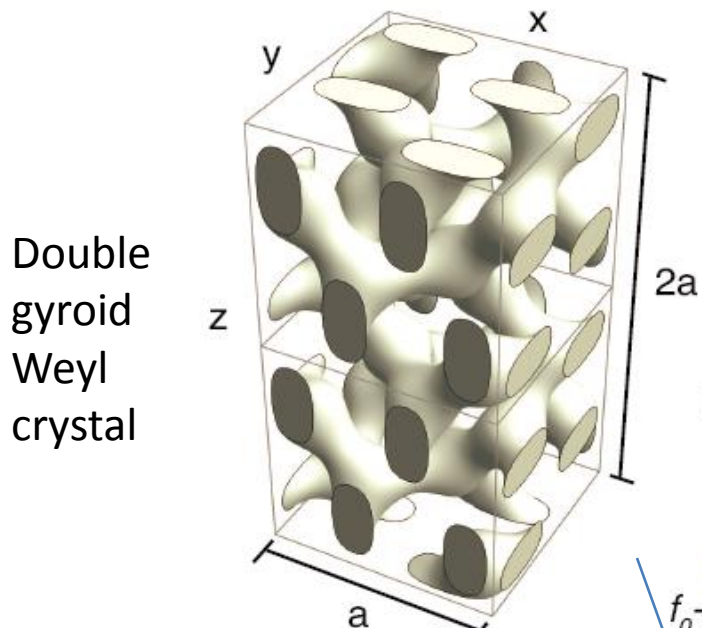


$$H_{\text{Weyl}} = \pm \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} - \vec{K}_{\pm})$$

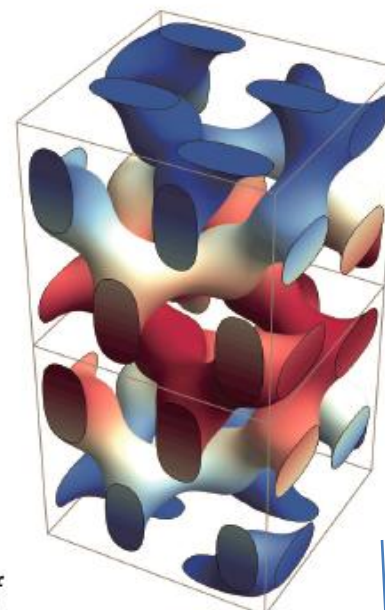
The first step is to gap out the Weyl points

a Supercell of magnetic double gyroids

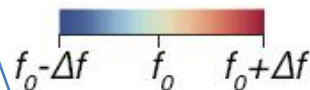
c Modulated gyroids



z
↑
Magnetization



With modulation
(Color map indicates
thickness variation
of the tube)



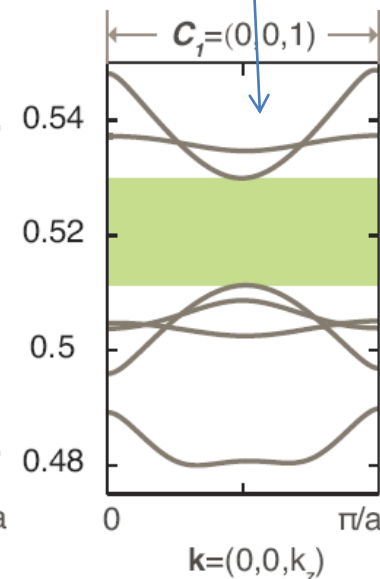
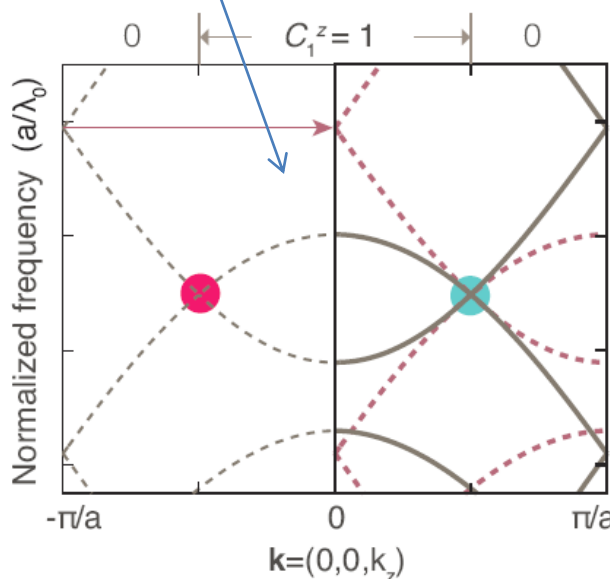
$$f(x, y, z) > f_0 = 0.4$$

$$f(x, y, z) > f_0 + \Delta f \cos(\pi z/a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= \sin(2\pi \frac{x}{a}) \sin(2\pi \frac{y}{a}) \cos(2\pi \frac{z}{a}) \\ &+ \sin(2\pi \frac{y}{a}) \sin(2\pi \frac{z}{a}) \cos(2\pi \frac{x}{a}) \\ &+ \sin(2\pi \frac{z}{a}) \sin(2\pi \frac{x}{a}) \cos(2\pi \frac{y}{a}) \end{aligned}$$

b Supercell folding of two Weyl points

d 3D quantum Hall

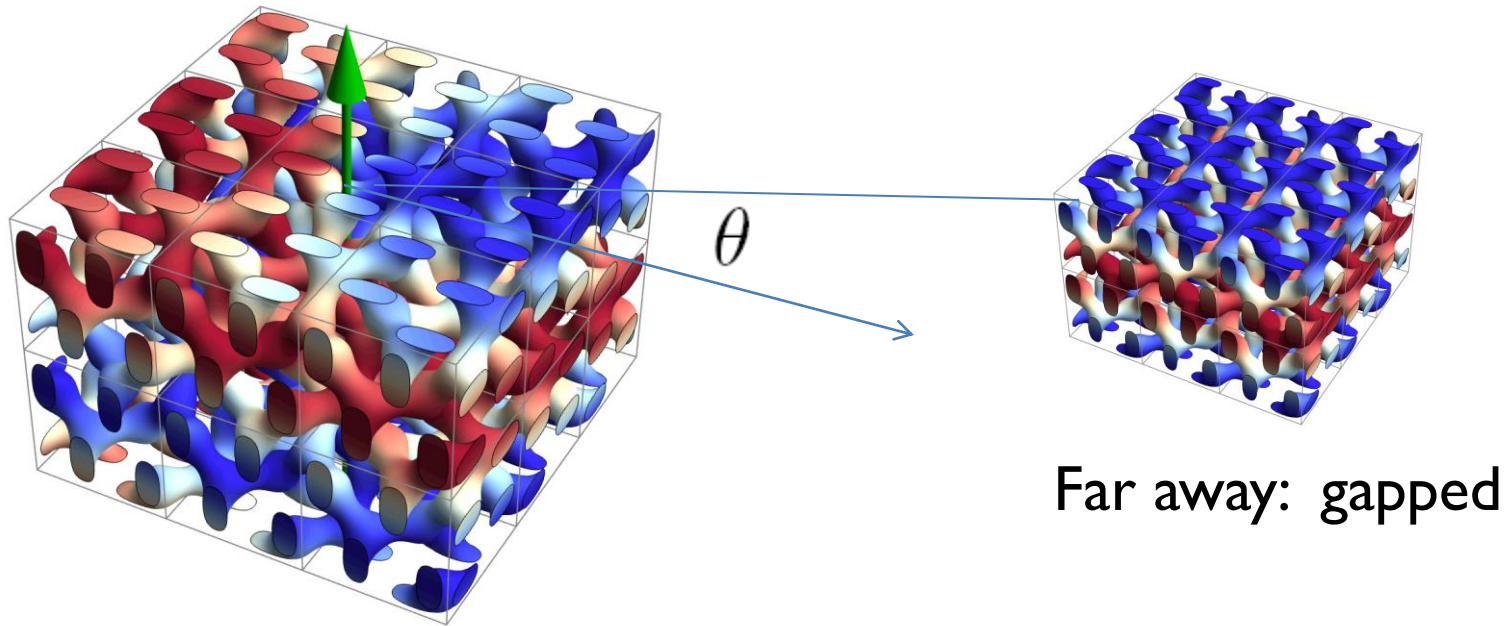


L. Lu, Z. Wang

[arXiv:1611.01998 \(2016\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.01998)

No room for the one-way mode...

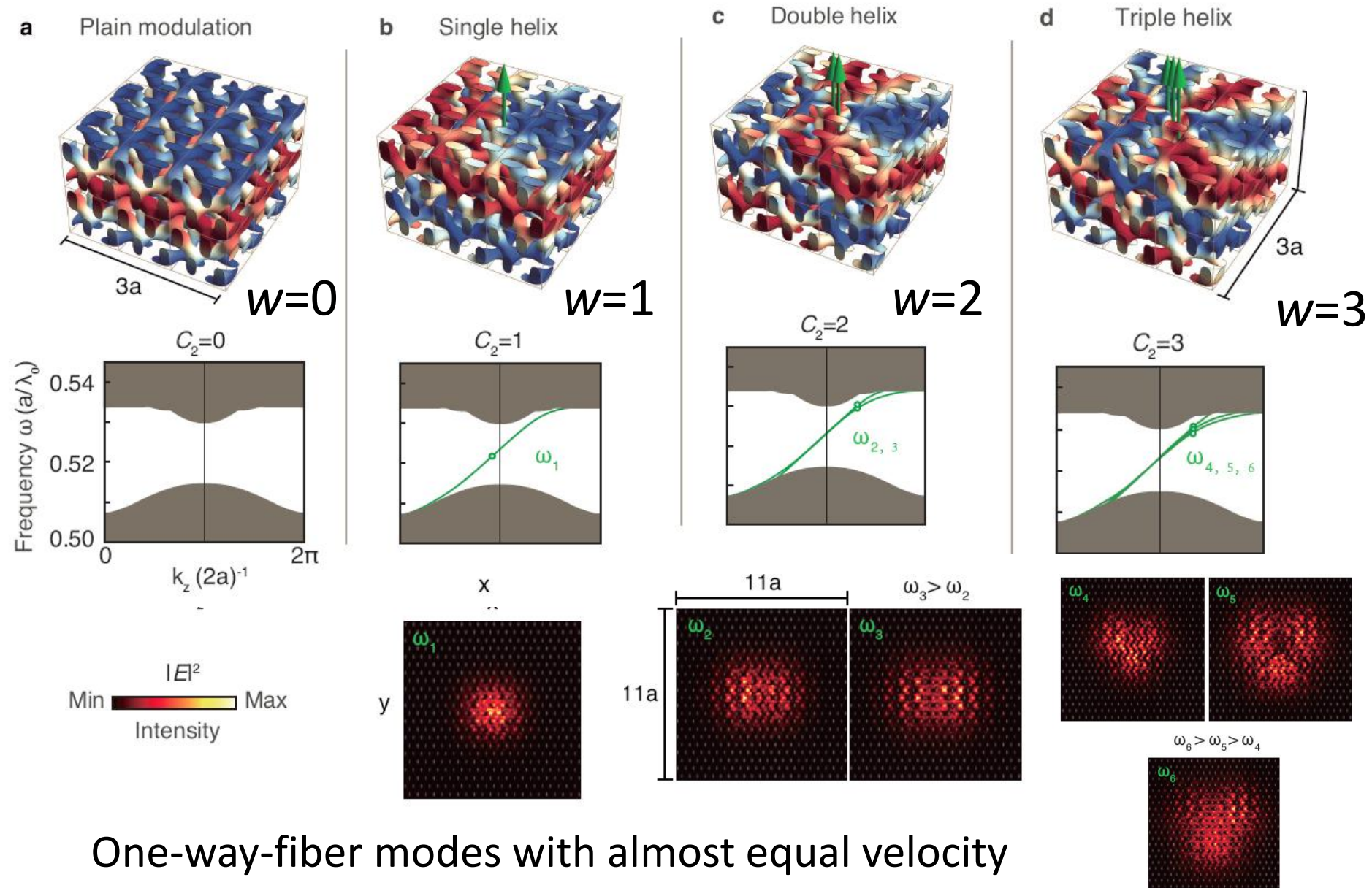
The system should be made gapless somewhere.....



A helix-shape modulation

Interesting thing can happen around the core of this line defect

$$f(x, y, z) > f_0 + \Delta f \cos(\pi z/a) \implies f(x, y, z) > f_0 + \Delta f \cos(\pi z/a + w\theta)$$

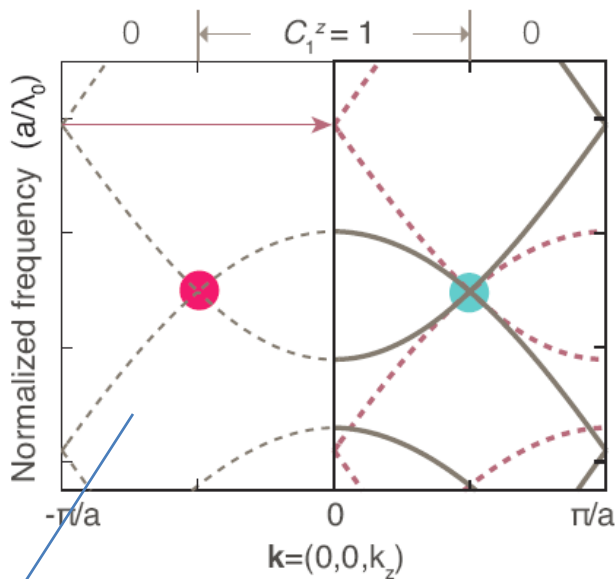


One-way-fiber modes with almost equal velocity

Why does it work?

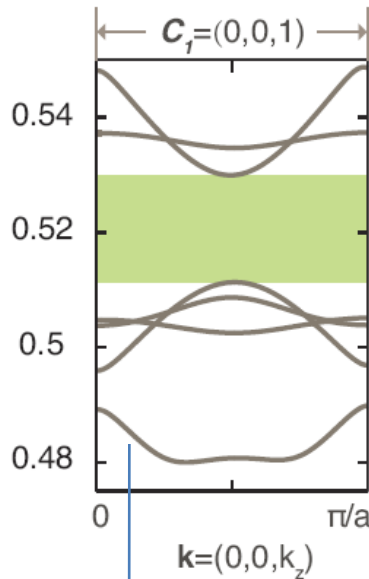
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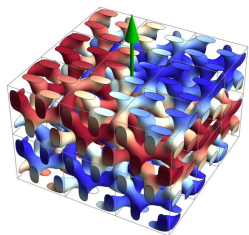
Dirac Hamiltonian

$$H_D = -iv(\sigma_x \partial_x + \sigma_y \partial_y + \sigma_z \partial_z) \tau_z$$

with Dirac mass

$$m_1 \tau_x + m_2 \tau_y = m \tau_+ + m^* \tau_-$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -iv(\sigma_x \partial_x + \sigma_y \partial_y + \sigma_z \partial_z) \tau_z + m \tau_+ + m^* \tau_-$$



“Phason” of the modulation = Phase of Dirac mass

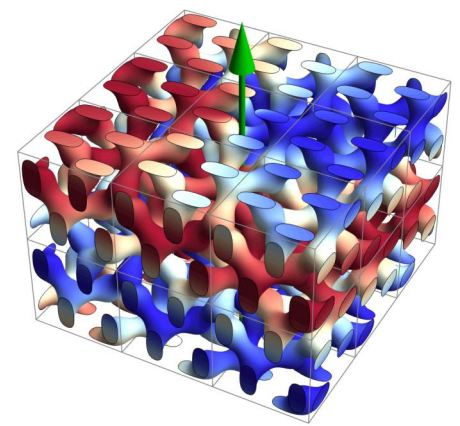
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$$f(x, y, z) > f_0 + \Delta f \cos(\pi z/a + w\theta) \implies m(\theta) = m_0 \exp(iw\theta) = \text{vortex line of Dirac mass}$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -iv(\sigma_x \partial_x + \sigma_y \partial_y + \sigma_z \partial_z) \tau_z + m \tau_+ + m^* \tau_-.$$



$$H_{\text{eff}} = \begin{bmatrix} vk_z, & -ive^{-i\theta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{i}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right), & m_0 e^{i\omega\theta}, & 0 \\ -ive^{i\theta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{i}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right), & -vk_z, & 0, & m_0 e^{i\omega\theta} \\ m_0 e^{-i\omega\theta}, & 0, & -vk_z, & ive^{-i\theta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{i}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right), \\ 0, & m_0 e^{-i\omega\theta}, & ive^{i\theta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{i}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) & vk_z \end{bmatrix}$$



If we remove the k_z term, it resembles the 2d problems:

Jackiw & Rossi, Nucl. Phys. B, 1981: Zero modes of vortex-fermion system;

Hou, Chamon & Mudry, 2006: Zero mode in graphene-like systems

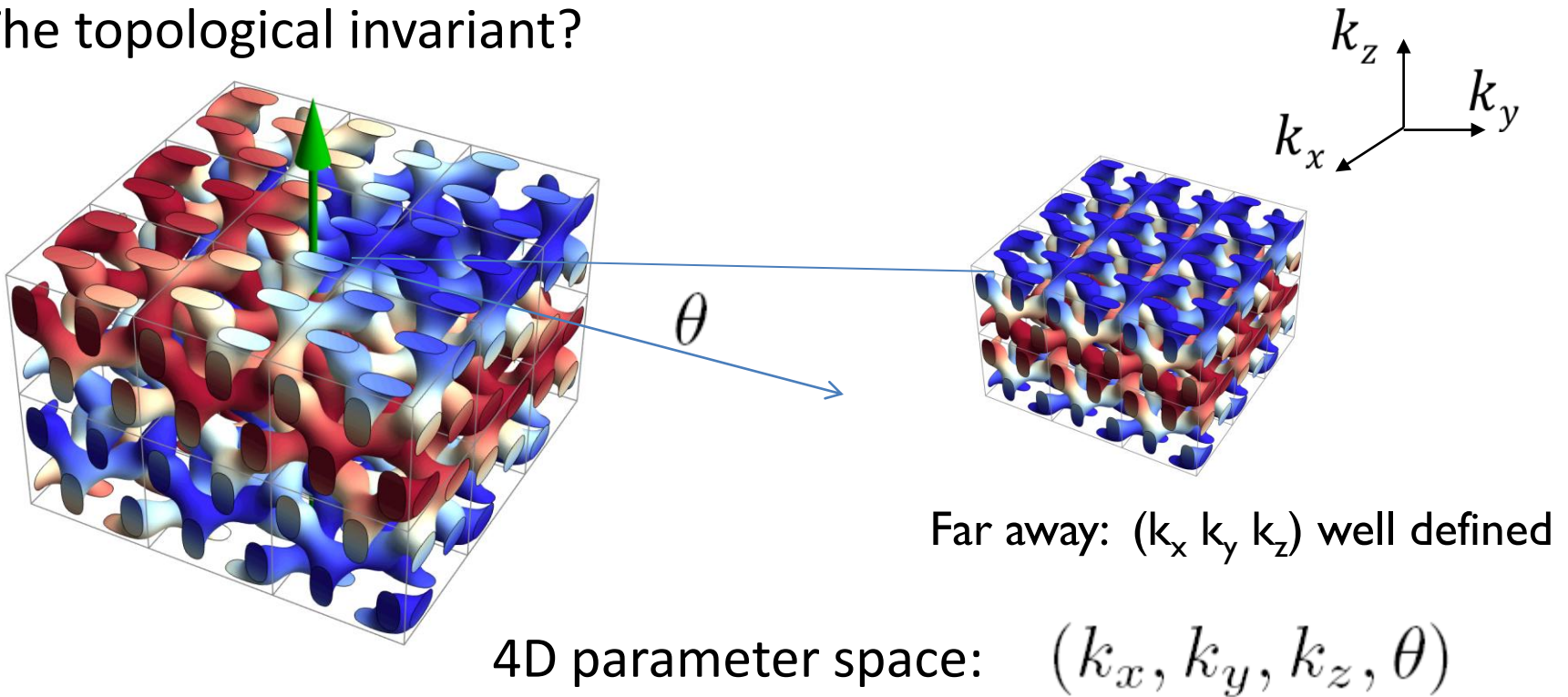
There are w one-way modes
e.g., for $w=1$:

$$|\psi_{w=1}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\pi/4} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ e^{-i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{m_0}{v} r}.$$

$$E(k_z) = vk_z.$$

Identical velocity v for
 $w > 1$.

The topological invariant?



Second Chern number:

(Qi-Hughes-Zhang, PRB, 2008; Teo-Kane, PRB, 2010)

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int d^3k d\theta \text{Tr} [\mathcal{F}_{xy} \mathcal{F}_{z\theta} + \mathcal{F}_{yz} \mathcal{F}_{x\theta} + \mathcal{F}_{zx} \mathcal{F}_{y\theta}]$$

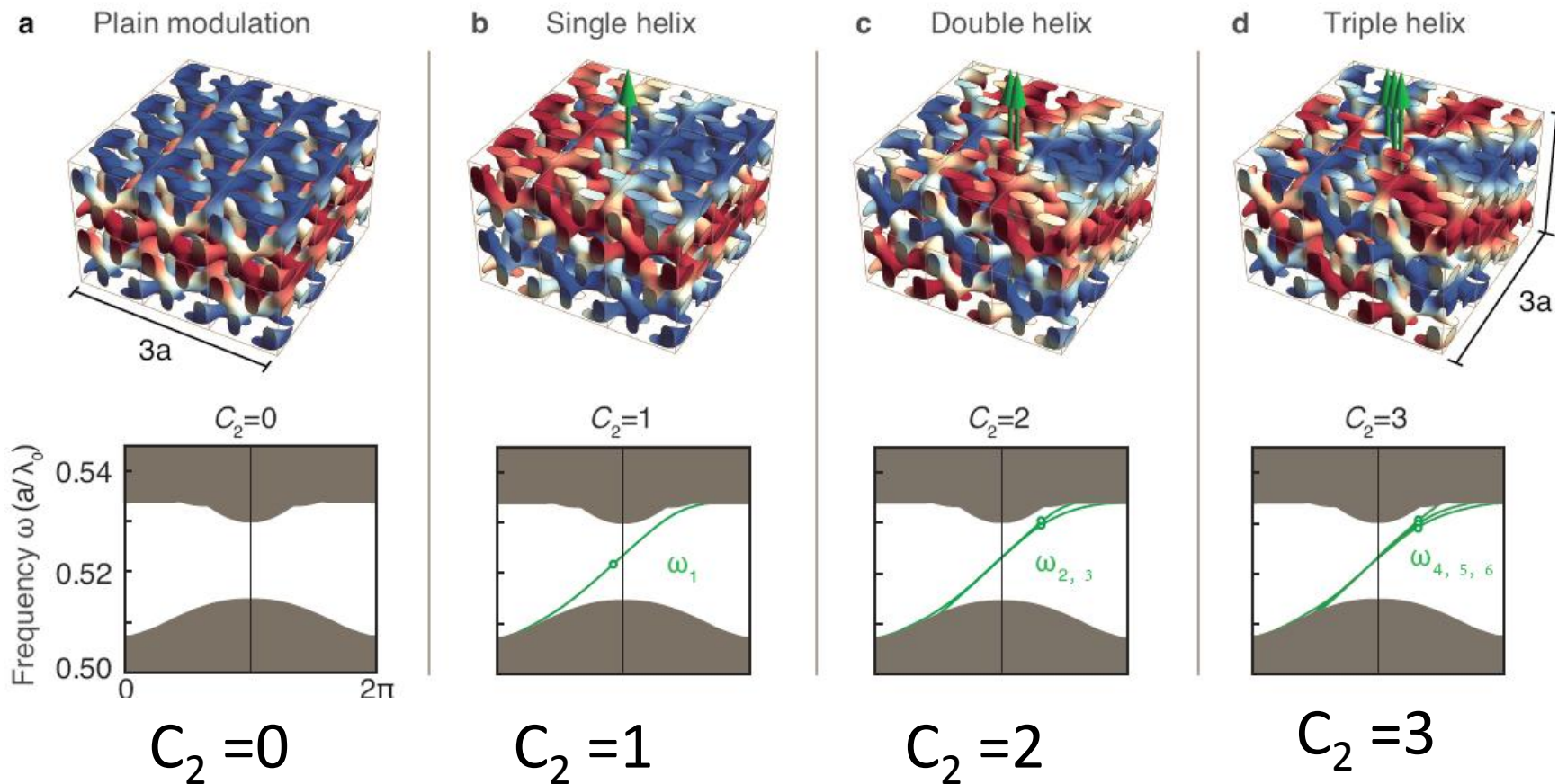
4D topology:

S.-C. Zhang and J. Hu, Science **294**, 823 (2001).

Y. E. Kraus, Z. Ringel, and O. Zilberberg, Physical review letters **111**, 226401 (2013).

H. M. Price, O. Zilberberg, T. Ozawa, I. Carusotto, and N. Goldman, Physical review letters **115**, 195303 (2015).

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Features of this design of topological one-way fiber:

- 1) Protected by the second Chern number (C_2)
- 2) C_2 can be tune from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$
- 3) All the one-way modes have almost the same velocity

Lattice dislocation (Haldane 2010, MRS)

edge states on a screw dislocation in a 3D “photonic Chern crystal”

- one-way photon propagation along the core of the dislocation
- protected provided the radius of the “optical fiber” is large compared to the evanescence length inside the 3D photonic crystal



- 1) Characterized by the first Chern number
- 2) Don't work well in our system

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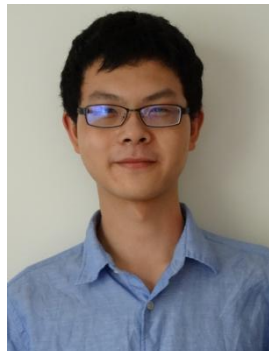
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*Can one create one-way modes purely by periodic driving , even if the 3d system is defect-free?

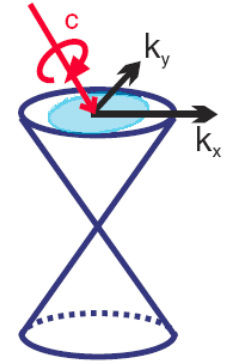
*If ``yes'', what is its topological invariant?

Periodically driven (Floquet) topological systems

$$\hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}(t + T)$$

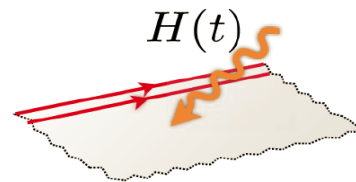
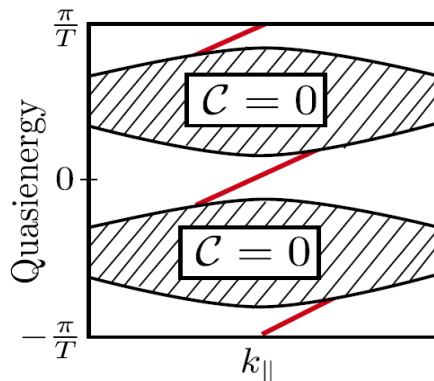
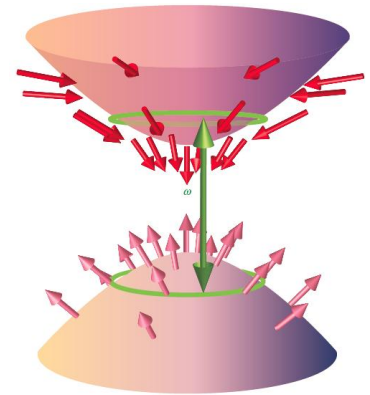
Physical realizations:

- 1) Light-matter interaction: $H(\mathbf{k}) \rightarrow H[\mathbf{k} + e\mathbf{A}(t)]$.
- 2) Shaking optical lattices
- 3) Modulated photonic systems
- 4)



Motivations (from topological-state perspective)

- 1) To make more tunable topological materials ←
- 2) To create fundamentally new topological states without static counterpart



Chiral edge modes for $C = 0$ bands

Floquet topological insulators
([Lindner et al, Nat. Phys. 2011](#))

Graphene + circularly polarized light

Graphene + circularly polarized light:

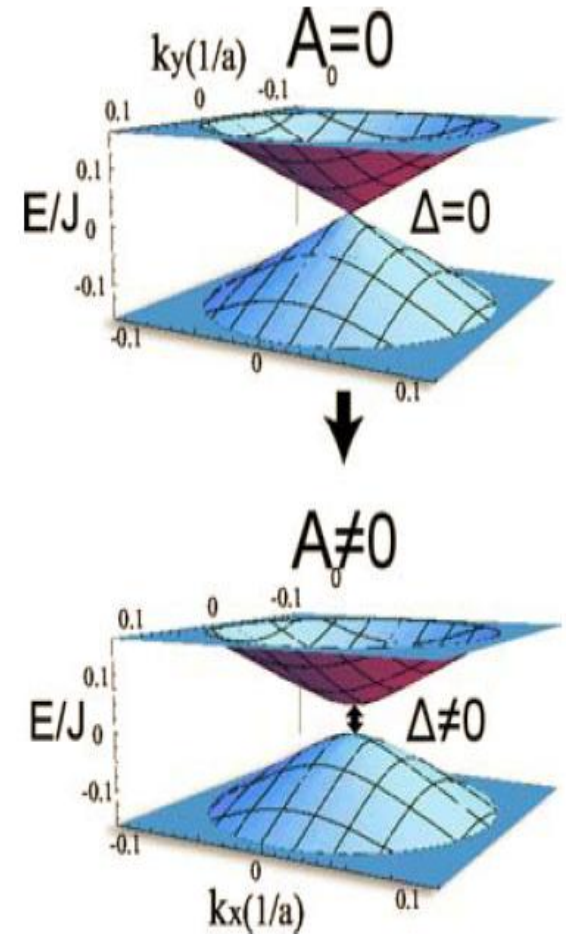
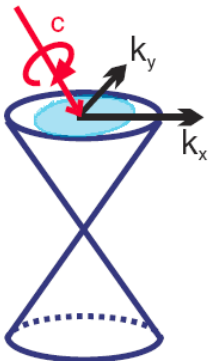
$$H(\mathbf{k}, t) = v_F [\sigma_x \tau_z (q_x + eA_x(t)) + \sigma_y (q_y + eA_y(t))] \\ = H_0(\mathbf{k}) + \sum_{m \neq 0} H_m e^{im\omega t}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = -A_0 (\sin(\omega t) \mathbf{e}_x + \sin(\omega t - \varphi) \mathbf{e}_y)$$

$$H^{\text{eff}} = H_0(\mathbf{k}) + \sum_{m > 0} [H_m, H_{-m}] / \omega \\ = H_0(\mathbf{k}) - (eA_0 v_F)^2 / \omega \boxed{\sin \varphi \sigma_z \tau_z}$$

Haldane mass term

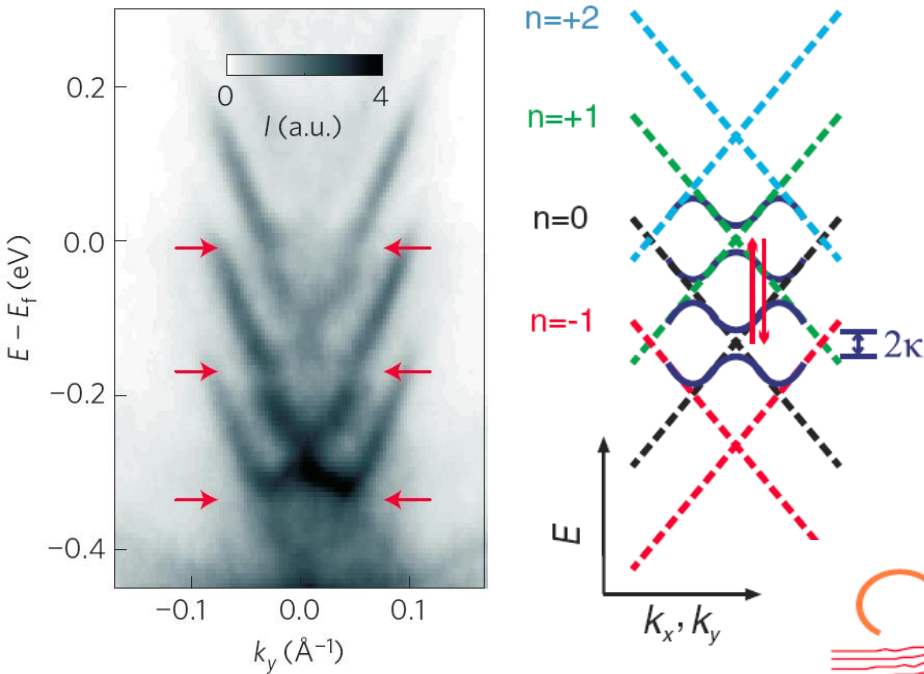
→ Nonzero band Chern numbers



[Oka, Aoki, PRB, 2009](#)

(see Goldman & Dalibard, PRX, 2014)

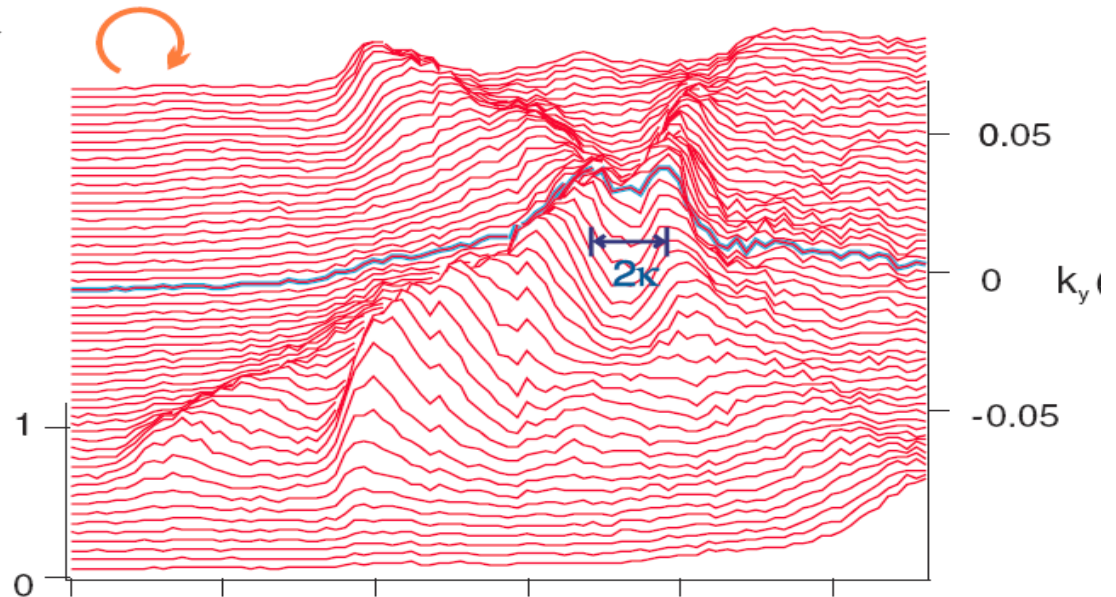
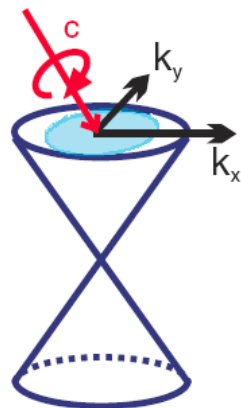
Floquet bands observed in pump-probe ARPES



Observation of Floquet-Bloch States on the Surface of a Topological Insulator

Y. H. Wang,* H. Steinberg, P. Jarillo-Herrero, N. Gedik†

The unique electronic properties of the surface electrons in a topological insulator are protected by time-reversal symmetry. Circularly polarized light naturally breaks time-reversal symmetry, which may lead to an exotic surface quantum Hall state. Using time- and angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy, we show that an intense ultrashort midinfrared pulse with energy below the bulk band gap hybridizes with the surface Dirac fermions of a topological insulator to form Floquet-Bloch bands. These photon-dressed surface bands exhibit polarization-dependent



[Wang et al, Science 342,453 \(2013\)](#)
[\(Gedik group\)](#)

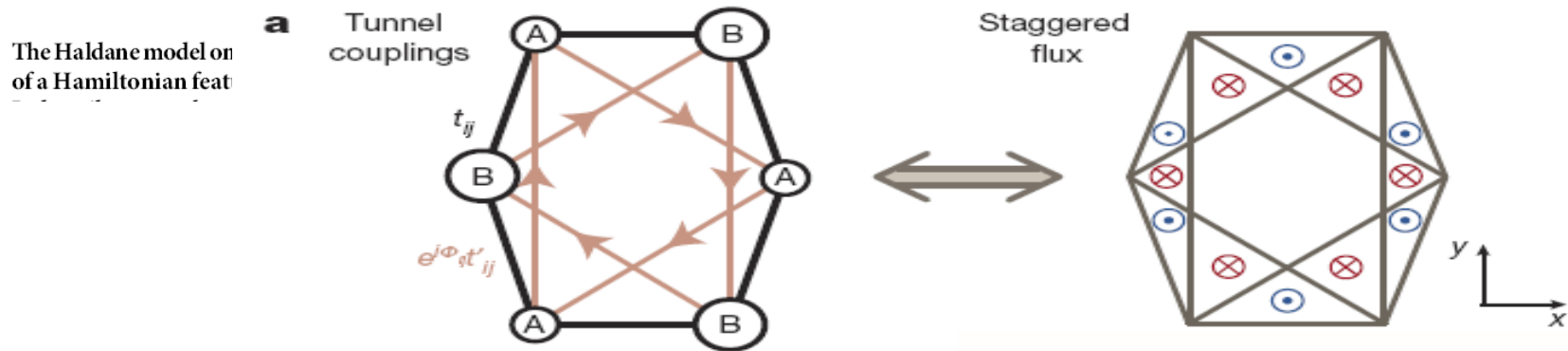
Shaking optical lattice & Photonic systems

Shaking optical lattice

doi:10.1038/nature13915

Experimental realization of the topological Haldane model with ultracold fermions

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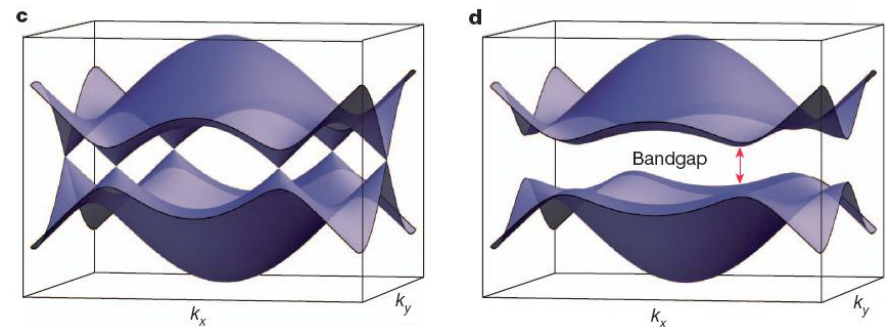


Modulated photonic/acoustic systems

Photonic Floquet topological insulators

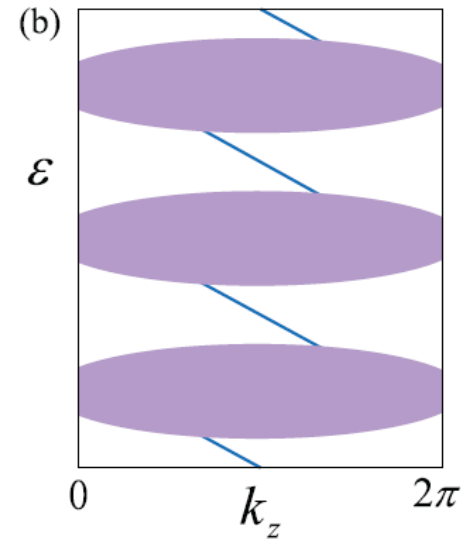
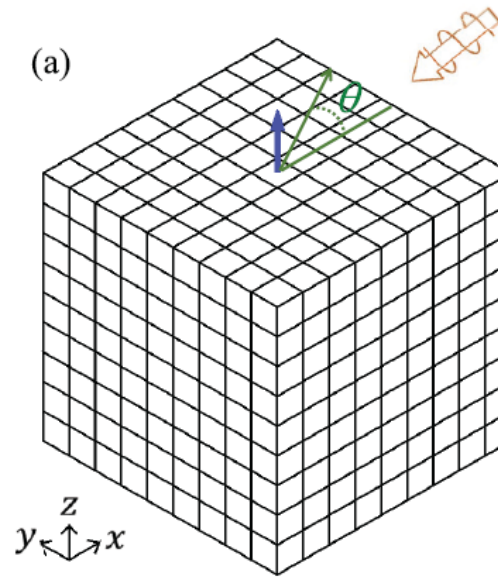
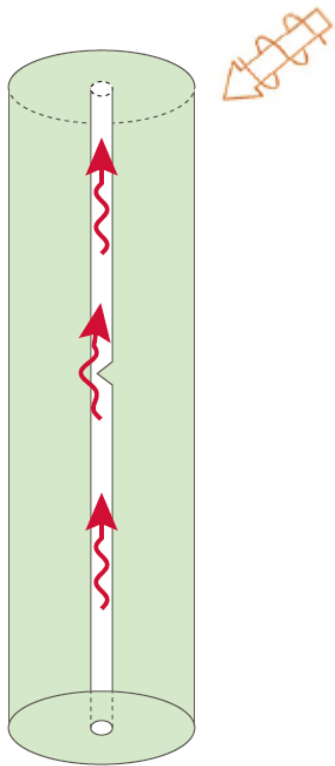
Mikael C. Rechtsman^{1*}, Julia M. Zeuner^{2*}, Yonatan Plotnik^{1*}, Yaakov Lumer¹, Daniel Podolsky¹, F. Mordechai Segev¹ & Alexander Szameit²

Rechtsman et al 2013



Back to the one-way mode

Flouquet one-way modes in driven (defect-free) Dirac semimetals



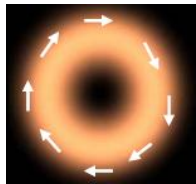
* Chiral modes can be generated even if the static system is defect-free.

[R. Bi, Z. Yan, L. Lu, Z. Wang, PRB, 95, 161115\(2017\)](#)

$$H(\mathbf{k}, t) = H_0(\mathbf{k}) + H_d(t),$$

$$H_0(\mathbf{k}) = (2t_x \sin k_x \sigma_x + 2t_y \sin k_y \sigma_y + 2t_z \sin k_z \sigma_z) \otimes \tau_z + m(\mathbf{k}) \sigma_0 \otimes \tau_x$$

$$H_d(t) = 2D \cos(\omega t) \sigma_0 \otimes (\tau_x \cos \theta + \tau_y \sin \theta),$$



Driving is angle-dependent

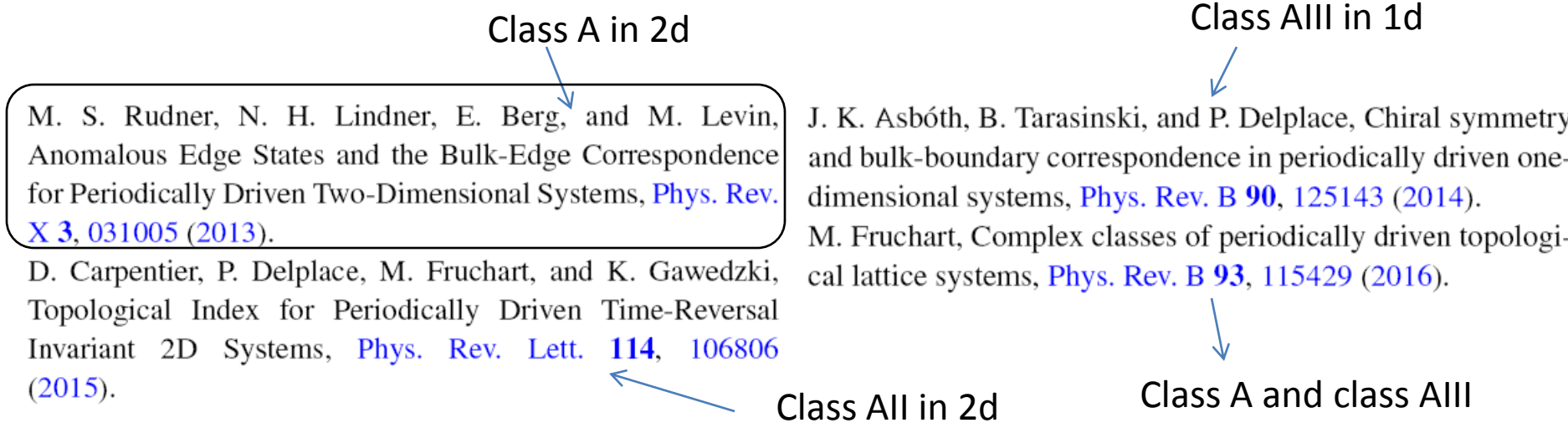
(Cylindrical vector beam of light)

Topological invariant?

Let us not be restricted to this specific question,
but consider a more general problem:

General topological invariants of Floquet topological
insulators and Floquet topological defects?

A few insightful studies of topological invariants of Floquet Systems (incomplete list) :



- 1) Not applicable to topological defects;
- 2) Not sufficiently general to include all the “tenfold-way” Altland-Zirnbauer symmetry classes

We want to give a general formulation of topological invariants:

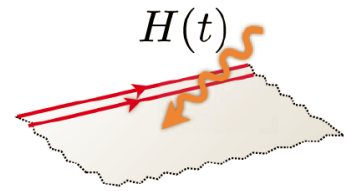
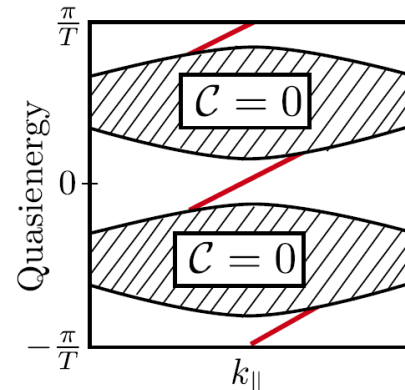
- Applicable to both Floquet topological insulators and topological defects
- For all the tenfold-way symmetry classes
- For all spatial dimensions

Review: Topological invariants of 2D Floquet systems in Class A

$$U(\mathbf{k}, t) = \mathcal{T} \exp\left(-i \int_0^t dt' H(\mathbf{k}, t')\right),$$

$$H_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{i}{T} \log U(\mathbf{k}, T)$$

(see Goldman & Dalibard, PRX, 2014)



Chiral edge modes
for $\mathcal{C} = 0$ bands

*Effective Hamiltonian fails to capture the topology in the low-frequency regime

*Periodized time evolution operator (“micromotion” operator):

$$U_\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, t) = U(\mathbf{k}, t) \exp[iH_\varepsilon^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{k})t] \quad U_\varepsilon(t) = U_\varepsilon(t + T)$$

↑
branch cut at ε

$$W(U_\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \int_{T^2 \times S^1} d^2k dt \text{Tr}\{\epsilon^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3} [U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_1} U_\varepsilon] [U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_2} U_\varepsilon] [U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_3} U_\varepsilon]\}$$

[Rudner, Lindner, Berg, Levin, PRX, 2013](#)

Generalization to 2d time-reversal-invariant systems: Carpentier, *et al*, PRL 2015

Topological defects

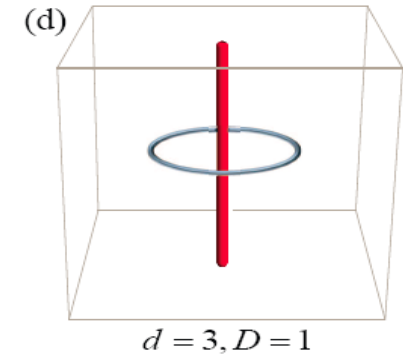
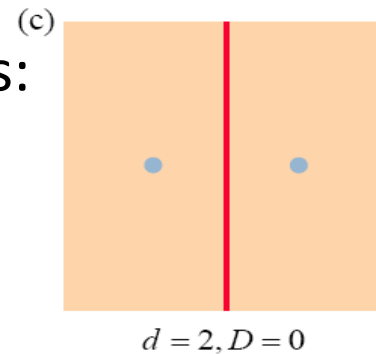
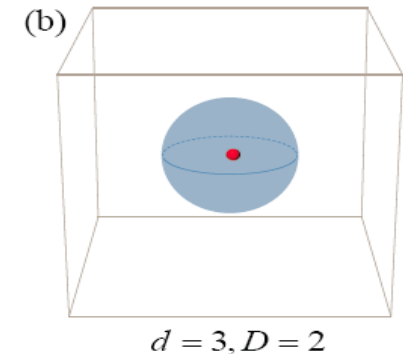
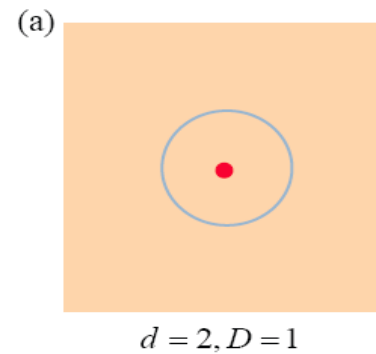
(For static defects, see [Teo-Kane, PRB, 2010](#))

- * **Dimension of the space: d**
- * **Dimension of the surrounding sphere: D**

Parameter space of Floquet defects:

$(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \dots, \mathbf{k}_d, r_1, r_2, \dots, r_D, \mathbf{t})$

The simplest case: Class A
(Without symmetry)



$$\begin{aligned}
 W(U_\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t)) &= K_{d+D+1} \int_{T^d \times S^D \times S^1} d^d k d^D r dt \\
 &\quad \times \text{Tr} \left[\epsilon^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{d+D+1}} (U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_1} U_\varepsilon) \dots (U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_{d+D+1}} U_\varepsilon) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$K_{d+D+1} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{d+D}{2}} \left(\frac{d+D}{2}\right)!}{(d+D+1)!} \left(\frac{i}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{d+D}{2}+1}$$

$$U_\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t) = U(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, t) \exp [i H_\varepsilon^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) t]$$

Include the “tenfold way” symmetries:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C^{-1}H(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)C &= -H^*(-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t) & C^{-1}U_\varepsilon(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)C &= U_{-\varepsilon}^*(-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t) \exp\left(i\frac{2\pi t}{\tau}\right) \\
 T^{-1}H(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)T &= H^*(-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},-t) & T^{-1}U_\varepsilon(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)T &= U_\varepsilon^*(-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},-t), \\
 S^{-1}H(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)S &= -H(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},-t) & S^{-1}U_\varepsilon(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)S &= U_{-\varepsilon}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},-t) \exp\left(i\frac{2\pi t}{\tau}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

* Depending on the symmetries, \mathbf{Z} topological invariants are defined as winding numbers in either the $(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)$ or the (\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r}) space [with chiral symmetry];

* \mathbf{Z}_2 topological invariants are Wess-Zumino-Witten terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &W(U_\varepsilon(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t,\lambda)) \\
 &= K_{d+D+2} \int_{T^{d+1} \times S^D \times S^1} d^d k d^D r dt d\lambda \quad \leftarrow \text{extra dimension} \\
 &\quad \times \text{Tr}\left[\epsilon^{\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_{d+D+2}} (U_\varepsilon^{-1}\partial_{\alpha_1}U_\varepsilon) \cdots (U_\varepsilon^{-1}\partial_{\alpha_{d+D+2}}U_\varepsilon)\right],
 \end{aligned}$$

parameter space: $(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},\lambda,t)$

[Yao, Yan, Wang, PRB, 96, 195303 \(2017\)](#)

An application of topological invariants:

Topological classification of Floquet topological insulators and topological defects

Time-reversal symmetry:

$$T^{-1}U_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)T = U_{\varepsilon}^{*}(-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},-t),$$

Winding number in the $(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)$ space:

$$W(U_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t)) = K_{d+D+1} \int_{T^d \times S^D \times S^1} d^d k d^D r dt$$

$$\times \text{Tr}[\epsilon^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{d+D+1}} (U_{\varepsilon}^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_1} U_{\varepsilon}) \dots (U_{\varepsilon}^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_{d+D+1}} U_{\varepsilon})],$$

$$K_{d+D+1} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{d+D}{2}} (\frac{d+D}{2})!}{(d+D+1)!} \left(\frac{i}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{d+D}{2}+1}$$

complex conjugation

$$(-1)^{\frac{d+D}{2}+1} (-1)^d (-1)^1 = (-1)^{2d+2-\delta/2} = (-1)^{2-\delta/2}$$

Time-reversal symmetry

$$\delta = d - D$$



$$w(U_{\varepsilon})(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},t) = w(U_{\varepsilon})(-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},-t)(-1)^{2-\delta/2}$$

* It depends only on the combination $\delta = d - D$

*With TRS, winding numbers can be nonzero only when

$$\delta = 0, 4, 8, 12, \dots$$

[S. Yao, Z. Yan, Z. Wang, PRB, 96, 195303 \(2017\)](#)

Other symmetries can be done in a similar way....

(Z_2 cases are more subtle; see: [Yao, Yan, Wang, PRB, 96, 195303 \(2017\)](#))

Periodic table of topological defects

(Readily obtained from the topological invariants)

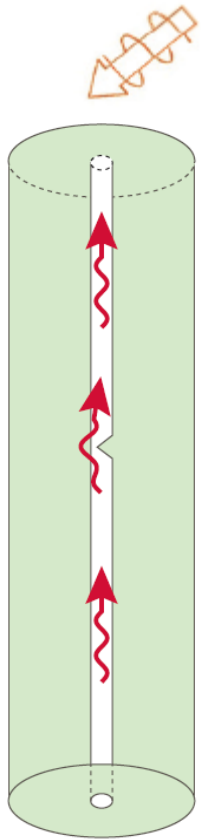
Only depends on $\delta = d - D$.

s	Symmetry				$\delta = d - D$							
	AZ	T	C	S	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	A	0	0	0	\mathbb{Z}^n	0	\mathbb{Z}^n	0	\mathbb{Z}^n	0	\mathbb{Z}^n	0
1	AIII	0	0	1	0	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	\mathbb{Z}^2
0	AI	+1	0	0	\mathbb{Z}^n	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}^n$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2^n	\mathbb{Z}_2^n
1	BDI	+1	+1	1	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}^2$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2^2
2	D	0	+1	0	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}^2$	0
3	DIII	-1	+1	1	0	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}^2$
4	AII	-1	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}^n$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2^n	\mathbb{Z}_2^n	\mathbb{Z}^n	0	0	0
5	CII	-1	-1	1	0	$2\mathbb{Z}^2$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	0
6	C	0	-1	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}^2$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}^2	0
7	CI	+1	-1	1	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}^2$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}^2

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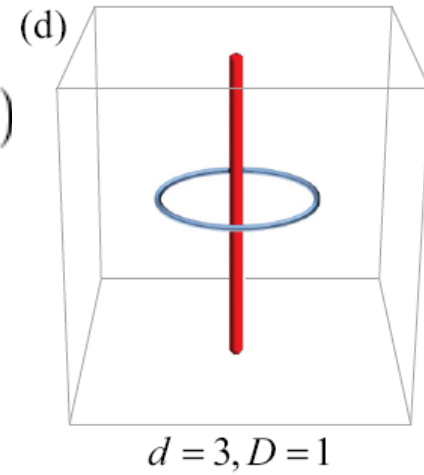
- Taking the special case $D=0$ gives the periodic table of Floquet topological insulators, which can be found in Roy, Harper, PRB, 2017, where it is obtained using the efficient and more formal K-theory (without explicit topological invariants)
- Many-body invariants are not discussed here. See e.g., Po, Fidkowski, Morimoto, Potter, Vishwanath, PRX, 6, 041070 (2016); Fidkowski, Po, Potter, Vishwanath, 1703.07360, ...

An application: [Line defect \(class A\) in 3d space](#)

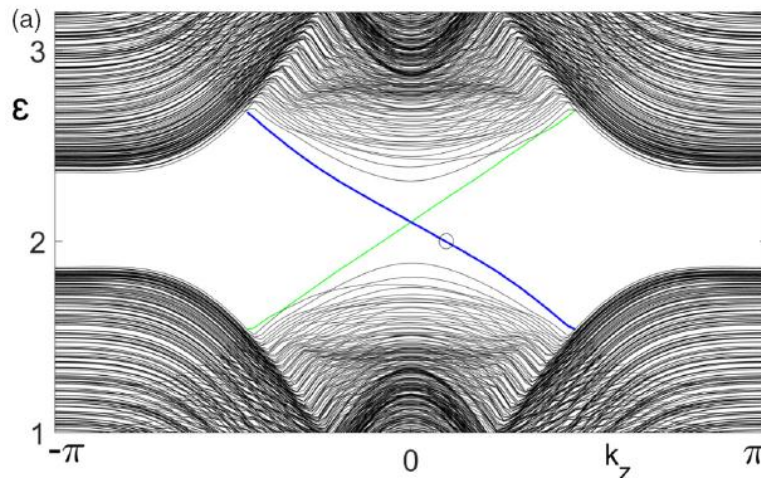


$$W(\varepsilon) = \frac{i}{480\pi^3} \int dt d\theta d^3k \text{Tr}[\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} (U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_\mu U_\varepsilon) (U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_\nu U_\varepsilon) \times (U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_\rho U_\varepsilon) (U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_\sigma U_\varepsilon) (U_\varepsilon^{-1} \partial_\tau U_\varepsilon)],$$

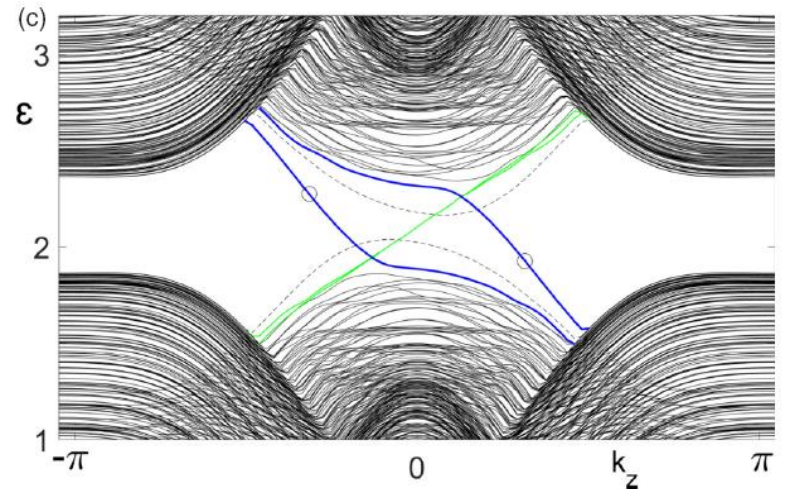
polar angle



Application to the lattice model of driven Dirac semimetals:



$W = -1$



$W = -2$

(A proof-of-principle study; not yet at the level of concrete material)

Summary

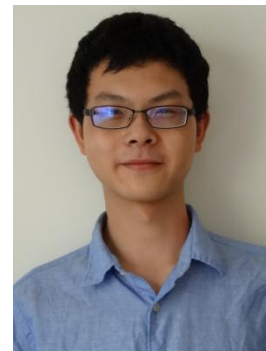
- One-way fiber of electromagnetic waves; protected by the second Chern number [\[Lu, Wang arXiv:1611.01998 \(2016\)\]](#)
- Topological invariants of Floquet systems; their applications to topological defects, including a simple derivation of the periodic table of Floquet topological insulators and topological defects

[\[S. Yao, Z. Yan, Z. Wang, PRB, 96, 195303 \(2017\)\]](#)

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