# Topological Classification of Certain Wave Equations

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### **Overarching Goal**

Find the mathematical object whose **topology** determines properties of certain **classical** wave equations.

# Making Quantum Analogies Rigorous

# Develop and explore the **Schrödinger formalism** for certain classical wave equations

- Allows for adaptation of techniques from quantum mechanics to other wave equations
- Also differences, e. g. classical waves R-valued

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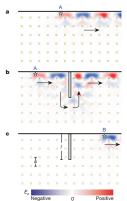
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# Realizations of Quantum-Wave Analogies

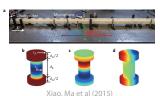
#### **Topological Boundary States**

#### Photonic

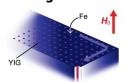


#### Joannopoulos, Soljačić et al (2009)

#### Acoustic



### Magnonic\*



Shindou, Matsumoto et al (2013)

\* Not yet realized in experiment.



# Despite Experiments ...

- ... **first-principle derivations** are scarce, be it rigorous or non-rigorous!
- → Open field with lots of interesting problems!

# Main Messages for Today

- ① Recast wave equations in the form of a **Schrödinger equation**.
- Classify topological photonic crystals by their symmetries.
   Find mathematical object whose topology is relevant
- Some media do not fit into the existing Altland-Zirnbauer scheme (e. g. dual symmetric materials).
- Outlook: Krein-Schrödinger formalism for negative index materials. At present no classification theory exists.

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$$\begin{split} H &= \tfrac{1}{2m} \bigl( -\mathrm{i} \nabla - A \bigr)^2 + V \\ H &= m \, \beta + \bigl( -\mathrm{i} \nabla - A \bigr) \cdot \alpha + V \end{split}$$

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- $\|\psi(t)\|^2 = \|\phi\|^2$  (conservation of propability)

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### **Properties**

- $\bullet$   $M^{*_W} = M$
- $\bullet \ \psi(t) = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}tM}\phi$
- $\operatorname{Re}_K \operatorname{e}^{-\mathrm{i}tM} = \operatorname{e}^{-\mathrm{i}tM} \operatorname{Re}_K$  where  $\operatorname{Re}_K = \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{id} + K)$  (existence of real solutions)

# **Quantum-Wave Analogies**

	Wave Equation	Quantum Mechanics
Hilbert space	weighted ${\cal L}^2$	$L^2$
Wave function	$\mathbb{R} ext{-valued}$	C-valued
Generator dynamics	$\label{eq:maxwell-type} \begin{array}{c} \text{Maxwell-type operator} \\ M = W  D = M^* \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Hamiltonian} \\ H = \hat{p}^2 + V = H^* \end{array}$
Necessary symmetry	+PH	none
Conserved quantity $\ \Psi\ ^2$	e. g. field energy	probability

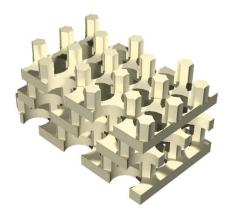
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- **Encore: Derivation of Approximate Maxwell Equations**

### Aim of this Section

Make a first-principles derivation of the Schrödinger formalism for electromagnetic waves, i. e. identify

- ① "Hamilton" operator M = WD
- 2 Hilbert space
- Schrödinger equation
- Even particle-hole symmetry

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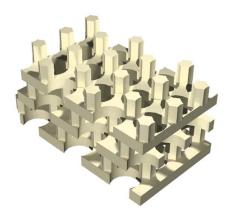
Johnson & Joannopoulos (2004)

### **Assumption** (Material weights)

$$W(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon(x) & 0 \\ 0 & \mu(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

- $W^* = W \text{ (lossless)}$
- $0 < c \mathbf{1} \le W \le C \mathbf{1}$  (excludes metamaterials)
- W frequency-independent (response instantaneous)

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### **Maxwell equations**

Dynamical equations

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Absence of sources

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# Schrödinger Formalism of Electromagnetism

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$$\Psi(t) = \left( \mathbf{E}(t), \mathbf{H}(t) \right) \in \mathcal{H} = \left\{ \Psi \in L^2_W(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{C}^6) \mid \Psi \text{ transversal} \right\}$$
 
$$M = \underbrace{ \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}^{-1} }_{-(-\mathbf{i}\nabla)^\times} \underbrace{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +(-\mathbf{i}\nabla)^\times \\ -(-\mathbf{i}\nabla)^\times & 0 \end{pmatrix} }_{-(-\mathbf{i}\nabla)^\times} = M^*$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{Maxwell equations} \\ \Longleftrightarrow \\ \text{Maxwell operator} \ M = M^* \end{array} \right\} \quad = \quad$$

Adaptation of **techniques from quantum mechanics**to electromagnetism

# Fundamental Symmetries of Non-Gyrotropic Materials

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#### 3 Symmetries

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$$J: (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) \mapsto (\mathbf{E}, -\mathbf{H})$$
 with  $JMJ = -M$  ( $\chi$ )

3 
$$T = JC : (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) \mapsto (\overline{\mathbf{E}}, -\overline{\mathbf{H}})$$
 with  $TMT = +M$  (+TR)

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 $\Psi_-(t) = C \Psi_+(t)$  can be enforced by choosing  $W_- = \overline{W_+}$  , i. e.

$$M_{\pm} = -C M_{\mp} C = W_{\pm} \operatorname{Rot} \big|_{\pm \omega > 0}$$

Relation between  $M_{\pm}$  implies relation between evolution groups:

$$C \operatorname{e}^{-\mathrm{i} M_{\pm}} = \operatorname{e}^{-\mathrm{i} t M_{\mp}} C$$

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### Maxwell equations equivalent to

$$\mathrm{i}\partial_t \Psi(t) = M \Psi(t), \qquad \qquad \Psi(0) = \Phi \in \mathcal{H},$$

on the Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H}:=\operatorname{ran}P_+\oplus\operatorname{ran}P_-\subset L^2_{W_+}(\mathbb{R}^3,\mathbb{C}^6)\oplus L^2_{W_-}(\mathbb{R}^3,\mathbb{C}^6)$$

with Maxwell operator

$$\begin{split} M := M_+ \oplus M_- \\ \mathcal{D}(M) := \left(P_+ \mathcal{D}(\mathsf{Rot})\right) \oplus \left(P_- \mathcal{D}(\mathsf{Rot})\right) \end{split}$$

# "Indestructible" Symmetry

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} C\,M_+\,C = -M_- \\ M = M_+ \oplus M_- \end{array} \right\} \ \, \Longrightarrow \ \, K\,M\,K = -M$$

### has an even particle-hole-type symmetry

$$K:=\sigma_1\otimes C,\quad (\Psi_+,\Psi_-)\mapsto (\overline{\Psi_-},\overline{\Psi_+}).$$

### **Fundamental Constituents**

### **Complexified Maxwell Equations**

- ② Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} = \operatorname{ran} P_+ \oplus \operatorname{ran} P_- \subset L^2_{W_+}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C}^6) \oplus L^2_{W_-}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C}^6)$
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**4** Even particle-hole symmetry: "Complex conjugation"  $K = \sigma_1 \otimes C$ 

# Reduction to Complex Fields with $\omega > 0$

Physically only **real states** relevant

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Even particle-hole symmetry: Implicit in construction

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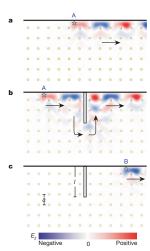
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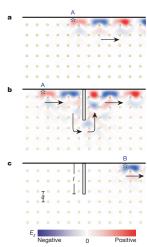


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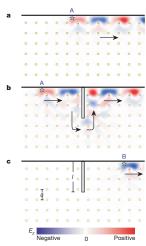


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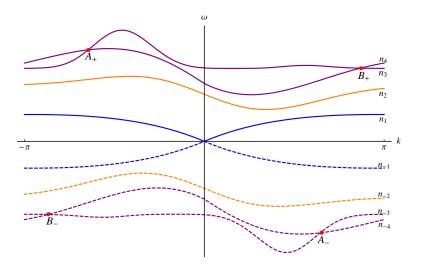
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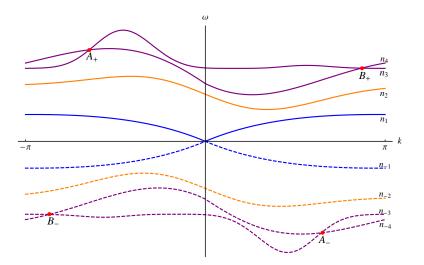
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#### Conclusion

- Schrödinger formalism for classical waves
- R-valuedness of classical waves

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- ⇒ Particle-hole symmetry irrelevant for topological effects
- Systematic classification of wave equations according to discrete symmetries
- Periodic case:

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Novel, unexplored topological classes outside of 10-Fold Way



# Thank you for your attention!

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#### Challenges

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- ullet  $M_{\pm}$  and M no longer hermitian (selfadjoint) but Krein-hermitian
- 4 additional (!) types of symmetries

**Guinea pig system:** Magnons propagating in a magnonic crystal (similar, but not unitarily equivalent to a hermitian system, explicit)

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