

Existence and Absence of Non-Linear Effects in Photonic Topological Insulators

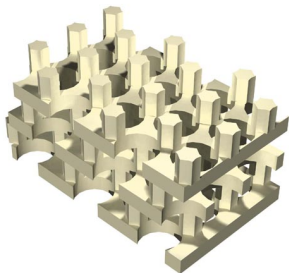
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Periodic Light Conductors

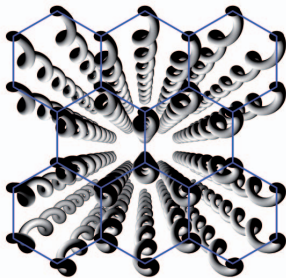
Photonic Crystals

Johnson & Joannopoulos (2004)



Periodic Waveguide Arrays

Rechtsman, Szameit et al (2013)



- periodic structure \implies *peculiar light conduction properties*
- artificial PLCs can be *engineered arbitrarily and inexpensively*
- “*band structure engineering*”
 \rightsquigarrow **photonic band gaps**, slow light, low-dispersion materials
- natural photonic crystals: gem stones, beetle shells, butterfly wings

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Theory

Predicted by

- Onoda, Murakami and Nagaosa (2004)
- Raghu and Haldane (2005)

Experiment

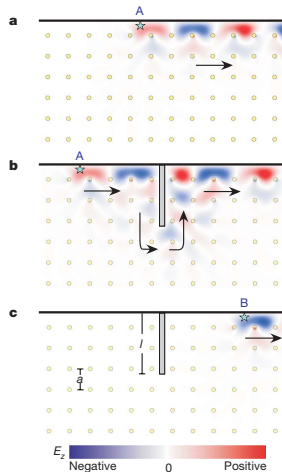
... and realized in

- 2d **photonic crystals** for **microwaves** by Joannopoulos, Soljačić et al (2009)
- **periodic waveguide arrays** for light at **optical frequencies** by Rechtsman, Szameit et al (2013)

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$$\left. \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\epsilon} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\mu} \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

symmetry breaking



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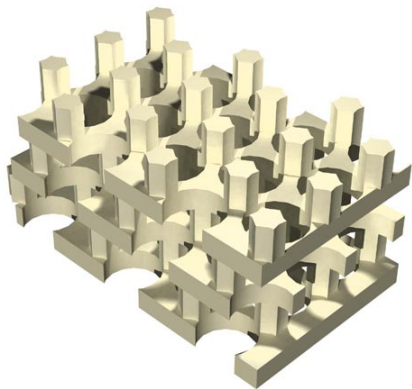
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Part 1

Linear Photonic Topological Insulators

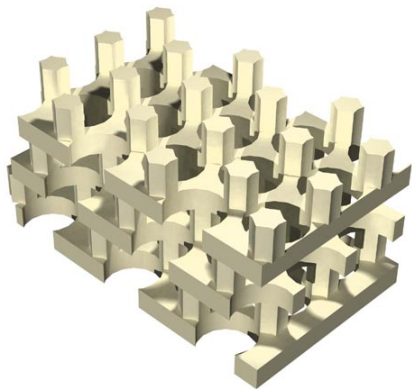


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Assumption (Material weights)

$$W_1(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) & \chi(\mathbf{x}) \\ \chi(\mathbf{x})^* & \mu(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ① $W_1^* = W_1$ (*lossless*)
- ② $0 < \mathbf{c} \mathbf{1} \leq W_1 \leq \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1}$
(*excludes negative index mat.*)
- ③ W_1 *frequency-independent*
(*response instantaneous*)
- ④ W_1 *periodic wrt lattice* $\Gamma \simeq \mathbb{Z}^3$



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$M = M^*$ on *weighted* Hilbert space $L_w^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{C}^6)$

Helmholtz splitting: $L_w^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{C}^6) = \ker \operatorname{Div} \oplus W_1 \operatorname{ran} \operatorname{Grad}$

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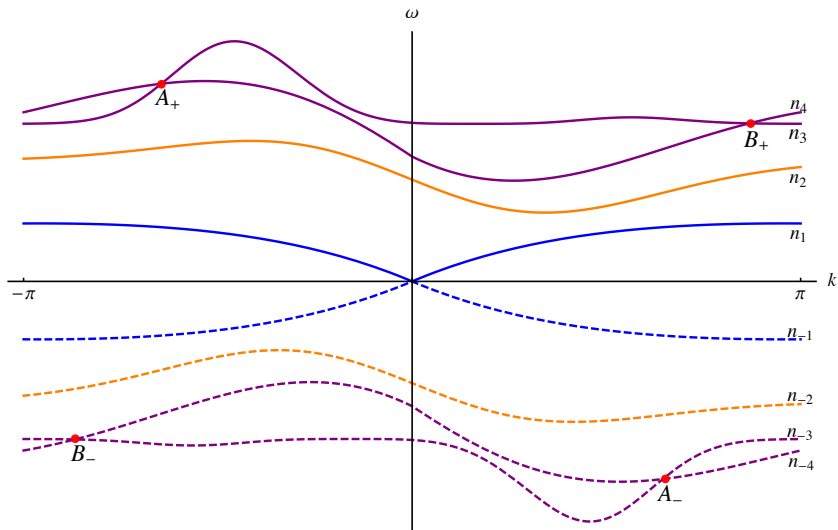
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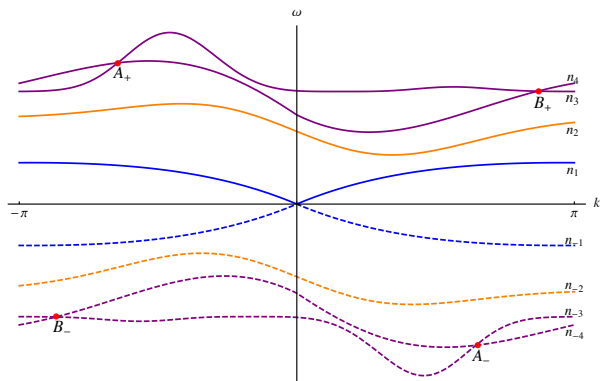
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Corollary

All topological invariants of class X are left invariant by the light dynamics e^{-itM} .

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Definition (Symmetries of the material weights)

Let V be a discrete symmetry of Rot. Then V is a symmetry of \mathcal{W} iff

$$V\mathcal{W}(\Psi) = \mathcal{W}(V\Psi).$$

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 &= +i \int_0^{t/\delta} ds \int_{\mathbb{R}^q} ds' e^{-i(t-s)M} M \text{Rot} \cdot \\
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Part 3

Candidates for Relevant States

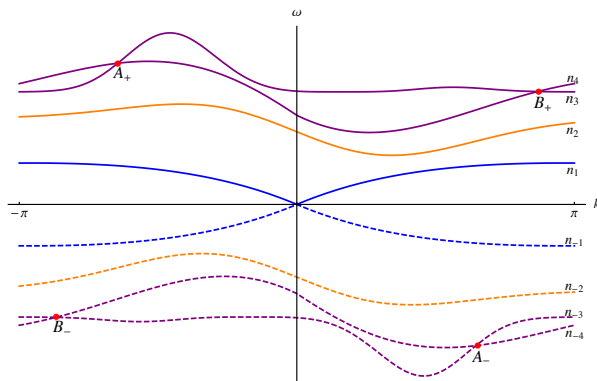
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Find **initial conditions** $\{f_n(k)\}_{n \in \mathcal{I}}$ supported on a finite family of bands $\sigma_{\text{rel}}(k) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathcal{I}} \{\omega_n(k)\}$ which

- ① only interact with states inside of $\sigma_{\text{rel}}(k)$,
- ② are potentially topologically non-trivial and
- ③ have appreciable non-linear interaction.



Results by Babin & Figotin

- Arguments based on 4 works by Babin & Figotin (2001–2005)
- Uses stationary phase argument
- Focus on first non-linear response
- Arguments **depend only on frequency spectrum**
(not band topology)
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The First Non-Linear Response

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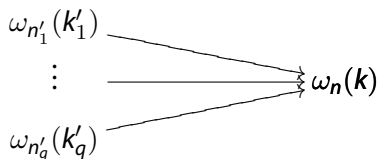
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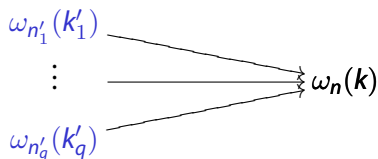
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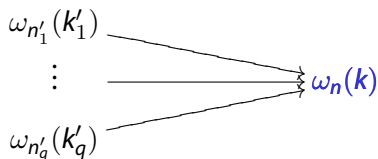
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- ② **Group velocity matching** (stationary phase $\delta \rightarrow 0$)

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- ③ **Frequency Matching** (optional, stationary phase $\delta \rightarrow 0$)

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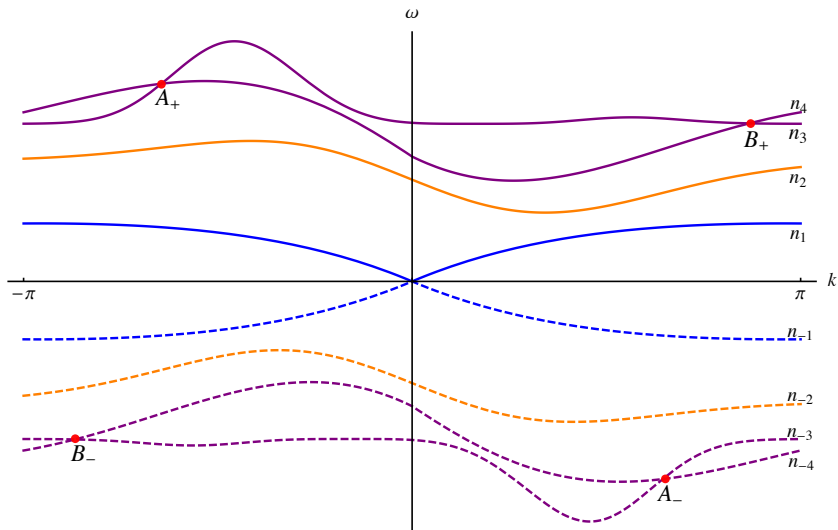
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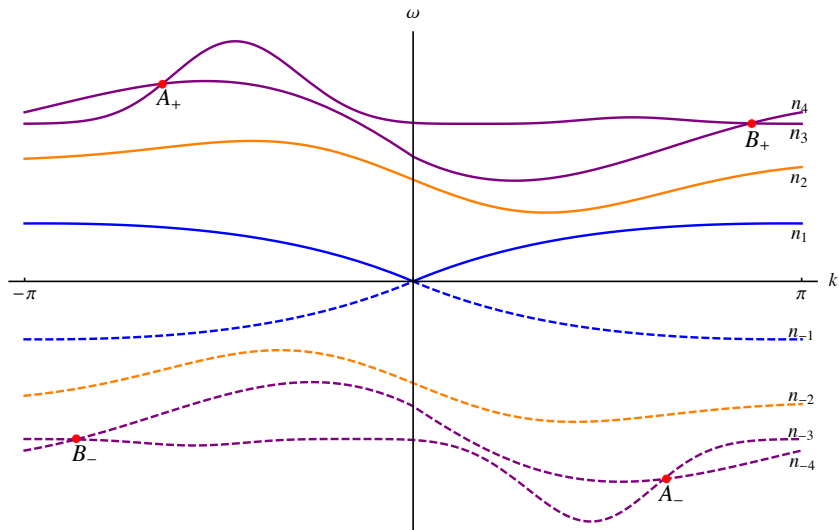
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Topological Invariants & Non-Linear Dynamics

- How to prove stability of topological invariance in presence of non-linearities

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