

# Interacting Topological Phases and Light

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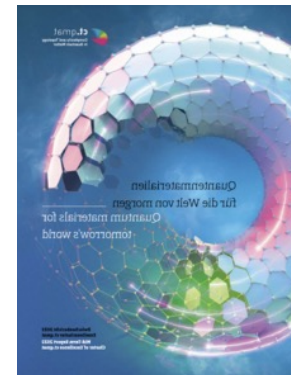


Conference: [ct.qmat](https://ct.qmat.dtu.dk/), Dresden September 2024

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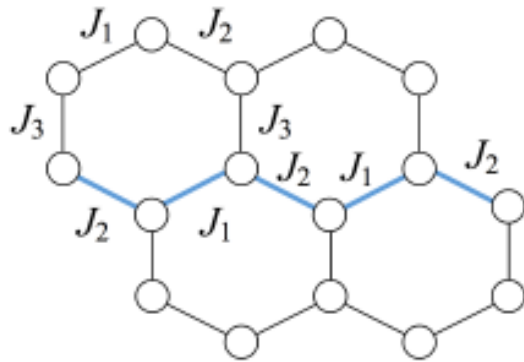
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Complexity and Topology  
In Quantum Matter



# Quantum Spin Liquids

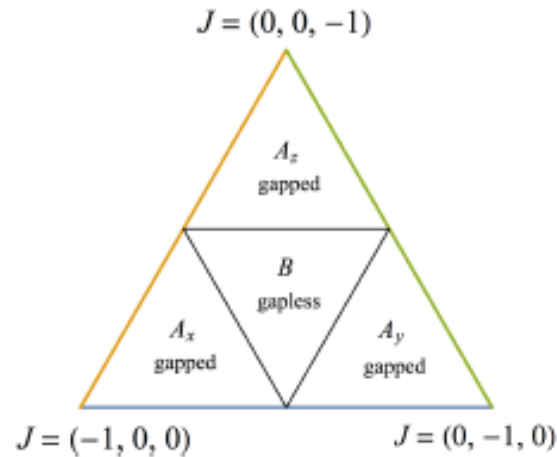
Proposal in cold atoms:  
Duan, Demler, Lukin 2003  
Kitaev paper 2005 published later in 2006



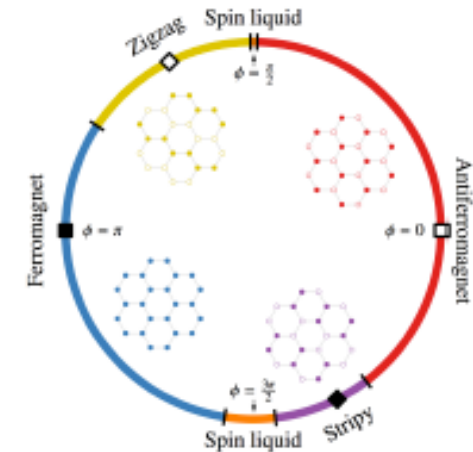
$$H_K = \sum J_\nu \sigma_j^\nu \sigma_k^\nu, \quad \nu = x, y, z$$

$\langle jk \rangle \in \nu$ -links in  $d$ -dimensional lattice  $\mathcal{G}$

**A. Kitaev**  
**1997 toric code**  
**2005 arXiv**



J. Rau & H. Y. Kee, review  
S. Trebst, review  
**Iridate materials,  $\alpha\text{RuCl}_3$**   
Mixing angle (Heisenberg & Kitaev)



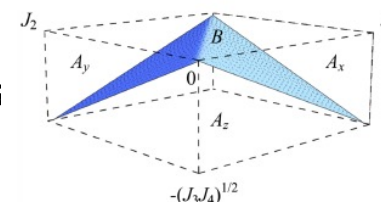
Review L. Savary & L. Balents

## Kitaev model on honeycomb lattice: mathematical Majorana representation with 4-Majoranas (2006)

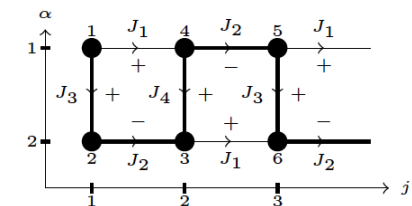
3 gapped A Anderson Resonating Valence Bond States  
B gapless phase (gapped with magnetic fields, [Z2 Haldane model](#))  
Anyons, Majorana fermions, toric code

## Generalization in Tunable Ladder representation with 2 Majoranas

K. Le Hur, A. Soret and F. Yang, 2017 ; see also X.-Y. Feng et al. 2007

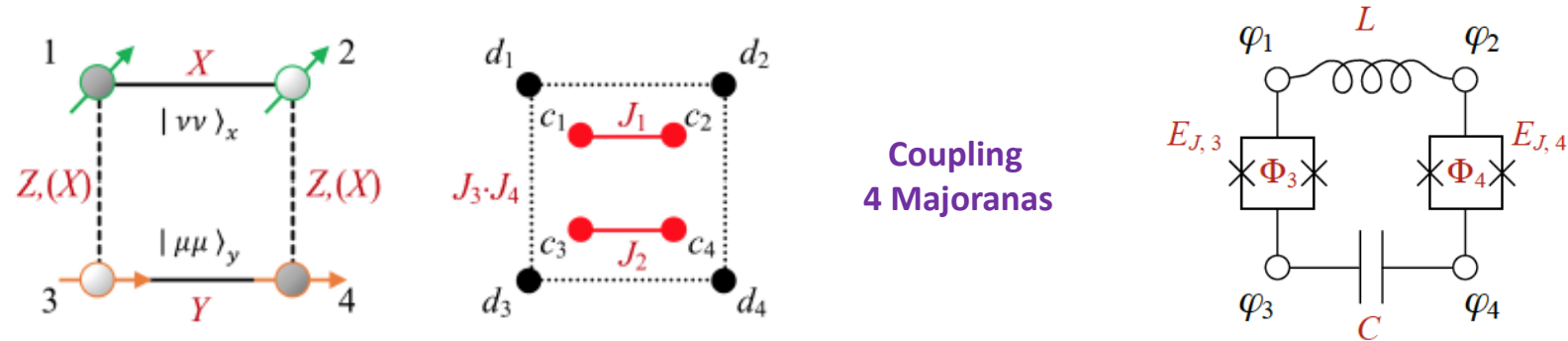


**Z2 gauge field**

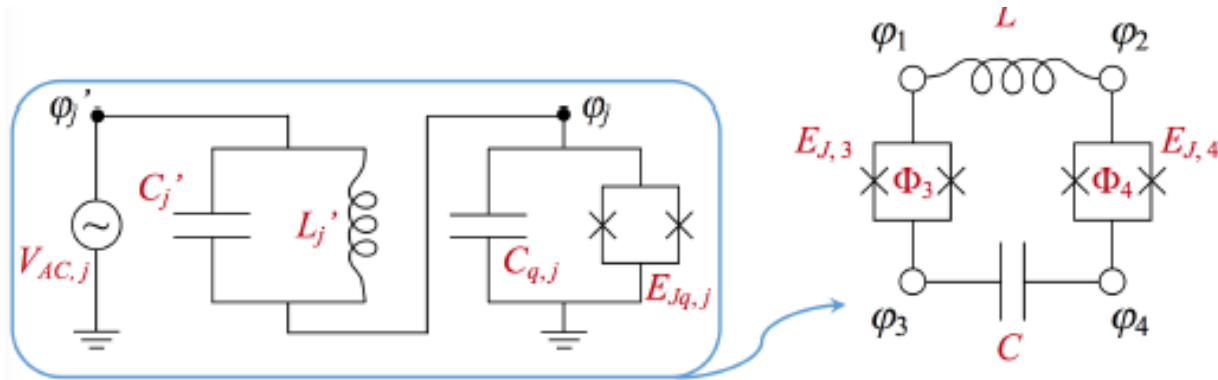


# Quantum Technologies: Boxes with SC devices

Fan Yang, Loic Henriet, Ariane Soret, Karyn Le Hur, Phys. Rev. B 98, 035431 (2018)



$$H_K = J_1 \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x + J_2 \sigma_3^y \sigma_4^y + J_3 \sigma_1^z \sigma_3^z + J_4 \sigma_2^z \sigma_4^z, \quad H_\perp^x = J_3^x \sigma_1^x \sigma_3^x + J_4^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_4^x,$$

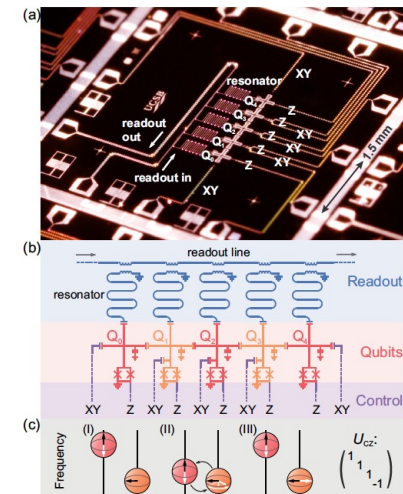


$$H_z = \sum_{j=1}^4 \frac{\omega_{0,j}}{2} \sigma_j^z$$

Kitaev spin models (**double Floquet period**): NMR blue box

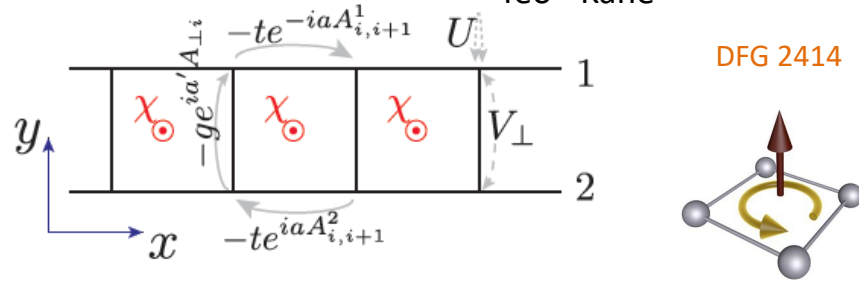
Applications in quantum codes, implementation of Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model

J. Martinis  
group

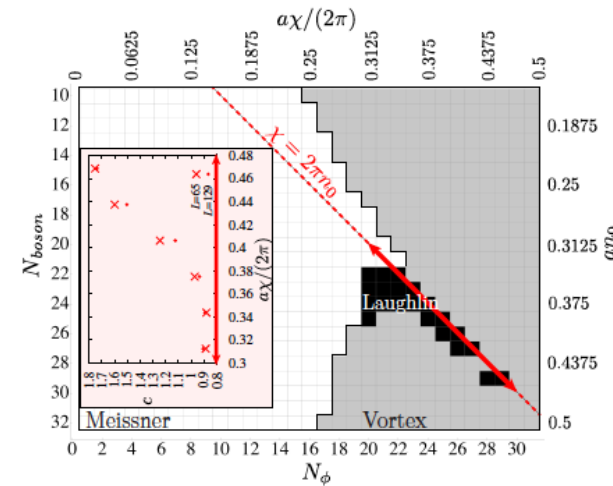


A. Petrescu & K. Le Hur, PRB 2015; quantum field theory

Teo - Kane



Also, novel DCI phase in Kitaev superconducting ladders  
L. Herviou, C. Mora, K. Le Hur 2016 (Majorana liquid)



A. Petrescu,  
M. Piraud,  
G. Roux,  
I. McCulloch,  
K. Le Hur,  
PRB 2017

DMRG

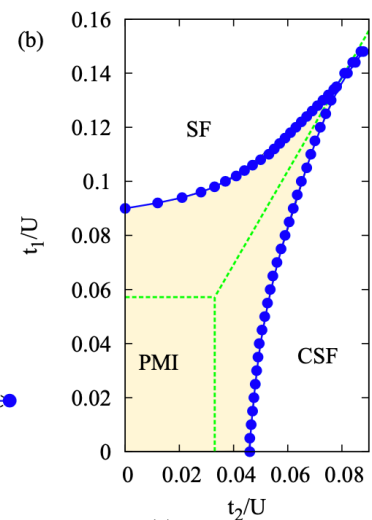
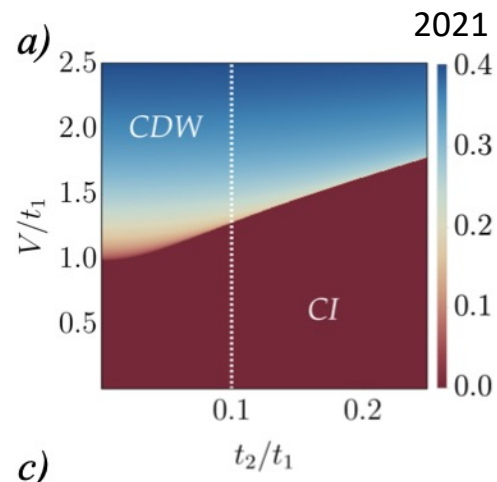
2D:  
F. Yang, V. Perrin, A. Petrescu,  
I. Garate, K. Le Hur 2020

Interactions

Fractional quantum Hall phase at  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  in a Ladder

Interacting Haldane fermion model  
Stochastic variational approach  
Agrees with DMRG in 2D

Ph. Klein, A. Grushin, K. Le Hur PRB



Chiral superfluid (CSF)

Interacting Haldane (1988) & Kane-Mele (2005) models fermions and bosons

Interacting Kane-Mele Fermionic model

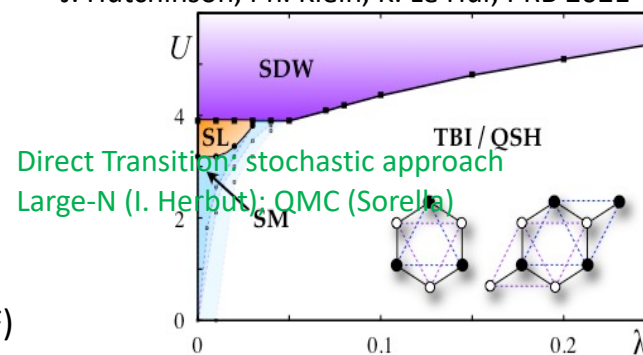
W. Wu, S. Rachel, W.-M. Liu, KLH 2012 (CDMFT)

S. Rachel & KLH, 2010 (quantum field theory; mean-field)

New stochastic variational analytical approach

Moderate effects of fluctuations (polarization bubbles)

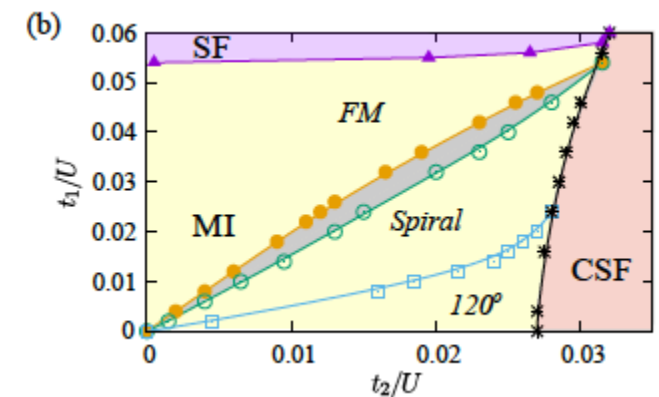
J. Hutchinson, Ph. Klein, K. Le Hur, PRB 2021



New chiral spin state

Kane-Mele bosons

A. K. Plekhanov, I. Vasic, A. Petrescu,  
N. Rajbir, G. Roux, W. Hofstetter, K. Le Hur PRL 2017



Bosonic Haldane model: I. Vasic, A. Petrescu, K. Le Hur, W. Hofstetter 2015

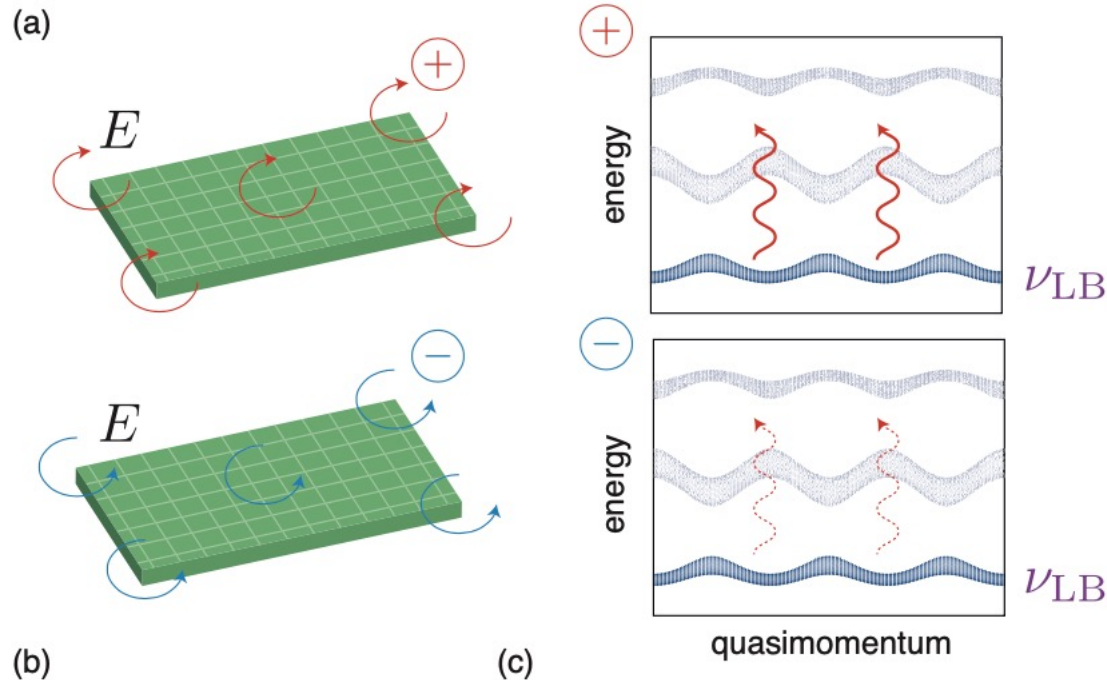
3D topological Mott state: D. Pesin & L. Balents, 2010

Light  
e.g. Classical Light

# Probing topology by “heating”: Quantized circular dichroism in ultracold atoms

2017

D. T. Tran,<sup>1</sup> A. Dauphin,<sup>2</sup> A. G. Grushin,<sup>3,4</sup> P. Zoller,<sup>5,6,7</sup> and N. Goldman<sup>\*1</sup>  
L. Asteria, D.-T. Tran, T. Ozawa, M. Tarnowski, B.-S. Rem, N. Flaschner, K. Sengstock, N. Goldman  
and C. Weitenberg, Nature Physics 15, pages 449-454 (2019).



$$\hat{H}_{\pm}(t) = \hat{H}_0 + 2E [\cos(\omega t)\hat{x} \pm \sin(\omega t)\hat{y}],$$

$$\hat{R}_{\pm} = \exp \left\{ i \frac{2E}{\hbar\omega} [\sin(\omega t)\hat{x} \mp \cos(\omega t)\hat{y}] \right\}$$

$$\Gamma_{\pm}(\omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \Gamma_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}; \omega),$$

$$\Gamma_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}; \omega) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_{n>0} |\mathcal{V}_{n0}^{\pm}(\mathbf{k})|^2 \delta^{(t)}(\varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) - \varepsilon_0(\mathbf{k}) - \hbar\omega),$$

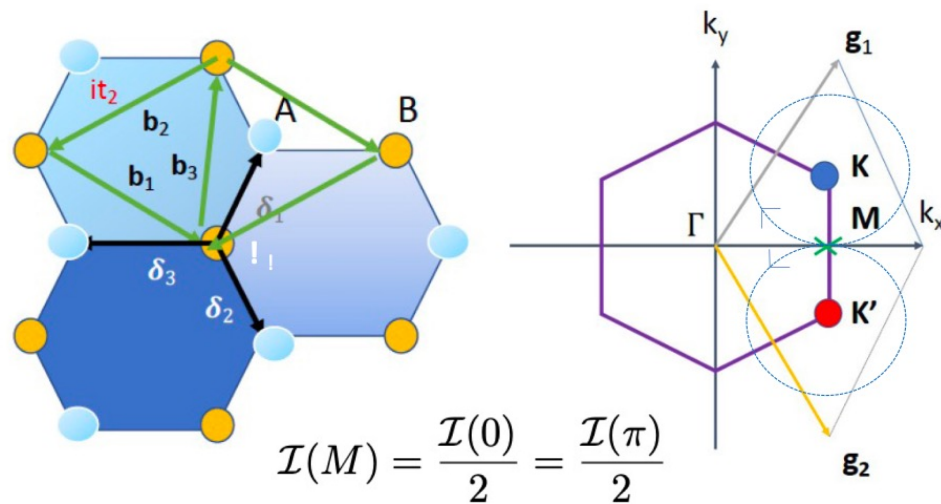
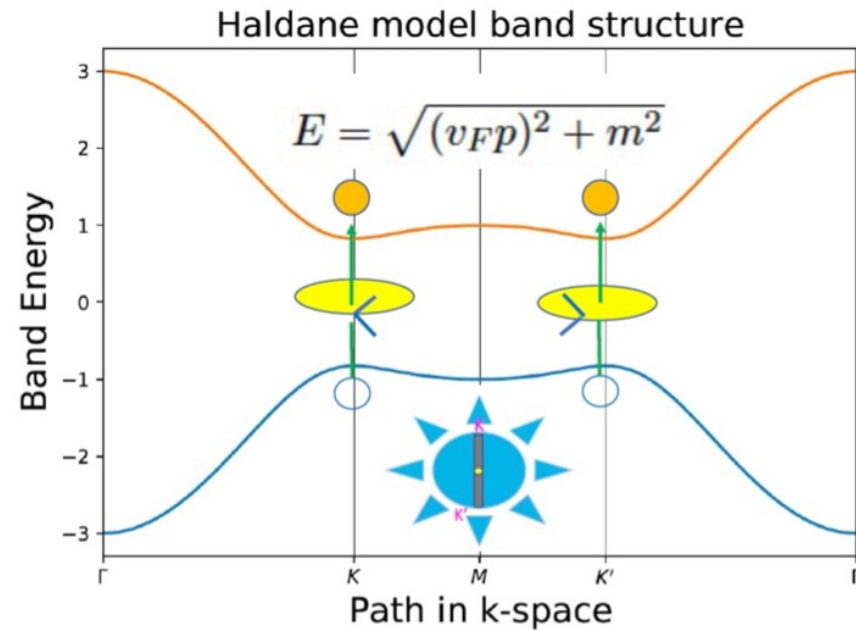
$$|\mathcal{V}_{n0}^{\pm}(\mathbf{k})|^2 = (E/\hbar\omega)^2 \left| \left\langle n(\mathbf{k}) \left| \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial \hat{H}_0}{\partial k_x} \mp \frac{\partial \hat{H}_0}{\partial k_y} \right| 0(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle \right|^2.$$

$$\Delta\Gamma^{\text{int}}/A_{\text{syst}} = \eta_0 E^2, \quad \eta_0 = (1/\hbar^2) \nu,$$

$$\frac{(\Gamma_+ - \Gamma_-)/2}{\Delta\Gamma^{\text{int}}} = 4\pi(E/\hbar)^2 \text{Im} \sum_{n>0} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\langle 0 | \partial_{k_x} \hat{H}_0 | n \rangle \langle n | \partial_{k_y} \hat{H}_0 | 0 \rangle}{(\varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_n)^2}.$$

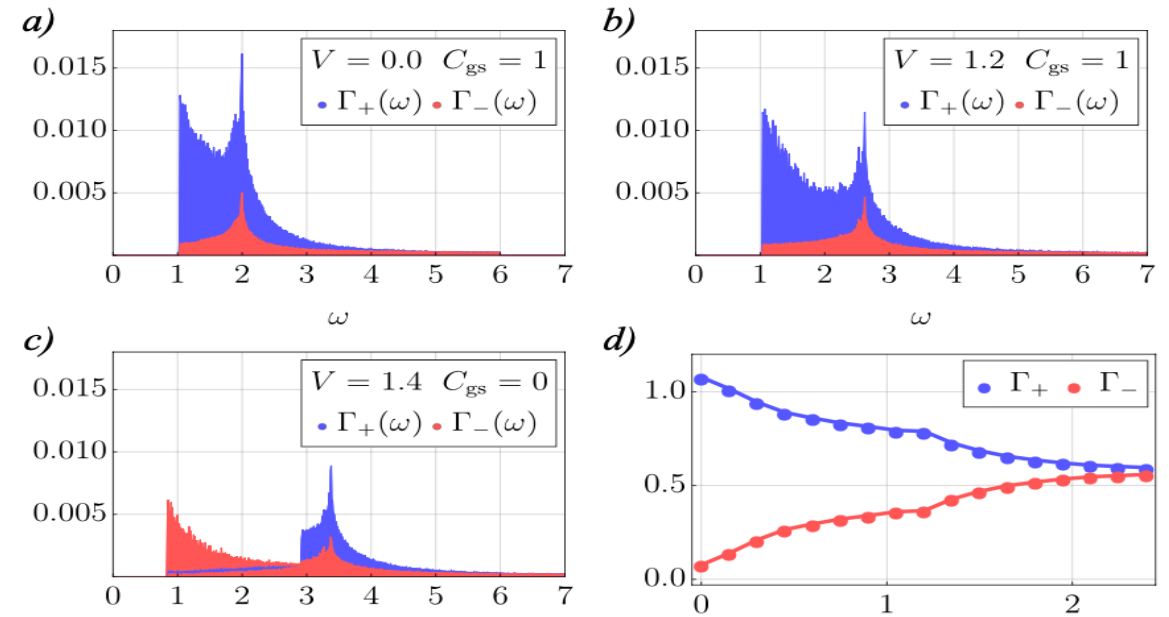
Fractional  $\mathcal{J} = \frac{1}{2}$  (C. Repellin and N. Goldman, 2019)

## New ways to probe topological states with light



## Stochastic Variational Approach with interactions

Theory Mott transition: 1st order transition



$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty d\omega \sum_{\mathbf{k}=K, K'} (\Gamma_{l \rightarrow u}^+(\omega_{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{k}) - \Gamma_{l \rightarrow u}^-(\omega_{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{k})) = \rho C$$

Ph. W. Klein, A. G. Grushin, K. Le Hur, Phys. Rev. B 103, 035114

(2021) probe topology from the Dirac points with light  $C^2$   
From a mapping on the sphere; new geometrical function

K. Le Hur, Phys. Rev. B 105, 125106 (2022)

Applications to topological insulators

Kane-Mele, Fu model

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \left\langle \psi_+ \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p_x} \right| \psi_- \right\rangle \left\langle \psi_- \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p_x} \right| \psi_+ \right\rangle + \left\langle \psi_+ \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p_y} \right| \psi_- \right\rangle \left\langle \psi_- \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p_y} \right| \psi_+ \right\rangle$$

# New way to include interactions on sphere

J. Hutchinson and K. Le Hur, Communications Physics 4, 144 (2021), Nature Journal

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$$\mathcal{H}^{\pm} = -(H_1 \cdot \sigma^1 \pm H_2 \cdot \sigma^2) \pm \tilde{r} f(\theta) \sigma_z^1 \sigma_z^2.$$

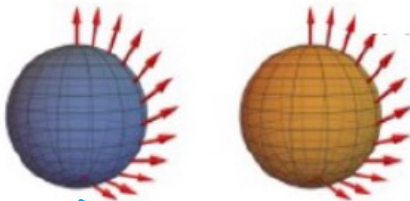
$$H_i = (H \sin \theta \cos \phi, H \sin \theta \sin \phi, H \cos \theta + M_i)$$

- Phase Diagram obtained from energetics at the poles
- Region  $C_j=1/2$  occurs for various  $f(\theta)$  and  $f(\theta) = cst$

$Z_2$  symmetry  
1  $\leftrightarrow$  2 spheres

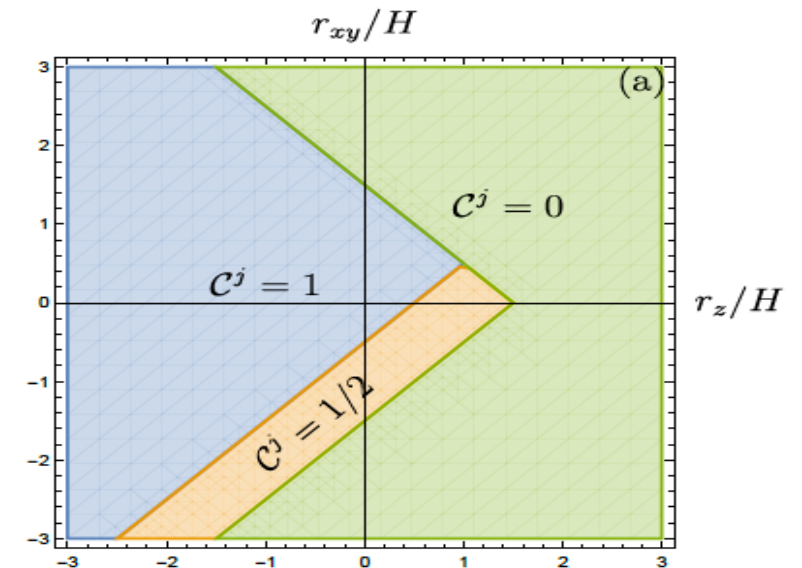
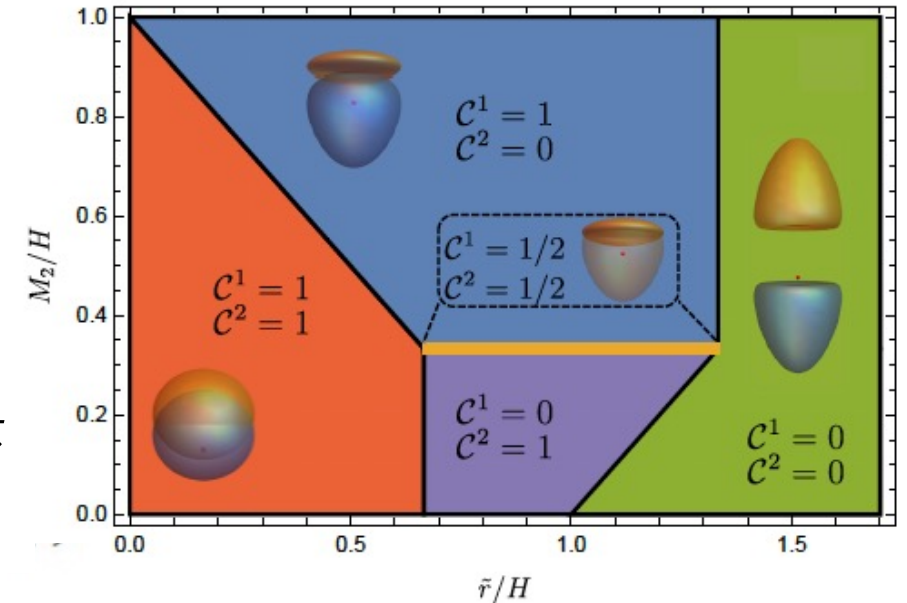
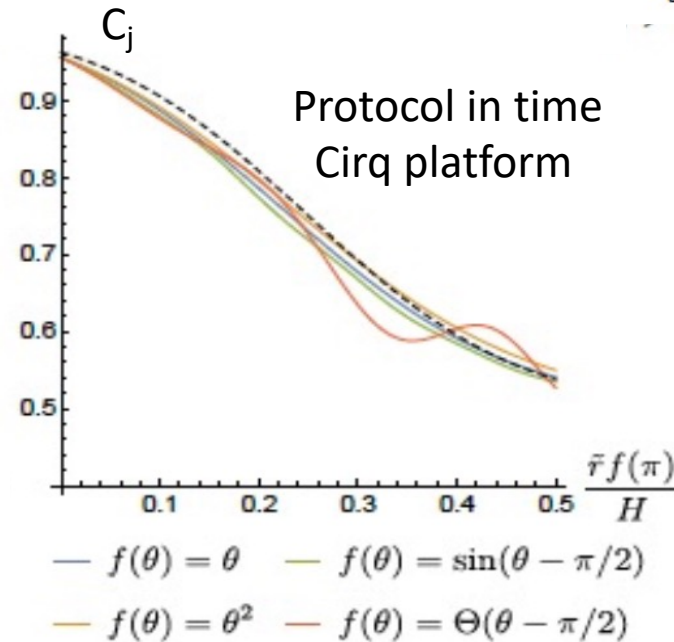
$$M_1 = M_2 = M$$

$$H - M < \tilde{r} < H + M,$$



Bell state  
EPR pair

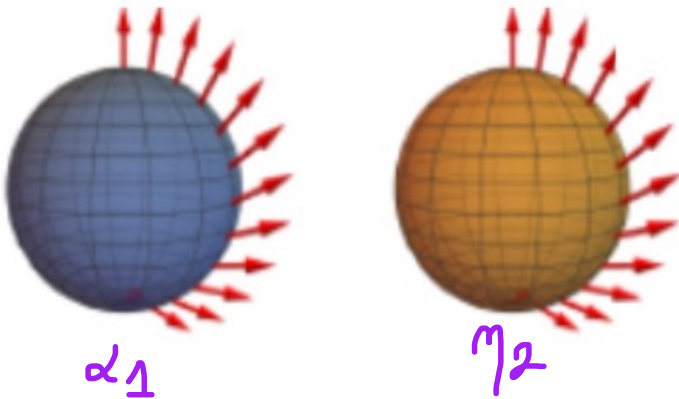
Singlet or Triplet state with  $\sigma_z, tot = 0$



Analogue of  $\frac{1}{2}$  flux quantum in superconductor: measure the presence of a EPR pair or Bell state at one pole

$$\mathcal{A}_{j\varphi}(\pi) - \mathcal{A}_{j\varphi}(0) = q \frac{1}{2} = C_j,$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_{S^2} \nabla_j \times \mathcal{A}_j \cdot d^2\mathbf{s} = C_j = q \frac{1}{2}$$



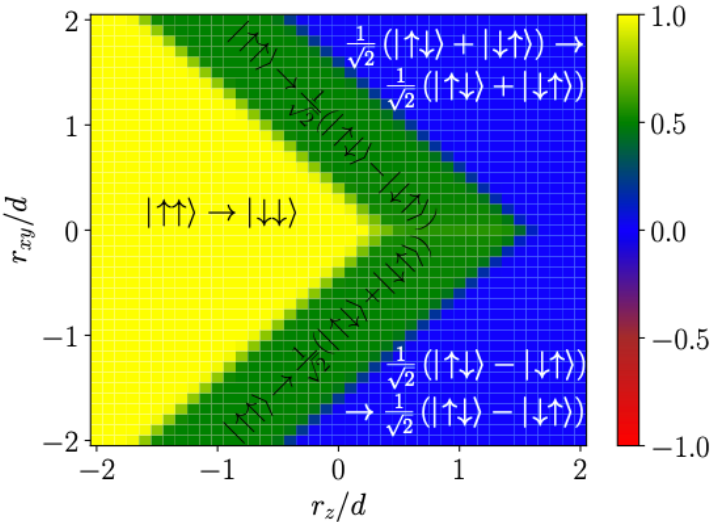
K. Le Hur, Phys. Rev. B 108, 235144 (2023)

Protected Topological Qubits: 1 pair of Majorana fermions at a pole  
 Relation to Kitaev wire for even number of spheres in a ring  
 Ephraim Bernhardt, Brian Cheung Hang Chung, Karyn Le Hur  
 Physical Review Research 6, 023221 (2024)

| $\tau$   | Majorana fermions  | $d$ -operators      | sphere operators        |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| $\tau^z$ | $2i\alpha_1\eta_2$ | $2d^\dagger d - 1$  | $\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x$ |
| $\tau^y$ | $-\sqrt{2}\eta_2$  | $-i(d^\dagger - d)$ | $\sigma_2^x \sigma_1^y$ |
| $\tau^x$ | $\sqrt{2}\alpha_1$ | $d^\dagger + d$     | $\sigma_1^z$            |

Generalization of fractions for odd number of spheres  
 J. Hutchinson and K. Le Hur, Communications Physics 4, 144 (2021),  
 Nature Journal

Application to Majorana fermions



Small  
noise

M term favors singlet-triplet transitions, qubit

2 spins

The Hamiltonian of this system reads

$$\mathcal{H}_{2Q} = -\frac{\hbar}{2}[H_0\sigma_1^z + \mathbf{H}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 + \mathbf{H}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 - g(\sigma_1^x\sigma_2^x + \sigma_1^y\sigma_2^y)], \quad (5)$$

where 1 and 2 refer to qubit 1 (Q1) and qubit 2 (Q2)

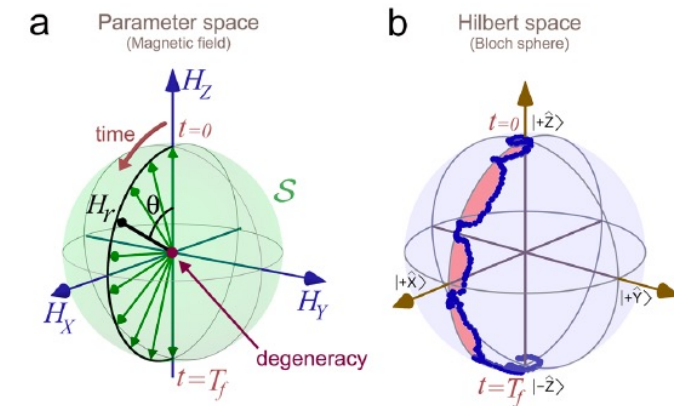
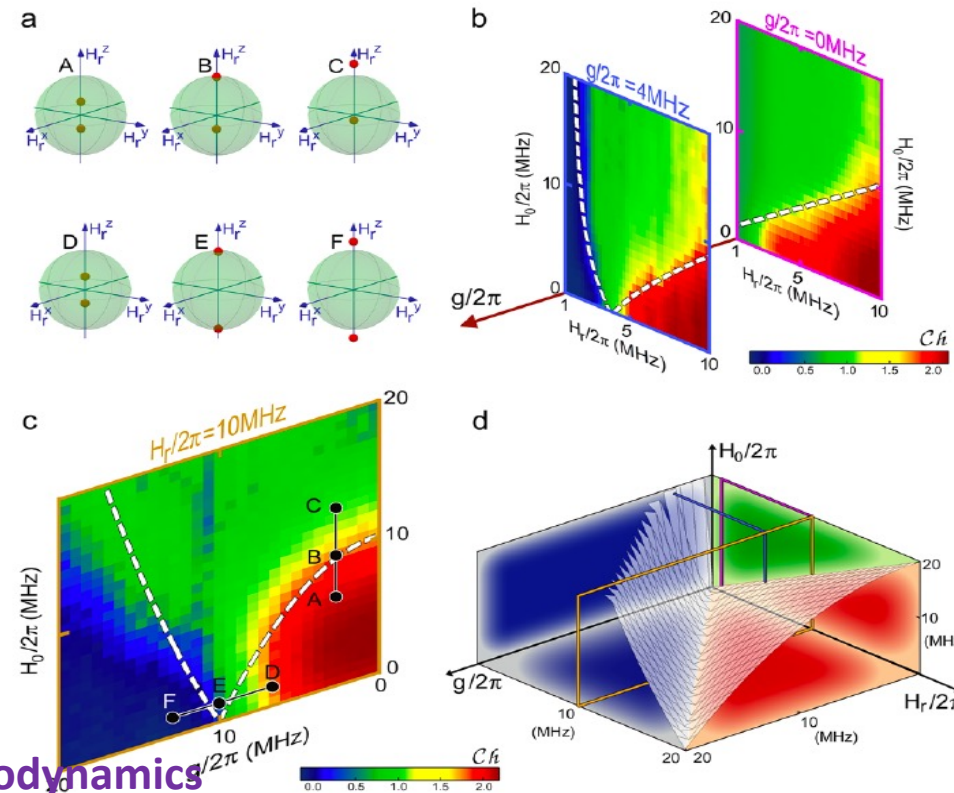
Here  $M=H_0$   
just acts on  
1 spin

Santa-Barbara “google”:

P. Roushan et al.

arXiv:1407.1585

Nature **515**, 241 (2014)



### Application in Energy & quantum thermodynamics

Quantum Dynamo effect in a Bath (1 spin coupled to cQED or 1D ohmic boson bath, transmission line)

L. Henriët, A. Sclocchi, P. P. Orth, K. Le Hur Phys. Rev. B 95, 054307 (2017)

E. Bernhardt, C. Elouard, K. Le Hur, Phys. Rev. A 107, 022219 (2023)

# New Insights on new states of matter

## Topological semimetals and liquids

- [3D Weyl semimetals](#) : Relation to axion physics and photogalvanic effect (*active field since the last decade*)

See e.g. : F. de Juan, A. G. Grushin, T. Morimoto, J. Moore, Nature Communications 2017

- [Topological Semimetals in 2D?](#) Young & Kane 2015 Dirac Semimetals in 2D (*only a few theory papers, why?*)

[Topological Quantization associated to Fermi surface?](#) F. D. M. Haldane 2004

Proposals for quantum anomalous Hall semimetal in 2D: [Relation to  \$\frac{1}{2}\$  topological numbers](#)

Realization in [bilayer honeycomb lattices](#) (J. Hutchinson and K. Le Hur Comm. Phys. 2021 (arXiv:2020); K. Le Hur PRB 2023)

See also article B. Fu, J.-Y. Zou, Z.-A. Hu, H.-W. Wang, S.-Q. Shen, npj Quantum Materials 7, 94 2022

And [Graphene](#), [Useful application of circularly polarized light](#): K. Le Hur and S. Al Saati, PRB 107, 165407 (2023)

And K. Le Hur & S. Al Saati, arXiv:2311.13922 (Comptes Rendus Academie des Sciences 2024)

[Generalization to Topological quantum Spin Hall Semimetal \(next time\)](#)

- [Majorana fermions in 1D & DCI phase](#) F. Del Pozo, L. Herviou, K. Le Hur 2023

Fractional numbers in DMRG

F. del Pozo, L. Herviou, O. Dmytruk, K. Le Hur 2024

[Insight on probing the  \$Z\$  and  \$Z\_2\$  topological numbers of topological p-wave Kitaev superconductors with cQED & classical light](#)

F. del Pozo and K. Le Hur, Phys. Rev. B 110, L060503 (2024)

F. del Pozo, graduation, December 2024

# Entangled WaveFunctions in Topological Band Structures

## Topological Nodal Ring Semimetal: Topological Half Metal

J. Hutchinson & K. Le Hur, Communications Physics 4, 144 (2021)

Thanks to DFG FOR2414

P. Cheng, Ph. W. Klein, K. Plekhanov, K. Sengstock, M. Aidelsburger, C. Weitenberg, K. Le Hur, Phys. Rev. B 100, 081107 (2019)

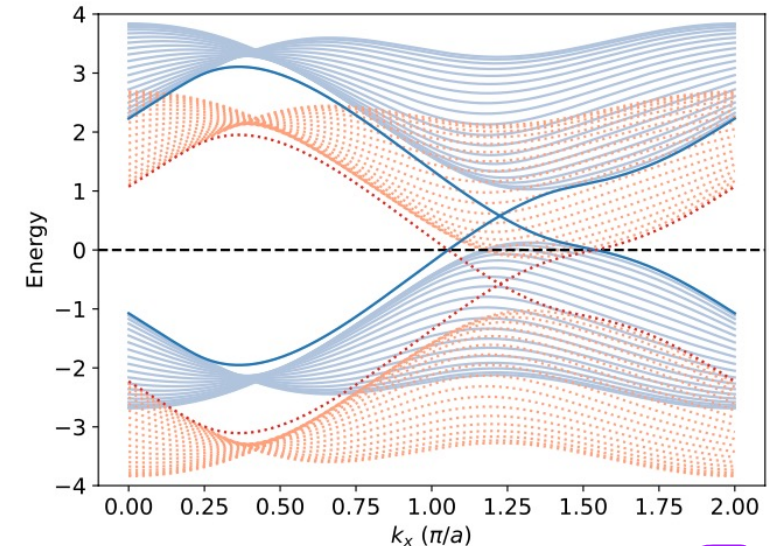
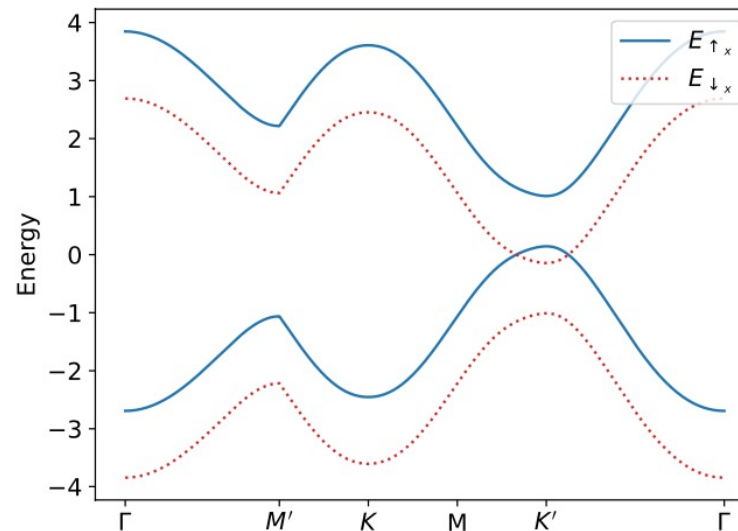
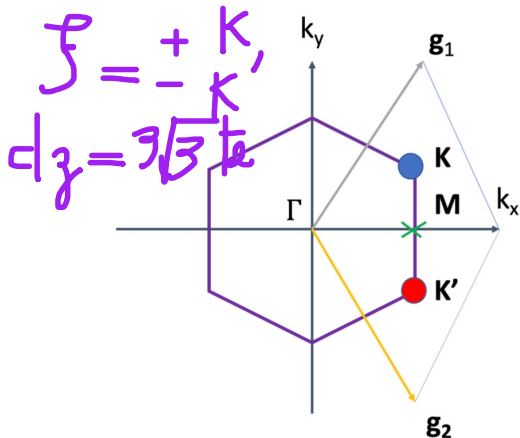
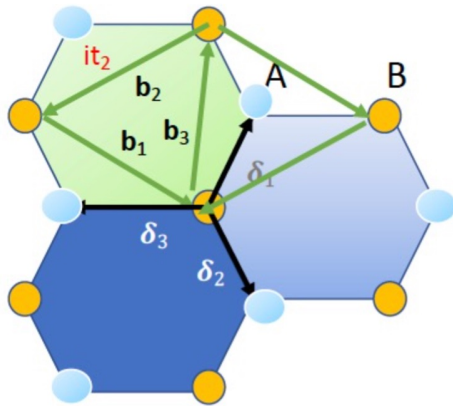
$$H = (\zeta d_z + M)\sigma_z \otimes \mathbb{I} + d_x \sigma_x \otimes \mathbb{I} + d_y \sigma_y \otimes \mathbb{I} + r \mathbb{I} \otimes s_x$$

**Bilayer model:**  $\sigma$  acts on sublattice and  $s$  on plane

**Graphene model:**  $\sigma$  acts on sublattice and  $s$  on spin

$M$  charge density wave substrate;  $r$  Zeeman effect in plane

$$3\sqrt{3}t_2 - M < r < 3\sqrt{3}t_2 + M$$



Stable towards  
- Disorder  
- Interactions  
Stochastic Approach

K. Le Hur and S. Al Saati, PRB 107, 165407 (2023)

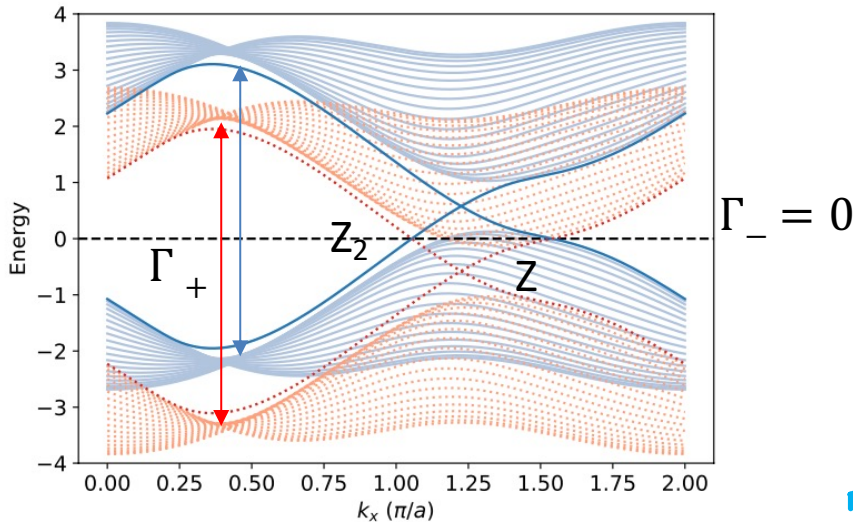
arXiv:2311.13922 (Comptes Rendus Academie des Sciences 2024)

See Poster

# Topological Markers

## Topological half metal

The spin polarized blue edge mode shows a quantized conductance at the edges



cylinder

## Topological semimetal

Pair of bands (1,3) or (2,4)

$$\left| \frac{\Gamma_+ - \Gamma_-}{2} \right| = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} A_0^2 \frac{1}{2} |\langle \sigma_z(0) \rangle|$$

$$\sum_{j=\uparrow, \downarrow} \left| \frac{\Gamma_+ - \Gamma_-}{2} \right| = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} A_0^2 |C_{\downarrow x, -}|$$

K. Le Hur and S. Al Saati, arXiv:2311.13922, Comptes Rendus Physique  
Academie des Sciences in press

Quantum Hall response can be evaluated for the different bands, domains with Kubo formula

$$C_{\downarrow x, -} = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \right) \int_0^\pi d\theta \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \sin \theta = -1,$$

Red lowest band

$Z_2$   
Kane-Mele

Haldane

Haldane model

$$\hat{C}_{\uparrow x, -} - \tilde{C}_{\downarrow x, +} = C_{\downarrow x, -}.$$

Response to circularly polarized light:  
resonance with Dirac points

$$\left| \frac{\Gamma_+ - \Gamma_-}{2} \right| = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} A_0^2 \frac{1}{2} |(\langle \sigma_z(0) \rangle - \langle \sigma_z(\pi) \rangle)|$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} A_0^2 |\langle \sigma_z(0) \rangle|.$$

$$\Gamma_\zeta(\omega) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \frac{A_0^2}{2} \left| \langle + | \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\hbar \partial (\zeta p_y)} + \zeta i \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\hbar \partial p_x} \right) | - \rangle \right|^2$$

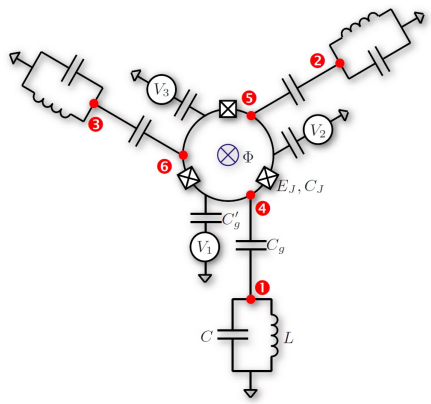
$$\times \delta(E_l(\mathbf{p}) - E_u(\mathbf{p}) - \hbar\omega).$$

K. Le Hur, PRB 105, 125106 (2022)  
Ph. W. Klein, A. Grushin, K. Le Hur, PRB  
103, 035114 (2021)  
Tran, Dauphin, Grushin, Zoller, Goldman 2017

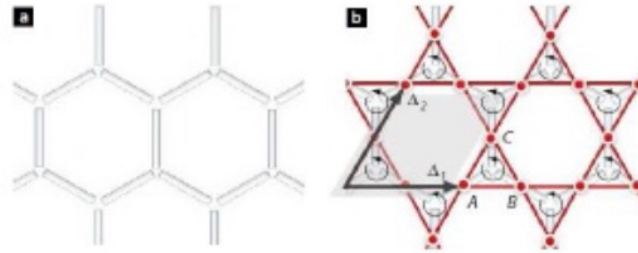
Also, equivalent to a pair of  $\pi$  Berry phases or  $\frac{1}{2}$  Skyrmions (along z direction)

# New Insights on cQED & sensing topological physics

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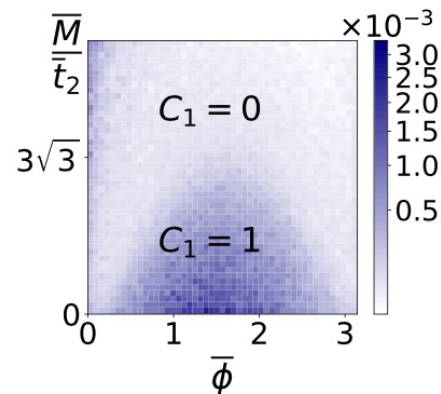
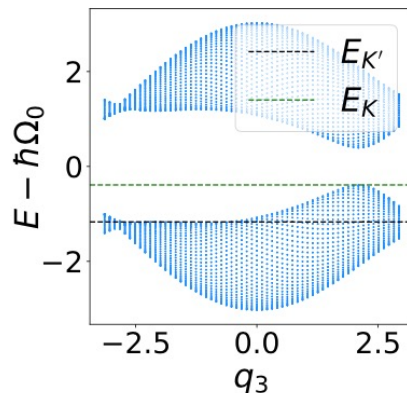
J. Koch, A. A. Houck, K. Le Hur, S. M. Girvin 2010  
A. Petrescu, A. A. Houck, K. Le Hur, 2012



**Review:** K. Le Hur, L. Henriët, A. Petrescu, K. Plekhanov, G. Roux, M. Schiro,  
Comptes Rendus de Physique Academie des Sciences 17, 808-835 (2016)

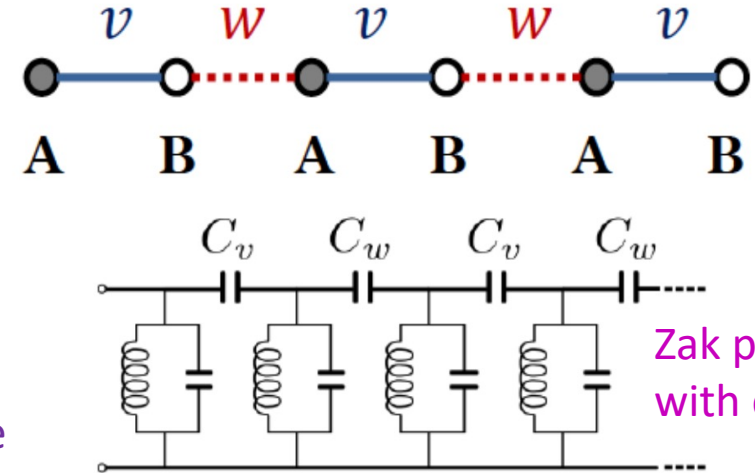
Probing Haldane topological number in 2D lattice with microwave microscope  
J. Legendre and K. Le Hur, Phys. Rev. A **109**, L021701 2024

$$C_i = \frac{(-1)^i}{2} [\text{sgn } h_2(\mathbf{K}) - \text{sgn } h_2(\mathbf{K}')].$$



T. Goren, K. Plekhanov, F. Appas, K. Le Hur 2018

Su-Schrieffer-Heeger model in circuits



Various measurements of LDOS and edge wave functions : weak-coupling  
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# Summary

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Main Results shown in the presentation

Quest for new interacting and topological quantum Matter

- Fractional Topological Numbers and New Applications
- Methods and Algorithms: Variational stochastic approach for interacting topological states  
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- New Probes through circularly and linearly polarized light and new insight from cQED (“microscopes”)

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