

Topology from elementary band representations



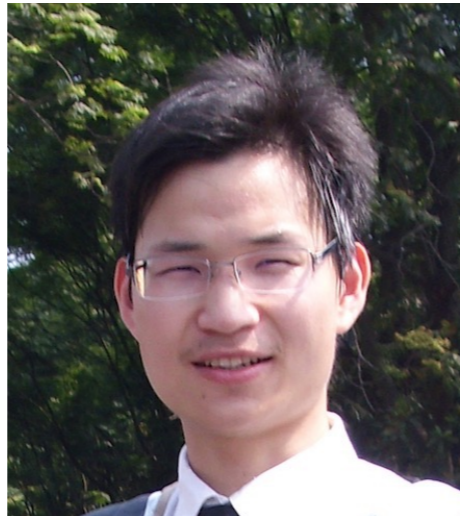
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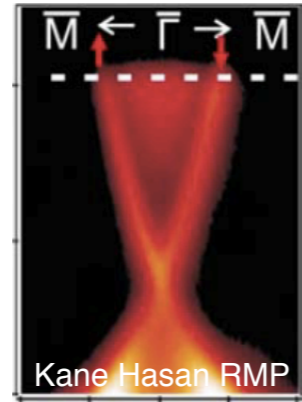
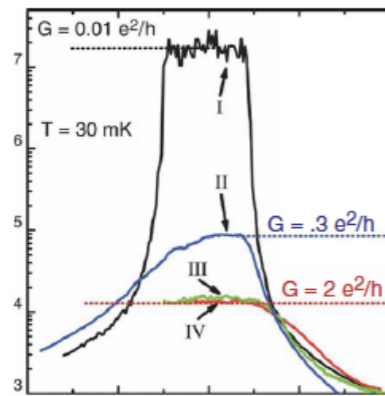
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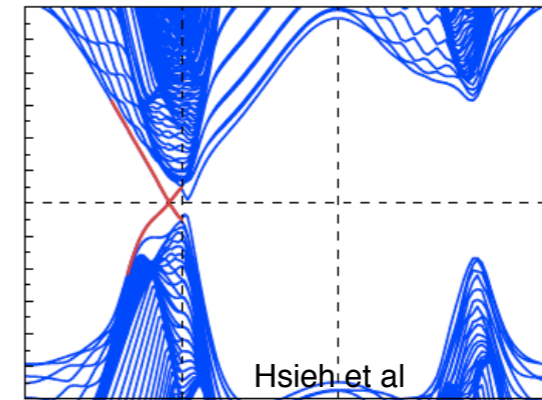


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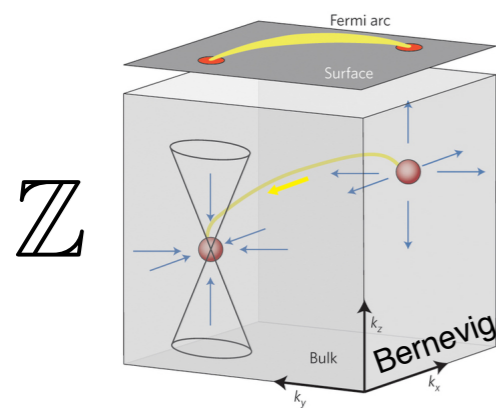
Topological insulators



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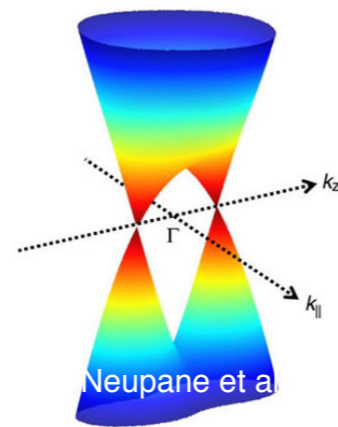
Mirror Chern Insulator

Topological Insulators and Topological Semimetals

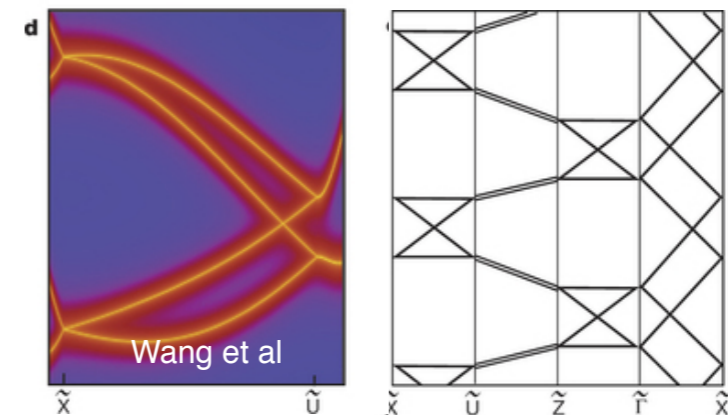


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Weyl and Dirac fermions



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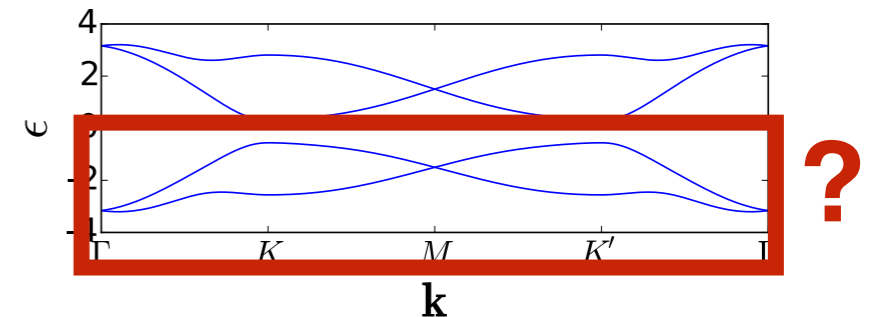
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Hourglass fermions

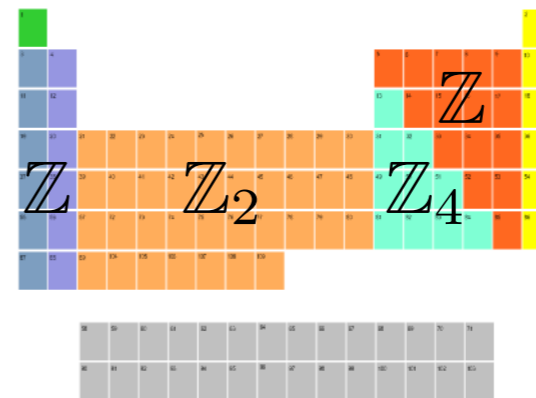
Piecewise classification of topological (crystalline) insulators

Open questions:

How do we know when the classification is complete?



How can we find topological materials?



200000 materials in ICSD database:

100 time reversal topological insulators

10 mirror Chern insulators

15 Weyl semimetals

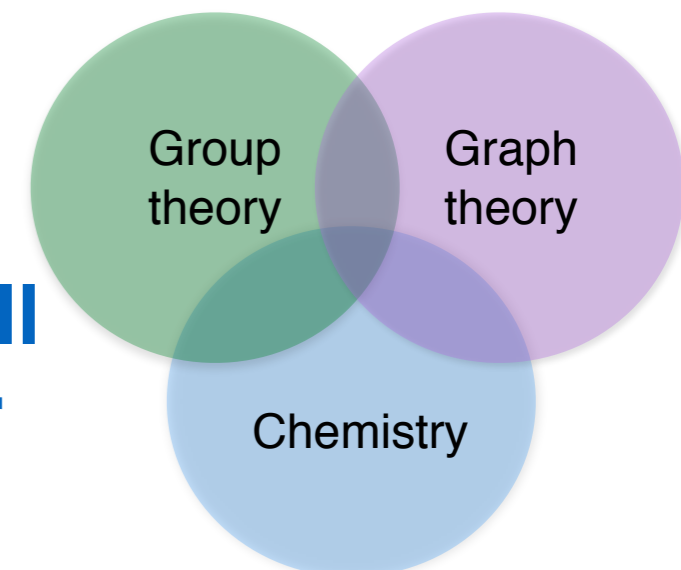
15 Dirac semimetals

3 Non-Symmorphic topological insulators

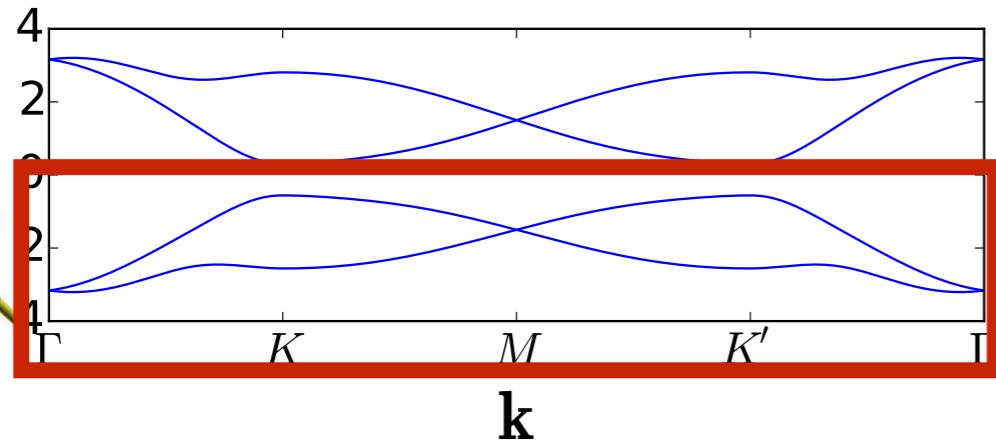
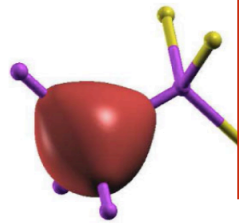
Set of measure zero...

Are topological materials that esoteric?

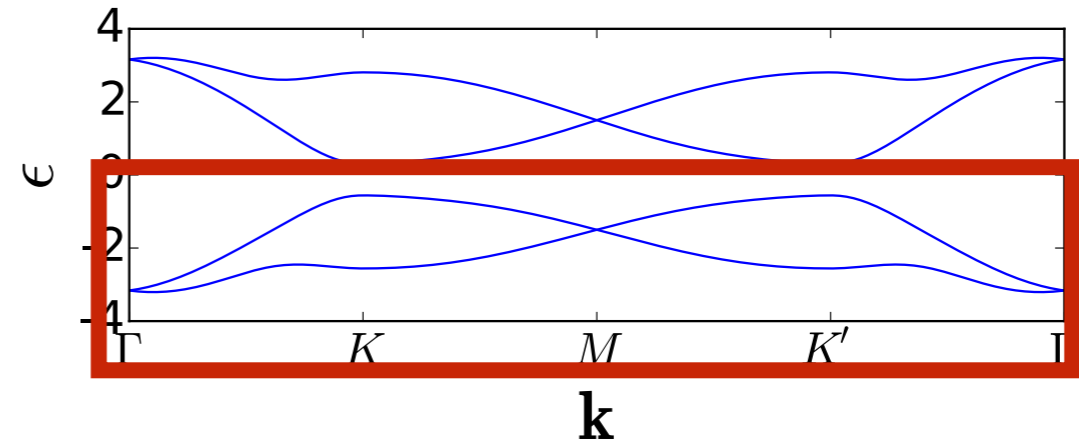
“Topological quantum chemistry”: captures all crystal symmetries and has predictive power



What distinguishes topological vs trivial band structures?



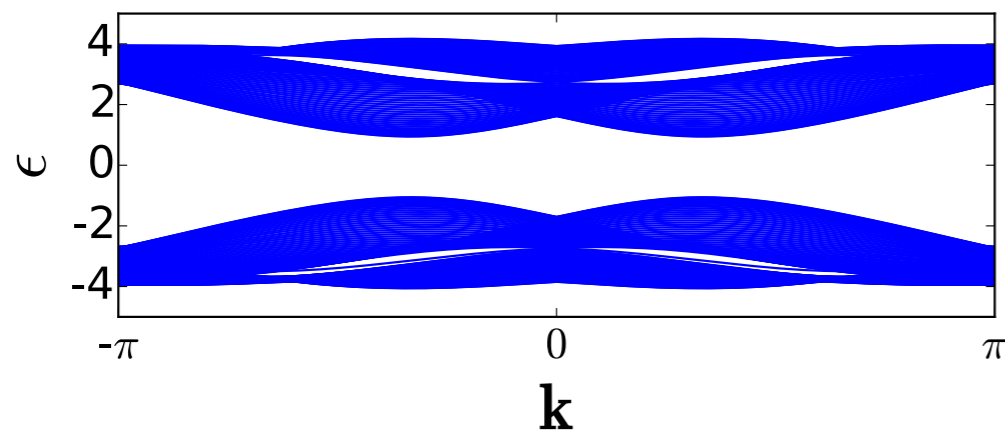
Localized Wannier functions exist
that obey crystal symmetry
(i.e., atomic limit)



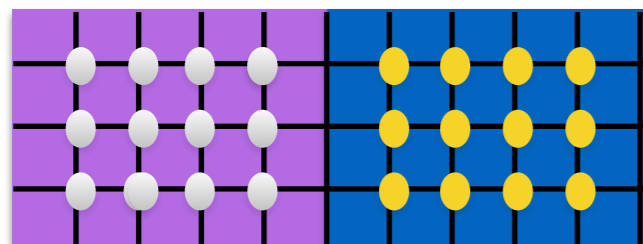
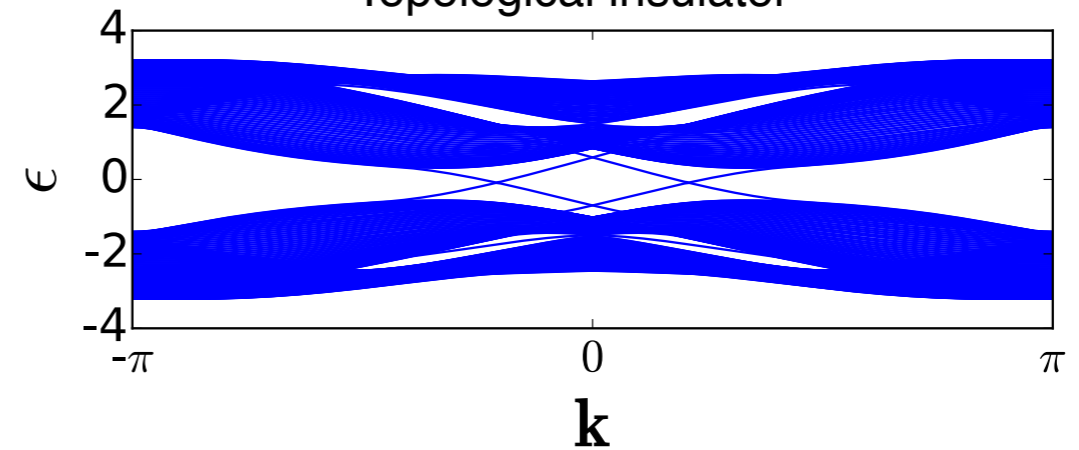
Localized Wannier functions do not exist
that obey crystal symmetry

Fu, Kane (2007)
Soluyanov, Vanderbilt (2011)
Alexandradinata, et al (2014)

Atomic insulator



Topological insulator



If atomic limit exists
on both sides, then
no need for surface
states!

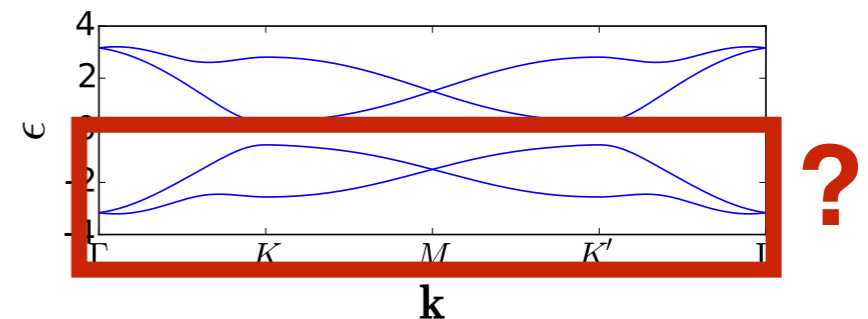
Diagnosing 3D topological phases: strategy

BB, **JC**, et al., *Nature* 547, 298–305 (2017); **JC** et al., *PRB* 97, 035139 (2018)

Topological phases lack an atomic limit

For each space group, enumerate all “atomic limits”

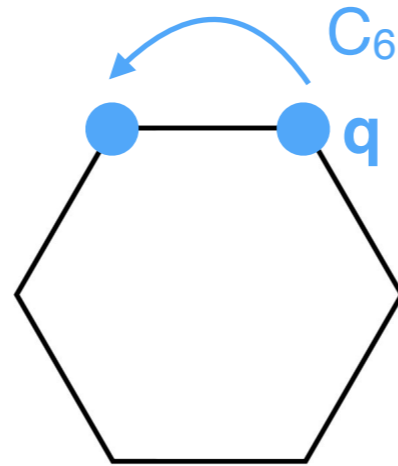
An arbitrary set of bands can be classified
by comparing to list



Connecting real space orbitals to topological properties \Rightarrow predictive power

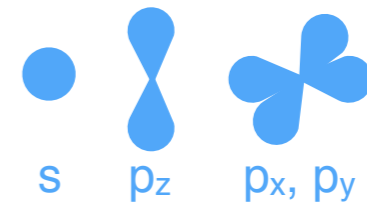
How to build an atomic limit

Consider one lattice site:



Site-symmetry group, G_q , leaves q invariant C_3, m_y

Orbitals at q transform under a rep, ρ , of G_q



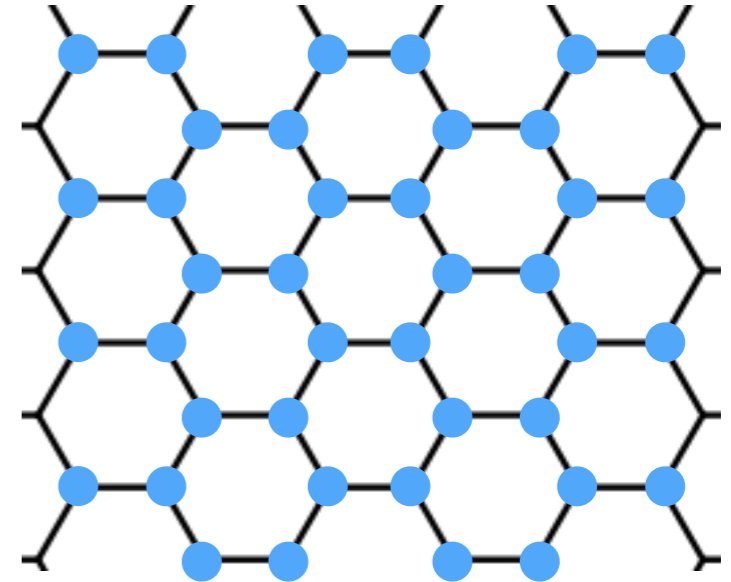
Elements of space group $g \notin G_q$ move sites in an orbit “Wyckoff position” C_6

How to build an atomic limit

Act with full space group
→ crystal symmetric atomic limit

Collection of all symmetry-related orbitals
transforms under *induced representation*

$$\rho \uparrow S$$



Each symmetry operation
represented by N x N matrix

Diagonal block
if $g \in G_q$, i.e, $gq = q$

Off-diagonal block if g
interchanges sites

	q	q ₂	q ₃	q ₄	...
q	[scribble]		[scribble]		
q ₂					
q ₃	[scribble]				
q ₄					
...					

Atomic limit defines a “band representation”

Zak PRL 1980, PRB 1981, 1982

Fourier transformed representation



Diagonal blocks form representation of “little group of k ”
 $gk = k+K$

Each band representation has an atomic limit

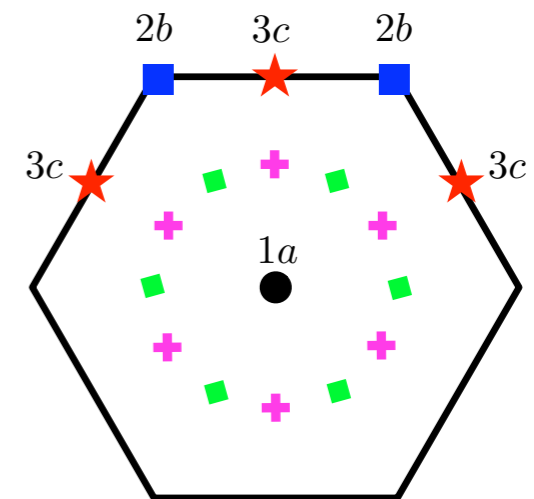
Elementary band reps cannot be decomposed into a sum of band representations

“Building bricks of band representations” - Zak



Necessary conditions for band rep to be elementary:

1. Orbitals transform as irrep of site-symmetry group
2. Atomic positions must be maximal: locally maximal symmetry



We have enumerated all elementary band reps and their symmetry labels

bilbao crystallographic server

<http://www.cryst.ehu.es/>

Bradlyn et al, *Nature* 547, 298–305 (2017);
Vergniory et al, *Phys Rev E* 96, 023310 (2017);
Elcoro et al, *J. Appl. Cryst.* 50, 1457 (2017);
Bradlyn, et al *PRB* 97, 035138 (2018);
Cano, et al *PRB* 97, 035139 (2018)

Bilbao Crystallographic Server → BANDREP

Help

Band representations of the Double Space Groups

Band Representations

This program calculates the band representations (BR) induced from the irreps of the site-symmetry group of a given Wyckoff position.

Alternatively, it gives the set of elementary BRs of a Double Space Group.

In both cases, it can be chosen to get the BRs with or without time-reversal symmetry.

The program also indicates if the elementary BRs are decomposable or indecomposable. If it is decomposable, the program gives all the possible ways to decompose it.

References. For more information about this program see the following articles:

- Bradlyn *et al.* "Topological quantum chemistry" *Nature* (2017). 547, 298-305. doi:10.1038/nature23268
- Vergniory *et al.* "Graph theory data for topological quantum chemistry" *Phys. Rev. E* (2017). 96, 023310. doi:10.1103/PhysrevE.96.023310
- Elcoro *et al.* "Double crystallographic groups and their representations on the Bilbao Crystallographic Server" *J. of Appl. Cryst.* (2017). 50, 1457-1477. doi:10.1107/S1600576717011712

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choose it

1. Get the elementary BRs without time-reversal symmetry
2. Get the elementary BRs with time-reversal symmetry
3. Get the BRs without time-reversal symmetry from a Wyckoff position
4. Get the BRs with time-reversal symmetry from a Wyckoff position

Elementary

Elementary TR

Wyckoff

Wyckoff TR

Elementary band-representations without time-reversal symmetry of the Double Space Group $P6mm$ (No. 183)

The first row shows the Wyckoff position from which the band representation is induced.
In parentheses, the symbol of the point group isomorphic to the site-symmetry group.

The second row gives the symbol $\rho \uparrow G$, where ρ is the irrep of the site-symmetry group.
In parentheses, the dimension of the representation.

The output shows the decomposition of the band representations into irreps of the little groups
of the given k-vectors in the first column.
In parentheses, the dimensions of the representations.

Minimal set of paths and compatibility relations to analyse the connectivity

Show all types of k-vectors

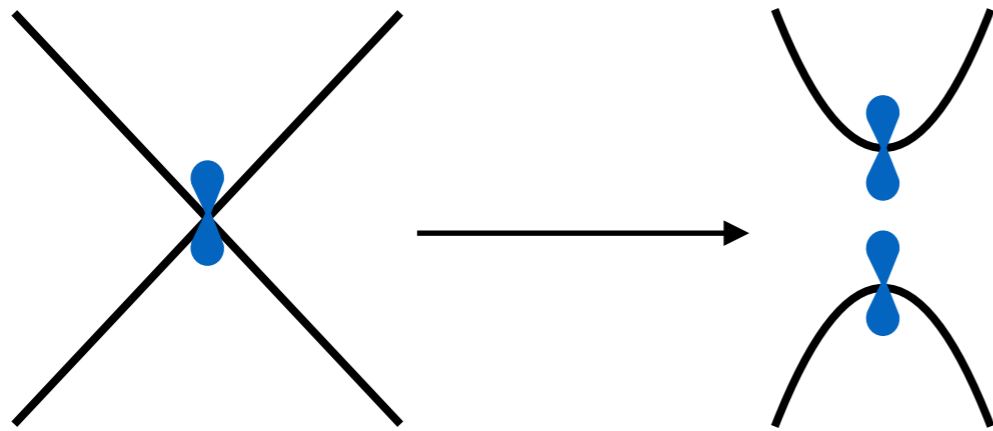
Wyckoff pos.	1a(6mm)	1a(6mm)	1a(6mm)	1a(6mm)	1a(6mm)	1a(6mm)	2b(3m)
Band-Rep.	$A_1 \uparrow G(1)$	$A_2 \uparrow G(1)$	$B_1 \uparrow G(1)$	$B_2 \uparrow G(1)$	$E_1 \uparrow G(2)$	$E_2 \uparrow G(2)$	$A_1 \uparrow G(2)$
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Atom arrangement
Orbital

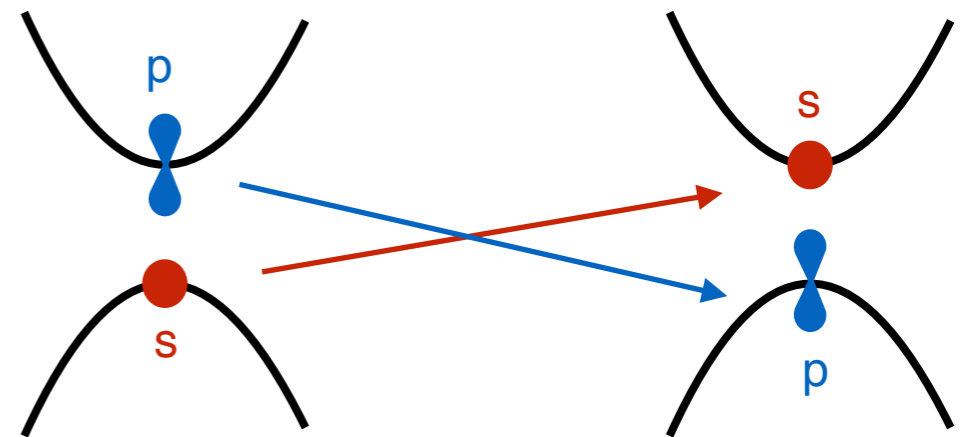
High-symmetry
points

Topological bands are not band representations

Two routes to topological bands:



Disconnected elementary
band representation
(e.g., graphene)



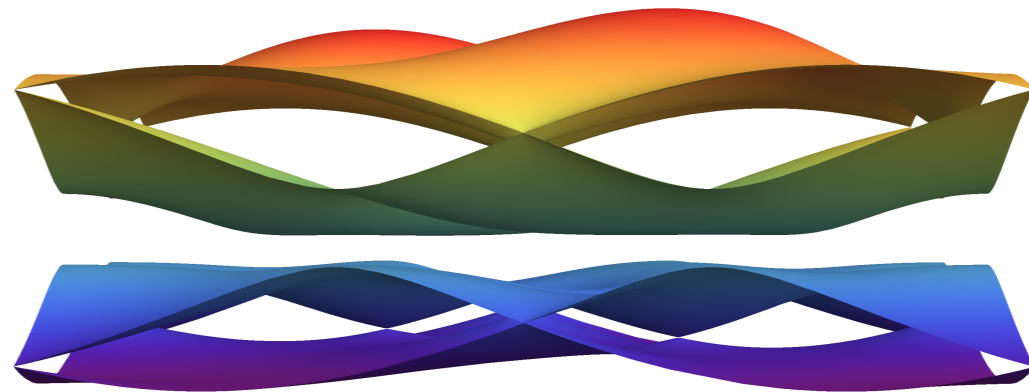
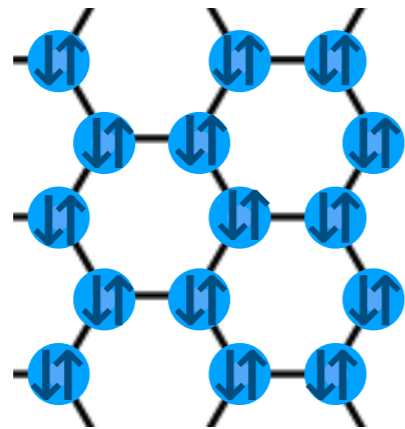
Multiple EBRs + band inversion
(e.g., HgTe)

Disconnected elementary bands are topological

JC et al., PRB 97, 035139 (2018), 1709.01935;

Bradlyn, JC, et al., *Nature* 547, 298–305 (2017), 1703.02050

Ex: p_z orbitals on honeycomb with SOC (Kane-Mele model)



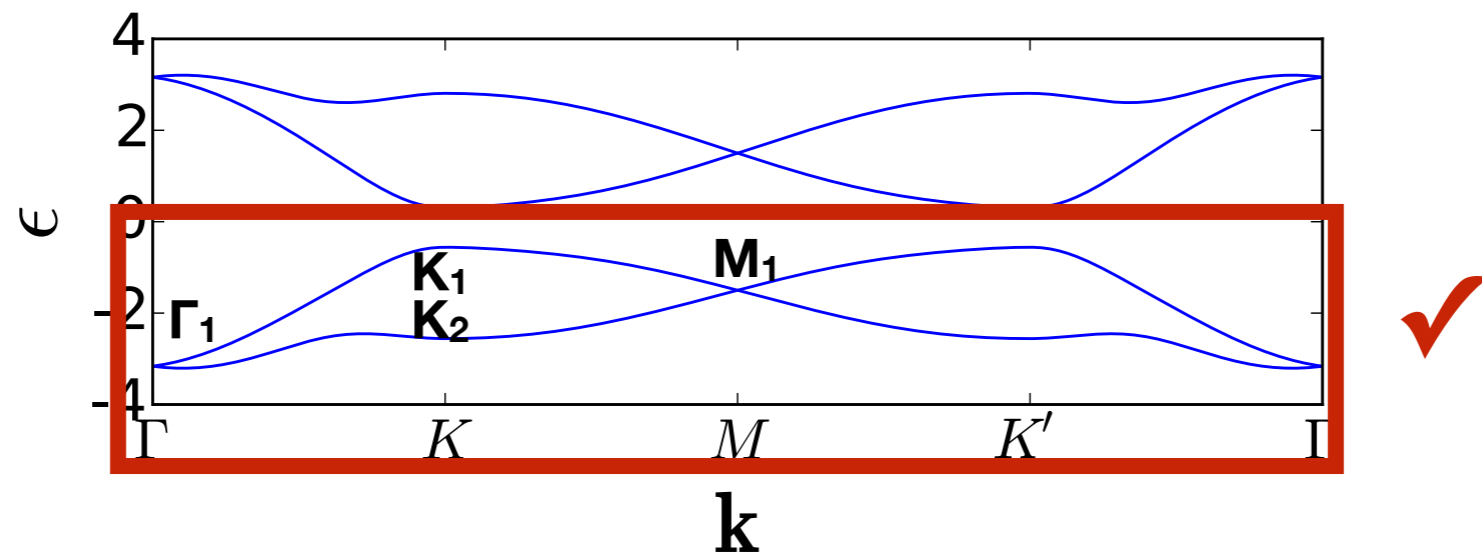
TR requires 4 sites per unit cell on honeycomb lattice

Two bands cannot have localized Wannier functions \Rightarrow topological!

See also: Po, Watanabe, Zalatel, Vishwanath, *Sci. Adv.* 2(4), (2016)

We can identify topological bands by comparing to EBRs

JC, et al PRB 97, 035139 (2018); Bradlyn, JC, et al., *Nature* 547, 298–305 (2017)



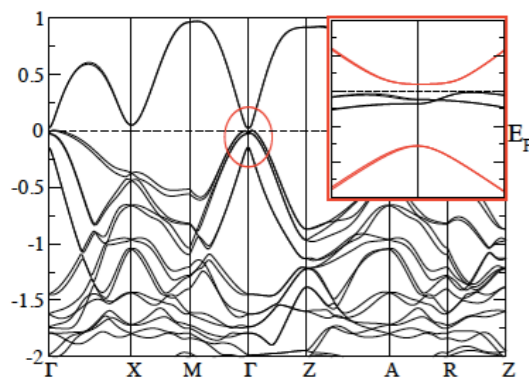
See also: Po, Vishwanath, Watanabe, *Nature Comm.* 8, 50 (2017),
Shiozaki, Sato, Gomi, PRB 95, 235425 (2017)

Steps to search for topological materials:

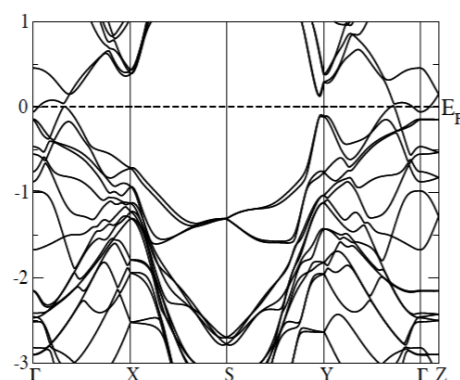
For every known chemical compound:

1. compute band structure
2. compute symmetry irreps
3. compare to irreps on server

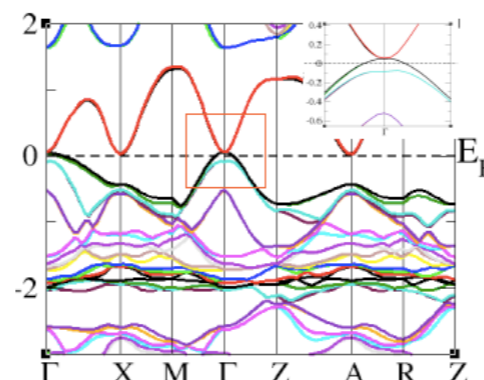
Other search algorithms: Bradlyn, JC, et al., *Nature* 547, 298–305



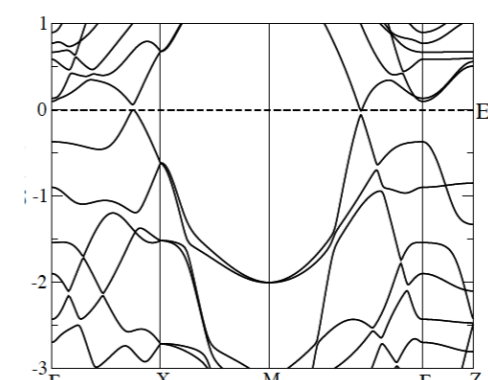
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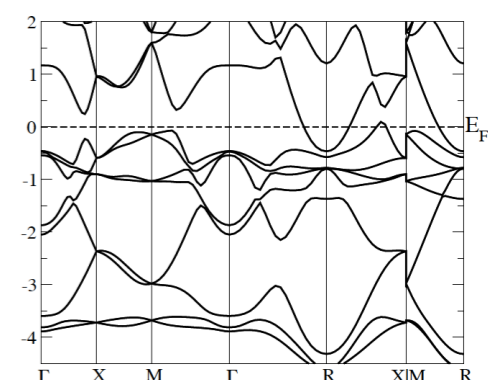
SrZnSb_2



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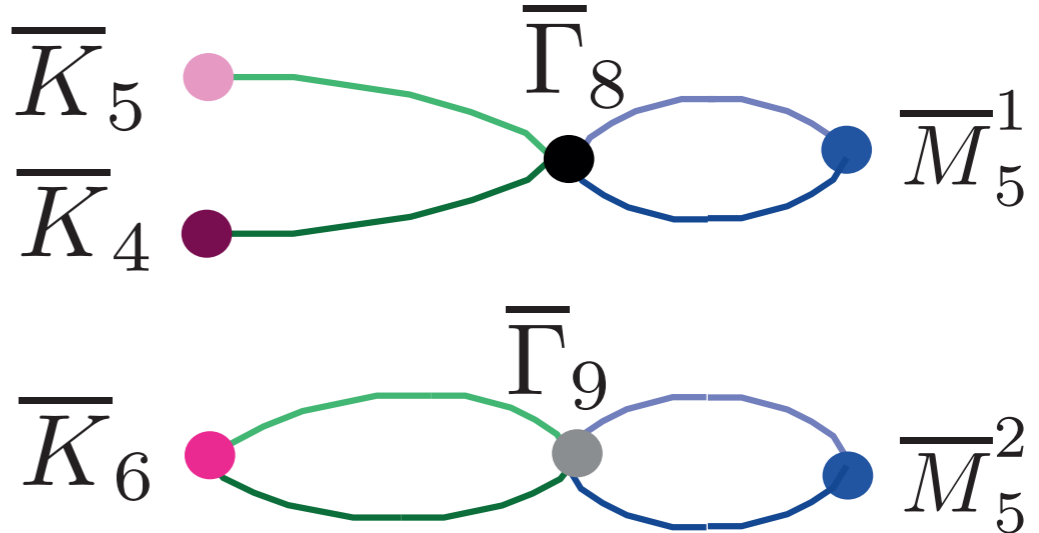
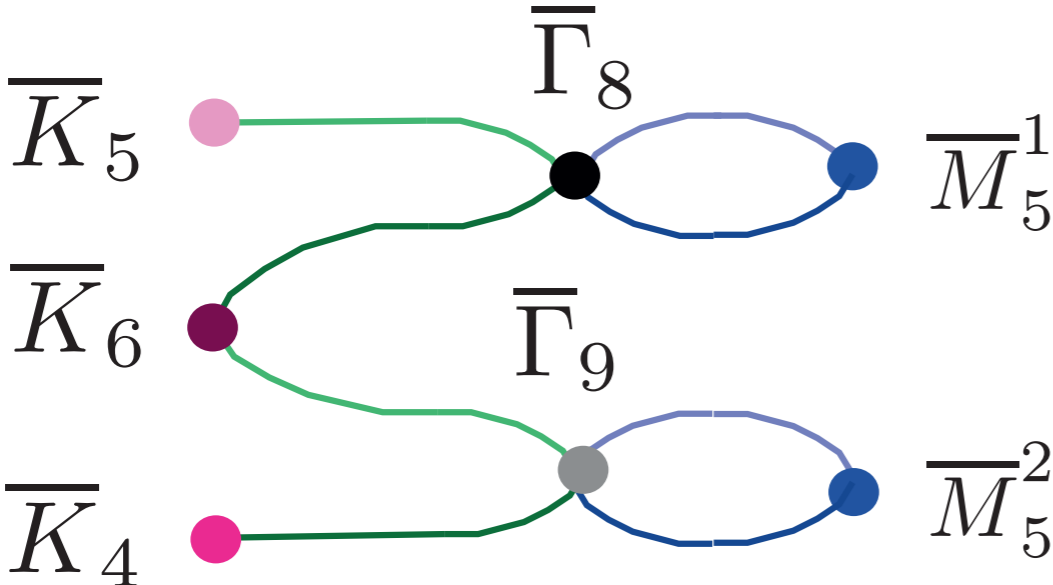


ZrSnTe



PbO_2

Symmetry does not uniquely determine connectivity



How to determine possible band connectivities?

Band connectivity is determined by irreps of little groups

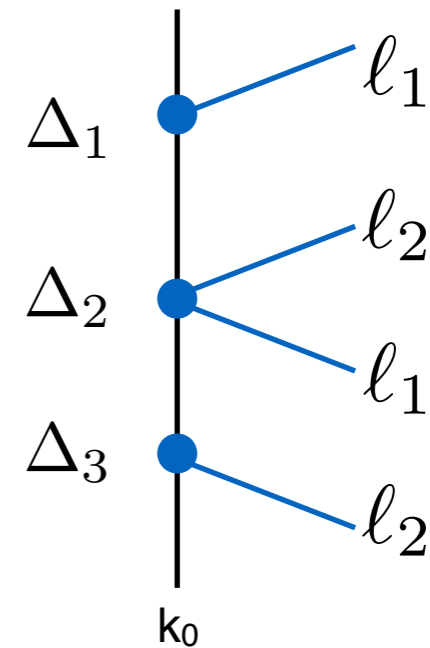
Fourier-transformed Hamiltonian: $\Delta(\mathcal{G})H(\mathbf{k})\Delta(\mathcal{G})^{-1} = H(\mathcal{G}\mathbf{k})$

matrix representative of symmetry operation

“Little group” of \mathbf{k}_0 : $\mathcal{G}\mathbf{k}_0 = \mathbf{k}_0$

Eigenstates transform under little group irreps

Irreps at \mathbf{k}_0 determine irreps along lines emanating from \mathbf{k}_0



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta_1 \rightarrow l_1 \\ \Delta_2 \rightarrow l_1 \oplus l_2 \\ \Delta_3 \rightarrow l_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{Compatibility relations} \\ \text{between points and lines}$$

Band-representations with time-reversal symmetry of the Double Space Group $P6mm$ (No. 183)

and Wyckoff position $2b:(1/3,2/3,z)$

spinless s, p_z

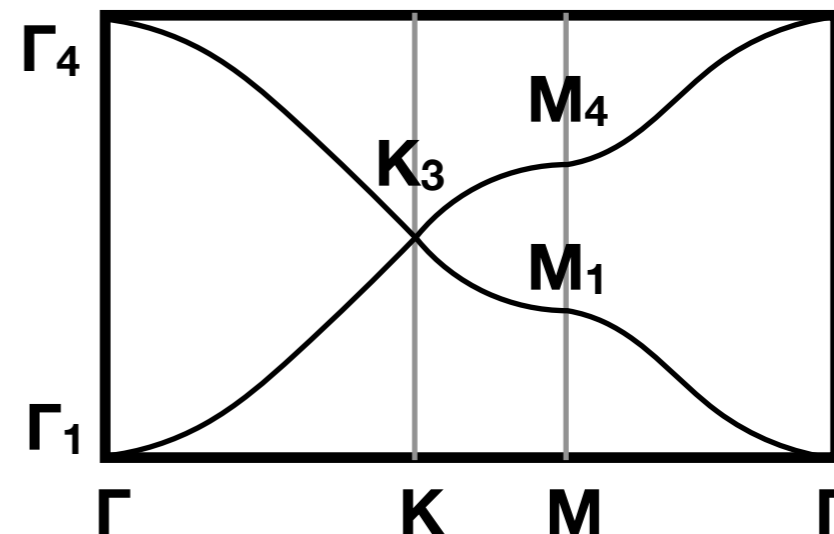
Orbital →

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Graphene without SOC has a Dirac point



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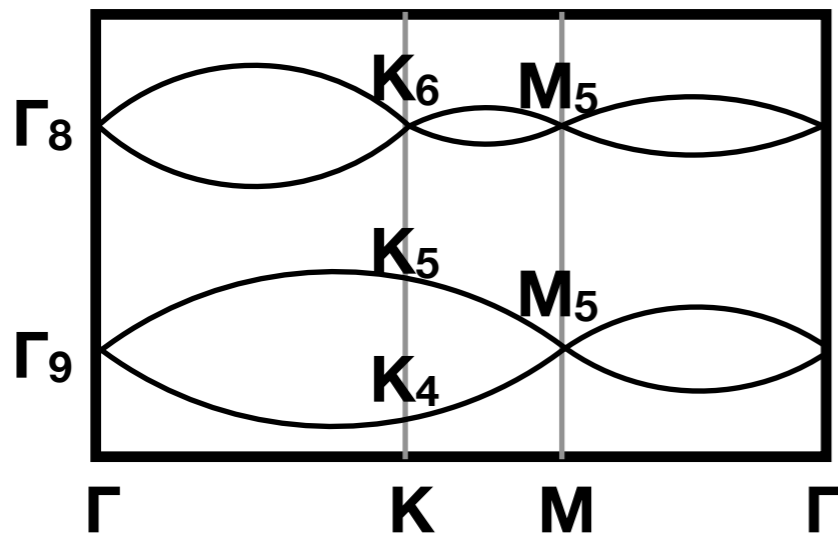
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Graphene w SOC can be topological insulator
(Kane Mele PRL 2005)

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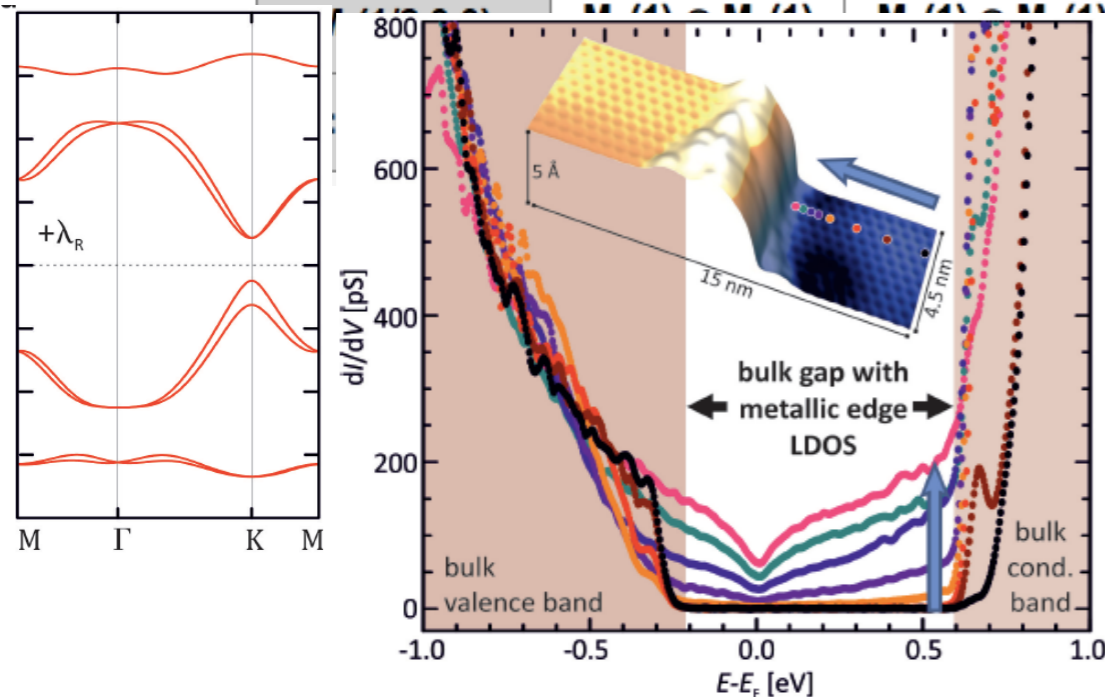


Figure 4 Spectroscopy of the Edge State

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Bismuthene on a SiC substrate: A candidate for a high-temperature quantum spin Hall material

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Group theory and phase diagram:
JC et al., PRL 120, 266401 (2018)

Gapped elementary band representations are a place to look for topological materials

Lets try to understand them

1. Topological materials without SOC
2. Insulating gap = topological gap
3. Theoretical understanding

Band-representations with time-reversal symmetry of the Double Space Group $P6mm$ (No. 183)

and Wyckoff position $2b \cdot (1/3, 2/3, z)$

spinless $p_{x,y}$

Orbital →

Can it gap? →

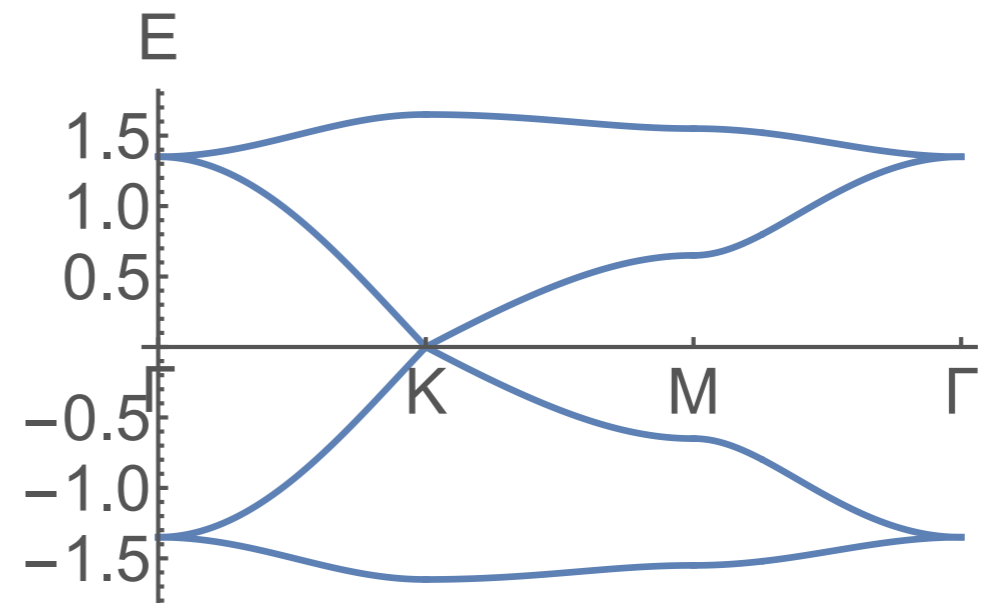
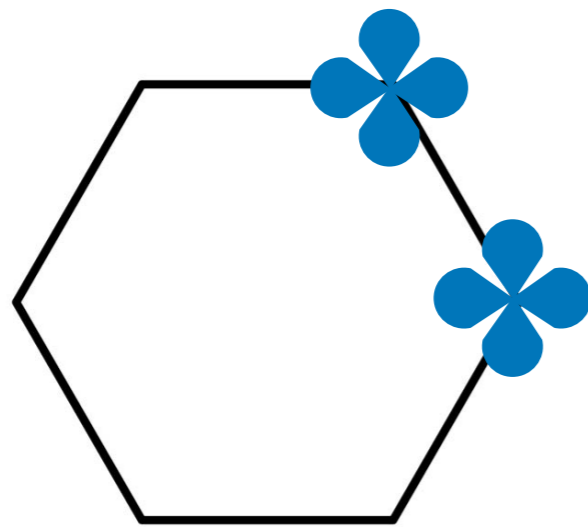
Band-Rep.	$A_1 \uparrow G(2)$	$A_2 \uparrow G(2)$	$E \uparrow G(4)$	$1\bar{E}^2 \bar{E} \uparrow G(4)$	$E_1 \uparrow G(4)$
Band-type	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
Decomposable \ Indecomposable	Indecomposable	Indecomposable	Decomposable	Decomposable	Decomposable
$\Gamma:(0,0,0)$	$\Gamma_1(1) \oplus \Gamma_4(1)$	$\Gamma_2(1) \oplus \Gamma_3(1)$	$\Gamma_5(2) \oplus \Gamma_6(2)$	$2 \Gamma_7(2)$	$\Gamma_8(2) \oplus \Gamma_9(2)$
$A:(0,0,1/2)$	$A_1(1) \oplus A_4(1)$	$A_2(1) \oplus A_3(1)$	$A_5(2) \oplus A_6(2)$	$2 \bar{A}_7(2)$	$\bar{A}_8(2) \oplus \bar{A}_9(2)$
$K:(1/3,1/3,0)$	$K_3(2)$	$K_3(2)$	$K_1(1) \oplus K_2(1) \oplus K_3(2)$	$2 K_6(2)$	$K_4(1) \oplus K_5(1) \oplus K_6(2)$
$H:(1/3,1/3,1/2)$	$H_3(2)$	$H_3(2)$	$H_1(1) \oplus H_2(1) \oplus H_3(2)$	$2 H_6(2)$	$H_4(1) \oplus H_5(1) \oplus H_6(2)$
$M:(1/2,0,0)$	$M_1(1) \oplus M_4(1)$	$M_2(1) \oplus M_3(1)$	$M_1(1) \oplus M_2(1) \oplus M_3(1) \oplus M_4(1)$	$2 \bar{M}_5(2)$	$2 \bar{M}_5(2)$
$L:(1/2,0,1/2)$	$L_1(1) \oplus L_4(1)$	$L_2(1) \oplus L_3(1)$	$L_1(1) \oplus L_2(1) \oplus L_3(1) \oplus L_4(1)$	$2 \bar{L}_5(2)$	$2 \bar{L}_5(2)$



Spinless topological crystalline insulator?

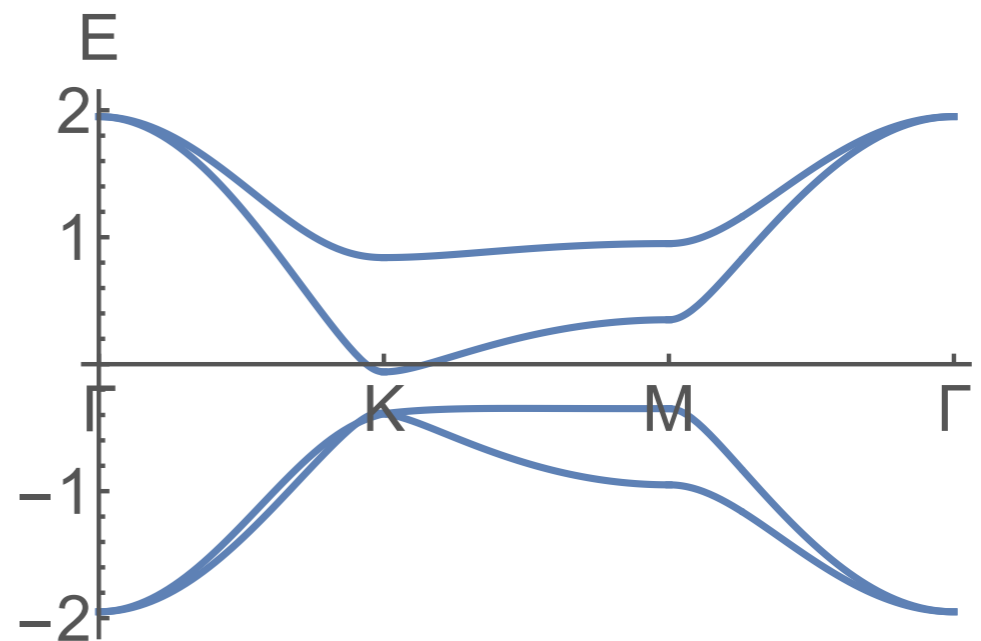
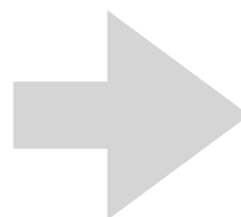
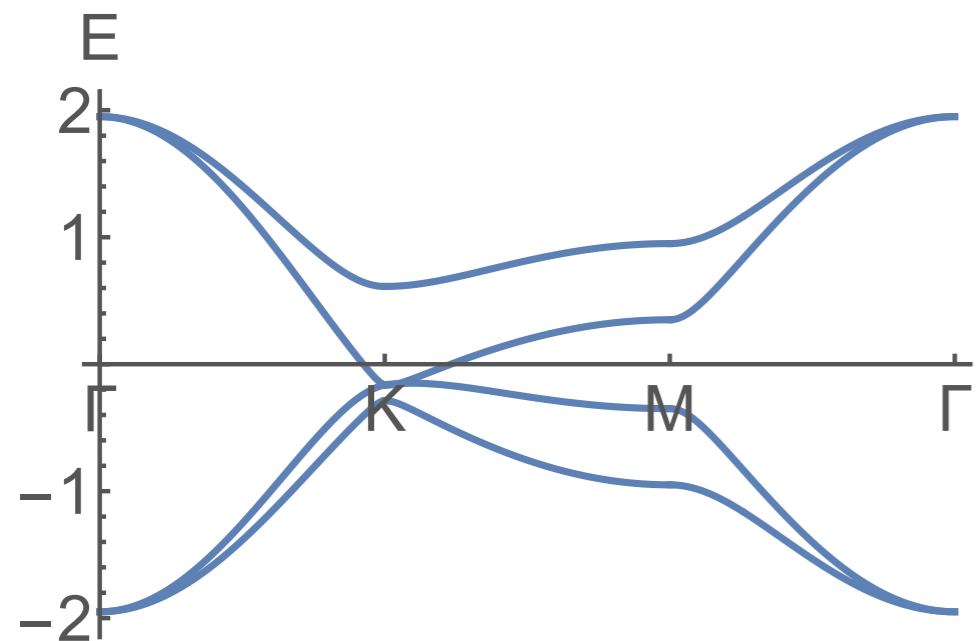
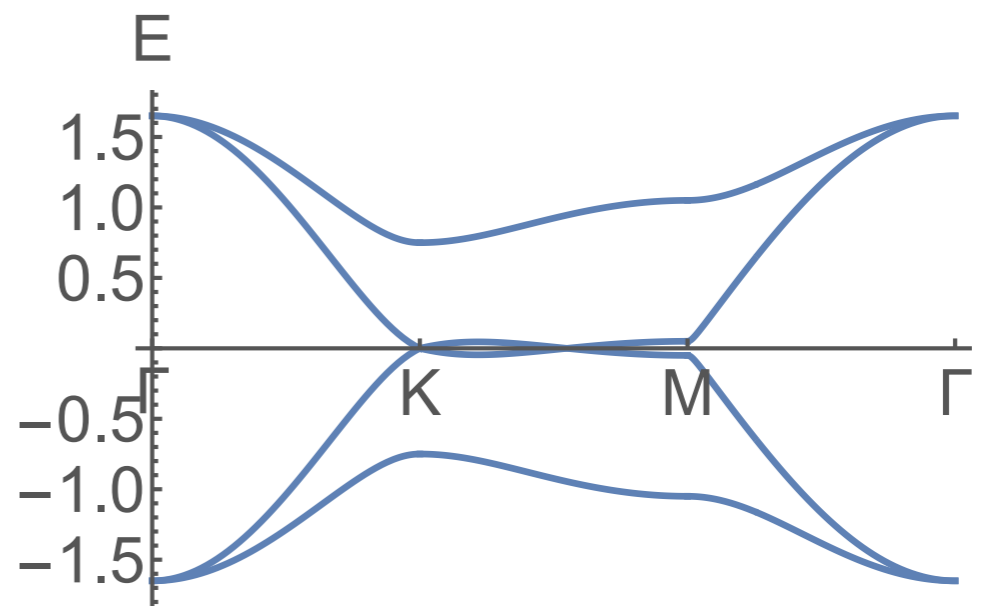
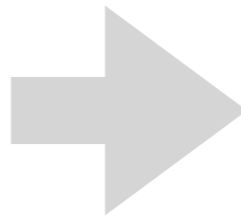
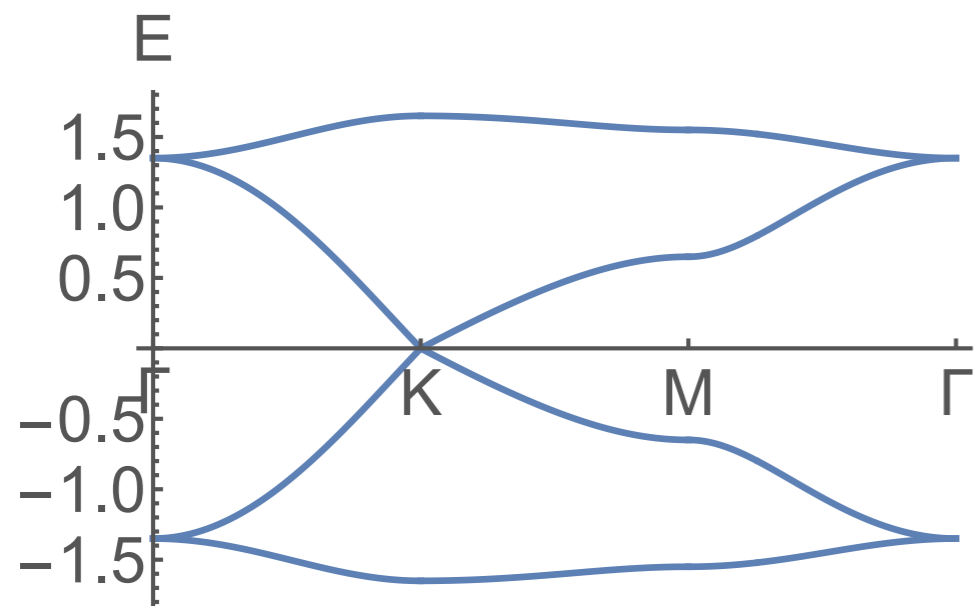
Ex 1: p_x , p_y orbitals on honeycomb

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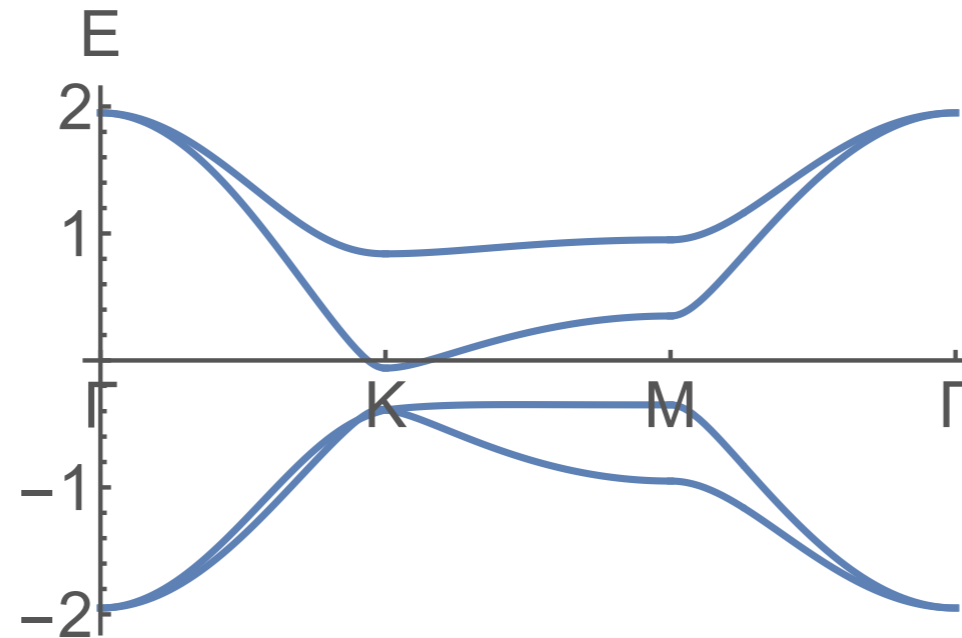


Nearest neighbor Hamiltonian

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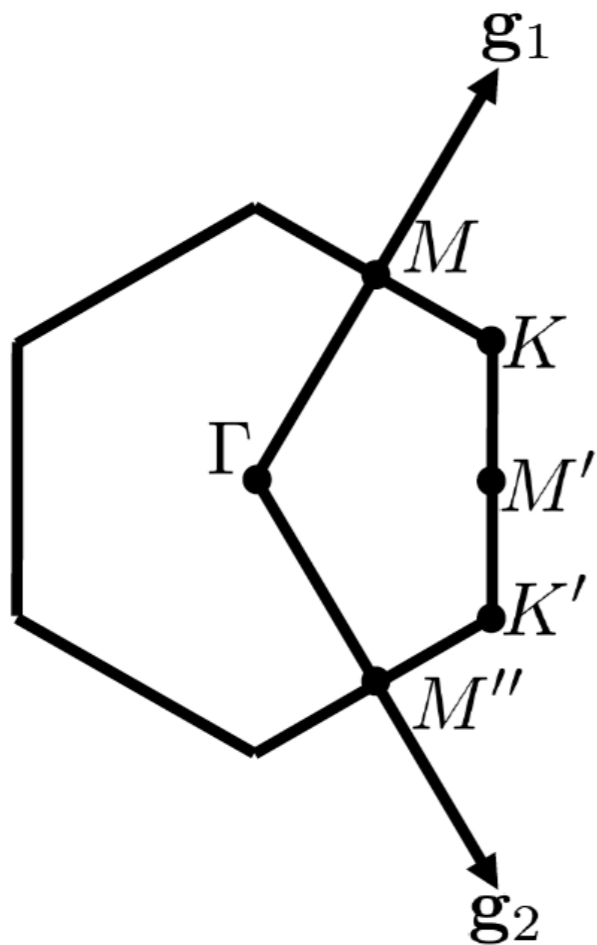


Gapped elementary band representation \Rightarrow topological!

What is the topological invariant?

Wilson loop yields gauge-invariant Berry phases

Alexandradinata, Wang, Bernevig PRX 6, 021008 (2016)



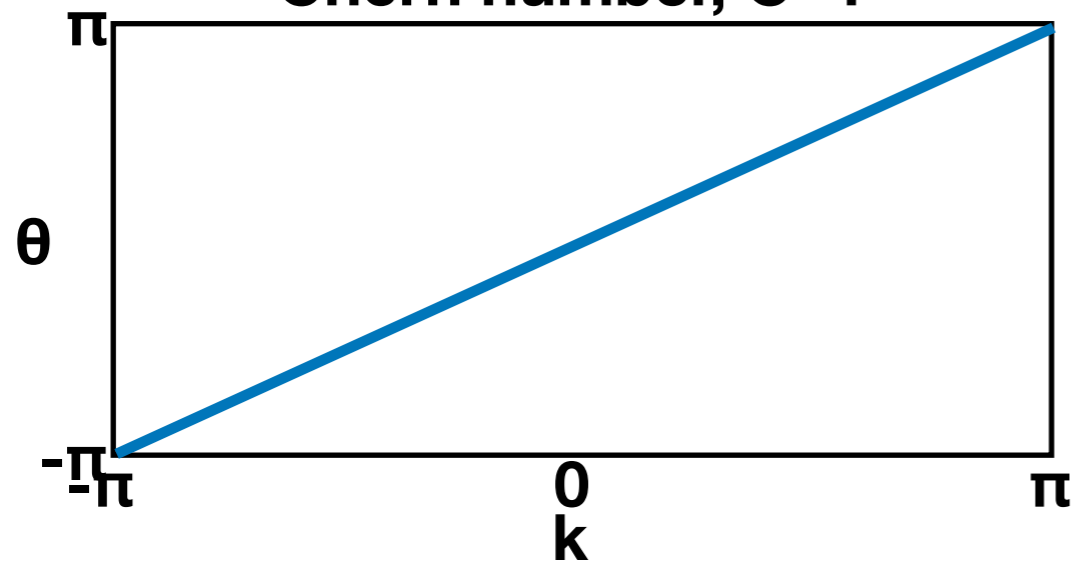
$$\mathcal{W}(k_2) = P e^{i \int_0^{2\pi} dk_1 A(k_1, k_2)}$$

$$[A]_{ij} = i \langle u_i(\mathbf{k}) | \partial_{k_1} u_j(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

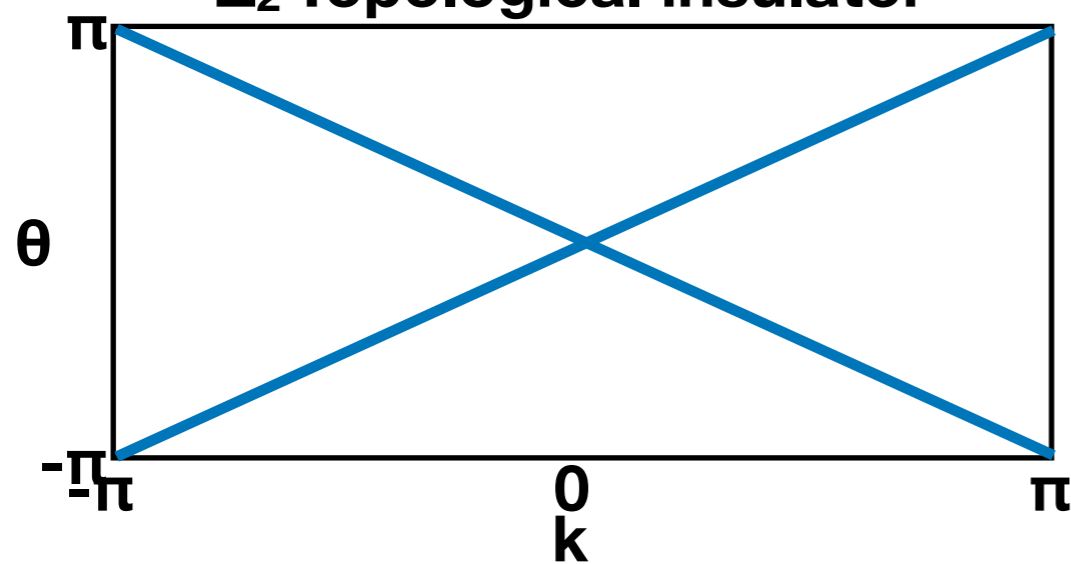
Winding Berry phase \Rightarrow topological bands

Topological examples:

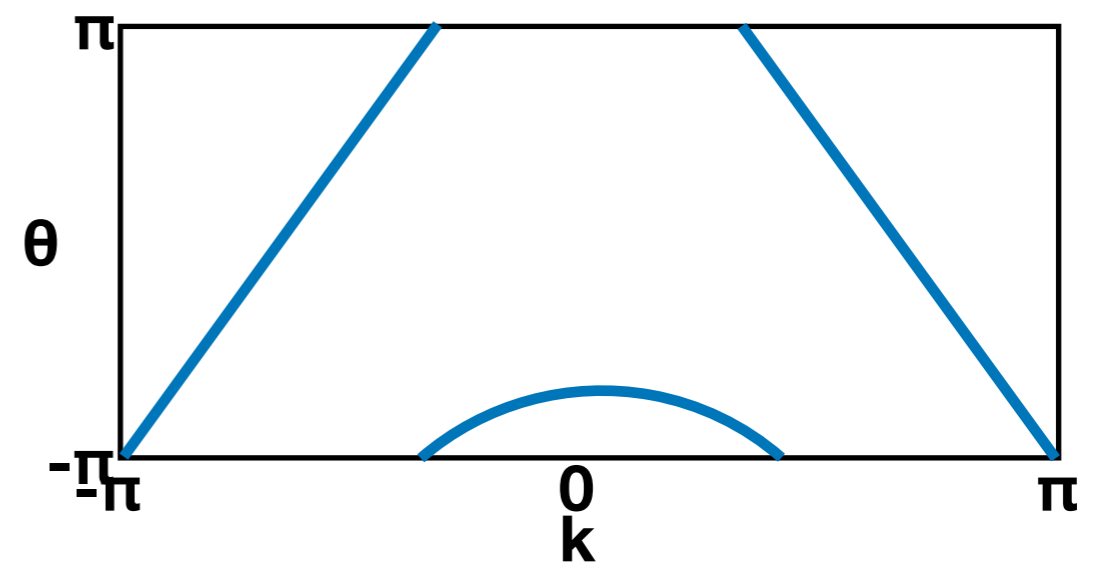
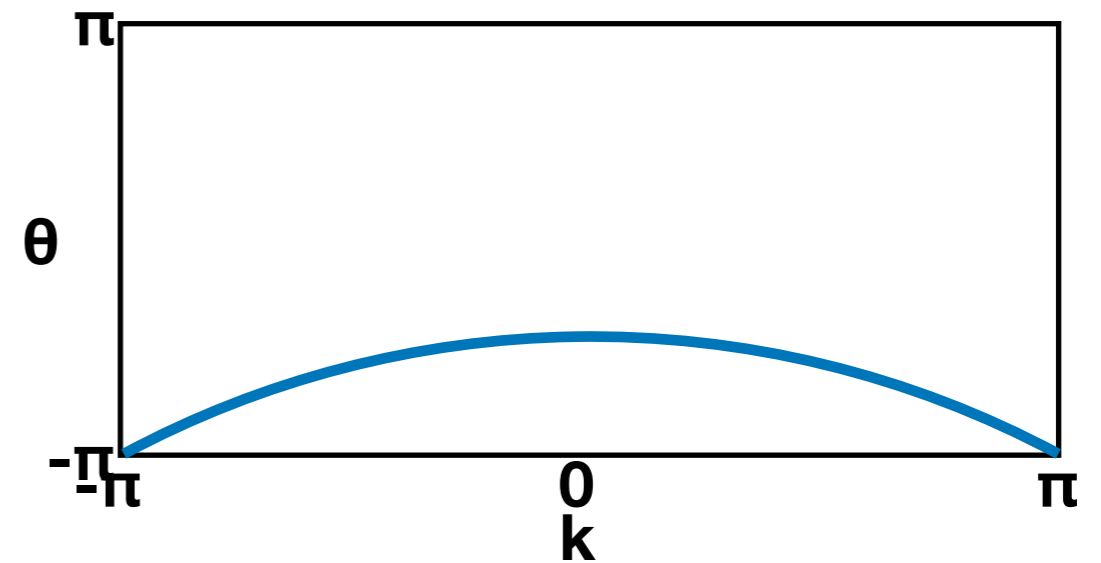
Chern number, $C=1$



Z_2 Topological insulator

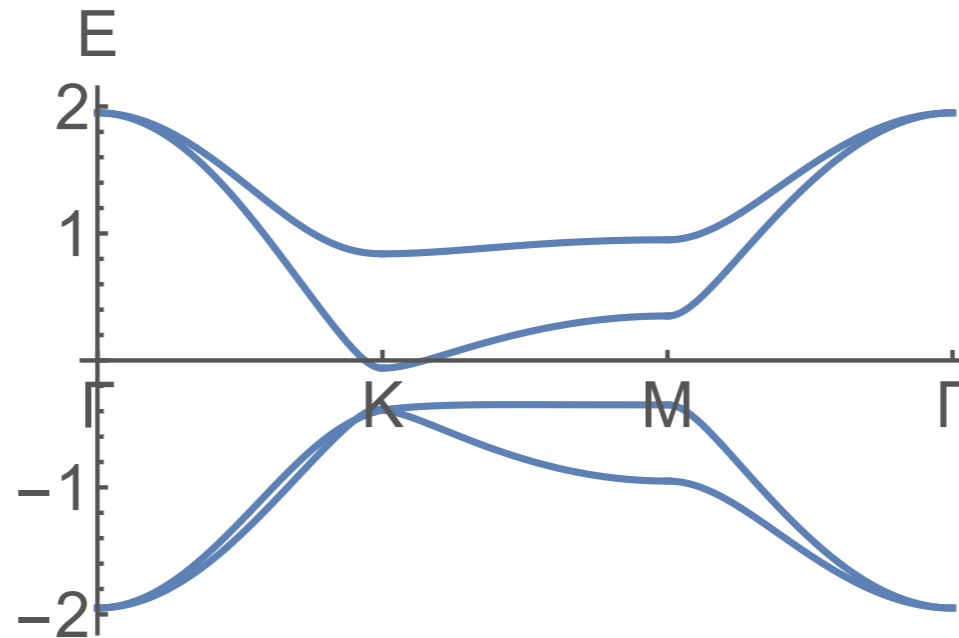


Deformable to atomic limit (trivial):



Bulk-edge correspondence

Back to our example: p_x, p_y orbitals on honeycomb

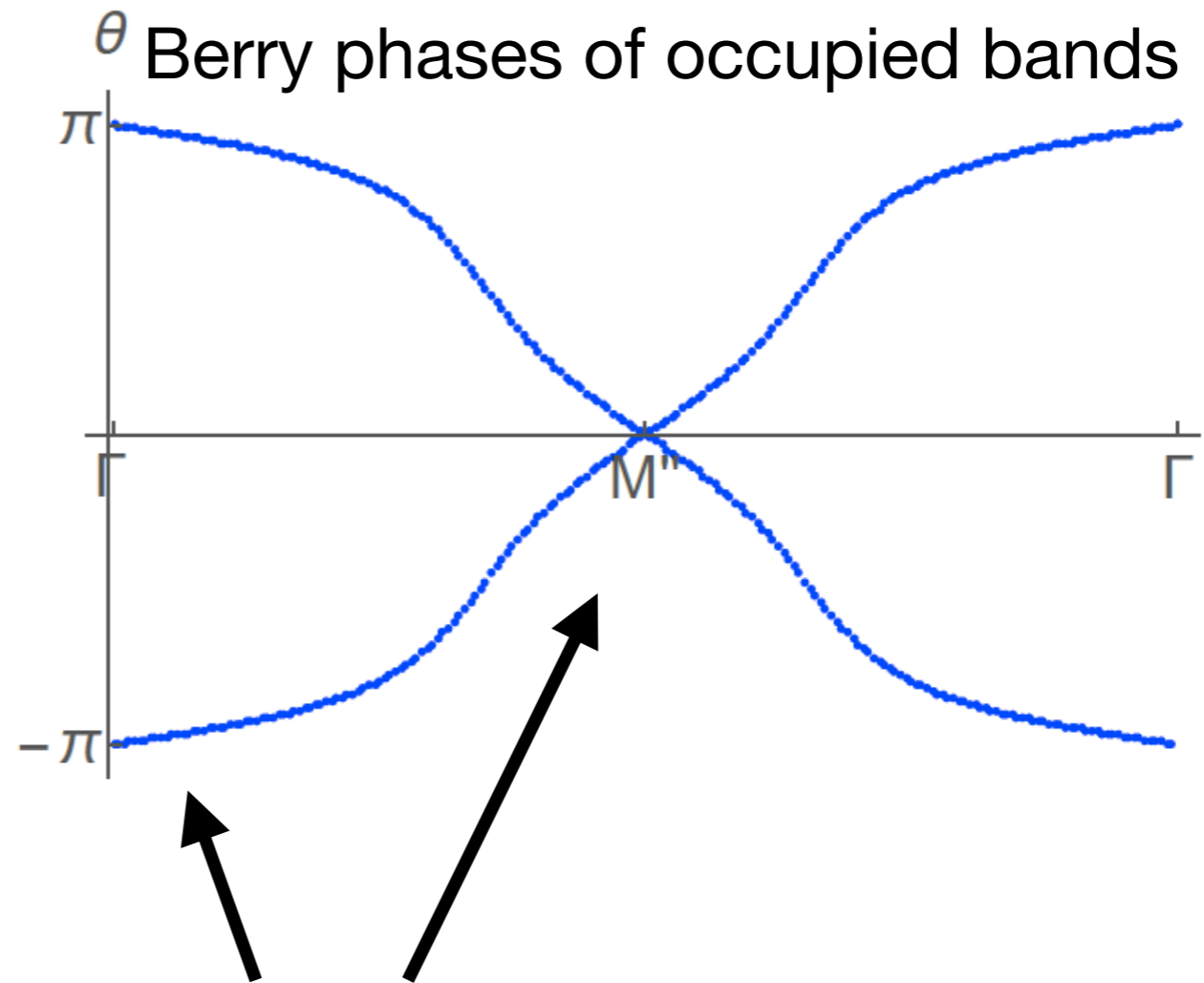
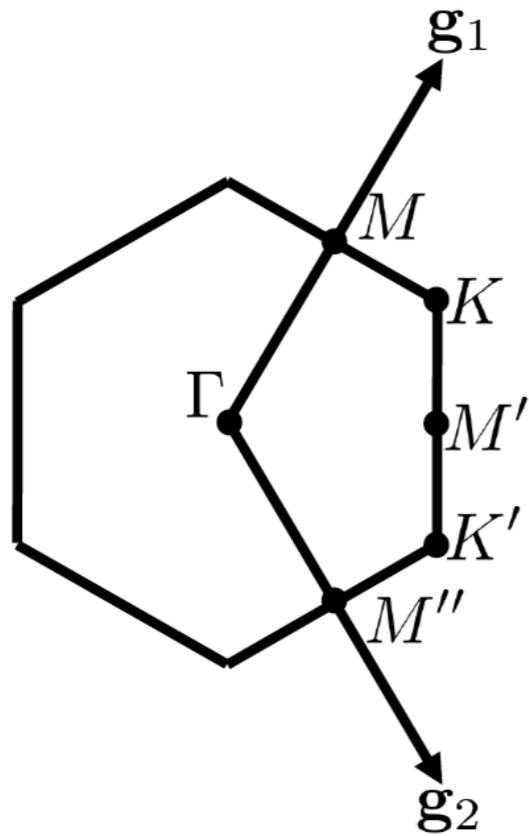


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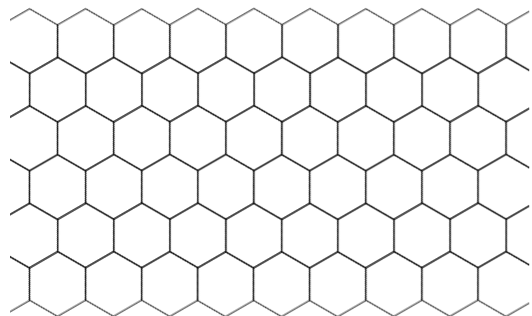
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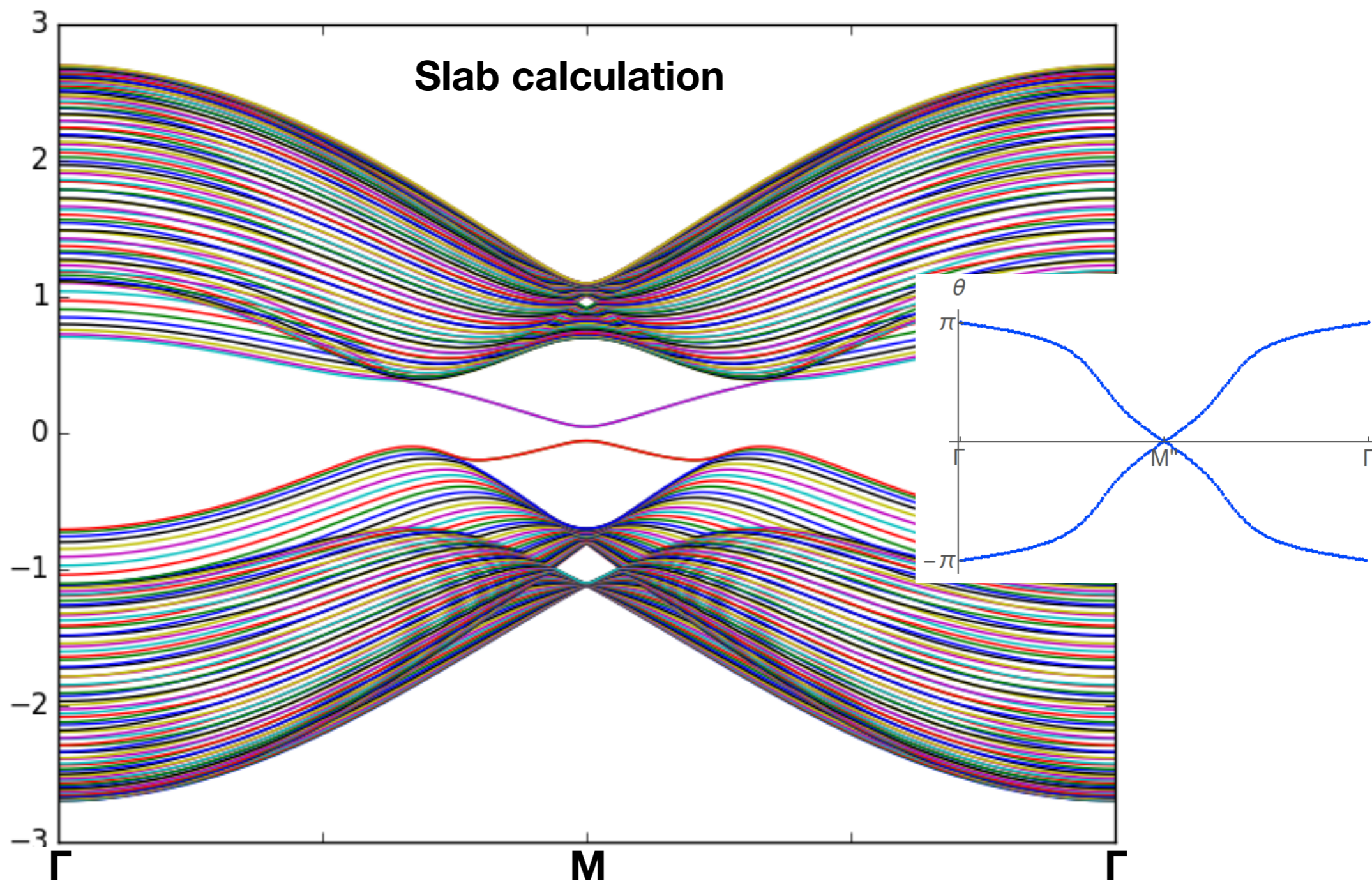


Crossings pinned by C_{2z} symmetry

(Alexandradinata, Dai, Bernevig, PRB 89, 155114 (2014))



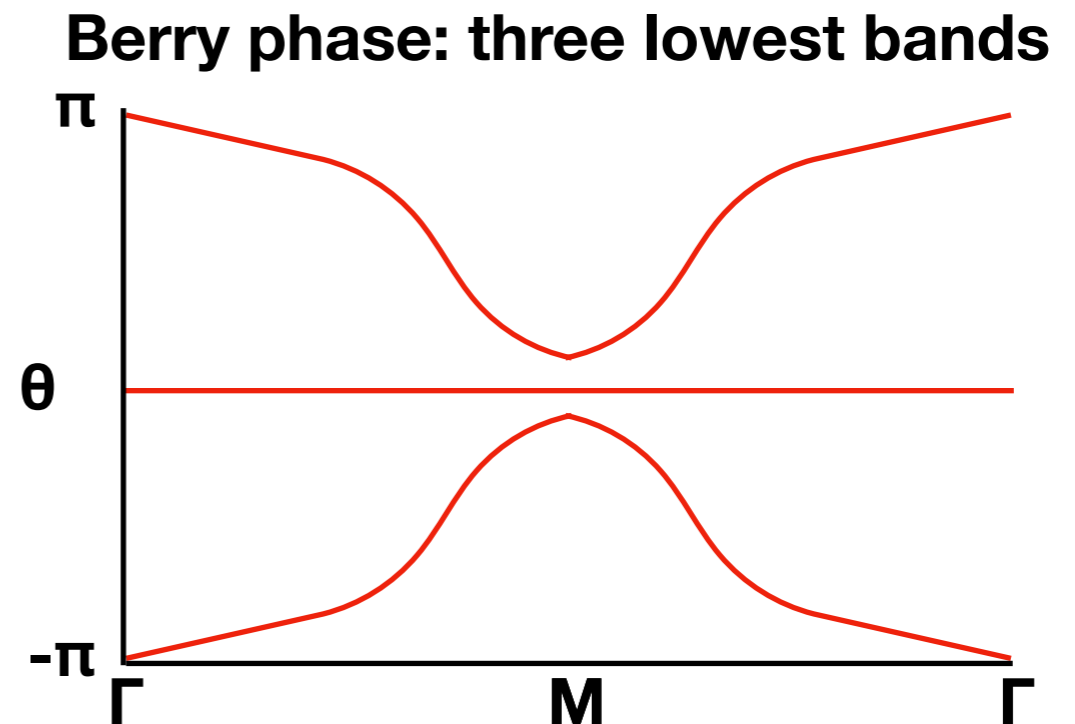
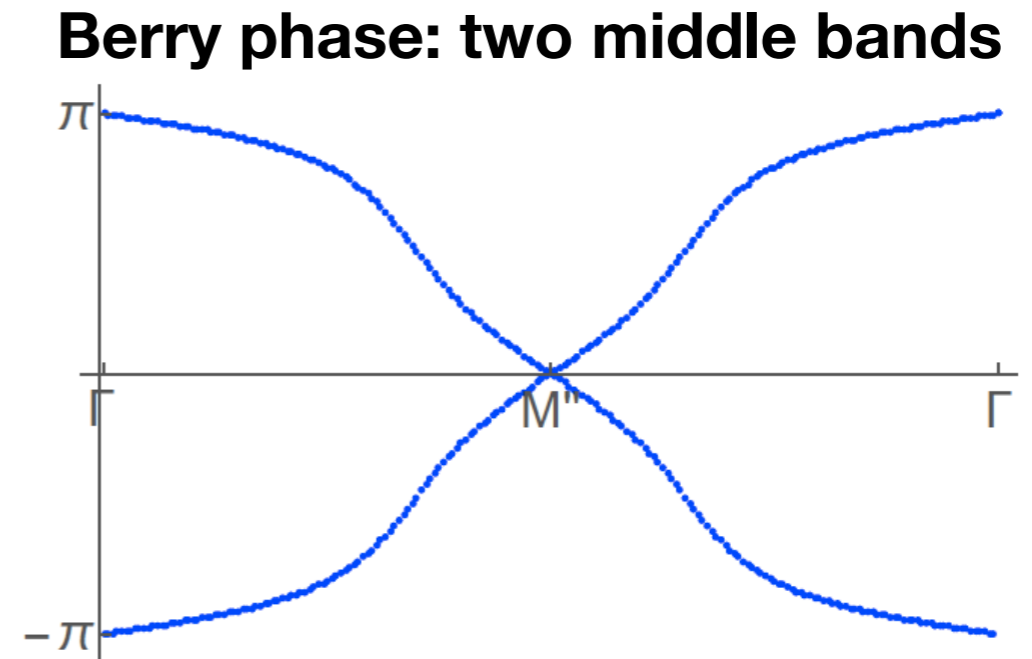
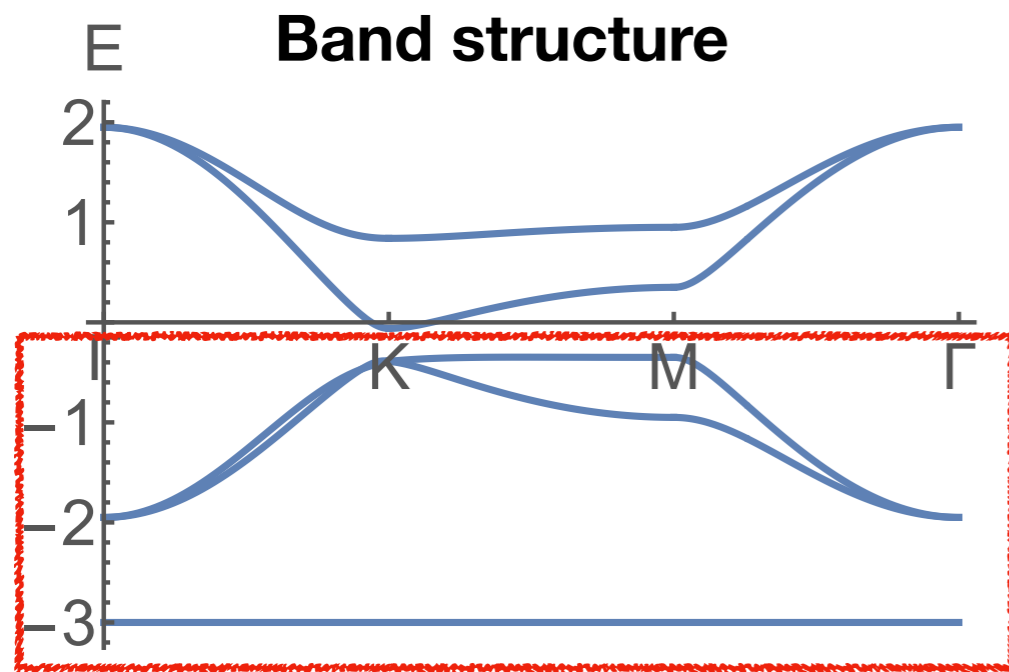
Edge not invariant under C_{2z}



\Rightarrow edge states not required

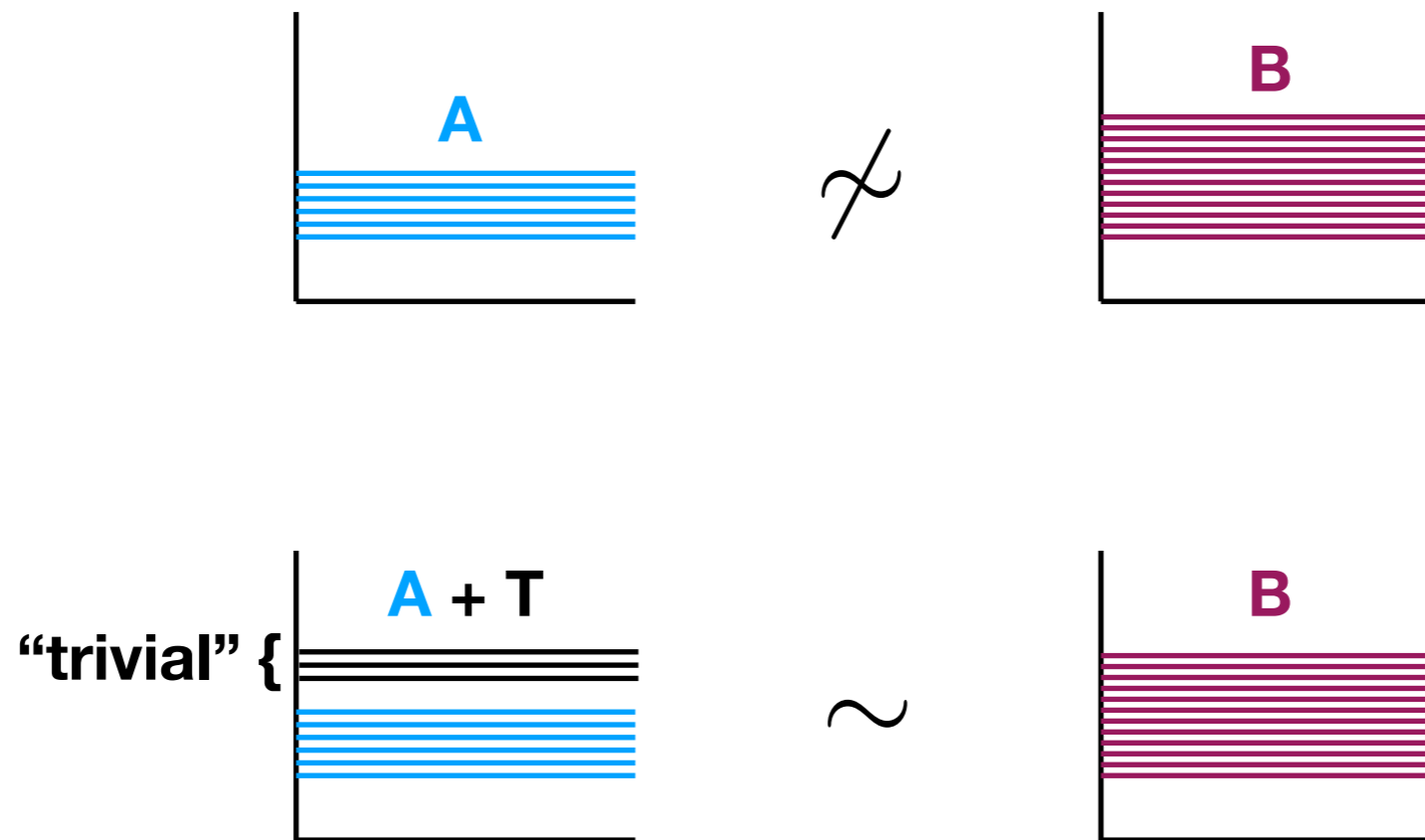
Berry phase trivialized by extra band

JC et al., PRL 120, 266401 (2018)



Topological + trivial = trivial ???

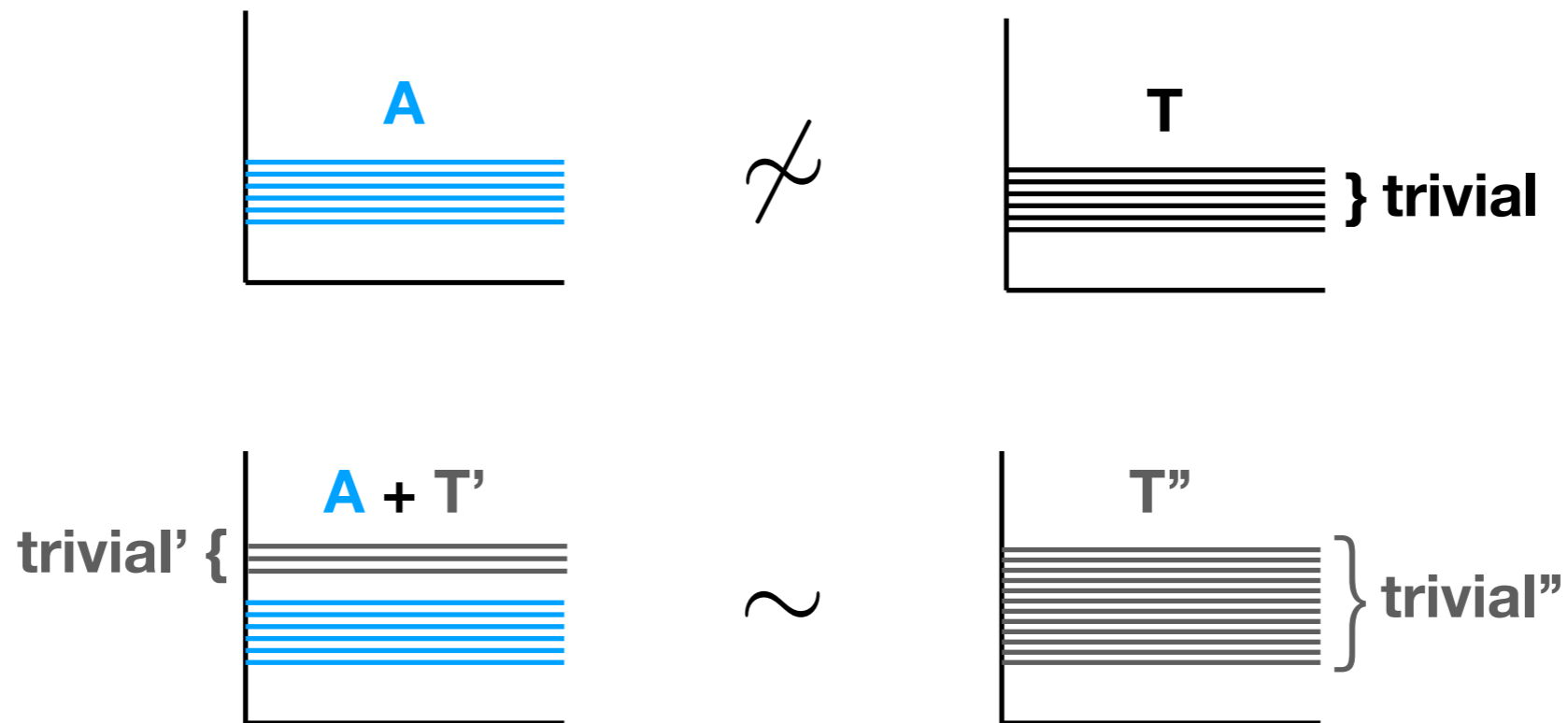
Stable equivalence: K-theory classification of topological phases



A and B are stably equivalent

“Fragile” topological phase

Po and Vishwanath, ArXiv: 1709.06551



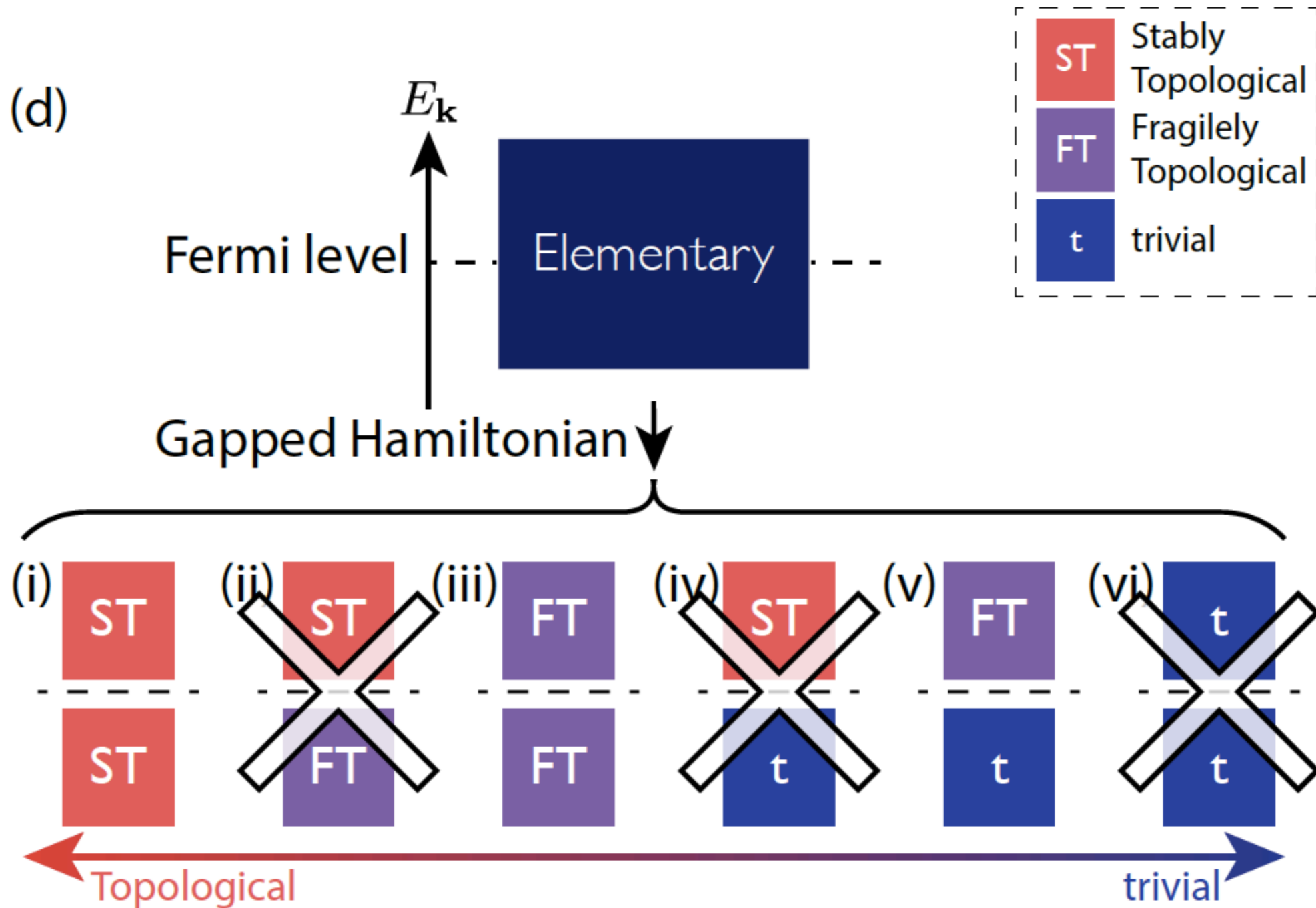
A is stably equivalent to T''

A is fragile topological

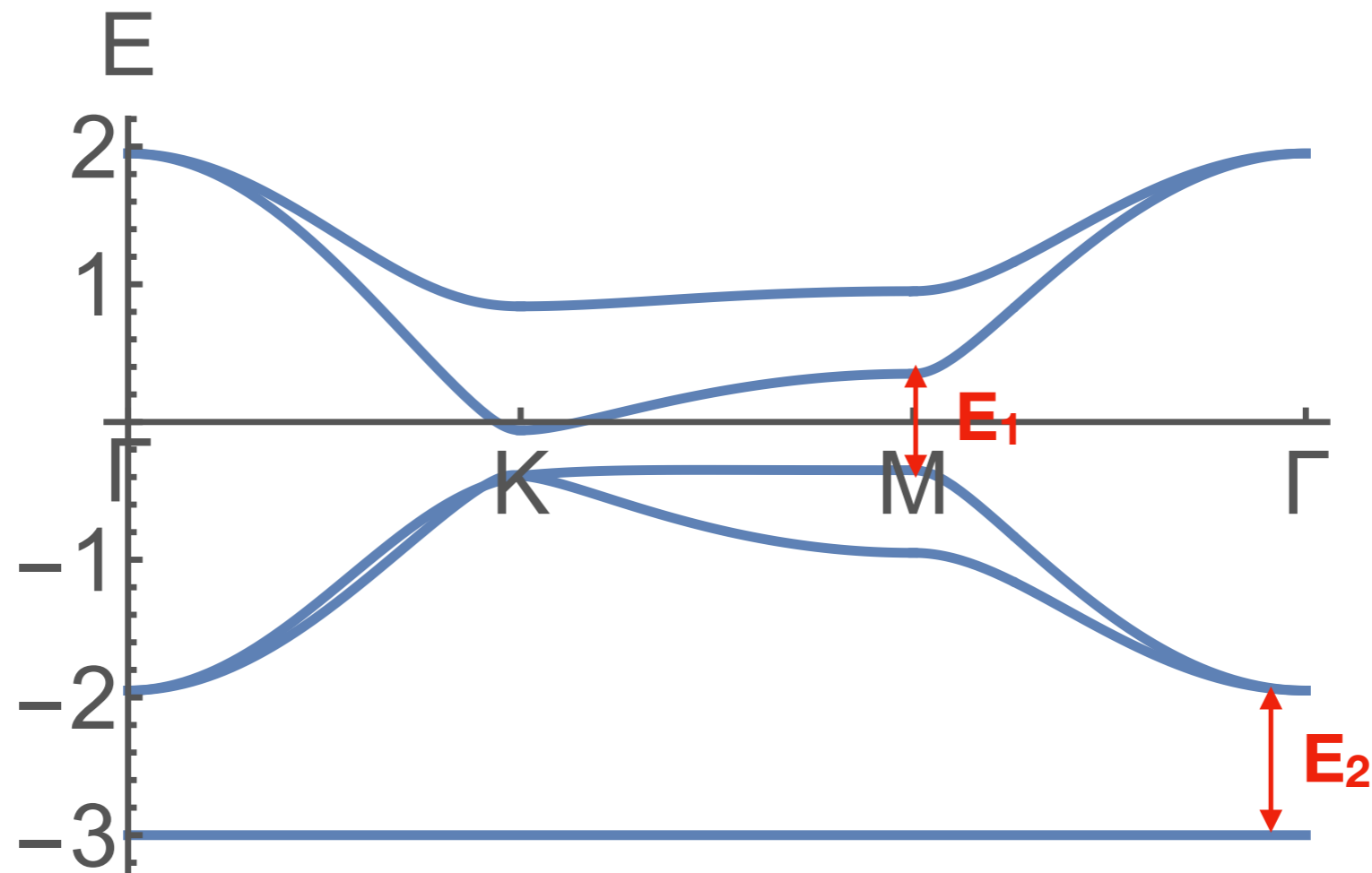
Fragile topological + trivial = trivial

What does this mean for gapped EBRs?

Po and Vishwanath, ArXiv: 1709.06551



As long as topological bands are gapped, Wilson loop eigenvalues constitute a physical observable!



Experimental signature: measure fragile topological bands by Berry phase?

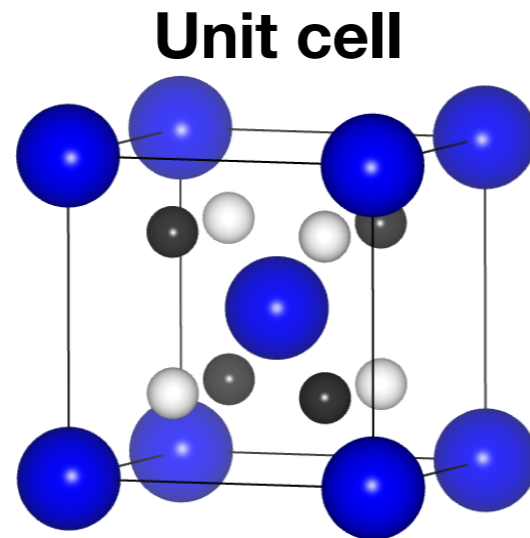
Bloch oscillations (thy): Höller and Alexandradinata, ArXiv:1708.02943

Zak phase (cold atoms): Atala, et al, Nature Physics 9, 795 (2013)

Non-Abelian Zak phase (cold atoms): Li, et al, Science 352, 1094 (2016)

Dynamical birefringence (electronic): Banks, et al, PRX 7, 041042 (2017)

Ex 2: d orbitals in non-symmorphic $P4_232$



Generators:

$$\{C_{2x} \mid 0\}$$

$$\{C_{3,111} \mid 0\}$$

$$\{C_{2,110} \mid \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}\}$$

Atoms:

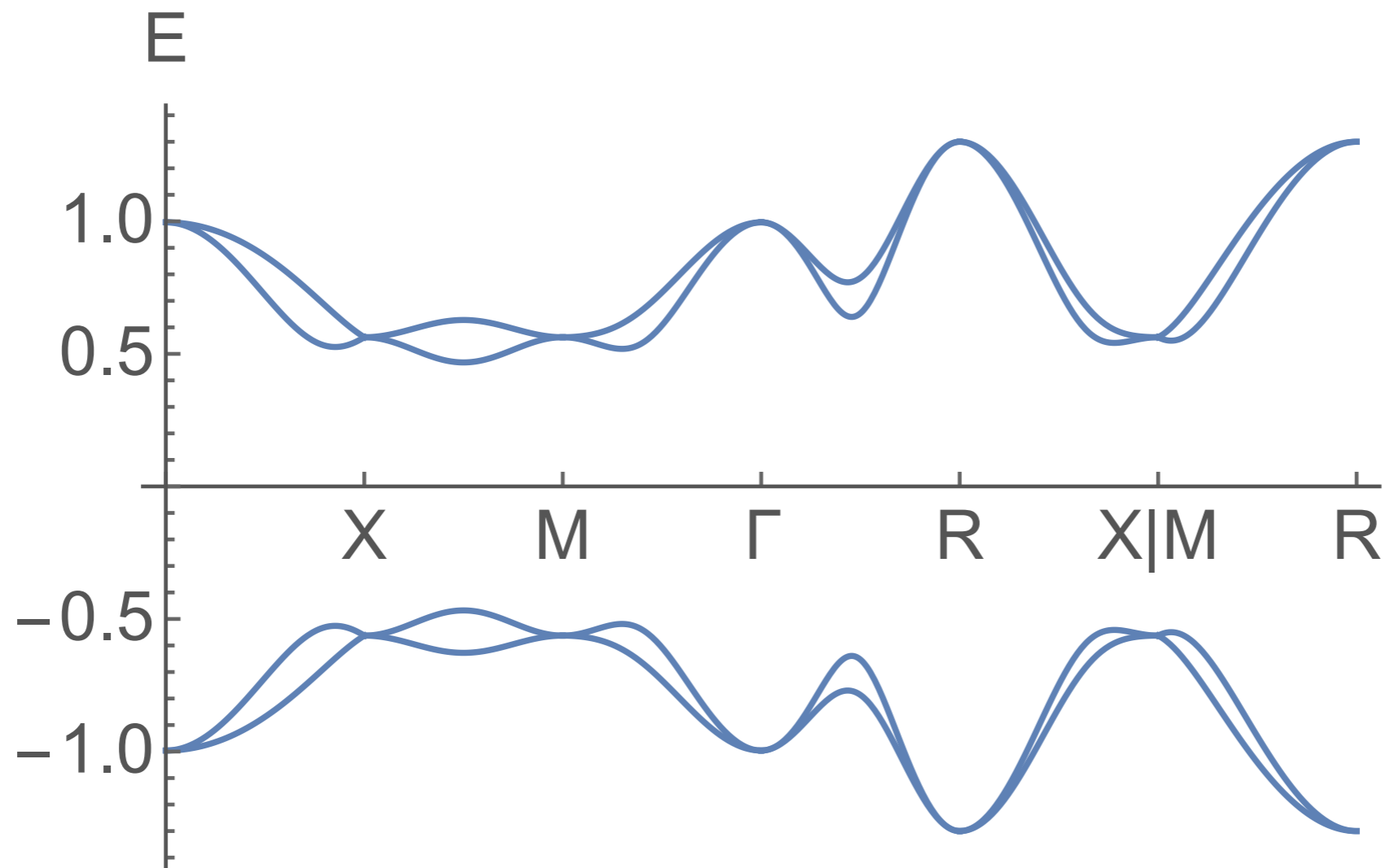
$$2a: (0,0,0), (\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})$$

$$4b: (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}), (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}), (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}), (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$$

$$4c: (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}), (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}), (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}), (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$$

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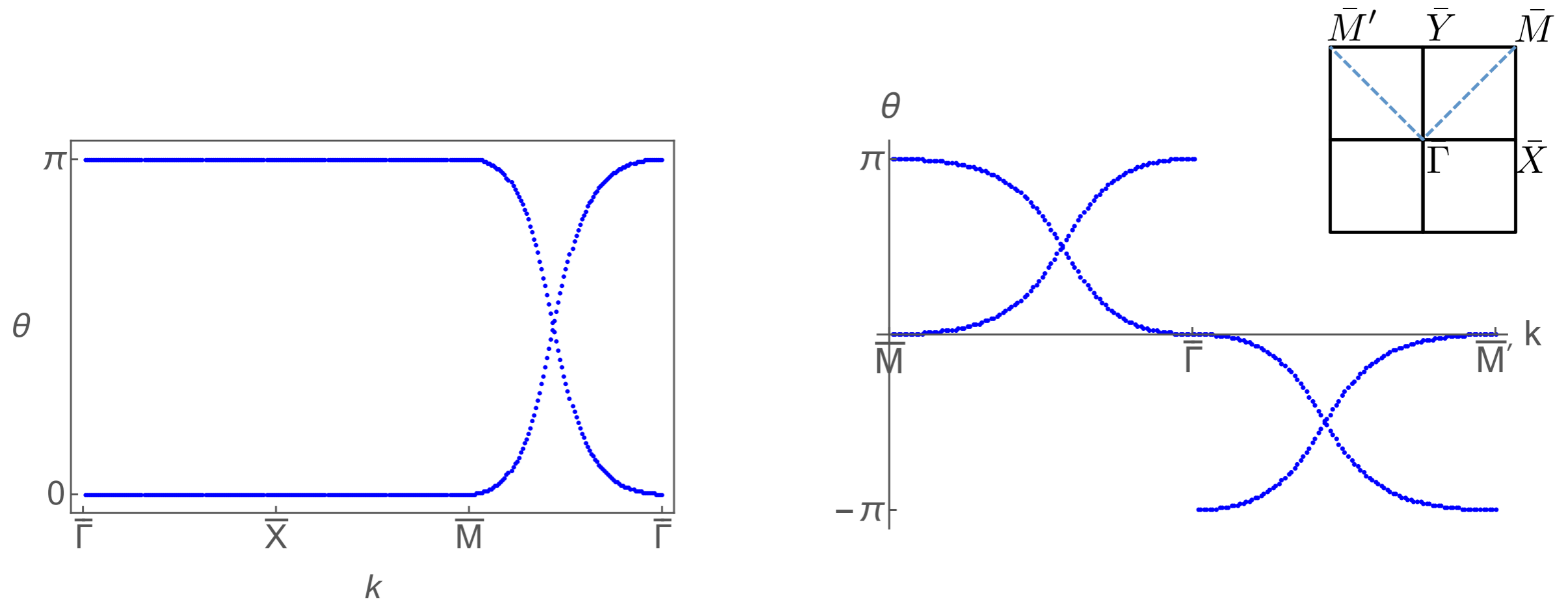
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Gapped elementary band representation \Rightarrow topological

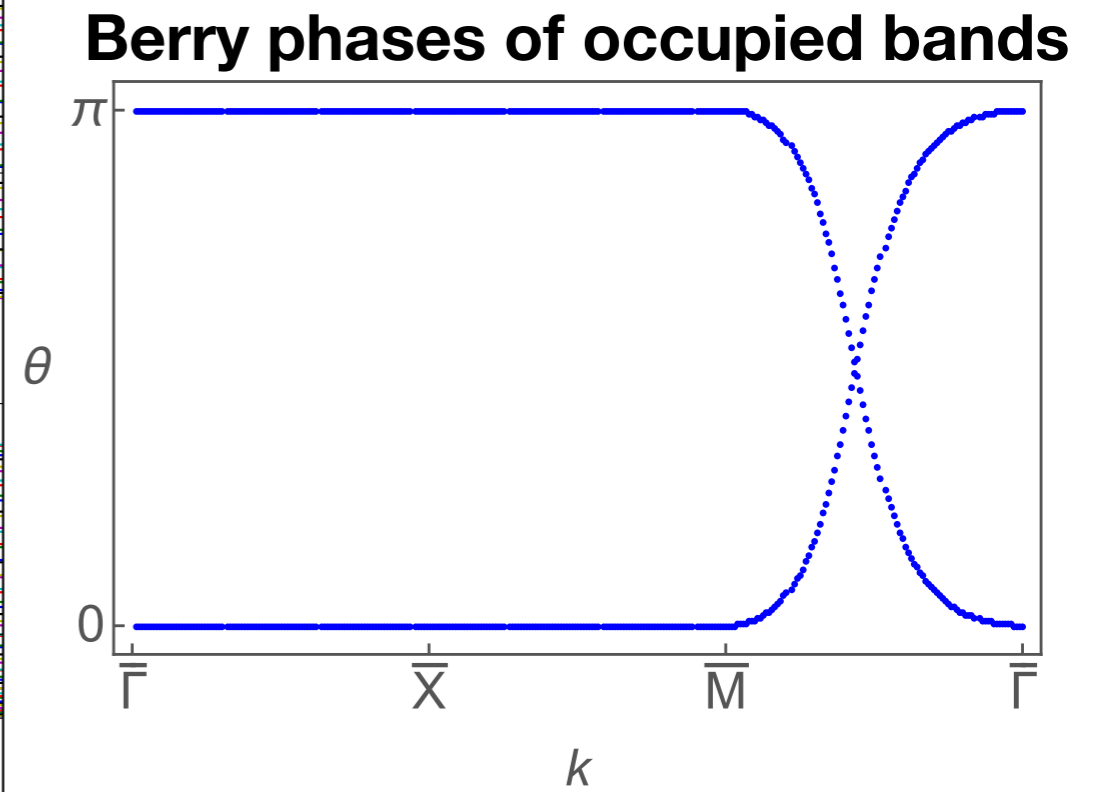
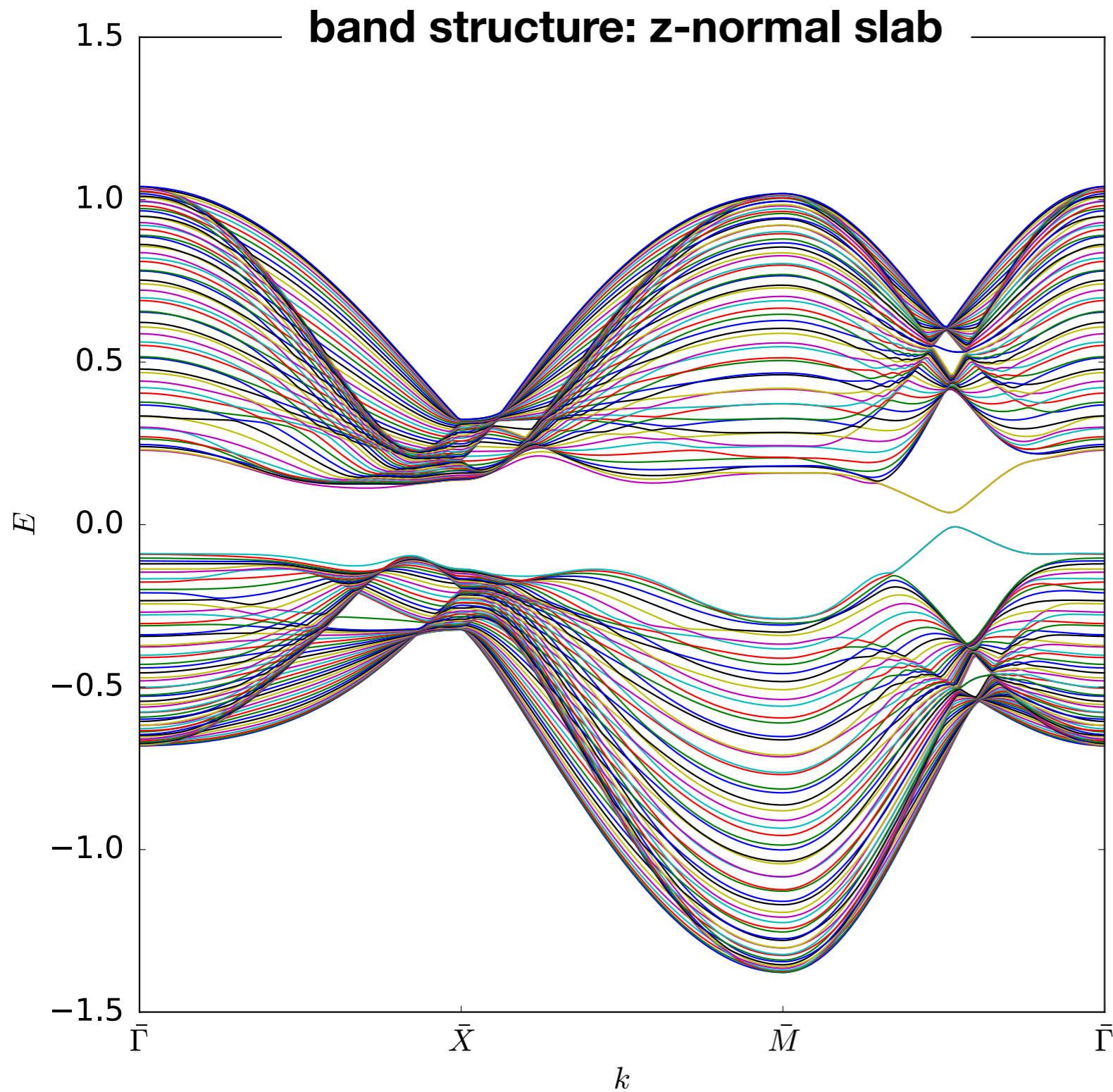
Winding Berry phase yields topological invariant

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Dirac points along $\Gamma - M$: moveable but unremovable

No screw symmetry on surface \Rightarrow no surface states



Summary

JC et al., PRB 97, 035139 (2018), 1709.01935;
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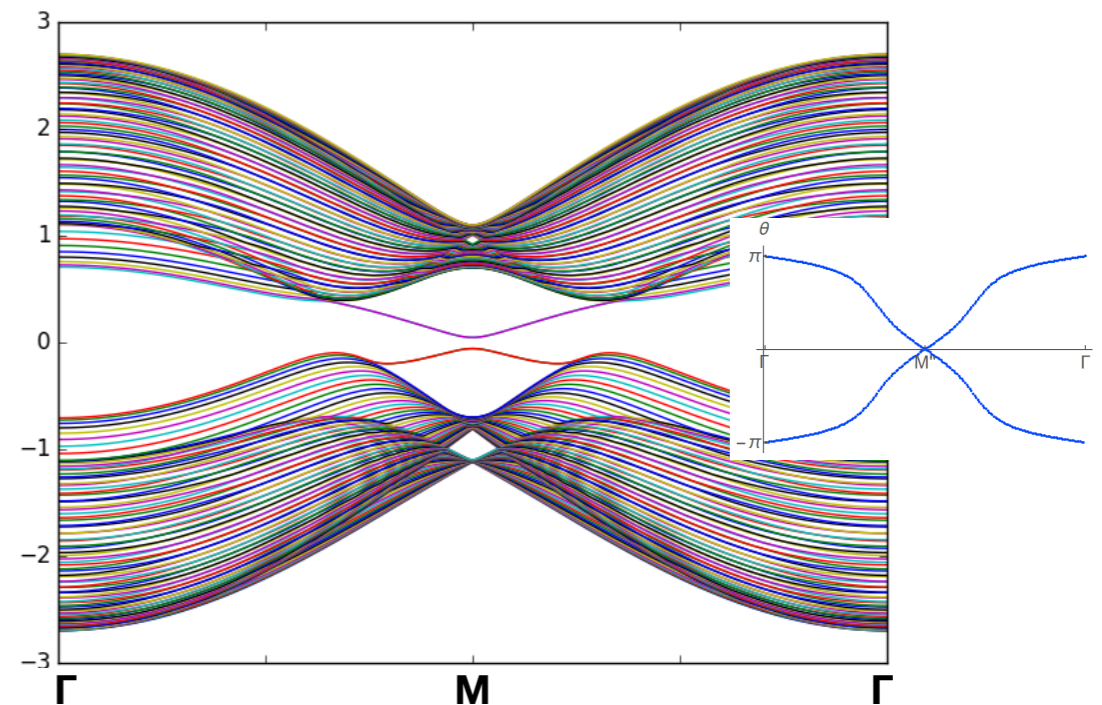
Disconnected EBRs realize topological phases

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Spinless or spinful

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Stable or “fragile” topological

**Framework for classifying/predicting
topological materials**

**New questions about definition of
topological phase**



What are the signatures and how should we classify fragile topological phases?