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# Quantitative Mappings from Symmetry to Topology

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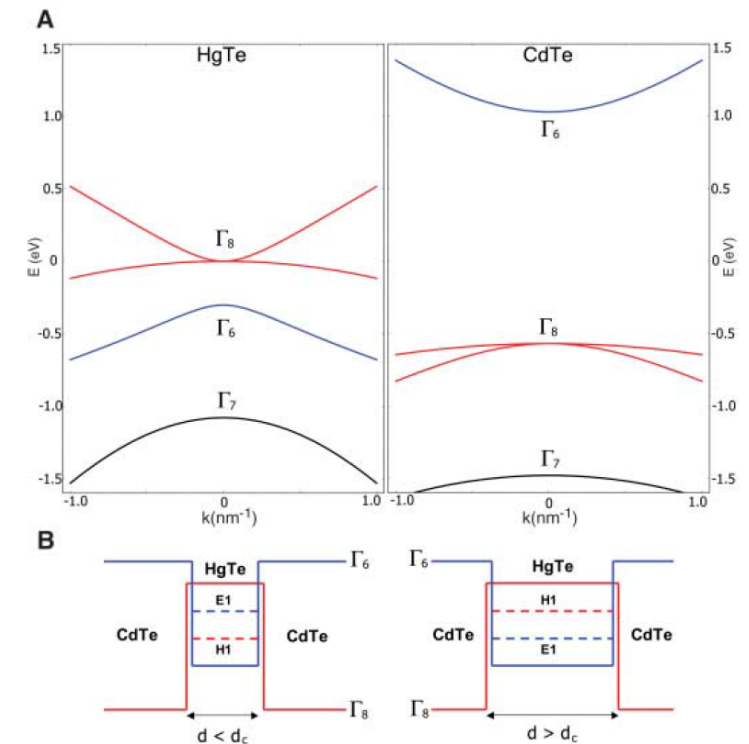
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# Symmetries in band structures

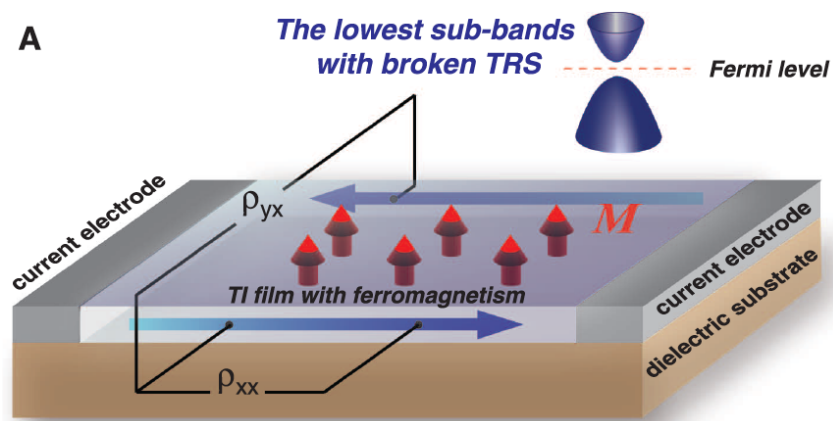
- Theory of crystallographic space groups: 32 point groups, 230 space groups and 1651 magnetic groups in 3D.
- Representation theory in band structures: each band is an irreducible representation of the little group at a given momentum.
- Symmetry data can be routinely extracted ab initio, i. e., a SOLVED problem.



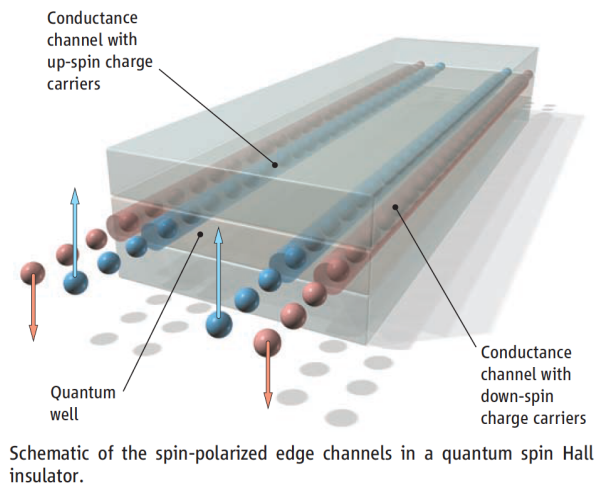
Bernevig et al, Science 2006

# Topology in band structures

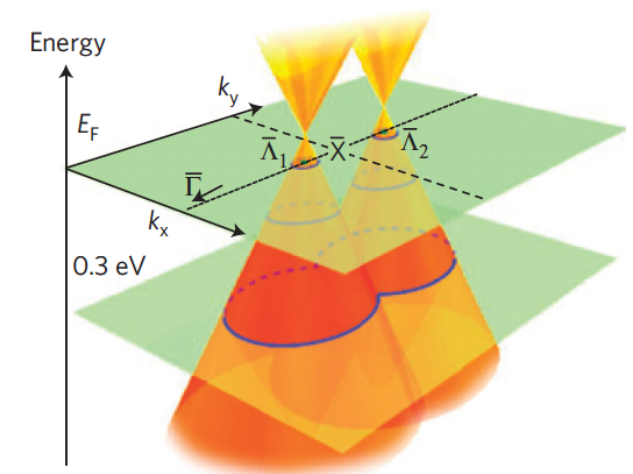
- Chern insulators
- Topological insulators protected by time-reversal symmetry
- Topological crystalline insulators



Chang et al, Science 2013



Konig et al, Science 2007

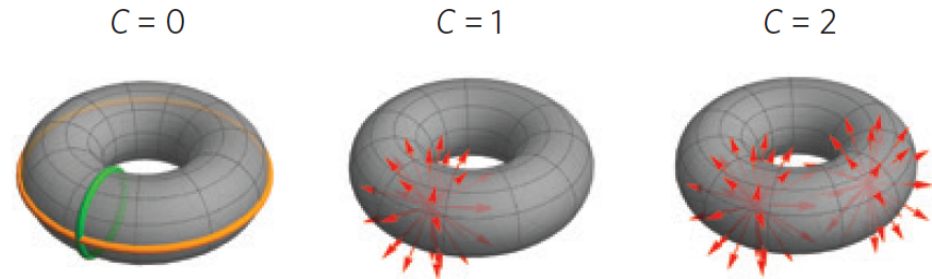


Tanaka et al, Nat Phys 2012  
Dziawa et al, Nat Mat 2012  
Xu et al, Nat Comm 2012

# Quantified topology: topological invariants

- Chern number (TKNN number)

$$i \int dk^2 (\partial_x u^* \partial_y u - \partial_y u^* \partial_x u)$$



- $Z_2$ -index in TI:  $(-1)^\xi = \prod_{K \in TRIM} Pf[W(K)]$
- Various invariants in TCI

- Mirror Chern number:  $i \int dk^2 (\partial_x u_M^* \partial_y u_M - \partial_y u_M^* \partial_x u_M)$
- Glide-plane  $Z_2$ -index Fang and Fu 2015, Shiozaki et al 2015

$$\sum_{j=1, \dots, N_{occ}/2} \log(\lambda_{j+}^I) + B_+^I = \sum_{j=1, \dots, N_{occ}/2} \log(\lambda_{j-}^I) + 2n_I \pi$$

$$\sum_{j=1, \dots, N_{occ}/2} \log(\lambda_{j+}^{II}) + B_+^{II} = \sum_{j=1, \dots, N_{occ}/2} \log(\lambda_{j-}^{II}) + 2n_{II} \pi$$

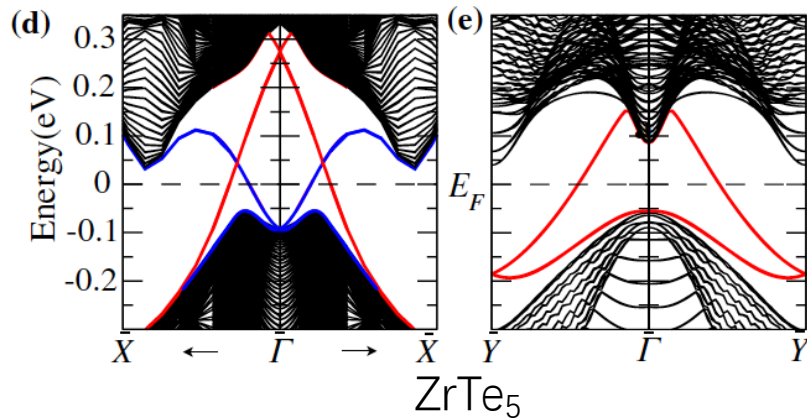
$$\sum_{j=1, \dots, N_{occ}/2} [\log(\lambda_{j+}^I) + \log(\lambda_{j-}^I)] + B_0 = \sum_{j=1, \dots, N_{occ}/2} [\log(\lambda_{j+}^{II}) + \log(\lambda_{j-}^{II})] + 2n_0 \pi$$

$$z_2 = (n_I + n_{II} + n_0) \bmod 2$$

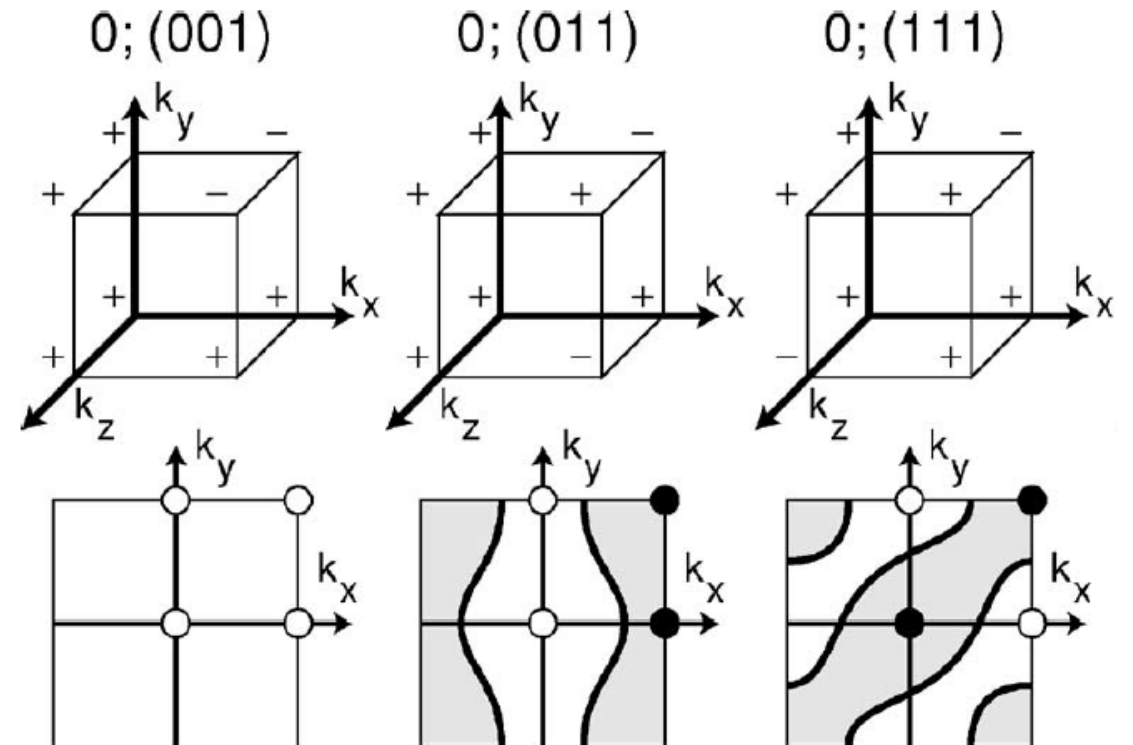
- Rotation  $Z_2$ , inversion  $Z_2$ , screw axis  $Z_2$ ,  $S_4$   $Z_2$ ...

# Introducing topological invariants of TCI

- Weak  $Z_2$ -indices (weak TI)
  - Symmetry: translation and time-reversal
  - Up to three indices
  - Surface: two Dirac cones



Theory: Weng et al PRX 2014  
 Experiment: Wu et al PRX 2016

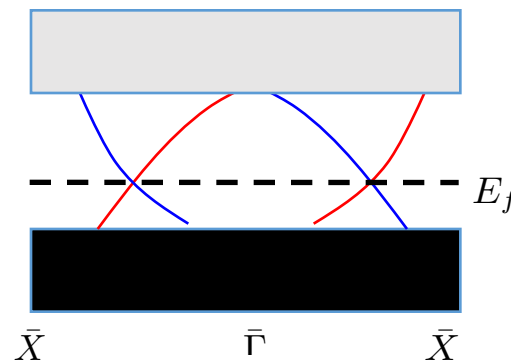
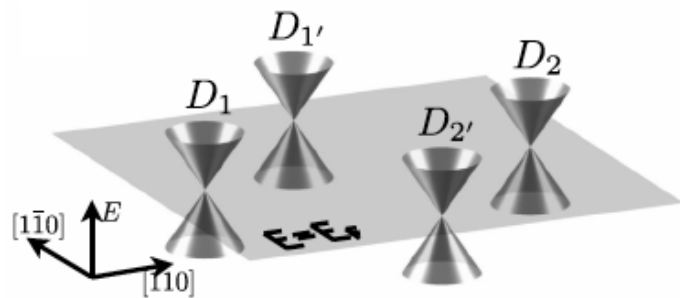


Fu and Kane, PRB 2007

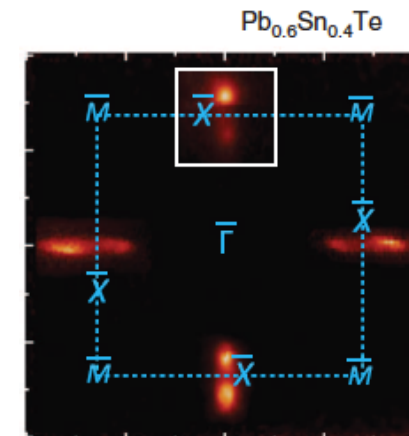
# Introducing topological invariants of TCI

- Mirror Chern number protected by mirror plane and time-reversal

$$[H(k_x, 0, k_z), M_{xz}] = 0 \Rightarrow H(k_x, 0, k_z) = \begin{bmatrix} H_{+i} & 0 \\ 0 & H_{-i} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} C_{+i} : \text{Chern number of } H_{+i} \\ C_{-i} : \text{Chern number of } H_{-i} \end{array}$$



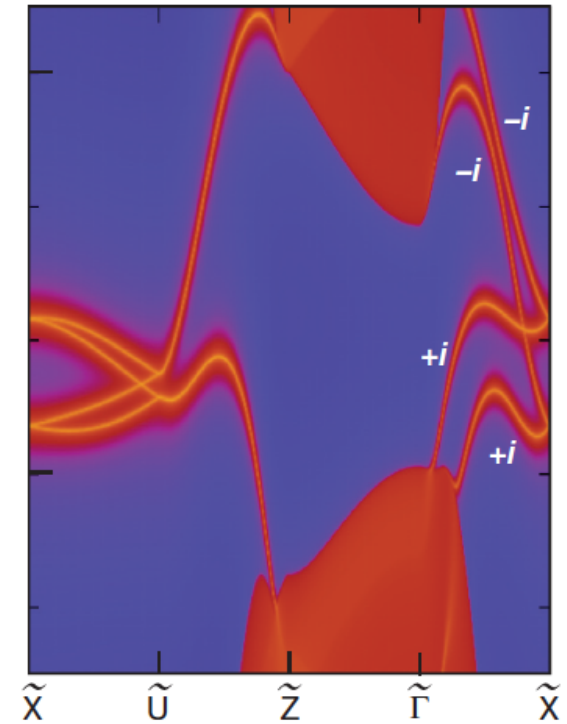
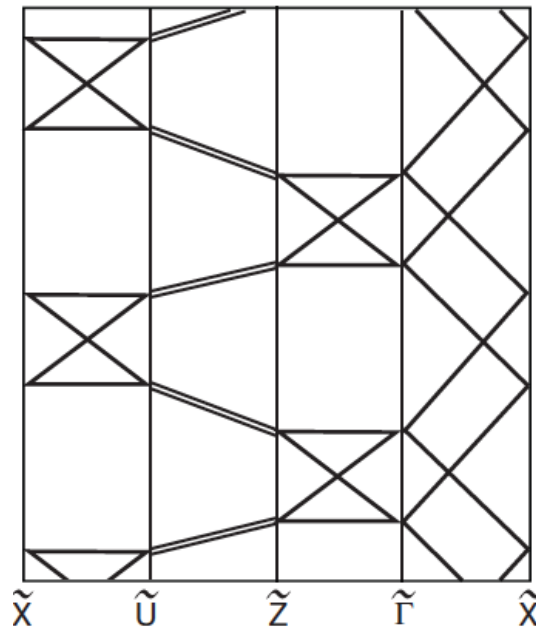
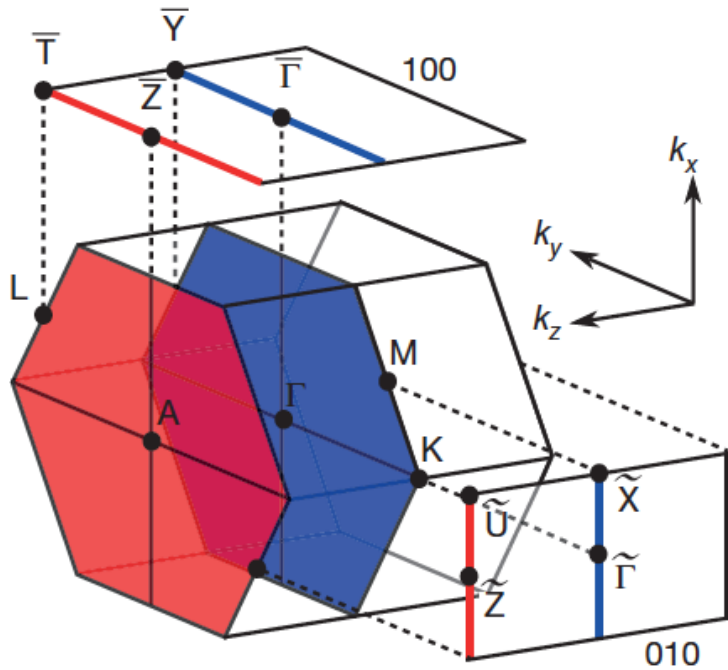
$$\begin{array}{l} C_{+i} = +2, \\ C_{-i} = -2. \end{array}$$



Hsieh et al, Nat Comm 2012  
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 Xu et al, Nat Comm 2012

# Introducing topological invariants of TCI

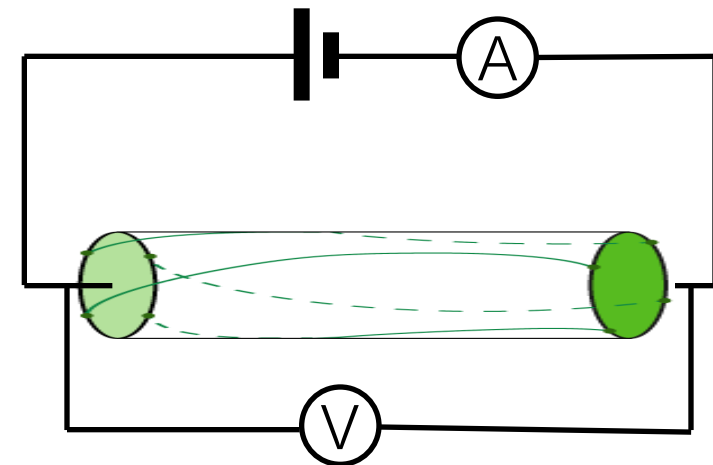
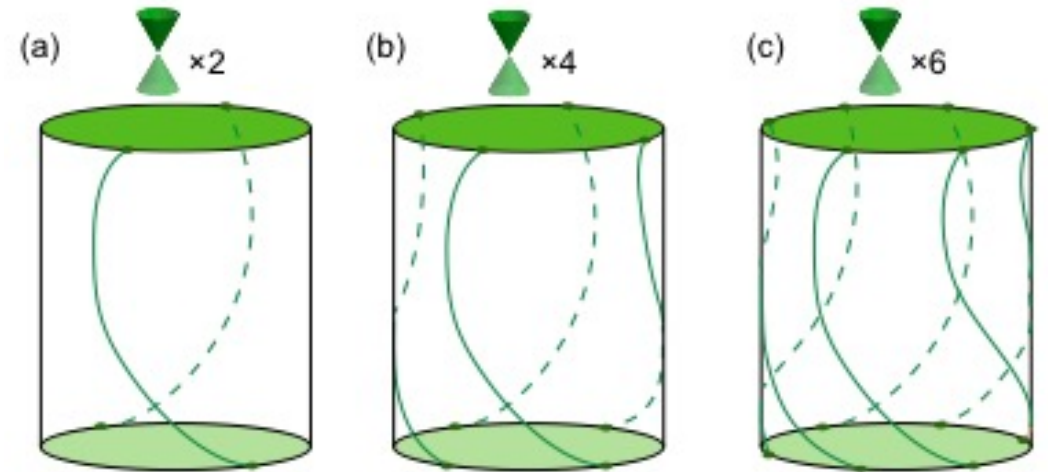
- Glide plane  $Z_2$  protected by glide plane and time-reversal



Theory: Wang et al, Nature 2016  
Experiment: Ma et al, Sci Adv 2017

# Introducing topological invariants of TCI

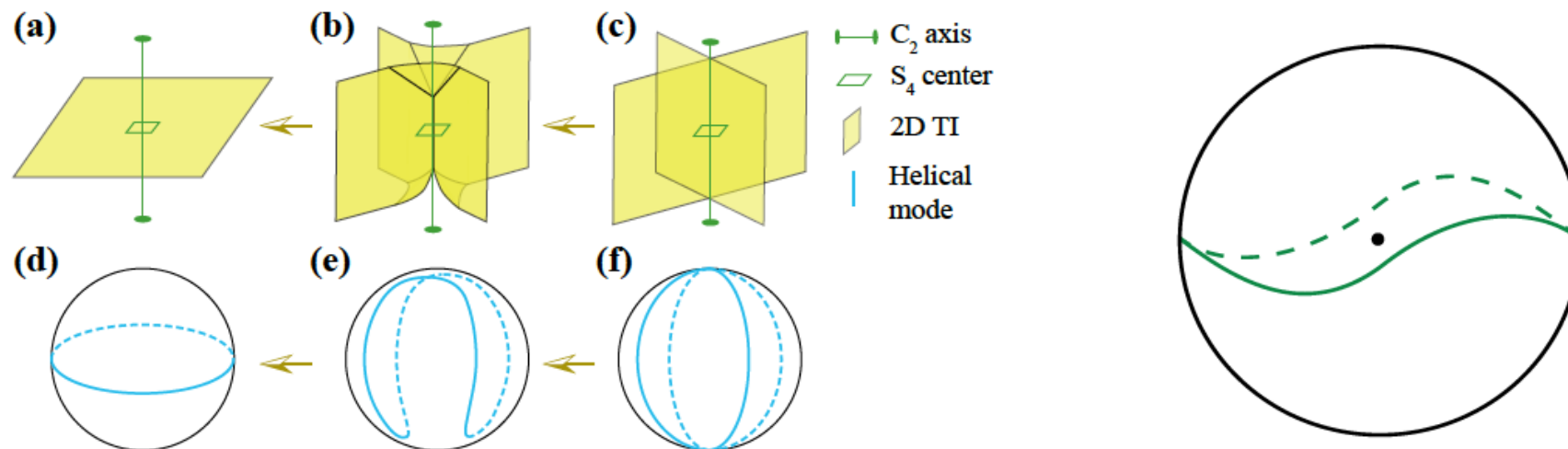
- $Z_2$ -invariants protected by  $C_{2,4,6}$ -fold rotation plus time-reversal
  - Bulk invariants do not have close form
  - 2D Dirac cones on the top and bottom
  - 1D helical states on the side
- $Z_2$ -invariants protected by 2-, 4-, 6-fold screw axes plus time-reversal
  - No Dirac cones, just helical states on the side





# Introducing topological invariants of TCI

- $Z_2$ -invariant protected by  $S_4: (x, y, z) \rightarrow (-y, x, -z)$  and time-reversal  
Song et al, arXiv:1711.11049, Khalaf et al, arXiv 2017
- $Z_2$ -invariant protected by inversion  $S_2: (x, y, z) \rightarrow (-x, -y, -z)$  and time-reversal  
Turner et al 2010, Hughes et al 2011, CF and Fu, arXiv:1709.01929
- These are examples of “high order TI”



# Fu-Kane formula and alike

- Fu-Kane formula maps inversion eigenvalues to invariants in TI

$$z_2 = \sum_{K \in \text{TRIM}} \frac{[N^+(K) - N^-(K)]}{2} \pmod{2} \quad \text{Fu and Kane PRL 2007}$$

- There are also formulas mapping rotation eigenvalues to Chern numbers

$$(-1)^C = \prod_{i \in \text{occ.}} \zeta_i(\Gamma) \zeta_i(X) \zeta_i(Y) \zeta_i(M)$$

$$i^C = \prod_{i \in \text{occ.}} (-1)^F \xi_i(\Gamma) \xi_i(M) \zeta_i(Y)$$

Fang et al PRB 2012

$$e^{i2\pi C/3} = \prod_{i \in \text{occ.}} (-1)^F \theta_i(\Gamma) \theta_i(K) \theta_i(K'),$$

$$e^{i\pi C/3} = \prod_{i \in \text{occ.}} (-1)^F \eta_i(\Gamma) \theta_i(K) \zeta_i(M),$$

# Generalized Fu-Kane formula?

- An invariant protected by group  $S$  cannot be represented by the eigenvalues of  $S$ , but may be represented by the eigenvalues of  $G$ , where  $S \subset G$ .
- A general mapping from symmetry eigenvalues of  $G$  to the topological invariants or topological nodes protected by  $S$  may greatly enhance the efficiency of the search of new topological materials.

Symmetry data of  $G$   Topological invariants of  $S$

Two theoretical tools:

1. Symmetry-based indicators (lossless compression of symmetry data)
2. Layer construction (fixed point wave functions of 3D TCI)

# Lossless compression of symmetry data

Symmetry data of space group 225: 11 integers  $Z^{11}$

k point	irreducible representations
$\Gamma$	$2E_{\frac{1}{2}g} + E_{\frac{1}{2}u} + F_{\frac{3}{2}u}$
L	$E_{\frac{3}{2}g} + 2E_{\frac{1}{2}g} + 2E_{\frac{1}{2}u}$
W	$2E_{\frac{3}{2}} + 3E_{\frac{1}{2}}$
X	$2E_{\frac{1}{2}g} + 2E_{\frac{1}{2}u} + E_{\frac{3}{2}u}$

Symmetry data from VASP for SnTe



Symmetry **indicator** of 225:  $Z_8$

$$Z_8 = 4$$

# Symmetry-based indicators $X_{BS} = \{BS\}/\{AI\}$

Without SOC (spinless)

**Table 4 Symmetry-based indicators of band topology for systems with time-reversal symmetry and negligible spin-orbit coupling**

$X_{BS}$	Space groups
$\mathbb{Z}_2$	3, 11, 14, 27, 37, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 66, 68, 70, 75, 77, 82, 85, 86, 88, 103, 124, 128, 130, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 171, 172, 176, 184, 192, 201, 203
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	12, 13, 15, 81, 84, 87
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	147, 148
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	10, 83, 175
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	2

$X_{BS}$  the quotient group between the group of band structures and that of atomic insulators

Lossless compression of symmetry data as far as topology is concerned:

1. Nonzero indicator -> Not an AI
2. Different indicators -> different topologies
3. Same indicators -> cannot distinguish their topologies using symmetry eigenvalues

With SOC (spinful)

**Table 3 Symmetry-based indicators of band topology for systems with time-reversal symmetry and significant spin-orbit coupling**

$X_{BS}$	Space groups
$\mathbb{Z}_2$	81, 82, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220
$\mathbb{Z}_3$	188, 190
$\mathbb{Z}_4$	52, 56, 58, 60, 61, 62, 70, 88, 126, 130, 133, 135, 136, 137, 138, 141, 142, 163, 165, 167, 202, 203, 205, 222, 223, 227, 228, 230
$\mathbb{Z}_8$	128, 225, 226
$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$	176, 192, 193, 194
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	14, 15, 48, 50, 53, 54, 55, 57, 59, 63, 64, 66, 68, 71, 72, 73, 74, 84, 85, 86, 125, 129, 131, 132, 134, 147, 148, 162, 164, 166, 200, 201, 204, 206, 224
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_8$	87, 124, 139, 140, 229
$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$	174, 187, 189
$\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_8$	127, 221
$\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_{12}$	175, 191
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	11, 12, 13, 49, 51, 65, 67, 69
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_8$	83, 123
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	2, 10, 47

$X_{BS}$  the quotient group between the group of band structures and that of atomic insulators

# Remaining questions

- Explicit formulas for the indicators?
- Given a band structure having nonzero indicator, is it a topological (crystalline) insulator or topological semimetal?
- If a TCI, what are the topological invariants?
- If a TSM, what and where are the nodes?

# Insulator or semimetal?

- Spinful: in any space group for any nonzero set of indicators, there always **exists** one corresponding TCI.
- Spinless: in any space group for any nonzero set of indicators, the band structure **must be gapless**, having nodes at generic momenta.

# Mapping indicators to invariants

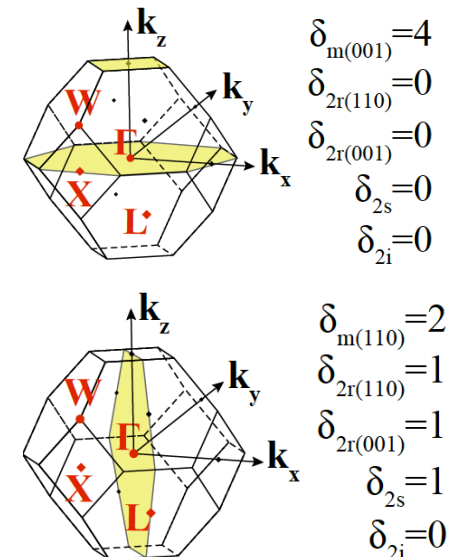
- For each nonzero set of indicators, we list all possible combinations of topological invariants protected by the space group. It is usually a one-to-many mapping.
- Example of SnTe:

k point	irreducible representations
$\Gamma$	$2E_{\frac{1}{2}g} + E_{\frac{1}{2}u} + F_{\frac{3}{2}u}$
L	$E_{\frac{3}{2}g} + 2E_{\frac{1}{2}g} + 2E_{\frac{1}{2}u}$
W	$2E_{\frac{3}{2}} + 3E_{\frac{1}{2}}$
X	$2E_{\frac{1}{2}g} + 2E_{\frac{1}{2}u} + E_{\frac{3}{2}u}$

Symmetry data

$$\longrightarrow Z_8 = 4 \longrightarrow$$

Symmetry indicators

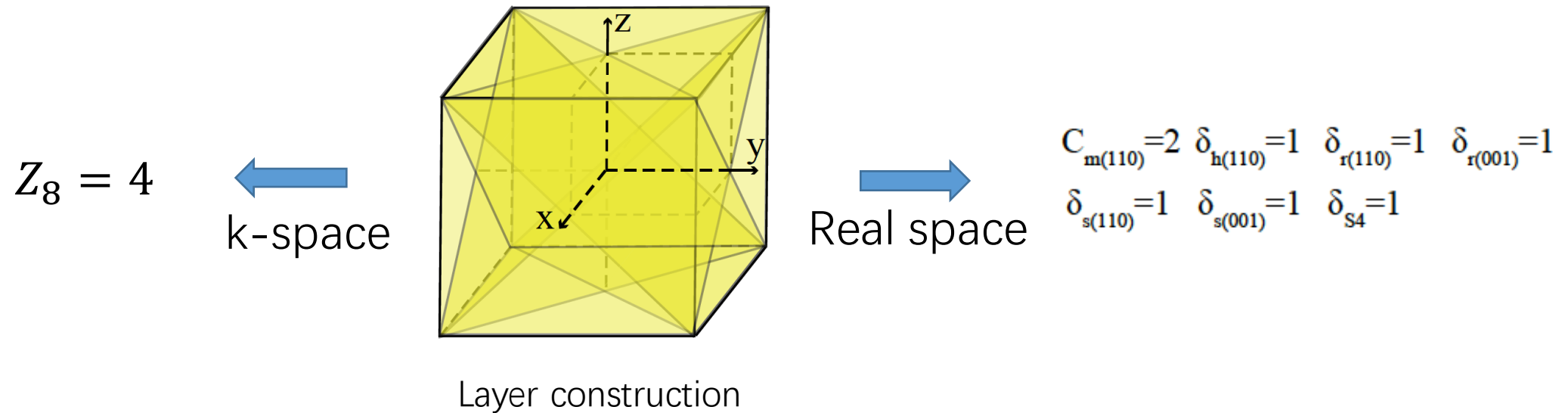


Topological invariants



# Spinful: mapping indicators to invariants

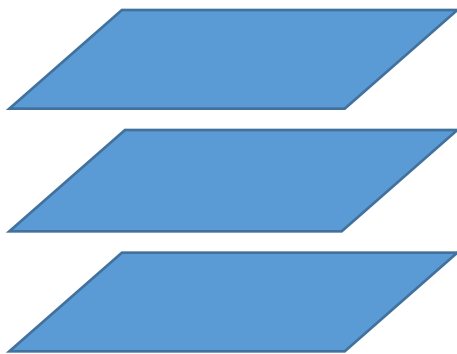
- Using the method of **layer construction** to obtain all TCIs.
- For each LC, calculate the invariants in real space.
- For each LC, calculate the indicators in momentum space.
- Match!



# Layer construction

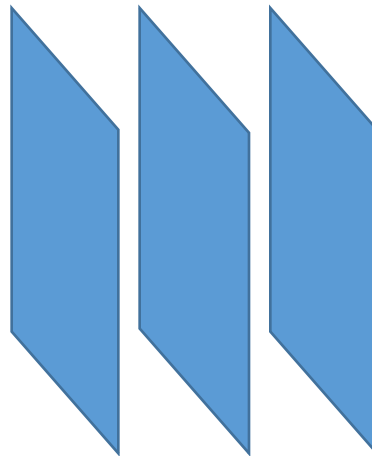
- Atomic insulators: decoupled atoms symmetrically arranged
- Layer construction of TCI: decoupled 2D TIs symmetrically arranged.
- All known TCIs can be layer-constructed.

Song et al, PRX 2017



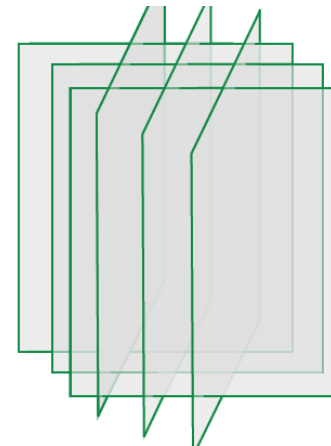
Mirror TCI

Ezawa, PRB 2016



Hourglass TCI

Fang and Fu, 2017



$C_4$  TCI

# Spinless: mapping indicators to topological nodes

- Relate indicators to topological invariants for sub-manifolds of Brillouin zone.
- All indicators correspond to topological nodes at generic momenta, including nodal lines and Weyl points.
  - Centrosymmetric: types, numbers and configurations of all nodal lines
  - Noncentrosymmetric: numbers, charge and configurations of all Weyl points

# Example (spinless)

- $\text{CaP}_3$

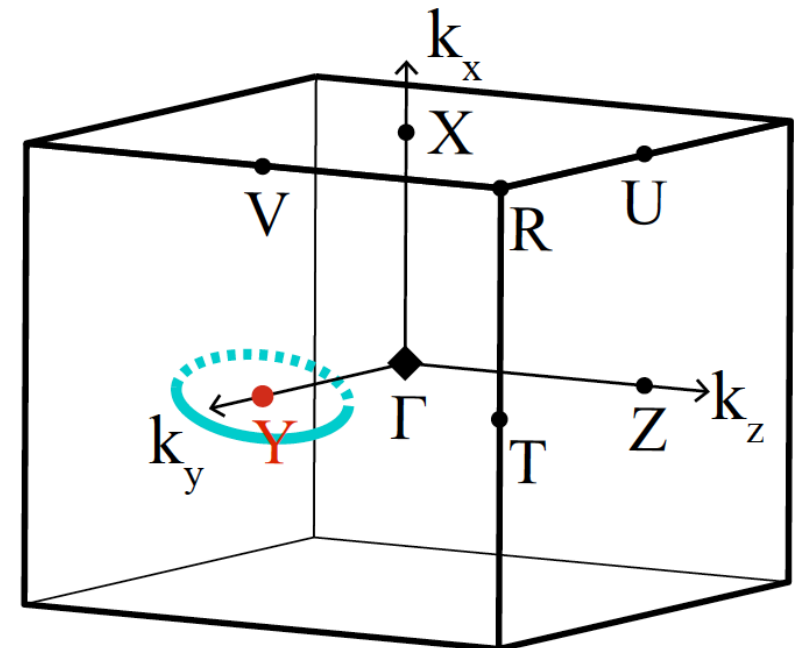
Symmetry data:  $Z^{16}$

k point	irreducible representations
$\Gamma$	$14E_g + 11E_u$
R	$12E_g + 13E_u$
T	$13E_g + 12E_u$
U	$12E_g + 13E_u$
V	$13E_g + 12E_u$
X	$13E_g + 12E_u$
Y	$13E_g + 12E_u$
Z	$13E_g + 12E_u$

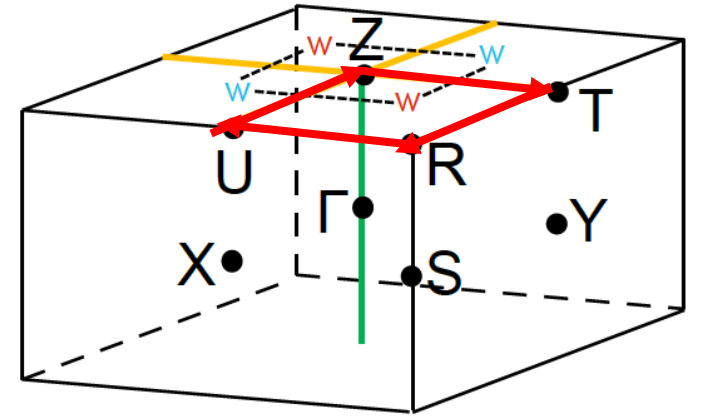
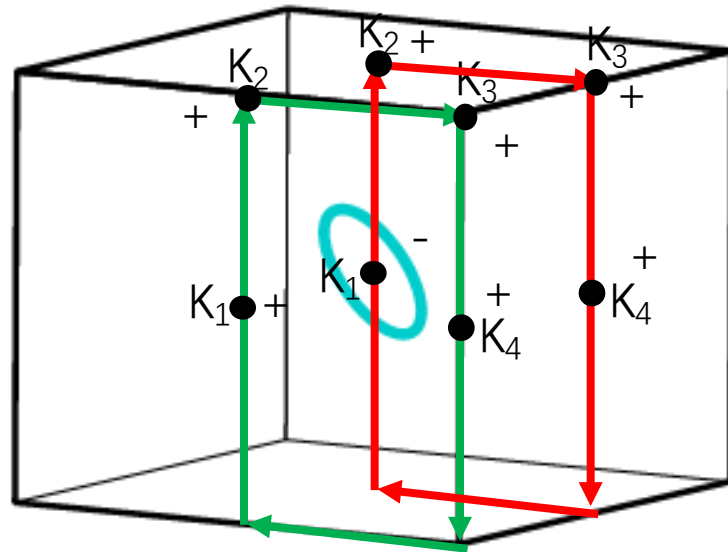
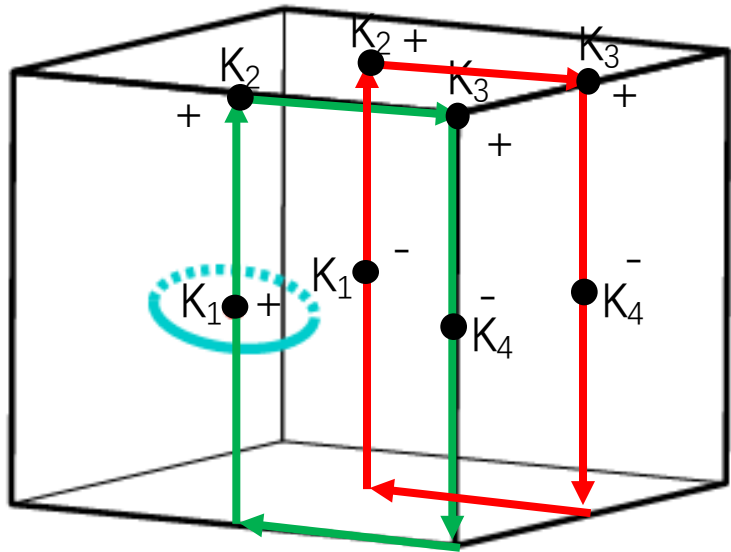
Indicator:  $Z_2^3 \times Z_4$

$\longrightarrow (010;1) \longrightarrow$

Confirmed in Xu et al PRB 2017

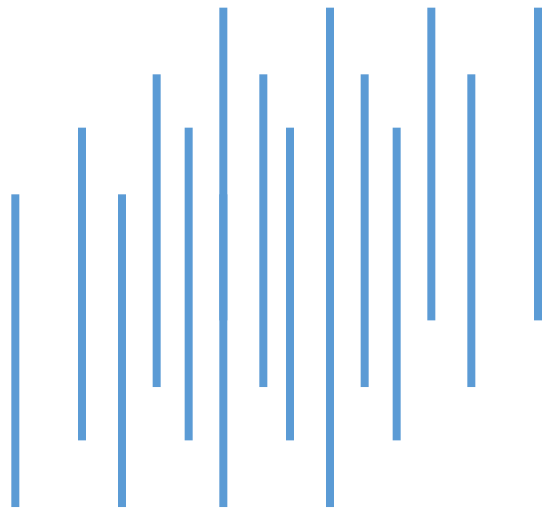


# Indicators as Berry phases of submanifolds

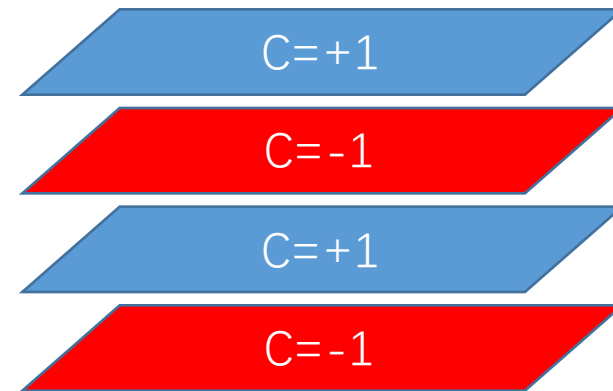


# Extension to other symmetry classes

- Superconductors (BdG classes): layer construction + wire construction
- Magnetic group insulators are generally constructed by layers of Chern insulators



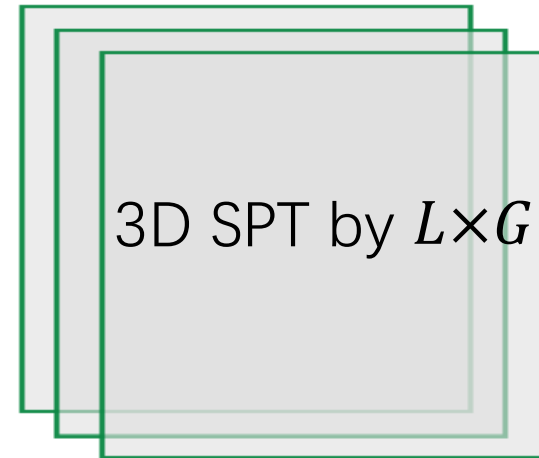
3D TSC protected by  $C_4$  and  $T$



AFM TI protected by  $T \cdot T_z$

# Extension to strongly interacting SPT

2D TI protected by  $T$  + Arranged in a set of  $G$ -symmetric planes = 3D TCI protected by  $T \times G$



2D SPT protected by local symmetry group  $L$  + Arranged in a set of  $G$ -symmetric planes = 3D SPT protected by  $L \times G$

# Summary

- We find the explicit formulas for all symmetry-based indicators in the presence of time reversal symmetry.
- We establish a mapping from the symmetry eigenvalues of a band structure at high-symmetry points to its topological data.
  - In the presence of SOC, we give all possible combinations of invariants
  - In the absence of SOC, we give all possible configurations of nodes
- Byproducts
  - The classification of TCI
  - An exhaustive enumeration of all layer constructions that can be extended to strongly interacting systems