

# Floquet Higher-order topological insulators

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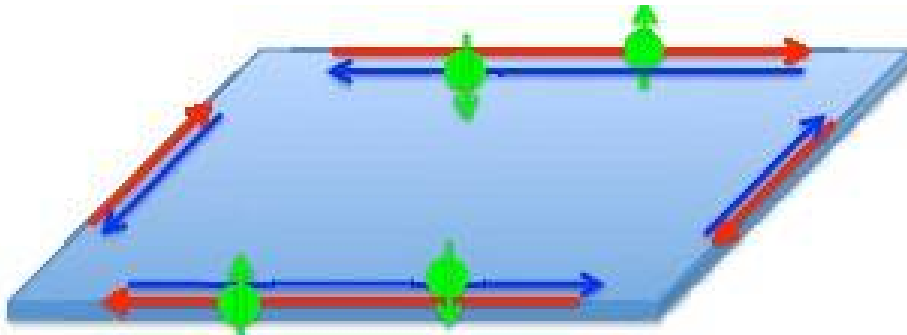
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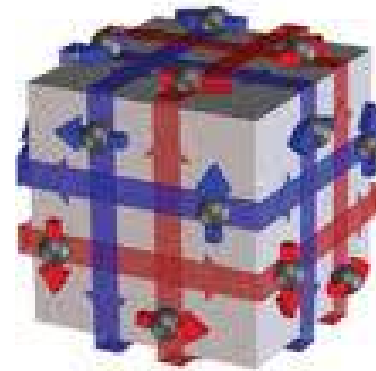


# Topological insulators

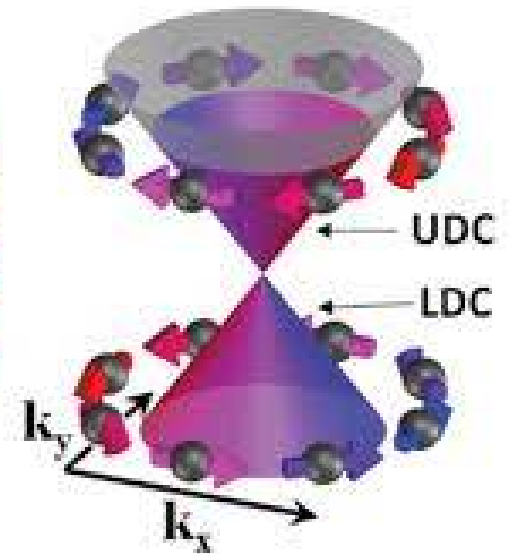
- *Ver. 1: Antiunitary symmetries - 'Classical' TI's*



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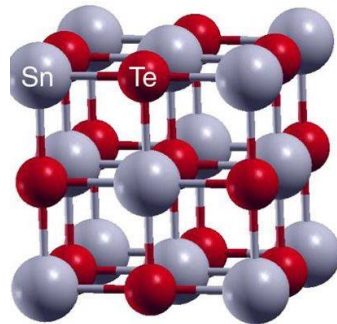


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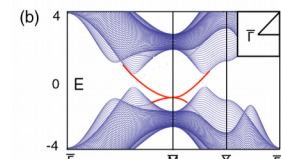
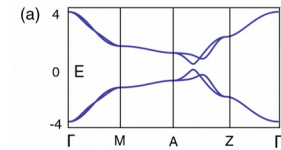


# Topological insulators

- *Ver. 2: Additional unitary symmetries – Crystalline TI's*



$C_4$  →



*Fu (PRL, 2011)*

- *Ver. 3: Symmetries broken at surface – Higher-order TI's*

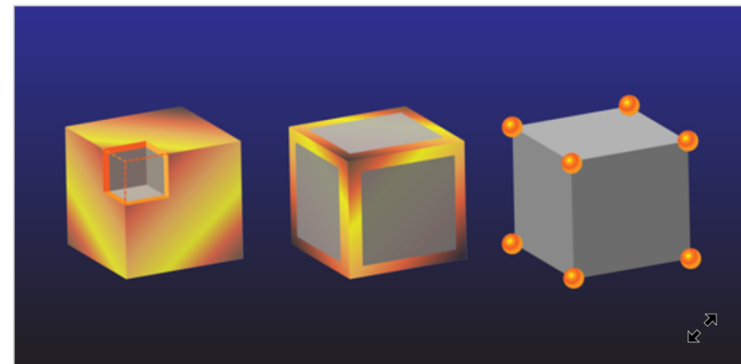
## HOTI's

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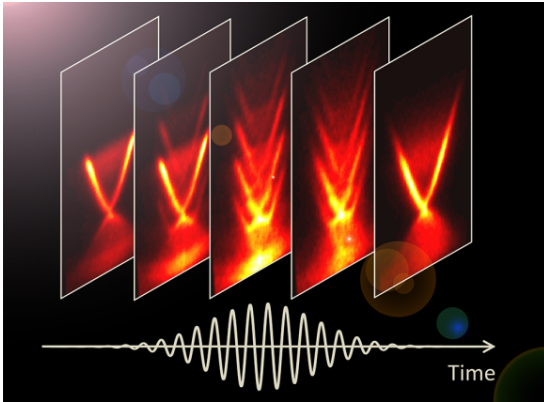
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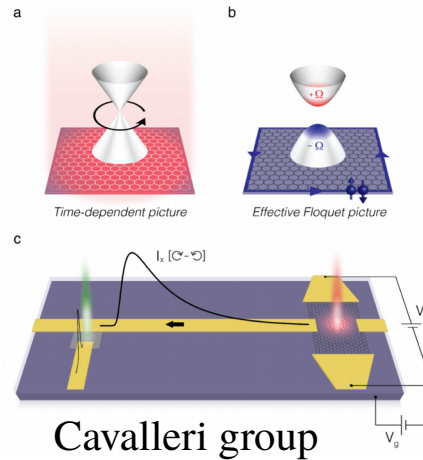


# Floquet Topological insulators

- *Ver. 1: 'Classical' TI's → Floquet TI's*

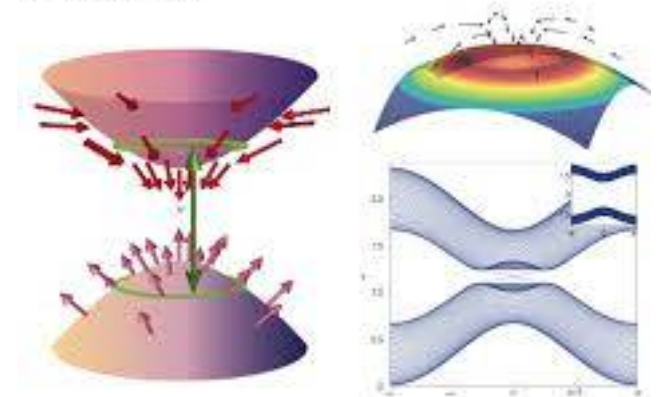


Gedik group



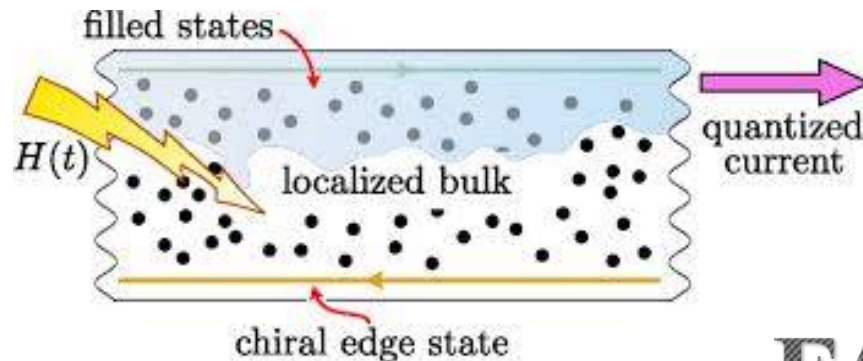
Cavalleri group

## Floquet topological insulator in semiconductor quantum wells



Lindner, Refael, Galitski (2011)  
Aoki, Oka (2010)

- *Ver. 1.5: Disorder +chirality → Anomalous Anderson Floquet TI's (no static analog)*



Rudner, Lindner, Berg, Levin (2013)  
Titum, Rudner, Lindner, Refael (2014)

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# Floquet Topological insulators

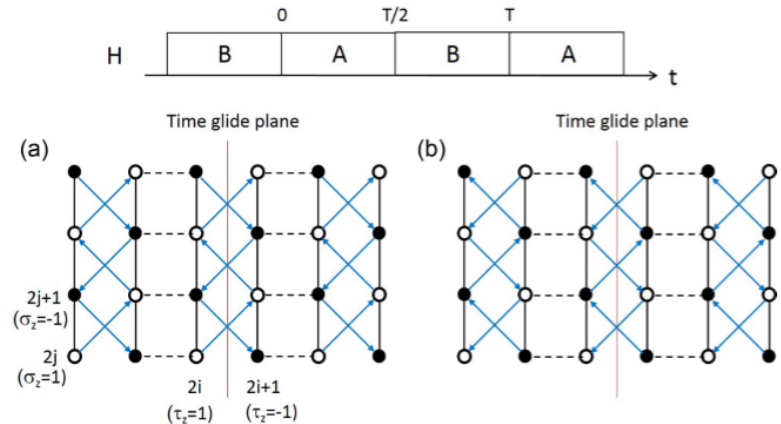
- *Ver. 2: Unitary + time glide symmetry → Floquet crystalline TI*

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## Floquet topological phases protected by time glide symmetry

Takahiro Morimoto,<sup>1</sup> Hoi Chun Po,<sup>1,2</sup> and Ashvin Vishwanath<sup>1,2</sup>

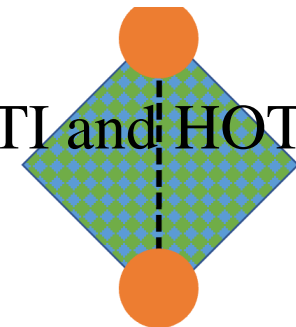
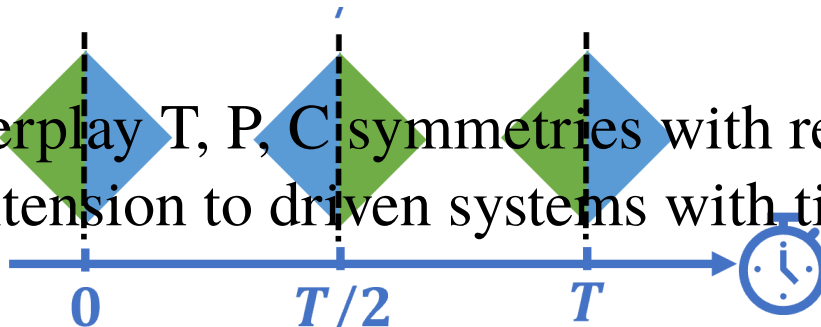


- *Ver. 3: Symmetries broken at surface + time glide*  
– *Higher-order Floquet TI's*

**HOFTI**  
**& SOFTI**  
**FI-HOTI?**

### Plan:

- Inerplay T, P, C symmetries with reflections: CTI and HOTI.
- Extension to driven systems with time glide.



(Yang Peng, Refael, 2018)

# From Crystalline to high-order TIs

- Start with chiral symmetry (class AIII):

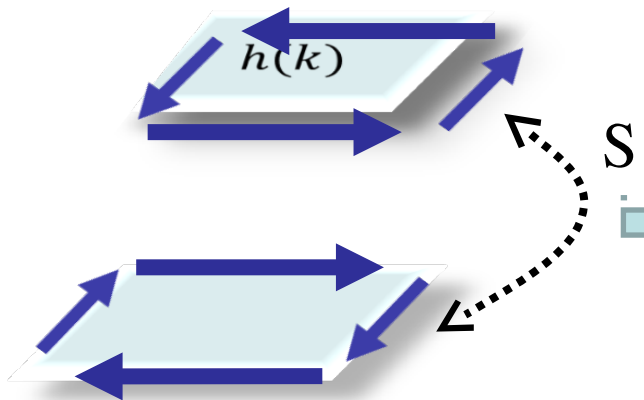
$$S H(k_x, k_y) S^{-1} = - H(k_x, k_y)$$

- Edge Hamiltonian:

$$H_{edge} = \sigma^z k_x \quad \text{and, e.g., } S = \sigma^x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \{H_{edge}, S\} = 0$$

- Mass term? Possible:

$$V_m = m \sigma^y, \quad \{V_m, S\} = 0 \quad \text{Induces a gap...}$$



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# Protection by reflection

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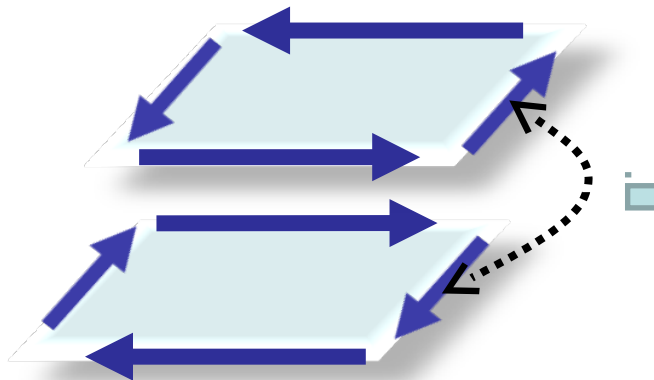
- Reflection:

$$U_R H(k_x, k_y) U_R^+ = R H(-k_x, k_y) R^+$$

Must have:  $\{R, H_{edge}\} = 0$ , Assume:  $[R, S] = 0$   $\Rightarrow R = \sigma^x$

- Mass term? Impossible!

$$\{V_m, S\} = 0, \text{ and } [V_m, R] = 0 \quad \text{But } R=S !$$



# Protection by reflection

- Start with chiral symmetry (class AIII):

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$$H_{edge} = \sigma^z k_x + V_m \quad S = \sigma^x$$

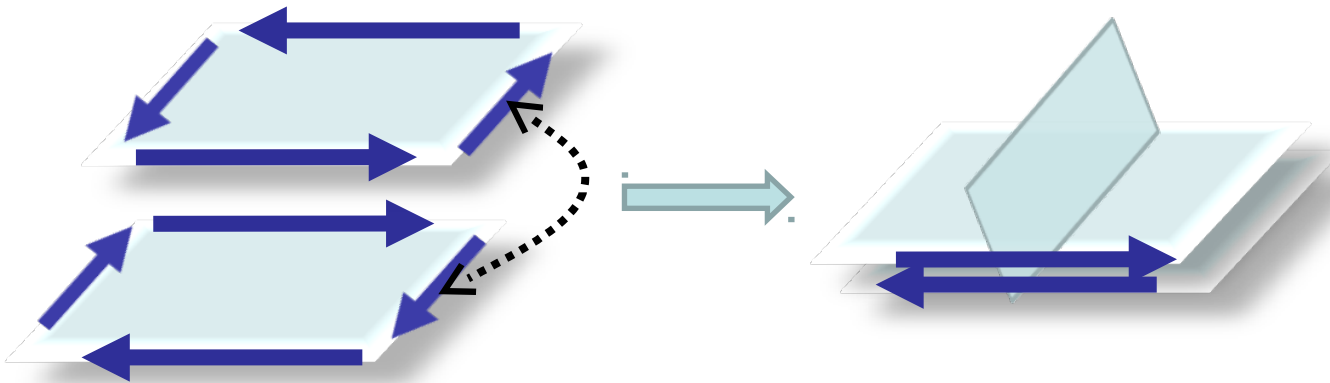
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More generally, assume:  $[R, S] = 0$  and diagonalize  $RS$

$\{V_m, RS\} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Gaps (mixes) Opposite } RS \text{ eigenvalue states}$



$\text{Tr}(SR)/2$   
helical modes



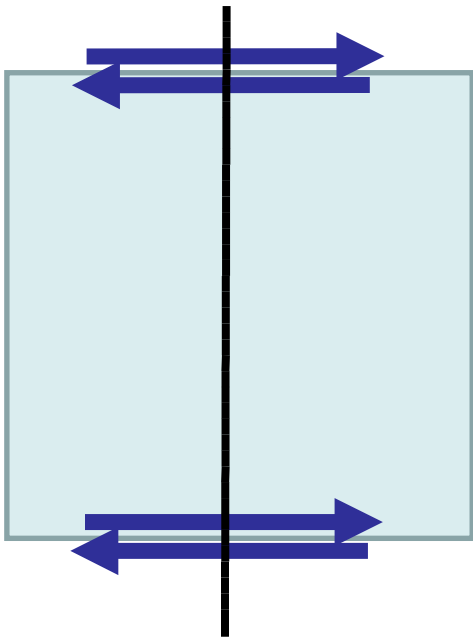
# Higher-order TI: CTI's pushed to the corner

(Langbehn, Trifunovic, Peng, von Oppen, Brouwer, 2017)

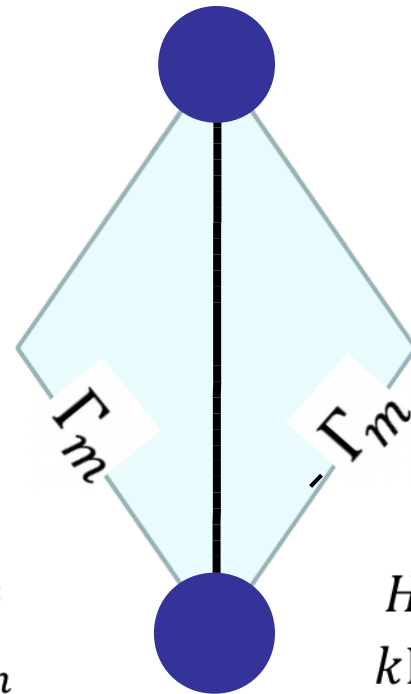
$$H_{edge}(k_x) = k_x \Gamma_x$$

$\Gamma_m$  respects only the chiral symmetry:  $\{\hat{S}, \Gamma_m\} = 0$

but also:  $\{\hat{\mathcal{R}}, \Gamma_m\} = 0$



$$H_{edge}(k_x) = k_x \Gamma_x$$



$$H_{edge}^L = k\Gamma_x + \Gamma_m$$

$$H_{edge}^R = k\Gamma_x - \Gamma_m$$

# Berlin style HOTI Classification

(Langbehn, Trifunovic, Peng, von Oppen, Brouwer, 2017)

$$\hat{R}\hat{T} = \eta_T \hat{T}\hat{R} \quad \hat{R}\hat{P} = \eta_P \hat{P}\hat{R} \quad \hat{C}\hat{R} = \eta_C \hat{R}\hat{C}$$

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# Floquet HOTI'

- Add periodic time dependence:

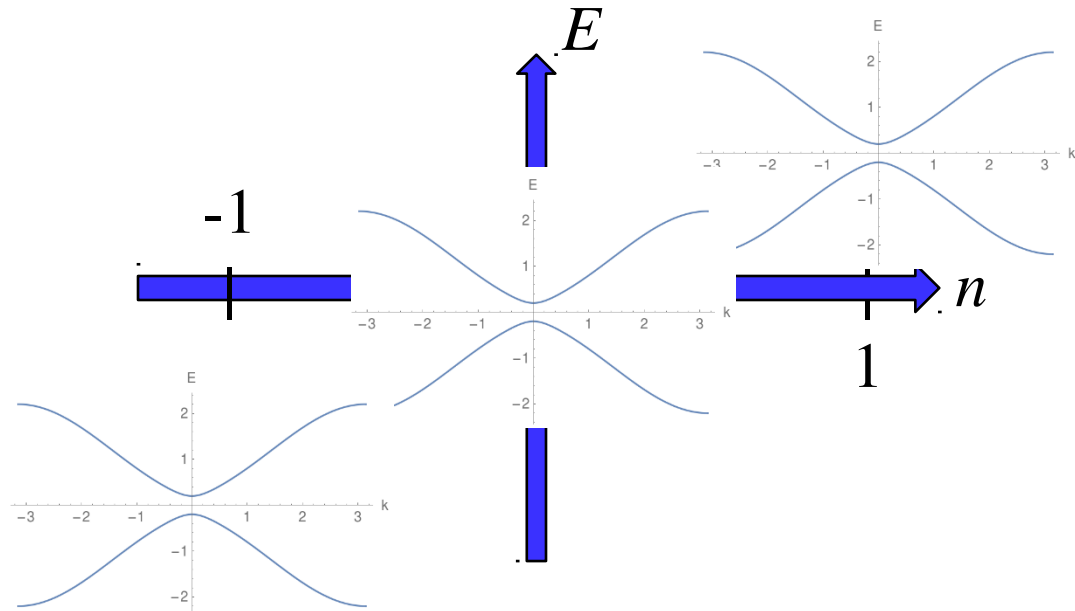
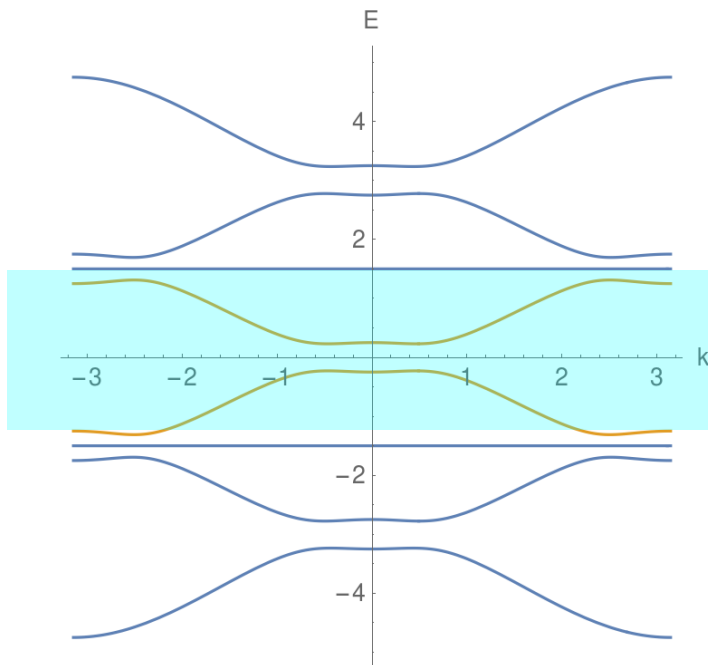
$$H = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{V}(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t})$$

- Floquet states:

$$\psi_\varepsilon(t) = e^{-i\varepsilon t} \left[ \psi_0 + \sum_{|n|>0} \psi_n e^{i\omega n t} \right]$$



Fast drive regime



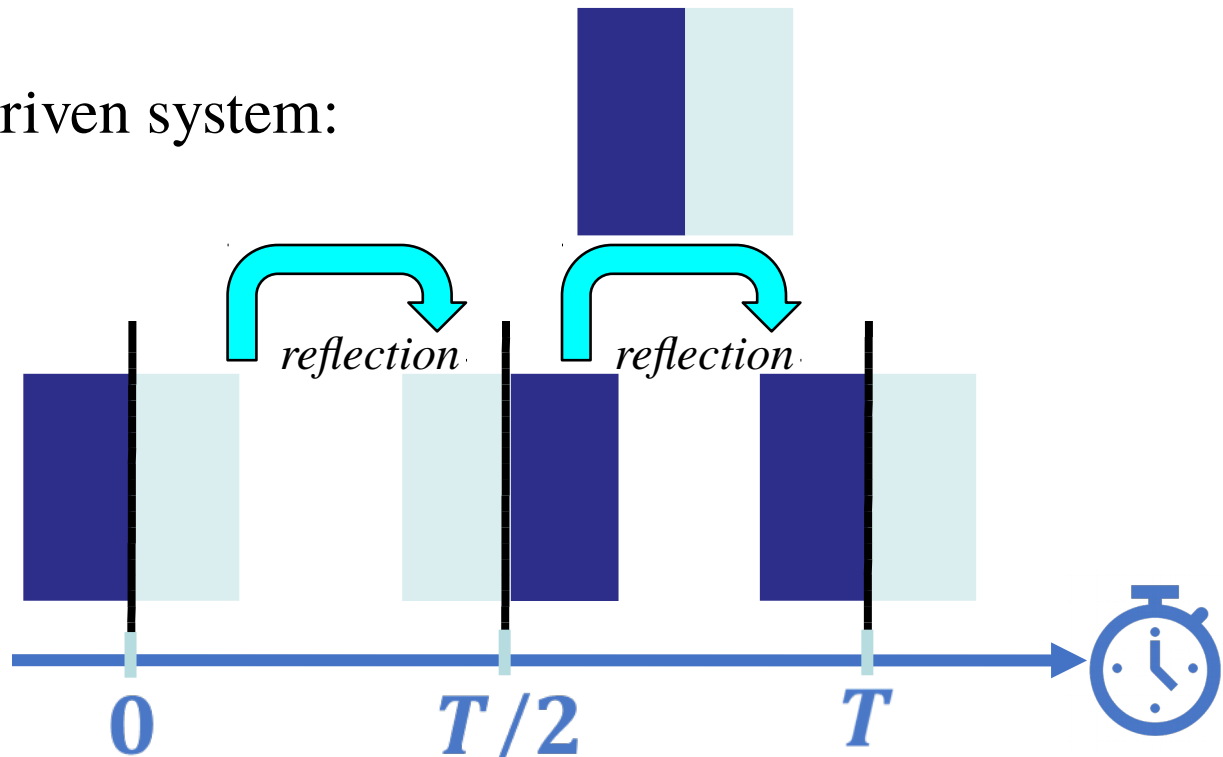
# Time-glide Floquet Crystalline TI's

- Reflection-time-glide symmetries: (Morimoto, Po, Vishwanath, 2017)

$$U_{TG} H(k_x, k_y, t) U_{TG}^{\dagger} = M H_{edge}(-k_x, k_y, t + T/2) M^{\dagger}$$

Periodic driven system:

Time-glide

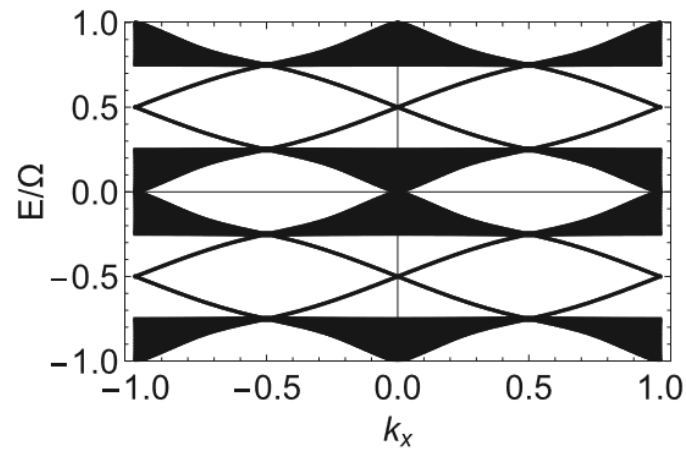
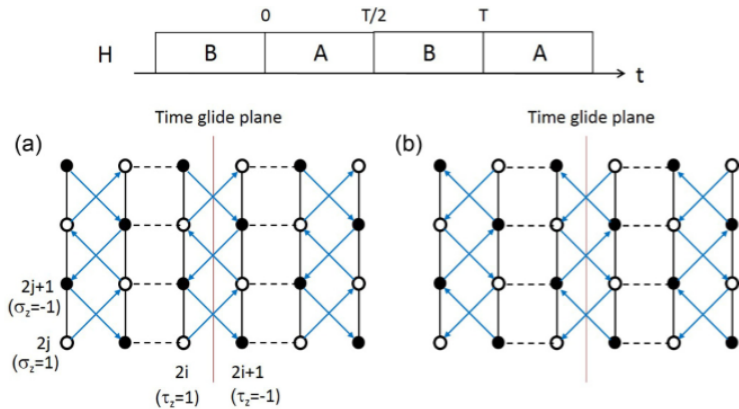
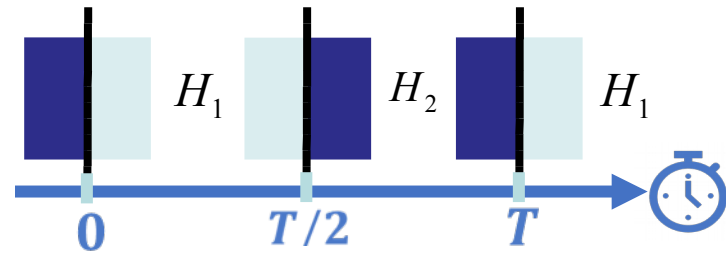


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- Stroboscopic Models:



- What about high-order Floquet TI's?

# Higher-order Floquet Topological Insulators (Peng, Refael, 2018)

- Additional reflection and time glide symmetries

$$U_{TG} H(k_x, k_y, t) U_{TG}^+ = M H_{edge}(-k_x, k_y, t + T/2) M^+$$

- Simple Floquet Hamiltonian:

$$H = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{V} (e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t})$$

$$H_F = \begin{array}{cccccc} \vdots & \dots & & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & V^+ & H_0 - \omega & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & V^+ & H_0 & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & V^+ & H_0 + \omega & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & V^+ & H_0 + 2\omega & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & & V^+ & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & & & \vdots \end{array}$$

- Concentrate on odd resonances.

$$\psi(t) = e^{i\omega t/2} \left[ \psi_0 + \sum_{|n|>0} \psi_n e^{i\omega n t} \right]$$

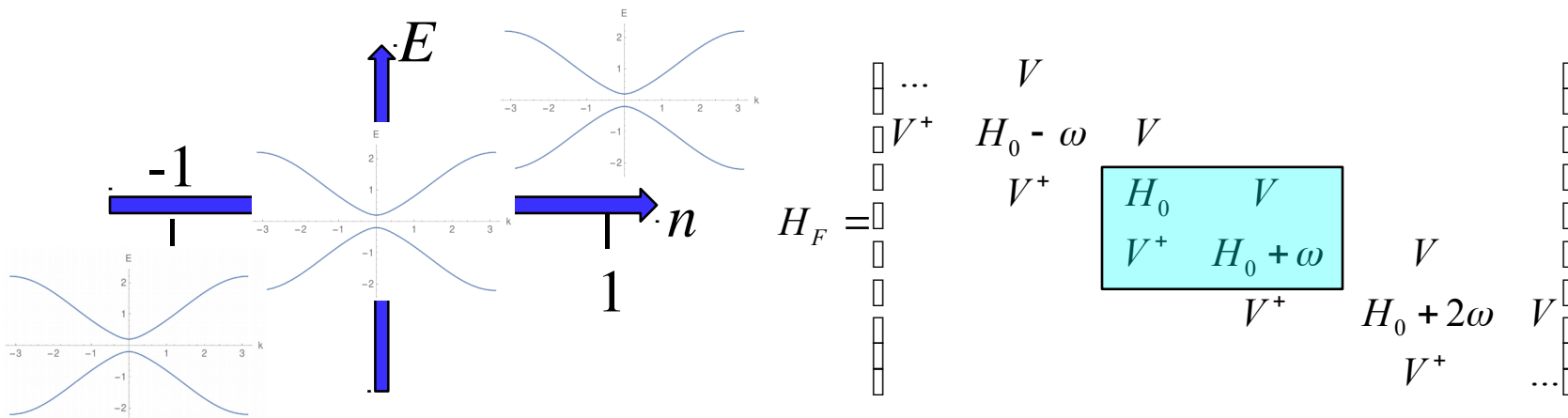
$$\psi(t) = -\psi(t+T)$$

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$$U_{TG} H(k_x, k_y, t) U_{TG}^+ = M H_{edge}(-k_x, k_y, t + T/2) M^+$$

- Effective Floquet Hamiltonian:

$$H_F^{eff} = \begin{pmatrix} H_0 & V \\ V^+ & H_0 + \omega \end{pmatrix} = (H_0 + \omega/2) \cdot 1 + \hat{\rho}_z \omega/2 + \text{Re}V \hat{\rho}_x + \text{Im}V \hat{\rho}_y$$

$$H_F^{eff}(k_x, k_y) \rightarrow (\hat{\rho}_z \otimes M) H_F^{eff}(-k_x, k_y) (\hat{\rho}_z \otimes M)^{-1}$$

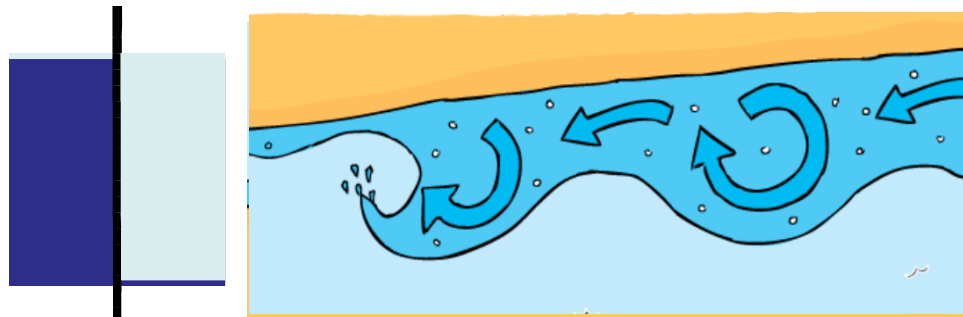
- Time glide:

$$V_{(k_x, k_y)} \rightarrow -M V_{(-k_x, k_y)} M^{-1} \quad H_{0(k_x, k_y)} \rightarrow M H_{0(-k_x, k_y)} M^{-1}$$

$$\exp(i\omega t + i\omega T/2) = \exp(i\omega t + i\pi) = -\exp(i\omega t)$$

- New reflection operator:

$$R^{eff} = \begin{pmatrix} & M \\ & \\ & \\ & \end{pmatrix} - M \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}$$





# Higher-order Floquet Topological Insulators (Peng, Refael, 2018)

- Class AIII example:

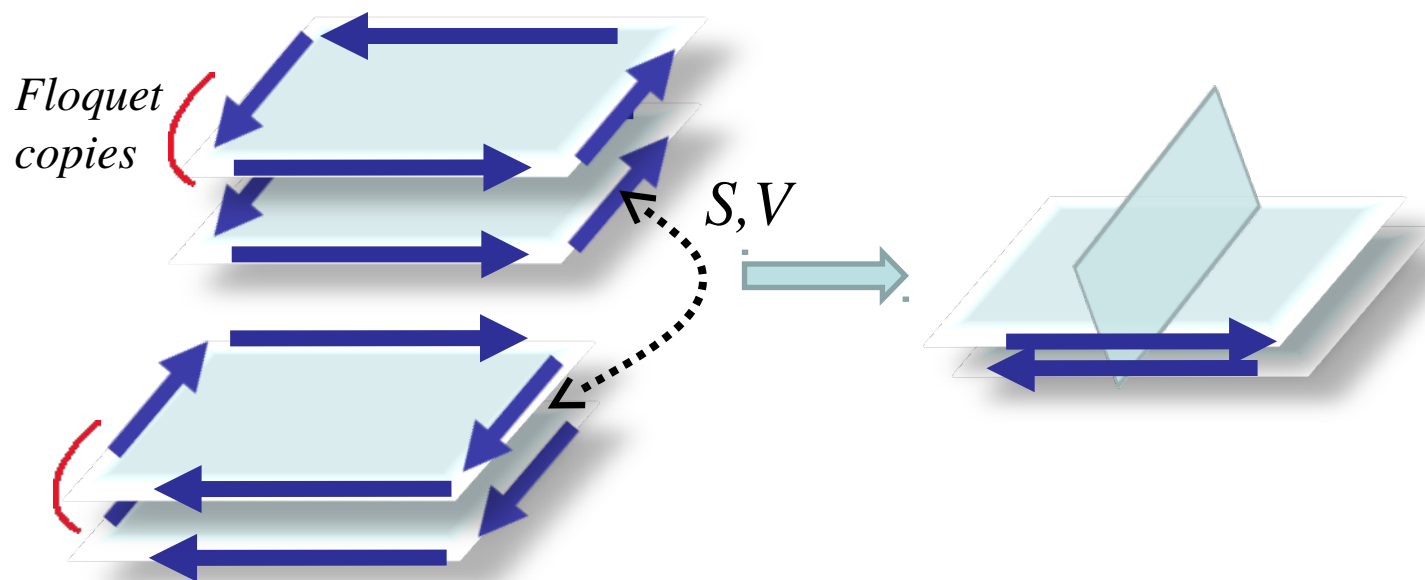
$$=(H_0 + \omega/2) \cdot 1 + \hat{\rho}_z \omega/2 + \text{Re}V \hat{\rho}_x + \text{Im}V \hat{\rho}_y$$

$$S^{eff} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ iS \end{pmatrix} - iS \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = S \cdot \hat{\rho}_y$$

$$R^{eff} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ M \end{pmatrix} - M \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = M \cdot \hat{\rho}_z$$

[ $t \rightarrow -t$ ,  $\omega \rightarrow -\omega$  and  $V \rightarrow V^\dagger$ ]

- Need:  $[R, S]=0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \{M, S\}=0$



# Explicit AIII model

- Hamiltonian and symmetries:

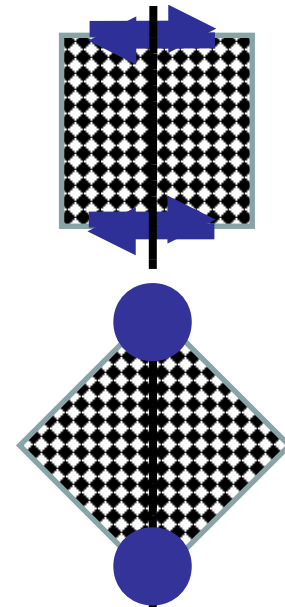
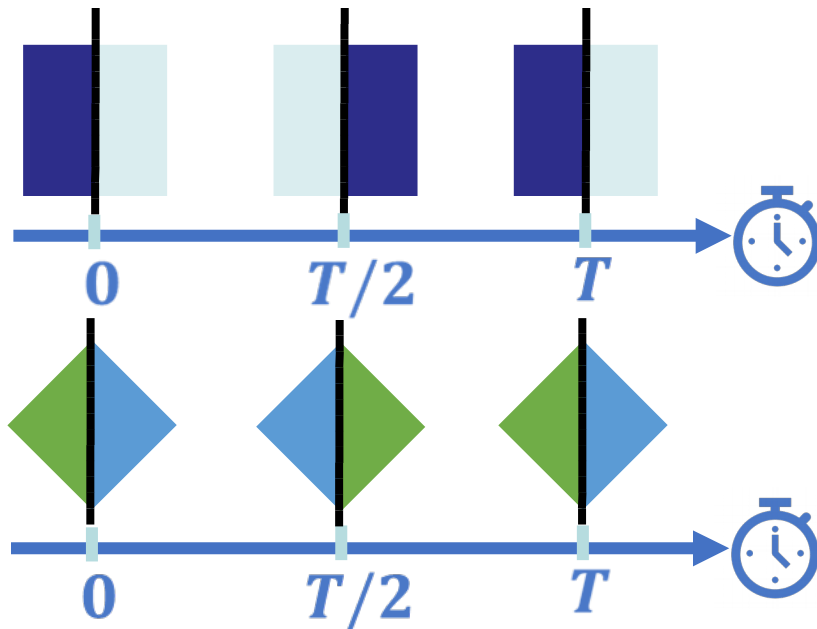
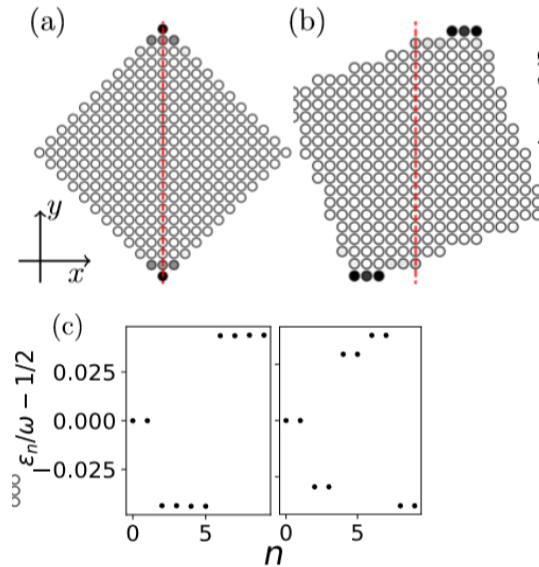
$$H_0 = (m - \cos k_x - \cos k_y) \tau^z + b \sigma^z$$

$$V(t) = \exp(i\omega t) (-i \sin k_x + \sigma^y \sin k_y) \tau^- + HC$$

$$S = \tau^x \sigma^x$$

$$M = \sigma^z$$

$\{S, M\} = 0$  as needed



# SOFT-SC

- Static Hamiltonian: (Class D/BDI)

$$H_0(\mathbf{k}) = (m_0 - 2t_0 \cos k_x - 2t_0 \cos k_y)\tau_z + \Delta\tau_x + b\sigma_x$$

$$M = \sigma_x$$

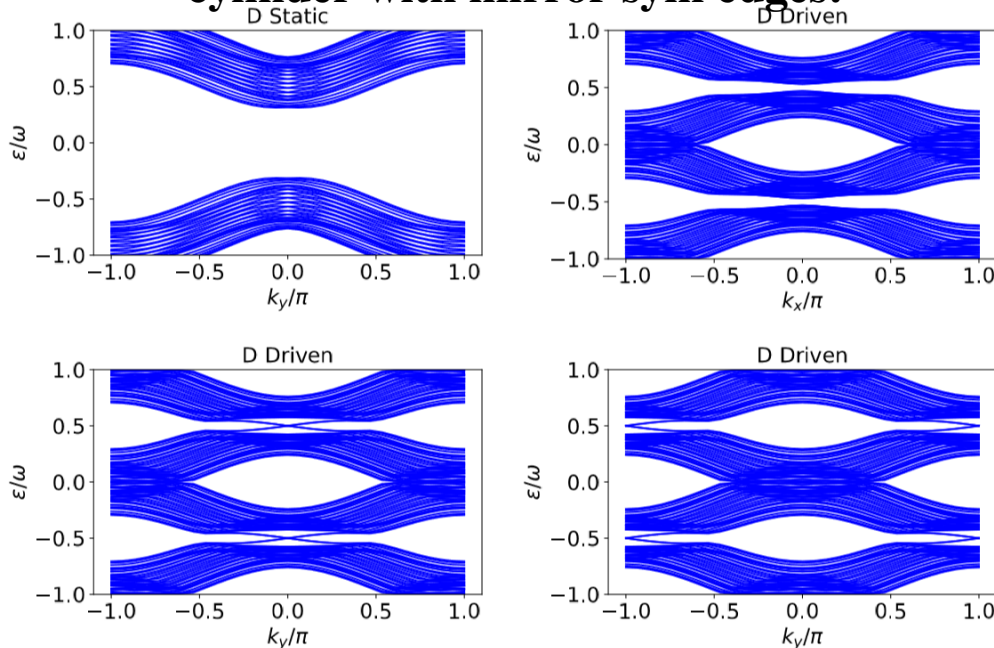
- Time-glide reflection (y) symmetric drive:  
Oscillating Rashba terms

$$C = \tau_y \sigma_y$$

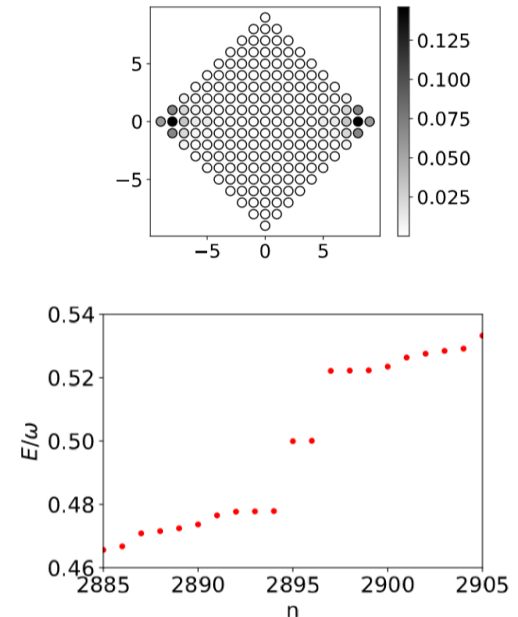
$$H(\mathbf{k}, t) = 2\alpha_0 \cos \omega t (\sin k_x \sigma_y - \sin k_y \sigma_x) \tau_z$$

- Exact diagonalization:

**cylinder with mirror sym edges:**



**non-mirror sym edges:**



$$m_0 = \omega/2 + 1, \Delta = 0.9, \omega = 4.8, L = 15, b = 0.15$$

# SOFT-SC – Realization with phonons

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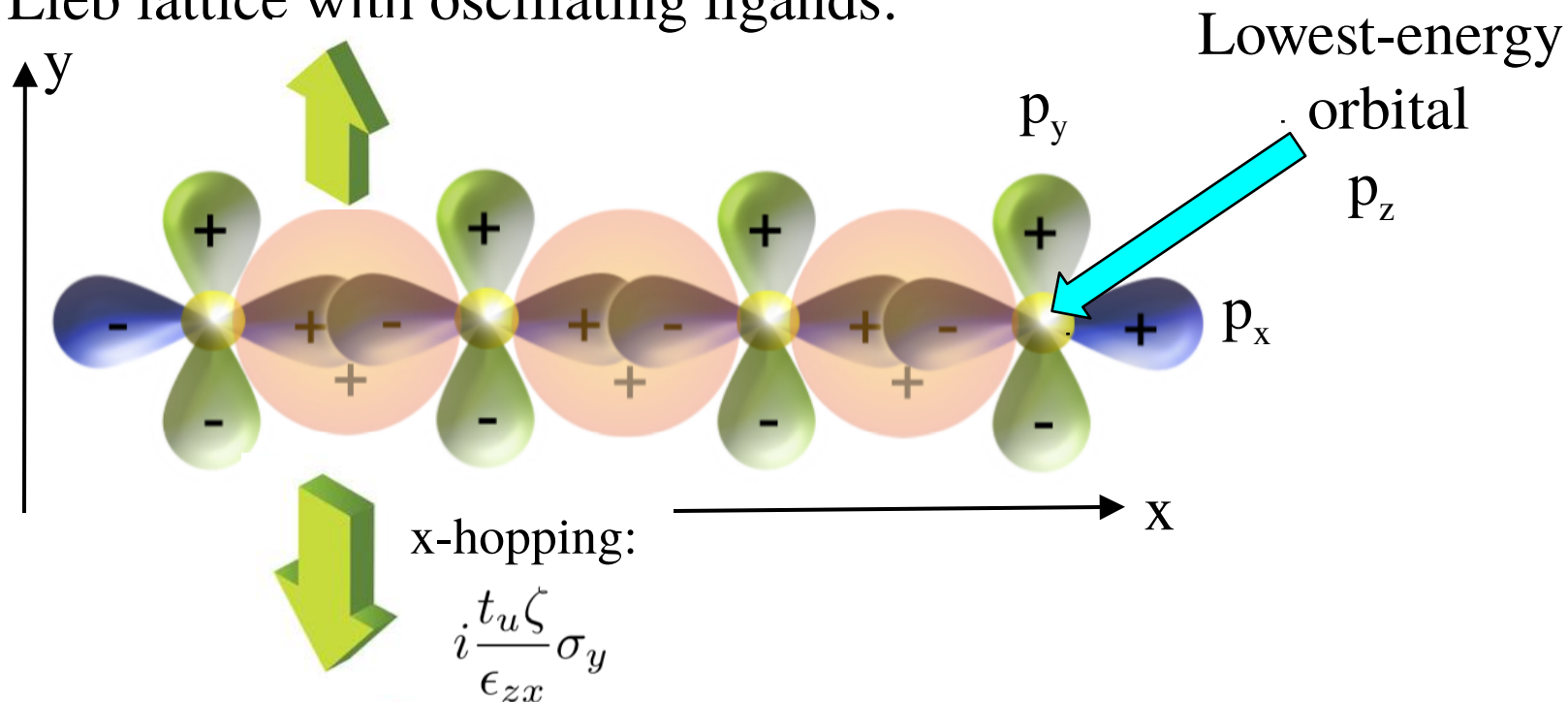
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- Lieb lattice with oscillating ligands:

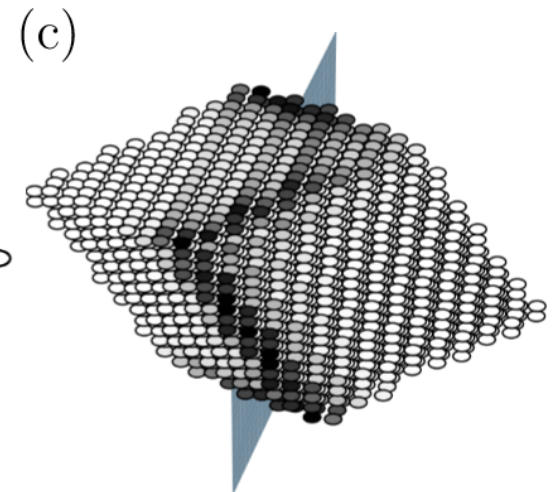
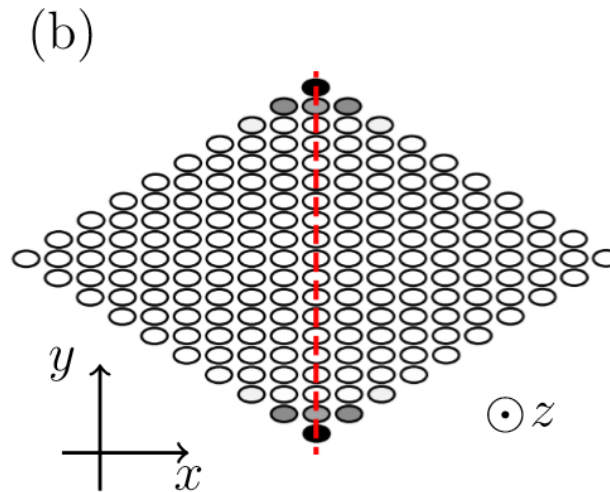
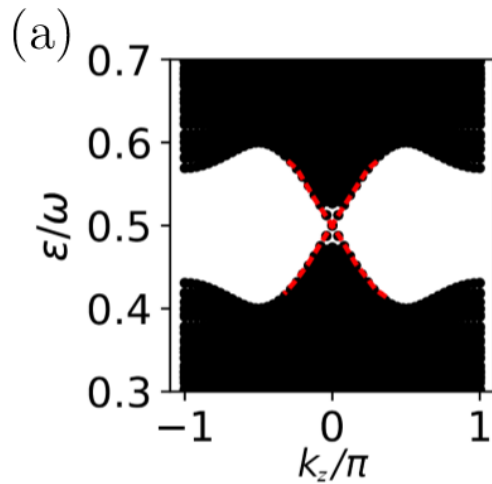


# Explicit class A model in 3D

- Hamiltonian and symmetries:

$$H_0 = (m - \cos k_x - \cos k_y - \cos k_z)\tau^z + b\sigma^x$$
$$V(t) = \exp(i\omega t)(\sigma^x \sin k_x + \sigma^y \sin k_y + \sigma^z \sin k_z)\tau^x + HC$$

$$M = \sigma^x$$



# From AIII to All

$$H_F = (H_0 + \omega/2) \cdot 1 + \hat{\rho}_z \omega/2 + \text{Re}V \hat{\rho}_x + \text{Im}V \hat{\rho}_y$$

**T**

$$t \rightarrow -t, i \rightarrow -i$$

$$T_{\text{eff}} = T \cdot \rho_0$$

**P**

$$i \rightarrow -i$$

$$C_{\text{eff}} = C \cdot \rho_x$$

**C**

$$S_{\text{eff}} = T_{\text{eff}} \cdot C_{\text{eff}}$$

$$= T \cdot C \cdot \rho_x$$

**R**

$$R_{\text{eff}} = M \cdot \hat{\rho}_z$$

$$\hat{R}\hat{T} = \eta_T \hat{T}\hat{R}$$

$$\hat{R}\hat{P} = \eta_P \hat{P}\hat{R}$$

$$\hat{C}\hat{R} = \eta_C \hat{R}\hat{C}$$

**HOTI**

$\eta_T, \eta_P, \eta_C$

**Floquet HOTI**

$\eta_T, -\eta_P, -\eta_C$



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## *HOTI*

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AII	-1	0	0	0	...	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathcal{R}_+, \mathcal{R}_-$
CII	-1	-1	1	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathcal{R}_{++}, \mathcal{R}_{--}$	0	...
C	0	-1	0	0	...	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathcal{R}_+, \mathcal{R}_-$
CI	1	-1	1	0	...	0	...

## *Floquet HOTI*

$\eta_T, -\eta_P, -\eta_C$

Class	$\mathcal{T}$	$\mathcal{C}$	$\mathcal{S}$	$d = 2$		$d = 3$	
A	0	0	0	...	0	$\mathcal{M}$	$\mathbb{Z}$
AIII	0	0	1	$\mathcal{M}_-$	$\mathbb{Z}$	...	0
AI	1	0	0	...	0	...	0
BDI	1	1	1	$\mathcal{M}_{+-}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	...	0
D	0	1	0	$\mathcal{M}_-$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathcal{M}_-$	$\mathbb{Z}$
DIII	-1	1	1	$\mathcal{M}_{+-}, \mathcal{M}_{-+}, \mathcal{M}_{--}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathcal{M}_{+-}, \mathcal{M}_{--}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
AII	-1	0	0	...	0	$\mathcal{M}_+, \mathcal{M}_-$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
CII	-1	-1	1	$\mathcal{M}_{+-}, \mathcal{M}_{-+}$	$2\mathbb{Z}$	...	0
C	0	-1	0	...	0	$\mathcal{M}_-, \mathcal{M}_+$	$2\mathbb{Z}$
CI	1	-1	1	...	0	...	0

## Summary and conclusions

- Periodic drives induce additional topological phases.
- Driven trivial systems give rise to new kinds of high-order TI's
- Pathways to realizing Floquet HOTI's using phonons and SO coupling.



If there's time..

# Dynamically induced band-flattening

Or Katz (Technion)

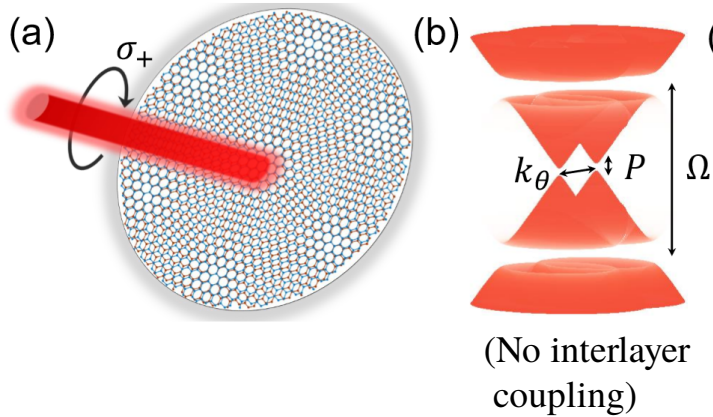
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# Applications to Twisted Bilayer Graphene?

- “Flattening TBG with light”: (Katz, Refael, Lindner, 2019)



- Small fields needed!  
~5MV/cm

