

Geometric aspects of quadratic optical responses

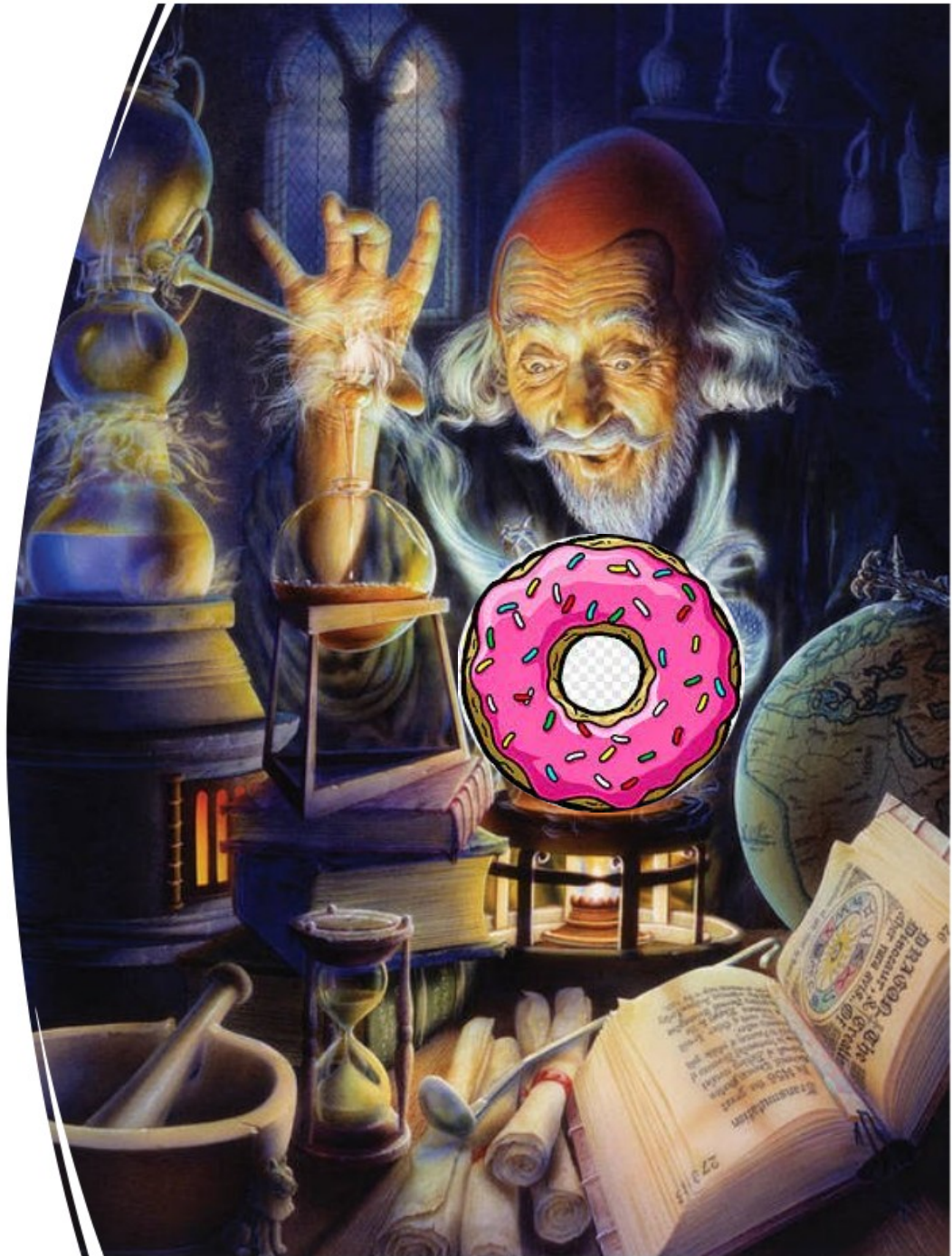
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"Optical alchemy"

goes topological



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$$\omega_\Sigma = \omega_1 + \omega_2$$

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- Monochromatic wave $E(t) = E(\omega)e^{-i\omega t} + E(-\omega)e^{i\omega t}$

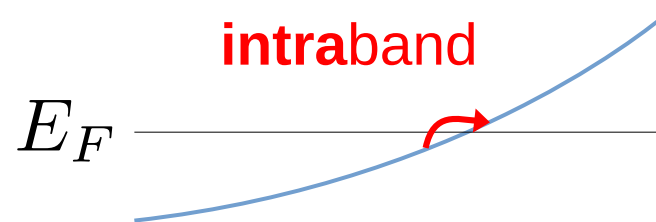
$$E(\omega_1) \cdot E(\omega_2) \rightarrow J(\underline{0}; \omega, -\omega) \quad \text{and} \quad J(\underline{2\omega}; \omega, +\omega)$$

d.c. and second-harmonic responses

Outline: three effects

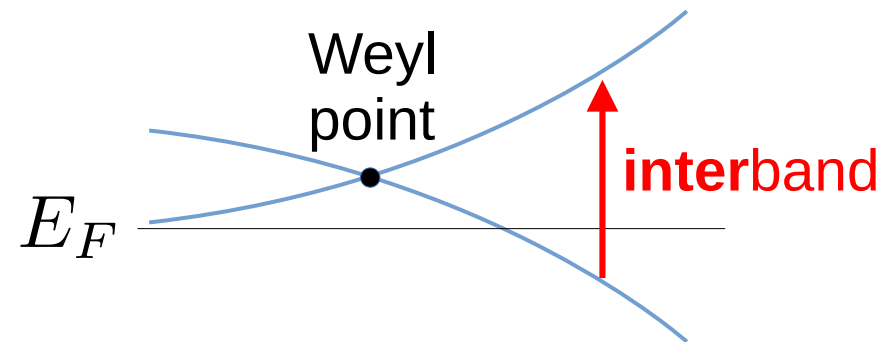
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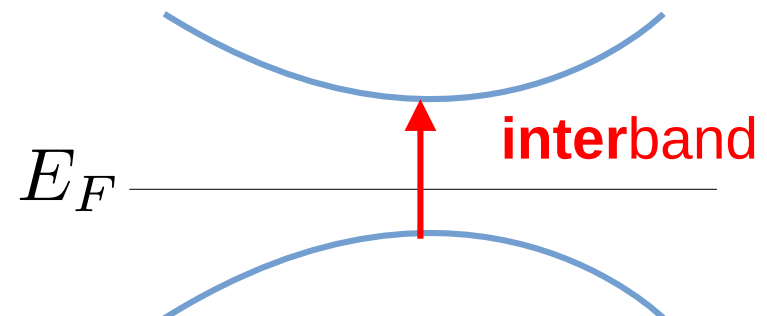
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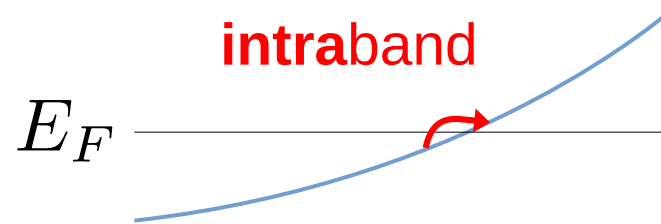
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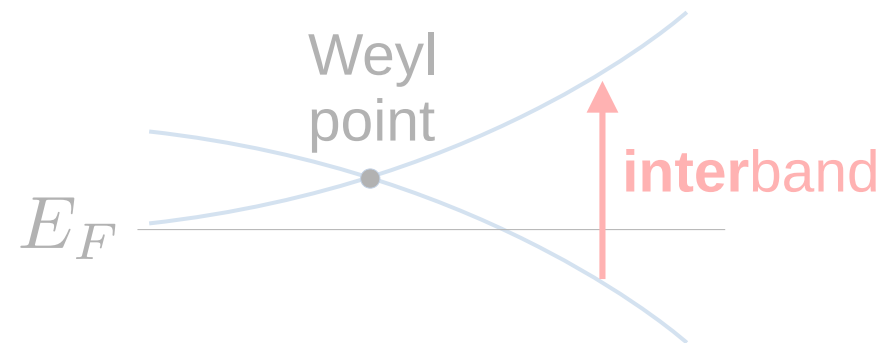
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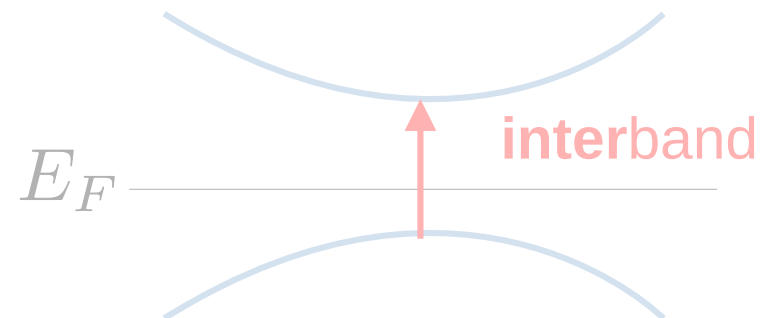
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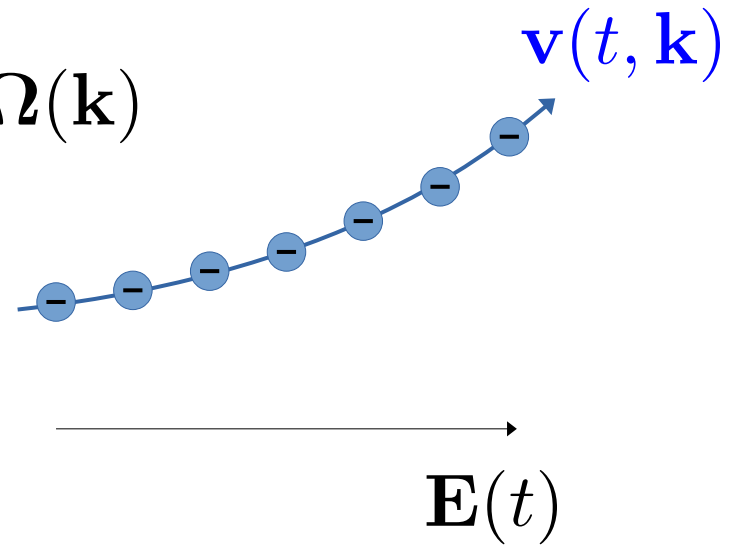
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1. Nonlinear Hall Effect

- Anomalous velocity in presence of an electric field

$$\mathbf{v}(t, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla \epsilon(\mathbf{k}) - \frac{e}{\hbar} \mathbf{E}(t) \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{k})$$



- Directly influences current

$$\mathbf{J}(t) = -e \int_k f(t, \mathbf{k}) \mathbf{v}(t, \mathbf{k})$$

Occupation factor

1. Nonlinear Hall Effect

Boltzmann equation in the relaxation time approximation

$$-e\tau E_a \partial_{k_a} f + \tau \partial_t f = f_0 - f$$

Solve at different powers in the electric field

Sodemann and Fu, PRL **115**, 216806 (2015)

$$-e\tau E_a(t) \cdot \partial_a f + \tau \partial_t f = f_0 - f$$

$$E_a(t) = \text{Re} \{ E_a e^{i\omega t} \}$$

$$f = \text{Re} \{ f_0 + f_1 + f_2 \} \quad \text{Seek expansion in powers of } E$$

$$f_0 = \text{equilibrium}; \quad f_1 = f_1^\omega e^{i\omega t}; \quad f_2 = f_2^0 + f_2^{2\omega} e^{2i\omega t}$$

At linear order:

$$-e\tau \cdot \text{Re} \{ E_a e^{i\omega t} \} \partial_a f_0 + \tau \text{Re} \{ i\omega \tau \cdot f_1^\omega e^{i\omega t} \} = -\text{Re} \{ f_1^\omega e^{i\omega t} \}$$

$$-e\tau E_a \partial_a f_0 - i\omega \tau f_1^\omega = -f_1^\omega \Rightarrow$$

$$f_1^\omega = \frac{e\tau E_a \partial_a f_0}{1 + i\omega \tau}$$

$$J_a = -e \int f \cdot v_a dk = -e \int f \cdot \left(\underbrace{\frac{\hbar^{-1}}{\hbar} \partial_a \epsilon(k)}_{\text{no E-field}} - \frac{e}{\hbar} \cdot \underbrace{\epsilon_{abc} E_c(t) \Omega_b}_{\text{linear in E}} \right) dk$$

Transverse piece at linear order:

$$\underline{J_{1,a}^w = \frac{e^2}{\hbar} E_c \epsilon_{abc} \int f_0 \cdot \Omega_b dk} \quad \text{AHC}$$

Transverse piece at second order:

NHE

$$\underline{J_{2,a}^{0,2w} = E_b E_c^{(*)} \frac{e^3 \tau}{\hbar^2 (1 + i\omega\tau)} \epsilon_{adc} \int \partial_b f_0 \cdot \Omega_d dk}$$

Berry curvature dipole $\downarrow$ $-\int f_0 \cdot \partial_b \Omega_d dk$

1. Nonlinear Hall Effect

Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect	Nonlinear Hall Effect
$\sigma_{ab}^{(1)} = -\frac{e^2}{\hbar} \varepsilon_{abc} \int_k f_0(k) \Omega_c(k)$	$\overline{\sigma}_{abc}^{(2)} = -\varepsilon_{adc} \frac{e^3 \tau}{2\hbar^2 (1 + i\omega\tau)} \int_k f_0(k) \partial_{k_b} \Omega_d(k)$
Finite in insulators and metals	Finite only in metals
Quantized in insulators	Not quantized and depends on scattering time (becomes independent for $\omega\tau \gg 1$)
Vanishes if Time-Reversal symmetry present	Vanishes if Inversion symmetry present
Cr and V doped (Bi,Sb) ₂ Te ₃ thin films. Metallic ferromagnets like Fe.	TaAs (type I) and WTe ₂ (type II) Weyl semimetal families

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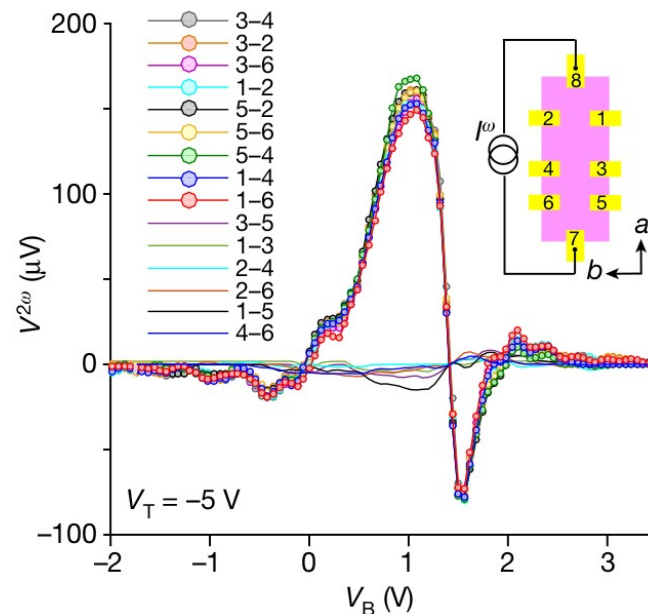
Experimentally measurable effect. More tomorrow in Q. Ma's lecture.

LETTER

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Observation of the nonlinear Hall effect under time-reversal-symmetric conditions

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Type II Weyl
semimetal WTe_2

1. Nonlinear Hall Effect

Literature

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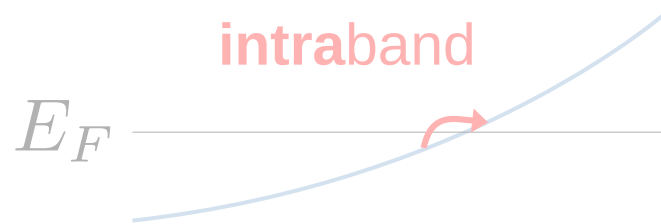
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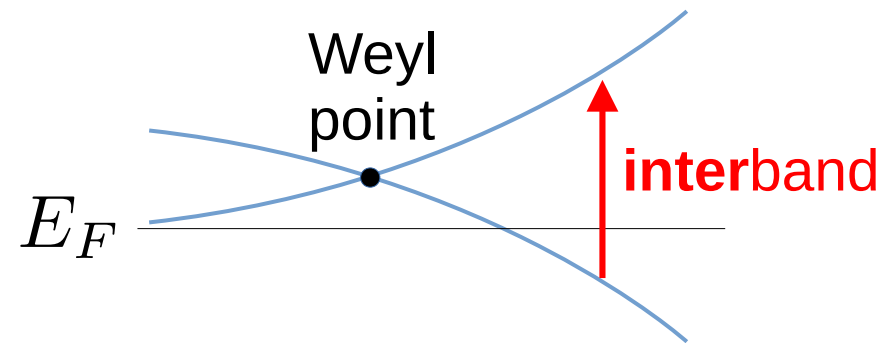
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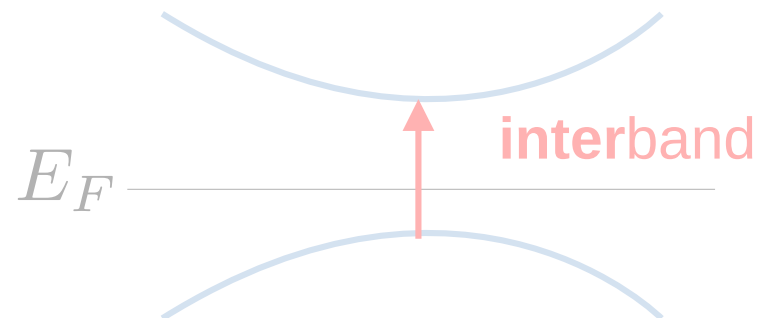
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2. Quantized CPGE

- E-field couples to **position** operator (length gauge)

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + e\mathbf{E}(t) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

- Linear order: usual Fermi's Golden rule

$$J_a(\omega) = \sigma_{ab}^{(1)}(\omega) \cdot E_b(\omega)$$

Transition matrix elements

$$\sigma_{ab}^{(1)}(\omega) = \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \int_k \underbrace{\sum_{n,m}}_{\text{Bands}} (f_n - f_m) \overbrace{r_{nm}^a r_{mn}^b}^{\text{Transition matrix elements}} \underbrace{\delta(\omega_{nm} - \omega)}_{\text{Energy conservation}}$$

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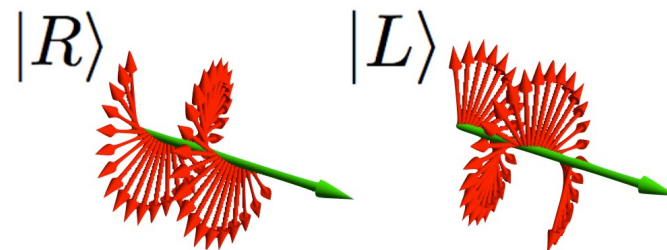
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- Second order d.c. “injection-current” [Sipe and Shkrebtii, PRB \(2000\)](#)

$$J_a(0; \omega, -\omega) = \tau \cdot \eta_{abc}^{(2)}(\omega) \cdot E_b(\omega) E_c(-\omega)$$

$$\eta_{abc}^{(2)}(\omega) = \frac{\pi|e^3|}{\hbar^2} \left(\int_k \sum_{n,m} f_{nm} \frac{\partial \omega_{nm}}{\partial k_a} r_{nm}^b r_{mn}^c \delta(\omega_{nm} - \omega) - b \leftrightarrow c \right)$$

The Circular PhotoGalvanic Effect is the part of the DC photocurrent that **switches** with the sense of **circular polarization**



$$\eta^{abc} = \rho^{abc} - \rho^{acb} \quad \begin{cases} b=c \rightarrow \eta^{abb} = 0 \\ b \neq c \rightarrow \eta^{abc} = -\eta^{acb} \end{cases}$$

Circular pol.: $\vec{E}^{\pm}(\omega) = E_0 (\hat{x} \pm i\hat{y})$; $E_x = E_0$ $E_y = \pm iE_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{// } J_a^{\pm} &= \sum_{bc} \eta_{abc} E_b(\omega) \overbrace{E_c^*(-\omega)}^{E_c^*(\omega)} = \\ &= \underbrace{\eta_{axx}}_0 |E_x|^2 + \underbrace{\eta_{ayy}}_0 |E_y|^2 + \eta_{axy} E_0 \cdot (\mp i E_0^*) + \eta_{ayx} (\pm i E_0) \cdot E_0^* = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mp 2i \eta_{axy} |E_0|^2 \text{ // } \Rightarrow$$

$\downarrow$
 $\eta_{axy} = -\eta_{ayx}$

$$\boxed{J_a^+ = -J_a^- \Downarrow \text{CPGE: } J_a^+ - J_a^- \neq 0}$$

2. Quantized CPGE

Searching for quantization

Recall

$$r_{nm}^a \equiv i \langle u_{n\mathbf{k}} | \partial_{k_a} u_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$

$$\Omega_n^z = i \sum_{n \neq m} \left(r_{nm}^x r_{mn}^y - r_{nm}^y r_{mn}^x \right)$$

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- **Two-band** approximation: $n = 1, m = 2$



$$\Omega_1^z = i \sum_{n \neq m} \left(r_{12}^x r_{21}^y - r_{12}^y r_{21}^x \right) = -\Omega_2^z$$

$$\eta_{zxy}^{(2)}(\omega) \propto \int_k \sum_{n,m} f_{12} \frac{\partial \omega_{12}}{\partial k_z} \underbrace{\left(r_{12}^x r_{21}^y - r_{12}^y r_{21}^x \right)}_{\Omega_1^z} \delta(\omega_{12} - \omega)$$

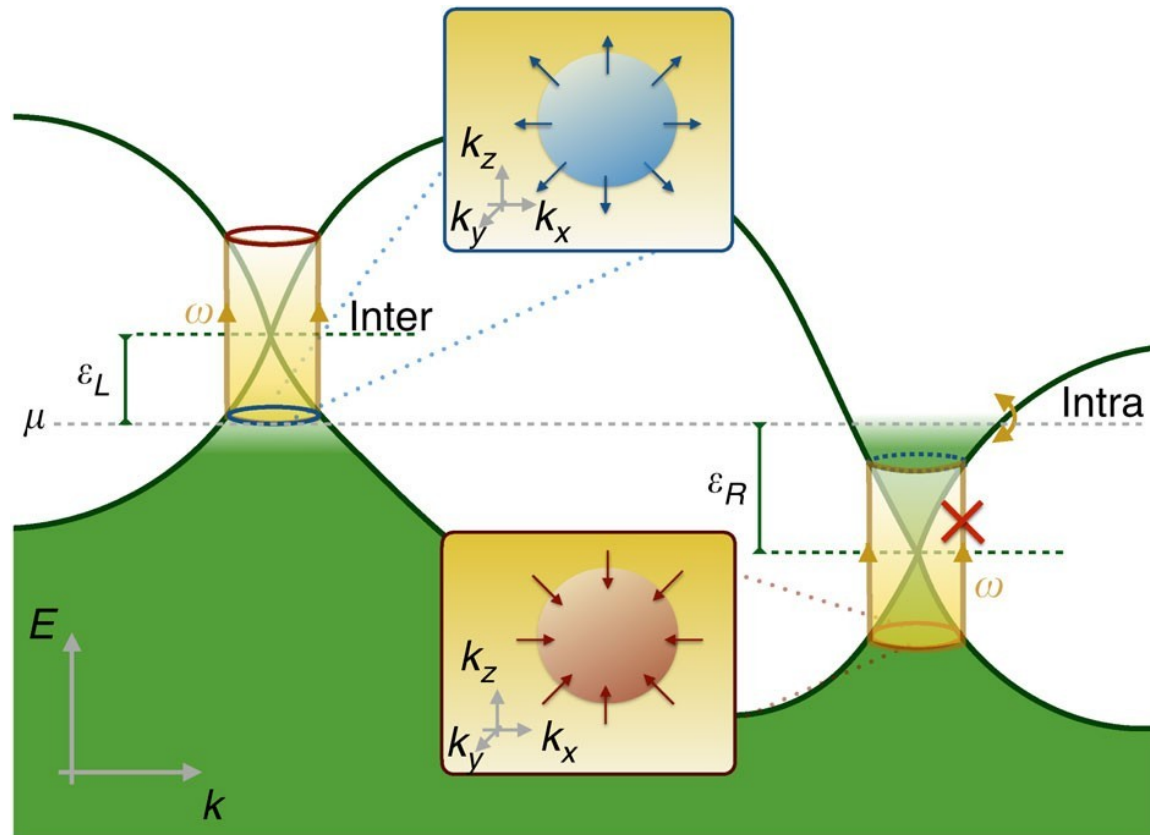


Berry curvature in transition matrix element

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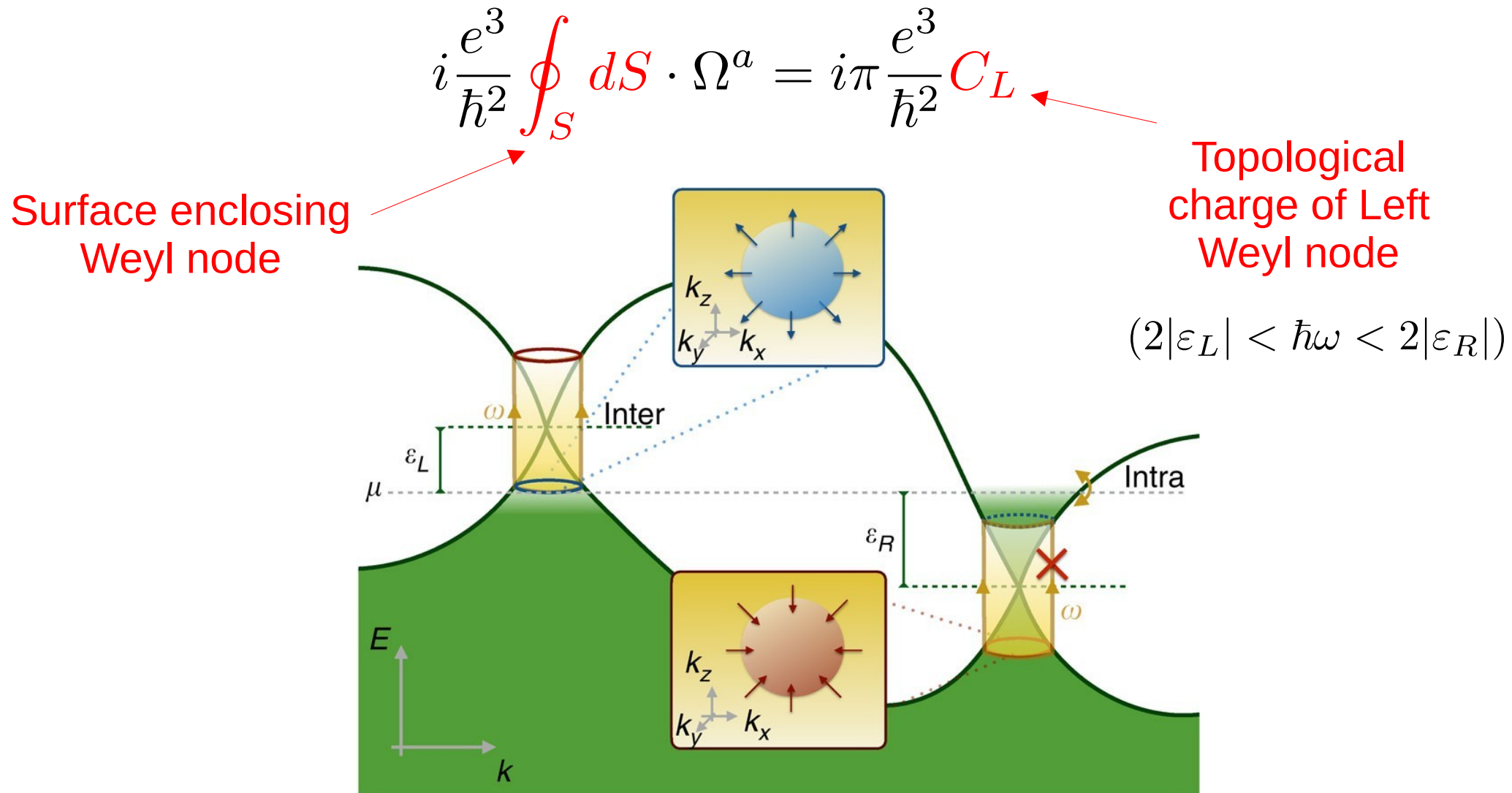
Ideal case: Weyl semimetal with nodes at different energy

$$i \frac{e^3}{\hbar^2} \int_k f_{12} \frac{\partial \omega_{12}}{\partial k_a} \cdot \Omega^a \cdot \delta(\omega_{12} - \omega)$$



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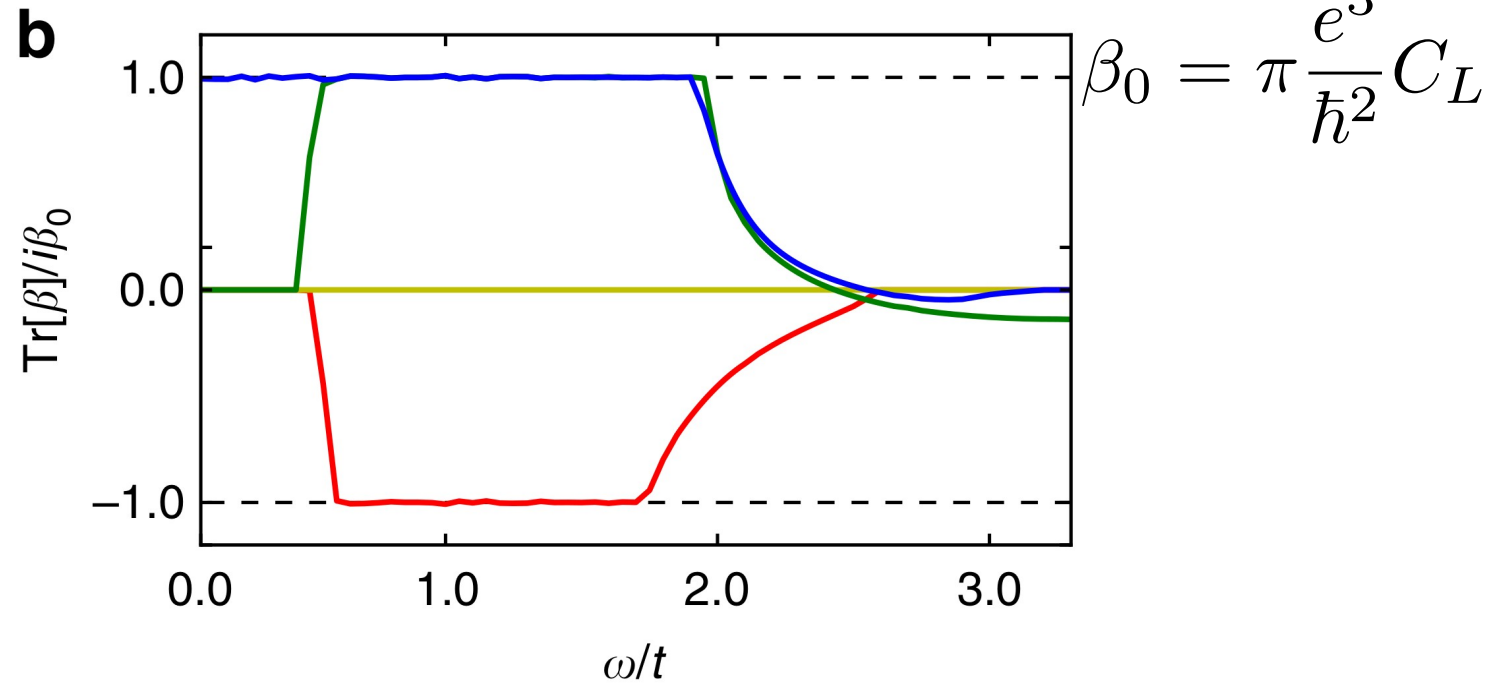
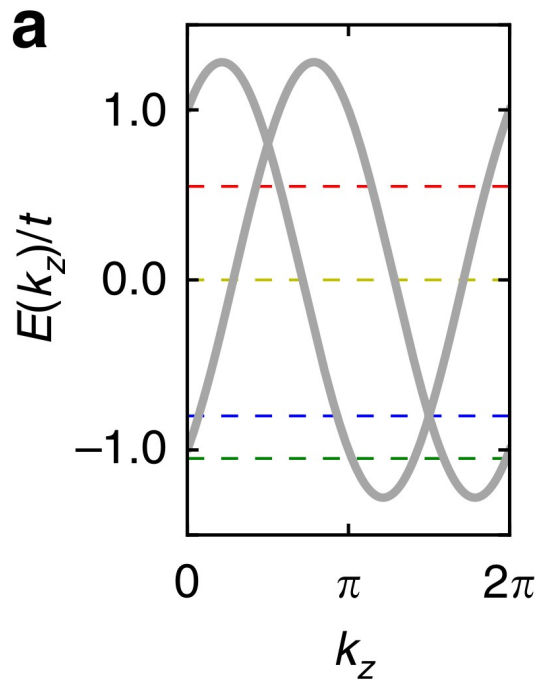
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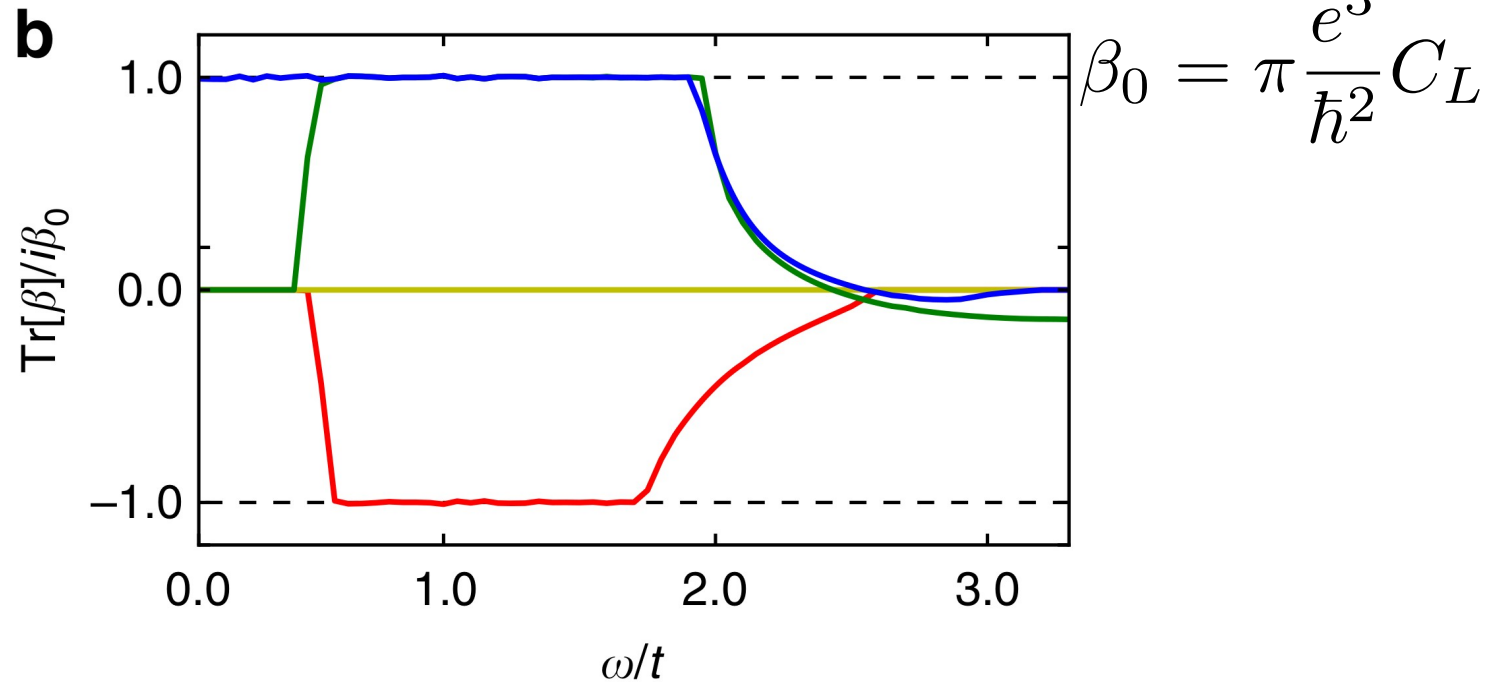
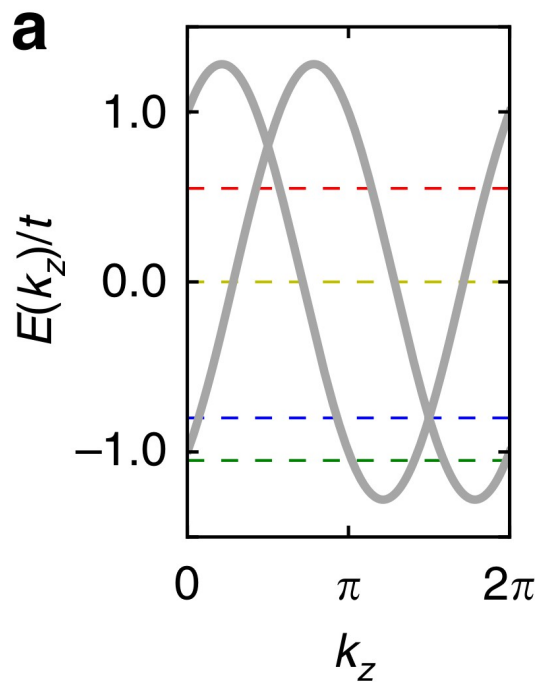
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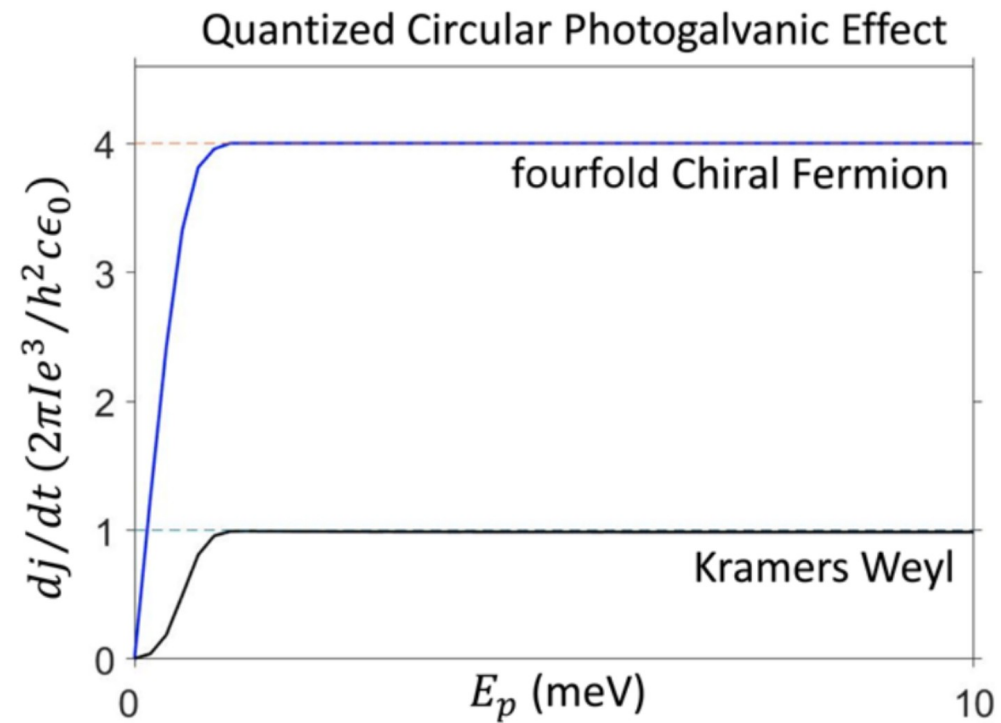
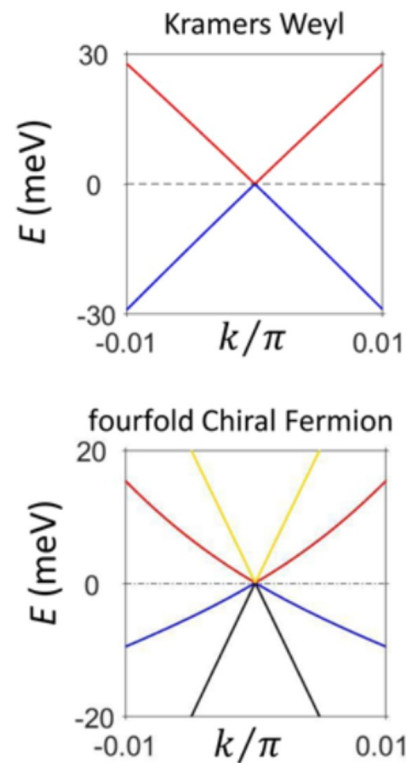
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CPGE: $J_+ - J_- = \tau \cdot \frac{4I}{c\epsilon_0} \cdot \beta_0$

2. Quantized CPGE

- Generalization to multifold chiral Fermions, family of RhSi

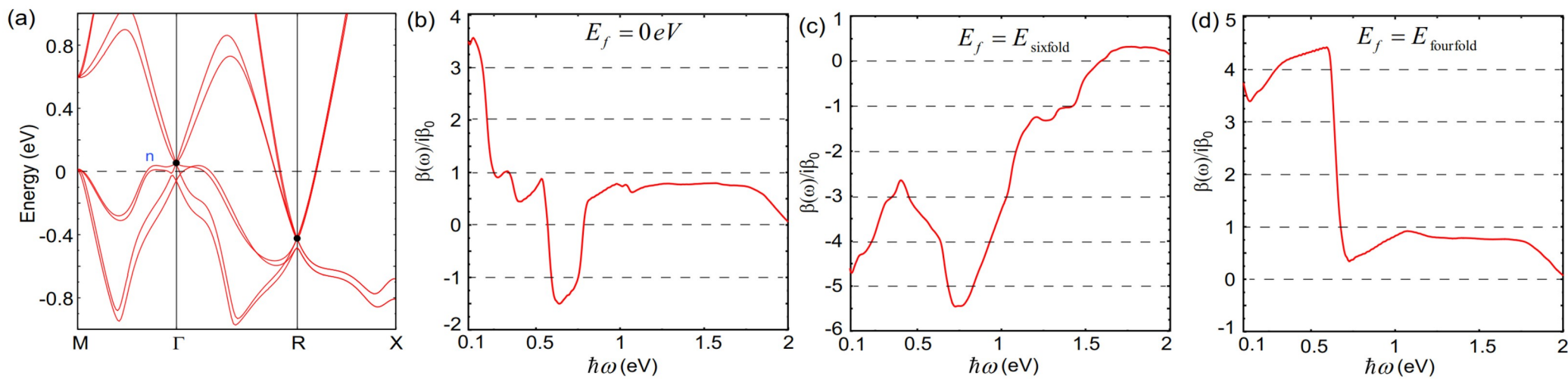


Chang et. al., PRL 119, 206401 (2017)

2. Quantized CPGE

Towards quantization in real materials. More tomorrow in Q. Ma's lecture.

- Ab-initio calculations on RhSi [Le, Zhang, Felser and Sun, PRB 102, 121111 \(2020\)](#)



- Experiments

ARTICLE

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OPEN

Giant topological longitudinal circular photo-galvanic effect in the chiral multifold semimetal CoSi

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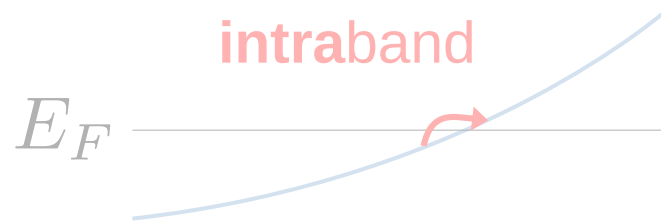
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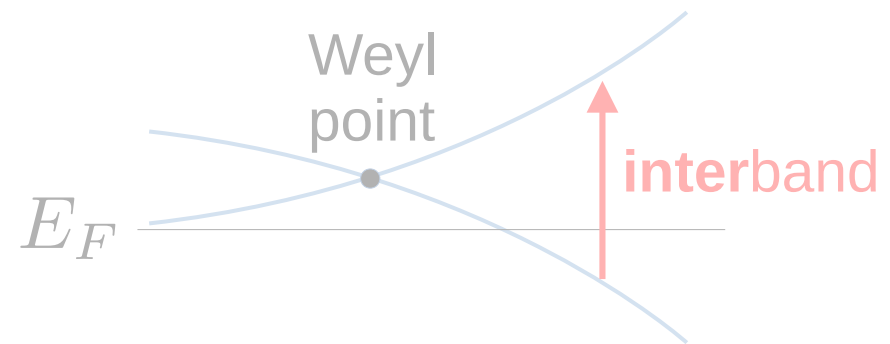
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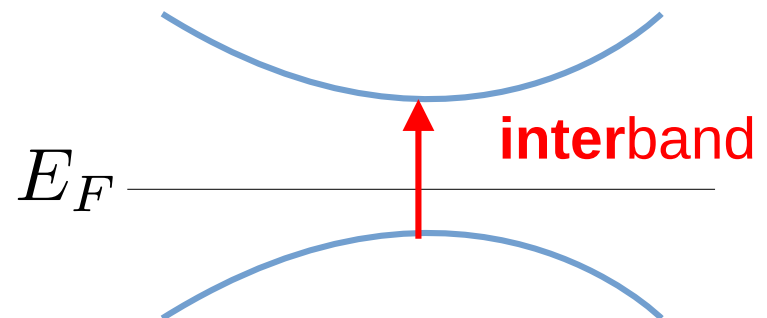
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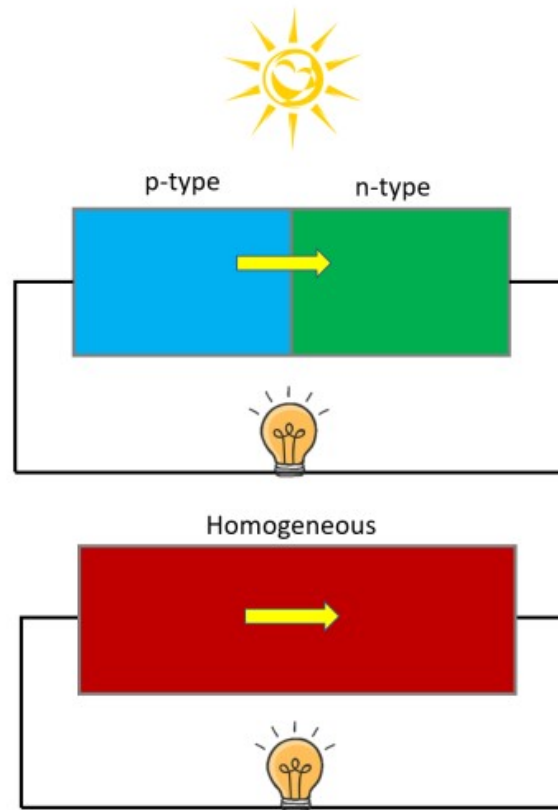
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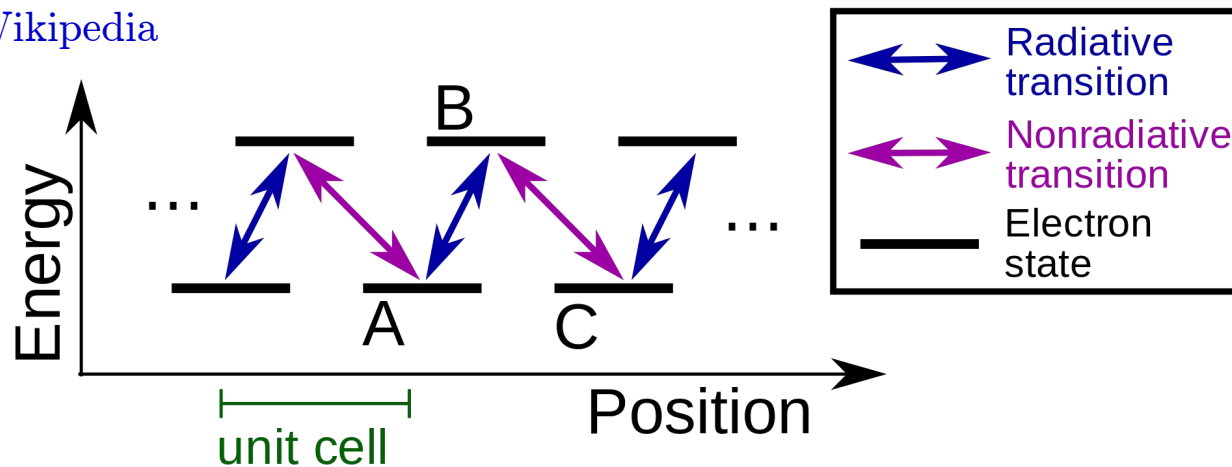
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Part of the so-called
"Bulk photovoltaic effect"



Dai, Zhenbang and Rappe,
Chem. Phys. Rev. 4, 011303
(2023)

Wikipedia



Real-space centers of
the bands are displaced
or "shifted" upon
photoexcitation

3. Shift current across a TPT

RESEARCH ARTICLE

OPTICS

Topological nature of nonlinear optical effects in solids

Takahiro Morimoto^{1*} and Naoto Nagaosa^{2,3}

[Science Advances 2016](#)

3. Shift current across a TPT

$$J_a(0; \omega, -\omega) = \sigma_{abc}^{(2)}(\omega) \cdot E_b(\omega) E_c(-\omega)$$

$$\sigma_{abc}^{(2)}(\omega) = \frac{\pi |e^3|}{4\hbar^2} \left(\int_k \sum_{n,m} f_{nm} \mathbf{R}_{nm}^a r_{nm}^b r_{mn}^c \delta(\omega_{nm} - \omega) + b \leftrightarrow c \right)$$

WF phase: $r_{nm}^a = |r_{nm}^a| e^{-i\varphi_{nm}}$

Shift vector:
(length units)

$$\mathbf{R}_{nm}^a = -\frac{\partial \varphi_{nm}}{\partial k_a} - (A_{nn}^a - A_{mm}^a)$$

Intraband Berry connections: $A_{nn}^a \equiv \langle u_{n\mathbf{k}} | \partial_{k_a} u_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle$

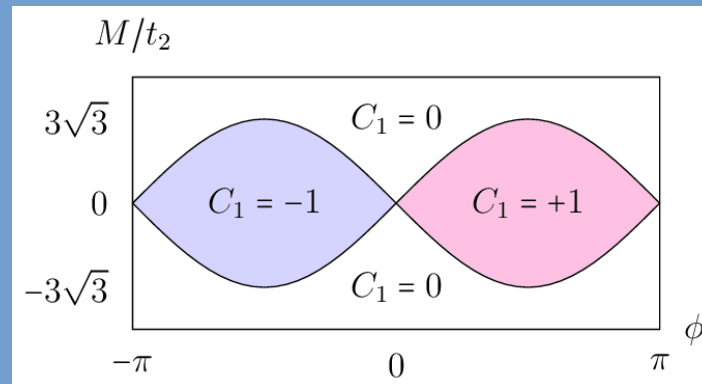
Sensitive to the phase of Bloch states, geometry of the wavefunction

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Haldane model

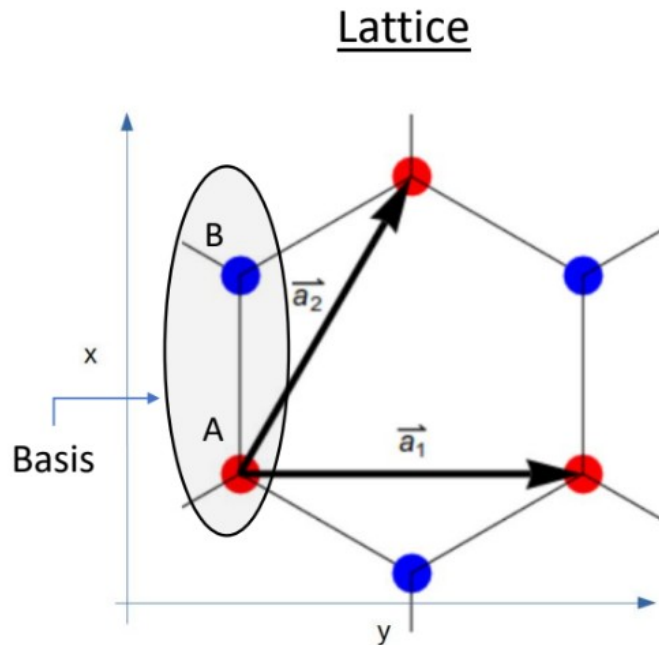
- Simple description of a topological phase diagram



- Simplified (analytical) two-band expression for the shift current

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Haldane model: quick review

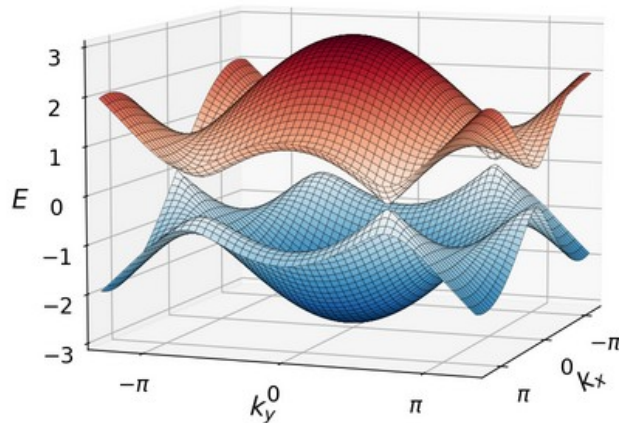


Tight-binding parameters

- Onsite energies $\pm M$ $\pm(-)$ for A(B)
- nn tunnelings t_1
- nnn tunnelings $t_2 e^{i\pm\phi}$ $\pm(-)$ for A(B) $\rightarrow$ A(B)

Breaks Inversion symmetry

Breaks Time Reversal symmetry (TRS)



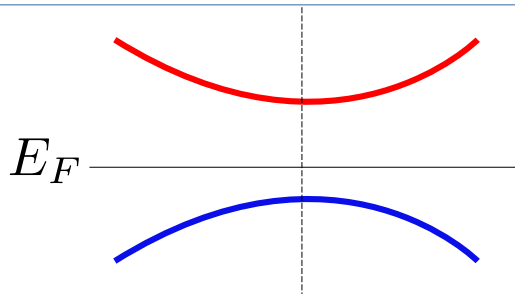
Band edge at the corner K or K' of the Brillouin zone

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TPT driven by the **mass term**: $m = M + 3\sqrt{3}t_2 \sin \phi$

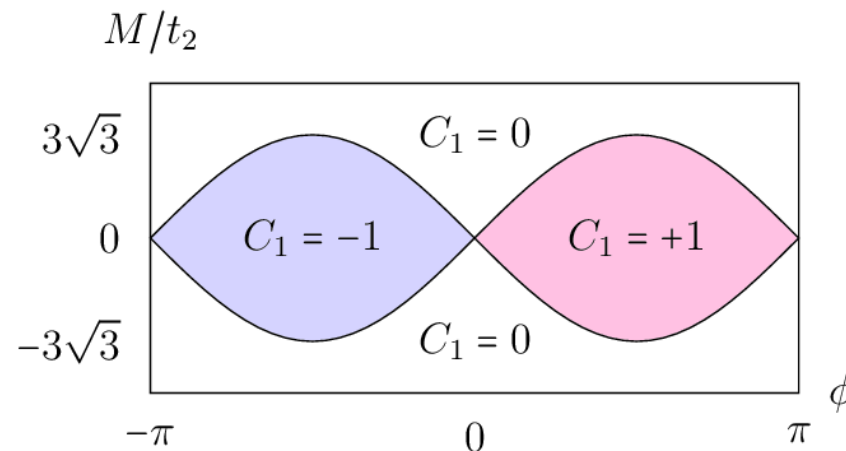
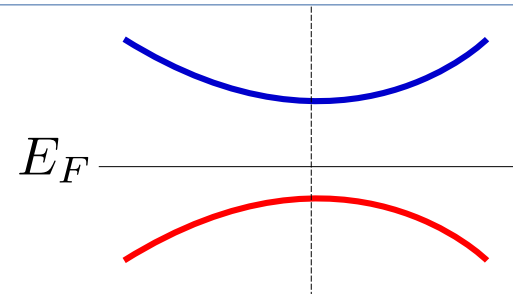
Trivial insulator ($C=0$)

$$m > 0$$



Topological insulator ($|C|=1$)

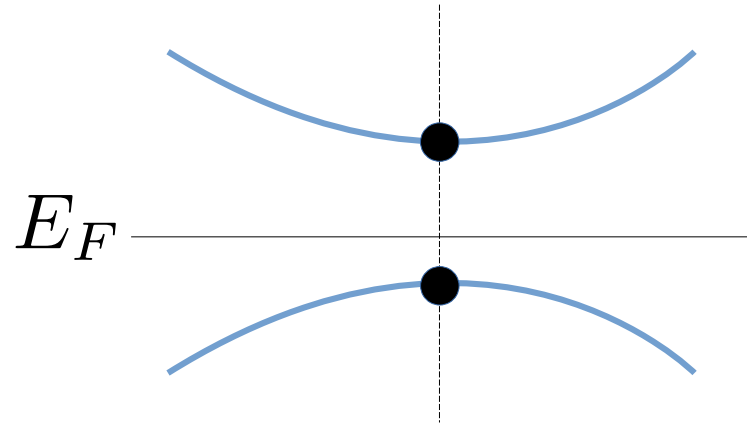
$$m < 0$$



Fruchart and
Carpentier, CRP
(2013)

3. Shift current across a TPT

Description of the **band edge**:



- 2x2 Hamiltonian:
$$H = \epsilon_0 \sigma_0 + \sum_i \sigma_i g_i$$

with expansion coefficients:
$$g_i = g_i(\mathcal{O}(k^2), m)$$

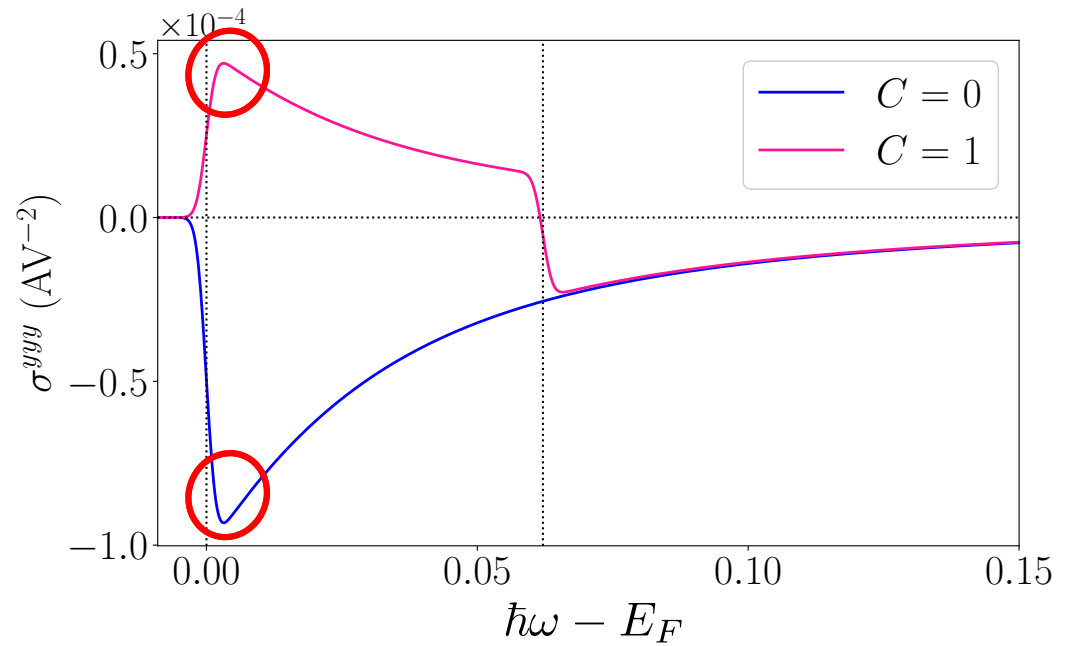
- Shift current:
$$\sigma_{abb}^{(2)} \propto \int_k \sum_{ijm} \frac{1}{\omega_{12}} (g_m g_{i,b} g_{j,ab}) \epsilon_{ijm} \delta(\omega_{12} - \omega)$$

Cook, Fregoso, de Juan, Coh and Moore, Nat. Comm. (2017)

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$$\sigma^{abb}(\omega) \propto \text{sign}[m]$$

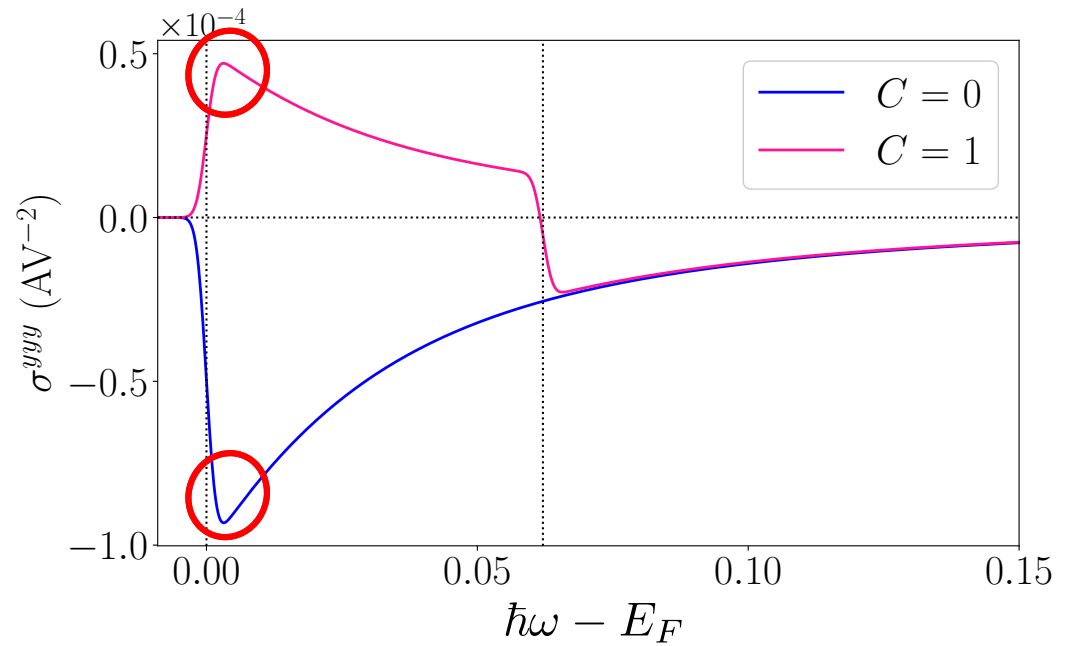
Band-edge shift
photoconductivity switches
sign across the TPT, driven
by the mass term



3. Shift current across a TPT

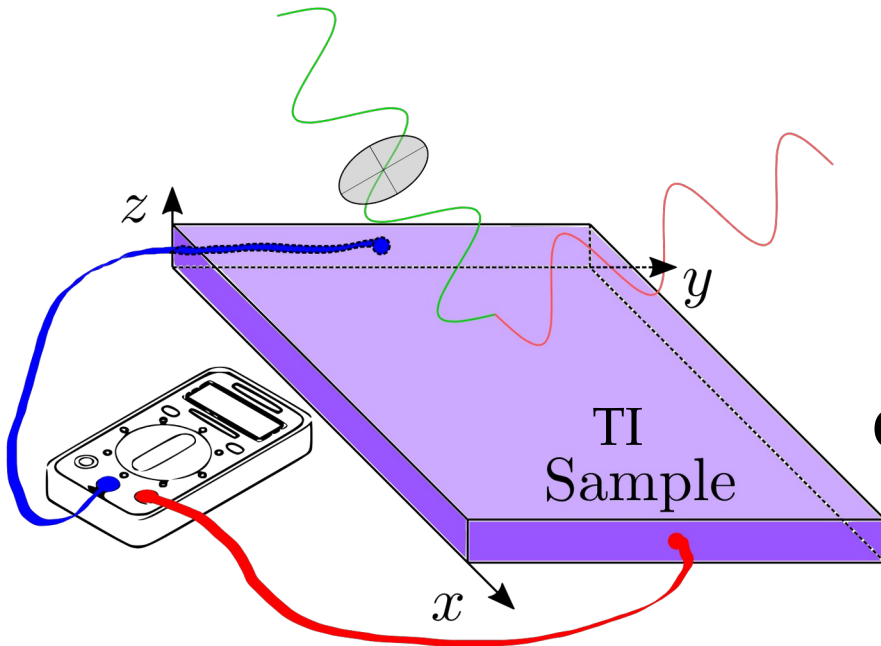
$$\sigma^{abb}(\omega) \propto \text{sign}[m]$$

Band-edge shift
photoconductivity switches
sign across the TPT, driven
by the mass term



$$\text{sign}[\mathbf{J}(C = 0)] = -\text{sign}[\mathbf{J}(|C| = 1)]$$

Optical determination of topological state!



3. Shift current across a TPT

Ab-initio calculations

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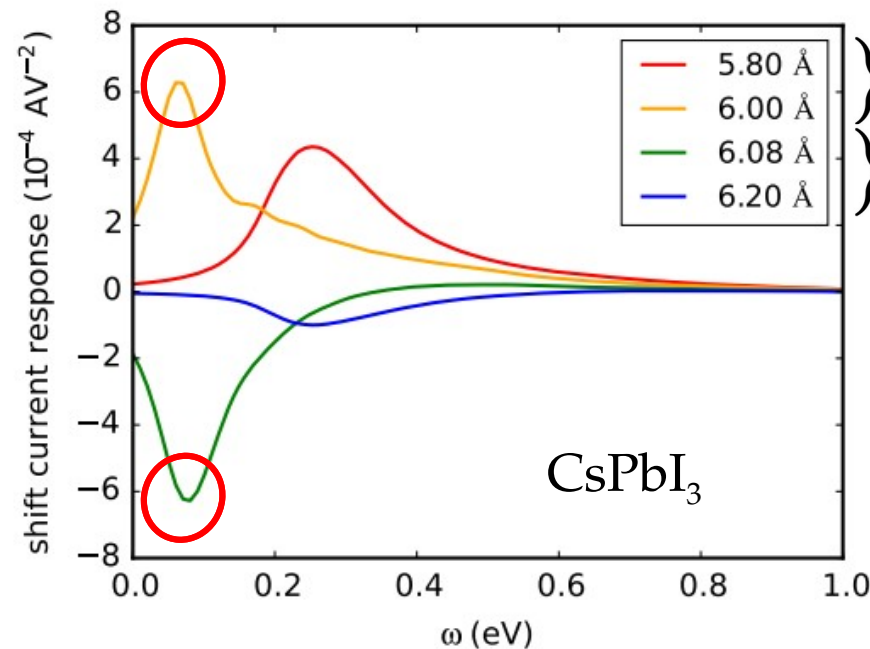
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Enhancement of the Bulk Photovoltaic Effect in Topological Insulators

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} Trivial phase C=0

} Topological phase C=1

CsPbI_3

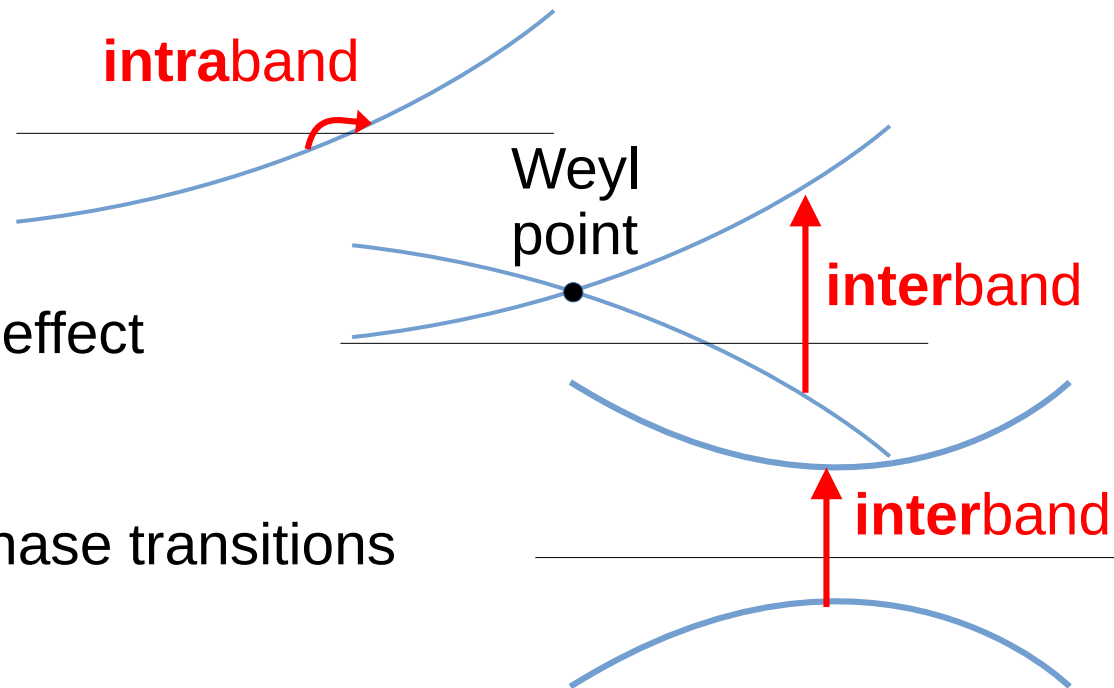
TPT induced by **strain**
(modified **lattice**
parameter)

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- ◆ Nonlinear Hall effect
- ◆ Quantized circular photogalvanic effect
- ◆ Shift current across topological phase transitions



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