

# Introduction to topological aspects in condensed matter physics

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## 1. Topological superconductors w/ TRS

- Two-dimensional helical superconductor
- Three-dimensional TRI topological superconductor
- Non-centrosymmetric superconductors

## 2. Periodic table of topological insulators and superconductors

- Ten-fold way: Symmetry classes
- Topological classification of non-interacting fermionic systems
- Bott periodicity

# Two-dimensional spinless chiral p-wave SC

Lattice BdG model: [Read & Green 00]

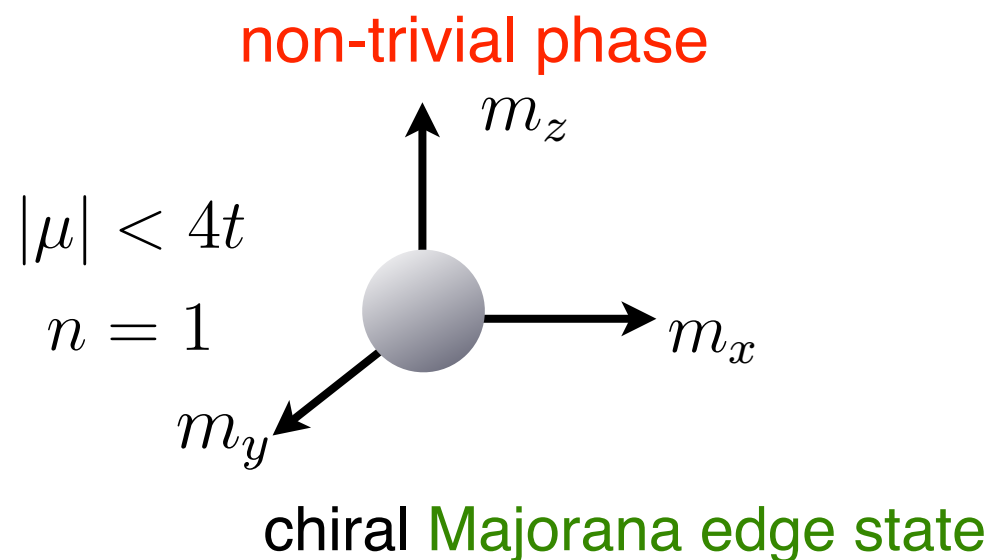
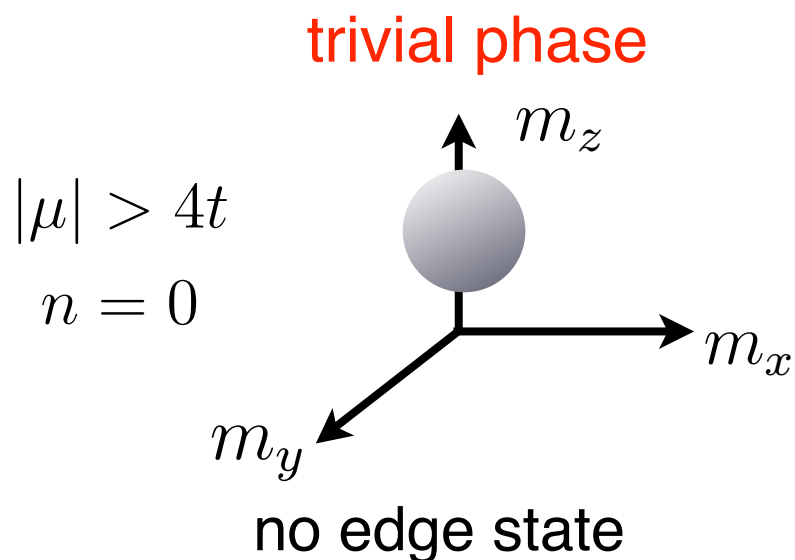
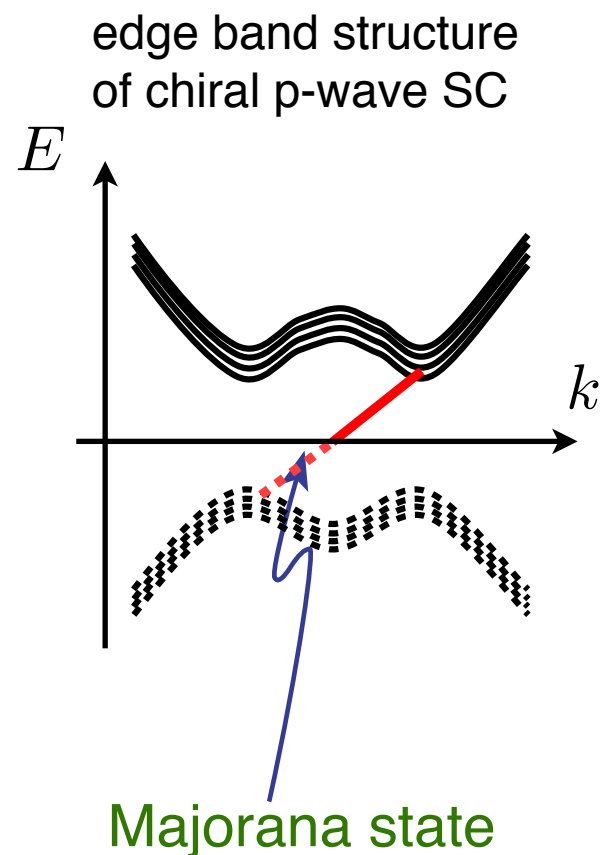
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}} = (2t [\cos k_x + \cos k_y] - \mu) \tau_z + \Delta_0 (\tau_x \sin k_x + \tau_y \sin k_y) = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

(similar to Chern insulator, but different symmetries, different physical interpretation)

Particle-hole symmetry:  $\tau_x \mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}^*(\mathbf{k}) \tau_x = -\mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(-\mathbf{k})$

$$E = \pm |\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{k})|$$

Spectrum flattening:  $\hat{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{k})}{|\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{k})|}$



classified by  
Chern number:  
(winding number)

$$n = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\text{BZ}} d^2\mathbf{k} \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \hat{\mathbf{m}} \cdot [\partial_{k_\mu} \hat{\mathbf{m}} \times \partial_{k_\nu} \hat{\mathbf{m}}]$$

Mapping  $\hat{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{k})$  : Brillouin zone  $\longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{k}) \in S^2$  “ $\pi_2(S^2) = \mathbb{Z}$ ”

# Time-reversal-invariant topological superconductor

Superconducting pairing with spin:



$$H_{\text{MF}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma\sigma'} \left[ \Delta_{\sigma\sigma'}(\mathbf{k}) c_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k},\sigma'}^\dagger + \Delta_{\sigma\sigma'}^*(\mathbf{k}) c_{-\mathbf{k},\sigma'} c_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \right]$$

2 x 2 Gap matrix:  $\Delta(\mathbf{k}) = [\Delta_s(\mathbf{k})\sigma_0 + \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}]i\sigma_y$

Time-reversal symmetry:  $\sigma_y \Delta^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \sigma_y = \Delta^T(-\mathbf{k})$

Different spin-pairing symmetries: (anti-symmetry of wavefunction)

spin-singlet:  $\Delta_s(\mathbf{k}) : \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$  even parity:  $\Delta_s(\mathbf{k}) = \Delta_s(-\mathbf{k})$

spin-triplet:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_x(\mathbf{k}) - id_y(\mathbf{k}) : |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ d_x(\mathbf{k}) + id_y(\mathbf{k}) : |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \\ d_z(\mathbf{k}) : \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \end{array} \right.$  odd parity:  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k}) = -\mathbf{d}(-\mathbf{k})$



# 2D time-reversal-invariant topological superconductor

(also known as “helical superconductor”)

**Square** lattice BdG Hamiltonian in the presence of **time-reversal symmetry**:

**Simplest model:**  
(spinless chiral p-wave SC)<sup>2</sup>

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon(\mathbf{k})\sigma_0 & \Delta_t[\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}](i\sigma_y) \\ \Delta_t(-i\sigma_y)[\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}] & -\varepsilon(\mathbf{k})\sigma_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) = 2t(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) - \mu \quad d_x(\mathbf{k}) = \sin k_x \quad d_y(\mathbf{k}) = \sin k_y \quad d_z(\mathbf{k}) = 0$$

TRS:  $\Theta \mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) \Theta^{-1} = +\mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(-\mathbf{k})$      $\Theta = i\sigma_y \otimes \tau_0 \mathcal{K}$      $\Theta^2 = -1$

PHS:  $\Xi \mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) \Xi^{-1} = -\mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(-\mathbf{k})$      $\Xi = \sigma_0 \otimes \tau_x \mathcal{K}$      $\Xi^2 = +1$

► Combination of time-reversal and particle-hole symmetry:

(chiral symmetry)     $U_S = (i\sigma_y \otimes \tau_0)(\sigma_0 \otimes \tau_x)$      $U_S \mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) U_S = 0$

►  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}$  can be brought into block-off diagonal form: (transform to basis in which S is diagonal)

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► Spectrum flattening: Projector onto filled Bloch bands

$$Q = \mathbb{1}_{4N} - 2P \quad Q(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & q(\mathbf{k}) \\ q^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

► TRS acts on  $q(\mathbf{k})$  as follows:  $q(\mathbf{k}) = -q^T(-\mathbf{k})$

► The eigenfunctions of  $Q(\mathbf{k})$  are:

$$|u_a^\pm(\mathbf{k})\rangle_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} n_a \\ \pm q^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) n_a \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where: } (n_a)_b = \delta_{ab}$$

are globally defined.

**$\mathbb{Z}_2$  topological invariant:**

$$(-1)^\nu = \prod_{a=1}^4 \frac{\text{Pf} [\omega(\Lambda_a)]}{\sqrt{\det [\omega(\Lambda_a)]}} = \pm 1$$

sewing matrix

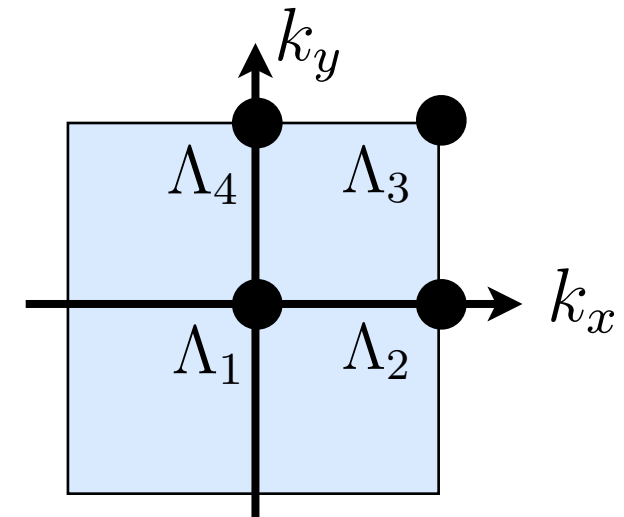
$$\omega(\mathbf{k}) = {}_N \langle u_a^-(-\mathbf{k}) | \Theta u_b^-(\mathbf{k}) \rangle_N$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(-1)^\nu = \prod_{a=1}^4 \frac{\text{Pf} [q^T(\Lambda_a)]}{\sqrt{\det [q(\Lambda_a)]}} = \pm 1}$$

$$q(\mathbf{k}) = -q^T(-\mathbf{k})$$

$$q^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) = q^{-1}(\mathbf{k})$$

(same symmetries as sewing matrix)



# 2D time-reversal-invariant topological superconductor

Effective low-energy  
continuum theory:  
(expand around  $\mathbf{k} = 0$ )

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$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) = -tk^2 + 4t - \mu \quad d_x(\mathbf{k}) = k_x \quad d_y(\mathbf{k}) = k_y \quad d_z(\mathbf{k}) = 0$$

Energy spectrum:  $E_{\pm} = \pm\lambda(\mathbf{k}) = \pm\sqrt{\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{k}) + \Delta_t(k_x^2 + k_y^2)}$  TRIM:  $k = 0, \quad k = +\infty$

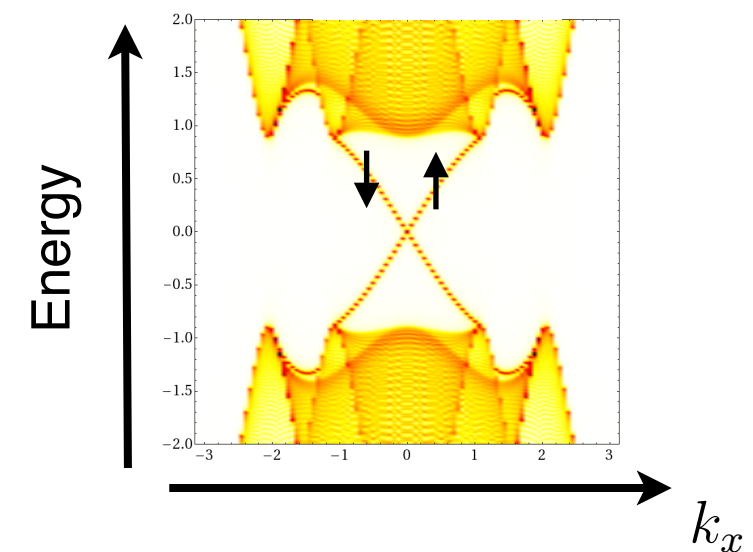
**$Z_2$  topological invariant :**  $(-1)^\nu = -\text{sgn}(4t - \mu)\text{sgn}(t)$

$\mu > 4t$  : trivial super-conductor       $\mu < 4t$  : TRI topological superconductor

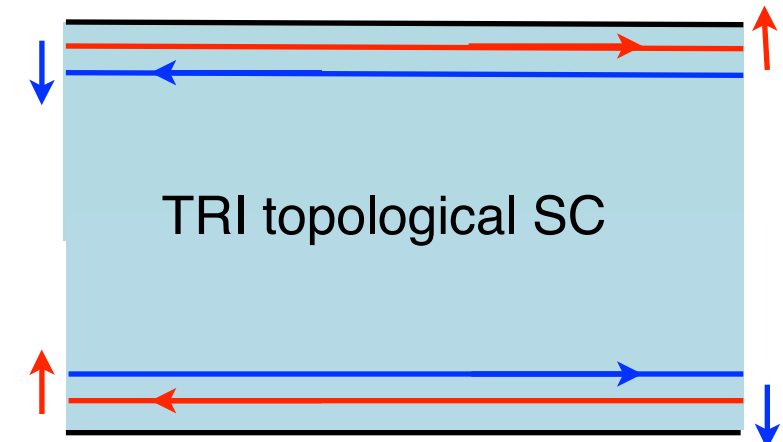
## Bulk-boundary correspondence:

By analogy to chiral p-wave SC: (for  $|\mu| < 4t$ )  
two counter-propagating Majorana edge modes

- protected by TRS and PHS
- two-dimensional analog of B phase of  $^3\text{He}$
- possible condensed matter realization:  
thin film of  $\text{CePt}_3\text{Si}$ ?



helical Majorana edge states:



# 3D time-reversal-invariant topological superconductor

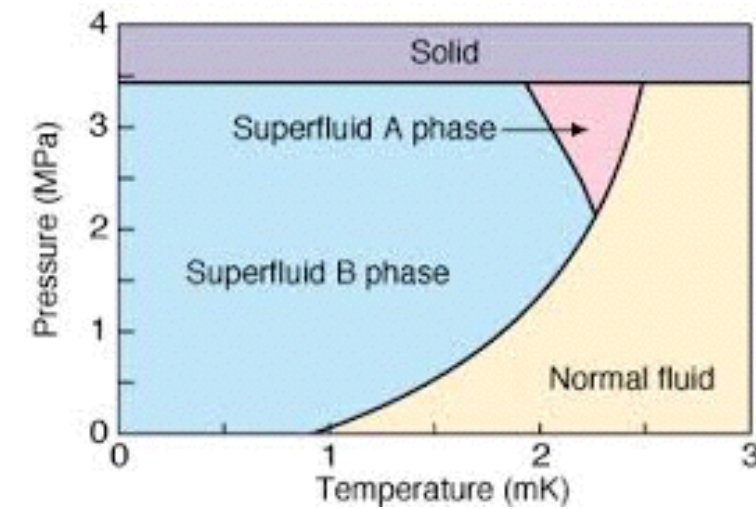
Cubic lattice BdG Hamiltonian in the presence of time-reversal symmetry:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon(\mathbf{k})\sigma_0 & \Delta_t[\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}](i\sigma_y) \\ \Delta_t(-i\sigma_y)[\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}] & -\varepsilon(\mathbf{k})\sigma_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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equivalent to B phase of  $^3\text{He}$



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# 3D time-reversal-invariant topological superconductor

Lattice BdG Hamiltonian:  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D(\mathbf{k}) \\ D^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

► Off-diagonal block:

$$D(\mathbf{k}) = (i\sigma_y) \{ \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \sigma_0 + i\Delta_t [\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \vec{\sigma}] \}$$

Mapping  $D(\mathbf{k})$  : Brillouin zone  $\longrightarrow D(\mathbf{k})$  TRS:  $D(\mathbf{k}) = -D^T(\mathbf{k})$

► Spectrum flattening:  $q(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_a \frac{1}{\lambda_a(\mathbf{k})} u_a(\mathbf{k}) u_a^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) D(\mathbf{k})$   $u_a(\mathbf{k})$  : eigenvectors of  $DD^\dagger$

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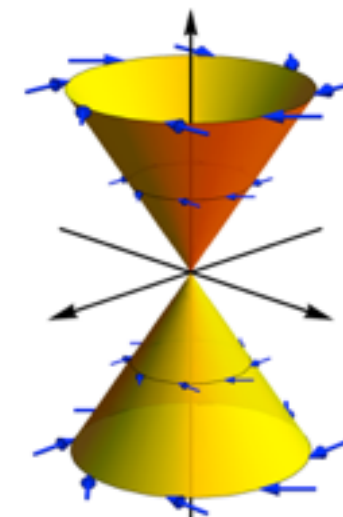
$\implies$  classified by winding number:  $W = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \int_{\text{BZ}} d^3k \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \text{Tr} [(q^{-1} \partial_\mu q)(q^{-1} \partial_\nu q)(q^{-1} \partial_\rho q)]$

► Bulk-boundary correspondence:

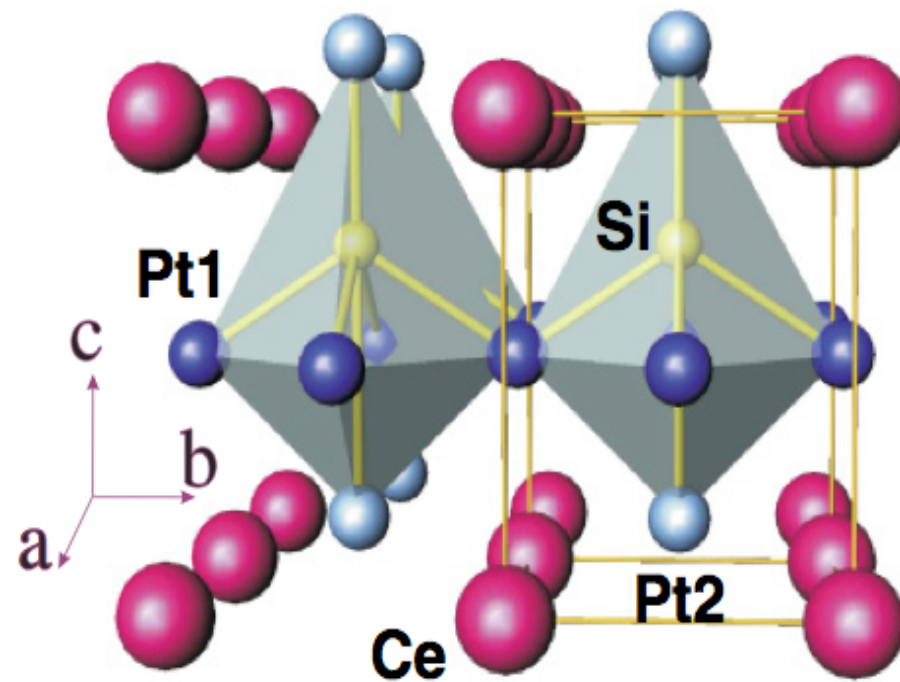
$|W| = \#$  Kramers-degenerate Majorana states

Possible condensed matter realization:

CePt<sub>3</sub>Si, Li<sub>2</sub>Pt<sub>3</sub>B, CeRhSi<sub>3</sub>, CeIrSi<sub>3</sub>, etc.



# Non-centrosymmetric Superconductors (full gap)



# What is a non-centrosymmetric superconductor (NCS)?

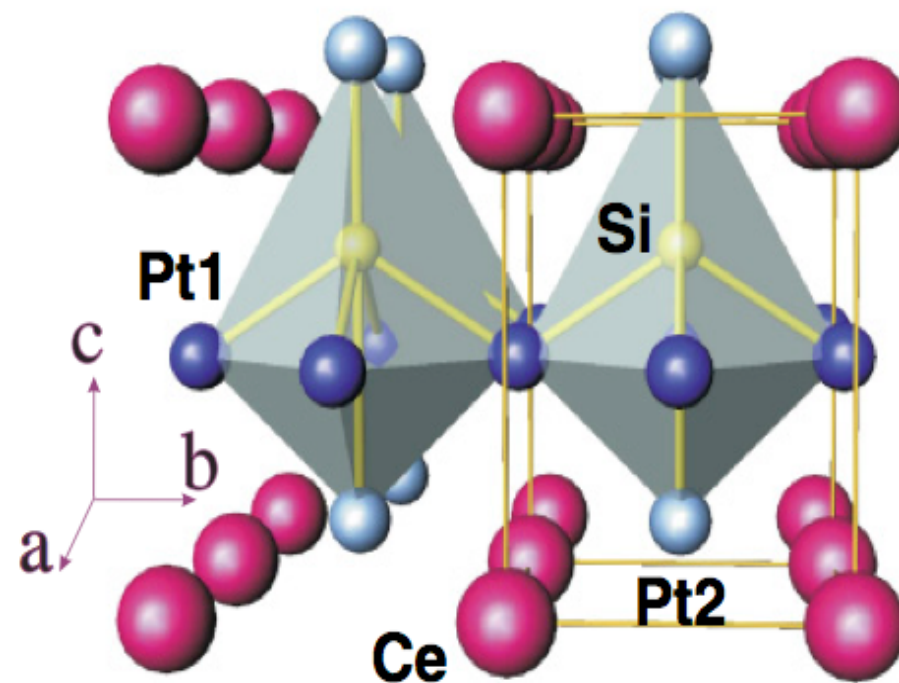
Superconductor without a center of inversion in its crystal structure.

CePt<sub>3</sub>Si, CeRhSi<sub>3</sub>, CeIrSi<sub>3</sub>, Li<sub>2</sub>Pt<sub>3</sub>B, LaPtBi, etc.

Interfaces: LaAlO<sub>3</sub>/SrTiO<sub>3</sub>

*[E. Bauer et al, PRL (2004), Kimura et al. '05, Sugitami et al. '06, etc..]*

Consider tetragonal point group  $C_{4v}$ :



Crystal lattice  
potential gradient

through relativist effects potential gradient leads to **anti-symmetric spin-orbit coupling**



# Non-centrosymmetric SCs: Structure of pairing state

(i) **Lack of center of inversion** causes anti-symmetric SO coupling.

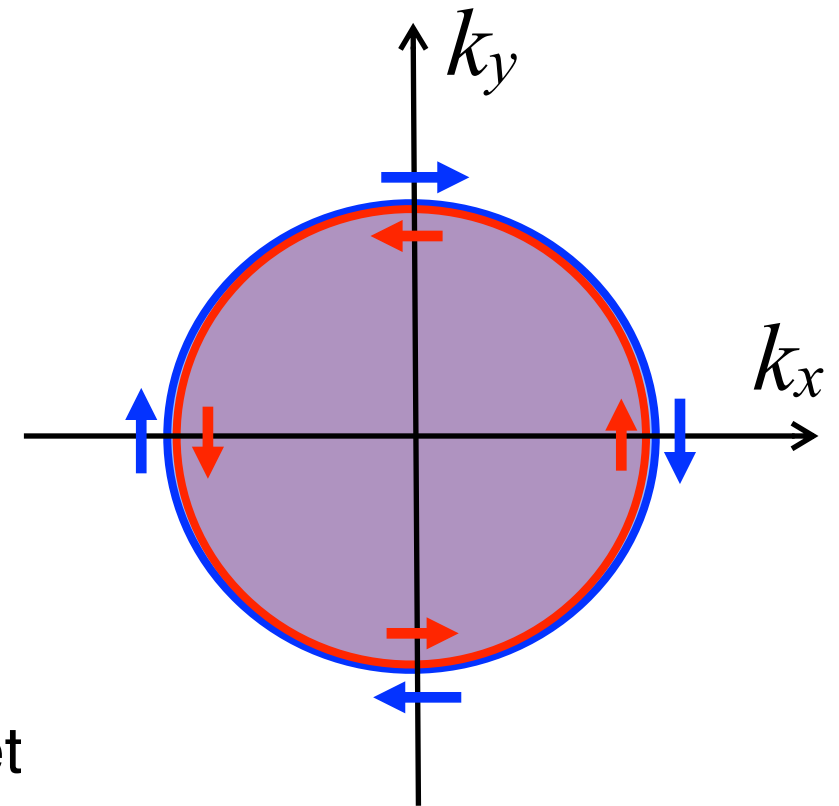
Normal state:  $\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mu\nu} c_{\mathbf{k}\mu}^\dagger (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}\sigma_0 + \alpha \mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\mu\nu} c_{\mathbf{k}\nu} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}s} \xi_{\mathbf{k}s} b_{\mathbf{k}s}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}s}$

**Spin basis:**  $\mu = \uparrow, \downarrow$

**Helicity basis:**  $s = \pm$

Spin-split energy spectrum:

$$\xi_{\mathbf{k}}^\pm = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \pm |\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{k}}|$$



(ii) **Lack of center of inversion** allows for admixture of singlet and triplet pairing components

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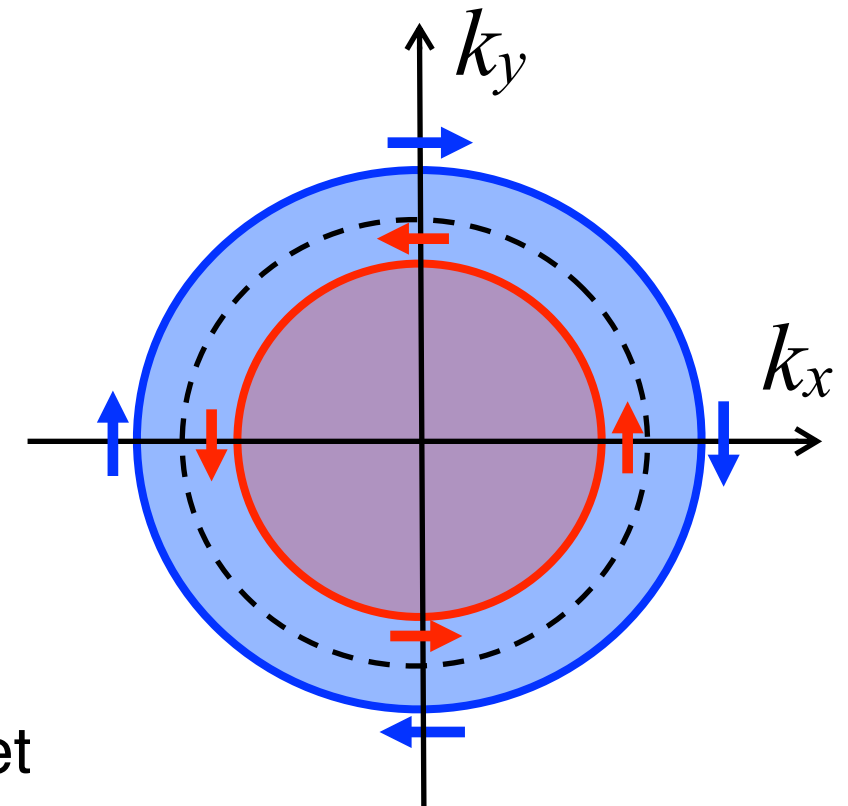
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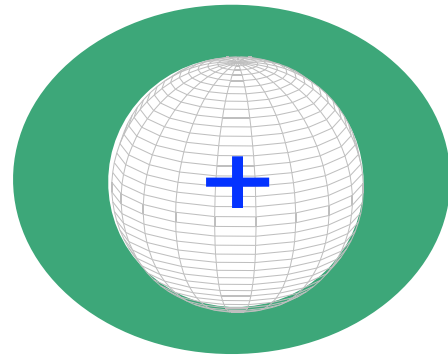
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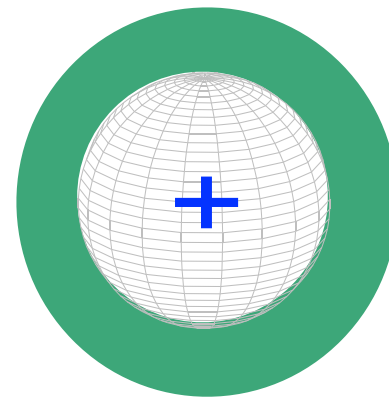
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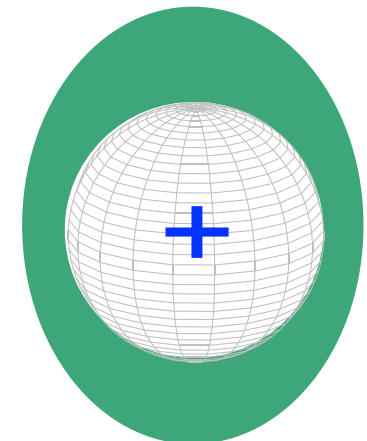
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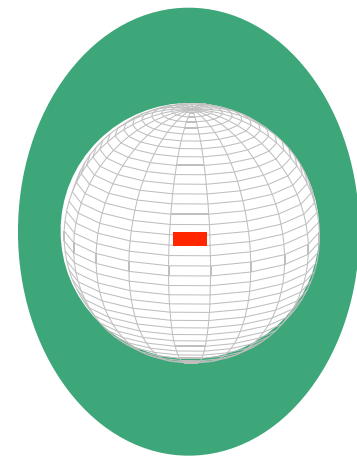
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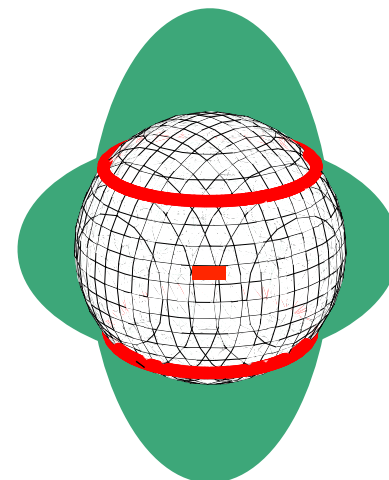
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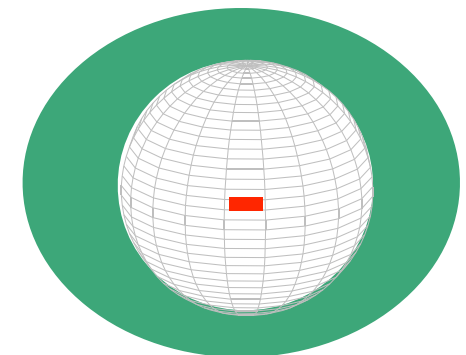


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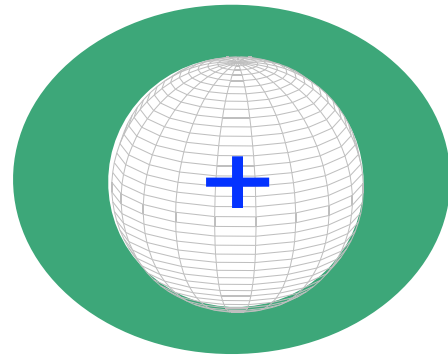


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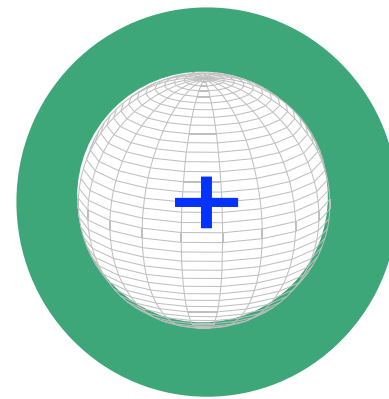
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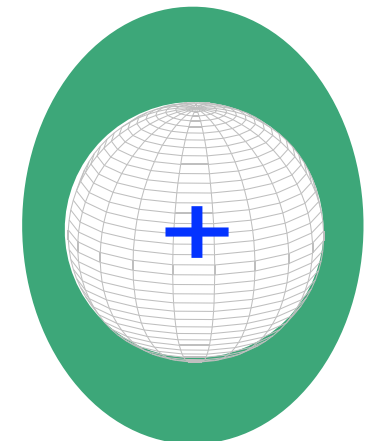
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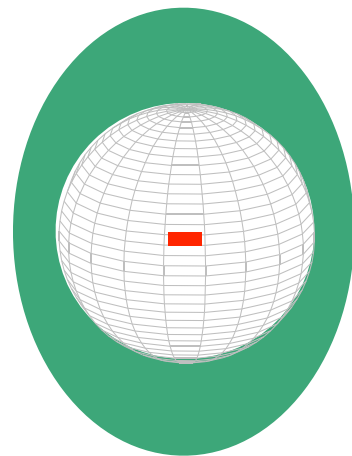


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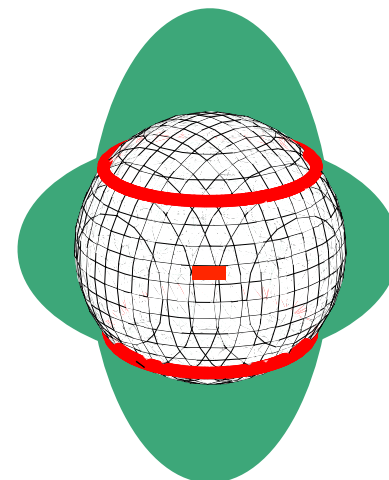


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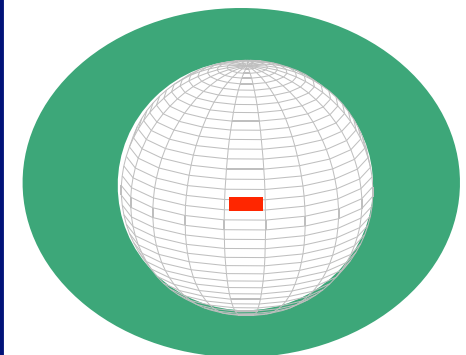


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# Fully gapped non-centrosymmetric superconductor

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# Fully gapped non-centrosymmetric SCs: Surface states

2D:  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  number  $\nu$

3D: winding number  $W$

**trivial phase**

$$\Delta_t < \Delta_s : \begin{cases} \nu = 0 \\ W = 0 \end{cases}$$

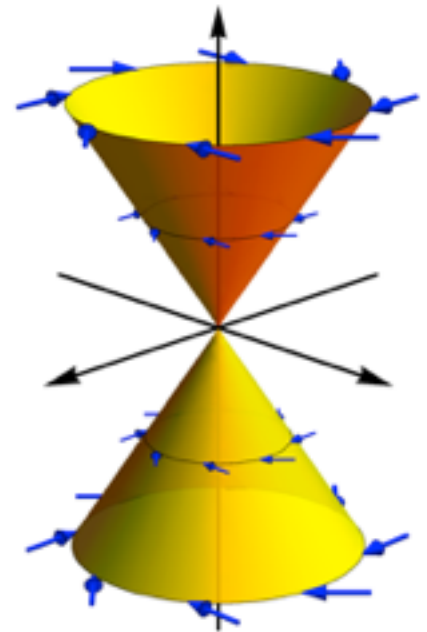
no surface state

**non-trivial phase**

$$\Delta_t > \Delta_s : \begin{cases} \nu = +1 \\ W = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

dispersing “helical”

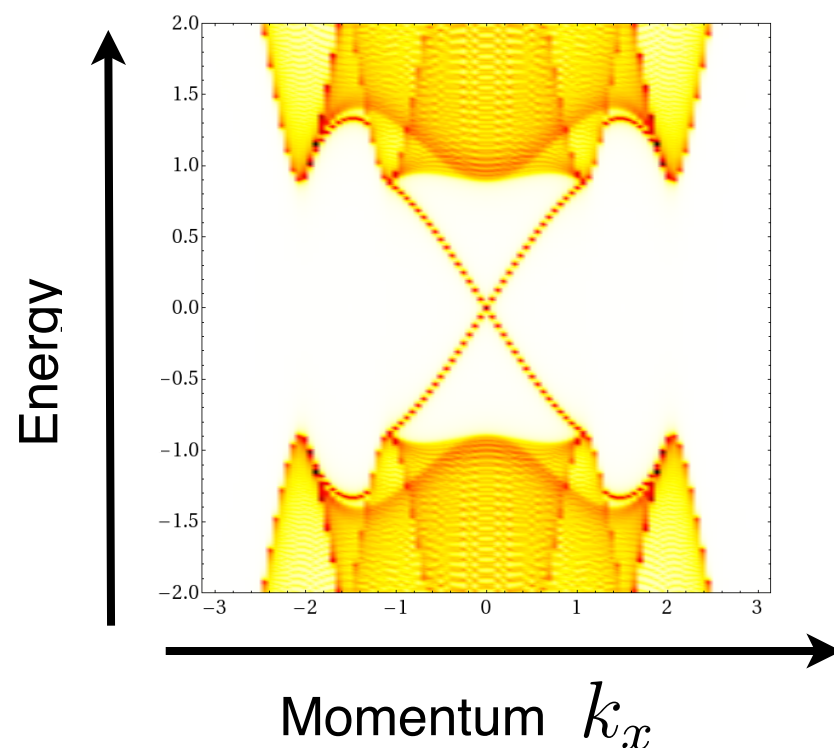
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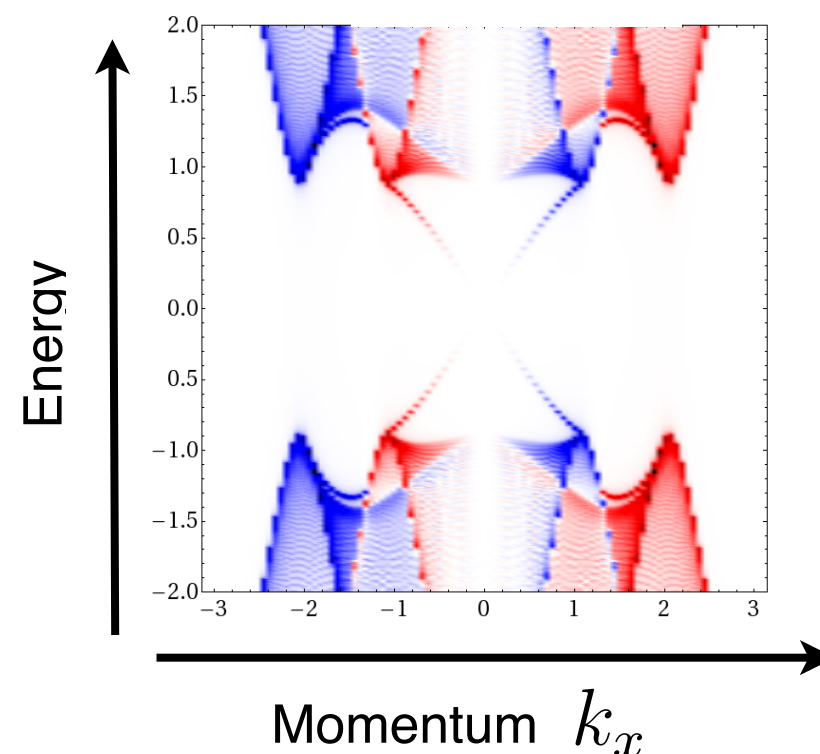
Bulk-boundary correspondence:

$\nu, |W| = \#$  Kramers-degenerate Majorana states

Surface density of states



Y-component of SDOS



# Symmetry classes: “Ten-fold way”

(originally introduced in the context of random Hamiltonians / matrices)

→ time-reversal invariance ( $\Theta$ ):  $\Theta = U_T \mathcal{K}$  (is antiunitary)

$$\Theta : U_T \mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}^*(\mathbf{k}) U_T^\dagger = +\mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(-\mathbf{k}) \quad (\text{“reality condition”})$$

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→ particle-hole symmetry ( $\Xi$ ):  $\Xi = U_C \mathcal{K}$   complex conjugation

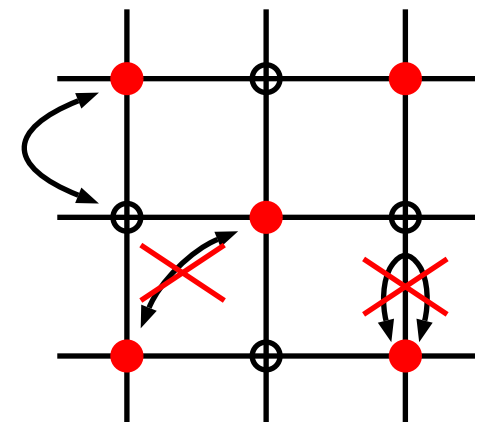
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→ In addition we can also consider the “sublattice symmetry”  $S = \Theta \Xi$

$$S : S \mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{H}_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) S = 0$$

Note: SLS is often also called “chiral symmetry”





# Classification of topological insulators and superconductors

? Are there more topological insulators and superconductors?

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Zirnbauer  
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Matrix  
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DIII	-1	+1	1
AII	-1	0	0
CII	-1	-1	1
C	0	-1	0
CI	+1	-1	1

? For which symmetry class and dimension is there a topological insulator/superconductor?

Three different approaches to answer this question:

(i) Anderson localization of boundary modes

**Schnyder, Ryu, Furusaki, Ludwig, PRB 2008.**

(ii) Dimensional reduction procedures

**Qi, Hughes, Zhang, PRB 2008.**

**Ryu, Schnyder, Furusaki, Ludwig, NJP 2010.**

(iii) K-Theory

**Kitaev, AIP Conf Proc. 1134, 22 (2009)**

All three approaches give the same answer!



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Integer Quantum Hall effect

Polyacetylene (assuming SLS)

2D  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  topological insulator

3D  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  topological insulator

(Only valid for systems with a sufficient number of bands)

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Kitaev Majorana chain

chiral p-wave superconductor

2D helical superconductor

non-centrosymmetric SC

chiral d-wave superconductor

TRI topological singlet SC

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Altland-Zirnbauer Random Matrix Classes

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CII	-1	-1	1	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	0
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“complex” K-theory

“real” K-theory (KR-theory)

- Topological invariants: Chern numbers and winding numbers

$$Ch_{n+1}[\mathcal{F}] = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_{\text{BZ}^{d=2n+2}} \text{tr} \left( \frac{i\mathcal{F}}{2\pi} \right)^{n+1}$$

$$\nu_{2n+1}[q] = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(2n+1)!} \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^{n+1} \int_{\text{BZ}} \epsilon^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots} \text{tr} [q^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_1} q \cdot q^{-1} \partial_{\alpha_2} q \dots] d^{2n+1} k$$