Topological Quantum Chemistry



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Last time: classification of topological insulators with symmetry

Ryu, Schnyder, Furusaki, Ludwig, New J. Phys. (2010)

Classified by time-reversal and charge-conjugation symmetries



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Review of crystal symmetry

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32 crystallographic point groups

Contain rotations, mirror planes, and rotoinversions





14 Bravais lattices = 230 space groups

Image: JP Goss <u>http://newton.ex.ac.uk/research/</u> <u>qsystems/people/goss/symmetry/Solids.html</u>

Topological crystalline insulator

Fu PRL 106, 106802 (2011)

Crystal symmetries can protect topological phase Surface states are robust if crystal symmetry is preserved

C₄ symmetry (x,y,z) \rightarrow (-y,x,z)

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Mirror Chern insulator

Teo, Fu, Kane PRB 045426 (2008)



Mirror symmetry: $(x,y,z) \rightarrow (-x,y,z)$ Two invariant mirror planes: $k_x = 0$ and $k_x = \pi$

In a mirror plane, each mirror eigenvalue sector can have Chern number

Z invariant

Observation in SnTe by Ando group: Tanaka, et al, Nat. Phys. (2012)



"Non-symmorphic symmetries": screws and glides

Glide symmetry: mirror followed by 1/2 lattice translation Ex: $(x,y,z) \rightarrow (x+\frac{1}{2},y,-z)$

> Screw symmetry: rotation followed by fractional lattice translation



"Hourglass fermion"

Wang, Alexandradinata, Cava, Bernevig Nature 532, 189 (2016)



y-normal surface: preserves glide Label bands by g_x eigenvalue $\pm e^{ikz/2}$

Two possible surface states along k_x=0 or π



Observation in KHgSb



Ding group: Ma, et al, Sci. Adv. (2017)

Topological phases can be used for technological applications





Quantum computing



Spintronics



Ultra-fast switches

Problem: how to find materials to realize topological phases??

Challenges to finding topological materials

1. Piecewise approach to classification

Mirror, C₄, C₆, glide, time reversal,

What about crystals with combinations of symmetries?



If we don't know all the topological phases, then how can we identify all topological materials?

Challenges to finding topological materials

2. Emphasis on abstract topological invariant

 $Z, Z_2, Z_4, Z_2 \times Z_4, \dots$



What chemical compounds will yield a Z_n topological invariant?!?!

Topological quantum chemistry can diagnose and predict topological materials

JC et al., ArXiv:1709.01935 (PRB 2018); BB, JC, et al., Nature 547, 298–305 (2017)

Key: topological bands are not deformable to an atomic limit

- 1. Identify atomic limit band structures with symmetry
- 2. Systematic search for topological bands
- 3. New topological materials

Space groups describe 3D crystals



Real space







Within one space group, many ways to arrange atoms



All atoms are related by symmetry

Within one arrangement, many choices of orbitals



Each arrangement/orbital determines symmetry representations in Brillouin zone



Real space vs momentum space

₩₁

 M_2

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 M_4

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Input real space symmetry



- 1. space group
- 2. atom positions
- 3. orbitals

Band representation: atomic limit and its symmetry

Zak PRL 1980, PRB 1981, 1982

Brillouin zone symmetry

 $\Gamma_1 \quad \Gamma_4 \quad K_3 \quad M_1 \quad M_4$

Band representations can describe multiple orbitals in different positions





Identify elementary band reps from their real space symmetry 10,000 elementary band reps (with and without TR, SOC)

Compute symmetry labels for each elementary band representation

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Elcoro, ..., **JC**, et al, J. Appl. Cryst. 50, 1457-1477 (2017)

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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

If you are using this program in the preparation of an article, please cite at least one of the above references.

Bilbao Crystallographic Server http://www.cryst.ehu.es Please, enter the sequential number of group as given in the International Tables for Crystallography, Vol. A

- 1. Get the elementary BRs without time-reversal symmetry
 Elementary

 2. Get the elementary BRs with time-reversal symmetry
 Elementary TR

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

Wyckoff TR

Each column is elementary band representation

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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(6 <i>mm</i>)	1a(6 <i>mm</i>)	1a(6 <i>mm</i>)	1a(6 <i>mm</i>)	1a(6 <i>mm</i>)	1a(6 <i>mm</i>)	2b(3 <i>m</i>)	Atom arrangement
Band-Rep.	A ₁ ↑G(1)	A₂↑G(1)	B ₁ ↑G(1)	B₂ [↑] G(1)	E ₁ ↑G(2)	E ₂ ↑G(2)	A ₁ ↑G(2)	Orbital
Decomposable\ Indecomposable	Indecomposable	Indecomposable	Indecomposable	Indecomposable	Indecomposable	Indecomposable	Indecomposable	r f
Г:(0,0,0)	Г ₁ (1)	Γ ₂ (1)	Γ ₄ (1)	Г ₃ (1)	Г ₆ (2)	Γ ₅ (2)	Γ ₁ (1) ⊕ Γ ₄ (1)	
A:(0,0,1/2)	A ₁ (1)	A ₂ (1)	A ₄ (1)	A ₃ (1)	A ₆ (2)	A ₅ (2)	A ₁ (1) ⊕ A ₄ (1)	
K:(1/3,1/3,0)	K ₁ (1)	K ₂ (1)	K ₂ (1)	K ₁ (1)	K ₃ (2)	K ₃ (2)	K ₃ (2)	High-symmetry
H:(1/3,1/3,1/2)	H ₁ (1)	H ₂ (1)	H ₂ (1)	H ₁ (1)	H ₃ (2)	H ₃ (2)	H ₃ (2)	points
M:(1/2,0,0)	M ₁ (1)	M ₂ (1)	M ₄ (1)	M ₃ (1)	M ₃ (1) ⊕ M ₄ (1)	M ₁ (1) ⊕ M ₂ (1)	M ₁ (1) ⊕ M ₄ (1)	
L:(1/2,0,1/2)	L ₁ (1)	L ₂ (1)	L ₄ (1)	L ₃ (1)	L ₃ (1) ⊕ L ₄ (1)	L ₁ (1) ⊕ L ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1) ⊕ L ₄ (1)	J

We can now identify topological bands

JC et al., ArXiv:1709.01935 (PRB 2018), BB, JC, et al., Nature 547, 298–305 (2017)



Smooth deformations cannot change symmetry labels

Topological bands are not a "sum" of elementary band representations

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

Steps for (inefficient) materials search:

For every known chemical compound:

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

I will describe a more efficient search

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

Michel and Zak believed elementary bands could not be gapped



"we present the topologically global concepts necessary for the proof"

Disconnected elementary bands are topological

JC et al., ArXiv:1709.01935 (PRB 2018), BB, JC, et al., Nature 547, 298–305 (2017)

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



TR requires 4 sites per unit cell on honeycomb lattice

4n+2 valence bands must be topological!

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

Strategy for finding topological materials

- 1. enumerate elementary bands
- 2. determine whether bands can be gapped



Compatibility relations determine connectivity





- Compatibility between points and lines
- One label per line segment
- Lines with same symmetry label gap

Symmetry does not uniquely determine connectivity



Computing connectivity is harder than symmetry irreps

Map to graph theory



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

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

Orbital-	Band-Rep.	A ₁ ↑G(2)	A₂↑G(2)	E↑G(4)	¹ E²E↑G(4)	E ₁ ↑G(4)
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	A:(0,0,1/2)	A ₁ (1) ⊕ A ₄ (1)	A ₂ (1) ⊕ A ₃ (1)	A ₅ (2) ⊕ A ₆ (2)	2 🗛7(2)	Ā ₈ (2) ⊕ Ā ₉ (2)
	K:(1/3,1/3,0)	K ₃ (2)	K ₃ (2)	K ₁ (1) ⊕ K ₂ (1) ⊕ 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) ⊕ H ₂ (1) ⊕ H ₃ (2)	2 H ₆ (2)	$H_4(1) \oplus H_5(1) \oplus H_6(2)$
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spinless s, pz



Graphene without SOC has a Dirac point

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

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Science



Bismuthene on a SiC substrate: A candidate for a hightemperature quantum spin Hall material

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

Figure 4 Spectroscopy of the Edge State

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Spinless topological phase protected by C_{2z}: **JC**, et al, PRL 120, 266401 (2018)

Now we are ready to find some materials!

Challenges....

Real materials have many orbitals (although usually <3 relevant near Fermi level)

Symmetry can permit a gapped phase, but can't require it



Small band gaps



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New topological materials: Cu₃ABX₄ class

Non-centrosymmetric

Cu₂SbCuS₄

$Cu_2SnHgSe_4$



Weak topological insulators with infinitesimal SOC



Type-II Dirac points in buckled honeycomb compounds



Strained PbO₂





Semi-metal; topological bands -3.5eV

Uniaxial strain opens topological gap near E_{F}



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

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New topological materials



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