



Causality constraints and their symmetry classification in passive devices

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NH effects

complex frequencies exceptional points

nonorthogonal modes NH skin effect

complications

finite life times

enhanced sensitivity

instability

quantum noise

Example I: quantum noise



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Observing exceptional point degeneracy of radiation with electrically pumped photonic crystal coupled-nanocavity lasers

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Furthermore, we find experimentally and confirm

theoretically the peculiar squared Lorentzian emission spectrum very near the exact EP, which



Example II: mode selection

topological zero mode





 $H = -ZH^*Z$, tr Z = 1 (C symmetry)

microwaves



with Poli et al 2015

lasers





with Zhao et al 2018



with Whittaker et al 2018

Example II: mode selection



Malzard, Cancellieri & HS 2018

Symmetry-protected Topological excitations oscillations





Goldstone modes: U(1) and time translation

microwaves



with Poli et al 2015

lasers



with Zhao et al 2018

excitons



with Whittaker et al 2018

Example III: skin effect



transition to directed amplification



zero mode relocalises



also in transport effects

- reflectionless transport depending on topological phase
- invisibility coinciding at skin-effect phase transition
- CPA and one-sided transparency



Here: passive systems

- physical limits from causality
- symmetry constraints
- visibility of effects: EPs, skin effect, edge states

Causality

recall output intensity $I(\omega) = \text{tr} (S^{\dagger}S - 1)/2\pi$

passive system: $1 - S^{\dagger}S$ is positive definite

generic wide-band limit:
$$S(\omega) = \frac{1 - i\Gamma \mathcal{G}(\omega)}{1 + i\Gamma \mathcal{G}(\omega)}$$
 with $\mathcal{G}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - H}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - S^{\dagger}S = 2 \Gamma Q \text{ with } Q = 2\mathcal{G}^{\dagger}(\omega + i\Gamma) (\gamma - F)\mathcal{G}(\omega + i\Gamma)$$

- time-delay op., gives density of states $\rho(\omega) = \operatorname{tr} Q/2\pi$
- $H = H_0 + iF i\gamma$: nontrivial NH in *F*, background losses γ
- Q positive definite: causality threshold γ

causality > Lee-Wolfenstein (Wiersig 2019) > positive lifetimes

Symmetry classification

- $H = H^*$ (TRS) \Rightarrow $F = -F^T$ (Majorana basis)
- $H = H^T$ (reciprocal) \Rightarrow $F = F^*$ (TRS)
- $H = PH^*P$ (PT) \Rightarrow $F = -PF^*P$ (charge conj, C)
- $H = PH^{\dagger}P$ (PTT') \Rightarrow F = -PFP (chiral)
- $H = -PH^*P$ (C) \Rightarrow $F = PF^*P$ (gen TRS)

 $H = -PH^{\dagger}P$ (CT') \Rightarrow F = PFP (parity)

- systematic pairing of NH and H symmetry classes
- classes of *H* and *iH* differ

Visibility of EPs

EP normal form
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} a - i\gamma & b \\ c & -a - i\gamma \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow F = \frac{1}{2i} \begin{pmatrix} a - a^* & b - c^* \\ c - b^* & a^* - a \end{pmatrix}$$

causality threshold $\gamma_c = \sqrt{(\text{Im } a)^2 + |b - c^*|^2/4}$

EP $a^2 + bc = 0$: dos $\rho^{EP}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{|b| + |c|}{\omega^2 + (|b| + |c|)^2/4}$ is a simple Lorentzian!



Visibility of skin effect and edge states

nonreciprocal dimer chain



$$H(k) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 + 2w_1 \cos k & u_1^- + u_2^+ e^{-ik} \\ u_1^+ + u_2^- e^{ik} & v_2 + 2w_2 \cos k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow F(k) \Rightarrow \gamma_c = \sqrt{\Delta v^2 + (|\Delta u_1| + |\Delta u_2|)^2}$$



 \Rightarrow skin effect disguised, edge states visible

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Intro:

Quantum noise in PT exact phase: $I(\omega) \rightarrow (\text{Lorentzian})^2$ at EP: Topological mode selection theory: Microwave demonstration: Topological laser: Exciton condensate: Nonlinear extensions:

Directed amplification & sensing: Nonreciprocal transport signatures:

Causality constraints:

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Summary: NH topology from gain & loss

quantum noise



mode selection





 \Rightarrow lasers, sensors ...



passive devices:

causality constraints ⇒
threshold losses
scattering theory ⇒
EP's & NHSE disguised,
edge states visible



 $\times K_{\overline{0}} \rightarrow \infty$