

# Chez Pierre

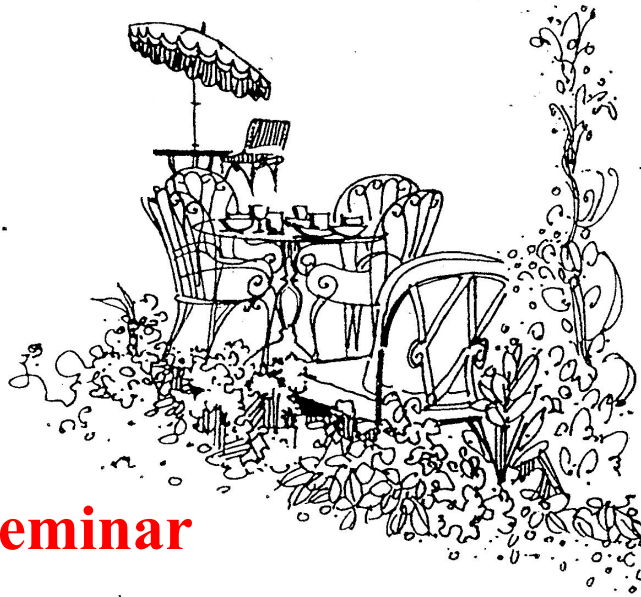
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## **Chez Pierre Seminar**



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**“Stiefel-Whitney classes and topological phases in band theory.”**

I am going to talk about novel topological properties of spinless fermions systems with space time inversion  $I_{ST}$  symmetry which is the combination of time-reversal symmetry with additional inversion or two-fold rotation symmetry. In three dimensions, the band topology of  $I_{ST}$  symmetric systems can support nodal lines with  $Z_2$  monopole charges [1]. Here we show that the  $Z_2$  monopole charge is equivalent to the second Stiefel Whitney invariant. Also using the mathematical properties of the Stiefel-Whitney classes, we show the intriguing linking structure of monopole nodal lines and discuss the condition that the second Stiefel-Whitney number becomes a well-defined 2D topological invariant. In the case of 2D two band systems with  $I_{ST}$  symmetry, we show that the nontrivial band topology can be characterized by the Euler class. We prove that a two-band system with nontrivial Euler invariant has band crossing points with nonzero total vorticity, which naturally explains the violation of the well-known Nielsen-Ninomiya theorem in twisted bilayer graphene at magic angle[2]. We propose that both the topological property of monopole nodal lines and the fragile topology of 2D insulators with nontrivial Euler class originate from the underlying mathematical structure of the  $I_{ST}$  symmetric real wave functions, that is, the Stiefel-Whitney classes [1,3].

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