**Topological Trapped-Rainbow and Nonreciprocal Guides Beyond the Time-Bandwidth Limit**

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Abstract: Topologically protected wave transport has recently emerged as an effective means to address a recurring problem hampering the field of ‘slow light’ for the past two decades: Its keen sensitivity to disorders and structural imperfections. With it, there has been renewed interest in efforts to overcome the delay-time–bandwidth limitation usually characterizing slow-light devices, on occasion thought to be a ‘fundamental limit’. Our talk will overview latest developments and point out important new functionalities that overcoming the limit can enable.

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