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I will present new exotic topologies involving non-Abelian braiding of band nodes in multi-gap non-interacting settings. In systems with a real Bloch Hamiltonian band nodes can be characterised by a non-Abelian frame-rotation charge. The ability of these band nodes to annihilate pairwise is path dependent, since by braiding nodes in adjacent gaps the sign of their charges can be changed. I will demonstrate new anomalous topological phases in out-of-equilibrium settings with no static counterparts. I will demonstrate an interferometry scheme allowing for probing these non-Abelian charges in quantum simulators.



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