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Simulating bosons in magnetic field with photonics MOHAMMAD HAFEZI¹, Joint Quantum Institute, MIKHAIL LUKIN, EUGENE DEMLER, Harvard University, EDO WAKS², JACOB TAYLOR³, Joint Quantum Institute — We propose a 2D photonic system where the dynamics of photons are analogous to charged bosons in a magnetic field. We show that a magnetic field can be ‘simulated’ for photons without using a magnetic field or any time-reversal symmetry breaking mechanism. We apply a technique to probe transport properties of such systems. In particular, the underlying energy spectrum is manifested in the transmission and reflection coefficients in form of a Hofstadter butterfly. We also discuss the effect of loss in such systems and investigate the system’s robustness to impurities.

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