Acoustic topological circuitry in square and rectangular phononic crystals

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Acoustic analog of quantum valley Hall effect



Lu *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 093901 (2016). Lu *et al.*, Nat. Phys. 13, 369 (2017).



- (Bloch) vortex waves at the K point hold the topological *valley* invariant
- Edge modes guided at a domain wall are formed by combining crystals with angles $\pm \alpha$

Three K Points: no backscattering in 3 directions

Acoustics



Lu *et al., Nat. Phys. 13* (2017) 369

Elastic waves



Pal et al., New J. Phys. 19,2 (2017) 025001 Optics



Khanikaev *et al., Nat. Mater.* 12 (2012) 223

Space groups of the 2D crystal and the 1D waveguide



Dirac points in the square lattice? 3-way splitter?



Makwana, M.P., Chaplain, G. Tunable three-way topological energysplitter. *Sci Rep* **9**, 18939 (2019)

The sign of the Chern number associated with Dirac cones dictates if waves go along a domain wall or not



Square inclusion in square-lattice



A pair of Dirac points is needed along each direction

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Domain walls with square-lattice crystal



Square-lattice topological crystal: water waves



max о ŋ (a.u.) 10 cm 10 cm 10 cm 10 cm 10 cm min

Makwana, Mehul P., et al. "Experimental observations of topologically guided water waves within non-hexagonal structures." Applied Physics Letters 116.13 (2020): 131603.

f = 7.3 Hz

3-way splitter with water waves?



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Square lattice topological crystal: acoustic waves







a = 3 mm, b = 1.5 mm $f \sim 500 \text{ kHz}$

Measuring the phononic band gap



Measuring the domain wall waveguide



Laforge, Nicolas, et al. "Acoustic topological circuitry in square and rectangular phononic crystals." arXiv preprint arXiv:2012.08014 (2020).

3-way splitter, square-lattice



Experiment



Coupling of acoustic and elastic waves



Dispersion of guided waves

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Symmetric mode

Antisymmetric mode

Trouble is... there's a third Dirac point!



Breaking diagonal symmetry removes the third Dirac point





It also results in a slight frequency shift of the main Dirac points And a slight reduction in band gap width Laforge, Nicolas, et al. "Acoustic topological circuitry in square and rectangular phononic crystals." arXiv preprint arXiv:2012.08014 (2020).

Dispersion of the guided waves shifts





3-way splitter with the rectangular-lattice





And finally, a 'trident' circuit!



Experiment

Summary and conclusion

 Dirac points exist not only in the hexagonal (graphene) lattice, but with other symmetries, including the square and the rectangular lattices

 We have implemented topological phononic crystal circuits both with water waves and ultrasonic acoustic waves

 The rotated square inclusion in square-lattice crystal has 'spurious' Dirac points that can be removed considering the rectangular lattice

 Square and rectangular lattices are compatible with 3-way splitters and more general phononic circuits

