

Note for vortex phase transition in iron-based superconductor

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Abstract

Iron-based superconductor is a very good platform to search Majorana zero model due to its topological band and high temperature superconductor. Here we search the vortex phase transition in iron-based superconductor. First we can use the $k \cdot p$ method to construct the Hamilton. Then use the Hamilton we can do some numerical calculation and theory analysis.

1 $k \cdot p$ construct Hamilton

The space group of iron-based superconductor is $P4/nmm$, it includes the fractional translation, so it can't be seen as the direct product of the translation group and the point group. But along the $\Gamma - Z$, it can be seen as the $D4h$ group. At the same time, we can know the band near the Fermi surface of the iron-based superconductor are p_z, d_{xz}, d_{yz} orbit. So we can choose the basics $|p_z, \uparrow\rangle, |p_z, \downarrow\rangle, |d_{xz+iyz}, \downarrow\rangle, |d_{xz-iyz}, \uparrow\rangle, |d_{xz+iyz}, \uparrow\rangle, |d_{xz-iyz}, \downarrow\rangle$ to construct our Hamilton. For any $6 \cdot 6$ matrix, we can break down to the linear superposition of 36 basic matrices.

$$H(\vec{k}) = \sum_{ij} f_{ij}(\vec{k}) M_{ij} \quad (1)$$

we can construct the 36 basics Hermitian matrix from the direct product of the Pauli matrix and the Gellman matrix.

$$M_{ij} = G_i \otimes \sigma_j \quad (2)$$

The G_i means the Gell-Man matrix, it's range is from 0 to 8. The σ_j means the Pauli matrix, it's range is from 0 to 3. At the same time, because we need to consider the spin orbit coupling, so we need consider the double group, we can find the character table of the D4h.

D _{4h}	E	\bar{E}	$2C_4$	$2\bar{C}_4$	C_2	$2C'_2$	$2C''_2$	I	\bar{I}	$2C_4$	$2\bar{C}_4$	σ_h	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$	Time Inv.	Bases
					\bar{C}_2	$2\bar{C}'_2$	$2\bar{C}''_2$					$\bar{\sigma}_h$	$2\bar{\sigma}_v$	$2\bar{\sigma}_d$		
Γ_1^+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	a	R
Γ_2^+	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	a	S_x
Γ_3^+	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	a	(x^2-y^2)
Γ_4^+	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	a	xy
Γ_5^+	2	2	0	0	-2	0	0	2	2	0	0	-2	0	0	a	S_x, S_y
Γ_1^-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	a	$(x^2-y^2)xyz$
Γ_2^-	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	a	z
Γ_3^-	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	a	xyz
Γ_4^-	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	a	$(x^2-y^2)z$
Γ_5^-	2	2	0	0	-2	0	0	-2	-2	0	0	2	0	0	a	x,y
Γ_6^+	2	-2	$\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{2}$	0	0	0	0	2	-2	$\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{2}$	0	0	0	0	c	$\phi(1/2, -1/2),$ $\phi(1/2, 1/2)$
Γ_7^+	2	-2	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	0	0	0	2	-2	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	0	0	0	c	$\Gamma_6^+ \times \Gamma_3^+$
Γ_6^-	2	-2	$\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{2}$	0	0	0	0	-2	2	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	0	0	0	c	$\Gamma_6^+ \times \Gamma_1^-$
Γ_7^-	2	-2	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	0	0	0	-2	2	$\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{2}$	0	0	0	0	c	$\Gamma_6^+ \times \Gamma_3^-$

图 1:

We can get the generator of D4h group is $C_{4z}, C'_{2x}, Inversion$. At the same time, the system has the time reversal symmetry. We can get the transformation

matrix in the basics before we mentioned.

$$C_{4z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1-i & & & & & \\ & 1+i & & & & \\ & & 1-i & & & \\ & & & 1+i & & \\ & & & & -1-i & \\ & & & & & -1+i \end{pmatrix} \quad C_{2x} = \begin{pmatrix} & i & & & \\ i & & & & \\ & & i & & \\ & & & i & \\ & & & & i \\ & & & & & i \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & & & \\ & -1 & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} & -1 & & & & \\ 1 & & & & & \\ & & -1 & & & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & -1 & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{K} \quad (4)$$

we can get the character table of the polynomials of the momentum k

k polynomial	representation	time reversal
$1, k_x^2 + k_y^2, k_z^2$	Γ_1^+	+
$k_x k_y$	Γ_4^+	+
$k_x^2 - k_y^2$	Γ_3^+	+
$\{k_x k_z, k_y k_z\}$	Γ_5^+	+
$\{k_x, k_y\}$	Γ_5^-	-
k_z	Γ_2^-	-

we can get the character table of M_{ij}

Matrix	representation	time reverse
M_{03}	Γ_2^+	-
M_{10}	Γ_1^-	-
$\{M_{11}, M_{12}\}$	Γ_5^-	+
M_{13}	Γ_2^-	+
M_{20}	Γ_1^-	+
$\{M_{21}, M_{22}\}$	Γ_5^-	-
M_{23}	Γ_2^-	-
M_{30}, M_{80}	Γ_1^+	+
$\{M_{31}, M_{32}\}$	Γ_5^+	-
M_{33}	Γ_2^+	-
$\{M_{40}, M_{53}\}$	Γ_5^-	+
M_{41}	Γ_3^-	-
M_{42}	Γ_4^-	-
$\{M_{43}, M_{50}\}$	Γ_5^-	-
M_{51}	Γ_3^-	+
M_{52}	Γ_4^-	-
$\{M_{60}, M_{73}\}$	Γ_5^+	-
M_{61}	Γ_3^+	+
M_{62}	Γ_4^+	+
$\{M_{63}, M_{70}\}$	Γ_5^+	+
M_{71}	Γ_3^+	-
M_{72}	Γ_4^+	-
M_{83}	Γ_2^+	-

图 2:

2 Vortex Phase Transition