

Chiral Dirac Superconductors: Second-order and Boundary-obstructed Topology

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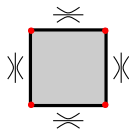
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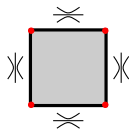


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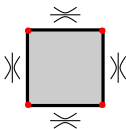
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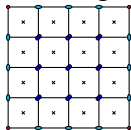
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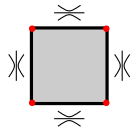
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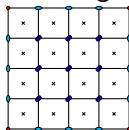
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Outline

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- Understanding the corner mode from defect classification.
- Discuss the second column of the table.

Defect classification

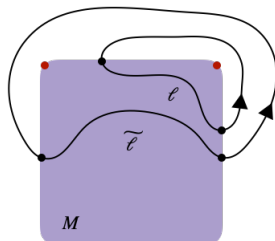
- ▶ Teo-Kane classification of defect Hamiltonians, $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$.
- ▶ d is dimension of \mathbf{k} . D is the dimension of \mathbf{r} .
- ▶ Depends on the symmetry class and the dimension of the defect.

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Real space picture of the topological invariant

- ▶ The basic idea is to treat the corner of the sample as a defect, $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}, \Phi)$.
- ▶ For class BDI the topological invariant corresponds to the number of Majorana modes bound to the corner.



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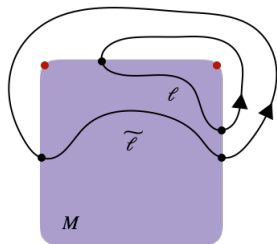
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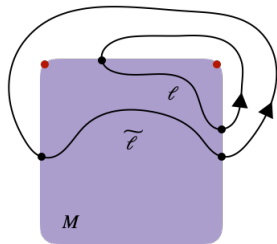
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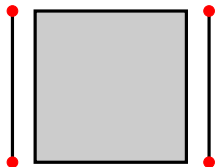
$$N_w := \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\ell} d\Phi = (2n + 1).$$

Adding the Chemical potential reduces the Z topological invariant to a Z_2 .



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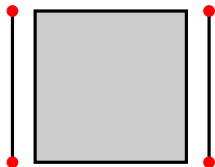
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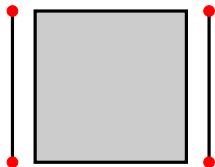
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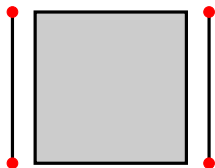
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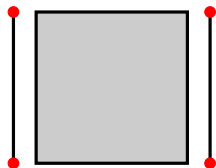
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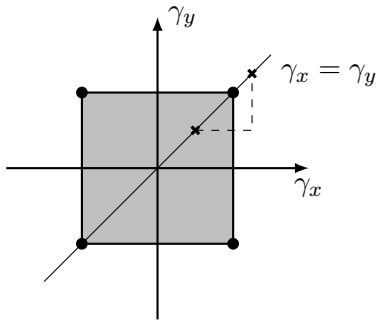
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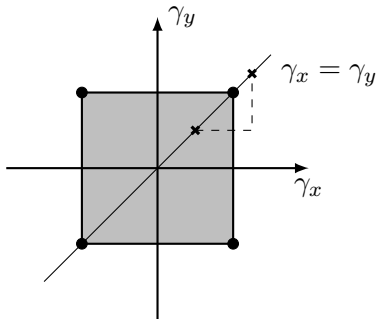
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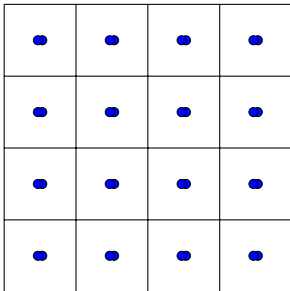
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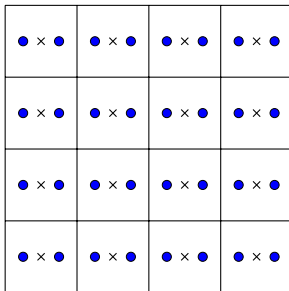
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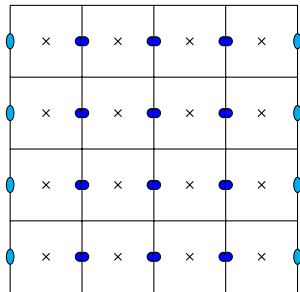
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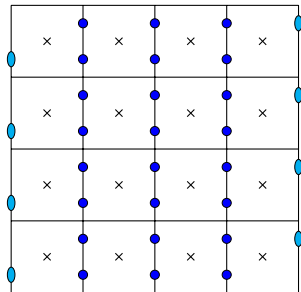
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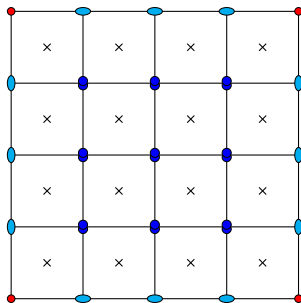
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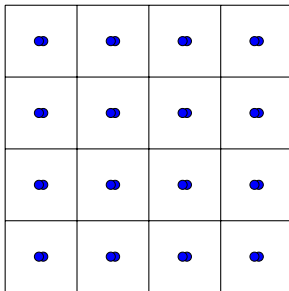
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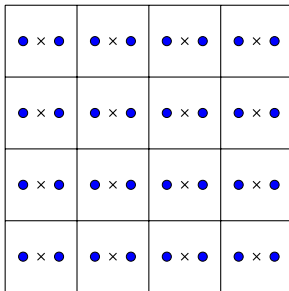
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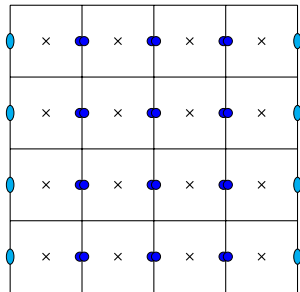
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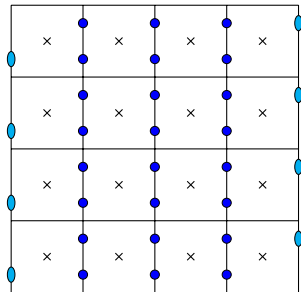
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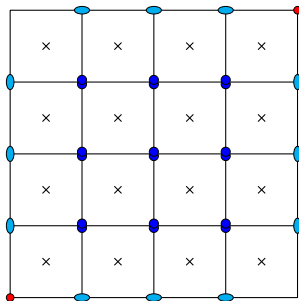
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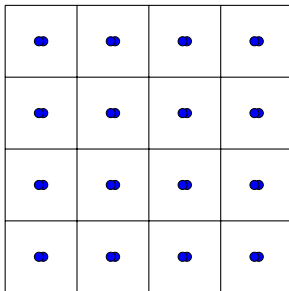
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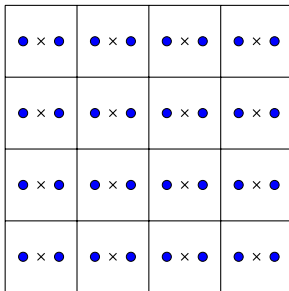
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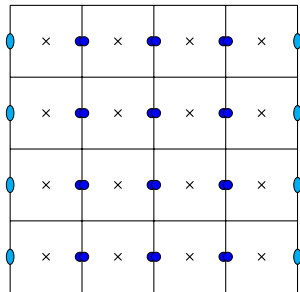
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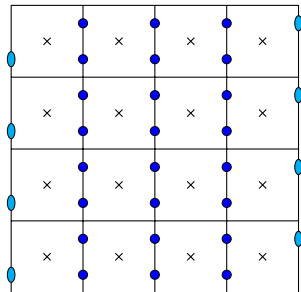
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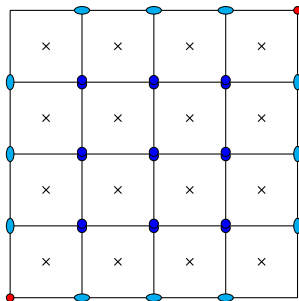
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- ▶ Next we show explicitly that our 'Dirac + $(p + ip)$ ' model with C_2 symmetry is indeed boundary obstructed, by studying its edge theory.

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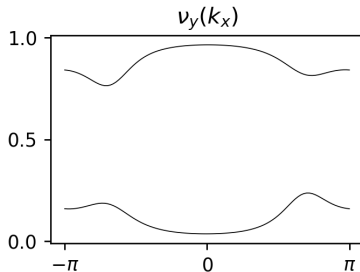
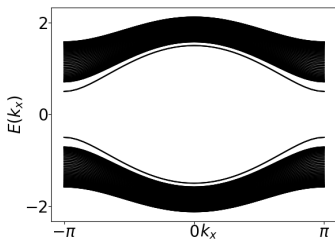
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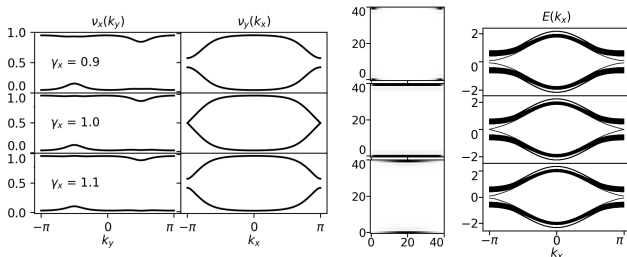
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Wannier bands detect boundary gap closing.

A relative bulk topological invariant

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- ▶ That the Wannier bands gap closing, being a property of the bulk, can be used to define some bulk topological invariant. However the exact form of that invariant may be complicated.

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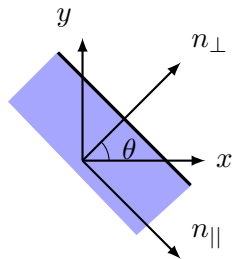
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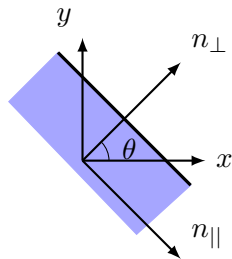
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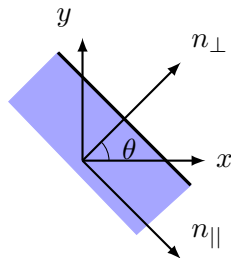
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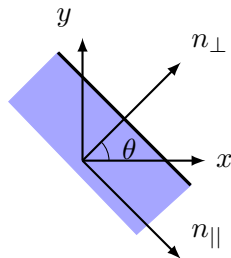
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4. The edge Hamiltonian is then,

$$h^{\text{edge}}(k_{\parallel}) = \sum_{\alpha} |\chi_{\alpha}(k_{\parallel})\rangle \epsilon^{\alpha}(k_{\parallel}) \langle \chi_{\alpha}(k_{\parallel})|$$



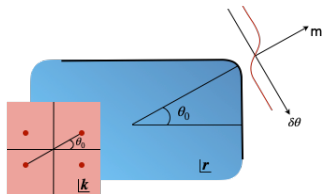
Majorana zero modes as a defect of the edge

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) = f_1(\mathbf{k})\sigma_x\tau_z + f_2(\mathbf{k})\sigma_z\tau_z \\ + \epsilon g_1(\mathbf{k})\tau_x + \epsilon g_2(\mathbf{k})\tau_y - \mu\tau_z$$

$$k_x(\theta) = k_{\perp} \cos \theta - k_{\parallel} \sin \theta$$

$$k_y(\theta) = k_{\perp} \sin \theta + k_{\parallel} \cos \theta$$

$$H \rightarrow \tilde{H} = U H U^{\dagger}$$



$$\tilde{H}(k_{\perp}, k_{\parallel} = 0; \theta_0) = \tilde{f}_1(k_{\perp})\sigma_x\tau_z + \epsilon \tilde{g}_1(k_{\perp})\tau_x - \mu\tau_z$$

Do a perturbative expansion for: (i) Small k_{\parallel} , (ii) Small $\delta\theta$

$$h(k_{\parallel}, \theta_0 + \delta\theta) = \alpha k_{\parallel} s_x + \beta \delta\theta s_y.$$

- This looks like a kitaev chain with a domain wall, hence it host a Majorana zero mode.

Summary

Model	With C_4	With C_2
With PH	HOTSC ₂ ; corner Majorana	BOTSC ₂ ; corner Majorana
Without PH	HOTI ₂ ; filling anomaly	Trivial