Codes for Projected Topological Branes

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Note: These Mathematica notebooks use relative file paths, which usually work in GNU/Linux operating systems. If you are using a different operating system (especially Windows), you may have to edit the notebooks to use absolute file paths to import and export the .dat files.

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QAHI/SquareLattice_PTB_QAHI.nb - Implements and diagonalizes the Hamiltonian of this system on a square lattice and its projected branes. Then it exports the energy eigenvalues and the probability density of the eigenvectors closest to zero energy to .dat files in the directory QAHI/data.

QAHI/EnergySpectra_QAHI.nb - Imports the dat files from QAHI/data and generates plots, which have been used in Fig. 2 of the main manuscript.

2. Projected Quantum Anomalous Hall Insulator (QAHI) with line dislocation — We have implemented the spinless Bernevig-Hughes-Zhang (BHZ) model of QAHI on a square lattice with an edge dislocation. The projected branes contain the dislocation center as well.

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Dislocation_QAHI/data/Energy_Eigenvalues/EnergySpectra_QAHI_dislocation.nb — Imports the energy eigenvalues from Dislocation_QAHI/data/Energy_Eigenvalues and plots them.

3. Local Chern Number – We calculate the local Chern number of the spinless BHZ model on each site of a square lattice, and its corresponding PTB. To get the value of the local Chern number in the bulk of the system (to remove the edge effects), we draw a line through the middle of the lattice and calculate the local Chern number on the sites along this line. Similarly, for the calculation of the local Chern number on PTB, we draw a line going through the middle of the brane, and calculate the local Chern number of the projected Hamiltonian on the sites closest to that line.

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WSM/WSM_3D_real_space_PTB.nb — Generates Fermi Arc in effectively two dimensional PTB, where the parent Hamiltonian is plotted in three dimensional (real) space. The dat files are stored in WSM/RealSpaceFermiArcPlots/.

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WSM/WSM_momentum_space_Fermi_Arc_PTB.nb — Implements the Hamiltonian in real space along x and y axis, while treating the momentum along the z axis as a good quantum number. Then the Hamiltonian is projected on a brane. Fermi Arc states of the projected Hamiltonian are obtained when

 $-\pi/2 < k_z < \pi/2$. Although the system is effectively 2D (one direction in real space, and the z direction is implemented in momentum space), it continues to show Dirac Points with linear band touching. The resulting .dat files are exported to WSM/MomentumSpaceFermiArcPlots.

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WSM/RealSpaceFermiArcPlots/RealSpaceFermiArcs.nb — Generates real space Fermi Arc plots for PTB (where the x-y plane is projected to a brane, whereas k_z remains a good quantum number) from the dat files in WSM/RealSpaceFermiArcs.

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Landau_Levels/MagneticField_SquareLattice_QAHI_PTB.nb — The same as above, but the Hamiltonian (previously implemented in real space in the x-y plane) is now projected to a brane in the x-y plane, whereas k_z remains a good quantum number. The lowest Landau levels can still be visualized (shown in red in the plot).

6. Chiral Anomaly -

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Chiral_Anomaly_ChiralAnomaly_PTB.nb - The data (generated by ChiralAnomaly_PTB.nb) for the excess charge and the magnetic field is manually collected in this notebook. The excess charge is plotted against the magnetic flux (in the units of the magnetic flux quantum), for both rational and irrational slopes of the brane. Finally, the slope of the resulting plot is compared against the theoretical value, $\pi/2$.