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Pseudomagnetic fields for sound at the nanoscale CHRISTIAN BRENDEL, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light (Erlangen), VITTORIO PEANO, University of Malta, OSKAR PAINTER, California Institute of Technology, FLORIAN MARQUARDT, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light (Erlangen) — There is a growing effort in creating chiral transport of sound waves. However, most approaches so far are confined to the macroscopic scale. Here, we propose a new approach suitable to the nanoscale which is based on pseudo-magnetic fields. These fields are the analogue for sound of the pseudo-magnetic field for electrons in strained graphene. In our proposal, they are created by simple geometrical modifications of an existing and experimentally proven phononic crystal design, the snowflake crystal. This platform is robust, scalable, and well-suited for a variety of excitation and readout mechanisms, among them optomechanical approaches.

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