Supplementary Information

Valley Polarization Caused by Crystalline Symmetry Breaking

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Computation methods

All calculations were performed on the basis of density functional theory¹ as implemented in the Vienna *ab initio* simulation package (VASP).² The exchange-correlation interaction was treated by the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) in form of Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) functional.³ The cutoff energy was set to 500 eV. The lattice constant and atom position were relaxed until the force on each atom was less than 0.01 eV/Å, and the electronic iterations convergence criterion was set to 1×10^{-5} eV. A Monkhorst–Pack (MP) grid of $15 \times 15 \times 1$ was used to sample the Brillouin zone.⁴ To avoid the interactions between adjacent layers, a vacuum space of 20 Å was applied. The spin–orbit coupling (SOC) was considered in the calculations. The vibrational properties were obtained with PHONOPY code,⁵ in which the force constants were calculated with the finite-displacement method.

Tight-binding model

In this section, we show the details of the tight-binding (TB) model for the checkboard lattice, and two p orbitals were considered in our TB model. There are two sublattices in a unit cell, e.g., α and β sublattices, and we denote them as $\mu = \alpha_{\beta}\beta$. The atom positions are denoted as $r_{n\mu} = R_n + r_{\mu}$, where R_n is the lattice vector and r_{μ} is the relative positions of the atoms in unit cell. The atomic orbital wave function is $\varphi_{\gamma}(r - r_{n\mu})$, where γ refers to p_x and p_y . Then, the TB model is represented as

$$H_0 = \sum_{n,\mu} \varepsilon_{n\mu} c_{n\mu}^{+} c_{n\mu} + \sum_{n,\alpha,\beta} t_n^{\alpha\beta} c_{n\alpha}^{+} c_{n\beta} + h.c.\#(1)$$

Under the Fourier Transformation, the TB Hamiltonian in the momentum space can be written as

$$H_0(k) = H_+(k) + H_-(k)\#(2)$$

$$H_{0}(k) = \sum_{n,\mu} \varepsilon_{n\mu} c_{n\mu}^{+}(k) c_{n\mu}(k) + \sum_{n,\alpha,\beta,\delta_{i}} t_{\delta_{i}}^{\alpha\beta} e^{-ik \cdot (r_{n\alpha} - r_{n\beta})} c_{n\alpha}^{+} c_{n\beta} + h.c.\#(3)$$

with basis being $(|p_{x'}\alpha,k\rangle,|p_{y'}\alpha,k\rangle,|p_{x'}\beta,k\rangle,|p_{y'}\beta,k\rangle)^T$, thus the matrix form of the Hamiltonian is

$$H_{0} = \begin{pmatrix} h_{\alpha x} & 0 & h_{1} & h_{2} \\ 0 & h_{\alpha y} & h_{2} & h_{1} \\ h_{1} & h_{2} & h_{\beta x} & 0 \\ h_{2} & h_{1} & 0 & h_{\beta y} \end{pmatrix} \# (4)$$

$$h_{\alpha x} = \varepsilon_{\alpha} + \alpha_1 \cos\left(k_x a\right) + \alpha_1 \cos\left(k_y a\right) \#(5)$$

$$h_{\beta x} = \varepsilon_{\beta} + \beta_1 \cos(k_x a) + \beta_1 \cos(k_y a) \#(6)$$

$$h_{\alpha y} = \varepsilon_{\alpha} + \alpha_{1} \cos(k_{x}a) + \alpha_{1} \cos(k_{y}a) \#(7)$$

$$h_{\beta y} = \varepsilon_{\beta} + \beta_{1} \cos(k_{x}a) + \beta_{1} \cos(k_{y}a) \#(8)$$

$$h_1 = 2\cos\left(\frac{k_x a}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{k_y a}{2}\right)(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\#(9)$$

$$h_2 = -2\sin\left(\frac{k_x a}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{k_y a}{2}\right)(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\#(10)$$

The parameters we used to obtain the energy dispersion shown in Fig. 1 are $\varepsilon_{\alpha} = 1.2$, $\varepsilon_{\alpha} = -1.1$, $\alpha_1 = 0.6$, $\alpha'_1 = 0.1$, $\beta_1 = -0.5$, $\beta'_1 = -0.1$, $\gamma_1 = 0.49$, $\gamma_2 = -0.1$ and a = 4.03.

Then we consider the atomic spin-orbit interaction, the basis is $(|\uparrow\rangle,|\downarrow\rangle)^T \otimes (|p_{x'}\alpha,k\rangle,|p_{y'}\beta,k\rangle,|p_{y'}\beta,k\rangle)^T$, the spin-orbit coupling term is

$$H_{so} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r_{so} \\ r_{so}^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_{so} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{ax} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_{ay} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_{\beta x} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r_{\beta y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_{ax} = i\lambda_{a1}\sin(k_{x}a) + \lambda_{a2}\sin(k_{y}a)$$
$$r_{ay} = i\lambda_{a2}\sin(k_{x}a) + \lambda_{a1}\sin(k_{y}a)$$
$$r_{\beta x} = i\lambda_{\beta 1}\sin(k_{x}a) + \lambda_{\beta 2}\sin(k_{y}a)$$
$$r_{\beta y} = i\lambda_{\beta 2}\sin(k_{x}a) + \lambda_{\beta 1}\sin(k_{y}a)$$

The total Hamiltonian is given by $H = I_{2 \times 2} \otimes H_0 + H_{so} + H'$, and the perturbation of crystalline asymmetry can be written as $H' = \Delta (I_{4 \times 4} \otimes \hat{\sigma}_z)$. The model gives a pair of valleys with energy degeneracy at X and X' points as shown Figs. S1(a)–(d), and the perturbation lifts energy degeneracy between X and X' points as shown in Figs. S1(e) –

(h).

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Table S1 Total energy per atom, Bi–S bond length, and lattice parameters of TL LaOBiS₂. The total energy of the pristine structures (DS_0) is set to zero as a reference.

	DS_0	DS_1	DS_2	DS_3
Energy (meV)	0	-2.227	-2.232	-2.226
Bi-S bond (Å)	2.879/2.879	2.735/3.040	2.736/3.038	2.726/3.048
<i>a</i> (Å)	4.036	4.036	4.036	4.036
<i>b</i> (Å)	4.036	4.036	4.036	4.036



Fig. S1 Band structures calculated by tight-binding model, in which different SOC strength and perturbation of crystalline asymmetry are applied. The parameters are exhibited in corresponding dispersions.



Fig. S2 Upper panel, energy dispersion of (a) pristine DS_0 (b) DS_1 , (c) DS_2 , (d) DS_3 and (e) DS_3 with electric field applied, and the SOC is unconsidered. Lower panel exhibits the corresponding energy structures of (f) pristine DS_0 (g) DS_1 , (h) DS_2 , (i) DS_3 and (j) DS_3 with electric field applied, and take SOC into account. The Fermi level is set as zero.