# New Avenues toward Complex Pairing States



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## Basics of superconducting spintronics: combination of superconductivity and magnetism





# Andreev bound states at spin-active interfaces





### singlet-triplet mixing due to interface:

Tokuyasu, Sauls, Rainer 1988



 $(\uparrow \downarrow - \downarrow \uparrow) \rightarrow (\uparrow \downarrow e^{i\vartheta} - \downarrow \uparrow e^{-i\vartheta}) = \cos(\vartheta)(\uparrow \downarrow - \downarrow \uparrow) + i\sin(\vartheta)(\uparrow \downarrow + \downarrow \uparrow)$ 

 $\cos(\vartheta)(\uparrow\downarrow-\downarrow\uparrow)+i\sin(\vartheta)(\uparrow\downarrow+\downarrow\uparrow)$ 





### Spin of the Cooper pair:







F

SC

### Spin-polarized Andreev bound states at S/FI interfaces:

#### M. Fogelström, PRB 62, 11812 (2000)







### Slab of Superfluid 3He B with spin-active interfaces:



 $\Delta = [\sigma_X \Delta_{Xx} p_x + \sigma_Y \Delta_{Yy} p_y + \sigma_Z \Delta_{Zz} p_z](i\sigma_Y)$ 

#### LDOS at interface for normal impact trajectory





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## Large Thermoelectric effects



values of 100  $\mu$ V/K easily reachable

 $T_2 > T$ 

-200

0

0.2

0.4

0.6

0.8

1 T/T<sub>c</sub>





# Long-range spin triplet supercurrents





### Spin of the Cooper pair:







### **Induced triplet supercondutivity**

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#### Theory of Half-Metal/Superconductor Heterostructures



superconductivity with broken spin rotational symmetry triplet pairs coupled to singlet condensate





#### Various geometries appropriate for the generation of long-range spin-triplet supercurrents







# Phase batteries





#### **Phase batteries due to geometric phases:**

Prediction:geometric phase $\varphi_2$ - $\varphi_1$ modifies Josephson phase

$$I_{\uparrow\uparrow} = I_{1,1}\sin(2\Delta\chi) - I_{1,0}\sin(\Delta\chi - \Delta\phi)$$
  
$$I_{\downarrow\downarrow} = I_{1,1}\sin(2\Delta\chi) - I_{0,1}\sin(\Delta\chi + \Delta\phi)$$

couple to FM spin via FMR to induce precession of spins  $\rightarrow \Delta \varphi(t)$ 

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# Spin-polarized supercurrents for spintronics: a review of current progress

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#### non-coplanar spin arrangement







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Full lines: equilibrium phase with lowest free energy for given  $\Delta \varphi$ 

M.E. to be published in "Handbook on Spin Transport and Magnetism"





## Topology in superconductivity:

# zero-energy Andreev bound states in time-reversal symmetric superconductors



 $\boldsymbol{v}_F(\boldsymbol{p}_F)$ 

 $\rho_s$ 



 $R(\rho)$ 

trajectory

### Andreev equations:

$$\boldsymbol{R}(\rho) = \boldsymbol{R}_s + \hbar \boldsymbol{v}_F(\boldsymbol{p}_F)(\rho - \rho_s)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -i\sigma_0\partial_\rho & \Delta \\ -\tilde{\Delta} & i\sigma_0\partial_\rho \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = [\Delta_0 + \Delta \cdot \sigma] i \sigma_y \qquad \qquad \frac{\text{time-reversal symmetry:}}{\Delta^* = \Delta} \qquad \qquad \Delta^* = \Delta$$

internal discrete symmetries allow a canonical transformation to purely off-diagonal Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{W} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\sigma_y \\ -\sigma_y & -1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{W}^{\dagger} \mathcal{W} = 1 \qquad \qquad \left( \frac{u}{\underline{v}} \right) = \mathcal{W} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} u - \sigma_y v \\ -\sigma_y u - v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sigma_{y}\partial_{\rho} - \Delta \\ i\sigma_{y}\partial_{\rho} - \Delta^{\dagger} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{u} \\ \underline{v} \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} \underline{u} \\ \underline{v} \end{pmatrix}$$





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diverges for both  $\rho \to \infty$  and  $\rho \to u_s = 0$  and  $\underline{u}(\rho) \equiv 0$   $u(\rho) \equiv \sigma_y v(\rho)$   $\left(\begin{array}{c} \underline{u}\\ \underline{v}\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 0\\ \underline{v}_s\end{array}\right) e^{\int_{\rho_s}^{\rho} \Delta_0(\rho') d\rho'}$  $\left(\begin{array}{c} u\\ v\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \sigma_0\\ \sigma_y\end{array}\right) u_s e^{\int_{\rho_s}^{\rho} \Delta_0(\rho') d\rho'}$ 





> 0

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$$\frac{u}{v} \text{ diverges for } \rho \to -\infty$$

$$\frac{v}{v} \text{ diverges for } \rho \to \infty$$







 $\Delta_0(-\infty) > 0$ 

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No eigenvector for  $\varepsilon = 0$ . No bound state for  $\varepsilon = 0$ .





### Atiyah-Patodi-Singer theorem:

If for a trajectory described by the Andreev Hamiltonion with time-reversal symmetry the condition

$$\Delta_0(-\infty)\Delta_0(\infty) < 0$$

holds, then there will be a topological zero-energy bound state in the eigenvalue spectrum.

Similar statement holds for triplet order parameter with spin conserved in one direction.

See also M. Stone, Ann. Phys. 155, 56 (1984)





### Bulk-surface correspondence:

Topology can be inferred from bulk Hamiltonian

Due to time-reversal and particle-hole symmetry one can perform the following transformations:

$$\hat{\mathcal{W}}\hat{H}(\boldsymbol{k})\hat{\mathcal{W}}^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{0} & \hat{D}(\boldsymbol{k}) \\ \hat{D}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{k}) & \hat{0} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \hat{D}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \hat{L}_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{\dagger}\hat{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{k})\hat{R}_{\boldsymbol{k}} \qquad \qquad \hat{q}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \hat{L}_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{\dagger}\hat{R}_{\boldsymbol{k}}$$

1D winding number along contractable loop within Brillouin zone (not  $\mathcal{T}$ -invariant, class AIII):

$$N_{\mathcal{L}} = \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\mathrm{d}l}{2\pi i} \mathrm{Tr}\left[q^{-1}\nabla_l q\right]$$

d-wave:

$$\Delta(\mathbf{k}) = \Delta_0 [\cos(k_x) - \cos(k_y)] i\sigma_y \qquad |N_{\mathcal{L}}| = 2$$





# Symmetry and topology in non-centrosymmetric superconductors:

# strong spin-orbit coupling





#### spin-orbit interaction:

$$\hat{H}_{SO} = \frac{\hbar e}{4m^2c^2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \left[ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \Phi(\boldsymbol{r}) \times \hat{\boldsymbol{p}} \right]$$

In Bloch basis:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{s,s'} \sum_{n,n'} \left[ \varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) \delta_{nn'} \delta_{ss'} + \mathbf{L}_{nn'}(\mathbf{k}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ss'} \right] c_{\mathbf{k}ns}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}n's'}$$

$$\boldsymbol{L}_{nn'}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \frac{\hbar e}{4m^2c^2} \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} d^3 \boldsymbol{r} \, \boldsymbol{\nabla} \Phi(\boldsymbol{r}) \times [\phi_{\boldsymbol{k}n}(\boldsymbol{r})^*(-i\hbar\boldsymbol{\nabla})\phi_{\boldsymbol{k}n'}(\boldsymbol{r})]$$

Time-reversal symmetry+inversion symmetry:

$$oldsymbol{L}_{nn'}(oldsymbol{k})=-oldsymbol{L}_{n'n}(oldsymbol{k})$$

In crystals with a center of inversion the band-diagonal elements of the spin-orbit coupling vanish by symmetry:  $L_{nn}(k)=0$ .

Only time-reversal symmetry

$$oldsymbol{L}_{nn'}(oldsymbol{k})=-oldsymbol{L}_{n'n}(-oldsymbol{k})$$

In non-centrosymmetric crystals, band-diagonal matrix elements can be non-zero and indeed large (30-300meV):  $L_{nn}(k) = \alpha g(k)$ 





#### Vector field of spin-orbit vectors in non-centrosymmetric metals:







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Vorontsov, Vehter, M.E., Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 127003 (2008)





#### <u>Superconducting order parameter</u> in non-centrosymmetric materials:

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Theory of surface spectroscopy for noncentrosymmetric superconductors

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Transport equation:

$$i\mathbf{v}_F \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \hat{g}^{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{A},\mathbf{M}} + [z\hat{\tau}_3 - \hat{\Delta} - \hat{v}_{\mathrm{SO}}, \hat{g}]^{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{A},\mathbf{M}} = \hat{0}$$







### Topological invariants in non-centrosymmetric superconductors:

Due to time-reversal and particle-hole symmetry one can perform the following transformations:

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3D winding number for fully gapped systems (class DIII):

$$\nu = \int_{\mathrm{BZ}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 \mathbf{k}}{24\pi^2} \varepsilon^{abc} \mathrm{Tr} \left[ (q^{-1}\partial_a q)(q^{-1}\partial_b q)(q^{-1}\partial_c q) \right]$$

topological superconductivity

(e.g. Sato et al. 2011, Schnyder et al. 2012)

1D winding number along contractable loop (not  $\mathcal{T}$ -invariant, class AIII):

$$N_{\mathcal{L}} = \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\mathrm{d}l}{2\pi i} \mathrm{Tr}\left[q^{-1}\nabla_l q\right]$$

1D winding number along non-contractable loop of Brillouin zone torus  $T^3=S_1 \times S_1 \times S_1$  in direction of surface normal  $\mathbf{n}=(lmn)$ :

$$N_{(lmn)}(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}k_{\perp}}{2\pi i} \mathrm{Tr}\left[q^{-1}\nabla_{\perp}q\right]$$





### Topological phases in non-centrosymmetric superconductors

(b)  $\min |\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{k}_{F}^{-})|$ 





1

0.8

0.2

10 0 -5

 $\overset{\tau}{\bigtriangledown}_{s}^{0.6}$ 



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$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} \left( \xi_{\mathbf{k}} \sigma_0 + \alpha \mathbf{l}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right)_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}\beta}$$

#### **Cubic point group:**

 $\mathbf{l}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(k_x) \left[ 1 - g_2 \left( \cos(k_y) + \cos(k_z) \right) \right] \\ \sin(k_y) \left[ 1 - g_2 \left( \cos(k_z) + \cos(k_x) \right) \right] \\ \sin(k_z) \left[ 1 - g_2 \left( \cos(k_x) + \cos(k_y) \right) \right] \end{pmatrix}$ 



N. Wennerdal, M. Eschrig, PRB 2017





### Surface band structure:

### $H(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel},k_{\perp},\mathbf{R}) \to H(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel},\rho,\mathbf{R})$

 $k_{\perp}$  in the direction of the surface normal  ${\bf n}$ 

Fourier transform yields a number of terms describing hopping beween layers

$$H(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel},\rho,\mathbf{R}) = \sum_{j} H_{j}(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel},\mathbf{R}+\frac{1}{2}\rho\mathbf{n}) \ \delta(j-\rho/\rho_{0})$$

with *j* layer index, and  $\rho_0$  denotes lattice periodicity in direction of surface normal.

After discretization of center of mass variable **R** in steps of  $\rho_0$ :

$$\sum_{j=-j(l)}^{j(l)} H_j\left(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, \mathbf{n}\rho_0(l+\frac{1}{2}j)\right)\psi_j(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) = E_l(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel})\psi_l(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}), \quad il = 0, 1, \dots, L-1$$
$$j(l) = \min\{j_c, l\}$$

Only a finite number of terms due to tight binding approximation.

Nontrivial topology gives rise to dispersionless (flat-band) zero-energy Andreev bound states.





### Topological surface states in non-centrosymmetric superconductors



topological winding number N<sub>111</sub>

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### Topological surface states in non-centrosymmetric superconductors



Topologically protected zero bias states for the 111 orientiation are present for all three symmetries





Note the two different aspects of topology in condensed matter physics:

# **Topology** of ground state connects **bulk** properties with **interface** properties

**Topological excitations** give rise to dissipation





### Summary

Superfluids and superconductors show the rich interplay between spontaneous symmetry breaking and emergent symmetry

The topology of the ground state and of the excitations is closely related to the symmetry of the order parameter in topological materials

Combination of spin and Cooper pairs opens new horizons for a quickly developing field "superspintronics", contributing to solution of energy efficiency problem for data centers and supercomputers

Condensed matter systems as test ground for particle physics: e.g. equivalents of Higgs bosons, Majorana fermions, Chiral fermions may emerge at low energies