

# Odd triplet superconductivity induced by the moving condensate

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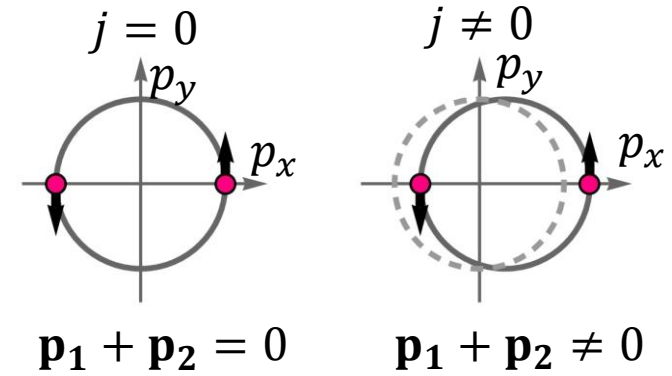


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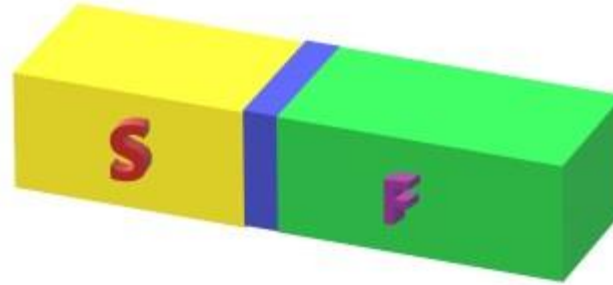
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## Main idea:

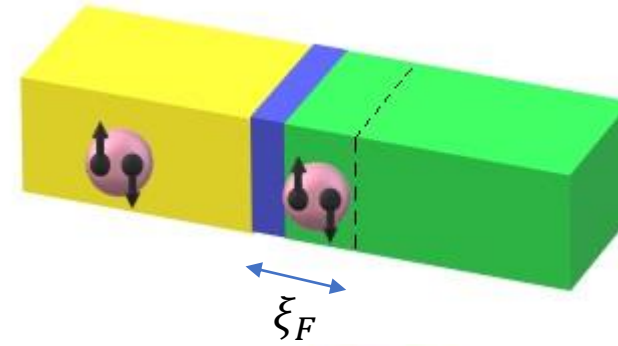
Condensate motion tends to break Cooper pairs by inducing their center-of-mass motion, which makes the momenta of two paired electrons to be not exactly opposite



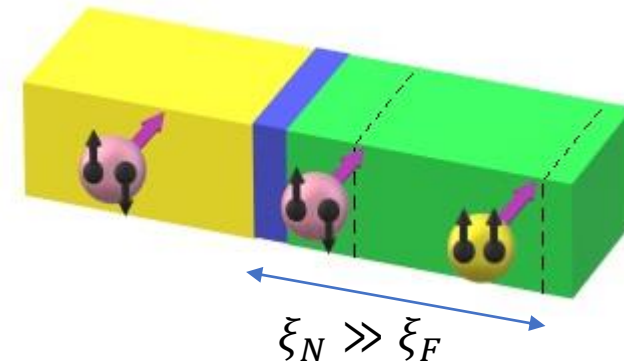
In this talk an S/F hybrid is discussed:



where there are **no superconducting correlations** deep in the ferromagnet **when the condensate is at rest**



But **triplet correlations** appear deep in the ferromagnet **if the condensate motion is induced**



# Outline

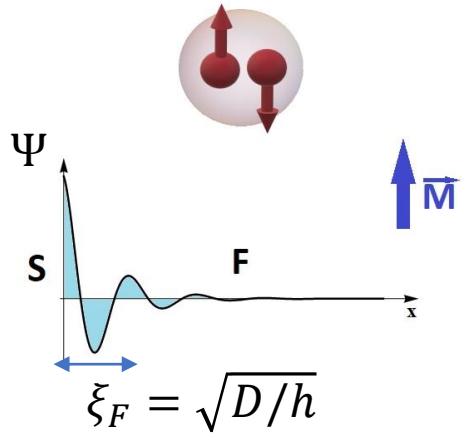
***Introduction:*** mechanisms of LRT generation in S/F hybrids with the **focus** on spin-orbit-assisted LRT generation

## ***LRT generation by the moving condensate***

- basic mechanism
- LRTs generated by Meissner currents and their manifestations in the DOS and Josephson current
- dynamical LRTs: photo-induced Josephson currents and Josephson photo-magnetic devices

# LRT generation mechanisms

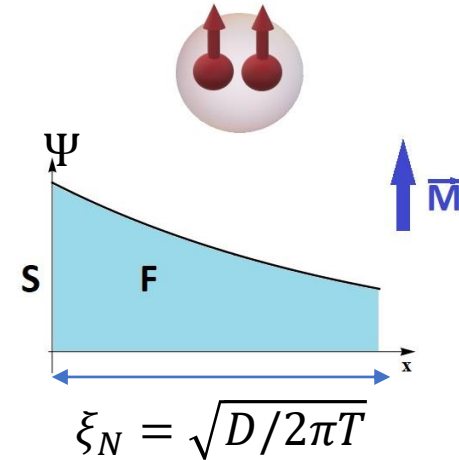
opposite-spin pair is short-range (SRT)



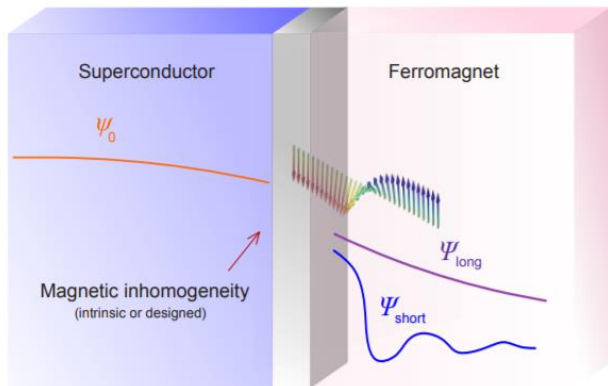
$$f_t = (d_x - id_y)|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + (d_x + id_y)|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + d_z(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

Buzdin, A. I. RMP **77**, 935 (2005);  
Bergeret, F.S., Volkov, A. F. Efetov & K. B. RMP **77**, 1321 (2005)

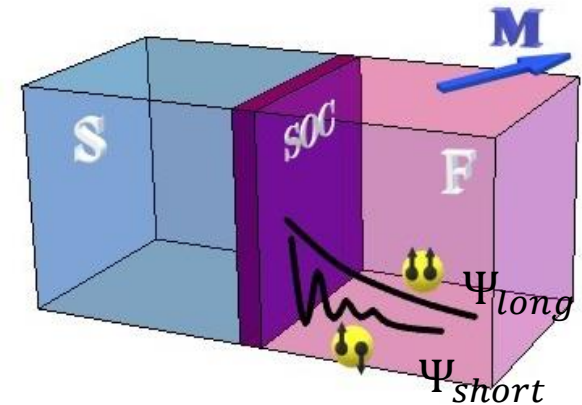
equal-spin pair is long-range (LRT)



LRT generation by a magnetic inhomogeneity



LRT generation by a spin-orbit coupling



From J. Linder, J. W. A. Robinson, Nat. Phys. **11**, 307 (2015)

# LRT generation by spin-orbit coupling

F. S. Bergeret and I. V. Tokatly, PRL **110**, 117003 (2013); PRB **89**, 134517 (2014)

$$H_0 = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} - \frac{1}{2}\Omega^a(\mathbf{p})\sigma^a + V_{\text{imp}} \quad \text{with} \quad \Omega^a(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{A}_k^a \frac{p_k}{m}$$

SRT LRT  $f_t^\perp = (f_t^x, f_t^y, 0)$

$$f_t = f_t^\parallel \hat{z} + f_t^\perp$$

Triplet correlations  $f_t$  can be divided into SRTs and LRTs:

Superconducting singlet  $f_s$  and triplet  $f_t$  condensate wave functions obey the following equations:

$$D\nabla^2 f_s - 2|\omega|f_s - 2i\text{sgn}(\omega)h^a f_t^a = 0,$$

$$D\nabla^2 f_t^a + 2C_k^{ab} \partial_k f_t^b - \Gamma^{ab} f_t^b - 2|\omega|f_t^a - 2i\text{sgn}(\omega)h^a f_s = 0$$

the precession of the spin of diffusively moving particles  
in the presence of a spatially inhomogeneous spin distribution

anisotropic Dyakonov-Perel spin relaxation

$$\Gamma^{ab} = D(\mathcal{A}_k^c \mathcal{A}_k^c \delta^{ab} - \mathcal{A}_k^a \mathcal{A}_k^b)$$

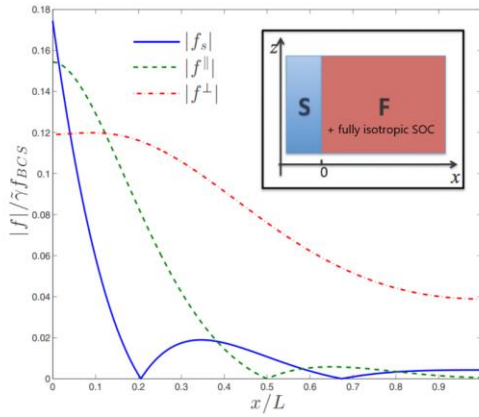
$$C_k^{ab} = D\varepsilon^{acb} \mathcal{A}_k^c$$

# LRT generation by spin-orbit coupling

the both mechanisms can generate LRTs

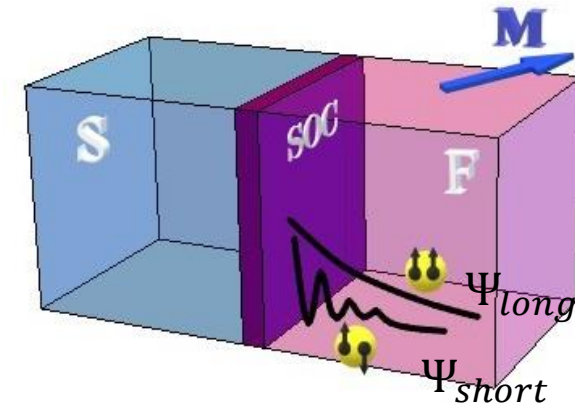
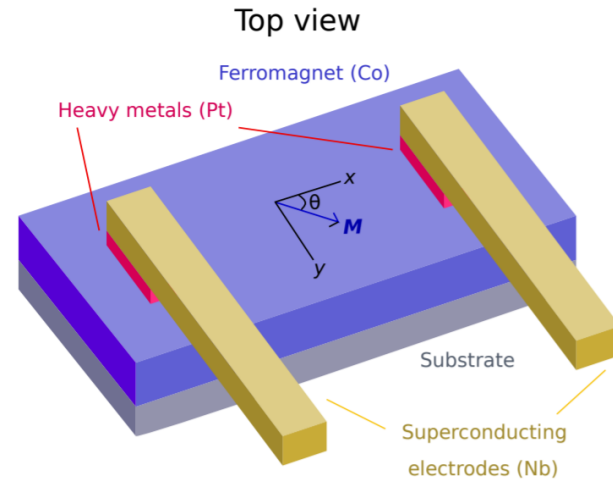
“precession”

$$2C_k^{ab} \partial_k f_t^b$$



“anisotropic Dyakonov-Perel spin relaxation”

$$\Gamma^{ab} f_t^b$$



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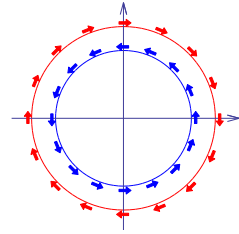
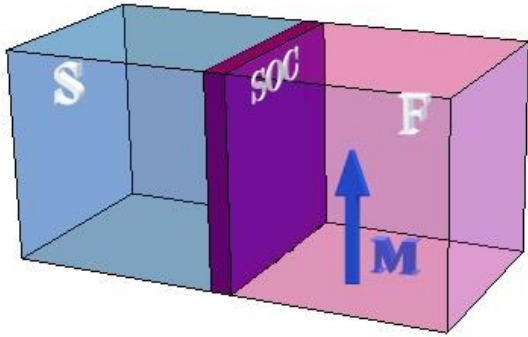
J. R. Eskilt, *et. al*, PRB **100**, 224519 (2019)

All the discussed examples of LRTs generation exploit **intrinsic material features**, **geometric inhomogeneities** engineered in the particular setup or **manipulation by the magnetization**



The inhomogeneity of the superconducting condensate phase can be easily driven externally

# LRT generation by the moving condensate

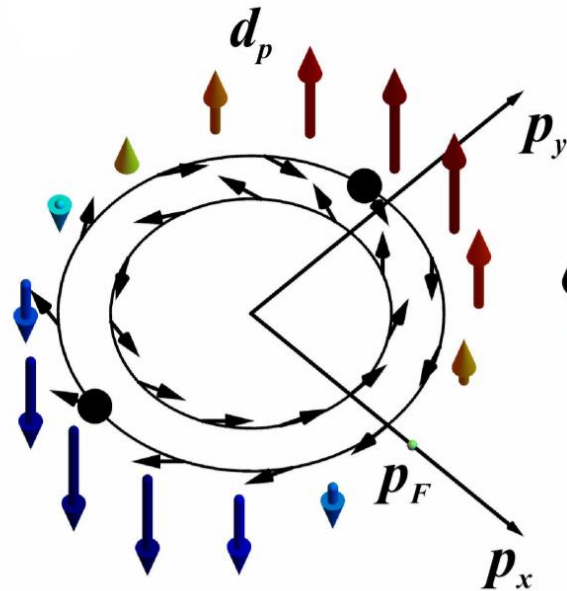


$$\hat{H} = \xi_p + \alpha(\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{n})\sigma + h\sigma$$

No intrinsic gradients of the condensate wave function;

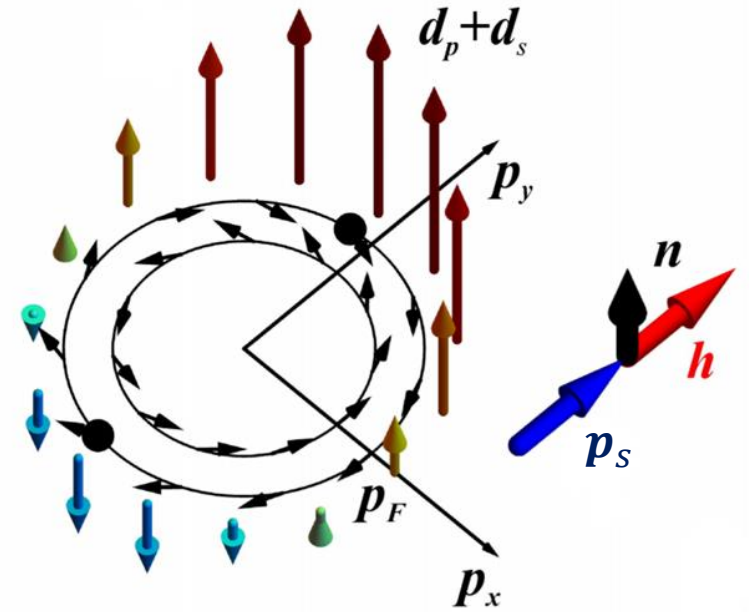
No anisotropy of the Dyakonov-Perel Spin relaxation tensor –

**No LRTs without a moving condensate**



$$\mathbf{d}_p(\mathbf{p}, \omega) = F_{pw}(\omega) \mathbf{h} \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p})$$

$$\mathbf{d}_p(\mathbf{p}) = -\mathbf{d}_p(-\mathbf{p})$$



$$F_{pw}(\omega - i\mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{p}_s) \approx F_{pw}(\omega) - i(\mathbf{v}_F \cdot \mathbf{p}_s) \partial_\omega F_{pw}$$

$$\mathbf{d}_s \propto (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}_s) \times \mathbf{h}$$

$\mathbf{d}_s$  – even spin, even momentum  $\Rightarrow$  odd frequency



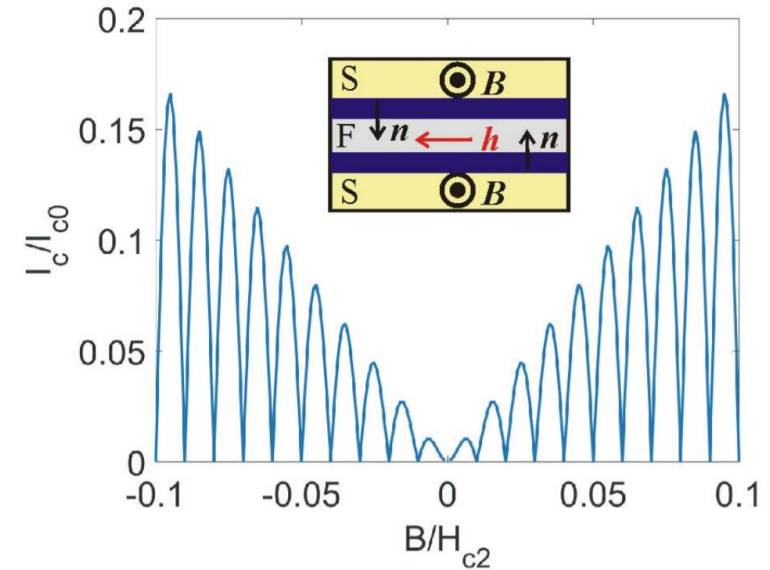
# LRT generation by the Meissner currents

M. A. Silaev, I. V. Bobkova, A. M. Bobkov, PRB **102**, 100507 (2020)

**DOS:**

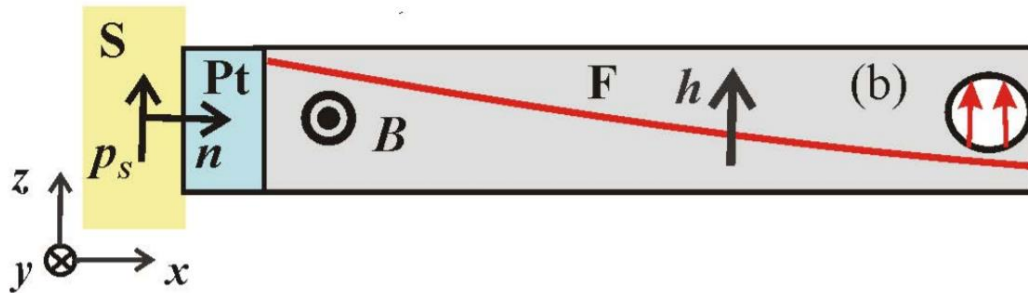
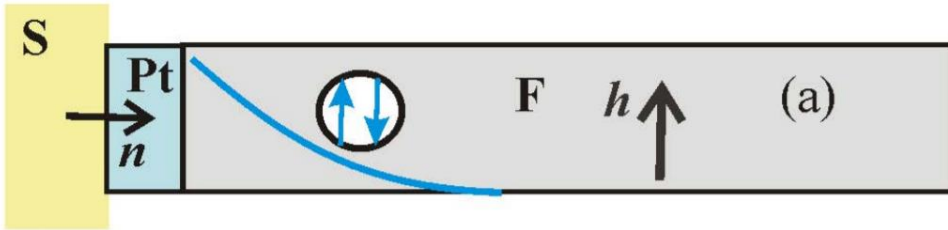
$$\delta N(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{2} |\hat{f}_t^2| (\omega = i\varepsilon + \delta) \propto B^2$$

**Josephson effect:**



$$I_c \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-2} \text{ A}$$

at  $\frac{B}{H_{c2}} \sim 0.03$  and  $S_{\text{junction}} \sim 50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$



$$p_s(d_F/2) = -p_s(-d_F/2) = B\lambda_L/\Phi_0$$

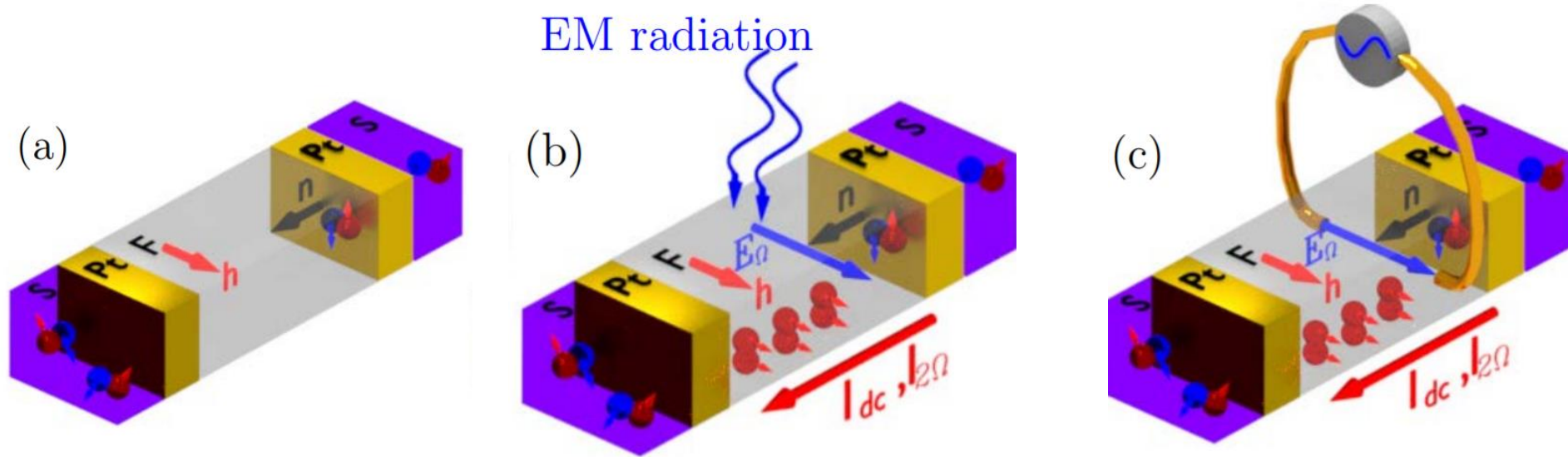


$$I_c \propto B^2 \quad \text{at } \Phi \ll \Phi_0$$

$$\text{at larger fields } I_c \propto B^2 \frac{\sin[2\pi\Phi/\Phi_0]}{2\pi\Phi/\Phi_0}$$

# Dynamical LRTs generated by microwaves

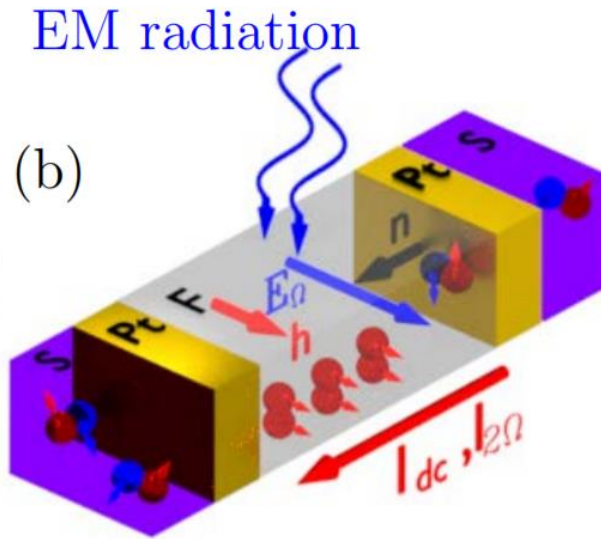
I.V. Bobkova, A.M. Bobkov, M.A. Silaev, arxiv:2007.01805



$$\mathbf{E}(t) = \mathbf{E}_\Omega e^{i\Omega t} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p}_s = -2ie\mathbf{E}_\Omega/\Omega$$

$$\mathbf{d}(\varepsilon, t) = \int dt' K_d(\varepsilon, t - t') (\mathbf{E}(t') \times \mathbf{n}) \times \mathbf{h}$$

# Dynamical LRTs generated by microwaves



$$I(\chi, t) = [I_{dc}^c + I_{2\Omega}^c \cos(2\Omega t)] \sin \chi$$

$$I_{dc}^c \propto E_{\Omega} E_{-\Omega} \text{ and } I_{2\Omega}^c \propto E_{\Omega}^2$$

$$I_{dc}^c, I_{2\Omega}^c \sim I_0$$

$$I_0 \sim \left( \frac{P}{P_c} \right) (10^{-3} - 10^{-1}) \text{ A} \quad \text{at } S_{\text{junction}} \sim 50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$$

$$P_c = (c\hbar/e^2)\hbar\Omega^2/\xi^2 \quad \text{and at } \xi = 30\text{nm} \quad P_c \approx 10(\Omega/\text{GHz})^2 \text{ W/m}^2$$

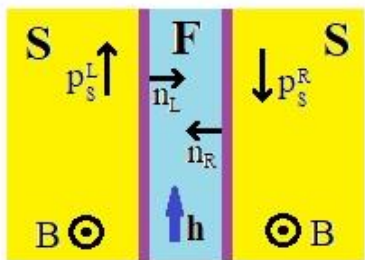
cell phones:  $\Omega \approx 3 - 4 \text{ GHz}$  and  $P \sim P_c$   $\rightarrow I_0 \sim 10^{-1} - 10^{-3} \text{ A}$

cosmic background radiation:  $P_c \approx 10^6 \text{ W/m}^2$  and  $P = 10^{-5} \text{ W/m}^2$

$\downarrow$

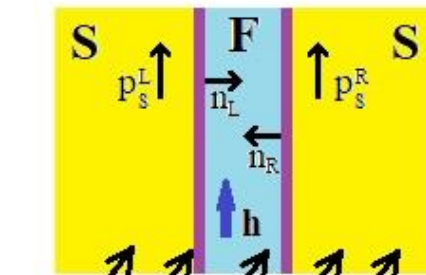
$$I_0 \sim 10^{-12} - 10^{-15} \text{ A}$$

Compare:



$$f_{t,L} \propto (\mathbf{n}_L \times \mathbf{p}_S^L) \times \mathbf{h} = f_{t,R}$$

**0-junction**



$$f_{t,L} \propto (\mathbf{n}_L \times \mathbf{p}_S^L) \times \mathbf{h} = -f_{t,R}$$

**$\pi$ -junction**

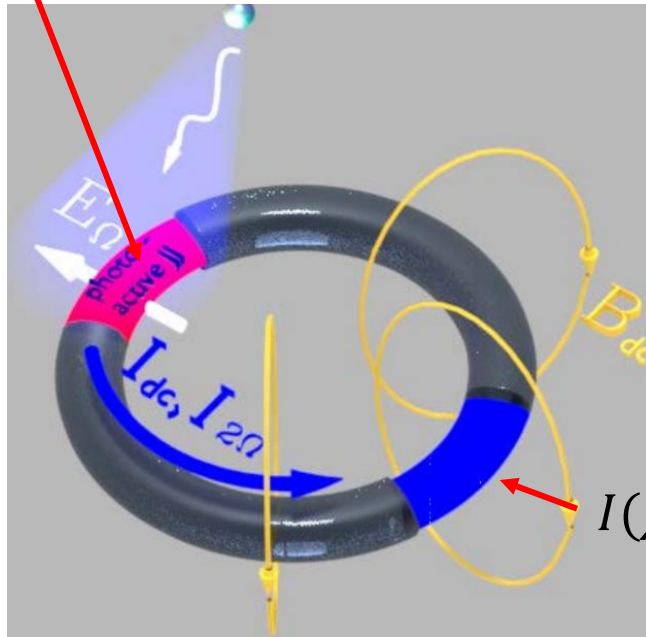
# Josephson photo-magnetic device

$$I(\chi) = [I_{dc}^c + I_{2\Omega}^c \cos(2\Omega t)] \sin\chi$$

$$\Omega \ll \omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC}$$

no external radiation: **no spontaneous current** in the ground state

under external radiation: **the zero-current state is unstable** at



$$I(\chi) = I_0^c \sin\chi$$

$$I_{dc}^c > \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \frac{\omega_0 \omega_p}{\sqrt{\omega_0^2 + \omega_p^2}}$$

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{2\pi I_0^c / C \Phi_0}$$

# Conclusions

- Moving superconducting condensate allows for externally controllable generation of LRTs in S/F hybrid structures with spin-orbit interfaces
- The LRTs manifest itself in unusual dependencies of the DOS on the applied magnetic field  $\propto B^2$  in S/F hybrids and interference patterns of the Josephson current with the envelope  $\propto B$  in S/F/S junctions
- The mechanism allows for a generation of dynamical LRTs by alternating electric fields, what results in photo-assisted Josephson effect and photo-magnetic devices

**Thank you for your attention!**