

Topological Phases in Noncentrosymmetric Superconductors and Superfluids (mainly in 2D or quasi-2D)

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Outline

1. Introduction -- What is a topological phase ?

- gapless edge states associated with topological number
c.f. quantum Hall effect, quantum spin Hall effect
- fractionalization of quasiparticles
e.g. non-Abelian statistics

2. What is a noncentrosymmetric (NC) superconductor ?

3. Topological phases in odd-parity P-wave NC superconductors

4. Topological phases in even-parity S-wave NC superconductors and superfluids of cold atoms

Introduction - What is a topological phase ?

Topological Phase of Matter (Wen, Wen-Niu, Read-Moore, Nayak-Wilczek, Fradkin et al., Kitaev, D.H.Lee et al.,)

Novel quantum many-body state

characterized not by local order parameter

(e.g. magnetic order, superconductivity,.....)

but by ***topologically non-trivial structure***



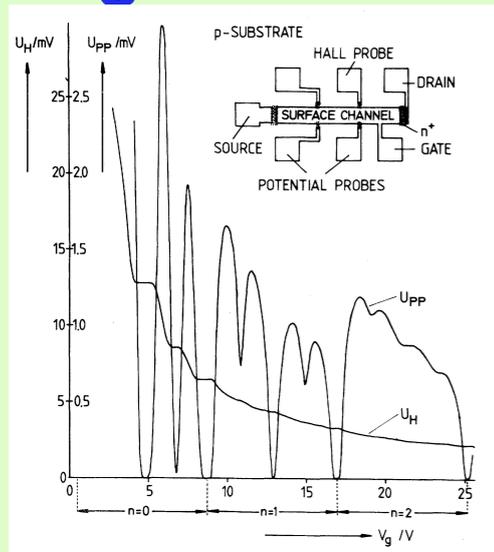
***not in real space
but in many-body
Hilbert space !***

Topological order

***It emerges
due to many-body
interaction.***

Examples of topological phase in condensed matter systems

Quantum Hall effect in 2D DEG in high magnetic fields

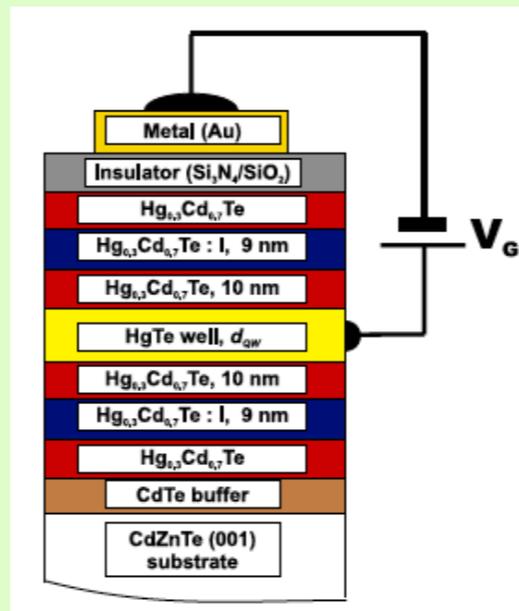


(von Klitzing et al.)

(Tsui et al.)

Abelian and non-Abelian top. order

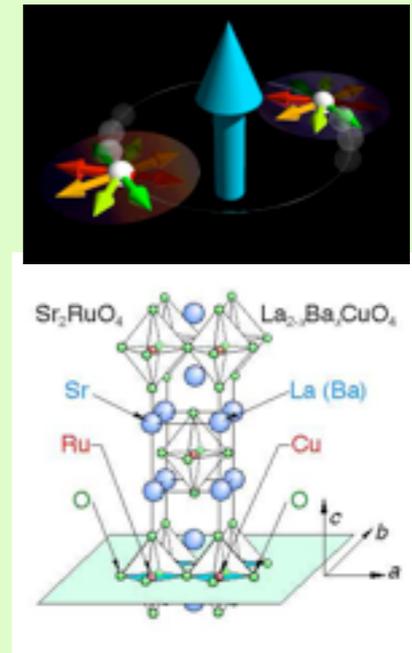
Quantum spin Hall effect in topological insulator



(Zhang et al.) (Kane and Mele)

\mathbb{Z}_2 top. order

Chiral p+ip superconductors (Sr_2RuO_4 ?)



(Y. Maeno et al.)

non-Abelian top. order

Also, spin liquid state of quantum spin systems

(Wen, Kitaev)

noncentrosymmetric superconductors and superfluids

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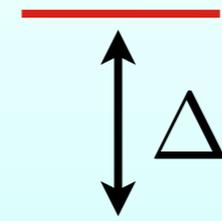
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Bulk excitation gap between the ground state and excited states

Quantum Hall state

1st excitation energy



G.S. energy

Integer QHE : Gap between the Landau levels

Fractional QHE : Coulomb gap

Superconductor (Superfluid)

BCS gap $\Delta_k = \langle c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma'}^\dagger \rangle$ *without nodes*

s-wave state $\Delta_k = \Delta$

p+ip-wave state $\Delta_k = \Delta(k_x + ik_y)$

BW phase of *p*-wave state

~~*d*-wave~~

nodes of gap $\Delta_k = 0$
for some *k*-points

e.g. *d*-wave SC

$$\Delta_k = \Delta_0(\cos k_x - \cos k_y)$$

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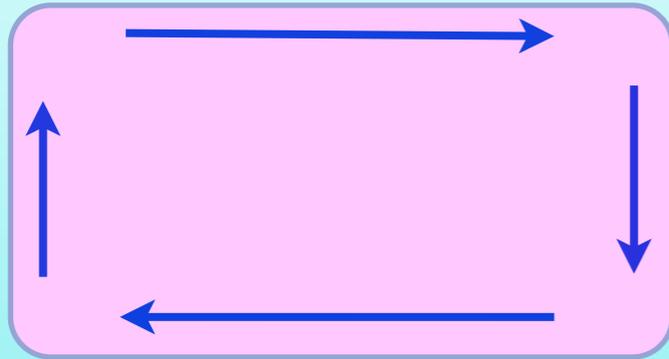
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Gapless edge states characterizing topological phases

Case with broken time-reversal symmetry

Quantum Hall state



chiral edge states (origin of Integer QHE)

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} n_c \quad \text{first Chern number} = \# \text{ of edge modes}$$

$$n_c = \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{4\pi} i\epsilon_{\mu\nu} \langle \partial_{k_\mu} \psi | \partial_{k_\nu} \psi \rangle$$

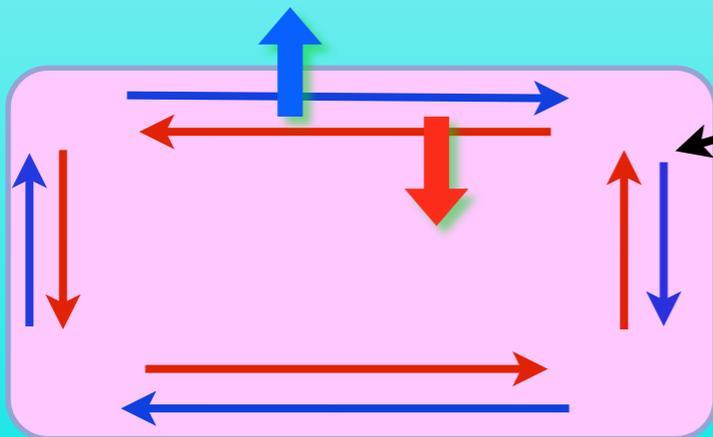
(Thouless, Kohmoto, Nightingale, den Nijs; Hatsugai)

Time-reversal invariant case

(Chern number = 0)

Quantum spin Hall state (topological insulator)

(Kane, Mele, Bernevig, Hughes, Zhang,)



helical edge states
zero charge current, nonzero spin current
origin of quantum spin Hall effect

Z_2 invariant (Kane, Mele)

parity of spin-resolved first Chern number
takes only two values (trivial or non-trivial)

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e.g. fractional charge, spin, (c.f. FQHE)

fractional statistics (Abelian topological order)

Majorana fermion (half of conventional fermion)

non-Abelian statistics (non-Abelian topological order)

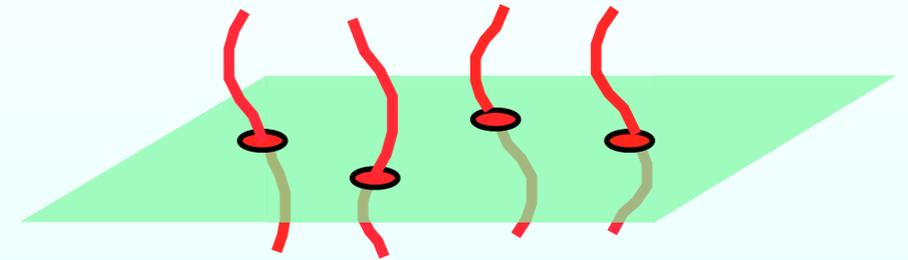
(Read, Moore, Green, Nayak, Wilczek, Ivanov, Lee, Zhang, Xing)

Non-Abelian statistics of vortices in *spinless* p_x+ip_y superconductors

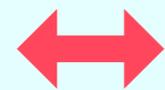
(Read and Green 2000, Ivanov 2001, Stone and Chung 2006)

Non-Abelian anyon: vortex of SC order

$$\Delta = \Delta_0 e^{i\phi}$$



★ There is **a zero energy mode** in a vortex core of $p+ip$ SC. (Kopnin-Salomaa)



conventional s-wave SC

$$E_{\text{core}} \sim \Delta^2 / E_F$$

No zero mode exists

★ The zero energy mode is a **Majorana fermion !!**

Bogoliubov quasiparticle $\gamma^\dagger = \int d\mathbf{r} [u_E(\mathbf{r})c^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) + v_E(\mathbf{r})c(\mathbf{r})] \rightarrow \gamma^\dagger = \gamma$

Because of particle-hole symmetry of BCS Hamiltonian $\Gamma \hat{\mathcal{H}} \Gamma = -\hat{\mathcal{H}}^*$ $\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

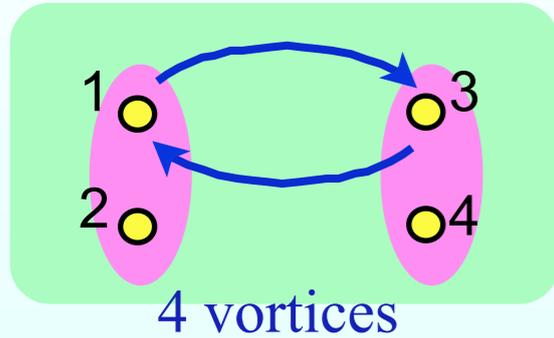
if $\hat{\mathcal{H}}\psi = E\psi$ then $\hat{\mathcal{H}}\Gamma\psi^* = -E\Gamma\psi^*$ $\psi^T = (u, v)$

→ If there is only one independent zero energy solution of Bogoliubov-de-Gennes eq.

$$\psi = \Gamma\psi^* \rightarrow \gamma^\dagger = \gamma$$

A vortex with a Majorana mode obeys the non-Abelian statistics

e.g.



topological degeneracy of Majorana fermion states

$$\psi_1 = (\gamma_1 + i\gamma_2)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\psi_2 = (\gamma_3 + i\gamma_4)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$|n_1, n_2\rangle = (\psi_1^\dagger)^{n_1} (\psi_2^\dagger)^{n_2} |0, 0\rangle \quad n_i = 1 \text{ or } 0 \text{ (occupied or unoccupied)}$$

two-fold degenerate states $(|1, 1\rangle, |0, 0\rangle)$ or $(|1, 0\rangle, |0, 1\rangle)$

Exchange of 1 and 3 $\gamma_1 \rightarrow \gamma_3 \quad \gamma_3 \rightarrow -\gamma_1$

← phase winding due to vortex

$$\tau_{31} = e^{\frac{\pi}{4} \gamma_3 \gamma_1}$$

$$\tau_{31} \gamma_1 \tau_{31}^\dagger = \gamma_3$$

$$\tau_{31} \gamma_3 \tau_{31}^\dagger = -\gamma_1$$

$$\tau_{31} |1, 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1, 1\rangle + |0, 0\rangle)$$

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→ unitary transformation in the degenerate G.S. space

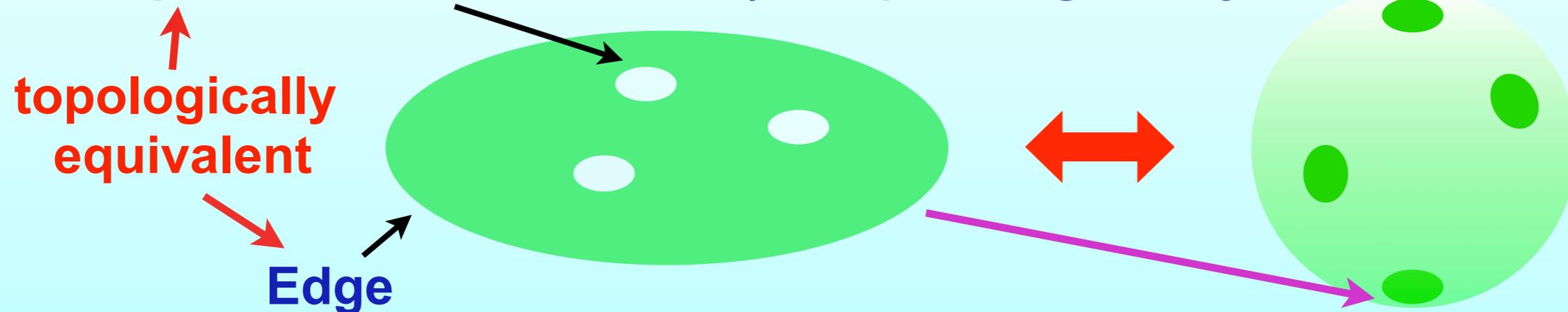
Not commutative !

Non-Abelian statistics emerges !

Low energy effective theory for non-Abelian topological phase: Topological field theory and conformal field theory

Low energy theory for bulk : level-k SU(2) Chern-Simons theory

Quasiparticle = vortex for SC (hole piercing the system)



For edge and holes(quasiparticles) : SU(2)_k Wess-Zumino-Witten CFT

central charge: $c = 1 + \frac{2(k-1)}{k+2}$

U(1) charge part
(fractional charge for FQHE)

for superconductors, this part is absent,
because quasiparticles are the
superpositions of particle and hole

Z_k parafermion CFT,
non-Abelian part

for k=2 $\frac{2(k-1)}{k+2} = \frac{1}{2}$
Ising CFT
(Z₂ parafermion
= Majorana fermion)
Case of SC

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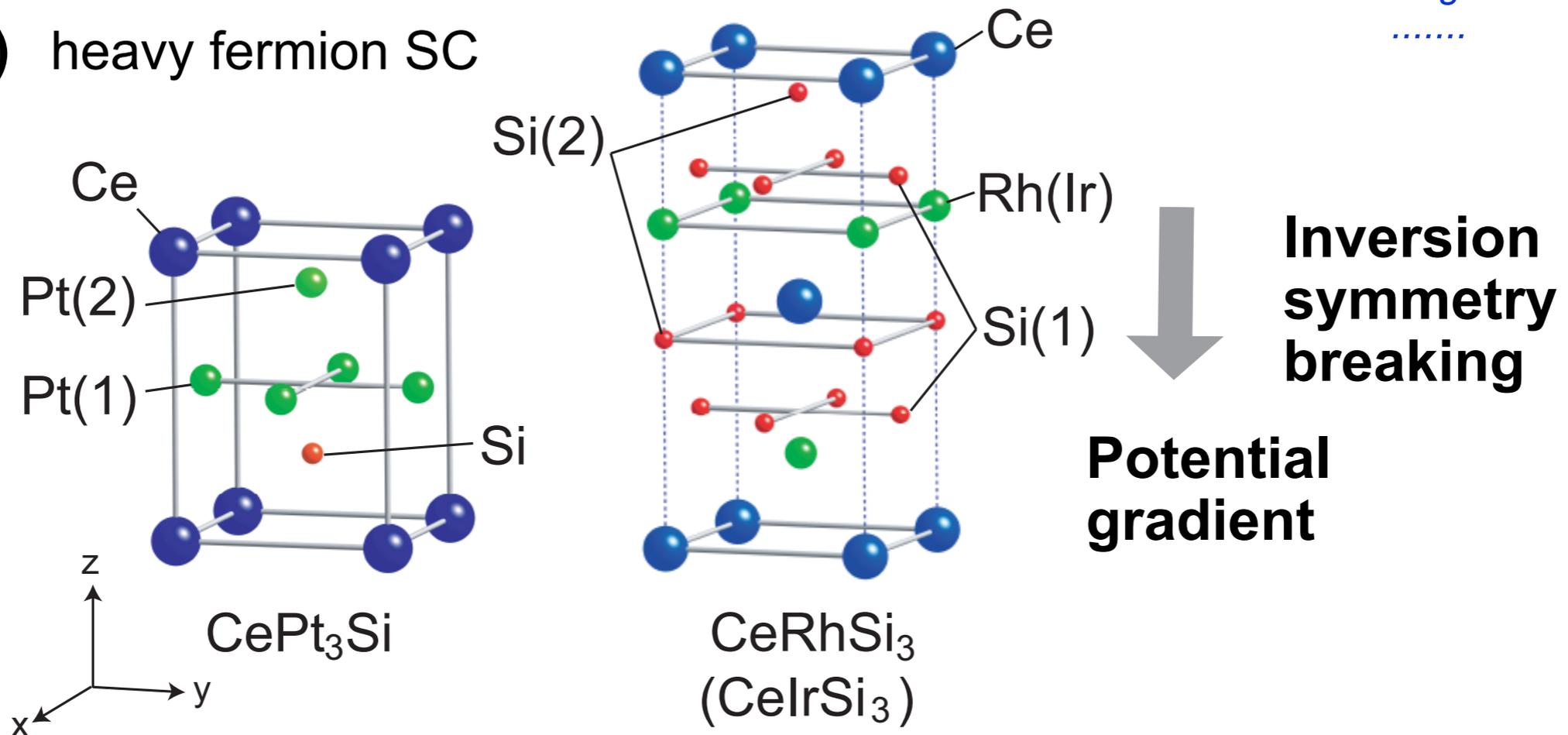
Non-centrosymmetric Superconductors

Superconductors with no inversion symmetry in their crystal structure

CePt₃Si, UIr, CeRhSi₃, CeIrSi₃, Cd₂Re₂O₇, Li₂Pt₃B, Li₂Pd₃B, ...

*Bauer et al. (2004),
Kimura et al. (2005),
Sugitani et al. (2006),
.....*

Eg.) heavy fermion SC



Asymmetric potential gradient

$$\vec{\nabla}V \parallel (001)$$

Anti-symmetric Spin-orbit interaction
(Rashba interaction)

$$(\vec{p} \times \vec{\nabla}V) \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

Broken inversion sym.

$$\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}$$

$$(\vec{p} \perp \vec{\nabla}V)$$

Broken Spin inversion sym.

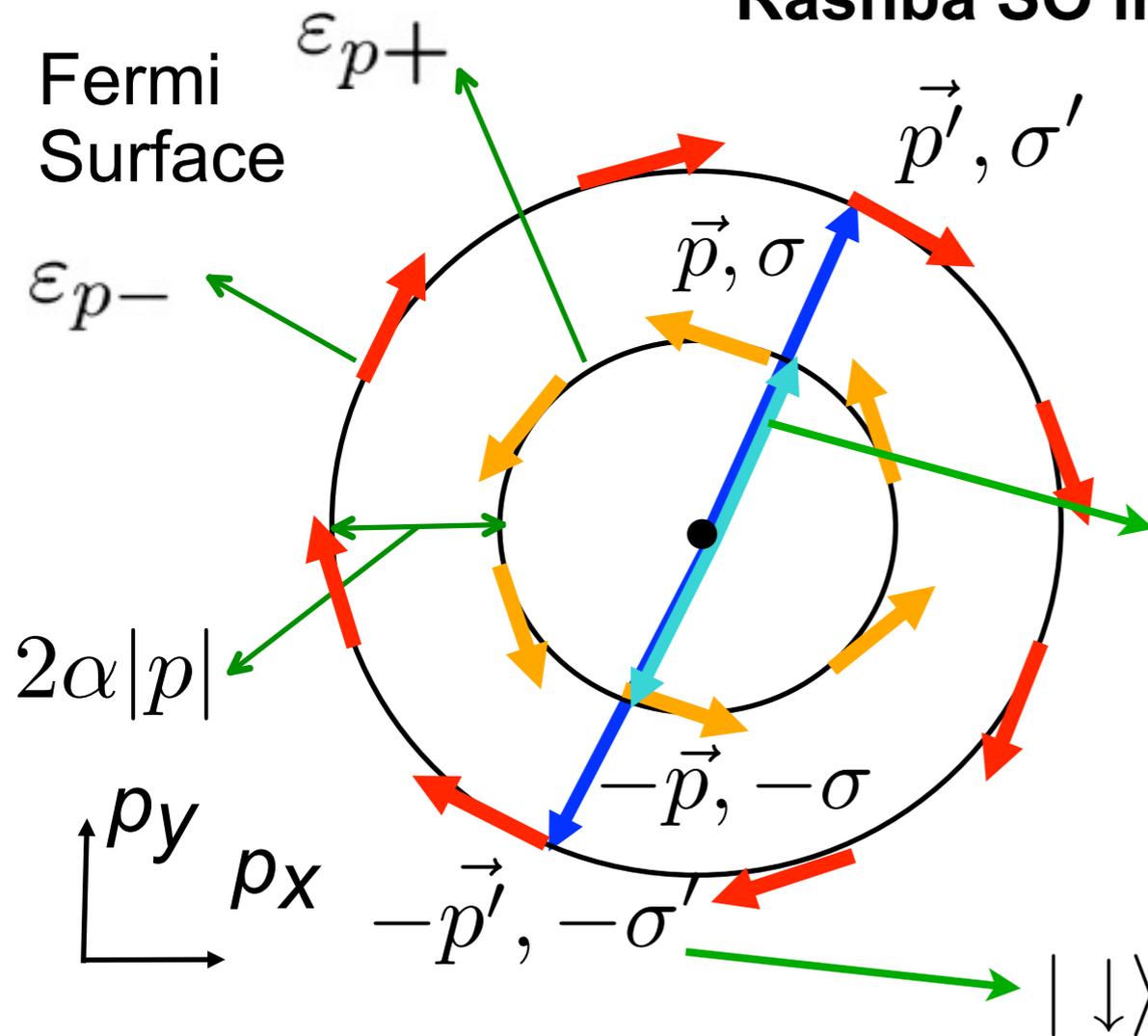
$$\sigma \rightarrow -\sigma$$

Non-centrosymmetric Superconductors (contd.)

Edelstein, JETP68, 1244(1989) ; Gor'kov-Rashba(2001); Yip(2002), Frigeri et al.(2004)

Parity non-conserved \longrightarrow **Mixture of spin singlet and triplet states**

Rashba SO int.



$$E_{p\sigma\sigma'} = \varepsilon_p + \alpha(\vec{p} \times \vec{n}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\sigma\sigma'}$$

$\vec{n} = (0, 0, 1)$ "Zeeman energy" depending on \vec{p}

$$\longrightarrow \varepsilon_{p\pm} = \varepsilon_p \pm \alpha|p|$$

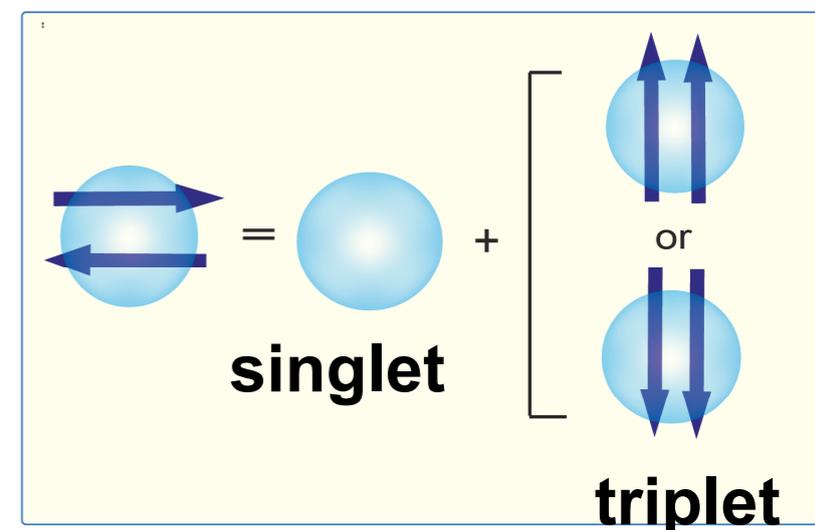
$$|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle) \quad \text{singlet}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}(|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle) \quad \text{triplet with } S_{\text{in-plane}} = 0$$

Superconducting gap

$$\hat{\Delta}(p) = \Delta_s(p)i\sigma_y + \Delta_t(p)(\vec{p} \times \vec{n}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}i\sigma_y$$

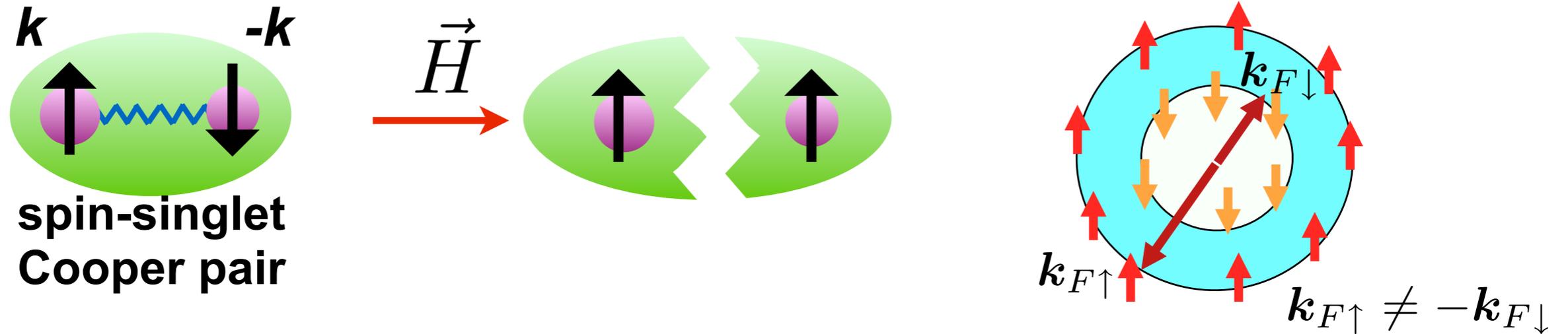
d-vector is constrained by the SO int.



Suppression of conventional superconductivity with inversion symmetry due to magnetic fields

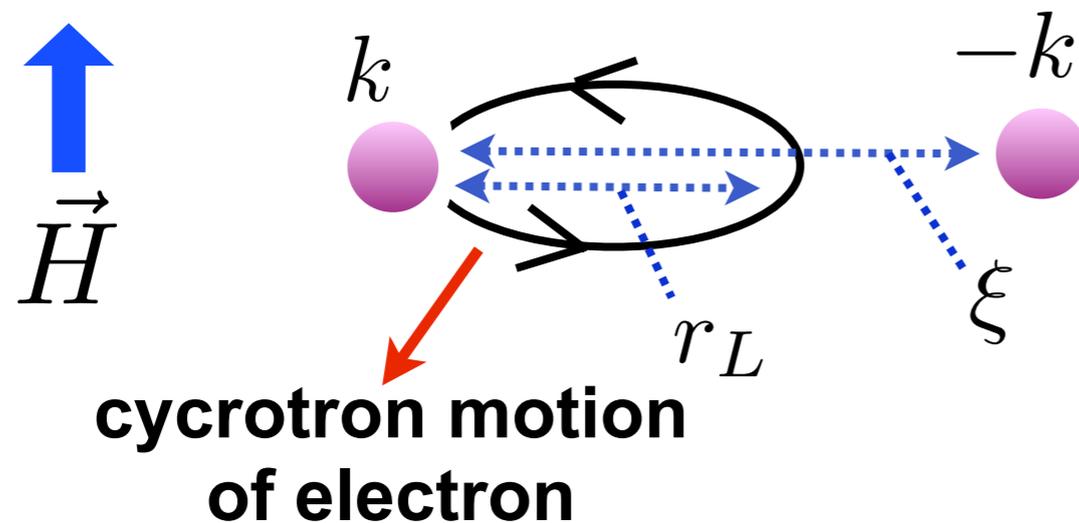
(I) Zeeman effect breaks spin-singlet Cooper pairs

(Pauli depairing effect)



(c.f. spin-triplet Cooper pairs are not destroyed by this effect)

(II) Lorentz force breaks Cooper pairs (Orbital depairing effect)



ξ : coherence length for SC

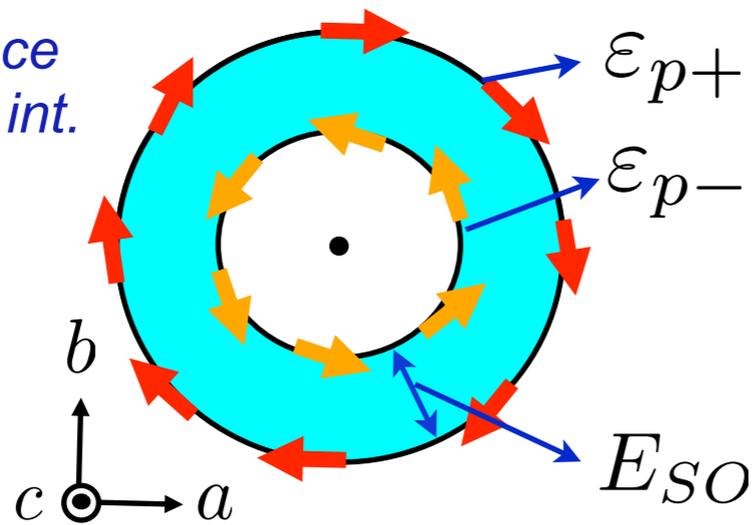
r_L : Larmor radius

For $\xi > r_L$

Cooper pairs are destroyed

In the case of NCS, Pauli depairing effect is strongly suppressed !!

SO split Fermi Surface
for Rashba-type SO int.



for $H_z \parallel c$

$$\chi_N =$$

$$\chi_{VV} = - \sum_p \frac{f(\varepsilon_{p+}) - f(\varepsilon_{p-})}{\varepsilon_{p+} - \varepsilon_{p-}}$$

↑
orbital term

H_P : Pauli limiting field

For $H > H_P$, SC is destroyed by the Pauli depairing effect

Energy balance
between the normal state
and the SC state

$$\frac{\chi_N H_P^2}{2} = \frac{\chi_S H_P^2}{2} + \frac{N(0)\Delta^2}{2}$$

For $E_{SO} \gg \Delta$ $\chi_N \approx \chi_S \rightarrow H_P \rightarrow \infty$

Large orbital susceptibility suppresses Pauli depairing effect !!

Not due to parity-mixing !

even for pure spin-singlet case, $H_P \rightarrow \infty$

(Frigeri et al. 2004, S.F. 2007)

Suppression of Pauli depairing effect due to antisymmetric SO interaction depends on the direction of applied magnetic fields

anti-symmetric SO int. $\mathcal{H}_{SO} = \lambda \mathcal{L}(k) \cdot \sigma$

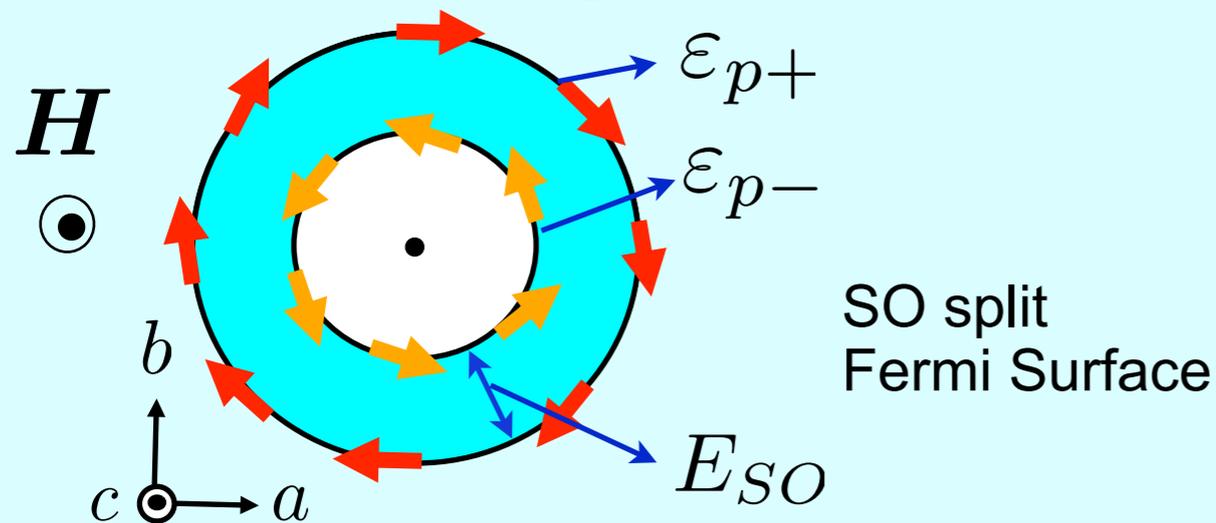
For magnetic field satisfying $\mathcal{L}(k) \cdot H = 0$, Pauli depairing effect is suppressed

Rashba SO interaction: $\mathcal{L}(k) = (k_y, -k_x, 0)$

$H \parallel z$ -axis

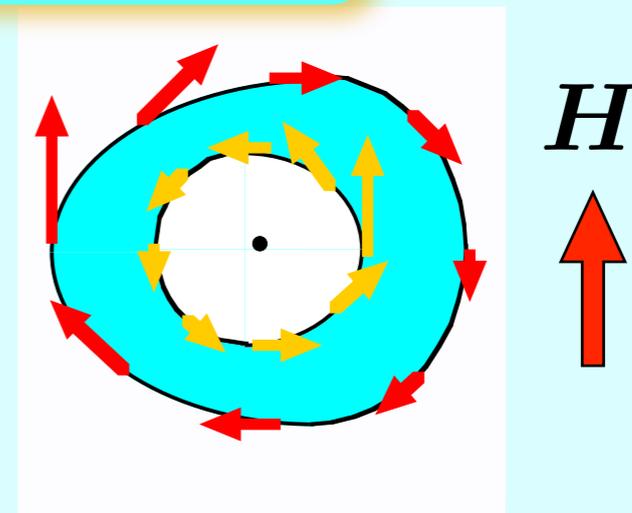
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asymmetric deformation of Fermi surface raises Pauli depairing effect

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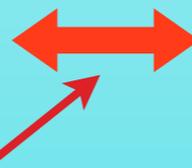
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In the case with \mathcal{T} -symmetry

Rashba p -wave SC 
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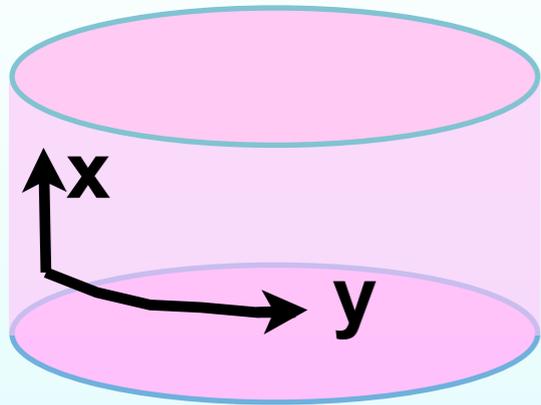
$(p+ip \text{ SC})+(p-ip \text{ SC})$
 Z_2 topological order
(quantum spin Hall effect state)
(c.f. Schnyder, Ryu, Furusaki, Ludwig, (2008),
Qi, Hughes, Raghu, Zhang (2009))

In the case with broken \mathcal{T} -symmetry

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$p+ip \text{ SC}$
(Read-Moore state of FQHE)
Non-abelian topological order

Energy spectrum of 2D Rashba SC: gapless edge states

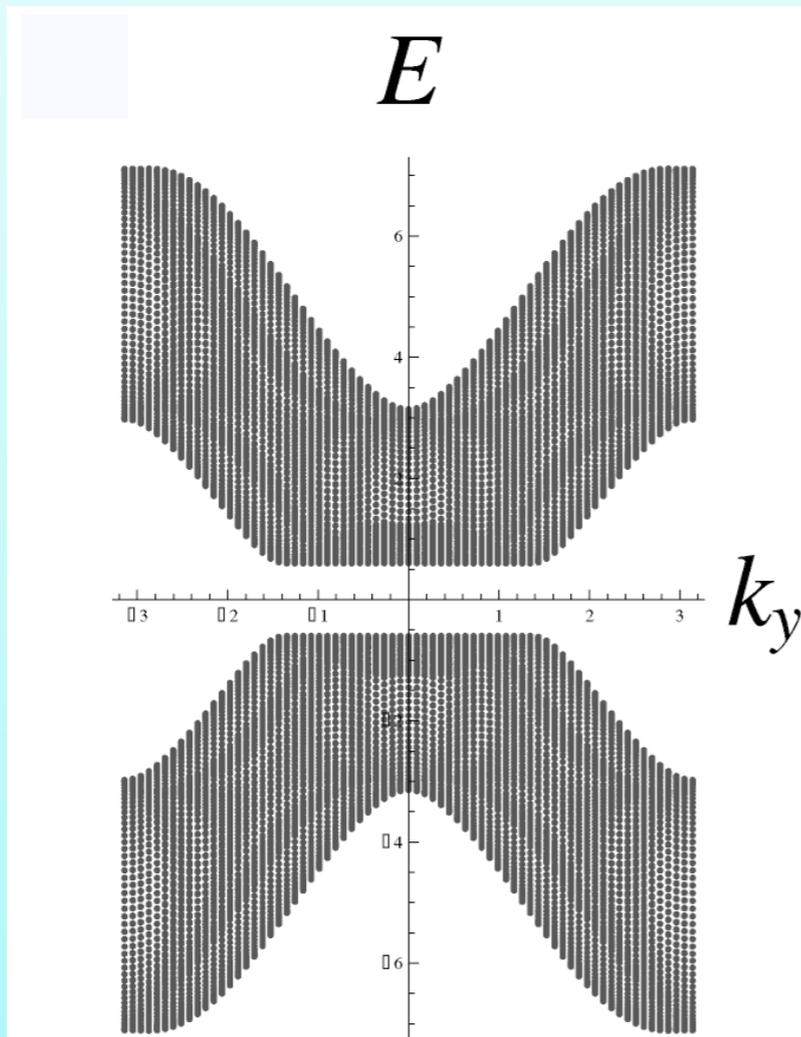


open boundary condition for x-direction
 periodic boundary condition for y-direction

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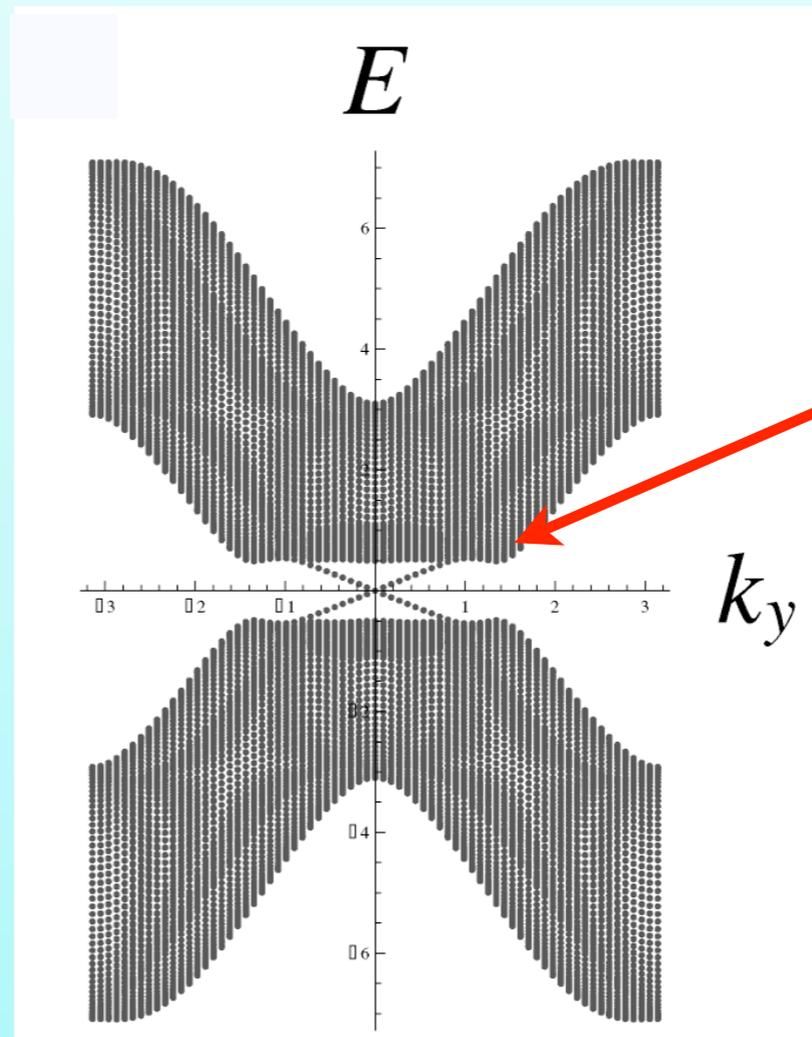
Case without magnetic fields (with \mathcal{T} -symmetry)

No gapless edge modes



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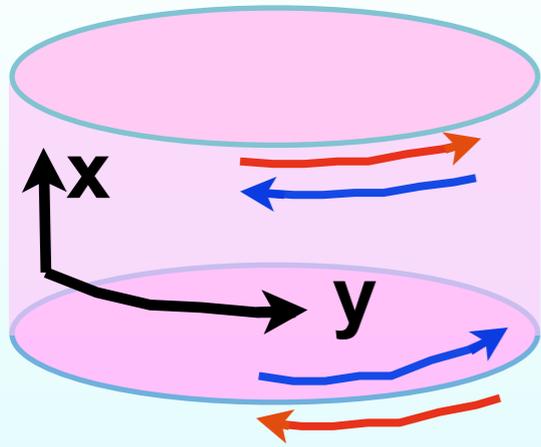
4 modes
 (left-moving,
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 X 2 bands)

Chern # = 0

\mathbb{Z}_2 invariant
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(M. Sato, 2009)

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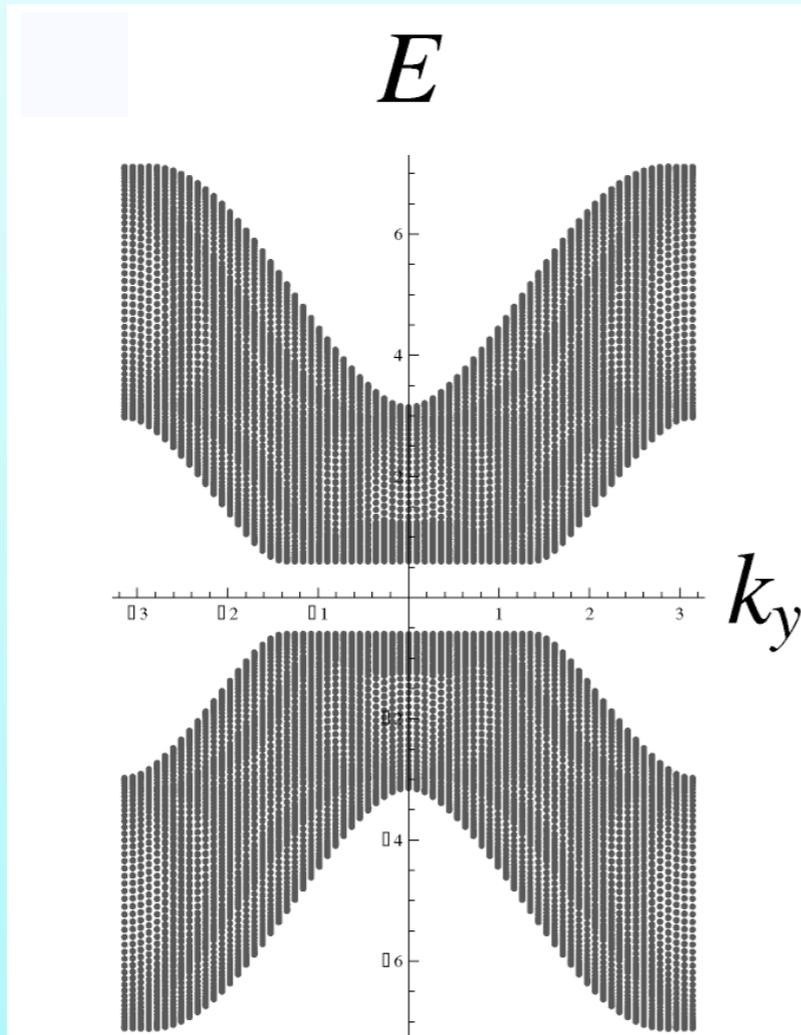


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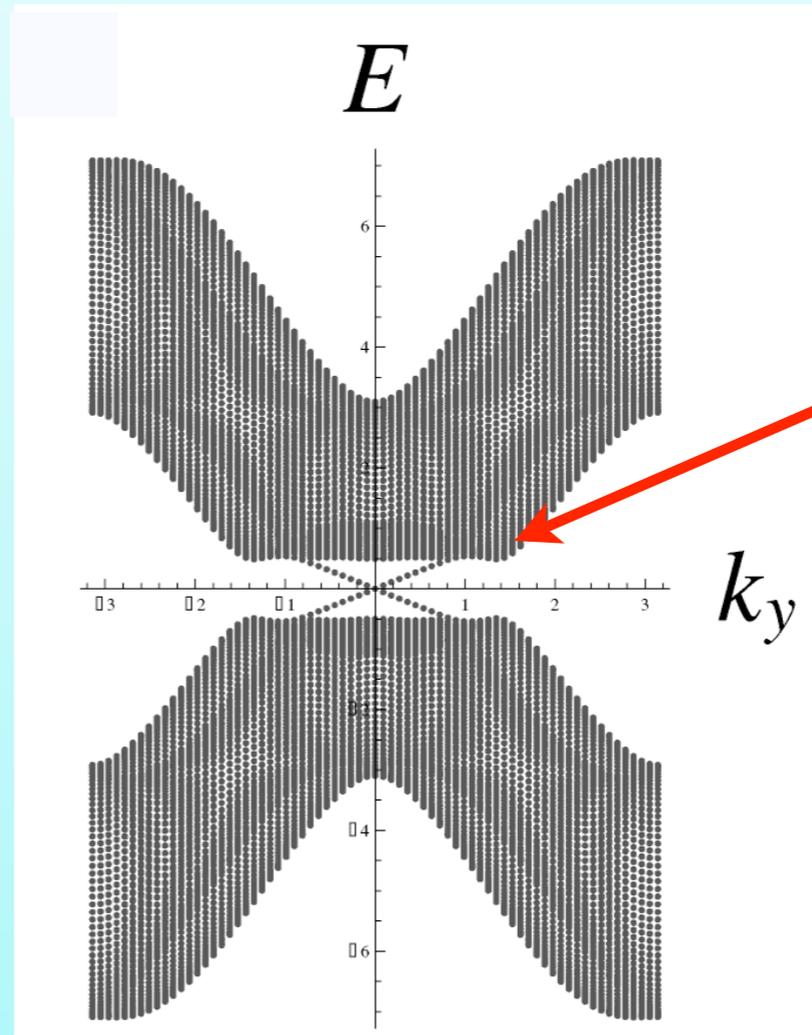
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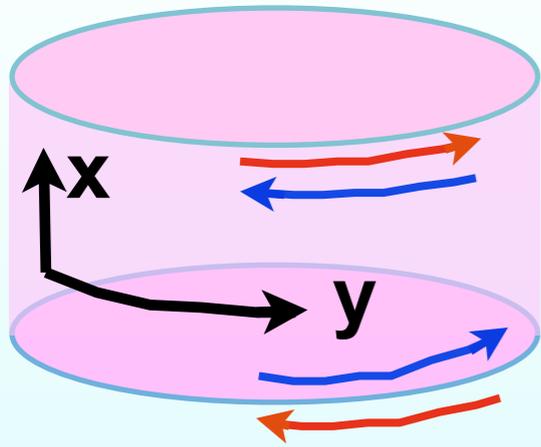
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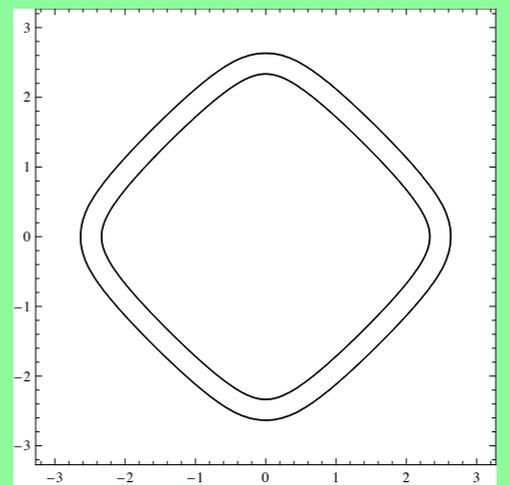
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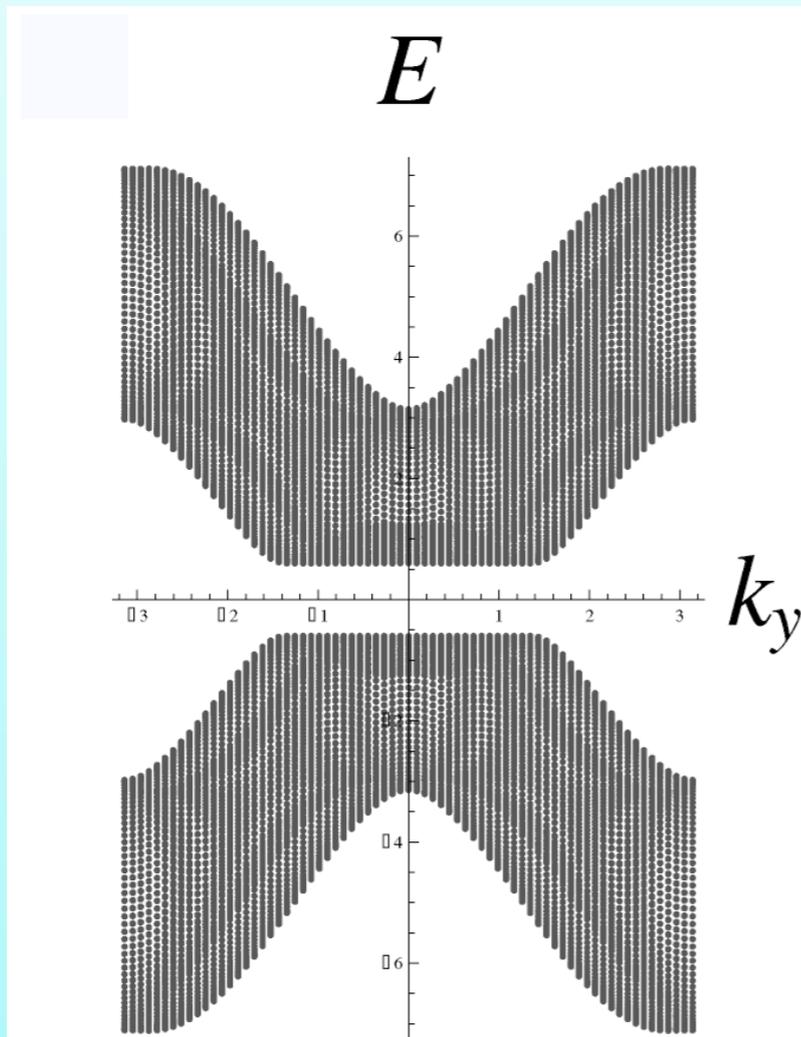
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Fermi Surface



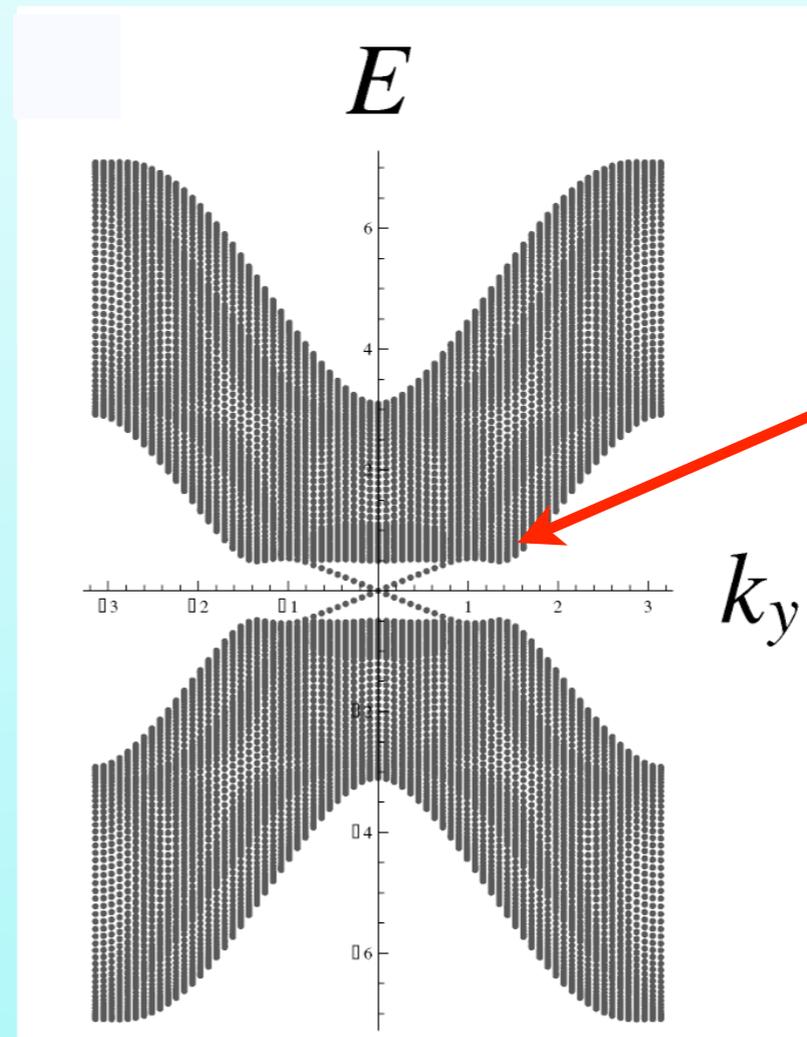
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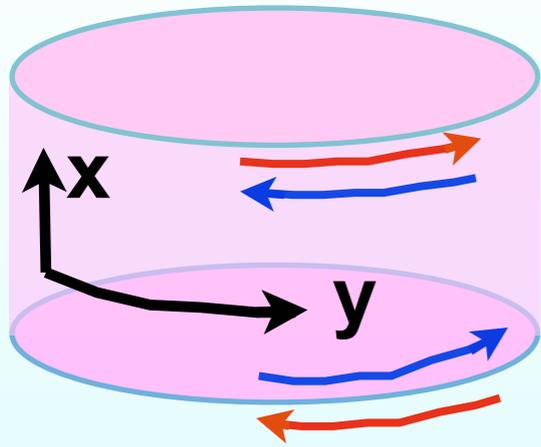
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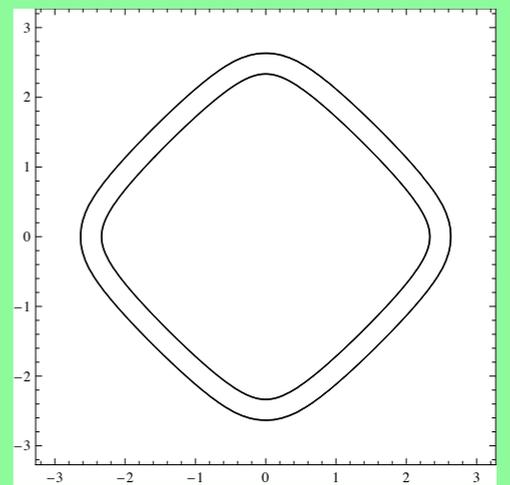


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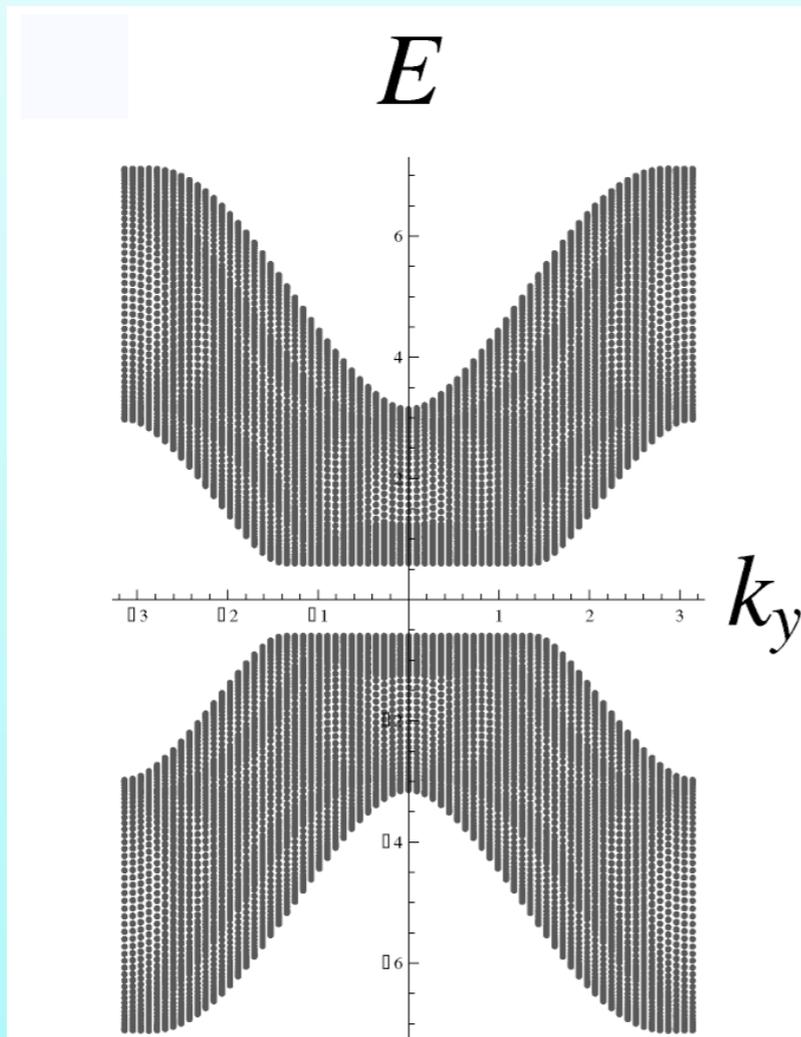
Same class as Z_2 topological Insulator

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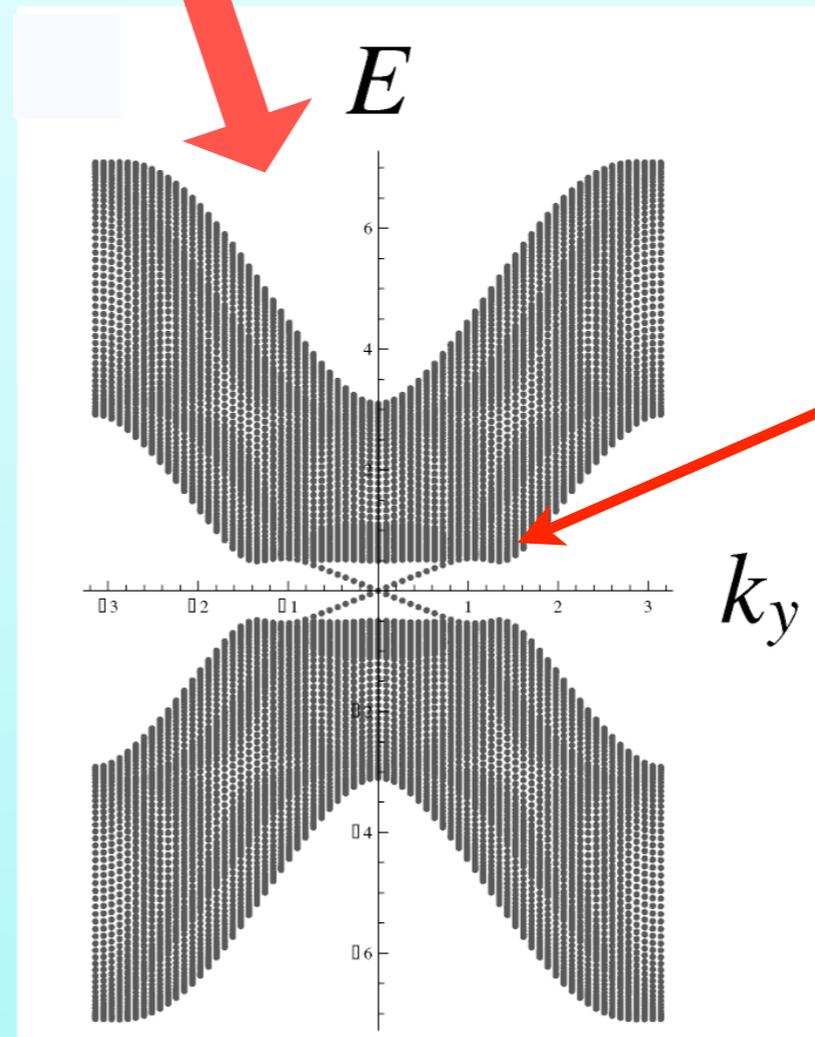
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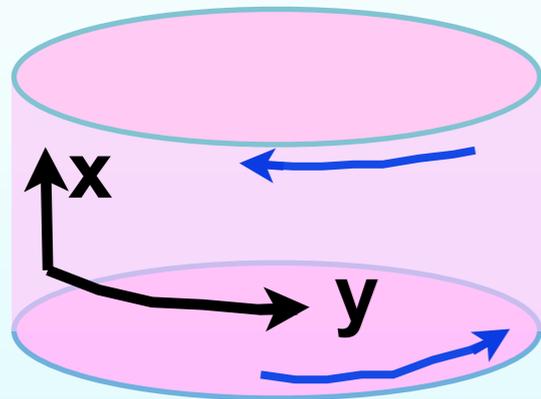
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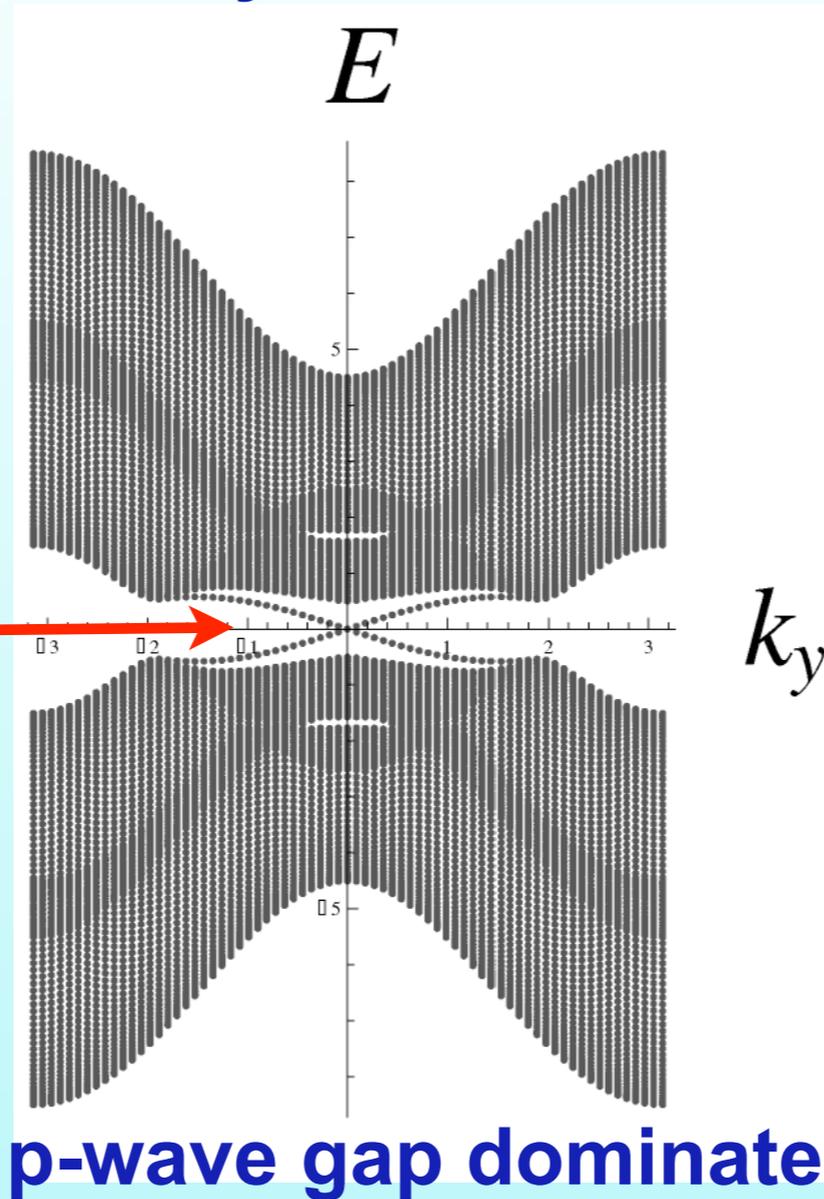
Case with magnetic fields (broken \mathcal{T} -symmetry)

Case with sufficiently strong Zeeman fields, where there is only one band crossing Fermi level



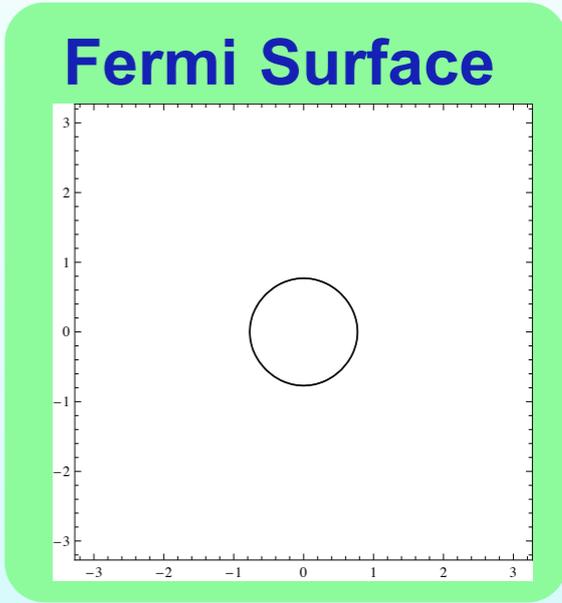
2 gapless edge modes (left-moving, right-moving on different sides of boundaries)

Majorana Fermion mode



p-wave gap dominated

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Chern # = 1

\mathbb{Z}_2 invariant = can not be defined

Same class as quantum Hall effect state

Majorana zero energy states in vortex cores of NCS

vortex with single vorticity

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\text{green arrow}} \Delta e^{i\phi}$$

Purely p-wave case

$$\Delta_s = 0$$

$$\Delta_p = 0.05t$$

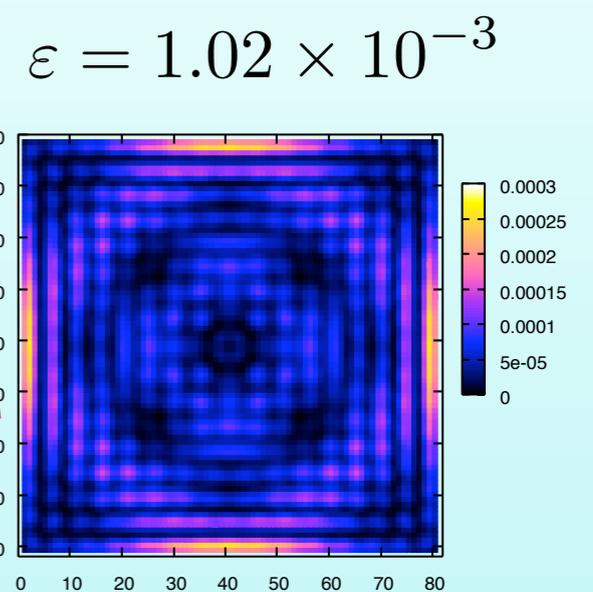
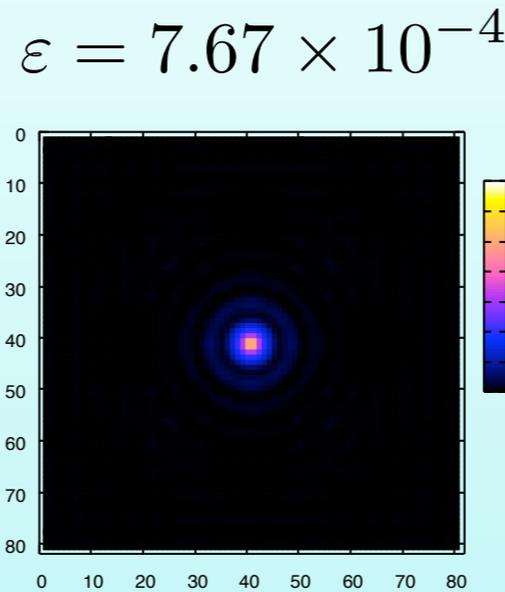
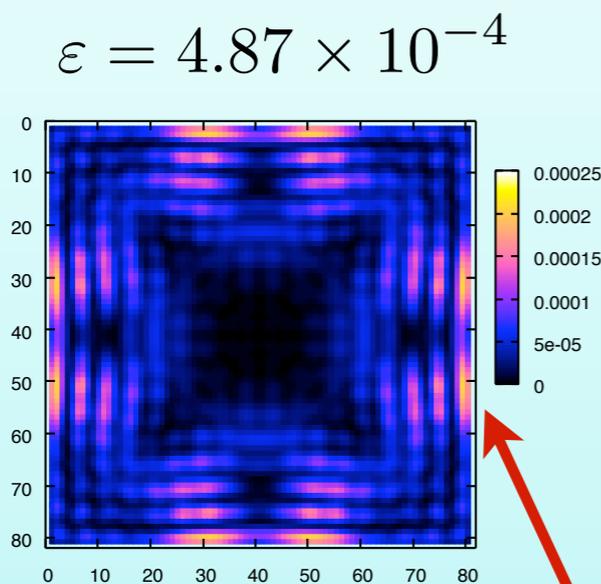
$$\alpha = 0.5t$$

$$\frac{\Delta_p^2}{E_F} \sim 0.005$$

Numerical analysis of BdG eqs.

DOS profile of quasiparticles

identified with zero energy modes



low energy edge modes also exist

As long as $\Delta_p > \Delta_s$ holds, Majorana modes in vortex core appear *(c.f. Lu, Yip)*

The existence of Majorana zero energy modes is also confirmed by the extension of the Jackiw-Rebbi's index theorem *(c.f. Tewari et al.)*

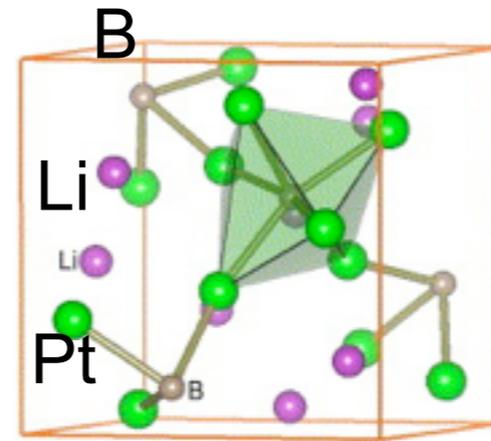
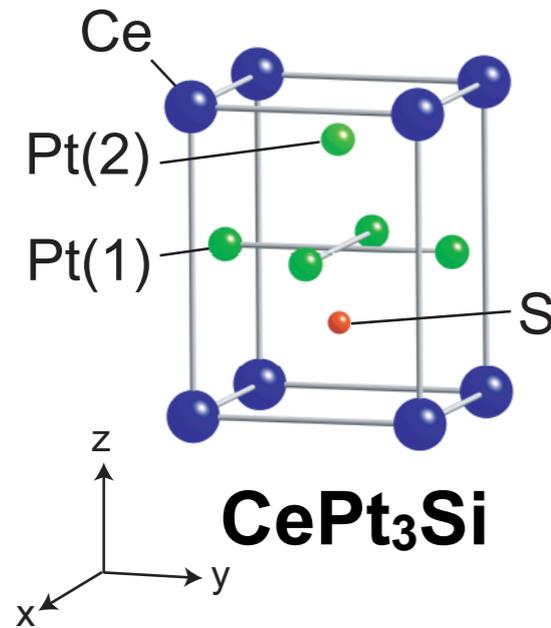
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very low temperature ($\sim \mu\text{K}$) is required to realize the Majorana state !

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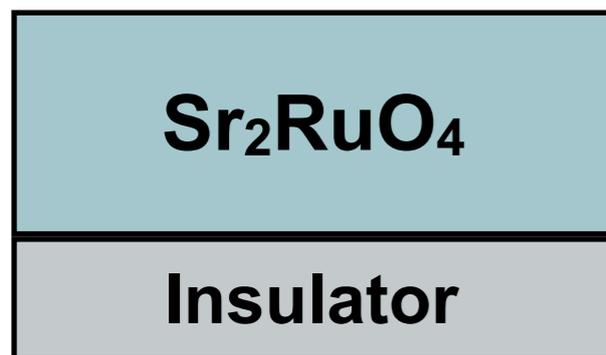
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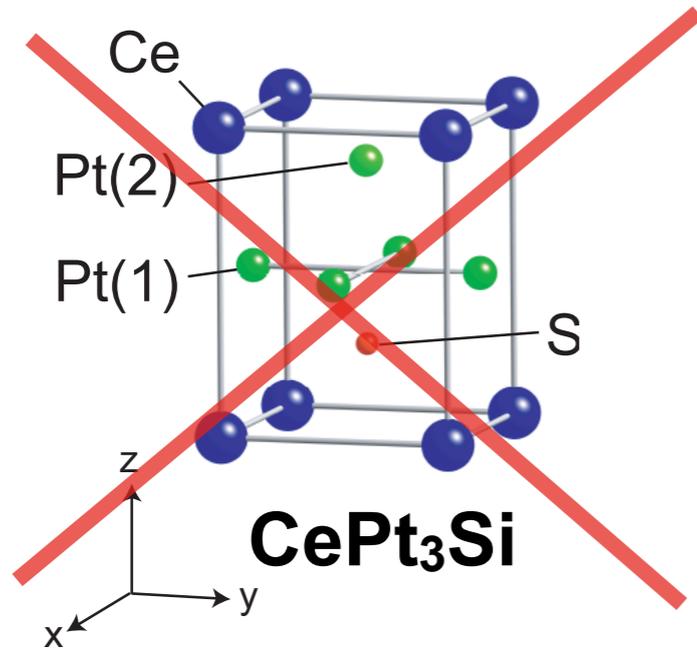


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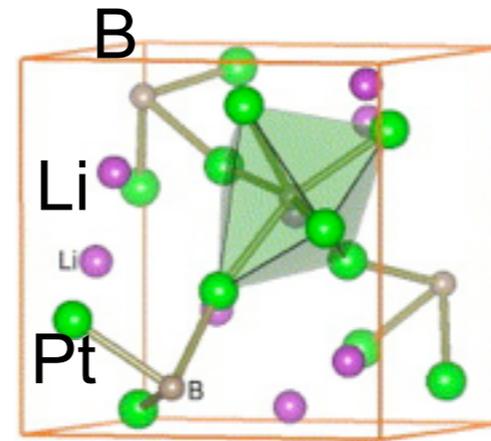
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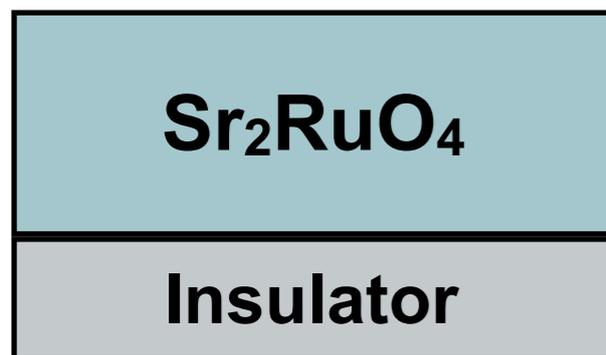
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In the case with no magnetic fields (\mathcal{T} -invariant),

Rashba p -wave SC \longleftrightarrow **Z_2 topological insulator
(quantum spin Hall effect state)**

(c.f. Schnyder, Ryu, Furusaki, Ludwig, Qi, Hughes, Raghu, Zhang)

In the case with magnetic fields (broken \mathcal{T} -symmetry)

For Rashba p -wave SC, non-Abelian topological order appears

Rashba p -wave SC \longleftrightarrow **Read-Moore state of FQHE**

(c.f. $p+ip$ SC \longleftrightarrow Read-Moore state of FQHE)

Non-Abelian topological order in S-wave pairing state

[M. Sato, Y. Takahashi, and S.F., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 020401 (2009)]

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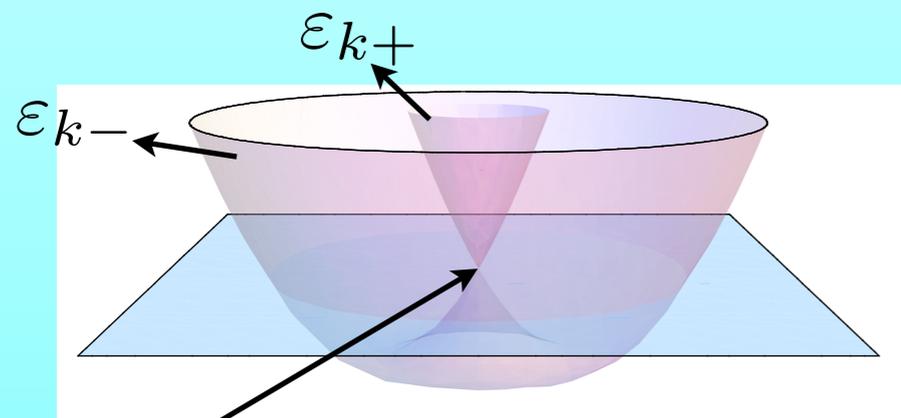
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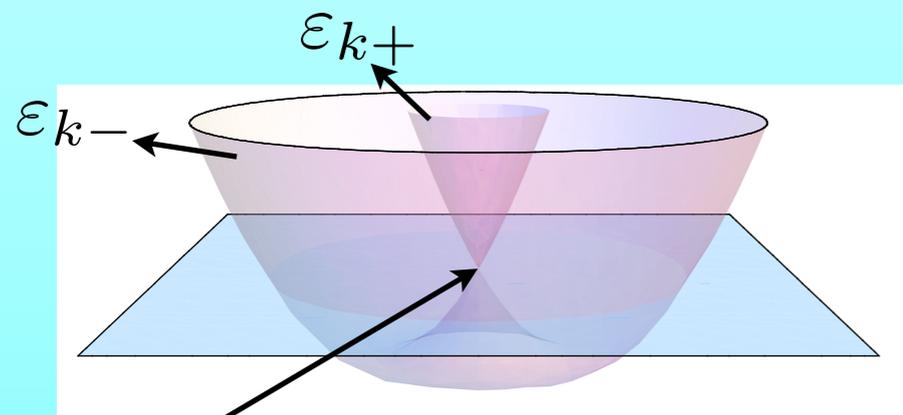
However, s-wave NC superconductors for zero magnetic field are topologically trivial !

- *there is no edge state*
- *Z_2 trivial*
- *zero Chern number for small magnetic fields*



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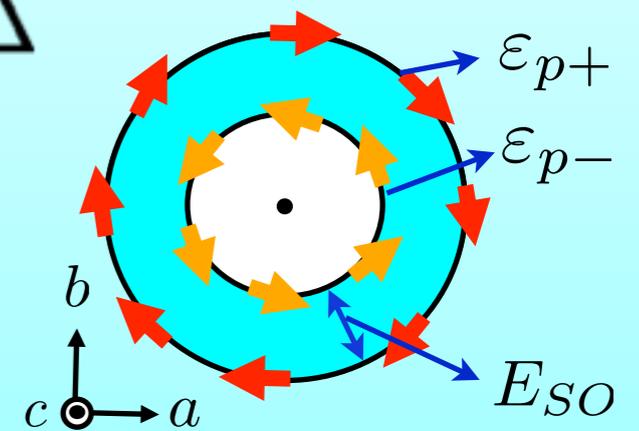
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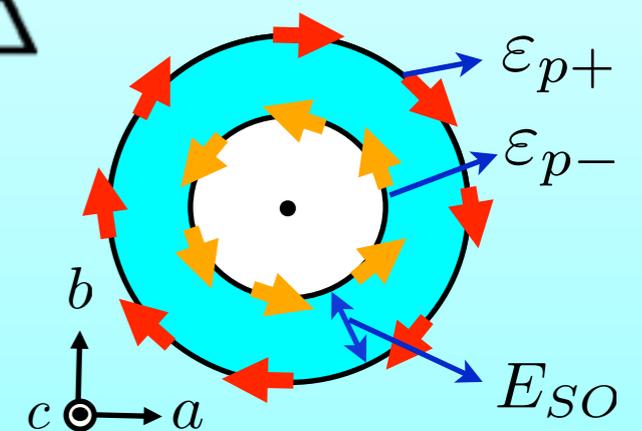
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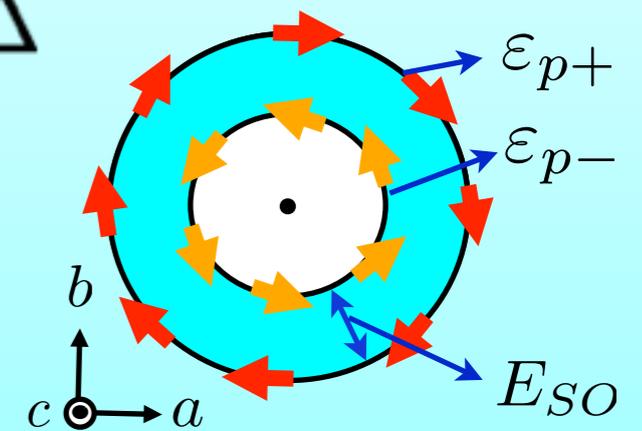
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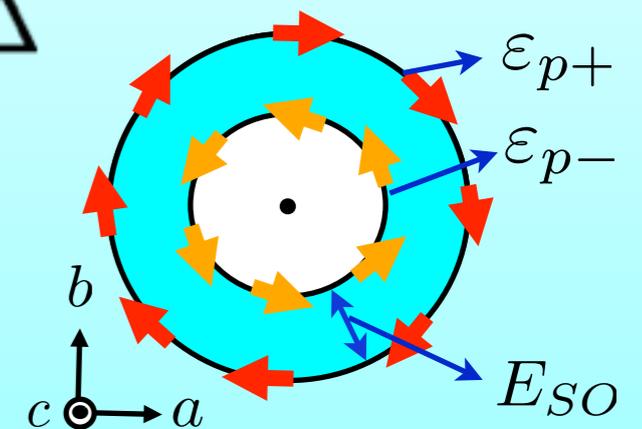
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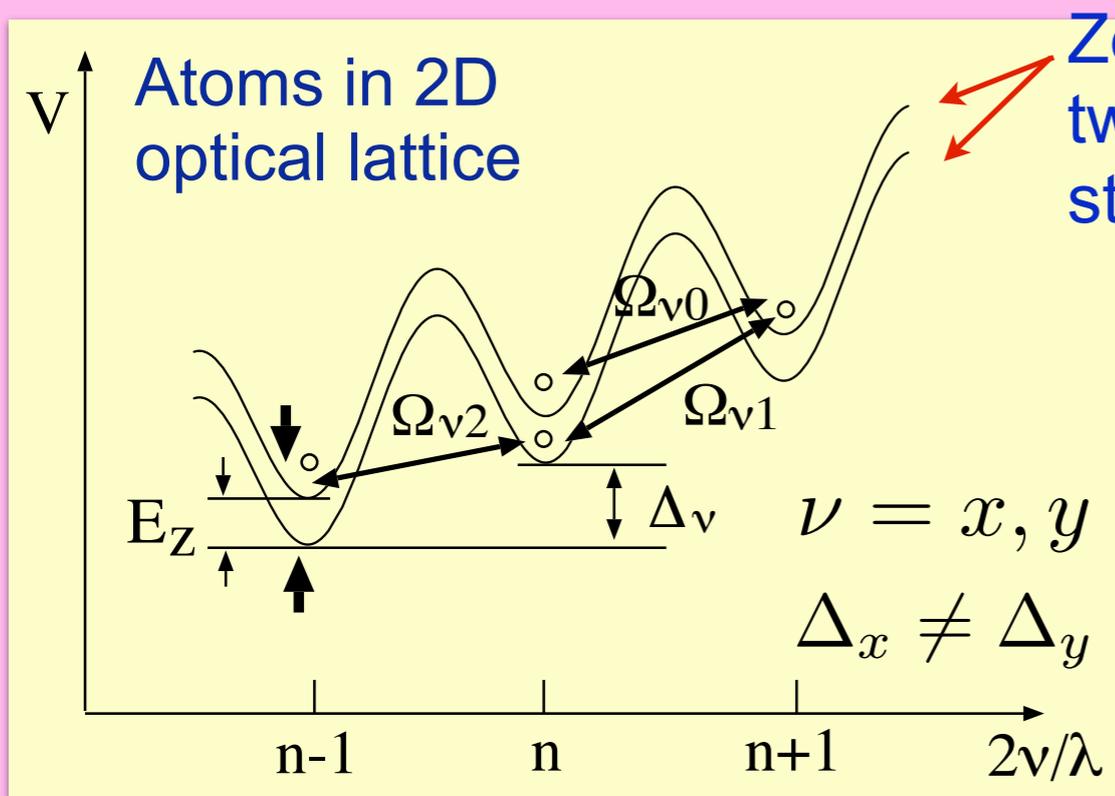
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Zeeman split two hyperfine states

(Osterloh et al., PRL95, 010403; Ruseckas et al., PRL95, 010404; Sato et al., PRL103, 0204101)

$$\Omega_{\nu 1} : |n, \uparrow\rangle \leftrightarrow |n+1, \downarrow\rangle$$

$$\Omega_{\nu 2} : |n, \downarrow\rangle \leftrightarrow |n+1, \uparrow\rangle$$

$$\Omega_{x2} = |\Omega_{x2}| e^{ik_z z}$$

$$\Omega_{x2} = -\Omega_{x1}$$

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Rashba SO int. $\mathcal{H}_{SO} = \sum_i [\lambda_x (c_{i-\hat{x}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i+\hat{x}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}) + i\lambda_y (c_{i-\hat{y}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i+\hat{y}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}) + \text{h.c.}]$

$$\lambda_\nu = c_\nu \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_\downarrow^*(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{i-\hat{\mu}}) \Omega_{\nu 2}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_\uparrow(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \quad c_x = 1 \quad c_y = -i$$

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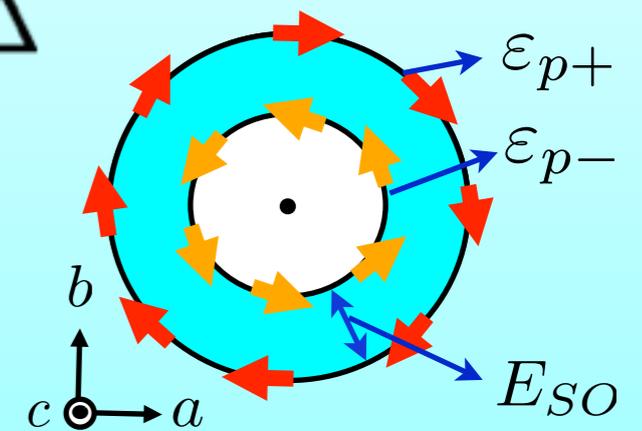
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Model Hamiltonian

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$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{kin}} = -t \sum_{i\sigma} \sum_{\hat{\mu}=\hat{x},\hat{y}} (c_{i+\hat{\mu}\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma} + c_{i-\hat{\mu}\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}) - \mu \sum_{i\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma} - h \sum_i (c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow})$$

kinetic energy term

Zeeman term

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{SO}} = -\lambda \sum_i [(c_{i-\hat{x}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i+\hat{x}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}) + i(c_{i-\hat{y}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i+\hat{y}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}) + \text{h.c.}]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{s}} = - \sum_i \psi_{\text{s}} (c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger + \text{h.c.})$$

Rashba SO int.

s-wave pairing term

Key observation:

Duality relation between s-wave Rashba SC and p-wave SC

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger & c_{-\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) \begin{pmatrix} c_{\mathbf{k}} \\ c_{-\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \quad c_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_i e^{i\mathbf{k}i} (c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger, c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger)$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - h\sigma_z + \mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} & i\psi_s \sigma_y \\ -i\psi_s \sigma_y & -\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + h\sigma_z + \mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^* \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} &= -2t(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) - \mu \\ \mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{k}} &= 2\lambda(\sin k_y, -\sin k_x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Dual Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}^D(\mathbf{k}) = D\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k})D^\dagger \quad D = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i\sigma_y \\ i\sigma_y & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

independent of \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{r}
not affect topological order

$$\mathcal{H}^D(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_s - h\sigma_z & -i\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}\sigma_y - \underline{i\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}\sigma_y} \\ i\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}\sigma_y + \underline{i\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{k}}\sigma_y\boldsymbol{\sigma}} & -\psi_s + h\sigma_z \end{pmatrix}$$

similar to p-wave SC gap !

For $\mathbf{k} \sim 0$

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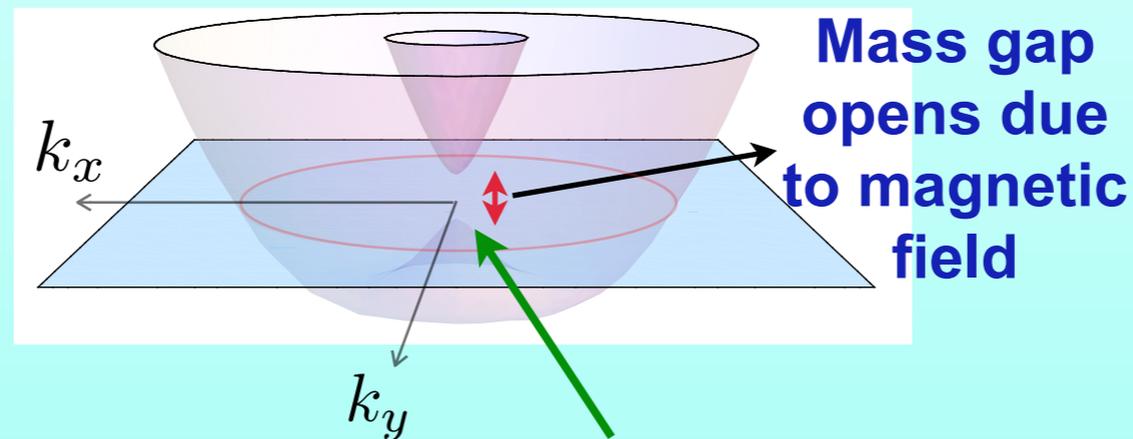
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similar to p+ip-wave SC

For $\psi_s^2 + \epsilon(0,0)^2 < h^2 < \psi_s^2 + \epsilon(\pi,0)^2$ ($\epsilon(k_x, k_y) = \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$)

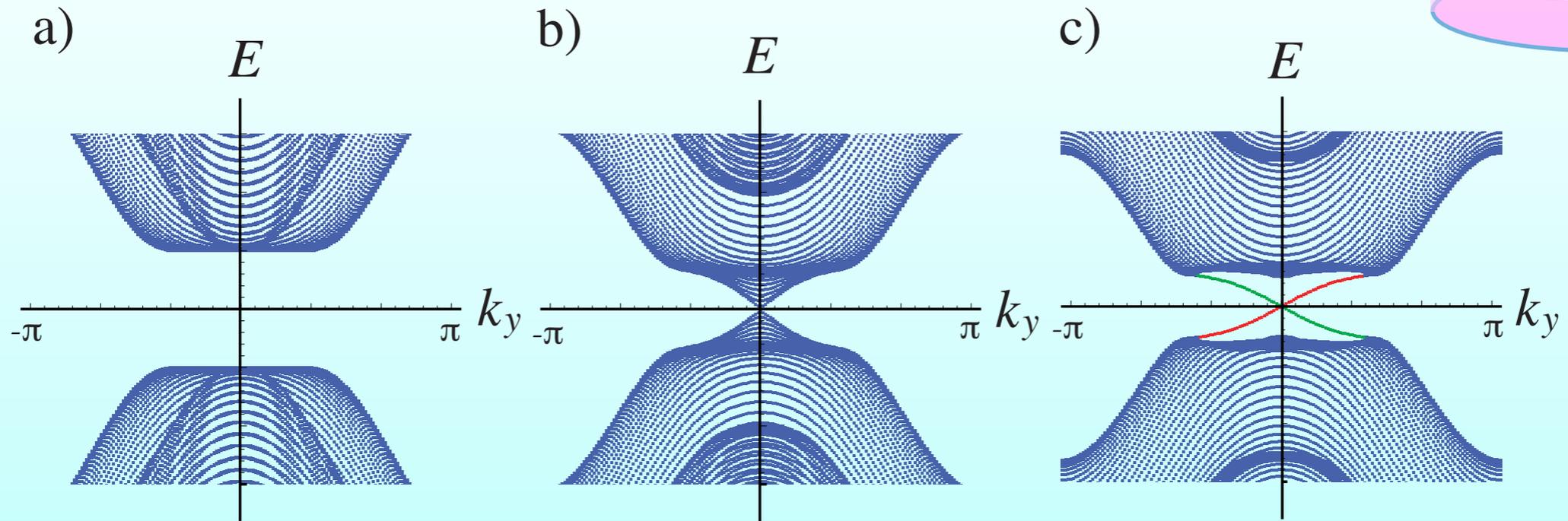
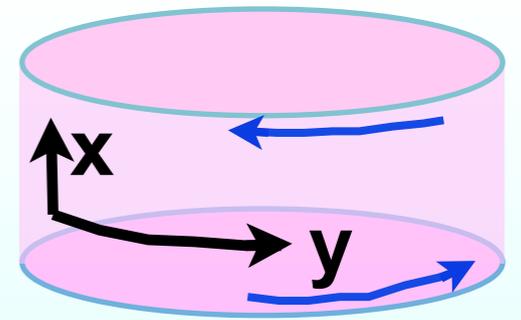
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Energy band



massive Dirac cone
Topologically nontrivial

Gapless edge states



$$h = 0$$

$$h = \sqrt{\psi_s^2 + \epsilon(0,0)^2}$$

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energy dispersion

$$E_k^{\text{edge}} = vk$$

$k \rightarrow 0$ **limit**

Majorana fermion !

Chern number

For $\psi_s^2 + \epsilon(0, 0)^2 < h^2 < \psi_s^2 + \epsilon(\pi, 0)^2$

nonzero first Chern number $Q = 1$

For $\mathbf{k} \sim 0$ \mathcal{H}^D decouples into two parts

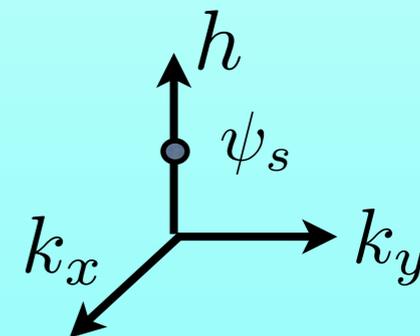
$$\mathcal{H}_+^D = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_s - h & 2\lambda(k_y - ik_x) \\ 2\lambda(k_y + ik_x) & -\psi_s + h \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \quad \mathbf{B} = (2\lambda k_y, 2\lambda k_x, \psi_s - h)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_-^D = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_s + h & 2\lambda(-k_y - ik_x) \\ 2\lambda(-k_y + ik_x) & -\psi_s - h \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{monopole charge 1 at} \\ & (k_x, k_y, h) = (0, 0, \psi_s) \\ & (\mathbf{B} = 0) \\ & (h > 0 \quad \psi_s > 0) \end{aligned}$$

As h increases,

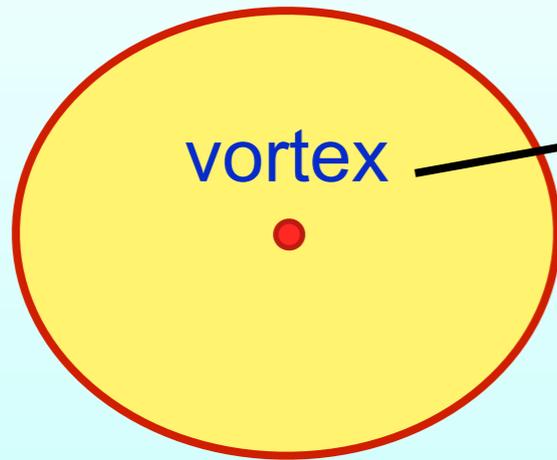
first Chern number (total flux penetrating a spherical surface in the (k_x, k_y, h) space) changes from 0 to 1,

at $h = \psi_s$



Majorana zero energy mode in a vortex = Non-Abelian anyon

Majorana modes can not exist isolately. They exist only as pairs.



vortex

When vorticity = odd# ,
a Majorana zero energy mode

single Majorana edge mode

c.f. Tewari, Sau, Das Sarma, Annals. Phys.325,219 (2010)

Index theorem a la Jackiw-Rebbi's argument for zero energy mode

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Dual Hamiltonian For $\mathbf{k} \sim 0$ (near the massive Dirac cone)

$$\mathcal{H}^D(\mathbf{k}) \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{neglecting } \sim O(k^2)} \mathcal{H}_+^D = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_s - h & 2\lambda(\hat{k}_y - i\hat{k}_x) \\ 2\lambda(\hat{k}_y + i\hat{k}_x) & -\psi_s + h \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{decoupled}} \mathcal{H}_-^D = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_s + h & 2\lambda(-\hat{k}_y - i\hat{k}_x) \\ 2\lambda(-\hat{k}_y + i\hat{k}_x) & -\psi_s - h \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

(assumed that $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}=0} = 0$) $\hat{k}_x = -i\partial_x$ $\hat{k}_y = -i\partial_y$

Bogoliubov-de-Gennes equation for the case with a vortex of “p-wave gap”

$$\mathcal{H}_+^D \phi_+ = \varepsilon \phi_+ \quad \mathcal{H}_-^D \phi_- = \varepsilon \phi_- \quad 2\lambda(\pm k_y + i k_x)$$

$$\underline{\phi_{\pm}(\theta + 2\pi) = -\phi_{\pm}(\theta)} \quad \theta : \text{polar angle around the vortex line}$$

We found the zero energy Majorana mode for both \mathcal{H}_+^D and \mathcal{H}_-^D

However! For $\psi_s > h$

these zero mode solutions are killed by corrections $\sim O(k^2)$

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In contrast ! **For** $\psi_s < h$

the zero energy Majorana solution for $\mathcal{H}_+^D \phi_+ = \varepsilon \phi_+$ survives !

There is only one zero energy solution.

quasiparticle field $\gamma^\dagger = \int d\mathbf{r} [u_0 \psi_+^\dagger + v_0 \psi_+]$

$$\phi_+^T = (u_0(\mathbf{r}), v_0(\mathbf{r}))$$

$$u_0(\mathbf{r}) = \underline{i(r e^{i\theta})^{-1/2} e^{-(h-\psi_s) \frac{r}{2\lambda}}} \quad v_0(\mathbf{r}) = \underline{-i(r e^{-i\theta})^{-1/2} e^{-(h-\psi_s) \frac{r}{2\lambda}}}$$

Majorana fermion ! $\gamma^\dagger = \gamma$

Note that the vortex of the Rashba SO int. !!

From BdG equation for $\mathcal{H}^D(\mathbf{k})$ with a vortex of “p-wave gap” $2\lambda(\pm k_y + ik_x)$

We obtain Majorana zero energy fermion mode in the vortex of SO int.



After a singular gauge transformation,

$$\tilde{c}_{\uparrow i}^\dagger = c_{\uparrow i}^\dagger e^{i\phi_i} \quad \tilde{c}_{\downarrow i}^\dagger = c_{\downarrow i}^\dagger$$

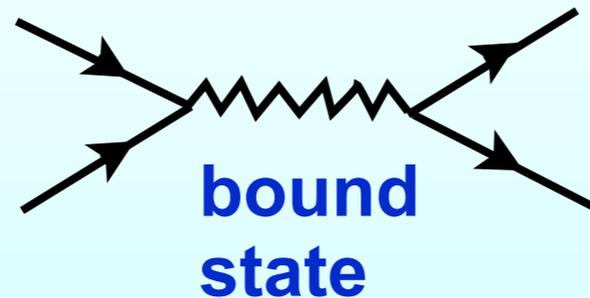
$$\lambda e^{i\phi} c_{\uparrow i}^\dagger c_{\downarrow j} \rightarrow \lambda \tilde{c}_{\uparrow i}^\dagger \tilde{c}_{\downarrow j} \quad \Delta c_{\uparrow i}^\dagger c_{\downarrow i} \rightarrow \Delta e^{-i\phi} \tilde{c}_{\uparrow i}^\dagger \tilde{c}_{\downarrow i}$$

Majorana fermion in the vortex of SC order!

(c.f. Sau et al. arXiv:0907.2239)

How to realize in ultracold fermionic atoms ?

In ultracold fermionic atoms, it is possible to realize s-wave BCS pairing state with high T_c via the Feshbach resonance (*Bourdel et al., PRL93, 050401 (2004)*)



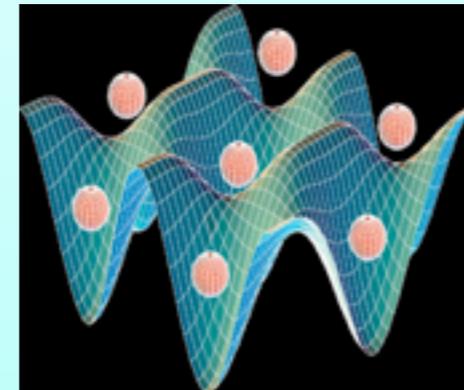
$$V_{\text{eff}} \sim \frac{g^2}{B - B_0}$$

Superfluidity of ${}^6\text{Li}$ in optical trap

(*Chin et al., Nature 443, 961 (2006)*)

very high transition temperature

$$T_c \sim E_F$$



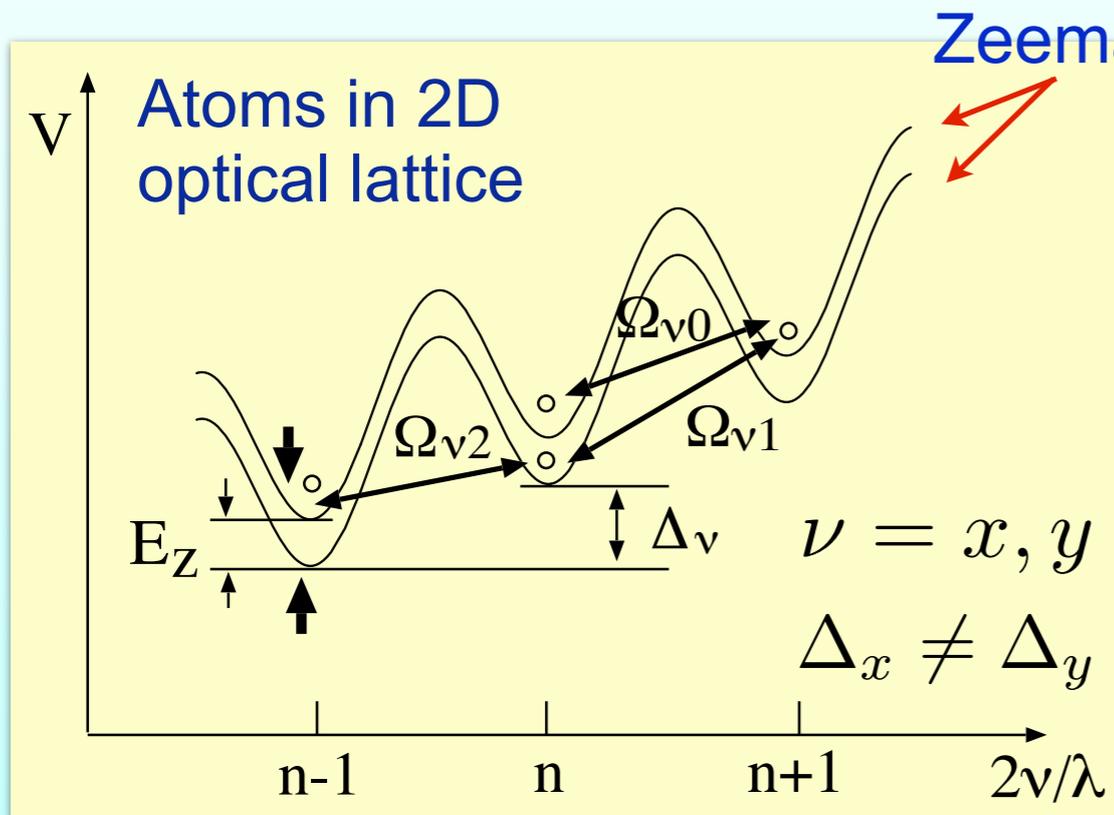
c.f. It is still technically difficult to realize p+ip wave pairing state via the p-wave Feshbach resonance because of the failure of cooling.

(*Inada et al. PRL101, 100401 (2008)*)

s-wave pairing state via the s-wave Feshbach resonance is more advantageous than p-wave pairing state via the p-wave Feshbach resonance for the realization of the non-Abelian topological order

How to realize in ultracold fermionic atoms ?

Scheme for the Rashba SO interaction in cold atoms



Rabi frequencies of lasers

$$\Omega_{\nu 1} : |n, \uparrow\rangle \leftrightarrow |n+1, \downarrow\rangle$$

$$\Omega_{\nu 2} : |n, \downarrow\rangle \leftrightarrow |n+1, \uparrow\rangle$$

$$\Omega_{x2} = |\Omega_{x2}| e^{ik_z z} \quad \Omega_{x2} = -\Omega_{x1}$$

$$\Omega_{y2} = -i\Omega_{x1} \quad \Omega_{y1} = -\Omega_{y2}$$

Rashba SO int. $\mathcal{H}_{\text{SO}} = \sum_i [\lambda_x (c_{i-\hat{x}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i+\hat{x}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}) + i\lambda_y (c_{i-\hat{y}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i+\hat{y}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}) + \text{h.c.}]$

$$\lambda_\nu = c_\nu \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_\downarrow^*(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{i-\hat{\mu}}) \Omega_{\nu 2}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_\uparrow(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \quad c_x = 1 \quad c_y = -i$$

How to generate a vortex of the SO interaction ?

When lasers have angular momentum (Laguerre-Gaussian beam), vortex of the SO int. is introduced

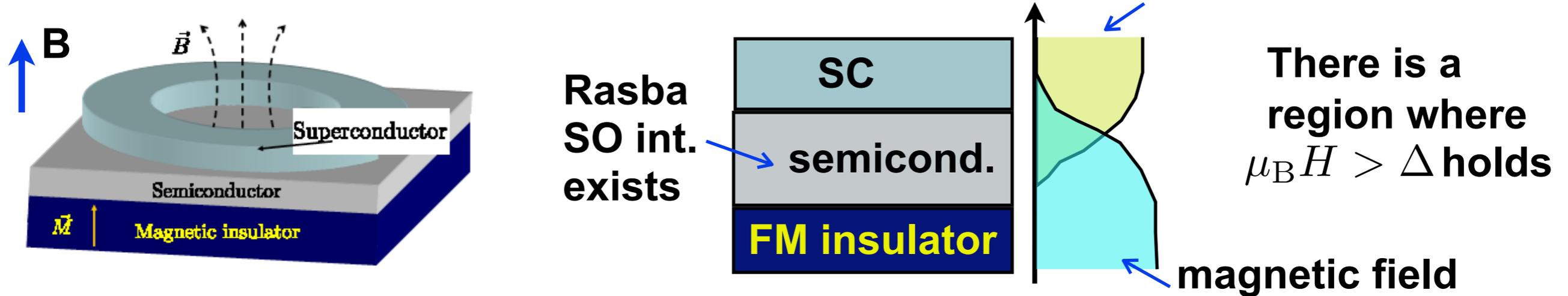
$$\lambda_\nu \rightarrow \lambda_\nu e^{im\phi}$$

Other proposals for non-Abelian topological order in s-wave NC SC

Key idea **How to suppress the destruction of SC due to strong magnetic fields** $\mu_B H > \Delta$

(i) semiconductor heterostructure

Sau, Lutchyn, Tewari, and Das Sarma, arXiv:0907.2239



(ii) semiconductor heterostructure with Rashba and Dresselhaus SO int.

J. Alicea, arXiv: 0912.2115

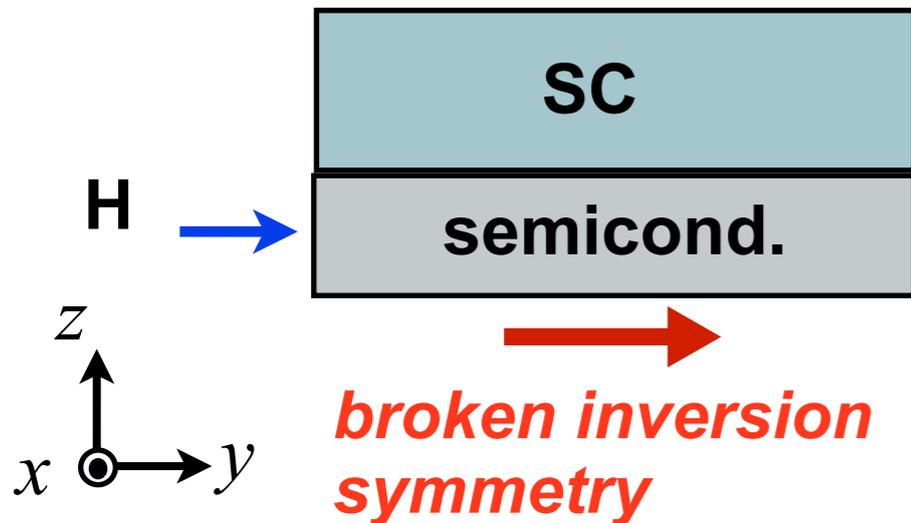
For magnetic fields parallel to the thin film, orbital depairing effect is negligible

But, for usual Rashba term, $\lambda_R(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{n}_z) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$
Pauli depairing effect is not suppressed.

Combining Rashba and Dresselhaus int.:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{SO}} = \lambda(k_z \sigma_x - k_x \sigma_z)$$

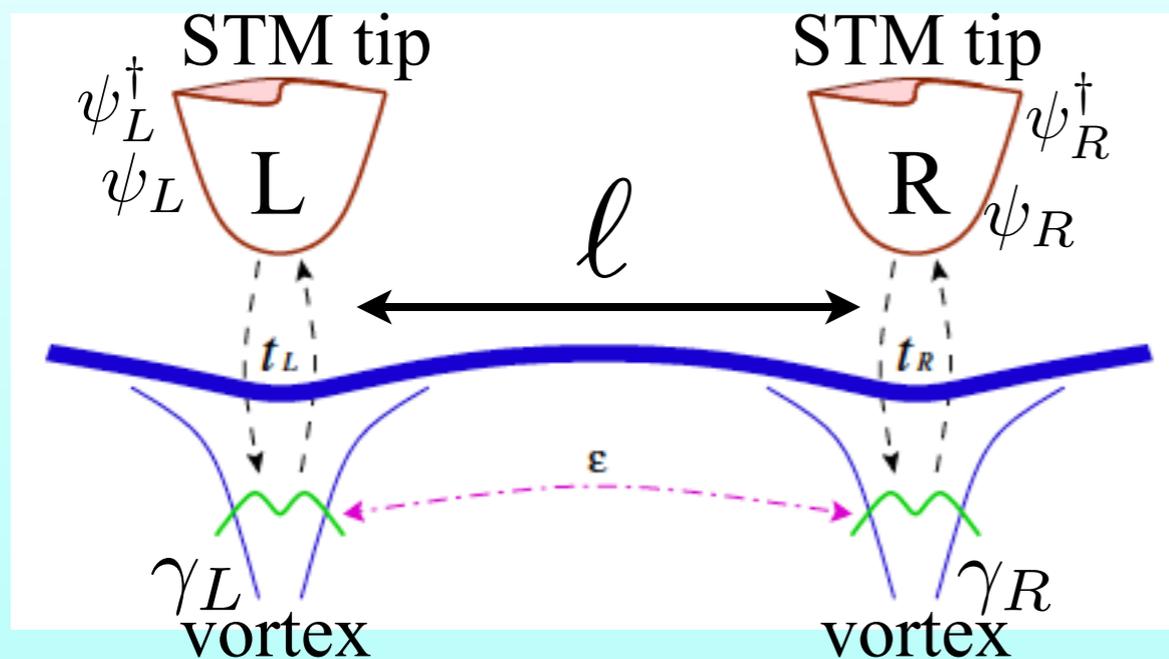
Pauli depairing effect is suppressed



How to detect Majorana fermions?

detect non-locality (teleportation)

(Semenoff and Sodano, *J. Phys. B*40, 1479 (2007), Bolech and Demler, *PRL*98, 237002 (2007), Tewari, Zhang, Das Sarma, Nayak, Lee, *PRL*100, 027001 (2008), Nilsson, Akhmerov, Beenakker, *PRL*101, 120403(2008))



from Bolech and Demler

tunneling between L and R mediated via Majorana states

$$\mathcal{H}_t = t_L i \gamma_L (\psi_L^\dagger + \psi_L) + t_R (\psi_R^\dagger - \psi_R) \gamma_R$$

tunneling probability does not depend on the distance l

teleportation !

Also, applicable to cold atoms (*Tewari et al., PRL*100, 027001(2008))

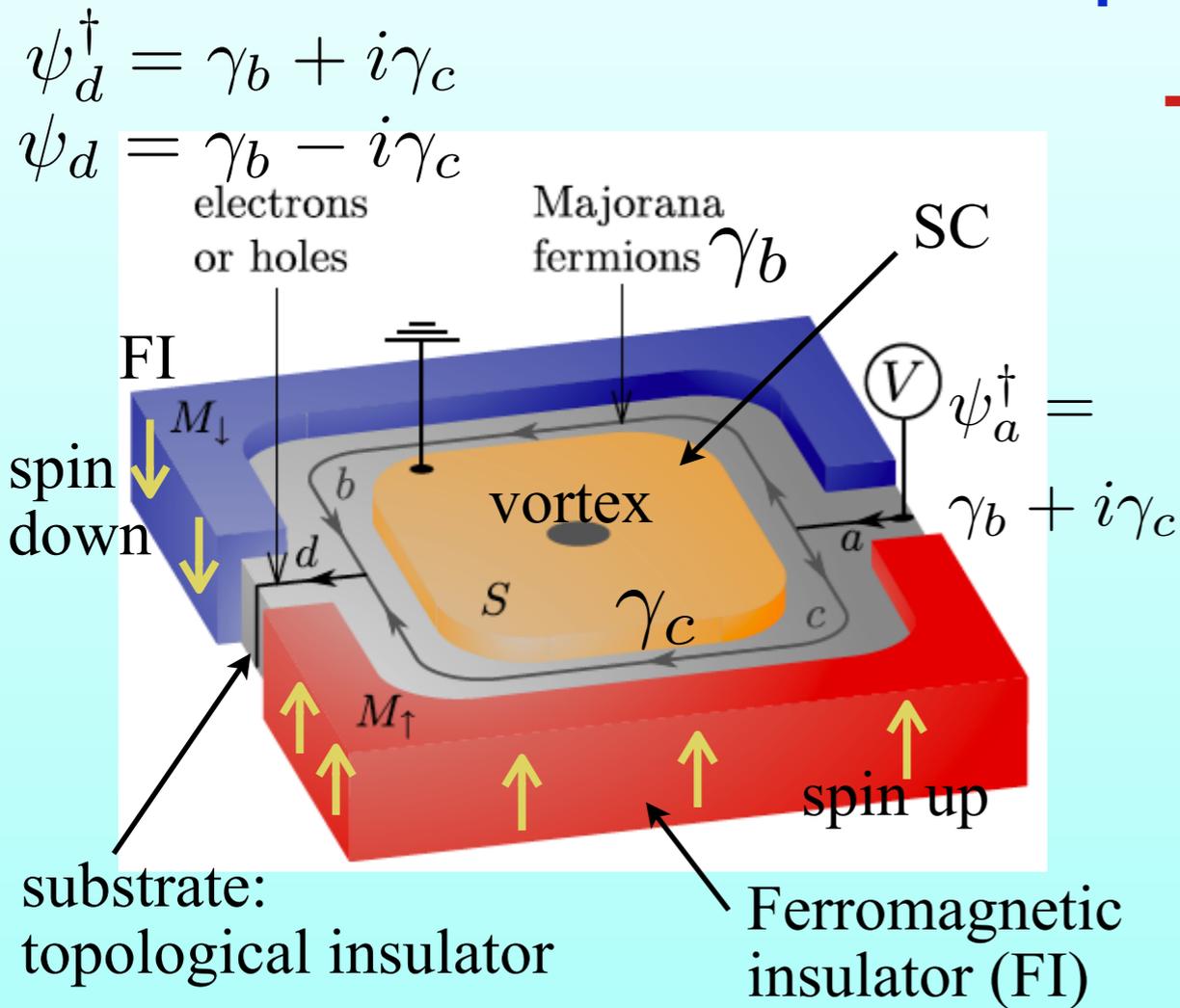
Laser-induced tunneling between normal state and SC state (*Torma and Zoller, PRL*85, 487 (2000)) can be used for this experiment

How to detect Majorana fermions?

Converting a pair of Majorana fermions to a charged fermion

(Akhmerov, Nilsson, Beenakker, PRL102, 216404(2009), Fu and Kane, PRL102, 216403 (2009))

interface between superconductor (SC) and Z_2 topological insulator



→ Majorana fermions in vortex and edge

current flows along edge give rise the braiding of Majorana fermions

(i) When vorticity even

no Majorana modes on edge

gapped edge mode $E_g \sim O\left(\frac{1}{\text{perimeter}}\right)$

(ii) When vorticity odd

$$\gamma_b \rightarrow \gamma_b \quad \gamma_c \rightarrow -\gamma_c$$

conductance: (zero temperature)

$$G = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for vorticity even} \\ 2e^2/h & \text{for vorticity odd} \end{cases}$$

also, applicable to noncentrosymmetric s-wave superconductors

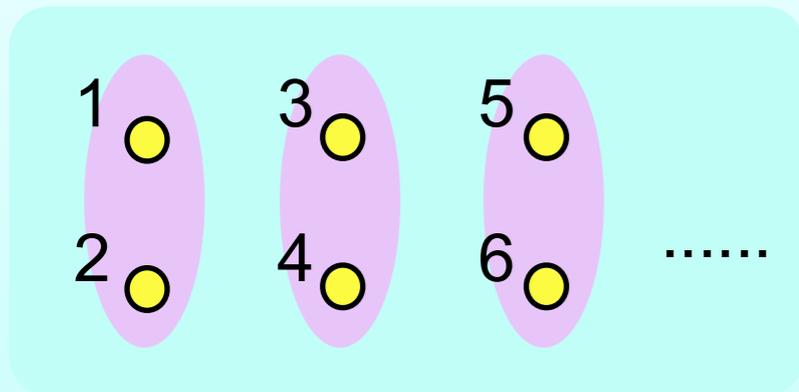
(from Akhmerov et al.)

How to detect Majorana fermions?

detect ground state degeneracy (topological entanglement entropy) via bulk thermodynamic measurement

(Cooper and Stern, PRL102, 176807(2009))

For $2N$ vortices,



$$\psi_i^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_{2i-1} - i\gamma_{2i}) \quad n_i = \psi_i^\dagger \psi_i = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

degeneracy : $2^N \times \frac{1}{2} = 2^{N-1}$

In SC state, change of $\sum_i n_i$ must be even.

Entropy per a vortex : $s = \frac{1}{2N} k_B \ln 2^{N-1} \approx k_B \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$ $\sqrt{2}$: quantum dimension of non-Abelian anyon

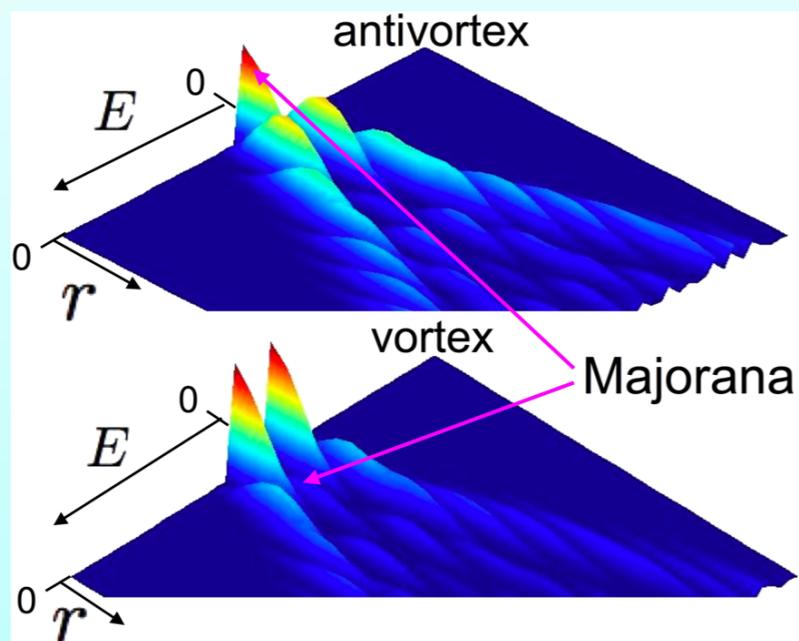
precise specific heat measurement at sufficiently low temperature may probe the topological entropy

How to detect Majorana fermions?

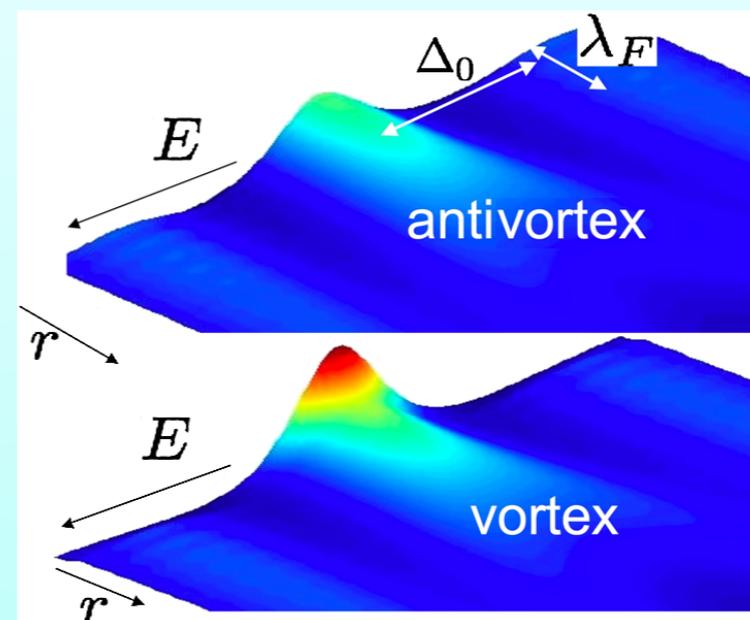
Tunnel spectroscopy observing difference between a vortex core and an antivortex core

(Kraus, Auerbach, Fertig, and Simon, PRL101, 267002(2008))

Chiral p+ip SC



Dos at zero temperature near the vortex



Tunnel conductance at

$$T = 0.15\Delta \gg \Delta^2/E_F$$

Signature remains even at relatively high temperatures

Difference between vortex and anti-vortex is a characteristic of Majorana modes associated with chiral nature of the superconducting order parameter

$$p_x + ip_y$$

Summary

Non-Abelian topological order realize even for ***s-wave*** pairing state with the Rashba SO interaction for the large Zeeman field $\mu_B H > \Delta$

In vortex cores and boundary edges of the system, Majorana fermion modes which obey the non-Abelian statistics appears.

Possible realization in

- **heavy fermion NC SC**

strong electron correlation suppress orbital depairing effect

however,

unfortunately, heavy fermion NC SCs known so far have gap-node

- **ultracold fermionic atoms with a fictitious “SO interaction” generated by laser fields**

(ref. M. Sato, Y. Takahashi, and S.F., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 020401 (2009))