BOUND STATES IN CONVENTIONAL AND TOPOLOGICAL SUPERCONDUCTORS

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II. On a new method in the theory of superconductivity N.N. Bogoliubov, Nuovo Cim. <u>7</u>, 794 (1958)

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Bulk superconductors

HALLMARKS OF ELECTRON PAIRING

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 $\hat{\gamma}^{\dagger}_{-k\downarrow} = -\tilde{v}_k \hat{b}^{\dagger}_{q=0} \hat{c}_{k\uparrow} + u_k \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{-k\downarrow}$

BOGOLIUBOV QUASIPARTICLES

Quasiparticle spectrum of conventional superconductors consists of the Bogoliubov (p/h) branches gaped around E_F



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In superconductors the particle and hole degrees of freedom are mixed via the electron pairing (efficient near the Fermi energy).



Superconductivity in nanosystems

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Are they foes or friends to a superconducting host?

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Any similarity to Yu-Shiba-Rusinov quasiparticles ?

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C. Tonnoir et al., PRL 111, 246805 (2013) CEA (Grenoble, France)

 \Rightarrow graphene epitaxially deposited on aluminum

F.D. Natterer et al., PRB 93, 045406 (2016)NIST (Maryland, USA)

 \Rightarrow Al–graphene–Al on hexagonal boron-nitride (HBN)

L. Bretheau et al., Nature Phys. 13, 756 (2018) . . MIT (Cambridge, USA)

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$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{imp} + \hat{H}_{K-M} + \hat{H}_{Rashba} + \hat{H}_{prox}$$

where electron pairing is described by the BCS term

$$\hat{H}_{prox} = \sum_{i} \left(\Delta c^{\dagger}_{i\uparrow} \ c^{\dagger}_{i\downarrow} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

IN-GAP STATES OF INSULATING PHASE

Quasiparticle energies of the quantum spin Hall insulator + impurity



Sz. Głodzik and T. Domański, arXiv:1811.09295 (2018).

 $\Delta = 0$

SHIBA QUASIPARTICLES

Shiba quasiparticles emerge from in-gap states of the QSH insulator



 $\lambda_{SO} \neq 0$

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REVERSAL OF PERSISTENT CURRENTS



Sz. Głodzik and T. Domański, arXiv:1811.09295 (2018).

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RELAXATION VS QUANTUM OSCILLATIONS

Time-dependent charge of the quantum dot



- relaxation time is proportional to $1/\Gamma_N$
- oscillations depend on energies of in-gap states

R. Taranko and T. Domański, Phys. Rev. B 98, 075420 (2018).

TIME-DEPENDENT CONDUCTANCE



Subgap tunneling conductance $G_{\sigma} = \frac{\partial I_{\sigma}}{\partial t}$ vs time (t) and voltage (μ)

PHASE-CONTROLLED TRANSIENT EFFECTS



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Physical issues:

- phase-controlled emergence of in-gap states,
- dynamics of 0π transition.

PHASAL TRANSIENT EFFECTS



R. Taranko, T. Kwapiński and T. Domański Phys. Rev. B 99, 165419 (2019).

Floquet description of bound states

Quantum impurity with periodically oscillating energy level



Floquet spectrum averaged over a period $T = 2\pi/\omega$



 $\Gamma_{SC} = 0, B_0 = B = 0$

 $\Gamma_S = 0.0$

B. Baran and T. Domański, Phys. Rev. B 100, 085414 (2019).

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B. Baran and T. Domański, Phys. Rev. B 100, 085414 (2019).

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B. Baran and T. Domański, Phys. Rev. B 100, 085414 (2019).

MAGNETIC CHAINS IN SUPERCONDUCTORS

Nanochain of magnetic impurities embedded in superconductor:



T.-P. Choy, J.M. Edge, A.R. Akhmerov, and C.W.J. Beenakker, Phys. Rev. B <u>84</u>, 195442 (2011).

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arranges its in-gap bound states into Shiba-band(s).

M.H. Christensen ... J. Paaske, Phys. Rev. B 94, 144509 (2016).

Two scenarios for topological sc phase

Topological superconductivity can be driven e.g. by the spin-orbit Rashba interaction combined with the external magnetic field.



R. Lutchyn, J. Sau, S. Das Sarma, Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 077001 (2010).Y. Oreg, G. Refael, F. von Oppen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 177002 (2010).

TRANSITION FROM TRIVIAL TO TOPOLOGICAL PHASE

A pair of the Shiba (Andreev) states evolve into the Majorana qps



Mutation of the trivial bound states into the nontrivial Majorana modes

M.M. Maśka, A. Gorczyca-Goraj, J. Tworzydło, T. Domański, PRB 95, 045429 (2017).

SPATIAL PROFILE OF MAJORANA QPS

Majorana qps are exponentially localized at the edges



R. Aguado, Riv. Nuovo Cim. 40, 523 (2017).
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SCENARIO 2: HELICAL ORDER + PAIRING

Topological superconductivity can be driven by helically ordered magnetic moments coupled to the itinerant electrons + pairing.



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A. Gorczyca-Goraj, T. Domański & M.M. Maśka, Phys. Rev. B <u>99</u>, 235430 (2019). More details will provided in the lecture by Maciek Maśka.













Role of the dimerization shall be discussed on Friday by Aksel Kobiałka.



A. Kobiałka, N. Sedlmayr, M.M. Maśka, and T. Domański, arXiv:1909.11550 (2019).

Localized Majorana modes in dim=2

Two-dimensional electron gas of InAs epitaxially covered by a thin Al layer



Width: $W_1 = 80 \text{ nm}$

Length:

 $L_1 = 1.6 \ \mu m$

A. Fornieri, ..., <u>Ch. Marcus</u> and F. Nichele, Nature <u>569</u>, 89 (2019). Niels Bohr Institute (Copenhagen, Denmark)

Majorana qps at the ends of 2DEG depend on the phase-difference Φ



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Two-dimensional HgTe quantum well coupled to thin Al film



H. Ren, ..., <u>L.W. Molenkamp</u>, B.I. Halperin & A. Yacoby, Nature <u>569</u>, 93 (2019). Würzburg Univ. (Germany) + Harvard Univ. (USA)

Tuning between the trivial and topological superconducting state by phase difference ϕ and in-plane magnetic field



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Majorana modes are localized near edges of the metallic nanostrip



Results obtained by Sz. Głodzik (2019).



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Edge modes in dim=2 systems

TWO-DIMENSIONAL MAGNETIC STRUCTURES

Magnetic island of Co atoms deposited on the superconducting Pb surface



Diameter of island: 5 - 10 nm

G. Ménard, ..., and <u>P. Simon</u>, Nature Commun. 8, 2040 (2017). Pierre & Marie Curie University (Paris, France)

EVIDENCE FOR DELOCALIZED MAJORANA MODES

Majorana modes propagating along magnetic islands



G. Ménard, ..., and <u>P. Simon</u>, Nature Commun. 8, 2040 (2017). Pierre & Marie Curie University (Paris, France)

PROPAGATING MAJORANA EDGE MODES

Magnetic island of Fe atoms deposited on the superconducting Re surface

Chern number:

C = 20



A. Palacio-Morales, ... & <u>R. Wiesendanger</u>, Science Adv. <u>5</u>, eaav6600 (2019). University of Hamburg (Germany)

PROPAGATING MAJORANA EDGE MODES

Real space maps of the tunneling conductance (top panel) and deconvoluted DOS (bottom panel) obtained for various energies (as indicated) in the subgap regime ($\Delta = 240 \mu eV$).



A. Palacio-Morales, ... & <u>R. Wiesendanger</u>, Science Adv. <u>5</u>, eaav6600 (2019). University of Hamburg (Germany)

Mixed – dimensionality structures

CAN MAJORANA QPS BE DECONFINED ?

Main idea: Majorana qps in 1D-2D hybrid structure



A. Kobiałka, T. Domański & A. Ptok, Scientific Reports 9, 12933 (2019).

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TRIVIAL VS MAJORANA MODES

Majorana/Andreev quasiparticles of a wire-plaquette hybrid



plaquette: nontopological

nanowire: topological

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SIMILAR IDEAS: DEFECTS IN MAGNETIC ISLAND

Localized Majorana at point-like defect, coexisting with itinerant

Majorana edge mode (observed in Co-Si island on disordered Pb)



G.C. Ménard, ..., P. Simon and T. Cren, Nature Comm. <u>10</u>, 2587 (2019). Paris (France)

SIMILAR IDEAS: ISLAND + NONOWIRE

Itinerant Majorana mode leaking into side-attached nanowire.



E. Mascot, S. Cocklin, S. Rachel, and D.K. Morr, arXiv:1909.06360 (2019). Univ. of Illinois at Chicago (USA)

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PERSPECTIVES: SKYRMIONS IN SUPERCONDUCTORS

Creation of topological phase through skyrmions.



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SELECTIVE EQUAL SPIN ANDREEV REFLECTIONS

Microscopic idea of the SESAR mechanism



M. Maśka and T. Domański, Scientific Reports 7, 16193 (2017).

SPIN-POLARIZED SPECTROSCOPY

STM-type measurements for probing the Majorana qps



S. Jeon, ... and A. Yazdani, Science 358, 772 (2017).

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Kondo vs Majorana

POSSIBLE EXPERIMENTAL REALISATION

Deposition of individual atoms on superconducting surface



H. Kim, ..., and R. Wiesendanger, Science Adv. 4, eaar5251 (2018).

KONDO AND MAJORANA PHYSICS

STM-type setup for probing the Kondo – Majorana – pairing effects.



SUBGAP KONDO PHYSICS

Spectrum of a quantum dot in absence of the Majoranas.



Results obtained for $t_m = 0$

KONDO VS MAJORANA

Spectrum of a quantum dot in its Kondo regime.



Results obtained for \uparrow spin, assuming $t_m = 0.2\Gamma_N$

KONDO VS MAJORANA

Spectrum of the correlated QD in its Kondo regime.



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SPIN-RESOLVED NRG DATA



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 ω/Γ_N

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