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A Crash Course in Quantum Transport II: Various Mesoscopic Interactions

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- Why 'transport?'



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- Why 'transport': Transport reveals information of transported objects
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 \rightarrow New phenomena with the same game setting?

= New quantum particle!

Quantum particles:

electrons, phonons, Cooper pairs, and other elementary excitations, which can be quantum mechanically superposed, interfered, or entangled! Quantum fluctuations!

- Mesoscopic quantum transport?
- Why 'transport': Transport reveals information of transported objects
- Which one is 'quantum': ptls are superposed, interfered, or entangled
- What's meso-scopic systems
 - → Playground for quantum baseballs (not too large: macro-scopic)
 but well-controllable & designable (not too small: micro-scopic)
 Competition
 b/t various
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Calculating the current

zero temp.)
$$I^{+} = \frac{2e}{h}M\mu_{1} \& I^{-} = -\frac{2e}{h}M\mu_{2}$$
 = integer multiple of conductance quantum
 $I = I^{+} + I^{-} = \frac{2e}{h}M(\mu_{1} - \mu_{2}) = \frac{2e^{2}}{h}M\frac{\mu_{1} - \mu_{2}}{e} = \frac{2e^{2}}{h}MV$

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Quantized conductance

$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h}M$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\text{Contact resistance}}{R_c = \frac{h}{2e^2M} = \frac{12.9}{M} \cdot k\Omega}$$

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M. Büttiker, Y. Imry, R. Landauer, *Josephson behavior in small normal one-dimensional rings*, Phys. Lett. A. **96**, 365 (1983) Measuring elusive "persistent current" that flows forever, R&D Daily. October 12, (2009)

• Ballistic conductor w/ a single impurity: size of conductor, L < L_m

Scattering Matrix

General solution $\widehat{H}|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$: $|\phi_l\rangle = A|\phi_l^i\rangle + B|\phi_l^o\rangle \otimes |\phi_r\rangle = C|\phi_r^o\rangle + D|\phi_r^i\rangle$. Undergraduate courses, we deal with two cases: (i) left & (ii) right incidence. We know (i) $B = rA \otimes C = tA \otimes D = 0$: $|\phi_l\rangle = A|\phi_l^i\rangle + rA|\phi_l^o\rangle \otimes |\phi_r\rangle = tA|\phi_l^o\rangle$ (ii) $B = t'D \otimes C = r'D \otimes A = 0$: $+ |\phi_l\rangle = t'D|\phi_l^o\rangle \otimes |\phi_r\rangle = r'D|\phi_r^o\rangle + D|\phi_r^i\rangle$. General solution is

 $|\phi_l\rangle = A |\phi_l^{\rm i}\rangle + (rA + t'D)|\phi_l^{\rm o}\rangle \otimes |\phi_r\rangle = (tA + r'D)|\phi_r^{\rm o}\rangle + D |\phi_r^{\rm i}\rangle.$

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If interested only in amplitudes of scattering states at infinity, only thing we need to know is

• Ballistic conductor w/ a single impurity: size of conductor, L < L_m

Total current at lead 1:

$$I_1 = I_1^+ + I_1^- = \frac{2e}{h}M\mu_1 - \frac{2e}{h}M\mu_1(1-T) - \frac{2e}{h}M\mu_2T = \frac{2e}{h}M(\mu_1 - \mu_2)T$$

Total current at lead 2:

$$I_2 = I_2^+ + I_2^- = \frac{2e}{h}M\mu_1T + \frac{2e}{h}M\mu_2(1-T) - \frac{2e}{h}M\mu_2 = \frac{2e}{h}M(\mu_1 - \mu_2)T$$

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Total current at lead 1&2:

$$I = I_1 = I_2 = \frac{2e}{h}M(\mu_1 - \mu_2)T = \frac{2e^2}{h}MT\left(\frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{e}\right) = \frac{2e^2}{h}MTV$$
$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h}MT$$
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$$Friend Conductor$$
$$T = 1$$

Physics of MQT: No perfect & diffusive conductor

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Landauer formula for Ohmic regime

$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h} MT$$

 $M \sim \frac{k_F W}{M}$

T(N)

$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h} \frac{k_F W}{\pi} \frac{L_m}{L} = \left(\frac{2e^2 k_F L_m}{h}\right) \frac{W}{L}$$
$$\sigma = \frac{2e^2 k_F}{h} \frac{h k_F \tau}{2\pi m} = \frac{k_F^2}{\pi} \frac{e^2 \tau}{m} = \frac{ne^2 \tau}{m}$$

 $2a^{2} = 147$

Ohm's Law & Drude model is derived

(Lesson) Now we know when MOT becomes classical from a microscopic view point & How limited Drude model is.

Landauer formalism gives another lesson: all you need to know for transport is the S-matrix. (as long as it is a single particle physics)

Physics of MQT: multi-terminal transport

• Büttiker formula: multi-terminal transport

$$I_p = \frac{2e}{h} \sum_q \left[T_{q \leftarrow p} \mu_p - T_{p \leftarrow q} \mu_q \right] = \sum_q \left[G_{qp} V_p - G_{pq} V_q \right]$$

c.f. two-terminal case

$$I_{1} = \frac{2e}{h}(T_{21}\mu_{1} - T_{12}\mu_{2}) = \frac{2e}{h}T_{12}(\mu_{1} - \mu_{2}) = GV$$

$$I_{1} = T_{12} \text{ to have}$$

$$I_{1} = 0 \text{ for } \mu_{1} - \mu_{2}$$

$$G = \frac{2e^{2}}{h}T_{12}$$

• Sum rule: $\sum_{q} G_{qp} = \sum_{q} G_{pq}$ to have $I_p = 0$ for $V_p = V_q = V_0$

Physics of MQT: multi-terminal transport

• Three-terminal case

$$I_1 = \frac{2e}{h} (T_{21}\mu_1 + T_{31}\mu_1 - T_{12}\mu_2 - T_{13}\mu_3)$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$
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 $T_{21} = |s_{ab}|^2$, a & b = ?

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$$\begin{split} T_{21} &= |s_{21}|^2 \\ I_1 &= \frac{2e}{h} (T_{21}\mu_1 + T_{31}\mu_1 - T_{12}\mu_2 - T_{13}\mu_3) \\ &= G_{21}\mu_1 + G_{31}\mu_1 - G_{12}\mu_2 - G_{13}\mu_3 \\ &= G_{21}(V_1 - V_2) + G_{31}(V_1 - V_3) \end{split}$$

$$I_1 = -I_3 - I_2$$
 (Kirchhoff's Law)

Physics of MQT: finite voltage bias and temperature

- Beyond the linear response regime: Kubo's formula is not enough
 - \rightarrow S-matrix, energy-dependent
 - \rightarrow Non-zero temperature

$$I = \frac{2e}{h}MT(\mu_1 - \mu_2) = \frac{2e}{h}MT\int[f_1(E) - f_2(E)]dE$$
$$\mapsto \frac{2e}{h}\sum_n \int T_n(E)[f_1(E) - f_2(E)]dE$$

Application of Landauer-Büttiker formalism

- Usages of Landauer-Büttiker formalism in research (analytical)
 - → Universal physics: precise S-matrix may not be required much
 - → Symmetry: S-matrix can be known solely from symmetry

Beyond coherent & metallic conductions

More about Landauer-Büttiker formalism

 \rightarrow MQT is quantal: DC current = $\langle \hat{I} \rangle$, i.e., long-time average of current

→ Current shot noise is also available [M. Büttiker, PRB 46, 12485 (1992)]

→ Periodically driven quantum pumps can be dealt [M. Büttiker, (1990)]

Beyond Landauer-Büttiker formalism: other methods for MQT

Formalisms	Advantages	Disadvantages
Landauer-Büttiker	Intuitive & quick calculations. Finite voltage bias & temperature	Cannot deal with many- body physics
Kubo's linear response theory	Relatively easy & quick, while allowing many-body physics	Only allows physics around equilibrium states
Master equation	Allowing many-body physics & Nonequilibrium bias & finite temp.	Particularly useful at tunneling regime
Keldysh formalism	All the above	Not so easy for everyone

Overview

- Recap. of the last lecture: Mesoscopic Quantum Transport (MQT)
 → It has been exactly 1 year!
- MQT and low-energy theory w/ mesoscopic interactions \rightarrow Low-energy effective theory by $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}$ -method
- $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}$ -method & Mesoscopic Interactions in action \rightarrow Spin-orbit, electric & magnetic field, superconducting order
- MQT in action
 - $\rightarrow \frac{dI}{dV}$ of topological systems calculating S-matrix
- What left beyond today's lecture

Mesoscopic Quantum Transport in 2 hours!

MQT: scales matter always

MQT in condensed matter systems under interactions?

 \rightarrow Landauer-Büttiker formalism: S-matrix is the central quantity!

$$I = \frac{2e}{h} \sum_{n} \int T(E) [f_1(E) - f_2(E)] dE$$

MQT: scales matter always

• MQT in condensed matter systems under interactions?

 \rightarrow Current at (nearly) zero temp.

$$I = I(V) = \frac{2e}{h} \int_{\mu_R}^{\mu_L} T(E) dE$$

S-matrix only around particular energies

 \rightarrow Differential conductance at (nearly) zero temp.

Low-energy effective Hamiltonian

 \rightarrow In the case of graphene

Low-energy effective Hamiltonian

 \rightarrow In the case of WSe₂, 2D Transition Metal Dichalcogenides (TMD)

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$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}$ -method in action: formalism

• Low-energy effective Hamiltonian: $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}$ -method

 \rightarrow How does a system looks around a particular momentum

Around large k this looks

Around small k this looks

$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}$ -method in action: formalism

• Low-energy effective Hamiltonian: $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}$ -method

 \rightarrow How does a system looks around a particular momentum \vec{k}

 \rightarrow There will be eigenstates $\left| n \vec{k} \right\rangle$ of the full Hamiltonian \hat{H}

$$\widehat{H}\left(\vec{k}\right)\left|n\vec{k}\right\rangle = E_n\left(\vec{k}\right)\left|n\vec{k}\right\rangle$$

- → Select subspace of the full Hilbert space with *n*'s such that $E_n\left(\vec{k}\right)$ is around Fermi energy. Let's say those are *n*=1,2
- \rightarrow Matrix representation of the low-energy Hamiltonian around $E_{\rm F}$

$$\widehat{H}_{\rm eff}(\vec{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} \left\langle 1\vec{k} \middle| \widehat{H}(\vec{k} + \vec{p}) \middle| 1\vec{k} \right\rangle & \left\langle 1\vec{k} \middle| \widehat{H}(\vec{k} + \vec{p}) \middle| 2\vec{k} \right\rangle \\ \left\langle 2\vec{k} \middle| \widehat{H}(\vec{k} + \vec{p}) \middle| 1\vec{k} \right\rangle & \left\langle 2\vec{k} \middle| \widehat{H}(\vec{k} + \vec{p}) \middle| 2\vec{k} \right\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

You can choose n's as many as you want

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• Philosophy behind $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}$ -method

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Put} \vec{p} = 0 \widehat{H}_{eff}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1\vec{k} | \widehat{H}(\vec{k}) | 1\vec{k} \rangle & \langle 1\vec{k} | \widehat{H}(\vec{k}) | 2\vec{k} \rangle \\ \langle 2\vec{k} | \widehat{H}(\vec{k}) | 1\vec{k} \rangle & \langle 2\vec{k} | \widehat{H}(\vec{k}) | 2\vec{k} \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_{1\vec{k}} & 0 \\ 0 & E_{2\vec{k}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{If} \vec{p} \text{ is small}$$

 $|n, \vec{k} + \vec{p}\rangle \approx |n, \vec{k}\rangle$ (2nd order is often used)

 $\Rightarrow \text{Accordingly,} \\ \widehat{H}_{\text{eff}}(\vec{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1\vec{k} | \widehat{H}(\vec{k} + \vec{p}) | 1\vec{k} \rangle & \langle 1\vec{k} | \widehat{H}(\vec{k} + \vec{p}) | 2\vec{k} \rangle \\ \langle 2\vec{k} | \widehat{H}(\vec{k} + \vec{p}) | 1\vec{k} \rangle & \langle 2\vec{k} | \widehat{H}(\vec{k} + \vec{p}) | 2\vec{k} \rangle \end{pmatrix}$

Exact

• 2D Transition Metal Dichalcogenides

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FIG. 1 (color online). (a) The unit cell of bulk 2H-MoS₂, which has the inversion center located in the middle plane. It contains two unit cells of MoS₂ monolayers, which lacks an inversion center. (b) Top view of the MoS₂ monolayer. R_i are the vectors connecting nearest Mo atoms. (c) Schematic drawing of the band structure at the band edges located at the K points.

Coupled Spin and Valley Physics in Monolayers of MoS2 and Other Group-VI Dichalcogenides

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Mesoscopic interaction

where 2λ is the spin splitting at the valence band top caused by the SOC and \hat{s}_{7} is the Pauli matrix for spin.

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TABLE I. Fitting result from first-principles band structure calculations. The monolayer is relaxed. The sizes of spin splitting 2λ at valence-band edge were previously reported in the first principle studies [12]. The unit is Å for *a*, and eV for *t*, Δ , and λ . Ω_1 (Ω_2) is the Berry curvature in unit of Å², evaluated at -K point for the spin-up (-down) conduction band.

	а	Δ	t	2λ	Ω_1	Ω_2
MoS ₂	3.193	1.66	1.10	0.15	9.88	8.26
WS_2	3.197	1.79	1.37	0.43	15.51	9.57
MoSe ₂	3.313	1.47	0.94	0.18	10.23	7.96
WSe ₂	3.310	1.60	1.19	0.46	16.81	9.39

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Counting Symmetry e.g., Time-reversal symmetry $\hat{\Theta} = i\hat{\sigma}_{v}K? [\hat{H}_{0}, \hat{\Theta}] = 0?$ $\widehat{\Theta}^{-1}\widehat{H}_0^{\tau}\widehat{\Theta} = \widehat{\sigma}_{\nu}(\widehat{H}_0^{\tau})^* \widehat{\sigma}_{\nu} = \widehat{H}_0^{-\tau}?$ where $\hat{\Theta}^{-1} = -i\hat{\sigma}_{v}K$. $\hat{\sigma}_{\nu}(\hat{H}_{0}^{\tau})^{*}\hat{\sigma}_{\nu} =$ $\hat{\sigma}_{y} \left[at \left(-i\tau \partial_{x} \hat{\sigma}_{x} - i \partial_{y} \hat{\sigma}_{y} \right) + \frac{\Delta}{2} \hat{\sigma}_{z} \right]^{*} \hat{\sigma}_{y}$ $= \hat{\sigma}_{y} \left| at \left(i\tau \partial_{x} \hat{\sigma}_{x} - i \partial_{y} \hat{\sigma}_{y} \right) + \frac{\Delta}{2} \hat{\sigma}_{z} \right| \hat{\sigma}_{y}$ $= at \left(-i\tau \partial_x \hat{\sigma}_x - i \partial_y \hat{\sigma}_y \right) - \frac{\Delta}{2} \hat{\sigma}_z \neq \hat{H}_0^{-\tau}$ shown in Fig. 1(c). The group of the wave vector at the band edges (*K*) is C_{3h} and the symmetry adapted basis functions are

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e.g., Time-reversal symmetry $\hat{\Theta} = i\hat{\sigma}_y K$ is not so correct, $\hat{\sigma}$'s are about orbitals. Hence, $\hat{\Theta} \mapsto K$ with $\hat{\Theta}^2 = 1$. See

$$\widehat{\Theta} | \phi_v^{\tau} \rangle = | \phi_v^{-\tau} \rangle.$$

Now,

 $\hat{\Theta}^{-1} \hat{H}_0^{\tau} \hat{\Theta} = \left[at \left(-i\tau \partial_x \hat{\sigma}_x - i \partial_y \hat{\sigma}_y \right) + \frac{\Delta}{2} \hat{\sigma}_z \right]^*$ $= at \left(-i(-\tau) \partial_x \hat{\sigma}_x - i \partial_y \hat{\sigma}_y \right) + \frac{\Delta}{2} \hat{\sigma}_z$ $= \hat{H}_0^{-\tau}$ Time-reversal of low-energy H of *K*-valley is that of *K'*-valley shown in Fig. 1(c). The group of the wave vector at the band edges (*K*) is C_{3h} and the symmetry adapted basis functions are

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• Graphene: 2nd order perturbation theory

Intrinsic and Rashba spin-orbit interactions in graphene sheet

 \rightarrow PRB **74**, 165310 (2006); Mesoscopic interactions are

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 \rightarrow Dirac point at K(K')-valley opens a gap $E_g = 2(\lambda_{SO} - \lambda_R)$

• Graphene as 2D Topological Insulator (TI)

→ PRL 95, 226801 (2005); Quantum Spin Hall Effect in Graphene

 \rightarrow PRL **95**, 146802 (2005); Z2 Topological Order and the Quantum Spin Hall Effect

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Mesoscopic Interaction ≠ interaction w/ bare electrons

→ Very high Landé g-factor, $g \approx 14$ ($g \approx 2$ for bare electrons) $H_{\tau} = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} = g \mu_B \vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}$

→ Tunable Landé g-factor: PRB **72**, 201307(R) (2005)

→ Tunable Spin-orbit interaction: Nanoscale Adv. 4, 2642 (2022)

Reproducing journal papers: Quantum Transport in TSC

→ PRL **102**, 216403 (2009), PRL **102**, 216404 (2009), and PRL **103**, 237001 (2009)

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Quantum Transport in TSC

 \rightarrow Majorana zero modes (MZM) always come in pair

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Quantization condition along BC

1 vortex

2 MZMs

3 vortex

4 MZMs

 $kL + \pi + n_v \pi = 2m\pi$, where n_v is # of vortices.

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Electrically Detected Interferometry of Majorana Fermions in a Topological Insulator

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• Low-energy Hamiltonian $H = \begin{pmatrix} M \cdot \sigma + v_F p \cdot \sigma - E_F & \Delta \\ \Delta^* & M \cdot \sigma - v_F p \cdot \sigma + E_F \end{pmatrix}$ (3)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -M\sigma_z - i\hbar v_F \partial_y \sigma_y & 0\\ 0 & -M\sigma_z + i\hbar v_F \partial_y \sigma_y \end{pmatrix} \Theta(-y) + \begin{pmatrix} -i\hbar v_F \partial_y \sigma_y & \Delta e^{i\varphi} \\ \Delta e^{-i\varphi} & +i\hbar v_F \partial_y \sigma_y \end{pmatrix} \Theta(y)$$

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Zero-energy solutions

$$\begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{Region:} y < 0 & \operatorname{Region:} y > 0 \\ \psi(y) \propto e^{\frac{M}{\hbar v_F} y} \left[A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + B \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] & \psi(y) \propto e^{-\frac{\Delta}{\hbar v_F} y} \left[C \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \end{pmatrix} + D \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{i\varphi}{2} \\ -e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \end{array}$$

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Wave function matching at y=0
$$\tilde{Q}$$

 $A\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -1\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + B\begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0\\ 1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = C\begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\varphi}{2}}\\ 0\\ 0\\ e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \end{pmatrix} + D\begin{pmatrix} 0\\ e^{\frac{i\varphi}{2}}\\ -e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}}\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -e^{\frac{i\varphi}{2}} & 0\\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -e^{\frac{i\varphi}{2}}\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}}\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A\\ B\\ C\\ D \end{pmatrix}$

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If $M = \Delta$, analytical expression is simple

 $\psi(y) \propto e^{-\frac{\Delta}{\hbar v_F}|y|} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \\ -e^{\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \\ e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \\ e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \\ e^{-\frac{i\varphi}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{expressed by the anticommutation } H\Xi = -\Xi H \text{ of the Hamiltonian with the operator} \\ \Xi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sigma_y \mathcal{C} \\ -i\sigma_y \mathcal{C} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (4)$ Try checking $\Xi \psi(y) = \psi(y)$: Majorana mode

Particle-hole symmetry is

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• Recall basis of the chiral Majorana mode

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dI/dV

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

Quantized Energies

$$E_m = \hbar v_F k_m$$
$$= (2m - 1 - n_v) \frac{\pi \hbar v_F}{L}$$

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Try: derive the low-energy Hamiltonian of below

using $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}$ -method (it should be chiral electron & hole modes)

• Mesoscopic Quantum Transport in TSC using S-matrix

• Symmetry of S_{in}-matrix: particle-hole

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_b \\ \psi_c \end{pmatrix} = S_{\rm in} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_a^e \\ \phi_a^h \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (5)

Particle-hole symmetry for the scattering matrix is expressed by

$$S_{\rm in}(\varepsilon) = S_{\rm in}^*(-\varepsilon) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1\\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

 $\Rightarrow \left| \Psi_{in}^{E} \right\rangle = \phi_{a}^{e} |\phi_{a}^{e}\rangle + \phi_{a}^{h} |\phi_{a}^{h}\rangle \text{ is an incoming state at energy } E.$ i.e., $\hat{H} |\Psi_{N}\rangle = E |\Psi_{N}\rangle$ with $\hat{H}(\hat{\Xi} |\Psi_{N}\rangle) = -\hat{\Xi} \hat{H} \hat{\Xi}^{-1}(\hat{\Xi} |\Psi_{N}\rangle) = -E(\hat{\Xi} |\Psi_{N}\rangle)$ $\therefore \hat{\Xi} |\Psi_{N}\rangle$ is the energy eigenstate of -E and it's an incoming state. c.f., $\hat{\Xi} |\Psi_{N}\rangle = \hat{\Xi} (\phi_{a}^{e} |\phi_{a}^{e}\rangle + \phi_{a}^{h} |\phi_{a}^{h}\rangle) = (\phi_{a}^{h})^{*} |\phi_{a}^{e}\rangle + (\phi_{a}^{e})^{*} |\phi_{a}^{h}\rangle$ \therefore given incoming $\begin{pmatrix} \phi_{a}^{e} \\ \phi_{a}^{h} \end{pmatrix}$ at E, incoming at -E is known $\begin{pmatrix} (\phi_{a}^{h})^{*} \\ (\phi_{a}^{e})^{*} \end{pmatrix}$

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(6)

$$m{\cdot}$$
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At small excitation energies $|\varepsilon| \ll |M_z|$, $|\Delta|$ the ε dependence of S_{in} may be neglected. (The excitation energy is limited by the largest of voltage V and temperature T.) Then Eq. (6) together with unitarity $(S_{in}^{-1} = S_{in}^{\dagger})$ fully determine the scattering matrix,

$$S_{\rm in} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1\\ \pm i & \pm i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{array}{c} & \psi_b \\ \phi_a^e \\ S_{in} \\ & \phi_a^h \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & &$$

 $\Rightarrow S_{\text{in}} = S_{\text{in}}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and by using unitarity. The sign ambiguity & } \alpha \text{ is}$ undetermined but does not affect the conductance.

(7)

 \rightarrow Try!

• Symmetry of S_{out}-matrix: time-reversal

The scattering matrix S_{out} for the conversion from Majorana modes to electron and hole modes can be obtained from S_{in} by time reversal,

$$S_{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{M}) = S_{\text{in}}^{T}(-\boldsymbol{M}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha'} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha'} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \pm i\\ 1 & \mp i \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (8)

The phase shift α' may be different from α , because of the sign change of M upon time reversal, but it will also drop out of the conductance.

- \rightarrow Just use time-reversal symmetry!
- \rightarrow Try it! (You've learned how to apply the time-reversal operator

to a low-energy Hamiltonian & S-matrix)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_b \\ \psi_c \end{pmatrix}_{\text{out}} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\beta_b} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\beta_c} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_b \\ \psi_c \end{pmatrix}_{\text{in}}$$

 \rightarrow Just picking up phases with scattering. But we know

$$\beta_b - \beta_c = kL + \pi + n_v \pi = \frac{EL}{\hbar v_F} + \pi + n_v \pi$$

S-matrix

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i(\alpha+\alpha')}(e^{i\beta_b} - e^{i\beta_c}) & e^{-i(\alpha-\alpha')}(e^{i\beta_b} + e^{i\beta_c}) \\ e^{i(\alpha-\alpha')}(e^{i\beta_b} + e^{i\beta_c}) & e^{-i(\alpha+\alpha')}(e^{i\beta_b} - e^{i\beta_c}) \end{pmatrix}$$

The full scattering matrix *S* of the Mach-Zehnder interferometer in Fig. 1 is given by the matrix product

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_{ee} & S_{eh} \\ S_{he} & S_{hh} \end{pmatrix} = S_{\text{out}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\beta_b} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\beta_c} \end{pmatrix} S_{\text{in}}, \qquad (9)$$

electrons

or holes

 M_{\uparrow}

 M_{1}

Majorana

fermions

where β_b and β_c are the phase shifts accumulated by the Majorana modes along edge *b* and *c*, respectively. The relative phase

$$\beta_b - \beta_c = \varepsilon \delta L / \hbar v_m + \pi + n_v \pi \tag{10}$$

• S_M-matrix

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_d^e \\ \phi_d^h \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} \phi_a^e \\ \phi_a^h \end{pmatrix}, S = \begin{pmatrix} S_{ee} & S_{eh} \\ S_{he} & S_{hh} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Quantum Transport using Landauer-Büttiker

Negligible energy dependence of T(E)

$$I = I(V) = \frac{e}{h} \int_{\mu_R}^{\mu_L} T(E) dE = \frac{e^2}{h} TV$$

\rightarrow Charge transmission into Superconductor

 $T = 1 - |S_{ee}|^2 + |S_{he}|^2 = 1 + |S_{he}|^2 - 1 + |S_{he}|^2 = 2|S_{he}|^2$

from unitarity, $|S_{ee}|^2 + |S_{he}|^2 = 1$

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$$|S_{ee}|^2 + |S_{he}|^2 = 1$$

Finally, $\frac{dI}{dV} = \frac{2e^2}{h} |S_{he}|^2 = \frac{2e^2}{h} \sin^2\left(\frac{n_v\pi}{2} + \frac{eVL}{2\hbar v_F}\right)$

Electrons are incident at
$$E = eV$$

Physical pictures

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$$c_a^{\dagger} \rightarrow \gamma_b + i \gamma_c$$
,

 $c_a \rightarrow \gamma_b - i \gamma_c.$

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What left beyond today's lecture

More about Landauer-Büttiker formalism

 \rightarrow MQT is quantal: DC current = $\langle \hat{I} \rangle$, i.e., long-time average of current

→ Current shot noise is also available [M. Büttiker, PRB 46, 12485 (1992)]

→ Periodically driven quantum pumps can be dealt [M. Büttiker, (1990)]

Beyond Landauer-Büttiker formalism: other methods for MQT

Formalisms	Advantages	Disadvantages	
Landauer-Büttiker	Intuitive & quick calculations. Finite voltage bias & temperature	Cannot deal with many- body physics	
Kubo's linear response theory	Relatively easy & quick, while allowing many-body physics	Only allows physics around equilibrium states	
Master equation	Allowing many-body physics & Nonequilibrium bias & finite temp.	Particularly useful at tunneling regime	
Keldysh formalism	All the above	Not so easy for everyone	