

Understanding conductance spectroscopy of Majorana zero modes



Current flow at the nanoscale





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Prelude : "Beyond Moore" Nanoelectronics



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Anatomy of a Nano-Device



Feynman, Lectures on Computation, (1998)

Anatomy of a Nano-Device: Non-equilibrium Green's function formalism



"Beyond Moore" Device Research Highlights





- Spin filtering devices ٠
- STT-MRAM •
- Toward Neuromorphic •
- 2D topological spintronics ٠
- Materials -> Devices -> Functionalities •









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- Quantum Hall hybrid • systems
- Straintronics
- Topotronics
- 1-D Majorana devices ٠
- Topological vs trivial .
- Entropic signatures
- Magnetic insulator hybrids

Why Topological Quantum Materials?

Beyond Moore: Quantum Computation ISSUE: Qubit stability (Decoherence)





Beyond Moore: Binary and nonbinary Logic ISSUE: Power Dissipation









Prelude : Topological Quantum Computing











Table 4.1 Anyonic quantum computation		
Quantum computation		Anyonic manipulation
State initialisation	\rightarrow	Create and arrange anyons
Quantum gates	\rightarrow	Braid anyons
State measurement	\rightarrow	Detect anyonic charge



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Hybrid Quantum Systems





Fig: Fabricated mechanical resonator and quantum dot hybrid device. The resonator motion can be detected through the change in the conductance of quantum dot.



What is this tutorial all about??



Topology and gap closure Connectíon to Conductance

Advanced Devíce Modelíng Rashba nanowíre systems Dephasing Magnetíc Insulator hybríds









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Quantum Materíals Entanglement Entropy



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Moving on...







• Materials and structures – quantum effects

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• Quantum transport basics



Part II : Transport Spectroscopy

- Andreev bound states
- Detecting Majoranas via quantization
- Issues with conductance spectroscopy







Part III : Beyond transport spectroscopy

- Topological states and von Neumann entropy
- How Majorana bound states can be identified
 - Outlook and device modeling

Part I : Materials to devices FAQ

- Materials and structures quantum effects
- What is a topological quantum material?
- Detection of such states conductance quantum





Materials to Devices:: FAQs



Materials to Devices:: Regimes

How do the quantum aspects just disappear?? Size/Dimension does Matter!



What makes a device?



Quantized conductance at the interface!

Conductance quantization.. Standard confinement effect...and more?

Standard confinement effect Dies out due to impurities/defects etc.,



QPC: 1988 – Longitundnal conductance quantization Confinement effect: Short channel + Clean channel





QHE: 1980 – Hall conductance quantization Conduction via "edge states": MOSFET – 2DEG



Topology- a way to classify - Quantum robustness





Continuous deformation (no hole)



The Nobel Prize in Physics 2016



Ill: N. Elmehed. © Nobel Media 2016 David J. Thouless Prize share: 1/2



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Quantum Topology Connection



Phase transition and bulk boundary correspondence



https://topocondmat.org

Sci.Rep, 6, 24347 (2016)

Quantum Effects "visible" at Macroscale!

Family of Quantum Hall Effects :: Starting point of topological stability





Recurring theme in topological quantum materials



Schematic of the spin-polarized edge channels in a quantum spin Hall insulator.

Momentum

Formalizing Quantum Lanes



Anatomy of a Nano-Device: Non-equilibrium Green's function formalism



Device Modeling Basics



Keldysh Non-Equilibrium Green's Function



Majorana modes and their detection The "retro" reflection



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Supercurrent operator

$$I_{L}^{op}(E) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e}{h} Tr\left(\tau_{z} \left[[G^{r}] [\Sigma_{L}^{<}] - [\Sigma_{L}^{<}] [G^{a}] + [G^{<}] [\Sigma_{L}^{a}] - [\Sigma_{L}^{r}] []G^{<}] \right] \right) \right]$$

Crash course on superconductor systems



Generic Hamiltonian with e-e interactions

$$H_{BCS} = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_{k\sigma} c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + \sum_{k,k'} \sum_{q,\sigma\sigma'} V(q) c_{k+q,\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k'-q,\sigma'}^{\dagger} c_{k'\sigma'} c_{k\sigma}$$

We then get the BCS Hamiltonian after considering the Cooper pairs

$$H_{BCS} = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_{k\sigma} c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + \sum_{k,k'} V_{k,k'} c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k'\downarrow} c_{k'\uparrow}$$

The basic idea of any mean field theory:: $c_{-k\downarrow}c_{k\uparrow} = \langle c_{-k\downarrow}c_{k\uparrow} \rangle + \delta_k$

$$H_{BCS}^{MF} = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + \sum_{k,k'} V_{kk'} \left[c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} \langle c_{-k'\downarrow} c_{k'\uparrow} \rangle + c_{-k'\downarrow} c_{k'\uparrow} \langle c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} \rangle - \langle c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} \rangle \langle c_{-k'\downarrow} c_{k'\uparrow} \rangle \right]$$

There are other terms: $\langle c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{k\uparrow} \rangle$ are typically the Coulomb terms like Hartree-Fock etc., which will get absorbed into on-site terms

Crash course on superconductor systems

Electrons and holes in superconductors



Superconducting hybrid systems



The Majorana Fermion



The Andreev "retro" Reflection



Keldysh Non-Equilibrium Green's Function



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Device Modeling Basics



Conductance "Spectroscopy"



Tunneling Conductance Spectroscopy



$$\gamma = uc^{\dagger} + vc$$
$$\gamma^{\dagger} = \gamma$$

For Majoranas -> exact mid gap Andreev reflection -> quantized conductance



Vuik et.al., Sci. Post, 7, 061 (2019)

False positive? Due to disorder and localized Andreev modes :(

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- (2020)







Super-gate Voltage Back gate

Understanding non-local correlations: The Gap Protocol!





Andreev



Andreev reflection



Crossed Andreev



Rosdahl et.al., PRB, 97, 045421 (2018)



Understanding non-local correlations: The non-local conductance





These end states are non-locally correlated!

Andreev



Andreev reflection



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Puglia et.al., PRB, 103, 235201 (2021) Microsoft Quantum, ArXiv:2207.02472 (2022)

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The Kitaev Model



Theory-Local conductance spectroscopy







Andreev reflection





$$I_{L}^{e} = \int dE \frac{e}{h} \left(T_{D}^{e}(E) \left[f_{L}^{ee}(E - eV_{L}) - f_{R}^{ee}(E - eV_{R}) \right] \right) \\ + \int dE \frac{e}{h} \left(T_{A}^{e}(E) \left[f_{L}^{ee}(E - eV_{L}) - f_{L}^{hh}(E + eV_{L}) \right] \right) \\ + \int dE \frac{e}{h} \left(T_{CA}^{e}(E) \left[f_{L}^{ee}(E - eV_{L}) - f_{R}^{hh}(E + eV_{R}) \right] \right)$$

 $I_{L}^{op}(E) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e}{h} Tr\left(\tau_{z} \left[[G^{r}] [\Sigma_{L}^{<}] - [\Sigma_{L}^{<}] [G^{a}] + [G^{<}] [\Sigma_{L}^{a}] - [\Sigma_{L}^{r}] []G^{<}] \right] \right) \right]$

$$G_{LL} = \frac{e^2}{h} T_A^e(E = eV_L) + \frac{e^2}{h} T_A^e(E = -eV_L)$$



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Theory - Local conductance



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Andreev reflection



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Understanding non-local correlations: The non-local conductance



Theory: Non-local conductance



Theory: Non-local conductance











Recap ...



Crossed Andreev

- Many issues regarding false positives ٠
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- No conclusive experiment yet.
- Possible clues from entropic arguments ٠



The von-Neumann entropy



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The Topological entanglement entropy



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Rashba Nanowire in the BdG form



$$\begin{split} H_0 &= \frac{p_x^2}{2m} - \mu - \frac{\alpha_R}{\hbar} \sigma_y p_x + \frac{g\mu_B}{2} \sigma_x B \qquad H_{BdG} = \begin{pmatrix} H_0 & -i\Delta\sigma_y \\ i\Delta\sigma_y & -H_0^* \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{H} &= \frac{1}{2} \int dx \, \Psi_k^{\dagger} H_{BdG} \, \Psi_k \,, \qquad \Psi_k = \left(\psi_{\uparrow}(k), \psi_{\downarrow}(k), \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger}(-k), \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}(-k), \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}(-k)\right)^{\dagger} \end{split}$$





Rashba Nanowire NEGF



Anatomy of a Nano-Device: Non-equilibrium Green's function formalism



Scattering self-energy



$$\Gamma_{\rm s}(E) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}(\hbar\omega)}{2\pi} \begin{pmatrix} D^{\rm em}(\hbar\omega) \cdot [G^{\rm p}(E - \hbar\omega) + G^{\rm n}(E + \hbar\omega)] \\ + D^{\rm ab}(\hbar\omega) \cdot [G^{\rm n}(E - \hbar\omega) + G^{\rm p}(E + \hbar\omega)] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G = [EI - H_0 - U - \Sigma]^{-1}$$

$$A = i[G - G^+] \qquad \Gamma = i[\Sigma - \Sigma^+]$$

$$\begin{split} \Sigma^{in} &= \Sigma_1^{in} + \Sigma_2^{in} + \Sigma_s^{in} \\ \Sigma &= \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_s \end{split}$$

$$G^{n} = G \Sigma^{in} G^{+}$$

$$\tilde{I}_i = \operatorname{Trace}[\Sigma_i^{\operatorname{in}} A] - \operatorname{Trace}[\Gamma_i G^n]$$

For dephasing interactions

$$\Sigma_{\rm s}^{\rm in}(E) = D_0 G^{\rm n}(E)$$
$$\Gamma_{\rm s}(E) = D_0 A(E)$$
$$\Sigma_{\rm s}(E) = D_0 G(E)$$

Single-frequency inelastic processes

$$\begin{split} \Sigma_{\rm s}^{\rm in}(E) &= D_0^{\rm em} G^{\rm n}(E + \hbar\omega_0) + D_0^{\rm ab} G^{\rm n}(E - \hbar\omega_0) \\ \Gamma_{\rm s}(E) &= D_0^{\rm em} [G^{\rm p}(E - \hbar\omega_0) + G^{\rm n}(E + \hbar\omega_0)] \\ &+ D_0^{\rm ab} [G^{\rm n}(E - \hbar\omega_0) + G^{\rm p}(E + \hbar\omega_0)] \end{split}$$

Dephasing Self-Energies



Spin dephasing

$$\begin{split} [\mathbf{\Sigma}_{s}^{r}]_{ij} &= D_{S} \left(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{x} \mathbf{G}_{i,j}^{r} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{x} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{y} \mathbf{G}_{i,j}^{r} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{y} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{z} \mathbf{G}_{i,j}^{r} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{z} \right) \\ \left[\mathbf{\Sigma}_{s}^{<} \right]_{ij} &= D_{S} \left(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{x} \mathbf{G}_{i,j}^{<} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{x} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{y} \mathbf{G}_{i,j}^{<} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{y} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{z} \mathbf{G}_{i,j}^{<} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{z} \right). \end{split}$$

A. Yanik et.al., Phys Rev B, 76,045203, (2007)



coherent

 $|\Psi|^2$ (normalized units) 9.0 $|\Psi|^2$ (so 0.0

0

20

40

Site

JPCM, 33, 365301, (2021)

60

80

100

 $-d_0 = 10^{-8}t_0^2$

 $d_0 = 10^{-6}t_0^2$

Dephasing

 $\overline{D}(i,j) \propto \langle U_s(i) U_s^*(j) \rangle$

 $\overline{D}(i,j) = d_m \delta_{ij}$ ("Momentum relaxing")

$$G(E) = (EI - H - \Sigma_L - \Sigma_R - \Sigma_s)^{-1}$$







Dephasing Interactions



Magnetic insulator Hybrid NW



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Topology and gap closure Connectíon to Conductance

Advanced Device Modeling Rashba nanowire systems Dephasing Magnetic Insulator hybrids











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World of Quantum transport-> Many more explorations!



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Many more frontiers!

Spintronics

2D Spintronics Neuromorphic spintronics Modular spintronics-> Device to Circuits



3.1 Spin-Neurons



Fig. 9 shows an array of M spin-neurons that take N in

Expertise: 1) 2D Quantum materials and Devices 2) 2D Spintronics 3) Frontier areas like hybrid quantum devices for quantum technologies

Research

Frontier areas ->Devices Structures -> Functionalities

Topotronics and Hybrid Quantum Devices

Majorana Braiding Architectures Topological Quantum Computing



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2D Electronics

Valleytronics Topotronics Straintronics Twistronics



Novel Possibilities- Weak value amplification



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Device-Circuit-System Co-design



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