



Majorana Multipole Response of Topological Superconductors

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MS-Fujimoto, PR B79, 094504 (2009) Mizushima-MS-Machida, PRL, 109, 165301 (2012)

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Kobayashi-Yamakage-Tanaka-MS, arXiv:1812.01857

Motivation

MFs were originally proposed as elementary particles, but now we know that they can be emergent excitations in electron or atomic systems.



These emergent MFs in condensed matter physics share some properties with elementary Majorana particles in high energy physics

• Both obey the Dirac equation with self-charge-conjugation condition

$$\mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} \gamma_i k_i \qquad \qquad \psi(\boldsymbol{k}) = \mathcal{C}\psi(-\boldsymbol{k})$$

• Zero modes exhibit non-Abalian anyon statistics



However, there is an essential difference between them

CPT theorem

CPT is a fundamental symmetry of relativistic QFT
 C: charge conjugation P: parity (inversion) T: time-reversal
 Any reasonable relativistic QFT is invariant under CPT

- Elementary MFs should respect CPT inv. since they should respect Lorentz inv.
- This means that elementary MFs are self-conjugate under CPT, not merely under C



This fundamental invariance of elementary MFs gives a strong constraint in electromagnetic responses

Electromagnetic response of elementary MFs

General form of one-particle EM-coupling for spin-1/2 relativistic fermions

- Charge neutral condition forMFs (F=0)
- Electro-magnetic dipole momenta of MFs vanish (M=E=0)

Elementary MFs only show moderate EM responses

However, emergent MFs are not subject to such a strong constraint.

- Emergent MFs only have approximate Lorentz invariance.
- They are self-conjugate just under C(=PHS), not under CPT.

We can have different EM responses for emergent MFs



 In this talk, I will present a general theory of EM responses of emergent MFs in time-reversal invariant TSCs

Majorana multipole response in topological superconductors

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Anisotropic magnetic response of MF

Helical Majorana fermions in TRI topological SCs show peculiar anisotropic magnetic response. MS-Fujimoto (09)

MS-Fujimoto (09) Chung-Zhang (09)

2dim p-wave Rashba noncentrosymmetric SC



MS-Fujimoto (09), Y. Tanaka et al (09)

Under Zeeman fields, the helical MF shows anisotropic response.



• Zeeman field **normal** to edge



A similar anisotropic magnetic response has been reported in 3dim time-reversal invariant SCs Chung-Zhang(09)

Shindou-Furusaki-Nagaosa(10)

Helical Majorana surface state in ³He-B

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\psi}_{\leftarrow} \\
\hat{\psi}_{\leftarrow} \\
\hat{\psi}_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \\
\hat{\psi}_{\downarrow}^$$

- MF behaves like Ising spin (=magnetic dipole)
- MF does not couple to magnetic fields parallel to the surface

Correspondingly, the system shows anisotropic surface spin-susceptibility.





MF responds to only the Zeeman field normal to the surface.

A hint of these anisotropic behaviors is magnetic crystalline sym.

Mizushima-MS-Machida (12) Shiozaki-MS (14)



- TRS can remain partially as magnetic symmetry.
- The remaining magnetic sym can stabilize gapless helical MFs under magnetic fields

Actually, one can define top. # by using these magnetic symmetries



Therefore, the magnetic winding # naturally explain why helical MFs can stay gapless even under magnetic fields

Question

- 1. How can we evaluate magnetic response more systematically?
- 2. Can we have magnetic response other than Ising (= magnetic dipole) behavior ?



To address these questions, we develop a general theory of quantum response of MFs

Basic idea

For elementary MFs, Lorentz and CPT inv. determine EM response ...

Lorentz inv.

 For emergent MFs, we cannot use them, but we can use crystalline symmetry and PHS (charge-conjugation) instead

How to evaluate quantum operator

$$\hat{O} = \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\sigma}(x)O_{\sigma,\sigma'}\hat{c}_{\sigma'}(x) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(x)\mathcal{O}\hat{\Psi}(x)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{O} = \begin{pmatrix} O & 0 \\ 0 & -O^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{\Psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c}_{\sigma} \\ \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\sigma} \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{hermitian} & \text{Nambu base} \end{array}$$

First, use PHS of the Nambu spinor $\hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(x)\tau_x = \hat{\Psi}^t(x)$

$$\hat{O} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Psi}^t(x) \left[\tau_x \mathcal{O} \right] \hat{\Psi}(x)$$

Then, perform mode expansion of quantum field,

$$\Psi(x) = \sum_{a} \hat{\gamma}^{(a)} |u_0^{(a)}\rangle + \cdots,$$
 gapless MF

Substituting this, we can extract the contribution of gapless MFs as

$$\hat{O}_{\rm MF} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \hat{\gamma}^{(a)} \hat{\gamma}^{(b)} \langle u_0^{*(a)} | \tau_x \mathcal{O} | u_0^{(b)} \rangle \qquad \qquad \mathsf{PHS} \\ |Cu_0^{(a)}\rangle = \tau_x | u_0^{*(a)} \rangle$$

$$\hat{O}_{\rm MF} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ab} \hat{\gamma}^{(a)} \hat{\gamma}^{(b)} \operatorname{tr} \left[\mathcal{O} \rho^{(ab)} \right] \quad \rho^{(ab)} = \left(|u_0^{(b)}\rangle \langle C u_0^{(a)}| - |u_0^{(a)}\rangle \langle C u_0^{(b)}| \right)$$

From this form, we can derive conditions to obtain non-zero coupling b/w MFs and operator O

$$\hat{O}_{\rm MF} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ab} \hat{\gamma}^{(a)} \hat{\gamma}^{(b)} \operatorname{tr} \left[\mathcal{O} \rho^{(ab)} \right] \qquad \rho^{(ab)} = \left(|u_0^{(b)}\rangle \langle C u_0^{(a)}| - |u_0^{(a)}\rangle \langle C u_0^{(b)}| \right)$$

two conditions for non-zero MF operator



1. Zero modes

As mentioned before, the presence of zero modes is ensured by 1d magnetic winding #

$$w_{\rm M1D} = \frac{i}{4\pi} \int dk_{\perp} \operatorname{tr}[\Gamma_{\rm M} \mathcal{H}^{-1}(k_{\perp}, \boldsymbol{k}_{\parallel}) \partial_{k_{\perp}} \mathcal{H}(k_{\perp}, \boldsymbol{k}_{\parallel})]$$

Actually, the spin-structure relevant to mag. response is specified by the generalized index theorem MS-Tanaka-Yada-Yokoyama PRB (11)





From top table, we find that such 1d magnetic winding # can be obtained if the system has (emergent) AIII, BDI or CII sym.



What determines the emergent AZ symmetry?



Symmetry of Cooper pairs

To see this, first I explain how the com. relation b/w PSH and crystalline sym is determined.

Ex.) C₂-sym SC

C₂-even SC

$$C_2 \Delta(\boldsymbol{k}) C_2^t = \Delta(C_2 \boldsymbol{k})$$

For Nambu space

particle

$$\tilde{C}_2 = \left(\begin{array}{cc} C_2 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2^* \end{array} \right) \quad \text{hole}$$

Particle and hole behave in the same way



C₂-odd SC

$$C_2 \Delta(\boldsymbol{k}) C_2^t = -\Delta(C_2 \boldsymbol{k})$$

For Nambu space

$$\tilde{C}_2 = \left(\begin{array}{cc} C_2 & 0\\ 0 & -C_2^* \end{array}\right)$$

Particle and hole behave in a different manner

 \tilde{C}_2

$$\tilde{C}_2 C = -C\tilde{C}_2$$

anti-commutation relation

This difference results in the difference of the emergent AZ sym 22





On the other hand, a different result is obtained for C₂-odd SCs

For C₂–odd SC $\tilde{C}_{2}\mathcal{C} = -\mathcal{C}\tilde{C}_{2} \qquad \Gamma\tilde{C}_{2} = -\tilde{C}_{2}\Gamma$ $\tilde{C}_{2}\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}\tilde{C}_{2} \qquad (\Gamma = \mathcal{T}\mathcal{C})$ $C_2\Delta(\boldsymbol{k})C_2^t = -\Delta(C_2\boldsymbol{k})$ TRS **PHS** $\tilde{C}_2 = i$ $[\mathcal{H}(k_{\perp}), C_2] = 0$ TRS, CS PHS Each sector only have $\tilde{C}_2 = -i$ PHS (class C) No stable MF

Pairing sym determines the existence of MFs

2. Possible Majorana op

O should be the same rep as $\rho^{(ab)}$

$$\hat{O}_{\rm MF} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ab} \hat{\gamma}^{(a)} \hat{\gamma}^{(b)} \operatorname{tr} \left[\mathcal{O} \rho^{(ab)} \right] \qquad \rho^{(ab)} = \left(|u_0^{(b)}\rangle \langle C u_0^{(a)}| - |u_0^{(a)}\rangle \langle C u_0^{(b)}| \right)$$

We use the standard rep. theory to identify possible Os..

1. The representation of $|u_0^{(a)}\rangle$ under crystalline sym. is the same as that of usual electrons (double point group rep.)



 $\rho^{(ab)}$ is the product rep. of $|u_0^{(a)}\rangle$

- 2. Calculating the character of $\rho^{(ab)}$, we can identify possible O coupling to MFs
- 3. By specifying the parity of O under T, magnetic or electric response is identified.

$$\mathcal{TOT}^{-1} = -\mathcal{O} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{TOT}^{-1} = \mathcal{O}$$

In this manner, we complete the list of possible pairing sym and quantum operator O for MFs for each point group for surface state



Our theory predicts magnetic octupole response in high spin TSC !!

Application to half-Heusler SCs



Butch et al (11) $T_c=0.7K$

theory



proposed gap fn.

$$\Delta(\boldsymbol{k}) \propto \left[\eta \mathbf{1}_{4 \times 4} + \sum_{i} k_i (J_{i+1} J_i J_{i+1} - J_{i+2} J_i J_{i+2}) \right] e^{-iJ_y \pi}$$

high-spin Cooper pair

Noncentrosymmetric TSC

High-spin (J=3/2) Cooper pair

We can expect magnetic octupole response !!

Brydon et al (16)

The octupole response is confirmed by model calculation

Kobayashi-Yamakage-Tanaka-MS (18)

Model Brydon et al (16)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{k}) &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{k}) & \Delta(\boldsymbol{k}) \\ \Delta^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{k}) & -\mathcal{E}^{t}(-\boldsymbol{k}) \end{pmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{J}_{i}: \mathbf{3/2 \ spin} \\ \mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{k}) &= \alpha k^{2} + \beta \sum_{i} k_{i}^{2} J_{i}^{2} + \gamma \sum_{i \neq j} k_{i} k_{j} J_{i} J_{j} + \delta \sum_{i} k_{i} (J_{i+1} J_{i} J_{i+1} - J_{i+2} J_{i} J_{i+2}) \\ \Delta(\boldsymbol{k}) &= \Delta_{0} / \sqrt{1 + \eta^{2}} \left[\eta \mathbf{1}_{4 \times 4} + \sum_{i} k_{i} (J_{i+1} J_{i} J_{i+1} - J_{i+2} J_{i} J_{i+2}) \right] e^{-iJ_{y}\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Magnetic response of MFs on [111]



 $\Delta E \propto |B_2|(B_2^2 - 3B_3^2)$ octupole response



Summary

- 1. In contrast to elementary Majorana particles, emergent MFs may exhibit richer magnetic structures.
- 2. We find a one-to-one correspondence between symmetry of Cooper pairs and rep. of magnetic response, which provides a novel way to identify unconventional SC.
- 3. Detection of magnetic octupole response of MFs is a direct evidence of high spin topological superconductivity.