

Two types of SOI in solids

- 1) Symmetry-independent:
exists in all types of crystals
stem from SOI in atomic orbitals
- 2) Symmetry-dependent:
exists only in crystals without inversion symmetry
 - a) Dresselhaus interaction (bulk): Bulk-Induced-Assymetry (BIA)
 - b) Bychkov-Rashba (surface): Surface-Induced-Asymmetry (SIA)

Additional band splitting in non-centrosymmetric crystals

Kramers theorem: if time-reversal symmetry is not broken, all eigenstates are at least doubly degenerate

if ψ is a solution, ψ^* is also solution

Kramers doublets $\epsilon_s(\mathbf{k})$, $s = \pm 1$ (not necessary spin projection!)

Time reversal symmetry: $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow -\mathbf{k}, t \rightarrow -t$ $\epsilon_s(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon_{-s}(-\mathbf{k})$

No SOI: $\epsilon(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon(-\mathbf{k})$ regardless of the inversion symmetry

With SOI:

i) If a crystal is centrosymmetric

$$\epsilon_s(\mathbf{k}) \underset{t \rightarrow -t}{=} \epsilon_{-s}(-\mathbf{k}) \underset{\mathbf{k} \rightarrow -\mathbf{k}}{=} \epsilon_{-s}(\mathbf{k}) \Rightarrow \epsilon_s(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon_{-s}(\mathbf{k})$$

ii) If a crystal is non-centrosymmetric,

$$\epsilon_s(\mathbf{k}) \neq \epsilon_{-s}(\mathbf{k}) \quad B=0 \text{ “spin” splitting}$$