

Spintronics and Nanomagnetism

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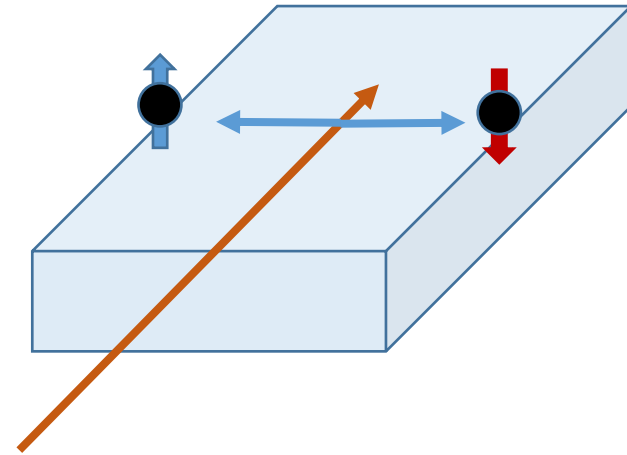
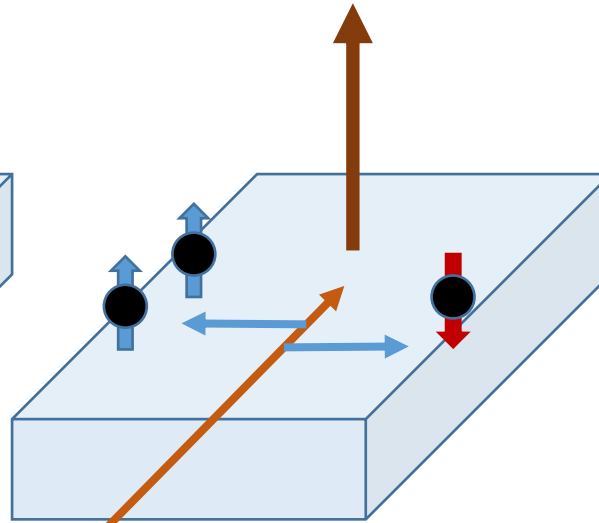
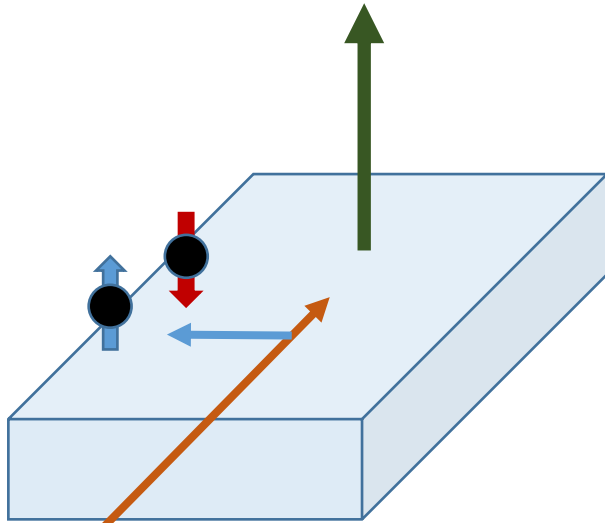
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Spin Hall effect

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Magnetic field

Magnetization



Ordinary Hall effect

Anomalous Hall effect

(Pure) Spin Hall effect

Hall voltage
NO
spin accumulation

Hall voltage
AND
spin accumulation

NO Hall voltage
BUT
spin accumulation

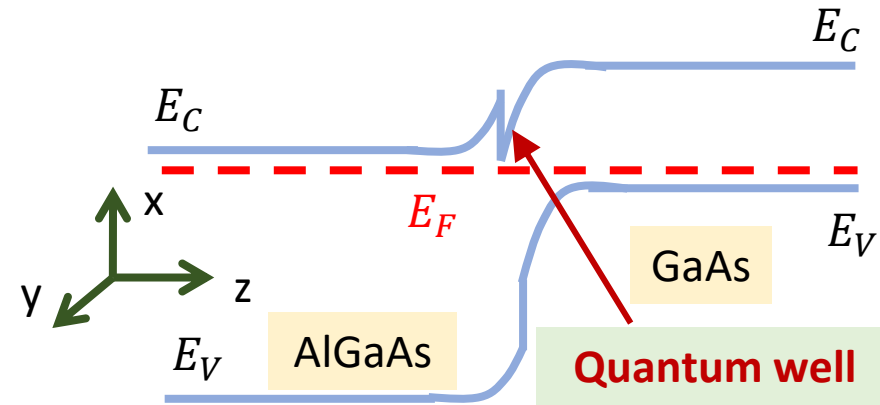
2-DEG in the presence of Rashba SOI

2D electron gas in $x - y$ plane

E in z -direction

$$H_R = \boldsymbol{\eta}_R(\mathbf{E}) \cdot [\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p}]$$

$$H_R = -\frac{a_R}{\hbar} E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p}]$$



$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$[\Psi(x, y, z)] = e^{ik_x x} e^{ik_y y} [\lambda(z)]$$

$V(z)$: Confining potential

$$H = \frac{|\mathbf{p}|^2}{2m^*} [I] + V(z)[I] + H_R$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{|\mathbf{p}|^2}{2m^*} + V(z) & -\frac{a_R}{\hbar} E_z (p_y + ip_x) \\ -\frac{a_R}{\hbar} E_z (p_y - ip_x) & \frac{|\mathbf{p}|^2}{2m^*} + V(z) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{p} = p_x \hat{x} + p_y \hat{y}$$

$$p = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$$

Velocity versus wavevector

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$$v_q = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_q}$$

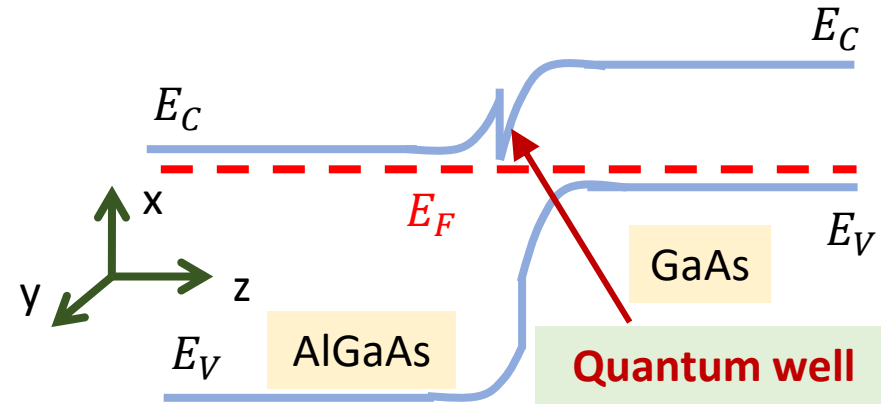
Exercise

Determine v_x and v_y

$$v_x = \frac{\hbar k_x}{m^*} [I] + \frac{a_R}{\hbar} E_z \sigma_y$$

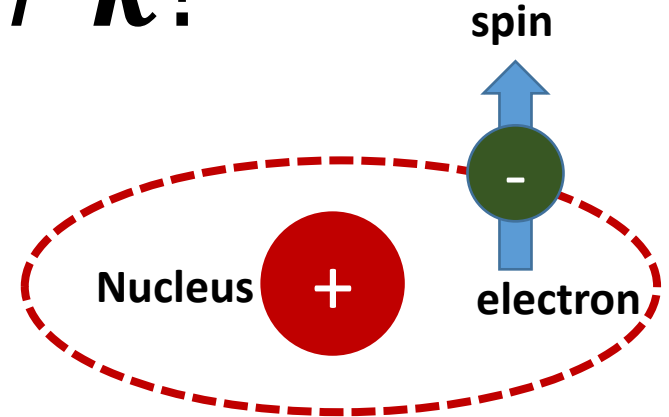
$$v_y = \frac{\hbar k_y}{m^*} [I] - \frac{a_R}{\hbar} E_z \sigma_x$$

$$\mathbf{v} = A\mathbf{k} + B$$



$B_{Rashba} \propto v \text{ or } k?$

$$B_{Rashba} = \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v}}{2c^2 \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \simeq \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v}}{2c^2}$$



Ehrenfest theorem: Time evolution of the expectation value of a time-dependent observable for a quantum-mechanical system

$$\frac{d\langle \mathbf{S}(t) \rangle}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle [\mathbf{S}(t), H(t)] \rangle + \left\langle \frac{d\mathbf{S}(t)}{dt} \right\rangle$$

$$\frac{g\mu_B \mathbf{B}_{Rashba}}{\hbar} \times \langle \mathbf{S}(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle [\mathbf{S}(t), H_R(t)] \rangle \quad H_R = -\frac{a_R}{\hbar} E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p}]$$

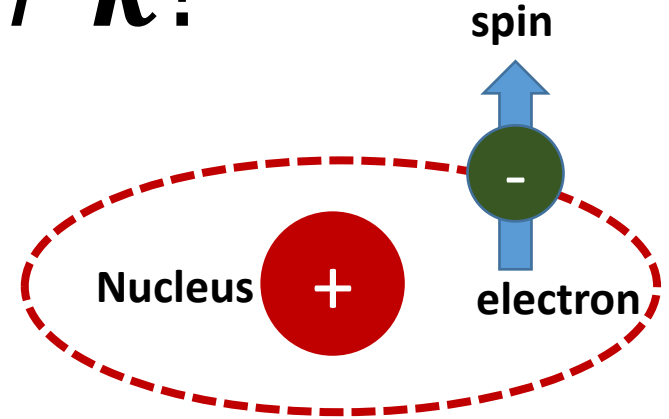
$$\mathbf{E} = E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\frac{g\mu_B \mathbf{B}_{Rashba}}{\hbar} \times \langle \mathbf{S}(t) \rangle = -\frac{1}{i\hbar} \left\langle \left[\mathbf{S}(t), \frac{a_R}{\hbar} \mathbf{E} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p}] \right] \right\rangle$$

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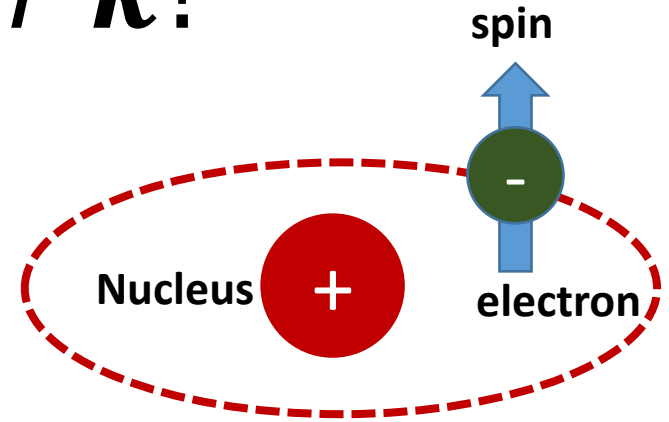
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$$\begin{aligned} [\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \mathbf{E} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p})] &= \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{E} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{E} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p}) \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ &= -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{p}) + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{p}) \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ &= (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{q}) \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\sigma} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{q}) \quad \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{p} \\ &= (\sigma_x q_x + \sigma_y q_y + \sigma_z q_z) (\sigma_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sigma_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \sigma_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \\ &\quad - (\sigma_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sigma_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \sigma_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}) (\sigma_x q_x + \sigma_y q_y + \sigma_z q_z) \end{aligned}$$

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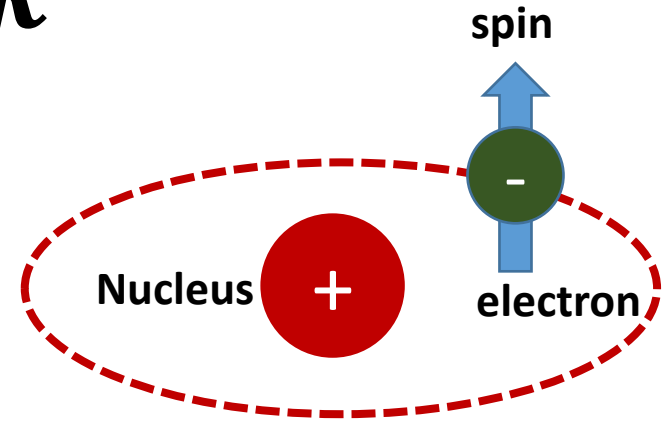
$$\begin{aligned} [\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \mathbf{E} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p})] &= (\sigma_x q_x + \sigma_y q_y + \sigma_z q_z) (\sigma_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sigma_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \sigma_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \\ &\quad - (\sigma_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sigma_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \sigma_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}) (\sigma_x q_x + \sigma_y q_y + \sigma_z q_z) \\ &= (2i\sigma_y q_z \hat{\mathbf{x}} - 2i\sigma_z q_y \hat{\mathbf{x}}) \\ &\quad + (2i\sigma_z q_x \hat{\mathbf{y}} - 2i\sigma_x q_z \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \\ &\quad + (2i\sigma_x q_y \hat{\mathbf{z}} - 2i\sigma_y q_x \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = 2i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_i \sigma_j = -\sigma_j \sigma_i = i\sigma_k$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{Rashba} \propto \mathbf{k}$$

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$$\frac{g\mu_B \mathbf{B}_{Rashba}}{\hbar} \times \langle \mathbf{S}(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \frac{a_R}{\hbar} 2i (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{p}) \times \langle \mathbf{S}(t) \rangle$$

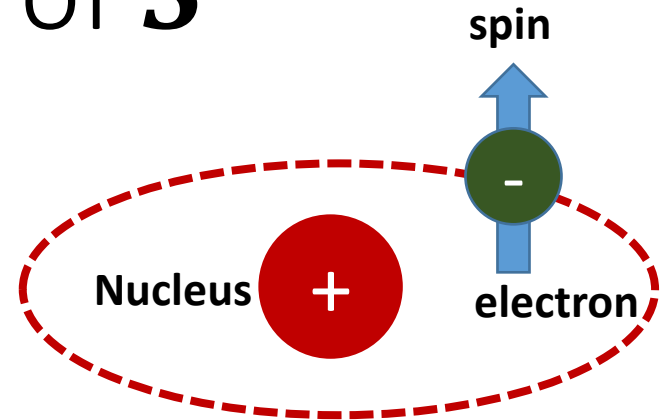
$$\mathbf{B}_{Rashba} = \frac{2a_R}{g\mu_B} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{k})$$

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Time evolution of \mathbf{S}

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$$\frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dt} = \frac{g\mu_B \mathbf{B}_{\text{Rashba}}}{\hbar} \times \mathbf{S}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}_{\text{Rashba}} &= \frac{2a_R E_z}{g\mu_B} (-k_y \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k_x \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \\ &= B_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + B_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dS_x}{dt} = \frac{g\mu_B}{\hbar} B_y S_z = \frac{2a_R E_z}{\hbar} k_x S_z$$

$$\frac{dS_y}{dt} = -\frac{g\mu_B}{\hbar} B_x S_z = -\frac{2a_R E_z}{\hbar} k_y S_z$$

$$\frac{dS_z}{dt} = \frac{g\mu_B}{\hbar} (B_x S_y - B_y S_x) = -\frac{2a_R E_z}{\hbar} (k_y S_y + k_x S_x)$$

Time evolution of \mathbf{S}

2D electron gas in $x - y$ plane

E in z -direction \rightarrow Rashba SOI

$$\mathbf{B}_{Rashba} = \frac{2a_R E_z}{g\mu_B} (-k_y \hat{x} + k_x \hat{y})$$

$$= B_x \hat{x} + B_y \hat{y}$$

E_x in x -direction

$t = 0:$ $B_{x'}(0) \neq 0$ $B_{y'}(0) = 0$

$B_{Rashba}(0)$ is along the x' -direction

$$S_{x'}(0) = \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$S_{y'}(0) = 0$$

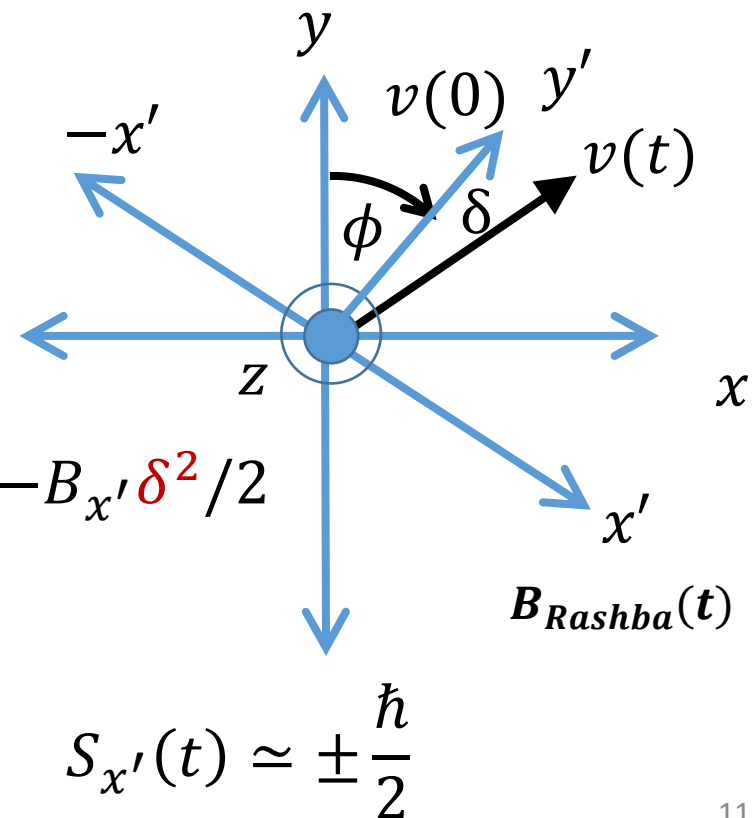
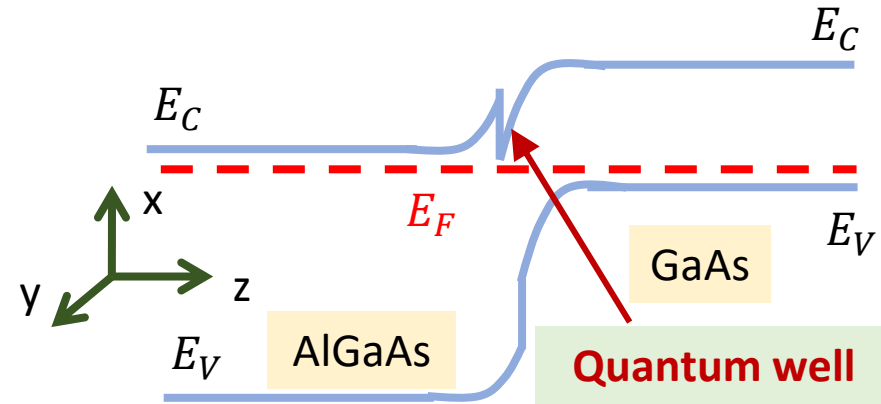
$$S_z(0) = 0$$

$t = \tau:$

$$dB_{x'} = B_{x'}(\cos\delta - 1) \simeq -B_{x'}\delta^2/2$$

$$dB_{y'} = B_{x'}\sin\delta \simeq B_{x'}\delta$$

$$\frac{dB_{x'}}{dt} \simeq 0 \quad \frac{dB_{y'}}{dt} \neq 0$$



$$S_{x'}(t) \simeq \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Time evolution of \mathbf{S}

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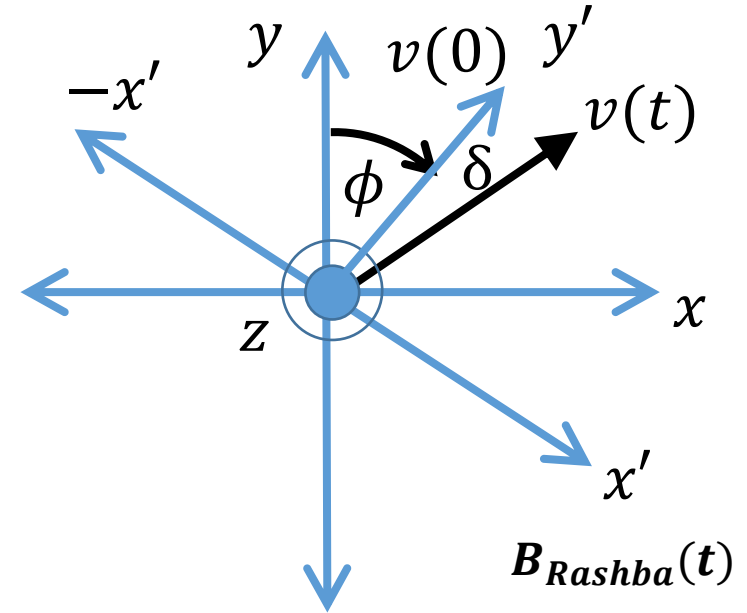
$$\frac{dB_{x'}}{dt} \simeq 0 \quad S_{x'}(t) \simeq \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\frac{dB_{y'}}{dt} \neq 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{dS_{y'}}{dt} \neq 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 S_{y'}}{dt^2} = 0 \quad \text{Assumption: Change is linear in time}$$

$$\frac{dB_{x'}}{dt} S_z + \frac{dS_z}{dt} B_{x'} = 0$$

$$B_{x'}(\tau)S_{y'}(\tau) - B_{y'}(\tau)S_{x'}(\tau) = 0$$



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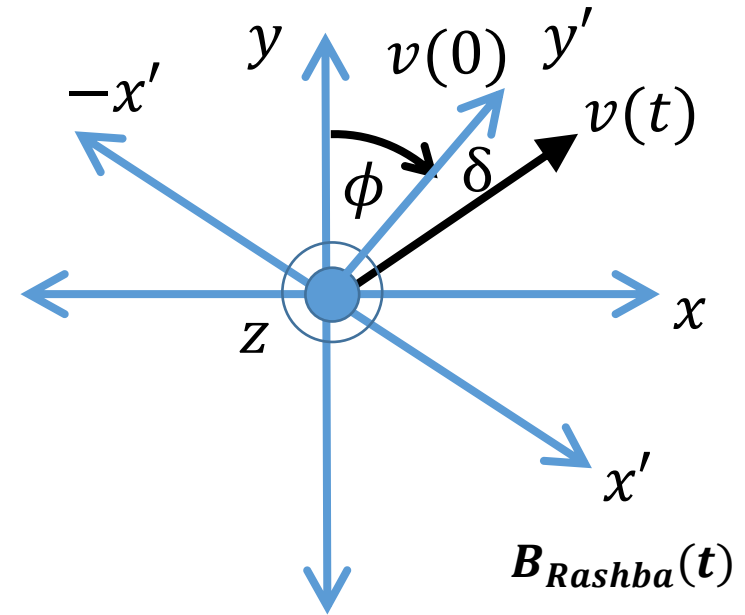
$$\frac{dB_{x'}}{dt} \simeq 0 \quad S_{x'}(t) \simeq \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$B_{x'}(\tau)S_{y'}(\tau) - B_{y'}(\tau)S_{x'}(\tau) = 0$$

$$S_{y'}(\tau) = \pm \frac{B_{y'}(\tau) \hbar}{B_{x'}(\tau) 2}$$

$$S_z(t) = \mp \frac{\hbar}{g\mu_B} \frac{1}{B_{x'}(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{B_{y'}(t)}{B_{x'}(t)} \right) \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\frac{B_{x'}(t) dB_{y'}(t)/dt - B_{y'}(t) dB_{x'}(t)/dt}{B_{x'}^2(t)}$$



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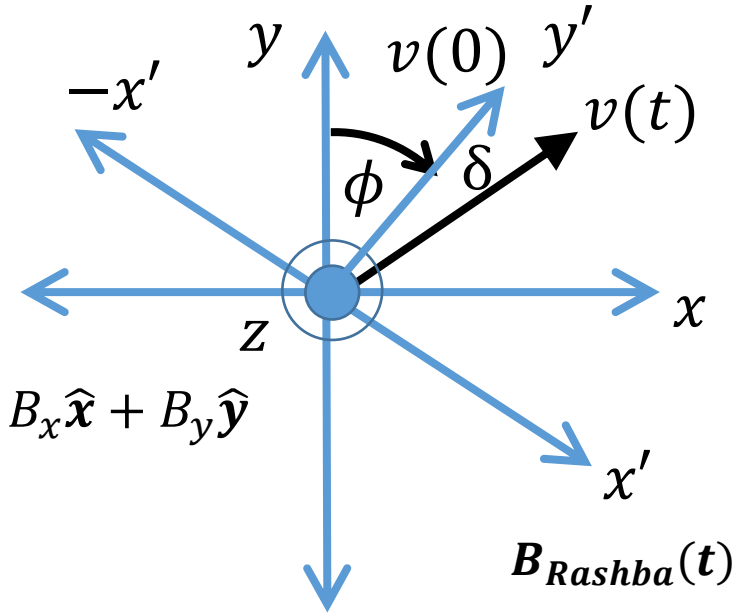
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$$\frac{dB_{x'}}{dt} \simeq 0 \quad S_{x'}(t) \simeq \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{Rashba}} = B_x \hat{x} + B_y \hat{y}$$



$$S_z(t) = \mp \frac{\hbar}{g\mu_B} \frac{1}{B_{x'}(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{B_{y'}(t)}{B_{x'}(t)} \right) \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

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$$S_z(t) = \mp \frac{\hbar}{g\mu_B} \frac{1}{B_{x'}^2(t)} \frac{dB_{y'}(t)}{dt} \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\sin(\phi + \delta(t)) = \frac{v_x(t)}{v(t)} = \frac{k_x(t)}{k(t)}$$

$$B_{y'}(\tau) - B_{y'}(0) = B_{y'}(\tau) \simeq B_{x'}(\tau)\delta(\tau)$$

$$S_z(t) = \mp \frac{\hbar^2}{2g\mu_B} \frac{1}{B_{x'}(t)} \frac{d\delta(t)}{dt}$$

Time evolution of \mathcal{S}

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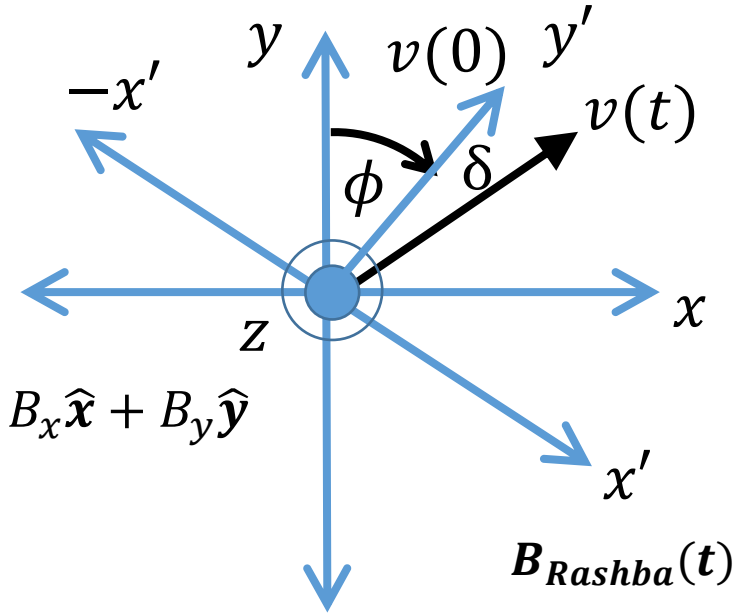
$$\frac{d\delta(t)}{dt} = \frac{d(\phi + \delta(t))}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sin^{-1} \frac{k_x(t)}{k(t)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - k_x^2(t)/k^2(t)}} \frac{k(t) dk_x(t)/dt - k_x(t) dk(t)/dt}{k^2(t)} \quad \begin{matrix} k_y(t) = k_y(0) \\ E_x \text{ in } x\text{-direction} \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k_y(0)/k(t)} \frac{k(t) dk_x(t)/dt - (k_x^2(t)/k(t)) dk_x(t)/dt}{k^2(t)}$$

$$= \frac{k_y(0)}{k^2(t)} \frac{dk_x(t)}{dt}$$

$$S_z(t) = \mp \frac{\hbar^2}{2g\mu_B} \frac{1}{B_{x'}(t)} \frac{k_y(0)}{k^2(t)} \frac{dk_x(t)}{dt}$$



Time evolution of \mathcal{S}

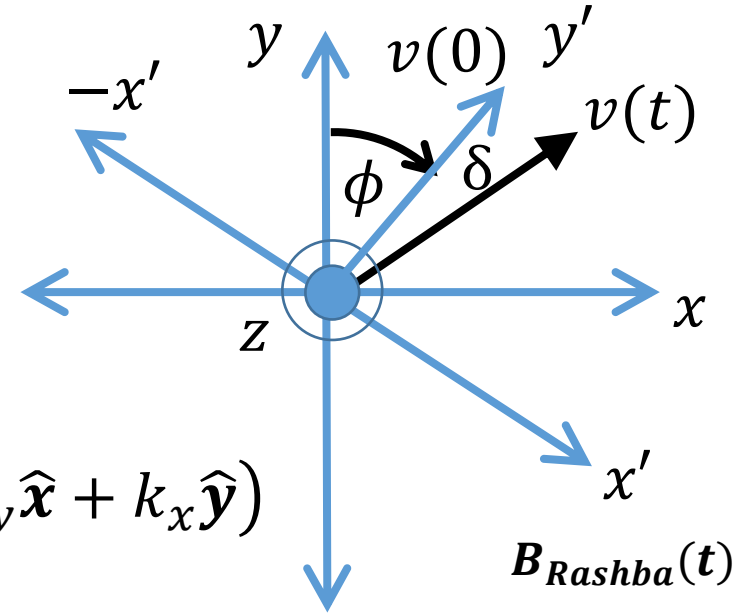
$$S_z(\tau) = \mp \frac{\hbar^2}{2g\mu_B} \frac{1}{B_{x'}(\tau)} \frac{k_y(0)}{k^2(\tau)} \frac{dk_x}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d(\hbar k_x)}{dt} = -eE_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}_{x'} &= \mathbf{B}_{Rashba} = \frac{2a_R E_z}{g\mu_B} (-k_y \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k_x \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \\ &= B_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + B_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} \end{aligned}$$

$$B_{x'}^2 = B_x^2 + B_y^2 = \left(\frac{2a_R E_z}{g\mu_B} \right)^2 k^2$$

$$S_z(\tau) = \pm \frac{e\hbar}{4a_R E_z} \frac{k_y(0)}{k^3(\tau)} E_x$$



$k_y(t) = k_y(0)$
 E_x in x -direction

Spin Hall current

$$S_z(\tau) = \pm \frac{e\hbar}{4a_R E_z} \frac{k_y(0)}{k^3(\tau)} E_x$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{Rashba} = \frac{2a_R E_z}{g\mu_B} (-k_y \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k_x \hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

$$= B_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + B_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} \quad k_y(t) = k_y(0)$$

$$S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_z$$

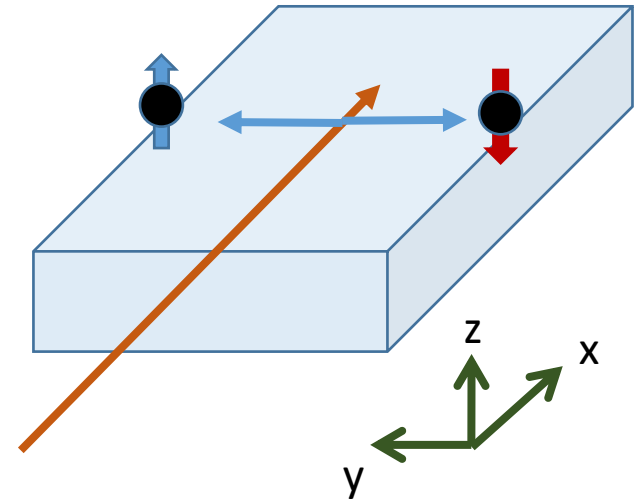
E_x in x -direction

$$j_{S_z}^y = \frac{1}{2} \{S_z, v_y\} = \frac{p_y}{m^*} S_z$$

$$v_y = \frac{p_y}{m^*} [I] - \frac{a_R}{\hbar} E_z \sigma_x$$

$$j_{sy}(\tau) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{k_F} d\phi k(\tau) dk(\tau) \frac{\hbar k_y(0)}{m^*} S_z(\tau)$$

$$k_y(0) \simeq k(\tau) \cos\phi$$



Spin Hall current and conductivity

$$S_z(\tau) = \pm \frac{e\hbar}{4a_R E_z} \frac{k_y(0)}{k^3(\tau)} E_x$$

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$$k_y(0) \simeq k(\tau) \cos\phi$$

$$j_{sy}(\tau) = \pm \frac{e\hbar^2}{16\pi^2 m^* a_R E_z} E_x \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{k_F} d\phi dk(\tau) \cos^2 \phi$$

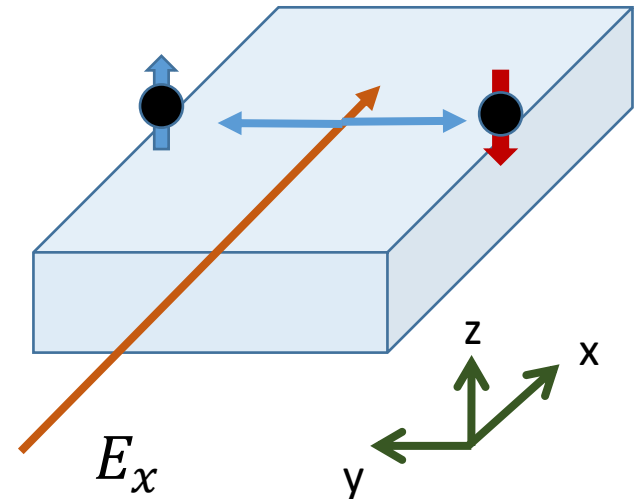
$$j_{sy1}(\tau) = \frac{e\hbar^2}{16\pi m^* a_R E_z} E_x k_{F1} \quad j_{sy2}(\tau) = -\frac{e\hbar^2}{16\pi m^* a_R E_z} E_x k_{F2}$$

$$j_{sy}(\tau) = -\frac{e\hbar^2}{16\pi m^* a_R E_z} E_x (k_{F2} - k_{F1})$$

$$k_{F2} - k_{F1} = 2m^* a_R E_z / \hbar^2$$

Spin Hall conductivity

$$\sigma_{SH} = \frac{j_{sy}(\tau)}{-E_x} = \frac{e}{8\pi}$$



$$k_y(t) = k_y(0)$$

$$j_{sy}(\tau) = -\frac{e}{8\pi} E_x$$

**Intrinsic
SHE**

Spin Hall effect: Intrinsic versus extrinsic

- Intrinsic spin Hall effect

- Rashba spin orbit coupling
- No electric field in the y -direction (Hall direction)

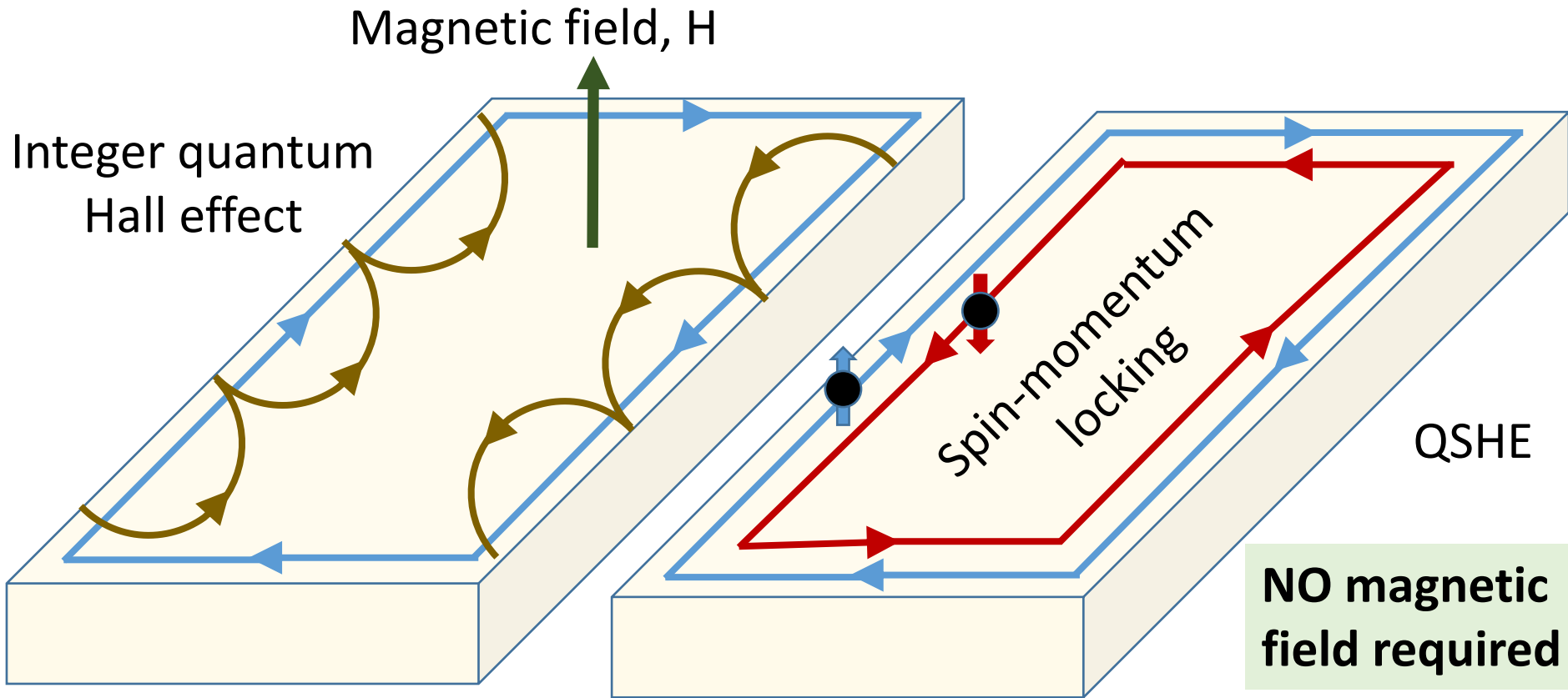
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- Extrinsic spin Hall effect

- Spin dependent scattering
- Band structure effects

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Quantum spin Hall effect (QSHE)

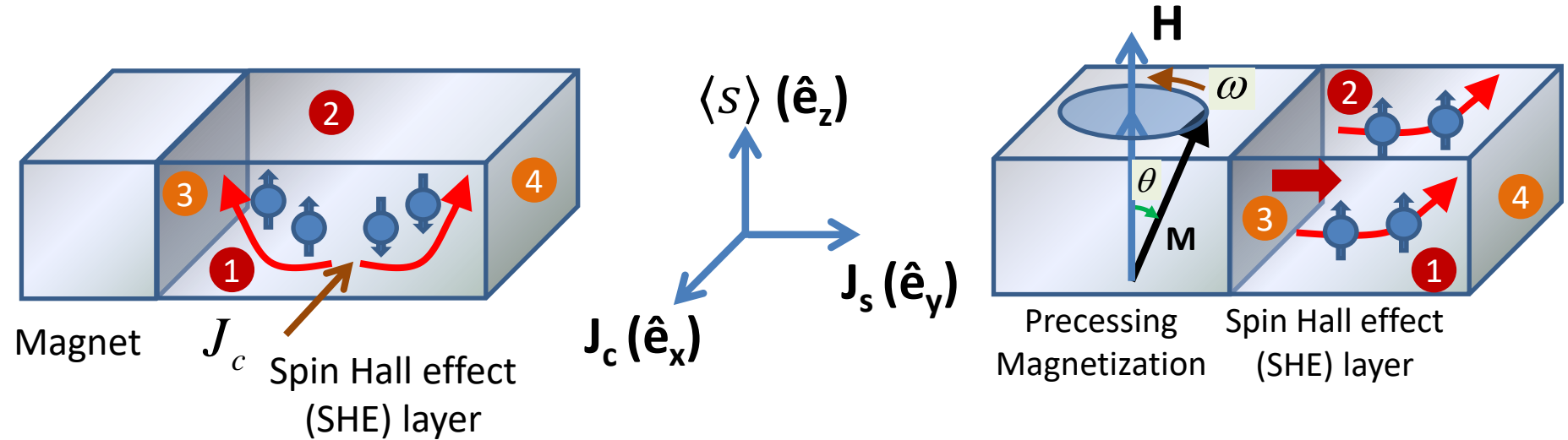


Edge states conduct the current

Requirement of a magnetic field is an issue for technology

Topological Insulators
BULK insulating,
SURFACE conducting
(Bi_2Se_3 , Bi_2Te_3)

Reciprocity: Spin-transfer-torque (Direct SHE) and Spin pumping (Inverse SHE)



- Charge current generates spin current via direct SHE and
- Spin current exerts spin-transfer-torque on magnet

- Precessing magnet injects pure spin current and
- Spin current generates charge current via inverse SHE

$$J_s = \theta_{SH} \langle s \rangle \times J_c$$

Onsager's reciprocity

$$J_c = \theta_{SH} J_s \times \langle s \rangle$$