

复旦大学物理系物质科学报告 Physics Department Colloquium

Topological superconductivity and Majorana zero modes

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Abstract: We study unconventional superconductivity induced by weak repulsive interactions in 2D electronic systems at Van Hove singularity (VHS) where density of states is logarithmically divergent. Interestingly, for systems at type-II Van Hove singularity renormalization group (RG) analysis shows that weak repulsive interactions favor triplet pairing (e.g. pwave) when the Fermi surface is not sufficiently nested. For such type-II VHS systems respecting either tetragonal or hexagonal symmetry, topological superconductivity (either chiral p+ip pairing or time reversal invariant Z_2 p+ip pairing) occurs generally. We shall also discuss relevance of our study to real materials including recently discovered BiS2-based superconductors and graphenelike material BC3, both of which can be tuned to type-II VHS by doping. I shall also discuss topological superconductivity realized in surface states of topological insulators by proximity to superconductors. In both intrinsic chiral p+ip superconductors with nontrivial topology and proximity-induced topological superconductivity, Majorana zero mode may be realized.

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Location: Physics Building, Room 221B

(Cookies and coffee are served from 1:30 pm)