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Electron Spin Resonance in a Two-Dimensional Fermi Liquid with Spin-Orbit Coupling

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Electron spin resonance (ESR) is usually viewed as a single-particle phenomenon protected from the effect of many-body correlations. We show that this is not the case in a two-dimensional Fermi liquid (FL) with spin-orbit coupling (SOC). Depending on whether the in-plane magnetic field is below or above some critical value, ESR in such a system probes—up to three—collective spin-chiral modes, augmented by the presence of the field, or the Larmor mode, augmented both by SOC and FL renormalizations. We argue that ESR can be used as a probe not only for SOC but also for many-body physics.

I. INTRODUCTION

Electron Spin Resonance (ESR) spectroscopy is an invaluable tool for studying dynamics of electron spins.^{1–3} In a single-particle picture, ESR can be understood either classically, as resonant absorption of electromagnetic (EM) energy by a classical magnetic moment precessing about the magnetic field, or quantum-mechanically, as absorption of photons with frequency equal to the Zeeman splitting. The absorption rate, w, of an incident EM wave (with frequency Ω and amplitudes of the electric and magnetic fields, $\vec{E}^{\rm em}$ and $\vec{B}^{\rm em}$, correspondingly) is given by the Kubo formula^{4–6}

$$w = 2\sum_{ij} \left[\sigma'_{ij}(\Omega) E_i^{\rm em} E_j^{\rm em} + \Omega \chi''_{ij}(\Omega) B_i^{\rm em} B_j^{\rm em} \right], \quad (1)$$

where $\sigma'_{ij}(\Omega)$ is the real part of the conductivity and $\chi''_{ij}(\Omega)$ is the imaginary part of the spin susceptibility.

If the static magnetic field (\vec{B}) is in the plane of a twodimensional electron gas (2DEG) and there is no spinorbit coupling (SOC), the only resonant feature is due to a pole in the second term of Eq. (1) at the Larmor frequency. This is a conventional (or direct) ESR. However, because the spin susceptibility is proportional to $1/c^2$, where c is the speed of light, the direct ESR signal is very weak. SOC of Rashba^{7,8} and/or Dresselhaus^{9,10} types changes the situation drastically by producing an effective magnetic field, which acts on the spin of an electron with given momentum \vec{p} and is proportional to $|\vec{p}|$. The driving electric field (either from a *dc* current or EM wave) gives rise to a flow of electrons with a non-zero drift momentum; hence the electron system as a whole experiences an effective magnetic field due to SOC. The magnitude of bare SOC is strongly enhanced by virtual interband transitions;¹¹ as a result, the electric component of an EM field couples to electron spins much stronger than the magnetic one. This is an electric dipole spin resonance (EDSR),^{12–15} which gives rise to a range of spectacular phenomena, e.g., a strong enhancement of microwave absorption in a geometry when \vec{E}^{em} is in the plane of a 2DEG¹⁶ and a shift of the resonance frequency by a dc current.^{3,5}

In this article, we discuss the effect of the electronelectron interaction on the ESR signal. In the Fermiliquid (FL) language, ESR in the absence of SOC is an excitation of the Silin-Leggett (spin-flip) collective mode,^{17,18} cf. Fig. 1a. Although the very existence of this dispersive mode is due to many-body correlations, its end point at q = 0-the Larmor frequency-is protected from renormalizations by these correlations and given by the bare Zeeman energy.¹⁹ In addition, there is a continuum of spin-flip single-particle excitations (shaded region in Fig. 1a), whose end point corresponds to the renormalized Zeeman energy. Although the absorption rate should, in principal, contain the contributions from both the collective mode and continuum, the latter does not contribute to ESR because its spectral weight vanishes at q = 0. These two main features of the ESR signal-no many-body renormalization of the resonance frequency and no contribution from the continuum-are due to conservation of the total spin (\vec{S}) projection onto \vec{B} .

The situation changes drastically in the presence of SOC, which breaks conservation of $\vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}$ and thus gives rise to fundamentally new features in the excitation spectrum discussed in this aricle. (Modification of the ESR spectrum due to both SOC and electron-electron interaction in the quantum Hall regime was considered in Ref. 20 within the Hartree-Fock theory.) Depending on whether the ratio of the Zeeman energy to spin-orbit splitting is larger than, comparable with, or smaller than unity, one can define the regimes of "high", "moderate", and "weak" magnetic fields. We show that the ESR frequency in the high-field regime is affected both by SOC and many-body correlations and scales non-linearly with B(see Fig. 1b). The deviation from linearity can be used to extract the amplitudes of both SOC and electron-electron correlations. In addition to the resonance peak, the ESR signal now also shows a broad feature due the continuum of spin-flip excitations. In the presence of SOC, the resonance itself is entirely a many-body effect; in the absence of interactions, the signal comes entirely from the continuum.²¹ The conventional ESR regime is reached in the limit of $B \to \infty$. As the field gets weaker, the ESR frequency scales down and finally vanishes at a critical field,



FIG. 1. [color on-line] (a) The Silin-Leggett mode (red) and continuum of spin-flip excitations (shaded, blue) for a Fermi liquid in the magnetic field. Δ_Z and $\tilde{\Delta}_Z$ are the bare and renormalized Zeeman energies, correspondingly. (b) Schematically: the frequencies of the collective modes and continuum boundaries as a function of B for a Fermi liquid with Rashba spin-orbit coupling in the magnetic field. The gap in the continuum closes at the critical field B_c , where the spin-split bands become degenerate. For $B < B_c$, there are three spin-chiral modes, $\Omega_{1...3}$. For $B > B_c$, there is one mode with a renormalized Larmor frequency, Ω_L^* . Insets: spin-split Fermi surfaces. (c) RPA diagrams for the spin susceptibility. (d) Evolution of polarizations of the collective modes with B.

 B_c , where the spin-split energy levels become degenerate (see insets in Fig.1b) and the gap in the continuum closes. The region around B_c defines the moderate-field range. For $B < B_c$, the resonance appears again and two more modes split off the continuum as the field passes through the critical values, B_{c2} and B_{c1} . At $B \rightarrow 0$, the three modes evolve into spin-chiral resonances–collective oscillations of magnetization in the absence of the magnetic field.^{4,22,23} In the most general case of both Rashba and Dresselhaus SOC present, all the three spin-chiral modes are ESR-active.

In the prior literature, the discussion of the effect of SOC on ESR was largely limited to two aspects: D'yakonov-Perel' damping²⁴ of the signal^{25,26} and coupling of electron spins to the electric field via the EDSR mechanism. We show in this article that the effect of SOC is much richer than the two aspects mentioned above. To the best of our knowledge, all the experiments thus far have been performed in the high-field limit, where the effect of SOC is quantitative rather than qualitative. We propose to study ESR in moderate and weak field regimes, where the SOC-induced changes are qualitative.

II. MODEL AND FORMALISM

We study a two-dimensional (2D) electron system with both Rashba and Dresselhaus types of SOC (RSOC and DSOC, correspondingly) and in the presence of an inplane magnetic field. We adopt the form of Dresselhaus SOC appropriate for a GaAs [001] quantum well and choose the x_1 and x_2 axes to be along the [110] and [110] directions, correspondingly. The single-particle part of the Hamiltonian then reads²⁷

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0} = \frac{\vec{k}^{2}}{2m} \hat{\sigma}_{0} + \alpha \left(\hat{\sigma}_{1} k_{2} - \hat{\sigma}_{2} k_{1} \right) + \beta \left(\hat{\sigma}_{1} k_{2} + \hat{\sigma}_{2} k_{1} \right) - \frac{g \mu_{B}}{2} \hat{\sigma}_{1} B, \qquad (2)$$

where *m* is the band mass, μ_B is the Bohr magneton, $\hat{\sigma}_{1,2,3}$ are the Pauli matrices, $\hat{\sigma}_0$ is the 2 × 2 identity matrix, and α (β) is the Rashba (Dresselhaus) coupling constant. For simplicity, we chose the magnetic field to be along one of the two high-symmetry directions, i.e., $\vec{B} || \hat{x}_1$. This restriction will be relaxed in Sec. III(c).

The many-body part of the Hamiltonian, $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{int}$, depends only on the electron positions, $\hat{\vec{x}}$. Consequently, $[\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{int}, \hat{\vec{x}}] = 0$ and the velocity operator $\hat{\vec{v}} = i[\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0 + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{int}, \hat{\vec{x}}] = i[\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0, \hat{\vec{x}}]$ retains its free-electron form:

$$\hat{\vec{v}} = \left(\frac{k_1}{m}\hat{\sigma}_0 - (\alpha - \beta)\hat{\sigma}_2, \frac{k_2}{m}\hat{\sigma}_0 + (\alpha + \beta)\hat{\sigma}_1\right).$$
 (3)

The gradient $(k_1/m \text{ and } k_2/m)$ terms in $\hat{\vec{v}}$ give rise to the Drude part of the conductivity, while the spindependent terms give rise to its *B*-dependent part, σ_B , which determines the EDSR signal. In the Voigt geometry $(\vec{E}^{\text{em}}||\vec{B} \perp \vec{B}^{\text{em}})$, the first (EDSR) term in the absorption rate [Eq. (1)] contains the component $(\sigma'_B)_{11}$, which is related to the spin susceptibility via

$$(\sigma'_B)_{11} = \frac{e^2}{(g\mu_B)^2\Omega} (\alpha - \beta)^2 \chi''_{22}, \tag{4}$$

while the second (ESR) term contains $\chi_{22/33}''$ for $\vec{B}^{\rm em}||\hat{x}_{2/3}$. Equation (4) also holds in the presence of the electron-electron interaction. The ratio of the EDSR amplitude to the ESR one is given by $e^2(\alpha-\beta)^2/\mu_B^2\Omega_{\rm res}^2$, where $\Omega_{\rm res}$ is the resonance frequency. For the spin-chiral modes, $\Omega_{\rm res} \sim |\alpha-\beta|k_F$ and the ratio of the amplitudes is of the order of $(\lambda_F/\lambda_C)^2 \sim 10^8 - 10^9$, where λ_F is the Fermi wavelength and $\lambda_C = \hbar/m_e c$ is the Compton length (m_e is the free electron mass).⁴ For the Silin-Leggett mode, $\Omega_{\rm res} = g\mu_B B \equiv \Omega_L$ and the EDSR/ESR ratio is $(\lambda_F/\lambda_C)^2 \times (\Delta_{\rm SOC}/\Omega_L)^2$, where $\Delta_{\rm SOC}$ is the characteristic spin-orbit splitting and Ω_L is the Larmor frequency.

In this work, we assume that the EDSR part of the signal dominates the ESR one, so that the absorption rate in Eq. (1) is determined by $(\sigma'_B)_{11}$ to very high accuracy. We also assume that both the spin-orbit splitting and Zeeman energy are much smaller than the Fermi energy. In this case, the corresponding terms in the Hamiltonian can be treated as corrections to the conventional, SU(2)-invariant FL, and the complications encountered in generalizing the FL theory for arbitrarily large spindependent terms 28,29 do not arise. The ESR signal is completely characterized by the spin susceptibility. At q = 0, the spin and charge sectors of the theory decouple because of charge conservation,²³ and $\chi_{ij}(\Omega)$ can be found within the usual random-phase approximation (RPA), in which the Green's functions include the Bdependent shifts of the chemical potential (see Fig. 1c). For an *s*-wave interaction (U = const), the Matsubara form of χ_{ij} is given by the matrix product²³

$$\chi_{ij}(\Omega_m) = -\frac{(g\mu_B)^2}{4} \Pi^0_{ij'}(\Omega_m) \left[1 + \frac{U}{2} \hat{\Pi}^0(\Omega_m) \right]_{j'j}^{-1},$$
(5)

where $\Pi_{ij}^{0}(\Omega_m) = \int_K \operatorname{Tr} \left[\hat{\sigma}_i \hat{G}_K \hat{\sigma}_j \hat{G}_{K+Q} \right]$ with $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}, Q = (i\Omega_m, \vec{0}); K = (i\omega_m, \vec{k}), \text{ and } \int_K \equiv T \sum_{\omega_m} \int \frac{d^2k}{(2\pi)^2}$. Furthermore, $\hat{G}_K^{-1} = (i\omega + \mu)\hat{\sigma}_0 - \hat{\mathcal{H}}'_0$, where $\hat{\mathcal{H}}'_0$ differs from $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0$ in that the Zeeman energy is replaced by its renormalized value (see Appendix A): $g\mu_B B \to g\mu_B B/(1-u)$, where $u \equiv \nu_{2D} U$ is the dimensionless coupling constant and $\nu_{2D} = m/2\pi$ is the density of states in 2D. For weak SOC, i.e., for $|\alpha|, |\beta| \ll v_F$ with v_F being the Fermi velocity in the absence of SOC, the system is characterized by four energy scales:

$$\Delta_R \equiv 2\alpha k_F; \ \Delta_D \equiv 2\beta k_F; \ \Delta_Z \equiv g\mu_B B; \ \tilde{\Delta}_Z = \frac{\Delta_Z}{1-u},$$
(6)

where $k_F = mv_F$. We choose the Zeeman energies to be positive, while the signs of Δ_R and Δ_D are arbitrary.

We note in passing that RPA for the case of an *s*-wave interaction gives the same results as the kinetic equation for a FL with a Landau function that contains only the zeroth angular harmonic in the spin channel (see Appendix D).

III. THE ESR SPECTRUM: MANY-BODY DESCRIPTION

A. ESR without spin-orbit coupling

We start by revisiting the well-known case of a FL without SOC in the magnetic field ($\alpha = \beta = 0$ in Eq. 2). In this case, $\Pi_{1j}^0(\Omega_m) = 0$ ($j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$) because the projection of spin on the direction of \vec{B} is conserved. For the rest of the components we obtain, upon analytic continuation ($i\Omega_m \to \Omega + i0^+$): $\Pi_{22}^0(\Omega) =$ $\Pi_{33}^{0}(\Omega) = 2\nu_{2D}\tilde{\Delta}_{Z}^{2}/(\Omega^{2} - \tilde{\Delta}_{Z}^{2}) \text{ and } \Pi_{23}^{0}(\Omega) = -\Pi_{32}^{0}(\Omega) = -2i\nu_{2D}\Omega\tilde{\Delta}_{Z}/(\Omega^{2} - \tilde{\Delta}_{Z}^{2}).$ The collective mode corresponds to a pole of Eq. (5), when det $\left[1 + \frac{U}{2}\Pi_{ij}^{0}(\Omega)\right] = 0$ or $1 + \frac{U}{2}\Pi_{22}^{0} = \pm \frac{U}{2}i\Pi_{23}^{0}.$ The only solution of this equation outside the spin-flip continuum is the Larmor frequency: $\Omega_{L} = \tilde{\Delta}_{Z}(1 - u) = \Delta_{Z}.$ On the other hand, $\chi_{ij}'(\Omega)$ vanishes at the continuum $(\Omega = \tilde{\Delta}_{Z})$, and thus the continuum does not contribute to ESR.

B. ESR with Rashba spin-orbit coupling

This case is realized by setting $\beta = 0$ in Eq. (2). After including the self-energy correction to the Zeeman term³⁰ (see Appendix A), the dispersions of the spin-split bands become $\varepsilon_{\vec{k}}^{\pm} = k^2/2m \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(2\alpha k)^2 + (\tilde{\Delta}_Z)^2 - 2\tilde{\Delta}_Z(2\alpha k)\sin\theta_k}$, where θ_k is the angle between \vec{k} and the x_1 -axis. Although the spin projection onto \vec{B} is not conserved anymore, some offdiagonal components of Π_{ij}^0 still vanish. Indeed, since $\vec{B}^{\rm em} \times \vec{B} = 0$ for $\vec{B}^{\rm em} \parallel \vec{B} \parallel \hat{x}_1$, the only two pseudovectors in the system are $\vec{B}^{\rm em}$ and \vec{B} themselves. The magnetization induced by $\vec{B}^{\rm em}$ is also a pseudo-vector and thus can only be parallel to \vec{B} , which implies that $\Pi_{1j}^0 = 0$ for j = 2, 3. The non-zero components of $\hat{\Pi}^0$ are given by (see Appendix B):

$$\Pi_{11}^{0}(\Omega) = -2\nu_{2D} \frac{W^{2}(1-f)}{4\tilde{\Delta}_{Z}^{2}},$$
(7)

$$\Pi_{22}^{0}(\Omega) = -2\nu_{2D} \left[\frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{Z}^{2}}{fW^{2}} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{f}\right) \left(1 - \frac{W^{2}}{4\tilde{\Delta}_{Z}^{2}}\right) \right],$$

$$\Pi_{33}^{0}(\Omega) = -2\nu_{2D} \left[1 + \frac{\Omega^{2}}{fW^{2}} \right],$$

$$\Pi_{23}^{0}(\Omega) = 2\nu_{2D} \frac{i\Omega}{\tilde{\Delta}_{Z}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{f}\right) + \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{Z}^{2}}{fW^{2}} \right] = -\Pi_{32}^{0}(\Omega),$$

where $f \equiv \sqrt{1 - 4\Delta_R^2 \tilde{\Delta}_Z^2 / W^4}$ and $W^2 \equiv \Delta_R^2 + \tilde{\Delta}_Z^2 - \Omega^2 - i0^+ \text{sgn}\Omega$. The formulas above reduce to the known limits²³ when $\Delta_R \to 0$ and $\Delta_Z \to 0$, respectively.

The subband energies vary around the Fermi surface, reaching the maximum and minimum values of $\left|\tilde{\Delta}_{Z} \pm |\Delta_{R}|\right|$, correspondingly. As a result, the continuum of spin-flip excitations occupies a finite interval of frequencies $\left|\tilde{\Delta}_{Z} - |\Delta_{R}|\right| < \Omega < \tilde{\Delta}_{Z} + |\Delta_{R}|$, where all Π^{0} 's in Eq. (7) have non-zero imaginary parts. This is in contrast to the case of $\alpha = 0$, where the continuum has zero spectral weight (see Fig. 1a). The gap in the continuum closes at a special field, B_{c} , such that $\tilde{\Delta}_{Z}(B_{c}) = |\Delta_{R}|$ and the spin-split bands become degenerate (Fig. 1b).

The collective modes correspond to the poles of Eq. (5) outside the continuum. The eigenmode equation splits



FIG. 2. [color on-line] (a) Chiral-spin modes as a function of the Zeeman energy, Δ_Z , in units of the Rashba spin splitting, Δ_R (on a semi-logarithmic scale). Inset: renormalized Larmor mode (Ω_L^*) at higher fields. (b) Imaginary part of the susceptibility in the weak field limit $(\Delta_R/\Delta_Z = 20)$. (c) Same as in the high-field limit. The dashed line marks the bare Larmor frequency (Ω_L) . The continuum is seen as a broad hump to the right of the resonance. In panels (a)-(c), the dimensionless interaction is u = 0.3. (d) Evolution of the ESR signal with u. Here $\Delta_R/\Delta_Z = 0.5$. Damping of $\Gamma = 0.01\Delta_R$ was added to the Green's functions to mimic the effect of disorder in all plots.



FIG. 3. Left: Collective modes in the presence of the magnetic field, and both Rashba and Dresselhaus spin-orbit coupling. $\beta/\alpha = -0.25$. Below the field at which the gap in the continuum closes, there are two spin-chiral modes; above this field there is only one precessing mode. All the modes in this case are elliptically polarized. Inset: zoom of the high-field region. Right: Collective modes in the presence of Rashba and Dresselhaus spin-orbit coupling but in the absence of the magnetic field. There are three modes on either side of the gap closing point. The entire structure of the collective mode is symmetric under $\alpha \to \beta$. All the three modes are linearly polarized. Inset: zoom of the region $|\Delta_D| \ll |\Delta_R|$. u = 0.3 in both plots.

into two:

$$1 + \frac{U}{2}\Pi_{11}^{0}(\Omega) = 0, \qquad (8a)$$

$$\left[1 + \frac{U}{2}\Pi_{22}^{0}(\Omega)\right] \left[1 + \frac{U}{2}\Pi_{33}^{0}(\Omega)\right] = -\frac{U^{2}}{4} \left[\Pi_{23}^{0}(\Omega)\right]^{2}.$$
(8b)

For $B > B_c$, Eq. (8a) has no solutions while Eq. (8b) has a unique solution (see Appendix C), which is the Larmor frequency, Ω_L^* , renormalized both by SOC and electronelectron interaction (cf. inset in Fig. 2a). At the highest fields $(\tilde{\Delta}_Z \gg |\Delta_R|/u)$,

$$\Omega_L^* \approx \Delta_Z \left[1 - \frac{(2-3u)(1-u)}{4u} \left(\frac{\Delta_R}{\Delta_Z} \right)^2 \right].$$
(9)

When B is just slightly above B_c , i.e., $\tilde{\Delta}_Z \approx |\Delta_R|$ but

Material	$n \ (10^{11} {\rm cm}^{-2})$	g-factor	$\alpha({\rm meV\AA})$	$\Delta_R = \frac{2\alpha k_F}{g\mu_B}(T)$	$\beta(\mathrm{meV}\mathrm{\AA})$	$\Delta_D = \frac{2\beta k_F}{g\mu_B}(T)$	References
SiGe/Si/SiGe	1-7	2	0.055	$7.5 - 19.9 \times 10^{-3}$	-	-	36
$Mg_x Zn_{1-x} O/ZnO$	2.1	1.94	0.7	0.15	-	-	37
$Cd_{1-x}Mn_xTe$	3.5	1.6-5	3.3	0.34-1.1	4.6	0.47 - 1.5	38
GaAs/AlGaAs	2.3	0.445	3.1	2.89	0.55	0.51	39
GaAs/AlGaAs	5.8	0.27	1.5	3.7	1.4	3.4	40
GaAs/AlGaAs	1.4-7	0.4	5	4.0-9.1	4	3.2 - 7.2	41
InAs	21	7.8 - 8.7	67	9.7-10.8	3.5	0.5-0.6	$42 \ \mathrm{and} \ 43$
InAs	11-20	8	60	6.8-9.2	-	-	44
$In_{1-x}Ga_xAs/In_{1-y}Al_yAs$	17-24	4	65-92	21.6-25.9	-	-	45

TABLE I. SOC parameters for some common quantum wells. The big range of g in $Cd_{1-x}Mn_xTe$ is due to magnetic moments of the dopant Mn.

still $\tilde{\Delta}_Z > |\Delta_R|$, we get

$$\Omega_L^* \approx \left(\tilde{\Delta}_Z - |\Delta_R|\right) \left[1 - \frac{u^2(1 - \frac{3u}{4})^2}{2(1 - \frac{u}{2})^2(1 - u)^2} \frac{(\tilde{\Delta}_Z - |\Delta_R|)^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2}\right]$$
(10)

In the limit of $u \ll 1$, we have an additional regime defined by $\Delta_R \ll \tilde{\Delta}_Z \ll \Delta_R/u$, where

$$\Omega_L^* \approx |\tilde{\Delta}_Z| \left[1 - \frac{u^2 \tilde{\Delta}_Z}{2|\Delta_R|} \right].$$
 (11)

For $B < B_c$, Eq. (8a) has one solution, $\Omega = \Omega_1$, which corresponds to oscillations of the x_1 component of the magnetization \vec{M} , while Eq. (8b) has two solutions, $\Omega = \Omega_2$ and $\Omega = \Omega_3$, which correspond to coupled oscillations of the components M_2 and M_3 . The Ω_1 and Ω_2 modes run into the continuum at fields B_{c1} and B_{c2} , correspondingly (cf. Fig. 1b). The three modes are plotted in Fig. 2a for a range of fields below B_c . As the field is lowered further, these three solutions evolve into the spin-chiral resonances.^{4,22} At B = 0, Π_{23}^0 in Eq. (8b) vanishes by time-reversal symmetry, while Π_{11}^0 and Π_{22}^0 become equal by the $C_{\infty v}$ symmetry. In this limit, $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = |\Delta_R| \sqrt{1 - u/2}$ and $\Omega_3 = |\Delta_R| \sqrt{1 - u}_{23}$.

In the absence of DSOC, absorption is determined entirely by $\chi_{22}^{\prime\prime}$ [cf. Eq. (4)]. Since the Ω_1 mode is decoupled from the Ω_2 and Ω_3 modes, it is ESR-silent. The magnetic field couples the Ω_2 and Ω_3 modes, both of which show up in ESR. For $B > B_c$, there is only one ESRactive mode, whereas for $B < B_c$ there can be one or two active modes, depending of whether B is smaller or larger than B_{c2} . In addition to a sharp peak(s), there is also a broad feature corresponding to absorption by the continuum of spin-flip excitations.

Figure 2d depicts the evolution of the ESR signal with increasing u. In the presence of SOC, a sharp mode occurs only due to many-body interaction, as it pushes the mode away from the continuum. This is in contrast to the case without SOC, where the mode exists even without interaction. Both the peak and broad hump due to

the continuum-have been observed in Ref. 38, although the detailed shape of the hump is yet to be explained.

As the magnetic field increases from zero to values exceeding B_c , polarization of the collective modes changes qualitatively (cf. Fig. 1d). At B = 0, the susceptibility is diagonal, which means that the different components of the magnetization oscillate independently and are thus linearly polarized. For $0 < B < B_c$, the M_1 component is still linearly polarized, while coupled oscillations of the M_2 and M_3 components can be decomposed into two elliptically polarized modes. For $B > B_c$, there is only one elliptically polarized mode which evolves into a circularly polarized Larmor mode for $B \gg B_c$.

C. ESR with both Rashba and Dresselhaus spin-orbit coupling

Adding DSOC to RSOC lowers the symmetry from $C_{\infty v}$ to C_{2v} . As a result, the doubly-degenerate spinchiral resonance splits into two already at B = 0. Other than that, DSOC does not change the situation qualitatively, as long as \vec{B} is along the high-symmetry axis [as in Eq. (2): one of the three modes is still ESR-silent, so the signal consists of up to two lines. If B is along a generic in-plane direction (which means that $\sigma_1 B_1$ in Eq. (2) changes to $\hat{\sigma}_1 B_1 + \hat{\sigma}_2 B_2$), all modes become ESR-active, and the signal consists of up to three lines. This case can only be tackled by a numerical treatment of the general equations presented in Appendix B. Figure 3 (left) shows collective modes of a system with both RSOC and DSOC and with the field oriented at 45 degrees to the x_1 -axis, such that $B_1 = B_2 = B$. The RSOC and DSOC couplings are chosen in such a way that there are only two collective modes at B = 0.

D. ESR with Rashba and Dresselhaus spin-orbit couplings in zero field

For completeness, we also discuss the spin-chiral resonances in the zero-field limit but in the presence of both Rashba and Dresselhaus couplings. (The case when only one type of SOC is present has been thoroughly analyzed in the prior literature, see Refs. 4, 22, and 23). In the absence of field, the time-reversal symmetry is intact and thus collective modes can only be linearly polarized. Figure 3 (right) shows the collective modes as a function of the Dresselhaus coupling β (parametrized as $\Delta_D \equiv 2\beta k_F$). Although the evolution of the spectrum with the ratio Δ_D/Δ_R is qualitatively similar to the evolution with Δ_Z/Δ_R in $B \neq 0$ case (in terms of closing and reopening the gap in the continuum), there are crucial differences between these two cases, namely: 1) whereas the B = 0spectrum is symmetric about the zero-gap point, it is asymmetric in the $B \neq 0$ case; 2) whereas the modes are linearly polarized in the B = 0, they are elliptically polarized in the $B \neq 0$. These results for the B = 0 case can be derived analytically, see Appendix B2.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

We presented a many-body theory of the ESR/EDSR effects in the presence of SOC of both Rashba and Dresselhaus types. The combined effect of the electronelectron and spin-orbit interactions leads to a splitting of the resonance into up to three lines, which should be observable in an experiment. These multiple resonances are the optical (massive) collective modes of a Fermi liquid subject to both external and spin-orbit magnetic fields. We have also shown that the Larmor mode is affected by the electron-electron interaction in the presence of SOC; this effect must be accounted for when extracting the g-factors and SOC parameters from the precession measurements.^{33–35}

The best platform for observing the effects predicted in this paper are the semiconductor heterostructures in the regime when the SOC energy splitting is comparable to the Zeeman splitting due to an in-plane magnetic field. In Table I, we provide a summary of relevant material parameters for some of the conventional heterostructures. The Rashba and Dresselhaus SOC energy scales are presented in units of Tesla to give an idea of the strength of the field required to probe the multiple-resonance regime of the spectrum. Recent advances in microwave technology⁴⁶ have greatly broadened the range of frequencies thus making ESR a promising tool for the detection of the spin-chiral modes.

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Appendix A: Single-particle Hamiltonian: eigenstates and self-energy correction

In this appendix, we derive the form of the self-energy that enters the Greens' functions in the calculation of the polarization tensor. It is convenient to start with the Hamiltonian in Eq. (2) which can be re-written as

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0 = \frac{\vec{k}^2}{2m} \hat{\sigma}_0 + \lambda_{\vec{k}} k \left(\sin \phi_k \hat{\sigma}_1 - \cos \phi_k \hat{\sigma}_2 \right).$$
(A1)

The parameters $\lambda_{\vec{k}}$ and ϕ_k are defined by the following relations

$$2\lambda_{\vec{k}}k = \sqrt{(2\alpha k)^2 + (2\beta k)^2 - 8\alpha\beta k^2 \cos 2\theta_k + (g\mu_B B)^2 - 4(g\mu_B B)(\alpha + \beta)k \sin \theta_k},$$

$$\sin \phi_k = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\lambda_{\vec{k}}} \sin \theta_k - \frac{g\mu_B B}{2\lambda_{\vec{k}}k},$$

$$\cos \phi_k = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\lambda_{\vec{k}}} \cos \theta_k,$$
(A2)

where θ_k is the azimuthal angle \vec{k} with respect to the x_1 -axis. The eigenvalues and eigenvectors are given by

$$\varepsilon_{\vec{k}}^{\pm} = \frac{k^2}{2m} \pm \lambda_{\vec{k}},\tag{A3}$$

$$|\vec{k},\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ \mp i e^{i\phi_k} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A4)

To account for renormalization of the Zeeman energy and spin-orbit parameters entering the Green's function, one needs to find the momentum- and frequency-independent part of the self-energy, $\hat{\Sigma}$. For an *s*-wave interaction $(U = \text{const}), \hat{\Sigma}$ can be found in the self-consistent Born approximation as:

$$\hat{\Sigma} = -U \int_{K} \hat{G}_{K}, \qquad \hat{G}_{K} = \left(\left[\hat{G}_{K}^{0} \right]^{-1} - \hat{\Sigma} \right)^{-1}, \qquad (A5)$$

where $[\hat{G}_K^0]^{-1} = (i\omega_m + \mu)\hat{\sigma}_0 - \hat{\mathcal{H}}_0$. By construction, $\hat{\Sigma}$ does not depend on K and thus can be written as

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \sum_{i=1\dots3} a_i \hat{\sigma}_i, \tag{A6}$$

where the coefficients a_i are to be determined. Note that we dropped the coefficient a_0 as it would only result in a shift of the chemical potential. Solving the algebraic matrix equation, we get $a_1 = \frac{u}{1-u} \frac{g\mu_B B}{2}$ (where $u \equiv \frac{mU}{2\pi}$), and $a_2 = a_3 = 0$. This amounts to changing $g\mu_B B \rightarrow \frac{g\mu_B B}{1-u}$ or $\Delta_Z \rightarrow \tilde{\Delta}_Z$. Since $a_2 = a_3 = 0$, the spin-orbit parameters are not renormalized. This is a special feature of the s-wave interaction approximation.

The Green's function (with the self-energy correction) is then explicitly written as:

$$\hat{G}_K = \sum_{r\pm} g_K^r \hat{\Omega}_r, \quad \hat{\Omega}_r = \frac{1}{2} \left[\hat{\sigma}_0 + r(\hat{\sigma}_1 \sin \phi_k - \hat{\sigma}_2 \cos \phi_k) \right], \tag{A7}$$

where $g_K^r = 1/(i\omega_m - \tilde{\varepsilon}_{\vec{k}}^r)$ and $\tilde{\varepsilon}_{\vec{k}}^r$ is the electron dispersion which contains the renormalized Zeeman energy: $\Delta_Z \to \tilde{\Delta}_Z$.

Appendix B: Collective modes within the random-phase approximation

1. General case

In this appendix, we provide some details of the calculation of the spin-charge polarization tensor, Π_{ij}^0 , which is needed to find the collective modes within the random-phase approximation (RPA). This is a challenging task in the most general case, when the magnetic field, and both Rashba and Dresselhaus types of spin-orbit coupling (RSOC and DSOC, correspondingly) are present. However, in the limit when both the magnetic field and SOC are weak, i.e. when the Zeeman energy and spin-orbit splitting of the energy bands are small compared to the Fermi energy, one can confine the momentum integration to the vicinity of the Fermi surface and carry out some of the steps analytically.

We choose the magnetic field to be along an arbitrary in-plane direction. Consequently, the Zeeman term in Eq. (2) is replaced by $-(g\mu_B/2)(\hat{\sigma}_1B_1 + \hat{\sigma}_2B_2)$. The corresponding changes in the eigenvalues and eigenvectors can readily be traced down; we will refrain from giving explicit forms here. Linerazing the dispersion near the Fermi energy as $\varepsilon_{\vec{k}}^{\pm} - \mu = \xi \pm \Lambda_{\theta_k}$, where $\Lambda_{\theta_k} \equiv 2\lambda_{k=k_F,\theta_k}k_F$ is the SOC splitting at the point θ_k on the Fermi surface, we arrive at two types of integrals [here, k_F is the Fermi momentum in the absence of both the magnetic field and SOC and Q stands for the 2 + 1 bosonic momentum with the zero spatial part: $Q = (i\Omega_m, 0)$]:

$$\frac{1}{2} \int d\xi (g_K^+ g_{K+Q}^- + g_K^- g_{K+Q}^+) = \frac{1}{2} \int d\xi \left\{ \frac{n_F(\varepsilon_{\vec{k}}^+) - n_F(\varepsilon_{\vec{k}}^-)}{i\Omega_m + \varepsilon_{\vec{k}}^+ - \varepsilon_{\vec{k}}^-} + (+ \to -) \right\} = -\frac{\Lambda_{\theta_k}^2}{\Omega_m^2 + \Lambda_{\theta_k}^2} \tag{B1}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2}\int d\xi (g_K^+ g_{K+Q}^- - g_K^- g_{K+Q}^+) = \frac{i\Omega_m \Lambda_{\theta_k}}{\Omega_m^2 + \Lambda_{\theta_k}^2}.$$
(B2)

A general form of $\lambda_{\vec{k}}$ is obtained from Eq. (A1) by adding the second component of the magnetic field, which amounts to replacing $\sin \phi_k$ by $\frac{\alpha + \beta}{\lambda_{\vec{k}}} \sin \theta_k - \frac{g\mu_B B_1}{2\lambda_{\vec{k}}k}$ and $\cos \phi_k$ by $(\alpha - \beta) \cos \theta_k / \lambda_{\vec{k}} + g\mu_B B_2 / (2\lambda_{\vec{k}}k)$ in Eq. (A2). Using these

relations, we get

$$\Pi_{11}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = -2\nu_{2D} \int \frac{d\theta_{k}}{2\pi} \frac{\Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}}{\Omega_{m}^{2} + \Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}} \cos^{2} \phi_{k},$$

$$\Pi_{12}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = -\nu_{2D} \int \frac{d\theta_{k}}{2\pi} \frac{\Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}}{\Omega_{m}^{2} + \Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}} \sin 2\phi_{k},$$

$$\Pi_{21}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = \Pi_{12}^{0}(\Omega_{m}),$$

$$\Pi_{13}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = 2\nu_{2D} \int \frac{d\theta_{k}}{2\pi} \frac{\Omega_{m}\Lambda_{\theta_{k}}}{\Omega_{m}^{2} + \Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}} \cos\phi_{k},$$

$$\Pi_{31}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = -\Pi_{13}^{0}(\Omega_{m}),$$

$$\Pi_{22}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = -2\nu_{2D} \int \frac{d\theta_{k}}{2\pi} \frac{\Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}}{\Omega_{m}^{2} + \Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}} \sin^{2}\phi_{k},$$

$$\Pi_{23}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = 2\nu_{2D} \int \frac{d\theta_{k}}{2\pi} \frac{\Omega_{m}\Lambda_{\theta_{k}}}{\Omega_{m}^{2} + \Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}} \sin\phi_{k},$$

$$\Pi_{32}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = -\Pi_{23}^{0}(\Omega),$$

$$\Pi_{33}^{0}(\Omega_{m}) = -2\nu_{2D} \int \frac{d\theta_{k}}{2\pi} \frac{\Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}}{\Omega_{m}^{2} + \Lambda_{\theta_{k}}^{2}} \sin\phi_{k}.$$
(B3)

For Fig. 3, we considered the magnetic field to be at 45 degrees to the x_1 axis, i.e., $B_1 = B_2 \equiv B$. Solutions of the eigenmode equation det $(1 + (U/2)\hat{\Pi}^0) = 0$ are shown in the left panel of Fig. 3. In general, there are no qualitative differences compared to the case of only RSOC and the magnetic field: for $B < B_c$ there are two or three modes depending on the ratio α/β , whereas for $B > B_c$ there is only one mode. For $\alpha/\beta = -0.25$, as chosen in the left panel of Fig. 3, there are only two modes.

2. Collective modes in zero field

Here, we present details of the derivation of collective modes in the absence of B but in the presence of both RSOC and DSOC. In this case, the spin-flip continuum occupies the energy interval $|\Delta_R - \Delta_D| < \Omega < \Delta_R + \Delta_D$, where $\Delta_D \equiv 2\beta k_F$ (for definiteness we choose $\Delta_{R,D} > 0$). The collective modes are well-defined is the occur below the lower boundary of the continuum. The susceptibility is still a diagonal matrix so that its 11-, 22,- and 33-sectors are all decoupled. The non-zero elements of $\hat{\Pi}^0$ are (in real frequencies):

$$\Pi_{11}^{0}(\Omega) = F_{1}(\Omega) + F_{2}(\Omega),$$

$$\Pi_{22}^{0}(\Omega) = F_{1}(\Omega) - F_{2}(\Omega),$$

$$\Pi_{33}^{0}(\Omega) = 2F_{1}(\Omega),$$
where $F_{1}(\Omega) = -\nu_{2D} \left[1 + \frac{\Omega^{2}}{W_{D}^{2}} \right],$

$$F_{2}(\Omega) = -\nu_{2D} \frac{\Delta_{R}^{2} + \Delta_{D}^{2}}{2\Delta_{R}\Delta_{D}} \left[1 + \frac{1}{W_{D}^{2}} \left(-\Omega^{2} - \frac{(\Delta_{R}^{2} - \Delta_{D}^{2})^{2}}{\Delta_{R}^{2} + \Delta_{D}^{2}} \right) \right],$$
(B4)

and $W_D^2 = \sqrt{[\Omega^2 - (\Delta_R + \Delta_D)^2] [\Omega^2 - (\Delta_R - \Delta_D)^2]}$. The diagonal form of $\hat{\Pi}^0$ suggests that all the modes are linearly polarized. The eigenmode equation, det $(1 + U\hat{\Pi}^0/2) = 0$, leads to the following three equations:

$$1 + UF_1(\Omega) = 0,$$

$$1 \pm \frac{u(\Delta_R \mp \Delta_D)^2}{4\Delta_R \Delta_D} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{(\Delta_R \pm \Delta_D)^2 - \Omega^2}{(\Delta_R \mp \Delta_D)^2 - \Omega^2}}\right) = 0,$$
(B5)
(B6)

Solving those, we get the frequencies of the collective modes:

$$\Omega_{i}^{2} = (\Delta_{R} - \Delta_{D})^{2} \left[1 - \frac{uf_{i}}{2z_{i}} \right], \ i \in (1, 2); \ \text{where}$$

$$z_{1} = 1 + \frac{2\Delta_{R}\Delta_{D}}{u(\Delta_{R} - \Delta_{D})^{2}}, \ z_{2} = 1 - \frac{2\Delta_{R}\Delta_{D}}{u(\Delta_{R} + \Delta_{D})^{2}}, \ f_{1} = 1, \ f_{2} = \frac{(\Delta_{R} + \Delta_{D})^{2}}{(\Delta_{R} - \Delta_{D})^{2}} \left(1 - \frac{4\Delta_{R}\Delta_{D}}{u(\Delta_{R} + \Delta_{D})^{2}} \right)^{2},$$

$$\Omega_{3}^{2} = (\Delta_{R} - \Delta_{D})^{2} \left[1 - \frac{u^{2}}{1 - 2u} \frac{\sqrt{1 + z_{3} + z_{3} \frac{\Delta_{R}^{2} + \Delta_{D}^{2}}{2\Delta_{R}\Delta_{D}}}}{z_{3}} - (1 + z_{3})} \right], \ z_{3} = \left(\frac{u}{1 - u} \right)^{2} \frac{(\Delta_{R} - \Delta_{D})^{2}}{2\Delta_{R}\Delta_{D}}.$$
(B7)

These solutions are plotted in Fig. 3 (right) as a function of increasing DSOC. It follows from Eq. (B7) that Ω_1 and Ω_3 graze the continuum up to the gap-closing point, where $\Delta_R = \Delta_D$, whereas Ω_2 hits the continuum at a point where $f_2 = 0$, which is below the gap-closing point. The solution is symmetric under $\Delta_R \leftrightarrow \Delta_D$ and, as a result, there are three collective modes on each side of the gap-closing point.

Appendix C: Eigenmode equations for the case of when both the Rashba spin-orbit coupling and magnetic field are present

In this apendix, we analyze some properties of the eignemode equations for the case when both the RSOC and magnetic field are present.

a. Proving the absence of the collective mode in the 11-sector for $B > B_c$

The frequency of the collective mode in the 11-sector (corresponding to oscillations of magnetization along the x_1 axis, i.e., along the static magnetic field) is determined from Eq. (8a): $1 + \frac{U}{2}\Pi_{11}^0(\Omega) = 0$. Here, we prove that this equation has no solutions for $B > B_c$. Explicitly, this equation reads:

$$\frac{1}{u} = \frac{(1-f)W^2}{4\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2},$$
(C1)

where

$$f \equiv \sqrt{1 - 4\Delta_R^2 \tilde{\Delta}_Z^2 / W^4} \tag{C2}$$

and

$$W^2 \equiv \Delta_R^2 + \tilde{\Delta}_Z^2 - \Omega^2 - i0^+ \text{sgn}\Omega.$$
(C3)

Using the standard inequality of arithmetic and geometric means, we find that f is always real and < 1, if we restrict to the region below the continuum boundaries, i.e. for $\Omega < |\tilde{\Delta}_Z - \Delta_R|$. This implies that the right-hand side (RHS) of Eq. (C1) is smaller than $\frac{W^2}{4\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2}$, which on its turn can be immediately seen to be less than $\frac{1}{2}$ for $\frac{\Delta_R}{\tilde{\Delta}_Z} < 1$, i.e., for $B > B_c$. Therefore, we have 0 < RHS < 1/2, while the left-hand side is larger than 1 within the paramagnetic phase (u < 1). Thus there is no solution of Eq. (C1) for $B > B_c$.

b. Collective modes in the 22 and 33 sectors

We now analyze Eq. (8b), which gives the collective modes in the 22- and 33-sectors, in the various limits and derive the results presented in Eqs. (9-11). Equation (8b) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{u} = X + \frac{1}{1-u}Y,$$
 (C4)

where

$$X \equiv \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2}{fW^2} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{f} - 1 \right) \left(3 - \frac{\Delta_R^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2} \right),\tag{C5}$$

$$Y \equiv \frac{\Omega^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2} \left[\frac{\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2}{fW^2} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{f} - 1 \right) \right]. \tag{C6}$$

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To proceed further, we introduce the dimensionless quantities $w \equiv \Omega/\tilde{\Delta}_Z$ and $r \equiv |\Delta_R|/\tilde{\Delta}_Z$. We look for a solution of the form $w^2 = (1-r)^2 - \delta$, where δ is a new variable confined to $0 < \delta < (1-r)^2$. In these notations, $W^2/\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2 = 2r + \delta$ and $fW^2 = \sqrt{\delta}\sqrt{4r+\delta}$. The quantities X and Y can be re-written as

$$X = \frac{1}{ab} - \frac{3 - r^2}{8} \frac{(a - b)^2}{ab},$$

$$Y = \left[\frac{1}{ab} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{(a - b)^2}{ab}\right] \left[(1 - r)^2 - \delta\right],$$
(C7)

where $a = \sqrt{\delta}$ and $b = \sqrt{4r+\delta}$. Its easy to see that in the limit $r \to 0$, $a \to b$ and $\delta = u(2-u)$. This makes $\Omega^2/\tilde{\Delta}_Z^2 = (1-u)^2$ or $\Omega = \Delta_Z$, which is the bare Larmor frequency. In the opposite limit of $r \to \infty$, we find two roots: $\delta = r^2 u$ and $\delta = r^2 u/2$. These give $\Omega^2 = \Delta_R^2 (1-u)$ or $\Delta_R^2 (1-u/2)$, which are the frequencies of the two spin-chiral mode in the absence of the magnetic field.

Equation (9) corresponds to the strong-field limit and is derived assuming that $r \ll u < 1$. We skip this derivation as it is a brute force expansion in r^2 , which is lengthy but completely straightforward.

In the moderate-field limit, where $r \approx 1$, we relabel $r = 1 - \varepsilon$ with $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ and look for a solution in the region $\delta \ll \varepsilon^2$. In this limit, the quantities X and Y reduce to

$$X = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3\varepsilon^2}{4\sqrt{\delta}},$$

$$Y = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{4\sqrt{\delta}},$$
(C8)

This yields

$$\delta = \frac{\varepsilon^4}{4} \frac{u^2 (1 - 3u/4)^2}{(1 - u)^2 (1 - u/2)^2},\tag{C9}$$

which reproduces Eq. (10).

In the weak-coupling case $(u \ll 1)$, one can identify one more interval: $u \ll r < 1$. There, we find that $\delta = u^2(1-r)^4/r$. This makes the frequency $\Omega^2 \approx \tilde{\Delta}_Z(1-r) \left[1 - \frac{u^2}{2} \frac{(1-r)^2}{r}\right]$, which reproduces Eq. (11).

Appendix D: Collective modes from the quantum kinetic equation

The quantum kinetic equation for a Fermi liquid (FL) subject to a spatially uniform external filed and in the collisionless regime reads

$$i\frac{\partial\delta\hat{n}_{\vec{k}}}{\partial t} = [\delta\hat{\varepsilon}_{\vec{k}}, \hat{n}_{\vec{k}}],\tag{D1}$$

where

$$\delta\hat{\varepsilon}_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\vec{s}_{\vec{k}} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2} + \int_{\vec{k}'} \text{Tr}'[\hat{F}_{\vec{k}\vec{k}'}\delta\hat{n}'_{\vec{k}}] \tag{D2}$$

is a variation of the quasiparticle energy, $\int_{\vec{k}'} \equiv \int \frac{d^2k'}{(2\pi)^2} = \nu_{2D} \int d\varepsilon \int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}$, $F_{\vec{k}\vec{k}'} = F^a(\theta - \theta')\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\sigma}'$ is the antisymmetric part of an SU(2)-invariant Landau interaction function, θ and θ' are the angle subtended by \vec{k} and \vec{k}' , correspondingly, and $\vec{s}_{\vec{k}}$ parametrizes the spin-orbit and Zeeman terms of the Hamiltonian. For RSOC, $\vec{s}_{\vec{k}} = \Delta_R(\sin\theta, -\cos\theta, 0)$; for purely Zeeman coupling, $\vec{s}_{\vec{k}} = (-\tilde{\Delta}_Z, 0, 0)$, etc. The electron distribution function can be written as

$$\hat{n}_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\vec{s}_{\vec{k}} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2} \frac{\partial n_0}{\partial \varepsilon} + \delta \hat{n}_{\vec{k}},\tag{D3}$$

where n_0 is the equilibrium distribution function in the absence of both SOC and magnetic field, and $\delta \hat{n}_{\vec{k}}$ is the non-equilibrium part. The non-equilibrium part of the magnetization is given by

$$\vec{M} = -\frac{g\mu_B}{2} \int_{\vec{k}} \text{Tr}[\vec{\sigma}\delta\hat{n}_{\vec{k}}].$$
 (D4)

$$\dot{\vec{N}}(\theta) = -\vec{N}(\theta) \times \vec{s}_{\theta} - \int_{\theta'} F^a(\theta - \theta')\vec{N}(\theta') \times \vec{s}_{\theta},$$
(D5)

where $\vec{s}_{\theta} \equiv \vec{s}_{\vec{k}}$ at $k = k_F$. The time dependence of \vec{N} is not explicitly specified. Equation (D5) can be solved by decomposing \vec{N} and F^a into angular harmonics. Note that M_i is given by the zeroth harmonic of N_i .

As a demonstration, we solve Eq. (D5) for the case of RSOC in the *s*-wave approximation for $F^a(\theta - \theta') = F_0^a$. Equation (D5) is then simplified to

$$\dot{\vec{N}}(\theta) = -\vec{N}(\theta) \times \vec{s}_{\theta} - F_0^a \vec{M} \times \vec{s}_{\theta}.$$
(D6)

Note that $\vec{s}_{\theta} \cdot \vec{N}(\theta) = 0$ suggesting that $\vec{s}_{\theta} \cdot \vec{N}(\theta) = \text{const}$, which can be set to zero. Integrating Eq. (D6) over θ and noticing that $\int_{\theta} \vec{s}_{\theta} = 0$ for RSOC, we get

$$\dot{\vec{M}} = -\int_{\theta} \vec{N}(\theta) \times \vec{s}_{\theta}.$$
(D7)

Differentiating Eq. (D7) over time again and using Eq. (D6) for $\vec{N}(\theta)$ with $\vec{s}_{\theta} \cdot \vec{N}(\theta) = 0$, we obtain

$$\ddot{\vec{M}} = -\left(1 + F_0^a\right) \Delta_R^2 \vec{M} + F_0^a \int_{\theta} \vec{s}_{\theta} \left(\vec{s}_{\theta} \cdot \vec{M}\right).$$
(D8)

This yields

$$\ddot{M}_{1,2} = -\left(1 + \frac{F_0^a}{2}\right)\Delta_R^2 M_{1,2}, \qquad \ddot{M}_3 = -\left(1 + F_0^a\right)\Delta_R^2 M_3,\tag{D9}$$

which coincides with q = 0 limit of the hydrodynamic equations derived in Ref. 22.

For the field only case, when $\vec{s}_{\theta} \equiv (-\tilde{\Delta}_Z, 0, 0)$ is isotropic in the momentum space, we obtain the familiar Bloch equation by integrating Eq. (D5) over the angle⁴⁷

$$\vec{M} = (1 + F_0^a) \tilde{\Delta}_Z \vec{M} \times \hat{x}_1 = g\mu_B \vec{M} \times \vec{B}.$$
(D10)

c. Equivalence of the RPA and FL approaches in the s-wave approximation

The results discussed thus far were presented in with a different choice of basis^{4,22} and reproduced in Ref. 23 within the RPA approximation. We now wish to reproduce the RPA result for the case of RSOC in the presence of the magnetic field using the quantum kinetic equation. It is convenient to work in the basis introduced by Ref. 4. In this basis we write:

$$\delta \hat{n} = N_i(\theta) \hat{\tau}_i \frac{\partial n_0}{\partial \varepsilon},$$

$$\hat{\tau}_1 = \hat{\sigma}_3, \quad \hat{\tau}_2 = \cos \theta \hat{\sigma}_1 + \sin \theta \hat{\sigma}_2, \quad \hat{\tau}_3 = \sin \theta \hat{\sigma}_1 - \cos \theta \hat{\sigma}_2.$$
(D11)

Expanding $N_i(\theta)$ into angular harmonics as

$$N_i(\theta) = \sum_m N_i^{(m)} \cos m\theta + \bar{N}_i^{(m)} \sin m\theta$$
(D12)

and using Eq. (D4), we obtain for the magnetization components

$$M_{1} = g\mu_{B} \left(N_{2}^{(1)} + \bar{N}_{3}^{(1)} \right),$$

$$M_{2} = g\mu_{B} \left(\bar{N}_{2}^{(1)} - N_{3}^{(1)} \right),$$

$$M_{3} = g\mu_{B} N_{1}^{(0)}.$$
(D13)

The case of RSOC only can be solved exactly for an arbitrary form of the Landau interaction function in the spin channel, $F^a(\theta - \theta')$, because equations for harmonics of \vec{N} decouple in this case.⁴ However, harmonics do not decouple in the presence of the field for an arbitrary Landau function, and thus an exact solution is not possible. To proceed further, we adopt the s-wave approximation, $F_0^a(\theta - \theta') = F_0^a$. In this case, the kinetic equation [Eq. (D1)] can be written as

$$\dot{N}_{1}(\theta) + \tilde{\Delta}_{z} \left[N_{2}(\theta) \sin \theta - N_{3}(\theta) \cos \theta \right] - \Delta_{R} N_{2}(\theta) = \tilde{F} \left[\Delta_{R} (M_{2} \sin \theta + M_{1} \cos \theta) - \tilde{\Delta}_{z} M_{2} \right],$$

$$\dot{N}_{2}(\theta) - \tilde{\Delta}_{z} N_{1}(\theta) \sin \theta + \Delta_{R} N_{1}(\theta) = \tilde{F} (\tilde{\Delta}_{z} \sin \theta - \Delta_{R}) M_{3},$$

$$\dot{N}_{3} + \tilde{\Delta}_{z} N_{1}(\theta) \cos \theta = -\tilde{F} \tilde{\Delta}_{z} \cos \theta M_{3}.$$

(D14)

where $\tilde{F} \equiv F_0^a/g\mu_B\nu_{2D}$. After a Fourier transform in time, we obtain for those harmonics of N that are relevant for magnetization:

$$\begin{split} N_{1}^{0} &= \frac{\tilde{F}}{2W^{2}\tilde{\Delta}_{z}f} \left[i\Omega \left\{ W^{2}(1-f) + 2\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2} \right\} M_{2} - 2\tilde{\Delta}_{z} \left\{ (\Omega^{2}+W^{2}f)M_{3} \right\} \right], \\ N_{2}^{1} &= \frac{\tilde{F}}{8\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2}} \left[2W^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2}(f-1) - \left\{ W^{4}(f-1) + 2\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2} \right\} \right] M_{1}, \\ \bar{N}_{2}^{1} &= \frac{\tilde{F}}{8\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2}f} \left[\left\{ 2(1-f)(2\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2} - W^{2}(\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2} + \Delta_{R}^{2})) - (2\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2}f + W^{4}(f-1)) \right\} M_{2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2i\Omega(1-f) \left\{ W^{2}\tilde{\Delta}_{z} - 2\tilde{\Delta}_{z}\Delta_{R}^{2} \right\} M_{3} \right], \\ N_{3}^{1} &= \frac{\tilde{F}}{8\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2}} \left[\left\{ 2W^{2}\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}(1-f) + (2\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2} + W^{4}(f-1)) \right\} M_{2} + 2iW^{2}\Omega\tilde{\Delta}_{z}(f-1)M_{3} \right], \\ \bar{N}_{3}^{1} &= \frac{\tilde{F}}{8\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2}} \left[2\tilde{\Delta}_{z}^{2}\Delta_{R}^{2} + W^{4}(f-1) \right] M_{1}, \end{split}$$
(D15)

where f and W are given by Eqs. (C2) and (C3), correspondingly. Combining the left-hand sides of the equations above into components of \vec{M} , we obtain the eigenmode equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{F_0^a}{2\nu_{2D}} \Pi_{11}^0(\Omega) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{F_0^a}{2\nu_{2D}} \Pi_{22}^0(\Omega) & -\frac{F_0^a}{2\nu_{2D}} \Pi_{23}^0(\Omega) \\ 0 & -\frac{F_0^a}{2\nu_{2D}} \Pi_{32}^0(\Omega) & 1 - \frac{F_0^a}{2\nu_{2D}} \Pi_{33}^0(\Omega) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \\ M_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$
 (D16)

where $\Pi_{ij}^0(\Omega)$ are the same as in Eq. (7). These are the same eigenmode equations as given by RPA, $\det[1 + \frac{U}{2}\Pi] = 0$, upon replacing $F_0^a \to -\nu_{2D}U$.

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