

Aharonov-Casher effect in a two-dimensional hole ring with spin-orbit interaction

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We study the quantum interference effects induced by the Aharonov-Casher phase in a ring structure in a two-dimensional heavy-hole (HH) system with spin-orbit interaction realizable in narrow asymmetric quantum wells. The influence of the spin-orbit interaction strength on the transport is analytically investigated. These analytical results allow us to explain the interference effects as a signature of the Aharonov-Casher Berry phases. Unlike previous studies on electron two-dimensional Rashba systems, we find that the frequency of conductance modulations as a function of the spin-orbit strength is not constant but increases for larger spin-orbit splittings. In the limit of thin channel rings (width smaller than Fermi wavelength), we find that the spin-orbit splitting can be greatly increased due to the quantization in the radial direction. We also study the influence of a magnetic field considering both the limits of small and large Zeeman splittings.

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Particles propagating through a coherent nanoscale device acquire a quantum geometric phase which can have important physical consequences. This geometric phase, known as Berry phase,¹ is acquired through the adiabatic motion of a quantum particle in the system's parameter space and can have strong effects on the transport properties due to self-interference effects of the quasiparticles when moving in cyclic motion. Its generalization to nonadiabatic motion is known as the Aharonov-Anandan phase.² A classical example of such geometric phases is the Aharonov-Bohm phase acquired by a particle going around a loop in the presence of a magnetic flux. An important corollary to this phase is the Aharonov-Casher (AC) phase arising from the propagation of an electron in the presence of spin-orbit coupling.³ This novel effect has attracted strong interest within the spintronic research community which focuses, among other things, on spin-dependent control through electrical means.^{4,5}

Spintronics has made its way into many niche technological applications—e.g., magnetic memories⁶ (MRAMs)—using effects that take place in metals. However, the majority of modern electronic devices are based on semiconductor devices and more applications will be possible when semiconductor devices can employ the spin degree of freedom as another functional variable in computational processing. The effects of the AC phase on transport through semiconducting ring structures can be tested in two-dimensional (2D) gas confined to an asymmetric potential well. Such structures enable an all-electrical control of the spins via the Rashba spin-orbit interaction by changing the gate voltage.^{7–11} This spin interference in a semiconductor ring (see Fig. 1) has been proposed as a way to control spin-polarized currents^{12,21} and as a spin filter.¹³ Signatures of the Aharonov-Casher effect have already been experimentally detected,^{14–16} and more theoretical¹⁷ and experimental¹⁸ studies have become available recently.

Spin interference relies on the spin splitting and, as a result, the devices with stronger spin splitting can provide more control over the spin. Quantum wells with the spin-orbit interaction proportional to the cube of the momentum

(e.g., with a HH band) (Ref. 19) show, in general, larger spin-orbit splittings. We study here the behavior of the narrow ring in the presence of this cubic spin-orbit interaction. The analysis of recent experiments^{15,18} shows that the conductance modulations have larger frequency of oscillations compared to the expected one from a single-channel analysis due to the Aharonov-Casher effect and it is within a linear-Rashba multichannel conductance analysis that agreement is reached.¹⁵ In this paper, we analyze whether the larger frequency can be a result of the cubic spin-orbit interaction in a single-channel mode. First, we develop a theoretical approach based on the assumption of perfect coupling between leads and the ring. This approach enables us to analytically calculate the Aharonov-Casher modulations of the conductance as a function of the spin-orbit splitting. By introducing an external magnetic field, we also calculate the combined Aharonov-Casher and Aharonov-Bohm conductance modulations. Finally, we study the influence of the Zeeman splitting on the conductance.

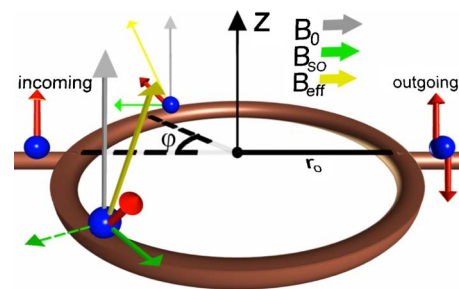


FIG. 1. (Color online) One channel ring of radius r_0 subject to spin-orbit coupling in the presence of an additional magnetic field \mathbf{B}_0 . An electron (hole) spin traveling around the ring acquires phase due to the applied out-of-plane magnetic field (gray arrow) and the spin-orbit in-plane magnetic field (momentum dependent, green solid-line arrows for holes and dashed-line arrows for electrons) caused by the spin-orbit interaction. The spin-orbit in-plane magnetic field is different for holes and electrons.

The 2D Hamiltonian for a single HH in the presence of spin-orbit interaction and a magnetic field is given by

$$H_{2D} = \frac{1}{2m^*} \mathbf{\Pi}^2 + \frac{1}{2} g \mu_B \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \frac{\alpha}{\hbar} (\sigma_+ \Pi_-^3 - \sigma_- \Pi_+^3) + V(\mathbf{r}), \quad (1)$$

where g is the gyromagnetic ratio, μ_B is the Bohr magneton, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is the vector of the Pauli spin matrices, $\mathbf{\Pi} = \mathbf{p} + (e/c)\mathbf{A}$, $\mathbf{\Pi}_{\pm} = \mathbf{\Pi}_x \pm i\mathbf{\Pi}_y$, $\sigma_{\pm} = \sigma_x \pm i\sigma_y$, and $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$. The electrostatic potential $V(\mathbf{r})$ defines, e.g., the lateral confining potential of a 2D ballistic conductor which defines the ring structure. One can obtain the 1D Hamiltonian of a heavy hole in a ring following the procedure described in the Appendix, also outlined in Ref. 20

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}(\Phi) = & \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{2} (\tilde{\partial}_\varphi)^2 + \frac{\hbar\omega_B}{2} \sigma_z + \frac{\hbar\omega_R}{4} \left\{ 2(\cos 3\varphi\sigma_x + \sin 3\varphi\sigma_y) \right. \\ & \times (\tilde{\partial}_\varphi)^3 + i3(\cos 3\varphi\sigma_y - \sin 3\varphi\sigma_x) \left[\frac{3r_0^2}{w^2} + 1 + 3(\tilde{\partial}_\varphi)^2 \right] \\ & \left. + (\cos 3\varphi\sigma_x + \sin 3\varphi\sigma_y) \left[\frac{6r_0^2}{w^2} - 7 \right] \tilde{\partial}_\varphi \right\}, \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\partial}_\varphi = [i(\partial/\partial\varphi) + \Phi]$, r_0 is the radius of the ring, w is the half width of the ring channel, $\omega_0 = (\hbar/mr_0^2)$, $\omega_B = (g\mu_B B_z/\hbar)$, $\omega_R = (2\alpha/\hbar r_0^3)$ and $\Phi = (\pi r_0^2 B/hc/e)$. Here we follow the notation of Ref. 12 for easier comparison. Note that the Hamiltonian, Eq. (2), is Hermitian since the original Hamiltonian used in the Appendix is Hermitian.

The general form of an eigenstate of the Hamiltonian, Eq. (2), reads

$$\Psi_n(\varphi) = e^{in\varphi} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 e^{i3\varphi} \end{pmatrix},$$

where the constants $\chi_{1(2)}$ do not depend on the angle φ . By diagonalizing the corresponding matrix equation for $\chi_{1(2)}$, we can obtain the eigenenergies and eigenstates.

The complete expressions for the eigenstates and their eigenenergies are too cumbersome to be reproduced here; we thus present analytical results for the two most important limits: (i) thin channel rings with $k_F w < 1$ and (ii) thick channel rings with $k_F w > 1$, with small Fermi length compared to the radius, $k_F r_0 \gg 1$ (this limit is usually realized in experiments).^{15,18} In case (i) of a ring with a very thin channel, the Hamiltonian simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}(\Phi) = & \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{2} (\tilde{\partial}_\varphi)^2 + \frac{\hbar\omega_B}{2} \sigma_z + \frac{\hbar\omega_R}{2} \frac{3r_0^2}{w^2} \\ & \times \left((\cos 3\varphi\sigma_x + \sin 3\varphi\sigma_y) \tilde{\partial}_\varphi \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{3i}{2} (\cos 3\varphi\sigma_y - \sin 3\varphi\sigma_x) \right), \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

with (non-normalized) eigenstates and eigenenergies

$$\Psi_n(\varphi) = e^{in\varphi} \begin{pmatrix} 3 + 2n - 2\Phi + \frac{2}{3}h \pm \lambda \\ \frac{Q_t(3 + 2n - 2\Phi)}{e^{i3\varphi}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{4} \left((3 + 2n - 2\Phi)^2/2 + \frac{9}{2} \pm 3\lambda \right), \quad (5)$$

where

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}h^2 + \frac{8}{3}h \left(\Phi - n - \frac{3}{2} \right) + (1 + Q_t^2)(3 + 2n - 2\Phi)^2},$$

with $Q_t = (r_0^2/w^2) (\omega_R/\omega_0)$ and $h = \omega_B/\omega_0$. We note, however, that this limit has not been achieved yet experimentally—e.g., $wk_F \sim 30$ —although perhaps an effectively narrower channel may be present in some experiments due to irregularities in the ring.

Throughout this paper, we only consider the lowest transverse mode, which should be sufficient for answering the question of whether the larger frequency of conductance oscillations can be a result of the cubic spin-orbit interaction. Thus, in the more experimentally relevant limit (ii), the largest terms in the Hamiltonian, Eq. (2), can be captured by fixing the radial coordinate in Eq. (A1) to the average value $\langle R_0(r)|r|R_0(r) \rangle = r_0$, as was done in Ref. 8, and consequently symmetrizing it (to make it Hermitian) by the following procedure:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{herm} = & (\hat{H} + \hat{H}^\dagger)/2 = \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{2} (\tilde{\partial}_\varphi)^2 + \frac{\hbar\omega_B}{2} \sigma_z \\ & + \frac{\hbar\omega_R}{4} \{ (\cos 3\varphi\sigma_x + \sin 3\varphi\sigma_y), (\tilde{\partial}_\varphi)^3 \} \\ & + i \frac{3\hbar\omega_R}{2} [(\cos 3\varphi\sigma_y - \sin 3\varphi\sigma_x), (\tilde{\partial}_\varphi)^2] \\ & + 2\hbar\omega_R \{ (\cos 3\varphi\sigma_x + \sin 3\varphi\sigma_y), (\tilde{\partial}_\varphi) \}, \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

where $\{\dots\}$ and $[\dots]$ mean commutator and anticommutator, respectively. Note that in the case of the Rashba Hamiltonian considered in Ref. 20 there is no difference between such symmetrization and the perturbative procedure.

The (non-normalized) eigenstates of the Hamiltonian, Eq. (6), are

$$\Psi_n(\varphi) = e^{in\varphi} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{12m + 13} + \frac{2}{3}h \pm \lambda \\ \frac{mQ\sqrt{12m + 13}}{e^{i3\varphi}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

where

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}h^2 + \frac{8}{3}h \left(\Phi - n - \frac{3}{2} \right) + (12m + 13)(1 + m^2 Q^2)},$$

$m = n^2/3 + n - 1/3 + \Phi(\Phi - 2n - 3)/3$, and $Q = \omega_R/\omega_0$. The associated eigenenergies read

$$E_n = \hbar\omega_0(6m + 11 \pm 3\lambda)/4. \quad (8)$$

Note that, in general, the Hamiltonian, Eq. (6), gives six eigenstates for a fixed Fermi energy ($E_F = E_n$). In the limit $\Delta \ll E_F$ (where Δ is the energy of spin-orbit splitting and E_F is the Fermi energy), however, two of the six states have much larger number n and correspond to the unphysical situation when the cubic spin-orbit coupling term dominates the spectrum creating an unphysical downturn in the spectrum, which is truly not present. Hence, these two states are ignored on the basis of this physical reason; i.e., they do not exist in the physical system. It is convenient to describe the four conducting states by increasing real numbers $n_{1-} \leq n_{2-} \leq n_{2+} \leq n_{1+}$, solutions of the equation $E_F = E_n$ [see Eqs. (5) and (8)].

We consider a ring symmetrically coupled to two contact leads in order to study the transport properties of the system subject to a low bias voltage in the linear regime. To this end, we calculate the zero-temperature conductance G based on the Landauer formula:

$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{\nu', \nu=1}^M T_{\nu'\nu}, \quad (9)$$

where labels ν and ν' number the channel and spin. We assume perfect coupling between leads and ring (i.e., fully transparent contacts), neglecting backscattering effects leading to resonances. In this approximation, the incoming spin $|\sigma\rangle$ propagates coherently along the four available channels, leaving the ring in a mixed spin state $|\sigma_{out}\rangle = \sum_{i=1,2,s=\pm} \langle \Psi_{n_{is}}(0) | \sigma \rangle | \Psi_{n_{is}}(\pi) \rangle$. The spin-resolved transmission probabilities can be obtained by use of a complete basis of incoming $|\sigma\rangle$ and outgoing $|\sigma'\rangle$ spin states,

$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{\sigma', \sigma} |\langle \sigma' | \sigma \rangle|^2. \quad (10)$$

In sufficiently large rings, $k_F r_0 \gg 1$ [e.g., $1/k_F \sim 4$ nm in a HgTe quantum well (QW) with a heavy-hole band]¹⁹ the Zeeman splitting for the magnetic fields considered is small compared to other important energy scales. Summing over all spin states in Eq. (10) and disregarding the Zeeman term in Eq. (6), we obtain the conductance

$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} \left[1 - \cos[\pi(n_{1+} - n_{2+})] \left(\frac{A-1}{2} + \frac{A+1}{2} \cos[2\pi\Phi] \right) \right], \quad (11)$$

where $A=1$ in the limit (i) and $A=(1+m_1 m_2 Q^2) / \sqrt{1+m_1^2 Q^2} \sqrt{1+m_2^2 Q^2}$ in the limit (ii), $(n_{1+} - n_{2+})$ is the difference between two roots of Eqs. (5) and (8), and $m_{1(2)} = n_{1(2)}^2 / 3 + n_{1(2)} - 1/3 + \Phi(\Phi - 2n_{1(2)} - 3)/3$.

In the limit (i) of thin channel rings, we can find the difference between the two roots:

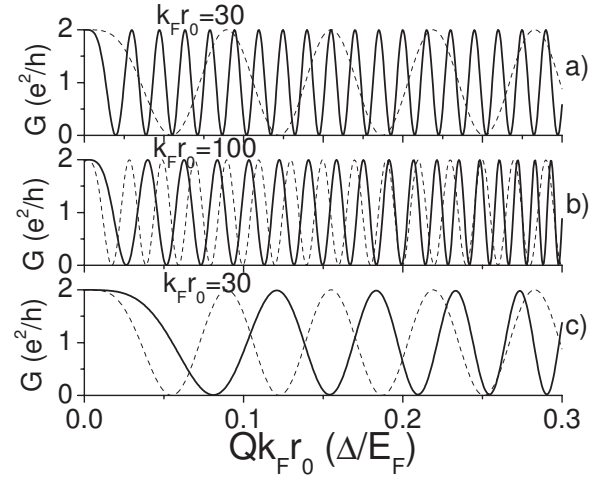


FIG. 2. Conductance-modulations in a 1D ring as a function of the dimensionless spin-orbit strength $Qk_F r_0$ (note that state-of-the-art experimental systems are in a regime where $Qk_F r_0 \lesssim 0.1$): (a) thin heavy-hole ring (solid line) is compared to the Rashba ring (dashed line), $(k_F w)^2 = 1/2$; (b) and (c) thick heavy-hole ring (solid line) is compared to the Rashba ring (dashed line).

$$n_{1+} - n_{2+} = 3 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{r_0^2 Q}{w^2} \right)^2},$$

which means that by making the ring channel thinner than the Fermi length we can increase the frequency of conductance oscillations by a factor of $3/(k_F w)^2$ [see Fig. 2(a)]. This results from the increase in the spin-orbit splitting due to the quantization in the radial direction. Experimental realization of thin channel rings is very difficult, and in the rest of the paper we concentrate on the rings in the limit (ii) when $k_F w \geq 1$. Although such rings should have more than one conducting channel, we suppose that only one is important. This can be a result of the resonant transmission of this channel, or incoherent transport through the other channels.

In the experimentally relevant limit (ii), for not too large Q , we can approximate $(n_{1+} - n_{2+})$ in Eq. (11) as

$$n_{1+} - n_{2+} \approx 3 + \frac{2}{3}(N_F(8 + N_F) - 2)Q^2, \quad (12)$$

where $N_F = E_F / (\hbar\omega_0) = (k_F r_0)^2 / 2$.

When the parameter $A=1$, Eq. (11) is also valid for an electron ring considered in Ref. 12. This can be obtained by using Eq. (10) and the electron Hamiltonian considered in Ref. 12. For the Rashba ring, the difference between roots can be calculated exactly $n_{1+} - n_{2+} = \sqrt{1 + Q_e^2}$ and $Q_e = (2m\alpha_e r_0 / \hbar^2) [\alpha_e$ is the Rashba coupling parameter that differs from the one used in Eq. (1)]. When the spin-orbit splittings in the hole ($\Delta/E_F \sim \sqrt{2N_F}Q$) and electron ($\Delta_e/E_F \sim Q_e / \sqrt{2N_F}$) systems match, we can write $Q_e \sim 2N_F Q$. Therefore, the conductance oscillations as a function of spin-orbit splitting for the electron and hole systems have comparable periods (see Figs. 2 and 3). The period of the hole system has a tendency to become shorter as the spin-orbit splitting becomes larger (see Fig. 2) which is not the case for Rashba rings. Notably, a hole (electron) does not develop

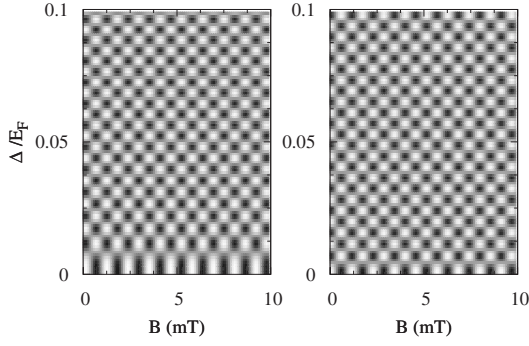


FIG. 3. Conductance-modulations in a 1D ring as a function of magnetic field and dimensionless spin-orbit strength (gate voltage). Left plot corresponds to heavy hole spin-orbit interaction, and right plot corresponds to Rashba spin-orbit interaction: $r_0=1 \mu\text{m}$, $1/k_F \sim 4 \text{ nm}$, $g=20$, and $m^*=0.031m$. Parameters of the left plot correspond to the experimental setup in Ref. 15.

sufficient phase difference when the ring radius is small $Q(k_F r_0)^2 \ll 1$, as can be seen from Fig. 2. However, as pointed out before, in realistic systems we always have $Q(k_F r_0)^2 \gtrsim 1$ ($1/k_F \sim 4 \text{ nm}$ for a HgTe QW with a heavy-hole band).¹⁹ In Fig. 3, we plot the conductance oscillations in the HH ring (left plot) compared to the Rashba ring (right plot) as a function of the external magnetic field. Here the small g factor of the electron system is assumed to be the same as for the hole system for easier comparison. Whereas in the field direction there is not a large difference in the conductance fluctuations, the changing oscillation frequency of the hole system becomes more obvious as compared to the electron system.

We next take into account the Zeeman splitting as a first order correction. The perturbed eigenenergies become

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{4} [6m + 11 \pm 3\sqrt{(12m+13)(1+m^2Q^2)}] \mp \frac{h \operatorname{sgn}(n)}{2\sqrt{1+m^2Q^2}}, \quad (13)$$

where $h = \omega_B / \omega_0$ and sgn is the sign function. To the first order in the spin-orbit interaction and Zeeman splitting, Eq. (11) can still describe the conductance after the following substitution:

$$n_{1+} - n_{2+} \rightarrow n_{1+} - n_{2+} + \frac{h}{\sqrt{1+\bar{m}^2Q^2}} \left(\frac{\partial E_n}{\partial n} \right) \approx n_{1+} - n_{2+} - \frac{h}{\bar{n}\sqrt{1+\bar{m}^2Q^2}}, \quad (14)$$

where \bar{n} is the average of n_{1+} and n_{2+} and $\bar{m}(\bar{n})$ is defined the same way as in Eq. (7). For small Zeeman splittings ($h/n \ll 1$), which holds for realistic rings, the conductance is well described by Eq. (11) and the chessboard pattern in Fig. 2.

We present the results of calculations for larger Zeeman splittings ($h/n \sim 1$) in Fig. 4. The analytical expressions are

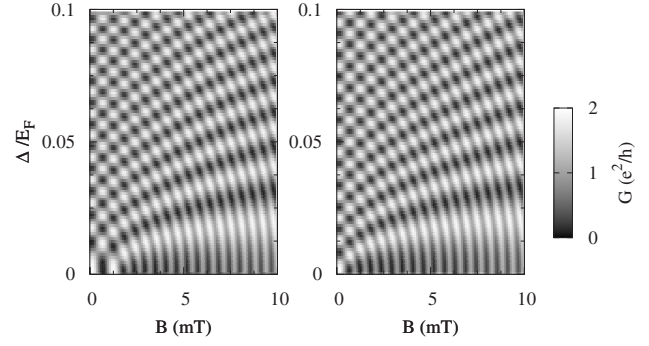


FIG. 4. Conductance modulations in a 1D ring as a function of magnetic field and dimensionless spin-orbit strength (gate voltage) with enhanced Zeeman splitting (multiplied by 10^3). Left plot corresponds to heavy hole spin-orbit interaction, and right plot corresponds to Rashba spin-orbit interaction: $r_0=1 \mu\text{m}$, $1/k_F \sim 4 \text{ nm}$, $g=20$, and $m^*=0.031m$. Parameters of the left plot could correspond to the experimental setup in Ref. 15 with the magnetic field (range 1–10 T) applied under some small angle.

too cumbersome, and we do not reproduce them here. As one can see, the Zeeman term can substantially delay the development of Aharonov-Casher oscillations, especially for larger magnetic fields. In order to experimentally realize this situation, one may apply much larger magnetic fields at some angle to the plane of the ring. Such a procedure diminishes the magnetic flux through the structure, allowing one to work at higher magnetic fields with much larger Zeeman splittings.

Given the fact that for the experiments in Ref. 15 and 18 the experimental systems are in a regime where $Qk_F r_0 \leq 0.1$ and $k_F w > 1$, the frequency of conductance oscillation expected for a single-mode (1D) ring is of similar order for both the hole and electron systems. We conclude that multi-channel analysis of the experiments is an important feature for understanding them at present. The increasing frequency of oscillation observed in our calculation, only seen theoretically in hole gas systems, will require a strength of doping and confining electric field which has not been experimentally achieved at present. In order to observe the increased spin-orbit splitting due to the quantization in the radial direction, one has to fabricate the rings with the width comparable to the Fermi wavelength.

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APPENDIX: DERIVATION OF THE 1D HAMILTONIAN

In this appendix, we present the derivation of the 1D Hamiltonian for the hole ring. In cylindrical coordinates, with $x=r \cos \phi$ and $y=r \sin \phi$, Eq. (1) reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H}(r, \phi) = & -\frac{\hbar}{2m} \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial}{r \partial r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \Phi \right)^2 \right] + V(r) + \frac{\alpha i}{\hbar r^3} \cos[3\phi] \left[3r(\sigma_y - i\sigma_x \Phi + \sigma_y \Phi^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - 3r^2(\sigma_y - i\sigma_x \Phi) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + r^3 \sigma_y \frac{\partial^3}{\partial r^3} \right. \\
 & - 8\sigma_x \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - 6i\sigma_y \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + 9r\sigma_x \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial r} + 6ir\sigma_y \Phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial r} - 3r^2\sigma_x \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \phi \partial r^2} + 6\sigma_y \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} - 3r\sigma_y \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \phi^2 \partial r} + i\sigma_x \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \Phi \right)^3 \left. \right] \\
 & - \frac{\alpha i}{\hbar r^3} \sin[3\phi] \left[3r(\sigma_x + i\sigma_y \Phi + \sigma_x \Phi^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - 3r^2(\sigma_x + i\sigma_y \Phi) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + r^3 \sigma_x \frac{\partial^3}{\partial r^3} + 8\sigma_y \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - 6i\sigma_x \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - 9r\sigma_y \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial r} \right. \\
 & \left. + 6ir\sigma_x \Phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi \partial r} + 3r^2\sigma_y \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \phi \partial r^2} + 6\sigma_x \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} - 3r\sigma_x \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \phi^2 \partial r} - i\sigma_y \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \Phi \right)^3 \right], \tag{A1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where Φ is the magnetic flux through the ring as a function of the radial coordinate, $\Phi = (\pi r^2 B / hc l e)$. We employ the perturbative method used in Ref. 20 by separating the Hamiltonian, Eq. (A1), into the dominant part

$$\hat{H}_0(r, \phi) = -\frac{\hbar}{2m} \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial}{r \partial r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \Phi \right)^2 \right] + V(r)$$

and the remaining perturbation $\hat{H}_1 = \hat{H} - \hat{H}_0$. In the limit $w \ll r_0$ the solution of the Hamiltonian \hat{H}_0 can be found as a degenerate set of states $\Psi(r, \phi) = R_0(r) \Phi_n(\phi)$ where $R_0(r)$ is the lowest radial mode and $\Phi_n(\phi)$ is a spinor function of the angle ϕ . It can be shown that the degeneracy in spin space

can be lifted by diagonalizing the following Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_{1D}(\phi) = \left\langle R_0(r) \left| \hat{H}_1 + \frac{\hbar}{2mr^2} \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \Phi \right)^2 \right| R_0(r) \right\rangle,$$

which allows us to find the desired 1D Hamiltonian.

We use the lowest radial solution found in Ref. 20, $R_0(r) = \left(\frac{1}{wr_0 \sqrt{\pi/2}} \right)^{1/2} e^{-(r-r_0)^2/w^2}$, leading to the expectation values $\langle R_0(r) | \frac{\partial}{\partial r} | R_0(r) \rangle = -1/(2r_0)$, $\langle R_0(r) | \frac{\partial}{r \partial \phi} | R_0(r) \rangle = 1/(2r_0)$, $\langle R_0(r) | r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} | R_0(r) \rangle = -3r_0/2$, $\langle R_0(r) | \frac{\partial^2}{r \partial \phi^2} | R_0(r) \rangle = 1/(4r_0) - r_0/w^2$, $\langle R_0(r) | \frac{\partial^2}{r \partial r^2} | R_0(r) \rangle = -1/(r_0 w^2)$, and $\langle R_0(r) | \frac{\partial^3}{\partial r^3} | R_0(r) \rangle = 3/(2r_0 w^2)$. The Hermitian 1D Hamiltonian for the hole ring takes the form of Eq. (2).

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