Kondo effect in a quantum wire with spin-orbit coupling

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The influence of spin-orbit interactions on the Kondo effect has been under debate recently. Studies conducted recently on a system composed by an Anderson impurity on a 2DEG with Rashba spin-orbit have been shown that it can enhance or suppress the Kondo temperature ($T_K$), depending on the relative energy level position of the impurity with respect to the particle-hole symmetric point. Here we investigate a system composed by a single Anderson impurity side-coupled to a quantum wire with spin-orbit coupling (SOC). We derive an effective Hamiltonian in which the Kondo coupling is modified by the SOC. In addition, the Hamiltonian contains two other scattering terms, the so called Dzialoshinsky-Moriya interaction, know to appear in these systems, and a new one describing processes similar to the Elliott-Yafet scattering mechanisms. By performing a renormalization group analysis on the effective Hamiltonian, we find that the correction on the Kondo coupling due to the SOC favors and enhancement of the Kondo temperature even in the particle-hole symmetric point of the Anderson model, agreeing with the NRG results. Moreover, away from the particle-hole symmetric point, $T_K$ always increases with the SOC, accordingly with the previous renormalization group analysis.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The well-known Kondo effect is a many-body dynamical screening of a localized magnetic moment by the spins of itinerant electrons that occurs at temperatures below the so called the Kondo temperature ($T_K$).² Originally observed in bulk magnetic alloys,³ with conspicuous transport features, this effect has been extensively studied in few magnetic impurities coupled to one-dimensional systems.⁴–⁶ More specifically, the question on how the SOC modifies the Kondo effect in systems with an isolated magnetic impurities has gained more attention.⁷–⁹ The influence of the effect of SOC on the Kondo physics has gained major interest because the former has become remarkably attractive in condensed matter systems,¹⁰–¹² For example, SOC is the basic ingredient for many different phenomena, extending from the spin manipulation in the celebrated Datta-Das transistor¹³ to the more fundamental physics as in the quantum spin-hall effect¹⁴ and Majorana Fermions.¹⁵

Since the Kondo effect involves collectively the spins of the itinerant electrons, it is not surprising that SOC—that locks the electron spin with their momenta—will modify it. In fact, while in Ref. ⁹ it was found no change in the Kondo temperature with SOC, recent studies¹⁰–¹² have found a change in the Kondo temperature with Rashba SOC. Apart from the Ref.¹² that addresses the Kondo effect in graphene, the other ones report arguable results about similar systems. On the one hand in Ref.⁹ it was found that the Rashba SOC causes essentially no effect on $T_K$. On the other, in Ref.¹⁰ by renormalization group analysis (RGA) and in Refs.¹¹ and¹² using the numerical renormalization group (NRG), report $T_K$ dependent on the SOC. Although, the actual functional dependency obtained by the NRG seems to differ from the RGA approach. This controversy can be attributed to the different regimes in which the analysis were carried out and to some approximations made in the RGA. We should stress that the Malecki’s idea of studying the effect of SOC on $T_K$ using a standard Kondo model was incomplete. This became apparent in Ref.¹⁰ in which it was shown that the standard Kondo model does not include all the scattering phenomena in the system.

Thanks to the various studies discussed above, the effect of SOC on the Kondo temperature in two-dimensional systems has been quite well elucidated. In one dimensional systems, however, the effect of the SOC in the Kondo effect may be even more important and has not been investigated so far. The expected importance of the SOC on the Kondo effect on 1D systems can be viewed in as simple way. As mentioned above, the Kondo effect is based on scatterings accompanied by spin-flip processes involving the spins of the conduction electrons and that one of the local magnetic moment. At very low temperature, energy conserving scatterings become more relevant as compared to non-conserving ones. Contrasting with the 2D case, in which energy conserving skew scatterings are also allowed, in 1D only forward or backward scattering can occur. In situations in which a backward scattering events suffered by the conduction electrons requires a flip of their spins, it is expectable that the SOC have a much stronger influence in the Kondo effect in 1D systems as compared to the 2D ones. Such a spin-momentum locking is known to occur in strongly spin-orbit coupled 1D system, such as InSb nanowires and in 1D systems.¹⁶

FIG. 1. (Color online) Schematic representation of a quantum dot side-coupled to a quantum wire with spin-orbit interaction. The wire is assumed to lie along the x-direction. $V_x$ represents the hopping of electrons from the quantum into the wire.
edge state of topological insulators.

Motivated by the aforementioned peculiarities of the SOC in one-dimensional systems, we investigate the Kondo effect of a magnetic impurity side-coupled to a quantum wire with both Rashba and Dresselhaus SOC. For the impurity, we restrict ourselves to a spin-1/2 magnetic moment and model it as a single level interacting quantum dot that couples to the conduction electrons in the quantum wire through tunneling matrix elements. By projecting the total Hamiltonian of the system onto a singly occupied subspace of the impurity we derive an effective Kondo-like Hamiltonian. Here, the spin-orbit interactions are treated in the same footing. More formally, our system is described by an Anderson-like model,

\[
H = H_{\text{wire}} + H_{\text{dot}} + H_{\text{dot-wire}},
\]

where \( k \) is the momentum along \( x \)-axis, \( \epsilon_k = \hbar^2 k^2/2m^* \) the kinetic energy with \( m^* \) representing the effective mass of the conduction electrons. The operator \( c_{k\sigma}^\dagger \) \( (c_{k\sigma}) \) creates (annihilates) an electron with momentum \( k \) and spin \( \sigma \) in the wire. The Rashba and the linear Dresselhaus spin-orbit interaction coupling is parametrized by the interaction strength \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \), respectively, and \( \sigma^\nu \) (with \( \nu = x, y, z \)) represents the Pauli matrices. Finally,

\[
H_{\text{dot-wire}} = \sum_{k \nu} (V_k c_{k\nu}^\dagger d_\nu + V_k^* d_\nu^\dagger c_{k\nu})
\]

couples the quantum dot to the wire with overlap matrix element \( V_k \).

We should keep in mind that we aim to deriving an effective Kondo-like Hamiltonian by projecting out the empty and the doubly occupied states of the quantum dot. Before doing so, we want to bring the full Hamiltonian into the the single impurity Anderson model (SIAM) form. To accomplished this, we diagonalize \( H_{\text{wire}} \) by performing the following rotation in the spin space,

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
  c_{k\uparrow} \\
  c_{k\downarrow}
\end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix}
  c_{k\uparrow}^T \\
  c_{k\downarrow}^T
\end{pmatrix},
\]

with

\[
U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix}
  1 & e^{i\theta}
  \\
  -i e^{-i\theta} & 1
\end{pmatrix},
\]

where \( \theta = \tan^{-1}(\beta/\alpha) \). Under this transformation, the Hamiltonian \( H_{\text{wire}} \) acquires the diagonal form

\[
\tilde{H}_{\text{wire}} = \sum_{kh} \epsilon_{kh} c_{kh}^\dagger c_{kh},
\]

in which \( h = +, - \) is the helical quantum number and \( \epsilon_{kh} = \hbar^2 k^2/2m^* + \hbar y |k| \) with \( y = \alpha - i\beta \). By applying the same transformation to the quantum dot operators we see that the form of \( H_{\text{dot}} \) and \( H_{\text{dot-wire}} \) remain unchanged. Therefore, in the SO basis, the total Hamiltonian acquires the SIAM form

\[
\tilde{H} = \sum_h \epsilon_h d_\nu d_\nu^\dagger + Un_++ Un_-- + \sum_{kh} \epsilon_{kh} c_{kh}^\dagger c_{kh}
+ \sum_{kh} (V_k^* c_{kh}^\dagger d_\nu^\dagger + V_k d_\nu c_{kh}),
\]

where \( \epsilon_{kh} = \epsilon_k + \hbar y |k| \). These are the SO bands shown in Fig. \( \text{II}(a) \). We are now ready to derive the effective Kondo Hamiltonian.

A. The effective Hamiltonian

Since we are interested in the Kondo regime of the system in which there is a magnetic moment localized in the quantum dot, we project the Hamiltonian onto the singly occupied subspace of the quantum dot Hilbert space. We follow the same strategy described in Hewson’s book (for details, see
The resulting effective Hamiltonian can be written in the form
\[ H_{\text{eff}} = H_{0} + H_{K} + H_{\text{DM}} + H_{\text{EY}}. \] (8)

Here,
\[ H_{0} = \sum_{k,k'} \epsilon_{kk'} c_{kk}^{\dagger} c_{kk'} \] (9)
describes the conduction band on the SO basis,
\[ H_{K} = \sum_{k,k'} J_{kk'} \left( c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} - c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-} \right) S_{z} + c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k} S_{-} + c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k} S_{+} \] (10)
describes the Kondo coupling, in which
\[ J_{kk'} = V_{k} V_{k'} \frac{A_{k} + A_{k'}}{2}, \] (11)
with
\[ A_{k} = \frac{\epsilon_{k} - \epsilon_{d}}{(\epsilon_{k} - \epsilon_{d})^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} + \frac{\epsilon_{d} + U - \epsilon_{k}}{(\epsilon_{d} + U - \epsilon_{k})^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}}. \] (12)

Observe that \( J_{kk'} \) depends on the SO coupling \( \gamma \). By inspection we see in the absence of the spin-orbit interaction \( (\gamma = 0) \) we recover the conventional Kondo coupling, for which \( A_{k} = (\epsilon_{d} + U - \epsilon_{k})^{-1} + (\epsilon_{d} - \epsilon_{k})^{-1} \).

The last two terms of the Hamiltonian (8) are given by
\[ H_{\text{DM}} = \sum_{k,k'} \Gamma_{kk'} \left( c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k} S_{z} - c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k} S_{z} \right), \] (13)
and
\[ H_{\text{EY}} = H^{(1)}_{\text{EY}} + H^{(2)}_{\text{EY}}, \] (14)
In this last expression,
\[ H^{(1)}_{\text{EY}} = \sum_{k,k'} \Gamma^{(1)}_{kk'} c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} + c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-} S_{z}, \] (15)
and
\[ H^{(2)}_{\text{EY}} = \sum_{k,k'} \Gamma^{(2)}_{kk'} \frac{\eta_{d}}{2} c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} - c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-}. \] (16)

The couplings in the Eqs. (13), (15) and (16) can be written as
\[ \Gamma_{kk'} = V_{k} V_{k'} \frac{B_{k+}^{+} - B_{k-}^{-}}{2}, \] (17)
\[ \Gamma^{(1)}_{kk'} = V_{k} V_{k'} \frac{B_{k+}^{+} + B_{k-}^{-}}{2}, \] (18)
and
\[ \Gamma^{(2)}_{kk'} = V_{k} V_{k'} \frac{B_{k+}^{-} + B_{k-}^{+}}{2}. \] (19)

Here we have defined
\[ B_{k}^{+} = \pm |k| \left[ \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{k} - \epsilon_{d})^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} + \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{d} + U - \epsilon_{k})^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} \right]. \] (20)

The Hamiltonian (13) corresponds to the known Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction while (15) and (16) describe the Elliott-Yafet like processes\([28,29]\) responsible for spin-flip scatterings of the conduction electrons by the localized magnetic moments\([33]\). The spin-flip processes involved in the Hamiltonian (15) and (16) are not apparent in the SO basis but is clearly seen when these Hamiltonians are written in the real spin representation (see Appendix B).

At low temperature regime we can assume that the scatterings occurs only for electrons with momenta close to Fermi level, \( k_{F} \). Moreover, for small SO interaction, such that \( |\gamma| k_{F} \ll h k_{F}^{2}/2m \) (or \( |\gamma| \ll h k_{F}^{2}/2m \)), we can set \( \epsilon_{k} \approx \epsilon_{k_{F}} = 0 \) and \( V_{k} = V_{k_{F}} \equiv V \). With this we can make the approximations
\[ J_{kk'} \approx |V|^{2} \left[ \frac{\epsilon_{d} + U}{(\epsilon_{d} + U)^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} - \frac{\epsilon_{d}}{\epsilon_{d}^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} \right] \equiv J, \] (21)
\[ \Gamma_{kk'} \approx |V|^{2} |\gamma| \left[ \frac{k - k'}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon_{d}^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} - \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{d} + U - \epsilon_{k})^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} \right] \right], \] (22)
\[ \Gamma^{(1)}_{kk'} \approx |V|^{2} |\gamma| \left[ \frac{k + k'}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon_{d}^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} - \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{d} + U - \epsilon_{k})^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} \right] \right], \] (23)
and
\[ \Gamma^{(2)}_{kk'} \approx -|V|^{2} |\gamma| \left[ \frac{(k + k')}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon_{d}^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} + \frac{1}{(\epsilon_{d} + U - \epsilon_{k})^{2} - |\gamma|^{2} k^{2}} \right] \right]. \] (24)
In the equations above we have define $\gamma_F = \gamma k_F$. To obtain the expressions (21)-(24) we have replaced $k^2$ and $k'{}^2$ by $k_F^2$ but we were careful with the linear terms, keeping $k$ and $k'$ intact. This is because the sums in the Hamiltonian above run for positive and negative momenta. Therefore, considering only scatterings around $k_F$ we can replace $|k|$ and $|k'|$ by $k_F$ in the couplings (22), (23). With this, the factor $k - k'$ in the Eq. (22) or $k + k'$ in Eqs. (23), (24) can be approximated by zero or $\pm 2k_F$, depending on the relative sign between $k$ and $k'$. Bearing this in mind, we see that the coupling (22) contributes only with backward scatterings whereas the Eqs. (23) and (24) contribute only with forward scatterings. Explicitly, at $k_F$ we can write

$$\Gamma = V^2 \gamma_F \left[ \frac{1}{(e_d + |\gamma F|^2)} - \frac{1}{(e_d + U)^2 - |\gamma F|^2} \right] = -\Gamma_1, \quad (25)$$

and

$$\Gamma_2 = -|V|^2 \gamma_F \left[ \frac{1}{e_d^2 - |\gamma F|^2} - \frac{1}{(e_d + U)^2 - |\gamma F|^2} \right]. \quad (26)$$

Inserting these expressions into Eqs. (10), (13), (15), and (16) we obtain

$$H_K = J \sum_{kk'} \left[ c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} + c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-} \right] S_z + c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} S_+ + c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-} S_-, \quad (27)$$

$$H_{DM} = \Gamma \sum_{kk' > 0} \left( c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-} S_- - c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} S_+ + e_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k+} S_+ + e_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k-} S_- \right), \quad (28)$$

$$H_{EY}^{(1)} = \Gamma_1 \sum_{kk' > 0} \left[ S_z (c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} - c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-}) + S_+ (c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} - c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-}) \right] \quad (29)$$

$$H_{EY}^{(2)} = \Gamma_2 \sum_{kk' > 0} \left[ \frac{n_d}{2} (c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} - c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-}) + \frac{n_d}{2} (c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} - c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-}) \right] \quad (30)$$

Note that it is now explicit that the processes in the Hamiltonians $H_{DM}$ and in $H_{EY}$ involve only backward and forward scatterings, respectively. Moreover, we see that the backward scatterings occur are inter-band while the forward ones are intra-band scatterings. These backward (inter-band) and forward (intra-band) scatterings are exemplified with the diagrams of Fig. (3b) and (3c). Because of this very well defined scattering processes, it is convenient to split the Kondo, likewise. Separating the terms of (27) involving definite backward and forward processes as

$$H_K = J_F \sum_{kk'} \left[ c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} + c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-} \right] S_z + J_F \sum_{k,k' \neq 0} \left[ c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} S_+ + c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-} S_- \right]$$

$$+ J_F \sum_{k,k' \neq 0} \left[ c_{k+}^{\dagger} c_{k+} S_- + c_{k-}^{\dagger} c_{k-} S_+ \right]. \quad (31)$$

As we will see below, because of the SOC, the several Kondo couplings in the Eq. (31) will obey different differential equation in the renormalization group analysis.

### III. RENORMALIZATION GROUP ANALYSIS

To study the low-temperature regime of the system we perform a poor-man scaling analysis of the effective Hamiltonian (8). We follow the original Anderson’s approach (23) to obtain the renormalization equations for the effective couplings. After a cumbersome but straightforward calculation (see Appendix C) we find

$$J_{1B} = -\rho J_{1F} J_{2B} - \rho J_{1B} J_{2F} + \rho \Gamma_1 - \rho \Gamma_2 \quad (32a)$$

$$J_{2F} = -\rho J_{1F} J_{2F} - \rho J_{1B} J_{2B} \quad (32b)$$

$$J_{1B} = -2 \rho J_{1F} J_{1B} \quad (32c)$$

$$J_{2F} = -\rho J_{1F} J_{2F} - \rho \Gamma_1 - \rho J_{1B} \Gamma_1 \quad (32d)$$

$$\Gamma_1 = \rho J_{1B} \Gamma_1 \quad (32f)$$

Following standard notation, in the equations above we have defined $\lambda = dS/d\ln \Lambda$, where $\Lambda$ in the reduced bandwidth. We have also denoted $\rho = \rho(0)$ as the density of states of the conduction electrons calculated and the Fermi level, $\epsilon_F = 0$. For this we had to assume that the Fermi level is far away above the bottom of the band. In this limit we can linearize the band about $k = k_F$ as schematically shown in Fig. (2). We can verify that in the absence of SO interaction we have the solution for $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2 = 0$, provided the condition has $\Gamma(D) = \Gamma_1(D) = \Gamma_2(D) = 0$. With this, by setting $J_{1F} J_{1F} = J_{1B} = J_{1B} = J$, the differential equations above reduce to the usual renormalization equation for $J$ in the isotropic Kondo model, $J = -2\rho J^2$, leading to the known expression for the Kondo temperature $T_K = D \exp(-1/2\rho J)$. In the presence of SO interaction, an analytical solution for the coupled equations (23) is not available. Fortunately, it can be solved numerically using standard procedures. The numerical solution provides us with the coupling as a function of the reduced bandwidth $\Lambda$. As in the conventional Kondo model, the Kondo couplings diverge as $\Lambda \to 0$. It is precisely this divergence that provides a definition for the Kondo temperature within the renormalization group analysis. Using the same
idea here, in the presence of the SO interaction, we take as $T_K$ the value of $\Lambda$ where the numerical solution diverges.7

![Diagram](image)

FIG. 3. (Color online) (a) Scaled Kondo temperature vs $\gamma_F/U$ for different values of $\epsilon_d$ and $U = 0.1$. $\epsilon_d = -0.5U$ corresponds exactly to the particle-hole symmetric point of the Anderson model. Note the different behavior of $T_K$ for $\epsilon_d$ above and below 0.05. $T_K^0$ is the Kondo temperature calculated in the absence of the SO interaction, $\gamma = 0$. (b) Log($T_K/T_K^0$) vs $\gamma_F/U$ (symbols). The Solid lines show straight lines connecting the first and the last points of each data set, serving as a guide to the eyes. These lines suggest that $T_K$ depends on $\gamma_F$ exponentially as $T_K = T_K^0 \exp (a \gamma_F^2)$, in which $a$ is a function of $\epsilon_d$. (c) $a/U^2$ vs $\epsilon_d/U$ extracted from the results of panel (b).

To obtain our results for $T_K$, we set $U/\Delta = 20$, with $\Delta = \pi V^2/2D$. Here, $D$ is an energy cutoff, within which the band is linearized around $k = k_F$. In Fig. 3(a) we show the Kondo temperature $T_K/T_K^0$ vs $\gamma_F/U$ for three different values of $\epsilon_d$. Here $T_K^0$ is the Kondo temperature in the absence of the SO interaction. Note that, similarly to what was obtained in Ref. 10, $T_K$ always increases with $\gamma_F$, but it is more pronounced for $\epsilon_d \neq -U/2$ [squares (blue) and diamonds (red) curves]. The increase of $T_K$ with $\gamma_F$ for $\epsilon_d = -U/2$ contrasts with the results Ref. 10 that predicts a constant $T_K$ using the same approach but agrees with those obtained in Refs. 11, 13 and 31. The main reason for the disagreement with the previous RGA is because they neglected corrections of the Kondo coupling $J$ due to the SO interaction. Another compelling point is that for $\epsilon_d = -0.7U$ and $\epsilon_d = -0.3U$ for which the impurity level is placed symmetrically below and above the particle-hole level, respectively, the increasing of $T_K$ with $\gamma_F$ is not symmetric. This behavior disagree with those of Ref. 10. This asymmetry is, however, quite different from asymmetry observed in the results of Refs. 11, 13 and 31 because while they considered the Fermi level close to the bottom of the conduction band, here we assume $\epsilon_F$ far away from it.

In the absence of analytical solution for the set of differential equations (32) we attempt to obtain qualitatively the dependence of $T_K$ on $\gamma_F$. To do so, in Fig. 3(b) we plot Log($T_K/T_K^0$) vs $(\gamma_F/U)^2$ for the same three different values of $\epsilon_d$ as in Fig. 3(a). The symbols correspond the numerical results as shown in [3a] while the solid lines correspond to straight lines connecting the first and the last point of the data. Notably, these linear functions fit quite well all the data. This suggests a dependence of $T_K$ on $\gamma_F$ as $T_K = T_K^0 \exp (a \gamma_F^2)$, where $a$ is a positive function of the Anderson model parameters (e. g. $\Delta, U, \epsilon_d$). Here, by keeping all the other parameters fixed, $a$ clearly shows a strong dependence on $\epsilon_d$. To extract a qualitative dependency of $a$ varies with $\epsilon_d$, in Fig. 3(c) we plot $a$ vs $\epsilon_d/U$. Note that the shape of the curve is almost parabolic with a minimum close to the particle-hole symmetry. It is, However, asymmetric about $\epsilon_d = -U/2$ because of the particle-hole asymmetry of the renormalization equation introduced by the term $H_{EY}^{2}$ of the effective Hamiltonian.

For a better comprehension of the origin of the particle-hole asymmetry in the results of Fig. 3 let us take a closer look at the renormalization equations (32). We will show that, in fact, the term in the Hamiltonian that breaks particle-hole symmetry of the renormalization equations is $H_{EY}^{2}$ given by the Eq. (30). To this end, let us neglect $H_{EY}^{2}$ in the renormalization equations Eqs. (32). We then remove the Eqs. (32g) and make $\Gamma_2 = 0$ in all the other equations of the set (32). Now, remember that $\Gamma$ and $\Gamma_1$ are odd functions of $\epsilon_d$ under the change $\epsilon_d = -U/2 + \delta$ to $\epsilon_d = -U/2 - \delta$ the derivative of both $\Gamma$ and $\Gamma_1$ just change their signs. Now, because the derivatives of the $J$'s depends on the product $\Gamma_1$ or on $\Gamma^2$, which are both even, the resulting value of $T_K$ extracted from the solution of the Eqs. (32) is particle-hole symmetric, even though $\Gamma$ and $\Gamma_1$ are odd. This show that indeed it is the additional term $H_{EY}^{2}$ that breaks the particle-hole symmetry of the renormalization equations.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Summarizing, we have studied the influence of the Kondo effect of a magnetic impurity side coupled to a quantum wire with spin-orbit interaction. We start by modeling the system with a single impurity Anderson model (SIAM), in which the conduction electrons move under both Rashba and Dresselhaus spin-orbit couplings. We then derive an effective Kondo model that contains the known Dzaloshinskii-Moriya (DM) interaction and an additional term describing scattering processes of the same type of the Elliott-Yafet (EY) mechanisms responsible for spin relaxation in systems with magnetic impurities. We splitting the total effective 1D Hamiltonian into forward and backward scattering we are able to obtain and then perform a poor-mans scaling to set of renormalization equations for the effective couplings. To obtain a Kondo temperature dependent of the SO coupling strength we solve numerically the coupled equations. We find that the spin-orbit interaction modifies, substantially, the Kondo temperature of the system. Our results show that, even though the DM term vanishes at the particle-hole (ph) symmetry of the SIAM, and is known to change the Kondo temperature only away from the ph symmetry, our study shows that the SOC modifies the
Kondo temperature even in the ph symmetry since it modifies the conventional Kondo couplings. Moreover, we find that the contribution from additional EY to the enhancement of the Kondo temperature is asymmetric with respect to the ph symmetry. Our study shows clearly the scattering mechanisms of the conduction electrons by the magnetic impurity introduced by the SOC in the 1D system. More importantly, we shown the Kondo temperature is asymmetric with respect to the ph symmetry. We would like to thank Gerson J. Ferreira for helpful discussions.

Appendix A: Derivation of the effective Hamiltonian

In order to project the total Hamiltonian (7) onto the singly occupied impurity subspace, we define the projector operators

\[ P_0 = (1 - d_i^+ d_j)(1 - d_i^+ d_j), \quad P_1 = d_i^+ d_j + d_j^+ d_i - 2 d_i^+ d_j d_i^+ d_j, \quad P_2 = d_i^+ d_j d_i^+ d_j, \]

The projected Hamiltonian can be written as

\[ H_{\text{eff}} = H_{11} + H_{10}(E - H_{11})^{-1} H_{01} + H_{12}(E - H_{22})^{-1} H_{21}. \]

where \( H_{ij} = P_i H P_j \). More explicitly, in terms of the creation and annihilation operators, the Hamiltonian (A4) can be written as

\[ H_K = \sum_{kk'} J_{kk'} \left( \epsilon^1_{k^{'}} c_{k^{'}} + \epsilon^0_{k^{'}} c_{k^{'}} \right) \left( \epsilon^1_{k} c_{k} + \epsilon^0_{k} c_{k} \right) + c_{k^{'}} c_{k} S^z + c_{k^{'}} c_{k} S^+ + c_{k^{'}} c_{k} S^-, \]

with a renormalized Kondo coupling

\[ J_{kk'} = V_k V_{k'} A_k + A_{k'}, \]

where

\[ A_k = -G^{(c)}(\epsilon_d, \epsilon_d) + G^{(c)}(\epsilon_d, \epsilon_d + U, \epsilon_d) \]

\[ = \frac{\epsilon_d - U - \epsilon_d}{(\epsilon_d - \epsilon_d)^2 - |\gamma|^2 k^2} + \frac{\epsilon_d - U + \epsilon_d}{(\epsilon_d + U - \epsilon_d)^2 - |\gamma|^2 k^2}. \]

The third term describes the Dzialoshinsky-Moriya scattering processes and can be written as

\[ H_{\text{DM}} = \sum_{kk'} \Gamma_{kk'} \left( \epsilon^1_{k^{'}} c_{k^{'}} c_{k} - \epsilon^0_{k^{'}} c_{k^{'}} c_{k} \right), \]

where the coupling \( \Gamma_{kk'} \) is given by

\[ \Gamma_{kk'} = V_k V_{k'} B_k^{(+) - B_{k'}^{(+)}}, \]

in which we have defined,

\[ B_k^{(+) = -G^{(c)}(\epsilon_d, \epsilon_d) - G^{(c)}(\epsilon_d + U, \epsilon_d)} \]

\[ = \pm |\gamma| k \left[ \frac{1}{(\epsilon_d - \epsilon_d)^2 - |\gamma|^2 k^2} \right. \]

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\[ H = H_0 + \sum_{kk'} \frac{V_k V_{k'}}{2} \left[ (G_{h}(\epsilon_d, \epsilon_k) + G_{h}^{(c)}(\epsilon_d, \epsilon_k)) d_i^h d_j^h d_i^h d_j^h c_{i k}^h c_{j k}^h - [G_{h}(\epsilon_d + U, \epsilon_k) + G_{h}^{(c)}(\epsilon_d + U, \epsilon_k)] n_{d d} c_{k}^h d_i^h n_{d d} c_{k}^h \right], \]

where

\[ G_{h}(\epsilon_d, \epsilon_k) = \frac{\epsilon_d - \epsilon_k}{(\epsilon_d - \epsilon_k)^2 - |\gamma|^2 k^2} + \frac{|h| \gamma k}{(\epsilon_d - \epsilon_k)^2 - |\gamma|^2 k^2} \]

\[ = G^{(c)}(\epsilon_d, \epsilon_k) + h G^{(c)}(\epsilon_d, \epsilon_k) \]

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Finally, the fourth term has the form,
\[
H^{(3)}_{\text{HY}} = \sum_{kk'} \Gamma_{kk'}^{(1)} (c_{k'\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k\downarrow} + c_{k'\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}) \hat{S}_z,
\]
with
\[
\Gamma_{kk'}^{(1)} = V_k V_{k'} \frac{B_{kk'}^+ + B_{kk'}^-}{2},
\]
and
\[
\Gamma_{kk'}^{(2)} = V_k V_{k'} \frac{B_{kk'}^- + B_{kk'}^+}{2},
\]
which is of the usual form of the Dzialoshinsky-Moriya interaction, and
\[
H_{\text{HY}} = 2 \sum_{kk'} \left[ \Gamma_{kk'}^{(1)} s_{k'\downarrow} S_y + \Gamma_{kk'}^{(2)} S^0 s_{k'\uparrow} \hat{y} \right].
\] (B5)

This expression is similar to the Elliott-Yafet scattering term studied in spin relaxation processes. Note, for instance, that the second term contains spin-flip scattering of the conduction electrons without changing the spin of the impurity.

Appendix C: Poor-man scaling analysis

In the spirit of the Anderson’s perturbative renormalization group, the renormalization procedures consists of progressively reducing the bandwidth of the conduction electrons \((D)\) is reduced step-by-step from its initial values \(D \) towards \( D = 0 \). Within this idea, if at a given step the conduction band lies in the interval \([-\Lambda, \Lambda]\) (where \(0 < \Lambda < D\)) it is reduced to \(-\Lambda + \delta \Lambda, \Lambda + \delta \Lambda\) with \(\delta \Lambda < 0\) and the part of the Hamiltonian lying within the edges of the conduction bands are integrated out while their effects are taken into account perturbatively up to the second order in the Hamiltonian coupling. Using the \(T\)-matrix formalism we search for scattering processes involving the edge of the conduction bands that renormalizes the Hamiltonian, leaving it invariant. Within this idea, if \(H_0\) in the unperturbed Hamiltonian and \(H_1\) is the perturbation, then, up to the second order in the perturbation we can write the renormalized interaction by
\[
\tilde{H}_1 = H_1 + H_1 \frac{1}{E - H_0} H_1 = H_1 + \Delta T,
\] (C1)
that has the same form of \(H_1\). Note that \(\Delta T\) corresponds to the change in the \(T\)-matrix due to all the processes involving the edge of the conduction band.

Explicitly, we can write
\[
\Delta T = \sum_{kk'} \sum_{q|\Lambda - \delta \Lambda < q| \Lambda + \delta \Lambda} V_{k'q} \frac{1}{E - H_0} V_{kq} + \sum_{kk'} \sum_{q|\Lambda - \delta \Lambda < q| \Lambda + \delta \Lambda} V_{k'q} \frac{1}{E - H_0} V_{kq}.
\] (C2)

Note that in the sum above, \(q\) represents momentum such that \(\varepsilon_q\) lies within the edge of the conduction bands. The first term is associated with particle states and the second with hole states, removed, respectively, from the top and bottom of conduction band. Even though we follow the standard procedure found in many textbooks, for the sake of completeness, let us illustrate how the low term \(J_{SB}\) is renormalized by integrating out the degrees of freedom “living” at the edge of the conduction band. Using the expression (C2) we see that it rather simple because is not renormalized by the SO terms but only by the Kondo coupling terms of the Hamiltonian. To shown and example of among the many contribution for the Eq. (C2), let us calculate product
\[
H_{\perp F}^K \frac{1}{E - H_0} H_{\perp B}^K
\] (C3)
where $H_0$ is given by (9) and $H^K_L$ and $H^K_B$ represent the third and fourth terms of the Hamiltonian (31). Although this term involves only the Kondo coupling, it is instructive to show how we deal with the various Kondo couplings split into backward and forward scatterings. For the particle-like scattering processes [first term of the Eq. (C2)] we have

$$H^K_L = \frac{1}{E - H_0} \sum_{\Delta>0} \left( \epsilon_{k'q} - \epsilon_{k,q} - \delta_{k'} \right) \frac{1}{E - H_0} \left( \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} + \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right)$$

$$\times \sum_{\Delta<0} \left( \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} + \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right) \left( \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} - \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right).$$

(C4)

Here, we have dropped the constraints for $q$ and $q'$, but recall that $q$ and $q'$ run for all momentum such that $\epsilon_q$ and $\epsilon_{q'}$ lie within the top edge of the conduction band. Since for a $S = 1/2$, $S^z$ and $S^z$ acting on any impurity state vanishes, we can write

$$H^K_L = \frac{1}{E - H_0} \sum_{\Delta<0} \left( \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} + \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right) \left( \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} - \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right).$$

(C5)

Using $S^z = 1/2 - S_z$ and $S^z = 1/2 + S_z$ and performing the commutations of $c_{k'+c_{k'}S}^\dagger$ and $c_{k'+c_{k'}S}^\dagger$ with $(E - H_0)^{-1}$ we obtain

$$H^K_L = \frac{1}{E - H_0} \sum_{\Delta<0} \left( \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} + \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right) \left( \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} - \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right).$$

(C6)

In the expression above we have neglected the potential scattering term generated by the commutations and then set $H_0$ to zero. Now, for the top edge (particle-like scattering) we assume $c_{k,s}c_{k,s}^\dagger = \delta_{s'}\delta_{k'}$, with $s = \pm$. Therefore,

$$H^K_L = \frac{1}{E - H_0} \sum_{\Delta<0} \left( \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} + \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right) \left( \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} - \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right).$$

(C7)

Now, since $\epsilon_q$ lies within a very narrow energy interval near the edge of the reduced conduction band we can make $\epsilon_q \sim \epsilon_q - \Lambda$ to obtain

$$H^K_L = \frac{1}{E - H_0} \sum_{\Delta<0} \left( \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} - \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right).$$

(C8)

We now convert the sum in $q$ into integral and assume a constant density of states $\rho$ for the conduction electrons. Noticing that the sum in $q$ is constrained by the sign of $k'$, we can write

$$H^K_L = \frac{1}{E - H_0} \int_{\Delta<0} \frac{1}{2} \left( \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} - \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right).$$

(C9)

For processes near the Fermi level we can neglect $E$ and $\epsilon_k$ in the expression, obtaining

$$H^K_L = \frac{1}{E - H_0} \sum_{\Delta<0} \left( \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} - \epsilon_{k,q} - \epsilon_{k'+c_{k'}S} \right).$$

(C10)

Comparing the operators in this expression with those in Eq. (31) we see that this is in fact similar to the second term of the Eq. (31). Therefore, it contributes to a renormalization of $J_{\Delta}$. Another identical contribution is provided by interchanging $H^K_L$ and $H^K_B$. Performing the same analysis for the hole-like term in the Eq. (C2) one finds equal contribution. Therefore, the total contribution is given by

$$\delta J_{\Delta} = 2J_{\Delta}^2 \rho |d\Lambda| = -2J_{\Delta}^2 |d\Lambda| \ln \Lambda.$$

(C11)

The minor sign in the last step came because $\delta \Lambda < 0$. In the limit $|d\Lambda| \to 0$ we finally obtain the traditional form

$$J_{\Delta} = -2J_{\Delta}^2.$$

(C12)

In the calculation above we have considered only two terms of the the Kondo Hamiltonian (31). Interestingly, after checking all the calculation we see that for $J_{\Delta}$ this is the only contribution. Terms involving the SO interaction will renormalize the other Kondo couplings. For example,

$$J_{\Delta} = -\rho J_{\Delta}^2 J_{\Delta} + \rho J_{\Delta}^2 + \rho IT_1 - \rho IT_2.$$

(C13)

The calculation of all the remaining contributions to the set of differential (32) is lengthy but straightforward.

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