

Seminar

Topological (spin) hydrodynamics in magnetic ins

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New experimental tools have recently emerged that allow us to explore spin transport phenomena in essentially any material, either electrically conducting or insulating. Namely, multiterminal electrical circuits allow for injection of spin current using the spin Hall effect and detection using the reciprocal process. Similarly, the reciprocal spin Seebeck and Peltier effects can be utilized to inject and detect spin current thermally. A range of transport regimes for transmitting local spin signal through insulating media have recently been discussed, with a focus on magnetically ordered e.g., ferromagnetic or antiferromagnetic materials. In this talk, I will review these developments with a focus on spin superfluidity and related topological aspects which mitigate the detrimental spin relaxation processes. In certain cases, the spin transport is entirely superseded by the flow of an emergent topological charge associated with dynamical magnetic textures.

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