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10:30 | **Wojciech Brzezicki** | *Exotic topological states in hybrid transition metal oxides*

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11:50 | **Antonio Caretta** | *Short vs long range orbital domain dynamics in layered half-doped manganites*

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12:30 | **Adolfo Avella** | *Defects, Disorder, and Strong Electron Correlations in Orbital Degenerate, Doped Mott Insulators*

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10:10 | **Holger Thierschmann** | *Transport regimes of a superconducting quantum point contact in the two-dimensional $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ superfluid*

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11:50 | **Yoshiteru Maeno** | *Controlling Oxide Mott Insulator States by DC Current*

12:10 | **Dan G. Porter** | *Magnetic Anisotropy and Orbital Ordering in Ca_2RuO_4*

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15:00 | **Bohm-Jung Yang** | *Magnetic-field induced topological phases in pyrochlore iridates*

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16:30 | **Marco Grilli** | *Intrinsic inhomogeneity in LXO/STO oxide interfaces*

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Wednesday, April 11th

Phase-Controllable Josephson Junctions for Cryogenic Memory

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Large-scale computing facilities and data centers are using electrical power at an ever increasing rate. Projections suggest that a fully superconducting computer would consume considerably less power than conventional semiconductor-based computers, even taking into account the power used in cooling the system to cryogenic temperatures [1]. Building a large-scale memory for such a computer is a challenge. One approach is to use Josephson junctions containing ferromagnetic (F) materials as the basic memory element for such a memory [2,3]. The basic device is a Josephson junction containing two ferromagnetic layers whose magnetization directions can be switched between being parallel or antiparallel to each other, just as in a conventional spin valve. If the thicknesses of the ferromagnetic layers are chosen appropriately, those two magnetic states will result in the junction having a ground-state phase of either 0 or π . We have demonstrated that such a junction can indeed be controllably switched between the “0” phase state and the “ π ” phase state, from measurements of two junctions in a SQUID geometry [4]. An alternative approach is to use a junction containing three ferromagnetic layers, which is designed to carry spin-triplet supercurrent. We have recently realized controllable 0 - π switching in such a spin-triplet junction [5]. Spin-triplet junctions may have a technological advantage in that the precise thicknesses of the ferromagnetic layers are less critical than in the spin-valve devices. We will report on our continued progress in optimizing both of these systems.

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Quasiparticle tunneling electro-resistance in cuprate based junctions

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Ferroelectric tunnel junctions show the so-called tunneling electro-resistance: a large (orders-of-magnitude) reversible switching between (at least) two remnant resistance states, which is produced upon application of voltage pulse across the junction. This effect is the basis of a new class of random access memories and application in the booming field of neuromorphic computing.

While tunneling electro-resistance has been widely studied in junctions with normal-metal electrodes, here we investigate junctions based on oxide superconductors (cuprates), expanding the electro-resistance concept to the tunneling of quasiparticles. Interestingly, this allows us underpin the governing electro-resistance mechanisms, a subject largely debated in the researcher field. We will discuss the new opportunities brought by the use of superconducting electrodes, both for fundamental studies and electronic applications.

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Superconductivity without inversion and time-reversal symmetries

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Traditionally, the symmetries that protect superconductivity are time-reversal and parity. Here, we examine the minimal symmetries protecting superconductivity in two dimensions and find that time-reversal symmetry and inversion symmetry are not required, and having a combination of either symmetry with a mirror operation on the basal plane is sufficient. We classify superconducting states stabilized by these two symmetries, when time-reversal and inversion symmetries are not present, and provide realistic minimal models as examples. Interestingly, several experimentally realized systems, such as transition metal dichalcogenides and the two-dimensional Rashba system fall into this scenario, when subject to an applied magnetic field.

Role of square planar coordination in the magnetic properties of Na_4IrO_4

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Iridates supply fertile ground for unconventional phenomena and exotic electronic phases. With respect to well studied octahedrally coordinated iridates, we focus our attention on a rather unexplored iridate, Na_4IrO_4 , showing an unusual square planar coordination. The latter is key to rationalizing the electronic structure and magnetic property of Na_4IrO_4 , which is here explored by first-principles density functional theory calculations and Monte Carlo simulations. Due to the uncommon square planar crystal field, Ir 5d states adopt an intermediate-spin state with double occupation of the $d_{z^2-r^2}$ orbital, leading to a sizable local spin moment, at variance with many other iridates.

The square planar crystal-field splitting is also crucial in opening a robust insulating gap in Na_4IrO_4 , irrespective of the specific magnetic ordering or treatment of electronic correlations. Spin-orbit coupling plays a minor role in shaping the electronic structure, but leads to strong magnetocrystalline anisotropy. The easy axis perpendicular

to the IrO_4 plaquette, well explained using perturbation theory, is again closely related to the square planar coordination. Finally, the large single-ion anisotropy suppresses the spin frustration and stabilizes a collinear antiferromagnetic long-range magnetic ordering, as confirmed by Monte Carlo simulations predicting a quite low Néel temperature, expected from almost isolated IrO_4 square planar units that act as crystalline building blocks.

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Triplet supercurrents in Co disks

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Spin-triplet Cooper pairs generated in superconductor-ferromagnet (SF) hybrid structures are the centerpiece of the newly emerging field of superconducting spintronics. Since triplets are generated by magnetically inhomogeneous structures, control over the magnetic structure in principle allows control over both the magnitude and the distribution of the supercurrent. Earlier we reported results on a device which allows such control, based on a cobalt microdisk with a diameter of 1 μm and as salient feature a magnetic vortex at its center [1]. A Nb/Cu/Ni stack, covering two halves of the disk and with a trench in the middle was used to generate triplet pairs in the Co layer. The ferromagnet in the stack has the role of providing magnetic non-collinearity in order to convert singlets to triplets. It turns out, however, that in the disk geometry triplets can also be generated without that extra magnetic layer; the exchange field gradients in the Co layer itself, induced by the circular geometry, are enough to generate a triplet supercurrent which again also depends on the position of the magnetic vortex.

Various examples will be given for the dependence of the (triplet) critical current of such a Nb/Cu/(Co-disk) device as function of in-plane field along different directions.

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Higher Winding Topological Superconductivity in Antiperovskite Oxides

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Antiperovskite oxides have attracted much attention because they have the effective higher spin 3/2 degrees of freedom due to mixture of the spin and orbital angular momentum. In addition, two sets of the spin 3/2 states with *p* and *d* orbital appear near the Fermi level in these materials. According to the first principle calculations [1,2], the band inversion of two orbitals may occur at the center of the Brillouin zone. As a result, normal state of these materials falls into the topological crystalline insulator. Furthermore, very recently, superconducting transition was experimentally observed in the antiperovskite Sr₃SnO with the hole doping [3].

We theoretically investigate possible superconductivity of the antiperovskite oxides [4] in terms of the $k \cdot p$ Hamiltonian describing general systems with spin 3/2 and different parity orbitals. In this system, the higher spin and orbital degrees of freedom enrich variety of Cooper pairs. In particular, the interorbital pairing states are the odd-parity superconductivity even if the gap function is independent on the momentum. Numerically solving the linearized gap equation, we found that a superconducting state belonging to A_{1u} representation of the O_h point group is the most stable in the interorbital ones.

In this presentation, we discuss the topological property of the A_{1u} state [4]. We demonstrate that although the A_{1u} state is the simplest odd-parity superconductivity carrying spin J=0, it is exotic topological superconductivity with higher winding number. Moreover, we clarify that this property originates from the higher spin 3/2. Finally, we show that the surface state of this higher winding topological superconductor exhibits the characteristic twisted dispersion relation associated with multiple helical Majorana fermions.

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Anomalous magnetic-field-angle dependence of the specific heat of Sr_2RuO_4

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Sr_2RuO_4 is one of the leading candidates for chiral- p -wave spin-triplet superconductors, and thus can be potentially utilized for novel superconducting and spintronics devices. Nevertheless, there are still unresolved issues on its superconducting wavefunction. For example, the superconducting transition in magnetic fields \mathbf{H} parallel to the crystalline ab plane becomes the first-order transition [1], which cannot be easily described within the ordinary spin-triplet scenario. A recent theory proposed a new scenario that the first-order transition may be due to a novel “orbital pair-breaking” effect [2]. In addition, it is theoretically predicted that in-plane symmetry breaking fields such as magnetic fields or uniaxial strain should cause a phase transition from the chiral $k_x \pm ik_y$ state to a non-chiral state such as k_x , k_y , and $k_x \pm k_y$ states [3]. However, such non-chiral transition has never been observed. Therefore, detailed investigations of bulk superconducting properties are still highly required.

We thus investigate in-plane field-angle φ and field strength H dependences of the specific heat C of a very clean single crystal of Sr_2RuO_4 . Anomalous dip structures in $C(\varphi)$ curves are found above a characteristic field $\mu_0 H^* \sim 1.15$ T [4]. This result indicates that the superconducting state for $H // [100]$ and that for $H // [110]$ are thermodynamically distinguishable above H^* . We attribute this behavior to the field-angle-induced switching among non-chiral superconducting order parameters. In this scenario, H^* corresponds to the long-sought transition among chiral and non-chiral states in Sr_2RuO_4 . The observed development of in-plane anisotropy in the upper critical field as well as the strong enhancement of quasiparticle excitation above H^* supports this scenario of non-chiral phase formation.

In this presentation, we explain details of our experimental data and discuss the possible non-chiral transition scenario.

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Single crystals of superconductors, magnetic and topological materials

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In order to make progress in the understanding the physics of interesting materials, high quality single crystals are absolutely essential. In recent years several new and exotic classes of materials have been discovered and there is a need for high quality materials for crucial experiments. In this talk I will describe the basic techniques that are generally employed to obtain large and high quality single crystals of a wide variety of materials, ranging from superconductors (intermetallic and non-centrosymmetric, layered transition metal dichalcogenides), magnetic materials (frustrated magnets, low dimensional magnets, and magnetic materials exhibiting skyrmions) and topological insulators (chalcogenides and Kondo Insulators including borides). Special emphasis will be placed on the crystal growth techniques being used for this work at Warwick. I will also provide some examples of the type of investigations performed on the different crystals produced.

A local spin probe perspective of magnetism at oxide interfaces

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One of the big hopes in material science is the capability of producing materials and devices which satisfy a list of requirements/functions on demand. Interfaces between transition metal oxides (TMOs) are proposed as a route to achieve this aim, combining a variety of physical properties and ground states including magnetic, superconducting, insulating and conducting. Few experimental methods are capable of examining local properties of buried interfaces and in a depth resolved manner on nanometer scale. This can be achieved using novel depth resolved low energy μ SR and β -NMR techniques. In this talk I will present an investigation of the magnetic properties of thin films and superlattices involving interfaces between the Mott insulator LaTiO_3 and the band insulators SrTiO_3 and LaAlO_3 .

In the case of $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ interfaces, we detect a weak spin glass-like ground state, which requires that both, the LaAlO_3 and SrTiO_3 layers, be over a critical 3-4 unit cell thickness. In contrast, we find that while LaTiO_3 undergoes antiferromagnetic ordering when deposited on LaAlO_3 , it becomes paramagnetic when grown on SrTiO_3 . Surprisingly, we observe a clear interface proximity effect at the $\text{LaTiO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ interface, where the magnetism becomes gradually stronger as we probe further away from the interface. The effect is attributed to charge reconstruction effects and the reported metallicity at this interface. These results demonstrate the potential of tunability of the magnetic and electronic properties of a Mott insulator by interface engineering.

Superconducting devices and unconventional proximity effects with oxides

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The development of the field of superconducting spintronics [1] to date has mainly relied on superconductor/ferromagnet (S/F) heterostructures with conventional (*s*-wave) S, where spin-triplet correlations are generated from spin singlets via spin-mixing and spin-rotation processes occurring at S/F interfaces [2]. Evidence for the generation of spin-triplets in such systems has been demonstrated both indirectly via long-ranged proximity effects in S/F/S Josephson junctions [3-4] and directly via spectroscopic measurements [5-7].

To extend the operating range of superconducting spintronics devices up to temperatures above 4.2 K and exploit the rich physics and high-quality interfaces provided by single-crystal metal-oxide materials, our group has recently performed experiments based on the coupling of unconventional superconductivity and magnetism at S/F metal-oxide interfaces. In this context, I will report on the triggering of a *p*-wave superconducting state in single-layer graphene proximity-coupled to the electron-doped high-temperature superconductor Pr_{1.85}Ce_{0.15}CuO₄ ($T_c \sim 20.5$ K) and discuss our most recent experiments that on full-oxide superconducting spin valves with YBa₂Cu₃O₇ and the investigation of unconventional proximity effects occurring at YBa₂Cu₃O₇/Sr₂RuO₄ interfaces using low-energy muon spectroscopy.

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Weakly-Correlated Nature of Ferromagnetism in Nonsymmorphic CrO₂

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Chromium dioxide CrO₂ belongs to a class of materials called ferromagnetic half-metals, whose peculiar aspect is that they act as a metal in one spin orientation and as a semiconductor or insulator in the opposite one.

Despite numerous experimental and theoretical studies motivated by technologically important applications of this material in spintronics, its fundamental properties such as momentum-resolved electron dispersions and the Fermi surface have so far remained experimentally inaccessible because of metastability of its surface, which instantly reduces to amorphous Cr₂O₃.

In this work, we demonstrate that direct access to the native electronic structure of CrO₂ can be achieved with soft-x-ray angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy whose large probing depth penetrates through the Cr₂O₃ layer.

For the first time, the electronic dispersions and Fermi surface of CrO₂ are measured, which are fundamental prerequisites to solve the long debate on the nature of electronic correlations in this material.

Since density functional theory augmented by a relatively weak local Coulomb repulsion gives an exhaustive description of our spectroscopic data, we rule out strong-coupling theories of CrO₂. Crucial for the correct interpretation of our experimental data in terms of the valence-band dispersions is the understanding of a nontrivial spectral response of CrO₂ caused by interference effects in the photoemission process originating from the nonsymmorphic space group of the rutile crystal structure of CrO₂.

Topological superconductivity with antiferromagnetic insulators

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Two dimensional topological superconductivity has attracted great interest due to the emergence of Majorana modes bound to vortices and propagating Majorana modes at the edges.[1] However, due to its rare appearance in natural compounds, its experimental replication relies on delicate artificial engineering by combination of helical states, magnetic fields and conventional superconductors [2]. Here we introduce a platform alternative to those mechanisms, by showing that a class of three dimensional antiferromagnets can be used to engineer a two dimensional topological superconductor. Our proposal [3] relies on the appearance of solitonic states at the interface between an antiferromagnet and a superconductor, that become topologically gapped by intrinsic spin-orbit coupling. We show that those interfacial states do not require fine tuning between the superconducting and the antiferromagnetic exchange fields, as its existence is protected by asymptotic boundary conditions. Our findings open the venue of using three dimensional antiferromagnetic insulators as a solid state platform to engineer topological superconductivity.

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Topological Physics in HgTe-based Quantum Devices

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Suitably structured HgTe is a topological insulator in both 2- (a quantum well wider than some 6.3 nm) and 3 (an epilayer grown under tensile strain) dimensions. The material has favorable properties for quantum transport studies, i.e. a good mobility and a complete absence of bulk carriers, which allowed us to demonstrate variety of novel transport effects. One aspect of these studies is topological superconductivity, which can be achieved by inducing superconductivity in the topological surface states of these materials. Special emphasis will be given to recent results on the ac Josephson effect. We will present data on Shapiro step behavior that is a very strong indication for the presence of a gapless Andreev mode in our Josephson junctions, both in 2- and in 3-dimensional structure. An additional and very direct evidence for the presence of a zero mode is our observation of Josephson radiation at an energy equal to half the superconducting gap. Controlling the strain of the HgTe layers strain opens up yet another line a research. We have recently optimized MBE growth of so-called virtual substrates ((Cd,Zn)Te superlattices as a buffer on a GaAs substrate), that allow us to vary the strain from 0.4% tensile to 1.5% compressive. While tensile strain turns 3-dimensional HgTe into a narrow gap insulator, compressive strain turns the material into a topological (Weyl) semimetal, exhibiting clear signs of the Adler-Bell-Jackiw anomaly in its magnetoresistance. In quantum wells, compressive strain allows inverted energy gaps up to 60 meV.

Topological Superconductivity in Metal/Quantum-Spin-Ice Heterostructures

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In 1987, Anderson proposed a non-phononic mechanism of superconductivity that makes use of a quantum paramagnet (QPM), a system that refuses long-range magnetic order due to quantum fluctuations. This proposal of obtaining a superconductor by doping a QPM that has fractionalized charge and spin carriers is yet to be realized. Here we propose an alternative strategy of using QPM to achieve an unconventional superconductor: use a QPM as a substrate for heterostructure growth of metallic films to design exotic superconductors. By spatially separating the two key ingredients of superconductivity, i.e., charge carriers (metal) and pairing interaction (QPM), the proposed setup naturally lands on the parameter regime conducive to a controlled theoretical prediction. Moreover, the proposed setup allows us to "customize" electron-electron interaction imprinted on the metallic layer. The QPM material of our choice is quantum spin ice well-known for its emergent "gauge-like"

vector potential description of spin frustration. Assuming the metallic layer forms an isotropic single Fermi pocket, we predict that the coupling between dynamic spin fluctuation and the electrons of the metallic layer will drive topological odd-parity pairing. We further present guiding principles for materializing the suitable heterostructure using ab initio calculations and describe the band structure we predict for the case of $\text{Y}_2\text{Sn}_{2-x}\text{Sb}_x\text{O}_7$ grown on the (111) surface of $\text{Pr}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$. Using this microscopic information, we predict topological odd-parity superconductivity at a few Kelvin in this heterostructure, which is comparable to the T_c of the only other confirmed odd-parity superconductor Sr_2RuO_4 .

Electron pair conversion at oxide superconductor / ferromagnet interfaces

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Superconducting spintronics is a new area of research, which involves the equilibrium coexistence of spin-polarization and superconducting phase coherence [1]. This field has emerged over the past decade following rapid developments in the understanding and coupling of unconventional superconductivity at superconductor interfaces with magnetic materials. Highlights from my group, include the discovery of singlet-to-triplet pair conversion at magnetically inhomogeneous superconductor / ferromagnet (S/F) interfaces [2], spin-selectivity of triplet pairs in superconducting spin-valves [3], the paramagnetic Meissner effect at an S/F interface [4], and unconventional superconductivity at a d-wave superconductor / graphene interface [5].

In my talk I will overview my group's recent results on coupling unconventional superconductivity and magnetism at oxide S/F interfaces. This will include superconducting spin-valves and density of states measurements in devices containing oxide superconductors and half-metallic ferromagnets.

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Exotic topological states in hybrid transition metal oxides

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The interplay between localized 3d and more delocalized 4d states in hybrid transition metal oxides tunes the competition between correlated metallic and Mott-insulating states and can significantly influence the hierarchy between the spin-orbital-lattice degrees of freedom. For instance, doping of the $3d^3/3d^2$ ions in the $4d^4$ host realizes orbital/charge doping scenario [1] lowering the symmetry in

the orbital space and strongly modifying spin and orbital order of the host [2]. The intrinsic competition between localized antiferromagnetism and itinerant ferromagnetism can lead to 1D zigzag magnetic structures [3] whose non-symmorphic symmetries stabilize exotic Dirac semi-metal phases with multiple topological protection, unusual degeneracy, hidden symmetry features [4] or even nodal superconductivity in 2D [5]. On the other hand, breaking of the U(1) symmetry due to the d^2 doping in the d^4 system, leads to a pairing mechanism and can open a gap in the orbital spectrum leading to an effective non-uniform Kitaev model [6] in 1D. Such model exhibits an emergent Lorentz symmetry in the parameter space and hosts topologically non-trivial phases even in a disordered case.

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Edge state reconstruction from strong correlations in quantum spin Hall insulators

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We study the fate of helical edge states in a quantum spin Hall insulators when the whole system is exposed to strong Coulomb interactions. Using dynamical mean-field theory, we show that the dispersion relation of the edge states is strongly affected by Coulomb interactions. In fact, the formerly gapless edge modes become gapped at a critical interaction strength. Interestingly, this critical interaction strength is significantly smaller at the edge than its counterpart in the bulk. Thus, the bulk remains in a topologically nontrivial state at intermediate interaction strengths where the edge states are already gapped out. This peculiar scenario leads to the reconstruction of gapless helical states at the new boundary between the topological bulk and the trivial (Mott insulating) edge. Further increasing the interaction strength triggers the progressive localization on the new boundary, the shrinking of the quantum spin Hall region, and the migration of the helical edge states towards the center of the system. The edge state reconstruction process is eventually interrupted by the Mott localization of the whole sample. Finally, we characterize the topological properties of the system by means of a local Chern marker.

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Short vs long range orbital domain dynamics in layered half-doped manganites

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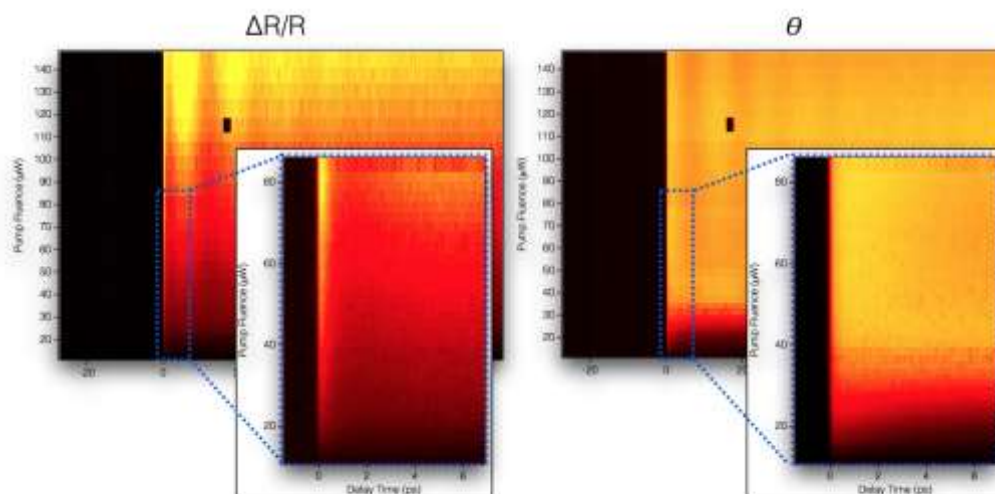
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The interplay between charge, orbital, spin, and lattice degrees of freedom is the main cause of the rich phase diagram of manganite compounds. A typical example is colossal magnetoresistance, where a magnetic field strongly affects the material charge transport.

Orbital Ordering (OO) also affects the charge, the spin transport and the magnetic ordering, but it is harder to control externally. This is the reason why, combined with lack of direct experimental techniques, little is known about OO domains, or OO dynamics.

In order to further investigate the OO dynamics in manganite compounds we investigate half-doped layered $\text{Pr}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{MnO}_4$, showing robust OO below 320 K, by time-resolved birefringence experiments. Interestingly, we find that our experiments are not consistent with similar time-resolved Resonant X-Ray Diffraction (RXRD) experiments. We observe that ultrafast optical excitation affects birefringence, probing the long range OO, already at very low fluences. Oppositely, high excitation densities are required in RXRD experiments to destroy OO.

This is clear evidence of an ongoing complex domain dynamics, rather than simple OO melting, challenging the classical oversimplified picture of light-induced OO melting.



Time-Resolved reflectivity $\Delta R/R$ and birefringence experiments θ . θ saturates already at low fluences, due to the complete reduction of long range order upon photoexcitation.

Magnetoelectric effect due to the dynamical theta-term

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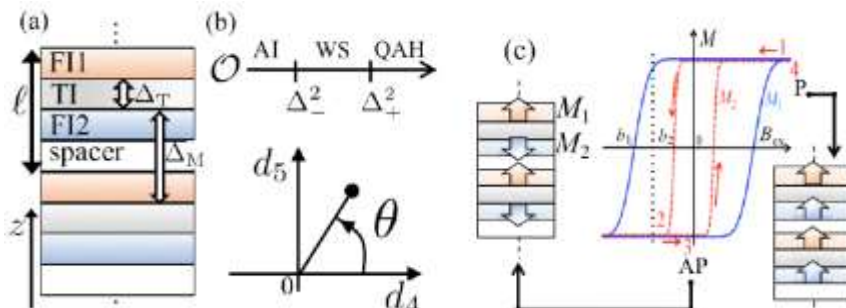
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Axion, in the context of high energy physics as well as in the cosmological context. Intriguingly, a similar Lagrangian of the dark matter axion can be realized in topological materials, such as magnetic-doped topological insulators (TIs), multilayers of magnetic TIs, Weyl semimetals, and superlattices of TIs. The axion in the topological materials is so-called theta-term. Under the theta-term, unconventional electromagnetic effects, which are unconventional electromagnetic effects, anomalous Hall effects, and chiral magnetic (Magnetic-field induced charge current), have been enthusiastically studied.

Among the theta-term physics, one of the most interesting phenomena is the electromagnetic effects via the dynamics of the theta-term, which could have analogy to the axion. So far, the unconventional optical effect [1] and electric field-induced magnetic field[2] have been discussed under the dynamics of theta-term, whose dynamics is caused by magnetic fluctuations, in materials with breaking time-reversal and inversion symmetry. Then, the time-average of the dynamical theta-term takes zero and its manipulation could be difficult by an external field.

Here, we theoretically study a way to drive the dynamics of the theta-term by an external magnetic field and consider electromagnetic effects via the dynamical theta-term in a magnetic superlattice with breaking both time- and inversion-reversal symmetry. The magnetic superlattice we consider is constructed by a TI and two ferromagnetic insulators (FIs) [FI1/TI/FI2/spacer]_n [Figure (a)], where FI1 and FI2 have perpendicular magnetic anisotropy and a different magnetic coercive field. Here, in order to clearly define the theta-term, we consider axion insulator phase in the superlattice [Figure(b)]. Then, its theta-term can be corresponded to magnetic configurations of the FIs, where parallel (P) and antiparallel (AP) magnetic configurations could be regarded as inversion-reversal symmetry and breaking along the layered direction, respectively [Figure(c)]. These configurations could be controlled by an external magnetic field because of different magnetic coercive fields. Through its control, the nonzero dynamical theta-term is induced during the process AP→P. Furthermore, we found unconventional electromagnetic effects under nonzero dynamical theta-term. Unlike to conventional (static) electromagnetic effects, the dynamical magnetic field-induced charge current and vice versa are generated.



Defects, Disorder, and Strong Electron Correlations in Orbital Degenerate, Doped Mott Insulators

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We elucidate the effects of defect disorder and e-e interaction on the spectral density of the defect states emerging in the Mott-Hubbard gap of doped transition-metal oxides, such as $Y_{1-x}Ca_xVO_3$. A soft gap of kinetic origin develops in the defect band and survives defect disorder for e-e interaction strengths comparable to the defect potential and hopping integral values above a doping dependent threshold; otherwise only a pseudogap persists. These two regimes naturally emerge in the statistical distribution of gaps among different defect realizations, which turns out to be of Weibull type. Its shape parameter k determines the exponent of the power-law dependence of the density of states at the chemical potential ($k - 1$) and hence distinguishes between the soft gap ($k \geq 2$) and the pseudogap ($k < 2$) regimes. Both k and the effective gap scale with the hopping integral and the e-e interaction in a wide doping range. The motion of doped holes is confined by the closest defect potential and the overall spin-orbital structure. Such a generic behavior leads to complex non-hydrogen-like defect states that tend to preserve the underlying C-type spin and G-type orbital order and can be detected and analyzed via scanning tunneling microscopy.

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The axion electromagnetic response at topological insulator – superconductor interfaces

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In three-dimensional topological insulators (TI) the effective Maxwell action acquires a term that is absent in trivial insulators: the axion term. The form of the axion term implies that an electric field can induce a magnetic polarization, whereas a magnetic field can induce an electric polarization. It has been argued that the axion field in TIs can give rise to novel physical effects such as the formation of image magnetic monopoles. While this claim is rather controversial, I will point out other consequences of the axion electromagnetic response: vortex lines at a superconductor-TI interface induce a variant of the Witten effect so that each flux quantum attains a fractional electrical charge of $e/4$. This induces an ac Josephson effect in the absence of any external voltage. The fractionally charged quasiparticle also carries a fractional angular momentum.

Tunable superconducting electronics at oxide interfaces

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Electronic states with unusual properties can be promoted at interfaces between transition metal oxides. A particularly fascinating system is the interface between band insulators LaAlO₃ and SrTiO₃, which displays conductivity with high mobility [1,2], gate tunable 2D superconductivity [3,4], magnetism and spin-orbit coupling [5,6]. We will discuss transport experiments that demonstrate nanoscale and control of electronic phases at oxide interfaces.

We will consider charge transport in nanostructures at oxide interfaces defined electrostatically via patterned gates. We develop a new paradigm for the creation of superconducting circuit elements, where local gates enable in-situ creation and control of Josephson junctions. We demonstrate that electrostatic gating enable reliable tuning of both the normal-state resistance and the critical (Josephson) current of the constrictions. The conductance and Josephson current show mesoscopic fluctuations, and the analysis of their amplitude enables the extraction of the phase coherence and thermal lengths [7, 8].

Using this approach, we realize the first superconducting quantum interference devices (SQUIDs) at the LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ interface. These gate-defined SQUIDs are unique in that the entire device is made from a single superconductor with purely electrostatic interfaces between the superconducting reservoir and the weak link [9].

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Transport regimes of a superconducting quantum point contact in the two-dimensional LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ superfluid

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The observation of the quantized resistance in a quantum point contact formed with split gates in GaAs/AlGaAs heterostructures is one of the hallmark experiments of quantum transport. In these experiments the transmission could be controlled electrostatically and the devices represented in an ideal manner equilibrium reservoirs which are connected only through a few electron mode channel with certain transmission coefficients. Ever since these early days it has been a long standing goal to achieve similar experimental conditions also in superconductors, only achieved in mechanically tunable break junctions of conventional superconducting metals. There, however, the Fermi wavelength is so short that it leads to a mixing of quantum transport with atomic orbital physics.

Here we demonstrate the formation of a superconducting quantum point contact (SQPC) with split gate technology in the two-dimensional (2D) superfluid at the LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ (LAO/STO) interface. We utilize the unique tunability of the 2D superconductor by means of electric field to control the transmission through the constriction. When we tune the constriction from open to pinch-off through the action of the gates, we distinguish three regimes of transport. 1) SQPC, for which only a few quantum transport channels carry the supercurrent. 2) Superconducting charge island which couples strongly to the equilibrium reservoirs. 3) Charge island which exhibits a discrete spectrum of energy states, being weakly coupled to the reservoirs. Our experiments highlight the unusual properties of the two dimensional superfluid at the LAO/STO interface. They demonstrate the feasibility of a new generation of all-superconducting quantum transport devices.

Theory of the Spin Galvanic Effect at Oxide Interfaces

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The manipulation of spin degrees of freedom in order to generate a charge current and the inverse process are at the heart of spintronics devices. A prominent example is the spin-galvanic effect (SGE) where a charge current is converted into a non-equilibrium spin polarization. The SGE occurs in systems with strong spin-orbit coupling, in particular two-dimensional electron gases which lack inversion symmetry perpendicular to the gas plane and which are usually described with the Rashba hamiltonian. The situation is more complex in $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ interfaces where the interplay between inversion asymmetry and atomic spin orbit coupling is at the heart of strong Rashba interactions. Recently, two experiments [1,2] have demonstrated a strong SGE at such interfaces by generating a strong non-equilibrium spin-polarization at the interface and detecting the resulting charge current. The reported spin-to-charge efficiency is more than order of magnitude larger than in conventional metallic layers which suggests the LAO/STO interface as a promising system for spintronic devices. Here, we analyze the SGE for oxide interfaces within a tight-binding three-band model for the $\text{Ti } t_{2g}$ orbitals, where we take into account atomic spin-orbit coupling and the lifting of inversion symmetry at the interface. As a result, the model displays an interesting variety of effective spin-orbit couplings in the individual bands that contribute differently to the spin-to-charge interconversion [3]. As a first step we derive an effective continuum Hamiltonian describing three spin-orbit split bands close to the Gamma point. Within such an effective model, we study the SGE by using the standard Green-function diagrammatic impurity technique for disordered electron systems. Our analytical approach is supplemented by a numerical evaluation of the Kubo formula for the spin polarization-charge current response. The numerical treatment evidences the importance of interband scattering processes, not taken into account in the effective model. Within the numerical treatment we also investigate the influence of disorder and temperature, which turns out to be crucial in providing an appropriate description of the experimental data.

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Multi-orbital Physics in Oxides

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This talk will presents recent synchrotron experiments on ruthenates and cuprates. In particular, angle resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) experiments reporting orbital hybridization at the Fermi level of La-based cuprates will be presented [1,2]. It will be followed by a discussion of the electronic structure of the Mott insulator Ca_2RuO_4 [3,4].

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Controlling Oxide Mott Insulator States by DC Current

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In the study of novel oxide superconductivity in hybrid structures, non-superconducting oxides with controllable properties may serve important roles. In this talk, we show that DC current can be a powerful control parameter to induce exotic states of oxides in the vicinity of the Mott transition.

We first present on novel phenomena in the Mott insulator Ca_2RuO_4 , for which DC electric field and current not only trigger the insulator to metal transition but also maintain the metallic state down to low temperatures [1]. When the electric current is not very strong, the Mott-gap can be tuned to disappear gradually and giant *diamagnetism* emerges [2]. We will describe the “Mott semimetal” model to describe such a state. In addition, we will present on another ruthenium oxide which exhibits a very similar diamagnetism under DC current.

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Magnetic Anisotropy and Orbital Ordering in Ca_2RuO_4

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Ca_2RuO_4 (CRO), the close neighbour of the famous superconductor Sr_2RuO_4 displays surprisingly different behaviour to its neighbour, exhibiting insulating behaviour below an irreversible metal-insulator transition at $T_{\text{MI}} = 357\text{K}$. In the insulating state CRO displays orbital ordering at $T_{\text{OO}} = 260\text{K}$ and antiferromagnetic ordering below $T_{\text{N}} = 110\text{K}$. This material has been extensively investigated but still questions remain regarding the nature of the insulating state and whether Mott gaps are opened only on certain orbitals, or whether the insulating state is a result of purely structural change. While recent publications have tended towards the latter of these possibilities, previous results observing varying orbital concentrations with temperature have not been explained. Here we will discuss the recent literature on this compound and, using new resonant x-ray results and a systematic approach to understanding the different contributions to these signals will attempt to resolve the differences in the literature about the electronic and magnetic structures in this material.

Cold opto-magnetic recording in magnetic dielectrics at the edge of time

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The ability to switch magnets between two stable bit states is the main principle of modern data storage technology. Controlling the magnetic state of media with the lowest possible dissipations and simultaneously at the fastest possible time-scale is a new and great challenge in fundamental and applied magnetism.

A femtosecond laser pulse is one of the shortest stimuli in contemporary condensed matter physics. Exciting magnets on a time-scale much faster than characteristic times of atomic, orbital and spin motion can steer magnetization dynamics along yet unexplored non-thermodynamic routes. In my talk I would like to discuss these routes for the cases of magnetic dielectrics [1-3] and propose the ways to design a medium for ultrafast and cold opto-magnetic recording.

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Magnetic-field induced topological phases in pyrochlore iridates

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Pyrochlore iridate antiferromagnet is the first material in which Weyl fermions are predicted to exist in condensed matters. Although several promising experimental results, which may be originated from Weyl fermions, have been reported, an unambiguous proof for the presence of the Weyl semimetal in this system has not been achieved yet. In this work, we theoretically propose that applying magnetic field is a promising way to realize the Weyl semimetal phase in pyrochlore iridates since magnetic field not only can expand the range in which the Weyl semimetal phase exists but also can create new topological semimetal phases across additional band inversion. Here the central role is played by the presence of a quadratic band crossing with four-fold degeneracy in the paramagnetic band structure that exists before the time-reversal symmetry is broken. Due to the large degeneracy at the crossing point and the strong spin-orbit coupling, the degenerate states at the crossing point can

show the anisotropic Zeeman effect, which can be described by the so-called q -term in the Luttinger Hamiltonian, as well as the conventional isotropic Zeeman effect. Moreover, the relative magnitude of these two different Zeeman terms can be controlled by varying the orientation of the four spins within the unit cell, which, in turn, manipulates the topological property of the iridium band structure. Such an intriguing behavior occurs due to the fact that the unit cell is composed of a cluster of four spins in a tetrahedron whose magnetic multipole moments can be continuously tuned by varying the spin orientation within the unit cell. We propose the most general topological band structure under magnetic field, which would facilitate the experimental discovery of novel topological semimetal states in pyrochlore iridates.

The 2DEG at the (001) and (111) SrTiO₃ titanate surface and SrTiO₃ based heterostructures

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The steady dimensional scaling of components poses new challenges in microelectronics. Two-dimensional (2D) systems characterized by entirely new properties and functionalities, are emerging as the material choice for the next Spintronic and Quantum Electronics revolution.

Among 2D-systems, 2D electron gases (2DEGs) formed at the interface between insulating transition metal oxides, like LaAlO₃ and SrTiO₃, are characterized by a unique combination of high-mobility [1], strong spin-orbit coupling (SOC) [2], superconductivity (SC) [3,4], interfacial 2D-magnetism [5], and theoretically predicted topological states [6].

Recently our group realized a spin-polarized 2DEG by inserting few unit cells of antiferromagnetic EuTiO₃ between LaAlO₃ and SrTiO₃ oxides [7]. In this contribution, I will present an overview of the most recent studies performed by our team on the electronic and magnetic properties of the 2DEGs formed at the LAO/STO and delta-doped LAO/ETO/STO (001) and (111) interface. New insights on the phenomena were obtained from a combination of magnetotransport experiments and x-ray-spectroscopy, including polarized x-ray absorption spectroscopy, angle resolved photoemission and resonant inelastic x-ray scattering.

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Intrinsic inhomogeneity in LXO/STO oxide interfaces

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Several experiments in oxide interfaces like $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ or $\text{LaTiO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ (LXO/STO), indicate that the 2D electron gas is inhomogeneous on the nanoscopic scale [1]. The self-consistent electrostatic electron confinement at the interface has recently been proposed as a possible mechanism of electronic instability [2]. This leads to an electronic phase separation (EPS) establishing a possible intrinsic origin for the inhomogeneous character of LXO/STO superconductors. The inhomogeneous character of the 2DEG, entailing an inhomogeneous Rashba Spin-Orbit Coupling opens the way to two interesting issues: i) a novel superconducting quantum criticality, and ii) inhomogeneous spintronics.

i) The unusual quantum critical behaviour of superconductivity in LXO/STO [3,4] has been investigated by tuning temperature, gating, and/or magnetic field finding a novel type of SC-to-metal quantum criticality related to the vanishing of the critical temperature of the EPS [5], where the critical superconducting fluctuations are coupled to and driven by the strong dynamical density fluctuations. Also the superfluid stiffness displays different behaviours in different regions of the phase diagram controlled by the competition between electron pairing and phase coherence [5].

ii) The softness of the 2DEG favours the engineering of specific structures where the RSOC can be modulated at the submicrometric scale. This opens the way to a variety of 2DEG structures, where spin-Hall effect [6], Spin-Galvanic Effect [7], and Majorana Fermions, could be obtained.

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SI-STM Investigation of a magnetically doped TI using metallic and oxide superconducting tips

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Magnetic impurities break a time-reversal symmetry of the topological insulator(TI) and generate a back scattering between the surface states. As a result, a gap opens at the time-reversal invariant momentum and the electronic properties of TI's undergo a drastic change – emergence of the ferromagnetic surface states and chiral edge states on the domain walls¹. We investigated the local density of states(LDOS) of Cr doped TI ($\text{Cr}_{0.08}(\text{Bi}_{0.1}\text{Sb}_{0.9})_{1.92}\text{Te}_3$) using the spectroscopic imaging scanning tunneling microscopy(SI-STM) both in real and momentum space. Density of states (DOS) near the Fermi energy shows an spectroscopic feature reminiscent of the Fano line-shape suggesting an involvement of the local spins. The quasi-particle interference shows a trace of the back scattering which is prohibited in the undoped TI's. We also tried to apply Scanning Josephson Tunneling Microscopy (SJTM) technique² to create an SC-TI interface and the result will be discussed in this talk.

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POSTER SESSION

P01 - Nonlinear conduction phenomena in Ca_2RuO_4

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Mott insulators show compelling and intriguing quantum phenomena when they are perturbed by various stimuli. Metal-insulator transition is a prominent example.

In this work we report our findings about nonlinear conduction phenomena in two kinds of Mott insulators. Pure single crystals of Ca_2RuO_4 (CRO) with and without metallic Ru inclusions have been investigated.

With the aim of inducing a metal-insulator transition, we fed the samples by using both current and voltage bias. We analysed the different behaviour of the samples and the role of metallic Ru inclusions in CRO.

Moreover, the resistivity as a function of temperature with different driving currents has been measured. In both kinds of samples we show that an increase in the bias current results in a conductivity gain.

P02 - Superconducting critical temperature in NbRe/Co bilayers

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It is now generally accepted that the combined presence of Spin Orbit Coupling (SOC) and magnetic field can give rise to unconventional superconducting pairing. In particular, there are theoretical evidences that SOC can act as a generator of long-ranged spin triplet pairs in superconductor/ferromagnetic (S/F) hybrids [1,2], which are sensitive to the orientation of the exchange field. However, in the literature only the physics arising either when the SOC and the exchange field coexist in the F layer [1,2], or in presence of interfacial SOC [2-4] was explored.

In this work we present instead preliminary results obtained on NbRe/Co bilayers, where NbRe is a non-centrosymmetric superconductor with a significant SOC [5,6]. We studied the behavior of the superconducting critical temperature (T_c) as a function of the thickness of the Co layer (d_{Co}), which reveals a very slow decay if compared to the well-known $T_c(d_{\text{F}})$ dependence obtained in the case of conventional Nb/Co control samples.

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P03 - Fabrication routes towards Josephson planar devices based on YBCO

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It is well established that oxygen content is a critical parameter determining the YBCO transition temperature [1]; and as an extreme case of oxygen depletion, YBCO can be led towards the insulating state. Also the oxygen chain damage and oxygen-loss by several ways of YBCO removal have been extensively studied [2][3].

We show here the different template-patterning and etching techniques we have studied, looking for an optimal fabrication protocol towards planar-geometry Josephson Junctions based on YBCO/ Mx / YBCO, where Mx stands for paramagnetic metallic or ferromagnetic metallic oxide. Prior to device fabrication, we check thin film quality with X-Ray Diffraction, X-Ray Reflectivity and Resistivity vs. Temperature measurements. We explore the device behavior by means of magneto-electrical characterization and Atomic Force Microscopy.

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P04- Spin-orbit coupling effects on the electronic properties of CrAs

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Superconductivity under pressure was recently discovered in CrAs, the first Cr-based superconductor. CrAs exhibits a helimagnetic transition at $T_N \sim 265$ K and the bulk superconductivity with $T_C \sim 2$ K appears at the critical pressure $P_C \sim 8$ Kbar, where the magnetic transition is completely suppressed [1].

To investigate the electronic and magnetic properties of this compound, we have used a method that combines the tight-binding approximation and the Löwdin down-folding procedure [2].

Here, we analyze the effect of the spin-orbit coupling (SOC) on the electronic properties of the material, considering both the Cr 3d and the As 4p origin for the SOC.

The main effect of this interaction on the energy spectrum is the removal of the degeneration of the bands along XS and TZ lines (the k_y directions) of the orthorhombic Brillouin zone.

We also estimate that the SOC splitting of the bands along these directions is of the order of 10^{-2} eV. Moreover, under the action of the SOC term, the sheets of the Fermi surface are reduced from four to three.

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P05 - Spin-orbit coupling at superconducting interfaces with Pt/Co for triplet Cooper pair creation

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Where previous studies on long-range triplet component (LRTC) generation in superconductors have focused on using magnetic inhomogeneities at superconductor/ferromagnet (S/F) interfaces [1-4], it has recently been proposed that spin-orbit coupling (SOC) may substitute the role of the magnetic inhomogeneity in interconverting the triplet states [5,6]. This may lead to the generation of LRTCs without the need for careful control of magnetic inhomogeneity. In addition, it is proposed that the charge and spin currents may be controlled independently through the superconducting phase difference in such a device [6]. In this poster we present results on Nb/Pt/Nb and Nb/Pt/Co/Pt/Nb nanopillar Josephson junctions in order to investigate the potential for triplet pair generation via the interaction of SOC and magnetic exchange fields. The SOC arises from the high atomic number of Pt and broken inversion symmetry at its interfaces, and is of pure Rashba type. When the SOC is purely Rashba, the exchange field of the ferromagnet must have an out-of-plane component to generate the LRTC.

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P06 - Signatures of anomalous Josephson current in InAs nanowire devices with strong spin-orbit coupling

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The supercurrent in the Josephson junction (JJ), depends on the phase different φ between the superconducting leads forming the device. The current is strictly zero when φ vanishes but the supercurrent can be finite for $\varphi = 0$. This phenomenon derives from the broken chiral and time-reversal symmetries which characterize the system. In this case, a phase shift $\varphi_0 \in]0, \pi[$ in the current-phase relation results[1]. We report the study of a Josephson φ_0 -junction based on InAs nanowire (NWs)[2]. The strong spin-orbit coupling present in the NWs is one of the requirements to induce Majorana bound states. Topological phase transitions can result in discontinuities and asymmetrical structures of the critical current (I_C)[3]. In this work, we use both a JJ and a superconducting quantum interferometer device (SQUID) to explore these new effects[4]. In JJs, we measured the temperature-dependence of I_C in the absence of a magnetic field, observing an electron transport regime intermediate between ballistic and diffusive. The presence of an external magnetic field gives asymmetric diffraction patterns of I_C with jumps between lobes. The jumps positions are temperature independent, making the jumps uncorrelated to the superconducting pairing potential (as in Ref.[3]). So, jumps cannot be ascribed to topological transitions. In NW-based SQUIDs, we observed a modulation of I_C depending on the intensity of an applied magnetic field, B_Z , and usual interference patterns. By applying other in-plane field components orthogonal to B_Z , a nontrivial phase shift, φ_0 , depending also on the angle between the NW and the in-plane field, comes to light. A flux-controlled phase offset may pave the way for new possibilities towards the realization of superconductive phase batteries.

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P07 - Spin-Orbital excitations in Ca_2RuO_4 revealed by Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering

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The strongly correlated insulator Ca_2RuO_4 is considered as a paradigmatic realization of both spin-orbital physics and a band-Mott insulating phase, characterized by orbitally selective coexistence of a band and a Mott gap. We present a high-resolution oxygen K -edge resonant inelastic X-ray scattering study of the antiferromagnetic Mott insulating state of Ca_2RuO_4 . A set of low-energy (~ 80 and 400 meV) and high-energy (~ 1.3 and 2.2 eV) excitations are reported that show strong incident light polarization dependence. Our results strongly support a spin-orbit coupled band-Mott scenario and explore in detail the nature of its exotic excitations. Guided by theoretical modelling, we interpret the low-energy excitations as a result of composite spin-orbital excitations. Their nature unveils the intricate interplay of crystal-field splitting and spin-orbit coupling in the band-Mott scenario. The high-energy excitations correspond to intra-atomic singlet-triplet transitions at an energy scale set by

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P08 - Theory of multi-orbital superconductivity in an interface electronic system

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The interface of $\text{LaAlO}_3/\text{SrTiO}_3$ hetero-structure is the two-dimensional electronic system with a spin-orbit coupling due to the inversion symmetry breaking. It has been found that this system shows the superconductivity at $T_c=200\text{mK}$. [1] Recently, D. Stornaiuolo *et.al.* [2] reported the possibility of the unconventional superconductivity by the experiment of the Josephson junction. In this system, bands near the Fermi level are mainly composed of d - xy , yz and zx . Thus, this system is interesting as a multi-orbital superconductivity with the spin-orbit coupling.

In this study, we consider on-site pairings in the interface multi-orbital system. Here, we focus on the inter-band and spin-triplet pairing. We investigate the gap structure on the Fermi surface in these pairing by changing the direction and the magnitude of d -vector of the spin-triplet pairing. The irreducible representation and corresponding gap structure are different from the direction of d -vector.

We find that non-trivial point nodes appear in B_1 and B_2 representation in C_{4v} point group. These point nodes are protected by the chiral symmetry which is product of the particle-hole symmetry and the time-reversal symmetry.

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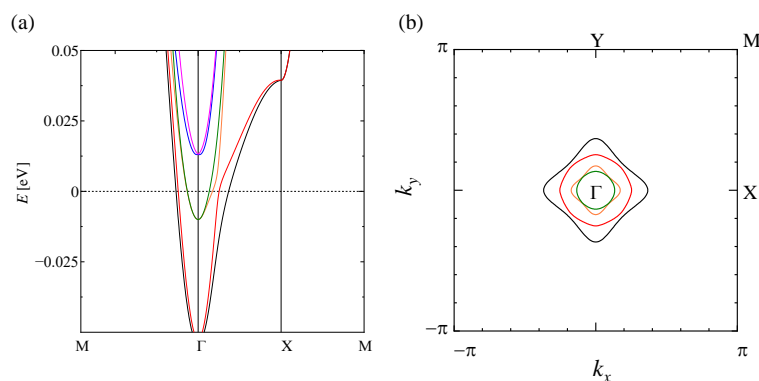


Fig. 1 (a) Band structure in the normal state (b) Fermi surface at $\mu=0.0\text{eV}$.

P09 - Geometrically tunable spintronic platforms: towards curvatronics

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Low-dimensional semiconducting nanomaterials have proven to be an ideal playground for the generation and manipulation of topological quantum states, which are at present at the centre of an intensive investigation. Apart from the conventional geometries, the most recent advances in nanotechnology have demonstrated the possibility to create flexible semiconductor nanomaterials which are bent into curved, deformable objects ranging from semiconductor nanotubes, to nanohelices, etc. Motivated by the excitement in both topological states of matter and novel shape deformed nanostructures, we have explored the impact that nanoscale geometry [1] has on electronic, topological and superconducting properties of low-dimensional materials, showing the possibility to exploit the interplay between geometry, Rashba spin-orbit coupling (RSOC) and superconductivity as a tool for the realization of novel platforms for spintronics and superconducting spintronics. By considering the paradigmatic example of quantum wires with RSOC, which are periodically corrugated at the nanometer scale [2], we show that geometric effects in low-dimensional nanomaterials can lead to metal-insulator transition and promote the generation of topological states of matter. Relevantly, such a system, under the application of a rotating magnetic field, can realize the Thouless topological pumping protocol in an entirely novel fashion [3]. We also show that, in shape deformed nanostructures, geometric curvature effectively acts like a spin-torque, twisting the electron spin, thus driving non-trivial spin textures, which in turn affect the electron spin interference in closed loop configurations [4].

We finally show that in the presence of superconductivity, the interplay between RSOC and shape deformations can lead to novel paths for an all-geometric manipulation of the superconducting state, both for spin-singlet and spin-triplet quantum configurations [5], as well as of the supercurrent in weak links between Rashba coupled superconducting nanowires with geometric misalignment [6].

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P10 - A study of 2D electron gases at graphene-gated oxide heterostructures

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An in-operando XAS/XPS experiment has been performed on *ad-hoc* fabricated field effect devices. Graphene flakes have been positioned on patterned LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ heterostructures hosting an interfacial 2D electron gas and employed as top-gate field-effect electrodes.

The idea of our experiment is to collect photoemission spectra simultaneously containing information from two distinct 2D electron systems (graphene and the buried electron gas) while the relative Fermi levels are shifted apart by the application of a gate voltage. At the same time, the I-V characteristics across the G/LAO/2DEG junction as well as the in-plane, its open circuit photovoltage and short circuit photocurrent, and the in-plane conducting properties of the 2DEG will be systematically measured as a function of photon energy, beam intensity and type/pressure of the background gas.

P11 - Properties and Crystal Growth of the Antiperovskite Oxide Sr₃SnO

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The antiperovskite oxide (APO) A₃BO is the metal-rich counterpart of the normal perovskite oxide (PO) ABO₃. In APOs an oxygen ion is surrounded octahedrally by six A ions [1] while in POs B is surrounded by oxygen ions. In this sense, the positions of the oxygen and metallic ions are inverted. Another characteristic is that the B⁴⁻ (Sn⁴⁻, Pb⁴⁻, etc.) state is expected in APOs when assuming A²⁺ and O²⁻. In POs B⁴⁺ state is realized and therefore the signs of the oxidation states are flipped. Such metallic anions are rare in oxides. In 2011, Dirac cones are predicted in the band structures of some APOs using the first-principles calculations [2, 3]. Later in 2014, these APOs with slightly gapped Dirac cones are theoretically proposed to be topological crystalline insulators [4]. These proposals have been attracting a lot of experimentalists' interest [5, 6, 7, 8].

We recently found the first superconductivity among APOs in the strontium-deficient Sr_{3-x}SnO [9]. This material has the possibility of exhibiting topological crystalline superconductivity reflecting the non-trivial topology of the normal-state electron wavefunctions. We synthesized polycrystalline Sr_{3-x}SnO with various initial amounts of strontium [10] and investigated the relation between the starting composition and superconducting properties [11]. We found that the transition temperature is not sensitive to the strontium loading while the superconducting volume fraction on average varies. We also measured the Mössbauer spectra of Sn. Both stoichiometric and deficient samples absorb γ -ray with the energy consistent with the Sn⁴⁻ state. There is an additional absorbance of γ -ray with a different energy, which possibly originates from multiple oxidation states of Sn in Sr_{3-x}SnO. We will also report the current situation of the trial to grow single crystals of Sr₃SnO.

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P12 - Study of 0- π phase transition in hybrid superconductor-InSb nanowire quantum dot devices

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Hybrid InSb nanowire-superconductor devices are promising candidates for investigating Majorana modes in solid-state devices and future technologies of topological quantum manipulation.¹⁻³ Here, we reports on the realization of high-performance hybrid superconductor-quantum dot devices based on individual InSb nanowires grown by molecular-beam epitaxy. We demonstrate proximity-induced supercurrent together with clear signatures of multiple Andreev reflections, indicating phase-coherent transport within junction.⁴⁻⁶ Furthermore, in a closed quantum dot regime, we observed two types of subgap resonance states within the superconducting gap, which can be attributed to gate-tunable Andreev bound states with different Kondo temperatures.⁵ The presence of the gate-tunable 0 and π junction allow us to investigate the fundamental 0- π transition. Detailed magnetic field and temperature evolution of level spectroscopy demonstrate different behavior of two types of the Andreev bound states. Our results exhibit that the InSb nanowires can provide a promising platform for exploring phase coherence transport and the effect of spin-orbit coupling in semiconductor nanowire-superconductor hybrid device.

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P13 - Spin Orbit Torque in 4d/5d Epitaxial Oxide Heterostructure

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The Spin Orbit Torque (SOT) is one of the fascinating phenomena considering Magnetic Random Access Memory (MRAM) device. Because of strong Spin Orbit Coupling (SOC), the charge current going to be separate by spin up and down without external magnetic field, which means Spin Hall Effect (SHE). Therefore, fully spin polarized current can be generated and injected to the neighboring layer with spin-torque. This spin-torque is able to manipulate the direction of spin in the magnetic layer. The most important thing is the direction of spin can be switched by electric control. Therefore, this SOT will be very efficient tool for switching of spin in the future spintronic application. Considering SrRuO₃/Sr₂RuO₄ (FM/SC/FM) planner superconducting spin valve device, this 4d/5d heterostructure could pave a new pathway for realizing electrical operatable spin valve device by utilizing of SOT.

Here, I would like to present SOT device with 4d/5d Oxide Heterstructure based on SrIrO₃/SrRuO₃ bilayer. Since the 5d material is well known as a strong spin orbit coupling material, the SrIrO₃ layer can generate spin-polarized current via SHE. We can expect the spin injection and spin torque. In addition, the SrRu₃ layer selected for Ferromagnetic metal layer. Thanks to the current advanced thin film growth technique such as Laser Molecular Beam Epitaxy (Laser MBE), The SrIrO₃/SrRuO₃

bilayer structure can be prepared by most advanced Laser MBE technique. The detail structure characterization of SrIrO₃/SrRuO₃ bilayer will be shown. Furthermore, the electric and magnetic property of SrIrO₃/SrRuO₃ bilayer structure related SOT behavior would be discussed.

P14 - The synthesization of s-wave /p-wave superconductor oxide heterojunction by using Pulsed Laser Deposition

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The junction of spin singlet superconductor (SSC) and spin triplet superconductor (TSC) have affluent scientific issues related with proximity effect between their different orbital pairity. R. Jin *et al.* found a irregular behavior of the critical Josephson current in Pb(SSC)/Sr₂RuO₄(TSC)/Pb(SSC) trilayer, which is originated from the mixture of p-wave cooper pairs in Sr₂RuO₄ and s-wave pairs in Pb [1]. T. Nakamura *et al.* developed Pb (SSC)/Ru(N)/Sr₂RuO₄(TSC) heterojunction, which is the realization of topological superconducting junction [2].

Here, we suggest new SSC/TSC junction as BaPb_{1-x}Bi_xO₃/Sr₂RuO₄, which is a oxide heterostructure system. The oxide heterostructure has advantage that the interface could be atomically sharp and well defined, which ensure high quality junction properties. To realize this, we deposited BaPb_{1-x}Bi_xO₃ ($T_c = 12\text{K}$, SSC) as thin film on cleaved Sr₂RuO₄ single crystal substrates, by using pulsed laser deposition system. The epitaxial heterostructure was confirmed by X-ray diffraction, and detail surface topography is confirmed by atomic force microscopy. Also the electronic and magnetic property will be discussed.

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P15 - Spin-mixing at oxide superconductor/ferromagnet interfaces

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Recent reports of long-range proximity effects at oxide ferromagnet/superconductor (S/F) interfaces have been inconsistent. For example, Visani *et al.* [1] showed long-range proximity effects in junctions containing superconducting YBCO (YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-x}) and the highly spin-polarised ferromagnet LCMO (La_{0.67}Ca_{0.33}MnO₃), but Petrzhik *et al.* [2] saw no long-range effect in a similar structure. In the case of ref. [1], triplet superconductivity is most likely caused by magnetic inhomogeneity at the S/F interface, the exact properties of which are difficult to determine and control. In 2014, Khaydukov *et al.* [3] reported long range supercurrents through YBCO/SRO/LSMO/Au mesa-structures, where SRO (SrRuO₃) is an itinerant ferromagnetic metal and LSMO (La_{0.67}Sr_{0.33}MnO₃) a highly spin-polarised ferromagnet. The SRO/LSMO layers possess an intrinsic magnetic non-collinearity due to a competition between magnetocrystalline anisotropy and antiferromagnetic exchange coupling between the two layers [4]. In other words, the SRO/LSMO interface could act as a 'spin-mixer' for electron pair conversion to a spin-polarised triplet state through the LSMO. The project presented in this poster builds on this work by investigating SRO

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P16 - ¹⁰¹Ru-NQR study on Sr₂RuO₄ under uniaxial strain

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Sr₂RuO₄, discovered in 1994[1], is a quasi-two-dimensional strongly correlated metal showing unconventional superconductivity with a transition temperature $T_c = 1.5$ K. NMR Knight shift measurements at ¹⁷O and ⁹⁹Ru sites[2,3] and spin-polarized neutron-scattering measurements[4] have revealed that spin susceptibility does not change across T_c , suggesting of the spin-triplet pairing realized in the superconducting state.

Hydrostatic pressure, as well as a small amount of impurities or defects, is reported to suppress T_c in Sr₂RuO₄[5], but the enhancement of T_c was reported in the Sr₂RuO₄-Ru eutectic system[6], a submicron Sr₂RuO₄ single crystal[7] and Sr₂RuO₄ under uniaxial pressure[8]. At present, the mechanism of the enhancement of T_c has been unclear. Recently, C. W. Hicks and his co-workers showed that T_c of Sr₂RuO₄ increases up to 3.4 K with applying compressive or tensile strains along [100] direction, but that [110] strains give a much weaker response. The calculation based on the tight-binding model indicate that the observed maximum T_c occurs at or near a Lifshitz transition when the Fermi level passes through a Van Hove singularity[9,10].

In order to investigate the mechanism of the enhancement of T_c from a microscopic point of view, we performed ¹⁰¹Ru-NQR on single-crystalline Sr₂RuO₄ under uniaxial pressure along nearly [100] direction. For the application of uniaxial pressure, we used home-made cramp-type pressure cell with the Cu-Be alloy. We observed an increase the T_c onset under uniaxial pressure using the ac susceptibility measurements, which is consistent with previous reports[8]. In this poster presentation, I will show the preliminary experimental results of ¹⁰¹Ru-NQR measurements and discuss possible mechanism of the enhancement of T_c under uniaxial pressure.

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P17 - Cooper-pair spin current in planar spin valve device on top of Sr₂RuO₄ superconductor

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Sr₂RuO₄ is one of the most promising candidates as a spin-triplet superconductor. It is considered that there is not only charge current but also spin current in spin-triplet superconductor.

Planar spin valve device with SrRuO₃ on top of Sr₂RuO₄ has been proposed for detecting spin current in Sr₂RuO₄. For general spin valve structure (ferromagnet - normal metal- ferromagnet), spin current cannot exist in long distance because of short spin coherence length. However, there is a new theoretical prediction that spin current in spin-triplet superconductor can survive in longer distance [1]. Therefore, super spin current can be detected by transferring of spin current in long range spin valve device.

Here, we prepared SrRuO₃ (ferromagnetic metal) – Sr₂RuO₄ (spin-triplet superconductor) – SrRuO₃ structure device. Firstly, SrRuO₃ thin film was deposited by pulsed laser deposition (PLD) on top on Sr₂RuO₄ single crystal substrate. Detailed structure analysis was performed in terms of x-ray diffraction (XRD) and surface topography analysis. secondly, the planar spin valve structure was fabricated by e-beam lithography technique. In addition, we would like to present electric transport measurement considering super spin current.

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P18 - Piezoelectric-based Uniaxial-strain Cell towards Tuning of Electronic Properties

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Recently, it has been clarified that novel electronic states in strongly correlated systems can be induced or controlled by the application of uniaxial strain [1]. In order to control properties of various superconductors we utilized a piezo-stack-based device capable of applying both tensile and compressive strains. The device is capable of measuring the superconducting transition temperature and upper critical field of superconductors.

We developed a strain applying device where the strain is determined by monitoring the capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor system whose gap changes with applied strain. The device with the sample is then cooled by a dilution refrigerator equipped with an 11 T magnet. We can measure various physical quantities such as electric permittivity, AC magnetic susceptibility, and resistivity. Electric permittivity is measured by a three-wire measurement using a capacitance bridge. The AC susceptibility is measured by the concentric pair of coils surrounding the sample. Resistivity is measured by a four-probe method.

In this poster we will also present our experimental results attempting to induce ferroelectricity in the quantum paraelectric SrTiO₃ and tuning of T_c in the superconductor Nb-doped SrTiO₃ by bringing the system towards the quantum critical point of ferroelectric transition.

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P19 - Spectroscopic Study of Coulomb Gap Driven Metal-Insulator Transition in $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{La}_x\text{RhO}_4$

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In this presentation, we discuss the metal-insulator transition (MIT) mechanism in $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{La}_x\text{RhO}_4$ in the context of Coulomb gap based on results from electronic structure studies. Transport study of newly grown single crystals shows doping dependent MIT occurring around $x=0.4$. Coincidentally the electronic structure measured with angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) shows transition from $J_{\text{eff}}=1/2, 3/2$ multi-band to $J_{\text{eff}}=1/2$ single-band structure due to electron doping. This transition may lower the hopping energy in the system, which triggers the enhancement of effective Coulomb interaction and introduces the Coulomb gap. Our systematic ARPES study is the first on the subject of Coulomb gap creation.

P20 - Growth and characterization of anti-perovskite Sr_3SnO films

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Topological superconductivity has attracted much attention in condensed matter physics. Among the various materials, anti-perovskite (AP) oxide is another promising material group that could have topological nature [1,2]. However the experimental approach of this intriguing phase has seldom been studied. Recently, Oudah *et al.* reported that superconductivity was found in Sr-deficient AP phase of $\text{Sr}_{3-x}\text{SnO}$ (SSO) poly-crystal [3]. Though the superconductivity of this material is discovered, plenty of uninvestigated properties still remain. For examples, the oxidation state of Sn in AP compound, Cooper pair symmetry, and its superconducting mechanism are unrevealed yet. In order to explore this physics, properly designed thin film could be a good starting point. Therefore, we synthesized SSO thin film with pulsed laser deposition technique. First, the growth parameter dependence of its properties will be introduced. Second, the optimized growth condition for this material will be reported. Their structural properties are measured by X-ray diffraction and the electronic properties are investigated by low-temperature transport experiment. As a last, further optical measurement on thin-filmed SSO will be presented in more detail.

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P21 - Topological phases of a Kitaev ladder

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We study topological phase transitions of a Kitaev ladder, i.e. a system made of two Kitaev chains coupled together site to site by transversal hopping and pairing term t_1 and Δ_1 , respectively. By using an analytical and numerical approach, we demonstrate that topological phase transitions can be characterized by a combined analysis of the Pfaffian invariant and the finite size spectrum of the model. We obtain a phase diagram in the plane (t_1, μ) and using bulk-edge correspondence we test the consistency of the results in the direct and reciprocal space. Compared to the single Kitaev chain we find, beyond a non-topological phase, a topological phase either with four or two Majorana (zero energy) modes. In particular, we see that for some critical values of the transversal hopping t_1 the topological phase survives also when the Kitaev criterion for the single chain ($\Delta > 0, |\mu| < 2t$) is violated.

P22 - Low temperature magnetodynamic properties of oxide ferromagnets

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When driven into ferromagnetic resonance (FMR), ferromagnets, can pump pure spin across an interface with non-magnetic materials¹, including superconductors^{2,3}, and probe their spin dynamics. The ferrimagnet yttrium iron garnet (YIG, $\text{Y}_3\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{12}$), being highly insulating, can transfer spin independently of charge effects, while its low spin dissipation makes it particularly efficient at the spin pumping process⁴. High quality thin films of YIG have become an essential tool for spintronics, to act as an efficient spin pump while remaining sensitive to interfacial spin transfer.⁵ However, for superconducting spintronics, these 10-100 nm-thick YIG films must perform in the low temperature limit, below superconducting critical temperatures, where their magnetodynamics are not yet well-characterised.

We use FMR to investigate the temperature-dependent microwave absorption and spin dissipation in YIG thin films, epitaxially grown to high quality by pulsed laser deposition on gadolinium gallium garnet substrates. Sensitive, low-temperature FMR measurements allow us to trace magnetodynamic properties through from the films' chemical structures and specific growth conditions. This informs the growth and material requirements for thin film YIG and other oxide ferromagnets to be effective at low-temperature spintronics, and for insulator magnetodynamics to serve as a pump and probe of spin dynamics in other materials, such as superconductors⁶.

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P23 - Magnetic manipulation of topological states in p-wave superconductors

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Substantial experimental investigation has provided evidence for spin-triplet pairing in diverse classes of materials and in a variety of heterostructures consisting of spin-singlet superconductors (SCs) interfaced with magnetic systems. One tantalizing perspective of this search is fabricating devices for topological quantum computing based on Majorana fermions, which naturally emerge in one-dimensional (1d) spinless p-wave superconductors (PSC) which constitute the prototypical topological superconductor.

A fundamental question, which arises when dealing with realistic materials, relates to the role of the order parameter of the PSC, which constitutes a vector in spin-space and its structure controls the topological behavior of the system. In this work, we show that the Cooper pair spin-configuration of a 1d PSC with an easy spin-plane and chiral symmetry experiences an intricate rearrangement in the presence of an intrinsically or extrinsically induced magnetization in its interior and at the interface with dramatic consequences on the topological properties. The non-self-consistent topological phase diagram, consisting of phases with Majorana modes at the edge, becomes modified when one allows to the d-vector to reorganize so to minimize the free energy and in response to the presence of a distinct magnetic pattern [1]. We reveal that this internal degree of freedom can open the path to topological phases with different numbers of Majorana modes per edge. In particular, we consider the possibility of a breakdown of the bulk-boundary correspondence due to the inhomogeneous profile of d-vector near the boundary and the accompanying induced magnetization.

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P24 - Low-temperature magnetic and transport properties of $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}/\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$ heterostructures

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A superconducting Josephson junction, consisting of two superconductors, is one of the most promising methods to examine unconventional properties of the superconductors [1]. A large number of experiments on such junctions have been performed. However, there are few experimental studies on junctions between a spin-triplet superconductor and a non-s-wave spin-singlet superconductor. Therefore, it is valuable to investigate junctions of Sr_2RuO_4 (SRO), a leading candidate for a spin-triplet p-wave superconductor [2], and $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ (YBCO), a spin-singlet d-wave superconductor [3]. Although a YBCO/SRO heterostructure was reported in 1992, before SRO was known to be superconducting, the measurement was performed only down to 77 K, and hence the Josephson junction property was not studied [4].

In the present study, we investigate transport and magnetic properties of YBCO/SRO heterostructures down to 0.1 K. We used SRO single crystals grown by the floating-zone method, and deposited YBCO thin film epitaxially onto the SRO crystal by using the pulsed laser deposition

technique. We measured their AC susceptibility and confirmed the transition temperature T_c of SRO to be 1.31 K. We also measured magnetization of the sample and confirmed T_c of YBCO to be around 45 K. To investigate the Josephson junction properties, we are studying their transport properties with a ^3He refrigerator.

In this poster, we report results of low temperature measurements of AC susceptibility, magnetization, and transport of the YBCO/SRO system.

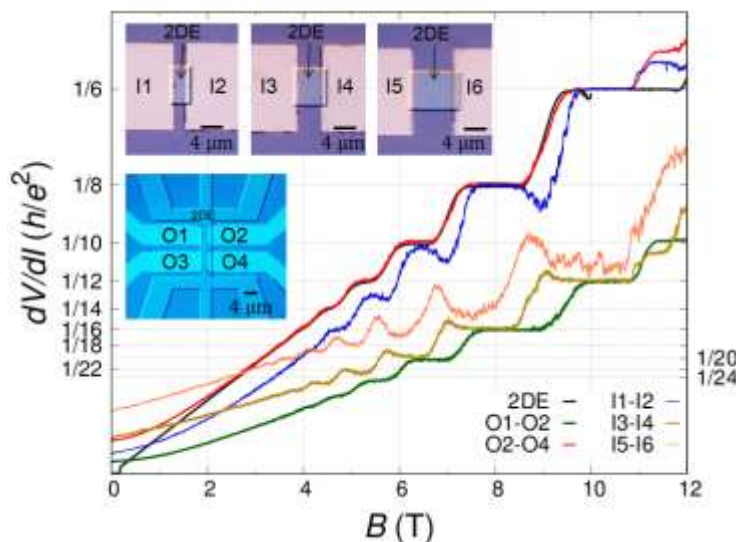
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P25 - Doubled conductance in quantum Hall edge transport driven by Andreev reflection or impurity potentials

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Though a superconductor has an energy gap opening at the Fermi level, the Andreev reflection mechanism (ARM) connects metallic states and condensate of Cooper pairs adiabatically [1] at the metal-superconductor interface. Here a strong interest exists in the case we replace the metal with an insulator with non-trivial topology like a quantum Hall insulator (QHI). Some theories predict the conductive states at the quantum Hall edge are connected to the condensate adiabatically via the ARM. In such a situation a single edge state works both as an electron and a hole conduction channel, hence bears double of the quantum conductance $2G_q$ ($G_q=2e^2/h$). Here we report a transition from a normal transport to an ARM-dominated one in superconductor-QHI-superconductor junctions.

We fabricated NbTi/2-dimensional electron (2DE)/NbTi (N2N) junctions from InAs quantum wells with inverted modulation doping (the mobility and the concentration are 1.48×10^4 cm²/Vs and 1.88×10^{12} cm⁻² or 1.03×10^4 cm²/Vs and 1.95×10^{12} cm⁻², respectively). In several trials, we prepared (N2N) junctions with different normal resistances. In some of them, the 2DE's are islands without connections other than those to NbTi (closed) while in the others the 2DE's have connections to normal metals (open). As shown in Fig.1, the magnetoresistances are always half of that in unprocessed 2DE for "closed" samples probably because the ARM opens the hole channel. Exceptionally observed double conductance in an "open" junction is due to some scar in the sample.



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Fig. 1: Differential resistance as a function of magnetic field. The inset shows optical micrographs of the samples.

P26 - Towards the growth optimization of superconducting thin-films of Sr₂RuO₄

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Strontium ruthenate Sr₂RuO₄ (SRO) is an unconventional superconductor, in which the electron pairing is most probably spin-triplet with *p*-wave symmetry. Over the past couple of decades, SRO has been the subject of extensive study¹ with the vast majority of experiments performed on bulk single crystals because superconducting thin films are virtually unavailable^{2,3,4}. This is because its superconductivity is highly sensitive to impurities such as defects and strain^{5,6}. Nevertheless, fabrication of devices based on SRO thin films are crucial to improve our understanding of its superconducting properties.

Here, we report the growth of superconducting thin-films of SRO by Pulsed Laser Deposition. Instead of the conventional polycrystalline target, a single crystal of Sr₃Ru₂O₇ was ablated, and a laser heater was used to heat the substrate during the deposition. This enabled us to enhance the uniformity of the films and provided an excess of Ru, which is crucial for the deposition due to its volatility. In this poster, we present the structural-electronic properties of SRO after the optimization of the growth conditions.

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P27 - Tunable φ -Josephson junction with a Quantum Anomalous Hall Insulator

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The Josephson effect is a fundamental phenomenon of superconductors. When two superconductors sandwich a material X, Josephson current J flows as a function of the phase difference between two superconductors (θ). The current-phase (J - θ) relationship (CPR) reflects well the electronic properties of X. When X is an insulator, the CPR is sinusoidal $J=J_0\sin\theta$ with a critical current J_0 . Such junction is called 0-junction because the junction energy is minimum at the zero phase difference. In a 0-junction, Josephson current J is absent at $\theta=0$. The energy of junction some of time takes its minimum at $\varphi\neq n\pi$ (n is any integer). The CPR in such φ -junction $J=J_0\sin(\theta-\varphi)$ suggests that the Josephson current flows even at the zero phase difference. In the view of device application, a φ -junction can be used as a phase battery or a superconducting rectifier. The phase shift φ is determined by characteristic electronic structures in X. So far, the realization of φ -junction has been discussed theoretically in various Josephson junctions with X being multilayered ferromagnets, quantum point contacts, quantum dots, nanowires and topologically non-trivial materials. In experiments, however, the realization of φ -junction has been reported only in a Josephson junction with a nanowire quantum dot. In the proposed φ -junctions, it is not easy to control the phase shift φ after fabricating Josephson junctions.

We theoretically study the Josephson current in a Josephson junction with a quantum anomalous hall insulator (QAHI) by using lattice Green function method. A QAHI is a topologically non-trivial material with chiral edge states protected by nonzero Chern number. When an in-plane external magnetic field is applied to the QAHI, the current-phase relationship becomes $(\theta) \propto \sin(\theta - \varphi)$ [See also Fig. 1]. The phase shift φ is proportional to the amplitude of Zeeman field, which implies the realization of a tunable φ -junction.

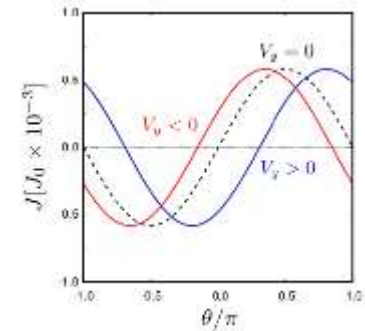


Fig. 1: Josephson current as a function of θ .

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P28 - Ferromagnetic resonance in superconductor/ferromagnet bilayers

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We study the superconductor/ferromagnet proximity effect via ferromagnetic resonance (FMR) [1] in S/F bilayers that combine the high-temperature superconductor YBa₂Cu₃O₇ with different ferromagnets, either Permalloy (NiFe) or the half-metallic La_{0.7}Ca_{0.3}MnO₃. We compare the results of this bilayers to reference ferromagnetic single layers to observe how the presence of the superconductor layer affects the FMR signal. The FMR linewidth is studied as a function of temperature (10K-293K) and frequency (up to 20 GHz) to obtain the damping constant (α) above and below the superconducting critical temperature. The results will be discussed in the frame of the spin-pumping theory considering the superconductor a spin sink where part of the FMR generated angular momentum relaxes in the superconductor through spin-pumping. [2].

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P29 - Josephson effect in two-band superconductors

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Physical phenomena unique to such multiband superconductors have been a hot issue in condensed matter physics since the discovery of superconductivity in MgB₂, pnictides and a topological-material-based superconductor. In pnictides, for example, there are two or more overlapping bands at the Fermi level. Among them, two bands mainly contribute to the superconducting state. A number of theories and experiments have suggested that the order parameter exists in each conduction band and that the pairing symmetry belongs to spin-singlet *s*-wave. Therefore, in the mean field theory, it

would be reasonable to assume two order parameters $\Delta_1=|\Delta_1|e^{i\varphi_1}$ and $\Delta_2=|\Delta_2|e^{i\varphi_2}$. Two types of superconducting states called s_{++} state and s_{+-} state are promising candidate of superconducting state. The former is characterized by the phase relationship $\varphi_1-\varphi_2=0$. The latter is described by $\varphi_1-\varphi_2=\pi$. Although pnictides have been actively studied focusing on these two states so far, it is still unclear which state is realized in real materials. Therefore, it is necessary to clarify how the internal phase difference is determined and how it affects physical phenomena.

Recently, we calculated the Green function of a two-band superconductor by solving Gor'kov equation analytically and studied the transition temperature in the presence of potential disorder[1]. The internal phase difference is derived from the phase of hybridization potential θ between the two band. We also showed that time-reversal symmetry is preserved in the Hamiltonian and the gap equation has a stable solution when a relationship $\varphi_1-\varphi_2=2\theta+2\pi n$ is satisfied. In addition, all the Hamiltonians satisfying this relationship can be unitarily transformed to each other. This means that s_{++} state and s_{+-} state are unitary equivalent to each other and are not distinguishable from each other. We focus on the Josephson effect in this study. Specifically, the purpose of this study is to clarify how Josephson current flows in the junction system of 2 two-band superconductors. The two pair potentials are assumed independently for each of the left and right superconductors, so four phases can be defined in total. By extending the formula of Josephson current to the case of two bands and using the Green function derived analytically, we obtain the following expression.

$$J = J_{a1} \sin(\varphi_{L1} - \varphi_{R1}) + J_{a2} \sin(\varphi_{L2} - \varphi_{R2}) + J_b \sin\left(\frac{\varphi_{L1} + \varphi_{L2}}{2} - \frac{\varphi_{R1} + \varphi_{R2}}{2}\right)$$

The first and second term represent the currents flowing in the band 1 and band 2, respectively. On the other hand, the third term cannot be expressed by a simple tunneling process. The results suggest that a finite current flows at the s_{++} / s_{+-} junction when those four phases are $\varphi_{L1}=\varphi_{L2}=\varphi_{R1}=0$ and $\varphi_{R2}=\pi$, for example. In the presentation, we will explain the origin of the third term and the physical meaning of the result.

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P30 - Point-contact Andreev reflectivity at helimagnet/superconductor interfaces

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The conical ferromagnet rare earth metal Ho is of interest in superconducting spintronics [1] due to its ability to intrinsically form a long-range superconducting state (LRSS) at a superconductor/Ho interface [2, 3]. Recently, scanning tunneling spectroscopy on superconducting Nb thin-films proximity-coupled to epitaxial Ho revealed sub-gap features in the superconducting density of states, indicative of an unconventional superconductivity [4] with spin-zero and spin-one triplet states. However, the spin-mixing role of Zeeman splitting in Nb versus the magnetic texture within Ho in forming the triplet states is unclear.

Point-contact Andreev reflectivity (PCAR) is a powerful spectroscopic technique for probing interface pair symmetry at superconductor/ferromagnet interfaces [5]. Ongoing PCAR measurements on Au/Ho/Nb multilayer thin-films are hoped to elucidate the pairing state in Ho-based superconducting devices. In this poster, we present preliminary PCAR results on Au/Ho/Nb films as a function of Au and Ho thicknesses, interrogating them using a superconducting Pb tip. Ultimately the experiment seeks to understand the role of Ho in generating the LRSS and its influence on proximity coupled normal metal layers.

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P31 - Spin-Polarised Quasiparticle Injection at Superconductor/Magnet Interfaces

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Single particle excitations from the Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer ground state of a superconductor are known as quasiparticles. Quasiparticles offer the potential for charge-spin separation in a superconductor, due to their energy-dependent properties¹. By injecting quasiparticles in a non-equilibrium regime through a ferromagnet into a superconductor, a spin-polarised (non-superconducting) quasiparticle current may be generated and passed through the superconductor at the gap edge over a coherence length². Spin-polarised quasiparticle decay lengths and lifetimes are determined by the spin diffusion length, recombination length and scattering lengths and in a magnetic device, Zeeman splitting and magnetic impurities are further factors to consider³⁻⁵. This poster will present results on the development of nanopillar lateral devices for investigating non-equilibrium spin-polarised quasiparticle currents in superconductors and ferromagnets using an exchange biased spin valve geometry with a superconductor spacer of Nb sandwiched between magnetically fixed and free layers of NiFe.

P32 - Majorana zero modes and their magnetic responses in a noncentrosymmetric superconductor

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Superconductivity in noncentrosymmetric (NCS) system has been an important issue in condensed matter physics. NCS superconductors have been discovered in the system without bulk inversion symmetry such as CePt₃Si[1], Li₂Pt₃B[2] and LaNiC₂[3] or the two-dimensional gas at the LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ heterointerface[4]. In NCS superconductors, parity mixture of the pair potential is inevitable due to the broken inversion symmetry. Thus, $s+p$ -wave, $d+p$ -wave and $d+f$ -wave states are possible mixture and the ratio of even and odd parity pairing depends on their pairing interaction and the spin-orbit interaction originated from the inversion asymmetry.

In the above pairings, $d+p$ -wave or $d+f$ -wave pairing states have point nodes. It is known that these point nodes are topologically protected and zero-energy flat Majorana bands, which connect the projected point nodes on the surface Brillouin Zone, appear on the edge of the system[5]. This flat Majorana bands are protected by the chiral symmetry which is given by the product of the time reversal symmetry and the particle-hole symmetry. Thus, they are fragile against the magnetic field. However, depending on the direction of the magnetic field, remaining symmetry protect the Majorana zero-modes.

In this presentation, we study the Majorana zero modes and their magnetic responses in the system with the Rashba spin-orbit interaction (RSOI). Inversion asymmetry by the RSOI and the magnetic field lift the spin-degeneracy of the band dispersion. Then, normal Rashba metal (NRM), anomalous

Rashba metal (ARM) and Rashba ring metal (RRM) states appears by tuning the chemical potential. For these three kinds of metallic states, we introduce $d+p$ -wave pair potential. Then, Andreev bound states are calculated by using the lattice Green's function for (100) surface. We show the energy spectra and discuss the stability of the Majorana zero energy modes against the magnetic field.

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P33 - Sr₂RuO₄ constriction devices to probe superconducting domain structures

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Sr₂RuO₄ is a leading candidate of spin-triplet superconductors with an equal-spin pairing state [1]. For such a state, an unusual fluxoid state, the half-quantum fluxoid (HQF), can be realized because the Cooper pair has an additional degree of freedom in its wave-function phase. Although an observation of HQF in Sr₂RuO₄ micro rings using magnetic torque has been reported [2], detection with other experimental technique is desired. The Little-Parks experiment has been performed to aim for the detection of HQF [3]. However, the observed magnetoresistance oscillations correspond to the usual fluxoid quantization, and their amplitude is substantially larger than the expectation for the Little-Parks oscillations. Sr₂RuO₄ is also thought to be a chiral superconductor, where the time-reversal symmetry is broken [4]. In a chiral superconductor, the ground states are two-fold degenerate with different orbital angular momenta, and domains of the chirality are expected to form.

We have performed the Little-Parks magnetoresistance experiment aiming at a detection of HQF. We indeed observed peak splitting of magnetoresistance oscillations that is consistent with HQF [5]. However, some other Sr₂RuO₄ micro rings show large-amplitude oscillations in magnetoresistance, similar to that reported in ref. [3]. We further investigated their critical current and then found that the critical current also oscillates with magnetic field with the same oscillation period. Such behavior is known in DC-superconducting quantum interference devices (DC-SQUIDS). This result suggests a pair of "weak links" exists in the ring. In contrast, such DC-SQUID behavior was not observed in the other rings. Since these rings were fabricated using the same method, the different behavior in the critical current may originate from the difference in their superconducting domain structures.

In this presentation, we will discuss a possible origin of the DC-SQUID behavior with a relation to its chiral state.

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