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Low Dimensional Topological Magnetic and Multiferroic Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Low-dimension topological materials have aroused growing and intensive research interest in recent years due to their high theoretical efficiency and potential applications in modern technology. Topological spin textures in magnetic materials, such as skyrmions and vortices, are believed to be mainly induced by Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interactions, which are attributed to the inversion symmetry breaking at the surfaces or interfaces. Combined with strong spin-orbit couplings. they can be generated, manipulated, deleted, or driven by applied magnetic fields and/or electric spin currents. However, skyrmions in insulators cannot be manipulated by the latter means. Fortunately, there exist magnetoelectric couplings in insulating multiferroic materials, which makes it possible to control spin textures by means of electric fields. In addition, the coexisting magnetic and ferroelectric orders in these materials are promising for applications in microelectronics and optoelectronics. Though extensive theoretical and experimental work has been devoted to studying multiferroic materials, many problems are yet to be solved, such as the fundamental interactions [...]

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