

Special Issue

Topological Objects in Correlated Electronic Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

Most correlated electronic systems possess ground states with broken crystal symmetries. Among them is the family of electronic crystals, including charge/spin density waves, Wigner crystals, stripes' arrays, charge ordering and electronic (anti)ferroelectrics, superstructures in spin systems, spin-polarized density waves and superconductors. The ground state degeneracy allows for topologically protected configurations connecting equivalent but different states. These "topological defects" include extended objects like plane domain walls, lines of dislocations or phase vortices, various solitons as local macro- and microscopic objects, and transient processes like phase slips. The embedded or transient topologically nontrivial configurations are readily induced by electric or magnetic fields, under stresses of sliding, or by optical pumping. The planned Special Issue will address these phenomena as well as other topology-related electronic properties including systems like the graphen and topological insulators. We shall welcome both original articles and reviews on relevant experimental and theoretical studies.

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