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Foreword

Dear INC members,

We present you a new edition of the annual activity report of the "Nicolás Cabrera" Institute: the one corresponding to 2022.

During this past year, the Institute's main activities have been consolidated in face-to-face format, such as the INC-BBVA International Summer School in September, under the title of Physics of Biological Systems, as well as the traditional meeting for young scientists in December, whose appeal and attendance success begin to be a problem for their organization and selection. The main novelty has been the recovery this year of the INC-BBVA Colloquium on "Frontiers in Materials Science", with the holding of three colloquia by distinguished guests.

Within the aforementioned Young Researchers Meeting before Christmas, the awarded physics students presented their research work in poster format. It should be noted this year that, thanks to the generous contribution of the Departments of Materials Physics, Applied Physics, Condensed Matter Physics and Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics, as well as IFIMAC, this year up to 11 prizes were awarded, almost twice as much as in previous editions. The second edition of the "Chema Gómez-Rodríguez Awards" was also held, awarded to the two best articles published by young INC researchers, selected by our Scientific Advisory Committee and financed by the Department of Condensed Matter Physics, to whom we are very grateful for its selfless help. In addition, in this second edition we had the pleasure of having the presence of Almudena, the widow of our beloved Chema, who already showed us her gratitude for the initiative last year and that on this occasion she was able to attend and participate in the delivery of the diplomas.

A fundamental part of this Annual Report of INC activities, which is mandatory to submit to the Rectorate of the UAM, is the list of research papers published by members of the Institute, or to be exact, only of those in which the INC affiliation appears explicitly: we have registered about 100 articles in 2022, but surely there could be more. For this reason, we insist that you must include in the affiliations of your articles the reference to the "Nicolás Cabrera" Institute, since otherwise they will not be counted in the credit of the INC nor will they appear on the INC website.

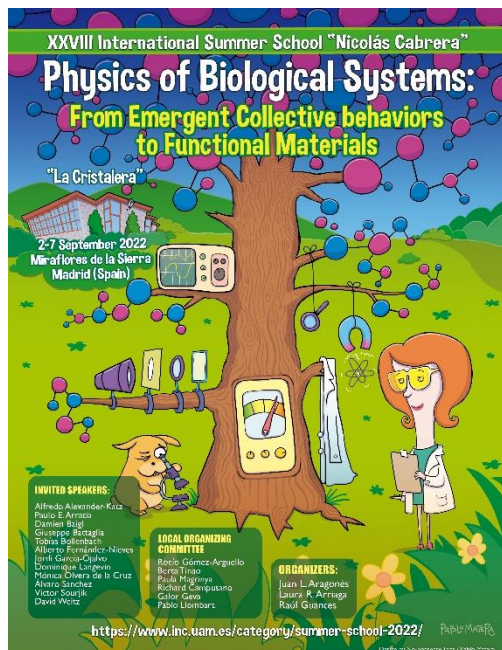
In the last Council of the Institute, the registrations of 21 new members of the Institute were ratified, which implies that we are now a total of 153 registered researchers (83 of them permanent members, according to the regulations of the UAM).

Just 30 years ago, exactly on Friday, March 12, 1993, the creation at the Autonomous University of Madrid of the "Nicolás Cabrera" Institute of Materials Science was published in the BOE, with the signature of the then Minister of Education and Science, Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba. With its successes and with its difficulties, I believe that the trip has been worth –and still is worth it. The main reason for I believe it, is to see the enthusiasm and continuous support, especially in difficult times, of so many members of the INC, both those of us who have been involved in it for the 30 years of its history and the constant new additions, that rejuvenate the spirit of our Institute, that revive that scientific spirit of Don Nicolás of which many of us want to be heirs.

Miguel Ángel Ramos
INC Director

“Nicolás Cabrera” International Summer School

The “Nicolás Cabrera” International Summer School led by Juan I. Aragonés, Laura Rodríguez Arriaga and Raúl Guantes, held its XXVIII edition from September 2 to 7, 2022, at the “La Cristalera” residence in Miraflores de la Sierra, under the title: “**Physics of Biological Systems: From Emergent Collective behaviors to Functional Materials**”.



The topic dealt with in this School was the Physics of Biological Systems in a broad and interdisciplinary sense, ranging from the behaviour of soft matter and active matter, self-organization, the design of microrobots and bio-inspired materials to collective behaviours and the appearance of emergent properties in cell populations.

Natural selection has engineered sophisticated nano- and microscopic machines capable of performing vital and complex biological processes such as targeted transport of molecules, energy storage, tissue remodeling, and immune response. To carry out these processes, active systems transform energy into mechanical forces, thus operating out of equilibrium. The out-of-balance nature of biological systems gives rise to fascinating behaviours, ranging from self-propulsion to collective behaviours and pattern formation.

However, the organization, dynamic behavior, and response properties of out-of-equilibrium biological systems are highly dependent on their interactions with the environment. Therefore, unraveling the physical principles that determine these interactions is crucial both, to understand their collective

properties and take advantage of biological complexity, to design new materials and artificial nanomachines: from artificial organs and completely compatible with the immune system to nano-robots that can perform programmed tasks within our body.

The School brought together 59 participants from 12 countries (24 women and 35 men). Of these, 44 were young researchers (PhD. students, postdocs, and one CSIC researcher), 12 guest speakers from the US, France, the UK, Germany and Spain, and three organizing researchers from the School.



Group picture of the 2022 International Summer School at the Miraflores de la Sierra site.

The list of speakers who participated in the School and their affiliations is as follows:

- ✓ Jordi García-Ojalvo. Universidad Pompeu Fabra (Spain)
- ✓ Terry Hwa. University of California San Diego (USA)
- ✓ Álvaro Sanchez. Yale University (USA)
- ✓ Tobias Bollenbach. Koln Universitat (Germany)
- ✓ Damien Baigl. Ecole Normale Supérieure (France)
- ✓ Dominique Langevin. Université Paris Sud and CNRS (France)
- ✓ Giuseppe Battaglia. University College London (UK)
- ✓ Alberto Fernández-Nieves. Georgia Tech (USA)
- ✓ David Weitz. MIT, Harvard (USA)
- ✓ Alfredo Alexander-Katz. MIT, Harvard (USA)
- ✓ Paulo E. Arratia, University of Pennsylvania (USA)
- ✓ Mónica Olvera de la Cruz. Northwestern University (USA)

The “Nicolás Cabrera” International Summer School has been celebrated annually since 1994 and the [Fundación BBVA](#) has supported its organization since 2002.



Photographs published on Twitter (@INC_UAM) during the first day of school

Colloquia

In 2022 we resumed the cycle of conferences "Frontiers in Materials Science" dedicated to Professor Nicolás Cabrera in collaboration with the BBVA Foundation. On this occasion, Professor **Alfredo Alexander-Katz** (MIT, USA) participated giving the conference entitled "The Physics of Self-Assembly", Professor **Carlo Mariani** (Univ. Roma La Sapienza, Italy) with the title "Tailoring the electronic properties of freestanding graphene" and Professor **Pablo Esquinazi** (Univ. Leipzig, Germany), who spoke about "Room temperature superconductivity: State of the Art".

Colloquium Frontiers in Materials Science 2022
Dedicated to Prof. Nicolás Cabrera (1913-1989)

20/07 "The physics of self-assembly"
Alfredo Alexander-Katz

When: 20 July at 12h 00.
Where: Sala de conferencias, módulo 00, Facultad de Ciencias, UAM
Alfredo Alexander-Katz is Walter Henry Guile Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He and his team is also the Director of MIT Program in Polymer Self-Assembly. His research work is at the interface between the physics of dynamical processes and the chemistry/biology of natural systems.

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14/10 "Tailoring the electronic properties of freestanding graphene"
Carlo Mariani

When: 14 October at 12h 00.
Where: Sala de conferencias, módulo 00, Facultad de Ciencias, UAM
Carlo MARIANI is Full Professor in Condensed Matter Physics at the University of Roma La Sapienza. His research work is focused on the experimental study of low-dimensional organic physical systems (electronic and structural properties), with a variety of experimental approaches. His research includes the study of low-dimensional (0D) surface molecular systems, ordered 1D nano-wires, 2D-nanoribbons, self-organized nano-structured organic molecules on surfaces, inorganic and carbon-based systems, defect nanotubes, graphene and functionalized graphene.

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02/12 "Room temperature superconductivity: State of the Art"
Prof. Pablo Esquinazi

When: 2 December at 12:00
Where: Sala de Conferencias, Módulo 00, Facultad de Ciencias, UAM
Pablo ESQUINAZI is Full Professor at the University of Leipzig, where he has been Head of the Division of Superconductivity and Magnetism since 1994. He received the Rudolf-Kaiser-Award in 1993 for the experimental work on the acoustic properties of polycrystalline metals and amorphous solids at very low temperatures, as well as for the contributions to understand the dynamics of the flux line lattices in High-Temperature superconductors. More recently, he has been conducting studies of unexpected ferromagnetism and superconductivity in carbon-based materials, especially in graphite.

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The colloquia, developed in English, took place in the Conference Room of the Science Faculty at the UAM.

Awards for undergraduate Physics students

The Nicolás Cabrera Institute convened 11 prizes awarded by the CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS, THEORETICAL CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS, MATERIALS PHYSICS, APPLIED PHYSICS departments and the CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS IFIMAC Center (two prizes each, except the MATERIALS PHYSICS department which subsidized three), to appeal to undergraduate Physics students to research groups and to promote the scientific work of the Institute.

The winners and the research topics in which they participated are the following:

- **Alejandro Blanco Peces:** “*Developing atomically tailored networks of quasi-zero dimensional alloys*”
- **Sergio Garcia Herreros:** “*Neural networks for simultaneous quantum parameter estimation*”
- **Asier García González:** “*Efecto de la integración de nanopartículas magnéticas en electrodos de baterías de ion litio*”
- **Jorge García García:** “*Optical interferometry as an efficient tool to characterize STM head vibrations*”
- **Julia Inglés Cerrillo:** “*Study of the plasmonic resonance of nanoparticles based on liquid metals with a high degree of ordering*”
- **Elena Köhler Ruiz:** “*Growth and characterization of $Sr_{1+x}TiS_{3-y}$ perovskite thin films*”
- **Joan Javier Ronquillo Tutiven:** “*Electrostatic doping of monolayer MoS₂ deposited on hexagonal ferroelectric domains*”
- **Andrés I. Tamargo Bracho:** “*Two-dimensional Fermi polarons, same problem different realisations : doped TMD monolayers & ultracold atomic Fermi gases*”
- **Jaime Vida García:** “*Study of colloidal systems in lattice obstacles*”
- **Youhuang Yang:** “*Study of Two-Mode Interference in Quantum Light-Matter Interactions*”
- **Senlin Yue:** “*Inverse Design applied to Schrödinger Equation: Tailored Potential Wells for Exciton Trapping*”



Photograph of the winners with the director of the Institute during the delivery of diplomas.

CHEMA GÓMEZ-RODRÍGUEZ Awards for Young researchers

The Nicolás Cabrera Institute convened 2 “Chema Gómez-Rodríguez” awards, in memorial to Professor José María Gómez Rodríguez and financed by the Department of CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS, to promote the excellent work of the young scientists of the INC recognizing their contributions in high-impact publications during the year 2022.

The selected students and publications were the following:

1. Ruth Pulido Venegas, for her article: **“Experimental and density functional theory study of the Li+ desorption in spinel/layered lithium manganese oxide nanocomposites using HCl.”**, Chem. Eng. J. 441, 136019 (2022).

Ruth Pulido Venegas investigated the desorption of lithium from lithium manganese oxides (LMO) used to make lithium-ion sieves (LIS). The results showed that lithium-rich LMOs require higher temperatures for desorption, which is a key finding of great relevance for batteries. She conceptualized and designed the study, synthesized LMO compounds, characterized LMO and LIS compounds, and performed DFT and other calculations. She is the first author.

2. Francisco J. Matute-Cañadas, for his article: **“Signatures of Interactions in the Andreev Spectrum of Nanowire Josephson Junctions”**, Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 197702 (2022).

In this case, the role of Francisco Matute-Cañadas in understanding the physics underlying the observation of unexpected additional lines in microwave spectroscopy of the Josephson junction of nanowires is especially valued. He has developed a procedure to address the complex calculations required to manage a multichannel superconducting system in the presence of Coulomb and spin-orbit interactions. He is the first author.

The INC’s external Scientific Advisory Committee, formed by Alicia de Miguel (ICMM – CSIC, Spain), Akhlesh Lakhtakia (Pennsylvania State University, USA), Herre Van der Zant; (TU Delft, Netherlands) and Cristian Urbina (CEA – Saclay, CNRS, France), selected the awarded papers.



Photograph of the winners with Almudena Iznart, widow of the Prof. Gómez-Rodríguez, and the director of the Institute, in the delivery of diplomas

Young researchers meeting



Some Meeting pictures

The **XXV conference of young researchers "Nicolás Cabrera"** was held on December 16, 2022, in Miraflores de la Sierra, with the participation of numerous doctoral students and other young researchers associated with the Institute. The journey was a success of assistance congregating close to 90 assistants.

The **program** for the day was as follows:

The **inauguration** was carried out by the director of the Institute, Miguel Ángel Ramos.

The **invited conference** was given by Dr. Andrés Castellanos Gómez, Researcher at the Institute of Materials Science of the CSIC, National Award for Young Researchers (Ministry of Science) and Miguel Catalán Award modality sub-40 (Community of Madrid), both awarded in 2022. The title of his presentation was: **"Integrating van der Waals materials on paper-electronics."**

Next, the authors of the best research papers published this year by pre-doctoral researchers received the "Chema Gómez-Rodríguez" awards, and the winners gave a short talk:

- **Ruth Pulido Venegas**, "Experimental and DFT study of the Li⁺ desorption in spinel/layered lithium manganese oxide nanocomposites using HCl"
- **Francisco J. Matute-Cañadas**, "Signatures of Interactions in the Andreev Spectrum of Nanowire Josephson Junctions",

Later, the Research Awards ceremony for Physics students took place.

During the coffee break, the first poster session was held, in which 28 young researchers participated including some of the awarded Physics students who showed the results of their research regarding the award in this format..

Subsequently, a selection of communications was presented by young researchers in the following order::

- **Francisco J. Fernández Alonso**, "High precision low – cost spectrophotometer for agricultural applications"
- **Elena Salagre Rubio**, "Electronic Band Structure of Li_xCoO₂ during the Insulator to Metal transition"
- **Jinan Hussein Al Shuaib**, "Sensitized lanthanide emission in doped BaZrS₃ perovskite semiconductor"
- **Alejandro Vivas Viaña**, "Two-photon dressing of quantum emitters for cavity-assisted generation of steady-state entanglement"

In the first activity of the afternoon, a new selection of communications by young researchers was presented in the following order:

- **Klara Strobl Bardo**, "Tuning the microenvironment of crowded proteins inside viral capsids"
- **Cosme González Ayani**, "Kondo lattice development in a TaS₂ van der Waals heterostructure"
- **Juan José García Esteban**, "Tunable thermal emission of subwavelength silica ribbons"

During the afternoon coffee break, the second poster session was held, in which 28 young researchers participated, including the rest of the awarded Physics students.

Finally, in the last session, three other talks were presented by different students:

- **Tamara Muñoz Ortiz**, "Plasmonic nanoparticles for inflammation targeting in atherosclerosis"
- **Paula Magrinya**, "Tribological motion of rotating vesicles"
- **Lucía Martín Pérez** "Direct magnetic evidence, functionalization and low-temperature magneto-electron transport in liquid-phase exfoliated FePS₃"

Women presented 60% of the selected communications and 38% of the posters.



Some assistant photographs in the poster sesion.

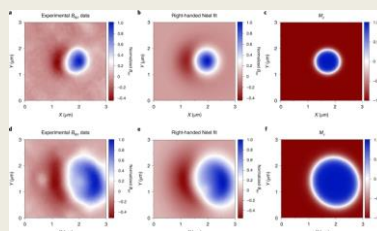
Science at INC

The articles published in 2022, whose affiliations mention INC expressly, can be found on the Institute's website and are listed in the publications section of this report in reverse chronological order. In this section appears those published in journals with an impact factor higher than 9, which account for 17% of the total. The presence of journals with an esteemed impact factor, such as Nature Nanotechnology (40.5), Advanced Materials (32.1), and Advanced Energy Materials (29.7), stands out. It is relevant to mention that 21% of the articles were published in journals of the American Physical Society (Physical Review Journals), of which 67% are articles from Physical Review B. It should also be noted that 7% of the published articles belong to journals edited by Nature.

[Current-driven dynamics and ratchet effect of skyrmion bubbles in a ferrimagnetic insulator.](#) **Velez, S;** Ruiz-Gomez, S; Schaab, J et al. **Nature Nanotechnology** **17**, 834-841 (Jul 2022).

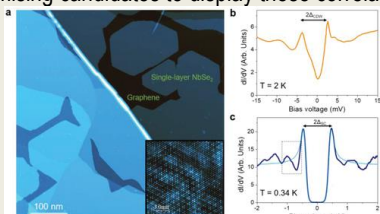
Magnetic skyrmions are compact chiral spin textures that exhibit a rich variety of topological phenomena and hold potential for the development of high-density memory devices and novel computing schemes driven by spin currents. Here, we demonstrate the room-temperature interfacial stabilization and current-driven control of skyrmion bubbles in the ferrimagnetic insulator Tm₃Fe₅O₁₂ coupled to Pt, showing the current-induced motion of individual skyrmion bubbles.

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[Observation of Superconducting Collective Modes from Competing Pairing Instabilities in Single-Layer NbSe₂.](#) Wan, W; Dreher, P; Muñoz-Segovia, D; Harsh, R; Guo, H, **Martínez-Galera, AJ** et al.: **Adv. Mater.** **34**, 2206078 (9) (Oct 2022).

In certain unconventional superconductors with sizable electronic correlations, the availability of closely competing pairing channels leads to characteristic soft collective fluctuations of the order parameters, which leave fingerprints in many observables and allow the phase competition to be scrutinized. Superconducting layered materials, where electron–electron interactions are enhanced with decreasing thickness, are promising candidates to display these correlation effects.



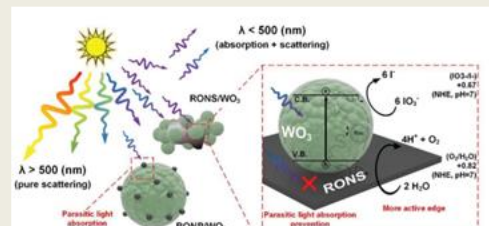
ADVANCED MATERIALS

[Morphology Matters: 0D/2D WO₃ Nanoparticle-Ruthenium Oxide Nanosheet Composites for Enhanced Photocatalytic Oxygen Evolution Reaction Rates.](#)

Vignolo-González, H; Gouder, A; Laha, S; Duppel, V; **Carretero-Palacios, S** et al.: **Advanced Energy Materials**, 2203315 (11) (Dec 2022).

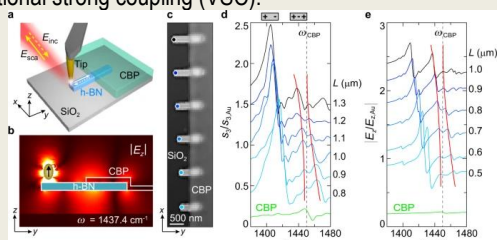
In the field of artificial photosynthesis with semiconductor light harvesters, the default cocatalyst morphologies are isotropic, 0D nanoparticles. Herein, the use of highly anisotropic 2D ruthenium oxide nanosheet (RONS) cocatalysts as an approach to enhance photocatalytic oxygen evolution (OER) rates on commercial WO₃ nanoparticles (0D light harvester) is presented.

ADVANCED ENERGY MATERIALS



[Remote near-field spectroscopy of vibrational strong coupling between organic molecules and phononic nanoresonators.](#) Dolado I, Maciel-Escudero C, Nikulina E; Modin, E; Calavalle, F; Chen, S; Bylinkin, A; Alfaro-Mozaz, FJ; Li, J; Edgar, JH; Casanova, F; **Vélez, S** et al. **Nature Commun.** **13**, 6850 (9) (Nov 2022).

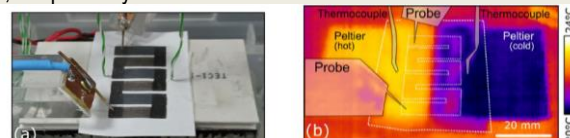
Phonon polariton (PhP) nanoresonators can dramatically enhance the coupling of molecular vibrations and infrared light, enabling ultrasensitive spectroscopies and strong coupling with minute amounts of matter. So far, this coupling and the resulting localized hybrid polariton modes have been studied only by far-field spectroscopy, preventing access to modal near-field patterns and dark modes, which could further our fundamental understanding of nanoscale vibrational strong coupling (VSC).



[Low-cost and biodegradable thermoelectric devices based on van der Waals semiconductors on paper substrates.](#) Ersu, G; Munuera, C; Mompean, FJ; Vaquero, D; Quereda, J; Rodrigues, JEFS; Alonso, JA; Flores, E; Ares, JR; **Ferrer, IJ** et al. **Energy and Environ. Mat.** (Aug 2022).

We present a method to fabricate handcrafted thermoelectric devices on standard office paper substrates. The devices are based on thin films of WS₂, Te, and BP (P-type semiconductors) and TiS₃ and TiS₂ (N-type semiconductors), deposited by simply rubbing powder of these materials against paper. The thermoelectric properties of these semiconducting films revealed maximum Seebeck coefficients of $(+1.32 \pm 0.27)$ mV/K and (-0.82 ± 0.15) mV/K for WS₂ and TiS₃, respectively.

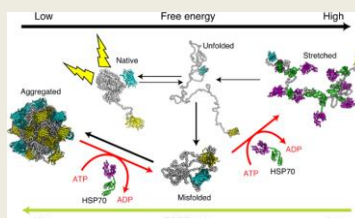
Energy & Environmental Materials



[A fluorescent multi-domain protein reveals the unfolding mechanism of Hsp70.](#)

Tiwari, S; Fauvet, B; **Assenza, S** et al. **Nature Chemical Biology** **19**, pages198–205 (Oct 2022).

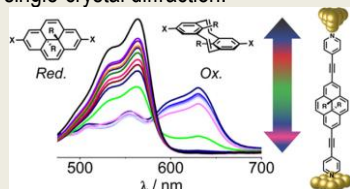
Bound states in superconductors are expected to exhibit a spatially resolved electron-hole asymmetry which is the hallmark of their quantum nature. This asymmetry manifests as oscillations at the Fermi wavelength, which is usually tiny and thus washed out by thermal broadening or by scattering at defects. Here we demonstrate theoretically and confirm experimentally that, when coupled to magnetic impurities, bound states in a vortex core exhibit an emergent axial electron-hole asymmetry on a much longer scale, set by the coherence length.



nature chemical biology

[2,7- and 4,9-Dialkynyldihydropyrene Molecular Switches: Syntheses, Properties, and Charge Transport in Single-Molecule Junctions.](#) Roemer, M; Gillespie, A; Jago, D; Costa-Milan, D; Alqahtani, J; **Hurtado-Gallego, J**; Sadeghi, H; Lambert, CJ; Spackman, PR; Sobolev, AN; Skelton, BW; Grosjean, A; Walkey, M.; Kampmann, S; Vezzoli, A; Simpson, PV; Massi, M; Planje, I; **Rubio-Bollinger, G**; **Agraït, N** et al. **Journal of the American Chemical Society** **144**, 12698–12714 (Jul 2022).

This paper describes the syntheses of several functionalized dihydropyrene (DHP) molecular switches with different substitution patterns. Regioselective nucleophilic alkylation of a 5-substituted dimethyl isophthalate allowed the development of a workable synthetic protocol for the preparation of 2,7-alkyne-functionalized DHPs. Synthesis of DHPs with surface-anchoring groups in the 2,7- and 4,9-positions is described. The molecular structures of several intermediates and DHPs were elucidated by X-ray single-crystal diffraction.

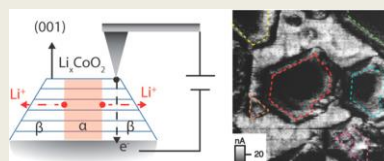


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[Imaging Phase Segregation in Nanoscale Li_xCoO₂ Single Particles.](#) Fuller,

EJ; Ashby, DS; **Polop, C**; **Salagre, E**; Bhargava, B; Song, Y; Vasco, E; Sugar, JD; Albertus, P; Menteş, TO; Locatelli, A; **Segovia, P**; Gonzalez-Barrio, MA; Mascaraque, A; **Michel, EG** et al. **ACS Nano** **16**, 16363–16371 (Oct 2022).

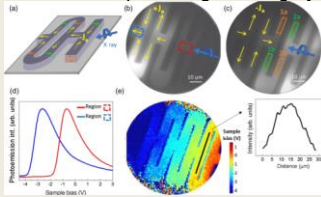
Li_xCoO₂ (LCO) is a common battery cathode material that has recently emerged as a promising material for other applications including electrocatalysis and as electrochemical random access memory (ECRAM). During charge–discharge cycling LCO exhibits phase transformations that are significantly complicated by electron correlation.



ACS NANO

[Direct X-Ray Detection of the Spin Hall Effect in CuBi.](#) Ruiz-Gómez, S; Guerrero, R; Khaliq, MW; Fernández-González, C; Prat, J; Valera, A. Finizio, S; Perna, P; **Camarero, J** et al. **Phys. Rev. X** **12**, 031032 (13) (Jul 2022).

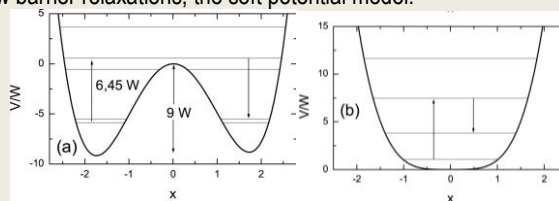
The spin Hall effect and the inverse spin Hall effect are important spin-charge conversion mechanisms. The direct spin Hall effect induces a surface spin accumulation from a transverse charge current due to spin-orbit coupling even in nonmagnetic conductors. However, most detection schemes involve additional interfaces, leading to large scattering in reported data. Here we perform interface-free x-ray spectroscopy measurements at the Cu L_{3,2} absorption edges of highly Bi-doped Cu (Cu₉₅Bi₅).



PHYSICAL REVIEW X

[Sound absorption in glasses.](#) Buchenau, U; D'Angelo, G; Carini, G; Liu, X; **Ramos MA.** **Reviews in Physics** **9**, 100078(22) (Oct 2022).

The paper presents a description of the sound wave absorption in glasses, from the lowest temperatures up to the glass transition, in terms of three compatible phenomenological models. Resonant tunneling, the rise of the relaxational tunneling to the tunneling plateau and the crossover to classical relaxation are universal features of glasses and are well described by the tunneling model and its extension to include soft vibrations and low barrier relaxations, the soft potential model.

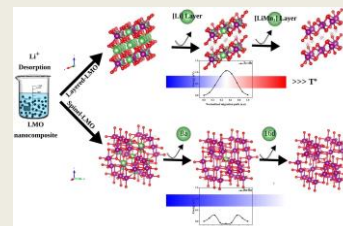


REVIEWS IN
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[Experimental and density functional theory study of the Li⁺ desorption in spinel/layered lithium manganese oxide nanocomposites using HCl.](#) **Pulido, R; Naveas, N; Martín-Palma, JR;** Graber, T; Brito I; Hernández-Montelongo, J; **Manso Silván, M** et al. **Chemical Engineering Journal** **441**, 136019 (Aug 2022).

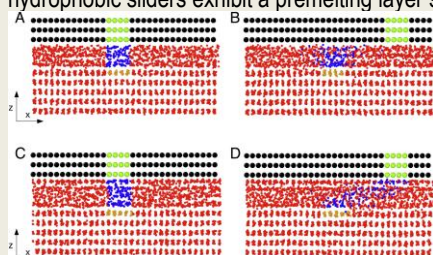
The increasing demand for portable electronic devices and batteries has led to a growing interest in Li compounds. Lithium manganese oxides (LMO) are the most popular lithium-ion sieves (LIS) precursor materials due to their high lithium adsorption capacity and selectivity. The key step in forming LIS is the lithium desorption process from the crystalline lattice of the LMO. However, this process has been less researched than its counterpart, the lithium adsorption process.

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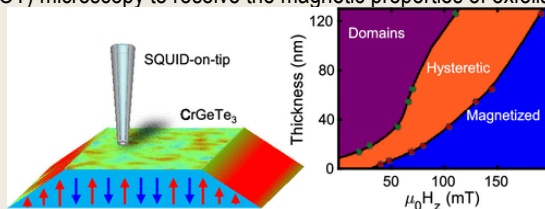
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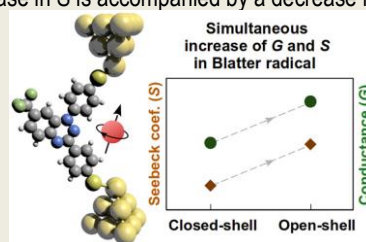
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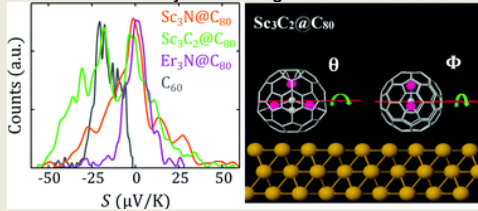
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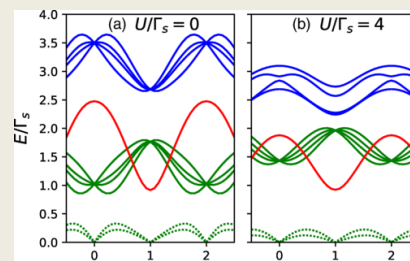
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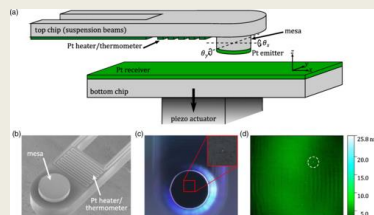


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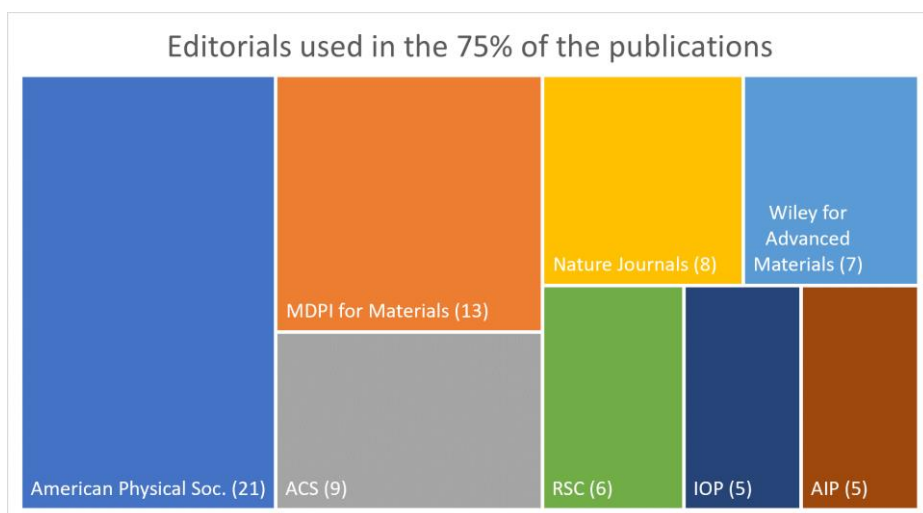
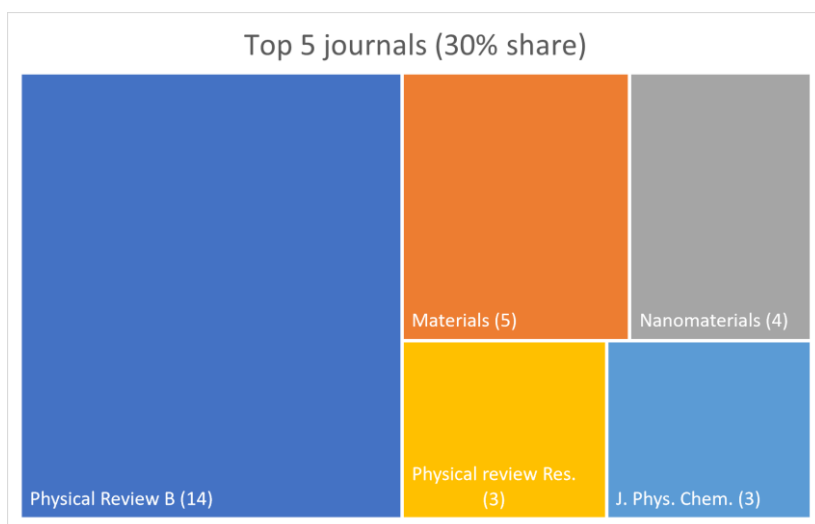
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