

Discovery of broken time-reversal symmetry and topological edge states in chiral superconductors and superfluids

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The talk is a mix of theory and experimental reports on Sr_2RuO_4 , UPt_3 and ^3He , with the latter being the first direct detection of chiral edge states and BTRS in superfluid $^3\text{He-A}$. For SRO and UPt_3 I will briefly summarize theoretical predictions for the ground states, connect the edge state discussion of SRO and $^3\text{He-A}$ via the topology of their ground states, summarize the search for edge currents and the observations of BTRS via polar Kerr rotation experiments.

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