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Education

Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems

Dresden, Germany Aug. 2021 - present

Doctoral Student

- PhD. Supervised by Prof. Roderich Moessner

Mexico City, Mexico

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, UNAM Bachelor of Science in Physics, summa cum laude

Aug. 2016 - January 2021

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA 2019 Fall

Exchange semester abroad

Research Experience

Non-linear Transport in Weyl Semimetals

Mexico City, Mexico Spring 2019 - Fall 2020

Research Assistant

- Associate student at the Institute of Nuclear Sciences, UNAM under the supervision of PhD. José Alberto Martín Ruiz from the department "Structure of Matter". We researched transport properties of topological materials, specifically non-linear electrochemical conductivity in Weyl (WSM), and nodal-line (NLSM) semimetals. For a WSM we discovered a novel quantized phenomena under the semi-classical Boltzmann formalism.

Soliton dynamics in Bose-Einstein condensates

Mexico City, Mexico Summer 2020

Research Assistant

I studied the soliton dynamics of a high density Bose-Einstein condensate subject to a time varying anharmonic trap, under the guidance of PhD. Jorge Fujioka (Institute of Physics, UNAM). Using a variational approximation (VA) we investigated the behaviour of a condensate where three body losses, quantum feeding and second order quantum fluctuations were present. The VA solutions were compared with direct numerical solutions of a modified Gross-Pitaevskii equation, resulting in a novel fragmentation and regeneration process.

Non-linear optical phenomena in Weyl Semimetal

Berkeley, CA

Research Assistant

Fall 2019

- Assisted Dr. Daniel Parker, within PhD. Joel's Moore group, on theoretical calculations of the self-focusing conductivity for a Weyl Semimetal within a novel Feynman diagrammatic approach.

Academic Recognitions

Gabino Barreda Award

Mexico City, Mexico

Medal and certificate

Fall 2021

 Awarded the Gabino Barreda Medal for the highest grade point average as a bachelor of science in Physics, UNAM

Graduated with honours

Mexico City, Mexico

Valedictorian

2013 - 2016

- Finished high school at Educational Centre Jean Piaget with a final average of 99%. Awarded the best high school grade average by the Directorate General for Incorporation and Revalidation of Studies (DGIRE), UNAM.

Metropolitan Chemistry Competition

First place

Mexico City, Mexico

Nov. 2015 - Jan. 2016

 First place at the XXVI Metropolitan Chemistry Competition, with an additional National Chemistry Competition curse of Physical, Organic, Inorganic and Analytical Chemistry by the Centre for Advanced Research and Studies of the National Polytechnic and the School of Chemistry, UNAM.

Schools and Workshops

Frontiers of Condensed Matter

International Doctoral Training Session

Les Houches, France

October 2022

Two week school with high-level training in the general area of condensed matter physics, organized jointly by the Physics Graduate School of Grenoble, by the Casimir Research School of Delft-Leiden (Netherlands), the Donostia International Physics Center in San Sebastian (Spain), the Graduate School of Quantum Matter at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, the Transregional Collaborative Research Center Elasto-Q-Mat (Germany), and the Swiss Nanoscience Institute in Basel (Switzerland)

DPG Spring Meeting of the Condensed Matter Section

Germany

Talk

September 2021 and March 2022

- Participated on both Condensed Matter meetings of the German Physical Society (DPG) in Regensburg and Dresden and gave a talk on *Time Reversal invariant finite-size topology* .

Novel Electronic Properties of two-dimensional materials Workshop

San Sebastian, Spain

July 11-15 2022

 Participated at the one week workshop on experimental and theoretical frontiers of the newly found correlated electronic states in two dimensional moiré heterostructures sponsored by the Donostia International Physics Center.

Topological Phases in Condensed Matter and Ultracold Atom Systems

Corsica, France

School/Workshop

June 28 - July 8 2022

 Participated a the two week school/worshop on topological phases at the Institute d'Etudes Scientifiques de Cargèse

Cluster of excellence ct.qmat retreat

Merseburg, Germany

Speaker at Retreat

March 2022

- Presented Quantized nonlinear transport phenomena in Weyl semimetals at the Complexity and Topology in Quantum Matter (ct.qmat) 2022 retreat, part of the Würzburg-Dresden cluster of excellence

CMD2020GEFES

Madrid, Spain (online)

Speaker at Colloquium

Sep 2020

Presented Quantized nonlinear transport phenomena in Weyl semimetals at the Emergent Transport
in Functional Quantum Materials colloquium, part of a international conference combining the
biennial meeting of the Condensed Matter Divisions of the Spanish Royal Physics Society
(RSEF-GEFES) and of the European Physical Society (EPS-CMD).

Skills

Languages: Spanish, English, Intermediate German, Beginner Italian; Computational: Python (including N.N. with Keras and Pytorch), C++, Fortran, Julia, Unix Shell

Operating Systems: Linux, MacOS X, Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP

Applications: Mathematica, MatLab, LATEX, OpenOffice, MS Office XP

Publications

• Flores-Calderón, R., Fujioka J., and A. Espinosa-Cerón. "Soliton Dynamics of a High-Density Bose-Einstein Condensate Subject to a Time Varying Anharmonic Trap." Chaos, Solitons &; Fractals, vol. 143, Jan. 2021, p. 110580., doi:10.1016/j.chaos.2020.110580. url: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0960077920309711?via%3Dihub

• Flores-Calderón, R., and A. Martín-Ruiz. "Quantized Electrochemical Transport in Weyl Semimetals." Physical Review B, vol. 103, no. 3, 2021. Crossref, doi:10.1103/physrevb.103.035102. https://journals.aps.org/prb/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevB.103.035102