



Condensed Matter Theory Center Seminar

Wednesday, February 16
11am-12pm
2205 Physics Building

All are welcome to attend.

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“Dissipative effects in a superconducting wire
coupled to diffusive metals”

Narrow one-dimensional (1D) superconducting wires with diameter smaller than the bulk coherence length are systems in which order-parameter fluctuations destroy long-range order (LRO). While ideally isolated wires have been intensively studied in the past, the situation is less clear for 1D systems subject to environment-induced dissipation, at present under intensive experimental and theoretical research.

In this work, we show that a weak coupling to a diffusive metallic film can reinforce superconductivity in the wire through the quench of fluctuations. We obtain the critical points and phases of the system at $T=0$, and in particular, we predict a quantum phase transition towards a superconducting phase with LRO as a function of the wire's superconducting stiffness and coupling parameter to the metal. We also discuss implications for experiments.