Special Chez Pierre Seminar

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“Disorder in Andreev reflection of a quantum Hall edge”.

We develop a theory of charge transport along the quantum Hall edge proximitized by a "dirty" superconductor. Disorder randomizes the Andreev reflection rendering the conductance of a proximitized segment a stochastic quantity. We investigate the statistical distribution of the conductance in two types of systems: a single $\nu=2$ proximitized edge, and two counter-propagating, proximity-coupled $\nu=1$ edges. In the latter case, the system is self-tuned to the critical point between trivial and topological phases by the competition between tunneling processes with or without particle-hole conversion. We investigate the effects of electron density, magnetic field, and temperature on the conductance distribution function.