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“New functionalities for energy-efficient superconducting electronic devices”

Advances in the science of superconductivity have numerous challenges to improve old and create new technologies able to fulfil big challenges of the XXI century; ranging from power applications (storage and transport of clean, sustainable and reliable energy) to novel electronic devices (information technologies and data storage systems). The individual and collective behaviour of vortices (quantum nano-tubes of magnetic flux) in a superconductor is of enormous practical significance for applications. This has sustained the study of different methods for engineering the vortex pinning landscape in order to infer in vortex dynamics of superconductors.

In this talk, I will discuss the opportunities of high temperature superconducting cuprates for applications in novel multifunctional electronic devices. In particular, I will present different strategies to design nanostructured high temperature $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$ superconducting films, with controllable artificial pinning centres, able to manipulate vortex motion for fluxtronic device applications. In addition, I will present novel functionalities associated to field effect tuning of the metal-insulating transition and spin-texture manipulation in superconducting hybrids with the vision of energy-efficient electronics

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