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Mesoscopic multi-terminal thermoelectrics

Recently, there has been a growing interest in thermoelectrics based on mesoscopic solid-state physics due potential applications in converting waste heat back into useful electricity. Of particular interest for energy harvesting applications are three-terminal setups based on Coulomb-coupled quantum dots. I will discuss such systems based on quantum dots in the Coulomb-blockade regime [1] that can act as optimal heat to current converters. I will also present setups with chaotic cavities [2] and resonant tunneling quantum dots [3]. The latter are found to be both powerful and efficient at the same time. In addition, I will also discuss recent work on chiral thermoelectrics with quantum Hall edge states [4,5].

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