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## Entanglement, teleportation and memory in atomic spin ensembles

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Recent experimental progress with entanglement generation and processing in macroscopic atomic spin ensembles will be reviewed. It includes atomic entanglement maintained for an unlimited time via engineered collective dissipation mediated by light and teleportation of collective atomic spin states. A proposal for quantum memory assisted detection of strongly coupled systems will be presented.