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Controlling the Flow of Spin and Charge in Nanoscopic Topological Insulators¹ DIRK MORR, JOHN VAN DYKE, University of Illinois at Chicago — Rapid advances in quantum computation and spin electronics, heralded by the discovery of topological insulators, have been hampered by the inability to control the flow of spin and charge currents at the nanoscale. In this talk, I will demonstrate that such control can be established in nanoscopic two-dimensional topological insulators (TIs) by breaking their time reversal symmetry via magnetic defects. This allows for the emergence of two novel phenomena: the creation of nearly 100

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