Conventional electronics depends only upon the charge of the electron. Electrons, however, also possess a property called “spin” -- it’s where magnetism comes from. Until recently spin languished unused in the everyday world of electronics, but Spintronics puts electron spin back into the picture. Inventions based on this idea have already had dramatic effects on the home and office today.

Spinmeister Dr. Stuart Parkin of the IBM Research Almaden Research Center will take you for a spin through this new field, discussing what spin is and why it matters, how it is being put to use today, and where you might find it tomorrow.

Thursday July 10, 7:30 pm
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