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“Hyperuniform State of Matter in Physics, Mathematics and Biology”

14-16 December 2016
Jadwin Hall, Room 407

Workshop Organizers
Paul Steinhardt
Salvatore Torquato
Hyperuniform State of Matter in Physics, Mathematics and Biology
All talks will be 40 minutes with 10 minutes for questions, unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, December 14, 2016
8:45 Coffee/welcome

Session Chair: Paul Steinhardt
9:00-10:00 "Hyperuniform States of Matter: Overview and Progress Report"
Salvatore Torquato, Princeton University

10:00-10:20 Coffee Break

10:20-11:10 "Hyperuniformity in determinantal and other quantum point processes"
Antonello Scardicchio, ICTP via video conference

11:10-12:00 "Enhanced Pinning For Vortices in Hyperuniform Substrates and Emergent Hyperuniform Vortex States"
Cynthia Reichhardt, Los Alamos National Laboratory

12:00-1:30 Lunch at PCTS, Jadwin Hall, Fourth Floor

Session Chair: Henry Cohen
1:30-2:20 "Microscopic description of Coulomb-type systems"
Sylvia Serfaty, Courant Institute

2:20-3:10 "Photonic Band Gaps in Hyperuniform Disordered Materials"
Marian Florescu, Surrey

3:10-3:30 Coffee break

3:30-4:20 "Hyperuniformity in maximally random jammed packings of hard particles and photoreceptor patterns in avian retina"
Yang Jiao, Arizona State University

4:20-5:10 "Hyperuniformity of quasicrystals and substitution tilings"
Josh Socolar, Duke University

Thursday, December 15, 2016

Session Chair, Roberto Car
9:00-9:50 "Assembling hyperuniform materials"
Remi Dreyfus, University of Pennsylvania

9:50-10:40 "Jam packed: Optimal molecular sensing in the immune and olfactory systems"
Vijay Balasubramanian, University of Pennsylvania

10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:50 "Experimental Realization and Characterization of Hyperuniform Disordered Photonic Structures"
Weining Man, SFSU

11:50-1:00 Lunch at PCTS, Jadwin Hall, Fourth Floor

Session Chair: Sylvia Saferty
1:00-1:50 "Structural properties of high-dimensional sphere packings"
Henry Cohn, Microsoft Theory

1:50-2:40 "Hyperuniformity on the sphere"
Peter Grabner, Graz

2:40-3:10 Hyperuniformity Challenge

3:10-4:30 Poster Session and Coffee

Friday, December 16, 2016

Session Chair: Weining Man
9:00-9:50 "Random Organization and Hyperuniformity"
Paul Chaikin, NYU

9:50-10:40 "Hyperuniformity from non-equilibrium dynamics"
Daniel Hexner, University of Chicago

10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:50 "Experimental and numerical studies of photonic hyperuniform networks in two and three dimensions"
Frank Scheffold, Fribourg

11:50-12:40 "Are the spongy color-producing keratin nanostructures of bird feathers hyperuniform?"
Richard Prum (speaker) and Vinodkumar Saranathan Yale-NUS, Singapore

12:40 Conclusion and Lunch at PCTS