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Majorana Zero Modes and Beyond

29-31 October 2014
Jadwin Hall, Room 407

Workshop Organizers:
Curt von Keyserlingk
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N. Phuan Ong
Shivaji Sondhi
Ali Yazdani

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Wednesday, 29 October 2014
8:50 am Welcome and Introductions
Ali Yazdani, Princeton University

Chair: Nadya Mason, University of Illinois

9:00 "Majorana fermions in nanowires: current status"
Sergey Frolov, University of Pittsburgh

9:45 "Quantum Dynamics of the Fluxonium Device"
Leonid Glazman, Yale University

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 "Off-equilibrium superconducting quasiparticles and the fluxonium artificial atom"
Michel Devoret, Yale University

11:30 "Parity crossings and Majorana-like resonances in superconductor-semiconductor nanostructures"
Silvano De Franceschi, CEA Grenoble

12:15 Lunch at PCTS, Jadwin Hall, Fourth Floor

Chair: Ken Shih, UT Austin

2:00 "Observation of Majorana Fermions in Ferromagnetic Atomic Chains on a Superconductor"
Ali Yazdani, Princeton University

2:45 "A new platform for Majorana fermions"
Andrei Bernevig, Princeton University

3:30 Coffee Break

3:45 "Toward Optimized Topological Superconductivity in Transition Metal Atom Chains"
Allan MacDonald, UT Austin

4:30 Informal Discussions

5:30 pm Welcome Reception at PCTS

Thursday, 30 October 2014

Chair: Erik Bakkers, Eindhoven Technical University

9:00 "Dynamics of Majorana bound states."
Felix von Oppen, Freie University, Berlin

9:45 "Majorana Zero Modes in Gapless Systems"
Chetan Nayak, Microsoft Station Q

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 "Parafermion-supporting platform for topological quantum information processing"
Leonid Rokhinson, Purdue University

11:45 "Helical Edge States and Beyond in InAs/GaSb Bilayers"
Rui-Rui Du, Rice

12:30 Lunch at PCTS, Jadwin Hall, Fourth Floor

Chair: Phuan Ong, Princeton University

2:00 "Induced Superconductivity in the Quantum Spin Hall Edge"
Amir Yacoby, Harvard University

2:45 "Transport and Josephson phenomena in hybrid superconductor-topological insulator devices and topological superconductors"
Dale Van Harlingen, University of Illinois

3:30 Coffee Break

4:00 "The Time Reversal Invariant Fractional Josephson Effect"
Charles Kane, University of Pennsylvania

4:45 Poster session and Happy Hour at PCTS
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Friday, 31 October 2014

Chair: Andrei Bernevig, Princeton University

9:00 “Superconducting edge-mode transport in InAs/GaSb heterostructures”
Vlad Pribiag, University of Minnesota

9:45 “Non-abelian physics beyond Majorana fermions and towards one dimension”
Ady Stern, Weizmann

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 "Majorana takes charge."
Liang Fu, MIT

11:30 Adjournment and Lunch at PCTS, Jadwin Hall, Fourth Floor