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Simons Confinement Collaboration Inaugural Workshop

September 8-10, 2022

Organizer: Igor Klebanov
**Thursday, September 8, 2022**

10:45 – 11:15 coffee
11:15 – 11:45 Remarks by David Spergel, Greg Gabadadze, Herman Verlinde
11:45 – 12:15 Igor Klebanov “Overview of the Simons Collaboration on Confinement and QCD Strings”

**12:15 – 1:30 lunch**

1:30 – 2:10 Sergei Dubovsky “Scattering on the worldsheet of long confining strings”
2:10 – 2:50 Andreas Athenodorou “The confining string and the axion: a lesson from the Lattice”
2:50 – 3:10 Coffee break
3:10 – 3:50 V. Parameswaran Nair “Remarks on Yang-Mills theory on CP^2”
3:50 – 4:30 Phiala Shanahan “New algorithms and machine learning for lattice field theory”

**4:30 – 5:00 Break**

5:00 – 6:00 -- Discussion on QCD Strings led by Ofer Aharony

6:00 Reception at PCTS

**Friday, September 9, 2022**

9 – 9:30 coffee
9:30 – 10:10 Michele Caselle "Recent results on the confining string in non-abelian Lattice Gauge Theories"
10:10 – 10:40 Victor Gorbenko "Future directions for the study of long confining strings"

**10:40 – 11:10 break**

11:10 – 11:50 Raju Venugopalan "The Pomeron: past, present and future"
11:50 – 12:30 Tomasz Skwarnicki “Discoveries of Exotic Hadrons”

**12:30 – 2 lunch**

2:00 – 2:40 Matthias Gaberdiel “The string dual of free N=4 SYM”
2:40 – 3:20 Aleksey Cherman “1-form symmetry versus large N QCD”
3:20 – 4:00 Alexander Polyakov “Gauge fields and strings. From the old notebooks”

**4:00 – 4:30 coffee break**

4:30 -- 6 pm – Panel on Understanding Confinement moderated by David Gross:
Curtis Callan, Nathan Seiberg, Edward Witten

6:00 Dinner at PCTS

**Saturday, September 10**

8:30 – 9:00 coffee
9:00 – 9:40 – Grigory Tarnopolsky “DMRG approach to QCD models”
9:40 – 11:00 -- five 15-minute talks
   Ross Dempsey “Adjoint QCD2 at Finite N”
   Theodore Jacobson “Universal deformations”
   Justin Kulp “Confinement and Holomorphic Twists of N=1 SYM”
   Matthew Yu “Infrared phases of QCD in two dimensions”
   Shahrzad Zare “Yang-Mills Glueballs vs. Closed (Bosonic) Strings”

**11:00 – 11:30 break**

11:30 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 2:00 lunch