

Princeton Center for Theoretical Science

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The Center is home to a corps of Center Postdoctoral Fellows, chosen from nominations made by senior theoretical scientists around the world. A group of senior Faculty Fellows, chosen from science and engineering departments across the campus, are responsible for guiding the Center. Center activities include focused topical programs chosen from proposals by Princeton faculty across the natural sciences. The Center is located on the fourth floor of Jadwin Hall, in the heart of the campus “science neighborhood”. The Center hopes to become the focus for innovation and cross-fertilization in theoretical natural science at Princeton.

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Positivity

November 7-9, 2022

Room 407, Jadwin Hall
(PCTS Seminar Room)

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Monday, November 7, 2022

- 9:00 Light Breakfast
9:25-9:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:30-10:30 Positivity and the Bootstrap
David Poland
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:00 SDP and Positivity: polynomials and beyond
Pablo Parrilo
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch at PCTS
- 1:30-2:20 Reduced Density Matrices, Positivity, and the Sum of Squares
David Mazziotti
- 2:20-2:40 Coffee break
- 2:40-3:30 Questions and algorithms for the conformal bootstrap
Balt van Rees
- 3:30-3:50 Coffee Break
- 3:50-4:40 Quantum Entanglement and Moment Problems
Greg Blekherman
- 5:00 Reception for everyone at PCTS

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

- 8:30 Light Breakfast
- 9:00-9:50 Analyzing Sum-of-Squares for Random k-SAT via Kikuchi Matrices and Applications to Extremal Combinatorics
Pravesh Kothari
- 9:50-10:10 Coffee break
- 10:10-11:00 Bootstrapping the Ising Model on the Lattice
Victor Rodriguez
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break

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Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (cont.)

- 11:30-12:20 Using polynomial optimization to study nonlinear dynamics of ODEs and PDEs
David Goluskin
- 12:20-1:40 Lunch at PCTS
- 1:40-2:30 Quantum relative entropy optimization
Hamza Fawzi
- 2:30-2:50 Coffee break
- 2:50-3:40 Two applications of positivity to the theory of strong interactions (QCD)
Martin Kruczenski
- 3:40-4:00 Coffee Break
- 4:00-5:00 Department of Physics Colloquium; Room A-10 Jadwin Hall
Positivity constraints on theory space
Leonardo Rastelli
- 4:30-5:30 ORFE Department Colloquium: Sherrerd Hall Room 101
Performance analysis of sums of squares approximations in polynomial optimization
Monique Laurent

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

- 8:30 Light Breakfast
- 9:00-9:50 Spectra of hyperbolic manifolds and the conformal bootstrap
Dalimil Mazac
- 9:50-10:10 Coffee break
- 10:10-11:00 Detecting quantum entanglement using polynomial optimization
Monique Laurent
- 11:20-12:10 Semidefinite programming in Cryo-EM
Amit Singer
- 12:10 Lunch at PCTS