Developments in Quantum Field Theory and Condensed Matter Physics

Events for: Monday, November 5th - Wednesday, November 7th

Monday, November 5th

9:30am Djordje Radicevic - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Simple Thoughts on Anomalies

10:15am Cenke Xu - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

11:00am Coffee Break - Simons Center Cafe

11:30am Ashvin Vishwanath - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Role of monopole quantum numbers in unifying competing orders in quantum magnets

12:15pm Lunch - Simons Center Cafe

1:30pm Luca Iliesiu - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

2:15pm Jaume Gomis - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Dynamics of 3d Gauge Theories

3:00pm Coffee Break - Simons Center Cafe

3:30pm Adam Nahum - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Emergent symmetry and quasiuniversality at 3D critical points

4:15pm Lukasz Fidkowski - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Non-trivial quantum cellular automata in 3 dimensions

5:00pm Coffee Break - Simons Center Cafe

5:15pm Michael Levin - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Constraints on order and disorder parameters in (1+1)D

Tuesday, November 6th

9:30am Todadri Senthil - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Deconfined quantum critical points in 3+1-D and a possible duality

10:15am Thomas Dumitrescu - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Aspects of Adjoint QCD_4

11:00am Coffee Break - Simons Center Cafe

11:30am Andreas Karch - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: "Generalized Particle/Vortex Duality and Domain Walls"

Abstract: New field theory dualities will be constructed using holography as a tool. An important role will be played by the topological field theory living on domain walls of confining gauge theories in 3+1 dimensions.

12:15pm Lunch - Simons Center Cafe

1:30pm Xiao-Gang Wen - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: A classification of 3+1D topological orders

Abstract: We discuss a classification of 3+1D topological orders using their canonical boundary states. We will also discuss realizing those topological orders systematically using 2-gauge theories.

2:15pm Clay Cordova - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: 2-Group Global Symmetry

3:00pm Break - Simons Center Cafe

3:10pm Vasilis Niarchos - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Non-supersymmetric dualities and the phases of QCD3

Abstract: A scenario for the phases of vacuum QCD3 has been proposed recently by Komargodski and Seiberg. Three phases occur in this scenario: a phase of bosonization, a phase of spontaneous global symmetry breaking and a phase captured by a putative IR CFT. I will present a proposal that embeds this scenario in a non-supersymmetric Seiberg duality. The magnetic dual incorporates naturally all the proposed phases. In particular, it incorporates bosonization and symmetry breaking as different patterns of magnetic squark condensation (or in a string theory embedding as different patterns of open string tachyon condensation and brane reconnection). In addition, the proposal suggests a natural candidate for the IR CFT of the conjectured CFT phase.

3:55pm Coffee Break

4:15pm SCGP/Physics Colloquium: Ashvin Vishwanath - Simons Center room 103

Title: Topology and Entanglement in Quantum Matter: Past, Present and Future

Abstract: I will review recent developments in solid state physics that have compelled us to look more deeply at the role of topology and entanglement in quantum many particle systems. This has led to the prediction of entirely new strongly interacting phases and provided insights into existing states. Time permitting, I will discuss recent intriguing applications to graphene sheets twisted at a special `magic angle' where novel insulating and superconducting states have been experimentally observed.

Wednesday, November 7th

9:30am Subir Sachdev - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Gauge theory for the cuprates near optimal doping

10:15am Cherman Aleksey - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Particle-vortex statistics and the nature of dense quark matter

11:00am Coffee Break - Simons Center Cafe

11:30am Benini Francesco - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Domain walls in 4D SQCD

12:15pm Lunch - Simons Center Cafe

1:30pm Michael Scherer - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Dirac fermions and critical phenomena: critical exponents and emergent symmetries

2:15pm Lorenzo Di Pietro - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: 3d abelian gauge theories at the boundary

3:00pm Coffee Break - Simons Center Cafe

3:30pm Nikhil Karthik - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Numerical approach to three-dimensional IR conformality and associated dualities

4:15pm David Poland - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: Bootstrapping the Minimal 3D SCF

5:00pm Coffee Break - Simons Center Cafe

5:15pm Juven Wang - SCGP Lecture Hall 102

Title: New Anomalies, 3+1D Quantum Matter, and 4d Gauge Theories