Workshop Schedule

Events for: Wednesday, April 13th - Friday, April 15th

Wednesday, April 13th

8:30am Breakfast - SCGP Cafe

9:00am Luis Alvarez-Gaume - SCGP 102

Title: Welcome

9:05am Martin Rocek - SCGP 102

Title: Uses of (0,4) superspace

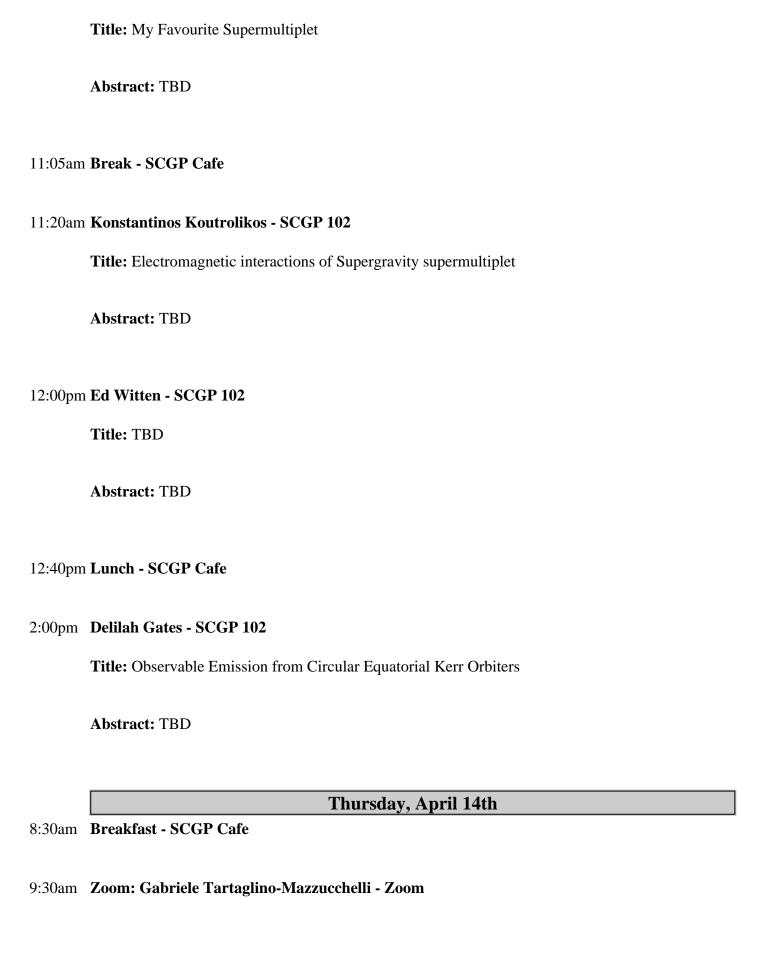
Abstract: TBD

9:45am Mirjam Cvetic - SCGP 102

Title: Gauge Symmetry Constraints in Consistent Quantum Gravity

Abstract: We present a consistency condition for 8D N=1 supergravity theories with nontrivial global structure G/Z for the non-Abelian gauge group, based on an anomaly involving the Z 1-form center symmetry. The interplay with other swampland criteria identifies the majority of 8D theories with gauge group G/Z, which have no string theory realization, as inconsistent quantum theories when coupled to gravity. While this condition is equivalent to geometric properties of elliptic K3 surfaces in F-theory compactifications, it constrains the unexplored landscape of gauge groups in other 8D string models.

10:25am Zoom: Christopher Hull - Zoom



Title: On TTbar deformations and supersymmetry

Abstract: In the last few years, there has been considerable interest in quantum field theories in two dimensions deformed by the irrelevant "TTbar" operator (the determinant of the stress-energy tensor). In this talk, I will review some recent developments concerning the TTbar deformation of supersymmetric theories. I will also describe how interesting four-dimensional effective field theories, such as the (N=1 supersymmetric) Maxwell-Born-Infeld theory together with its ModMax extension, and the Goldstino theory for broken supersymmetry, satisfy TTbar-like flow equations.

10:10am Zoom: Sergei Kuzenko - Zoom

Title: Conformal higher spins and AdS (super)projectors

Abstract: TBD

10:50am Zoom: Ulf Lindstrom - Zoom

Title: TBD

Abstract: TBD

11:30am Sergei Gukov - SCGP 102

Title: Machine Learning in Mathematical Sciences

Abstract: TBD

12:15pm Lunch - SCGP Cafe

1:45pm Charles Doran - SCGP 102

Title: K_2 and Quantum Curves

Abstract: I will discuss my preprint arXiv:2110.08482 with Matt Kerr and Soumya Sinha Babu in which we use integral regulators of K_2-classes on mirror curves of Calabi-Yau threefolds to provide evidence for a 2015 conjecture of Codesido-Grassi-Marino relating enumerative invariants to spectra of operators.

2:25pm Vincent Rodgers - SCGP 102

Title: From Virasoro to Thomas-Whitehead

Abstract: In 2D, Einstein's classical theory of general relativity becomes trivial. Yet when one studies the symmetries of 2D through string theory, a new field, dubbed the diffeomorphism field, arise from the Virasoro algebra. We show that this field has meaning in higher dimensions through the ubiquitous notion projective connections that is also present in the symmetry of geodesics. By using the Thomas-Whitehead connection, which is a natural connection for projective geometry, we construct an action that gives the diffeomorphism field dynamics in the accompaniment of the Einstein-Hilbert action. From there we are able to describe how this field augments gravitational interactions with fermions and how it might be a component of dark energy and dark matter in 4D.

3:05pm Tristan Hubsch - SCGP 102

Title: Laurent Mirror Models

Abstract: i-Yau hypersurfaces in toric spaces of general type are defined by Laurent polynomials and encoded by non-convex polytopes. Nevertheless, the phases of their gauged linear sigma models and an increasing number of their classical and quantum data are just as computable as for their 0.5 billion regular, convex siblings, and they all have transposition mirrors. Showcasing Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces in Hirzebruch scrolls shows this class of constructions to be infinitely vast, yet amenable to well-founded algebro-geometric analysis.

3:45pm Break - SCGP Cafe

4:05pm Leopoldo Pando-Zayas - SCGP 102

Title: TBD

Abstract: TBD

4:45pm Kory Stiffler - SCGP 102

Title: A Walk Down Memory Lane: The Life and Research of Jim Gates, 2006 - present, as Told From This Speaker's Perspective

Abstract: supersymmetry will be discussed. Likely there will be pictures of supersymmetry, known as adinkras, that have been the core of our research together. Expect a few jokes along the way, most of them good natured. Yes, there may be a small amount of roasting of Jim Gates, but hey, it's a party! The talk will conclude with a heartfelt toast to Jim Gates with beverages possibly provided by the Simons Center for said toast.

6:00pm Dinner - SCGP Cafe

Friday, April 15th

8:30am Breakfast - SCGP Cafe

9:00am Bernard de Wit - SCGP 102

Title: Exact results for an STU-model

Abstract: TBD

9:40am John Schwarz - SCGP 102

Title: Flat Space Holography

Abstract: TBD

10:20am Break - SCGP Cafe

10:50am Delilah Gates and Sylvester Gates III - SCGP 102

Title: TBD

Abstract: TBD

11:35am **Jim Gates - SCGP 102**

Title: TBD

Abstract: TBD

12:35pm **Lunch - SCGP Cafe**