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Paul C. Canfield, Ph.D., graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in physics from the University of Virginia (Charlottesville) in 1983. He received his Ph.D. in experimental condensed matter physics from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1990. From 1990 to 1993, Dr. Canfield was a postdoctoral researcher at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, working with Drs. Joe Thompson and Zachary Fisk. In 1993, Dr. Canfield joined the Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University (Ames). Since then, he has become a senior physicist at the laboratory, and a Distinguished Professor of Physics at the university, holding the Robert Allen Wright Professorship. Dr. Canfield’s research is centered on the design, discovery, growth, and characterization of novel electronic and magnetic materials. He has made key contributions to the fields of superconductivity, heavy fermions, quantum criticality, quasicrystals, spin glasses, local-moment metamagnetism, and metal-to-insulator transitions. Dr. Canfield has helped to educate and train researchers in experimental, new-materials-physics throughout the world, emphasizing the need to tightly couple growth (often in single crystal form) and measurement of new materials. Dr. Canfield is a fellow of the American Physical Society (APS). He was awarded the 2011 Department of Energy Lawrence Award for Condensed Matter Physics. In 2014, Dr. Canfield was awarded the APS David Adler Lectureship Award in the Field of Materials Physics, and was named a Gordon and Betty Moore Materials Synthesis Investigator. In 2015, he received the Humboldt Research Award. In 2017, Dr. Canfield was awarded the APS James McGroddy for New Materials Research.

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Engineering a Superconducting Quantum Computer

Quantum computers are on the cusp of being able to perform computations that are intractable for classical computers - a milestone known as “quantum supremacy.” Superconducting qubits have been at the forefront of building scalable quantum computers because they can leverage traditional integrated circuit technology to manufacture large numbers of qubits. Nevertheless, scaling up remains challenging in many areas ranging from fabrication and packaging to classical electronics and software. In this talk, I will discuss Google’s efforts to tackle these challenges and engineer a large scale quantum processor. I will also show our latest results on achieving high fidelity single and two qubit operations on these devices, and discuss the prospects for achieving quantum supremacy.

Discovery of spin-vortex-crystal magnetic order in Ni- and Co-doped CaKFe₄As₄

The discovery of CaFe₂As₂ in 2008 revealed the extreme member of the AEFe₂As₂ family AE = Ba, Sr, Ca. CaFe₂As₂ has the smallest c-lattice parameter, manifests a strongly coupled, first-order, structural/magnetic phase transition and can be coaxed into a collapsed tetragonal phase transition, associated with As-As bonding across the Ca-plane and an ~10% decrease in the c-lattice parameter, by very low pressures or strains. In 2016 CaKFe₄As₄ was found to form as an ordered quaternary compound, stabilized, to a large part, by the steric differences between CaFe₂As₂ and KFe₂As₂. Whereas CaKFe₄As₄ superconducts below 35 K and manifests no other phase transitions for T < 300 K, we find that by replacing some of the Fe with Co or Ni allows us to dope the system, suppressing Tc and inducing a new form of magnetic order: a spin vortex crystal (SVC) phase. The SVC phase remains in the tetragonal structure and as such represents a new combination of magnetic/structural ordering for Fe-based superconductors.
Spin-helical particles: an enabling platform for quantum matter and quantum technologies

Spin is one of the most fundamental quantum properties of particles. In this talk I will describe our experimental studies of "spin-helical" particles (analogous to neutrinos with spin locked to the momentum, but for electrons and atoms) as a powerful platform to realize novel quantum matter and enable new applications in quantum technologies — such quantum information, quantum energy, quantum chemistry and quantum simulation. For example, we have demonstrated spin-helical electrons \([1,2]\) on the surface of "topological insulators" (TI) and discovered a "topological spin battery" \([3]\), opening the possibility to electrically induce and readout a nuclear and electronic spin polarization with exceptionally long lifetime — which we present as a remarkable demonstration of the "topological protection" unique to TI. We further observe unusual behaviors in superconducting Josephson junctions and SQUIDs made out of our TIs \([4,5]\), paving the way for using such spin-helical electrons to realize "topological superconductor" proposed to harbor "majorana fermions" that could enable scalable, topologically-protected quantum computing. Using light-matter interaction to engineer "synthetic" spin orbit coupling and gauge fields on laser-cooled 87Rb atoms, we realize spin-helical bosons in a Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC), where we can dynamically control the Hamiltonian and perform various quantum transport, interferometry, chemistry, and even "collider" experiments. We demonstrate a new "interferometric" approach for quantum control of chemical reactions by preparing reactants in spin superpositions \([6]\). The system could also be used as a quantum simulator to study phenomena ranging from spin decoherence in interacting systems \([7]\) to novel quantum matter in extra "synthetic" dimensions or curved spaces not easily realized in electronic materials \([8]\).

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Peculiar Corners of Hilbert Space where Strange States Lie
Deeply quantum mechanical, counterintuitive states are lurking in unexpected areas of few-body Hilbert space, both in the bound state spectrum and in the scattering continuum. Such states are often connected with the physics of very large scattering length, and they produce surprises that challenge normal expectations, even for systems as simple as the 3- or 4-nucleon problem, or for diatomic Rydberg molecules. This talk will summarize some of the peculiar states that have been found, which relate in some cases to Efimov physics, and in other cases to ultra-long-range Rydberg molecules, sometimes referred to as ‘trilobite’ or ‘butterfly’ molecules and their ghosts.

Sabre Kais
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Prof. Kais’s research is in the field of quantum information and computation and quantum phase transitions. In particular, his research focuses on quantifying entanglement, quantum algorithms, teleportation using quantum dots, decoherence in spin systems and solid state implementations of qubits.

Prof. Kais received the National Science Foundation Career Award in 1997. He was also awarded the Purdue University Faculty Scholar Award (2004-2009), and the Guggenheim Fellowship Award (2005). In 2007, Prof. Kais was the Elected Fellow of the American Physical Society and the Elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Recently, Purdue University received $1.5 million in National Science Foundation (NSF) funding to establish a research center to study quantum information science. The Center for Quantum Information and Computation for Chemistry will investigate information techniques used to gain novel viewpoints on diverse chemical processes from photosynthesis to bond breaking.
Daniel Lidar is the Viterbi Professor of Engineering at USC, and a professor of Electrical Engineering, Chemistry, and Physics. He holds a Ph.D. in physics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He did his postdoctoral work at UC Berkeley. Prior to joining USC in 2005 he was a faculty member at the University of Toronto. His main research interest is quantum information processing, where he works on quantum control, quantum error correction, the theory of open quantum systems, quantum algorithms, and theoretical as well as experimental adiabatic quantum computation. He is the Director of the USC Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology, and is the co-Director (Scientific Director) of the USC-Lockheed Martin Center for Quantum Computing. Lidar is a recipient of a Sloan Research Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship and is a Fellow of the AAAS, APS, and IEEE.

Quantum Algorithmic Breakeven: on scaling up with noisy qubits

As quantum computing proceeds from perfecting physical qubits towards testing logical qubits and small scale algorithms, an urgent question being confronted is how to decide that critical milestones and thresholds have been reached. Typical criteria are gates exceeding the accuracy threshold for fault tolerance, logical qubits with higher coherence than the constituent physical qubits, and logical gates with higher fidelity than the constituent physical gates. In this talk I will argue in favor of a different criterion I call "quantum algorithmic breakeven," which focuses on demonstrating an algorithmic scaling improvement in an error-corrected setting over the uncorrected setting. I will present evidence that current experiments with commercial quantum annealers have already crossed this threshold. I will also discuss our latest evidence for a "limited quantum speedup" with such devices. The lessons we have learned from experimenting with commercial devices with many noisy qubits will hopefully inform other approaches to quantum computing.

Mikhail Lukin's research is in the areas of quantum optics and atomic physics. The emphasis is on studies of quantum systems consisting of interacting photons, atoms, molecules and electrons coupled to realistic environments. We are developing new techniques for controlling the quantum dynamics of such systems, and studying fundamental physical phenomena associated with them. These techniques are used to explore new physics, as well as to facilitate implementation of potential applications in emerging areas such as quantum information science and in more traditional fields such as nonlinear optics. In the course of this work we are also exploring the emerging interfaces between quantum optics and atomic physics on the one hand, and condensed matter and mesoscopic physics on the other.

Exploring quantum dynamics and entanglement using programmable quantum simulator
Aharonov-Bohm interference of fractional quantum Hall edge modes

The braiding statistics of certain fractional quantum Hall states can be probed via interferometry of their edge states. Practical difficulties — including loss of phase coherence — make this a challenging task. We demonstrate the operation of a small Fabry-Perot interferometer in which highly coherent Aharonov-Bohm oscillations are observed in the integer and fractional quantum Hall regimes. Careful design of the heterostructure suppresses Coulomb effects and promotes strong phase coherence. We characterize the coherency of edge-mode interference by the energy scale for thermal damping and determine the velocities of the inner and outer edge modes independently via selective backscattering of edge modes originating in the N=0, 1, 2 Landau levels. We also observe clear Aharonov-Bohm oscillations at fractional filling factors $v=2/3$ and $v=1/3$, which indicates that our device architecture provides a platform for measurement of anyonic braiding statistics.

Routes to Topological Qubits

This talk summarizes a number of approaches to generating topological states in solid state systems that can be used for quantum information processing, and the relationship between them. Examples include one-dimensional and two-dimensional hybrid superconductor-semiconductor materials, recently realized in epitaxial form. Research is supported by the Microsoft and the Danish National Research Foundation.
Joel Moore
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Joel Moore is Chern-Simons Professor of Physics at the University of California, Berkeley, and Senior Faculty Scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. His research is in quantum condensed matter physics with connections to statistical physics and quantum information. Specific areas of research are topological phases of matter, including the prediction of three-dimensional topological insulators with L. Balents, and non-equilibrium quantum dynamics ranging from many-body localization to integrability. He completed his bachelor's degree in physics from Princeton in 1995, held a Fulbright visiting position at TIFR in 1996, and received his Ph.D. from MIT in 2001 with support from a Hertz Fellowship. After a year at Bell Labs he moved to Berkeley as an assistant professor and received tenure in 2007. Moore is currently a Simons Investigator (since 2013) and an elected Fellow and Member-at-Large of the American Physical Society. He is an elected General Member of the Aspen Center for Physics and chair of the science advisory board for the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at UCSB, and became founding director of the DOE-supported Center for Novel Pathways to Quantum Coherence in Materials in 2018.

Topological materials as platforms for new particles and electromagnetic responses
This talk starts by reviewing the remarkable theoretical and experimental progress in topological materials over the past decade. Three-dimensional topological insulators realize a particular electromagnetic coupling known as “axion electrodynamics,” and understanding this leads to an improved understanding of magnetoelectricity in all materials. We then turn to how topological Weyl and Dirac semimetals can show unique electromagnetic responses; we argue that in linear response the main observable effect solves an old problem via the orbital moment of Bloch electrons, and how in nonlinear optics there should be a new quantized effect, which may just have been seen experimentally.
Mordechai (Moti) Segev
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Moti Segev received his B.Sc. and Ph.D. from the Technion in 1985 and 1990. After postdoc at Caltech, he joined Princeton as Assistant Professor (1994), becoming Associate Professor in 1997, and Professor in 1999. Subsequently, Moti went back to Israel, and in 2009 was appointed as Distinguished Professor.

Moti's interests are mainly in nonlinear optics, photonics, solitons, subwavelength imaging, lasers, quantum simulators, and quantum electronics, although he finds entertainment in more demanding fields such as basketball and hiking. He has won numerous international awards, among them the 2007 Quantum Electronics Prize of the European Physics Society, the 2009 Max Born Award of the Optical Society of America, and the 2014 Arthur Schawlow Prize of the American Physical Society, which are the highest professional awards of the three scientific societies. In 2011, he was elected to the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, and in 2015 he was elected to the National Academy of Science (NAS) of the United States of America. In 2014 Moti Segev won the Israel Prize in Physics and Chemistry (highest honor in Israel). However, above all his personal achievements, he takes pride in the success of his graduate students and postdocs, among them are currently 21 professors in the USA, Germany, Taiwan, Croatia, Italy, India, and Israel, and many holding senior R&D positions in the industry.

Topological Photonics
Topological phases of matter enable protected transport along the edges of materials, offering immunity against scattering from disorder and imperfections. In the past decade, topological phases were demonstrated to occur in many wave systems beyond electronic, ranging from microwaves and photonics to cold atoms and acoustics. This talk will review the fundamentals of Topological Photonics, present exciting applications such as topological insulator lasers, and discuss challenges and open questions.

Vladimir M. Shalaev
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Can plasmonics help outpace quantum decoherence?
We discuss an unorthodox way to overcome quantum decoherence by using plasmonics that can speed up quantum processes to the extent that they outpace and thus become immune to decoherence.

Photons are the primary candidates for implementing quantum networks, which are essential for both secure communication and transmission of quantum information. In order to produce single photons or make them interact, one needs to couple light with matter. The issue of low bitrates is central to most photonic quantum technologies and requires a targeted and strong enhancement of light–matter interaction. The interaction enhancement approach based on plasmonic nanostructures has a potential to transform the way quantum photonic systems operate. It strongly contrasts with the conventional pursuit of longer matter coherence time, relying instead on speeding up processes beyond the rates of dephasing. We discuss our recent and planned work aimed at outpacing decoherence in quantum optical devices using nanoscale photonic components.
Andrew M. Weiner  
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Andrew Weiner is best known for pioneering work on programmable femtosecond pulse shaping and ultrafast signal processing. Weiner is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and National Academy of Inventors, was selected as a Department of Defense National Security Science and Engineering Faculty Fellow, and has received the OSA Wood Prize and the IEEE Photonics Society Quantum Electronics Award, among others. He is author of the textbook *Ultrafast Optics* and recently concluded a six year term as Editor-in-Chief of *Optics Express*.

Frequency Domain Quantum Photonics

Entanglement and encoding in discrete frequency bins — essentially a quantum analogue of wavelength-division multiplexing — represents a relatively new degree of freedom for quantum information with photons. In this talk I describe experiments demonstrating manipulation and measurement of qubit and qudit states encoded and entangled in photonic frequency degree of freedom.

Jun Ye  
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Jun Ye is a Fellow of JILA and a Fellow of NIST. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Physical Society, and a Fellow of the Optical Society of America. His research focuses on the frontiers of light-matter interactions and includes precision measurement, quantum physics and ultracold matter, optical frequency metrology, and ultrafast science. He has co-authored more than 300 scientific papers and has delivered more than 500 invited talks. Recent awards and honors include N.F. Ramsey Prize (APS) and Rabi Award (IEEE). Group web page, http://jila.colorado.edu/YeLabs/.

Quantum matter and atomic clocks

Relentless pursuit of spectroscopy resolution has been a key driving force for important scientific and technological breakthroughs, including the invention of laser and the creation of cold atomic matter. The most stable lasers now maintain optical phase coherence over tens of seconds. Meanwhile, precise quantum state engineering of individual atoms in both internal and external degrees of freedom has led to the unprecedented measurement performance for time and frequency. The use of many atoms not only enhances counting statistics, but also provides a powerful tool to protect against systematic uncertainties. At the core of the new three-dimensional optical lattice clock is a quantum gas of fermionic atoms spatially configured to guard against motional and collisional effects. This precise control of light-matter interactions is fostering new capabilities for probing fundamental and emerging phenomena.
Peter Zoller has written major works on the interaction of laser light and atoms. In addition to fundamental developments in quantum optics he has made major contributions in the field of quantum information. The model of a quantum computer, suggested by him and Ignacio Cirac in 1995, is based on the interaction of lasers with cold ions confined in an electromagnetic trap. The principles of this idea have been implemented in experiments over recent years and it is considered one of the most promising concepts for the development of a scalable quantum computer. Zoller and his researcher colleagues have also managed to link quantum physics with solid state physics. One of his suggestions has been to build a quantum simulator with cold atoms.

Programmable Quantum Simulators with Atoms and Ions

Programmable analog quantum simulators have recently emerged as a new paradigm in quantum information processing. In contrast to the universal quantum computer, programmable quantum simulators are non-universal quantum devices with restricted sets of quantum operations, which however can be naturally scaled to a large number of qubits. In this talk we will focus on programmable analog quantum simulators with trapped ions and Rydberg tweezer arrays, and discuss various scenarios and applications of programming these quantum machines. We show results from a theory-experiment collaboration at Innsbruck demonstrating hybrid classical-quantum algorithms where a 20 qubit ion analog simulator computes the energy of the ground state of a lattice Schwinger model representing 1D QED. Remarkably, in this experiment we can not only compute the energy on the quantum machine but also the algorithmic error (error bar of the energy) by measuring the energy variance. Further examples include theoretical studies where variational algorithms are applied to generate optimal spin squeezed states for given (restricted) quantum resources provided by Rydberg tweezer arrays, which has potential applications in quantum sensing. We conclude with a discussion of the generic question of cross platform verification of quantum computers and quantum simulators, where the goal is to compare quantum devices on the level of many-qubit wavefunctions with protocols requiring only classical communication, which can be implemented in present day experiments.
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Tomás Díaz de la Rubia is Purdue University’s vice president for Discovery Park. In this position, his responsibilities include building upon Discovery Park’s foundation of excellence which has enabled high-impact research that crosses traditional academic boundaries. He works closely with the faculty and deans to help catalyze Purdue’s many strengths and build on its legacy of interdisciplinary research with global impact. He is also a professor of Materials Science, and of Strategic Management (by Courtesy) in the Krannert School of Management.

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Tomás is a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Intelligence Community Studies Board, which discusses science and technology issues of importance to the nations’ intelligence community. Tomás also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Civilian Research and Development Foundation (CRDF Global), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting peace and prosperity through international scientific collaboration, and as a member of the Editorial Board of Applied Physics Reviews.

Among his hobbies, he is a member of the Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin, a worldwide group dedicated to promoting the virtues of the wines and foods of Burgundy.

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