

# Colloquia

November 19, 2008

Weekly physics colloquia are presented on Mondays at 4pm in room A102, with tea, coffee and cookies available in the auditorium foyer at 3:45pm. Information about each week's colloquium may be found on the front page of the Department's web site and the schedule for the current quarter is available under

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Each quarter one colloquium speaker is specifically chosen and invited by the physics graduate students.

Colloquia in any given year cover a wide range of topics. Both students and faculty in physics are expected to attend colloquia; they provide a timely means to stay informed about broad developments in physics.

Colloquium speakers are asked to present talks which will be understandable by the entire department, specifically including first year graduate students. The level and pacing should allow everyone, for the most part, to follow the discussion, understand what issues are being addressed, why they are important, and what techniques are used. Speakers are also urged not to assume specialized prior background knowledge in experimental or theoretical methods, and to address a small number of topics in sufficient detail for non-specialists to follow, rather than giving a broad overview with little time spent on any single topic. Talks are 50 minutes in length so as to allow time for questions.