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Seminar

Classical and quantum phases of interacting bosons in one dimension

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Abstract: The most common phase of interacting bosons is the superfluid which can be understood in terms of a classical XY order parameter even though its microscopic origin is quantum. In this talk, I will describe various other zero temperature phases of interacting bosons in one dimensional optical lattices of different geometries and compare them to phases found in classical models. The ``geometry" of the 1D lattices arises from the range and sign of hopping and interaction terms. In particular, I will show that in a frustrated one dimensional lattice, the superfluid and Mott phases can have chiral order analogous to a fully frustrated 2D classical XY model. In a system with nearest neighbour interactions, I will show that there exists a topologically ordered phase in addition to more conventional phases with classical order parameters. The phase transitions between the different phases will also be discussed.

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Time: 11:30AM (Tea/Coffee at 11:15AM)

Venue: Conference Hall, TCIS

All are cordially invited