# This Week at Physics



#### Monday, February 20th

NPAC (Nuclear/Particle/Astro/Cosmo) Forum: High-Energy Astrophysics with the High Altitude Water Cherenkov Experiment

Time & Place: 11:00 am, 5280 Chamberlin Hall Speaker: John Pretz, Los Alamos National Lab Plasma Physics (Physics/ECE/NE 922) Seminar: Impulsive Fast Reconnection via Flux Rope Dynamics

**Time & Place:** 12:00 pm, 2241 Chamberlin **Speaker:** Hantao Ji, Princeton Plasma Physics

Laboratory

**Condensed Matter Theory Group Seminar: Topology of Quantum Discord** 

**Time & Place:** 4:30 pm, 5310 Chamberlin **Speaker:** Nga Nguyen, UW-Madison

#### Tuesday, February 21st

Chaos & Complex Systems Seminar: Evolution of intelligence

**Time & Place:** 12:05 pm, 4274 Chamberlin **Speaker:** David Krakauer, Director, Wisconsin

Institute for Discovery

"Physics Today" Undergrad Colloquium (Physics 301): Square Monolayer Lattices

**Time & Place:** 1:20 pm, 2223 Chamberlin **Speaker:** Louis Bruch, University of Wisconsin

**Department of Physics** 

Theory Seminar (High Energy/Cosmology): W+jj: collider physics on the wild frontier

Time & Place: 4:00 pm, 5280 Chamberlin Hall

Speaker: Adam Martin, Fermilab

## Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Department Meeting** 

Time & Place: 12:15 pm, 5310 Chamberlin Hall

### Thursday, February 23rd

R. G. Herb Condensed Matter Seminar: Seeing and Sculpting Nematic Liquid Crystal Textures with the Thom construction

Time & Place: 10:00 am, 5310 Chamberlin Speaker: Bryan Chen, University of Pennsylvania Plasma Physics (Physics/ECE/NE 922) Seminar: Studying Fast Magnetic Reconnection with Laboratory Plasmas

**Time & Place:** 12:00 pm, 4274 Chamberlin **Speaker:** William Fox, University of New

Hampshire

Astronomy Colloquium: "Star Formation, gas loss, and the molecular gas in simulations of evolving galaxies"

**Time & Place:** 3:30 pm, 4421 Sterling Hall **Speaker:** Charlotte Christensen, University of

Arizona

NPAC (Nuclear/Particle/Astro/Cosmo) Forum: The Pierre Auger Observatory: the highest energy frontier

**Time & Place:** 4:00 pm, 4274 Chamberlin Hall **Speaker:** Ines Valino Rielo, University of Santiago

de Compostela

## Friday, February 24th

Special NOON Astronomy Talk: The early Evolution of the Milky Way Satellite Galaxies

**Time & Place:** 12:00 pm, 4421 Sterling Hall **Speaker:** Professor Gerhard Hensler, Institute of

Astronomy, University of Vienna

Theory Seminar (High Energy/Cosmology): Title to be announced

Time & Place: 2:00 pm, 5280 Chamberlin Hall

Speaker: JiJi Fan, Princeton University
Physics Department Colloquium: FT-IR
spectrochemical imaging: Design and
applications with Focal Plane Array and
multiple beam synchrotron radiation source

Time & Place: 3:30 pm, 2241 Chamberlin Hall

(coffee at 4:30 pm)

Speaker: Carol Hirschmugl, UW-Milwaukee