

2023 Croucher Summer Course in Information Theory

Course Program



14–18 August 2023 C. W. Chu College The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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Schedule

| | Monday, Aug. 14 | Tuesday, Aug. 15 | Wednesday, Aug. 16 | Thursday, Aug. 17 | Friday, Aug. 18 |
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| 07:00-08:30 | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast |
| 08:30-09:25 | Arnab Bhattacharyya | Arnab Bhattacharyya | Arnab Bhattacharyya | Farzan Farnia | Farzan Farnia |
| 09:25-09:40 | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion |
| 09:40-10:00 | Break | Break | Break | Break | Break |
| 10:00-10:55 | Amin Gohari | Irit Dinur | Irit Dinur | Arnab Bhattacharyya | Lara Dolecek |
| 10:55-11:10 | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion |
| 11:10-11:30 | Break | Break | Break | Break | Break |
| 11:30-12:25 | Farzan Farnia | Farzan Farnia | Amin Gohari | Amin Gohari | Amin Gohari |
| 12:25-12:50 | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion |
| 12:50-14:30 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | | Wrap up / Lunch / Farewell |
| 14:30-15:25 | Lara Dolecek | Lara Dolecek | Lara Dolecek | | |
| 15:25-15:40 | Discussion | Discussion | Discussion | | |
| 15:40-16:00 | Break | Break | Break | EXCURSION | |
| 16:00-16:55 | Irit Dinur | Irit Dinur | | to Po Toi Island | |
| 16:55-17:10 | Discussion | Discussion | | (+ Lunch/Dinner) | |
| 17:10-18:30 | Break | Break | MINI-EXCURSION to Tsim Sha Tsui | | |
| 18:30-19:15 | Poster Session 1 | Poster Session 3 | (+ Banquet) | | |
| 19:15-19:45 | Buffet Dinner | Buffet Dinner | | | |
| 19:45-20:30 | Poster Session 2 | Poster Session 4 | | | |

Additional events:

| Sunday, August 13 | 15:00–17:00 | Check in at CWC College | |
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| Sunday, August 13 | 18:00–18:15 | Welcome session | Activities Room, 2 nd Floor, CWC College |
| Sunday, August 13 | 18:15–19:30 | Campus tour plus walk to restaurant | Starting Point: Activities Room, 2 nd Floor, CWC College |
| Sunday, August 13 | 19:30–21:30 | Welcome dinner | Tom Bar & Grill, Hong Kong Science Park |
| Friday, August 18 | 15:00–17:00 | Check out out from CWC College (first option) | |
| Saturday, August 19 | 09:00–12:00 | Check out out from CWC College (second option) | Saturday breakfast will be handed out at noon-time on Friday |

Locations:

| Lecture and Discussion sessions | Activities Room, 2 nd Floor | CWC College |
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| Poster sessions | Dining Hall, Ground Foor | CWC College |
| Breakfasts | Dining Hall, 1 st Floor | CWC College |
| Lunches | Dining Hall, Ground Foor | CWC College |
| Dinners on Monday and Tuesday | Dining Hall, Ground Foor | CWC College |
| Breaks between lectures | Activities Room, 2 nd Floor | CWC College |
| Room for meetings, checking email, etc. | Seminar Room, 1 st Floor | CWC College |
| Meeting point for excursions on Wednesday and Thursday | Dining Hall, Ground Foor | CWC College |
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Poster Session 1 (Monday, 14 August 2023, 18:30–19:15)

| Name - First | Name - Last | University / Organization | Supervisor | Poster title |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yanbo | Chen | University of Ottawa | Andrej Bogdanov | Efficient Lattice-Based Two-Round Multi-Signature |
| Xiwei | Cheng | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Sidharth Jaggi | Generalized Group Testing |
| Yujun | Huang | Tsinghua University | Shu-Tao Xia | Learned Distributed Image Compression with Multi-Scale Patch Matching in Feature Domain |
| Zhengyi | Jiang | Tsinghua University | Zhongyi Huang | An Efficient Piggybacking Design with Lower Repair Bandwidth and Lower Sub-packetization |
| Xinyi | Sui | Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications | Zhongwei Si | Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access via Non-binary Factor Graphs |
| Yao | Tian | Nankai University | Fangwei Fu | Code-based Distributed Computing (tutorial-style) |
| Shuche | Wang | National University of Singapore | Vincent Y. F. Tan | Codes for Correcting \$t\$ Limited-Magnitude Sticky Deletions |
| Junxi | Wu | Nankai University | Shu-Tao Xia | Universal Image Restoration via Task-Adaptive Diffusion Model with Adapters |
| Zhuangfei | Wu | Beihang University | Lin Bai | Achievable Refined Asymptotics for Successive Refinement Using Gaussian Codebooks |
| Yichong | Xia | The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen | Bin Chen | Multi-Scale Architectures Matter: On the Adversarial Robustness of Flow-based Lossless Compression |
| Chao | Zhao | City University of Hong Kong | Chung Chan | Beyond Maximal Densest Subgraphs: A General Framework for Information Density |
| Junda | Zhou | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Cheuk Ting LI | Randomly-stopped secret key agreement |

Poster Session 2 (Monday, 14 August 2023, 19:45–20:30)

| Name - First | Name - Last | University / Organization | Supervisor | Poster title |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yunlong | Hou | National University of Singapore | Vincent Tan | Probably Anytime-Safe Stochastic Combinatorial Semi-Bandits |
| Wenbo | Huang | Huazhong University of Science and Technology | Kai Wan | Fundamental limits of distributed linearly separable computation under cyclic assignment [no poster] |
| Chin Wa | Lau | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Chandra Nair | Information Inequalities via Ideas from Additive Combinatorics |
| Shaocheng | Liu | Xidian University, China | Qi Chen | Entropy Functions on Two-Dimensional Faces of Polymatroidal Region of Degree Four |
| Chun Hei Michael | Shiu | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Chandra Nair | New Observations in Marton's Inner Bound on General Broadcast Channel |
| Rina | Su | University of Science and Technology Beijing | Qifu Tyler Sun | Completion Delay of Random Linear Network Coding in Full-Duplex Relay Networks |
| Ruoqin | Tang | City University of Hong Kong | Chung Chan | Effective planning under partial observability |
| Xu | Wang | City University of Hong Kong | Chung Chan | Kernel Embedding Matching for f-divergence Neural Estimation |
| Bolin | Wu | Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications | Kai Niu | Conditional Entropy-Based Construction of Multilevel Polar-Coded Modulation with Probabilistic Shaping |
| Yiqian | Zhang | Sun Yat-sen University | Congduan Li | On Symmetric Multilevel Diversity Coding System with Linear Computations |
| Qin | Zhou | Nankai University | Fangwei Fu | Coding Schemes for Relay Channels |

Poster Session 3 (Tuesday, 15 August 2023, 18:30–19:15)

| Name - First | Name - Last | University / Organization | Supervisor | Poster title |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Xiaohong | Cai | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Raymond W. Yeung | Network-coding aware multipath routing and channel allocation in wireless mesh network |
| Yuekai | Cai | Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications | Chao Dong | Expectation Propagation Detection for Hybrid Modulation in MU-MIMO |
| Hongji | Cui | Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications | Kai Niu | Power-Domain Polar Coded NOMA Joint Alternating Optimization |
| Yijun | Fan | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Raymond W. Yeung | Reliable Throughput of Generalized Collision Channel without Synchronization |
| Yifan | Feng | Chongqing University | Zhengchuan Chen | Irregular Repetition Slotted ALOHA Scheme with Short Packets under Rayleigh Fading Channels |
| Chen-Hao | Hsiao | National Taiwan University | I-Hsiang Wang | Joint Clustering and Ranking from Heterogeneous Pairwise Comparisons |
| Yuwen | Huang | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Pascal O. Vontobel | Bounding the Permanent of a Non-negative Matrix via its Degree-\$M\$ Bethe and Sinkhorn Permanents |
| Zhongtian | Ма | Northwestern Polytechnical University | Zhen Wang | Matrix Completion with Hypergraph Side-information: Information-theoretic Limits and Efficient Algorithms |
| Shiyu | Qin | Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen | Bin Chen | Perceptual Image Compression via Cross-modal Side Information |
| Dan | Song | Sun Yat-sen University | Congduan Li | Energy-Efficient Trajectory Design and Unsupervised Clustering for UAV-Aided Fair Data Collections with Dense Ground Users |
| Bin | Yu | Tsinghua University | Hanxu Hou | Product-Matrix Construction of Minimum Storage Rack-aware Regenerating Codes |
| Jinpei | Zhao | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Chandra Nair | A New Upper Bound on Simonyi's Conjecture |

Poster Session 4 (Tuesday, 15 August 2023, 19:45–20:30)

| Name - First | Name - Last | University / Organization | Supervisor | Poster title |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jiajun | Chen | City University of Kong Kong | Albert Sung | Heterogeneity Shifts the Storage-Computation Tradeoff in Secure Multi-Cloud Systems |
| Yulin | Chen | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Raymond W. Yeung | Braid Groups and Permutation Group Codes |
| Jun | Diao | Beihang University | Lin Zhou | Achievable Error Exponents for Almost Fixed-Length M-ary Hypothesis Testing |
| Vanlalruata | Ralte | IIT Kharagpur | Amitalok J. Budkuley | Distributed Sampling and Detection of Poisson Processes |
| Hao | Shi | Tsinghua University | Hanxu Hou | New Piggybacking Codes with Lower Repair Bandwidth for Any Single-Node Failure |
| Daisuke | Takeuchi | Tokyo University | Shun Watanabe | Tight Exponential Strong Converse for Source Coding Problem with Encoded Side Information |
| Dong | Tang | Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen | Bin Chen | STCL: Swin-Transformer Based Compressive Learning for Cross-Modal Image Captioning |
| Zimeng | Wang | City University of Hong Kong | Chung Chan | Information-theoretic Graph Representation Learning with Adjacency Reconstruction |
| Han | Xu | Southeast University | Yinfei Xu | Timely Gossip with Age-Dependent Networks |
| Shengshi | Yao | Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications | Kai Niu | Learned Speech Compression and Transmission for Semantic Communications |
| Qinshan | Zhang | Tsinghua University | Shu-Tao Xia | Adaptive ProductAE: SNR-Aware Adaptive Decoding of Neural Product Codes |