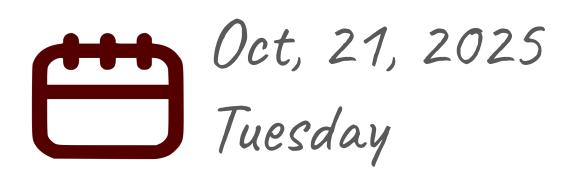


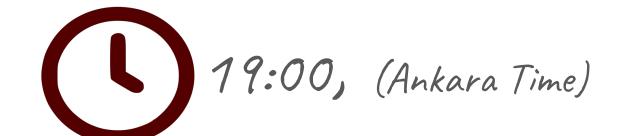
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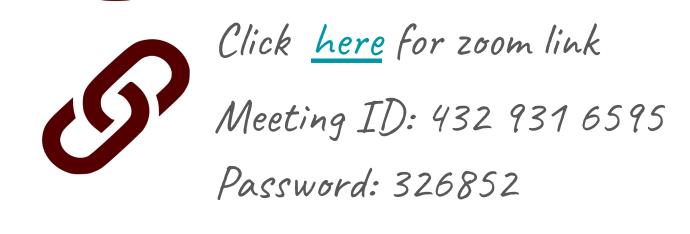
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Arboreal Quantum Phases

The past decade has witnessed spectacular progress in the classification of gapped phases of systems with many quantum degrees of freedom. The long-wavelength description of such phases typically uses quantum field theory with fields placed on a manifold. Motivated by recent advances in quantum technologies that enable the creation of synthetic systems, we define and explore physics in arenas that do not tessellate a manifold, and hence do not yield to conventional quantum field theories on a manifold. The simplest such arenas are made from tree graphs. After introducing these arenas, I will discuss the physics of free fermions on such arenas and demonstrate several new features in the nature of phase transitions. I will then turn to more exotic topologically ordered (long-range entangled phases) in these systems. Highlight results include the demonstration that even the simplest gauge theory in these arenas is fractonic, and a result on the classification of such phases.







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