



## PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY SEMINAR

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### “Field Theories in a toroidal topology: Finite size effects in phase transitions”

#### Abstract

We present some results from the formulation of Quantum Field Theories in toroidal topologies: For a massive vector scalar field theory, we study spontaneous symmetry restoration driven by temperature and spatial boundaries. We exhibit how finite size and chemical potential affect spontaneous symmetry restoration in dimension  $D=4$ .

We describe briefly for a complex field theory in  $D=4$ , how finite size and chemical potential together with an applied magnetic field affect a first-order phase transition.

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11:30 a.m.

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Room 161