

LABORATORY FOR ELEMENTARY-PARTICLE PHYSICS (LEPP) Joint Experimental and Theory Seminar in Particle Physics and Cosmology:



Anže Slosar BNL 21-cm cosmology after 2021

Universe is full of neutral hydrogen that shines in the 21-cm spin-flip transition. Mapping the universe in 3D using this line is in principle an extremely cheap and simple method, but has in practice proven to be a devilishly difficult. I will argue that this technique nevertheless offers the most promising way to complete the programmatic goal of measuring the linear scales of the universe deep into the preacceleration era after the current crop of optical experiments complete observing. It will give us expansion history measurements to z=6, which can constrain early dark energy and modified gravity. It will give us several new screens to study weak gravitational lensing and perhaps even allow direct measurements of real-time expansion of the universe. I will discuss the scientific, technological and programmatic issues that need to be overcome to make such experiment a reality.

Friday, May 4, 2018 1pm 401 Physical Sciences Bldg.