In Memoriam

Lars Brink (1943-2022)

Stanley Deser (1931-2023)

Jim Hartle (1939-2023)

Roman Jackiw (1939-2023)

Tom Kinoshita (1925-2023)

Yuri Manin (1937-2023)

Charles Misner (1932 - 2023)

Dennis Nemeschansky (1955-2023)

Valery Rubakov (1955-2022)

Recent Graduates

Monireh Ahmadpour
Ankit Aggarwal
Hossein Babaei-Aghbolagh
Miguel Correia
Zhencheng Wang
Leonardo Pipolo de Gioia
Giulia Fardelli
Bruno Giménez Umbert
Adolfo Holguin
Xu-Yao Hu
Justin Kulp
Darío López
Simon Lin
Jeremy Mann

Ruochen Ma
Mir Afrasiar
Takato Mori
Chitraang Murdia
Wenjun Niu
Sruthi Narayanan
Peyman Parsa
Kuntal Pal
Simon Pekar
Gopal Yadav
Christina Rugina
Surya Raghavendran
Marco Sanchioni
Sanjit Shashi

Canberk Sanli
Kajal Singh
Gurmeet Singh Punia
Ethan Torres
Ashis Saha
Benali Mohamed
Wayne Weng
Zixia Wei
Yiming Chen
Hong Zhe (Vincent) Chen
Zahra Zahraee
Yoav Zigdon
Rajeev Erramilli
Zechuan Zheng

Caltech

KAVLI IPMU

Future of Strings

Hirosi Ooguri

Strings 2023

24 – 28 July, Perimeter Institute

The instruction from Sabrina:

June 30, 2023

Sabrina: We would be honored for you to help chair the closing session as you have at past Strings.

Hirosi: Could you clarify what it means to "chair the closing session"?

Sabrina: The hope would be the Strings Planning Committee proposals would have been ratified via a vote that opens after Rajesh’s town hall and closes by Friday afternoon, so this would be a chance for you to have the floor as a representative of that committee. That address would be the main content of the closing session, hence my use of the word ‘chair’.

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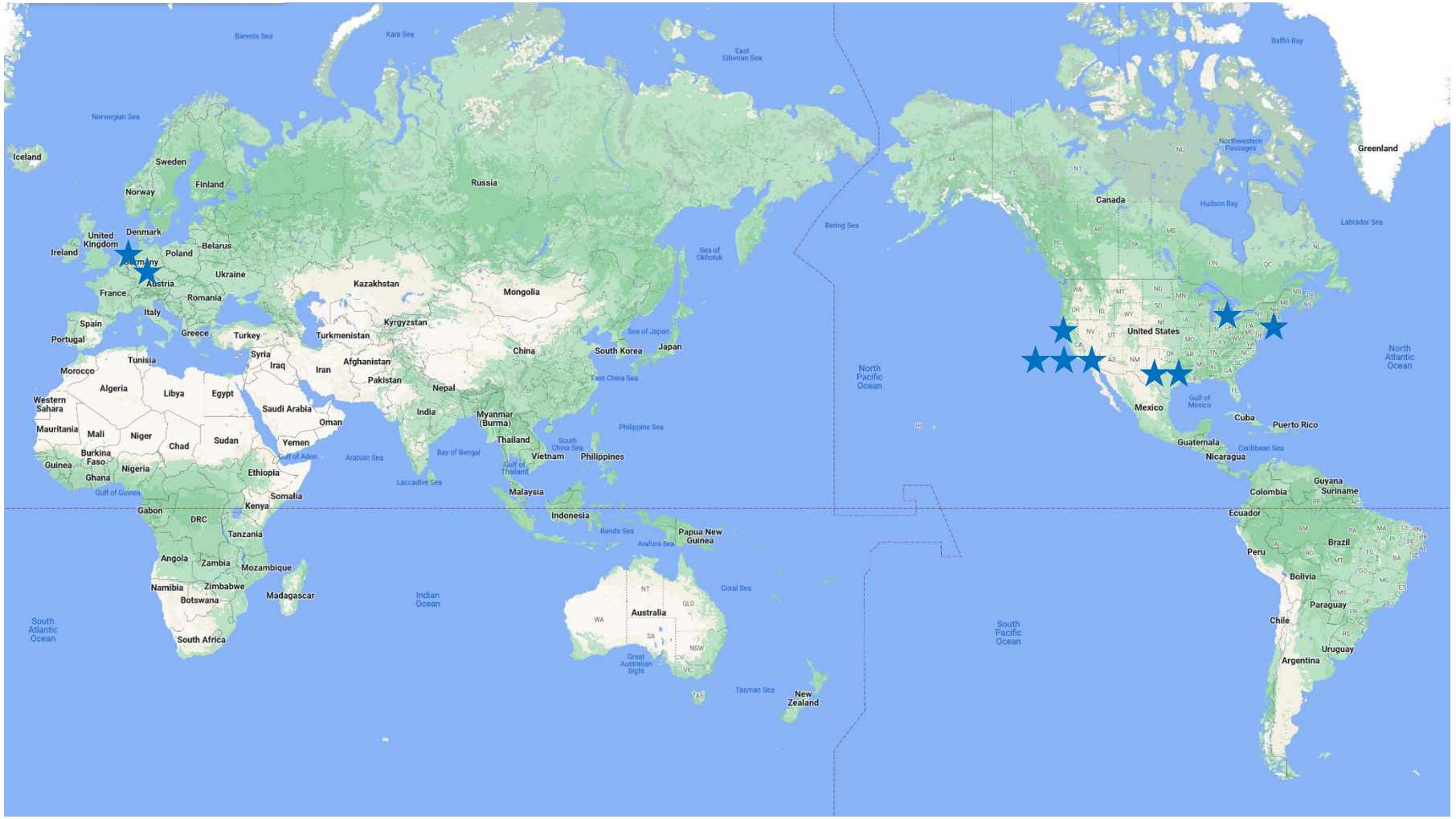
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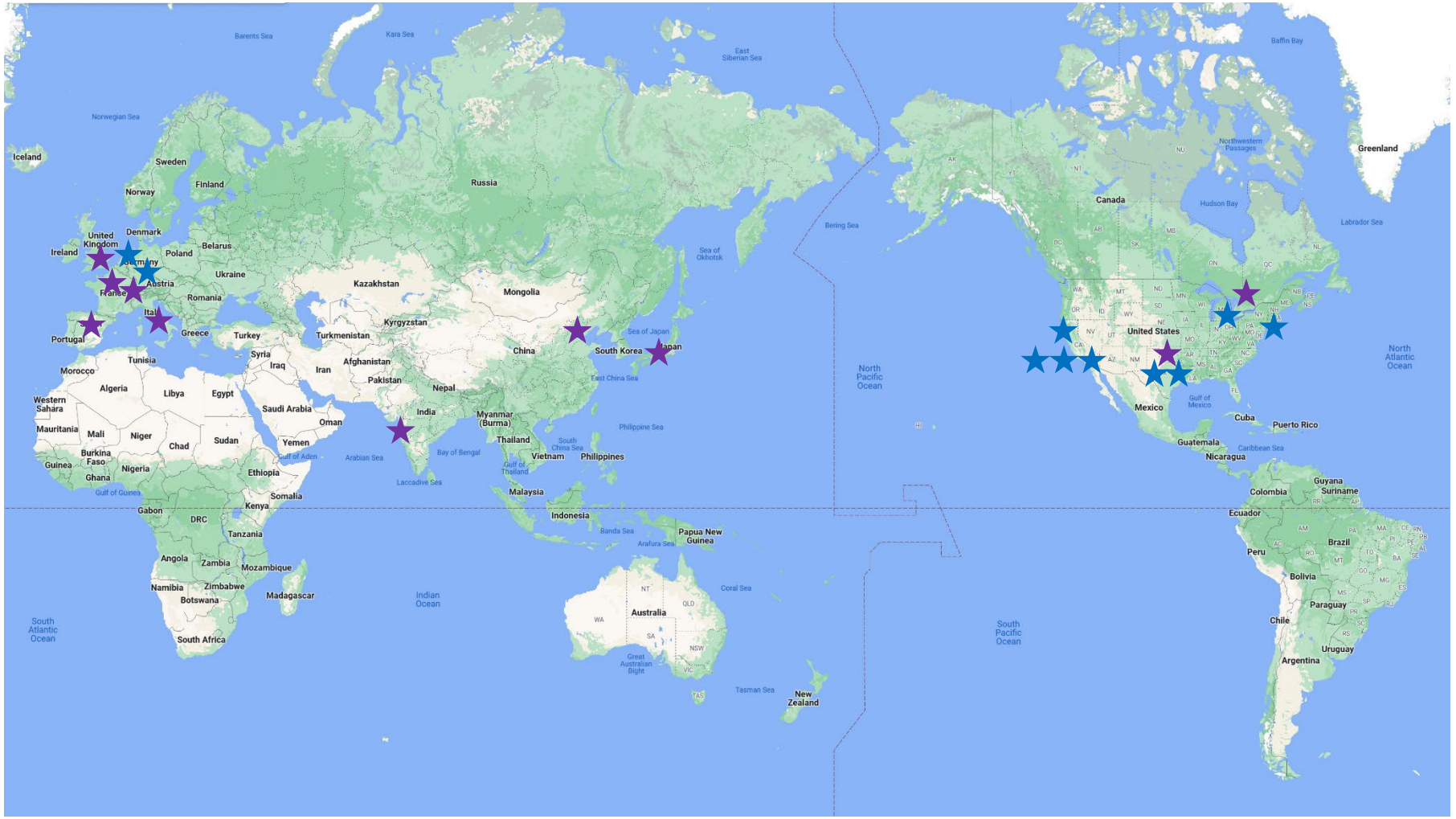
New Zealand

1989 - 2000

2001 – 2010



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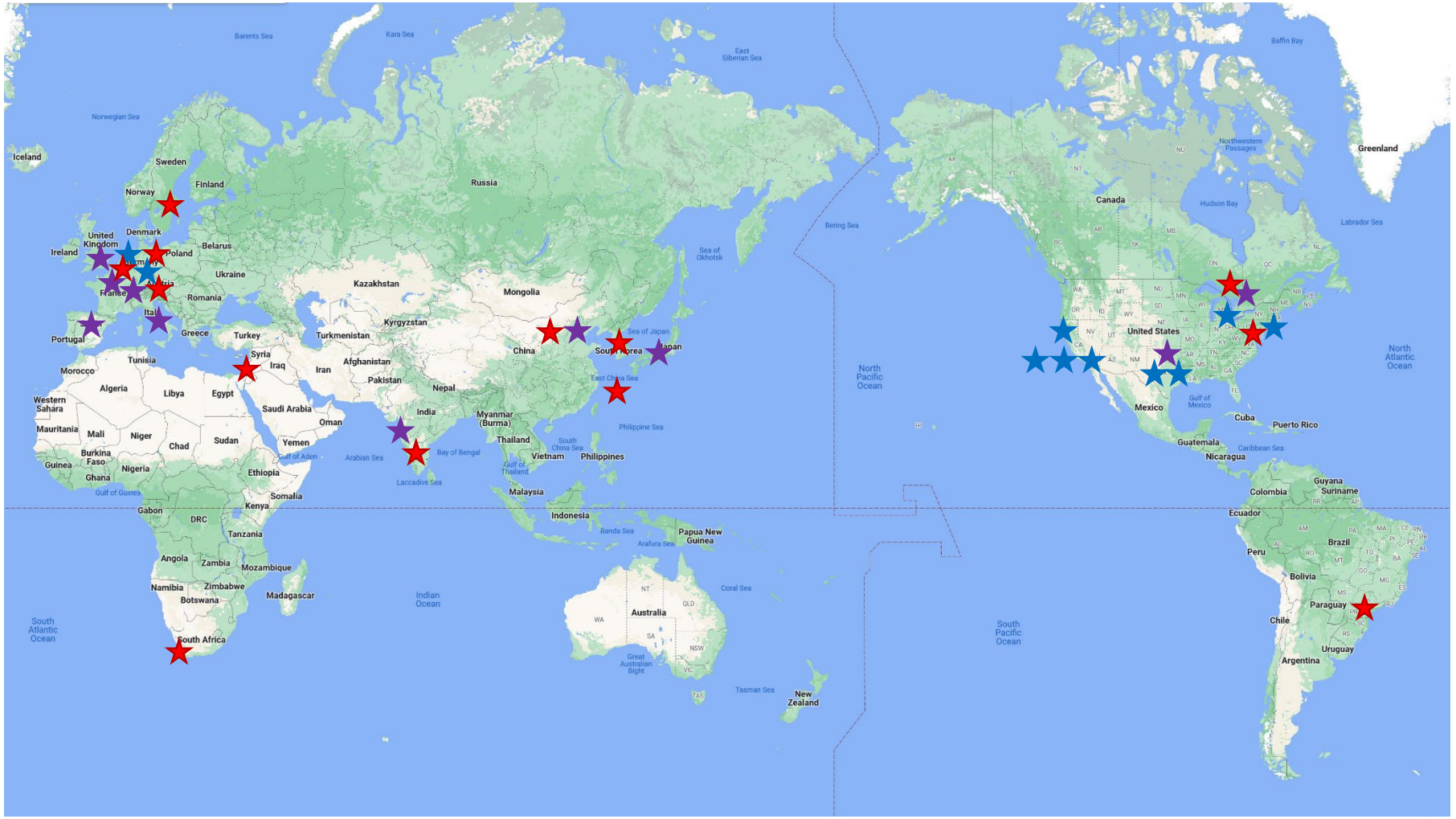


Strings in 1989 – 2023

Strings 2023:

- Successful hybrid format
- A variety of activities
  (research talks, challenge talks, discussion sessions, gong show, poster session, town hall)
- Social events
  (game night, music night, banquet, soccer game, public lecture, movie)

Strings Planning Committee

My closing remarks at Strings 2022:

For the last 30 years, we have had the informal process of selecting hosts of Strings conferences. Volunteers to host Strings have come up spontaneously. In each year, a proposal has been made to the International Advisory Committee for the Strings conference of the year, which is the only formal body of our community we had, and the announcement was made at the end of the conference. Many of us thought that Strings managed to happen every year for thirty years in this informal fashion is a good feature of our community.

My closing remarks at Strings 2022:

In recent years however this practice has been under some strain, and it seems to be time to update it. This was why I proposed to have a Planning Committee for future Strings to the International Advisory Committee a few weeks ago. The committee is being formed, and we have met a couple of times. In order for the process to be inclusive and transparent, I think we need a well-defined set of charges and process in which its members are elected, but there is a chicken-and-egg quality to it since we do not have a formal governing body to approve the charges and the process. Perhaps, if our community as a whole supports the idea, we can move forward in the direction.

Since the last summer, the Ad Hoc Strings Planning Committee had 10 meetings to discuss Rules and Procedures of the Committee.

We proposed them at the Town Hall Meeting yesterday.

Voting Results

Strings Planning Committee Vote

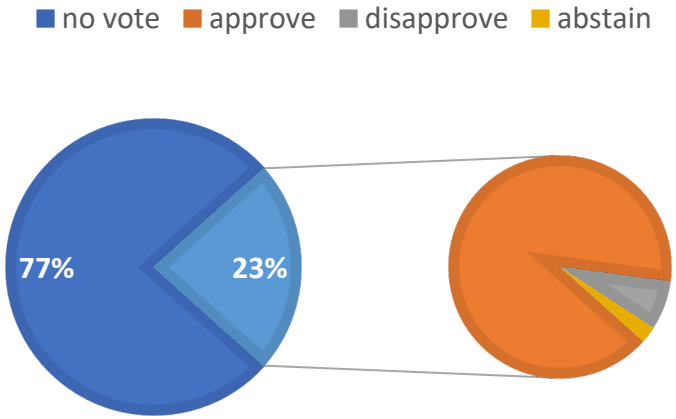
335 votes

1 comment
7 accidental duplicates

327 match to unique registrants

1408 registrants

approve	disapprove	abstain
296	23	8



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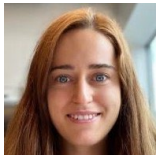
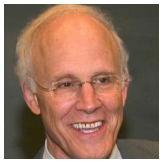
Rules and Procedures of the String Planning Committee

The Strings Planning Committee shall be composed of a representative from each of the 3 most recent Strings conference organizing committees and any number of additional members who serve 3-year renewable terms voted on by registered participants at a townhall meeting at each Strings conference.

The committee's responsibilities are to find organizers for future Strings conferences and to help them develop their plans.

The initial Committee shall be composed of the current members of the Ad Hoc Strings Planning Committee listed at the end of this proposal.





Rules and Procedures of the String Planning Committee

The committee shall solicit proposals to host Strings conferences. A proposal should include:

- Proposed dates.
- List of local organizers and local administrative support.
- Availability of the venue, funding, and on-line options.
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) plan to ensure that the conference will be held in a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all members of our community. There must be an EDI representative in each Strings organization committee.
- Plan to support young researchers, postdocs, and participants from developing countries.
- Suggestions to make the meeting environmentally friendly.

Rules and Procedures of the String Planning Committee

In evaluating proposals, the committee shall take into account the safety and full participation of all participants. The choice of site is not an endorsement of the policies and practices of the host city, state, or country.

If there is more than one potential host for a given year, the committee has the authority to choose one.

There will be opportunities at future town hall meetings to modify this procedure.

Rules and Procedures of the String Planning Committee

The Strings Planning Committee requires that each Strings conference has a code of conduct and a process to implement it. Here is an example:

Code of Conduct:

The string community is committed to providing an environment at the Strings conference that is free from any form of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation. Participants of the conference will avoid any inappropriate actions or statements based on individual characteristics such as age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, nationality, or political affiliation. Harassing behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Harassment includes but is not limited to inappropriate or intimidating behavior and language, unwelcome jokes or comments, unwanted touching or attention, offensive images, photography without permission, and stalking.

Conference participants will treat each other with respect to create a collegial, inclusive, and professional environment. We do not tolerate repeated or sustained disruption of talks, or any other behavior that interferes with full participation by others.

This code applies both to in-person behaviors and when using any communication channels, including social media.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Strings 2024 @CERN?

- Proposed dates: 3-7 June 2024
- Proposed location: CERN Science Gateway

Organisers: D. Andriot, M. Blau, M. Gaberdiel, V. Gorbenko, A. Grassi, M. Guica, S. Komatsu, W. Lerche, K. Papadodimas, J. Penedones, S. Reffert, J. Sonner, P. Tourkine, I. Valenzuela, S. Zhiboedov