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HIGHER SYMPLECTIC CAPACITIES

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Tea: 3:45pm in Room B21

Abstract: Gromov's celebrated nonsqueezing theorem shows that symplectic transformations are significantly different from volume preserving transformations. Since then, a key problem has been to understand which domains can be symplectically embedded into others and to try to formalize the concept of "symplectic size" via symplectic capacities. In this talk, I will describe a framework for constructing a large class of new symplectic capacities based on symplectic field theory, or alternatively Floer theory. These capacities extend various previously known constructions and can be shown to give sharp embedding obstructions in some new cases.

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