TUFTS UNIVERSITY Physics and Astronomy Colloquium

"Who is doing what? Clustering variables with multiple affiliations through higher order correlations"

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When a system has many interactions among its constituents it can be difficult to sort out the global behavior. For example, one challenging task is to find clusters in a complex network. There are many approaches to this problem, depending on the available information and the goals. I will describe two methods. One, inspired by stochastic dynamics, is known as the "observable representation." The other, new work reported here, is based on *higher order correlations* among the constituents and is suited to having each constituent belong to many clusters. This technique anticipates biological applications.

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Refreshments served at 2:30 in The Knipp Library, Room 251