

# Stochastic Processes and Their Applications

(Fields Institute Off-site Workshop), August 9 –11.

School of Mathematics and Statistics, Herzberg Building, HP 4351  
Carleton University

## August 9

8:15-9:00	Coffee / Registration/ Welcome
9:00-10:30	<b>David McDonald</b> (University of Ottawa) <i>Yaglom Limits - tutorial</i>
10:30-10:45	Coffee break / Registration
10:45-11:35	<b>Wei Sun</b> (Concordia University) <i>Hunt's Hypothesis (H) and Gettoor's Conjecture</i>
11:35-12:00	<b>Jhelum Chakravorty</b> (McGill University) * <i>Fundamental Limits of Remote Estimation</i>
12:00-13:15	Lunch
13:15-14:05	<b>Peter Caines</b> (McGill University) <i>Mean Field Game Theory for Partially Observed Systems with Applications to Execution Problems in Finance</i>
14:05-14:15	Coffee break
14:15-15:05	<b>Geneviève Gauthier</b> (HEC Montreal) <i>Extracting Latent States from High Frequency Option Prices</i>
15:05-15:30	<b>Ali Kara</b> (Queen's University) * <i>Continuity and Robustness to Incorrect Priors for Partially Observed Stochastic Control</i>
15:30- 15:45	Coffee break
15:45- 16:35	<b>Ravi Mazumdar</b> (University of Waterloo) <i>Insensitivity of the Mean Field of Loss Systems under Randomized SQ(d) Algorithms</i>
16:35-17:00	<b>Ryan Kinnear</b> (University of Waterloo) * <i>Learning Granger Causality Graphs: Causal Inference for Time Series Data</i>

## August 10

8:30-9:00	Coffee
9:00-9:50	<b>Aditya Mahajan</b> (McGill University) <i>Decentralized Kalman Filtering</i>
9:50-10:40	<b>Serdar Yuksel</b> (Queen's University) <i>Strategic Measures Approach to Decentralized Stochastic Control: Structural, Existence and Approximation Results</i>
10:40-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-11:50	<b>Roland Malhame</b> (Ecole Poly. de Montreal) <i>Min_LQG Games and Collective Discrete Choice Problems</i>
11:50-12:15	<b>Alex Shestopaloff</b> (University of Toronto) * <i>Sampling Latent States for High-dimensional Non-linear State Space Models with the Embedded HMM Method</i>
12:15-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:20	<b>Vladimir Vinogradov</b> (Ohio University) <i>On Branching Particle Systems and Galton-Watson Processes with Sibuya-Type Branching Mechanism</i>
14:20-15:10	<b>Shui Feng</b> (McMaster University) <i>Asymptotic Results of Two-Parameter Dirichlet Process</i>
15:10-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:20	<b>Xiaowen Zhou</b> (Concordia University) <i>A Continuous-state Nonlinear Branching Process</i>
16:20-16:45	<b>Jun Yang</b> (University of Toronto) * <i>Complexity Bounds for Markov Chain Monte Carlo</i>

## August 11

- 8:45-9:15 Coffee
- 9:15-10:45 **Opher Baron** (University of Toronto)  
*Queueing and Markov Chain Decomposition (QMCD), the Single Stage Subsystems Case: Motivation and Examples – tutorial*
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-11:50 **Javad Tavakoli** (UBC)  
*Numerical Methods to Deal with GI/G/1 Queues when Inter-arrival Times and/or Service Times have Geometric Tails*
- 11:50-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-13:25 **Haosui Duanmu** (University of Toronto) \*  
*Nonstandard Analysis and its Application to Markov Processes*
- 13:25-13:50 **Jalal Khamse Ashari** (Carleton University) \*  
*Multi-resource fair allocation/scheduling for heterogeneous servers*