Matrix Computations & Scientific Computing Seminar

Organizer(s): James Demmel & Ming Gu

Wednesday, 11:00am–12:00pm, 740 Evans (NOT 380 Soda)

Jan. 20 Oded Schwartz, Technische Universitat Berlin Expanders and Communication-Avoiding Algorithms

Algorithms spend time on performing arithmetic computations, but often more on moving data, between the levels of a memory hierarchy and between parallel computing entities.

Judging by the hardware evolution of the last few decades, the fraction of running time spent on communication is expected to increase, and with it - the demand for communication-avoiding algorithms.

We use geometric, combinatorial, and algebraic ideas and techniques, some of which are known in the context of expander graphs, to construct provably communication-optimal algorithms.