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# Geometry and Topology Seminar

Title

*Scalar curvature and volume entropy of hyperbolic manifolds*

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**Abstract:** In this talk we will discuss a new phenomenon in geometric analysis called drawstrings, in which one can arbitrarily collapse a codimension 2 submanifold without decreasing the scalar curvature too much. In particular, we will address an application to a conjecture of Agol-Storm-Thurston on volume entropy. This is based on joint work with Demetre Kazaras and Antoine Song.