



OIST PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE

Would you like to come see some toys?

'Toys' here have a special sense: objects from daily life which you can find or make in minutes, yet which, if played with imaginatively, reveal behaviors that puzzle seasoned scientists for a while. We will see table-top demos of a series of such toys. The theme that emerges is singularity.

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