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### ICTS String Seminar

**Title** : Computing Infrared Observables in scattering

**Speaker** : Kartik Prabhu (Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru)

**Date** : Wednesday, 20 August 2025

**Time** : 3:30 PM (IST)

**Abstract** : The "infrared problem" is the generic emission of an infinite number of low-frequency quanta in any scattering process with massless fields, i.e. the memory effect.. The out-state does not lie in the standard Fock representation and the standard S-matrix is undefined as an operator on the standard Fock space. We then suggest an infrared-finite formulation of scattering theory in terms of correlation functions without any a priori choice of in/out Hilbert spaces. This is closely related to the Schwinger-Keldysh or in-in formalism. We show how even infrared observables, like the memory, can be computed in QFT using this method.

**Venue** : Emmy Noether Seminar Room

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