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Crossing Bridges: My experience at the Math-Materials Interface



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Early into my research career, I was involved in an unusual project which aimed to bridge mathematics and materials science. This turned out to be a highly formative experience, leading me to the materials science field and significantly expanding my scientific outlook.

In this presentation, I will review my experience working on this project. I will show how a background in mathematics can enable people to shift between different scientific fields. I will also emphasize the importance of academic freedom, an open scientific environment, as well as the need for excellent collaborators, to achieve such shifts. I will also outline my current efforts to cross another, very different scientific bridge.

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