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## **Interlacings and the Interchange Process On Weighted Graphs**

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### **Abstract**

A central question in the theory of card shuffling is how quickly a deck of cards becomes 'well-shuffled' given a shuffling rule. In this talk, I will discuss a probabilistic card shuffling model known as the 'interchange process'. A 1992 conjecture by Aldous and Diaconis about this model has recently been resolved (see <http://www.stat.berkeley.edu/~aldous/Research/OP/sgap.html>) and I will discuss how my work has been involved with this.

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