

- JUAN P. AGUILERA, *The Π_2^1 -spectrum conjecture*.

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The Π_2^1 -soundness ordinal of a theory T , denoted $o_2^1(T)$, is a measure of how close T is to being Π_2^1 -correct. The Π_2^1 -spectrum conjecture asserts that the possible values of $o_2^1(T)$ for recursively enumerable extensions of \mathbf{ACA}_0 are precisely the Σ_1^1 -definable epsilon numbers. In this talk, we present a proof of the following theorem, which is formalizable in weak set theories: If the Π_2^1 -Spectrum Conjecture fails, then Second-Order Arithmetic is consistent. This is joint work with Fedor Pakhomov.