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## PETER BOOTH, Memorial University

On the Classification of 3-stage Postnikov Towers

Moore Postnikov factorization allows us to view homotopy types of topological spaces as being constructed out of standardized building blocks, i.e., Eilenberg-MacLane spaces.

The relevant classification result has long been known for 2-stage spaces, i.e., those constructed from just two building blocks. The 3-stage case is in general unresolved.

We investigate the latter question in situations where the factorization—viewed as a fibration—has an H-cogroup base space and a product of Eilenberg–MacLane space fibres. A precise classification result up to fibrewise homotopy type is obtained for such cases.

This result appears to generalize to higher-dimensional cases in a relatively straightforward manner.

# **CANAN BOZKAYA**, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Department of Mathematics and Statistics *Computation of flow past a cylinder beneath of a free surface*

This study focuses on free surface flow past a circular cylinder based on a two fluid model at a Reynolds number of R = 200. The cylinder is forced to perform harmonic streamwise oscillations in the presence of an oncoming uniform flow. The effects of the free surface presence at a submergence depth of h = 0.75 for a fixed Froude number, Fr = 0.2 are investigated on the vortex shedding modes and fluid forces acting on the cylinder. Calculations are performed at a fixed displacement amplitude of A = 0.13 in forcing frequency-to-natural shedding frequency ratio range 1.5-3.5.

**DENNIS D.A. EPPLE**, University of Victoria, POBox 3060 STN CSC, Victoria, BC, V8W 3R4 *The Bichromatic number of a graph* 

A (k, l)-colouring of a graph G is a covering of its vertex set by k independent sets and l cliques, generalizing both the colouring and clique covering of a graph. The bichromatic number of G is defined as the minimum integer r, such that G is (k, l)-colourable for all k + l = r. In this talk we will investigate some fundamental properties of the bichromatic number.

### KSENIYA GARASCHUK, University of Victoria, Canada

### Rational decompositions of graphs

Given a graph G, an H-decomposition of G is a partition with its edge set into subgraphs isomorphic to H. A rational H-decomposition of G is a nonnegative rational weighting of the copies of H in G such that the total weight on any edge of G equals 1. The study of graph decompositions plays an important role in graph theory and combinatorics and has numerous applications. We will present a proof of the fact that any sufficiently large circulant (under several mild conditions) admits a rational decomposition into copies of any non-trivial graph on at most k vertices. This proof will showcase a linear algebraic connection between decomposition of these graphs and families with dominant differences.