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TOPOLOGY SEMINAR

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Lecture Title:

Dehn surgery and gauge theory

Abstract

Dehn surgery is the process of removing a tubular neighborhood of a knot from a three-manifold and regluing. We use gauge theory to study various aspects of Dehn surgery. Applications include showing certain knots in three-manifolds are determined by their complements as well as proving the Cosmetic Surgery Conjecture (two surgeries on the same knot in the three-sphere cannot produce the same three-manifold) in almost all cases. This is joint work with Ali Daemi and Mike Miller Eismeier.