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Geometric Analysis Seminar

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5:00pm – 6:00pm | Room 2-131

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"The spherical Plateau problem."

Abstract

For any closed oriented manifold with fundamental group G, or more generally any group homology class for a discrete group G, I will discuss an infinite codimension Plateau problem in a Hilbert classifying space for G. For instance, for a closed oriented 3-manifold M, the intrinsic geometry of any Plateau solution is given by the hyperbolic part of M.