

Topology Seminar

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Progress towards $TC(MU)$

on December 5 at 4:30 in
MIT Room 2-131

The algebraic K-theory of the complex cobordism spectrum is an object of basic interest, both because it provides an interesting example of K-theory of a non-classical ring and because it should shed light on $K(S)$. There is reason to believe that $K(MU)$ should be approachable via trace methods, which focuses attention on understanding $THH(MU)$ and $TC(MU)$. This talk describes work in progress to describe the equivariant homotopy type of THH of a Thom spectrum as an equivariant Thom spectrum. The ingredients for this description include the Hill-Hopkins-Ravenel norm and a modernized view of equivariant infinite loop space theory. This is joint work with Angeltveit, Gerhardt, and Hill.