TOPOLOGY SEMINAR

Group actions on homology 3-spheres

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Abstract: I will discuss finite group actions on integral or rational homology 3-spheres. The main examples for this talk are the Brieskorn integral homology 3-spheres $M(p,q,r)$ arising from isolated singularities, which bound smooth 4-manifolds with definite intersection forms. In addition, there are special infinite families of Brieskorn homology 3-spheres which can be realized as boundaries of smooth contractible 4-manifolds. We ask whether the periodic actions on Brieskorn spheres extend to smooth actions with isolated fixed points on one of these associated 4-manifolds. This is joint work with Nima Anvari.

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Time: 13:40 – 14:40
Place: SA141 Mathematics Seminar Room

* Tea and cookies will be served after the talk. All are most cordially invited.