TOPOLOGY SEMINARS

Free (Z/p)^n complexes

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Abstract: Carlsson conjectured that the sum of mod-p Betti numbers of a finite, free (Z/p)^n-CW complex is at least 2^n. For p=2, he connected chain complexes with a free (Z/p)^n-action to DG modules over a polynomial ring in order to establish lower bounds using commutative algebra and algebraic geometry.
In this talk, I will report on joint work with Jeremiah Heller on how to extend this connection to commutative algebra to all primes, and on joint work with Henrik Rüping about non-realizability of (Z/p)^n-equivariant chain complexes.

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Time: 13:40 – 15:00
Place: SA141 Mathematics Seminar Room

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