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“Embedding surfaces in 4-manifolds”

Abstract:

When is a given map of a surface to a 4-manifold homotopic to an embedding? I'll motivate this question and give a survey of related results, including the celebrated work of Freedman and Quinn, and culminating in a general surface embedding theorem. The talk will be based on joint work with Daniel Kasprowski, Mark Powell, and Peter Teichner.