

# Combinatorics Seminar

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## A chain theorem for internally 4-connected binary matroids

### ABSTRACT

Let  $M$  be a matroid. When  $M$  is 3-connected, Tutte's Wheels- and-Whirls Theorem proves that  $M$  has a 3-connected proper minor  $N$  with exactly one element fewer than  $M$  unless  $M$  is a wheel or a whirl. I will present a corresponding result for internally 4-connected binary matroids. This presentation is based on joint work by myself, Dillon Mayhew, and James Oxley.