Topology Seminar

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of Brown University will be speaking on

Floor Homotopy Theory

on April 4 at 4:30 in MIT Room 2-131

One perspective on homotopy theory is that it is an enhanced version of arithmetic which remembers combinatorics and symmetry. I will demonstrate this philosophy concretely in the case of the floor and ceiling functions from arithmetic, by explaining several situations where these appear: K-theory of truncated polynomial algebras; Legendre's formula and its *q*-analogue; hyper-representation-graded TR; and equivariant homotopy theory. To understand how these examples are related, I will show how to construct a Tambara functor out of a prism, and discuss a conjectural theory of *G*-crystalline/*G*-de Rham cohomology generalizing *q*-crystalline cohomology and the *q*-de Rham complex.