

“Practically every working homotopy theorist has his own favourite elementary proof of Milnor’s splitting of  $\Sigma\Omega\Sigma X$ ” —F. R. Cohen, J. P. May, and L. R. Taylor

## The Trivial Notions Seminar Proudly Announces

### Stable Splittings of Spaces

A talk by  
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#### **Abstract**

Suppose  $X$  is a path-connected well-pointed space. By a theorem of Milnor, the space  $\Sigma\Omega\Sigma X$  decomposes as a wedge  $\bigvee_{n>0} \Sigma X^{\wedge n}$ . This theorem makes essential use of a comparison between the James reduced product  $J(X)$  and  $\Omega\Sigma X$ , the space of loops on the suspension of  $X$ . I’ll talk about various approximation theorems for  $\Omega^n \Sigma^n X$  and related stable splitting theorems.

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