

## Open problems about infinite matroids - day IV

- 4.1 Let  $M$ ,  $N$  and  $L$  be three matroids that have the same finite circuits and finite cocircuits but where  $M$  is finitary and  $N$  is cofinitary. Is it true that every finite minor of  $L$  is also a minor of  $M$ ?

Motivation:  $M$  and  $N$  have the same finite minors and  $L$  sits in some sense between them. In particular, if  $M$  and  $N$  are binary, is then also  $L$  binary?

- 4.2 Let  $G$  be an arbitrary graph and  $M$  a tame matroid such that the finite circuits of  $M$  are the edge sets of finite cycles of  $G$  and the finite cocircuits of  $M$  are the finite bonds of  $G$ . What can you say about the structure of  $M$ ? More precisely, is  $M$  determined by the set of ends used by the infinite circuits of  $M$  together with the set of those pairs  $(v, \omega)$  consisting of a vertex  $v$  and an end  $\omega$  such that some ray from  $v$  to  $\omega$  is a circuit of  $M$ ?

Motivation: It is a natural question to determine those matroids associated to a graph.

- 4.3 Let  $(T, M)$  be a nice tree of matroids such that all matroids  $M(t)$  are finite and binary. Let  $N$  be a tame matroid such that its finite circuits are the  $\emptyset$ -circuits and its finite cocircuits are the  $\emptyset$ -cocircuits. What can you say about the structure of  $N$ ? More precisely, is  $N$  always a  $\Psi$ -matroid for  $(T, M)$ ?

Motivation: This would give a better understanding of the possible matroids that could be built from trees of matroids.

- 4.4 Is there a tame (binary) matroid that cannot be constructed from a tree of matroids over finitary and cofinitary matroids (along finite order separations)?

Motivation: So far all known tame matroids can be constructed from such a tree of matroids.

- 4.5 (Wagner's Conjecture for countable graphs) Is the class of countable graphs well-quasi ordered?

Motivation: True for finite graphs but false for uncountable graphs.

- 4.6 If a presentation  $\Pi$  is neat with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ , must it then also be stellar with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ ? Motivation: If true, then the tree of matroids construction would be more flexible.