Using weighted multilayer networks to determine the stability of ecosystems

The stability of ecological systems has received much attention lately. The mathematical modeling of such systems is complex, due to the many different types of interactions, such as competition, mutualism, predator-prey. In this talk I will discuss a multilayer description of an ecosystem consisting of different species that have mutualistic and both inter- and intraspecific competition. A connection with the seminal work of May in 1970s about ecological networks with random interactions will be made.

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