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*Andrews-Curtis vs. Serre*

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*Abstract:*

In one of his first published papers, in 1984, Alexei Myasnikov proved the Andrews-Curtis conjecture for solvable groups. In this talk, I will show that a slightly more general version of the Andrews-Curtis conjecture for the free metabelian group of rank 3 is equivalent to the only remaining open case of a conjecture in K-theory attributed to Serre, namely: any invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrix over the ring of Laurent polynomials  $\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}]$  is a product of elementary and diagonal matrices.