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Circuit covers of signed graphs

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A signed graph (G, σ) is a graph G associated with a signature $\sigma : E(G) \to \{+1, -1\}$. In a signed graph, a sign circuit is a subgraph of the following three types: a balanced circuit (which is a connected 2-regular subgraph with even number of negative edges), a short barbell, or a long barbell. A signed graph is called *flow-admissible* if each edge lies in a sign circuit. In this talk, we show that every flow-admissible 3-edge colorable cubic signed graph with m edges can be covered by some sign circuits whose total length is at most $\frac{20}{9}m$. This is a joint work with Jiaao Li and Xinmin Hou.

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