1057-05-240 Carolyn Chun (Carolyn.Chun@msor.vuw.ac.nz), Dillon Mayhew (dillon.mayhew@msor.vuw.ac.nz) and James Oxley* (oxley@math.LSU.edu). A Chain Theorem for Internally 4-connected Binary Matroids.

When M is 3-connected matroid, Tutte's Wheels-and-Whirls Theorem proves that M has a 3-connected proper minor N with |E(M) - E(N)| = 1 unless M is a wheel or a whirl. This talk will discuss a corresponding result for internally 4-connected binary matroids. (Received January 24, 2010)