## DISSERTATION DEFENSE

## Field Patching and Galois Cohomology – Indecomposable and Noncrossed Product Division Algebras over Curves

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**Abstract:** Let T be a complete discrete valuation ring and let  $\hat{X}$  be a smooth projective T-curve. In this talk I will talk about construction of indecomposable and noncrossed product division algebras over F, which is the function field of  $\hat{X}$ .

The construction is based on the technique "patching over fields", which was proposed by Harbater and Hartmann. In this talk I will recall the technique and present its application to Galois cohomology. In particular, I will apply this patching technique to construct an index preserving section  $Br(\hat{F}) \to Br(F)$  (where  $\hat{F}$  is the completion of F with respect to the valuation induced by the closed fibre), which splits the restriction and use this section to lift indecomposable and noncrossed product division algebras over  $\hat{F}$  to F.

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