Anastasios Stefanou* (astefanou@albany.edu), Vin de Silva (vin.desilva@pomona.edu) and Elizabeth Munch (muncheli@egr.msu.edu). Interleavings on categories with coherent $[0, \infty)$ -action.

The interleaving distance is a powerful tool in TDA which has been shown to provide a metric for such topological signatures as persistence diagrams and Reeb graphs. In this talk we generalize the idea of interleavings to a broader class of objects, namely categories with coherent $[0, \infty)$ -action. This allows us to show that many commonly used distances, such as the L_{∞} -distance and the Hausdorff metric, are in fact special cases of interleaving distances. In addition, there is a natural way to define morphisms between these categories that generalizes the stability results of TDA to a broad class of objects by showing that the morphisms are 1-Lipschitz. (Received September 07, 2017)