1016-13-68 Adam Van Tuyl\* (avantuyl@sleet.lakeheadu.ca), Dept. of Mathematical Sciences, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1, Canada, and Huy Tai Ha. Resolutions of Edge and Facet Ideals.

Let  $\Delta$  be a simplicial complex on  $V = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ . If  $\mathcal{F}(\Delta) = \{F_1, \ldots, F_t\}$  denotes the facets (maximal faces) of  $\Delta$ , then we can associate to  $\Delta$  a monomial ideal  $\mathcal{I}(\Delta) = (\{\prod_{x \in F} x \mid F \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta)\})$  in the polynomial ring  $k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ . The ideal  $\mathcal{I}(\Delta)$ , which is called the facet ideal of  $\Delta$ , is an alternative way to associate to a simplicial complex a monomial ideal (the other being the well-known Stanley-Reisner correspondence). Of particular interest is the case that  $\Delta$  is finite simple graph G. In this case  $\mathcal{I}(\Delta) = \mathcal{I}(G)$  is called the edge ideal of G. In this talk I will discuss a method to study the minimal free resolutions of facet ideals based upon the notion of a splittable ideal first introduced by Eliahou and Kervaire. (Received January 28, 2006)