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**Hehui Wu\*** ([noshell@hotmail.com](mailto:noshell@hotmail.com)). *Local edge-connectivity and forest decomposition.*

Two vertices  $u, v$  are  $j$ -edge-connected in a graph  $G$  if there are  $j$  edge-disjoint  $u, v$ -paths in  $G$ . A vertex set  $S$  of  $G$  is  $j$ -edge-connected in  $G$  if any two vertices in  $S$  are  $j$ -edge-connected in  $G$ . A  $S$ -tree is a subtree of  $G$  that spans  $S$ . Given a family of disjoint vertex set  $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_l\}$ , a  $\mathcal{S}$ -forest is a acyclic subgraph of  $G$  in which  $S_i$  lie in the same component for each  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq l$ .

Krisell conjectured that if  $S$  is  $2k$ -edge-connected in  $G$ , then  $G$  has  $k$  edge-disjoint  $S$ -trees. More generally, there is a corresponding conjecture about  $\mathcal{S}$ -packing, and Lap Chi Lau proved that given a family of disjoint vertex set  $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_l\}$ , if  $S_i$  is  $32k$ -edge-connected in  $G$  for each  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , then  $G$  has  $k$  edge-disjoint  $\mathcal{S}$ -forests. In a recent paper, West and the speaker proved that if  $S$  is  $6.5$ -edge-connected in  $G$ , then  $G$  has  $k$  edge-disjoint  $S$ -trees. In this talk, the speaker will extend the result to  $\mathcal{S}$ -forest packing problem. (Received August 02, 2011)