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**Rong Luo\*** (r1uo@mtsu.edu), Department of Mathematical Sciences, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. *The size of edge chromatic critical graphs.*

Vizing conjectured in 1968 that for each edge chromatic critical  $G$  with maximum degree  $\Delta$ ,  $m \geq \frac{1}{2}\{n(\Delta - 1) + 3\}$  where  $m$  and  $n$  are the numbers of edges and vertices, respectively. In this talk, we will present a new lower bound on the size of critical graphs. This is joint work with Yue Zhao.

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