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Jessica E. Banks* (jessica.banks@lmh.oxon.org). *Minimal genus Seifert surfaces for prime, special alternating links.*

The Kakimizu complex $MS(L)$ of a link L is a simplicial complex that records the structure of the set of minimal genus Seifert surfaces for L considered up to ambient isotopy fixing the link. For non-split links, $M(L)$ has been shown by Przytycki–Schultens to be contractible.

This fact is used in proving a result stated by Hirasawa–Sakuma that gives an explicit description of the Kakimizu complex when L is a non-split, prime special alternating link. Such links have a diagram that is both alternating and special (that is, one where one of the two checkerboard surfaces is a Seifert surface), and the Kakimizu complex is described in terms of this diagram. This shows that every minimal genus Seifert for L is a checkerboard surface for some special alternating diagram for L , and also tells us when two different diagrams yield the same Seifert surface. In this talk we will discuss the statement and proof of this result. (Received February 04, 2013)