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**Claus Ernst\*** ([claus.ernst@wku.edu](mailto:claus.ernst@wku.edu)), Department of Mathematics, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd, Bowling Green, KY 42101. *Nullification of torus knots and links.*

It is known that a knot/link can be nullified, i.e., can be made into the trivial knot/link, by smoothing some crossings in a projection diagram of the knot/link. The minimum number of such crossings to be smoothed in order to nullify the knot/link is called the nullification number. In this talk I investigate the nullification numbers of a particular knot family, namely the family of torus knots and links (Received September 02, 2014)