# Spaces vs Categories, Perfect Maps vs Discrete Cofibrations 

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## Overview

- Two special classes of maps ...
- ... guiding us to Burroni's $\mathbb{T}$-categories and $\mathbb{T}$-functors
- A network of specialized and generalized $\mathbb{T}$-categories
- Two special factorization systems leading to ...
- ... the comprehensive factorization system for $\mathbb{T}$-functors
- On-going and future work


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## In a cat $\mathcal{A}$ with pbs: When does an arbitrary class $\mathcal{M}$ belong to an orth. factorization system $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$ ?

That's the case if, and only if,

- $\mathcal{M}$ is closed under composition;
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