Mathematics Department Colloquium

Organizer(s): Kenneth Ribet

Thursday, 4:10–5:00pm, 60 Evans

Apr. 9 Nalini Anantharaman, Ecole Polytechnique and UC Berkeley Entropy and the localization of eigenfunctions

On a compact riemannian manifold, the Quantum Unique Ergodicity conjecture asks about the behaviour of eigenfunctions of the Laplacian, asymptotically when the eigenvalue approaches infinity. This is known to depend a lot on the behaviour of the geodesic flow (completely integrable vs. chaotic). In the 'chaotic' case (for instance on negatively curved manifolds), the conjecture says that the probability measures $|\psi(x)|^2 dx$ should converge weakly to the Riemannian volume measure (when ψ is a normalized eigenfunction of the Laplacian and the eigenvalue goes to infinity). We will discuss some advances in this direction.