

Kolloquium Mathematische Physik

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Numerics for resonances of Schottky surfaces

Resonances of Riemannian manifolds are of great importance in many areas of mathematics and physics. Even though many fascinating results about these spectral entities have already been found, an enormous amount of their properties, also some very elementary ones, is still undiscovered. A few years ago, by means of numerical experiments, Borthwick noticed for some classes of Schottky surfaces (certain hyperbolic surfaces of infinite area) that their sets of resonances exhibit unexpected and nice patterns, which are not yet fully understood.

After a survey of some parts of this field, we will discuss an alternative numerical method, combining tools from dynamics, zeta functions, transfer operators and thermodynamic formalism, functional analysis and approximation theory. This is joint work with Oscar Bandtlow, Torben Schick and Alexander Weie.

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