

Algebraic geometry, complex analysis and combinatorics in spectral theory of periodic graph operators

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Abstract

In this talk, we will discuss the significant role that the algebraic and analytic properties of complex Bloch and Fermi varieties play in the study of periodic operators. I will begin by highlighting recent discoveries about these properties, especially their irreducibility. Then, I will show how we can use these findings, together with techniques from complex analysis and combinatorics, to study spectral and inverse spectral problems arising from periodic operators.

Short bio

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