

## ***FELIX KLEIN SEMINAR***

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### ***Lecture Title:***

**A gluing formula for heat kernels**

### ***Abstract***

Let  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold split by a codimension 1 submanifold  $\gamma$  into two manifolds with boundary  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . I will explain a formula allowing one to recover the heat kernel of the Laplacian on  $M$  in terms of heat kernels of Laplacians on  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  (with Dirichlet boundary condition on  $\gamma$ ) and the heat kernel on  $\gamma$  itself. Time permitting, I will also explain a combinatorial counterpart (or "toy model") of this result, replacing manifolds with graphs; in this setup the gluing formula also admits a nice path-sum interpretation. The talk is based on a joint work with Konstantin Wernli <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.00156.pdf>.