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"Remez inequality, unique continuation and propagation of smallness for second order elliptic PDEs"

(Cette conférence s'adresse à un large auditoire. / This lecture is aimed at a general mathematical audience.)

The celebrated Remez inequality for polynomials states that the maximum of the polynomial over an interval is controlled by its maximum over a subset of positive measure of the interval. The coefficient in the inequality depends on the degree of the polynomial, and the equality is attained by Chebyshev polynomials. In my recent joint work with A. Logunov, we obtained a generalization of the Remez inequality to the solutions of general second order elliptic PDEs and their gradients. In this context, the degree of a polynomial is replaced by the Almgren frequency of the solution which we investigate using geometric methods. In the talk, I will present this result and its connections to other important features of the solutions of elliptic PDEs, such as quantitative unique continuation and propagation of smallness. In particular, our approach yields an answer to an old question of Landis and improves upon earlier results of Nadirashvili and Vesella.

Une réception suivra la conférence au salon Maurice L'Abbé, Pavillon André-Aisenstadt (salle 6245).
A reception will follow the lecture at the Salon Maurice-L'Abbé, Pavillon André-Aisenstadt (room 6245).

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