1042-81-104 Robert S. Strichartz* (str@math.cornell.edu), Math Dept, Malott Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14883. Quantum mechanics on fractals.

While there is no obvious way to extend classical mechanics to the setting of fractals, once you have a Laplacian on a fractal you can consider analogs of the Schrodinger equation. This is fractal quantum mechanics! In this talk I will discuss 3 recent works in this area: the harmonic oscillator on infinite blowups of the Sierpinski gasket (joint work with Edward Fan and Zuhair Khandker), the Coulomb potential (Hydrogen atom) on products of such fractals, and a recurrence phenomenon for solutions of the free Schrodinger equation (similar results hold for the acoustic wave equation). (Received August 13, 2008)