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**The half-space theorem for constant mean curvature surfaces in  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$**

Abstract: The theory of constant mean curvature  $H > 0$  surfaces ( $H$ -surfaces) in  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$  became very active after the seminal work by Abresch and Rosenberg where they described a Hopf-type holomorphic quadratic differential on any such surface and classified the rotational  $H$ -spheres. The critical value for the mean curvature in  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the sense that there exist compact  $H$ -surfaces only when  $H > \frac{1}{2}$  and complete  $H$ -graphs if  $H \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . In this talk we will prove that a properly embedded  $H$ -surface in  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$  with  $0 < H \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and an annular end cannot be contained in a horizontal slab and that the only examples with finite topology contained in  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times [0, +\infty)$  are graphs. This is a joint work with Laurent Hauswirth and Ana Menezes.