## Systole growth on arithmetic locally symmetric spaces

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Systole $=$ length of a shortest non-contractible closed geodesic in $M$.


Denoted by $\operatorname{sys}_{1}(M)$.

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## How to construct $M$ with large systole?

## The first event



## P. Buser and P. Sarnak (1994):

Let $\Gamma \subset S_{2}(\mathbb{R})$ be a cocompact arithmetic subgroup defined over $\mathbb{Q}$, and let $\Gamma(p)$ be a principal congruence subgroup.

For $S_{p}=\Gamma(p) \backslash \mathbb{H}^{2}$ we have

$$
\operatorname{sys}_{1}\left(S_{p}\right) \geq \frac{4}{3} \log \left(\operatorname{area}\left(S_{p}\right)\right)-c,
$$

where $c$ is some constant
 independent of $p$.

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S. Makisumi (2013): $\frac{4}{3}$ is sharp in dimension 2.

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$M_{I}$ is the congruence covering of $M$ associated to $I$.

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Theorem (With C. Dória. 2019)
The constant $\frac{8}{n(n+1)}$ is sharp.

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## Other applications



Limitation of parameters of error correcting codes constructed by L. Guth and A. Lubotzky in 2013.

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Construction of a special type of Einstein manifolds by J. Fine and B. Premoselli (2018).

## Systole of congruence coverings (Rank >1)



Sara Lapan, Benjamin Linowitz and Jeffrey Meyer (2018): Congruence subgroups $\Gamma(I)$ of non-cocompact arithmetic subgroups $\Gamma \subset S L_{n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$
\operatorname{sys}_{1}\left(M_{l}\right) \geq \frac{2 \sqrt{2}}{n\left(n^{2}-1\right)} \log \left(\operatorname{vol}\left(M_{l}\right)\right)-c_{3} .
$$

$M_{I}=\Gamma(I) \backslash X, X=\operatorname{SL}_{n}(\mathbb{R}) / \mathrm{SO}(n)$ and $c_{3}$ is a constant.

## Systole of congruence coverings (Rank $=1$ )



$$
\operatorname{sys}_{1}\left(M_{l}\right) \geq C \log \left(\operatorname{vol}\left(M_{l}\right)\right)-d
$$

$d$ is a constant.

$$
C= \begin{cases}\frac{2 \sqrt{2}}{n(n+1)^{2}} & \mathrm{M} \text { real hyperbolic } \\ \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} & \mathrm{M} \text { complex hyperbolic } \\ \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{2}(n+1)^{2}(2 n+3)} & \mathrm{M} \text { quaternionic hyperbolic }\end{cases}
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Theorem (With V. Emery and I. Kim)
Let $M$ be a compact quaternionic hyperbolic n-orbifold, and $M_{I}$ its congruence coverings. Then

$$
\operatorname{sys}_{1}\left(M_{l}\right) \geq \frac{4}{(n+1)(2 n+3)} \log \left(\operatorname{vol}\left(M_{l}\right)\right)-c
$$

where $c$ is a constant. Also, $\frac{4}{(n+1)(2 n+3)}$ is sharp.

"A rare photo of Long and Reid".
Taken from Reid's homepage.

Theorem (Long and Reid, 2019)
There exists a sequence of congruence subgroups in $\mathrm{SL}_{3}(\mathbb{R})$ all containing a genus 3 surface group.

## Thank you very much!

