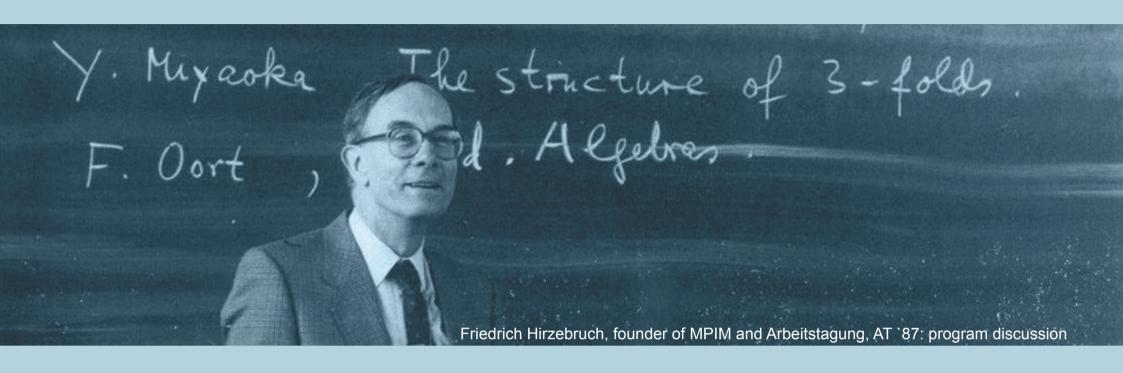
# Arbeitstagung on Geometry

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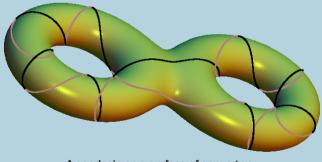


## July 8 - 12, 2019

Organizers: W. Ballmann, U. Hamenstädt, and M. Kapovich Local organizers: W. Ballmann and C. Blohmann

## **Invited speakers**

de Cornulier, Yves (Université Lyon 1) Di Nezza, Eleonora (Sorbonne Université) Fisher, David (Indiana University - Bloomington) Gelander, Tsachik (Weizmann Institute) Hein, Hans-Joachim (Fordham University) Kleiner, Bruce (New York University) Markovic, Vladimir (Caltech) Song, Antoine (Princeton University)



A geodesic on a surface of genus two.

## **Minicourses by**

## Gelander, Tsachik (Weizmann Institute) Kleiner, Bruce (New York University)

In addition to the scheduled talks, 6 more lectures will be determined in the traditional Arbeitstagung way by open discussion during the meeting.

This event is a cooperation with the Hausdorff Center for Mathematics in Bonn. For further information and registration see www.mpim-bonn.mpg.de/AT2019 Contact: AT2019@mpim-bonn.mpg.de



## Program of the Arbeitstagung 2019 on Geometry

### Mon, 08 Jul 2019

08:30 - 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 10:30	MPIM Lecture Hall BRUCE KLEINER (NEW YORK UNIVERSITY) Diffeomorphism groups, moduli spaces, and Ricci flow. Part 1
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	MPIM Lecture Hall Eleonora Di Nezza (La Sorbonne Université, Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu) Log-concavity of volume
12:00 - 12:30	MPIM Lecture Hall Program discussion
15:00 - 16:00	MPIM Lecture Hall Yves de Cornulier (CNRS and Institut Camille Jordan, Université Lyon 1) On systolic growth of Lie groups
16:00 - 16:30	Tea break

#### Tue, 09 Jul 2019

09:30 - 10:30	MPIM Lecture Hall Bruce Kleiner (New York University) Diffeomorphism groups, moduli spaces, and Ricci flow. Part 2
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	MPIM Lecture Hall ANTOINE SONG (PRINCETON UNIVERSITY) Existence of infinitely many minimal hypersurfaces in closed manifolds
12:00 - 12:30	MPIM Lecture Hall Program discussion
15:00 - 16:00	LUCA DI CERBO (UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA) Complex hyperbolic surfaces with cusps
16:00 - 16:30	Tea break
16:30 - 17:30	BEATRICE POZZETTI (HEIDELBERG) Compactifications of Hitchin and maximal character varieties
19:00 - 22:00	Rector's reception

#### Wed, 10 Jul 2019

09:30 - 10:30	MPIM Lecture Hall BRUCE KLEINER (NEW YORK UNIVERSITY) Diffeomorphism groups, moduli spaces, and Ricci flow. Part 3
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	MPIM Lecture Hall TSACHIK GELANDER (WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, REHOVOT) On the topology of nonpositively curved manifolds. Part 1
12:00 - 13:00	Don Zagier (MPIM) Two results connected with the Riemann hypothesis

#### Thu, 11 Jul 2019

09:30 - 10:30	MPIM Lecture Hall TSACHIK GELANDER (WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, REHOVOT) On the topology of nonpositively curved manifolds. Part 2
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	SHI WANG (INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON) Simplicial volume of nonpositively curved manifolds
15:00 - 16:00	ALINA VDOVINA (NEWCASTLE) Ramanujan complexes and nonresidually finite $CAT(0)$ groups
16:00 - 16:30	Tea break
16:30 - 17:30	GABRIELE VIAGGI (UNIVERSITY OF BONN) Volumes of random hyperbolic 3-manifolds

#### Fri, 12 Jul 2019

09:30 - 10:30	MPIM Lecture Hall TSACHIK GELANDER (WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, REHOVOT) On the topology of nonpositively curved manifolds. Part 3
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	MPIM Lecture Hall DAVID FISHER (INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON) Arithmeticity, superrigidity and totally geodesic submanifolds

#### Arbeitstagung 2019 on Geometry

#### Titles and abstracts of talks

#### BRUCE KLEINER

#### Diffeomorphism groups, moduli spaces, and Ricci flow. Part 1

The lecture will explain some new applications of Ricci flow to long-standing conjectures concerning the topology of diffeomorphism groups and moduli spaces of Riemannian metrics.

#### ELEONORA DI NEZZA

#### Log-concavity of volume

In this talk we present a proof of the log-concavity property of total masses of positive currents on a given compact Kähler manifold, that was conjectured by Boucksom, Eyssidieux, Guedj and Zeriahi. The proof relies on the resolution of complex Monge-Ampère equations with prescribed singularities. As corollary we give an alternative proof of the Brunn-Minkowsky inequality for convex bodies. This is based on a joint work with Tamas Darvas and Chinh Lu.

#### **Program discussion**

#### YVES DE CORNULIER

#### On systolic growth of Lie groups

Introduced by Gromov in the nineties, the systolic growth of a finitely generated group maps n to the smallest index of a finite index subgroup meeting the n-ball only in the identity singleton. This function is one measure of residual finiteness. It extends to compactly generated locally compact groups, replacing "finite index" with "cocompact lattice" in the definition. It grows as least as fast as the word growth, and with Bou-Rabee we showed that the growth is exponential for linear groups of exponential growth. For finitely generated groups with polynomial growth, the systolic growth is also polynomially bounded, but possibly with worse exponent. For a lattice  $\Gamma$  in a simply connected nilpotent Lie group G, we show the following:  $\Gamma$  has systolic growth asymptotically equivalent to the word growth if and only if the same holds for G, if and only the Lie algebra of G admits a Carnot grading. In some non-Carnot cases, we provide an estimate of the systolic growth; for instance in one case it grows as  $n^k$  for some non-integer k.

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#### ANTOINE SONG

#### Existence of infinitely many minimal hypersurfaces in closed manifolds

In the early 80's, Yau conjectured that in any closed 3-manifold there should be infinitely many closed minimal surfaces. I will survey previous results related to the question and present a proof of the conjecture. It builds on the min-max theory of F. Almgren and J. Pitts, which has recently been further developed by F. C. Marques and A. Neves.

#### **Program discussion**

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Tea break

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#### **TSACHIK GELANDER**

#### On the topology of nonpositively curved manifolds. Part 1

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#### DON ZAGIER

#### Two results connected with the Riemann hypothesis

#### **TSACHIK GELANDER**

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#### DAVID FISHER

#### Arithmeticity, superrigidity and totally geodesic submanifolds

I will discuss a recent result on finite volume hyperbolic manifolds of dimension at least 3. We show that any such manifold with infinitely many maximal closed totally geodesic submanifolds has arithmetic fundamental group. A closed totally geodesic manifold is maximal if it is not contained in another closed proper totally geodesic submanifold. So in particular a closed totally geodesic submanifold of codimension one is always maximal. This answers a question of Reid and McMullen. The proof deduces arithmeticity from a superrigidity theorem and makes key use of equidistribution results from homogeneous dynamics. If time permits, I will also discuss some other applications of our techniques and some related open questions. This is joint work with Uri Bader, Nick Miller and Matthew Stover.