Geometry, Groups and Dynamics/GEAR Seminar (held at the Illinois hub of GEAR)

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Asymptotics of the expected diameter of translation surfaces

Abstract: For the hyperbolic structure on a Riemann surface, Mirzakhani has proven asymptotics of the expected diameter for large genus surfaces. An abelian differential equips a Riemann surface with a translation structure. In joint work with Howard Masur and Kasra Rafi, we prove asymptotics for large genus translation surfaces of area 1. Unlike in the case of hyperbolic surfaces, the expected diameter goes to zero as the genus goes to infinity.