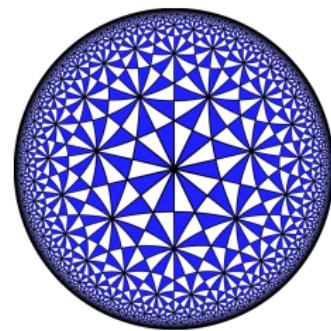
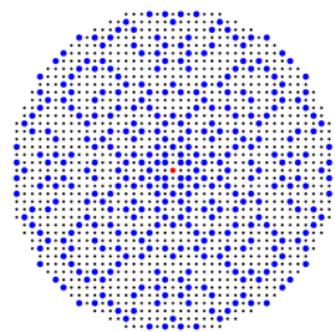


# Langlands in the Lowlands

*Welke symmetrieën schuilen er onder priemgetallen en hoe kan de wiskundige getaltheorie bijdragen aan natuurkundige theorievorming?*



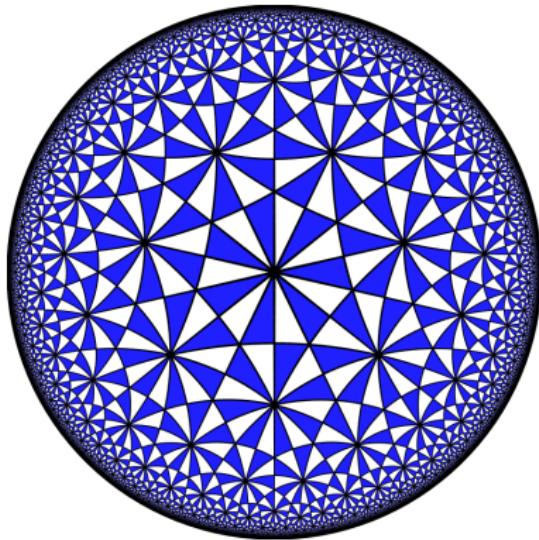
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Number Theory,  
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Representation Theory,  
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# Symmetries in geometry and in analysis



Harmonic analysis with boundary conditions of arithmetic origin.

For experts:  $\mathrm{SL}_d(\mathbb{R}) / \mathrm{SL}_d(\mathbb{Z})$ .

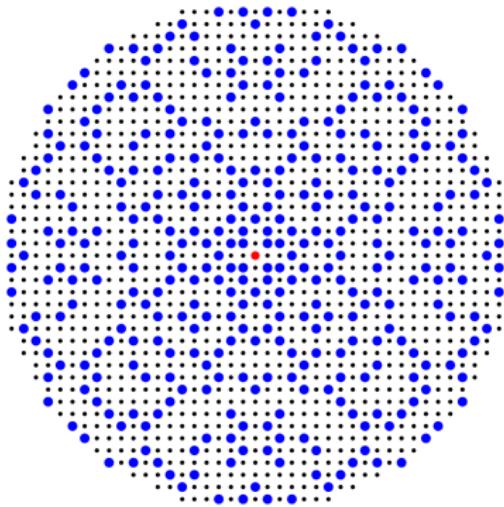
The eigenfunctions form a discrete spectrum.

Infinite dimensional unitary representation theory of  $\mathrm{SL}_d(\mathbb{R})$ .

Modular forms.

$$q \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - q^n)^2 (1 - q^{11n})^2 = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^n$$

# Symmetries in number theory, prime numbers



Galois symmetry:

$$\sigma(a + bi) = a - bi,$$

$$\sigma(a + b\sqrt{2}) = a - b\sqrt{2}.$$

Primes and Galois symmetry give generating functions.

Elliptic curve:  $y^2 + y - x^3 + x^2 = 0$

$$b_p := p - \#\{(x, y) : 0 \leq x, y < p, p \text{ divides } y^2 + y - x^3 + x^2\}$$

$$L(s) = (1 - 11^{-s})^{-1} \cdot \prod_{p \neq 11} \left(1 - b_p p^{-s} + p \cdot p^{-2s}\right)^{-1}$$

# Langlands's daring conjecture

Langlands (1967): both sides should produce *the same* generating functions!

Modularity of  $y^2 + y - x^3 + x^2 = 0$ :

symmetry in  
number theory

$$L(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$$

symmetry in  
analysis

Enormous benefit *when true*:

*analytic properties of  $L(s)$*     +    *arithmetic information on  $a_p$ .*

Wiles (1994, Abel Prize 2016): Fermat's Last Theorem, via Langlands for elliptic curves, "opening a new era in number theory."