

# Lattice Envelopes

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The uniform case uses a result of Mosher - Sageev - Whyte.

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The proof uses Margulis' commensurator superrigidity and arithmeticity theorems.

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Thank you !