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Thierry Barbot* (Thierry.Barbot@umpa.ens-lyon.fr), UMPA, UMR 5669, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, 46, Allée d'Italie, 69364 Lyon, France. *Quasi-Fuchsian representations into $SO(2, n)$.*

Let Γ be an uniform lattice in $SO(1, n)$. We study deformations of this inclusion as a representation into $SO(2, n)$, in analogy with the classical study of deformations into $SO(1, n + 1)$. In particular, we define the notion of quasi-Fuchsian representations into $SO(2, n)$. We prove that these representations are precisely Anosov representations in the sense of Labourie. This theory is strongly related to the theory of spatially compact Lorentzian manifolds of constant curvature -1 : quasi-Fuchsian representations are holonomy representations of such a Lorentzian manifold. We also give some arguments, aiming to show that, contrary to the Riemannian case, quasi-Fuchsian representations form an entire connected component of the space of representations into $SO(2, n)$.

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