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David Fisher and Theron J Hitchman* (theron@math.rice.edu), Mathematics Department MS-136, Rice University, Houston, TX 77251. Cocycle Superrigidity through geometry. Preliminary report.

We discuss a geometric approach to Zimmer's measurable cocycle superrigidity theorem. Our starting point is unpublished work of Korevaar and Schoen on harmonic maps from locally symmetric spaces to metric spaces of non-positive curvature.

The techniques are applicable to lattices in Lie groups which satisfy Kazhdan's property (T), including some groups of real rank one. (Received February 09, 2005)