

# **Selected Minicourses in *Beyond Uniform Hyperbolicity* 2023**

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# 1 Spectrum Rigidity and Joint Integrability for Anosov Systems on Tori (Yi Shi)

## §1.1 Local Rigidity (Apr 25)

**Definition 1.1.1.**  $f \in \text{Diff}^1(M)$  is **Anosov** if there exists a continuous  $Df$ -invariant splitting  $TM = E^s \oplus E^u$  such that for every unit vector  $v^{s/u} \in E^{s/u}$ :

$$\|Df(v^s)\| < 1, \quad \|Df(v^u)\| > 1.$$

**Example 1.1.2 (Arnold's cat map)**

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  is Anosov.

There are two main open problems in the study of Anosov diffeomorphisms.

**Question 1.1.3.** Is every Anosov diffeomorphism transitive?

**Question 1.1.4.** Topological classification of Anosov diffeomorphism.

**Theorem 1.1.5 (Franks-Manning)**

Every Anosov diffeomorphism  $f : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$  conjugates to  $f_* : H_1(d, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_1(d, \mathbb{Z})$ .

**Theorem 1.1.6 (Franks-Newhouse)**

Every codimension-1 Anosov diffeomorphism must be supported on  $\mathbb{T}^d$ .

**Definition 1.1.7.**  $f \in \text{Diff}^r(M)$  is **partially hyperbolic**, if there exists a continuous  $Df$ -invariant splitting

$$TM = E^s \oplus E^c \oplus E^u$$

and functions  $\xi, \eta : M \rightarrow (0, 1)$  such that for every  $x \in M$  and unit vectors  $v^{s/c/u} \in E^{s/c/u}$ ,

$$\|Df(v^s)\| < \xi(x) < \|Df(v^c)\| < \eta(x)^{-1} < \|Df(v^u)\|.$$

**Definition 1.1.8.** A partially hyperbolic diffeomorphism  $f$  is **absolutely partially hyperbolic** if  $\xi = \xi_0, \eta = \eta_0 \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\|Df(v^s)\| < \xi_0 < \|Df(v^c)\| < \eta_0^{-1} < \|Df(v^u)\|.$$

Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be a partially hyperbolic diffeomorphism, then

$$TM = E^s \oplus E^c \oplus E^u.$$

**Question 1.1.9.** What happens if  $E^s \oplus E^u$  is integrable?

**Remark 1.1.10**  $E^s \oplus E^u$  integrable  $\implies$  NOT accessible.

However, Dolgopyat-Wilkinson and Hertz-Hertz-Ures, etc. showed that “MOST” partially hyperbolic diffeomorphisms are accessible.

**Main philosophy.**

**Geometric Rigidity  $\iff$  Dynamic Spectral Rigidity**

That is,  $E^s \oplus E^u$  is integrable  $\implies E^c$  has exponents rigidity.

**Example 1.1.11**

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{T}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^4,$$

which is irreducible and partially hyperbolic

$$T\mathbb{T}^4 = L^s \oplus L^c \oplus L^u,$$

where  $\dim L^c = 2$  and  $\lambda^c(A) \equiv 0$ .

**Theorem (F. R. Hertz, 2005).** For every  $f$  which is  $C^{22}$ -close to  $A$  with splitting  $T\mathbb{T}^4 = E^s \oplus E^c \oplus E^u$ , if  $E^s \oplus E^u$  is integrable, then there exists homeomorphism  $h : \mathbb{T}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^4$  which is  $C^1$ -along  $E^c$  such that  $h \circ f = A \circ h$ . In particular, all center exponents  $\lambda^c(f) \equiv 0$ .

**Example 1.1.12 (Reducible case)**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $F_0 = \begin{bmatrix} A^2 & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{T}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^4$ . Assume  $f : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  be  $C^1$ -close to  $A$ . Then

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} A^2 & 0 \\ 0 & f \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{T}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^4$$

is an Anosov diffeomorphism  $C^1$ -close to  $F_0$  with splitting

$$T\mathbb{T}^4 = E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^{wu} \oplus E^{uu}.$$

Here  $E^{ss} \oplus E^{wu} \oplus E^{uu}$ ,  $E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^{uu}$ ,  $E^{ss} \oplus E^{uu}$  are all integrable, but  $f$  is arbitrary:

**NO exponents rigidity.**

**Main Theorem: Local Rigidity.** Assume that  $A \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$  satisfies *generic properties*:

- $A$  is irreducible and hyperbolic;
- two eigenvalues of  $A$  have the same absolute value must be conjugate complex numbers.

Here the generic property means that

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{A \text{ is generic} : \|A\| \leq K\}}{\#\{A : \|A\| \leq K\}} = 1.$$

Denote

$$T\mathbb{T}^d = L_1^s \oplus \cdots \oplus L_l^s \oplus L_1^u \oplus \cdots \oplus L_m^u$$

the finest dominated splitting, then  $\dim L_i^{s/u} \leq 2$ .

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^2(\mathbb{T}^d)$  be  $C^1$ -close to  $A$  with splitting

$$T\mathbb{T}^d = E_1^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_k^s \oplus E_{k+1}^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_l^s \oplus E_1^u \oplus \cdots \oplus E_m^u.$$

Assume that  $l \geq 2$  and  $1 \leq k < l$ . Denote

$$E^{ss} = E_1^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_k^s \text{ and } E^{ws} = E_{k+1}^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_l^s.$$

Then

$$T\mathbb{T}^d = E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^u$$

makes  $f$  be an absolutely partially hyperbolic system.

**Theorem 1.1.13** (Local rigidity, Gogolev-Shi, [arXiv: 2207.00704](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.00704))

Assume  $A \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$  satisfies generic properties. For every  $f \in \text{Diff}^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be  $C^1$ -close to  $A$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  is integrable.
2.  $f$  has spectral rigidity in  $E^{ws}$ :

$$\lambda(E_i^s, f) \equiv \lambda(L_i^s, A), \quad \forall i = k+1, \dots, l.$$

3. The conjugacy  $h$  ( $h \circ f = A \circ h$ ) is smooth along  $E^{ws}$ .

**Dimension 3 case.**

**Theorem 1.1.14** (Hammerlindl-Ures, 2014)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}_m^r(\mathbb{T}^3)$  be partially hyperbolic and  $f_* \in \text{GL}(3, \mathbb{Z})$  be hyperbolic ( $f$  is a DA-diffeo), then

- either  $f$  is accessible, thus ergodic.
- or there exists an  $f$ -invariant minimal foliation  $\mathcal{F}^{su}$  such that  $T\mathcal{F}^{su} = E^s \oplus E^u$  and  $f$  is topologically conjugate to  $f_*$ .

**Theorem 1.1.15** (Gan-Shi, 2020)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}_m^{1+}(\mathbb{T}^3)$  be a partially hyperbolic DA-diffeo. The following are equivalent:

- $E^s \oplus E^u$  is integrable;
- $f$  has spectral rigidity in  $E^c$ :  $\lambda^c(f) \equiv \lambda^c(f_*)$ .

Both imply  $f$  is Anosov.

**Corollary 1.1.16** Every  $C^{1+}$  partially hyperbolic DA-diffeo is ergodic.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.13 – spectral rigidity  $\implies$  joint integrability.** The case of all  $E_i^s$  are 1-dimensional is shown by [Gogolev, 2018]. For generic  $A \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$ , the statement is shown by [Gogolev-Kalinin-Sadovskaya, 2011, 2020].

Spectral rigidity in  $E_l^s \implies$  smooth conjugacy in  $E_l^s \implies h(\mathcal{F}_{l-1}^s) = \mathcal{L}_{l-1}^s$  (+spectral rigidity in  $E_{l-1}^s \implies$  smooth conjugacy in  $E_{l-1}^s \implies \dots \implies h(\mathcal{F}_{k+1}^s) = \mathcal{L}_{k+1}^s$  (+spectral rigidity in  $E_{k+1}^s \implies h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss} \implies \mathcal{F}^{ss} \oplus \mathcal{F}^u = h^{-1}(\mathcal{L}^{ss} \oplus \mathcal{L}^u)$  joint integrability.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.13 – joint integrability  $\implies$  spectral rigidity.** Main ideas:

1.  $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  integrability  $\implies h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$  is linear.
2. Diophantine approximation of  $\mathcal{F}^{ss} \implies$  spectral rigidity in  $E_{k+1}^s$ .
3.  $E^{ss} \oplus E_{k+1}^s \oplus E^u$  is integrable, and play induction on  $E_{k+2}^s$ .

#### Lemma 1.1.17

For every  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , the conjugation  $h$  preserves the center foliation:  $h(\mathcal{F}_{(i,l)}^s) = \mathcal{L}_{(i,l)}^s$ . Here,  $\mathcal{F}_{(i,l)}^s$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{(i,l)}^s$  are the foliations tangent to  $E_i^s \oplus \dots \oplus E_l^s$  and  $L_i^s \oplus \dots \oplus L_l^s$ , respectively.

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is  $C^1$ -close to  $A$ , we have

$$\|A_{L_{i-1}^s}\| < \inf_{x \in \mathbb{T}^d} m(Df|_{E_i^s(x)}) =: \rho_i.$$

Let  $F, H : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be lifts of  $f$  and  $h$ , then  $y \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{(i,l)}^s(x)$  iff

$$\|H^{-1} \circ A^{-n} \circ H(x) - H^{-1} \circ A^{-n} \circ H(y)\| \leq (\rho_i - \varepsilon)^{-n} \|x - y\| + C < (\|A_{L_{i-1}^s}\| + \varepsilon)^{-n} \|x - y\| + C,$$

iff  $H(y) \in \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{(i,l)}^s(H(x))$ . □

#### Lemma 1.1.18

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $C^0$ -foliation sub-foliated by a minimal linear foliation  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\mathbb{T}^d$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  is minimal and linear.

*Proof.* **Minimal.** every leaf  $\mathcal{F}(x) \supset \mathcal{L}(x)$  is dense.

**Linear.** We will show that, on universal cover,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is closed under addition. For every  $x, y \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(0)$ , there exists  $v_n \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(0)$  and  $k_n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  such that  $k_n + v_n \rightarrow x$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is sub-foliated by  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is linear, we have

$$y + k_n + v_n \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(y + k_n) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(k_n) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(k_n + v_n).$$

Take  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $y + x \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(x) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(0)$ . □

**Lemma 1.1.19** If  $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  is integrable to  $\mathcal{F}^{su}$ , then  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$  is linear.

*Proof.* Note that  $h(\mathcal{F}^{su})$  is sub-foliated by  $h(\mathcal{F}^u) = \mathcal{L}^u$ , where  $\mathcal{L}^u$  is linear and minimal on  $\mathbb{T}^d$ . Hence  $h(\mathcal{F}^{su})$  is linear,  $A$ -invariant and transverse to  $\mathcal{L}^{ws} = h(\mathcal{F}^{ws})$ . This implies  $h(\mathcal{F}^{su}) = \mathcal{L}^{su}$ . So

$$h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = h(\mathcal{F}^s \cap \mathcal{F}^{su}) = h(\mathcal{F}^s) \cap h(\mathcal{F}^{su}) = \mathcal{L}^s \cap \mathcal{L}^{su} = \mathcal{L}^{ss}.$$

□

**Corollary 1.1.20**

Recall that  $T\mathcal{F}^{ss} = E_1^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_k^s$ . If  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$ , then for  $T\mathcal{F}_j^s = E_j^s$ , we have

$$h(\mathcal{F}_j^s) = \mathcal{L}_j^s, \quad \forall j = k, k+1, \dots, l.$$

**Lemma 1.1.21** (Diophantine approximation of  $\mathcal{F}^{ss}$ )

There exists  $C, \alpha > 0$  such that for every  $x \in \mathbb{T}^d$  and  $R > 0$ , the disk  $\mathcal{F}_R^{ss}(x)$  is  $C \cdot R^{-\alpha}$ -dense in  $\mathbb{T}^d$ .

*Proof.* Since  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$  and  $h$  is Hölder continuous, it suffices to show the Diophantine property of  $\mathcal{L}^{ss}$ . Here  $A$  is irreducible and  $\mathcal{L}^{ss}$  is algebraic, hence Diophantine.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.13.* We will first show that the Lyapunov exponent at every point is the same in the  $\dim E_{k+1}^s = 1$  case. Take  $p, q \in \text{Per}(f)$  such that

$$\min \lambda_{k+1}^s(f) \approx \lambda_{k+1}^s(p) < \lambda_{k+1}^s(q) \approx \lambda_{k+1}^s(f).$$

Without loss of generality, we assume that  $p, q$  are fixed by  $f$ .

Take

- $x_n \in \mathcal{F}^{ss}(p)$  such that  $d^{ss}(p, x_n) = K_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $d(x_n, q) \leq C \cdot K_n^{-\alpha}$ .
  - Segments  $J \subset \mathcal{F}_{k+1}^s(p)$  and  $J_n \subset \mathcal{F}_{k+1}^s(x_n)$  such that  $J_n = \text{Hol}^{ss}(J)$  ( $x_n = \text{Hol}^{ss}(p)$ ).
- Besides, we have  $|f^m(J)| \approx \exp[m \cdot \lambda_{k+1}^s(p)] \cdot |J|$ .

Since  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$  and  $h(\mathcal{L}_{k+1}^s) = \mathcal{L}_{k+1}^s$  both are linear, we have

$$|h(J_n)| \equiv |h(J)| \implies \exists C_0 > 0, |J_n| \geq C_0 |J|.$$

Now we choose  $m_n, k_n$  such that

- $x_n$  and  $q$  are very close in first  $k_n$ -steps;
- $f^{m_n}(x_n)$  is the first time entering  $\mathcal{F}_1^{ss}(p)$ .

Then

$$|f^{m_n}(J_n)| \geq \exp[(m_n - k_n)\lambda_{k+1}^s(p) + k_n\lambda_{k+1}^s(q)] |J_n|.$$

From Diophantine estimation,  $d(x_n, q) \ll [d^{ss}(p, x_n)]^{-\alpha}$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $k_n > \delta m_n$ . It follows that

$$\frac{|f^{m_n}(J_n)|}{|f^{m_n}(J)|} \geq \frac{\exp[\delta(\lambda_{k+1}^s(q))]}{\exp[\delta(\lambda_{k+1}^s(p))]} \cdot \frac{|J_n|}{|J|} \rightarrow \infty.$$

However,  $J_n = \text{H}^{ss}(J)$  implies that  $f^{m_n}(J_n) = \text{Hol}^{ss}(f^{m_n}(J))$ . Since  $f^{m_n}(x_n) \in \mathcal{F}_1^{ss}(p)$  and  $f^{m_n}(x_n) = \text{Hol}^{ss}(p)$ , this contradicts to  $\mathcal{F}^{ss}$  is  $C^1$ -smooth in  $\mathcal{F}^{ss} \oplus \mathcal{F}_{k+1}^s(p)$ .

For the case of  $\dim E_{k+1}^s = 2$ , we repeat the argument of 1-dim case. We can obtain

- For every periodic points  $p, q$ , we have  $\min \lambda_{k+1}^s(p) = \min \lambda_{k+1}^s(q)$ .
- Considering the growth of area of local disks, we have

$$\text{Jac}(Df, E_{k+1}^s(p)) = \text{Jac}(Df, E_{k+1}^s(q)), \quad \forall p, q \in \text{Per}(f).$$

Then we estimate the growth on the universal cover, the Lyapunov exponents  $\lambda_{k+1}^s(f)$  at periodic points are forced to coincide with the Lyapunov exponent  $\lambda_{k+1}^s(A)$ .  $\square$

## §1.2 Global Rigidity (Apr 26)

In the last lecture, we have shown a local rigidity result. That is, we only consider diffeomorphisms  $f$  that is  $C^1$ -close to  $A$ . Today we will consider the global rigidity, i.e., the relation between  $f$  and  $f_* \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$ .

**Question 1.2.1.** What happens if  $f$  is not close to  $A = f_*$ ?

### Theorem 1.2.2 (Gogolev-Farell)

For  $d \geq 10$ , let  $A \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$  be a hyperbolic matrix. Then

$$\mathcal{A}_A^{1+}(\mathbb{T}^d) := \{ f \in \text{Diff}^{1+}(\mathbb{T}^d) : f \text{ is Anosov, } f_* = A \}$$

has infinitely many connected components.

### Theorem 1.2.3 (Full leaf conjugacy, Gogolev-Shi, arXiv: 2207.00704)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^1(\mathbb{T}^d)$  be Anosov with absolutely partially hyperbolic splitting  $T\mathbb{T}^d = E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^u$ :

$$\|Df|_{E^{ss}}\| < \mu < m(Df|_{E^{ws}}) < \|Df|_{E^{ws}}\| < 1 < m(Df|_{E^u}).$$

If  $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  is integrable, then

1.  $A = f_* \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$  is partially hyperbolic:

$$T\mathbb{T}^d = L^{ss} \oplus L^{ws} \oplus L^u, \quad \dim L^\sigma = \dim E^\sigma, \quad \sigma = ss, ws, u.$$

2.  $f$  is dynamically coherent and fully conjugate to  $A$ :

$$h(\mathcal{F}^\sigma) = \mathcal{L}^\sigma, \quad \sigma = ss, ws, u.$$

Here  $h \circ f = A \circ h$ .

**Question 1.2.4.** Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^1(\mathbb{T}^d)$  be Anosov with partially hyperbolic splitting  $T\mathbb{T}^d = E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^u$ .

- Is  $f_* \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$  partially hyperbolic?
- Is  $f$  dynamically coherent or not? If yes, does  $f$  leaf conjugate to  $A$ .

### Lemma 1.2.5

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $C^0$ -foliation on  $\mathbb{T}^d$  with  $C^1$ -leaves. If there exists a homeomorphism  $h : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$  homotopic to  $\text{Id}_{\mathbb{T}^d}$  such that  $h(\mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{L}$  is a linear foliation, then  $\mathcal{F}$  is quasi-isometric:

$$d_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}(x, y) \leq a \cdot d(x, y) + b, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, y \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(x).$$

Here  $a, b > 0$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is the lift of  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.3.* Since  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss} \oplus \mathcal{F}^u)$  is sub-foliated by minimal linear foliation  $h(\mathcal{F}^u) = \mathcal{L}^u$  is linear. We have  $\mathcal{L}^{ss} := h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = h(\mathcal{F}^s) \cap h(\mathcal{F}^{ss} \oplus \mathcal{F}^u)$  is linear.



Brin's argument shows that  $E^{ws} \oplus E^u$  integrate to  $\mathcal{F}^{cu}$  and  $h(\mathcal{F}^{cu})$  is linear and minimal. Then  $\mathcal{F}^{ws}$  integrate to  $\mathcal{F}^{ws}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{ws} := h(\mathcal{F}^{ws})$  is  $A$ -invariant and linear.

Note that  $\mathcal{L}^{ws}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{ss}$  are transverse in  $\mathcal{L}^s$ , then  $A$  admits an invariant splitting  $T\mathbb{T}^d = L^{ss} \oplus L^{ws} \oplus L^u$ . We need to show this is a dominated splitting. This follows from the above lemma and the fact that  $h$  is homotopic to  $\text{Id}_{\mathbb{T}^d}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.2.6** (Global rigidity, Gogolev-Shi, [arXiv: 2207.00704](#))

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^2(\mathbb{T}^d)$  be Anosov and irreducible. Assume that  $f$  is absolutely partially hyperbolic  $T\mathbb{T}^d = E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^u$  and center bunching. If  $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  is integrable, then

1.  $f$  has a finest dominated splitting on  $E^{ws}$  with the same dimensions for  $A|_{L^{ws}}$ :

$$E^{ws} = E_1^{ws} \oplus \dots \oplus E_k^{ws}, \quad \dim E_i^{ws} = \dim L_i^{ws}.$$

2.  $f$  is spectrally rigid along every  $E_i^{ws}$ :

$$\lambda(E_i^{ws}, f) \equiv \lambda(L_i^{ws}, A), \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, k.$$

**Remark 1.2.7** • Here  $f$  need NOT to be  $C^1$ -close to  $A = f_*$ .

- To get dominated splitting, we usually need some  $C^1$ -robust property like: robustly transitive, far from homoclinic bifurcations.
- If  $A = f_*$  satisfies the generic assumption in the last lecture, then the conjugacy  $h$  is  $C^{1+}$ -smooth along  $\mathcal{F}^{ws}$ .
- The center bunching condition

$$\|Df|_{E^{ws}(x)}\| < m(Df|_{E^{ws}(x)}) \cdot m(Df|_{E^u(x)})$$

is a technical condition, which guarantees  $C^{1+}$ -smoothness of  $\mathcal{F}^{su}$ .

**Corollary 1.2.8**

Let  $A \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$  be codimension one with real simple spectrum. For every Anosov  $f \in \text{Diff}_m^2(\mathbb{T}^d)$  with  $f_* = A$  and

$$T\mathbb{T}^d = E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^u, \quad \dim E^{ss} = 1,$$

if

- $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  is integrable;
- the metric entropy  $h_m(f) = h_m(A)$ ;

then  $f$  is  $C^{1+}$ -conjugate to  $A$ .

**Main idea for showing Theorem 1.2.6.** Play the game similar to the last lecture. We will use the Diophantine approximation of  $\mathcal{F}^{ss}$  to show the rigidity of smallest exponent in  $E^{ws}$ :

$$\lambda_{\min}^{ws}(p) = \lambda_{\min}^{ws}(q), \quad \forall p, q \in \text{Per}(f).$$

Then we will show the dimension of  $\lambda_{\min}^{ws}$  for each periodic point is constant. Next, we define the Pesin stable foliation  $\mathcal{F}_{\min}^{ws}$  and show it is  $\mathcal{F}^{su}$ -holonomy invariant, that is  $\text{Hol}^{su} : \mathcal{F}^{ws}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{ws}(q)$  preserves  $\mathcal{F}_{\min}^{ws}$ , for every  $p, q \in \text{Per}(f)$ . Finally, we show a uniform spectral exponents gap and extract out  $\mathcal{F}_{\min}^{ws}$ .

**Lemma 1.2.9**

Let  $\text{Hol}_{x,y}^{su} : \mathcal{F}(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(y)$  be the holonomy map of  $\mathcal{F}^{su}$  with  $\text{Hol}_{x,y}^{su}(x) = y$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{T}^d$  and  $y \in \mathcal{F}^{su}(x)$ . Then

$$\text{Hol}_{x,y}^{su}(K) = h^{-1} \circ T_{h(x),h(y)} \circ h(K).$$

Here  $T_{h(x),h(y)} : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$  is the linear translation send  $h(x)$  to  $h(y)$ . In particular, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for every  $K \subset \mathcal{F}^{ws}(x)$  with  $\text{diam}(K) > \varepsilon$ , then

$$\text{diam}(\text{Hol}_{x,y}^{su}(K)) > \delta, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{F}^{su}(x).$$

**Remark 1.2.10** The same holds for  $\text{Hol}_{x,y}^{ss} : \mathcal{F}^{ws}(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{ws}(y)$  where  $y \in \mathcal{F}^{ss}(x)$ .

*Proof.* It follows immediately from  $f$  is fully conjugate to  $A$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.6.* We first show that

**Claim 1.2.11.**  $\lambda_{\min}^{ws}(p) = \lambda_{\min}^{ws}(q)$ ,  $\forall p, q \in \text{Per}(f)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\lambda_{\min}^{ws}(p) < \lambda_{\min}^{ws}(q)$ . Take  $x_n \in \mathcal{F}^{ss}(p)$  such that  $d^{ss}(x_n, p) = K_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $d(x_n, q) \leq C \cdot K_n^{-\alpha}$ . Take disk  $D \subset \mathcal{F}_{\min}^{ws}(p)$ , the Pesin stable manifold associated to  $\lambda_{\min}^{ws}(p)$ . Let  $D_n = \text{Hol}^{ss}(D) \subset \mathcal{F}^{ws}(x_n)$ , then  $\text{diam}(D_n) \gg \text{diam}(D)$ . Applying a similar  $(k_n, m_n)$ -argument, we get a contradiction since  $\mathcal{F}^{ss}$  is  $C^1$ -smooth in  $\mathcal{F}^{ws}(p)$ .  $\square$

Now we have  $\lambda_{\min}^{ws} := \lambda_{\min}^{ws}(p)$  for every  $p \in \text{Per}(f)$ . We define the Pesin stable foliation associated to  $\lambda_{\min}^{ws}$  for each periodic point.

**Claim 1.2.12.**  $\mathcal{F}_{\min}^{ws}$  is  $\text{Hol}^{su}$ -invariant.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}|_{\mathcal{L}^{ws}(p)} := h(\mathcal{F}_{\min}^{ws}|_{\mathcal{L}^{ws}(p)})$ , it suffices to show

$$T_{h(p),h(x)}(\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}(p)) \subset \mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}(x)$$

for every  $p, q \in \text{Per}(f)$  and  $x \in \mathcal{F}^{ws}(q)$ . Otherwise, take a disk  $D \subset \mathcal{F}_{\min}^{ws}(p)$ , then  $T_{h(p),h(x)}(h(D))$  is transverse to  $\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}|_{\mathcal{L}^{ws}(q)}$  at  $h(x)$ . Take  $x_n \in \mathcal{F}^{ss}$  such that  $d^{ss}(p, x_n) = K_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $d(x_n, x) \ll K_n^{-\alpha}$ , then

$$D_n := \text{Hol}_{p,x_n}^{ss}(D) \rightarrow h^{-1} \circ T_{h(p),h(x)} \circ h(D).$$

It follows that  $\text{Hol}_{\text{loc}}^u(D)$  is “uniformly transverse” (the angle will not tend to zero) to  $\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{loc}}^{ws}(q)$ , where  $\text{Hol}_{\text{loc}}^u(D) : \mathcal{F}^{ws}(x_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{ws}(q)$  is  $C^{1+}$ -smooth. Since the transverse direction has a weaker contracting rate, we play the  $(k_n, m_n)$ -game and get a contradiction.  $\square$

Let  $\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws} := h(\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws})$ , then the density of  $\text{Per}(f)$  and minimality of  $\mathcal{F}^{ws}$  imply  $T_{x,y}(\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}(x)) \subset \mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}(y)$ . By the translation invariance and the  $A$ -invariance, we have

- $\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}$  is a linear foliation on  $\mathbb{T}^d$ , and
- $L_{\min}^{ws} := T\mathcal{L}_{\min}^{ws}$  associate to an eigenspace of  $A$ .

Also by an estimate of the growth, we get  $\lambda(A, L_{\min}^{ws}) \equiv \lambda_{\min}^{ws}$ .

Finally, we establish the induction step. Following the idea of [Bonatti-Díaz-Pujals, 2003], consider the quotient cocycle  $D\tilde{f} : E^{ws}/E_{\min}^{ws} \rightarrow E^{ws}/E_{\min}^{ws}$  which is Hölder continuous over  $f$ . Again by a  $(k_n, m_n)$ -game, we can show that  $\lambda_2^{ws}$  is uniformly larger than  $\lambda_{\min}^{ws}$ . Then the splitting  $T\mathbb{T}^d = (E^{ss} \oplus E_{\min}^{ws}) \oplus F \oplus E^u$  is an absolutely partially hyperbolic splitting. The joint integrability follows from  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss} \oplus \mathcal{F}_{\min}^{ws})$  is linear.  $\square$

## §1.3 Rigidity on $\mathbb{T}^4$ (Apr 27)

Let us recall some results shown in last two lectures. We remark that the key point is that

$$E^{ss} \oplus E^u \text{ is integrable} \implies h(\mathcal{F}^{ss} = \mathcal{L}^{ss}) \text{ is linear.}$$

**Question 1.3.1.** Let  $f$  be  $C^1$ -close to  $A$  with splitting

$$T\mathbb{T}^d = E_1^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_k^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_l^s \oplus E_1^u \oplus \cdots \oplus E_j^u \oplus \cdots \oplus E_m^u.$$

What happens if  $E_k^s \oplus E_j^u$  is jointly integrable? Spectral rigidity in  $E_{k+1}^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_l^s \oplus E_1^u \oplus \cdots \oplus E_{j-1}^u$ ?

**Theorem 1.3.2** (Gogolev-Kalinin-Sadovskaya)

Spectral rigidity in  $E_{k+1}^s \oplus \cdots \oplus E_l^s \oplus E_1^u \oplus \cdots \oplus E_{j-1}^u$  implies  $h(\mathcal{F}_k^s) = \mathcal{L}_k^s$  and  $h(\mathcal{F}_j^u) = \mathcal{L}_j^u$  hence  $E_k^s \oplus E_j^u$  is jointly integrable.

**The work of Avila-Viana.**

**Theorem 1.3.3** (Avila-Viana, 2010)

For every symplectic  $f$  which is  $C^\infty$ -close to  $A$  with splitting

$$T\mathbb{T}^4 = E^s \oplus E^c \oplus E^u,$$

then

- either  $f$  is accessible and non-uniformly hyperbolic;
- or  $E^s \oplus E^u$  is integrable and  $\exists h \in \text{Diff}_m^\infty(\mathbb{T}^4)$  such that

$$h \circ f = A \circ h.$$

In particular,  $f$  is Bernoulli.

**Main Theorem.**

**Theorem 1.3.4** (Gogolev-Shi, arXiv: 2207.00704)

Let  $A \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$  be an irreducible Anosov automorphism with dominated splitting

$$T\mathbb{T}^d = L^{ss} \oplus L^{ws} \oplus L^{wu} \oplus L^{uu}, \quad \text{with} \quad \dim L^{ws} = \dim L^{wu} = 1.$$

For  $f \in \text{Diff}^2(\mathbb{T}^d)$  be  $C^1$ -close to  $A$  with splitting

$$T\mathbb{T}^d = E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^{wu} \oplus E^{uu},$$

the following are equivalent:

- $E^{ss} \oplus E^{uu}$  is integrable;
- $f$  is spectral rigid along  $E^{ws}$  and  $E^{wu}$ .

**Corollary 1.3.5**

Let  $A \in \text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z})$  be hyperbolic and irreducible with dominated splitting

$$T\mathbb{T}^4 = L^{ss} \oplus L^{ws} \oplus L^{wu} \oplus L^{uu}.$$

For symplectic  $f \in \text{Diff}_\omega^2(\mathbb{T}^4)$  be  $C^1$ -close to  $A$  with

$$T\mathbb{T}^4 = E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^{wu} \oplus E^{uu},$$

the following are equivalent:

- $E^{ss} \oplus E^{uu}$  is integrable;
- $f$  is  $C^{1+}$ -smoothly conjugate to  $A$ .

*Proof of corollary.* If  $E^{ss} \oplus E^{uu}$  is integrable, then we have spectral rigidity in  $E^{ws} \oplus E^{wu}$ ,  $h$  is smooth along  $E^{ws} \oplus E^{wu}$  and  $h(\mathcal{L}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$ ,  $h(\mathcal{F}^{uu}) = \mathcal{L}^{uu}$ . Since  $h$  is smooth along  $\mathcal{F}^{ws}$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{wu}$ , the holonomy map  $\text{Hol}_{\mathcal{F}}^{su}$  is  $C^{1+}$ . Then we use the symplectic structure that  $E^c = E^{ws} \oplus E^{wu}$  is perpendicular to  $E^{su}$  (with respect to  $\omega$ ). Hence  $\mathcal{F}^{ws} \oplus \mathcal{F}^{wu}$  is  $C^{1+}$ . Then we can show that  $h$  is absolutely continuous in  $\mathcal{F}^{su}$  and hence  $h$  is  $C^{1+}$ .  $\square$

**Proof of Main Theorem.** Main problem is whether  $h(\mathcal{F}^{su}) = \mathcal{L}^{su}$  is the linear one? Or equivalently, whether we have  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$  or  $h(\mathcal{F}^{uu}) = \mathcal{L}^{uu}$ ? This is nontrivial.

**Lemma 1.3.6**

If one of  $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  and  $E^s \oplus E^{uu}$  is integrable, then  $f$  is spectral rigid in  $E^{ws} \oplus E^{wu}$ .

*Proof.* If  $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  is integrable, then  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss} \oplus \mathcal{F}^u)$  is linear and hence  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = h(\mathcal{F}^{ss} \oplus \mathcal{F}^u) \cap \mathcal{L}^s = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$  is linear. Then both  $h(\mathcal{F}^{su})$  and  $h(\mathcal{F}^{uu})$  are linear. Then we obtain a spectral rigidity by Theorem 1.1.13.  $\square$

**The solvable action.** Let  $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z} \ltimes \mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $L^c(0) = L^{ws}(0) \oplus L^{wu}(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ . Define the linear action

$$\alpha_0 : \Gamma \times L^c(0) \rightarrow L^c(0), \quad \alpha_0(k, n)(x) = L^{su}(A^k(x) + n) \cap L^c(0).$$

If we write  $n = n^s + n^c + n^u \in L^s \oplus L^c \oplus L^u$ , then  $\alpha_0(k, n)(x) = A^k x + n^c$ .

For  $F : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be the lift of  $f$  and  $F(0) = 0$ , then

- $F^k(x + n) = F^k(x) + A^k n$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ .
- $F(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^c(0)) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^c(0)$ .

Then  $\Gamma \curvearrowright \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^c(0)$  given by

$$\alpha(k, n)(x) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{su}(F^k(x) + n) \cap \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^c(0), \quad \forall (k, n) \in \Gamma = \mathbb{Z} \ltimes \mathbb{Z}^d, x \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^c(0).$$

**Lemma 1.3.7** This is a group action by the solvable group  $\Gamma$ .

**Main idea.** If both  $E^{ss} \oplus E^u$  and  $E^s \oplus E^{uu}$  are not integrable, then we can find a free subgroup by a pingpong argument, which contradicts  $\Gamma$  is solvable.

**Lemma 1.3.8**

If  $\alpha(0, n)(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(0)) \subset \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(\alpha(0, n)0)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , then both  $h(\mathcal{F}^{ss}) = \mathcal{L}^{ss}$  and  $h(\mathcal{F}^{uu}) = \mathcal{L}^{uu}$  are linear. The same holds if  $\alpha(0, n)(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{wu}(0)) \subset \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{wu}(\alpha(0, n)0)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(n)$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and hence  $E^{ss} \oplus E^{ws} \oplus E^{uu}$  jointly integrates to  $\mathcal{F}^{su} \oplus \mathcal{F}^{ws}$ . Then we deduce the linearity.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.4.* Assume for a contradiction that there exists  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  such that

- $\alpha(0, n_1)(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(0))$  is transverse to  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(\alpha(0, n_1)(0))$ ;
- $\alpha(0, n_1)(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{wu}(0))$  is transverse to  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{wu}(\alpha(0, n_1)(0))$ .

#### Lemma 1.3.9

There exists  $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  such that

- $\alpha(0, m_1)(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(0))$  is transverse to  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(0)$ ;
- $\alpha(0, m_1)(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{wu}(0))$  is transverse to  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{wu}(0)$ .

#### Lemma 1.3.10

For  $l$  large enough,  $n = A^l m_1 - A^{-l} m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  satisfies

- $\alpha(0, n)(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(0))$  is transverse to  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(0)$ ;
- $\alpha(0, n)(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{wu}(0))$  is transverse to  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{wu}(0)$ .

Now we consider  $F : \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(0) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(0)$  and

$$G : \alpha(0, n) \circ \alpha(1, 0) \circ \alpha(0, -n) : \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(0) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(0).$$

Then  $F$  is saddle-like dynamics at  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(0) \cup \tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{ws}(0)$  near 0. The map  $G$  is also saddle-like near  $\alpha(0, n)0$ . By a pingpong-argument, we can show that  $\{F^k, G^k\}$  generates a free group for a sufficiently large  $k$ . This contradicts that  $\Gamma$  is solvable.  $\square$

## **2** **Methods for Studying Abelian Actions and Centralizers (Danijela Damjanović / Disheng Xu)**

# **3** **Dimension of Stationary Measures** **(Francios Ledrappier / Pablo Lessa)**