

LIST OF RECOMMENDED PAPERS FOR PRESENTATION

This is a list of recommended papers for the presentation of MAT993V: Homéomorphismes pseudo-Anosov des surfaces (MAT993V: Pseudo-Anosov maps). The papers are very loosely grouped by topic, and we have included a brief description of each paper.

- Leininger ‘On groups generated by two positive multi-twists: Teichmüller curves and Lehmer’s number’ [[Lei04](#)]
This paper uses an idea of Thurston for constructing pseudo-Anosov maps to analyze the structure of subgroups of $\text{Mod}(S)$ that are generated by two Dehn twists.
- Strenner ‘Algebraic degrees of pseudo-Anosov stretch factors’ [[Str17](#)]
This paper studies the problem of which algebraic degrees are attained by dilatations of pseudo-Anosov maps defined on a fixed surface.
- Shin-Strenner ‘Pseudo-Anosov mapping classes not arising from Penner’s construction’ [[SS15](#)]
In [[Pen88](#)], Penner introduced a construction of pseudo-Anosov maps and conjectured that up to taking powers, every pseudo-Anosov map arises from this construction. This paper disproves this conjecture.
- Franks-Rykken ‘Pseudo-Anosov homeomorphisms with quadratic expansion’ [[FR99](#)]
This paper shows that if a pseudo-Anosov map with orientable foliations has a quadratic dilatation, then it is the branched lift of an Anosov map on the torus. [[LR20](#)] shows that this fact does not generalize to higher algebraic degrees.
- Dowdall ‘Dilatation versus self-intersection number for point-pushing pseudo-Anosov homeomorphisms’ [[Dow11](#)]
Given a closed path γ on a surface, one can define a point-pushing homeomorphism $\mathcal{P}(\gamma)$ by puncturing the surface at a point and pushing the puncture along γ . A theorem of Kra states that when γ is sufficiently complicated $\mathcal{P}(\gamma)$ is pseudo-Anosov. This paper analyzes the relation between the dilatation of $\mathcal{P}(\gamma)$ and the self-intersection number of γ .
- Farber-Reinoso-Wang ‘Fixed-point-free pseudo-Anosov homeomorphisms, knot Floer homology and the cinquefoil’ [[FRW22](#)]
This paper classifies fixed-point free pseudo-Anosov maps with certain singularity types on the genus two closed orientable surface. The motivation of this comes from knot Floer homology.
- Delecroix-Ulcigrai ‘Diagonal changes for surfaces in hyperelliptic components: a geometric natural extension of Ferenczi-Zamboni moves’ [[DU15](#)]
This paper develops a ‘diagonal change’ theory for hyperelliptic pseudo-Anosov maps which generalizes the description of $\text{Mod}(T^2)$ on the Farey tessellation.

- Bestvina-Handel ‘Train-tracks for surface homeomorphisms’ [BH95]
This paper describes a proof of Nielsen-Thurston classification using train tracks.
- Maher ‘Random walks on the mapping class group’ [Mah11]
This paper shows that a random walk on the mapping class group leads to a pseudo-Anosov map with asymptotic probability one. Familiarity with geometric group theory is recommended for reading this paper.
- Hironaka-Kin ‘A family of pseudo-Anosov braids with small dilatation’ [HK06]
This paper studies the minimum dilatation of pseudo-Anosov maps on punctured discs.
- Agol-Leininger-Margalit ‘Pseudo-Anosov stretch factors and homology of mapping tori’ [ALM16]
This paper studies the minimum dilatation of pseudo-Anosov maps that preserves subspaces of H_1 of certain dimensions.
- Boissy-Lanneau ‘Pseudo-Anosov homeomorphisms on translation surfaces in hyperelliptic components have large entropy’ [BL12]
This paper studies the minimum dilatation of hyperelliptic pseudo-Anosov maps.
- Gadre-Tsai ‘Minimal pseudo-Anosov translation lengths on the complex of curves’ [GT11]
Aside from the Teichmüller space, $\text{Mod}(S)$ also acts on other natural objects associated to S . One of these is the curve complex. This paper studies the analogy of the minimum dilatation problem in this setting.
- Sun ‘A transcendental invariant of pseudo-Anosov maps’ [Sun15]
This paper constructs examples of fibered faces where the normalized dilatation function attains its minimum at a transcendental point.
- Landry-Minsky-Taylor ‘A polynomial invariant for veering triangulations’ [LMT20]
This paper defines the taut polynomial for a general veering triangulation and shows that it generalizes the Teichmüller polynomial.
- Guéritaud ‘On canonical triangulations of once-punctured torus bundles and two-bridge link complements’ [Gué06]
This paper demonstrates how to compute the hyperbolic volume of a once-punctured torus bundle from its veering triangulation. An appendix by Futer generalizes this to two-bridge link complements but the triangulations used there are not veering triangulations.
- Futer-Taylor-Worden ‘Random veering triangulations are not geometric’ [FTW20]
This paper shows that for a generic pseudo-Anosov map, its associated layered veering triangulation is not geometric.
- Cannon-Thurston ‘Group invariant Peano curves’ [CT07]
This is a classical paper that explains how to construct sphere-filling curves from pseudo-Anosov maps.

- Dowdall-Kapovich-Leininger ‘Dynamics on free-by-cyclic groups’ [DKL15]
This paper generalizes Thurston-Fried fibered face theory to outer automorphisms of free groups.
- Landry-Minsky-Taylor ‘Endperiodic maps via pseudo-Anosov flows’ [LMT23]
An endperiodic map is a type of homeomorphism defined on an infinite type surface that shares many similarities with pseudo-Anosov maps. This paper shows that it is possible to develop a theory of the former from knowledge of the latter. Some familiarity with 3-manifold topology is recommended for reading this paper.
- Zung ‘Taut foliations, left-orders, and pseudo-Anosov mapping tori’ [Zun20]
This paper shows that positive Dehn fillings of the mapping torus of a pseudo-Anosov map with orientable foliations have left-orderable fundamental groups. The proof involves an analysis of the stable/unstable measured foliations. Some familiarity with 3-manifold topology is recommended for reading this paper.

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