

In this lecture we will bring everything together and conclude the proof of

Theorem (Freiman-Ruzsa on  $\mathbb{Z}$ )

If  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  finite with  $|A+A| \leq K|A|$ , then  $A$  is contained in a GAP  $Q$  of dimension  $d = O(K^c)$  and size  $|Q| \leq e^{O(K^c)} |A|$ .

↪ We will show that one can take  $c=34$  (say).

Proof

Initial Steps:

- Since  $|A+A| \leq K|A|$ , Plünnecke implies that  $|8A-8A| \leq K^{16}|A|$ .
- Ruzsa's model lemma  $\Rightarrow \exists A' \subseteq A$  with  $|A'| \geq |A|/8$  and  $B \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_N$  with  $K^{16}|A| \leq N \leq 2K^{16}|A|$  prime s.t.  $A' \simeq_8 B$ .
- Bogolyubov's lemma  $\Rightarrow 2B-2B$  contains a Bohr set  $B(\Gamma, \frac{1}{2\pi})$  with rank  $d := |\Gamma| \leq 2^{10} K^{32}$ .
- Geometry of Numbers  $\Rightarrow 2B-2B$  contains a proper GAP  $Q$  of dimension  $d$  and size  $|Q| \geq e^{-cd \log d} |A|$ .
- Since  $A' \simeq_8 B \Rightarrow 2A'-2A' \simeq_2 2B-2B$ .

Thus  $2A'-2A'$ , and hence also  $2A-2A$  contains a proper GAP  $Q$  of dimension  $d \leq 2^{10} K^{32}$  and size  $|Q| \approx e^{-cK^{33}} |A|$ .

## Final Step

- 1st Attempt: Note that  $|A+Q| \leq |3A-2A| \leq K^5 |A| \leq e^{ck^{33}} |Q|$ .

Ruzsa's covering lemma  $\Rightarrow \exists$  set  $X \subseteq A$  with  $|X| \leq e^{ck^{33}}$  s.t.

$$\underline{A \subseteq X + Q - Q}.$$

Since  $X \subseteq \text{GAP}$  of dimension  $|X|$  and size  $2^{|X|}$ , it follows that

$$X + Q - Q \subseteq \text{GAP of dimension } |X| + d \leq e^{ck^{33}} \text{ dominate!}$$

$$\text{and size } \leq 2^{|X|} |Q - Q| \leq 2^{|X|} 2^d |Q| \leq e^{ck^{33}}.$$

\* The wasteful step was allowing  $X$  to be so big. We can do better:

- 2nd Attempt: Chang's Refinement: Set  $Q_0 = Q$  and let  $X_0$  denote maximal subset of  $A$  such that  $\{x + Q_0 : x \in X_0\}$  pairwise disjoint.

If  $|X_0| \leq 2K$  - STOP.

If  $|X_0| > 2K$ , let  $Y_0$  be any subset of  $X_0$  with  $|Y_0| = 2K$  and  $Q_1 = Q_0 + Y_0$ .

Now choose  $X_1 \subseteq A$  maximally such that  $\{x + Q_1 : x \in X_1\}$  pairwise disjoint.

If  $|X_1| \leq 2K$  - STOP.

If  $|X_1| > 2K \dots$

\* Proceed until we terminate in a set  $X_J$  of size  $\leq 2K$ . \*

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Since } |Q_J| = (2K)^J |Q| \approx (2K)^J e^{-ck^{33}} |A|, \text{ and } |Q_J| \leq |(J+2)A - 2A| \leq K^{J+4} |A| \\ \text{we see that } 2^J \leq e^{ck^{33}} \Rightarrow \underline{J \leq cK^{33}}. \end{array} \right]$$

By maximality of each  $X_j$  we get  $A \subseteq X_J + Q_J - Q_J = X_J + \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} (Y_j - Y_j) + (Q - Q)$ .

Hence  $A \subseteq \text{GAP of dimension } \leq (J+1)2K + 2^{10} K^{32} \leq \underline{cK^{34}}$  & size  $\leq \underline{3^{(J+1)2K} cK^{32} |Q|} \leq \underline{e^{ck^{34}}}$ .