

# Strong Positive Recurrence for Diffeomorphisms

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## Spectral gap: Exponential mixing for smooth surface diffeomorphisms

$f \in \text{Diff}^r(M)$  with  $M$  a closed  $d$ -dimensional manifold

Classical variational principle:  $h_{\text{top}}(f) = \sup_{\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)} h(\mu)$

A measure maximizing the entropy (MME) is  $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$  with  $h(\mu) = h_{\text{top}}(f)$

If  $r = \infty$ , some MME exists (Newhouse)

If  $r = \infty$ ,  $d = 2$ ,  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$ , and top. transitive, unique MME (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

## Theorem (B.-Crovisier-Sarig)

Assume that  $r = \infty$ ,  $d = 2$ , topological mixing, and  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$ .

Then the unique MME  $\mu$  is exponentially mixing for Hölder functions, ie

For any exponent  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , there is  $\kappa < 1$  such that

$$\forall u, v \in C^\alpha(M) \int u \circ f^n \cdot v \, d\mu - \int_M u \, d\mu \int_M v \, d\mu = O(\kappa^n)$$

## Goal

A notion of hyperbolicity:

- sufficiently relaxed to hold beyond uniform hyperbolicity
- strong enough to retain “spectral gap”

## Nonuniformly hyperbolic measures

$f \in \text{Diff}^r(M^d)$  with  $r > 1$  and  $M$  a closed  $d$ -dim. Riemannian manifold

$\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$  ergodic (invariant Borel probability) measure

### Definition

**Lyapunov spectrum:**  $\sigma_L(x) := \{\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \|D_x f^n \cdot v\| : v \in T_x M \setminus 0\}$

**Oseledets spaces:**  $E_x^\lambda := \{v \in T_x M \setminus 0 : \lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \|D_x f^n v\| = \lambda\}$

**Lyapunov exponents:**  $\lambda^1(x) \geq \lambda^2(x) \geq \dots \geq \lambda^d(x)$

For  $\mu \in \mathbb{P}(f)$ ,  $\lambda^j(\mu) := \int \lambda^j(x) d\mu$

### Definition (Pesin hyperbolicity)

$\nu \in \mathbb{P}(f)$  is **hyperbolic** if  $\nu$ -ae  $0 \notin \sigma_L(x)$

$\nu \in \mathbb{P}(f)$  is hyperbolic of **saddle type** if additionally  $\nu$ -ae  $\lambda^1(x) > 0 > \lambda^d(x)$

### Key observation (Katok)

If  $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$ ,  $h(\mu) > 0$  and  $d = 2$ , Ruelle's inequality shows  $\mu$  hyperbolic saddle type

More precisely,  $\lambda^1(\mu) \geq h(\mu) > 0 > -h(\mu) \geq \lambda^2(\mu)$

# Pesin theory of nonuniform hyperbolicity

## Definition

For  $0 < \epsilon < \chi$  and  $C \geq 1$ , the Pesin block  $\Lambda_\chi(C, \epsilon)$  is the set of  $x \in M$  for which there is  $T_x M = E \oplus F$  satisfying:

$$\forall n \geq 0 \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \|Df^n|_{Df^k(E)}\| \leq Ce^{\epsilon|k|} \exp(-\chi n)$$

$$\forall n \geq 0 \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \|Df^{-n}|_{Df^k(F)}\| \leq Ce^{\epsilon|k|} \exp(-\chi n)$$

## Fact

$\Lambda_\chi(C, \epsilon)$  is compact with  $f^{\pm 1}(\Lambda_\chi(C, \epsilon)) \subset \Lambda_\chi(Ce^\epsilon, \epsilon)$

Invariant  $K \Subset M$  is hyperbolic iff  $K \subset \Lambda_\chi(C, \epsilon)$  for some  $\chi > 0$  and arb. small  $\epsilon > 0$ .

## Lemma (Oseledets-Pesin reduction)

If  $\mu \in \mathbb{P}(f)$   $\chi$ -hyperbolic ie  $\mu$ -ae  $\{\lambda^j(x) : j = 1, \dots, d\} \cap [-\chi, \chi] = \emptyset$  then

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists C > 1 \mu(\Lambda_\chi(C, \epsilon)) > 1 - \epsilon$$

## Theorem (Pesin local invariant manifolds)

For  $\chi > 0$  and  $0 < \epsilon \leq \epsilon(f, \chi)$ ,  $W^s(x), W^u(x)$  are  $C^r$ -immersions,  $C^0$  on  $x \in \Lambda_\chi(C, \epsilon)$

## SPR property for diffeomorphisms

$f \in \text{Diff}^r(M^d)$  with  $r > 1$  and  $M$  closed  $d$ -dimensional manifold ( $d \geq 2$ )

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### Definition (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

$f \in \text{Diff}^r(M^d)$  is **strongly positively recurrent** (or **SPR**) if there is  $\chi > 0$  such that

For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there are  $h < h_{\text{top}}(f)$ ,  $C > 1$ , and  $\tau > 0$  such that

$$\forall \mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f) \quad h(\mu) > h \implies \mu(\Lambda_\chi(C, \epsilon)) > \tau$$

### Theorem (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^\infty(M^2)$  with  $M^2$  closed surface

If  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$ , then  $f$  is strongly positively recurrent

## Statistical properties

### Theorem (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^{1+}(M^d)$  be SPR with MME  $\mu$  ( $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$  and  $h(\mu) = h_{\text{top}}(f)$ )

If  $\mu$  is strongly mixing then it is exponentially mixing for Hölder functions, ie

For any exponent  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , there is  $\kappa < 1$  such that

$$\forall u, v \in C^\alpha(M) \int u \circ f^n \cdot v \, d\mu - \int_M u \, d\mu \int_M v \, d\mu = O(\kappa^n)$$

### Theorem (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^{1+}(M^d)$  be SPR with  $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$  such that  $h(\mu) = h_{\text{top}}(f)$

If  $\mu$  is strongly mixing then, for Hölder-continuous functions we have:

- Central limit theorem (CLT)
- Identification of the variance and characterization of its vanishing
- Large deviations
- Almost sure invariance principle and its consequences (law of iterated logarithm, arcsine law, law of records)

**Remark.** There are statements for general (ie periodic) ergodic MMEs

## MMEs of SPR diffeomorphisms: existence and finiteness

### Theorem (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^{1+}(M^d)$  be SPR with  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$

If  $f$  is SPR then  $f$  admits a nonzero, finite number of ergodic MMEs  $m_1, \dots, m_K$

**Remark.** New proof of the finiteness of MMEs [B-CROVISIER-SARIG ANNALS 2022]

### Theorem (Effective intrinsic ergodicity, B-Crovisier-Sarig)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^{1+}(M^d)$  be SPR with  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$  with a unique MME  $m$

given  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , there is  $C > 0$  such that for any  $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$ ,

$$\forall u \in C^\alpha(M) \quad \left| \int u d\mu - \int u dm \right| \leq C \|u\|_{C^\alpha} \sqrt{h_{\text{top}}(f) - h(\mu)}$$

### Remark.

- Effective intrinsic ergodicity is a quantitative version of the softer

USC of  $h : \mathbb{P}(f) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\exists$  unique MME  $m$  gives  $\mu \xrightarrow{*} m$  as  $h(\mu) \rightarrow h_{\text{top}}(f)$

- Proved for SFT by [S. KADYROV 2015]; for Markov shifts by [RÜHR-SARIG, ARXIV]



## MMEs of SPR diffeomorphisms: Lyapunov exponents

$\lambda^1(x) \geq \dots \geq \lambda^d(x)$ : pointwise Lyapunov exponents (repeated according to multiplicity)

$\lambda^j(\mu) := \int_X \lambda^j(x) d\mu$ : average Lyapunov exponents (repeated according to multiplicity)

$J^u(\mu) := \sum_{j=1}^d \max(\lambda^j(\mu), 0)$ : sum of positive exponents

## Theorem (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^{1+}(M^d)$  of a closed manifold

$f$  is SPR if and only if  $\exists \chi > 0$  such that the following holds:

For any  $\mu_k \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$  with  $h(\mu_k) \rightarrow h_{\text{top}}(f)$  and  $\exists \lim_n \mu_n =: \mu$

- 1  $\exists i = i(\mu)$  such that  $\lambda^i(x) > \chi > 0 > -\chi > \lambda^{i+1}(x)$   $\mu$ -a.e.
- 2  $\lim_k J^u(\mu_k)$  exists and is equal to  $J^u(\mu)$

Applying this to  $f \in \text{Diff}^\infty(M^2)$ :

**Newhouse USC.** Since  $r = \infty$ ,  $h(\mu) = h_{\text{top}}(f)$

**Ruelle inequality.** Since  $d = 2$ ,  $\mu$ -a.e  $\lambda^1(x) \geq h_{\text{top}}(f) \geq -h_{\text{top}}(f) \geq \lambda^2(x)$

**B-Crovisier-Sarig (Invent. Math. 2022).** If  $r = \infty$  and  $d = 2$ ,  $\lim_k \lambda^1(\mu_k) = \lambda^1(\mu)$

**Corollary (B-Crovisier-Sarig ).** Any  $f \in \text{Diff}^\infty(M^2)$  with  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$  is SPR

## MMEs of SPR diffeomorphisms: Lyapunov exponents

### Theorem (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^{1+}(M^2)$  of a closed surface with  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$

$f$  is SPR if and only if the following holds:

(\*) For any  $\mu_k \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$ ,  $h(\mu_k) \rightarrow h_{\text{top}}(f)$  and  $\exists \lim_n \mu_n =: \mu$   
 $\lim_k \lambda^1(\mu_k)$  exists and is equal to  $\lambda^1(\mu)$

### Theorem (B-Crovisier-Sarig)

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^\infty(M^2)$  of a closed surface

Assume  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$  and  $\exists$  a unique MME  $m$

If  $f$  is SPR, there is  $C > 0$  such that for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$ ,

(\*\*)  $|\lambda^1(\mu) - \lambda^1(m)| \leq C \sqrt{h_{\text{top}}(f) - h(\mu)}$

### Remark

The above is a rigidity result: if, when the entropy converges to  $h_{\text{top}}(f)$ , the exponent is continuous (\*) then it must be  $\frac{1}{2}$ -Hölder continuous (\*\*).

# Sketch of proof: from continuity of exponents to SPR

$\widehat{M} := \{(x, E) : x \in M, E \text{ 1-dim subspace of } T_x M\}$  and  $\widehat{f}(x, E) = (f(x), D_x f(E))$

$\widehat{\varphi} : \widehat{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\widehat{\varphi}(x, E) := \log |D_x f|E|$

$\mu \in \mathbb{P}(f)$  hyperbolic of saddle type (a.e.  $\lambda^1(x) > 0 > \lambda^2(x)$ )

1. The ergodic lifts of hyperbolic  $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$  to  $\mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(\widehat{f})$  are

$$\widehat{\mu}^+ := \int_M \delta_{(x, E_x^+)} d\mu(x) \text{ and } \widehat{\mu}^- := \int_M \delta_{(x, E_x^-)} d\mu(x)$$

2. The ergodic lifts  $\widehat{\mu}$  of  $\mu$  to  $\mathbb{P}(\widehat{f})$  are

$$\widehat{\mu} = \int (1 - a(\xi)) \widehat{\mu}_\xi^+ + a(\xi) \widehat{\mu}_\xi^- d\xi \text{ if } \mu = \int \mu_\xi d\xi \text{ ergodic decomposition}$$

Moreover,  $\lambda^1(\mu) = \widehat{\mu}^+(\widehat{\varphi}) > 0$  and  $\lambda^2(\mu) = \widehat{\mu}^-(\widehat{\varphi}) < 0$

3. If  $\lim_k \lambda^1(\mu_k) = \lambda^1(\mu) > 0$  then  $\widehat{\mu}_k^+ \xrightarrow{*} \widehat{\mu}^+$  (Computation)

4.  $\forall \alpha > 0 \exists h < h_{\text{top}}(f) \exists N \geq 1 \forall \mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$

$$h(\mu) > h \implies \mu \left( \{x \in M : \|Df^N|E_x^+\| > e^{N \cdot h_{\text{top}}(f)/2}\} \right) > 1 - \alpha$$

5.  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists h < h_{\text{top}}(f) \exists C > 0 \forall \mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(f)$

$$h(\mu) > h \implies \mu \left( \Lambda_{h_{\text{top}}(f)/3}(C, \epsilon) \right) > 1 - \epsilon$$

Pliss Lemma.  $\epsilon$ -tempered envelope.

## Sketch of proof: Statistical properties, effective intrinsic ergodicity

**Markov shift** defined by a countable directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ :

$$\Sigma := \{\alpha \in V^{\mathbb{Z}} : \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} (\alpha_n, \alpha_{n+1}) \in E\} \text{ with } \sigma : (\alpha_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mapsto (\alpha_{n+1})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

**Definition (Vere-Jones, Gurevič, Sarig, ...)**

The Markov shift  $\Sigma$  is **SPR** if there is  $V_0 \subseteq V$ ,  $h_0 < h_{TOP}(\sigma)$ ,  $\tau_0 > 0$  such that

$$\forall \mu \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{erg}}(\sigma) \quad h(\mu) > h_0 \implies \mu(\{\alpha \in \Sigma : \alpha_0 \in V_0\}) > \tau_0$$

**Theorem (Bowen, Cyr-Sarig, Gouëzel, Parry-Pollicott, Ruelle, Ruhr-Sarig, Sinai, ...)**  
*MMEs of an SPR Markov shift have “good statistical properties”*

**Theorem (Sarig, Benovadia)**

For all  $f \in \text{Diff}^{1+}(M^d)$  and  $\chi > 0$ :

$\exists$  Markov shift  $(\Sigma, \sigma)$  and  $\pi : \Sigma \xrightarrow{C^\alpha} M$   $f \circ \pi = \pi \circ \sigma$  with “good properties” for  $\mathbb{P}_x(f)$

**Lemma.**  $C(x) :=$  Oseledets-Pesin;  $q(x) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2\epsilon|n|} \|C(f^n(x))^{-1}\|$

$\forall K > 0$   $\{\alpha_0 : \alpha \in \Sigma^\#, \pi(\alpha) = x \text{ with } q(x) < K\}$  is finite

**Lemma.** If  $x \in \Lambda_x(C, \epsilon)$ , then  $q(x) \leq q_0(\chi, \epsilon, C)$

**Theorem.** If  $f$  is SPR then it has good statistical properties wrt its MMEs

# Conclusion: Strong Positive Recurrence

## Summary

- A notion for  $\text{Diff}^{1+}(M^d)$  giving:
  - existence and finiteness of MMEs
  - effective intrinsic ergodicity
  - good statistical properties of MMEs
- characterized in terms of exponents of measures with  $h(\mu) \rightarrow h_{\text{top}}(f)$
- It holds for all  $\text{Diff}^\infty(M^2)$  with  $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$

## Comments

- generalization to equilibrium measures for  $\psi \in C^+(M)$ : yes, SRB???
- $C^r$  smoothness for measures with  $h(\mu) > \log \text{Lip}(f)/r$ ?? (see Burguet)
- Entropy-hyperbolic diffeomorphisms in high dimension???
- Alternate route via anisotropic Hilbert spaces???

Thank you

