Robust dynamical properties and geometric structures in dimension 3

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Similar conclusions for stably ergodic diffeomorphisms (Arbieto-Matheus/ Bochi-Fayad-Pujals).

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Characterizations of Robust transitivity: ????? Very little is known.

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Geometric structures give hope that topological restrictions can be found.

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So, in dimension \geq 4 the question seems very hard.

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In the global dominated splitting case we obtain:

Theorem (Gourmelon-P-Sambarino)

 $f: \mathbb{T}^2 \to \mathbb{T}^2$ admitting a global dominated splitting $T\mathbb{T}^2 = E \oplus F$. Then, either f is isotopic to Anosov and f is essentially a DA diffeomorphism or f is essentially Morse-Smale.

We have examples of all cases, and we have studied integrability properties of the bundles to the detail.

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- For f SPH, if $E^s \oplus E^c$ and $E^c \oplus E^u$ are integrable to f-invariant foliations ($\Rightarrow E^c$ is also integrable to an f-invariant foliation).

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- It holds for every SPH (Burago-Ivanov).

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We need *models* to be leaf conjugate to.

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The hypothesis on the existence of the periodic torus is to rule out the non-dynamically coherent examples of Hertz-Hertz-Ures which can be done in \mathbb{T}^3 (but not in the isotopy class of Anosov) and in solvmanifolds.

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