

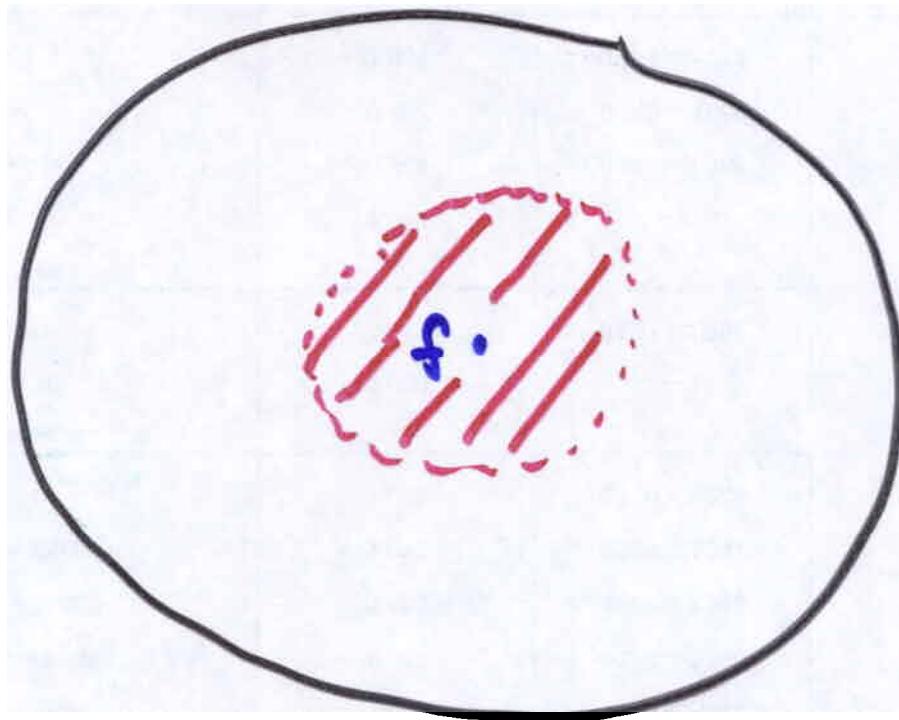
# Stable Ergodicity

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$M$  compact



$\text{Diff}^2 \text{Vol}(m)$

$III = \text{ergodic}$

$C^1$  open

Two ways to create stable ergodicity

① Robust non uniform hyperbolic  
(Alves Bonatti Viana)

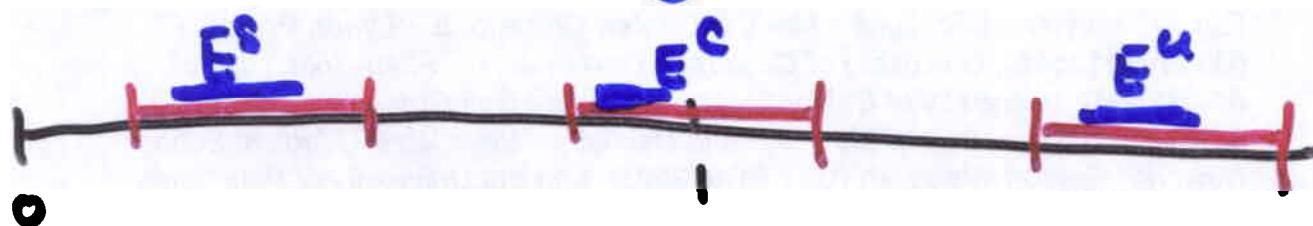
② Uniform partial hyperbolicity  
(Pugh- Shub)

②' Anosov

$\text{PHD}_{\text{vol}}^2(M) = C^2 \text{ vol pres}$   
partially hyperbolic  
diff cos at M

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

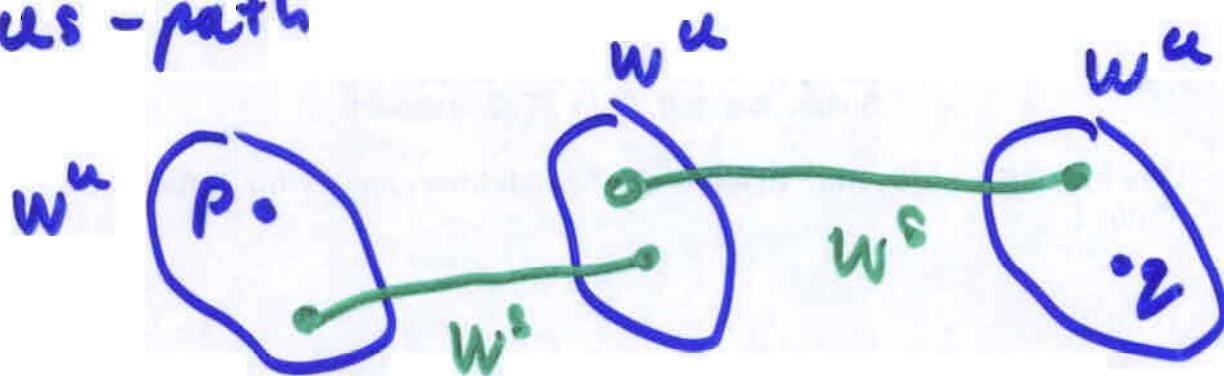
invariant splitting



$$\|df_v\|/\|v\| \quad v \neq 0$$

$W^u$   
 $W^s$  foliations tangent to  $E^u$   
 $E^s$

u-s-path



## Examples

④

① Anosov diffeos

② Time 1 maps of Anosov flows

③ Lie group extensions of Anosov  
diffeos

$f: M \rightarrow M$  Anosov

$\varphi: M \rightarrow G$

$$f_\varphi(x, g) = (f(x), \varphi(x)g)$$

④  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathbb{T}^4$

other  
algebraic  
examples

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## Conjecture (Pugh & Shub)

$\text{PHD}_{\text{Vol}}^2(m)$  contains a  $C^2$ -dense  $C^1$ -open subset of ergodic diffeos

### Accessibility property:

Any two points joined by a  $\alpha$ -path

### Conjecture 1

$\text{PHD}^2(M) \subset \text{PHD}_{\text{Vol}}^2(m)$  contain  $C^2$ -dense,  $C^1$ -open subsets of diffeos with the accessibility property

### Conjecture 2

If  $f \in \text{PHD}_{\text{Vol}}^2(m)$  has accessibility  
then  $f$  is ergodic

# Results toward Conjecture 1

Dolgopyat & Wilkinson

Accessibility for  $C^1$ -open,  $C^1$ -dense  
subsets of diffeos

Nitica - Török

If  $\dim E^c = 1$  + mild conditions

# Pugh-Shub Theorem

$f \in \text{PHD}_{\text{Vol}}^2(M)$

- essentially accessible
- dynamically coherent
- center bunched

$\Rightarrow f$  is ergodic

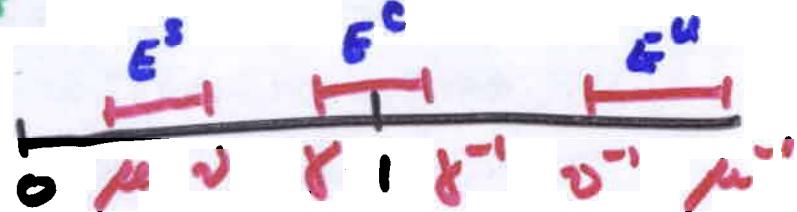
Essentially accessible: If  $A$  is  $w^s$ -saturated and  $w^u$ -saturated, then  $A$  has full volume.

Dynamically coherent:  $w_{cs}^{uu}$  tangent to  $E^c \oplus E^u$

$\Rightarrow w^c$  tangent to  $E^c$

Center bunched

$$\boxed{\omega < \delta^2}$$



Hypotheses of Pugh-Shub Theorem are reasonably robust

partial hyperbolicity }  $C^1$  generic  
center bunching }

Proposition (based on Hirsch, Pugh, Shub)

If  $f$  is dynamically coherent and  $E^c$  is  $C^1$ , then any  $g$  sufficiently  $C^1$  close to  $f$  is dynamically coherent

Robust essential accessibility

Katok-Kononenko

linear 1 map of good foliation

B, Pugh, Wilkinson

abstraction of K-K.

Rodriguez Hertz

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  KAM

## Proof of Pugh-Shub Thm

Hopf argument

Show that if  $\hat{\varphi}$  is the Birkhoff average of a continuous function  $\varphi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\hat{\varphi}$  is a.e. const.

Key fact Sublevel sets of  $\hat{\varphi}$  are essentially  $w^s$ -saturated and essentially  $w^u$ -saturated

Proof . Sublevel sets of  $\hat{\varphi}^+$  are  $w^s$ -sa  
sublevel sets of  $\hat{\varphi}^-$  are  $w^u$ -sa

## Theorem (B & Wilkinson)

Under hypotheses of Pugh-Shub Thm,  
suppose  $A$  is essentially  $W^u$ -saturated  
and essentially  $W^s$ -saturated. Then  
the set  $\hat{A}$  of Lebesgue density  
points of  $A$  is both  $W^u$ -saturated  
and  $W^s$  saturated.

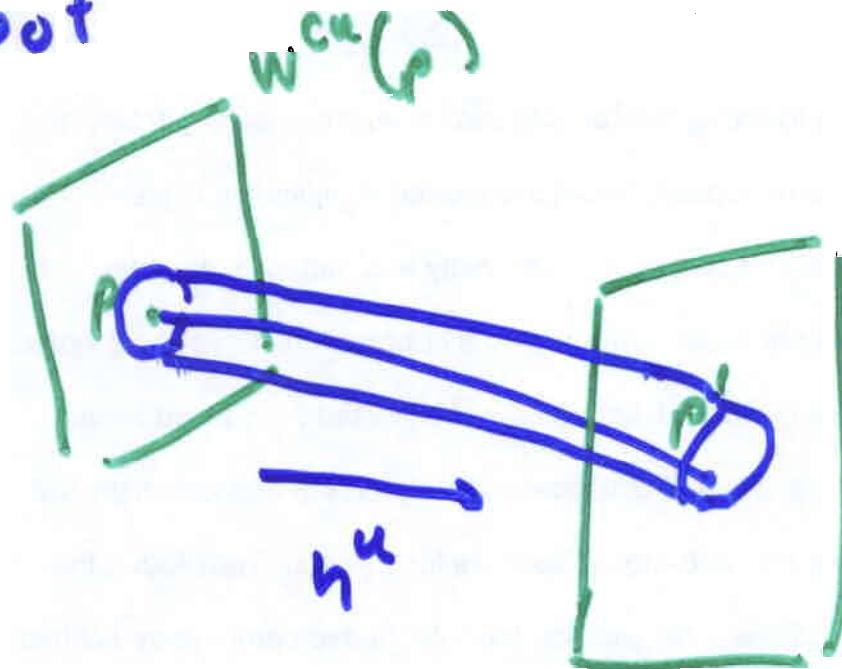
Henceforth

Replace  $A$  by its  $W^u$  saturate.

Assume  $A$  is  $W^u$ -saturated  
essentially  $W^s$ -saturated

Prove  $\hat{A}$  is  $W^u$ -saturated

"Proof"



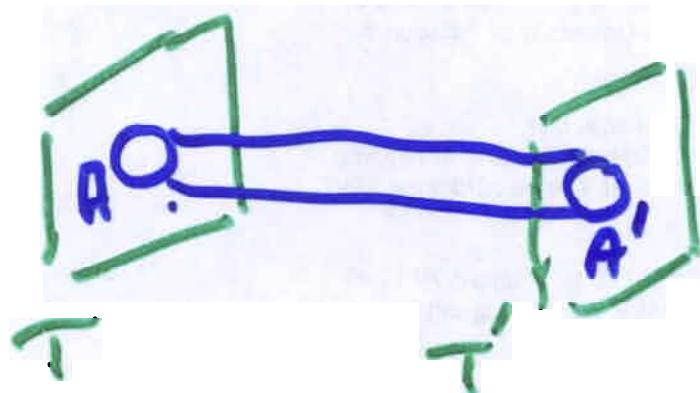
- need  $h^u$  absolutely continuous
- need  $h^u$  quasi conformal

$h^u$  (small set)

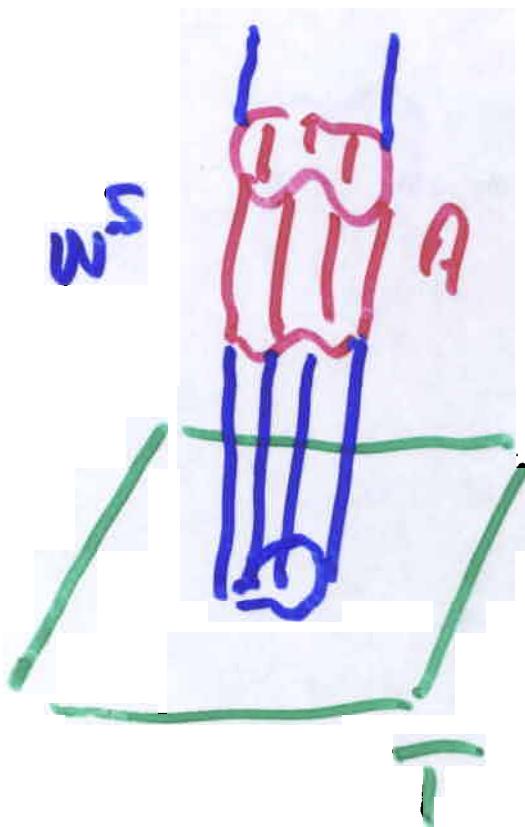
$\approx$  small set of same type

Brin-Pesin  
Pugh Shub  
(Anosov Sinai)

$W^u$  &  $W^s$  are absolutely continuous with bounded jacobians

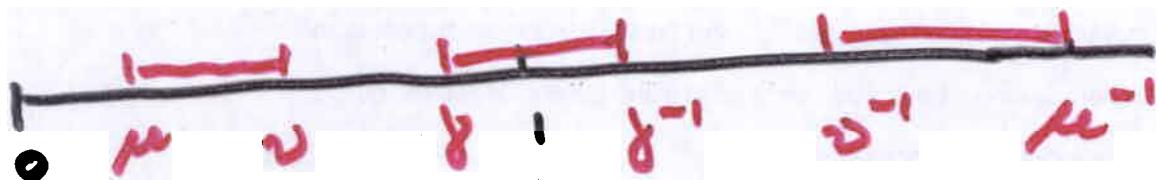


$$\frac{1}{c} \in \frac{m_T(A)}{m_{T'}(A')} \leq C$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{c} m(A) &\leq \int_T m_{W^s}(A \cap W^s_{loc}(x)) dm_T(x) \\ &\leq C m(A) \end{aligned}$$

Pugh & Shub - juliennes



$$B_n^c(p) = W^c(p, \gamma^n)$$

$$\bar{J}_n^{cs}(p) = \bigcup_{z \in B_n^c(p)} f^n(W^s(f_z^n, \sigma^n))$$

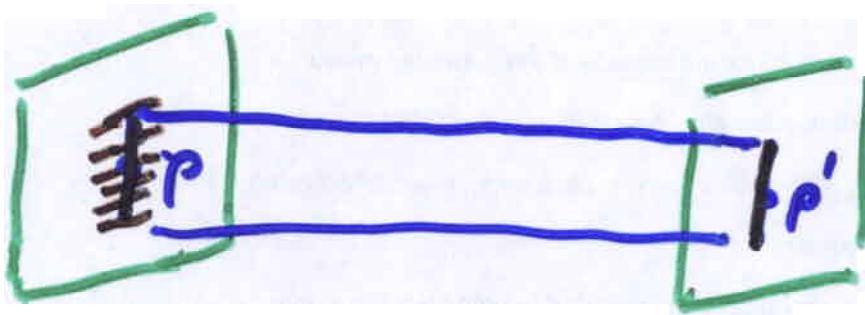
$W^u$ -holonomy quasi  
preserves center-stable  
juliennes

(Pugh-Shub)



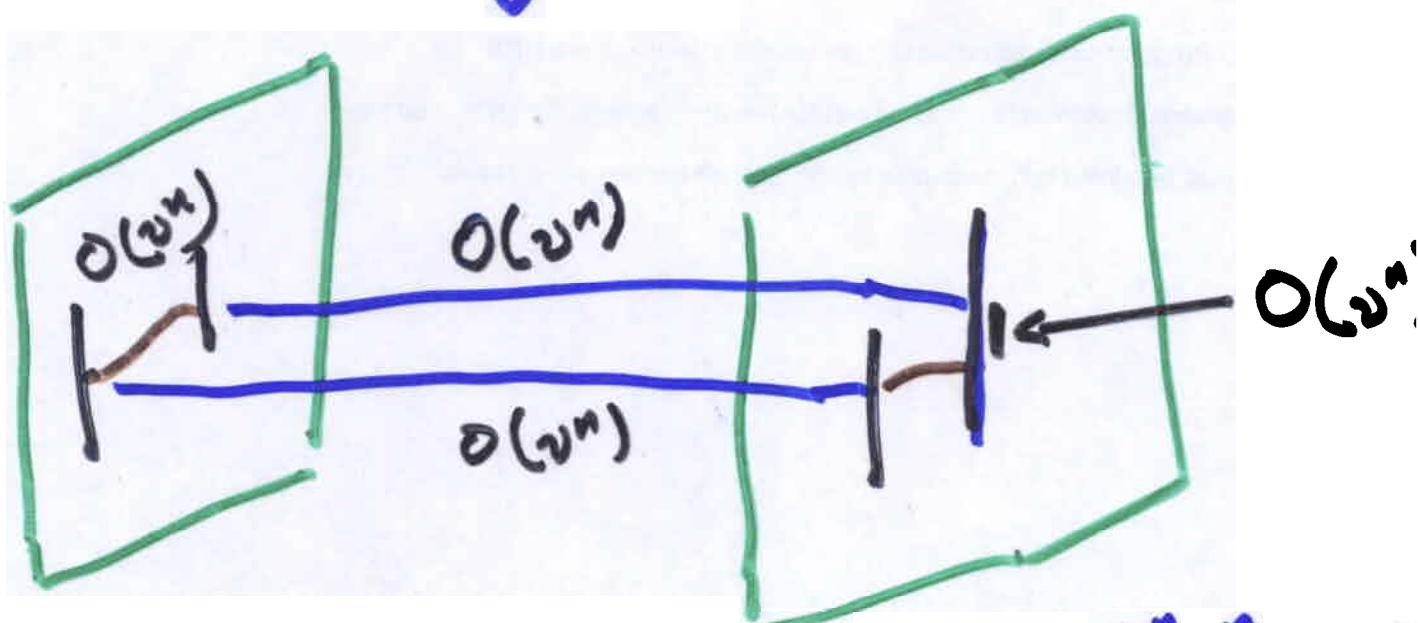
Ideas from Pugh-Shub

$\omega < \gamma^2 \Rightarrow W^u$  is  $C^1$  inside  
 $W^{cu}$ -leaves



$$h^u(B_n^c(r)) \approx B_n^c(r')$$

$f^{-n}$



$$\omega < \gamma^2 \Rightarrow \gamma^{-n} v^n < \delta$$

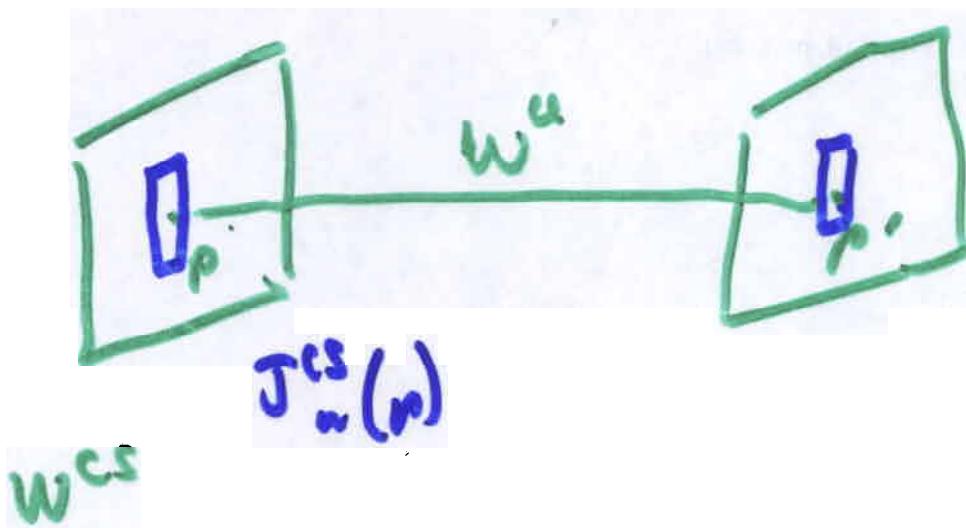
Want to show

$A \text{ } w^u\text{-saturated} \Leftrightarrow \text{ess. } w^s\text{-sat}$

$\Rightarrow$  Lebesgue density points of  $A$   
are  $w^u$ -saturated

juliennes quasi conformality and  
absolute continuity of  $w^u$

$\Rightarrow$   $J^{cs}$ -density points of  $A$   
are  $w^u$ -saturated



B, Wilkinson

$p$  is a Lebesgue density point

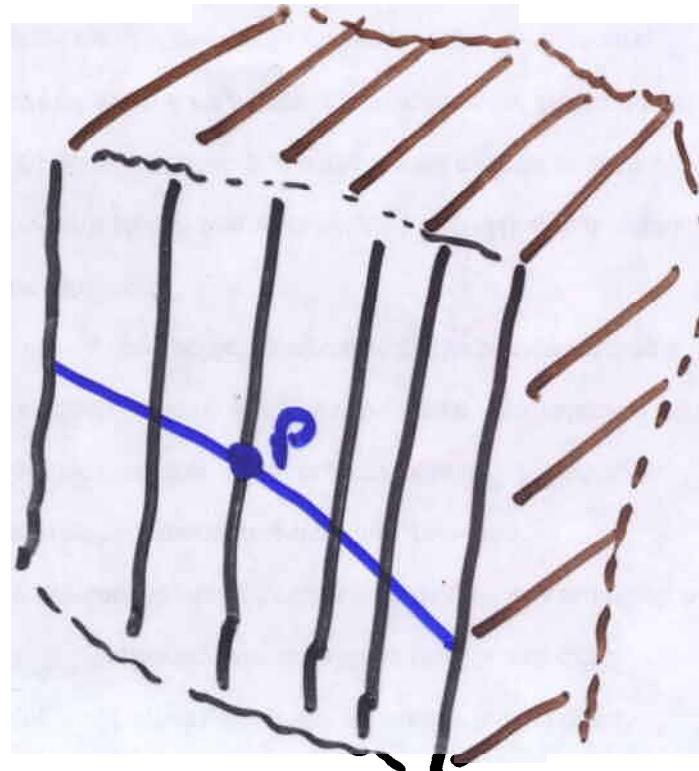
of  $A \Leftrightarrow p$  is a  $J^{cs}$ -density point

$A$  is

$w^u$ -sat

ess  $w^s$ -sat.

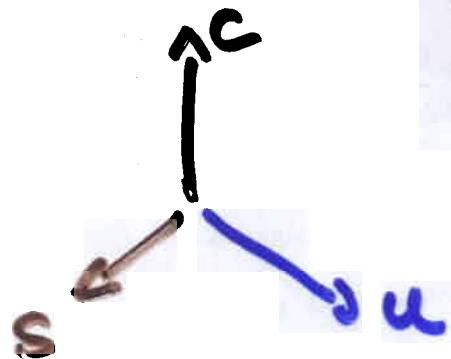
① Replace  $B(p, \delta^n)$  by a "cube"



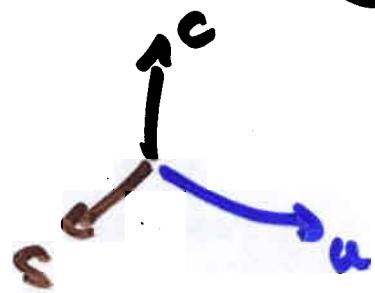
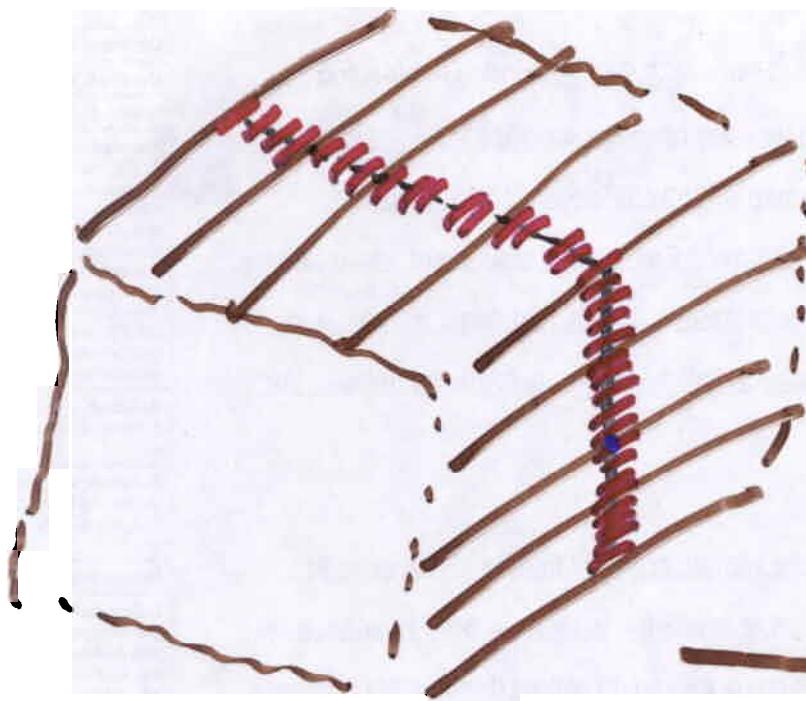
$w^c(\cdot, \delta^n)$

$w^s(\cdot, \delta^n)$

$w^u(p, \delta^n)$



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$$W^s(\cdot, \gamma^n)$$

$$\bar{\gamma}_n^{cs}(p)$$

$$= f^n(W^s(\bar{\gamma}^n(\cdot), v))$$

