

# Hard Lefschetz Property for Isometric Flows and $S^3$ -actions

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# Sketch of the talk

- 1 HLP for isometric flows
- 2 Isometric Flows
- 3 Our results
- 4 HLP for  $\mathbb{S}^3$ -actions

# Symplectic Manifolds

- $M$  closed  $C^\infty$  manifold.
- $\dim M = 2n$ .
- We work with de Rham cohomology
- $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$
- $d\omega = 0$  and  $\omega^n \in \Omega^{2n}(M)$  volume form  $\implies [\omega^n]$  generates  $H_M^{2n}$
- $H_M^0 = \langle 1 \rangle$
- $H_M^{2n} = \langle [\omega]^n \rangle$

# Hard Lefschetz Property (HLP)

- $(M, \omega)$  satisfies HLP if

$$\begin{aligned} L^{n-k}: H_M^k &\longrightarrow H_M^{2n-k} \\ [\beta] &\longmapsto [\beta \wedge \omega^{n-k}] \end{aligned}$$

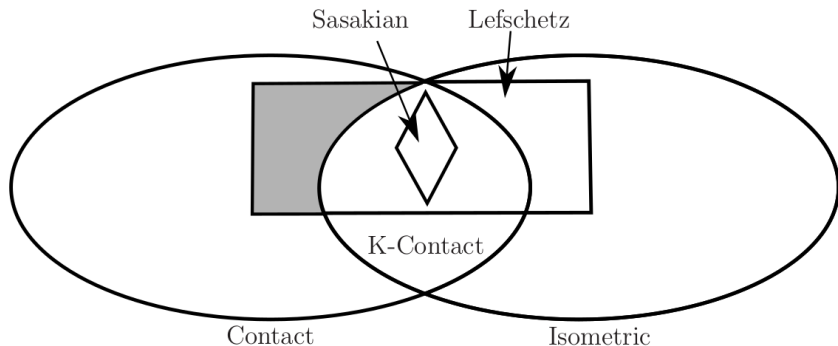
are isomorphisms  $\forall k = 0, \dots, n$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} &H_M^0 \quad H_M^1 \quad \dots \quad H_M^{2n} \quad \dots \quad H_M^{2n-1} \quad H_M^{2n} \\ &L^n = \wedge[\omega]^n L^{n-1} = \wedge[\omega]^{n-1} L^0 = id_M \end{aligned}$$

# Contact manifolds (flows)

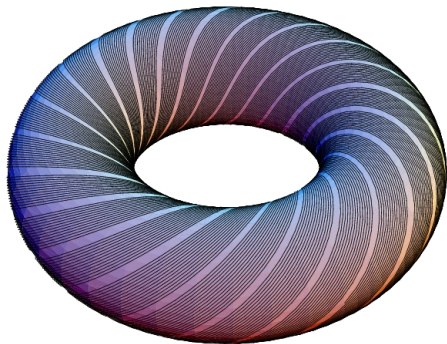
- $\dim M = 2n + 1$
- $\eta \in \Omega^1(M)$  contact form
- $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n$  volume form of  $M$ .
- $\xi \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  Reeb vector field
- $\eta(\xi) = 1$  and  $L_\xi \eta = 0$ .

HLP for flows on  $M^{2n+1}$ 

- [Capelleti-Montano et al., JDG 2015] Sasakian  $HL_c$
- [Lin Yi, arXiv 2016] K-contact  $THL \iff HL$
- [RSW, TG 2022] Isometric  $THL \iff HL$

# Flows

- $M$  closed manifold (of dimension  $M^{2n+1}$ )
- $\mathcal{F}$  is a flow (1 dimensional oriented foliation) over  $M \Leftrightarrow X$  vector field  
 $\Leftrightarrow \Phi \mathbb{R}$ -action
- $\omega$  basic if  $i_X \omega = i_X d\omega = 0$ .
- Basic cohomology  $H_B^*$ : “cohomology of the quotient space”;



- **Example:** linear flows on tori.
- **Example:** linear flows on odd spheres.

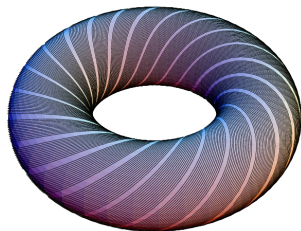
# Isometric Flows

An almost free action

$$\Phi: \mathbb{R} \times (M, \mu) \longrightarrow (M, \mu)$$

preserving a Riemannian metric  $\mu$  on  $M$ .

**Example:**



- $M = \mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}$
- Action  $\Phi(t, [x, y]) = [at + x, bt + y]$   
( $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ )
- Equivalently,  $X = a \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + b \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$



# Gysin sequence for isometric flows

- $\chi = i_X \mu \in \Omega^1(M)$  characteristic form of the flow.  $L_X \chi = 0$
- Euler form:  $d\chi \in \Omega^2(M/\mathcal{F})$  basic form
- We have

$$\Omega^*(M/\mathcal{F}) \oplus \Omega^{*-1}(M/\mathcal{F}) \cong \Omega^*(M)^{\mathbb{R}}$$

$$(\alpha, \beta) \mapsto \alpha + \chi \wedge \beta$$

- which yields the (exact) Gysin sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_B^i \rightarrow H_M^i \xrightarrow{f=i_X} H_B^{i-1} \xrightarrow{\wedge[e]} H_B^{i+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

- The connecting morphism is multiplication by the Euler class

$$[e] \in H_B^2.$$

# Transverse Hard Lefschetz (THL) property for isometric flows

$\mathcal{F}$  satisfies the *Transversal Hard Lefschetz property* if the following maps are isomorphisms for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ :

$$L^{n-k}: H_B^k \longrightarrow H_B^{2n-k},$$

where

$$L^{n-k}([\beta]) = [\beta \wedge e^{n-k}].$$

# (Global) Hard Lefschetz (HL) property for isometric flows [RSW]

- $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies the (global) Hard Lefschetz property if there exist isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{L}^{n-k}: H_M^k \longrightarrow H_M^{2n-k+1}$$

making the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_M^k & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{n-k}} & H_M^{2n-k+1} \\
 \uparrow i_k & & \downarrow \int \\
 PH_B^k \subset H_B^k & \xrightarrow{L^{n-k}} & H_B^{2n-k}
 \end{array}$$

for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ .

- Basic primitive cohomology group:

$$PH_B^k = \left\{ [\beta] \in H_B^k \mid [\beta \wedge e^{n-k+1}] = 0 \text{ in } H_B^{2n-k+2} \right\}.$$

# Main Result

## Theorem (RSW, Transformation Groups 2022)

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an isometric flow on a closed manifold of odd dimension. Then,

$$THL \iff HL$$

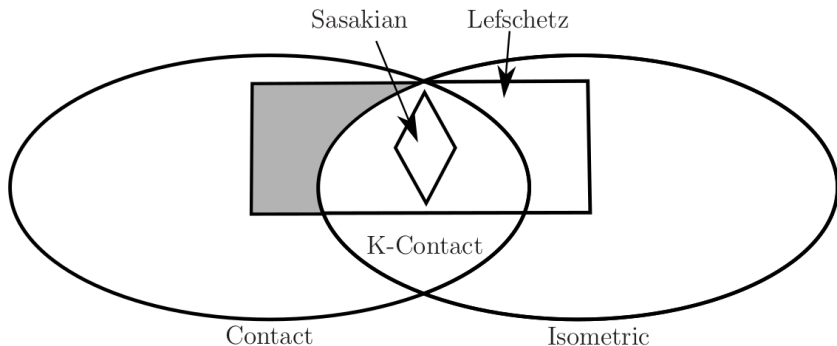
## Definition

An isometric flow on a closed manifold of odd dimension is said to be a *Lefschetz isometric flow* if it satisfies HL or, equivalently, THL.

- Being Lefschetz does NOT depend on the metric (Euler classes are proportional).

# $HL_C$ for contact manifolds

[Capeletti-Montano et.al, JDG 2015]

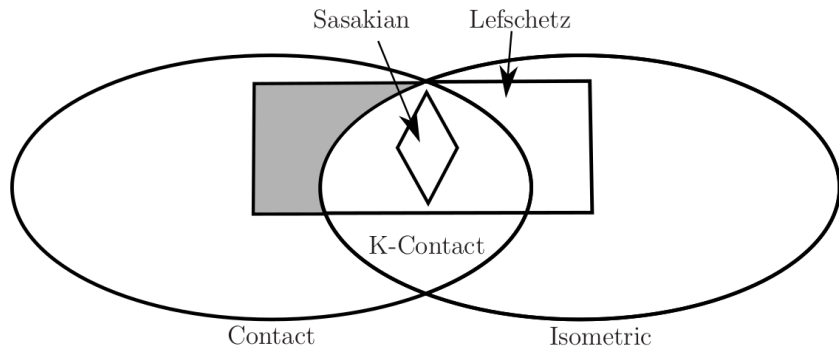


A contact manifold  $(M, \eta)$  with Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is a *Lefschetz contact manifold* if for every  $k \leq n$ , the relation between  $H_M^k$  and  $H_M^{2n+1-k}$  defined by

$$\mathcal{R}^k = \{ ([\beta], [\eta \wedge (d\eta)^{n-k} \beta]) \mid \beta \in \Omega_M^k, d\beta = 0, i_\xi \beta = 0, (d\eta)^{n-k+1} \wedge \beta = 0 \}$$

is the graph of an isomorphism  $H_M^k \cong H_M^{2n-k+1}$ .

# $HL_c \iff THL$ for K-contact [Lin Yi, arXiv 2016]

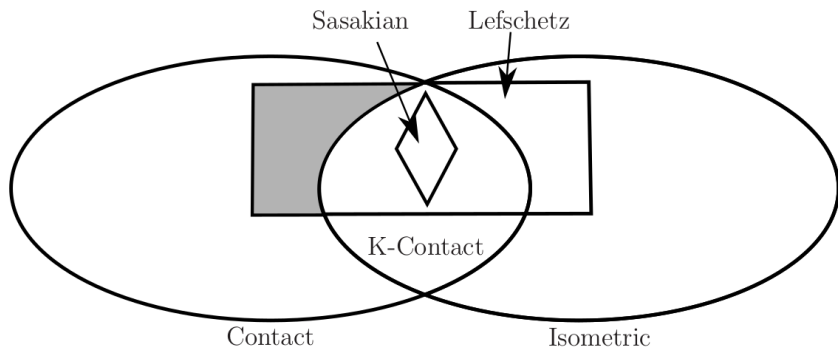


Theorem (Lin Yi, arXiv 2016)

For any K-contact flow on a closed manifold,

$$HL_c \iff THL_c$$

# Generalization



## Proposition (RSW, 2022)

The isometric flow defined by the Reeb vector field of a K-contact manifold is an isometric Lefschetz flow if and only if it satisfies  $HL_c$

# Example of a Lefschetz non-contact isometric flow [RSW, TG 2022]

- Let  $B = \mathbb{C}P^2 \# \mathbb{C}P^2$ . Recall that its cohomology is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} H_B^0 &= \mathbb{R} & H_B^2 &= \langle [a], [b] \rangle = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} \\ H_B^1 &= H_B^3 = 0 & H_B^4 &= \langle [a]^2 \rangle = \langle [b]^2 \rangle = \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned}$$

- Take  $e = a$  and apply Kobayashi (a.k.a. Boothby-Wang).
- $\dim(M) = 5$  with  $\mathbb{S}^1$ -action and  $[e] = [a] \in H_B^2$ .
- $B$  not symplectic (M.Audin)  $\implies M$  not contact.
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$$L^2: H^0(B) \xrightarrow{\wedge [a]^2} H^4(B) \qquad L^1: H^1(B) \xrightarrow{\wedge [a]} H^3(B)$$

$$L^0: H^2(B) \xrightarrow{Id} H^2(B)$$

give THL.



# Almost free actions of $\mathbb{S}^3$

- $M$  closed manifold of dimension  $4n + 3$
- $\Phi$  smooth almost free  $\mathbb{S}^3$ -action on  $M$ .
- $B = M/\mathbb{S}^3$  is an orbifold of dimension  $4n$ .
- orbits define a foliation  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{S}^3}$  of dimension 3.
- Basic cohomology  $H_B^* = H^*(M/\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{S}^3})$ .

# Actors of the Gysin sequence

- $X_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  the three fundamental vector fields of the  $S^3$ -action.
- $S^3$ -invariant metric  $\mu$ .
- dual characteristic forms are  $\chi_i = i_{X_i}\mu$ .

$$d\chi_1 = e_1 - \chi_2 \wedge \chi_3$$

$$d\chi_2 = e_2 + \chi_1 \wedge \chi_3$$

$$d\chi_3 = e_3 - \chi_1 \wedge \chi_2$$

- $e_i$  is  $\mathcal{F}_i$ -basic (the Euler form of the  $S^1$ -action-flow  $\mathcal{F}_i$ ).
- $e_i \in \Omega^2(M)$  are  $S^3$ -horizontal forms, but not  $\mathcal{F}_{S^3}$ -basic.

$$d(\overbrace{e_1\chi_1 + e_2\chi_2 + e_3\chi_3}^{\theta}) = \overbrace{e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2}^{\Omega} + d(\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3)$$

- The Euler form of  $\Omega = e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{S^3}$ -basic.
- $[\Omega] \in H_B^4$  is the Euler class of  $\Phi$ .

# Gysin sequence of $\Phi$

- The classical Gysin sequence for free  $\mathbb{S}^3$ -actions works if the action is almost-free.



$$\dots \rightarrow H_B^i \xrightarrow{\iota} H_M^k \xrightarrow{f} H_B^{k-3} \xrightarrow{L} H_B^{k+1} \xrightarrow{\iota} H_M^{k+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

- $\iota$  is induced by the inclusion
- $f$  is the operator  $i_{X_1} i_{X_2} i_{X_3}$
- the connecting morphism  $L$  is the multiplication by the Euler class  $[\Omega]$ .

# Hard Lefschetz Property (THL) for $\Phi$

- $L: H_B^* \rightarrow H_B^{*+4}$  multiplication by the Euler class.
- We say that  $\Phi$  satisfies *THL* if

$$L^{n-k}: H_B^{2k} \longrightarrow H_B^{4n-2k}$$

defined as  $L^{n-k}([\alpha]) = [\alpha \wedge \Omega^{n-k}]$ , is an isomorphism for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ .

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$$H_B^0 \quad H_B^1 \quad H_B^1 \quad \dots \quad H_B^{2n} \quad \dots \quad H_B^{4n-2} \quad H_B^{4n-1} \quad H_B^{4n}$$

$$L^n = \wedge[\Omega]^n L^{n-1} = \wedge[\Omega]^{n-1} L^0 = id$$

(global) Hard Lefschetz Property (HL) for  $\Phi$ 

- The Primitive basic cohomology group of dimension  $2k$  is

$$PH_B^{2k} = \{ [\beta] \in H_B^{2k} \mid [\beta \wedge \Omega^{n-k+1}] = 0 \}$$

- $\Phi$  satisfies HL if there exist isomorphisms  $\mathcal{L}^{n-k}: H_M^{2k} \rightarrow H_M^{4n-2k+3}$  such that the following diagram is commutative for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & H_M^{2k} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{n-k}} & H_M^{4n-2k+3} \\
 & \nearrow i_k & & & \downarrow f \\
 PH_B^{2k} & \hookrightarrow & H_B^{2k} & \xrightarrow{L^{n-k}} & H_B^{4n-2k}
 \end{array}$$

where  $i_k$  is induced by the inclusion of forms.

# Equivalence of THL and HL for $\Phi$

- $\Phi$  satisfies the *injectivity condition* if the multiplication by the Euler class induces a monomorphism:  $L: H_B^{2k-3} \rightarrow H_B^{2k+1}$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ .

## Theorem (RSW)

*Let  $\Phi$  be an almost free smooth action of  $\mathbb{S}^3$  on a closed manifold of dimension  $4n + 3$  satisfying the injectivity condition. Then, it satisfies HL if and only if it satisfies THL.*

## 3-Sasakian manifolds

- Consider the almost free action of  $\mathbb{S}^3$  induced by a 3-Sasakian structure.
- The small basic Betti numbers are zero:

$$b_B^{2k+1} = 0, \forall k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$\implies$  injectivity condition.


### Corollary (RSW)

*3-Sasakians satisfy THL and HL.*

# Example of a Lefschetz $\mathbb{S}^3$ -action not 3-Sasakian [RSW]

- There are infinitely many distinct free smooth actions of  $\mathbb{S}^3$  on  $M = \mathbb{S}^{11}$  ([Hsiang, Q.J.M.Ox., 1964])
- There are only a finite amount of 3-Sasakian structures on  $\mathbb{S}^{11}$  [Boyer, Galicki]
- So, take  $\Phi$  an action that is not 3-Sasakian (there are infinitely many!)
- Gysin sequence  $\implies$  injectivity condition for all free actions on  $\mathbb{S}^{11}$ .
- So,  $\Phi$  is Lefschetz (both HL and THL), but not 3-Sasakian.



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