# Classification of regular and non-degenerate projectively Anosov flows on three-dimensional manifolds

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#### Abstract

We give a classification of  $C^2$ -regular and non-degenerate projectively Anosov flows on three-dimensional manifolds. More precisely, we prove that such a flow must be either an Anosov flow or represented as a finite union of  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times I$ -models.

### 1. Introduction

Mitsumatsu [8], and Eliashberg and Thurston [5] observed that any Anosov flow on a three-dimensional manifold induces a pair of mutually transverse positive and negative contact structures. They also showed that such pairs correspond to projectively Anosov flows, which form a wider class than that of Anosov flows. In [5], Eliashberg and Thurston studied projectively Anosov flows, which are called conformally Anosov flows in their book, from the viewpoint of confoliations.

The definition of a projectively Anosov flow is as follows: Let  $\Phi = \{\Phi^t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  be a flow on a three-dimensional manifold M without stationary points. Let  $T\Phi$  denote the one-dimensional subbundle of the tangent bundle TM that is tangent to the flow. The flow  $\Phi$  induces a flow  $\{N\Phi^t\}$  on  $TM/T\Phi$ . We call a decomposition  $TM = E^s + E^u$  by two-dimensional subbundles  $E^u$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  are  $E^s$  and  $E^s$  are  $E^$ 

- 1.  $E^u(z) \cap E^s(z) = T\Phi(z)$  for any  $z \in M$ ,
- 2.  $D\Phi^t(E^{\sigma}(z)) = E^{\sigma}(\Phi^t(z))$  for any  $\sigma \in \{u, s\}, z \in M$ , and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and
- 3. there exist constants C > 0 and  $\lambda \in (0,1)$  such that

$$\|(N\Phi^t|_{(E^u/T\Phi)(z)})^{-1}\| \cdot \|N\Phi^t|_{(E^s/T\Phi)(z)}\| \le C\lambda^t$$

for all  $z \in M$  and t > 0.

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Note that it can be shown that each subbundle is continuous and integrable, and that the splitting is unique by the same argument for hyperbolic splittings. A flow is called *a projectively Anosov flow* (or simply  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow) if it admits a  $\mathbb{P}A$  splitting. Remark that any Anosov flow is a  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow.

The subbundles  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  are not uniquely integrable, and hence, do not generate foliations in general. We say a  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow is  $(C^r\text{-})regular$  when both subbundles generate  $(C^r\text{-})$ smooth foliations. There are two known classes of regular  $\mathbb{P}A$  flows. One is the class of regular Anosov flows. Ghys [6] gave the complete classification of such flows. In fact, he showed that any regular Anosov flow must be equivalent to either a quasi-Fuchsian flow or the suspension of an Anosov automorphism on the torus. Another known class is that of flows represented by finite union of  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times I$ -models given by Noda [9]. Roughly speaking, a  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times I$ -model is a  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow on  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times [0,1]$  which preserves the boundary tori, is equivalent to a linear flow on them, and is transverse to  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times \{z\}$  for any  $z \in (0,1)$ . See [9] for the precise definition.

A natural question is whether there are other regular  $\mathbb{P}A$  flows or not. Noda and Tsuboi showed that no other  $\mathbb{P}A$  flows on certain manifolds. Their results are summarized as follows:

**Theorem 1.1** ([9], [10], [11], and [13]). Let M be a  $\mathbb{T}^2$ -bundle on  $S^1$  or a Seifert fibered manifold. Then, any regular  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow on M must be either an Anosov flow or represented as a finite union of  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times I$ -models.

We say a dynamical system is *non-degenerate* when all periodic orbits are hyperbolic. In this paper, we show that there are no new regular and non-degenerate  $\mathbb{P}A$  flows on *any* three-dimensional manifold.

**Theorem 1.2.** A  $C^2$ -regular and non-degenerate  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow on a connected and closed three-dimensional manifold must be either an Anosov flow or represented as a finite union of  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times I$  models.

The proof of Theorem 1.2 is divided into three parts. In Subsection 2.1, we review the stability of semi-proper annular leaves for a  $C^2$  codimension-one foliation. Subsection 2.2 is the main step of the proof. We show that any regular and non-degenerate  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow with a periodic orbit is Anosov. In Subsection 2.3, we show that any regular and non-degenerate  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow without a periodic orbit is represented by a finite union of  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times I$ -models. It is an easy consequence of the results of Arroyo and Rodriguez Hertz [1] and the classification by Noda.

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#### 2. Proof of Theorem 1.2

## 2.1. Semi-proper annular leaves of codimension-one foliations

In this subsection, we review the stability of semi-proper annular leaves for  $\mathbb{C}^2$  codimension-one foliation on three-dimensional manifolds.

For a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ , let  $\mathcal{F}(z)$  denote the leaf through a point z. Recall that a leaf L of transversely orientable codimension-one foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is called *semi-proper* if L does not accumulate to itself at lease from one side, and is called *proper* if L does not accumulate to itself from either side.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let M be a closed three-manifold and  $\mathcal{F}$  a  $C^2$  codimension-one foliation on M. Suppose that a leaf L of  $\mathcal{F}$  is semi-proper and is homeomorphic to  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ . Then, L is a proper leaf with trivial holonomy.

Proof. Suppose that L is a semi-proper but not proper leaf. By the level theory of Cantwell and Conlon, L is at finite level, and hence, it is contained in an exceptional local minimal set X. See Lemma 8.3.23 and Theorem 8.3.11 of [3], for instance. However, Duminy's theorem (see Theorem 1.1 of [4]) asserts that the end of any semi-proper leaf of an exceptional local minimal set must be a Cantor set. It contradicts that L is homeomorphic to  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, L is a proper leaf of  $\mathcal{F}$ . A theorem of Cantwell and Conlon [2, Theorem 1] on the stability of ends of proper leaves implies that the leaf L has trivial holonomy.

## 2.2. Regular and non-degenerate $\mathbb{P}A$ flows

The main aim of this subsection is to show the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.2.** Any  $C^2$ -regular and non-generate  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow with a periodic orbit is Anosov.

Let  $\Phi = \{\Phi^t\}$  be a  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow on a closed three-dimensional manifold M and  $TM = E^s + E^u$  a  $\mathbb{P}A$  splitting associated with  $\Phi$ . Suppose that  $\Phi$  is  $C^2$ -regular and non-degenerate. Let  $\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)$  be the set of all periodic points of  $\Phi$ , in other words, the union of all periodic orbits. Let  $\overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)}$  denote the closure of  $\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}^u$  and  $\mathcal{F}^s$  be the  $C^2$  foliations generated by  $E^u$  and  $E^s$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\mathcal{F}^u$  and  $\mathcal{F}^s$  are transversely orientable. For  $z \in M$ , let  $\mathcal{O}(z)$  denote the orbit  $\{\Phi^t(z) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  of z, and  $\mathcal{F}^s(z)$  and  $\mathcal{F}^u(z)$  denote the leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^s$  and  $\mathcal{F}^u$  through z. We define the strong unstable set  $W^{uu}(z)$  and the unstable set  $W^{u}(z)$  of  $z \in M$  by

$$W^{uu}(z) = \{z' \in M \mid \lim_{t \to \infty} d(\Phi^{-t}(z), \Phi^{-t}(z')) = 0\},\$$

and  $W^u(z) = \bigcup_{z' \in \mathcal{O}(z)} W^{uu}(z')$ . The strong stable set  $W^{ss}(z)$  and the stable set  $W^s(z)$  are defined by  $W^{ss}(z) = W^{uu}(z; \{\Phi^{-t}\})$  and  $W^s(z) = W^u(z; \{\Phi^{-t}\})$ .

The key step of the proof of Proposition 2.2 is to show that our assumptions imply  $W^u(z) = \mathcal{F}^u(z)$  for any  $z \in \overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)}$ . We emphasize that a regular  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow

may not satisfy  $W^u(z) = \mathcal{F}^u(z)$  for some  $z \in \overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)}$  in general. For example, a regular  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow may admit a toral leaf T of  $\mathcal{F}^u$  consisting of periodic orbits. In this case, it is easy to see that  $W^u(z)$  coincides with  $\mathcal{O}(z)$ , and hence, is a proper subset of  $T = \mathcal{F}^u(z)$  for any  $z \in T$ .

First, we investigate the topology of the unstable sets. We say a  $\Phi$ -invariant embedded torus T is *irrational* if the restriction of the flow on T is topologically conjugate to an irrational linear flow on the torus. The following is an immediate corollary of Theorem B of [1].

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $\Omega(\Phi)$  be the non-wandering set of  $\Phi$ . Then, there exists a mutually disjoint decomposition  $\Omega(\Phi) = \Omega_0 \sqcup \Omega_1 \sqcup \Omega_2$  such that

- 1.  $\Omega_1$  is a compact hyperbolic set of saddle type,
- 2.  $\Omega_0$  is the union of finitely many attracting periodic orbits and irrational toral leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^u$ .
- 3.  $\Omega_2$  is the union of finitely many repelling periodic orbits and irrational toral leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^s$ .

Notice that an irrational toral leaf T of  $\mathcal{F}^u$  is normally attracting, and hence,  $W^u(z) = \mathcal{O}(z)$  for any  $z \in T$  and  $\bigcup_{z \in T} W^s(z)$  is a neighborhood of T which is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ . Using the theory of hyperbolic invariant sets (see Chapter 9 of [14] for example), we have  $M = \{\bigcup_{z \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2} W^u(z)\} \cup \Omega_0$  and  $M = \{\bigcup_{z \in \Omega_0 \cup \Omega_1} W^s(z)\} \cup \Omega_2$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\sigma$  be either u or s, p a repelling periodic point, and V an annular neighborhood of  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  in  $\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}(p)$ . If a leaf L of  $\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}$  contains a simple closed curve  $\gamma \subset W^{u}(p)$  which is not null-homotopic in L, then  $\Phi^{-t}(\gamma) \subset V$  for some t > 0. In particular, we have  $L = \mathcal{F}^{\sigma}(p)$ .

*Proof.* Since p is repelling, there exists a neighborhood U of  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  such that U is homeomorphic to  $S^1 \times [-1,1]^2$ , the restriction  $\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}|_U$  of  $\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}$  on U has a unique annular leaf  $L_0$  with  $\mathcal{O}(p) \subset L_0 \subset V$ , and other leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}|_U$  are homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R} \times [-1,1]$ . See Figure 1.

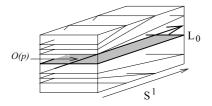


Figure 1. The restriction of  $\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}$  on U

Suppose that  $L \cap W^u(p)$  contains a simple closed curve  $\gamma$  which is not null-homotopic in L. Choose a sufficiently large  $t_* > 0$  so that  $\Phi^{-t_*}(\gamma)$  is contained in U. Since  $\Phi^{-t_*}(\gamma)$  is not null-homotopic in L, we obtain  $\Phi^{-t_*}(\gamma) \subset L_0 \subset V$ .

**Lemma 2.2.**  $W^u(z) \cap \mathcal{F}^u(z)$  is an open subset of  $\mathcal{F}^u(z)$  for any  $z \in M \setminus \Omega_0$ .

Proof. The lemma is trivial if z is contained in the unstable set of a repelling periodic point. Hence, it is sufficient to show that  $W^u(z)$  is tangent to  $E^u$  for any  $z \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$  which is not a repelling periodic point. By the local unstable manifold theorem or the local strong unstable manifold theorem, there exists an injectively immersed open two-dimensional manifold V such that  $\bigcap_{t>0} \Phi^{-t}(V) = \mathcal{O}(z), \ V \subset \Phi^t(V)$  for any t>0, and  $T_{z'}V = E^u(z')$  for any  $z' \in \mathcal{O}(z)$ . Then, the domination property and the invariance of the splitting  $TM = E^s + E^u$  implies that V, and hence,  $W^u(z)$  must be tangent to  $E^u$ .  $\square$ 

For  $z \in M \setminus \Omega_0$ , let  $V^u(z)$  denote the connected component of  $W^u(z) \cap \mathcal{F}^u(z)$  that contains z. By the above lemma,  $V^u(z)$  is an open subset of  $\mathcal{F}^u(z)$ . For a topological space X and its subspace Y, we say a point  $x \in X \setminus Y$  is accessible from Y if there exists a continuous map  $l : [0,1] \to X$  such that l(1) = x and  $l([0,1)) \subset Y$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** For any  $z \in M \setminus \Omega_0$ , if  $q \in \mathcal{F}^u(z) \setminus V^u(z)$  is accessible from  $V^u(z)$  then it is an attracting periodic point.

Proof. By Proposition 2.3, there are three possibilities:  $q \in W^u(\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2)$ , q is contained in an irrational toral leaf T of  $\mathcal{F}^u$ , or q is an attracting periodic point. If the first occurs, then  $V^u(q) \cap V^u(z) \neq \emptyset$  since  $V^u(q)$  is an open subset of  $\mathcal{F}^u(z)$ . It implies that  $W^u(z) = W^u(q)$ . However, it contradicts  $q \notin W^u(z)$ . The second implies  $T = \mathcal{F}^u(q) = \mathcal{F}^u(z)$  is a subset of  $\Omega_0$ . It contradicts that the assumption  $z \in M \setminus \Omega_0$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** For a repelling periodic point p of  $\Phi$ ,

- 1.  $V^u(z) = \mathcal{F}^u(z)$  for any  $z \in W^u(p) \setminus V^u(p)$ , and
- 2. if  $V^u(p) \neq \mathcal{F}^u(p)$ , then there exists an attracting periodic point  $q \in \mathcal{F}^u(p)$  and an embedded closed annulus  $A \subset \mathcal{F}^u(p)$  such that  $\partial A = \mathcal{O}(p) \cup \mathcal{O}(q)$  and Int  $A \subset V^u(p) \cap W^s(q)$ .

Proof. Suppose  $V^u(z) \neq \mathcal{F}^u(z)$  for  $z \in W^u(p)$ . Take a point  $q \in \mathcal{F}^u(z) \backslash V^u(z)$  which is accessible from  $V^u(z)$ . By Lemma 2.3, q is an attracting periodic point. Hence, we can take a compact annulus  $A_0 \subset \mathcal{F}^u(z) = \mathcal{F}^u(q)$  so that  $A_0 \backslash \mathcal{O}(q) \subset V^u(z)$ , where  $\mathcal{O}(q)$  is a boundary component of  $A_0$  and the other boundary component  $\gamma$  is transverse to the flow. By the Poincaré-Bendixon theorem,  $\gamma$  is not null-homotopic in  $\mathcal{F}^u(z)$ . Take an annular neighborhood V of  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  in  $V^u(p)$  and apply Lemma 2.1 to  $\sigma = u$ ,  $L = \mathcal{F}^u(z)$ , and V. Then, we obtain t > 0 satisfying  $\Phi^{-t}(\gamma) \subset V$ . In particular, we have  $\gamma \subset V^u(p)$ , and hence,  $V^u(z) = V^u(p)$ . It is easy to find the required closed annulus in  $\Phi^{-t}(A_0) \cup V$ .

The next proposition is the key step of the proof.

**Proposition 2.4.** The flow  $\Phi$  has neither repelling nor attracting periodic points. In particular,  $\mathcal{F}^u(z) = W^u(z)$  and  $\mathcal{F}^s(z) = W^s(z)$  for any  $z \in \Omega_1$ .

*Proof.* We show that  $\Phi$  has no repelling periodic points. It also implies the non-existence of attracting periodic points once we replace  $\Phi = \{\Phi^t\}$  by  $\{\Phi^{-t}\}$ . Then, the latter assertion follows from Lemma 2.3 and the fact that  $W^u(z)$  is an immersed manifold tangent to  $E^u$  for any  $z \in \Omega_1$ .

Assume that there exists a repelling periodic point p. Take an annular neighborhood  $V_0$  of p in  $\mathcal{F}^u(p)$  such that  $\Phi^{-t}(V_0) \subset V_0$  for any t > 0 and  $\bigcap_{t>0} \Phi^{-t}(V_0) = \mathcal{O}(p)$ . Note that  $V^u(p) = \bigcup_{t>0} \Phi^t(V_0)$ . We also take a neighborhood U of  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  in M such that  $U \cap \partial V_0 = \emptyset$  and  $\Phi^{-t}(U) \subset U$  for any t > 0. We claim  $U \cap V^u(p) = U \cap V_0$ . In fact, suppose  $\Phi^{t_0}(z) \in U$  for  $z \in V_0$  and  $t_0 > 0$ . Then, we have  $\Phi^t(z) \in U$  for any  $t \in [0, t_0]$ . If  $\Phi^{t_0}(z) \not\in V_0$ , then there exists  $t_1 \in (0, t_0)$  such that  $\Phi^{t_1}(z) \in \partial V_0$  since  $\Phi^t(V_0) \supset V_0$  for any t > 0. It contradicts that  $U \cap \partial V_0 = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\Phi^{t_0}(z)$  is a point of  $V_0$ .

If  $\mathcal{F}^u(p) = V^u(p)$ , the leaf  $\mathcal{F}^u(p)$  is proper since  $U \cap V^u(p) = U \cap V_0$ . However, it contradicts Proposition 2.1 since  $\mathcal{F}^u(p) = V^u(p) = \bigcup_{t>0} \Phi^t(V_0)$  is homeomorphic to  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$  but the linear holonomy along  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  is not trivial.

Second, we assume  $\mathcal{F}^u(p) \neq V^u(p)$ . By Lemma 2.4, there exist an attracting periodic point q and an embedded compact annulus A such that  $\partial A = \mathcal{O}(p) \cup \mathcal{O}(q)$  and Int  $A \subset V^u(p) \cap W^s(q)$ . It is important to remark that the orientations of the orbits of p and q are opposite in A. It is because the holonomy of  $\mathcal{F}^u$  along  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  is expanding and that along  $\mathcal{O}(q)$  is contracting.

Since q is attracting, there exists an annular neighborhood  $A^s$  of  $\mathcal{O}(q)$  in  $\mathcal{F}^s(q)$  such that  $\Phi^t(A^s) \subset A^s$  for any t > 0,  $\bigcap_{t \geq 0} \Phi^t(A^s) = \mathcal{O}(q)$ , and  $\mathcal{F}^u(z) \cap (U \setminus V_0) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $z \in A^s \setminus \mathcal{O}(q)$ . Since  $U \cap V^u(p) = U \cap V_0$ , Lemma 2.4 implies that  $\mathcal{F}^u(z') \subset W^u(p)$  for any  $z' \in U \setminus V_0$ . Hence, we have  $A^s \setminus \mathcal{O}(q) \subset W^u(p)$ . See Figure 2. The Poincaré-Bendixon theorem implies that each boundary

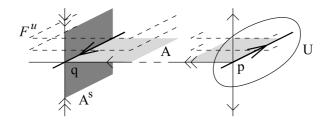


Figure 2. Proof of Lemma 2.4.

component of  $A^s$  is not null-homotopic in  $\mathcal{F}^s(q)$ . Applying Lemma 2.1 to  $\sigma = s$  and  $L = \mathcal{F}^s(q)$ , we obtain  $\mathcal{F}^s(p) = \mathcal{F}^s(q)$ .

Put  $\lambda_p^{\sigma} = \|N\Phi^{T_p}|_{(E^{\sigma}/T\Phi)}(p)\|$  and  $\lambda_q^{\sigma} = \|N\Phi^{T_q}|_{(E^{\sigma}/T\Phi)}(q)\|$  for  $\sigma = u, s$ , where  $T_p$  and  $T_q$  are the period of p and q respectively. Since  $\mathcal{F}^u(p) = \mathcal{F}^u(q)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}^s(p) = \mathcal{F}^s(q)$ , and the orientations of the orbits of p and q are opposite, we have  $\lambda_p^u \lambda_q^u = \lambda_p^s \lambda_q^s = 1$ . On the other hand, we also have  $\lambda_p^s < \lambda_p^u$  and  $\lambda_q^s < \lambda_q^u$  since  $\Phi$  is a  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow. It is a contradiction.

**Lemma 2.5.** The set  $\Omega_1$  coincides with  $\overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)}$ . For  $z \in \Omega_1$ , the leaf  $\mathcal{F}^s(z)$  contains a periodic orbit if it is semi-proper.

*Proof.* Since  $\Omega_0$  consists of normally attracting invariant tori and  $\Omega_2$  consists of normally repelling invariant tori, we can take a neighborhood U of  $\Omega_1$  so that  $\Omega_1 = \bigcap_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \Phi^t(U)$ , in other words,  $\Omega_1$  is a locally maximal hyperbolic set. By the theory of hyperbolic invariant sets, we obtain  $\overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)} = \Omega_1$ . See [14].

The second assertion follows from Proposition 2.4 and a variant of Proposition 1 of [12] for three-dimensional flows.  $\Box$ 

*Proof of Proposition* 2.2. We show  $M = \Omega_1$ . It implies that  $\Phi$  is an Anosov flow since  $\Omega_1$  is a hyperbolic set by Proposition 2.3.

By the Birkhoff-Smale theorem (see e.g. Corollary 6.5.6 of [7]), we have  $W^u(p) \cap W^s(p) \subset \overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)}$  for any  $p \in \operatorname{Per}(\Phi)$ . Proposition 2.4 and Lemma 2.5 imply  $\overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)} = \Omega_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}(z) = W^{\sigma}(z)$  for any  $z \in \Omega_1$  and any  $\sigma = u, s$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}^u$  and  $\mathcal{F}^s$  are mutually transverse, we obtain that  $\mathcal{F}^u(p) \cap \mathcal{F}^s(p) \subset \overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)} = \Omega_1$  for any  $z \in \Omega_1$ .

Suppose  $\mathcal{F}^u(z) \not\subset \Omega_1$  for some  $z \in \Omega_1$ . Then, there exists  $z_0 \in \mathcal{F}^u(z) \cap \Omega_1$  which is accessible from  $\mathcal{F}^u(z) \setminus \Omega_1$ . It implies that  $\mathcal{F}^s(z_0)$  is a semi-proper leaf. By Lemma 2.5,  $\mathcal{F}^s(z_0) = W^s(z_0)$  contains a periodic point. In particular, it is diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ . However, it contradicts Proposition 2.1 since  $\mathcal{F}^u(z_0)$  has the non-trivial linear holonomy along the periodic orbit. Therefore, we obtain  $\mathcal{F}^u(z) \subset \Omega_1$  for any  $z \in \Omega_1$ . Similarly, we also have  $\mathcal{F}^s(z) \subset \Omega_1$  for any  $z \in \Omega_1$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}^u$  and  $\mathcal{F}^s$  are mutually transverse, it implies that  $\Omega_1$  is an open subset of M. Therefore,  $\Omega_1 = \overline{\operatorname{Per}(\Phi)}$  coincides with M if  $\Phi$  has a periodic point.

## 2.3. Regular $\mathbb{P}$ A flows without periodic points

To complete the proof of Theroem 1.2, we show that any regular  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow  $\Phi$  without periodic points is represented by a finite union of  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times I$ -models. In [9], Noda showed that any  $C^2$  regular  $\mathbb{P}A$  flow on  $\mathbb{T}^2$ -bundle over the circle is either an Anosov flow or is represented by a finite union of  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times I$ -models. Hence, it is sufficient to show that M is such a manifold.

By Proposition 2.3 and Lemma 2.5, the non-wandering set of  $\Phi$  is the union of irrational toral leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^u$  and  $\mathcal{F}^s$ . Put  $W^u(T) = \bigcup_{z \in T} W^u(z)$  and  $W^s(T) = \bigcup_{z \in T} W^s(z)$  for such a toral leaf T. Recall that if T is an irrational toral leaf of  $\mathcal{F}^u$ , then  $W^s(T)$  is a neighborhood of T which is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times (-1,1)$ . Since  $M = \bigcup_{z \in \Omega_0} W^s(z) \cup \Omega_2$ , each boundary component of  $W^s(T)$  is a toral leaf of  $\mathcal{F}^s$ . The similar holds for normally repelling tori. Therefore, there exists a covering map  $h: \mathbb{T}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \to M$  such that

- 1.  $T_{2k}=h(\mathbb{T}^2\times\{2k\})$  is an irrational toral leaf of  $\mathcal{F}^s$  with  $W^u(T_{2k})=h(\mathbb{T}^2\times(2k-1,2k+1))$  and
- 2.  $T_{2k+1} = h(\mathbb{T}^2 \times \{2k+1\})$  is an irrational toral leaf of  $\mathcal{F}^u$  with  $W^s(T_{2k+1}) = h(\mathbb{T}^2 \times (2k, 2k+2))$

for any integer k. It implies that M is a  $\mathbb{T}^2$ -bundle over the circle.

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