

# Hierarchical Tilings



("supertilings"  
may be different)

## Substitution tilings



(combinatorial, e.g.



Fibonacci, arbitrary lengths)

## Pseudo-self-affine tilings

Def:  $\mathcal{T} \xleftrightarrow{\text{MLD}} \varphi \mathcal{T}$



## Self-affine tilings

$\varphi \mathcal{T}$  subdivides to  $\mathcal{T}$  exactly

## II. Self-affine tilings

### Tilings

Fix a set of **types** (or **colors**) labeled by  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ .

**Tile:**  $T = (A, i)$  where  $A = \text{supp}(T)$  is a compact set in  $\mathbf{R}^d$  which is the closure of its interior,  $i = \ell(T) \leq m$  is the type of  $T$ .

**Tiling:** a set of tiles  $\mathcal{T}$  such that

$$\mathbf{R}^d = \bigcup \{ \text{supp}(T) : T \in \mathcal{T} \}$$

and distinct tiles have disjoint interiors.

**$\mathcal{T}$ -patch:** a finite subset of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**Translation:**  $(A, i) + g = (A + g, i)$  for  $g \in \mathbf{R}^d$

$$\mathcal{T} + g = \{ T + g : T \in \mathcal{T} \}$$

We assume that:

- Any two  $\mathcal{T}$ -tiles with the same type (color) are translationally equivalent. (Hence there are finitely many  $\mathcal{T}$ -tiles up to translation.)
- the tiling  $\mathcal{T}$  has **finite local complexity** (FLC), that is, for any  $R > 0$  there are finitely many  $\mathcal{T}$ -patches of diameter less than  $R$  up to translation.
- the tiling  $\mathcal{T}$  is **repetitive**, that is, for any  $\mathcal{T}$ -patch  $P$  there exists  $R > 0$  such that every ball of radius  $R$  contains a translated copy of  $P$ .

# Tile-substitutions

Let  $\phi : \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$  be an expanding linear map, that is, all its eigenvalues are greater than 1 in modulus.

**Definition.** Let  $\{T_1, \dots, T_m\}$  be a finite **prototile set**. A **tile-substitution** with expansion  $\phi$  is a map  $T_i \mapsto \omega(T_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , where each  $\omega(T_i)$  is a patch made of translates of  $T_j$ , such that

$$\text{supp}(\omega(T_i)) = \phi(\text{supp}(T_i)).$$

The substitution is extended to all translates of prototiles by  $\omega(x + T_j) = \phi x + \omega(T_j)$ , and to patches and tilings by  $\omega(P) = \bigcup \{\omega(T) : T \in P\}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a fixed point of a substitution if  $\omega(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{T}$ .

# Self-affine tilings

The substitution  $\omega$  is **primitive** there exists  $k \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $\omega^k(T_i)$  contains a translate of  $T_j$  for all  $i, j$  (equivalently, the substitution matrix is primitive).

$\mathcal{T}$  is **self-affine** if it is an FLC repetitive fixed point of a primitive substitution.  $\mathcal{T}$  is **self-similar** if  $\phi$  is a similitude, i.e.

$$|\phi(x)| = r|x|, \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}^d.$$

**History:** “fractiles” ( $m = 1$ ), Gilbert, Penrose, Dekking, Rauzy, Thurston, Lunnon & Pleasants,...

**Connections:** Markov partitions, numeration systems, wavelets,...

$$\lambda^3 = \lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 \quad (\text{Pisot})$$

$$\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + \lambda - 1 = 0$$

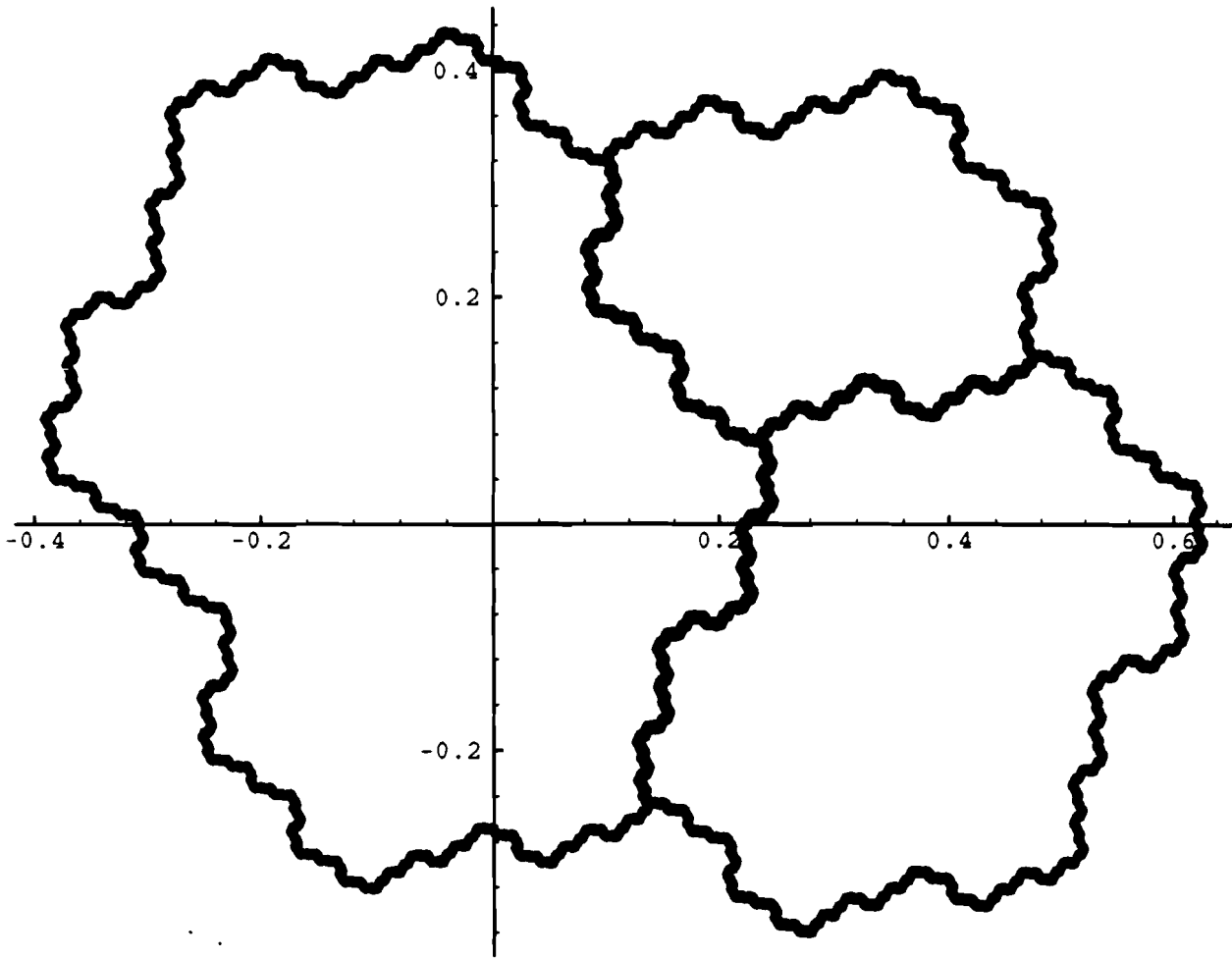
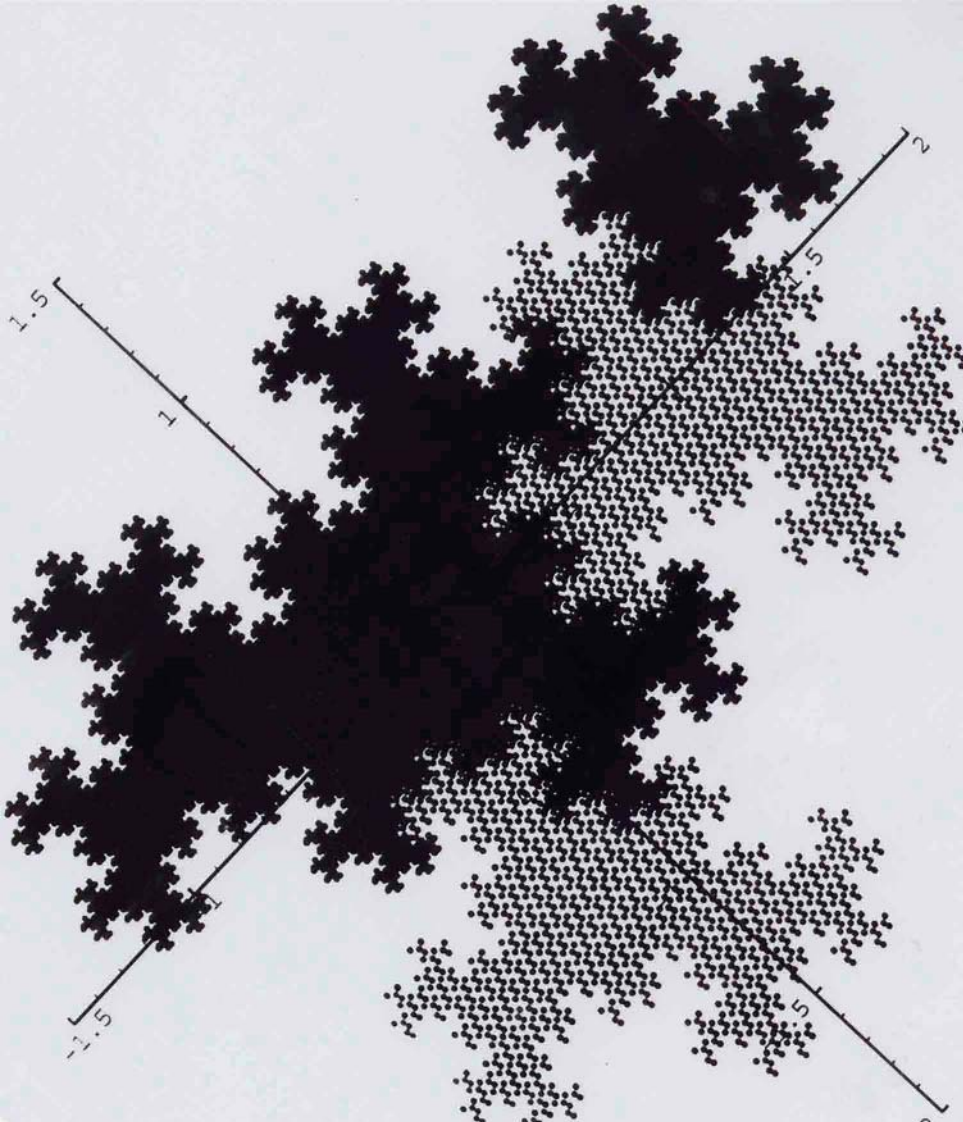
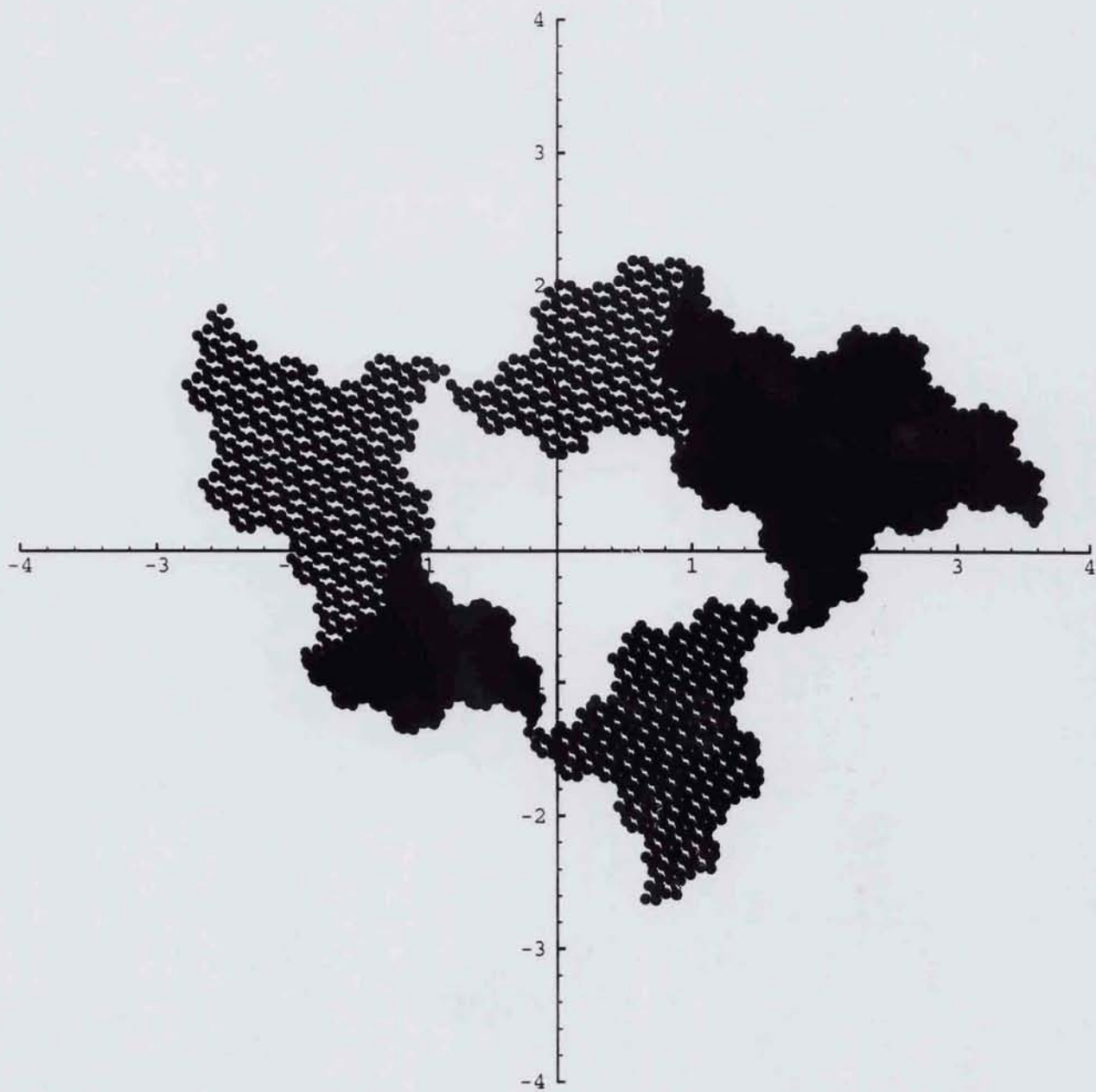


Figure 5

Rauzy tiling ; pure discrete spectrum

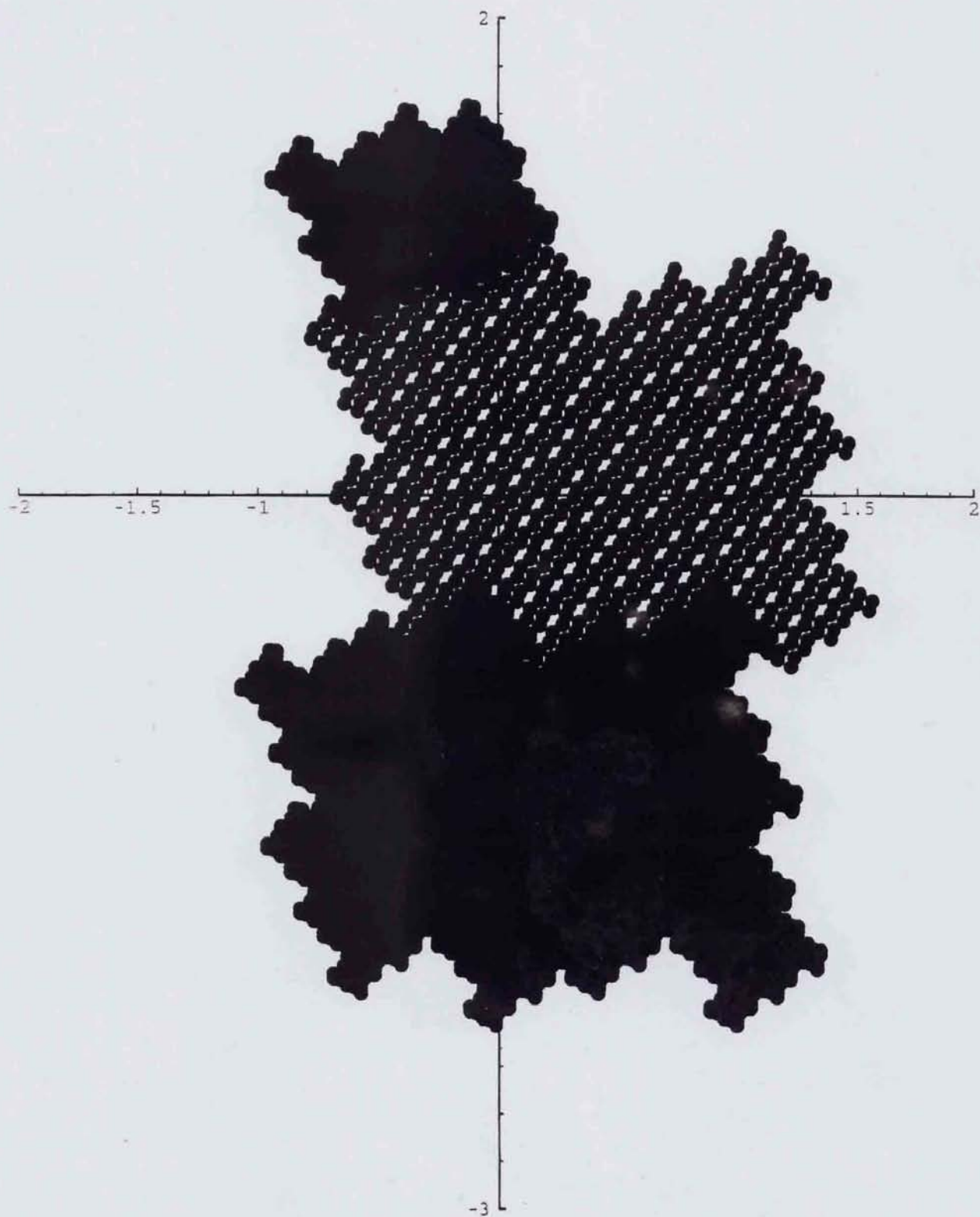


$$\lambda^3 = \lambda + 1 = \lambda^2 + \lambda^{-2}$$

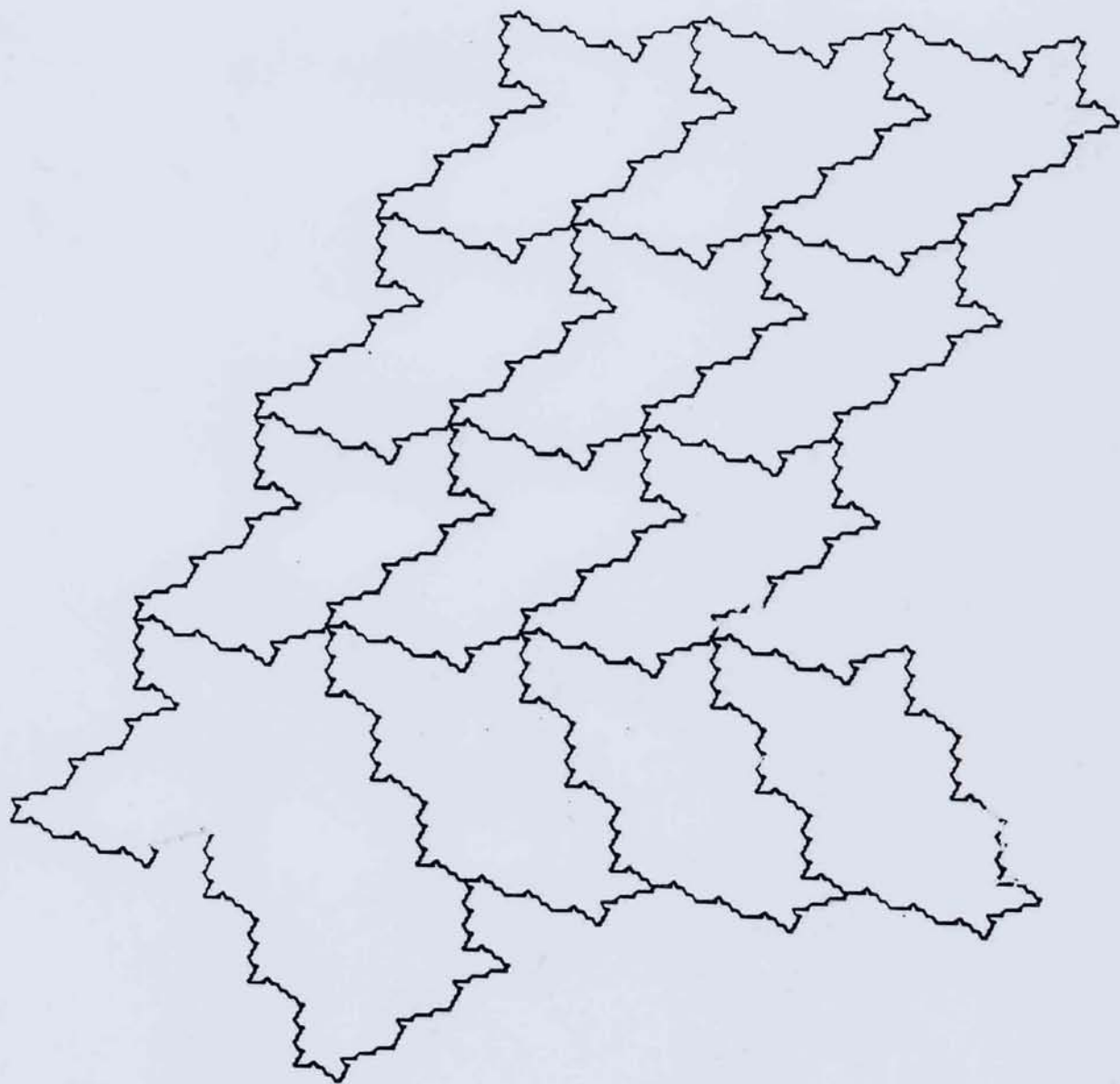




$$\lambda^3 = 2\lambda^2 + 1$$



~~-3A~~ from free group endo:  
 $a \rightarrow b, b \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a^{-3}b$   
 $\lambda: \lambda^3 + \lambda + 3 = 0$



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Figure ~~7.8~~. Patch of a self-similar tiling (non-Pisot case)  
no discrete spectrum (weak mixing)

# Self-affine tilings and IFS

There exist finite sets  $\mathcal{D}_{ij} \subset \mathbf{R}^d$ ,  $i, j \leq m$ :

$$\omega(T_j) = \{u + T_i : u \in \mathcal{D}_{ij}, i = 1, \dots, m\}, j \leq m,$$

with

$$\phi A_j = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (\mathcal{D}_{ij} + A_i), j \leq m. \quad (2)$$

Here all the sets in the right-hand side must have disjoint interiors; it is possible for some of the  $\mathcal{D}_{ij}$  to be empty.

Rewrite the system of set equations (2):

$$A_j = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (\phi^{-1} A_i + \phi^{-1} \mathcal{D}_{ij}), j \leq m.$$

$\phi^{-1}$  is a contraction, so there is always a unique nonempty compact solution  $\{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  (attractor of a graph-directed IFS). The difficulty is to have  $A_j$  with nonempty interiors.

# Substitution matrix

$S_{ij} = \#\mathcal{D}_{ij}$ ,  $S$  is  $m \times m$  non-negative integer matrix

primitive  $\Leftrightarrow S^k$  has no zero entries for some  $k$ .

$\{\mathcal{L}^d(A_j)\}_{j=1}^m$  is a positive row eigenvector for  $S$ , with the eigenvalue  $|\det(\phi)|$ . (Here  $\mathcal{L}^d$  is Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbf{R}^d$ .)

## PERRON-FROBENIUS THEORY

**COROLLARY 9.**  $|\det \phi|$  is a Perron number, i.e. an algebraic integer  $> 1$  whose Galois conjugates are strictly less in modulus.

# Characterization of expansions

**THEOREM 10** (essentially [Lind '84]) *In  $\mathbf{R}^1$ ,  $\phi(x) = \lambda x$  is an expansion of a self-affine tiling iff  $|\lambda|$  is a Perron number.*

**THEOREM 11** [Thurston '89],[Kenyon '96] *In  $\mathbf{R}^2 \equiv \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\phi(z) = \lambda z$  with complex  $\lambda$ , is an expansion of a self-similar tiling iff  $\lambda$  is a complex Perron number, i.e. an algebraic integer of modulus  $> 1$  whose Galois conjugates, except the complex conjugate,  $\bar{\lambda}$ , are strictly less in modulus.*

Lemma 12 [Kenyon '90] [Thurston '89]

$\mathcal{T}$ -self-affine tiling of  $\mathbb{R}^d$   
with expansion  $\varphi$ . Then the eigenvalues  
of  $\varphi$  are algebraic integers.

Proposition 13 [Kenyon '90] [Thurston '89]

$\mathcal{T}$ -self-similar tiling of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with  
expansion  $\varphi = \eta O$ , where  $\eta > 1$ ,  
 $O$  - orthogonal matrix. Let  $\lambda$  be  
an eigenvalue of  $\varphi$ . Then every  
Galois conjugate of  $\lambda$  is either  
an eigenvalue of  $\varphi$  or strictly less  
than  $|\lambda| = \eta$  in modulus

# Control Points

Want to define "reference points"

$c(T) \in \text{supp}(T) \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$  so that

(i)  $T' = T + x \Rightarrow c(T') = c(T) + x$

(ii)  $\varphi \mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{C}, \quad \mathcal{C} = \{c(T) : T \in \mathcal{T}\}$

$\{T_1, \dots, T_m\}$ , choose  $\gamma(T_j) \in \omega(T_j)$

$$\gamma(T_j + x) = \omega(T_j) + \varphi x$$

$$c(T) = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^{-n}(\gamma^n(T))$$

# Address Map

$J = \langle C \rangle = \mathbb{Z}$ -module generated <sup>by  $C$</sup>  ✓  
 = all integer linear comb.

lemma.  $J$  is finitely generated.

Proof: FLC, can jump from neighbor to neighbor

$$J \approx \mathbb{Z}^N, \quad N \geq d$$

let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_N\}$  be generators  
 (need not be in  $C$ )

$$\forall \xi \in J \exists! a = a(\xi) \in \mathbb{Z}^N: \xi = \sum_{j=1}^N a_j v_j$$

$$\boxed{\xi \mapsto a(\xi)} \quad \text{address map}$$



$V = [v_1, \dots, v_N]$ ,  $d \times N$  matrix  
 $\text{rank } V = d$

$$\xi = Va(\xi)$$

PROOF OF LEMMA 12

$$\varphi C \subset C \Rightarrow \varphi J \subset J$$

integer matrix

$$\varphi v_j = \sum_{i=1}^N b_{ij} v_i$$

$$B = [b_{ij}]_{N \times N}$$

$$\varphi V = VB$$

$\lambda$  e/value of  $\varphi \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{C}^d$ ,  $\varphi^T x = \lambda x$   
 $x \neq 0$

$$B^T V^T x = V^T \lambda x = \lambda \underbrace{V^T x}_{\neq 0}$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda$  is an e/value of  $B$

$\Rightarrow \lambda$  is an algebraic integer.



What are the Galois conjugates of  $\lambda$ ? They are eigenvalues of  $B$

Claim.  $\rho(B) \leq \rho(\varphi)$ ,  $\rho = \text{spectral radius}$

Proof  

$$V B a(\xi) = \varphi V a(\xi) = \varphi \xi$$

$$\Rightarrow a(\varphi \xi) = B a(\xi)$$

Sublemma

$\xi \mapsto a(\xi)$  is Lipschitz on  $\mathbb{C}$   
 (caution: NOT Lip on  $J = \langle \mathbb{C} \rangle$  in general)

$$|B^n a(\xi)| = |a(\varphi^n \xi)| \leq L \cdot |\varphi^n \xi|$$

$$\sim \rho(B)^n \qquad \leq \rho(\varphi)^n$$

for some  $\xi$

# PROOF OF PROP 13 (self-similar case)

$\lambda$  - e/value of  $\varphi$ ,  $|\lambda| = \eta > 1$ .

let  $\gamma$  be a conjugate of  $\lambda$

let  $U_\gamma$  be the "eigenspace" of  $B$  corr. to  $\gamma$

(real; 1-dim if  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  ~~(real)~~  
2-dim if  $\gamma \notin \mathbb{R}$ )

$P_\gamma$  - projection on  $U_\gamma$ :  $BP_\gamma = P_\gamma B$

Suppose  $|\gamma| = \eta$ . Want to show

that  $\gamma$  is an eigenvalue of  $\varphi$

We already know that  $|\gamma| \leq \eta = \rho(\varphi)$

Define  $f_\gamma: C \rightarrow U_\gamma$

$$f_\gamma(\xi) = p_\gamma a(\xi)$$

def.  $f_\gamma: \varphi^{-k} C \rightarrow U_\gamma$  by

$$f_\gamma(\varphi^{-k} \xi) = B^{-k} f_\gamma(\xi)$$

consistent

$f_\gamma$  is defined on  $\bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi^{-k} C$

↑ dense in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

Claim  $f_\gamma$  is Lip. on  $\bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi^{-k} C$

$$|f_\gamma(\varphi^{-k} c_1) - f_\gamma(\varphi^{-k} c_2)| = |B^{-k} (f_\gamma(c_1) - f_\gamma(c_2))|$$

$$= |\gamma|^{-k} |f_\gamma(c_1) - f_\gamma(c_2)| \leq L |\gamma|^{-k} |c_1 - c_2|$$

$$= L |\varphi^{-k} (c_1 - c_2)| \quad (\text{use that } \varphi \text{ expands by } 2 = |\gamma|)$$

$\Rightarrow f_\gamma$  extends to Lip  $f_\gamma: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow U_\gamma$  20

Claim

$f_\gamma$  is linear (!)

Why?

- Lip  $\Rightarrow$  differentiable a.e.
- almost flat in a small ball

expand by  $\varphi \Downarrow$

$$f_\gamma \circ \varphi = B \circ f_\gamma$$

almost flat on a large ball

- use repetitivity & that  $f_\gamma$  depends only on tile type

$\Downarrow$

almost flat close to the origin

$f_\gamma$  is onto ( $a(\xi)$  span  $\mathbb{R}^N$ )



$B|_{U_\gamma}$  is linearly conjugate

to  $\varphi|_{\text{subspace of } \mathbb{R}^d}$



$\gamma$  is an e/value of  $\varphi$



# Substitution Delone multisets

A *m*-multiset or *m*-multiset in  $\mathbf{R}^d$  is a subset  $\Lambda = \Lambda_1 \times \cdots \times \Lambda_m \subset \mathbf{R}^d \times \cdots \times \mathbf{R}^d$  (*m* copies) where  $\Lambda_i \subset \mathbf{R}^d$ . (*i* is the “color” of points in  $\Lambda_i$ ).

We also write  $\Lambda = (\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_m) = (\Lambda_i)_{i \leq m}$ .

$\Lambda = (\Lambda_i)_{i \leq m}$  is a *Delone multiset* in  $\mathbf{R}^d$  if each  $\Lambda_i$  is Delone and  $\text{supp}(\Lambda) := \bigcup_{i=1}^m \Lambda_i \subset \mathbf{R}^d$  is Delone.

**Definition.**  $\Lambda = (\Lambda_i)_{i \leq m}$  is a *substitution Delone multiset* if  $\Lambda$  is a Delone multiset and there exist an expansive map  $\phi : \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$  and finite sets  $\mathcal{D}_{ij}$  for  $i, j \leq m$  such that

$$\Lambda_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^m (\phi \Lambda_j + \mathcal{D}_{ij}), \quad i \leq m, \quad (3)$$

where the unions on the right-hand side are disjoint.

[Lagarias & Wang '03]

**LEMMA 14.** *If  $\mathcal{T}$  is self-affine,  $\mathcal{T} = \omega(\mathcal{T})$ , then*

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcup_{j=1}^m (T_j + \Lambda_j) \quad (4)$$

where  $(\Lambda_i)_{i \leq m}$  is a substitution Delone multiset.

*Proof.* We have, applying  $\omega$  to both sides of (4),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T} &= \bigcup_{j=1}^m (\omega(T_j) + \phi\Lambda_j) \\ &= \bigcup_{j=1}^m \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^m (T_i + \mathcal{D}_{ij}) + \phi\Lambda_j \right) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^m \left( T_i + \bigcup_{j=1}^m (\phi\Lambda_j + \mathcal{D}_{ij}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\Lambda_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^m (\phi\Lambda_j + \mathcal{D}_{ij}), \quad i \leq m,$$

which is (3). □