

Singularities and nonhyperbolic manifolds do not coincide

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We consider the billiard flow of elastically colliding hard balls on the flat \mathbb{T}^2 -torus (\mathbb{T}^2), and prove that no singularity manifold can even locally coincide with a manifold describing future non-hyperbolicity of the trajectories. As a corollary, we obtain the ergodicity (actually the Bernoulli mixing property) of all such systems, i.e. the verification of the Boltzmann-sinai Ergodic Hypothesis.

Comments: Final version. Several proofs have been made more transparent, and an illuminating example is provided right after Proposition 2.14

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