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Existence, uniqueness, and statistical properties of invariant measures for dynamical systems with hyperbolic behavior can be studied by constructing a certain "tower" that represents the system as a suspension over the full shift on a countable alphabet. I will discuss recent results that permit this construction to be carried out under relatively weak hypotheses. (Received September 20, 2016)