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We continue our study of entropy zero, area preserving diffeomorphisms  $F : S \rightarrow S$  of a compact surface  $S$  with negative Euler characteristic. Our previous work presented a ‘structure theorem’ in the genus zero case. We have now extended this to arbitrary genus. As an important special case, suppose that the set of periodic points equals the set of fixed points. In this case we prove that there is a finite set of open, disjoint,  $F$ -invariant, finite type subsurfaces  $S_i$ , whose union is dense, and a finite set of oriented minimal geodesic laminations  $\Lambda_i$ , such that the  $F$ -orbit of each birecurrent point in  $S_i$  ‘tracks’ a leaf of  $\Lambda_i$ . (Received March 15, 2017)