

Einstein manifolds with symmetry

Lecture III

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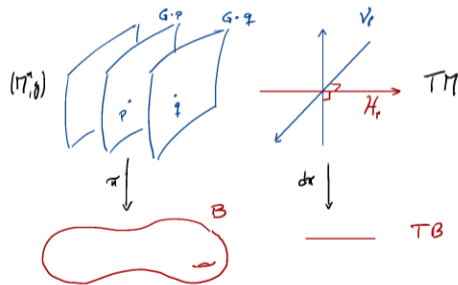
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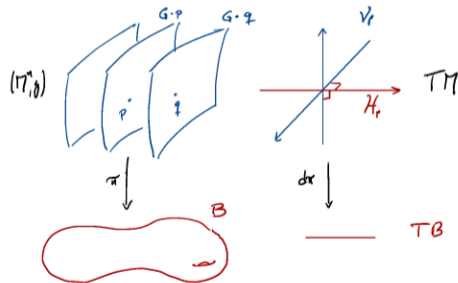


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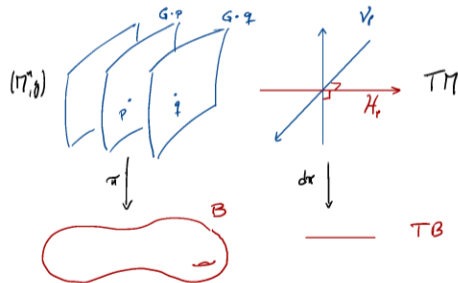
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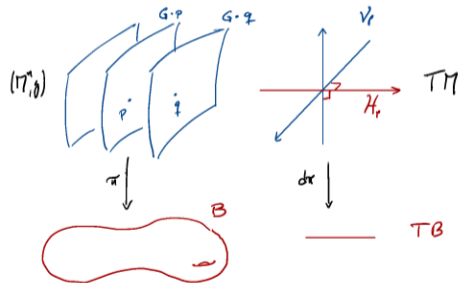
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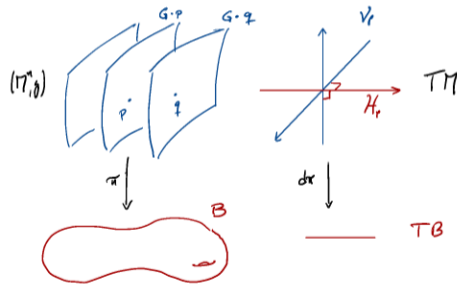
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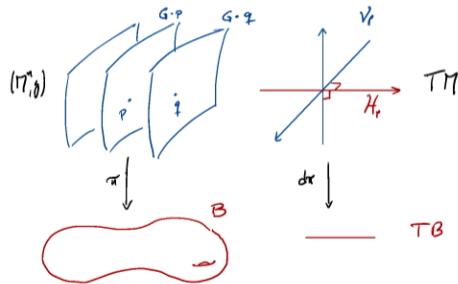
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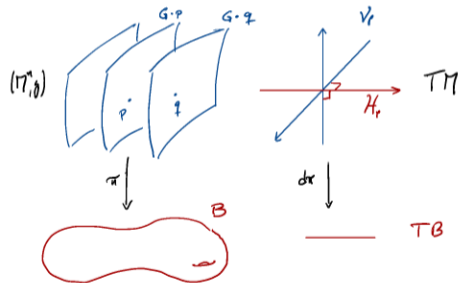
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Question Can one produce new inhomogeneous examples of Einstein metrics with non-compact symmetry groups?

Adam Thompson (UQ) was able to deal with the ODE case ($\dim B = 1$):

“Inhomogeneous deformations of Einstein solvmanifolds” [Thompson '23] [arxiv:2305.05923](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.05923).

Thank you!

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