

## Reference

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Relate Lemma 3.9' with the following th.

Th 3.3 ([FO09]) Let  $M$  be a closed real hyp. mfd of dim  $n \geq 6$ . Assume that  $\pi_{n+1} \neq 0$ . Then  $\exists$  finite cover  $N$  of  $M$  s.t.

$$\pi_1 T^0(N) \xrightarrow{f_*} \pi_1 T(N) \text{ is nontrivial}$$

→ group of homotopy spheres.

We have sketched the pf of Th 3.3 when  $n=6$ . Recall the strategy is to find  $f \in \text{Diff}_0(N)$  s.t.

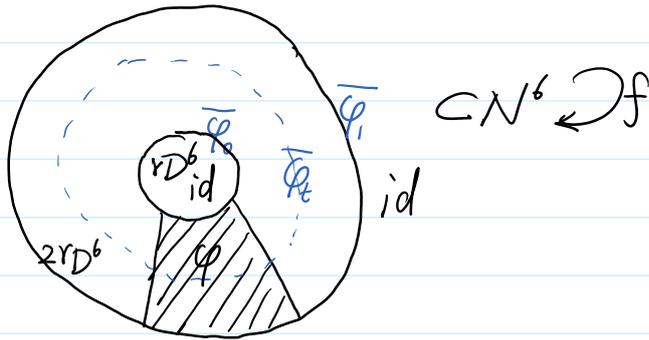
$$\begin{aligned} \pi_0 \text{Diff}_0(N) &\longrightarrow \pi_0 R^{<0}(N) \\ [f] \neq 0 &\longmapsto [f_*g] = [g] \end{aligned}$$

→ the given hyp. metric on  $N$ .

Construction of  $f$ : begin with.  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(D^6, \partial)$  s.t.  
 $\pi_0 \text{Diff}(D^6, \partial) = \emptyset$

and  $\Omega \text{Diff}(D^5, \partial) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{Diff}(D^6, \partial)$   
 $\exists \cdot \quad \longmapsto \quad \varphi$

$[\varphi] \neq 0$



$$\Omega \text{Diff}(D^5, \partial) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{Diff}(D^6, \partial) \xrightarrow{\iota} \text{Diff}_0(N)$$

$$\exists \cdot \quad \longmapsto \quad \varphi \quad \longmapsto \quad f$$

$f \in \text{Im}(\iota \circ \alpha)$  tapering process  $\implies [f_*g] = [g] \in \pi_0 R^{\leq 0}(N)$

N has a geod. ball of radius  $\gg 0$

pf Lemma 3.9:

Let  $\text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1} \times [1, 2], \partial) \cong \{ f \in \text{Diff}(S^{n-1} \times [1, 2]) \mid$

$f|_{\text{near } S^{n-1} \times \{1, 2\}} = \text{id} \text{ and } f \sim \text{id rel near } S^{n-1} \times \{1, 2\} \}$

with  $C^\infty$ -top; forms a top. grp.  $\rightarrow$  generalized Gromoll's map.

$\Omega \text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\beta} \text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1} \times [1, 2], \partial)$

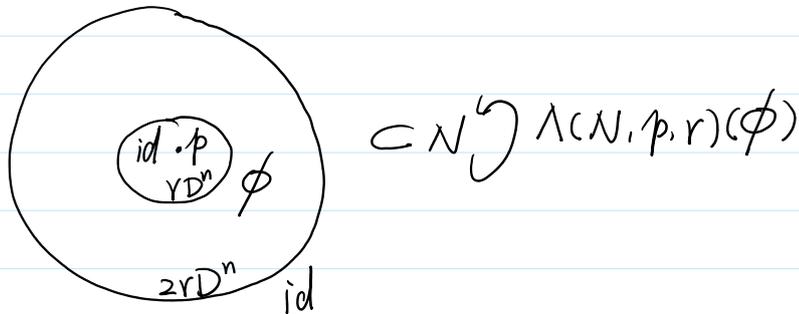
$N^n$ : real hyp. mfd with geodesic ball  $B$  of radius  $2r$  at  $p \in N$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Identify  $B \setminus p$  with  $S^{n-1} \times (0, 2r]$

Identify  $S^{n-1} \times [r, 2r]$  with  $S^{n-1} \times [1, 2]$ .

$$\rightsquigarrow \Lambda(N, p, r) = \text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1} \times [1, 2], \partial) \xrightarrow{\text{extend by id on } N \setminus S^{n-1} \times [r, 2r]} \text{Diff}_0(N)$$

$$\phi \longmapsto \Lambda(N, p, r)(\phi)$$



Lemma 3.12 ([FO09, Theorem 2]) Given a compact subset  $K \subset \text{im } \beta$ ,  $\exists r > 0$  s.t. following holds:

let  $(N, g)$  be a closed, real hyp. mfd and let  $p \in N$  with injectivity radius at  $p > 3r$ , then the map

$$K \subset \text{im } \beta \subset \text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1} \times [1, 2], \partial) \xrightarrow{\Lambda(N, p, r)} \text{Diff}_0(N) \rightarrow R^{\infty}(N)$$

is null-homotopic.

Now proceed to prove Lemma 3.9 by assuming Lemma 3.12 is true.

$$\text{Embed } D^{n-1} \hookrightarrow S^{n-1} \rightsquigarrow \text{Diff}(D^{n-1}, \partial) \rightarrow \text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1})$$

$$\rightsquigarrow D^n = D^{n-1} \times [1, 2] \hookrightarrow S^{n-1} \times [1, 2]$$

$$\downarrow \text{j}$$

$$\text{j} = \text{Diff}(D^n, \partial) \rightarrow \text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1} \times [1, 2], \partial)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} \Omega \text{Diff}(D^{n-1}, \partial) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} & \text{Diff}(D^n, \partial) \\ \downarrow & \hookrightarrow & \downarrow \text{j} \\ \Omega \text{Diff}(S^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1} \times [1, 2], \partial) \end{array}$$

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Let  $f: S^i \rightarrow \Omega \text{Diff}(D^{n-1}, \partial)$  s.t.  $[\alpha_n \circ f] = \bar{x} \in \pi_i \text{Diff}(D^n, \partial)$

Take  $K = \text{Im}(j \circ \alpha_n \circ f) = \{ (j \circ \alpha_n \circ f)(u) \mid u \in S^i \}$ .

$\Rightarrow K$  is compact and  $K \subset \text{im} \beta$ .

Lemma 3.12 and let  $r > 0$  be in 3.12.

$N$ : closed, real, hyp. mfd with injectivity radius  $> 3r$  at  $p$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{\text{Lemma 3.12}} & K \xrightarrow{\wedge(N,p,r)} & \text{Diff}_0(N) \xrightarrow{\sigma_g} R^{\infty}(N) \\ & & f \longmapsto f_* g = (f^{-1})^* g. \end{array}$$

Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_i \Omega \text{Diff}(D^{n-1}, \partial) & & \\ \parallel & & \\ \pi_{i+1} \text{Diff}(D^{n-1}, \partial) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_n^*} & \pi_i \text{Diff}(D^n, \partial) \\ \downarrow [f] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \bar{x} \\ \downarrow \text{Im}(j_*) \in \pi_i K & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_i \text{Diff}_0(S^{n-1} \times [1,2], \partial) \\ & & \downarrow \wedge(N,p,r)_* \\ & & \pi_i \text{Diff}_0(N) \xrightarrow{\sigma_g^*} \pi_i R^{\infty}(N) \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sigma_g \circ \wedge(N,p,r) \circ j)_* \bar{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\wedge(N,p,r) \circ j)_* \bar{x} \in \text{Im} F_*.$$

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We have seen

$$T^{\infty}(M) \xrightarrow{F_*} T(M)$$

is (rationally-) homotopically nontrivial for many hyp. mfd  $M$  of high dim.

Prob 3.13: How about

$$F_*: \pi_1 T^{\leq 0}(M) \longrightarrow \pi_1 T(M)$$

for a neg. curved mfd  $M$  which does not support a hyp. metric?

Sorcar studied Prob 3.13 for some Gromov-Thurston's mfds cf. [S14].

- $\neq$  locally symmetric space  $\Rightarrow$  not support real hyp. metric
- but support neg. curved metric

Th 3.14 ([S14]) For every  $n=4k-2$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \geq 2$ ,  
 $\exists$  neg. curved mfd  $M^n$  s.t.  
 $M \neq$  locally symmetric space  
and  $F_*: \pi_1 T^{\leq 0}(M) \longrightarrow \pi_1 T(M)$  is nontrivial.  
( $\Rightarrow \pi_1 T^{\leq 0}(M) \neq 0 \Rightarrow T^{\leq 0}(M) \neq *$ ).

Farrell-Sorcar studied Prob 3.13 for complex hyp. mfd [FS17].

Th 3.15 ([FS17]) For every  $n=4k-2$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \geq 2$ ,  
 $\exists$  complex hyp. mfd  $M^n$  s.t.

$$\pi_1 T^{\leq 0}(M) \xrightarrow{F_*} \pi_1 T(M)$$

is nontrivial ( $\Rightarrow \pi_1 T^{\leq 0}(M) \neq 0 \Rightarrow T^{\leq 0}(M) \neq *$ ).

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To show Th 3.14, first introduce Gromov-Thurston mfd's, cf. [GT87] [A00].

[GT87] construct these mfd's by taking branched covers over a codimension two totally geodesic submfd of a closed real hyp. mfd.

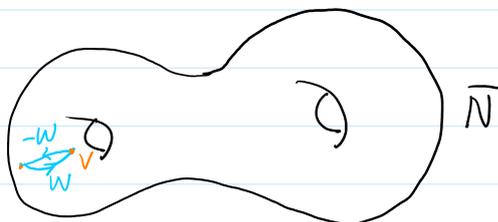
Let  $N^n$  be a closed, oriented, real hyp mfd s.t.

$$V^{n-2} \subset W^{n-1} \subset N$$

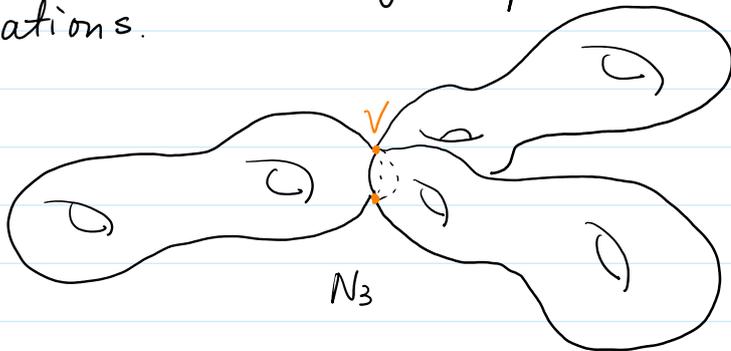
with  $V = \partial W$ , where  $V$  and  $W$  are oriented totally geodesic submfd of  $N$ .



Cut  $N$  along  $W$  to produce  $\bar{N}$  with  $\partial\bar{N} = W \cup (-W)$   $\rightarrow$   $W$  with opposite orientation



For  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$ , take  $s$  copies of  $\bar{N}$  and paste them along their boundaries in a way compatible with their orientations.



$\rightsquigarrow N_s, \rho: N_s \rightarrow N$  a branched cover of  $N$  along  $V$ .

Def Given a Riem. mfd  $N$ , a closed submfd  $V \subset N$ .  
 The normal injectivity radius of  $V \subset N$  is the greatest real number  $r$  for which the open  $r$ -neighborhood  $U_r \subset N$  of  $V$  is diffeomorphic to the normal bundle of  $V$  in  $N$ , denoted by  $\text{Rad}^\perp(V)$

Th 3.16 ([GT87]) Given  $R > 0$  and  
 $N^n$ : closed, oriented, hyp. mfd.  
 $V^{n-2}$ : totally geodesic submfd that bounds a connected oriented totally geodesic hypersurface  $W \subset N$ .  
 with  $\text{Rad}^\perp(V) \geq R$   
 $p: N_s \rightarrow N$  is a branch cover of  $N$  as described before.

$\Rightarrow \exists$  metric  $g_s$  on  $N_s$  with negative sectional curvature  $K$  s.t.  $K \equiv -1$  outside the open  $R$ -neighborhood of the branching set  $V$ .

Now give examples satisfy the assumptions in Th 3.16.

Example ([GT87]) These examples are

$\mathbb{H}^n / \Gamma \rightarrow$  discrete, cocompact, torsion-free subgroup of  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^n)$ .

Consider hyperboloid model for  $\mathbb{H}^n$ :  $\rightarrow$  cf. [BPJ]

Given the quadratic form

$$\tilde{q}_n(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - x_{n+1}^2$$

$$\mathbb{H} \cong \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \tilde{q}_n(x) = -1, x_{n+1} > 0 \right\}$$

Since  $-1$  is the regular value of  $\tilde{q}_n \Rightarrow$

$\mathbb{H}$  is a differentiable oriented hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

$$T_x \mathbb{I} = \{ v \in T_x \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid d\psi_n(v) = 0 \}$$

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \quad d\psi_n(v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n - x_{n+1} y_{n+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_x \mathbb{I} = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid B(x, y) = 0 \} = \{ x^\perp \}$$

$$\text{where } B = \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(u, v) \longmapsto u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n - u_{n+1} v_{n+1}$$

$B|_{T_x \mathbb{I}}$  is pos-def. (since  $B(x, x) = -1$ )

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a Riem. metric on  $\mathbb{I}$ .

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$\mathbb{I}$  is the hyperboloid model for  $\mathbb{H}^n$ .

$$O(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, B) = \left\{ A \in GL_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}) \mid B(Av, Au) = B(v, u) \right. \\ \left. \text{for all } v, u \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \right\}$$

$$\text{Fact: } \text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^n) = \{ A \in O(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, B) \mid A(\mathbb{I}) = \mathbb{I} \}$$

the group of isometries of  $\mathbb{H}^n$ .

cf. [BP, ThA. 2.4].

$$\text{Let } \phi_n(x) \triangleq x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - \sqrt{2} x_{n+1}^2$$

$$\mathbb{I}(\sqrt{2}) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \phi_n(x) = -1, x_{n+1} > 0 \}$$

$$\text{Let } B_{\sqrt{2}} = \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(u, v) \longmapsto u_1 v_1 + \dots + u_n v_n - \sqrt{2} u_{n+1} v_{n+1}$$

$$G(\sqrt{2}) \triangleq \{ A \in O(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, B_{\sqrt{2}}) \mid A(\mathbb{I}(\sqrt{2})) = \mathbb{I}(\sqrt{2}) \}$$

We identify  $G(\sqrt{2})$  with  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^n)$  as follows: