

§0 Notations.

Topological space X , $\mathcal{F} = \{ \text{open subsets} \mid \text{finite } \cap \ \& \ \text{countable } \cup \text{ are closed operations} \}$

$X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ continuous, C^0

if $f^{-1}(U) \subset X$ open for any open $U \subset Y$

f is a homeomorphism (\cong)

if f is 1-1 and f^{-1} is C^0 .

Topological manifold M^n

1) top. sp. + Hausdorff



2) 2nd countable

basis for the topology \mathcal{F} .

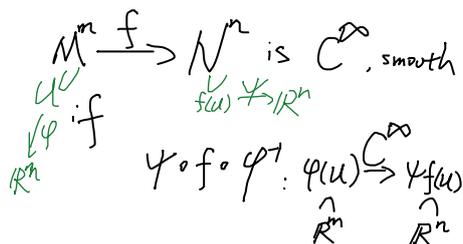
3) locally Euclidean

$\forall p \in U \xrightarrow{\varphi} \varphi(U) \stackrel{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^n$

$\Rightarrow \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2^{-1} : \varphi_2(U_1 \cap U_2) \xrightarrow{C^0} \varphi_1(U_1 \cap U_2)$

Differentiable manifold M^n (or. smooth, C^∞)

1) + 2) + 3) + (Φ) $\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2^{-1} \in C^\infty$



f is a diffeomorphism (\cong)

if f is 1-1 and f^{-1} is C^∞ .

($\Rightarrow m=n$ if \cong or $\cong 1$)

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§1 Introduction.

Exotic spheres are smooth manifolds which are homeomorphic but not diffeomorphic to S^n .
Homotopy spheres are smooth manifolds which are homotopy equivalent to $S^n (\simeq)$
Topological spheres are manifolds which are homeomorphic to $S^n (\cong)$

Poincaré conjecture: $S^n \simeq S^n \Leftrightarrow S^n \stackrel{\text{homeo}}{\cong} S^n$ one of the 7 Open problems

$n \geq 5$, Smale (1961-1962) \Rightarrow exotic spheres.
 $n=4$, Freedman (1982) \Rightarrow Smooth Poincaré conjecture in dim 4 ???
 $n=3$, Perelman (2002-2003) } $S^n \stackrel{\text{homeo}}{\cong} S^n \stackrel{\text{diff.}}{\cong} S^n$
 $n=1$ or 2, trivial. (Edwin E. Moise) C^∞ str. unique in dim ≤ 3 .

\Rightarrow Fields medal's works.
Milnor (1956) first found exotic 7-spheres as S^3 -bundles over S^4 .

Kervaire-Milnor (1963).
 Θ_n : group of h -cobordism classes of oriented homotopy n -spheres under connected sum.
 bP_{4k+2} : subgroup of Θ_n that bound parallelizable manifolds.

Θ_n : finite, abelian; bP_{4k+2} cyclic, is trivial or order 2 except in case $n=4k+3$

$n \neq 4$: $\Theta_n = \{ \text{ori. diff. classes of } S^n \}$
 $|bP_{4k+2}| = 2^{2k+2} (2^{2k+1} - 1) B$, where B is numerator of $|4B_{2k}/k|$, B_{2k} is Bernoulli number.
 $B_{2k} = \frac{(-1)^k 2(2k)!}{(2\pi)^{2k}} \zeta(2k)$ where $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}$ is the Riemann zeta function.
 $\tan \pi s = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 2^{2n} (2^{2n}-1) B_{2n}}{(2n)!} x^{2n+1}$, $|s| < \frac{1}{2}$. Ex. $B_4 = -\frac{1}{30}$, $B=1$.

$|bP_{4k+2}| = 1$ ($n=2k$ even).
 $|bP_{4k+2}| = 1$ ($n=4k+1=1, 5, 13, 29, 61, \dots$) $\sqrt{125}$ open! related with Kervaire invariant one problem.
 $n=4k+1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, 2 otherwise.

Whether there's a 126-dim m -fold with $K1=1$

Dim n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
$ bP_n $	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	2	8	6	992	1	3	2	1626	2	16	16	53264	24
$ bP_{4k} $	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	1	2	1	992	1	1	1	3128	1	2	1	261632	1

§2 Various of constructions of exotic spheres.

1 Milnor spheres $\Sigma_{m,n}^7$ as S^3 -bundles over S^4

Rank 4 vector bundles over S^4 : $E \rightarrow S^4$ are characterized by the transition maps $S^3 \rightarrow SO(4)$ and thus elements in $\pi_3 SO(4) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

$SE_{m,n}^7 \cong D^4 \times S^3 \cup_{\varphi} D^4 \times S^3 = SE_{m,n}^7$ For $(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$, we consider the bundle by using the transition map $f_{(m,n)}: S^3 \rightarrow SO(4)$ by $u \mapsto f_{(m,n)}(u) = u^m v^n$.

\mathbb{P}_1^3 $m+n = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \Sigma_{m,n}^7 := SE \simeq S^7$ is a homotopy sphere.

Let $M^8 = DE$ be the disk bundle of E , 3-connected, i.e. $\pi_1 = \pi_2 = \pi_3 = 0$.
 $H^4(M) \cong \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow$ the signature $\sigma(M^8) = \pm 1$.

WLOG, let $m+n=1$, $\sigma(M^8) = 1$. $P_2[M^8] = 4(m-n)^2 = 4(2m-1)^2$.
By Hirzebruch's formula.
 $\sigma(M^8) = \frac{1}{8} (7P_2[M^8] - P_1^2[M^8])$

we have $P_2[M^8] = \frac{40(m-1)^2 + 45}{7}$

Once M^8 be smooth. $P_1[M^8]$ should be an integer.

we have $U(M^m) = \mathbb{Z} \langle [S^2 \times L^m] - 11L^m \rangle$

Once M^m be smooth, $\beta_2[M^m]$ should be an integer.

However, certain choices of (m,n) , like $(m,n) = (2,-1)$, give no integral $\beta_2[M^m]$.

$\Rightarrow M^m$ admits no smooth structure.

$\Rightarrow \Sigma_{m,n}^7$ is an exotic sphere. (otherwise, if $\exists f: S^7 \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} \Sigma^7$, then $M^m = \text{DELF} D^8 C^m$)

Eells-Kuiper's μ -invariant. $(\text{mod } \mathbb{Z})$

$$\mu(\Sigma_{m,n}^7) = \frac{1}{56} \cdot (P[L^m] - 4 \text{sign}(A^m)) \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

$$= (m(m-1))/56 \Rightarrow 10 \text{ Milnor spheres (including standard)}$$

$\Rightarrow \mu: \Theta_7 \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}/28$ 4 non-Milnor spheres (ignoring orientations)

$k\mathbb{Z}/28 \mapsto k/28$ ($k=2, 5, 9, 12$)

Ref: 1) Milnor, On manifolds homeomorphic to the 7-sphere, Ann. Math. 1956.
 2) Eells-Kuiper, An invariant for certain smooth manifolds, Ann. Mat. Pura Appl. 1962.
 3) Farrell-Su yang, Introduction to Manifold topology book.

if f is 1-1 and f^{-1} is C^∞ .
 $(\Rightarrow m=n \text{ if } \cong \text{ or } \simeq)$

$M \xrightarrow[f_0]{f_1} N$ are C^0 (resp. C^∞ embeddings)

$(f_0 \simeq f_1)$
 Homotopic if $\exists F: M \times [0,1] \rightarrow N$

(resp. pseudo-isotopic) s.t. $F_0 = f_0, F_1 = f_1$

(resp. isotopic) (resp. $F \in C^\infty$)
 (resp. $F \in C^\infty, F_t$ embedding)

$M \simeq N$ homotopy equivalent
 if $\exists M \xrightarrow{f} N$ s.t. $f \circ g \simeq \text{id}_N$
 $\begin{cases} f \circ g \simeq \text{id}_N \\ g \circ f \simeq \text{id}_M \end{cases}$

2. twisted spheres. $\Sigma_{\{f\}}^n := D^n \cup_f D^n$, where $f \in \text{Diff}^+(S^{n-1})$

$\Gamma_n := \{ \Sigma_{\{f\}}^n \}$ $\{f\} \in \pi_0 \text{Diff}^+(S^{n-1})$

Fact: $\Theta_n \cong \Gamma_n$ $n \leq 3$. Moise's thm. $\exists!$ C^∞ structure

$(n > 5)$ $n=4$. Cerf's thm: $\Sigma_{\{f\}}^4 \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} S^4$ & $\Theta_4 = 1$ by Kervaire-Milnor

$n \geq 5$. Generalized Poincaré conjecture GPC. proven by Smale.

homotopy group \leftarrow homotopy class

$\pi_k(M) := \{ [f] \mid f: S^k \rightarrow M \}$

$\pi_0(M) = \{ \text{connected components of } M \}$

$\pi_1(M) = \text{fundamental group of } M$.

$\pi_n(S^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1$.

$[f] \leftrightarrow \text{deg}(f)$

Defn A cobordism W is a cpt mfd with boundary, together with a decomposition of ∂W into 2 non-empty disjoint open sets $\partial_+ W$ and $\partial_- W$.

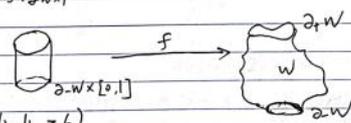
An h -cobordism W is a cobordism s.t. both inclusions $\partial_+ W \hookrightarrow W$ and $\partial_- W \hookrightarrow W$ are homotopy equivalences.

eg. $W = M \times [0,1]$

h -cobordism Theorem (Smale)

Let W^m be a C^0 1-connected, h -cobordism ($m \geq 6$). Then \exists a diffeomorphism $f: \partial_+ W \xrightarrow{\cong} \partial_- W$, s.t. $f|_{\partial_+ W \times 0} = \text{id}$.

In particular, $f|_{\partial_+ W \times 1}: \partial_+ W \xrightarrow{\cong} \partial_- W$ a diffeomorphism.



Proof of GPC (indim ≥ 6).

Let $M^m \simeq S^m$ ($m \geq 6$) be a homotopy sphere.

Let $W^m := M^m - D^m - D^m$, a cobordism from $\partial_- W = \partial_+ D^m = S^{m-1}$ to $\partial_+ W = \partial_- D^m = S^{m-1}$.

Since $H_i(W, \partial W) \cong H_i(M - D^m, D^m) = 0 \quad \forall i$.

$\therefore (W, \partial W, \partial W)$ is an h -cobordism.

By h -cobordism thm, \exists a diffeomorphism $f: W \rightarrow \partial_+ W \times [0,1] = S^{m-1} \times [0,1]$

$f|_{\partial_+ W} = \text{id}$.

$\therefore f$ extends to a diffeomorphism $W \cup \text{id} D^m \rightarrow D^m$.

Now extend $f: \partial W \rightarrow S^{m-1}$ by the Alexander trick $M^m - D^m$ to a homeomorphism $D^m \rightarrow D^m$, give a homeomorphism $M = (M - D^m) \cup D^m \xrightarrow{f} D^m \cup D^m \simeq S^m$.

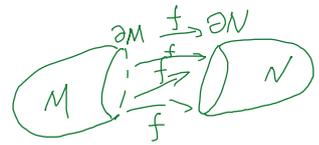
$\forall f \in \text{Diff}^+(S^{m-1}), \text{deg } f = 1$
 $\Rightarrow f \simeq \text{id}_{S^{m-1}}$

$\Rightarrow \Sigma_{\{f\}}^n = D^n \cup_f D^n \simeq D^n \cup_{\text{id}} D^n \simeq S^n$

$\{f\}$ isotopy class $\parallel S^n$

$\Gamma^n = \{ \Sigma_{\{f\}}^n \}$

LEM: $M \cup_f N \exists!$ C^∞ str. ind. of choices of $f: \partial M \xrightarrow{\cong} \partial N$ in its (pseudo)-isotopy.



$\Gamma^n \cong \pi_0 \text{Diff}^+(S^{m-1}) \quad \forall n \neq 5$

Since for $n \neq 5$, exact seq:
 $\pi_0 \text{Diff}^+(D^n) \rightarrow \pi_0 \text{Diff}^+(S^{m-1}) \rightarrow \Gamma_n \rightarrow 0$

\parallel Cerf pseudo-isotopy thm

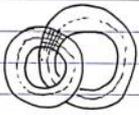
Corollary Σ^n an exotic sphere, $n \geq 6$ then $\Sigma^n = D^n \cup_f D^n, f: S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} S^{n-1}$

3. Kervaire cohom.

$$\Sigma^n = D^n \cup_f D^n, \quad f: S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} S^{n-1}$$

3. Kervaire sphere

Plumbing



$$D(TS^1) \sqcup D(TS^1) = M^2$$

$$M^{2n} := D(TS^n) \sqcup D(TS^n)$$

Lemma $n \geq 3$: $\partial M^{2n} \cong S^{2n-1} \Leftrightarrow n$ odd.

Proof:

v) $\partial M = S(TS^n) \cup_{S^{n-1} \times S^{n-1}} D^n \times S^{n-1}$
 Van-Kampen thm $\Rightarrow \pi_1(\partial M) = 0$

v) $\rightarrow H_1(\partial M) \rightarrow H_1(M) \rightarrow H_1(M, \partial M) \rightarrow H_2(\partial M) \rightarrow \dots$

$$\Rightarrow M \cong S^n \vee S^n$$

$\therefore 0 \rightarrow H_n(\partial M) \rightarrow H_n(M) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_n(M, \partial M) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(\partial M) \rightarrow 0$
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}^2 \quad \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 \quad \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 \quad \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$

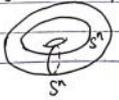
$\forall x, y \in H_n(M), \langle Dj_x(x), y \rangle = x \cdot y$ intersection number

\therefore Under the natural basis $\{e_1, e_2\}$ of $H_n(M)$, and the dual basis $\{e_1^*, e_2^*\}$ of $H^n(M)$, j_* is represented by $\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \cdot e_1 & e_1 \cdot e_2 \\ e_2 \cdot e_1 & e_2 \cdot e_2 \end{pmatrix}$. $e_i \cdot e_i = \chi(TS^n) = \begin{cases} 2 & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

n odd: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$; n even: $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore j_*$ is an isomorphism $\Leftrightarrow n$ odd.

e.g. $n=1, 3, 7$. TS^n trivial. $\therefore M^{2n} = S^n \times S^n - D^{2n}$
 $\partial M \cong S^{2n-1}$ (diffeom.)



$0 \leftarrow \text{Cerf pseudo-isotopy thm}$

$$f_0 \stackrel{\text{PI}}{\sim} f_1 \Leftrightarrow f_0 \stackrel{\text{isotopic}}{\sim} f_1$$

in $\text{Diff}^+(S^{n+1})$ $n \geq 5$

(in fact for all $n \neq 5$)

Open for $n=5$, i.e. $\text{Diff}^+(S^6)$

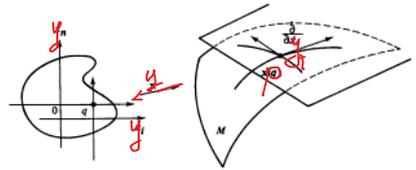
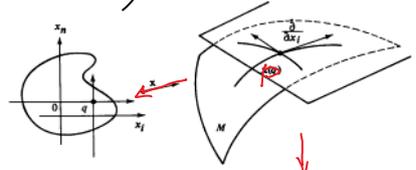
even not known about π_0 .

$$TM^n = \bigcup_{p \in M} T_p M \text{ tangent bundle}$$

$$T_p M = \text{Span} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \Big|_p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \Big|_p \right\}$$

(p, x_1, \dots, x_n) local coordinates

(p, y_1, \dots, y_n)



$n=5, \partial M^6 = \Sigma^5 \stackrel{\text{diff}}{\cong} S^5$ (Kervaire sphere).

$N^6 = M \cup_{\text{id}} D^6$ is not hamp equiv. to a closed C^∞ -mfld.

In general, for $k \geq 2$: $\partial M^{4k+2} = \Sigma^{4k+1} \stackrel{\text{diff}}{\cong} S^{4k+1}$

Brouder: if $k \neq 2^s - 1$, then $\Sigma^{4k+1} \not\cong S^{4k+1}$

Hill-Hopkins-Ravenel (2009): $\Sigma^{4k+1} \cong S^{4k+1}$ if $k \neq 0, 1, 3$ and possibly $k=3$ if $\Sigma^1, \Sigma^3, \Sigma^7, \Sigma^15$ are open.

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$n=2k$ even. plumbing of $D(TS^{2k})$ according to the Dynkin diagram of E_8 :



Lemma. $M^{4k} = D(TS^{2k}) \sqcup D(TS^{2k})$ has $(\partial M)^{4k+1} \cong S^{4k+1}$ ($k \geq 2$).

pf. v) Van-Kampen thm $\Rightarrow \pi_1(\partial M) = 0$

v) $M \cong \mathbb{R}P^{4k}$

$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow H_4(\partial M) \rightarrow H_4(M) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_4(M, \partial M) \rightarrow H_5(\partial M) \rightarrow 0$
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}^8 \quad \cong \mathbb{Z}^8 \quad \cong \mathbb{Z}^8 \quad \cong \mathbb{Z}^8$

Under the natural basis $\{e_i | i=1, \dots, 8\}$ of $H_4(M)$ and dual basis $\{e_i^*\}$ of $H^4(M)$, j_* is represented by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & & & & & & \\ 1 & 2 & & & & & & \\ & & 2 & & & & & \\ & & & 2 & & & & \\ & & & & 2 & & & \\ & & & & & 2 & & \\ & & & & & & 2 & \\ & & & & & & & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Facts: v) $\det A = 1 \Rightarrow A \in GL_8(\mathbb{Z})$

$$j_*: H_4(M) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_4(M, \partial M)$$

v) A is positive definite

$\therefore \text{sign } A = 8$.

Question $\partial M^{4k} \cong S^{4k}$ (diffeom.)?

If yes, then let $X^{4k} = M^{4k} \cup_{\text{id}} D^{4k}$, X^{4k} is an almost parallelizable closed mfld

($\because D(TS^{2k})$ is stably parallelizable)

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_n} \right) \left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y_j} \right)$$

$$U_x \cap U_y \xrightarrow{J_{xy}} GL(n)$$

$$E = \bigcup_{p \in M^n} E_p \text{ vector bundle}$$

E_p vector space of $\dim = r$

call E v.b. of rank r over M



$$(p, v) \in E \Leftrightarrow p \in M \ \& \ v \in E_p$$



$$(*) \pi^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^r$$

Question $\partial M^{4k} \cong S^{4k-1}$ (diffom.) ?
 If yes, then let $X^{4k} = M^{4k} \cup D^{4k}$, X^{4k} is an almost parallelizable closed mfd
 (\therefore TDTS) is stably trivial, hence trivial)
 $\therefore \text{sign}(X) = 8$ is divisible by 8 .
 sign of $(\text{Hilb}(X) \times \text{Hilb}(X)) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} = \text{sign}(A) = 8 \downarrow \therefore \partial M \cong S^{4k-1}$
 $\text{Hilb}(M) \times \text{Hilb}(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

(*) $\pi^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^r$
 $P \in U \cap V \subset M$ (P, U) \downarrow g_{UV}
 $\pi^{-1}(V) \cong V \times \mathbb{R}^r$ \downarrow g_{VW}

$U \cap V \xrightarrow{C^\infty} GL(r)$
 $W \times \mathbb{R}^r$

transition map: $g_{VW} \circ g_{UV} = g_{UW}$
 Given a Euclidean metric

on $E \rightarrow M$, we say

disk bundle $DE := \{(p, v) \in E \mid |v| \leq 1\}$

sphere bundle $SE := \{(p, v) \in E \mid |v| = 1\}$
 \parallel
 $\partial(DE)$

Example $k=1$. $\partial M^4 = \mathbb{P}^3$ Poincaré homology sphere
 $\pi_1(\mathbb{P}^3) = \mathbb{A}_5$ binary icosahedral group ($= \mathbb{A}_5$)
 $\text{Hilb}(\mathbb{P}^3) \cong \text{Hilb}(S^3)$
 Freedman: $\exists N^4 \sim \ast$, top. mfd, $\partial N = \mathbb{P}^3$
 $\therefore X^4 = M \cup_p N$ a closed top. mfd, 1-connected, almost parallelizable
 $\text{sign}(X) = 8$ (the E_8 -mfd)
 Rohlin's Thm $\Rightarrow X^4$ is not smoothable.
 $Y^4 = X^4 \# X^4$, $\text{sign}(Y) = 16$, but Y is not smoothable by
 Donaldson's Thm: \forall mt. closed, C^∞ intersection form $S(Y)$ is positive definite
 then $S(Y) \sim \text{diag}(1, \dots, 1)$.
 Here $S(Y)$ is even, hence $S(Y) \sim \text{diag}(1, \dots, 1)$ which is odd.
 But the Kummer surface
 $V = \{z^2 + \dots + z^2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{C}P^3$ is a C^∞ -mfd.
 $V \cong X^4 \# X^4 \# \# (S^2 \times S^2)$ (Freedman) + arithmetic.

Rk. Other constructions using plumbing with surgery would give exotic spheres.

4. Brieskorn sphere
 Let $P(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})$ be the complex polynomial
 $P(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) = z_0^{a_0} + \dots + z_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}}$
 Define the Brieskorn manifold $B(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) = P^{-1}(0) \cap S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$
 $\dim B(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) = 2n-1$, is $(n-1)$ -connected smooth manifold.

For n even and $d \equiv 3$ or $5 \pmod 8$, $B(d, 2, \dots, 2)$ is a Kervaire sphere.
 \exists a cohomogeneity-one action by $SO(n+1) \times S^1$ every
 with singular orbits have codim 2 and $2n$.
 $SO(n+1) \times S^1 \ni (A, e^{i\theta}) \cdot (z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) = (e^{i\theta} z_0, A(e^{i\theta} z_1, \dots, e^{i\theta} z_{n-1}))$

$bP_8 = \mathcal{O}_7 = \{B(6k+1, 3, 2, 2, 2) \mid k=1, \dots, 28\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{28}$.
 In general, $bP_{4n} = \{B(6k+1, 3, 2, \dots, 2) \mid k=1, \dots, \lfloor n/4 \rfloor\}$.

§3 Curvatures on exotic spheres. Ref: Joachim-Wraith, Bull. AMS, 2008
 §3.1 Scalar curvature

- Kazdan - Warner (1985) divide C^∞ closed manifolds into three classes:
- (1) \exists Riemannian metric of non-negative scalar curvature and positive at least at one point
 i.e. $K \geq 0$ & $K(p_0) > 0$ for some point p_0 .
 - (2) \exists Riemannian metric of non-negative scalar curvature but do not belong to (1).
 i.e. $K \equiv 0$ (strongly scalar flat)
 - (3) others.

Classification: ($\dim M = n \geq 3$)

- Positive $M \in (1) \Leftrightarrow \forall f \in C^\infty(M), \exists$ Riem. metric g s.t. $K_g = f$
- flat $M \in (2) \Leftrightarrow \exists f \in C^\infty(M) \exists g$ s.t. $K_g = f \Leftrightarrow f(p_0) < 0$ at some $p_0 \in M$ or $f \equiv 0$.
- negative $M \in (3) \Leftrightarrow \exists f \in C^\infty(M) \exists g$ s.t. $K_g = f \Leftrightarrow f(p_0) < 0$ at some $p_0 \in M$.

- Examples
- (1) $\exists M$ with $K > 0$ e.g. S^n
 - (2) $\exists M$ with $K \equiv 0$ but no metric with $K > 0$ e.g. T^n , Gromov-Lawson, Schoen-Yau
 - (3) $\exists M = T^4 \# K3$ -surface.

Question: Which one of these three classes ^{does} an exotic sphere S^n ($n \neq 4$) belong to?
 completely answered! \mathcal{L} -invariant

a generalization of \hat{A} -genus in $\dim = 4k$

$$\hat{A}(TM, \nabla^{TM}) = \det \left(\frac{\frac{\cosh R^M}{R^M}}{\sinh(\frac{R^M}{2})} \right) \in \mathcal{L}(M)$$

\hat{A} -genus of M : $\hat{A}(M) = \int_M \hat{A}(TM, \nabla^{TM})$

Thm (Atiyah-Hitchin-Lichnerowicz-Singer). $\mathcal{L}(M) = 0$
 Let M be a compact spin manifold with $K > 0$, then $\hat{A}(M) = 0$ in $\dim = 4k$

Thm (Weiping Zhang Ann. Math 2017) ^{generalized}
 Let M be a compact spin mfd with a foliation of $K^i > 0$ (if $n = 8k + 4i, i = 0, 1$)
 positive leafwise scalar curv

spin bordism ring

Atiyah-Bott-Shapiro homomorphism

For closed spin mfolds M^n . $\alpha(M) = \text{img}(\alpha: \mathbb{Z}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{spin}} KO^{-n}(pt))$

For exotic spheres; $\alpha(\Sigma^n) = 0$ if $n \not\equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod{8}$
 $\in \mathbb{Z}_2$ if $n \equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod{8}$

geometrically defn

Fact: $\exists!$ spin structure on Σ^n . ($w_1 = w_2 = 0$)

$n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$: the real spinor bundle $S \rightarrow \Sigma^n \ni$ complex structure J s.t.
the Dirac operator D action on $\Gamma(S)$ preserves J thus $\text{Ker } D$ complex

$n \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$: the real spinor bundle $S \rightarrow \Sigma^n \ni$ quaternionic structure J_1, J_2, J_3 s.t.
the Dirac operator D action on $\Gamma(S)$ preserves J_1, J_2, J_3 thus $\text{Ker } D$ quaternionic

Then $\alpha(M) = \begin{cases} \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \text{Ker}(D) \pmod{2} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ \dim_{\mathbb{H}} \text{Ker}(D) \pmod{2} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$

Hitchin (1974). Lichnerowicz-formula (Bochner-Weitzenböck formula)

$$D^2 = \nabla^* \nabla + \not{K}$$

\Rightarrow If $K > 0$, then $D^2 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Ker}(D) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha(M) = 0$

Adams (1966) & Milnor (1965) $n \equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod{8}$, $n \geq 9$.

$\alpha: \Theta_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ is a surjective group homomorphism

$\therefore \exists \Sigma^n$ ($n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8}$, $n \geq 9$) with $\alpha(\Sigma^n) = 1$ nontrivial (half of Θ_n)

In particular denote $\Sigma^n \in \Theta_n$ be the smallest element.

$\therefore \Sigma^n \notin (1)$ do not admit positive scalar curvature.

Futaki (1993). A closed 1-conn. M^n ($n \geq 5$) $\in (2)$ strongly scalar flat if and only if

$\alpha(M) \neq 0$ and $M = M_1 \times \dots \times M_r$

where each M_i is Ricci-flat Kähler mfd or a Riem. mfd with $\text{Spin}(7)$ -holonomy.

$\hookrightarrow H^2(M_i) \neq 0$ ($\dim M_i$ even) $\hookrightarrow \dim M_i = 8$.

$\therefore \Sigma^n \notin (2)$ do not admit strongly scalar flat metrics.

$\therefore \Sigma^n$ ($n \equiv 1, 2, \pmod{8}$, $n \geq 9$) with $\alpha(\Sigma^n) = 1$ belongs to (3).

Stolz (1992). A closed 1-connected spin mfd M^n ($n \geq 5$) with $d(M) = 0 \Rightarrow M \in (1)$.
 i.e. M admits positive scalar curvature.

use surgery result for scalar curvature by Gromov-Lawson and Schoen-Yau.

SY: A closed M^n ($n \geq 5$) is obtained by a sequence of surgeries of codim ≥ 3 ($m \geq 3$) 1977 from another closed mfd N with $K_N > 0$. Then M admits positive scalar curv. $K_M > 0$.

GL: By the bordism result, any 1-connected closed non-spin mfd M^n ($n \geq 5$) admits positive scalar curv. 1980 since it can be obtained by a sequence of surgeries as SY from some mfd with standard $K_N > 0$.

However, homotopy spheres S^n are spin mfd's ($n \geq 3$).

In the spin case, the bordism result implies:

A 1-connected closed spin mfd M^n ($n \geq 5$) admits positive scalar curvature $K_M > 0$ if it is spin bordant to some closed spin mfd N with $K_N > 0$.

Stolz used stable homotopy theory to show that, any closed 1-con. spin M^n with $d(M) = 0$ is spin bordant to the total space of a bundle with $\mathbb{H}P^2$ -fibre and structure group $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}P^2)$ (the group of isometries of $\mathbb{H}P^2$).

Given such a $\mathbb{H}P^2$ -fibre bundle, one can use O'Neill formulas to produce a metric of positive scalar curvature $K_M > 0$ on the total space N from the standard PSC metric on $\mathbb{H}P^2$ and an arbitrary Riem. metric on the base.

Produce: $g_t|_F = t g|_F$ - vertical (fibre) } R_b : All sphere bundles over cpt
 mfd's admit positive scalar curvatures
 $g_t|_B = g|_B$ - horizontal (base) } $\Rightarrow \text{Ric}_F > 0, \text{Ric}_B > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Ric}_t > 0, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+$
 $g_t(L, H) = 0$.
 $\Rightarrow K_t = \frac{1}{t} K_F + K_B - \frac{2}{t} |A|^2$.
 $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Ric}_t(U) = \text{Ric}_F(U) + t^2 |AU|^2 \\ \text{Ric}_t(X) = \text{Ric}_B(X) - 2t |AX|^2 \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Ric}_t(U) = \\ t \langle (SA)^2 U, U \rangle \end{array} \right] = 0 \text{ if Yang-Mills}$
 scalar curvature of fibre F and base B respectively.
 Hence, $\exists K_F > 0, F, B$ compact, let $t \rightarrow 0^+$, $K_t > 0$ for sufficiently small t .

$\therefore d(M) = 0 \xrightarrow[\text{surgery result}]{\text{GL \& SY}} \exists$ positive scalar curvature on M from a $K_N > 0$ spin bordant $\mathbb{H}P^2$ -bundle

(Cor: 1) $\{ \text{closed 1-connected } M^n (n \geq 5) \text{ non-spin, or spin with } d(M) = 0 \}$
 = class (1) = $\{ \text{positive scalar curvature mfd's} \}$.

2) $M^n \notin (1) \Leftrightarrow M$ is spin and $d(M) \neq 0$.

$$S^n \subset N^{n+m} \text{ normal } \& \text{ trivial}$$

$$S^n \times D^m \subset N^{n+m}$$

$$\partial(S^n \times D^m) = S^n \times S^{m-1} = \partial(D^m \times S^{m-1})$$

$$\tilde{N} := (N \setminus S^n \times D^m) \cup D^m \times S^{m-1}$$

$$T_{E_1} E_2 := \mathcal{H} D_{\mathcal{V} E_1} \mathcal{V} E_2 + \mathcal{V} D_{\mathcal{V} E_1} \mathcal{H} E_2,$$

$$A_{E_1} E_2 := \mathcal{H} D_{\mathcal{H} E_1} \mathcal{V} E_2 + \mathcal{V} D_{\mathcal{H} E_1} \mathcal{H} E_2,$$

Classification of exotic spheres w.r.t. positive scalar curvature.

$\Theta_n \supset \Sigma^n \in \{ (1) \text{ if } n \neq 1, 2 \pmod{8}, \text{ or } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8} \text{ and } \alpha(\Sigma^n) = 0; (2) \text{ if } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8}, n \geq 9, \text{ and } \alpha(\Sigma^n) = 1 \text{ (i.e. } \alpha^{-1}(1) \neq \emptyset \text{)} \}$
 Nonempty (recall that α is surjective).

Generalization of Weiping Zhang (Ann. Math. 2017).

Thm. Let M be a compact spin mfd with a foliation \mathcal{F} (integrable subbundle $F \subset TM$) if scalar curvature of leaves are positive. $K^{\mathcal{F}}(x) = K^{\text{leaf}}(x) > 0$ (positive leafwise scalar) then $\alpha(M) = 0$ and as a corollary, M admits $K_M > 0$ when $\dim M \geq 5$.

(or) \exists foliation (T^n, \mathcal{F}) on any torus T^n s.t. positive leafwise scalar curvature $K^{\mathcal{F}} > 0$.

Thm. Let F be a spin integrable subbundle of TM for a cpt oriented mfd M if $K^{\mathcal{F}} > 0$ then $\hat{A}(M) = 0$.

Question: For a DDBD mfd $E_{\psi} := E_+ \cup_{\psi} E_-$, where $\psi: \partial E_+ \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} \partial E_-$ constructed from a DDBD of $S^n \cong E_+ \cup_{\psi} E_- = E_{\psi}$. $\psi: \partial E_+ \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} \partial E_-$, determine to which classes of (1), (2), (3) E_{ψ} belongs.
 i.e. Find more positive scalar curvature E_{ψ} .

Are there strongly scalar flat E_{ψ} ? (No if $E_{\pm} = D^n$)

Rk. $D(E_+)$ or $D(E_-)$ double mfd's for classical isop. shown $K > 0$ by Tang-Yan-Ru. Jiang-Yu - Weiping Zhang (2018). Ric > 0 Peng-Qian

Let F be an oriented flat vector bundle over a closed spin mfd M with $K_M > 0$ then $\langle \hat{A}(TM) \cup e(F), [M] \rangle = 0$ where $e(F)$ is the Euler class of F .

Question 2. For a singular (Riemannian) foliation (M, \mathcal{F}) on a closed 1-connected spin mfd M , if scalar curvature of leaves are positive $K^{\mathcal{F}} > 0$ (positive leafwise scalar) then $\alpha(M) = 0$ and thus M admits positive scalar curvature $K_M > 0$ ($n \geq 5$). The case SRF of codim 1, i.e. $M = E_{\psi}$, may help to answer Q1 by a suitable choices of E_{\pm} (partly).

Defn. Let $F \subset TM$ be an integrable subbundle. g^F be a Euclidean metric on F and $K^{\mathcal{F}}$ be leafwise scalar curvature. For a covering $\tilde{M} \rightarrow M$, lift $(\tilde{F}, g^{\tilde{F}}) = (\tilde{F}, \tilde{g}^{\tilde{F}})$. (M, F) is called an enlargable foliation if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ covering $\tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ & C^{∞} map $f: \tilde{M} \rightarrow S^1$ s.t. $f \equiv \text{const}$ near infinity and has non-zero degree; $|f_{*}(X)| \leq \epsilon |X|, \forall X \in \Gamma(\tilde{F})$.

When $F = TM$ and M is spin, (M, F) is enlargable $\Leftrightarrow M$ is enlargable mfd in the sense of Gromov-Lauson.

Thm (Weiping Zhang 2018) generalization of GL.

Let (M, F) be an enlargable foliation. Then

- (i) if TM spin then NO g^F with $K^{\mathcal{F}} > 0$ over M
- (ii) if F spin then NO g^F with $K^{\mathcal{F}} > 0$ over M .

Question 3. Generalize Zhang's result to enlargable singular (Riemannian) foliations.

§3.2. Ricci curvatures

Lohkamp (Ann. Math. 1974). Any M^n ($n \geq 3$) admits a complete metric with $\text{Ric}_M < 0$.

$\therefore \forall$ exotic sphere Σ^n admits $\text{Ric}_{\Sigma} < 0$ metric.

However, for positive Ricci curvature, there exist Σ^n with no such metrics by the PSC classification in §3.1.

(Ric > 0) ($K_M > 0$)
 The only difference between PRC and PSC is the Myers' Thm: $\# \pi_1(M) < \infty$. Compact mfd M with positive Ricci curvature has finite fundamental group.

Ehrlich (1976) (claimed by Aubin 1970).

M with $\text{Ric}_M \geq 0$ and $\text{Ric}_M|_{p_0} > 0$ at one point $p_0 \in M$.

\Rightarrow the metric can be deformed to one with $\text{Ric}_M > 0$ everywhere.

i.e. \exists a 1-parameter group action the deformed metric also

M with $\text{Ric}_M \geq 0$ and $\text{Ric}_M|_p > 0$ at one point $p \in M$.
 \Rightarrow the metric can be deformed to one with $\text{Ric}_M > 0$ everywhere.

In fact, stronger: If G_0 admits an isometric group action, the deformed metric also admits an isometric action from the same group.

Rk: If $\text{No Ric}_M > 0$, then the conclusion cannot be obtained.
 e.g. a $K3$ surface supports a Ricci flat metric but no metric of positive Ricci, scalar, curvature.

Question: Whether a 1-connected M^n with $\text{Ric}_M \geq 0$ and $K_M > 0$ must always admit a Ricci positive metric?
 Open.

Rk: Bach-Hsiang (1987), $\dim = 4m+1 \geq 9$ Don't admit invariant metric of $\begin{cases} \text{Sec} > 0 \\ \text{Sec} \geq 0 \end{cases}$
 Grove-Verdiani-Wilking-Ziller (2006) ≥ 5

Cheeger (1973): Kervaire spheres $\Sigma^{4m+1} = B(d, 2, \dots, 2)$ ($n=2k, d \equiv 3, 5 \pmod 8$)
 \exists homogeneity-one metric with positive Ricci curvature.

1) construct $\text{Ric} \geq 0$ metric on both disk bundles by DDBD of cohom. 1 action .
 which is isometric to a product near the boundaries ∂E_{\pm}
 and invariant under the cohom. 1 action .

\Rightarrow the union $E_p = E_+ \cup_p E_-$ admits $\text{Ric} \geq 0$ invariant metric

2). Ehrlich result follows from the fact $\text{Ric}_g > 0$ in some nbhd.

2) Hernández-Andrade (1975) Kervaire spheres $\Sigma^{4m+1} = B(d, 2, \dots, 2)$ and $\Sigma^{4m+1} \subset bP_{4m+1}$
 $bP_{4m+1} = B(2k-1, 3, 2, \dots, 2)$, $k=1, 2, \dots, \lfloor 6m \rfloor$.

i.e. bP_{4m+1} and bP_{4m} are Brieskorn mfd. $\subset S^{2m+3} \subset \mathbb{C}^{m+2}$

(deformed)
 Consider the induced metric on $\Sigma^{2m+1} \subset S^{2m+3}$ However, too complicated to show $\text{Ric} > 0$

Then replace the zero-locus of P by an explicit nearby variety diff. to the original.
 Now the intersection with the sphere (also replaced by an ellipsoid) is Hermitian-orthogonal.

\Rightarrow given $a_0, \dots, a_m \geq 2$, \exists integer $N(a_0, \dots, a_m)$ s.t. $\forall p \geq N$

the Brieskorn mfd $B(a_0, \dots, a_m, 2, \dots, 2)$ with p copies of 2 after a_m has a metric of $\text{Ric} > 0$.

\therefore Infinitely many exotic Σ^{4m+1} with $\text{Ric} > 0$

3) Fibre bundle metric

Vilms (1970) A cpt fibre bundle with a Lie structure group G , $\pi: M \rightarrow B$, $(\text{Ric}_F > 0, \text{Ric}_B > 0)$

G acts on F as isometries, a principal connection on the associated principal bundle
 \exists a canonical metric on M s.t. π is Riem. submersion with totally geodesic fibres.

\Rightarrow

$\therefore \text{Ric}_F > 0, \text{Ric}_B > 0 \Rightarrow \exists \text{Ric}_M > 0$.

\therefore Milnor spheres $\exists \text{Ric}_g > 0$. Moreover, some $S^{15} = S^7$ -bundles over S^8

$\therefore \exists \text{Ric}_g > 0$. (Pooy 1975; Nash 1979)

4) surgery with positive Ricci curvature.

Sha-Yang (1991) Assume in a tube of $S^n \hookrightarrow M^{n+m}$ with trivial normal bundle the metric $g_0 \cong g_{S^n(r_1)} \times g_{D^m(r_2)}$ with $n \geq 1, m \geq 3, \frac{r_1}{r_2} \ll 1 \Rightarrow$ surgery preserve positive Ricci curvature.

Wraith (1998). Under the same assumptions as above, surgery works if (under tighter dim. condns) different trivialisations of the normal bundle are used.

\Rightarrow All $bP_{n+1} \ni \Sigma^n$ admit Ricci positive metrics. Wraith (1997)

plumbing surgeries. Note (n odd, i.e. $n=4m+1$ (Kervaire) or $4m-1$) all done.

$M^{4m} = D(TS^{2m}) \square D(TS^{2m})$. $\partial M \cong \Sigma^{4m-1} = S(TS^{2m}) \cup_{\text{gluing}} D^{2m} \times S^{2m-1}$
effect of plumbing on the boundary ∂M is precisely a surgery of $\dim=2m$, $\text{codim}=2m$.

In fact, more obtained by Wraith (1997) on $\Theta_n \setminus bP_{n+1}$:

Every mfd arising as the boundary ∂M of a plumbing of disc bundles over spheres according to a simply connected graph (e.g. E_8) admits a Ricci positive metric.

Ex: $E_7 \in KO(S^4)$ generator, D^+ -bundle over S^4 ; E_- : the non-trivial D^+ -bundle over S^4

Then $M^9 = E_+ \square E_-$

$\partial M \cong \Sigma^8 \in \Theta_8 \setminus bP_9$ (the unique exotic 8-sphere)

admits a Ricci positive metric.

This is the only known example of an exotic sphere not bounding a parallelisable mfd that admits Ricci positive metrics.

Open Questions: Which or Whether $\Theta_n \setminus bP_{n+1} \ni \Sigma^n$ with $K_M > 0$ admit Ricci positive metric?

5) Grove-Ziller (2002). A closed mfd M with a cohomogeneity-one action supports an invariant metric with positive Ricci curvature if and only if $\pi_1(M)$ is finite.

\therefore Certain exotic spheres, like Kervaire spheres Σ^{4m+1} (Cheeger) or Milnor spheres Σ^7 admit Ric > 0 metrics. Any others?

b) Sasaki-Einstein metric with PSC

(M, g) Riem. mfd, its Riemannian cone metric $(M \times \mathbb{R}^+, r^2g + dr^2)$, $r > 0$.
 M^n (n odd) with a 1-form θ is contact iff $r^2d\theta + 2rdr \wedge \theta$ is symplectic.
 A contact Riemannian mfd (M, g, θ) is Sasakiian, if \downarrow
 Riem. cone $(M \times \mathbb{R}^+, r^2g + dr^2)$ is Kähler mfd with Kähler form $r^2d\theta + 2rdr \wedge \theta$.

Rk. (M, g) is Sasakiian if holonomy group of $(M \times \mathbb{R}^+, r^2g + dr^2)$ reduces to a subgroup of $U(\frac{n+1}{2})$.

Let J be the complex str. on the Riem. cone $(M \times \mathbb{R}^+, r^2g + dr^2)$.
 $\xi := J(\frac{\partial}{\partial r})$: the Reeb vector field of the contact str. (M, g, θ) .
 ξ is a Killing vector field satisfying

$K_{\text{sec}}(\xi, X) = 1$ sectional curvature of every plane containing ξ is 1.

(M, g) is called 3-Sasakiian if holonomy group of $(M \times \mathbb{R}^+, r^2g + dr^2)$ reduces to a subgroup of $Sp(\frac{n+1}{4}) \Rightarrow n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

the Riem. cone $(M \times \mathbb{R}^+, r^2g + dr^2)$ is hyper-Kähler.

$\Rightarrow \xi_i := J_i(\frac{\partial}{\partial r})$, J_1, J_2, J_3 Reeb v.f. of contact str. (M, g, θ_i) $i=1, 2, 3$.
 a.n. Killing vector fields which give rise to a locally defined free isometric $S(U(3))$ -action on M .

Open question: Whether there exist 3-Sasakiian metrics on exotic spheres S^{4k+3} ?

Def: Sasaki-Einstein if (Rk: bPm admit Sasakiian PRC).
~~Facts:~~ The Riem. cone of a Sasaki-Einstein mfd is Ricci flat.

Facts: Every 3-Sasakiian manifold is Einstein with PSC.
 The Riem. cone of 3-Sasakiian mfd is hyper-Kähler which are Ricci-flat.
 and thus Calabi-Yau mfd, and (M, J_i) is holomorphically symplectic.
 (M compact) \Rightarrow equivalent \leftarrow (equipped with a holo. symp. form).

Examples of 3-Sasakiian: Any compact hyperkähler 4-manifold is either a $K3$ surface or T^4 .
 (All S^{2n+1} , $S^2 \times S^3$ (with a homogeneous metric).)

(Sasaki showed Brieskorn mfd. admit Sasakiian structures.)

Boyer-Galicki-Nakamaye (2003).

Defn. A Sasakian mfd M is said to be positive if its basic first Chern class $c_1(\mathbb{F}_\xi)$ can be represented by a basic positive definite $(1,1)$ -form.

Using theorem of El Kacimi-Alaoui : If $c_1(\mathbb{F}_\xi)$ is represented by a real basic $(1,1)$ -form P^T , then it is the Ricci curvature form of a unique transverse Kähler form ω^T in the same basic cohomology class as $d\theta$.

Prop. If $(M^{2m}, g, \xi, \eta, \theta)$ is a complete, positive Sasakian structure on M then M is compact and $b_1(M) = b_1^B(\mathbb{F}_\xi) = 0$. (the 1st Betti number)

Thm. Let $(M^{2m}, g, \xi, \eta, \theta)$ be a compact, positive Sasakian structure. Then M admits a Sasakian str. $(g', \xi', \eta', \theta')$ with positive Ricci curvature i.e. closed M^{2m} admits a positive Sasakian str $\Rightarrow M$ admits PRC, $Ric > 0$.

(or On all Σ^{2m} that bound parallelisable mfd's there exist Sasakian metric of PRC. i.e. bP_{4m} and $bP_{4m+2} \subset PRC$. $B(2k, 3, 2; 2)$ Kenmura $B(d, 2, \dots, 2)$. New proof of result of Wraith.

Boyer-Galicki-Kollár (Thomas) (2005). Ann. Math. 2005. All Kenmura spheres bP_{4m+2} , and $bP_8 = \Theta_7$, $bP_{12} = \Theta_{11}$, $bP_{16} \neq \Theta_{15}$ admit an Einstein metric with PSC. (In fact Sasakian-Einstein)

Conj (BGK): All $bP_{4m+2}^{(odd dim)}$ admit an Einstein metric with PSC. (Sasakian-Einstein). (All odd dim homotopy spheres that bound parallelisable mfd's) = bP_{4m} .

Question Are there Non-Einstein gradient Ricci soliton on bP_{4m} ?

Question? give examples of compact, non-Einstein, non-Kähler gradient shrinking Ricci solitons. (shrinking)

$$Ric + \nabla^2 f = \rho g \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{shrinking} \quad \rho > 0 \\ \text{steady} \quad \rho = 0 \\ \text{expanding} \quad \rho < 0 \end{array} \right. \text{ in compact case } \Rightarrow \text{ must be Einstein.}$$

§ 3.3 Sectional curvature

Hadamard-Cartan thm: $\exp: T_p M \rightarrow M$ has maximal rank everywhere on a Riem mfd M^n with $\text{Sec}_M \leq 0$, and hence \exp is a covering map and $T_p M \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ is the universal covering space.

Cor. No homotopy sphere can admit non-positive sectional curvature.

Fundamental Question: Are there exotic spheres support a metric with $\text{Sec} > 0$ everywhere?

Rk: By $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -pinching thm of Brendle-Schoen, exotic spheres cannot admit $\frac{1}{2} \leq \text{Sec} \leq 1$.

1) Gromoll-Meyer sphere $\Sigma_{2,1}^7 \in \Theta_7$ the generator of $\Theta_7 = b/8 = \mathbb{Z}/8$ (1974).

Totato (2002): It is the only exotic sphere that can be realised as a biquotient of Lie groups.

Consider the action of $S^3 \times S^3$ on $\text{Sp}(2)$ given by

$$\text{Sp}(n) = \{A \in \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{H}) \mid A\bar{A}^t = I = \bar{A}^t A\}$$

$$\dim = n(2n+1)$$

The action is free, and so is its

restriction on the diagonal $D \cong S^3$ in $S^3 \times S^3$.

$$\text{Sp}(2)/S^3 \cong S^4$$

$$\text{sp}(n) = \{A + \bar{A}^t = 0\}$$

The Gromoll-Meyer sphere $\Sigma_{2,1}^7 := \text{Sp}(2)/D$

$$\text{Sp}(2)/S^3 \times S^3 \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} S^4$$

$$S^3 \times S^3 / D \cong S^3$$

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right] \mapsto (2\bar{b}d, |b|^2 - |d|^2)$$

$$\text{Sp}(2)/D = \Sigma^7$$

$$\text{Sp}(2)/S^3 \times S^3 \cong S^4$$

S^3 -bundles over S^4

$(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_1 \text{SO}(4)$. $f_{(m,n)}: (\mathbb{R}^4 \times S^3 \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^4 - 0) \times S^3$

$$m+n=1 \quad \left. \begin{matrix} m-n \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \Sigma_{(m,n)}^7 \text{ exotic sphere.}$$

\exists effective isometric action of $\text{O}(2) \times \text{SO}(3)$.

Thm. $\Sigma_{(2,1)}^7 = \Sigma_{(2,-1)}^7$ admits $\text{Sec} \geq 0$ using bi-invariant metric of $\text{Sp}(2)$.

In a nbhd, there're planes with $\text{Sec} = 0$.

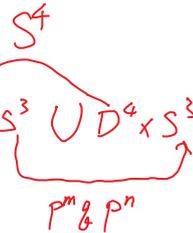
and the action of $S^3 \times S^3$ is isometric.

$$K(x, Y) \circ \pi = K(\tilde{x}, \tilde{Y}) + \frac{1}{4} |[\tilde{x}, \tilde{Y}]|^2$$

horizontal lift

G opt Lie gp

$$K(x, Y) = \frac{1}{4} |x, Y|^2$$



the connected sums of two rank-one symmetric spaces with any orientations.
 only exceptions: Cheeger (1973), Grove-Ziller (2000) where spheres, S^2 -bundles over S^1 .
 Sec ≥ 0 (infinitely many)
 e.g. $S^1 \times \mathbb{H}^n$
 Almost
 Rk. All known examples of closed 1-con. mfd with Sec > 0 are biquotients.
 Defn. A biquotient $G/H = G/H$ with $H \rightarrow G \times G$ acts freely on G by g, g^{-1} .
 Defn. A closed mfd is called a biquotient if it is diffeomorphic to $K \backslash G/H$ for some compact Lie group G with closed subgroups K and H such that K acts freely on G/H .
 Every biquotient has a Riem. metric of Sec ≥ 0 .

Totaro (2002). 2-connected biquotients in any given dimension are finitely many.
 Wilhelm (2001). deform GM metric s.t. \int almost positive sectional curv. Sec > 0 a.e. with effective isometric SO(3) action.

Eschenburg (2002). a family of metrics on Σ_{2m}^7 with Sec > 0 a.e.
 Idea: consider bi-invariant metrics on $Sp(2) \times S^1 \times S^3$, and then to quotient by diagonal action of $S^1 \times S^1 \Rightarrow$ quotient $\cong Sp(2)$.
 metric is normal homogeneous and thus Sec ≥ 0 .
 choose suitable bi-inv. metrics.
 deduce well-defined metric on Σ_{2m}^7 with Sec > 0 a.e. and the points possessing zero curvature planes form a hypersurface.

Eschenburg (1982 Inv. Math). All known Sec > 0 mfd's can be obtained by the Idea above. the first inhomogeneous PSecC mfd's.

2). Grove-Ziller's metrics (cohomogeneity-one action).
 to Milnor spheres, all S^2 -bundles over S^1 (some S^2 -bundles over S^1 with some S^1)
 (effective isometric $O(2) \times SO(3)$ action) \cong infinitely many inequiv. isom. almost-free acting of $SO(3)$
 $M/G = S^1$ or $[a, b]$ \rightarrow $M = E_+ \cup_p E_- = E \cup_p DDBD$ over singular orbits
 all orbits principal, \cong inv. metric. Each orbit (principal or singular)
 with Sec ≥ 0 , but no PRC. is a homogeneous space equipped with homogeneous metric
 by the Myers-Thom, since $\pi_1 M = \mathbb{Z}$. S^2 -bundles over S^1 associated to $SO(2)$ -bundles over S^1
 cohom. 1 action from $SO(2) \times SO(3)$
 with cohom. 2 singular orbits
 Thm: \forall cohomogeneity-one mfd with cohom. 2 singular orbits with cohom. 2 singular orbits
 admits an invariant metric with Sec ≥ 0 . all sphere bundles over S^1, S^2 Sec ≥ 0
 88/144 $S^2 \rightarrow M \rightarrow S^1$ Sec ≥ 0

Grove-Vondra-Wilking-Ziller (2006) ← cohomogeneity-one action by $SO(2m+1) \times S^1$
 Kenmura spheres $S^{2m+1} = B(d, 2, \dots, 2)$ in $\dim \geq 5$ admits NO invariant metrics of $\text{Sec} \geq 0$.

Weiss (1993). S^2_{Gm} NO quarter-pinched metric. (In fact, all S^n by Brendle-Schoen)

3). Goette-Korfin-Shankar (2017) Ann. Math. 2020.

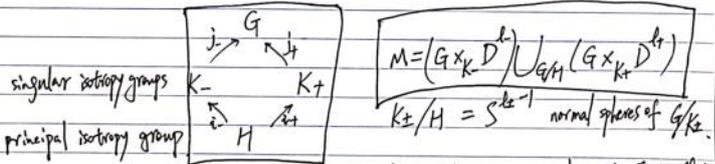
All $S^2 \in \mathcal{O}_3$ admit an $SO(3)$ -invariant metric of $\text{Sec} \geq 0$.

⇒ 4 non-Milnor spheres admit $\text{Sec} \geq 0$.

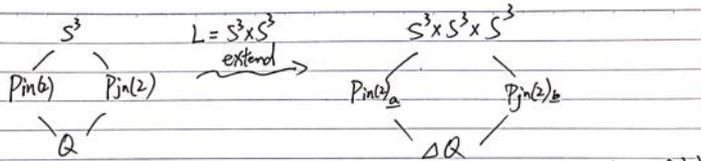
Idea: generalise Grove-Ziller's S^3 -bundles $P_{a,b}^{10}$ over S^4 (4-parameter family)
 to 6-parameter family of cohomogeneity 1 mfb's $P_{a,b}^{10}$ with free non-Sasakian
 diffeomorphism type $\rightarrow M_{a,b}^7 = P_{a,b}^{10}/S^3$ with singular orbits of codim 2.
 Eells-Kuiper invariant $\mu(M_{a,b}^7)$ is \mathbb{Z} -invariant of Crowley.

Recall. actn $G \times M \rightarrow M$ is said to be of cohomogeneity one if
 \exists an orbit of codim 1, or equivalently if $\dim(M/G) = 1$.
 M is called a cohomogeneity-one (G-) manifold.

M closed $\xrightarrow{\pi} M/G = S^1$ or $[-1, 1]$ $\pi^{-1}(\pm 1) = G/K_{\pm}$ singular orbits
 $\# \pi^{-1}(t) = \infty$ $\pi^{-1}(t) = G/H$ principal orbits
 $t \in (-1, 1)$



Extension: If \exists opt Lie group L and homomorphisms $\phi_{\pm}: K_{\pm} \rightarrow L$ s.t. $\phi_{+} \circ i_{+} = \phi_{-} \circ i_{-}$
 then codim-1 $(G \times L)$ -mfd P with group diagram
 $\text{include a principal } L\text{-bundle } L \rightarrow P \rightarrow M$
 with $(\mathbb{Z}/2) \times (G \times L)$ action free with codim of singular orbits equal in M and P .



$Q = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$
 ΔQ is the diagonal embedding of Q in $S^3 \times S^3 \times S^3$
 $\text{Pin}(2) = \{e^{i\theta} | \theta \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{e^{i\theta} j | \theta \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 $\text{Pin}(2)_a = \{e^{ia_1\theta}, e^{ia_2\theta}, e^{ia_3\theta}\} \cup \{e^{ia_1\theta} j, e^{ia_2\theta} j, e^{ia_3\theta} j\}$
 $\text{Pin}(2)_b = \{e^{ib_1\theta}, e^{ib_2\theta}\} \cup \{e^{ib_1\theta} j, e^{ib_2\theta} j\}$
 $a_i, b_j \equiv 1 \pmod 4$ to ensure $\Delta Q \subset \text{Pin}(2)_a$

$S^4 = D^2(\mathbb{R}P^2) \cup D^2(\mathbb{R}P^2)$
 $\mathbb{Z}/2$ as a cohom. 1 S^2 -mfd. with $K_{-} = \text{Pin}(2)$, $K_{+} = \text{Pin}(2)$, $H = Q$.
 If $a_i = b_j = 1 \Rightarrow P_{a,b}^{10}$ is $S^3 \times S^3$ principal bundles over S^4
 reduces to GZ construction.
 $\{j\} \times \Delta S^3 \subset \{j\} \times S^3 \times S^3$ acts freely on left of $P_{a,b}^{10}$
 $\Rightarrow (\{j\} \times \Delta S^3) \backslash P_{a,b}^{10} \cong S^3$ -bundles over S^4
 $= P_{a,b}^{10} \times_{\mathbb{Z}/2} S^3$
 give to Milnor spheres.

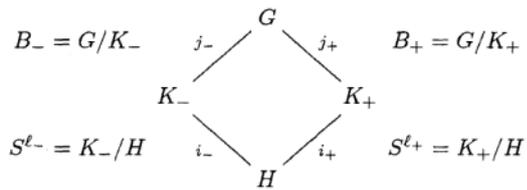
$\gcd(a_1, a_2 \pm a_3) = \gcd(b_1, b_2 \pm b_3) = 1 \Rightarrow \{j\} \times \Delta S^3$ acts freely on $P_{a,b}^{10}$
 $\Rightarrow M_{a,b}^7 := \{j\} \times \Delta S^3 \backslash P_{a,b}^{10}$

$\exists \Sigma^n$ with $NO K \geq 0$ $n=1, 2 \pmod 8$
 \uparrow
 $\mathbb{C}P_{n+1}$

Dim n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
order $\mathbb{C}P_n$	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	8	8	6	992	1	3	2	16256	2	16	16	523264	24
$\mathbb{C}P_{n+1}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	1	2	1	992	1	1	1	8128	1	2	1	261632	1

$K > 0$ & $Ric > 0$ \leftarrow $Sec > 0$
 $(bP_{4k+2}, bP_8, bP_{12}, bP_{16}$ Einstein)

Conj: bP_{4k} Einstein? Q: $bP_{n+1} < Sec > 0$? $\exists ? \Sigma^7 Sec > 0$?



a manifold
 $M = G \times_{K_-} D^{\ell-+1} \cup_{G/H} G \times_{K_+} D^{\ell+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G/H &\cong G \times_K K/H \leftarrow G \times K/H \\
 k: (\mathfrak{g}, \bar{k}H) &= (\mathfrak{g}k^+, \bar{k}k^+H) \\
 \mathfrak{g}H &\mapsto (\mathfrak{g}, H) \\
 \mathfrak{g}k^+ &\leftarrow (\mathfrak{g}, k^+H)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$G \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, \times \lambda \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle |_{K/H} \text{ on } G \times K/H$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G \times \sqrt{\lambda} K/H \\
 Q\lambda|_m = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, \quad Q\lambda|_p = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H \subset K \subset G \\
 \mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{k} \subset \mathfrak{g}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m = \mathfrak{k}^+, \quad p = \mathfrak{h}^+ \cap \mathfrak{k} \\
 T_{G/H} \cong m + p \quad T_{H \backslash K/H} \cong p
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G \quad Q \text{ bi-inv.} \\
 \text{Def } Q_a: \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle|_m = Q, \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle|_k = aQ
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_a \rightsquigarrow G/H \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle|_m = Q, \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle|_p = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1} aQ \\
 \text{If } a = \frac{\lambda+1}{\lambda} > 1 \Rightarrow Q_a|_{G/H} = CQ|_{G/H}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_a|_G \\
 K(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ iff } a \leq 1 \text{ in general} \\
 \text{if } a \leq \frac{4}{3} \text{ in } p \text{ abelian}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 K/H = S^1 \quad Q \quad \frac{dx^2 + f(x)^2 dy^2}{(G \times K D^2) \cup_{G/H} (G \times_{K^+} D^2)} \quad f'(0) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

§4 Isoperimetric foliations on exotic spheres

Fundamental construction theorem.
 Theorem (Gün-Tang, 2015) disk bundles of rank ≥ 2
 On a DDBD mfd (codim $M \geq 2$)
 $N = D(\nu M_-) \cup D(\nu M_+) \cong E_- \cup_p E_+ =: E_p \quad \varphi: \partial E_- \xrightarrow{\cong} \partial E_+$
 with the canonical singular foliation $\mathcal{F}_p \Rightarrow \exists$ metric g_p st. $(E_p, g_p, \mathcal{F}_p)$ isop.

To classify foliated diffeomorphism classes of isop. foliations, we only need to
 (map leaves to leaves)
 classify DDBD structures $(E_+, E_-, \varphi \in \text{Diff}(\partial E_- \rightarrow \partial E_+))$
 (E_p, \mathcal{F}_p) .

Now forget metric.
 thm (Ge-Tang, 2013). There are NO isop. fol on exotic S^4 (if exist).
 Thm (Ge, 2016) On any exotic n-sphere S^n ($n \geq 4$)

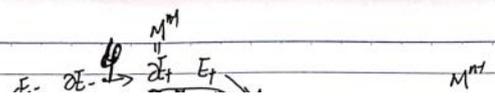
$$\{ [S^n, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}] \} \xleftarrow{1-1} \{ [S^n, \mathcal{F}] \}$$

$[\cdot]$ denotes fd. diff. class.

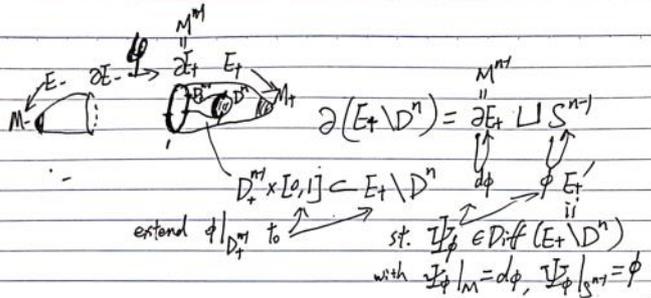
$$\begin{aligned}
 (S^n_p = E_- \cup_{\text{diff}} E_+, \mathcal{F}_{\text{diff}}) &\xleftarrow{1-1} (S^n = E_- \cup_p E_+, \mathcal{F}_p) \\
 \cong \downarrow & \quad \downarrow \cong \mathcal{F} \quad f(E_-) = E_+ \\
 (S^n_p = E_- \cup_{\text{diff}} E_+, \mathcal{F}_{\text{diff}}) &\xleftarrow{1-1} (S^n = E_- \cup_p E_+, \mathcal{F}_p)
 \end{aligned}$$

DDBD-twisted sphere $E_{\text{diff}} = E_- \cup_{\text{diff}} E_+$ $\xrightarrow{\cong} D^+ \cup_p D^- = S^n_p$ (with $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(S^m)$)

WLOG, $\varphi: S^m = D^m \cup_{\text{id}} D^m \xrightarrow{\cong}$ with $\varphi|_{D^m} = \text{id}$.
 $\uparrow \partial E_+ = D^m \cup M^m$ st. $\text{dp}: \partial E_+ \xrightarrow{\cong} \partial E_+$ st. $\text{dp}|_{D^m} = \varphi|_{D^m}, \text{dp}|_M = \text{id}$.
 Question: Isotopy thm on disk \rightsquigarrow isotopy thm on disk bundles?



$$K/H = S^1 \times \frac{dr^2 + f(r)^2 d\theta^2}{(G \times K D^2) \cup_{G/H} (G \times_{K_t} D^2)} \quad \tau \text{ odd} \quad f'(0) = 1$$



double mfld $D(E_t) = E_t \cup_{id} E_t$ is a S^{n+1} -bundle over M_t bounding W_t^{n+1}

$$\partial W_t = D(E_t) = E_t \cup_M E_t' \cup_{S^{n+1}} D^n$$

$$\partial D^{n+1} = S^n \cup_{\phi} E_t \cup_{S^{n+1}} D^n$$

$$W^{n+1} := D^{n+1} \cup_{\psi} W_t^{n+1} \text{ with } \partial W = (E_t \cup_{\psi} E_t) \cup (D^n \cup_{\psi} D^n)$$

is a h-cobordism between $E_{d\phi}$ and Σ_{ϕ} .

$$= (E_t \cup_{d\phi} E_t) \cup (D^n \cup_{\phi} D^n)$$

$$= E_{d\phi} \cup \Sigma_{\phi}$$

Partial classification $\Sigma^n (m+k)$ $E_{\pm} = D^n$
 $n \neq 5$. $\{[S^n, F_n] \mid M_{\pm} = Pt\}$ Unique \Leftrightarrow (pseudo-isotopy \Leftrightarrow isotopy) $Diff(S^{n+1})$
 $n=5$. $\{[L(S^5, F)] \mid M_{\pm} = Pt\}$ Unique $\Leftrightarrow \pi_0(Diff(S^6)) = 1$?

"Exotic" isop. fol. on S^n : $S^m \times D^k$ admit non-trivial disk bundle str. Open
 $(m,k) = (7,4), (8,4), (9,4), (11,4), (14,5), (14,6)$
 not appear on the round metric $S^1, S^2, S^3, S^5, S^6, S^7$ admit pop. fol. with $M_{\pm} = (S^m, S^k)$
 classically $\Sigma^m \times D^k \cong S^m \times D^k$ (non-). $\because TS^m \cong TS^n$. S^{14} has 15 isop. classes, with $M_{\pm} = (S^7, S^6)$. non-equivalent to $g=2$ cases