Curved Yang-Mills gauge theories

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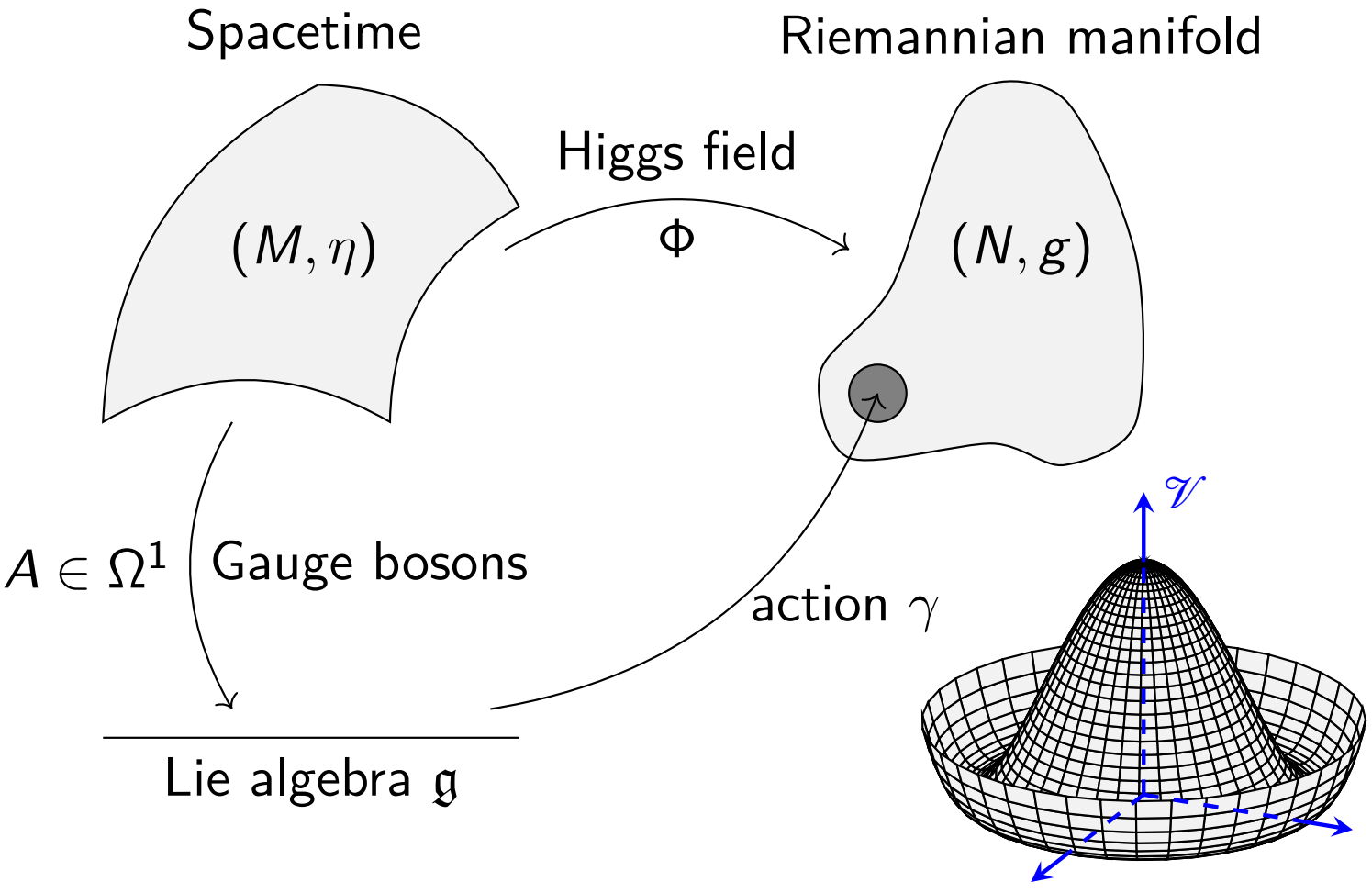

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Remarks (Why a "curved theory"?)

Usually, the field strength F is given by (abelian, for simplicity)

$$F := \mathrm{d}A = \mathrm{d}^{\nabla^0} A.$$

$\rightsquigarrow$ We will use a general connection ∇ instead of ∇^0, and ∇ may not be flat.

	Classical	Curved
Infinitesimal	Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$	LAB $\mathscr{g}$
Integrated	Lie group G	LGB[1] $\mathscr{G}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \longrightarrow & \mathscr{G} \\ & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle \pi} \\ & & M \end{array}$$

[1] LGB = Lie group bundle

Definition (LGB actions, simplified)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathscr{G} \\ & & \downarrow \\ \mathscr{P} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \end{array}$$

$\mathscr{P} \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ a fibre bundle. A **right-action of $\mathscr{G}$ on $\mathscr{P}$** is a smooth map $\mathscr{P} * \mathscr{G} := \pi^*\mathscr{G} = \mathscr{P} \times_M \mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{P}$, $(p, g) \mapsto p \cdot g$, satisfying the following properties:

$$\pi(p \cdot g) = \pi(p), \tag{1}$$
$$(p \cdot g) \cdot h = p \cdot (gh), \tag{2}$$
$$p \cdot e_{\pi(p)} = p \tag{3}$$

for all $p \in \mathscr{P}$ and $g, h \in \mathscr{G}_{\pi(p)}$, where $e_{\pi(p)}$ is the neutral element of $\mathscr{G}_{\pi(p)}$.

K. Mackenzie. General Theory of Lie Groupoids and Algebroids.
London Mathematical Society Lecture Note Series, 213, 2005.

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Example (Recovering Lie group action)

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Definition (Principal bundle)

Still a fibre bundle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \longrightarrow & \mathscr{P} \\ & & \downarrow \pi \\ & & M \end{array}$$

but with $\mathscr{G}$-action

$$\begin{array}{c} \cancel{\mathscr{P} \times \mathscr{G}} \\ \mathscr{P} * \mathscr{G} \end{array} \rightarrow \mathscr{P}$$

simply transitive on fibres of $\mathscr{P}$, and "suitable" atlas.

Ieke Moerdijk, Janez Mrcun. Introduction to Foliations and Lie Groupoids.
Cambridge Studies in Advanced Mathematics 91, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2003

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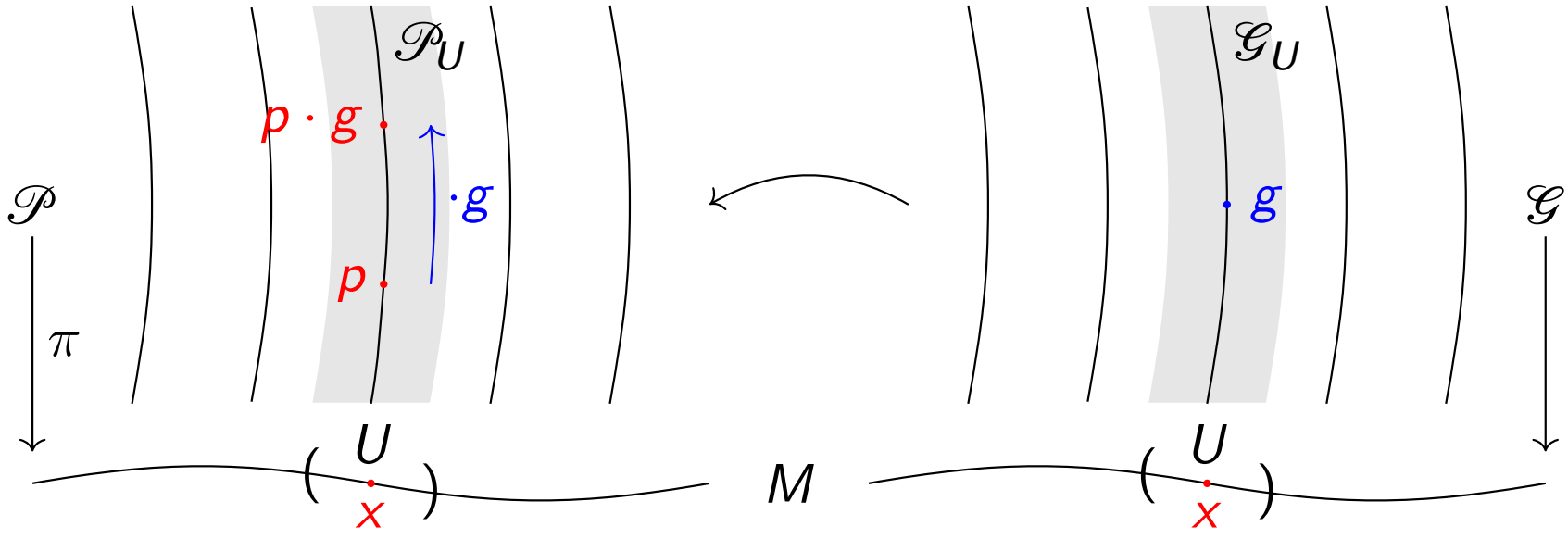

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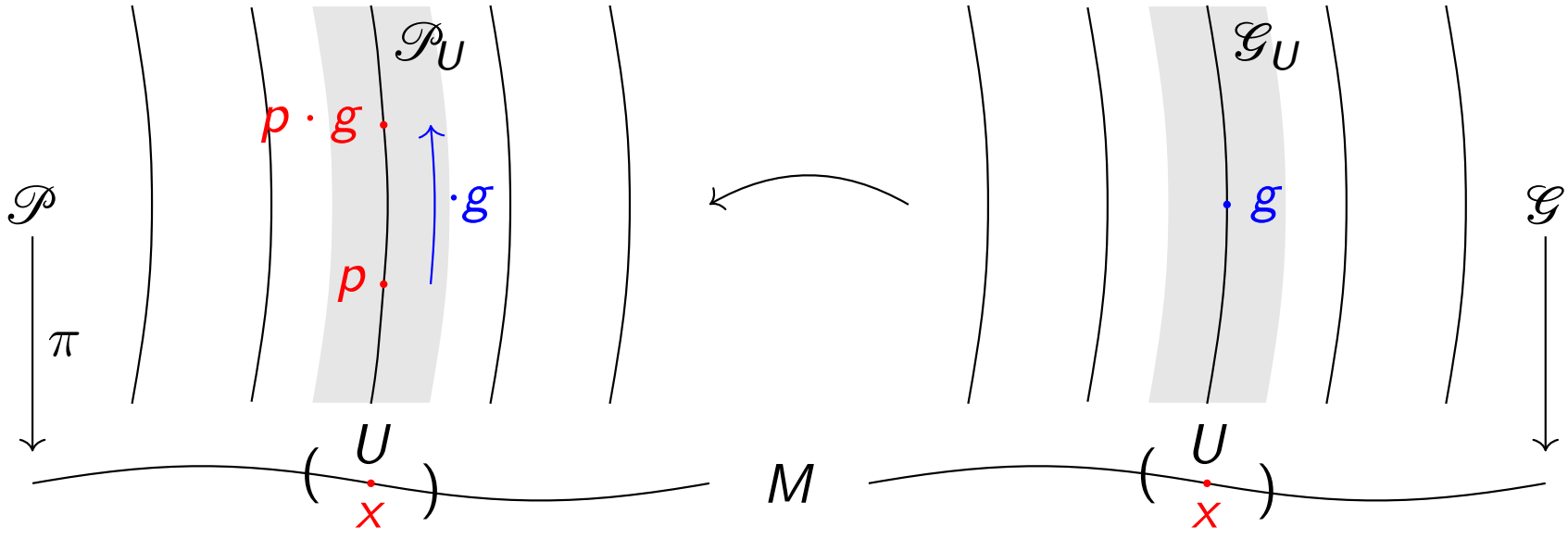

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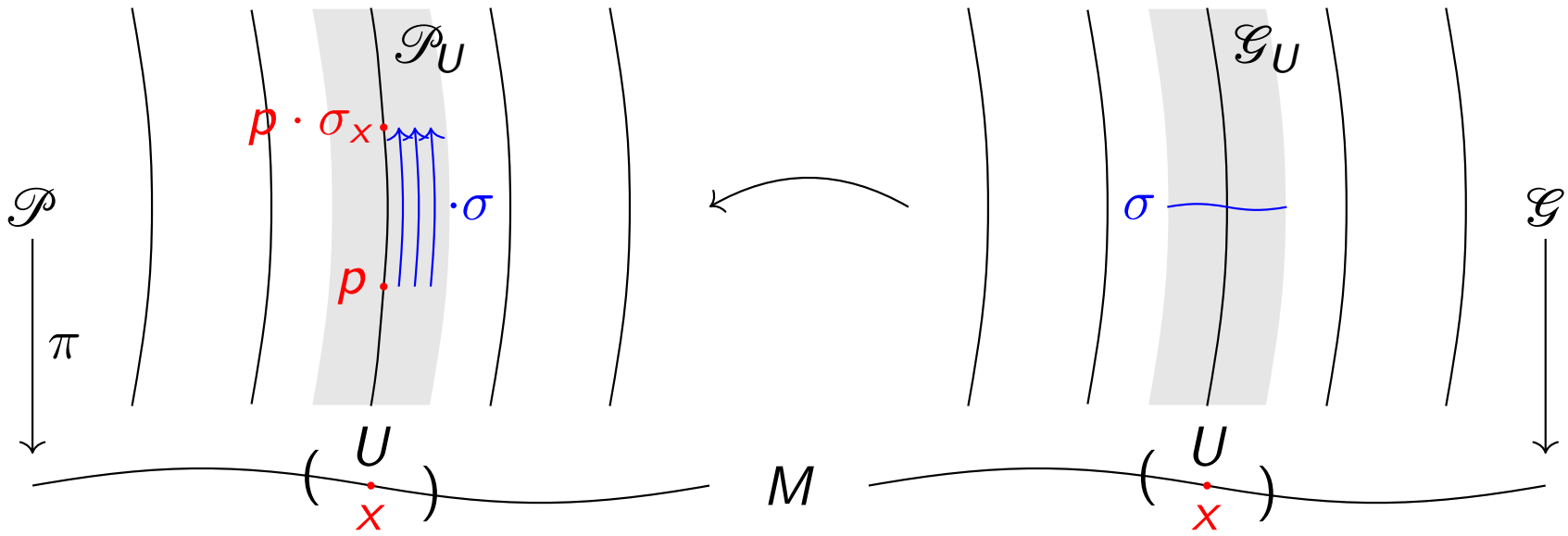

Use $\sigma \in \Gamma(\mathscr{G}) : r_\sigma(p) \coloneqq p \cdot \sigma_{\pi(p)}$

Connection on $\mathscr{P}$: Revisiting the classical setup

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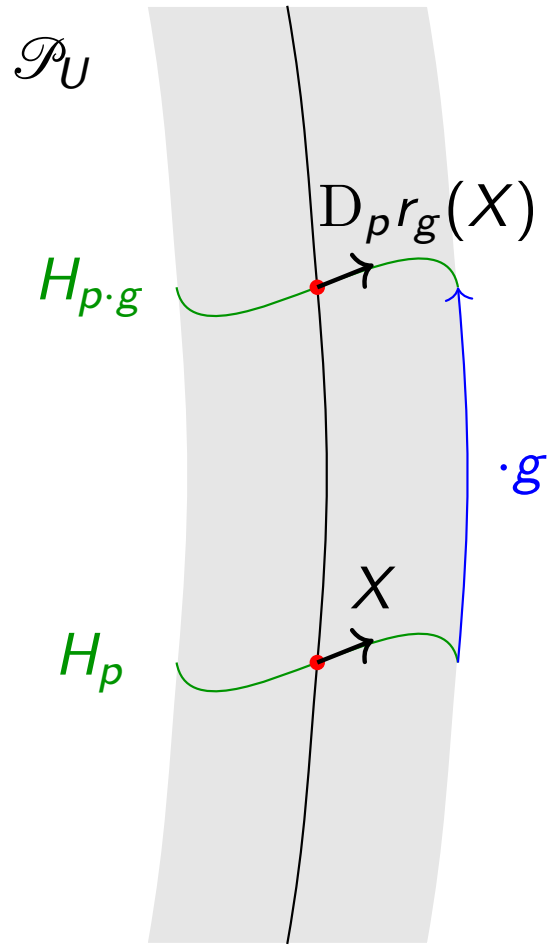

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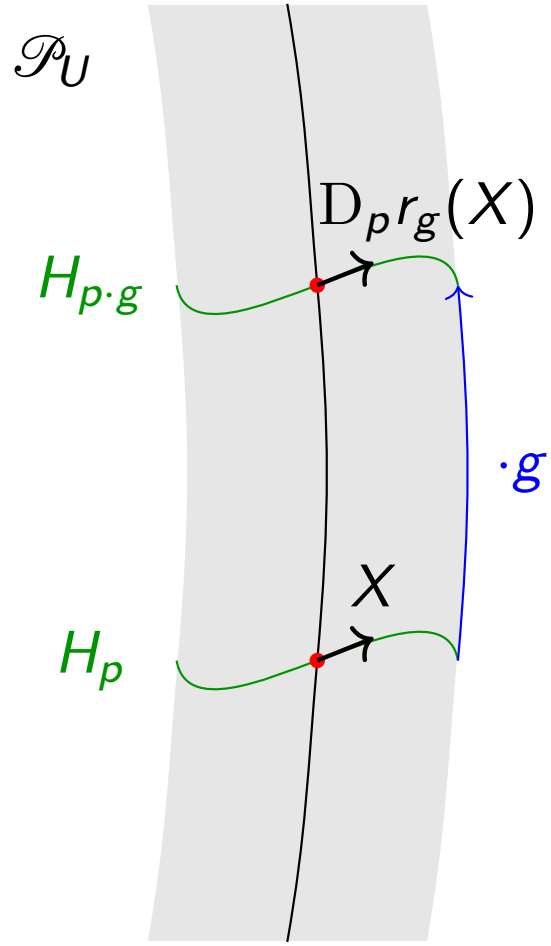


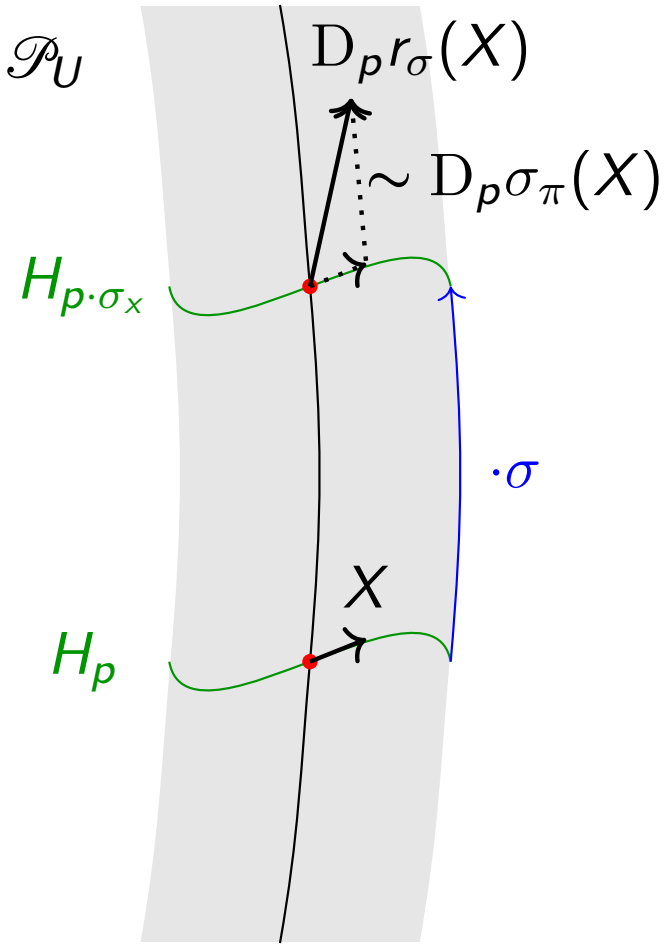
Remarks (Integrated case)

Parallel transport $\mathrm{PT}_\alpha^{\mathscr{P}}$ in $\mathscr{P}$:

$$\mathrm{PT}_\alpha^{\mathscr{P}}(p \cdot g) = \mathrm{PT}_\alpha^{\mathscr{P}}(p) \cdot g$$

where $\alpha : I \to M$ is a base path

Connection on $\mathscr{P}$: General case



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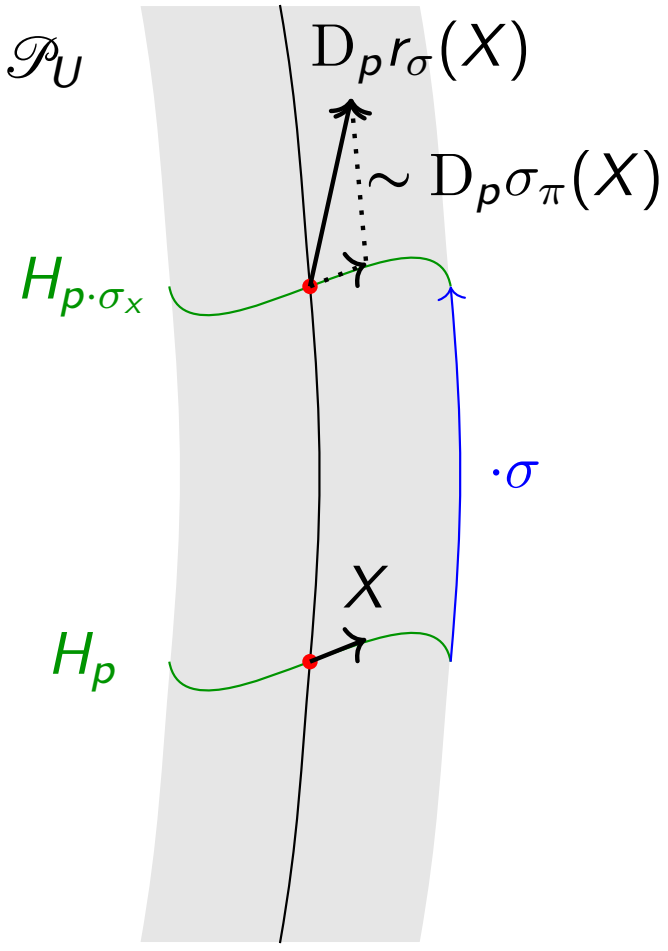

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Remarks (General situation)

Introduce connection on $\mathscr{G}$
$\Rightarrow \nabla$ on the LAB $\mathscr{g}$ of $\mathscr{G}$

Summary

	Locally	Globally
Curved Yang-Mills	Pre-classical	$\mathrm{ad}(\mathbb{S}^7 \to \mathbb{S}^4)$ curved

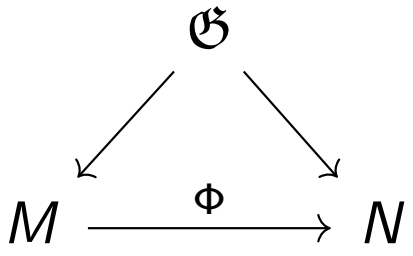
Remarks (Integrated point of view)

This is probably linked to that an LGB is locally trivial

$\rightsquigarrow$ LGB action locally equivalent to a Lie group action

Hope: Structural Lie groupoids

Gauge theory	Structure
Yang-Mills	Lie group G
Curved Yang-Mills	Lie group bundle $\mathscr{G}$
Curved Yang-Mills-Higgs	Lie groupoid $\mathfrak{G}$?



Remarks

- Richer set of principal bundles, containing LGBs.
- May result into obstruction statements for curved Yang-Mills-Higgs gauge theories.

Thank you!