

# Curved Yang-Mills gauge theories and their recent applications

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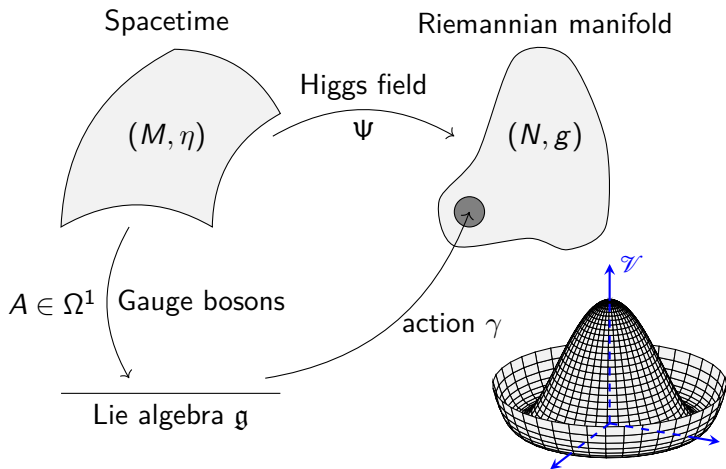
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Infinitesimal Version

## Infinitesimal curved Yang-Mills-Higgs gauge theory



# Guide: Infinitesimal curved Yang-Mills-Higgs gauge theory

Classical formalism	CYMH GT
Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ as $M \times \mathfrak{g}$	Lie algebroid $E \rightarrow N$
$\mathfrak{g}$ -action $\gamma$	Anchor $\rho$ of $E$ & $E$ -connections
Canonical flat connection $\nabla^0$ on $M \times \mathfrak{g}$	General connection $\nabla$ on $E$



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$$\tilde{A}^\lambda := (\Phi^* \Lambda)(A) + \Phi^! \lambda, \quad (1)$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}^\lambda := \nabla + \left( \Lambda \circ d^{\nabla^{\text{bas}}} \circ \Lambda^{-1} \right) \lambda, \quad (2)$$

$$\tilde{\kappa}^\lambda := \kappa \circ (\Lambda^{-1}, \Lambda^{-1}), \quad (3)$$

$$\tilde{g}^\lambda := g \circ (\hat{\Lambda}^{-1}, \hat{\Lambda}^{-1}), \quad (4)$$

where  $\hat{\Lambda} := \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{T}N} - \rho \circ \lambda$ , and for all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$  we also define

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{\zeta}^\lambda(\widehat{\Lambda}(X), \widehat{\Lambda}(Y)) \\ &:= \Lambda(\zeta(X, Y)) - \left( d^{\widetilde{\nabla}^\lambda} \lambda \right)(X, Y) + t_{\widetilde{\nabla}_\rho^\lambda}(\lambda(X), \lambda(Y)). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

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- $\kappa$  needs to be ad-invariant
- We need

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$$R_{\nabla}(Y, Z)_{\mu} = [\zeta(Y, Z), \mu]_q \quad (7)$$

for all  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$  and  $\mu, \nu \in \Gamma(\mathcal{G})$ .



## Theorem (Invariant for LABs, [S.-R. F.] )

*We have*

$$d^{\tilde{\nabla}^\lambda} \tilde{\zeta}^\lambda = d^{\nabla} \zeta, \quad (8)$$

and  $d^\nabla \zeta$  has values in the centre of  $\mathcal{G}$ .







$\nabla$  restricts to the centre of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and induces a differential  $d^\Xi$  on centre-valued forms. Moreover,  $d^\Xi$  is independent of the field redefinitions.

## Recall

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Integrated Version

We will only focus on Yang-Mills theories:

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Integrated	Lie group $G$	LGB <sup>2</sup> $\mathcal{G}$

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

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$$(p \cdot g) \cdot h = p \cdot (gh), \quad (12)$$

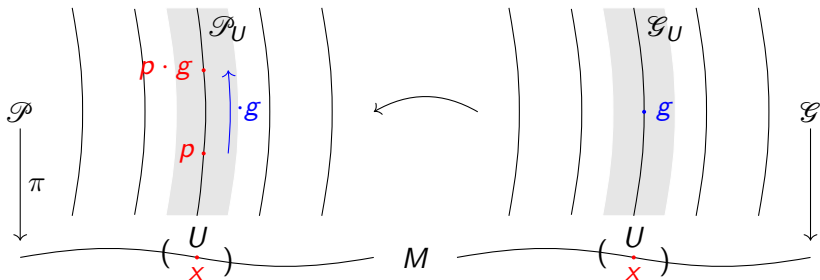
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for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $g, h \in \mathcal{G}_{\pi(p)}$ , where  $e_{\pi(p)}$  is the neutral element of  $\mathcal{G}_{\pi(p)}$ .



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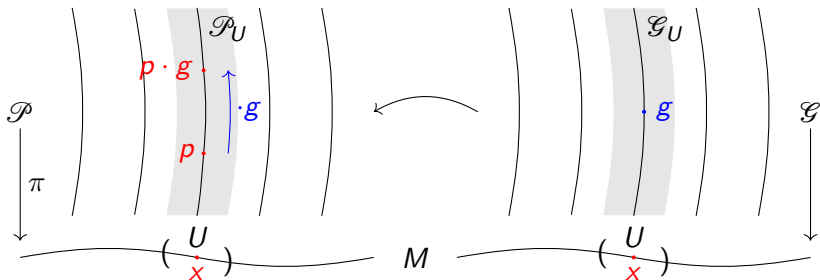


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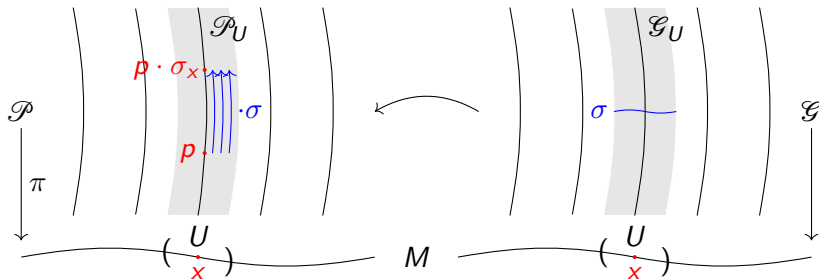
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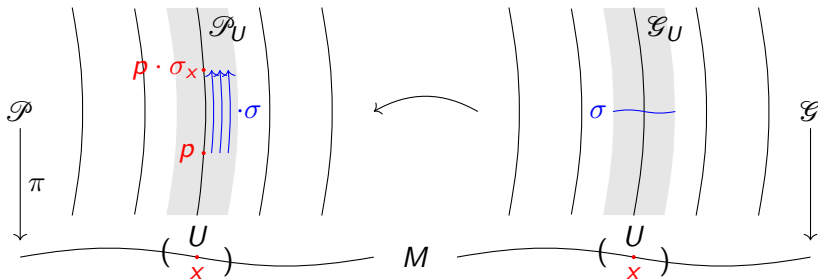


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is a well-defined automorphism over  $r_g$ .

## Definition (Ehresmann connection, [S.-R. F.]

$H$  a horizontal distribution of  $T\mathcal{P}$  with

$$\tau^*_{g*}(H_p) = H_{p \cdot g}$$



$$\left(\nu_{\sigma}^! A\right)_p(X) = A_{p\sigma_x}(\nu_{\sigma_x*}(X)).$$

### Proposition (Connection on $\mathcal{G}$ , [S.-R. F.]

We have an induced vector bundle connection on  $\mathcal{q}$  given by

$$\nabla^{\mathcal{G}} \nu := \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \Delta \mathbf{e}^{t\nu}.$$

$$\left( d^{\pi_{\mathcal{G}}^* \nabla^{\mathcal{G}}} \mu_{\mathcal{G}} + \frac{1}{2} [\mu_{\mathcal{G}} \wedge \mu_{\mathcal{G}}]_{\pi_{\mathcal{G}}^* \mathcal{G}} \right) \Big|_g = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \circ \pi_{\mathcal{G}}^! \zeta \Big|_g - \pi_{\mathcal{G}}^! \zeta \Big|_g$$

### Proposition ( $\nabla^{\mathcal{G}}$ a Lie bracket derivation)

Let  $\mu_{\mathcal{G}}$  be a connection 1-form on  $\mathcal{G}$ , then

$$\nabla^{\mathcal{G}}\left([\mu, \nu]_{\mathcal{G}}\right)=\left[\nabla^{\mathcal{G}} \mu, \nu\right]_{\mathcal{G}}+\left[\mu, \nabla^{\mathcal{G}} \nu\right]_{\mathcal{G}}.$$



## Remarks

Both compatibility conditions are related to a cohomology, that is:

- 1  $\mu_g$  closed
- 2 Curvature of  $\mu_g$  exact with primitive  $\zeta$

Given a Yang-Mills connection on  $\mathcal{G}$ :

### Definition (Generalized curvature/field strength $F$ of $A$ , [S.-R. F.])

We define

$$F := d^{\pi^* \nabla \mathcal{G}} A + \frac{1}{2} [A \wedge A]_{\pi^* \mathcal{G}} + \pi^! \zeta.$$

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$$F_{s_i} = \text{Ad}_{\sigma_{ji}^{-1}} \circ F_{s_j},$$

where  $F_{s_i} := s_i^! F$  and  $\sigma_{ji}$  a section of  $\mathcal{G}$  with  $s_i = s_j \cdot \sigma_{ji}$ .

### Theorem (Lagrangian, [S.-R. F.]

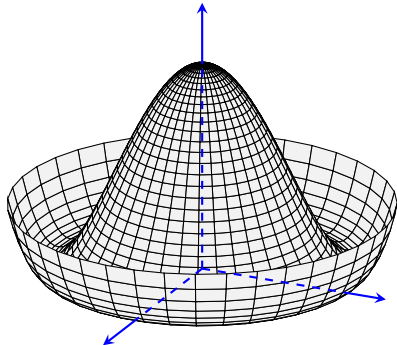
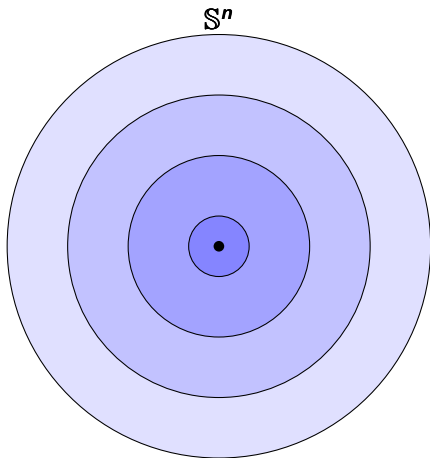
## Back to the roots

- 1  $\mathcal{G} \cong M \times G$
- 2 Equip  $\mathcal{G}$  with canonical flat connection
- 3  $\zeta \equiv 0$



Applications: Singular foliations  
(joint work w/ Camille Laurent-Gengoux)

Curved Yang-Mills gauge theory



## Singular Foliations:

- Gauge Theory  
(Ex.: Singular foliation  $\leftrightarrow$  Symmetry breaking  $\rightarrow$  Higgs mechanism)
- Poisson Geometry  
(Singular foliation of symplectic leaves)
- Lie groupoids and algebroids
- Dirac structures
- Generalised complex manifolds
- Non-commutative geometry
- ...

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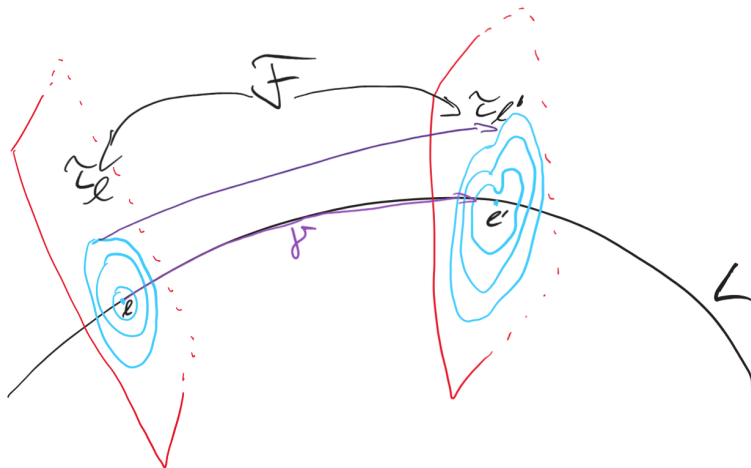
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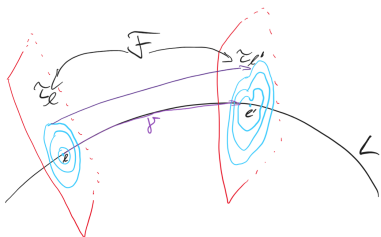
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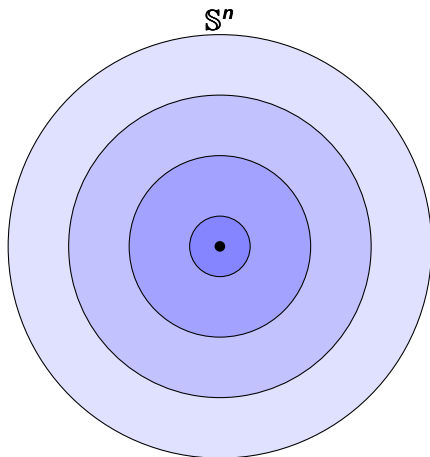
### Theorem ( $\mathcal{F}$ -connections)

There is a connection on the normal bundle of a leaf  $L$ :

- Horizontal vector fields are in  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- Parallel transport  $PT_\gamma$  has values in  $\text{Sym}(\tau_l, \tau_{l'})$ .
- For a contractible loop  $\gamma_0$  at  $l$ :  $PT_{\gamma_0}$  values in  $\text{Inner}(\tau_l)$ .

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# Example of a transverse foliation $\tau$ :

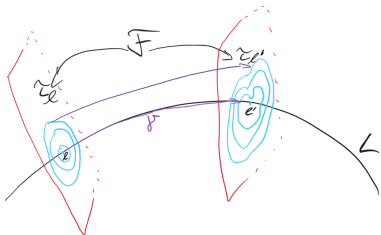


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- $\text{Inner}(\tau_I)$  maps each circle to itself
- $\text{Sym}(\tau_I)$  allows to exchange circles
- Both preserve  $\tau_I$  and fix the origin

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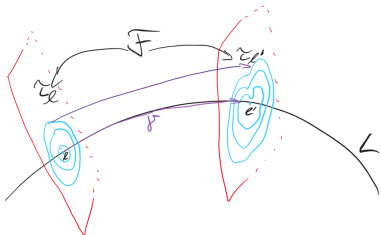
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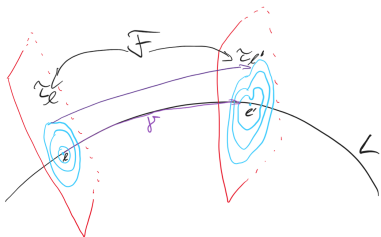


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 &= \underbrace{[X^\uparrow, X'^\uparrow]}_{\rightsquigarrow \text{curvature}} + \underbrace{[X^\uparrow, \bar{\mu}] - [X'^\uparrow, \bar{\nu}]}_{\rightsquigarrow \text{connection}} + [\bar{\nu}, \bar{\mu}]
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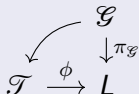
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A **right-action** of  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathcal{T}$  is a smooth map

$\mathcal{T} * \mathcal{G} := \mathcal{T} \times_{\phi \times \pi_{\mathcal{G}}} \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ ,  $(t, g) \mapsto t \cdot g$ , satisfying the following properties:

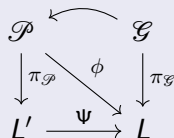
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## Definition (Principal bundle)



A surjective submersion  $\pi_{\mathcal{P}}: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow L'$ , with  $\mathcal{G}$ -action

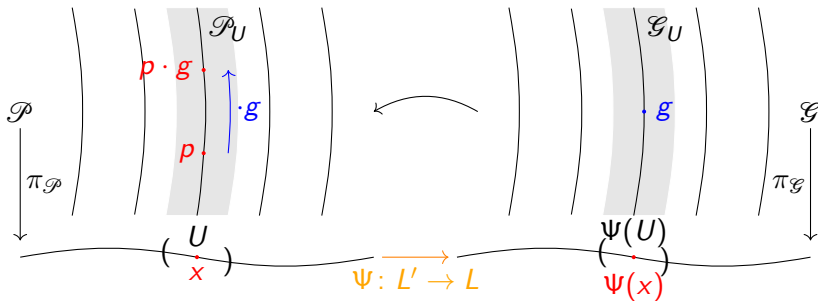
$$\frac{\cancel{\mathcal{P}} \times \cancel{\mathcal{G}}}{\mathcal{P} * \mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$$

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





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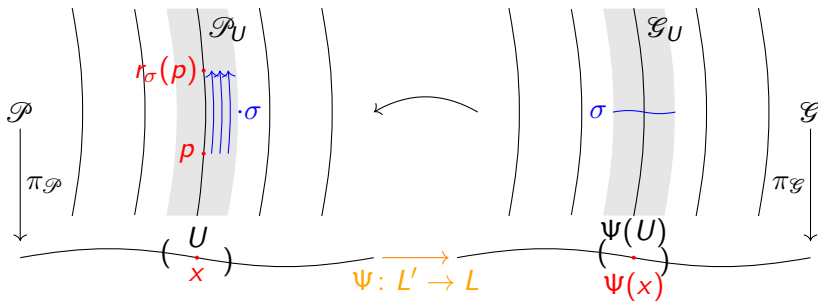
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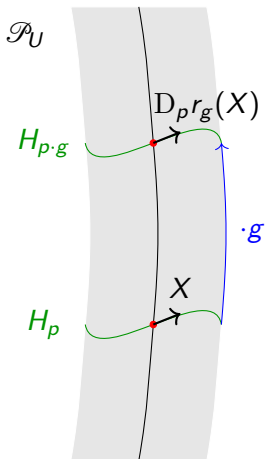
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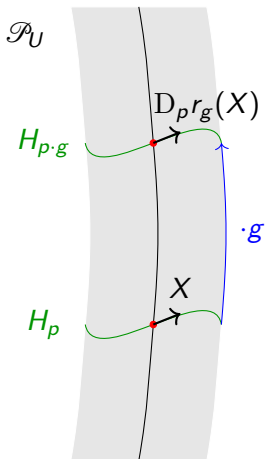
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such that the definition of the multiplicative Yang-Mills connection is equivalent to the **compatibility conditions**

- Connection closed
- Curvature exact ([S.-R. F.] )

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**Going back to foliations**



## Theorem ([C. L.-G., S.-R. F.])

*Given a multiplicative Yang-Mills connection on  $\mathcal{G}$  and a Yang-Mills connection on  $\mathcal{T}$ , then there is a natural foliation on  $\mathcal{T}$  generated by*

$$X^\uparrow + \bar{\nu},$$

*where  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(L)$  and  $\nu \in \Gamma(\mathcal{G})$ .*

## Proof.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [X^\uparrow, \bar{\nu}] &= \overline{\nabla_X^\mathcal{G} \nu}, \\ [X^\uparrow, X'^\uparrow] &= [X, X']^\uparrow + \overline{\zeta(X, X')}, \end{aligned}$$

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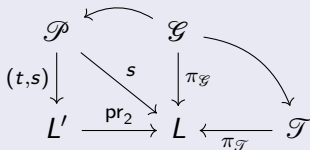
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$\mathcal{P} := (P \times P)/G$ , the **Atiyah groupoid**, is a principal  $\mathcal{G}$ -bundle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{P} & & \mathcal{G} \\
 (t,s) \downarrow & \searrow s & \downarrow \\
 L \times L & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} & L
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where  $t$  and  $s$  are the target and source arrows, respectively.  
 A connection on  $P$  induces an Ehresmann connection on  $\mathcal{P}$ .

## Definition (Associated bundles, [C. L.-G., S.-R. F.])



Equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{P}_s \times_{\pi_{\mathcal{T}}} \mathcal{T}$

$$(p, t) \sim (p \cdot g, g^{-1} \cdot t)$$

defines the **associated bundle**  $\mathcal{P} \tilde{\times} \mathcal{T}$  over  $L'$ .



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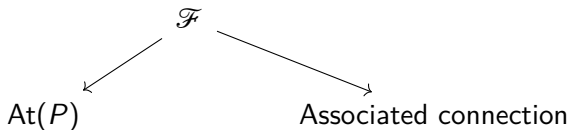
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## Future Prospects



## Remarks (Why **curved** gauge theory?)

- Associated connection invariant under choice of  $\mathcal{F}$ -connection  $\nabla^{\mathcal{F}}$
- Associated connection has the form

$$\nabla^{\mathcal{F}} + A.$$

where  $A$  is the connection 1-form on  $\mathcal{P}$

**Thank you!**