

# Classification of neighbourhoods of leaves of singular foliations

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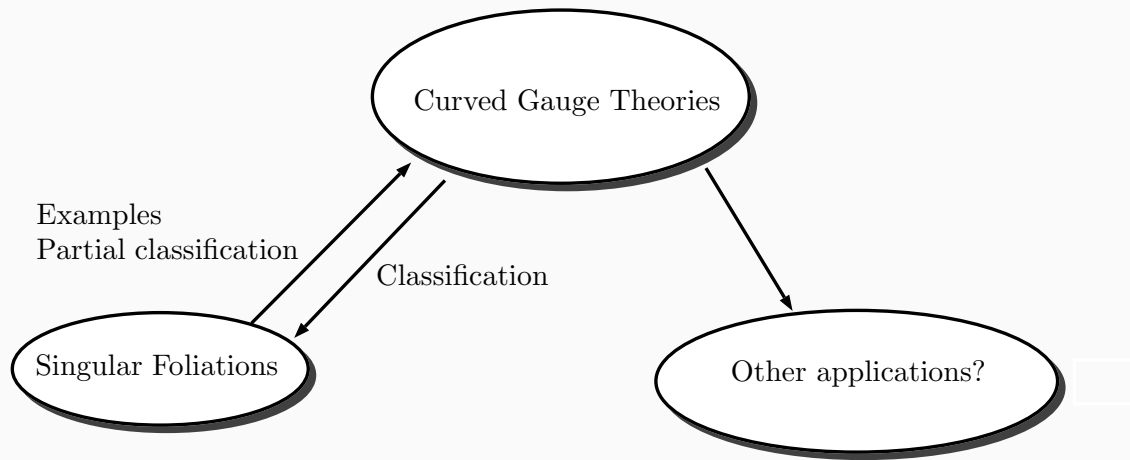
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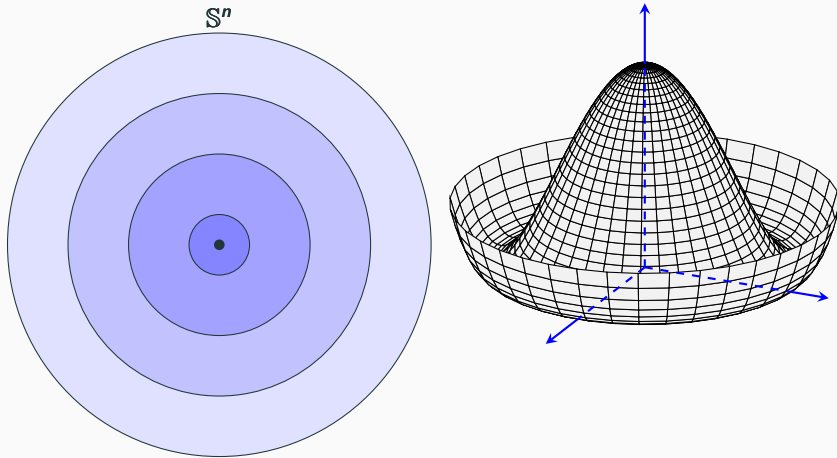
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**Remarks (Based on the following work)**

S.-R. F. and Camille Laurent-Gengoux, *Classification of neighborhoods around leaves of singular foliations*, arXiv:2401.05966, (2024).



Right diagram made by Mark J.D. Hamilton.

## Singular Foliations:

- Gauge Theory
- Poisson Geometry  
(Singular foliation of symplectic leaves)
- Lie groupoids and algebroids
- Dirac structures
- Generalised complex manifolds
- Non-commutative geometry
- ...

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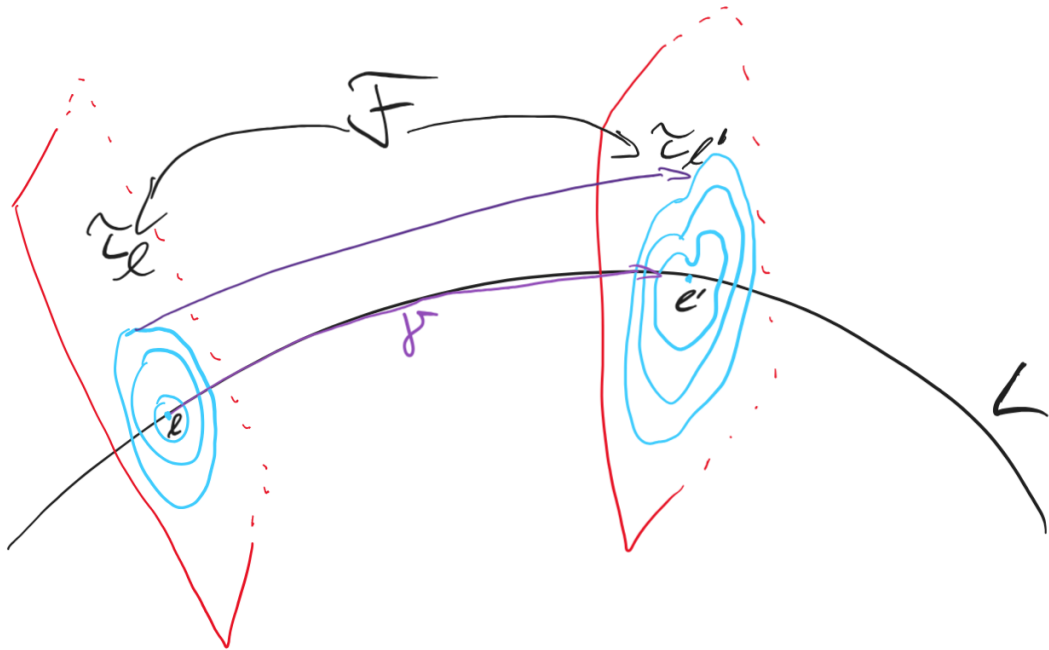
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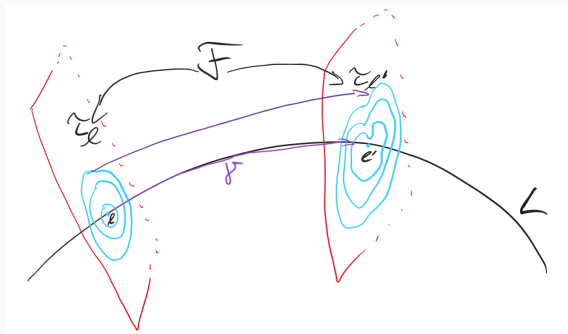
$$X = \sum_i f_i X^i.$$



## **First step towards a classification**

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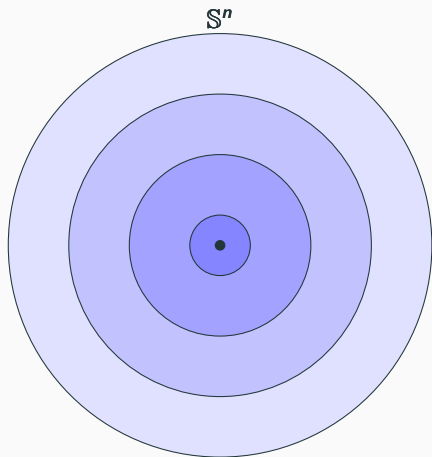


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*There is a connection on the normal bundle of a leaf  $L$ :*

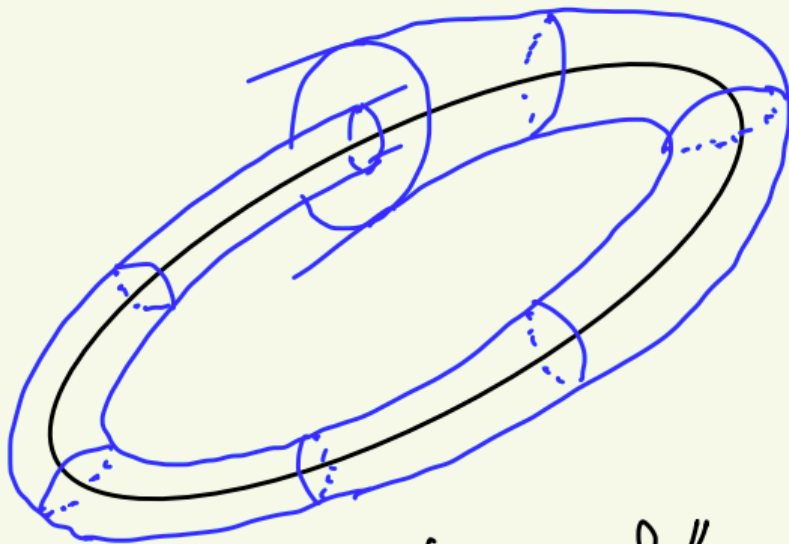
- *Horizontal vector fields are in  $\mathcal{F}$ .*
- *Parallel transport  $PT_\gamma$  has values in  $\text{Sym}(\tau_l, \tau_{l'})$ .*
- *For a contractible loop  $\gamma_0$  at  $l$ :  $PT_{\gamma_0}$  values in  $\text{Inner}(\tau_l)$ .*

## Example of a transverse foliation $\tau$ in $\mathbb{R}^d$ :



### Remarks

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



The "self eating snake"

## Other example: Regular foliation



### Recovering the ordinary definition

Foliation	Connection
Regular	Flat lift
Singular	Family of possibly curved lifts

### Remarks

$\text{Inner}(\tau_I)$ : Trivial.

$\text{Sym}(\tau_I)$ : We essentially need the image of a group morphism  $\pi_1(L) \rightarrow \text{Diff}(\mathbb{R}^d, 0)$ .

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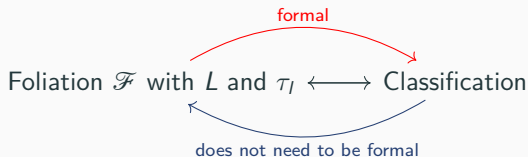
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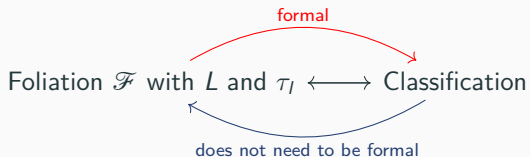
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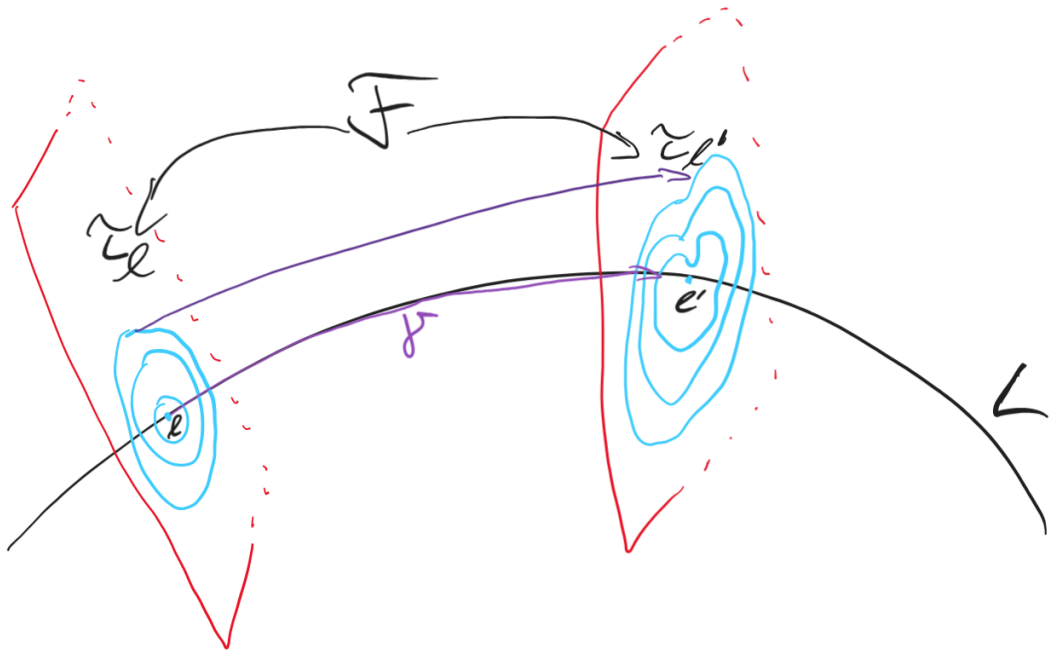
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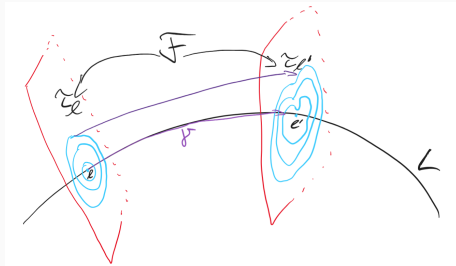
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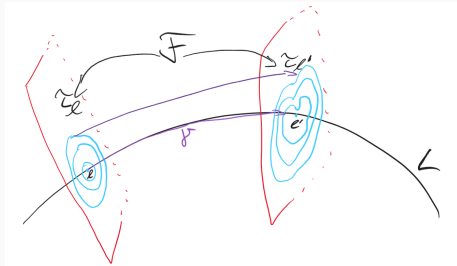
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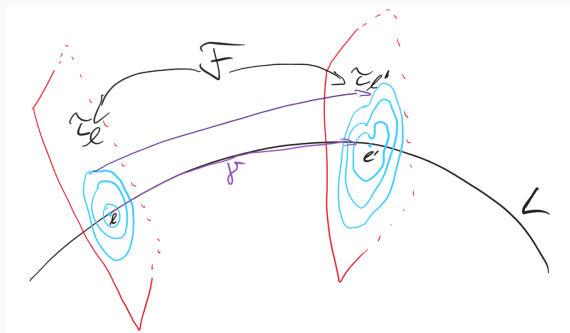
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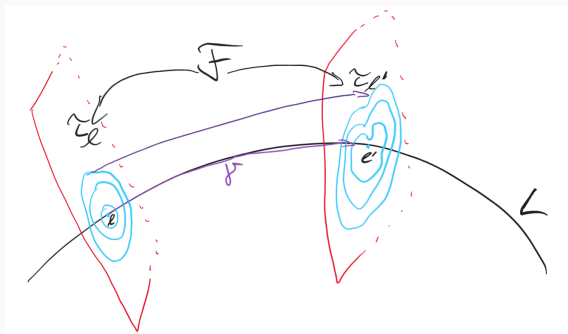


## Idea

Generators of  $\mathcal{F}$  given by:

$$\mathbb{H}(X) + \bar{\nu},$$

where  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(L)$ ,  $\mathbb{H}(X)$  its projectable horizontal lift,  $\nu \in \Gamma(\text{inner}(\tau))$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  its fundamental vector field.



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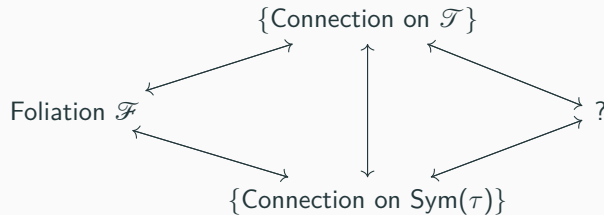
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We need:

1. Lie algebra bundle  $\tau$  with structure  $\tau_I$
2. A horizontal lift  $\mathbb{H}$  into  $\mathcal{T}$  satisfying

$$\text{Curvature:} \quad [\mathbb{H}(X), \mathbb{H}(X')] - \mathbb{H}([X, X']) \in \tau$$

$$\text{Connection:} \quad [\mathbb{H}(X), \bar{\mu}] \in \tau$$



## Remarks

### Connections

- preserve group bundle action,
- and their curvatures follow corresponding orbits.

The pair of connections may **not** be unique for a given  $\mathcal{F}$ !

**Definition (Ehresmann/Yang-Mills connection, [C. L.-G., S.-R. F.])**

A surjective submersion  $\pi: \mathcal{T} \rightarrow L$  so that one has a commuting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G} & & \\ \downarrow \pi_{\mathcal{G}} & \searrow & \\ L & \xleftarrow{\pi} & \mathcal{T} \end{array}$$

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**2. Yang-Mills connection:** Additionally

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for some  $g_{\gamma_0} \in \mathcal{G}_{\pi(p)}^0$ , where  $\gamma_0$  is a contractible loop.

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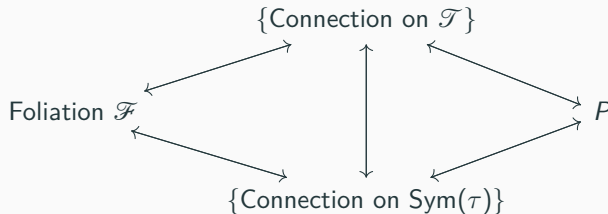
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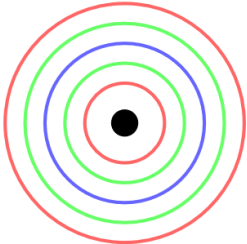
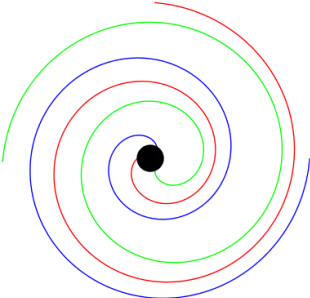
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*$L$  simply connected. Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is the trivial foliation if and only if it admits a flat  $\mathcal{F}$ -connection.*

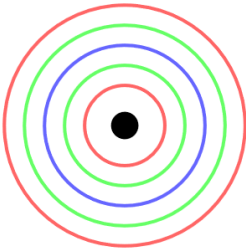
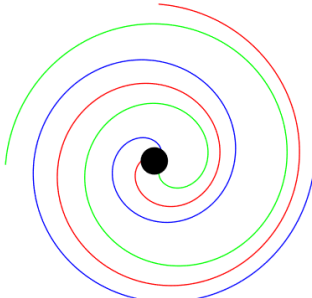
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Foliation	☺	☹

**Thank you! 😊**

## Remarks

$\text{Inner}(\tau_I)$  is a normal subgroup of  $\text{Sym}(\tau_I)$ , thus we have a quotient:

$$\text{Inner}(\tau_I) \hookrightarrow \text{Sym}(\tau_I) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Out}(\tau_I)$$

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

*The following are equivalent:*

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- 1. *a group morphism  $\Xi: \pi_1(L) \rightarrow \text{Out}(\tau_I)$ , and*
  2. *a finite-dimensional principal  $H/\text{Inner}(\tau_I)_{\geq 2}$ -bundle, with  $H$  a subgroup of  $\text{Sym}(\tau_I)$  containing  $\text{Inner}(\tau_I)$ .*