

**The mean curvature flow for  
an invariant hypersurface in a Hilbert space  
with an almost free group action**

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**25. The mean curvature flow for  
a regularizable submanifold**

## The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

$V$  : an  $\infty$ -dimensional (separable) Hilbert space

$f : M \hookrightarrow V$  : a proper Fredholm submanifold

- $\text{codim } M < \infty$ ,
- $\exp^\perp|_{B^{\perp_1}(M)}$  : proper map
- $\exp^\perp_{*v}$  : Fredholm op. ( $\forall v \in T^\perp M$ )

# The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

Furthermore, assume that  $f$  is regularizable, that is,

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \forall v \in T^\perp M, \\ \exists \operatorname{Tr}_r A_v (< \infty), \quad \exists \operatorname{Tr}(A_v^2) (< \infty) \\ \left( \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{Tr}_r A_v := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_i + \mu_i) \\ (\operatorname{Spec} A_v = \{\mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \dots \leq 0 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_1\}) \\ \operatorname{Tr}(A_v^2) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu_i \\ (\operatorname{Spec} A_v^2 = \{\nu_1 \geq \nu_2 \geq \dots > 0\}) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right).$$

## The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

Definition(regularized mean curvature vector).

$$H \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \langle H, v \rangle = \text{Tr}_r A_v \quad (\forall v \in T^\perp M)$$

This normal vector field  $H$  is called  
**the regularized mean curvature** of  $f$ .

$$\Delta_r f \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \langle \Delta_r f, v \rangle = \text{Tr}_r \langle (\nabla df)(\cdot, \cdot), v \rangle^\sharp$$

$$(\forall v \in T^\perp M)$$

(  $\nabla$  : the Riemannian connection of  
the metric of  $M$  induced by  $f$  )

Then we have  $H = \Delta_r f$ .

## The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

$f_t : M \hookrightarrow V$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) :  $C^\infty$ -family of regularizable  
submanifolds

$$F : M \times [0, T) \rightarrow V$$
$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} F(x, t) := f_t(x) \quad ((x, t) \in M \times [0, T))$$

## The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

### Definition

$$f_t \ (0 \leq t < T) : \text{a (regularized) mean curvature flow}$$
$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = H_t \ (0 \leq t < T)$$

### Question.

For any regularizable submanifold  $f$ , does the mean curvature flow for  $f$  uniquely exist in short time?



## The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

$G$  : a Hilbert Lie group

$G \curvearrowright V$  : an almost free isometric action such that  
the orbits are minimal regularizable  
submanifolds

$V/G$  : the orbit space of the  $G$ -action (which is an orbifold)

$\phi : V \rightarrow V/G$  : the orbit map of the  $G$ -action

## The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

$M$  : a Hilbert manifold

$f : M \hookrightarrow V$  : a regularizable submanifold

### Fact

If  $f(M)$  is  $G$ -invariant and if  $(\phi \circ f)(M)$  is compact, then the mean curvature flow for  $f$  uniquely exists in short time.

## The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

### Example

$(G, K)$  : a compact symmetric pair

$\Gamma$  : a discrete subgroup of  $G$

$P(G, \Gamma \times K) := \{g \in H^1([0, 1], G) \mid ((g(0), g(1)) \in \Gamma \times K)\}$

## The mean curvature flow for a regularizable submanifold

$P(G, \Gamma \times K)$  acts on  $H^0([0, 1], \mathfrak{g})$  isometrically and almost freely as the Gauge action (on the space of the connections) and its orbits are minimal regularizable submanifolds.

Also, we have  $H^0([0, 1], \mathfrak{g})/P(G, \Gamma \times K) = \Gamma \backslash G/K$ .

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## **2. The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold**

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

$M$  : a paracompact Hausdorff space

$(U, \phi, \hat{U}/\Gamma)$  : a triple s.t.

- (i)  $U$  is an open set of  $M$
- (ii)  $\hat{U}$  is an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- (iii)  $\Gamma$  is a finite subgroup of  $\text{Diff}^\infty(\hat{U})$
- (iv)  $\phi$  is a homeomorphism of  $U$  onto  $\hat{U}/\Gamma$

Such a triple  $(U, \phi, \hat{U}/\Gamma)$  is called an  **$n$ -dimensional orbifold chart**.

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

Let  $\mathcal{O} := \{(U_\lambda, \phi_\lambda, \widehat{U}/\Gamma_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be  
a family of  $n$ -dimensional orbifold charts of  $M$  s.t.

- (O1)  $\{U_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is an open covering of  $M$   
(O2) For  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$  with  $U_\lambda \cap U_\mu \neq \emptyset$ ,  
there exists an  $n$ -dimensional orbifold chart  
 $(W, \psi, \widehat{W}/\Gamma')$  s.t.  $C^\infty$ -embeddings  $\rho_\lambda : \widehat{W} \hookrightarrow \widehat{U}_\lambda$   
and  $\rho_\mu : \widehat{W} \hookrightarrow \widehat{U}_\mu$  s.t.  $\phi_\lambda^{-1} \circ \pi_{\Gamma_\lambda} \circ \rho_\lambda = \psi^{-1} \circ \pi_{\Gamma'}$   
and  $\phi_\mu^{-1} \circ \pi_{\Gamma_\mu} \circ \rho_\mu = \psi^{-1} \circ \pi_{\Gamma'}$ ,

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

where  $\pi_{\Gamma_\lambda}$ ,  $\pi_{\Gamma_\mu}$  and  $\pi_{\Gamma'}$  are the orbit maps of  $\Gamma_\lambda$ ,  $\Gamma_\mu$  and  $\Gamma'$ , respectively.

Such a family  $\mathcal{O}$  is called

an  **$n$ -dimensional ( $C^\infty$ -)orbifold atlas of  $M$**

and the pair  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  is called

an  **$n$ -dimensional ( $C^\infty$ -)orbifold.**



## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

$(U_\lambda, \phi_\lambda, \widehat{U}_\lambda/\Gamma_\lambda)$  : an  $n$ -dimensional orbifold chart  
around  $x \in M$ .

$$(\Gamma_\lambda)_{\widehat{x}} := \{b \in \Gamma_\lambda \mid b(\widehat{x}) = \widehat{x}\}$$

The conjugate class of  $(\Gamma_\lambda)_{\widehat{x}}$  is called the **local group at  $x$** .  
If  $(\Gamma_\lambda)_{\widehat{x}}$  is not trivial, then  $x$  is called a **singular point** of  
 $(M, \mathcal{O})$ .

Denote by  $\text{Sing}(M)$  the set of all singular points of  $(M, \mathcal{O})$ .

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

$(M, \mathcal{O}_M), (N, \mathcal{O}_N) : \text{orbifolds}$

$f : \text{a map from } M \text{ to } N$

If, for each  $x \in M$  and each pair of an orbifold chart  $(U_\lambda, \phi_\lambda, \widehat{U}_\lambda/\Gamma_\lambda)$  of  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$  around  $x$  and an orbifold chart  $(V_\mu, \psi_\mu, \widehat{V}_\mu/\Gamma'_\mu)$  of  $(N, \mathcal{O}_N)$  around  $f(x)$  ( $f(U_\lambda) \subset V_\mu$ ), there exists a  $C^k$ -map  $\widehat{f}_{\lambda,\mu} : \widehat{U}_\lambda \rightarrow \widehat{V}_\mu$  with  $f \circ \phi_\lambda^{-1} \circ \pi_{\Gamma_\lambda} = \psi_\mu^{-1} \circ \pi_{\Gamma'_\mu} \circ \widehat{f}_{\lambda,\mu}$ , then  $f$  is called a  **$C^k$ -orbimap**.

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Also  $\hat{f}_{\lambda,\mu}$  is called a **local lift** of  $f$  with respect to  $(U_\lambda, \phi_\lambda, \hat{U}_\lambda/\Gamma_\lambda)$  and  $(V_\mu, \psi_\mu, \hat{V}_\mu/\Gamma'_\mu)$ .

Furthermore, if each local lift  $\hat{f}_{\lambda,\mu}$  is an immersion, then  $f$  is called a  **$C^k$ -orbiimmersion** and  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$  is called a  **$C^k$ -(immersed) suborbifold** in  $(N, \mathcal{O}_N, g)$ . Similarly, if each local lift  $\hat{f}_{\lambda,\mu}$  is a submersion, then  $f$  is called a  **$C^k$ -orbisubmersion**.

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

For an orbifold  $(M, \mathcal{O})$ , the **orbitangent bundle**  $T_{\text{orb}}M$  and the  **$(r, s)$ -orbitensor bundle**  $T_{\text{orb}}^{(r,s)}M$  over  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  are defined naturally.

$\text{pr} : \text{the natural proj. of } T_{\text{orb}}M \text{ (or } T_{\text{orb}}^{(r,s)}M) \text{ onto } M$

A  $C^k$ -orbimap  $X : M \rightarrow T_{\text{orb}}M$  s.t.  $\text{pr} \circ X = \text{id}$  is called a  **$C^k$ -orbitangent vector field** on  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$  and a  $C^k$ -orbimap  $S : M \rightarrow T_{\text{orb}}^{(r,s)}M$  s.t.  $\text{pr} \circ S = \text{id}$  is called a  **$(r, s)$ -orbitensor field of class  $C^k$**  on  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$ .

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

### Definition.

If a  $(r, s)$ -orbitensor field  $g$  of class  $C^k$  on  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$  is positive definite and symmetric, then we call  $g$  a  **$C^k$ -Riemannian orbimetric** and  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M, g)$  a  **$C^k$ -Riemannian orbifold**.

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

$f$  : a  $C^\infty$ -orbiimmersion of  $C^\infty$ -orbifold  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$   
into  $C^\infty$ -Riemannian orbifold  $(N, \mathcal{O}_N, g)$

Then, **the orbinormal bundle**  $T_{\text{orb}}^\perp M$  of  $f$  and **the orbitensor bundle**  $T_{\text{orb}}^{(r,s)} M \otimes T_{\text{orb}}^\perp M$  are defined naturally.

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

$g$  : the induced metric of  $f|_{M \setminus \text{Sing}(M)}$

$h$  : the second fundamental form of  $f|_{M \setminus \text{Sing}(M)}$

$A$  : the shape operator of  $f|_{M \setminus \text{Sing}(M)}$

$H$  : the mean curvature vec. of  $f|_{M \setminus \text{Sing}(M)}$

$\xi$  : a unit normal vec. fd. of  $f|_{M \setminus \text{Sing}(M)}$

It is easy to show that  $g, h, A, H$  extend a  $(0, 2)$ -orbitensor field of class  $C^\infty$  on  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$ , a  $C^k$ -section of  $T_{\text{orb}}^{(0,2)} M \otimes T_{\text{orb}}^\perp M$ , a  $C^k$ -section of  $T_{\text{orb}}^{(1,1)} M \otimes (T_{\text{orb}}^\perp M)^{(0,1)}$  and a  $C^\infty$ -orbinormal vector field on  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$ .

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

We denote these extensions by the same symbols. We call these extensions  $g$ ,  $h$ ,  $A$  and  $H$  the **induced orbimetric**, the **second fundamental orbiform**, the **shape orbitensor** and the **mean curvature orbivector** of  $f$ .

Here we note that  $\xi$  does not necessarily extend a  $C^\infty$ -orbinormal vector field on  $(M, \mathcal{O})$ .



## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

$N$  : an  $(n + r)$ -dimensional Riemannian orbifold

$M$  : an  $n$ -dimensional orbifold

$f : M \hookrightarrow N$  : an orbiimmersion

$f_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) : a  $C^\infty$ -family of orbiimmersions  
of  $M$  into  $N$  s.t.  $f_0 = f$

$T_{\text{orb}}^{\perp t} M$  : the normal orbibundle of  $f_t$

$T_{\text{orb}}^{\perp F} M$  : the orbisubbundle of  $F^*(T_{\text{orb}} N)$  given by  
 $T_{\text{orb}}^{\perp t} M$ 's

$H_t$  : the mean curvature orbivector of  $f_t$

$H$  : the section of  $T_{\text{orb}}^{\perp F} M$  given by  $H_t$ 's

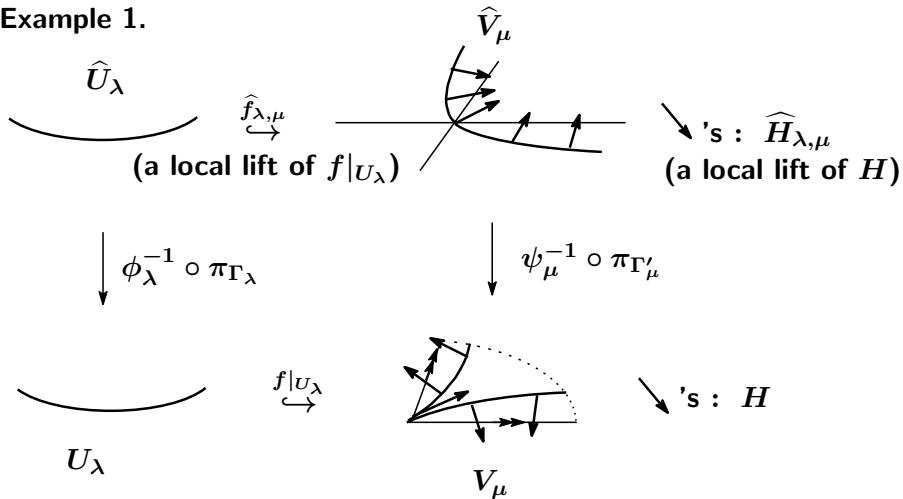
## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

### Definition

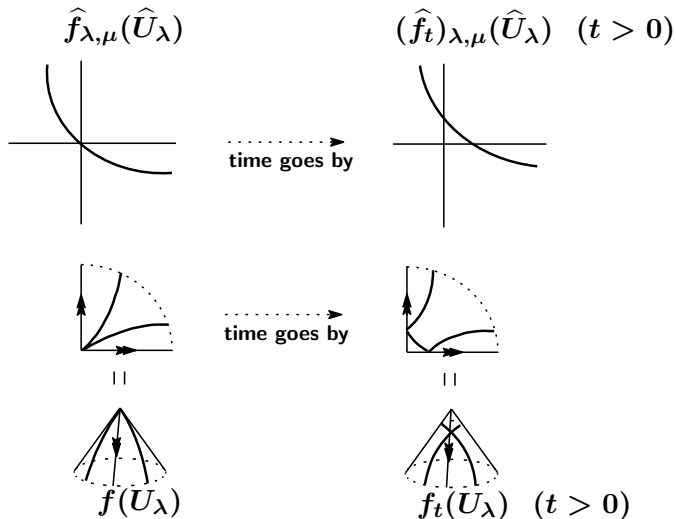
$$f_t \ (0 \leq t < T) : \text{a mean curvature flow}$$
$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = H \quad (\text{MCFE})$$

# The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

**Example 1.**

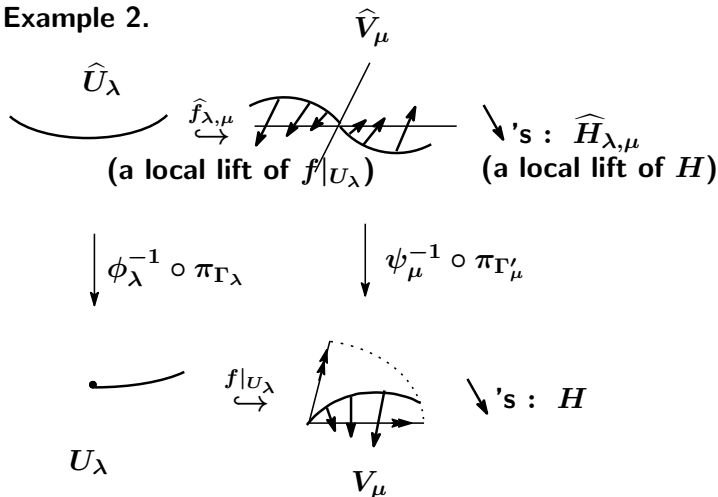


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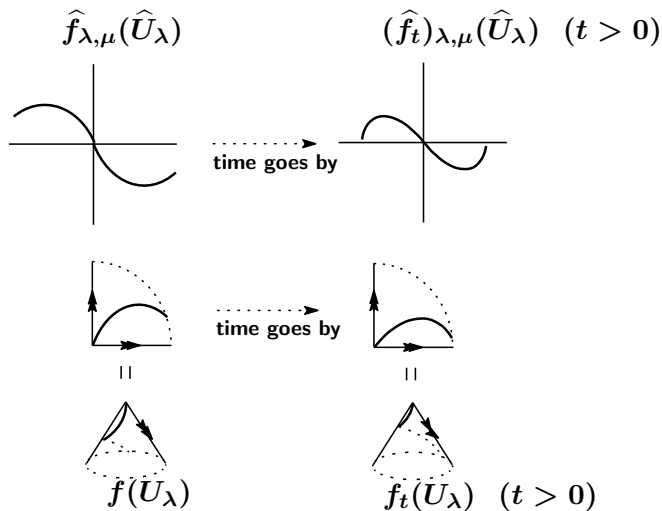


## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

Example 2.



## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold



## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

### Fact

**Assume that  $M$  is compact. Then, for any orbifold immersion  $f$  of  $M$  into  $N$ , the mean curvature flow for  $f$  uniquely exists in short time.**

## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

### Proof

Let  $f : M \hookrightarrow N$  be an orbifold immersion.

Since  $M$  is compact,

there exists a finite open covering  $\{U_i \mid i = 1, \dots, k\}$   
of  $M$  s.t. each  $f|_{U_i}$  admits a local lift  $\tilde{f}_i : \tilde{U}_i \hookrightarrow \tilde{V}_i$ .

Take the mean curvature flow  $(\tilde{f}_i)_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T_i$ ) for  $\tilde{f}_i$ .

Let  $(f_i)_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T_i$ ) be the mean curvature flow for  $f_i$   
arising from  $(\tilde{f}_i)_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T_i$ ).



## The mean curvature flow for a Riemannian suborbifold

Set  $T := \min \{T_i \mid i = 1, \dots, k\}$ .

By patching  $(f_i)_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ )'s ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ), we obtain  
the mean curvature flow  $f_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) for  $f$ .     q.e.d.

## **27. The evolutions of the geometric quantities**

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$V$  : an  $\infty$ -dimensional (separable) Hilbert space

$G$  : a Hilbert Lie group

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the orbits are minimal regularizable  
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$V/G$  : the orbit space of the  $G$ -action (which is an orbifold)

$\phi : V \rightarrow V/G$  : the orbit map of the  $G$ -action

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$f : M \hookrightarrow V$  : a  $G$ -invariant regularizable submanifold  
such that  $(\phi \circ f)(M)$  is compact

$f_t : M \hookrightarrow V$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) : the mean curvature flow for  $f$

$$F : M \times [0, T) \rightarrow V$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \iff \\ \text{def} \end{array} F(x, t) := f_t(x) \quad ((x, t) \in M \times [0, T))$$

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$\mathcal{H}_t$  : the horizontal distribution of the Riemannian submersion  $\phi \circ f_t (: M \rightarrow (\phi \circ f_t)(M))$

$\mathcal{H}$  : the subbundle of  $\pi_M^*(TM)$  given by  $\mathcal{H}_t$ 's

$\text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}}$  : the bundle orthog. proj. of  $\pi_M^*(TM)$  onto  $\mathcal{H}$

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$g_t$  : the metric of  $M$  induced by  $f_t$

$h_t$  : the second fundamental form of  $f_t$

$A_t$  : the shape tensor of  $f_t$

$g$  : the section of  $\pi_M^*(T^{(0,2)}M)$  given by  $g_t$ 's

$h$  : the section of  $\pi_M^*(T^{(0,2)}M)$  given by  $h_t$ 's

$A$  : the section of  $\pi_M^*(T^{(1,1)}M)$  given by  $A_t$ 's

# The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$$g_{\mathcal{H}}, h_{\mathcal{H}}, A_{\mathcal{H}} : \text{the horizontal components of } g, h, A$$
$$\left( \begin{array}{l} g_{\mathcal{H}} := g \circ (\text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}} \times \text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}}), \quad h_{\mathcal{H}} := h \circ (\text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}} \times \text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}}), \\ A_{\mathcal{H}} := \text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}} \circ A \circ \text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}} \end{array} \right)$$

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$\nabla$  : the connection of  $\pi_M^*(TM)$  given by the Riem. conn.  $\nabla^t$ 's of  $g_t$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} (\nabla_X Y)_{(u,t)} := (\nabla_X^t Y)_u, \quad (\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} Y)_{(u,t)} = \frac{dY_{(u,\cdot)}}{dt} \\ (X, Y \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(TM))) \end{array} \right)$$

$\nabla^{\mathcal{H}}$  : the connection of  $\mathcal{H}$  given by  $\nabla^t$ 's

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} (\nabla_X^{\mathcal{H}} Y)_{(u,t)} := \text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}_t}((\nabla_X^t Y)_u), \quad (\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}}^{\mathcal{H}} Y)_{(u,t)} = \frac{dY_{(u,\cdot)}}{dt} \\ (X \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(TM)), Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{H})) \end{array} \right)$$



## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

Denote by the same symbol  $\nabla$  the connection of  $\pi_M^*(T^{(r,s)}M)$  induced from  $\nabla$ .

Similarly, denote by the same symbol  $\nabla^{\mathcal{H}}$  the connection of  $\mathcal{H}^{(r,s)}$  induced from  $\nabla^{\mathcal{H}}$ .

$\Delta_{\mathcal{H}}$  : the Laplace operator defined in terms of  $\nabla^{\mathcal{H}}$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} (\Delta_{\mathcal{H}}S)_{(u,t)} := \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{e_i}^{\mathcal{H}} \nabla_{e_i}^{\mathcal{H}} S \quad (S \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r,s)}M))) \\ ((e_1, \dots, e_n) : \text{an orthon. base of } \mathcal{H}_{(u,t)} \text{ w.r.t. } (g_t)_u) \end{array} \right)$$

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

- $\mathcal{A}^\phi$  : the O'Neill' fundamental tensor of the Riemannian orbisubmersion  $\phi$   
( $\mathcal{A}^\phi$  is the obstruction of the integrability of the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}^\phi$  of  $\phi$ )
- $\mathcal{A}$  : the section of  $\pi_M^*(T^{(1,2)}M)$  induced from the O'Neill's fundamental tensors  $\mathcal{A}_t$ 's of the Riemannian orbisubmersions  $\phi \circ f_t$ 's

# The evolutions of the geometric quantities

Theorem 27.1.

- $\frac{\partial g_{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t} = -2\|H\|h_{\mathcal{H}}$
- $\frac{\partial \|H\|}{\partial t} = \Delta_{\mathcal{H}}\|H\| + \|H\|\mathrm{Tr}(A_{\mathcal{H}})^2 - 3\|H\|\mathrm{Tr}((\mathcal{A}_{\xi}^{\phi})^2)_{\mathcal{H}}$

# The evolutions of the geometric quantities

## Theorem 27.1(continued)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bullet \quad \frac{\partial h_{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t}(X, Y) &= (\Delta_{\mathcal{H}} h_{\mathcal{H}})(X, Y) - 2\|H\|h_{\mathcal{H}}(A_{\mathcal{H}}X, Y) \\
 &\quad + \text{Tr} \left( (A_{\mathcal{H}})^2 - (\mathcal{A}_{\xi}^{\phi})^2 \right) h(X, Y) \\
 &\quad - 3\|H\|g_{\mathcal{H}}((\mathcal{A}_{\xi}^{\phi})^2(X), Y) - 2\text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet} h(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet}X, \mathcal{A}_{\bullet}Y) \\
 &\quad + \text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet} h(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet}(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet}X), Y) + \text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet} h(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet}(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet}Y), X) \\
 &\quad - \text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet} h((\nabla_{\bullet}\mathcal{A})_{\bullet}X, Y) - \text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet} h((\nabla_{\bullet}\mathcal{A})_{\bullet}Y, X) \\
 &\hspace{15em} (X, Y \in \mathcal{H})
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark  $\frac{\partial g_{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t} := \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} g_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad \frac{\partial h_{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t} := \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} h_{\mathcal{H}}.$

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

### The outline of the proof

$\xi$  : the section of  $\Gamma(F^*(TV)) (= C^\infty(M \times [0, T], V))$   
 given by the unit normal vector fields  $\xi_t$ 's of  $f_t$ 's

For  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ ,

$$\bar{X} \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(TM)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \bar{X}_{(u,t)} := X_u \quad ((u,t) \in M \times [0, T])$$

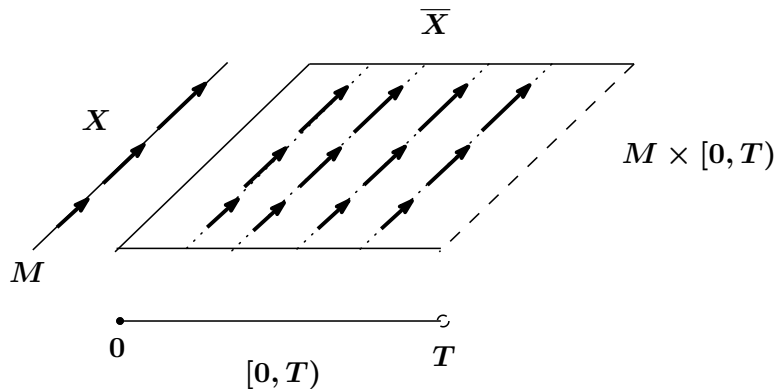
Then we have

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \bar{X} \right] = 0, \quad \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \bar{X}_{\mathcal{H}} \right] = 2\|H\| \mathcal{A}_\xi^\phi \bar{X}_{\mathcal{H}}$$

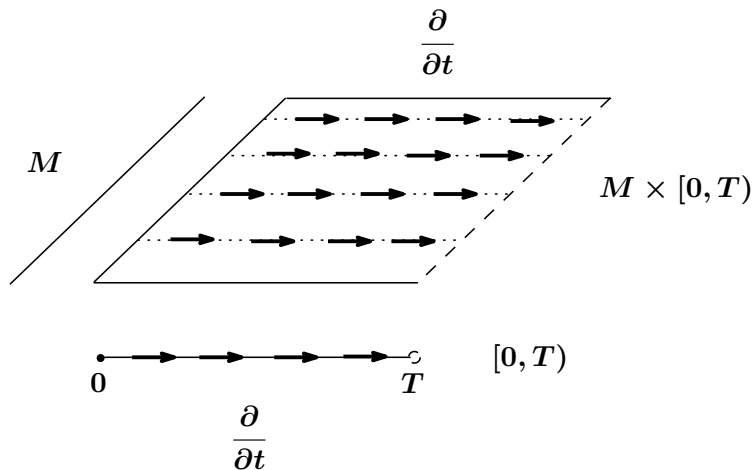
Also we have

$$\begin{aligned} A\bar{X} &= A_{\mathcal{H}}\bar{X} + \mathcal{A}_\xi^\phi \bar{X}, \\ (A^2)_{\mathcal{H}}\bar{X} &= (A_{\mathcal{H}})^2\bar{X} - (\mathcal{A}_\xi^\phi)^2\bar{X} \end{aligned}$$

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities



# The evolutions of the geometric quantities



## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial h_{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t}(X, Y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(h_{\mathcal{H}}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})) - h_{\mathcal{H}}\left(\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \bar{X}\right], \bar{Y}\right) \\
 &\quad - h_{\mathcal{H}}\left(\bar{X}, \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \bar{Y}\right]\right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \xi, \bar{X}_{\mathcal{H}}(\bar{Y}_{\mathcal{H}}F) \rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t}, \bar{X}_{\mathcal{H}}(\bar{Y}_{\mathcal{H}}F) \right\rangle + \langle \xi, \bar{X}_{\mathcal{H}} \left( \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \bar{Y}_{\mathcal{H}} \right] F \right) \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle \xi, \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \bar{X}_{\mathcal{H}} \right] (\bar{Y}_{\mathcal{H}}F) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

**(Here we use that  $V$  is a linear space.)**

Furthermore, by using the previous relations, we obtain



## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial h_{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t}(X, Y) &= (\nabla d||H||)(X, Y) - ||H||g((A_{\mathcal{H}})^2 X, Y) \\ &\quad - 4||H||g((\mathcal{A}_{\xi}^{\phi})^2 X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

**On the other hand, we have**

$$\begin{aligned} &(\Delta_{\mathcal{H}} h_{\mathcal{H}})(X, Y) \\ &= (\nabla d||H||)(X, Y) + ||H||g((A_{\mathcal{H}})^2 X, Y) - ||H||g((\mathcal{A}_{\xi}^{\phi})^2 X, Y) \\ &\quad - \text{Tr}((A_{\mathcal{H}})^2 - (\mathcal{A}_{\xi}^{\phi})^2)h(X, Y) \\ &\quad + 2\text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet}((\nabla_{\bullet} h)(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet} X, Y)) + 2\text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet}((\nabla_{\bullet} h)(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet} Y, X)) \\ &\quad - \text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet}h(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet}(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet} X), Y) - \text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet}h(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet}(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet} Y), X) \\ &\quad + \text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet}h((\nabla_{\bullet} \mathcal{A})_{\bullet} X, Y) + \text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet}h((\nabla_{\bullet} \mathcal{A})_{\bullet} Y, X) \\ &\quad + 2\text{Tr}_{g_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\bullet}h(\mathcal{A}_{\bullet} X, \mathcal{A}_{\bullet} Y) \end{aligned}$$

**From these relations, we obtain the desired evolution eq.**

**q.e.d.**

## The evolutions of the geometric quantities

$\rho_t : G \times M \rightarrow M$  : the action on  $M$  induced from  
the action  $G \curvearrowright V$  by  $f_t$

Set  $G_t := \rho_t(G)$ .

Then we have

Fact

$g_t$  and  $h_t$  are  $C^\infty$ -families of  $G_t$ -invariant symmetric  
(0, 2)-tensor fields on  $M$ .

## **28. The maximum principle**

## The maximum principle

$G$  : a Hilbert Lie group

$M$  : a Hilbert manifold

$g_t$  ( $t \in [0, T)$ ) : a  $C^\infty$ -family of  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metrics of  $M$

$g$  : the section of  $\pi_M^*(T^{(0,2)}M)$  given by  $g_t$ 's

## The maximum principle

For  $B \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r_0, s_0)} M))$ , define

$\psi_{B \otimes} : \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r, s)} M)) \rightarrow \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r+r_0, s+s_0)} M))$  by

$$\psi_{B \otimes}(S) := B \otimes S \quad (S \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r, s)} M))).$$

Define  $\psi_{\otimes k} : \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r, s)} M)) \rightarrow \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(kr, ks)} M))$  by

$$\psi_{\otimes k}(S) := S \otimes \cdots \otimes S \quad (k\text{-times}) \quad (S \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r, s)} M))).$$

## The maximum principle

Also, define

$\psi_{g_{\mathcal{H}},ij} : \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r,s)}M)) \rightarrow \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r,s-2)}M))$  by

$$\begin{aligned} & (\psi_{g_{\mathcal{H}},ij}(S))_{(x,t)}(X_1, \dots, X_{s-2}) \\ & := \sum_{k=1}^n S_{(x,t)}(X_1, \dots, \underset{i}{e_k}, \dots, \underset{j}{e_k}, \dots, X_{s-2}) \\ & \quad (S \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r,s)}M)), X_1, \dots, X_{s-2} \in T_x M), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is an orthon. base of  $\mathcal{H}_{(x,t)}$  w.r.t.  $(g_{\mathcal{H}})_t$ .

## The maximum principle

**Also, define**

$\psi_{\mathcal{H},i} : \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r,s)}M)) \rightarrow \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r-1,s-1)}M))$  by

$$\begin{aligned} & (\psi_{\mathcal{H},i}(S))_{(x,t)}(X_1, \dots, X_{s-1}) \\ & := \text{Tr}(\text{pr}_{\mathcal{H}(x,t)} \circ S_{(x,t)}(X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, \bullet, X_i, \dots, X_{s-1})|_{\mathcal{H}(x,t)}) \\ & \quad (S \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r,s)}M)), X_1, \dots, X_{s-1} \in T_x M). \end{aligned}$$

## The maximum principle

$P$  : a map from  $\Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(r,s)}M))$  to  $\Gamma(\pi_M^*(\bigoplus_{r',s'=0}^{\infty} T^{(r',s')}M))$

Definition(a map of polynomial type).

If  $P$  is given as the sum of the compositions of the above five types of maps  $\psi_{B \otimes}$ ,  $\psi_{\otimes B}$ ,  $\psi_{\otimes k}$ ,  $\psi_{g_{\mathcal{H},ij}}$ ,  $\psi_{\mathcal{H},i}$ , then we say that  $P$  is **of polynomial type**.



## The maximum principle

$P$  : a map of polynomial type from  $\Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(0,2)}M))$  to oneself

Definition(horizontally null vector condition).

Assume that, for any  $S \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(0,2)}M))$  and any  $(x, t) \in M \times [0, T)$ ,

$$X \in \text{Ker}(S_{\mathcal{H}})_{(x,t)} \implies P(S)_{(x,t)}(X, X) \geq 0.$$

Then we say that

$P$  satisfies the horizontally null vector condition.

## The maximum principle

$P$  : a map of polynomial type from  $\Gamma(\pi_M^*(M \times \mathbb{R}))$  to oneself

Definition (null vector condition (function version)).

Assume that, for any  $\rho \in \Gamma(\pi_M^*(M \times \mathbb{R}))$  and any  $(x, t) \in M \times [0, T)$ ,

$$\rho(x, t) = 0 \implies P(\rho)(x, t) \geq 0.$$

Then we say that  $P$  satisfies the null vector condition.

## The maximum principle

$\nabla^t$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) : the Riemannian connection of  $g_t$

$\nabla$  : the connection of  $\pi_M^*(TM)$  defined by  $\nabla^t$ 's

## The maximum principle

$S$  : an element of  $\Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(0,2)}M))$  s.t.

$S_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) are  $G$ -invariant and symmetric

**Theorem 28.1 (Maximum principle).**

Assume that  $S$  satisfies

$$\frac{\partial S_{\mathcal{H}}}{\partial t} = \Delta_{\mathcal{H}} S_{\mathcal{H}} + \nabla_{\bar{X}_0}^{\mathcal{H}} S_{\mathcal{H}} + P(S)_{\mathcal{H}}$$

- (
- $X_0$  : an element of  $\Gamma(TM)$
  - $P$  : a map of polynomial type of  $\Gamma(\pi_M^*(T^{(0,2)}M))$  to oneself satisfying the horizontally null vector condition
- )

If  $(S_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\cdot,0)} \geq 0$  (resp.  $(S_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\cdot,0)} > 0$ ), then

$(S_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\cdot,t)} \geq 0$  (resp.  $(S_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\cdot,t)} > 0$ ) holds for all  $t \in [0, T)$ .

## The maximum principle

$\rho$  : an element of  $\Gamma(\pi_M^*(M \times \mathbb{R}))$  s.t.  
 $\rho_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) are  $G$ -invariant

**Theorem 28.2(Maximum principle).**

Assume that  $\rho$  satisfies  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \Delta_{\mathcal{H}} \rho + d\rho(\bar{X}_0) + P(\rho)$

- (
- $X_0$  : an element of  $\Gamma(TM)$
  - $P$  : a map of polynomial type of  $\Gamma(\pi_M^*(M \times \mathbb{R}))$   
 to oneself satisfying the null vector condition
- ) .

If  $\rho_0 \geq 0$  (resp.  $\rho_0 > 0$ ), then  $\rho_t \geq 0$  (resp.  $\rho_t > 0$ )  
 holds for all  $t \in [0, T)$ .

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**29. The horizontally strictly  
convexity-preservability theorem**

## The horizontally strictly convexity-preservability theorem

$G$  : a Hilbert Lie group

$V$  : a Hilbert space

$G \curvearrowright V$  : an almost free isometric action s.t. the orbits  
are minimal regularizable submanifolds

$\phi : V \rightarrow V/G$  : the orbit map

## The horizontally strictly convexity-preservability theorem

$f : M \hookrightarrow V$  : a regularizable hypersurface such that  
 $f(M)$  is  $G$ -invariant and  $(\phi \circ f)(M)$   
is compact

$f_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) : the mean curvature flow for  $f$



# The horizontally strictly convexity-preservability theorem

Define  $K \in \Gamma((\mathcal{H}^\phi)^{(0,4)})$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & K(X, Y, Z, W) \\
 & := (\tilde{\nabla}_X \mathcal{A}^\phi)_Y (\mathcal{A}_Z^\phi W) + \mathcal{A}_Y^\phi ((\tilde{\nabla}_X \mathcal{A}^\phi)_Z W) \\
 & \quad + (\tilde{\nabla}_X \mathcal{A}^\phi)_Z (\mathcal{A}_W^\phi Y) + \mathcal{A}_Z^\phi ((\tilde{\nabla}_X \mathcal{A}^\phi)_W Y) \\
 & \quad - 2(\tilde{\nabla}_X \mathcal{A}^\phi)_W (\mathcal{A}_Y^\phi Z) \\
 & \quad - 2\mathcal{A}_W^\phi ((\tilde{\nabla}_X \mathcal{A}^\phi)_Y Z) \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad (X, Y, Z, W \in \mathcal{H}^\phi)
 \end{aligned}$$

Set  $L := \sup_{u \in V} \|K_u\|$ . Assume that  $L < \infty$ .

## The horizontally strictly convexity-preservability theorem

**Theorem 29.1 (Horizontally strictly convexity-preservability th.).**

**Assume that**

$$\|H_0\|^2(h_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\cdot,0)} > 2n^2 L(g_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\cdot,0)}.$$

**Then  $T < \infty$  and**

$$\|H_t\|^2(h_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\cdot,t)} > 2n^2 L(g_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\cdot,t)}$$

**holds for any  $t \in [0, T)$ .**

**This statement is proved in terms of the evolution equations in Theorem 27.1 and the maximum principle (Theorems 28.1 and 28.2).**

## The horizontally strictly convexity-preservability theorem

Set  $N := V/G$  and  $n := \dim N - 1$ .

$\overline{M}$  : a  $n$ -dimensional compact manifold

$\overline{f} : \overline{M} \hookrightarrow N$  : an orbifold immersion

$\overline{f}_t$  ( $0 \leq t < T$ ) : the mean curvature flow for  $\overline{f}$

$\overline{g}_t, \overline{h}_t, \overline{H}_t$  : the quantities for  $\overline{f}_t$

## The horizontally strictly convexity-preservability theorem

$\overline{R}$  : the curvature orbitensor of  $N$

$\overline{\nabla}$  : the Riemannian orbiconnection of the orbimetric of  $N$

Set  $\overline{L} := \sup_{x \in N} \|\overline{\nabla R}\|$ . Assume that  $\overline{L} < \infty$ .

## The horizontally strictly convexity-preservability theorem

**Theorem 29.2 (Strictly convexity-preservability theorem).**

**Assume that**

$$\|\overline{H}_0\|^2 \overline{h}_0 > n^2 \overline{L} \overline{g}_0.$$

**Then  $T < \infty$  and**

$$\|\overline{H}_t\|^2 \overline{h}_t > n^2 \overline{L} \overline{g}_t$$

**holds for any  $t \in [0, T)$ .**

**This statement is proved by applying Theorem 29.1 to the lift of  $\overline{f}_t$  by  $\phi$ .**

# The horizontally strictly convexity-preservability theorem

