

Surgery methods in spectral geometry

Bernd Ammann

Regensburg

Neuchatel, Switzerland

9-11 June 2009

Main Collaborators

E. Humbert and M. Dahl

Literature

Yamabe problem

- J. M. Lee, T. H. Parker: The Yamabe problem, Bull. AMS, 17, 37–91, 1987
- E. Hebey: Introduction à l'analyse non-linéaire sur les variétés, Diderot Editeur, Arts et Sciences,

Dirac operators

- H. B. Lawson, M.-L. Michelsohn: Spin Geometry, Princeton University Press, 1989
- T. Friedrich: Dirac Operators in Riemannian Geometry, AMS, Graduate Studies in Mathematics 25, 2000
- O. Hijazi, *Spectral properties of the Dirac operator and geometrical structures*, Ocampo, Hernan (ed.) et al., Geometric methods for quantum field theory. Proceedings of the summer school, Villa de Leyva, Colombia, July 12-30, 1999. Singapore: World Scientific. 116–169, 2001.

Bordism and Surgery

- J. Milnor; Lectures on the h-cobordism theorem, Princeton
- A. A. Kosinski, *Differential manifolds*, Pure and Applied Mathematics, vol. 138, Academic Press Inc., Boston, MA, 1993.

Preliminary results

- J. Petean: *The Yamabe invariant of simply connected manifolds*, J. Reine Angew. Math. **523** (2000), 225–231.
- J. Petean and G. Yun, *Surgery and the Yamabe invariant*, Geom. Funct. Anal. **9** (1999), no. 6, 1189–1199.
- S. Stolz, *Simply connected manifolds of positive scalar curvature*, Ann. of Math. (2), 136, 1992, 511–540.
- B. Booß-Bavnbek, K. P. Wojciechowski, *Elliptic boundary problems for Dirac operators*, Birkhäuser 1993

Subject of the talks

- B. Ammann, P. Jammes, *The supremum of first eigenvalues of conformally covariant operators in a conformal class*
- B. Ammann, M. Dahl and E. Humbert, *Smooth Yamabe invariant and surgery*
- B. Ammann, M. Dahl and E. Humbert, *Surgery and harmonic spinors*
- B. Ammann, M. Dahl and E. Humbert, *Harmonic spinors and local deformations of the metric*

All our articles are available on

<http://www.berndammann.de/publications>

Theorem 1. Let Γ be a finitely presented group, $n \geq 5$. Let $W^{n+1} \rightarrow B\Gamma$ be a bordism between $M \rightarrow B\Gamma$, $M \neq \emptyset$ and $N \rightarrow B\Gamma$, $N \neq \emptyset$, such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 M & \hookrightarrow & W & \hookrightarrow & N \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow & \swarrow & \\
 & & B\Gamma & &
 \end{array}
 \quad (*)$$

commutes. Assume that $\pi_1(N) \rightarrow \pi_1(B\Gamma) = \Gamma$ is an isomorphism.

Also assume that either

(a) M , W , and N are spin, or that

(b) M , W , and N are oriented, and \widetilde{N} does not admit a spin structure.

Then there is a bordism $\overline{W} \rightarrow B\Gamma$ between $M \rightarrow B\Gamma$ and $N \rightarrow B\Gamma$ with $(*)$ that decomposes into surgeries of dimensions $0, 1, \dots, n - 3$.