

# Above and beyond generalized complex geometry

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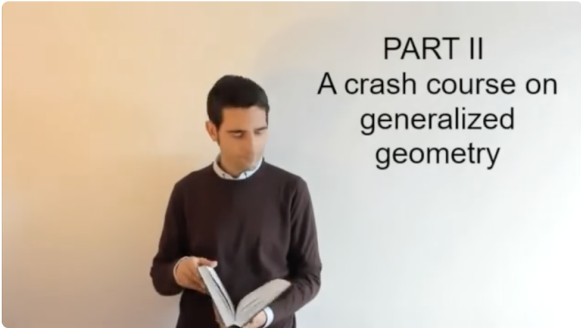


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# Introduction

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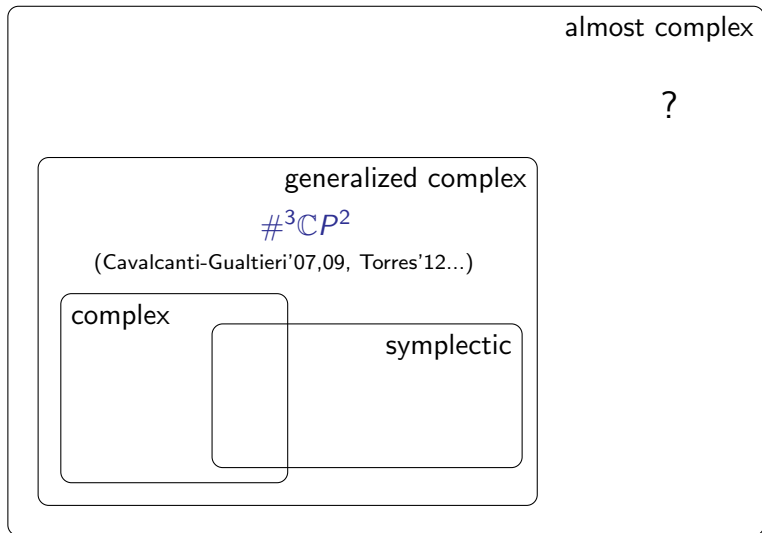
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The interior of the curve is  $e^B$ -equivalent to symplectic structures.

Examples coming from hyperKähler or holomorphic symplectic structures.

# Beyond complex and symplectic



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# Hitchin's advice: best way to understand, develop...

## 2.4 $B_k$ -generalized geometry

We will finish this section with one last example which is an original construction. On an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  consider the bundle

$$E = TM \oplus 1 \oplus T^*M$$

equipped with the natural pairing

$$\langle X + f + \xi, Y + g + \eta \rangle = i_X \eta + i_Y \xi + fg$$

of signature  $(n+1, n)$  where  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ ,  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$  and  $\xi, \eta \in \Gamma(T^*M)$ . We define a Dorfman bracket as follows

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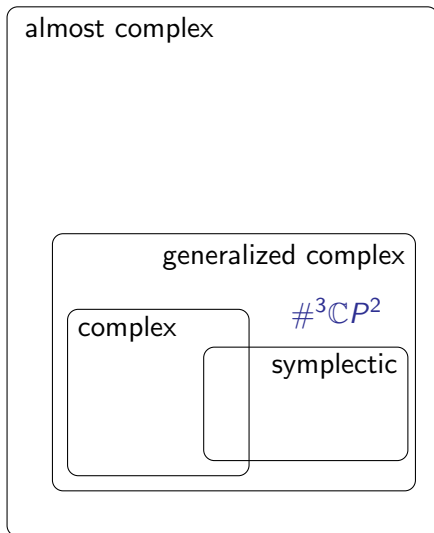
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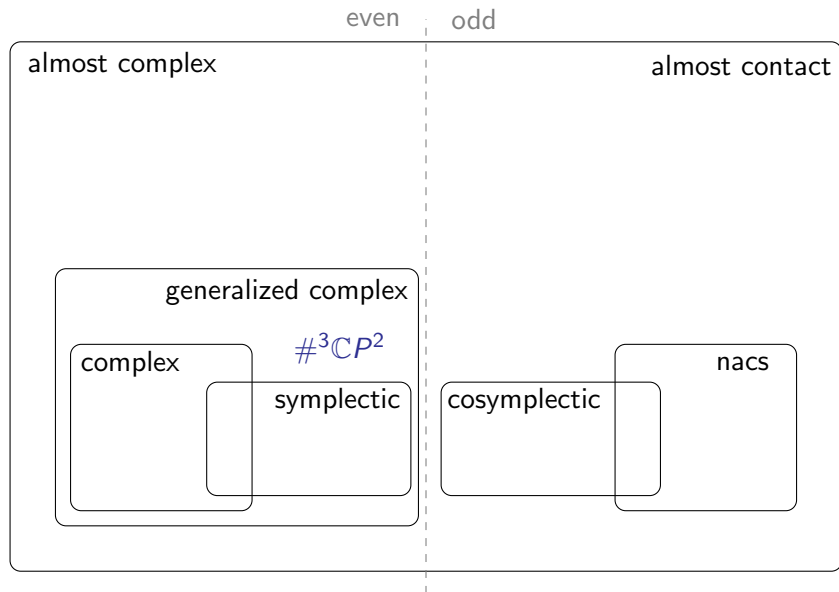
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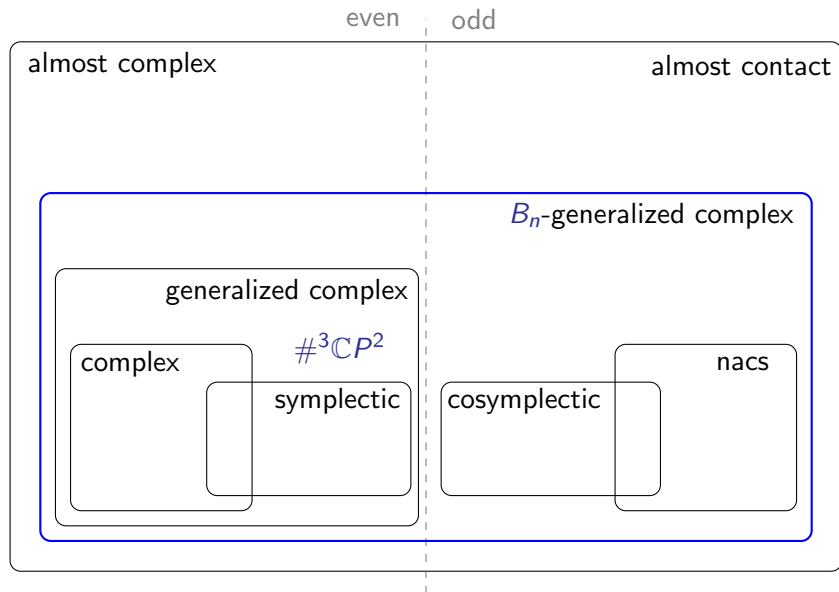
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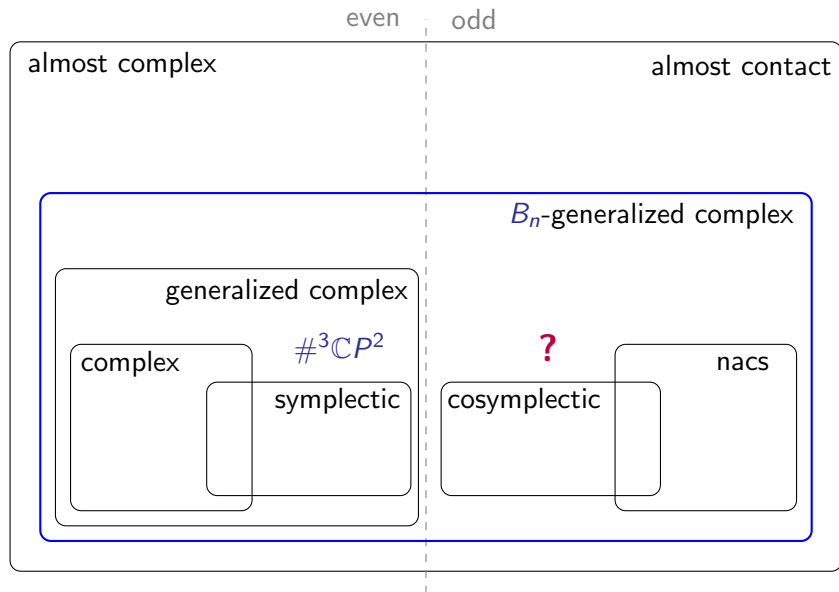
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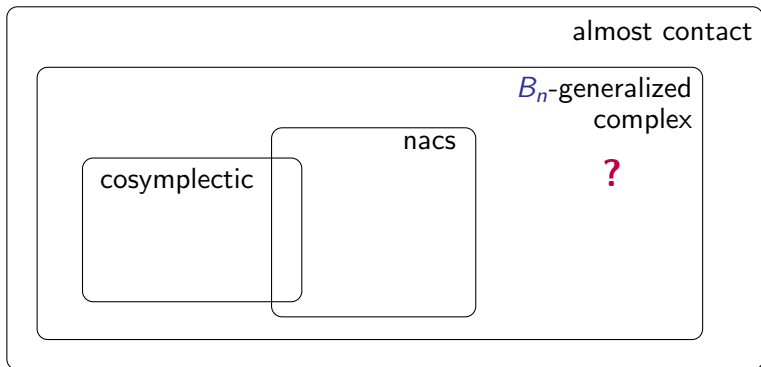
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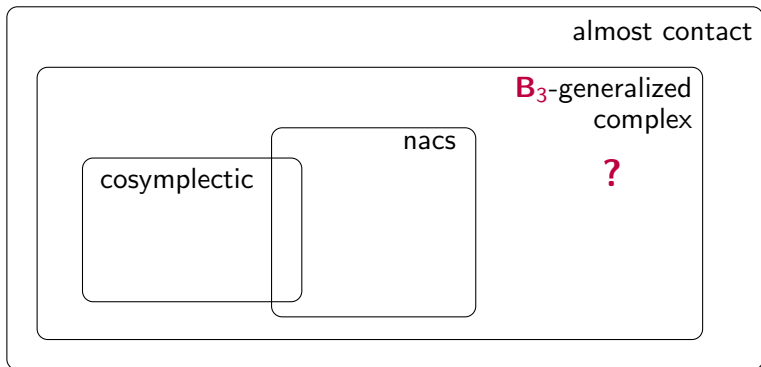
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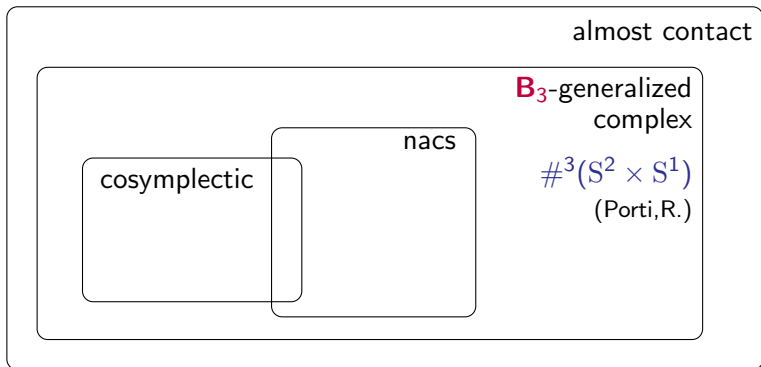
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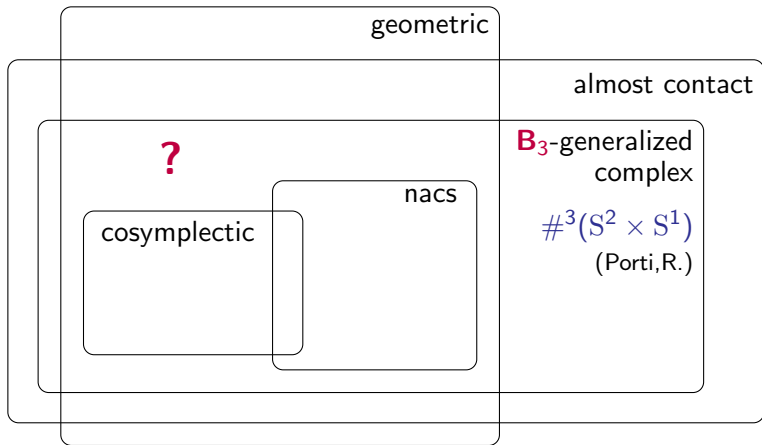
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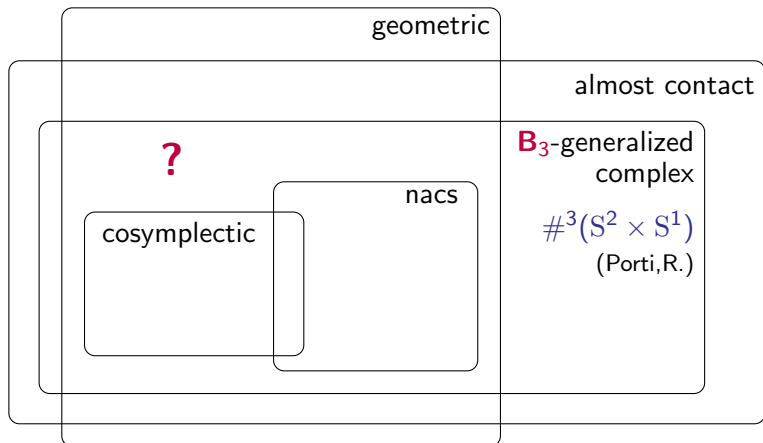
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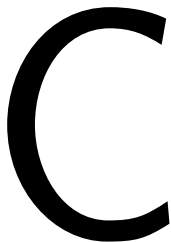
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(\*Moučka, R. *Symmetric Poisson geometry, totally geodesic foliations, Jacobi-Jordan algebras*)

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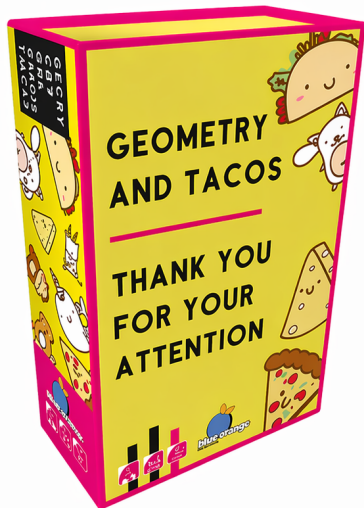
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