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*Quasi-isometry invariants associated to Heintze groups.*

Negatively curved homogeneous manifolds were characterized by Heintze in 1974. Each such manifold is isometric to a solvable Lie group equipped with a left invariant metric, and the group is a semi-direct product of  $N$  times the reals  $\mathbb{R}$ , where  $N$  is a nilpotent simply connected Lie group, and the action of  $\mathbb{R}$  on  $N$  is given by a derivation whose eigenvalues all have positive real parts. Such a group is called a Heintze group.

An important conjecture regarding the large scale geometry of (purely) real Heintze groups states that two such groups are quasi-isometric if, and only if, they are isomorphic.

In this talk I will describe some quasi-isometry invariants associated to the derivation of a Heintze group, and I will give some applications to the case where  $N$  is a Heisenberg group.

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