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Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group and let  $M$  be a smooth  $G$ -manifold. If  $G$  happens to act locally freely on  $M$ , then the quotient of  $M$  by the  $G$ -action is an example of an orbifold. In the study of the geometry of orbifolds, an object called the inertia orbifold has played a major role. The inertia orbifold is a disjoint union of orbifolds given by the quotient of the space of loops of the translation groupoid, a smooth manifold, by a natural action of the translation groupoid itself.

If the action of  $G$  is not assumed to be locally free, then the space of loops of the translation groupoid is no longer a smooth manifold, and the quotient is no longer an orbifold. In this case, we refer to the quotient of the space of loops as the inertia space of the  $G$ -manifold  $M$ . We will describe an explicit Whitney stratification of the inertia space. Using this stratification, we will present a de Rham theorem for cohomology of differential forms on the inertia space with respect to this stratification. (Received February 19, 2013)