

**Deformations and moduli of structures
on manifolds: general existence theorem
and application to the Sasakian case**

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Abstract. In this paper we deal with the moduli problem for geometric structures on manifolds. We prove an existence theorem of a local moduli space in a very general setting. Then, to show the strength of this result, we apply it to the case of Sasakian and Sasaki-Einstein structures for which until now only partial results were known.

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