# Open 3-manifolds 

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Theorem (Bessières-B.-Maillot)
$M$ has a complete metric of bounded geometry and Scal $\geqslant 1$ iff there is a finite collection $\mathcal{F}$ of spherical manifolds such that $M$ is a (maybe infinite) connected sum of copies of $S^{2} \times S^{1}$ and members of $\mathcal{F}$.

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