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Additionally, I will mention the relationship to the Stolz-Teichner conjecture and connect it to Yamashita's talk.