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ι -groups

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We let M be a big o-minimal structure and say that a group is a ι -group if the underlying set and the graph of the group operation are automorphism invariant subsets of M^n and M^{3n} respectively. We show that a ι -group G in M^n has a unique topology making it a topological group and inducing the same topology on a large ι -subset of G as M^n . If G is in particular a type-definable group in M^n then the group topology on G is induced by a definable manifold. This implies in the case when M is an o-minimal expansion of a real closed field that G is affine.