Urs Schreiber on joint work with Hisham Sati:

an invitation to the monographs:

-Equivariant Principal ∞ -Bundles, CUP (2025, in print)

-Geometric Orbifold Cohomology, CRC (2026, to appear)

Geometric Orbifold Cohomology in Singular-Cohesive ∞ -Topoi

talk at *ItaCa Fest 2025*

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• Hisham Sati and Urs Schreiber:

[GOC]

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twisted conomology



classifying fibration













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