

# Proper Orbifold Cohomology

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## Abstract

The concept of *orbifolds* should unify differential geometry with equivariant homotopy theory, so that orbifold cohomology should unify differential cohomology with proper equivariant cohomology theory. Despite the prominent role that orbifolds have come to play in mathematics and mathematical physics, especially in string theory, the formulation of a general theory of orbifolds reflecting this unification has remained an open problem. Here we present a natural theory argued to achieve this. We give both a general abstract axiomatization in higher topos theory, as well as concrete models for ordinary as well as for super-geometric and for higher-geometric orbifolds. Our first main result is a fully faithful embedding of the 2-category of orbifolds into a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos whose intrinsic cohomology theory is proper globally equivariant differential generalized cohomology, subsuming traditional orbifold cohomology, Chen-Ruan cohomology, and orbifold K-theory. Our second main result is a general construction of orbifold étale cohomology which we show to naturally unify **(i)** tangentially twisted cohomology of smooth but curved spaces with **(ii)** RO-graded proper equivariant cohomology of flat but singular spaces. As a fundamental example we present J-twisted orbifold Cohomotopy theories with coefficients in shapes of generalized Tate spheres. According to “Hypothesis H” this includes the proper orbifold cohomology theory that controls non-perturbative string theory.

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Motivation

The concept of *orbifolds* [Sa56][Sa57][Th80][Hae84] – manifolds with singularities modeled on fixed points of finite group actions (review in [MM03][Ka08, §6][BG08, §4][IKZ10]) – has become commonplace in mathematics (e.g. [BLP05][Rat06, §13][JY11]), and plays a central role in theoretical physics (see [AMR02]), notably so in string theory ([DHVW85][DHVW86][BL99][SS19]). However, the definition of the homotopy theory, i.e. of the  $\infty$ -category ([Lu09a], see §2.1) of orbifolds, hence in particular of *orbifold cohomology*, is subtle, as witnessed by the convoluted history of the concept; see [Le08, Intro.][IKZ10, §1]. In fact, the issue has remained open:

**Orbifolds as étale stacks?** A proposal popular among Lie theorists [MP97] (see [Mo02][Le08][Am12]) is to regard an orbifold with local charts  $G_i \curvearrowright U_i$  (352) as

- the étale groupoid; specifically: Lie groupoid (see [MM03][TX06]) or topological groupoid (see [CPRST14]);
- equivalently, the étale geometric stack; specifically: differentiable or topological stack ([Ca11][Ca19][Gi13])

obtained by gluing the corresponding *homotopy quotient stacks*  $U_i // G_i$  (17).

This proposal is directly modeled (explicitly so in [Jo12, §8]) on the concept of Deligne-Mumford stacks in algebraic geometry ([DM69], review in [Kr09]) and extends to a concept of general étale  $\infty$ -stacks [Ca20][Ca16]. It relies on the fact that étale stacks, in their role as homotopy-theoretic generalizations of sheaves, fully capture geometric aspects (via generalized sheaf cohomology [Br73], see [NSS12a]), while in their role as geometric refinements of classifying spaces they support *Borel equivariant cohomology* (see [Tu11]). However, Borel cohomology is coarser than the *proper equivariant cohomology* that is generally relevant in theory and in applications:

**Proper equivariant cohomology**<sup>1</sup>, formulated in equivariant homotopy theory (review in [Blu17][May96]), is obtained by refining the purely homotopy-theoretic nature of Borel cohomology by the geometric (“cohesive”, see §1.2) nature of fixed loci (see Example 3.71) of topological group actions – hence by the characteristic nature of orbifold geometry – as encoded in the category of orbits of the equivariance group (recalled in §B). The proper equivariant version of ordinary cohomology is known as *Bredon cohomology* [Br67a][Br67b] (review in [Blu17, §1.4][tD79, §7]); beyond that, there is a wealth of proper equivariant generalized cohomology theories (Def. B.6 below) such as *equivariant K-theory* [Se68][AS69] (which is proper equivariant by [AS04, §6 & A3.2][FHT07, A.5][DL98]) and *equivariant Cohomotopy theory* [Se71][tD79, §8][SS19][BSS19].

However, if orbifolds are modeled just by étale stacks, then their proper equivariant cohomology remains, by and large, invisible. This is true even for Chen-Ruan orbifold cohomology:

**Traditional orbifold cohomology and its shortcomings.** Given an orbifold  $\mathcal{X}$ , we write (see §1.2)  $\cup \mathcal{X}$  for the étale stack underlying it, and<sup>2</sup>  $\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{X}$  for its geometric realization or classifying space (often denoted  $B\mathcal{X}$ ). In the case that  $\mathcal{X}$  is the global quotient orbifold of a  $G$ -space  $X$ , this is the homotopy type of the *Borel construction*; so that we may generally call  $\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{X}$  the *Borel space* of the orbifold. Now, traditional orbifold cohomology is [ALR07, p. 38] just the ordinary cohomology (e.g. singular cohomology) of this Borel space, hence is *Borel cohomology*:

$$H_{\text{trad}}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{X}, A) := H_{\text{sing}}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{X}, A). \quad (1)$$

traditional orbifold cohomology      Borel cohomology  
singular cohomology      Borel space

This can be considered with any kind of coefficients  $A$ , notably in the generality of local coefficient systems [MP99], but it always remains an invariant of just the Borel space. Moreover, for a coefficient ring that inverts the order of the isotropy groups of  $\mathcal{X}$ , hence in particular for rational, real and complex number coefficients  $A \in \{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ , the purely torsion cohomology of the orbifold’s finite isotropy groups becomes invisible, and traditional orbifold cohomology reduces further (e.g. [ALR07, Prop. 2.12]) to an invariant of just the shape  $\mathcal{S} \vee \mathcal{X}$  of the singular quotient space  $\vee \mathcal{X}$  (the “coarse moduli space”) underlying the orbifold (often denoted  $|\mathcal{X}|$ ):

<sup>1</sup>We follow [DHLPS19] with this terminology, see Remark 4.60 below.

<sup>2</sup>The “esh”-symbol “ $\mathcal{S}$ ” stands for *shape* [Sc13, 3.4.5][Sh15, 9.7], following [Bo75], which for well-behaved topological spaces is another term for their *homotopy type* [Lu09a, 7.1.6][Wa17, 4.6]; see Example 3.18.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{rational} \\ \text{orbifold cohomology} \end{array} H_{\text{trad}}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{Q}) \simeq \begin{array}{c} \text{ordinary cohomology} \\ \text{singular naive/coarse} \\ \text{cohomology quotient} \\ \text{space} \end{array} H_{\text{sing}}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{S} \vee \mathcal{X}, \mathbb{Q}). \quad (2)$$

It is in this form that orbifold cohomology was originally introduced in [Sa56, Thm. 1] (following [Ba54], reviewed in [ALR07, 2.1]).

Of course it did not go unnoticed that this coarse notion of orbifold cohomology is insensitive to the actual nature of orbifolds. In reaction to this (and motivated by algebraic constructions [DHVW85][DHVW86] on 2d conformal field theories interpreted as describing strings propagating on orbifold spacetimes), Chen and Ruan famously introduced a new orbifold cohomology theory in [CR04]. But in fact (see [Cl14, p. 4,7] for review) Chen-Ruan cohomology of an orbifold is just Satake’s coarse cohomology (2) (typically considered with complex coefficients), but applied to the corresponding “inertia orbifold”  $\mathbf{Maps}(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathcal{X})$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Chen-Ruan} \\ \text{orbifold cohomology} \end{array} H_{\text{CR}}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq \begin{array}{c} \text{traditional orbifold cohomology} \\ \text{inertia orbifold} \end{array} H_{\text{trad}}^{\bullet}(\mathbf{Maps}(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathcal{X}), \mathbb{C}). \quad (3)$$

Still, it turns out that, for global  $G$ -quotient orbifolds  $\mathcal{X} = \gamma(X//G)$ , Chen-Ruan cohomology is equivalent to a proper equivariant cohomology theory, namely to Bredon cohomology with coefficient system given specifically by:

$$A_{\text{CR}} : G/H \longmapsto \text{ClassFunctions}(H, \mathbb{C}). \quad (4)$$

This was observed in [Mo02, p. 18], using [Ho90, Thm. 5.5] with [Ho88, Prop. 6.5 b)]:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Chen-Ruan} \\ \text{orbifold cohomology} \\ \text{global quotient} \\ \text{orbifold} \end{array} H_{\text{CR}}^{\bullet}(\gamma(X//G), \mathbb{C}) \simeq \begin{array}{c} \text{Bredon cohomology} \\ \text{specific system} \\ \text{of coefficients (4)} \end{array} H_G^{\bullet}(X, A_{\text{CR}}). \quad (5)$$

Thus the success of Chen-Ruan cohomology (surveyed in [ALR07, §4,5]) highlights the relevance of proper equivariance in orbifold cohomology. At the same time, this means that to detect the full proper equivariant homotopy type of orbifolds, one needs an orbifold cohomology theory that induces Bredon coefficient systems more general than (4); and, in fact, one that subsumes also generalized equivariant cohomology theories such as equivariant K-theory. In [AR01] the authors *define* orbifold K-theory to be the equivariant K-theory of any global quotient presentation (see also [ARZ06][BU09][HW11]):

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{traditional} \\ \text{orbifold K-theory} \\ \text{global quotient} \\ \text{orbifold} \end{array} K^{\bullet}(\gamma(X//G)) := \begin{array}{c} \text{equivariant} \\ \text{K-theory} \end{array} K_G^{\bullet}(X). \quad (6)$$

This works for the case of K-theory, because it has been proven explicitly [PS10, Prop. 4.1] that the right hand side of (6) is independent of the choice of global quotient presentation. However, in general, this approach of circumventing an intrinsic definition of orbifold cohomology by just defining it to be equivariant cohomology of global quotient presentations is, besides being somewhat unsatisfactory, in need of justification:

**Orbifolds in global equivariant homotopy theory?** That orbifold cohomology should also capture proper equivariant cohomology was suggested explicitly in [PS10]. However, the fundamental issue remained that a quotient presentation  $\mathcal{X} \simeq \gamma(X//G)$  of an orbifold is not intrinsic to the orbifold, similarly to a choice of coordinate atlas, while in equivariant cohomology theory the equivariance group  $G$  is traditionally taken to be fixed. But this suggests [Schw17, Intro.][Schw18, p. ix-x] (details in [Ju20]) that the right context for orbifold cohomology is “global” equivariant homotopy theory [Schw18] (following [HG07] and originally motivated from patterns seen in genuine equivariant stable homotopy theory [Se71][LMS86]) where the equivariance group  $G$  is allowed to vary in a prescribed class of groups. On the other hand, plain global homotopy theory retains no geometric information!

**The open problem** is thus to set up a mathematical theory of *proper orbifold cohomology* which unifies:

- (i) the higher *geometric* (differential, étale) aspects of orbifolds captured by geometric  $\infty$ -stack theory; and
- (ii) the *singular* (equivariant) aspects of orbifolds captured by proper and global equivariant homotopy theory.

To achieve this, we look to higher topos theory [TV05][Lu09a][Re10] (more pointers in §2.1 below) as an ambient foundational homotopy theory of higher geometric spaces [Sc13][Sc19]:

$\infty$ -**Toposes as collections of generalized higher geometric spaces.** Viewed from the outside (i.e., “externally”), an  $\infty$ -topos is a collection of geometric spaces of a given flavor, which may be:

(a) generalized geometric, as well as (b) higher geometric.

(a) Here “**generalized geometry**” refers to what Grothendieck called *functorial geometry* [Gr65] (review in [DG80]), which he urged in [Gr73] should supersede any point-set (e.g. locally ringed) definition of geometric spaces (further amplified by Lawvere, e.g. [La86][La91]). In hindsight, the basic idea here is just that of how physicists describe emergent spacetimes  $\mathcal{X}$  in terms of what (classical)  $p$ -brane sigma-models on worldvolumes  $\Sigma$  detect when probing  $\mathcal{X}$  (see [FSS13a][FSS13b][JSSW19]):

$$\text{Charts} = \begin{cases} \text{CartesianSpaces} & \text{(Def. 2.5)} \\ \text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} & \text{(Def. 3.22)} \\ \text{SuperCartesianSpaces} & \text{(Def. 3.41)} \\ \text{Singularities} & \text{(Def. 3.46)} \\ \text{SingularCharts} & \text{(Lem. 3.60)} \\ \dots & \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Given any category of local model spaces (often: “affine spaces”, here: “charts”; see Def. 3.9 below), such as those shown in (7), one may encode a would-be generalized (“target”-)space  $\mathcal{X}$  by assigning to each  $\Sigma \in \text{Charts}$  the collection

$$\Sigma \xrightarrow{\text{probe space}} \mathcal{X}(\Sigma) := \{ \text{“} \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \text{”} \} \quad (8)$$

collection of probes of generalized space  $\mathcal{X}$  by  $\Sigma$

of geometric (e.g. smooth, super-geometric, etc.) maps into  $\mathcal{X}$ ; where the quotation marks indicate that, at this point of bootstrapping  $\mathcal{X}$  into existence, the category in which these maps are actual morphisms is yet to be specified. To that end, one observes that a minimal set of consistency conditions on such an abstract assignment (8) to be anything like collections of maps into a space  $\mathcal{X}$  are:

<p><b>(1) Functoriality of probes.</b> For every morphism <math>f</math> of Charts there is an operation of “pre-composition of probe maps by <math>f</math>”:</p> $\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \text{map of} \\ \text{probe spaces} \end{array} \Sigma_1 & \begin{array}{c} \text{pre-composition operation} \\ \text{on collections of probes} \end{array} \mathcal{X}(\Sigma_1) & \text{such that} \\ \downarrow f & \mathcal{X}(f) = \text{“} (-) \circ f \text{”} & \mathcal{X}(f_2) \circ \mathcal{X}(f_1) \\ \Sigma_2 & \mathcal{X}(\Sigma_2) & \simeq \mathcal{X}(f_2 \circ f_1) \end{array} \quad (9)$	<p><b>(2) Gluing of probes.</b> If <math>\{U_i \xrightarrow{\quad} \Sigma\}_{i \in I}</math> is a cover of <math>\Sigma \in \text{Charts}</math>, then probes of <math>\mathcal{X}</math> by <math>\Sigma</math> should be equivalent to those tuples of probes by the <math>U_i</math> which are coherently identified on intersections:</p> $\mathcal{X}(\Sigma) \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{tuples of probes } U_i \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \\ \text{identified on intersections } U_i \cap U_j \\ \text{compatibly on } U_i \cap U_j \cap U_k \\ \text{etc.} \end{array} \right\} \quad (10)$
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In the jargon of topos theory (see [MLM92][Joh02]), condition (9) says that the collection  $\mathcal{X}(-)$  of probes of  $\mathcal{X}$  is a *pre-sheaf* on Charts, while condition (10) says that this is in fact a *sheaf*. Hence the category of generalized geometric spaces probeable by Charts is the category of sheaves (the *Grothendieck topos*) on Charts:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{topos of generalized} \\ \text{geometric spaces} \end{array} \text{GeneralizedSpaces} := \text{Sheaves}(\text{Charts}) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{category of sheaves} \\ \text{on site of charts} \end{array} \quad (11)$$

Now, every  $\Sigma \in \text{Charts}$  is itself canonically regarded as a generalized space  $y(\Sigma) \in \text{GeneralizedSpaces}$ , by taking its probes to be those given by morphisms of Charts (this is the *Yoneda embedding*<sup>3</sup>, recalled as Prop. 2.37 below):

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{chart regarded as} \\ \text{generalized space} \end{array} y(\Sigma) : \Sigma' \xrightarrow{\quad} \{ \Sigma' \rightarrow \Sigma \} =: \text{Charts}(\Sigma', \Sigma) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{collection of its} \\ \Sigma'\text{-shaped probes} \end{array} \quad (12)$$

Hence we have completed the bootstrap construction of generalized spaces  $\mathcal{X}$  in (8) if we may remove the quotation marks there, hence if for  $\mathcal{X} \in \text{GeneralizedSpaces}$  there is a natural equivalence

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{collection of } \Sigma\text{-shaped} \\ \text{probes of } \mathcal{X} \end{array} \mathcal{X}(\Sigma) \simeq \{ y(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \} := \text{GeneralizedSpaces}(y(\Sigma), \mathcal{X}) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{collection of maps} \\ \text{from } y(\Sigma) \text{ to } \mathcal{X} \end{array} \quad (13)$$

That this is indeed the case is the statement of the *Yoneda lemma* (recalled as Prop. 2.38 below), which thus implies consistency and existence of generalized geometry.

<sup>3</sup>Shown here for sub-canonical Grothendieck topologies on Charts, which is the case in all examples of interest here.

(b) On the other hand, “**higher geometry**” (see [FSS13a][FSS19a][JSSW19] for exposition and applications) refers to the refinement of the above theory of generalized geometric spaces, where the collection of probes (8) of a generalized space is not necessarily just a set, but may be a set equipped with equivalences (gauge transformations) between its elements, and with higher order equivalences (higher gauge transformations) between these, etc. – called an  $\infty$ -groupoid (e.g., modeled as a Kan simplicial set, see [GJ99, I.3]). For example, for  $X \in \text{Sets}$  and  $G$  a discrete group acting on  $S$ , the corresponding *action groupoid* (Example 2.15 below) consists of the elements  $x \in X$ , but equipped with an equivalence between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  for every group element whose action takes  $x_1$  to  $x_2$ :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{homotopy} \\
 \text{quotient} \\
 X // G \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{graph of } G\text{-action} \\ \text{with higher equivalences} \end{array} \right\} \\
 \downarrow t_0 \\
 \text{plain} \\
 \text{quotient} \\
 X/G \simeq \{ [y] \quad [x] \quad [z] \quad \dots \}
 \end{array} \quad (14)$$

This is a model for the *homotopy quotient* of  $X$  by  $G$ , which resolves the plain quotient  $X/G$  (the set of equivalence classes) by remembering not only *that* but *how* two elements are equivalent. More precisely, the action groupoid remembers the *graph* and *syzygies* of the  $G$ -action, encoded in its Kan simplicial *nerve* (Example 2.69 below):

$$X // G \simeq \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{set of morphisms} \\ \text{set of objects} \end{array} \right) \quad (15)$$

In particular, if an element  $y \in X$  is fixed by the group action, then in the homotopy quotient it appears as the one-object groupoid also known as  $K(G, 1)$  or (since  $G$  is assumed to be discrete here) as  $BG$ .

$$K(G, 1) \simeq BG \simeq \left\{ \binom{g}{*} \mid g \in G \right\} \quad (16)$$

More generally, if  $X \in \text{Charts}$  in the list (7) is equipped with the action of a discrete group  $G$ , then we obtain a higher generalized space  $\mathcal{X} := X // G$  whose  $\infty$ -groupoid of  $\Sigma$ -shaped probes (8) is the action groupoid of the induced action on the set of  $\Sigma$ -shaped probes of  $X$  (the following formula is for contractible charts, Lemma 3.12):

$$\text{global quotient orbifold } X // G : \Sigma \mapsto (X // G)(\Sigma) := X(\Sigma) // G = \text{Charts}(\Sigma, X) // G. \quad \text{groupoid of its } \Sigma\text{-shaped probes} \quad (17)$$

Such a higher generalized space with collections of probes (8) being groupoids, and satisfying the appropriate gluing condition (10), may be called a *2-sheaf* or *sheaf of groupoids* [Br93] on Charts, in generalization of (11), but is commonly known as a *stack* [DM69][Gi72][Ja01][Ho08], following *champ* [Gi66]. Generally, a higher generalized space with  $\infty$ -groupoids of probes is thus an  $\infty$ -sheaf or  $\infty$ -stack on Charts, in generalization of (11):

$$\mathbf{H} := \text{HigherGeneralizedSpaces} := \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Charts}). \quad (18)$$

The theory of  $\infty$ -stacks originates with [Br73], developed in [Ja87][Ja96] (survey in [Ja15]) and brought into the more abstract form of  $\infty$ -topos theory in [TV05][Lu09a][Re10]. In fact, finitary constructions internal to  $\infty$ -toposes behave so well that they may naturally be formulated [Sh19] in a kind of programming language now known as *homotopy type theory* [UFP13]. While we will not dwell on this here, we do focus on elegant internal constructions. For some of these, a homotopy type-theoretic formulation has already been explored in the literature:

Theory internal to an $\infty$ -topos	Internal formulation in traditional mathematics	Partial formulation in homotopy type theory
Galois theory	§2.2 [NSS12a]	[BvDR18]
modalities & cohesion	§3.1 [SSS12][Sc13]	[RSS17][Sh15]
étale $\infty$ -stacks	§4.2 [KS17]	[We18][CRi20]
cohomology	§5 [SSS12][NSS12a][Sc13]	[Cav15][BH18]

**Differential topology in an  $\infty$ -topos.** As a consequence of the above, every  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  behaves like a homotopy theory of generalized geometric spaces. In order to narrow back in, among these generalized spaces, on those with some minimum properties, we may, following [La91][La94][La07], axiomatize qualities of geometric objects (such as being *discrete*, *smooth*, *étale*, *reduced*, *bosonic*, *singular*, etc.) via the systems of (co-)reflective sub- $\infty$ -categories  $\mathbf{H}_\#, \mathbf{H}_2, \dots \subset \mathbf{H}$ , that the objects with these properties (should) form inside  $\mathbf{H}$  [SSS12][Sc13]:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{ambient } \infty\text{-topos of} \\ \text{generalized geometric spaces} \end{array} \quad \mathbf{H} \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i_!} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{i^*} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{i_*} \end{array} \quad \mathbf{H}_2 \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{H} \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i^*} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{i_*} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{i^!} \end{array} \quad \mathbf{H}_\# \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{sub-}\infty\text{-category of} \\ \text{objects of pure } \# \text{-nature} \end{array} \quad (19)$$

This induces systems of adjoint (co-)projection operators  $\# \dashv 2 : \mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$ , the associated *idempotent (co-)monads*:

$$\# := i^* \circ i_!, \quad 2 := i^* \circ i_*, \quad \text{or} \quad \# := i^* \circ i_*, \quad 2 := i^! \circ i_*, \quad (20)$$

to which we refer as *modal operators* or just *modalities* [Sc13][RSS17][Co20]. These are idempotent (Prop. 2.29)

$$\# \# X \simeq \# X, \quad 2 2 X \simeq 2 X, \quad (21)$$

which means that they act like *projecting out* certain qualitative aspects of generalized spaces, while them being adjoint means that they project out an *opposite pair* of such qualities. Therefore, their (co-)unit transformations  $h^2$  (48) and  $e^\#$  (49) exhibit every  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  as carrying a quality intermediate to these two opposite extreme aspects [LR03, p. 245]:

$$\begin{array}{c} \# X \\ \text{pure} \\ \# \text{-aspect} \end{array} \xrightarrow{e_X^\#} \begin{array}{c} X \\ \text{generalized} \\ \text{geometric space} \end{array} \xrightarrow{h_X^2} \begin{array}{c} 2 X \\ \text{pure} \\ 2\text{-aspect} \end{array} .$$

For example, any adjoint modality  $\flat \dashv \sharp$  (see Def. 3.1 below) that contains the initial modality  $\emptyset \dashv *$  (which globally projects to the initial and the terminal object, respectively) acts like projecting out *discrete* and *purely continuous* (co-discrete, chaotic) aspects of a space. Consequently, the existence of such a modality on  $\mathbf{H}$  exhibits each space  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  as carrying quality intermediate to these extremes, hence, in this example, as equipped with a kind of *topology* (see [Sh15, §3], following [La94]).

We observe here that extending this basic example to a larger system of adjoint modalities allows to abstractly encode the presence of differential geometric structure (Def. 3.21 below) and of super-geometric structure (Def. 3.40 below) in  $\infty$ -toposes, and hence on higher generalized spaces.

**Generalized cohomology in an  $\infty$ -topos.** Following [SSS12][NSS12a][Sc13], we may regard the concept of  $\infty$ -toposes  $\mathbf{H}$  as the ultimate notion of *generalized cohomology theory*, subsuming and combining all of:

<i>Sheaf hypercohomology</i>	in non-discrete $\infty$ -toposes	[Br73]
<i>Non-abelian cohomology</i>	in general $\infty$ -toposes	[SSS12][NSS12a, 3]
<i>Twisted non-abelian cohomology</i>	in slice $\infty$ -toposes	Prp. 2.46, Rem. 2.94
<i>Twisted abelian cohomology</i>	in tangent $\infty$ -toposes	Exl. 2.51, Rem. 2.96
<i>Differential cohomology</i>	in cohesive $\infty$ -toposes	Def. 3.1, Rem. 3.20
<i>Étale cohomology</i>	in elastic $\infty$ -toposes	Def. 3.21, Def. 5.11
<i>Superspace cohomology</i>	in solid $\infty$ -toposes	Def. 3.40, Rem. 3.44
<i>Proper equivariant cohomology</i>	in singular $\infty$ -toposes	Def. 3.48, Rem. 5.4, Thm. 5.9

In all these cases, for  $X, A \in \mathbf{H}$  any two objects, with  $X$  regarded as a domain “space” and  $A$  as the “coefficients”, the *A-cohomology of X* is embodied by the homomorphisms from  $X$  to  $A$ :

- (i) a morphism  $X \xrightarrow{c} A$  is a *cocycle*;
- (ii) a homotopy  $X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{c_1} \\ \parallel \\ \xrightarrow{c_2} \end{array} A$  is a *coboundary*;
- (iii) the homotopy groups of the cocycle space

$$H^{-n}(X, A) := p_n \mathbf{H}(X, A) \simeq p_0 \mathbf{H}(X, \Omega^n A) \quad (22)$$

are the *cohomology sets* of  $X$  with coefficients in  $A$ . (Here  $\Omega^n(-)$  is the  $n$ -fold based loop space.)

This is the *intrinsic cohomology theory* of the  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  – we discuss various examples below in §5.

## 1.2 Results

We survey the results presented below:

### Axiomatic orbifold geometry in modal homotopy theory.

Building on the above, therefore, to formulate proper orbifold cohomology we ask for  $\infty$ -toposes (18) equipped with a system of adjoint modalities (20) that capture both aspects of proper orbifold cohomology:

- (i) the *geometric* (differential, étale) aspect and
- (ii) the *singular* (proper equivariant) aspect.

#### 1. The geometric aspect of orbifold theory.

In order to formulate, internal to suitable  $\infty$ -toposes, the (a) differential topology, (b) differential geometry, and (c) super-geometry of orbifolds (hence of manifolds, super-manifolds, super-orbifolds, etc.) in their smooth guise as étale  $\infty$ -stacks (18), we consider a corresponding progression of adjoint modalities (20), which starts out in the form of the “axiomatic cohesion” of [La07], on to a second layer that contains a “de Rham shape” operation  $\mathfrak{S}$  as considered in [Si96] [ST97], and then to a third layer which captures super-geometry in a new axiomatic way.

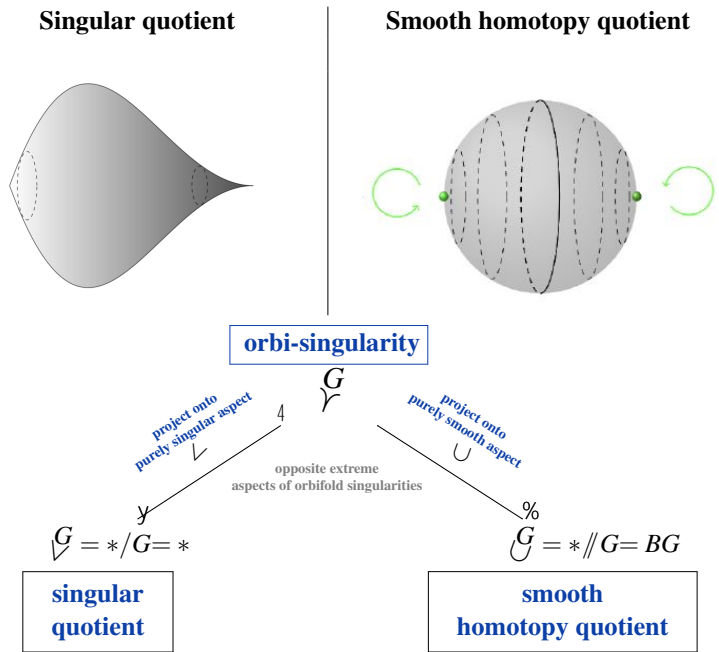
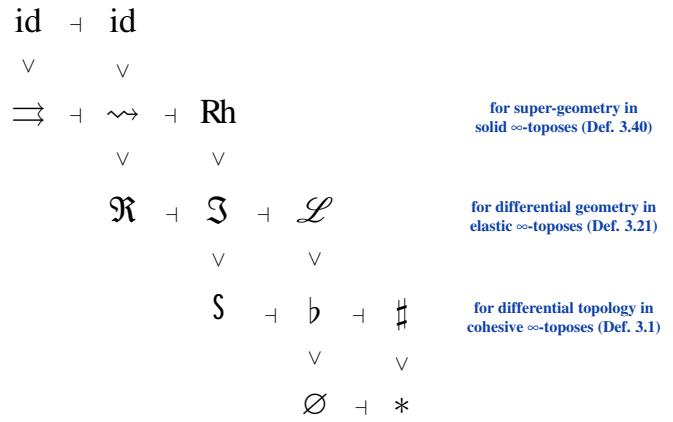
#### 2. The singular aspect of orbifold theory.

Envision the picture of an orbifold singularity  $\gamma$  and a mathematical magnifying glass held over the singular point. Under this magnification, one sees resolved the singular point as a *fuzzy fattened point*, to be denoted  $\mathcal{G}$ . Removing the magnifying glass, what one sees with the bare eye depends on how one squints:

- (i) The physicists (see, e.g., [BL99, §1.3]) and the classical geometers (see, e.g., [IKZ10][Wat15]) say that they see an actual singular point, such as the tip of a cone  $\vee$ . This is the *plain quotient*  $\mathcal{G} := */G = *$ , a point.
- (ii) The higher geometers (see, e.g., [MP97] [CPRST14]) say that they see the smooth  $G$ -action around that point, hence a smooth stacky geometry  $\cup$ . This is the *homotopy quotient*  $\mathcal{G} := */G = BG = K(G,1)$  (16).

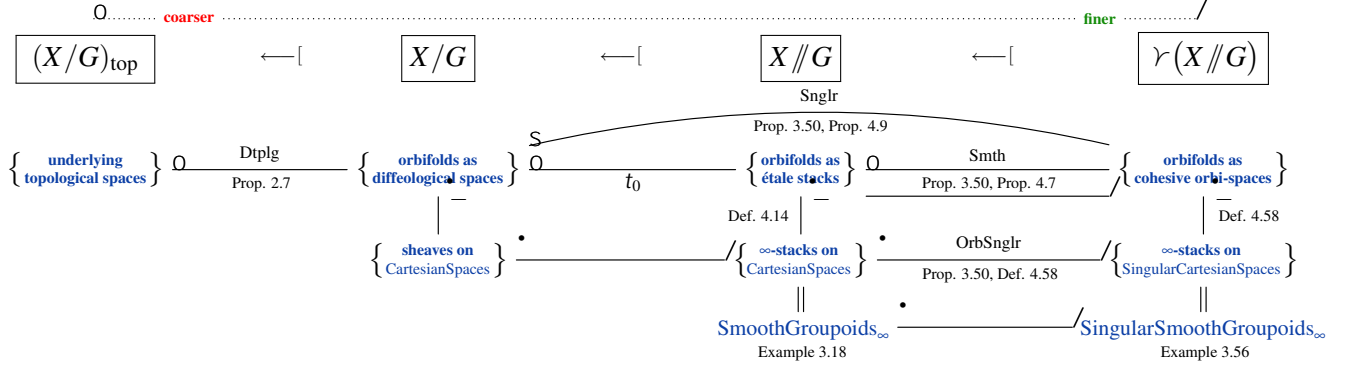
### Modalities for Singular Super-Geometry (§3)

$t_n$ $n$ -groupoidal		
$\mathfrak{S}$ <b>shaped</b>	$\flat$ <b>discrete</b>	$\sharp$ <b>continuous</b>
$\mathfrak{R}$ <b>reduced</b>	$\mathfrak{S}$ <b>étale</b>	$\mathcal{L}$ <b>locally constant</b>
$\Rightarrow$ <b>even</b>	$\rightsquigarrow$ <b>bosonic</b>	$\text{Rh}$ <b>rheonomic</b>
$\vee$ <b>singular</b>	$\cup$ <b>smooth</b>	$\gamma$ <b>orbi-singular</b>



We observe in §3.2 that just this is captured by the cohesive structure on global equivariant homotopy theory that had been observed in [Re14], but whose conceptual interpretation had remained open [Re14, Footnote 8].

**Differential geometry of étale  $\infty$ -stacks.** We present, in §4.2, a general theory of higher differential geometry formulated internally to these elastic  $\infty$ -toposes (§3.1). This deals with étale  $\infty$ -stacks locally modeled on any group  $\infty$ -stack  $V$  (“ $V$ -folds”, Def. 4.14). For the special case  $V = (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$ , this subsumes ordinary manifolds (Example 4.17) and ordinary étale Lie groupoids (Example 4.18). For  $V$  a super-symmetry group (202), this produces a theory of super-orbifolds (Example 4.20), capturing, for instance, those that appear as target spaces in superstring theory (e.g. [PR04][GIR08]) and M-theory [HSS18], or those that appear as moduli spaces of super-Riemann surfaces [Ra87][LBR88][Wi12][CV17].



**Gerbes on étale  $\infty$ -stacks.** With orbifolds, in their incarnation as étale stacks, thus embedded into a fully-fledged  $\infty$ -topos, the general theory of  $\infty$ -bundles [NSS12a][NSS12b] (see §2.2 below) applies to provide the theory of fiber bundles on orbifolds (e.g. [LGTX04][Se06][BG08]) and of gerbes on orbifolds (e.g. [LU04][Ca10][BX][TT14]) naturally generalized to higher, to non-abelian and to twisted gerbes on orbifolds.

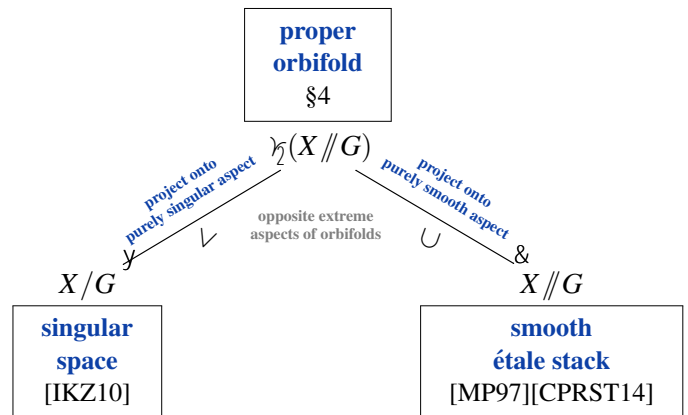
**Differential cohomology of étale  $\infty$ -stacks.** Moreover, since the intrinsic cohomology theory of cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes is differential cohomology (Remark 3.20), this realization of étale  $\infty$ -stacks within cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes immediately provides their differential cohomology theory (see [SSS12][FSS13a][FSS15]). This includes, in particular (as made explicit in [PR19]), the Borel-equivariant/orbifold Deligne cohomology considered in [KT18] (which, for finite groups, coincides with [LU03][Gom05]), given, in low degrees, by:

- (i) gerbes with connection, hence including what in string theory is known as the *discrete torsion* classification of the B-field on orbifolds [Va86][VW95][Sha00a][Sha00c][Sha02][Ru03]; or
- (ii) 2-gerbes with connection, hence including what in M-theory is known as the *discrete torsion* classification of the C-field on orbifolds [Sha00b][Se01][dBDHKMMS02, §4.6.2].

**Geometric enhancement of global equivariant homotopy theory.** We enhance all of the above to a theory of properly orbi-singular spaces, formulated internally to “singular-elastic”  $\infty$ -toposes (§3.2), where a natural notion of orbi-singularization  $\gamma$  (Prop. 3.50) promotes (Def. 4.58) any such  $\infty$ -category of étale  $\infty$ -groupoids faithfully to its *proper* orbifold version (Remark 4.60). This detects geometric fixed point spaces (Def. 3.69) in the sense of proper equivariant homotopy theory. We show (Prop. 4.2, Lemma 4.7) that the cohesive shape (Def. 3.1) of the orbi-singularization of an étale groupoid is its incarnation as an orbispace in global equivariant homotopy theory, in the sense of [HG07][Re14][Kö16][Schw17] (Remark 4.1).

**The proper 2-category of orbifolds.** One model for the axioms of singular-cohesive homotopy theory is the  $\infty$ -topos of *singular-smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids* (Examples 3.18, 3.56 below). In this model, the proper 2-category (Rem. 4.60) of orbifolds  $\mathcal{X}$ , either Lie theoretically (Example 4.10) or topologically (Example 4.11), is equivalent, via passage to

- (i) their purely smooth aspect  $\cup \mathcal{X}$ , to the traditional 2-category of étale stacks (Prop. 4.9),
- (ii) while their purely singular aspect  $\vee \mathcal{X}$  gives the underlying singular coarse quotient space (Prop. 4.6).





**Cartan geometry of étale  $\infty$ -stacks.** In this internal formulation we find all fundamental phenomena of differential geometry naturally generalized to étale  $\infty$ -stacks, hence in particular to orbifolds:

	§4.2	<b>Cartan geometry for étale <math>\infty</math>-stacks</b>	Discussion for ordinary orbifolds, e.g. in
(i)	Def. 4.26	<b>Frame bundles</b>	[MM03, p. 42]
(ii)	Def. 4.36 Def. 4.42, Def. 4.43	<b>G-structures</b> -locally integrable -globally	[Wo16][Zh06][BZ03]
(ii.a)	Ex. 4.44	<b>Geometric structures</b> - Riemannian structure - Flat structure - Complex structure - Symplectic structure - Lorentzian structure - Pseudo-Riemannian structure - Conformal structure - CR-structure - Hypercomplex structure - ...	[Ap00, §1.8][Wo16] [Bo92][HM04][Rat06][BZ07][He09a][He09b] [Ak12][Kan13][BDP17][Lan18] [BDP17][Ref06][IU12, §8][SS19] [SW99][FS07] [Ve00][Go01][DE05][HM12][CP14][Ch17][RC19] [HS91][Ne02][LMS02a][LMS02b][BR07][ZR12] [Me09][Zh18][BZ19] [Ap98][Ap00] [DM02] [BGM98]
(ii.b)	Ex. 4.44	<b>Special holonomy</b> - Kähler structure - Calabi-Yau structure - Quaternionic Kähler - Hyper-Kähler struc. - $G_2$ -structure - Spin(7)-structure	[Jo00][CT05] [Fu83][Je97][Ab01][BBFMT16] [Ro91][Jo98][Jo99a][Jo99b][Jo00, §6.5.1][St10][RZ11] [CDR16] [GL88][Jo00, §7.5.2] [BD00] [Jo00, §11][Rei15] [Jo00, §13][Ba07]
(iii)	Def. 4.41	<b>Local isometries</b>	[BZ07]
(iv)	Def. 4.45	<b>Haefliger stacks</b>	[Hae71][Hae84][Ca19, §2.2, §3][Ca16]).
(v)	Def. 4.48	<b>Tangential structures</b>	[Wee18][Pa20]
(v.a)	Ex. 4.52	<b>Higher Spin-structures</b> - Orientation - Spin structure - Spin <sup>c</sup> structure - String structure - Fivebrane structure - ...	[Dr94] [Ve96][Ac01][BGR07][DLM02] [Du96, §14] [PW88][LU04][LU06] [BL12] (cf. [SSS09][SSS12])

**Orbifold étale cohomology.** Based on this, we give a natural general definition of *étale cohomology of V-étale  $\infty$ -stacks* (Def. 5.11) hence in particular of *orbifold étale cohomology*, which is sensitive to the above (integrable)  $G$ -structures, and hence to geometry/special holonomy on orbifolds. For example, in the case of complex structure, this orbifold étale cohomology subsumes traditional notions of complex-geometric orbifold cohomology such as orbifold Dolbeault cohomology [Ba54][Ba56][CR04][Fe03] and orbifold Bott-Chern cohomology [An12][Ma05]. Abstractly, orbifold étale cohomology is the intrinsic cohomology (22) of integrably  $G$ -structured étale  $\infty$ -stacks when regarded in the slice  $\infty$ -topos (Prop. 2.46) over the  $G$ -Haefliger stack (Def. 4.45) via the classifying map of their  $G$ -structure (Prop. 4.47). As such, orbifold étale cohomology is the progenitor of *tangentially twisted* (proper) orbifold cohomology (Def. 5.13, Def. 5.15), to which we turn next.

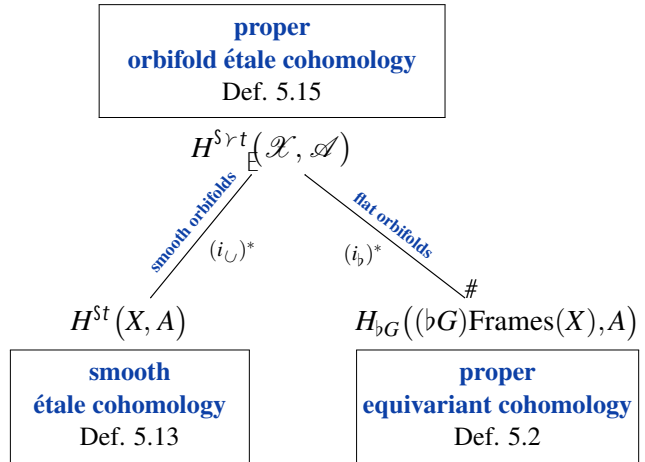
**Proper equivariant cohomology.** While the proper 2-category of orbifolds is equivalent to the traditional one of orbifolds as étale stacks, its full embedding into an ambient singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (§3.2) provides for more general coefficient objects, each of which is guaranteed to produce a proper orbifold Morita-class invariant (Remark 4.60). Our **first main Theorem 5.9** shows that the intrinsic cohomology (22) of orbifolds, regarded in singular-cohesive homotopy theory (Def. 3.48), subsumes all proper  $G$ -equivariant cohomology theories: Bredon cohomology with any coefficient system, as well as proper equivariant generalized cohomology theories.

**Traditional orbifold cohomology.** In particular, Prop. 4.2 and Theorem 5.9 imply, via [Ju20] (Remark 4.1), that proper orbifold cohomology in singular-cohesive homotopy theory subsumes Chen-Ruan orbifold cohomology, via (5), and Adem-Ruan orbifold K-theory, via (6). Hence it also subsumes Freed-Hopkins-Teleman orbifold K-theory [FHT07] (reviewed in [Nu13, §3.2.2]) and Jarvis-Kaufmann-Kimura’s “full orbifold K-theory” [JKK05][GHHK08] for orbifolds with global quotient presentations (by [FHT07, Prop. 3.5] and [JKK05, 3], respectively). Moreover, singular-cohesion provides a natural transformation  $\cup \mathcal{X} \rightarrow e_{\mathcal{X}} \dashv \gamma \mathcal{X}$  which restricts this proper orbifold cohomology to the underlying étale stack, where it reduces to traditional Borel orbifold cohomology (1) and, in particular, to Satake cohomology (2) (see also, e.g., [ADG11][BNSS18]).

**Twisted orbifold cohomology.** All these cohomology theories generalize to their twisted cohomology versions (e.g., local coefficients for ordinary cohomology, as in [MP99], or twisted K-theory, as in [AR01]), by passage to slice  $\infty$ -toposes of the ambient singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Remark 2.94). In particular, slicing of orbifolds over  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  via their orientation bundle promotes them (Example 5.10) to *orientifolds* [DFM11][FSS15, 4.4][SS19].

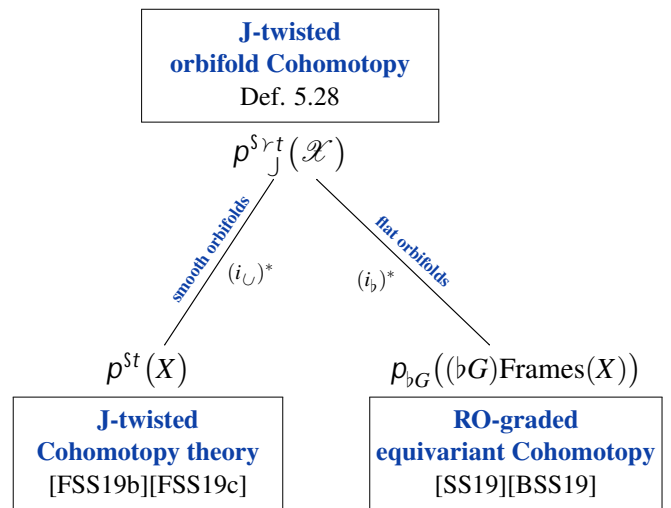
**Proper orbifold étale cohomology.** Finally, we promote (Def. 5.15) orbifold étale cohomology, in its guise as tangentially twisted cohomology, to a *proper* orbifold cohomology theory in the above sense (Remark 4.60). Our **second main theorem 5.16** shows that this *proper orbifold étale cohomology* unifies:

- (i)  $(\cup)$  étale cohomology (Def. 5.11) of smooth  $V$ -folds (Def. 4.14).
- (ii)  $(b)$  proper equivariant cohomology (Def. 5.2) of flat orbifolds (Def. 4.53), i.e., of their flat frame bundles (Prop. 4.54).



**J-twisted orbifold Cohomotopy.** We construct a fundamental class of examples of such proper orbifold étale cohomology theories, which we call *J-twisted orbifold Cohomotopy theories* (Def. 5.28). Their coefficients are *Tate spheres* (Def. 5.19), in the sense of (unstable) motivic homotopy theory (Example 5.20), with twisting via an intrinsic *Tate J-homomorphism* (Def. 5.24). Specified to ordinary orbifolds (Example 5.29), Theorem 5.16 shows that J-twisted orbifold Cohomotopy subsumes:

- (i)  $(\cup)$  J-twisted Cohomotopy theory of smooth but curved spaces, as introduced in [FSS19b][FSS19c].
- (ii)  $(b)$  RO-graded equivariant Cohomotopy theory of flat orbifolds, as discussed in [SS19][BSS19].



We conclude with a Remark 5.30 on the impact of this unification.

**Other approaches and outlook.** We briefly comment on relations of our constructions to other approaches in the literature, further discussion of which is beyond the scope of this article.

**Proper  $\infty$ -categories of general étale  $\infty$ -stacks.** Another general theory of étale  $\infty$ -stacks has been presented in [Ca20], generalizing an elegant characterization of étale 1-stacks due to [Ca19] by following the discussion of derived Deligne-Mumford stacks conceived as structured  $\infty$ -toposes in [Lu09b]. This approach proceeds externally via characterizing the *sites* (recalled below as Prop. 2.41) which present  $\infty$ -toposes of étale  $\infty$ -stacks; and is thus complementary to the internal perspective proceeding from inside an ambient  $\infty$ -topos which we are presenting here. We briefly indicate the relation between the two:

- The approach in [Ca20] is to pick an  $\infty$ -site of  $\text{ModelSpaces}$  (denoted “ $\mathcal{L}$ ” there) which is equipped with a suitable notion of which of its 1-morphisms qualify as being étale maps (the external version of our notion Def. 3.26). The inclusion  $i$  of the wide subcategory on these étale morphisms induces, by left Kan extension, a pair of adjoint  $\infty$ -functors  $(i_! \dashv i^*)$  between the corresponding  $\infty$ -stack  $\infty$ -toposes, and the étale  $\infty$ -stacks are then characterized as those in the essential image of the left adjoint  $i_!$ . This is shown on the right of the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{ModelSpaces} \times \text{Singularities}) & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Smth}} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{\text{OrbSinglr}} \end{array} & \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{ModelSpaces}) & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i^*} \\ \top \\ \xrightarrow{i_!} \end{array} & \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{LocalModelSpaces}^{\text{ét}}) & (23) \\
\downarrow ? & & \downarrow ? & & \downarrow \ddagger & \\
\text{OrbSinglr}(\text{ÉtaleStacks}_\infty) & \xrightarrow{\approx} & \text{ÉtaleStacks}_\infty & & & \\
\text{proper } \infty\text{-category} & & \infty\text{-category} & & & \\
\text{of higher orbifolds} & & \text{of étale } \infty\text{-stacks} & & & \\
\text{(Remark 4.60)} & & \text{[Ca20]} & & & 
\end{array}$$

Prop. 3.50

- Following Remark 4.60, we may and should enhance this construction to the *proper  $\infty$ -category of higher orbifolds* Def. 3.48, Def. 4.58, as shown on the left in (23).
- In fact, the archetypical example of  $\text{ModelSpaces}$  considered in [Ca20] is  $\text{SmoothManifolds}$  (Def. 2.9), in which case the left hand side of (23) is the singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos of our Examples 3.18, 3.56, containing the proper (Def. 4.58)  $\infty$ -category of orbi- $\mathbb{R}^n$ -folds in our Example 4.18.
- On the other hand, a general  $\infty$ -topos  $\text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{ModelSpaces})$  is not going to be cohesive (Def. 3.1) or even elastic (Def. 3.21). This means that various nice geometric properties, which we derive here, of objects in the proper  $\infty$ -category of higher orbifolds, are not guaranteed to exist in the general setup of [Ca20]. Notably the theory of frame bundles on orbifolds, according to Prop. 4.26, and the main theorem on the induced étale cohomology of orbifolds (Theorem 5.16) crucially uses the internal modal logic of singular-cohesive and singular-elastic  $\infty$ -toposes as in §3, which may not exist, or not exist completely, for any given site of  $\text{ModelSpaces}$  as in [Ca20].

**Proper orbifold differential cohomology.** While

- (i) generalized differential cohomology on smooth manifolds [HS05] is well-understood (see [Bu12]) and
- (ii) plain global equivariant cohomology has been established [Schw18] and understood to provide proper orbifold cohomology ([Ju20], see Remark 4.1 below),

their combination to (generalized, global) *proper equivariant differential cohomology* has remained elusive. Explicit constructions have been explored for the case of equivariant/orbifold differential K-theory [SV07][BS09][Or09], but even these theories do not seem to be well-understood yet [BS12, p. 47]. What has been missing is a coherent theoretical framework for proper equivariant differential cohomology: Since

- (a) differential cohomology is the intrinsic cohomology (22) of cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes (by Remark 3.20) and
- (b) proper equivariant cohomology is the intrinsic cohomology of  $\infty$ -toposes over a (global) orbit category (by Remark 5.4),

proper equivariant differential cohomology should be the intrinsic cohomology of  $\infty$ -toposes that combine these two properties. This is exactly what our notion of singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes expresses (Def. 3.48), as confirmed by Theorem 5.9. For example, in singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes there exists the (global) proper equivariant version of twisted differential non-abelian cohomology [FSS20b], now given by homotopy fiber products parametrized over Singularities (Def. 3.46). Hence singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes constitute a coherent framework in which to discuss proper equivariant/orbifold differential cohomology in general. We will develop this elsewhere.

## 2 Preliminaries

We recall basics of higher topos theory in §2.1 and lay out in §2.2 the *internal formulation*, in  $\infty$ -toposes, of group actions and the classification of fiber bundles.

### 2.1 Topos theory

We briefly record basics of  $\infty$ -topos theory [TV05][Lu09a][Re10] (review is in [Re19], exposition with an eye towards differential geometric applications is in [FSS13a]). This is to set up our notation and to highlight some less widely used aspects that we need further below.

**Categories.** We make free use of the language and the basic facts of category theory and homotopy theory (see [GJ99][Rie14][Ri20]) as well as of  $\infty$ -category theory (see [Joy08a][Joy08a][Lu09a][Rie14][Ci19]).

(i) We write  $\text{Categories}_\infty$  for the (“very large”)  $\infty$ -category of (large)  $\infty$ -categories [Re98][Be05][Lu09a, Ch. 3], though we only use this for declaring  $\infty$ -categories. Inside  $\text{Categories}_\infty$ , there is the sequence of full sub- $\infty$ -categories (Def. 2.1) of  $n$ -categories (i.e.:  $(n, 1)$ -categories) as well as of  $n$ -groupoids (see Def. 2.12) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denoted thus:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Sets} & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Categories}_1 & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Categories}_2 & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Categories}_\infty \\ \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \dashv \text{Core} \\ \text{Sets} & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Groupoids}_1 & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Groupoids}_2 & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Groupoids}_\infty \end{array} \quad (24)$$

(ii) Here  $\text{Core}(\mathcal{C})$  denotes the maximal  $\infty$ -groupoid inside an  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

(iii) For  $\mathcal{C} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  and for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$  a pair of objects, we write

$$\mathcal{C}(X, Y) := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty \quad (25)$$

for the *hom- $\infty$ -groupoid*, i.e. the  $\infty$ -groupoid of morphisms between them, and higher homotopies between these (see [Lu09a, 1.2.2][DS09]). This is well-defined, up to equivalence of  $\infty$ -groupoids, independently of which model for  $\infty$ -categories is used, since these are all equivalent to each other [Be06][Be14]. We have no need to specify any particular model for  $\infty$ -categories (except for the construction of examples, in §A).

**Definition 2.1** (Fully faithful functor [Lu09a, 1.2.10]). For  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  (24), a functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \mathcal{D}$  is called *fully faithful*, to be denoted

$$\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\cdot F} \mathcal{D}, \quad (26)$$

if it is an equivalence on all hom- $\infty$ -groupoids (25):

$$\forall_{X, Y \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{F_{X, Y}} \mathcal{D}(F(X), F(Y)).$$

In this case we also say that (26) exhibits a *full sub- $\infty$ -category inclusion*.

**Topology.** The category of  $\Delta$ -generated or *D-topological* spaces (Remark 2.3) is both: a convenient foundation for homotopy theory (Prop. 2.4) as well as pivotal for our key example context (Example 3.18):

**Definition 2.2** (Topological spaces). We write

$$\text{CWComplexes} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{DTopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{TopologicalSpaces} \in \text{Categories}_1 \quad (27)$$

for (from right to left):

- (i) the category of all topological spaces with continuous functions between them;
- (ii) the full subcategory on those spaces whose topology coincides with the final topology on the set of continuous functions out of a Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , hence whose open subsets coincide with those subsets whose pre-images under all continuous functions  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow X$  are open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (iii) the further full subcategory on those that admit the structure of a CW-cell complex, hence that are homeomorphic to topological spaces which are obtained, starting with the empty space, by gluing on standard  $n$ -disks along their  $(n - 1)$ -sphere boundaries, iteratively for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Remark 2.3** (D-topological is  $\Delta$ -generated).

(i) Since the topological  $n$ -simplex  $\Delta_{\text{top}}^n$  is a retract of the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the condition on  $X \in \text{TopologicalSpaces}$  of being D-topological (Def. 2.2) is equivalent to being  $\Delta$ -generated, in that the open subsets of  $X$  are precisely those whose pre-images under all continuous functions of the form  $\Delta_{\text{top}}^n \rightarrow X$  are open.

(ii) The concept of  $\Delta$ -generated spaces is due to [Sm][Dug03]; and independently due to [SYH10], where they are called *numerically generated*.

(iii) We say *D-topological* to better bring out their conceptual role, in view of Prop. 2.7 below.

**Proposition 2.4** (D-topological spaces are convenient). *The category of DTopologicalSpaces (Def. 2.2) is a convenient category of topological spaces in the sense of [St67] in that it:*

- (i) *contains all CW-complexes (27) [SYH10, Cor. 4.4];*
- (ii) *has all small limits and colimits [SYH10, Prop. 3.4];*
- (iii) *is locally presentable [FR07, Cor. 3.7];*
- (iv) *is Cartesian closed [SYH10, Cor. 4.6]: the mapping space between  $X, Y \in \text{DTopologicalSpaces}$  is the reflection (32) of the internal mapping space  $\mathbf{Maps}$  (56) of DiffeologicalSpaces [SYH10, Prop. 4.7]:*

$$\text{Maps}(X, Y) = \text{Dtpltg}\left(\mathbf{Maps}(\text{Cdfflg}(X), \text{Cdfflg}(Y))\right). \quad (28)$$

**Differential topology.** D-topological spaces lend themselves to differential topology via their joint (co-)reflection (Prop. 2.7) both into all topological spaces and into diffeological spaces (Def. 2.6):

**Definition 2.5** (Cartesian spaces). We write

$$\text{CartesianSpaces} \overset{\cdot}{\text{---}} \text{SmoothManifolds} \in \text{Categories}_1$$

for the category whose objects are the natural numbers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , thought of as representing the Cartesian spaces  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and whose morphisms are the *smooth* functions between these. We regard this category as equipped with the coverage (Grothendieck pre-topology) whose covers are the differentially good open covers (i.e., such that all non-empty finite intersections of patches are *diffeomorphic* to a Cartesian space [FSS12, 6.3.9]).

**Definition 2.6** (Diffeological spaces). (i) The category of *diffeological spaces* ([So80][So84][IZ85], see [BH08][IZ13]) is the full subcategory of sheaves on CartesianSpaces (Def. 2.5)

$$\text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \overset{\cdot}{\text{---}} \text{Sheaves}(\text{CartesianSpaces}) \quad (29)$$

on those  $X \in \text{Sheaves}(\text{CartesianSpaces})$  which are *concrete sheaves* [Du79b] supported on their *underlying set*

$$X_s := \text{Sheaves}(\text{SmthMfd})(*, X)$$

in that the canonical function

$$X(U) \overset{\cdot}{\text{---}} \text{Set}(U_s, X_s)$$

is an injection, for all  $U \in \text{CartesianSpaces}$ , with  $U_s$  denoting their underlying set of  $U$ .

(ii) We call

$$X(U) \underset{\text{Prop. 2.38}}{\simeq} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces}(U, X) \in \text{Set} \quad (30)$$

the set of *U-plots* of the diffeological space  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.7** (Topological/diffeological adjunction). (i) *There is an adjunction [SYH10, Prop. 3.1]*

$$\text{TopologicalSpaces} \overset{0}{\text{---}} \overset{\text{Dtpltg}}{\text{---}} \underset{\text{Cdfflg}}{\perp} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \quad (31)$$

*between the categories of topological spaces (Def. 2.2) and of diffeological spaces (Def. 2.6), where*

- *the right adjoint Cdfflg sends a topological space to the same underlying set equipped with the **topological diffeology** whose plots (30) are precisely the continuous functions;*

- the left adjoint  $\text{Dtplg}$  sends a diffeological space to the same underlying set equipped with the **diffeological topology** (“ $D$ -topology” [IZ13, 2.38][CSW13]), which is the final topology with respect to all plots (30), hence such that a subset is open precisely if its pre-image under all plots is open.

(ii) The fixed points  $X \in \text{TopologicalSpaces}$  of this adjunction are the  $D$ -topological spaces (Remark 2.3)

$$X \text{ is } D\text{-topological} \Leftrightarrow \text{Dtplg}(\text{Cdfflg}(X)) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{e_X} X .$$

(iii) The adjunction is idempotent [SYH10, Lemma 3.3], hence factors through the category of  $D$ -topological spaces, exhibiting them as a co-reflective subcategory of  $\text{TopologicalSpaces}$  and a reflective subcategory of  $\text{DiffeologicalSpaces}$ :

$$\text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow[\text{Cdfflg}]{\perp} \text{DTopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow[\text{DiffeologicalSpaces}]{\perp} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} . \quad (32)$$

The following Prop. 2.8 is due to [Har13, Thm. 3.3].

**Proposition 2.8** (Model structure on  $D$ -topological spaces).

(i) The standard cell inclusions define a cofibrantly generated model category structure on  $\text{DTopologicalSpaces}$  (Def. 2.2).

(ii) With respect to this model structure and the standard model structure on  $\text{TopologicalSpaces}$ , the co-reflection (32) becomes a Quillen equivalence:

$$\text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow[\text{Cdfflg}]{\simeq_{\text{Quillen}}} \text{DTopologicalSpaces} .$$

## Differential geometry.

**Definition 2.9** (Smooth Manifolds). We write

$$\text{SmoothManifolds} \in \text{Categories} \quad (33)$$

for the category of finite-dimensional paracompact smooth manifolds with smooth functions between them. We regard this as a site with the Grothendieck topology of open covers.

**Proposition 2.10** (Cartesian spaces are dense in the site of manifolds). With respect to the coverages in Def. 2.9 and Def. 2.5, the inclusion  $\text{CartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{i} \text{SmoothManifolds}$  is a dense sub-site, in that it induces an equivalence of categories of sheaves

$$\text{Sheaves}(\text{CartesianSpaces}) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{i^*} \text{Sheaves}(\text{SmoothManifolds}) .$$

**Proposition 2.11** (Smooth manifolds inside diffeological spaces). Every  $X \in \text{SmoothManifolds}$  (33) becomes a diffeological space (Def. 2.6) on its underlying set by taking its plots (30) of shape  $U \in \text{CartesianSpaces}$  to be the ordinary smooth functions:  $X(U) := \text{SmoothManifolds}(U, X)$ .

More generally, every possibly infinite-dimensional Fréchet manifold (e.g. [KS17, 2.2]) becomes a diffeological space this way. Moreover, this constitutes fully faithful embeddings (Def. 2.1) into the category of diffeological spaces [Lo94, Thm. 3.1.1]:

$$\text{SmoothManifolds} \xrightarrow[\text{finite-dimensional}]{\cdot} \text{FréchetSmoothManifolds} \xrightarrow[\text{possibly infinite-dimensional}]{\cdot} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} . \quad (34)$$

## Homotopy theory.

**Definition 2.12** ( $\infty$ -Groupoids). (i) We write

$$\text{Groupoids}_\infty \in \text{Categories}_\infty \quad (35)$$

for the  $\infty$ -category which is presented by the topologically enriched category whose objects are the CW-complexes (27) and whose hom-spaces are the mapping spaces (28).

(ii) The full sub- $\infty$ -category (Def. 2.1) on the homotopy  $n$ -types is that of  $n$ -groupoids

$$\text{Groupoids}_n \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{Groupoids}_\infty .$$

**Definition 2.13** (Topological shape). (i) We write

$$\text{Shp}_{\text{Top}} : \text{CWComplexes} \longrightarrow \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}$$

for the  $\infty$ -functor from the 1-category of CW-complexes (27) to the  $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -groupoids (Def. 2.12) which, as a topologically enriched functor, is the identity on objects, and is on hom-spaces the continuous map given by the identity function from the discrete set of continuous maps to the mapping space (28).

(ii) For any choice of CW-approximation functor

$$\text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{(-)^{\text{cof}}} \text{CWComplexes}$$

we get the corresponding functor on all topological spaces (Def. 2.2), hence on D-topological spaces (Def. 2.2) which we denote by the same symbol:

$$\text{Shp}_{\text{Top}} : \text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{(-)^{\text{cof}}} \text{CWComplexes} \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}_{\text{Top}}} \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}. \quad (36)$$

**Example 2.14** (Delooping groupoids). For  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$ , consider the groupoid with a single object  $*$ , and with  $G$  as its set of morphisms, whose composition is given by the product in the group:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbb{5}_* & \\ g_1 \swarrow & & \searrow g_2 \\ * & \xrightarrow{g_2 \cdot g_1} & * \end{array} \quad (37)$$

This groupoid is the topological shape (36) of the Eilenberg-MacLane space  $K(G, 1)$  as well as (since  $G$  is assumed to be finite) the classifying space  $BG$ . More intrinsically, this groupoid is, equivalently, the homotopy quotient of the point by the trivial  $G$ -action:  $* // G \in \text{Groupoids}_1 \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}$ .

More generally:

**Example 2.15** (Action groupoids). For  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  a finite group and for  $X \in \text{Set}$  a set equipped with a  $G$ -action

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times X & \xrightarrow{r} & X \\ (g, x) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & g \cdot x \end{array} \quad (38)$$

the corresponding *action groupoid* has as objects the elements of  $X$  and its morphisms and their composition are given as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbb{5}_1 \cdot x & \\ g_1 \swarrow & & \searrow g_2 \\ x & \xrightarrow{g_2 \cdot g_1} & g_2 \cdot g_1 \cdot x \end{array} \quad (39)$$

This action groupoid is a model for the homotopy quotient of  $X$  by its  $G$ -action

$$X // G \in \text{Groupoids}_1 \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}.$$

The following elementary example plays a pivotal role in later constructions (Lemma 4.7):

**Example 2.16** (Hom-groupoid into action groupoid). Let  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$ ,  $X \in \text{Set}$  equipped with a  $G$ -action (38), hence with action groupoid/homotopy quotient  $X // G \in \text{Groupoids}_1$  (Example 2.15). Let  $K \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  be any finite group, with  $* // K \in \text{Groupoids}_1$  its delooping groupoid (Example 2.14). Then the hom-groupoid (functor groupoid) of morphisms (functors)  $* // K \rightarrow X // G$  is, equivalently, the action groupoid of  $G$  acting on the set of pairs consisting of a group homomorphism  $f : K \rightarrow G$  and a point in  $X$  fixed by the image of  $f$ :

$$\text{Groupoids}_1(* // K, X // G) \simeq \left( \bigsqcup_{f \in \text{Groups}(K, G)} X^{f(K)} \right) // G. \quad (40)$$

Here

- $f(K) \subset G$  denotes the subgroup of  $G$  which is image of the group homomorphism  $f : K \rightarrow G$ ;
- $X^{f(K)} = \left\{ x \in X \mid \forall_{h \in f(K)} h \cdot x = x \right\}$  denotes the  $f(K)$ -fixed-point set in  $X$ ;
- the  $G$ -action by which the homotopy quotient is taken is the conjugation action on  $f$ , hence  $g \cdot f := \text{Ad}_g \circ f$ , and the given  $G$ -action on  $x \in X$ .

This follows by direct unwinding of the definition of functors and of natural transformations between the groupoids (37) and (39).

**Definition 2.17** (Simplicial-topological shape). Let

$$X_{\bullet} : \Delta^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{TopologicalSpaces} \quad (41)$$

be a simplicial topological space, for instance the nerve of a topological groupoid. Then we say that its *simplicial-topological shape* is the homotopy colimit (Prop. 2.36) of its degreewise topological shape (Def. 36):

$$\text{Shp}_{\text{sTop}}(X_{\bullet}) := \varinjlim (\text{Shp}_{\text{Top}}(X))_{\bullet} \in \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}. \quad (42)$$

The following Prop. 2.18 appears as [Wa18, 4.3., 4.4]:

**Proposition 2.18** (Simplicial-topological shape of degreewise cofibrant spaces is fat geometric realization). *If  $X_{\bullet}$  is a simplicial topological space (41) which degreewise admits the structure of a retract of a cell complex (for instance: degreewise a CW-complex (27)), then its simplicial topological shape (2.17) is equivalent to its fat geometric realization  $\|-\|$  [Se74] (see [HG07, 2.3]):*

$$\underbrace{X_{\bullet} \in (\text{TopologicalSpaces}_{\text{cof}})^{\Delta^{\text{op}}}}_{\substack{\text{degreewise cofibrant} \\ \text{simplicial topological spaces}}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underbrace{\text{Shp}_{\text{sTop}}(X_{\bullet})}_{\substack{\text{simplicial} \\ \text{topological shape}}} \simeq \underbrace{\|X_{\bullet}\|}_{\substack{\text{fat geometric} \\ \text{realization}}}.$$

**Definition 2.19** (Diffeological simplices). (i) We write

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\text{smth}}^{\bullet}} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \\ [n] \xrightarrow{\quad} \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \sum_i x^i = 1 \right\}$$

for the *diffeological extended simplices*, hence for the simplicial object in diffeological spaces (Def. 2.6) (in fact in smooth manifolds, under Prop. 2.11) which in degree  $n$  is the extended  $n$ -simplex in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , regarded with its sub-diffeology, and whose face and degeneracy maps are the standard ones (see [CW14, Def. 4.3][BEBP19, p. 1]).

(ii) The induced nerve/realization construction is a pair of adjoint functors (Def. 2.24)

$$\text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{Sing}_{\text{diff}}]{\text{O} \xrightarrow{|\cdot|_{\text{diff}}}} \text{SimplicialSets} \quad (43)$$

between the categories of simplicial sets and of diffeological spaces (Def. 2.6), where the right adjoint  $\text{Sing}_{\text{diff}}$  sends  $X \in \text{DiffeologicalSpaces}$  to its *smooth singular simplicial set*

$$\text{Sing}_{\text{diff}}(X)_{\bullet} := \text{DiffeologicalSpaces}(\Delta_{\text{diff}}^{\bullet}, X).$$

The following Prop. 2.20 is due to [CW14, Prop. 4.14]:

**Proposition 2.20** (Diffeological singular simplicial set of continuous Diffeology). *For all  $X_{\text{top}} \in \text{TopologicalSpaces}$  there is a weak homotopy equivalence between the diffeological singular simplicial set (Def. 2.19) of its continuous diffeology (Def. 2.7) and its ordinary singular simplicial set:*

$$\text{Sing}(X_{\text{top}}) \simeq_{\text{whe}} \text{Sing}_{\text{diff}}(\text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}})).$$

*Equivalently this means, in the terminology to be introduced in a moment, that the topological shape (36) of topological spaces is equivalent to the cohesive shape (Def. 3.1) of their incarnation as continuous-diffeological spaces (see Example 3.18 below):*

$$\text{Shp}_{\text{Top}}(X_{\text{top}}) \simeq \text{Shp}(\text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}})) \in \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}.$$

**Universal constructions.** All diagrams we consider now are homotopy-coherent, even if we do not notationally indicate the higher cells, unless some are to be highlighted. Similarly, all universal constructions we consider now are  $\infty$ -categorical, even if this is not further pronounced by the terminology. In particular, we say “colimit”  $\varinjlim$  for “homotopy colimit”, “limit”  $\varprojlim$  for “homotopy limit” (see Prop. 2.36), “Cartesian square” for “homotopy Cartesian square”, etc.:



**Notation 2.21** (Cartesian squares). We say a square in an  $\infty$ -category is *Cartesian*, to be denoted

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times_B Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \\ f^*g \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array} \quad (44)$$

if it is an limit cone over the diagram consisting of  $f$  and  $g$ . We also say this is the *pullback square* of  $g$  along  $f$ .

**Example 2.22** (Pullback of equivalence is equivalence). Let  $\mathcal{C} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$ . Then a square in  $\mathcal{C}$  whose right vertical morphism is an equivalence is Cartesian (Notation 2.21) precisely if the left vertical morphism is also an equivalence:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D \end{array} \simeq \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} A \\ \downarrow \\ C \end{array} \simeq \quad (45)$$

hence precisely if  $C \xrightarrow{\quad} D$  is equivalent to  $A \xrightarrow{\quad} B$  in  $\mathcal{C}^{\Delta^1}$ .

**Proposition 2.23** (Pasting law [Lu09a, Lemma 4.4.2.1]). *In any  $\infty$ -category, consider a diagram of the form*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow \\ D & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F \end{array}$$

*such that the right square is Cartesian (Notation 2.21). Then the left square is Cartesian if and only if the total rectangle is Cartesian.*

**Definition 2.24** (Adjoint  $\infty$ -functors [Lu09a, 5.2.2.7, 5.2.2.8][RV13, 4.4.4]). Let  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  (24) and  $L : \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{D} : R$  two functors between them, back and forth. This is an *adjoint pair* with  $L$  *left adjoint* and  $R$  *right adjoint*, to be denoted  $(L \dashv R)$ :

$$\mathcal{D} \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \xrightarrow{L} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{R} \end{array} \mathcal{C} \quad (46)$$

if there is a natural equivalence of hom- $\infty$ -groupoids (25) of the form

$$\mathcal{D}(L(-), -) \simeq \mathcal{C}(-, R(-)) \quad (47)$$

(This is unique when it exists [Lu09a, Prop. 5.2.1.3, 5.2.6.2]). In this case, one says:

(i) The *adjunction unit* is the natural transformation

$$X \xrightarrow{h_X} R \circ L(X) \quad (48)$$

which is the (pre-)image under (47) of the identity on  $R(X)$ .

(ii) The *adjunction co-unit* is the natural transformation

$$L \circ R(X) \xrightarrow{e_X} X \quad (49)$$

which is the image under (47) of the identity on  $L(X)$ .

As in the classical situation of 1-category theory, it follows that:

**Proposition 2.25** (Triangle identities). *Let  $\mathcal{D} \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \xrightarrow{L} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{R} \end{array} \mathcal{C}$  be a pair of adjoint  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24). Then their adjunction unit  $h$  (48) and counit  $e$  (49) satisfy the following natural equivalences:*

(i) for all  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

$$L(c) \begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{L(h_c)} & L \circ R \circ L(c) \\ & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \xrightarrow{e_{L(c)}} \\ & & L(c) \end{array}$$

(ii) for all  $d \in \mathcal{D}$ ,

$$R(d) \begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{h_{R(d)}} & R \circ L \circ R(d) \\ & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \xrightarrow{R(e_d)} \\ & & R(d) \end{array}$$

**Proposition 2.26** (Right/left adjoints preserve limits/colimits [Lu09a, 5.2.3.5]). Let  $\mathcal{D} \underset{-R-}{\overset{O-L-}{\dashv}} \mathcal{C}$  be a pair of adjoint  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24) and let  $\mathcal{I} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$ .

(i) If  $X_\bullet : \mathcal{I} \dashv \mathcal{D}$  is a diagram whose limit exists, then this limit is preserved by the right adjoint  $R$ :

$$R(\lim_{\leftarrow} X_\bullet) \simeq \lim_{\leftarrow} RX_\bullet. \quad (50)$$

(ii) If  $X_\bullet : \mathcal{I} \dashv \mathcal{C}$  is a diagram whose colimit exists, then this colimit is preserved by the left adjoint  $L$ :

$$L(\lim_{\rightarrow} X_\bullet) \simeq \lim_{\rightarrow} LX_\bullet. \quad (51)$$

Conversely:

**Proposition 2.27** (Adjoint  $\infty$ -functor theorem [Lu09a, 5.5.2.9]). Let  $\mathcal{C}_{1,2} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  be presentable (e.g.  $\infty$ -toposes, Def. 2.30), then an  $\infty$ -functor  $\mathcal{C}_1 \dashv \mathcal{C}_2$  is a:

(i) right adjoint (i.e., has a left adjoint, Def. 2.24) precisely if it preserves limits (50);

(ii) left adjoint (i.e., has a right adjoint, Def. 2.24) precisely if it preserves colimits (51).

**Proposition 2.28** (Fully faithful adjoints [Lu09a, 5.2.7.4]). For adjoint  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24)  $\mathcal{D} \underset{-R-}{\overset{O-L-}{\dashv}} \mathcal{C}$ ,

(i)  $L$  is fully faithful  $\mathcal{D} \overset{O-L-}{\dashv} \mathcal{C}$  (Def. 2.1) iff the adjunction unit  $h$  (48) is an equivalence:  $\text{id} \underset{\simeq}{\overset{h}{\dashv}} R \circ L$ ;

(ii)  $R$  is fully faithful  $\mathcal{D} \overset{O-L-}{\dashv} \mathcal{C}$  (Def. 2.1) iff the adjunction counit  $e$  (49) is an equivalence  $L \circ R \underset{\simeq}{\overset{e}{\dashv}} \text{id}$ .

**Proposition 2.29** (Idempotent Monads and Comonads). For  $\mathcal{D} \underset{-R-}{\overset{O-L-}{\dashv}} \mathcal{C}$  a pair of adjoint  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24):

(i) If  $R$  is fully faithful (Def. 2.1) then  $\circ := R \circ L$  is idempotent, exhibited by the  $\circ$ -image of the adjunction unit  $h$  (48):

$$\circ(c) \underset{\simeq}{\overset{\circ(h_{L(c)})}{\dashv}} \circ \circ(c). \quad (52)$$

(ii) If  $L$  is fully faithful (Def. 2.1) then  $\circ := L \circ R$  is idempotent, exhibited by the  $\circ$ -image of the adjunction counit  $e$  (49):

$$\circ(d) \underset{\simeq}{\overset{\circ(e_{R(d)})}{\dashv}} \circ(d). \quad (53)$$

*Proof.* Consider case (i), the other case is formally dual. Since  $R$  is fully faithful, by assumption, the condition that  $\#(h_{L(c)}) := R \circ L(h_{L(c)})$  is an equivalence is equivalent to  $L(h_{L(c)})$  being an equivalence. But, by the triangle identity (Prop. 2.25), we have that the composite  $e_{L(L(c))} \circ L(h_{L(c)})$  is an equivalence, while by Prop. 2.28 the counit  $e$  is a natural equivalence. By cancellation, this implies that  $L(h_{L(c)})$  is an equivalence.  $\square$

**$\infty$ -Toposes.** For our purposes, we take the following characterization to be the definition of  $\infty$ -toposes. This is due to Rezk and Lurie [Lu09a, 6.1.6.8]; we follow the presentation in [NSS12a, Prop. 2.2]:

**Definition 2.30** ( $\infty$ -Topos). An  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  is a presentable  $\infty$ -category with the following properties:

(i) **Universal colimits.** For all morphisms  $f : X \rightarrow B$  and all small diagrams  $A : I \rightarrow \mathbf{H}/_B$ , there is an equivalence:

$$\lim_{\rightarrow} f^* A_i \simeq f^* (\lim_{\rightarrow} A_i) \quad (54)$$

between the pullback (44) of the colimit and the colimit over the pullbacks of its components.

(ii) **Univalent universes.** For every sufficiently large regular cardinal  $k$ , there exists a morphism  $\widehat{\text{Objects}}_k \rightarrow \text{Objects}_k$  in  $\mathbf{H}$ , such that for every object  $X \in \mathbf{H}$ , pullback (44) along morphisms  $X \rightarrow \text{Objects}_k$  constitutes an equivalence

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Core}(\mathbf{H}/_{kX}) & \simeq & \mathbf{H}(X, \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k) \\ E & \mapsto & \vdash E \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{\vdash E} & \text{Objects}_k \end{array} \quad (55)$$

between the  $\infty$ -groupoid core (24) of bundles (Notation 2.45) which are  $k$ -small over  $X$ , and the hom- $\infty$ -groupoid (25) of morphisms from  $X$  to the *object classifier*  $\text{Objects}_k$ .

**Example 2.31** (Internal mapping space in an  $\infty$ -topos). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  an object. As a special case of universality of colimits (54), we have that the functor  $X \times (-)$  of Cartesian product with  $X$  preserves all colimits. Hence, by the adjoint  $\infty$ -functor theorem (Prop. 2.27), this functor has a right adjoint, to be denoted  $\mathbf{Maps}(X, -)$ , the *internal hom-* or *internal mapping space-* or *mapping stack-*functor:

$$\mathbf{H} \frac{0 \quad X \times (-)}{\perp} / \mathbf{H} . \quad (56)$$

$\mathbf{Maps}(X, -)$   
internal mapping space

By adjointness, the probes of the internal mapping space over any  $U \in \mathbf{H}$  are given by

$$\mathbf{H}(U, \mathbf{Maps}(X, Y)) \simeq \mathbf{H}(U \times X, Y). \quad (57)$$

**Proposition 2.32** (Colimits and equifibered transformations [Lu09a, 6.1.3.9(4)][Re10, 6.5]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30),  $\mathcal{I}$  a small  $\infty$ -category,  $X_\bullet, Y_\bullet : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  two  $\mathcal{I}$ -shaped diagrams.*

(i) *If  $X_\bullet \xrightarrow{f_\bullet} Y_\bullet$  is a natural transformation which is equifibered [Re10, p. 9], in that its value on all morphisms  $i_1 \xrightarrow{f} i_2$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  is a Cartesian square (Notation 2.21), then the value of  $\varinjlim f_\bullet$  on all colimit component morphisms is also Cartesian:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \forall_{i_1 \xrightarrow{f} i_2} & \begin{array}{ccc} X_{i_1} & \xrightarrow{f_{i_1}} & Y_{i_1} \\ X_f \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow Y_f \\ X_{i_2} & \xrightarrow{f_{i_2}} & Y_{i_2} \end{array} & \Rightarrow & \forall_i & \begin{array}{ccc} X_i & \xrightarrow{f_i} & Y_{i_1} \\ q_{X_i} \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow q_{Y_i} \\ \varinjlim X_\bullet & \xrightarrow{\varinjlim f_\bullet} & \varinjlim Y_\bullet \end{array} \end{array} \quad (58)$$

(ii) *Let  $X_\bullet : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  be a cocone under  $X_\bullet$ , with tip  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{H}$ , and let  $Y_\bullet : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  denote the colimiting cocone under  $Y_\bullet$  with tip  $\varinjlim Y_\bullet$ . If  $X_\bullet \xrightarrow{f_\bullet} Y_\bullet$  is a natural transformation of cocone diagrams which is equifibered, then  $X_\bullet$  is a colimiting cocone:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \forall_{i_1 \xrightarrow{f} i_2} & \begin{array}{ccc} X_{i_1} & \xrightarrow{f_{i_1}} & Y_{i_1} \\ X_f \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow Y_f \\ X_{i_2} & \xrightarrow{f_{i_2}} & Y_{i_2} \end{array} & \text{and} & \forall_i & \begin{array}{ccc} X_i & \xrightarrow{f_i} & Y_{i_1} \\ q_{X_i} \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow q_{Y_i} \\ \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\varinjlim f_\bullet} & \varinjlim Y_\bullet \end{array} & \Rightarrow & \mathcal{X} \simeq \varinjlim X_\bullet. \end{array} \quad (59)$$

**Example 2.33** (Initial object in  $\infty$ -topos is empty object [Re19, p. 16]). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). Applying the implication (59) in Prop. 2.32 to the colimit over the empty diagram, which is the initial object, shows that any object with a morphism to the initial object is itself equivalent to the initial object. Hence if we write

$$\emptyset \in \mathbf{H} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \forall_{X \in \mathbf{H}} (\mathbf{H}(\emptyset, X) \simeq *) \quad (60)$$

for the initial object, this means that

$$X \xrightarrow{\exists} \emptyset \quad \Rightarrow \quad X \simeq \emptyset. \quad (61)$$

**Proposition 2.34** (Tensoring of  $\infty$ -toposes over  $\infty$ -groupoids). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) with inverse base geometric morphism (Prop. 2.43) denoted  $\Delta : \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$ . Then, for  $S \in \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty$  and  $X, Y \in \mathbf{H}$ , there is a natural equivalence of  $\infty$ -groupoids*

$$\mathbf{H}(\Delta(S) \times X, Y) \simeq \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty(S, \mathbf{H}(X, Y)). \quad (62)$$

*Proof.* By [Lu09a, Cor. 4.4.4.9] we have, for  $S \in \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Categories}_\infty$  and  $X, Y \in \mathbf{H}$ , natural equivalences

$$\varinjlim_S \text{const}_* \simeq S \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{H}\left(\varinjlim_S \text{const}_X, Y\right) \simeq \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty(S, \mathbf{H}(X, Y)). \quad (63)$$

This implies the statement in the form (62) by using (a) that  $\Delta$  preserves all colimits as well as finite limits (Prop. 2.43) and (b) that Cartesian products may be taken inside colimits, as a special case of (54):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}(\Delta(S) \times X, Y) &\simeq \mathbf{H}\left(\Delta\left(\varinjlim_S *\right) \times X, Y\right) \simeq \mathbf{H}\left(\underbrace{\left(\varinjlim_S \Delta(*)\right)}_{\simeq *}, X, Y\right) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}\left(\underbrace{\left(\varinjlim_S (* \times X)\right)}_{\simeq X}, Y\right) \simeq \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty(S, \mathbf{H}(X, Y)). \end{aligned}$$

The composite equivalence is (62). □

## Sheaves.

**Notation 2.35** ( $\infty$ -Presheaves). For  $\mathcal{C}$  a small  $\infty$ -category, we write

$$\text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}) := \text{Functors}_\infty(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Groupoids}_\infty) \quad (64)$$

for the  $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -presheaves on  $\mathcal{C}$ . More generally, if  $\mathbf{H}$  is any  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) we also write

$$\text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{H}) := \text{Functors}_\infty(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{H}). \quad (65)$$

**Proposition 2.36** (Limits and colimits in an  $\infty$ -topos [Lu09a, Lem. 4.2.4.3]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $\mathcal{C}$  a small  $\infty$ -category. Then the  $\infty$ -functor which sends an object in  $\mathbf{H}$  to the  $\mathbf{H}$ -valued presheaf (65) constant on this object has a right- and a left-adjoint (Def. 2.24), given by the limit and colimit construction, respectively:*

$$\text{Functors}_\infty(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{H}) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad \text{lim} \quad} \\ \text{O} \text{---} \text{const} \text{---} \text{H} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad \text{lim} \quad} \end{array} \quad (66)$$

**Proposition 2.37** ( $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding [Lu09a, Lemma 5.5.2.1]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -category. Then the  $\infty$ -functor from  $\mathcal{C}$  to its  $\infty$ -presheaves (64) which assigns representable presheaves*

$$\mathcal{C} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad y \quad} \\ c \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}) \quad (67)$$

*is fully faithful (Def. 2.1).*

**Proposition 2.38** ( $\infty$ -Yoneda lemma [Lu09a, Lemma 5.5.2.1]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -category. Then for  $X \in \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C})$  (64) and  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ , there is a natural equivalence*

$$\text{PreSheaves}_\infty(y(c), X) \simeq X(c),$$

*where  $y$  is the Yoneda embedding (67) from Prop. 2.37.*

**Proposition 2.39** ((Co-)Limits of presheaves are computed objectwise [Lu09a, Cor. 5.1.2.3]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos, let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be small  $\infty$ -categories, and let*

$$I : \mathcal{D} \text{---} \text{---} \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{H})$$

*be a diagram of  $\mathbf{H}$ -valued  $\infty$ -presheaves over  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then the limit and colimit over  $I$  exist and are given objectwise over  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  by the limit and colimit of the components in  $\text{Groupoids}_\infty$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} (\varinjlim I) : c &\longmapsto (\varinjlim I_c), \\ (\varprojlim I) : c &\longmapsto (\varprojlim I_c). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.40** (Colimit of representable functor is contractible). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a small  $\infty$ -category, and consider an  $\infty$ -functor  $y\mathcal{C} : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  to the  $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -groupoids (35), which is representable, hence which is in the essential image of the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (67). Then the colimit of this functor is contractible:*

$$\varinjlim_{\mathcal{C}} (y\mathcal{C}) \simeq * . \quad (68)$$

*Proof.* The terminal  $* \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  is characterized by the fact that for  $S \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  there is a natural equivalence

$$S \simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty(*, S).$$

Hence it is sufficient to see that  $\varinjlim (y\mathcal{C})$  satisfies the same property. But we have the following sequence of natural equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Groupoids}_\infty\left(\varinjlim (y\mathcal{C}), S\right) &\simeq \text{Functors}_\infty(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})(y\mathcal{C}, \text{const}) \\ &\simeq (\text{const } S)(\mathcal{C}) \simeq S. \end{aligned}$$

Here the first step is the adjunction (66), while the second step is the  $\infty$ -Yoneda lemma (Prop. 2.38).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.41** (Topos is accessibly lex reflective in presheaves over site [Lu09a, 6.1.0.6]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30).*

(i) *Then there exists an  $\infty$ -site for  $\mathbf{H}$ , namely a small  $\mathcal{C} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  equipped with a pair of adjoint  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24) between  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C})$  (Notation 2.35):*

$$\mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\overset{0}{\text{---}} \xrightarrow{L} \text{---}}{\perp} \Big/ \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}) \quad (69)$$

such that (a) *the right adjoint is accessible and fully faithful (Def. 2.1) and (b) the left adjoint preserves finite limits (in addition to preserving all colimits, by Prop. 2.26).*

(ii) *Conversely, any such accessibly embedded lex reflective sub- $\infty$ -category of an  $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -presheaves is an  $\infty$ -topos.*

**Definition 2.42** (Sheaf  $\infty$ -topos [Lu09a, 6.2]). An  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 2.30) is called an  $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -sheaves or of  $\infty$ -stacks, or just a *sheaf topos* for short, to be denoted

$$\mathbf{H} \simeq \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}) \quad (70)$$

if there exists a *site*  $\mathcal{C}$ , namely a small  $\mathcal{C} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  with a reflection ( $L\text{const} \dashv \Gamma$ ) (69) as in Prop. 2.41, such that  $L\text{const}$  exhibits localization at a set

$$\left\{ U \xrightarrow{\cdot} / y(c) \right\}_{\substack{\text{covering sieves} \\ c \in \mathcal{C}}} \subset \bigsqcup_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \text{SubObjects}(y(c))$$

of monomorphisms (Def. 2.59) into representable presheaves (67).

**Proposition 2.43** (Base geometric morphism [Lu09a, 6.3.4.1]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). There is an essentially unique pair of adjoint  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24) between  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\text{Groupoids}_\infty$  (Def. 2.12)*

$$\mathbf{H} \frac{\overset{0}{\text{---}} \xrightarrow{L\text{const}} \text{---}}{\perp} \Big/ \text{Groupoids}_\infty \quad (71)$$

such that the left adjoint  $L\text{const}$  preserves finite limits (in addition to preserving all colimits, by Prop. 2.26).

**Example 2.44** (Base geometric morphism via site). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $\mathcal{C}$  a site (Prop. 2.41). Then the composite of pairs of adjoint  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24)

$$\mathbf{H} \frac{\overset{0}{\text{---}} \xrightarrow{L} \text{---}}{\perp} \Big/ \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{\overset{0}{\text{---}} \xrightarrow{\text{const}} \text{---}} \frac{\overset{0}{\text{---}} \xrightarrow{\perp} \text{---}}{\lim} \Big/ \text{Groupoids}_\infty \quad (72)$$

of (a) the reflection into presheaves over the site (Prop. 2.41) with (b) the limit-construction on presheaves (Prop. 2.36) is such that the composite left adjoint  $L\text{const}$  preserves finite limits (since  $L$  does by Prop. 2.41 and  $\text{const}$  does by Prop. 2.26 with Prop. 2.36). Hence, by the essential uniqueness of Prop. 2.43, the composite (72) is a factorization of the base geometric morphism of  $\mathbf{H}$ .

## Bundles.

**Notation 2.45** (Bundles and slicing.). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  an object. We write:

(i)  $(X, p) \in \mathbf{H}/_X$  for objects in the slice  $\infty$ -category of  $\mathbf{H}$  over  $X$ , corresponding to morphisms  $p$  to  $X$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  (*bundles* over  $X$ ):

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ |p \\ X \end{array}$$

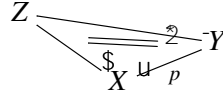
(ii)  $(f, \mathfrak{a}) \in \mathbf{H}/_X((E_1, p_1), (E_2, p_2))$  for morphisms in the slice  $\infty$ -category, corresponding to diagrams in  $\mathbf{H}$  of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & E_2 \\ & \searrow p_1 & \swarrow p_2 \\ & X & \end{array} \quad (73)$$

**Proposition 2.46** (Slice  $\infty$ -topos [Lu09a, Prop. 6.3.5.1 (1)]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  an object. Then the slice  $\infty$ -category  $\mathbf{H}/X$  (Notation 2.45) is also an  $\infty$ -topos.*

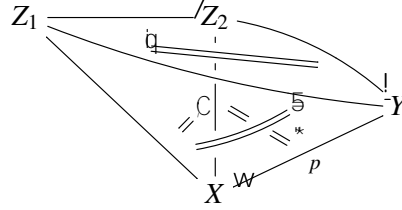
**Example 2.47** (Iterated slice  $\infty$ -topos). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30),  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  and  $(Y, p) \in \mathbf{H}/X$  an object in the slice, hence (Notation 2.45) a morphism  $Y \xrightarrow{p} X$ . Then  $\mathbf{H}/X$  is itself an  $\infty$ -topos, by Prop. 2.46, and we may slice again to obtain the iterated slice  $\infty$ -topos  $(\mathbf{H}/X)_{/(Y,p)} \in \mathbf{Categories}_\infty$ .

(i) an object in (74) is a diagram in  $\mathbf{H}$  of this form:



(ii) a morphism in (74) is a diagram in  $\mathbf{H}$  of this form:

(This is furthermore filled by a 3-morphism, which we notationally suppress, for readability.)



**Proposition 2.48** (Hom- $\infty$ -groupoids in slices [Lu09a, Prop. 5.5.5.12]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $B \in \mathbf{H}$  an object. Then for  $(X_1, p_1), (X_2, p_2) \in \mathbf{H}/B$  two objects in the slice over  $B$  (Prop. 2.46) the hom- $\infty$ -groupoid between them is given by the following homotopy fiber-product of hom- $\infty$ -groupoids of  $\mathbf{H}$ :*

$$\mathbf{H}/B((X_1, p_1), (X_2, p_2)) \simeq \{p_1\} \times_{\mathbf{H}(X_1, B)} \mathbf{H}(X_1, X_2) \quad (75)$$

hence by the  $\infty$ -groupoid given by the following Cartesian square (Notation 2.21):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{H}/B((X_1, p_1), (X_2, p_2)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{H}(X_1, X_2) \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow p_2 \circ (-) \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad \vdash p_1 \quad} & \mathbf{H}(X_1, B) \end{array}$$

**Proposition 2.49** (Base change [Lu09a, HTT 6.3.5]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). Then for every morphism  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  there is an induced base change adjoint triple (Def. 2.24) between the corresponding slice  $\infty$ -toposes (Prop. 2.46):*

$$\mathbf{H}/X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f_!} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{f^*} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{f_*} \end{array} \mathbf{H}/Y \quad (76)$$

where, in  $\mathbf{H}$ ,  $f_!$  is given by postcomposition with  $f$  while  $f^*$  is given by pullback along  $f$ .

**Example 2.50** (Bundle morphisms covering base morphisms). For  $\mathbf{H}$  an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30), the system of all its slice  $\infty$ -toposes (Prop. 2.46)

$$\mathbf{H}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{H}/(-)} \mathbf{Categories}_\infty \quad (77)$$

$$X \mapsto \mathbf{H}/X$$

related via contravariant base change (76) arranges into the “arrow  $\infty$ -topos” [Lu09a, 2.4.7.12]

$$\text{Bundles}(\mathbf{H}) := \int_X \mathbf{H}/X \simeq \mathbf{H}^{\Delta[1]}, \quad (78)$$

which, in view of Notation 2.45, may be thought of as the  $\infty$ -category of bundles in  $\mathbf{H}$ , but now with bundle morphisms allowed to cover non-trivial base morphisms.

**Example 2.51** (Spectral bundles and tangent  $\infty$ -topos). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). Instead of the system (79) of its plain slices, consider the corresponding system of *stabilized* slices (stabilized under the suspension/looping adjunction on pointed objects, e.g. [Lu07, 1.4]):

$$\mathbf{H}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Stab}(\mathbf{H}/(-))} \mathbf{Categories}_\infty \quad (79)$$

The resulting total  $\infty$ -category

$$X \longmapsto \text{Stab}(\mathbf{H}/X) \\ \text{SpectralBundles}(\mathbf{H}) := \int_X \text{Stab}(\mathbf{H}/X), \quad (80)$$

is that of *bundles of spectra* in  $\mathbf{H}$  (parametrized spectrum objects). Remarkably, this is itself an  $\infty$ -topos [Joy08a, 35.5][Lu17, 6.1.1.11], also called the *tangent  $\infty$ -topos*  $T\mathbf{H}$  of  $\mathbf{H}$  (e.g. [Lu07][BM19]).

**Example 2.52** (Base change along terminal morphism). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  any object. With  $\mathbf{H} \simeq \mathbf{H}/_*$  regarded as its own slice (Prop. 2.46) over the terminal object, base change (Prop. 2.49) along the terminal morphism  $X \rightarrow *$  is of the form

$$\mathbf{H}/X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} \\ \text{O} \xrightarrow{X \times (-)} \mathbf{H} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} \quad (81)$$

where **(a)** the top functor sends a morphism  $Y \rightarrow X$  to its domain object  $Y$ , and **(b)** the middle functor is Cartesian product with  $X$ . In particular, it follows that:

**(i)** The base geometric morphism (Prop. 2.24) of the slice  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}/X$  (Prop. 2.46) is given by

$$(\Delta \dashv \Gamma) \simeq ((X \rightarrow *)^* \dashv (X \rightarrow *)_*) \quad (82)$$

(since  $(X \rightarrow *)^*$  is a left adjoint that also preserves finite limits, as it is also a right adjoint, Prop. 2.26).

**(ii)** The forgetful functor  $\text{dom} : \mathbf{H}/X \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  is a left adjoint  $(X \rightarrow *)_!$  and hence preserves all colimits (Prop. 2.26).

While  $\text{dom}$  (81) does not preserve all limits, it does preserve fiber products:

**Proposition 2.53** (Fiber products in slice  $\infty$ -toposes). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30),  $B \in \mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}/_B$  the slice  $\infty$ -topos (Prop. 2.46) and  $\mathbf{H}/_B \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} \mathbf{X}$  its forgetful functor (81) from Example 2.52.*

**(i)** *Given a cospan  $(Y, f_Y) \xrightarrow{\quad} (X, f_X) \xleftarrow{\quad} (Z, f_Z)$  in  $\mathbf{H}/_B$ , the underlying object of its fiber product is the fiber product of its underlying objects:*

$$\text{dom} \left( (Y, f_Y) \times_{(X, f_X)} (Z, f_Z) \right) \simeq Y \times_X Z. \quad (83)$$

**(ii)** *In particular, since  $(X, \text{id}_X)$  is the terminal object in  $\mathbf{H}/_X$ , so that the plain product in the slice is*

$$(Y, f_Y) \times (Z, f_Z) = (Y, f_Y) \times_{(X, \text{id}_X)} (Z, f_Z),$$

*we have that the product in  $\mathbf{H}/_X$  is given by the fiber product over  $X$  in  $\mathbf{H}$ :*

$$\text{dom} \left( (Y, f_Y) \times (Z, f_Z) \right) \simeq Y \times_X Z.$$

*Proof.* Generally, limits in  $\mathbf{H}/_X$  are given by limits in  $\mathbf{H}$  over the underlying co-cone diagram. Specifically: for  $Y : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  we have  $\text{dom}(\varinjlim Y_\bullet) \simeq \varinjlim (Y/X)_\bullet$ . With this, the claim follows via [Lu09a, Prop. 4.1.1.8] from the fact that the canonical inclusion of diagram categories

$$\left\{ y \xrightarrow{\quad} b \xrightarrow{\quad} z \right\} \xrightarrow{\quad} \left\{ y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} b \xrightarrow{\quad} z \\ \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \mathcal{W} \\ \quad \quad \quad t \end{array} \right\}$$

is an initial functor (i.e., under  $(-)^{\text{op}}$  it is a final functor), as one finds by direct inspection from [Lu09a, Prop. 4.1.3.1].  $\square$

**Proposition 2.54** (Terminal right base change of bare  $\infty$ -groupoids). *In the base  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H} = \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  (35), the right base change along the terminal morphism (Example 2.52) of an object  $X \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  is given by the hom- $\infty$ -groupoid out of  $X$ , regarded as the terminal object in the slice:*

$$(X \rightarrow *)_* \simeq \mathbf{H}/_X(X, -) : (\text{Groupoids}_\infty)_{/X} \longrightarrow \text{Groupoids}_\infty.$$

*Proof.* We have the following chain of natural equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Groupoids}_\infty(A, (\text{Groupoids}_\infty)_{/X}(X, B)) &\simeq (\text{Groupoids}_\infty)_{/X}(\Delta(A) \times_X X, B) \\ &\simeq (\text{Groupoids}_\infty)_{/X}(\Delta(A), B) \simeq (\text{Groupoids}_\infty)_{/X}((X \rightarrow *)^*(A), B). \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

Here the first step observes that the slice  $(\text{Groupoids}_\infty)_{/X}$  is itself an  $\infty$ -topos by Prop. 2.46, so that the tensoring equivalence of Prop. 2.34 applies. The second step uses the fact that  $X$  is regarded as the terminal object in its own slice, so that forming Cartesian product with it is equivalently the identity operation. The last step observes that for the slice  $\infty$ -topos  $\Delta \simeq (X \rightarrow *)^*$  (82) by Example 2.52. In summary, the total equivalence of (84) is the hom-equivalence that characterizes  $\mathbf{H}_{/X}(X, -)$  as a right adjoint to  $(X \rightarrow *)^*$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.55** (Base change along effective epi is conservative [NSS12a, 3.15]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). For  $Y \dashrightarrow X$  an effective epimorphism (Def. 2.63) in  $\mathbf{H}$ , the induced base change (Prop. 2.49)*

$$\mathbf{H}_{/X} \xrightarrow{i^*} \mathbf{H}_{/Y}$$

*is a conservative  $\infty$ -functor, meaning that a morphism  $f \in \mathbf{H}_{/X}$  is an equivalence if its base change  $i^*(f)$  in  $\mathbf{H}_{/Y}$  is an equivalence.*

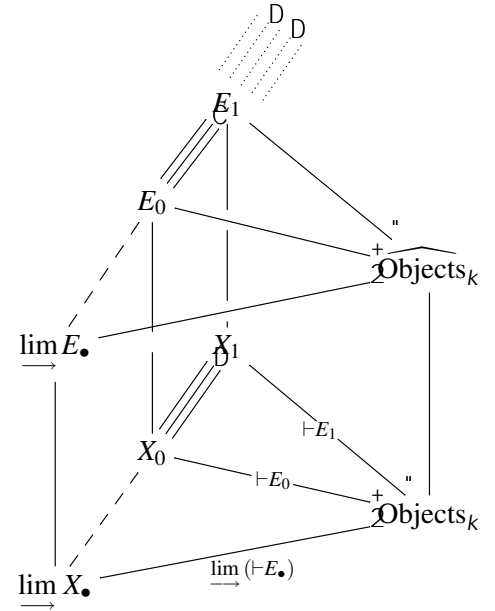
**Proposition 2.56** (Colimits of classifying maps are classifying maps of colimits). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30),  $\mathcal{I}$  a small  $\infty$ -category,  $X_\bullet : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  a diagram and  $(\vdash E)_\bullet : X_\bullet \rightarrow \text{const}_{\text{Objects}_k}$  a transformation to the diagram constant on the object classifier (55), thus classifying a diagram  $E_\bullet : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  of bundles over  $X_\bullet$ . Then the colimit of  $(\vdash E)_\bullet$  formed in the slice  $\mathbf{H}_{/\text{Objects}_k}$  (Prop. 2.46) is the colimit of  $X_\bullet$  equipped with the classifying map for the colimit of  $E_\bullet$ :*

$$\lim_{\rightarrow} (\vdash E)_\bullet \simeq \vdash (\lim_{\rightarrow} E_\bullet).$$

*Proof.* Since underlying the colimit  $\lim_{\rightarrow} (\vdash E)_\bullet$  in the slice  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_{/\text{Objects}_k}$  is the colimit  $\lim_{\rightarrow} X_\bullet$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  (by Example 2.52) we are dealing with a situation as shown in the diagram on the right (where a simplicial diagram shape is shown just for definiteness of illustration). We need to demonstrate that the front square in this diagram is Cartesian. Observe that

- (a) the vertical squares over each  $\vdash E_i$  are Cartesian by assumption, whence
- (b) also the solid vertical squares over each  $X_i \dashrightarrow X_j$  are Cartesian, by the pasting law (Prop. 2.23).

This means that the assumption of Prop. 2.32 is satisfied for the left part of the diagram (regarded as a transformation of diagrams from top to bottom) implying that the dashed square is Cartesian. This implies, together with (a), that the front square is Cartesian, again by the pasting law (Prop. 2.23).  $\square$



### ***n*-Truncation.**

**Definition 2.57** (*n*-truncated objects [Lu09a, Def. 5.5.6.1]). Let  $n \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

- (i) An  $\infty$ -groupoid is called *n-truncated* for  $n \geq 0$  if all its homotopy groups of degree  $> n$  are trivial. It is called *(-1)-truncated* if it is either empty or contractible, and *(-2)-truncated* if it is (non-empty and) contractible.
- (ii) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -category. Then an object  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  is *n-truncated* if for all objects  $U \in \mathcal{C}$  the hom- $\infty$ -groupoid  $\mathcal{C}(U, X)$  is *n-truncated*, in the above sense.

**Definition 2.58** (*n*-truncated morphisms [Lu09a, Def. 5.5.6.8]). Let  $n \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

- (i) A morphism of  $\infty$ -groupoids is called *n-truncated* if all its homotopy fibers are *n-truncated*  $\infty$ -groupoids according to Def. 2.57.



(ii) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -category. A morphism  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is called *n-truncated* if for all objects  $U \in \mathcal{C}$  the induced morphism of hom- $\infty$ -groupoids  $\mathcal{C}(U, X) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}(U, f)} \mathcal{C}(U, Y)$  is *n-truncated* in the above sense.

**Definition 2.59** (Monomorphisms). A  $(-1)$ -truncated morphism (Def. 2.58) is also called a *monomorphism*, to be denoted

$$X \overset{\bullet}{\dashrightarrow} Y. \quad (85)$$

**Proposition 2.60** (Monomorphisms are preserved by pushout [Re19, p. 21]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). Then the class of monomorphisms in  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 2.59) is closed under (i) pullback and (ii) composition.*

**Definition 2.61** (Poset of subobjects). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  any object. Then the *poset of subobjects* of  $X$  is the sub- $\infty$ -category (Def. 2.62) of  $(-1)$ -truncated objects of the slice over  $X$ :

$$\text{SubObjects}(X) \overset{\bullet}{\dashrightarrow} \mathbf{H}/_X \quad (86)$$

whose objects are equivalently the monomorphisms (Def. 2.59)  $U \hookrightarrow X$ .

**Proposition 2.62** (*n*-Truncation modality [Lu09a, 5.5.6.18]). *If  $\mathbf{H}$  is an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30), for all  $n \in \{-1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , its full sub- $\infty$ -category (Def. 2.1) of *n-truncated objects* (Def. 2.57) is reflective, in that the inclusion functor has a left adjoint (Def. 2.24):*

$$\mathbf{H} \underset{\infty\text{-topos}}{\overset{t_n}{\dashrightarrow}} \underset{\substack{\text{sub-}\infty\text{-category} \\ \text{of } n\text{-truncated objects}}}{\underset{i_n}{\dashrightarrow}} \mathbf{H}_{\leq n} \quad (87)$$

We write for the induced *n-truncation modality* (20):

$$(\mathbf{t}_n := i_n \circ t_n) : \mathbf{H} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}. \quad (88)$$

“*n*-truncated”

**Definition 2.63** (Effective epimorphisms [Lu09a, Cor. 6.2.3.5]). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos. A morphism in  $\mathbf{H}$  is called an *effective epimorphism*, to be denoted

$$Y \xrightarrow{f} // Z \quad (89)$$

if, when regarded as an object of the slice over  $X$  (Prop. 2.46), its  $(-1)$ -truncation (Prop. 2.62) is the terminal object

$$t_{(-1)}(f) \simeq * \in \mathbf{H}/_X.$$

We write

$$\text{EffectiveEpimorphisms}(\mathbf{H}) \subset \mathbf{H}^{(0 \rightarrow 1)} \in \text{Categories}_\infty \quad (90)$$

for the full sub- $\infty$ -category (Def. 2.1) of the arrow-category of  $\mathbf{H}$  on those that are effective epimorphisms.

**Definition 2.64** (*n*-Connected morphisms [Lu09a, Prop. 6.5.1.12]). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $n \in \{-1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Then a morphism  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  is called *n-connected* if, regarded as an object in the slice over  $X$  (Prop. 2.46), its *n-truncation* (Def. 2.62) is the terminal object:

$$Y \xrightarrow{f} /_X \text{ is } n\text{-truncated} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad t_n(f) \simeq * \in \mathbf{H}/_X.$$

Hence the  $(-1)$ -connected morphisms are equivalently the effective epimorphisms (Def. 2.63).

**Lemma 2.65** (Effective epimorphisms are preserved by pullback [Lu09a, 6.2.3.15]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). Then the class of effective epimorphisms in  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 2.63) is closed under (i) pullback and (ii) composition.*

**$n$ -Image factorization.**

**Proposition 2.66** (Connected/truncated factorization system [Lu09a, Ex. 5.2.8.16][Re10, Prop. 5.8]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos. Then, for all  $n \in \{-1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , the pair of classes of  $n$ -connected/ $n$ -truncated morphisms (Def. 2.64, Def. 2.58) forms an orthogonal factorization system:*

(i) every morphism  $f$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  factors essentially uniquely as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \text{\scriptsize } n\text{-connected} \searrow & & \swarrow \text{\scriptsize } n\text{-truncated} \\ & \text{\scriptsize } \text{im}_n(f) & \end{array} \quad (91)$$

(ii) every commuting square as follows has an essentially unique dashed lift:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A \\ \text{\scriptsize } n\text{-connected} \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow \text{\scriptsize } n\text{-truncated} \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array} \quad (92)$$

**Example 2.67** (Epi/mono factorization). For  $n = -1$ , the connected/truncated factorization system (Prop. 2.66) has as left class the effective epimorphisms (Def. 2.63) and as right class the monomorphisms (Def. 2.59). Hence, with the notation from (89) and (85):

(i) the  $(-1)$ -image factorization (91) reads:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \text{\scriptsize } ** \searrow & & \swarrow \\ & \text{\scriptsize } \text{im}_{-1}(f) & \end{array} \quad (93)$$

(ii) the lifting property (92) for  $n = -1$  reads:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array} \quad (94)$$

**Groupoids and Stacks.**

**Definition 2.68** (Groupoids internal to an  $\infty$ -topos [Lu09a, 6.1.2.7]). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30).

(i) A *groupoid* in  $\mathbf{H}$  is a simplicial diagram

$$X_\bullet : \Delta^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H} \quad (95)$$

which satisfies the *groupoidal Segal condition*: For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all partitions of the set of  $n + 1$  elements by two subsets that share a unique element, the corresponding image under  $X_\bullet$  is a Cartesian square (Notation 2.21):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{ccc} & \{0, 1, \dots, n\} & \\ S_1 \downarrow & \text{\scriptsize } (p_0) & \downarrow S_2 \\ & * & \end{array} & \xrightarrow{X_\bullet} & \begin{array}{ccc} & X_n & \\ X_{|S_1|-1} \downarrow & \text{\scriptsize } (p_b) & \downarrow X_{|S_2|-1} \\ & X_0 & \end{array} \end{array} \quad (96)$$

(ii) We write  $\text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H}) \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbf{H}^{(\Delta^{\text{op}})} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  (97)

for the full sub- $\infty$ -category of that of simplicial diagrams in  $\mathbf{H}$  on those that are groupoids.

**Example 2.69** (Nerves). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $X \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{X}$  a morphism in  $\mathbf{H}$ . Its *nerve* is the simplicial diagram of its iterated homotopy fiber products:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Nerve}_\bullet(f) : \Delta^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{H} \\ [n] & \mapsto & \underbrace{X \times_{\mathcal{X}} X \times_{\mathcal{X}} \cdots \times_{\mathcal{X}} X}_{n \text{ factors}} \end{array} \quad (98)$$

with face maps the projections and degeneracy maps the diagonals. This is evidently a groupoid object according to Def. 2.68:

$$\text{Nerve}_\bullet(f) \in \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H}).$$

**Proposition 2.70** (Groupoids equivalent to stacks with atlases [Lu09a, 6.2.3.5]).

Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). Then the  $\infty$ -functor sending  $X_\bullet \in \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 2.68) to the  $X_0$ -component of its colimiting cocone

- (i) lands in effective epimorphisms (90) and
- (ii) constitutes an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories whose inverse is given by the construction of nerves (Example 2.69):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H}) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \text{EffectiveEpimorphisms}(\mathbf{H}) & (99) \\ X_\bullet & \mapsto & (X_0 \twoheadrightarrow \varinjlim X_\bullet) \\ \text{Nerve}_\bullet(a) & \longleftarrow & (X \xrightarrow{a} \mathcal{X}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ X_0 \times_{\emptyset} X_0 \\ \text{pr}_1 \downarrow \Delta \downarrow \text{pr}_2 \\ X_0 \end{array} & \simeq & \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ X_0 \\ s \downarrow e \downarrow t \\ X_0 \end{array} \\ & & \text{“groupoid”} & (100) \\ & & \text{“atlas”} \\ & & \text{“stack”} \end{array}$$

**Remark 2.71** (Internal groupoids with prescribed properties). Often one considers  $X_\bullet \in \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 2.68) whose simplicial component diagram (95) is inside a chosen sub- $\infty$ -category of  $\mathbf{H}$ . Key examples are étale groupoids (Def. 3.35 below) and  $V$ -étale groupoids (Remark 4.15 below).

**Remark 2.72** (Morita morphisms of groupoids). A morphism between stacks  $\mathcal{X} := \varinjlim X_\bullet$  underlying groupoids  $X_\bullet$  (according to Prop. 2.70) *without* (i.e., disregarding) the corresponding atlas is also known as a *Morita morphism* (in particular, a *Morita equivalence* if it is an equivalence), or a *Hilsum-Skandalis morphism* [HS87][Pr89], or a *groupoid bibundle* [B107][Nu13, Prop. 2.2.34] between the corresponding groupoids:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H}) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \text{EffectiveEpimorphisms}(\mathbf{H}) & \xrightarrow{\text{codom}} & \mathbf{H} \\ \text{groupoid } X_\bullet & \mapsto & (X_0 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{X}) & \mapsto & \mathcal{X} \text{ “stack”} \\ & & & & f \downarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{morphism of underlying stacks =} \\ \text{“Morita morphism” of groupoids} \end{array} \\ \text{groupoid } Y_\bullet & \mapsto & (Y_0 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{Y}) & \mapsto & \mathcal{Y} \text{ “stack”} \end{array}$$

Hence whether or not there is a conceptual distinction between “geometric groupoids” and “stacks” depends on whether morphisms of groupoids are taken to be their plain morphisms or their Morita morphisms. In practice, one is typically interested in the latter case. Indeed, the groupoid atlas of a stack, whose preservation restricts Morita morphisms to plain morphisms of groupoids, by Prop. 2.70, is, in practice, typically required to exist with a certain property, but not required to be preserved by morphisms (this is so notably for  $V$ -étale groupoids, Remark 4.15 below). In particular, the  $\text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  of Example 3.18 and the  $\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  of Example 3.24 below are  $\infty$ -groupoids with Morita morphisms understood, hence could also be called (*jets of*) *smooth  $\infty$ -stacks*.

**Proposition 2.73** (Equifibered morphisms of groupoids). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $X_\bullet, Y_\bullet \in \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 2.68). Then, under the equivalence (99) between groupoids and their stacks with atlases (Prop. 2.70), we have that equifibered morphisms of groupoids correspond to Cartesian squares between their atlases:

$$X_\bullet \xrightarrow{f_\bullet} Y_\bullet \text{ such that } \forall [n_1] \xrightarrow{f} [n_2] \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X_{n_1} & \xrightarrow{f_{n_1}} & Y_{n_1} \\ X_f \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow Y_f \\ X_{n_2} & \xrightarrow{f_{n_2}} & Y_{n_2} \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} X_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & Y_0 \\ a_x \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow a_y \\ \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\varinjlim f_\bullet} & \mathcal{Y} \end{array}$$

*Proof.* From right to left this follows by the pasting law (Prop. 2.23), while from left to right this is Prop. 2.32.  $\square$

## 2.2 Galois theory

We discuss here the *internal* formulation in  $\infty$ -toposes of the theory of *groups*, *group actions*, and *fiber bundles*, following [NSS12a][SSS12] (see [FSS13a] for exposition). Externally, these concepts are known as *grouplike  $A_\infty$ -algebras* or equivalently: *grouplike  $E_1$ -algebras* (here: in  $\infty$ -stacks) and as their  *$A_\infty$ -modules* etc., and are

traditionally presented by simplicial techniques [May72][Lu17]. But internally the theory becomes finitary and elementary, with all concepts emerging naturally from pastings of a few Cartesian squares. Accordingly, much of the following constructions may readily be expressed fully formally in homotopy type theory [BvDR18] (see p. 5). Thus, the following elegant characterizations of

- groups (Prop. 2.74),
- group actions (Prop. 2.79),
- principal bundles (Prop. 2.88),
- fiber bundles (Prop. 2.92),

in an  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  may be taken to be the *definition* of these notions for all purposes of internal constructions.

**Groups.** The following characterization of group  $\infty$ -stacks (Prop. 2.74) is the time-honored *May recognition theorem* [May72] generalized from Groupoids $_{\infty}$  to general  $\infty$ -toposes [Lu09a, 7.2.2.11][Lu17, 6.2.6.15]:

**Proposition 2.74** (*A $_{\infty}$ -Group recognition theorem* [NSS12a, Thm. 2.19]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30). Then the operation of sending an  $\infty$ -group  $G$  to the homotopy quotient of its action on a point constitutes an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories:*

$$\text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}) \xrightarrow[\mathbf{B}]{\Omega \simeq} \mathbf{H}_{\geq 1}^{*/} \quad (101)$$

$$G \xrightarrow{\quad} /* // G$$

between the  $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -group objects and the  $\infty$ -category of pointed and connected objects in  $\mathbf{H}$ . The inverse equivalence is given by forming the loop space object

$$G \simeq \Omega \mathbf{B}G \xrightarrow{\quad} /* \quad (102)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}G \end{array}$$

**Example 2.75** (Point in delooping is an effective epi). For  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$ , the essentially unique morphism that exhibits its delooping as a pointed object (Prop. 2.74)

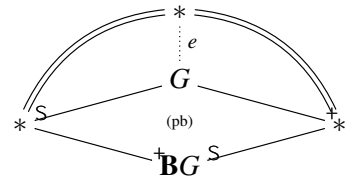
$$* \xrightarrow{\quad} // \mathbf{B}G, \quad (103)$$

is an effective epimorphism (Def. 2.62). Thus, Prop. 2.70 says here that

- (i) groups in  $\mathbf{H}$  are, equivalently, the groupoids in  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 2.68) that admit an atlas by the point and,
- (ii) with (102), we have

$$\mathbf{B}G \simeq \lim_{\rightarrow} G^{\times \bullet} \in \mathbf{H}. \quad (104)$$

**Example 2.76** (Neutral element). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos. Given a group  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  in the form of a pointed connected object  $* \rightarrow \mathbf{B}G$ , according to Prop. 2.74, its *neutral element*  $* \xrightarrow{e} G$  is the diagonal morphism into the defining homotopy fiber product (102), hence the canonical morphism induced by the universal property of the homotopy fiber product from the equivalence with itself of the point inclusion into  $\mathbf{B}G$  (103).



**Example 2.77** (Group division/shear map). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos. Given a group  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  in the form of a pointed connected object  $* \rightarrow \mathbf{B}G$ , according to Prop. 2.74, the group division operation

$$G \times G \xrightarrow{(-) \cdot (-)^{-1}} / G$$

is exhibited by the universal morphism shown dashed in the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times G & \xrightarrow{(-) \cdot (-)^{-1}} & / G \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & * \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}G \end{array} \quad (105)$$

On the left, we are showing this as part of a morphism of Čech nerve augmented simplicial diagrams. On the right, the situation is shown in more detail: Here the right and the two bottom squares are all the looping relation (102), while the left square exhibits the plain product of  $G$  with itself. With this, the universal property of the right square implies the essentially unique dashed morphism making the total diagram homotopy-commute. Notice:

(i) The two top squares are also Cartesian: This follows from the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) using, for the top front square, that the left and right and the bottom rear squares are Cartesian; and similarly for the top rear square.

(ii) The total homotopy filling the top and the right faces in (105) is, by commutativity, equivalent to the total homotopy filling the left and the bottom faces. But, in performing the composition this way, the direction of one of the two bottom homotopies gets reversed. This is why this construction gives the division map  $(-)\cdot(-)^{-1}$  (shear map) instead of the plain group product.

**Proposition 2.78** (Mayer-Vietoris sequence [Sc13, Prop. 3.6.142]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30),  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $(X, f), (Y, g) \in \mathbf{H}/_G$  two objects in the slice (Prop. 2.46) over the underlying object of  $G$ . Then their homotopy fiber product*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_Y} & /Y \\ \text{pr}_X \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & /G \end{array}$$

is equivalently exhibited by the following Mayer-Vietoris homotopy fiber sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times_G Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /_* \\ (\text{pr}_X, \text{pr}_Y) \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ X \times Y & \xrightarrow{(f, g)} & /G \times G \xrightarrow{(-)\cdot(-)^{-1}} /G, \\ & \searrow f \cdot g^{-1} & \swarrow \end{array} \quad (106)$$

where the morphism on the bottom right is the group division map (105).

### Group actions.

**Proposition 2.79** (Group actions [NSS12a, 4.1]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  an  $\infty$ -topos and  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74).*

(i) *An action  $(X, r)$  of  $G$  is an object  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  and homotopy fiber sequence in  $\mathbf{H}$  of the form*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} & /X // G \\ & & \downarrow r \\ & & \mathbf{B}G, \end{array} \quad (107)$$

where  $\mathbf{B}G$  is the delooping of  $G$  (2.74).

(ii) *The object  $X // G$  appearing in (107) is, equivalently, the homotopy quotient of the action of  $G$  on  $V$ :*

$$X // G \simeq \varinjlim \left( \cdots X \times G \times G \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} /X \times G \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} /X \right). \quad (108)$$

(iii) *Hence the  $\infty$ -category of  $G$ -actions is, equivalently, the slice  $\infty$ -topos (Prop. 2.46) of  $\mathbf{H}$  over  $\mathbf{B}G$ :*

$$G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}) \simeq \mathbf{H}/_{\mathbf{B}G} \in \text{Categories}_\infty. \quad (109)$$

We record the following immediate but important aspect of this characterization:

**Lemma 2.80** (Homotopy quotient maps are effective epimorphisms). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos,  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), and  $(X, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79). Then the quotient morphism from  $X$  to its homotopy quotient (108) is an effective epimorphism (Def. 2.63):*

$$X \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} //X // G.$$

*Proof.* By (107) in Prop. 2.79, the quotient map sits in a homotopy pullback square of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} & X // G \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow r \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}G \end{array}$$

The bottom morphism is an effective epimorphism (Example 2.75). Since these are preserved by pullback (Lemma 2.65), the claim follows.  $\square$

**Example 2.81** (Left multiplication action). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). The defining looping relation (102) exhibits, by comparison with (107), an action of  $G$  on itself:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r_\ell)} & /* \\ & & \downarrow r_\ell \\ & & \mathbf{B}G \end{array}$$

This is the *left multiplication action* with  $G // G \simeq *$ .

**Example 2.82** (Adjoint action). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Then the free loop space object  $\mathcal{L}\mathbf{B}G$  of the delooping  $\mathbf{B}G$  (101), defined by the Cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L}\mathbf{B}G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}G \\ r_{\text{ad}} \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \Delta \\ \mathbf{B}G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}G \times \mathbf{B}G \\ & \Delta & \end{array}$$

sits in a homotopy fiber sequence of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r_{\text{ad}})} & \mathcal{L}\mathbf{B}G \\ & & \downarrow r_{\text{ad}} \\ & & \mathbf{B}G \end{array}$$

By comparison with (107), this exhibits an action of  $G$  on itself. This is the *adjoint action* with  $G //_{\text{ad}} G \simeq \mathcal{L}\mathbf{B}G$ .

**Definition 2.83** (Equivariant maps). By the functoriality/universality of the homotopy fiber construction in (107) and using the equivalence (109), we have the  $\infty$ -functor that assigns the underlying objects of the  $G$ -actions in Def. 2.79:

$$G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}) \simeq \mathbf{H}_{/\mathbf{B}G} \xrightarrow{\text{fib}} \mathbf{H}. \quad (110)$$

With two  $G$ -actions  $(X_i, r_i)$  given, we say that a morphism  $X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \in \mathbf{H}$  between their underlying objects is *equivariant* if it lifts through this functor, hence if it is the image of a morphism  $(X_1, r_1) \rightarrow (X_2, r_2) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$ .

**Example 2.84** (Group division is equivariant under diagonal left and adjoint action). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Then the group division operation (Example 2.77) is equivariant (Def. 2.83) with respect to the diagonal left multiplication action  $r_\ell$  (Example 2.81) on its domain and the adjoint action  $r_{\text{ad}}$  (Example 2.82) on its codomain:

$$(G, r_\ell) \times (G, r_\ell) \xrightarrow{(-)\cdot(-)^{-1}} (G, r_{\text{ad}}) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}). \quad (111)$$

*Proof.* Observe the following pasting of Cartesian squares:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} G \times G & \xrightarrow{(-)\cdot(-)^{-1}} & G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /* \\ \downarrow (-)^{-1}\cdot(-) \circ s & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{L}\mathbf{B}G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}G & \xrightarrow{\quad \Delta} & \mathbf{B}G \times \mathbf{B}G \end{array}$$

The middle horizontal composite, regarded as a morphism in the slice over  $\mathbf{B}G$  and hence as a morphism of  $G$ -actions (107), gives (111).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.85** (Restricted and induced group actions). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos. Then, for  $f : H \rightarrow G$  a morphism in  $\mathbf{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), there is a triple of adjoint  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24) between the corresponding  $\infty$ -categories of group actions (Prop. 2.79)*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \xrightarrow{\text{“left-induced”}} & \\
 & \mathbf{B}f_! & \\
 H\mathbf{Actions}(\mathbf{H}) & \xrightarrow{\perp} \mathbf{B}f^* & G\mathbf{Actions}(\mathbf{H}) \\
 & \xrightarrow{\perp} & \\
 & \mathbf{B}f_* & \\
 & \xleftarrow{\text{“right-induced”}} & 
 \end{array} \quad (112)$$

such that  $\mathbf{B}f^*$  preserves the object being acted on (“restricted action”).

*Proof.* By (109) in Prop. 2.79, an adjoint triple (Def. 2.24) of the form (112) is given by base change (Prop. 2.49) of homotopy quotients (108) along the delooped morphism  $\mathbf{B}f$  (Prop. 2.74). This means that  $\mathbf{B}f^*$  is given by sending the homotopy fiber sequence (107) corresponding to a  $G$ -action to the following homotopy pullback (Prop. 2.74):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(f)} & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(f^*r)} /X // H & \xrightarrow{\quad} /X // G \\
 & \downarrow f^*r & \downarrow r \\
 & \mathbf{B}H & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}f} \mathbf{B}G
 \end{array} \quad (113)$$

That this preserves the object  $X$  being acted on, as indicated, follows by the pasting law (Prop. 2.23).  $\square$

**Definition 2.86** (Automorphism group). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos and  $F \in \mathbf{H}$  an object. Then the *automorphism group*  $\text{Aut}(F) \in \mathbf{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  of  $F$  is the looping (Prop. 2.74) of the  $(-1)$ -image (91) of the classifying map (55) of  $F$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 * & \xrightarrow{(-1)\text{-conn.}} // \mathbf{BAut}(F) & \xrightarrow{(-1)\text{-trunc.}} / \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k \\
 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \\
 & \downarrow \vdash F & 
 \end{array} \quad (114)$$

The canonical action of this group (Prop. 2.79) on  $V$  is exhibited, via (107), by the left square of the following pasting composite of Cartesian squares:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(\gamma_{\text{Aut}})} /F // \text{Aut}(F) & \xrightarrow{\quad} / \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow \gamma_{\text{Aut}} & \downarrow \\
 * & \xrightarrow{\quad} // \mathbf{BAut}(F) & \xrightarrow{\quad} / \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k, \\
 & \downarrow \vdash F & 
 \end{array} \quad (115)$$

where we use the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) to identify  $F$  as the homotopy fiber of  $\gamma_{\text{Aut}}$ .

**Proposition 2.87** (Automorphism group is universal). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos,  $G \in \mathbf{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), and  $(X, r) \in G\mathbf{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 2.79). Then there is a group homomorphism from  $G$  to the automorphism group (Def. 2.86)*

$$G \xrightarrow{i_r} \text{Aut}(X)$$

such that the action  $r$  is the restricted action (Prop. 2.85) along  $i_r$  of the canonical automorphism action (115), i.e., such that there is a Cartesian square of this form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X // G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X // \text{Aut}(X) \\
 r \downarrow & \downarrow \gamma_{\text{Aut}} & \downarrow \\
 \mathbf{B}G & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}i_r} & \mathbf{BAut}(X)
 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* Let  $k$  be a regular cardinal such that  $X$  is  $k$ -small, and consider the following solid diagram of classifying maps (55) for  $r$ ,  $r_{\text{Aut}}$  and for  $X$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X // \text{Aut}(X) & & \\
 \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 X // G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Objects}_k & & \\
 \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}\text{Aut}(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Objects}_k \\
 \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 \text{BG} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Objects}_k & & \\
 & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 & & \text{Objects}_k & & 
 \end{array}$$

$\text{BG} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Objects}_k \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Objects}_k$   
 $\text{BG} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Objects}_k$

Here the bottom square homotopy-commutes by the essential uniqueness of the classifying map  $\vdash X$  (55). Hence the dashed lift exists essentially uniquely (92), by the connected/truncated factorization system (Prop. 2.66).  $\square$

### Principal bundles.

**Proposition 2.88** (Principal bundles [NSS12a, Thm. 3.17]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos,  $X \in \mathbf{H}$ , and  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Then  $G$ -principal  $\infty$ -bundles  $P \rightarrow X$  over  $X$  are, equivalently, given by classifying maps  $\vdash P : X \rightarrow \mathbf{B}G$ . Forming their homotopy fibers*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P & & \\
 \text{fib}(\vdash P) \downarrow & & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}G
 \end{array}$$

constitutes an equivalence of  $\infty$ -groupoids:

$$\text{GBundles}_X(\mathbf{H}) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\text{fib}} \mathbf{H}(X, \mathbf{B}G) . \tag{116}$$

**Remark 2.89** (Principal base spaces are homotopy quotients). Comparison of the abstract characterization of (i) group actions (Prop. 2.79) and (ii) principal bundles (Prop. 2.88), reveals that these are about one and the same abstract concept, just viewed from two different perspectives: In an  $\infty$ -topos, every  $G$ -principal bundle is a  $G$ -action whose homotopy quotient is the given base space; and, conversely, every  $G$ -action is that of a principal bundle over its homotopy quotient:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{principal } G\text{-bundle} & & G\text{-action} \\
 P \curvearrowright G & & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 \text{base space} & X \simeq P // G & \text{homotopy quotient}
 \end{array}$$

Notice (see [NSS12a, 3.1] for exposition) that it is the higher geometry inside an  $\infty$ -topos that makes this work.

**Definition 2.90** (Atiyah groupoid). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30),  $X \in \mathbf{H}$ ,  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), and  $P \in \text{GBundles}_X$  (Prop. 2.88). Then the *Atiyah groupoid* of  $P$  is the groupoid  $\text{At}_\bullet(P) \in \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 2.68) whose corresponding stack with atlas (via Prop. 3.36) is the  $(-1)$ -image projection (Example 2.67) of the bundle's classifying map  $\vdash P$  (116):

$$X \xrightarrow{\quad} // \text{At}(P) \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbf{B}G . \tag{117}$$

### Fiber bundles.

**Definition 2.91** (Fiber bundle). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30).

(i) morphism  $Y \xrightarrow{p} X$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  is a *fiber bundle* with *typical fiber*  $F \in \mathbf{H}$  if there exists an effective epimorphism  $U \xrightarrow{i} // X$  (Def. 2.63) and a Cartesian square (Notation 2.21) of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U \times F & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \\
 \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow p \\
 U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & // X \\
 & i & 
 \end{array}$$



(ii) We write

$$FFiberBundles_X(\mathbf{H}) \subset \text{Core}(\mathbf{H}/_X) \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty$$

for the full  $\infty$ -groupoid of the core (24) of the slice  $\mathbf{H}/_X$  over  $X$  (Prop. 2.46) on the  $F$ -fiber bundles.

**Proposition 2.92** (Classification of fiber bundles [NSS12a, Prop. 4.10]). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $X, F \in \mathbf{H}$ . Then fiber bundles over  $X$  (Def. 2.91) with typical fiber  $F$  are equivalent to morphisms  $X \rightarrow \mathbf{BAut}(F)$  from  $X$  to the delooping (Prop. 2.74) of the automorphism group (Def. 2.86) of  $F$ :*

$$FFiberBundles_X(\mathbf{H}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbf{H}(X, \mathbf{BAut}(F)) \quad (118)$$

$$E \quad \mapsto \quad \vdash E$$

*Proof.* Let  $k$  be a regular cardinal such that  $F$  is  $k$ -small. Then, by assumption, we have the following solid diagram of classifying maps (55):

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 U \times F & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} & /F // \mathbf{Aut}(F) & & \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k \\
 \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{BAut}(F) & \xrightarrow{\times} & \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k \\
 \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{BAut}(F) & \xrightarrow{\times} & \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k \\
 \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{BAut}(F) & \xrightarrow{\times} & \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k
 \end{array}$$

(Left column:  $U \times F \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} U$ ,  $U \times F \xrightarrow{\quad} U$ ,  $U \xrightarrow{(-1)\text{-connected}} X$ )  
 (Right column:  $/F // \mathbf{Aut}(F) \xrightarrow{*} \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k$ ,  $\mathbf{BAut}(F) \xrightarrow{\times} \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k$ ,  $\widehat{\text{Objects}}_k \xrightarrow{(-1)\text{-truncated}} \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k$ )  
 (Bottom row:  $X \xrightarrow{\vdash E} \mathbf{BAut}(F) \xrightarrow{\times} \widehat{\text{Objects}}_k$ )

Now the  $(-1)$ -connected/ $(-1)$ -truncated factorization system (Prop. 2.66) implies that the dashed morphism exists essentially uniquely (92).

It just remains to see that this assignment is independent of the choice of  $U$ : For  $U' \twoheadrightarrow X$  any other effective epimorphism with  $(\vdash E)'$  the associated classifying map as above, observe that the fiber product  $U \times_X U' \twoheadrightarrow X$  is again an effective epimorphism, since the class of effective epimorphisms is closed under pullbacks as well as under composition (Lemma 2.65). Therefore  $\vdash E$  and  $(\vdash E)'$  are jointly lifts in a diagram as above but with  $U \times_X U'$  in the top left. Hence, by the essential uniqueness of lifts in the connected/truncated orthogonal factorization system, they are equivalent,  $(\vdash E) \simeq (\vdash E)'$ , in an essentially unique way.  $\square$

**Notation 2.93** (Associated bundles). We say that

- (i) the morphism  $\vdash E$  in (118) is the *classifying map* of  $E$  and
- (ii) that  $E$  is *associated* to the  $\mathbf{Aut}(F)$ -principal bundle which is classified by  $\vdash E$  according to Prop. 2.88.

**Remark 2.94** (Twisted cohomology in slice  $\infty$ -toposes). Prop. 2.92 implies (together with the universal property of the pullback) that sections  $S$  of  $A$ -fiber bundles  $E$  over some  $X$  are, equivalently, lifts  $c$  of the classifying map  $c := \vdash E$  (118) through  $r_{\mathbf{Aut}}$  (115):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & A // \mathbf{Aut}(A) & \\
 \text{lift of} & \nearrow c & \\
 \text{classifying map} & & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{t := \vdash E} & \mathbf{BAut}(A) \\
 & \text{classifying map} & \\
 & & \downarrow r_{\mathbf{Aut}}
 \end{array} & \simeq & \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{associated bundle} & & \\
 \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A // \mathbf{Aut}(A) \\
 \text{section} & \nearrow S & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{t} & \mathbf{BAut}(A) \\
 & & \downarrow r_{\mathbf{Aut}} \\
 & & X
 \end{array}
 \end{array} \quad (119)$$

(i) If  $A$  is regarded here as a coefficient object for  $A$ -cohomology (22), then such a section  $S$  is a locally  $A$ -valued cocycle, which is “twisted” over  $X$  according to the classifying map  $t$ . Hence such a  $S$  is a cocycle in (non-abelian)  $t$ -twisted cohomology [NSS12a, 4.2]. But the left hand side of (119) is, equivalently, a morphism (73) in the slice  $\infty$ -topos (Prop. 2.46)  $\mathbf{H}/_{\mathbf{BAut}(A)}$ . It follows that *twisted cohomology is the intrinsic cohomology (22) of slice  $\infty$ -toposes*:

$$H^t(X, A) := \rho_0 \mathbf{H}/_{\mathbf{BAut}(A)} \left( (X, t), (A//\mathbf{Aut}(A), r_{\mathbf{Aut}}) \right) \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{cocycle} \\ X \text{ --- } c \text{ --- } A//\mathbf{Aut}(A) \\ \text{ } \quad \quad \quad \nearrow \quad \quad \quad \searrow \\ \text{ } \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{BAut}(A) \end{array} \right\} /_{\sim} \quad (120)$$

- (ii) By the universality of  $\mathbf{Aut}(A)$  (Prop. 2.87), this holds for slicing over *any* pointed connected object  $\mathbf{BG}$  (101).
- (iii) If the base object is not connected, the intrinsic cohomology of its slice may be thought of as a mixture of twisted and parametrized cohomology. We encounter an example of this in Def. 5.11 below.

**Remark 2.95** (Twisted cohomology as global sections). The  $\infty$ -groupoid of sections of the associated bundle  $E := t^*(A//G) \xrightarrow{p} X$  in (119), is equivalently its image  $\Gamma_X(E)$  under the base geometric morphism (Prop. 2.43)

$$\mathbf{H}/_X \xrightarrow[\Gamma_X]{\perp} \text{Groupoids}_\infty$$

of the slice  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_X$  (Prop. 2.46), in that (by Prop. 2.34)  $\Gamma_X(E) \simeq \mathbf{H}_X(\text{id}_X, p)$ . Hence the  $t$ -twisted cohomology (120) of  $X$  is equivalently the set of connected components of the  $\infty$ -groupoid of global sections:

$$\mathbf{H}^t(X; A) \simeq \rho_0 \Gamma_X(t^*(A//G)). \quad (121)$$

**Remark 2.96** (Twisted abelian cohomology in tangent  $\infty$ -toposes). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30).

(i) Notice that the intrinsic cohomology (22) of  $\text{Bundles}(\mathbf{H})$  (Example 2.50) is still twisted cohomology as in Remark 2.94, just up to a change in perspective: now the twisting  $t$  is encoded not in the domain object, but in the cocycles on these (a morphism of the form  $\text{id}_X \xrightarrow{r_{\mathbf{Aut}}}$  in  $\text{Bundles}(\mathbf{H})$  is still manifestly given by the diagrams in (119)).

(ii) Therefore, similarly, the intrinsic cohomology (22) in the tangent  $\infty$ -topos  $\text{SpectralBundles}(\mathbf{H})$  (Example 2.51) is twisted cohomology with local coefficients being spectra [Sc13, 4.1][ABGHR14][GS19a][GS19b], hence is *twisted abelian cohomology*.

(iii) In the case that  $\mathbf{H} = \text{Groupoids}_\infty$ , the base tangent  $\infty$ -topos

$$T\text{Groupoids}_\infty = \text{SpectralBundles}(\text{Groupoids}_\infty) \quad (122)$$

is the topic of traditional parametrized stable homotopy theory [Jam95][MSi06][ABGHR14, 2][BM19] and its intrinsic cohomology theory (22) is traditional twisted generalized cohomology [Do05][ABG10].

### Fixed points and fixed loci.

**Definition 2.97** (Fixed points and fixed loci). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos,  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $(X, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79).

(i) A *fixed point* of  $(X, r)$  is an element  $* \xrightarrow{x} X$  induced from a section  $x//G$  of  $r$  in (107), as shown on the right (where we are using the pasting law, Prop. 2.23, and Example 2.22 to identify the top square as Cartesian).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{BG} \\ x \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & x \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} & X//G \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{BG} \end{array} \quad (123)$$

(ii) The  $G$ -fixed locus of  $(X, r)$  is the object

$$X^G := \mathbf{B}(G \rightarrow *)_*((X, r)) \in 1\text{Action}(\mathbf{H}) \simeq \mathbf{H}, \quad (124)$$

that is right induced (Prop. 2.85) along the unique morphism to the trivial group.

**Example 2.98** (Global points of fixed loci are homotopy fixed points). The global points of a homotopy-fixed locus  $X^G$  (124) are indeed, equivalently, the fixed points (123). By the adjunction (112), we have the hom-equivalence (47)

$$(* \longrightarrow /X^G = \mathbf{B}(G \rightarrow 1)_*(X, r)) \leftrightarrow (\mathbf{B}(G \rightarrow 1)^*(*) \longrightarrow /X, r)$$

and, by Prop. 2.79, the latter morphisms are equivalent to homotopy-commuting diagrams of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{B}G & \xrightarrow{x^G} & /X // G \\ & \searrow \simeq & \nearrow \\ & \mathbf{B}(G \rightarrow 1)^*(*) & \mathbf{B}G \end{array} \quad \& \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ & \& & \\ & X & r \end{array}$$

This is just the type of diagram characterizing homotopy fixed points. as seen vertically on the right in (123).

**Example 2.99** (Fixed loci in  $\infty$ -groupoids). Consider  $\mathbf{H} := \text{Groupoids}_\infty$ ,  $G \in \text{Groups}(\text{Groupoids}_\infty)$  and  $(X, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\text{Groupoids}_\infty)$ . Then the  $G$ -fixed locus (Def. 2.97) is given (due to Prop. 2.54) by

$$X^G \simeq \mathbf{H}_{/*} /_{*G} (* // G, X // G) \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty.$$

**Definition 2.100** (Pointed-automorphism group). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos and  $(X^{\curvearrowright}) \in \mathbf{H}^{*/} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}^{\Delta[1]}$  a pointed object in  $\mathbf{H}$ , equivalently regarded as an object in the  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}^{\Delta[1]}$  of  $\infty$ -functors from  $\Delta[1] := \{0 \rightarrow 1\}$  to  $\mathbf{H}$ . Noticing the evaluation functors (66)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_1} & \\ & \perp & \\ \mathbf{H}^{\Delta[1]} & \xleftarrow{\text{const}} & \mathbf{H} \\ & \perp & \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_0} & \end{array} \quad (125)$$

and that these preserve all  $\infty$ -limits and  $\infty$ -colimits (by Prop. 2.39), hence all group objects and their deloopings (by (107) in Prop. 2.79) we say that the *pointed-automorphism group* of  $X$  is the image under  $\text{ev}_0$  of its automorphism group, according to Def. 2.86, formed in the arrow  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}^{\Delta[1]}$ :

$$\text{Aut}_*(X) := \text{ev}_0(\mathbf{Aut}(X^{\curvearrowright})) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}). \quad (126)$$

This pointed-automorphism groups comes with a canonical pointed action on  $X$  as follows: From the defining factorization (114)

$$\text{const}(\ast) \longrightarrow \mathbf{BAut}(X^{\curvearrowright}) \longleftarrow \text{Objects}_k$$

(where now  $\text{Objects}_k$  denotes the  $k$ -small object classifier (55) of  $\mathbf{H}^{\Delta[1]}$ ), and using again that the evaluation functors (125) preserves  $\infty$ -limits, hence in particular homotopy pullbacks, it follows that the front and rear faces of the following diagram are Cartesian (Nota. 2.21)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \ast & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{B}\text{ev}_0(\mathbf{Aut}(X^{\curvearrowright})) & \longrightarrow & \text{ev}_0(\widehat{\text{Objects}}_k) \\ & \swarrow & & \swarrow & & \swarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & X // \text{ev}_1(\mathbf{Aut}(X^{\curvearrowright})) & \longrightarrow & \text{ev}_1(\widehat{\text{Objects}}_k) & \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & \ast & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{B}\text{ev}_0(\mathbf{Aut}(X^{\curvearrowright})) & \longleftarrow & \text{ev}_0(\text{Objects}_k) \\ & \swarrow & & \swarrow & & \swarrow \\ \ast & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{B}\text{ev}_1(\mathbf{Aut}(X^{\curvearrowright})) & \longleftarrow & \text{ev}_1(\text{Objects}_k), & \end{array}$$

so that pullback along the bottom diagonal morphisms shows that the pointed automorphism  $\infty$ -group (126) sits in a diagram in  $\mathbf{H}$  of the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
* & \longrightarrow & * // \text{Aut}_*(X) & & \\
\downarrow & \searrow & \parallel & \searrow & \\
& & X & \longrightarrow & X // \text{Aut}_*(X) \\
& & \parallel & & \downarrow \text{\scriptsize } r_{\text{Aut}} \\
* & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{BAut}_*(X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathbf{BAut}_*(X) \\
& \searrow & \downarrow & & \\
& & * & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{BAut}_*(X)
\end{array} \tag{127}$$

Here the cartesian front face exhibits the action of the pointed-automorphism group of  $X$  on  $X$  and the Cartesian rear face exhibits its trivial action on the base point. With this and noticing that also the bottom face is Cartesian (by Example 2.22) the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) implies that also the top square is Cartesian, exhibiting the given base point as a homotopy fixed point (Def. 2.97) of the pointed-automorphism action.

**Definition 2.101** (Group-automorphism group). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos and  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Then the group of group-automorphisms of  $G$  is the group of pointed-automorphisms (Def. 2.100) of its delooping  $\mathbf{BG}$  (101):

$$\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G) := \text{Aut}_*(\mathbf{BG}) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}). \tag{128}$$

**Proposition 2.102** (Canonical action of group-automorphism group). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos and  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). The group-automorphism group of  $G$  (Def. 2.101) has a canonical action (Prop. 2.79)

$$(G, r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}}) \in \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$$

on the underlying object  $G \in \mathbf{H}$ , which is such that

- (i) The neutral element  $* \xrightarrow{e} G$  (Example 2.76) is a fixed point of the action (Def. 2.97).
- (ii) The homotopy quotient  $G // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G)$  carries the structure of a group object (101) in the slice (109)

$$G // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}/\mathbf{BAut}_{\text{Grp}}),$$

whose delooping (101) is the homotopy quotient of the defining action (128) on the delooping  $\mathbf{BG}$  of  $G$ :

$$\mathbf{B}(G // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G)) \simeq (\mathbf{BG}) // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G). \tag{129}$$

*Proof.* First consider item (ii): Write  $G // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G)$  for the homotopy fiber product in the following pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
G // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & * // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G) \\
\downarrow & \text{\scriptsize (pb)} & \downarrow \\
* // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (\mathbf{BG}) // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G).
\end{array} \tag{130}$$

Since this is the looping (102) in the slice (Prop. 2.46):

$$G // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G) = \Omega((\mathbf{BG}) // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G)) \in \mathbf{H}/\mathbf{BAut}_{\text{Grp}}(G),$$

the looping/delooping equivalence (101) implies the claim (129) as soon as we show (in view of Prop. 2.79) that the homotopy fiber of the left morphism in (130) is indeed  $G$ , in that it makes the total solid rear rectangle of the



### 3 Singular geometry

Here we establish foundations of a geometric homotopy theory of orbifolds, unifying:

- (i) §3.1 – the cohesive geometric homotopy theory due to [SSS12][Sc19], which reflects the *geometric aspects* of orbifolds;
- (ii) §3.2 – the cohesive global-equivariant homotopy theory due to [Re14], understood as reflecting the *singular aspects* of orbifolds, as in Figure D.

#### 3.1 Geometry

We present axioms internal to  $\infty$ -toposes for

- §3.1.1 – Differential topology
- §3.1.2 – Differential geometry
- §3.1.3 – Super-geometry

This is to provide, in §4 below, a general abstract theory of geometric aspects of orbi-singular spaces and of étale  $\infty$ -stacks.

##### 3.1.1 Differential topology

We present a formulation of differential topology internal to  $\infty$ -toposes which we call *cohesive* [Sc13]. In  $\infty$ -categorical generalization of [La94][La07], this involves an abstract *shape* operation  $\S$  that relates higher geometric spaces to their bare underlying homotopy type.

**Definition 3.1** (Cohesive  $\infty$ -topos). (i) An  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 2.30) is called *cohesive* if its base geometric morphism (Prop. 2.43), to be denoted  $\text{Pnts} : \mathbf{H} \xrightarrow{\text{Groupoids}_\infty} \mathbf{B}$ , is part of an adjoint quadruple of  $\infty$ -functors (Def. 2.24)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{“shape”} & \times \text{---} \text{Shp} \text{---} / & \\
 \text{“discrete”} & \Omega \text{---} \text{Disc} \text{---} ? & \\
 \text{“points”} & \mathbf{H} \text{---} \text{Pnts} \text{---} / \mathbf{B} & (132) \\
 \text{“chaotic”} & \Omega \text{---} \text{Chtc} \text{---} ? & \\
 & \text{cohesive} & \text{discrete} \\
 & \infty\text{-topos} & \text{sub-topos}
 \end{array}$$

such that (a)  $\text{Disc}$  and  $\text{Chtc}$  are fully faithful (Def. 2.1), and (b) such that  $\text{Shp}$  preserves finite products.

(ii) We write

$$(\S := \text{Disc} \circ \text{Shp}) \dashv (\flat := \text{Disc} \circ \text{Pnts}) \dashv (\sharp := \text{Chtc} \circ \text{Pnts}) : \mathbf{H} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H} \quad (133)$$

“shape”
“discrete”
“continuous”

for the induced adjoint triple (Def. 2.24) of modalities (20) (*cohesive modalities*).

The following direct consequence may serve to illustrate how these axioms are put to work:

**Proposition 3.2** (Composite cohesive modalities). *The cohesive modalities (Def. 3.1) satisfy:*

$$\S \circ \flat \simeq \flat \quad \text{and} \quad \flat \circ \sharp \simeq \flat .$$

*Proof.* That  $\text{Disc}$  and  $\text{Chtc}$  in (132) are fully faithful means, equivalently (Prop. 2.28), that the co-unit morphisms (49)

$$\text{Shp} \circ \text{Disc} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{id} , \quad \text{Pnts} \circ \text{Chtc} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{id}$$

are natural equivalences. Hence the image under  $\text{Disc} \circ (-) \circ \text{Pnts}$  of the first of these is a natural equivalence of the form

$$\S \circ \flat = \text{Disc} \circ \text{Shp} \circ \text{Disc} \circ \text{Pnts} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Disc} \circ \text{Pnts} = \flat .$$

while the image of the second is of the form

$$\flat \circ \sharp = \text{Disc} \circ \text{Pnts} \circ \text{Chtc} \circ \text{Pnts} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Disc} \circ \text{Pnts} = \flat . \quad \square$$

**Lemma 3.3** (Only the empty object has empty shape). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1). Then  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  is empty, i.e., equivalent to the initial object  $\emptyset$  (60), precisely if its shape (133) is empty:*

$$X \simeq \emptyset \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{S}X \simeq \emptyset .$$

*Proof.* In one direction, assume that  $X \simeq \emptyset$ . Noticing that  $\emptyset$  is the initial colimit and that colimits are preserved by  $\mathcal{S}$ , this being a left adjoint (Prop. 2.26), it follows that  $\mathcal{S}(\emptyset) \simeq \emptyset$ .

In the other direction, assume that the shape of  $X$  is empty. Then the shape unit (48) is a morphism of the form

$$X \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathcal{S}}} \mathcal{S}X \simeq \emptyset$$

and thus  $X \simeq \emptyset$  follows as in (61), by universality of colimits (Example 2.33).  $\square$

**Cohesive  $\infty$ -group actions.** The condition that  $\text{Shp}$  preserves finite products implies the following properties.

**Proposition 3.4** (Shape preserves groups, actions and their homotopy quotients). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1),  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (101) and  $(X, r) \in \text{GActions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79).*

(i) *Then the shape  $\mathcal{S}X$  (133) of  $X$  is equipped with an induced  $\mathcal{S}G$ -action, such that the shape of the homotopy quotient (108) is the homotopy quotient of the shapes. The analogous statement holds for  $\flat$  (133):*

$$\mathcal{S}(X // G) \simeq (\mathcal{S}X) // (\mathcal{S}G) \quad \text{and} \quad \flat(X // G) \simeq (\flat X) // (\flat G) .$$

(ii) *In particular, both  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\flat$  preserve group objects and their deloopings (Prop. 2.74):*

$$\mathcal{S}\mathbf{B}G \simeq \mathbf{B}\mathcal{S}G \quad \text{and} \quad \flat\mathbf{B}G \simeq \mathbf{B}\flat G .$$

*Proof.* The homotopy quotient of  $X$  by  $G$  is, equivalently, a colimit over a simplicial diagram of finite Cartesian products of copies of  $X$  and  $G$  (108). Hence the statement follows for every  $\infty$ -functor that commutes with simplicial colimits and with finite products. But, since  $\mathcal{S}$  is a left adjoint, it commutes with all colimits (Prop. 2.26) and also with finite products, by assumption on  $\text{Shp}$  and since  $\text{Disc}$  is a right adjoint. Similarly,  $\flat$  is both left and right adjoint, and hence preserves all colimits and all limits (again Prop. 2.26). That preservation of homotopy quotients implies preservation of  $\infty$ -groups follows by the delooping theorem (Prop. 2.74).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5** (Cohesive shape preserves homotopy fiber products). *In a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.1), the shape functor  $\text{Shp}$  (132) preserves homotopy fiber products over cohesively discrete objects. That is, for  $B \in \mathbf{B} \xrightarrow{\cdot \text{Disc}} \mathbf{H}$  and  $X, Y \in \mathbf{H}_{/B}$ , we have a natural equivalence*

$$\text{Shp}(X \times_B Y) \simeq \text{Shp}(X) \times_B \text{Shp}(Y) .$$

*Proof.* This is proven in [Sc13, Thm. 3.8.19] under the assumption that  $\mathbf{H}$  admits an  $\infty$ -cohesive site of definition. This assumption was shown to be unnecessary in [BP22, Lemma 3.10].  $\square$

**Lemma 3.6** (Shape of  $h^{\mathcal{S}}$ -induced action). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1),  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $(X, r) \in \text{GActions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79).*

(i) *The left-induced action (Prop. 2.85)*

$$(\tilde{X}, \tilde{r}) := \mathbf{B}(h_G^{\mathcal{S}})_1(X, r) \in (\mathcal{S}G)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$$

*along the shape unit morphism (48)  $G \xrightarrow{h_G^{\mathcal{S}}} \mathcal{S}G$  acts on an object whose shape (133) is that of  $X$ :*

$$\mathcal{S}\tilde{X} \simeq \mathcal{S}X ,$$

*whence*

$$(\mathcal{S}X, \mathcal{S}r) \in (\mathcal{S}G)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}) . \tag{134}$$

(ii) *Similarly, the restricted-induced action (Prop. 2.85)*

$$(\tilde{X}, \tilde{r}) := \mathbf{B}(\text{se}^{\flat})^* \circ \mathbf{B}(h_G^{\mathcal{S}})_1(X, r) \in (\flat G)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$$

*along the pair of group homomorphisms (using Prop. 3.4)  $G \xrightarrow{h_G^{\mathcal{S}}} \mathcal{S}G \xrightarrow{\Omega_{\text{se}_G^{\flat}}} \flat G$  acts on an object whose shape (133) is that of  $X$ :*

$$\mathcal{S}\tilde{X} \simeq \mathcal{S}X .$$

*Proof.* By Prop. 2.79 and Prop. 2.85, the object  $\tilde{X}$  sits in a diagram of Cartesian squares (Notation 2.21) as shown on the left in the following (the full square in case **(i)**, the pasting decomposition for case **(ii)**):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\begin{array}{ccc}
\tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /\tilde{X} // \flat G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X // G \\
\downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow & & \downarrow r \\
& & \mathbf{B}G & & \mathbf{B}h_G^s \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
* & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /B \flat G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /BSG \\
& & \mathbf{B}S e_G^b & & \mathbf{B}S e_G^b
\end{array} & \xrightarrow{\quad S \quad} & 
\begin{array}{ccc}
S\tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /S\tilde{X} // (\flat G) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /SX // (SG) \\
\downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow & & \downarrow S r \\
& & \mathbf{B} \flat G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}SG \\
& & \mathbf{B}S e_G^b & & \mathbf{B}S e_G^b
\end{array}
\end{array} \quad (135)$$

But, since the objects in the bottom row  $\mathbf{B}SG \simeq S\mathbf{B}G$  and  $\mathbf{B}\flat G \simeq \flat\mathbf{B}G$  (equivalences by Prop. 3.4) are both cohesively discrete, Lemma 3.5 says that the image of these squares under shape are still Cartesian. This is shown on the right in (135), where we have identified the shape of the various objects by using Prop. 3.4 and idempotency of the modality (Prop. 2.29). With this, the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) implies that the outer right square in (135) is itself Cartesian, hence that  $S\tilde{X}$  is the homotopy fiber of  $Sr$ . This implies the claim, by Prop. 2.79.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7** (Automorphisms along shape-unit). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1),  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $(X, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79). There is a canonical homomorphism*

$$\text{Aut}(X) \xrightarrow{\quad \text{Aut}(h_X^s) \quad} / \text{Aut}(SX) \quad (136)$$

from the automorphism group (Def. 2.86) of  $X$  to that of the shape (133) of  $X$ , which is such that the shape unit  $h_X^s$  (48) is equivariant (Def. 2.83) with respect to the canonical automorphism action (115) on  $X$  and the restriction (Prop. 2.85) along this morphism (136) of the canonical automorphism action on  $SX$ :

$$(X, r_{\text{Aut}(X)}) \xrightarrow{\quad h_X^s \quad} / \text{Aut}(h_X^s)^*(SX, r_{\text{Aut}(SX)}) \in \text{Aut}(X)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}).$$

*Proof.* Take the morphism (136) to be the composite

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Aut}(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad \text{Aut}(h_X^s) \quad} & / \text{Aut}(SX) \\
\downarrow h_{\text{Aut}(X)}^s & \text{ * } & \downarrow \Omega \vdash S r_{\text{Aut}} \\
& & S(\text{Aut}(X))
\end{array}$$

where **(a)** the left morphism is the shape unit (48), using Prop. 3.4, while **(b)** the right morphism is that which exhibits, via Prop. 2.87, the  $S\text{Aut}(X)$ -action  $Sr_{\text{Aut}}$  (134) on  $SX$  from Lemma 3.6. Then consider the following diagram of homotopy fiber sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & & SX & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /SX // \text{Aut}(SX) & \\
& & & \parallel & & \parallel & \\
& & & \mathcal{S}SX & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /SX // (S\text{Aut}(X)) & \\
& & & \parallel & & \parallel & \\
X & \xrightarrow{\quad h_X^s \quad} & /X // \text{Aut}(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad h_{\text{Aut}(X)}^s \quad} & /SX // (S\text{Aut}(X)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /SX // \text{Aut}(SX) \\
& & \downarrow r_{\text{Aut}(X)} & & \downarrow S r_{\text{Aut}(X)} & & \downarrow r_{\text{Aut}(SX)} \\
& & \mathbf{B}\text{Aut}(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad h_{\mathbf{B}\text{Aut}(X)}^s \quad} & \mathbf{B}S\text{Aut}(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad \vdash S r_{\text{Aut}} \quad} & \mathbf{B}\text{Aut}(SX) \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & \mathbf{B}\text{Aut}(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad \text{Aut}(h_X^s) \quad} & \text{Aut}(h_X^s) & & \mathbf{B}\text{Aut}(SX)
\end{array}$$

Here **(i)** the fiber sequence in the middle is that from the right of (135), **(ii)** the right part is the defining pullback from Prop. 2.87, while **(iii)** the left part exists by the naturality of  $h^s$ . By the commutativity of the total front square it factors through the corresponding pullback square, thus implying the claim.  $\square$



## Concrete cohesive objects.

**Definition 3.8** (Concrete objects). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1).

(i) For  $X \in \mathbf{H}_0 \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  0-truncated (Def. 2.57), we say that  $X$  is a *concrete object* or *concrete cohesive space* if the unit  $h_X^\sharp$  (48) of the  $\sharp$ -modality (133) is (-1)-truncated (Def. 2.58), hence a monomorphism. By the 0-image factorization (91),

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{(-1)\text{-conn.}} // \text{image factorization} \bullet \xrightarrow{(-1)\text{-trunc.}} \mathcal{S}\sharp X \\ \text{unit morphism of } \sharp\text{-modality} \\ \xrightarrow{h_X^\sharp} \end{array} \sharp X$$

this means equivalently that  $X$  is equivalent to its 0-image under the  $\sharp$ -unit (48):

$$X \in \mathbf{H}_0 : \quad X \text{ is concrete} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad X \xrightarrow{h_X^\sharp} \sharp X \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \sharp X \simeq X. \quad (137)$$

(ii) We write

$$\mathbf{H}_{0,\sharp} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}_0 \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H} \quad (138)$$

for the full subcategory of the 0-truncated objects on those which are concrete.

(iii) Moreover, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we define, recursively, full sub- $\infty$ -categories of concrete  $(n+1)$ -truncated objects (Def. 2.57)

$$\mathbf{H}_{n+1,\sharp} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H} \quad (139)$$

by declaring that  $X \in \mathbf{H}_{n+1}$  is *concrete* if:

- it admits a *concrete atlas*, namely an effective epimorphism out of a concrete 0-truncated object (137),
- such that the homotopy fiber product of the atlas with itself (which is an  $n$ -truncated object) is a concrete:

$$X \in \mathbf{H}_{n+1} : \quad X \text{ is concrete} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exists_{X_0 \in \mathbf{H}_{0,\sharp}} : X_0 \xrightarrow{(-1)\text{-trunc.}} // X \quad \text{and} \quad X_0 \times_X X_0 \in \mathbf{H}_{n,\sharp}. \quad (140)$$

## Cohesive charts.

**Definition 3.9** (Charts). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1). We say that an  $\infty$ -category of cohesive charts for  $\mathbf{H}$  is an  $\infty$ -site Charts for  $\mathbf{H}$  (Prop. 2.41)

$$\mathbf{H} \cdot \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{0} \xrightarrow{L} \\ \xrightarrow{\perp} \end{array} \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\text{Charts})$$

all of whose objects (under the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding  $y$ , Prop. 2.37) have contractible shape (133):

$$\text{Charts} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\bullet} \xrightarrow{y} \\ \xrightarrow{U} \xrightarrow{U} \end{array} \mathbf{H} \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}} \text{Groupoids}_\infty \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{Charts} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\bullet} \xrightarrow{y} \\ \xrightarrow{U} \xrightarrow{U} \end{array} \mathbf{H} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{H} \quad (141)$$

$\text{Shp}(U) \simeq * \qquad \mathcal{S}(U) \simeq *$

**Lemma 3.10** (Charts are cohesively connected). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1) with a site of Charts (Def. 3.9). Then, for  $U \in \text{Charts}$  and  $\{X_i \in \mathbf{H}\}_{i \in I}$  an indexed set of objects of  $\mathbf{H}$ , we have that every morphism from  $U$  into the coproduct of the  $X_i$  factors through one of the  $X_i$ :*

$$U \xrightarrow{f} \bigsqcup_{i \in I} X_i \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exists_{i_0 \in I} U \xrightarrow{\quad} X_{i_0} \xrightarrow{q_{X_{i_0}}} \bigsqcup_{i \in I} X_i.$$

*Proof.* Consider the pullbacks  $U_i \xrightarrow{qu_i} U$  along  $f$  of the canonical inclusions of the  $X_i$  into their coproduct, given by these Cartesian squares (Notation 2.21):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_i & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X_i \\ qu_i \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow q_{X_i} \\ U & \xrightarrow{f} & \bigsqcup_{i \in I} X_i \end{array} \quad (142)$$

By Prop. 2.32, this is such that

$$U \simeq \bigsqcup_{i \in I} U_i . \quad (143)$$

The image of (143) under shape (133) is

$$* \simeq \mathcal{S}U \simeq \bigsqcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{S}U_i \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\bullet \text{Disc}} \mathbf{H} ,$$

where on the left we used the defining property (141) of charts and on the right we used that the shape operation, being a left adjoint, preserves coproducts (Prop. 2.26). But, since  $* \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  is connected, this implies that there is  $i_0 \in I$  with

$$\mathcal{S}U_i \simeq \begin{cases} \emptyset & | & i \neq i_0 \\ * & | & i = i_0 \end{cases}$$

From this, Lemma 3.3 implies that  $U_i \simeq \emptyset$  for  $i \neq i_0$  and, with (143), this implies

$$U_{i_0} \xrightarrow[\simeq]{qu_{i_0}} U .$$

Using this in (142) gives the desired factorization.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.11** (Quotient by cohesively discrete  $\infty$ -group). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1) which admits a site of Charts (Def. 3.9). Then, for*

$$G \in \text{Groups}(\text{Groupoids}_\infty) \xrightarrow{\bullet \text{Disc}} \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}) \quad (144)$$

a cohesively discrete  $\infty$ -group (101) and  $U \in \text{Charts}$ , we have an equivalence

$$\mathbf{H}(U, * // G) \simeq * // G \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty . \quad (145)$$

*Proof.* Since Disc is both a left and a right adjoint, it preserves (Prop. 2.26) the homotopy quotient that corresponds to the effective epimorphism  $* \xrightarrow{//} * // G$  (Prop. 2.70) so that

$$* // G \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\bullet \text{Disc}} \mathbf{H}$$

is a cohesively discrete object. With this, we have the following sequence of natural equivalences:

$$\mathbf{H}(U, * // G) \simeq \mathbf{H}(U, \text{Disc}(* // G)) \simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty(\text{Shp}(U), * // G) \simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty(*, * // G) \simeq * // G ,$$

where the second step is the hom-equivalence (47) of the  $\text{Shp} \dashv \text{Disc}$ -adjunction and the third step is the condition that the chart  $U$  has contractible shape.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.12** (Homming Charts into quotients by discrete groups). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1) which admits Charts (Def. 3.9). Then, for  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  an object equipped with an  $\infty$ -action (Prop. 107) by a geometrically discrete  $\infty$ -group  $G$  (144), the homotopy quotient  $X // G$  (108) is given as an  $\infty$ -sheaf on Charts, by assigning to  $U \in \text{Charts}$  the homotopy quotient of the  $\infty$ -groupoid of  $U$ -shapes plots of  $X$ :*

$$X // G : U \longmapsto \mathbf{H}(U, X) // G .$$

*Proof.* Consider the image of the homotopy fiber sequence that characterizes the given  $\infty$ -action (Prop. 2.79) under homming the chart  $U$  into it:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(p)} X // G & & \mathbf{H}(U, X) \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(\mathbf{H}(U, p))} \mathbf{H}(U, X) // G \simeq \mathbf{H}(U, X // G) \\ \Big\| p & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{H}(U, -)} & \Big\| \mathbf{H}(U, p) \\ * // G & & * // G \simeq \mathbf{H}(U, * // G) \end{array} \quad (146)$$

Since the hom-functor  $\mathbf{H}(U, -)$  preserves limits, the result is again a homotopy fiber sequence, as shown on the right of (146). Moreover, by the assumption that  $G$  is geometrically discrete and that  $U$  is geometrically contractible, we have the equivalence (146) shown on the bottom right. This means that the fiber sequence on the right of (146) exhibits  $\mathbf{H}(U, X // G)$  as the homotopy quotient  $\mathbf{H}(U, X) // G$  of an  $\infty$ -action by  $G$  on  $\mathbf{H}(U, X)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.13** (Fixed locus in 0-truncated objects for discrete groups). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1) with a site of Charts (Def. 3.9). Let  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) be discrete  $G \simeq \flat G$  and 0-truncated,  $G \simeq \flat_0 G$ , and let  $(X, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79) with  $X \simeq \flat_0 X$  also 0-truncated. Then the  $G$ -fixed locus  $X^G \in \mathbf{H}$  (Def. 2.97) is itself 0-truncated and such that, for  $U \in \text{Charts}$ , we have a natural equivalence*

$$\mathbf{H}(U, X^G) \simeq \mathbf{H}(U, X)^G := \left\{ f \in \mathbf{H}(U, X) \mid \forall_{g \in G} g \cdot f = f \right\} \quad (147)$$

between **(a)** the hom-set from  $U$  to  $X^G$  and **(b)** the naive set of fixed points in the hom-set from  $U$  to  $X$ , with respect to the restriction (Prop. 2.85) along  $K \hookrightarrow G$  of the induced  $G$ -action (146) on the latter.

*Proof.* We claim that we have the following sequence of natural equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}(U, X^G) &= \mathbf{H}(U, \mathbf{B}(G \rightarrow *)_*((X, r))) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_{/\mathbf{B}G}(\mathbf{B}(G \rightarrow *)_*(U), X // G) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_{/\mathbf{B}G}(* // G \times U, X // G) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(* // G \times U, X // G)_{\mathbf{H}(* // G \times U, * // G)} \times \{pr_1\} \\ &\simeq \text{Groupoids}(* // G, \mathbf{H}(U, X // G))_{\text{Groupoids}(* // G, \mathbf{H}(U, * // G))} \times \{\widetilde{pr}_1\} \\ &\simeq \text{Groupoids}(* // G, \mathbf{H}(U, X) // G)_{\text{Groupoids}(* // G, * // G)} \times \{\text{id}\} \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(U, X)^G. \end{aligned} \quad (148)$$

Here the first three lines are the definition of fixed loci (124) and the hom-equivalences (47) of the resulting adjunction (81). The fourth line is the characterization (75) of hom- $\infty$ -groupoids in slices (Prop. 2.48), the fifth line uses the tensoring (62) of  $\mathbf{H}$  over  $\text{Groupoids}_\infty$  (Prop. 2.34), and the sixth line follows by Prop. 3.12.

To see the last step in (148), use the explicit presentation of the groupoid  $\mathbf{H}(U, X) // G$  as an action groupoid, by Example 2.15. This way the projection map in the fiber product in the sixth line in (148) is presented by a Kan fibration, whence this homotopy fiber product may be computed equivalently as a 1-categorical fiber product of sets of objects and of sets of morphisms, separately. Moreover, since  $\{\text{id}\}$  has no non-trivial morphisms and since the projection functor itself is faithful, there are in fact no non-trivial morphisms in this fiber product, which is hence just the set whose elements are precisely those functors of action groupoids which are equal to the identity on labels in  $G$ :

$$\text{Groupoids}(* // G, \mathbf{H}(U, X) // G)_{\text{Groupoids}(* // G, * // G)} \times \{\text{id}\} \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} * // G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{H}(U, X) // G \\ g \in G \downarrow & \mapsto & f \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & g \cdot f \end{array} \right\} \simeq \mathbf{H}(U, X)^G. \quad \square$$

**Lemma 3.14** ( $n$ -Truncated morphisms via  $n$ -truncated homotopy fibers). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos which is cohesive (Def. 3.1). Let  $G$  be a finite group in  $\mathbf{H}$  (220). Then, for every  $n \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, \dots\}$  and for any morphism in  $\mathbf{H}$  to its delooping groupoid (Example 2.14)  $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{p} * // G$ , the following are equivalent*

- (i)  $p$  is an  $n$ -truncated morphism (Def. 2.58);
- (ii) the homotopy fiber of  $p$  (over the essentially unique point of  $* // G$ ) is an  $n$ -truncated object (Def. 2.57).

*Proof.* Let  $U \in \text{Charts}$  and consider homming it into the homotopy fiber sequence in question:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{X} \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow p \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & * // G \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{H}(U, X) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{H}(U, \mathcal{X}) \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathbf{H}(U, p) \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{H}(U, * // G) \simeq * // G \end{array}$$

Since the hom-functor  $\mathbf{H}(U, -)$  preserves limits, the square on the right is again a homotopy pullback. Since  $U$  is a chart and  $G$  is discrete, we have the equivalence (145) shown on the bottom right. Since  $*//G$  has an essentially unique point, the square on the right exhibits the essentially unique homotopy fiber of the morphism  $\mathbf{H}(U, p)$ . Since the charts  $U$  are generators of  $\mathbf{H}$  (objects of an  $\infty$ -site of definition), the morphism  $p$  is  $n$ -truncated (Def. 2.58) precisely if for each chart  $U$  the homotopy fiber of  $\mathbf{H}(U, p)$  is  $n$ -truncated. But the square on the right shows that this homotopy fiber is  $\mathbf{H}(U, X)$ , and hence this means, equivalently, that  $X$  is an  $n$ -truncated object (according to Def. 2.57).  $\square$

**Examples of cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes.** We indicate some examples of cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes (Def. 3.1), following [Sc13].

**Example 3.15** (Discrete cohesion). The base  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty$  is trivially a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1) with all operations being identities:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \times & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & / \\ \Omega & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & ? \\ \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty \\ \Omega & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & ? \end{array} \quad (149)$$

For emphasis we also call this the  $\infty$ -topos of *geometrically discrete  $\infty$ -groupoids*.

**Definition 3.16** (Site for homotopical cohesion). A small  $\infty$ -site (70) is an  $\infty$ -site for homotopical cohesion if

- (i) its Grothendieck topology is trivial and
- (ii) the underlying  $\infty$ -category has finite products, i.e., has a terminal object and binary Cartesian products.

**Example 3.17** (Homotopical cohesion). The  $\infty$ -topos of  $\infty$ -sheaves (Def. 2.42) over an  $\infty$ -site  $\mathcal{C}$  for homotopical cohesion (Def. 3.16) is cohesive (Def. 3.1):

$$\mathbf{H} := \mathbf{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}) \begin{array}{ccc} \times & \xrightarrow{\lim} & / \\ \Omega & \xrightarrow{\text{const}} & ? \\ \mathbf{H} := \mathbf{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}) & \xrightarrow{\lim} & \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty \\ \Omega & \xrightarrow{\text{Chc}} & ? \end{array} \quad (150)$$

(i) The operation  $\mathbf{Pnts} \simeq \varprojlim$  forms the limit of  $\infty$ -presheaves regarded as  $\infty$ -functors on  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$  (by Prop. 2.36); but since  $\mathcal{C}$  is assumed to have a terminal object, this is equivalently just the evaluation on that object:

$$\mathbf{Pnts}(X) \simeq X(*) \simeq \mathbf{H}(*, X),$$

where on the right we used the  $\infty$ -Yoneda lemma (Prop. 2.38). This makes manifest how  $\mathbf{Pnts}(X)$  is the “underlying  $\infty$ -groupoid of points of  $X$ ”.

(ii) The operation  $\mathbf{Shp} \simeq \varinjlim$  is the colimit of  $\infty$ -presheaves regarded as  $\infty$ -functors (by Prop. 2.36). Since the colimit of any representable functor is the point (Lemma 2.40)

$$\mathcal{C} \begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{y} & \mathbf{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathcal{C}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}} \\ & \text{const}_* & \end{array} \mathbf{Groupoids}_\infty,$$

this means that  $\mathcal{C}$  serves itself as a category of Charts in this case (Def. 3.9).

**Example 3.18** (Smooth cohesion). The  $\infty$ -sheaf  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.42) over the site of SmoothManifolds (Def. 2.9, see [FSS12, App.]), which we call the  $\infty$ -topos of *smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids*

$$\mathbf{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty := \mathbf{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathbf{SmoothManifolds}),$$

is cohesive (Def. 3.1): The adjoint quadruple (132) arises as in Example 3.17, which here happens to descend from  $\infty$ -presheaves to  $\infty$ -sheaves.

In this case we have:

(i) A category of Charts (Def. 3.9) is given (Prop. 2.10) by CartesianSpaces (Def. 2.5)

$$\text{CartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{\cdot y} \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{CartesianSpaces}) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \quad (151)$$

$$\mathcal{S}(y(\mathbb{R}^n)) \simeq *$$

(ii) The concrete 0-truncated objects (Def. 3.8) are equivalently the *diffeological spaces* (Def. 2.6), including the *D-topological spaces*<sup>4</sup> (Def. 2.2) as well as smooth and possibly infinite-dimensional Fréchet manifolds (Prop. 2.11) as further full subcategories (32):

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\text{Cdfflg}} \text{DTopologicalSpaces} \\ \text{FréchetManifolds} \xrightarrow{\#} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \{ \\ \} \\ \} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\cdot \text{concrete 0-truncated objects}} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \quad (152)$$

(iii) The concrete 1-truncated objects (Def. 3.8) form the  $(2, 1)$ -category of diffeological groupoids with Morita/Hilsum-Skandalis morphisms (Remark 2.72) between them, which includes, by (152), the  $(2, 1)$ -categories of D-topological groupoids and of (possibly infinite-dimensional Fréchet-)Lie groupoids:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{TopologicalGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\text{Cdfflg}} \text{DTopologicalGroupoids} \\ \text{FréchetLieGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\#} \text{DiffeologicalGroupoids} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} | \\ \} \\ \} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\cdot \text{concrete 1-truncated objects}} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \quad (153)$$

(iv) The cohesive shape (133) is given equivalently [Pav20][BEBP19][Bunk20, §3] by the *smooth  $\infty$ -path  $\infty$ -groupoid*:

$$\mathcal{S}X \simeq \lim_{\rightarrow} \mathbf{Maps}(\Delta_{\text{smth}}^\bullet, X) \in \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty, \quad \text{hence } \text{Shp}(X) \simeq \lim_{\rightarrow} X(\Delta_{\text{smth}}^\bullet) \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty \quad (154)$$

where  $\Delta_{\text{smth}}^\bullet$  is the simplicial smooth manifold of extended simplices (Def. 2.19) and  $\mathbf{Maps}(-, -)$  denotes the internal hom (56) in  $\text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$ .

(v) The cohesive shape (133) of (a) any topological space and (b) any finite-dimensional smooth manifold regarded, respectively, as smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids via (152) is equivalently (by (154) with Prop. 2.20, and by [Sc13, 4.3.29], respectively) its standard topological homotopy type  $\text{Shp}_{\text{Top}}$  (36):

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(a) } \text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\text{Cdfflg}} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}} \text{Groupoids}_\infty \\ \downarrow \simeq \\ \text{Shp}_{\text{Top}} \end{array} \quad (155)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(b) } \text{SmoothManifolds} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}} \text{Groupoids}_\infty \\ \downarrow \simeq \\ \text{Shp}_{\text{Top}} \circ \text{Dtpltg} \end{array} \quad (156)$$

(vi) The cohesive shape (133) of a topological groupoid, when regarded, via its coreflection (32), as a D-topological groupoid and hence as a smooth  $\infty$ -groupoid (153) is equivalently (by (155), and since  $\mathcal{S}$  is left adjoint and hence preserves homotopy colimits, Prop. 2.26) its simplicial-topological shape (Def. 2.17):

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{TopologicalGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\text{Cdfflg}} \text{DiffeologicalGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}} \text{Groupoids}_\infty \\ \downarrow \simeq \\ \text{Shp}_{\text{sTop}} \end{array} \quad (157)$$

**Example 3.19** (Spectral cohesion). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1). Then its tangent  $\infty$ -topos  $T\mathbf{H} = \text{SpectralBundles}(\mathbf{H})$  (Example 2.51) is cohesive [Sc13, 4.1.9] over the base tangent  $\infty$ -topos (122):

$$\begin{array}{c} \times \text{---} T\text{Shp} \text{---} / \\ \Omega \text{---} T\text{Disc} \text{---} ? \\ T\mathbf{H} \text{---} T\text{Pnts} \text{---} / T\text{Groupoids}_\infty \\ \Omega \text{---} T\text{Chtc} \text{---} ? \end{array} \quad (158)$$

<sup>4</sup>These are the  $\Delta$ -generated spaces of [Sm][Dug03]; see Remark 2.3.

**Remark 3.20** (Differential cohomology in cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes). The intrinsic cohomology theory (22) of a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1) is *differential cohomology* [Sc13].

(i) In the case when  $\mathbf{H} := \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.18), this is a non-abelian differential cohomology theory generalizing the theory of Cartan-Ehresmann connections on smooth fiber bundles to  $\infty$ -connections on smooth  $\infty$ -bundles [SSS12][FSS12][NSS12a].

(ii) In the case when  $\mathbf{H} := T\text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  is the cohesive tangent  $\infty$ -topos (Example 3.19) to that of smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids (Example 3.18), the intrinsic cohomology furthermore subsumes abelian Hopkins-Singer differential cohomology theories and variants [BNV13], as well as the twisted versions of these (Remark 2.96), such as twisted differential KU-theory [GS19a] and twisted differential KO-theory [GS19b].

### 3.1.2 Differential geometry

We present a formulation of differential geometry internal to  $\infty$ -toposes which we call *elastic* [Sc13], adjoining to the plain *shape* operation  $\mathfrak{S}$  of §3.1.1 a *de Rham shape* operation  $\mathfrak{R}$ , in generalization of [Si96][ST97].

**Definition 3.21** (Elastic  $\infty$ -topos).

(i) An *elastic  $\infty$ -topos* over  $\mathbf{B} = \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  is an  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 2.30) whose base geometric morphism (Prop. 2.43), to be denoted  $\text{Pnts} : \mathbf{H} \dashv \text{Groupoids}_\infty$ , is equipped with a factorization as follows, having adjoints (Def. 2.24) as shown:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{“reduced”} \\
 \text{“infinitesimal shape”} \\
 \text{“infinitesimally discrete”} \\
 \text{“infinitesimal points”}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Shp} : \\
 \text{Pnts} :
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{H} \\
 \mathbf{H}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{“elastic”} \\
 \text{“reduced”} \\
 \text{“discrete”}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{“ $\infty$ -topos”} \\
 \text{“sub-topos”} \\
 \text{“sub-topos”}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{“étale”} \\
 \text{“locally constant”}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Disc} \\
 \text{Disc}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{B} \\
 \mathbf{B}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{“disc”} \\
 \text{“disc”}
 \end{array}
 \quad (159)$$

(ii) Hence the elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  is, in particular, a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos over  $\mathbf{B}$ , according to Def. 3.1, and so is its sub- $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_\mathfrak{R}$  of reduced objects.

(iii) We write

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{“reduced”} \\
 \text{“étale”} \\
 \text{“locally constant”}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathfrak{R} := \text{Rdcd} \circ \text{Shp}_{\text{inf}} \\
 \mathfrak{S} := \text{Disc}_{\text{inf}} \circ \text{Shp}_{\text{inf}} \\
 \mathfrak{L} := \text{Disc}_{\text{inf}} \circ \text{Pnts}_{\text{inf}}
 \end{array}
 : \mathbf{H} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H} \quad (160)$$

for the further induced modalities (20) (*elastic modalities*), accompanying the cohesive modalities of (133).

**Examples of elastic  $\infty$ -toposes.** We indicate some examples of elastic  $\infty$ -toposes (Def. 3.21), following [Sc13]. For full details on the constructions, see [SS20c].

**Definition 3.22** (Jets of Cartesian spaces). Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(i) We write

$$\begin{array}{c}
 k\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} \\
 \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D}_W
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \xrightarrow{\bullet \text{C}^\infty(-)} \\
 \xrightarrow{\bullet \text{C}^\infty(-)}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{CommutativeAlgebras}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\text{op}} \\
 \mathbb{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathbb{R} \oplus W)
 \end{array} \quad (161)$$

for the full subcategory of that of commutative  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebras on those which are tensor products of (a) the algebra of real-valued smooth functions on a Cartesian space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with (b) a finite-dimensional real algebra with a maximal ideal  $W$  that is nilpotent of order  $k + 1$ , in that  $W^{k+1} = 0$ .

(ii) We write

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \infty\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} \\
 \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D}_W
 \end{array}
 := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} k\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \xrightarrow{\bullet \text{C}^\infty(-)} \\
 \xrightarrow{\bullet \text{C}^\infty(-)}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{CommutativeAlgebras}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\text{op}} \\
 \mathbb{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} W
 \end{array} \quad (162)$$

for the analogous full subcategory where each  $W$  is (finite dimensional and) nilpotent of some finite order.

(iii) We regard these categories as equipped with the coverage (Grothendieck pre-topology) whose covers are the families of morphisms of the form

$$\left\{ \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D} \xrightarrow{f_i \times \text{id}} \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D} \right\}_{i \in I} \quad \text{such that} \quad \left\{ \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f_i} \mathbb{R}^n \right\}_{i \in I} \quad \text{is a cover in CartesianSpaces (Def. 2.5).}$$

**Lemma 3.23** (Coreflections of jets of Cartesian spaces). *Consider the  $k$ JetsOfCartesianSpaces from Def. 3.22.*

(i) For  $k = 0$ , this is equivalently the category of plain Cartesian spaces of Def. 2.5:

$$0\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} \simeq \text{CartesianSpaces} .$$

(ii) For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the evident full inclusion of  $k$ JetsOfCartesianSpaces into  $(k + 1)$ JetsOfCartesianSpaces is co-reflective

$$\infty\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}_{\text{inf},\infty}} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}_{\text{inf},2}} 2\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}_{\text{inf},1}} 1\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}_{\text{inf}}} \text{CartesianSpaces}$$

with

$$C^\infty(\text{Shp}_{\text{inf},k}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D}_W)) \simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathbb{R} \oplus W)/W^{k+1} . \quad (163)$$

*Proof.* Statement (i) follows as a special case of the general fact, sometimes known as *Milnor's exercise* (since the key idea is hinted at in [MSt74, Prob. 1-C]), that passage to their real algebras of smooth functions embeds smooth manifolds fully faithfully into the opposite or real algebras (a general proof is in [KMS93, 35.10], see also [Gr05]; for general perspective see [Nes03, 6]) :

$$\text{SmoothManifolds} \xrightarrow{C^\infty(-)} \text{CommutativeAlgebras}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\text{op}} .$$

Statement (ii) follows readily from the definition, using the fact that algebra homomorphisms preserve order of nilpotency.  $\square$

**Example 3.24** (Jets of smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids). For  $k \in \mathbb{N} \sqcup \{\infty\}$ , the  $\infty$ -sheaf  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.42) over the site of  $k$ -jets of Cartesian spaces (Def. 3.22)

$$k\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty := \text{Sheaves}_\infty(k\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces})$$

is elastic (Def. 3.21), with  $(\text{Rdcd} \dashv \text{Shp}_{\text{inf}})$  in (159) given by Kan extension of the co-reflections of sites from Lemma 3.23:

$$k\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\text{Rdcd}} \text{Shp}_{\text{inf}} \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}_{\text{inf}}} \text{Pnts}_{\text{inf}} \xrightarrow{\text{Chtc}} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}_{\mathbb{R}}} \text{Pnts}_{\mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow{\text{Chtc}} \text{Groupoids}_\infty$$

(i) Here for  $k = 1$  we will, for short, abbreviate

$$\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty := 1\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty . \quad (164)$$

(ii) For the case  $k = \infty$ , the underlying 1-topos is the ‘‘Cahiers topos’’ [Du79a][Ko86][KS17].

(iii) For any  $k$ , we have:

(a) The full sub- $\infty$ -topos of reduced objects (159) is (by Lemma 3.23) that of smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids from Example 3.18

$$k\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}_{\text{inf}}} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \quad (165)$$

(b) the 0-truncated concrete objects (Def. 3.8) are still equivalently the *diffeological spaces* (Def. 2.6) as was the case in (152)

$$\text{DTopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\text{!}} \text{FréchetManifolds} \xrightarrow{\text{!}} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\text{0-truncated concrete objects}} k\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty \quad (166)$$

and, more generally, the 1-truncated concrete objects are still the *diffeological groupoids*, as was the case in (153):

$$\text{DTopologicalGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\text{!}} \text{FréchetLieGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\text{!}} \text{DiffeologicalGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\text{1-truncated concrete objects}} k\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty \quad (167)$$

(c) A category of charts (Def. 3.9) for  $\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  is given by  $k\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces}$  (Def. 3.22) itself.

## Étale geometry.

**Definition 3.25** (Étale-over- $X$  modality). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  an object. We say that the *étale-over- $X$*  modality on the slice  $\infty$ -topos over  $X$  (Def. 2.46) is the  $\infty$ -functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{H}/X & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{S}_X} & \mathbf{H}/X \\ \downarrow f & \mapsto & \downarrow (h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}f) \\ Y & & Y \times_{\mathfrak{S}X} \mathfrak{S}Y \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}f \\ X & & X \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X \\ \downarrow f & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}f \\ X \times_{\mathfrak{S}X} \mathfrak{S}Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathfrak{S}Y \\ \downarrow \mathfrak{S}f & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{h_Y^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}Y \end{array}$$

which sends any morphism  $f$  into  $X$  to the pullback of its image under the plain étale modality  $\mathfrak{S}$  (160) along its unit morphism (48), hence to the left vertical morphism in the Cartesian square shown on the right.

**Definition 3.26** (Local diffeomorphism). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21). We say that a morphism  $Y \xrightarrow{f} X$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  is a *local diffeomorphism* if it is étale-over- $X$  (Def. 3.25)

$$\mathfrak{S}_X(f) \simeq X,$$

hence (see Prop. 3.32 for this implication) if the naturality square of the unit (48) of the  $\mathfrak{S}$ -modality (160) is a Cartesian square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{h_Y^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}Y \\ f \downarrow \text{ét} & \Leftrightarrow & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}f \\ X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X \end{array} \quad \text{(168)}$$

**Lemma 3.27** (Closure of class of local diffeomorphisms). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21). The class of local diffeomorphisms in  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.26)*

(i) *satisfies left-cancellation: given a pair of composable morphisms  $f, g$  where  $g$  is a local diffeomorphism, then  $f$  is so precisely if the composite  $g \circ f$  is:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \downarrow g \circ f & \text{ét} & \downarrow g \\ X & & X \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left( f \text{ is a local diffeo} \Leftrightarrow g \circ f \text{ is a local diffeo} \right). \quad \text{(169)}$$

(ii) *is closed under pullbacks: if in a Cartesian square the right vertical morphism is a local diffeomorphism, then so is the left morphism*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y' \times_X Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \\ g^* f \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \text{ét} \\ Y' & \xrightarrow{g} & X \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad g^* f \text{ is a local diffeo.}$$

*Proof.* This is a routine argument: (i) For two composable morphisms, consider the pasting of their  $h^{\mathfrak{S}}$ -naturality squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{h_Z^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}Z \\ f \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{h_Y^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}Y \\ g \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}g \\ X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X \end{array}$$

By the functoriality of  $\mathfrak{S}$ , the total rectangle is the  $h^{\mathfrak{S}}$ -naturality square of  $g \circ f$ . But, by the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) and the assumption that the bottom square is Cartesian, the total rectangle is Cartesian precisely if so is the top square.



(ii) For two morphisms with the same codomain, consider the pasting of their pullback square with the  $h^{\mathfrak{S}}$ -naturality square of one of them, as shown on the left here:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
Y' \times_X Y & \xrightarrow{f^*g} & /Y & \xrightarrow{h^{\mathfrak{S}}} & /{\mathfrak{S}}Y \\
g^*f \Big| & & \text{(pb)} \Big| & f & \text{(pb)} \Big| & {\mathfrak{S}}f \\
Y' & \xrightarrow{g} & /X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & /{\mathfrak{S}}X & \\
\end{array} \simeq \begin{array}{ccc}
Y \times_X Y' & \xrightarrow{h_{(Y \times_X Y')}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & /{\mathfrak{S}}(Y \times_X Y') & \xrightarrow{{\mathfrak{S}}(f^*f)} & /{\mathfrak{S}}Y' \\
g^*f \Big| & & {\mathfrak{S}}(g^*f) \Big| & & \text{(pb)} \Big| & {\mathfrak{S}}g \\
Y' & \xrightarrow{h_{Y'}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & /{\mathfrak{S}}Y' & \xrightarrow{{\mathfrak{S}}(f')} & /{\mathfrak{S}}X & \\
\end{array}$$

By the naturality of  $h^{\mathfrak{S}}$ , this pasting diagram on the left is equivalent to that shown on the right. Moreover, if  $f$  is a local diffeomorphism, it follows that three of the squares are pullbacks (the rightmost one by using that  $\mathfrak{S}$  is right adjoint and thus preserves pullbacks, Prop. 2.26), as shown. With that, the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) implies, first, that the total rectangle on the left is a pullback, hence also that on the right, and then that the remaining square on the right is a pullback. This means that  $g^*f$  is a local diffeomorphism.  $\square$

**Definition 3.28** (Local neighborhood). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21). For  $Y \xrightarrow{f} X$  a morphism in  $\mathbf{H}$ , we say that the corresponding *local neighborhood* of  $Y$  in  $X$  is the purely étale aspect of  $f$ , hence is the object  $N_f X \in \mathbf{H}/_X$  given by  $\mathfrak{S}/_X(f) \simeq (h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*({\mathfrak{S}}f)$ , hence given by the following homotopy pullback square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
N_f X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /{\mathfrak{S}}X \\
{\mathfrak{S}/_X(f)} \Big| & & \text{(pb)} \Big| & {\mathfrak{S}}f \\
Y & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & /{\mathfrak{S}}Y & \\
\end{array}$$

**Definition 3.29** (Tangent bundle). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21). Then for  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  any object, we say that its *infinitesimal tangent bundle* is

$$TX := X \times_{\mathfrak{S}X} X \in \mathbf{H}/_X,$$

hence the left morphism in this Cartesian square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
TX & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X \\
(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}), (\text{id}_X) \Big| & & \text{(pb)} \Big| & h_X^{\mathfrak{S}} \\
X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & /{\mathfrak{S}}X & \\
\end{array} \tag{170}$$

**Example 3.30** (Local neighborhood of a point). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21). For  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  any object and  $* \xrightarrow{x} X$  any point, the homotopy fiber of the tangent bundle (Def. 3.29) over  $x$  is equivalent to the local neighborhood of  $x$  (Def. 3.28):

$$T_x X \simeq N_x X. \tag{171}$$

This follows immediately from the definitions, by the pasting law (Prop. 2.23):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
N_x X \simeq T_x X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /TX & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X \\
\Big| & & \text{(pb)} \Big| & & \text{(pb)} \Big| & h_X^{\mathfrak{S}} \\
* & \xrightarrow{x} & /X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & /{\mathfrak{S}}X & \\
\end{array}$$

**Proposition 3.31** (Pullback along local diffeomorphisms preserves tangent bundles). *In an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21), pullback along a local diffeomorphism  $Y \xrightarrow[\text{ét}]{f} X$  (Def. 3.26) preserves tangent bundles (Def. 3.29) in that*

$$f^*(TX) \simeq TY \quad \text{via:} \quad \begin{array}{ccc}
TY & \xrightarrow{Tf} & /TX \\
\Big| & & \text{(pb)} \Big| \\
Y & \xrightarrow[\text{ét}]{f} & /X
\end{array}$$

*Proof.* Consider the pasting of the defining Cartesian squares, shown on the left here:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
f^*TX & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /TX & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X \\
\downarrow & & \text{(pb)} & & \downarrow & & \text{(pb)} & & \downarrow h_X^\mathfrak{S} \\
Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X \\
& \text{ét} & & & h_X^\mathfrak{S} \\
& f & & & \\
\end{array} \simeq \begin{array}{ccc}
TY & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X \\
\downarrow & & \text{(pb)} & & \downarrow & & \text{(pb)} & & \downarrow h_X^\mathfrak{S} \\
Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X \\
& h_X^\mathfrak{S} & & & \mathfrak{S}f \\
& & & & \mathfrak{S}X
\end{array}$$

By the pasting law (Prop. 2.23), the total rectangle on the left is itself Cartesian. Moreover, the bottom composite morphism on the left is equivalent to the bottom composite morphism on the right, by the naturality of  $h_X^\mathfrak{S}$ . Therefore, using again the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) the total rectangle on the left is equivalent to the pasting of the two consecutive Cartesian squares shown on the right. These identify, in the top row, the middle object  $Y$  by (168) and thus the left object  $TY$  by (170).  $\square$

### Étale toposes.

**Definition 3.32** (Étale topos). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$ . Then we say that the *étale  $\infty$ -topos* of  $X$ , to be denoted  $\hat{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{t}_X$ , is the full sub- $\infty$ -category (Def. 2.1) of the slice  $\infty$ -topos over  $X$  (Prop. 2.46) on those morphisms that are local diffeomorphisms (Def. 3.26):

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{t}_X := (\mathbf{H}/X)_{\mathfrak{S}_X} \overset{\cdot}{\xrightarrow{\quad}} / \mathbf{H}/X. \quad (172)$$

**Proposition 3.33** (Reflections of étale toposes). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  an object. Then the étale topos  $\hat{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{t}_X$  from Def. 3.32:*

- (i) *is indeed an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30);*
- (ii) *its defining full inclusion (172) has both a left- and a right-adjoint (Def. 2.24):*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \hat{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{t}_X \\
\cdot & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \downarrow \perp \\
& & i_X \xrightarrow{\quad} / \mathbf{H}/X \\
0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \downarrow \perp \\
& & \mathbf{LcllCnstnt}_X
\end{array} \quad (173)$$

(iii) *whose induced adjoint modality (20)*

$$(\mathfrak{S}_X := i_X \circ \hat{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{t}_X) \dashv (\mathcal{L}_X := i_X \circ \mathbf{LcllCnstnt}_X) \quad (174)$$

“étale over  $X$ ”
“locally constant over  $X$ ”

*is on the left that of Def. 3.25:*

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{t}_X : \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \downarrow p \\ X \end{array} \longmapsto \begin{array}{c} (h_X^\mathfrak{S})^*(\mathfrak{S}Y) \\ \downarrow (h_X^\mathfrak{S})^*(\mathfrak{S}p) \\ X \end{array} \quad i.e.: \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (h_X^\mathfrak{S})^*(\mathfrak{S}Y) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (\mathfrak{S}p)^*(h_X^\mathfrak{S}) / \mathfrak{S}Y \\ \downarrow (h_X^\mathfrak{S})^*(\mathfrak{S}p) & & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}p \\ X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & / \mathfrak{S}X \\ & h_X^\mathfrak{S} & \end{array} \quad (175)$$

*Proof.* First to see that (175) is well-defined as a functor to  $\hat{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{t}_X$  (this proceeds as in [CHM85, 3.3][CJKP97, 3][CRi20, 7.3]): We need to check that  $(h_X^\mathfrak{S})^*(\mathfrak{S}p)$  is a local diffeomorphism (Def. 3.26). For this, it is sufficient to have equivalences

$$\mathfrak{S}((h_X^\mathfrak{S})^*(\mathfrak{S}p)) \simeq \mathfrak{S}p, \quad (176)$$

and

$$(\mathfrak{S}p)^*(h_X^\mathfrak{S}) \simeq h_X^\mathfrak{S} \quad (177)$$

because then the Cartesian square on the right of (175) exhibits this property.

But (176) follows by applying  $\mathfrak{S}$  to the square on the right of (175), by idempotency (Prop. 2.29) and since equivalences are preserved by pullback (Example 2.22). With this, (177) follows from the naturality of the  $\mathfrak{S}$ -unit, by the universal factorization shown dashed in the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}Y) & \xrightarrow{h_{(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}Y)}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}Y \\
\downarrow (h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}p) & \dashrightarrow \simeq & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}p \\
(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}Y) & \xrightarrow{(\mathfrak{S}p)^*(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})} & \mathfrak{S}Y \\
\downarrow (h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}p) & \downarrow \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}p \\
X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X
\end{array}
\quad (178)$$

Notice that, similarly, there is a natural transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
Y & \xrightarrow{h_Y^{\text{Étl}_X}} & \text{Étl}_X(Y) \\
\downarrow p & \dashrightarrow \text{ét} & \downarrow \text{ét} \\
X & & X
\end{array}
\quad (179)$$

induced as the universal factorization shown dashed in the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
Y & \xrightarrow{h_Y^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}Y \\
\downarrow p & \dashrightarrow \simeq & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}p \\
(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}Y) & \xrightarrow{(\mathfrak{S}p)^*(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})} & \mathfrak{S}Y \\
\downarrow (h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}p) & \downarrow \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}p \\
X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X
\end{array}
\quad (180)$$

and notice that this is an  $\mathfrak{S}$ -equivalence:

$$\mathfrak{S}(h_{Y_1}^{\text{Étl}_X}) \quad \text{is an equivalence.} \quad (181)$$

Condition (181) follows by applying  $\mathfrak{S}$  to the whole left part of the diagram on the right of (182), using idempotency (Prop. 2.29) and that equivalences are preserved by pullback (Example 2.22).

Second, to see that (175) defines a left adjoint to the inclusion: We need to check the corresponding hom-equivalence (47), shown on the left here:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Étl}_X(Y_1) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & Y_2 \\
\downarrow \text{Étl}_X(p) & & \downarrow \text{ét} \\
B & & B
\end{array} & \Leftrightarrow & \begin{array}{ccc}
Y_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & Y_2 \\
\downarrow p & & \downarrow \text{ét} \\
B & & B
\end{array} \simeq \\
\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & h_{Y_1}^{\mathfrak{S}} & & \mathfrak{S}Y_1 & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{S}f} & \mathfrak{S}Y_2 \\
& & \downarrow h_{(h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}X)}^{\mathfrak{S}} & & \downarrow & & \downarrow h_{Y_2}^{\mathfrak{S}} \\
Y_1 & \xrightarrow{h_{Y_1}^{\text{Étl}_X}} & (h_X^{\mathfrak{S}})^*(\mathfrak{S}X) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & Y_2 & & \mathfrak{S}X \\
\downarrow p & & \downarrow \text{Étl}_X(p) & & \downarrow \text{ét} & & \downarrow h_X^{\mathfrak{S}} \\
X & & X & & X & & X
\end{array}
\end{array}
\quad (182)$$

On the right of (182) we show an induced factorization: The square sub-diagram on the right of (182) is Cartesian by the assumption that we are homming into a local diffeomorphism, while the square in the middle is Cartesian by (178). Thus, given  $f$ , the morphism  $\tilde{f}$  is induced by the universal property of the right Cartesian square. Conversely, given  $\tilde{f}$ , precomposition with the  $h_{Y_1}^{\text{Étl}_X}$  (180) gives a morphism  $f$ . To see that this correspondence is an equivalence, we just need to observe that  $\mathfrak{S}(\tilde{f}) \simeq \mathfrak{S}f$ . This follows by (181).

Thus we have established the existence of the left adjoint  $\text{Étl}_X$ . With this, to see the right adjoint  $\text{LcllCnst}_X$  as well as the fact that  $\text{Étl}_X$  is an  $\infty$ -topos, it is now sufficient to show that  $\text{Étl}_X \xrightarrow{\cdot_{ix}} \mathbf{H}/_X$  preserves colimits: Because, by the reflection  $\text{Étl}_X$  this implies, first, that  $\text{Étl}_X$  is a presentable  $\infty$ -category, in fact an  $\infty$ -topos (by Prop. 2.41, since it is then an accessibly embedded reflective subcategory of the slice  $\mathbf{H}/_X$ , which is an  $\infty$ -topos by Prop. 2.46); and thus, second, the existence of the right adjoint by the adjoint  $\infty$ -functor theorem (Prop. 2.27).

So to see that  $i_X$  preserves colimits, consider any small  $\mathcal{I} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  and a diagram

$$Y_\bullet : \mathcal{I} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Ét}_X \xrightarrow{i_X} \mathbf{H}/X. \quad (183)$$

Since  $i_X$  is fully faithful by construction, it is sufficient to show that the colimit of this diagram formed in  $\mathbf{H}/X$  is itself in the image of  $i_X$ . This colimit, in turn, is computed in  $\mathbf{H}$  (by Example 2.52) with its morphism  $q$  to  $X$  universally induced, and this we need to show to be a local diffeomorphism (Def. 3.26). Hence we need to show that the following square on the left is Cartesian:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \lim_{\rightarrow} Y_\bullet \xrightarrow{h_{\lim Y_\bullet}^{\mathfrak{S}}} \mathfrak{S}(\lim_{\rightarrow} Y_\bullet) & & \lim_{\rightarrow} Y_\bullet \xrightarrow{(h_{Y_\bullet}^{\mathfrak{S}})} \mathfrak{S}(\lim_{\rightarrow} Y_\bullet) \\ q \downarrow \quad \text{(pb)} \quad \downarrow \mathfrak{S}q & \Leftrightarrow & q \downarrow \quad \text{(pb)} \quad \downarrow \mathfrak{S}q \\ X \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} \mathfrak{S}X & & X \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} \mathfrak{S}X \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} Y_i \xrightarrow{h_{Y_i}^{\mathfrak{S}}} \mathfrak{S}Y_i & & \\ q_i \downarrow \quad \text{(pb)} \quad \downarrow \mathfrak{S}q_i & & \\ X \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} \mathfrak{S}X & & \end{array} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$$

But, since  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a left adjoint and hence preserves colimits (Prop. 2.26), this is equivalent to the square on the middle being Cartesian. Finally, by universality of colimits (54) in the  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$ , this is equivalent to all the squares on the right being Cartesian. This is the case, by the assumption (183).  $\square$

**Remark 3.34** (Local and global  $\infty$ -section functors.). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$ . Then we may think of the étale  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{Ét}_X$  (Def. 3.32, Prop. 3.33) as the internal construction of the  $\infty$ -topos of  $\infty$ -sheaves over  $X$ . Under this interpretation:

- i) the  $\infty$ -functor  $\text{LcllCnst}$  (173) has the interpretation of sending any  $\infty$ -bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  (Notation 2.45) to its  $\infty$ -sheaf of local sections  $\underline{E} := \text{LcllCnst}_X(E)$ ;
- ii) the direct image of the base geometric morphism (71) has the interpretation of sending any  $\infty$ -sheaf to its  $\infty$ -groupoid of global sections:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \infty\text{-bundles} \\ \text{over } X \\ \mathbf{H}/X \end{array} \xrightarrow{i_X} \begin{array}{c} \infty\text{-sheaves} \\ \text{on } X \\ \mathbf{Ét}_X \end{array} \xrightarrow{\Delta_X} \text{Groupoids}_\infty \\ \perp \quad \perp \\ \text{form } \infty\text{-sheaf of local sections} \quad \text{form } \infty\text{-groupoid of global sections} \\ \Gamma_X \end{array} \quad (184)$$

Notice that the global sections of the  $\infty$ -sheaf of local sections of an  $\infty$ -bundle  $E$  is the global sections of that  $\infty$ -bundle (as in Remark 2.94):

$$\Gamma_X(\underline{E}) \simeq \Gamma_X(E)$$

(by the essential uniqueness of the base geometric morphism (Prop. 2.43) and the fact that the base geometric morphism on  $\infty$ -bundles forms global sections, Remark 2.95).

### Étale groupoids.

**Definition 3.35** (Étale groupoid). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21).

(i) We say that  $X_\bullet \in \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 2.68) is an *étale groupoid* if all its face maps are local diffeomorphisms (Def. 3.26):

$$X_\bullet \text{ is étale groupoid} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 \leq i \leq n}} X_{n+1} \xrightarrow[\text{ét}]{d_i} X_n.$$

(ii) We write

$$\mathbf{ÉtaleGroupoids}(\mathbf{H}) \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H}) \in \text{Categories}_\infty \quad (185)$$

for the full sub- $\infty$ -category of that of all groupoids (97) on those that are étale groupoids.

As a variant of Prop. 2.70 we have:

**Proposition 3.36** (Étale groupoids are equivalent to stacks with étale atlases).

Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $X_\bullet \in \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 2.68). Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) The groupoid  $X_\bullet$  is an étale groupoid (Def. 3.35).
- (ii) The associated atlas  $X_0 \xrightarrow{a} // \mathcal{X}$  (via Prop. 2.70) is a local diffeomorphism (Def. 3.26).

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{O} & \text{O} & \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \\
 X \times_{\mathcal{X}} X & \simeq & X_0 \\
 \text{ét} \downarrow \text{ét} \downarrow \text{ét} & & \downarrow s \downarrow \text{ét} \downarrow t \\
 X_0 & \xlongequal{\quad} & X_0 \\
 \downarrow a & \text{ét} & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{X} & \simeq & \varinjlim X_\bullet
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 & \begin{array}{l}
 \text{“étale groupoid”} \\
 \\
 \text{“étale atlas”} \\
 \\
 \text{“étale stack”}
 \end{array}
 & (186)
 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* By definition of local diffeomorphisms, we need to demonstrate the logical equivalence shown on the left:

$$\forall_{n_1 \rightarrow n_2} \begin{array}{ccc}
 X_{n_1} & \xrightarrow{h_{X_{n_1}}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X_{n_1} \\
 X_f \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}X_f \\
 X_{n_2} & \xrightarrow{h_{X_{n_2}}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X_{n_2}
 \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{ccc}
 X_0 & \xrightarrow{h_{X_0}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X_0 \\
 a \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}a \\
 \varinjlim X_\bullet & \xrightarrow{h_{\varinjlim X_\bullet}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}\varinjlim X_\bullet
 \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{ccc}
 X_0 & \xrightarrow{h_{X_0}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X_0 \\
 a \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{S}a \\
 \varinjlim X_\bullet & \xrightarrow{\varinjlim h_{X_\bullet}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \varinjlim \mathfrak{S}X_\bullet
 \end{array} \quad (187)$$

But since  $\mathfrak{S}$  preserves all limits and colimits (being a left and a right adjoint, Prop. 2.26), we have (a) also the logical equivalence shown on the right of (187); and (b) that  $\mathfrak{S}X_\bullet$  is itself a groupoid with atlas  $\mathfrak{S}a$ , and that  $X_\bullet \xrightarrow{h_{X_\bullet}^{\mathfrak{S}}} // \mathfrak{S}X_\bullet$  is a morphism in  $\text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (97). By (a), it is now sufficient to prove the composite logical equivalence in (187). By (b), this follows with Prop. 2.73.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.37** (Tangent stacks). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $X_\bullet \in \text{ÉtaleGroupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 3.35) with étale atlas  $X \xrightarrow{a} // \mathcal{X}$  (via Prop. 3.36). Then:

- (i) the system of tangent bundles  $TX_\bullet$  (Def. 3.29) is itself an étale groupoid (Def. 3.35), the tangent groupoid;
- (ii) its atlas (under Prop. 3.36) is the differential  $TX_0 \xrightarrow{Ta} // T\mathcal{X}$  of the given atlas, hence the tangent stack is:

$$T\mathcal{X} \simeq \varinjlim TX_\bullet \quad (188)$$

*Proof.* (i) That  $TX_\bullet$  is itself a groupoid (Def. 2.68) follows because both the tangent bundle construction  $T(-)$  (170) as well as the groupoid Segal conditions (96) are pullback constructions, hence limits, which commute over each other. To see that  $TX_\bullet$  is an étale groupoid, consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & T(X_0 \times_{\mathcal{X}} X_0) & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & TX_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X_0 \\
 & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 \varinjlim TX_\bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X_0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathfrak{S}X_0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & X_0 \times_{\mathcal{X}} X_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathfrak{S}(X_0 \times_{\mathcal{X}} X_0)
 \end{array} \quad (189)$$

Here the simplicial sub-diagram in the top right consists of local diffeomorphism by the assumption that  $X_\bullet$  is étale. But this implies that all the horizontal squares in the top of (189) are Cartesian, by Prop 3.31, hence that also all morphisms of the simplicial sub-diagram in the top left are local diffeomorphisms, by Lemma 3.27.

(ii) To see (188) we need to show that the front square in (189) is Cartesian. Observe:

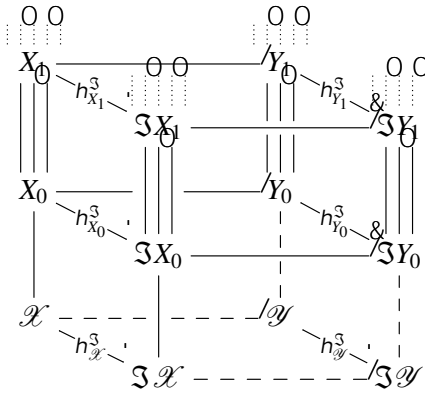
- (a) All horizontal squares in (189) are Cartesian: the top ones by the above argument for (i), the bottom ones by the assumption that  $X_\bullet$  is étale.
- (b) All solid vertical squares in (189) are also Cartesian, by definition (170) of tangent bundles.

- (c) The object  $\mathcal{X}$  in the bottom front left of (189) is not just the colimit of the simplicial sub-diagram in the bottom left, but in fact of the full left sub-diagram (because of the colimit of the top left sub-diagram in the front top left). Similarly, the object  $\mathfrak{S}\mathcal{X}$  is in fact the colimit over the full right sub-diagram in (189) (using that  $\mathfrak{S}$  preserves colimits, being a left adjoint, Prop. 2.26).

Now (a) and (b) verify the assumption of Prop. 2.32 applied to the diagram (189), regarded as a natural transformation from its left part to its right part; and with (c), the conclusion of Prop. 2.32 says that the front square in (189) is Cartesian.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.38** (Degreewise local diffeomorphisms of étale groupoids). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $X_\bullet, Y_\bullet \in \text{ÉtaleGroupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 3.35). If a morphism  $X_\bullet \xrightarrow{f_\bullet} Y_\bullet$  is such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the component  $X_n \xrightarrow{f_n} Y_n$  is a local diffeomorphism (Def. 3.26), then induced morphism on stacks  $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\lim f_\bullet} \mathcal{Y}$  is also a local diffeomorphism (Def. 3.36).*

*Proof.* Consider the following diagram:



Observe that:

- (a) all solid  $h^S$ -naturality squares in this diagram are Cartesian, by the assumption that the rear part of the diagram is a degreewise local diffeomorphism of étale groupoids.
- (b)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is not just the colimit of the partial diagram  $Y_\bullet$  in the rear right, but in fact is also the colimit of the full non-dashed rear part of the diagram (using that  $\mathcal{X}$  is the colimit of the rear left part). Similarly,  $\mathfrak{S}\mathcal{Y}$  is the colimit of the non-dashed front part of the diagram (using that  $\mathfrak{S}$  preserves limits and colimits, being a left and a right adjoint, Prop. 2.26).

Hence if we regard the diagram as a natural transformation from its rear to its front part, then Prop. 2.32 applies and says that also the bottom dashed square is Cartesian, and hence that  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is a local diffeomorphism.  $\square$

**Definition 3.39** (Étalification of groupoids). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $X_\bullet \in \text{Groupoids}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 2.68). Notice that, by Prop. 2.70 for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$  that all face maps  $X_{n+1} \xrightarrow{d_i} X_n$  are in fact equivalent to each other, being related by an automorphism of  $X_{n+1}$  given by permutation of fiber product factors (98)

$$X_\bullet \simeq \begin{array}{c} & & X_2 & & \\ & \swarrow & \simeq & \searrow & \\ X_0 & \xrightarrow{d_1} & X_1 & \xrightarrow{d_2} & X_2 & \xrightarrow{d_1} & X_2 & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \dots \\ & \searrow & \simeq & \swarrow & & & & & \end{array} \quad (190)$$

(and similarly for the degeneracy maps). Therefore, we may regard  $X_\bullet$  as a diagram in the slice  $\mathbf{H}_{X_0}$  and apply  $\mathcal{L}_{X_0}$  (174) to this diagram (190) to obtain

$$X_\bullet^{\text{ét}} \simeq \begin{array}{c} & & \mathcal{L}_{X_0} X_2 & & \\ & \swarrow & \simeq & \searrow & \\ X_0 & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & \mathcal{L}_{X_0} X_1 & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & \mathcal{L}_{X_0} X_2 & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & \mathcal{L}_{X_0} X_2 & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & \dots \\ & \searrow & \simeq & \swarrow & & & & & \end{array} \quad (191)$$

Observe that:

- (a) the simplicial diagram (191) is again a groupoid, since the right adjoint functor  $\mathcal{L}_{X_0}$  preserves the characterizing fiber products (96) (by Prop. 2.26);
- (b) this groupoid is étale (Def. 3.35), since the morphisms of the form  $\mathcal{L}_{X_0}X_n \longrightarrow X_0$  in (191) are local diffeomorphisms by construction, whence all other morphisms  $\mathcal{L}_{X_0}X_{n_1} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{X_0}X_{n_2}$  are local diffeomorphisms by the left-cancellation property (169).

Hence we say that:

- (i) The simplicial diagram (191) is the *étalification* of the groupoid  $X_\bullet$ .

$$X_\bullet^{\text{ét}} \in \text{ÉtaleGroupoids}(\mathbf{H}) . \quad (192)$$

- (ii) If the corresponding atlas of  $X_\bullet$  (via Prop. 2.70) is denoted  $X_0 \dashv\vdash \mathcal{X}$ , then we write

$$X_0 \dashv\vdash^{\text{ét}} \mathcal{X}^{\text{ét}} \quad (193)$$

for the corresponding étale atlas (via Prop. 3.36) of the étalified groupoid (192).

### 3.1.3 Super-geometry

We present a formulation of super-geometry internal to  $\infty$ -toposes which we call *solid* [Sc13].

#### Super-geometry.

**Definition 3.40** (Solid  $\infty$ -topos).

- (i) An  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 2.30) over  $\mathbf{B} = \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  is a *solid  $\infty$ -topos* if its base geometric morphism (Prop. 2.24), to be called  $\text{Pnts} : \mathbf{H} \dashv\vdash \mathbf{B}$ , is equipped with a factorization as follows, with adjoints (Def. 2.24) as shown:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{“even”} \\
 \text{“bosonic”} \\
 \text{“super shape”} \\
 \text{“super discrete”} \\
 \text{Shp} : \\
 \mathbf{H} \\
 \Gamma :
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \times \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Evn} \xrightarrow{\quad} / \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Bsn} \xrightarrow{\quad} ? \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Shp}_{\text{sup}} \xrightarrow{\quad} / \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Disc}_{\text{sup}} \xrightarrow{\quad} ? \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Pnts}_{\text{inf}} \xrightarrow{\quad} / \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Chtc} \xrightarrow{\quad} ?
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Rdcd} \xrightarrow{\quad} ? \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Shp}_{\text{inf}} \xrightarrow{\quad} / \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Disc}_{\text{inf}} \xrightarrow{\quad} ? \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Pnts}_{\text{inf}} \xrightarrow{\quad} / \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Chtc} \xrightarrow{\quad} ?
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \times \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Shp}_{\mathfrak{R}} \xrightarrow{\quad} / \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Disc}_{\mathfrak{R}} \xrightarrow{\quad} ? \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Pnts}_{\mathfrak{R}} \xrightarrow{\quad} / \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Chtc} \xrightarrow{\quad} ?
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Disc} \xrightarrow{\quad} ? \\
 \text{O} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Chtc} \xrightarrow{\quad} ?
 \end{array}
 \quad (194)$$

solid  $\infty$ -topos
bosonic sub-topos
reduced sub-topos
discrete sub-topos

- (ii) In particular, a solid  $\infty$ -topos is also an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21), as its is sub- $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_{\rightsquigarrow}$  of bosonic objects.

- (iii) We write

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{“even”} \\ \text{“bosonic”} \\ \text{“rheonomic”} \end{array} \right) := \text{Bsn} \circ \text{Evn} \quad \dashv\vdash \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{“bosonic”} \\ \text{“rheonomic”} \end{array} \right) := \text{Bsn} \circ \text{Shp}_{\text{sup}} \quad \dashv\vdash \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{“rheonomic”} \end{array} \right) := \text{Disc}_{\text{sup}} \circ \text{Shp}_{\text{sup}} : \mathbf{H} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H} \quad (195)$$

for the further induced modalities (20) (*solid modalities*) accompanying the elastic modalities (160) and the cohesive modalities (133).

**Examples of solid  $\infty$ -toposes.** We indicate an example of a solid  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.40). In generalization of Def. 3.22 we have the following:

**Definition 3.41** ( $\infty$ -Jets of super Cartesian spaces).

- (i) Write

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \infty\text{JetsOfSuperCartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{CommutativeSuperAlgebras}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\text{op}} \\
 \mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}_W \xrightarrow{\quad} C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \wedge_{\mathbb{R}}^{\bullet}(\mathbb{R}^q) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathbb{R} \oplus W)
 \end{array} \quad (196)$$

for (as in [KS97][KS00]) the full subcategory of the opposite of super-commutative super-algebras over the real numbers on those which are tensor products of

- (a) algebras  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of smooth functions on a Cartesian space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (b) Grassmann algebras  $\wedge_{\mathbb{R}}^{\bullet} \mathbb{R}^q$  on  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  generators in odd degree;

(c) finite dimensional  $\mathbb{R} \oplus W \in \text{CommutativeAlgebras}$  with a single nilpotent maximal ideal  $W$ .

(ii) We regard this as a site via the the coverage (i.e., a Grothendieck pre-topology) whose covers are of the form

$$\left\{ \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{0|q}}_{\mathbb{R}^{n|q}} \times \mathbb{D} \xrightarrow{f_i \times \text{id} \times \text{id}} \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{0|q} \times \mathbb{D} \right\}_{i \in I} \text{ such that } \left\{ \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f_i} \mathbb{R}^n \right\}_{i \in I} \text{ is a cover in CartesianSpaces (Def. 2.5).}$$

**Lemma 3.42** (Reflections of super-commutative algebras into commutative algebras). *The canonical inclusion of  $\infty\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces}$  (Def. 3.22) into  $\infty\text{JetsOfSuperCartesianSpaces}$  (Def. 3.41) has a left and a right adjoint (Def. 2.24)*

$$\infty\text{JetsOfSuperCartesianSpaces} \begin{array}{c} \text{--- Evn ---} \\ \perp \\ \text{--- B}_{\text{Snc}} \text{---} \\ \perp \\ \text{--- Shp}_{\text{sup}} \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \infty\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} \quad (197)$$

where:

(i) The left adjoint  $\text{Evn}$  in (197) is given in terms of super-algebras of smooth functions (196) by passage to the sub-algebra of even-graded elements:

$$\begin{aligned} C^\infty\left(\text{Evn}(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D})\right) &\simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D})_{\text{even}} \\ &\simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{0|q})_{\text{even}} . \end{aligned} \quad (198)$$

(ii) The right adjoint  $\text{Shp}_{\text{sup}}$  in (197) is given in terms of super-algebras of smooth functions (196) by passage to the quotient algebra by the ideal of odd-graded elements:

$$\begin{aligned} C^\infty\left(\text{Shp}_{\text{sup}}(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D})\right) &\simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}) / C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D})_{\text{odd}} \\ &\simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{0|q}) / C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{0|q})_{\text{odd}}}_{\simeq \mathbb{R}} \\ &\simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D}) \end{aligned} \quad (199)$$

and hence directly by

$$\text{Shp}_{\text{sup}}(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}) \simeq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D}. \quad (200)$$

*Proof.* By regarding the situation under the defining embedding as being in  $\text{CommutativeSuperAlgebras}_{\mathbb{R}}$  (Def. 3.41), it is equivalent to the statement that the canonical inclusion of commutative algebras into super-commutative super-algebras has a right and a left adjoint given by passage to the even sub-algebra and to the quotient by the odd ideal, respectively:

$$\text{CommutativeSuperAlgebras}_{\mathbb{R}} \begin{array}{c} \text{--- } A \mapsto A/A_{\text{odd}} \text{---} \\ \perp \\ \text{---} \\ \perp \\ \text{--- } A \mapsto A_{\text{even}} \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \text{CommutativeAlgebras}_{\mathbb{R}} .$$

This follows readily by inspection from the fact that homomorphisms of super-algebras preserve super-degree, by definition. One place where this adjoint triple has been made explicit before is [CR12, below Example 3.18].  $\square$

**Example 3.43** (Jets of super-geometric  $\infty$ -groupoids). The  $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -sheaves (Def. 2.42)

$$\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_{\infty} := \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\infty\text{JetsOfSuperCartesianSpaces})$$

over the site from Def. 3.41 is a solid  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.40).



(i) Its bosonic (195) sub- $\infty$ -topos is that of  $\infty\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}$  (Example 3.24) and its reduced (159) sub- $\infty$ -topos that of  $\text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.18):

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{--- Evn ---} / \\
 \perp \\
 \text{0 --- Bsnr --- ?} \\
 \perp \\
 \text{--- Shp}_{\text{sup}} \text{ ---} / \\
 \perp \\
 \infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty \text{ --- Disc}_{\text{sup}} \text{ --- ?} \infty\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty \text{ --- Disc}_{\text{inf}} \text{ --- ?} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \text{ --- Disc --- ?} \text{Gropoids}_\infty \\
 \downarrow \\
 \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty \\
 \downarrow \\
 \text{2JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty \\
 \downarrow \\
 \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty
 \end{array}$$

where the adjoint triple  $(\text{Evn} \dashv \text{Bsnr} \dashv \text{Shp}_{\text{sup}})$  arises by left Kan extension from that of Lemma 3.42.

(ii) The full inclusion of  $\text{SmoothManifolds}$ , inherited from (152), extends to a full inclusion of super-manifolds (as in [CCF11, 4.6][HKST11, 2]):

$$\text{SmoothManifolds} \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}_{\text{sup}}} \text{SuperManifolds} \xrightarrow{\quad} \infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty \quad (201)$$

(iii) Accordingly, super-Lie groups (e.g. [Ya93][CCF11, 7]) embed faithfully into all group objects (Prop. 2.74):

$$\text{Groups}(\text{SmoothManifolds}) \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}_{\text{sup}}} \text{Groups}(\text{SuperManifolds}) \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Groups}(\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty) \quad (202)$$

Lie groups
super Lie groups

(iv) In particular, for  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbf{N} \in \text{Spin}(d, 1)\text{Representations}_\mathbb{R}$ , the corresponding *supersymmetry* groups, i.e., the *super-Poincaré group* and its underlying translational *super-Minkowski group* (e.g. [Fr99, §3]) are group objects

$$\mathbb{R}^{d,1|\mathbf{N}} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Iso}(\mathbb{R}^{d,1|\mathbf{N}}) \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Spin}(d, 1) \in \text{Groups}(\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}). \quad (203)$$

super-Minkowski  
super Lie group
super-Poincaré  
super Lie group

**Remark 3.44** (Superspace cohomology theory in solid  $\infty$ -toposes). The intrinsic cohomology (22) in the solid  $\infty$ -topos of  $\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.43)

(i) includes the super-rational cohomology of super-Minkowski spacetimes (203) that governs the fundamental ( $k$ -symmetric) super  $p$ -brane sigma-models of string/M-theory [FSS13b][FSS16a][FSS16b], review in [FSS19a].

(ii) Its enhancement to *twisted* super-rational cohomology of super-Minkowski spacetimes (203), which happens (by Remark 2.96) in the intrinsic cohomology of the tangent  $\infty$ -topos  $T(\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty)$  (Example 2.51), encodes the double dimensional reduction from fundamental M-branes to D-branes [BSS18].

(iii) Its enhancement to *proper equivariant* super-rational cohomology of super-Minkowski spacetimes (203), which happens (by Remark 5.4 and Theorem 5.9 below) in the intrinsic cohomology of the singular-solid  $\infty$ -topos  $\text{Singular}\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.2 below), encodes also the black (solitonic) super  $p$ -branes [HSS18].

**Lemma 3.45** (In super-geometric groupoids étale implies bosonic).

In the solid  $\infty$ -topos of  $\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}$  (Example 3.41) we have a natural equivalence

$$\rightsquigarrow \circ \mathfrak{S} \simeq \mathfrak{S} \quad (204)$$

saying that  $\mathfrak{S}$ -modal objects (160) are bosonic (195).

*Proof.* Observe that on  $\infty\text{JetsOfSuperCartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{y} \infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty$  (Def. 3.41), we have a natural equivalence

$$\mathfrak{R} \circ \rightrightarrows \simeq \mathfrak{R} \quad (205)$$

saying that the reduction (160) of the even aspect (195) of the space is equivalently the reduced aspect.

To see this, consider  $\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}_W \in \infty\text{JetsOfSuperCartesianSpaces}$  and use, by Example 3.43 with Lemma 3.42, the operation  $\mathfrak{R} \circ \Rightarrow$  is given in terms of the defining super-algebras of functions (3.41) by passage to the reduced algebra of the even subalgebra:

$$\begin{aligned}
C^\infty\left(\mathfrak{R} \circ \Rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}_W)\right) &\simeq \left( (C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} (\wedge_{\mathbb{R}}^{\bullet} \mathbb{R}^q) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathbb{R} \oplus W))_{\text{even}} \right)_{\text{red}} \\
&\simeq \left( C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{(\wedge_{\mathbb{R}}^{\bullet} \mathbb{R}^q)_{\text{even}}}_{\simeq \mathbb{R} \oplus \wedge^2 \mathbb{R}^q \oplus \wedge^4 \mathbb{R}^q \oplus \dots} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathbb{R} \oplus W) \right)_{\text{red}} \\
&\simeq \left( C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathbb{R} \oplus (W \oplus \wedge^2 \mathbb{R}^q \oplus \wedge^4 \mathbb{R}^q \oplus \dots)) \right)_{\text{red}} \\
&\simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{(\mathbb{R} \oplus (W \oplus \wedge^2 \mathbb{R}^q \oplus \wedge^4 \mathbb{R}^q \oplus \dots))}_{\simeq \mathbb{R}} \\
&\simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n).
\end{aligned}$$

Here in the last step we used that every non-unit element in the Grassmann algebra is nilpotent. But, by (199) and (163), we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
C^\infty(\mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}_W)) &\simeq C^\infty(\text{Shp}_{\text{inf}} \circ \text{Shp}_{\text{sup}}(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}_W)) \\
&\simeq C^\infty(\text{Shp}_{\text{inf}}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{D}_W)) \\
&\simeq C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n),
\end{aligned}$$

where in the first step we used the elastic structure (194)  $\mathfrak{X} := \text{Bsn} \circ \text{Rdcd} \circ \text{Shp}_{\text{inf}} \circ \text{Shp}_{\text{sup}}$  leaving the two full embeddings on the left notationally implicit. Since all these equivalences are natural, this implies (205). With this, we have the following sequence of natural equivalences for general  $X \in \mathbf{H} := \infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{H}(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}, \rightsquigarrow \circ \mathfrak{S}(X)) &\simeq \mathbf{H}\left(\mathfrak{R} \circ \Rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}), X\right) \\
&\simeq \mathbf{H}\left(\mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}), X\right) \\
&\simeq \mathbf{H}(\mathbb{R}^{n|q} \times \mathbb{D}, \mathfrak{S}X),
\end{aligned}$$

where the first and the last steps are the defining hom-equivalences (47) while the middle step is (205). Thus the statement (204) follows, by the  $\infty$ -Yoneda lemma (Prop. 2.38).  $\square$

## 3.2 Singularities

Given a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$  as in §3.1.1, we construct here a new  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.48 below), to be called *singular-cohesive*, with the following properties:

1.  $\mathbf{H}$  contains ((218) below) for each finite group  $G$ , an object  $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbf{H}$ , to be thought of as the generic  $G$ -orbi-singularity (*Figure D*).
2.  $\mathbf{H}$  carries (Prop. 3.50 below) an adjoint triple of modalities (20) to be read as follows

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\vee & \dashv & \cup & \dashv & \gamma \\
\text{“singular”} & & \text{“smooth”} & & \text{“orbi-singular”}
\end{array}$$

with  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$  being the full sub- $\infty$ -category of smooth objects in  $\mathbf{H}$ ,

3. such that (Prop. 3.62 below):

$$\begin{aligned}
\vee(\mathcal{G}) &\simeq * && \text{“The purely singular aspect of an orbi-singularity is the quotient of a point, hence a point.”} \\
\cup(\mathcal{G}) &\simeq * // G && \text{“The purely smooth aspect of an orbi-singularity is the homotopy quotient of a point.”} \\
\gamma(\mathcal{G}) &\simeq \mathcal{G} && \text{“An orbi-singularity is purely orbi-singular.”}
\end{aligned}$$

Essentially this list of conditions might completely characterize  $\mathbf{H}$  to be as in Def. 3.48 below. Here we leave a fully axiomatic characterization of singular cohesion as an open problem and are content with making the following definitions:

**Singular cohesive geometry.**

**Definition 3.46** (The 2-site of singularities).

(i) We write

$$\text{Singularities} := \text{Groupoids}_{\leq 1, \text{cn}, \text{fin}} \xrightarrow{\bullet} / \text{Groupoids}_{\infty} \quad (206)$$

for the full sub- $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -groupoids on the connected 1-truncated objects whose  $\rho_1$  is finite.

(ii) A skeleton of this  $(2, 1)$ -category has, of course, as objects the delooping groupoids (Example 2.14)  $*//G$  that are presented by a single object and a *finite* group  $G$  of automorphisms of that object.

(iii) When regarded as objects of Singularities in (206), we will denote these by “ $\gamma$ ” attached to the symbol for the group:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \gamma^G & \in & \text{Singularities} \\ \uparrow & & |^- \\ *//G & \in & \text{Groupoids}_{\infty} \end{array} \quad (207)$$

(iv) The hom- $\infty$ -groupoids between these singularities are, equivalently, the action groupoids (Example 2.15) whose objects are group homomorphisms and whose morphisms are conjugation actions on these:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Singularities}(\gamma^G, \gamma^H) &:= \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}(*//G_1, *//G_2) \\ &\simeq \text{Groups}(G_1, G_2) //_{\text{conj}} G_2 \end{aligned} \quad (208)$$

(v) We regard Singularities as an  $\infty$ -site with trivial Grothendieck topology, so that  $\infty$ -sheaves on Singularities are  $\infty$ -presheaves (65).

**Remark 3.47** (The global orbit category). The category Singularities in Def. 3.46 is sometimes known in the literature as the “global orbit category” (though at other times this term is used for its wide but non-full subcategory on the faithful morphisms). It has elsewhere been denoted: “Orb case ①” (in [HG07, 4.1]), “Glob” (in [Re14, 2.2]), “Orb” (in [Kö16, 2.1][Ju20, 3.2]) and (up to equivalence) “ $\mathbf{O}_{\text{gl}}$ ” (in [Schw17][Kö16, 2.2]). The terminology in Def. 3.46 is meant to be more suggestive of the role this category plays in the theory, from the perspective of cohesive homotopy theory. In fact, the (global) orbit category is often taken to contain not just all finite groups, but all compact Lie groups, with the hom-spaces then being the geometric realization of the topological mapping groupoids. We restrict to discrete groups (hence finite if compact) for reasons explained in Remark 3.64 below. This restriction is also amplified in [DHLPS19].

**Definition 3.48** (Singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos). Consider a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1), now to be denoted with “ $\mathcal{U}$ ”-subscripts

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \times \text{---} \text{Shp} \text{---} / & & \\ \downarrow \perp & & \\ \mathcal{O} \text{---} \text{Dsc} \text{---} ? & & \\ \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}} \text{---} \text{Pnts} \text{---} / \mathbf{B}_{\mathcal{U}} := \text{Groupoids}_{\infty} & & (209) \\ \downarrow \perp & & \\ \mathcal{O} \text{---} \text{Chc} \text{---} ? & & \end{array}$$

and assumed to have a site of Charts (Def. 3.9). The corresponding *singular-cohesive*  $\infty$ -topos is that of  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}}$ -valued  $\infty$ -sheaves (65) over the site of Singularities (Def. 3.46):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{H} := \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}}) & \xrightarrow{\perp} / & \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}} \\ \downarrow \text{Disc} \quad \downarrow \text{Pnts} & \text{Smth} & \downarrow \text{Disc} \quad \downarrow \text{Pnts} \\ \mathbf{B} := \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \mathbf{B}_{\mathcal{U}}) & \xrightarrow{\perp} / & \mathbf{B}_{\mathcal{U}} \\ \text{NnOrbSnglr} & & \text{NnOrbSnglr} \end{array} \quad (210)$$

where horizontally we are showing the base geometric morphisms (Prop. 2.43) of sheaves over the site Singularities, while vertically we are showing the base geometric morphism (132) of  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$  over  $\mathbf{B}_\cup$  extended objectwise over Singularities, by functoriality.

**Lemma 3.49** (Singularities is 2-site for homotopical cohesion). *The 2-site Singularities (Def. 3.46) is an  $\infty$ -site for homotopical cohesion, in the sense of Def. 3.16.*

*Proof.* It is immediately checked that

1. the terminal object is given by the trivial group:  $* \simeq \gamma^\downarrow$  (211)
2. Cartesian product is direct product of groups:  $\gamma_1 \times \gamma_2 \simeq G_{1\gamma} \times G_2$ . □

**Proposition 3.50** (Singular cohesion). *A singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48)*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \mathbf{H} & & \\
 & \text{Smth} & \nearrow & & \text{Pnts} \\
 \mathbf{H}_\cup & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & & & \mathbf{B} \\
 & \text{Pnts} & \searrow & & \downarrow \text{Smth} \\
 & & \mathbf{B}_\cup & & 
 \end{array}$$

is itself cohesive (Def. 3.1) in two ways:

(i) over the singular-base  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{B}$  by the cohesion of  $\mathbf{H}_\cup \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_\cup$  (132) applied object-wise over all Singularities

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \text{“shape”} & \times \text{--- Shp ---} & / \\
 \text{“discrete”} & 0 \text{--- Disc ---} & ? \\
 \text{“points”} & \mathbf{H} \text{--- Pnts ---} & / \mathbf{B} ; \\
 \text{“chaotic”} & 0 \text{--- Chtc ---} & ? 
 \end{array} \quad (212)$$

(ii) over the non-singular cohesive base  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$  (Def. 3.1) in that the global section geometric morphism  $\mathbf{H} \xrightarrow{\text{Smth}} \mathbf{H}_\cup$  of (210) is part of a cohesive adjoint quadruple, to be denoted

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \text{“singular”} & \times \text{--- Snglr ---} & / \\
 \text{“not orbi-singular”} & 0 \text{--- NnOrbSnglr ---} & ? \\
 \text{“smooth”} & \mathbf{H} \text{--- Smth ---} & / \mathbf{H}_\cup . \\
 \text{“orbi-singular”} & 0 \text{--- OrbSnglr ---} & ? 
 \end{array} \quad (213)$$

*Proof.* The first statement is immediate. The second statement follows via Lemma 3.49 by Example 3.17. □

**Notation 3.51** (Singular-elastic/solid  $\infty$ -topos). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48) with underlying smooth cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_\cup \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}$ . Then

- (i) if  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$  is in fact an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21), we say that  $\mathbf{H}$  is a *singular-elastic  $\infty$ -topos*;
- (ii) if  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$  is in fact a solid  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.40), we say that  $\mathbf{H}$  is a *singular-solid  $\infty$ -topos*.

**Definition 3.52** (Singular-cohesive modalities). Given a singular cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48), with its singular cohesion from Prop. 3.50, we write

$$(\vee := \text{NnOrbSnglr} \circ \text{Snglr}) \dashv (\cup := \text{NnOrbSnglr} \circ \text{Smth}) \dashv (\gamma := \text{OrbSnglr} \circ \text{Smth}) \quad (214)$$

“singular”
“smooth”
“orbi-singular”

for the adjoint triple of modalities  $\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  induced (20) via (213); accompanying the cohesive modalities (133) induced via (212).

The above terminology reflects the difference (see Figure D) between a plain singularity  $\vee$  (singular but not orbi-singular) as opposed to its enhancement to an actual orbifold singularity  $\gamma$ . We record the following elementary but important consequence:

**Proposition 3.53** (Smooth orbi-singular is smooth). *The singularity modalities (Def. 3.52) satisfy:*

$$\vee \circ \cup \simeq \cup \quad \text{and} \quad \cup \circ \gamma \simeq \cup .$$

*Proof.* As in Prop. 3.2. □

**Lemma 3.54** (Objectwise application of singularity modalities). *The singular-modalities in (213) are computed objectwise over Charts, as in Example 3.17, followed by  $\infty$ -sheafification  $L_{\text{Charts}}$  (69):*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Snglr} \\
 \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities} \times \text{Charts}) \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} \text{PreSheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities} \times \text{Charts}) \xrightarrow{\quad \xrightarrow{\text{lim}} \quad} \text{PreSheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Charts}) \xrightarrow{\quad \xrightarrow{L_{\text{Charts}}} \quad} \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Charts}) \\
 \text{CONST}^{\text{Singularities}} \perp \text{CONST}^{\text{Singularities}} \perp \text{CONST}^{\text{Singularities}} \\
 \text{NnOrbSnglr}
 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* By essential uniqueness of adjoints (47). □

### Examples of singular-cohesive $\infty$ -toposes.

**Example 3.55** (Singular  $\infty$ -groupoids). For  $\mathbf{H}_{\cup} := \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}$  the base  $\infty$ -topos of plain  $\infty$ -groupoids (35), the singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos from Def. 3.48

$$\text{SingularGroupoids}_{\infty} := \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \text{Groupoids}_{\infty})$$

is that of traditional unstable global homotopy theory [Schw18, §1s], as discussed in this form in [Re14, §4.1] (here with evaluation on all finite groups instead of all compact Lie groups).

**Example 3.56** (Singular-smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids). (i) We call the singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48) over those of smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids (Example 3.18) the  $\infty$ -topos of *singular-smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids*:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{SingularSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty} &:= \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \text{SmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}) \\
 &\simeq \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{CartesianSpaces} \times \text{Singularities}) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{215}$$

(ii) We call the singular-elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.51) over  $\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.24)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{SingularJetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty} &:= \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}) \\
 &\simeq \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{JetsOfCartesianSpaces} \times \text{Singularities}) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{216}$$

(iii) We call the singular-solid  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.51) over  $\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.43)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Singular}\infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_{\infty} &:= \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_{\infty}) \\
 &\simeq \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\infty\text{JetsOfSuperCartesianSpaces} \times \text{Singularities}) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{217}$$

For the second lines of (216), (216), and (217), see Lemma 3.60.

### Basic properties of singular cohesion.

**Definition 3.57** (Orbi-singularities). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48).

(i) We regard the objects  $\mathcal{G} \in \text{Singularities}$  (207) as objects of  $\mathbf{H}$  under the  $\infty$ -Yoneda-embedding (Prop. 2.37) and the inclusion (210) of discrete objects:

$$\mathcal{G} \in \text{Singularities} \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \mathbf{B}_{\cup}) \xrightarrow{\quad \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}} \quad} \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \mathbf{H}_{\cup}) = \mathbf{H} . \tag{218}$$

(ii) More generally, for

$$G \in \text{Groups}(\text{Groupoids}_{\infty}) \xrightarrow{\quad \text{Groups}(\text{Disc}) \quad} \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_{\cup})$$

any discrete  $\infty$ -group (212), we also write

$$\mathcal{G} := \gamma(\mathbf{B}G) \in \mathbf{H} \tag{219}$$

for the orbi-singularization (213) of its delooping (101).

Lemma 3.61 shows that the two notations in Def. 3.57 are consistent with each other.

**Remark 3.58** (Finite groups in singular cohesion). Given a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48), the images of a finite group  $G$  under the following sequence of inclusions are naturally all denoted by the same symbol:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}} & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Groups}(\text{Set}) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Groups}(\text{Groupoids}_{\infty}) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}}) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}) \\ G & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & G & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & G & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & G & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & G \end{array} \quad (220)$$

With this understood, we also have identifications as follows (where now the ambient  $\infty$ -categories are implicit from the context):

$$*//G \simeq \text{Disc}(*//G) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{G} \simeq \text{Disc}(\mathcal{G}) \quad (221)$$

where on the right we are recalling the definition (218).

Similarly:

**Remark 3.59** (Smooth charts in singular cohesion). Consider a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48) with an  $\infty$ -site  $\text{Charts}$  of charts (Def. 3.9). Then images of the charts  $U \in \text{Charts}$  under the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37), and further under  $\text{NnOrbSnglr}$  (210), are naturally denoted by the same symbol:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S} & \xrightarrow{y} & \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}} & \xrightarrow{\text{NnOrbSnglr}} & \mathbf{H} \\ U & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & U & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & U \end{array} \quad (222)$$

**Lemma 3.60** ( $\infty$ -Yoneda on product site). Consider a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.48) with an  $\infty$ -site  $\text{Charts}$  of cohesive charts (Def. 3.9) for  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}}$ .

(i) Then a site (Def. 2.42) for the full singular-cohesive  $\mathbf{H}$  is the Cartesian product site

$$\text{SingularCharts} := \text{Charts} \times \text{Singularities} \quad (223)$$

in that

$$\mathbf{H} \simeq \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Charts} \times \text{Singularities}). \quad (224)$$

(ii) Under the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37) objects in the product site map to the Cartesian product of their prolonged Yoneda embeddings (in the sense of Remark 3.58 and Remark 3.59):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Charts} \times \text{Singularities} & \xrightarrow{y} & \mathbf{H} \\ (U, \mathcal{G}) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & U \times \mathcal{G}, \end{array}$$

where on the right we are using the abbreviated notation from (218) and (222).

*Proof.* On the one hand, we have a natural equivalence

$$\mathbf{H}(y(U_1, \mathcal{G}^1), y(U_2, \mathcal{G}^2)) \simeq \text{Charts}(U_1, U_2) \times \text{Singularities}(*//G_1, *//G_2) \quad (225)$$

by fully-faithfulness of the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37) and by the definition of product sites. On the other hand, we have a sequence of natural equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}(y(U_1, \mathcal{G}^1), U_2 \times \mathcal{G}^2) &= \mathbf{H}(y(U_1, \mathcal{G}^1), \text{NnOrbSnglr}(U_2) \times \text{Disc}(\mathcal{G}^2)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(y(U_1, \mathcal{G}^1), \text{NnOrbSnglr}(U_2)) \times \mathbf{H}(y(U_1, \mathcal{G}^1), \text{Disc}(\mathcal{G}^2)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}}(\text{Snglr}(y(U_1, \mathcal{G}^1)), U_2) \times \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{S}(y(U_1, \mathcal{G}^1)), \mathcal{G}^2) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}}(U_1, U_2) \times \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{G}^1, \mathcal{G}^2) \\ &\simeq \text{Charts}(U_1, U_2) \times \text{Singularities}(\mathcal{G}^1, \mathcal{G}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (226)$$

Here the first step is by definition, the second step is the universal property of the Cartesian product, and the third step is the hom-equivalence (47) of the adjunctions  $\text{Snglr} \dashv \text{NnOrbSnglr}$  and  $\mathcal{S} \dashv \text{Disc}$ , respectively. In the fourth step, we use (141) and (228), respectively. The last step is the fully-faithfulness of the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37). Since both (225) and (226) are natural in  $(U', (*//G)_{\mathcal{V}})$ , and since their right hand sides coincide, it follows by the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37) that also the representatives of the left hand sides coincide:  $y(U_2, \mathcal{G}^2) \simeq U_2 \times \mathcal{G}^2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.61** (Images and pre-images of orbi-singularities). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48). Then the images and pre-images of the generic singularities  $\mathcal{Y}^G$  (218) under the functors (213) exhibiting the singular cohesion are as follows (see Figure D):*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{Snglr} & \mathcal{Y}^G \xrightarrow{k} \text{OrbSnglr} \\
 * = */G \xrightarrow{S} & & \text{Smth} \searrow \text{+} * // G \xrightarrow{\text{NnOrbSnglr}} \mathcal{Y}^G // G \\
 & & \text{NnOrbSnglr}
 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \in \mathbf{H} \\ \in \mathbf{H}_U \end{array} \quad (227)$$

*Proof.* By the singular cohesion established in the proof of Prop. 3.50 we have that:

1. the functor  $\text{Snglr} \simeq \overrightarrow{\text{lim}}$  is the colimit functor (Prop. 2.36),
2. the functor  $\text{Smth} \simeq \overrightarrow{\text{Singularities}}(\mathcal{Y}, -)$  is the hom-functor (25) out of the terminal object (211).

Using this, we deduce the claim:

1. Since colimits of representable  $\infty$ -functors are equivalent to the point (Lemma 2.40) we have

$$\text{Snglr}(\mathcal{Y}^G) \simeq * \simeq */G. \quad (228)$$

2. Observing that (208) reduces to  $\text{Singularities}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Y}^G) \simeq */G$  we have

$$\text{Smth}(\mathcal{Y}^G) \simeq */G.$$

3. With this and by the various adjunctions we have, for  $U \in \mathbf{H}_U$  any geometrically contractible generator (141) and  $K \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  any finite group, the following sequence of natural equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H}(U \times \mathcal{Y}^K, \text{OrbSnglr}(*//G)) &\simeq \mathbf{H}_U \left( \underbrace{\text{Smth}(U \times \mathcal{Y}^K)}_{\simeq U \times \text{Smth}(\mathcal{Y}^K)}, *//G \right) \simeq \mathbf{H}_U(U \times (*//K), \underbrace{*//G}_{\simeq \text{Disc}(*//G)}) \\
 &\simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty \left( \underbrace{\text{Shp}(U)}_{\simeq *}, (*//K), *//G \right) \simeq \text{Singularities}(\mathcal{Y}^K, \mathcal{Y}^G) \\
 &\simeq \mathbf{B} \left( \underbrace{\text{Shp}(U)}_{\simeq *}, \mathcal{Y}^K, \mathcal{Y}^G \right) \simeq \mathbf{B}(\text{Shp}(U \times \mathcal{Y}^K), \mathcal{Y}^G) \\
 &\simeq \mathbf{H}(U \times \mathcal{Y}^K, \text{Disc}(\mathcal{Y}^G)) \simeq \mathbf{H}(U \times \mathcal{Y}^K, \mathcal{Y}^G),
 \end{aligned}$$

where in several steps we recognized geometric discreteness, by (221) in Remark 3.58.

But, by Lemma 3.60, this chain of natural equivalences in total is a natural equivalence of the form

$$\mathbf{H}(y(U, \mathcal{Y}^K), \text{OrbSnglr}(*//G)) \simeq \mathbf{H}(y(U, \mathcal{Y}^K), \mathcal{Y}^G).$$

From this, the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37) implies that  $\text{OrbSnglr}(*//G) \simeq \mathcal{Y}^G$ . □

It is useful to re-express this in terms of the modalities:

**Proposition 3.62** (Orbi-singularities are orbi-singular). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48) and consider a finite group  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  (220). Then the images of the generic orbi-singularity  $\mathcal{Y}^G \in \mathbf{H}$  (218) under the modalities (214) are (see Figure D):*

$$\vee(\mathcal{Y}^G) \simeq *, \quad \cup(\mathcal{Y}^G) \simeq */G, \quad \gamma(\mathcal{Y}^G) \simeq \mathcal{Y}^G. \quad (229)$$

*Proof.* This follows directly with Lemma 3.61 and the definition (214). For example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma(\mathcal{Y}^G) &\simeq \text{OrbSnglr} \circ \text{Smth}(\mathcal{Y}^G) \\
 &\simeq \underbrace{\text{OrbSnglr} \circ \underbrace{\text{Smth}(\mathcal{Y}^G)}_{\simeq *//G}}_{\simeq \mathcal{Y}^G}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

In the same vein, we also have the following immediate but important property:

**Proposition 3.63** (Orbi-singularities are geometrically discrete). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48) and consider a finite group  $G \in \mathbf{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  (220).*

(i) *Then the basic orbi-singularity  $\mathcal{Y}^G \in \mathbf{H}$  (218) is geometrically discrete (133) and thus also pure shape:*

$$\flat \mathcal{Y}^G \simeq \mathcal{Y}^G, \quad \mathcal{S} \mathcal{Y}^G \simeq \mathcal{Y}^G. \quad (230)$$

(ii) *The same is true for  $\text{Smth}(*//G)_\gamma \simeq *//G$ :*

$$\flat(*//G) \simeq *//G, \quad \mathcal{S}(*//G) \simeq *//G. \quad (231)$$

*Proof.* Both statements follow immediately from the definitions and the fact that  $G$  is finite and hence geometrically discrete (220).  $\square$

**Remark 3.64** (Need for discrete/finite groups in Singularities). It is to make Lemma 3.61 and hence Prop. 3.62 true that Def. 3.46 requires the global orbit category Singularities to consist of finite groups, instead of more general compact Lie groups (Remark 3.47): If Singularities were to contain non-discrete compact Lie groups  $G$ , then the same argument as in Lemma 3.61 would give in (229) the following more general formula:

$$\cup \mathcal{Y}^G \simeq *//\flat G$$

(where on the right we think of the Lie group  $G$  as being cohesive via (152)). Since the condition  $G \simeq \flat G$  characterizes discrete groups, this would break Prop. 4.2 below, in that then the shape of the orbi-singularization of a topological groupoid would take non-traditional values on non-discrete groups in the global orbit category.

The following lemma further illustrates the nature of orbi-singular cohesion:

**Lemma 3.65** (Smooth 0-truncated objects are orbi-singular). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48). Then if  $X \in \mathbf{H}_{\cup,0}$  is smooth (214) and 0-truncated (Def. 2.57), it is also orbi-singular (214):*

$$t_0(X) \simeq X \quad \text{and} \quad \cup(X) \simeq X \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma(X) \simeq X. \quad (232)$$

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is smooth, there exists  $X_\cup \in \mathbf{H}_\cup$  such that  $X \simeq \text{Smth}(X_\cup)$ . Observe that  $X$  being 0-truncated implies that  $X_\cup$  is 0-truncated, (by using in Def. 2.57 the hom-equivalence (47) of the right adjoint  $\text{Smth}$ ).

Now let  $\mathcal{S}$  be any site (69) for  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$ . Then, for  $U \in \mathcal{S} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}_\cup$  and  $G \in \mathbf{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$ , we have the following sequence of natural equivalences, using the various adjoint functors, their idempotency and respect for products:

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma X)(\text{Smth}(U) \times \mathcal{Y}^G) &\simeq (\gamma \text{Smth}(X_\cup))(\text{Smth}(U) \times \mathcal{Y}^G) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(\text{Smth}(U) \times \mathcal{Y}^G, \gamma \text{Smth}(X_\cup)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(\text{Smth}(U) \times \cup(\mathcal{Y}^G), \text{Smth}(X_\cup)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(\text{Smth}(U \times (*//G)), \text{Smth}(X_\cup)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_\cup(U \times (*//G), X_\cup) \\ &\simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty(*//G, \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X_\cup)) \\ &\simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty(*, \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X_\cup)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X_\cup) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(\text{Smth}(U), \text{Smth}(X_\cup)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(\text{Smth}(U) \times \mathcal{Y}^G, \text{Smth}(X_\cup)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}(\text{Smth}(U) \times \mathcal{Y}^G, X) \\ &\simeq X(\text{Smth}(U) \times \mathcal{Y}^G). \end{aligned}$$



Here the first and the last step use the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37), while the middle step uses the fact that  $X_{\cup}$  is 0-truncated, hence that  $\mathbf{H}_{\cup}(U, X_{\cup})$  is 0-truncated (i.e. a set), to find that there is in fact no dependency on  $G$ . Hence the claim follows by the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37), in view of Lemma 3.60.  $\square$

**Remark 3.66** (Degenerate case of orbi-singular). The natural language statement of Lemma 3.65 shows that the modality  $\gamma$  “orbi-singular” (213) really means: “All singularities *that are present* are orbi-singularities.”, which becomes a trivially satisfied condition when there are no singularities, such as for smooth and 0-truncated objects.

### Interplay between geometric and singular cohesion.

**Lemma 3.67** (Smooth commutes with shape). *In a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48) the smooth-modality (214) commutes with all three cohesive modalities (133) (as per Prop. 3.50):*

$$\cup \circ \mathcal{S} \simeq \mathcal{S} \circ \cup, \quad \cup \circ \flat \simeq \flat \circ \cup, \quad \cup \circ \sharp \simeq \sharp \circ \cup.$$

*Proof.* Under the defining identification  $\mathbf{H} \simeq \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}, \mathbf{H}_{\cup})$ , let  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{H}$  be any object regarded as a  $\mathbf{H}_{\cup}$ -valued  $\infty$ -presheaf on Singularities:

$$\mathcal{X} : \gamma^{\mathcal{K}} \mapsto \mathcal{X}(\gamma^{\mathcal{K}}) \in \mathbf{H}_{\cup}.$$

Observe then (by Example 3.17 via Lemma 3.49) that  $\cup$  turns such a presheaf into the constant presheaf on its value at the terminal object  $\downarrow$ :

$$(\cup \mathcal{X}) : \gamma^{\mathcal{K}} \mapsto \mathcal{X}(\downarrow).$$

On the other hand, the geometric modalities operate objectwise over Singularities (Remark 3.54):

$$(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{X}) : \gamma^{\mathcal{K}} \mapsto \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{X}(\gamma^{\mathcal{K}})).$$

With this, we have the following sequence of natural equivalences for  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{H}$  and  $\gamma^{\mathcal{K}} \in \text{Singularities}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\cup \mathcal{S}\mathcal{X})(\gamma^{\mathcal{K}}) &\simeq (\mathcal{S}\mathcal{X})(\downarrow) \\ &\simeq \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{X}(\downarrow)) \\ &\simeq \mathcal{S}((\cup \mathcal{X})(\gamma^{\mathcal{K}})) \\ &\simeq (\mathcal{S}\cup \mathcal{X})(\gamma^{\mathcal{K}}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the claim follows by the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37). The argument for  $\flat$  and  $\sharp$  is analogous.  $\square$

**Remark 3.68** (Dichotomy between naive and proper orbifold cohomology via singular-cohesion). In contrast to Lemma 3.67, the orbi-singular modality  $\gamma$  (214) does *not* commute with the cohesive shape modality  $\mathcal{S}$  (133), in general. This phenomenon is the very source of the *proper equivariant* structure seen in singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes, reflected in the following dichotomy between geometric- and homotopy fixed points of an orbi-space and in the distinction between proper- and Borel-equivariant cohomology:

	$\gamma \circ \mathcal{S}$	$\mathcal{S} \circ \gamma$	
Def. 3.69 (i)	Homotopy fixed-points	Geometric fixed-points	Def. 3.69 (ii)
Def. 5.1	Borel-equivariant cohomology	Proper equivariant cohomology	Def. 5.2
Def. 5.13	Tangentially twisted cohomology	Tangentially twisted proper orbifold cohomology	Def. 5.15

**Definition 3.69** (Geometric- and homotopy-fixed points). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48),  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) being discrete  $G \simeq \flat G$  and 0-truncated  $G \simeq t_0 G$ , and  $(X, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79) with smooth  $X \simeq \cup X$ , hence

$$X \in \mathbf{H}_{\cup} \xrightarrow{\bullet \text{ NnOrbSinglr}} \mathbf{H}.$$

For any subgroup  $K \subset G$ , the  $\infty$ -groupoid of  $\gamma^{\mathcal{K}}$ -points in the slice (Prop. 2.46) over  $\gamma^{\mathcal{G}}$  (219)...

(i) ...of the orbi-singularization (213) of the shape (212) of  $X // G$  is the *homotopy fixed point space* of  $X$

$$\text{HmtpFxdPntSpc}^K(X) := \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}} \left( \mathcal{Y}^K, \gamma \mathcal{S}(X // G) \right). \quad (233)$$

(ii) ...of the shape (212) of the orbi-singularization (213) of  $X // G$  is the *geometric fixed point space* of  $X$

$$\text{GmtrcFxdPntSpc}^K(X) := \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}} \left( \mathcal{Y}^K, \mathcal{S} \gamma(X // G) \right). \quad (234)$$

On the right we are using Prop. 3.62 and Prop. 3.63 to see that both expressions indeed live in the slice over  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Proposition 3.70** (Homotopy-fixed point spaces are fixed loci in shapes). *The homotopy-fixed point spaces (233) of the  $G$ -space  $X$  in Def. 3.69 are, equivalently, the fixed-loci (Def. 2.97) of the shape  $\text{Shp}(X) \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  (132) of  $X$ :*

$$\text{HmtpFxdPntSpc}^K(X) \simeq (\text{Shp}(X))^K \in \text{Groupoids}_\infty \quad (235)$$

with respect to the induced  $G \simeq \mathcal{S}G$ -action (using Prop. 3.4, discreteness of  $G$  and cohesion in the form of Prop. 3.2).

*Proof.* We claim a sequence of natural equivalences as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HmtpFxdPntSpc}^K(X) &:= \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}} \left( \mathcal{Y}^K, \gamma \mathcal{S}(X // G) \right) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}} \left( \mathcal{Y}^K, \gamma (\mathcal{S}X) // G \right) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_{/\text{OrbSnglr}(*//G)} \left( \text{OrbSnglr}(*//K), \text{OrbSnglr}((\mathcal{S}X) // G) \right) \\ &\simeq (\mathbf{H}_\cup)_{/*//G} (*//K, (\mathcal{S}X) // G) \\ &\simeq (\text{Groupoids}_\infty)_{/*//G} (*//K, \text{Shp}(X) // G) \\ &\simeq (\text{Groupoids}_\infty)_{/*//K} (*//K, \text{Shp}(X) // K) \\ &\simeq (\text{Shp}(X))^K \end{aligned} \quad (236)$$

Here the first step is the definition (233), and the second step uses Prop. 3.4, discreteness of  $G$  and cohesion in the form of Prop. 3.2. In the third step we observe with  $\mathcal{Y}^K \simeq \gamma(*//K)$  (Lemma 3.61) and  $\gamma := \text{OrbSnglr} \circ \text{Smth}$  (214) that all objects and morphisms are in the image of  $\text{OrbSnglr}$ , and in the fourth step we use that this functor is fully faithful, by Prop. 3.50. In the fifth step, we similarly observe that all objects and morphisms are, in fact, furthermore in the image of  $\text{Disc}$  (by assumption on  $G$  and by definition of  $\mathcal{S} := \text{Disc} \circ \text{Shp}$  (133)), which is fully faithful by the axioms of cohesion (132). The sixth step observes the universal factorization through the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} *//K & \overset{\text{---}}{\dashrightarrow} & \text{Shp}(X) // K \\ & \searrow \& \swarrow & \\ & *//G & \end{array} \simeq \begin{array}{ccc} *//K & \overset{\text{---}}{\dashrightarrow} & \text{Shp}(X) // K \\ \Downarrow & \searrow & \swarrow \\ *//K & \overset{\text{(pb)}}{\dashrightarrow} & \text{Shp}(X) // G \\ \searrow & \swarrow & \\ & *//G & \end{array}$$

The pullback, in turn, is the homotopy quotient of the restricted action, as shown, by Prop. 2.85. With this, the last step follows by Example 2.99. In summary, the composite of the sequence of equivalences (236) gives the statement (235).  $\square$

**Example 3.71** (Geometric fixed points generally differ from homotopy fixed points). As in Example 3.56, let  $\mathbf{H} := \text{SingularSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$ , consider the Cartesian space  $\mathbb{R}^n \in \text{SmoothManifolds} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}$ , via (152), and regard it as equipped with the additive translation action of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  induced from the left action of the additive group  $(\mathbb{R}^n, +)$  on itself, under the canonical inclusion  $(\mathbb{Z}^n, +) \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$ :

$$(\mathbb{R}^n, r_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \text{Actions}(\mathbf{Hs}). \quad (237)$$

So the quotient of this action  $\mathbb{R}^n // \mathbb{Z}^n \simeq \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n \simeq \mathbb{T}^n \in \text{SmoothManifolds} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  is the standard  $n$ -torus. We then have for the two notions of fixed-point spaces from Def. 3.69:

(i) The *Homotopy-fixed point space* (233) of the action (237) is equivalently the point (by Prop. 3.70 and (151)):

$$\text{HmtpFxdPntSpc}^{\mathbb{Z}^n}(\mathbb{R}^n) \simeq \underbrace{(\mathbb{R}^n)^{\mathbb{Z}^n}}_{\simeq *} \simeq *$$

(ii) The *geometric fixed point space* (234) of the action (237) is empty

$$\text{GmtrcFxdPntSpc}^{\mathbb{Z}^n}(\mathbb{R}^n) \simeq (\mathbb{R}^n)^{\mathbb{Z}^n} \simeq \emptyset$$

This follows by Lemma 4.7, using that no element of the set underlying  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is fixed by the action of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ .

## 4 Orbifold geometry

Within an ambient context of singular-cohesive homotopy theory (§3), we now formulate the two geometric aspects of orbifolds:

- §4.1 – as cohesive spaces with orbi-singularities,
- §4.2 – as cohesive spaces locally equivalent to a given model space.

In the end, we combine both aspects to form the *proper*  $\infty$ -categories of orbifolds: this is Def. 4.58 below.

### 4.1 Orbispaces

We observe (Prop. 4.2) that the shape of the orbi-singularization of a topological groupoid, regarded in singular-smooth homotopy theory (Example 3.56), is the corresponding *orbispace* in global equivariant homotopy theory.

**Remark 4.1** (Orbispaces in topology and in global equivariant homotopy theory).

**(i) Orbispaces in topology.** The term *orbispace* was originally introduced [Hae90] to mean the topological version of orbifolds, i.e., Satake’s original concept [Sa56] but disregarding any differentiable structure. From the perspective of étale groupoids/stacks, this means to consider topological groupoids/stacks instead of Lie groupoids/differentiable stacks. So this usage of the term “orbispace” serves to complete the following table:

Smooth manifold	Topological manifold	( <i>geometric sense</i> )
orbifold	<span style="color: blue;">orbispace</span>	
Lie groupoid	topological groupoid	
differentiable stack	topological stack	

In this sense, orbispaces have been discussed, e.g., in [Hae84][Hae91, §5][Ch01][He01].

**(ii) Orbispaces in global equivariant homotopy theory.** In [HG07] it was suggested to change perspective and to instead regard these topological groupoids  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}$  via the systems of homotopy types of all their geometric fixed point spaces, by the following formula [HG07, 4.2] (beware the differing conventions, as per Remark 3.47):

$$G \quad \mapsto \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{homotopy type of (fat) geometric realization of} \\ \left\| \mathbf{Maps}(\mathbf{B}G, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}) \right\| \\ \text{topological mapping groupoid} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{orbispace} \\ \text{(equivariant homotopical sense)} \end{array} \quad (238)$$

This is a global-equivariant version of how topological  $G$ -spaces are incarnated in  $G$ -equivariant homotopy theory via Elmendorf’s theorem (recalled as Prop. B.10), and has served to motivate the development of global equivariant homotopy theory [Schw18].

In the course of this development, homotopy theorists adopted the term “orbispace” to refer not to the topological groupoid  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}$  (as [Hae90] originally did) but rather to the global equivariant homotopy type that is represented via (238). Usage of the term *orbispace* in this sense of global homotopy theory is, after [HG07], in [Re14][Kö16][Schw17][Lu19, 3][Ju20]. In [Ju20, 3.15] formula 238 is used (following suggestions in [Schw17, Introd.][Schw18, p. ix-x]) to define (abelian, non-geometric) cohomology of orbifolds with coefficients in global equivariant spectra.

Our Prop. 4.2 below shows that these two different meanings of the term “orbispace” in the literature are disentangled as well as unified by the notion of singular cohesion (Def. 3.48), in that orbispaces in the sense **(ii)** are the shape  $\mathcal{S}$  (132) of the orbi-singularization  $\gamma$  (214) of the topological groupoids in **(i)**:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{TopologicalGroupoids} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S} \circ \gamma} & \text{Orbispaces} \\ \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}} & \xrightarrow{\left( \begin{array}{c} G \\ \gamma \end{array} \mapsto \left\| \mathbf{Maps}(\mathbf{B}G, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}) \right\| \right)} & \end{array} \quad (239)$$

Hence Prop. 4.2 below means that, before passing to their pure shape, we may think of the orbi-singularizations of objects in singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -toposes as *cohesive orbispaces*, lifting the concept of plain orbispaces in the sense **(ii)** from plain homotopy theory to geometric (differential, étale) homotopy theory, hence back to sense **(i)** and beyond.

The crucial fact underlying the phenomenon (239), both in Prop. 4.2 and in Lemma 4.7 below, is that the probe of an orbi-singular object  $\gamma \mathcal{X}_U$  by a generic orbi-singularity  $\mathcal{Y}^K$  (207) is, by adjunction (214), equivalently the probe of the underlying smooth object by the smooth aspect of  $\mathcal{Y}^K$ , hence is, by (229) in Prop. 3.62, the geometric  $G$ -fixed locus in  $\mathcal{X}_U$ :

$$\mathcal{G} \text{ --- } / \gamma \mathcal{X}_U \quad \stackrel{(214)}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad \cup \mathcal{G} \text{ --- } / \mathcal{X}_U \quad \stackrel{(229)}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad * // G \text{ --- } / \mathcal{X}_U. \quad (240)$$

Equivalently, since  $\mathcal{G} \simeq \gamma(* // G)$  (Lemma 3.61) the composite correspondence (240) is fully-faithfulness of  $\gamma$ .

**Example: Topological groupoids as cohesive orbispaces.**

**Proposition 4.2** (Shape of orbi-singularized topological groupoid is orbispace). *Let  $\mathbf{H} := \text{SingularSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.56), and let*

$$\text{TopologicalGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\text{Cdflg}} \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \xrightarrow{\text{NnOrbSnglr}} \mathbf{H} \\ \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}} \text{ --- } / \mathcal{X}_U$$

be a topological groupoid, regarded via the embeddings (153) and (213). If  $\mathcal{X}_U$  is such that both its space of objects and of morphisms are retracts of cell complexes (for instance: both are CW-complexes (27)) then the shape (212) of its orbi-singularization (214) is, as an  $\infty$ -presheaf (210) of  $\infty$ -groupoids on Singularities (3.46) (i.e., on the global orbit category, Remark 3.47)

$$\mathcal{S} \gamma \mathcal{X}_U \in \text{Sh}_\infty(\text{Singularities}) \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}} \mathbf{H}$$

given by the assignment (240)

$$\mathcal{S} \gamma \mathcal{X}_U : \mathcal{G} \mapsto \|\mathbf{Maps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}})\|, \quad (241)$$

where on the right we have the fat geometric realization of the topological functor groupoid [Se74] (see [HG07, 2.3]), with  $\mathbf{BG} \simeq * // G$  (Example 2.14) regarded as a finite topological groupoid.

*Proof.* Recall from (151) in Example 3.18 that  $\text{Charts} := \text{CartesianSpaces}$  (Def. 2.5) is a site of cohesive charts (Def. 3.9) for  $\text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$ . We claim that for  $\mathbb{R}^n \in \text{CartesianSpaces}$  and  $\mathcal{G} \in \text{Singularities}$  (Def. 3.46), hence  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{G} \in \text{CartesianSpaces} \times \text{Singularities}$  (Lemma 3.60), we have the following sequence of natural equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{G}, \gamma \mathcal{X}_U) &= \mathbf{H}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{G}, \text{OrbSnglr}(\mathcal{X}_U)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_U(\underbrace{\text{Smth}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{G})}_{\simeq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbf{BG}}, \mathcal{X}_U) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_U(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{Maps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_U)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_U(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{CdflgMaps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}})). \end{aligned} \quad (242)$$

Here the first step is (245), the second is the hom-equivalence (47) of the adjunction  $\text{Smth} \dashv \text{OrbSnglr}$  (213) and using under the brace that  $\text{Smth}$  preserves products (by Prop. 2.26), that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is already smooth, and that  $\text{Smth}(\mathcal{G}) \simeq (* // G)$  by (227). The third step is Lemma A.5.

Since also the composite of all these natural equivalences is thus natural, the  $\infty$ -Yoneda lemma (Prop. 2.38) implies that

$$\gamma \mathcal{X}_U : \mathcal{Y}^K \mapsto \text{CdflgMaps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_U).$$

Now, since  $\mathcal{S}$  acts objectwise over  $\mathcal{Y}^K$  (212), we find from this that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} \gamma \mathcal{X}_U : \mathcal{Y}^K &\mapsto \mathcal{S} \text{CdflgMaps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}) \\ &\simeq \text{Shp}_{\mathcal{S}\text{Top}}(\mathbf{Maps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}})) \\ &\simeq \|\mathbf{Maps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}})\|. \end{aligned}$$

Here the first step is (157) and the last step follow by Prop. 2.18.  $\square$

**Cohesive  $G$ -orbispaces.** We now discuss in more detail the analogue of Prop. 4.2 in **(a)** the special case of global quotient stacks  $\mathcal{X}_\cup \simeq X // G$  by a discrete group  $G$ , but **(b)** in the full generality of  $X$  being any 0-truncated cohesive space (not necessarily a topological space, but for instance a smooth manifold or diffeological space (152) or even a non-concrete object).

**Remark 4.3** (Good orbifolds and good cohesive orbispaces). The traditional orbifolds that arise as global quotients  $\mathcal{X}_\cup \simeq X // G$  of a smooth manifold  $X$  by the action of a *discrete* group  $G$  are called *good orbifolds* (e.g. [Ka08, 6]). Therefore, the cohesive  $G$ -orbispaces discussed now (Def. 4.4) could be called (after forgetting their slicing over  $\mathcal{G}$ ) the *good cohesive orbispaces*.

**Definition 4.4** (Cohesive  $G$ -orbispace). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48) and  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) discrete  $G \simeq \flat G$ . We say that a *cohesive  $G$ -orbispace* is an object

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{X} \\ |^p \\ \mathcal{G} \\ \gamma \end{array} \in \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}}$$

in the slice over the  $G$ -orbi-singularity (219) that is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) orbi-singular:} \quad & \gamma(p) \simeq p \quad (\text{Def. 3.52}), \\ \text{(b) 0-truncated:} \quad & (t_0)_{/\mathcal{G}}(p) \simeq p \quad (\text{Def. 2.57}). \end{aligned} \tag{243}$$

**Definition 4.5** (Universal covering space of a  $G$ -orbi-singular space). Given a Cohesive  $G$ -orbispace  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}}$  (Def. 4.4), we say that its *universal covering space*  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  the homotopy fiber of the defining morphism to  $\mathcal{G}$  over its essentially unique point:

$$X \begin{array}{c} \text{fib}(p) / \mathcal{X} \\ |^p \\ \mathcal{G} \\ \gamma \end{array} \tag{244}$$

**Proposition 4.6** (Properties of universal covering spaces). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48). Given a  $G$ -orbi-singular space  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}}$  (Def. 4.4), its universal covering space  $X$  (Def. 4.5)*

**(i)** is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) 0-truncated:} \quad & t_0(X) \simeq X \quad (\text{Def. 2.57}), \\ \text{(b) smooth:} \quad & \cup(X) \simeq X \quad (\text{Def. 3.1}), \end{aligned}$$

**(ii)** and is equipped with a  $G$ -action (Prop. 2.79) such that  $\mathcal{X}$  is the orbi-singularization (214) of the corresponding homotopy quotient:

$$\mathcal{X} \simeq \gamma(X // G). \tag{245}$$

*Proof.* **(i)** That  $X$  is **(a)** 0-truncated follows from the condition that  $p$  is 0-truncated and using Lemma 3.14. To see that  $X$  is **(b)** smooth, observe that by the defining assumption (243) that  $p$  is orbi-singular, it is the image under  $\text{OrbSnglr}$  (213) of a morphism  $p_\cup$  in  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$ :

$$X \begin{array}{c} \text{fib}(p) / \mathcal{X} \\ |^p \\ \mathcal{G} \\ \gamma \end{array} \simeq \text{OrbSnglr} \left( \begin{array}{c} X_\cup \begin{array}{c} \text{fib}(p_\cup) / \mathcal{X}_\cup \\ |^{p_\cup} \\ * // G \end{array} \end{array} \right). \tag{246}$$

We claim that in fact  $X \simeq \text{NnOrbSnglr}(X_\cup)$ , whence  $X \simeq \cup(X)$ : First, since  $\text{OrbSnglr}$  is a right adjoint it preserves homotopy fibers (Prop. 2.26),  $\text{fib}(p) \simeq \text{OrbSnglr}(\text{fib}(p_\cup))$ , hence we have  $X \simeq \text{OrbSnglr}(X_\cup)$ . It follows, in particular, that  $X_\cup$  is 0-truncated, since  $X \simeq \text{OrbSnglr}(X_\cup)$  is 0-truncated by part **(a)**, and using that  $\text{OrbSnglr}$  is fully faithful. From this it follows that  $\text{OrbSnglr}(X_\cup) \simeq \text{NnOrbSnglr}(X_\cup)$ , by Lemma 3.65. Together this gives the claim **(b)**.

With this, part **(ii)** now follows by comparison with (107). □

**Shape of Cohesive  $G$ -orbispaces.** We derive the following formula (247) in Prop. 5.6 which generalizes the embedding of  $G$ -spaces into global equivariant homotopy theory, discussed in [Re14, p. 7][Lu19, 3.2.17], from topological  $G$ -spaces to general cohesively  $G$ -spaces. Below in §5.1 this serves to prove that the intrinsic cohomology of good cohesively orbispaces subsumes proper equivariant cohomology (Theorem 5.9).

**Lemma 4.7** (Shape of Cohesive  $G$ -orbispaces). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48). (35),  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) be a 0-truncated  $G \simeq \mathfrak{t}_0 G$  and discrete  $G \simeq \mathfrak{b}G$  and let  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  be smooth  $X \simeq \cup X$  and 0-truncated  $X \simeq \mathfrak{t}_0 X$  and equipped with a  $G$ -action  $(X, \mathfrak{r}) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79).*

(i) *Then the orbi-singularization (213) of the corresponding homotopy quotient (107)*

$$\mathcal{X} := \mathfrak{r}(X // G) \in \mathbf{H} := \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Singularities}, \mathbf{H}_\cup),$$

*when regarded as an  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$ -valued  $\infty$ -presheaf on Singularities (210), assigns to a singularity  $\mathfrak{Y}^K$  (218) the disjoint union of fixed loci  $X^{\mathfrak{f}(K)}$  (Def. 2.97) of the smooth covering space  $X$  (Def. 4.5) for all group homomorphisms  $\mathfrak{f} : K \rightarrow G$  homotopy-quotiented (108) by the residual  $G$ -action (Prop. 4.6):*

$$\mathcal{X} : \mathfrak{Y}^K \mapsto \left( \bigsqcup_{\mathfrak{f} \in \text{Groups}(K, G)} X^{\mathfrak{f}(K)} \right) // G. \quad (247)$$

(ii) *Moreover, its shape (212)*

$$\text{Shp}\left(\mathfrak{r}(X // G)\right) \in \text{SingularGroupoids} := \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Singularities})$$

*assigns to a singularity  $\mathfrak{Y}^K$  (218) the cohesively shape (132) of these disjoint unions of fixed loci (Def. 2.97) of the smooth covering space  $X$  (Def. 4.5) homotopy-quotiented by its  $G$ -action (Prop. 4.6):*

$$\text{Shp}(\mathcal{X}) : \mathfrak{Y}^K \mapsto \text{Shp}\left(\bigsqcup_{\mathfrak{f} \in \text{Groups}(K, G)} X^{\mathfrak{f}(K)}\right) // G. \quad (248)$$

*Proof.* We claim that for  $U \in \text{Charts}$  (Def. 3.9) and  $\mathfrak{Y}^K \in \text{Singularities}$  (Def. 3.46), hence  $U \times \mathfrak{Y}^K \in \text{Charts} \times \text{Singularities}$  (Lemma 3.60), we have the following sequence of natural equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}(U \times \mathfrak{Y}^K, \mathcal{X}) &= \mathbf{H}(U \times \mathfrak{Y}^K, \text{OrbSnglr}(X // G)) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_\cup\left(\underbrace{\text{Smth}(U \times \mathfrak{Y}^K)}_{\simeq U \times (* // K)}, X // G\right) \\ &\simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty((* // K), \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X // G)) \\ &\simeq \text{Groupoids}_1((* // K), \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X) // G) \\ &\simeq \left(\bigsqcup_{\mathfrak{f} \in \text{Groups}(K, G)} \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X)^{\mathfrak{f}(K)}\right) // G \simeq \left(\bigsqcup_{\mathfrak{f} \in \text{Groups}(K, G)} \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X^{\mathfrak{f}(K)})\right) // G \\ &\simeq \left(\mathbf{H}_\cup\left(U, \bigsqcup_{\mathfrak{f} \in \text{Groups}(K, G)} X^{\mathfrak{f}(K)}\right)\right) // G \simeq \mathbf{H}_\cup\left(U, \left(\bigsqcup_{\mathfrak{f} \in \text{Groups}(K, G)} X^{\mathfrak{f}(K)}\right) // G\right). \end{aligned} \quad (249)$$

Here the first step is (245), the second is the adjunction  $\text{Smth} \dashv \text{OrbSnglr}$  (213) and using under the brace that  $\text{Smth}$  preserves products (by Prop. 2.26), that  $U$  is already smooth by assumption, and that  $\text{Smth}(\mathfrak{Y}^K) \simeq (* // K)$  by (227). The third step is the tensoring of  $\mathbf{H}$  over  $\infty$ -groupoids (Prop. 2.34) (using the geometric discreteness  $(* // K) \simeq \text{Disc}(* // K)$  by Remark 3.58) The fourth step uses the geometric contractibility of  $U$  and the discreteness of  $G$  to identify  $\mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X // G) \simeq \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X) // G$  (Lemma 3.12). The fifth is the general observation of Example 2.16 about hom-groupoids between quotient groupoids of sets. The sixth step uses Prop. 3.13 to find that the fixed points in the set of maps are the maps into the fixed point locus. After this key step, we just re-organize term: The seventh step uses the connectedness of  $U$  (Lemma 3.10) to find that a coproduct of homs out of  $U$  is a hom into the coproduct. Finally, the eighth step uses again Lemma 3.12.

- (i) The composite equivalence (249) implies the first claim (247) by the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37), using Lemma 3.60.
- (ii) From this, the second claim (248) follows, using that  $\text{Shp}$  acts objectwise over Singularities (212), and preserves homotopy quotients by discrete groups (Prop. 3.4).  $\square$

**Remark 4.8** (Relevance of 0-truncated orbi-singular spaces).

(i) The crucial assumption that makes the proof of Lemma 4.7 work is, (a) that  $G$  is discrete and (b) that  $X$  is 0-truncated. This is what yields 1-groupoidal homs in the middle step of (249) and thus the form of the expression in the next step, as on the right hand side of (40).

(ii) Without the assumption of  $\mathcal{X}$  being 0-truncated over  $*//G$ , the proof of Lemma 4.7 would proceed verbatim up to that middle step, but then would break as the nontrivial morphisms present in  $\mathcal{X}$  would then mix with those of the action by  $G$ .

(iii) Lemma 4.7 shows that this subtlety is closely related to the cohesive nature of the problem: We either have a space which is 0-truncated but carries cohesive (i.e. geometric) structure, or we turn it into its cohesive shape which is un-truncated but geometrically discrete.

### Singular quotient of Cohesive $G$ -orbispaces.

**Proposition 4.9** (Singular quotient of  $G$ -orbi-singular space). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48),  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  being discrete  $G \simeq \flat G$  and 0-truncated  $G \simeq \flat_0 G$ . For  $\mathcal{X}$  be a  $G$ -orbi-singular space (Def. 4.4) with universal covering space  $X \in \mathbf{H}_{\cup,0} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  equipped with its induced  $G$ -action (Def. 4.5, Prop. 4.6). Then the singularization (213) of  $\mathcal{X}$  is the plain  $G$ -quotient of  $X$*

$$\text{Snglr}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq X/G \in \mathbf{H}_{\cup,0} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\cup}$$

(i.e., the quotient of the  $G$ -action formed in the 1-topos  $\mathbf{H}_{\cup,0}$  of 0-truncated objects).

*Proof.* For  $U \in \text{Charts}$ , write

$$\mathbf{H}_{\cup}(U, X) // G \simeq \bigsqcup_c (*//H_c) \in \text{Groupoids}_1 \quad (250)$$

for the essentially unique decomposition of the groupoid on the left into its connected components

$$c \in \rho_0(\mathbf{H}_{\cup}(U, X) // G) \simeq \mathbf{H}_{\cup}(U, X) / G \in \text{Set} \quad (251)$$

each of which is equivalent to the delooping groupoid (Example 2.14) of its fundamental group

$$H_c := \rho_1(\mathbf{H}_{\cup}(U, X) // G, c) \in \text{Groups}.$$

Now, by Lemma 4.7 and re-instantiating the last few manipulations in (249), we have that over each  $U \in \text{Charts}$  the incarnation of the  $G$ -orbi-singular space  $\mathcal{X}$  as an  $\infty$ -presheaf on Singularities is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}(U) : \mathcal{Y}^K &\longmapsto \text{Groupoids}_1(*//K, \mathbf{H}_{\cup}(U, X) // G) \\ &\simeq \text{Groupoids}_1(*//K, \bigsqcup_c (*//H_c)) \\ &\simeq \bigsqcup_c \text{Groupoids}_1(*//K, *//H_c) \\ &\simeq \bigsqcup_c \text{Singularities}\left(\mathcal{Y}^K, \mathcal{Y}^{H_c}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (252)$$

Here the first step is (250), the second step uses that the delooping groupoids  $*//K$  are connected and the last step observes the definition of Singularities (Def. 3.46). By the  $\infty$ -Yoneda embedding (Prop. 2.37) over the site of Singularities (206) this means that

$$\mathcal{X}(U) \simeq \bigsqcup_c \mathcal{Y}^{H_c} \in \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities}). \quad (253)$$

With this, we find that  $\text{Snglr}(\mathcal{X}) \in \text{PreSheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Charts})$  is given by



$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Snglr}(\mathcal{X}) : U &\longmapsto \mathrm{Snglr}(\mathcal{X}(U)) \\
&\simeq \mathrm{Snglr}\left(\bigsqcup_c \mathcal{H}^c\right) \\
&\simeq \bigsqcup_c \mathrm{Snglr}\left(\mathcal{H}^c\right) \\
&\simeq \bigsqcup_c * \\
&\simeq \rho_0\left(\mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X) // G\right) \\
&\simeq \mathbf{H}_\cup(U, X) / G.
\end{aligned}$$

Here the first line is the object-wise application of  $\mathrm{Snglr}$  (Remark 3.54), while the next line is (253). From there we use that  $\mathrm{Snglr}$ , being a left adjoint, preserves coproducts (Prop. 2.26) and then that it takes the elementary singularities to points, by Lemma 3.61. Finally, we identify (251). But this resulting assignment is just that of  $X/G \in \mathrm{PreSheaves}(\mathrm{Charts})$ :

$$X/G : U \longmapsto \mathbf{H}(U, X) / G$$

and hence the claim follows.  $\square$

**Examples of Cohesive  $G$ -orbispaces.** We make explicit two classes of examples of cohesively  $G$ -orbispaces (Def. 4.4): Fréchet-smooth orbispaces and topological orbispaces.

**Example 4.10** (Fréchet smooth  $G$ -orbispaces). Consider

$$X \in \mathrm{FréchetManifolds} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \mathrm{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$$

a (possibly infinite-dimensional Fréchet-)smooth manifold regarded as a 0-truncated concrete smooth  $\infty$ -groupoid (152). Given a  $G \in \mathrm{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (220) being discrete  $G \simeq \flat G$ , a smooth action  $r$  of  $G$  on  $X$  is equivalently a homotopy fiber sequence in  $\mathrm{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  of this form (Prop. 2.79):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{fib}(r)} & X // G \\
& & \downarrow r \\
& & * // G
\end{array}$$

Here the homotopy quotient (107)

$$X // G \in \mathrm{LieGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \mathrm{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$$

is the corresponding (possibly infinite-dimensional Fréchet-)Lie groupoid, regarded as a smooth  $\infty$ -groupoid via the embedding (153). Its orbi-singularization (213) is a  $G$ -orbi-singular space, in the sense of Def. 4.4, in the  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathrm{SingularSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (216):

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{X} \\
\downarrow \\
\mathcal{G}
\end{array}
:= \mathrm{OrbSnglr} \left( \begin{array}{c} X // G \\ \downarrow \\ * // G \end{array} \right). \quad (254)$$

This orbi-singular smooth groupoid (254) what we suggest is the proper incarnation of the quotient orbifold that is presented by the smooth manifold  $X$  with its  $G$ -action. Notice that (see *Figure G*):

(i) its *purely smooth aspect* is the Lie groupoid

$$\cup(\mathcal{X}) \simeq X // G \in \mathrm{LieGroupoids} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \mathrm{SingularSmoothGroupoids}_\infty,$$

(by Prop. 4.6) which is the incarnation of this orbifold, according to [MP97][PS10]

(ii) its *purely singular aspect* is the diffeological space

$$\vee(\mathcal{X}) \simeq X/G \in \mathrm{DiffeologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \mathrm{SingularSmoothGroupoid}_\infty$$

(by Prop. 4.9) which is the incarnation of this orbifold, according to [IKZ10].

However, it is only the full orbi-singular object  $\mathcal{X}$  which is structured enough to have proper (Bredon-)equivariant cohomology. This is the content of Theorem 5.9 below.

**Example 4.11** (Topological  $G$ -orbispaces). For  $G$  a finite group, let  $G \curvearrowright X_{\text{top}}$  be a topological  $G$ -space (Def B.1) with Borel construction

$$\begin{array}{c} X_{\text{top}} \longrightarrow X \times_G EG \\ \downarrow \\ BG \end{array}$$

Via its continuous diffeology (32), this is equivalently a 0-truncated (and concrete) object in  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}} := \text{SmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.18)

$$X := \text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}}) \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U},0}$$

equipped with a smooth  $G$ -action (Prop. 2.79)

$$\begin{array}{c} X \longrightarrow X // G \\ \downarrow \\ * // G \end{array}$$

The orbi-singularization (213) of the corresponding homotopy quotient is a  $G$ -orbi-singular space (Def. 4.4)

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{X} \\ \downarrow \\ G \end{array} := \text{OrbSnglr} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}}) // G \\ \downarrow \\ * // G \end{array} \right).$$

**Proposition 4.12** (Shape of good orbifolds). Consider a finite-dimensional smooth  $G$ -orbifold, as in Example 4.10 (a good orbifold, Remark 4.3)

$$\mathcal{X} := \text{OrbSnglr}(X // G).$$

Then its cohesive shape (213)  $\text{Shp}(\mathcal{X}) \in \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities})$  is, over any singularity  $\mathcal{Y}^K$  (207), the topological shape (36) of the  $G$ -Borel construction on the disjoint union of all  $K$ -fixed subspaces  $X_{\text{top}}^{f(K)} \subset X_{\text{top}}$  (354) in the underlying (32)  $D$ -topological  $G$ -space (Def. B.1):

$$\text{Shp}(\mathcal{X}) : \mathcal{Y}^K \longmapsto \text{Shp}_{\text{Top}} \left( \left( \bigsqcup_{f \in \text{Groups}(K,G)} (\text{Dtplg}(X))^{f(K)} \right) \times_G EG \right). \quad (255)$$

*Proof.* With Lemma 4.7, the task is reduced to showing that, for  $f(K) \subset G$  any specified subgroup, we have an equivalence

$$\text{Shp}(X^{f(K)}) \simeq \text{Shp}_{\text{Top}}((\text{Dtplg}(X))^{f(K)}) \in \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}$$

between the cohesive shape (132) of the orbi-singular homotopy quotient of  $X$  by  $G$  and the ordinary topological shape (36) of the  $D$ -topological space underlying  $X$ . But this is (156) in Example 3.18, given by [Sc13, 4.3.29].  $\square$

**Proposition 4.13** (Shape of topological  $G$ -orbi spaces). Consider the topological  $G$ -orbi-singular space, as in Example 4.11,

$$\mathcal{X} := \text{OrbSnglr}(\text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}}) // G).$$

Then its cohesive shape (213)  $\text{Shp}(\mathcal{X}) \in \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities})$  is, over any singularity  $\mathcal{Y}^K$  (207), the topological space (36) of the  $G$ -Borel construction on the disjoint union of all  $K$ -fixed subspaces  $X_{\text{top}}^{f(K)} \subset X_{\text{top}}$  (354):

$$\text{Shp}(\mathcal{X}) : \mathcal{Y}^K \longmapsto \text{Shp}_{\text{Top}} \left( \left( \bigsqcup_{f \in \text{Groups}(K,G)} X_{\text{top}}^{f(K)} \right) \times_G EG \right). \quad (256)$$

*Proof.* With Lemma 4.7, the task is reduced to showing that, for  $f(K) \subset G$  any specified subgroup, we have an equivalence

$$\text{Shp}(\text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}})^{f(K)}) \simeq \text{Shp}_{\text{Top}}(X_{\text{top}}^{f(K)}) \in \text{Groupoids}_{\infty}$$

between the cohesive shape (132) of the orbi-singular homotopy quotient by  $G$  of the continuous-diffeological space and the ordinary topological shape (36) But this is item (155) in Example 3.18, given by combining the result (154) of [BEBP19][Bunk20, §3] with Prop. 2.20 from [CW14].  $\square$

## 4.2 Orbifolds

We introduce a general theory of orbi-singular spaces, whose underlying smooth cohesive groupoid is locally diffeomorphic to a fixed local model space  $V$ . Since, for  $V = \mathbb{R}^n \in \mathbf{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$ , these are ordinary  $n$ -folds (i.e., ordinary  $n$ -dimensional manifolds for any  $n$ , see Example 4.17), or, more generally, étale  $\infty$ -groupoids with atlases by  $n$ -folds (Example 4.18), including ordinary orbifolds, we generally speak of  $V$ -folds, with a hat tip to [Sa56]. Externally these are  $V$ -étale  $\infty$ -stacks (Remark 4.15) but their theory internal to the ambient elastic  $\infty$ -topos (such as the construction of their frame bundles in Prop. 4.26) is elegant and finitary and lends itself to full formalization in homotopy type theory [We18] (see p. 5). The *proper* incarnation (see Remark 4.60) of these  $V$ -folds as orbifolds is via their orbi-singularization (Def. 4.58, Remark 4.60).

### $V$ -folds and $V$ -étale groupoids.

**Definition 4.14** ( $V$ -folds). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21).

(i) Given  $V \in \mathbf{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), we say that an object  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  is a  $V$ -fold if there exists a correspondence between  $V$  and  $X$

$$V \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ \text{ét} \\ \searrow \end{array} U \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ \text{ét} \\ \searrow \end{array} X \quad (257)$$

such that

- (a) both morphisms are local diffeomorphisms (Def. 3.26) and
- (b) the right one is, in addition, an effective epimorphism (Def. 2.63), then called a  $V$ -atlas of  $X$  (100).

(ii) We write

$$\mathbf{VFolds}(\mathbf{H}) \subset \mathbf{H} \quad (258)$$

for the full sub- $\infty$ -category of  $V$ -folds in  $\mathbf{H}$  and we write

$$\mathbf{VFolds}(\mathbf{H})^{\text{ét}} \subset \mathbf{H} \quad (259)$$

for its wide subcategory on those morphisms which are local diffeomorphisms (Def. 3.26).

**Remark 4.15** ( $V$ -folds and  $V$ -étale groupoids). By Prop. 3.36, a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14) is a stack (100) whose choice of  $V$ -atlas (257) realizes it as an étale groupoid (Def. 3.35) with space of objects locally diffeomorphic over  $V$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{O} \text{ O} \quad \text{O} \text{ O} \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 U \times_{\mathcal{G}} U \simeq U_0 \\
 \text{pr}_1 \downarrow \Delta \downarrow \text{pr}_2 \quad s \downarrow e \downarrow t \\
 V \xrightarrow{\text{O ét}} U \xlongequal{\quad} U_0 \\
 \downarrow a \text{ ét} \quad \downarrow \\
 X \simeq \lim_{\rightarrow} U_{\bullet}
 \end{array}
 &
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{“}V\text{-étale groupoid”} \\
 \\
 \text{“}V\text{-atlas”} \\
 \\
 \text{“}V\text{-fold”}
 \end{array}
 \end{array} \quad (260)$$

**Example 4.16** ( $V$  is a  $V$ -fold). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21) and  $V \in \mathbf{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Then the underlying object  $V \in \mathbf{H}$  itself is a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14): A  $V$ -atlas (257) is given by the identity morphisms

$$V \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ \text{id} \\ \text{ét} \\ \searrow \end{array} V \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ \text{id} \\ \text{ét} \\ \searrow \end{array} V \quad (261)$$

**Example 4.17** (Smooth manifolds are  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -folds). For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k \geq 1$ , let  $\mathbf{H} = k\mathbf{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.24). Then, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the object

$$V := \mathbb{R}^n \in \mathbf{CartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{\quad} k\mathbf{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty \quad (262)$$

canonically carries the structure of a group object  $(\mathbb{R}^n, +) \in \mathbf{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$ , via addition in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  regarded as a vector space. Now every smooth manifold

$$X \in \text{SmoothManifolds} \xrightarrow{\bullet} / k\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$$

of dimension  $n$  is a  $V$ -fold, hence an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -fold in the sense of Def. 4.14: For any choice of atlas in the traditional sense of manifold theory, namely an open cover

$$\{ U_j \xrightarrow{f_i} X \}_{j \in J}$$

by local diffeomorphisms  $f_i$  from open subsets of Cartesian space

$$U_j \xrightarrow{\bullet} \mathbb{R}^n ,$$

a  $V$ -atlas (257) is obtained by setting:

$$\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} \coprod_{j \in J} U_j \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} X \quad (263)$$

**Example 4.18** (Differentiable étale stacks are  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -folds [Sc13, Prop. 4.5.56]). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.24) and take  $V = (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$  as in Example 4.17. Then a diffeological groupoid  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  (166) is a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14) for  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  (264) if it is an  $n$ -dimensional *differentiable étale stack* in that:

- (i) it admits an atlas (effective epimorphism)  $X_0 \xrightarrow{\bullet} X$  from a smooth  $n$ -manifold  $X_0$  (via (152) and (165))
- (ii) its source and target morphisms with respect to this atlas are local diffeomorphisms.

Generally, a smooth  $\infty$ -groupoid presented by a Kan simplicial smooth manifold is an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -fold in the sense of Def. 4.14 if it presents an *étale  $\infty$ -groupoid* in that all its simplicial face maps are local diffeomorphisms.

**Examples 4.19** (Super-manifolds are  $\mathbb{R}^{n|q}$ -folds). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.43). Then, for every  $n, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , the super-Cartesian space (Def. 3.41)

$$V := \mathbb{R}^{n|q} \in \infty\text{JetsOfSuperCartesianSpaces} \xrightarrow{\bullet} / \infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty \quad (264)$$

carries the structure of a group object, whose bosonic aspect (194) is (264). The corresponding  $V$ -folds (Def. 4.14) are the  $(n|q)$ -dimensional supermanifolds (201).

**Example 4.20** (General super étale  $\infty$ -stacks). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \infty\text{JetsOfSupergeometricGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.43). Then for any  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  the corresponding  $V$ -étale  $\infty$ -stacks (Remark 4.15) realize a flavor of *super étale  $\infty$ -stacks*, locally modeled on  $V$ . Lemma 3.45 implies that, generally, the bosonic part  $\overset{\sim}{X}$  of a super étale  $\infty$ -stack is a bosonic étale  $\infty$ -stack locally modeled on the bosonic part  $\overset{\sim}{V}$  of  $V$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \overset{\sim}{V}\text{Folds}(\mathbf{H}) \\ \text{supergeometric} & & \text{underlying bosonic} \\ \text{étale } \infty\text{-stack} & X & \overset{\sim}{X} & \text{étale } \infty\text{-stack} \end{array}$$

### Quotients of $V$ -folds.

**Proposition 4.21** (Orbifolding of a  $V$ -fold is a  $V$ -fold). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21),  $V, G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) with  $G \simeq \text{b}G$  discrete, and  $(X, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79). Then if  $X$  is a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14) so is its homotopy quotient  $X // G$  (108). Specifically, if  $U \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} X$  is a  $V$ -atlas for  $X$  (257), then a  $V$ -atlas for  $V // G$  is given by composition with the homotopy fiber inclusion map  $\text{fib}(r)$  (107):*

$$V \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} U \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} (X \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} X // G) \quad (265)$$

*Proof.* We need to show that the composite morphism on the right of (265) is (a) an effective epimorphism and (b) a local diffeomorphism. Since both of these classes of morphisms are closed under composition (Lemma 2.65 and Lemma 3.27), it is sufficient to show that  $\text{fib}(r)$  itself has these two properties.

For **(a)** observe that, by definition of homotopy fibers (107), we have a Cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} & X // G \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow r \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathbf{BG} \end{array} \quad (266)$$

Here the bottom morphism is an effective epimorphism (Example 2.75). Since these are preserved by homotopy pullback, also  $\text{fib}(r)$  is an effective epimorphism.

For **(b)** consider the image of this square (266) under  $\mathfrak{I}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{I}$  is both a right and a left adjoint it preserves Cartesian squares and homotopy quotients (by Prop. 2.26), while it preserves discrete objects by elasticity (159) and idempotency (Prop. 2.28, Prop. 2.29). Therefore

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{I}X & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{I}\text{fib}(r) \simeq \text{fib}(\mathfrak{I}r)} & (\mathfrak{I}X) // G \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{I}r \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathbf{BG} \end{array} \quad (267)$$

is Cartesian. Consider finally the pasting composite of this second square (267) with the naturality square of  $h^{\mathfrak{I}}$  on  $\text{fib}(r)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} & X // G \\ h_X^{\mathfrak{I}} \downarrow & & \downarrow h_{X//G}^{\mathfrak{I}} \\ \mathfrak{I}X & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & (\mathfrak{I}X) // G \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \mathfrak{I}r \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathbf{BG} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \curvearrowright r \\ \curvearrowleft y \end{array} \quad (268)$$

Here the composite morphism on the right is equivalent to  $r$ , as shown, by the naturality of  $h^{\mathfrak{I}}$  and using that the object  $\mathbf{BG}$ , being discrete, is  $\mathfrak{I}$ -modal. Therefore, the total outer rectangle of (268) is Cartesian by (266). Moreover, the bottom square of (268) is Cartesian by (267). Therefore the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) implies that the top square of (268) is Cartesian. But this means (168) that  $\text{fib}(r)$  is a local diffeomorphism.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.22** (Induced  $G$ -action on the tangent bundle). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21),  $V, G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), with  $G \simeq \flat G$  discrete,  $(X, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79) and  $X \in V\text{Folds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.14). Then the tangent bundle  $TX$  (Def. 3.29) carries an essentially unique  $G$ -action  $Tr$  such that:*

- (i) *the defining projection  $TX \rightarrow X$  is  $G$ -equivariant (Def. 2.83);*
- (ii) *the homotopy quotient of  $TX$  is the tangent bundle of the orbifolded  $V$ -fold  $X // G$  (Prop. 4.21):*

$$(TX) // G \simeq T(X // G) \in \mathbf{H}_{/X/G}. \quad (269)$$

*Proof.* Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TX & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & X & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} & X // G \\ \downarrow & \text{---}^* & T(X // G) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & X // G \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow r \\ X & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r)} & X // G & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & (X // G) // G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathbf{BG} & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathbf{BG} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \\ \text{---}^* \end{array} \quad (270)$$

Here the bottom left square is that characterizing the  $G$ -action on  $X$ , by (107); while the bottom and right squares are both the naturality square of  $h^{\mathfrak{I}}$  on the morphism  $\text{fib}(r)$  (where we use that  $\mathfrak{I}$  commutes with taking the homotopy quotient by the discrete group  $G$ ). Now observe that:

(a) The bottom and right squares are pullback squares since  $\text{fib}(r)$  is a local diffeomorphism (Def. 3.26) by Prop. 4.21.

(b) The front and back squares are pullback squares by the definition of tangent bundles (Def. 3.29).

In particular, the solid part of the diagram is homotopy-commutative, so that, by the universal property of the front pullback square, the dashed morphism exists, essentially uniquely, such as to make the top and the top left square homotopy-commutative. Further observe, by repeatedly applying the pasting law (Prop. 2.23), that:

(c) The top left square is a homotopy pullback since the back, right and front squares are pullbacks by (a) and (b).

(d) The total left rectangle is a pullback, since the top one is so, by (c), and the bottom one is so, by the action property (107).

Thus, again by the action property (107), the total left rectangle exhibits a  $G$ -action on  $TX$  whose homotopy quotient is as claimed (269), and its factorization into two pullback squares as shown exhibits the projection  $TX \rightarrow X$  as a homomorphism of  $G$ -actions, hence as being  $G$ -equivariant (Def. 2.83).  $\square$

**Proposition 4.23** (Induced  $G$ -action on local neighborhood of fixed point). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21),  $V, G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), with  $G \simeq \flat G$  discrete,  $(X, r) \in \text{GActions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79) with  $X \in \text{VFolds}(X)$  (Def. 4.14) and  $* \xrightarrow{x} X$  a homotopy fixed point (Def. 2.97). Then the induced  $G$ -action  $T_r$  on the tangent bundle  $TX$ , from Prop. 4.22, restricts to a  $G$ -action  $T_x r$  on the local neighborhood  $T_x X$  (Example 3.30) of the homotopy fixed point  $x$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 T_x X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & TX & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow^* & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 * & & (T_x X) // G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (TX) // G \\
 \downarrow & \xrightarrow{x} & \downarrow T_x r & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \downarrow \text{fib}(r) \\
 * & & BG & \xrightarrow{x G} & X // G \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow r \\
 & & * & & * \\
 & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & BG
 \end{array}
 \tag{271}$$

Here the squares on the right are from (270) and are thus both homotopy Cartesian. The rear square is the homotopy pullback square defining the tangent fiber, and we define the front square to be a homotopy pullback, giving us the object denoted  $(T_x X) // G$ . We need to show that this object really is the homotopy quotient of the restricted action. But the bottom horizontal square homotopy-commutes, exhibiting the homotopy fixed point by (123), so that, by applying the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) to the top vertical squares, it follows that also the top left square is Cartesian. This already identifies  $(T_x X) // G$  as the homotopy quotient of some  $G$ -action on  $T_x X$ , by Prop. 2.79. To see that this is indeed the restricted action, observe that the front triangle commutes, again by (123), so that the total diagram exhibits the fiber inclusion  $T_x X \rightarrow TX$  as being a homomorphism  $G$ -actions  $T_x r \rightarrow T_r$  (by Prop. 2.79).  $\square$

### Frame bundles.

**Definition 4.24** (Structure group of  $V$ -folds). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), to be regarded as the local model space of  $V$ -folds (Def. 4.14).

(i) Then we say that the automorphism group (Def. 2.86) of the local neighborhood (Example 3.30) of the neutral element  $* \xrightarrow{e} V$  (Example 2.76)

$$\text{Aut}(T_e V) \in \text{Groups}(T_e V)
 \tag{272}$$

is the *structure group of  $V$ -folds*.

(ii) We write

$$(T_e V, r_{\text{Aut}}) \in \text{Aut}(T_e V)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$$

for its canonical action (115).

**Example 4.25** (Ordinary general linear group). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.24) and let

$$V := (\mathbb{R}^n, +) \in \text{Groups}(\text{SmoothManifolds}) \xrightarrow{\cdot} \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$$

via the full inclusion (166), with  $\mathbb{R}^n$  regarded as a group under addition of tuples of real numbers. Then the structure group of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -folds, according to Def. 4.24, is the traditional general linear group, regarded as a Lie group:

$$\text{Aut}(T_0\mathbb{R}^n) \simeq \text{GL}(n).$$

**Proposition 4.26** (Frame bundle). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14). Then the tangent bundle of  $X$  (Def. 3.29) is a fiber bundle (Def. 2.91) with typical fiber the local neighborhood  $T_eV$  (Def. 3.28) of the neutral element  $* \xrightarrow{e} V$ , hence is the associated bundle of an  $\text{Aut}(T_eV)$ -principal (272) bundle (Prop. 2.88), to be called the frame bundle of  $X$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \text{tangent bundle} \\ TX \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \begin{array}{c} \text{frame bundle} \\ \text{Frames}(X) \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{array} \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{BAut}(T_eV) \\ \vdash \text{Frames}(X) & & \vdash \text{Frames}(X) \end{array} \quad (273)$$

*Proof.* By Prop. 3.31 the tangent bundles over any  $V$ -atlas (257) for  $X$  form two Cartesian squares as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & TU & & \\ & & \swarrow & & \searrow \\ V \times T_eV \simeq TV & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & TX \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ V & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \downarrow & \text{ét} & \downarrow & \text{ét} & \downarrow \end{array} \quad (274)$$

Moreover, by Prop. 4.32 the tangent bundle of  $V$  is trivial, as shown on the left. Since Cartesian products are preserved by homotopy pullback, the left square implies that also  $TU \simeq U \times T_eV$  is trivial. But with this the existence of the right square is the defining characterization for  $TX$  being a  $T_eV$ -fiber bundle.  $\square$

**Remark 4.27** (Frame bundles are well-defined). The frame bundle (Def. 4.26) of a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14) is independent, up to a contractible space of equivalences, of the choice of  $V$ -atlas (257) in the construction (274): This follows as a special case of the essential independence of classifying maps of fiber bundles from the choice of trivializing cover, as in Prop. 2.92, using that not only the class of effective epimorphisms but also that of local diffeomorphisms is closed under pullback and composition (Lemma 3.27).

**Proposition 4.28** ( $V$ -fold is  $\text{Aut}(T_eV)$ -quotient of its frame bundle). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $X \in \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.14). Then  $X$  is equivalent to the homotopy quotient (108) of its own frame bundle (Prop. 4.26) by  $\text{Aut}(T_eV)$ :*

$$X \simeq \text{Frames}(X) // \text{Aut}(T_eV).$$

*Proof.* This is immediate from the equivalence between principal bundles and homotopy quotient projections (Remark 2.89) applied to the frame bundle (273).  $\square$

**Example 4.29** (Frame bundles on smooth manifolds). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.24) and  $X \in \text{SmoothManifolds} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  a smooth manifold (166) regarded as an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -fold according to Example 4.17.

(i) Then its frame bundle, according to Prop. 4.26, is the  $\text{GL}(n)$ -principal bundle on  $X$  which is the frame bundle in the traditional sense of differential geometry.

(ii) For the same manifold but regarded in  $\mathbf{H} = k\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  with  $k \geq 1$  we instead get the corresponding jet version of the frame bundle (see e.g. [KMS93, 12.12]).

## Framed $V$ -folds.

**Definition 4.30** (Framing). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21). A *framing* of an object  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  is a trivialization of its tangent bundle Def. 3.29, hence an equivalence

$$TX \simeq X \times T_x X \in \mathbf{H}/X$$

for  $* \xrightarrow{x} /X$  any point.

**Remark 4.31** (Framing on a  $V$ -fold). If  $X$  is a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14) then a *framing* on  $V$  in the sense of Def. 4.30 is equivalent, by Prop. 4.26, to a trivialization of the frame bundle, hence to a trivialization of its classifying map (273):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TX & \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\text{fr}} & /X \times T_e V \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & X & \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} & \circlearrowleft & \\ & \simeq \parallel \text{fr} & \\ X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V) \\ & \searrow & \circlearrowright \\ & \vdash \text{Frames}(X) & \end{array} \quad (275)$$

**Proposition 4.32** (Groups carry canonical framings by left-translation). *In an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21) every group object  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) carries a canonical framing (Def. 4.30), which we call the framing by left translation:*

$$TV \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\text{fr}_\ell} /V \times T_e V \in \mathbf{H}/V. \quad (276)$$

*Proof.* Since  $\mathfrak{S}$  preserves group structure (as in Prop. 3.4), the defining homotopy fiber product of the tangent bundle of  $V$  (170) sits in a Mayer-Vietoris sequence (Prop. 2.78) as shown on the left of the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TV & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /_* \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \text{fr}_e \\ V \times V & \xrightarrow[(h_V^{\mathfrak{S}}, h_V^{\mathfrak{S}}) = h_{V \times V}^{\mathfrak{S}}]{} & /\mathfrak{S}V \times \mathfrak{S}V \xrightarrow[(-) \cdot (-)^{-1}]{} /\mathfrak{S}V \end{array} \simeq \begin{array}{ccc} TV & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /T_e V \xrightarrow{\quad} /_* \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \text{(pb)} \downarrow \text{fr}_e \\ V \times V & \xrightarrow[(-) \cdot (-)^{-1}]{} & /V \xrightarrow[h_V^{\mathfrak{S}}]{} /\mathfrak{S}V \end{array} \quad (277)$$

Using that  $\mathfrak{S}$  preserves products (by Prop. 2.26) and using the naturality of its unit transformation  $h^{\mathfrak{S}}$  (48), this Cartesian square on the left is equivalent to the total rectangle shown on the right. By the pasting law (Prop. 2.23), this is the pasting of two Cartesian squares, the right one of which exhibits the local neighborhood  $T_e V$  (Def. 3.28) as shown. To see what the Cartesian property of the left square on the right says, consider pasting to it the top square appearing in the diagram (105) which exhibits the group division  $(-) \cdot (-)^{-1}$  in Example 2.77:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TV & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /T_e V \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ V \times V & \xrightarrow[(-) \cdot (-)^{-1}]{} & /V \\ \text{pr}_1 \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ V & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /_* \end{array} \quad (278)$$

Since both squares are Cartesian, the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) says that the total rectangle is Cartesian. This is the equivalence (276).  $\square$

**Proposition 4.33** (Canonical framing on group is equivariant under group automorphisms). *Consider an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21),  $V, G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), with 0-truncated  $V \simeq t_0 V$  and  $(V, r_G) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79) acting by group-automorphisms (Prop. 2.102) hence by restriction  $r_G = \mathbf{Bi}^* r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}}$  (Prop. 2.85) along a group homomorphism  $G \xrightarrow{i} /\text{Aut}_e(V)$ , to the group-automorphism group  $\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)$  (Def. 2.101). Then the canonical framing  $\text{fr}_\ell$  on  $V$  from Prop. 4.32 is  $G$ -equivariant (Def. 2.83), in that it lifts to a morphism of  $G$ -actions (Prop. 2.79) of the form*

$$(TV, Tr) \xrightarrow{\text{fr}_\ell} / (V, r) \times (T_e V, T_e r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}),$$

where  $Tr$  is the induced action on  $TV$  from Prop. 4.22, and  $T_e r$  is the induced action on  $T_e V$  from Prop. 4.23 (which exists since group-automorphisms of  $V$  are in particular pointed automorphisms of  $V$  (Def. 2.100)).









**Example 4.39** (Canonical  $G$ -structure). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  (Def. 3.21), and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Then  $V$  itself, regarded as a  $V$ -fold by Example 4.16, carries a  $(G, f)$ -structure (Def. 4.36) for any  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})/\text{Aut}(T_e V)$ , induced via Example 4.38 from its canonical framing  $\text{fr}_\ell$  (276) via left-translation (Prop. 4.32). We call this the *canonical  $(G, f)$ -structure* on  $V$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{B}G \\ \swarrow \text{t}_V \\ V \\ \searrow \text{g}_V \\ \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V) \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\text{B}f} & \mathbf{B}G \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V)
 \end{array}
 \quad := \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{*} \\ \swarrow \text{fr}_\ell \\ V \\ \searrow \text{\$} \\ \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V) \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\text{B}f} & \mathbf{B}G \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V)
 \end{array}
 \quad (286)$$

### Local isometries

**Lemma 4.40** ( $G$ -structures pull back along local diffeomorphisms). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})/\text{Aut}(T_e V)$  (Prop. 2.74, Def. 2.86, Example 3.30). Then pre-composition constitutes a contravariant  $\infty$ -functor (“pullback of  $(G, f)$ -structures”)*

$$(\text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H})^{\text{ét}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Groupoids}_\infty \quad (287)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (G, f)\text{Structures}_{X_1}(\mathbf{H}) \ni \text{t} \circledast f \\
 \text{ét} \downarrow f & & \downarrow f^* \\
 X_2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (G, f)\text{Structures}_{X_2}(\mathbf{H}) \ni \bar{\text{t}}
 \end{array}$$

from the  $\infty$ -category (259) of  $V$ -folds and local diffeomorphisms, which assigns to any  $V$ -fold its  $\infty$ -groupoid (284) of  $(G, f)$ -structures (Def. 4.36).

*Proof.* We need to show that for  $(t, g)$  a  $(G, f)$ -structure on  $X_2$ , the composite

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_1 & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & X_2 \\
 & \searrow f & \swarrow \text{t} \\
 & & \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V)
 \end{array}
 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{B}f} \quad
 \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{B}G \\ \downarrow \text{B}f \\ \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V) \end{array}
 \quad (288)$$

is a  $(G, f)$ -structure on  $X_1$ . For this we need to exhibit a natural equivalence

$$(\text{Frames}(X_2)) \circ f_1 \simeq \text{Frames}(X_1) \quad \text{so that}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_1 & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & X_2 \\
 \downarrow \text{Frames}(X_1) & \searrow \text{f} & \swarrow \text{t} \\
 & & \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V)
 \end{array}
 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{B}f} \quad
 \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{B}G \\ \downarrow \text{B}f \\ \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V) \end{array}$$

But this exists by Prop. 3.31. □

**Definition 4.41** (Local isometries between  $G$ -structured  $V$ -folds). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})/\text{Aut}(T_e V)$  (Prop. 2.74, Def. 2.86, Example 3.30).

(i) For  $X_1, X_2 \in \text{VFolds}$  (Def. 4.14) and  $(t_i, g_i) \in (G, f)\text{Structures}_{X_i}(\mathbf{H})$  (284), we say a *local isometry*, to be denoted

$$(X_1, (t_1, g_1)) \xrightarrow[\text{met}]{(f, s)} (X_2, (t_2, g_2))$$

is a pair

$$X_1 \xrightarrow[\text{ét}]{f} X_2, \quad f^*(t_2, g_2) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{s} (t_1, g_1), \quad (289)$$

consisting of a local diffeomorphism (Def. 3.26) and an equivalence of  $(G, f)$ -structures (284) between that on its domain  $V$ -fold and the pullback (288) of the  $(G, f)$ -structure on its codomain  $V$ -fold.

(ii) Equivalently, by (288), a local isometry (289) is a morphism between  $(G, f)$ -structured  $V$ -folds regarded as objects in the iterated slice  $\infty$ -topos (Example 2.47)

(a) over  $\mathbf{BAut}(T_e V)$  via their classifying maps of their frame bundles (273)

(b) over  $(\mathbf{B}G, \text{B}f)$  via their  $(G, f)$ -structure (282)

of this form:

$$\begin{array}{c}
X_1 \xrightarrow{f} X_2 \\
\downarrow \text{ét} \quad \downarrow s \\
\text{Bf} \xrightarrow{g_1} \text{Bf} \\
\downarrow \# \quad \downarrow \# \\
\text{BAut}(T_e V) \xrightarrow{\text{Frames}(X_i)} \text{BAut}(T_e V)
\end{array}
\in (\mathbf{H}/\text{BAut}(T_e V))_{/\text{BG, Bf}} \left( (X_1, (t_1, g_1)), (X_2, (t_2, g_2)) \right). \quad (290)$$

(iii) Hence we write  $(G, f)\text{StructuredVFolds}(\mathbf{H}) \longrightarrow (\mathbf{H}/\text{BAut}(T_e V))_{/\text{BG}} \in \text{Categories}_\infty$  (291) for the sub- $\infty$ -category of this iterated slice on 1-morphisms of the form (290).

### Integrability of $G$ -structures.

**Definition 4.42** (Integrable  $G$ -structure). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74),  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})_{/\text{Aut}(T_e V)}$  (Def. 4.35).

(i) Given  $(X, (t_X, g_X)) \in (G, f)\text{StructuredVFolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.41), we say that  $(t, g)$  is an *integrable*  $(G, f)$ -structure on the  $V$ -fold  $X$  if there exists a correspondence of local isometries (289) between  $V$  equipped with its canonical  $(G, f)$ -structure  $(t_V, g_V)$  (Def. 4.39) to  $(X, (t_X, g_X))$ :

$$(V, (t_V, g_V)) \xrightarrow{\text{met}} (U, (t_U, g_U)) \xrightarrow{\text{met}} (X, (t_X, g_X)) \quad (292)$$

such that the right left is, in addition, an effective epimorphism (Def. 2.63), then called a  $(V, (t_V, g_V))$ -atlas of  $(X, (t_X, g_X))$  (100). (Underlying this, forgetting the  $(G, f)$ -structures, is a  $V$ -atlas (257).)

(ii) We write

$$\text{Integrably}(G, f)\text{StructuredVFolds}(\mathbf{H}) \xrightarrow{\cdot} (G, f)\text{StructuredVFolds}(\mathbf{H}) \in \text{Categories}_\infty \quad (293)$$

for the full sub- $\infty$ -category of that of  $(G, f)$ -structured  $V$ -folds (291) on those that are integrable.

**Definition 4.43** (Locally integrable  $G$ -structure). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74),  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})_{/\text{Aut}(T_e V)}$  (Def. 4.35),  $X \in \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.14) and  $(t, g) \in (G, f)\text{Structures}_X(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.36). We say that  $(t, g)$  is a *locally integrable*  $(G, f)$ -structure if, for each point  $* \xrightarrow{x} X$ , there is a local diffeomorphism  $f_x$  of the local neighborhood (Def. 3.28) of  $* \xrightarrow{e} V$  onto a local neighborhood of  $x$  such that the restriction of  $(t, g)$  along  $f$  is equivalent to the canonical  $(G, f)$ -structure (Def. 4.39) on  $T_e V$ :

$$\forall * \xrightarrow{x} X \quad \exists \begin{array}{c} T_e V \xrightarrow{f_x} X \\ \downarrow e \quad \downarrow x \\ * \end{array} : f_x^*(t, g) \simeq (t_{T_e V}, g_{T_e V}).$$

Another way to say this: We have a correspondence of local isometries as in (292), but with the right leg required to be an effective epimorphism only under  $\flat$ .

**Example 4.44** ( $G$ -Structures on smooth manifolds and orbifolds).

(i) Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.24)  $G \in \text{LieGroups} \hookrightarrow \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (see (166)) and  $X \in \text{SmoothManifolds} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  regarded as an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -fold according to Example 4.17. In this case, the structure group of  $X$  (Def. 4.24) is the ordinary general linear group  $\text{GL}_\mathbb{R}(n)$  (Example 4.25). Therefore, a  $G$ -structure on  $X$  in the sense of Def. 4.36 is (by Example 4.29) a  $G$ -structure in the traditional sense of differential geometry [St64, VII][Kob72][Mol77]; and it is integrable according to Def. 4.42 if it is “flat” in the traditional sense of [Gu65] and locally integrable according to Def. 4.43 precisely if it is “uniformly 1-flat” in the traditional sense of [Gu65], namely if it is torsion-free (review in [Lot01]). Examples include:

$G \xrightarrow{f} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	$(G, f)$ -structure	Locally integrable	Integrable	see
$\text{Sp}_{\mathbb{R}}(n) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	almost symplectic	symplectic	symplectic	[St64, VII.2]
$\text{GL}_{\mathbb{C}}(n/2) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	almost complex	complex	complex	
$\text{O}(n) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	Riemannian	torsion-free Riemannian	flat Riemannian	
$\text{O}(n-1, 1) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	Lorentzian	torsion-free Lorentzian	flat Lorentzian	[LPZ13]
$\text{O}(n) \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	$\text{CO}(n)$ -structure	conformal	flat conformal	[AG98]
$\text{CR}(n/2-1) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	$\text{CR}(n)$ -structure	Cauchy-Riemann	flat Cauchy-Riemann	[DT06]
$\text{GL}_{\mathbb{H}}(n/4) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	$\text{GL}_{\mathbb{H}}(n/4)$ -structure	hypercomplex	flat hypercomplex	[Jo95]
$\text{U}(n/2) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	hermitian almost complex	Kähler	Kähler	[Mor07, 11.1]
$\text{SU}(n/2) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	$\text{SU}(n)$ -structure	Calabi-Yau	Calabi-Yau	[Pri15, 1.3]
$\text{Sp}(n/4)\text{Sp}(1) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	almost unimodular quaternionic	quaternionic Kähler	flat quaternionic Kähler	[AM93a][AM93b]
$\text{Sp}(n/4) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$	almost Hyperkähler	Hyperähler	flat Hyperkähler	
$G_2 \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(7)$	$G_2$ -structure	torsion-free $G_2$ -structure	flat/interable $G_2$ -structure	[Br05]
$\text{Spin}(7) \xrightarrow{\bullet} \text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(8)$	$\text{Spin}(7)$ -structure	torsion-free $\text{Spin}(7)$ -structure	flat $\text{Spin}(7)$ -structure	[Br87] [Jo01]

(ii) For  $k > 1$  and  $\mathbf{H} = k\text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Def. 3.24) the local integrability condition of Def. 4.43 is of the form of the “uniformly  $k$ -flatness”-condition of [Gu65]. But beware that, according to Def. 4.36 but in contrast to [Gu65], in this case the  $G$ -structure itself is not on the plain frame bundle but on the order- $k$  jet frame bundle (by Example 4.29).

### Haefliger groupoids.

**Definition 4.45** (Haefliger groupoid). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74).

(i) With no further structure,

(a) The  $V$ -Haefliger groupoid is the étale groupoid (Def. 3.35)

$$\text{Haef}_{\bullet}(V) \in \text{ÉtaleGroupoids}(\mathbf{H})$$

which is the étalification (Def. 3.39) of the Atiyah groupoid (Def. 2.90) of the frame bundle (Def. 4.24) of  $V$  regarded as a  $V$ -fold (Example 4.16):

$$\text{Haef}_{\bullet}(V) := \text{At}_{\bullet}^{\text{ét}}(\text{Frames}(V)). \quad (294)$$

(b) The  $V$ -Haefliger stack of  $V$  is the corresponding  $V$ -fold (according to Remark 4.15):

$$\mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V) := \mathcal{A}t^{\text{ét}}(\text{Frames}(V)) \in \text{VFolds}. \quad (295)$$

(ii) Given, in addition,  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})_{/\text{Aut}(T_e V)}$  (Def. 4.35), with  $G\text{Frames}(V) \rightarrow V$  denoting the  $G$ -frame bundle (283) corresponding to the canonical  $(G, f)$ -structure on  $V$  (Example 4.39), we say

(a) the  $(V, (G, f))$ -Haefliger groupoid is the étale groupoid (Def. 3.35)

$$\text{Haef}_{\bullet}(V, (G, f)) \in \text{ÉtaleGroupoids}(\mathbf{H})$$

which is the étalification (Def. 3.39) of the Atiyah groupoid (Def. 2.90) of the  $G$ -frame bundle (283):

$$\text{Haef}_{\bullet}(V, (G, f)) := \text{At}_{\bullet}^{\text{ét}}(G\text{Frames}(V)). \quad (296)$$

(b) The  $(V, (G, f))$ -Haefliger stack of  $V$  is the corresponding  $V$ -fold (according to Remark 4.15):

$$\mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V, (G, f)) := \mathcal{A}t^{\text{ét}}(G\text{Frames}(V)) \in \text{VFolds}. \quad (297)$$

**Proposition 4.46** (Haefliger stack represents  $V$ -fold structure). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21)  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  is a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14);
- (ii)  $X$  admits a local diffeomorphism to the  $V$ -Haefliger stack (Def. 4.45).

*Proof.* First consider the implication (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Assuming  $X$  is a  $V$ -fold, consider a  $V$ -atlas (257)  $V \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} U \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} X$ . By Prop. 3.31 (and as in the proof of Prop. 4.26) the pullbacks of the frame bundles of  $V$  and of  $X$  along this  $V$ -atlas to  $U$  coincide there, which means that we have a homotopy-commutative square of their classifying maps (273) as shown on the bottom left of the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{O} & \text{O} & \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \\
 U \times_{\mathcal{G}} U & \dashrightarrow & \text{At}_1(\text{Frames}(V)) \\
 \text{ét} \downarrow \text{ét} \downarrow \text{ét} & & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\
 U & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & V \\
 \text{ét} \downarrow & & \downarrow \vdash \text{Frames}(V) \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\vdash \text{Frames}(X)} & \mathbf{BAut}(T_e V)
 \end{array} \\
 \end{array} & \Leftrightarrow & 
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{O} & \text{O} & \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \\
 U \times_{\mathcal{G}} U & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & \text{At}_1^{\text{ét}}(\text{Frames}(V)) \\
 \text{ét} \downarrow \text{ét} \downarrow \text{ét} & & \downarrow \text{ét} \downarrow \text{ét} \\
 U & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & V \\
 \text{ét} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ét} \\
 X & \dashrightarrow & \mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V)
 \end{array} \\
 \end{array}
 \end{array} \quad (298)$$

By passing to nerves (Example 2.69) of the vertical morphisms, this induces a morphism of groupoids as shown on the top left. But  $U_{\bullet}$  is an étale groupoid (by Prop. 3.36), and  $U \rightarrow V$  is a local diffeomorphism by definition of  $V$ -atlases, so that the top left part of the left diagram in (298) is in the étale slice over  $V$  (Def. 3.32). Therefore, the adjunction (173) of Prop. 3.33 implies that the top part of the diagram on the left of (298) factors through the étalification (Def. 3.39) as shown in the top part on the right. With this we get the dashed morphism on the right by passing to colimits over the vertical simplicial diagrams (as in Prop. 3.36).

It only remains to see that the dashed morphism on the right is itself a local diffeomorphism. For this observe that all the horizontal morphisms are local diffeomorphisms, using the assumptions and then left-cancellability (Lemma 3.27). Therefore the statement follows with Lemma 3.38.

For the converse implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Given a local diffeomorphism as shown dashed on the right of (298), we need to produce a  $V$ -atlas for  $X$ . So now define the bottom square on the right of (298) to be the pullback of the étale atlas of the Haefliger stack along the given morphism. This does make the top left span of the square a  $V$ -atlas by the fact that the classes of local diffeomorphisms and of effective epimorphisms are both closed under pullback (by Lemma 2.65 and Lemma 3.27).  $\square$

**Proposition 4.47** ( $G$ -Structured Haefliger stack represents integrable  $G$ -structure). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74),  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})/\text{Aut}(T_e V)$  (Def. 4.35). The  $(V, (G, f))$ -Haefliger groupoid (Def. 4.45), carries a canonical integrable  $(G, f)$ -structure (Def. 4.42)*

$$(\mathfrak{t}_{\mathcal{H}}, g_{\mathcal{H}}) \in (G, f)\text{Structures}_{\mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V)}(\mathbf{H}) \quad (299)$$

such that the operation of pullback of (288) along local diffeomorphism (Lemma 4.40) constitutes a natural bijection

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \rho_0 \text{Integrably}(G, f)\text{Structured}V\text{Folds}(\mathbf{H}) & \simeq & \rho_0 \text{Ét}_{\mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V, (G, f))} \\
 (X, (\mathfrak{t}, g)) & \mapsto & \left( X \xrightarrow{\vdash (\mathfrak{t}, g)} \mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V, (G, f)) \right)
 \end{array} \quad (300)$$

between the sets of equivalence classes of:

- (i) integrably  $(G, f)$ -structured  $V$ -folds (Def. 4.42),
- (ii) local diffeomorphisms into the  $(V, (G, f))$ -Haefliger stack, hence objects in its étale topos (Def. 3.32).

*Proof.* We proceed as in the proof of Prop. 4.46, but lifting the diagram there from  $\mathbf{H}$  to the iterated slice  $(\mathbf{H}/\mathbf{BAut}(T_e V))_{/BG}$  (290).





(f) In particular, this implies that the induced homotopy which fills the bottom right part of (301)

$$\vdash \text{Frames}(\mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{g_{\mathcal{H}}} \mathfrak{B}\mathbf{f} \circ t_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad (303)$$

canonically given by the colimit construction in the iterated slice, constitutes a  $(G, f)$ -structure on the  $(V, (G, f))$ -Haeffliger stack.

(g) In conclusion, the dashed morphism on the right of (301) exists and is a local diffeomorphism, as in the proof of Prop. 4.46; but, by construction in the iterated slice, it is now exhibited as a local isometry to the Haeffliger stack equipped with the induced  $(G, f)$ -structure (303).

(ii) The converse construction is now immediate: Given a local diffeomorphism of the form shown dashed on the right of (301), pulling back the étale atlas of the Haeffliger stack along it yields a  $V$ -atlas for  $X$  (just as in the proof of this converse step in Prop. 4.46) and pulling (via Lemma 4.40) the  $(G, f)$ -structure (303) around the resulting Cartesian square makes this a  $(V, (G, f))$ -atlas that exhibits  $X$  as equipped with an integrable  $(G, f)$ -structure. This construction is clearly injective on equivalence classes, by  $\infty$ -functoriality of the pullback construction (288) of  $(G, f)$ -structures; and it is surjective on equivalence classes by item (i) above. Hence this is a bijection on equivalence classes, as claimed.  $\square$

**Tangential structures.** Closely akin to  $G$ -structures (Def. 4.36) are *tangential structures* (Def. 4.48 below) where not the structure group itself is lifted, but only its shape:

**Definition 4.48** (Tangential structure). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74),  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})_{/\mathfrak{S}\text{Aut}(T_e V)}$  (Def. 4.35) and  $X \in V\text{Folds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.14).

(i) We say that a *tangential  $(G, t)$ -structure* on  $X$  is a lift  $(t, g)$  through  $\mathbf{B}f$  of the composite of the frame bundle classifying map (273) with the shape-unit (48):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{tangential} & \\ & \text{structure} & \\ & \text{---} t \text{---} & \mathfrak{B}G \\ & & \Big| \mathbf{B}f \\ V\text{-fold } X & \xrightarrow{\vdash \text{Frames}(X)} \mathfrak{B}\text{Aut}(T_e V) & \xrightarrow[h^s]{\parallel g} \mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{S}\text{Aut}(T_e V) \end{array} \quad (304)$$

shape of  
structure group  
of frame bundle

(ii) We write

$$\text{Tangential}(G, f)\text{Structures}_X(\mathbf{H}) := \mathbf{H}_{/\mathfrak{B}\text{Aut}(T_e V)}(h^s \circ \vdash \text{Frames}(X), \mathbf{B}f) \quad (305)$$

for the  $\infty$ -groupoid of  $(G, f)$ -tangential structures on the  $V$ -fold  $X$ .

**Example 4.49** (Tangential structures on smooth manifolds). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.24)  $G \in \text{LieGroups} \hookrightarrow \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (see (166)) and  $X \in \text{SmoothManifolds} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  regarded as an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -fold according to Example 4.17. In this case, the structure group of  $X$  (Def. 4.24) is the ordinary general linear group  $\text{GL}_{\mathbb{R}}(n)$  (Example 4.25). Hence here tangential structure in the general sense of Def. 4.48 is tangential structure in the traditional sense of differential topology (popularized under this name in [GMTW06, 5], originally introduced as “ $(B, f)$ -structure” [La63][St68, II], review in [Ko96, 1.4]).

**Example 4.50** (Cohesive refinement of tangential structure). Every  $(G, f)$ -structure (Def. 4.36) induces tangential  $(\mathfrak{S}G, \mathfrak{S}f)$ -structure (Def. 4.48) by composition with the naturality square of  $h^s$  on  $\mathbf{B}f$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{---} t \text{---} & \mathfrak{B}G \xrightarrow{h^s_{\mathfrak{B}G}} \mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{S}G \\ & & \Big| \mathbf{B}f \qquad \qquad \qquad \Big| \mathbf{B}\mathfrak{S}f \\ V\text{-fold } X & \xrightarrow{\vdash \text{Frames}(X)} \mathfrak{B}\text{Aut}(T_e V) & \xrightarrow[h^s_{\mathfrak{B}\text{Aut}(T_e V)}]{\parallel g} \mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{S}\text{Aut}(T_e V) \end{array} \quad (306)$$

shape of  
structure group  
of frame bundle

Conversely, realizing a tangent structure as obtained from a  $G$ -structure this way means to find a geometric (differential) refinement.

**Example 4.51** (Orientation structure). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.24) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -fold (Def. 4.14) hence an ordinary manifold (Example 4.17) or, more generally, an ordinary étale Lie groupoid (Example 4.18). With the general linear and the (special) orthogonal group regarded as smooth groups via (166)

$$\text{SO}(n) \xrightarrow{i_{\text{SO}}} \text{O}(n) \xrightarrow{i_{\text{O}}} \text{GL}(n) \in \text{Groups}(\text{SmoothManifolds}) \longrightarrow \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}) \quad (307)$$

we have:

- (i) an  $\text{O}(n)$ -structure (Def. 4.36) on  $X$  is equivalently a Riemannian structure (Example 4.44);
- (ii) but a tangential  $\text{SO}(n)$ -structure (Def. 304) is equivalently *no structure*, since  $\text{SO}(n) \xrightarrow{s_{\text{IO}}} \text{SGL}(n)$  is an equivalence of underlying shapes (since  $\text{O}(n)$  is the maximal compact subgroup of  $\text{GL}(n)$ ),
- (iii) while a tangential  $\text{SSO}(n)$ -structure (Def. 304) is an *orientation* of  $X$ .
- (iv) A differential refinement, in the sense of Example 4.50, of such an orientation structure is an oriented Riemannian structure (via its induced volume form).

**Example 4.52** (Higher Spin structure [SSS09][SSS12]). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.24) and  $X \in \mathbf{H}$  an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -fold (Def. 4.14) hence an ordinary manifold (Example 4.17) or, more generally, an ordinary étale Lie groupoid (Example 4.18). The sequence of groups (307) in Example 4.51 is, under shape, the beginning of the *Whitehead tower* of  $\text{SO}(n) \simeq \text{SGL}(n)$ . The tangential structures (Def. 4.48, Example 4.49) corresponding to the stages in this tower are the *Spin structure* and its higher analogues:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{B}\mathbb{S}\text{Fivebrane}(n) \\
 \downarrow \\
 \text{B}\mathbb{S}\text{String}(n) \\
 \downarrow \\
 \text{B}\mathbb{S}\text{Spin}(n) \\
 \downarrow \\
 \text{B}\mathbb{S}\text{SO}(n) \\
 \downarrow \\
 \text{B}\text{O}(n) \xrightarrow{h_{\text{BO}(n)}^{\mathbb{S}}} \text{B}\text{SO}(n) \\
 \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \simeq \\
 \text{BGL}(n) \xrightarrow{h_{\text{BGL}(n)}^{\mathbb{S}}} \text{B}\text{SGL}(n)
 \end{array}
 \quad (308)$$

$X$ 
Fivebrane structure
String structure
Spin structure
Orientation structure
Riemannian structure
 $\vdash \text{Frames}(X)$

### Flat $V$ -folds.

**Definition 4.53** (Flat  $V$ -folds). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $X \in \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.14). We say that  $X$  is *flat* if the classifying map (273) of its frame bundle (Prop. 4.26) factors through the  $\flat$ -counit (49), hence if it carries  $(G, f)$ -structure (Def. 4.36) for  $(G, f) = (\flat\text{Aut}(T_e V), e_{\text{Aut}(T_e V)}^{\flat})$ :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \flat\text{B}\text{Aut}(T_e V) \\
 \swarrow \quad \downarrow e_{\text{B}\text{Aut}(T_e V)}^{\flat} \\
 X \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} \text{B}\text{Aut}(T_e V) \\
 \vdash \text{Frames}(X)
 \end{array}
 \quad (309)$$

By the universal property of  $e^{\flat}$  and since  $\flat$  commutes with  $\mathbf{B}$ , this means equivalently that  $X$  carries  $G$ -structure for any discrete group  $G \simeq \flat\flat G$ .

**Proposition 4.54** (Flat frame bundles are  $V$ -folds). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $X \in \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.14). If  $X$  is flat (Def. 4.53), then*

- (i) *its flat frame bundle  $(\text{bAut}(T_e V))\text{Frames}(X)$  (283) is itself a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14) and*
- (ii) *the bundle morphism is a local diffeomorphism (Def. 3.26):  $(\text{bAut}(T_e V))\text{Frames}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{ét}}/X$ .*

*Proof.* First consider (ii): We need to show that the left square in the following pasting diagram is Cartesian:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 (\text{bAut}(T_e V))\text{Frames}(X) & \xrightarrow{h_{(\text{bAut}(T_e V))\text{Frames}(X)}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}((\text{bAut}(T_e V))\text{Frames}(X)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathfrak{S}_* \\
 p \downarrow & & \mathfrak{S}p \downarrow & & \text{(pb)} \downarrow \\
 X & \xrightarrow{h_X^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}X & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{S}t} & \mathfrak{S}\text{bAut}(T_e V)
 \end{array}$$

Here the right square is Cartesian, by definition (283) and since  $\mathfrak{S}$ , being a right adjoint, preserves Cartesian squares (by Prop. 2.26). Hence, by the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) it is sufficient to show that the total rectangle is Cartesian. But, by the naturality of  $h^{\mathfrak{S}}$ , the total rectangle is equivalent to that of the following pasting diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 (\text{bAut}(T_e V))\text{Frames}(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /_* & \xrightarrow{h_*^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}_* \\
 \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\
 X & \xrightarrow{t} & \text{bBAut}(T_e V) & \xrightarrow{h_{\text{bBAut}(T_e V)}^{\mathfrak{S}}} & \mathfrak{S}\text{bBAut}(T_e V)
 \end{array}$$

Here the left square is Cartesian by the definition (283), while the right square is Cartesian since its two horizontal morphisms are equivalences, by elasticity. Hence the total rectangle is Cartesian by the pasting law (Prop. 2.23).

Regarding (i): We need to exhibit a  $V$ -atlas (257) for the flat frame bundle. So let  $V \xrightarrow{\Omega \text{ét}} U \xrightarrow{\text{ét}}/X$  be a  $V$ -atlas for  $X$ , and consider the following pullback diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U \times_X (\text{bAut}(T_e V))\text{Frames}(X) & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & //(\text{bAut}(T_e V))\text{Frames}(X) \\
 \text{ét} \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \text{ét} \\
 U & \xrightarrow{\text{ét}} & //X \\
 \text{ét} \downarrow & & \\
 V & & 
 \end{array}$$

Observe that all four morphisms in the square are effective epimorphisms (Def. 2.63) and local diffeomorphisms (Def. 3.26): The bottom one by definition, the right one by (ii) and hence the other two since both classes of morphisms are closed under pullback (Lemma 2.65 and Lemma 3.27). Finally, since the class of local diffeomorphisms is also closed under composition (Lemma 3.27), the total vertical morphisms is a local diffeomorphism, and hence the total outer diagram is a  $V$ -atlas of the flat frame bundle.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.55** ( $\text{b}G$ -frame bundles are  $V$ -folds). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74)  $X \in \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.14),  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})/\text{Aut}(T_e V)$  (Prop. 2.74, Def. 2.86, Example 3.30) with  $G \simeq \text{b}G$  discrete, and  $(t, g) \in (G, f)\text{Structures}_X(\mathbf{H})$ . Then the corresponding  $G$ -frame bundle (283) is itself a  $V$ -fold:*

$$G \simeq \text{b}G \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad G\text{Frames}(X) \in \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H}).$$

*Proof.* The proof proceeds verbatim as that for Prop. 4.54, just with the structure group restricted along  $\text{b}G \rightarrow \text{bAut}(T_e V)$ .  $\square$

In summary, we have found the general abstract version of the local model spaces of orbifolds:

**Proposition 4.56** (Local orbifold model spaces). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $G, V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74), with  $G \simeq \text{b}G$  discrete, and  $(V, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79) a restriction (Prop. 2.85) of the action  $(V, r_{\text{Aut}})$  by group-automorphisms (Prop. 2.102). Then the homotopy quotient (108)*

$$V // G \in \mathbf{H}$$

*of  $V$  regarded with its canonical framing (Prop. 4.32)*

- (i) is a flat  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.53);
- (ii) with  $G$ -structure (Def. 4.36)
- (iii) whose  $G$ -frame bundle (283) is  $G$ -equivariantly (Def. 2.83) equivalent to  $V$  itself:

$$G\text{Frames}(V//G) \simeq V.$$

*Proof.* First observe that  $V//G$  is a  $V$ -fold, by Prop. 4.21 applied to Example 4.16. That this is flat (i) is implied by (ii), since  $G$  is assumed to be discrete. For (ii) and (iii) observe that the canonical framing on  $V$  is  $G$ -equivariant, by Prop. 4.33, so that Prop. 4.34 implies  $G$ -structure on  $V//G$  classified by the action morphism  $r$  itself. But this means that its homotopy fiber, hence the corresponding  $G$ -frame bundle (Def. 283) is  $V$  itself, by (107) (and in accord with Prop. 4.55).  $\square$

**Example 4.57** (Ordinary orbifold singularities). Let  $\mathbf{H} := \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.24) and  $V := (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$  as in Example 4.17. Then a group automorphism of  $V$  is a *linear* isomorphism, hence  $\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(\mathbb{R}^n, +) \simeq \text{GL}(n)$ . Therefore, in this case the assumptions of Prop. 4.56 hold precisely for  $V$  a *linear representation* of the discrete group  $G$ , and thus we recover the traditional local orbifold models  $V//G$  from [Sa56] (in their incarnation as étale groupoids).

**Orbi- $V$ -folds.** Finally, we may now easily promote  $V$ -folds to orbifolds proper, and hence promote the  $\infty$ -category of étale stacks to a  $\infty$ -category of higher proper orbifolds:

**Definition 4.58** (Orbi- $V$ -folds). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.51) and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_\cup)$ . We say that an *orbi- $V$ -fold* is an object  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{H}$  which is the orbi-singularization (Def. 3.52) of a  $V$ -fold (Def. 4.14, hence of an étale  $\infty$ -stack modeled on  $V$ , cf. Exp. 4.18).

(i) We write  $V\text{Orbifolds}(\mathbf{H}) \subset \mathbf{H}$  for the full sub- $\infty$ -category on orbi- $V$ -folds:

$$\mathcal{X} \in V\text{Orbifolds}(\mathbf{H}) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \cup \mathcal{X} \in VFolds(\mathbf{H}).$$

This means, equivalently, that the orbi- $V$ -folds in  $\mathbf{H}$  are the orbi-singularizations (213) of the  $V$ -folds in  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$ :

$$VFolds(\mathbf{H}_\cup) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Smth}} \\ \simeq \\ \xrightarrow{\text{OrbSnglr}} \end{array} V\text{Orbifolds}(\mathbf{H}) \quad (310)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Smth}(\mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Orb}} & \mathcal{X} \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ \dot{X} & \xrightarrow{\text{Orb}} & \text{OrbSnglr}(X) \end{array}$$

(ii) Similarly, given, in addition,  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})_{/\text{Aut}(T_e V)}$  (Def. 4.35), we write  $(G, f)\text{Structured}V\text{Orbifolds}(\mathbf{H}) \subset \mathbf{H}$  for the full sub- $\infty$ -category on  $(G, f)$ -structured orbi- $V$ -folds (Def. 4.41):

$$(G, f)\text{Structured}VFolds(\mathbf{H}_\cup) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Smth}} \\ \simeq \\ \xrightarrow{\text{OrbSnglr}} \end{array} (G, f)\text{Structured}V\text{Orbifolds}(\mathbf{H}) \quad (311)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\text{Smth}(\mathcal{X}), (t, g)) & \xrightarrow{\text{Orb}} & (\mathcal{X}, (t, g)) \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ (X, (\dot{t}, g)) & \xrightarrow{\text{Orb}} & (\text{OrbSnglr}(X), (t, g)) \end{array}$$

**Remark 4.59** (Coefficients for orbifold cohomology). The point of Def. 4.58 is that, by regarding a  $V$ -fold in the elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_\cup$  equivalently as an orbi- $V$ -fold in the larger singular-elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$ , a larger class of coefficients for intrinsic cohomology theories (22) becomes available, notably coefficients of the form  $\mathcal{S}\gamma(A//G)$  (see Lemma 4.7 below). This is what gives rise, in §5, to proper orbifold cohomology (Def. 5.15 below) in contrast to the coarser cohomology of underlying étale groupoids (Def. 5.11 below).

**Remark 4.60** (The proper  $\infty$ -category of higher orbifolds). While (311) is an equivalence of abstract  $\infty$ -categories, (i) it is not an equivalence of sub- $\infty$ -categories of the ambient singular-elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} \infty\text{-category of} \\ \text{of étale groupoids} \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \text{proper} \\ \infty\text{-category} \\ \text{of orbifolds} \end{array} \\
 \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H}_U) & \not\cong & \text{VOrbifolds}(\mathbf{H}) \in (\text{Categories}_\infty)_{/\mathbf{H}} \\
 \downarrow \text{Smth} & & \downarrow \text{OrbSnglr} \\
 & \mathbf{H} & 
 \end{array}$$

(ii) To bring out this distinction, also in view of Remark 4.59, we call  $\text{VOrbifolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.58) the *proper  $\infty$ -category of orbifolds*, in contrast to the  $\infty$ -category  $\text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H}_U)$  (258) of étale  $\infty$ -groupoids.

(iii) It is a happy coincidence that *proper* is also the technical adjective chosen in [DHLPS19] for equivariant homotopy theories presented by  $\infty$ -presheaves over categories of orbits with compact – hence finite if discrete – isotropy groups: In this terminology the singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}$  is, according to Def. 3.48, indeed a *proper* global equivariant homotopy theory.

**Example 4.61** (Subcategories of smooth and of flat orbifolds). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})_{/\text{Aut}(T_e V)}$  (Prop. 2.74, Def. 2.86, Example 3.30). We have fully faithful inclusions into the  $\infty$ -category of  $(G, f)$ -structured orbi- $V$ -folds (Def. 4.58)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & (G, f)\text{StructuredVOrbifolds}(\mathbf{H}) & \\
 \begin{array}{c} \text{smooth orbifolds} \\ i_U \end{array} \nearrow & & \searrow \begin{array}{c} \text{flat orbifolds} \\ i_b \end{array} \\
 (G, f)\text{StructuredVFolds}(\mathbf{H}_0) & & ({}^bG, f \circ e^b)\text{StructuredVOrbifolds}(\mathbf{H})
 \end{array} \tag{312}$$

of

- (i) smooth  $(G, f)$ -structured  $V$ -folds, via Lemma 3.65;
- (ii) flat  $({}^bG, f \circ e^b)$ -structured  $V$ -folds (Def. 4.53).

## 5 Orbifold cohomology

With an internal  $\infty$ -topos-theoretic characterization of orbifolds in hand (from §4), we immediately obtain an induced notion of (differential, geometric, étale) *orbifold cohomology*, given by the intrinsic cohomology (22) of the ambient singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos. Here we discuss how this new intrinsic notion of orbifold cohomology

- subsumes proper equivariant cohomology theory (§5.1)
- and unifies it with tangentially twisted cohomology (§5.2).

### 5.1 Proper equivariant cohomology

#### Proper equivariant cohomology.

**Definition 5.1** (Borel equivariant cohomology). Let  $\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1)  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U})$  (Prop. 2.74) and  $(X, t), (A, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U})$  (Prop. 2.79). Then the *Borel equivariant cohomology* of  $X$  with coefficients in  $A$  is the intrinsic cohomology (22) in the slice  $\mathbf{H}_{/BG}$  (Prop. 2.46) of the homotopy quotient (108) of  $X$  with coefficients in the shape (133) of the homotopy quotient of  $A$ :

$$H_{\text{Borel}}(X, A) := \rho_0 \mathbf{H}_{/BG}((X // G), \mathcal{S}(A // G)) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} & \text{cocycle} & \\ & c & \\ (X // G) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A // G \\ & \swarrow \parallel & \searrow \\ & t & r \\ & \# & \\ & \mathbf{BG} & \end{array} \right) \quad (313)$$

**Definition 5.2** (Proper equivariant cohomology). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48)  $G \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_\flat)$  (Prop. 2.74) a discrete  $\infty$ -group, and  $(X, t), (A, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.79). Then we say that the *proper equivariant cohomology* of  $X$  with coefficients in  $A$  is the intrinsic cohomology (22) in the slice  $\mathbf{H}_{/\gamma BG}$  (Prop. 2.46) of the orbi-singularization (214) of the homotopy quotient (108) of  $X$  with coefficients in the shape (133) of the orb-singularization of the homotopy quotient of  $A$ :

$$H_G(X, A) := \rho_0 \mathbf{H}_{/\gamma BG}(\gamma(X // G), \mathcal{S}\gamma(A // G)) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} & \text{cocycle} & \\ & c & \\ \gamma(X // G) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{S}\gamma(A // G) \\ & \swarrow \parallel & \searrow \\ & \gamma(t) & \gamma(r) \\ & \% & \\ & \gamma \mathbf{BG} & \\ & & (h^s_{\gamma BG})^{-1} \circ \mathcal{S}\gamma(r) \end{array} \right) \quad (314)$$

**Recovering traditional  $G$ -equivariant cohomology.** We discuss how in the case of a finite group  $G$ , traditional  $G$ -equivariant cohomology (see §B) is a special case of proper equivariant cohomology (Def. 5.2). We take the key observation from [Re14] (Prop. 5.6 below).

**Definition 5.3** ( $G$ -equivariant cohesive  $\infty$ -topos). Let  $\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U}$  be a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.1) and  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  a finite group (220). We write

$$G\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U} := \text{Sheaves}_\infty(G\text{Orbits}, \mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U}) = \text{Func}_\infty(G\text{Orbits}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U}) \quad (315)$$

for the  $\infty$ -topos of  $\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U}$ -valued  $\infty$ -sheaves on the  $G$ -orbit category (Def. B.8), to be called the corresponding  *$G$ -equivariant cohesive  $\infty$ -topos*.

**Remark 5.4** (Proper equivariant cohomology theory in singular  $\infty$ -toposes). In the case  $\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U} \simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  (35), Def. 5.3 reduces to the  $\infty$ -category  $G\text{Groupoids}_\infty$  (Def. B.4) of traditional  $G$ -equivariant homotopy theory (recalled in §B). The intrinsic cohomology (22) of the  $\infty$ -topos  $G\text{Groupoids}_\infty$  – or of its tangent  $\infty$ -topos  $T(G\text{Groupoids}_\infty)$  (Example 2.51) in the twisted abelian case (Remark 2.96) – is *proper equivariant cohomology* (following terminology in [DHLPS19]), including  $G$ -Bredon cohomology [Br67a][Br67b] (review in [Blu17, §1.4][tD79, §7]),  $G$ -equivariant K-theory [Se68][AS69] (which is proper equivariant by [AS04, A3.2][FHT07, A.5][DL98]),  $G$ -equivariant Cohomotopy theory [Se71][tD79, §8][SS19][BSS19], etc.

Hence, by Remark 3.20, to the extent that the objects of the cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U}$  in Def. 5.3 are  $\infty$ -groupoids equipped with further geometric or differential-geometric structure, the intrinsic cohomology theory (22) in  $G\mathbf{H}_\mathcal{U}$  (315) is an enhancement of plain  $G$ -equivariant cohomology to a flavor of *proper  $G$ -equivariant differential cohomology* theory (by Remark 3.20).

**Proposition 5.5** (Cohesive Elmendorf theorem). *Consider a cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_U$  (Def. 3.1) with an  $\infty$ -site Charts of charts (Def. 3.9). Then for  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  a finite group, we have an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories*

$$\mathbf{GH}_U \simeq \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Charts}, \mathbf{GGroupoids}_\infty), \quad (316)$$

where  $\mathbf{GGroupoids}_\infty$  is the  $\infty$ -category of  $D$ -topological  $G$ -spaces (Def. B.4).

*Proof.* Consider the following sequence of  $\infty$ -functors

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{GH}_U &:= \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathbf{GOrbits}, \mathbf{H}_U) \\ &= \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathbf{GOrbits}, \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Charts})) \\ &\xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathbf{GOrbits} \times \text{Charts}) \\ &\xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Charts}, \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathbf{GOrbits})) \\ &\xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Charts}, \mathbf{GGroupoids}_\infty). \end{aligned}$$

That the first and second of these  $\infty$ -functors are equivalences follows by the product/hom-adjunction for  $\infty$ -functors. With that, the last equivalence follows, objectwise, by Elmendorf's theorem (Prop. B.10).  $\square$

**Proposition 5.6** ( $G$ -equivariant homotopy theory embeds into  $G$ -singular cohesion). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.48) over  $\text{Groupoids}_\infty$  (35) and let  $G \in \text{Grp}_{\text{fin}}$  be a finite group (220).*

(i) *Then there is a full sub- $\infty$ -category inclusion*

$$\mathbf{GH}_U \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\Delta_G} \mathbf{H}/_{\mathcal{G}} \quad (317)$$

of the  $G$ -equivariant non-singular cohesive  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 5.3) into the slice of  $\mathbf{H}$  (Prop. 2.46) over the generic  $G$ -orbi singularity (218).

(ii) *This is such that, when pre-composed with the cohesive Elmendorf equivalence (Prop. 5.5), a cohesive sheaf (on Charts) of  $\mathbf{GGroupoids}_\infty$  (358) presented (361) by  $D$ -topological  $G$ -spaces  $X_U$  (Def. B.1) is sent to the presheaf on Singularities that is given as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Charts}, \mathbf{GGroupoids}_\infty) &\xrightarrow[\simeq]{\Delta_G} \mathbf{GH}_U \xrightarrow[\mathcal{G}]{\Sigma \Delta_G} \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Charts} \times \text{Singularities}) \\ (U \mapsto \text{Shp}_{\mathbf{GTop}}(X_U)) &\xrightarrow{\quad} \left( (U, \mathcal{Y}) \mapsto \text{Shp}_{\mathbf{Top}} \left( \left( \bigsqcup_{f \in \text{Groups}(K, G)} X_U^{f(K)} \right) \times_G EG \right) \right) \quad (318) \end{aligned}$$

where on the right we have the topological shape (36) of the Borel construction by the residual  $G$ -action on the fixed point subspaces  $X_U^{f(K)} \subset X_U$  (354).

*Proof.* For  $\mathbf{H}_U \simeq \text{Groupoids}_\infty$  this is [Re14, Prop. 3.5.1]; our expression  $\text{Shp}_{\mathbf{Top}}(X_U^{f(K)} \times_G EG)$  is, up to convention of notation, the expression for  $B\text{Fun}(H, G \curvearrowright X_U)$  that is spelled out in [Re14, p. 7][Lu19, 3.2.17] (using that our  $G$  is discrete). The generalization here follows immediately by applying this equivalence objectwise in the  $\infty$ -site Charts.  $\square$

The following is our key class of examples:

**Example 5.7** (Cohesive shape of  $G$ -orbi-singular space is  $G$ -homotopy type). In the cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H}_U := \text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.18) consider a 0-truncated object  $X \in \mathbf{H}_{U,0}$  equipped with a  $G$ -action (Def. 107) of a discrete group  $G$ , and with corresponding Cohesive  $G$ -orbispace (Prop. 4.6)

$$\mathcal{X} := \text{OrbSnglr}(X // G)$$

in  $\mathbf{H} := \text{SingularSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Example 3.56), which is either of:

- (i) a smooth  $G$ -orbifold:  $X \in \text{SmoothManifolds} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{DiffeologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbf{H}_U$  (Example 4.10)
- (ii) a topological  $G$ -orbi space:  $X \in \text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\text{Cdffg}} \text{DTopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbf{H}_U$  (Example 4.11)

Then the cohesive shape (213) of the  $G$ -orbi-singular space  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{H}$  is equivalent, under the identification of Prop. 5.6, to the  $G$ -topological shape (361) of the underlying topological  $G$ -space of  $X$ :

(i) By Prop. 4.12, comparing (255) with (318) we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{GSmoothManifolds} & \xrightarrow[\text{OrbSnglr}((-)//G)]{\text{form Fréchet-smooth orbifold}} & \text{SingularSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}/\mathcal{G} \\
 \downarrow \text{Shp}_{G\text{Top}}(\text{Dtplg}(-)) & & \downarrow \text{Shp} \\
 \text{form } G\text{-topological shape} & & \text{form cohesive shape} \\
 \text{GGroupoids}_{\infty} & \xrightarrow[\text{include } G\text{-equivariant homotopy theory}]{\Delta_G} & \text{SingularGroupoids}_{\infty}/\mathcal{G}
 \end{array} \quad (319)$$

(ii) By Prop. 4.13, comparing (256) with (318) we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{GTopologicalSpaces} & \xrightarrow[\text{OrbSnglr}(\text{Cdflg}(-)//G)]{\text{form topological } G\text{-orbi space}} & \text{SingularSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}/\mathcal{G} \\
 \downarrow \text{Shp}_{G\text{Top}} & & \downarrow \text{Shp} \\
 \text{form } G\text{-topological shape} & & \text{form cohesive shape} \\
 \text{GGroupoids}_{\infty} & \xrightarrow[\text{include } G\text{-equivariant homotopy theory}]{\Delta_G} & \text{SingularGroupoids}_{\infty}/\mathcal{G}
 \end{array} \quad (320)$$

**Lemma 5.8** ( $\Delta_G$  commutes with Disc). *The construction  $\Delta_G$  from Prop. 5.6 commutes with embedding of discrete cohesive structure (212):*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities, Groupoids}_{\infty})/\mathcal{G} & \\
 \Delta_G \nearrow & \uparrow & \text{Disc} \searrow \\
 \text{GGroupoids} & & \text{Sheaves}_{\infty}(\text{Singularities, } \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}})/\mathcal{G} \\
 \text{Disc} \searrow & \downarrow \text{GH}_{\mathcal{U}} & \Delta_G \nearrow
 \end{array}$$

**Theorem 5.9** (Cohomology of good orbispaces is proper equivariant cohomology). *Consider the singular-cohesive  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H} := \text{SingularCohesiveGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.56) and let  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  be a discrete group (220). Then the intrinsic cohomology (22)*

(i) *of a  $G$ -orbi-singular space  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{H}/\mathcal{G}$  (Def. 4.4) which is either*

- (a) *a topological  $G$ -orbi-space (Example 4.11) with universal covering space (Def. 4.5)  $X_{G\text{Top}} \in \text{GTopologicalSpaces}$  (351);*
- (b) *a Fréchet-smooth  $G$ -orbifold (Example 4.10) with universal covering space (Def. 4.5)  $X \in \text{FréchetManifolds}$  and underlying  $G$ -topological space  $X_{G\text{Top}} := \text{Dtplg}(X)$  (32);*

(ii) *with coefficients in a cohesively discrete  $G$ - $\infty$ -groupoid  $A$  (358) (hence the  $G$ -topological shape (361) of some topological  $G$ -space  $A_{G\text{top}}$ ) regarded as a geometrically discrete orbi-singular  $\infty$ -groupoid  $\mathcal{A}$  via (317):*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{GTopologicalSpaces} & \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}_{G\text{Top}}} & \text{GGroupoids}_{\infty} & \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}} & \text{GH}_{\mathcal{U}} & \xrightarrow{\Delta_G} & \mathbf{H}/\mathcal{G} \\
 A_{\text{top}} & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & A & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \mathcal{A}
 \end{array}$$

*equals the proper  $G$ -equivariant cohomology (Def. B.6) of  $X_{G\text{top}}$  with coefficients in  $A$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{H}/\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A}) & \simeq & \text{GGroupoids}_{\infty}(\text{Shp}_{G\text{Top}}(X_{G\text{top}}), A) \\
 \text{hence: } \rho_n \mathbf{H}/\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A}) & \simeq & H_G^{-n}(X_{G\text{top}}, A) \\
 \text{intrinsic} & & \text{proper} \\
 \text{equivariant differential cohomology} & & \text{G-equivariant cohomology} \\
 \text{in } \infty\text{-topos of} & & \\
 \text{singular smooth } \infty\text{-groupoids} & & 
 \end{array}$$



*Proof.* (i) By Example 4.11 the topological  $G$ -orbi space  $\mathcal{X}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{X} \simeq \text{OrbSnglr}(\text{Cdfflg}(X) // G).$$

With this, we compute as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A}) &= \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}}\left(\text{OrbSnglr}(\text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}}) // G), \Delta_G \text{Disc}(A)\right) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{H}_{/\mathcal{G}}\left(\text{OrbSnglr}(\text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}}) // G), \text{Disc}(\Delta_G A)\right) \\ &\simeq (\text{Groupoids}_{\infty})_{/\mathcal{G}}\left(\text{Shp}(\text{OrbSnglr}(\text{Cdfflg}(X_{\text{top}}) // G)), \Delta_G A\right) \\ &\simeq (\text{Groupoids}_{\infty})_{/\mathcal{G}}(\Delta_G X, \Delta_G A) \\ &\simeq G\text{Groupoids}(\text{Shp}_{G\text{Top}}(X_{\text{top}}), A). \end{aligned} \tag{321}$$

Here the first step, after unwinding the definitions, is Lemma 5.8. The second step is the  $\text{Shp} \dashv \text{Disc}f$ -adjunction (212). The third step is Prop. 4.13. The last step is Prop. 5.6

(ii) By Example 4.10 the Fréchet-smooth  $G$ -orbifold  $\mathcal{X}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{X} \simeq \text{OrbSnglr}(X // G).$$

With this, we compute just as in (321) only that now in the third step we use Prop. 4.12.  $\square$

**Example 5.10** (Orientifold cohomology). Take the singular elastic  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathbf{H} = \text{SingularJetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.56) and  $V = (\mathbb{R}^n, +) \in \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}}$  (264). Then a  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{U}} \in V\text{Folds}(\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}})$  (Def. 4.14) is an ordinary  $n$ -dimensional orbifold or, more generally, an  $n$ -dimensional étale  $\infty$ -stack (by Example 4.18) with structure group (Def. 4.24) the ordinary general linear group  $\mathbf{Aut}(T_e V) \simeq \text{GL}(n)$  (by Example 4.25). Hence, the composition of the delooping (101) of the ordinary determinant group homomorphism  $\text{GL}(n) \xrightarrow{\det} \mathbb{Z}_2$  with the classifying map  $\vdash \text{Frames}(\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{U}})$  (273) of the frame bundle of  $X$  (Def. 4.26) realizes  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{U}}$  as an object in the slice  $\infty$ -topos (Prop. 2.46) over  $\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}_2$ . Consequently, it realizes its orbi-singularization  $\mathcal{X} := \gamma \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{U}} \in \mathbf{H}$  (3.52) as an object in the slice over  $\check{\mathcal{Y}}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$  (207):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{U}} & & \mathcal{X} \\ \text{Bdet} \circ \vdash \text{Frames}(\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{U}}) \Big| & \in (\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}})_{/\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}_2} & \Leftrightarrow & \gamma(\text{Bdet} \circ \vdash \text{Frames}(\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{U}})) \Big| & \in (\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{U}})_{/\check{\mathcal{Y}}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}} \\ \mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}_2 & & & \check{\mathcal{Y}}^{\mathbb{Z}_2} & \end{array} \tag{322}$$

This is the incarnation of the orbifold as an *orbi-orientifold* [DFM11][FSS15, 4.4][SS19]. In particular, if the covering space (Def. 4.5)

$$X := \text{fib}(\text{Bdet} \circ \vdash \text{Frames}(\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{U}}))$$

happens to be an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -fold (Example 4.17), we have just a plain *orientifold* (without further orbifolding) and then the intrinsic cohomology (22) of  $\mathcal{X}$  regarded in the slice over  $\check{\mathcal{Y}}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$  (322) is, by Theorem 5.9 the proper  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant cohomology of  $X$ , such as, for instance, Real K-theory [At66] (see [Mas11] for the perspective in proper equivariant cohomology) or  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -Equivariant Cohomotopy [tD79, 8.4][SS19].

## 5.2 Proper orbifold cohomology

We introduce general *étale cohomology* of étale  $\infty$ -stacks (Def. 5.11), which is sensitive to geometric  $G$ -structure and to tangential structure (Def. 5.13). Promoting this to the *proper* incarnation of orbifolds (Remark 4.60), we finally obtain *tangentially twisted proper orbifold cohomology* (Def. 5.15) which we prove unifies tangentially twisted topological cohomology away from orbifold singularities with proper equivariant cohomology at the singularities (Theorem 5.16). As a fundamental class of examples, we construct  $J$ -twisted proper orbifold Cohomotopy theories (Def. 5.28) and observe, as an application, that these subsume the relevant cohomology theories for non-perturbative string theory, according to ‘‘Hypothesis H’’ (Remark 5.30).

## Cohomology of $V$ -étale $\infty$ -stacks.

**Definition 5.11** (Étale cohomology). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74),  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})_{/\text{Aut}(T_e V)}$  (Def. 4.35), and  $X \in \text{Integrably}(G, f)\text{StructuredVFolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 4.42). The *étale cohomology* of  $(X, (t, g))$  is its intrinsic cohomology (22) when regarded (via Prop. 4.46)

$$\text{Integrably}(G, f)\text{StructuredVFolds}(\mathbf{H}) \longrightarrow \left( \left( \mathbf{H}/\mathbf{BAut}(T_e V) \right) / (\mathbf{BG}, \mathbf{BF}) \right) / \left( \mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V, (G, f)), (t_{\mathcal{H}}, g_{\mathcal{H}}) \right)$$

$$(X, (t, g)) \longmapsto \left( (X, (t, g)) \xrightarrow[\text{met}]{\vdash(t, g)} \mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V, (G, f)) \right)$$

in the iterated slice of (290) over the  $(V, (G, f))$ -Haefliger stack (Def. 4.45) equipped with its canonical  $(G, f)$ -structure  $(t_{\mathcal{H}}, g_{\mathcal{H}})$  (Prop. 4.46), hence is  $G$ -structure-twisted cohomology (Remark 2.94):

étale cohomology

$$H^{(t, g)}(X, A) := \left( \left( \mathbf{H}/\mathbf{BAut}(T_e V) \right) / (\mathbf{BG}, \mathbf{BF}) \right) / \left( \mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V, (G, f)), (t_{\mathcal{H}}, g_{\mathcal{H}}) \right) \left( (X, (t, g)), (A, p) \right)$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow[\text{cocycle } c]{} & A \\ \downarrow \text{\scriptsize } \mathbb{H} & \swarrow & \downarrow p \\ \text{\scriptsize } \mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V, (G, f)) & \xrightarrow[\text{\scriptsize } \mathbb{H}]{} & \text{\scriptsize } \mathcal{H}\text{aef}(V, (G, f)) \end{array} \right\} \quad (323)$$

**Remark 5.12** (Étale cohomology is geometric). As the notation in Def. 5.11 indicates, étale cohomology is a “geometric cohomology theory” in that it does depend (in general) on the  $G$ -structure  $g$  on the  $V$ -fold  $X$ , (for instance its complex- or symplectic- or Riemannian- or Lorentzian structure structure, by Example 4.44).

Next we consider cohomology theories that are not sensitive to the metric part  $g$  of a  $G$ -structure  $(t, g)$ , but just to its tangential structure  $t$ .

**Definition 5.13** (Tangentially twisted cohomology). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21),  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74),  $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})_{/\text{Aut}(T_e V)}$  (Def. 4.35),  $(A, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  and  $X \in (G, f)\text{StructuredVFolds}(\mathbf{H})$  (291). Then, for  $A \in \mathbf{H}/\mathbf{BSG}$ , the *tangentially twisted cohomology* of  $V$  with coefficients in  $A$  is (see Remark 2.94)

tangentially twisted cohomology

$$H^{\text{St}}(X, A) := \mathbf{H}/\mathcal{S}\text{Aut}(T_e V) \left( (X, h^s \circ t), (A // G, r) \right) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow[\text{cocycle } c]{} & (SA) // (SG) \\ \downarrow \text{\scriptsize } \mathbb{H} & \swarrow & \downarrow s_r \\ \mathbf{BSG} & \xrightarrow[\text{\scriptsize } \mathbb{H}]{} & \mathbf{BSG} \end{array} \right\} \quad (324)$$

**Remark 5.14** (Need for  $G$ -Structure vs. tangential structure).

(i) The notion of tangentially twisted cohomology in Definition 5.13 make sense more generally for  $V$ -folds equipped only with tangential structure (Def. 4.48) instead of full  $G$ -structure (Def. 4.36) (hence only with a reduction of the shape of their structure group, instead of the actual structure group (Def. 4.24)) and it only need  $A$  to be equipped with a  $\mathcal{S}G$ -action.

(ii) We state the definition in the more restrictive form above just in order to bring out the following promotion of this notion to its proper orbifold version (Remark 4.60), in Def. 5.15 below. The process of orbi-singularization is in fact sensitive to the full  $G$ -structure, and not just to its tangential shape. More precisely, it is sensitive to the *geometric fixed point spaces* of the  $G$ -structure and not just its homotopy fixed point spaces (as per Remark 3.68 Example 3.71).

**Tangentially twisted proper orbifold cohomology.** We now promote tangentially twisted cohomology of  $V$ -folds (Def. 5.13) to a *proper orbifold cohomology* theory in the sense of Def. 4.58.

**Definition 5.15** (Tangentially twisted proper orbifold cohomology). Let

- $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.51).
- $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_U)$  (Prop. 2.74).
- $(G, f) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_U)/\text{Aut}(T_e V)$  (Prop. 2.74, Def. 2.86, Example 3.30).
- $\mathcal{X}_U \in \text{VFolds}(\mathbf{H}_U)$  (Def. 4.14).
- $(t, g) \in (G, f)\text{Structures}_{\mathcal{X}_U}(\mathbf{H}_U)$  (Def. 4.36).
- $(A, r) \in G\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}_U)$ .

and set  $\mathcal{A} := \gamma(A//G)$  and  $\mathcal{X} = \gamma\mathcal{X}_U$ .

The *tangentially twisted proper orbifold cohomology* of  $\mathcal{X}$  with coefficients in  $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{A}$  is (see Remark 2.94)

$$H^{\mathcal{S}\gamma t}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A}) := p_0 \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{S}\gamma \mathbf{BG}} \left( (\mathcal{X}, h^{\mathcal{S}} \circ \gamma(t)), (\mathcal{S}\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}\gamma r) \right) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X} & \overset{\text{cocycle}}{\dashrightarrow} & \mathcal{S}\gamma(A//G) \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ h^{\mathcal{S}} \circ \gamma(t) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{S}\gamma(r) \\ & \mathcal{S}\gamma \mathbf{BG} & \end{array} \right\} / \sim$$

**Theorem 5.16** (Tangentially twisted orbifold cohomology at and away from singularities). *Consider the tangentially twisted orbifold cohomology of Def. 5.15 restricted to (1) smooth and (2) flat orbifolds, according to Example 4.61. Then (see the first diagram on p. 10):*

(i) *The tangentially twisted orbifold cohomology of flat orbifolds for 0-truncated coefficients  $A$  is naturally equivalent to the proper equivariant cohomology (Def. 5.2) of their  $\flat G$ -frame bundle (283):*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{tangentially twisted} & & \text{proper} \\ \text{orbifold cohomology} & & \text{equivariant cohomology} \\ H^{\mathcal{S}\gamma t}(i_{\flat} \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A}) & \simeq & H_{\flat G}(\flat G)\text{Frames}(\mathcal{X}_U), A) \\ \text{flat} & & \flat G\text{-frame bundle} \\ \text{orbifold} & & \end{array}$$

(ii) *The tangentially twisted orbifold cohomology of smooth (non-orbi-singular) orbifolds is equivalently the tangentially twisted cohomology (Def. 5.11) of the underlying  $V$ -folds:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{tangentially twisted} & & \text{tangentially twisted} \\ \text{orbifold cohomology} & & V\text{-fold cohomology} \\ H^{\mathcal{S}\gamma t}(i_U \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A}) & \simeq & H^{\mathcal{S}t}(\mathcal{X}_U, A) \\ \text{smooth} & & \text{0-truncated} \\ \text{orbifold} & & V\text{-fold} \end{array}$$

*Proof.* The case (i) means that the classifying map of the  $G$ -structure in question factors as follows, where we use Prop. 4.37 to identify the leftmost morphism  $r$  as exhibiting the action (107) of  $\flat G$  on  $(\flat G)\text{Frames}(X)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (\flat G)\text{Frames}(X) // \flat G & \xrightarrow{r} & \mathbf{B}\flat G & \xrightarrow{e_{\flat G}^{\flat}} & \mathbf{B}G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}\text{Aut}(T_e V) \\ & & & \searrow & & & \\ & & & \vdash t & & & \\ & & & \vdash \text{Frames}(X) & & & \end{array}$$

Now we observe

- (a) with Def. 3.48 that  $\mathcal{S}$  acts objectwise over Singularities,
- (b) with Prop. 2.39 that the pullback of presheaves over Singularities is computed objectwise,
- (c) and with Lemma 4.7 that  $\gamma(A//G)$  is objectwise over Singularities a homotopy quotient by  $G$ ,

so that Lemma 3.6 applies objectwise over Singularities to give the pullback square shown on the right here:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
& \mathcal{S}\gamma(A//bG) & \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{S}\gamma(A//G) \\
& \swarrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \text{(pb)} \\
\gamma((bG)\text{Frames}(X)//(bG)) & \xrightarrow{\gamma_r} \gamma\mathbf{B}bG & \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{S}\gamma\mathbf{B}G \\
& \searrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\
& & h^s \circ \gamma_t
\end{array}$$

By the universal property of the pullback, this means that every cocycle factors naturally as shown by the dashed morphism. But by Def. 5.2 this dashed morphism is equivalently a cocycle in proper equivariant cohomology, as claimed.

The case (ii) means (using Lemma 3.65) that the orbi-singular space  $\mathcal{X}$  is in fact smooth

$$\mathcal{X} \simeq \cup \mathcal{X} \simeq \text{NnOrbSnglr}(\mathcal{X}_{\cup}).$$

Therefore, we have the following natural equivalences of spaces of dashed morphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{S}\gamma(A//G) \\ \swarrow \text{dashed} \\ \cup \mathcal{X} \simeq \mathcal{X} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{S}\gamma\mathbf{B}G & \Leftrightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \cup \mathcal{S}\gamma(A//G) \\ \swarrow \text{dashed} \\ \cup \mathcal{X} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \cup \mathcal{S}\gamma\mathbf{B}G & \Leftrightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{S}(A//G) \\ \swarrow \text{dashed} \\ \mathcal{X}_{\cup} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{S}\mathbf{B}G & (325) \\
\mathbf{H} /_{\mathcal{S}\gamma\mathbf{B}G} \left( \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{S}\gamma(A//G) \right) & \simeq & \mathbf{H} /_{\mathcal{S}\mathbf{B}G} \left( \mathcal{X}_{\cup}, \mathcal{S}(A//G) \right)
\end{array}$$

Here the first equivalence is by the adjunction  $\text{NnOrbSnglr} \dashv \text{Smth}$  and the fully faithfulness of  $\text{NnOrbSnglr}$  (212). The second step uses  $\cup \circ \mathcal{S} \simeq \mathcal{S} \circ \cup$  (Lemma 3.67) and  $\cup \circ \gamma \simeq \cup$  (Remark 3.53) But on the right of (325) we see the tangentially twisted cohomology of  $\mathcal{X}_{\cup}$ , as claimed.  $\square$

**J-Twisted orbifold Cohomotopy theory.** We discuss now the example of tangentially twisted proper orbifold cohomology (Def. 5.15) where the coefficients are (shapes of) spheres, specifically of *Tate V-spheres* (Def. 5.19), In this case the tangential twist is the *J-homomorphism* (Def. 5.24) whence we speak of *J-twisted Cohomotopy theory* (Def. 5.28).

**Definition 5.17** (Complement of neutral element). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Let  $(V, r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}}) \in \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H})$  denote the group-automorphism action on  $V$  (Prop. 2.102).

(i) Consider those subobjects (Def. 2.61) of the homotopy quotient  $V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}$  (130) whose pullback along the morphism

$$* // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \xrightarrow{e // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)} V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V),$$

which exhibits the neutral element as a fixed point of the group-automorphism action (Prop. 2.102), is empty. These are the subobjects forming the poset in the top left of the following Cartesian square (of  $\infty$ -categories):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{SubObjects}_{\neq}(V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & * \\
\downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \varnothing \\
\text{SubObjects}(V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)) & \xrightarrow{(e // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V))^*} & \text{SubObjects}(*)
\end{array} \quad (326)$$

(ii) Consider next the union of these subobjects, hence the colimit over the left vertical functor in (326), which we denote as follows:

$$(V \setminus \{e\}) // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) := \varinjlim \left( \text{SubObjects}_{\neq}(V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)) \hookrightarrow \text{SubObjects}(V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)) \right). \quad (327)$$

(iii) We call the homotopy fiber  $V \setminus \{e\}$  of the canonical morphism from this object (327) to  $\mathbf{B}\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(G)$  the *complement of the neutral element of V*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
V \setminus \{e\} & \xrightarrow{\text{fib}(r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}} \setminus \{e\}})} & / (V \setminus \{e\}) // \mathbf{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \\
& & \downarrow \dashv \\
& & V // \mathbf{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \\
& & \downarrow r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}} \\
& & \mathbf{BAut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)
\end{array}
\begin{array}{l}
\curvearrowright \\
r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}} \setminus \{e\}} \\
\curvearrowleft
\end{array}
\quad (328)$$

(iv) We regard the complement of the neutral element as equipped with the  $\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)$ -action which is exhibited by the homotopy fiber sequence (328) (by Prop. 328):

$$(V \setminus \{e\}, r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}} \setminus \{E\}}) \in \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}).$$

**Proposition 5.18** (Basic properties of complement of neutral element). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Then the complement  $V \setminus \{e\}$  of the neutral element (Def. 5.17)*

(i) *is a subobject (Def. 2.61) of  $V$*

$$V \setminus \{e\} \xrightarrow{\cdot} V \quad (329)$$

(ii) *which is disjoint from the neutral element:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\emptyset & \xrightarrow{\quad} & / V \setminus \{e\} \\
\downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \dashv \\
* & \xrightarrow{\quad} & / V \\
& & \downarrow e
\end{array}$$

*Proof.* For (i) we use the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) and the homotopy fiber characterization of the group-automorphism action (131) to decompose (328) as the pasting of two Cartesian squares, as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
V \setminus \{e\} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & / (V \setminus \{e\}) // \mathbf{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \\
\downarrow \dashv & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \dashv \\
V & \xrightarrow{\quad} & / V // \mathbf{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \\
\downarrow \dashv & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}} \\
* & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{BAut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)
\end{array}
\begin{array}{l}
\curvearrowright \\
r_{\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}} \setminus \{e\}} \\
\curvearrowleft
\end{array}$$

Since monomorphisms are preserved by pullback (by Prop. 2.66), this shows the first claim from the construction (327).

For (ii) we paste to the middle horizontal morphism in this diagram the square (123) which exhibits the neutral element as a fixed point of the group-automorphisms action (Prop. 2.102) and then we pull back the right vertical morphism along the boundary of that square, as shown in the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\emptyset & \xrightarrow{\quad} & / \emptyset \simeq \lim_i \emptyset \\
\downarrow \dashv & \text{\$} & \downarrow \dashv \\
V \setminus \{e\} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & / (V \setminus \{e\}) // \mathbf{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) := \lim_i U_i \\
\downarrow \dashv & \text{\$} & \downarrow \dashv \\
* & \xrightarrow{\quad} & / * // \mathbf{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \xrightarrow{e // \mathbf{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)} / V // \mathbf{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)
\end{array}$$

Here the right square is Cartesian since colimits in an  $\infty$ -topos are preserved by pullback (54) and using the definition (326), as indicated in the top right. Similarly the rear square is Cartesian, since pullback preserves the initial object (this being the empty colimit, Example 2.33). With this, and since the front square is Cartesian by (i), the pasting law (Prop. 2.23) implies that also the left square is Cartesian, which was to be shown.  $\square$

**Definition 5.19** (Tate  $V$ -sphere). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). Then we say that the *Tate  $V$ -sphere* is the homotopy cofiber

$$\mathbf{S}^V := V / (V \setminus \{e\})$$

of the inclusion (329) of the complement of the neutral element into  $V$  (Def. 5.17), hence the object in this homotopy pushout square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V \setminus \{e\} & \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} & V \\ \downarrow & \text{(po)} & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} & \mathbf{S}^V \end{array} \quad (330)$$

**Example 5.20** (Tate sphere in unstable motivic homotopy theory). For  $\mathbf{H} := \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{Schemes}_{\text{Nis}})$  and  $V := \mathbb{A}^1$  the Tate  $V$ -sphere of Def. 5.19 is the Tate sphere in the traditional sense of (unstable) motivic homotopy theory, see [VRO07, 2.22].

**Example 5.21** (Tate spheres with shape of ordinary spheres). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{JetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_\infty$  (Def. 3.24) and  $V := (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$  as in Example 4.17. Then  $\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(\mathbb{R}^n, +) = \text{GL}(n)$  (as in Example 4.25) and the complement of the neutral element (Def. 5.17) is the ordinary complement  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , whose shape is that of the ordinary  $n - 1$ -sphere:

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}) \simeq \mathcal{S}S^{n-1}. \quad (331)$$

Hence the Tate  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -sphere (Def. 5.19) is the homotopy pushout shown on the left here:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{e\} & \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} & \mathbb{R}^n \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} & \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad \mathcal{S} \quad} \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S}S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} & * \\ \downarrow & \text{(pb)} & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} & \mathcal{S}\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \end{array}$$

Since the shape modality (133) is left adjoint it preserves homotopy pushouts (Prop. 2.26), so that the shape of the Tate  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -sphere is that of the ordinary  $n$ -sphere:

$$\mathcal{S}\mathcal{S}^{\mathbb{R}^n} \simeq \mathcal{S}S^n. \quad (332)$$

In contrast, the Tate  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -sphere itself is the ‘‘germ of a smooth sphere’’.

**Proposition 5.22** (Canonical action on Tate  $V$ -sphere). *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 2.30) and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74). The Tate  $V$ -sphere (Def. 5.19) inherits a canonical action (Prop. 2.79) of the group-automorphism group  $\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)$  (Def. 2.101), associated (via Prop. 2.87) to a group homomorphism*

$$\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbf{S}^V) \quad (333)$$

whose homotopy quotient (108) is given by the following homotopy pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (V \setminus \{e\}) // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) & \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} & V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \\ \downarrow & \text{(po)} & \downarrow \\ * // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) & \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} & \mathbf{S}^V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \end{array} \quad (334)$$

of the defining morphisms in (328).

*Proof.* Since the forgetful  $\infty$ -functor  $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{BAut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  preserves colimits (Example 2.52), the diagram (334) extends to a diagram over  $\mathbf{BAut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)$ . Pulling this back along the point inclusion (103) and using that colimits in an  $\infty$ -topos are preserved by pullback (54), we find that the homotopy fiber of  $\mathbf{S}^V // \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \rightarrow \mathbf{BAut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)$  is given by the defining homotopy pushout (334) of the Tate  $V$ -sphere.  $\square$

**Definition 5.23** (Linear group). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74).

(i) We say that  $V$  is a *linear group* if it is equipped with an equivalence

$$\text{Aut}(T_e V) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\text{exp}} /\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}) \quad (335)$$

between (a) the plain automorphism group of the local neighborhood of the neutral element (Def. 4.24) and (b) the group-automorphism group of  $V$  (Def. 2.101)

(ii) We write

$$\text{LinearGroups}(\mathbf{H}) \in \text{Categories}_{\infty}$$

for the  $\infty$ -category of linear groups in  $\mathbf{H}$ .

**Definition 5.24** (Tate J-homomorphism). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.21) and  $V \in \text{LinearGroups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 5.23).

(i) The *Tate J-homomorphism* is the composite

$$\mathbf{J}_V : \text{Aut}(T_e V) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\text{exp}} /\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \xrightarrow{\quad} /\text{Aut}(\mathbf{S}^V) \quad (336)$$

of (a) the defining equivalence (335) with (b) the homomorphism (333) which reflects the canonical  $\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V)$ -action on the Tate  $V$ -sphere (Def. 5.22).

(ii) The corresponding  $\text{Aut}(T_e V)$ -actions on  $\mathbf{S}^V$  and on  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{S}^V)$ , by restriction along (336) and (338) of the canonical automorphism actions (Prop. 2.87), we denote, respectively, by

$$(\mathbf{S}^V, r_{\mathbf{J}}) \in \text{Aut}(T_e V)\text{Actions}(\mathbf{H}) . \quad (337)$$

(iii) The actual *J-homomorphism* is the shape of the further composite with the homomorphism  $\text{Aut}(h_{\mathbf{S}^V}^{\mathcal{S}})$  from Prop. 136:

$$J_V : \mathcal{S}\text{Aut}(T_e V) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\text{Sexp}} \mathcal{S}\text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(V) \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{S}\text{Aut}(\mathbf{S}^V) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}\text{Aut}(h_{\mathbf{S}^V}^{\mathcal{S}})} \mathcal{S}\text{Aut}(\mathcal{S}\mathbf{S}^V) . \quad (338)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\mathcal{S}\mathbf{J}_V}$

**Example 5.25** (Ordinary J-homomorphism). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{SingularJetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.56) and  $V := (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$  as in Example 4.17. This is a linear group in the sense of Def. 5.23, with  $\text{Aut}(T_0 \mathbb{R}^n) \simeq \text{GL}(n)$  (Example 4.25). Via Example 5.21 the induced action on the shape of the Tate  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -sphere (Def. 5.24) is the classical J-homomorphism (going back to [Wh42], reviewed in [Rav86, p. 4]):

$$J : \mathcal{S}\text{O}(n) \simeq \mathcal{S}\text{GL}(n) \xrightarrow{\quad} /\text{Aut}(\mathcal{S}\mathbb{R}^n) \quad (339)$$

being the image under topological shape (Def. 36) of the defining action of  $\text{GL}(n)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and hence on its one-point compactification  $\mathbb{S}^n$ .

**Definition 5.26** (Representation spheres). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.51),  $V \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_{\setminus})$  (Prop. 2.74), and  $(G, \bar{f}) \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H}_{\setminus}) / \text{Aut}(T_e V)$  (Prop. 2.74, Def. 2.86, Example 3.30). Then we say that the *representation sphere*  $\mathcal{S}^{V\bar{f}}$  of the  $G$ -action  $\bar{f}$  on  $V$  (via Prop. 2.87) is the shape (Def. 3.1) of the orbi-singularization (Def. 3.52) of the homotopy quotient (108) of the Tate  $V$ -sphere (Def. 5.19) by the restricted action (Prop. 2.85) along  $\bar{f}$  of the action  $r_{\mathbf{J}}$  (337) induced by the J-homomorphism (Def. 5.24):

$$\mathcal{S}^{V\bar{f}} := \mathcal{S}\gamma(\mathbf{S}^V //_{\bar{f}} G) \in \mathbf{H}_{/\gamma G} .$$

**Example 5.27** (Ordinary representation spheres). Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{SingularJetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.55) and  $V := (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$  as in Example 4.17, whence  $\text{Aut}(T_e V) \simeq \text{GL}(n)$  (Example 4.25). For

$$G \xrightarrow{\cdot \bar{f}} /\text{GL}(n) \subset \text{Aut}(T_e V)$$

a finite subgroup, hence a linear  $G$ -representation, we have that the representation sphere  $\mathcal{S}^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  according to Def. 5.26 is the ordinary representation sphere, as an object in  $G$ -equivariant homotopy theory.

**Definition 5.28** (*J-twisted proper orbifold Cohomotopy theory*). Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a singular-elastic  $\infty$ -topos (Def. 3.51)  $V \in \text{Groups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Prop. 2.74),  $W \in \text{LinearGroups}(\mathbf{H})$  (Def. 5.23) and  $f : \text{Aut}(T_e W) \dashrightarrow \text{Aut}(T_e V)$ . Then *J-twisted proper orbifold Cohomotopy* is the tangentially twisted proper orbifold cohomotopy (Def. 5.15) with coefficients

$$(A, r) := (\mathbf{S}^V, r_{\mathbf{J}})$$

the Tate  $W$ -sphere (Def. 5.19) with its Tate  $\mathbf{J}$ -homomorphism action (Def. 5.24):

$$p^{\mathcal{S}\gamma t}(-) := H^{\mathcal{S}\gamma t}(-, (\mathbf{S}^V, r_{\mathbf{J}})).$$

J-twisted orbifold Cohomotopy
tangentially twisted orbifold cohomology
Tate  $V$ -sphere with  $\mathbf{J}$ -homomorphism action

Hence for a structured orbifold (Def. 4.58)

$$(\mathcal{X}, (t, g)) \in (\text{Aut}(T_e W), f) \text{Structured}V\text{Orbifolds}(\mathbf{H}),$$

we have:

$$p^{\mathcal{S}\gamma t}(\mathcal{X}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{orbifold } \mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\text{cocycle } c} \text{orbi-singularized Tate } W\text{-sphere } \mathcal{S}\gamma(\mathbf{S}^W // \text{Aut}(T_e W)) \\ \downarrow \text{tangential twist } h^{\mathcal{S}\circ} \gamma(t) \quad \& \quad \downarrow \text{twisting via orbi-singularized } \mathbf{J}\text{-homomorphism } \mathcal{S}\gamma(r_{\mathbf{J}}) \\ \mathcal{S}\gamma \mathbf{B} \text{Aut}(T_e W) \end{array} \right\} / \sim$$

**Example 5.29** (*J-Twisted proper orbifold Cohomotopy of ordinary orbifolds*).

Let  $\mathbf{H} = \text{SingularJetsOfSmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.55) and  $V := (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$ ,  $W := (\mathbb{R}^p, +)$  as in Example 4.17, with  $p \leq n$ , and  $f : (\mathbb{R}^p, +) \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, +)$  be the canonical inclusion. Then the corresponding  $\mathbf{J}$ -twisted proper orbifold Cohomotopy theory  $p^{\mathcal{S}\gamma t}$  (Def. 5.28) is defined on ordinary  $n$ -dimensional orbifolds (by Example 4.18) with  $\text{GL}(p)$ -structure (by Example 4.25) and it unifies the following two special cases (by Theorem 5.16, see the second diagram on p. 10):

- (i) On smooth orbifolds, i.e., on ordinary manifolds (Example 4.17) it reduces to non-abelian cohomology with coefficients the shape of the ordinary  $p$ -sphere (by Example 5.21) and tangentially twisted via the traditional  $\mathbf{J}$ -homomorphism (by Example 339). This is the *J-twisted Cohomotopy theory* considered in [FSS19b][FSS19c][BSS19].
- (ii) On flat orbifolds, such as the vicinity of ordinary orbifold singularities  $\mathbb{R}^p // G$  for finite subgroups  $G \xrightarrow{f} \text{GL}(p)$  (by Example 4.57), hence for linear  $G$ -representations  $f$ , it reduces to proper equivariant cohomology in RO-degree  $f$  and with coefficients the representation sphere  $S^{\mathbb{R}^p}$  (by Example 5.27). This is the *tangentially RO-graded equivariant Cohomotopy theory* considered in [SS19][BSS19].

By way of conclusion and outlook, we highlight the following:

**Remark 5.30** (*Orbifold cohomology in non-perturbative string theory and Hypothesis H*). Traditional discussion of orbifold cohomology has been strongly motivated by its application to *perturbative string theory* (e.g. [AMR02][ARZ06][ALR07][BU09][DFM11]). However, perturbative string theory is famously in need of a non-perturbative completion (“M-theory”, see [HSS18, 2][FSS19a] for review and pointers) whose mathematical formulation has remained an open problem. Therefore, it is to be expected that the historically rich interaction between orbifold cohomology theory and string theory is just the tip of an iceberg, whose full scope is a cohomology theory of M-theoretic orbifolds.

Elsewhere we have put forward a precise hypothesis as to what this mathematical theory should be. This *Hypothesis H* says that:

- (i) far from singularities, M-theory is controlled by twisted Cohomotopy theory [FSS19b][FSS19c][BSS19][FSS20a];
  - (ii) at singularities, M-theory is controlled by RO-graded equivariant Cohomotopy theory [HSS18][SS19][BSS19].
- (See these references for various consistency checks of this hypothesis.)

The impact of Theorem 5.16, in its specialization to Example 5.29, is to show that these two cases are indeed two aspects of a single unified cohomology theory:  $\mathbf{J}$ -twisted proper orbifold Cohomotopy theory.



## A Model category presentations

We recall some basics of model categories (e.g. [GJ99, 2]) of simplicial presheaves ([Ja87][Ja96][Ja15]) as presentations of  $\infty$ -toposes ([Lu09a, A.2, A.3]).

### Model categories of simplicial presheaves.

**Definition A.1** (Model category of simplicial presheaves). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a site. We write

$$(i) \quad \mathbf{sPSH}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{loc}} \in \mathbf{HomotopicalCategories} \quad (340)$$

for the category of simplicial presheaves on  $\mathcal{C}$ , regarded as a homotopical category with weak equivalences the local weak homotopy equivalences of simplicial sets.

$$(ii) \quad \mathbf{sPSH}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{inj/loc}} \in \mathbf{ModelCategories} \quad (341)$$

for the same category regarded as either the corresponding injective or projective model category.

$$(iii) \quad \mathbf{sPSH} \xrightarrow{\ell} L_{\text{lwhe}} \mathbf{sPSH}_{\text{loc}} =: \mathbf{H} \quad (342)$$

for the corresponding simplicial localization.

**Lemma A.2** (Cofibrancy in projective model structure [Du01, Cor. 9.4]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a site. For a simplicial presheaf  $X_{\bullet} \in \mathbf{sPSH}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{proj,loc}}$  in the projective model structure (341) to be cofibrant it is sufficient that  $X_{\bullet}$  is degreewise*

(i) *a coproduct of representables, such that*

(ii) *the degenerate cells split off as a direct summand.*

**Lemma A.3** (Simplicial presheaf represents its own hocolim [DHI04, 2.1][Sc13, 2.3.21]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a site and  $X_{\bullet} \in \mathbf{sPSH}(\mathcal{C})$  a simplicial presheaf (Def. A.1). Then its image under simplicial localization (342) is equivalently the simplicial homotopy colimit over the images of its component presheaves:*

$$\ell(X_{\bullet}) \simeq \lim_{\rightarrow} (\ell X)_{\bullet} \in \mathbf{H}.$$

### Topological mapping stacks

**Example A.4** (Model category presentation of smooth  $\infty$ -groupoids). Let  $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{CartesianSpaces}$  (Def. 2.5). Then the simplicial localization (342) of  $\mathbf{sPSH}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{loc}}$  (341) is  $\mathbf{SmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.18):

$$L_{\text{lwhe}} \mathbf{sPSH}(\mathbf{CartesianSpaces})_{\text{loc}} \simeq \mathbf{SmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}.$$

**Lemma A.5** (Mapping stack from delooping of discrete group to topological stack). *In  $\mathbf{SmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  (Example 3.18) consider*

(i) *a finite group embedded via (220)*

$$G \in \mathbf{Groups} \xrightarrow{\text{Disc}} \mathbf{Groups}(\mathbf{SmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}), \quad (343)$$

(ii) *a topological groupoid, embedded via (153)*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{TopologicalGroupoids} & \xrightarrow{\text{Cdflg}} & \mathbf{SmoothGroupoids}_{\infty} \\ \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}} & \mapsto & \mathcal{X}_{\cup} \end{array} \quad (344)$$

*Then the mapping stack (56) formed in  $\mathbf{SmoothGroupoids}_{\infty}$  is the degreewise image under Cdflg (32) of the topological groupoid representing the mapping stack of topological groupoids (which exists by [No10] since  $G$  is finite, hence compact):*

$$\mathbf{Maps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_{\cup}) \simeq \mathbf{CdflgMaps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}). \quad (345)$$

*Proof.* Since (by Example 3.18)

$$\text{SmoothGroupoids}_\infty \simeq \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{CartesianSpaces}) \xrightarrow[\perp]{\mathcal{O}} \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\text{CartesianSpaces})$$

it is sufficient to show that we have an equivalence of  $\infty$ -presheaves of the form

$$\mathbb{R}^n \text{ --- } \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\text{CartesianSpaces})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_\cup) \simeq \text{PreSheaves}_\infty(\text{CartesianSpaces})(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{Cdfflg}\mathbf{Maps}(\mathbf{BG}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{top}})) \quad (346)$$

By Example A.4, we may model this in the global projective model structure on simplicial presheaves over CartesianSpaces:

$$\text{sPSh}(\text{CartesianSpaces}) \xrightarrow[\ell]{L_{\text{white}}} \text{sPSh}(\text{CartesianSpaces})_{\text{proj}} \simeq \text{Sheaves}_\infty(\text{CartesianSpaces}) \quad (347)$$

by the following models (Lemma A.3):

(a) A model under  $\ell$  (347) of the Cartesian product  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbf{BG}$  with the delooping  $\mathbf{BG} \simeq \varinjlim G^{\times \bullet}$  (104), is given by the simplicial presheaf

$$\mathbb{R}^n \times G^{\times \bullet} \in \text{sPSh}(\text{CartesianSpaces})_{\text{proj}}. \quad (348)$$

(b) A model under  $\ell$  (347) for the image (344) of a topological groupoid  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}$  is given by its nerve regarded as a simplicial presheaf, componentwise via (152)

$$N_\bullet(\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}) \in \text{sPSh}(\text{CartesianSpaces})_{\text{proj}}. \quad (349)$$

Moreover:

- The object (348) is projectively cofibrant, by Lemma A.2, as is its Cartesian product with a  $k$  simplex  $\Delta[k]$ .
- The object (349) is projectively fibrant (objectwise a Kan complex) by the groupoid property of  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}$ .

Therefore, to get (346) it is, in turn, sufficient to exhibit for  $\mathbb{R}^n \in \text{CartesianSpaces}$  a natural isomorphism of simplicial sets of the form

$$\int_{[k] \in \Delta} \text{PSh}(\mathbb{R}^n \times (G^{\times k} \times \Delta(k, \bullet)), \text{Cdfflg}(N_k(\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}))) \simeq \text{PSh}\left(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{Cdfflg}\left(\int_{[k] \in \Delta} N_k(\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}})^{(G^{\times k} \times \Delta(k, \bullet))}\right)\right), \quad (350)$$

where the *end*  $\int_{[k] \in \Delta} (-)$  expresses the limit that computes the morphism of simplicial sets as a subset of the product of the function spaces of components. We obtain this as the following composite of natural isomorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[k] \in \Delta} \text{PSh}\left(\mathbb{R}^n \times (G^{\times k} \times \Delta(k, \bullet)), \text{Cdfflg}(N_k(\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}))\right) &\simeq \int_{[k] \in \Delta} \text{PSh}\left(\mathbb{R}^n, (\text{Cdfflg}(N_k(\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}})))^{(G^{\times k} \times \Delta(k, \bullet))}\right) \\ &\simeq \int_{[k] \in \Delta} \text{PSh}\left(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{Cdfflg}\left((N_k(\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}))^{(G^{\times k} \times \Delta(k, \bullet))}\right)\right) \\ &\simeq \text{PSh}\left(\mathbb{R}^n, \int_{[k] \in \Delta} \text{Cdfflg}\left((N_k(\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}))^{(G^{\times k} \times \Delta(k, \bullet))}\right)\right) \\ &\simeq \text{PSh}\left(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{Cdfflg}\left(\int_{[k] \in \Delta} (N_k(\mathcal{X}_{\text{top}}))^{(G^{\times k} \times \Delta(k, \bullet))}\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Here the first step is the definition of function spaces  $(-)^{(-)}$ , the second step uses that Cdfflg, being a right adjoint, preserves products (Prop. 2.26). The third step uses that the Hom-functor preserves limits (hence ends) in its second argument, while the fourth step uses that Cdfflg, being a right adjoint, preserves limits (hence ends), again by Prop. 2.26.  $\square$

## B Equivariant homotopy theory

For reference, we recall some basics of unstable equivariant homotopy theory (see [May96][Blu17]). We focus here on finite groups, for simplicity and since this is what we need in the main text (Remark 3.64), but all statements in the following, notably Elmendorf's theorem (Prop. B.10 below) generalize to compact Lie groups.

**Definition B.1** (Topological  $G$ -spaces). Let  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$  be a finite group.

(i) We write

$$\text{GDTopologicalSpaces} \overset{\bullet}{\text{---}} / \text{GTopologicalSpaces} \in \text{Categories} \quad (351)$$

for the categories whose objects

$$G \curvearrowright X := (X, G \times X \xrightarrow{r} X) \quad (352)$$

are topological spaces  $X$  (as in Def. 2.2) or specifically  $D$ -topological spaces (as in Def. 2.2), respectively, equipped with continuous left  $G$ -actions  $r$ , and whose morphisms are the  $G$ -equivariant continuous functions:

$$\text{GTopologicalSpaces}(G \curvearrowright X_1, G \curvearrowright X_2) := \left\{ X_1 \xrightarrow[\text{continuous}]{f} X_2 \left| \begin{array}{ccc} G \times X_1 & \xrightarrow{r_1} & X_1 \\ f \downarrow & & f \downarrow \\ G \times X_2 & \xrightarrow{r_2} & X_2 \end{array} \right. \right\}. \quad (353)$$

(ii) For  $G \curvearrowright X_1$  a ( $D$ -)topological  $G$ -space and  $H \xrightarrow{i} G$  a subgroup, we write

$$X^H := \left\{ x \in X \mid \forall_{h \in H \subset G} r(h, x) = x \right\} \quad (354)$$

for the topological subspace of  $H$ -fixed points (which, if  $X$  is  $D$ -topological, is itself again  $D$ -topological, by Prop. 2.4).

(iii) For  $G \curvearrowright X_1$  and  $G \curvearrowright X_2$  two ( $D$ -)topological  $G$ -spaces, the mapping space (28) between their underlying ( $D$ -)topological spaces canonically becomes a  $G$ -space via the conjugation action and the corresponding fixed point space (354)

$$\text{Maps}(X_1, X_2)^G \overset{\bullet}{\text{---}} / \text{Maps}(X_1, X_2) \quad (355)$$

is the subspace on the  $G$ -equivariant functions (353).

**Example B.2** ( $G$ -cells). For  $G \in \text{Grp}_{\text{fin}}$ ,  $H \subset G$  a subgroup and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have the  $G$ -spaces (Def. B.1)

$$(G/H) \times D^n, (G/H) \times S^{n-1} \in \text{GDTopologicalSpaces}$$

being the product spaces of the discrete orbit spaces with the standard topological unit disk and unit circle, respectively, the latter equipped with the trivial  $G$ -action. The boundary inclusions  $\mathbb{1}D^n = S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{i_n} D^n$  induce  $G$ -equivariant maps

$$i_{n,H} : (G/H) \times S^{n-1} \overset{\bullet}{\text{---}} \xrightarrow{(\text{id}, i_n)} (G/H) \times D^n \quad (356)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $H \subset G$ .

**Definition B.3** ( $G$ -CW-complexes).

(i) A  $G$ -CW-complex  $X$  is a  $D$ -topological  $G$ -space (Def. B.1) which is equipped with the realization as a colimit

$$X \simeq \varinjlim_n X_n \in \text{GDTopologicalSpaces}$$

over a sequence

$$X_{-1} \longrightarrow X_0 \longrightarrow X_1 \longrightarrow X_2 \longrightarrow \cdots \in \text{GDTopologicalSpaces}$$

where  $X_{-1} = \emptyset$  and where each  $X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$  is given by a set of attachments of  $G$ -cells along (356), hence by a pushout of the form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\coprod_{\substack{H \subset G \\ i \in I_n}} G/H \times S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X_{n-1} \\
\downarrow (i_{n,H})_{n,H} & \text{(po)} & \downarrow \\
\coprod_{\substack{H \subset G \\ i \in I_n}} G/H \times D^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & /X_n
\end{array}$$

(ii) We write

$$G\text{Sets} \xrightarrow{\quad} GCW\text{Complexes} \xrightarrow{\quad} G\text{DTopologicalSpaces} \quad (357)$$

for the full subcategories on those D-topological  $G$ -spaces which admit the structure of  $G$ -CW-complexes.

**Definition B.4** (Homotopy theory of D-topological  $G$ -spaces). The *homotopy theory of topological  $G$ -spaces* is the  $\infty$ -category

$$G\text{Groupoids}_\infty \in \text{Categories}_\infty \quad (358)$$

which has the same objects as  $GCW\text{Complexes}$  (Def. B.3), and with hom- $\infty$ -groupoids the topological shapes (Def. 36) of the mapping spaces (355) of  $G$ -equivariant maps:

$$G\text{Groupoids}_\infty(G \curvearrowright X_1, G \curvearrowright X_2) := \text{Shp}_{\text{Top}} \left( \text{Maps}(X_1, X_2)^G \right). \quad (359)$$

**Definition B.5** (Shape of  $G$ -topological spaces).

(i) We write

$$\text{Shp}_{G\text{Top}} : GCW\text{Complexes} \xrightarrow{\quad} G\text{Groupoids}_\infty \quad (360)$$

for the canonical  $\infty$ -functor (topologically enriched functor) from the 1-category of  $G$ -CW-complexes (Def. B.3) to the  $\infty$ -category of  $G$ - $\infty$ -groupoids (Def. B.4), which is the identity on objects and which on Hom-spaces is the continuous map given by the identity function from the discrete set of  $G$ -equivariant maps (353) to the topological space of  $G$ -equivariant maps (359).

(ii) For any choice of  $G$ -CW-approximation functor

$$G\text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{(-)_{\text{cof}}} GCW\text{Complex}$$

we get the corresponding shape functor on all of  $G\text{TopologicalSpaces}$  (Def. B.1) and hence on  $G\text{DTopologicalSpaces}$ , which we denote by the same symbol:

$$\text{Shp}_{G\text{Top}} : G\text{TopologicalSpaces} \xrightarrow{(-)_{\text{cof}}} GCW\text{Complexes} \xrightarrow{\text{Shp}_{G\text{top}}} G\text{Groupoids}_\infty. \quad (361)$$

**Definition B.6** (Proper  $G$ -equivariant generalized cohomology of topological  $G$ -spaces). For  $G \in \text{Groups}^{\text{fin}}$ , we say that the *proper  $G$ -equivariant cohomology* of a topological  $G$ -space (Def. B.1)  $X \in G\text{TopologicalSpaces}$  with coefficients in a (pointed)  $G$ - $\infty$ -groupoid (Def. B.4),  $A \in G\text{Groupoids}_\infty$ , is

$$H_G^{-n}(X, A) := \rho_n \left( G\text{Groupoids}(\text{Shp}_{G\text{Top}}(X), A) \right),$$

where on the right we have the  $n$ th homotopy group (at the given basepoint) of the hom- $\infty$ -groupoid (359) from the  $G$ -topological shape of  $X$  (361) to  $A$ .

**Elmendorf's theorem.**

**Definition B.7** (Orbit of action of a finite group). Let  $G$  be a finite group. If  $G \curvearrowright S$  is a set equipped with an action by  $G$ , then an *orbit* of  $G$  in  $S$  is a subset of points  $\{g(s) | g \in G\} \subset S$  obtained from any single point  $s \in S$  by acting on it with all elements of  $G$ .

**Definition B.8** (Orbit category of a finite group). The *category of  $G$ -orbits* or *orbit category of  $G$*

$$G\text{Orbits} \hookrightarrow G\text{Sets} \in \text{Categories}$$

is the category whose objects correspond to subgroup inclusions  $H \xrightarrow{i} G$  and whose morphisms are  $G$ -equivariant functions, hence morphisms of  $G$ -sets (357), between the corresponding coset spaces  $G/H_1 \rightarrow G/H_2$ .

**Example B.9** (Systems of fixed point spaces). Consider a topological space equipped with a  $G$ -action  $G \curvearrowright X \in \mathbf{GDTopologicalSpaces}$  (Def. B.1) and  $H \subset G$  a subgroup. Then a  $G$ -equivariant function  $G/H \xrightarrow{f} X$  from the corresponding  $G$ -orbit (Def. B.8) is determined by its image  $f([e]) \in X$  of the class of the neutral element, and that image has to be fixed by the action of  $H \subset G$  of  $X$ . Therefore, the corresponding  $G$ -equivariant mapping spaces (355)

$$\mathbf{Maps}(G/H, X)^G \simeq X^H := \left\{ x \in X \mid \forall_{h \in H \subset G} (h(x) = x) \right\} \subset X$$

are the topological subspaces of  $H$ -fixed points inside  $X$  (354). By functoriality of the mapping space construction, these fixed point spaces are exhibited as arranging into a topological presheaf on the  $G$ -orbit category (Def. B.8):

$$X^{(-)} : \quad \mathbf{GOrbits}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Maps}(-, X)^G} \mathbf{TopologicalSpaces}$$

The following Theorem B.10 is named after [El83], where it is proven at the level of homotopy categories. As a Quillen equivalence this is reviewed in [Blu17, Thm. 1.3.6 and 1.3.8]. The enriched enhancement which we state (as in [Re14, §2]) is due to [DwKa84, §1.2, 1.7 & Thm. 3.1], see also [CP96, Thm 3.11][GMR19, Thm. 1.8].

**Proposition B.10** (Elmendorf's theorem). *Let  $G$  be a finite group. The functor which sends a  $G$ -space  $G \curvearrowright X$  (Def. B.1) to its system of  $H$ -fixed point spaces (Example B.9) constitutes an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{GGroupoids}_\infty & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \mathbf{Sheaves}_\infty(\mathbf{GOrbits}) \\ G \curvearrowright X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{Shp}_{\text{Top}}\left(X^{(-)} = \mathbf{Maps}(-, X)^G\right). \end{array} \quad (362)$$

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