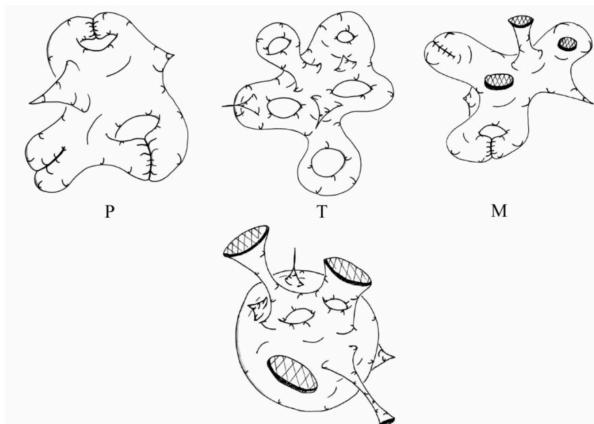




# A Synthetic Approach



## To Orbifolds

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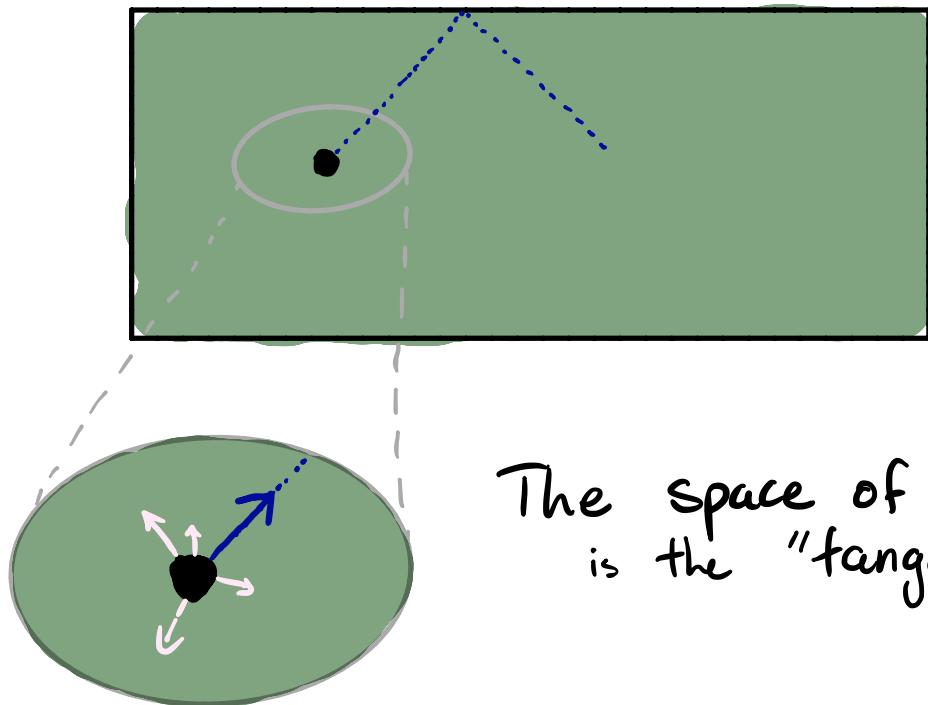
### The Plan

- 2) What is an orbifold?
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- 2) Homotopy types of Orbifolds
- 3) Synthetic differential geometry

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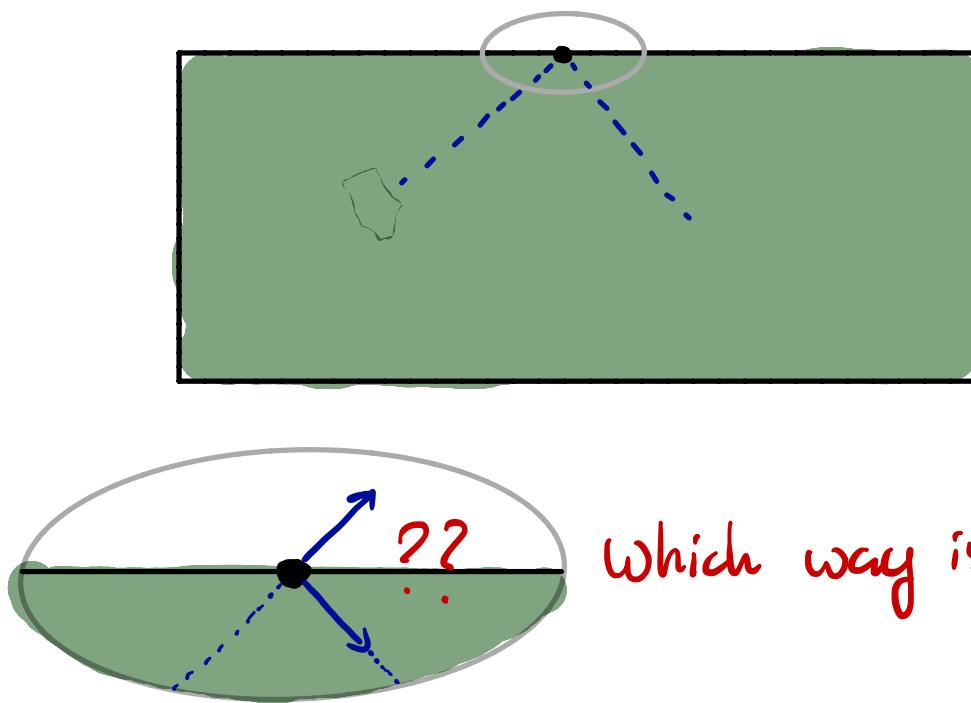
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The space of directions  
is the "tangent space"

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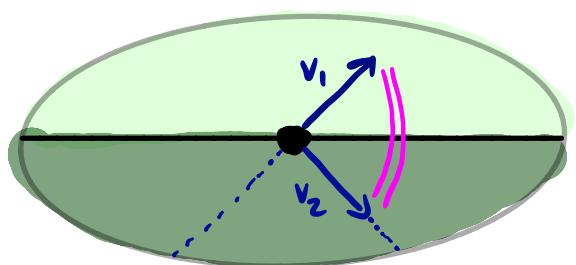
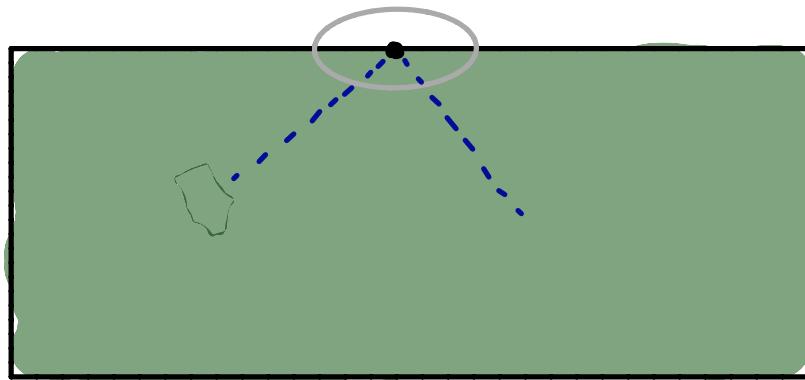
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Which way is it going?

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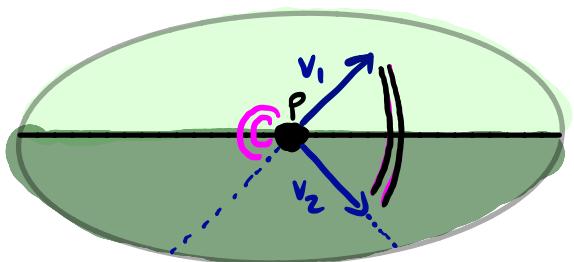
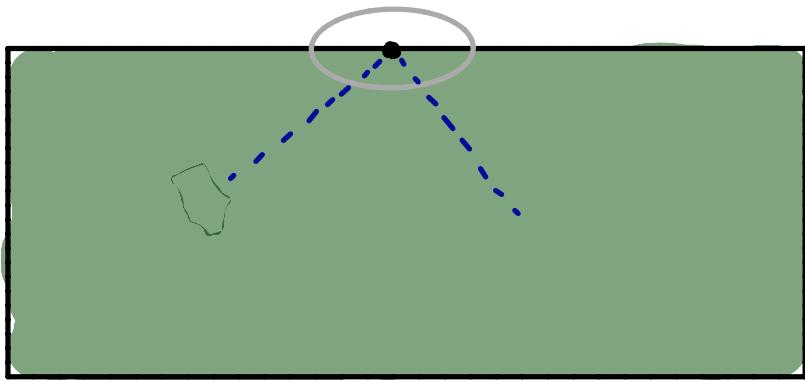


Both ways

bounce :  $v_1 = v_2$

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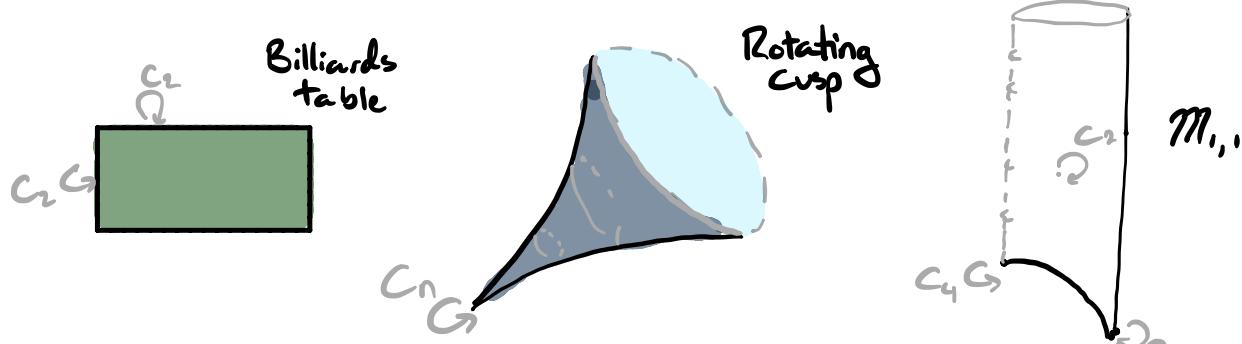
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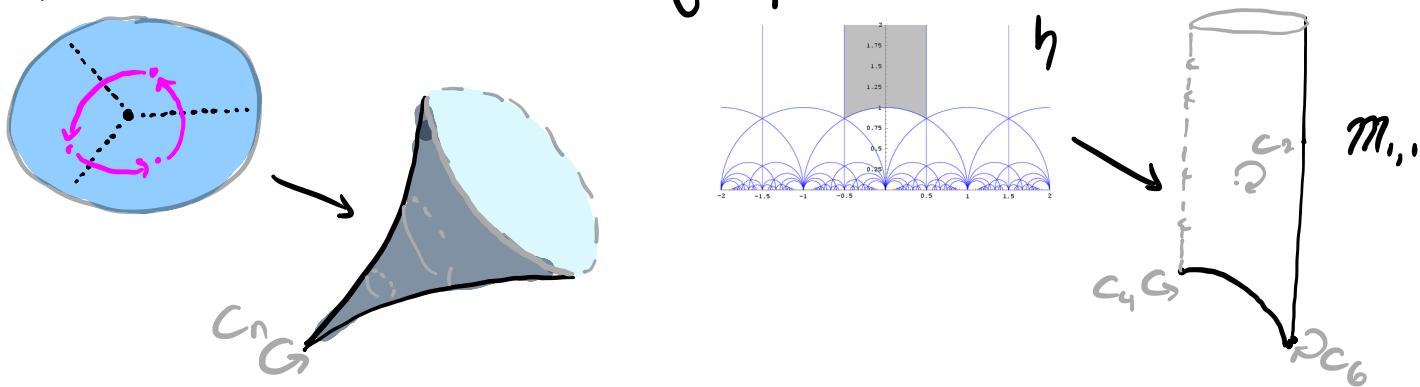
reflect :  $P = P$

bounce :  $v_1 = v_2$  over reflect

**Orbifolds** are "smooth spaces" where the points have finite symmetries.



A good orbifold is the **homotopy quotient** of a "smooth space" by the action of a discrete group.



[**Orbifolds** are "smooth spaces" where the points have finite symmetries.]

In set theoretical foundations, points can't have internal symmetries, so we have to carry around this data separately

But in homotopy type theory, they can!

Eg:  $\{\zeta_{0,1}\}_{\text{Set}}$ : Set, and

$(\{\zeta_{0,1}\}_{\text{Set}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \{\zeta_{0,1}\})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2$

or  $\mathbb{R}^n : \text{VectorSpace}_{\mathbb{R}}$

$(\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R}^n)_{\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{R}}}$  is isomorphic to  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$

Orbifolds, classically:

If  $\Gamma \hookrightarrow X$  proper discontinuously,  $X/\!/ \Gamma$  is a "good" orbifold.

$X/\!/ \Gamma$  is presented by the **action groupoid**

$$(X/\!/ \Gamma)_1 := \{(x, y, \gamma) \mid \gamma \cdot x = y\}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} s & \downarrow & t \\ \uparrow & & \downarrow \\ (X/\!/ \Gamma)_0 & := & X \end{array}$$
$$f \circ \downarrow \uparrow f^{-1} \downarrow s \circ t$$

Points in set thy  
Can't have symmetries,  
so we have to  
explicitly carry  
that data around.

Special features:

- 1)  $s: (X/\!/ \Gamma)_1 \rightarrow (X/\!/ \Gamma)_0$  is étale.  
2)  $(s, t): (X/\!/ \Gamma)_1 \rightarrow (X/\!/ \Gamma)_0^2$  is proper. }  $X/\!/ \Gamma$  is proper étale.

Thm(Moerdijk-Prank):

All orbifolds are presented by proper étale groupoids.

Orbifolds, synthetically:

Orbifolds are "smooth spaces" where the points have finite symmetries.

Working in Cohesive HoTT & Synthetic Differential Geometry:  
Crisp types internalize the external

infinitesimals give synthetic calculus

Standard in SDG; eg manifolds...

Def: An orbifold is a **microlinear** type whose types of identifications are **properly finite**.  
discrete subquotients of finite sets.

Thm: The Rezk completion of a crisp\*, ordinary\*, proper étale pregroupoid is an orbifold.

\* all ways of saying "the usual, external, proper étale groupoids"

# Homotopy Type Theory is

- a logical system for working directly with sheaves of homotopy types.
- a standalone foundation of mathematics
  - Types  $A$  of mathematical objects
  - Elements  $a : A$  of a given type. " $a$  is an  $A$ "

$\mathbb{N}$  is the type of natural numbers  
 $\mathbb{R}$  is the type of real numbers  
 $\text{Set}$  is the type of sets  
 $\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{R}}$  is the type of real vector spaces  
 $\text{Type}$  is the type of types.

- Variable Elements  $x^2 + 1 : \mathbb{R}$  (given that  $x : \mathbb{R}$ )

$\underbrace{x : \mathbb{R}}_{\text{"Context"}} \vdash x^2 + 1 : \mathbb{R}$

- Variable types  $M : \text{Manifold}$ ,  $p : M \vdash T_p M : \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{R}}$

$[x : A \vdash b(x) : B(x)$  means " $b(x)$  is a  $B(x)$ , given that  $x$  is an  $A$ "]

Pair Types:

$$TM := (p : M) \times T_p M$$

- If  $B(x)$  is a type for  $x : A$ , then

$$(x : A) \times B(x) \quad A \times B$$

is the type of pairs  $(a, b)$  with  $a : A$  and  $b : B(a)$ .

Function Types:

$$\text{Vec}(M) := (p : M) \rightarrow T_p M$$

- If  $B(x)$  is a type for  $x : A$ , then

$$(x : A) \rightarrow B(x) \quad A \rightarrow B$$

is the type of functions  $x \mapsto f(x)$  where  $x : A \vdash f(x) : B(x)$

# Types of Identifications:

- If  $x$  and  $y$  are of type  $A$ , then

$\frac{x}{A} = y$  is the type

of ways to identify  $x$  with  $y$  as elements of  $A$ .

E.g.

- In  $\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $e: T_p M = \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear isomorphism.
- In Manifold,  $e: M = N$  is a diffeomorphism.
- In Type,  $e: A = B$  is an equivalence.
- In  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $n = m$  has a unique element if and only if  $n$  equals  $m$ .

"Univalence Axiom" of Voevodsky

Dictionary (Shulman, Lumsdaine, Kapulkin, Voevodsky, et al.)

Homotopy Type Theory	Sheaves of homotopy types
Type of object	Sheaf of homotopy types in $\mathcal{E}$
$x: A \vdash B(x): \text{Type}$	$B \xrightarrow{\pi} A$ in $\mathcal{E}/A$
$x: A \vdash b(x): B(x)$	$A \xrightarrow{b} B$ in $\mathcal{E}/A$
$(x: A) \times B(x)$	$B \dashrightarrow A \dashrightarrow *$ along $\mathcal{E}/A \xrightarrow{\Sigma_A} \mathcal{E}/*$
$(x: A) \rightarrow B(x)$	$\{B \xrightarrow{f} A\}$ along $\mathcal{E}/A \xrightarrow{\Pi_A} \mathcal{E}/*$
$x, y: A \vdash (x=y): \text{Type}$	$\text{PA} \rightarrow_{A \times A}$ The path space in $\mathcal{E}/A \times A$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (X : \text{Type}) \times ((x, y : X) \rightarrow (p, q : x = y) \rightarrow (p = q)) \\
 & \times (\alpha : G \times X \rightarrow X) \\
 & \times ((z : X) \rightarrow (\alpha(1, z) = z)) \\
 & \times ((x : X) \rightarrow (g, h : G) \rightarrow (\alpha(gh, x) = \alpha(g, \alpha(h, x)))) \\
 & \times ((x, y : X) \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ((g, p) : (g : G) \times (n(g, x) = y)) \\ \times (((h, q) : (h : G) \times (n(g, x) = y)) \rightarrow ((g, p) = (h, q))) \end{array} \right\}) \\
 & \times \|X\|
 \end{aligned}$$

# Higher Groups via their Deloopings

Def(B-D-R): A **higher group** is a type  $G$  identified with the symmetries  $(\text{pt}_{BG} = \text{pt}_{BG})$   $\forall e: BG. \exists_i. (\text{pt}_{BG} = e)$

of a "canonical exemplar"  $\text{pt}_{BG}: BG$  in a 0-connected type

E.g:

- $BGL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is the type of  $n$ -dim vector spaces.  
Canonical exemplar of  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $B\Sigma_n$  is the type of  $n$ -element sets.  
Canonical exemplar of  $\Sigma_n$  is  $\underline{n} := \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ .

Def(B-D-R): A **homomorphism**  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  is a pair

$$B\varphi: BG \rightarrow BH, \quad \text{pt}_\varphi: B\varphi(\text{pt}_{BG}) = \text{pt}_{BH}$$

- The inclusion  $\Sigma_n \hookrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is given by  $F \mapsto \mathbb{R}^F$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

\* Buckholtz - van Doorn - Rijke

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Eg: The action  $\alpha$  of the circle  $U(1)$  on the plane  $\mathbb{C}$  is

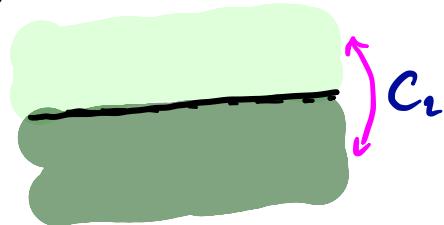
$$B\alpha: BU(1) \rightarrow B\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{I-dim} \\ \text{Hermitian} \\ \text{vector spe} \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{iii}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{types} \\ \text{identifiable} \\ \text{with } \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\checkmark \xrightarrow{\text{pt}_{B\alpha} := \text{id}} \checkmark, \text{ the underlying set.}$$

An action  $\alpha$  of  $G$  on  $X$  is a way  $B\alpha$  of constructing types  $B\alpha(e)$  from exemplars  $e$  of  $G$ . ] !

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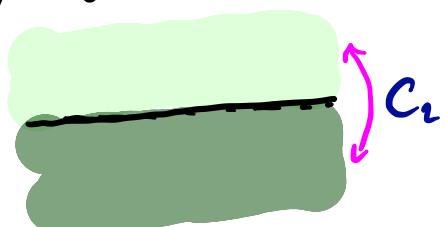
We need to choose exemplars for  $C_2$  which make this convenient...

$B\Sigma_2 := \{ \text{2-element sets} \}$ , then  $e \mapsto ???$

$BO(1) := \{ \begin{smallmatrix} \text{1-dim} \\ \text{real inner product specs} \end{smallmatrix} \}$ , then  $e \mapsto R \oplus e$

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The quotient



is just the type of pairs!

$$\begin{aligned} R^2 &\xrightarrow{\alpha} R^2 / C_2 := (e : BO(1)) \times (R \oplus e) \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto (R, (x, y)) \end{aligned}$$

Note: We have  $-1 : (R, (x, y)) = (R, (x, -y))$

# Examples of Orbifolds

$$\mathcal{M}_{1,1} := (V : \mathrm{BU}(1)) \times \mathrm{Lattice}(V) \quad (\text{the elliptic curve associated to } (V, \lambda) \text{ is } V/\lambda)$$

$$X^n // n! := (F : \mathrm{BAut}(n)) \times X^F \quad \text{Configuration space}$$

$$T^4 // C_2 := (K : \mathrm{BGal}(\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{R})) \times \{z : K \mid N_{K : \mathbb{R}}(z) = 1\}^4 \quad \text{Kummer Surface}$$

The universal cover of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} h &:= \{c : \mathbb{C} \mid \mathrm{Im}(z) > 0\} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{1,1} \\ c &\longmapsto (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Z} \oplus c\mathbb{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

Each fiber is a  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -torsor, proving that  $\mathrm{S}\mathcal{M}_{1,1} = \mathrm{BSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

Homotopy Theory of Orbifolds, briefly:

Def: A type  $X$  is **discrete** if any path  $\gamma : R \rightarrow X$   
(Shulman) is constant.

The **Shape**  $(-)^s : X \rightarrow S^X$  is the initial map  
from  $X$  to a discrete type.  
(Schreiber)

Thm: The shape of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  is  $\mathrm{BSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  via

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_{1,1} & & \mathrm{BSL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \\ \overbrace{(V : \mathrm{BU}(1)) \times \mathrm{Lattice}(V)} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \overbrace{(V : \mathrm{BGL}_2(R)) \times \mathrm{Lattice}(V) \times (R = \Lambda^2 V)} \\ (V, \lambda) & \longmapsto & (V, \lambda, \mathrm{Im}(\lambda)) \end{array}$$

Proof sketch: The fiber over  $(R^2, \mathbb{Z}^2, dx \wedge dy)$  is  
identifiable with  $\mathrm{SL}_2(R)/\mathrm{U}(1)$ , and this may be  
identified with  $h$ , which is **contractible**.  
↪ "f-connected"

SDG, really quickly:

A field  $\mathbb{R}$ , the smooth reals.

Def (Penon): A number  $x : \mathbb{R}$  is infinitesimal if it is not distinct from  $0 : \neg\neg(x=0)$ .  $D := \{x \mid \neg\neg(x=0)\}$ .

Axioms: (Some of them)

- (Kock-Lawvere) Any function  $f(\varepsilon)$  of a number  $\varepsilon^2 = 0$  is linear. We handle this w/ Shulman's Crispness!
- $D$  is tiny:  $X \mapsto X^D$  has an external right adjoint.

Def (Bergeron): A type  $X$  is microlinear if for any square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_1 & \longrightarrow & V_3 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ V_2 & \longrightarrow & V_4 \end{array} \text{ such that } \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^{V_4} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{R}^{V_3} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{R}^{V_2} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{R}^{V_1} \end{array}, \text{ then } \begin{array}{ccc} X^{V_4} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X^{V_3} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X^{V_2} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X^{V_1} \end{array}.$$

of infinitesimal varieties ... includes all manifolds.

The Crystaline Modality and Étale Maps.

Def: The crystaline modality  $\mathfrak{T}$  is  $\text{Loc}_D$ . Axiom It's lex.

Def (Schreiber, Cherubini): A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\mathfrak{T}$ -étale if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{(-)^X} & \mathfrak{T}X \\ f \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \mathfrak{f} \\ Y & \xrightarrow{(-)^Y} & \mathfrak{T}Y \end{array}$$

the naturality sq  $f \downarrow \mathfrak{f}$  is a pullback.

Thm: Crisp maps between ordinary manifolds are étale if and only if they are local diffeomorphisms.

Thm: If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is surjective and étale and

$X$  is microlinear, then so is  $Y$ .

Good orbifolds are microlinear:

If  $\Gamma$  is (crisply) discrete and acts on  $X$ ,  
 Then  $X \rightarrow X//\Gamma$  is an  $\infty$ -cover and therefore étale.  
 So, by

[Thm: If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is surjective and étale and  
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So, if  $X$  is microlinear, so is  $X//\Gamma$ .

We get all étale groupoids with a *descent theorem*:

Thm: If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is crisp, surjective, and  $f^*f$  is étale, then  $f$  is étale.

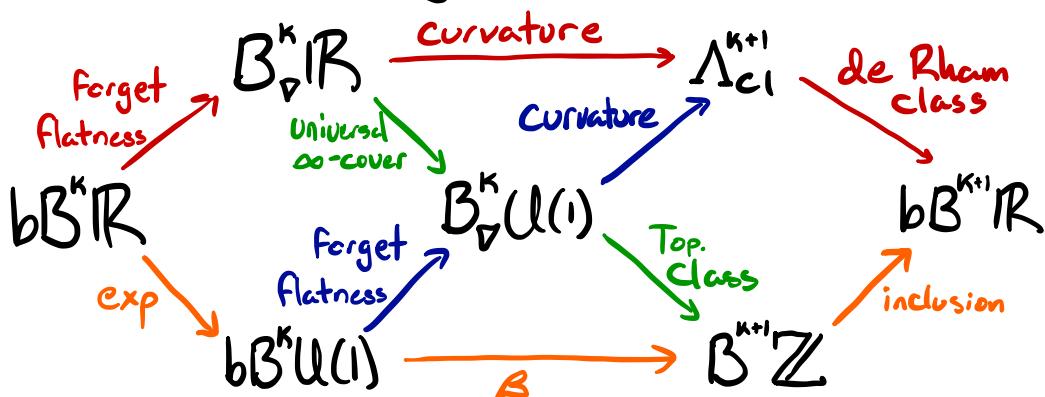
Things I haven't covered:

o Finiteness: Follows from the covering axiom of Bunge & Dubuc:  
 IF  $R = X \cup Y$ , then  $\text{O } R = \text{interior } X \cup \text{interior } Y$ .

↳ If  $K$  is Dubuc-Ponon compact, then every Ponon open cover admits a subfinite refinement.

o Tiny infinitesimals and form classifiers.

o Differential Cohomology:



## Future Work

- Constructing connection classifiers using tiny infinitesimals.  
 $B_{\triangleright} G := (e : BG) \times \Delta^1(T_{id} \text{Aut}(e))$

and Chern-Weil theory.

- Deligne-Mumford stacks in synthetic algebraic geometry à la Blechschmidt?
- Proper orbifold cohomology à la Sati-Schreiber, using equivariant cohesion.

Thanks You