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Joint work with Pieter Hofstra. Our further investigation of isotropy and crossed toposes [3] uses the tools of braided involutive closed categories [1]. In fact, if Z denotes the isotropy group internal to a topos $\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}$, then the category $\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}/Z$ of crossed sheaves is a closed category with an involution. It is also braided by virtue of the canonical crossed topos structure that Z carries, which is known in the special case of crossed G -sets as the Freyd-Yetter braiding [2,4]. The observation (by Street and probably others) that a crossed module may be regarded as an involutive commutative monoid in crossed G -sets also generalizes to isotropy theory: a crossed topos may be regarded as an involutive commutative monoid in the category of crossed sheaves. These ideas apply to the topos of unital crossed sheaves $t:X \rightarrow Z$ (satisfying $xt(x)=x$); unital crossed sheaves are important because for one thing a crossed topos is unital.

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