# Topological spines, minimal realisations and cohomology of strictly developable simple complexes of groups 

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