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**Remark 1.0.1:** What we've been calling a *torsor* (a sheaf with a group action plus conditions) is called by some sources a **pseudotorsor** (e.g. the Stacks Project), and what we've been calling a *locally trivial torsor* is referred to as a *torsor* instead.

Recall that statement of ??.

*Proof (of Hilbert 90).*

**Observation 1.0.2:** Let  $\tau = X_{\text{zar}}, X_{\text{ét}}, X_{\text{fppf}}$ , then the data of a  $\text{GL}_n$ -torsor split by a  $\tau$ -cover  $U \rightarrow X$  is the same as descent data for a vector bundle relative to  $U/X$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U \times_X U & & \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_2 \\ U & & \\ \downarrow & & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

That  $U$  trivializes our torsor means that  $\pi^*T = \pi^*G$  as a  $G$ -torsor, where  $G$  acts on itself by left-multiplication. We have two different ways of pulling back, and identifications with  $G$  in both, yielding

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1^* \pi^* T & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \pi_2^* \pi^* T \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \pi_1^* \pi^* G & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \pi_2^* \pi^* G \end{array}$$

Both of the bottom objects are isomorphic to  $G|_{U \times U}$ .

**Claim:** The top horizontal map is descent data for  $T$ , and the bottom horizontal map is an automorphism of a  $G$ -torsor and thus is a section to  $G$ . I.e. a section to  $\text{GL}_n$  is an invertible matrix on double intersections (satisfying the cocycle condition) and a cover, which is precisely descent data for a vector bundle.

Using fppf descent, proved previously, we know that descent data for vector bundles is effective. So if we have a locally trivial  $\text{GL}_n$ -torsor on the fppf site, it's also trivial on the other two sites, yielding the desired maps back and forth. Thus  $H^1(X_{\text{ét}}, \text{GL}_n)$  is in bijection with  $n$ -dimensional vector bundles on  $X$ . ■