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TQFTs of Higher SuGra Gauge Sectors

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Reporting on:

- *The Character Map In Nonabelian Cohomology* (esp. §9)
- *Complete Topological Quantization of Higher Gauge Fields*
- *Higher Gauge Theory via Differential Nonabelian Cohomology*
- *Higher Superspace Supergravity and its IR-Completions*

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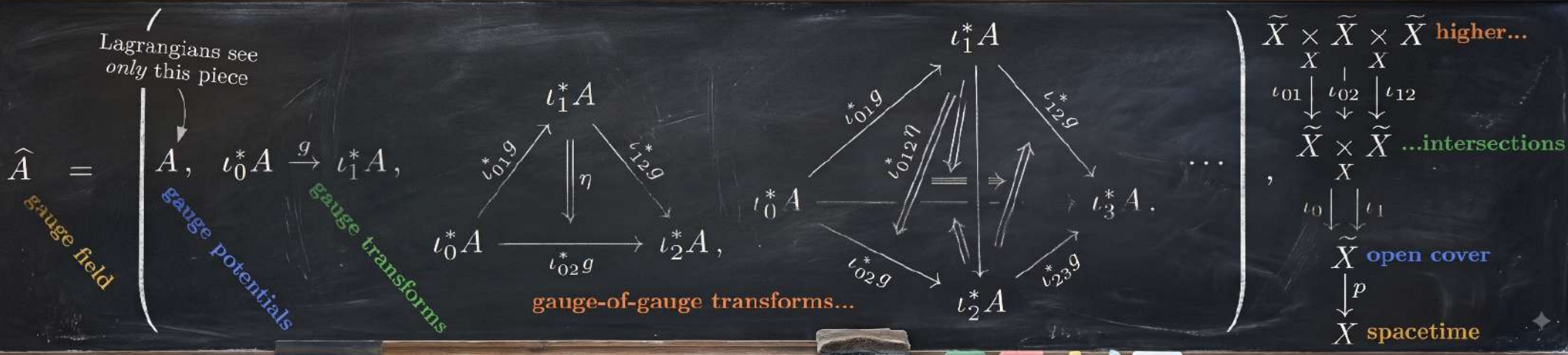
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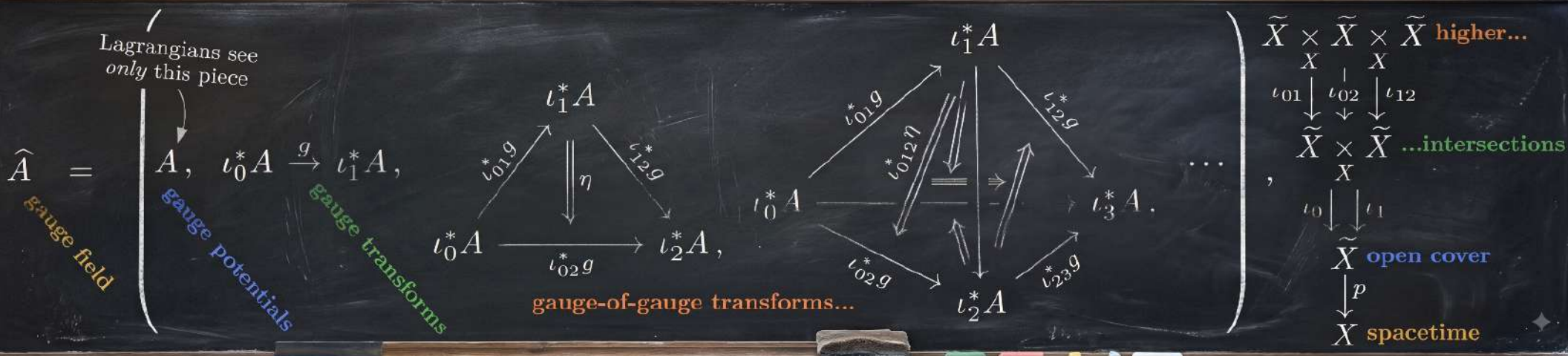


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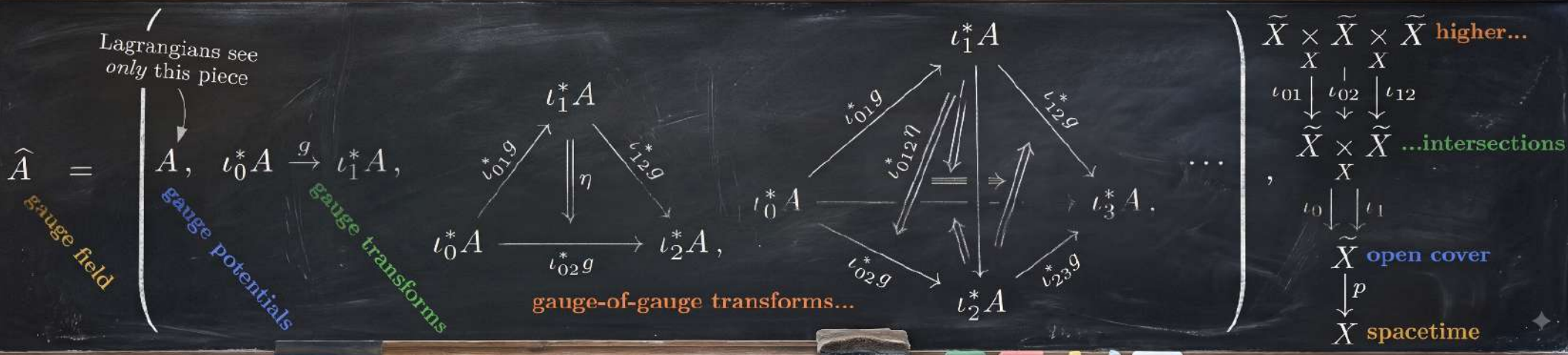
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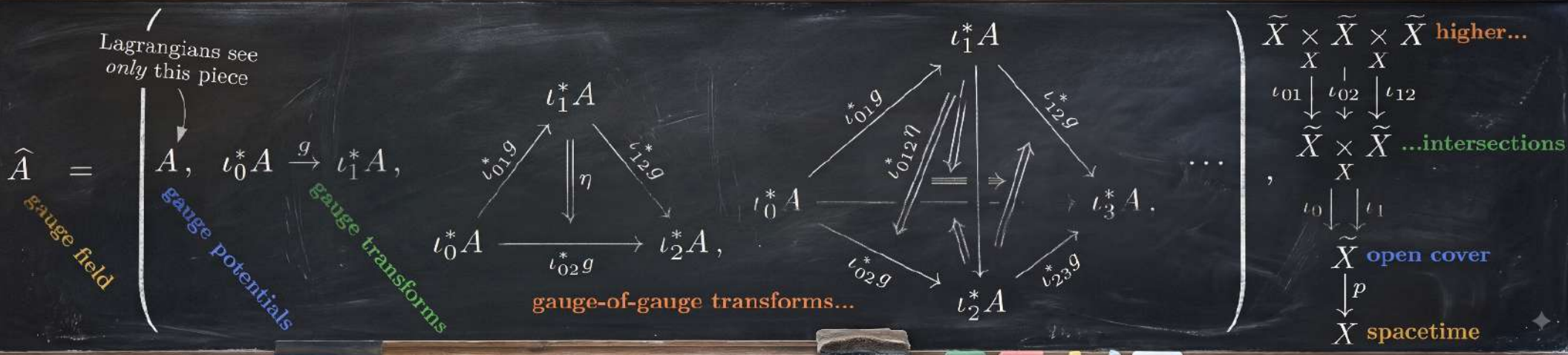
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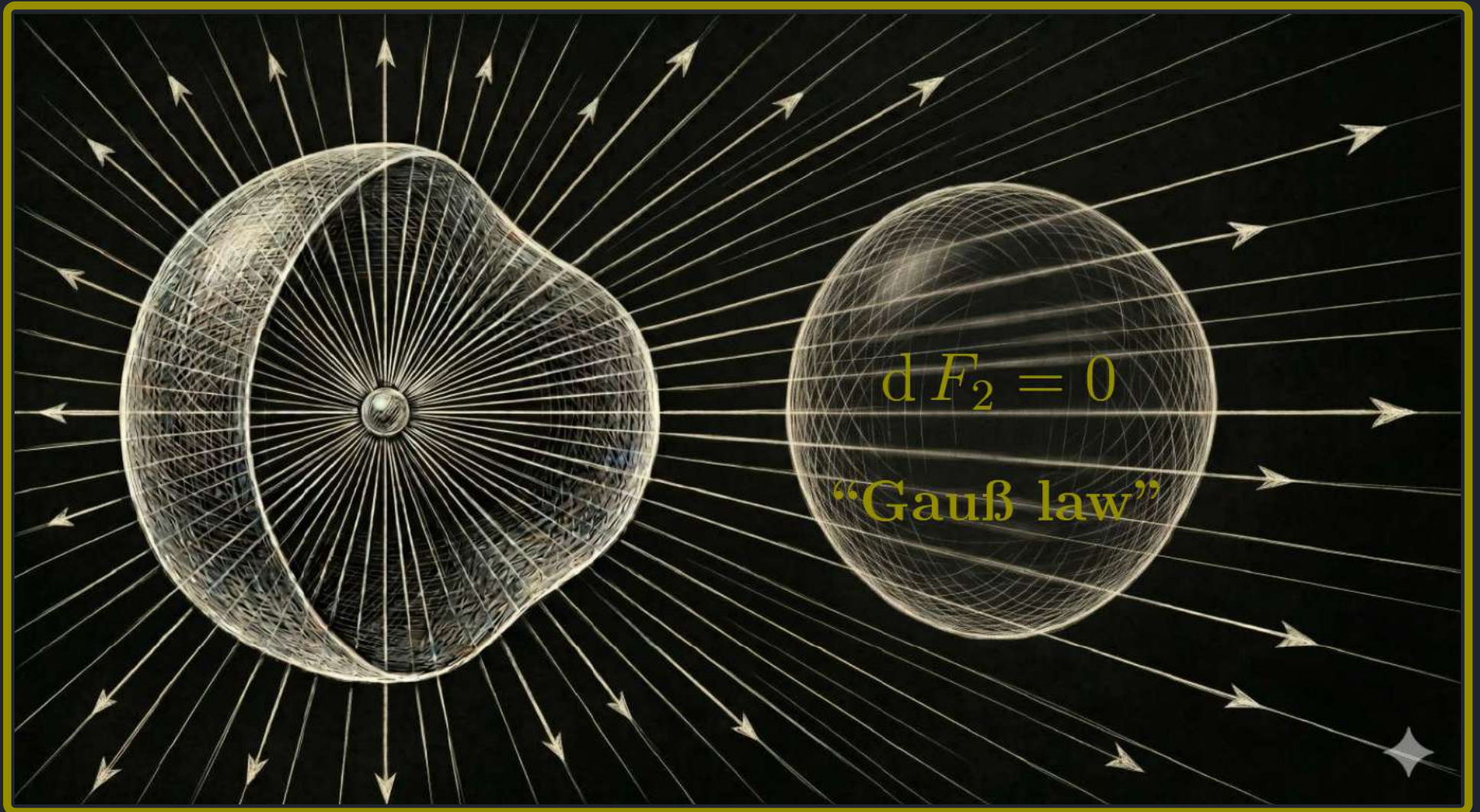
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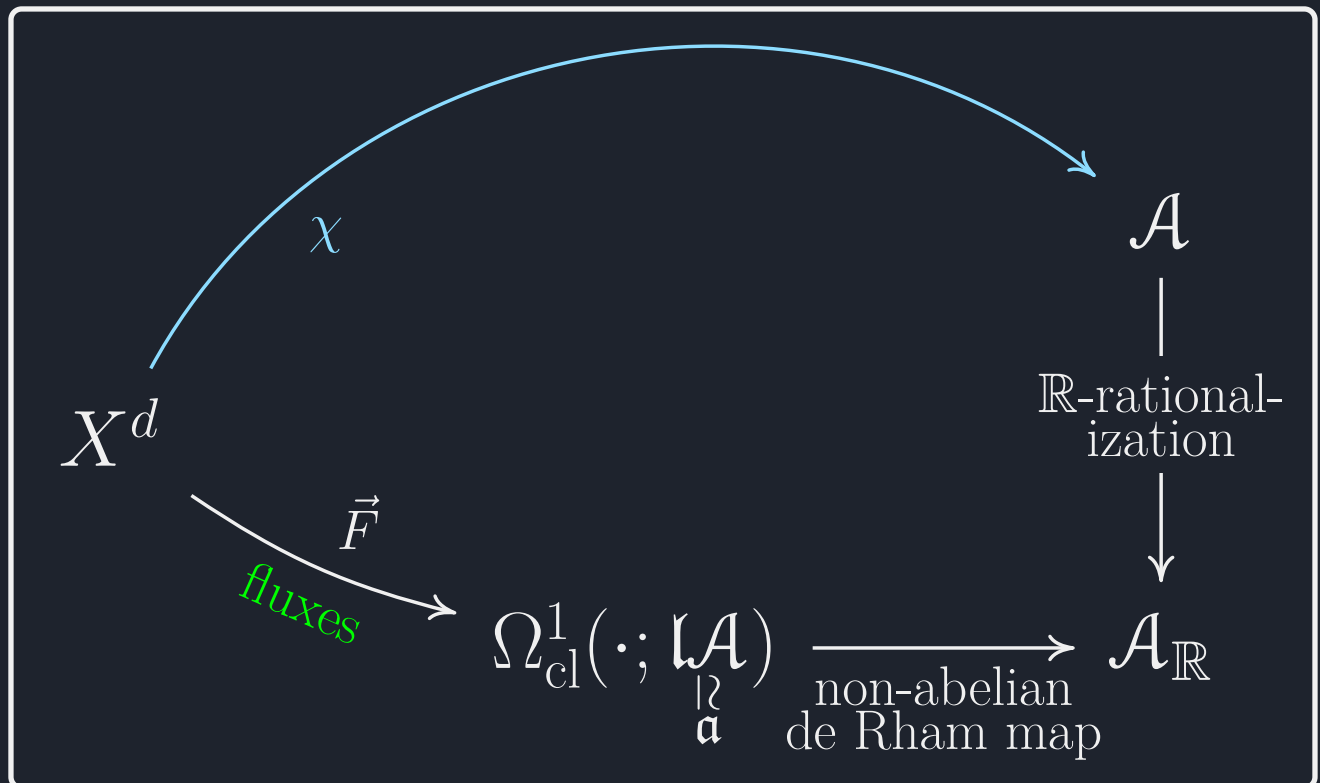
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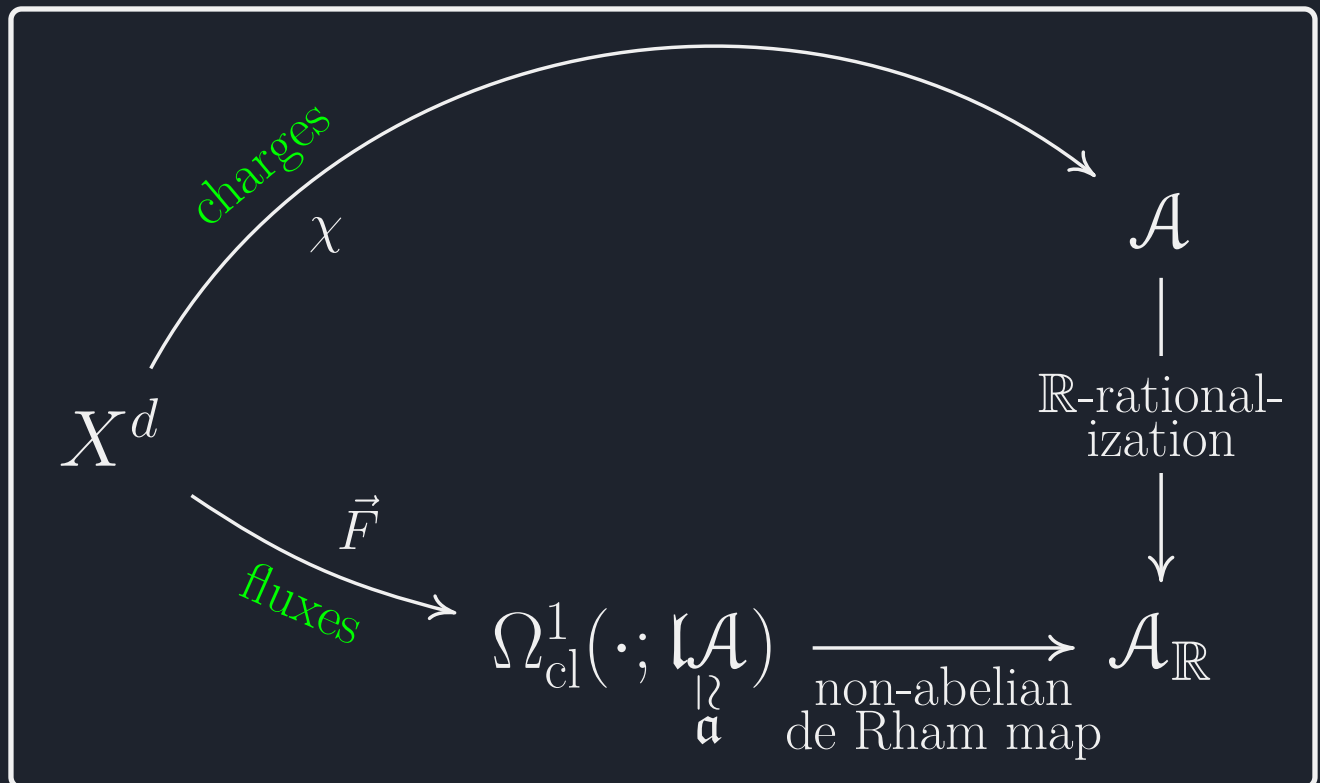
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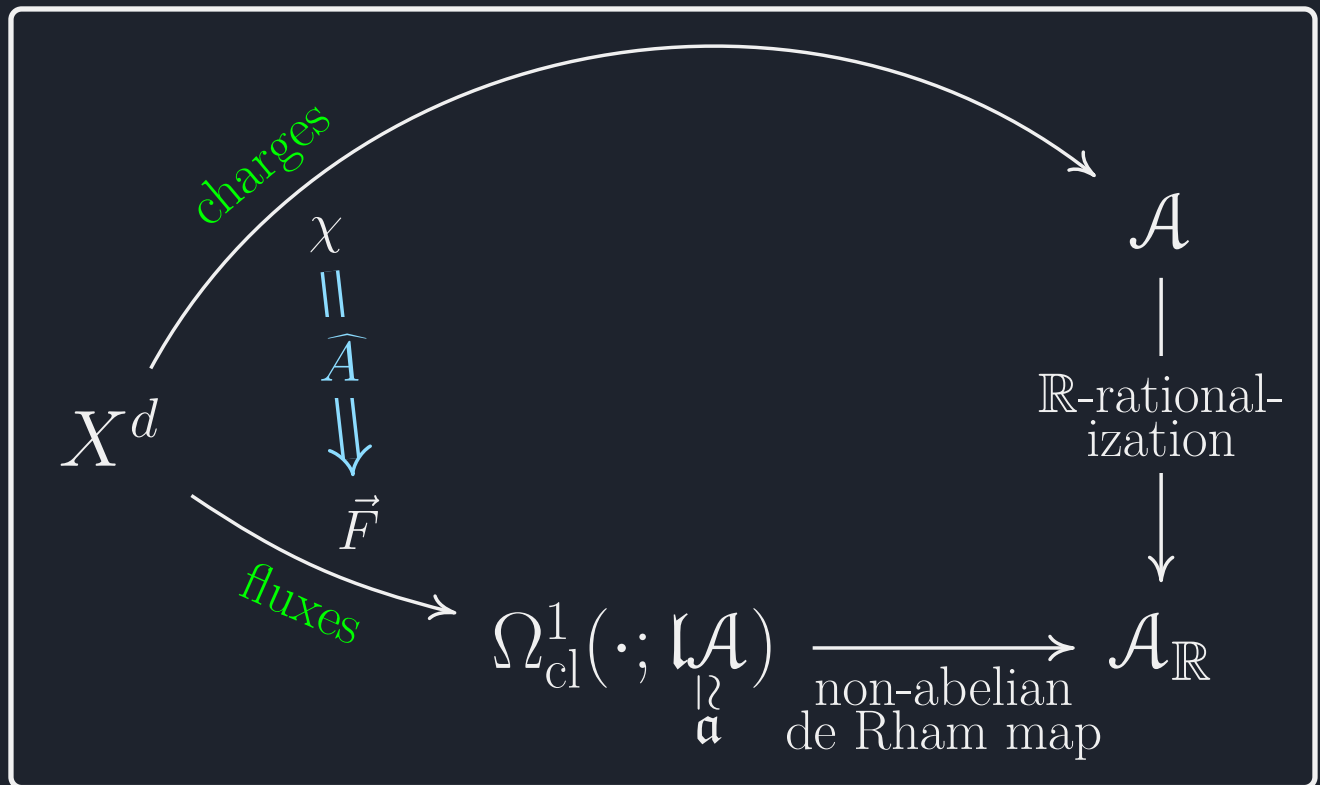
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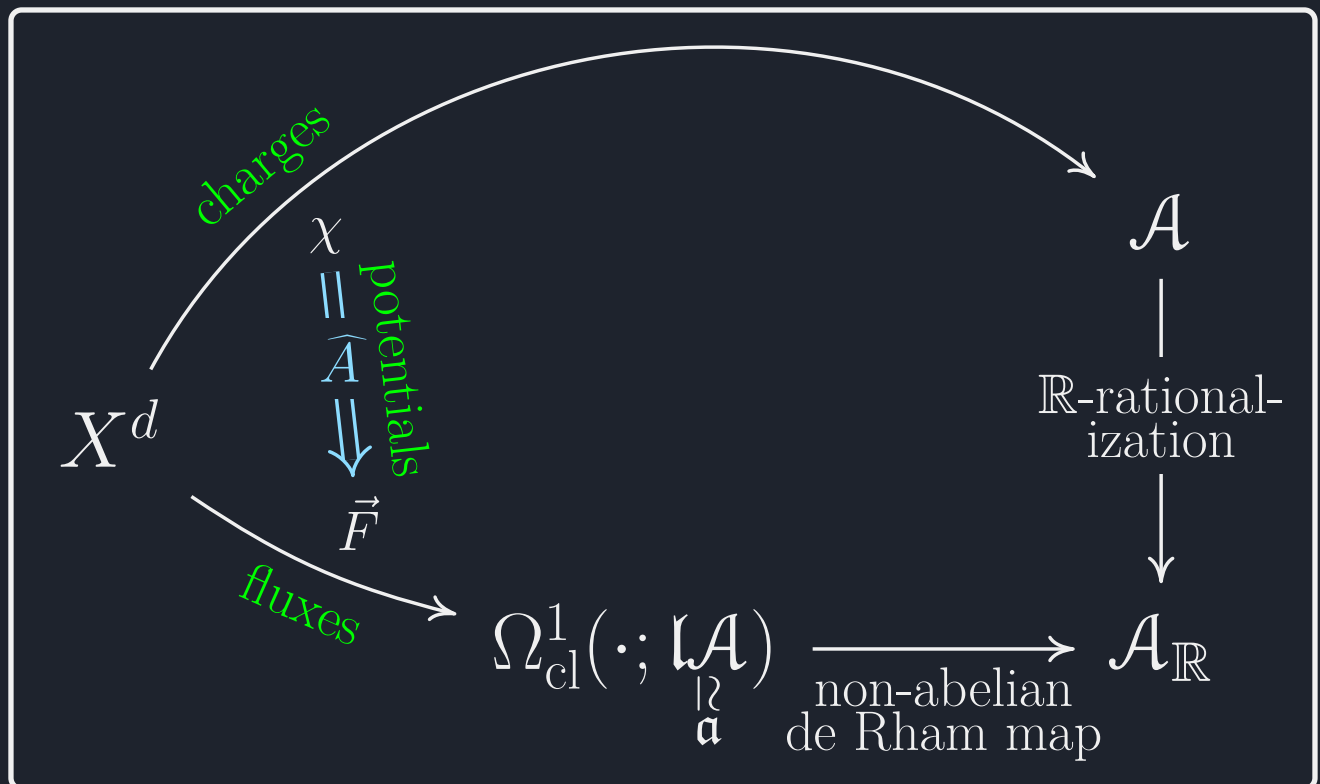
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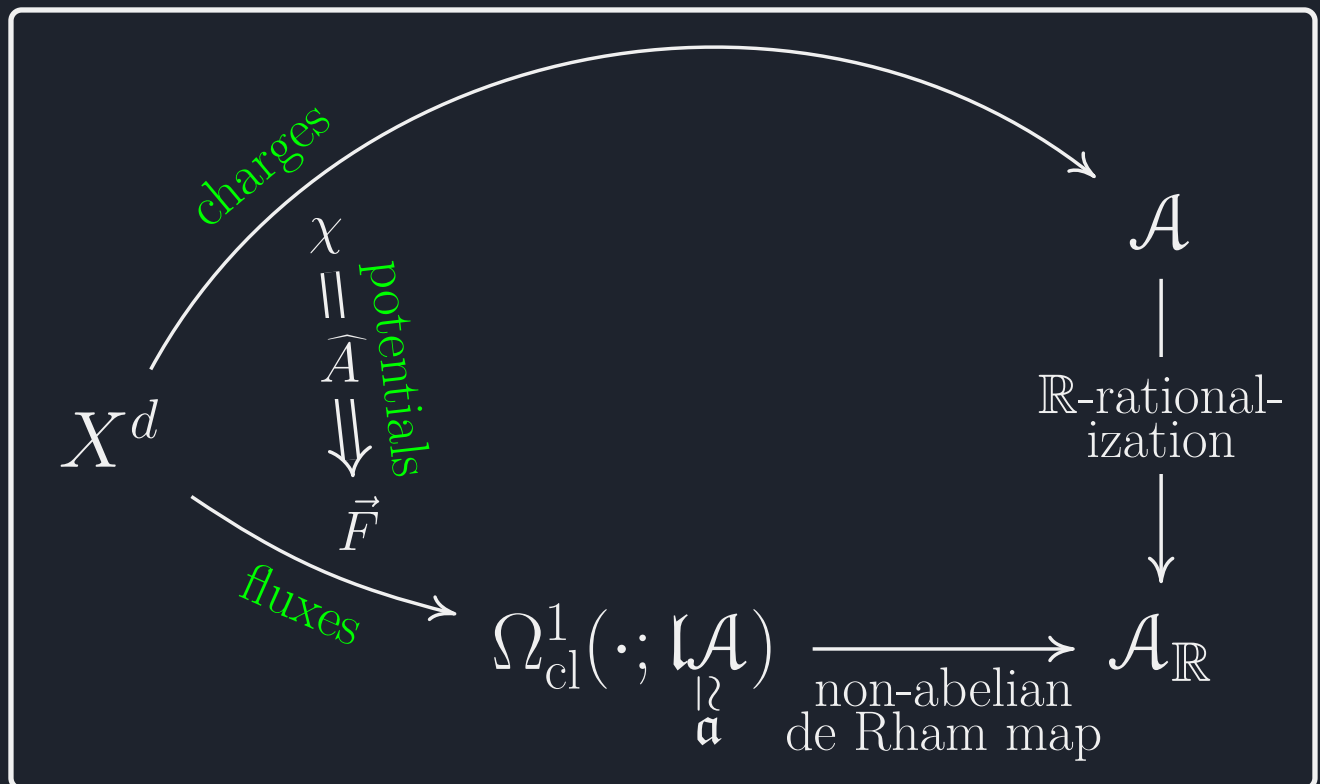
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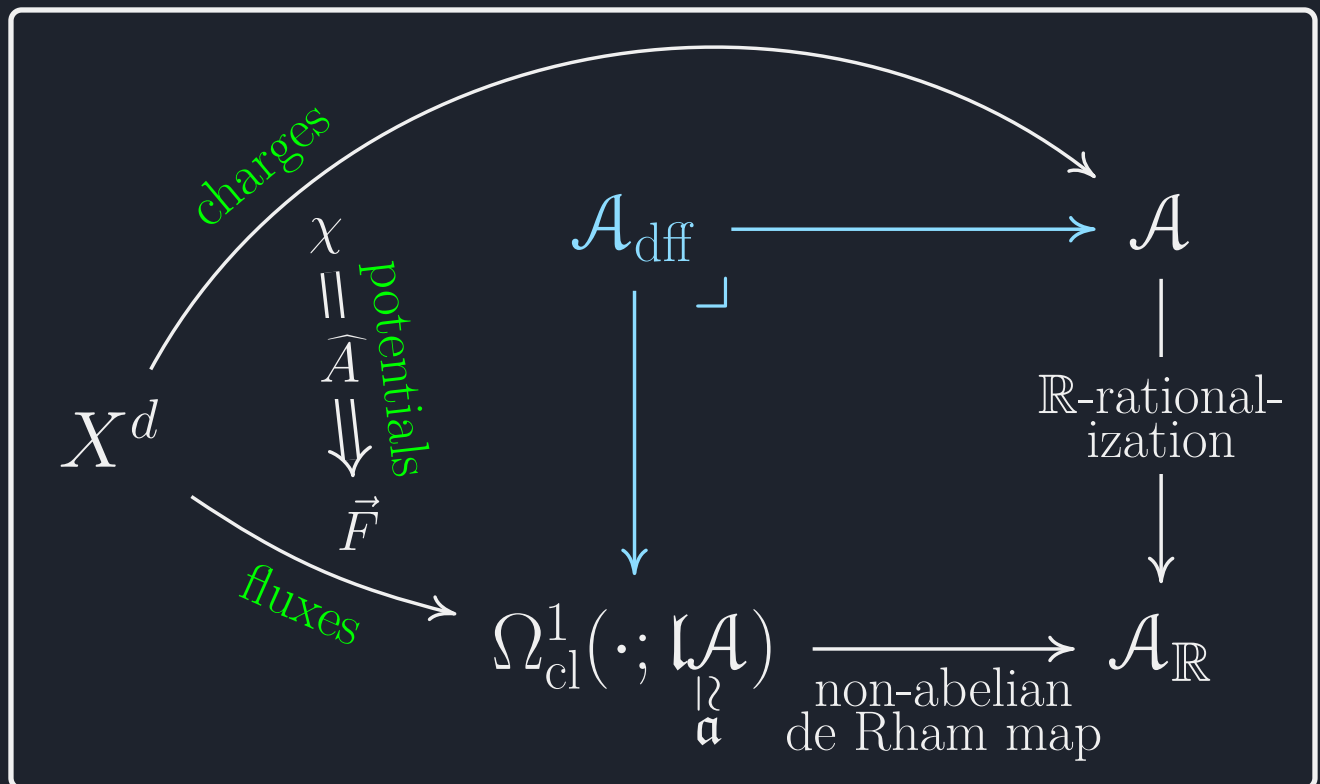
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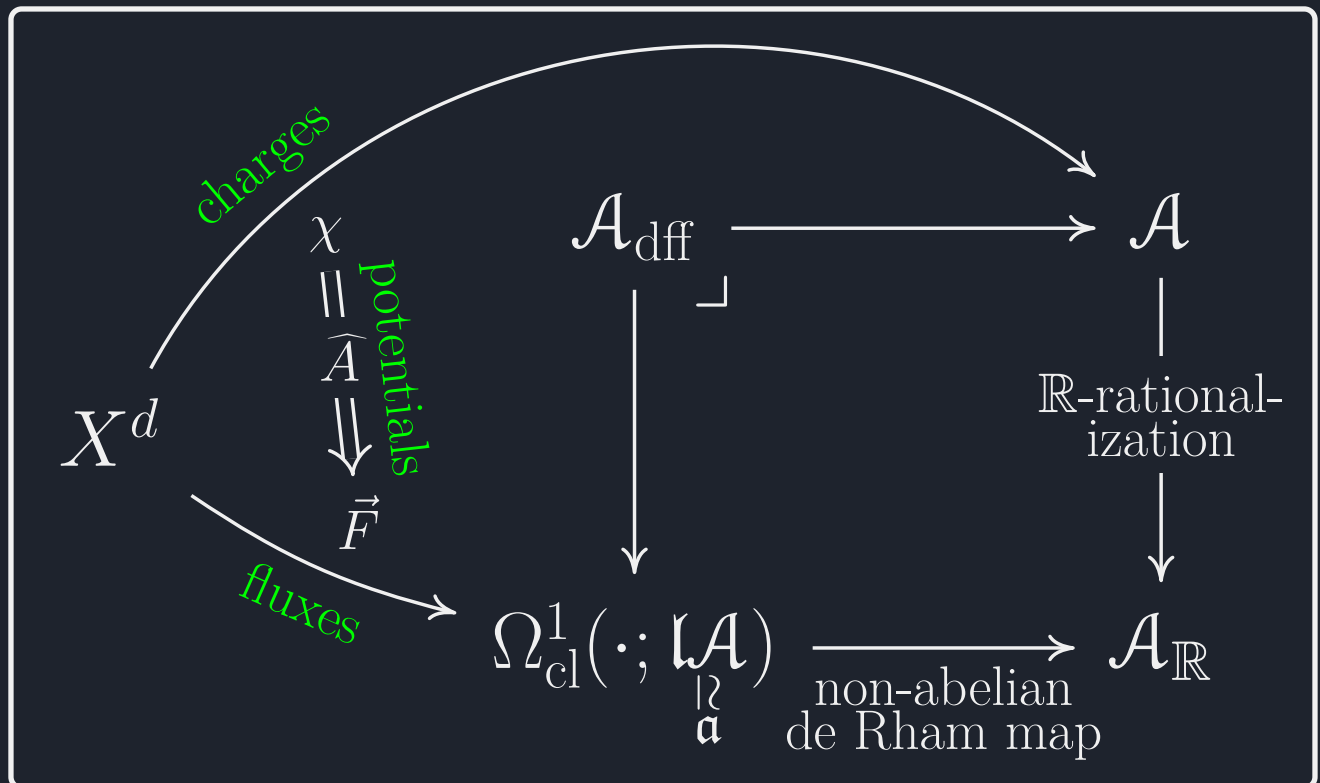
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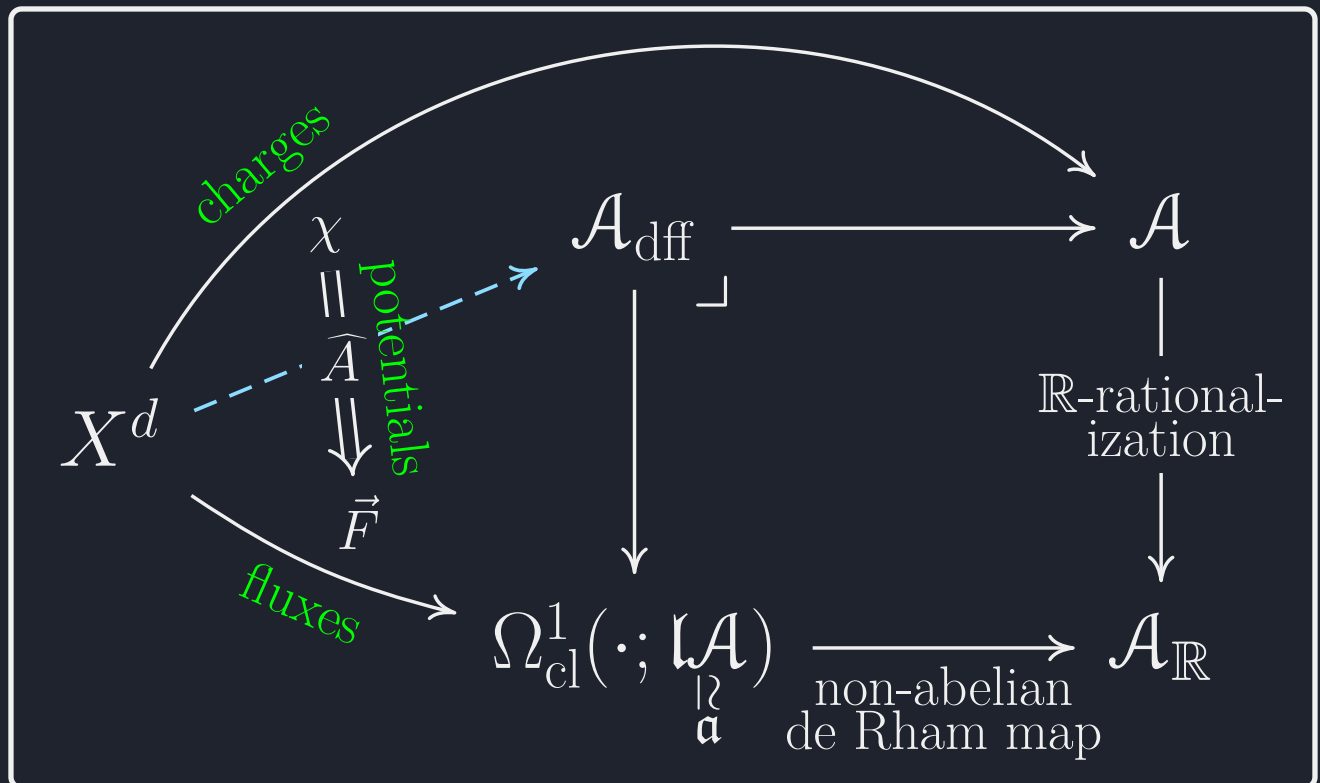
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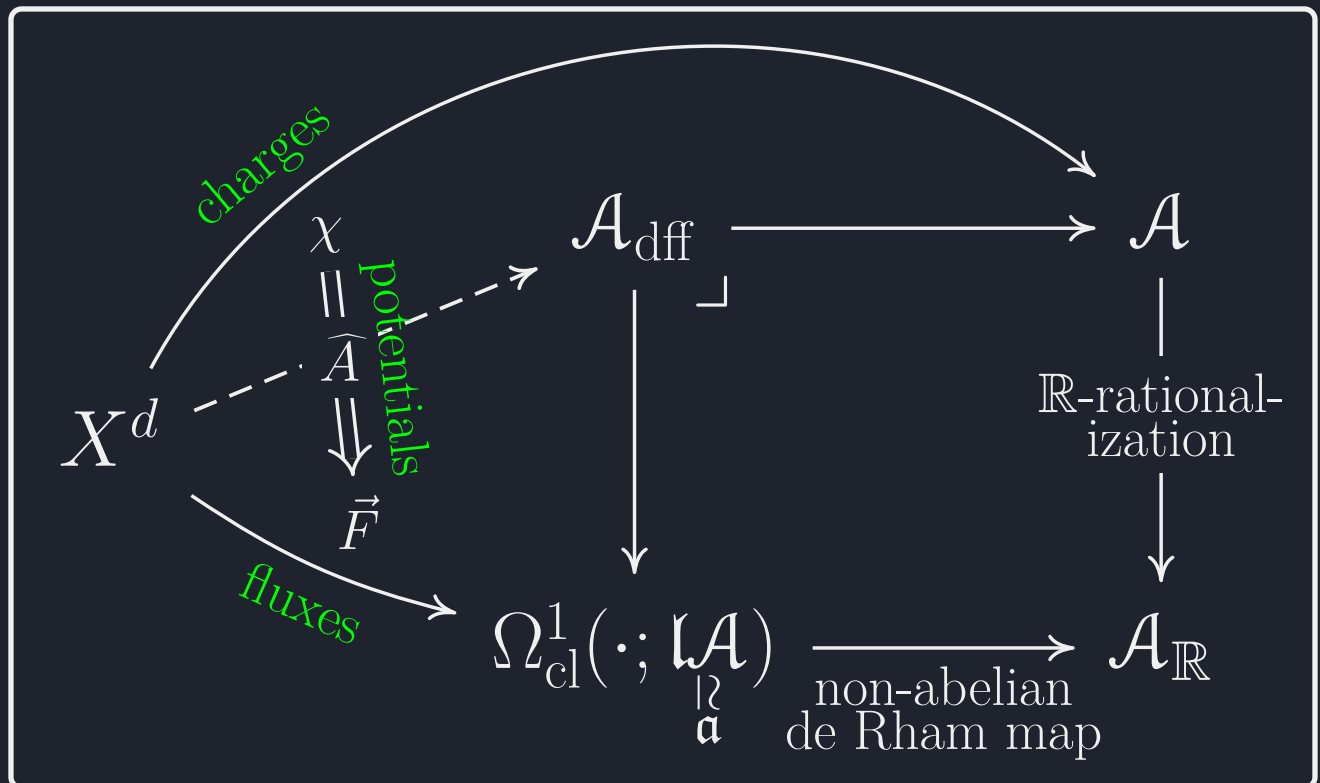
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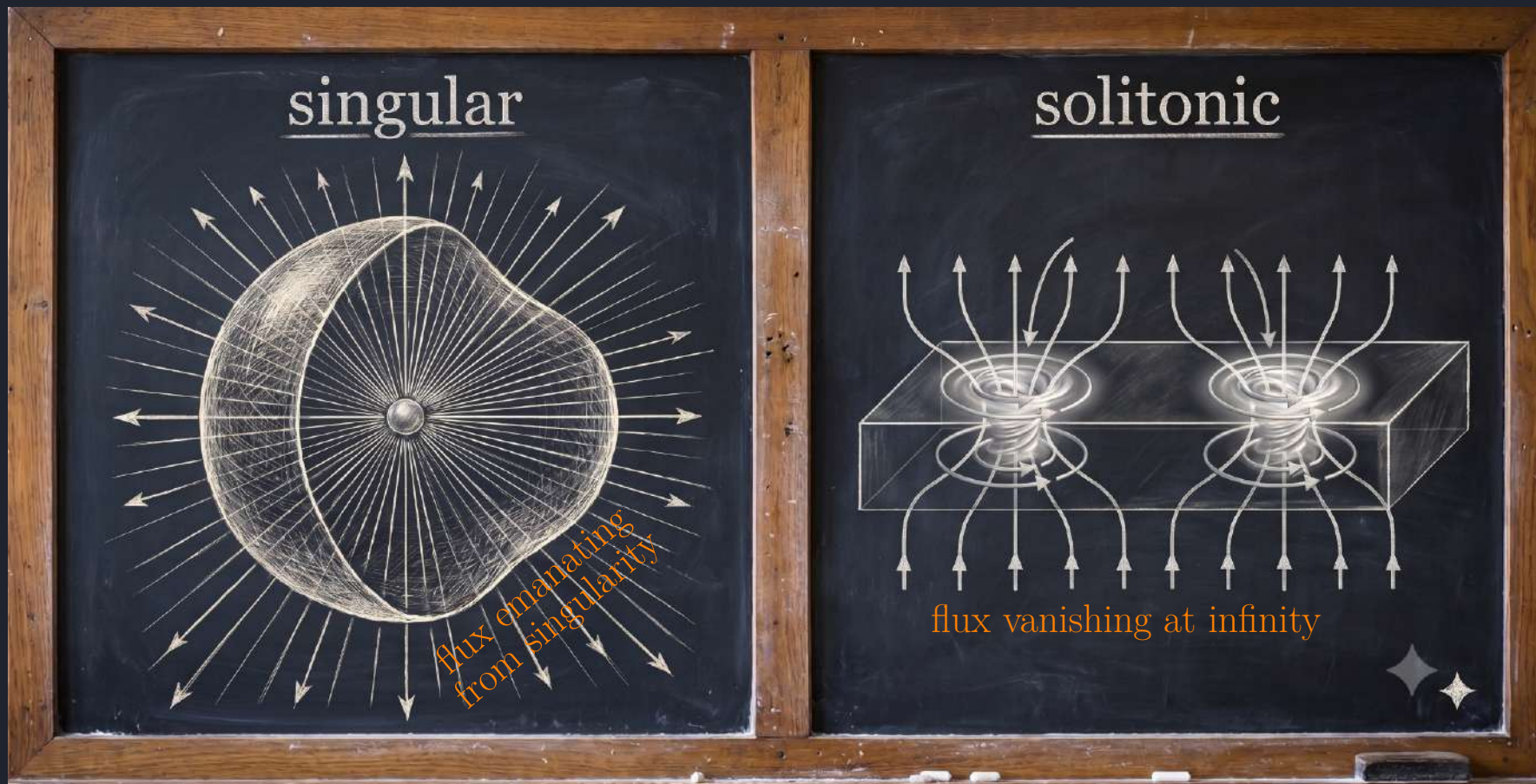
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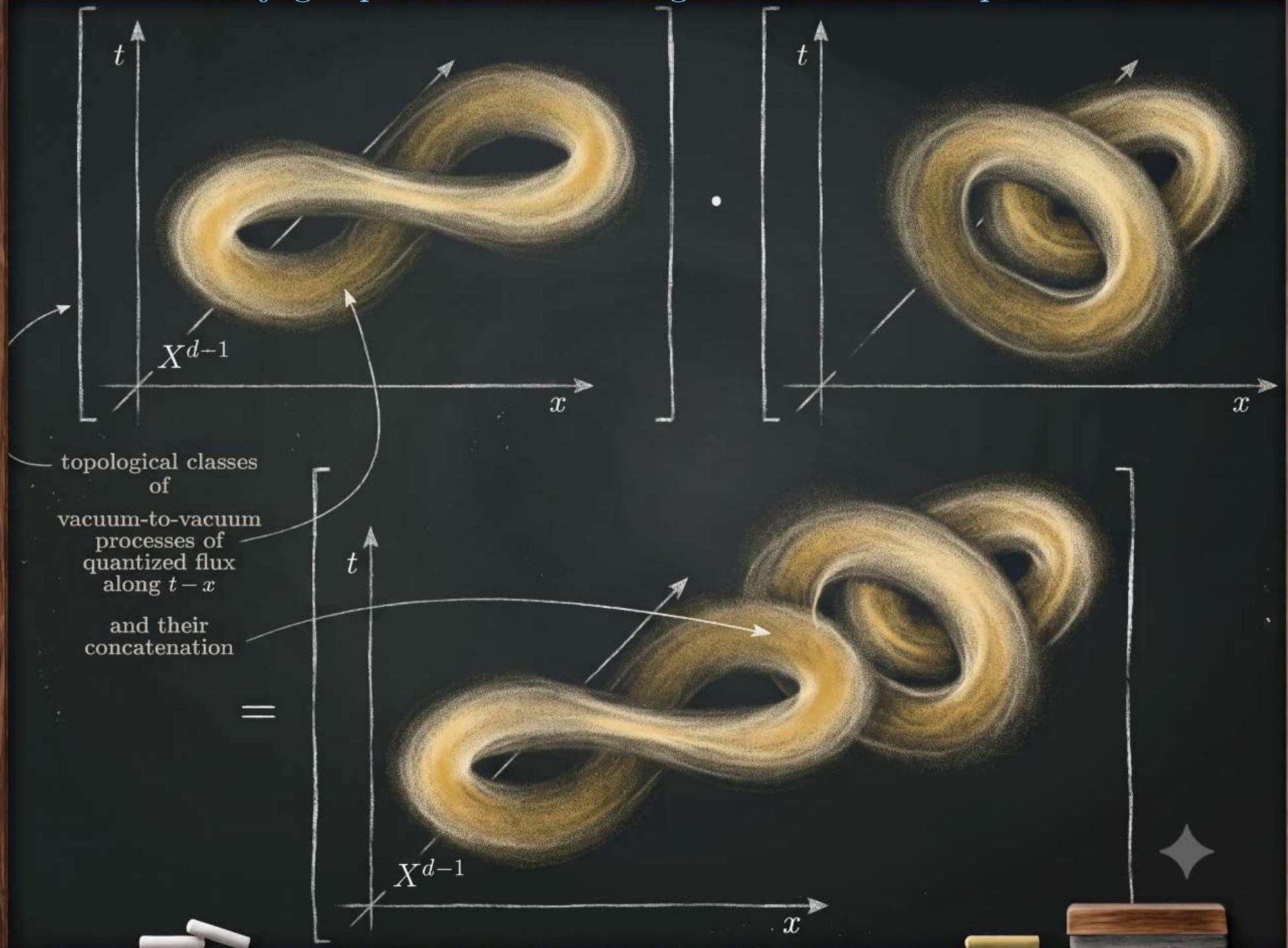
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Stefanich 2025 suggests: $\begin{cases} X^{d-1} \mapsto \text{Loc}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{Map}^*(X_{\cup\{\infty\}}^{d-1}, \mathcal{A})) \\ \text{extends to an extended TQFT} \end{cases}$

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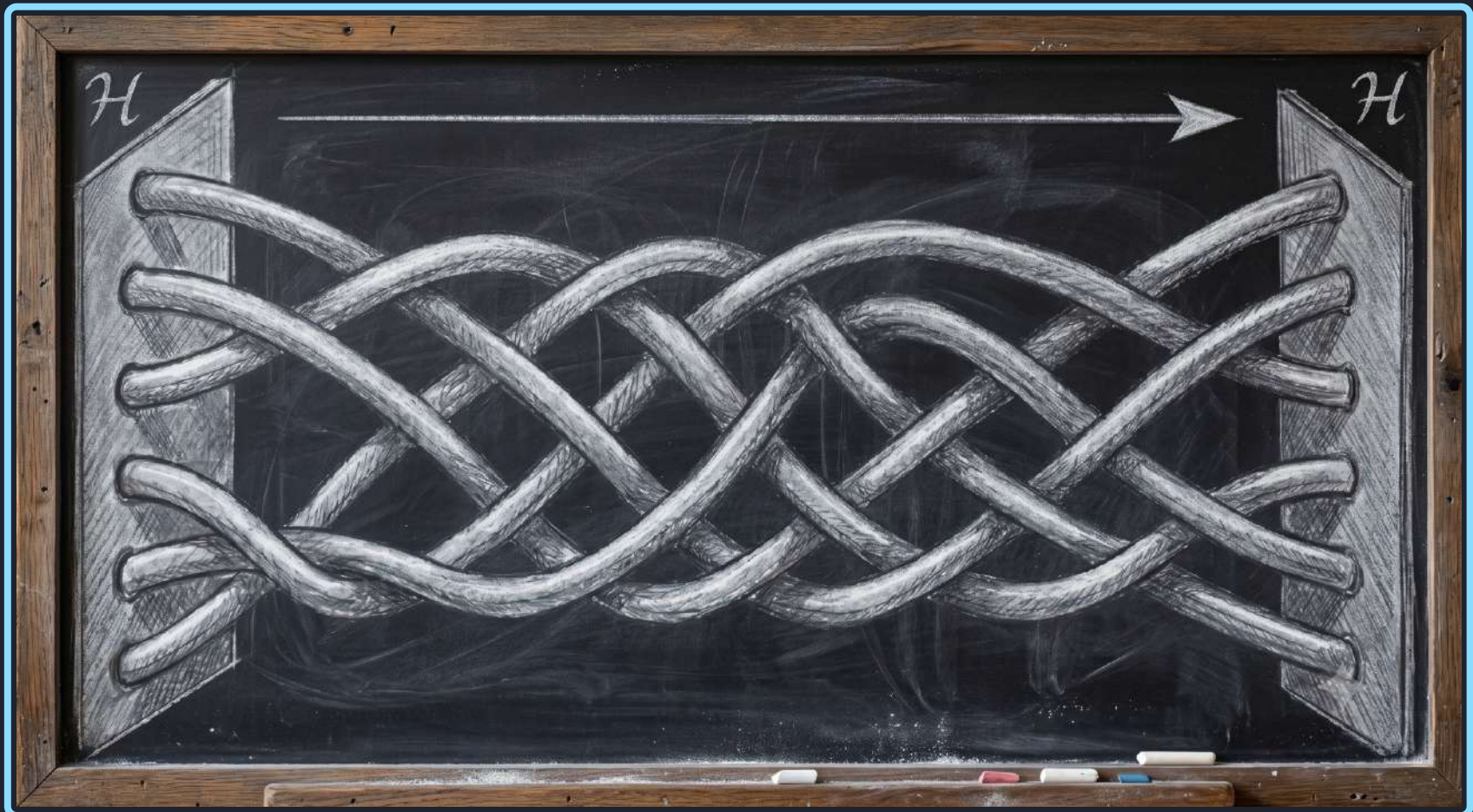
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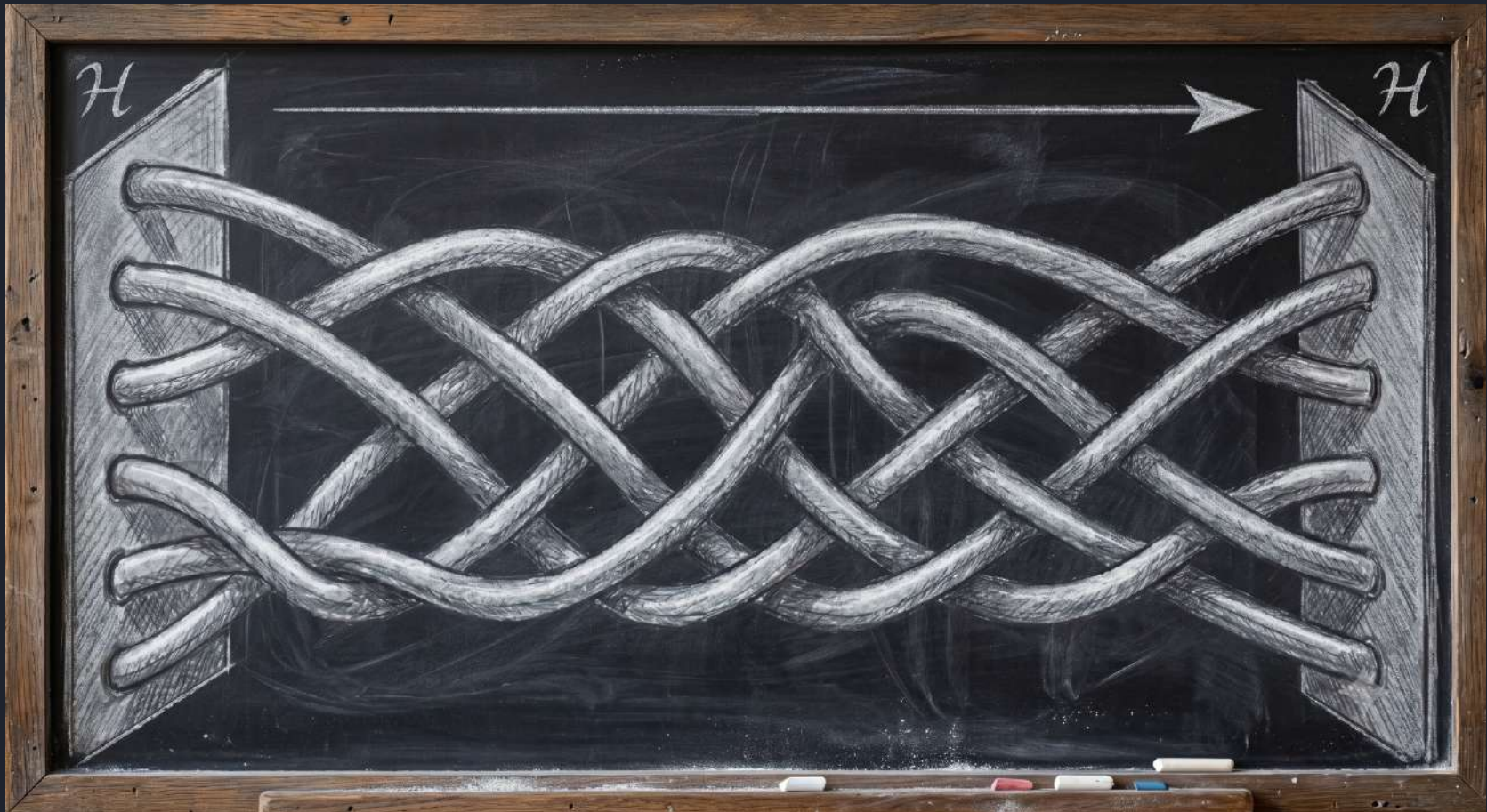
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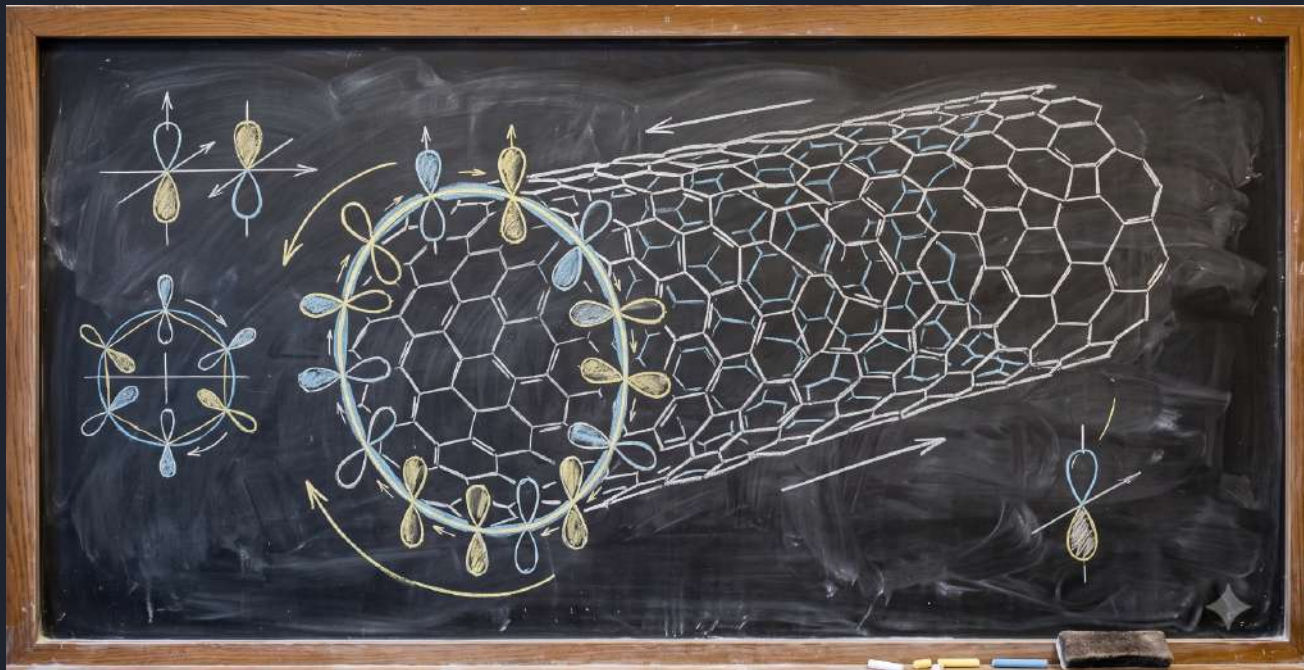
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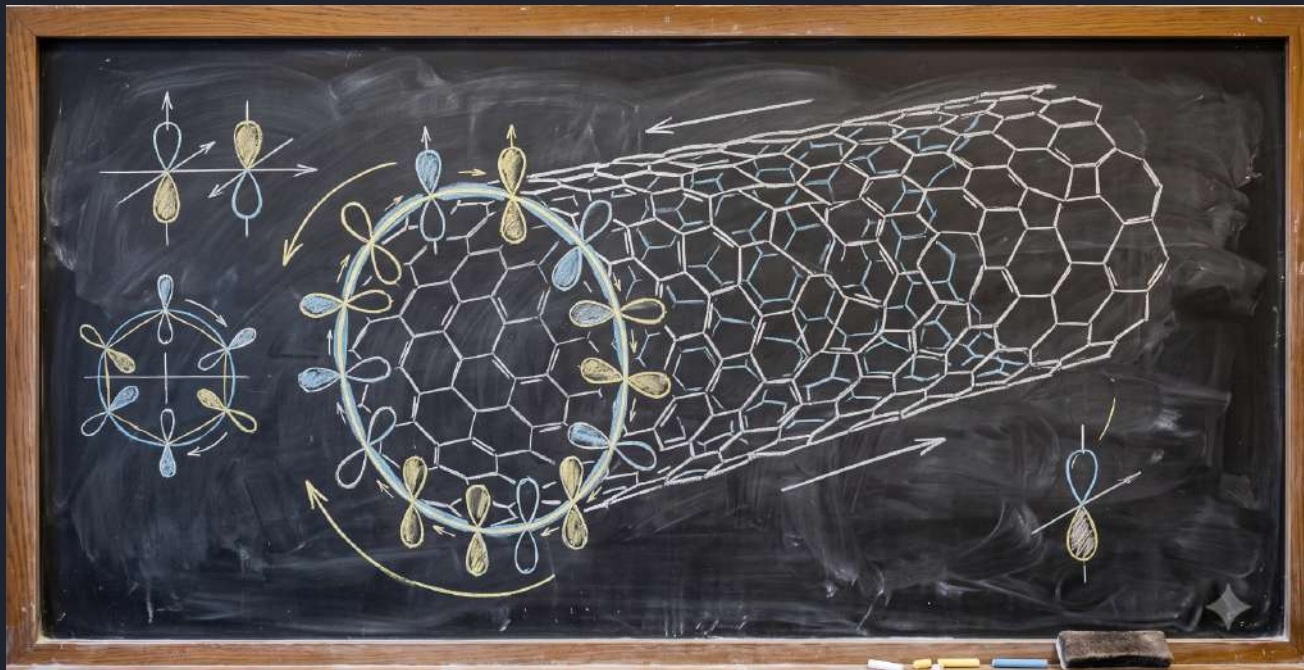
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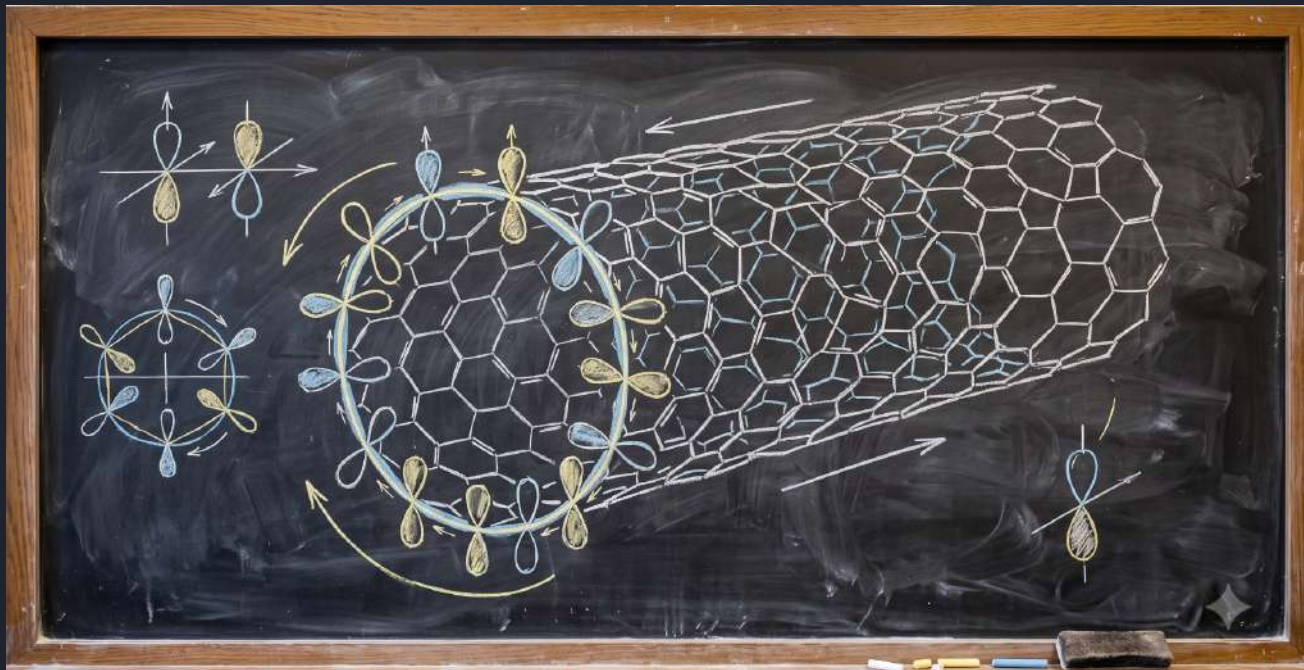
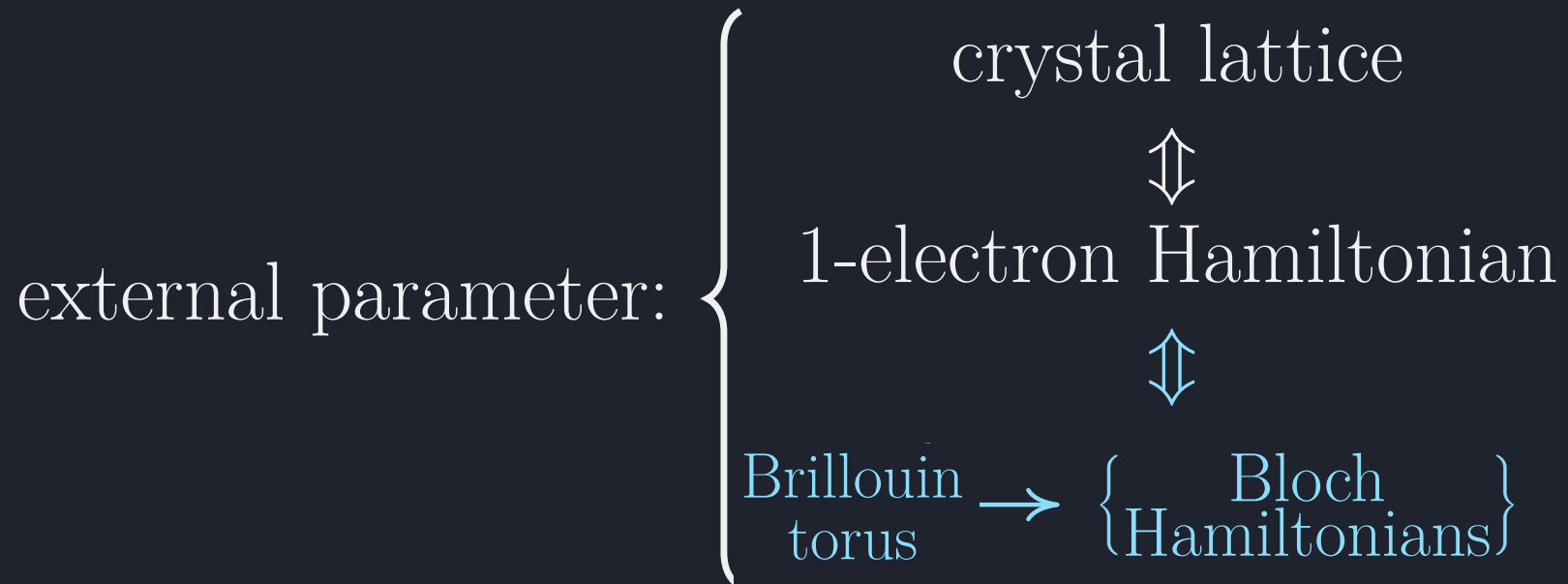
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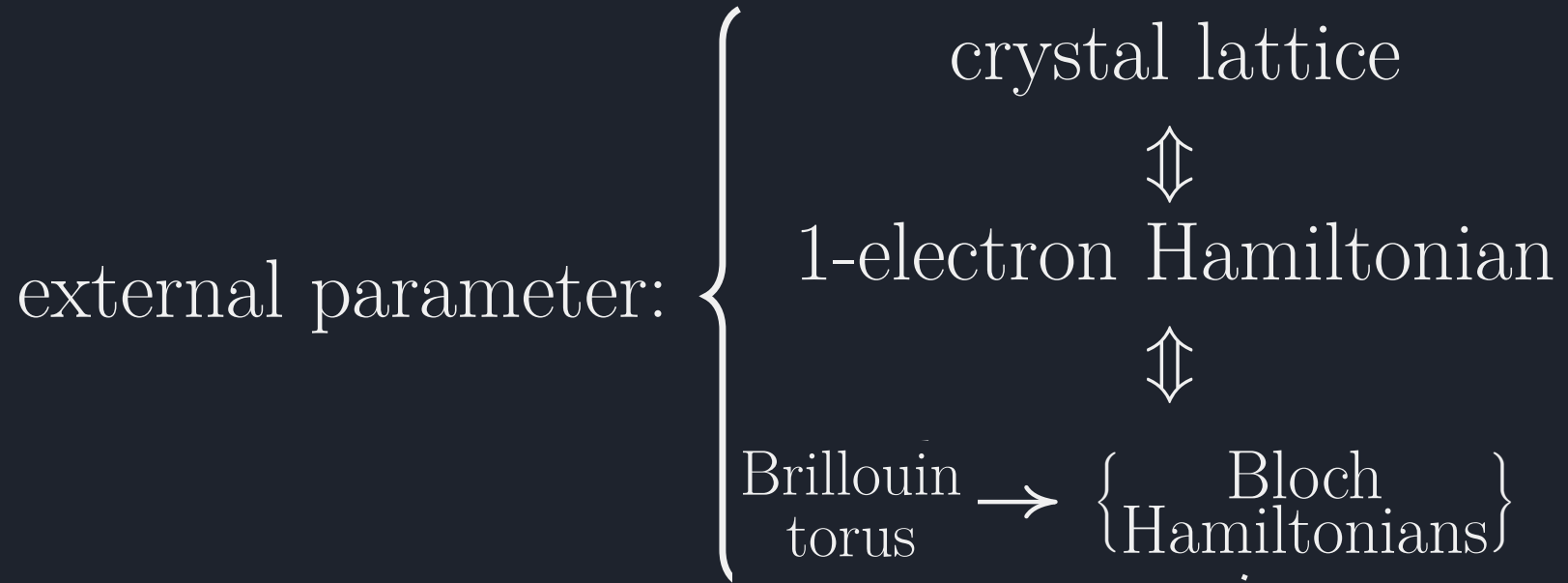
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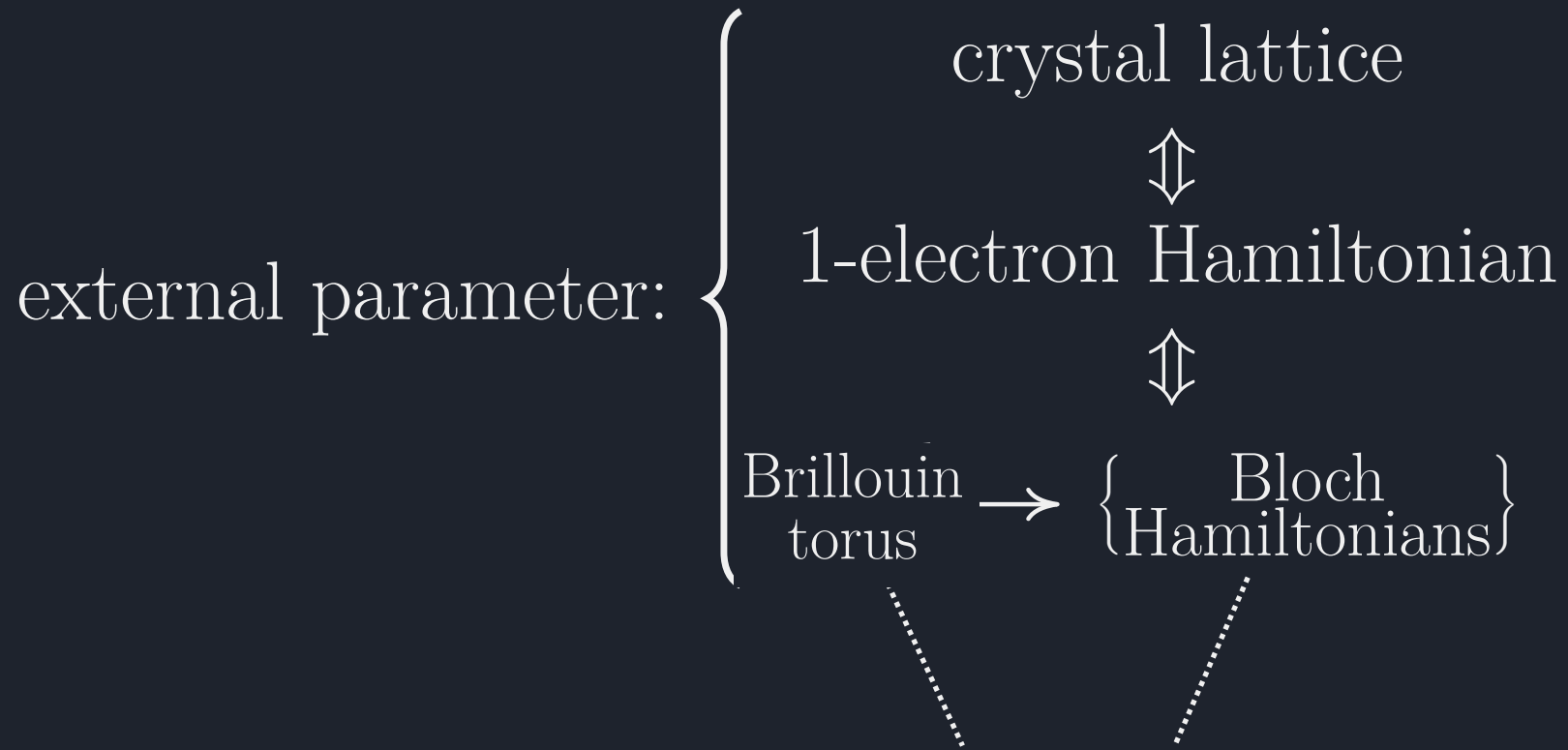
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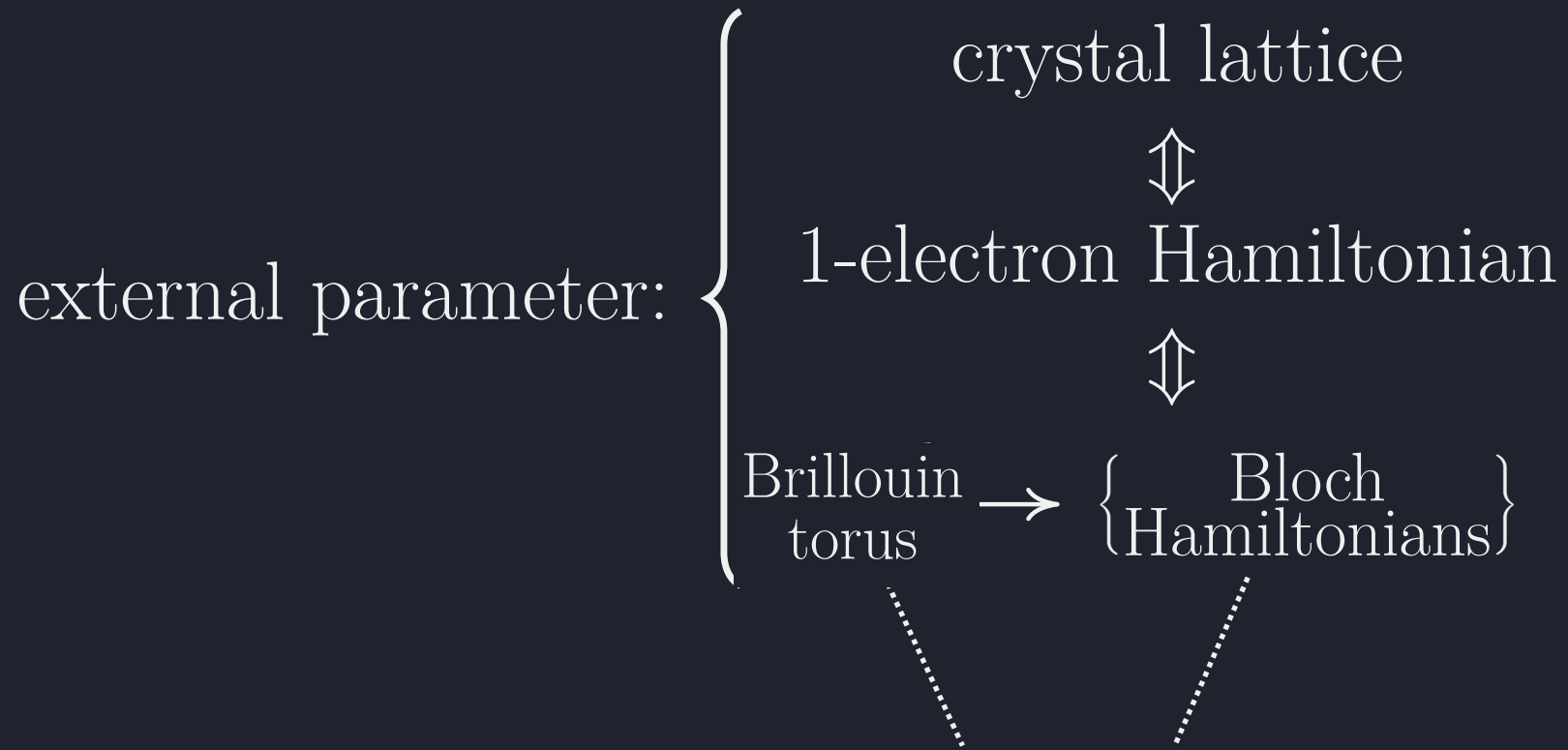


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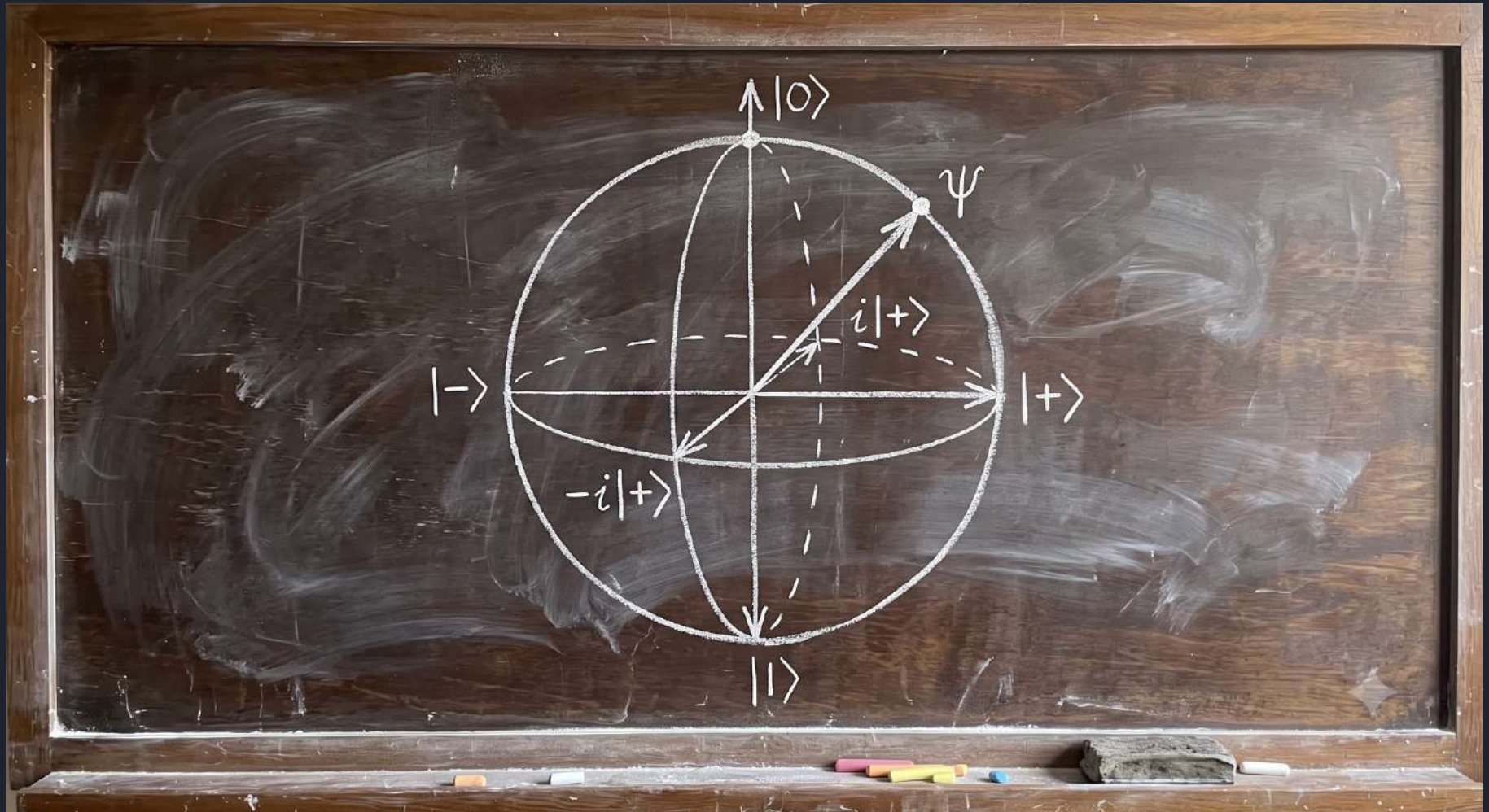
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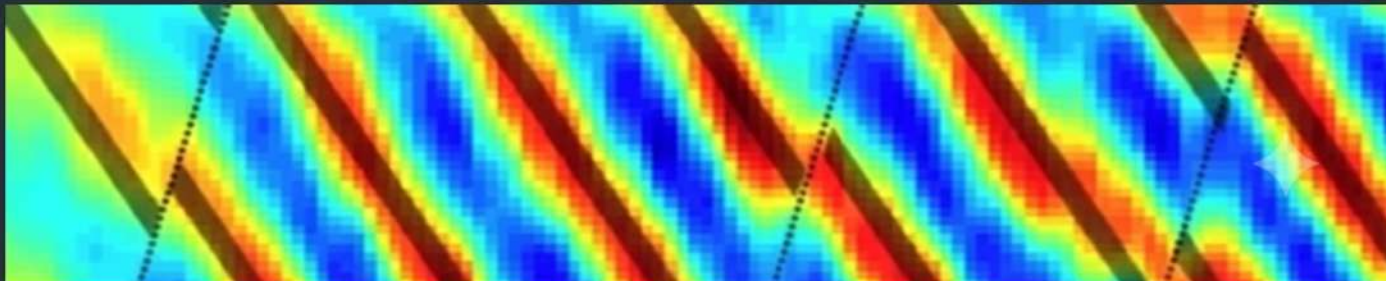
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- *Complete Topological Quantization of Higher Gauge Fields*
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- *Higher Superspace Supergravity and its IR-Completions*