

Categorical groups in brave new algebra

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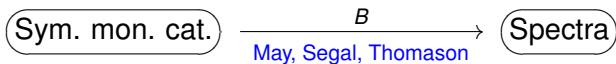
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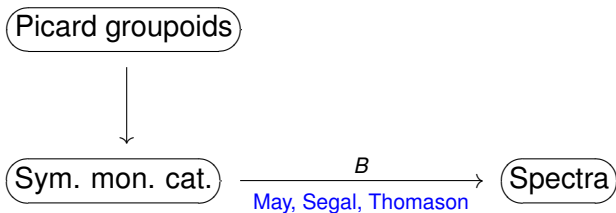
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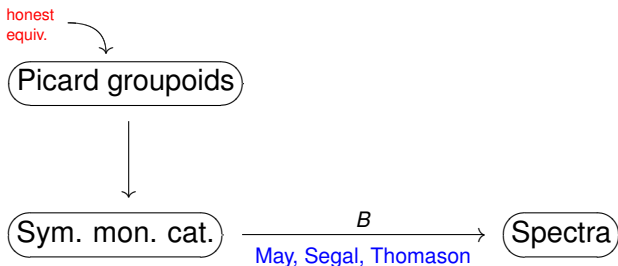
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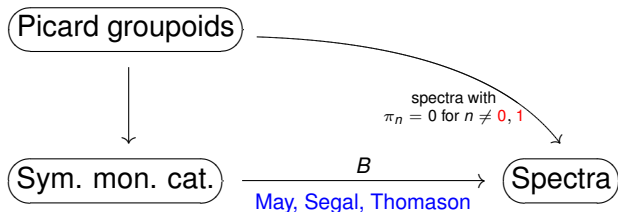
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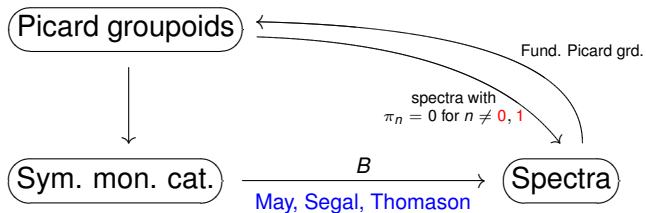
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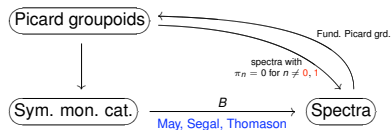
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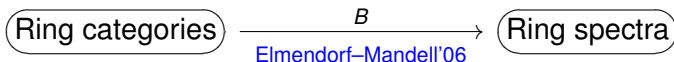
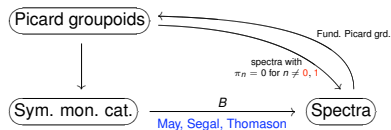
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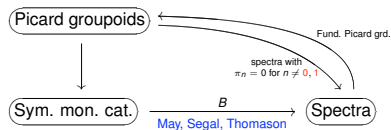
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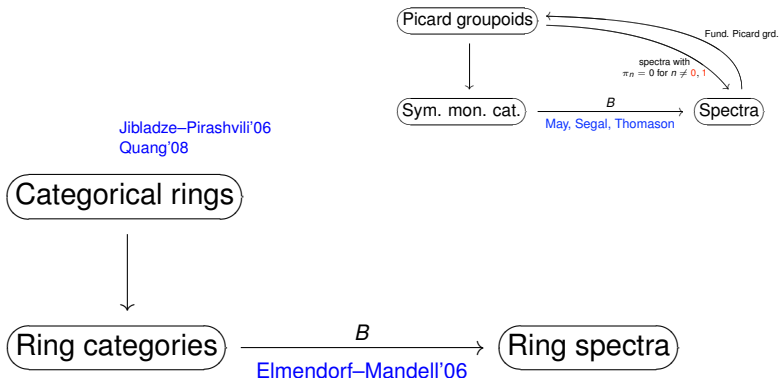


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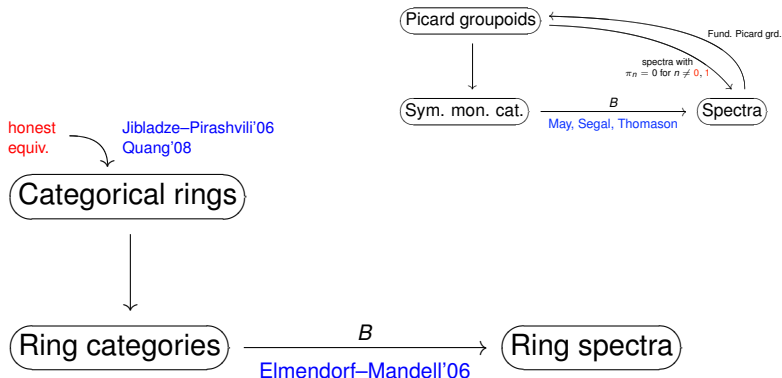
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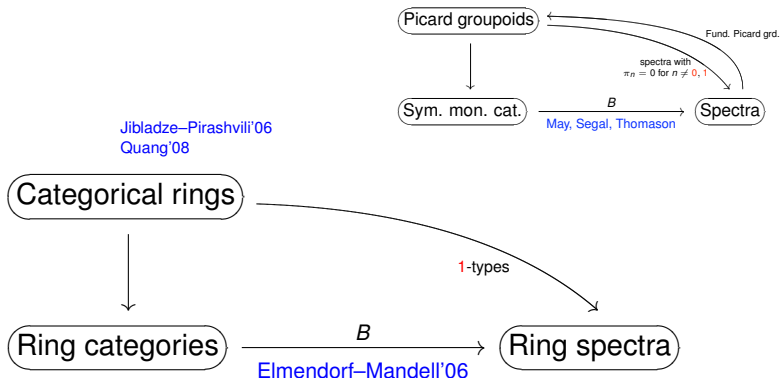
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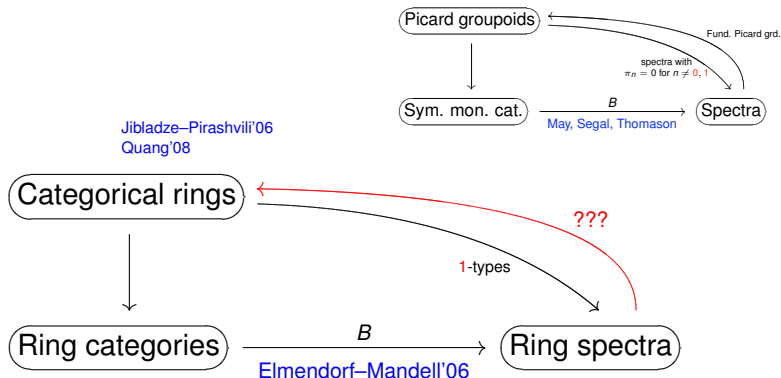
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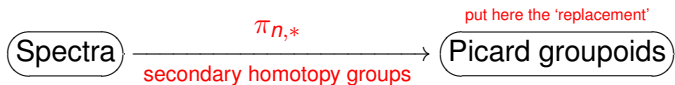
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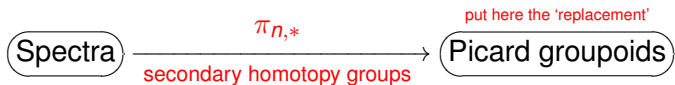
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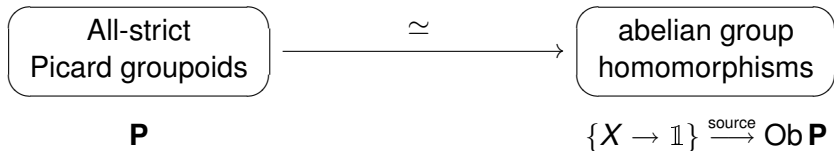
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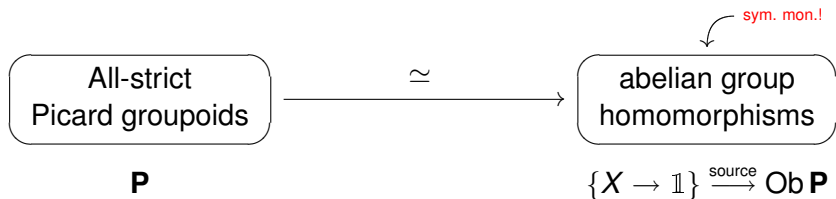
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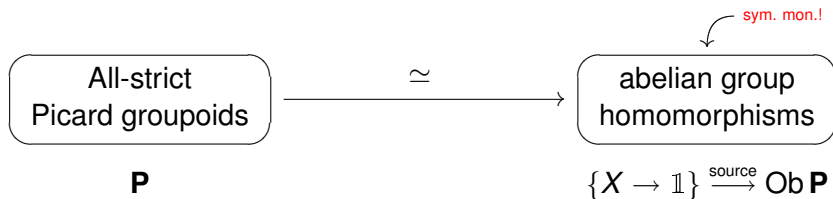
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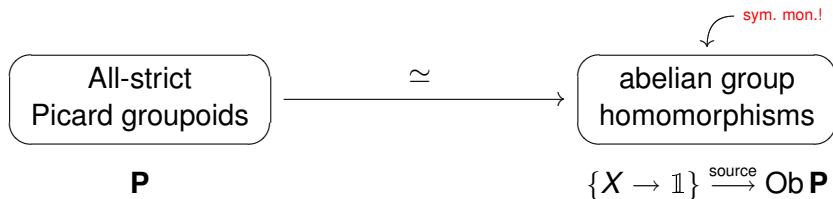


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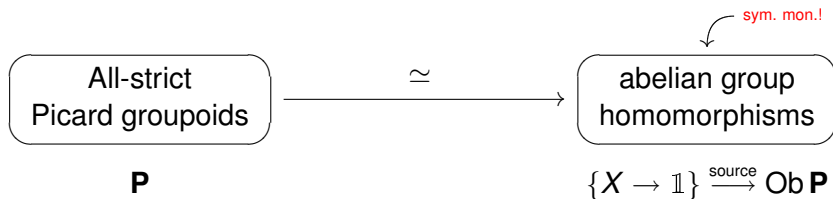
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The diagram illustrates the relationship between the tensor product of two objects in a Picard groupoid and the pushout of their boundary maps. The left side shows the tensor product of two objects A_1, B_1 with their boundary maps ∂_A, ∂_B leading to A_0, B_0 . The right side shows the pushout of the boundary maps, resulting in the object $(A \otimes B)_1$ and the object $A_0 \otimes B_0$. The pushout is labeled "push". The boundary maps are labeled $\partial_A \otimes 1$ and $1 \otimes \partial_B$. The resulting object $(A \otimes B)_1$ is shown in red, and the boundary map $\partial_{A \otimes B}$ is also in red.

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$$\langle x, y, z \rangle \subset \pi_{|x|+|y|+|z|+1}(R)$$

is the **Toda bracket**.

Example

The ring spectrum $H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge H\mathbb{F}_2$ neglects the Hopf map, and $\bar{\pi}_{,*}(H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge H\mathbb{F}_2)$ is (quasi-iso. to) the dual secondary Steenrod algebra.*

*The **secondary Steenrod algebra** \mathcal{B} is a graded crossed bimodule*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}[-1] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_1 \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathcal{B}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \rightarrow 0,$$

Steenrod algebra

*actually a **2-Hopf algebra**, computed by [Baues'06](#). The cohomology of \mathcal{B} leads to a direct computation of E_3 of Adams SS [[Baues-Jibladze'06](#)].*

The commutative case

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They are not enough! We need **graded shc crossed bimodules**,

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$$\smile_1: C_{*,0} \otimes C_{*,0} \longrightarrow C_{*,1}$$

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Theorem (Baues-M'06)

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A commutative example

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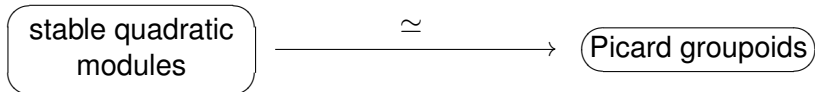
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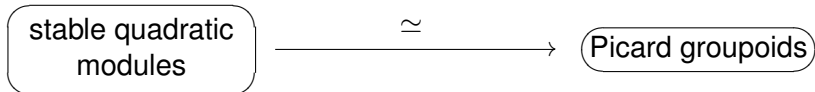
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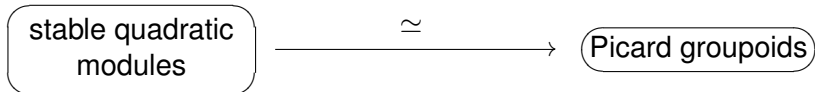


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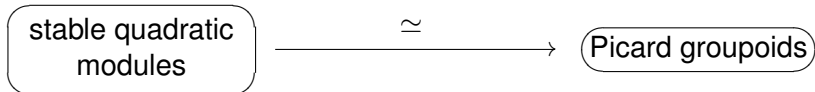
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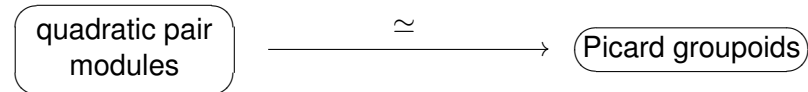
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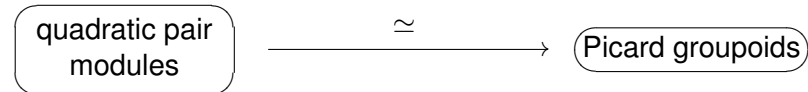
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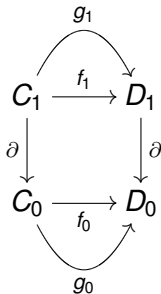
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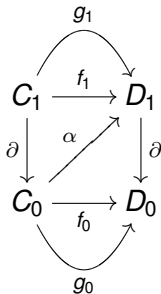
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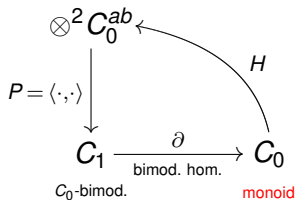
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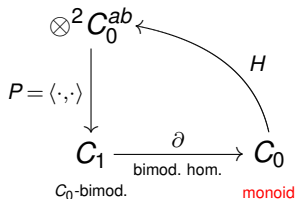
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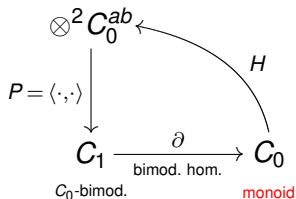
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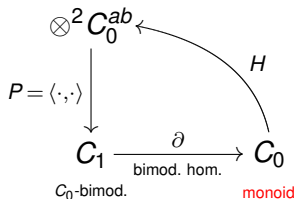
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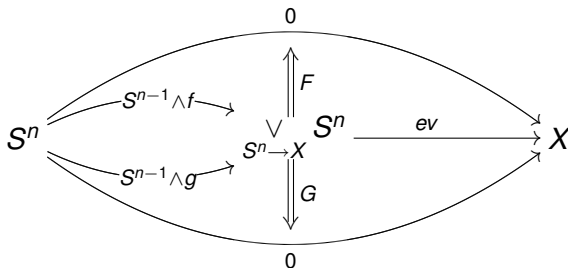
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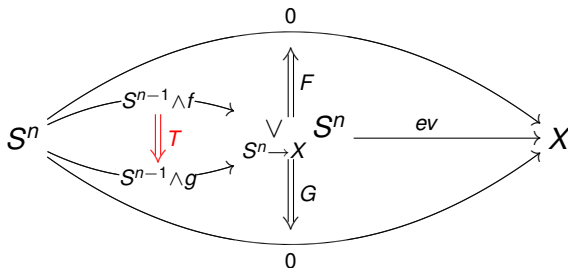
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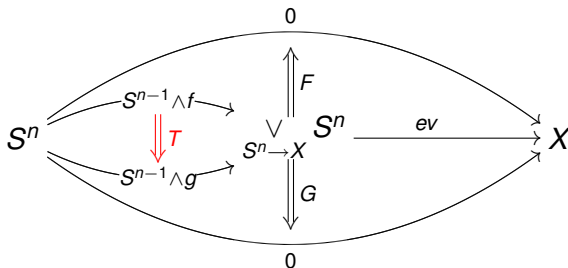
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