



# {Algebraic, Operational, Denotational} Semantics for Classical Controlled Quantum Communication

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# What?

- ... Quantum Communication

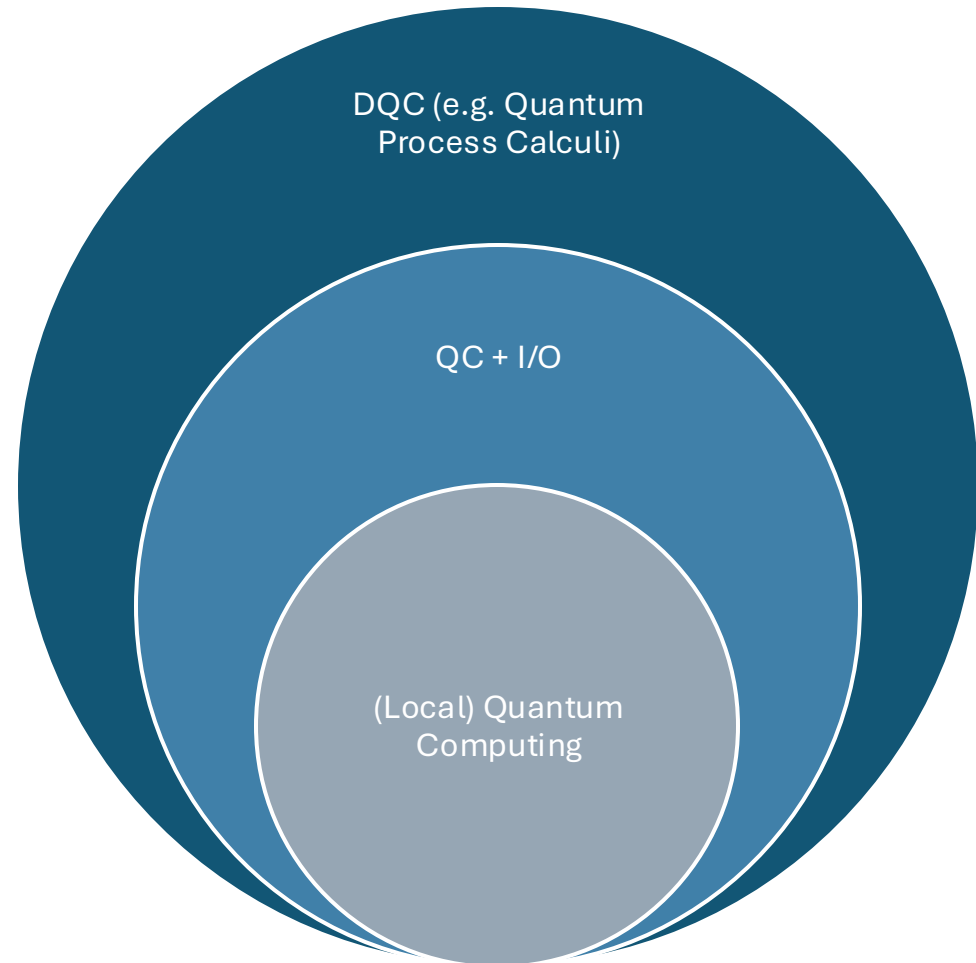
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r = in(); q = apply_U(r); out(q)
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- Classically-Controlled ...

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r = in(); q = new(|0>);  
if(measure(r) == |0>) then out(q) else skip
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# Why?

- DQC
- Quantum Protocols



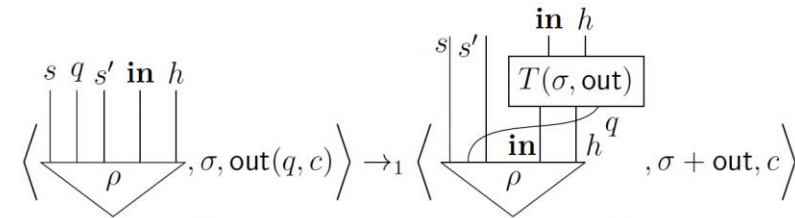
# How?

$$\text{new}(a.\text{in}(b.x(a, b))) = \text{in}(b.\text{new}(a.x(a, b)))$$

$$\text{apply}_X(a, a.\text{measure}(a, x, y)) = \text{measure}(a, y, x)$$

**Algebraic Theory**

Sound



**Operational Semantics**

Sound

$$T(X) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \{\text{in}, \text{out}\}^*} \text{Aux}(\sigma) \otimes X.$$

**Denotational Semantics**

Adequate &  
Fully Abstract

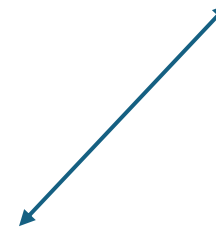
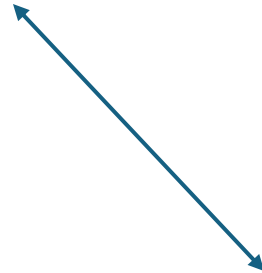
# Qubit Quantum Computing

# Starting Point

**Algebraic Theory**



**Operational Semantics**



**Denotational Semantics**

# Algebraic Theory **QUANTUM** (POPL '15)

**Operations**  $\text{op} : (p \mid m_1 \dots m_k)$

$\text{new} : (0 \mid 1)$        $\text{measure} : (1 \mid 0, 0)$

$\text{apply}_U : (n \mid n)$

**Equations**       $\Gamma \mid \Delta \vdash c = c'$

e.g.

$x : 0, y : 0 \mid \cdot \vdash \text{new}(q.\text{measure}(q, x, y)) = x$

**Terms**       $x_1 : m_1 \dots x_k : m_k \mid q_1 \dots q_p \vdash c$

$\text{new}(q.c)$        $\text{measure}(q, c_0, c_1)$

$\text{apply}_U(\vec{q}, \vec{q}'.c)$

e.g.

$\text{new}(q.\text{apply}_H(q, q.\text{measure}(q, x, y)))$

**Models**       $\llbracket c \rrbracket : \llbracket p \rrbracket \rightarrow \sum_i \llbracket m_i \rrbracket$

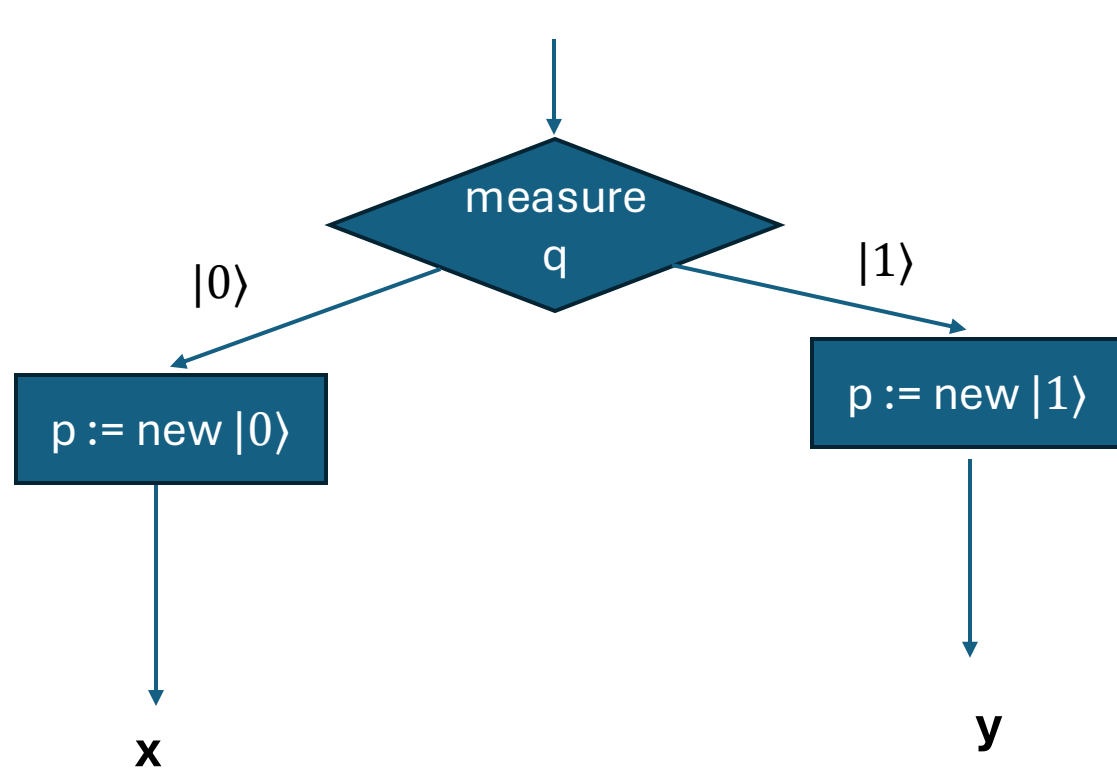
**Fully Complete** Denotational Model:

$\llbracket c \rrbracket : \text{qbit}^{\otimes p} \rightarrow \bigoplus_i \text{qbit}^{\otimes m_i}$

in the category of CP(TP) maps

# Feature: Classical Branching

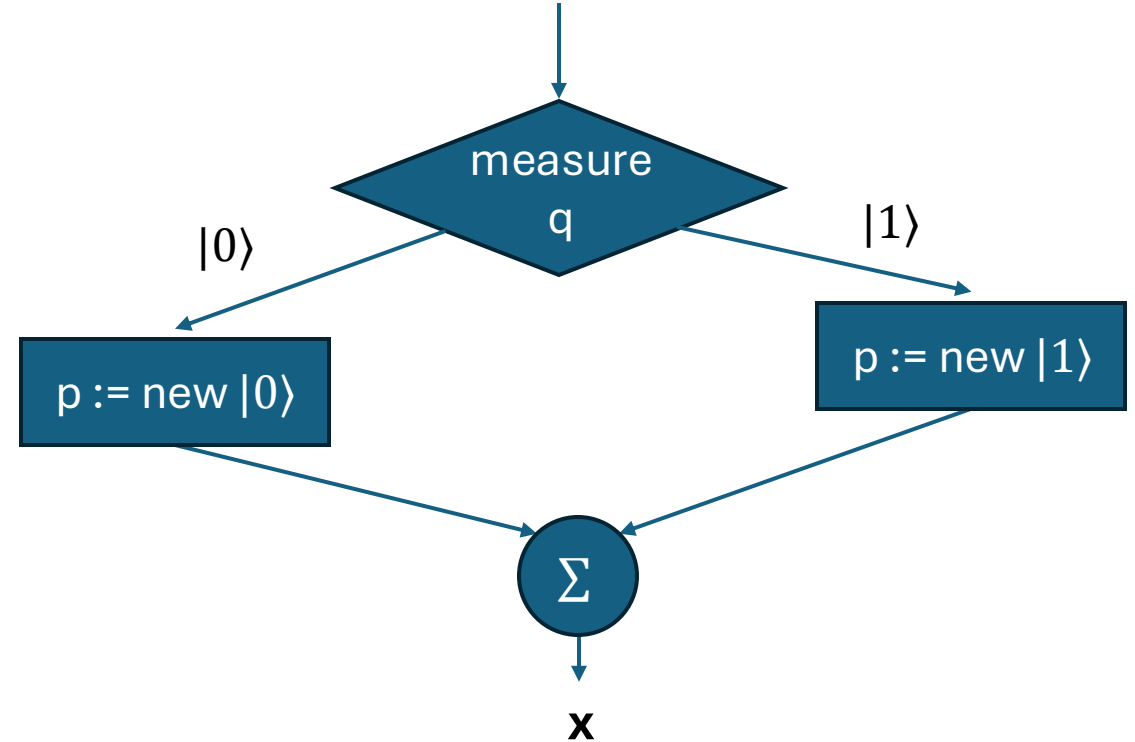
$x : 1, y : 1 \mid q \vdash \text{measure}(q, \text{new}_0(p.x(p)), \text{new}_1(p.y(p)))$       $x : 1 \mid q \vdash \text{measure}(q, \text{new}_0(p.x(p)), \text{new}_1(p.x(p)))$



$\llbracket c \rrbracket : \text{qbit} \rightarrow \text{qbit} \oplus \text{qbit}$

$\rho \mapsto (|0\rangle\langle 0| \rho |0\rangle\langle 0|, |1\rangle\langle 1| \rho |1\rangle\langle 1|)$

*We keep the classical information “in the type”*



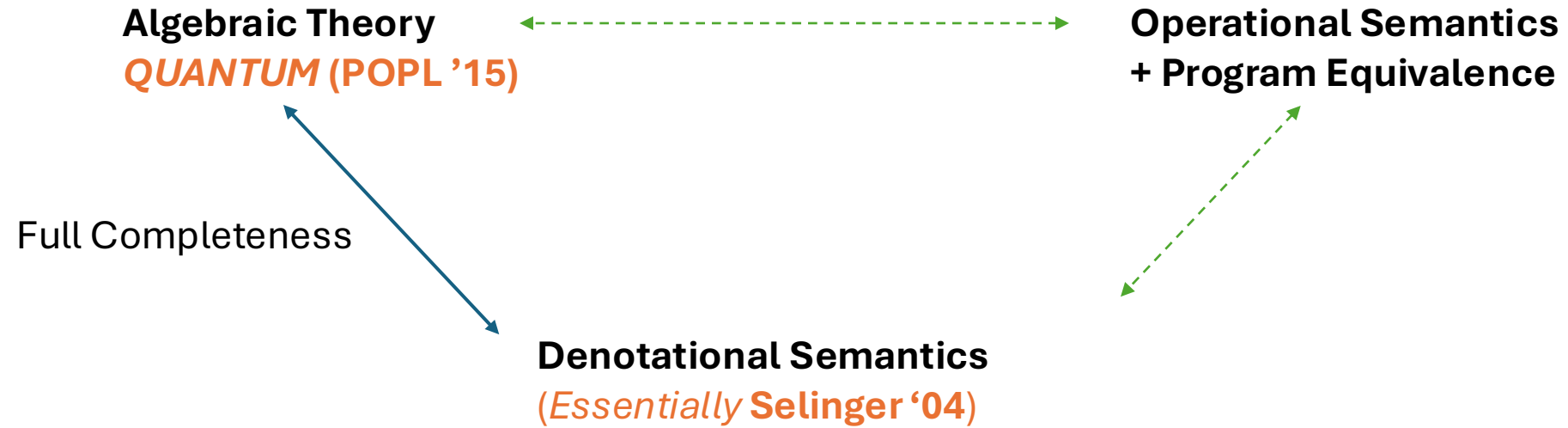
$\llbracket c' \rrbracket : \text{qbit} \rightarrow \text{qbit}$

$\rho \mapsto |0\rangle\langle 0| \rho |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \rho |1\rangle\langle 1|$

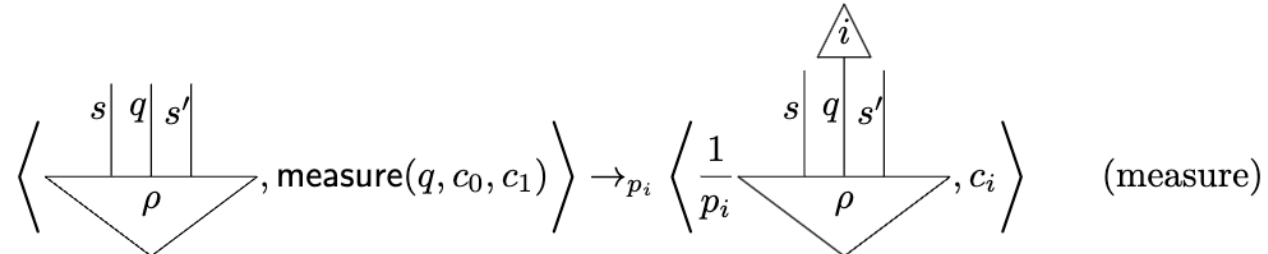
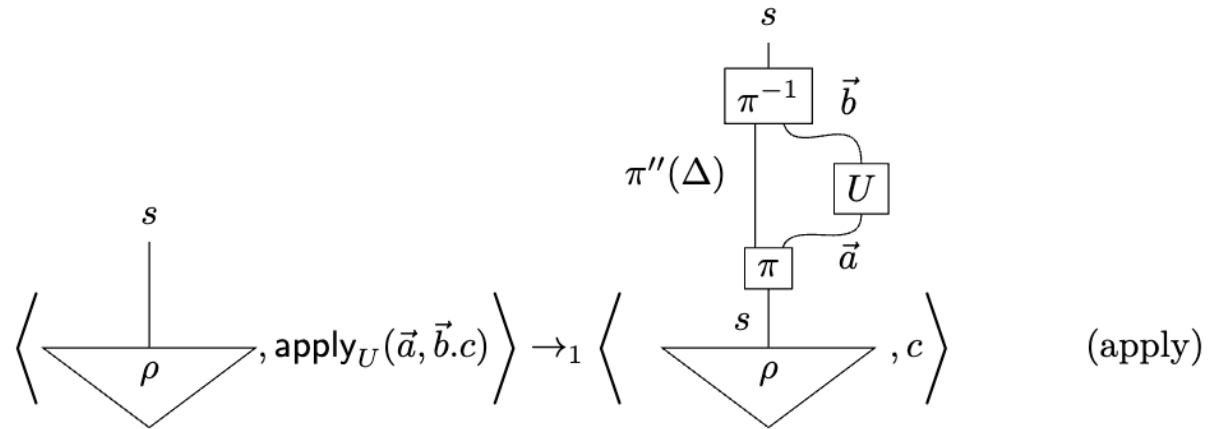
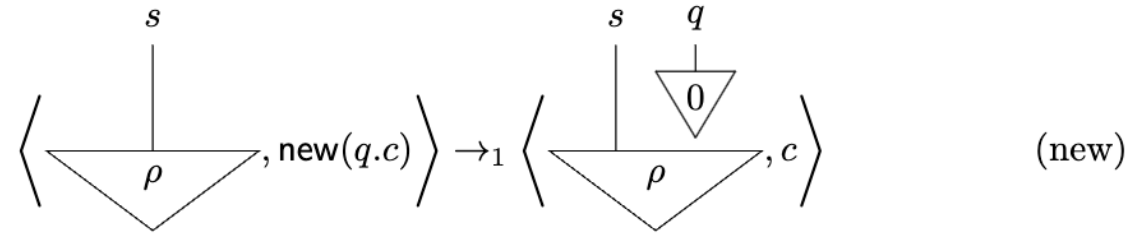
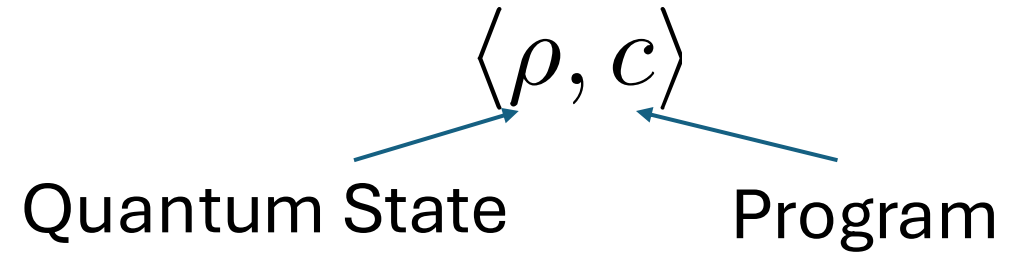
*We discard any classical information not in the type*



# So far...



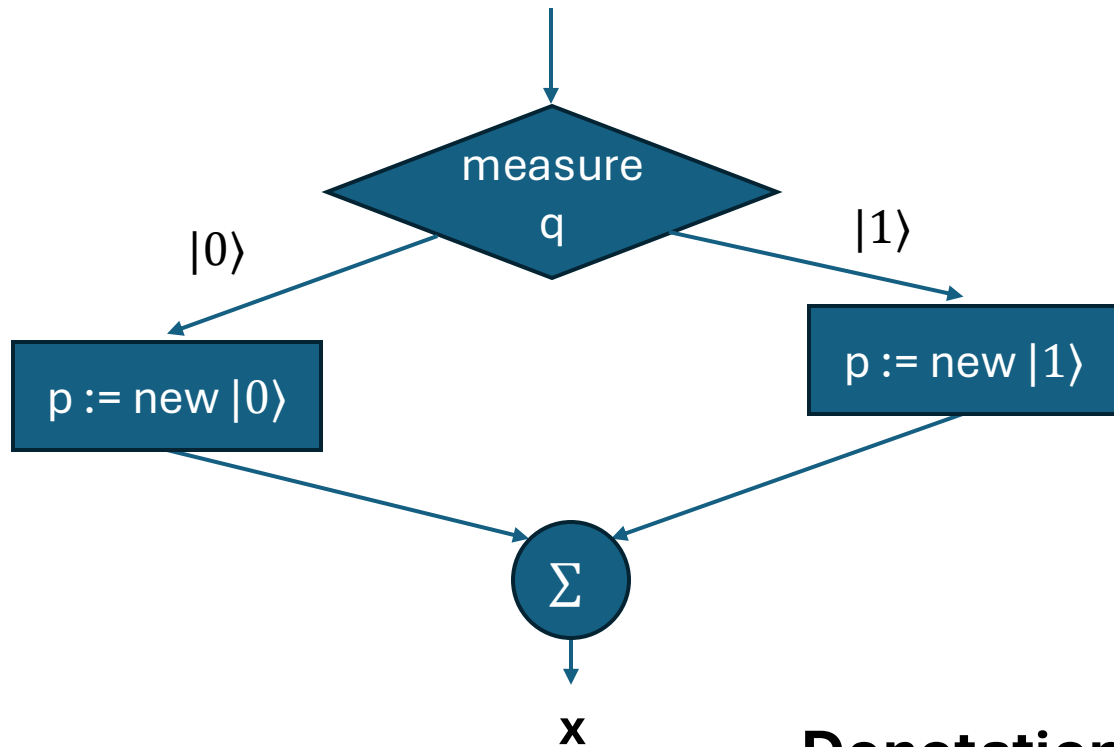
# Operational Semantics



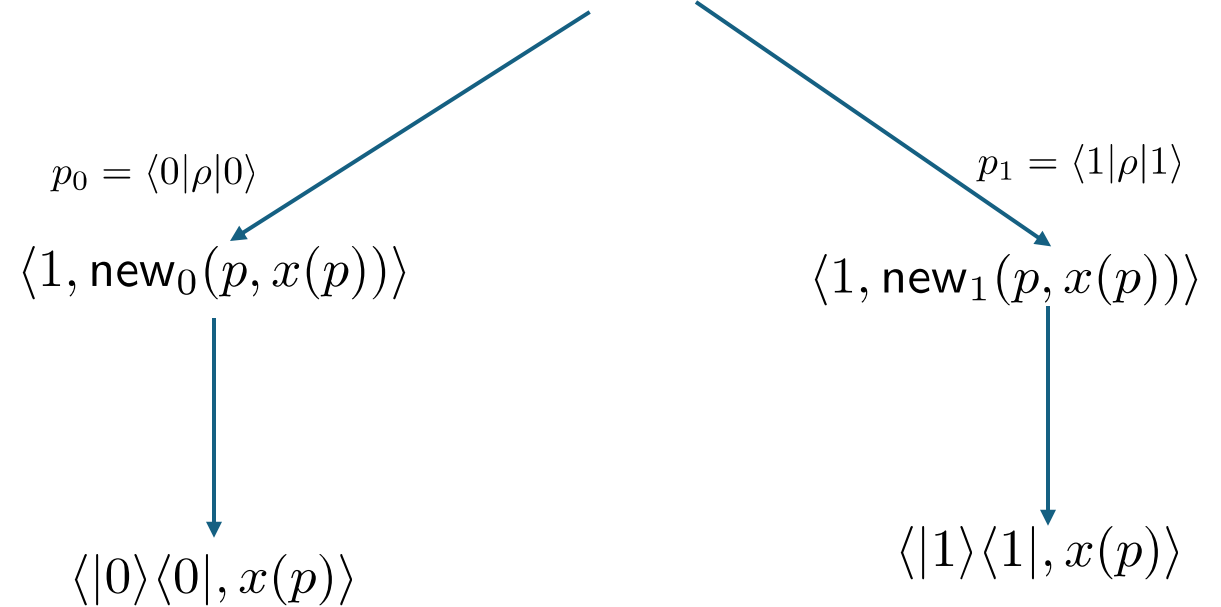
# Defining a Program Equivalence

**Strategy:** Construct Denotation from the operational semantics

$x : 1 \mid q \vdash \text{measure}(q, \text{new}_0(p.x(p)), \text{new}_1(p.x(p)))$



$\langle \rho, \text{measure}(q, \text{new}_0(p, x(p)), \text{new}_1(p, x(p))) \rangle$



**Denotation is:**

$$\rho \mapsto p_0 |0\rangle \langle 0| + p_1 |1\rangle \langle 1|$$

## Theorem:

$$\llbracket c \rrbracket_x(\rho) = \sum_{\psi} \text{Pr}(\langle \rho, c \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, x(\Delta_\psi) \rangle) \cdot \psi$$

## Corollary:

Two programs  $\Gamma|\Delta \vdash c, c'$  are denotationally equal if and only if for all  $x \in \Gamma$

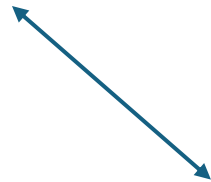
$$\sum_{\psi} \text{Pr}(\langle \rho, c \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, x(\Delta_\psi) \rangle) \cdot \psi = \sum_{\psi} \text{Pr}(\langle \rho, c' \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, x(\Delta_\psi) \rangle) \cdot \psi$$

# Recap

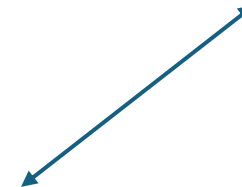
**Algebraic Theory**  
*QUANTUM* (POPL '15)



**Operational Semantics  
+ Program Equivalence**  
**Essentially the same** as  
Denotational Semantics



**Denotational Semantics**  
**In Category of CP maps**



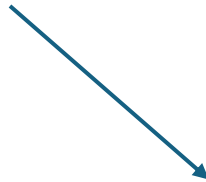
# Quantum Computing + Quantum Communication

# Goal

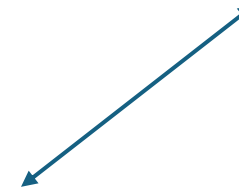
**Algebraic Theory**  
*QUANTUM* extended with  
I/O operations ?



**Operational Semantics  
+ Program Equivalence**  
Extended with ?



**Denotational Semantics**  
Construction on top of the *category of CP  
maps*?



# I/O $\otimes$ QUANTUM: An Algebraic Theory for Quantum Communication

Operations  $\text{op} : (p \mid m_1 \dots m_k)$

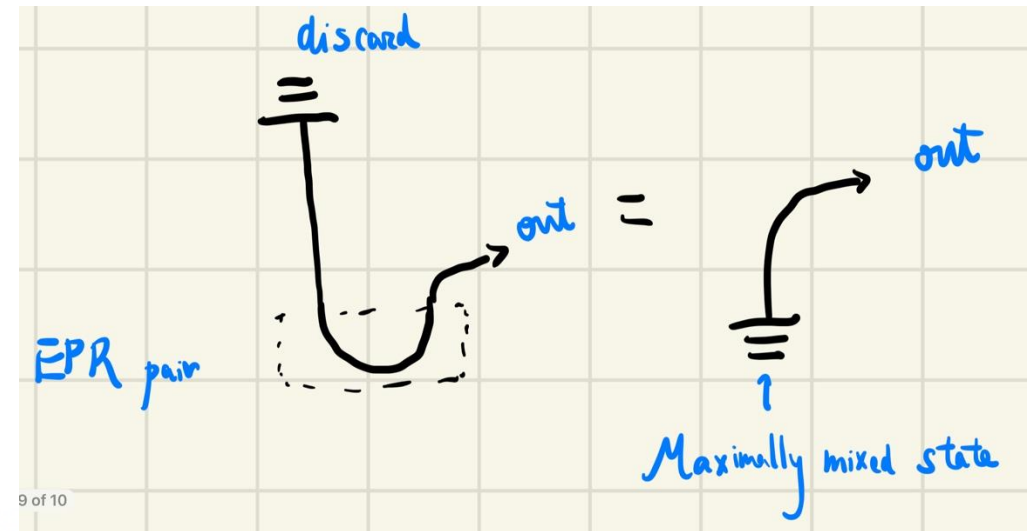
new :  $(0 \mid 1)$     measure :  $(1 \mid 0, 0)$     out :  $(1 \mid 0)$

apply<sub>U</sub> :  $(n \mid n)$     in :  $(0 \mid 1)$

Equations  $\Gamma \mid \Delta \vdash c = c'$

1- Input/Output **do not** commute with each other

2- Input/Output **commute** with “local” operations



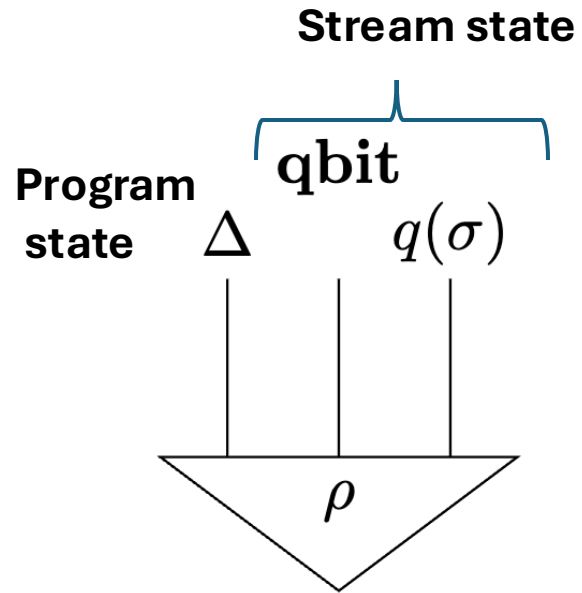
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$$\text{measure}(a, \text{out}(b, x), \text{out}(b, y)) = \text{out}(b, \text{measure}(a, x, y))$$



# Operational Semantics

A “**quantum stream**” to handle inputs and outputs

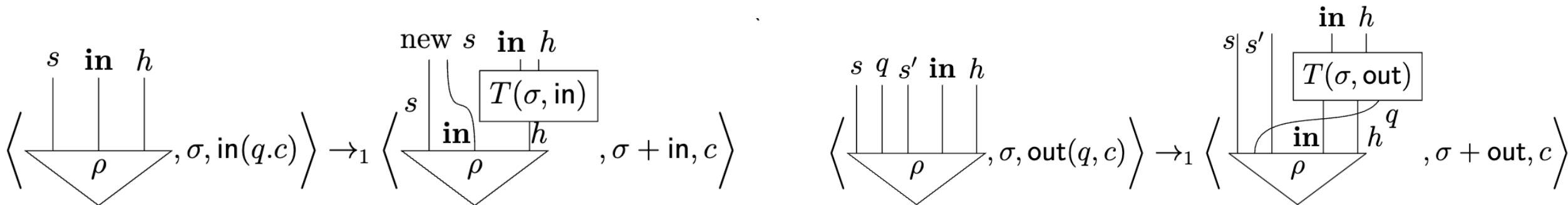


**State**  $\sigma \in \{\text{in}, \text{out}\}^*$

**Stream**  $(q, T) \in \text{Stream } X_0$  where

- $q(\sigma) \in \text{Ob}(\text{CP})$  is **the shape of the hidden state**
- $T(\sigma, \text{in}): \Delta \rightarrow \text{qbit} \otimes \Delta$   
and  $T(\sigma, \text{out}): \text{qbit} \otimes \Delta \otimes \text{qbit} \rightarrow \text{qbit} \otimes \Delta$   
are **state evolution maps**

**Configuration**  $\langle \rho, \sigma, c \rangle$  and Operational Semantics



# Program Equivalence $\Gamma \mid \Delta \vdash c \simeq_{qu} c'$

**Without communication:** merge all branches with the same continuation

$$\underbrace{\forall \rho.}_{\text{Initial Classical State}} \underbrace{\forall x.}_{\text{State Information}} \sum_{\psi} \Pr(\langle \rho, c \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, x(\Delta_{\psi}) \rangle) \cdot \psi = \sum_{\psi} \Pr(\langle \rho, c' \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, x(\Delta_{\psi}) \rangle) \cdot \psi$$

Initial Classical  
State Information

**With communication:** merge all branches with the same continuation *and* the same I/O trace

$$\underbrace{\forall \rho, (q, T), \sigma.}_{\text{Stream and Initial State}} \underbrace{\forall x, \sigma'.}_{\text{Classical Information}} \sum_{\psi} \Pr(\langle \rho, \sigma, c \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, \sigma + \sigma', x(\Delta_{\psi}) \rangle) \cdot \psi$$

Stream and  
Initial State      Classical  
Information

$$= \sum_{\psi} \Pr(\langle \rho, \sigma, c' \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, \sigma + \sigma', x(\Delta_{\psi}) \rangle) \cdot \psi$$

# Theorem: Operational semantics + Program Equivalence form a model of **I/O** $\otimes$ **QUANTUM**

**Algebraic Theory**  
**I/O**  $\otimes$  **QUANTUM**

Soundness



**Operational Semantics**  
**+ Program Equivalence**  
With a **Quantum Stream**

$$\Gamma \mid \Delta \vdash c = c'$$

*implies*

$$\Gamma \mid \Delta \vdash c \simeq_{qu} c'$$

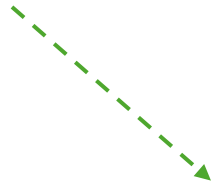
# Next Step

**Algebraic Theory**  
**I/O  $\otimes$  QUANTUM**

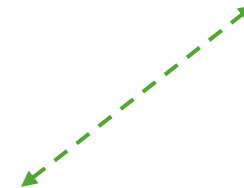
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**Denotational Semantics**  
Construction on top of the **category of CP  
maps?**



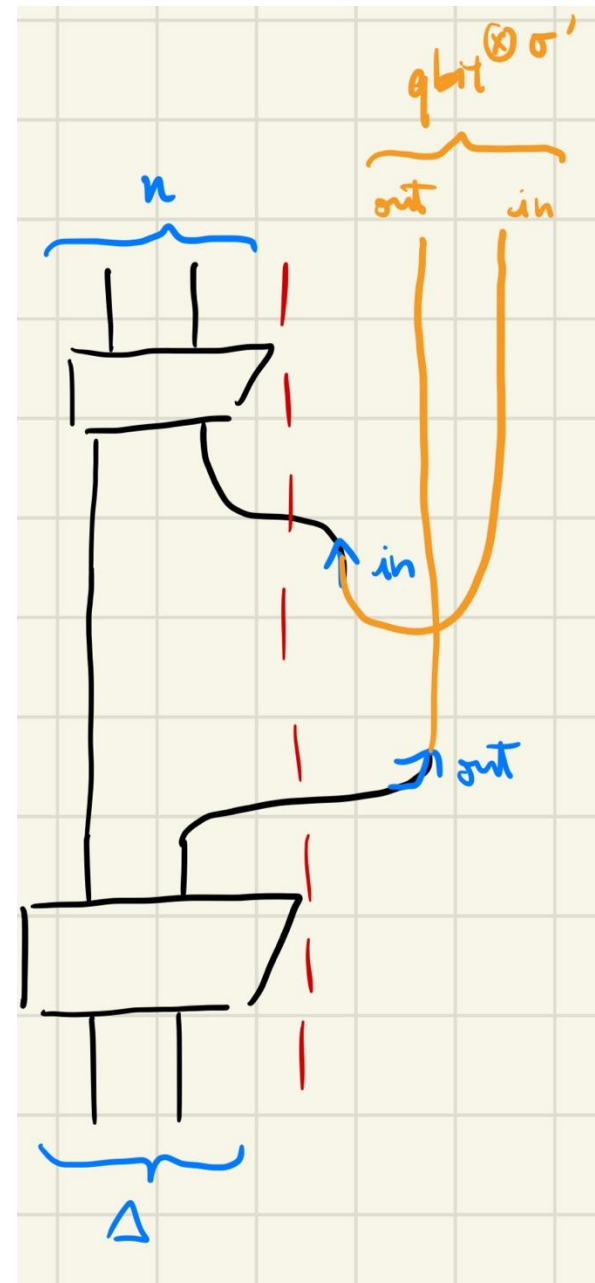
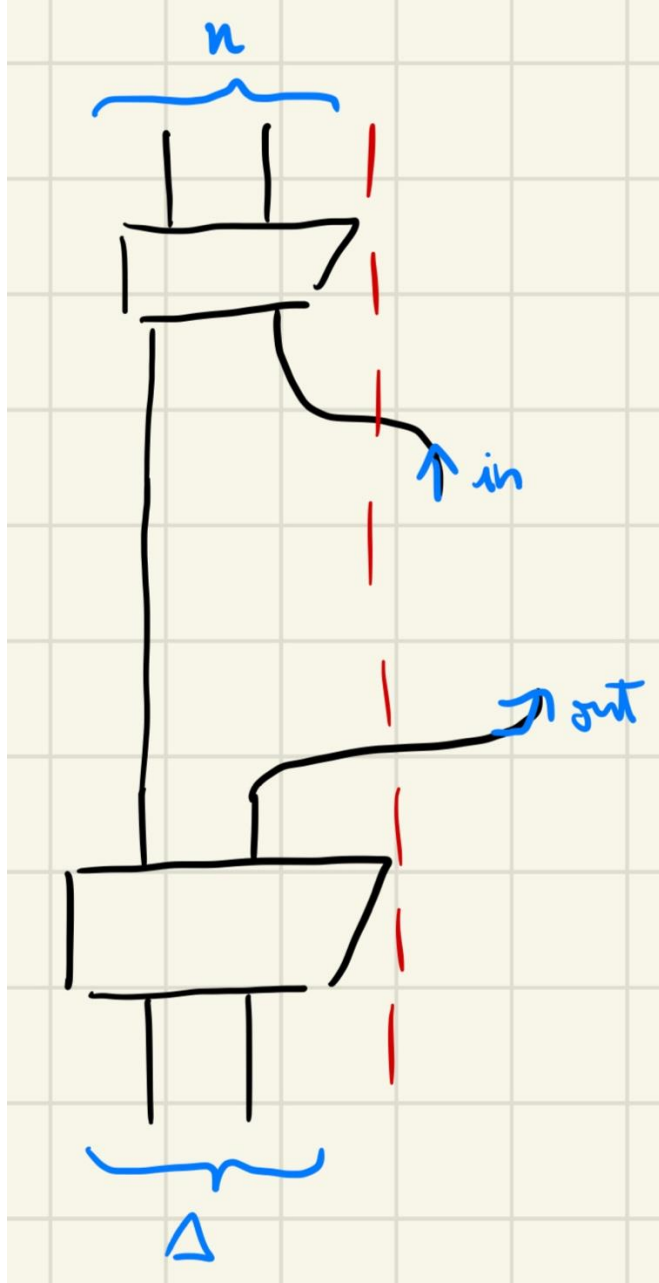
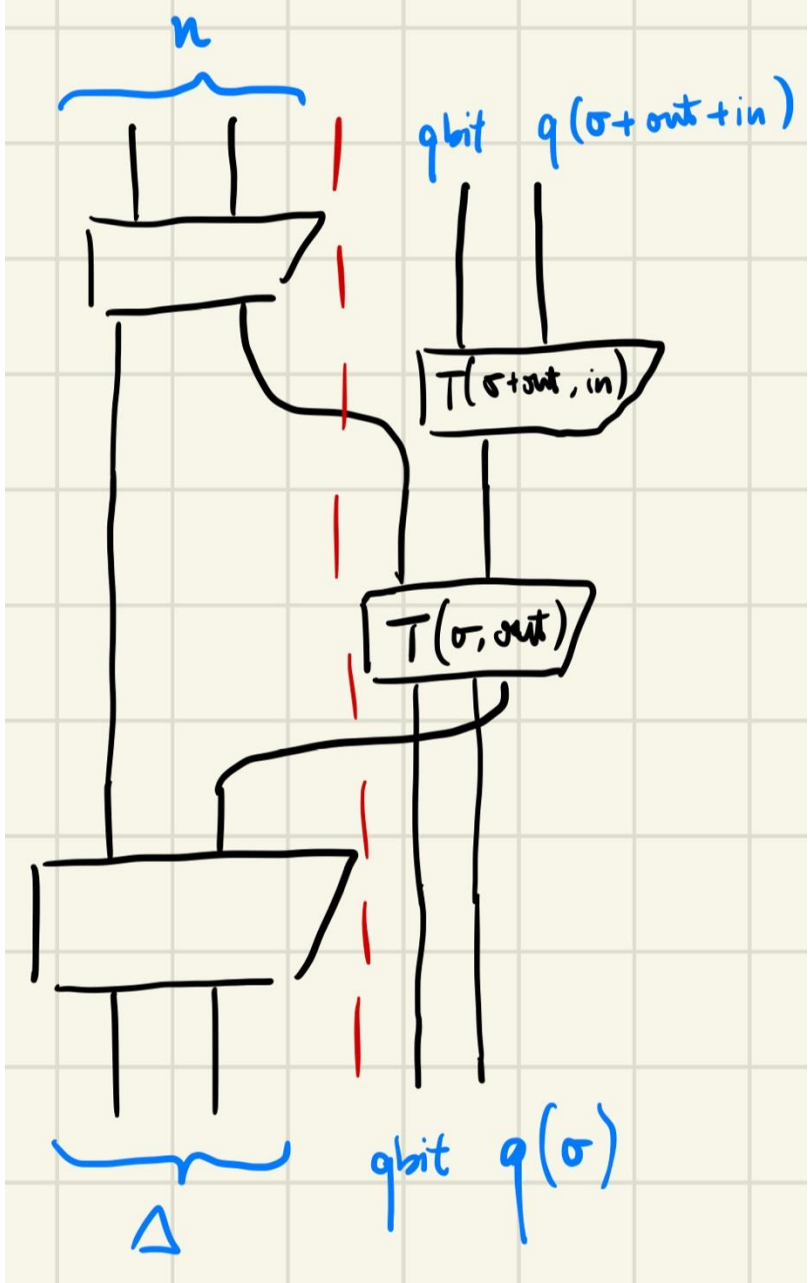
# A Monadic Denotational Semantics

## Our program equivalence

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \rho, (q, T), \sigma. \forall x, \sigma'. \sum_{\psi} \Pr(\langle \rho, \sigma, c \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, \sigma + \sigma', x(\Delta_{\psi}) \rangle) \cdot \psi \\ = \sum_{\psi} \Pr(\langle \rho, \sigma, c' \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, \sigma + \sigma', x(\Delta_{\psi}) \rangle) \cdot \psi \end{aligned}$$

## Consider

$$\llbracket c \rrbracket_{\sigma', (x:n)}^{(q, T), \sigma}(\rho) = \sum_{\psi} \Pr(\langle \rho, \sigma, c \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, \sigma + \sigma', x(\Delta_{\psi}) \rangle) \cdot \psi$$



$$\llbracket c \rrbracket_{\sigma', (x:n)}^{(q,T), \sigma}(\rho) = \sum_{\psi} \Pr(\langle \rho, \sigma, c \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \psi, \sigma + \sigma', x(\Delta_{\psi}) \rangle) \cdot \psi$$

$$\llbracket c \rrbracket_{\sigma', (x:n)} \text{ :?}$$

$$\llbracket c \rrbracket_{\sigma', (x:n)} : \text{qbit}^{\otimes \Delta} \rightarrow \text{qbit}^{\otimes n} \otimes \text{qbit}^{\otimes \sigma'}$$

# A Monadic Denotational Semantics

$$\llbracket c \rrbracket : \text{qbit}^{\otimes \Delta} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\sigma, (x:n) \in \Gamma} \text{qbit}^{\otimes \sigma} \otimes \text{qbit}^{\otimes n}$$

**Equivalently:**  $\llbracket c \rrbracket : \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \rightarrow T(\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket)$

where

$$T : \mathbf{CP}^{\infty} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^{\infty}$$

$$X \mapsto \bigoplus_{\sigma} \text{qbit}^{\otimes \sigma} \otimes X$$

**Theorem (Adequacy and Full Abstraction):**

$$\Gamma \mid \Delta \vdash c \simeq_{qu} c' \iff \llbracket c \rrbracket = \llbracket c' \rrbracket$$

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**Algebraic Theory**

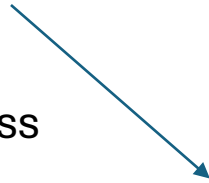
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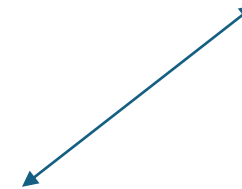


**Operational Semantics  
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Soundness



**Monadic Denotational Semantics**

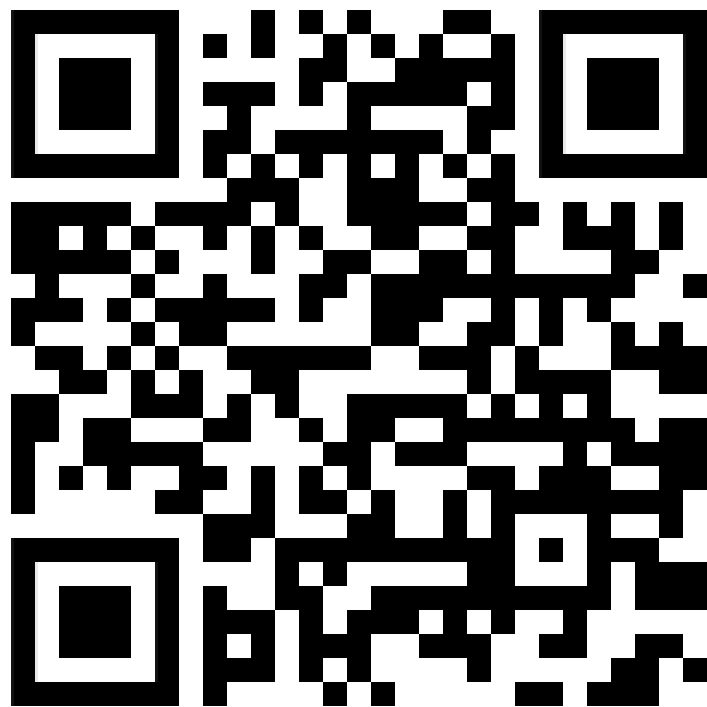


Adequacy &  
Full Abstraction



# Future Work

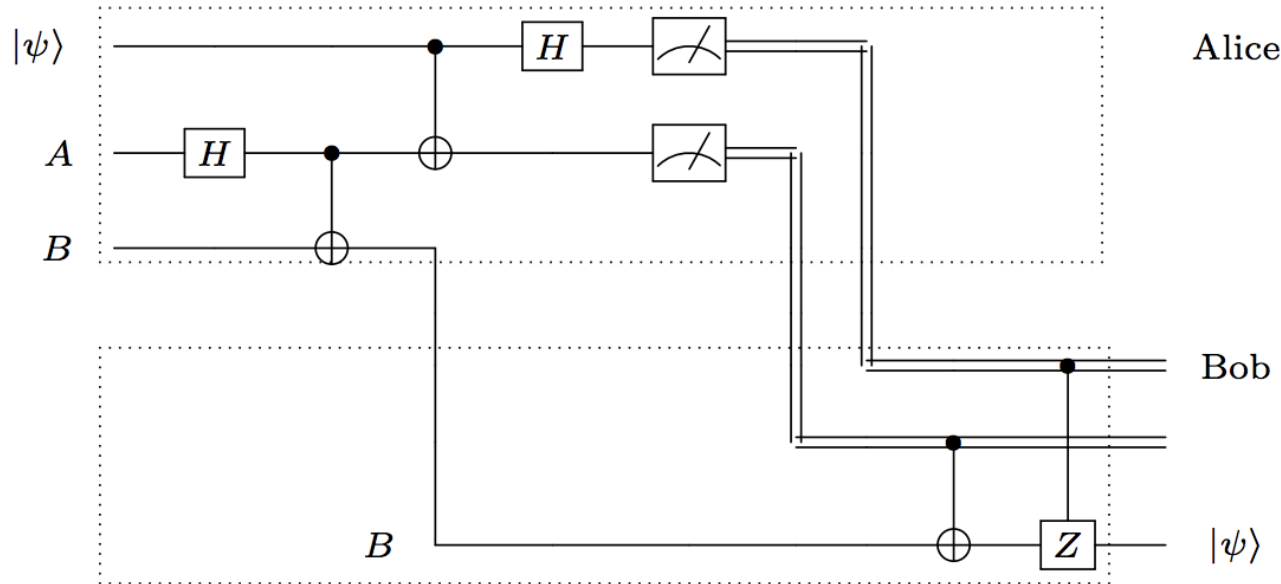
- Complete model?
- Connections to quantum process calculi?
- Connections to Higher Order Quantum Computing?



Preprint link: <https://theo.wang/works/2024-09-MSc-thesis>

# Garbage Slides

# Why?



<https://att-innovate.github.io/squanch/demos/quantum-teleportation.html>

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A: q = generate_epr(); out(q); [...]
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B: q = in(); ...
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