

# POLYATEGORIES OF SUPERMAPS ON MONOIDAL CATEGORIES

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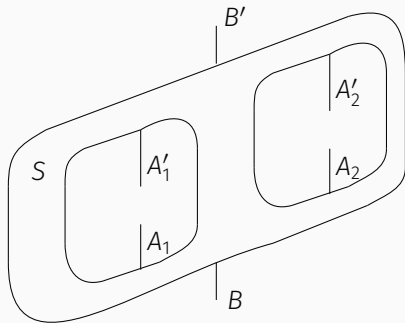
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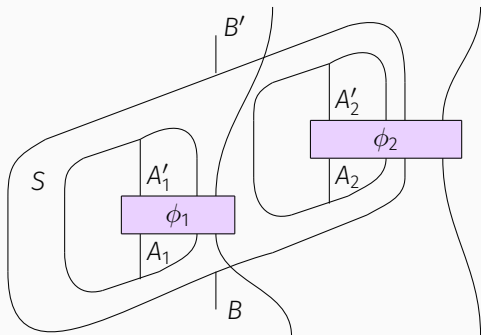
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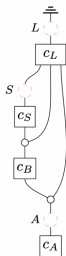
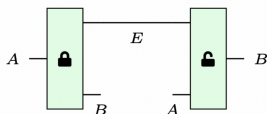
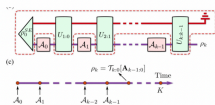
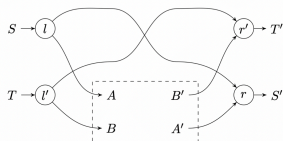
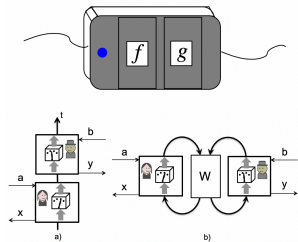


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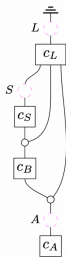
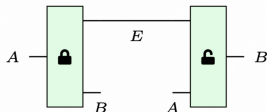
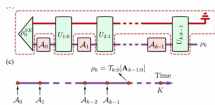
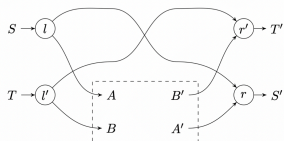
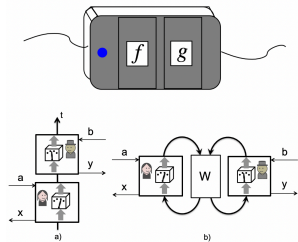
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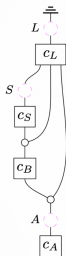
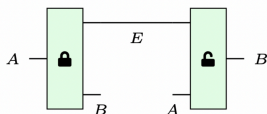
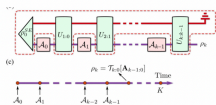
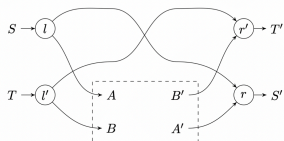
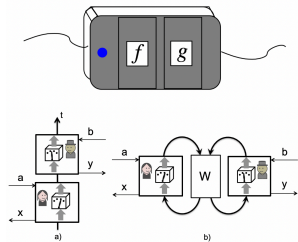
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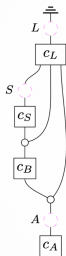
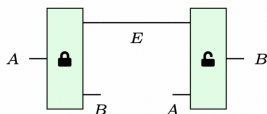
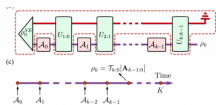
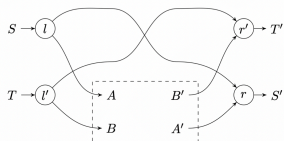
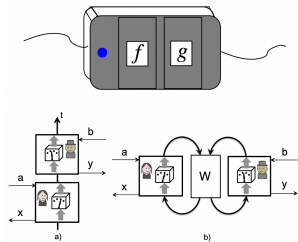
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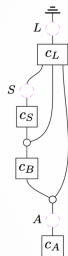
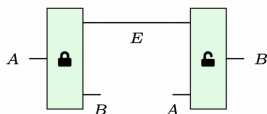
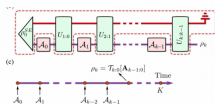
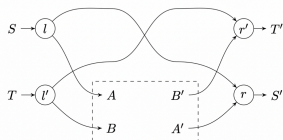
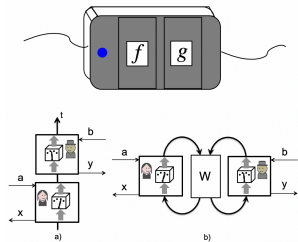
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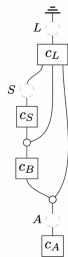
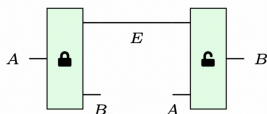
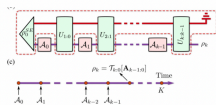
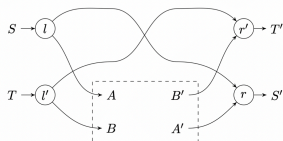
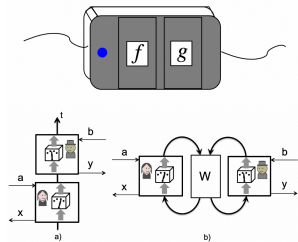


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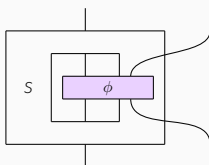


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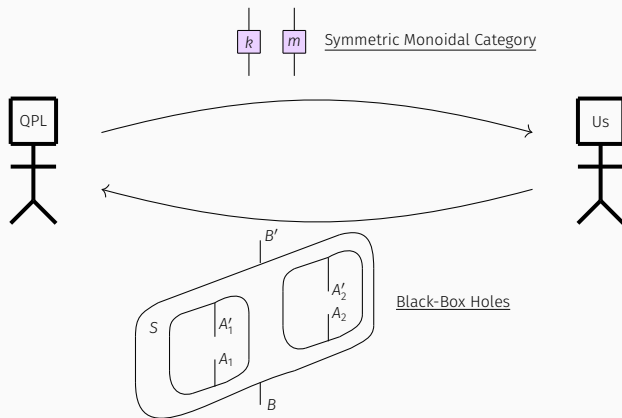
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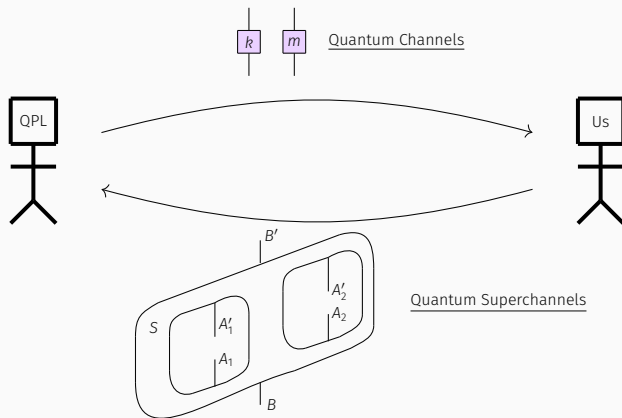
Technical Problems:

- General Hilbert spaces
- Supermaps on Operational Probabilistic Theories

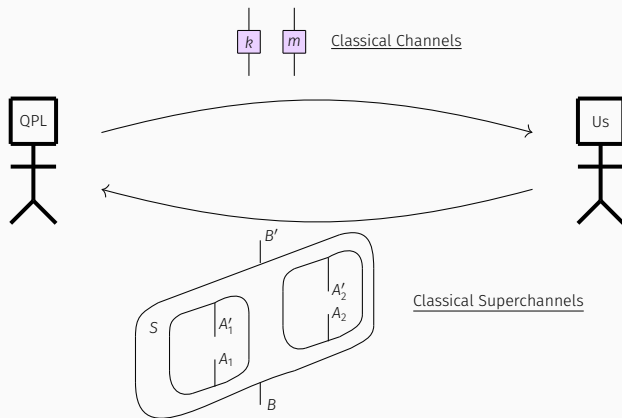
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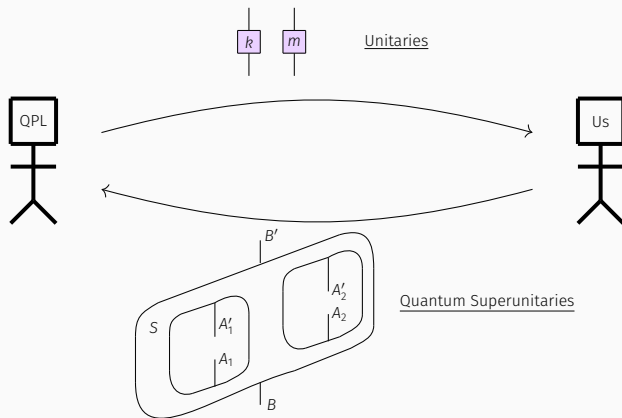
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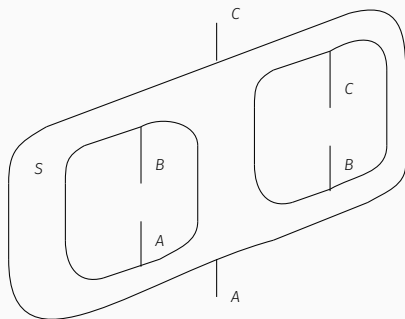


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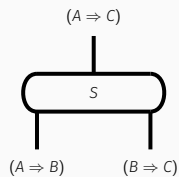


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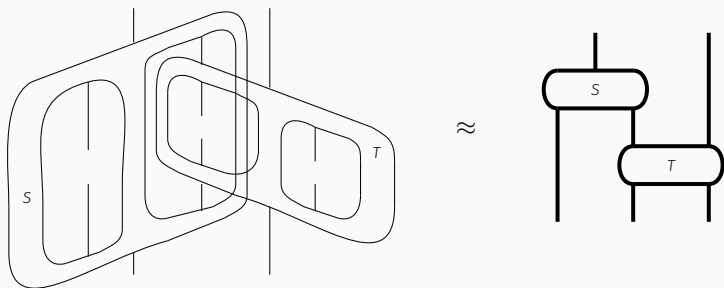
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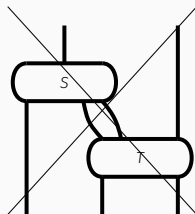
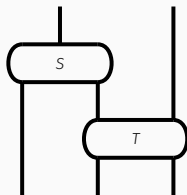
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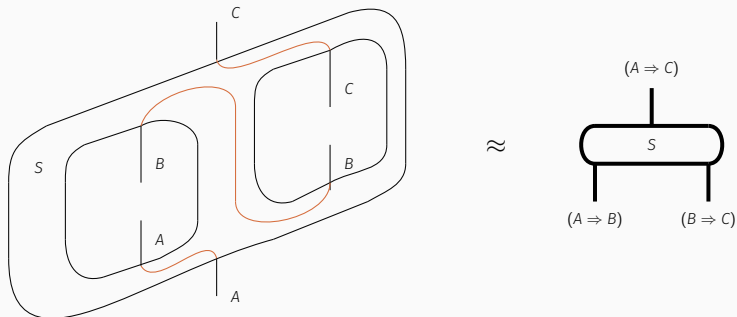
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## Examples

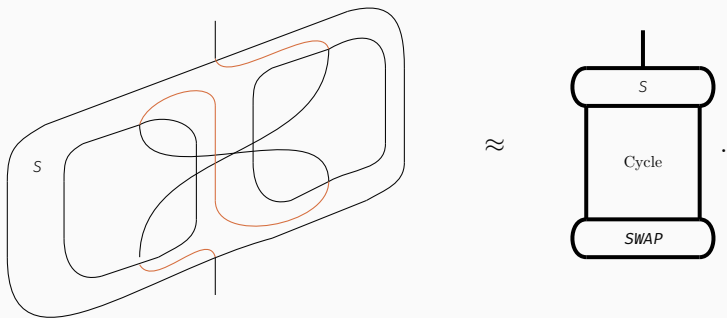
- **QS**: Quantum Superchannels
- **CS**: Classical Superchannels
- **Su**: Quantum Superunitaries

Polycategorical structure and **enrichment**



The polycategories **QS**, **CS**, **SU** enrich **QC**, **Stoch**, **U** respectively

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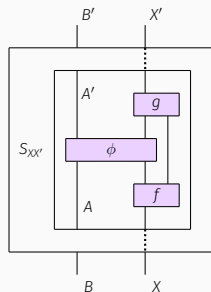
Categorical constructions for classes of supermaps:

- Higher Order Causal Categories
- Combs and Profunctor Optics
- **Supermaps by local applicability**

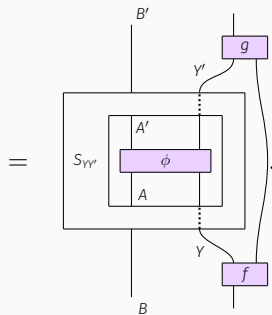
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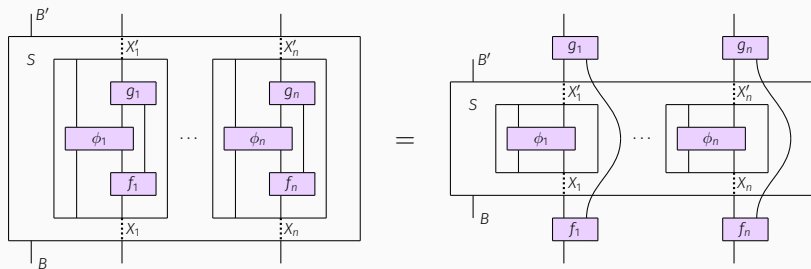
$$S_{XX'} : \mathbf{C}(AX, A'X') \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(BX, B'X')$$



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$$S : \times_{i=1}^n (A_i \Rightarrow A'_i) \longrightarrow (B \Rightarrow B')$$

$$S_{X_1 \dots X_n}^{X'_1 \dots X'_n} : \times_{i=1}^n \mathbf{C}(A_i X_i, A'_i X'_i) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(B X_1 \dots X_n, B' X'_1 \dots X'_n)$$



## Theorem

*There is a one-to-one correspondence between locally applicable transformations on quantum channels and deterministic quantum supermaps of type*

$$\times_{i=1}^n (A_i \Rightarrow A'_i) \longrightarrow (B \Rightarrow B')$$

In categorical language, there are equivalences

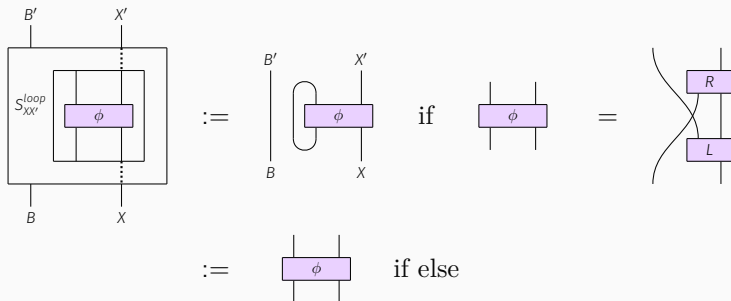
$$\mathbf{QS} \cong_{\text{Multi}} \mathbf{Lot}[\mathbf{QC}] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{CS} \cong_{\text{Multi}} \mathbf{Lot}[\mathbf{Stoch}]$$

*But:* we can only say

$$\mathbf{Su} \subseteq_{\text{Multi}} \mathbf{lot}[\mathbf{U}]$$

# SNEAKY NON-LINEARITY

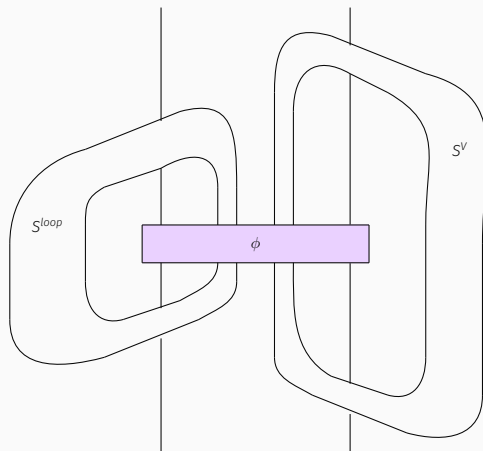
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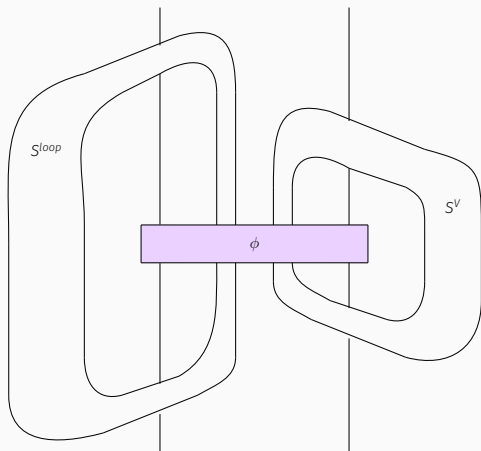
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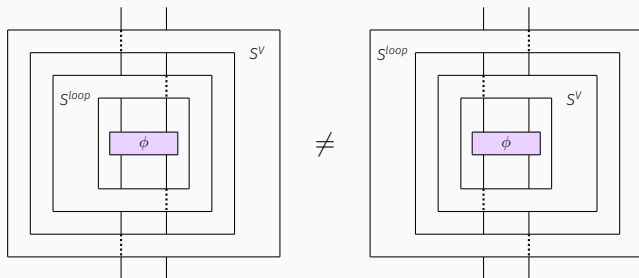
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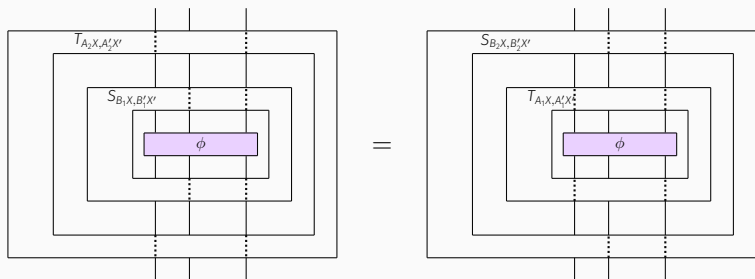
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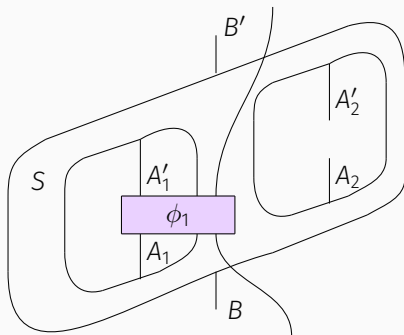
A slot  $S$  is a locally-applicable transformation such that for every locally applicable transformation  $T$ :



- Taking centre
- Taking a bicommutant

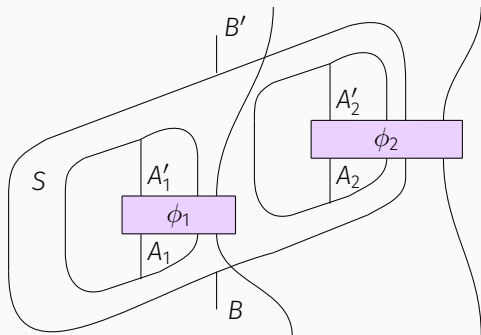
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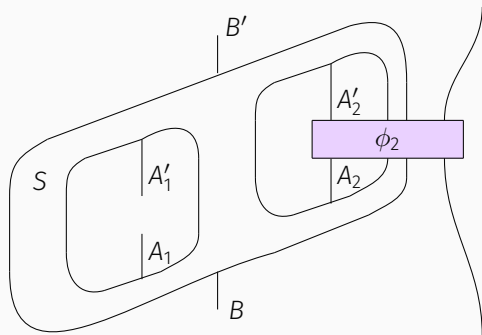
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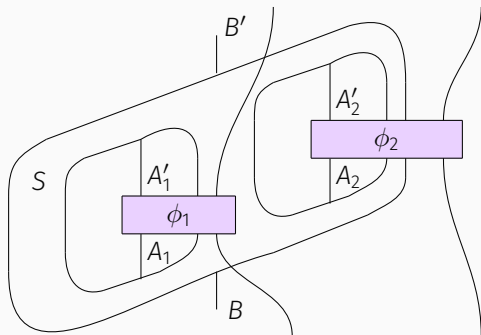
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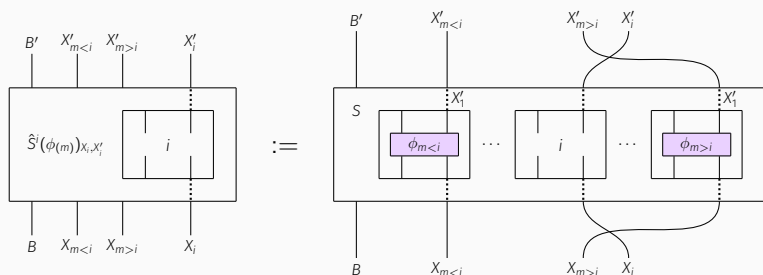
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# POLYSLOTS (SEMI-FORMAL)

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Is a slot of type

$$S^i(\phi(m)) : (A_i \Rightarrow A'_i) \rightarrow (B \otimes \underline{X}_{m<i} \otimes \underline{X}_{m>i} \Rightarrow B' \otimes \underline{X}'_{m<i} \otimes \underline{X}'_{m>i})$$

## Theorem (Compositionality)

For any symmetric monoidal category  $\mathbf{C}$  then  $\mathbf{pslot}[\mathbf{C}]$  is a symmetric polycategory, furthermore,  $\mathbf{C}$  is enriched in  $\mathbf{pslot}[\mathbf{C}]$ .

## Theorem (Reconstruction)

Let  $\mathbf{QC}$  and  $\mathbf{U}$  be the categories of finite dimensional channels and unitaries respectively, then:

$$\mathbf{QS} \cong_{\text{poly}} \mathbf{pslot}[\mathbf{QC}] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Su} \cong_{\text{poly}} \mathbf{pslot}[\mathbf{U}]$$

The **pslot**[**C**] construction:

- Always returns a symmetric polycategory
- Which enriches the monoidal structure of **C**
- Which recovers the superchannels from the quantum channels
- Which recovers the superunitaries from the unitaries

Cool, so are we done? ...

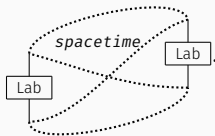
Weaknesses from the aesthetic point of view:

- Not obviously functorial
- Not obviously universal
- Not obviously a bare-minimum
- Relies heavily on symmetries
- Representability ( $\otimes$ ,  $\boxtimes$ )?
- Structure preserving maps should be changes of base for enrichment
- Should we expect even stronger compositional features?

Need a general meta-theory for comparison of approaches

We have working supermap definitions for OPTs and arbitrary Hilbert spaces

- Characterise and compare with concrete approaches in  $\infty$ -dimensional setting
- Post-quantum causal structures?



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Beyond quantum supermaps is the general framework of higher order quantum theory

- Constructions of higher-order quantum theory allow for super-super-super...maps
- Can we reconstruct all layers from the **pslot**-construction?

$$(A_1 \Rightarrow A_1') \Rightarrow (A_2 \Rightarrow A_2') \longrightarrow (B \Rightarrow B')$$

In short, can we generalize construction of higher-order causal categories to arbitrary symmetric monoidal categories?

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- Quantum Supermaps are Characterized by Locality

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.09844>

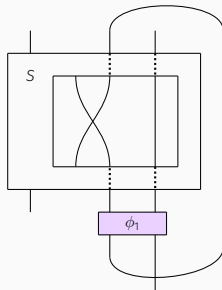


- Free Polycategories for Unitary Supermaps of Arbitrary Dimension

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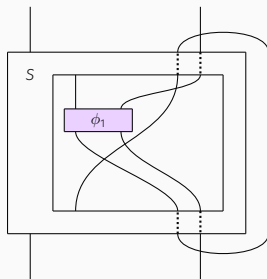


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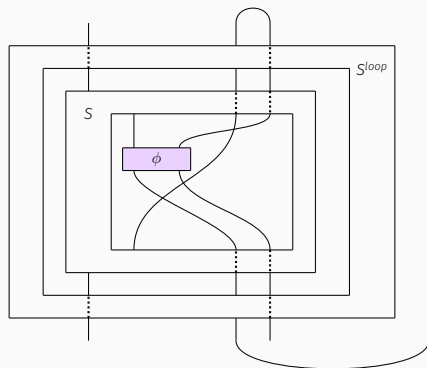




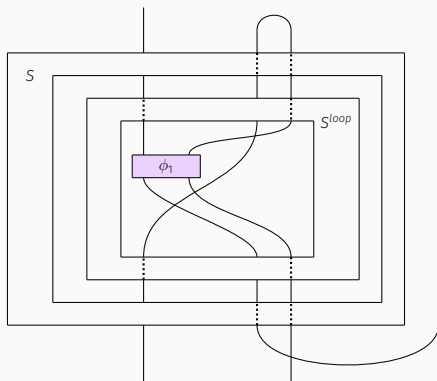
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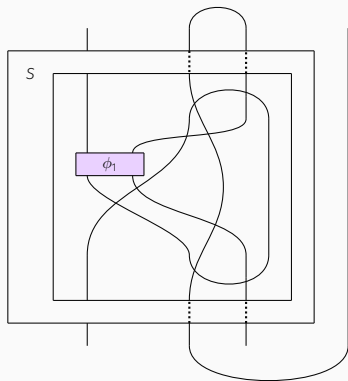
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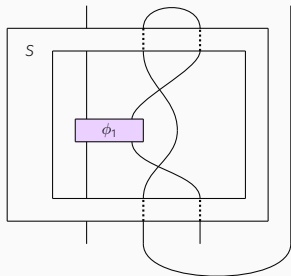
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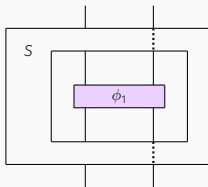
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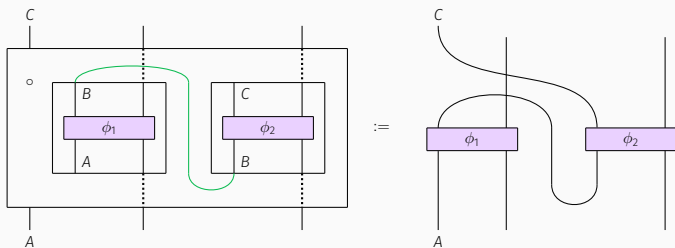


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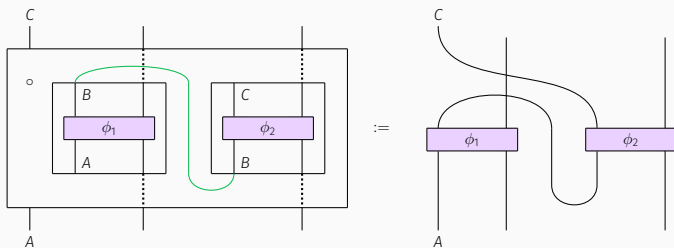
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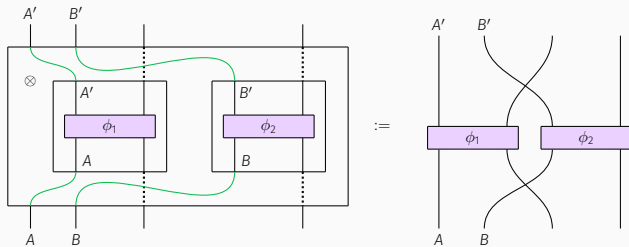


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