

# Geometry of Interaction for ZX-Diagrams

Kostia Chardonnet, Benoît Valiron, Renaud Vilmart

Univ. Paris Saclay, LMF  
Univ. Paris, IRIF

kostia@lri.fr

Journées GT Scalp 2021

- Classical bits as vectors:  $|0\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|1\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Classical bits as vectors:  $|0\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|1\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- Arbitrary quantum bits (qubits):  $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$

- Classical bits as vectors:  $|0\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|1\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- Arbitrary quantum bits (qubits):  $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$
- Larger systems:  $q_0 \otimes q_1, |01\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

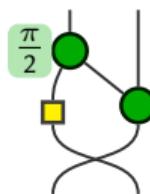
- Classical bits as vectors:  $|0\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|1\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- Arbitrary quantum bits (qubits):  $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$
- Larger systems:  $q_0 \otimes q_1, |01\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- Operations are *linear maps*

- Was introduced by Coecke and Duncan in 2008

- Was introduced by Coecke and Duncan in 2008
- Is part of the Categorical Quantum Mechanics program (Abramsky&Coecke'04)

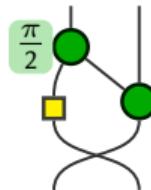
- Was introduced by Coecke and Duncan in 2008
- Is part of the Categorical Quantum Mechanics program (Abramsky&Coecke'04)

- Manipulates string diagrams e.g.



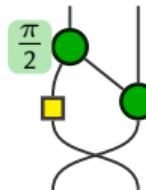
- Was introduced by Coecke and Duncan in 2008
- Is part of the Categorical Quantum Mechanics program (Abramsky&Coecke'04)

- Manipulates string diagrams e.g.
- Relaxes unitarity



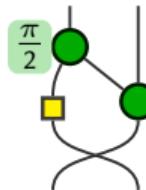
- Was introduced by Coecke and Duncan in 2008
- Is part of the Categorical Quantum Mechanics program (Abramsky&Coecke'04)

- Manipulates string diagrams e.g.



- Relaxes unitarity
- Is Universal (can encode any linear map)

- Was introduced by Coecke and Duncan in 2008
- Is part of the Categorical Quantum Mechanics program (Abramsky&Coecke'04)
- Manipulates string diagrams e.g.
- Relaxes unitarity
- Is Universal (can encode any linear map)
- Lack a direct operational interpretation (this talk !)



---

Generators

---



---

Generators

---



---

Compositions

---

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \boxed{\dots} & \circ & \boxed{\dots} \\
 D_2 & & D_1 \\
 \dots & & \dots
 \end{array}
 & = &
 \begin{array}{c}
 \boxed{\dots} \\
 D_1 \\
 \dots \\
 D_2 \\
 \dots
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \boxed{\dots} \otimes \boxed{\dots} \\
 D_1 \\
 \dots \\
 D_2 \\
 \dots
 \end{array}
 = \begin{array}{cc}
 \boxed{\dots} & \boxed{\dots} \\
 D_1 & D_2 \\
 \dots & \dots
 \end{array}$$

---

Generators

---



---

Compositions

---

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ | \\ D_2 \\ | \\ \dots \end{array} \circ \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ | \\ D_1 \\ | \\ \dots \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ | \\ D_1 \\ | \\ \dots \\ | \\ D_2 \\ | \\ \dots \end{array}$$

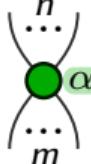
$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ | \\ D_1 \\ | \\ \dots \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ | \\ D_2 \\ | \\ \dots \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ | \\ D_1 \\ | \\ \dots \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ | \\ D_2 \\ | \\ \dots \end{array}$$

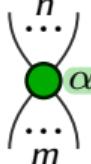
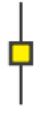
---

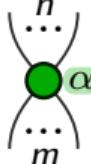
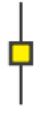
Standard Interpretation

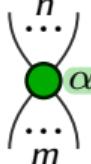
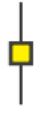
---

$$[\![\cdot]\!]: \mathbf{ZX} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$$

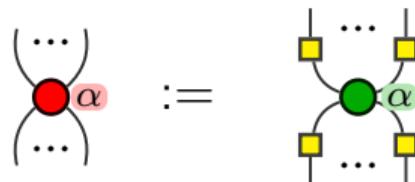
- A spider:  ::  $2^m \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & 0 & e^{i\alpha} \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{2^n} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l|l} |0\dots0\rangle & \mapsto |0\dots0\rangle \\ |1\dots1\rangle & \mapsto e^{i\alpha} |1\dots1\rangle \\ - & \mapsto 0 \end{array} \right.$

- A spider:  ::  $2^m \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & e^{i\alpha} \end{pmatrix}}_{2^n} \right\} = \begin{cases} |0\dots0\rangle \mapsto |0\dots0\rangle \\ |1\dots1\rangle \mapsto e^{i\alpha} |1\dots1\rangle \\ - \mapsto 0 \end{cases}$
- A change of basis:  ::  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} |0\rangle \mapsto \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\ |1\rangle \mapsto \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \end{cases}$

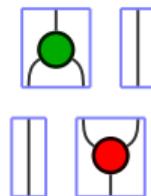
- A spider:  ::  $2^m \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & e^{i\alpha} \end{pmatrix}}_{2^n} \right\} = \begin{cases} |0\dots0\rangle \mapsto |0\dots0\rangle \\ |1\dots1\rangle \mapsto e^{i\alpha} |1\dots1\rangle \\ \vdots \mapsto 0 \end{cases}$
- A change of basis:  ::  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} |0\rangle \mapsto \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\ |1\rangle \mapsto \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \end{cases}$
- Wires:  ::  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |x\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle, \quad \text{X} \text{ (cross symbol)} :: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |xy\rangle \mapsto |yx\rangle$

- A spider:  ::  $2^m \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & e^{i\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \right. \overbrace{\quad}^{2^n} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |0\dots0\rangle \mapsto |0\dots0\rangle \\ |1\dots1\rangle \mapsto e^{i\alpha} |1\dots1\rangle \\ \vdots \mapsto 0 \end{array} \right.$
- A change of basis:  ::  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |0\rangle \mapsto \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \\ |1\rangle \mapsto \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array} \right.$
- Wires:  ::  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |x\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle, \quad \text{X} \text{ (cross symbol)} :: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |xy\rangle \mapsto |yx\rangle$
-  ::  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha |00\rangle + \alpha |11\rangle : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$
-  ::  $(1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1) = |xy\rangle \mapsto \delta_{x=y} : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

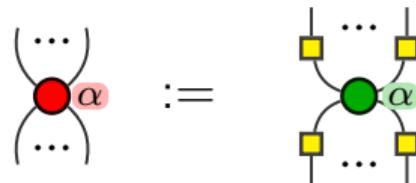
We define a new spider :



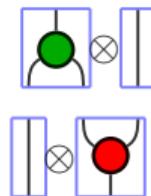
CNOT =



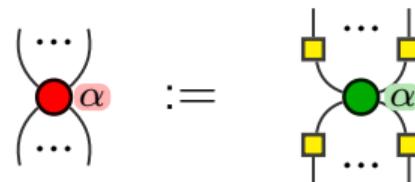
We define a new spider :



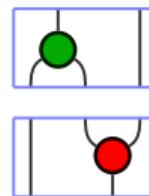
CNOT =



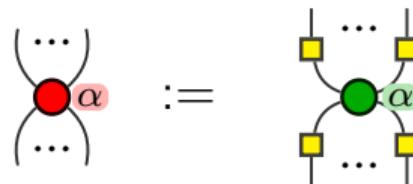
We define a new spider :

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{...} \\ \text{...} \end{array} \quad \alpha \quad := \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{...} \\ \text{...} \end{array} \quad \alpha \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{...} \\ \text{...} \end{array}$$


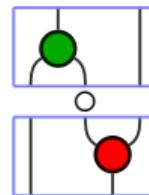
CNOT =



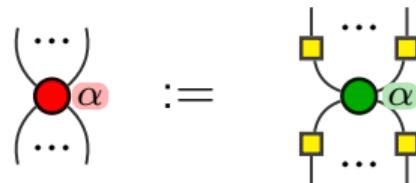
We define a new spider :



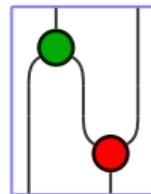
CNOT =



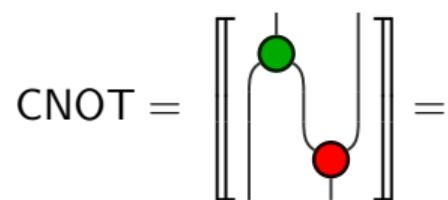
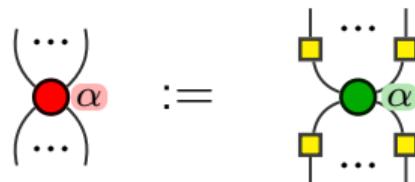
We define a new spider :



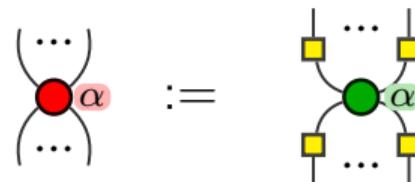
CNOT =



We define a new spider :

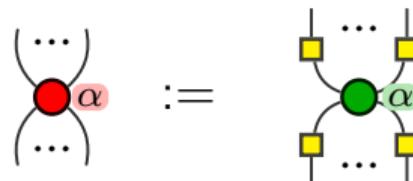


We define a new spider :



$$\text{CNOT} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{green dot} \\ \text{red dot} \end{array} \right] = (\left[ \right] \otimes \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{red dot} \end{array} \right]) \circ (\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{green dot} \end{array} \right] \otimes \left[ \right])$$

We define a new spider :



$$\text{CNOT} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{green circle} \\ \text{red circle} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Gol as a **Token Machine**
  - Proof Nets / ZX seen as graphs
  - Tokens travel through the graph
  - Proof Nets  $\Rightarrow$  Capture computational content of the proof
  - Our Token Machine : superposition of tokens, multiple tokens, collisions, ...
- $\Rightarrow$  Bring Operational Semantic on ZX-Diagrams.

Already existing work: “The geometry of parallelism. classical, probabilistic, and quantum effects” [Dal Lago, Faggian, Valiron, Yoshimizu]

	Dal Lago et al.	This Work
Superposition	✗	✓
Asynchronicity	✗	✓
Types	✓	✗

## Token

3-tuple  $(e, d, b) \in \mathcal{E}(D) \times \{\uparrow, \downarrow\} \times \{0, 1\}$

where:

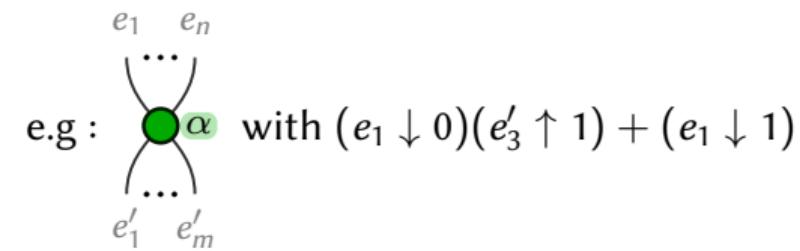
- $e$  is an edge of the ZX-Diagram  $D$
- $d$  is a direction
- $b$  is the state of the token

## Token

3-tuple  $(e, d, b) \in \mathcal{E}(D) \times \{\uparrow, \downarrow\} \times \{0, 1\}$

where:

- $e$  is an edge of the ZX-Diagram  $D$
- $d$  is a direction
- $b$  is the state of the token



## Token State

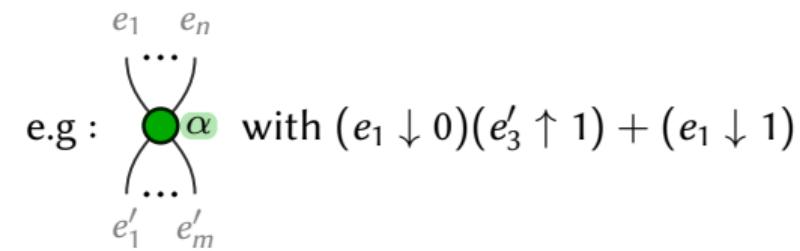
A *token state* is a **sum of products** of tokens with complex coefficients.

## Token

3-tuple  $(e, d, b) \in \mathcal{E}(D) \times \{\uparrow, \downarrow\} \times \{0, 1\}$

where:

- $e$  is an edge of the ZX-Diagram  $D$
- $d$  is a direction
- $b$  is the state of the token



## Token State

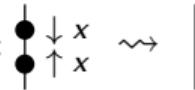
A *token state* is a **sum of products** of tokens with complex coefficients.

- The tokens modify the global token state as they move.

- Tokens represent information  $\bullet \downarrow 0$  and  $\bullet \downarrow 1$

- Tokens represent information  $\bullet \downarrow 0$  and  $\bullet \downarrow 1$
- Multiple tokens on a diagram

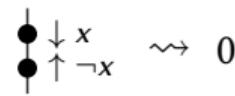
- Tokens represent information  $\bullet \downarrow 0$  and  $\bullet \downarrow 1$
- Multiple tokens on a diagram
- Weighted sum of these diagrams : superposition (e.g.  $\alpha \bullet \downarrow 0 + \beta \bullet \downarrow 1$ )

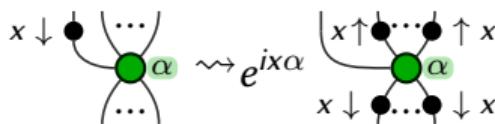
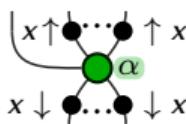
- Tokens represent information  $\bullet \downarrow 0$  and  $\bullet \downarrow 1$
- Multiple tokens on a diagram
- Weighted sum of these diagrams : superposition (e.g.  $\alpha \bullet \downarrow 0 + \beta \bullet \downarrow 1$ )
- Collisions : 

- Tokens represent information  $\bullet \downarrow 0$  and  $\bullet \downarrow 1$
- Multiple tokens on a diagram
- Weighted sum of these diagrams : superposition (e.g.  $\alpha \bullet \downarrow 0 + \beta \bullet \downarrow 1$ )

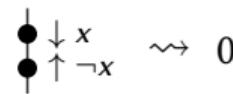
- Collisions :  $\bullet \downarrow x \uparrow x \rightsquigarrow | \qquad \bullet \downarrow x \uparrow \neg x \rightsquigarrow 0$

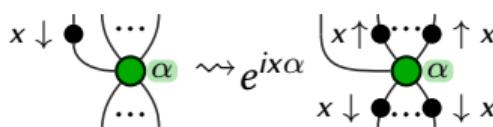
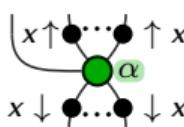
- Tokens represent information  $\bullet \downarrow 0$  and  $\bullet \downarrow 1$
- Multiple tokens on a diagram
- Weighted sum of these diagrams : superposition (e.g.  $\alpha \bullet \downarrow 0 + \beta \bullet \downarrow 1$ )

- Collisions :   $\rightsquigarrow$  |   $\rightsquigarrow 0$

- Diffusions :   $\rightsquigarrow e^{ix\alpha}$  

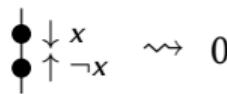
- Tokens represent information  $\bullet \downarrow 0$  and  $\bullet \downarrow 1$
- Multiple tokens on a diagram
- Weighted sum of these diagrams : superposition (e.g.  $\alpha \bullet \downarrow 0 + \beta \bullet \downarrow 1$ )

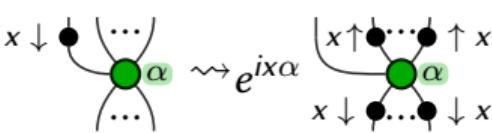
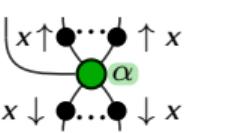
- Collisions :   $\rightsquigarrow$  |   $\rightsquigarrow 0$

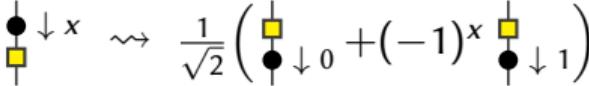
- Diffusions :   $\rightsquigarrow e^{ix\alpha}$  

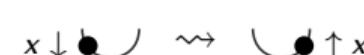
$$\bullet \downarrow x \rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \bullet \downarrow 0 + (-1)^x \bullet \downarrow 1 \right)$$

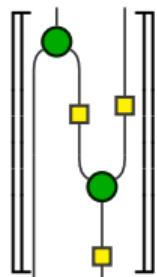
- Tokens represent information  $\bullet \downarrow 0$  and  $\bullet \downarrow 1$
- Multiple tokens on a diagram
- Weighted sum of these diagrams : superposition (e.g.  $\alpha \bullet \downarrow 0 + \beta \bullet \downarrow 1$ )

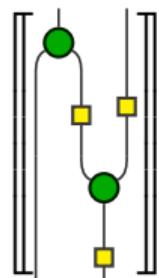
- Collisions :   $\rightsquigarrow$  |   $\rightsquigarrow 0$

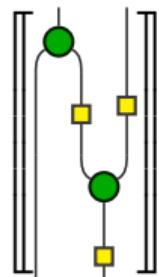
- Diffusions :   $\rightsquigarrow e^{ix\alpha}$  

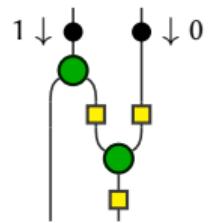
  $\rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \bullet \downarrow 0 + (-1)^x \bullet \downarrow 1 \right)$

  $\rightsquigarrow$   ...

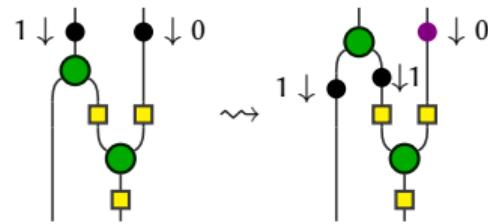

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{green circle} \\ \text{yellow square} \\ \text{green circle} \\ \text{yellow square} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$


$$\text{Circuit Diagram} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$


$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$



$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$



$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |1\rangle \langle 0| + |1\rangle \langle 1| \right)$$

# Example

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: } 1 \downarrow \bullet \text{---} \bullet \downarrow 0 \\ \text{Diagram 2: } 1 \downarrow \bullet \text{---} \bullet \downarrow 1 \\ + \text{Diagram 3: } 1 \downarrow \bullet \text{---} \bullet \downarrow 1 \end{array} \right)$$

# Example

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: Left qubit } 1 \downarrow, \text{ right qubit } 0 \downarrow \\ \text{Diagram 2: Left qubit } 1 \downarrow, \text{ right qubit } 1 \downarrow \end{array} \right)$$

# Example

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: } 1 \downarrow \text{ (green circle)} - 1 \downarrow \text{ (green circle)} \\ \text{Diagram 2: } 1 \downarrow \text{ (green circle)} + 1 \downarrow \text{ (green circle)} \end{array} \right) \right)$$

# Example

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{2} \left( \dots - \dots + \dots - \dots \right)$$

# Example

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$\sim^* \frac{1}{2} \left( \text{Term 1} - \text{Term 2} + \text{Term 3} \right)$$

# Example

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$1 \downarrow$     $\bullet$     $\bullet \downarrow 0$

$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{2} \left($

$+ \quad \bullet \downarrow 1 \quad \bullet \downarrow 0 \quad - \quad \bullet \downarrow 1 \quad \bullet \downarrow 1 \quad \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$1 \downarrow$     $\bullet$     $\bullet \downarrow 0$

$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{2} \left($

$-$     $\bullet$     $\bullet \downarrow 1$

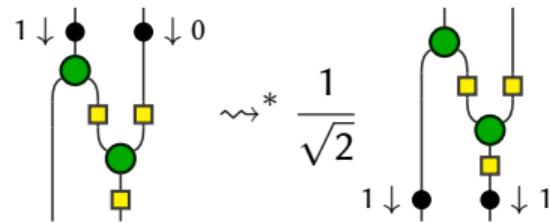
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

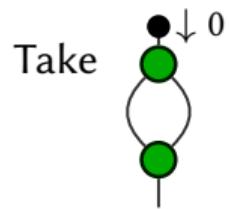
$$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Circuit 1: Left qubit } 1 \downarrow, \text{ Right qubit } 0 \downarrow \\ \text{Circuit 2: Left qubit } 1 \downarrow, \text{ Right qubit } 0 \downarrow \\ \text{Circuit 3: Left qubit } 1 \downarrow, \text{ Right qubit } 1 \downarrow \end{array} \right)$$

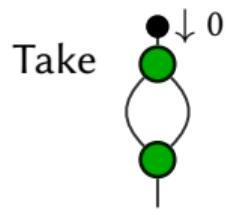
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$\rightsquigarrow^* \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: } 1\downarrow \bullet \text{---} \bullet \downarrow 0 \\ \text{Diagram 2: } 1\downarrow \bullet \text{---} \bullet \downarrow 1 \\ \text{Diagram 3: } 1\downarrow \bullet \text{---} \bullet \downarrow 0 \\ \text{Diagram 4: } 1\downarrow \bullet \text{---} \bullet \downarrow 1 \end{array} \right)$$

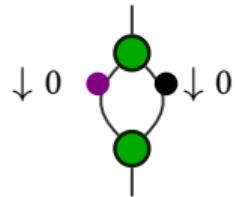
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies |10\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

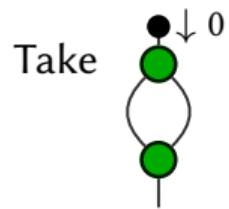




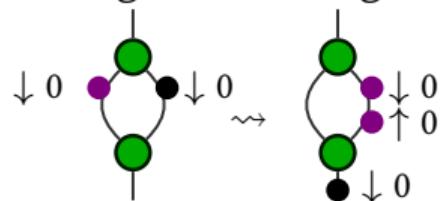


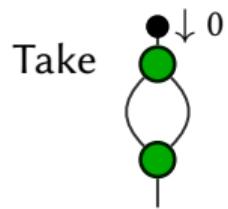
With good rewriting order:



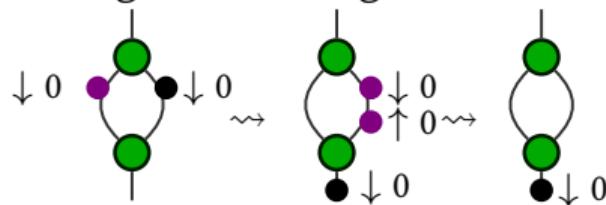


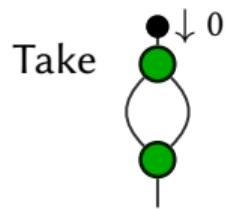
With good rewriting order:



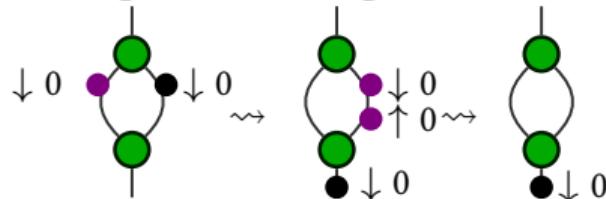


With good rewriting order:

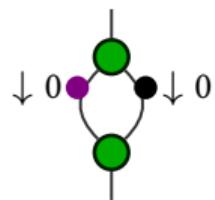




With good rewriting order:

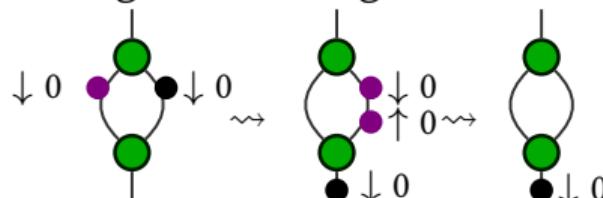


With arbitrary rewriting order:

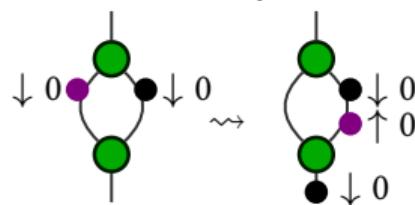


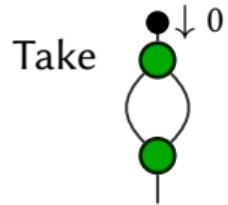
Take

With good rewriting order:

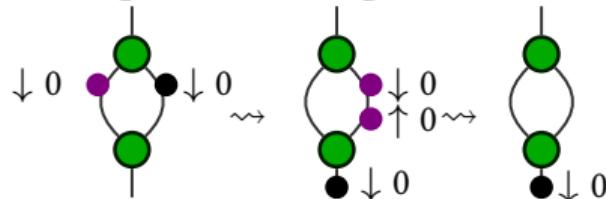


With arbitrary rewriting order:

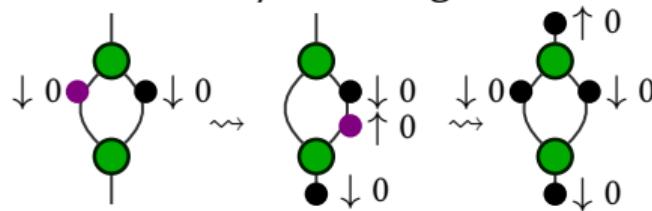




With good rewriting order:



With arbitrary rewriting order:



## Rewriting System

We define a transition system  $\rightsquigarrow$  as *exactly one* **diffusion rule** rule followed by all possible **collision** rules until none apply

Want to avoid:

- Having multiple tokens on the same edge that don't collide (i.e  $(a \downarrow x)(a \downarrow x)$ )
- Non-termination

Want to avoid:

- Having multiple tokens on the same edge that don't collide (i.e  $(a \downarrow x)(a \downarrow x)$ )
- Non-termination

**Two invariants:**

- **Well-Formedness** : Avoid bad configuration
- **Cycle-Balancedness** : Termination, Confluence

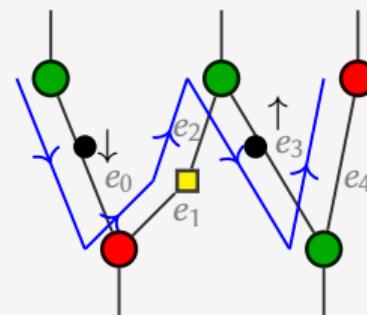
## Polarity in a Path

$p = (e_0, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)$  is an oriented path.

- If a token follows the path +1
- If it goes against it -1
- If it is not on the path 0

Example:

- Here, polarity 0



## Well-Formed Token State

We say that a ZX-Diagram  $D$  is **Well-Formed** if for every path  $p$  its Polarity  $\in \{-1, 0, 1\}$

## Well-Formed Token State

We say that a ZX-Diagram  $D$  is **Well-Formed** if for every path  $p$  its Polarity  $\in \{-1, 0, 1\}$

### Theorem (Invariance of Well-Formedness)

Well-Formedness is preserved under  $\rightsquigarrow$ .

## Well-Formed Token State

We say that a ZX-Diagram  $D$  is **Well-Formed** if for every path  $p$  its Polarity  $\in \{-1, 0, 1\}$

### Theorem (Invariance of Well-Formedness)

Well-Formedness is preserved under  $\rightsquigarrow$ .

### Theorem (Characterisation of Well-Formedness)

Well-formed states cannot reach “bad configurations”.

## Cycle-Balanced Token State

We say that a ZX-Diagram  $D$  is **Cycle-Balanced** if for every cycle  $c$  its Polarity = 0

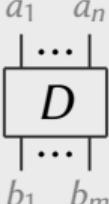
## Cycle-Balanced Token State

We say that a ZX-Diagram  $D$  is **Cycle-Balanced** if for every cycle  $c$  its Polarity = 0

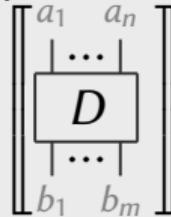
Theorem (Termination of well-formed, cycle-balanced token state)

Let  $D$  be a ZX-Diagram, and  $s$  a well-formed, cycle-balanced token state, then  $s$  terminates.

## Theorem (Simulation of Standard Interpretation)

Let  a ZX-Diagram and let  $t = (e \downarrow 0)(e \uparrow 0) + (e \downarrow 1)(e \uparrow 1)$ .  
 $t$  is a well-formed, cycle balanced token state.

We have that  $t \rightsquigarrow^*$



$\Rightarrow$  we recover the **standard interpretation**.

## Conclusion

- The Token Machine gives us a very general framework to study ZX-Calculus.
- More operational approach to ZX-Calculus.
- Already extended to : SOP, Mixed-Processes.

## Conclusion

- The Token Machine gives us a very general framework to study ZX-Calculus.
- More operational approach to ZX-Calculus.
- Already extended to : SOP, Mixed-Processes.

## Future Work

- Stronger relation with Linear Logic and Proof Nets (WIP)
- Hope it can help in defining new extensions of ZX-Calculus such as recursion (Future Work).