

# Nets between Determinism and Nondeterminism

Thesis dissertation

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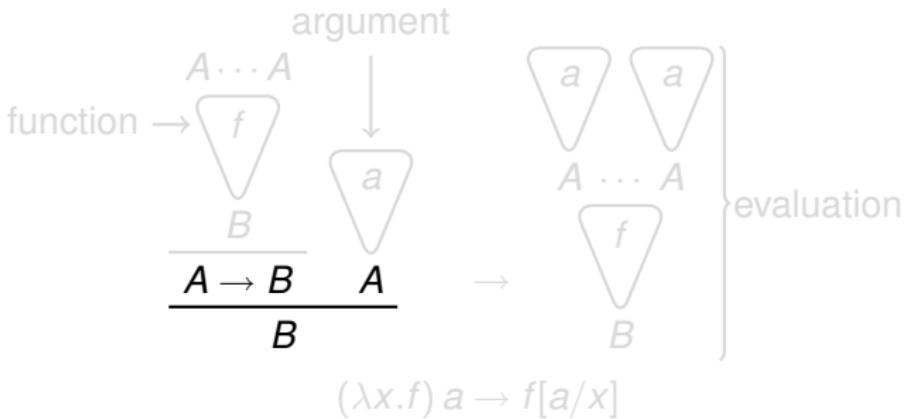
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*Modus ponens, cuts, cut elimination = execution*



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↔ λ-Calculus

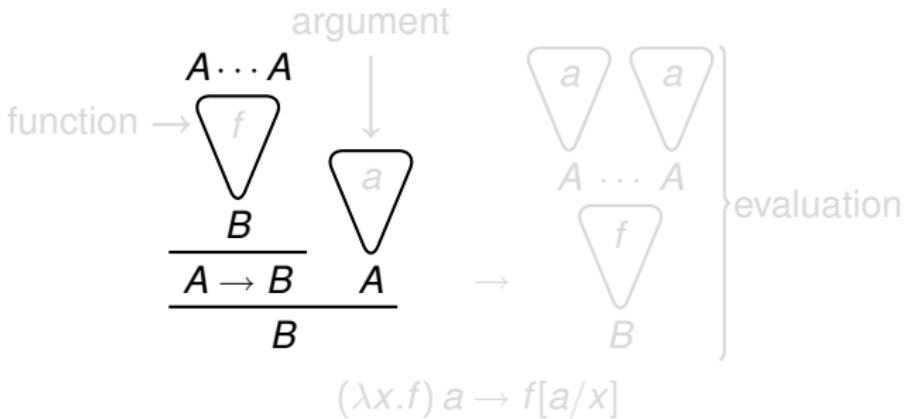


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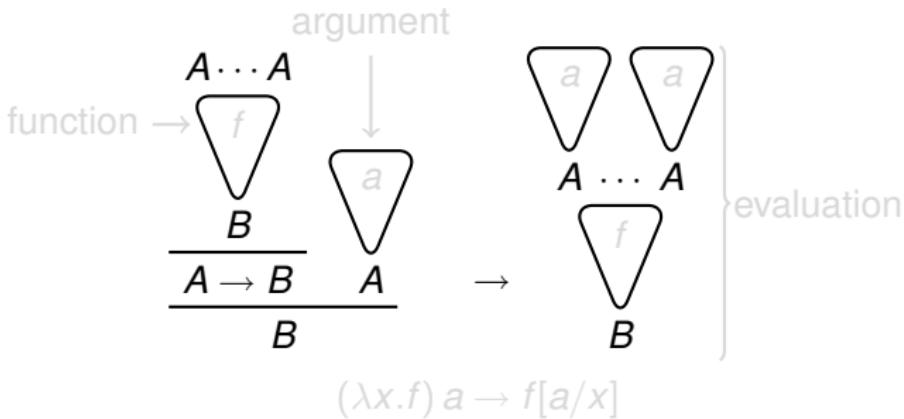


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# Denotational semantics

Aim: mathematical invariants of programs wrt reduction

1<sup>st</sup> example: Scott's domains

type  $A \mapsto \llbracket A \rrbracket$  topological space

program  $t : A \rightarrow B \mapsto \llbracket t \rrbracket : \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket B \rrbracket$  continuous map

execution  $t \rightarrow t' \mapsto \llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket t' \rrbracket$  equality



Dana Scott.

Continuous lattices.

In Lawvere, editor, *Toposes, Algebraic Geometry and Logic*, volume 274 of *Lecture Notes in Mathematics*, pages 97–136. Springer, 1972.

This approach has become an important tool in proof theory.

# Linear Logic

## Coherent spaces

reflexive graphs a semantics for system F (2<sup>nd</sup> order  $\lambda$ -calculus)



$$A \rightarrow B = !A \multimap B$$



## Linear Logic (LL)

! and its dual ? (the exponential modalities) control structural rules  
weakening and contraction



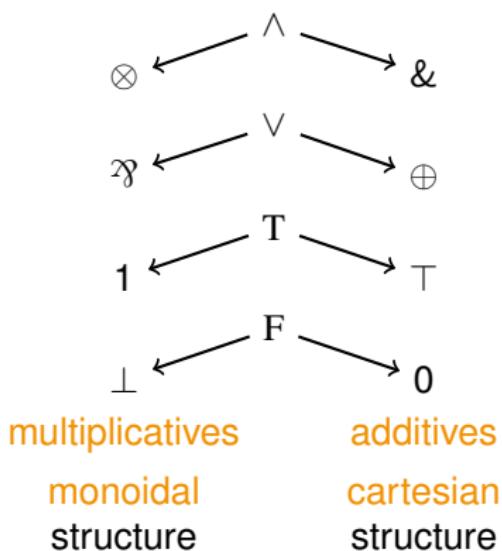
Jean-Yves Girard.

Linear logic.

*Theoretical Computer Science*, 50:1–102, 1987.

## Multiplicatives and additives

For lack of unrestricted structural rules, connectives and units are split

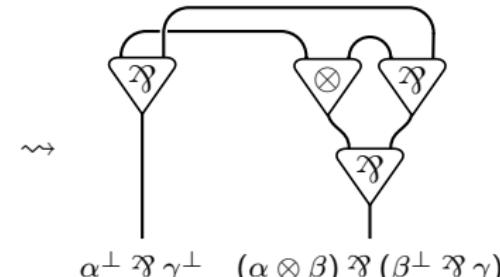


exponential isomorphism:  $!A \otimes !B \cong !(A \& B)$

# Proof nets

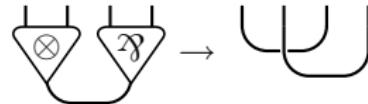
Multiplicative LL (MLL)

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{}{\text{ax}} \quad \frac{}{\text{ax}} \\ \otimes \frac{\vdash \alpha^\perp, \alpha \quad \vdash \beta, \beta^\perp}{\vdash \alpha^\perp, \alpha \otimes \beta, \beta^\perp} \quad \frac{\text{ax}}{\vdash \gamma, \gamma^\perp} \\ \text{mix } \frac{}{\vdash \alpha^\perp, \alpha \otimes \beta, \beta^\perp, \gamma, \gamma^\perp} \\ \wp \frac{}{\vdash \alpha^\perp \wp \gamma^\perp, \alpha \otimes \beta, \beta^\perp, \gamma} \\ \wp \frac{}{\vdash \alpha^\perp \wp \gamma^\perp, \alpha \otimes \beta, \beta^\perp \wp \gamma} \\ \vdash \alpha^\perp \wp \gamma^\perp, (\alpha \otimes \beta) \wp (\beta^\perp \otimes \gamma) \end{array}$$

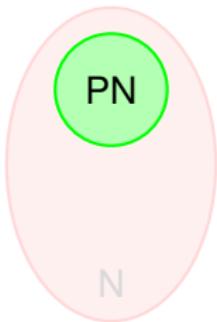


**mix**: naturally occurring iff  $1 \cong \perp$  (e.g. in coherent spaces)

**proof nets**: desquentialized proof syntax with **local** cut elim.

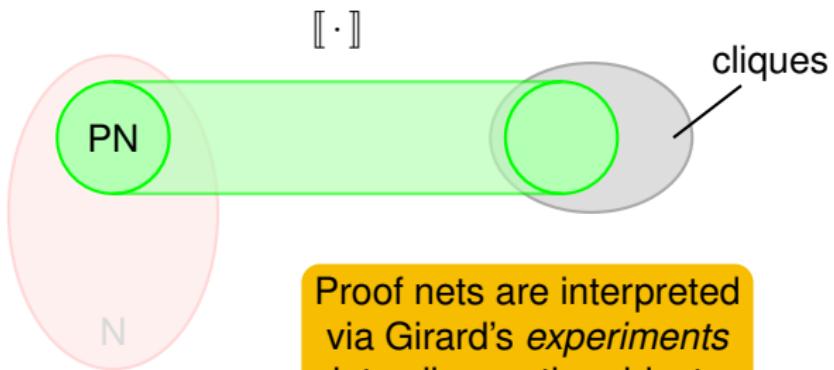


# MLL and coherent spaces

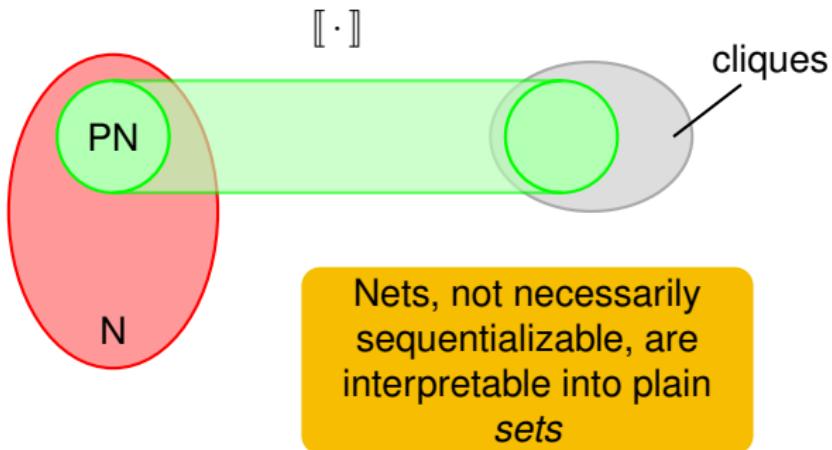


Proof-nets,  
corresponding to  
sequential proofs

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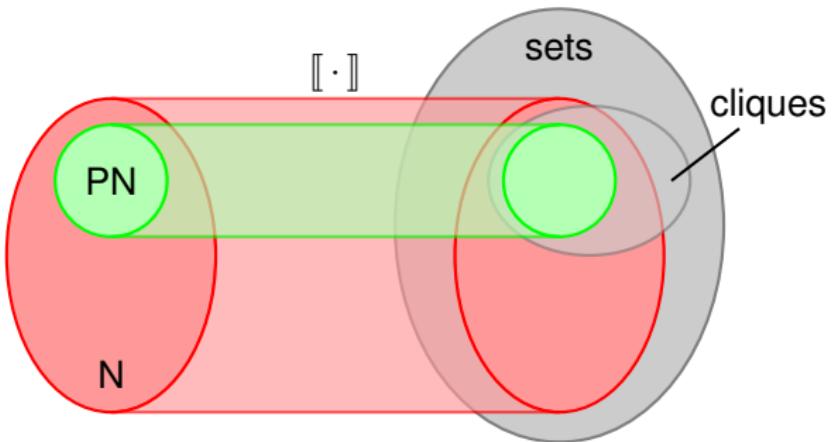


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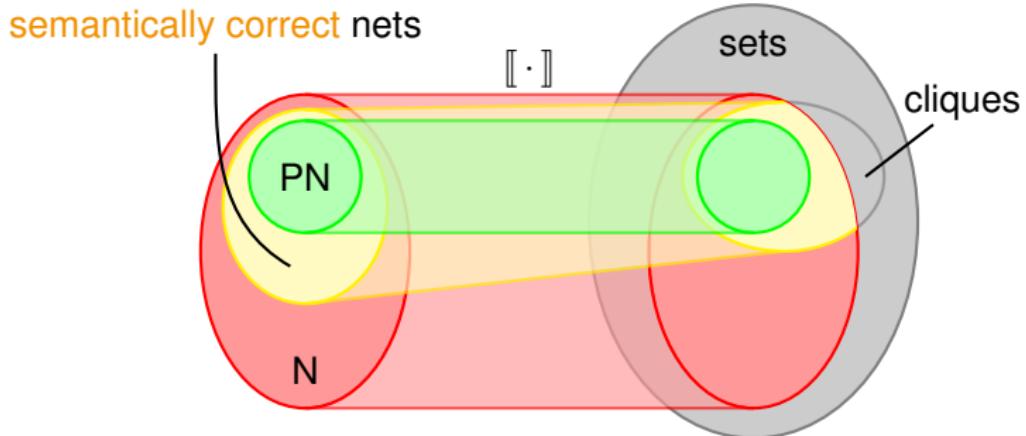


Proof nets are characterized among nets by a **correctness criterion** (absence of switching cycles)

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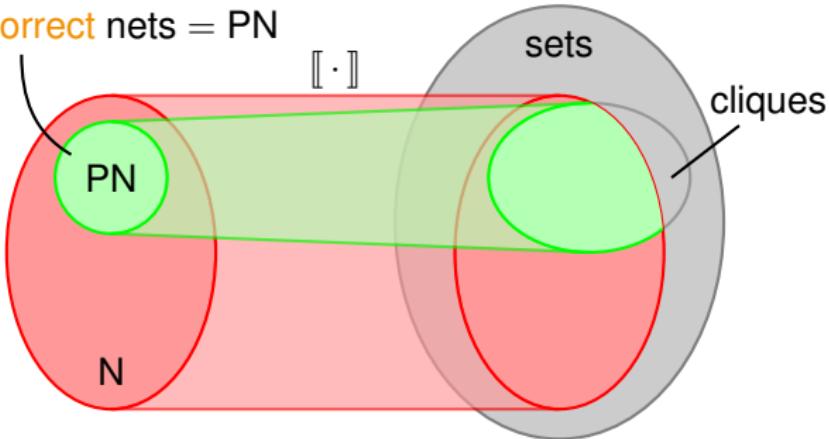


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semantically correct nets = PN



Christian Retoré.

A semantic characterisation of the correctness of a proof net.

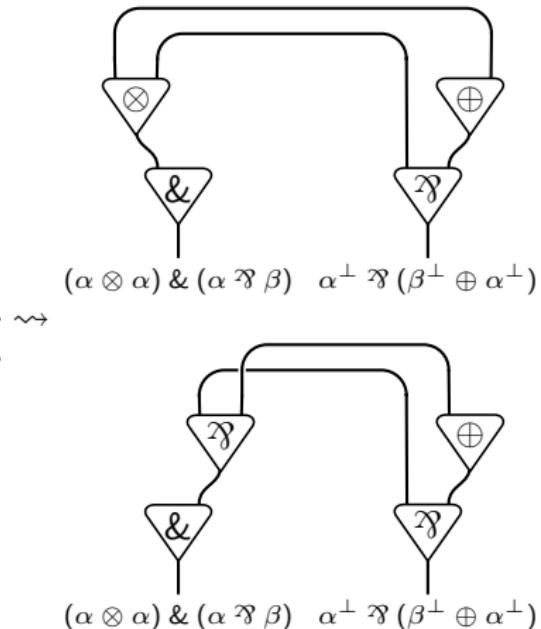
*Mathematical Structures in Computer Science*, 7(5):445–452, October 1997.

# Proof nets

Multiplicative Additive LL (MALL)

Proofs as sets of multiplicative slices

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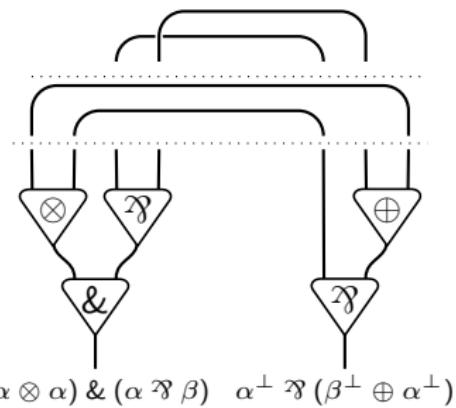


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Dominic Hughes and Rob van Glabbeek.

Proof nets for unit-free multiplicative-additive linear logic.

In LICS, pages 1–10. IEEE Computer Society Press, 2003.

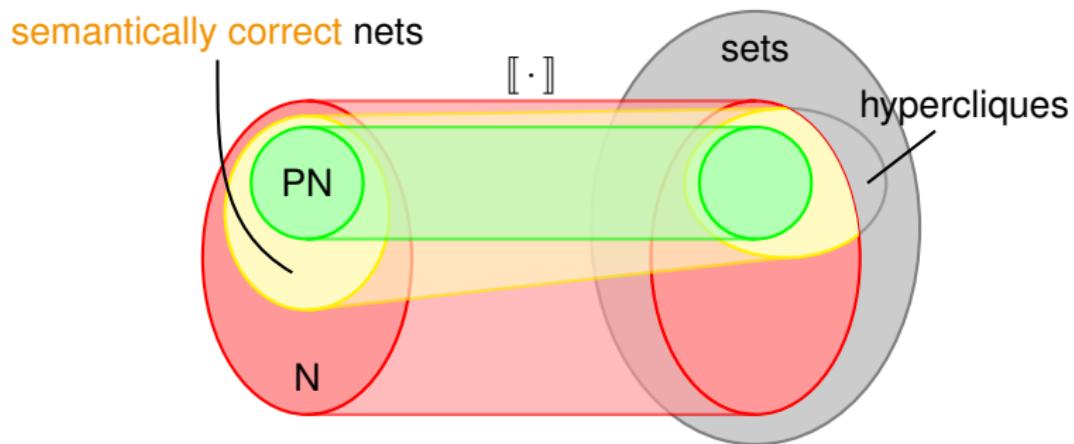
Correctness via absence of certain unions of switching cycles in the superposition with jumps.

# MALL and models of LL

- Coherent spaces are too permissive for MALL...
- ...just like they are for PCF (extension of  $\lambda$ -calculus with constants)
- research on PCF led to the strongly stable model, which in turn led to **hypercoherent spaces** for LL.
- switch from *graphs* (coherent sp.) to *hypergraphs*.

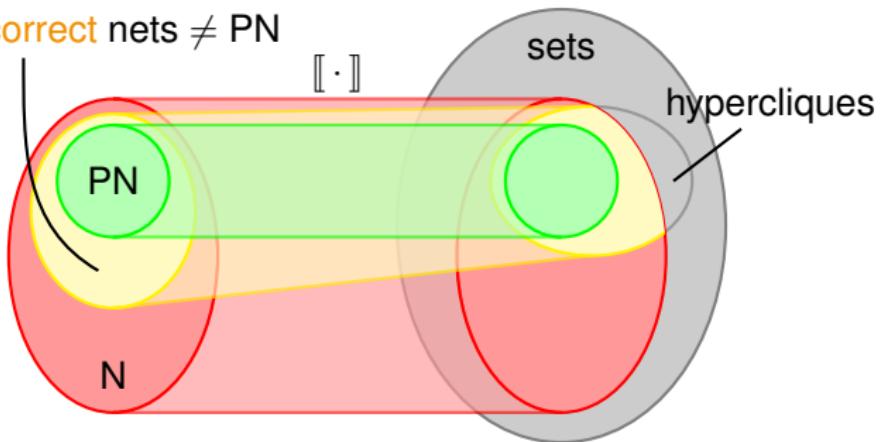
-  **Antonio Bucciarelli and Thomas Ehrhard.**  
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Hypercoherence: A strongly stable model of linear logic.  
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# MALL and hypercoherent spaces



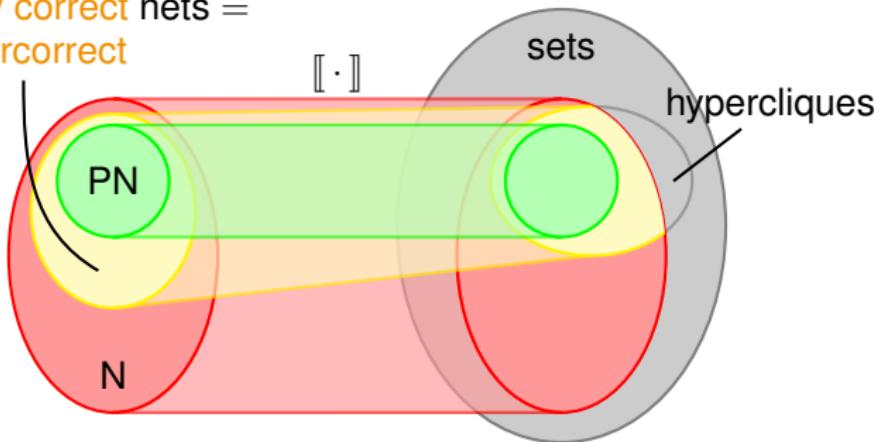
# MALL and hypercoherent spaces

semantically correct nets  $\neq$  PN



# MALL and hypercoherent spaces

semantically correct nets =  
hypercorrect



Paolo Tranduilli.

A characterization of hypercoherent semantic correctness in multiplicative additive linear logic.

In Michael Kaminski and Simone Martini, editors, *CSL*, volume 5213 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 246–261. Springer, 2008.

# Hypercorrectness

- a criterion with paths
- wrt HvG usual proof nets, restriction of switching paths and unions to be considered. **Oriented paths.**



- **stable under reduction**
- implied by correctness (proves hypercoherent spaces are a model for proof nets)

## Conjecture

On **switching connected** structures correctness and hypercorrectness coincide, i.e. correctness and semantic correctness coincide.

Switching connectedness is associated with absence of mix.

# Linearity in Logic and Computer Science

Coherent spaces are vaguely vector spaces with product...

## Computer Science

- Programs
- Single use of resources

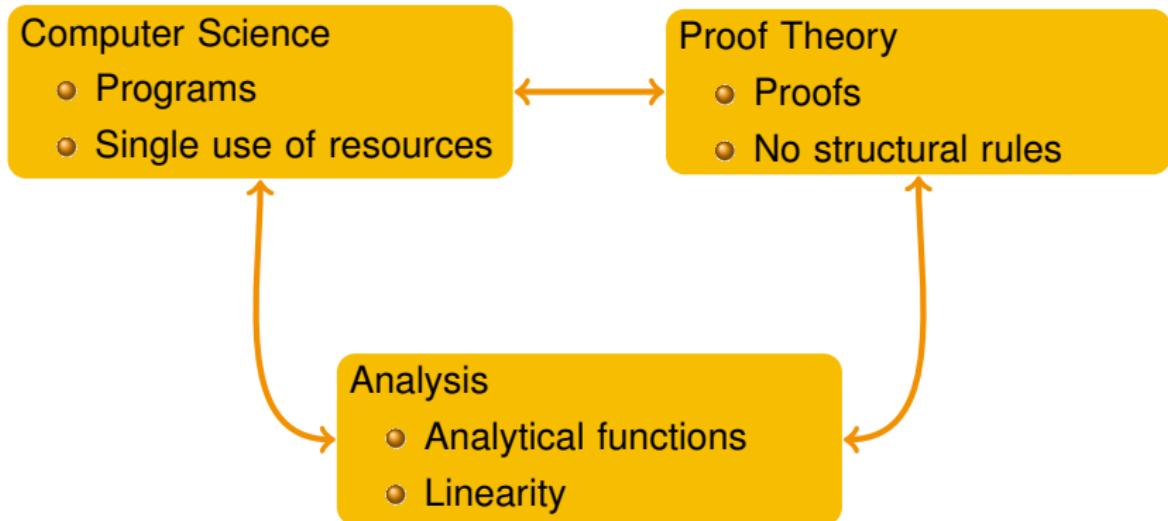
## Proof Theory

- Proofs
- No structural rules



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# From coherent spaces to finiteness spaces

- Coherent spaces: **interaction**  $u \perp v \iff \# u \cap v \leq 1$ .
- **Finiteness spaces**:  $u \perp v \iff \# u \cap v < \omega$  finite.
- Correspond to (some) vector spaces with linear topology.
- Have the derivation operation

↓

$A \rightarrow B = !A \multimap B =$  analytical functions  
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Differential Linear Logic (DiLL)



Thomas Ehrhard.

Finiteness spaces.

*Mathematical Structures in Comp. Sci.*, 15(4):615–646, 2005.

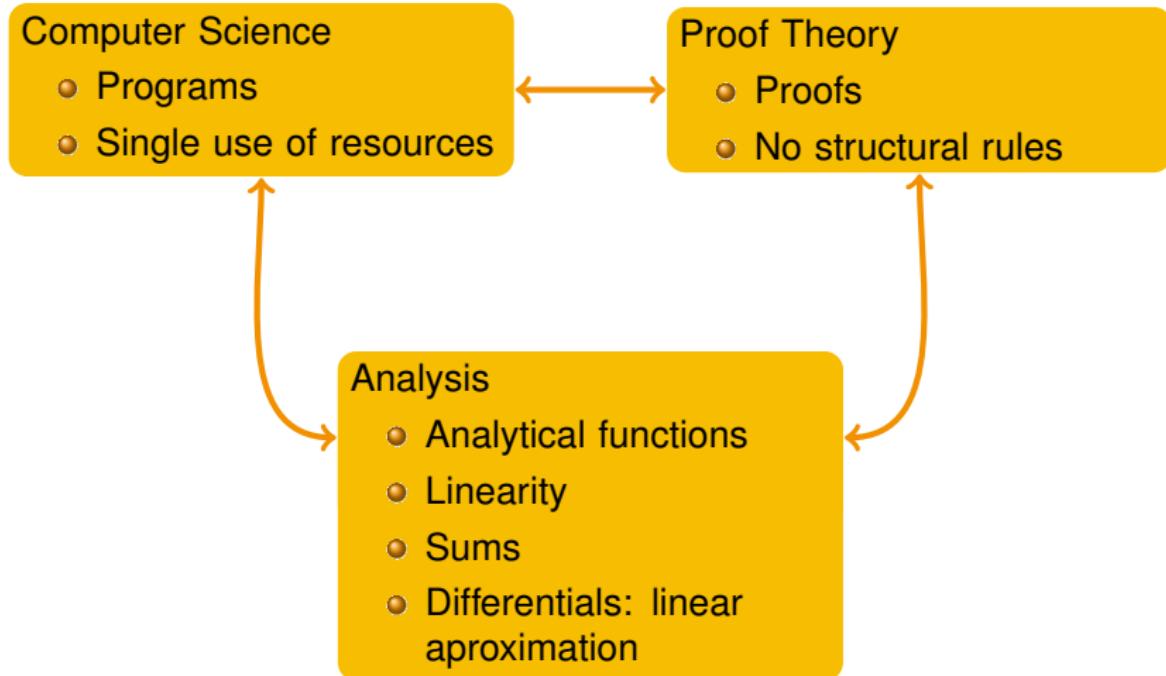


Thomas Ehrhard and Laurent Regnier.

Differential interaction nets.

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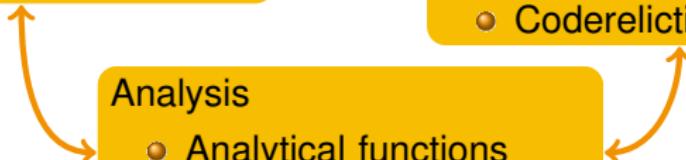
- Programs
- Single use of resources
- Nondeterminism
- Depletable resources

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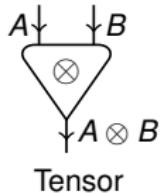
- Proofs
- No structural rules
- Costructural rules, **sum**  
 $(\& = \oplus)$
- Codereliction

## Analysis

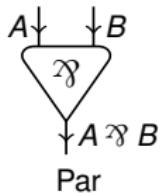
- Analytical functions
- Linearity
- Sums
- Differentials: linear approximation



# The nets: Family picture



Tensor



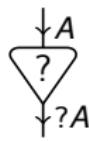
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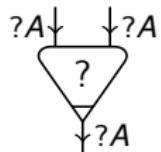
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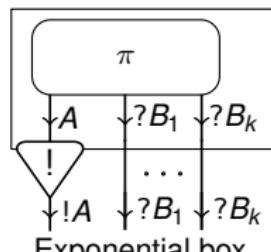
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Contraction  
(commutative)



Weakening



Exponential box



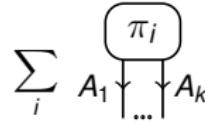
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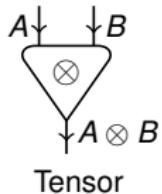


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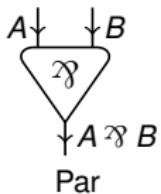


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# The nets: MLL



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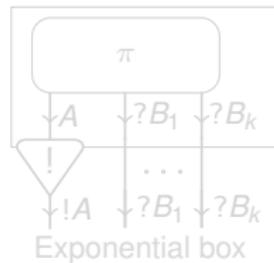
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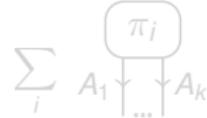
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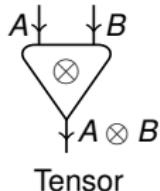


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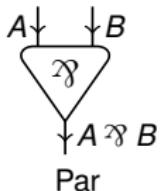


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# The nets: Multiplicative Exponential LL (MELL)



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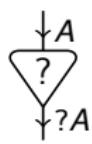
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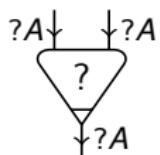
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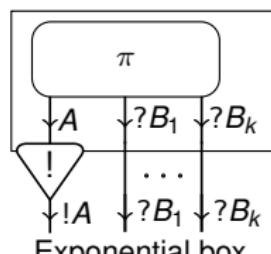
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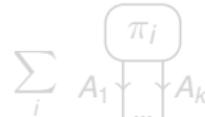
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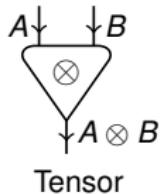


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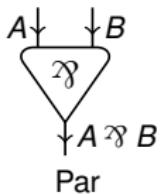


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# The nets: Differential Interaction Nets



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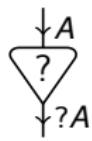
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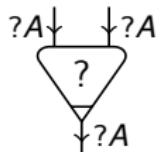
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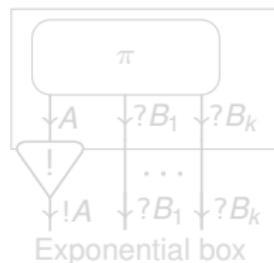
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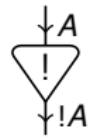
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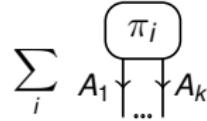
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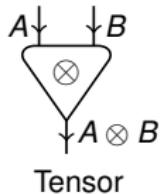


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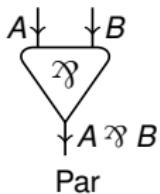


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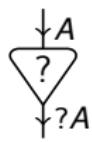
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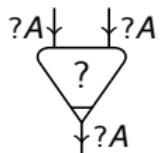
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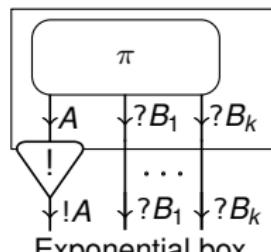
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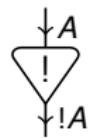
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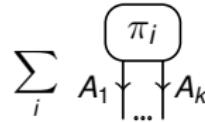
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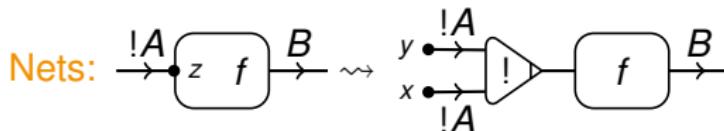


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# Cocontraction and coweakening

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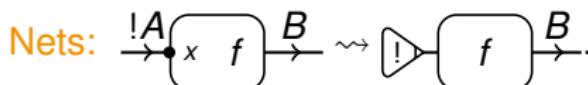
Analysis:  $f(x + y)$  out of  $f(z)$ .



Programs: joining resources.

## Coweakening

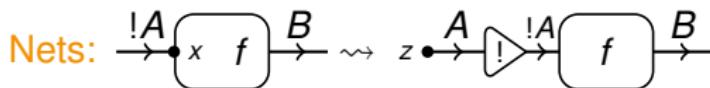
Analysis: Evaluation in 0.



Programs: Empty resource.

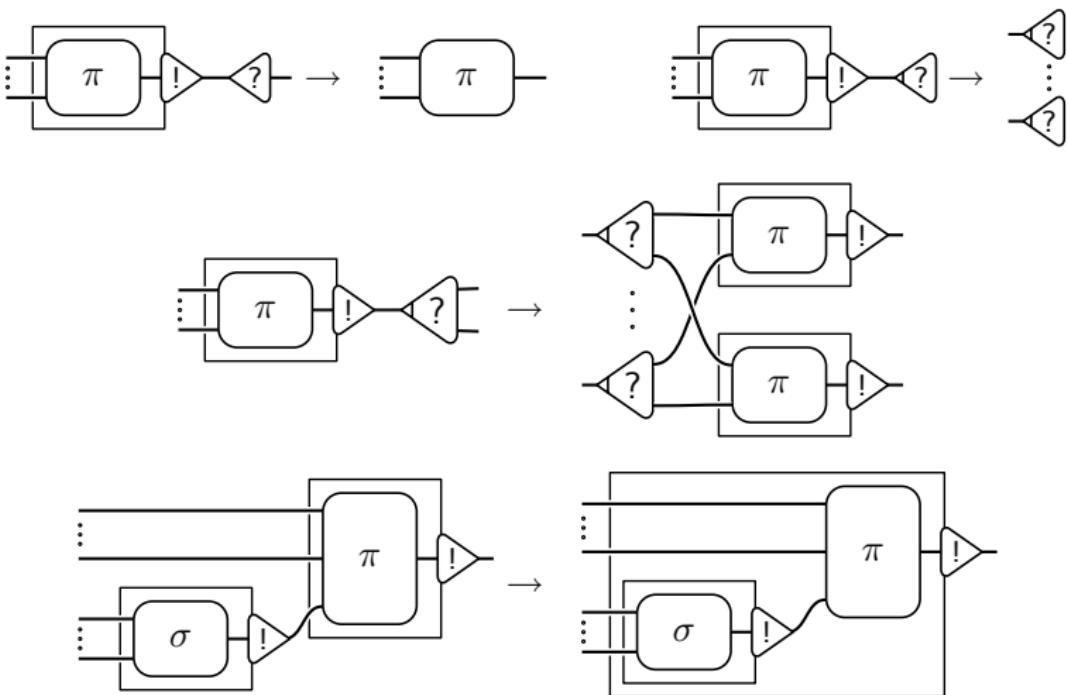
# Codereliction

Analysis: Derivative in 0, giving a linear function:  $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} \cdot z.$

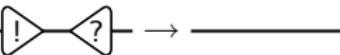


Programs: a single use resource.

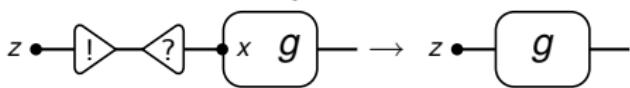
# The known reductions



# Codereliction vs dereliction

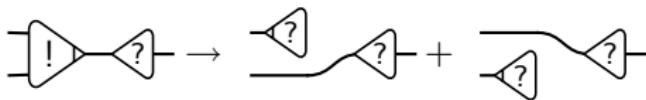


Analysis:  $\frac{\partial g \cdot x}{\partial x} = g \implies \left. \frac{\partial g \cdot x}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} \cdot z = g \cdot z:$



Programs: a **single-use query** encounters a **single-use resource** and is resolved.

# Cocontraction and coweakening vs dereliction



Analysis: linearity!

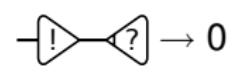
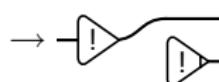
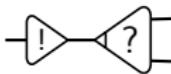
$$g \cdot (x + y) = g \cdot x + g \cdot y, \quad g \cdot 0 = 0.$$

Programs: a **single-use query** presented with **two resources**  $\rightsquigarrow$  nondeterministic choice.

Or presented with an **empty** one  $\rightsquigarrow$  nondeterministic dead end.

# Codereliction vs contraction and coweakening

Completely symmetric!



Analysis: laws of derivation!

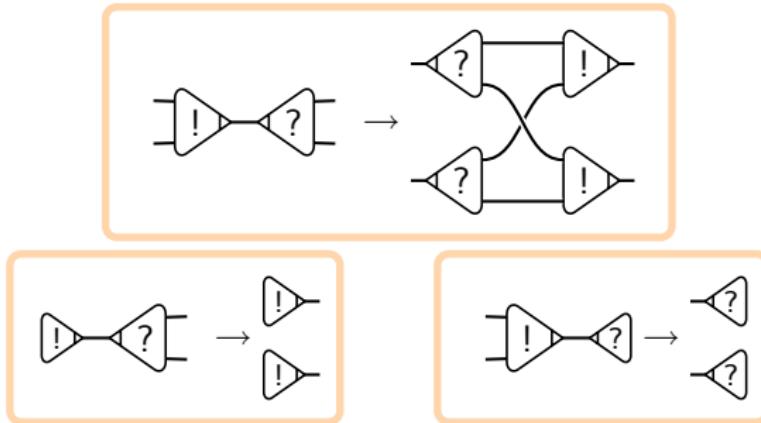
$$\frac{\partial f(x,x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \left( \frac{\partial f(y,z)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f(y,z)}{\partial z} \right) \Big|_{y,z=x} \cdot \frac{\partial (x,x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{\partial f(y,0)}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} + \frac{\partial f(0,z)}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial k}{\partial x} = 0.$$

Programs: two queries meets a single-use resource  $\rightsquigarrow$  nondeterministic choice.

Or an empty query meets a single use resource  $\rightsquigarrow$  an error (not affine).

# Routing: (co)contractions and (co)weakenings

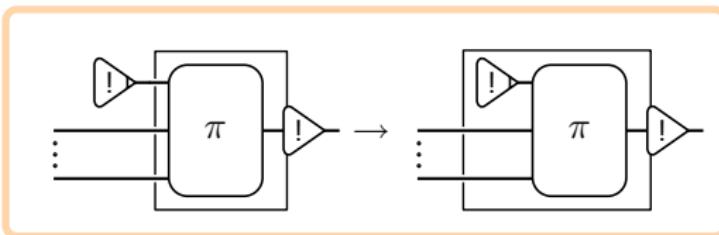
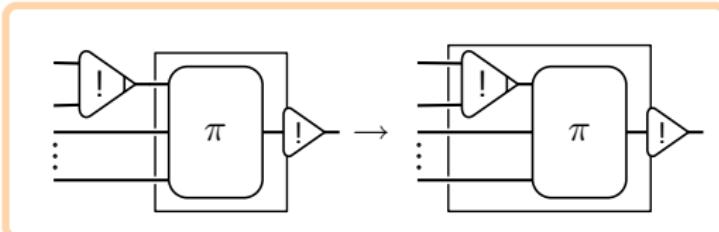


Analysis: Commutation of sum and sharing.

Programs: **routing** of queries and resources.

# Cocontraction and coweakening vs box

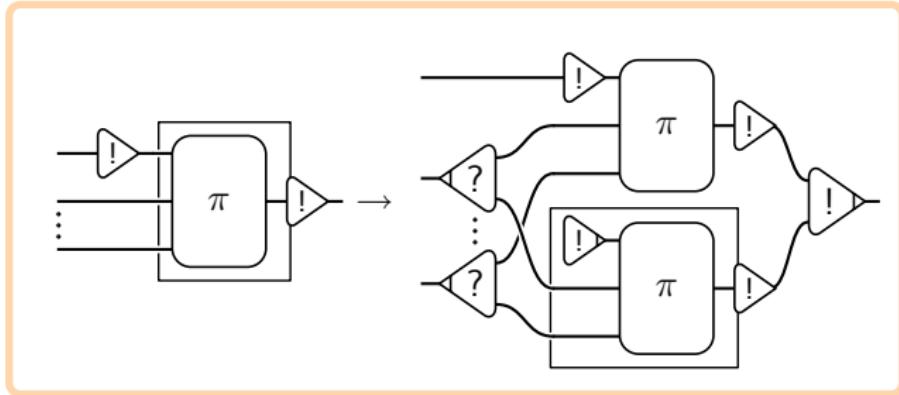
Recall that cocontractions and coweakenings are, in a way, boxes.



analysis: plain composition.

programs: operations on resources transported inside a package.

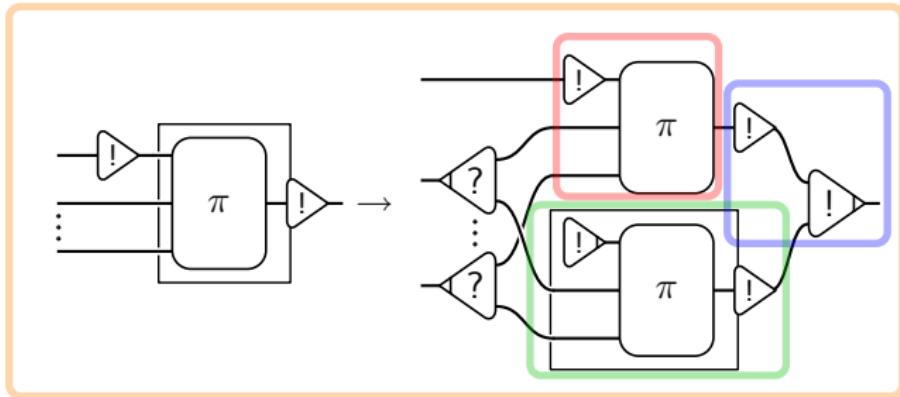
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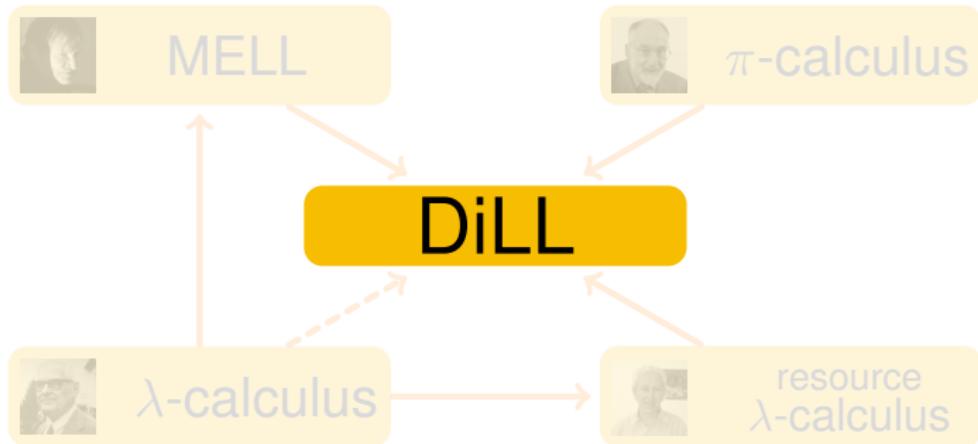
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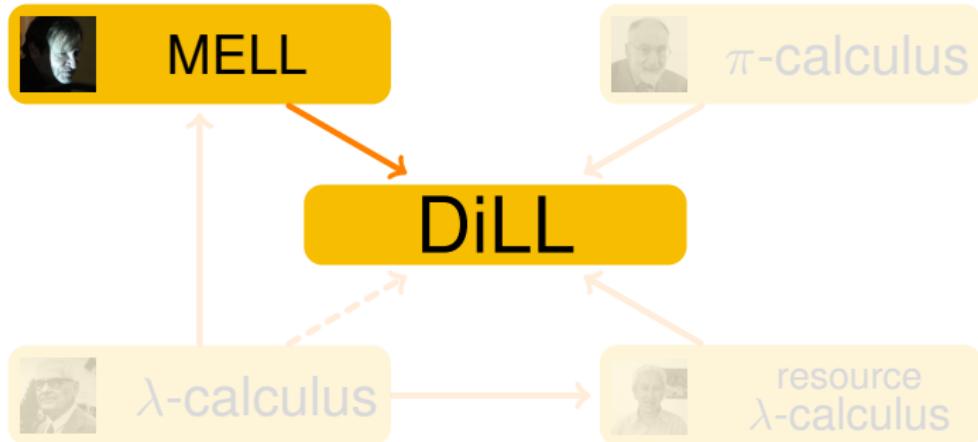
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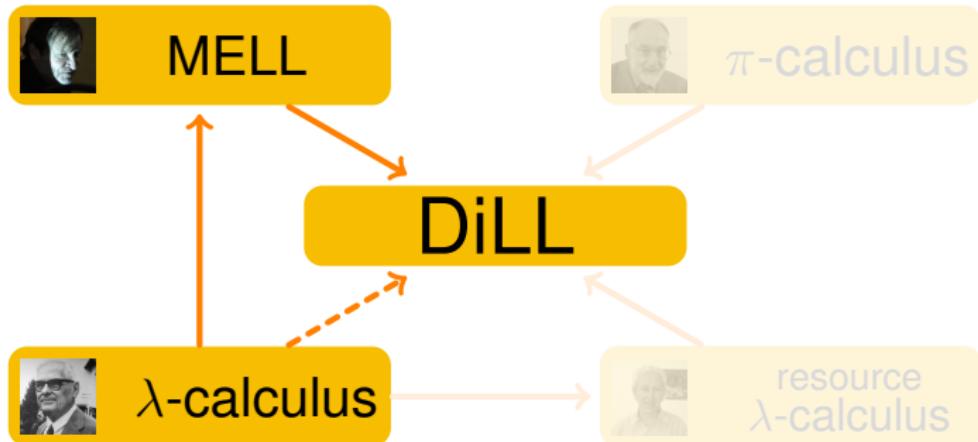
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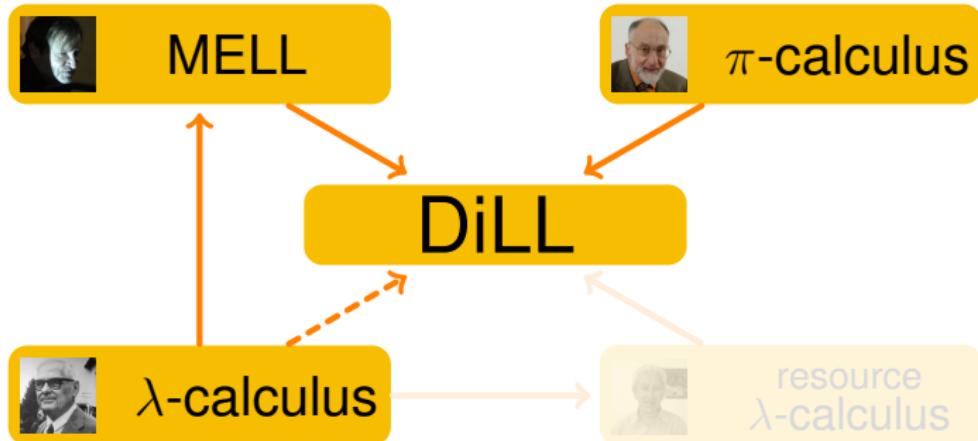


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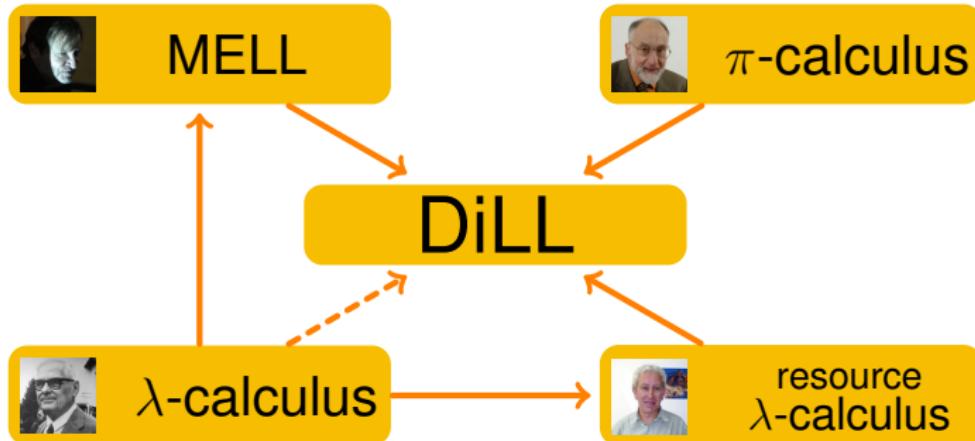


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# What do we want?

- Confluence:



- Termination: no infinite reduction  $\rightarrow \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \dots$
- Assure a **unique** result regardless of reduction strategy.
- Normal forms form a category.

However in DiLL:

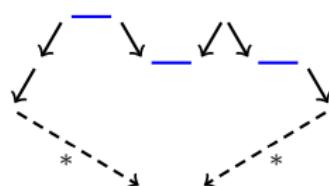
- confluence fails without **associativity** of (co)contractions;
- we introduce it as an equivalence, together (while we are at it) with other ones:
  - commutation of contractions with box borders,
  - a version of the **exponential isomorphism**,  $!(\pi + \sigma) \sim !(\pi) \cdot !(\sigma)$ .

# Reduction modulo equivalence

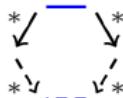
- For confluence, most important property is Church Rosser modulo.

CR $\sim$  holds if

$$(\rightarrow \cup \leftarrow \cup \sim)^* \subseteq \xrightarrow{*} \sim \xleftarrow{*}, \quad \text{for ex.}$$



Not equivalent to confluence modulo:



- $t \in A$  is SN $\sim$  if it is SN for  $\sim \rightarrow \sim$ .

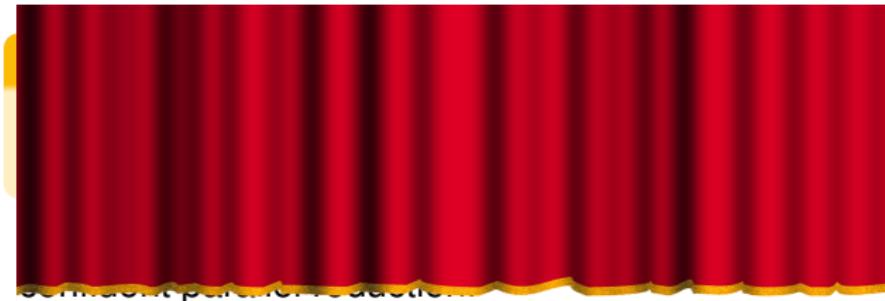


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*Reduction not reducing “new” cuts is strongly normalizing modulo  $\sim$ .*

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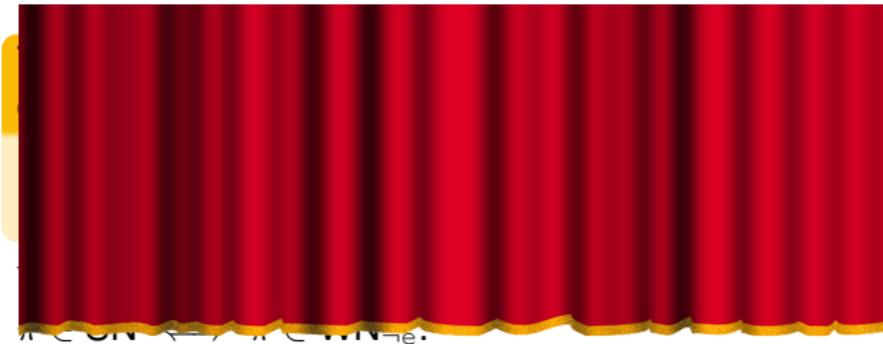
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Theorem (standardization, or striction, or conservation, with Pagani)

For  $\pi$  **laxly typed** sw. acyclic DiLL net,  
if  $\pi \xrightarrow{\neg\text{er}} \pi'$ , then  $\pi' \in \text{SN}_{\neg\text{er}} \implies \pi \in \text{SN}_{\neg\text{er}}$ .

$\xrightarrow{\neg\text{e}}$  stands for **non erasing** reduction. It follows that  
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# Full resource calculus

$$t ::= x \mid \lambda x.t \mid \langle t \rangle B$$

with bags  $B = t_1^{e_1} \cdots t_k^{e_k}$ ,  $e_k \leq \infty$ .

A calculus for nondeterminism with a structurecontextual reduction, borrowed from differential  $\lambda$ -calculus.

$$\langle \lambda x.t \rangle u \cdot B \rightarrow \langle \lambda x. \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} \cdots u \rangle B, \quad \langle \lambda x.t \rangle u^\infty \cdot B \rightarrow \langle \lambda x.t[x + u/x] \rangle B.$$

The target of Taylor expansion of  $\lambda$ -calculus.



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# Resource calculus and differential nets

Modular translation  $t \mapsto t^\circ$ .

## Theorem (Simulation)

- $s \rightarrow t \iff s^\circ \xrightarrow{m \in \ast} t^\circ, \quad (\text{modulo } \sim)$
- $s \stackrel{\ast}{\rightarrow} t \iff s^\circ \stackrel{\ast}{\rightarrow} t^\circ$

## Corollary (Confluence (and termination))

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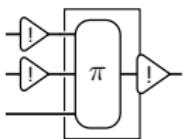
# Nondeterminism and confluence?

**Q:** How come we speak of confluence with nondeterminism around?

**A:** confluence ensures nondeterministic choice **is not** triggered by what we reduce.

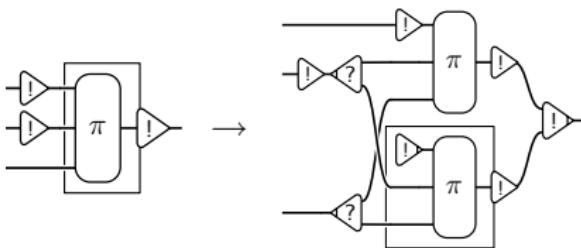
Reducing two different redexes gives the same set of nondeterministic choices in the end.

# We need associativity and neutrality



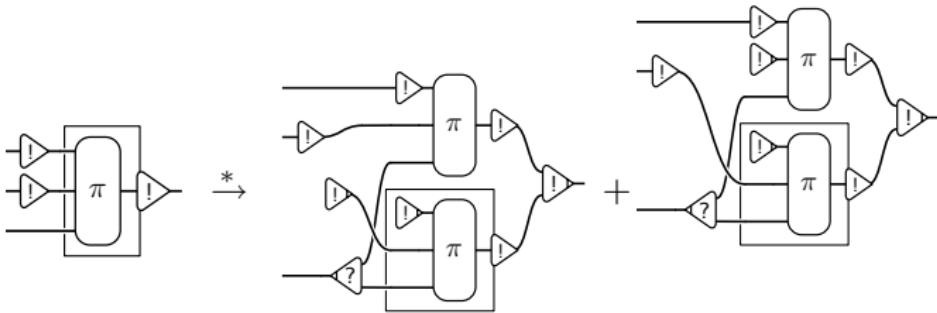
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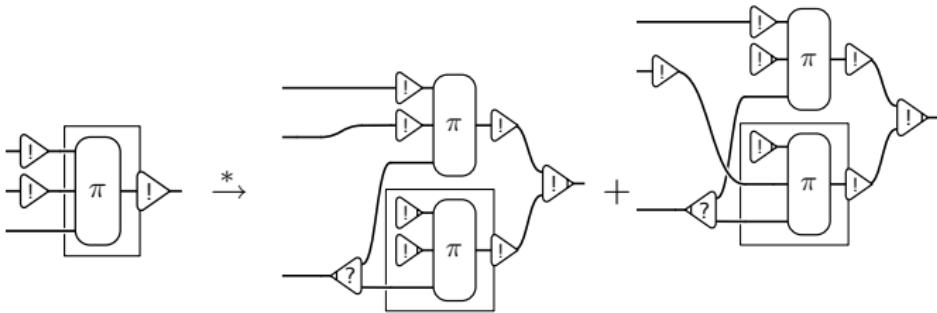
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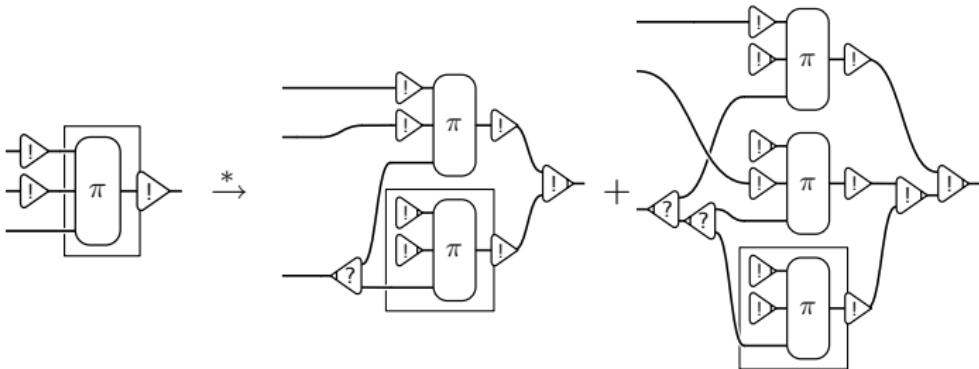
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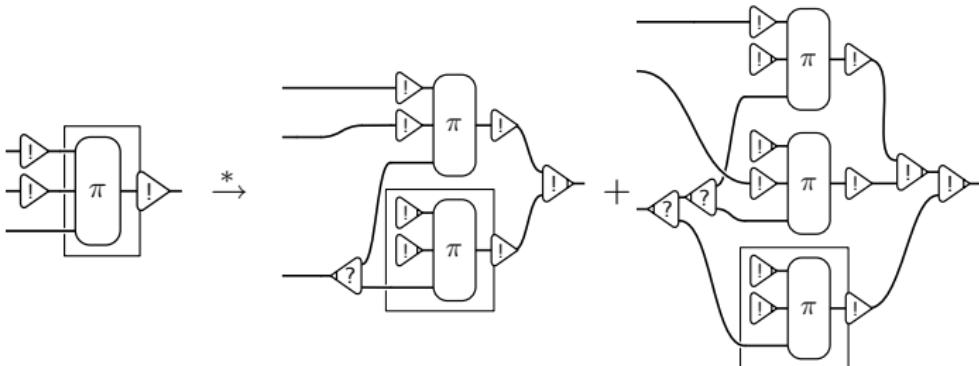
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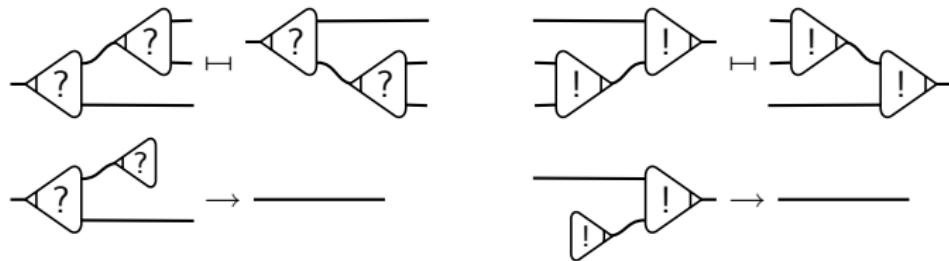
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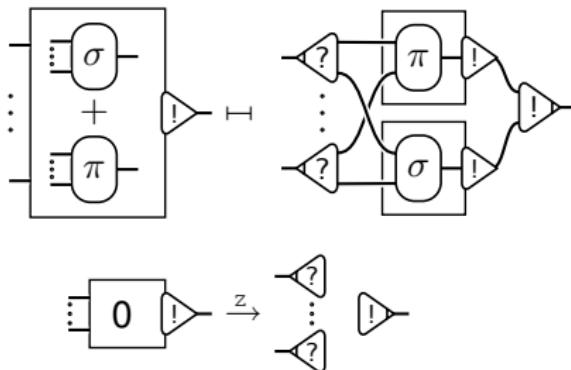
# Associative equivalence and neutral reduction



- associative equivalence  $\sim = \vdash^*$ ;
- neutral **reduction** (cannot be reversed).

Compulsory!

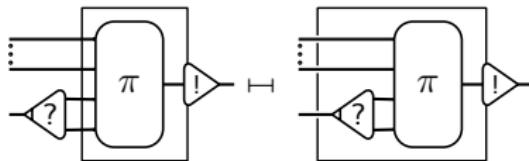
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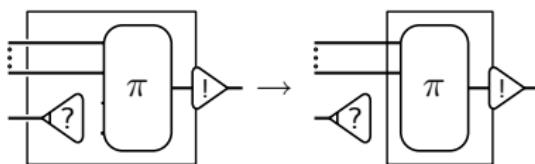
with  $\sigma, \pi \neq 0$ ,

A reusable nondeterministic resource is equivalent to joining the various reusable resources.

# Push equivalence and pull reduction

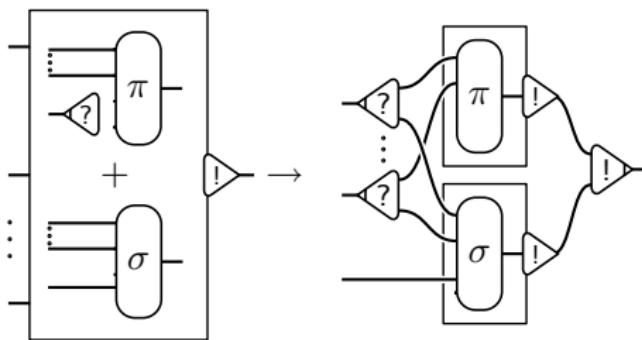
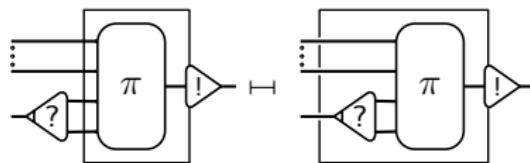


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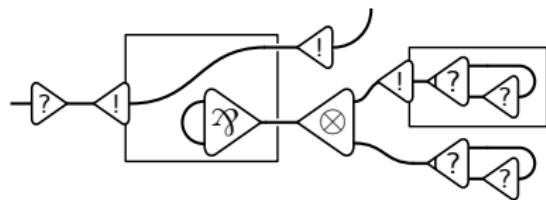
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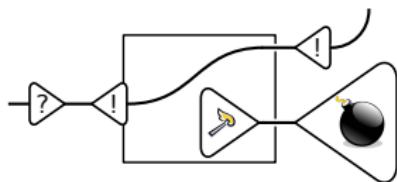
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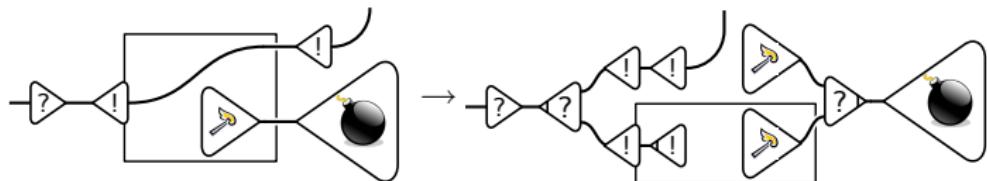
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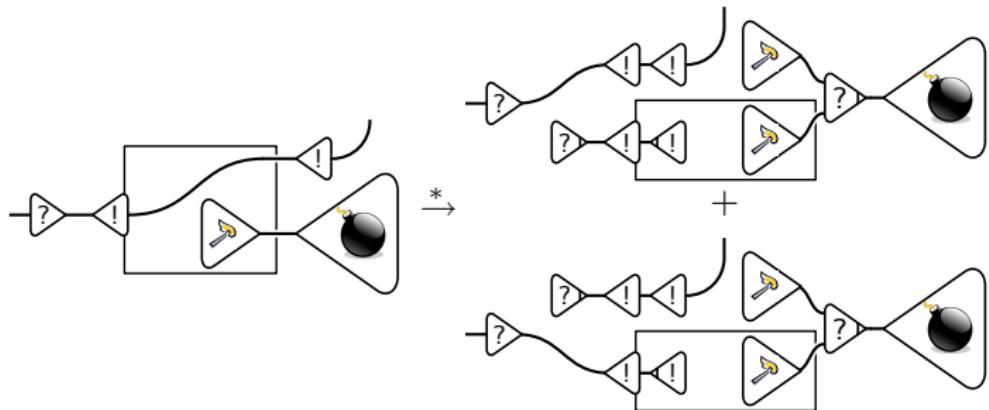
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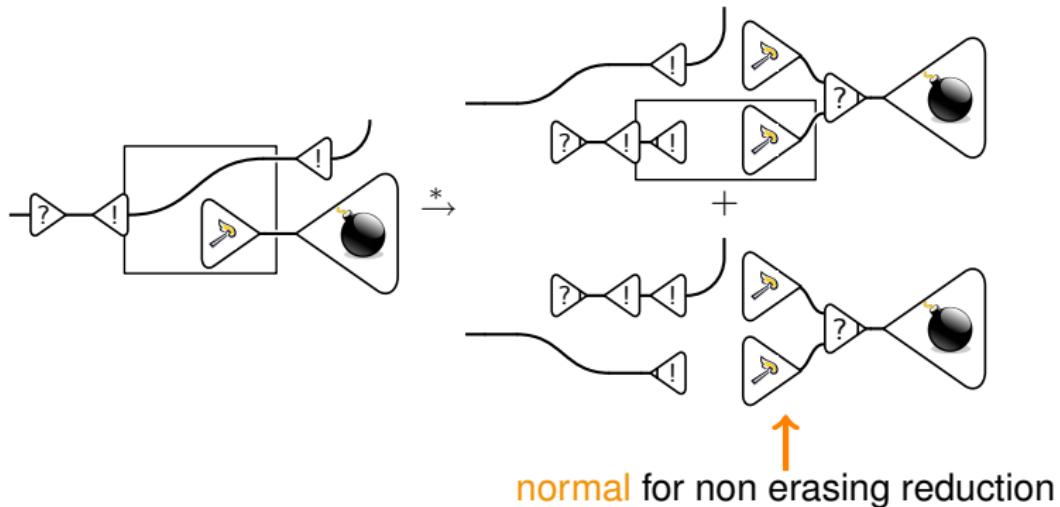
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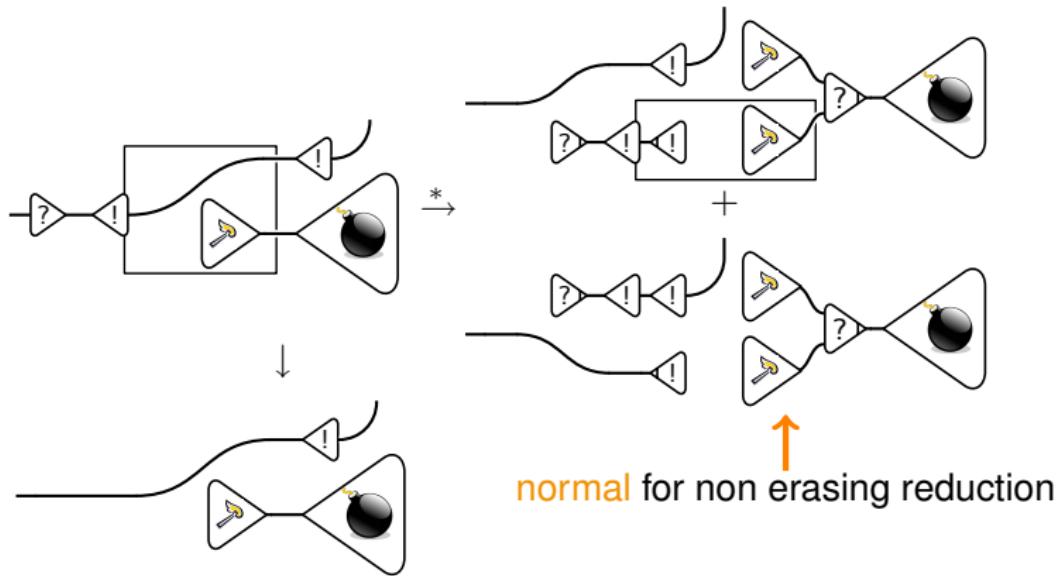
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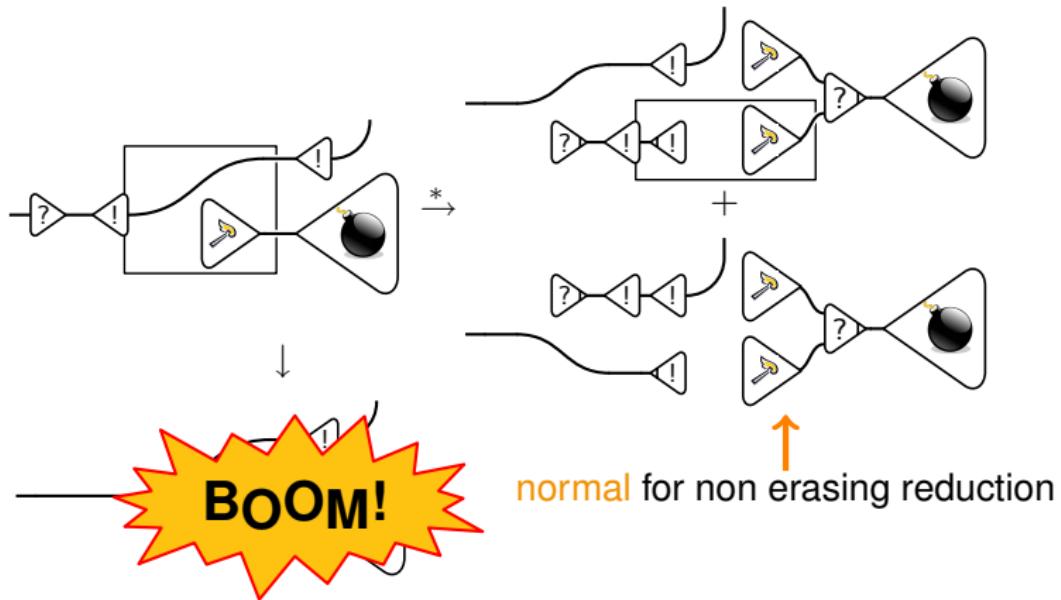
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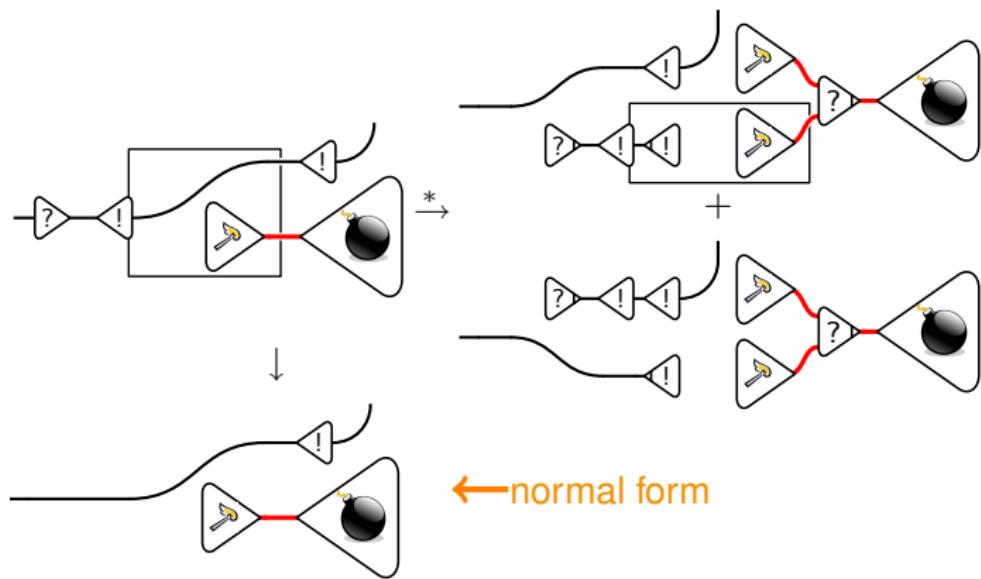
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# Lax typing

- We introduce a very weak form of typing.
- It **does not** disallow nets, but assigns a special **syntax error** type to exponential clashes.
- We **block** the reduction of “syntax error”-typed cuts.
- Any typing system avoiding clashes can be embedded in this one.

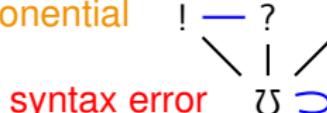
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# Lax typing

- 5 ordered types: exponential      !      ?       $\Omega \curvearrowleft$        $\cup \curvearrowleft$  = duality



- expected typing rules, for example       $\Omega \downarrow \Omega \otimes \Omega$  ,       $? \downarrow ?$
- All type mismatches are allowed, but resulting type is the inf of the two.
- $\cup$ -typed cuts are blocked.
- Types are preserved during reduction.

Lax typing does not disallow nets, but provides a mechanism to **annotate** exponential clashes and prevent them from resurrecting.

Back