

# Locally perfect maps compose

an exercise in geometric reasoning motivated by quantum theory

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# Goal

Relate algebraic quantum mechanics to topos theory to construct new foundations for quantum logic and quantum spaces.  
— A spectrum for non-commutative algebras —

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$\sigma \models a \in \Delta$

$a(\sigma) \in \Delta$

$\delta_\sigma(a) \in \Delta$  (Dirac measure)

# Quantum

How to generalize to the quantum setting?

1. Identifying a quantum **phase space**  $\Sigma$ .
2. Defining subsets of  $\Sigma$  acting as **propositions** of quantum mechanics.
3. Describing **states** in terms of  $\Sigma$ .
4. Associating a **proposition**  $a \in \Delta$  ( $\subset \Sigma$ ) to an observable  $a$  and an open subset  $\Delta \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .
5. Finding a **pairing map** between states and 'subsets' of  $\Sigma$  (and hence between states and propositions of the type  $a \in \Delta$ ).

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Von Neumann later abandoned this.  
No implication, no deductive system.

# Bohrification

In classical physics we have a **spatial** logic.

Want the same for quantum physics. So we consider two generalizations of topological spaces:

- ▶  $C^*$ -algebras (Connes' non-commutative geometry)
- ▶ toposes and locales (Grothendieck)

We connect the two generalizations by:

1. *Algebraic quantum theory*
2. *Constructive Gelfand duality*
3. *Bohr's doctrine of classical concepts*

[Heunen, Landsman, S]

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Connes:  $A$  is not entirely determined by  $\mathcal{C}(A)$

Doering and Harding, Hamhalter  
the Jordan structure can be retrieved.

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**Motivation:** Butterfield-Doering-Isham use topos theory for quantum theory.

Are D-I considering the **co**-Kripke model?

# Commutative $C^*$ -algebras

For  $X \in \mathbf{CptHd}$ , consider  $C(X, \mathbb{C})$ .

It is a complex vector space:

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It is a Banach algebra:

$$\|f\| := \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in X\}.$$

It has an involution:

$$f^*(x) := \overline{f(x)}.$$

It is a  $C^*$ -algebra:

$$\|f^* \cdot f\| = \|f\|^2.$$

It is a **commutative  $C^*$ -algebra**:

$$f \cdot g = g \cdot f.$$

In fact,  $X$  can be reconstructed from  $C(X)$ :

one can trade topological structure for algebraic structure.

# Gelfand duality

There is a categorical equivalence (**Gelfand duality**):

$$\mathbf{Comm}\mathbf{C}^* \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{C(-, \mathbb{C})} \end{array} \mathbf{CptHd}^{\text{op}}$$

The structure space  $\Sigma(A)$  is called the Gelfand **spectrum** of  $A$ .

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Prime example:

$B(H) = \{f : H \rightarrow H \mid f \text{ bounded linear}\}$ , for  $H$  Hilbert space.

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is a Banach algebra:  $\|f\| := \sup\{\|f(x)\| : \|x\| = 1\}$ ,

has an involution:  $\langle fx, y \rangle = \langle x, f^*y \rangle$

satisfies:  $\|f^* \cdot f\| = \|f\|^2$ ,

but **not** necessarily:  $f \cdot g = g \cdot f$ .

# Internal $C^*$ -algebra

Internal  $C^*$ -algebras in  $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbf{C}}$  are functors of the form  $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{CStar}$ .  
'Bundle of  $C^*$ -algebras'.

We define the **Bohrification** of  $A$  as the internal  $C^*$ -algebra

$$\underline{A} : \mathcal{C}(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set},$$
$$V \mapsto V.$$

in the topos  $\mathcal{T}(A) = \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}(A)}$ , where  
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The internal  $C^*$ -algebra  $\underline{A}$  is commutative!

This reflects our Bohrian perspective.

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Isham-Döring: a certain *global* section does not exist.

We can still have **neo-realistic** interpretation by considering also non-global sections.

# Pointfree Topology

We want to consider the phase space of the Bohrfication.

Use internal **constructive** Gelfand duality.

The classical proof of Gelfand duality uses the axiom of choice (only) to construct the points of the spectrum.

Solution: use topological spaces without points (locales)!

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These formal objects model basic observations:

- ▶ Formal opens are used in computer science (domains) to model observations.
- ▶ Formal continuous functions, self adjoint operators, are observables in quantum theory.

# More pointfree functions

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A representation of a Riesz space is a Riesz homomorphism to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The representations of the Riesz space  $C(X)$  are  $\hat{x}(f) := f(x)$

## Theorem (Classical Stone-Yosida)

*Let  $R$  be a Riesz space. Let  $\text{Max}(R)$  be the space of representations. The space  $\text{Max}(R)$  is compact Hausdorff and there is a Riesz embedding  $\hat{\cdot} : R \rightarrow C(\text{Max}(R))$ . The uniform norm of  $\hat{a}$  equals the norm of  $a$ .*

## Formal space $Max(R)$

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Geometric theory of representations, GRD-system

# $C^*$ -algebras

Obtain an elementary proof of Gelfand duality (Coquand/S):

## Theorem (Gelfand)

*A commutative  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is the space of functions on  $\Sigma(A)$*

Proof: The self-adjoint part of  $A$  is a Riesz space.

# Phase object in a topos

Apply constructive Gelfand duality (Banachewski, Mulvey) to the Bohrification to obtain the **(internal) spectrum**  $\Sigma$ .  
This is our phase object. (motivated by Döring-Isham).

Kochen-Specker =  $\Sigma$  has no (global) point.  
However,  $\Sigma$  is a well-defined interesting compact regular locale.  
**Pointless topological space of hidden variables.**

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1. Yes, frame of a topological space

2. It is constructively locally compact!

2a.  $\Sigma$  is compact regular in  $\text{Sh}(\text{Idl}(\mathcal{C}(A)))$

2b.  $\text{Idl}(\mathcal{C}(A))$  is locally compact

2c. Locally compact maps compose

2d. Locally compact locales are classically spatial

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$X = 1$ ,  $Y = \text{Idl}(C(A))$ :

$C \in \mathcal{C}(A)$  defines a principal ideal,  $1 \rightarrow \text{Idl}(C(A))$

The pullback  $C^*(\underline{A})$  is the set  $\underline{A}(C) = C$

So the fibre of the map  $\text{Max}(\underline{A}) \rightarrow \text{Idl}(C(A))$  over  $C$  is  $\text{Max}C$ .

# Locally compact

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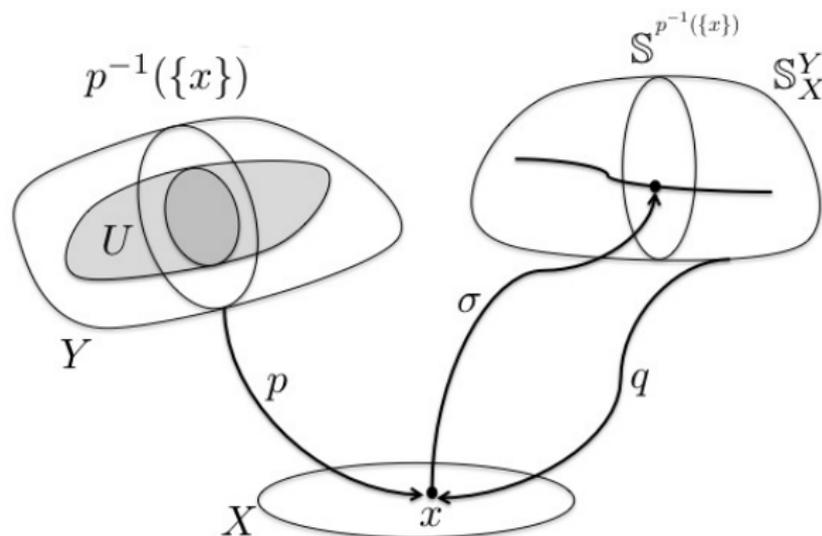
TFAE:

- ▶  $Y$  locally compact
- ▶ The exponential  $\mathbb{S}^Y$  exists;  $\mathbb{S}$ =Sierpiński locale
- ▶  $Y$  is exponentiable

Theorem:  $Y_p$  locally compact in  $Sh(X)$ ,  $X$  locally compact. Then  $Y$  is locally compact.

# Locally compact

Need to construct  $\mathbb{S}^Y$



Locales by geometric theories

Continuous map: constructive transformations of points

Continuous map as a bundle

# Locally compact

$Y$  is given by the theory with generalized models

$\{(x, t) \mid x \in X, t \in Y_x\}$

$\mathbb{S}_X^Y$  external description  $\mathbb{S}_q^Y$  in  $\text{Sh}(X)$

The exponent is geometric:  $\mathbb{S}_X^Y = \{(x, w) \mid x \in X, w \in \mathbb{S}^{Y_x}\}$

$$E := \{\sigma : X \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_X^Y \mid q \circ \sigma = \text{id}_X\}$$

By local compactness of  $X$ ,  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_X^Y$  is a space

Define  $(\sigma, y) \mapsto (\sigma(py), y) : E \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_X^Y \times_X Y$

Compose with  $((x, w), (x, t)) \mapsto \text{ev}(w, t) : \mathbb{S}_X^Y \times_X Y \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$

$\text{ev}$  is geometric, so we have an evaluation map from  $E \times Y$  to  $\mathbb{S}$

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Alternative proof using  $\llcorner$ . Hard to compute due to impredicativity

# Locally perfect

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Locally perfect maps compose (needs some separation).

Corollary: the external spectrum is locally compact and hence spatial

# Conclusions

Bohr's doctrine suggests a functor topos making a  $C^*$ -algebra commutative

- ▶ Spatial quantum logic via topos logic
- ▶ Phase space via internal Gelfand duality
- ▶ Intuitionistic quantum logic
- ▶ Spectrum for non-commutative algebras.
- ▶ States (non-commutative integrals) become internal integrals.

Reasoning with bundles

New results on AQFT (Halvorson/Wolters).