

Biunitary constructions in quantum information

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The plan

- **Part 1.** Quantum structures
- **Part 2.** Higher algebra

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- They provide the mathematical foundation for:
mutually unbiased bases, quantum key distribution, quantum teleportation, dense coding, quantum error correction

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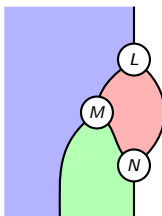
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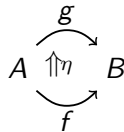
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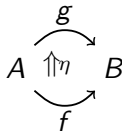
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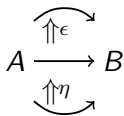
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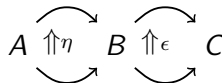


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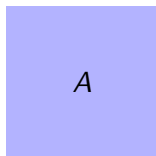


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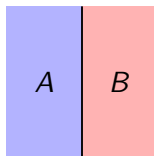
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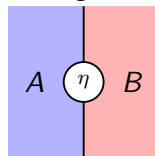
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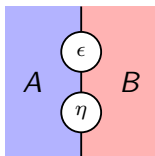


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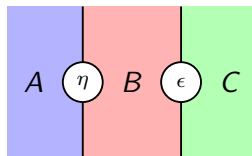


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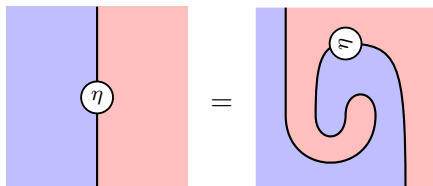
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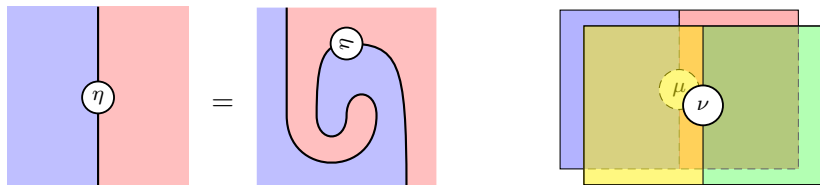
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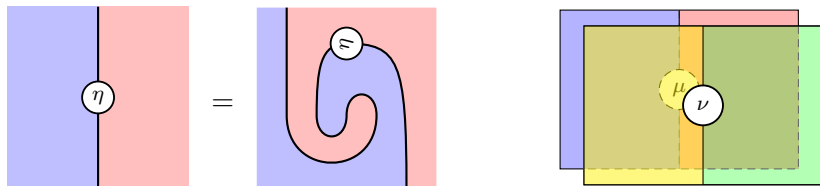
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Summary. The graphical calculus of monoidal dagger pivotal 2-categories is given by surfaces, wires and vertices in three-dimensional space.

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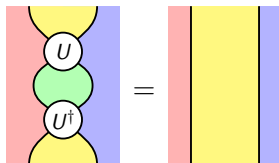
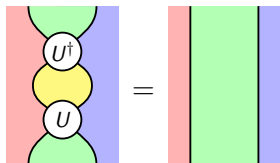
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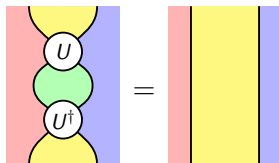
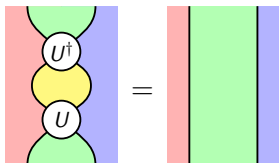
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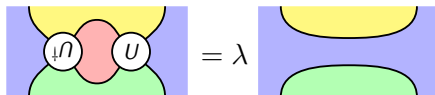
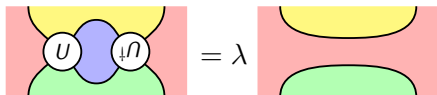
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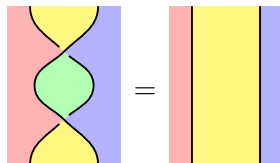
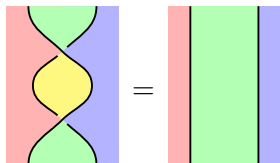
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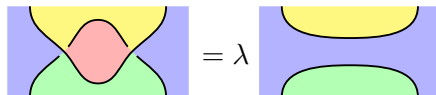
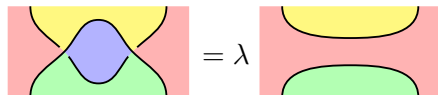
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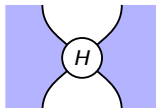
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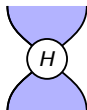
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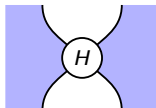
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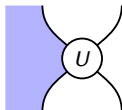


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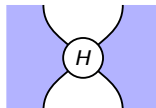


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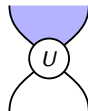


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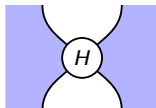


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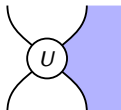


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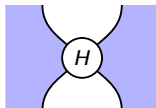


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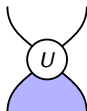


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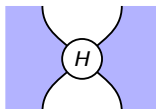


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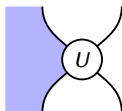


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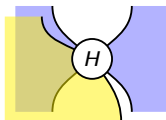
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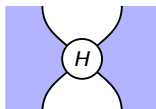


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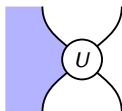


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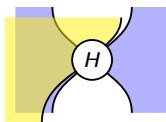
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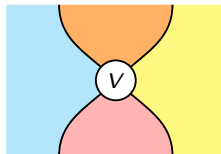
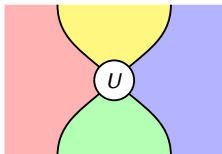


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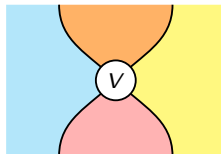
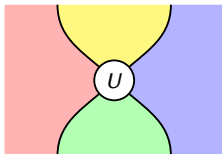
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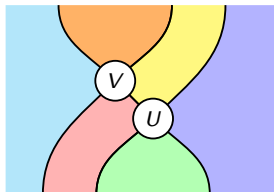


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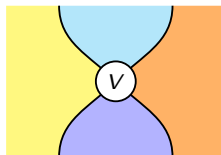
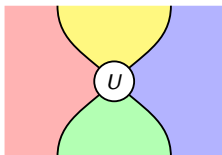


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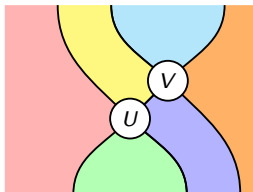


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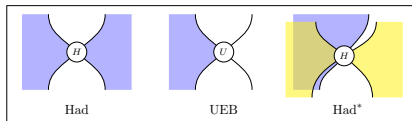
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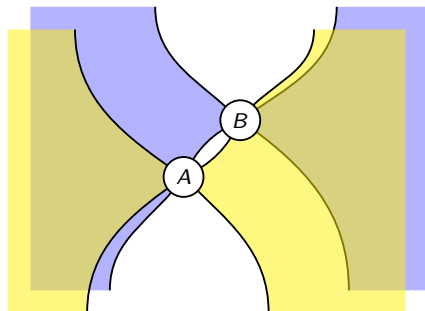
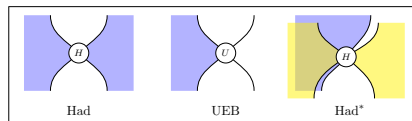
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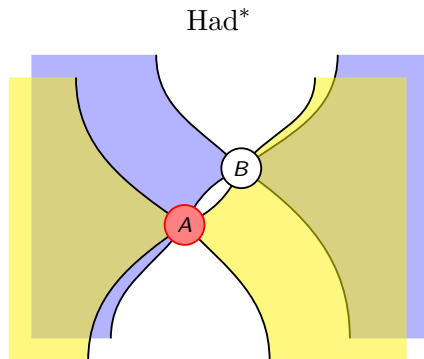
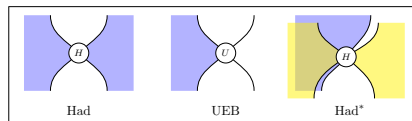
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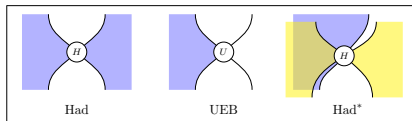
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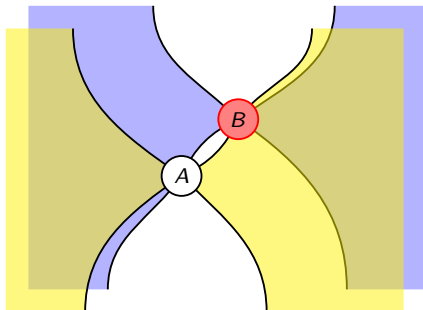
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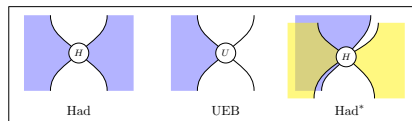
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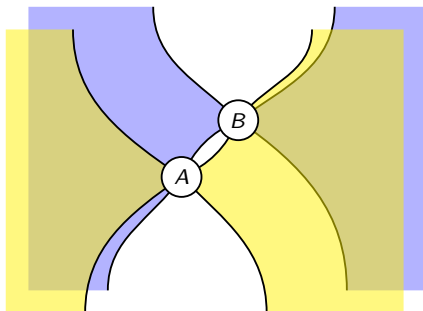
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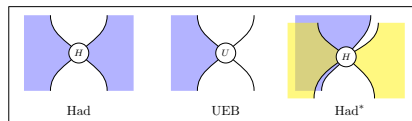
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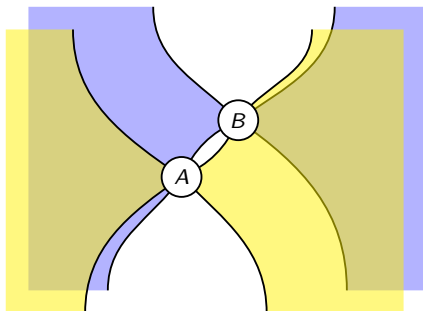
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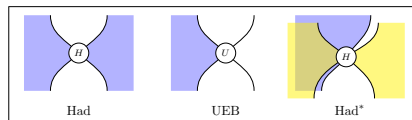


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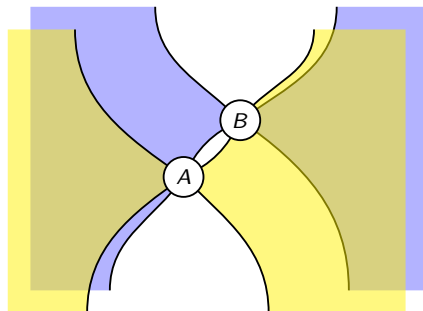


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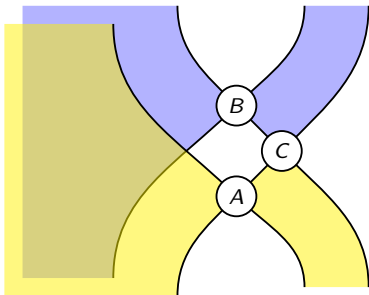
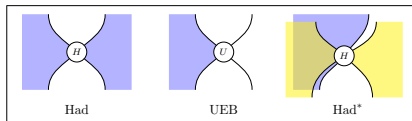
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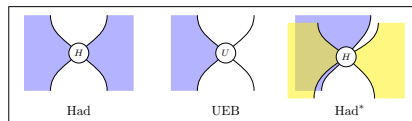
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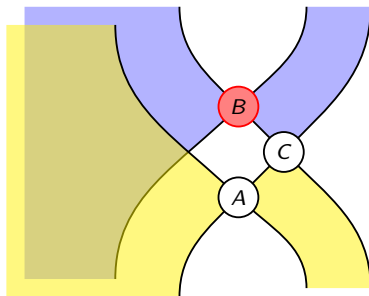
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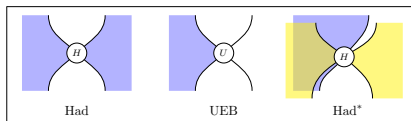
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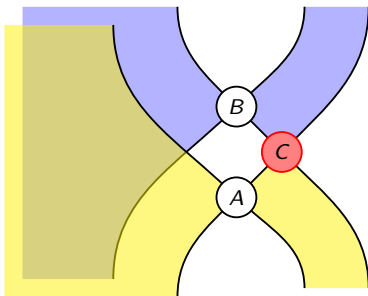
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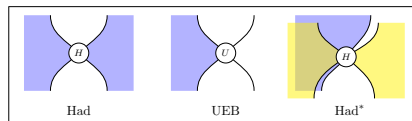
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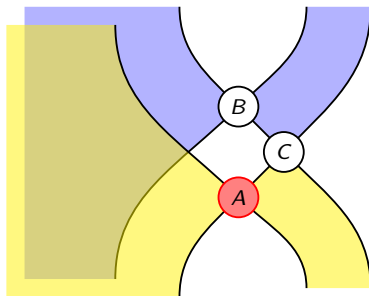
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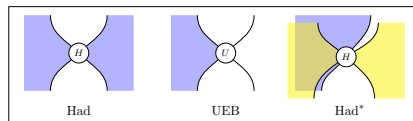
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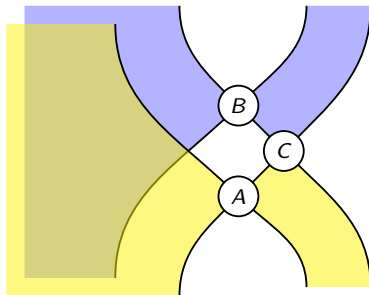
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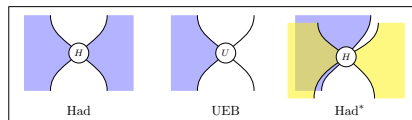
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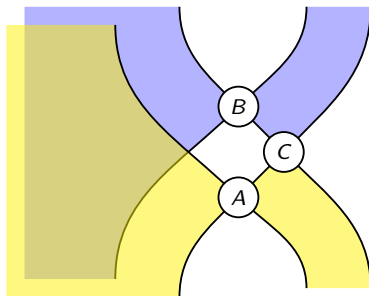
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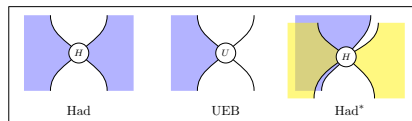


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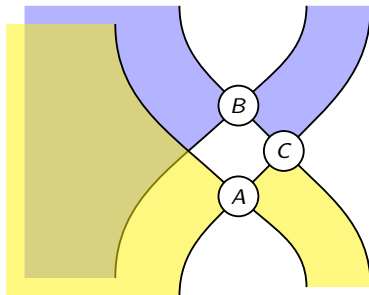


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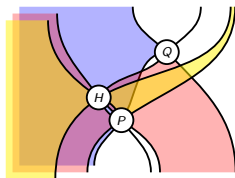
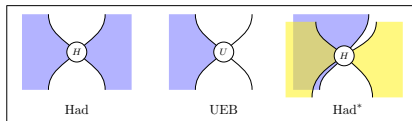


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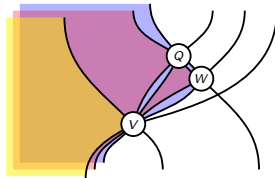


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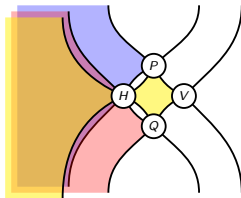
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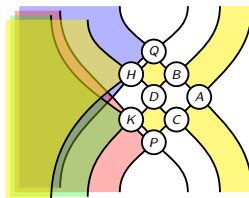
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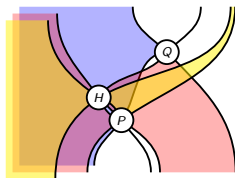
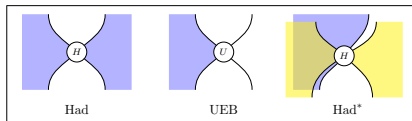


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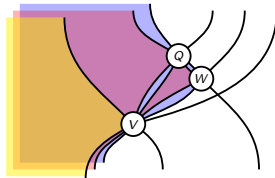


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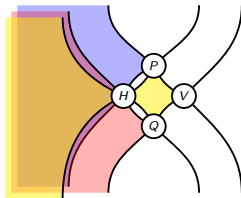
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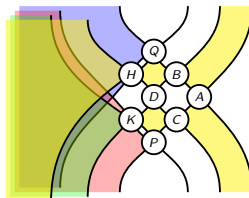
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