# Effect algebras, presheaves, non-locality and contextuality 

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- Probability: rows sum to 1
- No signaling (marginalization): Bob does not know what Alice chose as setting. e.g.:
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$\rightarrow$ Replace $\Omega$ by something more general capturing the 'measure-only-once' phenomenon.


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$\rightarrow$ Effect algebras are generalized probability spaces, effect algebra morphisms to $[0,1]$ are probability distributions.

## More generalization needed

- Only probabilities, no possibilities (Hardy).
- Relate to other work (Abramsky \& Brandenburger).
- Any good good list has at least three points.


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- "Deterministic hidden variables."
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- $\left(T\left(B_{\mathrm{A}} \otimes B_{\mathrm{B}}\right), i d\right)$ is terminal.
- "The local section $\langle T t, T i\rangle$ has no global section."


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## Other work and other paradoxes

- Sequence of adjunctions linking to Abramsky \& Brandenburger approach
- By considering maps into $\{0,1\}$ where $1+1=1$ (not an effect algebra) we reconstruct the Hardy Paradox in a similar way.
- Looking at $[\mathbb{N}, \operatorname{Set}] / T(\operatorname{Proj\mathcal {H}})$ and maps into $\{0,1\}$ (as effect algebra) we reconstruct Kochen-Specker paradox.


## Slogan:

Different contextuality scenarios arise from different slices of the presheaf category $[\mathbb{N}$, Set].

