

# Signe

High-level functional quantum programming

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- High-level languages: Features high levels of abstraction. Often implements constructs from classical programming.
  - ▶ Silq
  - ▶ QML
  - ▶ Signe

# The Language Signe



# Example Syntax

## Signe

```
succ x : int -> int
      := x + 1
```

```
succ 0 -- 1
```

## C

```
int succ(int x) {
    return (x + 1);
}
```

```
succ(0) // 1
```

## Haskell

```
succ :: Int -> Int
succ x = x + 1
```

```
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```

# Hadamard

$\sim+ : \text{qubit} := \sim 0 + \sim 1$

$\sim- : \text{qubit} := \sim 0 - \sim 1$

$H \ q : \text{qubit} \rightarrow \text{qubit}$   
   $:= \text{if}^\circ \ q$   
     $\text{then } \sim-$   
     $\text{else } \sim+$

# CNOT

```
X q : qubit -> qubit
  := ifo q
      then ~0
      else ~1
```

```
CX c t : qubit -> qubit -> qubit * qubit
  := ifo c
      then (~1, X t)
      else (~0,   t)
```

# S-gate

$\sim i : \text{qubit} := i * \sim 1$

**S**  $q : \text{qubit} \rightarrow \text{qubit}$   
   $:= \text{if}^\circ q$   
    then  $\sim i$   
    else  $\sim 0$

# T-gate

$\sim e : \text{qubit} := e^{(i\pi/4)} * \sim 1$

**T**  $q : \text{qubit} \rightarrow \text{qubit}$   
     $:= \text{if}^\circ q$   
        then  $\sim e$   
        else  $\sim 0$

## Syntax

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Term} \quad M, N, P ::= & x \mid \lambda x.M \mid MN \mid \text{if}^\circ P \text{ then } M \text{ else } N \\ & \mid \text{if } P \text{ then } M \text{ else } N \mid M + N \mid M - N \\ & \mid \kappa * M \mid \langle M, N \rangle \mid |0\rangle \mid |1\rangle \mid \text{let } x = M \text{ in } N \end{aligned}$$
$$\textit{Mono} \quad \tau, \varphi ::= \alpha \mid \tau \rightarrow \varphi \mid \tau \otimes \varphi \mid \mathcal{Q}$$
$$Type \qquad \sigma ::= \tau \mid \forall \alpha. \sigma$$
$$Program \quad P ::= fx : \sigma := M \triangleright P \mid \mathbf{eof}$$
$$f, x, \alpha \in String \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{C} \quad \tau \in Mono \quad \sigma \in Type \quad M \in Term$$

# Compilation

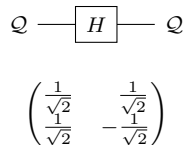
## Signe

```
H q : qubit -> qubit
:= ifo q
   then ~-
   else ~+
```

## Internal

```
Ser [
  Par [Ser [Perm [0]]],
  Perm [0],
  Par [Perm [0]],
  Perm [0],
  Perm [0],
  Ser [Par [
    Gate (1/√2, 1/√2)
          (1/√2, -1/√2)
      ]
  ], Perm [0]
]
```

## Circuit



# Deutsch's algorithm

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```
ap x f :  $\forall a b . a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b$   
:= f x
```

```
fst (x,y) :  $\forall a b . (a * b) \rightarrow a$   
:= x
```

```
measure x : qubit  $\rightarrow$  qubit  
:= let (r,_) = (x,x) in r
```

# Type System

# Overview

- The type system(s) ensures that the program follows a set of predefined rules.
- The compiler utilizes both a static (before code generation) and a dynamic (during code generation) system.
- The static type checker implements a Hindley-Milner type system.
- The dynamic type system implements a strict linear type system.

# Hindley-Milner type checker

- Can derive the most general type for any expression.
- Allows types to be omitted from functions.
- Enables the use of polymorphic types (which give generic functions).

```
id x := x -- inferred type:  $\forall a . a \rightarrow a$ 
```

# Hindley-Milner type checker

```
-- Polymorphic types
```

```
id x :  $\forall$  a . a -> a := x
```

```
-- Monomorphic types
```

```
idQ x : qubit -> qubit := x
```

```
idQQ x : (qubit * qubit) -> qubit * qubit := x
```

```
idFQ x : (qubit -> qubit) -> qubit -> qubit := x
```

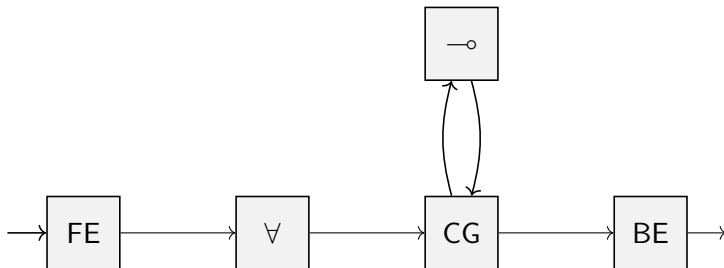
```
ifFQQ x : (qubit -> qubit * qubit) -> qubit -> qubit * qubit  
:= x
```

```
⋮
```

# Linear type checker

- Imposes orthogonality constraints on certain expressions.
- Controls contraction and weakening and generates appropriate circuits according to the typing rules.
- Keeps track of the quantum register sizes.

# Architecture





# Finite Quantum Computations

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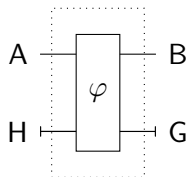
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- The FQC category gives a convenient way of representing Signe programs (circuits).

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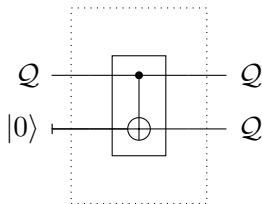


$$(H, G, \varphi) \in \mathbf{FQC} \ A \ B$$

$$|H| + |A| = |G| + |B|$$

$$\varphi \in A \otimes H \dashrightarrow B \otimes G$$

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$$(\mathcal{Q}, \emptyset, \text{CNOT}) \in \mathbf{FQC} \mathcal{Q} (\mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{Q})$$

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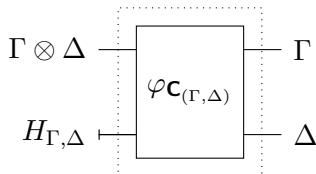
# Contraction

- Practically means duplication of variables
- Is handled semantically not to violate the no-cloning property
- Allows for a *natural* programming style

`copy`  $x : \forall a . a \rightarrow a * a$   
 $:= (x, x)$

# Operational semantics of contraction

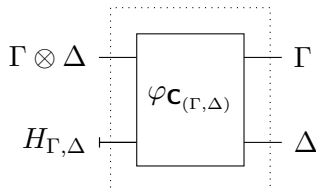
## Contexts



$$\mathbf{C}_{(\Gamma, \Delta)} \in \mathbf{FQC}^{\circ} ([\Gamma \otimes \Delta]) ([\Gamma] \otimes [\Delta])$$

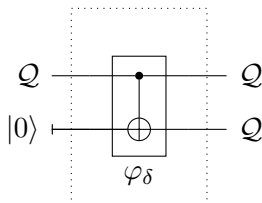
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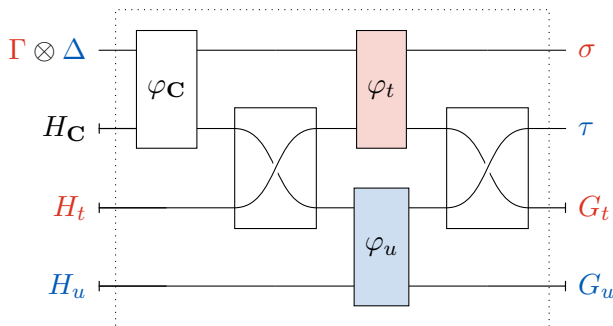
$$C_{(\Gamma, \Delta)} \in \mathbf{FQC}^\circ ([\Gamma \otimes \Delta]) ([\Gamma] \otimes [\Delta])$$

## Terms



$$\delta \in \mathbf{FQC}^\circ Q (Q \otimes Q)$$

# Operational semantics of tuples



$$\langle t, u \rangle \in \mathbf{FQC}^{a \sqcap b} [\Gamma \otimes \Delta] ([\sigma] \otimes [\tau])$$

$$t \in \mathbf{FQC}^a [\Gamma] [\sigma]$$

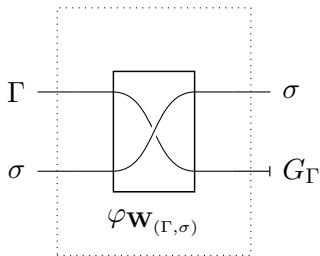
$$u \in \mathbf{FQC}^b [\Delta] [\tau]$$

# Weakening

- Discarding of variables
- Carefully managed semantically by the compiler
- Greatly increases ease of use

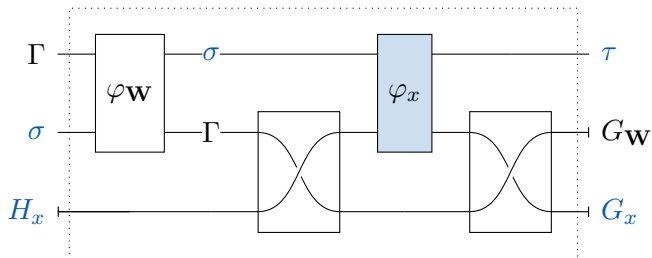
```
first (x,y) :  $\forall a . a * a \rightarrow a$   
          := x
```

## Operational semantics of weakening



$$\mathbf{W}_{(\Gamma, \sigma)} \in \mathbf{FQC} ([\Gamma] \otimes [\sigma]) [\sigma]$$

# Operational semantics of variables



$$x^{\text{dom}\Gamma} \in \mathbf{FQC} ([\Gamma] \otimes [\sigma]) [\tau]$$

$$x \in \mathbf{FQC}^a [\sigma] [\tau]$$



# Comparison of conditionals

Code

```
X q : qubit -> qubit
:= if q
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  else ~1
```

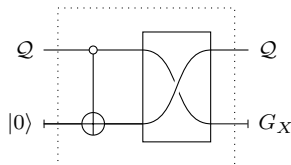
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Typing rule

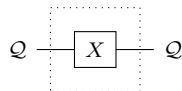
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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash^o c : Q \quad \Delta \vdash^o t, u : \sigma \quad t \perp u}{\Gamma \otimes \Delta \vdash^o \text{if}^o c \text{ then } t \text{ else } u : \sigma}$$

Circuit

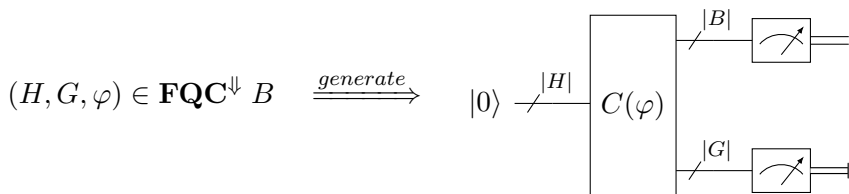


$$X \in \mathbf{FQC} \, Q \, Q$$



$$X^o \in \mathbf{FQC}^o \, Q \, Q$$

# Circuit generation of executable morphisms



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- Duplication of qubits represented as contraction. Discarding represented as weakening. Both controlled semantically.

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- Run on actual quantum computer (perhaps IBM or Chalmers (hopefully!)).