A 2-CATEGORICAL ANALYSIS OF COMPLEMENTARY FAMILIES AND QUANTUM KEY DISTRIBUTION

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Semantics given by the symmetric monoidal 2-category 2Hilb that has:

- 0-cells given by natural numbers
- 1-cells matrices whose entries are finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces
- 2-cells given by matrices whose entries are linear maps

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Vertical 2-cell composition corresponds to temporal composition. Horizontal 2-cell composition corresponds to spatial composition



By choosing a 2-category these diagrams are interpreted in, we choose the theory of Physics to work in. Quantum theory is modelled by **2Hilb**.

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