

# Thierry's Contributions to HoTT

2006: Workshop in Uppsala (Palmgren)

2007: "HoTT" in Nancy ...

2009: Martin-Löf Colloquium in Uppsala (Awodey, Tait, ...)

TC: "Forcing in type theory", SA: HoTT

2010: Chiemsee Workshop on Constr. TT. (Schwichtenberg)  
VV, TC, SA, ...

2011: Oberwolfach : VV states homot. canon. conj., HITs,  
CoqHoTT, IAS special year to be org. by VV, TC, SA.

2012/13: IAS Year: TC worked hard on constr. model of UA.

MB & TC: sSet not constructive.

2014: BCH constr. model of UA in cSet.

2016: CCHM: CubicalTT, ST: Canonicity, Proof of VV's conj.

2016≤: Cubical Homotopy, QMS, stack models, ...

+ Cubical Agda...

# Algebraic Type Theory

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# 1. Natural Models of DTT

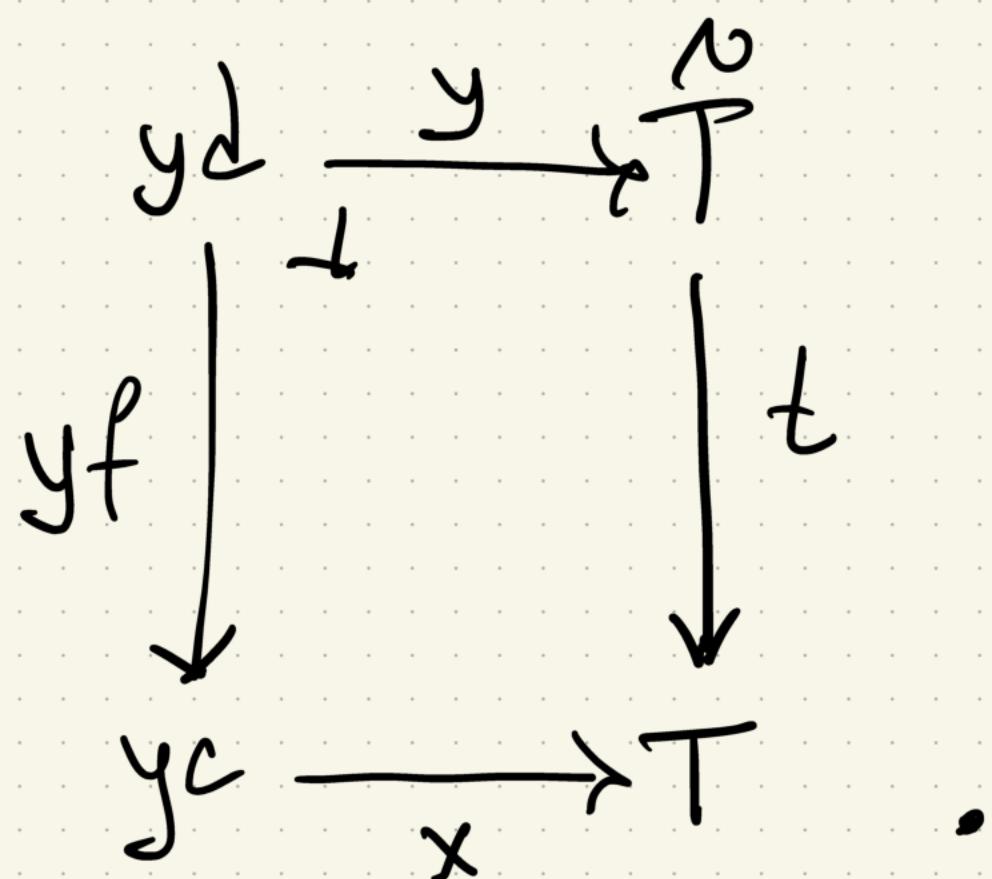
Def. (A.2012) A natural model consists of :

- a Cat  $\mathcal{C}$
- presheaves  $T, \tilde{T}$
- a nat. transf.  $t : \tilde{T} \rightarrow T$

that is representable:

$\forall c \in \mathcal{C} \quad \forall x \in T_c$  :

$\exists f : d \rightarrow c \quad \exists y \in \tilde{T}_d$  :



## Remarks

(1) •  $\mathcal{C}$  cat of ctx's

•  $T$  presheaf of types

•  $\tilde{T}$  presheaf of terms

(2) Representability is ctx-ext:

(3) This is equivalent to CwF.

(4) (A.2012) gives conditions on  $t$  equivalent to the CwF having

$1, \Sigma, \Pi, Eq, Id$

$C \vdash a : A$

$\iff$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & a & \vdash t \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow \\ y\mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow[A]{} & T \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} y\mathcal{C}, A & \xrightarrow{q_A} & \tilde{T} \\ \downarrow P_A & \perp & \downarrow t \\ y\mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow[A]{} & T \end{array}$$

(5) Namely, e.g.:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tilde{T} \\ \downarrow ! & \downarrow t & \downarrow \\ 1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T \end{array}$$

unit type

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{T}^2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tilde{T} \\ \downarrow t^2 & \downarrow (\Sigma) & \downarrow t \\ T^2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T \end{array}$$

dependent sum

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{T}^* & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tilde{T} \\ \downarrow t^* & \downarrow (\pi) & \downarrow t \\ T^* & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T \end{array}$$

dependent product

(6) We shall abstract this structure to form  
that of a "Martin-Löf algebra".

## 2. Polynomial Functors

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be LCCC.

Every  $f: A \rightarrow B$  determines a polynomial functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\quad P_f \quad} & \mathcal{E} \\ A^* \downarrow & & \nearrow B! \\ \mathcal{E}/A & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \mathcal{E}/B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xleftarrow{\quad X \times A \quad} & P_f X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} & B \end{array}$$

## 2. Polynomial Functors

(1) In the internal DTT of  $\mathcal{E}$ :

$$P_f(X) = B! f_+ A^*(X) = B! f_+ f^* A^*(X) = \sum_{b:B} X^{A_b}.$$

(2) UMP of  $P_f X$  is:  $(b,x): \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\quad} P_f X$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xleftarrow{x} & A_b \\ & & \downarrow f \\ \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow[b]{\quad} & B \end{array} .$$

(3) The assignment  $f \mapsto P_f$  is functorial on pullbacks;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \\ f \downarrow \perp & & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D \end{array} \rightsquigarrow P_f \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \cdot \\ \cdot & \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}} P_g$$

$$\varepsilon^I \supset \varepsilon^I \xrightarrow[f \otimes f]{P} \text{End}^c(\varepsilon) \subset [\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$$

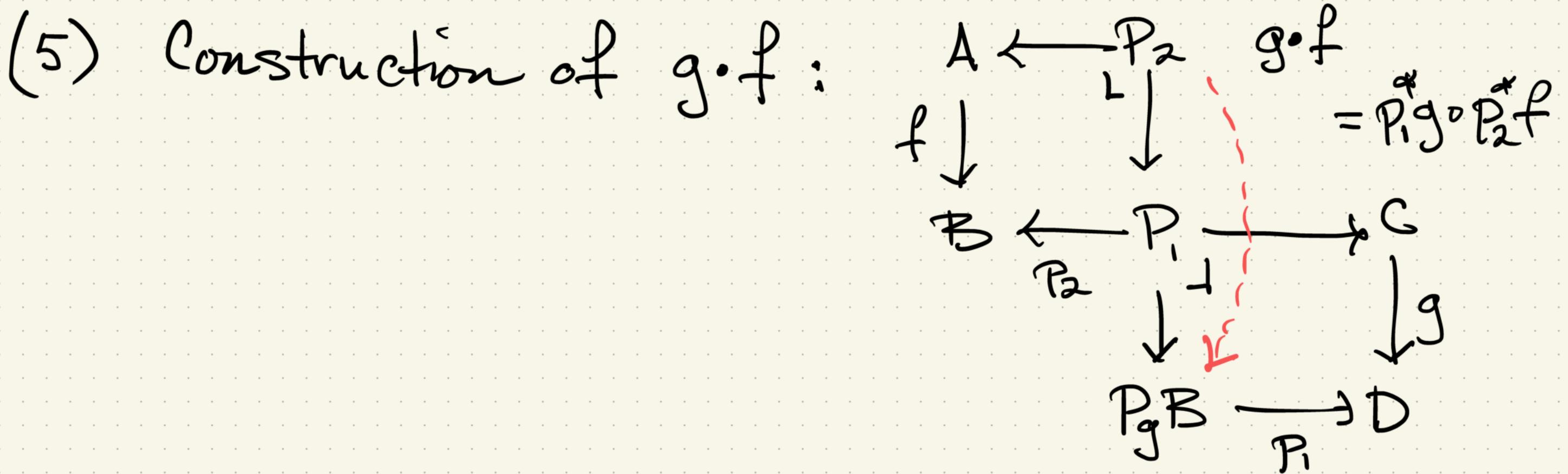
(4) The composite of polynomial functors is polynomial:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\quad Pg \circ f \quad} & \mathcal{E} \\ & \searrow P_f & \nearrow Pg \\ & \mathcal{E} & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & C & E \\ f \downarrow & g \downarrow & \rightsquigarrow \downarrow g \circ f \\ B & D & F \end{array}$$

And  $P(!\downarrow)^1 = 1_{\mathcal{E}}$ , so there is an equivalence of monoids:

$$(\mathcal{E}^I, \cdot, !) \cong (\text{Poly}(\mathcal{E}), \circ, 1_{\mathcal{E}}).$$



(6) Polynomials preserve pullbacks, so they lift to  $\mathcal{E}^I$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{E}^I & \xrightarrow{P_f^I} & \mathcal{E}^I \\
 \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{P_f} & \mathcal{E}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 C & & P_f^I & & P_f C \\
 g \downarrow & \nearrow & \text{un} & \downarrow & \\
 D & & & P_f g & = f^* g \\
 & & & \downarrow & \\
 & & & P_f D &
 \end{array}$$

### 3. M-L Algebras

Def. A M-L algebra in a LCCC  $\mathcal{E}$  is a map

$$t: \tilde{T} \rightarrow T$$

with structure:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \tilde{T} \\ ! \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow t \\ I & \rightarrow & T \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{T}^2 & \xrightarrow{\quad + \quad} & \tilde{T} \\ t \cdot t \downarrow & & \downarrow t \\ T^2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{T}^* & \xrightarrow{\quad \lrcorner \quad} & T \\ t * t \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow t \\ T^* & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T \end{array}$$

unit



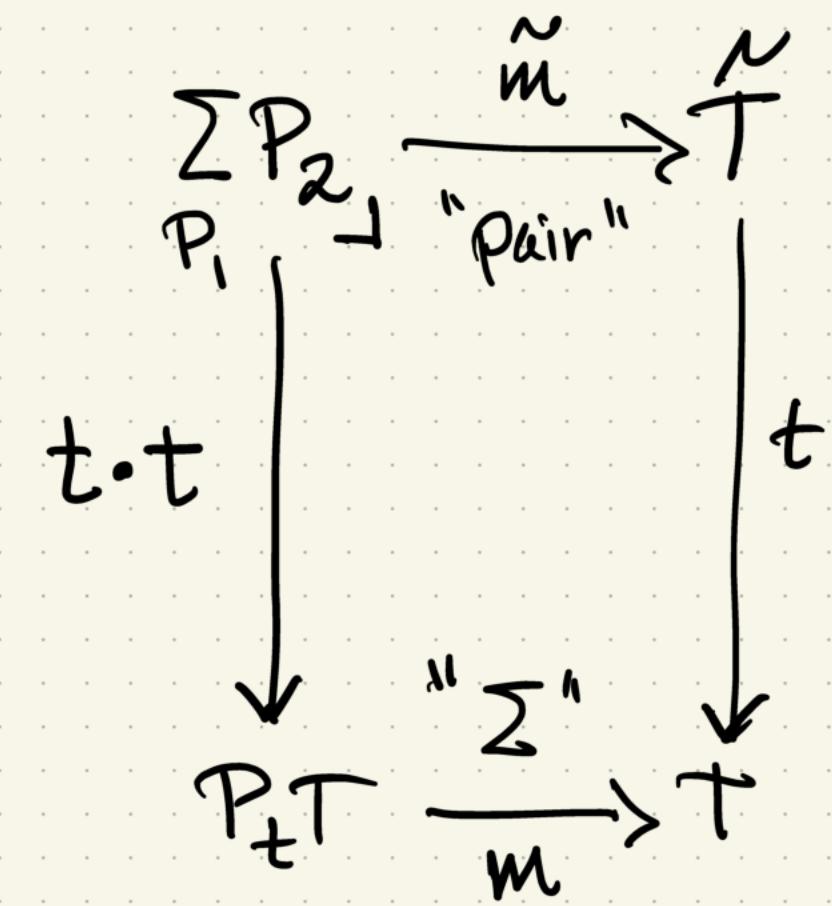
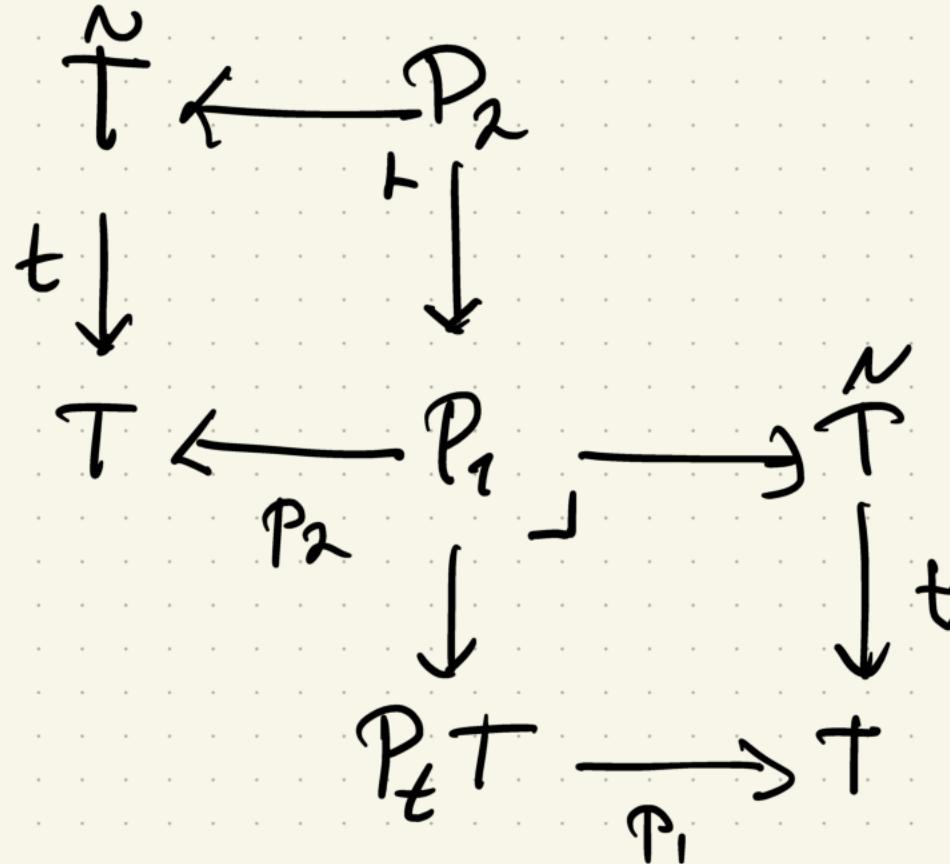
dominance

multiplication

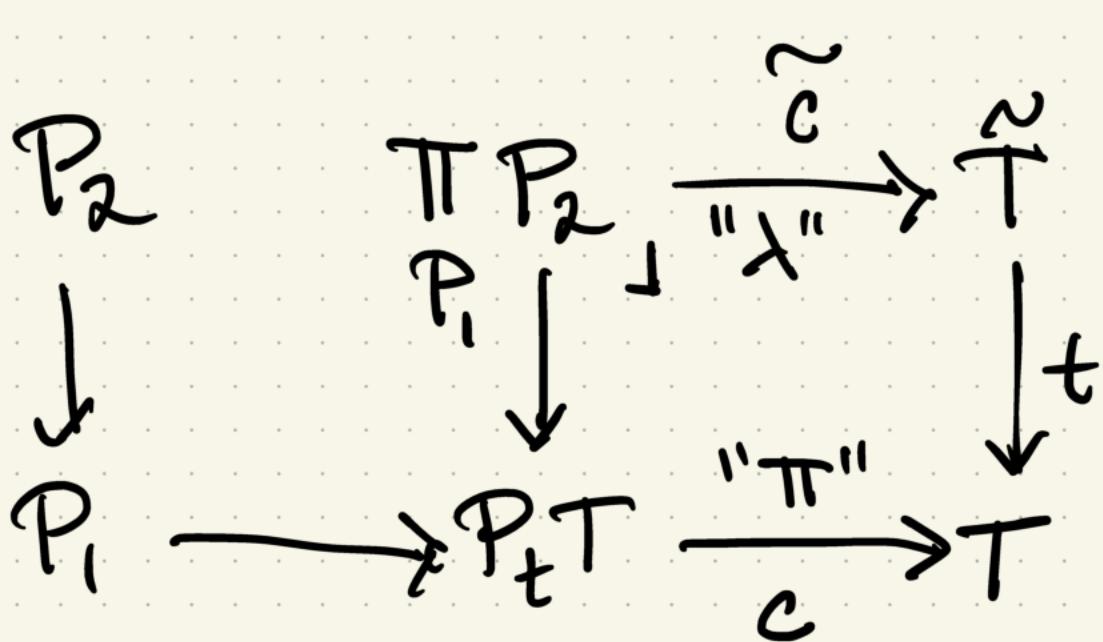


closure

The general pattern :



Note :



$$\frac{\pi P_2}{P_1} \downarrow = \frac{P_t \tilde{T}}{P_t T}$$

$$P_t T = t * t$$

- the unit determines a cart. nat. trans.

$$u: 1_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow P_t$$

- The mult. determines

$$m: P_t \circ P_t \rightarrow P_t$$

- The closure determines an algebra structure

$$c: P_t(t) \rightarrow t$$

- In terms of the monoidal cat  $(\mathcal{E}^I, \cdot, !)$ :

- a monoid structure  $! \rightarrow t \leftarrow t \cdot t$
- a module structure  $t @ t \rightarrow t$

Basic Example: A CwF  $(\mathcal{C}, t: \tilde{T} \rightarrow T)$  is a

ML-algebra in  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$  iff it has  $1, \Sigma, \Pi$ .

Conversely:

Thm Let  $t: \tilde{T} \rightarrow T$  be a ML-algebra in  $\mathcal{E}$ ,

Define a CwF on  $\mathcal{E}$  by "mapping in":

$$\begin{array}{c} \tilde{T}' = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}}(-, \tilde{T}) \\ t' \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}}(-, t) \\ T' = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}}(-, T) \end{array}$$

Then  $t' = yt$  has  $1, \Sigma, \Pi$  as a CwF.

(Pf: Yoneda preserves ML alg.s.)

## 4. Examples

(i) Display maps. Take any map  $t: \tilde{T} \rightarrow T$  in  $\mathcal{E}$  and define display maps  $\mathcal{D}_t \subseteq \mathcal{C}_1$ , by:

$$d \downarrow \in \mathcal{D}_t \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tilde{T} \\ d \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow t \\ E & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T \end{array}$$

Then  $\mathcal{D}_t$  is closed under pullbacks, and

- under isos & composition if  $t$  is a dominance,
- under pushforwards if  $t$  is closed.

So  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}_t)$  is a  $T$ -clan\* (Joyal) if  $t$  is a ML algebra.

Conversely:

Thm (A.2012) Given a display map cat  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ ,  
there's a  $d_{\mathcal{D}}: \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \rightarrow D$  in  $\overset{\wedge}{\mathcal{C}}$  that's a ML-algebra  
if  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  is closed under isos, composition,  
and pushforwards, i.e. if  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  is a  $\Pi$ -clan.

In fact:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\mathcal{D}} & & \perp \text{ y dom(d)} \\ \downarrow d_{\mathcal{D}} := \bigwedge_{d \in \mathcal{D}} y_d & & \downarrow \\ D & & \perp \text{ y cod(d)} \end{array}$$

So  $\mathcal{P}_{d_{\mathcal{D}}} = \mathcal{D}$ .

(ii) Finite sets. In  $\mathcal{E} = \text{Set}$ , let

$$\begin{array}{c} \tilde{\mathbb{N}} \\ \downarrow \text{nat} \\ \mathbb{N} \end{array} = \sum_{n:\mathbb{N}} [n] \quad = \quad \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \\ \downarrow \text{id} \\ \mathbb{N} \end{array}$$

↓  $P_2$

$\mathbb{N}$

.

Polynomial functor  $P_{\text{nat}}: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  is then

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{nat}}(X) &= \sum_{n:\mathbb{N}} X^n \\ &= 1 + X + X^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

• Unit :  $u_x: X \rightarrow 1 + X + \dots$  (+ · inclusion)

• multiplication :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_{\text{nat}}^2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P_{\text{nat}} \\ P_{\text{nat}} \times P_{\text{nat}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_2 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{m}} & \mathbb{N} \\ \downarrow \text{nat}^2 & \perp & \downarrow \\ \sum_n \mathbb{N}^n = P_{\text{nat}} \mathbb{N} & \xrightarrow{m} & \mathbb{N} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} m_n: \mathbb{N}^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{N} \\ (k_1, \dots, k_n) & \longmapsto & k_1 + \dots + k_n \end{array}$$

• Closure :  $C_n(k_1, \dots, k_n) = k_1 \cdot \dots \cdot k_n$

(iii) Bool.

$$\begin{array}{c} \sum \delta \\ \delta:2 \downarrow \\ 2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \sum \delta \\ \delta:2 \downarrow \\ 2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \{0\} \\ \downarrow \\ \{0,1\} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \sum \delta \\ \delta:2 \downarrow \\ 2 \end{array} .$$

$$P_T(x) = \sum_{\delta:2} x^\delta = 1 + x .$$

Unit:

$$x \rightarrow 1 + x \quad +\text{-incl.}$$

Mult:

$$1 + (1 + x) \rightarrow 1 + x \quad \triangleright$$

Closure:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1+1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & 1 \\ \downarrow & + & \downarrow \\ 1+2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & 2 \end{array} \quad \text{soc}$$

#### (iv) Groth Universe.

Take any cardinal  $\alpha$  & do "the same thing":

$\tilde{S}_\alpha$

" $\sum_{a \in S_\alpha} a$ "

$\downarrow$

$S_\alpha$

"Sets of size  $< \alpha$ "

ML-algebra

if  $\alpha$  is inaccessible

#### (v) Syntactic ML-algebra of DTT w/ $\Gamma, \Sigma, \Pi$ :

$\overset{\wedge}{(\text{Ctx})}$

Terms

$\{c + a : A\}$

$\downarrow$

Types

$\{c + A \text{ type}\}$

Should be  
the initial  
ML-algebra!

## (vi) Hofmann-Streicher Universe

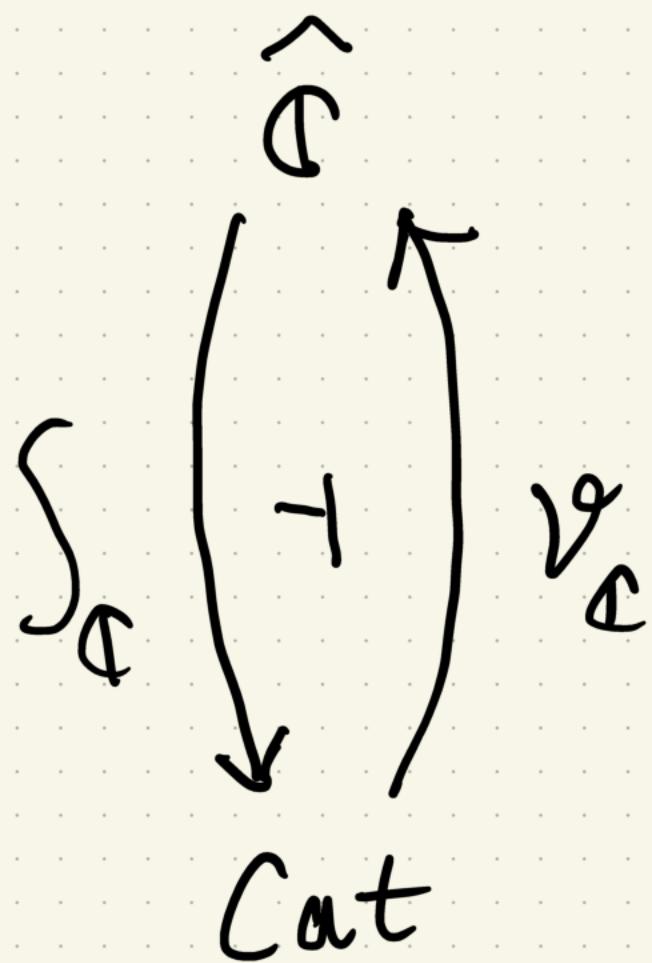
Given a cardinal  $\alpha \in \text{Set}$ , for any  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  
we have the HS universe in  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U : \mathbb{P}^{\alpha} & \longrightarrow & \text{Set}_{\alpha} \\ E : \mathcal{S}\mathbb{U}_c^{\alpha} & \longrightarrow & \text{Set}_{\alpha} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \widetilde{U}_{\alpha} \\ \downarrow \\ U_{\alpha} \end{array}$$

Prop.  $\widetilde{U}_{\alpha} \rightarrow U_{\alpha}$  is a ML-algebra (for suitable  $\alpha$ ).

This follows directly from the 3 facts...

Fact 1 :  $\tilde{U}_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha$  is the "nerve" of the universal  $\alpha$ -small discrete fibration  $\text{Set}_\alpha^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}_\alpha^\alpha$  in  $\text{Cat}$ :



$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{U}_\alpha & \xrightarrow{\nu_C} & \text{Set}_\alpha^\alpha \\ \downarrow & = & \downarrow \\ U_\alpha & \xrightarrow{\nu_C} & \text{Set}_\alpha^{\text{op}} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_D \cong D & \longrightarrow & \text{Set}_\alpha^\alpha \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C & \xrightarrow{D} & \text{Set}_\alpha^{\text{op}} \end{array}$$

Fact 2: The nerve  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{C}}: \text{Cat} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  preserves  
ML-algebras.

Fact 3:  $\text{Set}_2^{\alpha} \rightarrow \text{Set}_2^{\alpha}$  is a ML-algebra in  $\text{Cat}^*$   
(for suitable  $\alpha$ ).

So indeed:

Prop.  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_2$  is a ML-algebra in  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$   
(for suitable  $\alpha$ ).

Fun Corollary: the  $\text{SOC } 1 \rightarrow \Omega$  in  $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$   
is also an MG-algebra.

Because it's the nerve of  $T: 1 \rightarrow 2$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{\nu_1} & \\ t \downarrow = & & \downarrow \nu_T \\ \Omega & \xrightarrow{\nu_2} & \end{array}$$

## 5. Free Completions

Let  $(\mathcal{C}, t: \tilde{T} \rightarrow T)$  be a CwF in  $\mathcal{E} = \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ .

- We saw that TFAE:

ML-Alg	CwF
$! \rightarrow t$	unit type
$t \cdot t \rightarrow t$	sum type
$t * t \rightarrow t$	product type

- Given any CwF  $t$ , we can freely add these structures to make the free ML-algebra on  $t$ .

Step 1 Using  $P_f + P_g = P_{f+g}$  in  $\text{Poly}(\mathcal{E}) \cong \mathcal{E}^I$ , we have

in  $\text{Poly}(\mathcal{E})$

$$1_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{E}} + P_t \leftarrow P_t ,$$

in  $\mathcal{E}^I$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{\quad + \quad} & 1 + \hat{T} & \xleftarrow{\quad \hat{T} \quad} & \hat{T} \\ ! \downarrow & & \downarrow ! + t & & \downarrow t \\ 1 & \xrightarrow{\quad + \quad} & 1 + T & \xleftarrow{\quad T \quad} & . \end{array}$$

Since  $1_{\mathcal{E}} + P_t = P_{!+t}$  is the free pointed ends functor on  $P_t$ ,  
 the map  $t \mapsto !+t$  freely adds a unit type to the CwF  $t$ .

Step I: We seek  $U$  in  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{F}}$  with

$$t \mapsto U \leftarrow U \circ t \quad (\text{universal})$$

- As in the theory of endofunctors as "data types", this is given by solving the "domain equation"

$$U \cong 1 + U \circ t .$$

This also adds a point  $1 \rightarrow U$ .

- The solution is the lim of the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow T^2_0 \rightarrow \dots ,$$

for the endofunctor

$$T(x) = ! + x \circ t$$

on  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{F}} \cong \text{Poly}(\mathcal{E})$ .

the colimit in  $\mathcal{E}^I$  is seen to be the object

$$\begin{aligned} u &= ! + t + t \circ t + t^{3 \circ} + \dots \\ &= \sum_n t^n . \end{aligned}$$

For this, one uses the following important

Fact: If  $t: \tilde{T} \rightarrow T$  in  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$  is representable,  
then the polynomial functor  $P_t: \hat{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{C}}$   
has a right adjoint, and therefore preserves  
all colimits. So in particular:

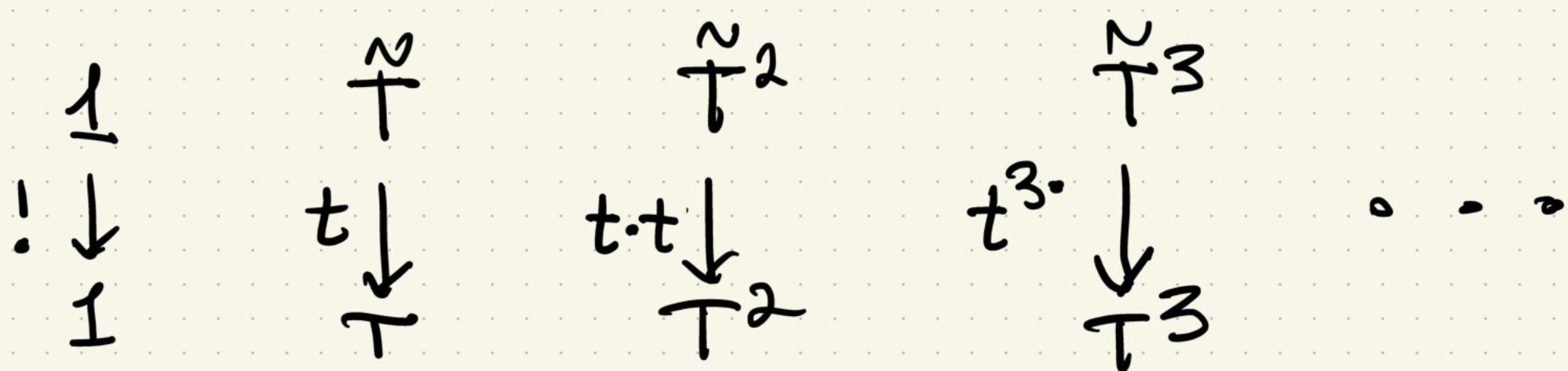
$$t \circ (a+b) \cong t \circ a + t \circ b , \quad a, b \in \mathcal{E}^I .$$

- Let us consider this free completion under  $\Sigma$ -types  
in terms of the "type theory"  $t: \tilde{T} \rightarrow T$ .
- We have the objects in  $\mathcal{E}^I$ :

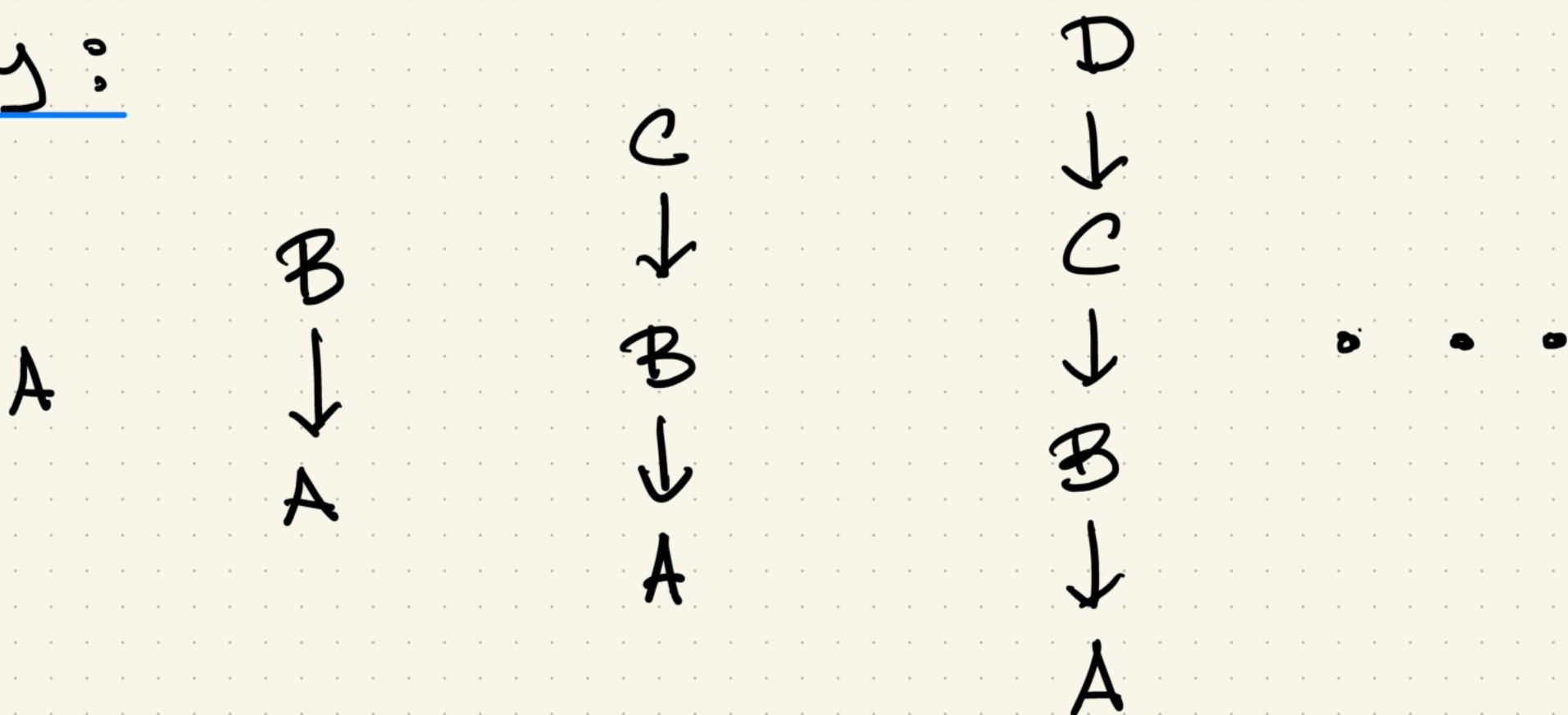
$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 1 & \frac{\vdash}{T} & \frac{\vdash}{\tilde{T}^2} & \frac{\vdash}{\tilde{T}^3} & & \\
 ! \downarrow & t \downarrow & t \cdot t \downarrow & t^3 \downarrow & \cdots & \\
 1 & T & T^2 & T^3 & &
 \end{array}$$

- Mapping into these classifies ...

Objects:



classify:



ctx's:

A      A.B      A.B.C      A.B.C.D      ...

- Thus  $u: \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$  classifies the ctx's of  $t$ :  
 $\Downarrow$   
 $(1+t+t^2+\dots)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_u & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tilde{U} \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow u \\
 C_0, C_1, \dots, C_n : & \vdots & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 C_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U
 \end{array} .$$

- This agrees with the idea that the cat. of ctx's of a theory "freely adds  $\Sigma$ -types" (cf. G&G).
- Can be used to give a "base change" of CwFs:

$$(C, t) \longrightarrow (C^\Sigma, t^\Sigma) .$$

# Work in Progress

- $\Pi$ -types

$$u = t + u \otimes u$$

- Eq

$$\Delta u \rightarrow u$$

- Id

...

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{u} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tilde{u} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta u & & u \\ \tilde{u} \times \tilde{u} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & u \end{array}$$

Thanks Thierry,

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