

# *Minimalist Algebraic Local Set Theory*

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## *Abstract of our talk*

- What is **Algebraic Set Theory**?
- Why developing it?
- **Algebraic Set Theory** for the **extensional level** of the **Minimalist Foundation**
- future work

## What is *Algebraic Set Theory*?

origin:

*Algebraic Set Theory*, A. Joyal and I. Moerdijk, CUP, 1995

= *Categorical set theory*

see: <http://www.phil.cmu.edu/projects/ast/whyast.html>

## What is Algebraic Set Theory?

in [JM95]

category models for ZFC and IZF axiomatic set theories

key point:

Von Neumann Universe  $\mathbf{V}$  = Initial ZF-algebra

## *Peculiarity of Algebraic Set Theory*

notion of **model** of a **set theory**

via **algebraic universal** properties

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derive **set existence** (including **universes**)

via **categorical** properties

## Our goal

Algebraic Set Theory

for

the **Minimalist Foundation (MF)**

actually for its **extensional** level in [M.'09]

intended as the **minimalist set theory**

where to formalize **constructive mathematics**

according to [M.-Sambin'05]

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an **example** of **categorical model** for **MF**

in the *next talk by Samuele Maschio*

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it employs a **realizability** interpretation

in joint work **by us** with

*Hajime Ishihara* and *Thomas Streicher*

to appear in 2018 in *Archive for Mathematical Logic*

essence of our talk

internal language of **topoi**

= **local** set theory

algebraic set theory

**minimalist** **local** set theory

= **predicative** and **minimalist**

version of **topos**



## Why using *Category Theory* (CT) in *model theory* ?

- **CT** provide models **type theories** and their **proof-terms** in an **easy/NON-trivial/intuitive way**
- **CT** provides a framework to relate a **calculus** and its **models** in a way **stronger** than usual **soundness-completeness** relation via the **Internal Language correspondence** even for USUAL **proof-irrelevant logical systems**

## Example where *Categorical Modelling* is necessary

No **classical set theoretic** notion of model  
for **Coquand's Calculus of Constructions**  
(the one implemented in **Coq**)  
extending  
**standard set-theoretic model** of typed lambda calculus

because

**"Polymorphism is not set-theoretic"** di John Reynolds, in "Semantics of Data Types", 1984  
Volume 173 of the series Lecture Notes in Computer Science pp 145-156

and

All **small complete** categories are **preordered** (proof-irrelevant).

## Killer application of **Category Theory** in logic

Lawvere's **hyperdoctrines**

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notion of **funtorial model**

for **classical/intuitionistic** logic

even with **equality**

enjoy an **Internal Language correspondence**

with respect to the corresponding logic

while

**Tarskian/ Complete Boolean** valued models

for **classical logic**

and

**Topological/Complete Heyting** valued models

for **intuitionistic logic**

DO NOT enjoy it

## Lawvere's hyperdoctrines for first order classical predicate calculus

= Boolean hyperdoctrines

i.e. suitable functors towards cat of Boolean algebras

$D : \mathcal{C}^{OP} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Boole}$

$A \mapsto D(A)$

Boolean algebra

$f: A \rightarrow B \mapsto D(B) \rightarrow D(B)$

Boolean algebra homomorphism

+ existential and universal adjunctions

## Lawvere's hyperdoctrines for first order intuitionistic predicate calculus

= Heyting hyperdoctrines

i.e. suitable functors towards cat of Heyting algebras

$$D : \mathcal{C}^{OP} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Hey}$$

$$A \mapsto D(A)$$

Heyting algebra

$$f: A \rightarrow B \mapsto D(B) \rightarrow D(B)$$

Heyting algebra homomorphism

+ existential and universal adjunctions

## Novelty of Lawvere's *hyperdoctrines*

Connectives and quantifiers  
are modelled as left/right adjoints  
i.e. via *universal properties*

[Bill Lawvere, "*Adjointness in Foundations*", (TAC), *Dialectica* 23 (1969),  
281-296]

## *Logical connectives as **Adjoint**s*

also called **Galois connections**

falsum constant      left adjoint to singleton constant functor

true constant      right adjoint to singleton constant functor

conjunction      right adjoint to diagonal functor

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implication of  $\phi$ , i.e.  $\phi \rightarrow (-)$       right adjoint to the conjunction functor with  $\phi$

intuitionistic negation  $\neg(-)$       left adjoint to itself towards the opposite category

classical negation  $\neg(-)$       is ALSO right adjoint to itself towards the opposite category  
(to get the excluded middle principle)



## Quantifiers as Adjoints

- Universal Quantifiers are Right Adjoints to Weakening:

$$\frac{\psi \leq_{[x]} \forall y. (\phi[z/y])}{\text{Weak}_z(\psi) \leq_{[x,z]} \phi}$$

$$\text{Weak}_y(\psi) = \psi$$

=  $\psi$  does NOT depend from  $y$ .

- Existential Quantifiers are Left Adjoints to Weakening

$$\frac{\exists y. (\phi[z/y]) \leq_{[x]} \psi}{\phi \leq_{[x,z]} \text{Weak}_z(\psi)}$$

- + Beck-Chevalley conditions

## Advantage of *categorical* modelling

easy proof of **soundness+completeness theorem**

NO need of **NON-constructive** principles

**syntactic hyperdoctrine** for **classical/intuitionistic** logic

=

**initial boolean/Heyting hyperdoctrine**

in the category of corresponding **hyperdoctrines**

+ related **homomorphisms**

$LT_{\mathbf{LC}}$ :

$Cont^{OP}$

$\longrightarrow$

**Boole**

$\Gamma$

$\mapsto$

$LT(\Gamma)$

context of variable assumptions

Lindenbaum algebra

of formulas with variables in  $\Gamma$

$[t_1/x_1, \dots, t_n/x_n]: \Delta \rightarrow \Gamma$

$\mapsto$

$LT_{\mathbf{LC}}([t_1/x_1, \dots, t_n/x_n])$

$n$ -tuple of term substitutions

substitution morphism

## Killer application of *Categorical Logic*

Lawvere's **hyperdoctrines** are related to the **corresponding logic**

NOT ONLY via usual **soundness+ completeness** relation:

$$\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash \phi \text{ derivable in the logic} \\ \text{iff} \\ (\Gamma \vdash \phi)^I \text{ holds in each model interpretation } (-)^I \end{array}$$

but also.... via the **internal language correspondence!!**

## To establish an *internal language* correspondence

Given a calculus  $\tau$

- organize its **theories** (=  $\tau$  + axioms) into a category with **translations**

$$\text{Th}(\tau)$$

- organize a class of its **models** into a category

$$\text{Mod}(\tau)$$

- Define a functor extracting the **internal theory** out of a model

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Int}: & \text{Mod}(\tau) & \rightarrow & \text{Th}(\tau) \\ & M & \mapsto & \text{Int}(M) \end{array}$$

**internal theory** of  $M$

- Define a **model** out of a theory of  $\tau$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \textit{Syn}: & \text{Th}(\tau) & \rightarrow & \text{Mod}(\tau) \\
 & T & \mapsto & \textit{Syn}(\mathbf{M})
 \end{array}$$

**syntactic model** of T

such that

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{for any model } \mathbf{M} & \text{for any theory } \mathbf{T} \\
 \mathbf{M} \simeq \textit{Syn}(\textit{Int}(\mathbf{M})) & \mathbf{T} \simeq \textit{Int}(\textit{Syn}(\mathbf{T}))
 \end{array}$$

logic	complete models	internal language correspondence
classical propositional logic	Boolean algebras	yes
intuitionistic propositional logic	Heyting algebras	yes
classical predicate logic	Complete Boolean valued models Boolean hyperdoctrines	NO yes
intuitionistic predicate logic	Complete Heyting algebras Heyting hyperdoctrines	NO yes

## Other examples of internal languages

- **first example**: Benabou-Mitchell internal language of Lawvere-Tierney elementary topoi  
as a many-sorted INTUITIONISTIC logic
  
- **internal language** as a dependent type theory à la Martin-Löf  
is given for many categorical structures:  
*lex* categories  
*regular* categorie  
*locally cartesian closed* categories  
*pretopoi*  
*elementary topoi...*  
in [M.05] “Modular correspondence between dependent type theories and categories..”



Internal language of a topos is a local set theory

J. Bell *Toposes and Local Set Theories: An Introduction*. Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1988

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Local Set Theory = Set theory with typed variables  
= Set theory + Type Theory

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<p>axiomatic set theory for ex: Friedman's IZF</p>	<p>local set theory of topoi</p>
<p>first order predicate logic</p> <p style="text-align: right;">⇓</p> <p>untyped variables</p>	<p>many sorted logic with sorts=types=sets</p> <p style="text-align: right;">⇓</p> <p>typed variables</p>
<p>powerset axiom</p>	<p>powerset type</p>
<p>subsets as sets</p>	<p>subsets as elements of powerset</p>
<p>extensional equality of sets</p>	<p>extensional equality of subsets</p>
<p>one kind of functions: functional relations</p>	<p>two kinds of functions: functional relations + functional typed terms (=base morphisms) whilst in bijection by unique choice rule</p>

in the *local* set theory of *topoi* + *natural numbers* object

type of natural numbers  $\mathit{Nat}$

type of subsets of natural numbers  $\mathcal{P}(\mathit{Nat})$

membership from a subset

$$U \in \mathcal{P}(\mathit{Nat})$$

we can form

$$x \in U \text{ prop } [x \in \mathit{Nat}]$$

comprehension axiom from a proposition

$$\phi(x) \text{ prop } [x \in \mathit{Nat}]$$

we can form

$$\{x \in \mathit{Nat} \mid \phi(x)\} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathit{Nat})$$

s.t. it true that

$$\mathbf{n} \in \{x \in \mathit{Nat} \mid \phi(x)\} \Leftrightarrow \phi(\mathbf{n})$$

example of functional typed terms: given a term

$$f(x, y) \in B [z \in C, x \in A]$$

we can form

$$\lambda x. f(x) \in A \rightarrow B [z \in C]$$

## DEPENDENT typed internal language for *topoi*

Internal dependent type theory à la Martin-Löf  
of elementary *topoi*  
in [M'05, M.PhD thesis'98]

in

M.E.M "Modular correspondence between dependent type theories and categorical universes including pretopoi and topoi." MSCS, 2005

following [Bell'88]

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internal dependent typed language = Local Set Theory  
of *topoi* in [M'05]  
= Set theory with **dependent** typed variables  
= Set theory + **Dependent** Type Theory

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## Internal languages of topoi

Benabou/Mitchell language	Internal language in [M'05]
many sorted logic with simple types	Dependent type theory with dependent types
sets (=types) $\neq$ propositions	propositions as mono sets(=types)
propositions as terms of the classifier $\mathcal{P}(1)$	$\mathcal{P}(1)$ classifies mono sets up to equiprovability

In both languages

sets  $\neq$  subsets

subsets of a set  $A$  = elements of the powerset of  $A$

**comprehension axiom** holds

## Notion of *proposition* in a *topos* in [M'05]

In the **internal dependent type theory** of *topoi*

a *proposition*  $P$  is a *monoset*:

if we derive  $P$  *set*

and a proof  $p$

$$p \in Eq(P, w, z) [w \in P, z \in P]$$

a *predicate*  $P(x)$  is a *mono dependent set*:

if we derive  $P(x)$  *set*  $[x \in A]$

and a proof  $p$

$$p \in Eq(P, w, z) [x \in A, w \in P(x), z \in P(x)]$$

similar to HoTT

but in an *extensional* type theory

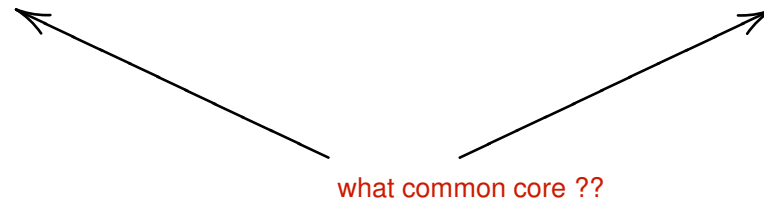
What **categorical models** for the **Minimalist Foundation**?



a brief recap of **why** developing  
the **Minimalist Foundation**  
to formalize **constructive mathematics**

*Plurality of constructive foundations*  $\Rightarrow$  *need of a minimalist foundation*

	classical	constructive
	ONE standard	NO standard
impredicative	Zermelo-Fraenkel set theory	{ internal theory of topoi Calculus of Inductive Constructions
predicative	Feferman's explicit maths	{ Aczel's Constructive Zermelo-Fraenkel set th. Martin-Löf's type theory Feferman's constructive expl. maths



## Need of a **MINIMALIST FOUNDATION**

Plurality of **constructive foundations** (often mutual incompatible)



Need of a **core foundation** where to find common proofs  
and doing **constructive** REVERSE mathematics!!

our (M.-Sambin's proposal): adopt **the MINIMALIST FOUNDATION**

from [M.-Sambin'05], [M.09]

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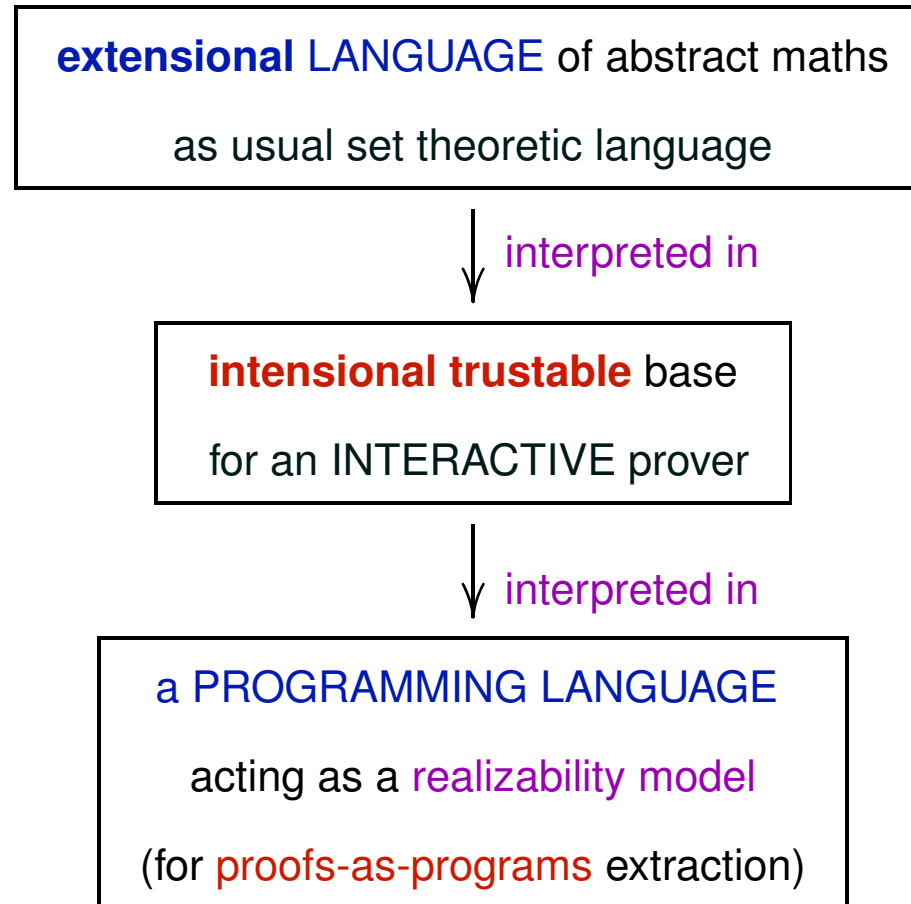
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 the MINIMALIST FOUNDATION is a common core

What foundation for *constructive mathematics*?

(j.w.w. G. Sambin)

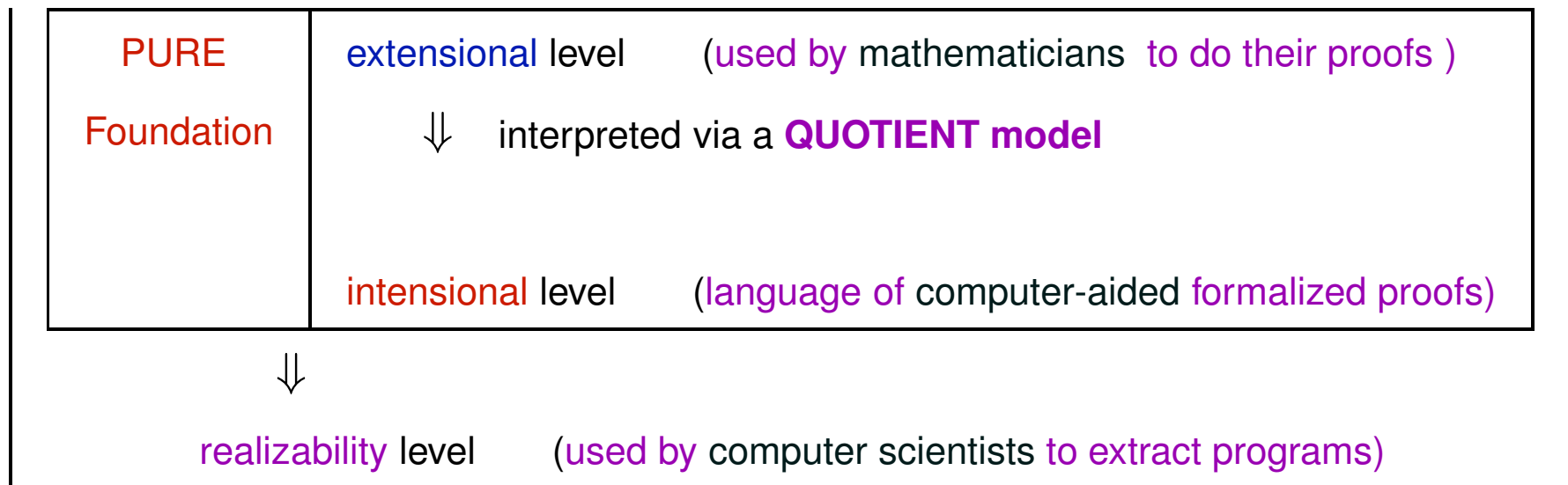
a FORMAL **Constructive Foundation** should include



our notion of **constructive foundation**

a three-level foundation

= a **two-level foundation** + a realizability level



our notion of **constructive foundation** employs different languages

language of <i>(LOCAL) AXIOMATIC SET THEORY</i>	for extensional level
language of <i>CATEGORY THEORY</i>	algebraic structure to link <b>intensional</b> /extensional levels via a <b>quotient completion</b>
language of <b>TYPE THEORY</b>	for <b>intensional level</b>
<b>computational</b> language	for <b>realizability level</b>



## the pure TWO-LEVEL structure of the Minimalist Foundation

from [Maietti'09]

- its **intensional level**
  - = a **PREDICATIVE VERSION** of the **Calculus of Inductive Constructions**
  - = a **FRAGMENT** of Martin-Löf's **intensional type theory**
  
- its **extensional level**
  - is a **PREDICATIVE LOCAL** set theory
  - (**NO** choice principles)

## we use CATEGORY THEORY

to express the link between **extensional/intensional** levels:

use

notion of **ELEMENTARY QUOTIENT COMPLETION**

(in the language of **CATEGORY THEORY**)

*relative to a suitable **Lawvere's doctrine***

in:

[M.E.M.-Rosolini'13] "**Quotient completion for the foundation of constructive mathematics**", Logica Universalis

[M.E.M.-Rosolini'13] "**Elementary quotient completion**", Theory and Applications of Categories

*see Fabio Pasquali's talk*

What *realizability* level for **MF**?

Martin-Löf's type theory

or

an extension of Kleene realizability

of **intensional level of MF** + **Axiom of Choice** + **Formal Church's thesis**

as in

*H. Ishihara, M.E.M., S. Maschio, T. Streicher*

**Consistency of the Minimalist Foundation with Church's thesis and Axiom of Choice**  
in *AML* 2018.

## Differences with Martin-Löf's type theory

Both levels of **MF** are **dependent** type theories  
based on **intensional**/**extensional** versions  
of *Martin-Löf's type theory*  
(for short **MLTT**)

but with remarkable differences:

intensional level of <b>MF</b>	<b>MLTT</b>
distinction <b>sets/collections</b>	all types are <b>sets</b>
<b>primitive propositions</b>	<b>propositions-as-sets</b>
distinction between <b>small propositions</b> and <b>propositions</b>	
elimination of <b>propositions</b> only towards <b>propositions</b>	general elimination
NO rule/axiom of <b>unique choice</b>	YES rule/axiom of <b>unique choice</b>
NO rule/axiom of <b>choice</b>	YES rule/axiom of <b>choice</b>
universe of <b>small propositions</b>	universe of <b>small sets</b>

Differences between *intensional*/*extensional* levels of **MF**

Both levels of **MF** in [M'09]  
are **dependent type theories**

How do they differ??

intensional level of <b>MF</b>	extensional level of <b>MF</b>
universe of <b>small</b> propositions	power-collection of subsets of 1
universe of <b>small</b> propositional functions on a set	powercollection of a set
<b>proof-relevant</b> propositions	<b>proof-irrelevant</b> propositions
Martin-Löf's constructors on sets with only $\beta$ -conversions	Martin-Löf's constructors on sets with $\beta$ and $\eta$ -conversions
<b>proof-relevant</b> Identity type eliminating only <b>towards propositions</b>	<b>proof-irrelevant</b> Identity type à la Martin-Löf
<b>decidable</b> definitional equality	<b>undecidable</b> definitional equality
	effective quotient sets

## Differences *topoi*/extensional level of MF

They both are

both are **local set theory**  
including  
**extensional** Martin-Löf's 1st-order constructors of sets

<b>dependent type theory</b> of <i>topoi</i> in [M'05]	<b>extensional</b> level of <b>MF</b> in [M'09]
all types are <b>sets</b>	distinction <b>sets</b> /collections
propositions as <b>mono sets</b>	<b>primitive</b> propositions/predicates
	<b>small</b> propositions/propositions
YES axiom/rule of <b>unique choice</b>	NO axiom/rule of <b>unique choice</b>



two notions of function in MF

a *primitive notion* of type-theoretic function

$$f(x) \in B [x \in A]$$

$\neq$  (syntactically)

notion of functional relation

$$\forall x \in A \exists! y \in B R(x, y)$$

$\Rightarrow$  NO axiom of unique choice in MF

## Axiom of unique choice

$$\forall x \in A \exists! y \in B R(x, y) \longrightarrow \exists f \in A \rightarrow B \forall x \in A R(x, f(x))$$

turns a functional relation into a type-theoretic function.

$\Rightarrow$  identifies the two distinct notions...

## Essence of the *extensional level* of **MF**

the *extensional* level of **MF**  
had been designed  
as a **minimalist** and **predicative** version  
of the *internal dependent type theory*  
of *topoi* in [M'05]  
which we know is a *local set theory* from [Bell'88]  
by adopting the distinction *small maps* within a **category**  
from *Algebraic Set Theory* in [Joyal-Moerdijk'95]

What is the *algebraic set theory* for the *intensional level* of **MF**?

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Cartmell's *contextual categories* = algebraic axiomatization  
adapted to the *intensional level*  
of **MF** in [M.'09]

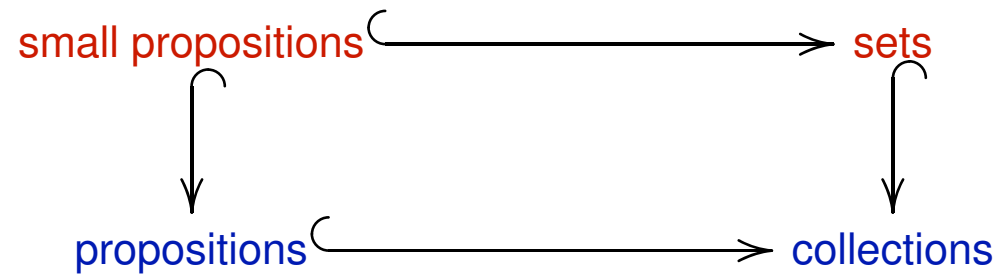
*Notion of **categorycal model** for the **extensional** level of **MF***

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a **minimalist** and **predicative** generalization  
of the notion of **elementary topos**

<p>Minimalist Algebraic Local Set theory</p> <p>= minimalist predicative elementary topos</p> <p>= MF-topos (for short)</p>	<p>Algebraic Set Theory</p>
<p>ambient category of collections</p>	<p>ambient category of collections</p>
<p>small maps defined</p> <p>via Benabou's fibrations</p> <p>with primitive fibrations</p> <p>for propositions</p> <p>and small propositions</p>	<p>small maps defined</p> <p>via axioms</p>
<p>universe via a classifier object</p> <p>which is a collection</p>	<p>universe via a classifier object</p> <p>which is small</p> <p>for IZF, ZF</p>

## ENTITIES in the Minimalist Foundation



are represented by

a **MF-topos** defined as

a *finite limit* category of collections  $\mathcal{C}$

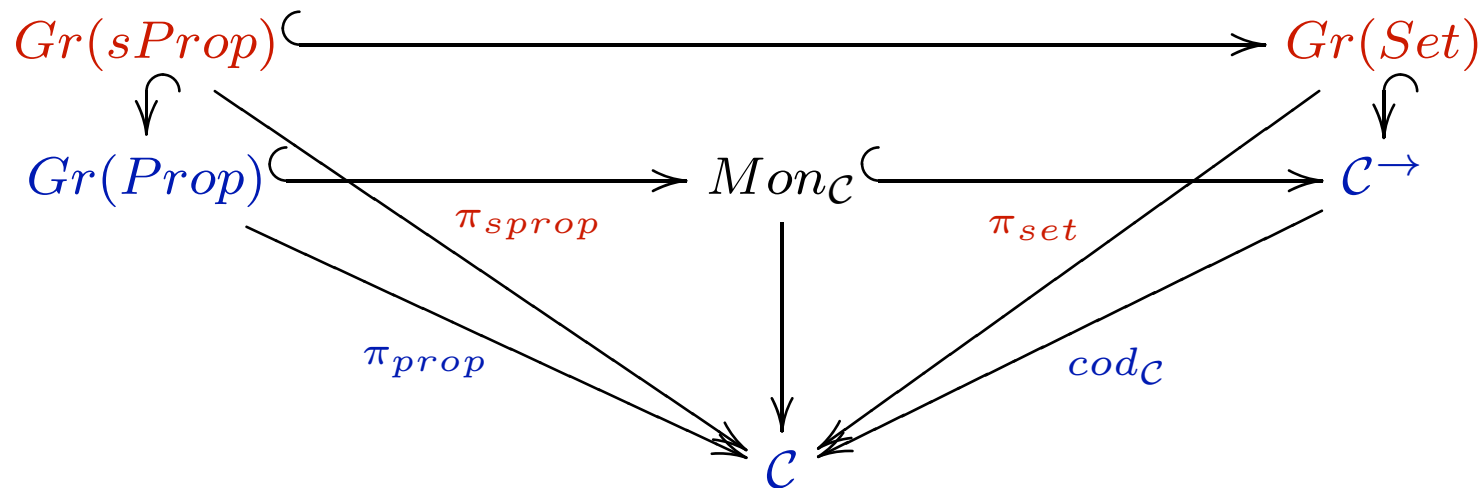
together with **three fibrations à la Benabou** over  $\mathcal{C}$

representing the other types

## Minimalist Elementary topos

A **MF-Elementary topos** is a tuple of full sub-fibered categories of the codomain fibration of a lex category  $\mathcal{C}$  (meant to be collections)

$$(\mathcal{C}, \pi_{set}, \pi_{prop}, \pi_{sprop})$$



where all the inclusion are cartesian FULL embeddings modelling MF-types.



## examples of MF-elementary toposes

- The **syntactic** one from the **extensional level** of **MF**  
(pure **minimalist** one!)
- A predicative version of Hyland's Effective Topos (next talk)  
(with **unique choice**).
- the setoid model over  
**Martin-Löf's type theory with one universe**  
(with **unique choice**)

## More examples of MF-toposes...??

We need to make a

minimalist and predicative tripos-to-topos construction

via the FREE ALGEBRAIC construction

called **Elementary Quotient Completion** of an **Elementary doctrine**

introduced in

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the **Elementary quotient completion**

gives an **algebraic axiomatization** of the **quotient/setoid model**

used to interpret the **extensional** level of **MF**

into its **intensional** one

in [M'09]

in terms of its **universal properties**.

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## Future work

- Relate our notion of **minimalist predicative** version of **topos** i.e. the notion of **MF-Elementary topos** to **Moerdijk-Palmgren-van den Berg**'s notion of **predicative topos** and to **algebraic set theory** for **CZF**.
- Build a **boolean MF- topos** with no **unique choice** in one of **Feferman's predicative theories**.
- Investigate peculiar aspects of **Homotopy Type Theory** in **MF**: look for **weak factorization systems** within the **intensional** level of **MF**.