

# 2-categorical constructions on classifying toposes

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# Introduction

- In this presentation we provide logical descriptions of some fundamental constructions in the 2-category of Grothendieck toposes **GrTop**.
- More specifically, we describe geometric theories classified by some weighted limits of classifying toposes and morphisms between them induced by interpretations.
- As we shall see, the logical approach allows us to describe weighted limits of toposes in a simpler way than through the geometric perspective addressed in the literature.
- More specifically, in the literature some weighted limits of toposes are presented as categories of sheaves on some site  $(C, J)$ , where  $J$  is a Grothendieck topology generated by some covering families in  $C$ , i.e. the finest Grothendieck topology  $J$  for which these families are  $J$ -covering. In general, it is not simple to describe all the covering sieves for such a Grothendieck topology.

# Example: comma toposes

## Definition

The comma topos of a pair of geometric morphisms  $f: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  and  $g: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  is a topos  $(f/g)$  which is universally equipped with a square of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (f/g) & \xrightarrow{\pi''} & \mathcal{G} \\ \pi' \downarrow & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \downarrow g \\ \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathcal{E} \end{array}$$

- Under the assumption that  $f: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  (resp.  $g: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ ) is induced by a morphism of cartesian sites  $p: (C, J) \rightarrow (C', J')$  (resp.  $q: (C, J) \rightarrow (C'', J'')$ ) a presentation of the comma topos  $(f/g)$  as a category of sheaves on a site  $(\mathcal{D}, J_{\mathcal{D}})$  was originally introduced by Deligne and subsequently studied by other mathematicians including Laumon, Abbes and Gros.

# Example: comma toposes

- The category  $\mathcal{D}$  is defined in the following way.

**Objects:** An object, denoted by  $(d \rightarrow c \leftarrow e)$ , consists of an object  $c$  in  $C$ , an arrow  $d \rightarrow p(c)$  in  $C'$  and an arrow  $e \rightarrow q(c)$  in  $C''$ .

**Arrows:** An arrow  $(d' \rightarrow c' \leftarrow e') \rightarrow (d \rightarrow c \leftarrow e)$  consists of three arrows  $c \rightarrow c'$ ,  $d \rightarrow d'$  and  $e \rightarrow e'$  in  $C$ ,  $C'$  and  $C''$ , respectively, such that the obvious squares commute.

- The topology  $J_{\mathcal{D}}$  is generated by covering families  $\{(d_i \rightarrow c_i \leftarrow e_i) \rightarrow (d \rightarrow c \leftarrow e)\}_{i \in I}$  of the following three types
  - 1  $e_i = e$ ,  $c_i = c$  for every  $i$ , and  $\{d_i \rightarrow d\}_{i \in I}$  is  $J'$ -covering;
  - 2  $d_i = d$ ,  $c_i = c$  for every  $i$ , and  $\{e_i \rightarrow e\}_{i \in I}$  is  $J''$ -covering;
  - 3  $I$  is the singleton  $\{'\}$ ,  $d' = d$  and the arrow  $e' \rightarrow e \times_{q(c)} q(c')$  is an isomorphism.
- We provide a simpler presentation of the topos  $(f/g)$  using the logical perspective. More precisely, we assume that  $f: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  (resp.  $g: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ ) is induced by a morphism of syntactic sites and describe a theory classified by the topos  $(f/g)$ .

# The notion of classifying topos

## Definition

A **classifying topos** for a geometric theory  $\mathbb{T}$  is a Grothendieck topos  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}$  such that for every topos  $\mathcal{H}$  there exists an equivalence of categories

$$\mathbf{GrTop}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}) \cong \mathbb{T}\text{-Mod}(\mathcal{H})$$

which is natural in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

## Theorem (A. Joyal, G. Reyes and M. Makkai)

- Every geometric theory  $\mathbb{T}$  admits a classifying topos.
- Every topos  $\mathbf{Sh}(C, J)$  is the classifying topos of some theory  $\mathbb{T}$ .

## Sketch

- Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a geometric theory. The category  $\mathbf{Sh}(C_{\mathbb{T}}, J_{\mathbb{T}})$  of sheaves over the syntactic site  $(C_{\mathbb{T}}, J_{\mathbb{T}})$  of  $\mathbb{T}$  is a classifying topos for  $\mathbb{T}$ .
- By Diaconescu's equivalence we have, for every Grothendieck topos  $\mathcal{H}$ , an equivalence of categories

$$\mathbf{GrTop}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{Sh}(C, J)) \cong \mathbf{Flat}_J(C, \mathcal{H}),$$

where  $\mathbf{Flat}_J(C, \mathcal{H})$  denotes the category of  $J$ -continuous flat functors.

# Weighted limit of toposes

## Definition

- A *weighted diagram* of type  $\mathcal{J}$  valued in the 2-category **GrTop** is a pair of (2)-functors  $(D, W)$  of the form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{J} & \xrightarrow{W} & \mathbf{Cat} \\ D \downarrow & & \\ \mathbf{GrTop} & & \end{array}$$

- A *weighted cone*  $L$  over a weighted diagram  $(D, W)$  valued in the 2-category **GrTop** consists of a topos  $\mathcal{H}$ , which is called *vertex of the cone*, endowed with a pseudo-natural transformation  $W \Rightarrow \mathbf{GrTop}(\mathcal{H}, D(-))$ .
- A *weighted limit* over a weighted diagram  $(D, W)$  of type  $\mathcal{J}$  valued in **GrTop** is a cone  $L$  over  $(D, W)$  that satisfies the property to be universal, i.e. composition with  $L$  is, for every topos  $\mathcal{H}$ , one half of an equivalence of categories of the form

$$\mathbf{GrTop}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}) \cong \mathbf{Cone}(\mathcal{H}, (D, W)),$$

where  $\mathcal{E}$  denotes the vertex of  $L$  and  $\mathbf{Cone}(\mathcal{H}, (D, W))$  denotes the category of cones over the weighted diagram  $(D, W)$  with vertex  $\mathcal{H}$ .

# GrTop has small and finite weighted limits

## Lemma (M. Kelly, R. Street)

*If a 2-category  $\mathcal{A}$  has finite (resp. small) products, equalizers and cotensors with  $\mathbf{2}$ , then it has all finite (resp. small) weighted limits, i.e. those weighted limits whose type  $\mathcal{J}$  is a finite category and the values of the weighting  $W$  are finite categories.*

## Lemma (Theorem B4.1.4 [2])

*The 2-category **GrTop** has cotensors with  $\mathbf{2}$ .*

## Theorem ([2])

*The 2-category of Grothendieck toposes has all finite (resp. small) weighted limits.*

# Interpretation of a theory into another one

## Definition (O. Caramello)

- 1 An *interpretation* of a geometric theory  $\mathbb{T}$  into another geometric theory  $\mathbb{T}'$  is a morphism of sites  $(C_{\mathbb{T}}, J_{\mathbb{T}}) \rightarrow (C_{\mathbb{T}'}, J_{\mathbb{T}'})$ .
- 2 A geometric theory  $\mathbb{T}'$  is a *geometric expansion* of a geometric theory  $\mathbb{T}$ , if we can obtain  $\mathbb{T}'$  from  $\mathbb{T}$  by adding sorts, function symbols or relations symbols to the signature of  $\mathbb{T}$  and geometric axioms over the resulting extended signature.

## Remark

Every geometric expansion  $\mathbb{T}'$  of a theory  $\mathbb{T}$  defines a canonical interpretation  $C_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{T}'}$ .

Moreover, a morphism of sites  $p: (C_{\mathbb{T}}, J_{\mathbb{T}}) \rightarrow (C_{\mathbb{T}'}, J_{\mathbb{T}'})$  induces a geometric morphism  $p_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{T}'}: \mathbf{Sh}(C_{\mathbb{T}'}, J_{\mathbb{T}'}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(C_{\mathbb{T}}, J_{\mathbb{T}})$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_{\mathbb{T}} & \xrightarrow{p} & C_{\mathbb{T}'} \\ h_{\mathbb{T}} \downarrow & & \downarrow h_{\mathbb{T}'} \\ \mathbf{Sh}(C_{\mathbb{T}}, J_{\mathbb{T}}) & \xrightarrow{p_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{T}'*}} & \mathbf{Sh}(C_{\mathbb{T}'}, J_{\mathbb{T}'}) \end{array}$$

commutes.



# The general construction

- Let  $(D, W)$  be a small weighted diagram of type  $\mathcal{J}$  valued in the 2-category **GrTop**. We suppose that for every object  $j$  in  $\mathcal{J}$  the topos  $D(j)$  is the classifying topos of some geometric theory  $\mathbb{T}_j$  and for every arrow  $s: i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{J}$  the geometric morphism  $D(s): \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}_j}$  is induced by an interpretation of  $\mathbb{T}_j$  into  $\mathbb{T}_i$ , i.e. a morphism of sites  $(C_{\mathbb{T}_j}, J_{\mathbb{T}_j}) \rightarrow (C_{\mathbb{T}_i}, J_{\mathbb{T}_i})$  between the respective syntactic sites.
- If we assume that the vertex of the weighted limit over some weighted diagram  $(D, W)$  as before is a classifying topos of some geometric theory  $\mathbb{T}$ , i.e.  $\text{Lim}_{\mathcal{J}}(D, W) \cong \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}$ , then the equivalence of categories

$$\mathbb{T}\text{-Mod}(\mathcal{H}) \cong \mathbf{GrTop}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}) \cong \mathbf{Cone}(\mathcal{H}, (D, W))$$

allows us to regard, up to equivalence of categories, a  $\mathbb{T}$ -model in  $\mathcal{H}$  as weighted cone over  $(D, W)$  with vertex  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- We describe a theory  $\mathbb{T}$  classified by the vertex of  $(D, W)$  as a geometric expansion of every  $\mathbb{T}_i$ .

# Some examples of (weighted) limits

- In the rest of this presentation we specialize and adapt this general construction to the notable cases of comma toposes, fibred products of toposes and small limits of toposes.
- In a forthcoming paper
  - we specialize and adapt this general construction to the cases of
    - 1 inserters of a pair of geometric morphisms,
    - 2 inverters of a geometric transformation,
    - 3 cotensors with a (small) category,
    - 4 equifiers of a pair of geometric transformations,
    - 5 descent objects in **GrTop**,
  - we provide a syntactic description of a general small or finite weighted limit of classifying toposes.

# Comma toposes: from the universal property to the semantics

- Let  $f: \mathcal{E}_{T''} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_T$  and  $g: \mathcal{E}_{T'} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_T$  be geometric morphisms. The (1-dim)-universal property of the comma topos  $(f/g)$  states that for every topos  $\mathcal{H}$  with a pair of geometric morphisms  $m: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{T'}$  and  $n: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{T''}$  endowed with a natural transformation  $\omega: f \circ n \Rightarrow g \circ m$ , there exists an unique, up to isomorphism, geometric morphism  $h: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow (f/g)$  and a pair of geometric 2-isomorphisms  $\beta'': \pi'' \circ h \cong n$  and  $\beta': \pi' \circ h \cong m$  such that  $\omega = (f \circ \beta'')(g \circ \beta')$

The diagram shows a commutative diagram in the 2-category of toposes. At the top left is the topos  $\mathcal{H}$ . From  $\mathcal{H}$ , there are two curved arrows: a solid arrow  $n$  pointing to the topos  $\mathcal{E}_{T''}$  at the top right, and a solid arrow  $m$  pointing to the topos  $\mathcal{E}_{T'}$  at the bottom left. A dotted arrow  $h$  points from  $\mathcal{H}$  to the comma topos  $(f/g)$  in the center. From  $(f/g)$ , there are two solid arrows:  $\pi''$  pointing to  $\mathcal{E}_{T''}$  and  $\pi'$  pointing to  $\mathcal{E}_{T'}$ . From  $\mathcal{E}_{T''}$ , there is a solid arrow  $f$  pointing to the topos  $\mathcal{E}_T$  at the bottom right. From  $\mathcal{E}_{T'}$ , there is a solid arrow  $g$  pointing to  $\mathcal{E}_T$ . A 2-isomorphism  $\alpha$  is shown between the composites  $\pi'' \circ \pi'$  and  $f \circ g$ . Two 2-isomorphisms,  $\beta''$  and  $\beta'$ , are shown as double-headed arrows between  $\pi'' \circ h$  and  $n$ , and between  $\pi' \circ h$  and  $m$  respectively.

# Comma toposes: from the universal property to the semantics

- By the (1-dim)universal property of the comma topos  $(f/g)$  we deduce that a  $\mathbb{T}'''$ -model  $H$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , where  $\mathbb{T}'''$  is a theory classified by  $(f/g)$ , is up to isomorphisms, a triplet  $(M, N, \eta)$ , where  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{T}'$ -model in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $N$  is a  $\mathbb{T}''$ -model in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\eta: N_{\mathbb{T}}^f \rightarrow M_{\mathbb{T}}^g$  is an homomorphism of  $\mathbb{T}$ -models (with the notation  $N_{\mathbb{T}}^f$  (resp.  $M_{\mathbb{T}}^g$ ), we mean the  $\mathbb{T}$ -model which corresponds to the geometric morphism  $f \circ n$  (resp.  $g \circ m$ )).

# A theory classified by a comma topos

## Proposition

Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (f/g) & \xrightarrow{\pi''} & \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}''} \\ \pi' \downarrow & \swarrow \alpha & \downarrow f \\ \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}} \end{array}$$

be the comma topos of a pair of geometric morphisms  $f, g: \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}$ . We assume that  $f$  (resp.  $g$ ) is induced by some interpretation  $p: C_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{T}'}$  (resp.  $q: C_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{T}''}$ ).

We consider

- the signature  $\Sigma'''$  which is obtained by adding to  $\Sigma' \amalg \Sigma''$  a relation symbol  $R^A \rightarrow A^{1p}, \dots, A^{np}, A^{1q}, \dots, A^{mq}$  for every sort  $A$  in  $\Sigma$ , where the sorts  $A^{1p}, \dots, A^{np}$  (resp.  $A^{1q}, \dots, A^{mq}$ ) are those which arise in the context of  $p(\{x^A.\top\}) = \{\underline{x}^{A^p}.\psi^A\}$  (resp.  $q(\{x^A.\top\}) = \{\underline{x}^{A^q}.\varphi^A\}$ );
- the theory  $\mathbb{T}'''$  built over  $\Sigma'''$  which is obtained by adding to  $\mathbb{T}' \amalg \mathbb{T}''$  the axioms:

# A theory classified by a comma topos

## Proposition

1 for every sort  $A$  in  $\Sigma$ ,

$$\psi^A \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A^p}} (\exists \underline{x}^{A^q}) R^A,$$

$$R^A \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A^p}, \underline{x}^{A^q}} \psi^A \wedge \varphi^A,$$

$$R^A \wedge R(\underline{x}^{A^q} | \underline{x}'^{A^q}) \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A^p}, \underline{x}^{A^q}, \underline{x}'^{A^q}} \underline{x}^{A^q} = \underline{x}'^{A^q};$$

2 for every function symbol  $f: A^1, \dots, A^n \rightarrow B$  in  $\Sigma$ ,

$$\top \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A^1 p}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A^n p}, \underline{x}^{B q}} ((\exists \underline{x}^{B p}) \theta_f^p \wedge R^B) =$$

$$((\exists \underline{x}^{A^1 q}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A^n q}) R^{A^1} \wedge \dots \wedge R^{A^n} \wedge \theta_f^q),$$

where  $\theta_f^p$  (resp.  $\theta_f^q$ ) is a representative of the arrow  $p([f(x^{A^1}, \dots, x^{A^n}) = y^B])$  (resp.  $q([f(x^{A^1}, \dots, x^{A^n}) = y^B])$ );

# A theory classified by a comma topos

## Proposition

3 for every relation symbol  $R \rightarrow A^1, \dots, A^n$  in  $\Sigma$ ,

$$((\exists \underline{x}^{A^{1p}}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A^{np}}) \theta_R^p \wedge R^{A^1} \wedge \dots \wedge R^{A^n}) \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A^{1p}}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A^{np}}, \underline{x}^{A^{1q}}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A^{nq}}} \theta_R^q,$$

where  $\theta_R^q$  (resp.  $\theta_R^p$ ) is a formula which presents the subobject  $q([R(x^{A^1}, \dots, x^{A^n})])$  (resp.  $p([R(x^{A^1}, \dots, x^{A^n})])$ ).

Then  $\mathbb{T}'''$  is a theory classified by the topos  $(f/g)$ .

# A theory classified by a fibred product of toposes

- Let the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} \times_{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}''} & \xrightarrow{\pi''} & \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}''} \\ \pi' \downarrow & \Downarrow \varphi & \downarrow f \\ \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}} \end{array}$$

be a pullback in **GrTop**, where  $f$  (resp.  $g$ ) is induced by some interpretation  $p: C_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{T}'}$  (resp.  $q: C_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{T}''}$ ).

- We can describe a theory  $\mathbb{T}'''$  classified by the fibred product  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} \times_{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}''}$  as a quotient of the theory  $\mathbb{T}'''$  classified by the comma topos  $(f/g)$  described in the previous proposition. Indeed, by the universal property of our fibred product we deduce that a  $\mathbb{T}'''$ -model  $H$  in a topos  $\mathcal{H}$  is, up to isomorphisms, a triplet  $(M, N, \eta)$ , where  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{T}'$ -model in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $N$  is a  $\mathbb{T}''$ -model in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\eta: N_{\mathbb{T}}^f \rightarrow M_{\mathbb{T}}^g$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{T}$ -models.
- By what we have just said, we can describe a theory classified by the topos  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} \times_{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}''}$  by adding to the theory  $\mathbb{T}'''$  of the previous proposition the following axioms:



# A theory classified by a fibred product of toposes

- 1 for every sort  $A$  in  $\Sigma$ ,

$$\varphi^A \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A^q}} (\exists \underline{x}^{A^p}) R_A(\underline{x}^{A^p}, \underline{x}^{A^q})$$

and

$$R_A(\underline{x}^{A^p}, \underline{x}^{A^q}) \wedge R_A(\underline{x}'^{A^p}, \underline{x}^{A^q}) \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A^p} \underline{x}'^{A^p}, \underline{x}^{A^q}} \underline{x}^{A^p} = \underline{x}'^{A^p},$$

- 2 for every relation symbol  $R \rightarrow A^1, \dots, A^n$  in  $\Sigma$ ,

$$((\exists (\underline{x}^{A^1 p}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A^n p}) \theta_R^q \wedge R_{A^1} \wedge \dots \wedge R_{A^n})) \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A^1 p}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A^n p}, \underline{x}^{A^1 q}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A^n q}} \theta_R^p,$$

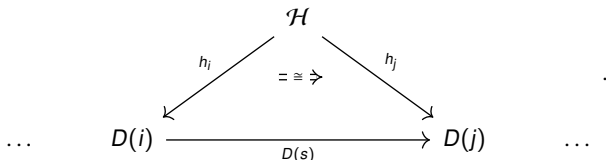
where  $\theta_R^p$  is a formula which presents the subobject  $\rho([R(x^{A^1}, \dots, x^{A^n})])$ .

# Limit of toposes: from the universal property to the semantics

- Let  $D: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{GrTop}$  be a small diagram such that every topos  $D(i)$  is a classifying topos of a theory  $\mathbb{T}_i$ . The universal property of the limit  $\mathcal{L} := \text{Lim}_i D$  can be expressed as follows: for every topos  $\mathcal{H}$  we have an equivalence of categories

$$\mathbf{GrTop}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{L}) \cong \mathbf{Cone}(\mathcal{H}, (D)).$$

- If  $\mathbb{T}$  is a theory classified by  $\mathcal{L}$ , then a  $\mathbb{T}$ -model  $H$  in a topos  $\mathcal{H}$  can be regarded as a cone of  $D$ , i.e. a diagram in  $\mathbf{GrTop}$  of the form



- By the universal property of classifying toposes we can regard such a cone as a collection  $\{H^i\}_{i \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{I})}$ , where  $H^i$  is a  $\mathbb{T}_i$ -model in  $\mathcal{H}$ , such that for every arrow  $s: i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  there exists an isomorphism  $\bar{\alpha}_s: H^i_{\mathbb{T}_j} \rightarrow H^j$  of  $\mathbb{T}_j$ -models in  $\mathcal{H}$ , where  $H^i_{\mathbb{T}_j}$  is the model that corresponds to  $D(s) \circ h_i$ .

# A theory classified by a limit of toposes

## Proposition

Let  $D: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{GrTop}$  be a small diagram such that for every object  $i$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  we have  $D(i) = \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}_i}$  and for every arrow  $s: i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  the geometric morphism  $D(s): \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}_j}$  is induced by an interpretation  $p_s: C_{\mathbb{T}_i} \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{T}_j}$ .  
We consider

- the signature  $\Sigma$  that is obtained by adding for every arrow  $s: i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  and every sort  $A$  in  $\Sigma_j$  a relation symbol  $R_A^s \rightarrow A_{1_i}', \dots, A_{n_i}', A_j$  to  $\coprod_i \Sigma_i$ , where  $A_{1_i}', \dots, A_{n_i}'$  are sorts which arise in the context of the object  $p_s(\{x^A \cdot \top\}) = \{\underline{x}^{A'} \cdot \psi^A\}$  in  $C_{\mathbb{T}_i}$ , and for every object  $i$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  the notation  $B_i$  denotes the embedding in  $\coprod_i \Sigma_i$  of some sort  $B$  in  $\Sigma_i$ ;
- the theory  $\mathbb{T}$  built on the signature  $\Sigma$  that is obtained by adding to  $\coprod_i \mathbb{T}_i$  the axioms

# A theory classified by a limit of toposes

## Proposition

1 for every arrow  $s: i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  and every sort  $A$  in  $\Sigma_j$ ,

$$\psi_i^A \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A'}} (\exists x^{A_j}) R_A^s,$$

$$R_A^s \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A'}, x^{A_j}} \psi_i^A,$$

$$R_A^s \wedge R_A^s[x^{A_j} | x'^{A_j}] \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A'}, x^{A_j}, x'^{A_j}} x^{A_j} = x'^{A_j},$$

$$\top \vdash_{x^{A_j}} (\exists \underline{x}^{A'}) R_A^s,$$

$$R_A^s(\underline{x}^{A'}, x^{A_j}) \wedge R_A^s(\underline{x}'^{A'}, x^{A_j}) \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A'}, \underline{x}'^{A'}, x^{A_j}} \underline{x}^{A'} = \underline{x}'^{A'},$$

where  $\{\underline{x}^{A'}, \psi_i^A\}$  denotes the embedding of  $\{\underline{x}^{A'}, \psi^A\}$  in  $C_{\coprod_i \mathbb{T}_i}$ ,

# A theory classified by a limit of toposes

## Proposition

- 2 for every arrow  $s: i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  and for every function symbol  $z: A_1, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B$  in  $\Sigma_j$ ,

$$\mathbb{T} \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A_1}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n}, \underline{x}^{B_i}} ((\exists \underline{x}^{B_i'}) \theta_z \wedge R_B^s) = ((\exists \underline{x}^{A_1 j}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n j}) R_{A_1}^s \wedge \dots \wedge R_{A_n}^s \wedge z_j(\underline{x}^{A_1 j}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n j}) = \underline{x}^{B_i}),$$

- 3 for every arrow  $s: i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  and for every relation symbol  $R \rightarrow A_1, \dots, A_n$ , in  $\Sigma_j$ ,

$$((\exists \underline{x}^{A_1'}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n'}) \theta_R \wedge R_{A_1}^s \wedge \dots \wedge R_{A_n}^s) \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A_1'}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n'}, \underline{x}^{A_1 j}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n j}} R_j(\underline{x}^{A_1 j}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n j})$$







and

$$((\exists \underline{x}^{A_1 j}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n j}) R_j(\underline{x}^{A_1 j}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n j}) \wedge R_{A_1}^s \wedge \dots \wedge R_{A_n}^s) \vdash_{\underline{x}^{A_1'}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n'}, \underline{x}^{A_1 j}, \dots, \underline{x}^{A_n j}} \theta_R,$$

where  $z_j$  (resp.  $R_j$ ) denotes the embedding of  $z$  (resp.  $R$ ) in  $\coprod_i \Sigma_i$ ,  $\theta_z$  is a representative of  $p_s([z(x^{A_1}, \dots, x^{A_1}) = y^B])$  and  $\theta_R$  is a formula which presents the subobject  $p_s(R(x^{A_1}, \dots, x^{A_1}))$ .

Then  $\mathbb{T}$  is a theory classified by the topos  $\mathcal{L} := \lim_i D$ .

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