

# Conservativity of Duals

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## Inclusions of algebraic doctrines

Let  $D_1, D_2$  be algebraic *doctrines* = algebraic structures on categories  
= algebraic 2-theories.

such that  $D_1 \subseteq D_2$ , i.e.  $D_2$ -structure includes  $D_1$ -structure.

Examples: categories w/ finite products  
categories w/ finite limits  
categories w/ finite limits & colimits  
monoidal categories  
symmetric monoidal categories  
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closed symmetric monoidal categories  
cartesian closed categories  
compact closed categories  
traced monoidal categories  
\*-autonomous categories

## 2-Conservativity of Doctrine extensions

Let  $D_1 \subseteq D_2$  be algebraic doctrines.

We say  $D_2$  is **2-conservative** over  $D_1$  if the unit components

$\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{UF}\mathcal{C}$  of the adjunction  $F: D_1\text{-Alg} \rightleftarrows D_2\text{-Alg} : U$

are fully faithful.

Remarks: 1) Occasionally called "fully complete."

2) Implies every  $D_1$ -algebra embeds fully-faithfully in a  $D_2$ -algebra (namely,  $F\mathcal{C}$ ), but the converse is less clear — full-faithfulness doesn't "cancel".

## 2-Conservativity of Doctrine extensions

$D_2$  is *2-conservative* over  $D_1$ , if each  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{UF}\mathcal{C}$  is fully faithful.

One motivation: This implies we can use formal calculi for  $D_2$ -categories (type theories, string diagrams) to reason about  $D_1$ -categories.

- $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{U}\mathcal{E}$  faithful  $\Rightarrow$  If the  $D_2$ -calculus proves two morphisms are equal, they are equal in any  $D_1$ -category.  
for some  $\mathcal{E}$
- $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{U}\mathcal{E}$  fully faithful  $\Rightarrow$  If the  $D_2$ -calculus defines a morphism, it defines an actual morphism in a  $D_1$ -category.  
for some  $\mathcal{E}$
- $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{UF}\mathcal{C}$  fully faithful  $\Rightarrow$  That morphism  $\nearrow$  is *uniquely* determined (doesn't depend on the choice of  $\mathcal{E}$ ).

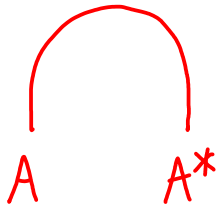
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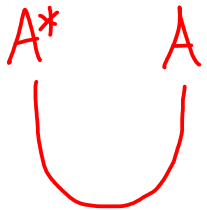
## What are duals for?

One answer: **parallelism**.

$A^*$  is the type of "channels" or "continuations" accepting an  $A$ .



creates a channel accepting  $A$  and starts a thread listening to use whatever is passed to that channel.



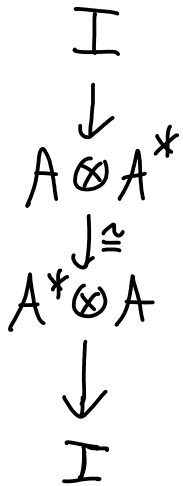
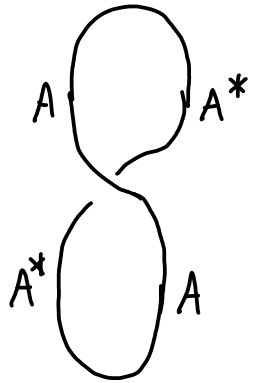
passes a value of type  $A$  to a channel.



## Non-conservativity of duals

The simplest notion of dual involves  $I \longrightarrow A \otimes A^*$  and  $A^* \otimes A \rightarrow I$ .  
A symmetric monoidal category with all such duals is **compact closed**.

These are **NOT 2-conservative** over (closed) symmetric monoidal categories,  
because they have **traces** (a.k.a. **deadlocks**):



(But compact closed categories  
are 2-conservative over  
traced monoidal categories.

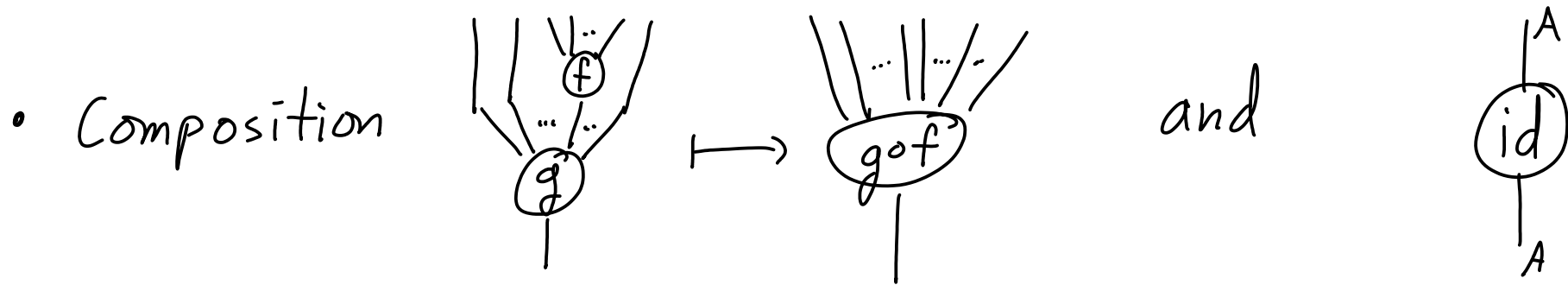
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Is there a weaker sort of "dual"  
that is 2-conservative over CSMCs?

## Review of multicategories

A (symmetric) multicategory consists of

- A set of objects
- Hom-sets  $\mathcal{L}(A_1, \dots, A_n; B)$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and objects  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B$
- Permutation actions  $\mathcal{L}(A_1, \dots, A_n; B) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{L}(A_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, A_{\sigma(n)}; B)$



- Associativity + unit + equivariance axioms.

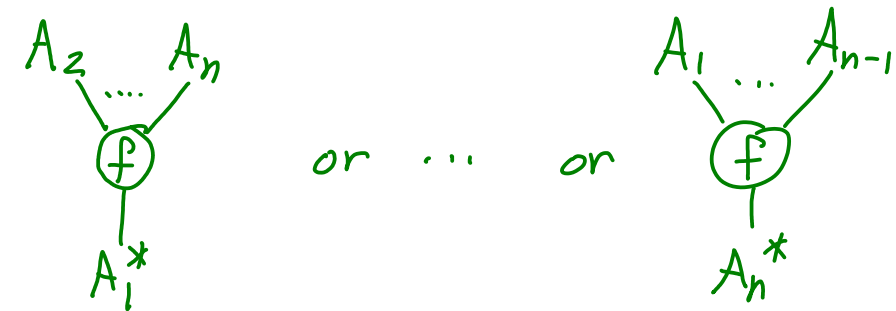
# \*-polycategories

[a.k.a. an augmented cyclic symmetric multicategory]

A (symmetric, entries-only) \*-polycategory consists of

- A set of objects equipped with an involution  $A \mapsto A^*$ ,  $A^{**} = A$ .
- Hom-sets  $\mathcal{E}(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  for all  $n \geq 0$

Draw  $f \in \mathcal{E}(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  as



or ... or

- Permutation actions  $\mathcal{E}(A_1, \dots, A_n) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{E}(A_{\sigma_1}, \dots, A_{\sigma_n})$
- Composition  $\mathcal{E}(A_1, \dots, A_m, C) \times \mathcal{E}(B_1, \dots, B_n, C^*) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(A_1, \dots, A_m, B_1, \dots, B_n)$  and  $\text{id}_A \in \mathcal{E}(A, A^*)$
- Associativity + unit + equivariance axioms.

## Representability of multicategories and polycategories

A **tensor product** in a multicategory is  $\chi \in \mathcal{L}(A, B; A \otimes B)$  inducing isomorphisms  $\mathcal{L}(C_1, \dots, C_n, A \otimes B; D) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{L}(C_1, \dots, C_n, A, B; D)$ .

If all tensor products (& a unit) exist,  $\mathcal{L}$  is a symmetric monoidal cat.

A **tensor product** in a  $*$ -polycategory is  $\chi \in \mathcal{L}(A, B, (A \otimes B)^*)$  inducing isomorphisms  $\mathcal{L}(C_1, \dots, C_n, A \otimes B) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{L}(C_1, \dots, C_n, A, B)$ .

If all tensor products (& a unit) exist,  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  **$*$ -autonomous category**.  
(with strictly involutive duals)

## Internal-homs in $\ast$ -autonomous categories

A  $\ast$ -autonomous category is *closed*, with  $[B, C] = (B \otimes C^\ast)^\ast$ :

$$\mathcal{E}(A, [B, C]^\ast) = \mathcal{E}(A, B \otimes C^\ast) \cong \mathcal{E}(A, B, C^\ast) \cong \mathcal{E}(A \otimes B, C^\ast)$$

The duality morphisms are  $A^\ast \otimes A \rightarrow I^\ast$  and  $I \rightarrow (A^\ast \otimes A)^\ast$ .

The extra dualization means no trace is induced!

Are  $\ast$ -autonomous categories 2-conservative over closed sym. mon. cats?

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## Doctrinal Yoneda embeddings

Often, Yoneda  $\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\mathcal{C} = [\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$  embeds any  $D_1$ -category in *some*  $D_2$ -category.

- $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}$  is complete & cocomplete, cartesian closed, even a topos
- $\mathcal{L}$  preserves all limits and exponentials
- If  $\mathcal{C}$  is monoidal, so are  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  by Day convolution.

If  $D_1$  contains some colimits  $\mathcal{C}$ , we can restrict to  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{C} = \text{presheaves preserving } \mathcal{C}$ , to make  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{C}$  also preserve  $\mathcal{C}$ .

How can we enhance this to 2-conservativity?

## Gluing with the Yoneda embedding (Lafont)

Suppose  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}$  has  $D_2$ -structure, and let  $G$  be the comma category

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}\mathcal{C} \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \parallel \\ \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\eta} & F\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\alpha_\eta} \mathcal{P}\mathcal{C} \end{array}$$

Here  $\alpha_\eta(x)(a) = F\mathcal{C}(\eta a, x)$  is the restricted Yoneda embedding (= "nerve").

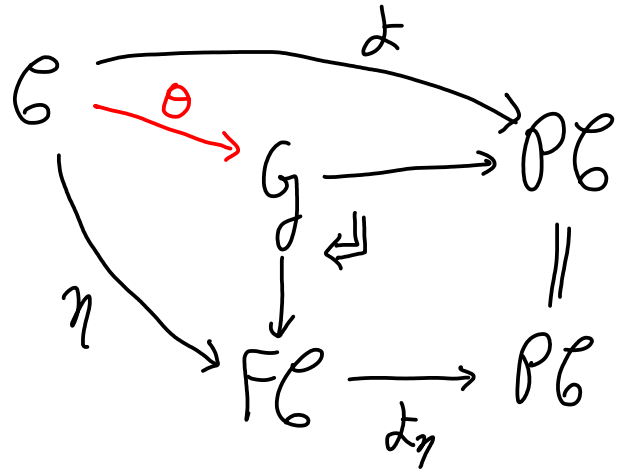
Usually,  $G$  also has  $D_2$ -structure, preserved by the projections

$$G \longrightarrow F\mathcal{C} \quad \text{and} \quad G \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}. \quad (\text{Abstract nonsense sometimes applies.})$$

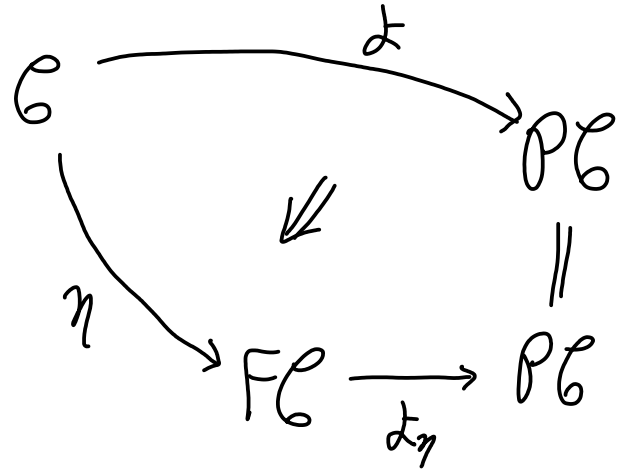


## The map to the gluing category

We have a functor  $\Theta: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$



induced by  
the 2-cell

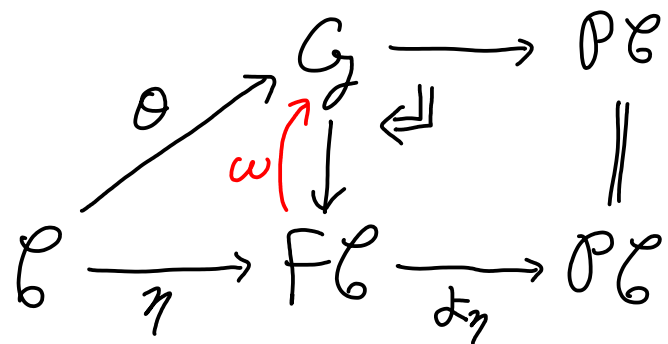


having  
components

$$\mathcal{L}_b(a) = \mathcal{C}(a,b) \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathcal{F}\mathcal{C}(\eta a, \eta b) = \mathcal{L}_\eta(\eta b)(a) = (\mathcal{L}_\eta \circ \eta)(b)(a).$$

Usually,  $\Theta$  is a  $D_1$ -functor (e.g. since  $\eta$  and  $\alpha$  are).

# The section of the gluing category



Hence, the universal property of  $FC$  yields a  $D_2$ -functor  $\omega: FC \rightarrow G$ , whose action on homs specializes to

$$FC(\eta a, \eta b) \xrightarrow{h} G(\theta a, \theta b) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \eta a & \xrightarrow{\alpha a} & \alpha a \longrightarrow \alpha_\eta(\eta a) \\ \downarrow h & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \eta b & \xrightarrow{\alpha b} & \alpha b \longrightarrow \alpha_\eta(\eta b) \\ & & \downarrow h \circ - \end{array} \right\}$$

this must be  $h$ , since  $\omega$  is a section

by the Yoneda lemma, this is determined by  $\bar{\omega}(h) \in C(a, b)$ .

then this says  $\eta(\bar{\omega}(h)) = h$ .

## From gluing to 2-conservativity

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & G & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L} \\ & \nearrow \theta & \downarrow \omega & \Downarrow & \parallel \\ \mathcal{L} & \xrightarrow{\eta} & F\mathcal{L} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}\eta} & \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L} \end{array}$$

So for  $h \in F\mathcal{L}(\eta a, \eta b)$  we have  $\bar{\omega}(h) \in \mathcal{L}(a, b)$  with  $\eta(\bar{\omega}(h)) = h$ .

And  $\omega \circ \eta = \theta$  implies  $\bar{\omega}(\eta(g)) = g$  for  $g \in \mathcal{L}(a, b)$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{L}(a, b) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\eta} \\ \xleftarrow{\bar{\omega}} \end{array} F\mathcal{L}(\eta a, \eta b)$  are inverse isomorphisms,

so  $\eta: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow F\mathcal{L}$  is fully faithful, i.e.  $\mathcal{D}_2$  is 2-conservative over  $\mathcal{D}_1$ .

## Lafont gluing: summary

This technique requires

- (1)  $D_1$  &  $D_2$  lift to comma categories, coherently.
- (2) For a  $D_1$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $P\mathcal{C}$  has  $D_2$ -structure and  $\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{C} \hookrightarrow P\mathcal{C}$  is a  $D_1$ -functor.

If  $D_1$  includes colimits  $\mathcal{C}$ , then in (2) we can use  $P_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{C}$  instead.

But (2) fails when  $D_2$  contains duals —  $P\mathcal{C}$  is not  $*$ -autonomous.

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## From multicategories to polycategories, I

The forgetful functor  $V: *Poly \rightarrow Multi$ ,  $V\mathcal{L}(A_1, \dots, A_n; B) = \mathcal{L}(A_1, \dots, A_n, B^*)$ ,  
has a **left adjoint**  $L: Multi \rightarrow *Poly$ .

- $ob(L\mathcal{L}) = ob(\mathcal{L}) \sqcup ob(\mathcal{L}^*)$  — objects  $A \in \mathcal{L}$  and their formal duals  $\bar{A}$

- The involution is  $A^* = \bar{A}$ ,  $\bar{A}^* = A$ .

- The only nonempty homsets of  $L\mathcal{L}$  have exactly one formal dual:

$$L\mathcal{L}(A_1, \dots, A_m, \bar{B}, C_1, \dots, C_n) = \mathcal{L}(A_1, \dots, A_m, C_1, \dots, C_n; B)$$

- Composition, etc. is induced from  $\mathcal{L}$ .

## Tensor products in the left adjoint

Even if  $\mathcal{C}$  is monoidal,  $L\mathcal{C}$  doesn't have all  $\otimes_s$ , but it has some:

- $A \otimes B$  remains a tensor product in  $L\mathcal{C}$ .
- If  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed, then  $\overline{[B, C]}$  is a tensor product  $B \otimes \overline{C}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} L\mathcal{C}(A_1, \dots, A_n, \overline{[B, C]}) &= \mathcal{C}(A_1, \dots, A_n; [B, C]) \\ &\cong \mathcal{C}(A_1, \dots, A_n, B; C) \\ &= L\mathcal{C}(A_1, \dots, A_n, B, \overline{C}) \end{aligned}$$

Instead of a CSMC  $\mathcal{C}$ , consider the  $*$ -polycat.  $L\mathcal{C}$  w/ these  $\otimes_s$ .

## From multicategories to polycategories, II

The forgetful functor  $V: *Poly \rightarrow Multi$ ,  $VE(A_1, \dots, A_n; B) = \mathcal{L}(A_1, \dots, A_n, B^*)$ , also has a **right adjoint**  $R: Multi \rightarrow *Poly$ .

•  $ob(RE) = ob(E) \times ob(E)$  — pairs  $(A^+, A^-)$  of objects  $A^+, A^- \in \mathcal{L}$ .

• The involution is  $(A^+, A^-)^* = (A^-, A^+)$ .

•  $RE(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \mathcal{L}(A_2^+, \dots, A_n^+; A_1^-) \times \dots \times \mathcal{L}(A_1^+, \dots, A_{n-1}^+; A_n^-)$

In particular,  $RE(A, B^*) = \mathcal{L}(A^+, B^+) \times \mathcal{L}(B^- A^-)$

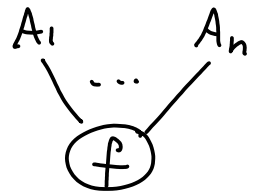
• Composition, etc. is induced from  $\mathcal{L}$ .



## The Chu construction

An **augmented multicategory** has additionally

- hom-sets  $\mathcal{C}(A_1, \dots, A_n; \cdot)$  with empty codomain:
- compositions, etc.



Example: For any multicategory  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\perp \in \mathcal{C}$ , we have an augmented multicategory  $(\mathcal{C}, \perp)$  extending  $\mathcal{C}$  by  $(\mathcal{C}, \perp)(A_1, \dots, A_n; \cdot) = \mathcal{C}(A_1, \dots, A_n; \perp)$

The forgetful functor  $V_+ : *Poly \rightarrow AugMulti$ ,  $V_+ \mathcal{C}(A_1, \dots, A_n; \cdot) = \mathcal{C}(A_1, \dots, A_n)$ , also has a right adjoint, called the **Chu construction**, e.g.  $Chu(\mathcal{C}, \perp)$ .

## Modules for polycategories (Hyland)

For  $\mathcal{E}$  a  $*$ -polycategory, an  $\mathcal{E}$ -module consists of

- "hom" sets  $M(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  with permutation actions
- "composition" actions  $M(A_1, \dots, A_m, C) \times \mathcal{E}(B_1, \dots, B_n, C^*) \rightarrow M(A_1, \dots, A_m, B_1, \dots, B_n) + \text{axioms}$ .

Examples: (1)  $\mathcal{L}_B(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \mathcal{E}(A_1, \dots, A_n, B^*)$  — representable modules

(2)  $\mathcal{E}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \mathcal{E}(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  — the tautological module

## Yoneda embeddings for polycategories (Hyland)

Modules form a multicategory  $\mathcal{E}\text{-Mod}$  with  
e.g.  $f \in \mathcal{E}\text{-Mod}(M, N; Q)$  consisting of maps

$$M(A_1, \dots, A_m) \times N(B_1, \dots, B_n) \rightarrow Q(A_1, \dots, A_m, B_1, \dots, B_n).$$

The representables define  $\mathcal{L}: V_+(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{E}\text{-Mod}, \mathcal{E})$  in  $\text{AugMulti}$ ,  
hence  $\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \text{Chu}(\mathcal{E}\text{-Mod}, \mathcal{E}) = \text{Env}(\mathcal{E})$ , the envelope of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Theorem (Hyland)  $\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \text{Env}(\mathcal{E})$  is fully faithful, and  
 $\text{Env}(\mathcal{E})$  is  $*$ -autonomous.

## Modified envelopes

If  $\mathcal{E}$  has some  $\otimes$ s, say  $\mathcal{C}$ , let  $\mathcal{E}\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}$  be those modules that preserve them:

$$M(A_1, \dots, A_n, B, C) \cong M(A_1, \dots, A_n, B \otimes C).$$

and  $\text{Env}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{E}) = \text{Chu}(\mathcal{E}\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{E})$ .

Theorem  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \text{Env}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{E})$  is fully faithful, preserves the  $\otimes$ s in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and  $\text{Env}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{E})$  is  $*$ -autonomous.

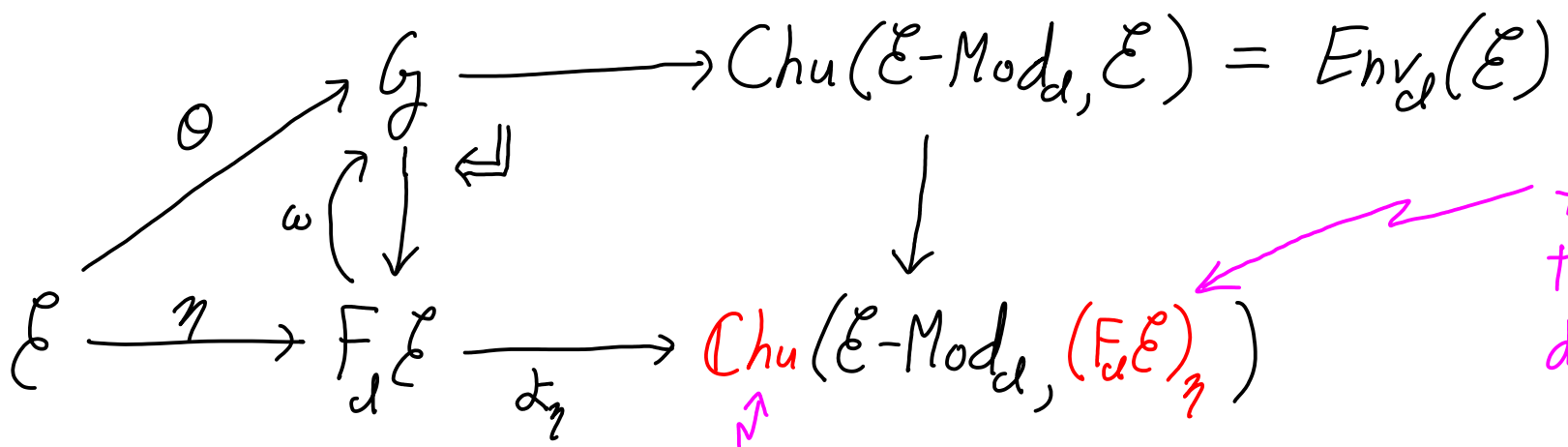
Corollary Any CSMC  $\mathcal{E}$  embeds fully by a closed monoidal functor in the  $*$ -autonomous category  $\text{Env}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{E})$ .

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# Lafont gluing for $\ast$ -autonomous categories

Let  $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\eta} F_d \mathcal{E}$  be the free  $\ast$ -autonomous category generated by the  $\ast$ -polycategory  $\mathcal{E}$  (e.g.  $L\mathcal{C}$ ) preserving the  $\otimes_s$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . To prove  $\eta$  fully faithful, we replace  $P\mathcal{C}$  by  $Env(\mathcal{E})$ , with two other changes:



this change is fairly trivial, so I won't discuss it further.

This one is more interesting!

## The double Chu construction

The double Chu construction,  $\text{Chu}(\mathcal{C}, \perp)$  is a poly double category, i.e. an internal category in  $\ast\text{Poly}$ , whose:

- horizontal  $\ast$ -polycategory is  $\text{Chu}(\mathcal{C}, \perp)$
- vertical category is  $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}$  (both covariant!)
- "2-cells" are tuples of commuting squares,

e.g. 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ h \downarrow & \Downarrow & \downarrow k \\ C & \xrightarrow{g} & D \end{array} \quad \text{is} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A^+ & \xrightarrow{f^+} & B^+ \\ h^+ \downarrow & & \downarrow k^+ \\ C^+ & \xrightarrow{g^+} & D^+ \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A^- & \xleftarrow{f^-} & B^- \\ h^- \downarrow & & \downarrow k^- \\ C^- & \xleftarrow{g^-} & D^- \end{array} .$$

## Double gluing (Hyland-Tan-Schalk)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G} & \longrightarrow & \text{Chu}(\mathcal{E}\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{E}) = \text{Env}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{E}) \\ \downarrow \swarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{F}_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \text{Chu}(\mathcal{E}\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}, (\text{F}_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{E})_{\mathcal{C}}) \end{array}$$

The comma object  
w.r.t *vertical* 2-cells  
is the *double gluing*.

Theorem The free extension  $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\eta} \text{F}_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{E}$  of any  $*$ -polycategory to a  $*$ -autonomous category preserving  $\otimes$ s in  $\mathcal{C}$  is fully faithful.

Corollary  $*$ -autonomous categories are 2-conservative over closed symmetric monoidal categories. (use  $\mathcal{E} = \text{LC}$ .)



## Vistas

- (1)  $*$ -autonomous cats are also 2-conservative over **linearly distributive** cats.  
(Previously proven by Blute-Cockett-Seely-Trimble w/ cut elimination.)
- (2) By adding some limits/colimits to  $\mathcal{C}$ , we can include these on both sides — except that CSMCs can include only **nonempty** limits/colimits, since  $\mathcal{L} \mapsto L\mathcal{L}$  doesn't preserve 0/1.
- (3) In fact,  $*$ -autonomous cats w/ initial object are **NOT** conservative over CSMCs w/ initial object! (Schellinx)

\*-autonomous envelopes

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