# The parallel intensionally fully abstract games model of PCF 

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Innocent Hyland-Ong game semantics: composition of P-view trees.

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How to compose them?

## A language of pure contexts: PCF

As a language describing pure contexts, we use PCF:

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\begin{aligned}
A, B:: & =\mathbb{B}|\mathbb{N}| A \rightarrow B \\
t, u:: & \lambda x \cdot t|t u| x \\
& \left|t t^{\mathbb{B}}\right| f f^{\mathbb{B}} \mid \mathrm{if}^{\mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}} \\
& \left|\bar{n}^{\mathbb{N}}\right| \operatorname{succ}^{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}}\left|\operatorname{pred}^{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}}\right| \text { zero? }^{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}} \\
& \mid Y^{(A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A}
\end{aligned}
$$

Big-step semantics. $t \Downarrow k(\vdash t: \mathbb{N}, k \in \mathbb{N})$

## This talk

1. Give a compositional account of "P-view dags". Composition of linear terms to focus on concurrency aspects.
2. Understand which dags arise from pure terms.

Generalize the notion of innocence and well-bracketing.
3. Build a model of PCF using "P-view dags".

Composing them by unfolding (something else than plays).
4. Prove intensional full-abstraction.

Contextual equivalence coincide in the syntax and semantics.

## I. Composing linear concurrent strategies

## Representation of types: arenas

Arenas are semantic representations of types as partial orders:

## Definition (Arenas)

An arena is a tuple $\left(A, \leq_{A}, \lambda: A \rightarrow\{O, P\} \times\{Q, A\}\right)$ where:

- (Alternation) If $a \rightarrow A a^{\prime}$ then $a$ and $a^{\prime}$ have different polarities
- (Forest) If $b, c \in A$ are below $a \in A$, they are comparable.
- (Answers) Answers are never minimal and always maximal.
$a \rightarrow a^{\prime}: a<a^{\prime}$ with no events in between $\left(\vdash_{A}\right.$ in game semantics.)
Examples:



## Constructions on arenas

- Dual: $A^{\perp}$ with the labelling $\lambda^{O P}$ reversed.
- Product: $A \| B$ is obtained by putting $A$ and $B$ side-by-side:

- Linear arrow: $A \multimap B$ is defined as $A^{\perp} \| B$

Example: $\mathbb{N} \multimap((\mathbb{N} \multimap \mathbb{B}) \| \mathbb{N})=\mathbb{N}\left\|\mathbb{N}^{\perp}\right\| \mathbb{B} \| \mathbb{N}$.


## Linear strategies

Strategy: causal enrichment of the arena with links $a \rightarrow b$.
Definition (Linear strategy)
A linear strategy on $A$ is a partial order $\left(S, \leq_{S}\right)$ such that:

- (Rule-obeying) $S$ is a down-closed subset of $A$ and $\leq_{A} \subseteq \leq_{S}$
- (Receptivity) If $s \in S^{+}$and $s \rightarrow a \in A$ then $a \in S$
- (Courtesy) If $s \rightarrow S s^{\prime}$ and not $s \rightarrow A s^{\prime}$ then $s$ is negative and $s^{\prime}$ positive.
We write $S$ : $A$.

The justifier of $s \in S$ is given by its predecessor for $\leq_{A}$.

## Examples of linear strategies

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## The copycat strategy

A particular linear strategy $A^{\perp} \| A$ : copycat.

It delays a positive move by the corresponding negative move:

copycat will behave as identity wrt composition of strategies.

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$\rightarrow$ Interaction of strategies on dual arenas.

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Causal loops. I is not a partial-order in general. For example

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A=\text { Drug Money }
$$

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S: A=\text { Drug } \rightarrow \text { Money } \quad T: A^{\perp}=\text { Drug } \leftrightarrow \text { Money }
$$

$I$ is $\operatorname{Drug}_{\nless} \longrightarrow$ Money: there is a causal loop.
To remove those loops, we introduce the notion of secured events.

## Secured events

An event $e \in I$ is secured when there exists $e_{0}, \ldots, e_{n}=e$ in $I$ such that

$$
\emptyset \subseteq\left\{e_{0}\right\} \subseteq\left\{e_{0}, e_{1}\right\} \subseteq \ldots \subseteq\left\{e_{0}, \ldots, e_{n}\right\}=\downarrow e
$$

and all the sets are down-closed in $I$.

Lemma
The set of secured events of I along with the preorder induced by $\leq_{I}$ is a partial-order $S \wedge T$.

When all events are secured, the interaction is deadlock-free.

## Composition of linear strategies

Let $S: A^{\perp} \| B$ and $T: B^{\perp} \| C$.

1. Interaction: we compute the interaction

$$
S \circledast T=\left(S \| C^{\perp}\right) \wedge(A \| T)
$$

The events live in $A\|B\| C$.
2. Hiding: we define the linear strategy $T \odot S$ as follows: Events The events $e \in S \circledast T$ that live in $A$ or $C$. Causality Induced by $\leq_{\left(S \| C^{\perp}\right) \circledast(A \| T)}$

Theorem (Rideau-Winskel)
This composition is associative and linear strategies and arenas form a compact-closed category.

## Negative category

PCF being call-by-name, types should be negative arenas (minimal events are negative)
But $\multimap$ does not preserve negativity!
Workaround: We use the usual arrow construction on arenas:


Under mild hypothesis on strategies:

$$
\{S: A \multimap B\} \simeq\{S: A \rightarrow B\}
$$

$\rightarrow$ Monoidal-closed category of negative arenas and "nice" strategies.

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## A notion of concurrent innocence

A thread of a strategy $S: A$ is a sequence in $S$
$s_{0} \rightarrow s_{1} \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow s_{n}$ with $s_{0}$ minimal.

Definition
A linear strategy without the following pattern is pre-innocent:

$$
s_{0} \rightarrow \cdots \mapsto s_{i} \stackrel{\nabla}{s_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots \mapsto s_{n-1}} \Delta_{s_{i+1}}{ }^{s^{\prime}} s^{\prime}
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Player is only allowed to merge threads he started.

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This thread is not a linear strategy.

## Visibility

To workaround that, we define:
Definition

- A strategy $S$ : $A$ is visible when for every thread $s_{0} \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow s_{n}$, the set $\left\{s_{0}, \ldots, s_{n}\right\}$ is a linear strategy in $A$.
- A strategy is innocent when it is visible and pre-innocent.

These notions have interesting consequences:

- Visibility and innocence are stable under composition
- Interactions of visible strategies are deadlock-free: $S \circledast T$ and $S \cap T$ coincide.
- Hence there is a functor from visible strategies to relations.


## Non-well bracketed behaviours

There are still undefinable behaviours, related to questions/answers:

- Not answering the pending question:

- Answering twice the same question:



## Well-bracketed strategies

To ban these behaviours, we introduce well-bracketing:

Definition (Well-bracketing)
A strategy $S: A$ is well-bracketed when:

1. In any thread $s_{0} \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow s_{n}$ where $s_{n}$ is an answer, its justifier is the last non-answered question.
2. If Player answers twice to the same question, they must live in threads started by Opponent.


## A sub-category of innocent and well-bracketed strategies

 Well-bracketing is stable under composition in presence of innocence. Hence:
## Theorem

The following is a SMCC:

- Objects: Negative arenas
- Morphisms from A to B:

Innocent, well-bracketed, linear strategies on $A \multimap B$ (or equivalently on $A \rightarrow B$ )

Moreover, it is small enough:
Informal theorem
In this category, every strategy is definable by a PCF term up to observational equivalence.

# III. Expanded strategies 

## Tackling non-linearity

Linearity is built-in because our strategies are subset of arenas.
To relax that: ask only for a labelling map: lbl : $S \rightarrow A$.
$\llbracket \lambda x^{\mathbb{N}} \cdot x+x \rrbracket$

$$
\mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}
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$\llbracket \lambda f^{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} . f 3+f 3 \rrbracket . ~}$
$(\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}$


At higher-order, pointers become necessary to resolve ambiguity.

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## The need for expanded strategies

It is as if we composed the following linear strategies:

$$
\mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}
$$

$$
(\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}
$$



On which arena do they live?

## The expanded arena

Idea: deeply duplicate moves to accommodate non-linearity.

## Definition (Expanded arena)

Let $A$ be an arena. We define the arena! $A$ as follows:

- (Events) index functions: pairs $(a, \alpha): a \in A$ and $\alpha: \downarrow a \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- (Causality) $(a, \alpha) \leq(b, \beta)$ iff $a \leq b$ and $\alpha \subseteq \beta$.
- (Labelling) Inherited from $A$
where $\downarrow a=\left\{a^{\prime} \in A \mid a^{\prime} \leq a\right\}$.
Down-closed subsets of ! $A$ correspond to Boudes' thick sub-trees.


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## Non-uniformity

In a strategy $S:!A$, positive copy indices are arbitrary.
$\rightarrow$ Consider strategies on ! $A$ up to positive copy indices $(S \simeq T)$
Problem. $\simeq$ is not a congruence:


This strategy is not uniform: moves depend on negative indices.

## A CCC of innocent strategies

There is a notion of uniform strategies on $!A$ that forbids this.

## Theorem (C., Clairambault, Winskel)

The following is a cartesian closed category Inn supporting an interpretation of PCF:

- (Objects) Negative arenas
- (Morphisms from $A$ to $B$ ) Uniform, innocent, well-bracketed linear strategies from ! $A$ to $!B$, up to copy indices.

There is a bigger CCC of uniform and single-threaded strategies.

## IV. Finite definability and intensional FULL-AbSTRACTION FOR PCF

## Contextual equivalences

Contextual equivalence formalizes program indistinguishability:

- PCF terms: $t \simeq_{\text {syn }} u$ iff for all context $C[]: \mathbb{N}$,

$$
C[t] \Downarrow k \text { iff } C[u] \Downarrow k
$$

- Strategies: $S \simeq_{\text {sem }} S^{\prime}: A$ iff for all strategies $T:!A \multimap \mathbb{N}$,

$$
k \in T \odot S \text { iff } k \in T \odot S^{\prime}
$$

Intensional full abstraction: $t \simeq_{\text {syn }} u$ iff $\llbracket t \rrbracket \simeq_{\text {sem }} \llbracket u \rrbracket$.

## Extensional behaviour of strategies

PCF terms can be seen as continuous functions. And strategies?

- Base types. Strategies on $\mathbb{B}$ diverge or give a single answer. Hence:

$$
\downarrow: \operatorname{Inn}(\mathbb{B}) \cong \mathbb{B}_{\perp}: \uparrow
$$

- First-order types. The previous isomorphism lifts to a map:

$$
\begin{array}{lllr}
\downarrow: \operatorname{Inn}\left(\mathbb{B}^{k}, \mathbb{B}\right) & \rightarrow\left[\mathbb{B}_{\perp}^{k}\right. & \rightarrow & \left.\mathbb{B}_{\perp}\right] \\
S & \mapsto\left(b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}\right) & \mapsto & \downarrow\left(S \odot\left\langle\uparrow b_{1}, \ldots, \uparrow b_{n}\right\rangle\right)
\end{array}
$$

Intensional full-abstraction entails: $\downarrow S=\downarrow S^{\prime}$ iff $S \simeq{ }_{\text {sem }} S^{\prime}$.

The two ifs are contextual equivalent sif: $\mathbb{B} \quad \multimap \mathbb{B} \multimap \mathbb{B} \multimap \mathbb{B}$ pif: $\mathbb{B}$ $\multimap \mathbb{B} \multimap \mathbb{B} \multimap \mathbb{B}$


Both implement the same continuous function:

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\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} & \rightarrow \mathbb{B} \\
(\mathrm{tt}, x, \perp) & \mapsto x \\
(\mathrm{ff}, \perp, x) & \mapsto x \\
(\perp, \perp, \perp) & \mapsto \perp
\end{aligned}
$$

## Outline of the proof of intensional full-abstraction

Theorem (C., Clairambault, Winskel)
Our concurrent interpretation of PCF inside Inn is intensionally fully-abstract.

## Proof.

1. The model is sound and adequate: $t \Downarrow k$ if and only if $k \in \llbracket t \rrbracket$.
2. Hence $\llbracket t \rrbracket \simeq_{\text {sem }} \llbracket u \rrbracket$ implies $t \simeq_{\text {syn }} u$.
3. If $\llbracket t \rrbracket \bigwedge_{\text {sem }} \llbracket u \rrbracket$, they are distinguished by a finite strategy $S$.
4. Finite strategies can be represented by a PCF term up to contextual equivalence:

- We prove the result for first-order types
- And generalize by induction to higher-order types.

5. Hence $S$ gives a context $C$ dinstinguishing $t$ and $u$
6. And $t \not 丸_{\text {syn }} u$.

## An aside on finite strategies

Strategies on ! $A$ are infinite but uniformity ensues its behaviour depends on a (possibly) finite part:

## Definition (Reduced form)

Let $S:!A$ be a strategy. Define $r(S)$ to be the induced partial-order on $\left\{s \in S \mid \forall s_{0}^{-} \leq s, s_{0}\right.$ has copy index 0$\}$

- Reduction is faithful ensues that $r(S) \cong r\left(S^{\prime}\right)$ implies $S \simeq S^{\prime}$ (Uniformity)
- A strategy is finite when $r(S)$ is.
- $r(S)$ is exactly the P -view dag of $S$.


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- The $S_{i}$ are smaller and $S_{f}$ is first-order.


## Conclusion

## Summary.

- A compositional framework for concurrent strategies
- A CCC of innocent strategies supporting a concurrent interpretation PCF.
- A result of intensional full-abstraction.

Existing extensions / Work in progress.

- Disjunctive causes. There is a fully-abstract model for PCF+por (collapse to domains)
- Non-determinism. There is a CCC of concurrent non-deterministic strategies supporting languages like IPA.
- Must-equivalence. Hiding can be modified to remember divergence and obtain a model for must-equivalences.
- Weak memory models. Design models of shared memory concurrency that features weak memory behaviours.

