

Sessions as effects; effects as sessions

the tale of two type systems

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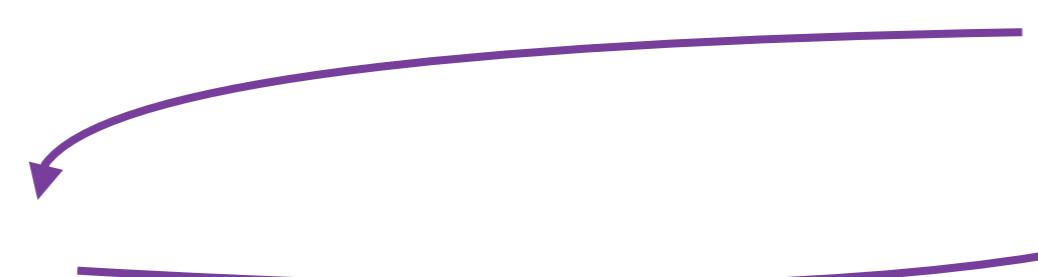
Language primitives and type disciplines for
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Honda, Vasconcelos, Kubo (1998)

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π -calculus primer

$c!(V).P$

send V on c then act as P

$c?(x).P$

receive on c , bind to x , then act as P

$P \mid Q$

do P and Q in parallel

$\nu c \ (P)$

channel creation/binding [restriction]

$! \ P$

process replication

0

inactive process

$$(c?(x).P \mid c!(V).Q) \rightarrow (P[V/x] \mid Q) \quad (\beta \text{ reduction})$$

(commutativity)

$$P \mid Q = Q \mid P$$

(associativity)

$$P \mid (Q \mid R) = (P \mid Q) \mid R$$

(scope extrusion)

$$\nu c \ (P \mid Q) = \nu c \ (P) \mid Q \quad (if \ c \# Q)$$

Session primitives primer

$c \triangleright \{L_1 : P_1, \dots, L_n : P_n\}$

offer n choices

$c \lhd L_i . P$

select label i then act as P

$$(c \triangleright \{L_1 : P_1, \dots, L_n : P_n\} \mid \underline{c} \lhd L_i . Q) \rightarrow (P_i \mid Q)$$

(β reduction)

dual end-point

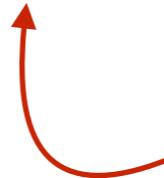
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Session types primer

$$\boxed{\Gamma ; \Delta \vdash P}$$

value environment  **session environment** 

$$x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n \quad c_1 : S_1, \dots, c_n : S_n$$

$$(\text{recv}) \frac{\Gamma, x : A ; \Delta, c : S \vdash P}{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : ?[A].S \vdash c?(x).P}$$

$$(\text{send}) \frac{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : S \vdash P \quad \Gamma ; . \vdash V : A}{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : ![A].S \vdash c!(V).P}$$

Session types primer (2)

$$\text{(inact)} \quad \Gamma; c : \text{end} \vdash 0 \quad \text{(restr)} \quad \frac{\text{dual session type} \quad \Gamma ; \Delta, c : S, \underline{c} : \underline{S} \vdash P}{\Gamma ; \Delta \vdash \nu c. P}$$

Duality: ensures absence of communication errors

$$\underline{? [A]. S} = ! [A]. \underline{S} \quad ! [A]. \underline{S} = \underline{? [A]. S} \quad \underline{\text{end}} = \text{end}$$

e.g. ~~$c! \langle 0 \rangle. c! \langle 1 \rangle \mid \underline{c?}(x)$~~

~~$c! \langle 0 \rangle \mid \underline{c?}(x). \underline{c?}(y) \mid c! \langle 1 \rangle$~~

$$\text{(par)} \quad \frac{\Gamma ; \Delta_1 \vdash P \quad \Gamma ; \Delta_2 \vdash Q}{\Gamma ; \Delta_1 \odot \Delta_2 \vdash P \mid Q}$$

Session types primer (2)

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$$\text{(par)} \quad \frac{\Gamma ; \Delta_1 \vdash P \quad \Gamma ; \Delta_2 \vdash Q}{\Gamma ; \Delta_1 \odot \Delta_2 \vdash P \mid Q}$$

Session types primer (3)

$$\text{(branch)} \frac{\Gamma; \Delta, c : S_0 \vdash P_0 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma; \Delta, c : S_n \vdash P_n}{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : \&[l_0 : S_0 \dots l_n : S_n] \vdash c \triangleright \{l_0 : P_0 \dots l_n : P_n\}}$$

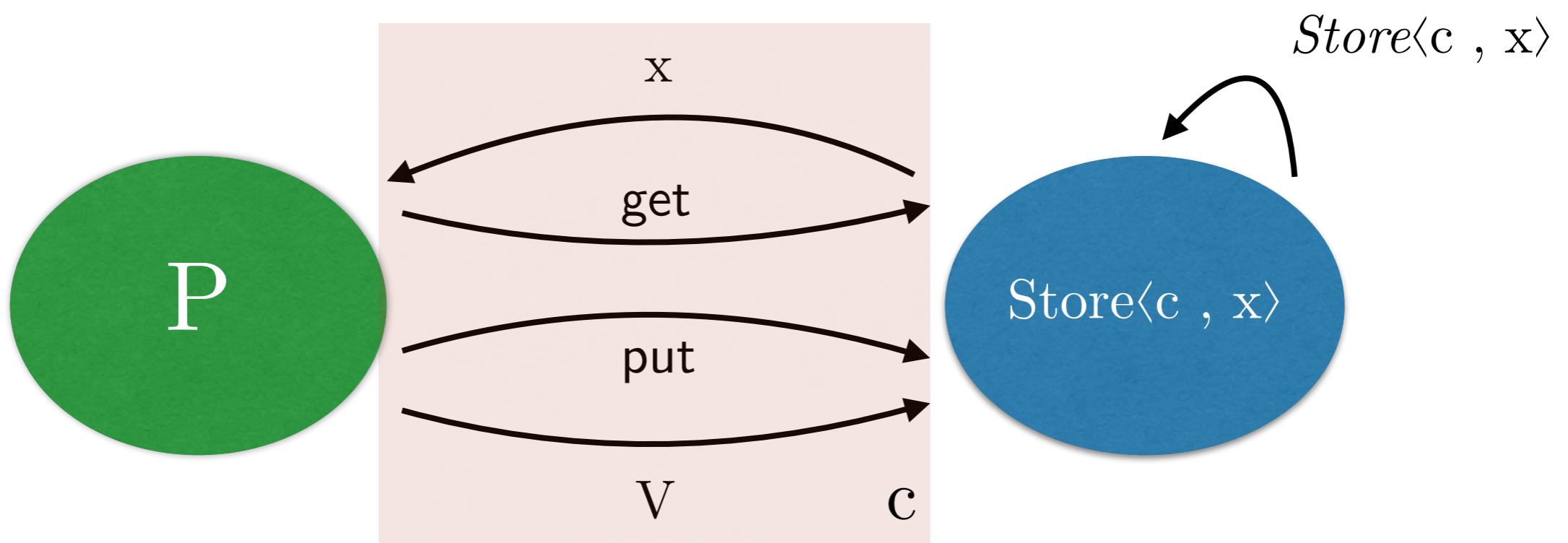
$$\text{(select)} \frac{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : S \vdash P}{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : \oplus[l : S] \vdash c \lhd l . P}$$

Duality:

$$\underline{\&[l_0 : S_0 \dots l_n : S_n]} = \oplus[l_0 : \underline{S_0} \dots l_n : \underline{S_n}]$$

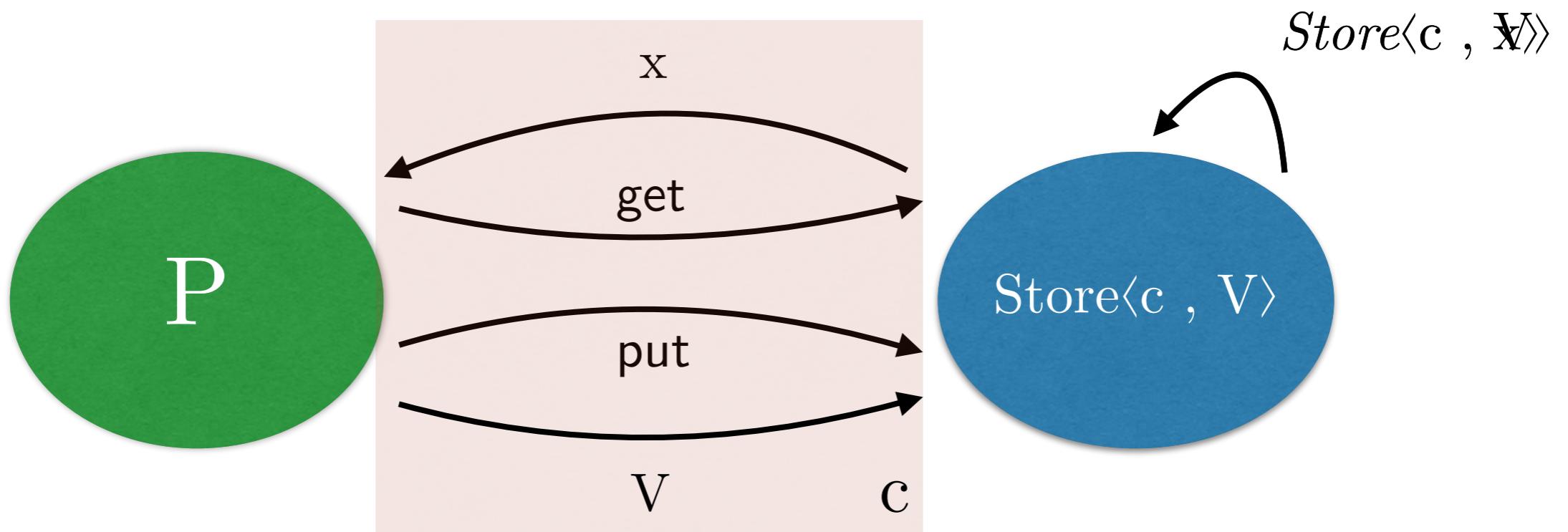
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Effects in a π : Variable agent



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```
def Store(c, x) = c ▷ {get : c!⟨x⟩.Store⟨c, x⟩,  
put : c?(y).Store⟨c, y⟩,  
stop : 0}                                in Store⟨c , i⟩
```



Effects in a π : Variable agent

```
def Store(c, x) = c  $\triangleright$  {get : c!<x>.Store<c, x>,
                                put : c?(y).Store<c, y>,
                                stop : 0}                                in Store<c , i>
```

get(c)(x).P = (c \triangleleft get).c?(x).P
put(c)<V>.P = (c \triangleleft put).c!<V>.P
stop = (c \triangleleft stop).0

c : $\oplus[\text{get} : ?[A]. S]$
c : $\oplus[\text{put} : ![A]. S]$

session types

Client

e.g. increment store

(get(c)(x).put(c)<x+1>.0 | Store<c , i>)

c : $\oplus[\text{get} : ?[Z]. \oplus[\text{put} : ![Z]. \text{end }]] \vdash \text{get}(c)(x).\text{put}(c)<x+1>.0$



describes effect interaction

$\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$

Effect system

monoid (F, \bullet, \emptyset)

$$\text{abs } \frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash M : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \quad \text{app } \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash N : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash M N : \tau} \quad \text{var } \frac{x : \sigma \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : \sigma}$$

$$\text{bind } \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : T F \sigma \quad \Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash N : T G \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x \Leftarrow M \text{ in } N : T (F \bullet G) \tau} \quad \text{return } \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M \rangle : T \emptyset \tau}$$

The marriage of effects and monads, Wadler & Thieman (1992)

Analysis style [Gifford, Lucassen (1986), etc.]

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash M : \tau, F}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. M : \sigma \xrightarrow{F} \tau, \emptyset} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma \xrightarrow{H} \tau, F \quad \Gamma \vdash N : \sigma, G}{\Gamma \vdash M N : \tau, F \bullet G \bullet H}$$

Effect system for state

Effect monoid: $(\text{List } \{\text{put } t, \text{get } t \mid t \in \tau\}, ++, [])$

Effect operations:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{put} : \tau &\rightarrow \mathbf{T} [\text{put } \tau] () \\ \text{get} : \mathbf{T} &[\text{get } \tau] \tau \end{aligned}$$

e.g. increment store

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x \Leftarrow \text{get in put } (x + 1) : \mathbf{T} [\text{get } \mathbb{Z}, \text{put } \mathbb{Z}] ()$$

cf. session-typed π -calculus version

$$\begin{aligned} c : \oplus[\text{get} : ?\mathbb{Z}. \oplus[\text{put} : !\mathbb{Z}.\text{end}]] &\vdash \text{get}(c)(x).\text{put}(c)\langle x+1 \rangle.0 \\ \simeq & [\text{get } \mathbb{Z}, \text{put } \mathbb{Z}] \end{aligned}$$

Effect systems describe side-effect behaviour

λ -calculus as prototype

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \mathbf{T} \ F \ \sigma \quad \Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash N : \mathbf{T} \ G \ \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x \Leftarrow M \text{ in } N : \mathbf{T} \ (F \bullet G) \ \tau}$$

Session types describe communication behaviour

π -calculus as prototype

$$(\text{recv}) \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : \tau; \Delta, c : S \vdash P}{\Gamma; \Delta, c : ?[\tau].S \vdash c?(x).P}$$

Are they related?

Sessions as effects

- Effect handler process [e.g., variable agent]
[cf. Bauer, Pretnar “Programming with algebraic effects and handlers.”]
- Effect channel [a session channel for communicating with handler]
... whose session type is (encoding of) effect annotation
- “Threading” effect channel through control flow of encoding
[cf. state $\langle e, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle e', s' \rangle$ or monadic semantics $a \rightarrow M b$]

Sessions as effects

- Encoding of general effect sequential composition
- Parameterised, for a particular notion of effect by:
 - *Effect handler* [variable agent]
 - Interpretation of effects annotations into sessions

$$[\![\cdot]\!] = \text{end}$$

$$[\![(\text{get } \tau) : F]\!] = \oplus[\text{get} : ?[\![\tau]\!]. [\![F]\!]]$$

$$[\![(\text{put } \tau) : F]\!] = \oplus[\text{put} : ![\![\tau]\!]. [\![F]\!]]$$

- Encoding of operations [get, put]
 - using $\text{get}(c)(x).P = (c \triangleleft \text{get}).c?(x).P$ etc.

Embedding

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash M : \mathsf{T} \mathsf{F} \tau \rrbracket_r^{eff} = \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket, r : !\llbracket \tau \rrbracket, eff : \llbracket \mathsf{F} \rrbracket \vdash \dots$$

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x \Leftarrow M \text{ in } N : \mathsf{T} \mathsf{F} \tau \rrbracket_r^{eff} = \\ \text{vs . (} \llbracket M \rrbracket_s \mid s?(x).\llbracket N \rrbracket_r \text{)}$$

both using *eff*

Not well-typed wrt. sessions!

Embedding

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash M : \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F} \tau \rrbracket_r^{eff} = \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket, r : !\llbracket \tau \rrbracket, eff : \llbracket \mathbf{F} \rrbracket \vdash \dots$$

$$vei, eo . (\llbracket \Gamma \vdash M : \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F} \tau \rrbracket_r^{ei, eo} \mid \underline{ei} ! \langle eff \rangle . eo(eff'))$$

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash M : \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F} \tau \rrbracket_r^{ei, eo} = \forall \mathbf{g} .$$

$$\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket, r : !\llbracket \tau \rrbracket, ei : ?\llbracket \mathbf{F} \bullet \mathbf{g} \rrbracket, \underline{eo} : !\llbracket \mathbf{g} \rrbracket \vdash \dots$$

→ ←

receive effect channel send effect channel

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{run} M : \tau \rrbracket_r$$

$$= vef \cdot (\llbracket \Gamma \vdash M : \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F} \tau \rrbracket_r^{eff} \mid H(\underline{eff}))$$

Embedding

$$(\Gamma \vdash \langle M \rangle : \mathbf{T} \oslash \tau) \Downarrow_r^{ei, eo} = ei?(c). (\Downarrow M)_r . \underline{eo}!(c)$$

where $\forall \mathbf{g} . \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket; r : !\llbracket \tau \rrbracket, ei : ?\llbracket \mathbf{g} \rrbracket, \underline{eo} : !\llbracket \mathbf{g} \rrbracket \vdash ei?(c). (\Downarrow M)_r . \underline{eo}!(c)$

$$(\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x \Leftarrow M \text{ in } N : \mathbf{T} (\mathbf{F} \bullet \mathbf{G}) \tau) \Downarrow_r^{ei, eo} =$$

$$\nu q, a . (\Downarrow M)_q^{ei, a} \mid \underline{q}?(x). (\Downarrow N)_r^{a, eo})$$

where $\forall \mathbf{h} . q : !\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket, ei : ?\llbracket \mathbf{F} \bullet \mathbf{h} \rrbracket, \underline{a} : !\llbracket \mathbf{h} \rrbracket \vdash (\Downarrow M)_q^{ei, a}$
 $\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{G} \bullet \mathbf{h}'$

$$\forall \mathbf{h}' . x : \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket; r : !\llbracket \tau \rrbracket, a : ?\llbracket \mathbf{G} \bullet \mathbf{h}' \rrbracket, \underline{eo} : !\llbracket \mathbf{h}' \rrbracket \vdash (\Downarrow N)_r^{a, eo}$$

Embedding

$$(\Gamma \vdash \langle M \rangle : \mathbf{T} \oslash \tau) \mathbb{D}_r^{ei, eo} = ei?(c). (\ M \mathbb{D}_r . \underline{eo}! \langle c \rangle$$

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 $\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{G} \bullet \mathbf{h}'$

$$\forall \mathbf{h}' . x : \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket; r : !\llbracket \tau \rrbracket, a : ?\llbracket \mathbf{G} \bullet \mathbf{h}' \rrbracket, \underline{eo} : !\llbracket \mathbf{h}' \rrbracket \vdash (\ N \mathbb{D}_r^{a, eo}$$

Example

$\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket, r : ![\text{int}], \ eff : \llbracket \text{[get } Z, \text{ put } Z] \rrbracket \vdash$
 $\llbracket \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x \Leftarrow \text{get in put } (x + 1) : \mathsf{T} \text{ [get } Z, \text{ put } Z] Z \rrbracket_r^{eff}$

$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash \text{run } M : \tau \rrbracket_r = \nu eff . (\llbracket \Gamma \vdash M : \mathsf{T} \mathsf{F} \tau \rrbracket_r^{eff} \mid \text{Var}(eff, 0))$

Soundness

$$\Gamma \vdash M = N : \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F} \tau \implies$$

$$[\![\Gamma]\!]; (r : ![\![\tau]\!].\mathbf{end}, e : [\![F]\!]) \vdash [\![M]\!]_r^e \approx [\![N]\!]_r^e$$

$$\text{let } x \Leftarrow M \text{ in } <\!\!x\!\!> = M \quad (\text{left unit})$$

$$\text{let } x \Leftarrow <\!\!v\!\!> \text{ in } M = M[v/x] \quad (\text{right unit})$$

$$\text{let } x \Leftarrow M \text{ in } (\text{let } y \Leftarrow N_1 \text{ in } N_2) = \quad (\text{associativity})$$

$$\text{let } y \Leftarrow (\text{let } x \Leftarrow M \text{ in } N_1) \text{ in } N_2 \quad [if \ x \# N_1]$$

Completeness

$$[\![\Gamma]\!], r : ![\![\tau]\!], eff : [\![\mathbf{F}]\!] \vdash [\![M]\!]_r^{eff} \approx [\![N]\!]_r^{eff}$$

$$\implies \Gamma \vdash M \simeq N : \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F} \tau$$

Application

Use session- π as intermediate language

- Effect-informed optimisations, e.g. implicit parallelism

if $\Gamma \vdash M : \mathbf{T} \oslash \sigma$ and $\Gamma \vdash N : \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F} t$

then $(\text{let } x \leftarrow M \text{ in } (\text{let } y \leftarrow N \text{ in } P))_r^{\text{ei}, \text{eo}}$
 $= \nu q, s, \text{eb}. ([\![M]\!]_q \mid (\![N]\!]_s^{\text{ei}, \text{eb}} \mid \bar{q}?(x). \bar{s}?(y). (\![P]\!]_r^{\text{eb}, \text{eo}})$

- Semantics of concurrent effects
 - e.g., non-interference, atomicity via sessions

Effects as sessions (summary)

- Sessions and session types expressive enough to encode effects with a **causal effect system**
 - Per effect notion [e.g., state, counting, I/O]: effect mapping, handler, encoding operations
- Extended to **case** and **fix** effect-control-flow operator
- Set-based effect systems recovered by transforming causal

Details see dorchard.co.uk:

“Using session types as an effect system” (Orchard, Yoshida, PLACES 2015)

Effects as sessions

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash M : T \textcolor{brown}{F} \tau \rrbracket_r^{eff} \longrightarrow \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket, r : !\llbracket \tau \rrbracket, eff : \llbracket \textcolor{brown}{F} \rrbracket \vdash P$$

Sessions as effects?

$$\Gamma; \Delta \vdash P \longrightarrow \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \vdash M : T \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \text{unit}$$

- Reuse existing effect-system approaches:
 - *Embedding effect systems in Haskell* (Orchard, Petricek, 2014)
 - Session types for existing libraries (e.g., CloudHaskell)

Send/receive as effects

$$\text{(recv)} \frac{\Gamma, x : A ; \Delta, c : S \vdash P}{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : ?[A].S \vdash c?(x).P}$$

$$\text{(send)} \frac{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : S \vdash P \quad \Gamma ; . \vdash V : A}{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : ![A].S \vdash c?<V>.P}$$

- Composition by prefixing

?[-] : ty → (S → S)

?[-] t S = ?[t].S

![-] : ty → (S → S)

![-] t S = ![t].S

end : S

- Equivalent to a list over token **S** (cf. different lists in Prolog)

:? : ty → **S**

++ : [**S**] → [**S**] → [**S**]

:! : ty → **S**

[] : [**S**]

Send/receive as effects

$$\text{(recv)} \frac{\Gamma, x : A ; \Delta, c : S \vdash P}{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : ?[A].S \vdash c?(x).P} \quad \text{(send)} \frac{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : S \vdash P \quad \Gamma ; . \vdash V : A}{\Gamma ; \Delta, c : ![A].S \vdash c?<V>.P}$$

- Decompose environment Δ

effects (List {c :? t, c :! t}, ++, [])

recv :: Chan c t → T ' [c :? t] t

send :: Chan c t → t → T ' [c :! t] ()

Effect-indexed monads

```
class Effect (t :: ef → * → *) where
    type Unit t
    type Plus t f g

    return :: a → t (Unit t) a
    (">>=) :: t f a → (a → t g b) → t (Plus t f g) b
```

gives

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : T f a \quad \Gamma, x : a \vdash N : T g b}{\Gamma \vdash \text{do } x \leftarrow M; N : T (\text{Plus } T f g) b}$$

cf.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : T F \sigma \quad \Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash N : T G \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x \Leftarrow M \text{ in } N : T (F \bullet G) \tau}$$

- [“The semantic marriage of effects and monads”, Orchard, Petricek, Mycroft (2014)]
- [“Parametric effect monads”, Katsumata (2014)]
- [“Embedding effect systems in Haskell”, Orchard, Petricek (2014)]

Session-indexed monads

```
data S a = C :? a | C :! a

data Session (s :: [S *]) a = ...

instance Session where
    type Unit m      = ' []
    type Plus m s t = s :++ t

    return :: a → m (Unit m) a
    (">>=) :: m s a → (a → m t b) → m (Plus m s t) b

    recv :: Chan c t → Session '[c :? a] t
    send :: Chan c t → t → Session '[c :! t] ()
```

Duality and par

```
par :: Session s () → Session t ()  
          → Session (s :++ t) PId
```

```
new :: Duality c s =>  
      (Chan c -> Session s a) → Session (Rem c s) a
```

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Conclusion

Effects into sessions

- Shows the expressive power of session types
- Incorporate effect information into specifications (e.g. Scribble)
- Use pi-calculus as intermediate language

Sessions into effects

- Embed session types into existing languages
- Shows the expressive power of effect typing
 - “*Type & Effect system: Behaviours for concurrency*” Amtoft, Nielson, Nielson 1999

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Thanks!!!