

# Metric Continuous Abstract Elementary Classes

Why? Superstability, NIP, examples.

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## Goals + Acknowledgments

Various notions at the crossroads of Combinatorial Set Theory and Model Theory. . .

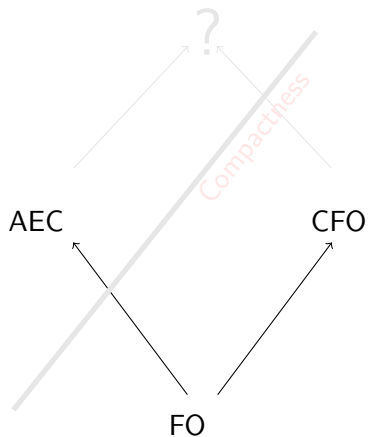
**Madison connection : Kunen - Keisler [Enayat, Džamonja]**

I will put in context results or constructions due to Berenstein, Grossberg, Hyttinen, Shelah, VanDieren, V., Zambrano on Continuous Model Theory, and Metric Continuous Abstract Elementary Classes (mcAEC).

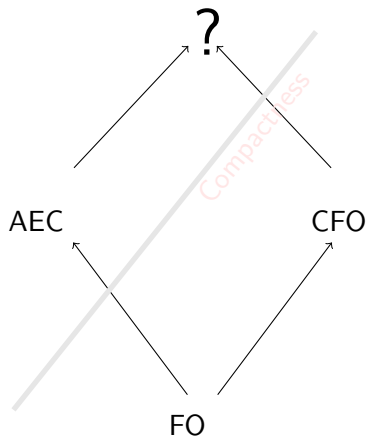
. . . and several open problems.



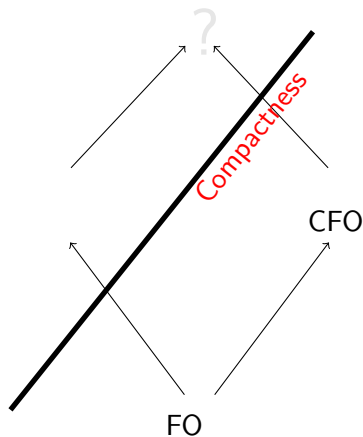
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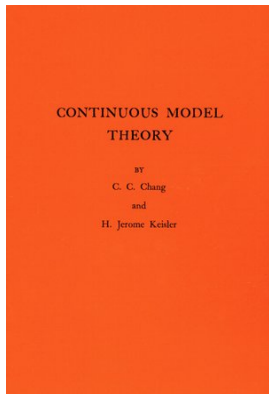
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# Continuous Model Theory - Origins



Although the origins of CMTh go back to Chang & Keisler (1966), recent takes on Continuous Model Theory are based on formulations due to Ben Yaacov, Usvyatsov and Berenstein of Henson and Iovino's Logic for Banach Spaces.

Unlike the case of AEC, these authors emphasize control of structures through formulas (and *syntactic* types).

The context obtained is (up to some point) "orthogonal" to AEC : while AEC does not capture the notion of **approximation** (Banach Spaces do not form an AEC !), all results in CMTh (so far) depend on strong compactness and countability (separability) hypotheses.



# Continuous predicates and functions

## Definition

Fix  $(M, d)$  a bounded metric space. A **continuous  $n$ -ary predicate** is a uniformly continuous function

$$P : M^n \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

A **continuous  $n$ -ary function** is a uniformly continuous function

$$f : M^n \rightarrow M.$$



## Metric structures

Therefore, **metric structures** are of the form

$$\mathcal{M} = \left( M, d, (f_i)_{i \in I}, (R_j)_{j \in J}, (a_k)_{k \in K} \right)$$

where the  $R_j$  and the  $f_j$  are (uniformly) continuous functions with values in  $[0, 1]$ , the  $a_k$  are distinguished elements of  $M$ .

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## Examples of FO metric structures

### Example

- Any FO structure, endowed with the discrete metric.
- The unit ball  $B$  of a normed space  $X$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  - functions : maps  $(x, y) \mapsto \alpha x + \beta y$  for each pair of scalars such that  $|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq 1$ . Norm included as predicate.
- Normed algebras.
- **Hilbert spaces** with inner product as a binary predicate.
- For a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$ , construct a metric structure  $\mathcal{M}$  based on the usual measure algebra of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$ .  
Operations :  $\cap, \cup$ , complement. Predicate : measure  $\mu$ .  
Distinguished elements :  $0, 1$ .
- $C^*$ -algebras (Argoty, Ben Yaacov, V.).

## Some of the goods

- Stability (Ben Yaacov, Iovino, etc.),
- Ryll-Nardzewski (Berenstein),
- Categoricity for countable languages (Ben Yaacov),
- $\omega$ -stability,
- Dependent theories (Ben Yaacov),
- Not much geometric stability theory : no analog to Baldwin-Lachlan (no minimality),
- NO simplicity!!!
- Keisler measures, NIP (Hrushovski, Pillay, etc.)



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## mcAEC and AEC - Jónsson AEC

### Definition (or Remark)

When the metric is discrete, mcAECs are just regular AECs.

So, mcAEC generalize in a natural way both AEC and classes axiomatizable in FO Continuous Logic.

### Definition (Jónsson AEC)

An AEC that satisfies AP, JEP and has arbitrarily large models is called a **Jónsson AEC**.



# Examples

Many natural constructions in Mathematics are examples of mcAEC

- 1 Complete first order theories
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- 3 Excellent, quasiminimal classes
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The proof under  $2^\kappa < 2^{\kappa^+}$  uses the weak diamond to get many different models (easier version : prove there is no universal model of size  $\kappa^+$ ).

The construction under MA uses a variant of Baumgartner's forcing to build, given two models of size  $\aleph_1$ , an isomorphism. The construction is essentially a random bipartite graph, with stochastically independent families. OPEN : an example describable in  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ .

OPEN : can we push up this dichotomy? Until which cardinalities?



## Limit models : $\exists$ and !

### Theorem (Shelah)

*Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a  $\mu$ -Galois-stable AEC with AP and extensions of models.  
Then  $\mathcal{K}$  has  $(\mu, \alpha)$ -limit models for all  $\alpha \leq \mu$ .*

### Theorem (Shelah, V.)

*(GCH) If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\lambda$ -categorical AEC with NMM, then  $\mathcal{K}$  has  
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## Uniqueness of limit models

Let

$M_1$  a  $(\mu, \alpha_1)$ -limit model over  $M_0$  and

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Must they be isomorphic? Moreover, can we get

$$M_1 \approx_{M_0} M_2?$$

Under AP, they must be isomorphic, when the class is categorical above  $\mu$  and has arbitrarily large models.

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## Limits and superstability

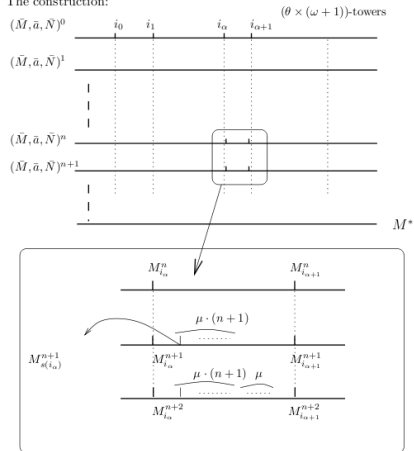
- The implication  $2 \Rightarrow 5$  lifts to AECs  
(Grossberg-VanDieren-V.) : superstable AEC's have uniqueness of limit models. No EM models used !  
Two-dimensional arrays of models instead of towers.
- V.-Zambrano : uniqueness of limit models for superstable mcAEC.
- Shelah uses various forms of limit models to characterize (externally) NIP theories.
- Open : behavior of  $n_\mu(\mathcal{K})$ .



# Picture of the proof

*CONSTRUCTION SKETCH. We construct by induction a sequence  $(M_\alpha, \bar{a}_\alpha, \bar{N}_\alpha)_{\alpha < \omega+1}$  of models, and hence continuous.*

The construction:



## Limit models

**Limit models** are connected with steps toward Shelah's Categoricity Conjecture, AEC without AP, Stability Spectrum for tame AEC (Baldwin, Kueker, VanDieren), **superstability** in AEC (Grossberg, VanDieren, V.) and more recently with classification of models of (First Order) NIP theories (various forms of limit models in [Sh 868] and [Sh 900]).



# Keisler measures

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## MEASURES AND FORKING

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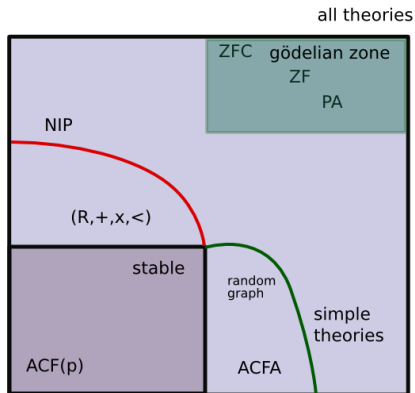
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Shelah's theory of forking (or stability theory) is generalized in a way which deals with measures instead of complete types. This allows us to extend the method of forking from the class of stable theories to the larger class of theories which do not have the independence property. When restricted to the special case of stable theories, this paper reduces to a reformulation of the classical approach. However, it goes beyond the classical approach in the case of unstable theories. Methods from ordinary forking theory and the Loeb measure construction from nonstandard analysis are used.

Keisler measures (1987!) are generalizations of types originally devised for probability logic, and recently used by Hrushovski and Pillay for NIP contexts! They appear to point to the right notion of types for some mcAEC's ( $C^*$ -algebras).



# Simple theories in the FO map

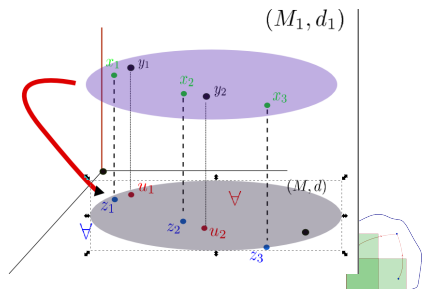
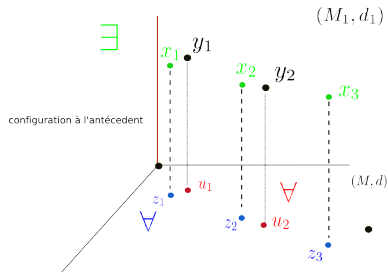


# Is simplicity a discrete phenomenon ?

## Theorem (Hyttinen, V.)

The (continuous) FO theory of Hilbert Spaces with Generic Predicates is *not* simple.

(Contrast with Chatzidakis-Pillay - Ben Yaacov's Conjecture)



## The failure of simplicity

The proof's idea uses a criterion from Shelah and Casanovas :  $T$  is simple iff there exist  $\kappa, \lambda$  such that  $NT(\kappa, \lambda) < 2^\kappa + \lambda^\omega$ .

So, fix  $\kappa$  an infinite cardinal and  $\lambda \geq \kappa$ . The idea is to find a complete submodel  $M_f$  of the monster model, of density character  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda^\kappa$  many types over a subset of  $M_f$  of power  $\kappa$  such that they are pairwise incompatible.

This is impossible in first order, by Chatzidakis-Pillay.

The continuity of the predicate allows a situation impossible in FO.



## The failure of simplicity (II)

Let then  $\{b_i | i < \kappa\} \cup \{a_j | j < \lambda\} \cup \{c_X | X \in P_\kappa(\lambda)\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $M_f$ .

Fix, for every  $X \in P_\kappa(\lambda)$ , a bijection from  $\{b_i | i < \kappa\}$  to  $\{a_j | j \in X\}$ . Let the **black points** of  $M_f$  be the set  $N$  consisting of vectors of the form  $c_X + b_i + \frac{1}{2}f_X(b_i)$ , and 0, and define  $d_N(x)$  as the distance to  $N$ . This is a submodel of the monster.

Let  $A_X = \{b_i | i < \kappa\} \cup \{a_j | j \in X\}$ . Then we have that if  $X \neq Y$  the types  $\text{tp}(c_X/A_X)$  and  $\text{tp}(c_Y/A_Y)$  are incompatible :



## The failure of simplicity (III)

Suppose there is some  $c$  such that  $\text{tp}(c/A_X) = \text{tp}(c_X/A_X)$  and  $\text{tp}(c/A_Y) = \text{tp}(c_Y/A_Y)$ . Take (wlog)  $j \in Y \setminus X$ . Pick  $\ell < \kappa$  such that  $f_Y(b_\ell) = a_j$ . Let  $k \in X$  be such that  $f_X(b_\ell) = a_k$ .

In  $M_f$ , the distance to black of  $c_X + b_\ell - \frac{1}{2}a_k$  is 1. Therefore the distance to black of  $d = c + b_\ell - \frac{1}{2}a_k$  is also 1 (in the monster) - but  $e = c + b_\ell + \frac{1}{2}a_j$  is black - as  $e' = c_Y + b_\ell + \frac{1}{2}a_j$  is - and the distance from  $e$  to  $d$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} < 1$ , a contradiction.





Thanks !

