

# Higher-Order Universe Operators in Martin-Löf Type Theory with One Mahlo Universe

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- Later, Rathjen [4] formulated the Mahlo property in constructive set theory **CZF**, and showed that **CZF** with an axiom asserting the existence of a Mahlo set is interpretable in Setzer’s extension of MLTT

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- We use
  - the logical framework adopted in Agda
  - the families-of-sets formulation of Mahlo universes
- a Mahlo universe type  $V : \text{Set}$  with the decoding function  $T : V \rightarrow \text{Set}$  “reflects” any operator on families of sets in  $V$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash f : (\sum_{(a:V)} T a \rightarrow V) \rightarrow (\sum_{(a:V)} T a \rightarrow V)}{\Gamma \vdash \widehat{U}_f : V} \widehat{U}_f-I$$

$$T \widehat{U}_f = U_f$$

$U_f$  is a subuniverse of  $V$  with the decoding function  $\widehat{T}_f : U_f \rightarrow V$  such that  $(U_f, T_f)$  is **closed under  $f$**

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- A super universe: by reflecting

$y : \sum_{(x:V)} \mathbb{T} x \rightarrow V \vdash \lambda c.y : (\sum_{(x:V)} \mathbb{T} x \rightarrow V) \rightarrow (\sum_{(x:V)} \mathbb{T} x \rightarrow V)$ , we have  $(\widehat{U}_f, \widehat{T}_f)$  with  $f := \lambda c.y$ , so put

$$g := \lambda y.(\widehat{U}_f, \widehat{T}_f) : (\sum_{(x:V)} \mathbb{T} x \rightarrow V) \rightarrow (\sum_{(x:V)} \mathbb{T} x \rightarrow V)$$

then we obtain a super universe  $\widehat{U}_g$  because  $g$  is a universe operator

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- In sum, both  $\mathbf{MLM}$  and  $\mathbf{MLQ}$  were introduced to study the type-theoretic counterparts of large sets
- The comparison in terms of proof-theoretic strength was already attempted in the literature (e.g., [9, 10, 3])  
We aim to investigate the relationship more directly by simulating  $\mathbf{MLQ}$  in  $\mathbf{MLM}$

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- In this talk, we use

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# Simulation of MLQ in MLM

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- We construct such a  $\tilde{U}$  with a **family of subuniverses of  $V$** :

$$\tilde{U} := \hat{\Sigma} a_1 (\lambda e. \hat{\Sigma} \hat{N}_2 (\lambda z. \hat{U}_h)) \text{ with } h := C_2 (\lambda c. y) (b_1 e) z : O_1$$

$$\sum_{(e:T a_1)} \sum_{(z:N_2)} U C_2 (\lambda c. y) (b_1 e) z$$

The point is twofold: **the use of the eliminator  $C_2$**  /  
**the use of a parameter of greater order**

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- E.g.,  $\mathbf{ML}^4$  has a third-order universe operator which enables to construct second-order universe operators inductively
  - On the other hand,  $\mathbf{ML}^3$  (hence  $\mathbf{MLQ}$ ) has no third-order universe operator and cannot construct a second-order universe operator newly

# Simulation of $\text{ML}^4$ in MLM

- A case study: simulate a **third-order** operator  $o_3$  s.t. if  $o_3$  takes a second-order operator  $o_2$ , a first-order operator  $o_1$  and  $y : \sum_{(x:V)} \mathbb{T} x \rightarrow V$ , then  $o_3$  returns a universe  $\tilde{U}$  satisfying
  - $\tilde{U}$  contains  $y$
  - $\tilde{U}$  is closed under  $o_1$
  - $\tilde{U}$  is closed under  $o_2 o_1$ , i.e., the first-order operator obtained by applying  $o_2$  to  $o_1$
- In this case, we simulate  $\tilde{U}$  by the following family:

$$\sum_{(z:\mathbb{N}_3)} \mathbb{U}_{\mathbb{C}_3} (\lambda c.y) o_1 (o_2 o_1) z$$

Here we use a **higher-order** parameter to simulate  $\tilde{U}$

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- But we believe that Mahlo universes are still to be investigated further, since they can be extended in a natural way (hyper Mahlo universes, autonomous Mahlo universes, and so on, see [13])
  - These extensions should enable us to study the type-theoretic formulation of large sets further

Thank you for your attention!

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