ORACLES AND CHOICE SEQUENCES FOR TYPE-THEORETIC PRAGMATICS

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INTRODUCTION

$[\![$*A man walked in.*$]\!]$

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$$(\Sigma p \in Man)$$

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$$(\Sigma p \in Man)\, WalkedIn(p)$$

$$[\![\textit{He sat down}]\!]$$

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$$\mathit{SatDown}(???)$$

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THE “DONKEY SENTENCE”

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THE **require** ORACLE: STATICS

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A\ \mathit{type} \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash N \in B}{\Gamma \vdash \textbf{require}\ x : A\ \textbf{in}\ N \in B} \qquad (\mathit{require})$$

require — EXAMPLES

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$$\boxed{\text{where } M \sim N \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (M \preceq N) \land (N \preceq M)}$$

EVERY GRAMMATICAL SENTENCE HAS A MEANING

...but only some of them denote propositions (types)!

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Evaluation is now non-deterministic

Is **require** COMPUTATIONALLY EFFECTIVE?

ASSERTION ACTS IN TIME

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BETH-KRIPKE SEMANTICS FOR ASSERTIONS

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$w \Vdash \mid_x \mathscr{J}(x)$	(general judgment)
$w \Vdash \mathscr{J}_2 \ (\mathscr{J}_1)$	(hypothetical judgment)
$w \Vdash M \Downarrow N$	(evaluation)
$w \Vdash A = B \ \mathit{type}$	(typehood)
$w \Vdash A \ \mathit{true}$	(truth)
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$$w \Vdash |_x \, \mathscr{J}(x) \iff \cdots$$
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SEMANTICS OF HIGHER-ORDER ASSERTIONS

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where $\mathscr{M}_w$ is the species of constructions that have been effected by stage w

$$w \Vdash A\ \mathit{true} \iff$$

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THE **require** ORACLE: DYNAMICS

require — DYNAMICS

$$\frac{}{\mathfrak{S}(\langle\rangle)} \qquad \frac{\mathfrak{S}(\vec{u}) \quad |_n\ \rho(n) < n \ \ (n \in \mathbb{N}^+)}{\mathfrak{S}(\vec{u} \frown \rho)} \qquad \text{(spread law)}$$

$$\frac{\alpha \models_t A \Downarrow A' \quad |\varkappa_{A'}(t)| = \ell \quad \mathsf{hd}(\alpha)(\ell) = j \quad \mathsf{tl}(\alpha) \models_t \left[\varkappa_{A'}(j)/x\right] N \Downarrow N'}{\alpha \models_t \mathbf{require}\ x : A\ \mathbf{in}\ N \Downarrow N'}$$

(for $\alpha \in \mathfrak{S}$)

Questions?