

# A Measurement Set Data Model

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# Dataset

A dataset contains every things needed to make the raw observational data scientifically useful (science archive, off-line data reduction and analysis)

## 1. Correlator data

(99% of the amount of data, simple compact structure)

## 2. Metadata

- target space parameters (astronomical positions: directions, spectral (line) frequencies, ...)
- instrumental configurations used
- experimental procedures (observing modes)
- instrumental parameters used (antenna positions, pointing model used, ...)
- fine tuning data (quasi real time calibration results)

## 3. Auxiliary data

- encoder readouts (dish) / complex gains (aperture arrays), etc...
- experimental context (antenna-based monitoring points: temperature, pressure, ... atmospheric radiometric data, ...)

## Motivations to have a Data Model

A measurement set is a set of concrete concepts at different levels,

- a) words, e.g. physical quantities, measures ([Universal Concepts](#)),
- b) compositions of words defining relations ([Domain Specific Concepts](#)).

Common language & understanding of concepts ([interoperability](#)).

a) expressiveness

b) robustness (type-safe)

c) efficiency (static typing, high performance calculi, ...)

*(architecture: structure, factorization, localization, slicing, ... i.e. geometry),*

The model must be as rich as needed within a context evolving towards [more and more automated processing](#) (data volume, instrumental complexity, ...)

# From acquired Experiences to required Evolutions

## Experiences:

The radioastronomy has accumulated knowledges and experiences for many years

Evolution from data formats to DMs

*major step in 1995/2000 with MS (ref. Kemball et al.)*

## Broader usages:

- a) for persistence (archives),
- b) for off-line data processing (software packages, pipelined processing, ...)
- c) for on-line data acquisition (near real time telescope calibration, quick look, ...)

**NB:** *transporting data is time consuming → data flows must be well thought*

**Instrumental evolution:** begs for DM evolutions.

Example: aperture arrays like EMBRACE (proto for SKA)

**Facts:** the mathematicians:

- a) have developped all the abstract constructs useful to us
- b) give a methodology to define data models & theories (ref. *theory of categories*)

**NB:**

- a) formalism used in fundamental computer science.
- b) matchs well with generic programming techniques.

# EMBRACE

Storage capacity to record N beamlets ( GBytes or Tbytes)

beamlets	data flow	10 min	1 hour	5 hours	10 hours
62	93 MB/s	54.2	325.5	1.6	3.2
124	185 MB/s	108.5	651	3.2	6.4
186	278 MB/s	162.8	976.4	4.8	9.6
248	370 MB/s	217	1.3	6.4	12.8



## What is a data model?

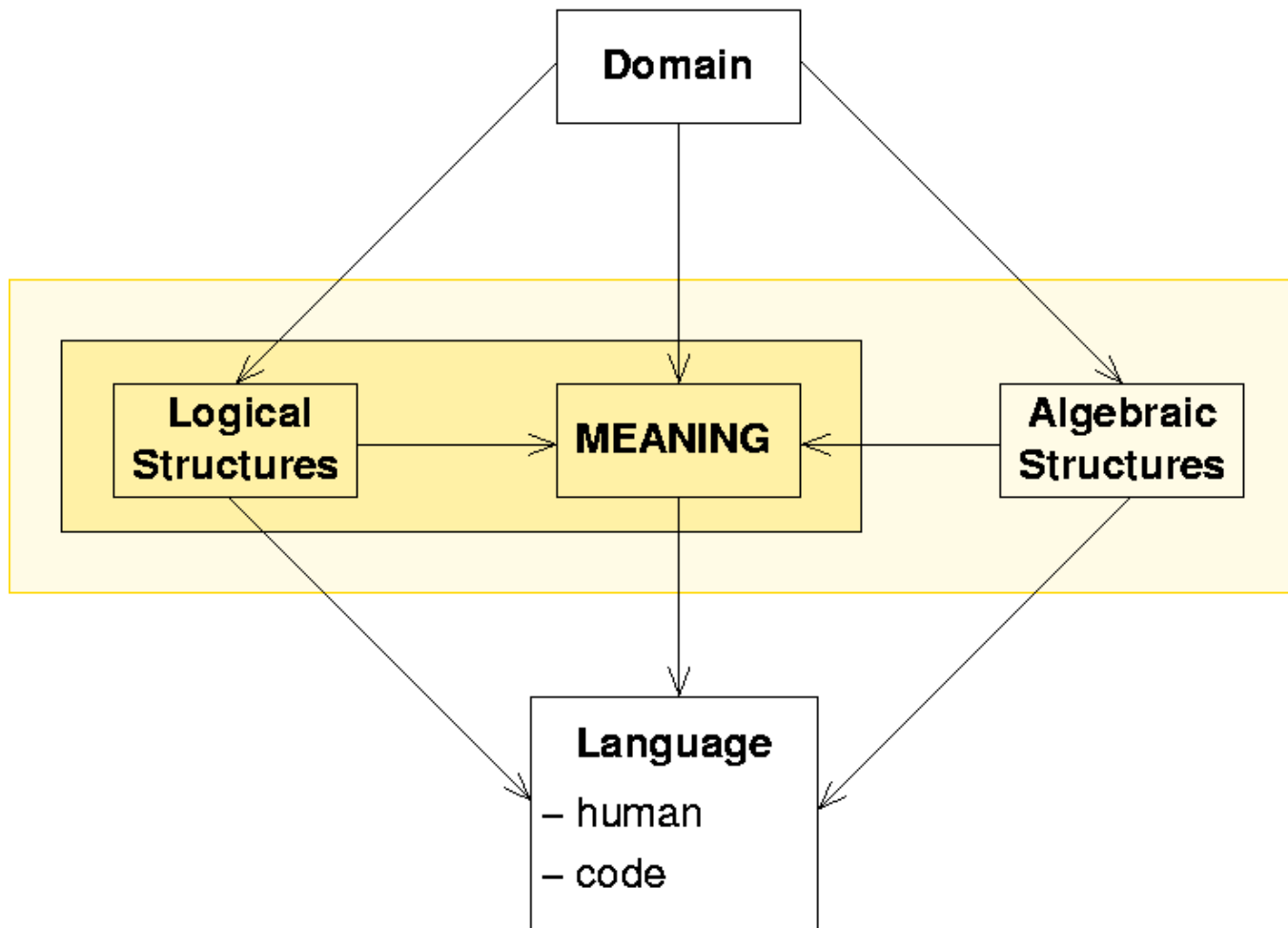
A model is the composition of a structure (mathematical logic) with algebra.

*Example: the relational data model.*

- The semantic is captured through constraints.
- The structure gives the meaning of things in a formal language.

*Datasets must conform to a model*

4 commutable triangles





# To use a language for representing measurements

Examples of words (*physical quantities*):

- Length, Area, Angle, Solid angle, Aperture efficiency, Rotation measure
- Speed
- Angular rate
- Noise equivalent power
- FluxDensity (*Jy which is not SI...*)
- ...

**Note that:**

1. All these have units.
2. Dimensioned, dimensionless and mixed case units!
3. They may have units which uses powers of rational numbers!
4. Physical expressions are composition of such words

## Measurements in context

We assign domain specific meaning to words:

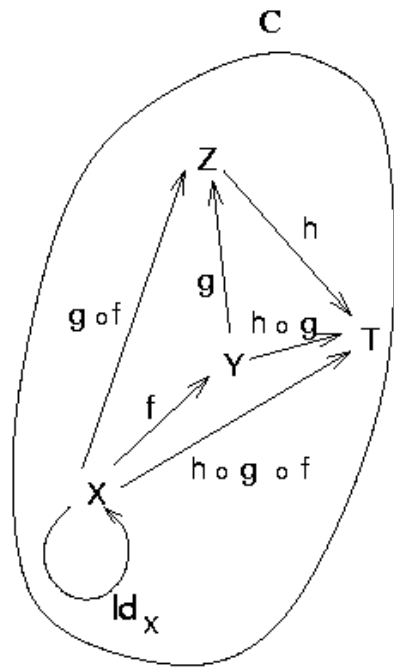
- Station
- Antenna
- Spectral window
- Feed
- Configuration description
- ...

Meta-model → meta-model instance ← a DSL

## Formalization

- **Category**
- **Functor**
- *Natural transform*
- *Product and coproduct:  
example of diagrams, a cone (projections) and a cocone (inductions)*
- *Direct limit*
- *Monoids. 2-categories, ...*
- *Sketches, Models and Theories*

Category  
C



Collection of objects:  
X, Y, Z, T  
Morphisms of objects:  
f, g, h

- Identity:

$$\forall X \in C \exists \text{Id}_X \in C$$

- Transitive composition:

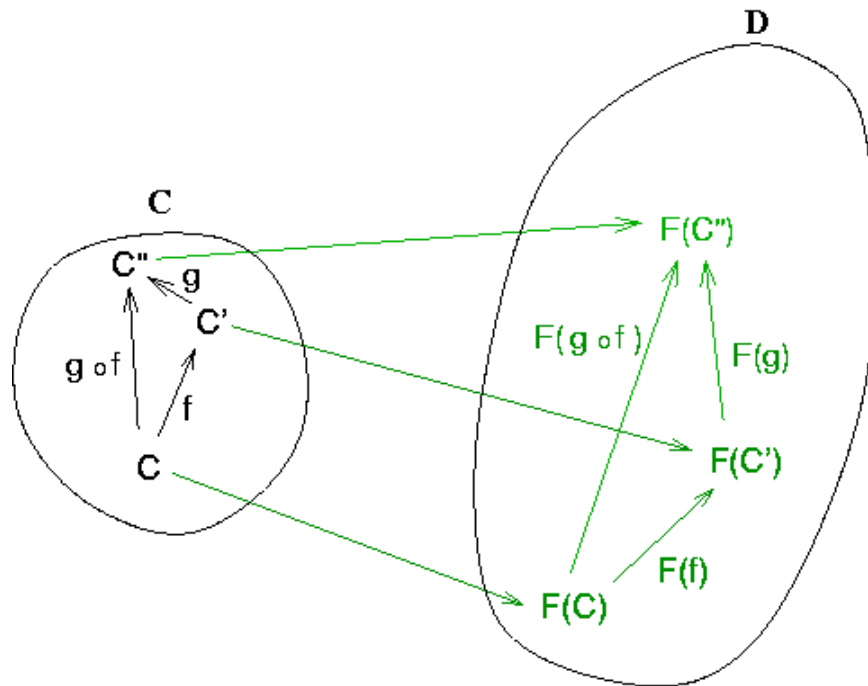
$$\begin{array}{c}
 X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \\
 \searrow \text{g of} \nearrow \\
 \phantom{X} \phantom{Y} \phantom{Z}
 \end{array}$$

- Associativity:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & (h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f) & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Z \\
 f \downarrow & \searrow \text{g of} & \nearrow \text{h} \\
 Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T \\
 & \nearrow \text{h of g} & \searrow \text{g}
 \end{array}$$

## Functor

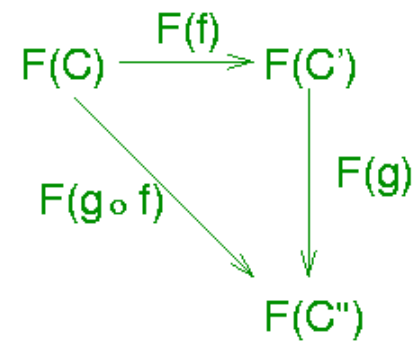
$$F: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$$



Two categories  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$

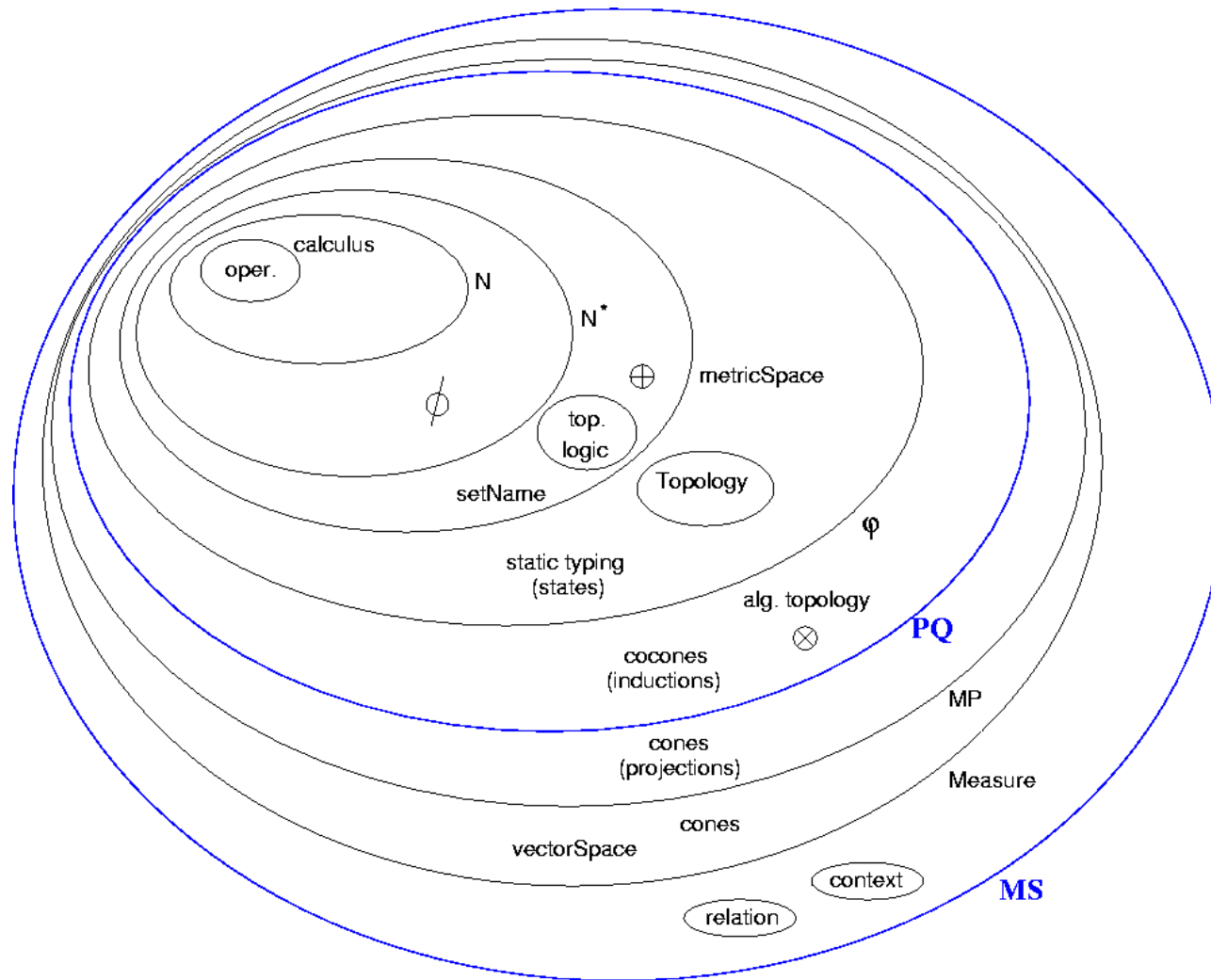
The morphism  $F: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$   
is a functor if:

- $\forall C \in \mathbf{C} \exists F(C) \in \mathbf{D}$
- $F(\text{Id}_C) = \text{Id}_{F(C)}$
- and the diagram



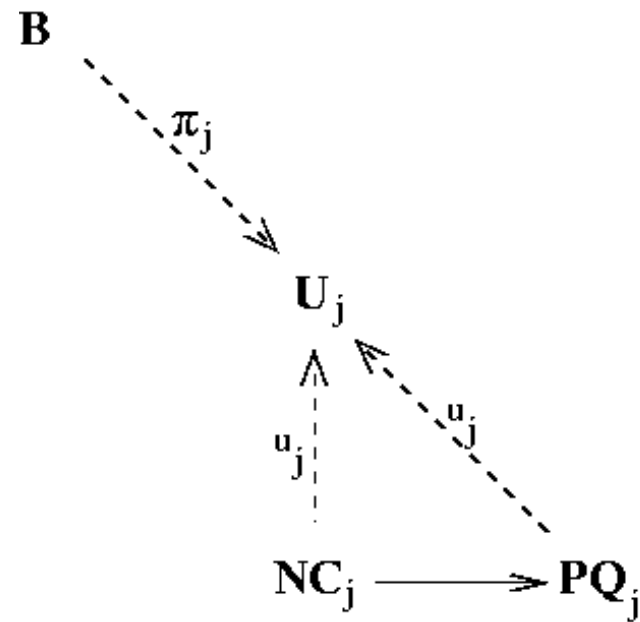
is commutative

## Two examples at work



## Topological space for PQ

Let  $U_j$  a unit element along the axis  $j$  in a vector space  $\mathbf{B}$  an object  $\in \mathbf{Vect}$   
 Let  $NC_j \in \mathbf{R}$  the dimension unit along the axis  $j$  of a point in that space



*Examples with  $j=0$*

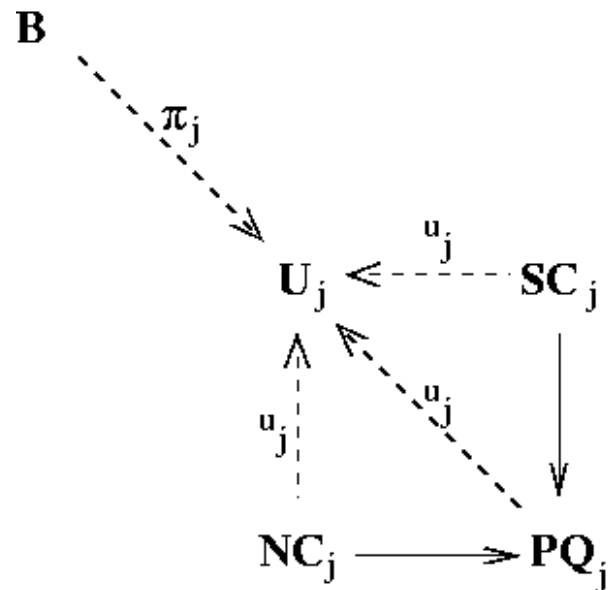
<i>Phys quan. <math>k</math></i>	$NC_{0,k}$
<i>Length</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Area</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>SpatialFrequency</i>	<i>-1</i>

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<i>SpatialFrequency</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Angle</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>SolidAngle</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>RotationMeasure</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>1</i>

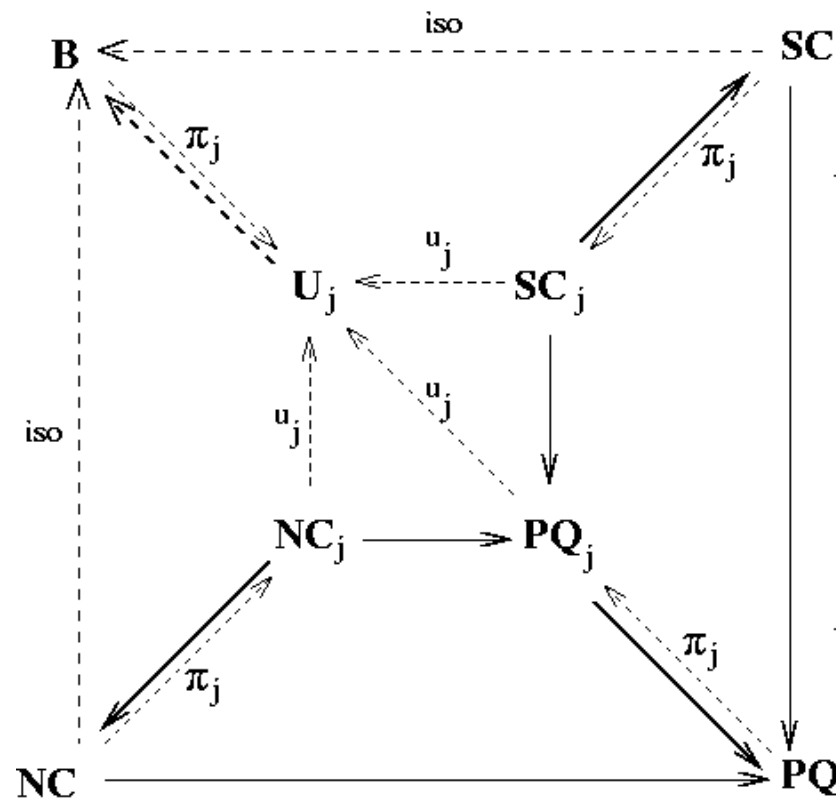


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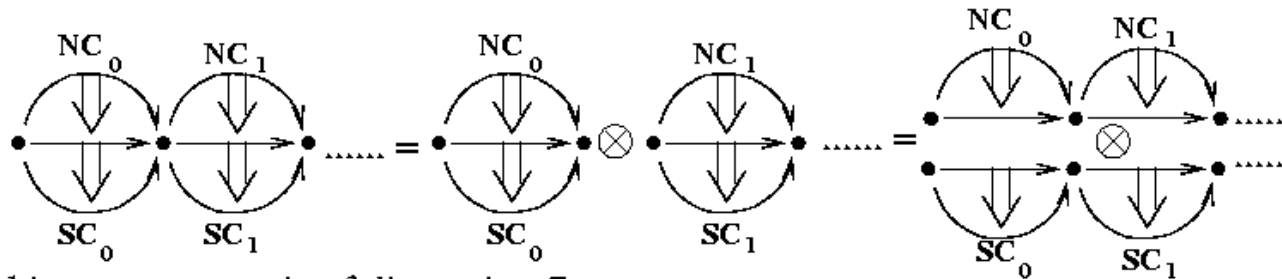
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<i>Angle</i>	0	1
<i>SolidAngle</i>	0	2
<i>RotationMeasure</i>	-2	1

### Examples with $j=0$ and 2

<i>Phys quan. <math>k</math></i>	$NC_{0,k}$	$SC_{0,k}$	$NC_{2,k}$
<i>Speed</i>	1	0	-1
<i>AngularRate</i>	0	1	-1

## Topological space for PQ

The topology of PQ is a 2–category on a vector space:



this vector space is of dimension 7:

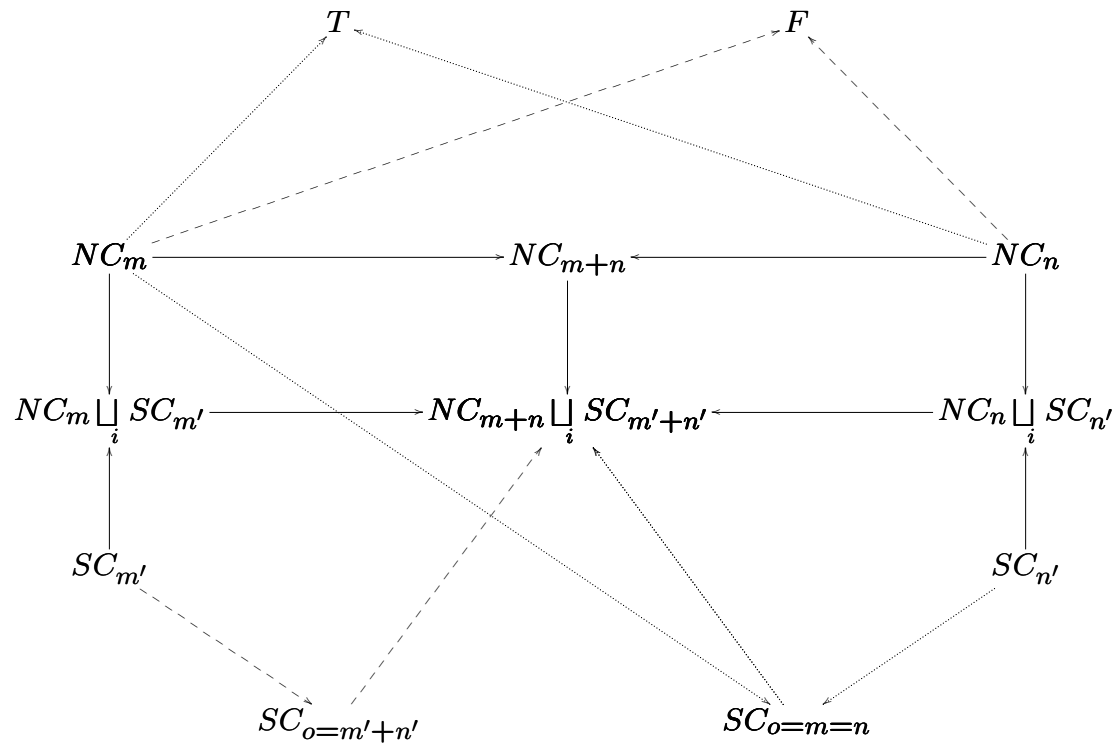
- 0 Length
- 1 Mass
- 2 Time
- 3 Temperature
- 4 LuminousIntensity
- 5 MolarConcentration
- 6 ElectricCurrent

the horizontal 1–cell composition along the fundamental physical unit basis  
 the vertical 2–cell composition for the dimension,dimensionless property

PQuantity is a monoid for the addition.

PQuantity<X> is a category, a singleton.

From a set of monoids to the category PQ  
the algebraic topology

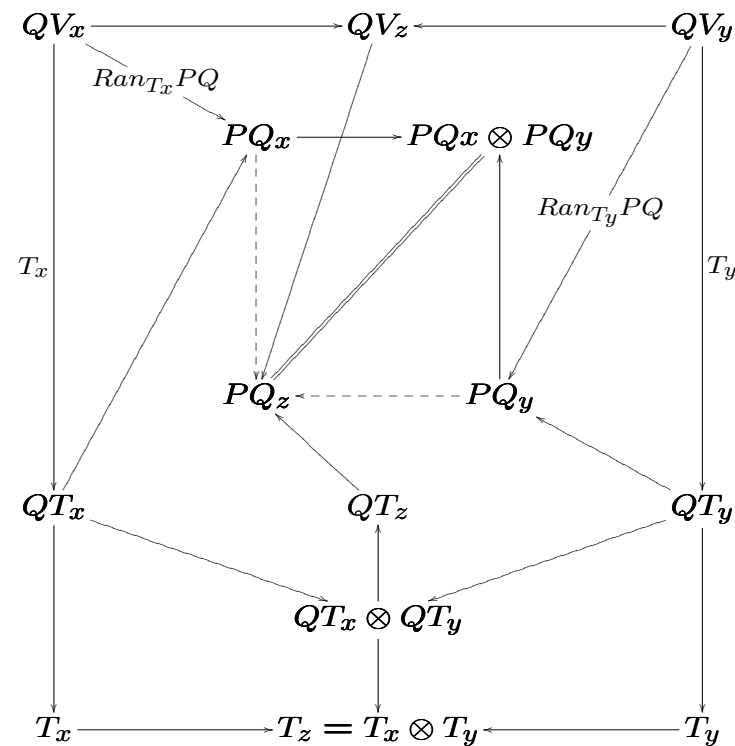


**Proposition:**

*the product of a dimensionless quantity with its inverse is a pure number.*

## From a set of monoids to the category PQ

Equation of the product: a diagram of PQ



- A linearization on a language (functions basis)
- A coherence constraint ( $\exists$  validation)

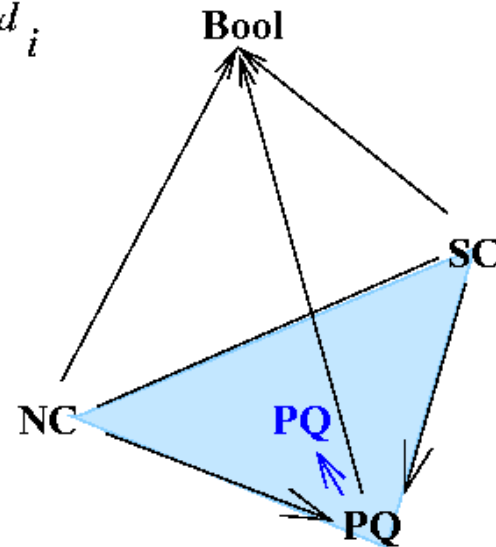
## Logical structure of PQ and its boundary

An algebraic type with a closure:  $SC_i / SC_i = Id_i$

Identity element:  $Id = \bigoplus_{j \in J} Id_j$

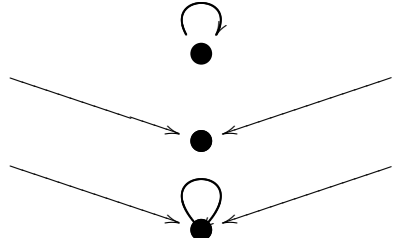
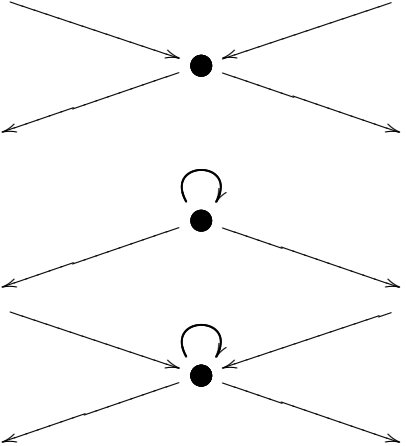
*PQ: an endofunctor*

*Co-end: the pure numbers*



Space	Regions in the DSL
2D facette NC,PQ,Bool	sub-category of the dimensionned PQ
2D facette SC,PQ,Bool	sub-category of the dimensionless PQ
3D volume	category PQ: general case

## Examples of constructions for the categories PQ and PM

	<b>units</b>		<b>construction</b>	<b>category</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>• •</li> </ul>	$m$ $rad$ $rad/m$		direct inductive inductive $\oplus$ direct	<b>PQ</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• •</li> <li>• •</li> <li>• • •</li> </ul>	$rad \pm \epsilon$ $m \pm \epsilon$ $rad/m \pm \epsilon$		inductive $\oplus$ projective direct $\oplus$ projective inductive $\oplus$ direct $\oplus$ projective	<b>PM</b>

## Conclusions for the Physical Quantities

- PQ is a functor category, a singleton. It is a pure abstraction.
- PQ is the set all the physical expressions
- PQ is an endomorphism
- PQ is a monad  $PQ(PQ()) = PQ()$ ;  $\mathbb{K} \times PQ = PQ$
- PQ is cartesian closed (eg PQuantity is embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^*$ .)
- $PQ_T$  is a monoid, a constructible functor with polymorphic representation *monomorphism:  $Ran_T PQ$  and its dual,  $Lan_T PQ$ , for polymorphism.*
- $PQ_T$  is a cartesian closed category whose objects are physical quantity states and the morphisms tensor products.
- PQ has inductive cones

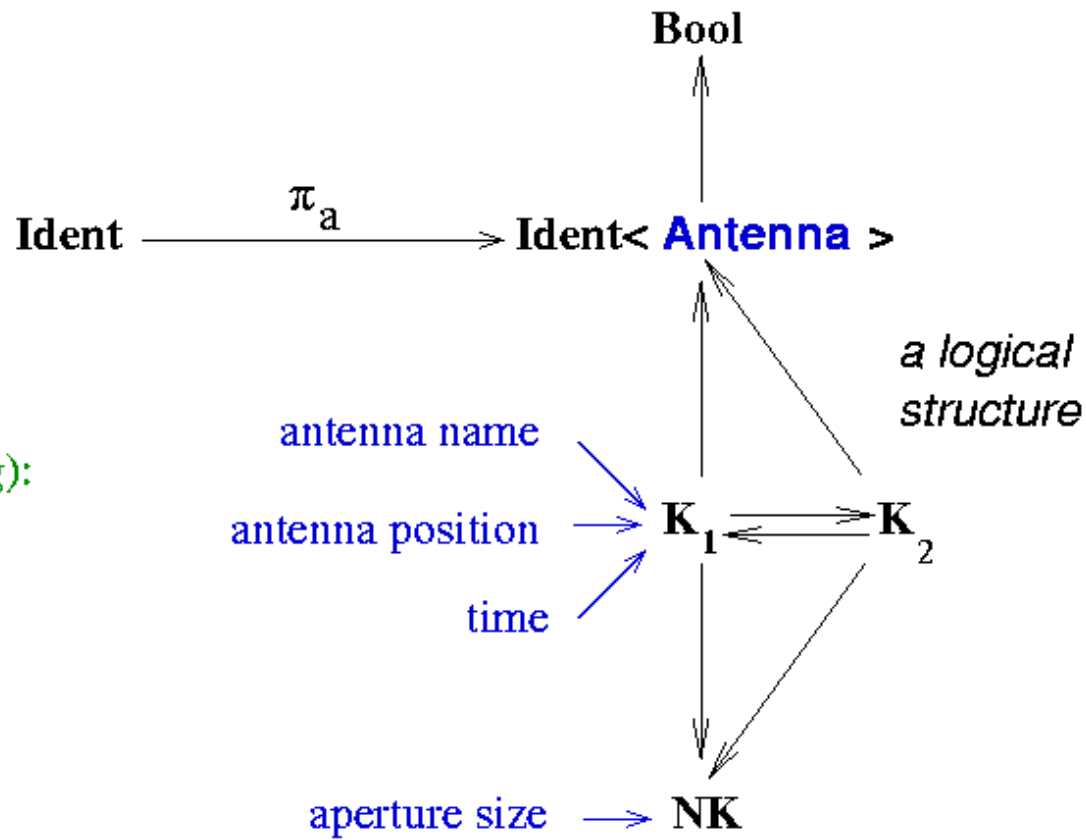
# Measurement Set Data Model

- Domain specific concepts are build on **normalized relations**  
(→ keys)
- The measurement set is a set of concepts with relations between them
- Some concepts require **objects defined recursively**  
(→ model not relational)
- Concepts which have contexts are **topos**:  
(→ keys are ordered sequences of foreign keys)  
(→ model not relational)
- The **topology with 3 axes**: aperture, frequency range and time range.

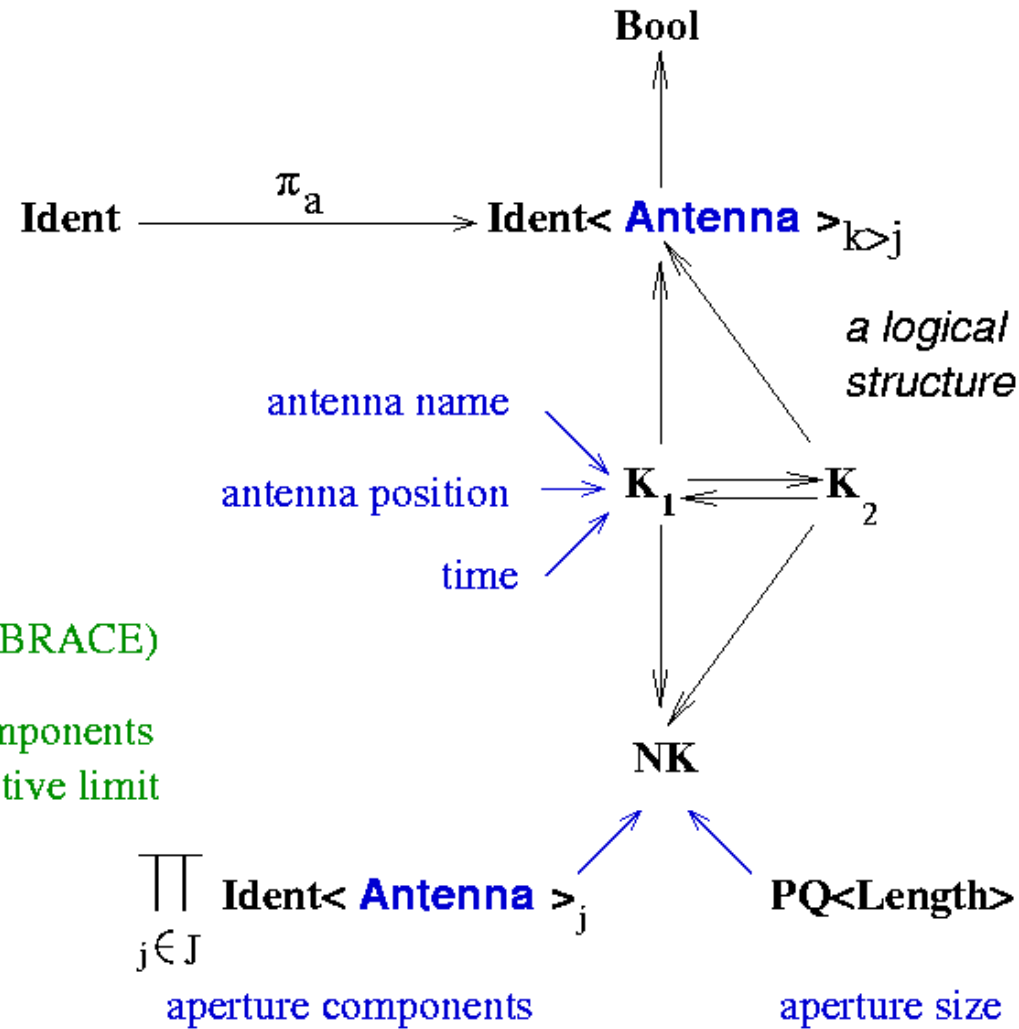


Relation Table < **Antenna** >

Primary key (meaning):  
array geometry



**Relation Table < Antenna >**

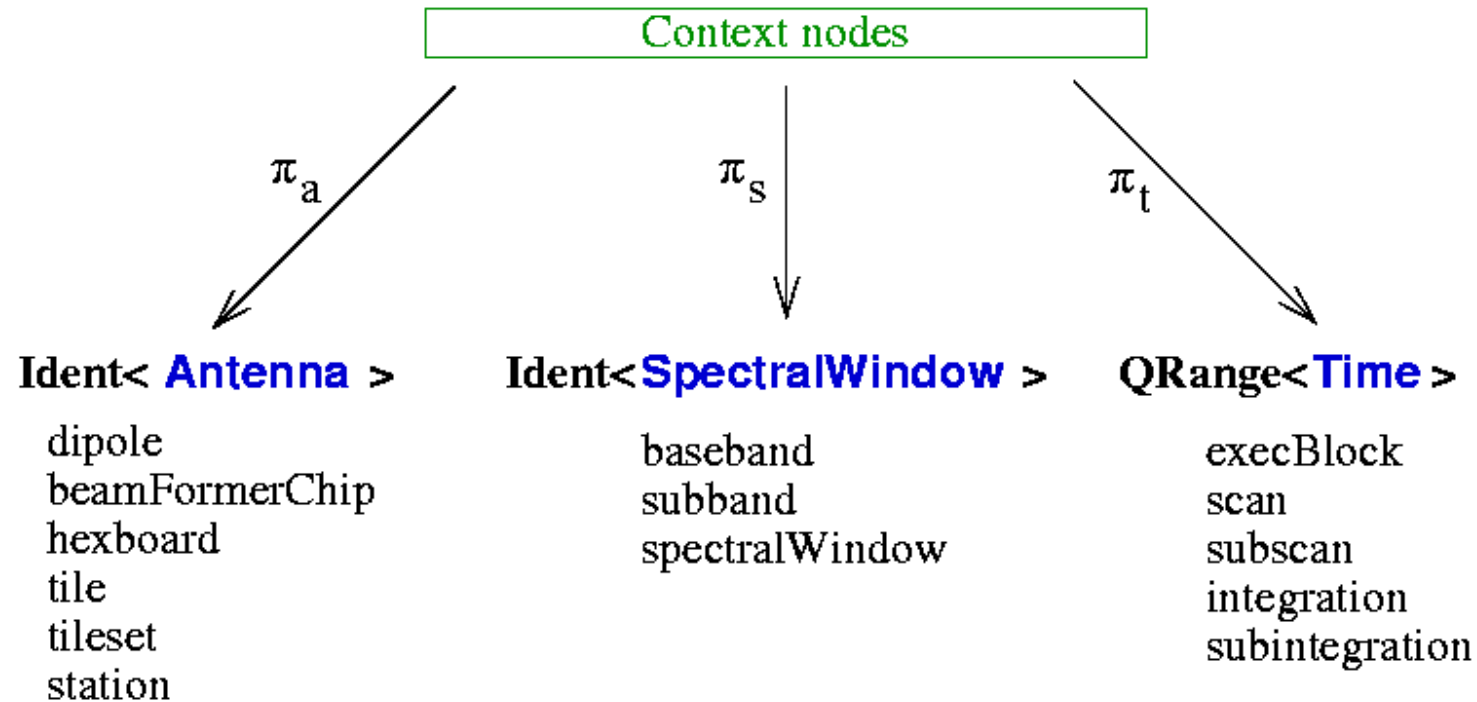


Use-case of APA (e.g. EMBRACE)

Antenna  $\longrightarrow$  Antenna components

A recursive object, a projective limit

## Topological space axis basis



↔ ● ↔  
antennaProcessor

→ ● ←  
downConverter  
polyPhaseFilter  
tunableFilter  
correlator

↔ ● ↔  
obsExecutor

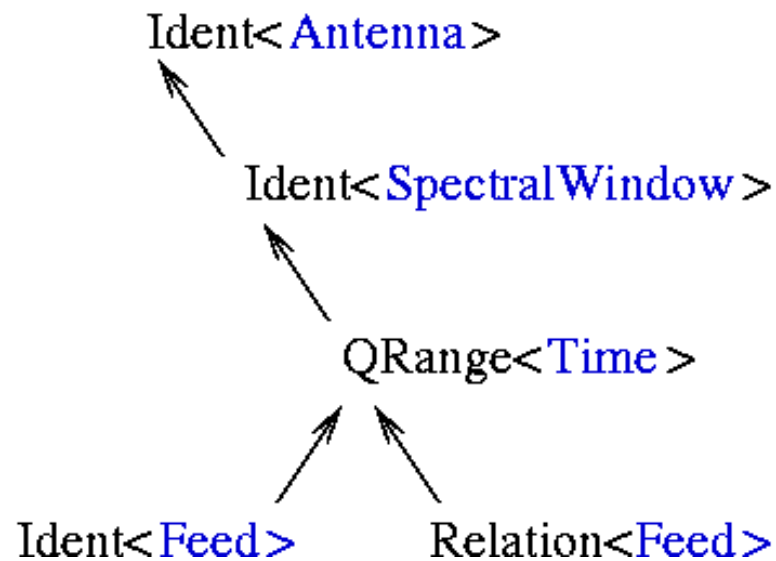
→ ● ←  
integrator

**Processors**

## Application: Table< Feed >

**Proposition:** A table is a monad which has for its algebraic structure a vector space, a directed set

Ident<Antenna>  $\longrightarrow$  Ident<SpectralWindow>  $\longrightarrow$  QRange<Time>



## Conclusions

1. The theory of the measurement set has been mostly developed
  2. The standard relational model is only a sub-category
  3. Tables are sets containing a subset of their powersets, allow recursive definitions
  4. Tables are monoids for  $\oplus$
  5. The Dataset is a monoid
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1. The formalism allows to support complex instruments such as aperture phased arrays
  2. Generic programming in C++ allows to express this mathematical formalism: prototype SDmv2