

LogiKEy — Logical Pluralism via Logic Embeddings in HOL

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Logical/Mathematical Imperialism

Choose some logical foundation and don't question them ever again.

For example, commit to a priori assumptions like:

$\exists x . x = x$	existence of objects, non-empty types
$\exists x . x = 1/0$	terms always denote, undefinedness exists
$\forall \varphi . \varphi \vee \neg \varphi$	law of excluded middle, classical logic
$\forall \varphi \psi . (\varphi \equiv \psi) \supset (\varphi = \psi)$	boolean extensionality
$\forall \varphi \psi . (\forall x . \varphi x = \psi x) \supset (\varphi = \psi)$	functional extensionality
If $H \vdash \varphi$ then $H, \psi \vdash \varphi$	monotonicity
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Such choices are typically made in maths formalisation projects (like MathLib etc.)
They might be completely innacceptable for formalisations in philosophy, law, ...

Logical/Mathematical Pluralism

Make logical foundations flexible and negotiable.

Support reflection on them within proof assistants.

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$\exists x . x = 1/0$

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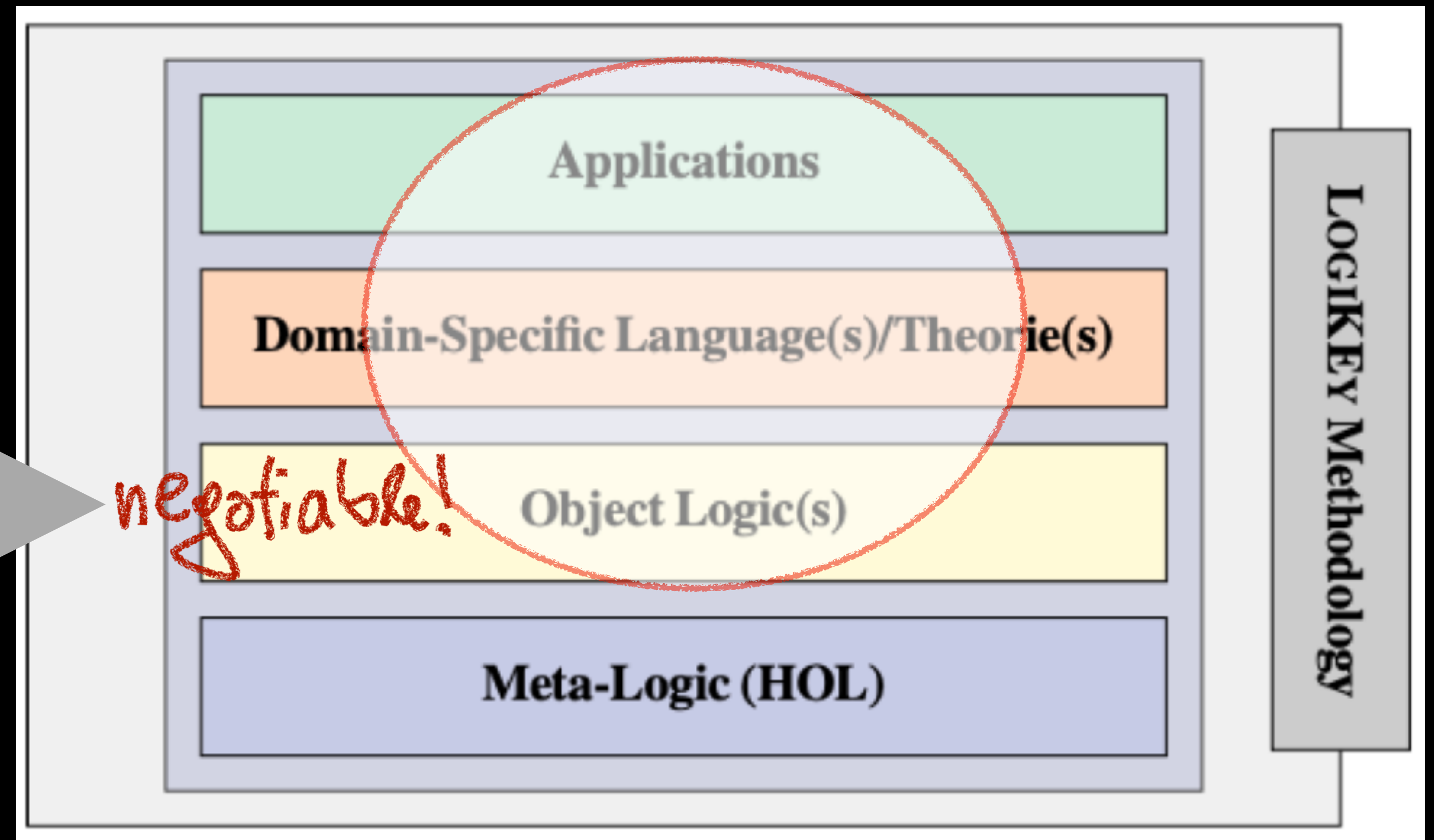
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This way proof assistants may support formalisations also in philosophy, law, ...

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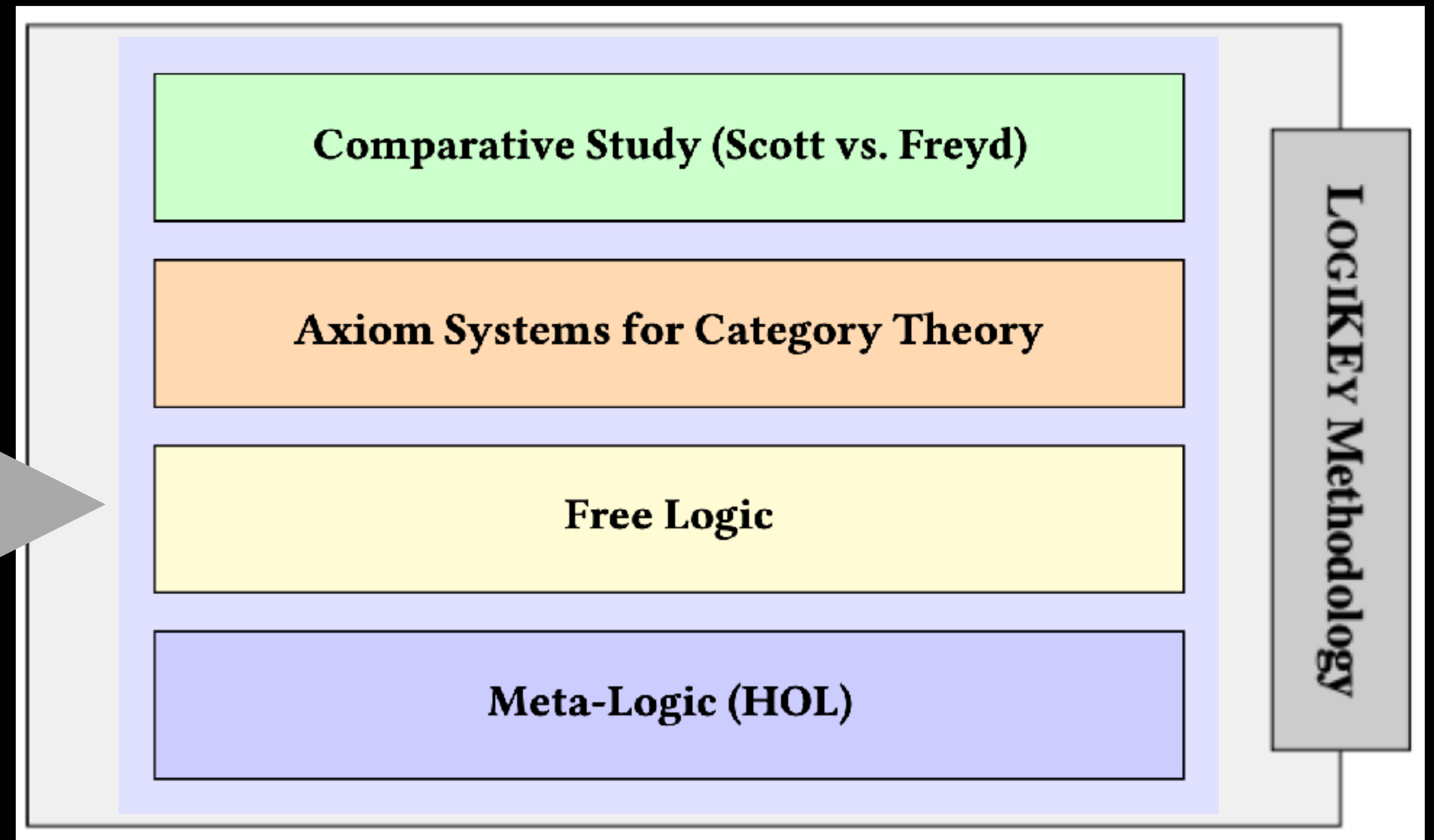
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Free Logic



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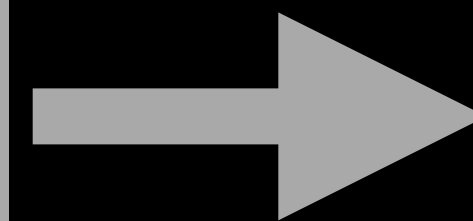
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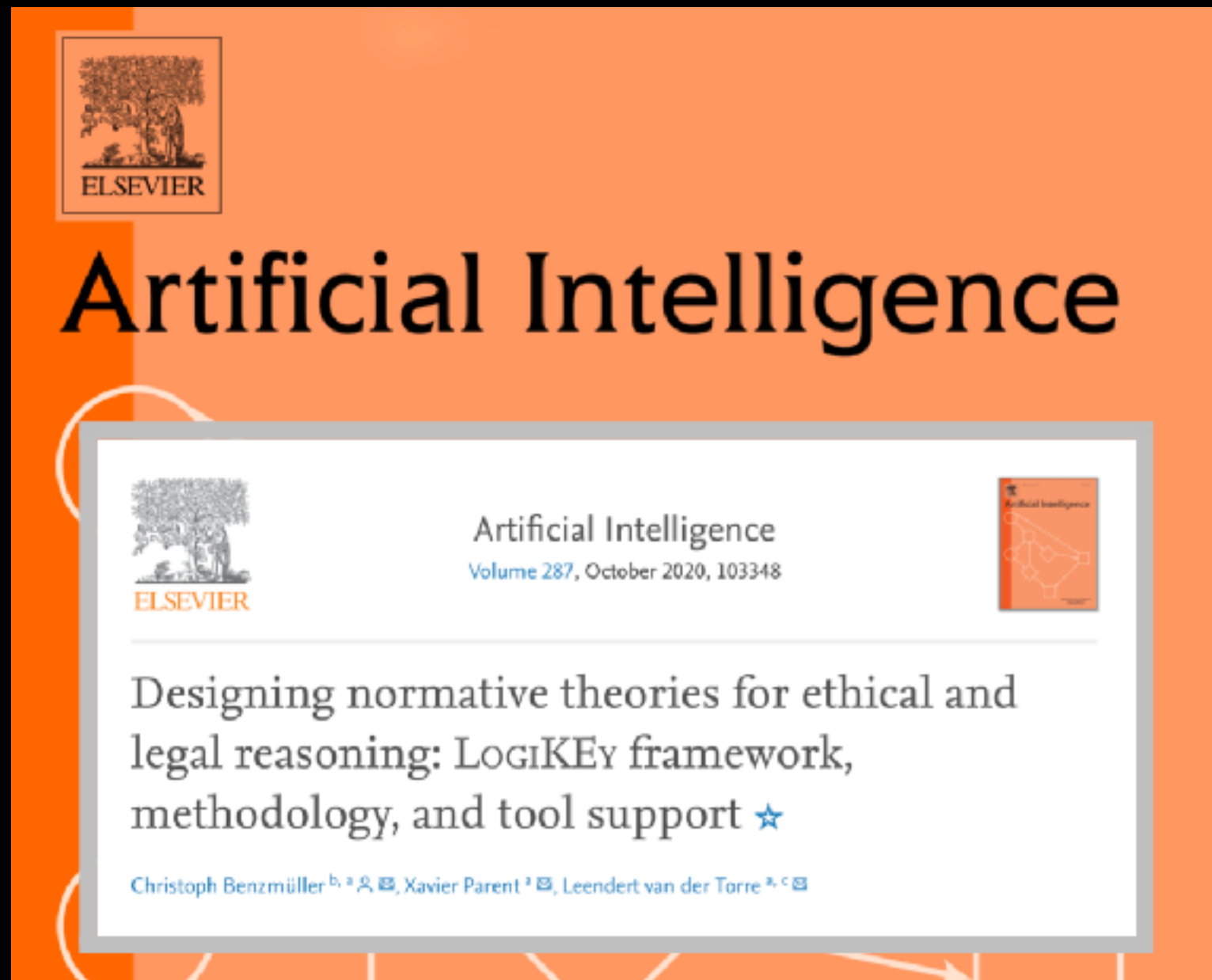


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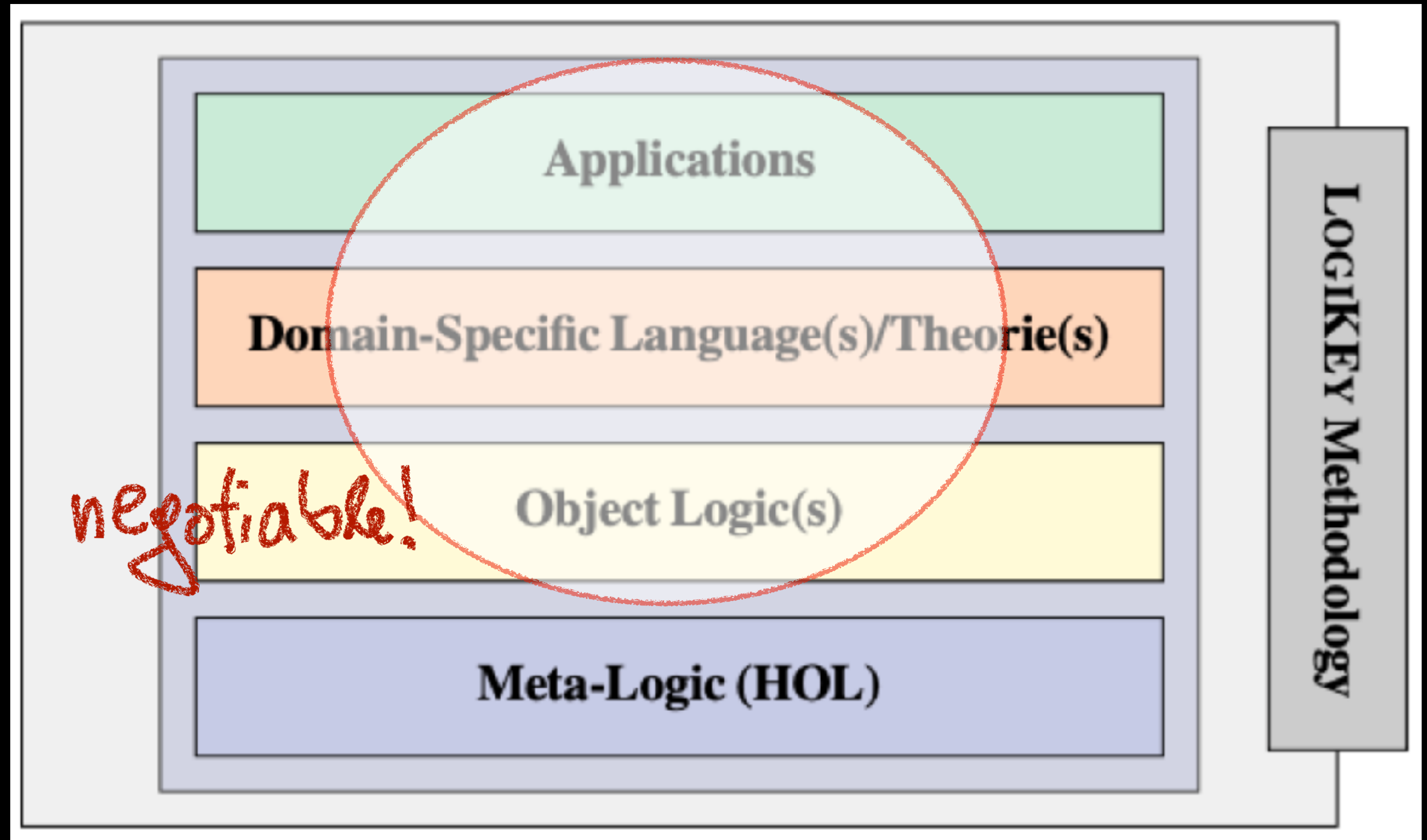
LogiKEy: Logic-pluralistic KR&R Methodology



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The term “LogiKEy”
was introduced here.

Origins: 2007-2008



LogiKEy: focused so far on **shallow**

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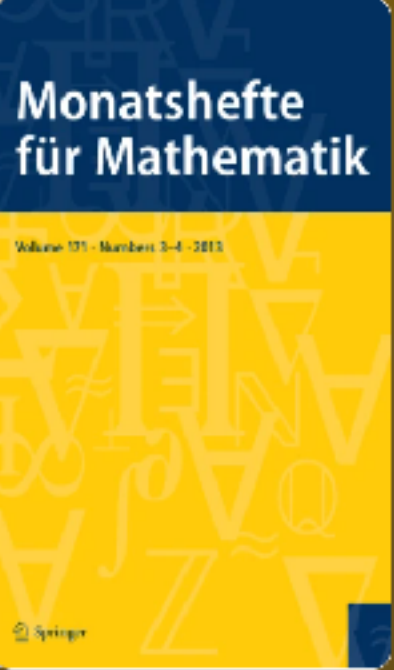
Selection of logic embeddings:

- Multimodal Logics [Andrews Festschrift, 2008]
- Access Control Logic [SEP, 2009]
- Intuitionistic Logic [LJ IGPL, 2010]
- Quantified Multimodal Logic [Log Univers, 2012]
- Quantified Conditional Logic [J Phil Log, 2016]
- Multivalued Logic [LLP, 2016]
- Free Logic [JAR, 2020]
- Dyadic Deontic Logic [AIJ, 2020] [JANCL, 2024]
- (Hyper-)Intensional Higher-Order Modal Logic [RSL, 2020]
- Public Announcement Logic [JLC, 2022]
- Logic of Right to Know [ECAI, 2025]
- ...

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Notes on Gödel's and Scott's variants of the ontological argument

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Many related papers on deep and shallow embeddings in HOL since the early 1990s — see references in CADE 30 paper (and references therein)

Rest of the talk:

- Interlinked logic embeddings in LogiKEy: deep & shallow
- Reasoning at meta- and object level
- Faithfulness proofs — can they be automated?
- Evaluation — which type of embedding performs best in practice?

Deep vs. Shallow

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$\langle W, R, V \rangle, w \models \varphi \supset \psi$ iff $\langle W, R, V \rangle, w \models \varphi$ implies $\langle W, R, V \rangle, w \models \psi$

$\langle W, R, V \rangle, w \models \Box\varphi$ iff for all $v \in W$ with R_{wv} :

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3 —< Deep embedding (of propositional modal logic in HOL)>
4 datatype PML = AtmD  $\mathcal{S}$  ("_d") | NotD PML ("¬d") | ImpD PML PML (infixr "⊃d" 93) | BoxD PML ("□d")

11 —< Definition of truth of a formula relative to a model <W,R,V> and a possible world w >
12 primrec RelativeTruthD :: " $\mathcal{W} \Rightarrow \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow w \Rightarrow \text{PML} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ " ("<_,_,_>, w ⊨d _") where
13   | "⟨W,R,V⟩, w ⊨d ad"           = (V a w)
14   | "⟨W,R,V⟩, w ⊨d ¬dφ"          = (¬ ⟨W,R,V⟩, w ⊨d φ)
15   | "⟨W,R,V⟩, w ⊨d φ ⊃d
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Example (minimal shallow):

$$\models \neg \Box a \supset \neg(\Box \neg(a \supset b))$$

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$$\neg \downarrow \lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \neg(\varphi w)$$

$$\models (\lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \neg(\varphi w)) \Box a \supset (\lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \neg(\varphi w))(\Box (\lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \neg(\varphi w))(a \supset b))$$

$$\Box \downarrow \lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \forall v . R w v \rightarrow \varphi v$$

$$\models (\lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \neg(\varphi w))((\lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \forall v . R w v \rightarrow \varphi v) a) \supset (\lambda w . \neg(((\lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \forall v . R w v \rightarrow \varphi v)(\lambda \varphi . \lambda w . \neg(\varphi w))(a \supset b)) w))$$

$$\supset \down$$

Example (all embeddings):

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$$\models^m \neg^m (\Box^m a^m) \supset^m \neg^m (\Box^m (\neg^m (a^m \supset^m b^m)))$$

$$\forall w. (\exists v. R w v \wedge \neg V a v) \longrightarrow (\exists v. R w v \wedge (V a v \longrightarrow V b v))$$

shallow maximal ($\cdot^s$)

$$\models^s \neg^s (\Box^s a^s) \supset^s \neg^s (\Box^s (\neg^s (a^s \supset^s b^s)))$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall W R V x. \\ W x \longrightarrow \\ (\exists xa. W xa \wedge R x xa \wedge \neg V a xa) \longrightarrow (\exists xa. W xa \wedge R x xa \wedge (V a xa \longrightarrow V b xa)) \end{array}$$

deep ($\cdot^d$)

$$\models^d \neg^d (\Box^d a^d) \supset^$$

Experiments

Conducted with all embeddings — but presented here for the minimal shallow embedding

PML Evaluation

(new — extending results from CADE 2025)

