Model-theoretic imaginaries and localisation for additive categories

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I will talk about and around the following diagram of additive 2-categories (which is 1.1 of M. Prest, Abelian categories and definable additive categories, arXiv:1202.0426). It shows the setting for the model theory of modules (and other additive structures) and is an additive version of some aspects of the topos-theoretic world.

Theorem 0.1. There is a diagram of equivalences and anti-equivalences between ABEX, COH and DEF as follows.



Explicitly:



Here ABEX is the 2-category which has for its objects the skeletally small abelian categories and for its morphisms the exact functors, DEF is the category of definable additive categories and interpretation functors, and COH is the category of locally coherent Grothendieck abelian categories and coherent morphisms. In each case the 2-arrows are just the natural transformations.