

Nominal Process Calculi and Modal Logics

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Introduction to Nominal Process Calculi

CCS with restriction

Nominal Process Calculi

- Process calculus: modelling language for systems of communicating processes.
- Three main traditions:
 - CSP (Hoare 1978)
 - CCS (Milner ~1980)
 - ACP (1982) process algebra

What is nominal process algebra?

Calculus of Communicating Systems

- Binary synchronization
 - Action (input) and coaction (output)

0 Nil

$a.P$ Input

$\bar{a}.P$ Output

$P + Q$ Choice

$P \mid Q$ Parallel

$(\nu a)P$ Restriction

Example 1a

Beverage machine $M(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin})$

$$M(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin}) := \text{coin}.\overline{\text{tea}}.M(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin}) + \\ \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.M(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin})$$

Example 1b

Dining philosophers $\text{Philo}(left, right, eat)$

$\text{Philo}(left, right, eat) := left.right.\overline{eat}.left.right.\text{Philo}(\dots)$

$(\nu cs1)(\nu cs2)(\nu cs3)(\text{Philo}(cs1, cs2, eat1) | \text{Philo}(cs2, cs3, eat2) |$
 $\text{Philo}(cs3, cs1, eat3) | \overline{cs1} | \overline{cs2} | \overline{cs3})$

We write a for $a.0$, and \bar{a} for $\bar{a}.0$

Labelled Semantics

$$\text{IN } \frac{}{a.P \xrightarrow{a} P}$$

$$\text{OUT } \frac{}{\bar{a}.P \xrightarrow{\bar{a}} P}$$

$$\text{SUM-L } \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P + Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}$$

$$\text{PAR-L } \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P | Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' | Q}$$

$$\text{COM-L } \frac{P \xrightarrow{a} P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{\bar{a}} Q'}{P | Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P' | Q'}$$

$$\text{SCOPE } \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{(\nu b)P \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\nu b)P'} \quad b \# \alpha$$

Example 2

Dining philosophers $\text{Philo}(left, right, eat)$

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 $\text{Philo}(cs3, cs1, eat3) | \overline{cs1} | \overline{cs2} | \overline{cs3})$

$\text{Philo2}(left, right, eat) := left.(right.\overline{eat}.\overline{left} | \overline{right} | \text{Philo}(\dots)$
 $+ \overline{left}.\text{Philo}(\dots))$

Observational Equivalence

- When can an external observer distinguish between two systems?
- Idea: when either of them can perform an action
 - that the other one cannot perform; or
 - that leads the other system into a state that can be distinguished from the new state of the first system.
- An inductive definition!
- Its negation is coinductive: bisimulation (Park 1981)

Bisimulation

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$\exists Q'. Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'$ and $R(P', Q')$

Simulation

$P \sim Q$ if $R(P, Q)$ for some bisimulation R

Examples 3

- Check that $M(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin})$ and $M2(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin})$ below are not bisimilar.

$$M2(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin}) := \text{coin}.\overline{\text{tea}}.M2(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin}) + \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.M2(\text{tea}, \text{coffee}, \text{coin})$$

- Check that the system below is weakly bisimilar to

$$\text{Spec}(\text{eat1}, \text{eat2}, \text{eat3}) := \text{eat1}.\text{Spec}(\dots) + \text{eat2}.\text{Spec}(\dots) + \text{eat3}.\text{Spec}(\dots)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nu cs1)(\nu cs2)(\nu cs3)(\text{Philo2}(cs1, cs2, \text{eat1}) \\ & \quad | \text{Philo2}(cs2, cs3, \text{eat2}) | \text{Philo2}(cs3, cs1, \text{eat3}) \\ & \quad | \overline{cs1} | \overline{cs2} | \overline{cs3}) \end{aligned}$$

Com-posi-tio-na-li-ty

- Bisimilarity is an equivalence relation, and a congruence for all operators
- Allows to substitute bisimilar processes in any context: compositional reasoning
- Structural congruence \equiv
 - The smallest congruence relation on processes containing commutative monoid laws for $|$ (parallel) and $+$ (choice) with 0 as unit.
 - \equiv is a bisimulation

The π -calculus

Scope extension, scope extrusion, and residuals

Milner, Parrow, Walker: A calculus of mobile processes.
Information and Computation 100(1) 1992.

The π -calculus

- An extension of CCS with name communication
 - Value-passing can be encoded in CCS using summation
 - General name-passing needs infinite summation: not finitely supported!
- Turing-complete, can easily encode the untyped lambda-calculus
 - Current research on behavioural (session) types

Syntax of π

0	Nil
$a(x).P$	Input
$\bar{a} b.P$	Output
$P + Q$	Choice
$P \mid Q$	Parallel
$(\nu a)P$	Restriction

Examples 1

Truth values (at location l)

$$\text{True}(l) := l(t, f).(\bar{t} \mid \text{True}(l))$$

$$\text{False}(l) := l(t, f).(\bar{f} \mid \text{False}(l))$$

Let's do lists!

$$\text{Nil}(l) := l(n, c).(\bar{n} \mid \text{Nil}(l))$$

$$\text{Cons}(l, \text{value}, \text{tail}) := l(n, c).(\bar{c} \text{ value}, \text{tail} \mid \text{Cons}(\dots))$$

What does $(\nu b)\bar{a} b.P$ do?

We write \bar{a} for $\bar{a} a.0$ and $\bar{a} b, c$ for $\bar{a} b.\bar{a} c$ and $a(b, c)$ for $a(b).a(c)$

Labelled Semantics

$$\text{IN } \frac{\text{IN } \frac{}{P \xrightarrow{a} P'} \{b/\}}{a(x):P \xrightarrow{a} P'} \quad \text{OUT } \frac{\text{OUT } \frac{}{P \xrightarrow{a} P'} \{\bar{a}/}}{\bar{a}.P \xrightarrow{a} P'}$$

But what about $(\nu b)\bar{a}b.P$?

$$\text{SUM-L } \frac{}{P + Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'} \quad \text{PAR-L } \frac{P' \quad P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \mid Q}{}{P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \mid Q}$$

$$\text{COM-L } \frac{P \xrightarrow{ab} P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{\bar{a}\bar{a}b} Q'Q'}{PP \mid Q \xrightarrow{\tau\tau} PP' \mid Q'}$$

$$\text{SCOPE } \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{(\nu b)P \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\nu b)P'} \quad b \# \alpha$$

Structural congruence \equiv

- The smallest congruence relation containing
 - commutative monoid laws for $|$ (parallel) and $+$ (choice) with 0 as unit;
 - and the scope extension laws

$$\begin{aligned}P | (\nu b)Q &\equiv (\nu b)(P | Q) \text{ when } b\#P \\P + (\nu b)Q &\equiv (\nu b)(P + Q) \text{ when } b\#P \\(\nu a)(\nu b)P &\equiv (\nu b)(\nu a)P\end{aligned}$$

Reduction Semantics

$$\text{RED} \frac{}{(a(x).P + P') \mid (\bar{a}b.Q + Q') \rightarrow P \{^b/x\} \mid Q}$$

$$\text{STRUCT} \frac{P \equiv P' \quad P' \rightarrow Q \quad Q \equiv Q'}{P \rightarrow Q'}$$

$$\text{CTX-PAR} \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P \mid Q \rightarrow P' \mid Q}$$

$$\text{CTX-RES} \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{(\nu b)P \rightarrow P'}$$

Examples 2

`if true then P else Q`

$(\forall l)(\forall t)(\forall f)(\text{True}(l) \mid l(t,f) \mid t.P \mid f.Q)$

`case l of Nil -> P | Cons(v,l') -> Q`

$(\forall n)(\forall c)(l(n,c) \mid n.P \mid c(v,l').Q)$

Set binders

$$(as, x) \approx_{set}^{R, fa, p} (bs, y) \stackrel{def}{=} \begin{array}{l} (i) \quad fa\ x - as = fa\ y - bs \\ (ii) \quad fa\ x - as \#^* p \\ (iii) \quad (p \cdot x) R\ y \\ (iv) \quad p \cdot as = bs \end{array}$$

Urban, Kaliszyk: General Bindings and Alpha-Equivalence in Nominal Isabelle. ESOP 2011

NTS Labelled Semantics

But what about $(\nu b)\bar{a}b.P$?

$$\text{IN} \frac{}{a(x).P \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (ab, P \{b/x\})} \quad \text{OUT} \frac{}{\bar{a}b.P \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (\bar{a}b, P)}$$

$$\text{SUM-L} \frac{P \rightarrow S}{P + Q \rightarrow S}$$

$$\text{PAR-L} \frac{P \rightarrow \langle C \rangle (\alpha, P')}{P \mid Q \rightarrow \langle C \rangle (\alpha, P' \mid Q)} \quad C \# Q$$

$$\text{COM-L} \frac{P \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (ab, P') \quad Q \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (\bar{a}b, Q')}{P \mid Q \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (\tau, P' \mid Q')}$$

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NTS Labelled Semantics

$$\text{COM-L} \frac{P \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (a b, P') \quad Q \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (\bar{a} b, Q')}{P \mid Q \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (\tau, P' \mid Q')}$$

$$\text{SCOPE} \frac{P \rightarrow \langle C \rangle (\alpha, P')}{(\nu b)P \rightarrow \langle C \rangle (\alpha, (\nu b)P')} \quad b \# \alpha$$

$$\text{CLOSE-L} \frac{P \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (a b, P') \quad Q \rightarrow \langle \{b\} \rangle (\bar{a} \underline{b}, Q')}{P \mid Q \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (\tau, (\nu b)(P' \mid Q'))} \quad b \# P$$

$$\text{OPEN} \frac{P \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle (\bar{a} b, P')}{(\nu b)P \rightarrow \langle \{b\} \rangle (\bar{a} \underline{b}, P')} \quad b \# a$$

Based on Gabbay: The π -Calculus in FM,
in "Thirty Five Years of Automating Mathematics", Kluwer 2004

Examples 3

if true then a else b

$(\nu l)(\nu t)(\nu f)(\text{True}(l) \mid l(t,f) \mid t.\bar{a} \mid f.\bar{b})$

$\text{Connect}(c, P(l)) := (\nu l)\bar{c} l.P(l)$

$\text{Connect}(c, (\bar{l} a)(l)) \mid c(b).b(x).\bar{x}$

What are the transitions of $(\nu a)\bar{c} a \mid (\nu c)\bar{c} a$?

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Examples 4

- Check that $(\forall c)\bar{c} a$ is bisimilar to 0.
- Check that $(\forall a)\bar{c} a$ is bisimilar to $(\forall a)\bar{c} a \mid (\forall c)\bar{c} a$

Com-po-si-tio-na-li-ty

- Bisimilarity is an equivalence relation, and a congruence for all operators **except input**
- Allows to substitute bisimilar processes in any **non-input** context: compositional reasoning
- Structural congruence \equiv is a bisimulation

Nominal Transition Systems

Based on slides by Joachim Parrow, OPCT 2017
(I omit predicates for now.)

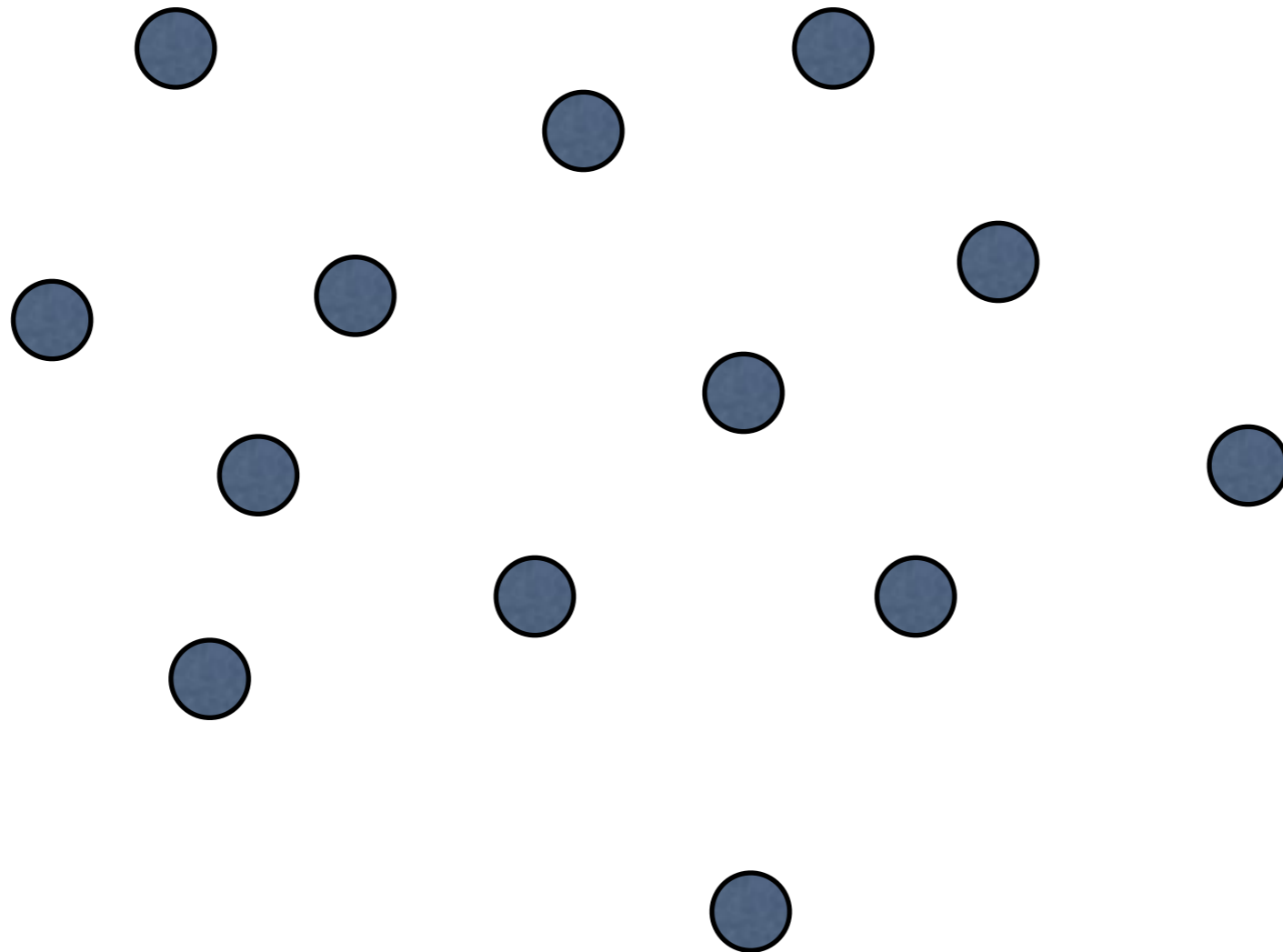
Nominal Transition Systems

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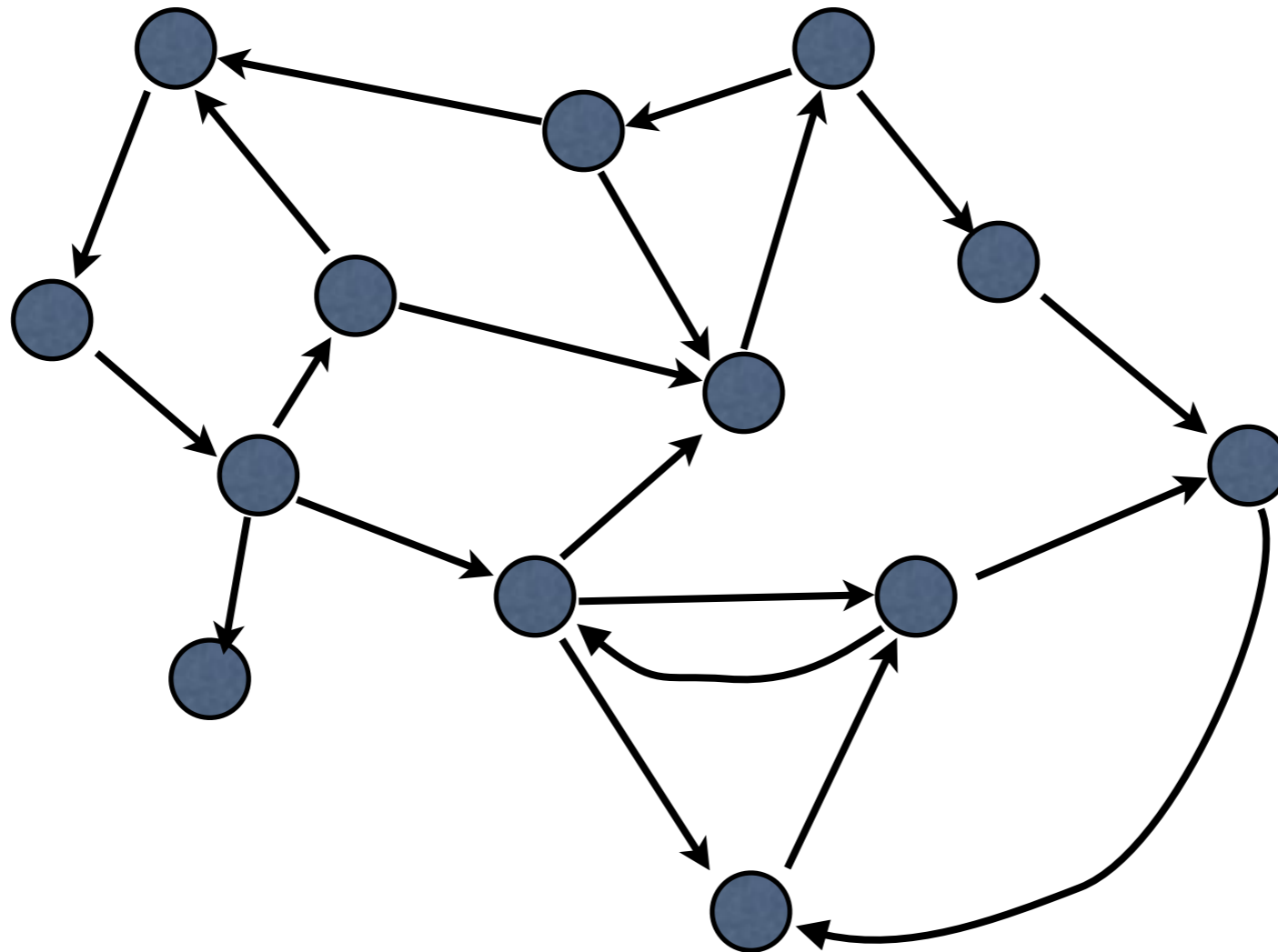
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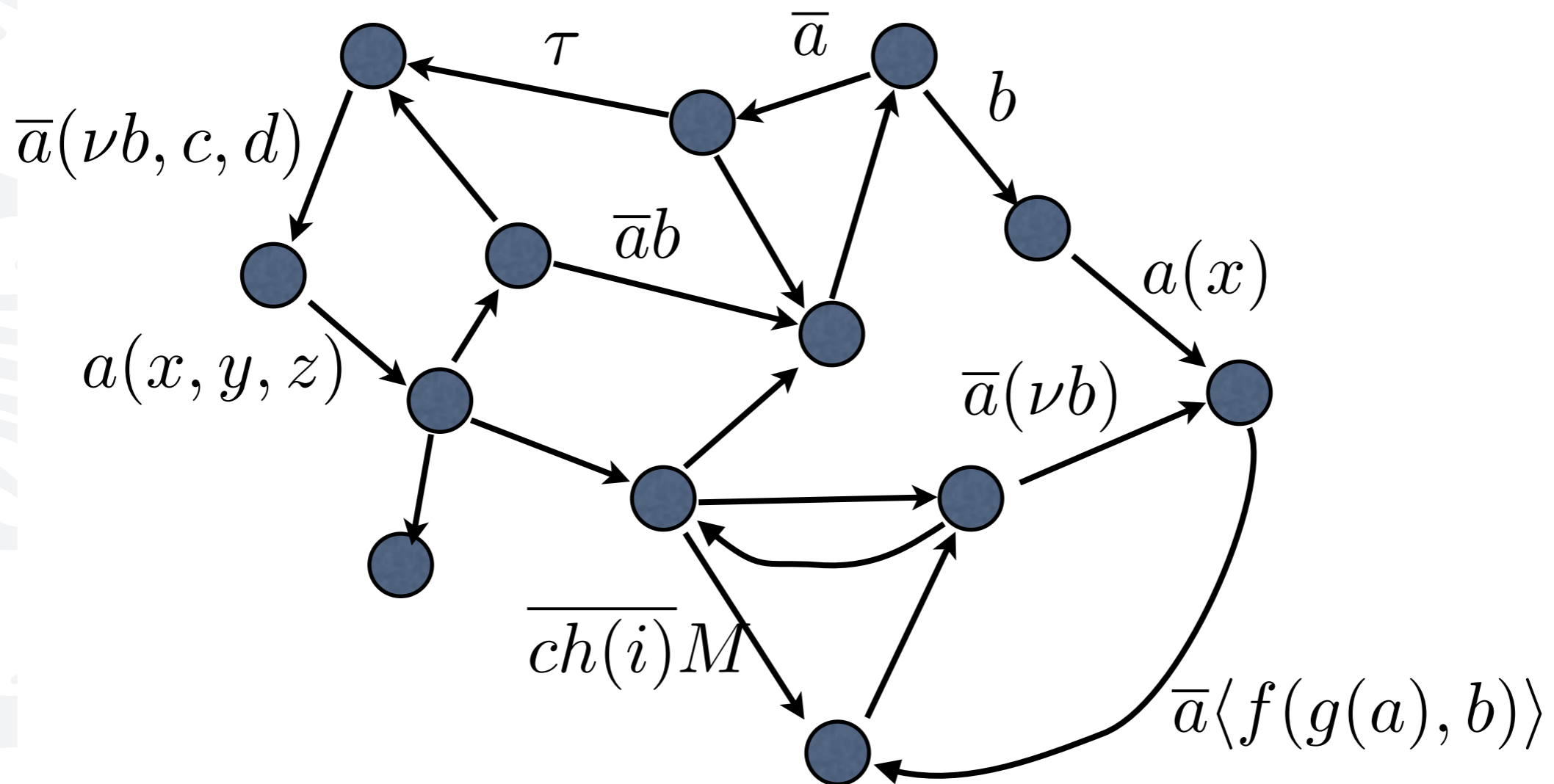
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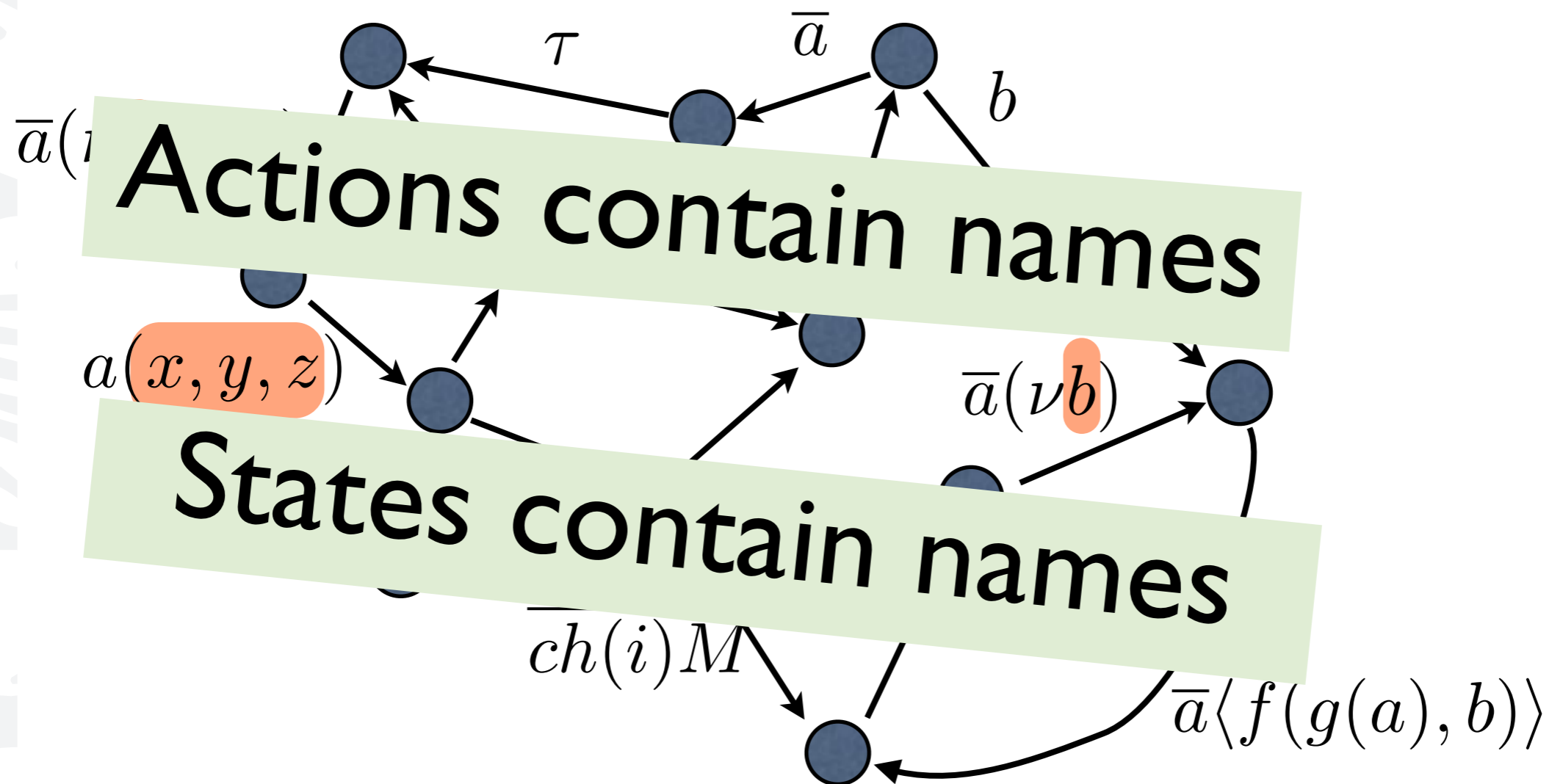
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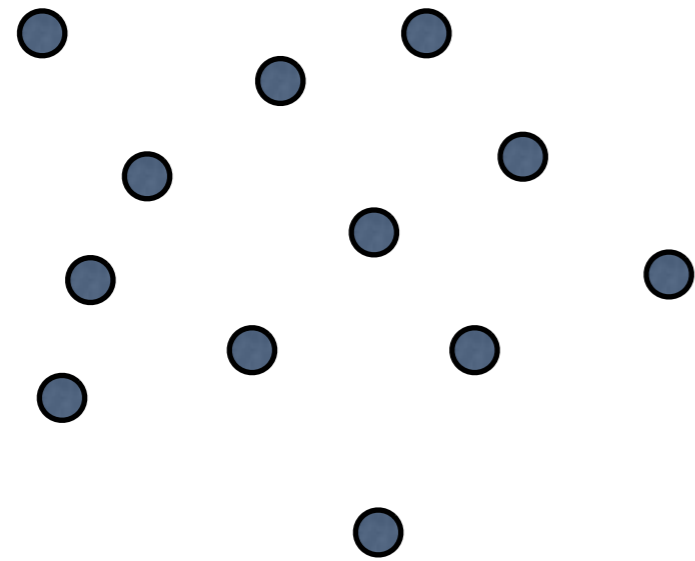
Actions



Binding names



States and actions



STATES: A nominal set P, Q

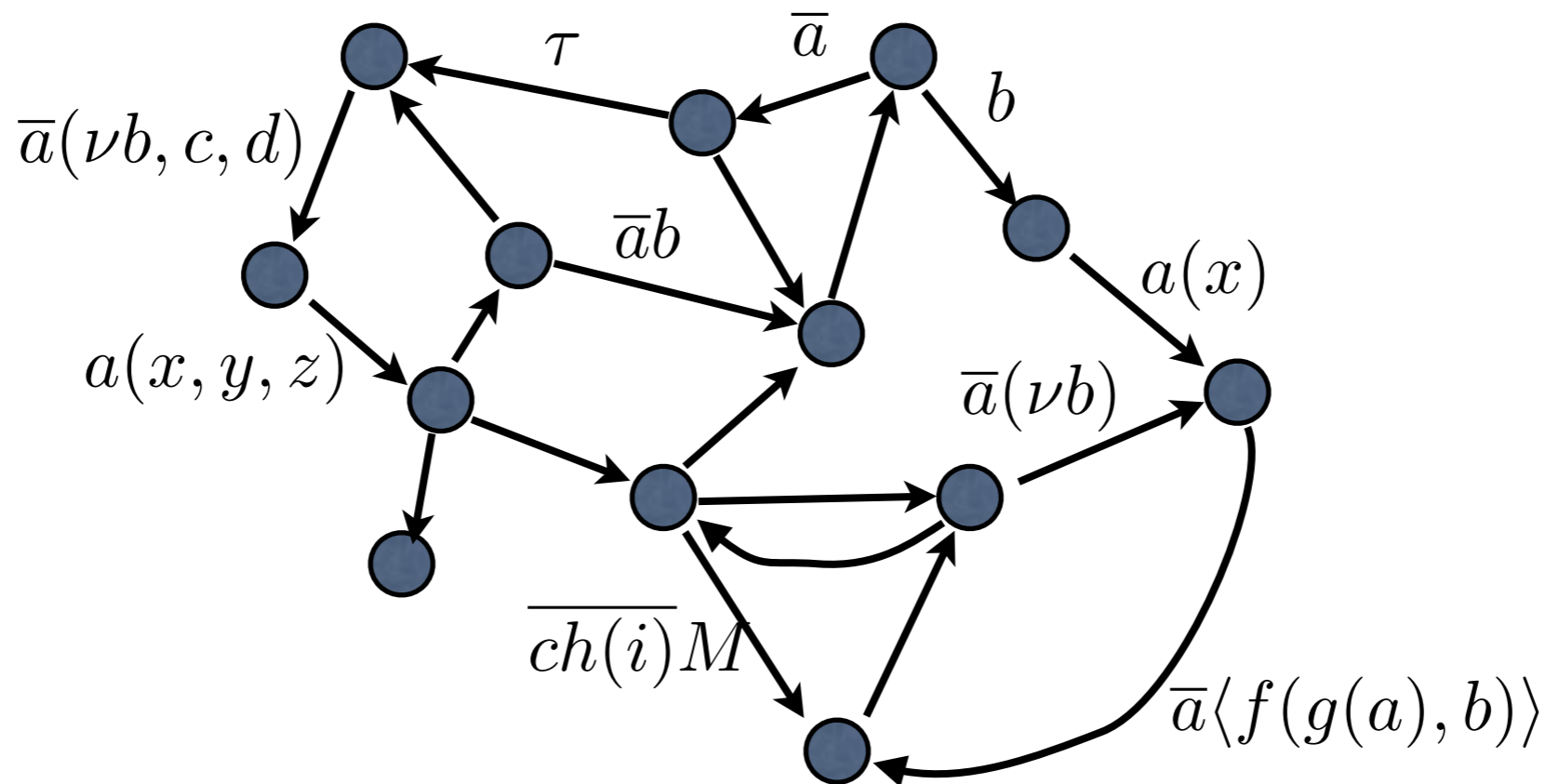
τ \bar{a} b
 $\bar{a}b$ $a(x)$
 $a(x, y, z)$ $\bar{a}(\nu b)$
 $\overline{ch(i)M}$ $\bar{a}\langle f(g(a), b) \rangle$
 $\bar{a}(\nu b, c, d)$

ACT: A nominal set α

$\text{bn} : \text{ACT} \rightarrow P_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{N})$ equivariant

$\text{bn}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{supp}(\alpha)$

Transitions



$\rightarrow \subseteq \text{STATES} \times [P_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{N})](\text{ACT} \times \text{STATES})$ equivariant

$(P, \langle \tilde{b} \rangle (\alpha, Q)) \in \rightarrow$ implies $\tilde{b} = \text{bn}(\alpha)$

We write $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$ for $(P, \langle \text{bn}(\alpha) \rangle (\alpha, Q)) \in \rightarrow$

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Summary

- Three process calculi: CCSish, pi, fusion
- Reduction semantics
- Residual-based labelled semantics
- Bisimulation
- Generalization: Nominal Transition Systems (NTS)
- **Saturday: Psi-calculi, modal logic for NTSs**
 - **Weak bisimilarity, weak logic, effects**

The Ψ -calculus

Jesper Bengtson, Magnus Johansson, Joachim Parrow,
Björn Victor, Johannes Åman Pohjola, et al.

From pi to psi

$$(\nu z)(\bar{a}z) \mid a(x). [x = b]P$$

Ordinary pi-calculus

arbitrary
set of
data

$$(\nu z)(\bar{a}M) \mid a(x). [x = b]P$$

Data structures
can be sent

$$(\nu z)(\bar{a}M) \mid a(\lambda\tilde{x})N. [x = b]P$$

Pattern matching

$$(\nu z)(\bar{K}M) \mid L(\lambda\tilde{x})N. [x = b]P$$

Channels can be
arbitrary structures

arbitrary
logic

$$(\nu z)(\bar{K}M) \mid L(\lambda\tilde{x})N. \text{if } \varphi \text{ then } P$$

Tests can be
arbitrary predicates

new construct

$$(\nu z)(\bar{K}M). \widehat{(|\Psi|)} \mid L(\lambda\tilde{x})N. \text{if } \varphi \text{ then } P$$

Facts about
data

Cook a psi-calculus

Define terms \mathbf{T} (data terms, channels) M, N
and conditions \mathbf{C} (used in case stmt) φ
and assertions \mathbf{A} (facts about data) Ψ

can be any nominal set (not syntactic)

Define term substitution, and operators:

$\leftrightarrow: \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ Channel equivalence

$\otimes: \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ Composition

$\mathbf{1}: \mathbf{A}$ Unit assertion

$\vdash \subseteq \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{C}$ Entailment

(practically anything)

Axioms for substitution

Assume all the \tilde{a} distinct, all the \tilde{b} distinct.

if $\tilde{a} \subseteq n(X)$ and $b \in n(\tilde{T})$ then $b \in n(X[\tilde{a} := \tilde{T}])$

if $\tilde{b} \# X, \tilde{a}$ then $X[\tilde{a} := \tilde{T}] = ((\tilde{b} \tilde{a}) \cdot X)[\tilde{b} := \tilde{T}]$

Easy as pi!

$$\text{IN} \frac{\Psi \vdash M \leftrightarrow K}{\Psi \triangleright \underline{M}(\lambda \tilde{y})N.P \xrightarrow{\underline{K} N[\tilde{y}:=\tilde{L}]} P[\tilde{y} := \tilde{L}]}$$

$$\text{OUT} \frac{\Psi \vdash M \leftrightarrow K}{\Psi \triangleright \overline{M} N.P \xrightarrow{\overline{K} N} P}$$

$$\text{CASE} \frac{\Psi \triangleright P_i \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \quad \Psi \vdash \varphi_i}{\Psi \triangleright \mathbf{case} \tilde{\varphi} : \tilde{P} \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}$$

$$\text{COM} \frac{\Psi_Q \otimes \Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{\overline{M}(\nu \tilde{a})N} P' \quad \Psi_P \otimes \Psi \triangleright Q \xrightarrow{\underline{K} N} Q' \quad \Psi \otimes \Psi_P \otimes \Psi_Q \vdash M \leftrightarrow K}{\Psi \triangleright P | Q \xrightarrow{\tau} (\nu \tilde{a})(P' | Q')} \tilde{a} \# Q$$

$$\text{PAR} \frac{\Psi_Q \otimes \Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \quad \text{bn}(\alpha) \# Q}{\Psi \triangleright P | Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' | Q}$$

$$\text{SCOPE} \frac{\Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \quad b \# \alpha, \Psi}{\Psi \triangleright (\nu b)P \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\nu b)P'}$$

$$\text{OPEN} \frac{\Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{\overline{M}(\nu \tilde{a})N} P' \quad b \# \tilde{a}, \Psi, M}{\Psi \triangleright (\nu b)P \xrightarrow{\overline{M}(\nu \tilde{a} \cup \{b\})N} P'} \quad b \in \text{n}(N)$$

$$\text{REP} \frac{\Psi \triangleright P | !P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{\Psi \triangleright !P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}$$

Results

Machine-checked

- Generic results for all instances: proofs
- compositional semantics
- bisimulation theory (strong and weak)
- algebraic properties, congruence
- Results for many instances
 - symbolic semantics and bisimulation
 - procedure for computing bisimilarity constraint

LICS'09
LICS'10
LMCS 2011

SOS'09
JLAP 2012

Algebraic properties

The usual structural laws, in particular

Scope extension

$$P \mid (\nu a)Q \sim (\nu a)(P \mid Q) \quad a \# P$$

The usual congruence properties, in particular

Compositionality, congruence

Machine-checked proofs

$$\begin{aligned} P \dot{\sim}_{\Psi} Q &\implies P \mid R \dot{\sim}_{\Psi} Q \mid R \\ (\forall \tilde{L}. P[\tilde{a} := \tilde{L}] \dot{\sim}_{\Psi} Q[\tilde{a} := \tilde{L}]) & \\ &\implies \underline{M}(\lambda \tilde{a})N . P \dot{\sim}_{\Psi} \underline{M}(\lambda \tilde{a})N . Q \end{aligned}$$

Nominal Isabelle Formalization

Mainly by
Jesper Bengtson and Johannes Åman Pohjola

Making it this simple is hard work!

- Easy to get things wrong, even when they are “obviously right”
- Easy to miss a requirement
- Easy to miss generalisations
- Especially true when (name) binding is involved

Easy to get worried!

Isabelle from day 1

- use Interactive theorem prover Isabelle with Nominal package
- supports nominal datatypes, under active development, produces readable proofs
- use **during** development, not only afterwards!

Adaptable proofs: **case** example

Original rule, tau action: easy induction proofs

$$\text{OLD-CASE} \frac{\Psi \vdash \varphi_i}{\Psi \triangleright \text{case } \tilde{\varphi} : \tilde{P} \xrightarrow{\tau} P_i}$$

New rule: more standard, can express the above

$$\text{CASE} \frac{\Psi \triangleright P_i \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \quad \Psi \vdash \varphi_i}{\Psi \triangleright \text{case } \tilde{\varphi} : \tilde{P} \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}$$

Change requires re-checking all proofs!

With Isabelle: took a day

Adaptable proofs: higher-order

To get higher-order psi-calculi, just add the following:

Invocation agent

$\mathbf{run} M$

Clauses

$M \Leftarrow P \quad n(M) \supseteq n(P)$

Invocation rule

$$\frac{\Psi \vdash M \Leftarrow P \quad \Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{\Psi \triangleright \mathbf{run} M \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}$$

Now prove all meta-theory again!

Parrow, Borgström,
Raabjerg, Åman Pohjola,
MSCS 2016

With Isabelle: meta-theory took a day and a night
More effort: locales, canonical instances, encodings

Broadcast: harder

To get broadcast communication:

Output connectivity

$$M \dot{\prec} K$$

Input connectivity

$$K \dot{\succ} M$$

Five new semantics rules,
two new actions

$$\text{BR}_{\text{OUT}} \frac{\Psi \vdash M \dot{\prec} K}{\Psi \triangleright \overline{M} N . P \xrightarrow{!K N} P} \quad \text{BR}_{\text{IN}} \frac{\Psi \vdash K \dot{\succ} M}{\Psi \triangleright \underline{M} (\lambda \tilde{y}) N . P \xrightarrow{?K N [\tilde{y} := \tilde{L}]} P [\tilde{y} := \tilde{L}]}$$

$$\text{BR}_{\text{MERGE}} \frac{\Psi_Q \otimes \Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{?K N} P' \quad \Psi_P \otimes \Psi \triangleright Q \xrightarrow{?K N} Q'}{\Psi \triangleright P | Q \xrightarrow{?K N} P' | Q'}$$

$$\text{BR}_{\text{COM}} \frac{\Psi_Q \otimes \Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{!K (\nu \tilde{a}) N} P' \quad \Psi_P \otimes \Psi \triangleright Q \xrightarrow{?K N} Q'}{\Psi \triangleright P | Q \xrightarrow{!K (\nu \tilde{a}) N} P' | Q'} \quad \tilde{a} \# Q$$

$$\text{BR}_{\text{CLOSE}} \frac{\Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{!K (\nu \tilde{a}) N} P' \quad b \in n(K)}{\Psi \triangleright P \xrightarrow{!K (\nu \tilde{a}) N} P'}$$

Quite some work getting it right!
Adds about 12700 lines of Isabelle proofs,
reuses entire Psi codebase of about 20500 lines.

Even with Isabelle: two years, seven coauthors

SEFM'11
SoSyM 2015

The power of Isabelle

What about **combining**
higher-order and broadcast?

Re-prove all the
meta-theory...

With Isabelle: took HALF a day, mostly waiting!

“could be done by a clever shell script”

Effort

It must take a lot of time to use Isabelle, surely?

- Theory development is not only about doing proofs – most time spent elsewhere
- Doing false proofs is a waste of time
- Correct proofs make it worthwhile!

No worries!

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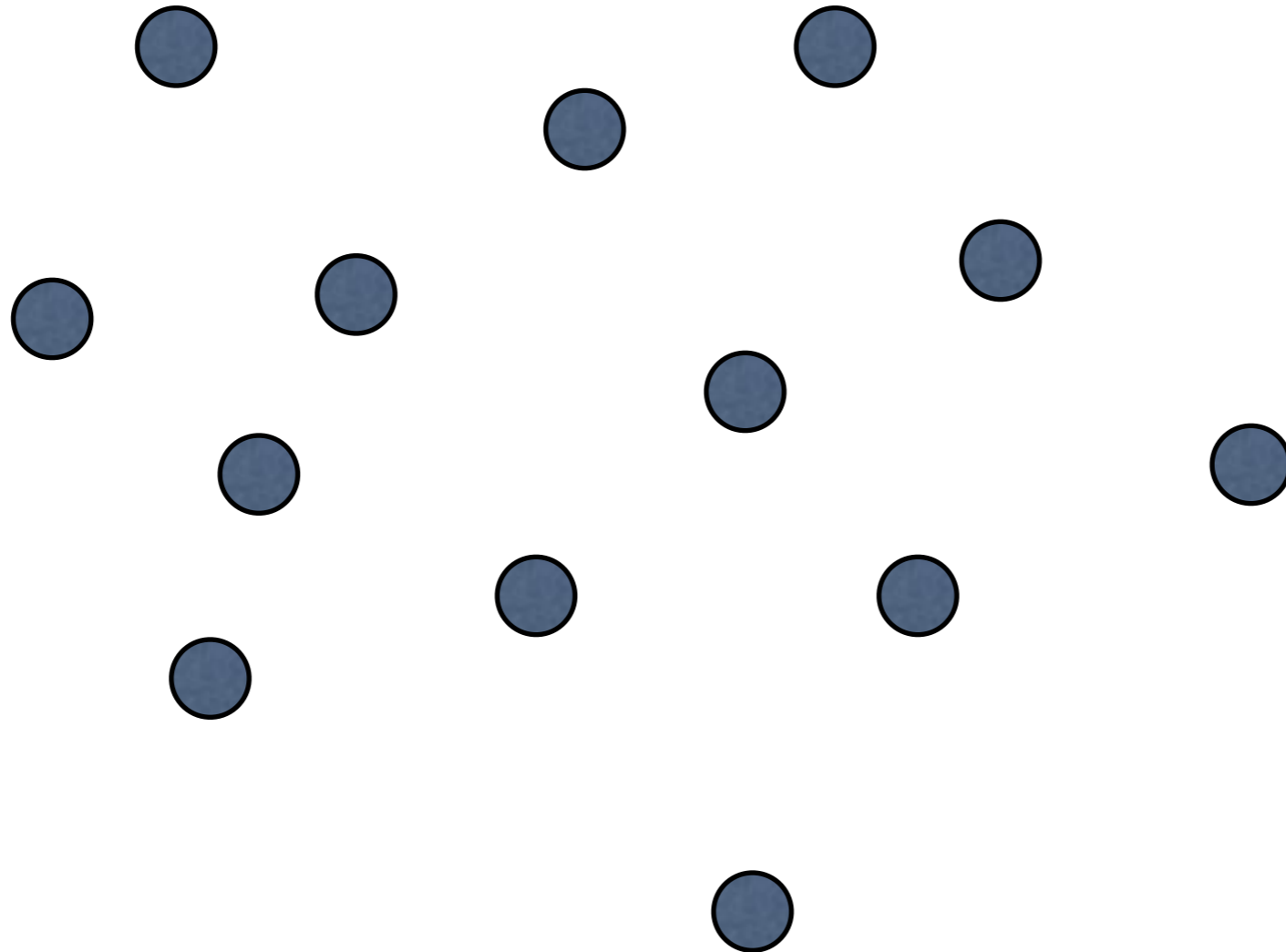
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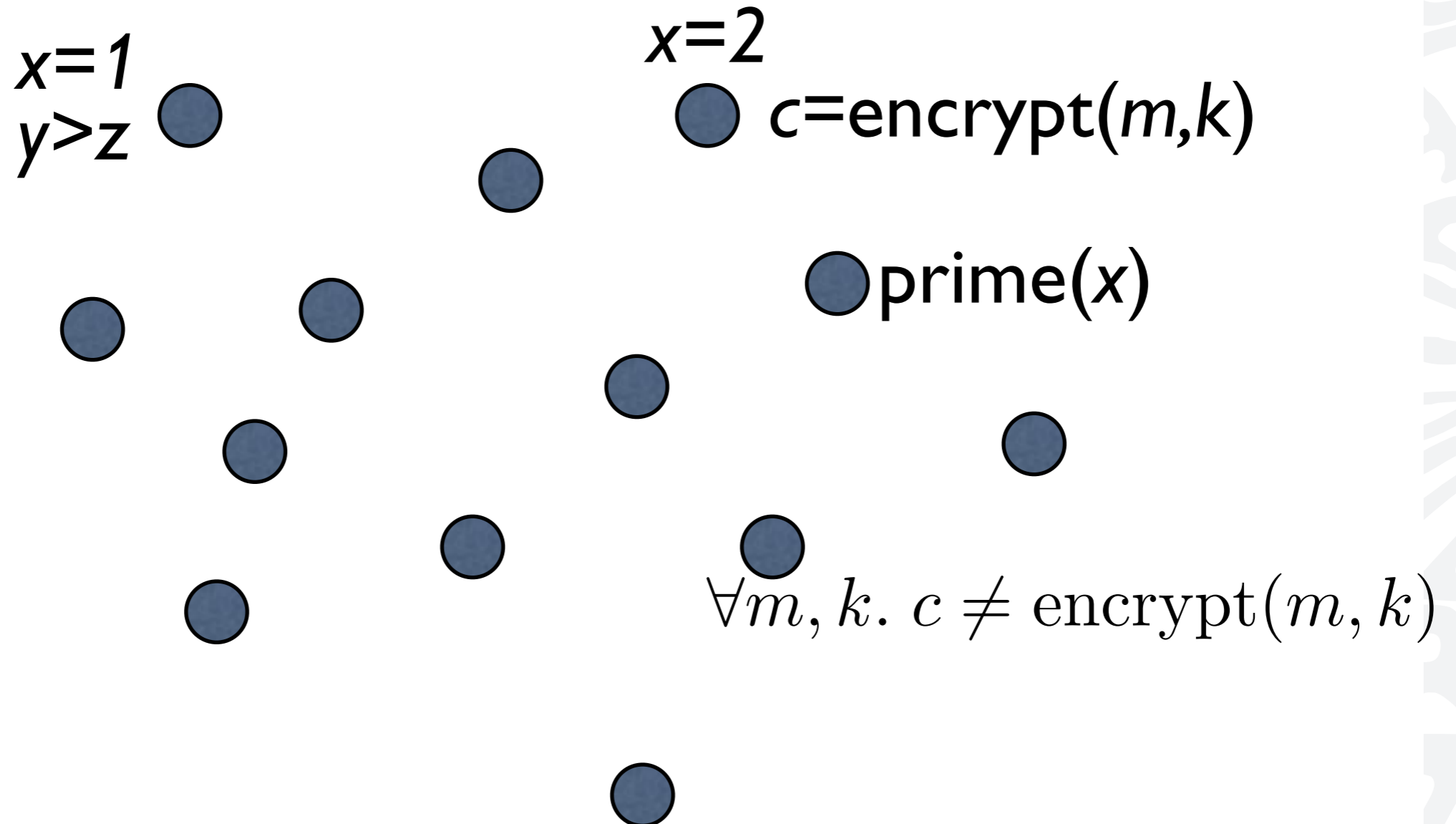
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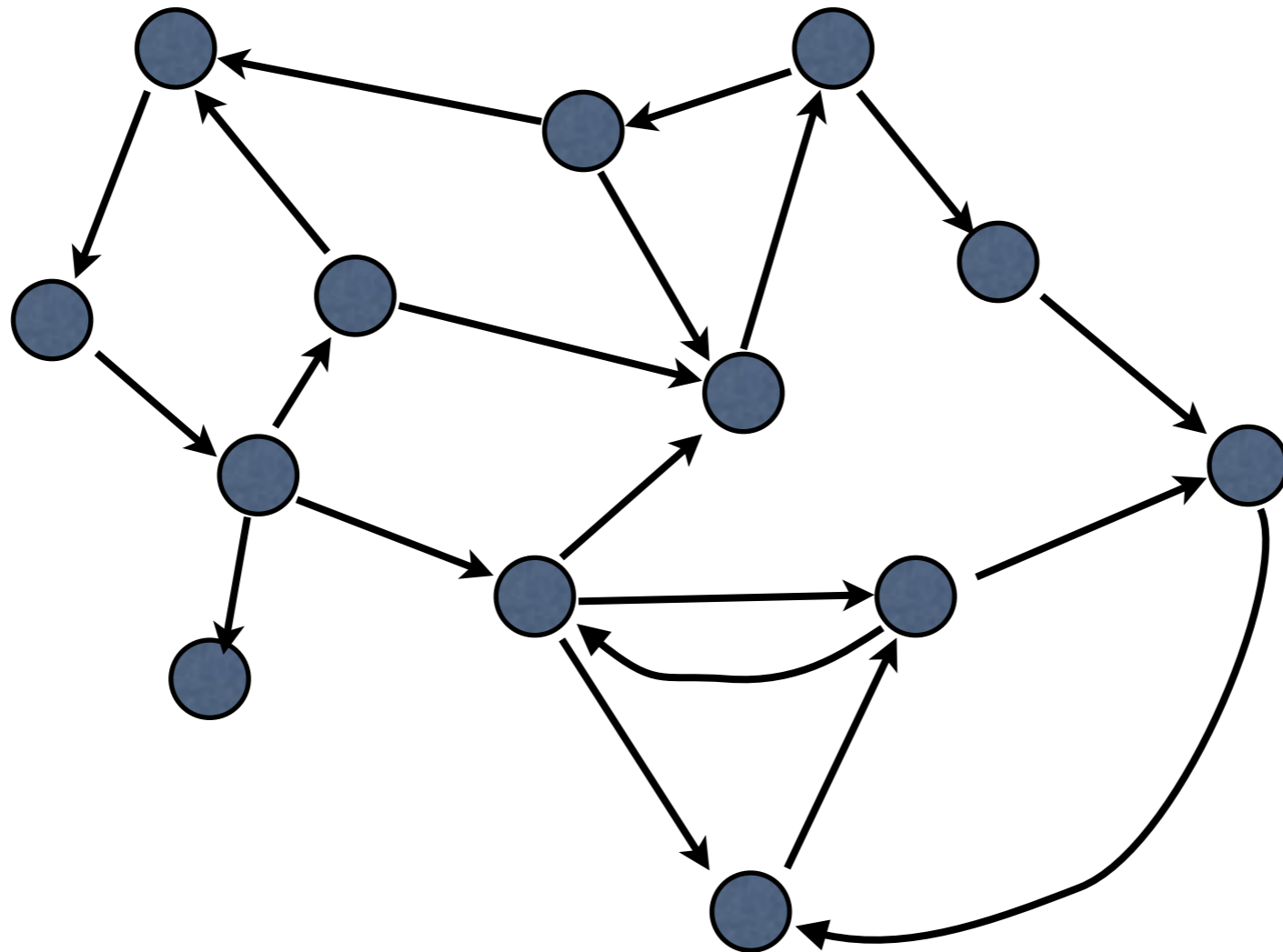
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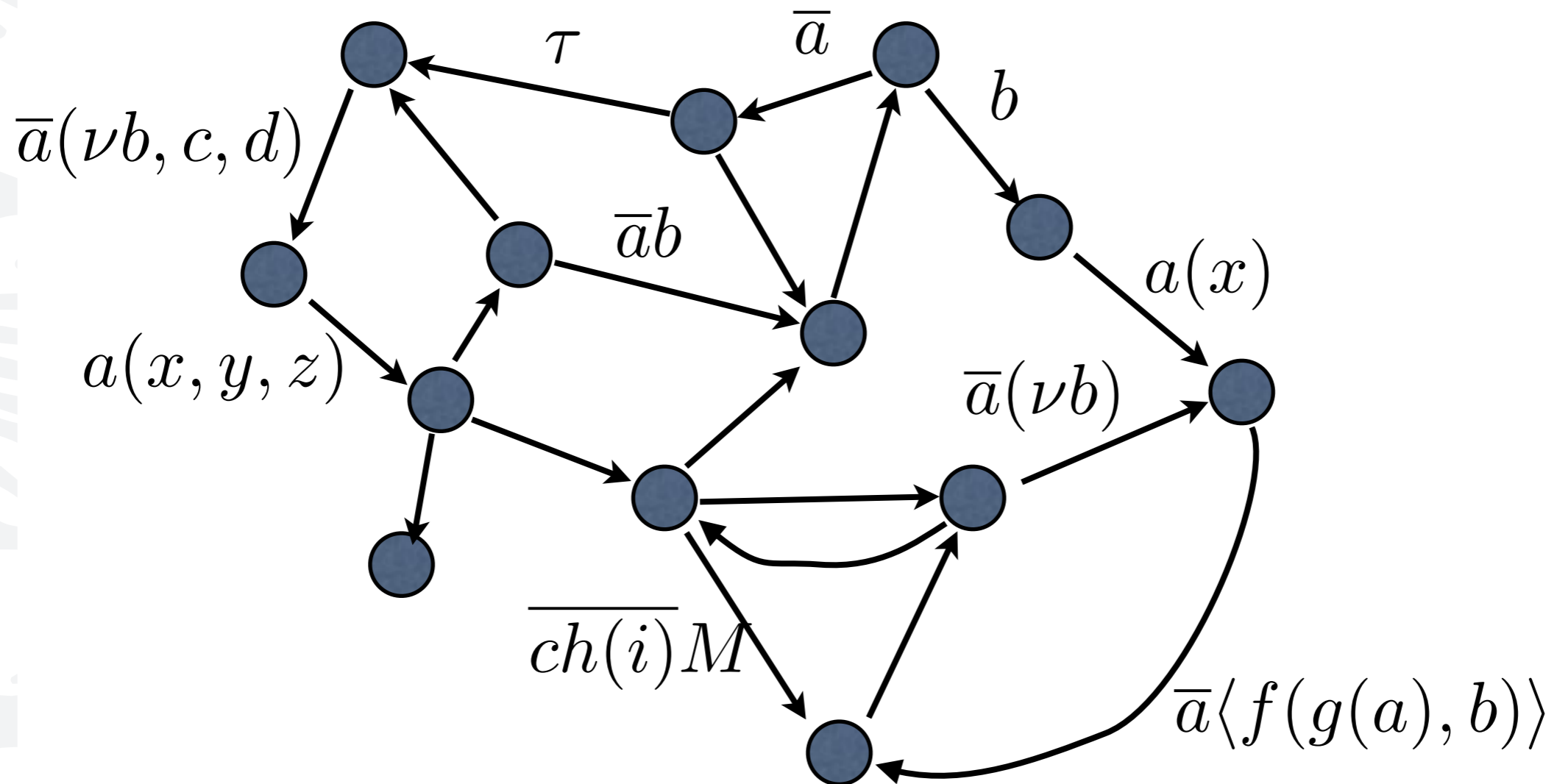
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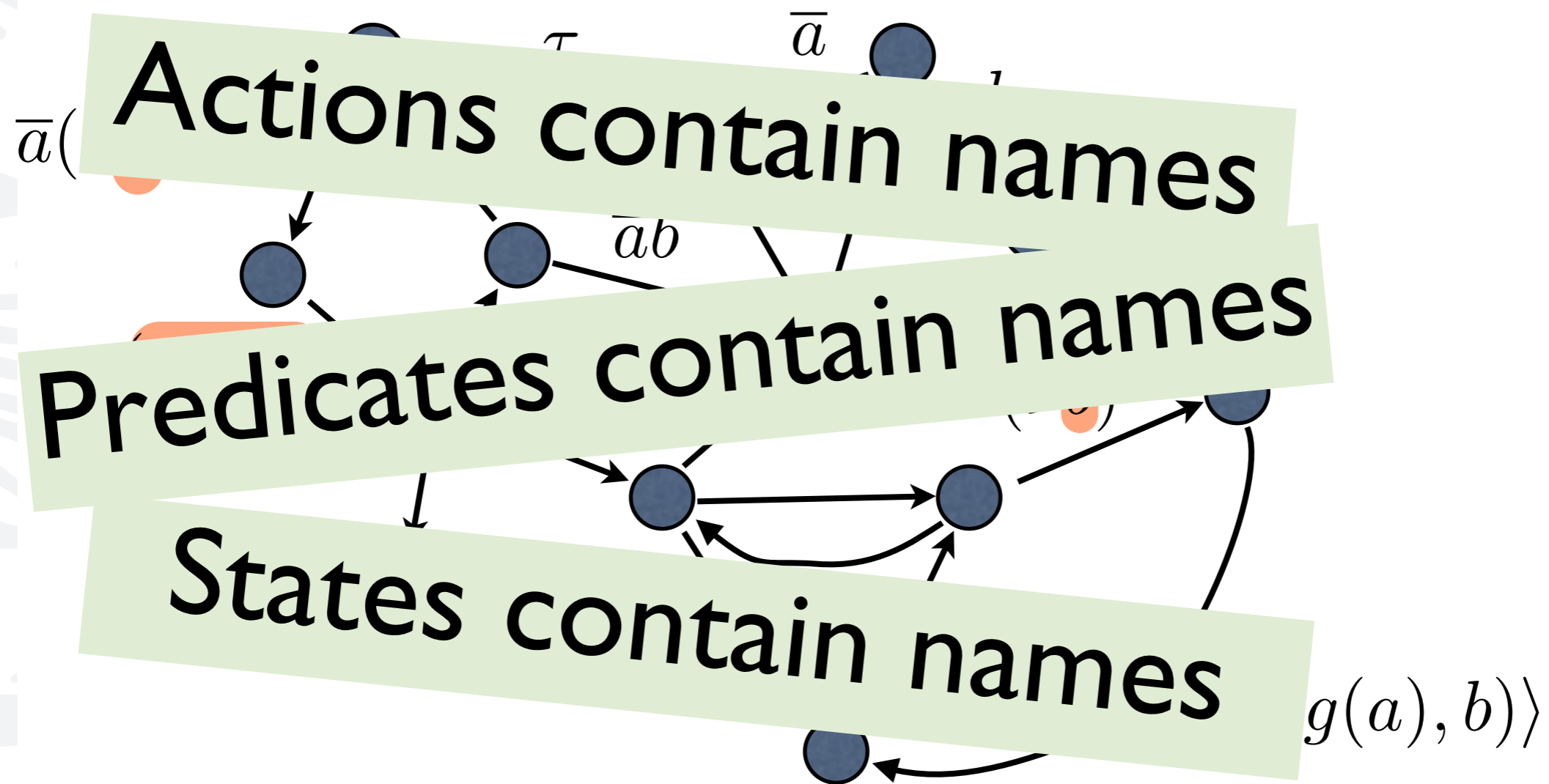
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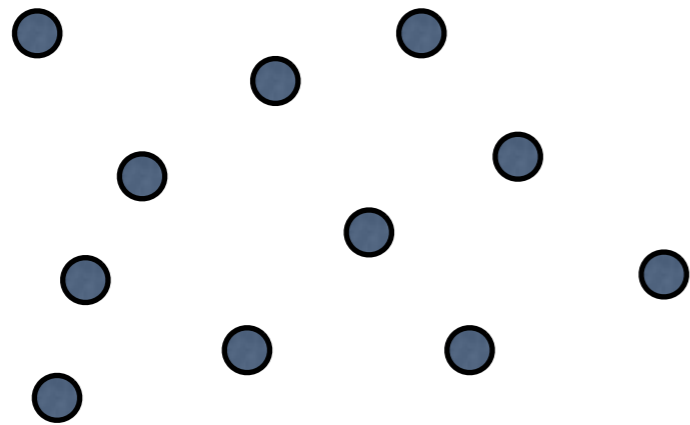
Actions



Binding names



States, predicates, and actions



STATES: A nominal set P, Q

$x = 1$ $x = 2$

$y > z$

$\text{prime}(x)$

$c = \text{encrypt}(m, k)$

$\forall m, k. c \neq \text{encrypt}(m, k)$

τ \bar{a} b

$\bar{a}b$

$a(x)$

$a(x, y, z)$

$\bar{a}(\nu b)$

$\overline{ch(i)M}$

$\bar{a}\langle f(g(a), b) \rangle$

PRED: A nominal set φ

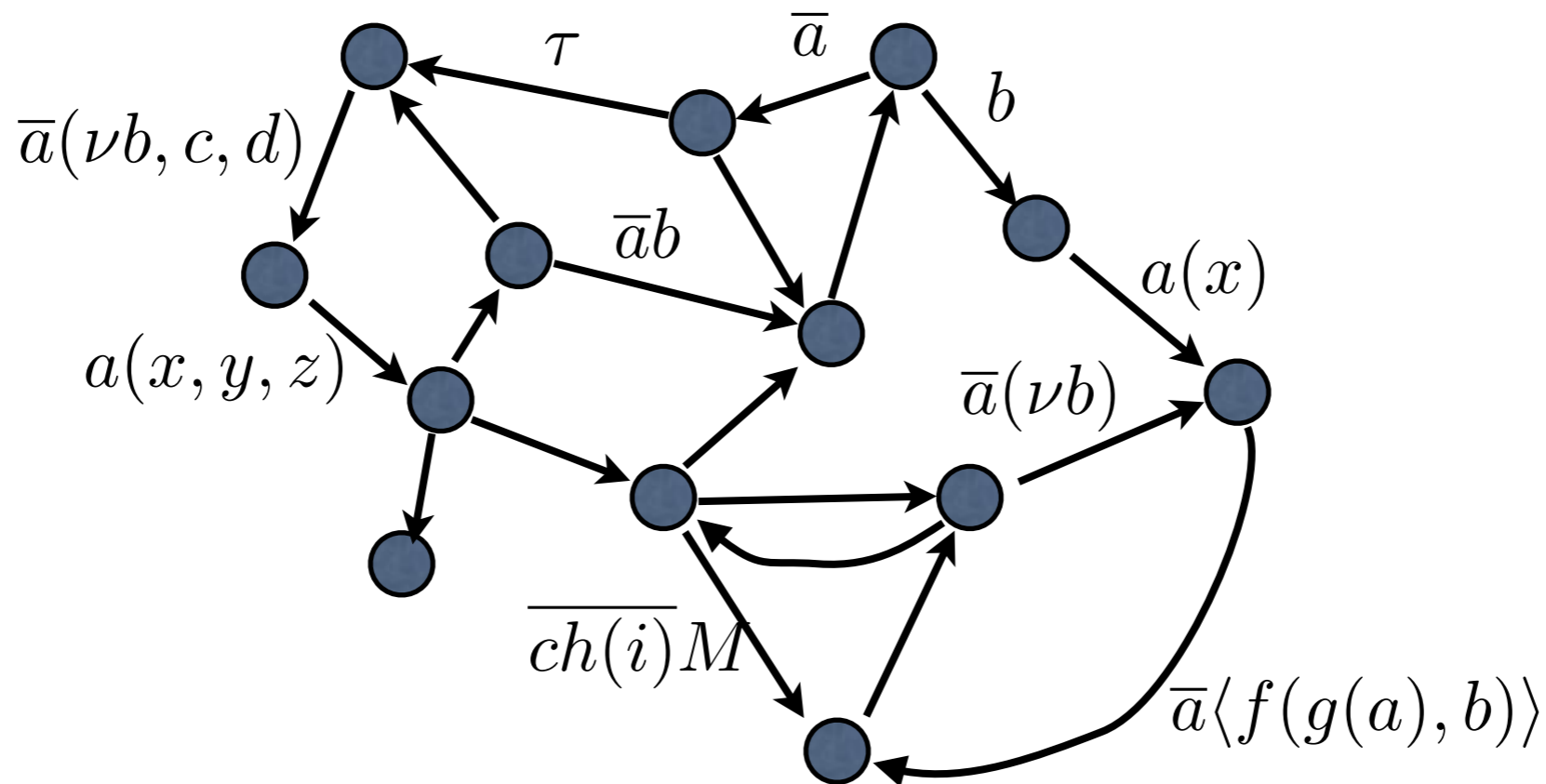
$\vdash \subseteq \text{STATES} \times \text{PRED}$ **equivariant**

ACT: A nominal set α

$\text{bn} : \text{ACT} \rightarrow P_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{N})$ **equivariant**

$\text{bn}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{supp}(\alpha)$

Transitions



$\rightarrow \subseteq \text{STATES} \times [P_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{N})](\text{ACT} \times \text{STATES})$ equivariant

$(P, \langle \tilde{b} \rangle (\alpha, Q)) \in \rightarrow$ implies $\tilde{b} = \text{bn}(\alpha)$

We write $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$ for $(P, \langle \text{bn}(\alpha) \rangle (\alpha, Q)) \in \rightarrow$

Bisimulation

DEFINITION (Strong Bisimulation)

A symmetric relation R on processes satisfying:

if $R(P, Q)$ then

If $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and $\text{bn}(\alpha) \# Q$ then

$\exists Q'. Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'$ and $R(P', Q')$

Simulation

If $P \vdash \varphi$ then $Q \vdash \varphi$

Static implication

$P \sim Q$ if $R(P, Q)$ for some bisimulation R

Modal Logics for Nominal Transition Systems

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Logic

Our objectives:

A set of formulas A, B

A **satisfaction** relation between states and formulas $P \models A$

Expressive wrt existing work

Fully formal



Simple

Not objectives: decidability, model checking

Formulas

$$A ::= \varphi \mid \langle \alpha \rangle A \mid \neg A \mid \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i$$

Four basic constructors

State Predicates

$P \models \varphi$ P satisfies the formula

holds if

$P \vdash \varphi$ the state predicate holds in P

Action modality

P can do α and then satisfy *A*

$$P \models \langle \alpha \rangle A$$

holds if

$$\exists P'. P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \text{ and } P' \models A$$

we consider formulas up to alpha equivalence, ie

If $a \in \text{bn}(\alpha)$, $b \# \alpha$, *A*

then $\langle \alpha \rangle A = (a b) \cdot (\langle \alpha \rangle A)$

Negation

$$P \models \neg A$$

holds if

$$\text{not } P \models A$$

Conjunction

Assume A_i a formula for each $i \in I$

$$P \models \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i \quad \text{if for all } i \in I \text{ it holds } P \models A_i$$

The million dollar question: **which**
such conjunctions should be **allowed?**

Safe but not enough

Finite conjunction

As in Hennessy Milner 1985

$$P \models \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i$$

Allowed only for finite I

Same as binary conjunction $A_1 \wedge A_2$

Easy to make fully formal

Quite limited expressiveness
(suitable only for finite-branching transition systems)

Arbitrary conjunction

Needs substantial restrictions

As in Milner 1989

$$P \models \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i \quad \text{Allowed for any } I$$

Enormous expressiveness:
greater than the systems we study!

Formulas might not be finitely supported,
alpha-conversion might be impossible

Uniformly bounded conjun

As in Abramsky
1997

Standard
but not
enough

$$P \models \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i$$

Allowed for any I such that
conjuncts have common finite support
for some finite set of names S

$$\forall i \in I. \text{supp}(A_i) \subseteq S$$

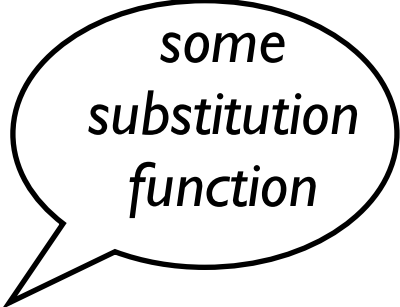
Still of limited expressiveness

OK to make fully formal?

Example: quantifiers

$$P \models \forall x \in \mathcal{N}. A$$

holds if



some
substitution
function

for all $z \in \mathcal{N}$ it holds $P \models A[x := z]$

Can this be represented as

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{N}. A = \bigwedge_{z \in \mathcal{N}} A[x := z] \quad ?$$

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Is this conjunction
uniformly bounded?

**No. At least not
if**

$$z \in \text{supp}(A[x := z])$$

**Quantification cannot be expressed by
uniformly bounded conjunction!**

Finitely supported conjunction

Our contribution

$\bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i$ requires that the set of formulas $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$ has finite support S

Assume F is the set of formulas supported by S .

Consider the different formulas $\bigwedge\{A \mid A \in B\}$

where B ranges over the subsets of F .

By Cantor's Theorem, we have a contradiction.

Solution: cardinality bound on conjunction width

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{N}. A = \bigwedge_{z \in \mathcal{N}} A[x := z] \quad ?$$

Is this conjunction
finitely supported?

Yes!

Assuming substitution is equivariant.

Expressiveness

Dualities

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i = \neg \bigwedge_{i \in I} \neg A_i$$

$$[\alpha]A = \neg \langle \alpha \rangle \neg A$$

Expressiveness

Quantifiers

$$\forall x. A = \bigwedge_{z \in V} A[x := z]$$

$$\exists x. A = \bigvee_{z \in V} A[x := z]$$

Assumes V is finitely supported
and substitution is equivariant

Expressiveness

Fresh Quantifier

$P \models \forall x. A$ if for some $n \# P$ it holds $P \models (x n) \cdot A$

$$\forall x. A = \bigvee_{S \in \text{COF}} \bigwedge_{n \in S} (x n) \cdot A$$

COF is the set of cofinite sets of names

There is a cofinite set such that
 A holds for all its members

Expressiveness

Next step modality

$$\langle \rangle A = \bigvee_{\alpha \in \text{ACT}} \langle \alpha \rangle A$$

$$\text{bn}(\alpha) \# A$$

Fixpoints

minimal fixpoint defined as
disjunction of all unfoldings

With next and fixpoints

we get all of CTL*

Emerson 1997

Application

F Finite conjunction
A Arbitrary conjunction
U Uniformly bounded conjunction

Hennessy, Milner 1985 F

Hennessy-Milner Logic for CCS

Milner 1989 A

Abramsky 1991 U

for pi-calculus

Milner, Parrow, Walker 1993 U

for value passing

Hennessy, Liu 1995 F + quantifiers

for spi-calculus

Frendrup, Huttel, Jensen 2002 A

for applied pi-calculus

Pedersen, 2006 F

for fusion calculus

Haugstad, Terkelsen, Vindum 2006 A

for multi-labelled systems

De Nicola, Loreti 2008 F + quantifiers

for concurrent constraint calculus

Buscemi, Montanari 2007

for psi-calculi

Bengtson et al 2011

Yet no modal logic

Adequacy

A kind of sanity check:

*Most often:
bisimulation*

If two states **“behave the same”**
then they satisfy exactly the **same**
formulas

If two states do **not** **“behave the same”**
then there is a formula satisfied by **one**
and not the other

Bisimulation

DEFINITION (Bisimulation)

A symmetric relation R on states satisfying:

if $R(P, Q)$ then

If $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and $\text{bn}(\alpha) \# Q$ then $\exists Q'. Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'$ and $R(P', Q')$

If $P \models \varphi$ then $Q \models \varphi$

$P \sim Q$ if $R(P, Q)$ for some bisimulation R

THEOREM (Adequacy)

$P \sim Q$ iff for all formulas A : $P \models A$ iff $Q \models A$

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In direction \Leftarrow show that

logical equivalence

\doteq defined as $\{(P, Q) \mid \forall A. P \models A \text{ iff } Q \models A\}$

is a bisimulation.

Assume not, then P has an α -transition to P'
that Q cannot simulate:

For each α -derivative Q' there is a distinguishing
formula A between P' and Q' .

Let B be the conjunction of all these A (one for each Q')

Then $P \models \langle \alpha \rangle B$ and not $Q \models \langle \alpha \rangle B$

Contradiction!

Let B be the conjunction of all these A (one for each Q')

Can this conjunction be defined in the logic?

If the transition system is **finitely branching**

then there are finitely many Q'
so **finite conjunction** suffices

Eg CCS with
guarded recursion

If all the formulas A have

a **common finite** support then

uniformly bounded conjunction suffices

Eg pi-
calculus

In general use finitely supported conjunction

Arbitrary nominal transition systems

In general use finitely supported conjunction

Lemma: If $P' \models A \wedge Q' \not\models A$ then

$$\exists B. P' \models B \wedge Q' \not\models B \wedge \text{supp}(B) \subseteq \text{supp}(P')$$

If there is a distinguishing formula for P' and Q' ,
then there is one with the support bounded by P'

Proof idea:

Let PERM be the name permutations that fix P' ,

$$B = \bigwedge_{\pi \in \text{PERM}} \pi \cdot A$$

Formalisation



All definitions and the adequacy theorem formalised in **Nominal Isabelle** (~2700 loc)

Out of which 150 loc are definitions and theorems

Significant new ideas for alpha-equivalence and finite support in data types with **infinitary** constructors.

First ever mechanisation of an **infinitely branching nominal datatype**.

Equivalences and Modal Logics for Unobservable Actions

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Weak = disregard *silent* transitions

τ action with empty support (implies $\text{bn}(\tau) = \emptyset$)
representing an unobservable action

$$P \xrightarrow{\tau} P'$$

P can evolve to P'

without the environment noticing

without interacting with the environment

spontaneously

silently

Weak transitions

$P \Rightarrow P'$ defined inductively as

$$P = P' \vee P \xrightarrow{\tau} \circ \Rightarrow P'$$

$P \xRightarrow{\alpha} P'$ defined as $P \Rightarrow \circ \xrightarrow{\alpha} \circ \Rightarrow P'$

$P \xRightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} P'$ defined as $\begin{cases} P \Rightarrow P' & \text{if } \alpha = \tau \\ P \xRightarrow{\alpha} P' & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

P can evolve to P' through zero or more transitions with observable content α

Simulation

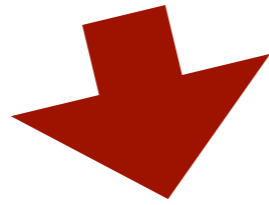
DEFINITION (simulation)

A relation R on states satisfying: if $R(P, Q)$ then

If $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and $\text{bn}(\alpha) \# Q$ then $\exists Q'. Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'$ and $R(P', Q')$



Weak simulation



DEFINITION (weak simulation)

A relation R on states satisfying: if $R(P, Q)$ then

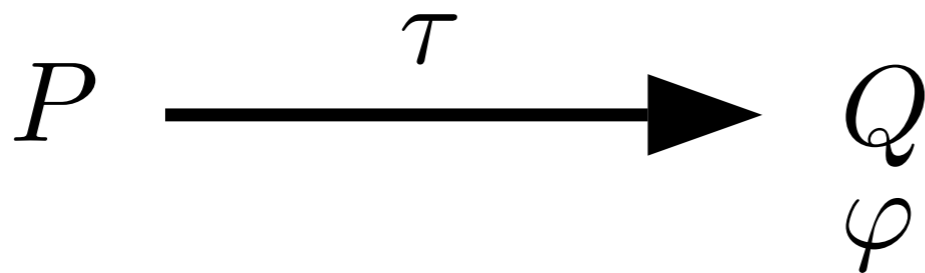
If $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and $\text{bn}(\alpha) \# Q$ then $\exists Q'. Q \xRightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} Q'$ and $R(P', Q')$



Static implication?

Can we re-use the static implication **NO!**

If $P \vdash \varphi$ then $Q \vdash \varphi$



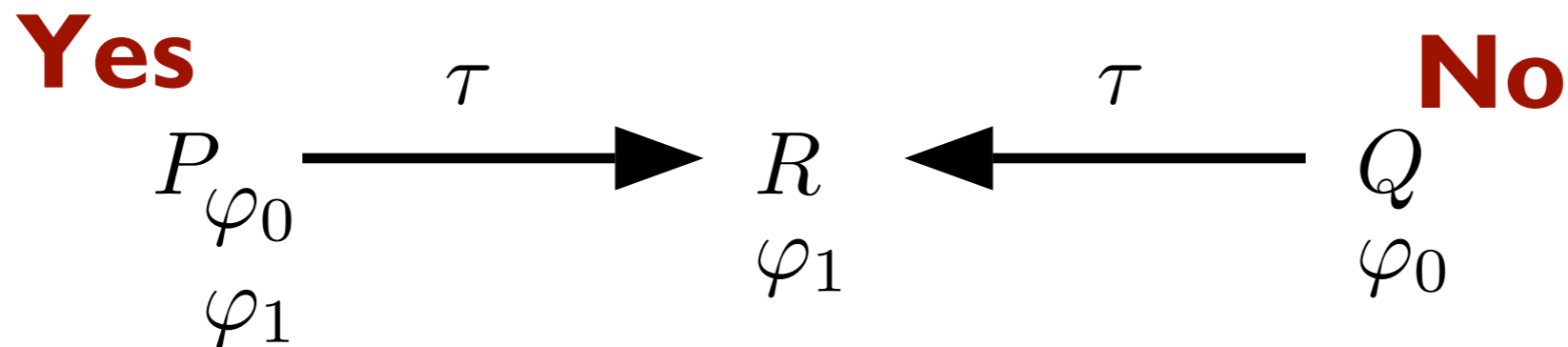
Example: transition system with two states, one transition, and one state predicate

Should P and Q be equivalent?

YES!

Weak static implication?

If $P \vdash \varphi$ then $Q \Rightarrow Q' \vdash \varphi$ (*)



P and Q are weakly similar and satisfy (*)

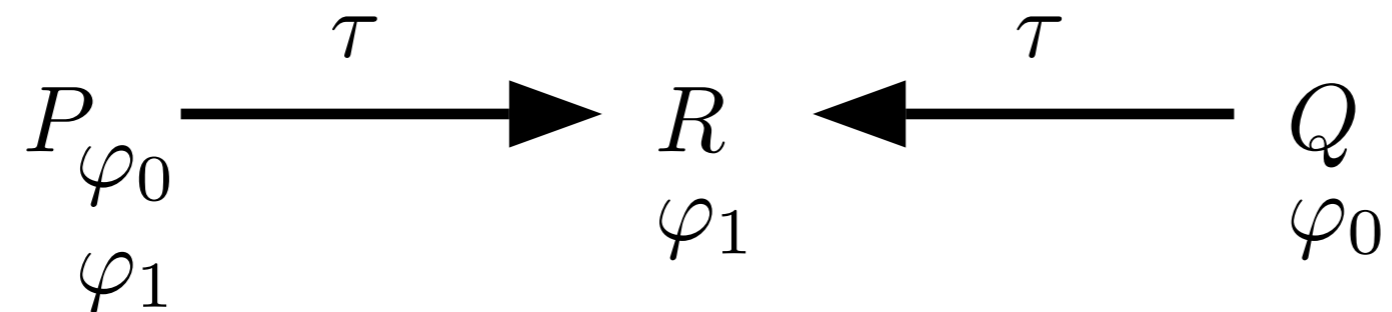
Are P and Q observationally equivalent?

Observe φ_1 and then observe φ_0

Weak static implication!

S is a weak static implication if $S(P, Q)$ implies

If $P \vdash \varphi$ then $Q \Rightarrow Q' \vdash \varphi$ and $S(P, Q')$

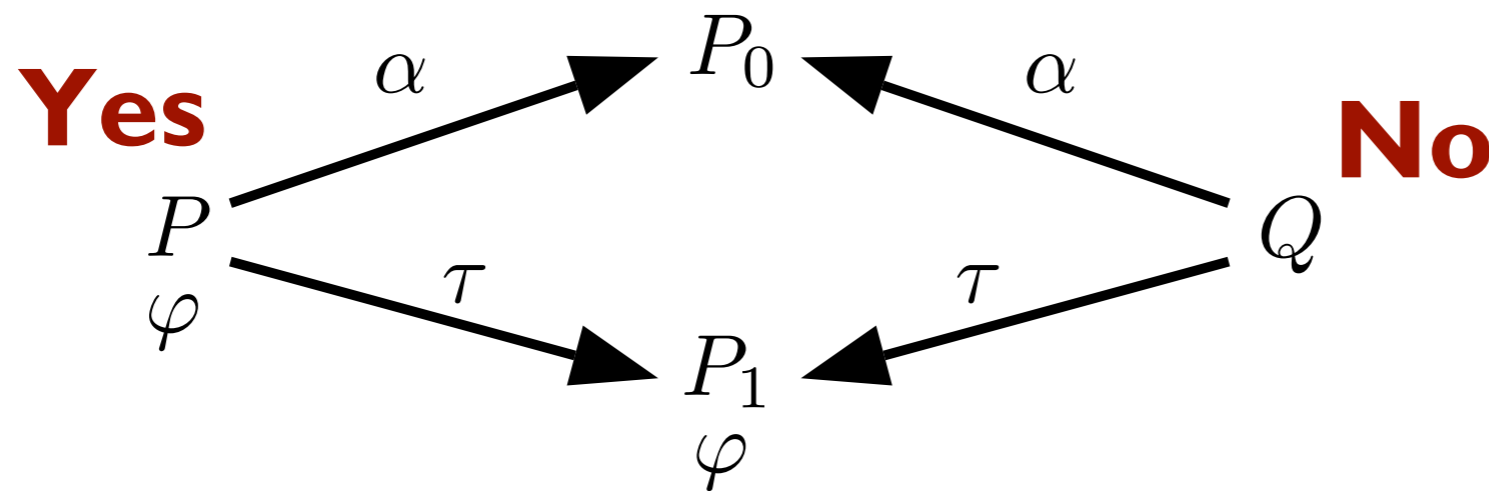


$\{(P, Q), (P, R)\}$ **NOT a WSI**

Weak static implication

If $P \vdash \varphi$ then $Q \Rightarrow Q' \vdash \varphi$ and $S(P, Q')$

Not enough
by itself!

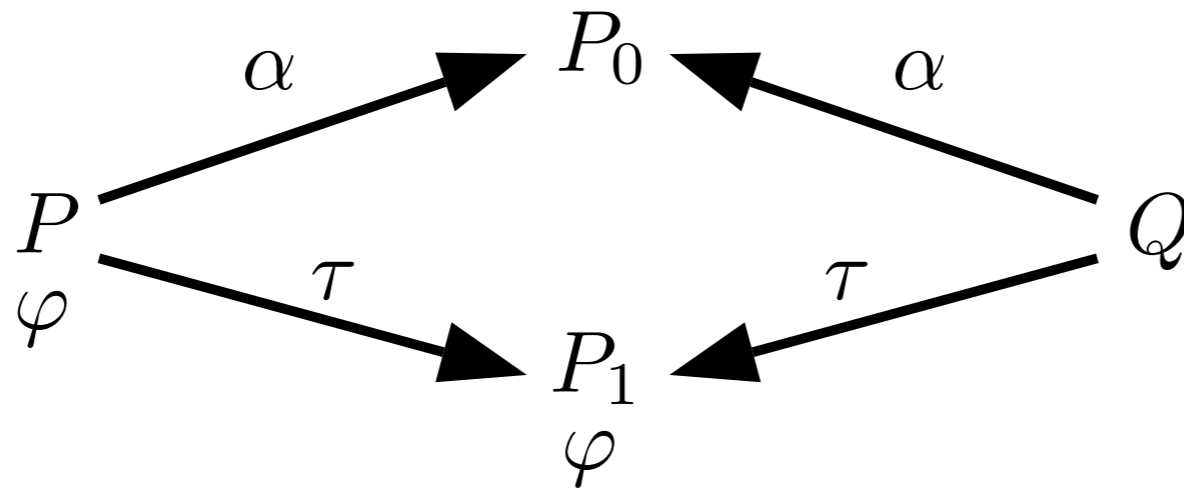


P and Q are weakly similar and the relation $\{(P, Q), (P, P_1)\}$ satisfies (*)

Are P and Q observationally equivalent?

Observe φ and then perform α

Weak static implication!



$\{(P, Q), (P_0, P_0), (P_1, P_1)\}$ is a weak simulation
is NOT a WSI

$\{(P, Q), (P, P_1)\}$ is a WSI
is NOT a weak simulation

Must require the relation to be
both WSI and weak simulation!

Weak bisimulation

DEFINITION

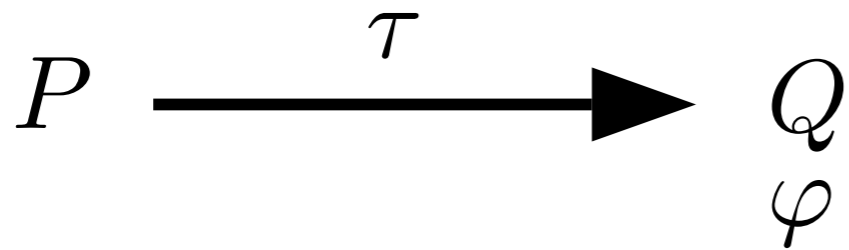
A *weak bisimulation* is a symmetric relation R on states which is **both** a **weak simulation** and a **weak static implication**

$R(P, Q)$ implies:

If $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and $\text{bn}(\alpha) \# Q$ then $\exists Q'. Q \xRightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} Q'$ and $R(P', Q')$

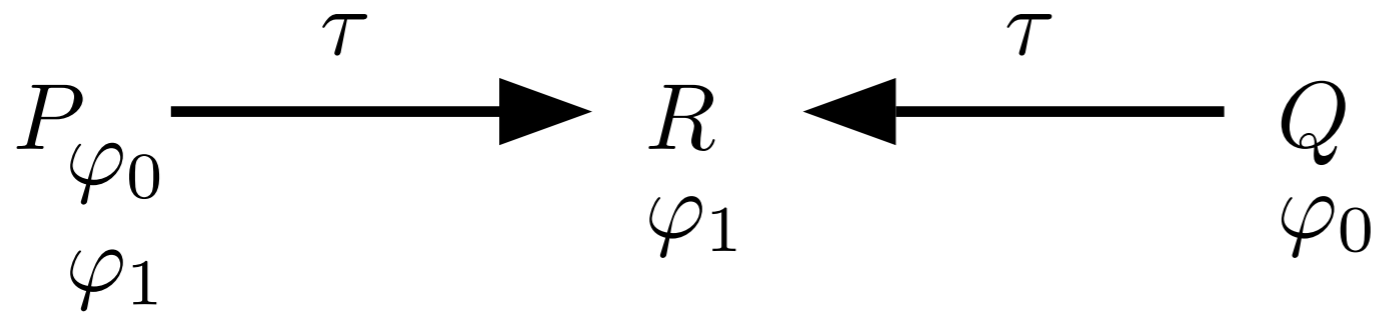
If $P \vdash \varphi$ then $Q \Rightarrow Q' \vdash \varphi$ and $R(P, Q')$

$P \dot{\approx} Q$ if $R(P, Q)$ for some weak bisimulation R



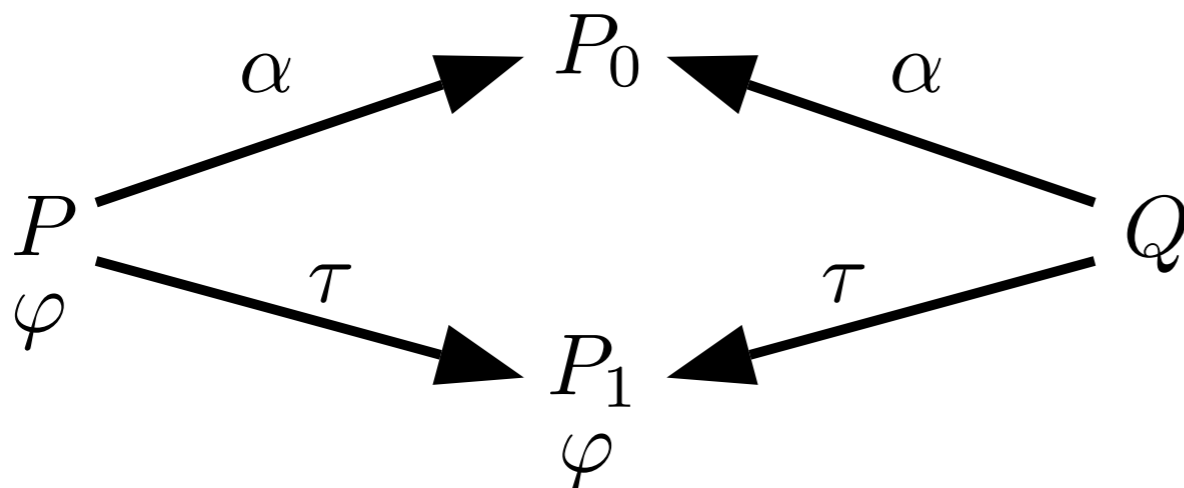
$$P \dot{\approx} Q$$

$\{(P, Q), (Q, Q)\}$ is a weak simulation and a WSI



$$P \not\dot{\approx} Q$$

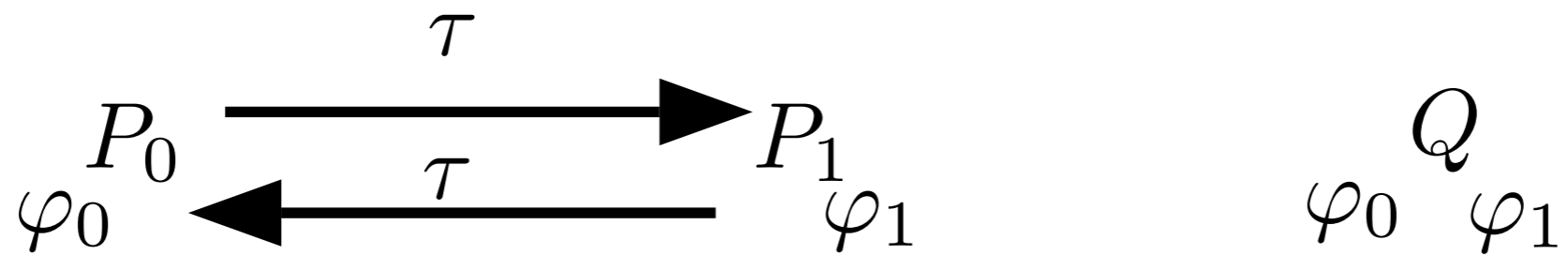
No relation is a WSI



$$P \not\dot{\approx} Q$$

No relation is both a weak simulation and a WSI

Exercise



Which of the three states are weakly bisimilar?

Note: $\varphi_0 \wedge \varphi_1$ is not a state predicate

All of them!

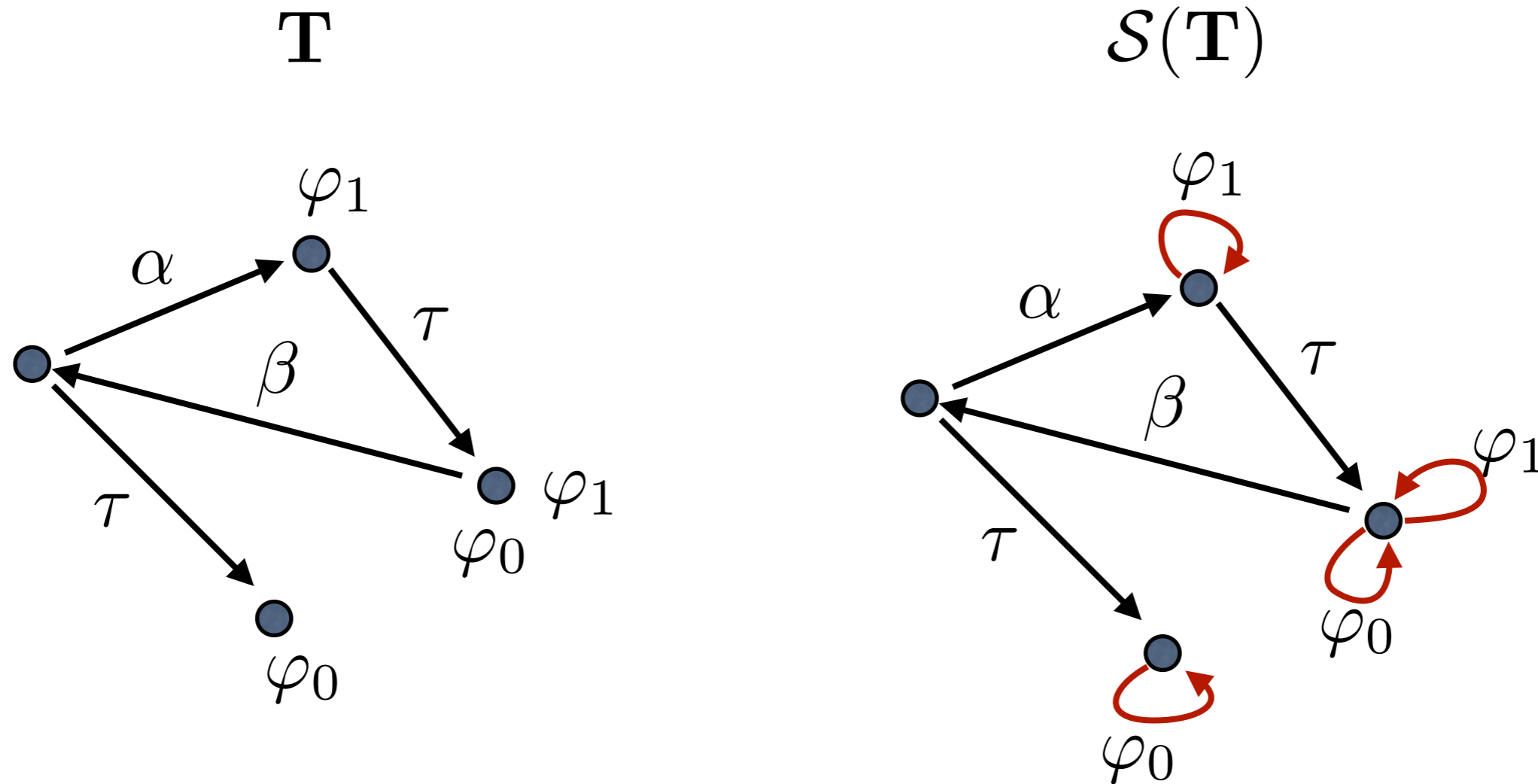
Let U be the universal relation on all three states

U is a weak simulation

U is a weak static implication

Eliminating state predicates

Eliminating state predicates



Transformation on transition systems
Replace state predicates by self-loop transitions

Result

THEOREM (State predicate elimination)

$$P \dot{\approx}_{\mathbf{T}} Q \text{ iff } P \dot{\approx}_{\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{T})} Q$$

For a corresponding transformation on formulas, replacing predicates by actions

$$P \models_{\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{T})} A \text{ iff } P \models_{\mathbf{T}} \mathcal{S}^{-1}(A)$$

Conclusion

- Generic HML
- Suitable for embedding other logics in
 - Guaranteed soundness!
- A sublogic characterises weak bisimulation
- A uniform extension/encoding for
 - early bisimulation, early congruence, late bisimulation, late congruence, *open bisimulation*, hyperbisimulation