

Molecules as Automata

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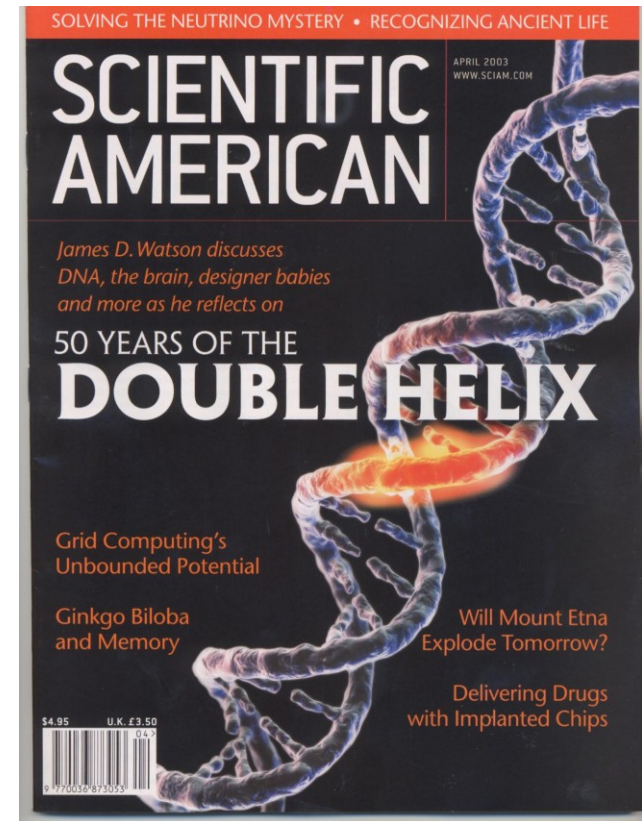
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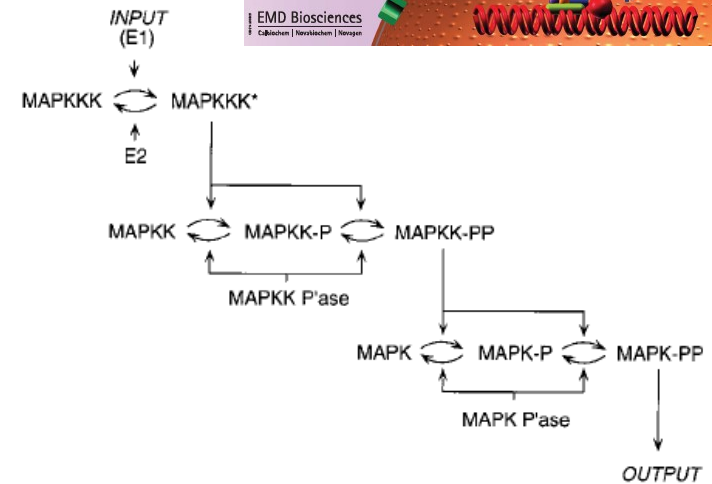
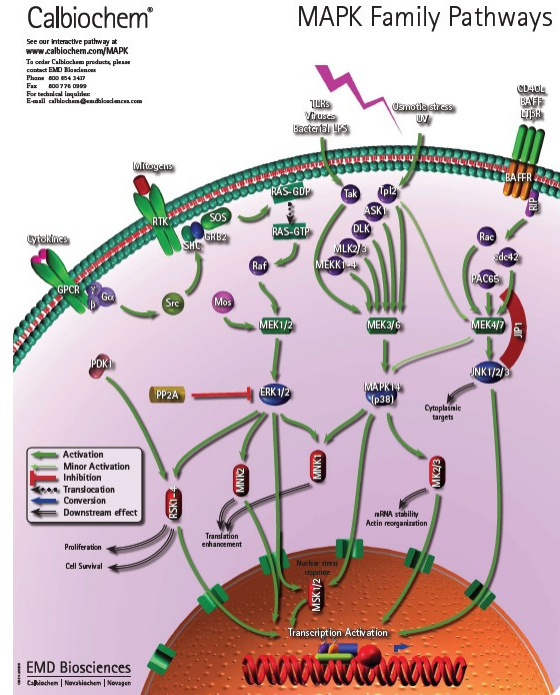
50 Years of Molecular Cell Biology

- The genome (human: 3 GBases = 750MB) is made of DNA
 - Stores digital information as sequences of 4 different nucleotides
 - Directs protein assembly through RNA and the Genetic Code
- Proteins (~1M coded from ~30K genes) are made of amino acids strings
 - Catalyze all biochemical reactions
 - Control metabolism (energy & materials)
 - Process signals, activate genes
- Bootstrapping still a mystery
 - DNA, RNA, proteins, membranes are today interdependent. Not clear who came first
 - Not understood, not essential for us



Cells Compute

- No survival without computation!
 - Finding food
 - Avoiding predators
- How do they compute?
 - Unusual computational paradigms.
 - Proteins: do they work like electronic circuits? or process algebra?
 - Genes: what kind of software is that?
- Signaling networks
 - Clearly "information processing"
 - They are "just chemistry": molecule interactions
 - But what are their principles and algorithms?
- Complex, higher-order interactions
 - MAPKKK = MAP Kinase Kinase Kinase: that which operates on that which operates on that which operates on protein.



Ultrasensitivity in the mitogen-activated protein cascade,
 Chi-Ying F. Huang and James E. Ferrell, Jr., 1996, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 93, 10078-10083.

Stochastic Collectives

Stochastic Collectives

- "Collective":

- A large set of interacting finite state automata:

- Not quite language automata ("large set")
- Not quite cellular automata ("interacting" but not on a grid)
- Not quite process algebra ("collective behavior")
- Cf. multi-agent systems and swarm intelligence

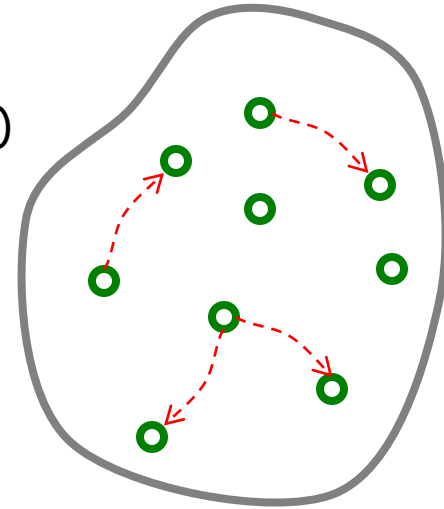
- "Stochastic":

- Interactions have *rates*

- Not quite discrete (hundreds or thousands of components)
- Not quite continuous (non-trivial stochastic effects)
- Not quite hybrid (no "switching" between regimes)

- Very much like biochemistry

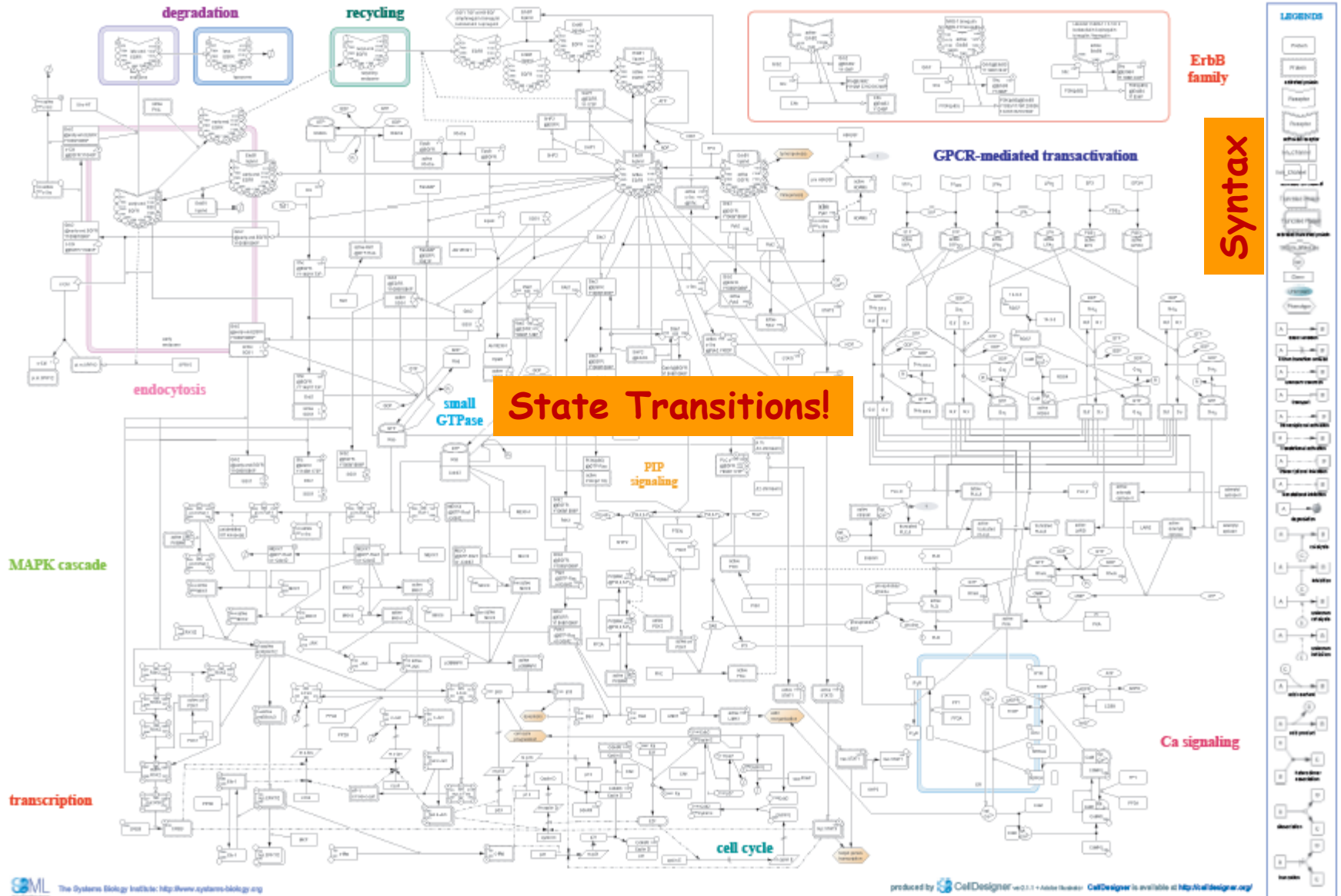
- Which is a large set of stochastically interacting molecules/proteins
- Are proteins **finite state** and subject to automata-like **transitions**?
 - Let's say they are, at least because:
 - Much of the knowledge being accumulated in Systems Biology is described as state transition diagrams [Kitano].



Towards Systems Biology

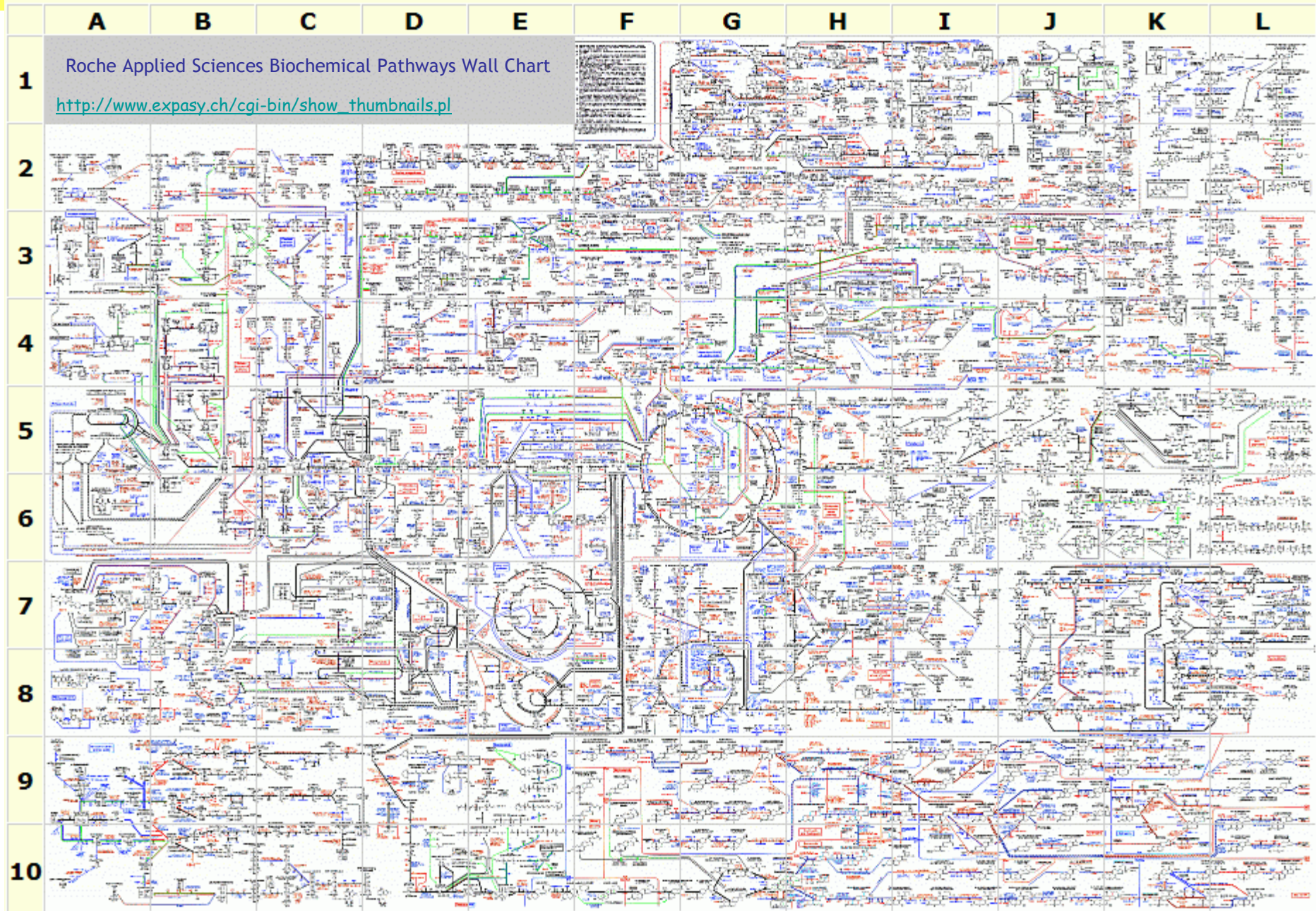
Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Pathway Map eporc00000

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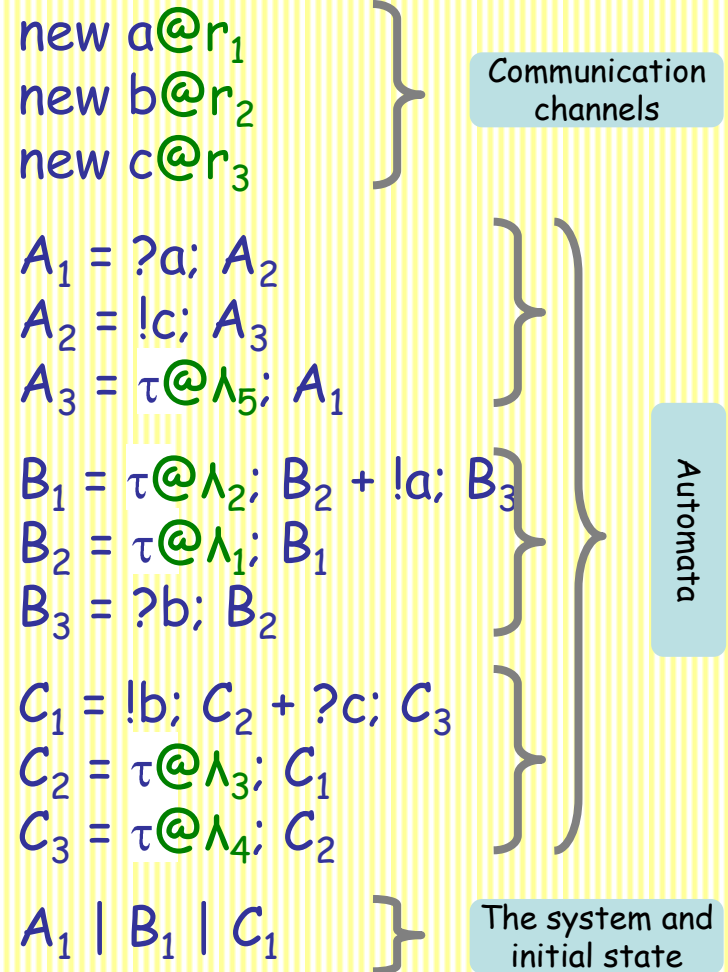
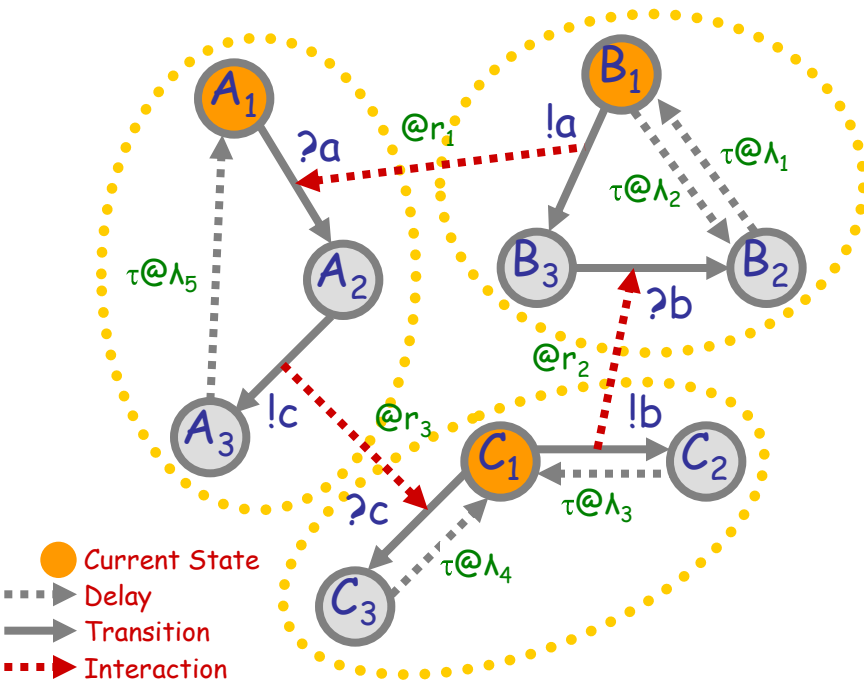


Syntax

Compositionality (NOT!)



Interacting Automata



Communicating automata: a graphical FSA-like notation for "finite state restriction-free π -calculus processes". **Interacting automata** do not even exchange values on communication.

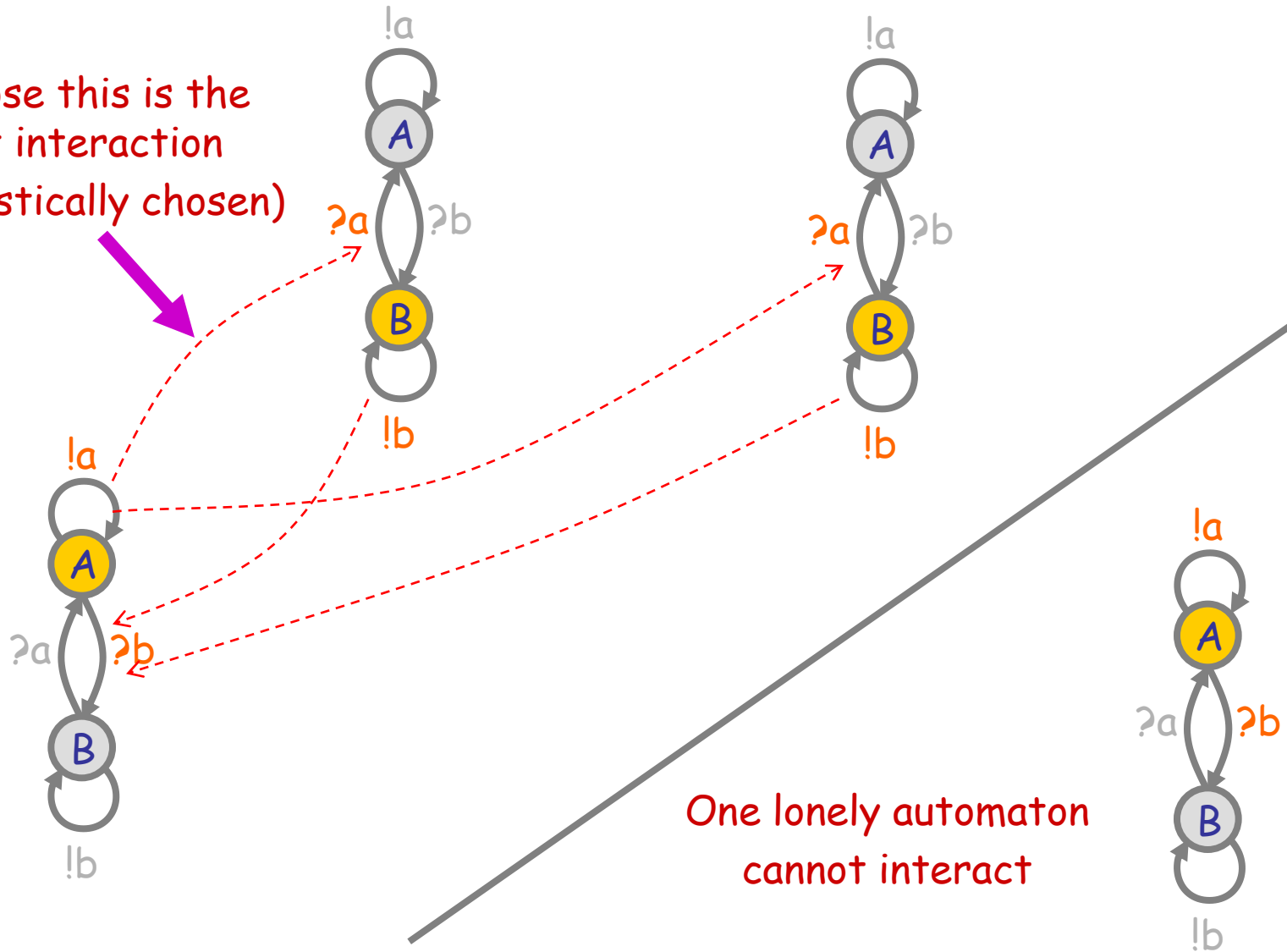
The stochastic version has *rates* on communications, and delays.

"Finite state" means: no composition or restriction inside recursion. Analyzable by standard Markovian techniques, by first computing the "product automaton" to obtain the underlying finite Markov transition system. [Buchholz]

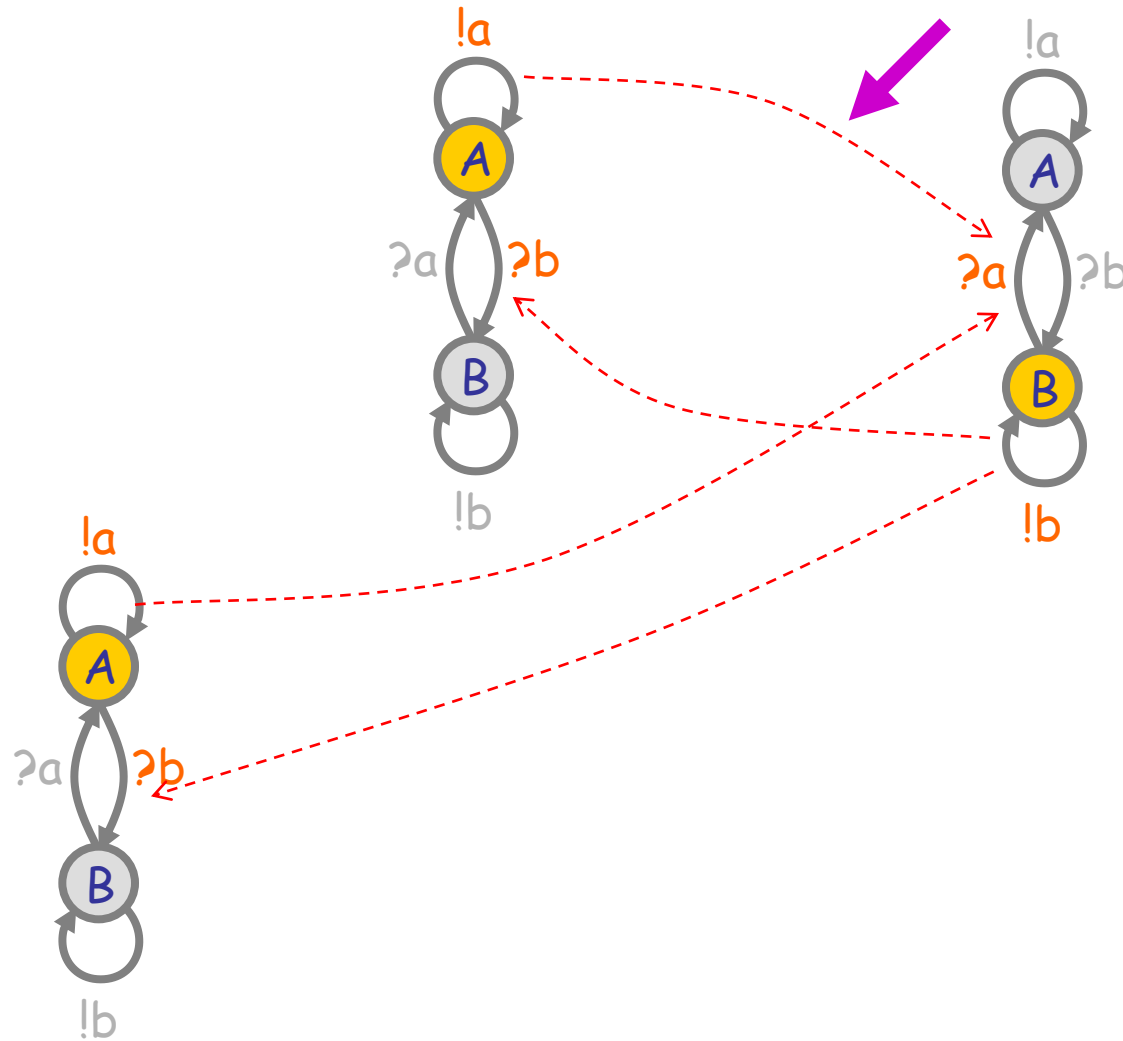
Interactions have rates. Actions DO NOT have rates.

Interactions in a Population

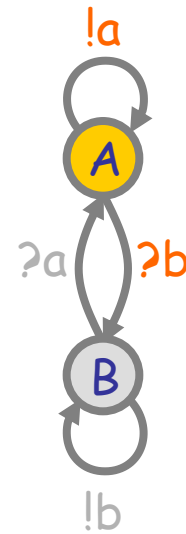
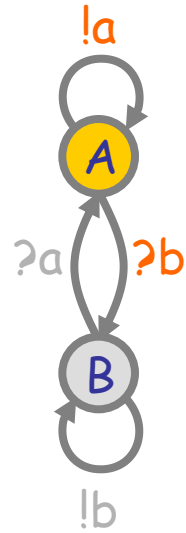
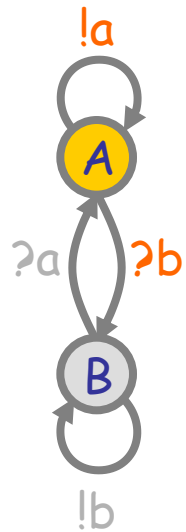
Suppose this is the next interaction
(stochastically chosen)



Interactions in a Population

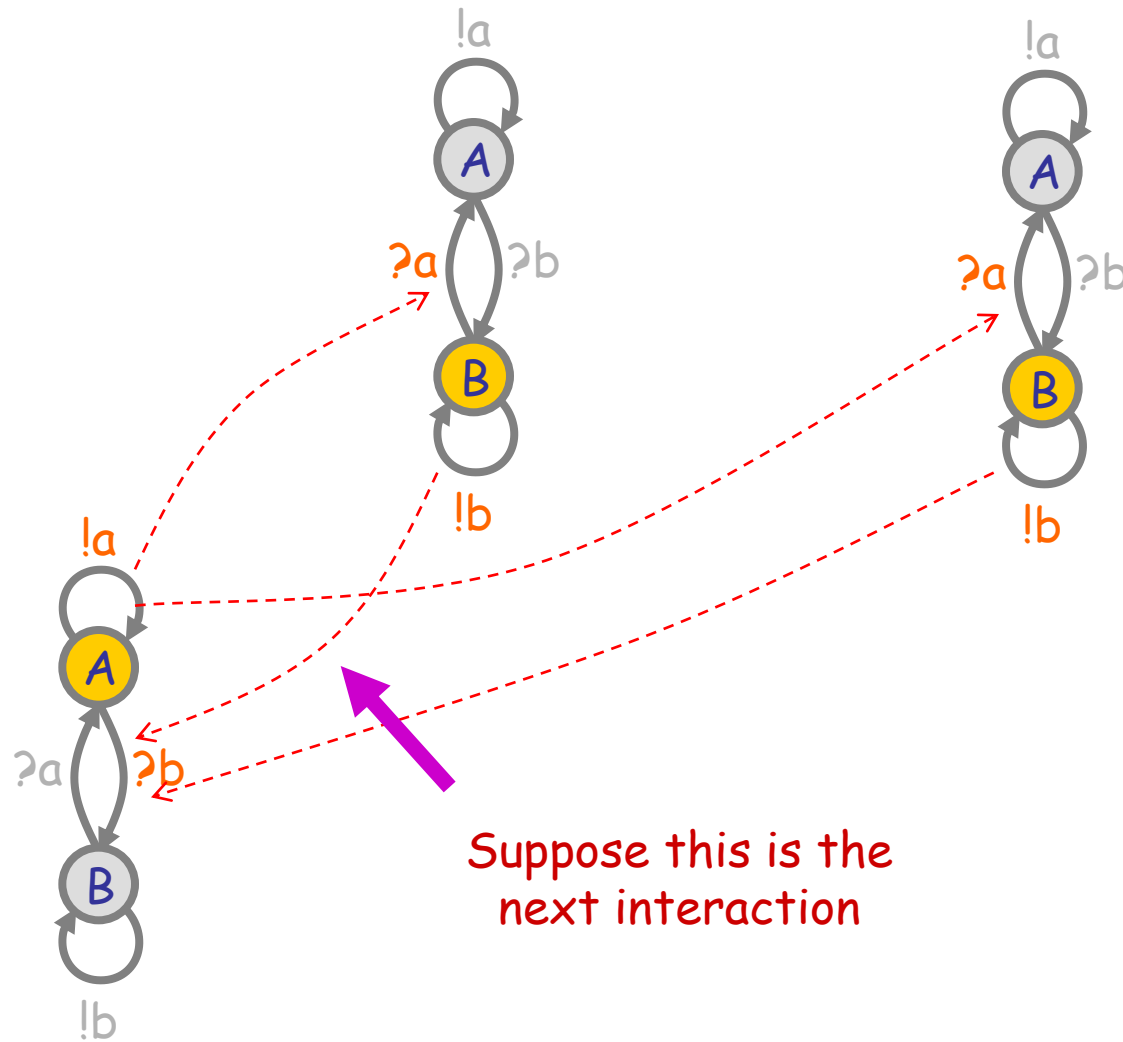


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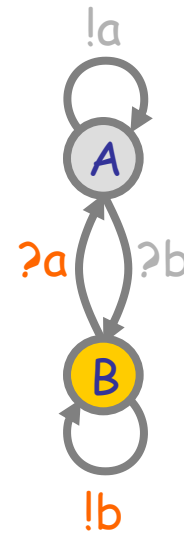
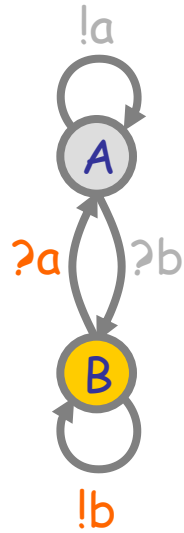
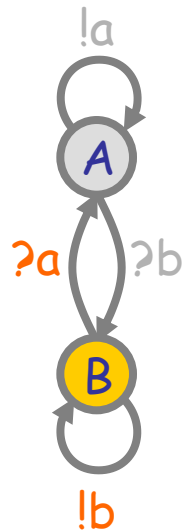


All-A stable population

Interactions in a Population (2)



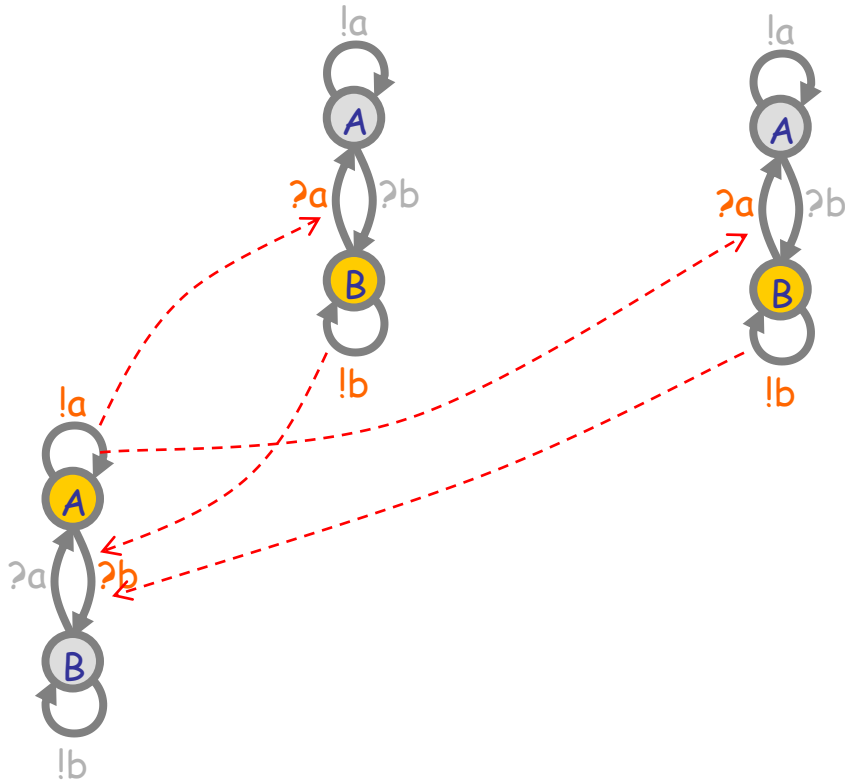
Interactions in a Population (2)



All-B stable population

Nondeterministic population behavior ("multistability")

CTMC Semantics



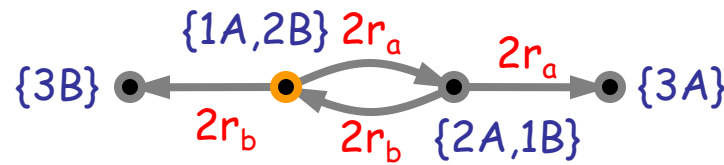
CTMC
(homogeneous) Continuous Time Markov Chain

- directed graph with no self loops
- nodes are system states
- arcs have transition rates

Probability of holding in state A:

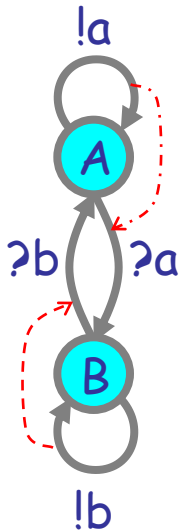
$$\Pr(H_A > t) = e^{-rt}$$

in general, $\Pr(H_A > t) = e^{-Rt}$ where R is the sum of all the exit rates from A



CTMC

Groupies and Celebrities



Celebrity

(does not want to be like somebody else)

```
directive sample 0.1 200
directive plot A(); B()
```

```
new a@1.0:chan()
new b@1.0:chan()
```

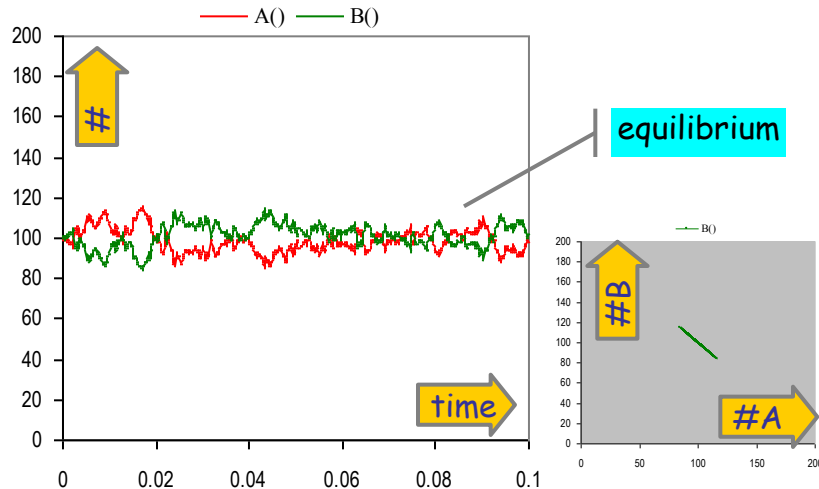
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let A() = do !a; A() or ?a; B()
and B() = do !b; B() or ?b; A()
```

```
run 100 of (A() | B())
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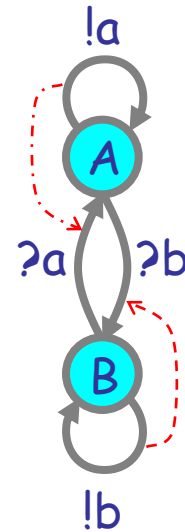
a@1.0

b@1.0

A stochastic collective of celebrities:



Stable because as soon as a A finds itself in the majority, it is more likely to find somebody in the same state, and hence change, so the majority is weakened.



Groupie

(wants to be like somebody different)

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directive sample 0.1 200
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new a@1.0:chan()
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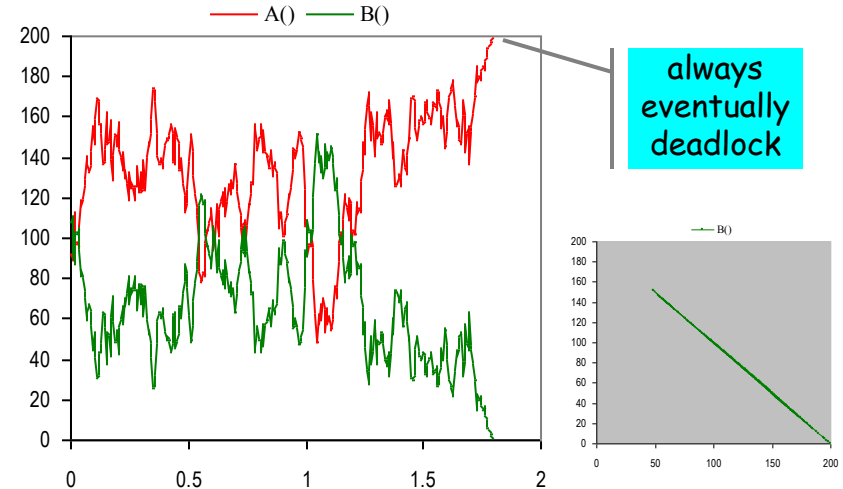
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a@1.0

b@1.0

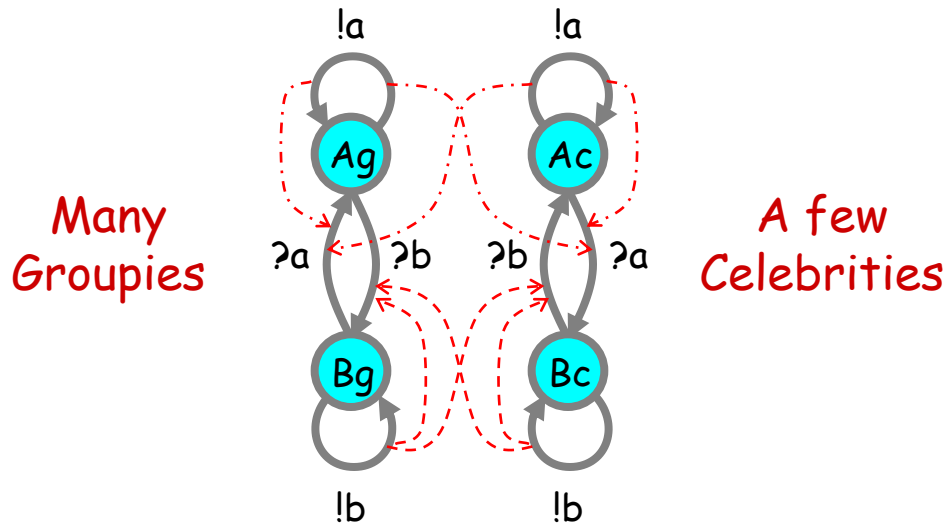
A stochastic collective of groupies:



Unstable because within an A majority, an A has difficulty finding a B to emulate, but the few B's have plenty of A's to emulate, so the majority may switch to B. Leads to deadlock when everybody is in the same state and there is nobody different to emulate.

Both Together

A way to break the deadlocks: Groupies with just a few Celebrities



```
directive sample 10.0  
directive plot Ag(); Bg(); Ac(); Bc()
```

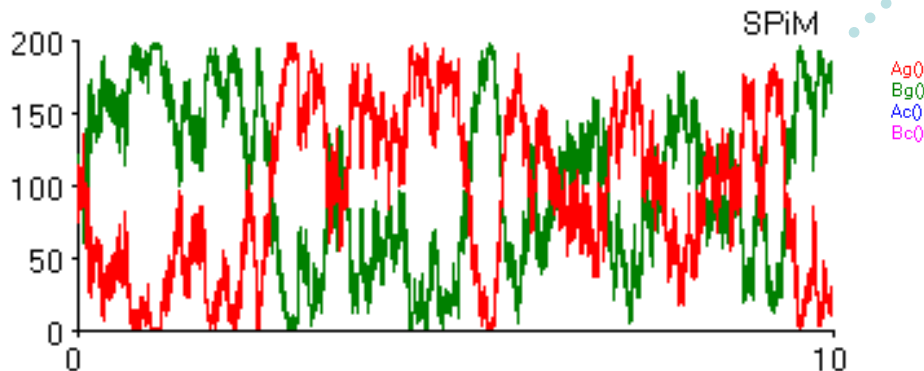
```
new a@1.0:chan()  
new b@1.0:chan()
```

```
let Ac() = do !a; Ac() or ?a; Bc()  
and Bc() = do !b; Bc() or ?b; Ac()
```

```
let Ag() = do !a; Ag() or ?b; Bg()  
and Bg() = do !b; Bg() or ?a; Ag()
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```
run 1 of Ac()  
run 100 of (Ag() | Bg())
```

never
deadlock

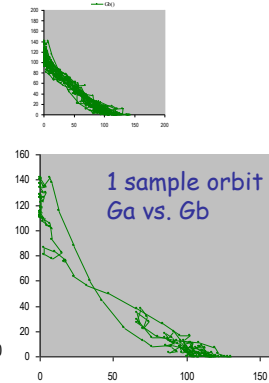
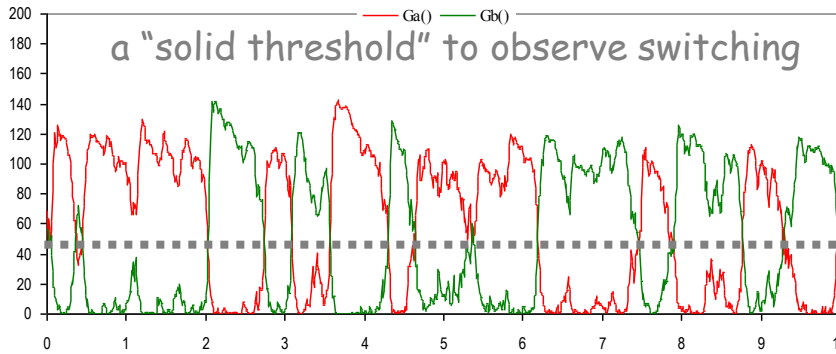
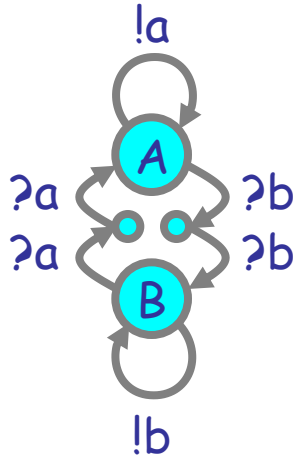


A tiny bit of
"noise" can make a
huge difference

Regularity can arise not far from chaos

Hysteric Groupies

We can get more regular behavior from groupies if they "need more convincing", or "hysteresis" (history-dependence), to switch states.



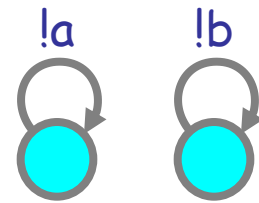
```
directive sample 10.0 1000
directive plot Ga(); Gb()

new a@1.0:chan()
new b@1.0:chan()

let Ga() = do !a; Ga() or ?b; ?b; Gb()
and Gb() = do !b; Gb() or ?a; ?a; Ga()

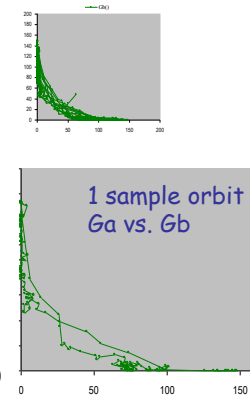
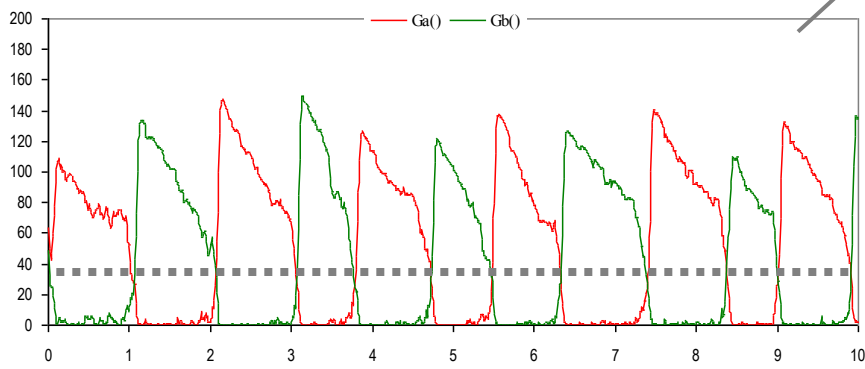
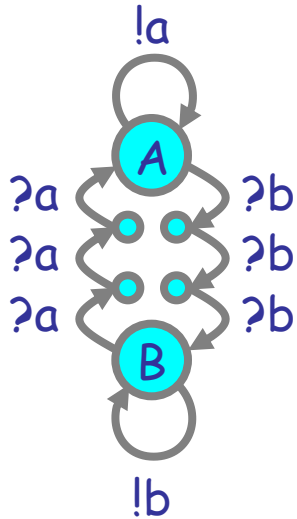
let Da() = !a; Da()
and Db() = !b; Db()

run 100 of (Ga() | Gb())
run 1 of (Da() | Db())
```



(With doping to break deadlocks)
N.B.: It will not oscillate without doping (noise)

"regular" oscillation



```
directive sample 10.0 1000
directive plot Ga(); Gb()

new a@1.0:chan()
new b@1.0:chan()

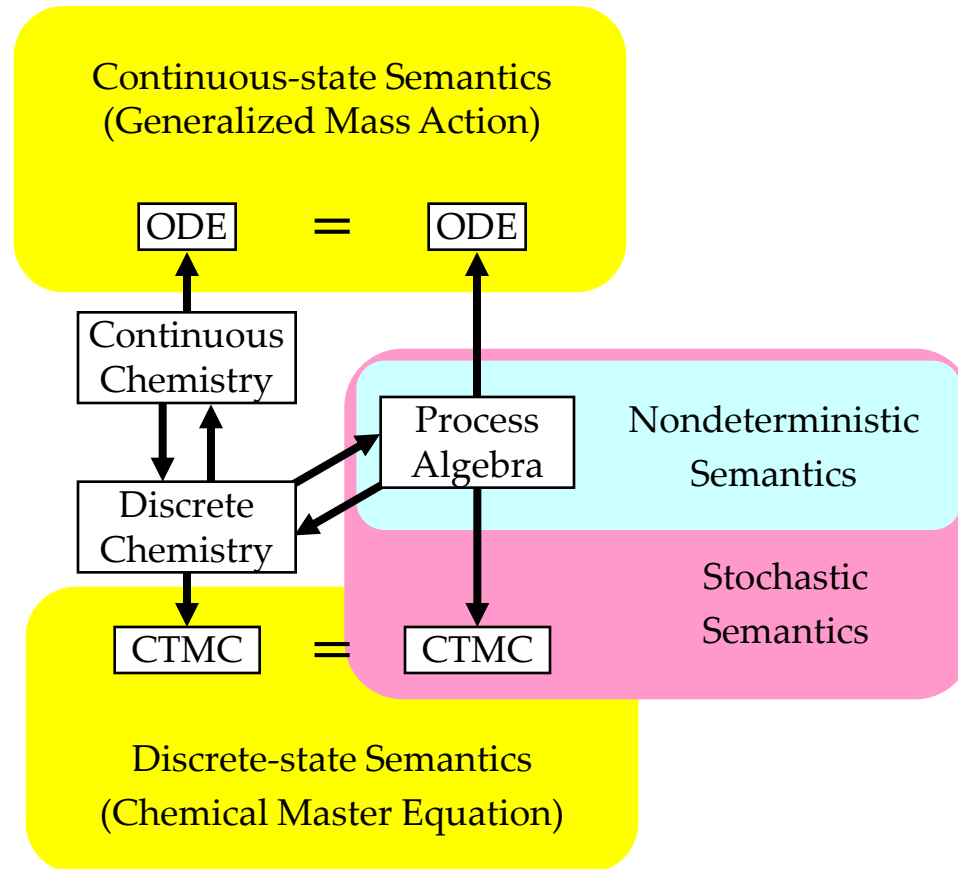
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and Gb() = do !b; Gb() or ?a; ?a; ?a; Ga()

let Da() = !a; Da()
and Db() = !b; Db()

run 100 of (Ga() | Gb())
run 1 of (Da() | Db())
```

Semantics of Collective Behavior

The Two Semantic Sides of Chemistry

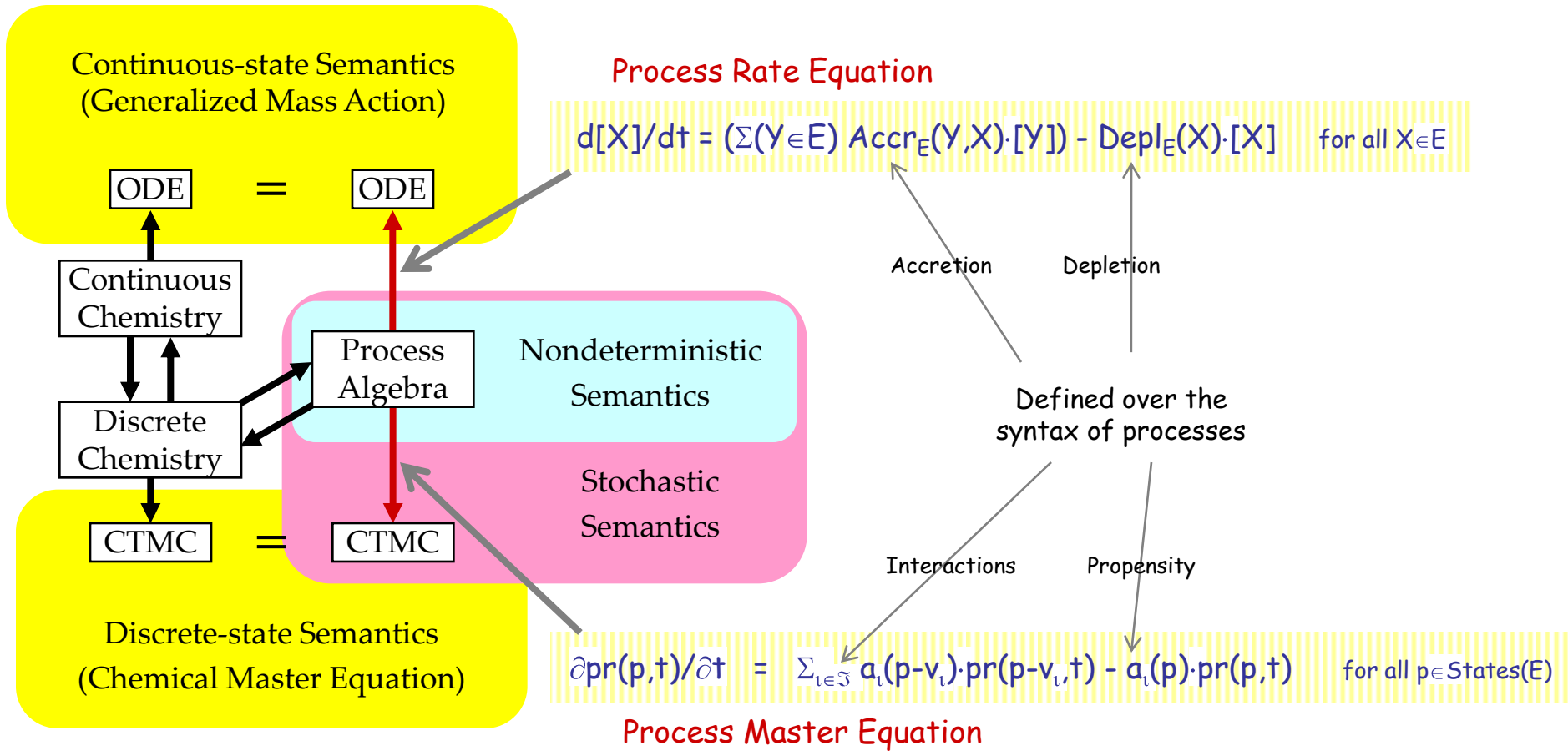


These diagrams commute via appropriate maps.

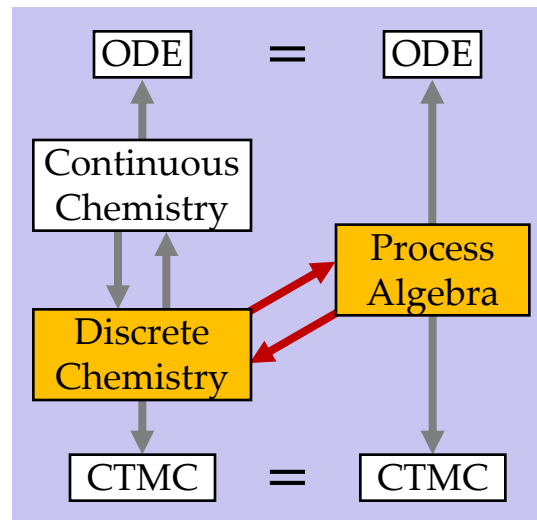
L. Cardelli: "On Process Rate Semantics" (TCS)

L. Cardelli: "A Process Algebra Master Equation" (QEST'07)

Quantitative Process Semantics



Stochastic Processes & Discrete Chemistry



Chemical Reactions

$A \xrightarrow{r} B_1 + \dots + B_n \quad (n \geq 0)$	Unary Reaction	$d[A]/dt = -r[A]$	Exponential Decay
$A_1 + A_2 \xrightarrow{r} B_1 + \dots + B_n \quad (n \geq 0)$	Hetero Reaction	$d[A_i]/dt = -r[A_1][A_2]$	Mass Action Law
$A + A \xrightarrow{r} B_1 + \dots + B_n \quad (n \geq 0)$	Homeo Reaction	$d[A]/dt = -2r[A]^2$	Mass Action Law

(assuming $A \neq B_i \neq A_j$ for all i, j)

No other reactions!

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The chemical Langevin equation

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Genuinely *trimolecular* reactions do not physically occur in dilute fluids with any appreciable frequency. *Apparently* trimolecular reactions in a fluid are usually the combined result of two bimolecular reactions and one monomolecular reaction, and involve an additional short-lived species.

Chapter IV: Chemical Kinetics

[David A. Reckhow, CEE 572 Course]

... reactions may be either elementary or non-elementary. Elementary reactions are those reactions that occur exactly as they are written, without any intermediate steps. These reactions **almost always involve just one or two reactants**. ... Non-elementary reactions involve a series of two or more elementary reactions. Many complex environmental reactions are non-elementary. In general, **reactions with an overall reaction order greater than two, or reactions with some non-integer reaction order are non-elementary**.

THE COLLISION THEORY OF REACTION RATES

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The chances of all this happening if your reaction needed a collision involving more than 2 particles are remote. All three (or more) particles would have to arrive at exactly the same point in space at the same time, with everything lined up exactly right, and having enough energy to react. That's not likely to happen very often!

Trimolecular reactions:



the measured "r" is an (imperfect) aggregate of e.g.:



Enzymatic reactions:



the "r" is given by Michaelis-Menten (approximated steady-state) laws:



Reactions have rates. Molecules do not have rates.

Chemical Ground Form (CGF)

$E ::= 0 : X=M, E$

$M ::= 0 : \pi; P \oplus M$

$P ::= 0 : X | P$

$\pi ::= \tau_{(r)} : ?a_{(r)} : !a_{(r)}$

$CGF ::= E, P$

Reagents

Molecules

Solutions

Actions (delay, input, output)

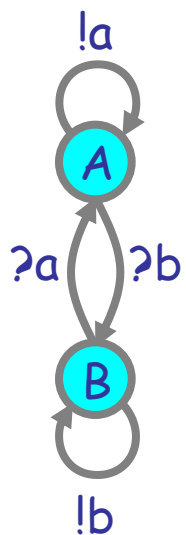
Reagents plus Initial Conditions

A stochastic subset of CCS
(no values, no restriction)

Interacting Automata
+ dynamic forking

(To translate chemistry to processes we need a bit more than interacting automata: we may have "+" on the right of \rightarrow , that is we may need "|" after π .)

\oplus is stochastic choice (vs. + for chemical reactions)
0 is the null solution ($P|0 = 0|P = P$)
and null molecule ($M \oplus 0 = 0 \oplus M = M$)
Each X in E is a distinct *species*
Each name a is assigned a fixed rate r: $a_{(r)}$



Ex: Interacting Automata

(= finite-control CGFs: they use "|" only in initial conditions):

$A = !a; A \oplus ?b; B$

$B = !b; B \oplus ?a; A$


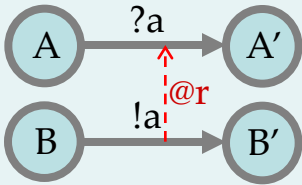
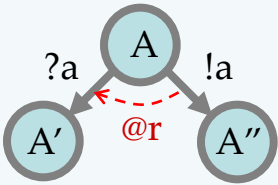
$A|A|B|B$

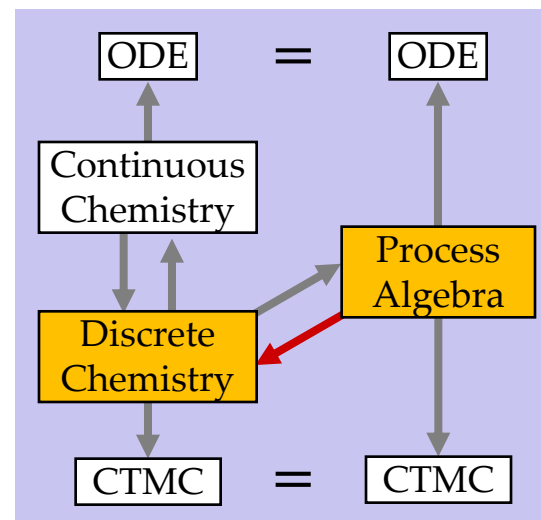
Automaton in state A

Automaton in state B

Initial conditions:
2A and 2B

From Reagents to Reactions (by example)

Interacting Automata	Discrete Chemistry
initial states $A \mid A \mid \dots \mid A$	initial quantities $\#A_0$
	$A \xrightarrow{r} A'$
	$A+B \xrightarrow{r} A'+B'$
	$A+A \xrightarrow{2r} A'+A''$



From Reagents to Reactions: Ch(E)

$E ::= O : X=M, E$	Reagents
$M ::= O : \pi; P \oplus M$	Molecules
$P ::= O : X P$	Solutions
$\pi ::= \tau_{(r)} : ?a_{(r)} : !a_{(r)}$	Interactions (delay, input, output)
$CGF ::= E, P$	Reagents plus Initial Conditions

$E.X.i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{the } i\text{-th } \oplus\text{-summand of the molecule } M \text{ associated with the } X \text{ reagent of } E$

Chemical reactions for E, P : (N.B.: $\langle \dots \rangle$ are reaction tags to obtain multiplicity of reactions, and P is P with all the $|$ changed to $+$)

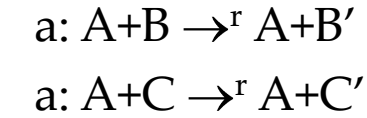
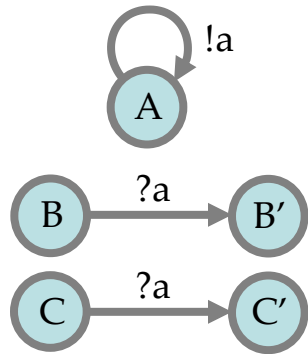
$Ch(E) ::=$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \langle X.i : X \rightarrow^r P \rangle \text{ s.t. } E.X.i = \tau_{(r)}; P \} \cup \\ & \{ \langle X.i, Y.j : X + Y \rightarrow^r P + Q \rangle \text{ s.t. } X \neq Y, E.X.i = ?a_{(r)}; P, E.Y.j = !a_{(r)}; Q \} \cup \\ & \{ \langle X.i, X.j : X + X \rightarrow^{2r} P + Q \rangle \text{ s.t. } E.X.i = ?a_{(r)}; P, E.X.j = !a_{(r)}; Q \} \in E \end{aligned}$$

Initial conditions for P :

$$Ch(P) ::= P$$

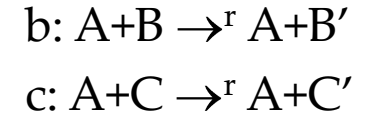
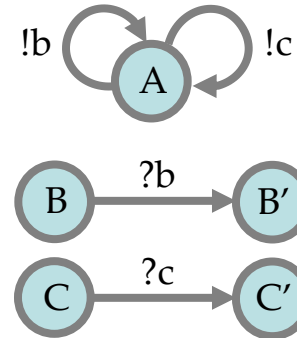
Entangled vs Detangled



$$(a@r)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= !a;A \\ B &= ?a;B' \\ C &= ?a;C' \\ B' &= 0 \\ C' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Two reactions on
one channel



$$(b@r)$$

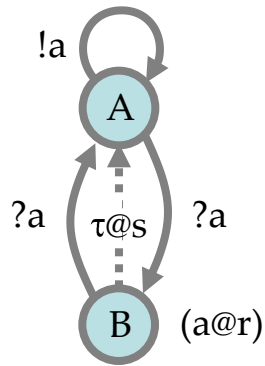
$$(c@r)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= !b;A \oplus !c;A \\ B &= ?b;B' \\ C &= ?c;C' \\ B' &= 0 \\ C' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Two reactions on two
separate channels

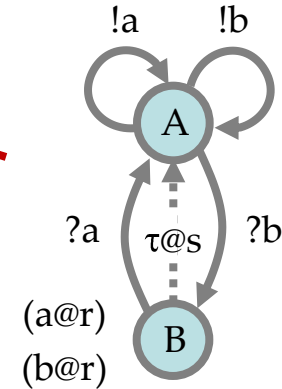
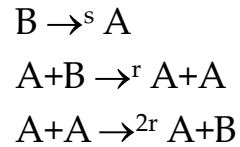
Detangled processes are in simple
correspondence with chemistry.

Same Semantics



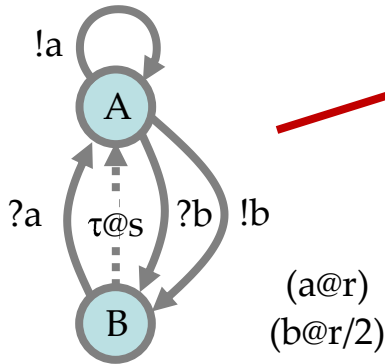
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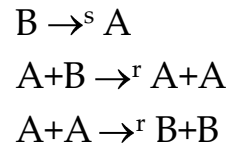
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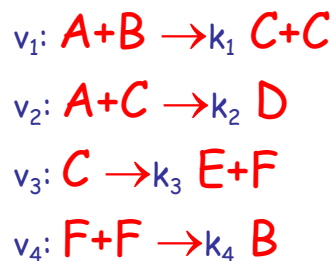
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$$B = ?a;A \oplus \tau_{(s)};A$$



Different reactions,
but they induce the
same ODEs

From Reactions to Reagents (by example)



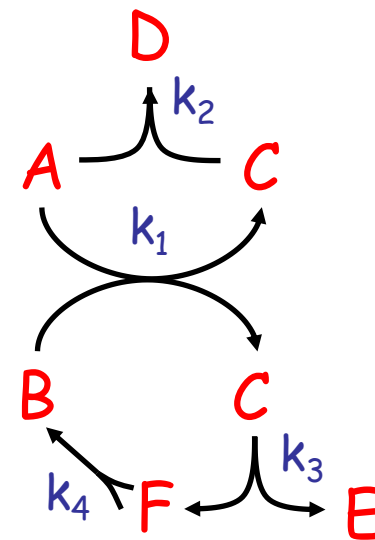
Interaction Matrix

channels and rates
(1 per reaction)

Half-rate for homeo reactions

definitions
(1 per species)

	$v_1(k_1)$	$v_2(k_2)$	$v_3(k_3)$	$v_4(k_4/2)$
A	?:(C C)	?:D		
B	!:0			
C		!:0	$\tau:(E F)$	
D				
E				
F				?:B !:0



1: Fill the matrix by columns:

Degradation reaction $v_i: X \rightarrow_{k_i} P_i$
add $\tau:P_i$ to $\langle X, v_i \rangle$.

Hetero reaction $v_i: X+Y \rightarrow_{k_i} P_i$
add $?:P_i$ to $\langle X, v_i \rangle$ and $!:0$ to $\langle Y, v_i \rangle$

Homeo reaction $v_i: X+X \rightarrow_{k_i} P_i$
add $?:P_i$ and $!:0$ to $\langle X, v_i \rangle$

2: Read the result by rows:

$$A = ?v_{1(k_1)}:(C|C) \oplus ?v_{2(k_2)}:D$$

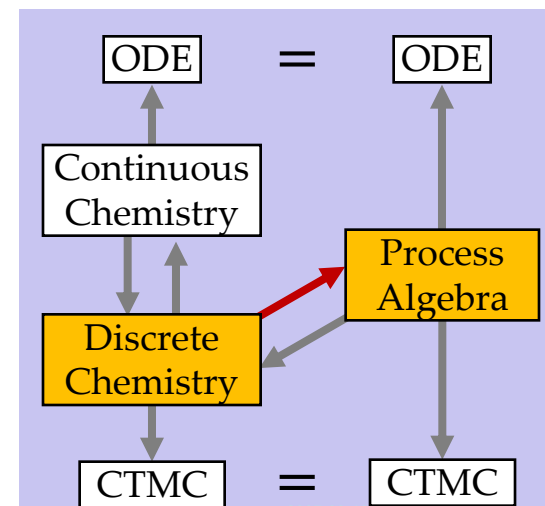
$$B = !v_{1(k_1)}:0$$

$$C = !v_{2(k_2)}:0 \oplus \tau_{k_3}:(E|F)$$

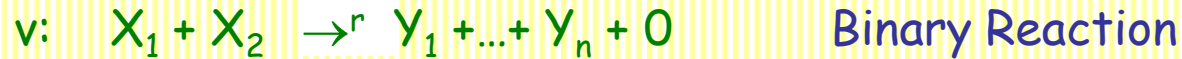
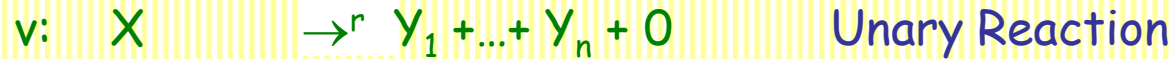
$$D = 0$$

$$E = 0$$

$$F = ?v_{4(k_4/2)}:B \oplus !v_{4(k_4/2)}:0$$



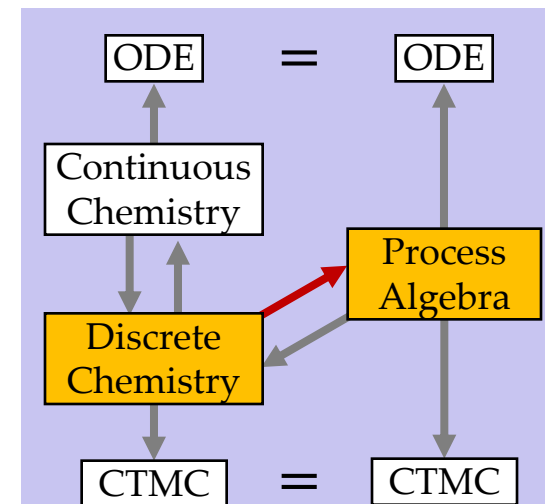
From Reactions to Reagents: $\text{Pi}(\mathcal{C})$



From uniquely-labeled ($v:$) chemical reactions \mathcal{C} to a CGF $\text{Pi}(\mathcal{C})$:

$$\text{Pi}(\mathcal{C}) = \{ (X = \oplus((v: X \xrightarrow{k} P) \in \mathcal{C}) \text{ of } (\tau_{(k)}; P) \oplus ((v: X+Y \xrightarrow{k} P) \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } Y \neq X) \text{ of } (?v_{(k)}; P) \oplus ((v: Y+X \xrightarrow{k} P) \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } Y \neq X) \text{ of } (!v_{(k)}; 0) \oplus ((v: X+X \xrightarrow{k} P) \in \mathcal{C}) \text{ of } (?v_{(k/2)}; P \oplus !v_{(k/2)}; 0)) \}$$

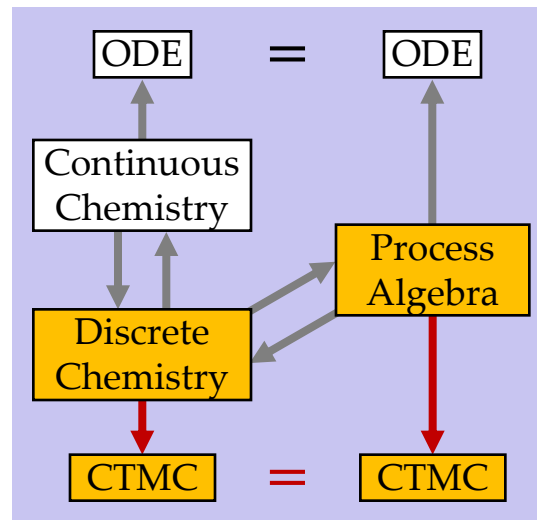
s.t. X is a species in \mathcal{C}



Some Syntactic Properties

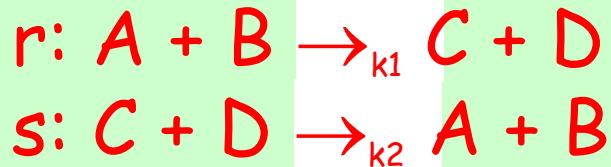
- C and $\text{Ch}(\text{Pi}(C))$ have the same reactions
 - (and their reaction labels are in bijection)
- **Def:** E is **detangled** if each channel appears once as $?a$ and once as $!a$.
- If C is a system of chemical reactions then $\text{Pi}(C)$ is detangled.
 - (hence chemical reactions embed into a subclass of CGFs)
- Hence for any E , we have that $\text{Pi}(\text{Ch}(E))$ is detangled.
 - (E and $\text{Pi}(\text{Ch}(E))$ are "equivalent" CGFs, but that has to be shown later)
- **Def:** E, P is **automata form** if " $|$ " occurs only (other than " $|0$ ") in P .
- **Def:** $\text{Detangle}(E)$ is defined from $\text{Pi}(\text{Ch}(E))$ by replacing any occurrence pairs $?a_{(r)}:(X|Y|0)$ and $!a_{(r)};0$ with $?a_{(r)}:(X|0)$ and $!a_{(r)}:(Y|0)$.
- If E is in automata form then $\text{Detangle}(E)$ is (detangled and) in automata form
 - (but $\text{Pi}(\text{Ch}(E))$ may not be)

Discrete-State Semantics

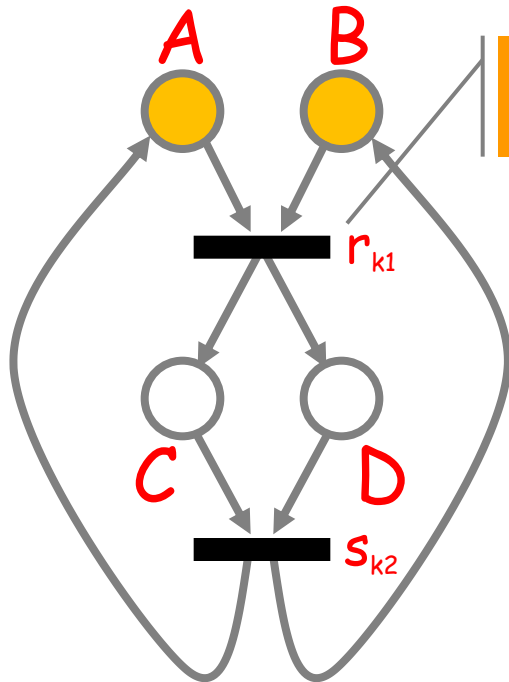


Chemistry vs. Automata

A process calculus (chemistry)



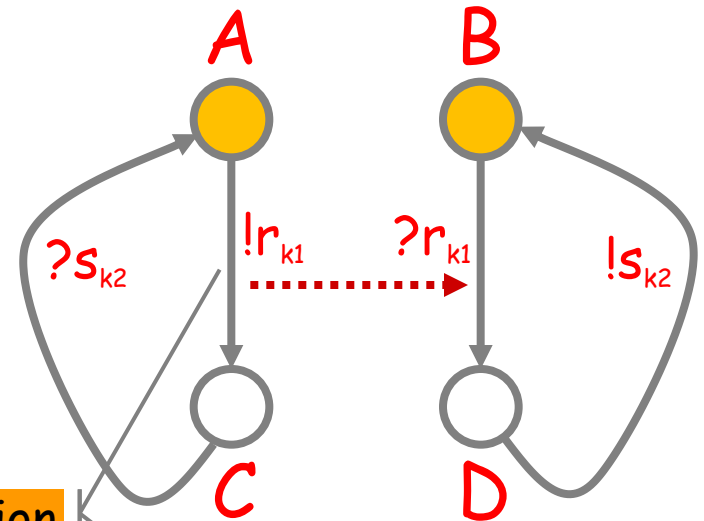
Does A become C or D?



Reaction oriented

1 line per reaction

A different process calculus (automata)



Interaction oriented

1 line per component

$$A = !r_{k1}; C$$

$$C = ?s_{k2}; A$$

$$B = ?r_{k1}; D$$

$$D = !s_{k2}; B$$

A becomes C not D!

The same "model"

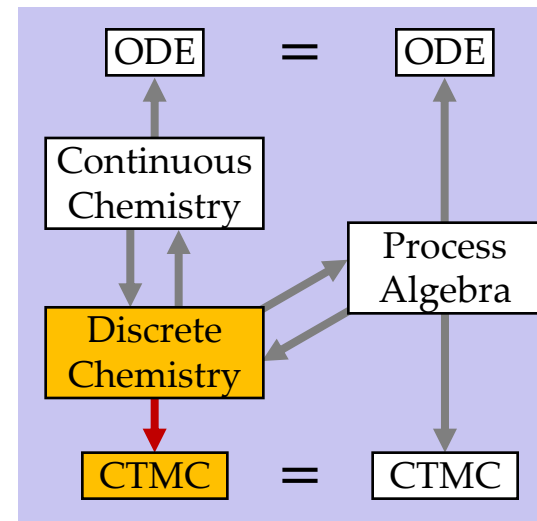
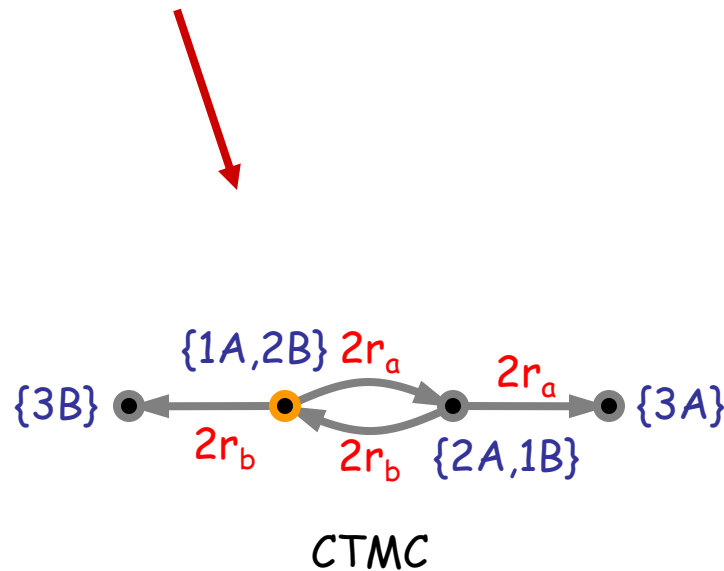
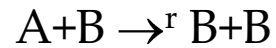
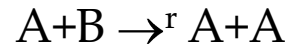
Maps to a CTMC

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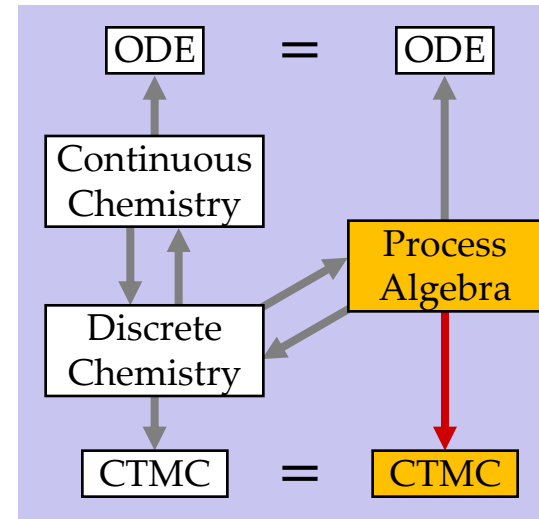
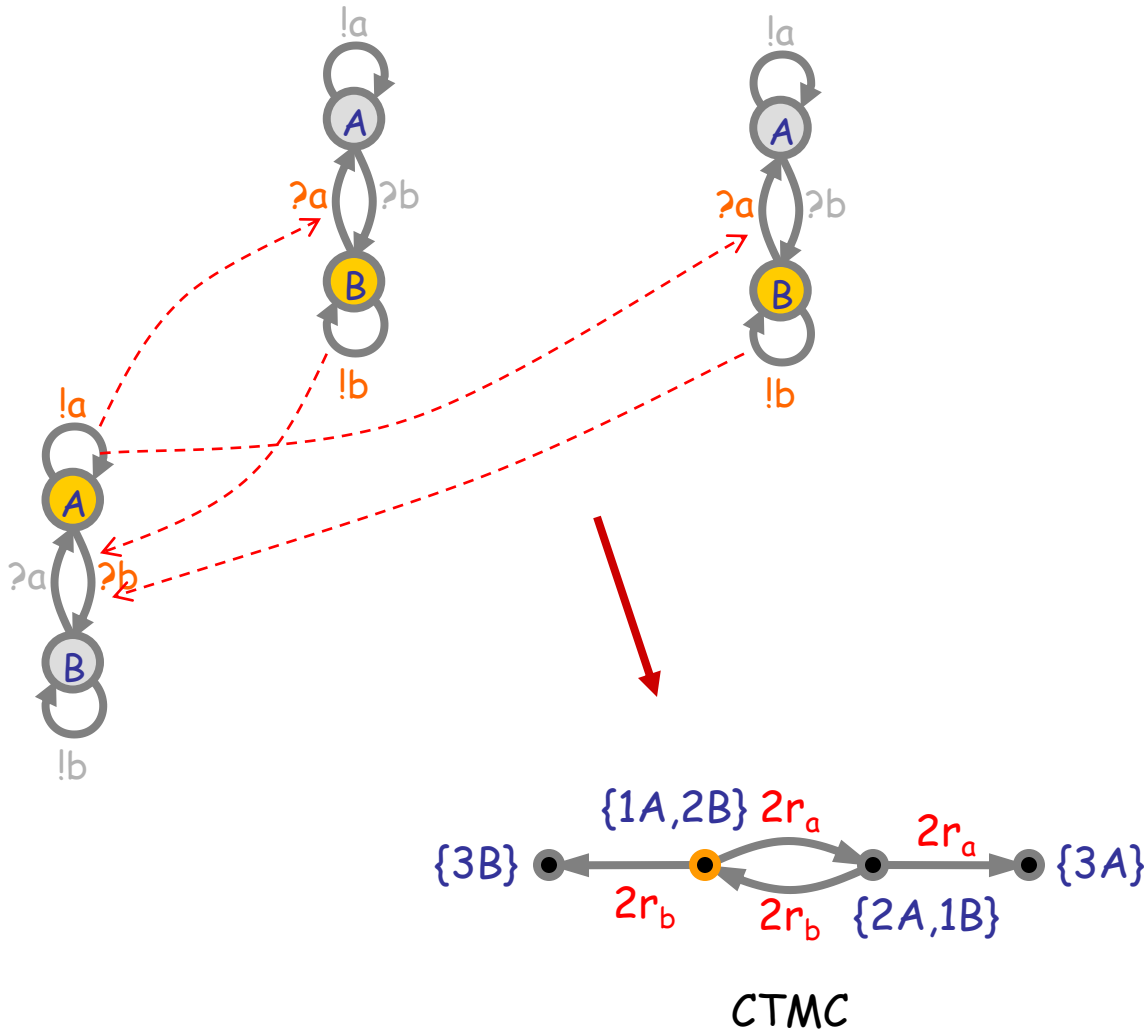
A Petri-Net-like representation. Precise and dynamic, but not modular, scalable, or maintainable.

A compositional graphical representation (precise, dynamic *and* modular) and the corresponding calculus.

Discrete Semantics of Reactions



Discrete Semantics of Reagents

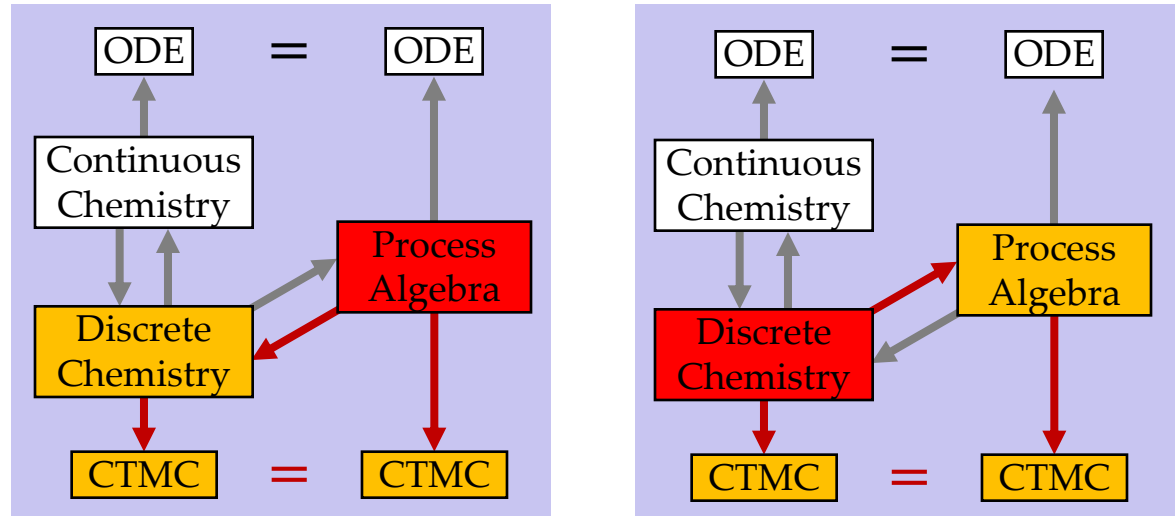


Discrete State Equivalence

- Def: \approx is equivalent CTMC's (isomorphic graphs with same rates).

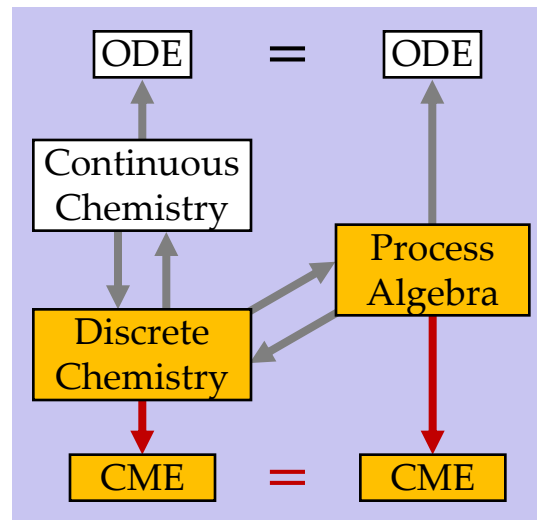
- Thm: $E \approx \text{Ch}(E)$

- Thm: $C \approx \text{Pi}(C)$



- For each E there is an $E' \approx E$ that is detangled ($E' = \text{Pi}(\text{Ch}(E))$)
- For each E in automata form there is an $E' \approx E$ that is detangled and in automata form ($E' = \text{Detangle}(E)$).

Master Equation Semantics



Chemical Master Equation

Chemical Master Equation for a chemical system C

$$\frac{\partial \text{pr}(\sigma, t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{\iota \in 1..M} \underbrace{a_{\iota}(\sigma - v_{\iota}) \cdot \text{pr}(\sigma - v_{\iota}, t)}_{\text{Reactions}} - \underbrace{a_{\iota}(\sigma) \cdot \text{pr}(\sigma, t)}_{\text{Propensity}} \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in \text{States}(C)$$

"The change of probability at time t of a state is:
 the sum over all possible (kinds of) reactions of:
 the probability at time t of each state leading to this one
 times the propensity of that reaction in that state
 minus the probability at time t of the current state
 times the propensity of each reaction in the current state"

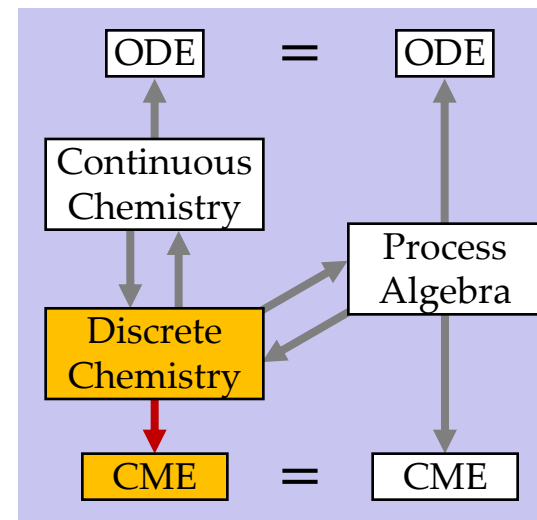
$\sigma \in 1..N \rightarrow \text{Nat}$ is a *state* of the system with N chemical species

$\text{pr}(\sigma, t) = \Pr\{\chi(t) = \sigma \mid \chi(0) = \sigma_0\}$ is the conditional probability of the system χ being in state σ at time t given that it was in state σ_0 at time 0 .

There are $1..M$ chemical reactions.

v_{ι} is the state change caused by reaction ι (as a difference)

$a_{\iota}(\sigma) = c_{\iota} \cdot h_{\iota}(\rho)$ is the *propensity* of reaction ι in state σ , defined by a base reaction rate and a state-dependent count of the distinct combinations of reagents. (It depends on the kind of reactions.)



Process Algebra Master Equation

Process Master Equation for a system of reagents E

$$\frac{\partial \text{pr}(\rho, t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{\iota \in \mathfrak{S}} \underbrace{a_{\iota}(\rho - v_{\iota}) \cdot \text{pr}(\rho - v_{\iota}, t)}_{\text{Interactions}} - \underbrace{a_{\iota}(\rho) \cdot \text{pr}(\rho, t)}_{\text{Propensity}} \quad \text{for all } \rho \in \text{States}(E)$$

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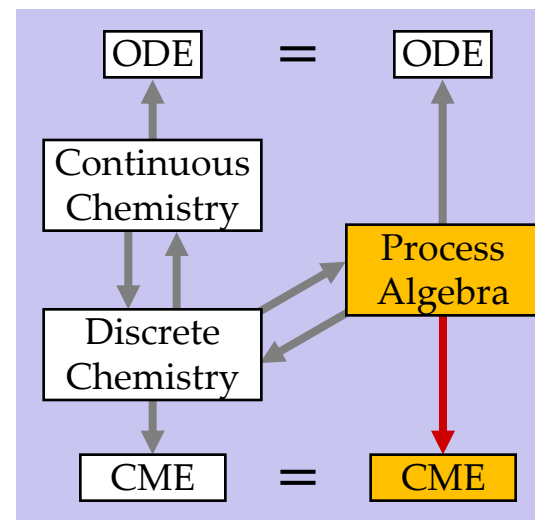
$\rho \in \text{species}(E) \rightarrow \text{Nat}$ is a *state* of the system

$\text{pr}(\rho, t) = \Pr\{\chi(t)=\rho \mid \chi(0)=\rho_0\}$ is the conditional probability of the system χ being in state ρ at time t given that it was in state ρ_0 at time 0.

\mathfrak{S} is the finite set of *possible interactions* arising from a set of reagents E. (All τ and all $\tau a/\tau a$ pairs in E)

v_{ι} is the state change caused by interaction ι (as a difference)

$a_{\iota}(\rho) = r_{\iota} \cdot h_{\iota}(\rho)$ is the *propensity* of interaction ι in state ρ , defined by a base rate of interaction and a state-dependent count of the distinct combinations of reagents. (It depends on the kind of interaction.)

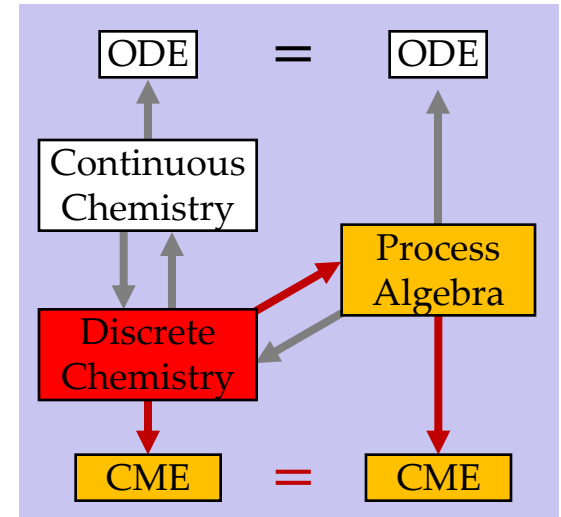
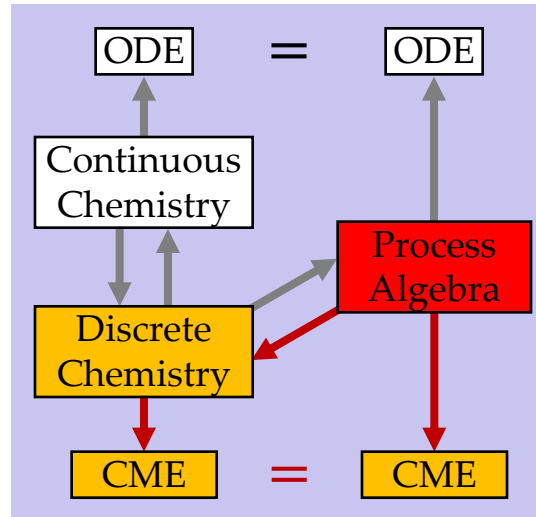


Equivalence of Master Equations

- Def: \approx is equivalence of derived Master Equations (they are identical).

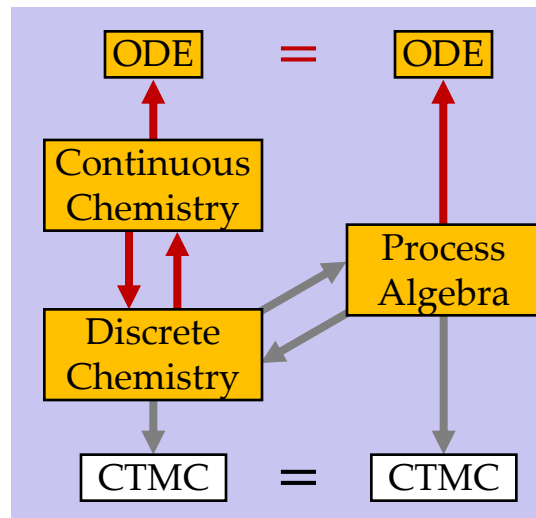
- Thm: $E \approx \text{Ch}(E)$

- Thm: $C \approx \text{Pi}(C)$

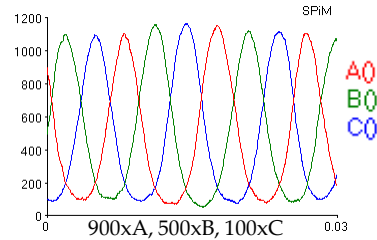
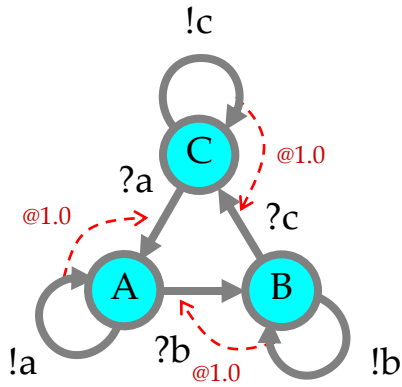


Continuous-State Semantics

(short version)



From Processes to ODEs via Chemistry!



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directive sample 0.03 1000
directive plot A(): B(): C()

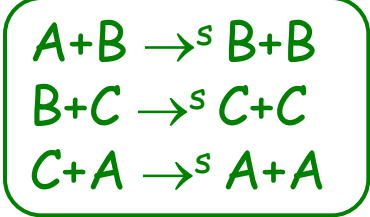
new a@1.0:chan new b@1.0:chan new c@1.0:chan
let A() = do !a;A() or ?b; B()
and B() = do !b;B() or ?c; C()
and C() = do !c;C() or ?a; A()

run (900 of A() | 500 of B() | 100 of C())
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$$A = !a_{(s)}; A \oplus ?b_{(s)}; B$$

$$B = !b_{(s)}; B \oplus ?c_{(s)}; C$$

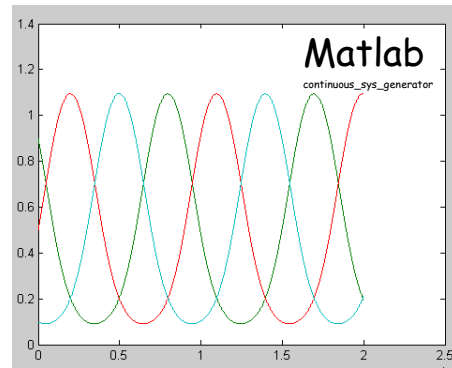
$$C = !c_{(s)}; C \oplus ?a_{(s)}; A$$



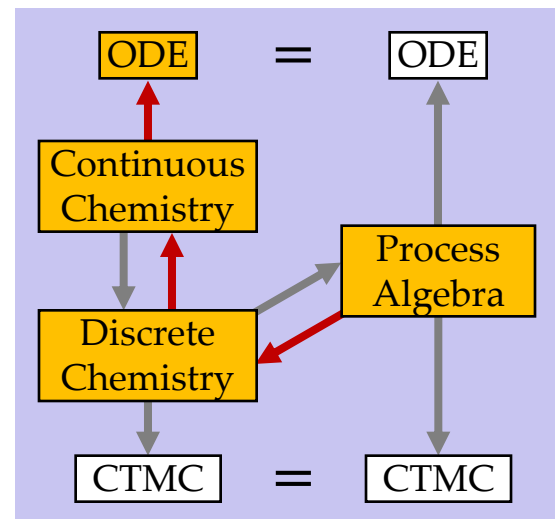
$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -s[A][B] + s[C][A]$$

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} = -s[B][C] + s[A][B]$$

$$\frac{d[C]}{dt} = -s[C][A] + s[B][C]$$



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interval/step [0:0.001:20.0]
(A) dx1/dt = -x1*x2 + x3*x1 0.9
(B) dx2/dt = -x2*x3 + x1*x2 0.5
(C) dx3/dt = -x3*x1 + x2*x3 0.1
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Processes Rate Equation

Process Rate Equation for Reagents E in volume γ

$$d[X]/dt = (\sum_{Y \in E} \text{Accr}_E(Y, X) \cdot [Y]) - \text{Depl}_E(X) \cdot [X]$$

for all $X \in E$

"The change in process concentration (!!) for X at time t is:
 the sum over all possible (kinds of) processes Y of:
 the concentration at time t of Y
 times the accretion from Y to X
 minus the concentration at time t of X
 times the depletion of X to some other Y"

$\text{Depl}_E(X) =$

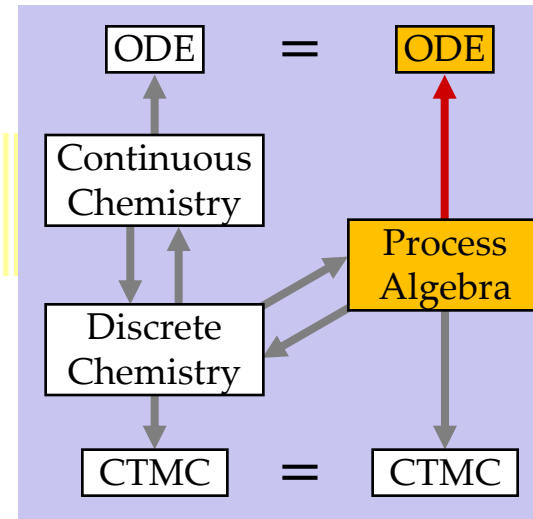
$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(i: E.X.i=\tau_{(r)}; P)} r + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.X.i=?a_{(r)}; P)} r\gamma \cdot \text{OutsOn}_E(a) + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.X.i=!a_{(r)}; P)} r\gamma \cdot \text{InsOn}_E(a) \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Accr}_E(Y, X) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i=\tau_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i=?a_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r\gamma \cdot \text{OutsOn}_E(a) + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i=!a_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r\gamma \cdot \text{InsOn}_E(a) \end{aligned}$$

$\text{InsOn}_E(a) = \sum_{(Y \in E)} \#\{Y.i \mid E.Y.i=?a_{(r)}; P\} \cdot [Y]$

$\text{OutsOn}_E(a) = \sum_{(Y \in E)} \#\{Y.i \mid E.Y.i=!a_{(r)}; P\} \cdot [Y]$



$$X = \tau_{(r)}; 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad d[X]/dt = -r[X]$$

$$\begin{aligned} X = ?a_{(r)}; 0 & \rightarrow d[X]/dt = -r\gamma[X][Y] \\ Y = !a_{(r)}; 0 & \rightarrow d[Y]/dt = -r\gamma[X][Y] \end{aligned}$$

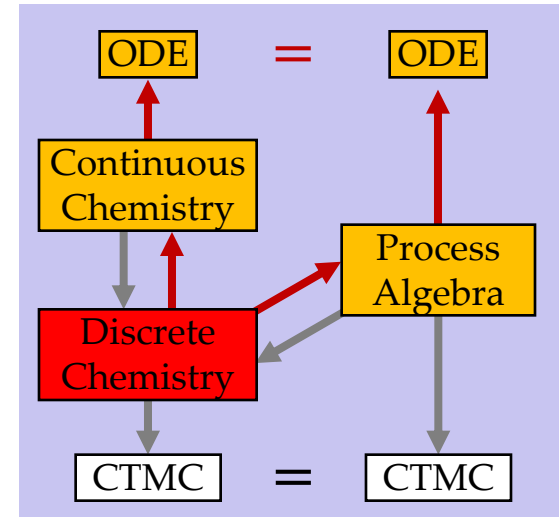
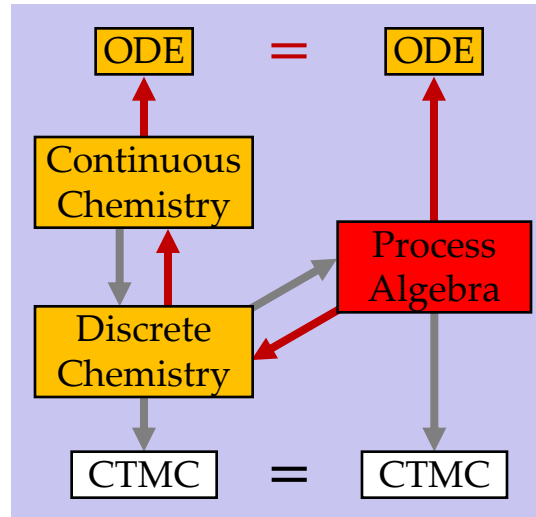
$$\begin{aligned} X = ?a_{(r)}; 0 & \rightarrow d[X]/dt = -2r\gamma[X]^2 \\ \oplus !a_{(r)}; 0 & \end{aligned}$$

Continuous State Equivalence

- Def: \approx is equivalence of polynomials over the field of reals.

- Thm: $E \approx \text{Cont}(\text{Ch}(E))$

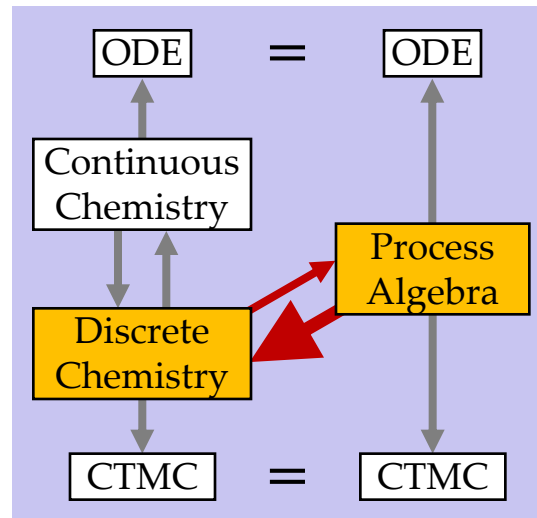
- Thm: $\text{Cont}(C) \approx \text{Pi}(C)$



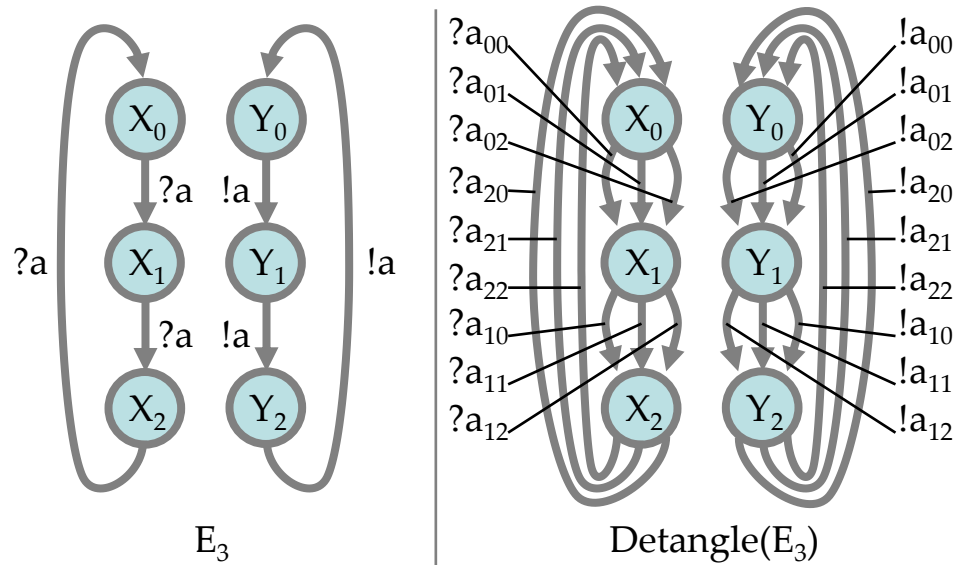
- For each E there is an $E' \approx E$ that is detangled ($E' = \text{Pi}(\text{Ch}(E))$)

- For each E in automata form there is an $E' \approx E$ that is detangled and in automata form ($E' = \text{Detangle}(E)$).

Model Compactness



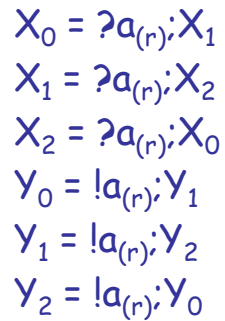
Entangled vs detangled



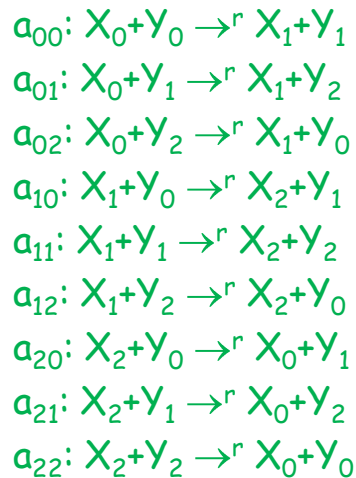
n^2 Scaling Problems

- E_n has $2n$ variables (nodes) and $2n$ terms (arcs).
- $\text{Ch}(E_n)$ has $2n$ species and n^2 reactions.
- The stoichiometric matrix has size $2n \cdot n^2 = 2n^3$.
- The ODEs have $2n$ variables and $2n(n+n) = 4n^2$ terms
(number of variables times number of accretions plus depletions when sums are distributed)

E_3



$\text{Ch}(E_3)$

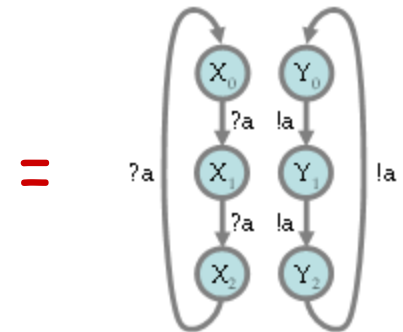


StoichiometricMatrix($\text{Ch}(E_3)$)

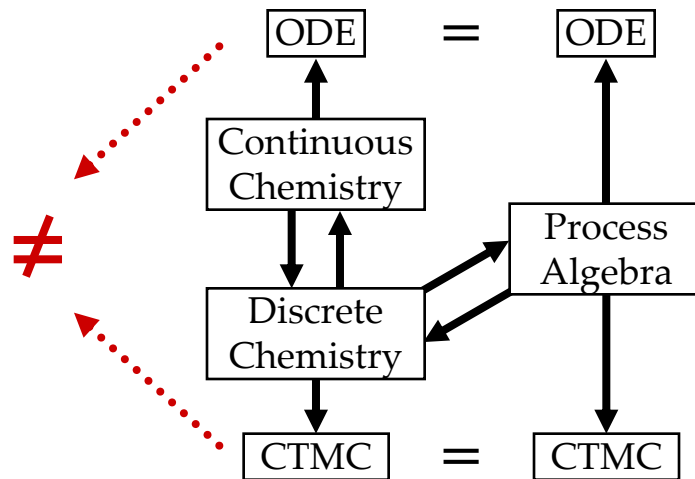
	a_{00}	a_{01}	a_{02}	a_{10}	a_{11}	a_{12}	a_{20}	a_{21}	a_{22}
X_0	-1	-1	-1				+1	+1	+1
X_1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1			
X_2				+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1
Y_0	-1		+1	-1		+1	-1		+1
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Y_2		+1	-1		+1	-1		+1	-1

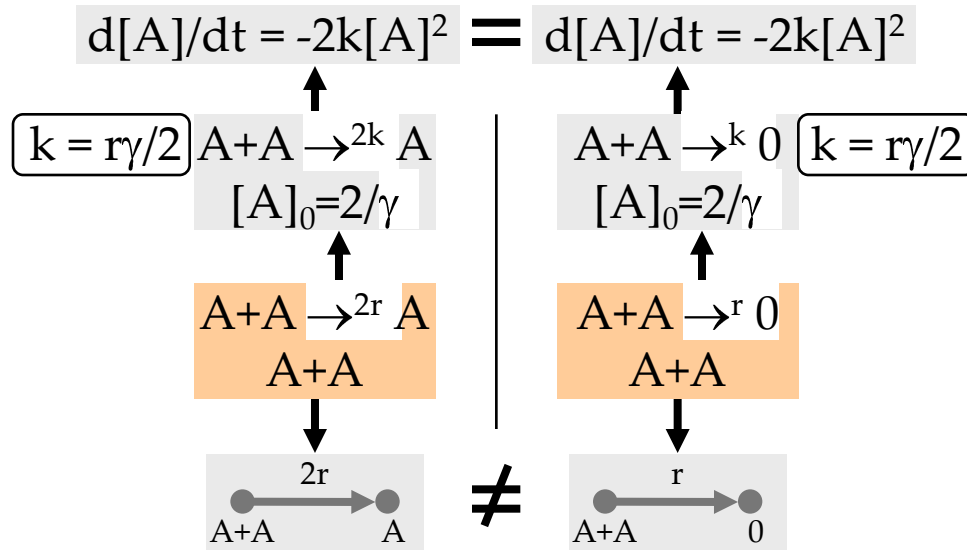
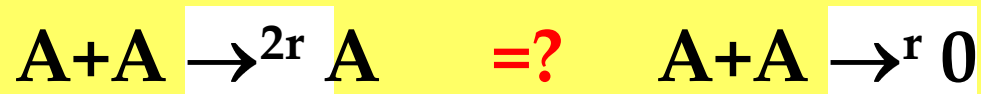
ODE(E_3)

$$\begin{aligned} d[X_0]/dt &= -r[X_0][Y_0] - r[X_0][Y_1] - r[X_0][Y_2] + r[X_2][Y_0] + r[X_2][Y_1] + r[X_2][Y_2] \\ d[X_1]/dt &= -r[X_1][Y_0] - r[X_1][Y_1] - r[X_1][Y_2] + r[X_0][Y_0] + r[X_0][Y_1] + r[X_0][Y_2] \\ d[X_2]/dt &= -r[X_2][Y_0] - r[X_2][Y_1] - r[X_2][Y_2] + r[X_1][Y_0] + r[X_1][Y_1] + r[X_1][Y_2] \\ d[Y_0]/dt &= -r[X_0][Y_0] - r[X_1][Y_0] - r[X_2][Y_0] + r[X_0][Y_2] + r[X_1][Y_2] + r[X_2][Y_2] \\ d[Y_1]/dt &= -r[X_0][Y_1] - r[X_1][Y_1] - r[X_2][Y_1] + r[X_0][Y_0] + r[X_1][Y_0] + r[X_2][Y_0] \\ d[Y_2]/dt &= -r[X_0][Y_2] - r[X_1][Y_2] - r[X_2][Y_2] + r[X_0][Y_1] + r[X_1][Y_1] + r[X_2][Y_1] \end{aligned}$$



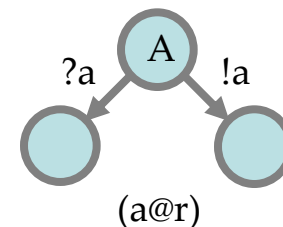
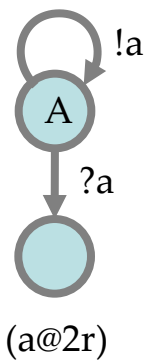
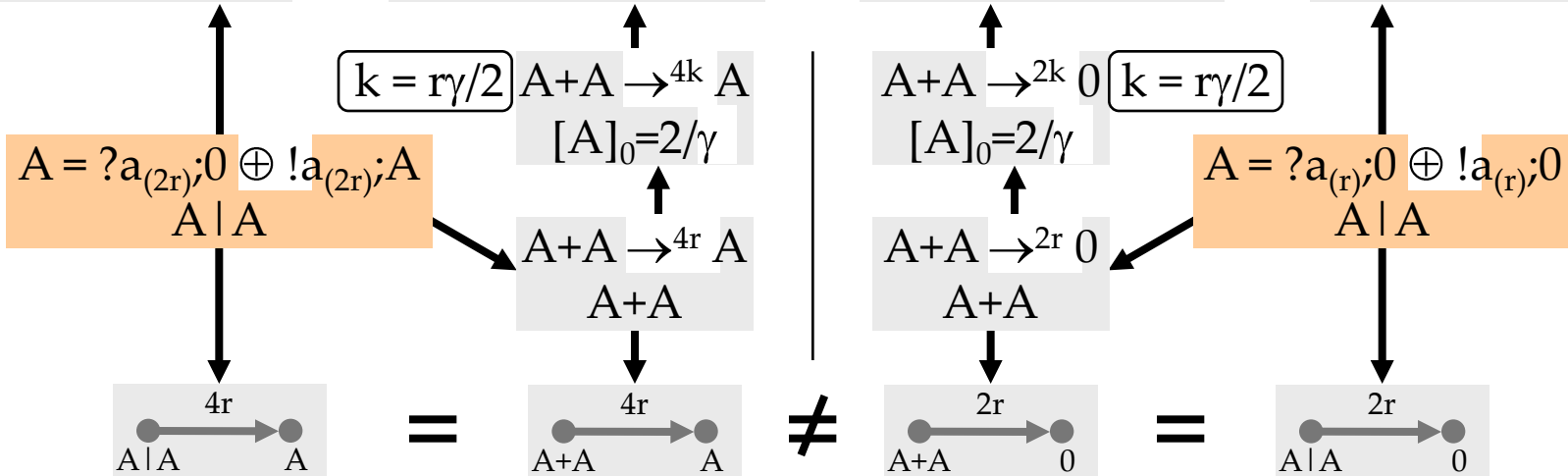
GMA \neq CME



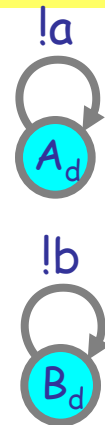
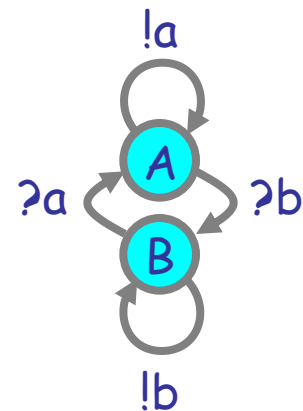
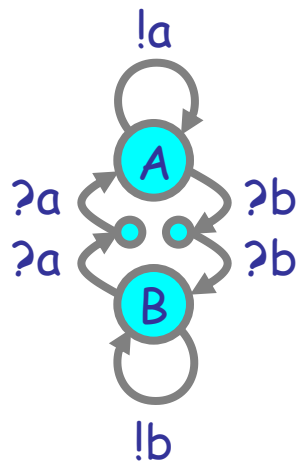
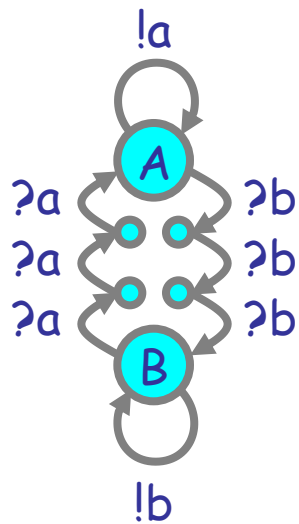


... as Automata

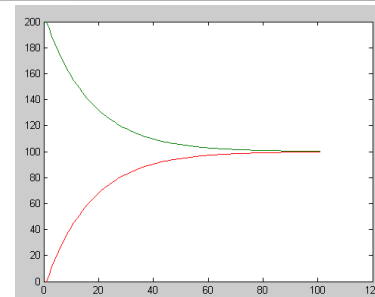
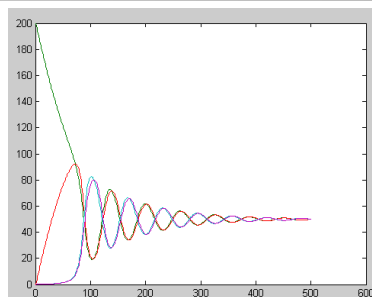
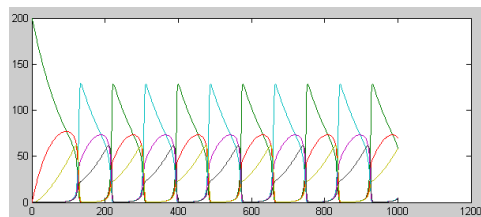
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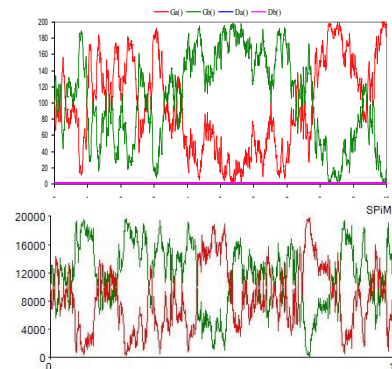
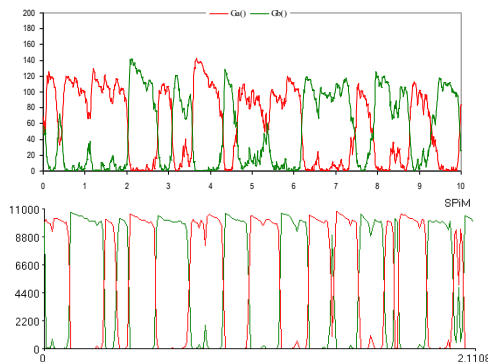
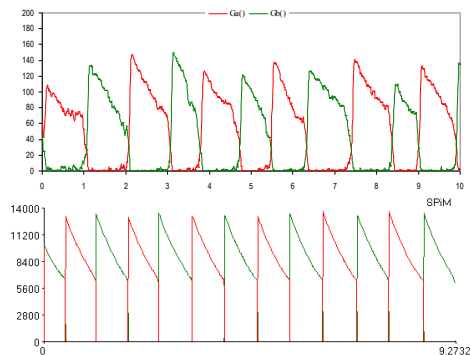
Continuous vs. Discrete Groupies



All with 1x Doping



Matlab
continuous_sys_generator



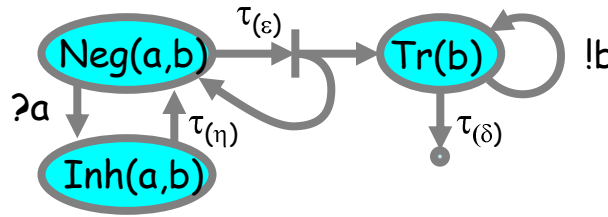
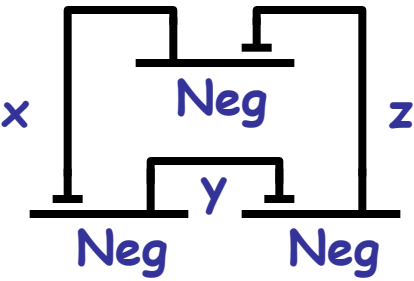
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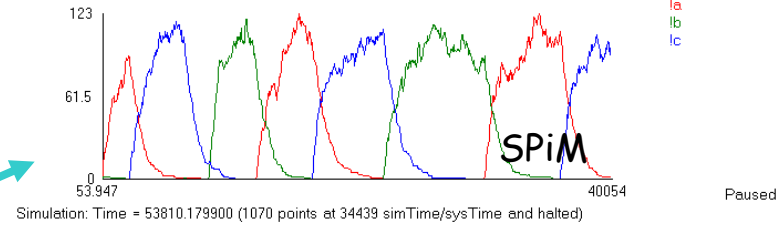
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And Yet It Moves

The Repressilator



A fine stochastic oscillator over a wide range of parameters.



Parametric representation

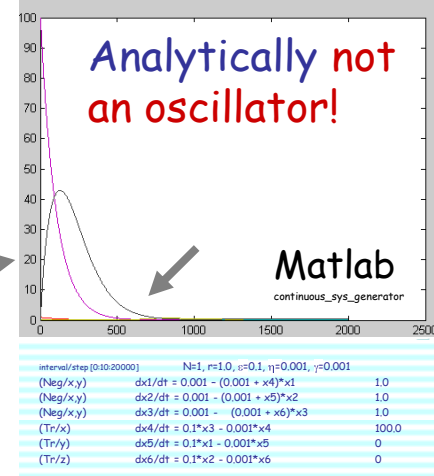
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Neg}(a,b) &= ?a; \text{Inh}(a,b) \oplus \tau_\epsilon; (\text{Tr}(b) \mid \text{Neg}(a,b)) \\ \text{Inh}(a,b) &= \tau_\eta; \text{Neg}(a,b) \\ \text{Tr}(b) &= !b; \text{Tr}(b) \oplus \tau_\gamma; 0 \\ \text{Neg}(x_{(r)}, y_{(r)}) &\mid \text{Neg}(y_{(r)}, z_{(r)}) \mid \text{Neg}(z_{(r)}, x_{(r)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d[\text{Neg}/x,y]/dt &= -r[\text{Tr}/x][\text{Neg}/x,y] + \eta[\text{Inh}/x,y] \\ d[\text{Neg}/y,z]/dt &= -r[\text{Tr}/y][\text{Neg}/y,z] + \eta[\text{Inh}/y,z] \\ d[\text{Neg}/z,x]/dt &= -r[\text{Tr}/z][\text{Neg}/z,x] + \eta[\text{Inh}/z,x] \\ d[\text{Inh}/x,y]/dt &= r[\text{Tr}/x][\text{Neg}/x,y] - \eta[\text{Inh}/x,y] \\ d[\text{Inh}/y,z]/dt &= r[\text{Tr}/y][\text{Neg}/y,z] - \eta[\text{Inh}/y,z] \\ d[\text{Inh}/z,x]/dt &= r[\text{Tr}/z][\text{Neg}/z,x] - \eta[\text{Inh}/z,x] \\ d[\text{Tr}/x]/dt &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/z,x] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/x] \\ d[\text{Tr}/y]/dt &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/x,y] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/y] \\ d[\text{Tr}/z]/dt &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/y,z] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/z] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Neg}/x,y &\rightarrow^\epsilon \text{Tr}/y + \text{Neg}/x,y \\ \text{Neg}/y,z &\rightarrow^\epsilon \text{Tr}/z + \text{Neg}/y,z \\ \text{Neg}/z,x &\rightarrow^\epsilon \text{Tr}/x + \text{Neg}/z,x \\ \text{Tr}/x + \text{Neg}/x,y &\rightarrow^r \text{Tr}/x + \text{Inh}/x,y \\ \text{Tr}/y + \text{Neg}/y,z &\rightarrow^r \text{Tr}/y + \text{Inh}/y,z \\ \text{Tr}/z + \text{Neg}/z,x &\rightarrow^r \text{Tr}/z + \text{Inh}/z,x \\ \text{Inh}/x,y &\rightarrow^\eta \text{Neg}/x,y \\ \text{Inh}/y,z &\rightarrow^\eta \text{Neg}/y,z \\ \text{Inh}/z,x &\rightarrow^\eta \text{Neg}/z,x \\ \text{Tr}/x &\rightarrow^\gamma 0 \\ \text{Tr}/y &\rightarrow^\gamma 0 \\ \text{Tr}/z &\rightarrow^\gamma 0 \\ \text{Neg}/x,y + \text{Neg}/y,z + \text{Neg}/z,x & \end{aligned}$$

simplifying (N is the quantity of each of the 3 gates)

$$\begin{aligned} d[\text{Neg}/x,y]/dt &= \eta N - (\eta + r[\text{Tr}/x])[\text{Neg}/x,y] \\ d[\text{Neg}/y,z]/dt &= \eta N - (\eta + r[\text{Tr}/y])[\text{Neg}/y,z] \\ d[\text{Neg}/z,x]/dt &= \eta N - (\eta + r[\text{Tr}/z])[\text{Neg}/z,x] \\ d[\text{Tr}/x]/dt &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/z,x] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/x] \\ d[\text{Tr}/y]/dt &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/x,y] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/y] \\ d[\text{Tr}/z]/dt &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/y,z] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/z] \end{aligned}$$



Conclusions

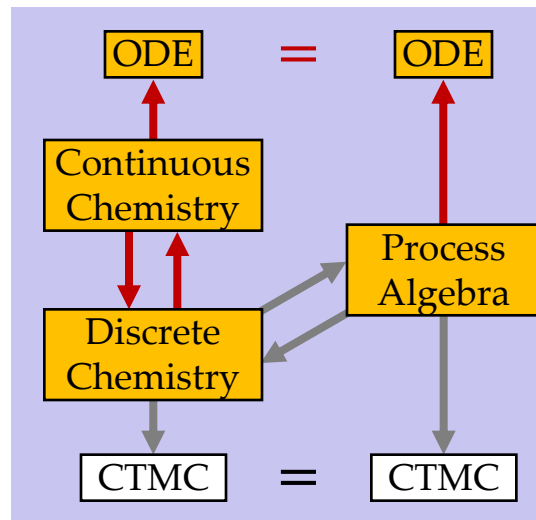
Conclusions

- **Compositional models**
 - Accurate (at the "appropriate" abstraction level).
 - Manageable (so we can scale them up by composition).
 - Executable (stochastic simulation).
- **Analysis techniques**
 - Mathematical techniques: Markov theory, Chemical Master Equation, and Rate Equation
 - Computing techniques: Abstraction and Refinement, Model Checking, Causality Analysis.
- **Many lines of extensions**
 - Parametric processes for model factorization
 - *Poly*automata for **Bio**-Chemistry: complexation and polymerization
 - Ultimately, rich process-algebra based modeling languages.
- **Quantitative techniques**
 - Important in the "real sciences".



Continuous-State Semantics

(long version)



The "Type System" of Chemistry

The International System of Units (SI) defines the following physical units, with related derived units and constants; note that *amount of substance* is a base unit in SI, like length and time:

mol	(a base unit)	mole, unit of <i>amount of substance</i>
m	(a base unit)	meter, unit of <i>length</i>
s	(a base unit)	second, unit of <i>time</i>
$L = 0.001 \cdot m^3$		liter (volume)
$M = mol \cdot L^{-1}$		molarity (concentration of substance)
$N_A : mol^{-1} \cong 6.022 \times 10^{23}$		Avogadro's number (number of particles per amount of substance)

For a substance $X: mol$, we write $[X]:M$ for the concentration of X , and $[X]':M \cdot s^{-1}$ for the time derivative of the concentration.

A **continuous chemical system** (C, V) is a system of chemical reactions C plus a vector of **initial concentrations** $V_X: M$, one for each species X .

The rates of unary reactions have dimension s^{-1} .

The rates of binary reactions have dimension $M^{-1}s^{-1}$.

(because in both cases the rhs of an ODE should have dimension $M \cdot s^{-1}$).

For a given volume of solution V , the volumetric factor γ of dimension M^{-1} is:

$$\gamma : M^{-1} = N_A V \quad \text{where } N_A : mol^{-1} \text{ and } V : L$$

$\gamma \cdot [X] : 1 =$ total number of X molecules (rounded to an integer).

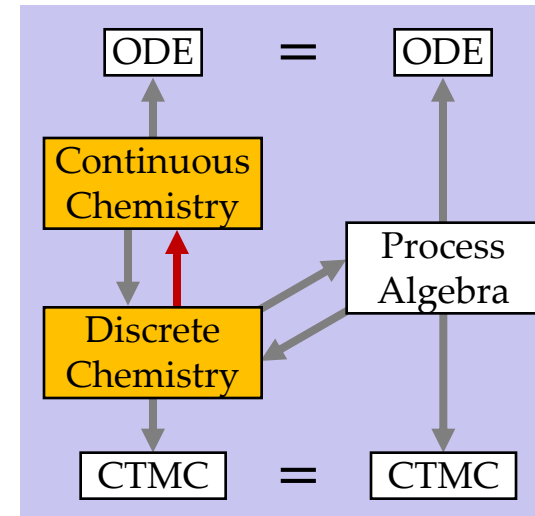
$\#X / \gamma : M =$ concentration of X molecules

The Gillespie(?) Conversion

Discrete Chemistry	Continuous Chemistry	$\gamma = N_A V$	$:M^{-1}$
initial quantities $\#A_0$	initial concentrations $[A]_0$	with $[A]_0 = \#A_0/\gamma$	
$A \xrightarrow{r} A'$	$A \xrightarrow{k} A'$	with $k = r$	$:s^{-1}$
$A+B \xrightarrow{r} A'+B'$	$A+B \xrightarrow{k} A'+B'$	with $k = r\gamma$	$:M^{-1}s^{-1}$
$A+A \xrightarrow{r} A'+A''$	$A+A \xrightarrow{k} A'+A''$	with $k = r\gamma/2$	$:M^{-1}s^{-1}$

V = interaction volume
 N_A = Avogadro's number

Think $\gamma = 1$
 i.e. $V = 1/N_A$

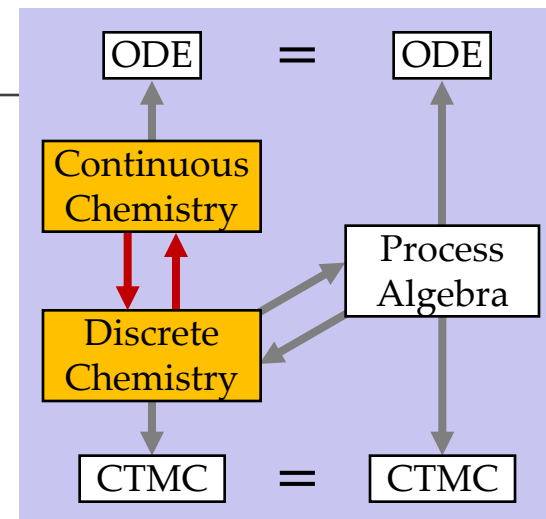


Cont_γ and Disc_γ

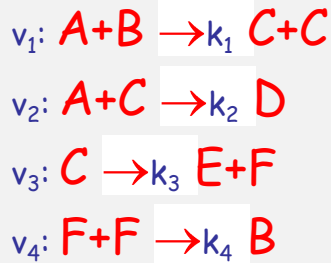
4.2-3 Definition: Cont_γ and Disc_γ

For a volumetric factor $\gamma: M^{-1}$, we define a translation $Cont_\gamma$ from a discrete chemical systems (C, P) , with species X and initial molecule count $\#X_0 = \#X(P)$, to a continuous chemical systems (C, V) with initial concentration $[X]_0 = V_X$. The translation $Disc_\gamma$ is its inverse, up to a rounding error $\lceil \gamma[X]_0 \rceil$ in converting concentrations to molecule counts. Since γ is a global conversion constant, we later usually omit it as a subscript.

$Cont_\gamma(X \rightarrow^r P)$	$= X \rightarrow^k P$	with $k = r,$	$r: s^{-1}$	$k: s^{-1}$
$Cont_\gamma(X+Y \rightarrow^r P)$	$= X+Y \rightarrow^k P$	with $k = r\gamma$	$r: s^{-1}$	$k: M^{-1}s^{-1}$
$Cont_\gamma(X+X \rightarrow^r P)$	$= X+X \rightarrow^k P$	with $k = r\gamma/2$	$r: s^{-1}$	$k: M^{-1}s^{-1}$
$Cont_\gamma(\#X_0)$	$= [X]_0$	with $[X]_0 = \#X_0/\gamma$	$X_0: mol$	$[X]_0: M$
$Disc_\gamma(X \rightarrow^k P)$	$= X \rightarrow^r P$	with $r = k,$	$k: s^{-1}$	$r: s^{-1}$
$Disc_\gamma(X+Y \rightarrow^k P)$	$= X+Y \rightarrow^r P$	with $r = k/\gamma$	$k: M^{-1}s^{-1}$	$r: s^{-1}$
$Disc_\gamma(X+X \rightarrow^k P)$	$= X+X \rightarrow^r P$	with $r = 2k/\gamma$	$k: M^{-1}s^{-1}$	$r: s^{-1}$
$Disc_\gamma([X]_0)$	$= \#X_0$	with $\#X_0 = \lceil \gamma[X]_0 \rceil$	$[X]_0: M$	$X_0: mol$



From Reactions to ODEs



Write the coefficients by columns

Stoichiometric Matrix

reactions

N	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4
A	-1	-1		
B	-1			1
C	2	-1	-1	
D		1		
E			1	
F			1	-2

species

Quantity changes

Stoichiometric matrix

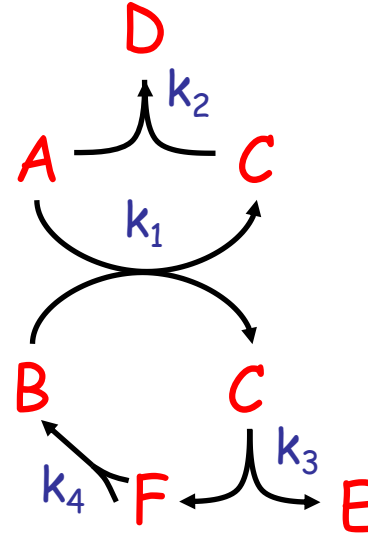
Rate laws

$$d[X]/dt = N \cdot I$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d[A]/dt &= -I_1 - I_2 \\
 d[B]/dt &= -I_1 + I_4 \\
 d[C]/dt &= 2I_1 - I_2 - I_3 \\
 d[D]/dt &= I_2 \\
 d[E]/dt &= I_3 \\
 d[F]/dt &= I_3 - 2I_4
 \end{aligned}$$

Read the concentration changes from the rows

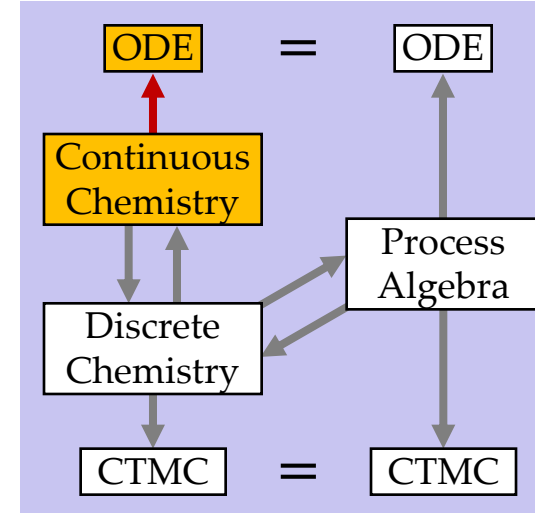
E.g. $d[A]/dt = -k_1[A][B] - k_2[A][C]$



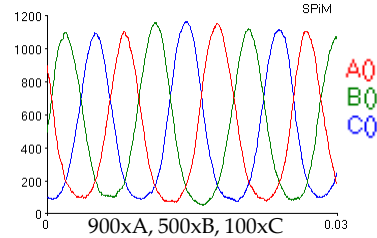
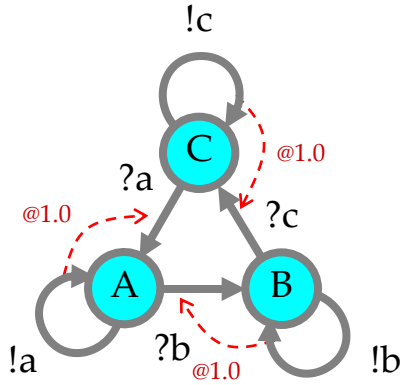
Set a rate law for each reaction (Degradation/Hetero/Homeo)

	I
I_1	$k_1[A][B]$
I_2	$k_2[A][C]$
I_3	$k_3[C]$
I_4	$k_4[F]^2$

X: chemical species
[-]: quantity of molecules
I: rate laws
k: kinetic parameters
N: stoichiometric matrix



From Processes to ODEs via Chemistry!



```
directive sample 0.03 1000
directive plot A(): B(): C()

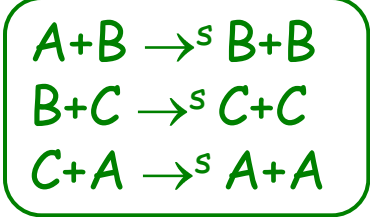
new a@1.0:chan new b@1.0:chan new c@1.0:chan
let A() = do !a;A() or ?b; B()
and B() = do !b;B() or ?c; C()
and C() = do !c;C() or ?a; A()

run (900 of A() | 500 of B() | 100 of C())
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$$A = !a_{(s)}; A \oplus ?b_{(s)}; B$$

$$B = !b_{(s)}; B \oplus ?c_{(s)}; C$$

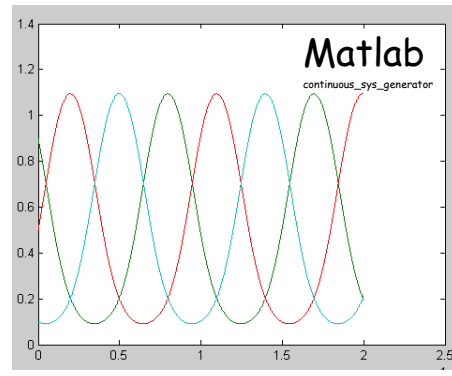
$$C = !c_{(s)}; C \oplus ?a_{(s)}; A$$



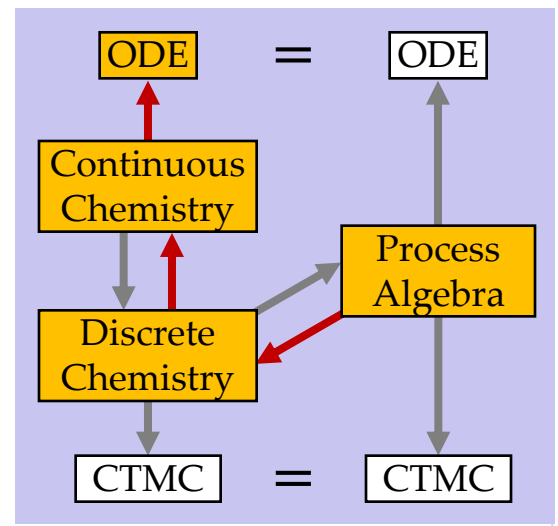
$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -s[A][B] + s[C][A]$$

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} = -s[B][C] + s[A][B]$$

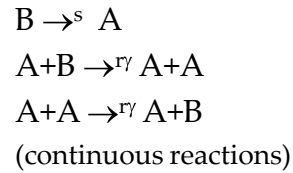
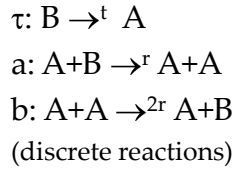
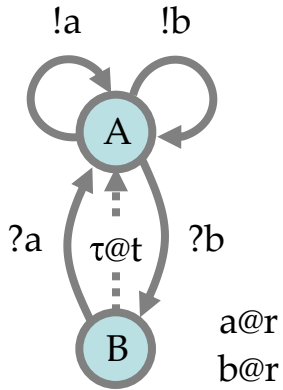
$$\frac{d[C]}{dt} = -s[C][A] + s[B][C]$$



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interval/step [0:0.001:20.0]
(A) dx1/dt = -x1*x2 + x3*x1 0.9
(B) dx2/dt = -x2*x3 + x1*x2 0.5
(C) dx3/dt = -x3*x1 + x2*x3 0.1
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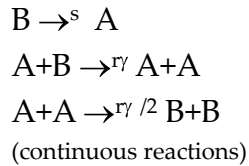
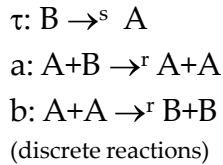
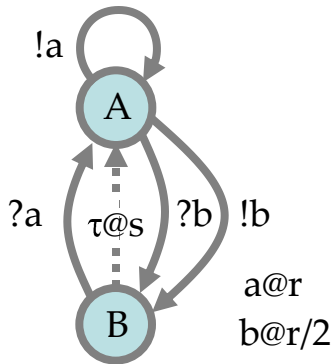
From Processes to ODEs via Chemistry!



$a@r$
 $b@r$

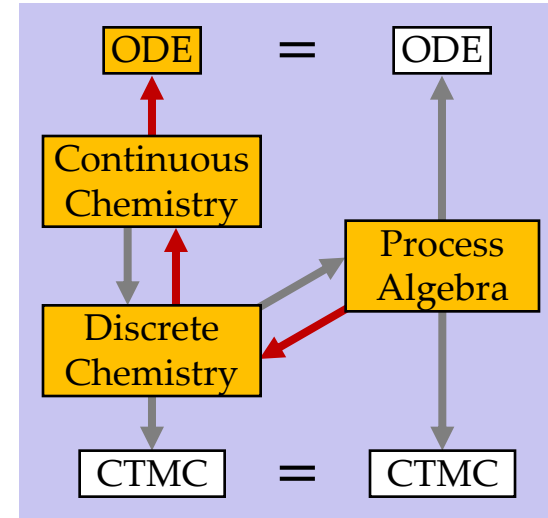
$$\begin{aligned}
 d[A]/dt &= t[B] + r\gamma[A][B] - r\gamma[A]^2 \\
 d[B]/dt &= -t[B] - r\gamma[A][B] + r\gamma[A]^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Different chemistry but same ODEs, hence equivalent automata



$a@r$
 $b@r/2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d[A]/dt &= t[B] + r\gamma[A][B] - r\gamma[A]^2 \\
 d[B]/dt &= -t[B] - r\gamma[A][B] + r\gamma[A]^2
 \end{aligned}$$



Processes Rate Equation

Process Rate Equation for Reagents E in volume γ

$$d[X]/dt = (\sum_{Y \in E} \text{Accr}_E(Y, X) \cdot [Y]) - \text{Depl}_E(X) \cdot [X]$$

for all $X \in E$

"The change in process concentration (!!) for X at time t is:
 the sum over all possible (kinds of) processes Y of:
 the concentration at time t of Y
 times the accretion from Y to X
 minus the concentration at time t of X
 times the depletion of X to some other Y"

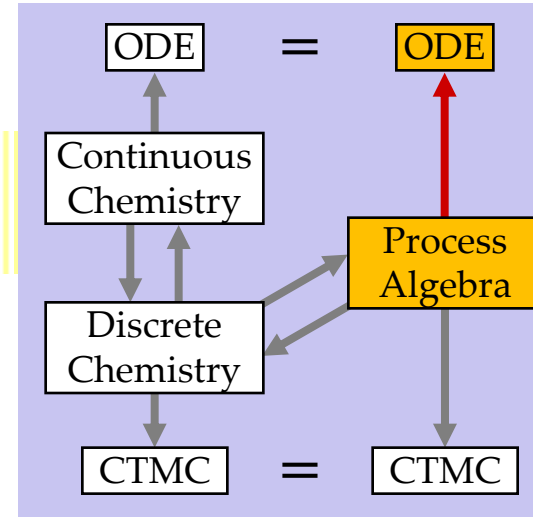
$\text{Depl}_E(X) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(i: E.X.i=\tau_{(r)}; P)} r + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.X.i=?a_{(r)}; P)} r\gamma \cdot \text{OutsOn}_E(a) + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.X.i=!a_{(r)}; P)} r\gamma \cdot \text{InsOn}_E(a) \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Accr}_E(Y, X) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i=\tau_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i=?a_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r\gamma \cdot \text{OutsOn}_E(a) + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i=!a_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r\gamma \cdot \text{InsOn}_E(a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{InsOn}_E(a) &= \sum_{(Y \in E)} \#\{Y.i \mid E.Y.i=?a_{(r)}; P\} \cdot [Y] \\ \text{OutsOn}_E(a) &= \sum_{(Y \in E)} \#\{Y.i \mid E.Y.i=!a_{(r)}; P\} \cdot [Y] \end{aligned}$$



$$X = \tau_{(r)}; 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad d[X]/dt = -r[X]$$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= ?a_{(r)}; 0 \\ Y &= !a_{(r)}; 0 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} d[X]/dt &= -r\gamma[X][Y] \\ d[Y]/dt &= -r\gamma[X][Y] \end{aligned}$$

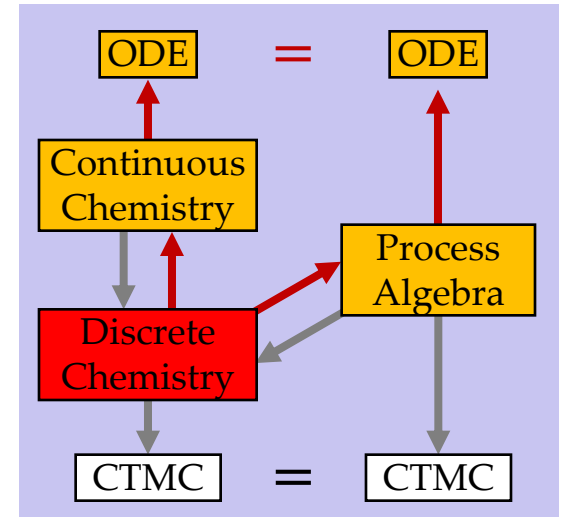
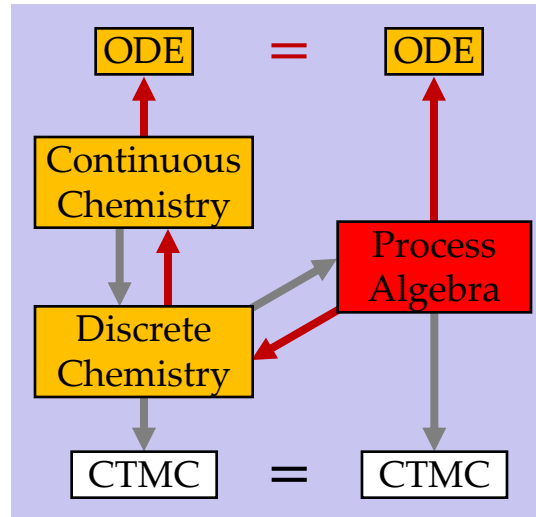
$$\begin{aligned} X &= ?a_{(r)}; 0 \\ &\oplus !a_{(r)}; 0 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad d[X]/dt = -2r\gamma[X]^2$$

Continuous State Equivalence

- Def: \approx is equivalence of polynomials over the field of reals.

- Thm: $E \approx \text{Cont}(\text{Ch}(E))$

- Thm: $\text{Cont}(C) \approx \text{Pi}(C)$

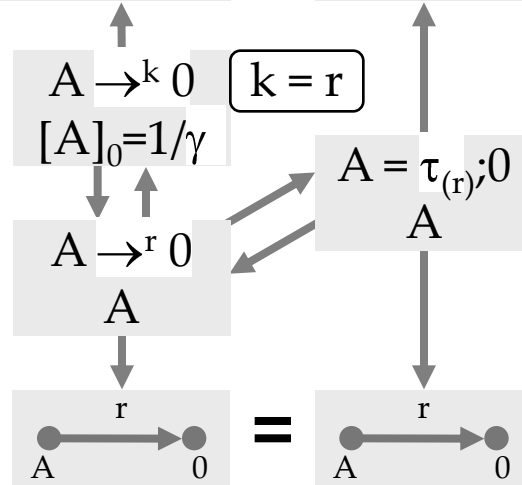


- For each E there is an $E' \approx E$ that is detangled ($E' = \text{Pi}(\text{Ch}(E))$)

- For each E in automata form there is an $E' \approx E$ that is detangled and in automata form ($E' = \text{Detangle}(E)$).

Basic Examples: Unary Reactions

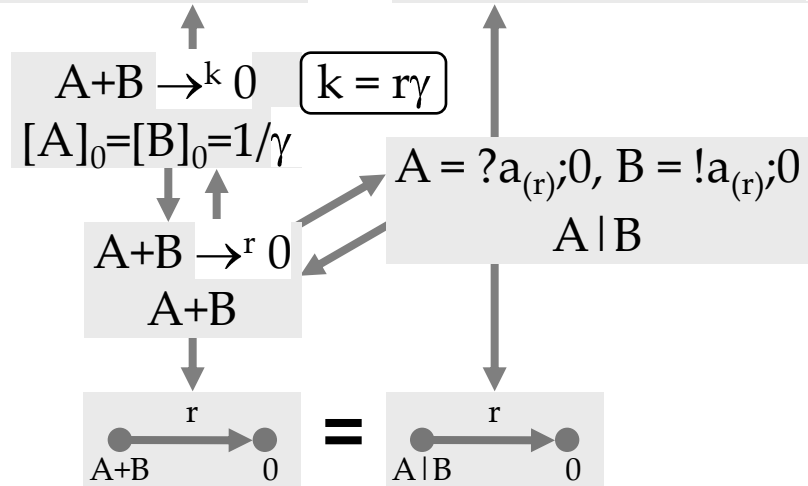
$$d[A]/dt = -k[A] = d[A]/dt = -r[A]$$



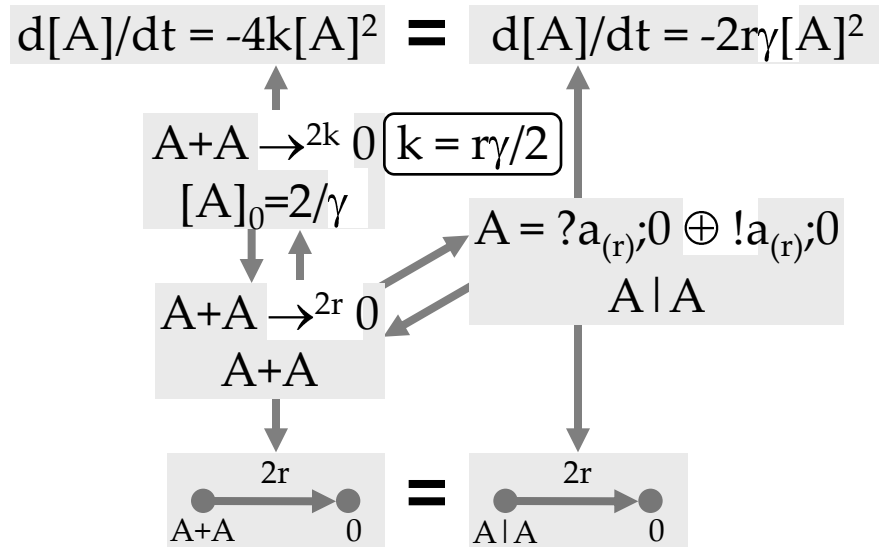
$\circ \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet$ Unary Reaction

Basic Examples: Hetero Reactions

$$d[A]/dt = d[B]/dt = -k[A][B] = d[A]/dt = d[B]/dt = -r\gamma[A][B]$$



Basic Examples: Homeo Reactions



Homeo Reaction