On Process Rate Semantics

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Semantics of Collective Behavior

"Micromodels": Continuous Time Markov Chains

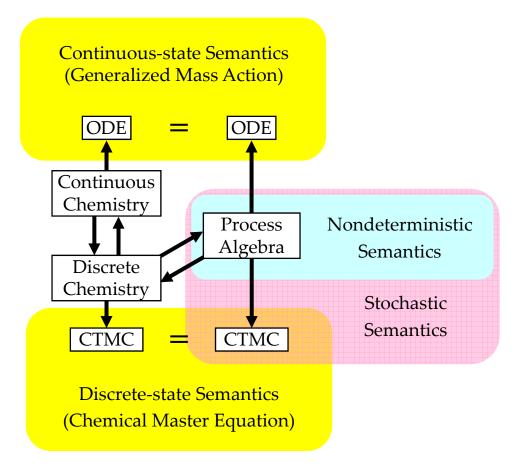
- The underlying semantics of stochastic process algebras.
 - Transition graphs with rates (not probabilities) on transitions.
- The molecular-level semantics of chemistry.
 - Executable: Gillespie stochastic simulation algorithm.
- But do not give a good sense of "collective" properties.
 - Yes it is "mechanistic".
 - Yes it supports classical Markov (e.g. steady-state) analysis.
 - Yes one can do simulation.
 - Yes one can do some program analysis/modelchecking.
 - But somewhat lacking in "predictive power" for collective dynamics, particularly for process algebras.

"Macromodels": Ordinary Differential Equations

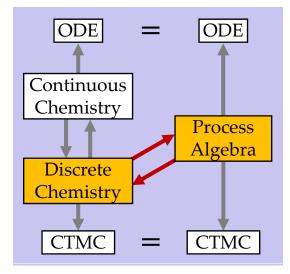
- The classical semantics of collective behavior.
 - E.g. kinetic theory of gasses.
- Not standard for studying process algebras.
 - They always ask: "How is you process model related to the ODE models in the literature?"
- Going from processes algebras to ODEs <u>directly</u>:
 - In principle: just write down the Rate Equation: [Calder, Hillston]
 - Let [S] be the "number of processes in state S" as a function of time.
 - Define for each state S:
 - [S]* = (rate of change of the number of processes in state S)
 Cumulative rate of transitions from any state S' to state S, times [S'],
 minus cumulative rate of transitions from S to any state S", times [S].
 - I.e. rate = inflow minus outflow.
- Another way: going to ODEs indirectly through chemistry
 - If we first convert processes to chemical reactions, then we can pass to ODEs by standard means!
 - This can be done "by hand".

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Outline



Stochastic Processes & Discrete Chemistry



Chemical Reactions

Unary Reaction $[A]^{\bullet} = -r[A]$ Exponential DecayHetero Reaction $[A_i]^{\bullet} = -r[A_1][A_2]$ Mass Action LawHomeo Reaction $[A]^{\bullet} = -2r[A]^2$ Mass Action Law(assuming $A \neq B_i \neq A_i$ for all i, j)

No other reactions!

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The chemical Langevin equation Daniel T. Gillespie^{a)} Research Department, Code 4T4100D, Naval Air Warfare Center, China Lake, California 93555

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 nonelementary. <u>Elementary reactions</u> are those reactions that occur exactly as they are written, without any intermediate steps. These reactions almost always involve just one or two reactants. ... <u>Non-elementary</u> <u>reactions</u> 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!

> *Reactions* have rates. Molecules *do not* have rates.

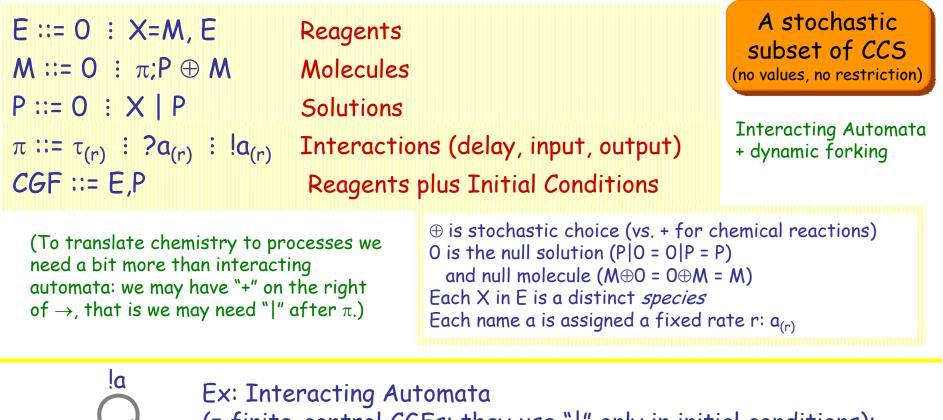
Trimolecular reactions: $A + B + C \rightarrow^{r} D$ the measured "r" is an (imperfect) aggregate of e.g.: $A + B \leftrightarrow AB$ $AB + C \rightarrow D$

Enzymatic reactions: S _ E r P

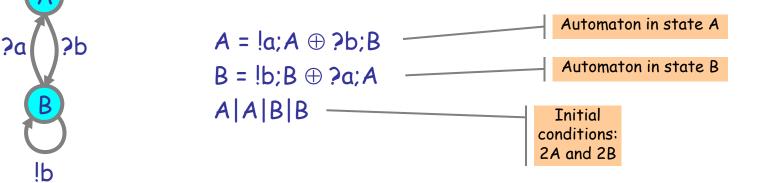
the "r" is given by Michaelis-Menten (approximated steady-state) laws: $E + S \leftrightarrow ES$ $ES \rightarrow P + E$

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Chemical Ground Form (CGF)

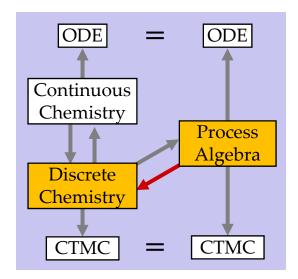






From Reagents to Reactions (by example)

Interacting Automata	 Discrete Chemistry
initial states A A A	initial quantities #A ₀
A @r A'	A ⊶r A'
A ?a A' B !a @r B'	A+B ⊶•r A′+B′
?a A !a A' @r A"	A+A→ ² r A'+A″
	СТМС



From Reagents to Reactions: Ch(E)

E ::= 0 : 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)
<i>CG</i> F ::= E,P	Reagents plus Initial Conditions

E.X.i ^{def} the i-th ⊕-summand of the molecule M associated with the X reagent of E

Chemical reactions for E,P:

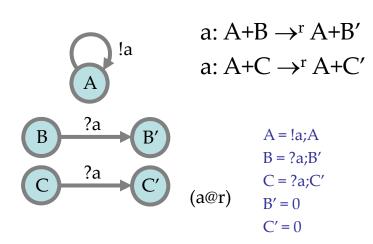
(N.B.: <...> are reaction tags to obtain multiplicity of reactions, and P is P with all the | changed to +)

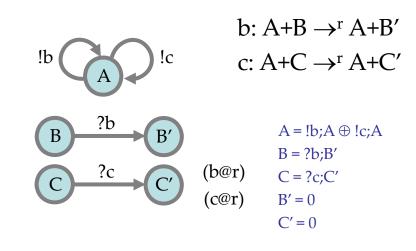
 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{Ch}(\mathsf{E}) \coloneqq \\ \{(<\!\!X.i\!\!>:\!\!X \to^{\mathsf{r}} \mathsf{P}) \; \textit{s.t. E.X.i} = \tau_{(\mathsf{r})}; \mathsf{P}\} \cup \\ \{(<\!\!X.i\!\!>:\!\!X \to^{\mathsf{r}} \mathsf{P} + \mathsf{Q}) \; \textit{s.t. X} \neq \mathsf{Y}, \; \mathsf{E.X.i} = ?a_{(\mathsf{r})}; \mathsf{P}, \; \mathsf{E.Y.j} = !a_{(\mathsf{r})}; \mathsf{Q}\} \cup \\ \{(<\!\!X.i\!\!>:\!\!X.j\!\!>:\!\!X + \mathsf{Y} \to^{\mathsf{r}} \mathsf{P} + \mathsf{Q}) \; \textit{s.t. E.X.i} = ?a_{(\mathsf{r})}; \mathsf{P}, \; \mathsf{E.Y.j} = !a_{(\mathsf{r})}; \mathsf{Q}\} \cup \\ \{(<\!\!X.i\!\!>:\!\!X.j\!\!>:\!\!X + \mathsf{X} \to^{2\mathsf{r}} \mathsf{P} + \mathsf{Q}) \; \textit{s.t. E.X.i} = ?a_{(\mathsf{r})}; \mathsf{P}, \; \mathsf{E.X.j} = !a_{(\mathsf{r})}; \mathsf{Q}) \rangle \in \mathsf{E}\} \end{array}$

Initial conditions for P:

Ch(P) :=

Entangled vs Detangled



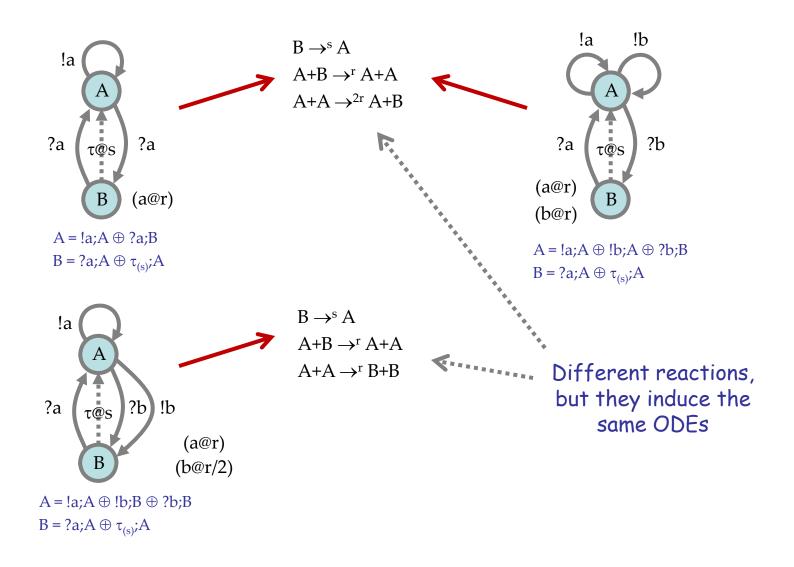


Two reactions on one channel

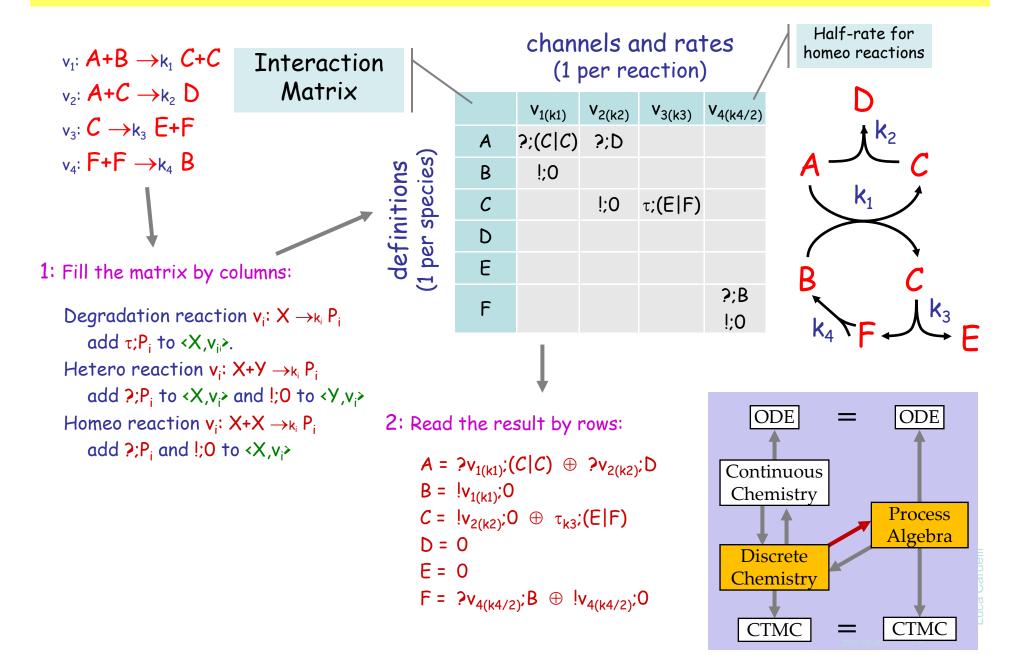
Two reactions on two separate channels

Detangled processes are in simple correspondence with chemistry.

Same Semantics



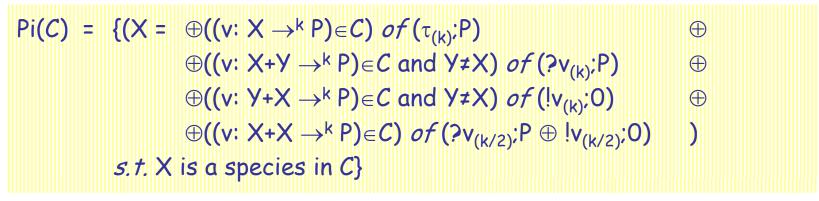
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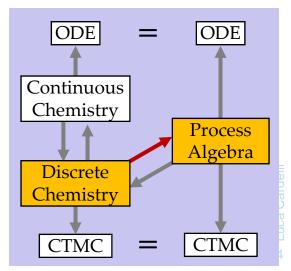


From Reactions to Reagents: Pi(C)

v:
$$X \rightarrow^r Y_1 + ... + Y_n + 0$$
Unary Reactionv: $X_1 + X_2 \rightarrow^r Y_1 + ... + Y_n + 0$ Binary Reaction

From uniquely-labeled (v:) chemical reactions C to a CGF Pi(C):

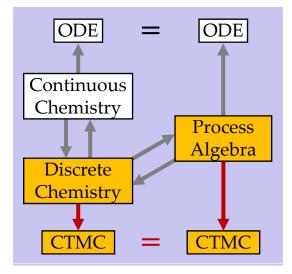




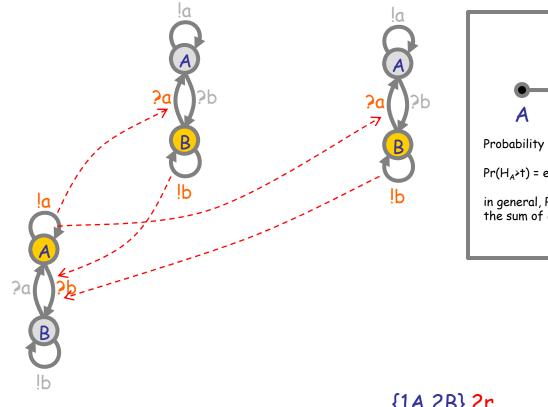
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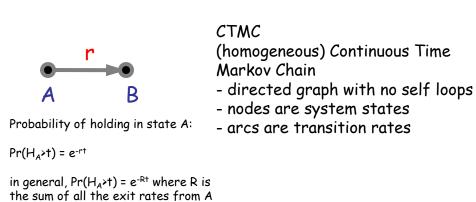
- C and Ch(Pi(C)) have the same reactions
 - (and their reaction labels are in bijection)
- Def: E is detangled if each channel appears once as ?a and once as !a.
- If C is a system of chemical reactions then Pi(C) is detangled.
 - (hence chemical reactions embed into a subclass of CGFs)
- Hence for any E, we have that Pi(Ch(E)) is detangled.
 - (E and Pi(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: Detangle(E) is defined from Pi(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 Detangle(E) is (detangled and) in automata form
 (but Pi(Ch(E)) may not be)

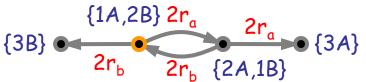
Discrete-State Semantics



CTMC Semantics

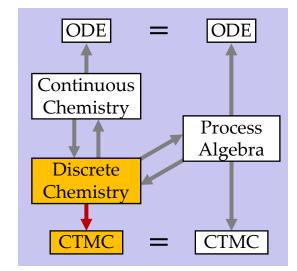




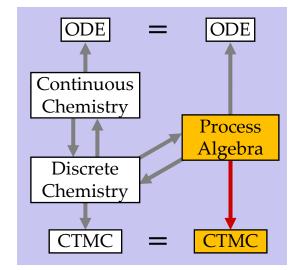


CTMC

Discrete Semantics of Reactions

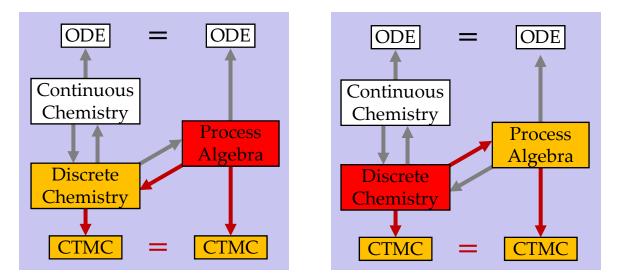


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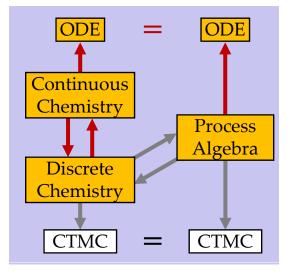
Discrete State Equivalence

- Def: 🗯 is equivalent CTMC's (isomorphic graphs with same rates).
- Thm: E 🗯 Ch(E)
- Thm: C = Pi(C)



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

Continuous-State Semantics



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 amount of substance
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 $[X]^{\bullet}:M \cdot s^{-1}$ 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:

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

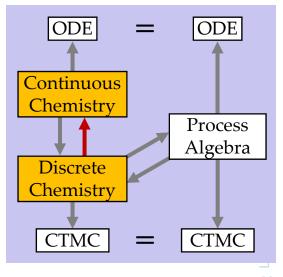
 γ ·[X]: 1 = total number of X molecules (rounded to an integer). #X / γ : M = concentration of X molecules

The Gillespie^(?) Conversion

Discrete Chemistry	Continuous Chemistry	$\gamma = N_A V$:M ⁻¹
initial quantities $\#A_0$	initial concentration [A] ₀	ns with [A] ₀ =#	Α ₀ /γ
A ⊶r A′	$A \to^k A'$	with <mark>k = r</mark>	:s ⁻¹
A+B ⊶• A'+B'	$A+B \rightarrow^k A'+B'$	with <mark>k = r</mark> γ	:M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹
A+A ⊶•r A'+A″	$A+A \rightarrow^k A'+A''$	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

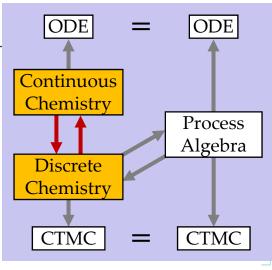


Cont_{γ} and Disc_{γ}

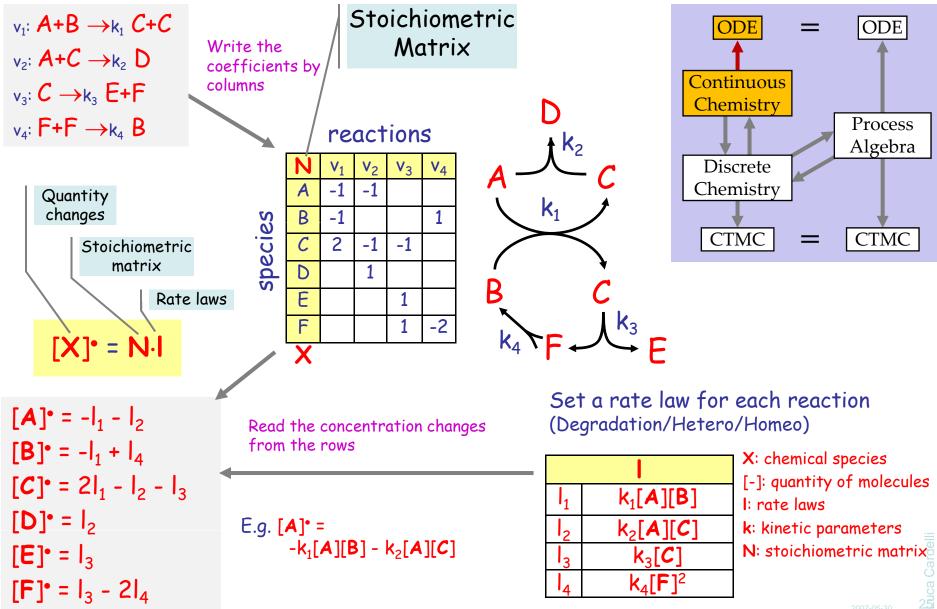
4.2-3 Definition: Cont₇ and Disc₇

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.

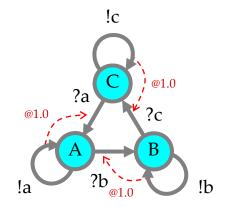
$Cont_{\gamma}(X \rightarrow^{r} P)$	$= X \rightarrow^k P$	with $k = r$,	r:s ⁻¹	k:s ⁻¹
$Cont_{\gamma}(X+Y \rightarrow^{r} P)$	$= X+Y \rightarrow^k P$	with $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{r} \boldsymbol{\gamma}$	r:s ⁻¹	k:M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹
$Cont_{\gamma}(X+X \rightarrow^{r} P)$	$= X + X \rightarrow^{k} P$	with $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{r}\gamma/2$	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
$Disc_{\gamma}(X \to^{k} P)$ $Disc_{\gamma}(X+Y \to^{k} P)$	$= X \rightarrow^{r} P$ $= X+Y \rightarrow^{r} P$	with $r = k$, with $r = k/\gamma$	k:s ⁻¹ k:M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	1.0
				r:s ⁻¹

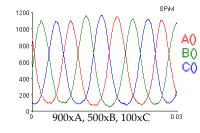


From Reactions to ODEs



From Processes to ODEs via Chemistry!

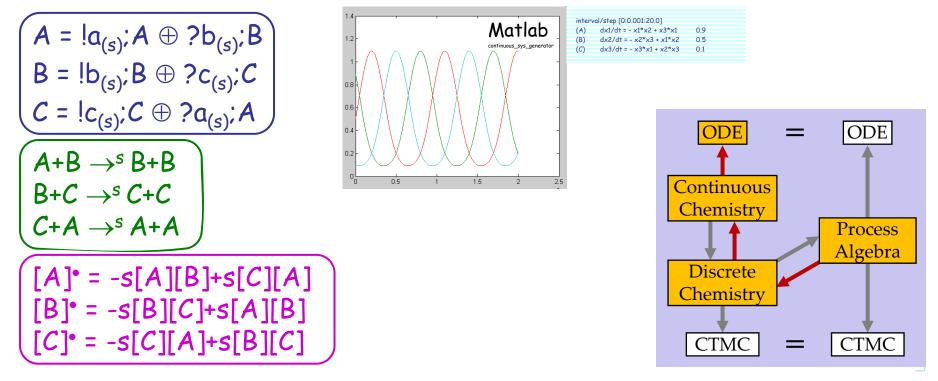




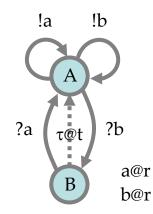
directive sample 0.03 1000 directive plot A(); B(); C()

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())



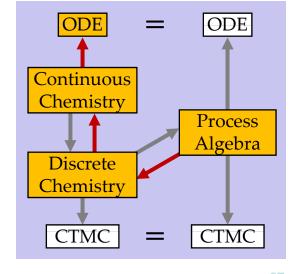
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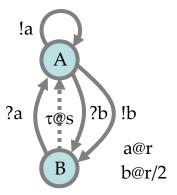
 $\tau: B \rightarrow^{t} A$ a: A+B \rightarrow^{r} A+A b: A+A \rightarrow^{2r} A+B (discrete reactions)

 $B \rightarrow^{s} A$ $A+B \rightarrow^{r\gamma} A+A$ $A+A \rightarrow^{r\gamma} A+B$ (continuous reactions) $[A]^{\bullet} = t[B] + r\gamma[A][B] - r\gamma[A]^{2}$ $[B]^{\bullet} = -t[B] - r\gamma[A][B] + r\gamma[A]^{2}$

Different chemistry but same ODEs, hence equivalent automata







 $\tau: B \to^{s} A$ a: A+B $\to^{r} A+A$ b: A+A $\to^{r} B+B$ (discrete reactions) $B \to^{s} A$

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Processes Rate Equation

Process Rate Equation for Reagents E

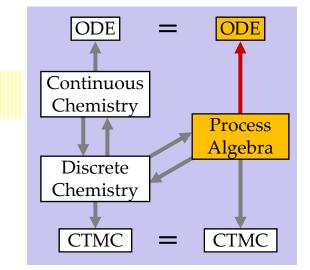
 $[X]^{\bullet} = (\Sigma(Y \in E) \operatorname{Accr}_{E}(Y, X) \cdot [Y]) - \operatorname{Depl}_{E}(X) \cdot [X] \quad \text{for all } X \in E$

Depl_E(X) =

 $\Sigma(i: E.X.i=\tau_{(r)};P) r +$ $\Sigma(i: E.X.i=?a_{(r)};P) r\gamma \cdot OutsOn_{E}(a) +$ $\Sigma(i: E.X.i=!a_{(r)};P) r\gamma \cdot InsOn_{E}(a)$

 $\begin{aligned} Accr_{E}(Y, X) &= \\ \Sigma(i: E.Y.i=\tau_{(r)}; P) \#X(P) \cdot r + \\ \Sigma(i: E.Y.i=?a_{(r)}; P) \#X(P) \cdot r\gamma \cdot OutsOn_{E}(a) + \\ \Sigma(i: E.Y.i=!a_{(r)}; P) \#X(P) \cdot r\gamma \cdot InsOn_{E}(a) \end{aligned}$

 $InsOn_{E}(a) = \Sigma(Y \in E) \# \{Y.i \mid E.Y.i=?a_{(r)};P\} \cdot [Y]$ OutsOn_E(a) = $\Sigma(Y \in E) \# \{Y.i \mid E.Y.i=!a_{(r)};P\} \cdot [Y]$



$$X = \tau_{(r)}; 0 \longrightarrow [X]^{\bullet} = -r[X]$$

$$X = ?a_{(r)}; 0 \longrightarrow [X]^{\bullet} = -r\gamma[X][Y]$$

$$Y = !a_{(r)}; 0 \longrightarrow [Y]^{\bullet} = -r\gamma[X][Y]$$

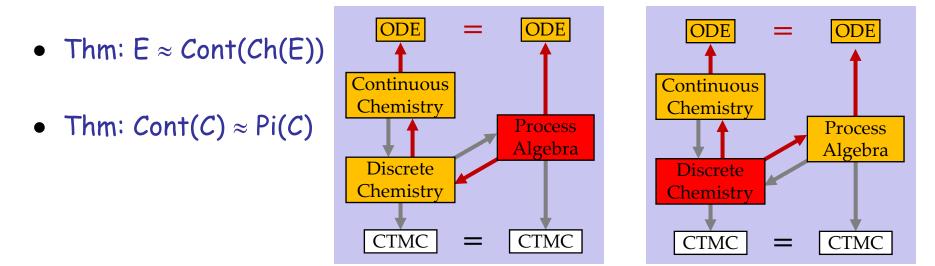
$$X = ?a_{(r)}; 0 \longrightarrow [X]^{\bullet} = -2r\gamma[X]^{2}$$

$$\oplus !a_{(r)}; 0$$

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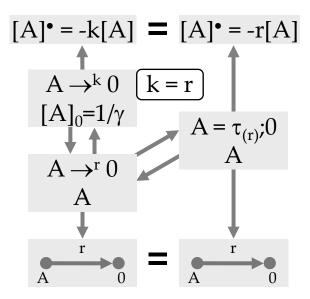
Continuous State Equivalence

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



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

Basic Examples: Unary Reactions



O[…]→• Unary Reaction

Basic Examples: Binary Reactions

$$[A]^{\bullet}=[B]^{\bullet}=-k[A][B] = [A]^{\bullet}=[B]^{\bullet}=-r\gamma[A][B]$$

$$A+B \rightarrow k 0 \quad k = r\gamma$$

$$[A]_{0}=[B]_{0}=1/\gamma$$

$$A+B \rightarrow r 0$$

$$A+B \rightarrow r 0$$

$$A+B$$

$$A+$$

$$[A]^{\bullet} = -4k[A]^{2} = [A]^{\bullet} = -2r\gamma[A]^{2}$$

$$A+A \rightarrow 2^{k} 0 \quad k = r\gamma/2$$

$$[A]_{0}=2/\gamma$$

$$A=?a_{(r)}; 0 \oplus !a_{(r)}; 0$$

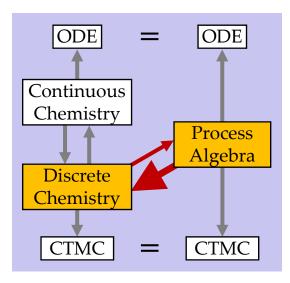
$$A+A \rightarrow 2^{r} 0$$

$$A+A$$

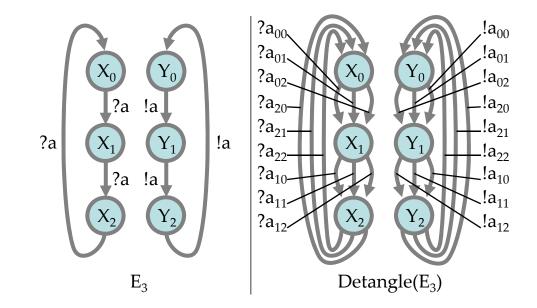
$$A+$$



Model Compactness



Entangled vs detangled



n² Scaling Problems

- E_n has 2n variables (nodes) and 2n terms (arcs).
 Ch(E_n) has 2n species and n² reactions.
- The stoichiometric matrix has size $2n \cdot n^2 = 2n^3$.
- The ODEs have 2n variables and 2n(n+n) = 4n² terms (number of variables times number of accretions plus depletions when sums are distributed)

E ₃	Ch(E ₃)	Stoic	hiom	etric	Matri	x(Ch((E ₃))				
$X_0 = 2a_{(r)}; X_1$	$\begin{array}{c} a_{00} : X_0 + Y_0 \rightarrow^r X_1 + Y_1 \\ a_{01} : X_0 + Y_1 \rightarrow^r X_1 + Y_2 \end{array}$		a ₀₀	a ₀₁	a ₀₂	a ₁₀	a ₁₁	a ₁₂	a ₂₀	a ₂₁	a ₂₂
X ₁ = ?a _(r) ;X ₂ X ₂ = ?a _(r) ;X ₀	$\mathbf{a}_{01}: \mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{Y}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{Y}_2$ $\mathbf{a}_{02}: \mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{Y}_2 \rightarrow^r \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{Y}_0$	X ₀	-1	-1	-1				+1	+1	+1
$Y_0 = a_{(r)}; Y_1$	$a_{10}: X_1 + Y_0 \rightarrow^r X_2 + Y_1$	X ₁	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1			
$\mathbf{Y}_1 = \mathbf{a}_{(r)}; \mathbf{Y}_2$	$a_{11}: X_1 + Y_1 \rightarrow^r X_2 + Y_2$	X ₂				+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1
$\mathbf{Y}_2 = \mathbf{a}_{(r)}; \mathbf{Y}_0$	$a_{12}: X_1 + Y_2 \rightarrow^r X_2 + Y_0$	Y ₀	-1		+1	-1		+1	-1		+1
	$a_{20}: X_2 + Y_0 \rightarrow^r X_0 + Y_1$ $a_{21}: X_2 + Y_1 \rightarrow^r X_0 + Y_2$	Y ₁	+1	-1		+1	-1		+1	-1	
	$a_{21}: X_2 + Y_2 \rightarrow^r X_0 + Y_0$	У ₂		+1	-1		+1	-1		+1	-1

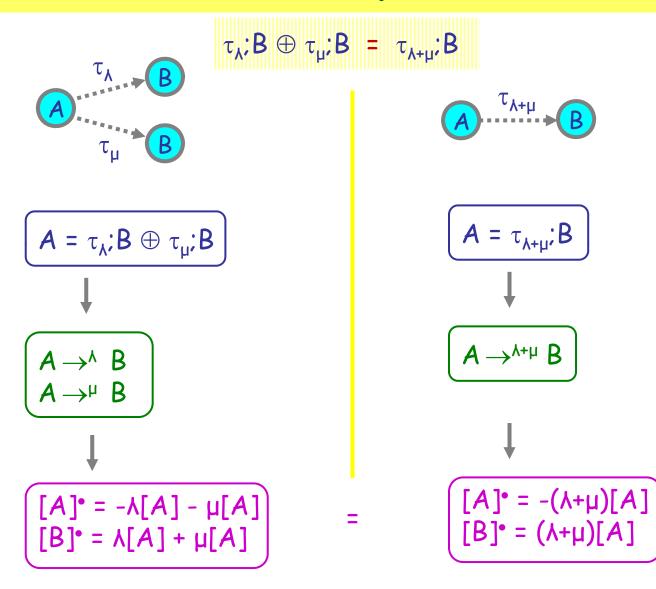
$ODE(E_3)$

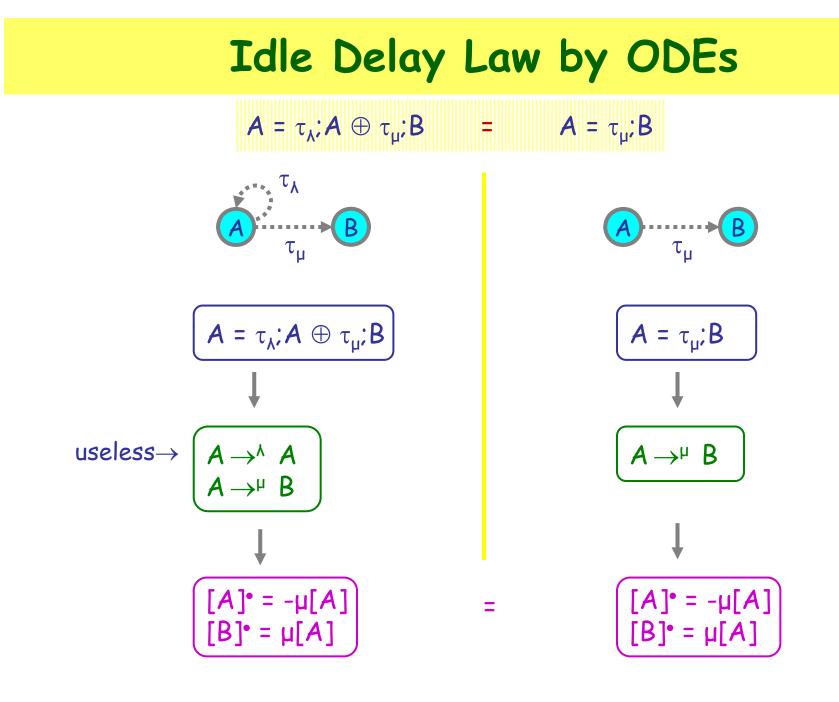
$$\begin{split} & [X_0]^{\bullet} = -r[X_0][Y_0] - r[X_0][Y_1] - r[X_0][Y_2] + r[X_2][Y_0] + r[X_2][Y_1] + r[X_2][Y_2] \\ & [X_1]^{\bullet} = -r[X_1][Y_0] - r[X_1][Y_1] - r[X_1][Y_2] + r[X_0][Y_0] + r[X_0][Y_1] + r[X_0][Y_2] \\ & [X_2]^{\bullet} = -r[X2_1][Y_0] - r[X_2][Y_1] - r[X_2][Y_2] + r[X_1][Y_0] + r[X_1][Y_1] + r[X_1][Y_2] \\ & [Y_0]^{\bullet} = -r[X_0][Y_0] - r[X_1][Y_0] - r[X_2][Y_0] + r[X_0][Y_2] + r[X_1][Y_2] + r[X_2][Y_2] \\ & [Y_1]^{\bullet} = -r[X_0][Y_1] - r[X_1][Y_1] - r[X_2][Y_1] + r[X_0][Y_0] + r[X_1][Y_0] + r[X_2][Y_0] \\ & [Y_2]^{\bullet} = -r[X_0][Y_2] - r[X_1][Y_2] - r[X_2][Y_2] + r[X_0][Y_1] + r[X_1][Y_1] + r[X_2][Y_1] \\ \end{split}$$

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Laws by ODEs

Choice Law by ODEs

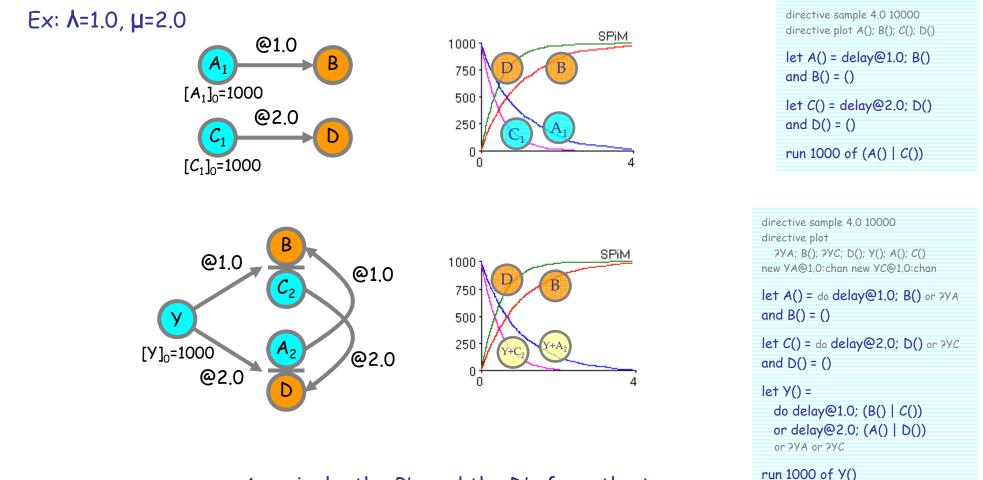




Stochastic Interleaving

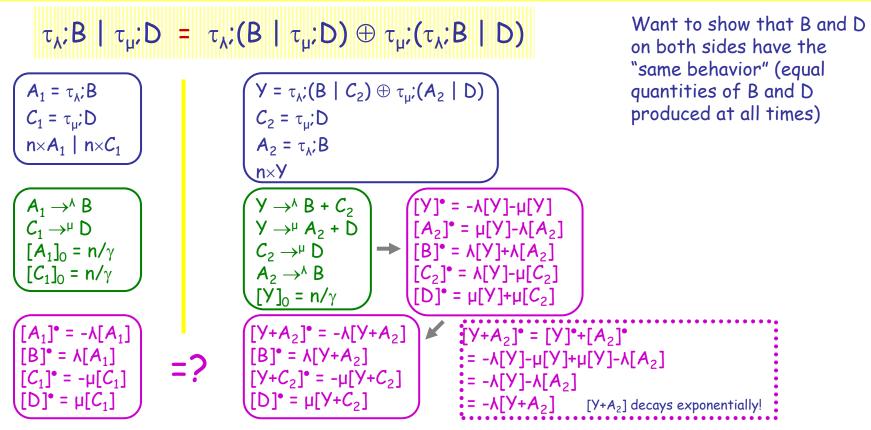
Hermanns: Interactive Markov Chains. Sec 4.1.2

$\tau_{A}; \mathsf{B} \mid \tau_{\mu}; \mathsf{D} = \tau_{A}; (\mathsf{B} \mid \tau_{\mu}; \mathsf{D}) \oplus \tau_{\mu}; (\tau_{A}; \mathsf{B} \mid \mathsf{D})$



Amazingly, the B's and the D's from the two branches sum up to exponential distributions

Stochastic Interleaving Law by ODEs



[B] and [D] have equal time evolutions on the two sides provided that $[A_1]=[Y+A_2]$ and $[C_1]=[Y+C_2]$. Moreover $[A_1]_0=[C_1]_0=[Y]_0=n/\gamma$, and the initial conditions of the right hand system specify that $[A_2]_0=[C_2]_0=0$ (since only Y is present), hence $[A_1]_0=[Y+A_2]_0$ and $[C_1]_0=[Y+C_2]_0$. Similarly $[B]_0=[D]_0=0$. Therefore the final ODEs have the same initial conditions for all variables, and hence have the same time evolution.

So, for example, if we run a stochastic simulation of the left hand side with n=1000 and with initially $1000 \times A1$ and $1000 \times C1$, we obtain the same curves for B and D than a stochastic simulation of the right hand side with initially $1000 \times Y$.

Parametric Processes

Chemical Parametric Form (CPF)

Е	$::= X_1(\mathbf{p}_1) = M_1, \dots, X_n(\mathbf{p}_n) = M_n$
Μ	$::= \pi_1; P_1 \oplus \oplus \pi_n; P_n$
Ρ	$::= X_1(p_1) X_n(p_n)$
π	::= τ _r ?n(p) !n(p)
CPF	F::= E,P

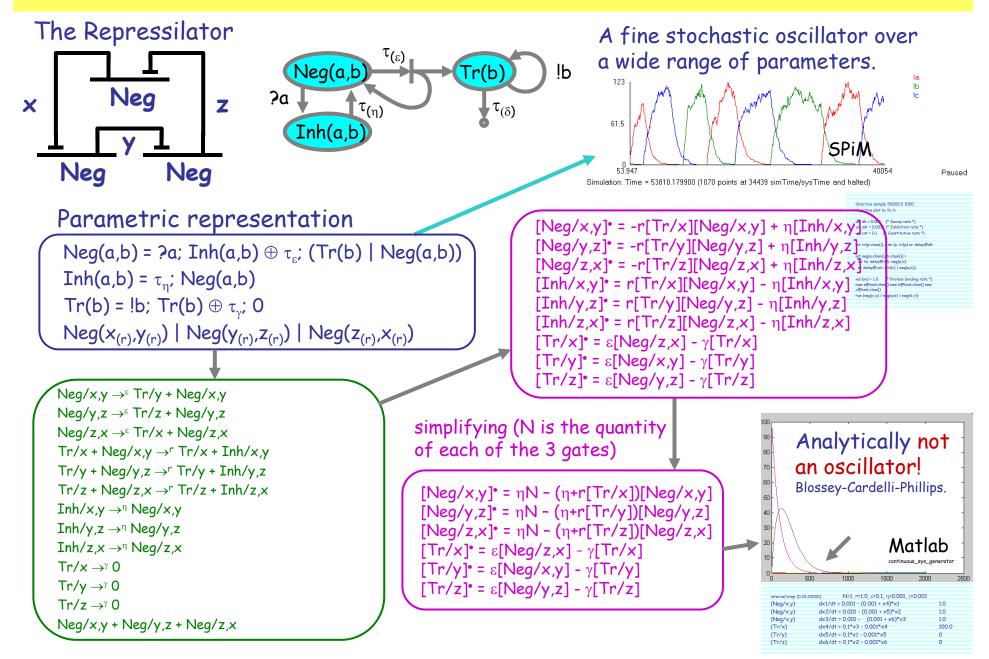
Not bounded-state systems. Not finite-control systems. But still finite-species systems.

Reagents	(n ≥ 0)				
Molecules	(n ≥ 0)				
Solutions	(n ≥ 0)				
Interactions					
with initial condi	tions				
\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) (τ_0 ;P = 0) X _i are distinct in E, p are vectors of names p are vectors of distinct names when in binding position Each free name n in E is assigned a fixed rate r: written either n _(r) , or $\rho_{CPF}(n)$ =r.					

A translation from CPF to CGF exists (expanding all possible instantiation of parameters from the initial conditions)

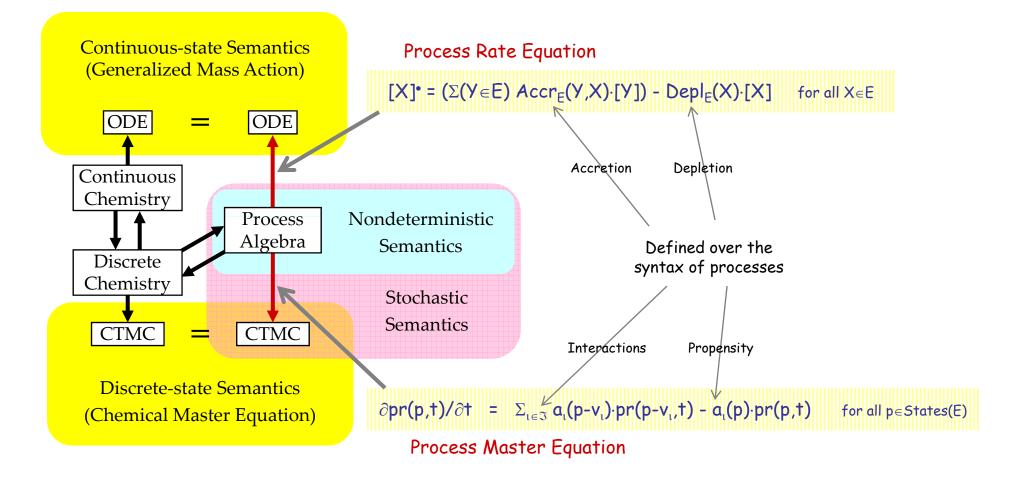
An incremental translation algorithm exists (expanding on demand from initial conditions)

And Yet It Moves



Conclusions

Quantitative Process Semantics



Some Consequences

- Process algebras are faithful to chemical semantics.
 - And hence can be used for biochemical modeling

Pi(Ch(E)) = E $Pi(Ch(E)) \approx E$ Ch(Pi(C)) = C $Cont(Ch(Pi(C))) \approx Cont(C)$

- (N.B. although CTMC graphs were sufficient for our purposes, there is still the issue of when two CTMC graphs
 are stochastically equivalent. The "true" stochastic semantics is given by the Chapman-Kolmogorov equation for
 Markov processes, a.k.a. the Chemical Master Equation. Such equation can be extracted directly from process
 algebra as well, but it is notoriously difficult to use.)
- Process algebras lead to more compact models (representations), which in addition are compositional.
 - This is relevant to the current efforts in "scaling up" biological modeling.
- We also obtain a bulk (ODE) semantics for process algebras
 - Opens up the possibility of studying "bulk laws" of processes; classical analytical tools can be used.
 - One has to be careful (as in chemistry) about stochastic effects.

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