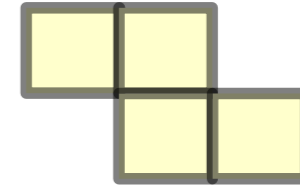


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Enhancing “Reaction Systems”: a  
process algebraic approach

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# Roadmap

- ✓ A new kind of interaction (subsuming CCS)
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The image shows four hands, two on the left and two on the right, holding several blue puzzle pieces. The puzzle pieces are arranged in a circular pattern, with some pieces being held together and others being held apart. The background is a solid light blue color. The text is overlaid on the puzzle pieces.

**Interactions are  
not always binary,  
think at  
biological systems or  
contracts !**

# Notation

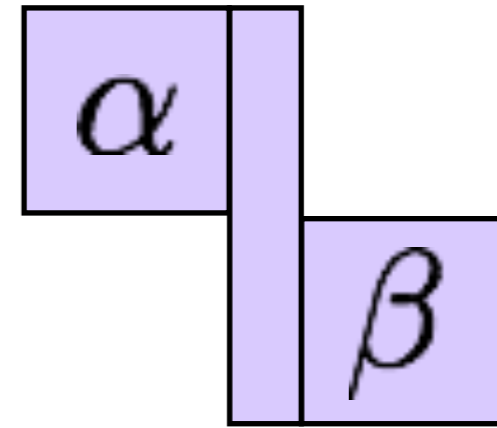
$a$  interaction over channel  $a$

$\tau$  silent interaction

$\square$  free “slot”, accepting any interaction (only in labels)

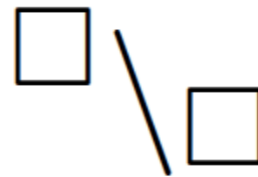
# Link

$\alpha \setminus \beta$  From  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$



Valid:

if it is **virtual**



if it is **solid**

$$\alpha, \beta \neq \square$$

# Link chain

$$\alpha_1 \setminus \beta_1 \quad \alpha_2 \setminus \beta_2 \quad \dots \quad \alpha_n \setminus \beta_n$$

$\mathcal{C}$  is the set of channel names

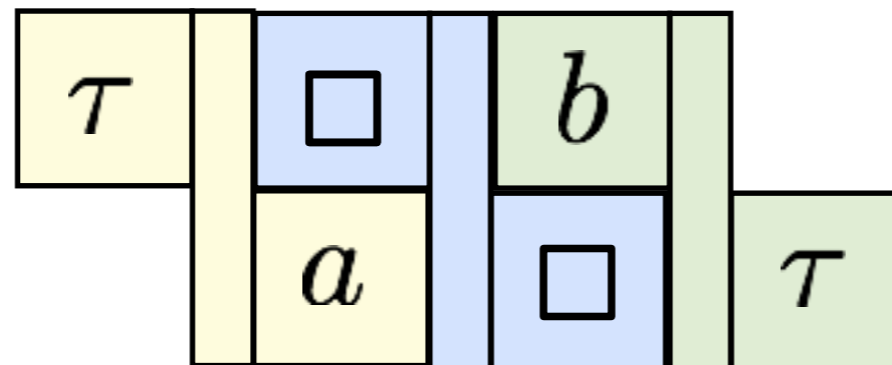
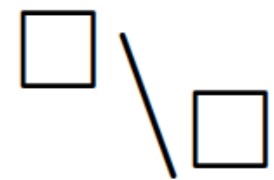
such that:

$$\beta_i, \alpha_{i+1} \in \mathcal{C} \quad \text{implies} \quad \beta_i = \alpha_{i+1}$$

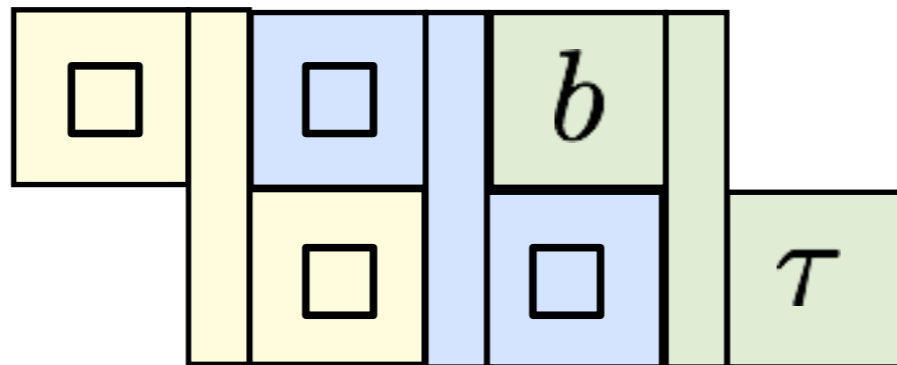
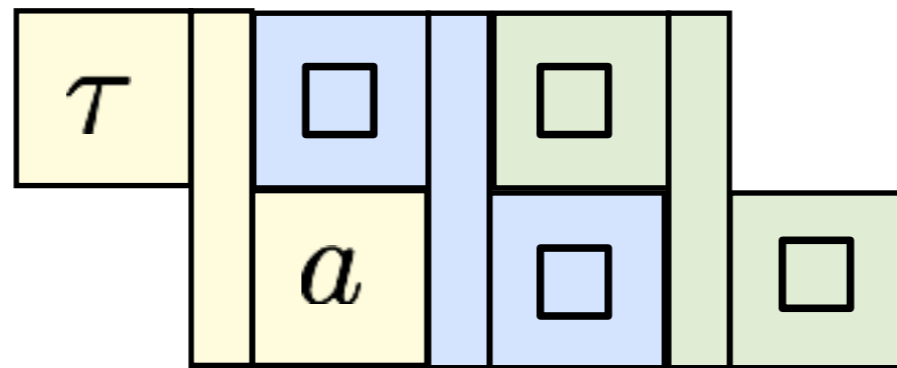
$$\beta_i = \tau \quad \text{iff} \quad \alpha_{i+1} = \tau$$

# Examples: non solid

Virtual links  
can be read as missing pieces of the puzzle

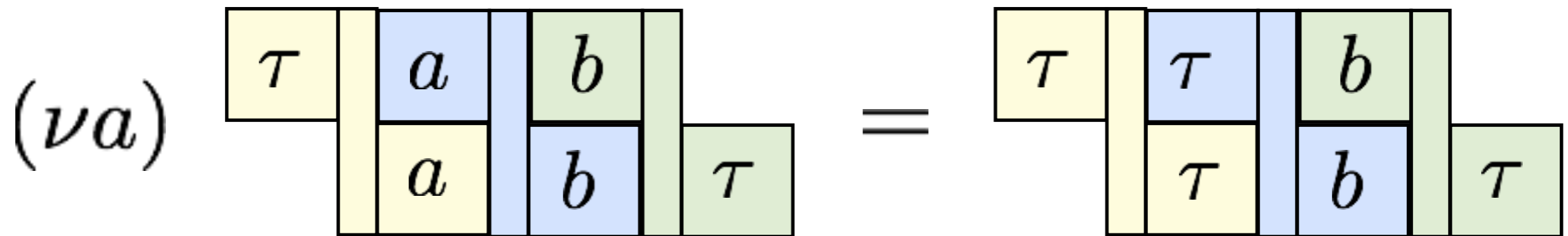


# Examples: merge





# Examples: restriction



# Equivalence relation over link chains (the black tie)

$$s \square \backslash \square \quad \blacktriangleright \quad s$$

$$s_1 \square \backslash \square \backslash \square s_2 \quad \blacktriangleright \quad s_1 \square \backslash \square s_2$$

$$\square \backslash \square s \quad \blacktriangleright \quad s$$

$$s_1^\alpha \backslash a \backslash \beta s_2 \quad \blacktriangleright \quad s_1^\alpha \backslash a \backslash \square \backslash \beta s_2$$

# link-calculus syntax

$$P, Q ::= 0 \mid \ell.P \mid P + Q \mid P|Q \mid (\nu a)P \mid P[\phi] \mid A$$

null action

choice

restriction

recursion

prefix  
(link prefix)

parallel

relabelling

# (Relevant) SOS rules

the length of the link chains  
(of a transition) is decided  
by the semantics

$$\frac{s \bowtie \ell}{\ell.P \xrightarrow{s} P} \text{ (Act)}$$

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{s} P'}{(\nu a)P \xrightarrow{(\nu a)s} (\nu a)P'} \text{ (Res)}$$

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{s} P'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{s} P'|Q} \text{ (Lpar)}$$

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{s} P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{s'} Q'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{s \bullet s'} P'|Q'} \text{ (Com)}$$

# Example

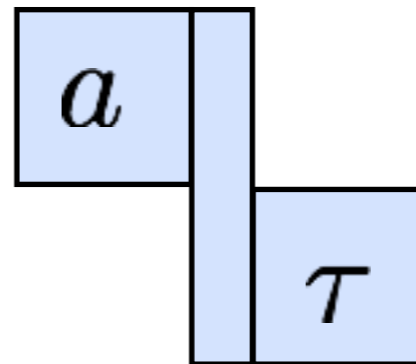
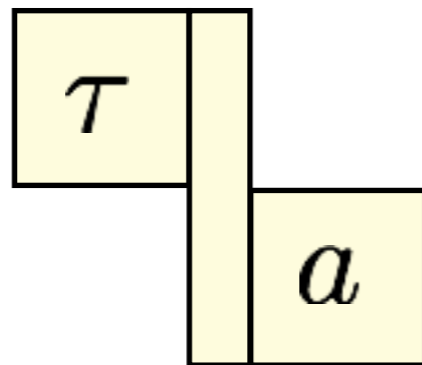
$$P \triangleq \tau \backslash_a . P_1 \mid (\nu b) Q, \quad Q \triangleq b \backslash_\tau . P_2 \mid a \backslash_b . \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{\frac{}{b \backslash_\tau . P_2 \xrightarrow{\square \backslash_\square \backslash_b \backslash_\tau} P_2} \text{(Act)} \quad \frac{}{a \backslash_b . \mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{\square \backslash_\square \backslash_a \backslash_b \backslash_\square} \mathbf{0}} \text{(Act)}}{\text{(Com)}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{}{\tau \backslash_a . P_1 \xrightarrow{\tau \backslash_\square \backslash_a \backslash_\square \backslash_\square} P_1} \text{(Act)} \quad \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\square \backslash_\square \backslash_a \backslash_b \backslash_\tau} P_2 \mid \mathbf{0}}{(\nu b) Q \xrightarrow{\square \backslash_\square \backslash_a \backslash_\tau \backslash_\tau} (\nu b)(P_2 \mid \mathbf{0})} \text{(Res)}}{\text{(Com)}}$$

$$P \xrightarrow{\tau \backslash_\square \backslash_a \backslash_\tau \backslash_\tau} P_1 \mid (\nu b)(P_2 \mid \mathbf{0})$$

# Examples: CCS-like



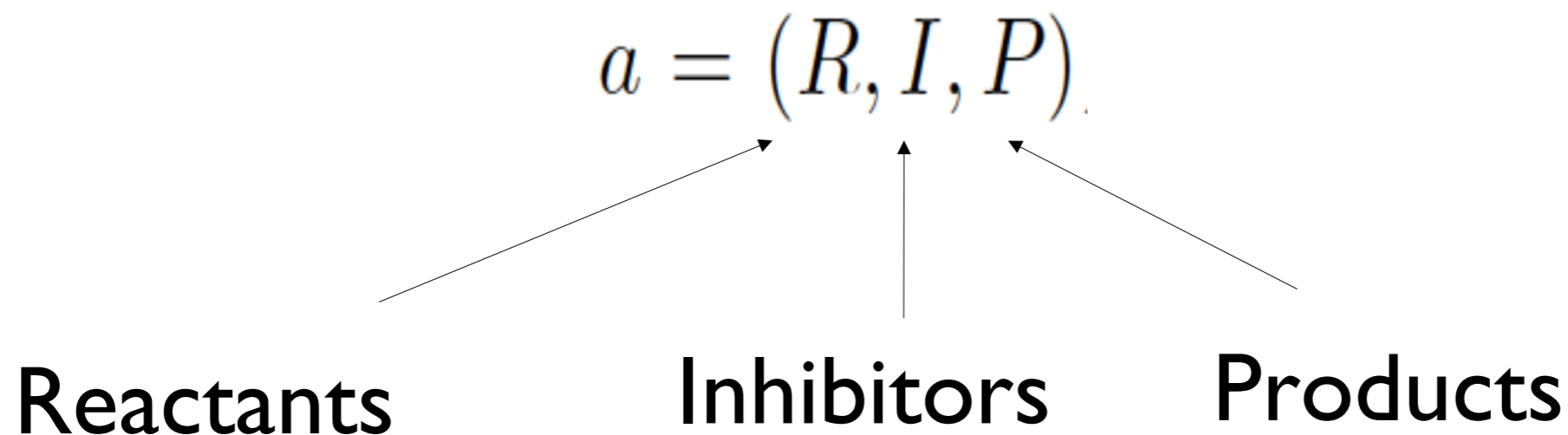
The process algebra of linked interactions includes CCS as a sub-calculus

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# Reaction Systems

A reaction system is a set of rules of the type:



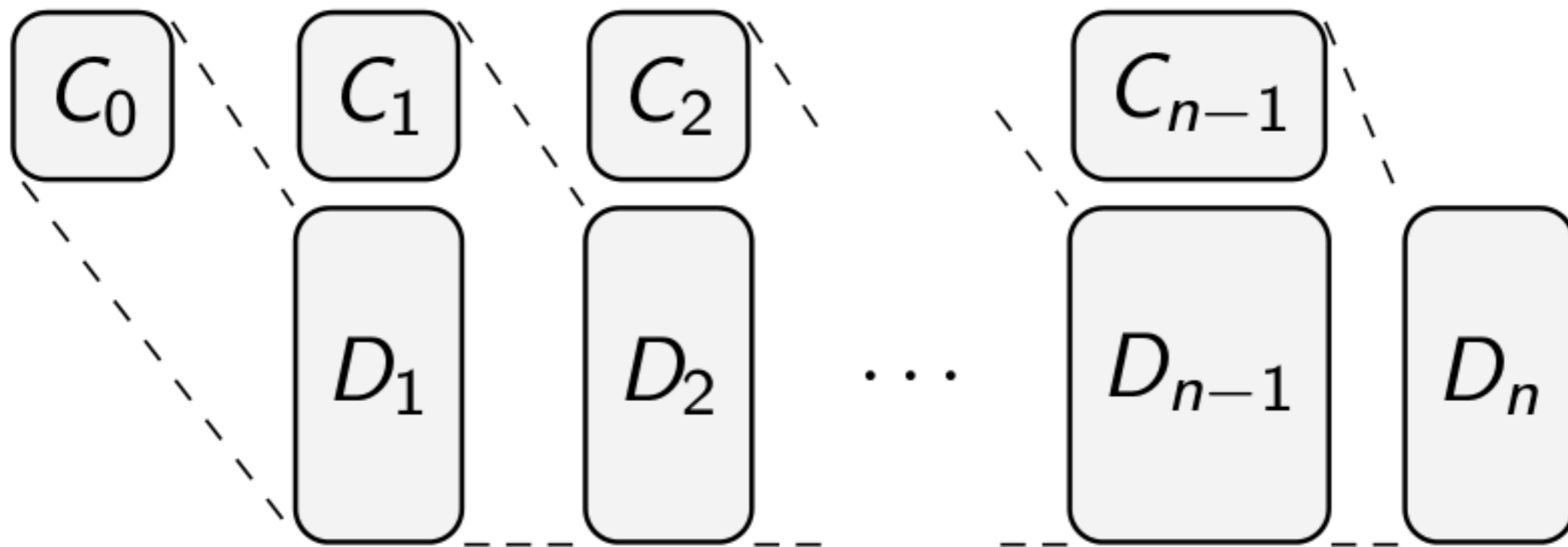
$(\{cAMP, CAP\}, \{glucose\}, \{cAMP-CAP\})$

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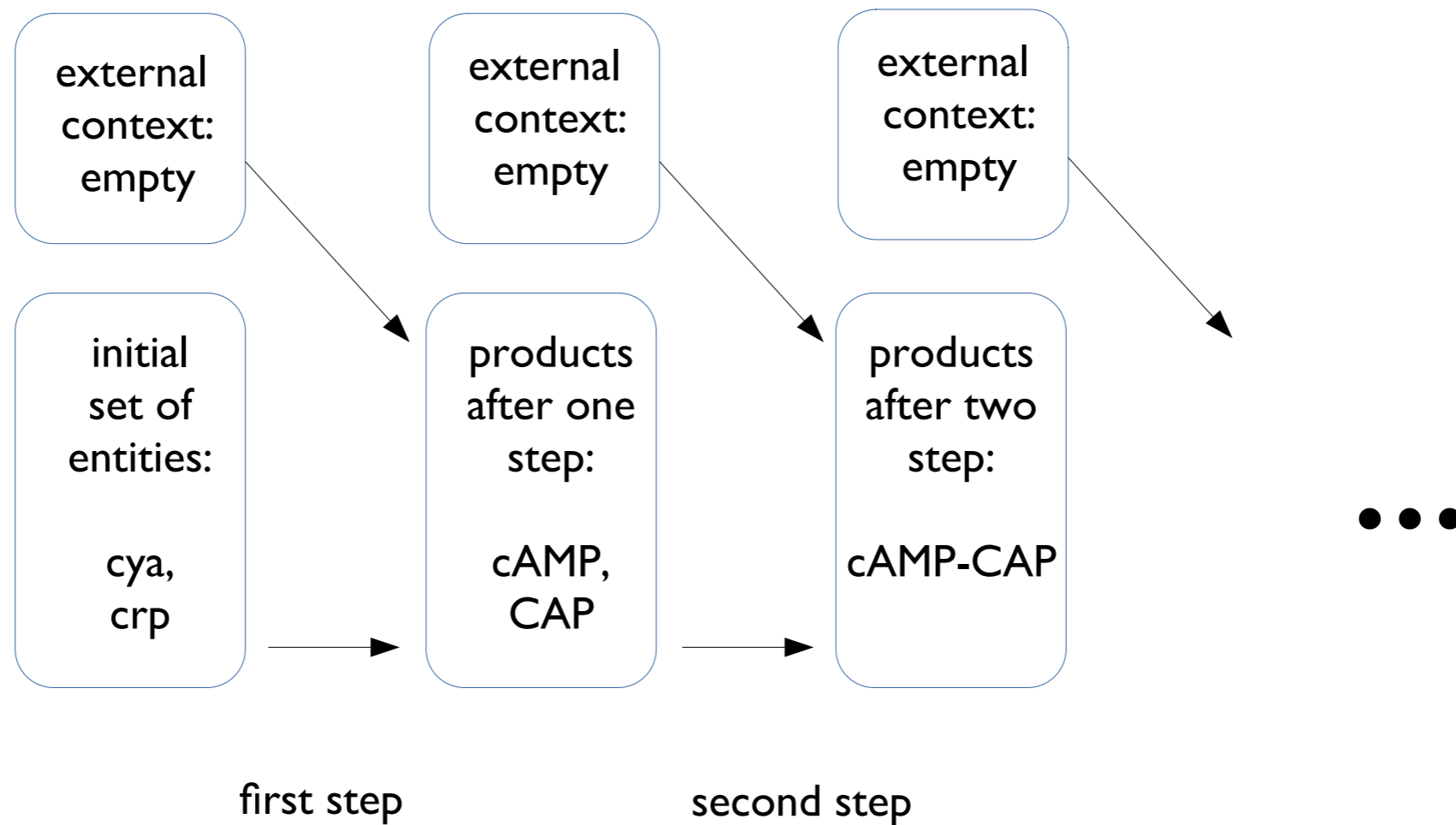


# Reaction Systems



$C_i$  are the entities provided by the biological external context:

# Reaction Systems



always are applied  
(when possible)  
all together

$(\{cya\}, \{\dots\}, \{cAMP\})$

$(\{crp\}, \{\dots\}, \{CAP\})$

$(\{cAMP, CAP\}, \{glucose\}, \{cAMP-CAP\})$

# The *chained* link-calculus

Is a version of the link-calculus where prefixes are link chains.

syntax  $P, Q ::= \sum_{i \in I} v_i.P_i \mid P|Q \mid (\nu a)P \mid P[\phi] \mid A$

link chain prefix  $v = \ell_1 \dots \ell_n$

relevant semantic rule 
$$\frac{v \blacktriangleleft v_j}{\sum_{i \in I} v_i.P_i \xrightarrow{v} P_j} \text{ (Sum)}$$

# The encoding

(Sketch of the idea)

assuming a rs with only 2 reactions, and 5 entities:

reaction 1  $(\{cya\}, \{\dots\}, \{cAMP\})$

reaction 2  $(\{cAMP, CAP\}, \{glucose\}, \{cAMP-CAP\})$

encoding the two reactions

reaction 1  $P_1 \triangleq \tau \backslash_{cya} \square \backslash_{cAMP} \widetilde{cAMP} \backslash_{r_2} . P_1 + \dots$

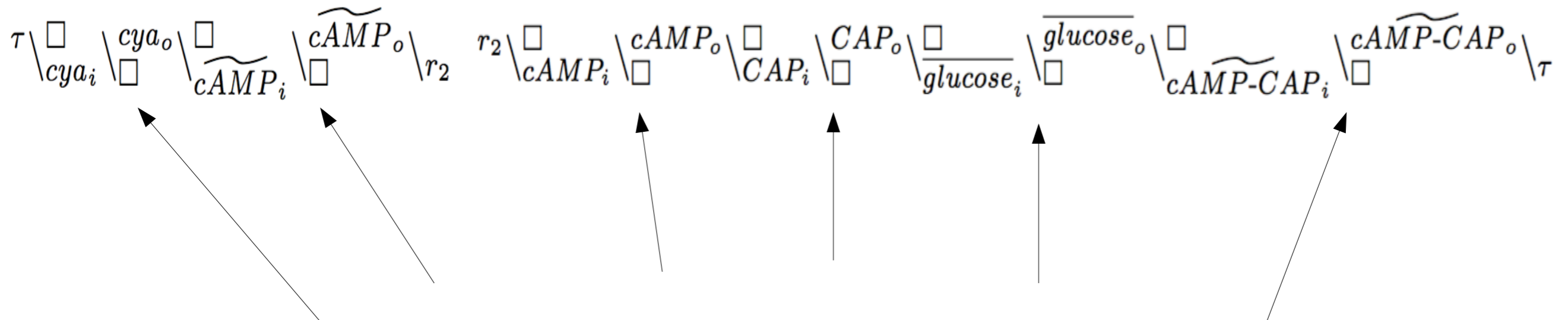
reaction 2

$P_2 \triangleq r_2 \backslash_{cAMP_i} \square \backslash_{CAP_i} \square \backslash_{glucose_i} \overline{glucose}_o \backslash_{cAMP-CAP_i} \widetilde{cAMP-CAP}_o \backslash_{\tau} . P_2$   
+ ...

# The encoding

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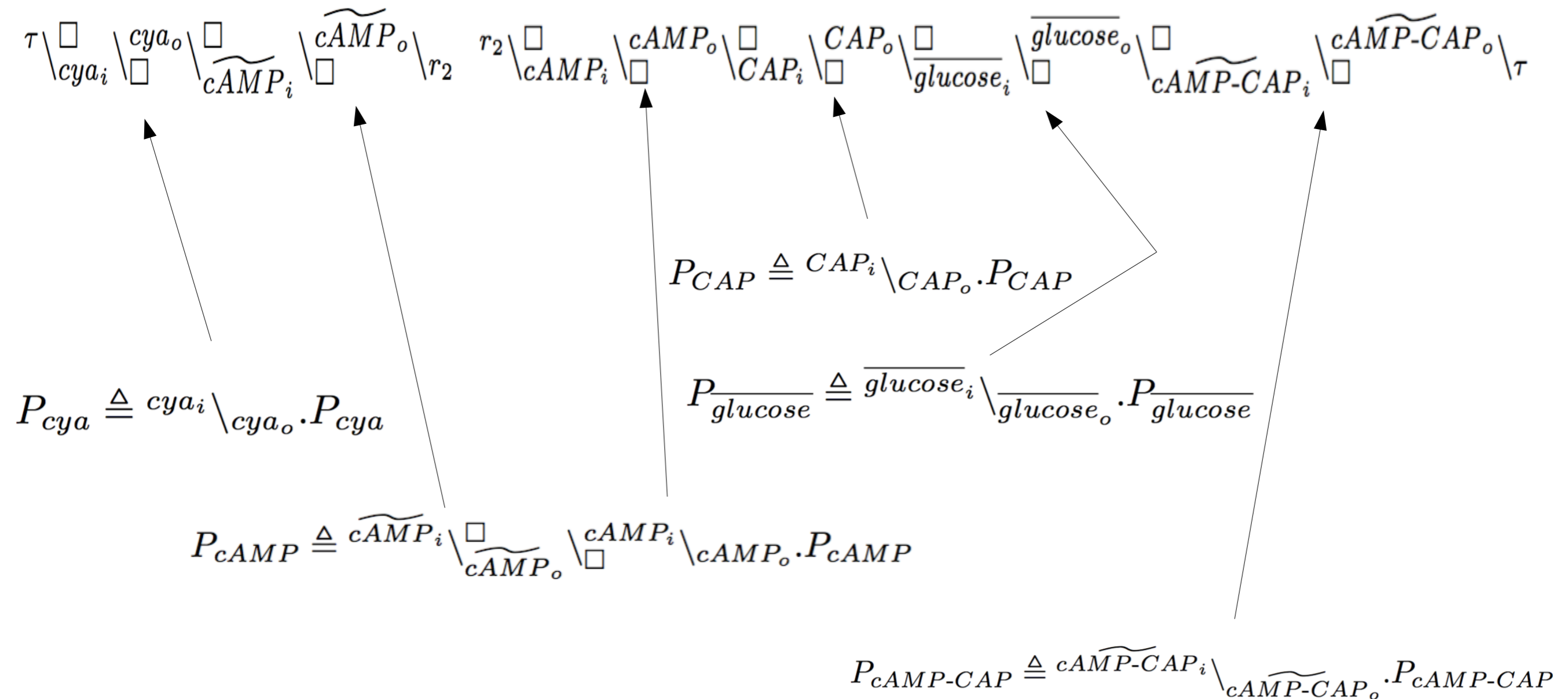
the link chain prefixes of the two reactions can be linked  
(forming a sort of communication backbone):



what is still missing is the contribution of the single entities (molecules)

# The encoding

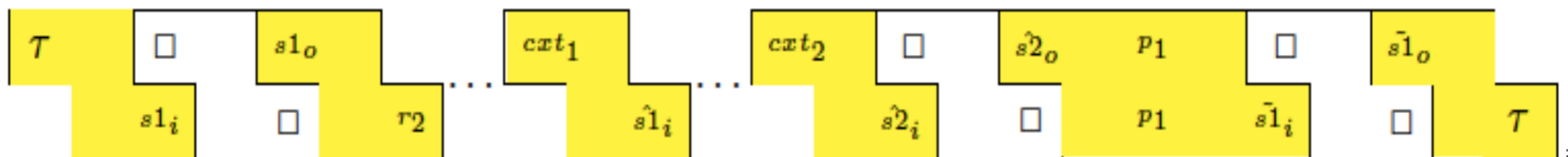
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encoding the entities

# What we gain:

- ✓ a reaction system step corresponds to a single multi-party transition
- ✓ programmable contexts
- ✓ modeling mutating entities
- ✓ **communicating reaction systems:** the products of a reaction system can be provided as a reagent of a second reaction system;
- ✓ **modeling style: backbone + resources:** the processes encoding the reactions and the context form the backbone; processes encoding entities provide the resources.



# Future work

We would like to:

- ✓ optimize implementation ;
- ✓ describe mutating molecules and mutating rules
- ✓ define quantitative extensions of the calculus.



# The link-calculus webpage:

- ✓ <http://linkcalculus.di.unipi.it/>



*thanks!*  
*questions?*