

Membrane Computing

Păun 2000 JCSS

nested membranes

R objects

8 strings

4 unstructured

R rules

4 communication

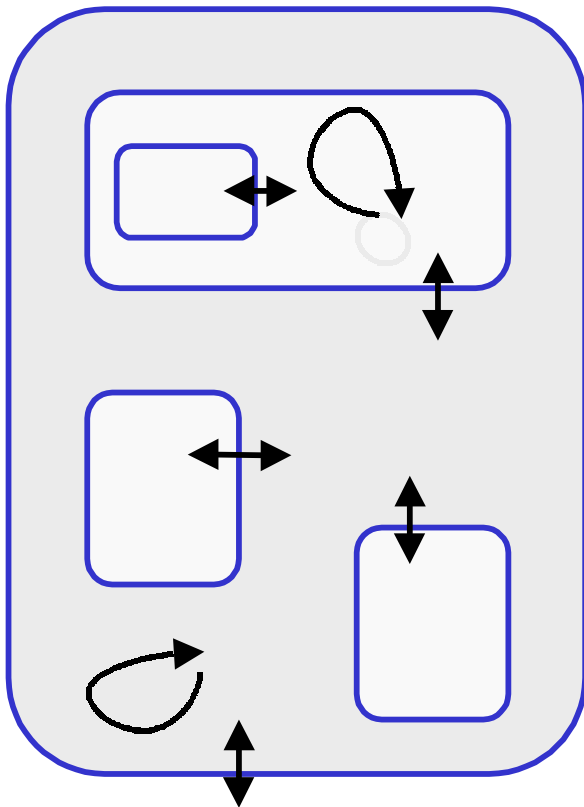
$ac \rightarrow ba_{out}c_{in}$

8 evolution

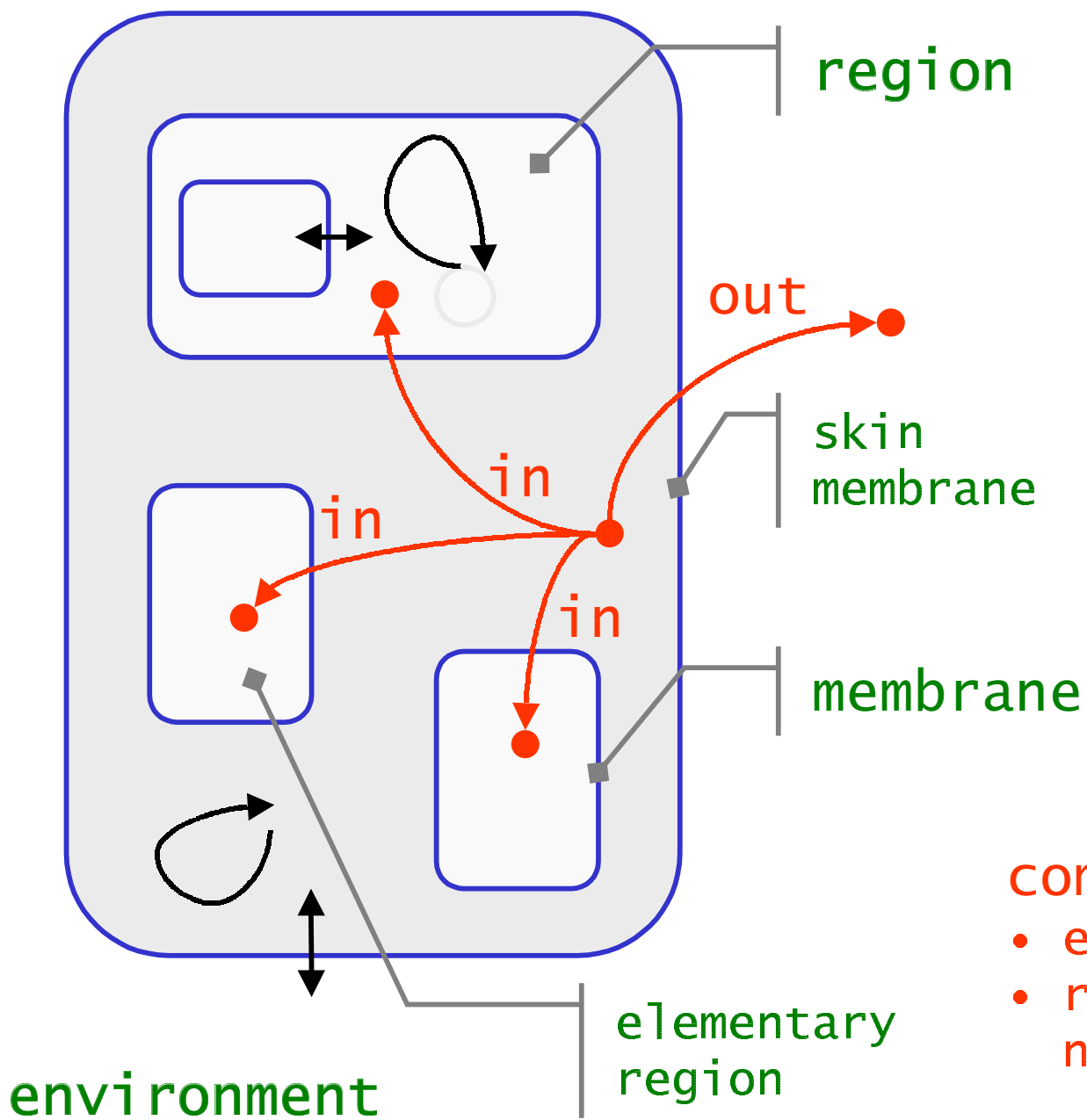
2 rewriting

$(A \rightarrow aAb)_{out}$

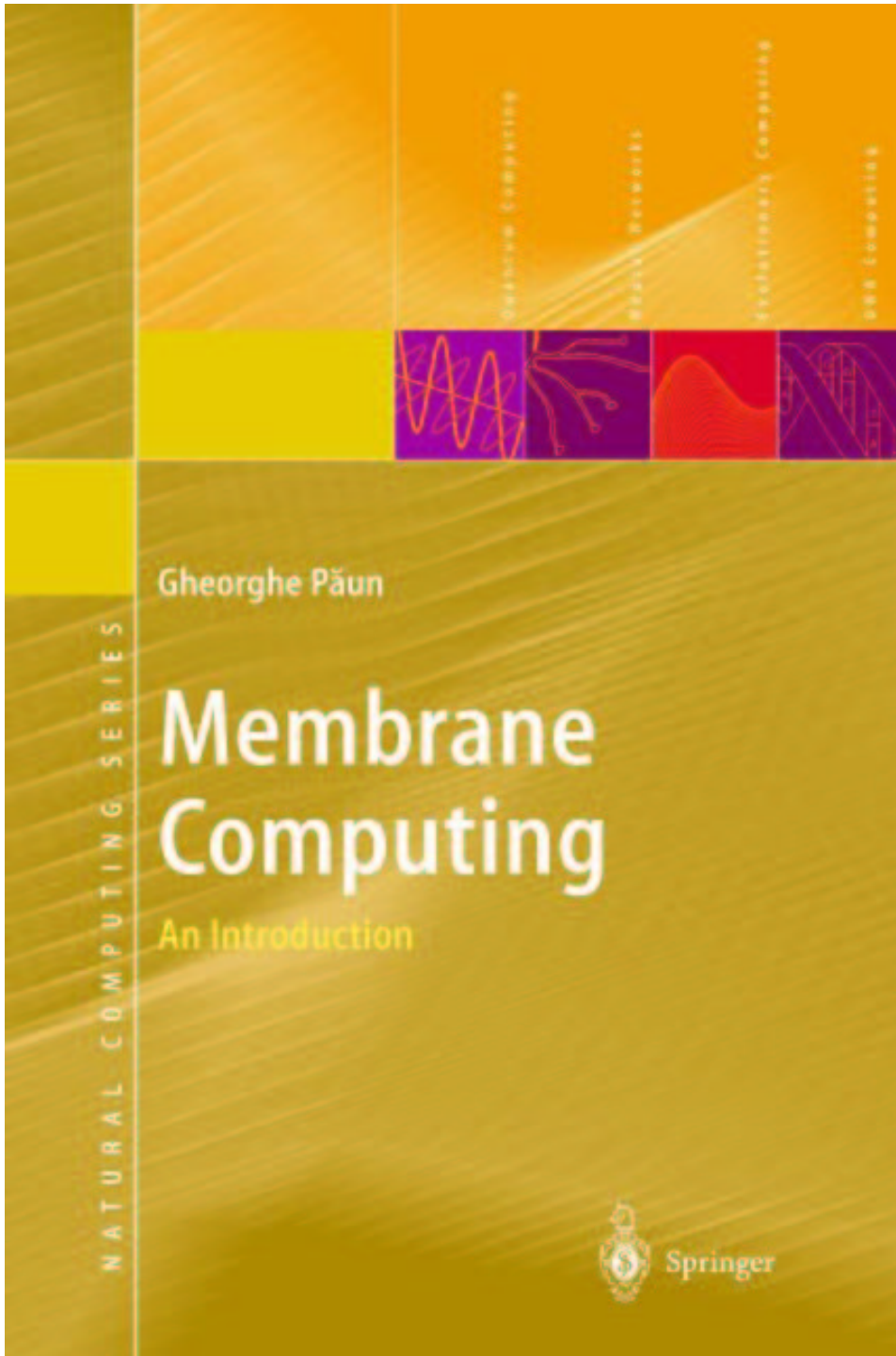
2 splicing



Structure



- communication
- explicit addressing
 - relative in/out
 - non-deterministic



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Carriers and Counters

P systems with Carriers

vs.

(Blind) Counter Automata

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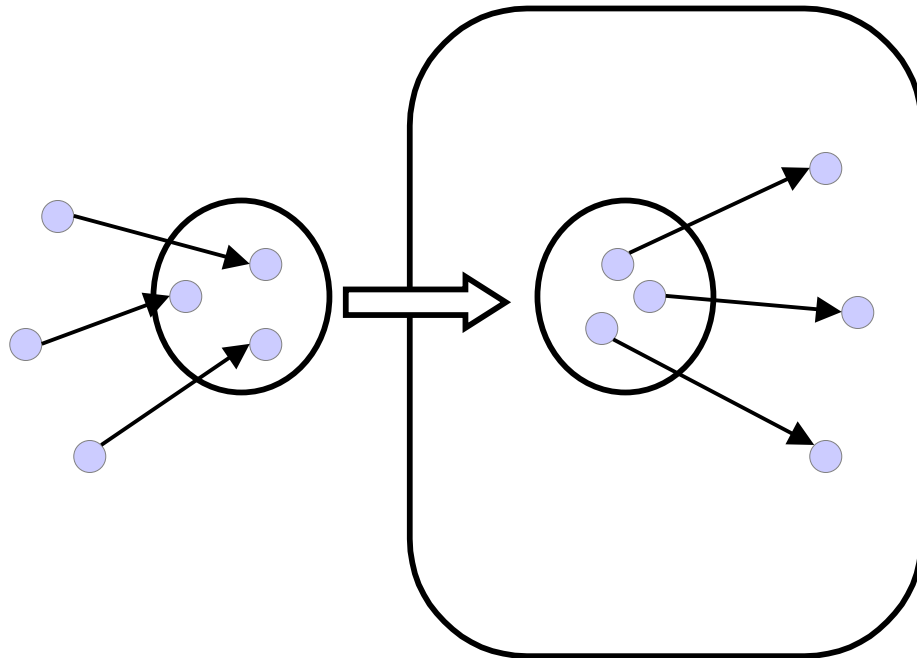
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Developments in Language Theory '02

Kyoto Japan

P systems with carriers

Martín-Vide Păun Rozenberg



Contents

- **objects**
 - multiset symbols
 - infinite supply
 - in environment
- **carriers**
 - finite number

Rules

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| $va_1 \dots a_k \rightarrow v[a_1 \dots a_k]$ | attaching |
| $v[a_1 \dots a_k] \rightarrow in$ | carry in |
| $v[a_1 \dots a_k] \rightarrow out$ | carry out |
| $v[a_1 \dots a_k] \rightarrow va_1 \dots a_k$ | detaching |

$v a_1 \dots a_k \leftrightarrow v[a_1 \dots a_k]$
 $v[a_1 \dots a_k] \rightarrow \text{in/out}$

Computations

evolving multisets
infinite supply environment
fixed carriers

maximal parallelism
halting by 'blocking'
counting objects

'output' membrane

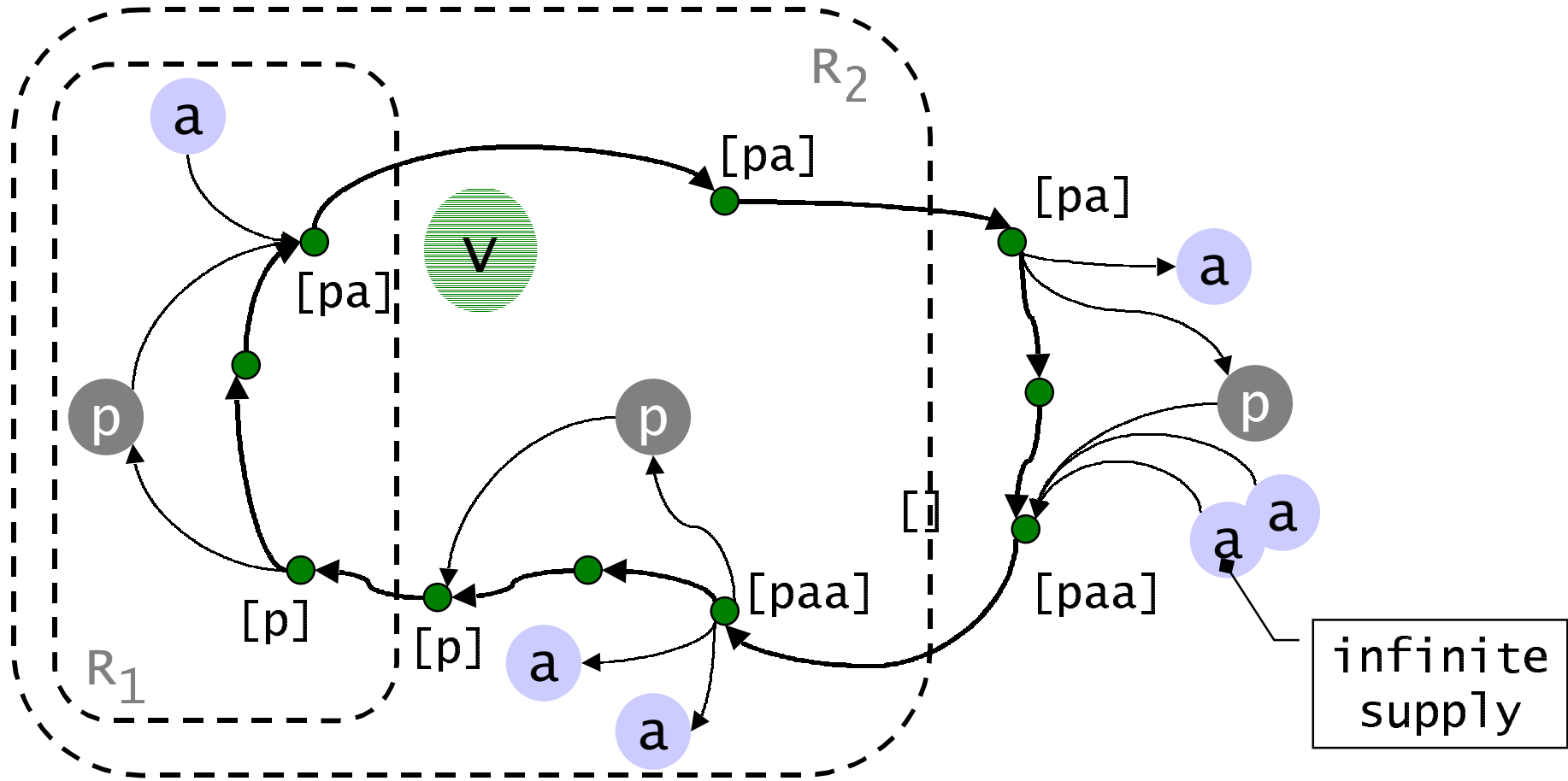
$\mathbb{N}^k \text{CP}_m(c, p)$

- membranes
- carriers
- passengers

(here $k=1$)

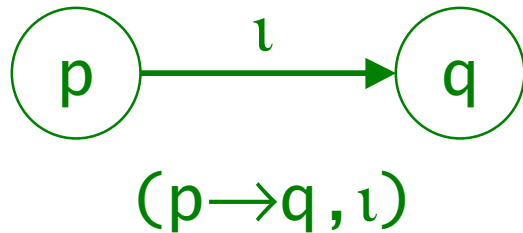
P systems with carriers

example



E	R ₂	R ₁
$v[p] \rightarrow vp$	$vp \rightarrow v[p] \rightarrow in$	$v[p] \rightarrow vp$
$v[pa] \rightarrow vpa$	$v[pa] \rightarrow out$	$vpa \rightarrow v[pa] \rightarrow out$
$vpaa \rightarrow v[paa] \rightarrow in$	$v[paa] \rightarrow vpaa$	

counter automata



Minsky, Fischer

ϵ	nil
$+A$	add one
$-A$	subtract one
$A=0$	zero test

several counters
acceptance by final state
& empty counters
output counter
Recursively Enumerable sets

NRE

blind counter automata

Greibach

no zero test,
except final test for acceptance
Petri nets

NBC

DLT'02 paper

MaVi-Pău-Roz '02

$$\text{NRE} = \text{NCP}_2(3, 3)$$

$$\text{NRE} = \text{NCP}_1(2, 3)$$

$$\text{NRE} = \text{NCP}_1(*, 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NBC} &= \text{NCP}_*(1, *) \\ &= \text{NCP}_1(1, 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{NRE} = \text{NCP}_*(*, 1)$$

$$\text{NCP}_m(c, p)$$

- membranes
- carriers
- passengers

1. single membrane

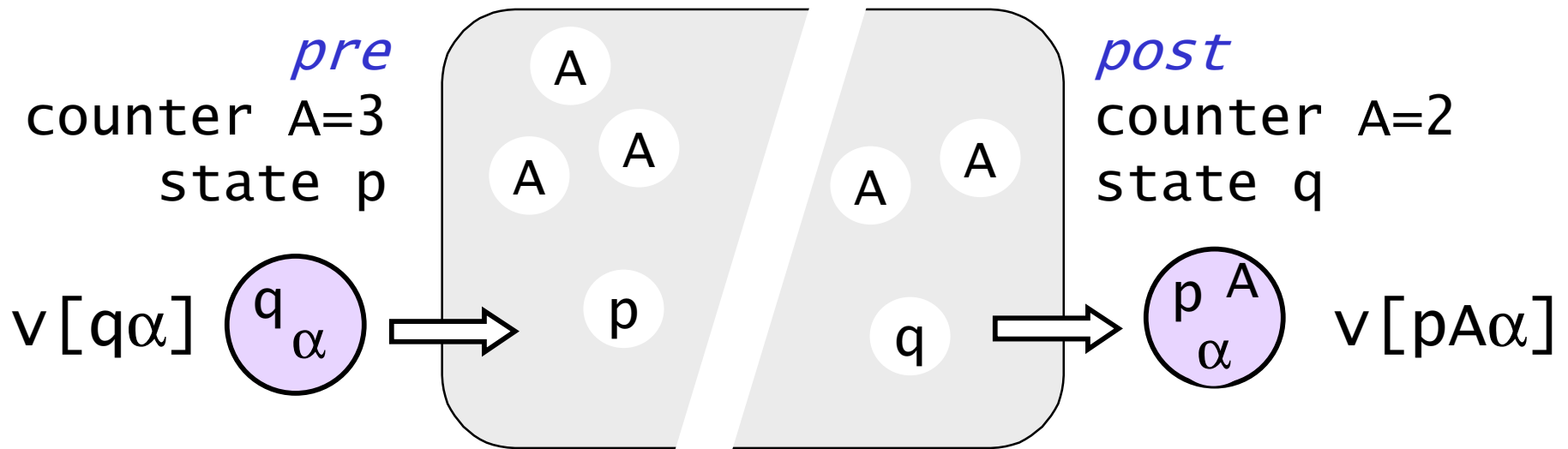
2. single carrier

3. single passenger

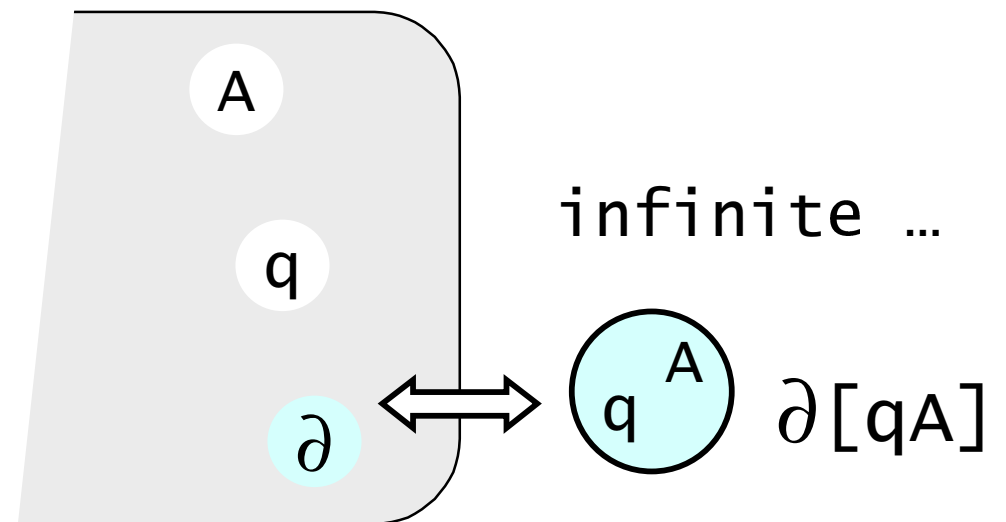
1. single membrane

$$\text{NRE} \subseteq \text{NCP}_1(2, 3)$$

$\alpha: (p \rightarrow q, -A)$

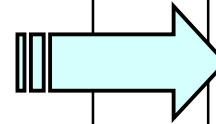


$\alpha: (p \rightarrow q, A=0)$



2. single carrier

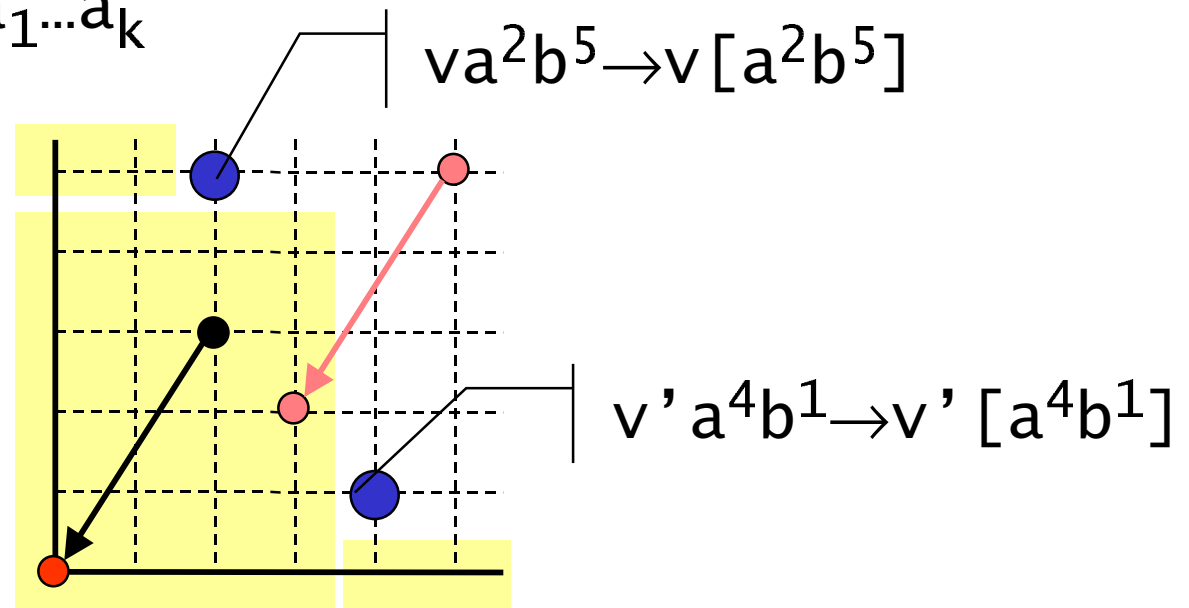
P without parallelism
carriers + objects
P system halting:
no applicable rules



blind counter aut.
state + counters
final state
& empty counters

- * $va_1 \dots a_k \rightarrow v[a_1 \dots a_k]$
- 3 $v[a_1 \dots a_k] \rightarrow \text{in/out}$
- 3 $v[a_1 \dots a_k] \rightarrow va_1 \dots a_k$

guess vector
& test by zero
acceptance



2. single carrier

$$\text{NBC} = \text{NCP}_1(1, 3)$$

$$\text{NBC} \subseteq \text{NCP}_1(1, 3)$$

$$\text{NRE} \subseteq \text{NCP}_1(2, 3)$$

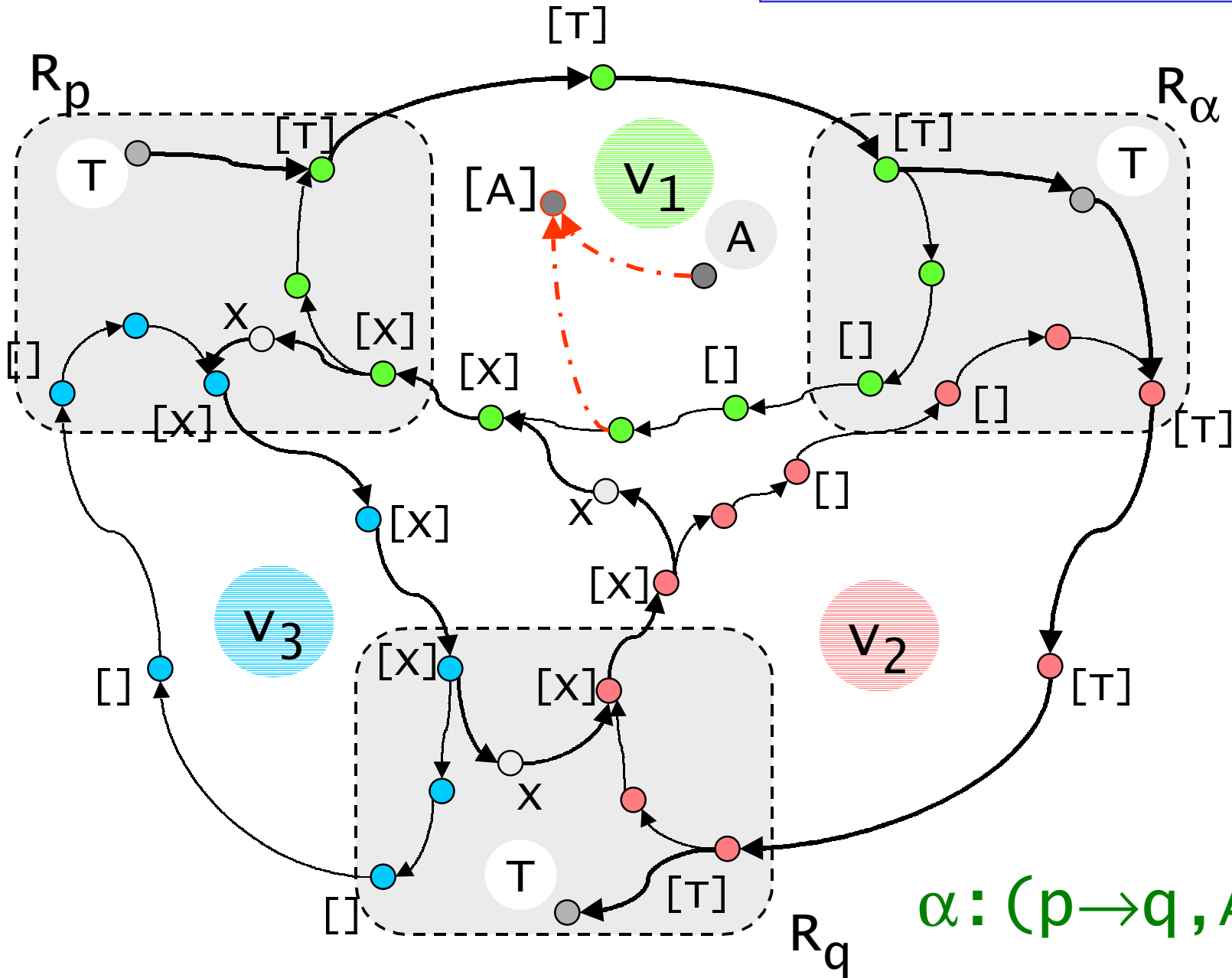
forget about 'zero test' ∂

$$\text{NBC} \supseteq \text{NCP}_*(1, *)$$

no parallelism !

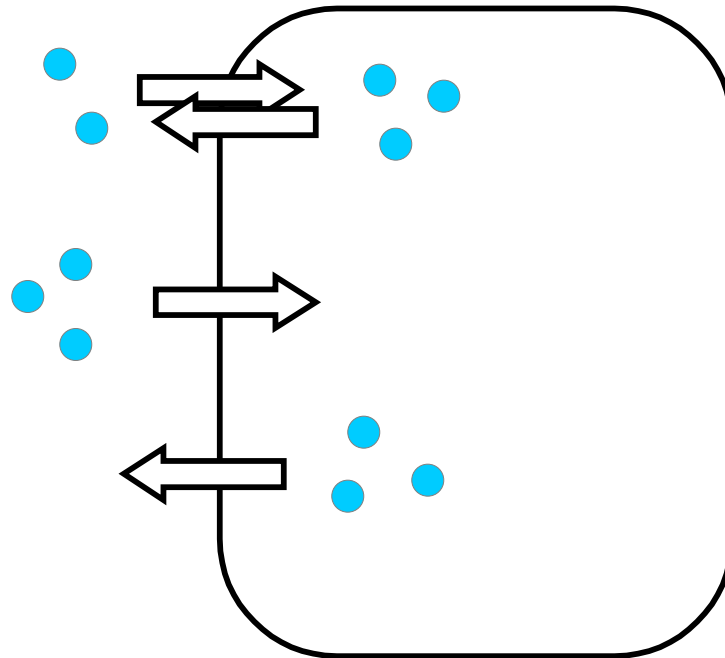
3. single passenger

$$\text{NRE} \subseteq \text{NCP}_*(*, 1)$$



P systems with symport/antiport

Păun & Păun



Contents

- objects
multiset symbols
infinite supply
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Rules

$(a_1 \dots a_k, \text{in}; b_1 \dots b_\ell, \text{out})$ antiport

$(a_1 \dots a_k, \text{in})$ symport

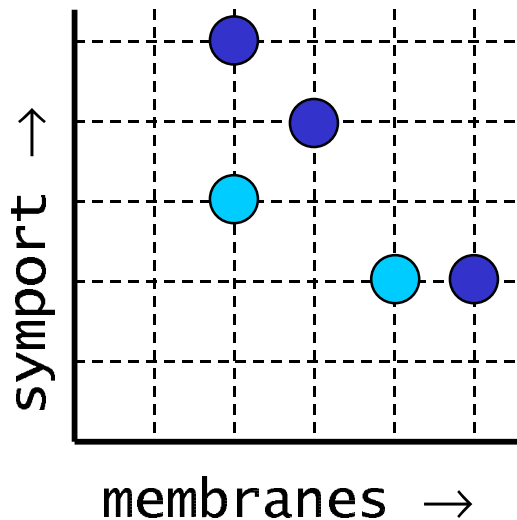
$(a_1 \dots a_k, \text{out})$

WMC paper (& Frisco)

Pău-Pău '02

$$\text{NRE} = \text{NPP}_2(2, 2)$$

$$\text{NRE} = \text{NPP}_1(1, 2)$$



$$\text{NPP}_m(s, a)$$

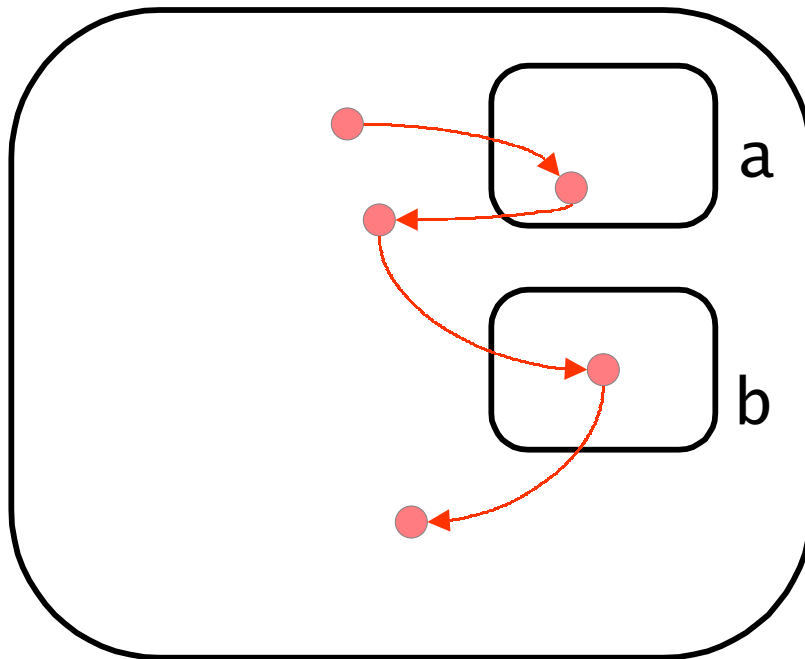
- membranes
- symport
- antiport

1. single membrane

2. symport only

symport/antiport : following the traces

Ionescu, MartínVide, Păun & Păun



Contents

- **objects**
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- **traveller**

Rules

$(a_1 \dots a_k, \text{in}; b_1 \dots b_\ell, \text{out})$ **antiport**
 $(a_1 \dots a_k, \text{in})$ **symport**
 $(a_1 \dots a_k, \text{out})$

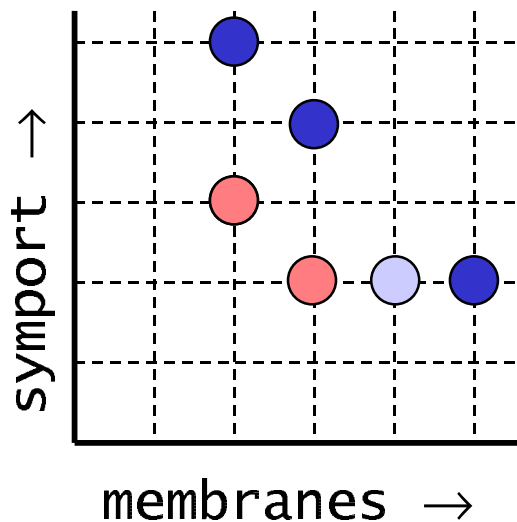
WMC paper

Ion-MaVi-Pău-Pău '02

$$1 \cdot \text{RE} = 1 \cdot \text{LP}_2(2, 2)$$

$$l \cdot \text{RE} = l \cdot \text{LP}_{l+1}(0, 2)$$

$$l \cdot \text{RE} = l \cdot \text{LP}_{l+1}(3, 0)$$



$l \cdot \text{LP}_m(s, a)$

- letters
- membranes
- symport
- antiport

1. two+ letters

2. single letter
symport only

conclusion ... after WMC'02 ...

carrier P systems \leftrightarrow **counter** automata
maximal parallelism \leftrightarrow zero test

Petri nets!

single membrane	RE
single carrier	BC
single passenger	RE

P systems with unstructured objects

- / catalists & communicative [Sosík]
- / P-automata [Csuhaj-Varjú & Vaszi]
- / analysing systems [Freund & Oswald]
- / with symport/antiport
- / following traces