

# Population Modelling

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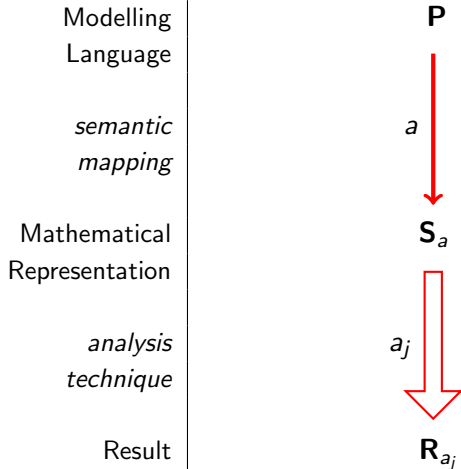


# Modelling collective adaptive systems quantitatively



- application area: collective adaptive systems (CAS)
  - smart transport – buses, bike sharing
  - smart grid – electricity generation and consumption
- we want model to quantitative behaviour of these systems and be able to characterise their performance
- we take a population-based approach where there are a large number of identical processes
- many processes leads to well-known problem of state space explosion
- mitigate this problem with approximation techniques
- focus in this talk on a general process algebra approach to modelling populations, moving beyond application to biology

# Quantitative modelling



# Modelling with PEPA

- PEPA [Hillston, 1996]
- two-level grammar, constant definition,  $C \stackrel{def}{=} S$

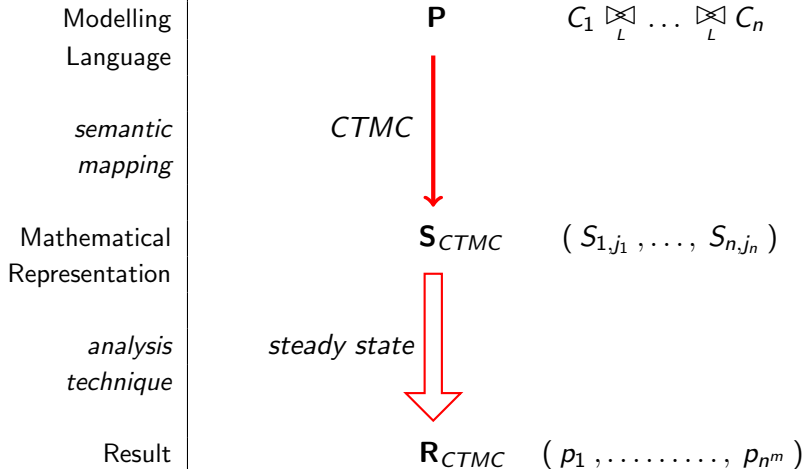
$$S ::= (a, r).S \mid S + S$$

$$P ::= S \mid P \underset{L}{\bowtie} P$$

multi-way synchronisation (CSP-style)

- operational semantics define labelled multi-transition system
  - $P_1 \xrightarrow{(a,r)} P_2$
  - labelled continuous-time Markov chain (CTMC)
- what happens when there are many sequential processes?
  - assume  $n$  sequential constants:  $C_1, \dots, C_n$
  - each constant has a maximum of  $m$  states:  $S_{1,1}, \dots, S_{1,m}$
  - CTMC has a maximum of  $n^m$  states

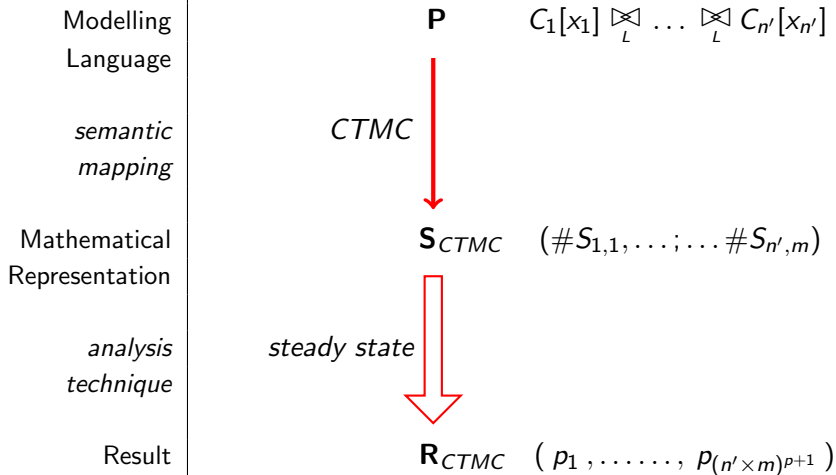
# Modelling with PEPA



## Quotienting by bisimilarity

- what if many of the sequential processes are the same?
- consider the states
  - $(S_{1,1}, S_{1,1}, S_{1,2}, S_{4,j_4}, \dots, S_{n,j_n})$
  - $(S_{1,2}, S_{1,1}, S_{1,1}, S_{4,j_4}, \dots, S_{n,j_n})$
  - both have the same numbers of  $S_{1,1}$  and  $S_{1,2}$
- numeric vector representation
  - $(\#S_{1,1}, \#S_{1,2}, \dots, \#S_{1,m}; \dots; \#S_{n',1}, \#S_{n',2}, \dots, \#S_{n',m})$
  - $n'$  is number of different types of sequential constants
- introduces functional rates
- stochastically bisimilar
- smaller state space?
  - $p$  is the maximum count of any state  $S_{i,j}$
  - CTMC has a maximum of  $(n' \times m)^{p+1}$  states

# Using numeric vector representation

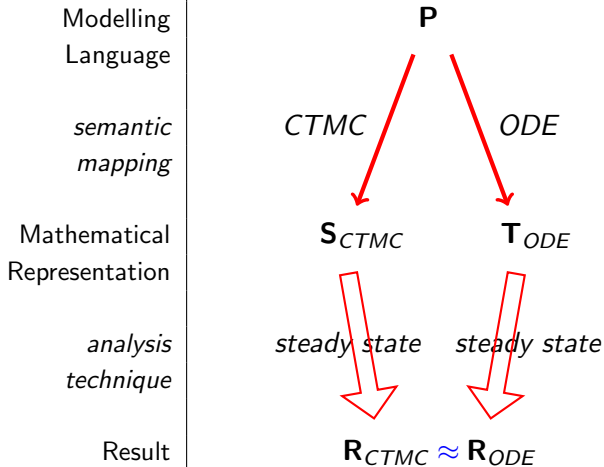




## Fluid/mean-field approximation

- numeric vector representation can still result in a large number of states so use a fluid approximation [Hillston, 2005]
- treat subpopulation counts as real rather than integral and express change over time as ordinary differential equations (ODEs) giving one equation for each sequential state:  $n' \times m$
- seldom obtain ODEs with analytical solutions but numerical ODE solution is generally fast
- ODE behaviour can approximate CTMC behaviour well if sufficient numbers (together with some other conditions as shown by Kurtz)

# Fluid/mean-field approximation



# Languages for modelling populations

- extensions to PEPA: multiple states per entity
  - Grouped PEPA [Hayden, Stefanek and Bradley, 2012]
  - Fluid process algebra [Tschaikowski and Tribastone, 2014]
- biological: single state and count per species
  - Bio-PEPA [Ciocchetta and Hillston, 2009]
  - Bio-PEPA with compartments [Ciocchetta and Guerriero, 2009]
- epidemiological: single state and count per subpopulation
  - variant of Bio-PEPA with locations [Ciocchetta and Hillston, 2010]

# A stochastic population process algebra

- stochastic and deterministic semantics
- aim to be general but elementary
- each entity has a single state and a count
- is there a suitable equivalence?
- compression bisimulation [Galpin and Hillston, 2011]
- start more concretely and then consider more generality
- syntax from epidemiological modelling but different semantics

# A stochastic population process algebra

- subpopulation description

$$C \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\beta_1, (\kappa_1, \lambda_1)) \odot C + \dots + (\beta_{m_C}, (\kappa_{m_C}, \lambda_{m_C})) \odot C$$

- actions:  $\beta_i$  are distinct
- in and out stoichiometries:  $\kappa_i, \lambda_i \in \mathbb{N}$

- composition of subpopulations

$$P \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C_1(n_{1,0}) \boxtimes_* \dots \boxtimes_* C_p(n_{p,0})$$

- subpopulations:  $C_j$  are distinct,
- initial quantities:  $n_{j,0} \in \mathbb{N}$

- minimum and maximum size:  $M_C$  and  $N_C$  for each  $C$
- range of a subpopulation is  $N_C - M_C + 1$
- use  $C^{(n)}$  to distinguish subpopulations with different ranges
- $P^{(n)}$  defines a composition whose minimum range is  $n$

$$\frac{}{C(n) \xrightarrow{\alpha, \{(C, n)\}}_c C(n - \kappa_k + \lambda_k)}$$

$$C \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{n_C} (\beta_k, (\kappa_k, \lambda_k)) \odot C$$

$$\alpha \in \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{n_C}\}$$

$$\kappa_k \leq n \leq N_C - \lambda_k$$

## Operational semantics (continued)

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha, W}_c P'}{P \boxtimes_* Q \xrightarrow{\alpha, W}_c P' \boxtimes_* Q} \quad Q \not\xrightarrow{\alpha, W'}_c$$

$$\frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha, W}_c Q'}{P \boxtimes_* Q \xrightarrow{\alpha, W}_c P' \boxtimes_* Q} \quad P \not\xrightarrow{\alpha, W'}_c$$

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha, W_1}_c P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{\alpha, W_2}_c Q'}{P \boxtimes_* Q \xrightarrow{\alpha, W_1 \cup W_2}_c P' \boxtimes_* Q'}$$

## Operational semantics (continued)

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha, W}_c P'}{P \xrightarrow{\alpha, f_\alpha(W)}_s P'}$$

- $f_\alpha : (\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the set of subpopulations
- $f_\alpha$  may make reference to  $M_C$  and  $N_C$
- Markov chain semantics are given by  $\xrightarrow{\alpha, r}_s$
- ODE semantics can be derived from  $C_1(n_{1,0}) \bowtie_* \dots \bowtie_* C_p(n_{p,0})$
- hybrid semantics by mapping to stochastic HYPE [Galpin 2014]
  - dynamic switching between stochastic and deterministic semantics for each action depending on subpopulation size or rate



## Example

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- consider  $A(5) \bowtie_* B(0) \bowtie_* C(0)$  and  $A(7) \bowtie_* B(0) \bowtie_* C(0)$
- express as labelled transition systems in numerical vector representation  $(n_A, n_B, n_C)$

## Example (continued)

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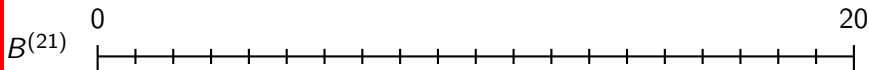
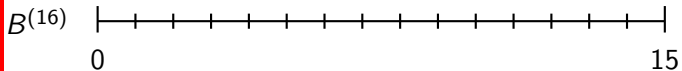
what is the equivalence that will identify these two models?

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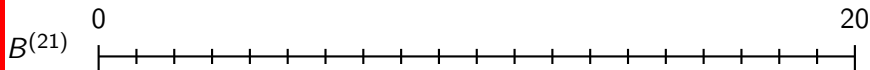
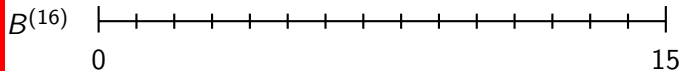
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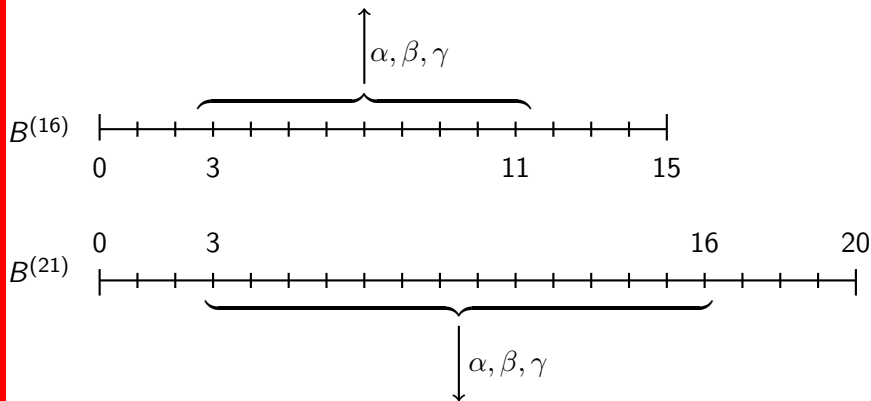
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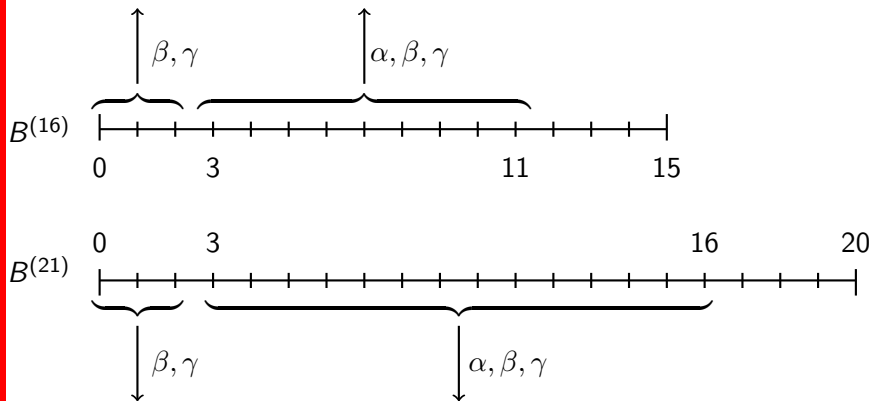
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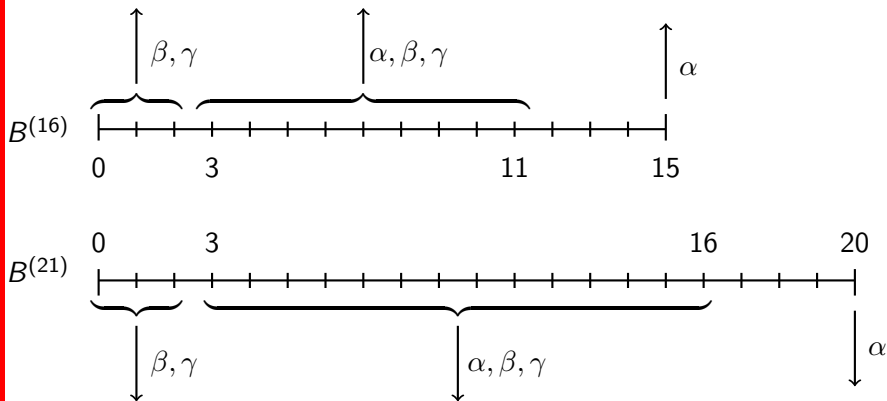
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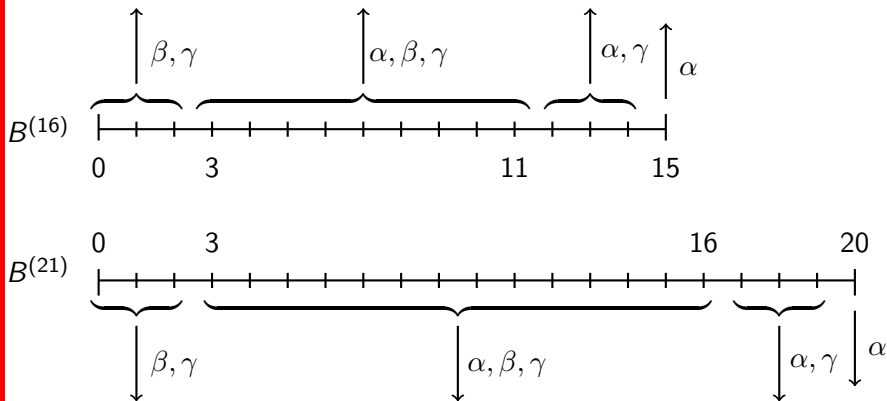
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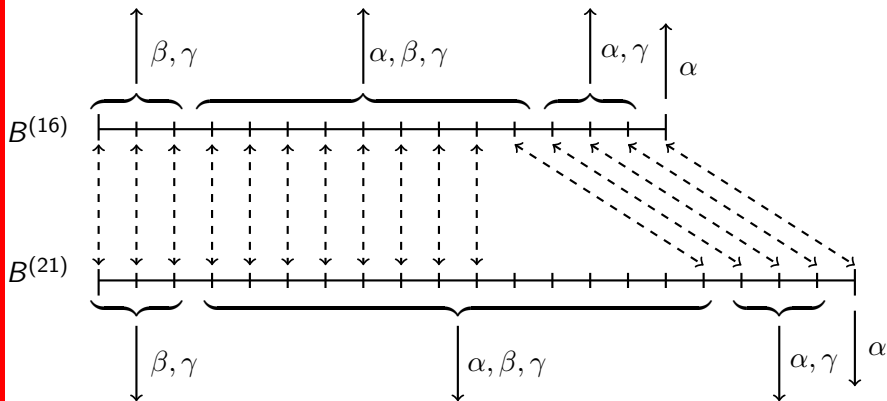
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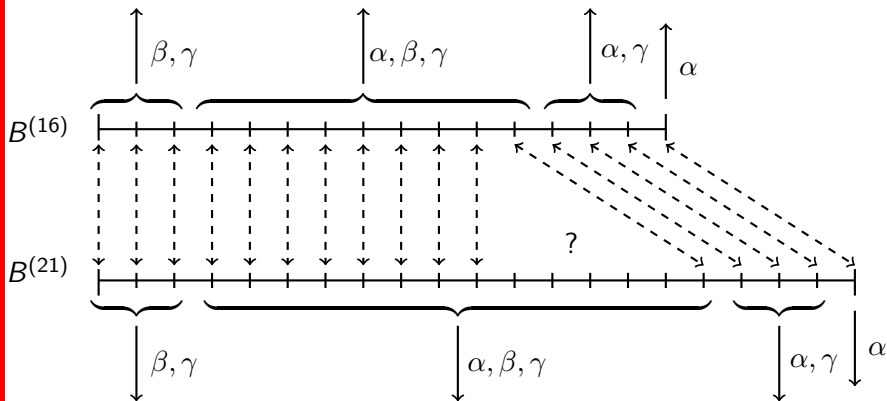
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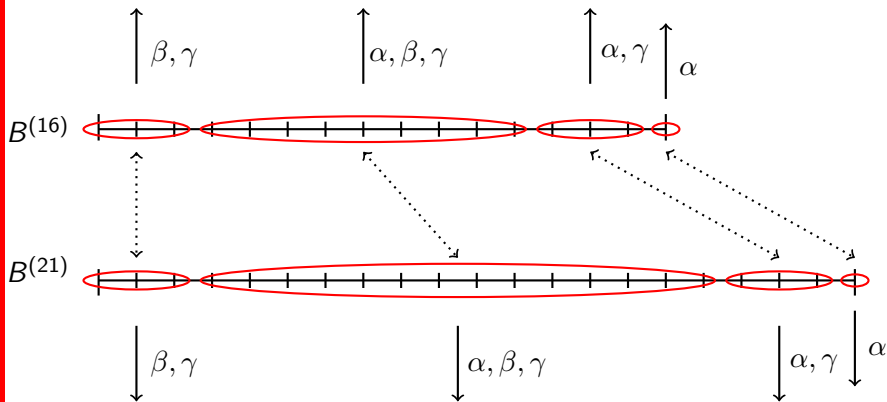
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# Compression bisimilarity

- $(P, Q) \in \mathcal{H}$  if they have same actions,
- define labelled transition system over equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{H}$

$$[P] \xrightarrow{\alpha} [Q] \text{ if } P \xrightarrow{(\alpha, \nu)}_c Q$$

- compression bisimilarity,  $P \simeq Q$  if  $[P] \sim [Q]$ , namely whenever
  1.  $[P] \xrightarrow{\alpha} [P']$ , then  $[Q] \xrightarrow{\alpha} [Q']$  and  $[P'] \sim [Q']$
  2.  $[Q] \xrightarrow{\alpha} [Q']$ , then  $[P] \xrightarrow{\alpha} [P']$  and  $[P'] \sim [Q']$
- results are given in terms of ranges

- to show the full behaviour of a system  $P^{(n)}$ ,  $n$  must be greater than the sum of
  - the maximum out-stoichiometry,
  - the maximum in-stoichiometry, and
  - the maximum in- or out-stoichiometry
- $C^{(n)} \simeq C^{(m)}$  if  $n$  and  $m$  are large enough
- $P^{(n)} \simeq P^{(m)}$  if  $n$  and  $m$  are large enough together with a technical condition required for stoichiometries larger than 1
- $\simeq$  is a congruence for  $\boxtimes_*$  if technical condition holds

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- how can the notion of a stochastic population process algebra be made more general?
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- not as general as a SOS format

## More generally

$$C \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{n_C} \beta_k \odot C$$

$$\alpha \in \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{n_C}\}$$

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$$C(n) \xrightarrow{\alpha, \nu_\alpha^C(n)}_c C(\mu_\alpha^C(n))$$

$\mu_\alpha^C(n)$  and  $\nu_\alpha^C(n)$  are defined

- stoichiometric information and conditions no longer appear in the prefix but are embedded in the definition of the function  $\mu_\alpha^C$
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$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha, S}_c P'}{P \xrightarrow{\alpha, f_\alpha(S)}_s P'}$$

- $f_\alpha : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$
- Markov chain semantics are given by  $\xrightarrow{\alpha, r}_s$
- ODEs can be derived from  $C_1(n_{1,0}) \bowtie_* \dots \bowtie_* C_p(n_{p,0})$
- unspecified functions:  $\nu_\alpha^C, \mu_\alpha^C, \rho_\alpha, f_\alpha$
- what are sensible choices in the context of population modelling?

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