

# The Geometry of Causality

Multi-token Geometry of Interaction and Its Causal Unfolding

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## I. CONTEXT AND CONTRIBUTIONS

# Operational and Denotational Semantics

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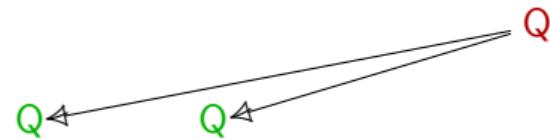
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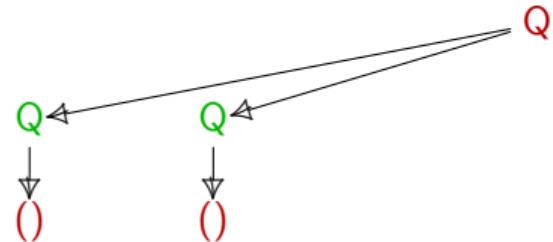
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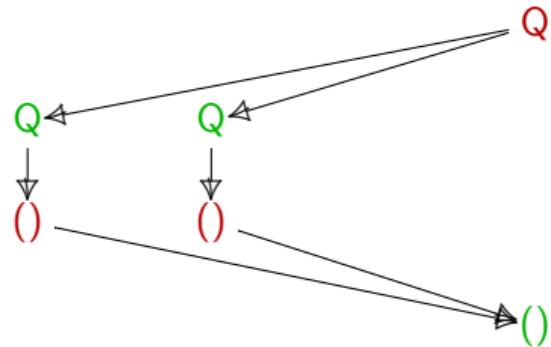
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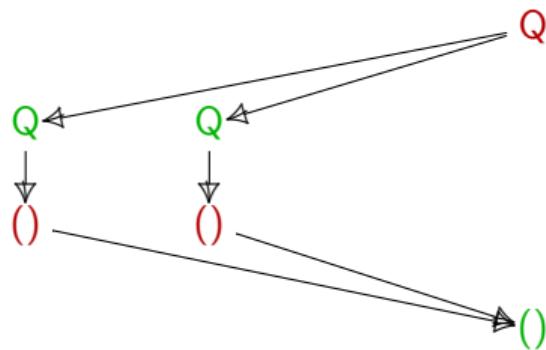


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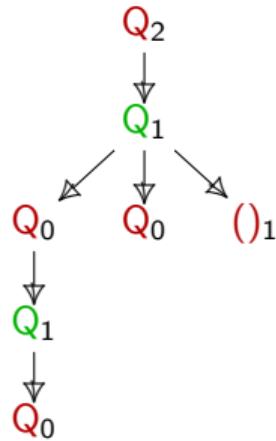
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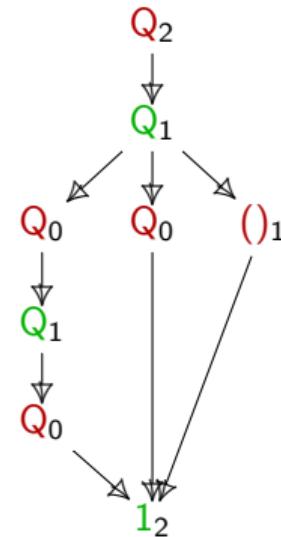
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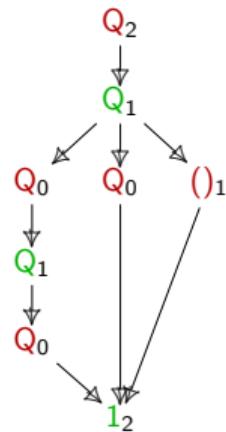
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# Concurrent Game Semantics



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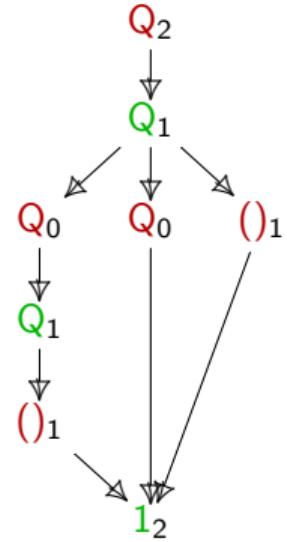
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The diagram shows a state transition system with states represented by colored boxes: red, green, and purple. Transitions are labeled with actions like  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $a_3$ . A dashed red box highlights a specific state.

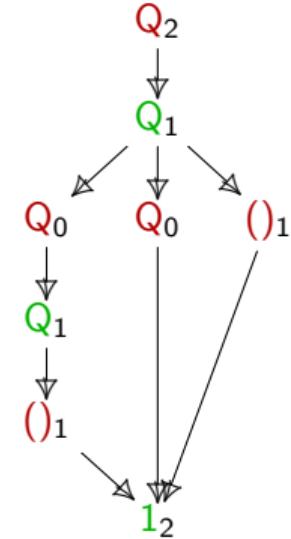
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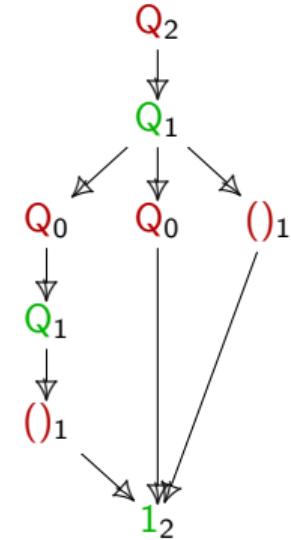
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# Geometry of Interaction : Token Machines

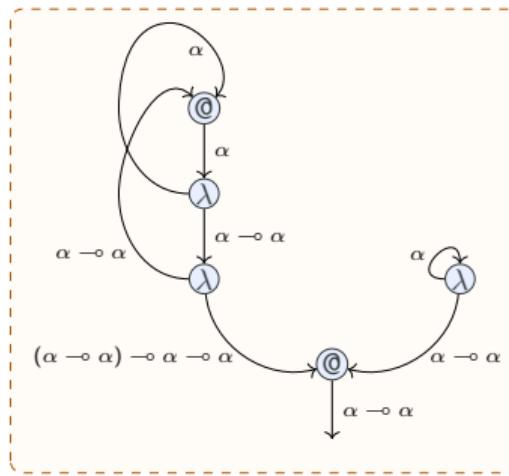
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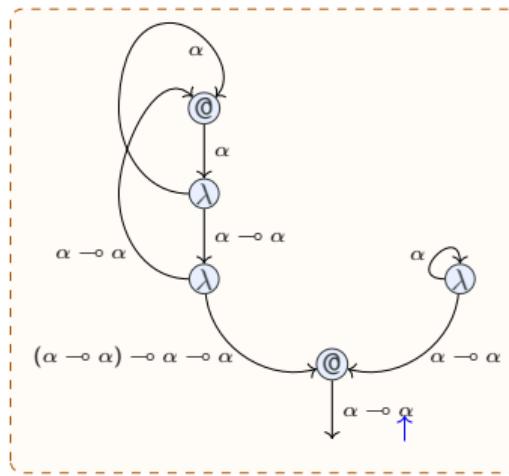
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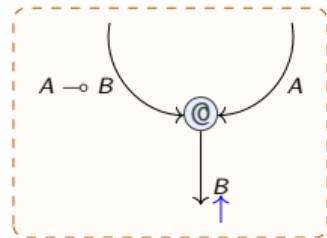
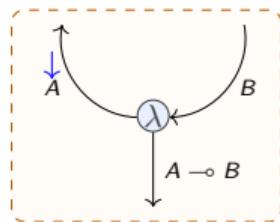
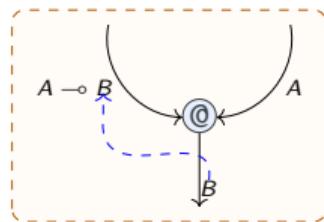
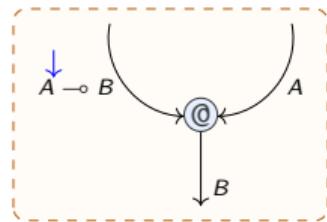
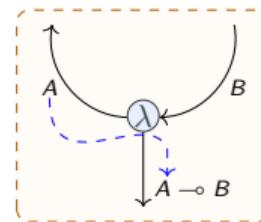
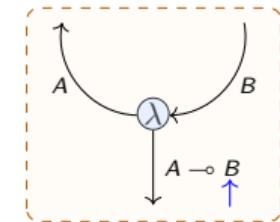
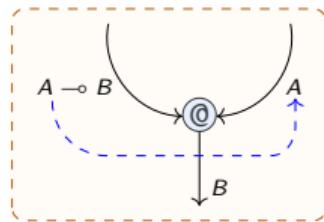
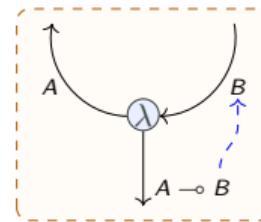


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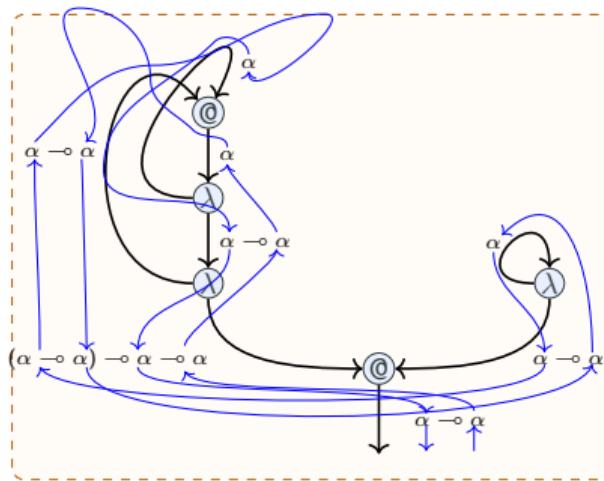
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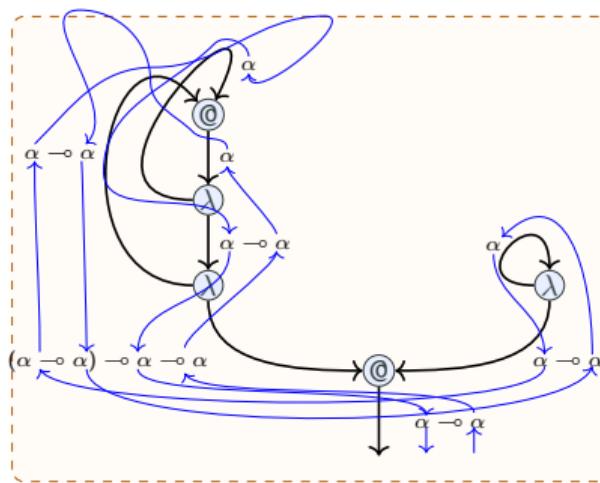
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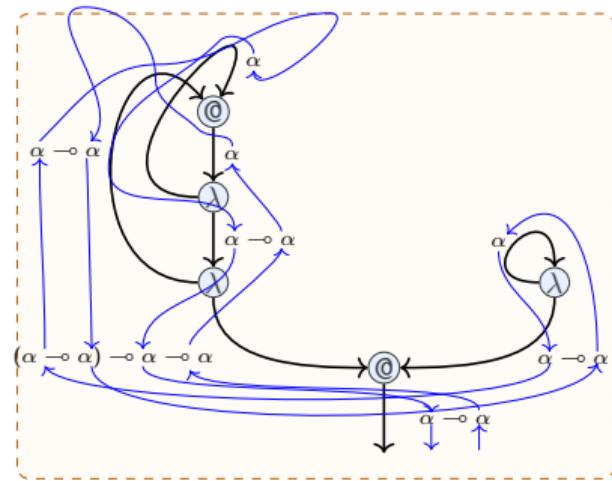


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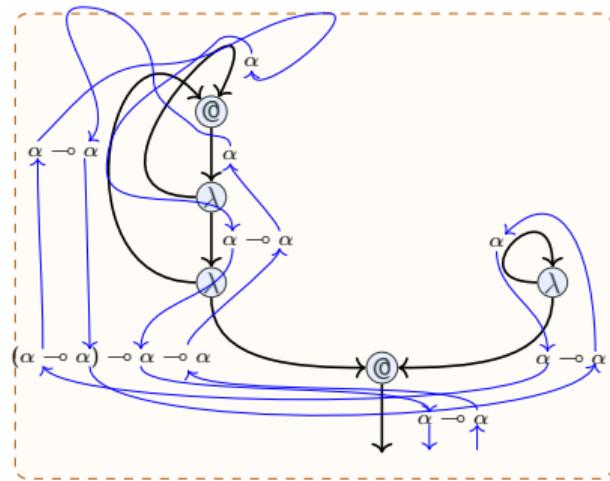


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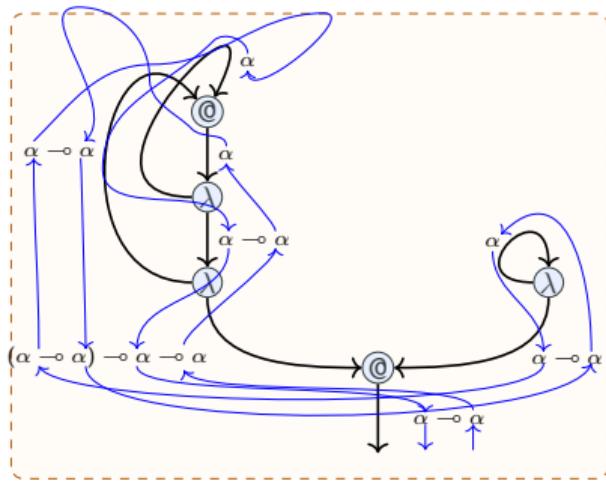


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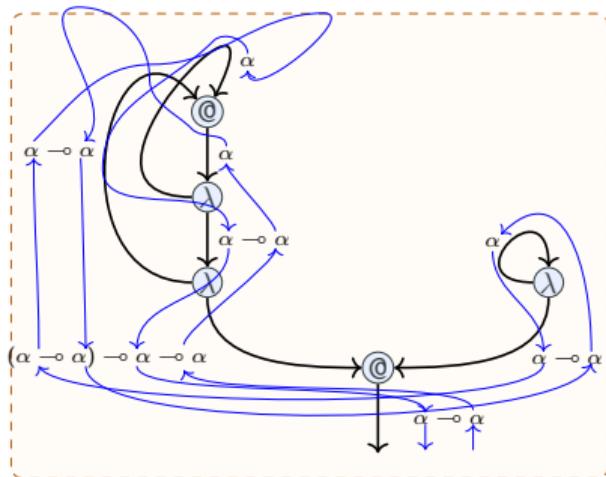


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# Idealized Concurrent Algol (ICA)

A **call-by-name, higher-order concurrent** language with **shared memory**:

$$M, N ::= \lambda x. M \mid M N \mid x \mid Y$$

**$\lambda$ -calculus + recursion**

$$\mid \text{tt} \mid \text{ff} \mid \text{if } M \ N_1 \ N_2$$

**booleans**

$$\mid n \mid \text{succ } M \mid \text{pred } M \mid \text{iszero } M$$

**natural numbers**

$$\mid \text{skip} \mid M; N \mid M \parallel N$$

**commands**

$$\mid \text{newref } x \text{ in } M \mid !M \mid M := N$$

**references**

$$\mid \text{newsem } x \text{ in } M \mid \text{grab } M \mid \text{release } M$$

**semaphores**

$$\mid \text{let } x = M \text{ in } N$$

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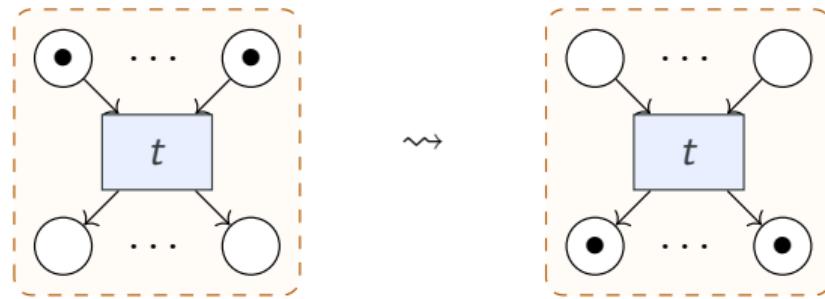
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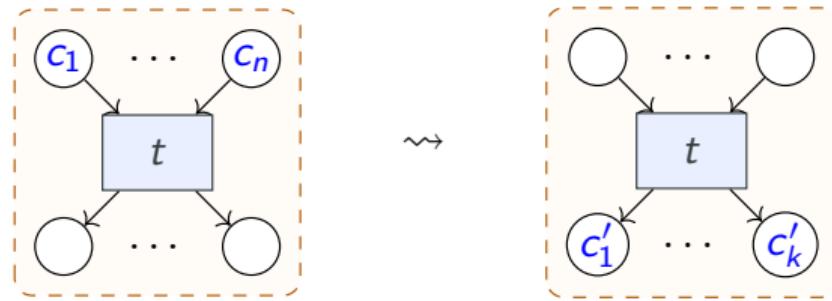
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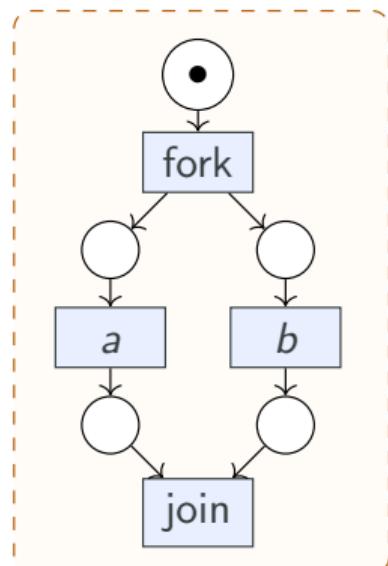


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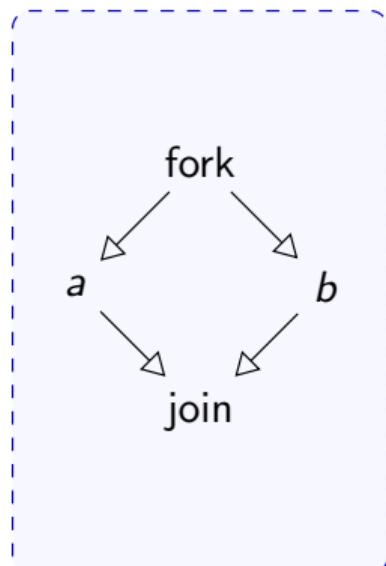


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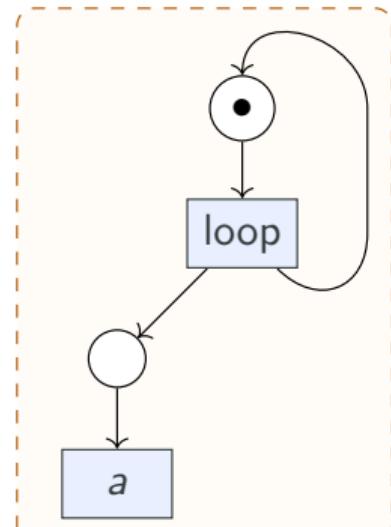


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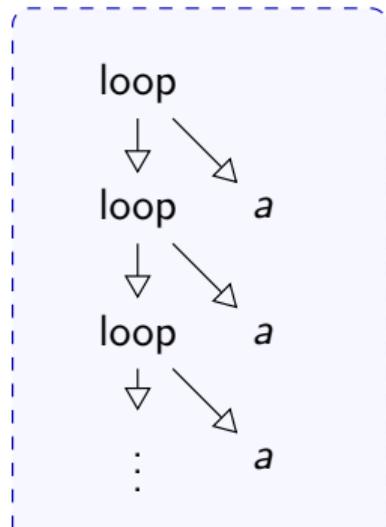


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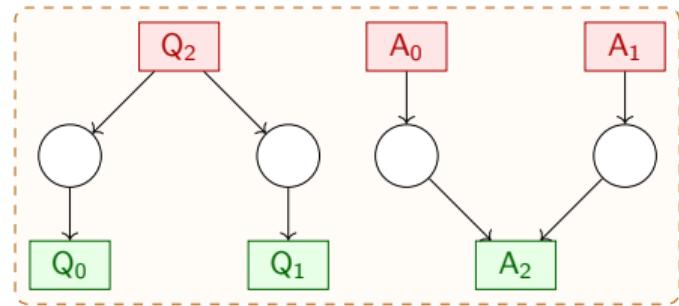


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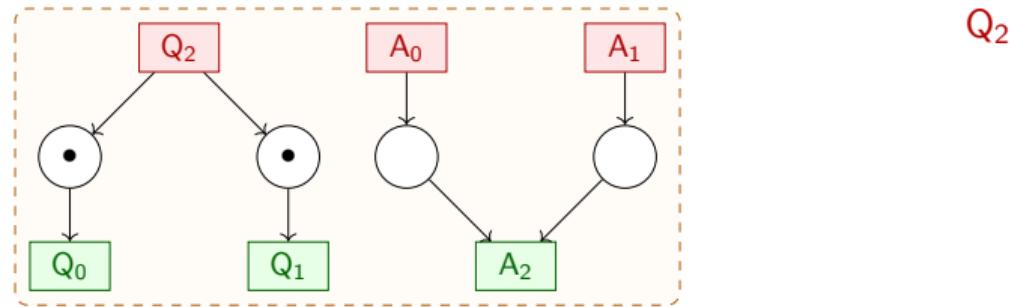
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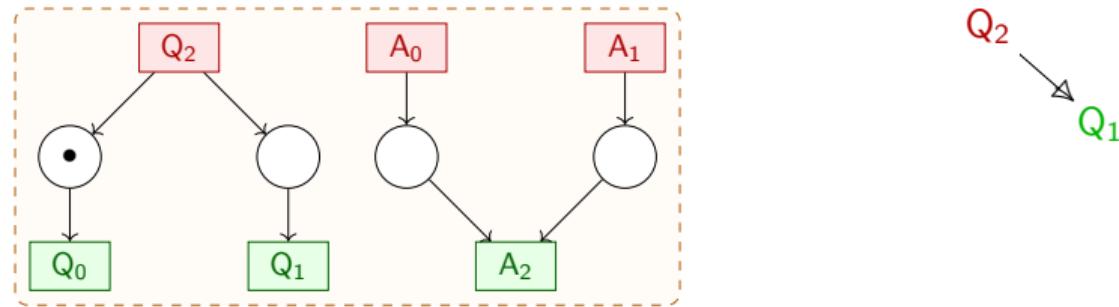
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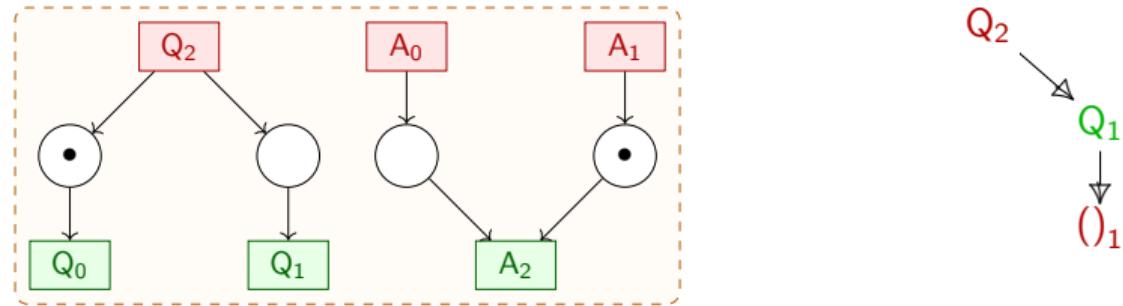
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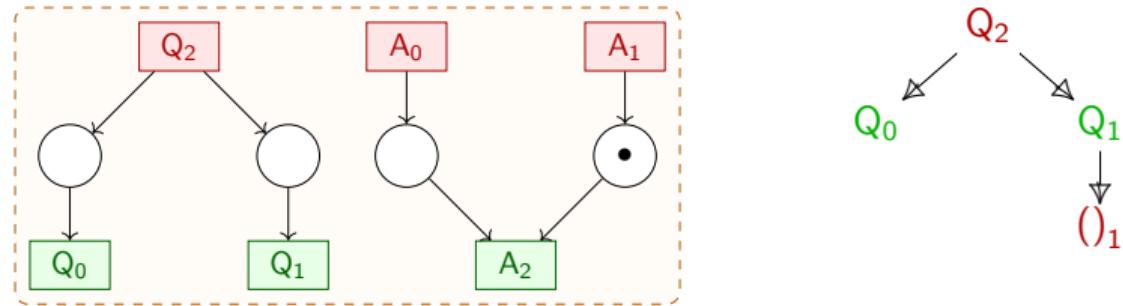
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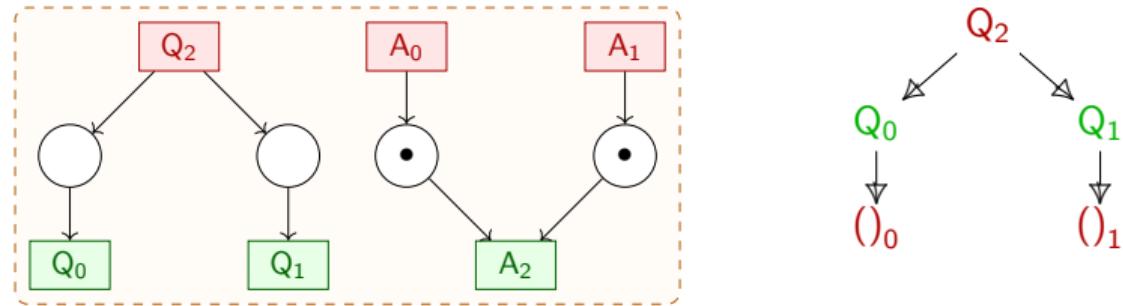
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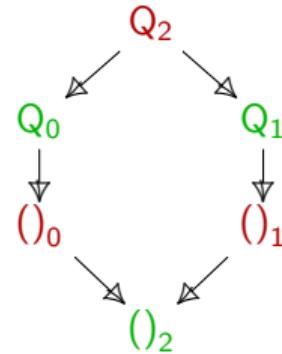
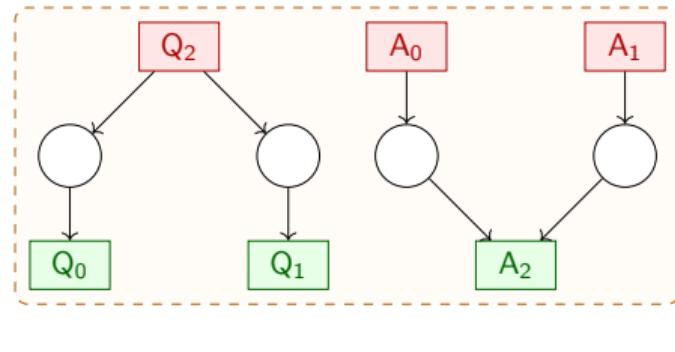
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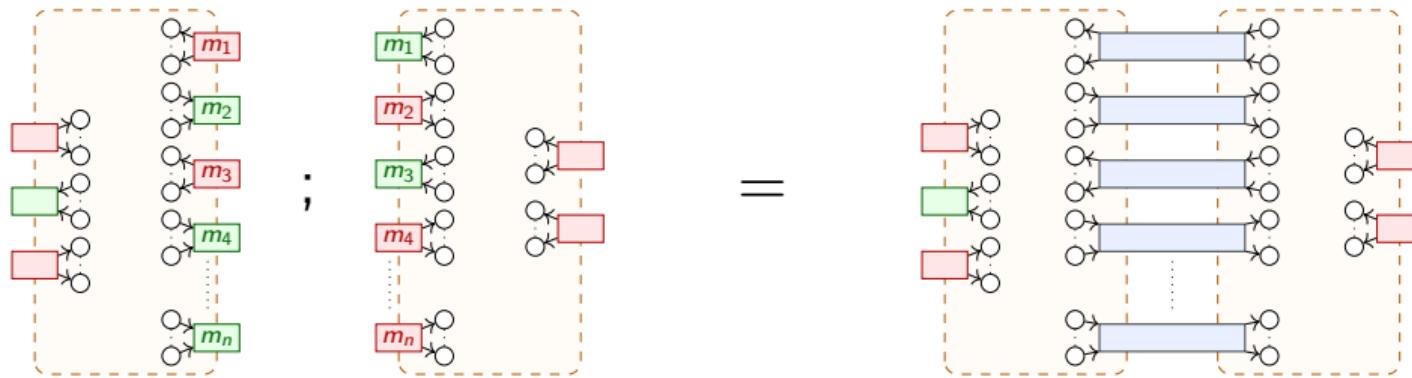


# Petri Strategies

## Definition

A **Petri strategy** on game  $A$  is an interactive Petri net which “obeys the rules of  $A$ ”, i.e. which **unfolds** to a **concurrent strategy** on  $A$ .

# Composition of Petri Strategies



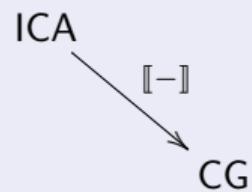
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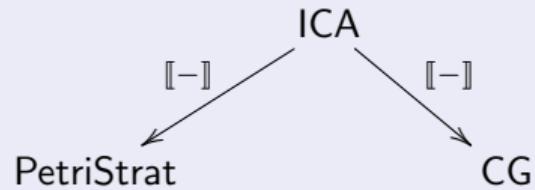
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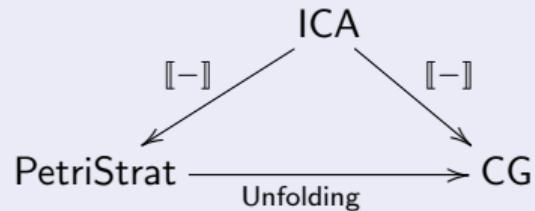
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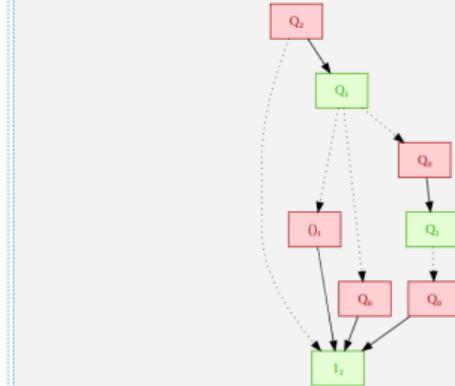
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Played token:  $\{[], 1\}$

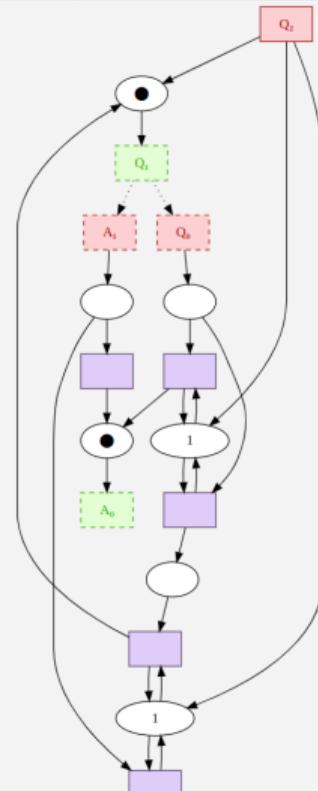
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```
newref x in
newref y in
F (x:=!y;
 F (y:=!1));
!x
```

Visible causal run on F:  $U_0 \rightarrow U_1 \vdash N_2$



## Interpretation



## V. CONCLUSIONS

# Conclusions and Perspectives

## Contributions:

- A GoL multi-token machine for ICA,
- A new methodology to develop/prove correct token machines,
- A powerful bridge between operational and denotational semantics,
- An implementation:

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## Future work:

- More realistic languages (call-by-value),
- Applications to verification,
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