

# *a turing-complete choreography calculus*

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*the zoo of  
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& computation*

*practical  
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- even more abstract
- avoid “implementation details” (channels, sessions)

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*$\pi$ -calculus* direct encoding of  $\lambda$ -calculus is unsatisfactory

- counter-intuitive notion of computation
- data and programs at the same level

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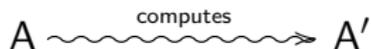
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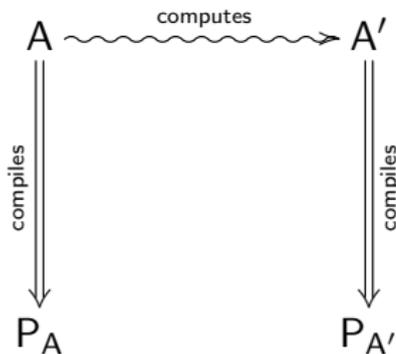
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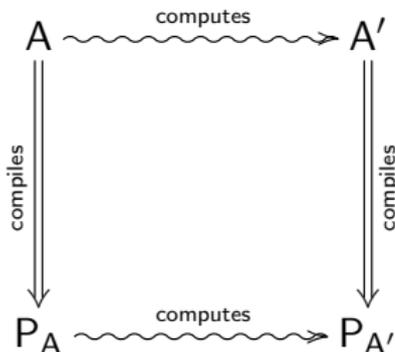
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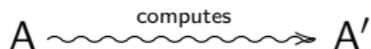
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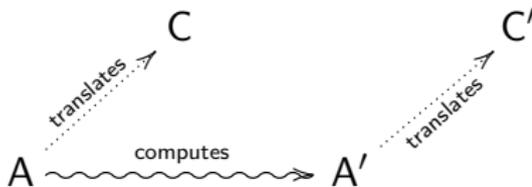
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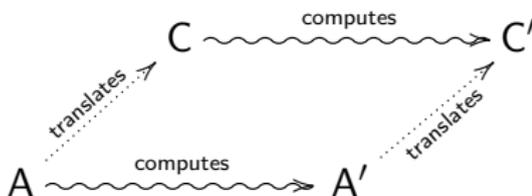
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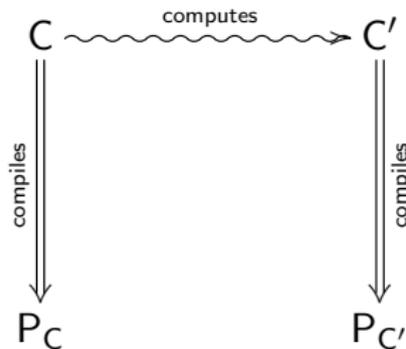
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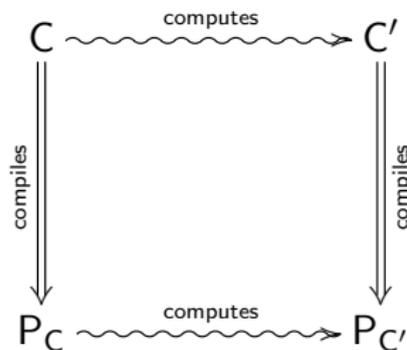
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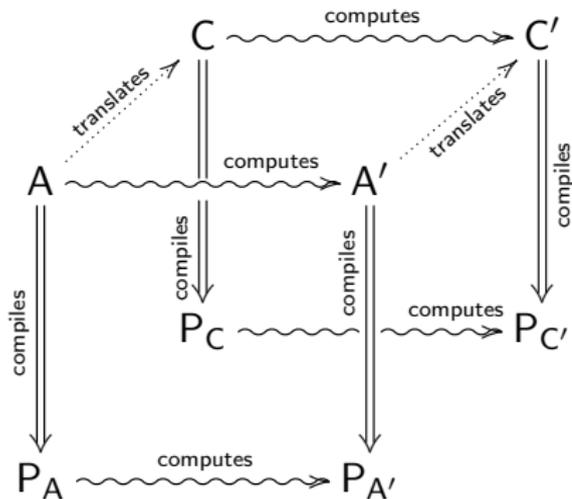
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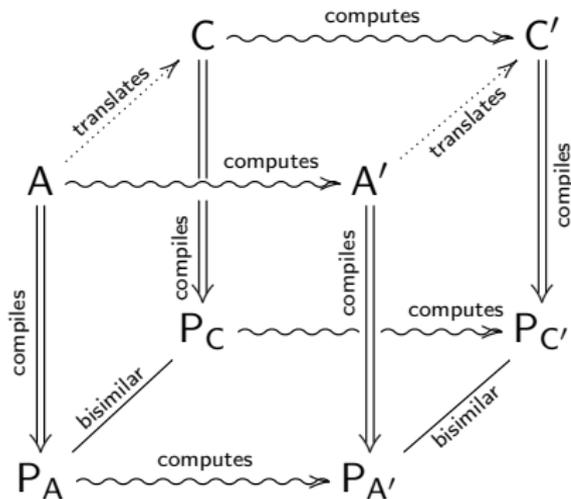
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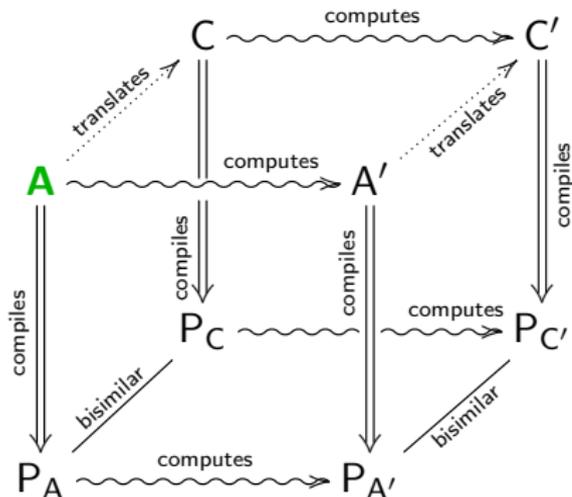
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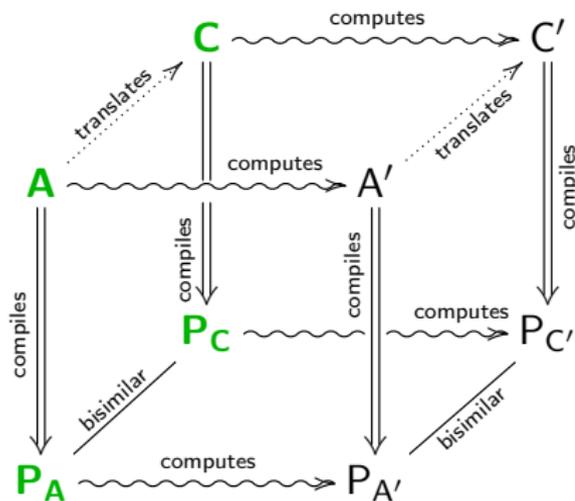
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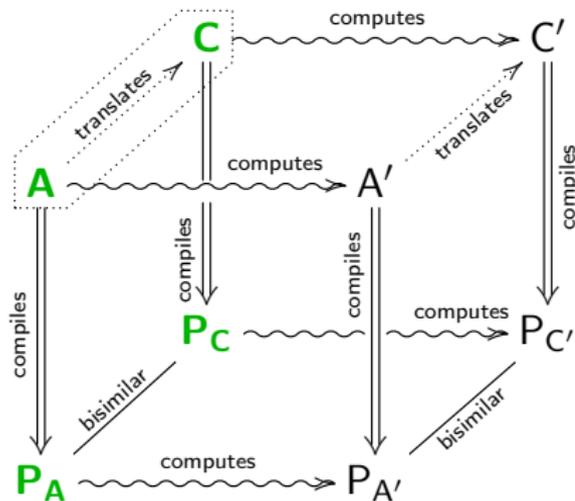
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- the embedding into channel choreographies



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- not needed for computational completeness
- essential for projectability (e.g. to  $\pi$ -calculus)
- known algorithms for inferring selections

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for every  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma(p_i) = \lceil x_i \rceil$ ,

- if  $f(\tilde{x})$  is defined, then  $A, \sigma \rightarrow^* \mathbf{0}, \sigma'$  and  $\sigma'(q) = \lceil f(\tilde{x}) \rceil$
- if  $f(\tilde{x})$  is not defined, then  $A, \sigma \not\rightarrow^* \mathbf{0}$  (diverges)

## *an example: addition*

*addition from  
p, q to r*

```
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## *partial recursive functions iii/vi*

*projections*

$P_m^n : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $P_m^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_m$  for all  $\vec{x}$

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operational proof of completeness for  $\pi$ -calculus

- by slight tweaking: process that “waits” for parallel components with input and output

## *conclusions*

- turing-completeness of actor choreographies
- minimal set of primitives
- identifies a deadlock-free, turing-complete fragment of  $\pi$ -calculus

thank you!