

# L-Nets, parallel strategies and proof-nets

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*Intuitions underlying L-nets:*

**MALL proof-nets**

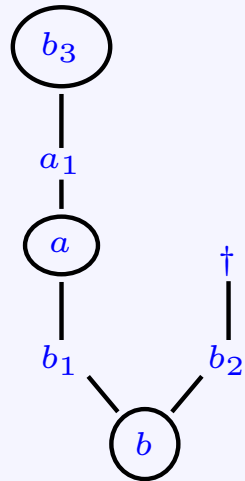
**Event Structures (Winskel)**

**Multi-focalization (Andreoli)**

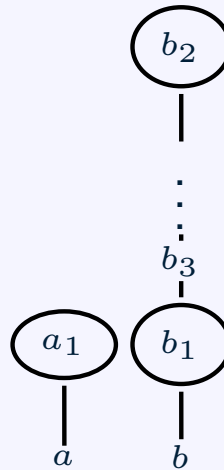
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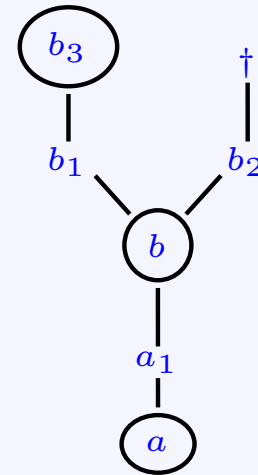
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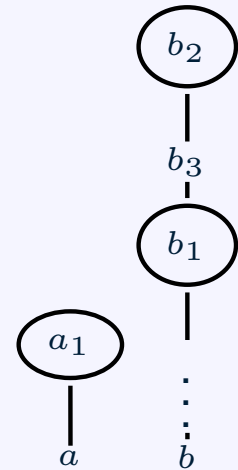
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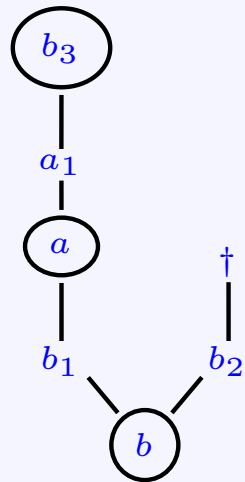


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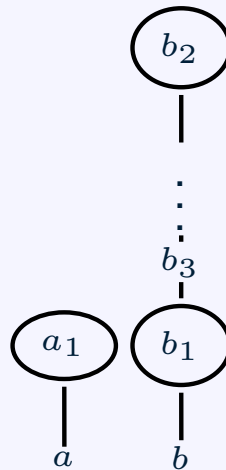
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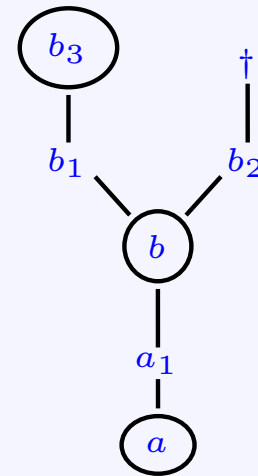
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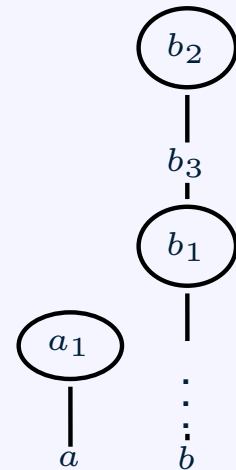
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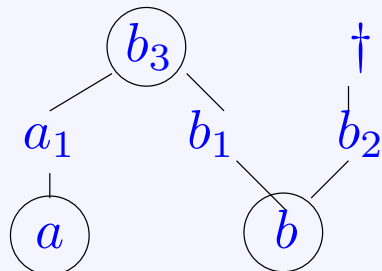
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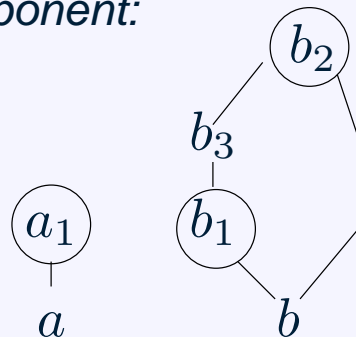
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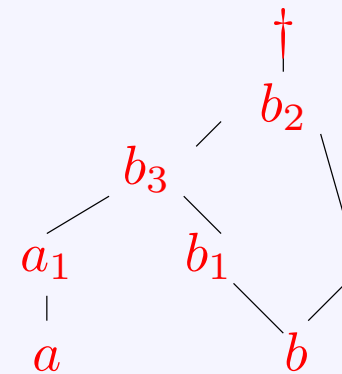
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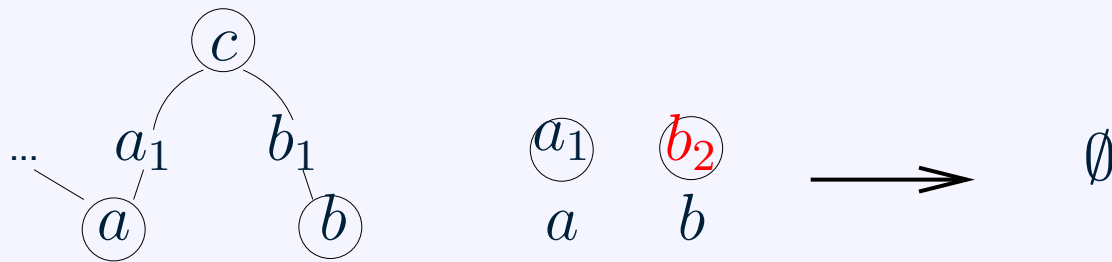
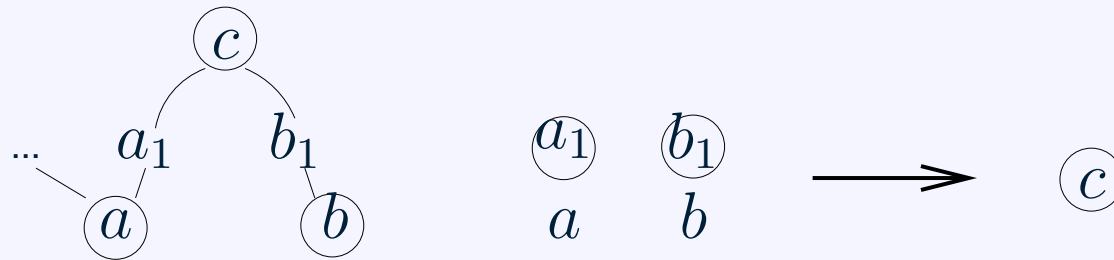


Interaction :



# Interaction (computation)

*Computation accesses an action  $c$  only if all actions below  $c$  are reached.*



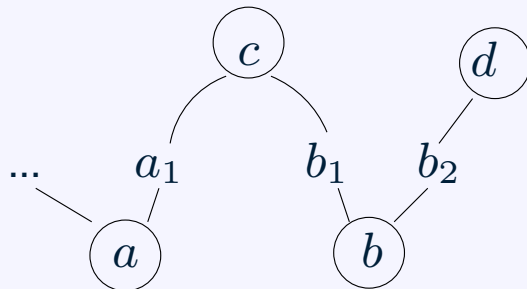
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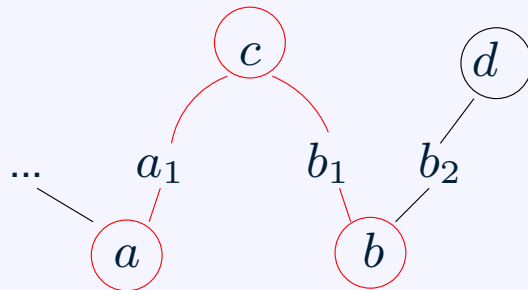
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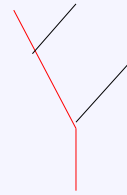
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## TREE STRATEGIES

### ***set of views***

view: sequence of actions

play: total order



**abstract  
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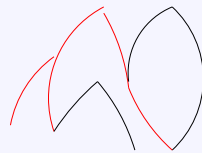
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## PARALLEL STRATEGIES

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p.o.view of  $k$ :  $\{k', k' \leq k\}$

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# L-Arena

- an **interface** (the addresses)
- a **finite forest of actions** (with a parent relation  $a \vdash b$ ).

The **interface** of the arena provides the names on which a strategy on that arena can communicate with the rest of the world.

The **forest** on a set of actions with the polarity induced by the interface

- $(\sigma, I)$  is initial iff the address  $\sigma$  belongs to the interface.
- $a \vdash b$  iff  $a$  generates the address of  $b$ .

*Simply think of the addresses as a precise way to deal with different copies of the same arena (a matter usually dealt with using indices).*

## L-nets as dag's

directed acyclic **bipartite** graph on a set of nodes labelled by polarized actions of the arena.

- *Justification*. Each  $k$  is either initial or there exists a preceding  $c$  (the justifier) such that  $c \vdash k$ .
- *Innocence (view)* If  $k$  is negative, and  $c$  its (immediate) predecessor, then  $c \vdash k$ .
- *Lin*. All the addresses in  $k^\downarrow$  are distinct.
- *Positivity*. If  $a$  is maximal (leaf), then  $a$  is positive.
- *Additive*.

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$$\text{Views}(\mathfrak{D}) = \{\ulcorner n \urcorner : n \text{ is a node of } \mathfrak{D}\}$$

conversely

*Graph( $\Delta$ ) is an L-net*

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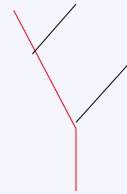
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# Transfer of technology from proof-nets to Games

(with Curien)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{deseq} : \quad \Pi \quad \longmapsto \quad \text{deseq}(\Pi) \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{(sequential)} \quad \quad \quad \text{(parallel)} \\ \\ \text{seq} : \quad \mathfrak{R} \quad \longmapsto \quad \{\Pi_i\} \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{(parallel)} \quad \quad \quad \text{(sequential)} \end{array}$$

in such a way that there is no loss of information: *all dependency (sequentialization) which is taken away, can be (non-det.) restored:*

$$\text{Thm. } \Pi \in \text{seq}(\text{deseq}(\Pi))$$

## Why parallel strategies?

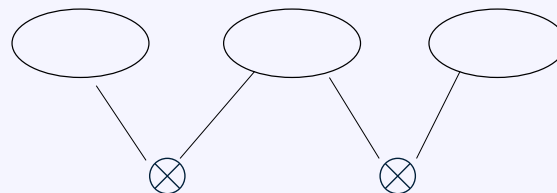
- quest for a more parallel form of interaction in Games
- approach to equational theory of sequential strategies

## Which equational theory?

“Sequential” strategies are too close to the sequent calculus syntax.  
 Parallel strategies may play a role similar to that of proof-nets w.r.t.  
 sequent calculus.

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash a, a^\perp \quad \vdash b, b^\perp}{\vdash a^\perp \otimes b, a, b^\perp} \quad (a^\perp \otimes b) \quad \vdash c, c^\perp}{\vdash a^\perp \otimes b, b^\perp \otimes c, \dots} \quad (b^\perp \otimes c)$$

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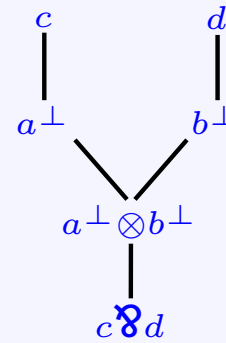
*Different permutations correspond to different scheduling (different sequentialization)*

# Tree strategies are abstract sequent calculus

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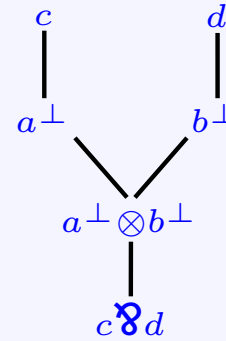
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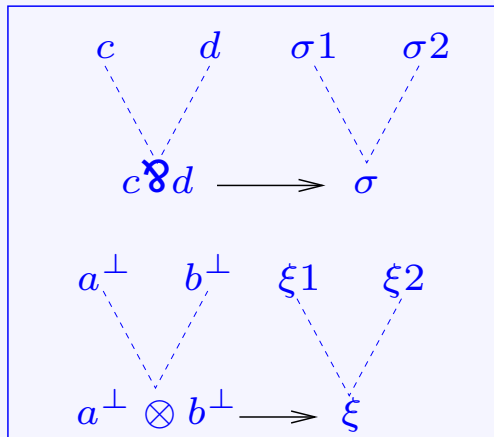


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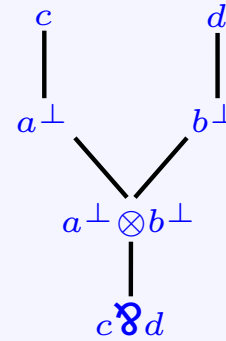


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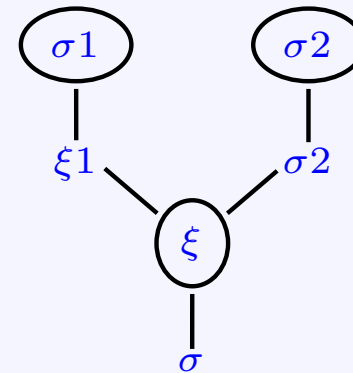
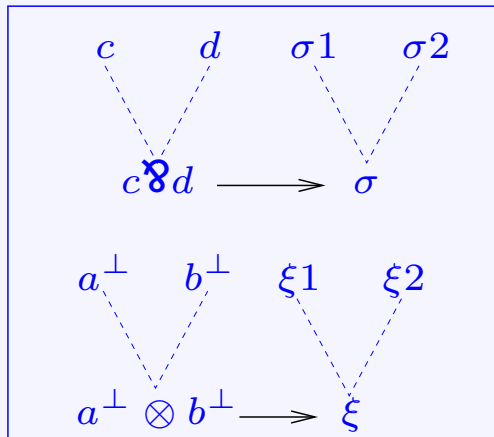


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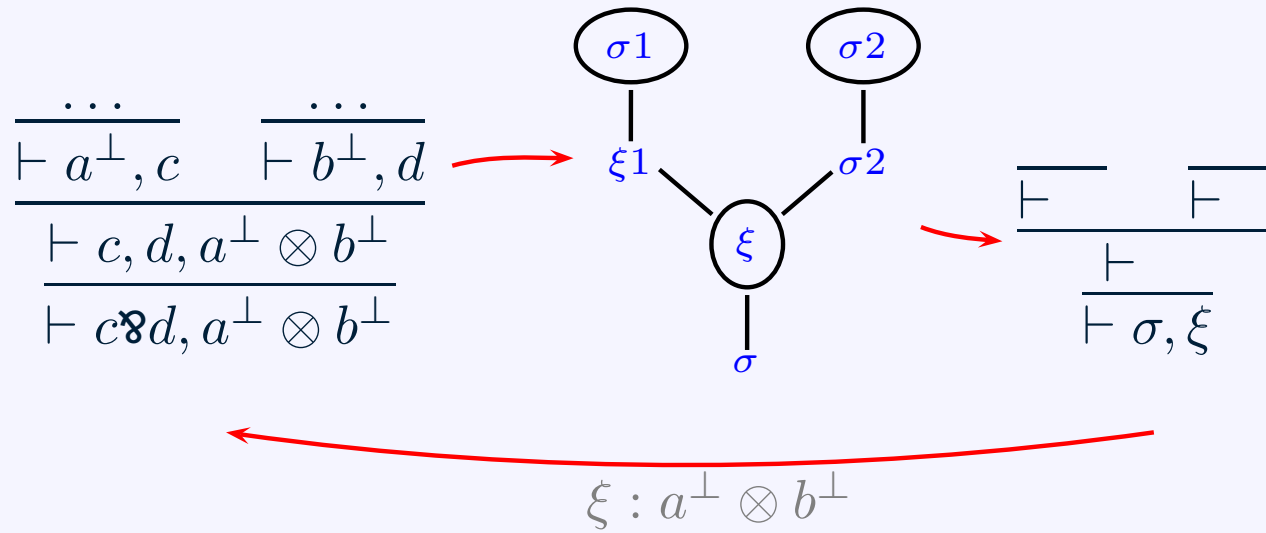
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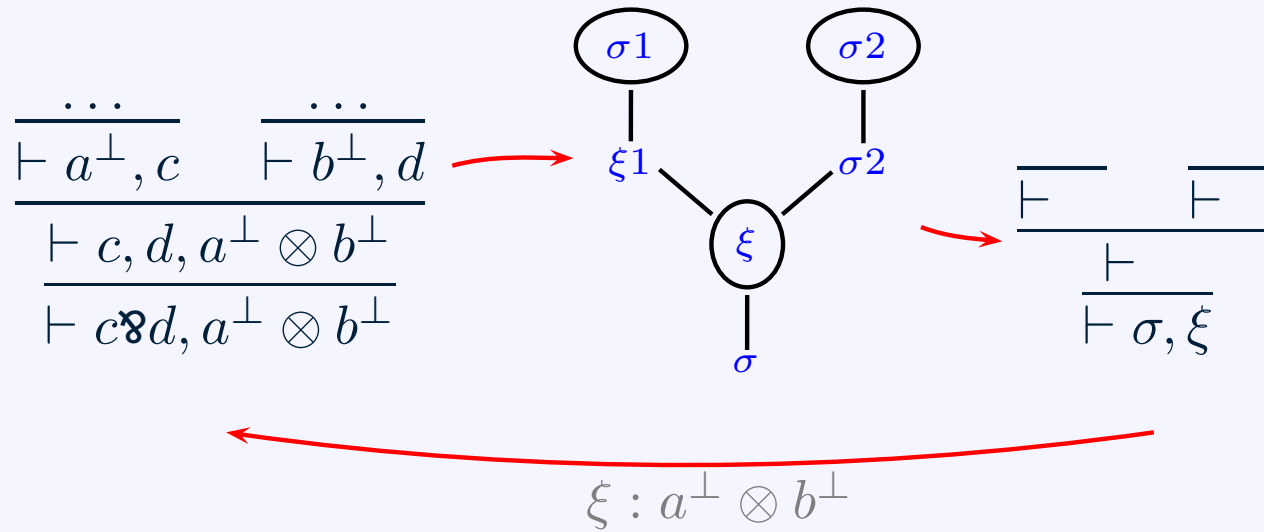
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*L-nets are abstract **MALL** proof-nets*

*L-nets* :

- Multiplicative structure (*partial order*)
- Additive structure (*superposition of p.orders*)

# Additive structure

# Key technology: SLICES

“Slices: the perfect syntax for *additive* proof-nets”

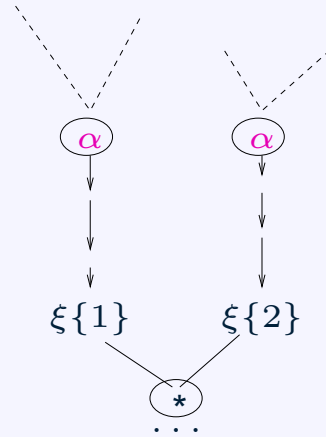
- Think an  $\&$  rule as superposition of unary rules:  $\&_1, \&_2$



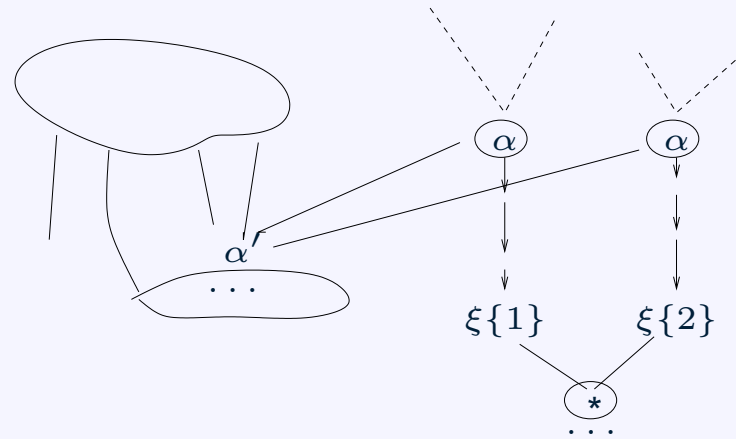
- Given a sequent calculus derivation, select one premiss for each  $\&$ -rule: you have a *slice*.

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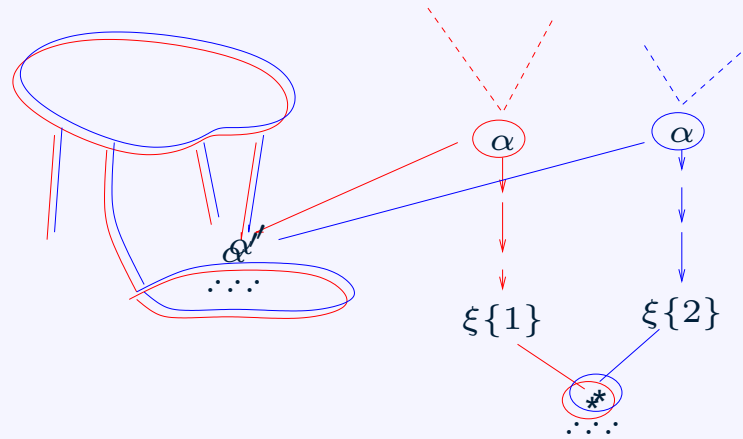
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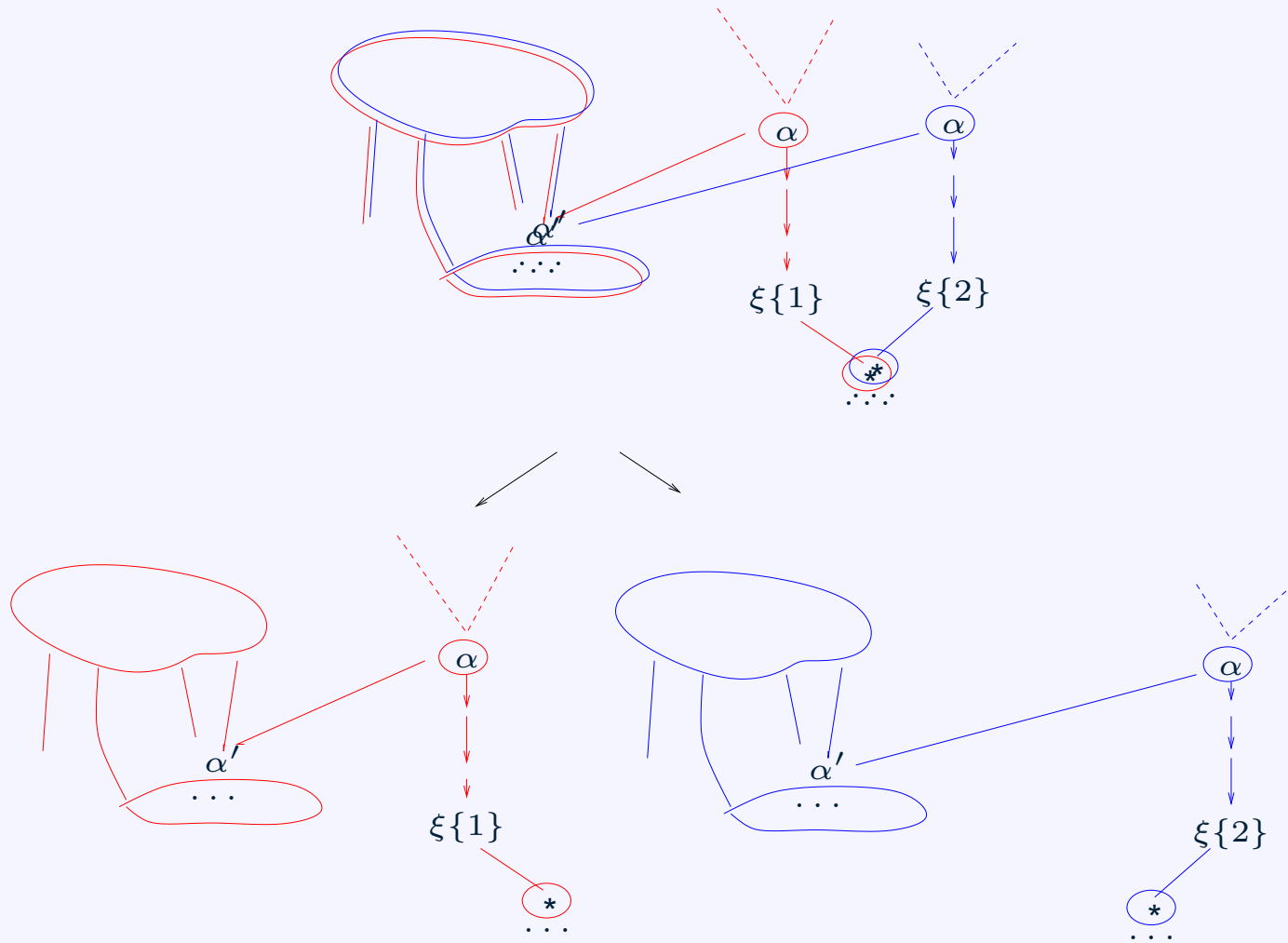
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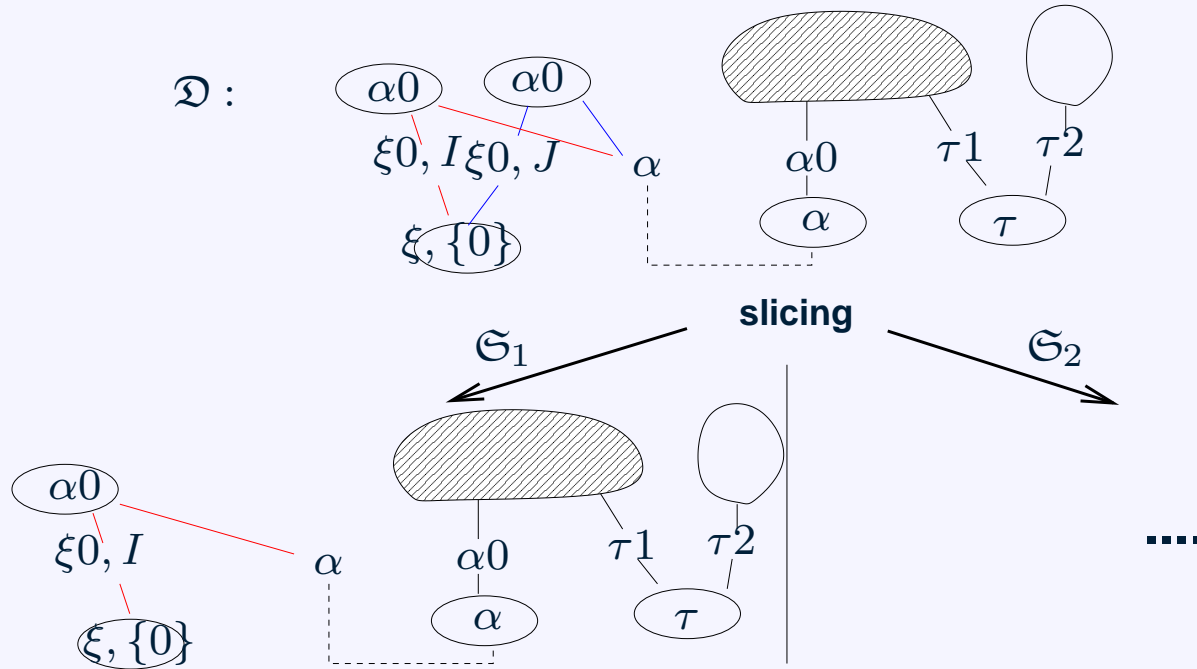
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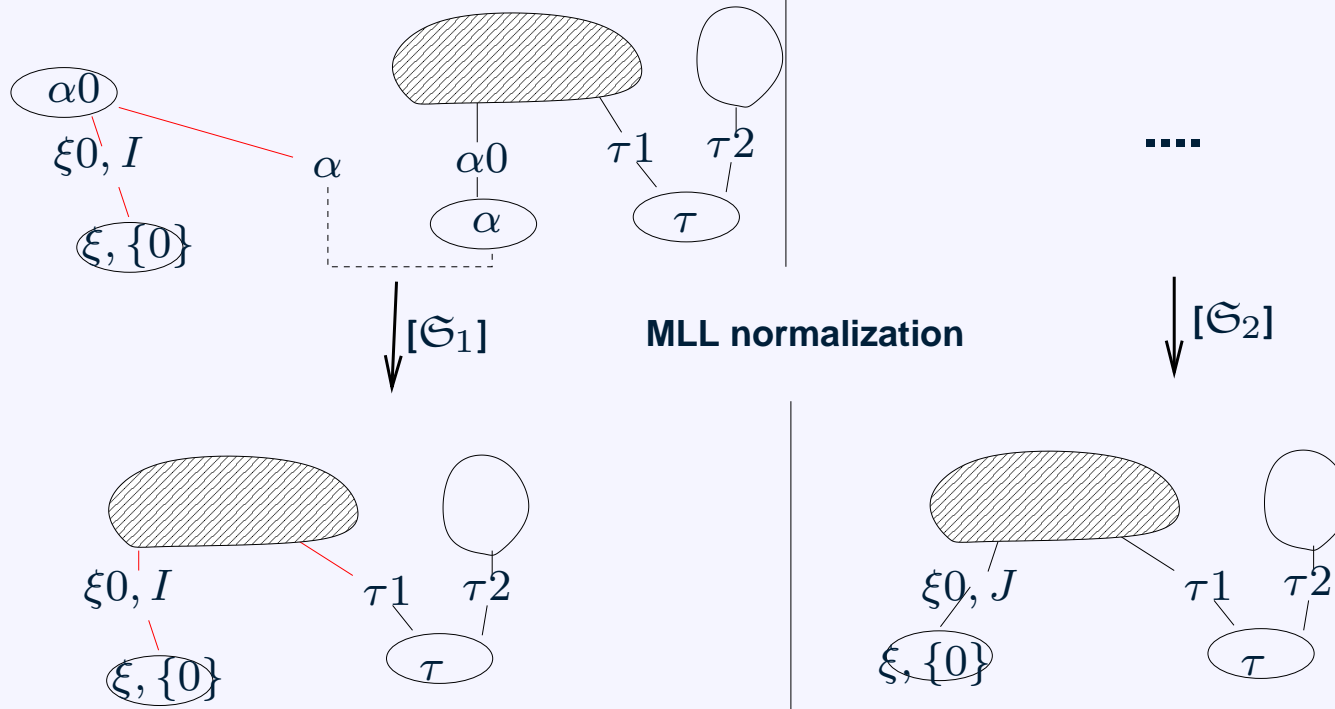
## Slices: composition is easy

- merging of p.orders (as in Hyland)
- **MLL** proof-net style rewriting
- abstract machine (event structures reminiscent)

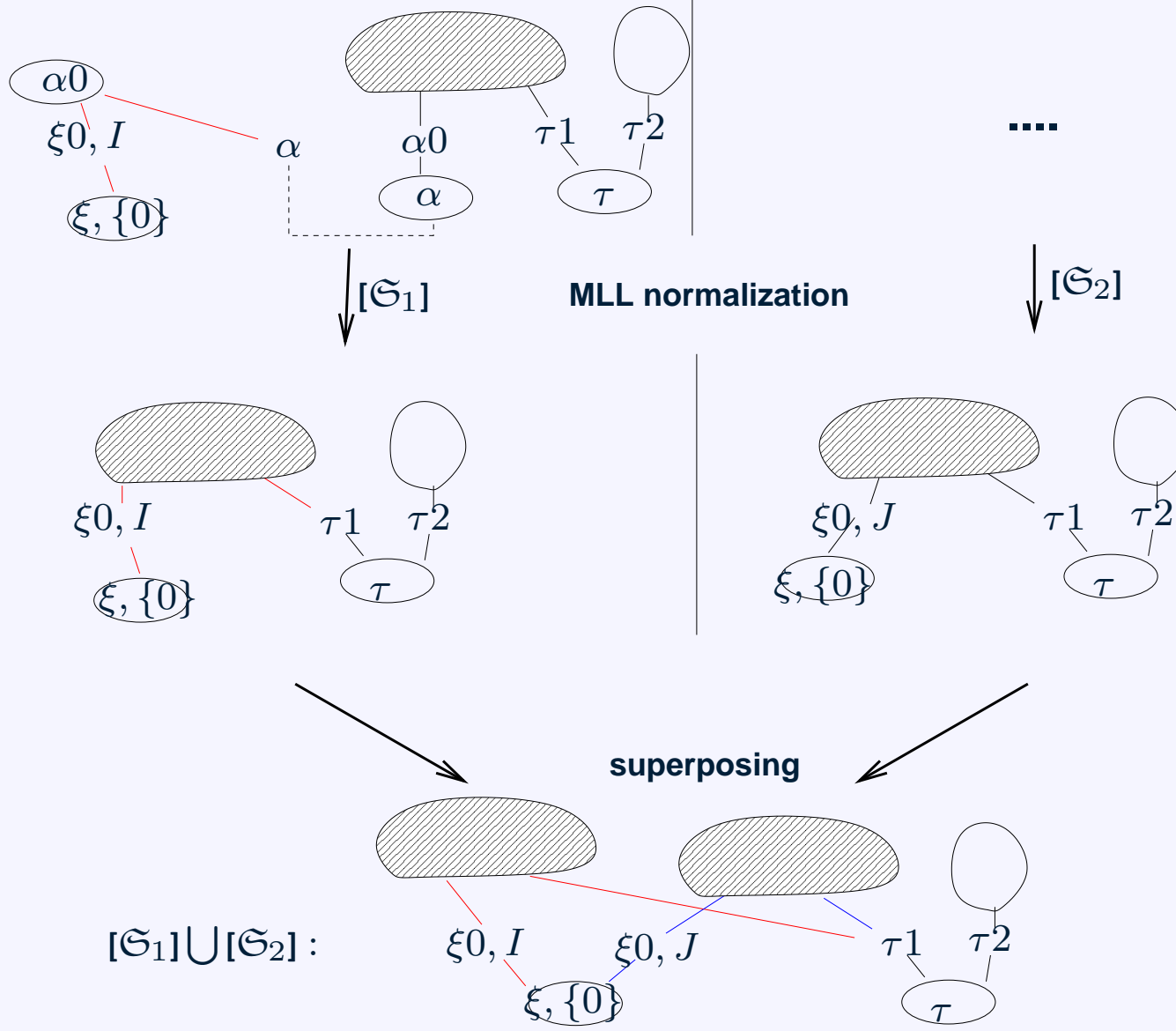
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# **(co)inductively define sequential and parallel L-nets**

# A (co)algebra of operators

## Constructors:

- rooting, boxing, union, additive union

## Deconstructors:

- root removal, splitting, scoping

## Rooting and boxing

Two choices for adding a new negative node:

- **Rooting**  $x^- \circ \mathcal{D}$  is a **parallel operation**, adds the minimal amount of sequentiality (order) necessary to Justification.
- **Boxing**  $x^- . \mathcal{D}$  is a **serial (sequential) operation** which adds a maximal amount of sequentiality.  
(in terms of proof-nets, *boxing corresponds to enclosing  $\mathcal{D}$  in a box, which has  $x$  as principal port.*)

*Consistent use of rooting and boxing will produce (abstract versions of) proof-nets and sequent calculus derivations, respectively.*

## Well-formed L-nets

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**An application**

# **A Game model of MALL**

# HS

**Positive connectives:**

$$\bigoplus_{I \in \mathcal{N}} (\bigotimes_{i \in I} (\downarrow N_i))$$

$$\frac{\dots \vdash N_i, \Delta_i \quad \dots \vdash N_j, \Delta_j \quad \dots}{\vdash P, \dots, \Delta_i, \dots, \Delta_j, \dots} (P, N_I)$$

where  $N_I = \{N_i : i \in I\}$

**Negative connectives:**

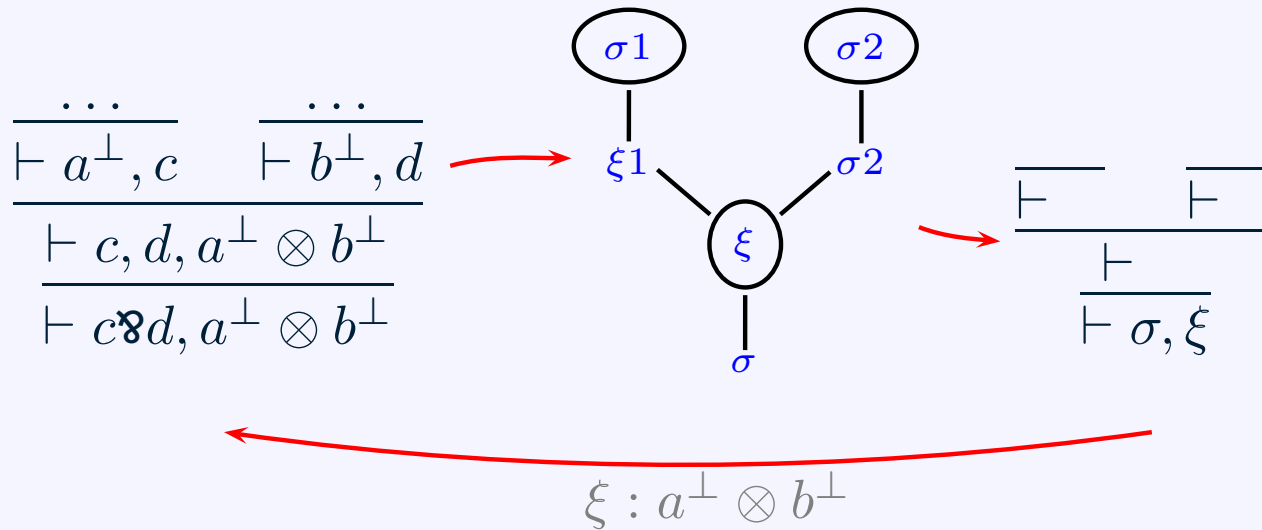
$$\&_{I \in \mathcal{N}} (\wp_{i \in I} (\uparrow P_i))$$

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Sequential interpretation:



Parallel interpretation:

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$\mathfrak{D}$  (*any L-net*) is **total** if for any slice  $S$  of the arena,

$\mathfrak{D} \upharpoonright S$  satisfies the following, for each negative action  $a^-$ :

- if  $a^-$  is initial (in  $S$ ), then  $a^- \in \mathfrak{D}$ ;
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(where  $\mathfrak{c}.a$  is obtained by extending  $\mathfrak{c}$  with a new top action  $a$ ).

## Back to the initial picture

Have an arena: a forest of actions (parent relation)

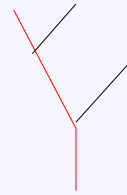
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**abstract  
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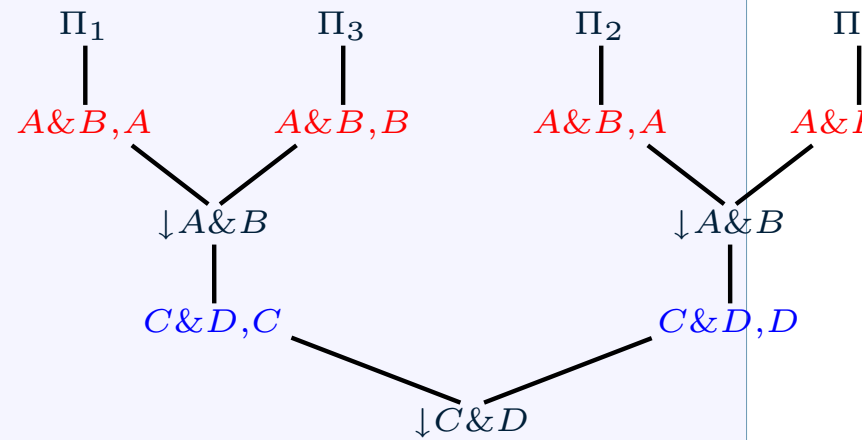
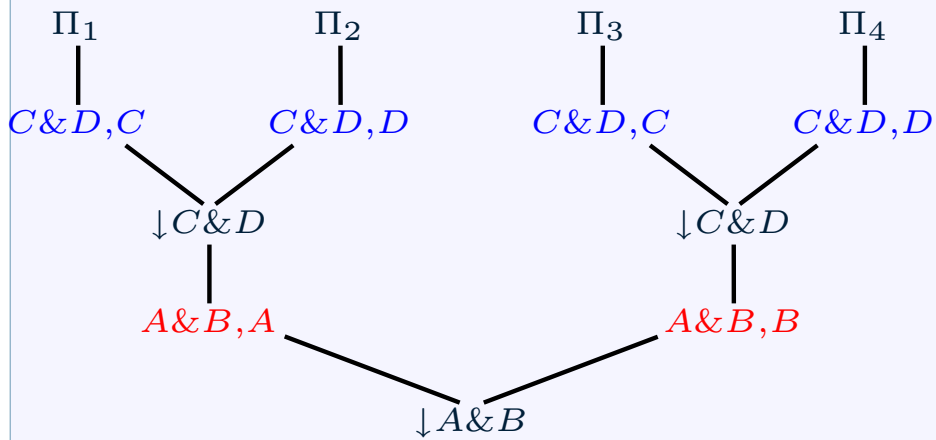
**abstract  
proof-net**

total  $\Rightarrow$  proof-net is  
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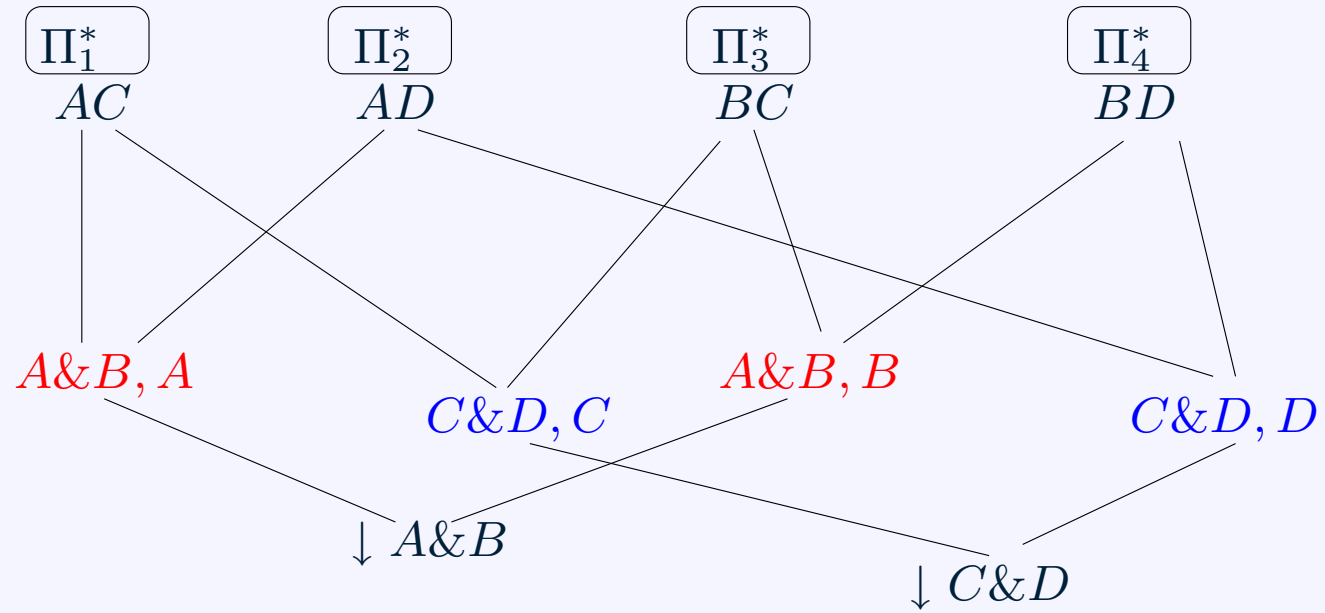
# An additive example

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## Additive example, cont.



## (Some) further and future work

### ■ Proof-nets

- Which proof-nets? close to Hughes and van Glabbeek; extension of Andreoli 02.
- move from MALL proof-nets to sequent calculus derivations in a continuum (Girard):  
*vary the amount of sequentiality (order) on the graphs from the most-parallel to most-sequential.*  
With Di Giamberardino: multiplicatives.

### ■ Beyond the core: more expressivity...

- Fix points (with Saurin)

### ■ What about concurrency?

- event structures (see Varacca-Yoshida.)
- positive non-determinism, with Baillot (idea: HOPLA)

**(Most) related work:** *Abramsky and Melliès, Hyland, Schalk, Melliès and Mimram*

## About point 3: concurrency

- Multiplicative structure (*parallelism*)
- Additive structure (“*non-determinism*” ?)<sup>a</sup>

*Can we make the proof-theoretical intuition precise?*

### The matter:

Strategies are event structures, additive components express conflict, a slice is a conflict-free configuration...

### BUT:

*In event structures, conflict models non-determinism*

*vs.*

*in MALL strategies, only external choice.*

**Q:** Can we have positive non-determinism in strategies?

Maybe yes: key ideas in Varacca-Yoshida.

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<sup>a</sup>[see Mairson-Terui 03]

## A remind on event structures

Regard distributed computation as

- event occurrences
- a relation expressing causal dependency (partial order).

*To model nondeterminism* adjoin further structure: a conflict relation between events, to express how the occurrence of certain events rules out the occurrence of others.

$$(E, \leq, \#)$$

## Event structures (2)

**Computation state:** set  $x$  of events which have occurred in computation

- if an event has occurred then all events on which it depends have occurred too
- not two conflicting events can occur together in the same computation

Given  $(E, \leq, \#)$ , its **configurations** are those  $x \subseteq E$  which are

- conflict-free
- downwards-closed

Two events are **concurrent** if they are neither comparable nor in conflict.

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