

# Separability, Expressiveness and Decidability in the Ambient Logic

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# From the $\pi$ -calculus to Mobile Ambients

## A need for a new paradigm

- **Scope extrusion** expresses the evolving structure of network's topology...
- ...but is it really enough for modelling notions like:
  - ressources** (servers, terminals, applets ...)
  - network hierarchy** (IP addresses, subnetworks, execution sites ...)
  - realistic communication** (packets, firewalls ...)
- to improve expressiveness, define another paradigm:  
**Mobile Ambients**

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- The computation is not a **name passing** process anymore, but **movement of locations**

$$a[\mathbf{in\ }b] | b[] \rightarrow b[a[]]$$

## The Syntax

$\text{cap} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{in } n \mid \text{out } n \mid \text{open } n \mid (x)$  capabilities  
 $P \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{0} \mid n[P] \mid P_1 \mid P_2 \mid !P \mid (\nu n)P$  spatial constructions  
 $\mid \text{cap}.P \mid \langle n \rangle$  temporal constructions

- spatial constructions : the process tree
- temporal constructions: evolution of trees

## Semantics of the movement capabilities

In rule:

$$a[\text{in } b.P_1|P_2]|b[P_3] \rightarrow b[a[P_1|P_2]|P_3]$$

Out rule:

$$b[a[\text{out } b.P_1|P_2]|P_3] \rightarrow a[P_1|P_2] | b[P_3]$$

Open rule:

$$\text{open } b.P_1|b[P_2] \rightarrow P_1 | P_2$$



## Semantics of communication

Comm rule:

$$(x)P \mid \langle n \rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad P\{n/x\}$$

Scope extrusions:

$$\begin{array}{l} (\nu n)P \mid Q \\ (\nu n)a[P] \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \equiv \\ \equiv \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} (\nu n)(P \mid Q) \\ a[(\nu n)P] \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} (n \notin \text{fn}(Q)) \\ (a \neq n) \end{array}$$

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- $P \approx Q$  iff  $P \sqsubseteq Q$  and  $Q \sqsubseteq P$

How should we define behaviour for Ambients?

- Intersection types (Dezani, Coppo):

Types look like:

$$T ::= T|T \mid \text{cap}.T \mid \langle T^- \rangle.T \mid (T^-).T \mid a[T] \mid T \wedge T \mid \omega$$

- Description of the spatial behaviour using a spatial logic

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- $\odot_n$  for  $n[\cdot]$

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# Expressiveness of the Ambient Logic

What does the Ambient Logic speak about?

To which extent does AL talk about *syntax*?

This is not clear because:

- some elements of the syntax are present in the logic, but not all of them (capabilities, replication)
- evolution of processes: only the “*sometime*” modality ( $\diamond \mathcal{A}$ )
- unusual adjunct connectives ( $\mathcal{A} @ n$  ,  $\mathcal{A} \triangleright \mathcal{B}$ )

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Formulas for necessity (intensional):

$$((\text{cap})).\mathcal{A} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \text{cap} \rangle . \mathcal{A} \wedge \neg \langle \text{cap} \rangle . \neg \mathcal{A}$$

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The encoding (rather tedious):

$$!\mathcal{A} \stackrel{\text{“def”}}{=} \mathcal{A}^\omega \wedge \mathcal{A}^{pers}$$

$\mathcal{A}^\omega$ : there are only copies of  $\mathcal{A}$  at toplevel

$\mathcal{A}^{pers}$ : there are infinitely many of them

## Characteristic formulas

We may express all connectives of the calculus, so we may hope to be able to define *characteristic formulas*:

$$Q \models \mathcal{F}_P \quad \text{iff} \quad Q =_L P$$

$Q =_L P$  iff  $P$  and  $Q$  satisfy the same formulas

We actually need an *image-finiteness* hypothesis:

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Characteristic formulas can be defined on  $\text{MA}_{\text{IF}}$

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holds without image-finiteness hypothesis (on full MA)

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proof: we define  $P_1, P_2 \in \text{MA}_{\text{IF}}^{\text{syn}}$  such that  $P_1 \rightarrow P_2$ ,

but  $P_2 \rightarrow^* P_1$  is undecidable.

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## Completeness: key ideas

We may capture the first layer of capabilities in a process (*active context*):

$$\text{in } n.a[b[\mathbf{0}]] \mid !b[\text{open } n.\text{out } n] \rightsquigarrow \text{in } n.[]_1 \mid !b[\text{open } n.[]_2]$$

the rest of the term (*continuations*) is preserved under reduction:

$$P \rightarrow Q \Rightarrow \text{cont}(Q) \subseteq \text{cont}(P)$$

### Lemma (**Partial** characteristic formulas)

For all  $P, Q$ , there is  $F_{P,Q}$  such that  $P \models F_{P,Q}$  and for all  $Q'$  such that  $Q \rightarrow^* Q'$ ,

$$Q' \models F_{P,Q} \quad \text{iff} \quad Q' \simeq_{int} P$$

**Theorem (Completeness)**  $=_L \subseteq \simeq_{int}$ .

## Conclusion: Separability of AL

- AL expresses more than behaviour ( $=_L \subsetneq \approx$ ); for *most of* processes,

$$P =_L Q \quad \text{iff} \quad P \equiv Q$$

- However, for some *extreme* processes, the result fails because the  $\diamond$  has a weak semantic ( $\rightarrow^*$  instead of  $\rightarrow$ ).

- The imprecisions due to the many-steps semantics:
  - $\eta$ -convertibility:  $(x)(\langle x \rangle | (y)P) =_L (y)P$
  - stuttering:  $\text{in } n.P =_L \text{in } n.Q$  iff  $P \xrightarrow{(\text{out } n, \text{in } n)^*} Q \xrightarrow{(\text{out } n, \text{in } n)^*} P$

## Decidability issues in AL

- Model-checking and validity are mutually dependent ( $\triangleright, F_P$ )
- In the general case, both are undecidable (Talbot, Charatonik)  
A short proof:  $P \models F_Q \wedge \diamond F_R$  and  $\vdash F_Q \rightarrow \diamond F_R$  boils down to decide whether  $Q \rightarrow^* R$ .
- Some cases where decidability has been obtained:
  - finite control Ambients, logic without  $\triangleright$  [ChaGorTal02]
  - static trees, logic without  $\forall$  and  $\diamond$  [CalCarGor02]
- Logical equivalence ( $=_L$ ) is not decidable in the general case, because of stuttering [HirLozSan02], while still being “very close” to  $\equiv$  which is decidable (DalZilio)

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$$(x).(\langle x \rangle \mid (y).P) \rightarrow_\eta (y).P$$

## Adding name restriction

- this extension is less clear
- new logical connectives  $n\textcircled{R}\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{I}n.\mathcal{A}$  [CarGor01]
- we believe that:
  - ▷ logical equivalence is still  $\equiv$  on  $MA_{\text{IF}}^{\text{syn}}$  for  $\eta$ -normalized terms
  - ▷ characteristic formulas exist
  - ▷ completeness only holds under image-finiteness

# Conclusion

## Main contributions

- evidence of the **strong expressiveness** of AL
  - **adjuncts are important** in this setting
  - characterisations of  $=_L$  (coinductive and inductive)
  - connections with other works about decidability in AL
- to what extent do our technical developments (encoding of persistence, completeness proof) depend on the specific calculus of Mobile Ambients?

## Current investigations

- Decidability with  $\triangleright$ : what is tractable?
- The  $\pi$ -calculus logic: what about encoding capabilities?  
(We have results)
- Less intensional logics: is there a way to define a “more behavioural”  $=_L$ ?



# Annex

## Capability formulas

$1\text{Comp}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg 0 \wedge 0 \parallel 0$
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$\langle \text{open } n \rangle . \mathcal{A}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1\text{Cap} \wedge \forall m. ( n[m[0]] \triangleright \diamond m[0]   \mathcal{A} )$
$((\text{cap})) . \mathcal{A}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \text{cap} \rangle . \top \wedge \neg \langle \text{cap} \rangle . \neg \mathcal{A}$ for any capability cap

## Characteristic formulas

$\mathcal{F}_0$	$\stackrel{def}{=}$	0	$\mathcal{F}_{P Q}$	$\stackrel{def}{=}$	$\mathcal{F}_P \mid \mathcal{F}_Q$
$\mathcal{F}_{n[P]}$	$\stackrel{def}{=}$	$n[\mathcal{F}_P]$	$\mathcal{F}_{\text{cap}.P}$	$\stackrel{def}{=}$	$\langle \text{cap} \rangle . \mathcal{F}_P \wedge ((\text{cap})) . \bigvee_{\{P', P \rightarrow^* P'\} / \simeq_{int}} \mathcal{F}_{P'}$
$\mathcal{F}_{!n[P]}$	$\stackrel{def}{=}$	$\text{Rep}_{n[]}(\mathcal{F}_P)$	$\mathcal{F}_{!\text{cap}.P}$	$\stackrel{def}{=}$	$\text{Rep}_{\text{cap}}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{cap}.P})$