

# The proof theory of pomsets

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<sup>1</sup>Girard 1989

# Pomset logic

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## Sequent calculus rules

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{ax} \frac{}{\vdash a, a^\perp} \\ \wp \frac{\vdash \Gamma, A, B}{\vdash \Gamma, A \wp B} \\ \otimes \frac{\vdash \Gamma, A \quad \vdash \Delta, B}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, A \otimes B} \\ \& \frac{\vdash \Gamma, A_i \quad \vdash \Gamma, B}{\vdash \Gamma, A \& B} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \text{multiplicative} \\ \text{multiplicative} \end{array}$$

# Coherent Spaces<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Kind of Girard 1989



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$$\mathfrak{C} = \langle |\mathfrak{C}|, \supset \rangle$$

Additional relations

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## The non-commutative connective $\triangleleft^3$

# Pomset logic

Let  $G$  and  $H$  be coherent spaces:

	$\{\{A \wp B\}\}$		$\{\{A \otimes B\}\}$						
vertices	$V_G \times V_H$								
edges	$A \setminus B$	$\smile$	$=$	$\frown$		$A \setminus B$	$\smile$	$=$	$\frown$
	$\smile$	$\smile$	$\smile$	$\frown$		$\smile$	$\smile$	$\smile$	$\frown$
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	$\{\{G \oplus H\}\}$	$\{\{G \& H\}\}$
vertices	$V_G \uplus V_H$	
edges	$\circlearrowleft_G \cup \circlearrowleft_H$	$\circlearrowleft_G \cup \circlearrowleft_H \cup \{(x, y) \mid x \in V_G, y \in V_H\}$
save for later		

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# Pomsets and Pomset logic

## Pomset formulas and SP-orders<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>Retoré 1993, Guglielmi 2007

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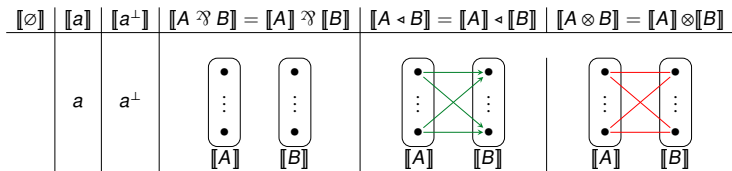


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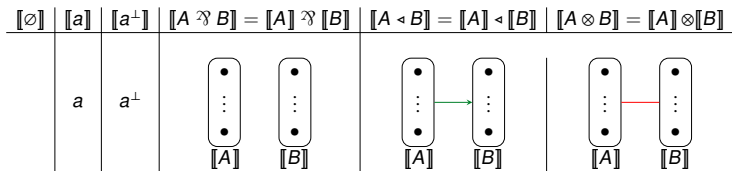
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$[\emptyset]$	$[a]$	$[a^\perp]$	$[A \bowtie B] = [A] \bowtie [B]$	$[A \triangleleft B] = [A] \triangleleft [B]$	$[A \otimes B] = [A] \otimes [B]$
	$a$	$a^\perp$			

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} a & b & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ c & d & \end{array} \begin{array}{c} e \\ f \end{array} \right)^\perp$$

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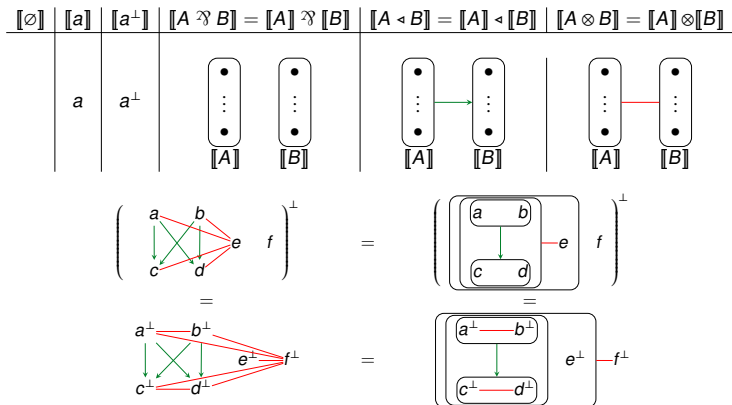
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A graph containing one of the following induced subgraph cannot be a  $\llbracket F \rrbracket$



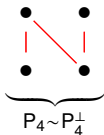
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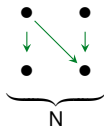
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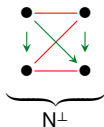
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## Soundness of implication in Pomset<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup>Retoré 1993, Bechet & de Groote & Retoré 1997

## Theorem (Transitivity of $\multimap$ )

If  $\vdash_{\text{Pomset}} A \multimap B$  and  $\vdash_{\text{Pomset}} B \multimap C$ , then  $\vdash_{\text{Pomset}} A \multimap C$ .

## Theorem

An order  $O$  is **series-parallel** iff there is a Pomset-formula  $A$  (containing no  $\otimes$ ) such that  $\llbracket A \rrbracket = O$ .

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If  $\llbracket A \rrbracket \supseteq \llbracket B \rrbracket$  then  $\vdash_{\text{Pomset}} A \multimap B$ .

## Sketch of proof.

In Bechet & de Groote & Retoré 1997 is provided a complete system of rewriting rules to characterize SP-orders inclusion.

Each rewriting rule  $\llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket B \rrbracket$  corresponds to an implication  $A \multimap B$ , which is valid in Pomset. Thus we conclude by transitivity of  $\multimap$ . □

# Pomset Logic offspring



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Pomset	Proof nets <sup>8</sup>	unknown until 2020

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BV-formulas = Pomset-formulas

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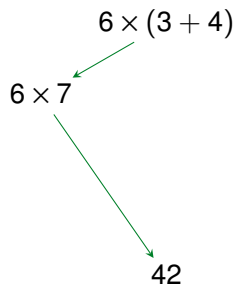
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# Deep inference (and why it is needed)<sup>11</sup>


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<sup>11</sup>Guglielmi 2007, Tiu 2006

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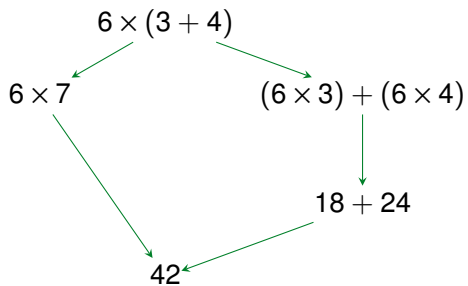


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$$18 + 24$$


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$$\begin{array}{r}
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 \hline
 6 \times \left( \underset{\text{sum}}{\frac{3 + 4}{7}} \right) \\
 \hline
 6 \times 7 \\
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 \underset{\text{mult}}{42}
 \end{array}$$

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The same in deep inference:

$$\bullet G \implies \begin{array}{c} G \\ \text{Id}_G \parallel \\ G \end{array} \left( \text{or } \begin{array}{c} G' \\ \cdots \\ G \end{array} \text{ if } G \equiv G' \right)$$

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- $\begin{array}{c} H_i \\ \mathcal{D}_i \parallel \\ G_i \end{array} \text{ and } P \text{ an } n\text{-ary term-constructor} \implies P \left( \begin{array}{c} H_1 \\ \mathcal{D}_1 \parallel \\ G_1 \end{array}, \dots, \begin{array}{c} H_n \\ \mathcal{D}_n \parallel \\ G_n \end{array} \right)$

## A deep inference system for BV

$$\text{ai}\downarrow \frac{\emptyset}{a \wp a^\perp} \quad \text{s} \frac{A \otimes (B \wp C)}{(A \otimes B) \wp C} \quad \text{ql}\downarrow \frac{(A \wp C) \triangleleft (B \wp D)}{(A \triangleleft B) \wp (C \triangleleft D)}$$

$F$  is provable (denoted  $\vdash_{\text{BV}} F$ ) if there is a

$$\begin{array}{c} \emptyset \\ \mathcal{D} \parallel_{\text{BV}} \\ F \end{array}$$

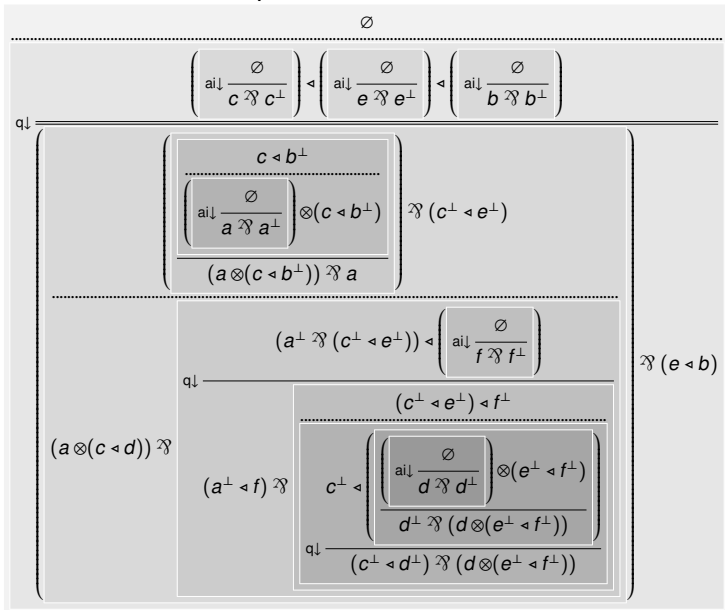
Formulas are considered modulo the following equivalences:

Associativity	Unit	Commutativity ( $\wp$ and $\otimes$ )
$A \wp (B \wp C) \equiv (A \wp B) \wp C$	$A \wp \emptyset \equiv A$	$A \wp B \equiv B \wp A$
$A \triangleleft (B \triangleleft C) \equiv (A \triangleleft B) \triangleleft C$	$A \triangleleft \emptyset \equiv A \equiv \emptyset \triangleleft A$	
$A \otimes (B \otimes C) \equiv (A \otimes B) \otimes C$	$A \otimes \emptyset \equiv A$	$A \otimes B \equiv B \otimes A$

Example: a proof of  $(a^\perp \triangleleft (b^\perp \wp c^\perp)) \wp ((a \wp b) \triangleleft c)$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \emptyset \\
 \hline
 \left( \frac{\left( \text{ai} \downarrow \frac{\emptyset}{a \wp a^\perp} \right) \triangleleft \left( \text{ai} \downarrow \frac{\emptyset}{b \wp b^\perp} \right)}{\text{ql} \frac{\quad}{(a^\perp \triangleleft b^\perp) \wp (a \triangleleft b)}} \right) \triangleleft \left( \text{ai} \downarrow \frac{\emptyset}{c \wp c^\perp} \right) \\
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 \end{array}$$

# Deep inference is needed!



Pomset  $\neq$  BV<sup>12</sup>

Logic	Formalism for proofs	Complexity (provability)
Pomset	Proof nets <sup>13</sup>	$\Sigma_2^P$ <sup>14</sup>
BV	Deep Inference <sup>15</sup>	NP <sup>16</sup>

The following formula is provable in Pomset but not in BV

$$((a \triangleleft b) \otimes (c \triangleleft d)) \wp ((e \triangleleft f) \otimes (g \triangleleft h)) \wp (a^\perp \triangleleft h^\perp) \wp (e^\perp \triangleleft b^\perp) \wp (c^\perp \triangleleft f^\perp) \wp (g^\perp \triangleleft d^\perp)$$

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### Theorem

Let  $\llbracket A \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket B \rrbracket$  be two **series-parallel** orders.  
If  $\llbracket A \rrbracket \supseteq \llbracket B \rrbracket$  then  $\vdash_{BV} A \multimap B$ .

<sup>13</sup>Retoré 1993 and 1996

<sup>14</sup>Nguyên 2020

<sup>15</sup>Guglielmi 2007, Tiu 2006

<sup>16</sup>Kahramanoğullari 2008



# The graphical logic GV<sup>17</sup>



Provable in BV

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$$(a \not\leq b) \wedge (c \not\leq d) \dashv\circ (a \leq c) \wedge (b \leq d)$$

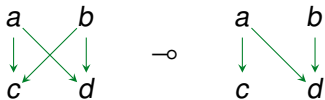

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$$(a \wp b) \triangleleft (c \wp d) \rightarrow (a \triangleleft c) \wp (b \triangleleft d)$$



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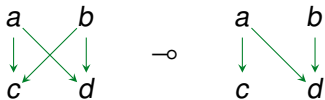

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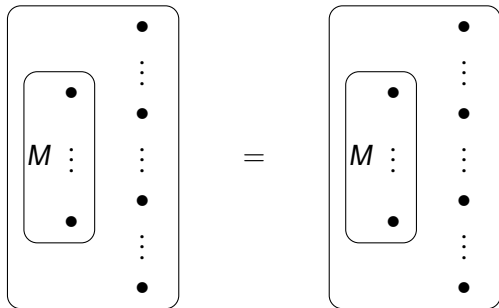
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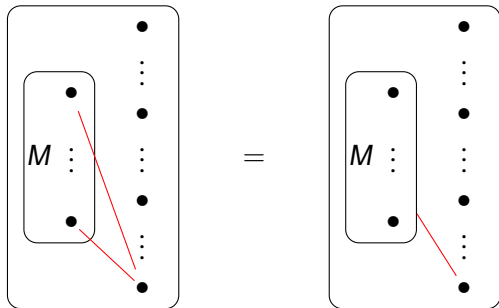
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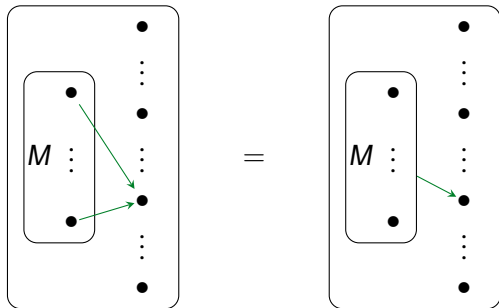
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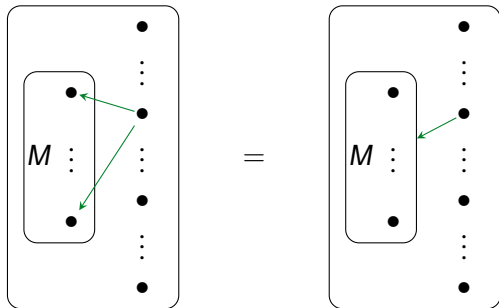


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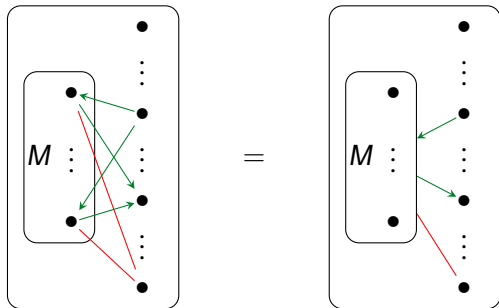




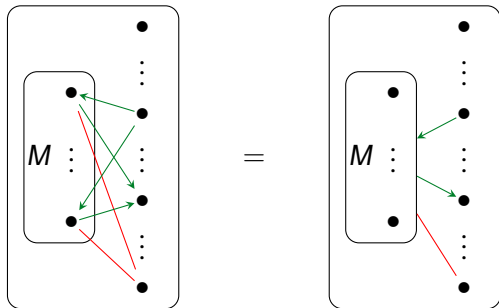
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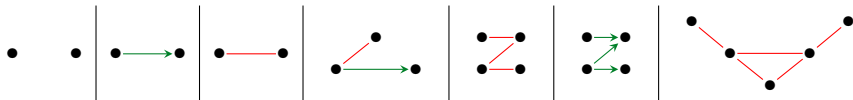
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A graph  $G$  is **prime** if it has modules  $V_G$ ,  $\emptyset$  and  $\{x\}$  for all  $x \in V_G$ .



If  $G$  has  $n$  vertices and  $H_1, \dots, H_n$  graphs,  
 then we use  $G$  as a **logic connective** and we write  $G(H_1, \dots, H_n)$

$$\wp: \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \wp(G, H) = G \wp H \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \triangleleft: \begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{\text{green}} \bullet \\ \triangleleft(G, H) = G \triangleleft H \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \otimes: \begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \bullet \\ \otimes(G, H) = G \otimes H \end{array} \right.$$

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### Lemma (Modular decomposition of graphs (Gallai '75))

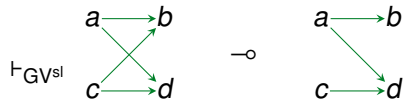
If  $G \neq \emptyset$  is a graph, then we have exactly one of the following cases:

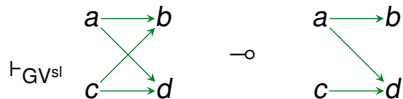
- (i)  $G$  is a singleton graph
- (ii)  $G = P(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  for a prime graph  $P$

GS	$\text{ai}\downarrow \frac{\emptyset}{a^\perp \bowtie a}$	$\text{pi}\downarrow \frac{(\mathbf{M}_1 \bowtie N_1) \otimes \dots \otimes (\mathbf{M}_n \bowtie N_n)}{R^\perp(\mathbf{M}_1, \dots, \mathbf{M}_n) \bowtie R(N_1, \dots, N_n)}$
	$\text{si}\bowtie \frac{P(M_1, \dots, M_{i-1}, \mathbf{M}_i \bowtie N, M_{i+1}, \dots, M_n)}{\mathbf{M}_i \bowtie P(M_1, \dots, M_{i-1}, N, M_{i+1}, \dots, M_n)}$	$\text{si}\otimes \frac{\mathbf{M}_i \otimes P(M_1, \dots, M_{i-1}, N, M_{i+1}, \dots, M_n)}{P(M_1, \dots, M_{i-1}, \mathbf{M}_i \otimes N, M_{i+1}, \dots, M_n)}$
	$\text{qi}\downarrow \frac{Q^\perp(\mathbf{M}_1 \bowtie N_1, \dots, \mathbf{M}_n \bowtie N_n)}{Q^\perp(\mathbf{M}_1, \dots, \mathbf{M}_n) \bowtie Q(N_1, \dots, N_n)}$	$\text{qmi}\downarrow \frac{Q(\mathbf{M}_1 \bowtie N_1, \dots, \mathbf{M}_n \bowtie N_n)}{Q(\mathbf{M}_1, \dots, \mathbf{M}_n) \bowtie Q(N_1, \dots, N_n)}$
	$\text{si}\downarrow \frac{Q(M_1, \dots, M_k, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset) \triangleleft Q(\emptyset, \dots, \emptyset, M_{k+1}, \dots, M_n)}{Q(M_1, \dots, M_n)}$	

$$\text{GV} = \text{GS} \cup \{\text{qi}\downarrow, \text{qmi}\downarrow\}$$

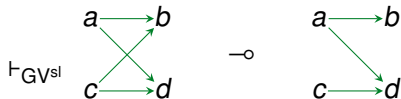
$$\text{GV}^{\text{sl}} = \text{GV} \cup \{\text{si}\downarrow\}$$



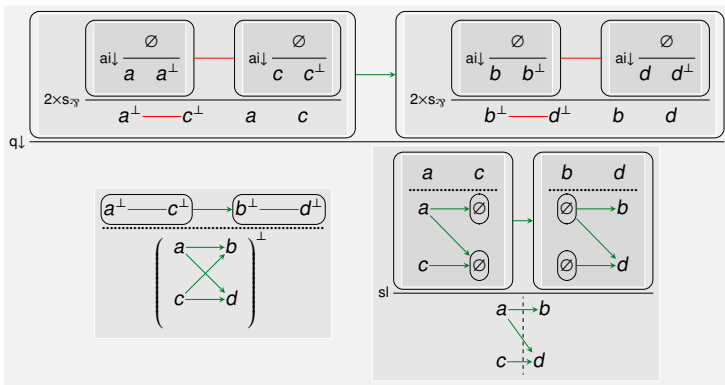


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*Let  $GX \in \{GS, GV, GV^{sl}\}$ . If  $\vdash_{GX} A \multimap B$  and  $\vdash_{GX} B \multimap C$ , then  $\vdash_{GX} A \multimap C$ .*

## Theorem

- *GS is a conservative extension of  $MLL^\circ$*
- *GV and  $GV^{sl}$  are conservative extensions of both GS and BV*

# Other extensions and applications

- Retoré 1999: Petri net execution as cut-elimination in Pomset <sup>18</sup>
- Bruscoli 2002: BV and (a minimal) CCS:
- Horne 2015: extending the work of Bruscoli with additive connectives (model choice/conflict relation)
- Brunet & Pym 2019 (**unconscious child**): “pomset with boxes”<sup>19</sup>
- Horne & Tiu 2019: nominal quantifiers (model fresh names)
- Guglielmi/Reddy/Retore (alphabetic order): modality for the  $\triangleleft$  fixpoint ( $\uparrow A \equiv A \triangleleft \uparrow A$ )

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<sup>18</sup>Does the proofs in Brunet & Pous & Struth 2017 use the same technique/encoding?

<sup>19</sup>My conjecture is that it's just BV + a modal operator

## Process calculi and $BV^{20}$

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### Theorem (Bruscoli 2002)

*There is a terminating execution of  $p$*   $\iff \vdash_{\text{BV}^L} \{\{p\}\}$

*The trace  $a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_n}$  is valid for  $p$*   $\iff \vdash_{\text{BV}^L} (a_{\alpha_1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft a_{\alpha_n}) \multimap \{\{p\}\}$

Extensions handling:

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- nominal quantifiers (Horne & Tiu)
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- (-) Proof system operating on graph decomposition via interfaces (e.g., ipomset Fahrenberga & alt.) instead of modular decomposition?

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