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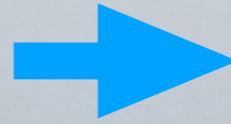
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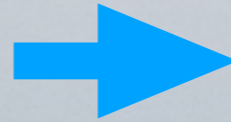
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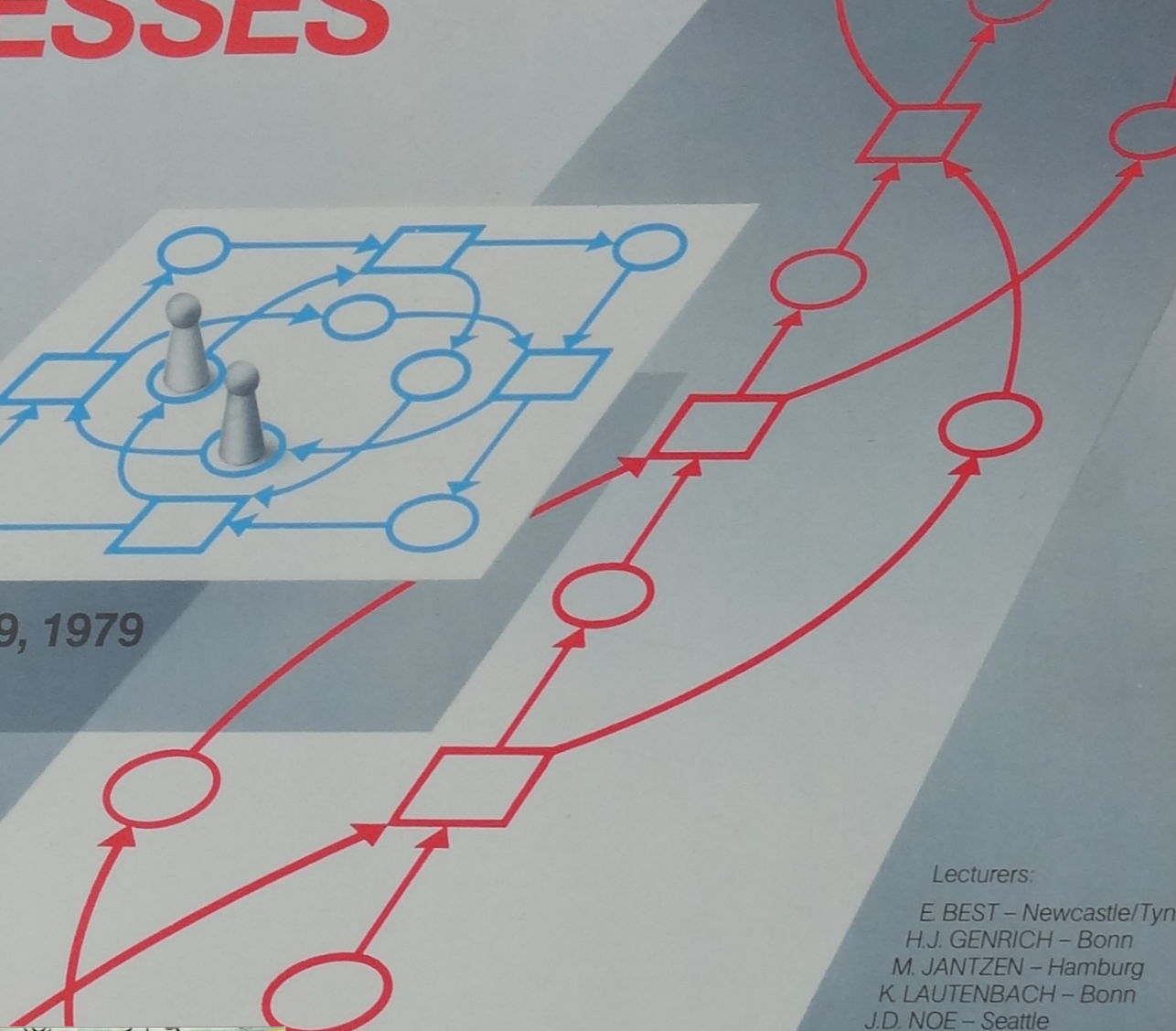
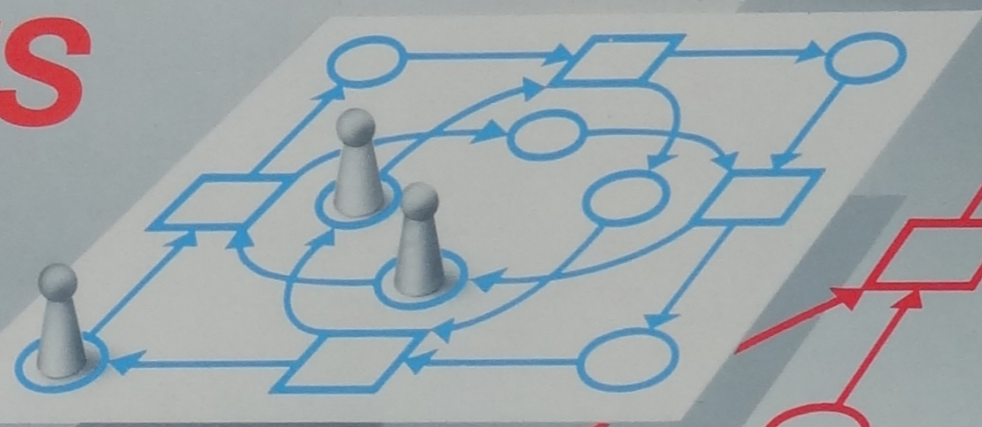
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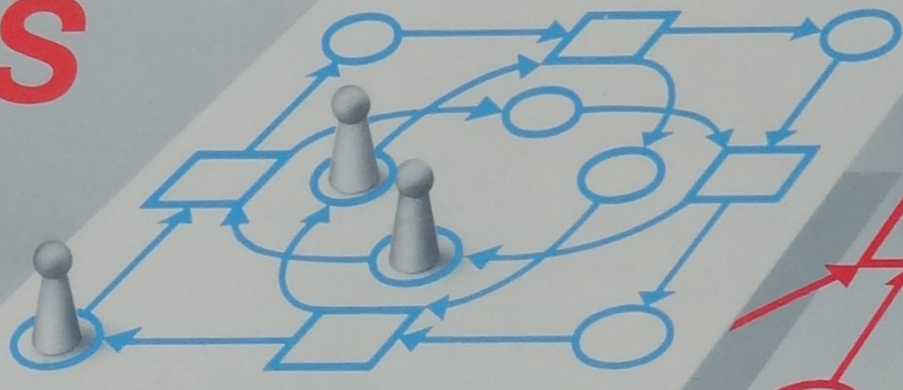
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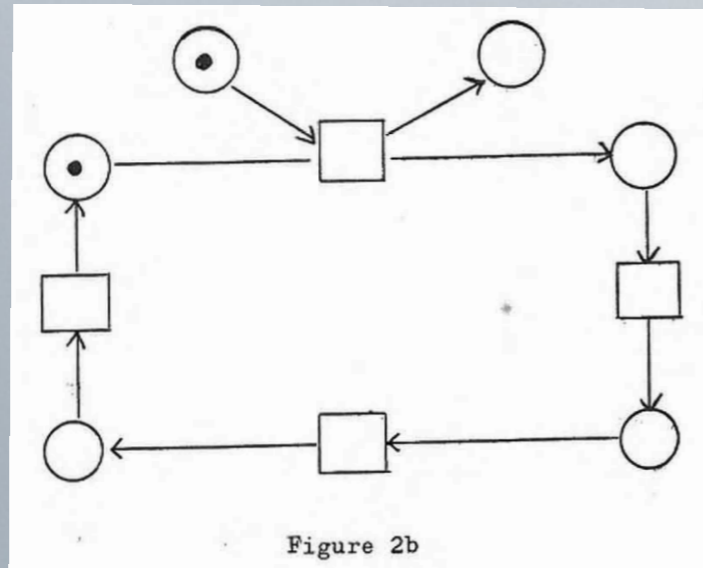
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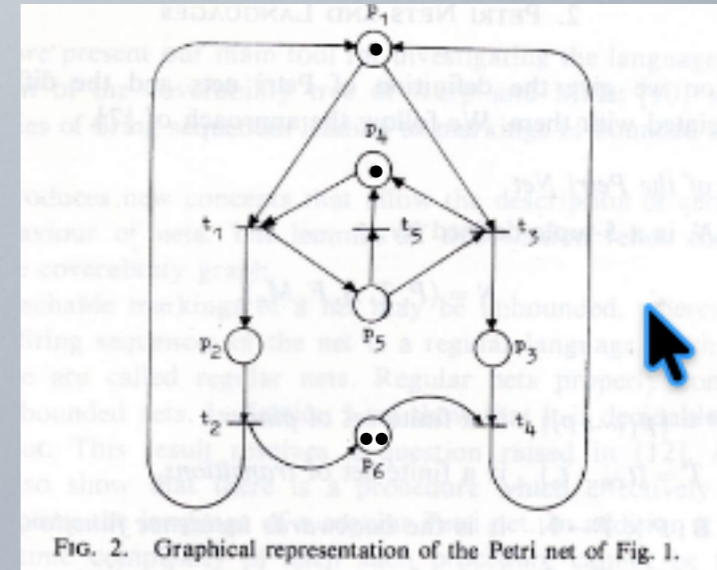
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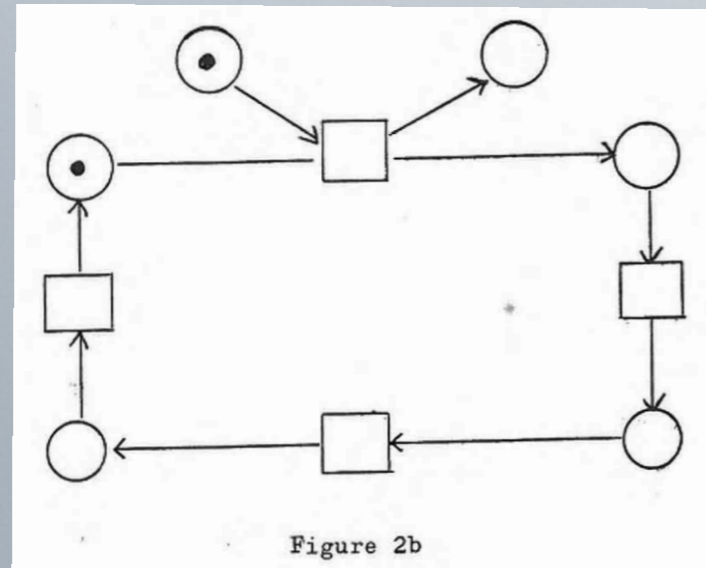
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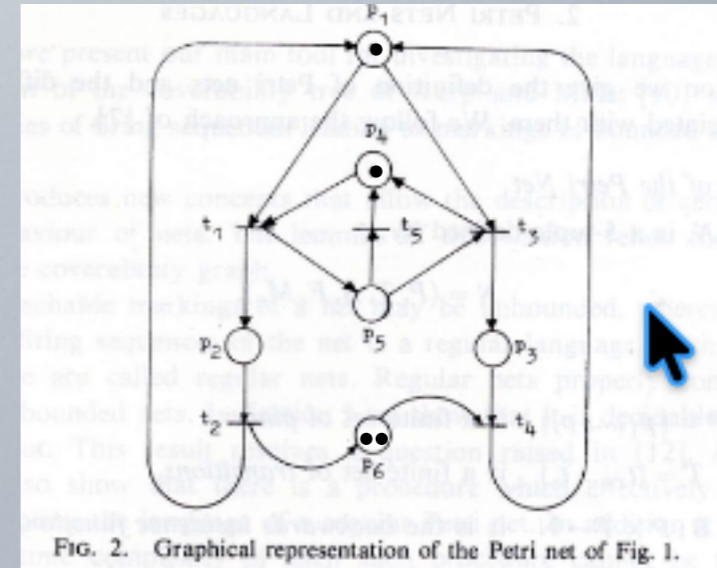
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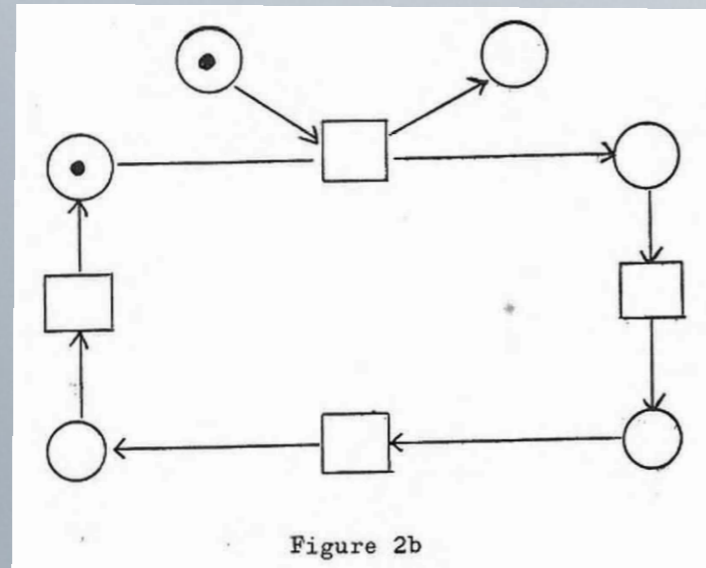


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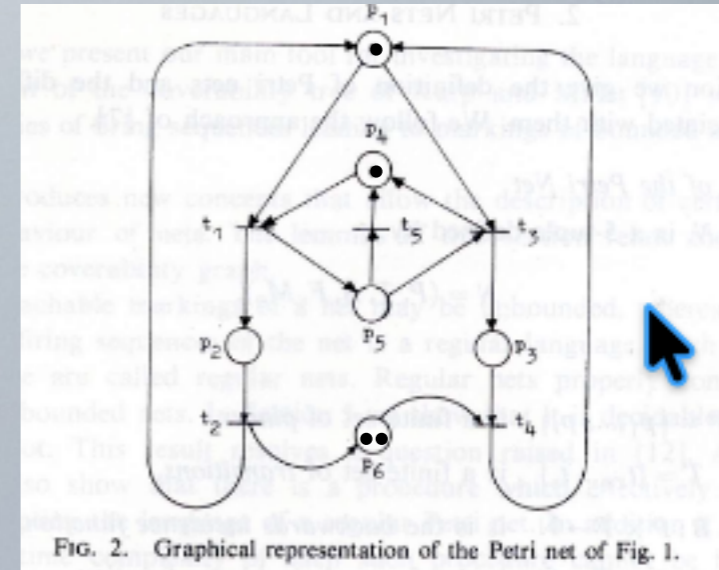


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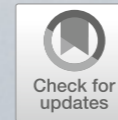
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Elementary Net system
EN-system

Condition/Event Systems
C/E Sytem
(with case graph)

Place/Transition Net
PT-net

On the Two Worlds of Carl Adam Petri's Nets

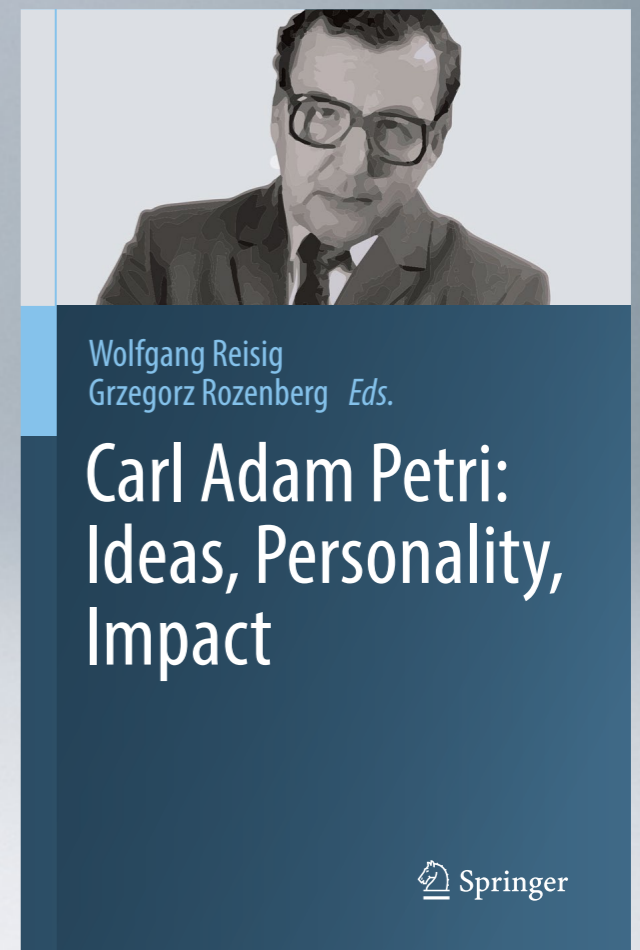


Rüdiger Valk

With his work Carl Adam Petri initiated a scientific world that includes by now a huge number of publications. The area covers multiple aspects, but from a historical point of view there have been two main streams or worlds of thinking. This article describes how I experienced both of these worlds of working and thinking in over 40 years of my academic life.

During the last year of my academic studies toward a degree in mathematics in 1971 at the University of Bonn I was employed as a student assistant at a major research institution near Bonn, the *Gesellschaft für Mathematik und Datenverarbeitung (GMD)*, where Petri was the director of the *Institute for Information Systems*. As a student I saw Petri only from a distance, but I attended the Ph.D. Defense of Hartman Genrich, where he emphasized Petri nets as the description model of the future in contrast to the old-fashioned “steam engine” of automata theory (a field in which I was writing my diploma thesis). This experience motivated me to change my research interests to Petri nets after having finished my Ph.D. thesis on topological automata in 1974 at the University of Hamburg.

Following my education at the University of Bonn (and not at the GMD) my research on Petri nets started in the context of finite automata and formal languages, and my first major publication in this field was on “Regular Petri Net Languages” [22]. Such a publication would not have been possible within Petri’s research group. Petri always emphasized the point that modeling should be in direct accordance with physical laws and real-world observations. As a consequence, for example, multiple tokens were not used, and side conditions or token capacities for example were not considered. This was motivated by the requirement of “good modeling”





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Einladung zur Teilnahme an der Veranstaltung
"Allgemeine Netztheorie" vom 28.-31.März

Veranstaltungs-Nr. 18.231

Veranstalter: Carl Adam Petri

Zeit: Mo. 28. - Do. 31. März 1994, 13:00 Uhr bis ca. 19:00 Uhr

Raum: VC-221 (Haus C, Obergeschoß), Vogt-Kölln-Str. 30, 22527 Hamburg

Inhalt: Die Allgemeine Netztheorie bildet den Ansatz zu einer umfassenden mathematischen Systemtheorie unter besonderer Beachtung der Verträglichkeit mit physikalischen Grundprinzipien. Sie ist einsetzbar für grundlagennahe ebenso wie für anwendungsnahe Bereiche verschiedener Disziplinen. Der Schwerpunkt wird hier auf die Informatik gelegt; thematisiert werden sollen:

1. Einführung; Stetigkeit und Unschärfe
2. Grundlegende Definitionen der Netztheorie
3. Situationen in markierten Netzen; Sicherheit, Hochsicherheit
4. Metriken in markierten Netzen
5. Operative Topologie; Piles, eine Verallgemeinerung von Netzen
6. Hochsichere Konstruktionen; Orthoide und Zykloide
7. Die Lorentz-Transformation in quantisierter Raumzeit
8. Informationsflußgraphen; Bitströme, Informationsbilanz
9. Die Annahme des maximalen Schrittes; Informatisierung, Powertape, Berechenbarkeit bei Nebenläufigkeit

Vorgehen: Die Veranstaltung wird als Kompaktseminar durchgeführt.

Von C.A. Petri bereits zur Verfügung gestellte Unterlagen liegen im Raum VC-117 vor.

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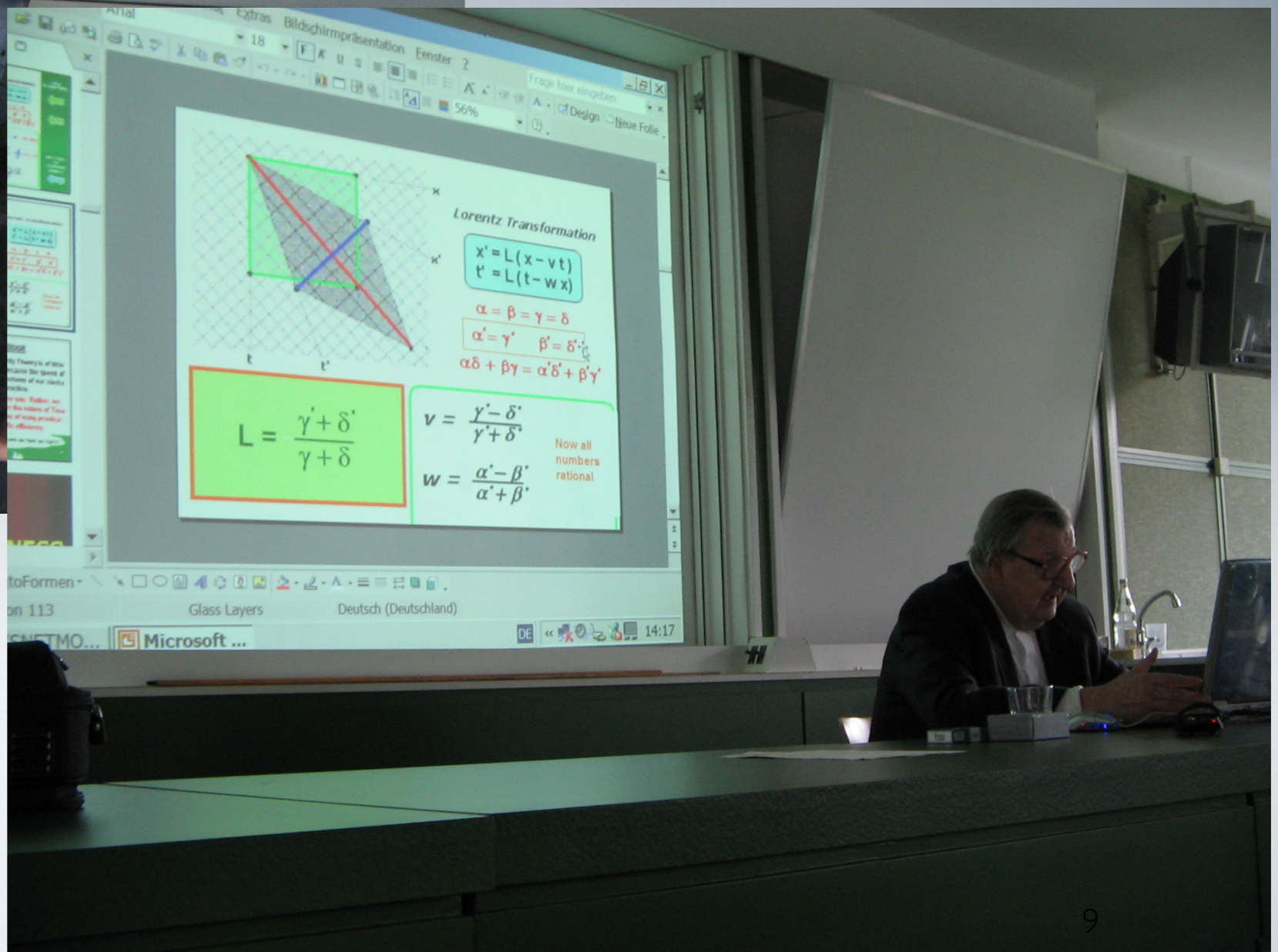
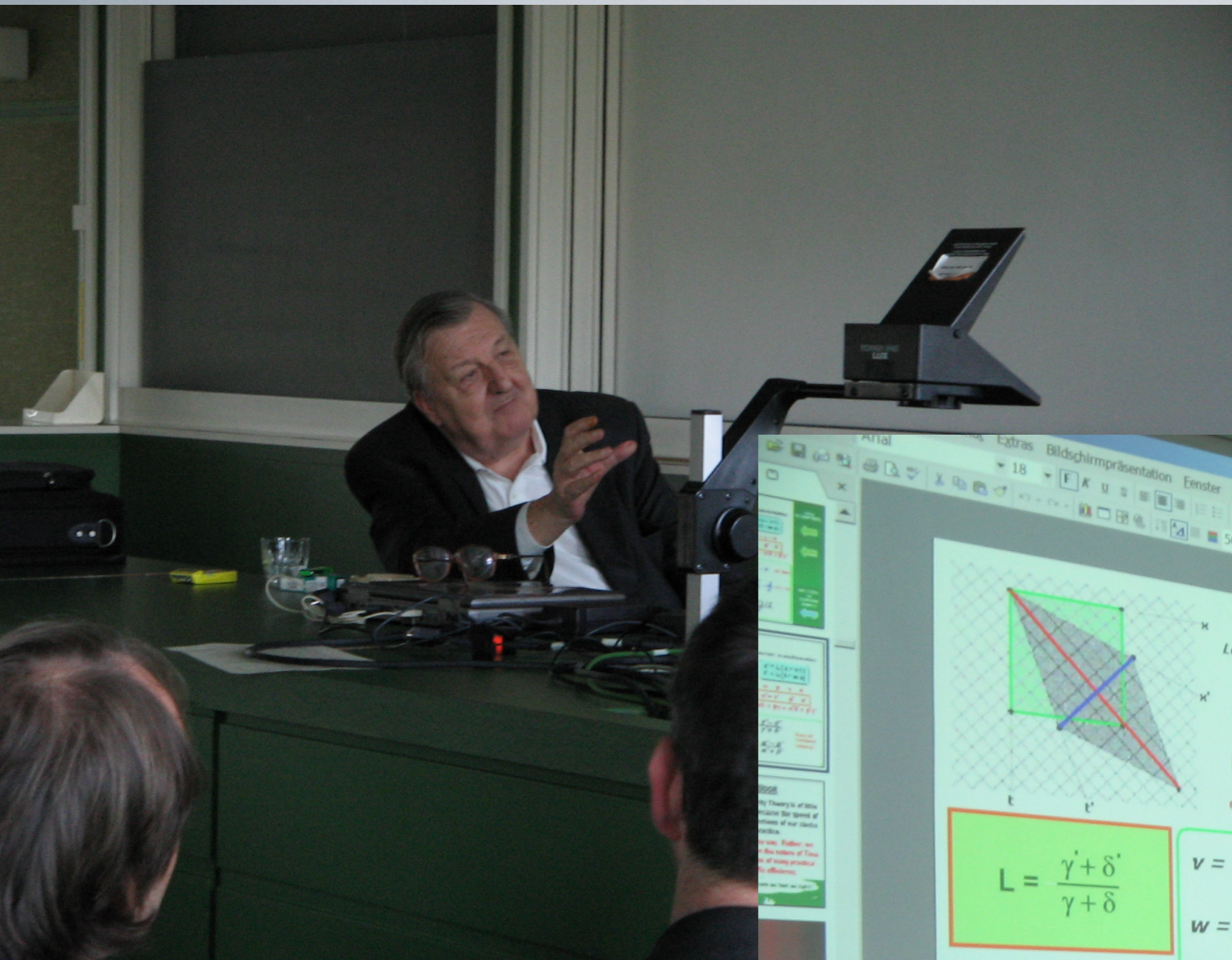
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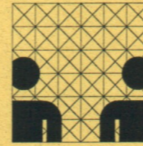






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Systematik der Netzmodellierung

2004

Mo 27.09. – Fr. 01.10.04
14:15 – 16:00

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Die mathematischen, physikalischen und technischen Prinzipien der Konstruktion von Modellen verteilter Systeme werden veranschaulicht und für die Anwendung aufbereitet. Sie werden neu zusammengestellt und in der Form von einfachen Axiomen vorgelegt; die Abweichung von klassischen Methoden wird begründet und erläutert.

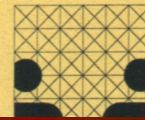
Vorgeführt wird die direkte Bestimmung der wichtigsten Netzeigenschaften ohne Simulation, Visualisierung der Netzstruktur, und Beweistechnik. Ein grundsätzlicher Mangel klassischer kontinuierlicher Modellierung wird aufgezeigt und behoben.

Es wird gezeigt, dass die einfachsten Verbindungen gestörter Bit-Kanäle ein vollständiger Satz von verlustfreien Transfers (Booleschen Bijektionen) sind, die zugleich Isotope der einfachsten RaumZeit-Strukturen sind.

Im Mittelpunkt der Arbeit steht der Informationsfluss. Seine Darstellung erfordert die Beherrschung der Konfusion; seine Eigenschaften folgen aus dem Ansatz, dass alle Konflikte in einem System durch die Verbindung mit seiner Umgebung gelöst werden. Diese Annahme ist gleichbedeutend mit einem Erhaltungssatz für Information.

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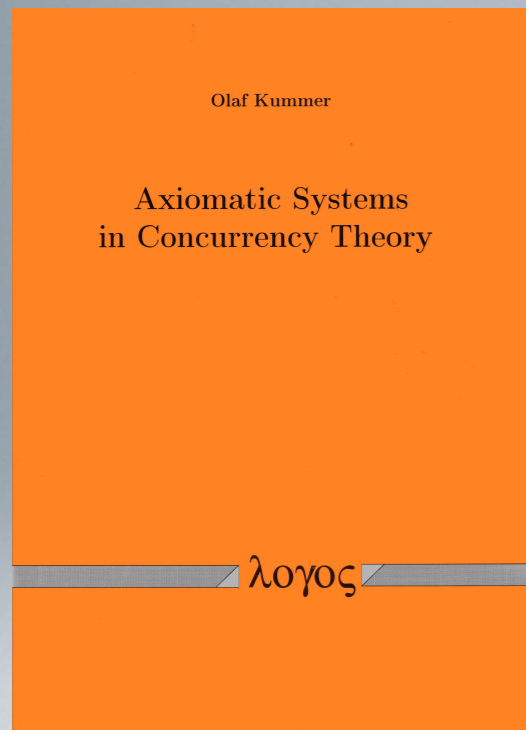
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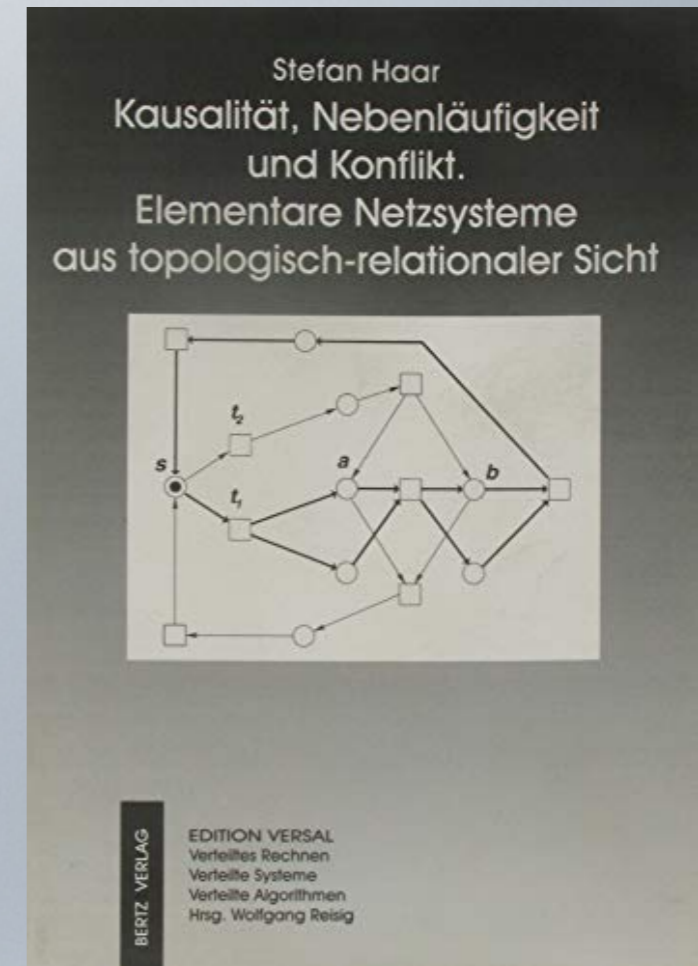
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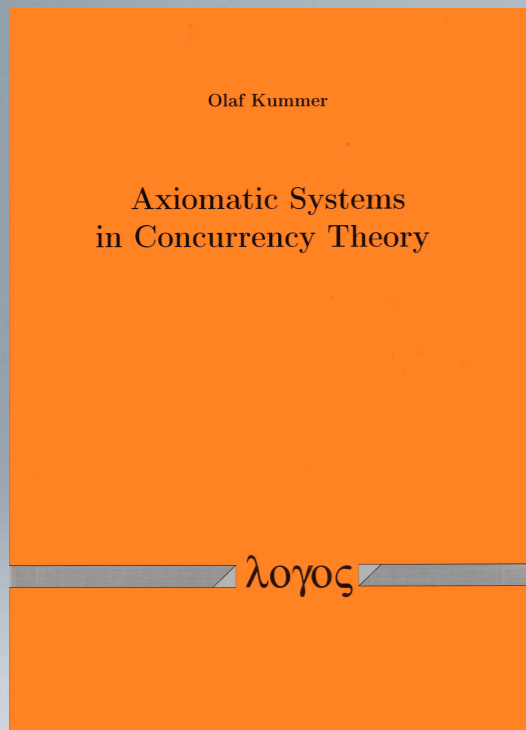
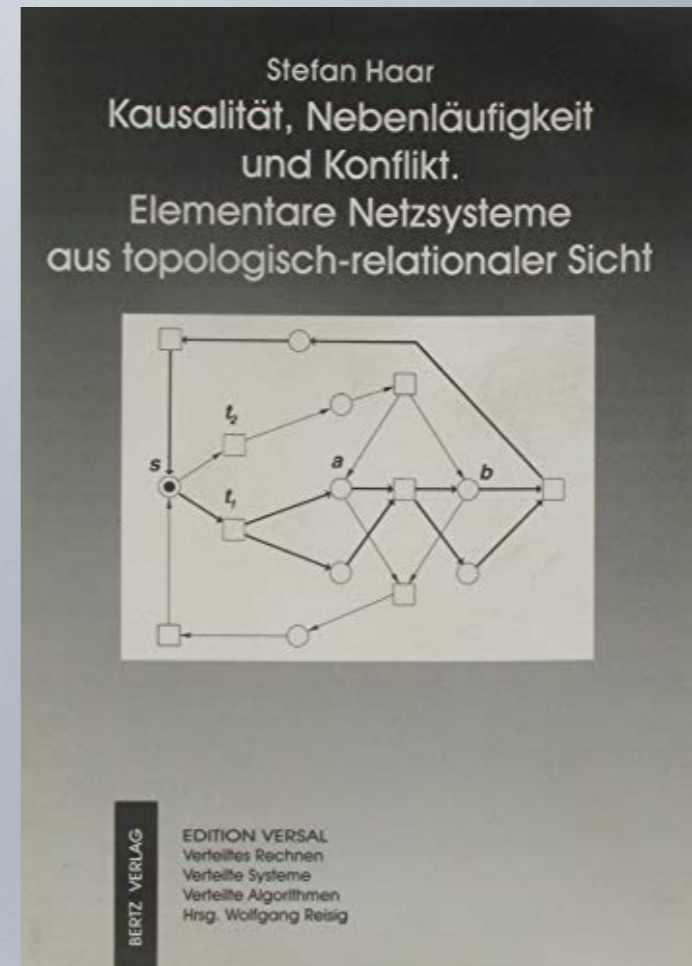
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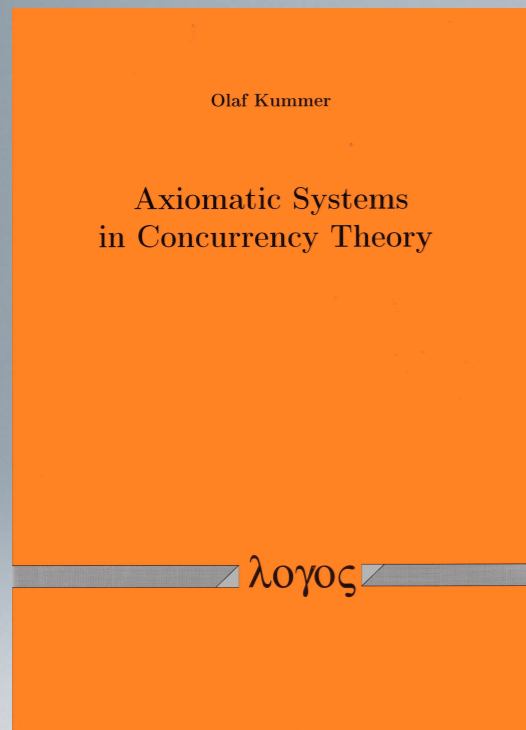
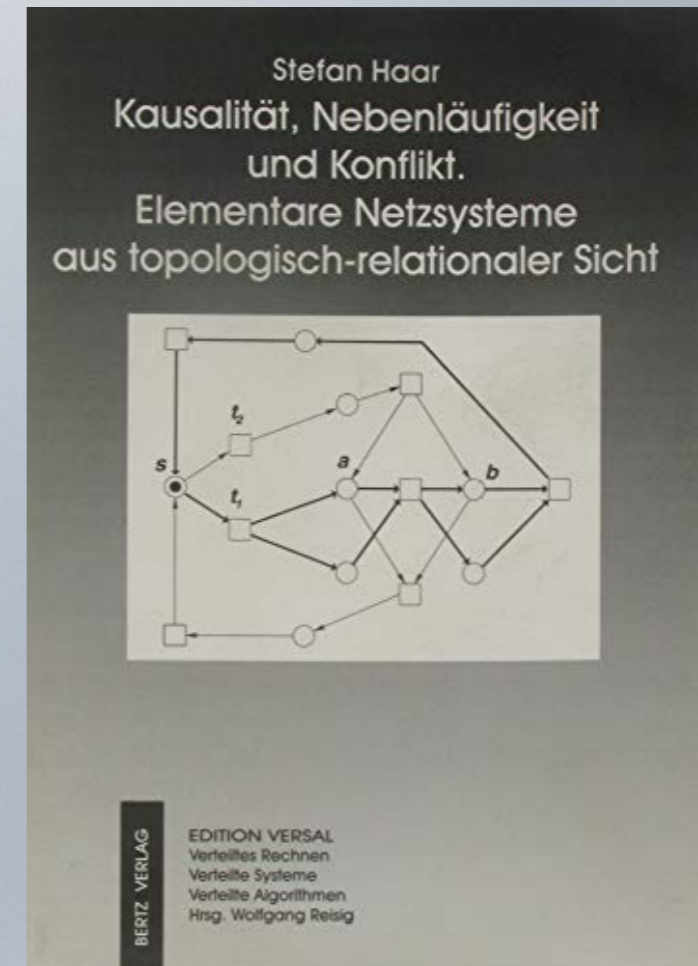
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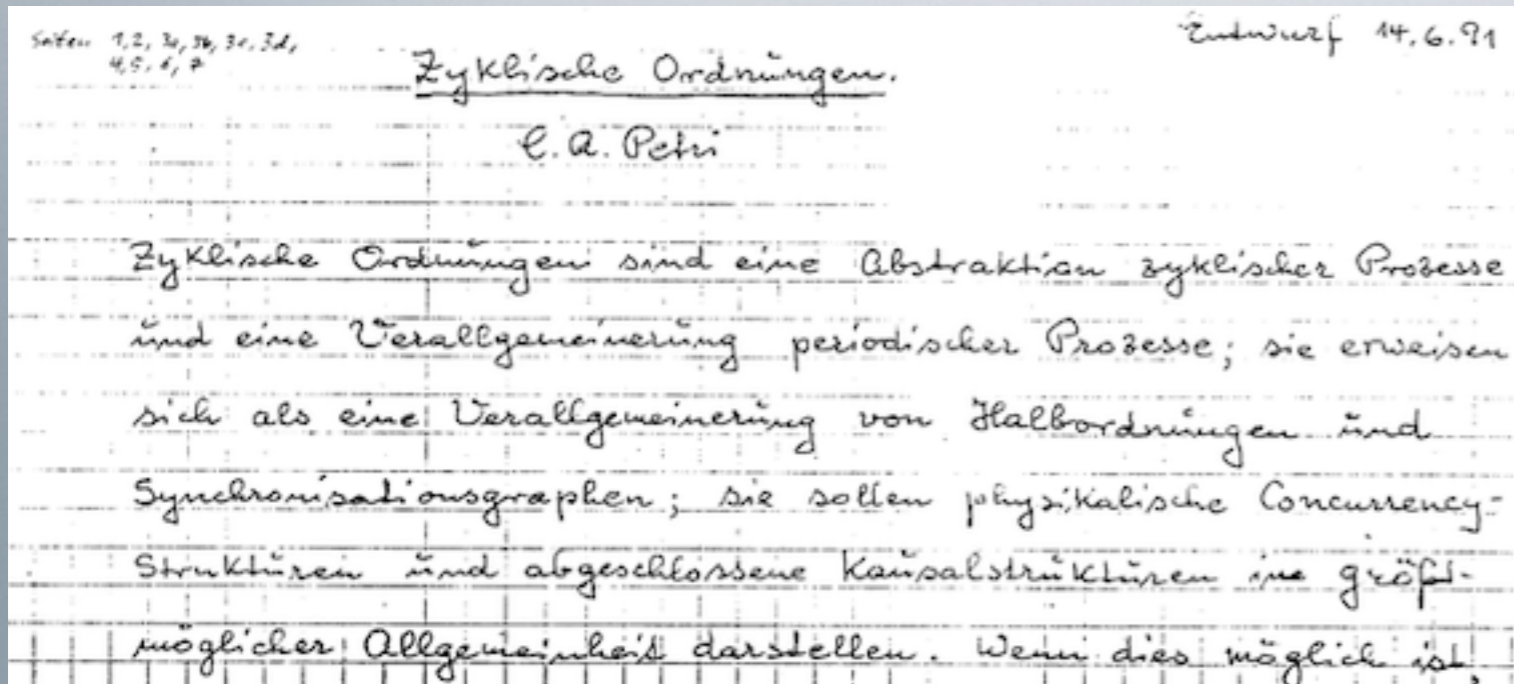
Zyklische Ordnungen.

C. A. Petri

Zyklische Ordnungen sind eine Abstraktion zyklischer Prozesse und eine Verallgemeinerung periodischer Prozesse; sie erweisen sich als eine Verallgemeinerung von Halbordnungen und Synchronisationsgraphen; sie sollen physikalische Concurrency-Strukturen und abgeschlossene Kausalstrukturen in größtmöglicher Allgemeinheit darstellen. Wenn dies möglich ist,

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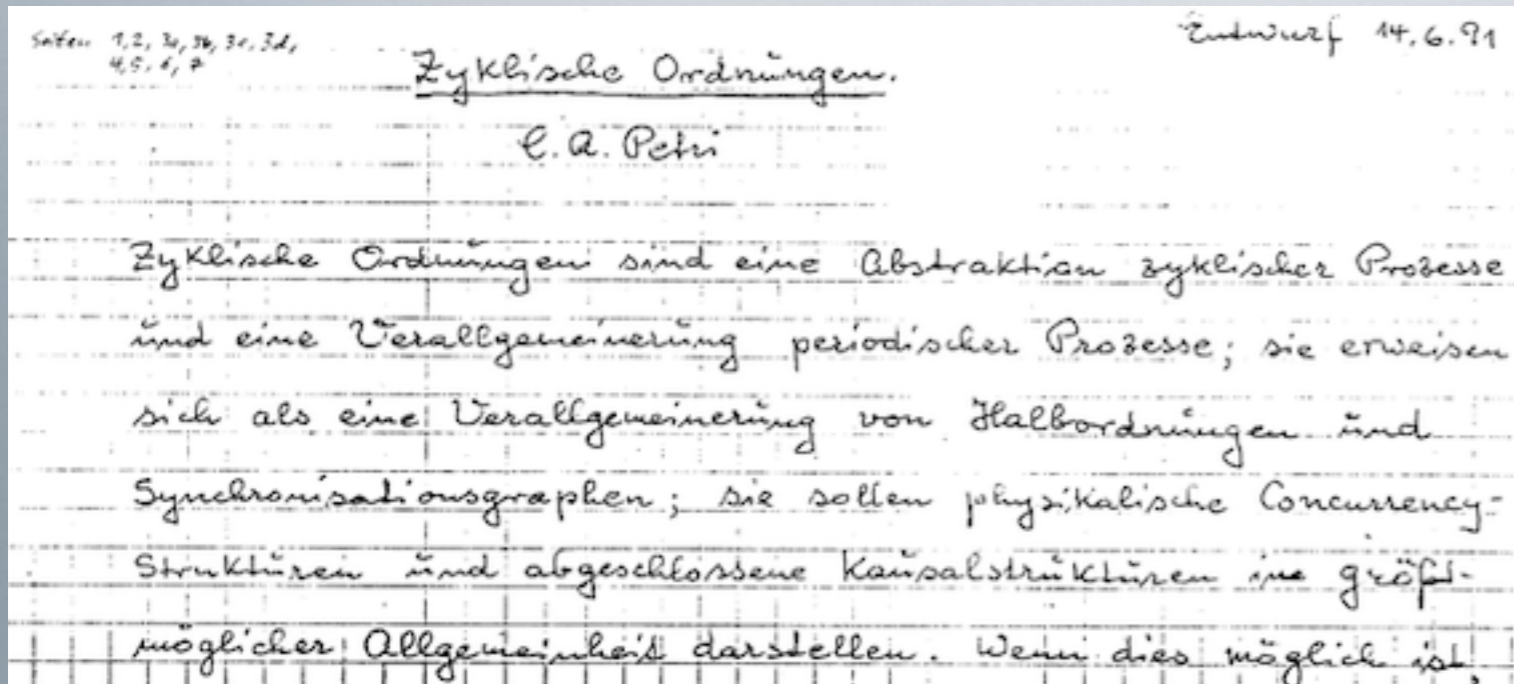
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A manuscript by Petri,
with documentation by Uwe Fenske

This 10-page manuscript by Carl Adam Petri, *Cyclic Orders*, was made available to the participants of a ‘special seminar’ on the same subject (students from the General Net Theory research group in the Department of Informatics) **on the morning of the celebratory colloquium at the University of Hamburg on 17 June 1991, marking the author’s 65th birthday.**



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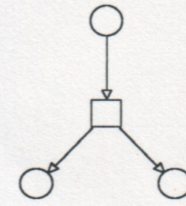
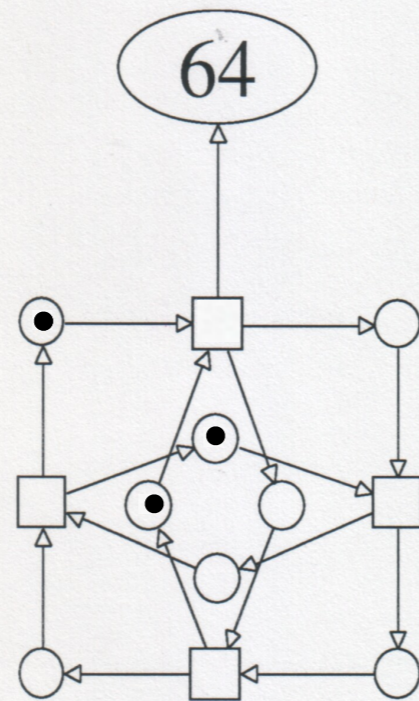
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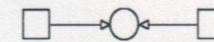
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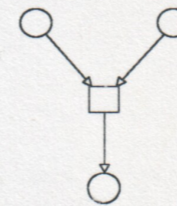
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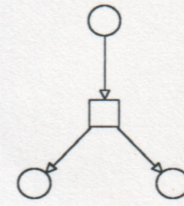
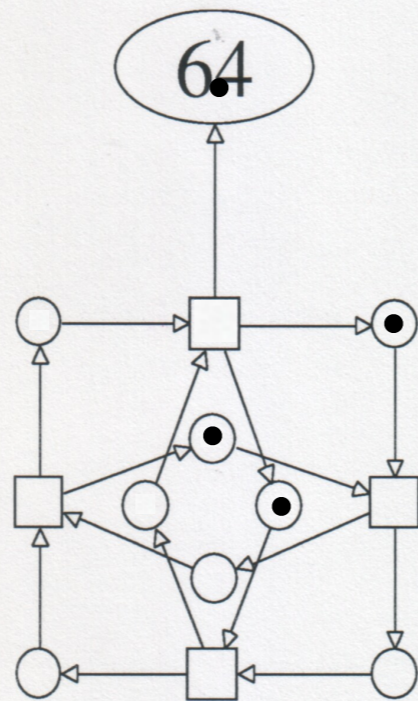
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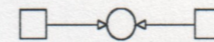
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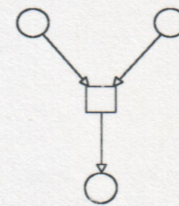
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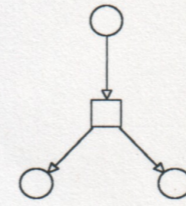
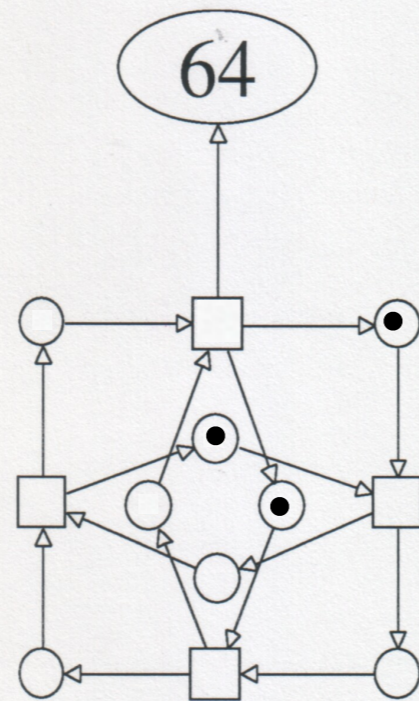
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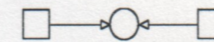
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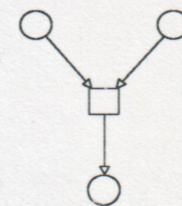
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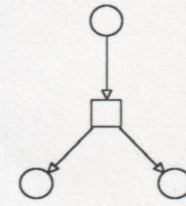
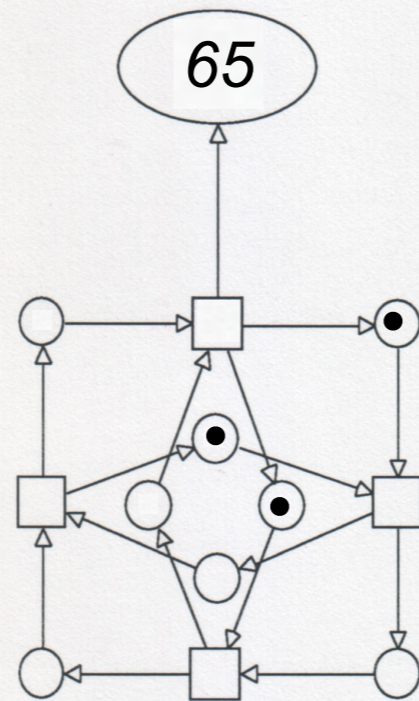
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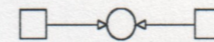


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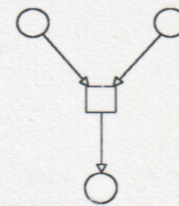


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Calculus of Communicating Systems (CCS)



π -calculus

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On the Physical Basics of Information Flow

C.A.Petri

(presented by Rüdiger Valk)

Results obtained in co-operation with
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1910 - 1995



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