

Process Algebra with Nonstandard Timing

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Abstract. The possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time is not excluded in the process algebras from the framework of process algebras with timing presented by Baeten and Middelburg [Handbook of Process Algebra, Elsevier, 2001, Chapter 10]. This possibility is useful in practice when describing and analyzing systems in which actions occur that are entirely independent. However, it is an abstraction of reality to assume that actions can be performed consecutively at the same point in time. In this paper, we propose a process algebra with timing in which this possibility is excluded, but the finite elements of the nonstandard extension of the non-negative real numbers are taken as time domain. It is shown that this new process algebra generalizes the process algebras with timing from the aforementioned framework in a smooth and natural way.

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1 Introduction

In [1], several versions of process algebra with timing, each dealing with timing in a different way and together making up a coherent collection, are introduced. The timing of actions is either relative or absolute and the time scale on which the time is measured is either discrete or continuous. The presented versions originate from the versions of ACP with timing introduced in [2–6]. However, unlike in the versions with timing presented in [2, 4], execution of actions and passage of time are separated in all versions presented in [1]. Versions in which execution of actions and passage of time are combined in time-stamped actions are regarded as restricted versions.

Besides, the versions of process algebra with timing on a continuous time scale presented in [1], different from those presented in [2, 4], do not exclude the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time. That is, they include urgent actions, similar to ATP [7] and the different versions of CCS with timing [8–10]. This feature seems to be essential to obtain simple and natural embeddings of discrete time versions as well as useful in practice when describing and analyzing systems in which actions occur that

are entirely independent. This is, for example, the case for actions that happen at different locations in a distributed system. Various systems of that kind are described and analyzed in [11].

In [5], a variant of $ACP\rho\checkmark$, a version of ACP with timing on a continuous time scale from [3], is introduced that, like the versions presented in [1], does not exclude the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time. In addition, it is shown in [5] that this variant of $ACP\rho\checkmark$ can be embedded in $ACP\rho\checkmark I$, which excludes the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time, by taking the finite elements of the nonstandard extension of the non-negative real numbers, instead of the non-negative real numbers, as time domain. $ACP\rho\checkmark I$ is essentially the version of ACP with absolute timing on a continuous time scale from [2] extended with a mechanism for parametric timing, called initial abstraction.

In this paper, we introduce a variant of the most general version of process algebra with timing from [1] that, like the versions from [2, 4], excludes the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time. In this variant, called $ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$, the finite elements of the nonstandard extension of the non-negative real numbers are taken as time domain as well. We further show that the most general version of process algebra with timing on a continuous time scale presented in [1], called $ACP^{sat}I\checkmark$, can be embedded in $ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$. The given embedding makes clear that $ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$ generalizes $ACP^{sat}I\checkmark$ in a smooth and natural way. Hence, the versions of ACP with timing presented in [1] together with $ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$ still make up a coherent collection.

The main differences between $ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$ and $ACP\rho\checkmark I$ as presented in [5], with the finite elements of the nonstandard extension of the non-negative real numbers taken as time domain, are:

- in the former, execution of actions and passage of time are separated, but they are combined in the latter;
- in the former, the time-out operator forces a process to perform its first action before or at the time-out time, but its counterpart in the latter forces a process to perform its first action before the time-out time.

These differences are also main differences between $ACP^{sat}I\checkmark$ and the embedded variant of $ACP\rho\checkmark$ from [5]. Moreover, the integration operator is absent from the variant of $ACP\rho\checkmark$.

$ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$ is a version of ACP with absolute timing extended with initial abstraction, like $ACP\rho\checkmark I$. We focus on absolute timing for two reasons. As expounded in [1], relative timing can be expressed by using initial abstraction. And for the purpose of this paper, relative timing has some shortcomings, which are discussed in [12].

The structure of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, $ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$ is introduced. After that, in Section 3, first $ACP^{sat}I\checkmark$ is briefly reviewed and then it is shown that $ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$ generalizes $ACP^{sat}I\checkmark$ by giving an embedding of $ACP^{sat}I\checkmark$ in $ACP^{nsat}I\checkmark$. Finally, in Section 4, some concluding remarks are made. For reference, the axioms of $ACP^{sat}I\checkmark$ are given in Appendix A.

2 Process Algebra with Nonstandard Timing

In this section, we introduce a variant of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ that excludes the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time and takes the finite elements of the nonstandard extension of non-negative real numbers as time domain. The finite elements contain the ordinary non-negative real numbers with new numbers clustered infinitely close to each ordinary non-negative real number.

We use the following notations. We write \mathbb{R}^{\geq} for the set of non-negative real numbers. We use p, p', \dots to stand for arbitrary elements of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} , and V, W, \dots to stand for arbitrary subsets of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} . We write \mathbb{F} for the set of finite elements of the nonstandard extension of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} , and \mathbb{I} for the set of positive infinitesimal elements of the nonstandard extension of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} . We use s, s', \dots to stand for arbitrary elements of \mathbb{F} , and S, T, \dots to stand for arbitrary subsets of \mathbb{F} . We write $s \approx s'$ to indicate that s and s' are infinitely close to each other, i.e. there is an $\epsilon \in \mathbb{I} \cup \{0\}$ such that $s + \epsilon = s'$ or $s = s' + \epsilon$. We write s° for the standard part of s , i.e. the unique $p \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq}$ such that $p \approx s$, and S° for the set $\{v^\circ \mid v \in S\}$. We write V^* for the nonstandard extension of V . For more information on nonstandard extensions, see [13, 14].

Although the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time is excluded, we can have that they are performed at points in time that are infinitely close to one another. In the extended time domain \mathbb{F} , actions that are performed consecutively at the same point of time in the time domain \mathbb{R}^{\geq} , say p , can be considered to be performed at different points of time that are infinitely close to p . Thus, the exclusion of the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time is fully compensated by taking the finite elements of the nonstandard extension of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} as time domain.

First, we consider a basic process algebra, called BPA^{nsat} , that does not cover parallelism and communication. Next, we consider the addition of parallel composition and encapsulation, which results in ACP^{nsat} . After that, we consider the addition of the integration operator, which results in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$. Integration provides for alternative composition over a continuum of alternatives. Finally, we consider the addition of the initial abstraction operator, which results in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. Initial abstraction is the primary way of forming processes with parametric timing, i.e. processes of which the behaviour depends on their initialization time.

At the appropriate places, the differences between corresponding axioms of BPA^{nsat} and BPA^{sat} , ACP^{nsat} and ACP^{sat} , etc. are informally discussed, and so are the differences with corresponding axioms of BPA_δ and ACP . BPA_δ is the basic process algebra in the case of ACP . BPA is the subtheory of BPA_δ without the constant δ . For more information on ACP (without timing), see [15, 16].

For BPA^{nsat} , ACP^{nsat} and $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$, a structural operational semantics is given by means of transition rules. For more information on the approach followed in this paper, including the use of negative premises in transition rules and

the use of second-order variables in the presence of variable binding operators, see [11, 17].

2.1 Basic Process Algebra

The atomic processes are undelayable actions. Let a be an action. Then *undelayable action* a , written \hat{a} , is the process that performs action a at point of time 0 and then terminates successfully. Undelayable actions are idealized in the sense that they are treated as if they are performed instantaneously.

The basic way of timing processes is absolute delay. Let p be a process and $u \in \mathbb{F}$. Then the *absolute delay* of p for a period of u time units, written $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(p)$, is the process that idles a period of u time units longer than p and otherwise behaves like p . That is, p is delayed a period of u time units. For example, $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a})$ is the process that idles from point of time 0 till point of time 3, and at that point of time first performs action a and then terminates successfully – like the time-stamped action $a(3)$ from [2].

The basic ways of combining processes are alternative composition and sequential composition. Let p_1 and p_2 be processes. Then the *alternative composition* of p_1 and p_2 , written $p_1 + p_2$, is the process that behaves either like p_1 or like p_2 , but not both. In other words, there is an arbitrary choice between p_1 and p_2 . The choice is resolved on one of them performing its first action, and not otherwise. Consequently, the choice between two idling processes will always be postponed until at least one of the processes can perform its first action. Only when both processes cannot idle any longer, further postponement is not an option. If the choice has not yet been resolved when one of the processes cannot idle any longer, the choice will simply not be resolved in its favour. For example, $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\hat{b})$ is a process that idles from point of time 0 till point of time 1, and at that point of time either (i) first performs action b and then terminates successfully or (ii) idles further till point of time 3, and at that point of time first performs action a and then terminates successfully. The *sequential composition* of p_1 and p_2 , written $p_1 \cdot p_2$, is the process that first behaves like p_1 , but when p_1 terminates successfully it continues by behaving like p_2 . That is, p_1 is followed by p_2 . If p_1 never terminates successfully, the sequential composition of p_1 and p_2 will behave like p_1 . Notice that, from the point of successful termination of p_1 , only the part of p_2 that idles till after that point still counts. If p_1 terminates successfully and no part of p_2 can idle till after the point of successful termination, the sequential composition of p_1 and p_2 will at that point become inactive – not being capable of performing any action nor being capable of idling. For example, both $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a}) \cdot \sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\hat{b})$ and $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a}) \cdot \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{b})$ are processes that idle from point of time 0 till point of time 3, and at that point of time first perform action a and then become inactive.

In order to deal with processes that become inactive, we need an additional process that is neither capable of performing any action nor capable of idling beyond point of time 0. This process, written $\hat{\delta}$, is called *undelayable deadlock*. Hence, $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a}) \cdot \sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\hat{a})$ and $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a}) \cdot \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a})$ behave the same as $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a}) \cdot \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{\delta})$. This example shows that, unlike in the versions of ACP with timing presented

in [1], there is no need for a process that can be viewed as a trace of a process that has become inactive before point of time 0 (represented by δ in [1]) to handle situations in which processes exhibit inconsistent timing. This is due to the exclusion of the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time: if a process becomes inactive at the point of time that it performs its last action, this indicates that it becomes inactive for a timing inconsistency. Besides by timing inconsistencies, a process can become inactive by incapability to communicate or encapsulation, as explained in Section 2.2. However, in those other cases, the process will never become inactive at the point of time that it performs its last action.

In order to capture timing fully, we have, in addition to absolute delay, non-standard absolute time-out and nonstandard absolute initialization. Let p be a process and $u \in \mathbb{F}$. The *nonstandard absolute time-out* of p at point of time u , written $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^u(p)$, behaves either like the part of p that does not idle till after point of time u or like undelayable deadlock delayed a period of time u if p is capable of idling till after point of time u . Otherwise, it behaves like p . That is, the nonstandard absolute time-out keeps p from idling till after point of time u . The *nonstandard absolute initialization* of p at point of time u , written $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^u(p)$, behaves like the part of p that idles till after point of time u if p is capable of idling till after point of time u . Otherwise, it behaves like undelayable deadlock delayed a period of time u . That is, the nonstandard absolute initialization keeps p from performing actions before or at point of time u . Thus, if p is capable of idling till after point of time u , p behaves the same as $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^u(p) + \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^u(p)$. For example, $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^2(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\hat{b}))$ behaves the same as $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\hat{b}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^2(\hat{\delta})$ and $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^2(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\hat{b}))$ behaves the same as $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{a})$.

It is assumed that a fixed but arbitrary finite set A of *actions* has been given. We write A_δ for $A \cup \{\delta\}$. An important convention is that we use a, b, \dots to denote elements of A_δ in the context of equations, and elements of A in the context of transition rules (used for describing structural operational semantics).

The need to use parentheses is reduced by using the associativity of the operators $+$ and \cdot , and by ranking the precedence of the binary operators. Throughout this paper we adhere to the following precedence rules: (i) the operator $+$ has lower precedence than all others, (ii) the operator \cdot has higher precedence than all others, (iii) all other operators have the same precedence.

Axioms of BPA^{nsat} The axiom system of BPA^{nsat} consists of the equations given in Table 1.

Axioms A1–A5 are the axioms of BPA. Axioms A6NSA and A7NSA are simple reformulations of axioms A6 and A7 of BPA $_\delta$. Axioms NSAT1 and NSAT2 point out that a delay of 0 time units has no effect and that consecutive delays count up. Axiom NSAT3, called the time-factorization axiom, shows that a delay by itself cannot determine a choice. Axioms NSAT4 and NSAT5 reflect that timing is absolute and that the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time is excluded. These axioms become easier to understand by realizing the following.

Table 1. Axioms of BPA^{nsat} ($a \in \mathbf{A}_\delta$, $s, t \geq 0$, $u > 0$)

$x + y = y + x$	A1	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^0(\hat{a}) = \hat{a}$	NSAT1
$(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$	A2	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^t(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s+t}(x)$	NSAT2
$x + x = x$	A3	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(y) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x + y)$	NSAT3
$(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$	A4	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x) \cdot \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x \cdot \hat{\delta})$	NSAT4
$(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$	A5	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x) \cdot (\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(z)) =$	
$x + \hat{\delta} = x$	A6NSA	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x \cdot \sigma_{\text{abs}}^0(z))$	NSAT5
$\hat{\delta} \cdot x = \hat{\delta}$	A7NSA		
$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^0(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(x)) = \hat{\delta}$	NSATO1	$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^0(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(x)$	NSAI1
$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\hat{a}) = \hat{a}$	NSATO2	$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\hat{a}) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\hat{\delta})$	NSAI2
$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^{s+t}(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^0(x)))$	NSATO3	$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^{s+t}(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^0(x)))$	NSAI3
$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x + y) = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x) + \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y)$	NSATO4	$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x + y) = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x) + \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y)$	NSAI4
$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x \cdot y) = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x) \cdot y$	NSATO5	$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x \cdot y) = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x) \cdot y$	NSAI5

Lemma 1. *For all closed BPA^{nsat} -terms t and for all $s \in \mathbb{F}$ either there exists a closed BPA^{nsat} -term t' such that $t = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(t')$ is derivable or there exist closed BPA^{nsat} -terms t' and t'' such that $t = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(t') + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(t'')$ is derivable.*

Proof. Straightforward by induction on the structure of t .

Axioms NSATO0–NSATO5 and NSAI0–NSAI5 are the defining equations of the nonstandard absolute time-out operator and nonstandard absolute initialization operator, respectively. These axioms reflect the intended meaning of these operators clearly. Axioms NSATO1, NSATO2, NSAI1 and NSAI2 are quite different from axioms SATO1, SATO2, SAI1 and SAI2 of BPA^{sat} because the time-out and initialization operators differ in detail. In case of BPA^{sat} , the time-out operator forces a process to perform its first action before the time-out time and, consistently, the initialization operator forces a process not to perform its first action before the initialization time. Actually, axioms NSAT4 and NSAT5 remain, despite the exclusion of the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time, simple reformulations of axioms SAT4 and SAT5 because of the different time-out operators. The following natural counterparts of axioms NSATO3 and NSAI3 are easily derivable from the axioms of BPA^{nsat} :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s+u}(x)) &= \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\hat{\delta}) & \text{NSATO3}' \\ \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s+u}(x)) &= \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s+u}(x) & \text{NSAI3}' \end{aligned}$$

Except for axioms NSAT1, NSAT5, NSATO1, NSATO2, NSAI1, NSAI2 and NSAI3, the axioms of BPA^{nsat} are simple reformulations of axioms of BPA^{sat} . However, we could have taken axioms similar to NSAT1, NSAT5 and NSAI3 for SAT1, SAT5 and SAI3: for closed terms, the derivable equations would remain the same. We already explained above why axioms NSATO1, NSATO2, NSAI1 and NSAI2 are no simple reformulations. The absence of a counterpart of the

constant δ in BPA^{nsat} makes the whole axiom system less extensive than the axiom system of BPA^{sat} .

Semantics of BPA^{nsat} The structural operational semantics of BPA^{nsat} is described by the rules given in Table 2.

Table 2. Rules for operational semantics of BPA^{nsat} ($a \in \mathbf{A}$, $s, t \geq 0$, $u > 0$)

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{\langle \hat{a}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, 0 \rangle} \\
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^0(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(x), s+u \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(x'), s+u \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s+t \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s+t \rangle} \\
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s+u \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s+t \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s+t+u \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s+u \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{t+u} \langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s+t+u \rangle} \\
\frac{}{\langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{t+u}(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{t+u}(x), s+u \rangle} \quad t \geq s \\
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle x+y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle y', s \rangle}{\langle x+y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle y', s \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle}{\langle x+y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle}{\langle x+y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle} \\
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s+u \rangle}{\langle x+y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x+y, s+u \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle y, s+u \rangle}{\langle x+y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x+y, s+u \rangle} \\
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle x \cdot y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x' \cdot y, s \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle}{\langle x \cdot y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y), s \rangle} \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s+u \rangle}{\langle x \cdot y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x \cdot y, s+u \rangle} \\
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle} \quad t \geq s \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle}{\langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle} \quad t \geq s \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s+u \rangle}{\langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s+u \rangle} \quad t \geq s+u \\
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle} \quad t < s \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle}{\langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle} \quad t < s \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s+u \rangle}{\langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^t(x), s+u \rangle} \quad t < s+u \\
\frac{}{\langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^{t+u}(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^{t+u}(x), s+u \rangle} \quad t \geq s
\end{array}$$

The following transition predicates are used in Table 2: a binary predicate $\langle -, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle -, s \rangle$ and a unary predicate $\langle -, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle$ for each $a \in \mathbf{A}$ and $s \in \mathbb{F}$, and a binary predicate $\langle -, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle -, s' \rangle$ for each $s, s', u \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $s+u = s'$ and $u > 0$. The transition predicates can be explained as follows:

- $\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle t', s \rangle$: process t is capable of first performing action a at point of time s and then proceeding as process t' ;
- $\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle$: process t is capable of first performing action a at point of time s and then terminating successfully;
- $\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle t, s' \rangle$: process t is capable of first idling from point of time s to point of time s' and then proceeding as process t .

Here, it is worth remarking that the transition rules for BPA^{nsat} only define transition relations for which $\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle t', s' \rangle$ and $\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s' \rangle$ never hold if $s \neq s'$; and $\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle t', s' \rangle$ never holds if $t \neq t'$.

Notice the second transition rule for sequential composition. The nonstandard absolute initialization operator in the conclusion enforces that no more actions are performed at time s . This would not be the case with an absolute initialization operator that is essentially the same as the one of BPA^{sat} .

Bisimulation based on the transition rules for BPA^{nsat} is defined as usual. The quotient algebra of the algebra of closed terms over the signature of BPA^{nsat} by bisimulation equivalence is a model of the axioms of BPA^{nsat} . For more information on the construction of such bisimulation models, see e.g. [11].

2.2 Algebra of Communicating Processes

The basic ways of combining atomic processes into composite processes are sequential and alternative composition. A more advanced way of combining processes is parallel composition. Let p_1 and p_2 be processes. Then the *parallel composition* of p_1 and p_2 , written $p_1 \parallel p_2$, is the process that proceeds with p_1 and p_2 in parallel. By this is roughly meant that it can behave in the following ways: (i) first either p_1 or p_2 performs its first action and next it proceeds in parallel with the process following that action and the process that did not perform an action; (ii) if their first actions can be performed synchronously, first p_1 and p_2 perform their first actions synchronously and next it proceeds in parallel with the processes following those actions. However, p_1 and p_2 may have to idle before they can perform their first action. Therefore, their parallel composition can only start with (i) performing an action of p_1 or p_2 if it can do so before the ultimate point of time for the other process to start performing actions or to become inactive; (ii) performing an action of p_1 and an action of p_2 synchronously if both processes can do so at the same point of time. The point of view is that there is only one action left when actions are performed synchronously. Thus, we can amongst other things easily model handshaking communication: when the action $s_i(d)$ of sending datum d at port i and the action $r_i(d)$ of receiving datum d at port i are performed synchronously, only the action $c_i(d)$ of communicating datum d at port i is left. The process $(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^2(\widehat{s_1(0)}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\widehat{s_1(0)})) \parallel \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\widehat{r_1(0)})$ behaves the same as $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^2(\widehat{s_1(0)}) \cdot \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\widehat{r_1(0)}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\widehat{c_1(0)})$. This example shows that parallel composition does not prevent actions that can be performed synchronously from being performed on their own.

In order to capture parallelism and communication fully, we have, in addition to parallel composition, encapsulation with respect to a certain set of actions. Let p be a process and H be a set of actions. Then the *encapsulation* of p with respect to H , written $\partial_H(p)$, keeps p from performing actions in H . The process p becomes inactive at the point that one of these actions would otherwise be performed. The name encapsulation is used here because the actions in H are encapsulated from communication with actions coming from the environment of p . For example, the process $\partial_{\{s_1(0), r_1(0)\}}((\sigma_{\text{abs}}^2(\widehat{s_1(0)}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\widehat{s_1(0)})) \parallel \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\widehat{r_1(0)}))$ behaves the same as $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\widehat{c_1(0)})$.

In order to obtain a finite axiomatization of parallel composition, we also have the usual auxiliary operators for that purpose: \llbracket and \rrbracket . The operator \llbracket is

interpreted as left merge, which is the same as parallel composition except that the left merge of p_1 and p_2 starts with performing an action of p_1 . The operator $|$ is interpreted as communication merge, which is the same as parallel composition except that the communication merge of p_1 and p_2 starts with performing an action of p_1 and an action of p_2 synchronously.

It is assumed that a fixed but arbitrary *communication function*, i.e. a partial commutative and associative function $\gamma: \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$, has been given. The function γ is regarded to give the result of synchronously performing any two actions for which this is possible, and to be undefined otherwise.

Axioms of ACP^{nsat} The axiom system of ACP^{nsat} consists of the axioms of BPA^{nsat} and the equations given in Table 3.

Table 3. Additional axioms for ACP^{nsat} ($a, b \in \mathbf{A}_\delta$, $c \in \mathbf{A}$, $s \geq 0$, $u > 0$)

$x \parallel y = x \parallel y + y \parallel x + x y$	CM1	$\hat{a} \cdot x \hat{b} = (\hat{a} \hat{b}) \cdot x$	CM5NSA
$\hat{a} \parallel x = \hat{a} \cdot x$	CM2NSA	$\hat{a} \hat{b} \cdot x = (\hat{a} \hat{b}) \cdot x$	CM6NSA
$\hat{a} \cdot x \parallel y = \hat{a} \cdot (x \parallel y)$	CM3NSA	$\hat{a} \cdot x \hat{b} \cdot y = (\hat{a} \hat{b}) \cdot (x \parallel y)$	CM7NSA
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x) \parallel \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^0(y) = \hat{\delta}$	NSACM1	$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^0(x) \sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(y) = \hat{\delta}$	NSACM3
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x) \parallel (\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s+u}(z)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x \parallel \sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(z))$	NSACM2	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(x) \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^0(y) = \hat{\delta}$	NSACM4
$(x + y) \parallel z = x \parallel z + y \parallel z$	CM4	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x) \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(y) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x y)$	NSACM5
		$(x + y) z = x z + y z$	CM8
		$x (y + z) = x y + x z$	CM9
$\partial_H(\hat{a}) = \hat{a}$ if $a \notin H$	D1NSA	$\hat{a} \hat{b} = \hat{c}$ if $\gamma(a, b) = c$	CF1NSA
$\partial_H(\hat{a}) = \hat{\delta}$ if $a \in H$	D2NSA	$\hat{a} \hat{b} = \hat{\delta}$ if $\gamma(a, b)$ undefined	CF2NSA
$\partial_H(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\partial_H(x))$	NSAD		
$\partial_H(x + y) = \partial_H(x) + \partial_H(y)$	D3		
$\partial_H(x \cdot y) = \partial_H(x) \cdot \partial_H(y)$	D4		

Axioms CM1, CM4, CM8, CM9, D3 and D4 are in common with ACP. Axioms CM2NSA, CM3NSA, CM5NSA–CM7NSA, CF1NSA, CF2NSA, D1NSA and D2NSA are simple reformulations of axioms CM2, CM3, CM5–CM7, CF1, CF2, D1 and D2 of ACP. Axioms NSACM1–NSACM5 and NSAD are new axioms concerning the interaction of absolute delay with left merge, communication merge and encapsulation. Axioms NSACM1–NSACM5 become easier to understand by realizing the following.

Lemma 2. *For all closed ACP^{nsat} -terms t either there exists a closed ACP^{nsat} -term t' such that $t = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^0(t')$ is derivable or there exists a $s' \in \mathbb{F}$ such that for all $s \in \mathbb{F}$ with $s \leq s'$ there exist a $u \in \mathbb{F}$ with $u > 0$ and closed ACP^{nsat} -terms t' and t'' such that $t = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(t') + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s+u}(t'')$ is derivable.*

Proof. Straightforward by induction on the structure of t .

Except for axiom NSACM2, the additional axioms for ACP^{nsat} are simple reformulations of axioms of ACP^{sat} . However, unlike in axioms SACM1, SACM3 and SACM4, no new auxiliary operator is needed in axioms NSACM1, NSACM3 and NSACM4. This is due to the different time-out operators. Besides, axioms NSACM1, NSACM3 and NSACM4 are simpler than axioms SACM1, SACM3 and SACM4 because of the absence of a counterpart of the constant δ in ACP^{nsat} . Actually, the absence of this constant makes the whole axiom system less extensive than the axiom system of ACP^{sat} . Axiom NSACM2 is slightly different from axiom SACM2 of ACP^{sat} because of the exclusion of the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time.

Semantics of ACP^{nsat} The structural operational semantics of ACP^{nsat} is described by the rules for BPA^{nsat} and the rules given in Table 4.

Table 4. Additional rules for ACP^{nsat} ($a, b, c \in \mathbf{A}$, $s \geq 0$, $u > 0$)

$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle, \langle y, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle y, u \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x' \parallel \overline{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y), s \rangle} u > s$	$\frac{\langle x, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, u \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle y', s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \overline{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x) \parallel y', s \rangle} u > s$
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle, \langle y, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle y, u \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \overline{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y), s \rangle} u > s$	$\frac{\langle x, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, u \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \overline{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x), s \rangle} u > s$
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle y', s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} \langle x' \parallel y', s \rangle} \gamma(a, b) = c$	$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle \surd, s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} \langle x', s \rangle} \gamma(a, b) = c$
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle \surd, s \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle y', s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} \langle y', s \rangle} \gamma(a, b) = c$	$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle \surd, s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} \langle \surd, s \rangle} \gamma(a, b) = c$
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s + u \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle y, s + u \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x \parallel y, s + u \rangle}$	
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle, \langle y, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle y, u \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x' \parallel \overline{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y), s \rangle} u > s$	$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle, \langle y, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle y, u \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \overline{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(y), s \rangle} u > s$
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s + u \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle y, s + u \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x \parallel y, s + u \rangle}$	
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle y', s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} \langle x' \parallel y', s \rangle} \gamma(a, b) = c$	$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle \surd, s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} \langle x', s \rangle} \gamma(a, b) = c$
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle \surd, s \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle y', s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} \langle y', s \rangle} \gamma(a, b) = c$	$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle \surd, s \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} \langle \surd, s \rangle} \gamma(a, b) = c$
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s + u \rangle, \langle y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle y, s + u \rangle}{\langle x \parallel y, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x \parallel y, s + u \rangle}$	
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle \partial_H(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \partial_H(x'), s \rangle} a \notin H$	$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle}{\langle \partial_H(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle} a \notin H$
$\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s + u \rangle}{\langle \partial_H(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle \partial_H(x), s + u \rangle}$	

Notice that like before in the conclusion of the first four transition rules for parallel composition and the first two transition rules for left merge the nonstandard absolute initialization operator is used to enforce that no more actions are performed at time s .

A bisimulation model of the axioms of ACP^{nsat} can be constructed in the same way as for BPA^{nsat} .

2.3 Integration

In order to cover processes that are capable of performing an action at all points in a certain time interval, we add integration to ACP^{nsat} . Integration is represented by the variable-binding operator \int . Let P be an expression, possibly containing variable v , such that $P[s/v]$ (P with s substituted for v) represents a process for all $s \in \mathbb{F}$; and let $S \subseteq \mathbb{F}$. Then the *integration* $\int_{v \in S} P$ behaves like one of the processes $P[s/v]$ for $s \in S$. Hence, integration is a form of alternative composition over a set of alternatives that may even be a continuum. For example, $\int_{v \in [0,3)} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\hat{a})$ is a process that idles from point of time 0 till an arbitrary point of time less than 3 and at that point of time first performs action a and then terminates successfully.

Axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsatI}}$ The axiom system of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsatI}}$ consists of the axioms of ACP^{nsat} and the equations given in Table 5. We use F and G as variables ranging

Table 5. Additional axioms for $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsatI}}$ ($s \geq 0, u > 0$)

$\int_{v \in S} F(v) = \int_{w \in S} F(w)$	INT1	$\sup S = s, s \in S \Rightarrow$	
$\int_{v \in \emptyset} F(v) = \delta$	INT2	$\int_{v \in S} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\int_{\epsilon \in I} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^\epsilon(\delta)) =$	
$\int_{v \in \{s\}} F(v) = F(s)$	INT3	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\int_{\epsilon \in I} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^\epsilon(\delta))$	INT9NSA
$\int_{v \in S \cup T} F(v) =$		$\int_{v \in S} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(F(v)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\int_{v \in S} F(v))$	INT10NSA
$\int_{v \in S} F(v) + \int_{v \in T} F(v)$	INT4	$\int_{v \in S} (F(v) + G(v)) =$	
$S \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \int_{v \in S} x = x$	INT5	$\int_{v \in S} F(v) + \int_{v \in S} G(v)$	INT11
$(\forall v \in S \bullet F(v) = G(v)) \Rightarrow$		$\int_{v \in S} (F(v) \cdot x) = (\int_{v \in S} F(v)) \cdot x$	INT12
$\int_{v \in S} F(v) = \int_{v \in S} G(v)$	INT6	$\int_{v \in S} (F(v) \parallel x) = (\int_{v \in S} F(v)) \parallel x$	INT13
$\sup S = s \Rightarrow$		$\int_{v \in S} (F(v) x) = (\int_{v \in S} F(v)) x$	INT14
$\int_{v \in S} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\delta)$	INT7NSAa	$\int_{v \in S} (x F(v)) = x (\int_{v \in S} F(v))$	INT15
S, T unbounded \Rightarrow		$\int_{v \in S} \partial_H(F(v)) = \partial_H(\int_{v \in S} F(v))$	INT16
$\int_{v \in S} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta) = \int_{v \in T} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta)$	INT7NSAb	$\int_{v \in S \circ} F(v) = \int_{v \in (S \circ)^*} F(v^\circ)$	NSAINT
$\sup S = s, s \notin S \Rightarrow$			
$\int_{v \in S} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\int_{\epsilon \in I} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^\epsilon(\delta)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\int_{\epsilon \in I} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^\epsilon(\delta))$	INT8NSAa	$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\int_{v \in S} F(v)) = \int_{v \in S} \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(F(v))$	NSATO6
S, T unbounded \Rightarrow		$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\int_{v \in S} F(v)) = \int_{v \in S} \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(F(v))$	NSAI6
$\int_{v \in S} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\int_{\epsilon \in I} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^\epsilon(\delta)) =$			
$\int_{v \in T} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta)$	INT8NSAb	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^u(x) \parallel \int_{\epsilon \in I} \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^\epsilon(y) = \int_{\epsilon \in I} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^\epsilon(\delta)$	NSACM0

over functions that map each $s \in \mathbb{F}$ to a process and can be represented by terms containing a designated free variable ranging over \mathbb{F} . For more information on such second-order variables, see e.g. [11, 17].

Axiom INT1 is similar to the α -conversion rule of λ -calculus. Axioms INT2–INT4 show that integration is a form of alternative composition over a set of alternatives. Axiom INT5 can be regarded as the counterpart of axiom A3 for integration. Axiom INT6 is an extensionality axiom. Except for axioms INT7NSAa and INT8NSAa, the remaining axioms are easily understood by realizing that integration is a form of alternative composition over a set of alternatives. Axioms

INT10NSA, INT11, INT12, INT13, INT14, INT15, INT16, NSATO6 and NSAI6 can simply be regarded as variants of axioms NSAT3, A2, A4, CM4, CM8, CM9, D3, NSATO4 and NSAI4, respectively. Axioms INT7NSAa and INT8NSAa reveal an identification made in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ which needs further explanation. It will be discussed after the presentation of the operational semantics of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$.

Except for axioms INT8NSAa, INT8NSAb, INT9NSA, NSAI4, NSACM0, the axioms for integration in ACP^{nsat} are simple reformulations of axioms for integration in ACP^{sat} . Axioms INT8NSAa, INT8NSAb and INT9NSA are closely related to axioms INT8SAa, INT8SAb and INT9SA of ACP^{sat} anyway, as will become apparent in Section 3.2. Actually, the choice of axioms INT8NSAa, INT8NSAb, INT9NSA, NSAI4 and NSACM0 is rather ad hoc: they are useful, cannot be derived from the other axioms, and hold in the model described below.

Semantics of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ The structural operational semantics of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ is described by the rules for ACP^{nsat} and the rules given in Table 6. We write

Table 6. Additional rules for $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ ($a \in \mathbf{A}$, $s, s', t \geq 0$, $u, u' > 0$)

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\langle F(t), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle \int_{v \in S} F(v), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle} \quad t \in S \qquad \frac{\langle F(t), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle}{\langle \int_{v \in S} F(v), s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle} \quad t \in S \\
\frac{\langle F(t), s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle F(q), s + u \rangle}{\langle \int_{v \in S} F(v), s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle \int_{v \in S} F(v), s + u \rangle} \quad t \in S \\
\frac{\{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s + u \rangle, \langle x, s + u \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s + u \rangle \mid u < s' + u', a \in \mathbf{A}\}}{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s + u \rangle, \langle x, s + u \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s + u \rangle} \\
\frac{\langle x, s + s' \rangle \xrightarrow{u'} \langle x, s + s' + u' \rangle}{\{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x, s + u \rangle, \langle x, s + u \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s + u \rangle \mid u < s' + u', a \in \mathbf{A}\}} \\
\frac{\langle x, s' \rangle \xrightarrow{s+u'} \langle x, s + s' + u' \rangle}{\langle x, s' \rangle \xrightarrow{s+u'} \langle x, s + s' + u' \rangle}
\end{array}$$

$\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a}$ for the set consisting of all transition formulas $\neg(\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle t', s \rangle)$ where t' is a closed term of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ and the transition formula $\neg(\langle t, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \surd, s \rangle)$.

If an idling process becomes inactive at a point of time s , idling must in any case have taken place up to s . In the presence of integration, one could make a distinction between the case that s is included in the idling period and the case that s is not included in the idling period. Definitely, identification of the two cases is a useful abstraction. We have achieved the identification by means of the last two rules in Table 6. These rules were not introduced earlier because it is entirely due to integration that the cases can be distinguished. The option to leave out the last two rules in Table 6 is plausible as well. The only consequence of that choice is that axioms INT7NSAa and INT8NSAa must be removed from the axiom system.

A bisimulation model of the axioms of ACP^{nsat} extended with integration can be constructed in the same way as for ACP^{nsat} .

2.4 Initial Abstraction

In order to cover processes of which the timing depends on their initialization time, we add nonstandard initial abstraction to $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$. Such processes, called processes with parametric timing, can be perceived as functions that map each $s \in \mathbb{F}$ to an ordinary process initialized at point of time s . Nonstandard initial abstraction is a mechanism to form such functions. It is represented by the variable-binding operator \surd . Let P be an expression, possibly containing variable v , such that $P[s/v]$ represents a process for all $s \in \mathbb{F}$. Then the *nonstandard initial abstraction* $\surd v . P$ is a process that, when initialized at point of time s , proceeds as $P[s/v]$. That is, $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\surd v . P)$ behaves the same as $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(P[s/v])$. Nonstandard initial abstraction is the primary way of forming processes with parametric timing. The ways of combining and timing processes available in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ can simply be lifted to processes with parametric timing. For example, the process $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^2((\surd s . \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s+3}(\hat{a})) + (\surd s . \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s+1}(\hat{b})))$ behaves the same as $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^5(\hat{a}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\hat{b})$.

Axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\surd$ The axiom system of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\surd$ consists of the axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ and the equations given in Table 7. We use F and G as in Table 5,

Table 7. Additional axioms for $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\surd$ ($s \geq 0$)

$\surd v . F(v) = \surd w . F(w)$	NSIA1	$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\surd v . F(v)) = \surd v . \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(F(v))$	NSIA10
$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(\surd v . F(v)) = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(F(s))$	NSIA2	$(\surd v . F(v)) \parallel x = \surd v . (F(v) \parallel \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x))$	NSIA11
$\surd v . (\surd w . K(v, w)) = \surd v . K(v, v)$	NSIA3	$x \parallel (\surd v . F(v)) = \surd v . (\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x) \parallel F(v))$	NSIA12
$x = \surd v . x$	NSIA4	$(\surd v . F(v)) \mid x = \surd v . (F(v) \mid \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x))$	NSIA13
$(\forall v \in \mathbb{F} \bullet \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x) = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(y)) \Rightarrow x = y$	NSIA5	$x \mid (\surd v . F(v)) = \surd v . (\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x) \mid F(v))$	NSIA14
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\hat{a}) \cdot x = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\hat{a}) \cdot \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^s(x)$	NSIA6	$\partial_H(\surd v . F(v)) = \surd v . \partial_H(F(v))$	NSIA15
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(\surd v . F(v)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(F(0))$	NSIA7	$\int_{v \in S} (\surd w . K(v, w)) =$	
$(\surd v . F(v)) + x = \surd v . (F(v) + \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x))$	NSIA8	$\surd w . (\int_{v \in S} K(v, w))$ if $v \neq w$	NSIA17
$(\surd v . F(v)) \cdot x = \surd v . (F(v) \cdot x)$	NSIA9		

and K similarly.

Axioms NSIA1 and NSIA2 are similar to the α - and β -conversion rules of λ -calculus. Axiom NSIA3 shows that multiple nonstandard initial abstractions can be replaced by one. Axiom NSIA4 points out that ordinary processes are special cases of processes with parametric timing; their behaviour do not vary with different initialization times. Axiom NSIA5 is an extensionality axiom. Axiom NSIA6 expresses that in case a process performs an action and then proceeds as another process, the initialization time of the latter process is the time at which the action is performed. The remaining axioms concern the lifting of the ways of combining and timing processes available in ACP^{nsat} to processes with parametric timing.

The axioms for nonstandard initial abstraction in ACP^{nsat} are simple reformulations of the axioms for standard initial abstraction in ACP^{sat} .

Semantics of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ To obtain a model of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$, we extend the bisimulation model \mathcal{M} of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ to

$$\mathcal{M}^* = \{f : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \mid \forall v \in \mathbb{F} \bullet f(v) = \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(f(v))\}$$

and define the constants and operators of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ on \mathcal{M}^* as in Table 8. The auxiliary function $*$: $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, used in the definition of \cdot on \mathcal{M}^* , is defined in Table 9. We use p, q, \dots to denote elements of \mathcal{M} , f, g, \dots to denote elements of \mathcal{M}^* , and ϕ to denote elements of $\mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^*$. We use λ -notation for functions.

Table 8. Definition of operators of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}$ on \mathcal{M}^*

$\hat{a} = \lambda w . \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^w(\hat{a})$ for each $a \in \mathbf{A}_\delta$	$f \parallel g = \lambda w . (f(w) \parallel g(w))$
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(f) = \lambda w . \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^w(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(f(0)))$	$f \parallel\!\! \parallel g = \lambda w . (f(w) \parallel\!\! \parallel g(w))$
$f + g = \lambda w . (f(w) + g(w))$	$f \mid g = \lambda w . (f(w) \mid g(w))$
$f \cdot g = \lambda w . (f(w) * g)$	$\partial_H(f) = \lambda w . \partial_H(f(w))$
$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(f) = \lambda w . \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^w(\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(f(w)))$	$f(S, \varphi) = \lambda w . f(S, \lambda w' . \varphi(w')(w))$
$\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(f) = f(v)$	$\surd(\varphi) = \lambda w . \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^w(\varphi(w))$

Table 9. Definition of $*$

$\hat{a} * f = \hat{a} \cdot f(0)$ for each $a \in \mathbf{A}_\delta$
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(p) * f = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(p * \lambda w . f(v + w))$
$(p + q) * f = p * f + q * f$
$(p \cdot q) * f = p \cdot (q * f)$
$f(S, \psi) * f = f(S, \lambda w . (\psi(w) * f))$

3 Embedding of Process Algebra with Standard Timing

In this section, we show that $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ generalizes $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ by giving an embedding. An embedding is a term structure preserving injective mapping from the terms of one process algebra to the terms of another process algebra such that what is derivable for closed terms in the former process algebra remains derivable after mapping in the latter process algebra. We characterize the embedding by explicit definitions of the constants and operators of the source process algebra that are not available in the target process algebra. For more information on this approach, see [1, 11].

First, we shortly review $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. This is done by giving the main similarities and dissimilarities with $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. After that, we give the embedding and elaborate on it. For reference, the axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ are given in Appendix A. For an extensive presentation of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$, see [1, 11].

3.1 Process Algebra with Standard Timing

Basic Process Algebra Like in the version of ACP with timing presented in Section 2, the atomic processes are undelayable actions. The undelayable action a ($a \in A$) is now written \tilde{a} . We also have again absolute delay as the basic way of timing processes, alternative composition and sequential composition as the basic ways of combining processes, and undelayable deadlock to deal with processes that become inactive. The undelayable deadlock is now written $\tilde{\delta}$. In addition, we have standard absolute time-out and standard absolute initialization. The standard absolute time-out and standard absolute initialization of process p at point of time r ($r \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq}$) are written $\nu_{\text{abs}}^r(p)$ and $\bar{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^r(p)$, respectively. Unlike in the version of ACP with timing presented in Section 2, we have the *deadlocked process*, written $\tilde{\delta}$, which can be viewed as a trace of a process that has become inactive before point of time 0. Thus, $\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\tilde{\delta})$ is the process that idles from point of time 0 till arbitrarily close to point of time 3 without ever becoming able to perform an action or to idle further.

Inclusion of the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time, has several consequences. First of all, the deadlocked process is needed to handle situations in which processes exhibit inconsistent timing. Secondly, sequential composition differs in detail: the second process may now perform its first action also at the point of time that the first process terminates successfully. Absolute time-out and absolute initialization differ in detail as well. This is because the differences concerned make the operators more appropriate in the presence of the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time.

The axiom system of BPA^{sat} consists of the equations given in Table 14 (Appendix A). The differences between corresponding axioms of BPA^{sat} and BPA^{nsat} were already discussed in Section 2.1. In addition, some axioms of BPA^{sat} have no corresponding axioms in BPA^{nsat} due to the presence of both undelayable deadlock and the deadlocked process.

Algebra of Communicating Processes Like in the version of ACP with timing presented in Section 2, we have parallel composition and encapsulation to capture parallelism and communication. In addition, we have again the two well-known variants of parallel composition: left merge and communication merge. Unlike in the version of ACP with timing presented in Section 2, standard absolute time-out cannot be used to keep processes entirely from idling. For that purpose, we have still another auxiliary operator: absolute undelayable time-out. The *absolute undelayable time-out* of process p , written $\nu_{\text{abs}}(p)$, behaves like the part of p that starts performing actions at point of time 0 if p is capable of doing so, and otherwise like undelayable deadlock. For example, $\nu_{\text{abs}}(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^3(\tilde{a}) + \tilde{b})$ behaves the same as \tilde{b} .

Inclusion of the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time, has an additional consequence in the presence of parallelism. Parallel composition differs in detail: it may now also start with

performing an action of one of the processes at the ultimate time for the other process to start performing actions or to become inactive.

The additional axioms for ACP^{sat} are the equations given in Table 15 (Appendix A). The differences between corresponding additional axioms for ACP^{sat} and ACP^{nsat} were already discussed in Section 2.2. Some additional axioms of ACP^{sat} have no corresponding additional axioms in ACP^{nsat} . This is again due to the presence of both undelayable deadlock and the deadlocked process.

Integration and Initial Abstraction Integration is essentially the same as in the version of ACP with timing presented in Section 2. The addition of integration to ACP^{sat} does not go hand in hand with the identification discussed at the end of Section 2.3 because the distinction between undelayable deadlock and the deadlocked process would be blurred. The axioms for integration are the equations given in Table 16 (Appendix A). The differences between corresponding axioms for integration in ACP^{sat} and ACP^{nsat} were already discussed in Section 2.3.

Initial abstraction is essentially the same as in the version of ACP with timing presented in Section 2. The axioms for standard initial abstraction are the equations given in Table 17 (Appendix A).

3.2 Embedding

The undelayable action constants \tilde{a} ($a \in A$), the undelayable deadlock constant $\tilde{\delta}$, the deadlocked process constant $\dot{\delta}$, the standard absolute time-out operator ν_{abs} , the standard absolute initialization operator $\bar{\nu}_{\text{abs}}$, the absolute undelayable time-out operator ν_{abs} , and the standard initial abstraction operator \sqrt{s} of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ are not present in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. Besides, the operator σ_{abs} has an element of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} instead of an element of \mathbb{F} as its first argument and the operator f has a subset of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} instead of a subset of \mathbb{F} as its first argument. Explicit definitions of these constants and operators in $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ are given in Table 10. Notice that the

Table 10. Explicit definition constants/operators of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \hline
 \tilde{\delta} = \delta \\
 \tilde{a} = \int_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{I}} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{\epsilon}(a) \quad \text{for each } a \in A \\
 \tilde{\delta} = \int_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{I}} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{\epsilon}(\delta) \\
 \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \\
 \nu_{\text{abs}}^p(x) = \hat{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \\
 \bar{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^p(x) = \hat{\bar{\nu}}_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \\
 \nu_{\text{abs}}p(x) = \int_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{I}} \hat{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^{\epsilon}(x) \\
 \int_{v \in V} F(v) = \int_{v \in V} F(v) \\
 \sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v) = \sqrt{v} \cdot F(v^{\circ}) \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

explicit definitions of the operators σ_{abs} and f express that they are restrictions

of the corresponding operators of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. It is rather straightforward to prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *The explicit definitions given in Table 10 induce an embedding of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$.*

Proof. In order to prove that the explicit definitions given in Table 10 induce an embedding of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$, we have to check that the axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ are derivable for closed terms from the axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ and the explicit definitions. Using Lemmas 3, 4 and 5 given below, it is straightforward to check the derivability of the axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$.

The following three lemmas state results, concerning $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -terms that correspond to $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -terms, that are used in the proof of Theorem 1.

Lemma 3. *For all closed $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -terms t that correspond to $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -terms, either $t = \hat{\delta}$ is derivable, or there exists an $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -term t' such that $t = \int_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{I}} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{\epsilon}(t')$ is derivable, or there exists an $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -term t' such that $t = \sqrt{v} \cdot t'[v^{\circ}/v]$ is derivable and $t'[v^{\circ}/v]$ corresponds to an $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -term.*

Proof. Straightforward by induction on the structure of t .

Lemma 4. *For all closed $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -terms t that correspond to $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -terms, $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^0(t) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^0(t)$. Besides, $\hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^0(t) = t$ if t corresponds to an $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -term.*

Proof. Easy by case distinction according to Lemma 3.

Lemma 5. *All closed $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -terms t that correspond to $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ -terms are standardly initialized, i.e. $t = \sqrt{v} \cdot \hat{v}_{\text{abs}}^{v^{\circ}}(t)$.*

Proof. Straightforward by case distinction according to Lemma 3, using the extensionality axiom NSIA5.

Returning to the proof of Theorem 1, it is worth noticing that axioms INT8SAa, INT8SAb and INT9SA can simply be derived by first applying the relevant explicit definitions and then INT8NSAa, INT8NSAb and INT9NSA, respectively. Indeed, the latter axioms are indispensable in the sense that without these axioms, or equivalent ones, the explicit definitions would not induce an embedding.

The embedding concerned corresponds to the view that, for a standard time process, the execution of its actions is always timed with respect to the clusters of nonstandard points of time infinitely close to a standard point of time. The embedding shows an interesting viewpoint on the difference between the deadlocked process and undelayable deadlock in ACP^{sat} : the deadlocked process cannot idle at all, but undelayable deadlock can still idle for an infinitely small period of time. Thus, in case of undelayable deadlock, a parallel process may still perform some actions whereas this is impossible in case of the deadlocked process.

We will elaborate on the embedding. We will define the notion of a standardized process in terms of the auxiliary *standardization* operator \mathcal{S} of which the defining axioms are given in Table 11. The transition rules for standardization on processes with nonstandard absolute timing are given in Table 12. In Table 13, standardization is defined on processes with nonstandard parametric timing. The definition shows that standardization shifts the capabilities of

Table 11. Axioms for standardization ($a \in A_\delta$, $s \geq 0$)

$$\begin{array}{l}
\hline
\mathcal{S}(\hat{a}) = \bar{a} \\
\mathcal{S}(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^s(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{s^\circ}(\mathcal{S}(x)) \\
\mathcal{S}(x + y) = \mathcal{S}(x) + \mathcal{S}(y) \\
\mathcal{S}(x \cdot y) = \mathcal{S}(x) \cdot \mathcal{S}(y) \\
\mathcal{S}(\int_{v \in S} F(v)) = \int_{v \in S} \mathcal{S}(F(v)) \\
\mathcal{S}(\sqrt{v} \cdot F(v)) = \sqrt{v} \cdot \mathcal{S}(F(v)) \\
\hline
\end{array}$$

Table 12. Rules for standardization ($a \in A$, $s, s' \geq 0$, $u, u' > 0$)

$$\begin{array}{l}
\hline
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle x', s \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{S}(x), s' \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \mathcal{S}(x'), s' \rangle} \quad s' \in \{s^\circ + \epsilon \mid \epsilon \in \mathbb{I}\} \quad \frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{S}(x), s' \rangle \xrightarrow{a} \langle \sqrt{\cdot}, s' \rangle} \quad s' \in \{s^\circ + \epsilon \mid \epsilon \in \mathbb{I}\} \\
\frac{\langle x, s \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x', s + u \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{S}(x), s \rangle \xrightarrow{u'} \langle \mathcal{S}(x), s + u' \rangle} \quad s + u' \in \{s + u^\circ + \epsilon \mid \epsilon \in \mathbb{I} \cup \{0\}\}, s + u \leq s + u' \\
\frac{\langle x, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \langle x', u \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{S}(x), u \rangle \xrightarrow{u'} \langle \mathcal{S}(x), u + u' \rangle} \quad u + u' \in \{u^\circ + \epsilon \mid \epsilon \in \mathbb{I} \cup \{0\}\} \quad \frac{}{\langle \mathcal{S}(x), 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \langle \mathcal{S}(x), \epsilon \rangle} \quad \epsilon \in \mathbb{I} \\
\hline
\end{array}$$

Table 13. Definition of standardization on \mathcal{M}^*

$$\frac{}{\mathcal{S}(f) = \lambda t. \mathcal{S}(f(t))}$$

a process at any point of time s to the cluster of nonstandard points of time infinitely close to the standard part of s . Notice that, consequently, processes may lose deadlock possibilities by standardization. For example, in case $\epsilon \in \mathbb{I}$, $\mathcal{S}(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^{1+\epsilon}(\hat{a}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{1+2\epsilon}(\hat{\delta})) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\bar{a}) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\bar{\delta}) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^1(\bar{a})$. However, such processes are not standardized.

A process with nonstandard parametric timing x is *standardized* if $x = \mathcal{S}(x)$. For any such process, the following holds: if an action can be performed at some nonstandard point of time s , it can also be performed at any other nonstandard point of time s' such that $s \approx s'$. A standardized process is never capable of performing an action at a standard point of time. Notice that $\mathcal{S}(\hat{\delta}) \neq \hat{\delta}$ and $\dot{\delta} = \hat{\delta}$. Hence, $\dot{\delta}$ is not standardized. A process with nonstandard parametric timing x is

weakly standardized if x is standardized or $x = \hat{\delta}$. The set of weakly standardized processes includes the embedded constants of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ and is closed under the embedded operators of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. This suggests the construction of a model of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. We claim that this model is isomorphic to the model of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ presented in [1].

It is easy to show that all standardized processes are standardly initialized (cf. Lemma 4). This means that for standardized processes, the initialization time can always be taken to be a standard point of time. However, not all standardly initialized processes are standardized, e.g. $\sqrt{v} \cdot \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{v \circ}(\hat{a})$ is standardly initialized but not standardized.

4 Concluding Remarks

A new version of ACP with timing, called $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$, has been presented that, unlike the versions presented in [1], excludes the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time. Because it takes the finite elements of the nonstandard extension of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} as time domain, actions that are performed consecutively at the same point of time in \mathbb{R}^{\geq} , say p , can be considered to be performed at different points in time that are infinitely close to p . This is substantiated by showing, taking this view as starting-point, that there exists an embedding of the most general version of ACP with timing from [1], called $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$, in this new version.

The constants and operators of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ and the ones of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ are very much alike. As a result, the essential differences are clearly reflected by differences in the axiom systems. The embedding of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ in $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ shows that, despite those differences, these versions of ACP with timing are yet fairly similar. In addition to that, the embedding presents new insight into the difference between the deadlocked process and undelayable deadlock in ACP^{sat} .

Unlike in [5], the choice of the finite elements of the nonstandard extension of \mathbb{R}^{\geq} as time domain has been made a priori in this paper. In case the choice had not been made a priori, it would have been virtually impossible to introduce axioms INT8NSAa, INT8NSAb, INT9NSA and NSAIN, or equivalent axioms. Without such axioms, it can only be shown that there exists an embedding of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\checkmark$, i.e. $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ without integration, in $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. This makes also clear why in [5] the integration operator is absent from the embedded process algebra.

No applications of $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ have been given in this paper. Slight adaptations of the applications of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{I}\checkmark$ given in [11] can easily be transferred to $\text{ACP}^{\text{nsat}}\text{I}\checkmark$. The required adaptations concern the exclusion of the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time. In order to achieve that entirely independent actions can be performed at the same point in time, the multi-actions of [2] could be used. In any case, the primary motivation of this paper was to get an important issue relevant to dealing with time-dependent behaviour of processes, viz. whether the possibility of two or more actions to be performed consecutively at the same point in time should

be excluded or not, conceptually clear in the same setting as the issues studied in [1].

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A Axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{IV}$

For reference, the axioms of $\text{ACP}^{\text{sat}}\text{IV}$ are given in this appendix.

Table 14. Axioms of BPA^{sat} ($a \in \mathbf{A}_\delta$, $p, q \geq 0$, $r > 0$)

$x + y = y + x$	A1	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^0(x) = \overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^0(x)$	SAT1
$(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$	A2	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^q(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{p+q}(x)$	SAT2
$x + x = x$	A3	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(y) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x + y)$	SAT3
$(x + y) \cdot z = (x \cdot z) + (y \cdot z)$	A4	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \cdot \nu_{\text{abs}}^p(y) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x \cdot \dot{\delta})$	SAT4
$(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$	A5	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \cdot (\nu_{\text{abs}}^p(y) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(z)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x \cdot \overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^0(z))$	SAT5
$x + \dot{\delta} = x$	A6ID	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\dot{\delta}) \cdot x = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\dot{\delta})$	SAT6
$\dot{\delta} \cdot x = \dot{\delta}$	A7ID	$\bar{a} + \bar{\delta} = \bar{a}$	A6SAa
		$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^r(x) + \bar{\delta} = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^r(x)$	A6SAb
		$\bar{\delta} \cdot x = \bar{\delta}$	A7SA
		$\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^0(\dot{\delta}) = \dot{\delta}$	SAI0a
$\nu_{\text{abs}}^p(\dot{\delta}) = \dot{\delta}$	SATO0	$\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^r(\dot{\delta}) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^r(\dot{\delta})$	SAI0b
$\nu_{\text{abs}}^0(x) = \dot{\delta}$	SATO1	$\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^0(\bar{a}) = \bar{a}$	SAI1
$\nu_{\text{abs}}^r(\bar{a}) = \bar{a}$	SATO2	$\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^r(\bar{a}) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^r(\bar{a})$	SAI2
$\nu_{\text{abs}}^{p+q}(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\nu_{\text{abs}}^q(x))$	SATO3	$\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^{p+q}(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^q(\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^0(x)))$	SAI3
$\nu_{\text{abs}}^p(x + y) = \nu_{\text{abs}}^p(x) + \nu_{\text{abs}}^p(y)$	SATO4	$\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^p(x + y) = \overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^p(x) + \overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^p(y)$	SAI4
$\nu_{\text{abs}}^p(x \cdot y) = \nu_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \cdot y$	SATO5	$\overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^p(x \cdot y) = \overline{\nu}_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \cdot y$	SAI5

Table 15. Additional axioms for ACP^{sat} ($a, b \in \mathbf{A}_\delta$, $c \in \mathbf{A}$, $p \geq 0$, $r > 0$)

$x \parallel y = (x \parallel y + y \parallel x) + x \mid y$	CM1	$\bar{a} \cdot x \mid \bar{b} = (\bar{a} \mid \bar{b}) \cdot x$	CM5SA
$\dot{\delta} \parallel x = \dot{\delta}$	CMID1	$\bar{a} \mid \bar{b} \cdot x = (\bar{a} \mid \bar{b}) \cdot x$	CM6SA
$x \parallel \dot{\delta} = \dot{\delta}$	CMID2	$\bar{a} \cdot x \mid \bar{b} \cdot y = (\bar{a} \mid \bar{b}) \cdot (x \parallel y)$	CM7SA
$\bar{a} \parallel (x + \bar{\delta}) = \bar{a} \cdot (x + \bar{\delta})$	CM2SA	$(\nu_{\text{abs}}(x) + \bar{\delta}) \mid \sigma_{\text{abs}}^r(y) = \bar{\delta}$	SACM3
$\bar{a} \cdot x \parallel (y + \bar{\delta}) = \bar{a} \cdot (x \parallel (y + \bar{\delta}))$	CM3SA	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^r(x) \mid (\nu_{\text{abs}}(y) + \bar{\delta}) = \bar{\delta}$	SACM4
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^r(x) \parallel (\nu_{\text{abs}}(y) + \bar{\delta}) = \bar{\delta}$	SACM1	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \mid \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(y) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x \mid y)$	SACM5
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x) \parallel (\nu_{\text{abs}}^p(y) + \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(z)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x \parallel z)$	SACM2	$(x + y) \mid z = x \mid z + y \mid z$	CM8
$(x + y) \parallel z = x \parallel z + y \parallel z$	CM4	$x \mid (y + z) = x \mid y + x \mid z$	CM9
$\dot{\delta} \mid x = \dot{\delta}$	CMID3		
$x \mid \dot{\delta} = \dot{\delta}$	CMID4	$\bar{a} \mid \bar{b} = \bar{c}$ if $\gamma(a, b) = c$	CF1SA
		$\bar{a} \mid \bar{b} = \bar{\delta}$ if $\gamma(a, b)$ undefined	CF2SA
$\partial_H(\dot{\delta}) = \dot{\delta}$	D0		
$\partial_H(\bar{a}) = \bar{a}$ if $a \notin H$	D1SA	$\nu_{\text{abs}}(\dot{\delta}) = \dot{\delta}$	SAU0
$\partial_H(\bar{a}) = \bar{\delta}$ if $a \in H$	D2SA	$\nu_{\text{abs}}(\bar{a}) = \bar{a}$	SAU1
$\partial_H(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(x)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\partial_H(x))$	SAD	$\nu_{\text{abs}}(\sigma_{\text{abs}}^r(x)) = \bar{\delta}$	SAU2
$\partial_H(x + y) = \partial_H(x) + \partial_H(y)$	D3	$\nu_{\text{abs}}(x + y) = \nu_{\text{abs}}(x) + \nu_{\text{abs}}(y)$	SAU3
$\partial_H(x \cdot y) = \partial_H(x) \cdot \partial_H(y)$	D4	$\nu_{\text{abs}}(x \cdot y) = \nu_{\text{abs}}(x) \cdot y$	SAU4

Table 16. Additional axioms for ACP^{satI} ($p \geq 0$)

$\int_{v \in V} F(v) = \int_{w \in V} F(w)$	INT1	$\text{sup } V = p, p \in V \Rightarrow$	
$\int_{v \in \emptyset} F(v) = \delta$	INT2	$\int_{v \in V} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\delta)$	INT9SA
$\int_{v \in \{p\}} F(v) = F(p)$	INT3	$\int_{v \in V} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(F(v)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\int_{v \in V} F(v))$	INT10SA
$\int_{v \in V \cup W} F(v) =$ $\int_{v \in V} F(v) + \int_{v \in W} F(v)$	INT4	$\int_{v \in V} (F(v) + G(v)) =$ $\int_{v \in V} F(v) + \int_{v \in V} G(v)$	INT11
$V \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \int_{v \in V} x = x$	INT5	$\int_{v \in V} (F(v) \cdot x) = (\int_{v \in V} F(v)) \cdot x$	INT12
$(\forall v \in V \bullet F(v) = G(v)) \Rightarrow$ $\int_{v \in V} F(v) = \int_{v \in V} G(v)$	INT6	$\int_{v \in V} (F(v) \parallel x) = (\int_{v \in V} F(v)) \parallel x$	INT13
$\text{sup } V = p \Rightarrow$ $\int_{v \in V} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\delta)$	INT7SAa	$\int_{v \in V} (x \mid F(v)) = x \mid (\int_{v \in V} F(v))$	INT14
V, W unbounded \Rightarrow $\int_{v \in V} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta) = \int_{v \in W} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta)$	INT7SAb	$\int_{v \in V} \nu_{\text{abs}}(F(v)) = \nu_{\text{abs}}(\int_{v \in V} F(v))$	INT15
$\text{sup } V = p, p \notin V \Rightarrow$ $\int_{v \in V} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\delta)$	INT8SAa	$\int_{v \in V} \nu_{\text{abs}}(F(v)) = \nu_{\text{abs}}(\int_{v \in V} F(v))$	INT16
V, W unbounded \Rightarrow $\int_{v \in V} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta) = \int_{v \in W} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^v(\delta)$	INT8SAb	$v_{\text{abs}}^p(\int_{v \in V} F(v)) = \int_{v \in V} v_{\text{abs}}^p(F(v))$	SATO6
		$\bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^p(\int_{v \in V} F(v)) = \int_{v \in V} \bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^p(F(v))$	SAI6
		$\nu_{\text{abs}}(\int_{v \in V} F(v)) = \int_{v \in V} \nu_{\text{abs}}(F(v))$	SAU5

Table 17. Additional axioms for $\text{ACP}^{\text{satI}V}$ ($p \geq 0$)

$\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v) = \sqrt{s}w \cdot F(w)$	SIA1	$v_{\text{abs}}^p(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) = \sqrt{s}v \cdot v_{\text{abs}}^p(F(v))$	SIA10
$\bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^p(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) = \bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^p(F(p))$	SIA2	$(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) \parallel x = \sqrt{s}v \cdot (F(v) \parallel \bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x))$	SIA11
$\sqrt{s}v \cdot (\sqrt{s}w \cdot K(v, w)) = \sqrt{s}v \cdot K(v, w)$	SIA3	$x \parallel (\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) = \sqrt{s}v \cdot (\bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x) \parallel F(v))$	SIA12
$x = \sqrt{s}v \cdot x$	SIA4	$(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) \mid x = \sqrt{s}v \cdot (F(v) \mid \bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x))$	SIA13
$(\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq} \bullet \bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x) = \bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(y)) \Rightarrow x = y$	SIA5	$x \mid (\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) = \sqrt{s}v \cdot (\bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x) \mid F(v))$	SIA14
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\bar{a}) \cdot x = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\bar{a}) \cdot \bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^p(x)$	SIA6	$\partial_H(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) = \sqrt{s}v \cdot \partial_H(F(v))$	SIA15
$\sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^p(F(0))$	SIA7	$\nu_{\text{abs}}(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) = \sqrt{s}v \cdot \nu_{\text{abs}}(F(v))$	SIA16
$(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) + x = \sqrt{s}v \cdot (F(v) + \bar{v}_{\text{abs}}^v(x))$	SIA8	$\int_{v \in V} (\sqrt{s}w \cdot K(v, w)) =$	
$(\sqrt{s}v \cdot F(v)) \cdot x = \sqrt{s}v \cdot (F(v) \cdot x)$	SIA9	$\sqrt{s}w \cdot (\int_{v \in V} K(v, w))$ if $v \neq w$	SIA17