



# Epistemic Logic VI

## The Dynamic Turn (B)

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Two basic questions

Axiomatizations via reduction

A new axiomatization

## Recap: Public Announcement Logic (PAL)

The language of *Public Announcement Logic* (PAL):

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid \Box_i\phi \mid [\phi]\phi \text{ (also write } [!\phi]\phi)$$

Interpreted on (usually S5) Kripke models  $\mathcal{M} = (S, \{\rightarrow_i\}_{i \in I}, V)$ :

$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}, s \models \Box_i\psi &\Leftrightarrow \forall t : s \rightarrow_i t \implies \mathcal{M}, t \models \psi \\ \mathcal{M}, s \models [\psi]\phi &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, s \models \psi \text{ implies } \mathcal{M} _\psi, s \models \phi \end{aligned}$
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where  $\mathcal{M}|_\psi = (S', \{\rightarrow'_i \mid i \in I\}, V')$  such that:  $S' = \{s \mid \mathcal{M}, s \models \psi\}$ ,  $\rightarrow'_i = \rightarrow_i \upharpoonright_{S' \times S'}$  and  $V'(p) = V(p) \cap S'$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ s_1 : \{p\} \end{array} & \leftarrow 1 \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ s_2 : \{\} \end{array} & [p] \implies & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ s_1 : \{p\} \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{M}, s_1 \models \neg\Box_1 p \wedge [p]\Box_1 p$$

# Recap: PA + your choice

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Rules	
NECK	$\frac{\phi}{\Box_i\phi}$
MP	$\frac{\phi, \phi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi}$
Your choice	
RE	$\frac{\phi \leftrightarrow \chi}{\psi \leftrightarrow \psi[x/\phi]}$
!COM	$[\psi][x]\phi \leftrightarrow [\psi \wedge [\psi]x]\phi$

## Plaza's notation may help to see reduction axioms

In Plaza's paper:  $\phi + \psi := \langle \phi \rangle \psi$ ,  $\equiv := \leftrightarrow$ , under the rule of RE.

$$\phi + p \equiv \phi \wedge p$$

$$\phi + \top \equiv \phi$$

$$\phi + \perp \equiv \perp$$

$$\phi + (\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2) \equiv (\phi + \psi_1) \wedge (\phi + \psi_2)$$

$$\phi + (\psi_1 \vee \psi_2) \equiv (\phi + \psi_1) \vee (\phi + \psi_2)$$

$$\phi + \neg\psi \equiv \phi \wedge \neg(\phi + \psi)$$

$$\phi + (\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2) \equiv \phi \wedge (\phi + \psi_1 \rightarrow \phi + \psi_2)$$

$$\phi + (\psi_1 \equiv \psi_2) \equiv \phi \wedge (\phi + \psi_1 \equiv \phi + \psi_2)$$

$$\phi + \Box_i \psi \equiv \phi \wedge \Box_i(\phi \rightarrow \phi + \psi)$$

Interpretation of  $\mathbf{PA}^+$  in system  $\mathbf{K}$ :

For all  $\phi \in \mathbf{PAL}$ :  $\vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^+} \phi \iff \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} t(\phi)$  and  $\vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^+} \phi \leftrightarrow t(\phi)$ .

## Plaza's notation may help to see reduction axioms

$\phi + \psi \not\equiv \psi + \phi, \phi + \phi \not\equiv \phi$  but...

The following are provable theorems:

$$\top + \phi \equiv \phi$$

$$\perp + \phi \equiv \perp$$

$$\phi + (\psi + \chi) \equiv (\phi + \psi) + \chi$$

$$\phi + \psi \rightarrow \phi$$

$$(\phi_1 + \dots + \phi_i + \dots + \phi_n) \rightarrow (\phi_1 + \dots + \phi_i)$$

$$(\phi + \psi_1) \wedge (\phi + (\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2)) \rightarrow \phi + \psi_2$$

There are also algebraic semantics for **PAL**.

The reduction technique turns out to be extremely useful in many applications and thus dominates the field of DEL.

- Logic is more than it appears!
- Update-closeness may be considered as a desired property of a logic: it shows the logic has enough pre-encoding power [van Benthem et al., 2006].
- Regressive analysis of the knowledge updates.
- Analogy of difference equations in dynamical system.
- Also good for lazy guys to have some “results”.
- The orthodox programme of DEL:  
static logic+dynamic operators+reduction

# There can be lots of variations

## Summary of Part (II) of van Benthem's *Logicial Dynamics* book

chapter	representation	transformation
PAL DEL	epistemic model (EM) EM	relativization product update
awareness issue management belief probability preference	EM + accessible sets EM + issue relations EM + plausibility relations EM + probability distributions modal betterness model	relativization and realization link-intersection and product update lexicographic/conservative upgrade probabilistic product update like Ch.7, defined by PDL programs
games procedures groups	EM + moves (extensive games) EM + protocols doxastic model	relativization and product update relativization and product update priority update



## Two basic questions

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# The first question

In some published papers, **PA** and its variants are mentioned as complete systems. Is **PA** really complete?

Unfortunately, **PA** and many of its siblings are **not** complete, and in some cases the flaws cannot be fixed.

## The second question

Can we give meaningful axiomatizations without those reduction axioms and the reduction proof method?

Yes, we can! *Not all the axiomatizations are born equal!*

We will give a general axiomatization method inspired by Epistemic Temporal Logic. It will tell us what exactly is assumed in Dynamic Epistemic Logic.

We will look at the answers in detail [Wang and Cao, 2013].

# Axiomatizations via reduction

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# First question

Is PA complete?

$$\vDash \phi \implies \vDash t(\phi) \xrightarrow{\text{completeness of K}} \vdash_K t(\phi) \implies \vdash_{\text{PA}} t(\phi) \xrightarrow{\text{Rd.Axioms}} \vdash_{\text{PA}} \phi$$

$$t([\psi][\chi]\phi) = t([\psi]t([\chi]\phi))$$

$$t'([\psi][\chi]\phi) = t'([\psi \wedge [\psi]\chi]\phi)$$

The first translation needs **RE**, the second translation needs **!COM** in the proof system.

# Negative Answer

**PA** is not complete!

We need to show that there exists  $\phi$ :  $\vDash \phi$  but  $\not\vdash_{\text{PA}} \phi$ .

A general proof strategy to show some formula is not derivable in a proof system **S**: design a non-standard semantics  $\Vdash$  which validates the axioms and rules in **S**.

Thus for all  $\phi$  :  $\vdash_{\text{S}} \phi \implies \Vdash \phi$ . Then from  $\not\vdash \phi$  we have  $\not\vdash_{\text{S}} \phi$ .

## A non-standard semantics

Goal: design a semantics to validate **PA** but not **!COM** (nor **RE**).  
Given a Kripke model over  $\mathcal{M} = (S, \{\rightarrow_i \mid i \in I\}, V)$ , the truth value of a **PAL** formula  $\phi$  at a state  $s$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  is recursively defined as based on  $\Vdash_\rho$  where  $\rho$  is a formula in the language of **PAL**:

$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash \phi$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\top} \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho \top$	$\Leftrightarrow$	always
$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho \rho$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\rho \in V(s)$
$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho \neg\phi$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\mathcal{M}, s \not\Vdash_\rho \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho \phi \wedge \psi$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho \phi$ and $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho \psi$
$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho [\psi]\phi$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\top} \psi$ implies $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\rho \wedge \psi} \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho \Box_i \phi$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\forall t$ such that $sR_i t : \mathcal{M}, t \Vdash_{\top} \rho$ implies $\mathcal{M}, t \Vdash_\rho \phi$

We say  $\phi$  is *valid* w.r.t.  $\Vdash$  if  $\Vdash \phi$  (equivalently  $\Vdash_{\top} \phi$ ).

It is handy to show  $\Vdash \rho \leftrightarrow \rho'$  then  $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_\rho \phi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\rho'} \phi$  for any  $\phi$  and any  $\mathcal{M}, s$ .

## Some examples

Consider the following (S5) model  $\mathcal{M}$  with two worlds  $s, v$ :



$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash \neg \Box_i p \iff \mathcal{M}, s \not\Vdash_{\top} \Box_i p \iff (\exists t \triangleright_i s : \mathcal{M}, t \Vdash_{\top} \top$   
 $\text{and } \mathcal{M}, t \not\Vdash_{\top} p)$ . Since  $p \notin V(v)$  and  $s \xrightarrow{i} v$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash \neg \Box_i p$ .

$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_p \Box_i p \iff (\forall t \triangleright_i s : \mathcal{M}, t \Vdash_{\top} p \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, t \Vdash_p p)$ .

Clearly,  $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_p \Box_i p$ . Similarly  $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\top \wedge p} \Box_i p$ .

$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash [p][\neg \Box_i p] \perp \iff (\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\top} p \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\top \wedge p} [\neg \Box_i p] \perp) \iff$   
 $(\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\top} \neg \Box_i p \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\top \wedge p \wedge \neg \Box_i p} \perp)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{M}, s \not\Vdash [p][\neg \Box_i p] \perp$ .

On the other hand, it is easy to verify that

$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash [p \wedge [p] \neg \Box_i p] \perp$ .



## Recall the other axioms

Axiom Schemas	
<b>DIST!</b>	$[\psi](\phi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow ([\psi]\phi \rightarrow [\psi]\chi)$
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**!COM** :  $[\psi][\chi]\phi \leftrightarrow [\psi \wedge [\psi]\chi]\phi$  **X**

**!COM $\wedge$**  :  $[\psi][\chi]\phi \leftrightarrow [\psi \wedge \chi]\phi$

### Theorem

For all PAL formulas  $\phi$ :  $\vdash_{PA+DIST!} \phi$  implies  $\Vdash \phi$ .

### Lemma

None of **!COM**, **NEC!**, **RE!**, **RE** is valid under  $\Vdash$ .

### Theorem

$PA + DIST!$  is not complete.

### Theorem

$PA + !COM\wedge$  is sound and complete w.r.t.  $\Vdash$ .

## To complete the whole picture

We have seen that  $\text{PA} + \text{DIST!}$  is not complete but  $\text{PA} + \text{NEC!} + \text{DIST!}$  is complete (why?). So, what about  $\text{PA} + \text{NEC!}$ ? We need to design a new semantics.

### Theorem

*$\text{DIST!}$  is not derivable from  $\text{PA} + \text{NEC!}$ .*

As an immediate corollary:

### Corollary

*$\text{PA} + \text{NEC!}$  is not complete w.r.t. standard semantics  $\vDash$ .*

# Conclusion of the answer to question 1

Summary of the results (**PA** can be replaced by **PAS5**, see [Wang and Cao, 2013]):

derivable/admissible in <b>PA</b>	not derivable/admissible in <b>PA</b>
<b>WDIST!</b> , <b>FUNC</b> , <b>RE<math>\neg</math></b> , <b>RE<math>\wedge</math></b> , <b>RE<math>\square</math></b>	<b>!COM</b> , <b>DIST!</b> , <b>SDIST!</b> , <b>PRE</b> , <b>!K'</b> , <b>NEC!</b> , <b>RE!</b> , <b>RE</b>
sound & complete systems	sound & incomplete systems
<b>PA- !CON+DIST!+NEC!</b> , <b>PA+PRE+NEC!</b> <b>PA+RE</b> , <b>PA+!COM</b>	<b>PA+!K'+PRE+DIST!+!RE</b> , <b>PA+NEC!</b>

The lesson that we learned:

There may be different ways to conduct the reductions in **DEL** logics which require different facilities in the proof system.

Make your choice carefully! Constructing alternative semantics can help us to understand the merit of the original semantics

# An alternative context-dependent semantics

The context-dependent semantics gives us a lot more freedom in designing the semantics for dynamic epistemic logic. The updates will only change the *context*, not the model:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash \phi &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\top} \phi \\ \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} \top &\Leftrightarrow \text{always} \\ \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} p &\Leftrightarrow p \in V(s) \\ \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} \neg\phi &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, s \not\Vdash_{\chi} \phi \\ \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} \phi \wedge \psi &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} \phi \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} \psi \\ \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} \Box_i \psi &\Leftrightarrow \forall t : (s \rightarrow_i t \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, t \Vdash_{\top} \chi) \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, t \Vdash_{\chi} \psi \\ \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} [\psi]\phi &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi} \psi \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash_{\chi \wedge [\chi]} \phi \end{aligned}$$

We can show:  $\mathcal{M}, s \vDash \phi \iff \mathcal{M}, s \Vdash \phi$ .

Similar semantics leads to a Gentzen-style sequent system for PAL (Maffezioli and Negri 11).

## A new axiomatization

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## Reduction axioms: must-do or coincidence?

Can we give meaningful axiomatizations without those reduction axioms and the reduction proof method?

Yes, we can!

We will give a new axiomatization with a general proof method inspired by Epistemic Temporal Logic.

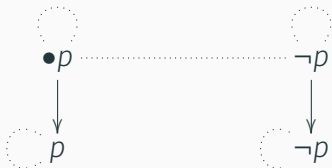
Let us go back to the standard method in normal modal logic.

# Background: ETL and DEL

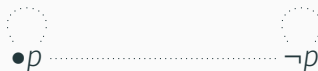
They are semantics-driven two-dimensional modal logics:

	language	model	semantics
ETL	time+K	temporal+epistemic	Kripke-like
DEL	K+events	epistemic	Kripke+ <i>dynamic</i>

$\neg Kp \wedge F Kp$



$\neg Kp \wedge [!p]Kp$

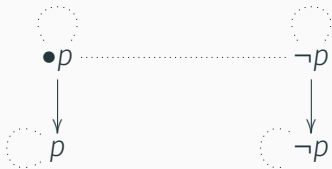




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Dynamic semantics: the **meaning** of an event is the **change** it brings to the knowledge states.

**An earlier observation:** Iterated updating epistemic structures generates special ETL-style “super models” [van Benthem et al., 2009].

**Our approach:** relate DEL and ETL via **axioms**.

# New method

Basic idea: treat  $[\psi]$  as a **normal** modality interpreted on the standard two-dimensional ETL models with labelled transitions:

$$(S, \rightarrow, \{\overset{\psi}{\rightarrow} \mid \psi \in \text{PAL}\}, V)$$

We call  $(S, \rightarrow, V)$  the *Epistemic core* of  $\mathcal{M}$  (notation  $\mathcal{M}^-$ ).

$$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash [\psi]\phi \iff \forall t : s \overset{\psi}{\rightarrow} t \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, t \Vdash \phi$$

Proof strategy: find a class of ETL-style models  $\mathbf{C}$  and show the following:

$$\Vdash \phi \implies \mathbf{C} \Vdash \phi \implies \vdash_S \phi.$$

for some system  $S$ .  $\implies$  can be strengthened to  $\iff$ .

### Definition (Normal ETL models w.r.t. PAL)

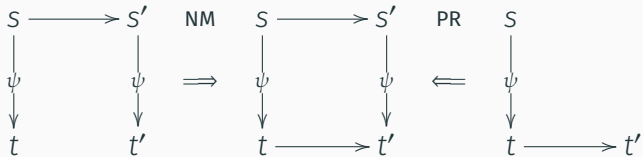
An ETL-like model  $\mathcal{M} = (S, \rightarrow, \{\overset{\psi}{\rightarrow} \mid \psi \in \text{PAL}\}, V)$  for PAL is called *normal* if the following properties hold for any  $s, t$  in  $\mathcal{M}$ :

**U-Executability** For any PAL formula  $\psi$ :  $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash \psi$  iff  $s$  has outgoing  $\psi$ -transitions.

**U-Invariance** if  $s \overset{\psi}{\rightarrow} t$  then  $s \in V(p) \iff t \in V(p)$  for all  $p \in \mathbf{P}$ .

**U-Zig (NM)** if  $s \rightarrow s'$ ,  $s' \overset{\psi}{\rightarrow} t'$  and  $s \overset{\psi}{\rightarrow} t$  then  $t \rightarrow t'$ .

**U-Zag (PR)** if  $s \overset{\psi}{\rightarrow} t$  and  $t \rightarrow t'$  then there exists an  $s'$  such that  $s \rightarrow s'$  and  $s' \overset{\psi}{\rightarrow} t'$ .



These are the properties of (synchronous) no miracles and perfect recall.

Same language, two logics:  $\langle \text{PAL}, \mathbb{M}, \vDash \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{PAL}, \mathbb{C}, \Vdash \rangle$ . We want to show that  $\mathbb{M} \vDash \phi \implies \mathbb{C} \Vdash \phi$ .

We can show for any  $\phi$  any normal model  $\mathcal{N}$ :

$$\mathcal{N}, s \Vdash \phi \iff \mathcal{N}^-, s \vDash \phi$$

An inductive proof suffices where the following step is crucial:

$$\mathcal{N}, s \Vdash [\psi]\chi \iff \mathcal{N}^-, s \vDash [\psi]\chi$$

To show this we prove the following by

$$\text{If } s \xrightarrow{\psi} t \text{ then } \mathcal{N}^-, t \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}^-|_{\psi}, s$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  is the bisimilarity relation w.r.t. the epistemic relation. Why it is enough?

### Definition (Bisimulation w.r.t. $\rightarrow$ )

A binary relation  $Z$  is called a *bisimulation* between two Kripke models  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$ , if  $sZt$  and whenever  $wZv$  the following hold:

**Invariance**  $p \in V^{\mathcal{M}}(w)$  iff  $p \in V^{\mathcal{N}}(v)$ ,

**Zig** if  $w \rightarrow w'$  for some  $w'$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  then there is a  $v' \in S^{\mathcal{N}}$  with  $v \rightarrow v'$  and  $w'Zv'$ ,

**Zag** if  $v \rightarrow v'$  for some  $v'$  in  $\mathcal{N}$  then there is a  $w' \in S^{\mathcal{M}}$  with  $w \rightarrow w'$  and  $w'Zv'$ .

If there exists a bisimulation between  $\mathcal{M}$ , and  $\mathcal{N}$  linking  $s$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  to  $t$  in  $\mathcal{N}$  then we say pointed models  $\mathcal{M},s$  and  $\mathcal{N},t$  are bisimilar (notation:  $\mathcal{M},s \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N},t$ ).

**PAL** formulas are invariant under bisimilarity: if  $\mathcal{M},s \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N},t$  then for all **PAL** formula  $\phi$ :  $\mathcal{M},s \models \phi \iff \mathcal{N},t \models \phi$ .

## System PAN

Axiom Schemas

**TAUT**      all the instances of tautologies

**DISTK**       $\Box(\phi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow (\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\chi)$

**DIST!**       $[\psi](\phi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow ([\psi]\phi \rightarrow [\psi]\chi)$

**INV**           $(p \rightarrow [\psi]p) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow [\psi]\neg p)$

**EXE**               $\langle \psi \rangle \top \leftrightarrow \psi$

**NM**               $\Diamond \langle \psi \rangle \phi \rightarrow [\psi] \Diamond \phi$

**PR**               $\langle \psi \rangle \Diamond \phi \rightarrow \Diamond \langle \psi \rangle \phi$

Rules

**MP**           $\frac{\phi, \phi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi}$

**NECK**         $\frac{\psi}{\Box\psi}$

**NEC!**         $\frac{\phi}{[\psi]\phi}$

where  $p \in \mathbf{P} \cup \{\top\}$ . Do we need  $\langle \psi \rangle \phi \rightarrow [\psi] \phi$ ?



## The crucial axioms

PR is in the shape of  $\langle a \rangle \diamond \phi \rightarrow \diamond \langle a \rangle \phi$  (or  $\Box [a] \phi \rightarrow [a] \Box \phi$ ).

NM is in the shape of  $\diamond \langle a \rangle \phi \rightarrow [a] \diamond \phi$  (or  $\langle a \rangle \Box \phi \rightarrow \Box [a] \phi$ ).

No Learning (NL) in ETL:  $\diamond \langle a \rangle \phi \rightarrow \langle a \rangle \diamond \phi$  (or  $[a] \Box \phi \rightarrow \Box [a] \phi$ ).

Note the **difference** between NM and NL:

$$\diamond \langle a \rangle \phi \rightarrow [a] \diamond \phi \text{ (NM) vs. (NL) } \diamond \langle a \rangle \phi \rightarrow \langle a \rangle \diamond \phi$$

NL is too strong: if you consider possible that an event is executable then it must be executable (take  $\phi$  to be  $\top$ ).

One secret of PAL (and DEL in general) is the *no miracles*-like axiom/property: You can only learn by observation (based on the executability of the actions). It also causes technical difficulties.

## Lemma

For all  $\phi \in \text{PAL}$ :  $\mathbb{M} \models \phi \implies \mathbb{C} \Vdash \phi$ .

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For all  $\phi \in \text{PAL}$ :  $\mathbb{C} \Vdash \phi \iff \vdash_{\text{PAN}} \phi$ .

## Theorem

*PAN is sound and strongly complete w.r.t. the standard semantics of PAL on the class of all Kripke frames.*

The proof strategy consists of:

1. Establish the equivalence between the standard semantics and the two-dimensional semantics on ETL-like models within a special class.
2. Axiomatize the ETL-like logic.

Flatten the dynamics!

This can be viewed as another kind of reduction in general which does not **eliminate** the dynamic modality.

## Now we can understand the reduction axioms better!

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!K	$[\psi]\Box\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \Box(\psi \rightarrow [\psi]\phi))$

Note: each instance of  $\langle\psi\rangle\phi \rightarrow [\psi]\phi$  is provable in **PAN**.

The reduction is fragile: what if the updates change the valuation and do not have functionality? It does not matter at all! See e.g., [Wang and Li, 2012].

In terms of logic (valid formulas), PAL (and DEL) are just special ETL-like logics.

Our axiomatization can help to explain many recent results about **PAL** or other dynamic epistemic logics:

- An explanation to the “reduction phenomena”.
- The axiomatization of the “substitution core” of **PAL** as in [Holliday et al., 2012].
- The representation results between action model DEL and ETL as in [van Benthem et al., 2009] and [Dégrement et al., 2011].
- The characterization result of partial p-morphism as in [van Benthem, 2012].


The distinction between ETL and DEL is more about different perspectives in semantics: local vs. global. What kind of global properties can be constructed by local constructions?

## There are also many new questions

- Can you axiomatize the substitution core of PAL (the collection of valid formulas which are closed under uniform substitution)? [Holliday et al., 2012]
- Can you characterize (syntactically) the “successful” fragment of PAL? [Holliday and III, 2010]
- What operations can be defined by reduction axioms? [van Benthem, 2012]
- Three-value semantics of PAL. [Dechesne et al., 2008]


### PAL with natural extensions:

- Quantifying over announcements. [Ågotnes et al., 2009]
- PAL with protocols. [?]
- PAL with agent types. [Liu and Wang, 2013]
- With common knowledge: more expressive than modal logic [van Benthem et al., 2006]. A expressiveness hierarchy: [Zou, 2012]
- With iterations: undecidable on the class of arbitrary models [Moss and Miller, 2005], but decidable on single-agent S5. [Ding, 2014]

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