

Master AIV

**Static analysis of protein-protein  
interactions networks**

Jérôme Feret

Laboratoire d'Informatique de l'École Normale Supérieure  
INRIA, ÉNS, CNRS

<http://www.di.ens.fr/~feret>

March 2012

# Joint-work with...



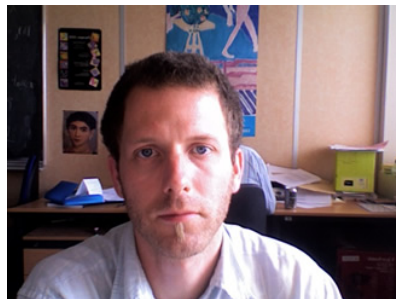
Walter Fontana  
Harvard Medical School



Vincent Danos  
Edinburgh



Ferdinanda Camporesi  
Bologna / ÉNS

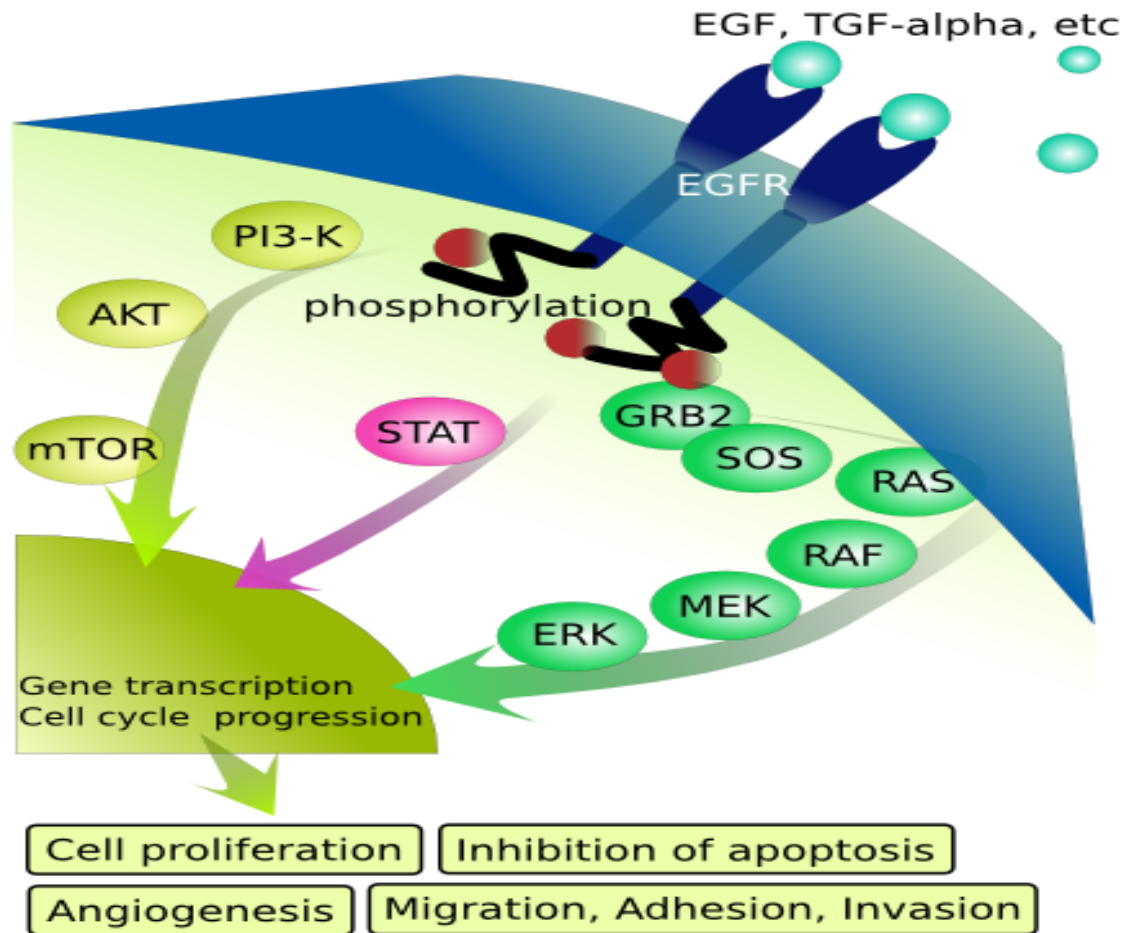


Russ Harmer  
Harvard Medical School



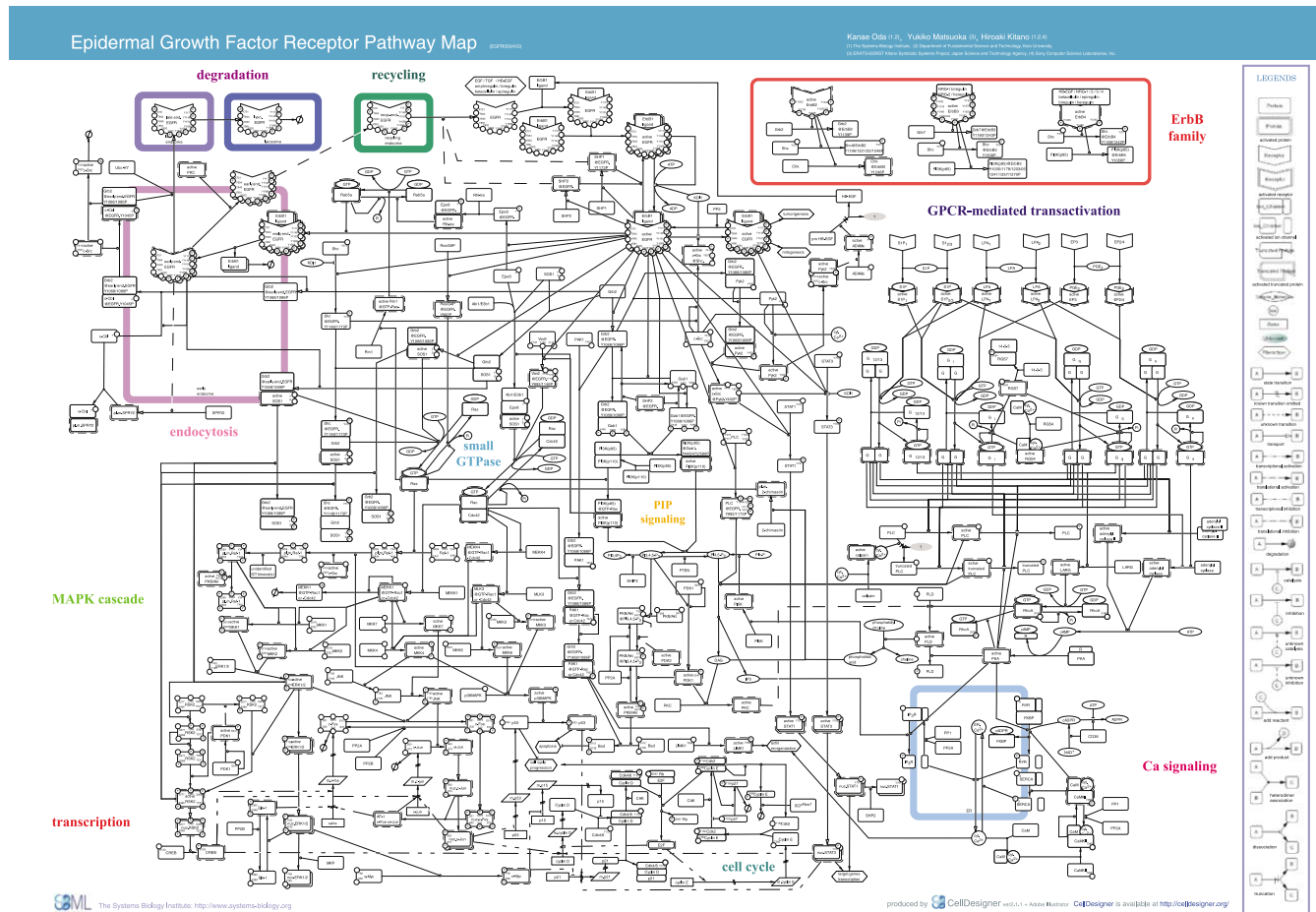
Jean Krivine  
Paris VII

# Signalling Pathways



Eikuch, 2007

# Pathway maps



Oda, Matsuoka, Funahashi, Kitano, Molecular Systems Biology, 2005

# Differential models

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \\ \frac{dx_3}{dt} = k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 - k_{-1} \cdot x_3 + 2 \cdot k_2 \cdot x_3 \cdot x_3 - k_{-2} \cdot x_4 \\ \frac{dx_4}{dt} = k_2 \cdot x_3^2 - k_2 \cdot x_4 + \frac{v_4 \cdot x_5}{p_4 + x_5} - (k_3 \cdot x_4 - k_{-3} \cdot x_5) \\ \frac{dx_5}{dt} = \dots \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dx_n}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot c_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \end{array} \right.$$

- do not describe the structure of molecules;
- combinatorial explosion: forces choices that are not principled;
- a nightmare to modify.

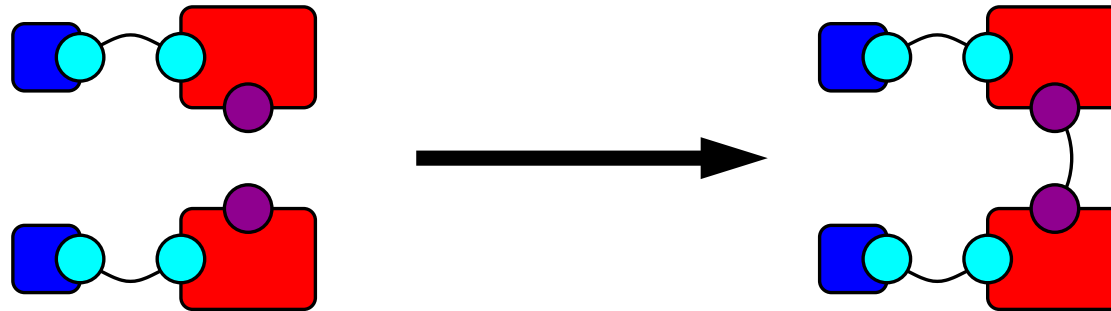
# A gap between two worlds

Two levels of description:

1. Databases of proteins interactions in natural language
  - + documented and detailed description
  - + transparent description
  - cannot be interpreted
2. ODE-based models
  - + can be integrated
  - opaque modelling process, models can hardly be modified
  - there are also some scalability issues.

# Rule-based approach

We use site graph rewrite systems



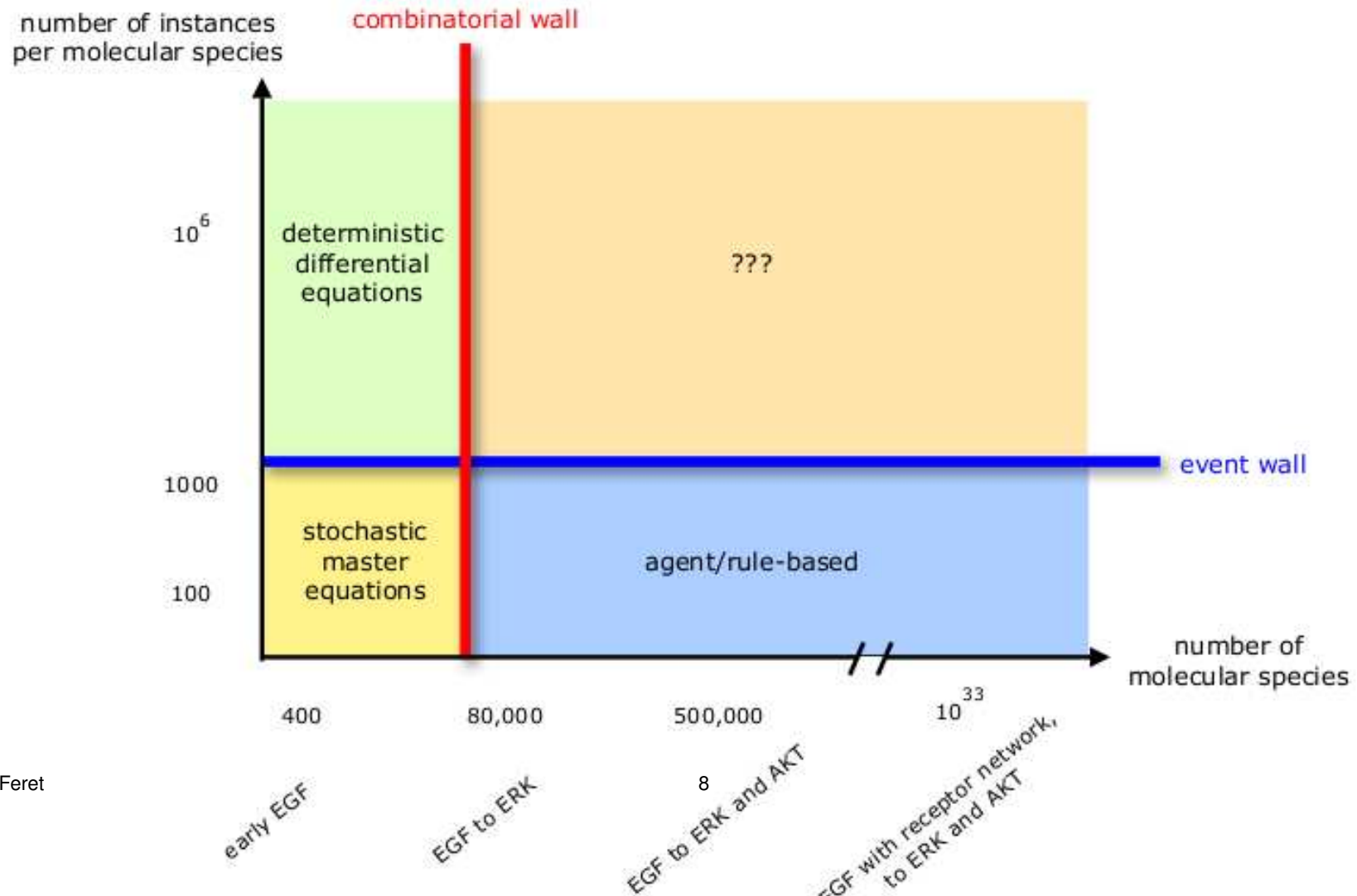
1. The description level matches with both
  - the observation level
  - and the intervention level

of the biologist.

We can tune the model easily.

2. Model description is very compact.
3. Quantitative semantics can be defined.

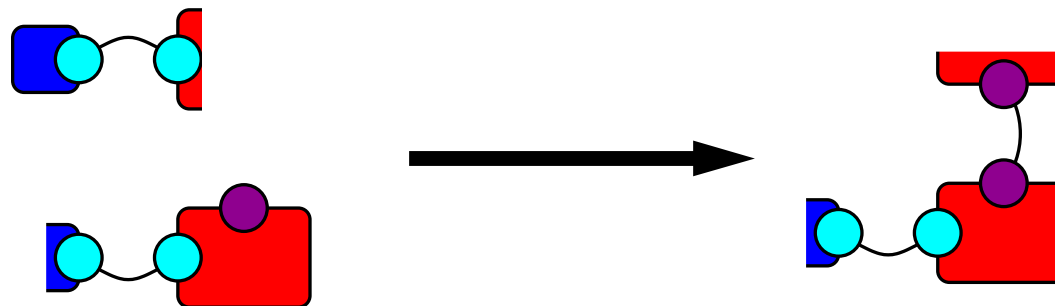
# Complexity walls



# Static analysis of reachable species (I/II)

Semi-fluid medium: the notion of individual is meaningless.

Design a static analysis to approximate the set of reachable species [VMCAI'08] which focuses on the relationships between the states of the sites of each agent:



This analysis is efficient, suitable to our problem, and accurate.

# Static analysis of reachable species (II/II)

Applications:

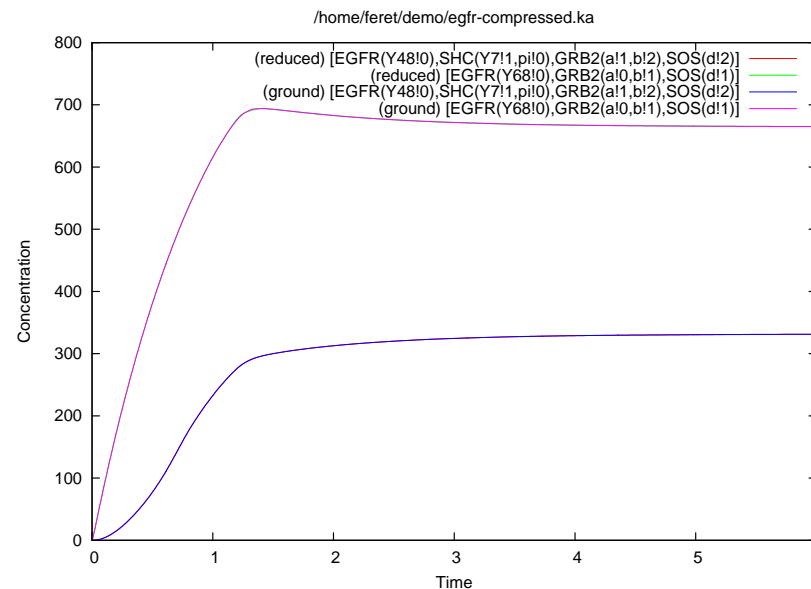
1. check the consistency of a model [ICCMSE'07]
2. compute the properties to allow fast simulation [APLAS'07]
3. simplify models,
4. compute independent fragments of chemical species [PNAS'09, LICS'10, Chaos'10]

The analysis is complete (no false positif) for a significant kernel of Kappa [VMCAI'08].

# Model reduction

The ground differential system uses one variable per chemical species;  
We directly compute its exact projection over independent fragments of chemical species.

With a small model, 356 chemical species are reduced into 38 fragments:



On a bigger model,  $10^{19}$  chemical species are reduced into 180 000 fragments. [PNAS'09,LICS'10,Chaos'10]

Master AIV

# Reachability Analysis of Rule-based Models

[ICCMSE'07,VMCAI'08]

Jérôme Feret

Laboratoire d'Informatique de l'École Normale Supérieure  
INRIA, ÉNS, CNRS

<http://www.di.ens.fr/~feret>

March 2012

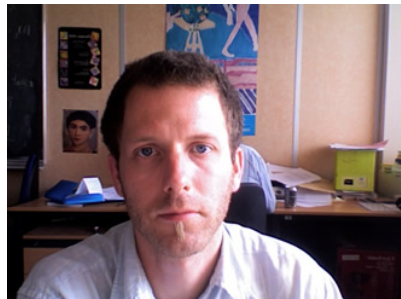
# Joint-work with...



Walter Fontana  
Harvard Medical School



Vincent Danos  
Edinburgh



Russ Harmer  
Harvard Medical School



Jean Krivine  
Paris VII

# Overview

1. Introduction
2. Kappa language
3. Local views
4. Local set of chemical species
5. Local rule systems
6. Decontextualization
7. Conclusion

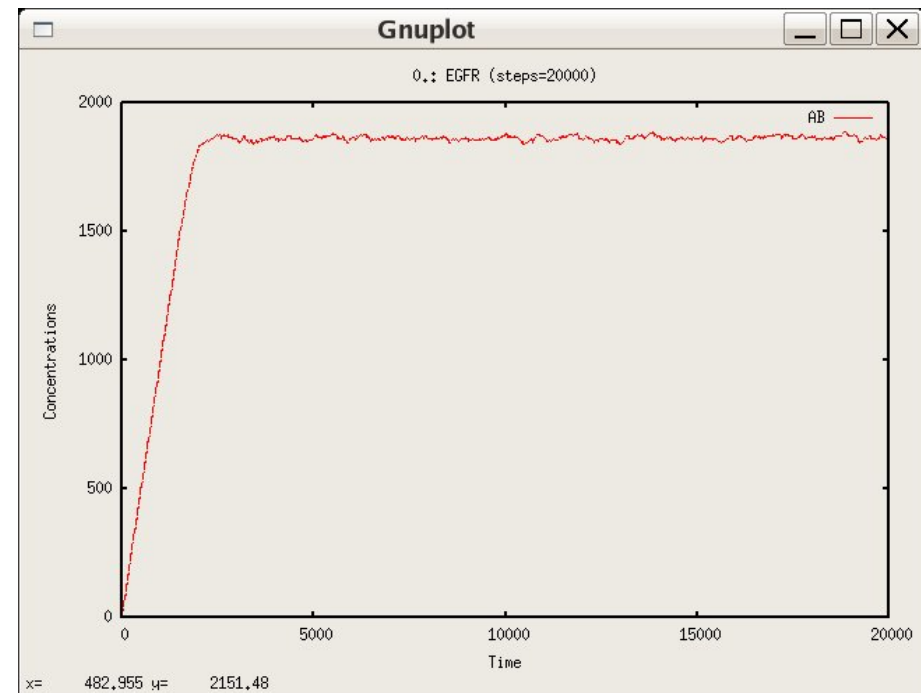
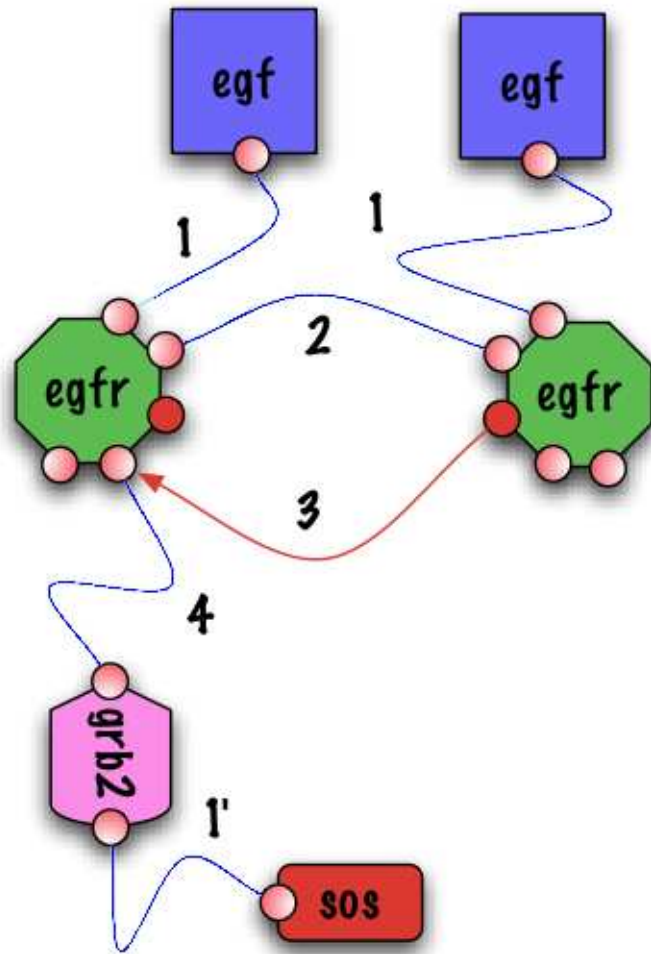
# Modeling signaling pathway

- **Signaling pathway:**
  - A cell measures (i.e. checks thresholds, integrates, compares) the concentration of some proteins in order to make decisions.
  - Many proteins (enzymes, receptors, transport molecules) are involved.
  - They interact by binding with each other and activating each other.
- **rule-based models:**
  - A site graph-based rewrite language.
  - Description level matches with biologists' observation and manipulation level.
- **Static analysis:**

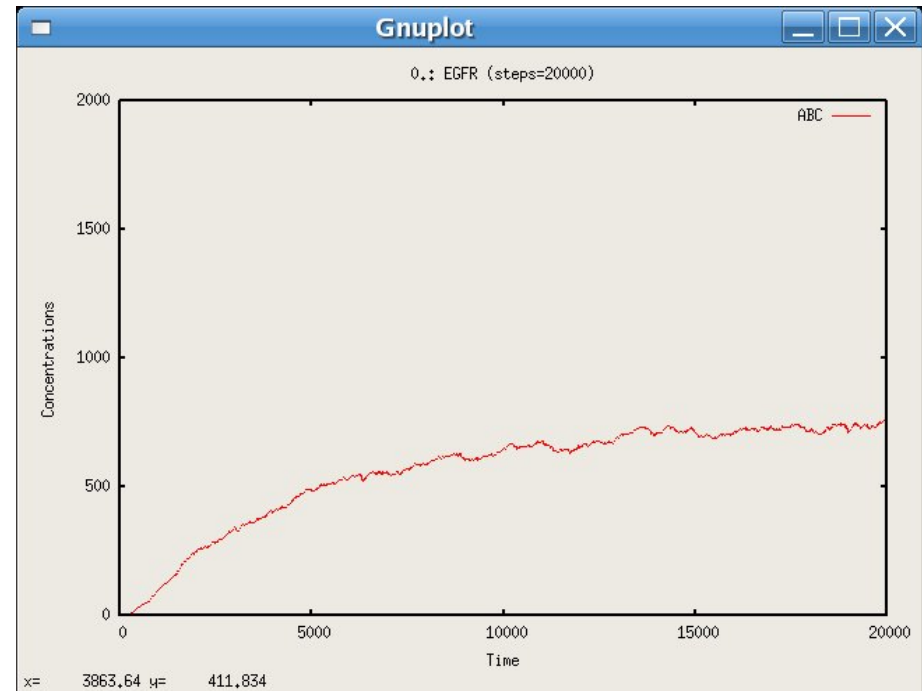
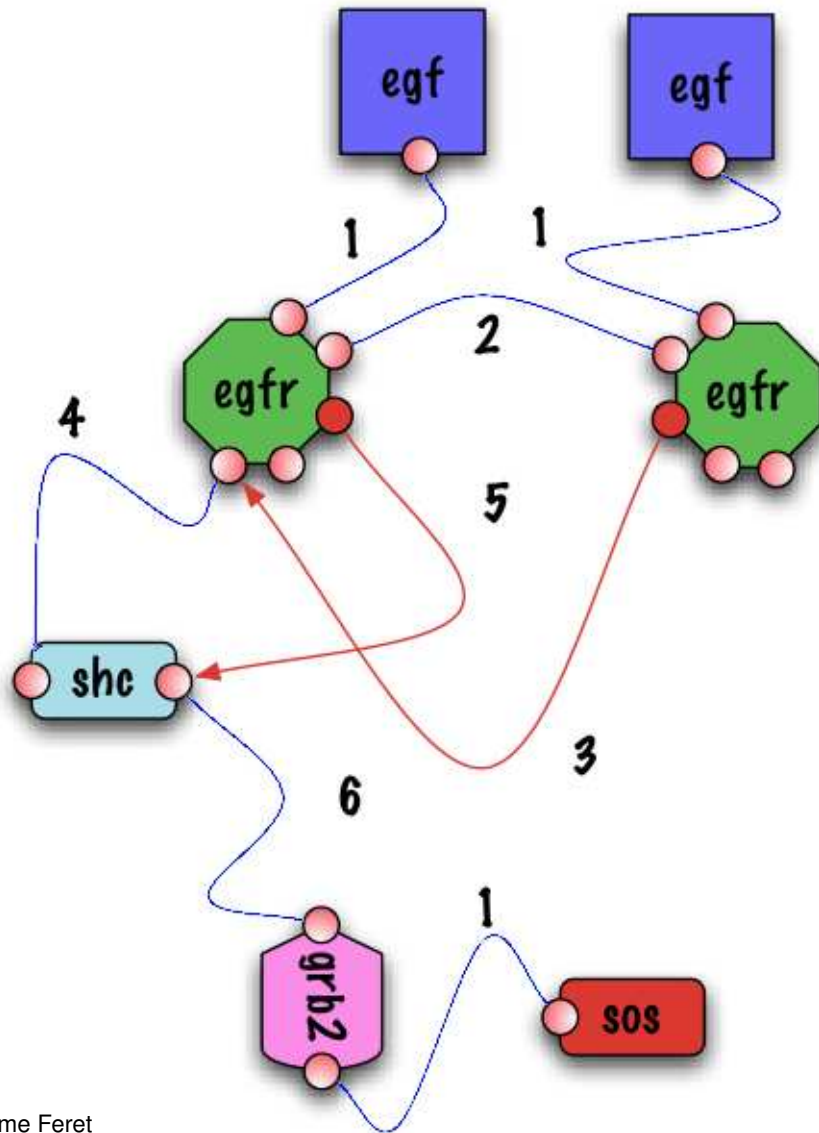
We propose some static analysis tools in order to:

  - help the design of rule-based models;
  - compute (*abstract*) the properties of rule-based models.

# A single story

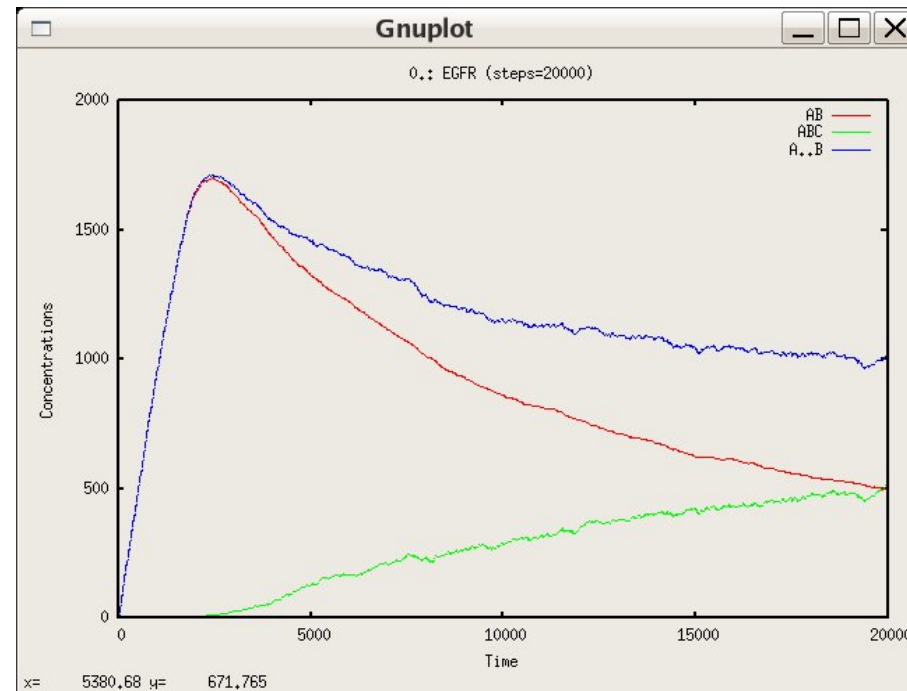


# A concurrent story



# Overshoot

When we combine the two stories...

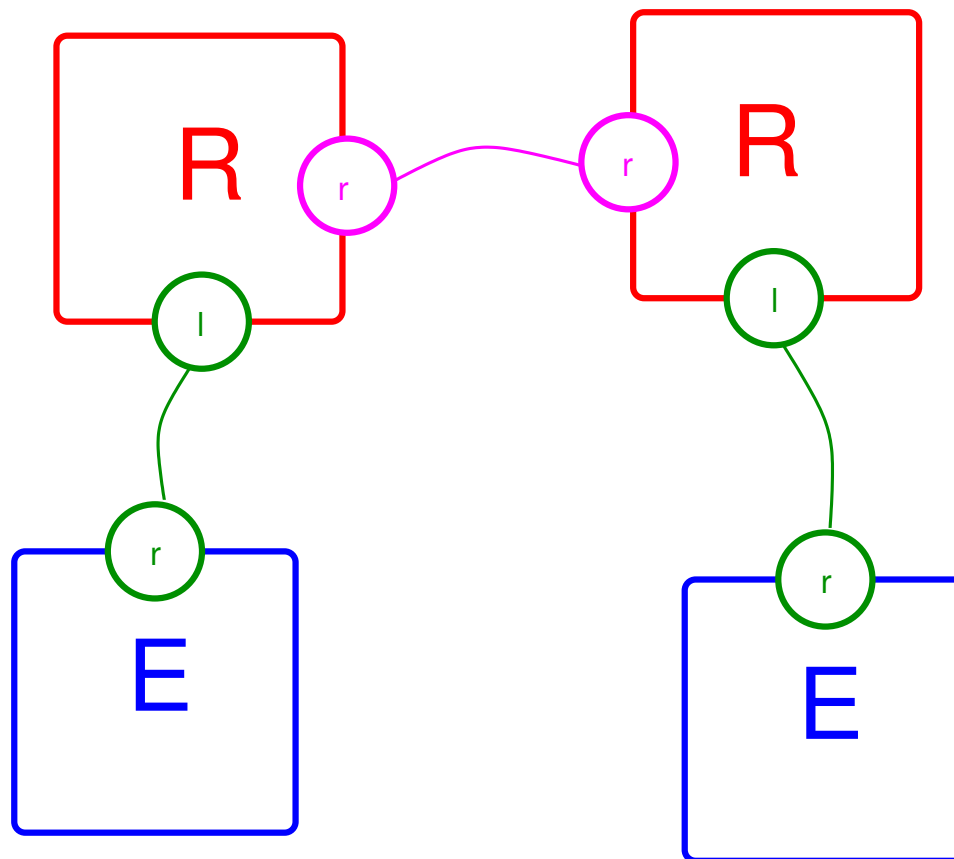


... we get an overshoot.

# Overview

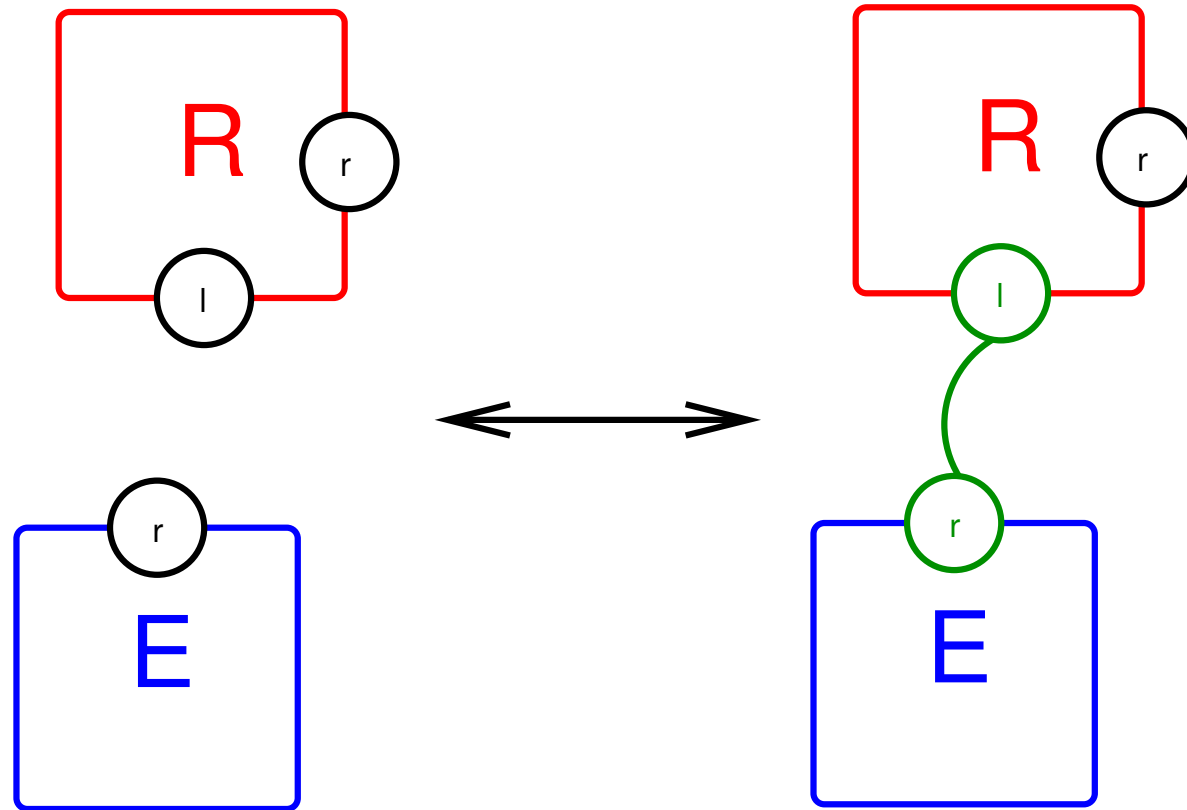
1. Introduction
2. **Kappa language**
3. Local views
4. Local set of chemical species
5. Local rule systems
6. Decontextualization
7. Conclusion

# A chemical species



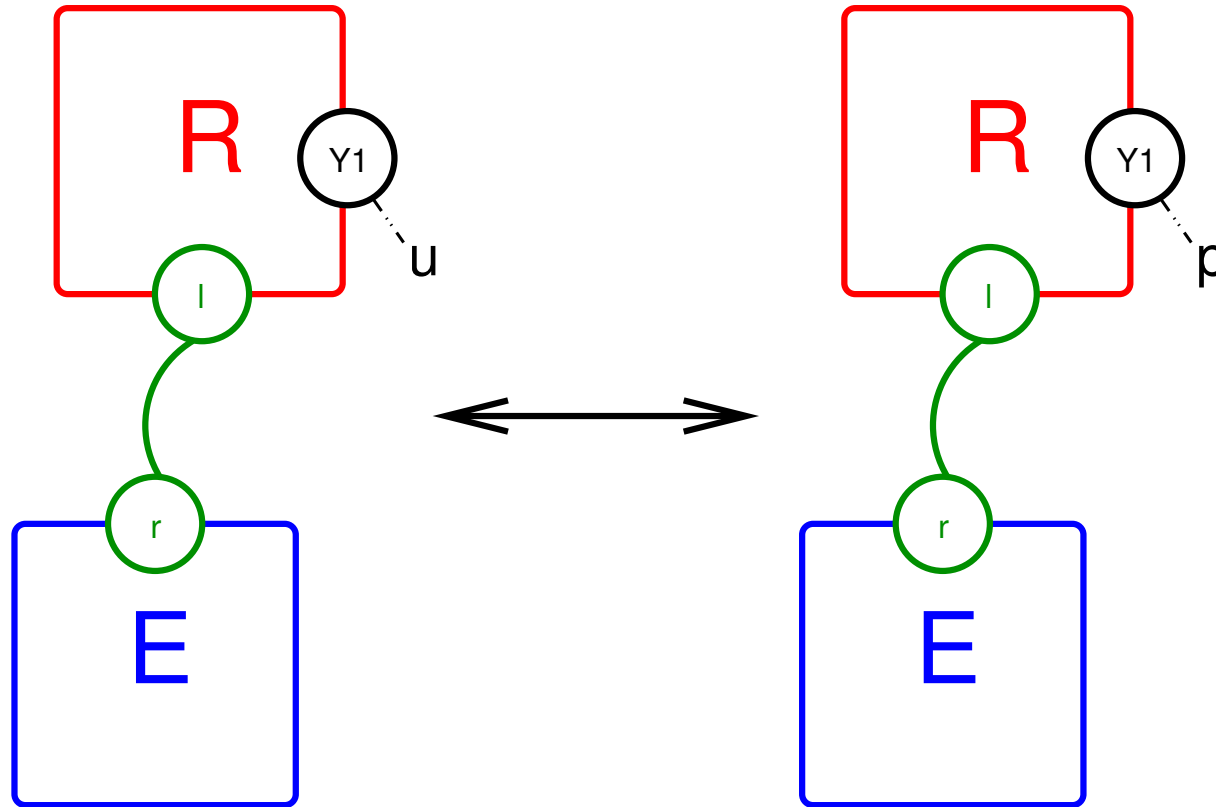
$E(r!1), R(I!1, r!2), R(r!2, I!3), E(r!3)$

# A Unbinding/Binding Rule



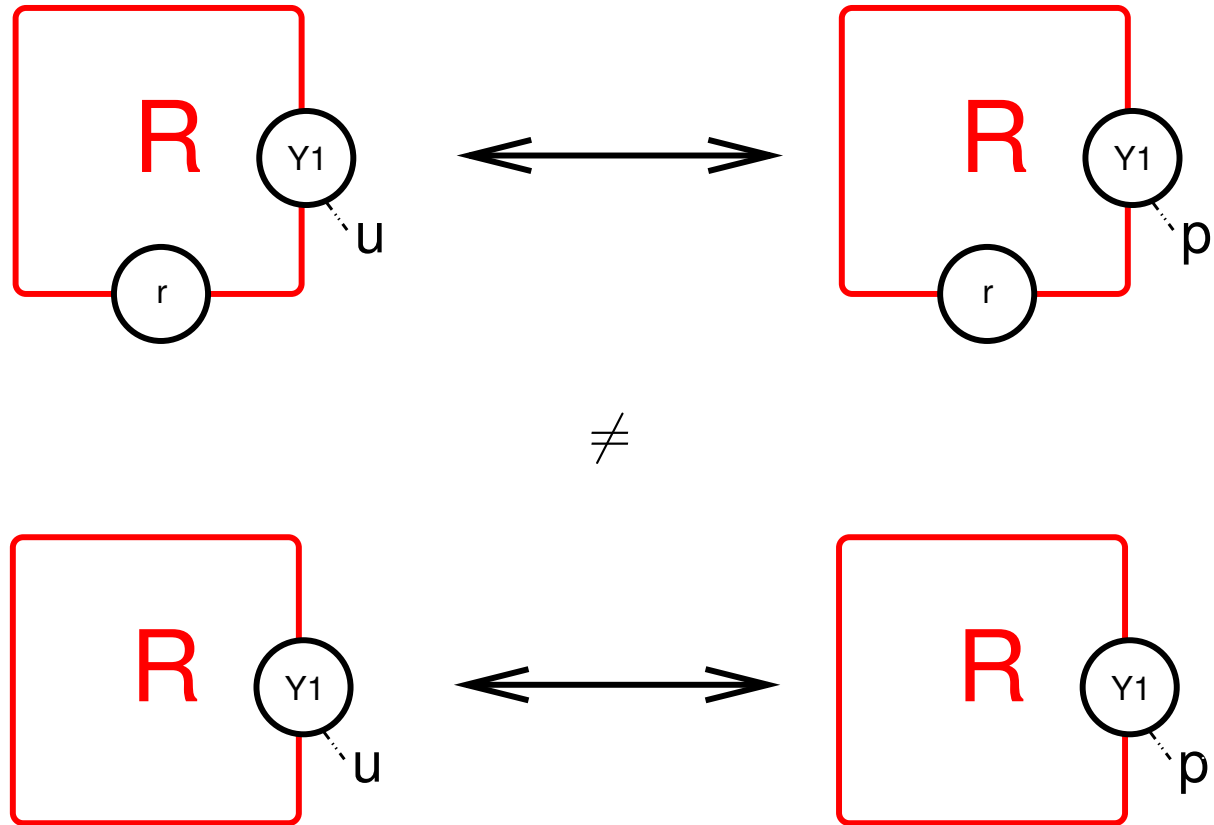
$$E(r), R(l,r) \longleftrightarrow E(r!1), R(l!1,r)$$

# Internal state

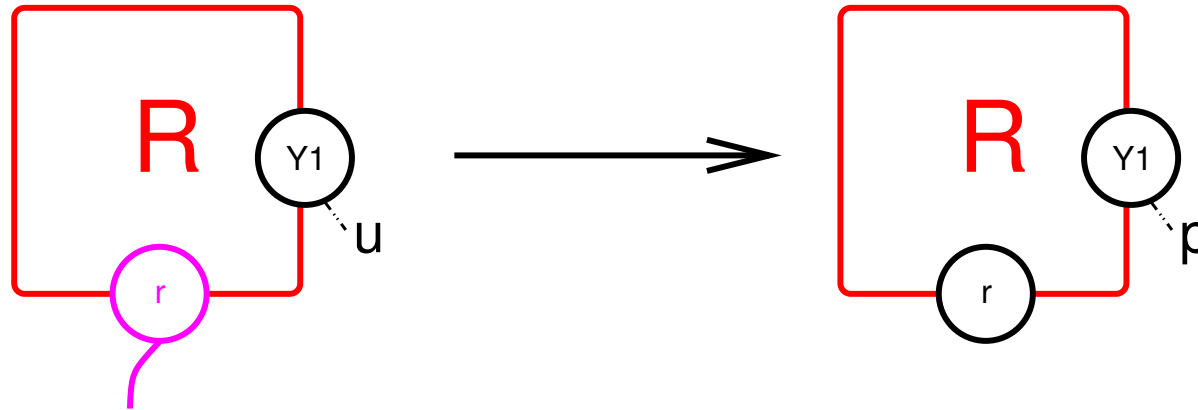


$$R(Y1 \sim u, I!1), E(r!1) \longleftrightarrow R(Y1 \sim p, I!1), E(r!1)$$

# Don't care, Don't write

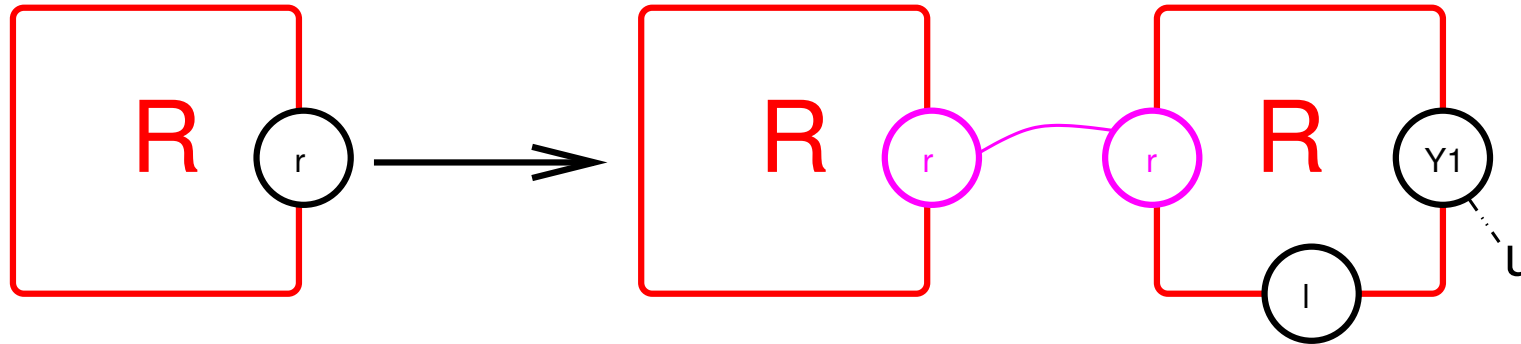


# A contextual rule

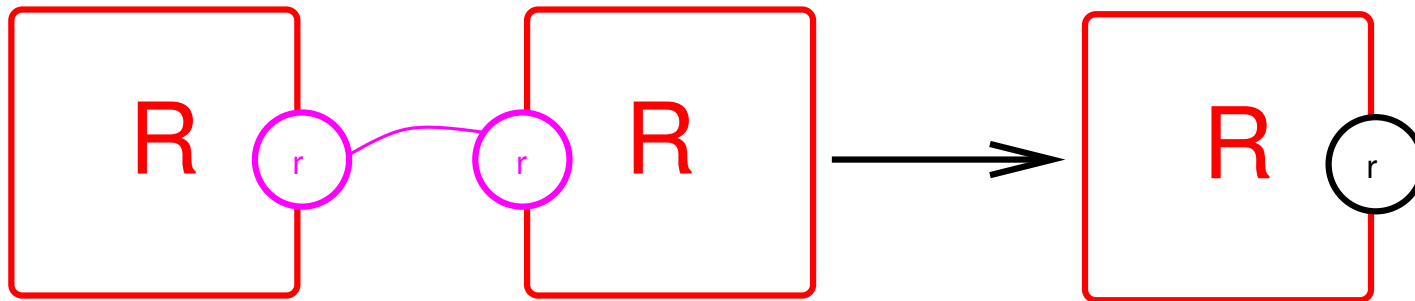


$$R(Y1 \sim u, r! \_ ) \rightarrow R(Y1 \sim p, r)$$

# Creation/Suppression



$$R(r) \rightarrow R(r!1), R(r!1, l, Y1)$$



$$R(r!1), R(r!1) \rightarrow R(r)$$

# Early EGF example

## egf rules 1

protein shorthands: E:=egf, R:=egfr, So:=Sos, Sh:=Sh, G:=grb2  
site abbreviations & fusions: Y68:=Y1068, Y48:=Y1148/73, Y7:=Y317,  $\pi$ :=PTB/SH2

- **Ligand-receptor binding, receptor dimerisation, rtk x-phosph, & de-phosph**

- 01:  $R(l,r), E(r) \leftrightarrow R(l^1,r), E(r^1)$
- 02:  $R(l^1,r), R(l^2,r) \leftrightarrow R(l^1,r^3), R(l^2,r^3)$
- 03:  $R(r^1,Y68) \rightarrow R(r^1,Y68^p)$   
 $R(Y68^p) \rightarrow R(Y68)$
- 04:  $R(r^1,Y48) \rightarrow R(r^1,Y48^p)$   
 $R(Y48^p) \rightarrow R(Y48)$

receptor type:  $R(l,r,Y68,Y48)$

- **Sh x-phosph & de-phosph**

- 14:  $R(r^2,Y48^{p1}), Sh(\pi^1,Y7) \rightarrow R(r^2,Y48^{p1}), Sh(\pi^1,Y7^p)$
- ??:  $Sh(\pi^1,Y7^p) \rightarrow Sh(\pi^1,Y7)$
- 16:  $Sh(\pi,Y7^p) \rightarrow Sh(\pi,Y7)$

refined from  
 $Sh(Y7^p) \rightarrow Sh(Y7)$

- **Y68-G binding**

- 09:  $R(Y68^p), G(a,b) \leftrightarrow R(Y68^{p1})+G(a^1,b)$
- 11:  $R(Y68^p), G(a,b^2) \leftrightarrow R(Y68^{p1})+G(a^1,b^2)$

refined from  
 $R(Y68^p)+G(a) \leftrightarrow R(Y68^{p1})+G(a^1)$

# Early EGF example

## egf rules 2

refined from  
 $So(d)+G(b) \leftrightarrow Sold^1)+G(b^1)$

interface note: highlight  
 the interacting parts

- G-So binding**

- 10:  $R(Y68^{p1}), G(a^1, b), So(d) \leftrightarrow R(Y68^{p1}), G(a^1, b^2), Sold^2)$
- 12:  $G(a, b), So(d) \leftrightarrow G(a, b^1), Sold^1)$
- 22:  $Sh(\pi, Y7^{p2}), G(a^2, b), So(d) \leftrightarrow Sh(\pi, Y7^{p2}), G(a^2, b^1), S(d^1)$
- 19:  $Sh(\pi^1, Y7^{p2}), G(a^2, b), So(d) \leftrightarrow Sh(\pi^1, Y7^{p2}), G(a^2, b^1), S(d^1)$

- Y48-Sh binding**

- 13:  $R(Y48^p), Sh(\pi, Y7) \leftrightarrow R(Y48^{p1}), Sh(\pi^1, Y7)$
- 15:  $R(Y48^p), Sh(\pi, Y7^p) \leftrightarrow R(Y48^{p1}), Sh(\pi^1, Y7^p)$
- 18:  $R(Y48^p), Sh(\pi, Y7^{p1}), G(a^1, b) \leftrightarrow R(Y48^{p2}), Sh(\pi^2, Y7^{p1}), G(a^1, b)$
- 20:  $R(Y48^p), Sh(\pi, Y7^{p1}), G(a^1, b^3), S(d^3) \leftrightarrow R(Y48^{p2}), Sh(\pi^2, Y7^{p1}), G(a^1, b^3), S(d^3)$

refined from  
 $R(Y48^p)+Sh(\pi) \leftrightarrow R(Y48^{p1})+Sh(\pi^1)$

why not simply  $G(b^3)??$

- Sh-G binding**

- 17:  $R(Y48^{p1}), Sh(\pi^1, Y7^p), G(a, b) \leftrightarrow R(Y48^{p1}), Sh(\pi^1, Y7^{p2}), G(a^2, b)$
- 21:  $Sh(\pi, Y7^p), G(a, b) \leftrightarrow Sh(\pi, Y7^{p1}), G(a^1, b)$
- 23:  $Sh(\pi, Y7^p), G(a, b^2) \leftrightarrow Sh(\pi, Y7^{p1}), G(a^1, b^2)$
- 24:  $R(Y48^{p1}), Sh(\pi^1, Y7^p), G(a, b^3), S(d^3) \leftrightarrow R(Y48^{p1}), Sh(\pi^1, Y7^{p2}), G(a^2, b^3), S(d^3)$

refined from  
 $Sh(\pi), G(a) \leftrightarrow Sh(\pi^1), G(a^1)$

# Properties of interest

## 1. Show the absence of modelling errors:

- detect dead rules;
- detect overlapping rules;
- detect non exhaustive interactions;
- detect rules with ambiguous molecularity.

## 2. Get idiomatic description of the networks:

- capture causality;
- capture potential interactions;
- capture relationships between site states.  
(simplify rules)

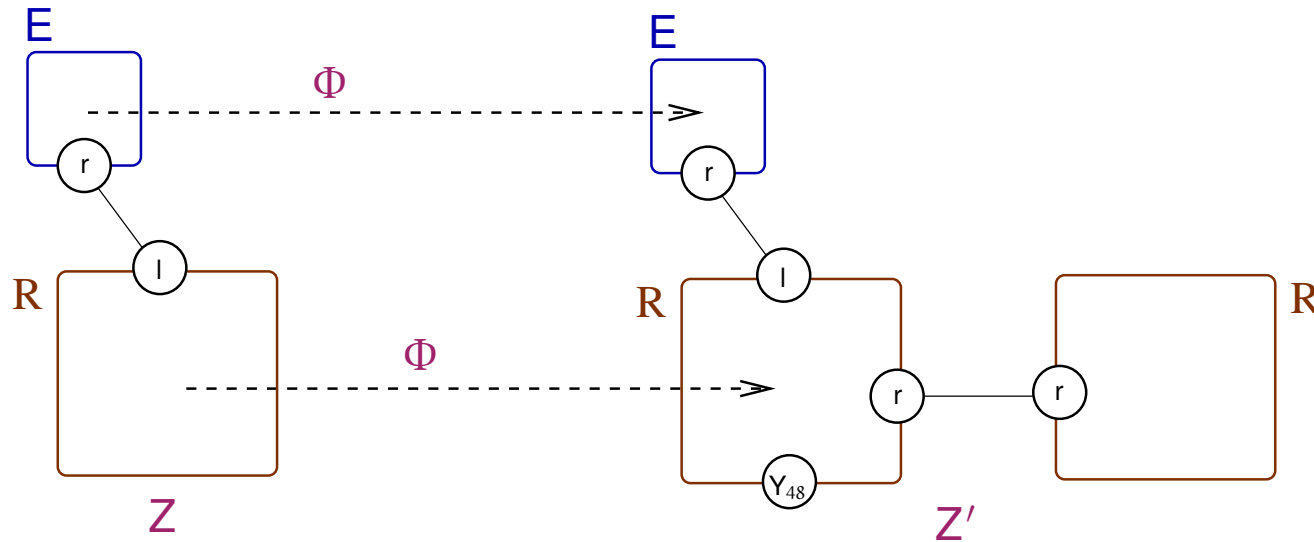
## 3. Allow fast simulation:

- capture accurate approximation of the wake-up relation.

# Overview

1. Introduction
2. Kappa language
3. **Local views**
4. Local set of chemical species
5. Local rule systems
6. Decontextualization
7. Conclusion

# Embedding



We write  $Z \triangleleft_{\Phi} Z'$  iff:

- $\Phi$  is a site-graph morphism:
  - $i$  is less specific than  $\Phi(i)$ ,
  - if there is a link between  $(i, s)$  and  $(i', s')$ , then there is a link between  $(\Phi(i), s)$  and  $(\Phi(i'), s')$ .
- $\Phi$  is an into map (injective):
  - $\Phi(i) = \Phi(i')$  implies that  $i = i'$ .

# Set of reachable chemical species

Let  $\mathcal{R} = \{R_i\}$  be a set of rules.

Let *Species* be the set of all chemical species ( $C, c_1, c'_1, \dots, c_k, c'_k, \dots \in \text{Species}$ ).

Let *Species*<sub>0</sub> be the set of initial .

We write:



whenever:

1. there is an embedding of the lhs of  $R_k$  in the solution  $c_1, \dots, c_m$ ;
2. the (embedding/rule) produces the solution  $c'_1, \dots, c'_n$ .

We are interested in *Species*<sub>ω</sub> the set of all chemical species that can be constructed in one or several applications of rules in  $\mathcal{R}$  starting from the set *Species*<sub>0</sub> of initial chemical species.

(We do not care about the number of occurrences of each chemical species).

# Inductive definition

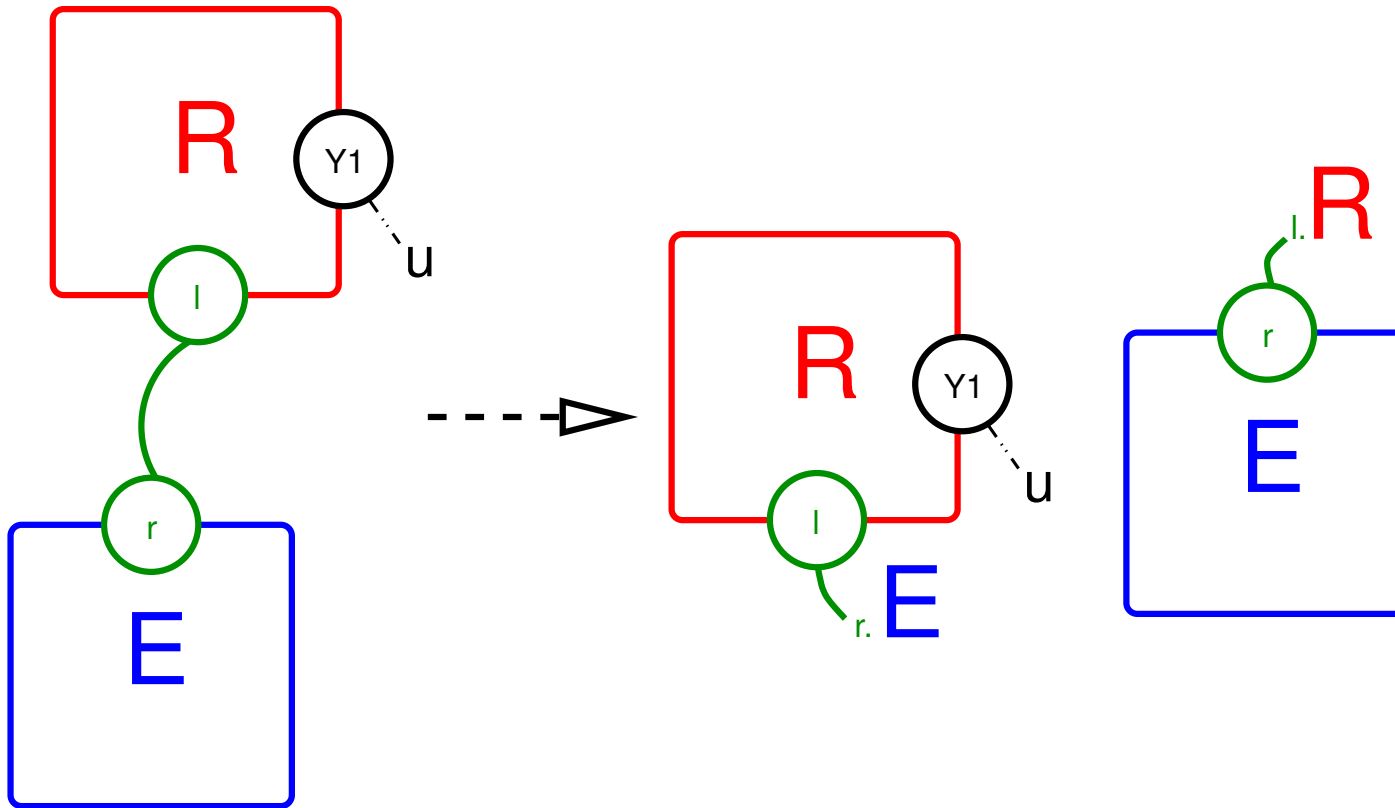
We define the mapping  $\mathbb{F}$  as follows:

$$\mathbb{F} : \begin{cases} \varnothing(\textit{Species}) & \rightarrow \varnothing(\textit{Species}) \\ X & \mapsto X \cup \left\{ c'_j \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists R_k \in \mathcal{R}, c_1, \dots, c_m \in X, \\ c_1, \dots, c_m \xrightarrow{R_k} c'_1, \dots, c'_n \end{array} \right\}. \end{cases}$$

We define the set of reachable chemical species as follows:

$$\textit{Species}_\omega = \bigcup \{ \mathbb{F}^n(\textit{Species}_0) \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

# Local views



$$\alpha(\{R(Y1 \sim u, I!1), E(r!1)\}) = \{R(Y1 \sim u, I!r.E); E(r!l.R)\}.$$

# Galois connexion

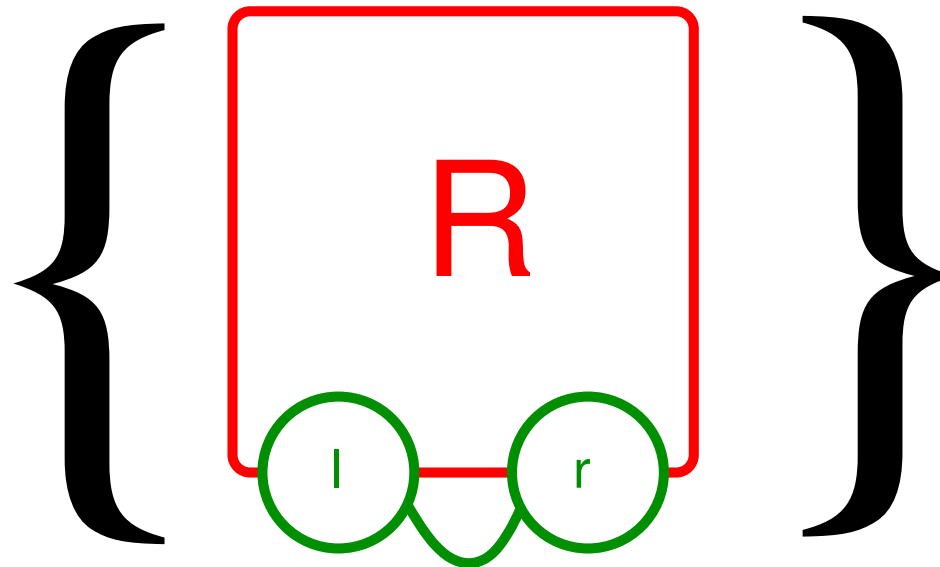
- Let *Local\_view* be the set of all local views.
- Let  $\alpha \in \wp(\textit{Species}) \rightarrow \wp(\textit{Local\_view})$  be the function that maps any set of chemical species into the set of their local views.
- Let  $\gamma \in \wp(\textit{Local\_view}) \rightarrow \wp(\textit{Species})$  be the function that maps any set of local views into the set of chemical species that can be built with these local views.
- The pair  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  forms a Galois connexion:

$$\wp(\textit{Species}) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\gamma} \\ \xrightarrow{\alpha} \end{array} \wp(\textit{Local\_view}).$$

$$\gamma \circ \alpha$$

$\gamma \circ \alpha$  is an upper closure operator: it abstracts away some information.

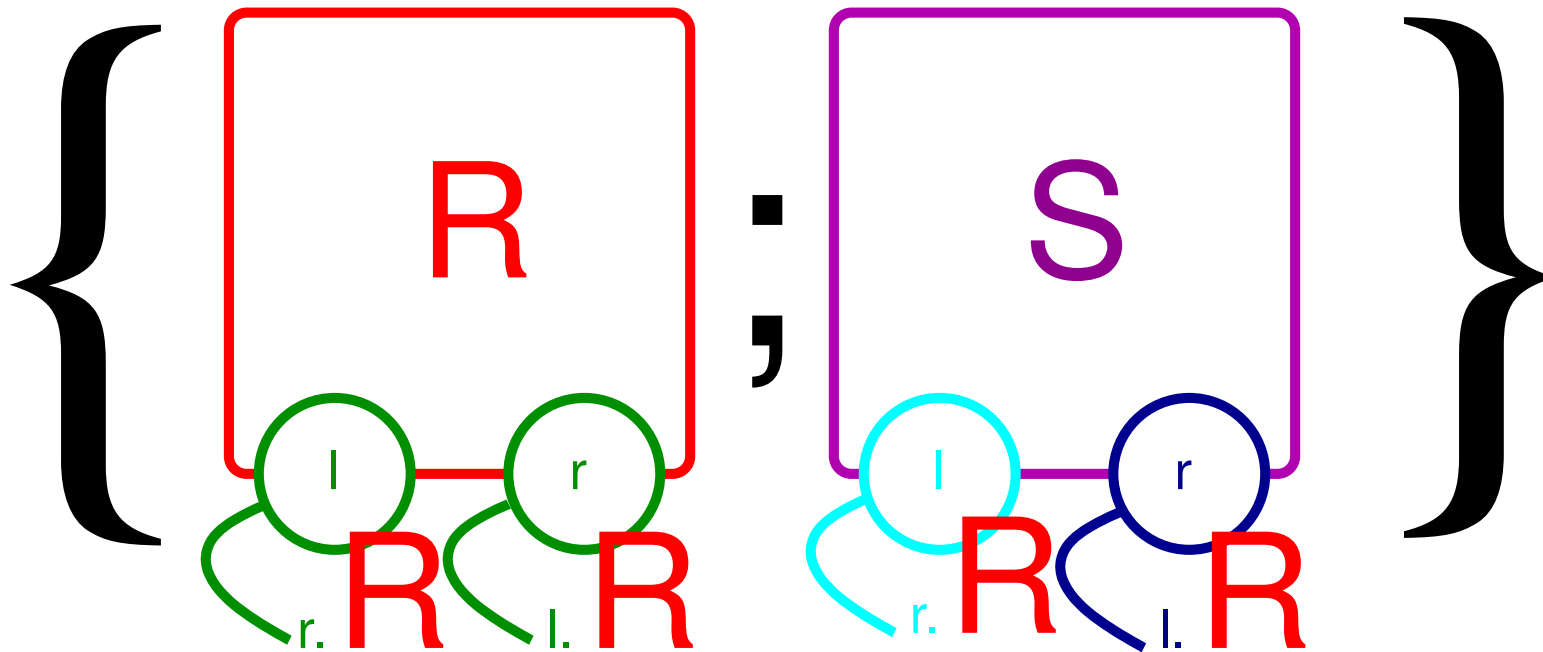
Guess the image of the following set of chemical species ?



$\alpha \circ \gamma$

$\alpha \circ \gamma$  is a lower closure operator: it simplifies (or reduces) constraints.

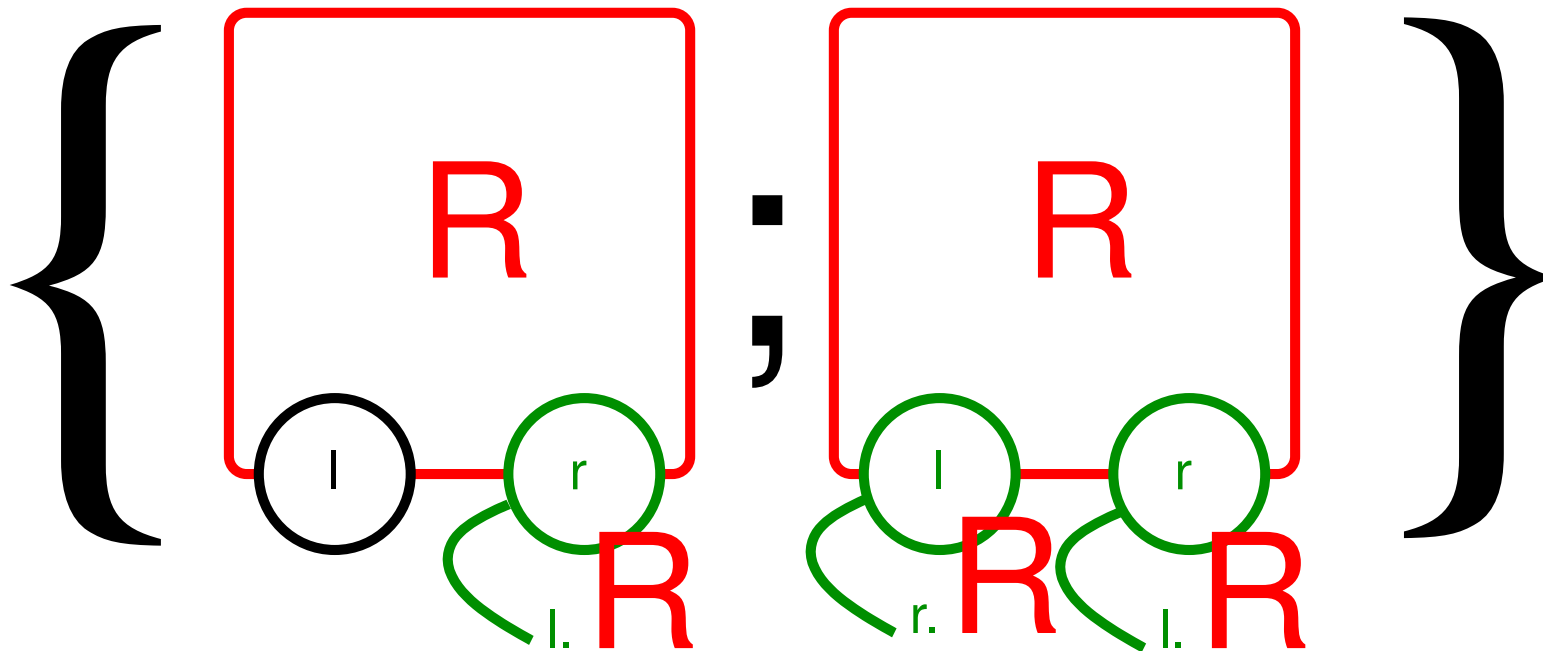
Guess the image of the following set of local views ?



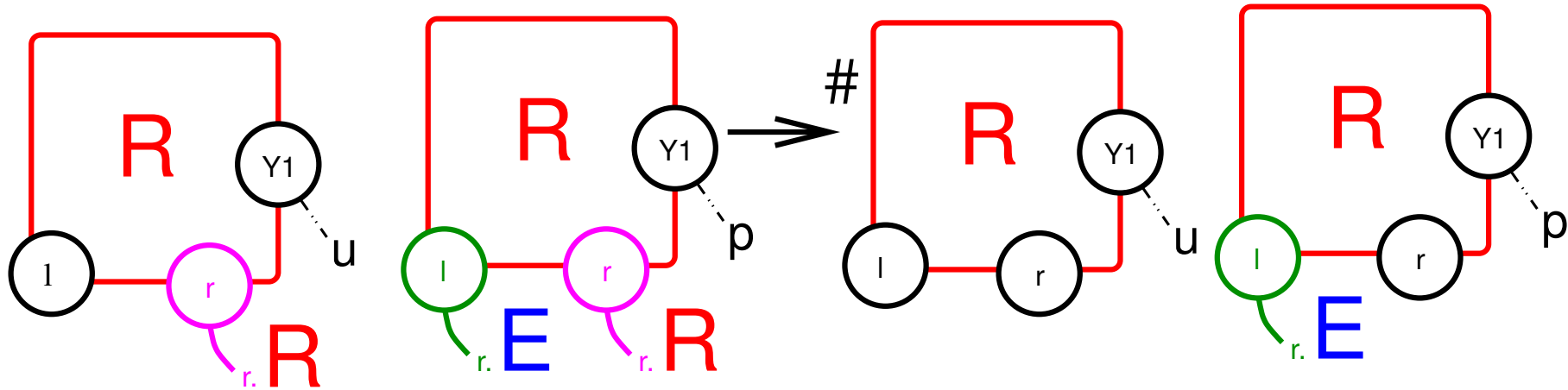
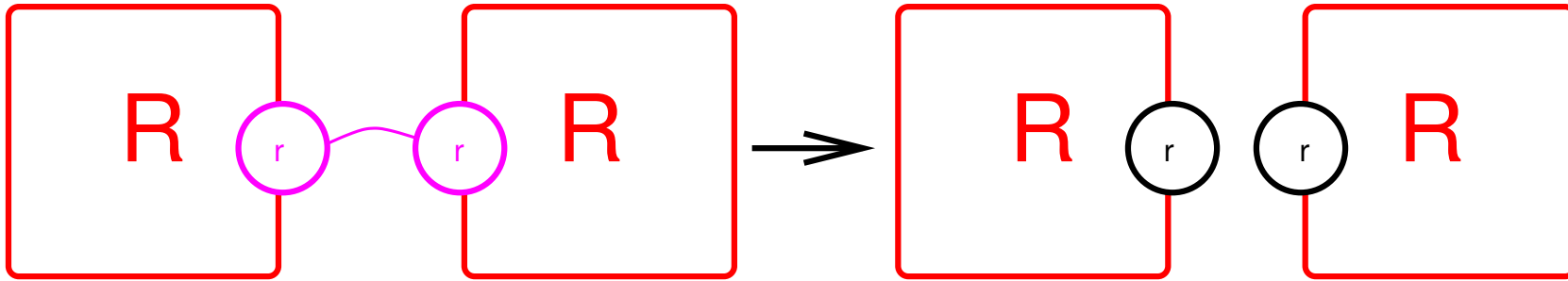
# One more question

$\alpha \circ \gamma$  is a lower closure operator: it simplifies (or reduces) constraints.

Guess the image of the following set of local views ?



# Abstract rules



# Abstract counterpart to $\mathbb{F}$

We define  $\mathbb{F}^\#$  as:

$$\mathbb{F}^\# : \begin{cases} \wp(\text{Local\_view}) & \rightarrow \wp(\text{Local\_view}) \\ X & \mapsto X \cup \left\{ V'_j \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists R_k \in \mathcal{R}, V_1, \dots, V_m \in X, \\ V_1, \dots, V_m \xrightarrow{\#}_{R_k} V'_1, \dots, V'_n \end{array} \right\}. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1 (soundness)** It follows that:

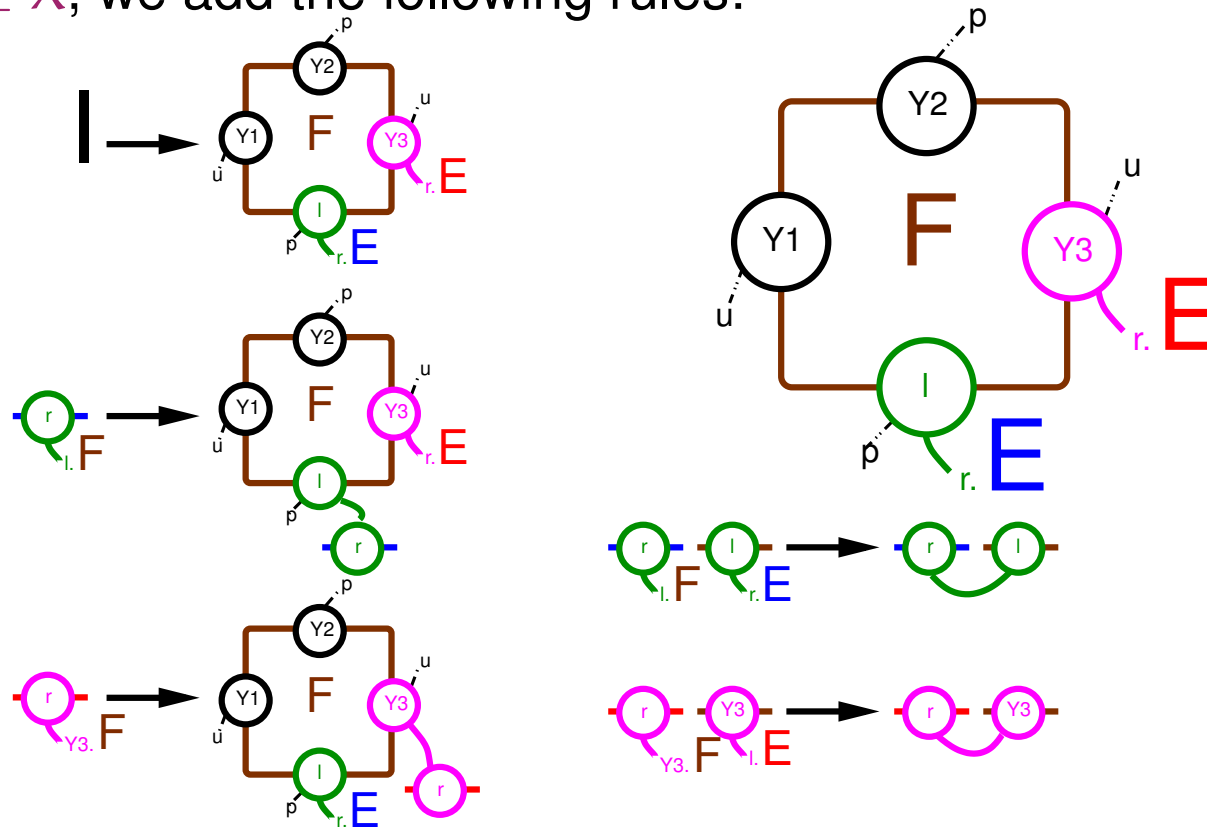
1. both  $\text{lfp}_{x_0} \mathbb{F}$  and  $\text{lfp}_{\alpha(x_0)} \mathbb{F}^\#$  exist,
2.  $\text{lfp}_{x_0} \mathbb{F} \subseteq \gamma(\text{lfp}_{\alpha(x_0)} \mathbb{F}^\#)$ .

# Overview

1. Introduction
2. Kappa language
3. Local views
4. **Local set of chemical species**
5. Local rule systems
6. Decontextualization
7. Conclusion

# Concretization

For any  $X \in \wp(\text{Local\_view})$ ,  $\gamma(X)$  is given by a rewrite system:  
 For any  $lv \in X$ , we add the following rules:



$I$  and semi-links are non-terminal.  
 $I$  is the initial symbol.

# Pumping lemma

- We use this rewrite system to enumerate the chemical species of  $\gamma(X)$ .
- There are two cases:
  1. either there is a finite number of rewrite sequences;
  2. or we encounter cyclic derivations  
i.e. an open chemical species with a cycle of the following form:

$R.l-r.E \dots R.l-r.E$

can be built.

- We only enumerate chemical species that are reached through an acyclic rewriting computation.
- It turns out that: if  $X \in \alpha(\wp(\textit{Species}))$  then each rewrite sequence is the prefix of a terminating rewrite sequence.

(So there is an unbounded number of species if, and only if, there is an unbounded number of rewrite sequences.)

# Examples

1. Make the demo for egf
2. Make the demo for fgf
3. Make the demo for Global invariants

# Which information is abstracted away ?

Our analysis is exact (no false positive):

- for EGF cascade (356 chemical species);
- for FGF cascade (79080 chemical species);

We know how to build systems with false positives...

...but they seem to be biologically meaningless.

This raises the following issues:

- Can we characterize which information is abstracted away ?
- Which is the form of the systems, for which we have no false positive ?
- Do we learn something about the biological systems that we describe ?

# Local set of chemical species

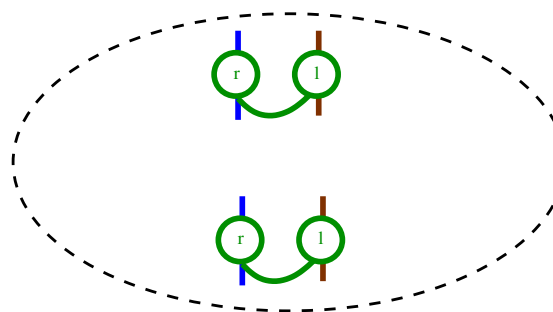
**Definition 1** We say that a set  $X \in \wp(\textit{Species})$  of chemical species is local if and only if  $X \in \gamma(\wp(\textit{Local\_view}))$ .

(ie. a set  $X$  is local if and only if  $X$  is exactly the set of all the species that are generated by a given set of local views.)

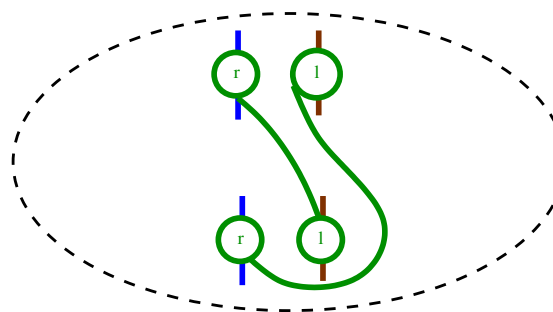
# Swapping relation

We define the binary relation  $\sim^{\text{SWAP}}$  among tuples *Species*\* of chemical species.  
We say that  $(C_1, \dots, C_m) \sim^{\text{SWAP}} (D_1, \dots, D_n)$  if and only if:

$(C_1, \dots, C_m)$  matches with



while  $(D_1, \dots, D_n)$  matches with



# Swapping closure

**Theorem 2** Let  $X \in \wp(\textit{Species})$  be a set of chemical species. The two following assertions are equivalent:

1. the set  $X \in \wp(\textit{Species})$  is local;
2. for any tuples  $(C_i), (D_j) \in \textit{Species}^*$  such that:
  - $(C_i) \in X^*$ ,
  - and  $(C_i) \stackrel{\text{SWAP}}{\sim} (D_j)$ ;

we have  $(D_j) \in X^*$ .

# Consequences

**Theorem 3 (completeness)** It follows that:

- if the set  $Species_\omega$  of reachable chemical species is close with respect to swapping  $\overset{SWAP}{\sim}$ ,
- then the reachability analysis is exact (i.e.  $Species_\omega = \gamma(lfp_{\alpha(Species_0)} \mathbb{F}^\#)$ ).

# Overview

1. Introduction
2. Kappa language
3. Local views
4. Local set of chemical species
5. **Local rule systems**
6. Decontextualization
7. Conclusion

# Outline

We have proved that:

- if the set  $Species_\omega$  of reachable chemical species is close with respect to swapping  $\overset{SWAP}{\sim}$ ,  
• then the reachability analysis is exact (i.e.  $Species_\omega = \gamma(lfp_\alpha(Species_0)\mathbb{F}^\#)$ ).

Now we give some sufficient conditions that ensure this property.

# Sufficient conditions

Whenever the following assumptions:

1. initial agents are not bound;
2. rules are atomic;
3. rules are local:
  - only agents that interact are tested,
  - no cyclic patterns (neither in lhs, nor in rhs);
4. binding rules do not interfere i.e. if both:
  - $A(a_{\sim m}, S), B(b_{\sim n}, T) \rightarrow A(a_{\sim m}!1, S), B(b_{\sim n}!1, T)$
  - and  $A(a_{\sim m}', S'), B(b_{\sim n}', T') \rightarrow A(a_{\sim m}'!1, S'), B(b_{\sim n}'!1, T')$ ,

then:

- $A(a_{\sim m}, S), B(b_{\sim n}', T') \rightarrow A(a_{\sim m}!1, S), B(b_{\sim n}'!1, T')$ ;

5. chemical species in  $\gamma(\alpha(\textit{Species}_\omega))$  are acyclic,  
are satisfied, the set of reachable chemical species is local.

# Non local systems

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \textit{Species}_0 \triangleq R(a \sim u) \\
 \textit{Rules} \triangleq \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 R(a \sim u) \leftrightarrow R(a \sim p) \\
 R(a \sim u), R(a \sim u) \rightarrow R(a \sim u!1), R(a \sim u!1) \\
 R(a \sim p), R(a \sim u) \rightarrow R(a \sim p!1), R(a \sim p!1) \\
 R(a \sim p), R(a \sim p) \rightarrow R(a \sim p!1), R(a \sim p!1)
 \end{array} \right\}
 \end{array}$$

$R(a \sim u!1), R(a \sim u!1) \in \textit{Species}_\omega$

$R(a \sim p!1), R(a \sim p!1) \in \textit{Species}_\omega$

**But**  $R(a \sim u!1), R(a \sim p!1) \notin \textit{Species}_\omega$ .

# Non local systems

$$\begin{array}{l} \textit{Species}_0 \triangleq A(a \sim u), B(a \sim u) \\ \textit{Rules} \triangleq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A(a \sim u), B(a \sim u) \rightarrow A(a \sim u!1), B(a \sim u!1) \\ A(a \sim u!1), B(a \sim u!1) \rightarrow A(a \sim p!1), B(a \sim u!1) \\ A(a \sim u!1), B(a \sim u!1) \rightarrow A(a \sim u!1), B(a \sim p!1) \end{array} \right\} \end{array}$$

$A(a \sim u!1), B(a \sim p!1) \in \textit{Species}_\omega$

$A(a \sim p!1), B(a \sim u!1) \in \textit{Species}_\omega$

**But**  $A(a \sim p!1), B(a \sim p!1) \notin \textit{Species}_\omega$ .

# Non local systems

$$\begin{array}{l} \textit{Species}_0 \triangleq A(a \sim u) \\ \textit{Rules} \triangleq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A(a \sim u) \leftrightarrow A(a \sim p) \\ A(a \sim u), A(a \sim p) \rightarrow A(a \sim u!1), A(a \sim p!1) \end{array} \right\} \end{array}$$

$A(a \sim u!1), A(a \sim p!1) \in \textit{Species}_\omega$   
**But**  $A(a \sim p!1), A(a \sim p!1) \notin \textit{Species}_\omega$ .

# Non local systems

*Species*<sub>0</sub>  $\triangleq$  R(a,b)

*Rules*  $\triangleq$  { R(a,b), R(a)  $\rightarrow$  R(a,b!1), R(a!1) }

R(a,b!2), R(a!2,b!1), R(a!1,b)  $\in$  *Species* <sub>$\omega$</sub>

**But** R(a!1,b!1)  $\notin$  *Species* <sub>$\omega$</sub> .

# Overview

1. Introduction
2. Kappa language
3. Local views
4. Local set of chemical species
5. Local rule systems
6. Decontextualization
7. Conclusion

# Outline

- we have a syntactic criterion in order to ensure that the set of reachable chemical species of a kappa system is local ;
- we now design program transformations to help systems satisfying this criterion ;
  1. **decontextualization**
    - is fully automatic;
    - preserves the transition system;
    - simplifies rules thanks to reachability analysis.
  2. **conjugation**
    - manual;
    - preserves the set of reachable chemical species;
    - uses backtrack to add new rules.

# Example

Initial rule:

$$R2(I!2,r),R1(I!1,r),E2(r!1),E1(r!2) \rightarrow R2(I!3,r!1),R1(I!2,r!1),E2(r!2),E1(r!3)$$

Decontextualized rule:

$$R2(I!_,r),R1(I!_,r) \rightarrow R2(I!_,r!1),R1(I!_,r!1)$$

We can remove redundant tests.

# Example

Initial rules:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p!2, pi!1), G(a!2, b), R(Y48 \sim p!1) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p, pi!1), G(a, b), R(Y48 \sim p!1) \\ & \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p!3, pi!1), G(a!3, b!2), \text{So}(d!2), R(Y48 \sim p!1) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p, pi!1), G(a, b!2), \text{So}(d!2), R(Y48 \sim p!1) \\ & \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p!1, pi), G(a!1, b) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p, pi), G(a, b) \\ & \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p!1, pi), G(a!1, b!_) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p, pi), G(a, b!_) \end{aligned}$$

Decontextualized rule:

$$\text{Sh}(Y7!1), G(a!1) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y7), G(a)$$

We can remove exhaustive enumerations.

# An undecontextualizable rule

Initial rule:

$$\text{Sh}(Y7 \sim u, \text{pi}!1), \text{R}(Y48 \sim p!1, r!_) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p, \text{pi}!1), \text{R}(Y48 \sim p!1, r!_)$$

Decontextualized rule:

$$\text{Sh}(Y7 \sim u, \text{pi}!1), \text{R}(Y48!1, r!_) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y7 \sim p, \text{pi}!1), \text{R}(Y48!1, r!_)$$

# Conjugation

If a rule  $R'$  is equivalent to a rule in the transitive closure of the system.

Then it may be included in the system without modifying reachable states.

To remove the context  $C$  of a rule, we try to apply it for another context  $C'$  by:

1. removing the context  $C'$  (backtrack) ;
2. building the context  $C$  ;
3. applying the initial rule ;
4. removing the context  $C$  (backtrack) ;
5. building the context  $C'$ .

This is proved manually.

# Overview

1. Introduction
2. Kappa language
3. Local views
4. Local set of chemical species
5. Local rule systems
6. Decontextualization
7. **Conclusion**

# Conclusion

- A scalable static analysis to abstract the reachable chemical species.
- A class of models for which the abstraction is complete.
- Many applications:
  - idiomatic description of reachable chemical species;
  - dead rule detection;
  - rule decontextualization;
  - computer-driven kinetic refinement.
- It can also help simulation algorithms:
  - wake up/inhibition map (agent-based simulation);
  - flat rule system generation (for bounded set of chemical species);
  - on the fly flat rule generation (for large/unbounded set)

MPRI

# Some notions of information flow

Jérôme Feret

Laboratoire d'Informatique de l'École Normale Supérieure  
INRIA, ÉNS, CNRS

<http://www.di.ens.fr/~feret>

Friday, the 13rd of January, 2012

# Syntax

Let  $\mathcal{V} \triangleq \{V, V_1, V_2, \dots\}$  be a finite set of variables.

Let  $\mathbb{Z} \triangleq \{z, \dots\}$  be the set of relative numbers.

Expressions are polynomial of variables  $\mathcal{V}$ .

$$E ::= z \mid V \mid E + E \mid E \times E$$

Programs are given by the following grammar:

```
P ::= skip
    | P;P
    | V := E
    | if (V ≥ 0) {P} else {P}
    | while (V ≥ 0) {P}
```

# Semantics

We define the semantics  $\llbracket P \rrbracket \in (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow ((\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}) \cup \Omega)$  of a program  $P$ :

- $\llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket(\rho) = \rho,$
- $\llbracket P_1; P_2 \rrbracket(\rho) = \begin{cases} \Omega & \text{if } \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket(\rho) = \Omega \\ \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket(\llbracket P_1 \rrbracket(\rho)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $\llbracket V := E \rrbracket(\rho) = \begin{cases} \Omega & \text{if } \rho = \Omega \\ \rho[V \mapsto \bar{\rho}(E)] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $\llbracket \text{if } (V \geq 0) \{P_1\} \text{ else } \{P_2\} \rrbracket(\rho) = \begin{cases} \Omega & \text{if } \rho = \Omega \\ \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket(\rho) & \text{if } \rho(V) \geq 0 \\ \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket(\rho) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $\llbracket \text{while } (V \geq 0) \{P\} \rrbracket(\rho) = \begin{cases} \Omega & \text{if } \rho = \Omega \\ \Omega & \text{if } \{\rho' \in \text{Inv} \mid \rho'(V) < 0\} = \emptyset \\ \rho' & \text{if } \rho' = \{\rho' \in \text{Inv} \mid \rho'(V) < 0\} \end{cases}$

where  $\text{Inv} = \text{lfp } (X \mapsto \{\rho\} \cup \{\rho'' \mid \exists \rho' \in X, \rho'(V) \geq 0 \text{ and } \rho'' \in \llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho')\})$ .

# Flow of information

Given a program  $P$ , we say that the variable  $V_1$  flows into the variable  $V_2$  if, and only if, the final value of  $V_2$  depends on the initial value of  $V_1$ , which is written  $V_1 \Rightarrow_P V_2$ .

More formally,

$V_1 \Rightarrow_P V_2$  if and only if there exists  $\rho \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z, z' \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that one of the following three assertions is satisfied:

1.  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto z]) \neq \Omega$ ,  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto z']) \neq \Omega$ ,  
and  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto z])(V_2) \neq \llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto z'])(V_2)$ ;
2.  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto z]) = \Omega$  and  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto z']) \neq \Omega$ ;
3.  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto z]) \neq \Omega$  and  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto z']) = \Omega$ .

# Syntactic approximation (tentative)

Let  $P$  be a program.

We define the following binary relation  $\rightarrow_P$  among variables in  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$V_1 \rightarrow_P V_2$  if and only if there is an assignement in  $P$  of the form  $V_2 := E$  such that  $V_1$  occurs in  $E$ .

Does  $V_1 \Rightarrow_P V_2$  imply that  $V_1 \rightarrow^*_P V_2$ ?

# Counter-example

We consider the following program P:

$$\begin{aligned} P ::= & \text{if } (V_1 \geq 0) \\ & \{V_2 := 0\} \\ & \text{else} \\ & \{V_2 := 1\} \end{aligned}$$

For any  $\rho \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
we have  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto 0])(V_2) = 0$ ;  
but,  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto 1])(V_2) = 1$ ;  
so  $V_1 \Rightarrow_P V_2$ ;  
But  $V_1 \not\Rightarrow^*_P V_2$ .

# Syntactic approximation (tentative)

For each program points  $p$  in  $P$ ,  
we denote by  $test(p)$  the set of variables which occurs in the guard of the test  
and while loop the scope of which contains the program point  $p$ .

We define the following binary relation  $\rightarrow$  among variables in  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$V_1 \rightarrow_p V_2$  if and only if there is an assignement in  $P$  of the form  $V_2 := E$  at  
program point  $p$  such that:

1. either  $V_1$  occurs in  $E$ ;
2. or  $V_1 \in test(p)$ .

Does  $V_1 \Rightarrow_p V_2$  imply that  $V_1 \rightarrow_p^* V_2$ ?

# Counter-example

We consider the following program  $P$ :

$$P ::= \text{while } (V_1 \geq 0) \{\text{skip}\}$$

For any  $\rho \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
we have  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto -1]) \neq \Omega$ ;  
but,  $\llbracket P \rrbracket(\rho[V_1 \mapsto 0]) = \Omega$ ;  
so  $V_1 \Rightarrow_P V_2$ ;  
But  $V_1 \not\rightarrow_P^* V_2$ .

# Approximation of the information flow

So as to get a sound approximation of the information flow, we have to consider that a variable that is tested in the guard of a loop may flow in any variable.

We define the following binary relation  $\rightarrow_p$  among variables in  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  if and only if there is an assignement in  $P$  of the form  $V_2 := E$  at program point  $p$  such that:

1. either  $V_1$  occurs in  $E$ ;
2. or  $V_1$  is tested in the guard of a loop;
3. or  $V_1 \in \text{test}(p)$ .

**Theorem 1** If  $V_1 \Rightarrow_p V_2$ , then  $V_1 \rightarrow_p^* V_2$ ?

# Limitations

The approximation is highly syntax-oriented.

- It is context-insensitive;
- It is very rough in the case of while loop,  
     $\implies$  we could show statically that some loops always terminate to avoid fictitious dependencies;
- we could detect some invariants to avoid fictitious dependencies.

Other forms of attacks could be modeled in the semantics: an attacker could observe:

- computation time;
- memory assumption;
- heating.

(attacks cannot be exhaustively specified).

Master AIV

**Automatic reduction of differential semantics  
for protein-protein interaction networks,  
by abstract interpretation**

Jérôme Feret

Laboratoire d'Informatique de l'École Normale Supérieure  
INRIA, ÉNS, CNRS

March 2012

# Joint-work with...



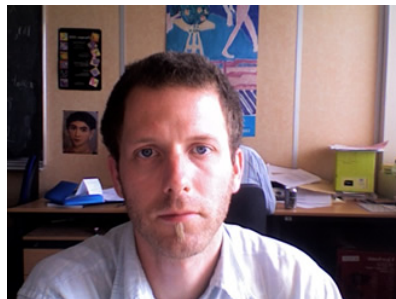
Walter Fontana  
Harvard Medical School



Vincent Danos  
Edinburgh



Ferdinanda Camporesi  
Bologna / ÉNS



Russ Harmer  
Harvard Medical School

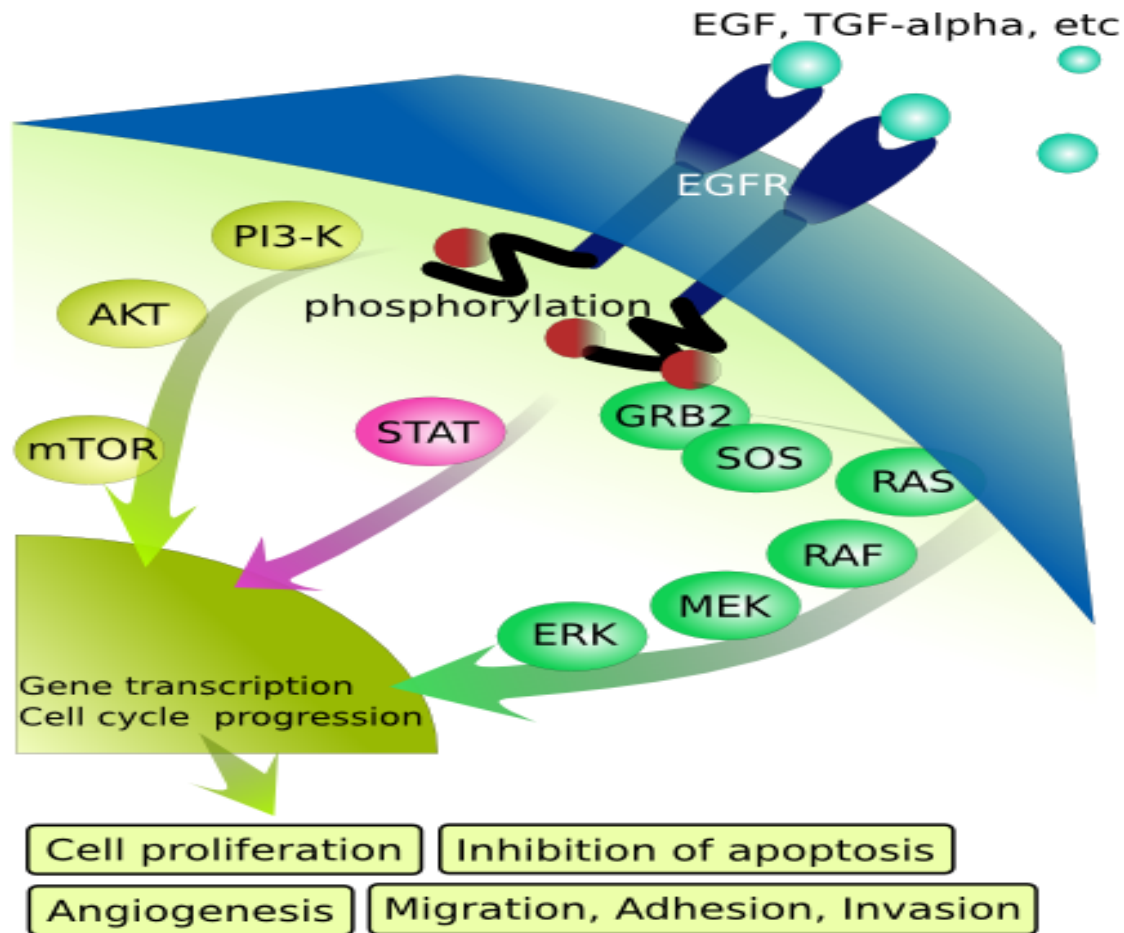


Jean Krivine  
Paris VII

# Overview

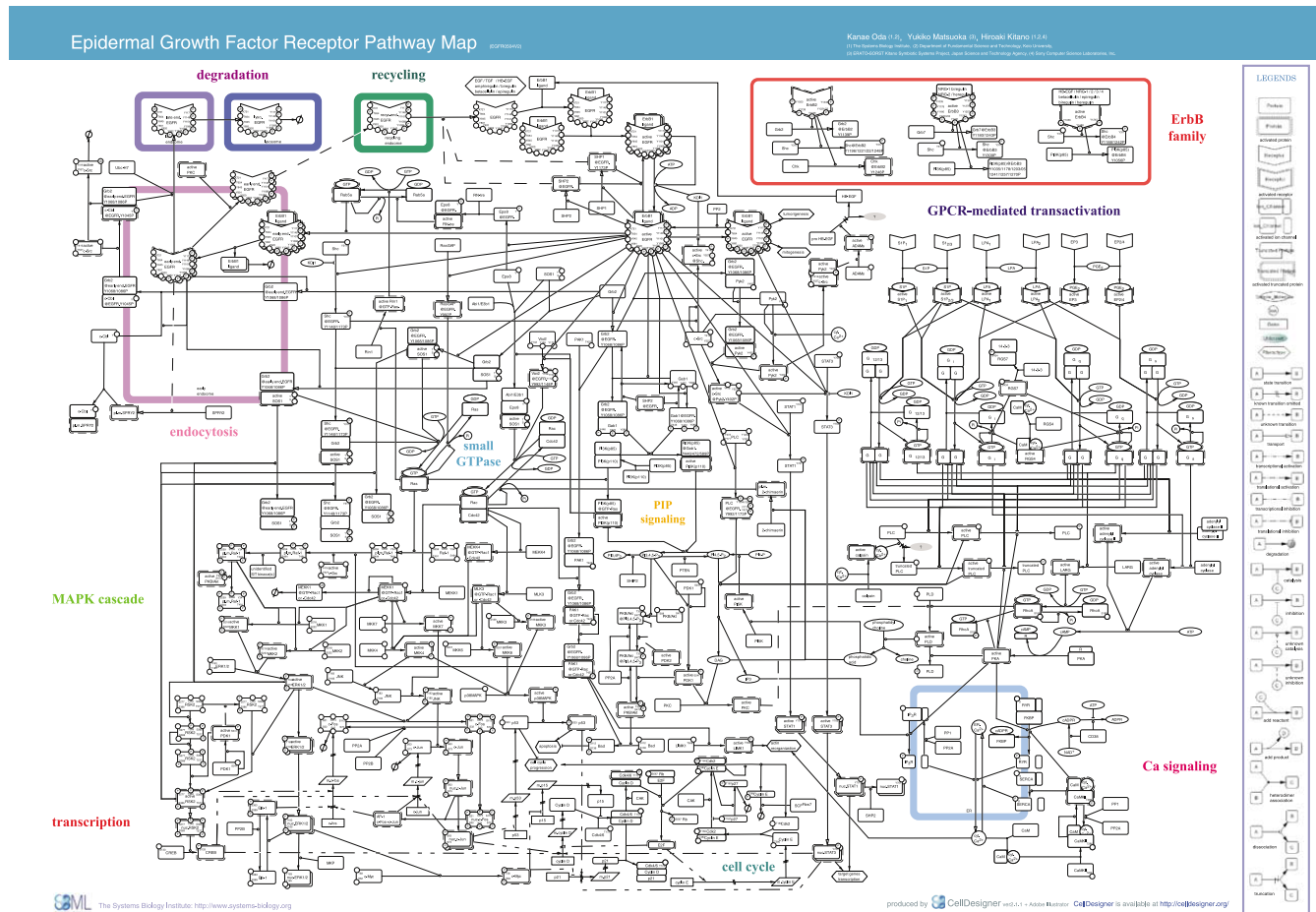
1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. Abstract semantics
7. Conclusion

# Signalling Pathways



Eikuch, 2007

# Pathway maps



Oda, Matsuoka, Funahashi, Kitano, Molecular Systems Biology, 2005

# Differential models

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \\ \frac{dx_3}{dt} = k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 - k_{-1} \cdot x_3 + 2 \cdot k_2 \cdot x_3 \cdot x_3 - k_{-2} \cdot x_4 \\ \frac{dx_4}{dt} = k_2 \cdot x_3^2 - k_2 \cdot x_4 + \frac{v_4 \cdot x_5}{p_4 + x_5} - (k_3 \cdot x_4 - k_{-3} \cdot x_5) \\ \frac{dx_5}{dt} = \dots \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dx_n}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot c_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \end{array} \right.$$

- do not describe the structure of molecules;
- combinatorial explosion: forces choices that are not principled;
- a nightmare to modify.

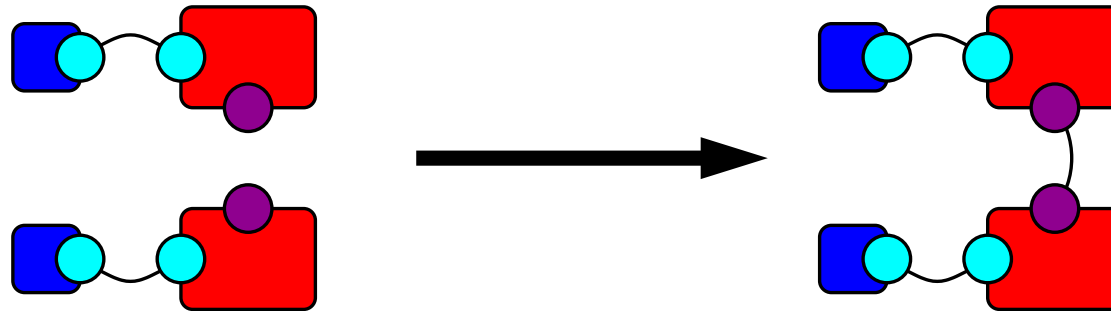
# A gap between two worlds

Two levels of description:

1. Databases of proteins interactions in natural language
  - + documented and detailed description
  - + transparent description
  - cannot be interpreted
2. ODE-based models
  - + can be integrated
  - opaque modelling process, models can hardly be modified
  - there are also some scalability issues.

# Rule-based approach

We use site graph rewrite systems



1. The description level matches with both
  - the observation level
  - and the intervention level

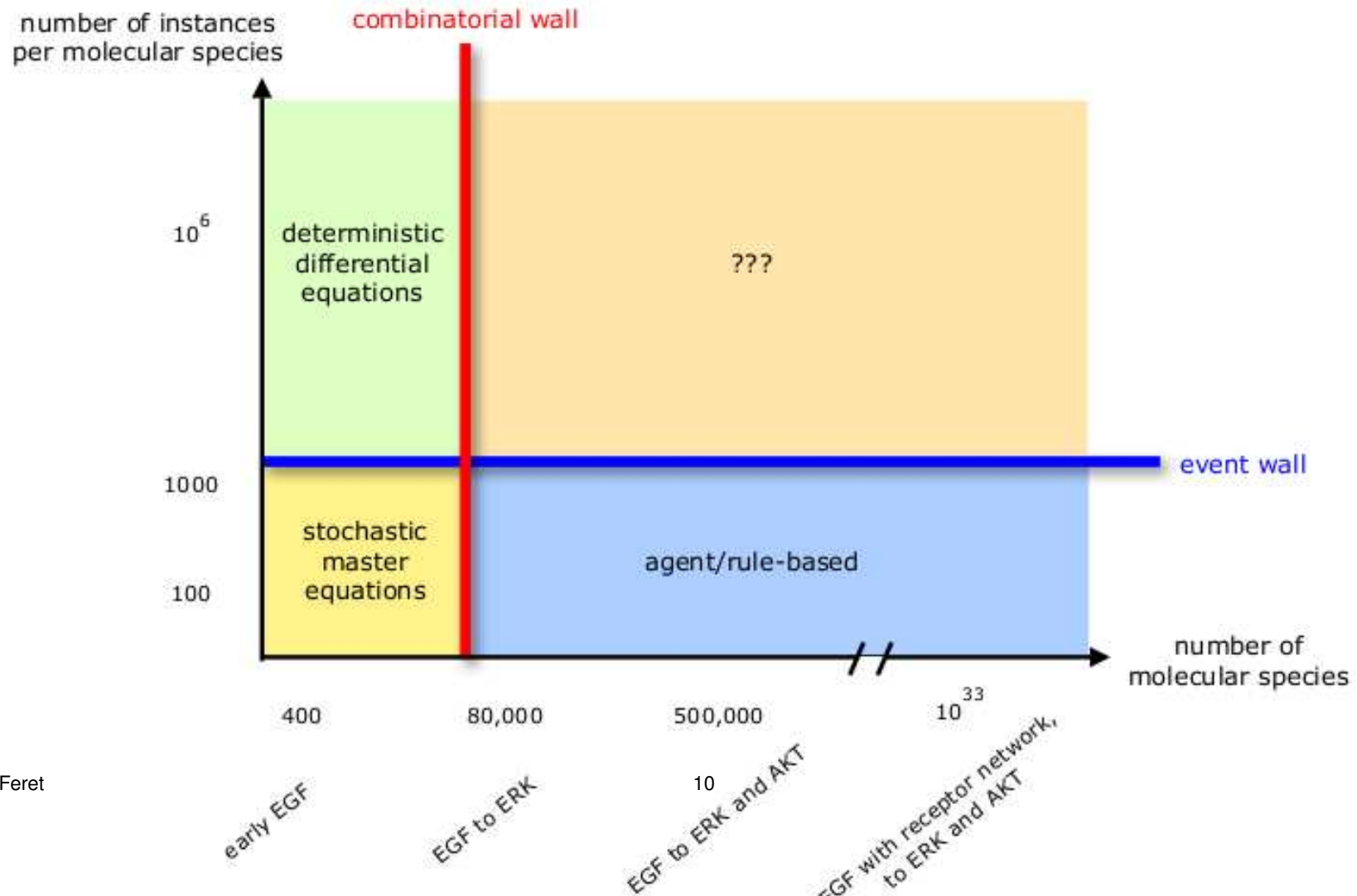
of the biologist.

We can tune the model easily.

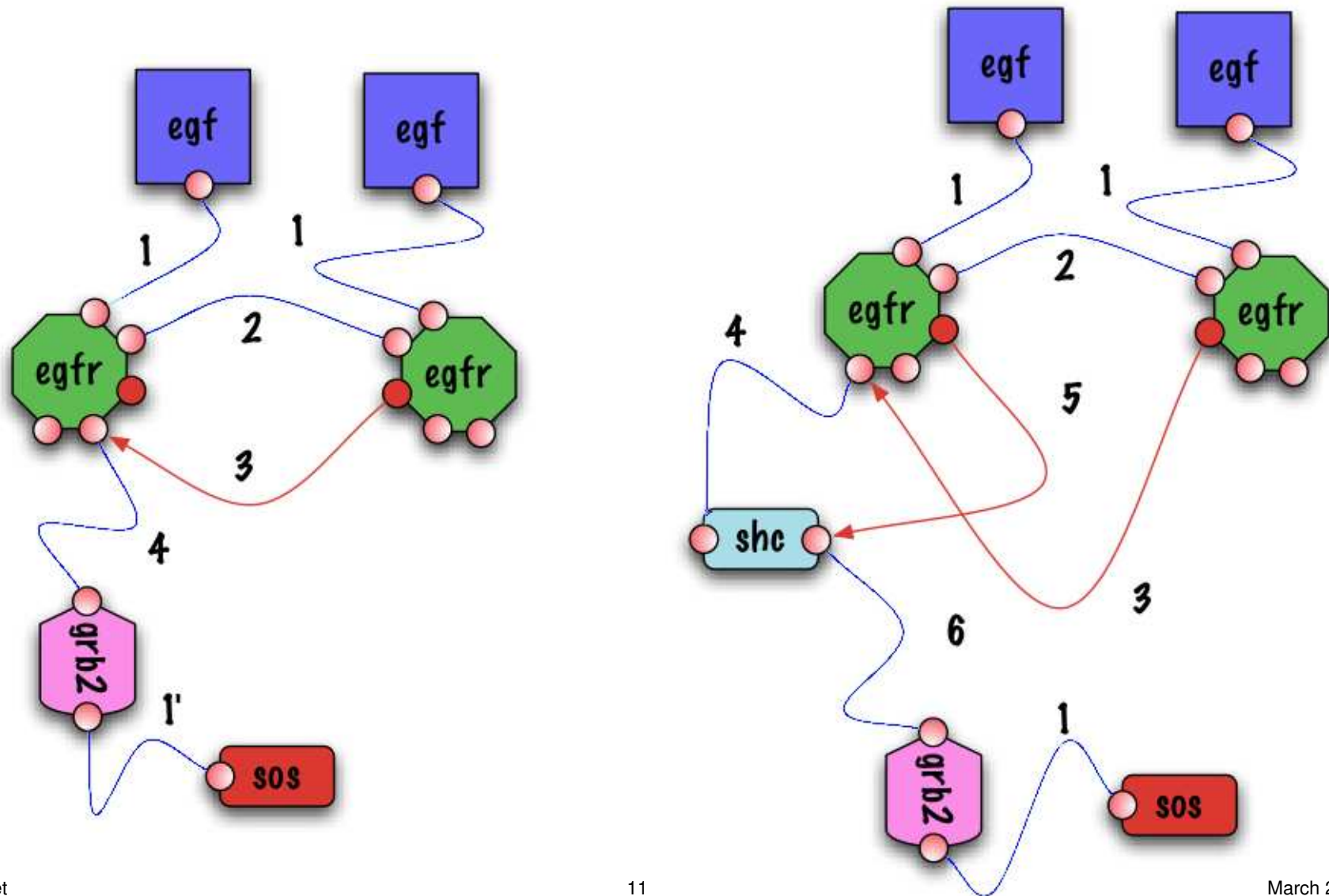
2. Model description is very compact.
3. Quantitative semantics can be defined.



# Complexity walls



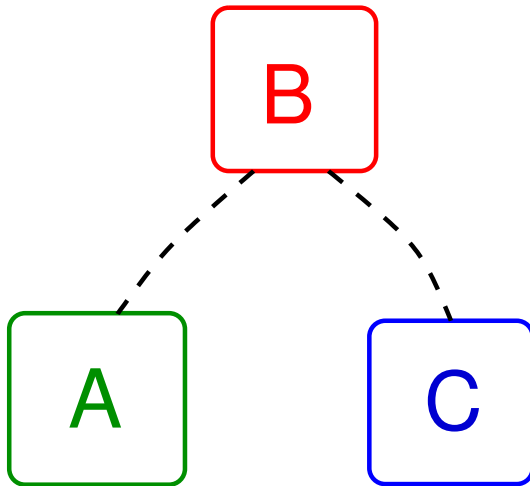
# A breach in the wall(s) ?



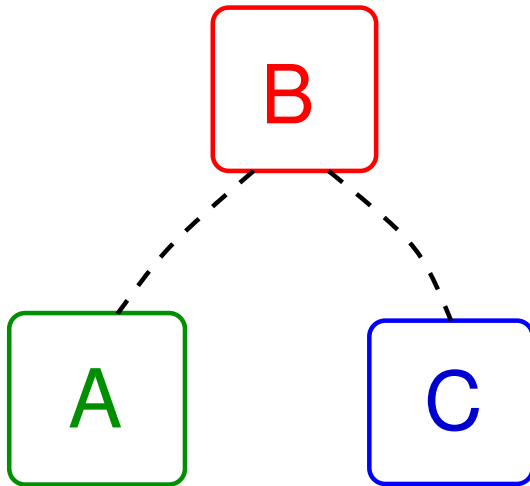
# Overview

1. Context and motivations
2. **Handmade ODEs**
  - (a) Independent subsystems
  - (b) Self-consistent subsystems
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. Abstract semantics
7. Conclusion

# Case study 1: **A simple adapter**

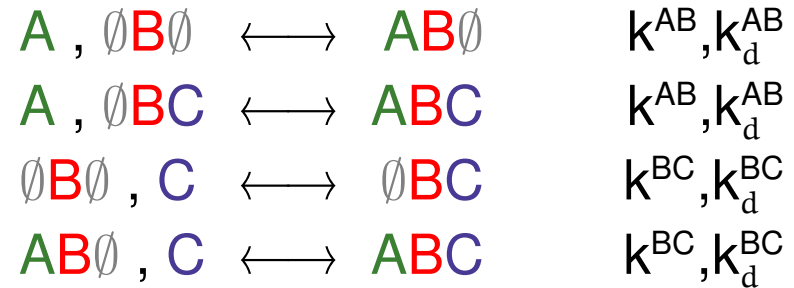
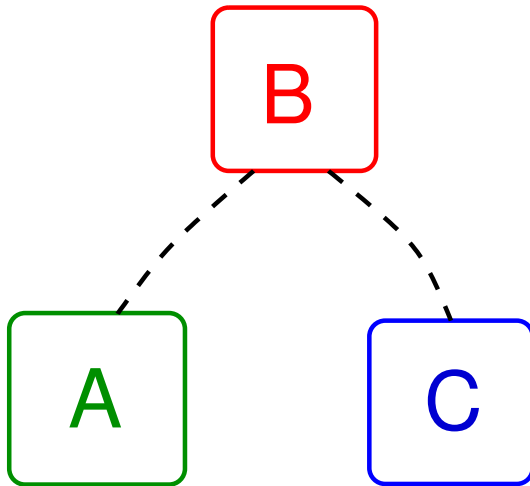


# Case study 1: A simple adapter



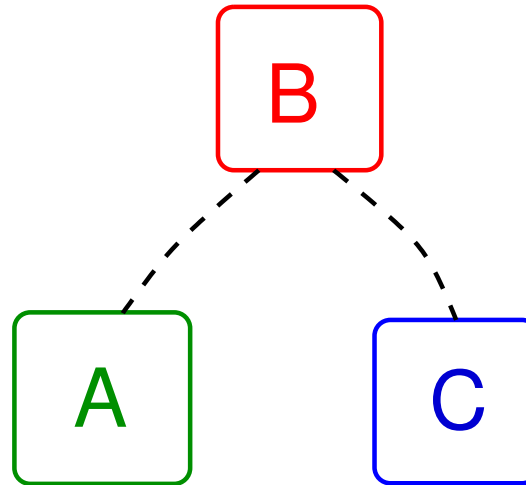
$$\begin{array}{ll}
 A, \emptyset B \emptyset & \longleftrightarrow AB \emptyset & k^{AB}, k_d^{AB} \\
 A, \emptyset BC & \longleftrightarrow ABC & k^{AB}, k_d^{AB} \\
 \emptyset B \emptyset, C & \longleftrightarrow \emptyset BC & k^{BC}, k_d^{BC} \\
 AB \emptyset, C & \longleftrightarrow ABC & k^{BC}, k_d^{BC}
 \end{array}$$

# Case study 1: A simple adapter

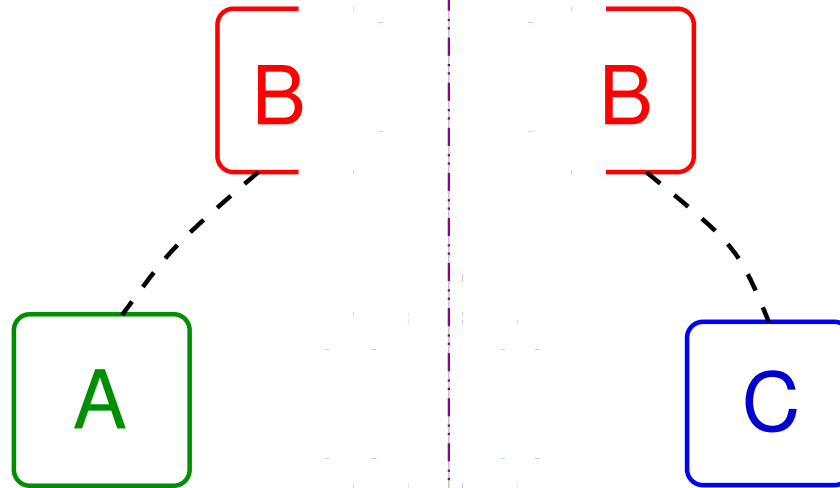


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k_d^{AB} \cdot ([AB \emptyset] + [ABC]) - [A] \cdot k_d^{AB} \cdot ([\emptyset B \emptyset] + [\emptyset BC]) \\
 \frac{d[C]}{dt} = k_d^{BC} \cdot ([\emptyset BC] + [ABC]) - [C] \cdot k_d^{BC} \cdot ([\emptyset B \emptyset] + [AB \emptyset]) \\
 \frac{d[\emptyset B \emptyset]}{dt} = k_d^{AB} \cdot [AB \emptyset] + k_d^{BC} \cdot [\emptyset BC] - [\emptyset B \emptyset] \cdot ([A] \cdot k_d^{AB} + [C] \cdot k_d^{BC}) \\
 \frac{d[AB \emptyset]}{dt} = [A] \cdot k_d^{AB} \cdot [\emptyset B \emptyset] + k_d^{BC} \cdot [ABC] - [AB \emptyset] \cdot (k_d^{AB} + [C] \cdot k_d^{BC}) \\
 \frac{d[\emptyset BC]}{dt} = k_d^{AB} \cdot [ABC] + [C] \cdot k_d^{BC} \cdot [\emptyset B \emptyset] - [\emptyset BC] \cdot (k_d^{BC} + [A] \cdot k_d^{AB}) \\
 \frac{d[ABC]}{dt} = [A] \cdot k_d^{AB} \cdot [\emptyset BC] + [C] \cdot k_d^{BC} \cdot [AB \emptyset] - [ABC] \cdot (k_d^{AB} + k_d^{BC})
 \end{array} \right.$$

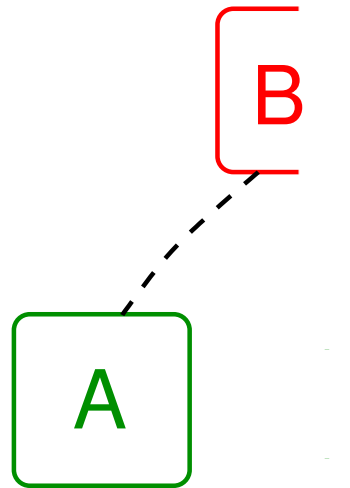
# Case study 1: **Two subsystems**



# Case study 1: **Two subsystems**



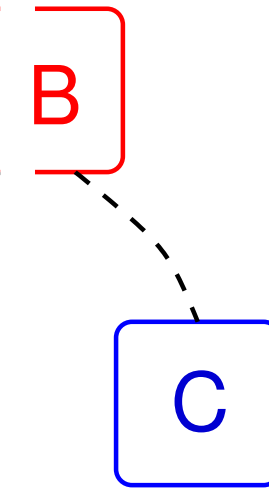
# Case study 1: Two subsystems



$$[AB?] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [AB\emptyset] + [ABC]$$

$$[\emptyset B?] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [\emptyset B\emptyset] + [\emptyset BC]$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k_d^{AB} \cdot [AB?] - [A] \cdot k^{AB} \cdot [\emptyset B?] \\ \frac{d[AB?]}{dt} = [A] \cdot k^{AB} \cdot [\emptyset B?] - k_d^{AB} \cdot [AB?] \\ \frac{d[\emptyset B?]}{dt} = k_d^{AB} \cdot [AB?] - [A] \cdot k^{AB} \cdot [\emptyset B?] \end{cases}$$



$$[?BC] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [\emptyset BC] + [ABC]$$

$$[?B\emptyset] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [\emptyset B\emptyset] + [AB\emptyset]$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d[C]}{dt} = k_d^{BC} \cdot [?BC] - [C] \cdot k^{BC} \cdot [?B\emptyset] \\ \frac{d[?BC]}{dt} = [C] \cdot k^{BC} \cdot [?B\emptyset] - k_d^{BC} \cdot [?BC] \\ \frac{d[?B\emptyset]}{dt} = k_d^{BC} \cdot [?BC] - [C] \cdot k^{BC} \cdot [?B\emptyset] \end{cases}$$

# Case study 1: Dependence index

We introduce:

$$[?B?] \triangleq [?B\emptyset] + [?BC].$$

The binding with A and with C would be independent if, and only if:

$$\frac{[ABC]}{[?BC]} = \frac{[AB?]}{[?B?]}.$$

Thus we define the dependence index as follows:

$$X \triangleq [ABC] \cdot [?B?] - [AB?] \cdot [?BC].$$

We have (after a short computation):

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = -X \cdot \left( [A] \cdot k^{AB} + k_d^{AB} + [C] \cdot k^{BC} + k_d^{BC} \right)$$

So the property:

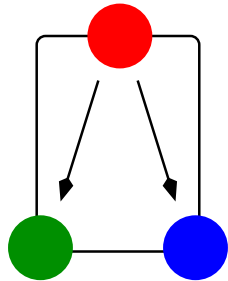
$$[ABC] = \frac{[AB?] \cdot [?BC]}{[?B?]}$$

is an invariant (i.e. if it holds at time  $t$ , it holds at any time  $t' \geq t$ ).

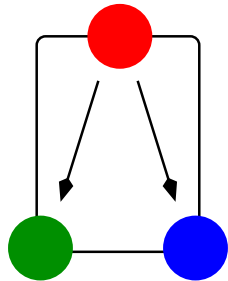
# Overview

1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
  - (a) Independent subsystems
  - (b) Self-consistent subsystems
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. Abstract semantics
7. Conclusion

## Case study 2: **A system with a switch**

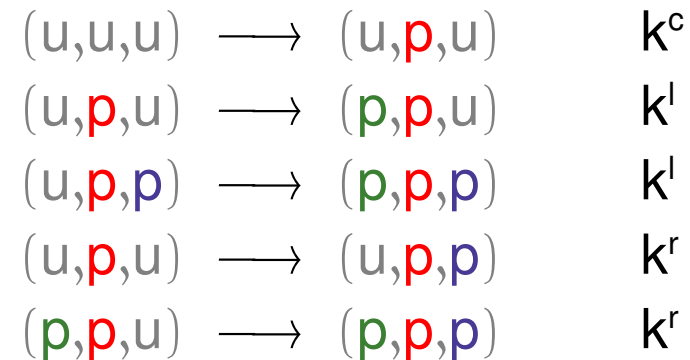
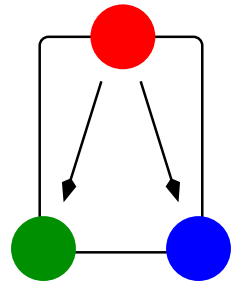


# Case study 2: **A system with a switch**



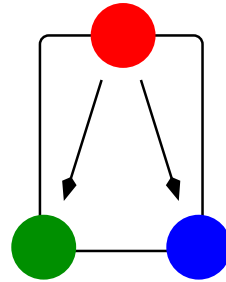
$(u, u, u)$	$\longrightarrow$	$(u, p, u)$	$k^c$
$(u, p, u)$	$\longrightarrow$	$(p, p, u)$	$k^l$
$(u, p, p)$	$\longrightarrow$	$(p, p, p)$	$k^l$
$(u, p, u)$	$\longrightarrow$	$(u, p, p)$	$k^r$
$(p, p, u)$	$\longrightarrow$	$(p, p, p)$	$k^r$

## Case study 2: A system with a switch

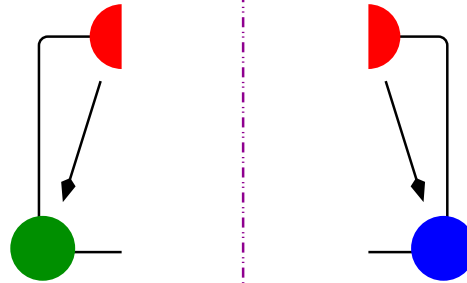


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d[(u, u, u)]}{dt} = -k^c \cdot [(u, u, u)] \\ \frac{d[(u, p, u)]}{dt} = -k^l \cdot [(u, p, u)] + k^c \cdot [(u, u, u)] - k^r \cdot [(u, p, u)] \\ \frac{d[(u, p, p)]}{dt} = -k^l \cdot [(u, p, p)] + k^r \cdot [(u, p, u)] \\ \frac{d[(p, p, u)]}{dt} = k^l \cdot [(u, p, u)] - k^r \cdot [(p, p, u)] \\ \frac{d[(p, p, p)]}{dt} = k^l \cdot [(u, p, p)] + k^r \cdot [(p, p, u)] \end{array} \right.$$

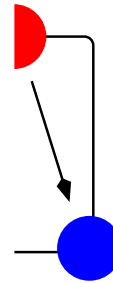
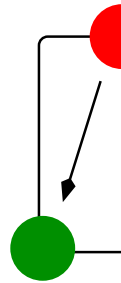
## Case study 2: **Two subsystems**



## Case study 2: Two subsystems



## Case study 2: Two subsystems



$$[(u, p, ?)] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [(u, p, u)] + [(u, p, p)]$$

$$[(p, p, ?)] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [(p, p, u)] + [(p, p, p)]$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d[(u, u, u)]}{dt} = -k^c \cdot [(u, u, u)] \\ \frac{d[(u, p, ?)]}{dt} = -k^l \cdot [(u, p, ?)] + k^c \cdot [(u, u, u)] \\ \frac{d[(p, p, ?)]}{dt} = k^l \cdot [(u, p, ?)] \end{cases}$$

$$[(?, p, u)] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [(u, p, u)] + [(p, p, u)]$$

$$[(?, p, p)] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [(u, p, p)] + [(p, p, p)]$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d[(u, u, u)]}{dt} = -k^c \cdot [(u, u, u)] \\ \frac{d[(?, p, u)]}{dt} = -k^r \cdot [(?, p, u)] + k^c \cdot [(u, u, u)] \\ \frac{d[(?, p, p)]}{dt} = k^r \cdot [(?, p, u)] \end{cases}$$

## Case study 2: Dependence index

We introduce:

$$[(?,p,?)] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [(?,p,u)] + [(?,p,p)]$$

The states of left site and right site would be independent if, and only if:

$$\frac{[(p,p,p)]}{[(p,p,?)]} = \frac{[(?,p,p)]}{[(?,p,?)]}.$$

Thus we define the dependence index as follows:

$$X \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [(p,p,p)] \cdot [(?,p,?)] - [(?,p,p)] \cdot [(p,p,?)].$$

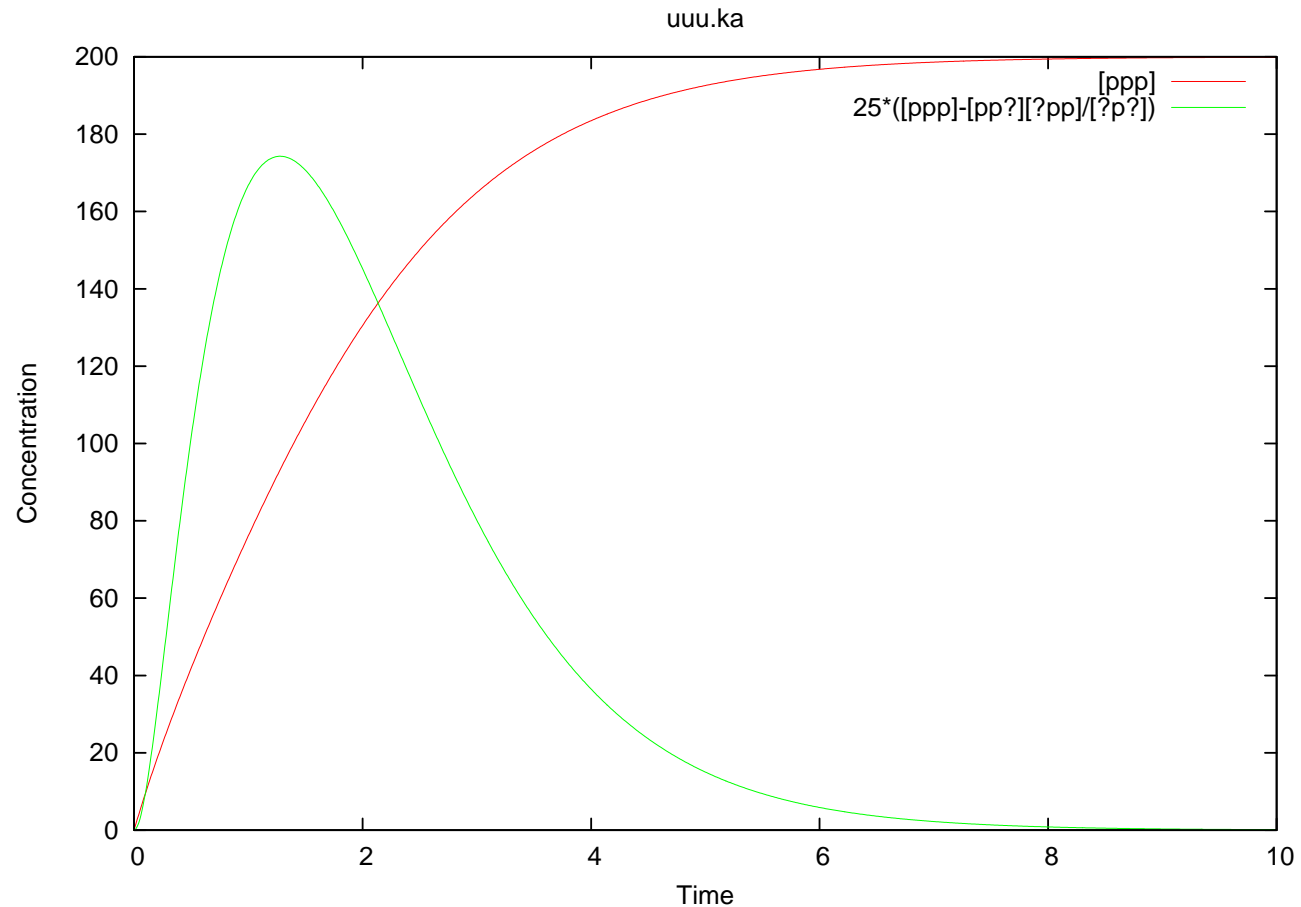
We have (after a short computation):

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = -X \cdot (k^l + k^r) + k^c \cdot [(p,p,p)] \cdot [(u,u,u)].$$

As a consequence, the property  $X = 0$  is not an invariant.

We can split the system into two subsystems,  
but we cannot recombine both subsystems without errors.

# Case study 2: Erroneous recombination



Concentrations evolution with respect to time ( $[(u,u,u)](0) = 200$ ).

$$[(p,p,p)] \text{ and } 25 \cdot \left( [(p,p,p)] - \frac{[(p,p,?)][(? ,p,p)]}{[ (? ,p,?) ]} \right)$$

# Conclusion

## 1. Independence:

- + the transformation is invertible:
  - we can recover the concentration of any species;
- it is a strong property
  - which is hard to prove,
  - which is hardly ever satisfied.

## 2. Self-consistency:

- some information is abstracted away
  - we cannot recover the concentration of any species;
- + it is a weak property
  - which is easy to ensure,
  - which is easy to propagate;
- + it captures the essence of the kinetics of systems.

We are going to track the correlations that are observed by the system.

# Overview

1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. **Abstract interpretation framework**
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. Abstract semantics
7. Conclusion

# Continuous differential semantics

Let  $\mathcal{V}$ , be a finite set of variables;  
and  $\mathbb{F}$ , be a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  mapping from  $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  into  $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
as for instance,

- $\mathcal{V} \triangleq \{[(u,u,u)], [(u,p,u)], [(p,p,u)], [(u,p,p)], [(p,p,p)]\}$ ,
- $\mathbb{F}(\rho) \triangleq \begin{cases} [(u,u,u)] \mapsto -k^c \cdot \rho([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(u,p,u)] \mapsto -k^l \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) + k^c \cdot \rho([(u,u,u)]) - k^r \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) \\ [(u,p,p)] \mapsto -k^l \cdot \rho([(u,p,p)]) + k^r \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) \\ [(p,p,u)] \mapsto k^l \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) - k^r \cdot \rho([(p,p,u)]) \\ [(p,p,p)] \mapsto k^l \cdot \rho([(u,p,p)]) + k^r \cdot \rho([(p,p,u)]). \end{cases}$

The continuous semantics maps each initial state  $X_0 \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  to the maximal solution  $X_{X_0} \in [0, T_{X_0}^{\max}[ \rightarrow (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+)$  which satisfies:

$$X_{X_0}(T) = X_0 + \int_{t=0}^T \mathbb{F}(X_{X_0}(t)) \cdot dt.$$

# Abstraction

An abstraction  $(\mathcal{V}^\#, \psi, \mathbb{F}^\#)$  is given by:

- $\mathcal{V}^\#$ : a finite set of observables,
- $\psi$ : a mapping from  $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathcal{V}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,
- $\mathbb{F}^\#$ : a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  mapping from  $\mathcal{V}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  into  $\mathcal{V}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ;

such that:

- $\psi$  is linear with positive coefficients,  
and for any sequence  $(x_n) \in (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+)^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $(\|x_n\|)$  diverges towards  $+\infty$ , then  $(\|\psi(x_n)\|^\#)$  diverges as well (for arbitrary norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|^\#$ ),
- $\mathbb{F}^\#$  is  $\psi$ -complete, i.e. the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}} & (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}) \\
 \psi \downarrow \ell^* & & \downarrow \ell^* \psi \\
 (\mathcal{V}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}^\#} & (\mathcal{V}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R})
 \end{array}$$

i.e.  $\psi \circ \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}^\# \circ \psi$ .

# Abstraction example

- $\mathcal{V} \triangleq \{[(u,u,u)], [(u,p,u)], [(p,p,u)], [(u,p,p)], [(p,p,p)]\}$
- $\mathbb{F}(\rho) \triangleq \begin{cases} [(u,u,u)] \mapsto -k^c \cdot \rho([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(u,p,u)] \mapsto -k^l \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) + k^c \cdot \rho([(u,u,u)]) - k^r \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) \\ [(u,p,p)] \mapsto -k^l \cdot \rho([(u,p,p)]) + k^r \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) \\ \dots \end{cases}$
- $\mathcal{V}^\# \triangleq \{[(u,u,u)], [(?,p,u)], [(?,p,p)], [(u,p,?)], [(p,p,?)]\}$
- $\psi(\rho) \triangleq \begin{cases} [(u,u,u)] \mapsto \rho([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(?,p,u)] \mapsto \rho([(u,p,u)]) + \rho([(p,p,u)]) \\ [(?,p,p)] \mapsto \rho([(u,p,p)]) + \rho([(p,p,p)]) \\ \dots \end{cases}$
- $\mathbb{F}^\#(\rho^\#) \triangleq \begin{cases} [(u,u,u)] \mapsto -k^c \cdot \rho^\#([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(?,p,u)] \mapsto -k^r \cdot \rho^\#([(?,p,u)]) + k^c \cdot \rho^\#([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(?,p,p)] \mapsto k^r \cdot \rho^\#([(?,p,u)]) \\ \dots \end{cases}$

(Completeness can be checked analytically.)

# Abstract continuous trajectories

Let  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbb{F})$  be a concrete system;

Let  $(\mathcal{V}^\#, \psi, \mathbb{F}^\#)$  be an abstraction of the concrete system  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbb{F})$ ;

Let  $X_0 \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be an initial (concrete) state.

We know that the following system:

$$Y_{\psi(X_0)}(T) = \psi(X_0) + \int_{t=0}^T \mathbb{F}^\# (Y_{\psi(X_0)}(t)) \cdot dt$$

has a unique maximal solution  $Y_{\psi(X_0)}$  such that  $Y_{\psi(X_0)} = \psi(X_0)$ .

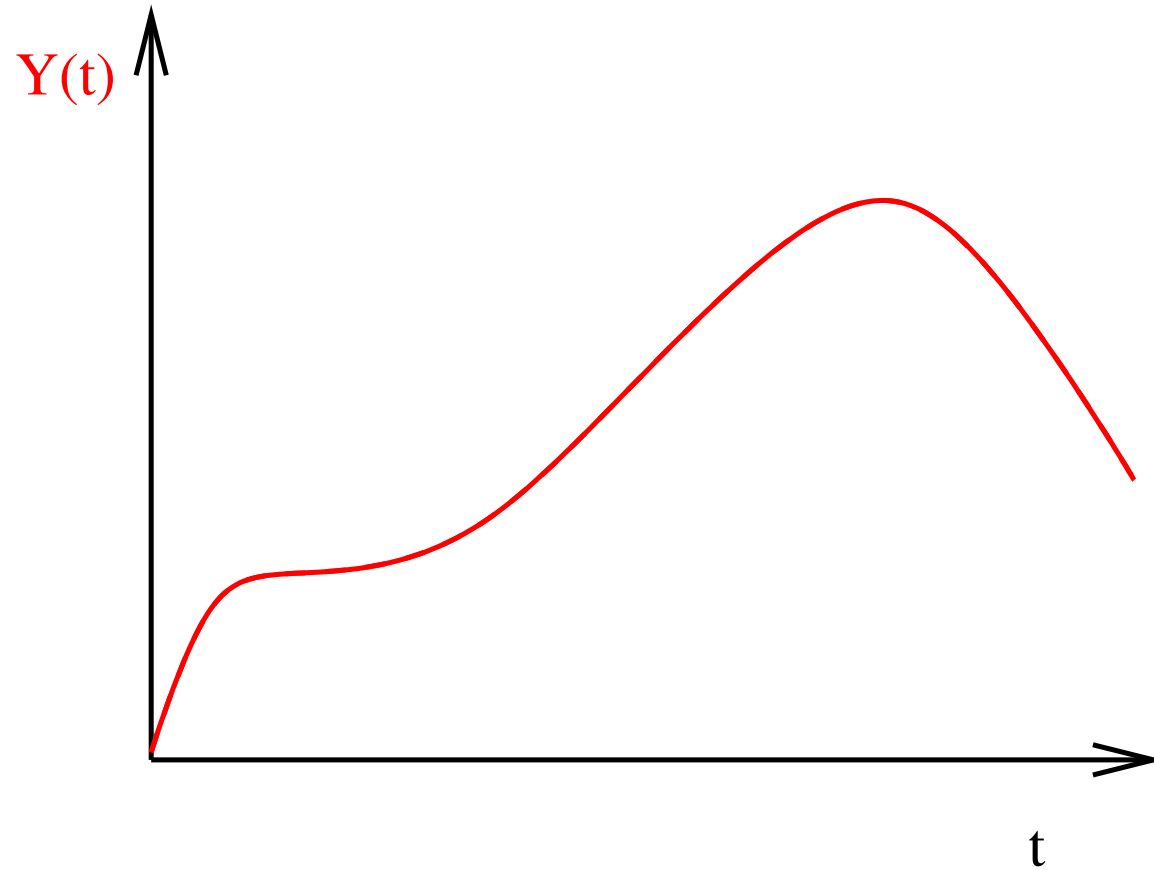
**Theorem 1** Moreover, this solution is the projection of the maximal solution  $X_{X_0}$  of the system

$$X_{X_0}(T) = X_0 + \int_{t=0}^T \mathbb{F} (X_{X_0}(t)) \cdot dt,$$

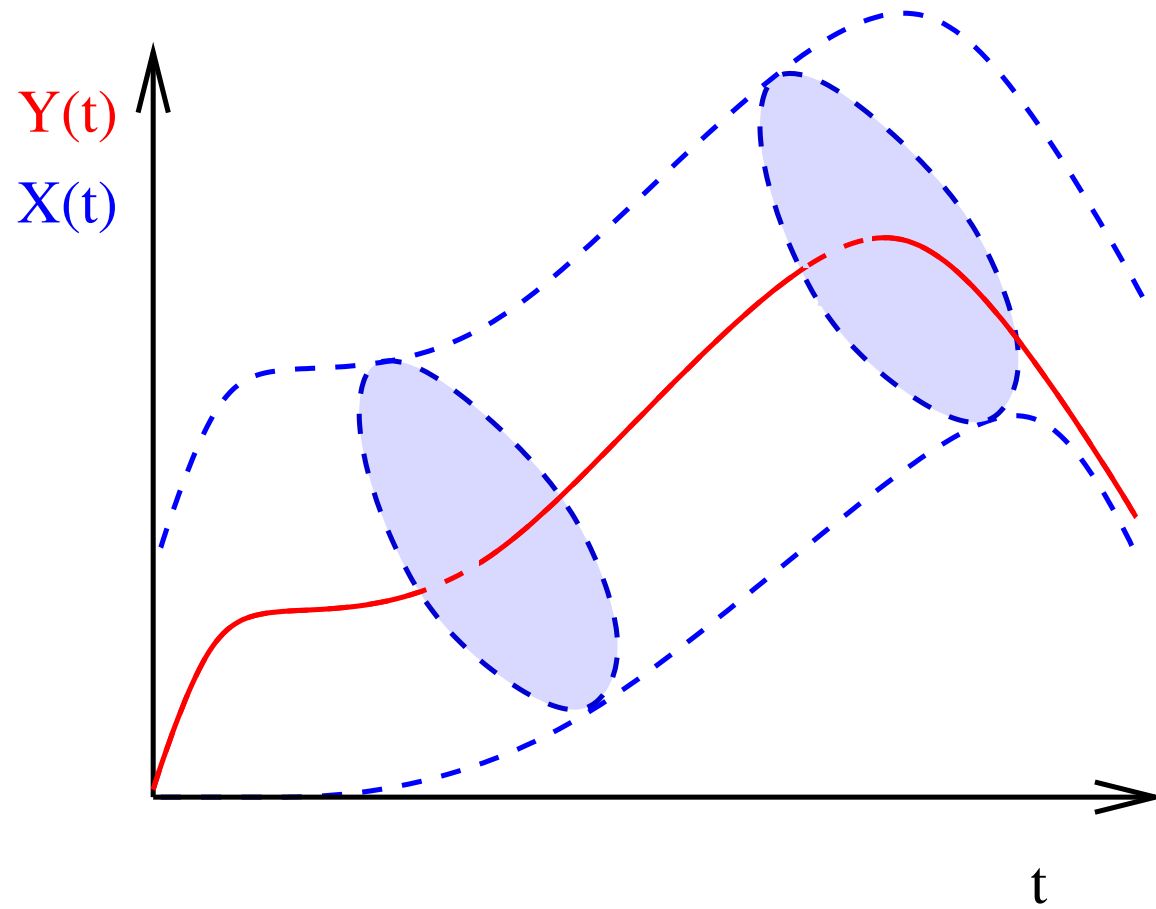
which satisfies  $X_{X_0}(0) = X_0$ .

(ie  $Y_{\psi(X_0)} = \psi(X_{X_0})$ )

# Fluid trajectories



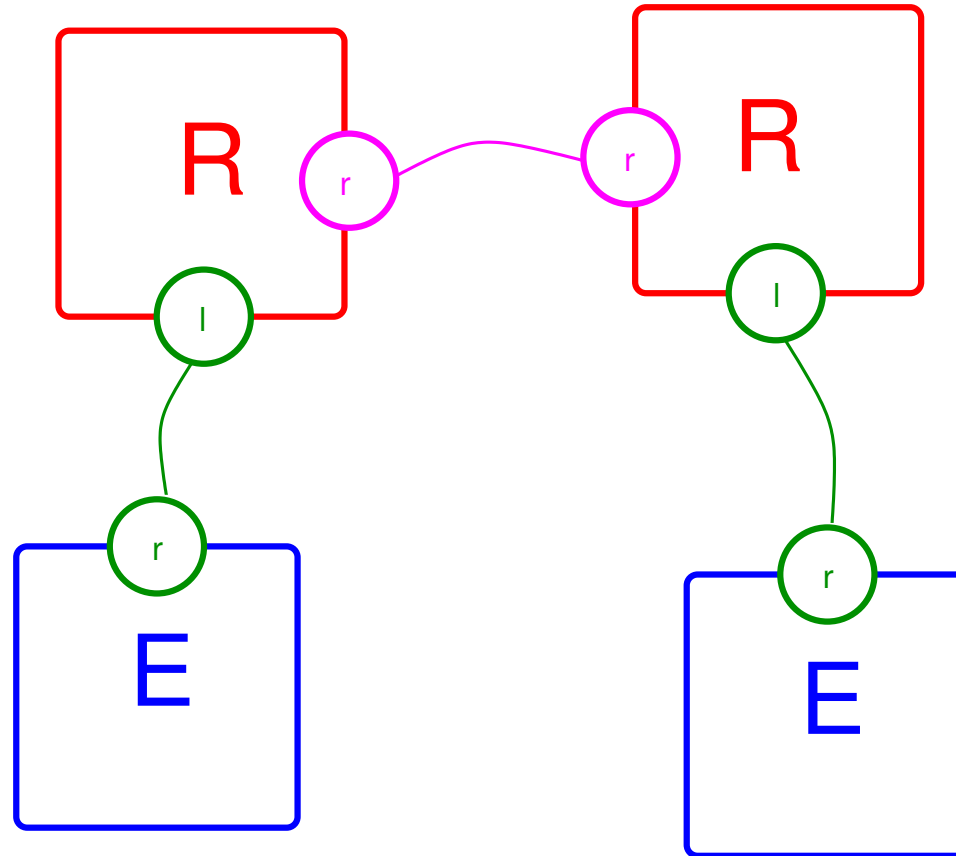
# Fluid trajectories



# Overview

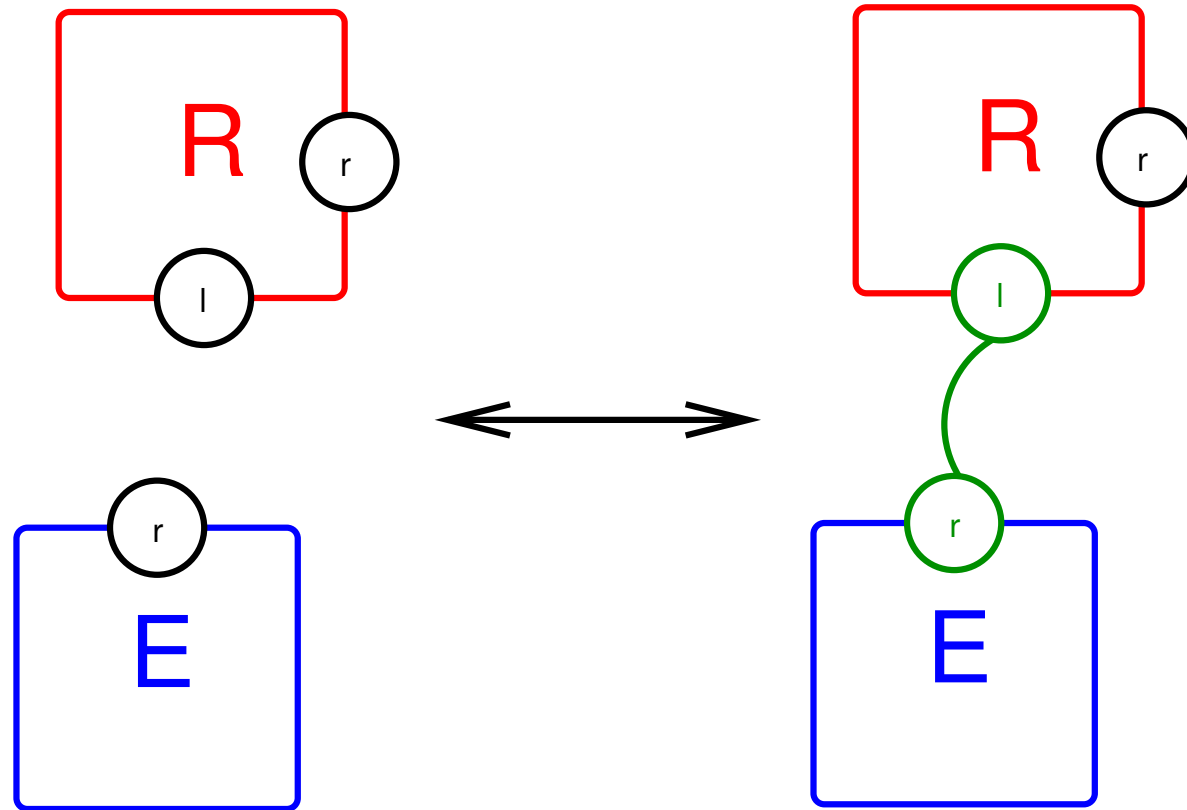
1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. **Kappa**
5. Concrete semantics
6. Abstract semantics
7. Conclusion

# A species



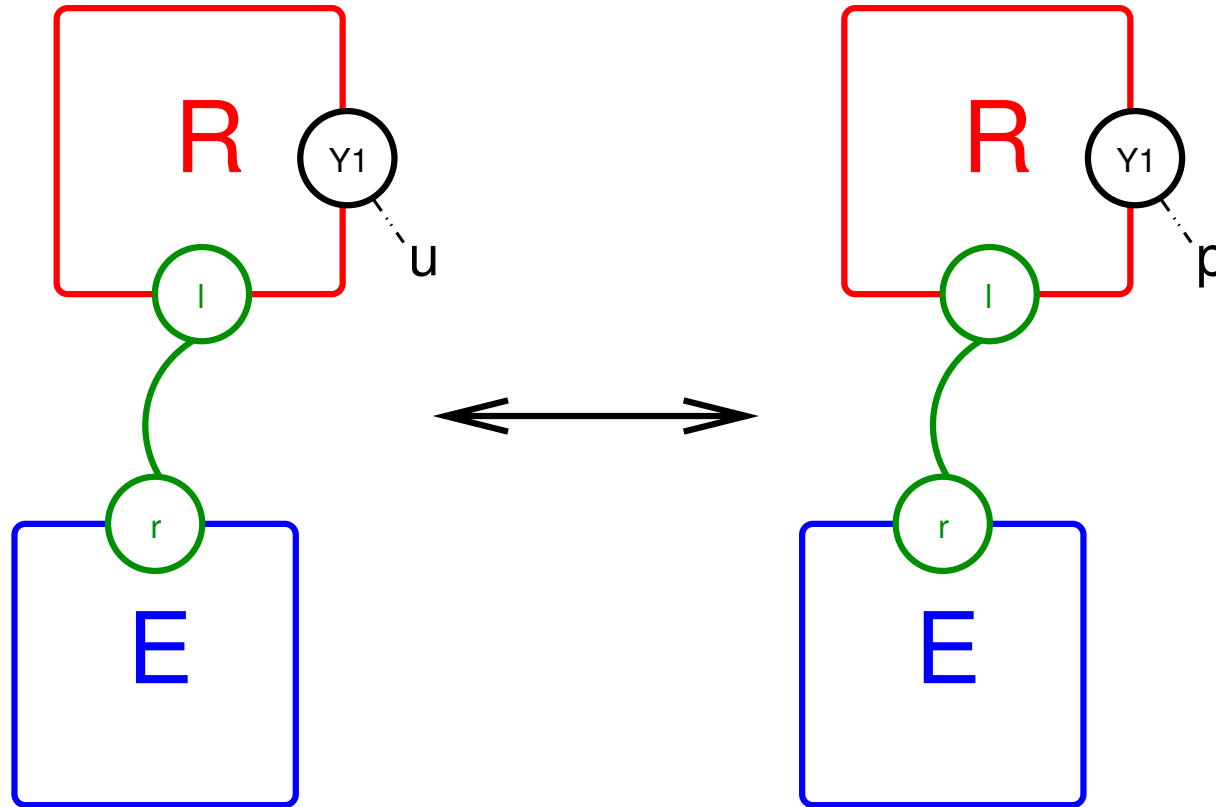
$E(r!1), R(I!1, r!2), R(r!2, I!3), E(r!3)$

# A Unbinding/Binding Rule



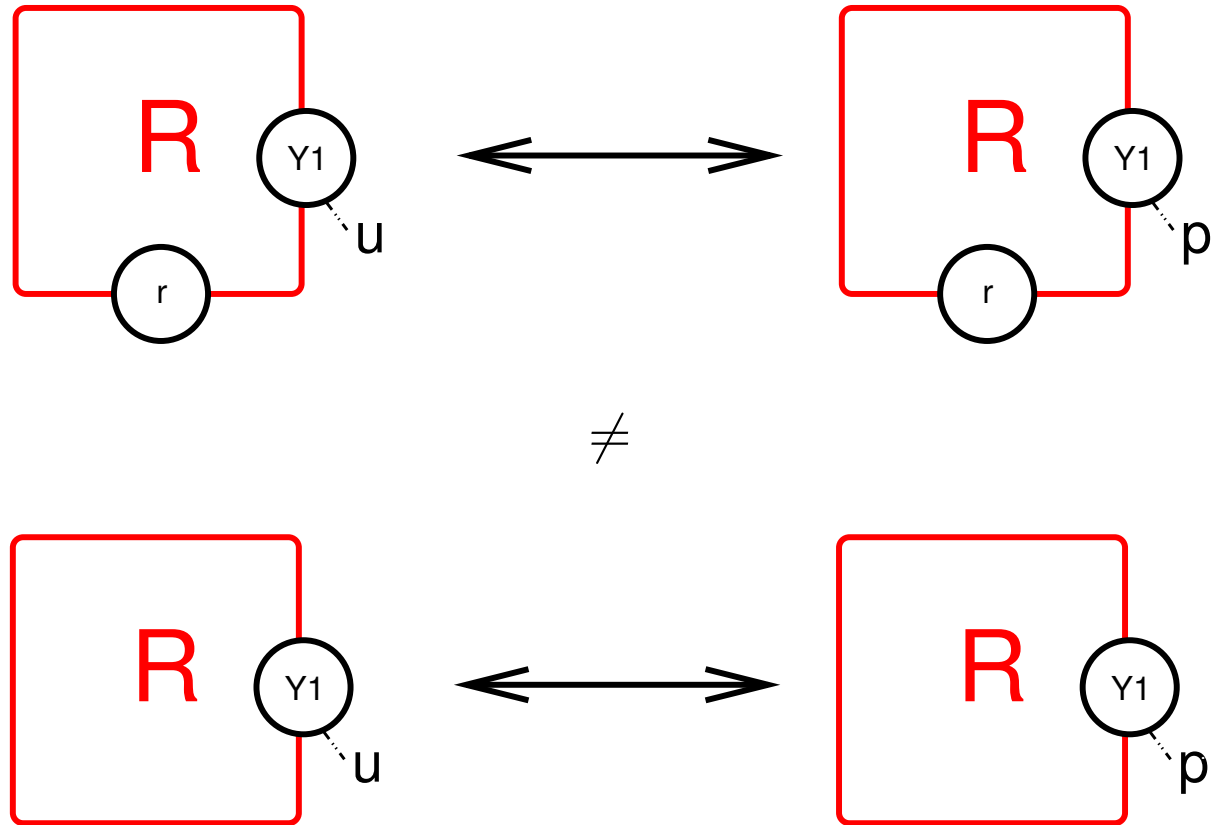
$$E(r), R(l,r) \longleftrightarrow E(r!1), R(l!1,r)$$

# Internal state

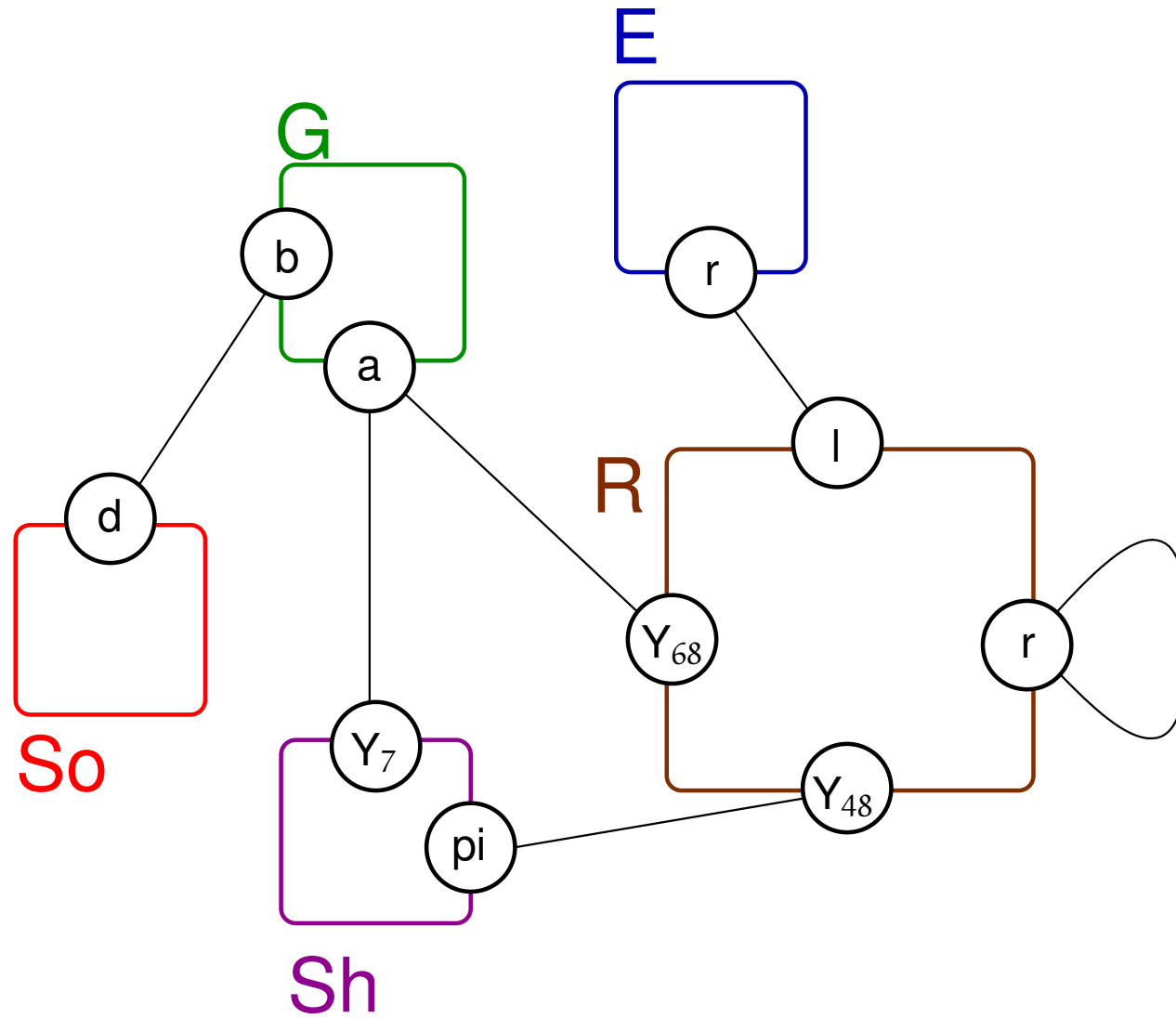


$$R(Y1 \sim u, I!1), E(r!1) \longleftrightarrow R(Y1 \sim p, I!1), E(r!1)$$

# Don't care, Don't write



# Contact map



# Overview

1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. **Concrete semantics**
6. Abstract semantics
7. Conclusion

# Requirements

## 1. Reachable species

A set  $\mathcal{R}$  of connected site-graphs such that:

- $\mathcal{R}$  is finite;
- $\mathcal{R}$  is closed with respect to rule application: i.e. applying a rule with a tuple of site-graphs in  $\mathcal{R}$  gives a tuple of site-graphs in  $\mathcal{R}$ ;

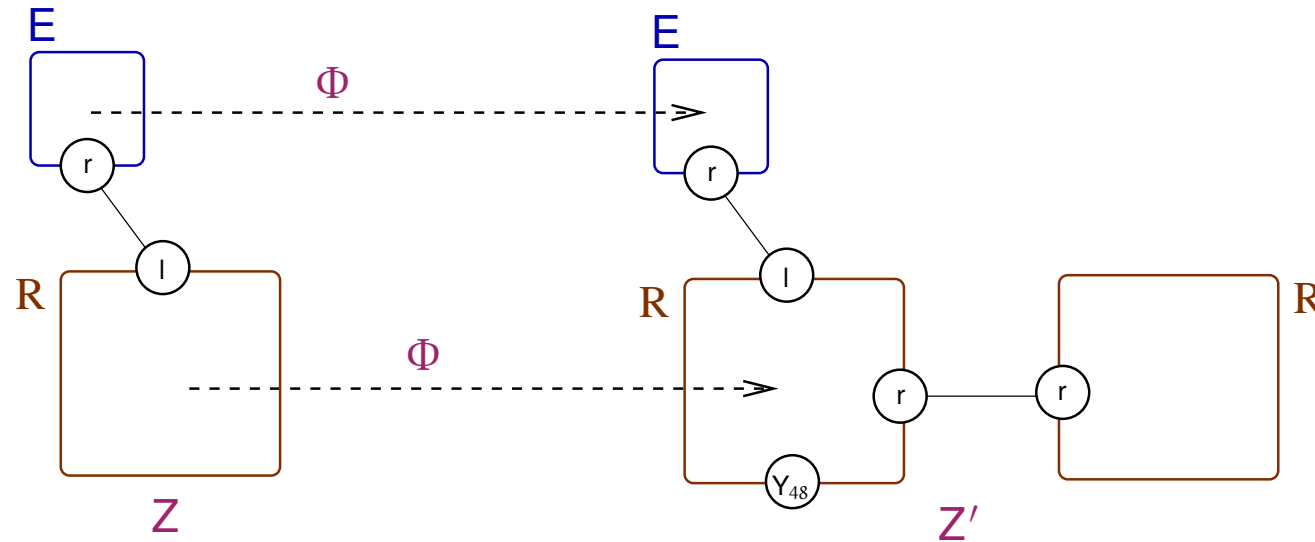
## 2. Rules are associated with kinetic factors

- the unit depends on the arity of the rule as follows:

$$\left(\frac{L}{mol}\right)^{arity-1} \cdot s^{-1}$$

where *arity* is the number of connected components in the lhs.

# Embedding



We write  $Z \triangleleft_{\Phi} Z'$  iff:

- $\Phi$  is a site-graph morphism:
  - $i$  is less specific than  $\Phi(i)$ ,
  - if there is a link between  $(i, s)$  and  $(i', s')$ , then there is a link between  $(\Phi(i), s)$  and  $(\Phi(i'), s')$ .
- $\Phi$  is an into map (injective):
  - $\Phi(i) = \Phi(i')$  implies that  $i = i'$ .

# Differential system

Let us consider a rule  $rule: lhs \rightarrow rhs \quad k$ .

A ground instantiation of  $rule$  is defined by an embedding  $\phi$  between  $lhs$  into a tuple  $(r_i)$  of elements in  $\mathcal{R}$  such that:

1.  $lhs$  and  $IM(\phi)$  have the same number of connected components;
2.  $\phi$  preserves disconnectiveness.

and is written:  $r_1, \dots, r_m \rightarrow p_1, \dots, p_n \quad k$ .

For each such ground instantiation, we get:

$$\frac{d[r_i]}{dt} \stackrel{=}{=} \frac{k \cdot \prod [r_i]}{SYM(lhs)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d[p_i]}{dt} \stackrel{=}{=} \frac{k \cdot \prod [r_i]}{SYM(lhs)}.$$

where  $SYM(E) = \#\{\Phi \mid E \triangleleft_{\Phi} E\}$ .

# Overview

1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. **Abstract semantics**
  - (a) **Fragments**
  - (b) Soundness criteria
  - (c) Abstract counterpart
  - (d) Reduction into a network
7. Conclusion

# Abstract domain

We are looking for suitable pair  $(\mathcal{V}^\#, \psi)$  (such that  $\mathbb{F}^\#$  exists)

The set of linear variable replacements is too big to be explored.

We introduce a specific shape on  $(\mathcal{V}^\#, \psi)$  so as:

- restrict the exploration;
- drive the intuition;
- having efficient way to find suitable abstractions  $(\mathcal{V}^\#, \psi)$  and to compute  $\mathbb{F}^\#$ .

Our choice might be not optimal, but we can live with that.

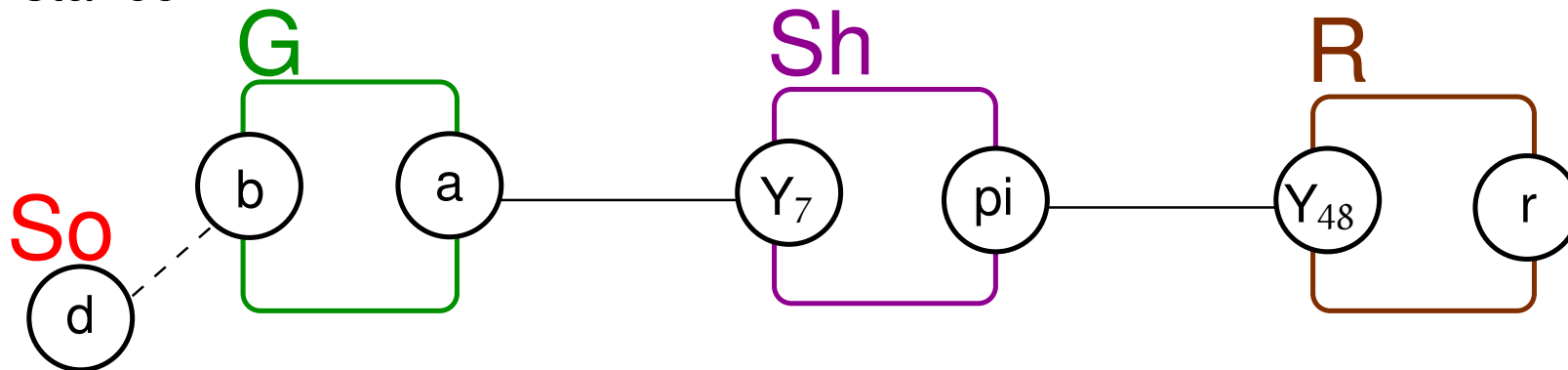
# Partial species

Fragments are well-chosen *partial species*.

A partial species  $X \in \mathcal{P}$  is a connected site-graph such that:

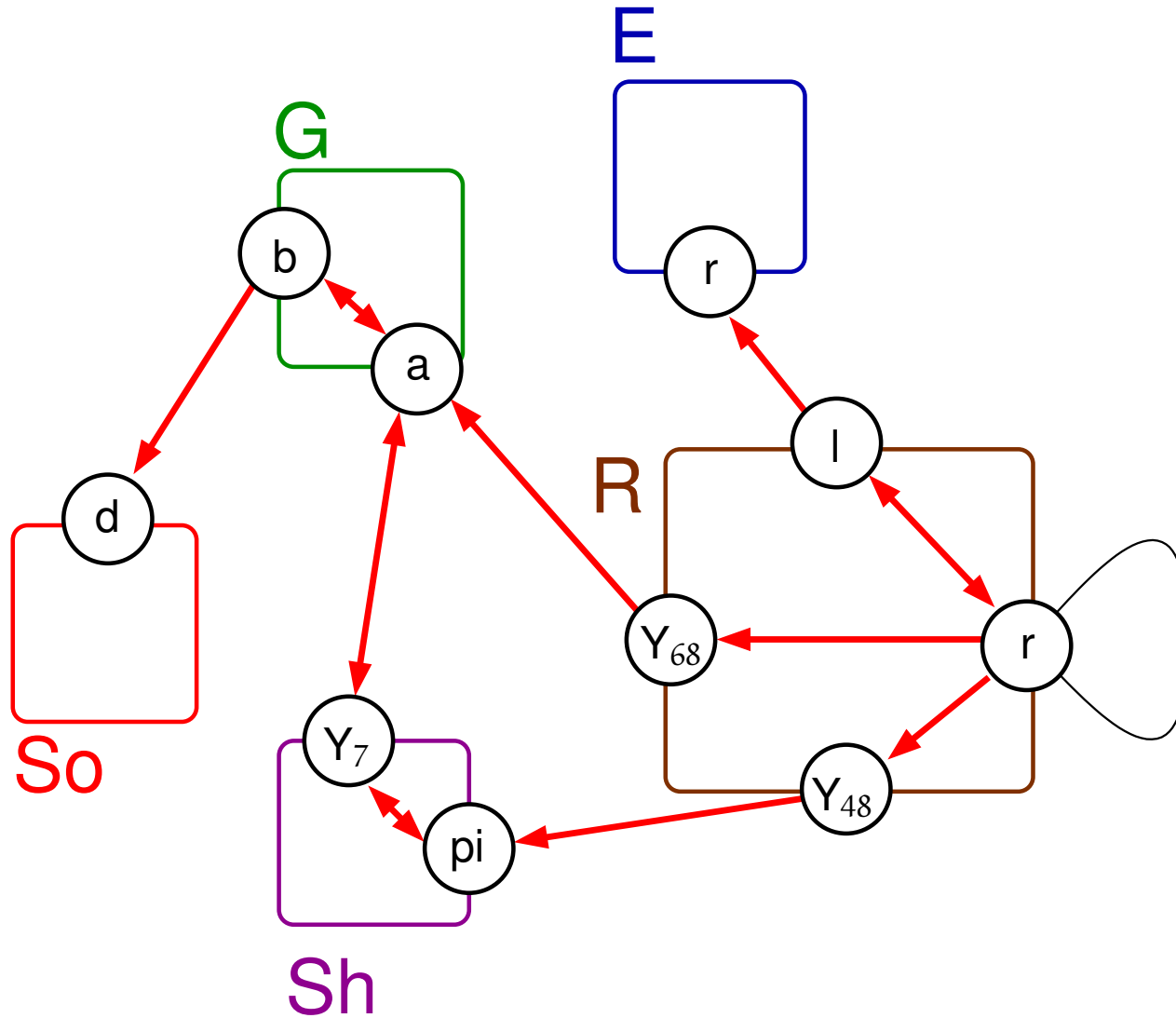
- the set of the sites of each node of type  $A$  is a subset of the set of the sites of  $A$ ;
- sites are free, bound to an other site, or tagged with a binding type.

For instance:



$$G(b!d.\mathbf{So},a!1),\mathbf{Sh}(Y_7!1,pi!2),\mathbf{R}(Y_{48}!2,r)$$

# Annotated contact map



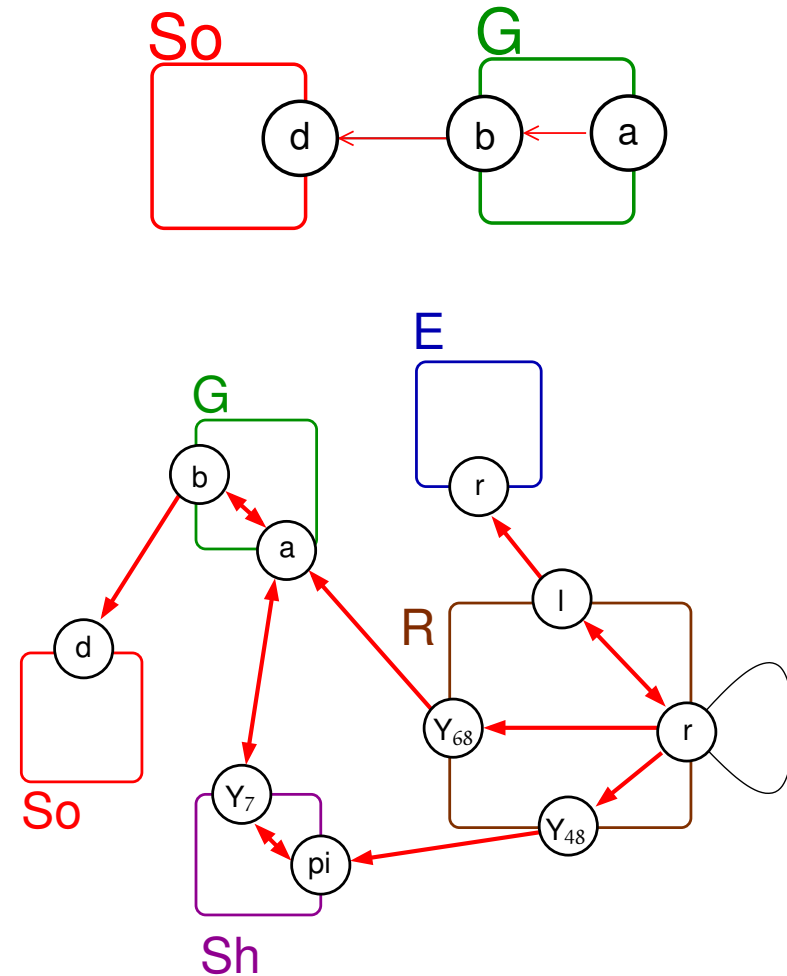
# Fragments and prefragments

A **prefragment** is a partial species for which there exists a binary relations  $\rightarrow$  between sites such that:

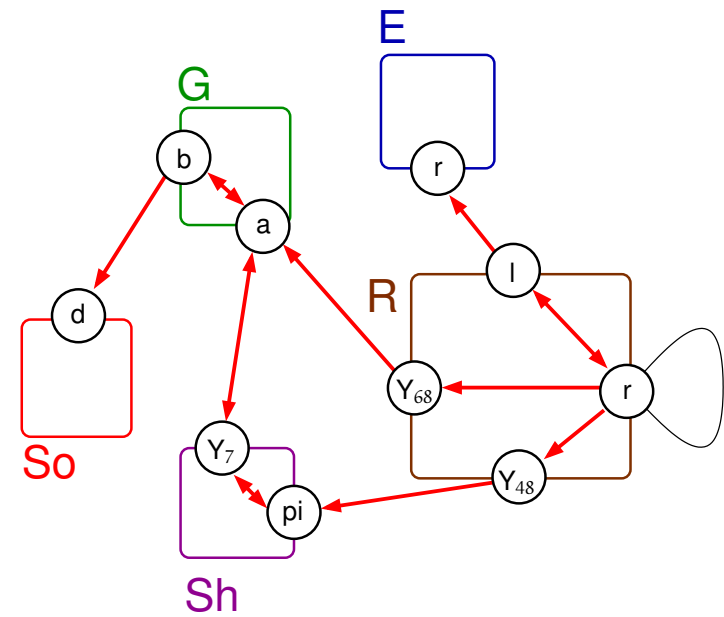
- **Directed preorder**: for any pair of sites  $x$  and  $y$  there is a site  $z$  such that:  $x \rightarrow^* z$  and  $y \rightarrow^* z$ .
- **Compatibility**: any edge  $\rightarrow$  can be projected to an edge in the annotated contact map.

A **fragment** is a prefragment  $F$  such that:

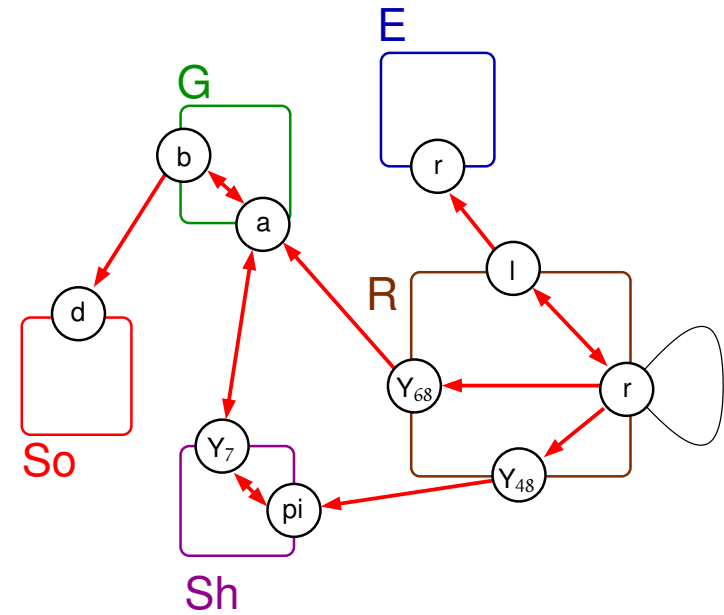
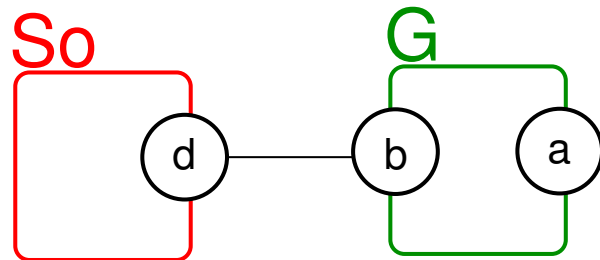
- **Parsimoniousness**: for any prefragment  $F'$  such that  $F \triangleleft F'$ , we also have  $F' \triangleleft F$ .



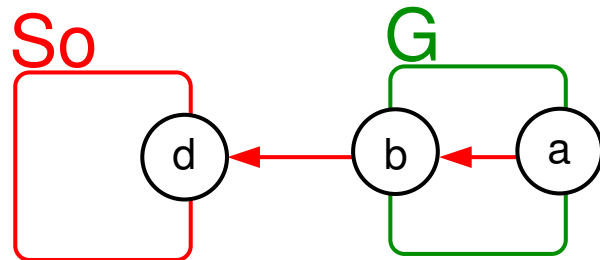
# Are they fragments ?



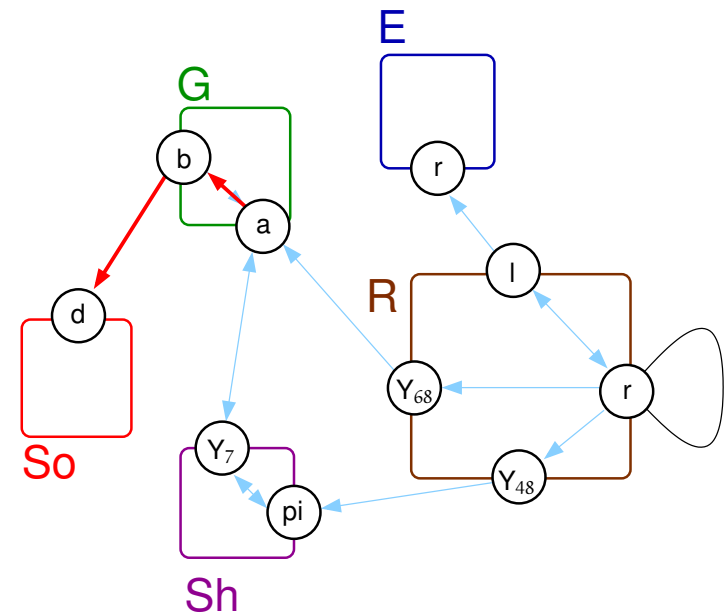
# Are they fragments ?



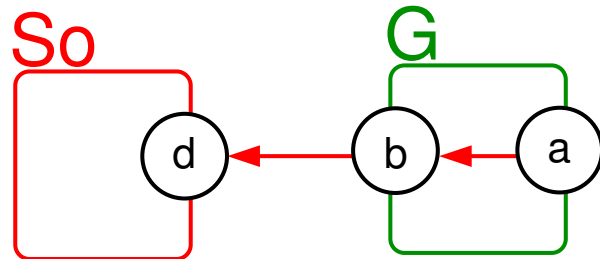
# Are they fragments ?



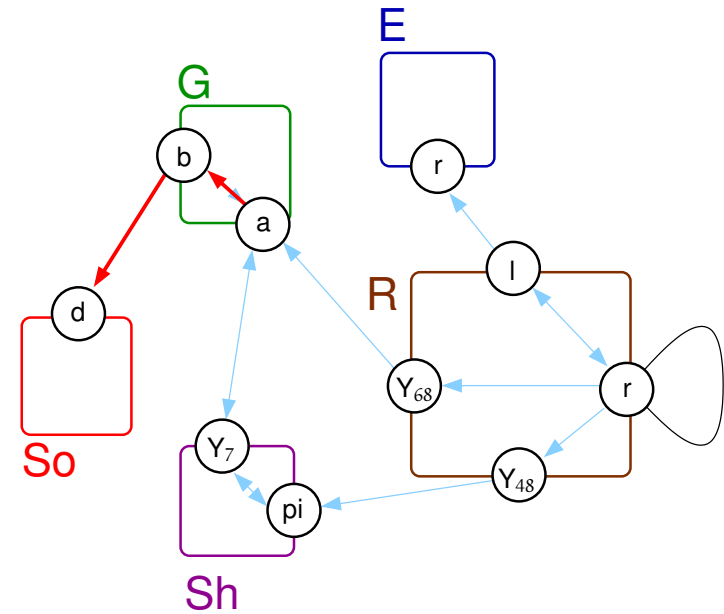
Thus, it is a prefragment.



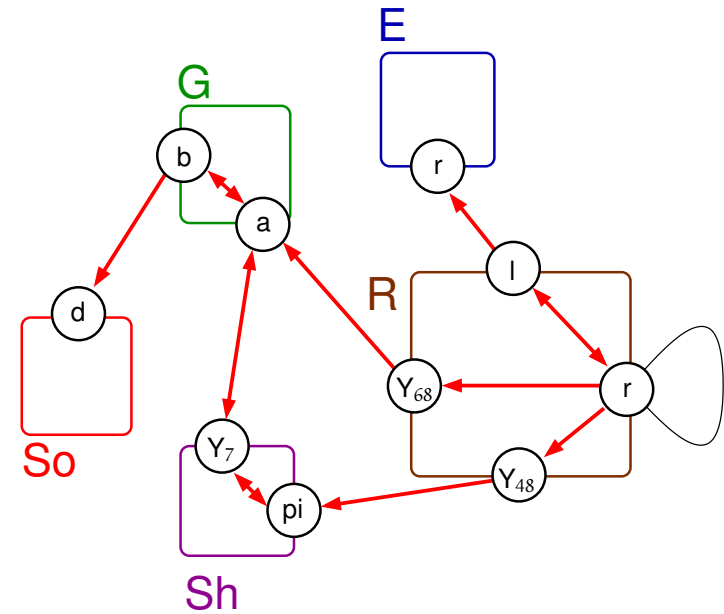
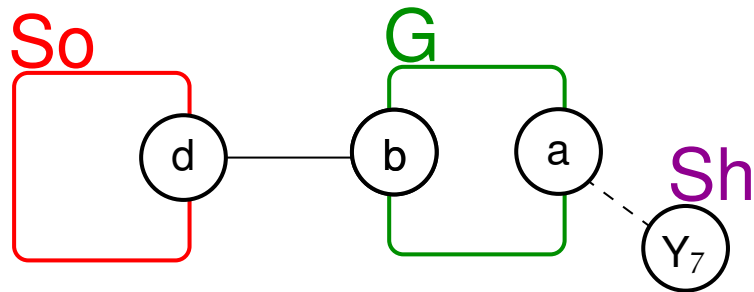
# Are they fragments ?



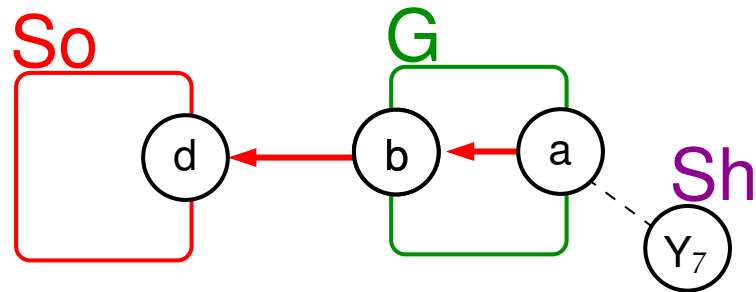
It is maximally specified.  
Thus **it is a fragment.**



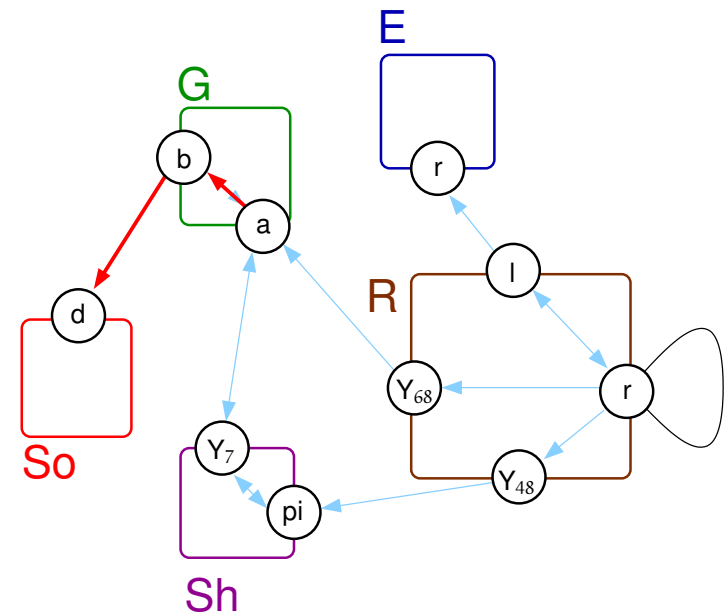
# Are they fragments ?



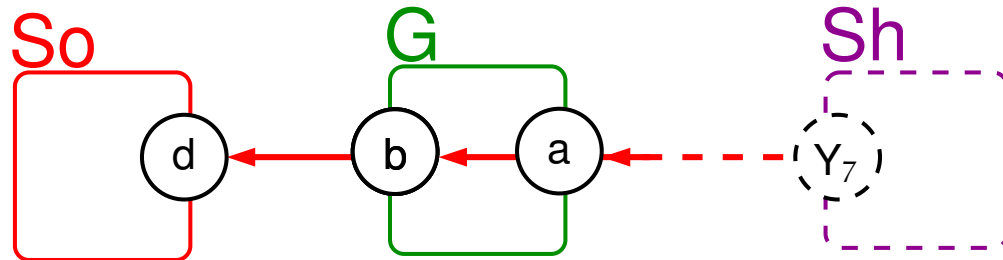
# Are they fragments ?



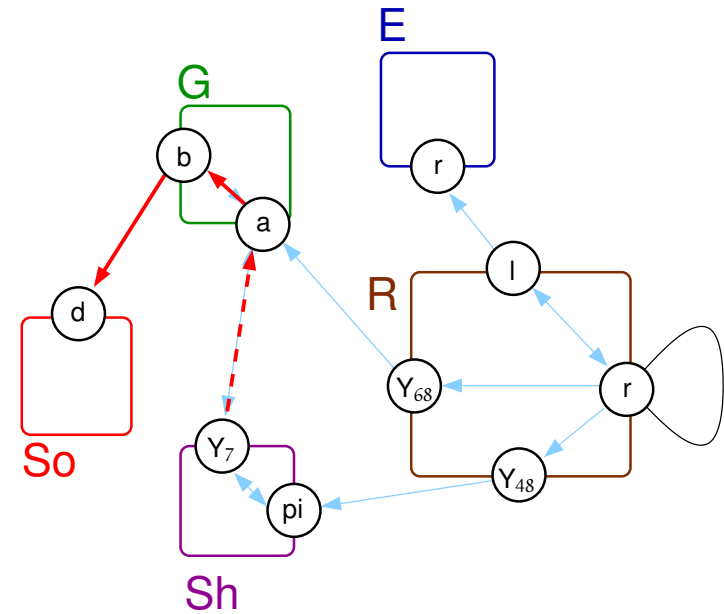
Thus, it is a prefragment.



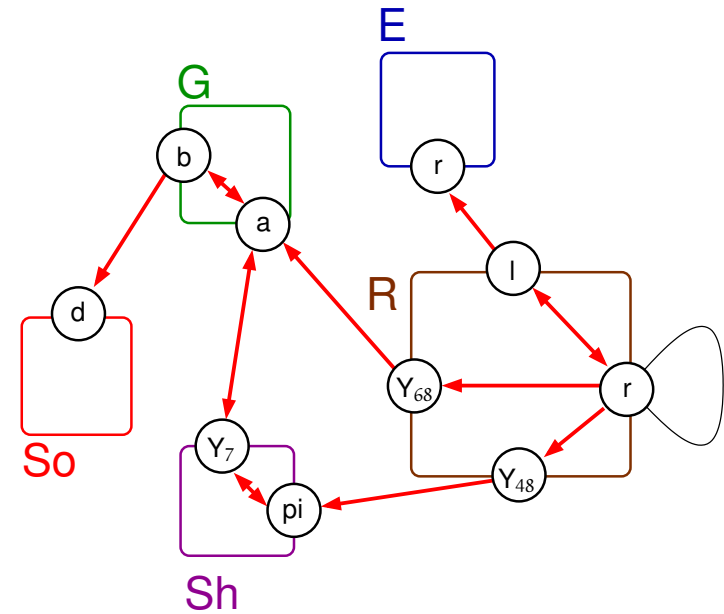
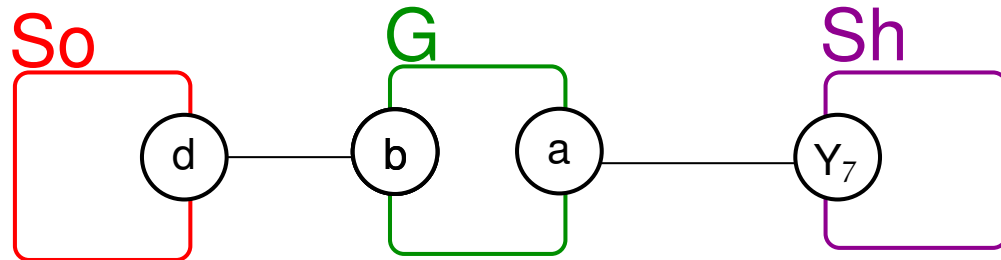
# Are they fragments ?



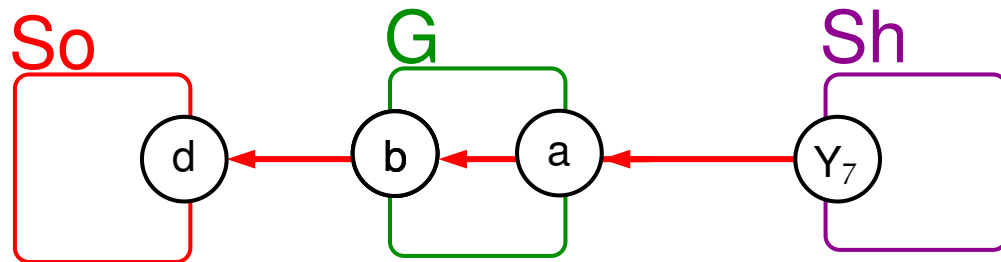
It can be refined into another prefragment.  
Thus, **it is not a fragment.**



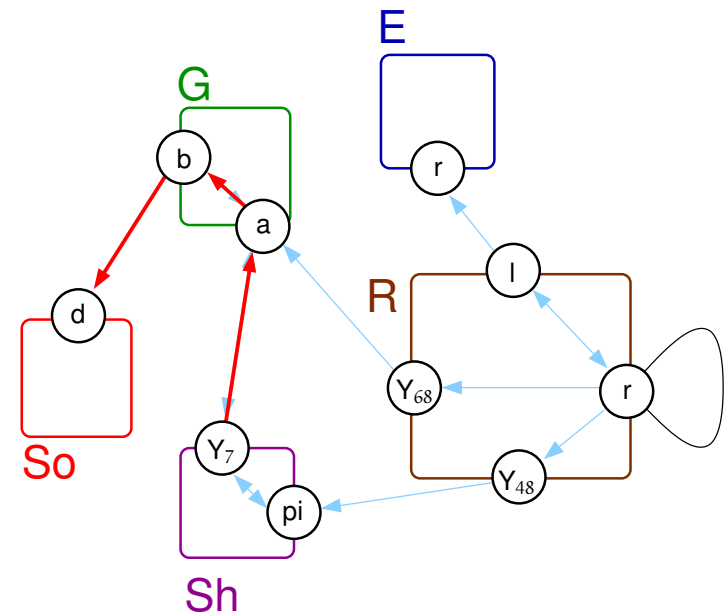
# Are they fragments ?



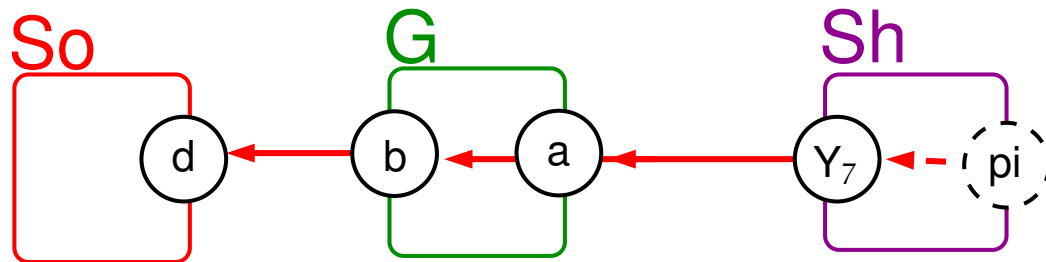
# Are they fragments ?



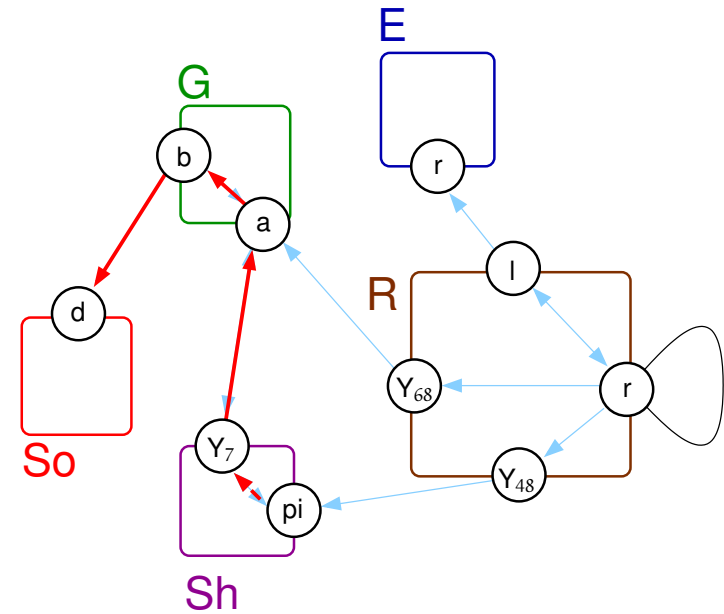
Thus, it is a prefragment.



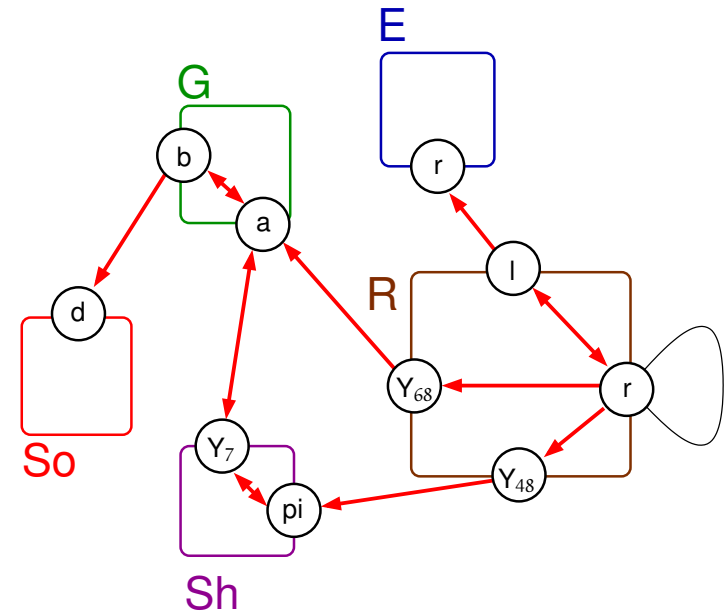
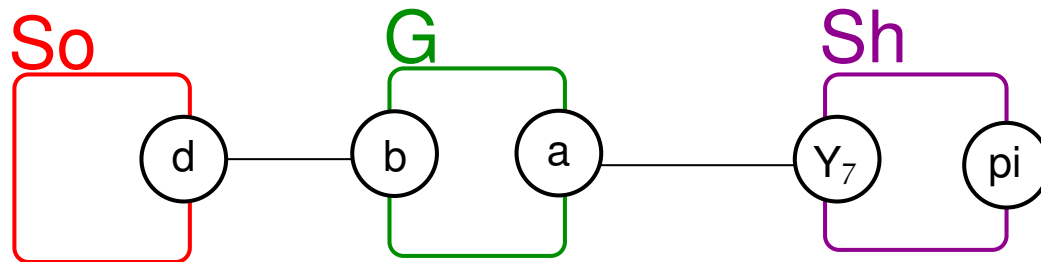
# Are they fragments ?



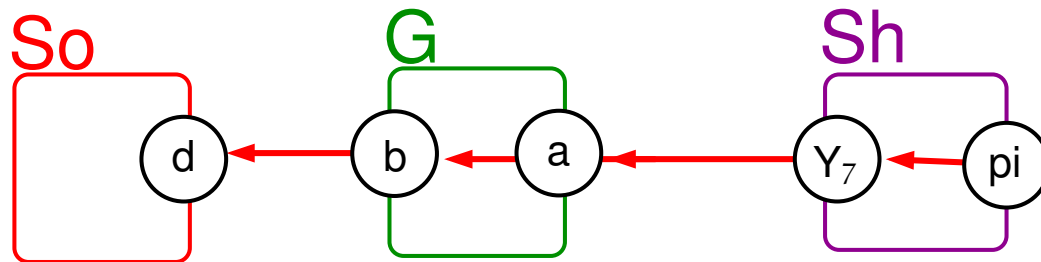
It can be refined into another prefragment.  
Thus, **it is not a fragment.**



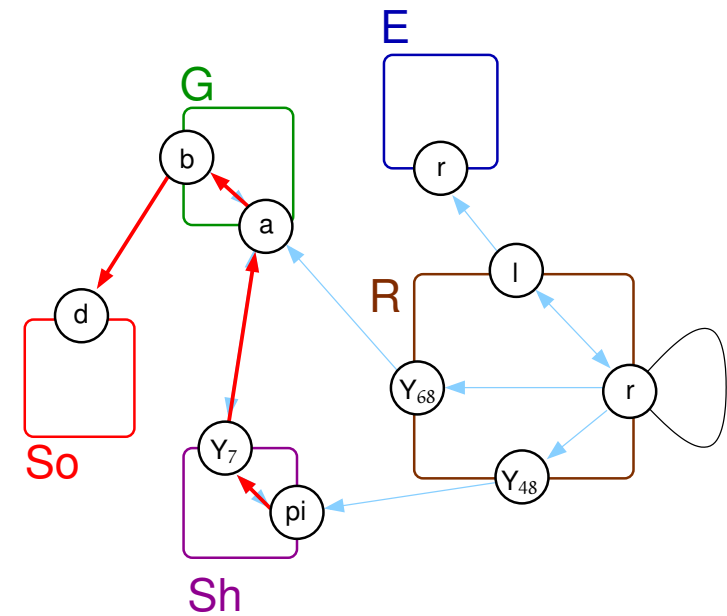
# Are they fragments ?



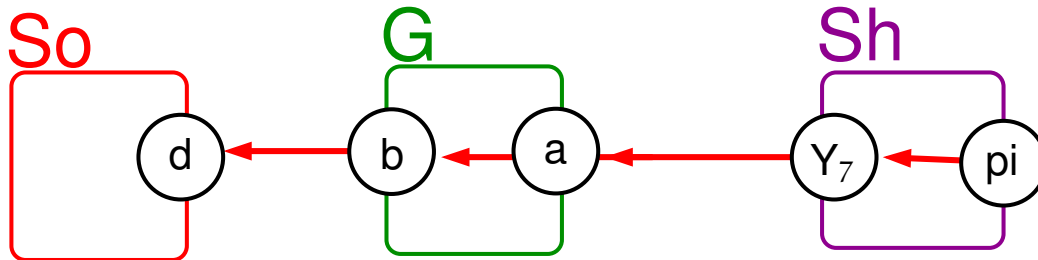
# Are they fragments ?



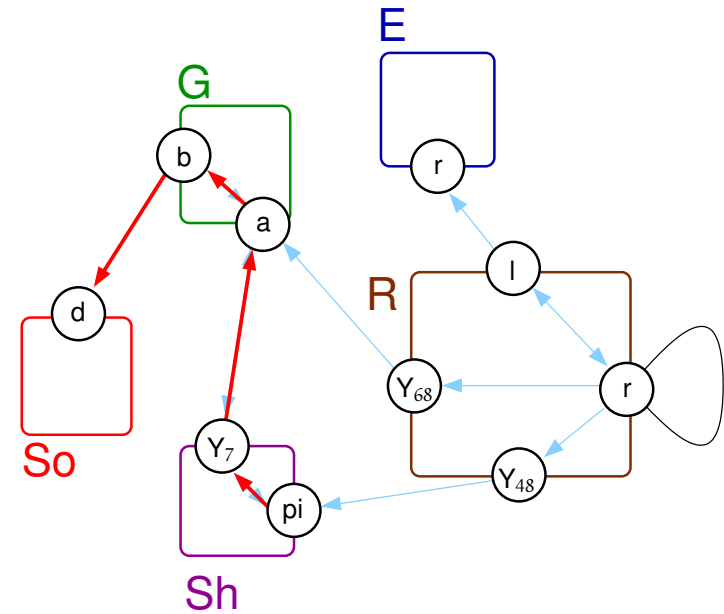
Thus, it is a prefragment.



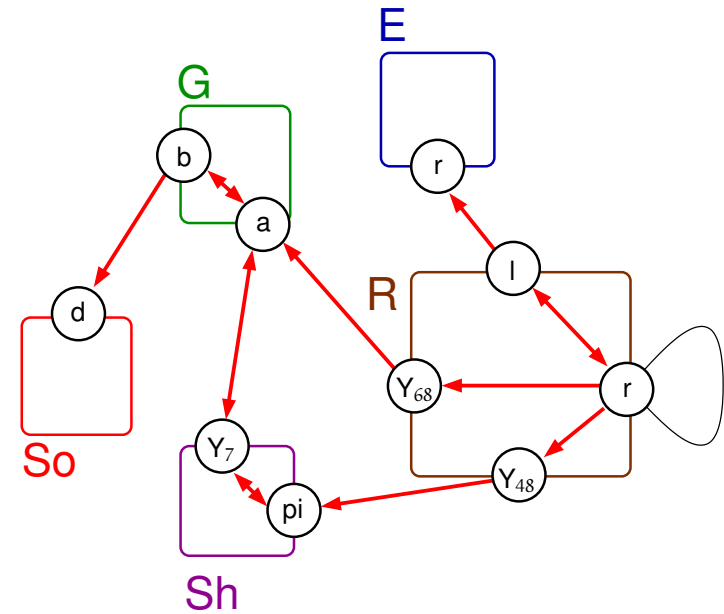
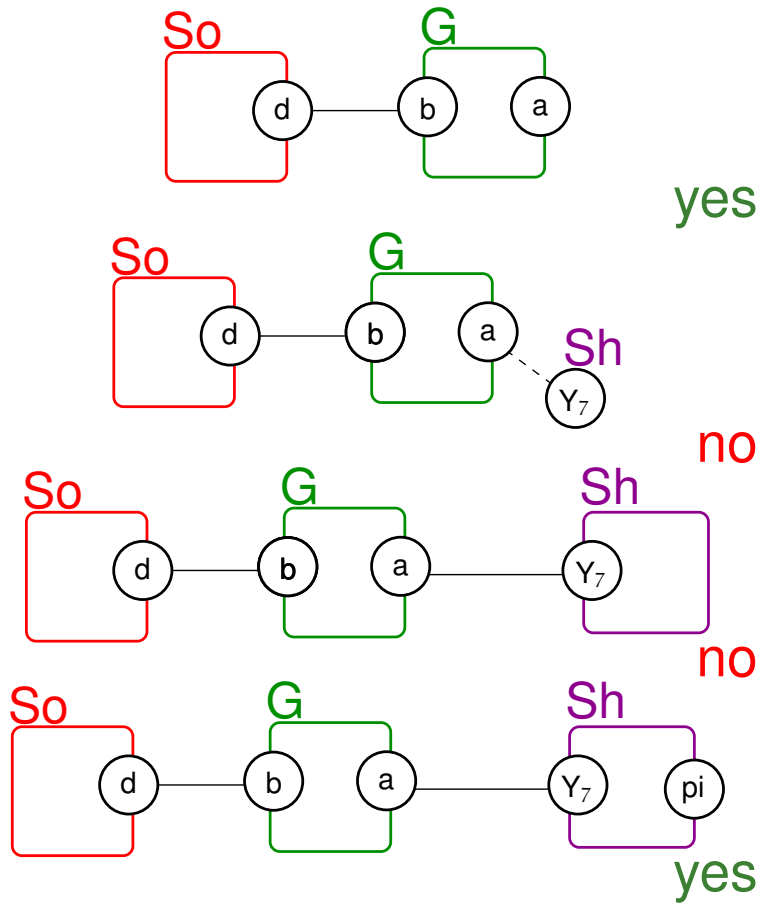
# Are they fragments ?



It is maximally specified.  
Thus **it is a fragment.**



# Are they fragments ?



# Basic properties

1. We call a sub-fragment any partial species which can be embedded into a fragment.

**Property 1 (sub-fragment)** The concentration of any sub-fragment can be expressed as a linear combination of the concentration of some fragments.

2. We consider two norms  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\|\cdot\|^\#$  on  $\mathcal{V}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ .

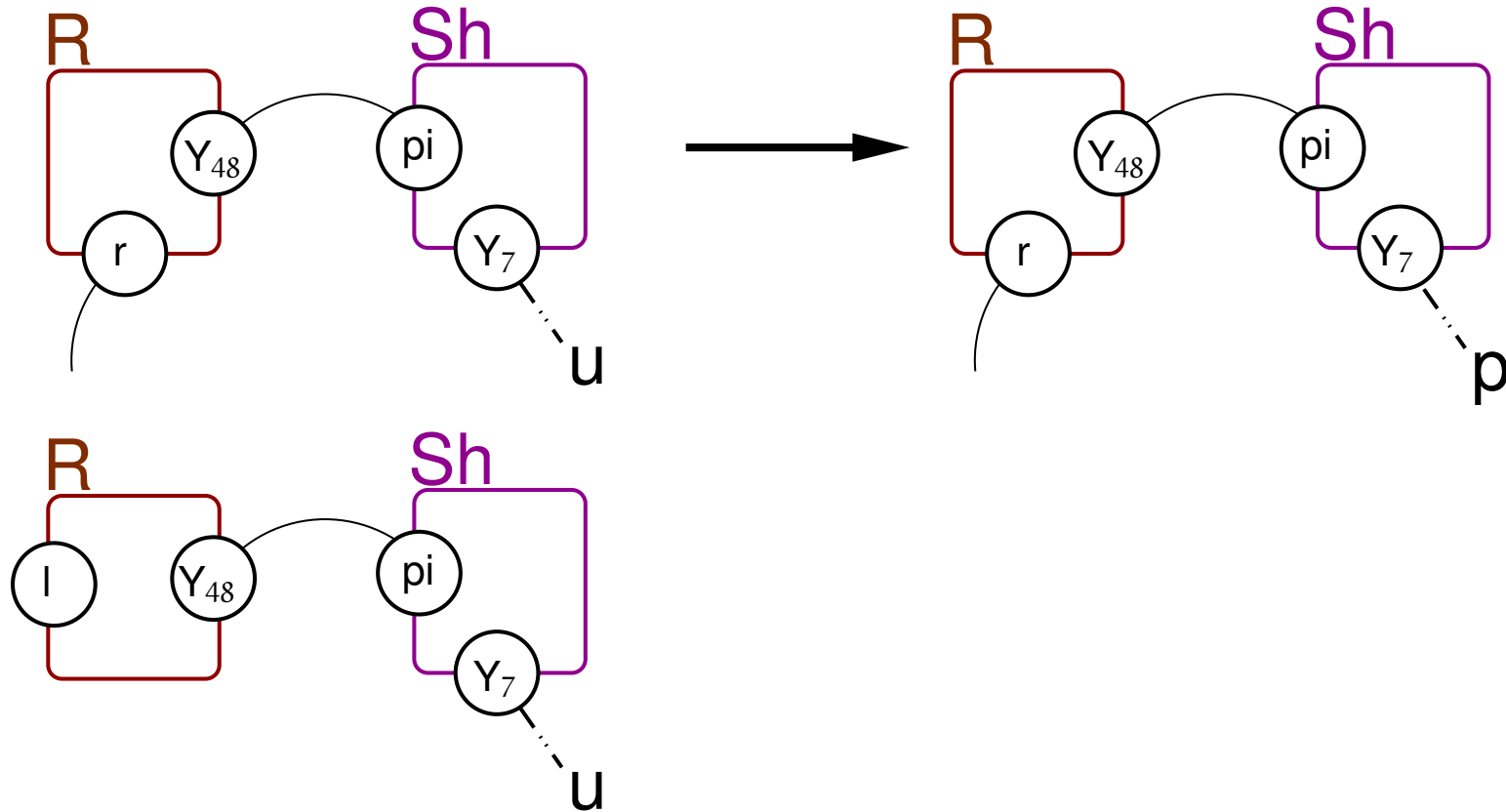
**Property 2 (non-degenerescence)** Given a sequence of valuations  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+)^\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|x_n\|$  diverges toward  $+\infty$ , then  $\|\phi(x_n)\|^\#$  diverges toward  $+\infty$  as well.

Which other properties do we need so that the function  $\mathbb{F}^\#$  can be defined ?

# Overview

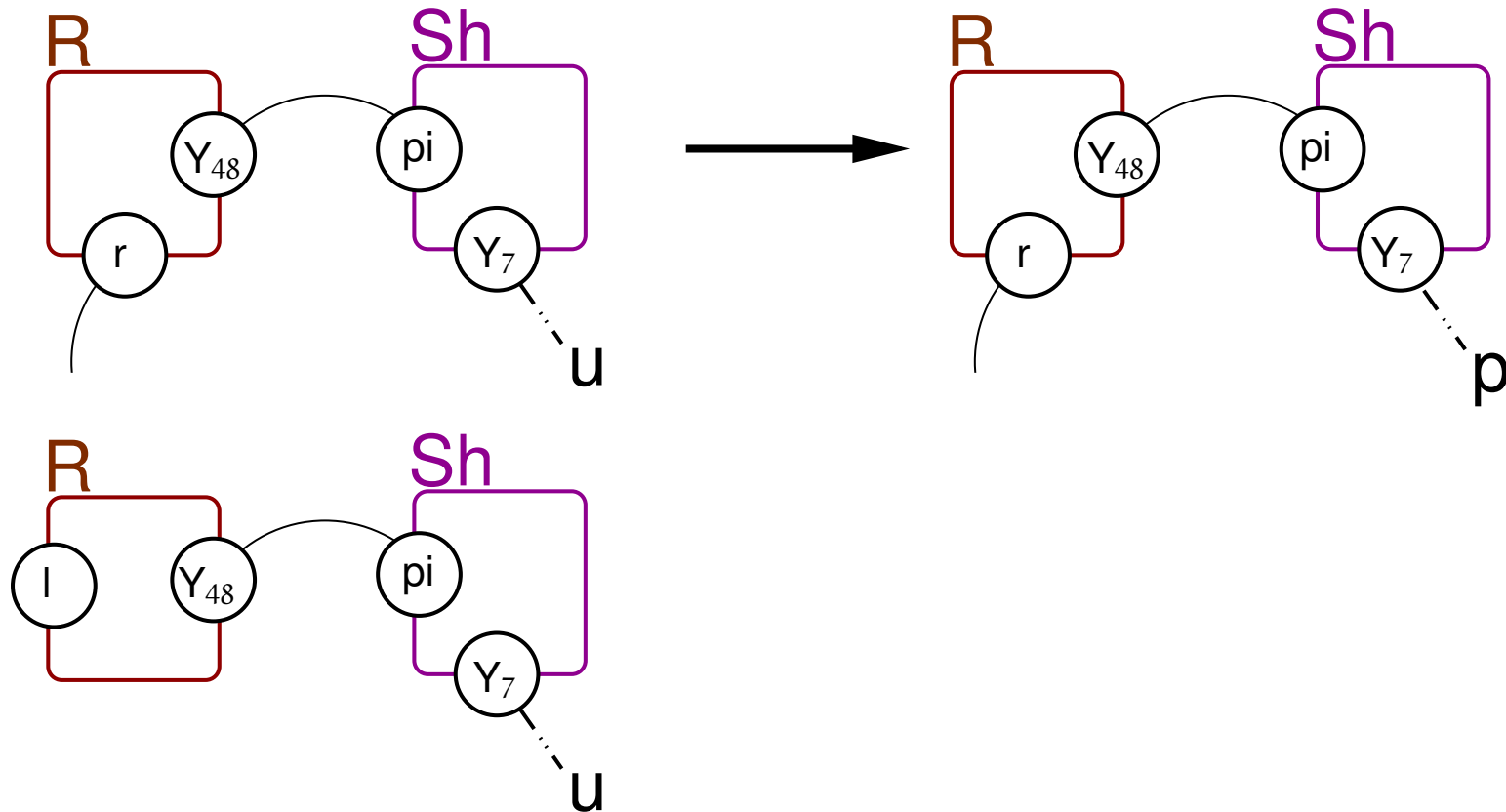
1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. **Abstract semantics**
  - (a) Fragments
  - (b) **Soundness criteria**
  - (c) Abstract counterpart
  - (d) Reduction into a network
7. Conclusion

# Fragments consumption



Can we express the amount (per time unit) of this fragment (bellow) concentration that is consumed by this rule (above)?

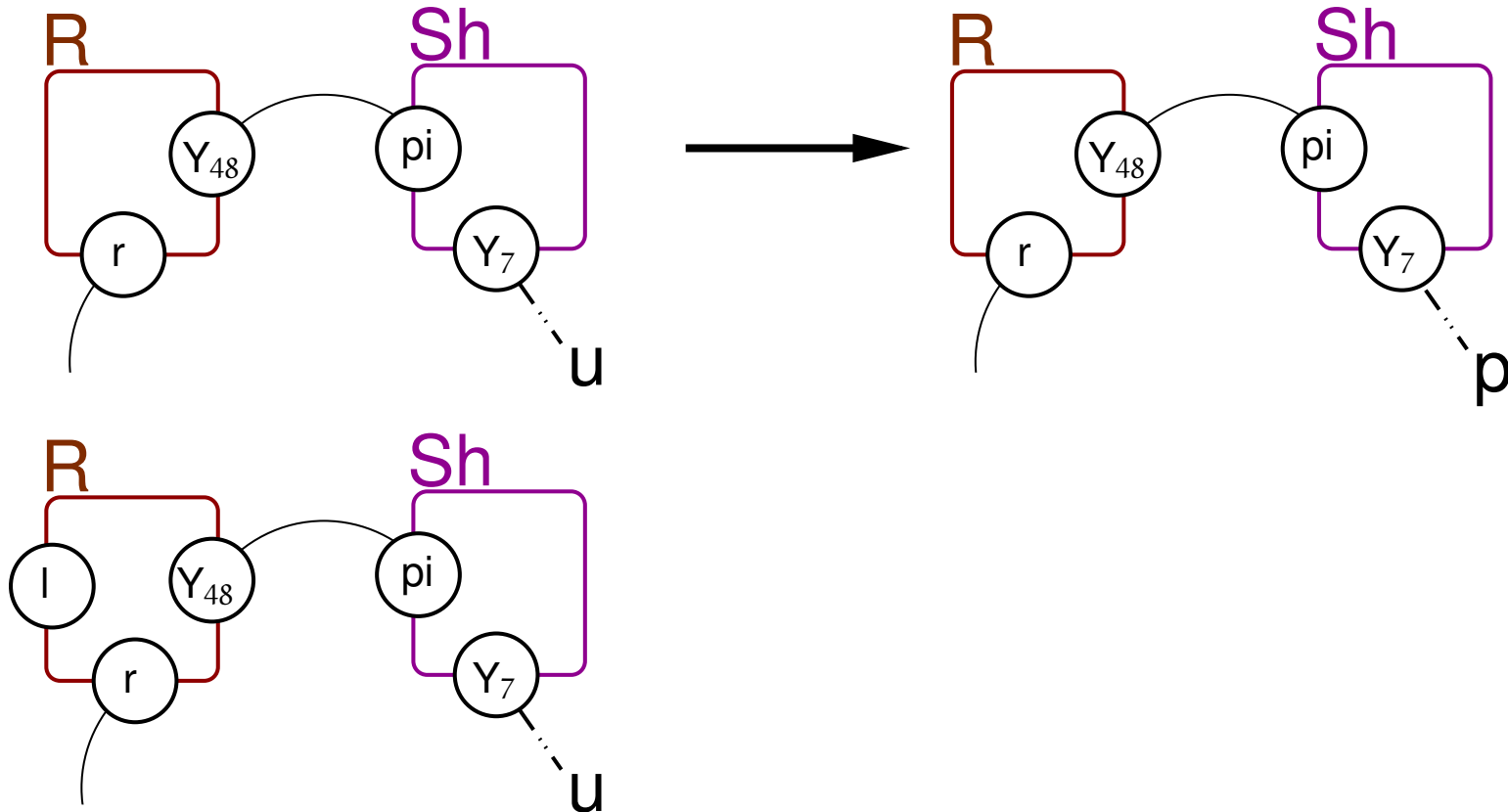
# Fragments consumption



**No**, because we have abstracted away the correlation between the state of the site  $r$  and the state of the site  $l$ .

# Fragments consumption

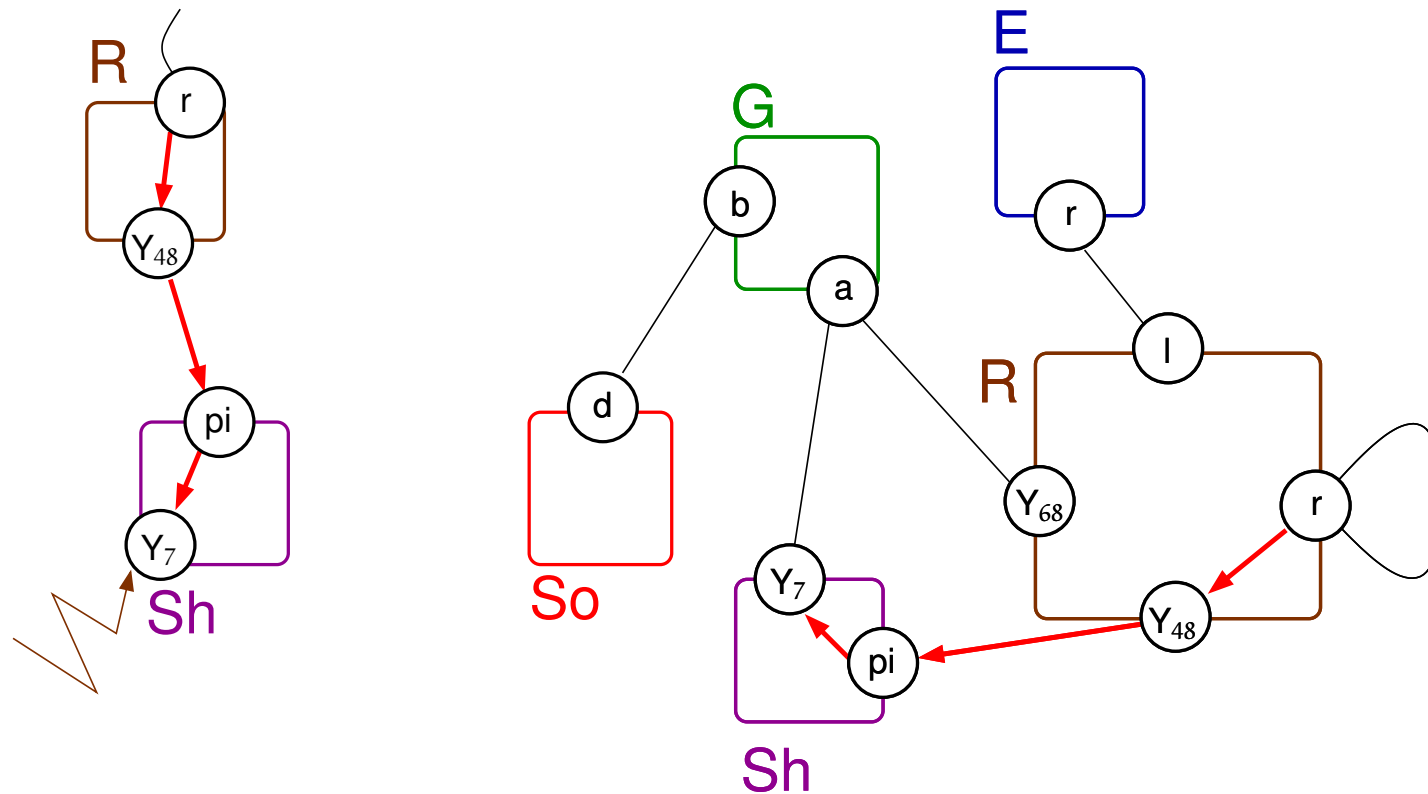
## Proper intersection



Whenever a fragment intersects a connected component of a lhs on a modified site, then the connected component must be embedded in the fragment!

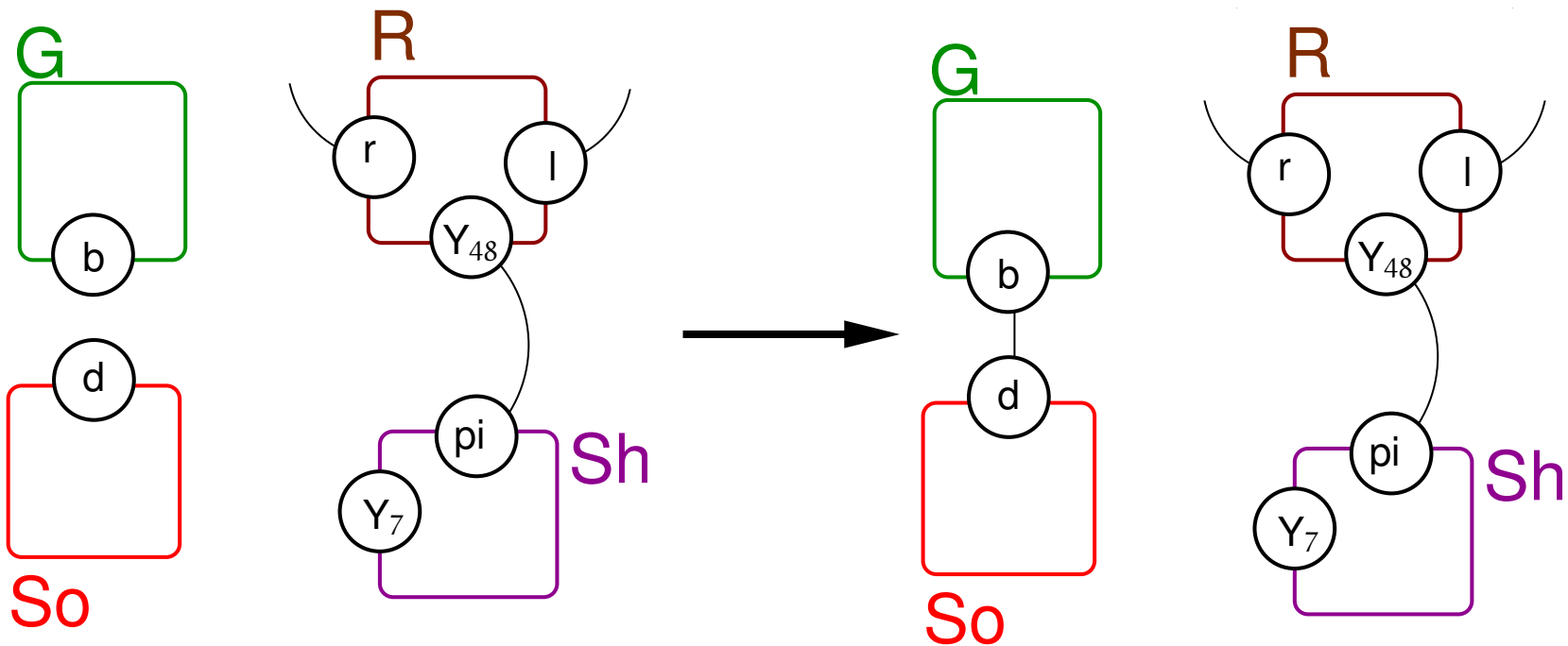
# Fragment consumption

## Syntactic criteria



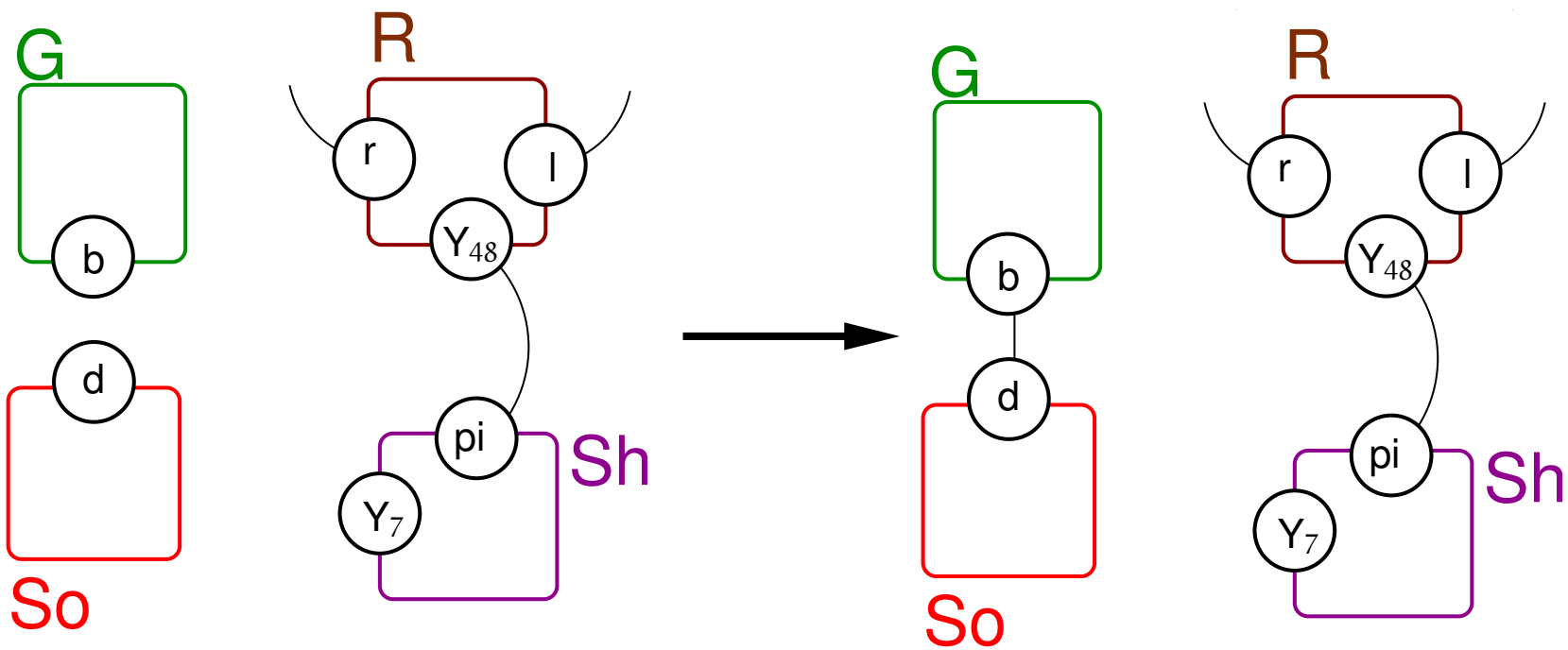
We reflect, in the annotated contact map, each path that stems from a tested site to a modified site (in the lhs of a rule).

# Connected components



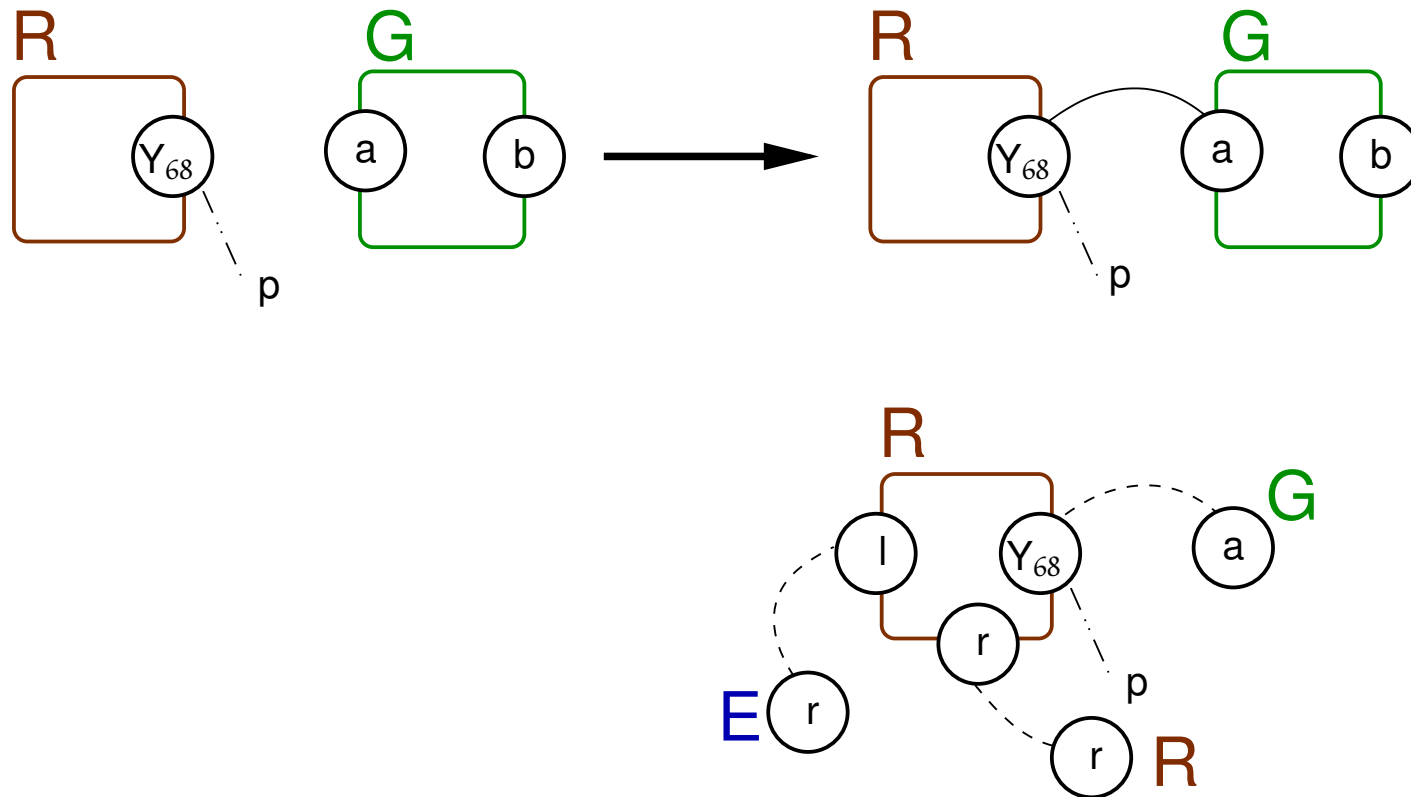
We need to express the “concentration” of any connected component of a lhs with respect to the “concentration” of fragments.

# Connected components Sub-fragment



Each connected component of a lhs must be a sub-fragment.

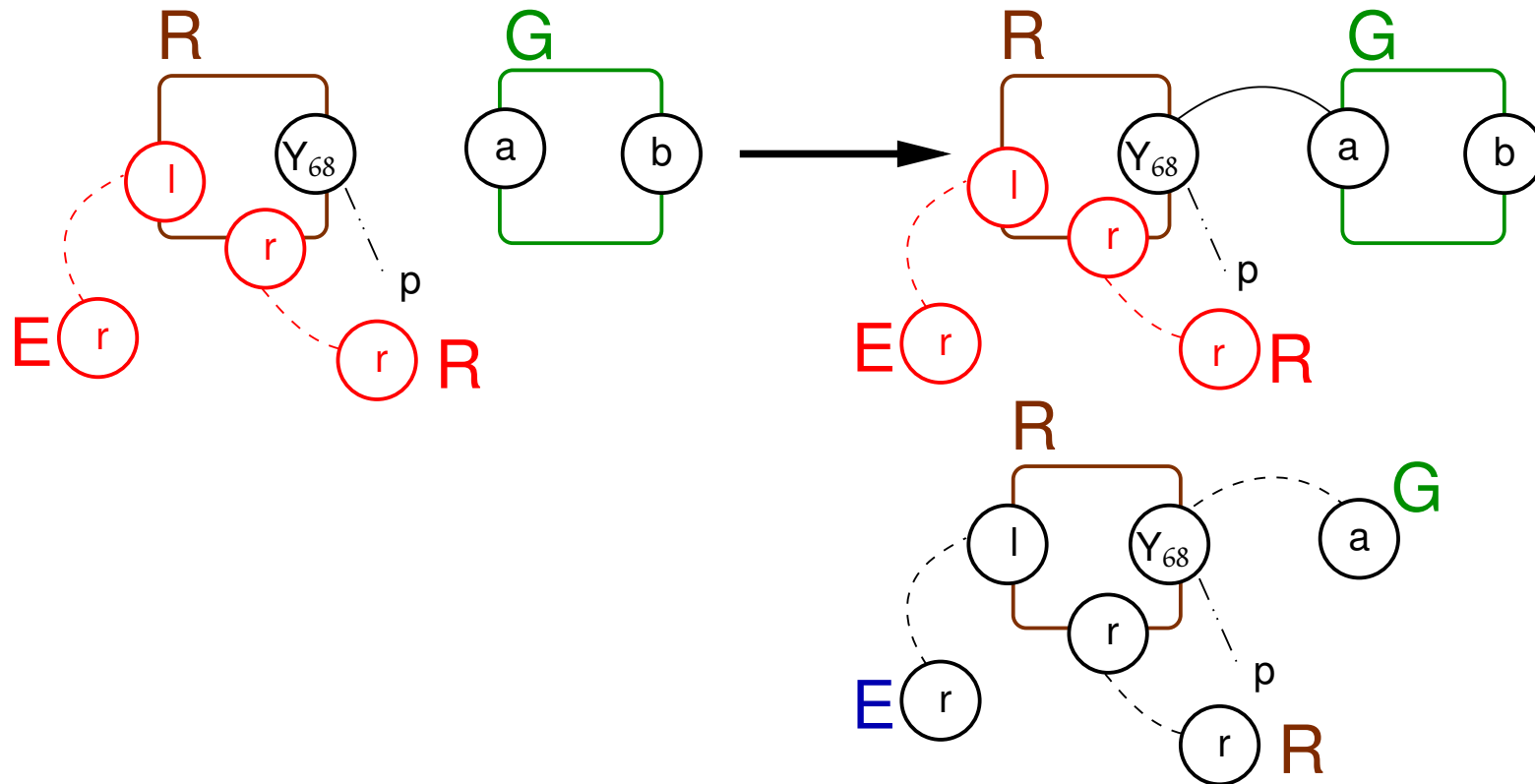
# Fragments production



Can we express the amount (per time unit) of this fragment (bellow) concentration that is produced by the rule (above)?

# Fragments production

## Proper intersection (bis)



**Yes**, if the connected components of the lhs of the refinement are sub-fragments, which is already ensured by previous syntactic criteria.

# Fragment properties

If:

- an annotated contact map satisfies the syntactic criteria,
- fragments are defined by this annotated contact map,
- we know the concentration of fragments;

then:

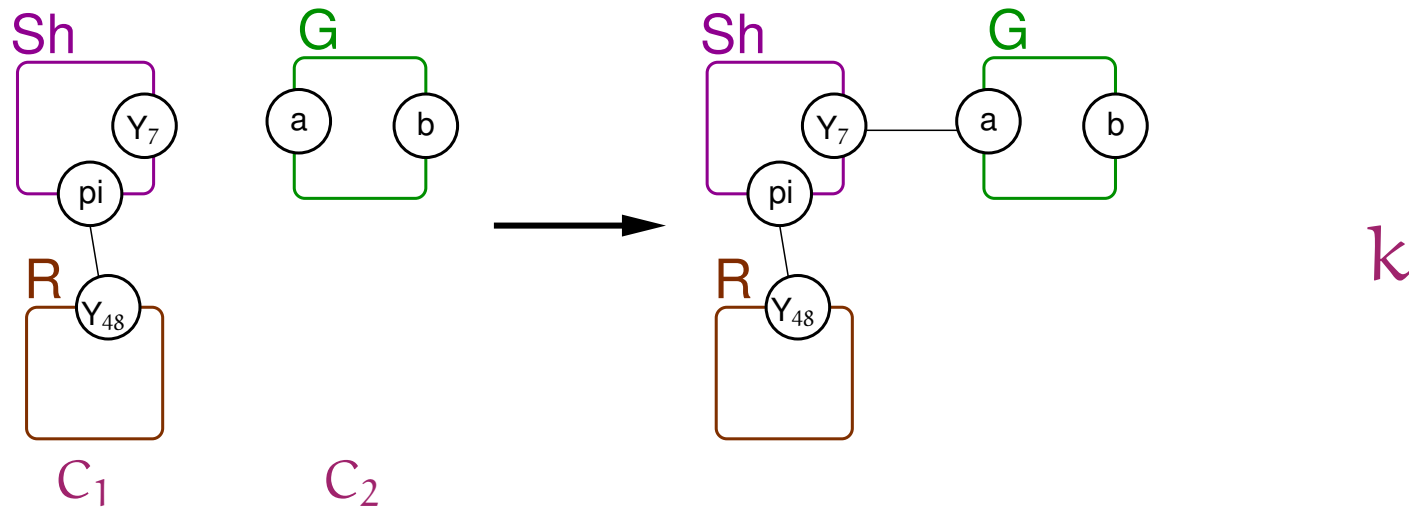
- we can express the concentration of any connected component occurring in lhss,
- we can express fragment proper consumption,
- we can express fragment proper production (eg. see the [LICS'2010](#) paper),
- **WE HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE DEFINITION FOR  $\mathbb{F}^\#$ .**

# Overview

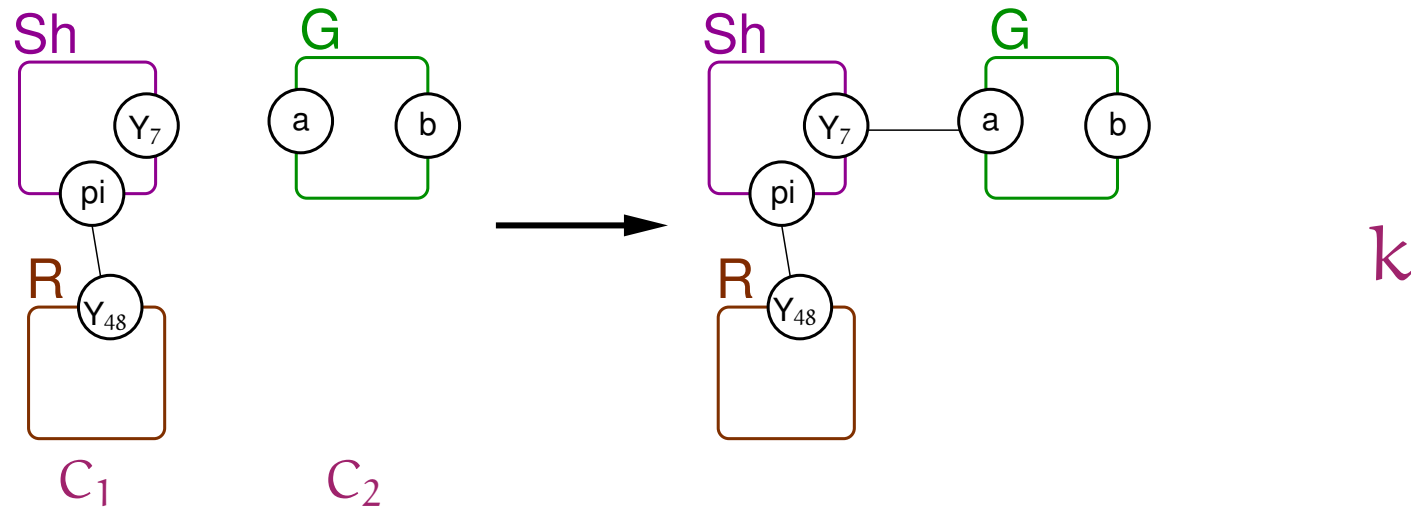
1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. **Abstract semantics**
  - (a) Fragments
  - (b) Soundness criteria
  - (c) **Abstract counterpart**
  - (d) Reduction into a network
7. Conclusion

# A binding rule

Let us abstract the contribution of a binding rule:



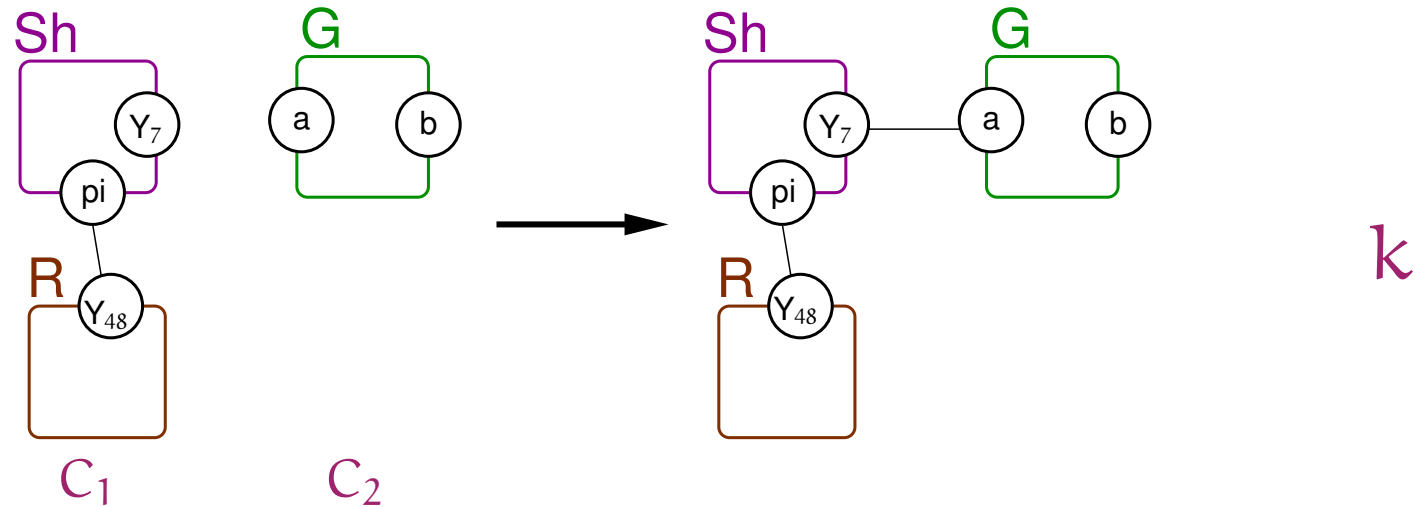
# A binding rule: reactants



For any  $(F, \Phi)$  such that  $C_i \triangleleft_{\Phi} F$ ,

$$\frac{d[F]}{dt} \stackrel{+}{=} - \frac{k \cdot [F] \cdot [C_{3-i}]}{\#\{\Phi' \mid C_1, C_2 \triangleleft_{\Phi'} C_1, C_2\}}.$$

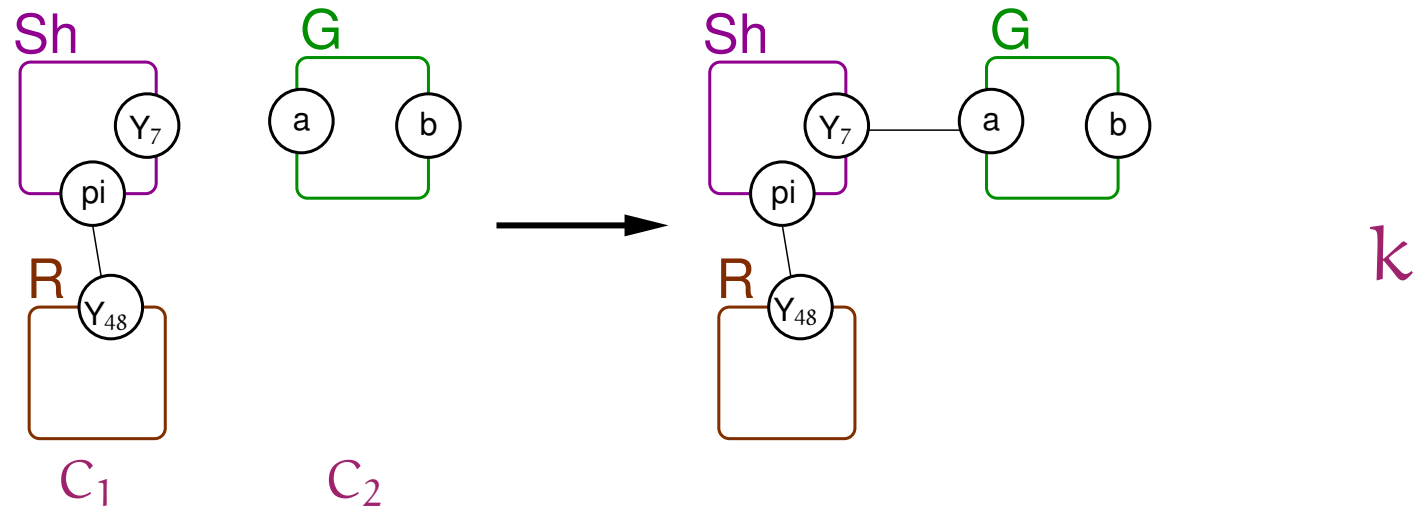
# Binding rules: products



If the edge is solid, for any  $(F_1, \Phi_1)$  and  $(F_2, \Phi_2)$ , such that  $C_1 \triangleleft_{\Phi_1} F_1$  and  $C_2 \triangleleft_{\Phi_2} F_2$ ,

$$\frac{d[F_1 - F_2]}{dt} = \frac{k \cdot [F_1] \cdot [F_2]}{\#\{\Phi' \mid C_1, C_2 \triangleleft_{\Phi'} C_1, C_2\}}$$

# Binding rules: products



If the edge is dotted, for any  $(F, \Phi)$  such that  $C_i \triangleleft_{\Phi} F$ ,

$$\frac{d[F-]}{dt} \stackrel{+}{=} \frac{k \cdot [F] \cdot [C_{3-i}]}{\#\{\Phi' \mid C_1, C_2 \triangleleft_{\Phi'} C_1, C_2\}}$$

# Overview

1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. **Abstract semantics**
  - (a) Fragments
  - (b) Soundness criteria
  - (c) Abstract counterpart
  - (d) Reduction into a network
7. Conclusion

# Curbing the framework

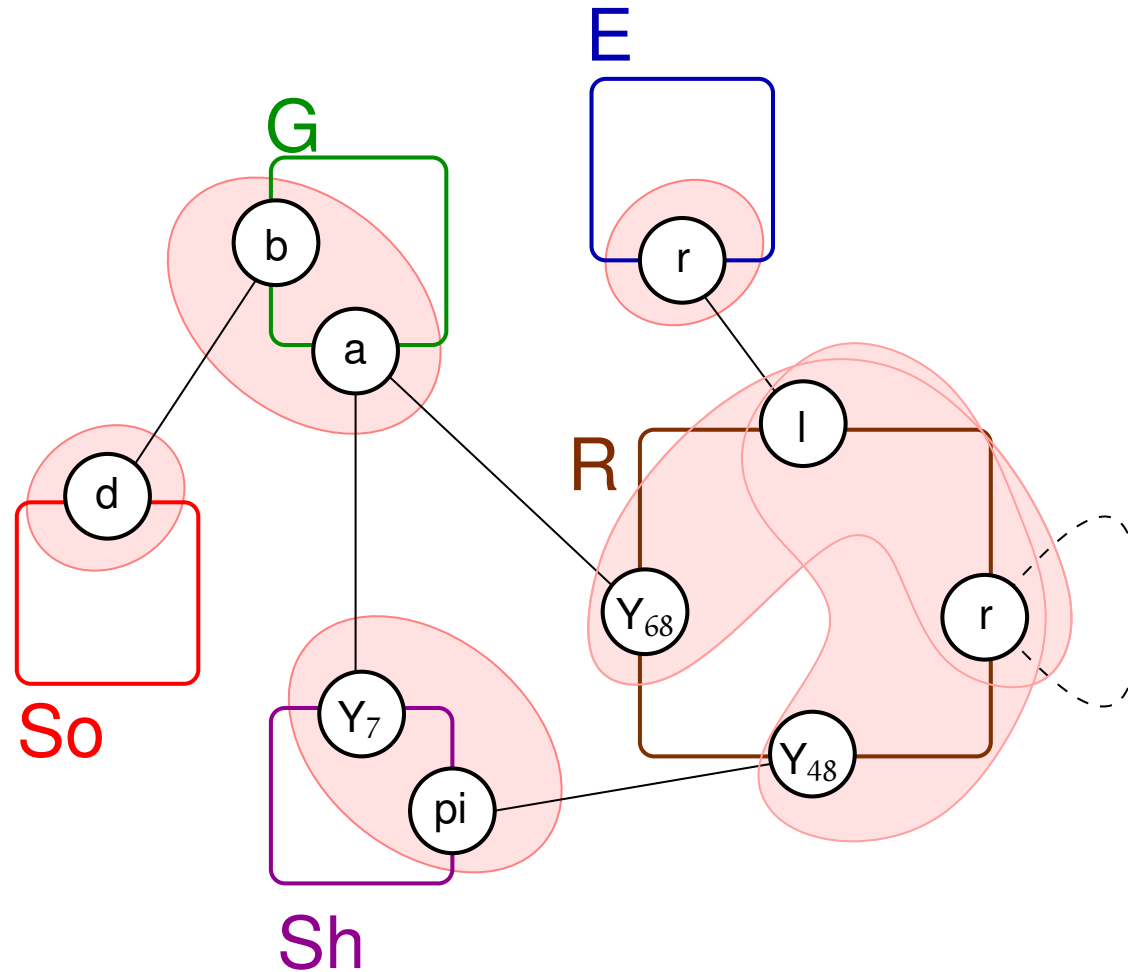
With previous definitions, the differential semantics of a model is reduced into a differential system which might not be the differential semantics of a concrete networks of interactions.

We propose to curb the framework so that the reduced differential semantics matches with the differential semantics of a network of concrete reactions (over fragments).

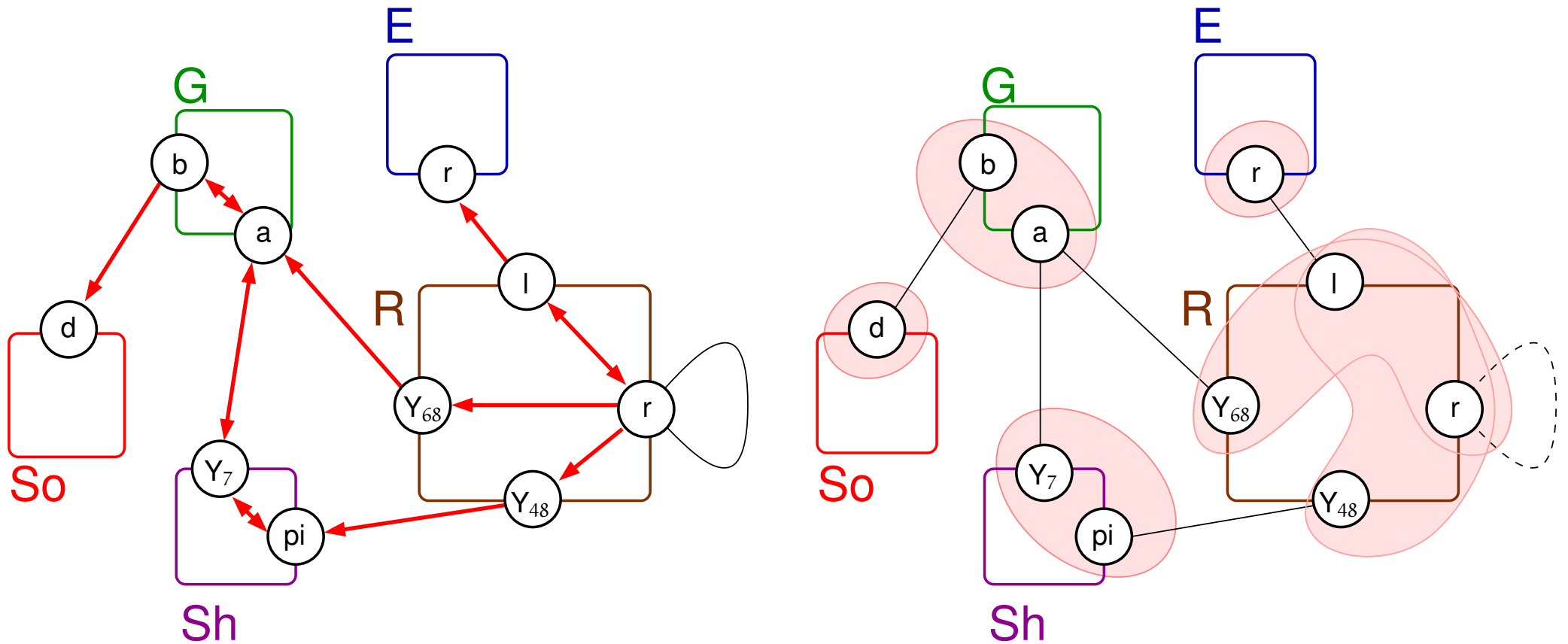
This way, the tools which apply on networks could be applied to the reduced model.

# Unoriented annotated contact map

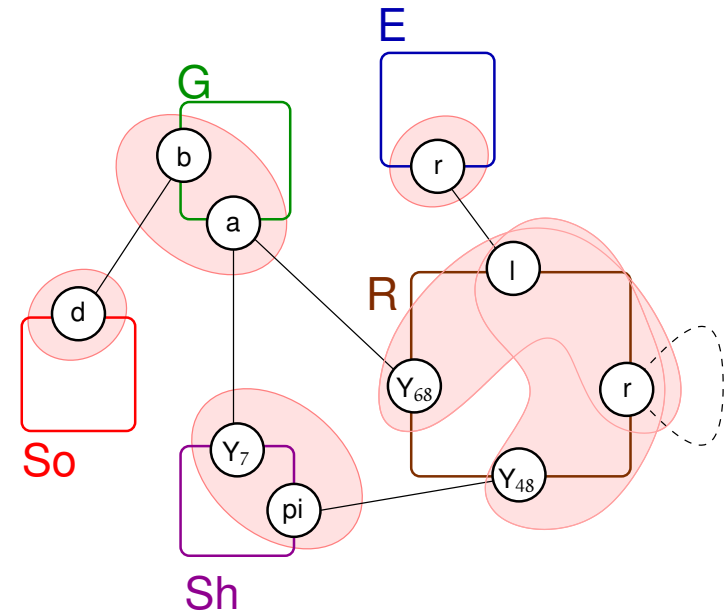
The set of fragments is described by an non oriented annotated contact map.



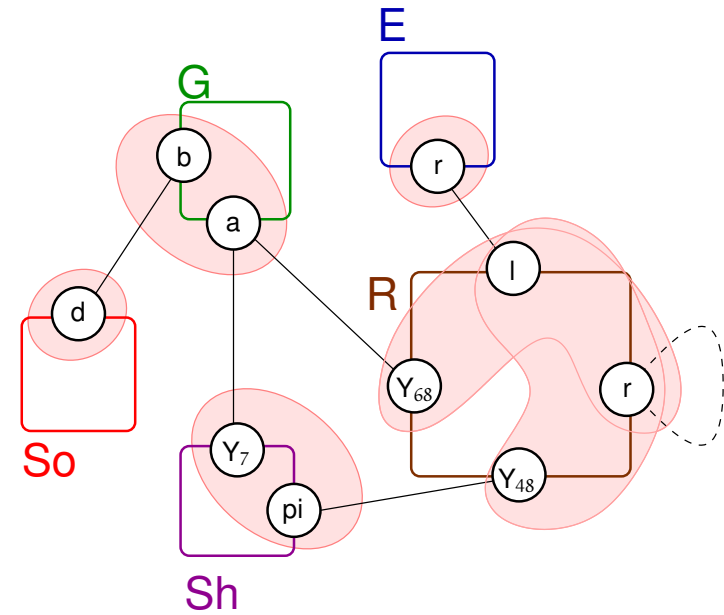
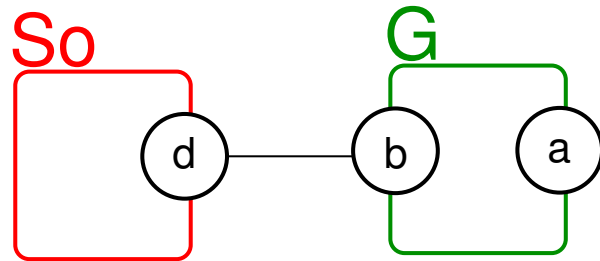
# From an oriented contact map to a non oriented contact map



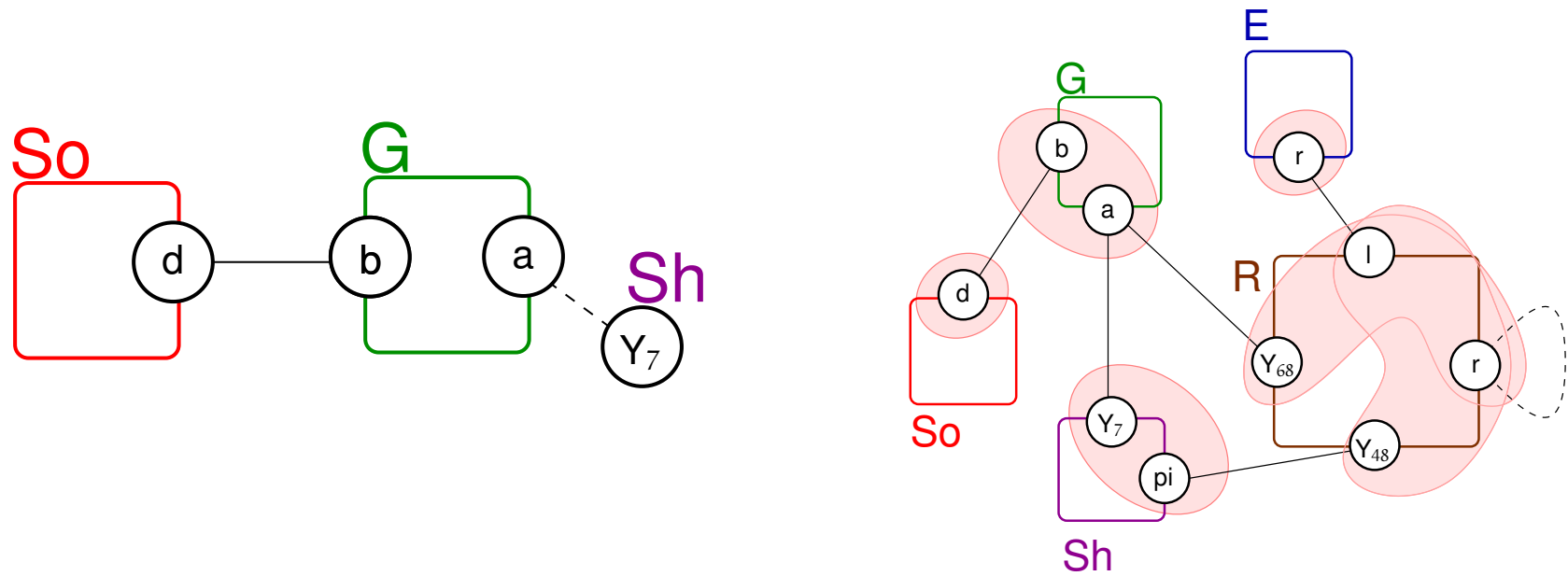
# Are they fragments ?



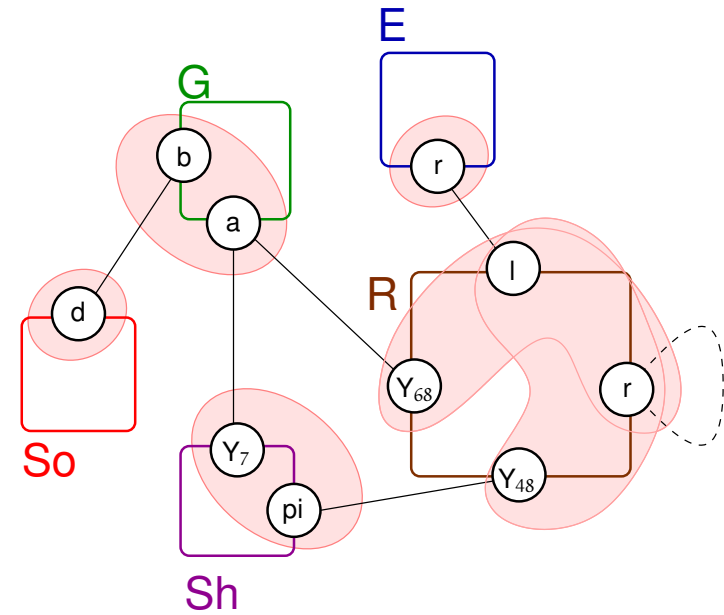
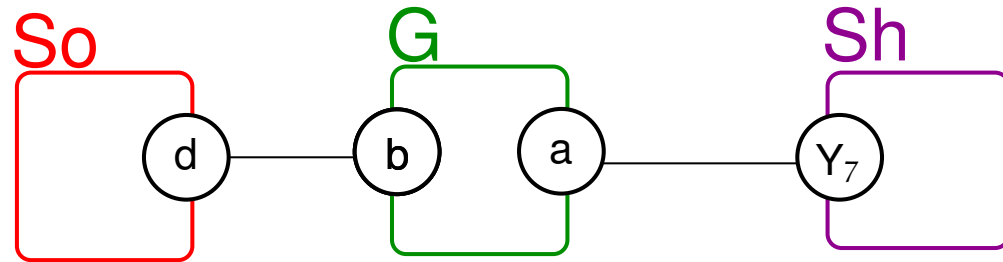
# Are they fragments ?



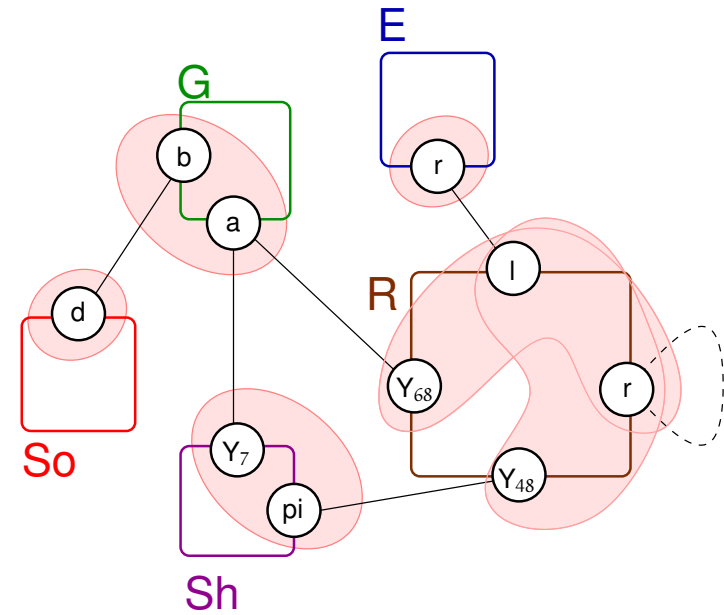
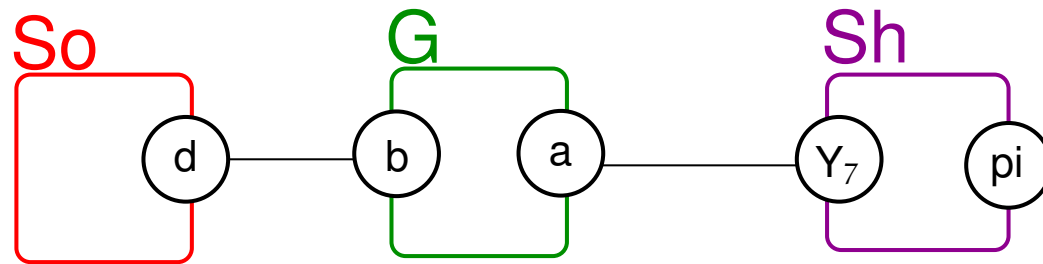
# Are they fragments ?



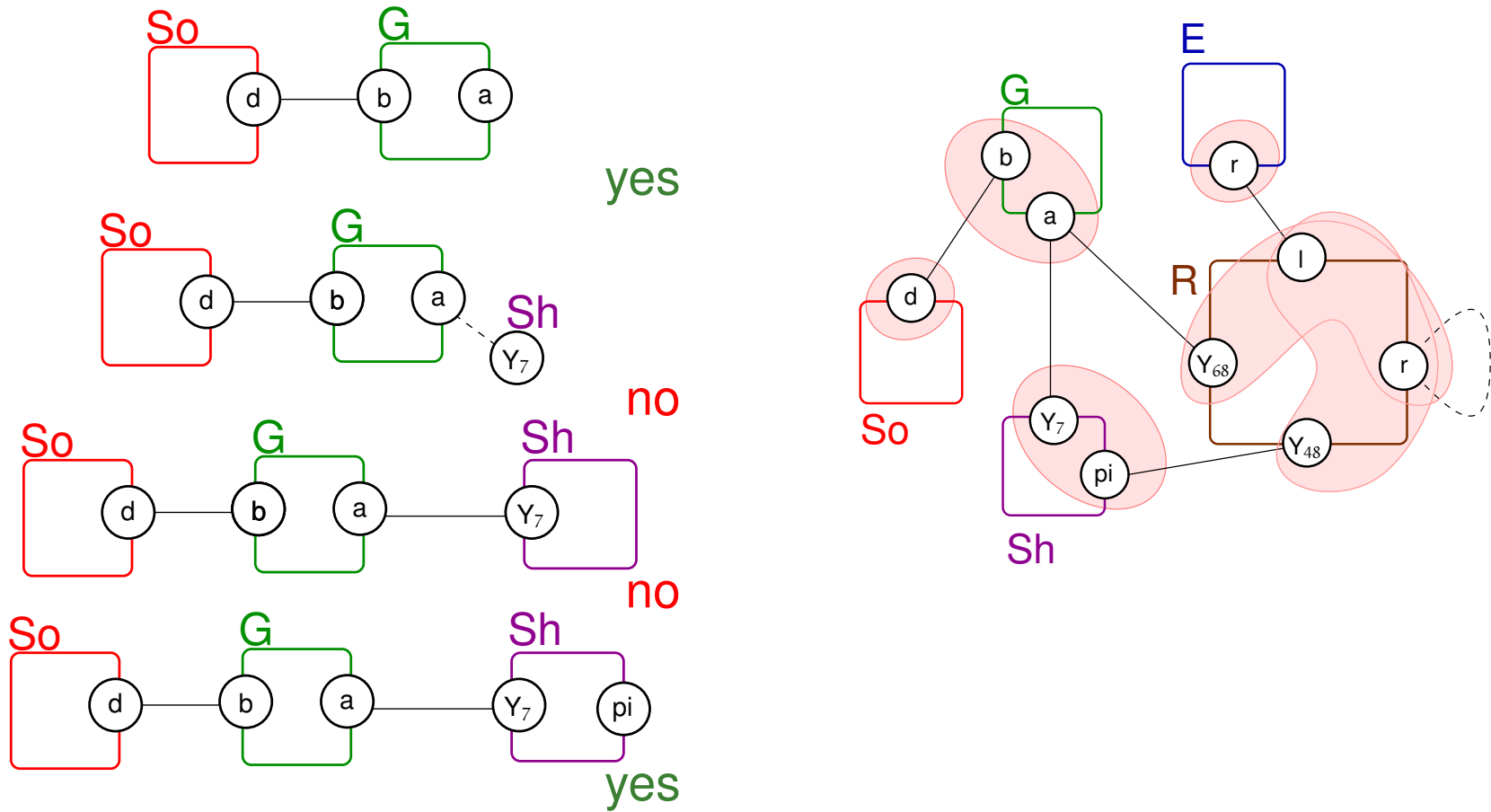
# Are they fragments ?



# Are they fragments ?



# Are they fragments ?



# Basic properties

Homogeneous fragments enjoy the sub-fragment and non-degenerescence property.

Additionally:

## **Property 3 (Closure with respect to the operational semantics)**

When we apply a rule with a tuple of fragments, we get a tuple of fragments.

# Fragment properties

If:

- an annotated contact map satisfies the syntactic criteria,
- fragments are defined by this annotated contact map,
- we know the concentration of fragments;

then:

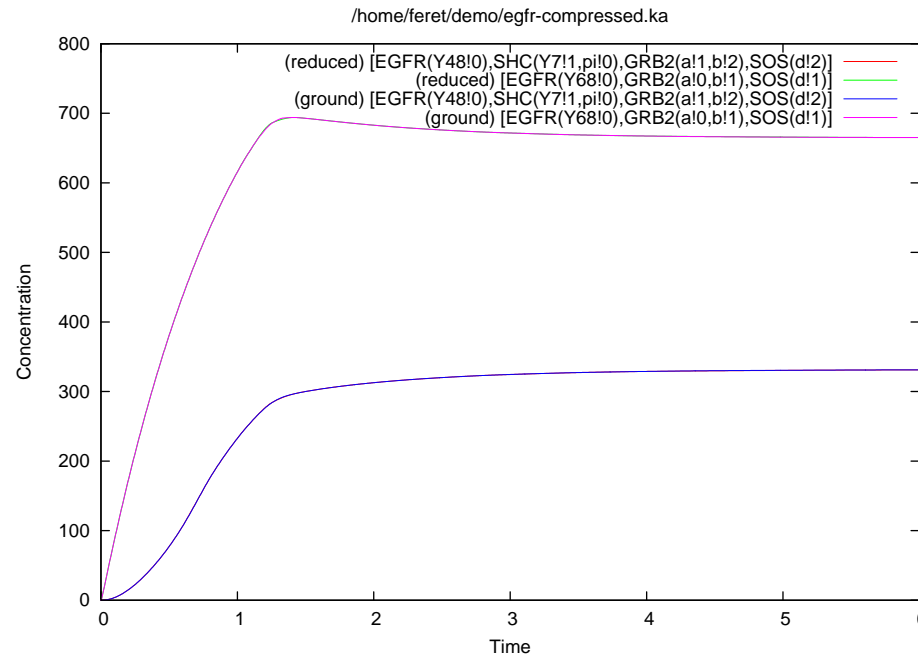
- we can express the concentration of any connected component occurring in lhss,
- we can express fragment proper consumption,
- we can express fragment proper production (eg. see the [LICS'2010](#) paper),
- **WE HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE DEFINITION FOR  $\mathbb{F}^\#$ .**

# Overview

1. Context and motivations
2. Handmade ODEs
3. Abstract interpretation framework
4. Kappa
5. Concrete semantics
6. Abstract semantics
7. **Conclusion**

# Experimental results

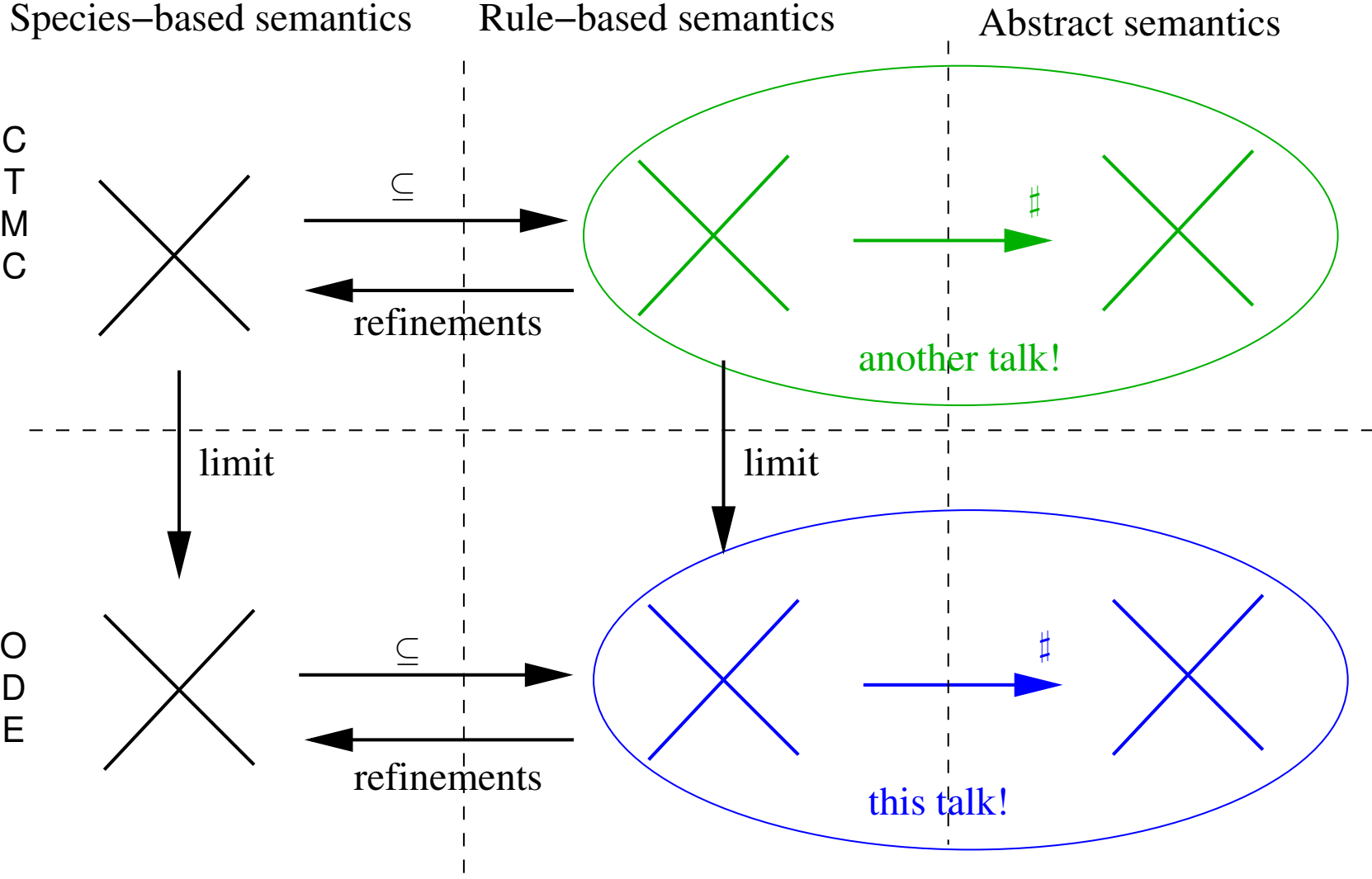
On early egfr, 356 species are simplified into 38 fragments:



Superposition of the ground and the abstract differential semantics.

On a bigger example,  $\approx 2 \cdot 10^{19}$  species are simplified into  $\approx 2 \cdot 10^5$  fragments.

# Related issues I: Semantics comparisons



# Related issues II: Semantics approximations

## 1. ODE approximations:

- Concrete definition of the control flow and hierarchy of abstractions.

Joint work with Ferdinanda Camporesi (Bologna)

## 2. Stochastic semantics approximations:

- Can we design abstraction ?
- Find the adequate soundness criteria.

Joint work with Thomas Henzinger (IST-Vienna), Heinz Koepl (ETH-Zurich), Tatjana Petrov (EPFL)

Master AIV

**Model reduction of stochastic rules-based  
models  
Some case studies**

Jérôme Feret

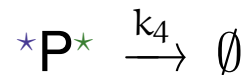
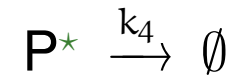
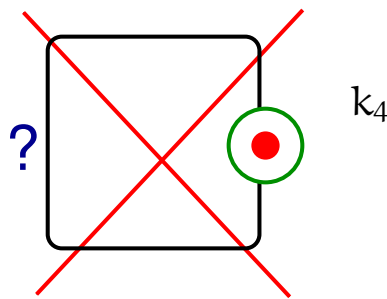
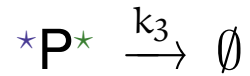
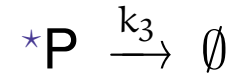
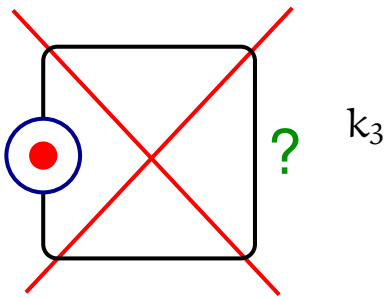
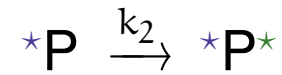
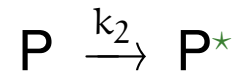
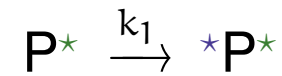
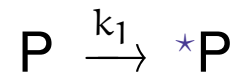
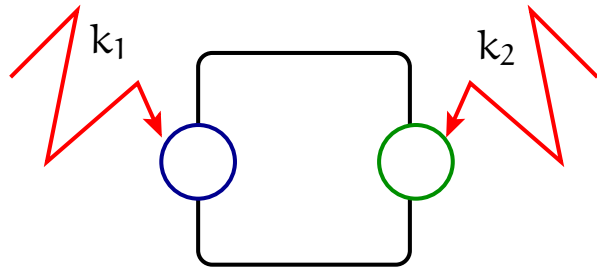
Laboratoire d'Informatique de l'École Normale Supérieure  
INRIA, ÉNS, CNRS

March 2012

# Overview

1. Examples of information flow
2. Symmetric sites
3. Conclusion

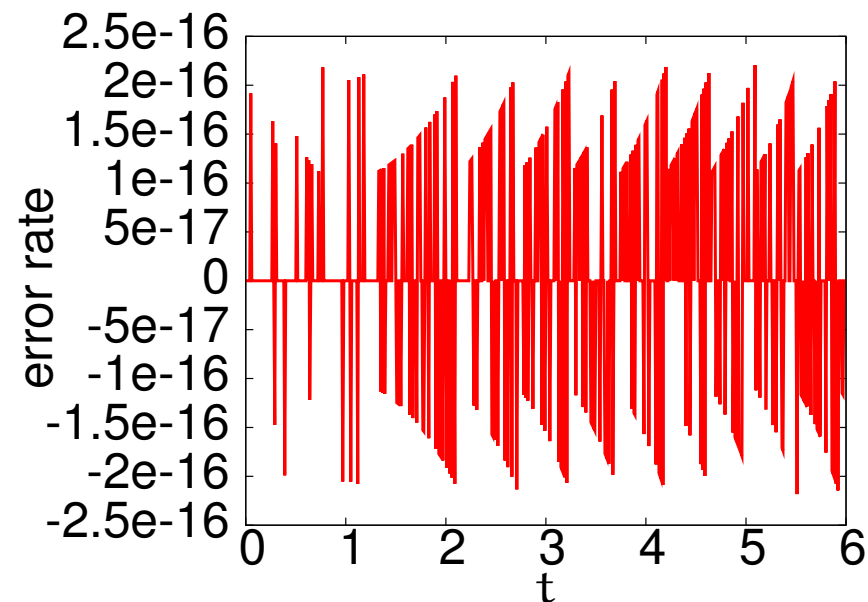
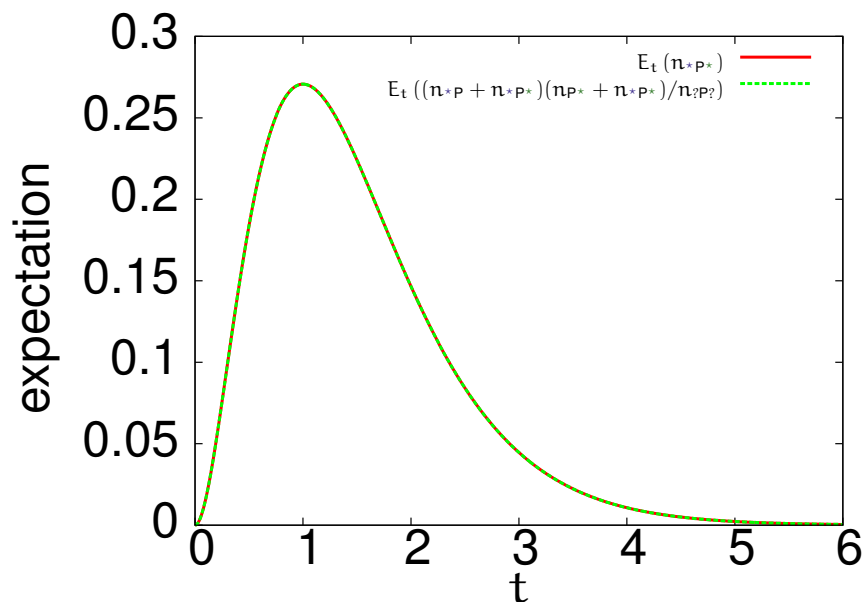
# A model with ubiquitination



# Statistical independence

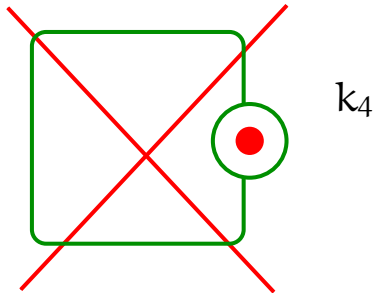
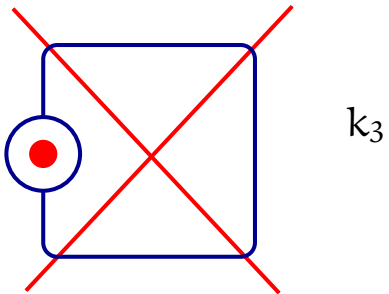
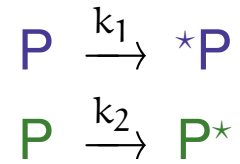
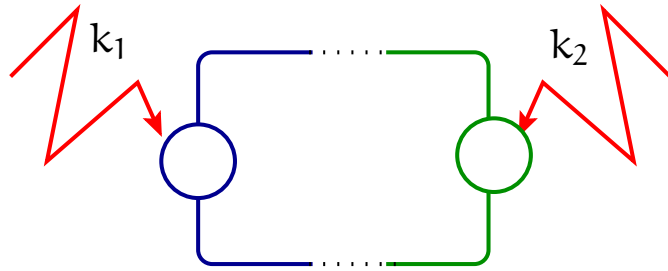
We check numerically that:

$$E_t(n_{*P^*}) = E_t \left( \frac{(n_{*P} + n_{*P^*})(n_{P^*} + n_{*P^*})}{n_P + n_{P^*} + n_{*P} + n_{*P^*}} \right).$$

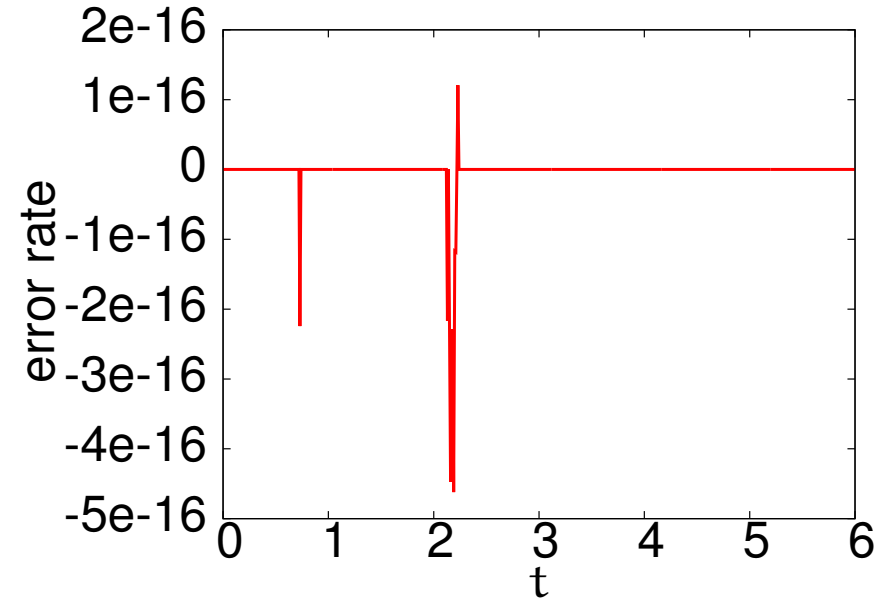
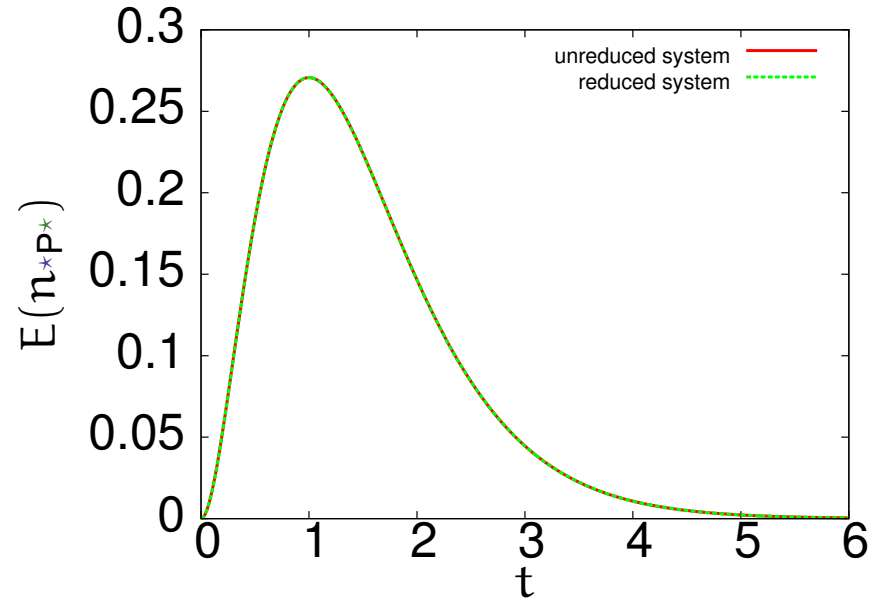


with  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 1$   
and two instances of  $P$  at time  $t = 0$ .

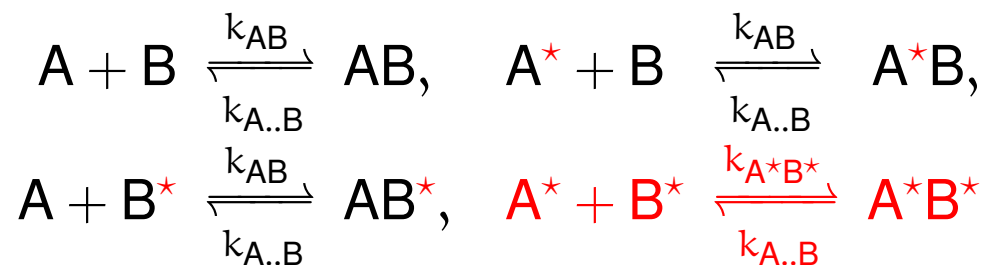
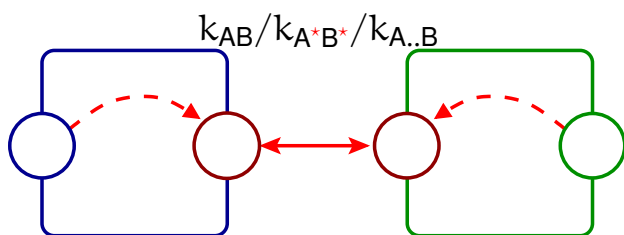
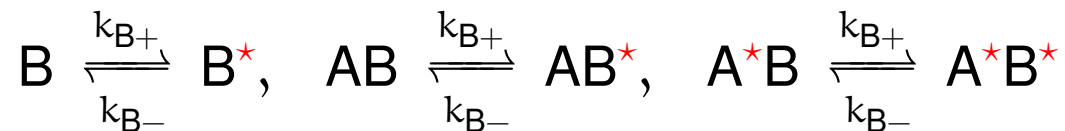
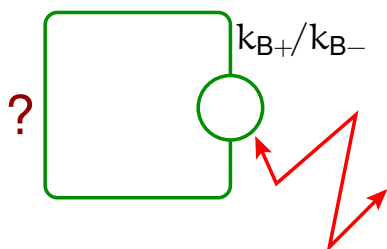
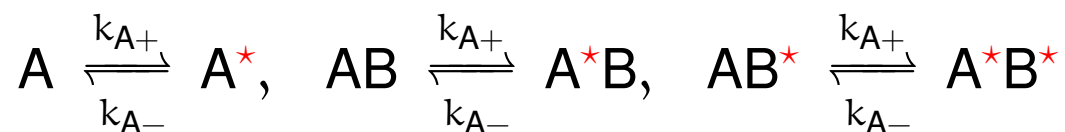
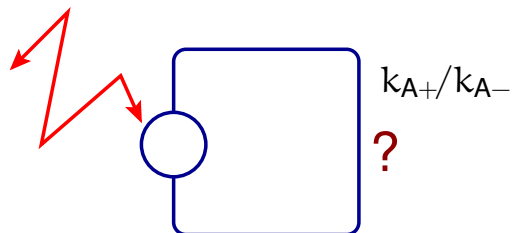
# Reduced model



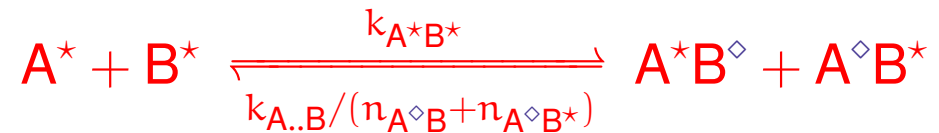
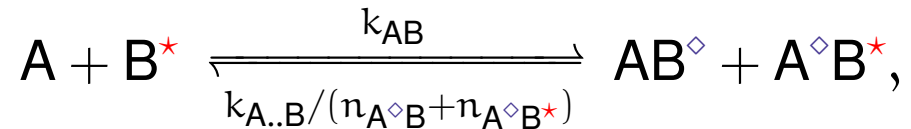
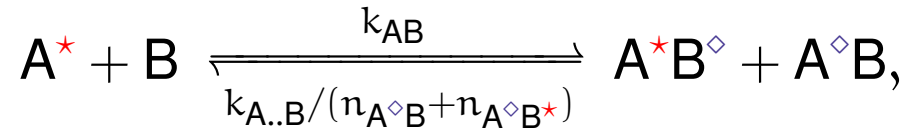
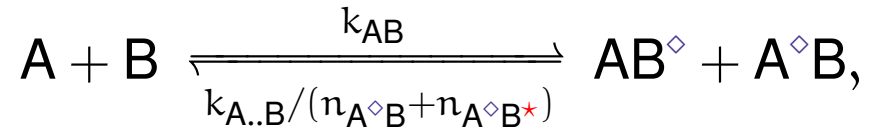
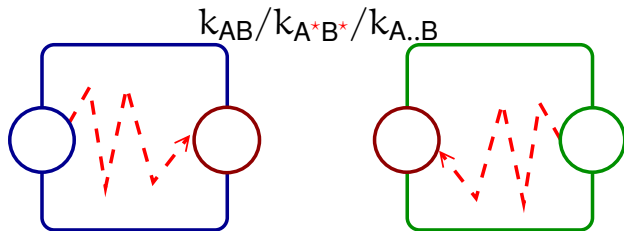
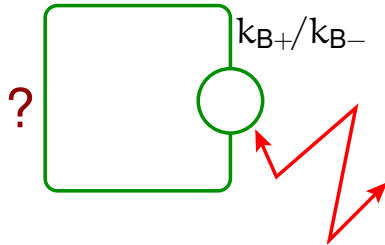
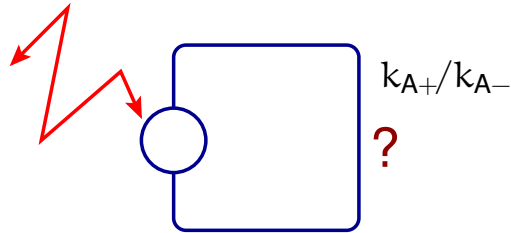
# Comparison between the two models



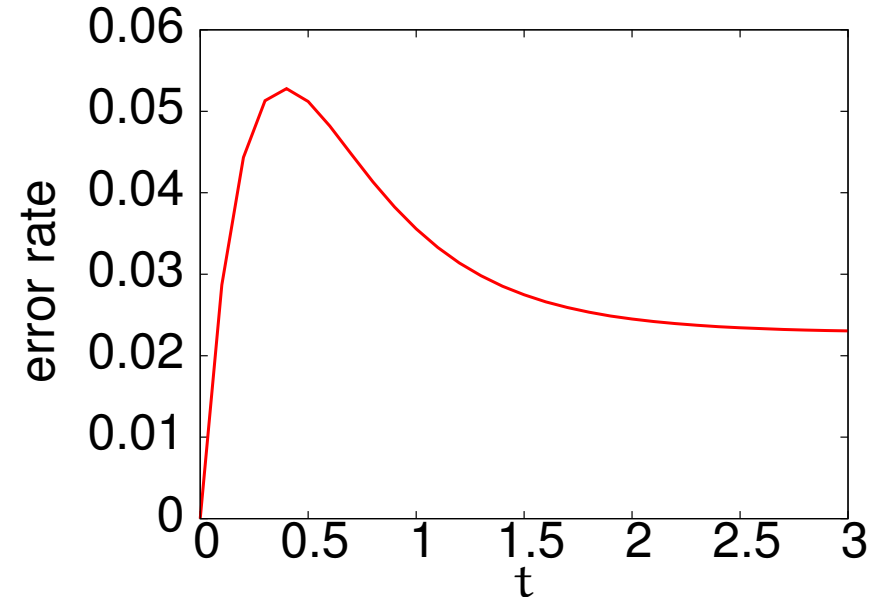
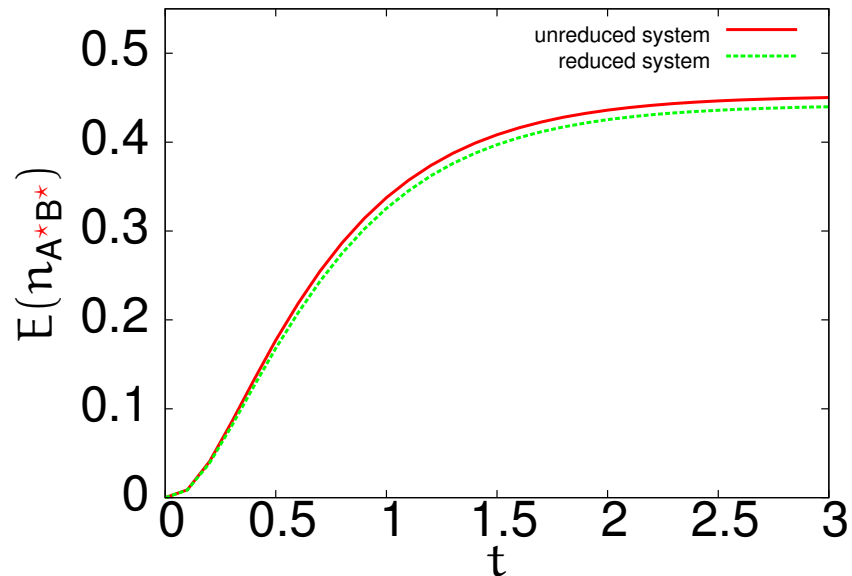
# Coupled semi-reactions



# Reduced model



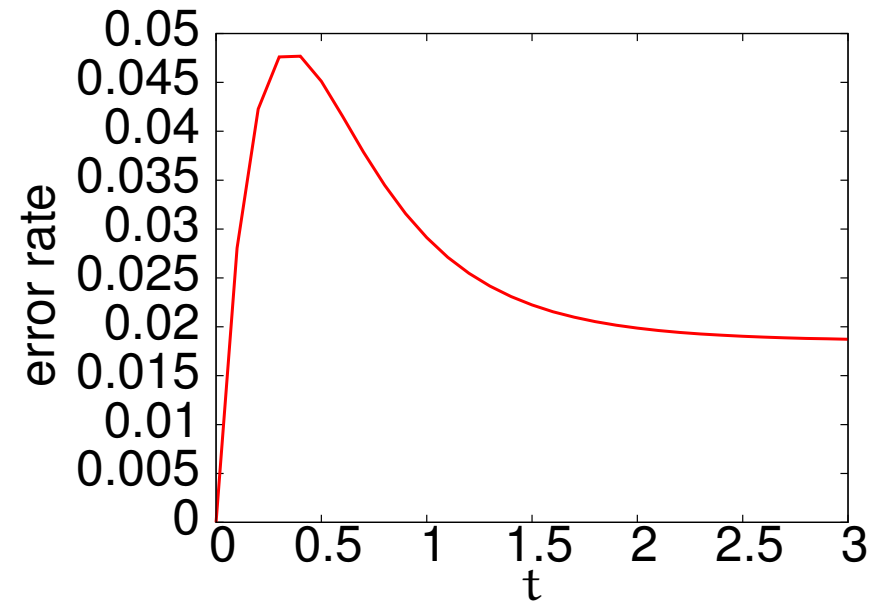
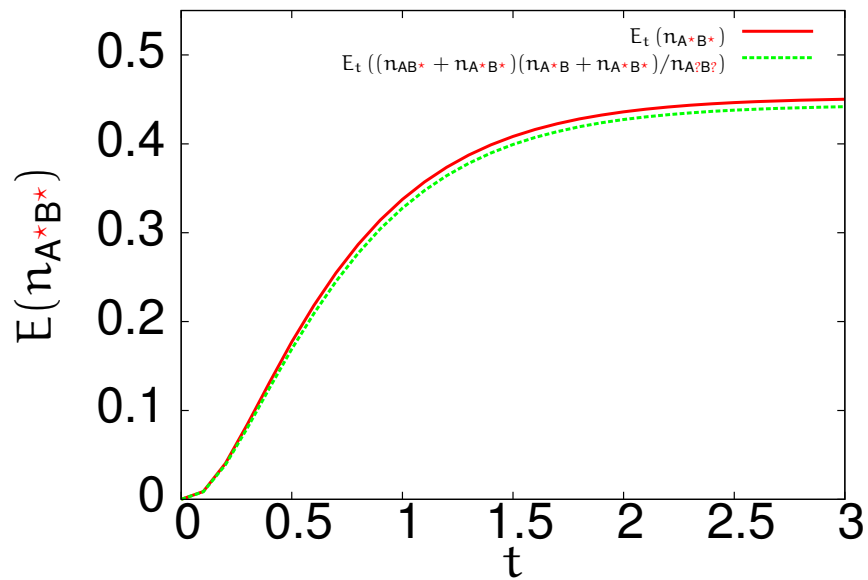
# Comparison between the two models



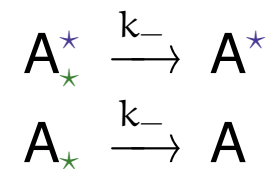
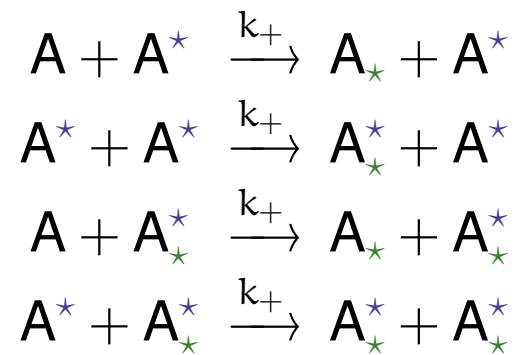
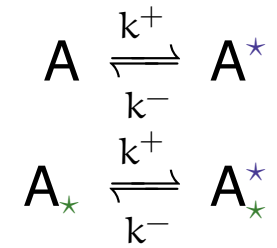
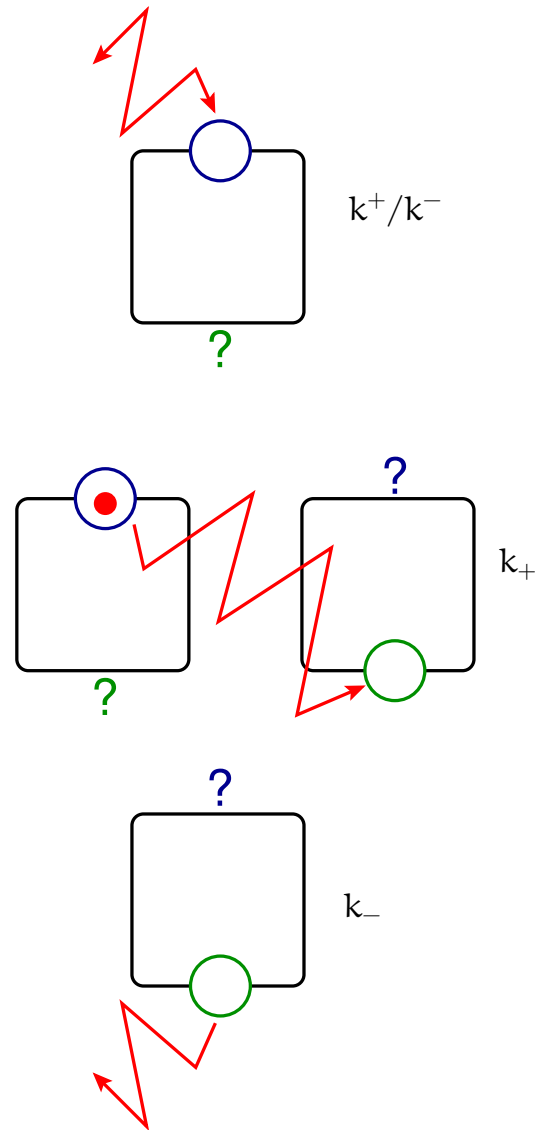
with  $k_{A+} = k_{A-} = k_{B+} = k_{B-} = k_{AB} = k_{A..B} = 1$ ,  $k_{A^*B^*} = 10$ ,  
and two instances of A and B at time  $t = 0$ .

Although the reduction is correct in the ODE semantics.

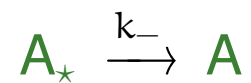
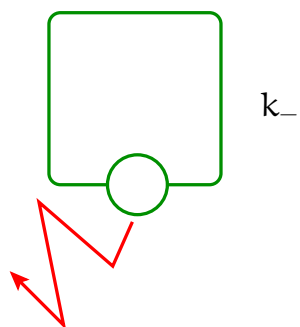
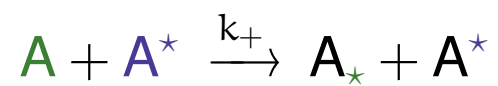
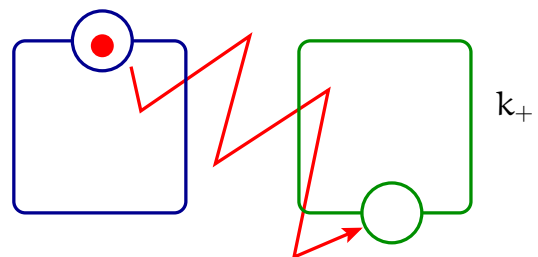
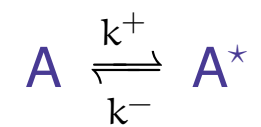
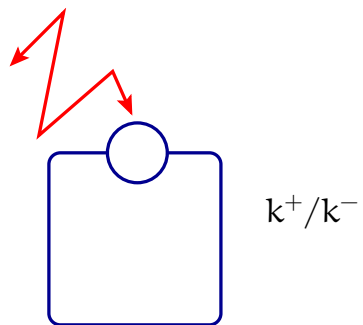
# Degree of correlation (in the unreduced model)



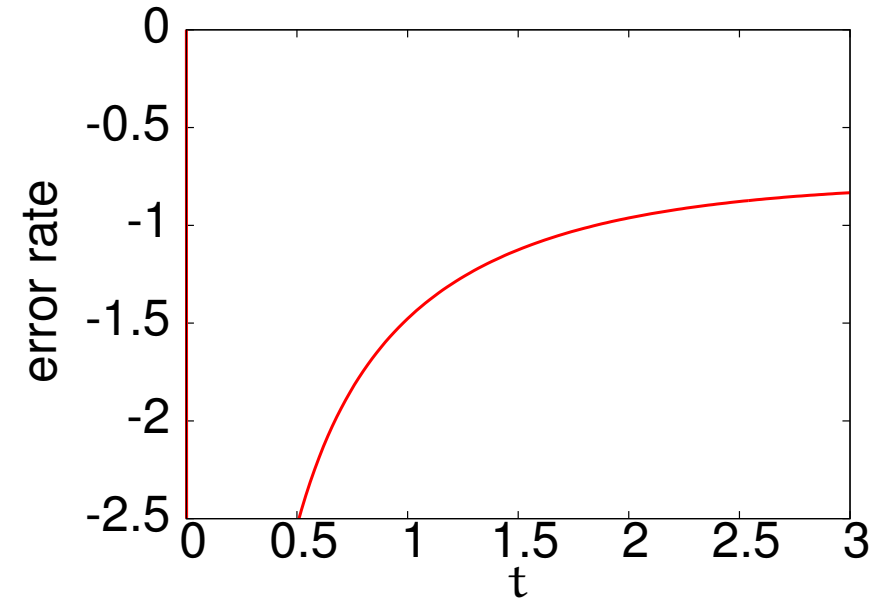
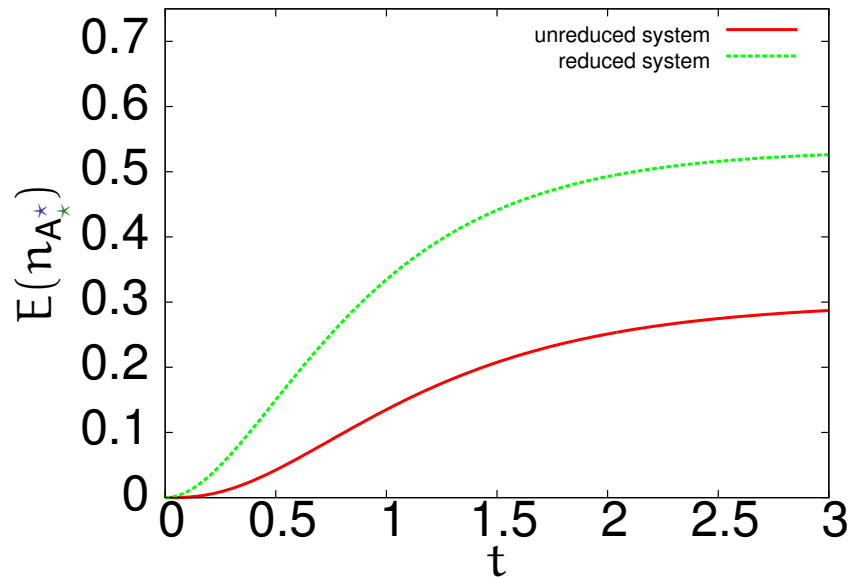
# Distant control



# Reduced model

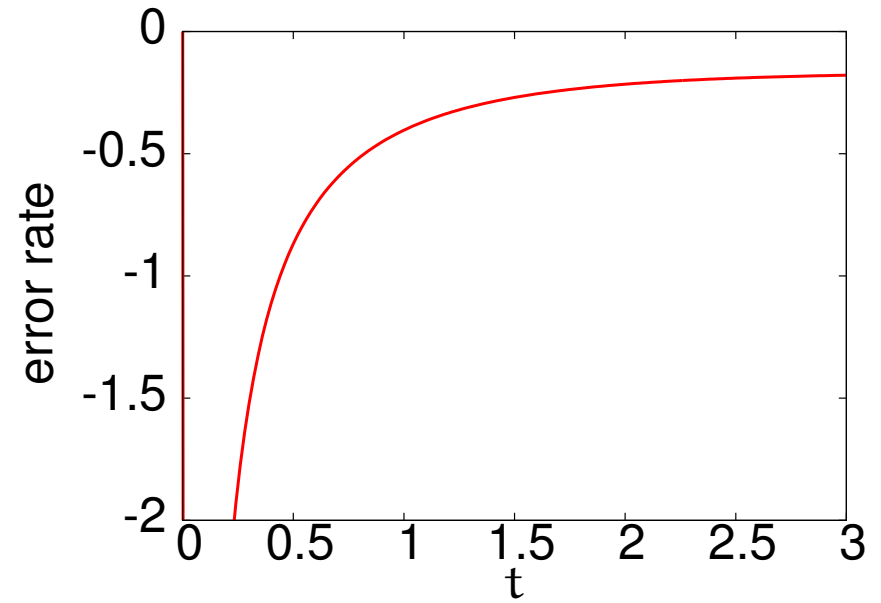
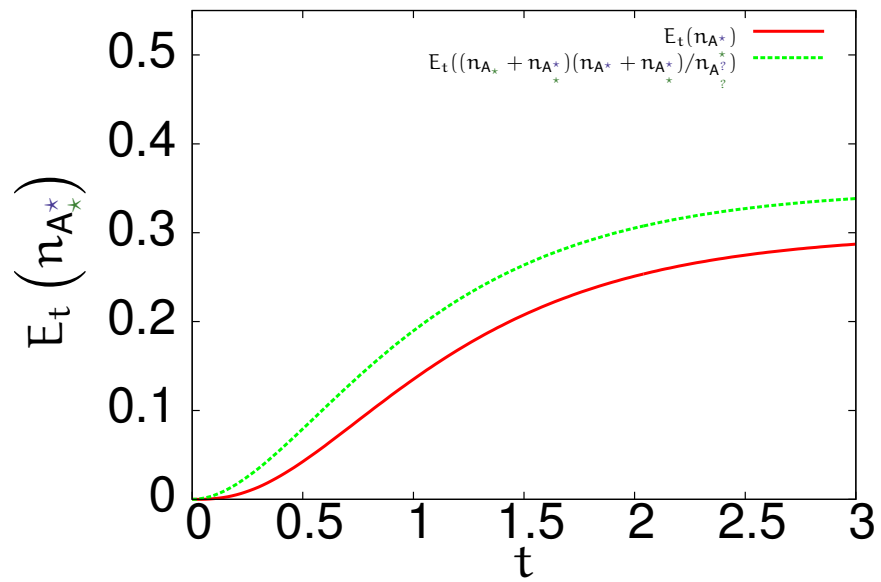


# Comparison between the two models



with  $k^+ = k^- = k_+ = k_- = 1$ ,  
and two instances of A at time  $t = 0$ .

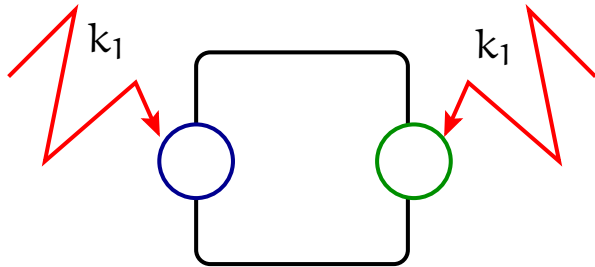
# Degree of correlation (in the unreduced model)



# Overview

1. Examples of information flow
2. **Symmetric sites**
3. Conclusion

# A model with symmetries

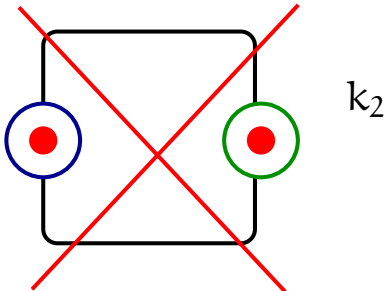


$$P \xrightarrow{k_1} *P$$

$$P^* \xrightarrow{k_1} *P^*$$

$$P \xrightarrow{k_1} P^*$$

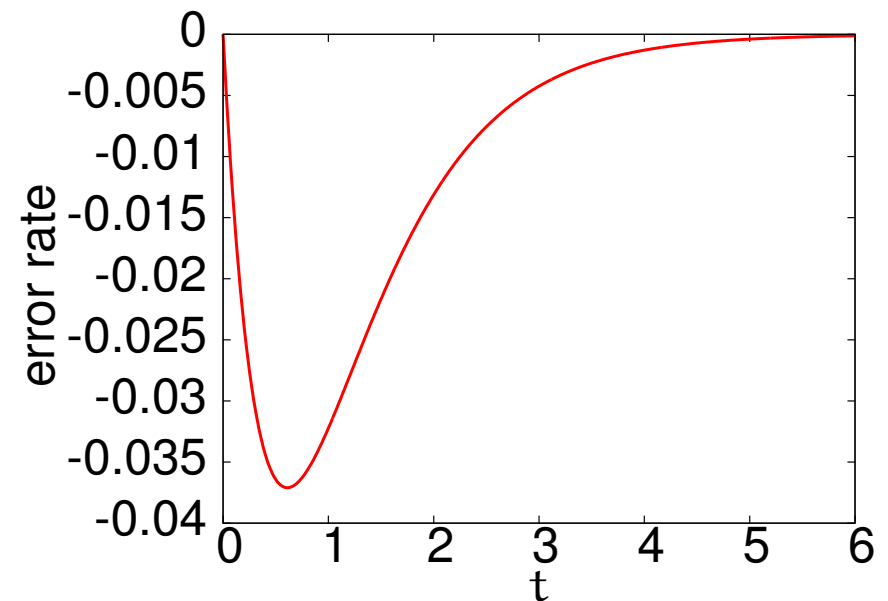
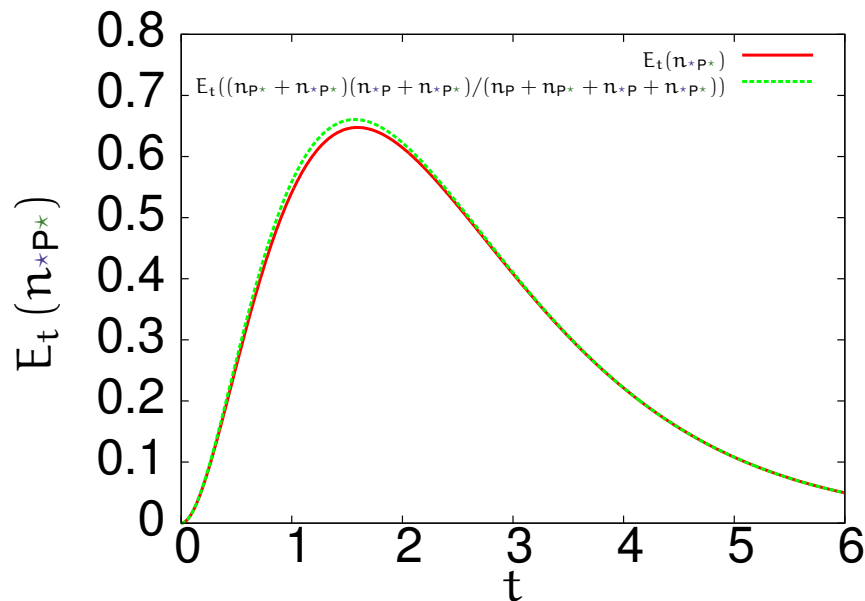
$$*P \xrightarrow{k_1} *P^*$$



$$*P^* \xrightarrow{k_2} \emptyset$$

# Degree of correlation (in the unreduced model)

$$E_t(n_{*P*}) = E_t \left( \frac{(n_{*P} + n_{*P*})(n_{P*} + n_{*P*})}{n_P + n_{P*} + n_{*P} + n_{*P*}} \right).$$

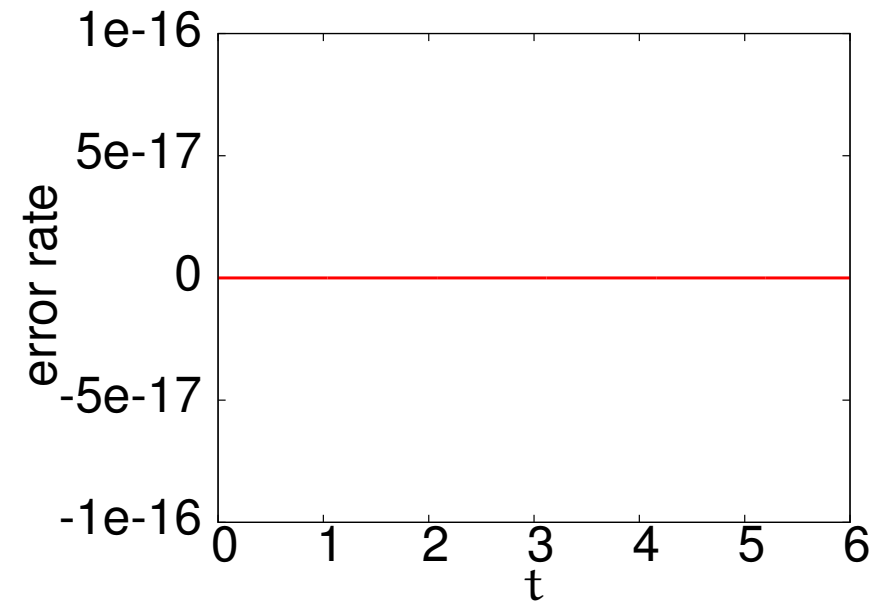
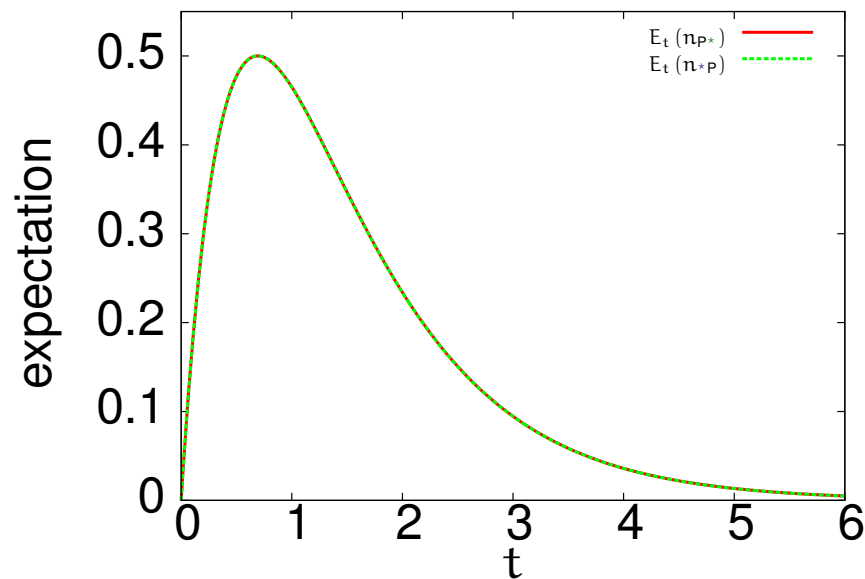


with  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$   
and two instances of P at time  $t = 0$ .

# Equivalent chemical species

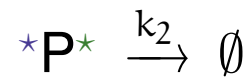
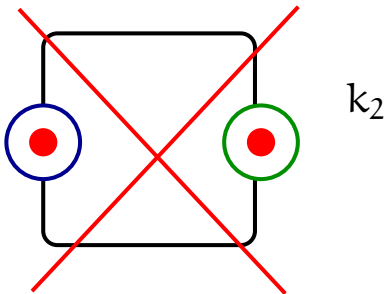
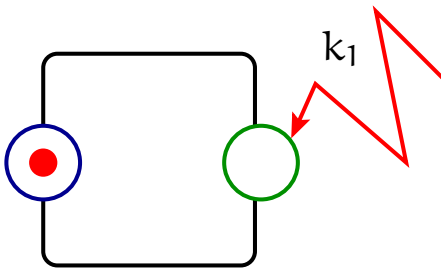
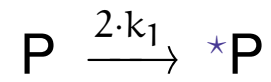
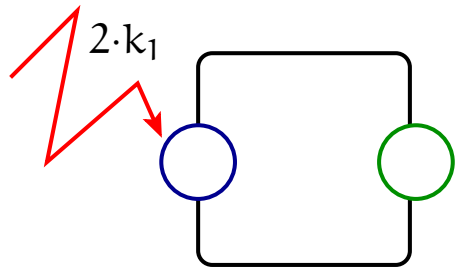
We check numerically that:

$$E_t(n_{P^*}) = E_t(n_{*P}).$$



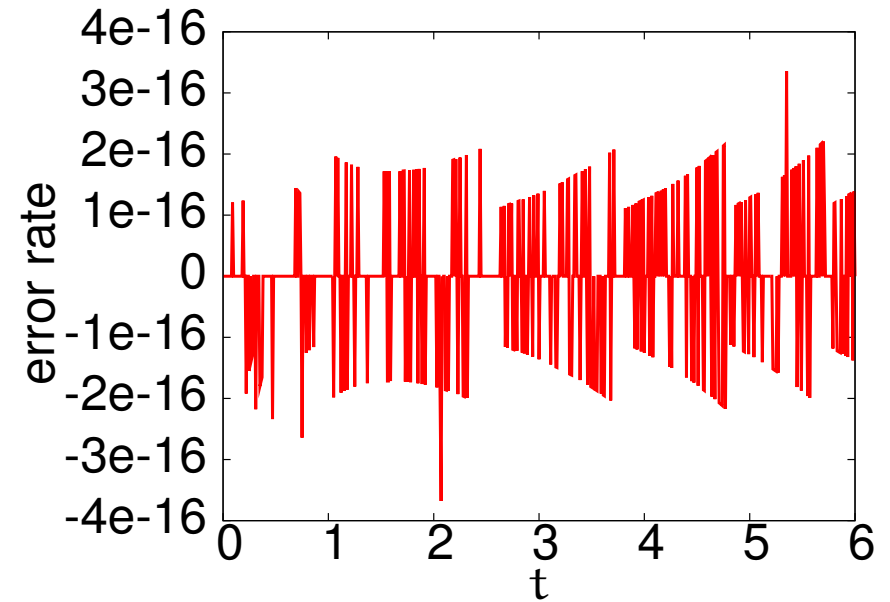
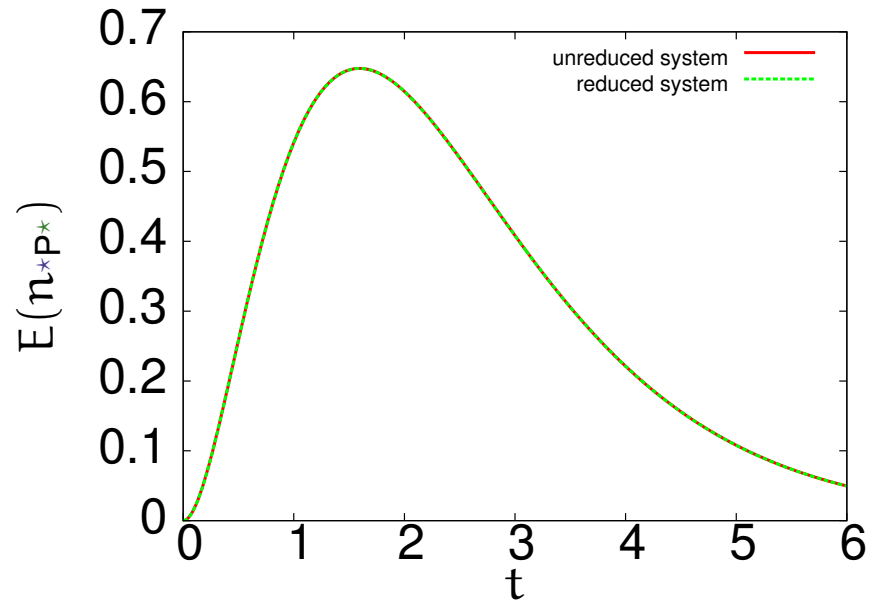
with  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$   
and two instances of P at time  $t = 0$ .

# Reduced model



Exponential reduction!!!

# Comparison between the two models



with  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$   
and two instances of P at time  $t = 0$ .

# Conclusion

- A framework for reducing stochastic rule-based models.
  - We use:
    - \* the sites the state of which are **uncorrelated**;
    - \* the sites having the **same capabilities** of interactions.
  - **Algebraic operators** combine these abstractions.
- We use **backward bisimulations** in order to prove **statistical invariants**, we use them to **reduce the dimension** of the **continuous-time Markov chains**.

# Future works

- Forward bisimulations are very convenient to abstract ODE semantics.  
⇒ investigate the use of hybrid bisimulation.
- Propose approximated simulation algorithms to approximate different scale rate reactions.
  - hybrid systems,
  - tau-leaping,
  - ...

# Announcements

- Implementation is freely distributed on <http://www.kappalanguage.org>.
- Call for candidates (Internships, Post-doc positions...):

ANR-Chair of Excellence: **AbstractCell**

<http://www.di.ens.fr/~feret/abstractcell>

- Call for papers/participation:

Second Workshop on Static Analysis and Systems Biology  
(SASB 2011)

(co-chaired with Andre Levchenko)

13th Sept 2011, Venice

<http://www.di.ens.fr/sasb2011>