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# An algebraic approach for inferring and using symmetries in rule-based models

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## **Overview**

- 1. Context and motivations
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## **Signalling Pathways**



Eikuch, 2007

#### Bridging the gap between...



$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \\ \frac{dx_3}{dt} = k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 - k_{-1} \cdot x_3 + 2 \cdot k_2 \cdot x_3 \cdot x_3 - k_{-2} \cdot x_4 \\ \frac{dx_4}{dt} = k_2 \cdot x_3^2 - k_2 \cdot x_4 + \frac{v_4 \cdot x_5}{p_4 + x_5} - k_3 \cdot x_4 - k_{-3} \cdot x_5 \\ \frac{dx_5}{dt} = \cdots \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dx_n}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot c_2 + k_{-1} \cdot x_3 \end{cases}$$

knowledge representation

and

models of the behaviour of systems

## **Site-graphs rewriting**



- a language close to knowledge representation;
- rules are easy to update;
- a compact description of models.

## **Choices of semantics**



## **Complexity walls**



## Abstractions offer different perspectives on models



information flow





exact projection of the ODE semantics

## **Symmetric sites**

• in BNGL or MetaKappa (multiple-occurrences of sites):



• in Formal Cellular Machinery or React(C) (hyper-edges):



Blinov <u>et al.</u>, BioNetGen: software for rule-based modeling of signal transduction based on the interactions of molecular domains, Bioinformatics 2004 Danos <u>et al.</u>, Rule-Based Modelling and Model Perturbation, TCSB 2009 Damgaard <u>et al.</u>, Formal cellular machinery, Damgaard et al., SASB 2011 John et al., Biochemical Reaction Rules with Constraints, ESOP 2011













We can compute a horizontal reflection.



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We can compute a horizontal reflection.



We can compute a vertical reflection.



We can compute a vertical reflection.



We can compute a vertical reflection.



We can compute both reflections.



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But we cannot apply different permutations!!!.



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## **Case study**



### **State distribution**



## Lumpability



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We can lump the system.

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## Lumped system



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In general, when the following system:

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is not satisfied, we cannot lump the system.

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#### **Probability ratios (wrong coefficients)**



# In this talk

An algebraic notion of symmetries over site graphs:

- compatible with the SPO (Single Push-Out) semantics of Kappa;
- with a notion of subgroups of symmetries;
- with a notion of symmetric models.

Some conditions so that symmetries over a model induce

- a forward bisimulation;
- a backward bisimulation.

In this talk, we consider only a side-effect free fragment of Kappa. The full language is handled with in, the paper.

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### **Signature**



## Site graphs



## **Embeddings**



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### **Composition of embeddings**



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### **Composition of embeddings**



### **Identity embeddings**



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## Isomorphisms



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## **Fully specified site graphs**



### **Isomorphic embeddings**

When the following diagram:



commutes, we say that the embeddings f and g are isomorphic, and we write  $f \approx g.$ 

### **Partial embeddings**















#### **Rules**



A rule is a partial embedding such that:

- the domain (D) is maximal;
- some constraints that we omit here are satisfied.

## **Rule application**



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## **Semantics**

1. A model is a map k from rules to non negative real numbers; 2.  $Q \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{[G]_{\approx} | G \text{ fully specified site graph}\};$ 

3.  $\mathcal{L} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ (r, [f]_{\approx}) \mid r \text{ a rule }, f \text{ an embedding from } lhs(r) \\ \text{to a fully specified site graph} \right\};$ 

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  4. [M]<sub>≈</sub> <sup>(r,[f]<sub>≈</sub>)</sup> [M']<sub>≈</sub> if and only if:



The rate of such a transition is defined as:

 $\underline{\gamma(r)\textit{card}(\{\varphi f \mid \varphi \in \textit{Aut}(\textit{im}(f))\})}$ 

card(Aut(Ihs(r)))

## **Applying transformations over push-outs**

We would like to make pairs of transformations act over push-outs,



whenever they act the same way on preserved agents.

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## **Transformations over site graphs**

• For any site graph G, we introduce a finite group of transformations  $\mathbb{G}_{G}$ .



- For any site graph G and any transformation  $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_{G}$ , we introduce the site graph  $\sigma$ .G and we call it the image of G by  $\sigma$ .
- We assume that  $\mathbb{G}_{G}$  and  $\mathbb{G}_{(\sigma,G)}$  are the same group.









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We assume that:

- $i_E.\sigma = \sigma$
- $\sigma.i_E = i_{(\sigma.E)}$











We assume that:

- $\varepsilon_F F = F$
- $f_{\cdot}\epsilon_F = \epsilon_E$
- $\varepsilon_F f = f$













We assume that:

- $(gf).\sigma = f.(g.\sigma)$
- $\sigma.(gf) = (\sigma.g)((g.\sigma).f)$











We assume that:

- $(\sigma' \circ \sigma).F = \sigma'.(\sigma.F)$
- $f.(\sigma' \circ \sigma) = ((f.\sigma).\sigma') \circ (f.\sigma)$
- $(\sigma' \circ \sigma).f = \sigma'.(\sigma.f)$
# Images of fully specified site graphs

We assume that for any site graph G and any transformation  $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_G$  the two following assertions are equivalent:

- 1. G is fully specified;
- 2.  $\sigma$ .G is fully specified.

### **Images of partial embeddings**

For any partial embedding  $\phi$  :  $L \stackrel{f}{\hookrightarrow} D \stackrel{g}{\hookrightarrow} R$ , We assume that:

• if

$$\begin{cases} f.\sigma_L = g.\sigma_R \\ f.\sigma_L' = g.\sigma_R' \end{cases}$$

• then

$$f.(\sigma_L \circ \sigma'_L) = g.(\sigma_R \circ \sigma'_R),$$

for any  $\sigma_L, \sigma'_L \in \mathbb{G}_L, \, \sigma_R, \sigma'_R \in \mathbb{G}_R$ ,

We consider:

$$\mathbb{G}_{\varphi} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_L \times \mathbb{G}_R \mid f.\sigma_L = g.\sigma_R\}.$$

### **Images of rules**

We assume that for any partial embedding  $\phi : L \stackrel{f}{\hookrightarrow} D \stackrel{g}{\hookrightarrow} R$  and any (pair of) transformation(s)  $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_{\phi}$  the two following assertions are equivalent:

1.  $\phi$  is a rule;

**2.** 
$$\sigma_L.L \stackrel{\sigma_L.f}{\longleftrightarrow} (f.\sigma_L).D \stackrel{\sigma_R.g}{\hookrightarrow} \sigma_R.R$$
 is a rule.

### **Images of push-outs**

**Theorem 1** Let r be a rule, and  $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_r$  be a pair of transformations. If the following diagram:



is a push-out, then the following diagram:



is a push-out as well.

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### **Subgroups of transformations**

#### Theorem 2

If, for any embedding h between two site graphs G and H:

- we have a subset  $\mathbb{G}'_{G}$  of  $\mathbb{G}_{G}$ ;
- for any transformation  $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}'_{G}$ ,  $\mathbb{G}'_{G} = \mathbb{G}'_{(\sigma,G)}$ ;
- for any two  $\sigma, \sigma'$  transformations in  $\mathbb{G}'_{\mathsf{G}}, \sigma \circ \sigma' \in \mathbb{G}'_{\mathsf{G}}$ ;
- for any transformation  $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}'_{H}$ ,  $h.\sigma \in \mathbb{G}'_{G}$ ;

then the groups  $(\mathbb{G}'_{\mathsf{G}})$  define a set of transformations.

#### **Example:** Heterogeneous site permutations









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### **Group actions over site graphs**

Let G, G' be two site graphs.

We write  $G \approx_{\mathbb{G}} G'$  if and only if there exists  $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_G$  such that  $G' = \sigma.G$ .

The function:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{G}_{\mathsf{G}} \times [\mathsf{G}]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}} \to [\mathsf{G}]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}} \\ (\sigma,\mathsf{G}) & \mapsto & \sigma.\mathsf{G} \end{cases}$$

is a group action.

That is to say:

- $\varepsilon$ .G = G;
- $\sigma'.(\sigma.G) = (\sigma' \circ \sigma).G.$

### **Group actions over embeddings**

Let f, f' be two embeddings.

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# **Compatible embeddings**

An embedding f between two site graphs G and H is said compatible if and only if:

$$\mathbb{G}_{G} = \{ f.\sigma \mid \sigma \in \mathbb{G}_{H} \}$$

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This property is not preserved by subgroups of transformations:



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### Decomposition of transformations along an embedding

When f is an embedding between two site graphs G and H, we have:

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## **Images of isomorphisms**

The image of an isomorphism is an isomorphism.



The image of an automorphism may be not an automorphism.

Yet, for any site graph G, we have:

 $\textit{Card}(G) = \textit{Card}(\{\varphi \mid \varphi \in \textit{Aut}(G)\}) \times \textit{Card}(\{G' \mid G' \approx G \textit{ and } G' \approx_{\mathbb{G}} G\}).$ 

### **Group actions over rules**

Let  $r : L \stackrel{f}{\longleftrightarrow} D \stackrel{g}{\hookrightarrow} R$  be a rule.

We define the symmetric of r by a symmetry  $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_r$  as follows:

$$(\sigma_{L}, \sigma_{R}).r \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sigma_{L}.L \stackrel{\sigma_{L}.f}{\longleftrightarrow} (f.\sigma_{L}).D \stackrel{\sigma_{R}.g}{\hookrightarrow} \sigma_{R}.R$$

We write  $r \approx_{\mathbb{G}} r'$  if and only if there exists  $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_r$  such that  $r' = \sigma.r$ . Then:

- $\mathbb{G}_r$  is a group.
- the groups  $\mathbb{G}_r$  and  $\mathbb{G}_{\sigma,r}$  are the same, for any symmetry  $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_r$ .
- The function:

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#### Some transformations operate on the domain of the rule.





#### Some transformations operate on degraded agents.





#### Some transformations operate on created agents.

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 $\mathbb{G}_{r} \approx \{\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_{L} \mid f.\sigma = \varepsilon_{D}\} \times \{\sigma \mid \exists (\sigma_{L}, \sigma_{R}) \in \mathbb{G}_{r}, \sigma = f.\sigma_{L} = f.\sigma_{R}\} \times \{\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_{R} \mid g.\sigma = \varepsilon_{D}\}.$ 

Symmetries distribute over:

- 1. the ones on removed agents;
- 2. the ones on new agents;
- 3. the ones on the domain which are compatible with rule.

### **Group actions over push-out**

**Theorem 3** Let r be a rule. The function which maps each pair of transformations  $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_r$  and each push-out of the form:



with  $r' \approx_{\mathbb{G}} r$ , to the push-out:



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# Symmetric model

We assume that the model contains atmost one rule per isomorphism class.

A model is G-symmetric if and only if:

- for any rule r in the model and any pair of symmetries  $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_r$ , there is (unique) a rule r' in the model that is isomorphic to the rule  $\sigma.r$ .
- and, with the same notations, we have g(r) = g(r') where:

$$g(r) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{k(r)}{\textit{card}(\{\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_r \mid \sigma.r \approx r\})\textit{card}(\textit{Aut}(\textit{lhs}(r))}.$$

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# **Unbinding rules**



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We say that a rule r is forward-compatible if and only if, for any push-out of the following form:



the embedding g is compatible.

We say that a rule r is backward-compatible if and only if, for any push-out of the following form:



the embedding f is compatible.

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### **Lumping states**

We say that two states  $q, q' \in Q$  are isomorphic if and only if there exist  $M \in q$  and  $M' \in q'$  such that  $M \approx_{\mathbb{G}} M'$ .

In such a case, we write  $q \approx_{\mathbb{G}} q'$ .  $\approx_{\mathbb{G}}$  is an equivalence relation.
### **Lumping the transtion labels**

We say that two labels  $(r, C) \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $(r', C') \in \mathcal{L}$  are isomorphic if and only if there exist an embedding  $f \in C$ , an embedding  $f' \in C'$ , a pair of symmetries  $(\sigma_{L'}, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_{\mathsf{IM}(f)} \times \mathbb{G}_{\mathsf{rhs}(r)}$  such that  $(f.'\sigma_{L'}, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_r$  and two isomorphisms  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  such that the following diagram commutes:



In such a case, we write  $(r, C) \approx_{\mathbb{G}} (r', C')$  (this is also an equivalence relation).

### Weighted flow

Let  $X, X' \subseteq Q$  and  $Y \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\omega$  be a function from Q to  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

We define the flow from X to X' via Y, weighted by the reward function  $\omega$  by:

$$\mathsf{FLOW}_{\omega}(X, Y, X') \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sum_{q \in X, q' \in X', \lambda \in Y, q \stackrel{\lambda}{\longrightarrow} q'} \omega(q) \mathsf{RATE}(\lambda)$$

### **Forward bisimulation**

**Theorem 4** Let  $q, q', q'' \in Q$  such that  $q \approx_{\mathbb{G}} q'$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}$ . If the model is symmetric and if the rules of the models are forward-compatible, then the following equality holds:

$$\mathsf{FLOW}_{\omega}\left(\{q\}, [\lambda]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}}, [q'']_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}}\right) = \mathsf{FLOW}_{\omega}\left(\{q'\}, [\lambda]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}}, [q'']_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}}\right),$$

with  $\omega(q_1) = 1$  for any  $q_1 \in \mathcal{Q}$ .

### **Backward bisimulation (DTMC)**

**Theorem 5** Let  $q, q', q'' \in Q$  such that  $q' \approx_{\mathbb{G}} q''$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}$ . If the model is symmetric and if the rules of the models are backward-compatible, then the following equality holds:

$$\begin{split} &\omega(q'')\mathsf{FLOW}_{\omega}\left([q]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}},[\lambda]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}},\{q'\}\right) = \omega(q')\mathsf{FLOW}_{\omega}\left([q]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}},[\lambda]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}},\{q''\}\right),\\ &\text{with } \omega(q_1) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{1}{\textit{card}(\textit{Aut}(q))}, \text{ for any } q_1 \in \mathcal{Q}. \end{split}$$

## **Backward bisimulation (CTMC)**

**Theorem 6** Let  $q, q', q'' \in \mathcal{Q}$  such that  $q' \approx_{\mathbb{G}} q''$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}$ .

If the model is symmetric and if the rules of the models are both forward- and backward-compatible,

then the following equalities holds:

1. FLOW<sub>w</sub> ({q'}, Q, L) = FLOW<sub>w</sub> ({q"}, Q, L),  
with 
$$\omega(q_1) = 1$$
 for any  $q_1 \in Q$ ;  
2.  $\omega(q'')$ FLOW<sub>w</sub>  $\left([q]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}}, [\lambda]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}}, \{q'\}\right) = \omega(q')$ FLOW<sub>w</sub>  $\left([q]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}}, [\lambda]_{\approx_{\mathbb{G}}}, \{q''\}\right)$ ,  
with  $\omega(q_1) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{1}{card(Aut(q))}$ , for any  $q_1 \in Q$ .

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A fully algebraic framework to infer and use symmetries in Kappa;

- Compatible with the SPO semantics (see [FSTTCS'2012]);
- Can handle side-effects (see the paper);
- Induces forward and/or back and forth bisimulations;
- Can be applied to discover model reductions for the qualitative semantics, the ODEs semantics, and the stochastic semantics [MFPSXXVII];
- Can be combined with other exact model reductions [MFPSXXVI].

This framework is cleaner and more general that the process algebra based one [MFPSXXVII].

Camporesi <u>et al.</u>, Combining model reductions. MFPS XXVI (2010) Camporesi <u>et al.</u>, Formal reduction of rule-based models, MFPS XXVII (2011) Danos <u>et al.</u>, Rewriting and Pathway Reconstruction for Rule-Based Models, FSTTCS 2012

# **Future work**

- Investigate which specific classes of symmetries and which specific classes of rules ensure that rules are forward and/or backward compatible with the symmetries;
- Check the compatibility with the DPO (Double Push-Out) semantics;
- Design approximate symmetries using bisimulation metrics (ask Norman Ferns).

