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**Formal model reduction**

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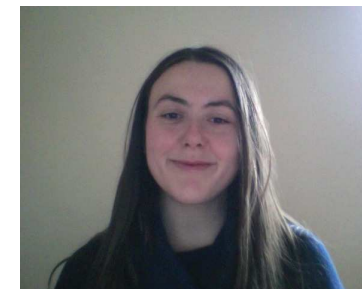
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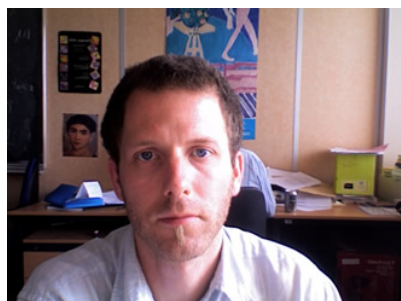
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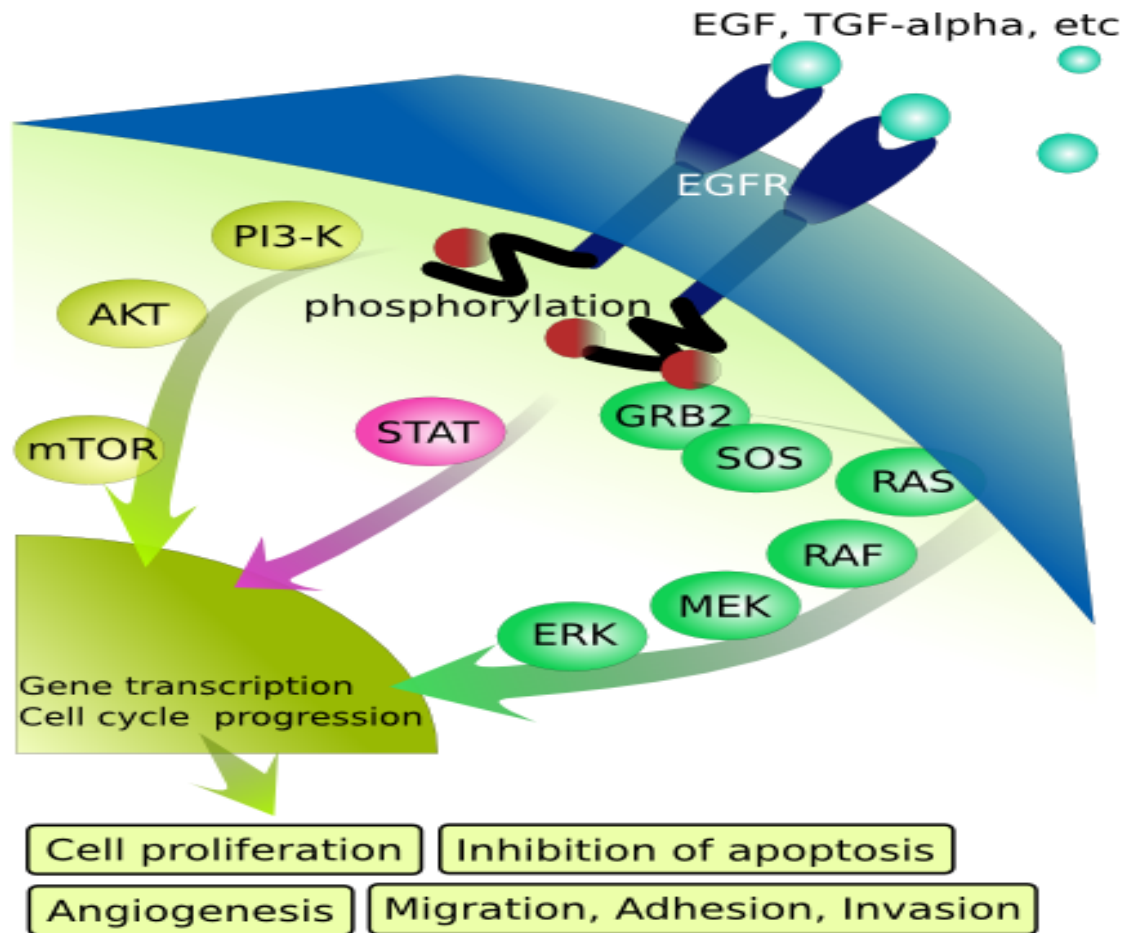


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# Overview

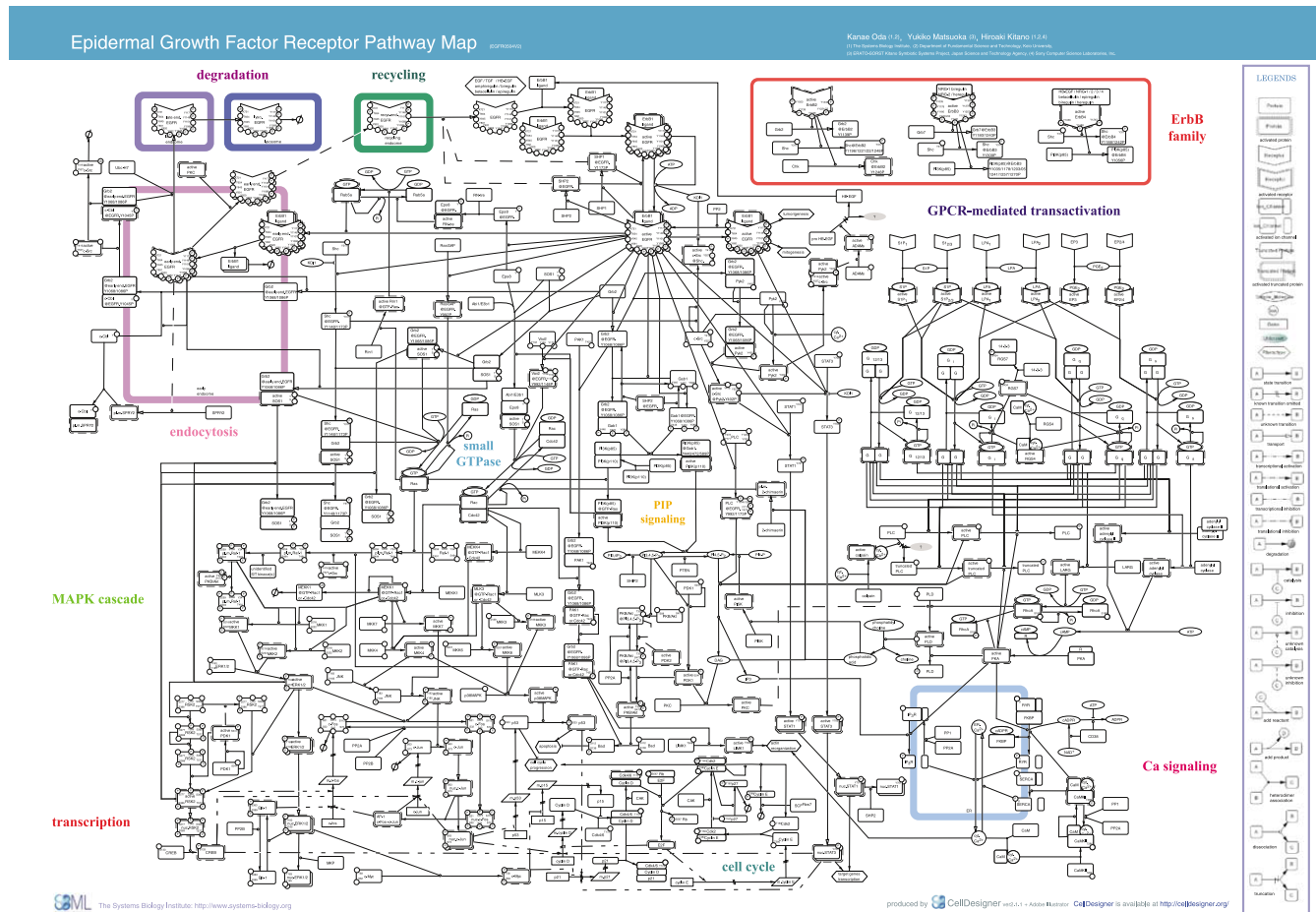
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# Signalling Pathways



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

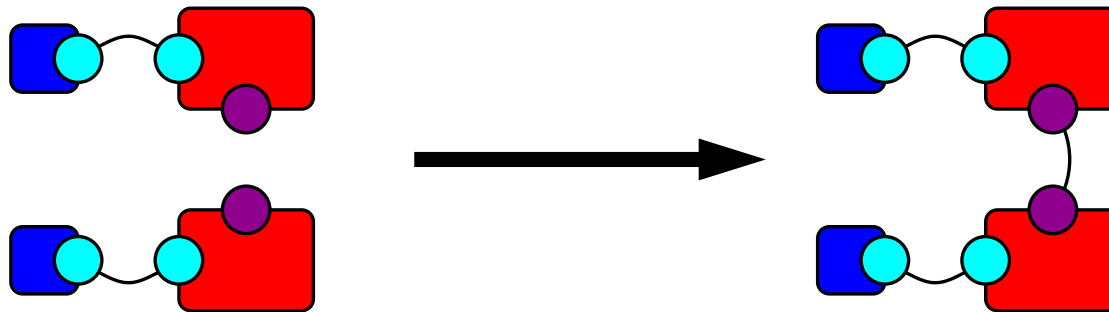
+ can be integrated

– 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.

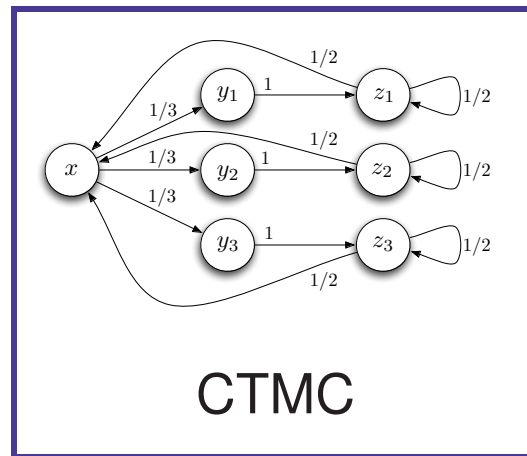
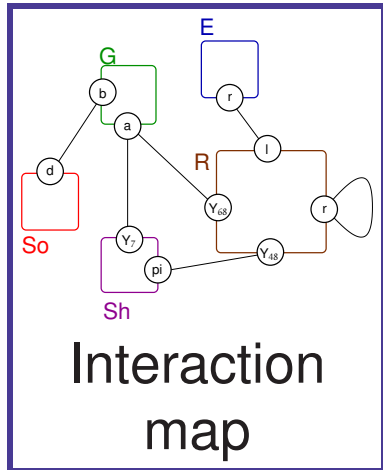
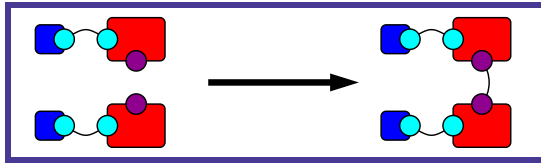
We can tune the model easily.

2. Model description is very compact.



# Semantics

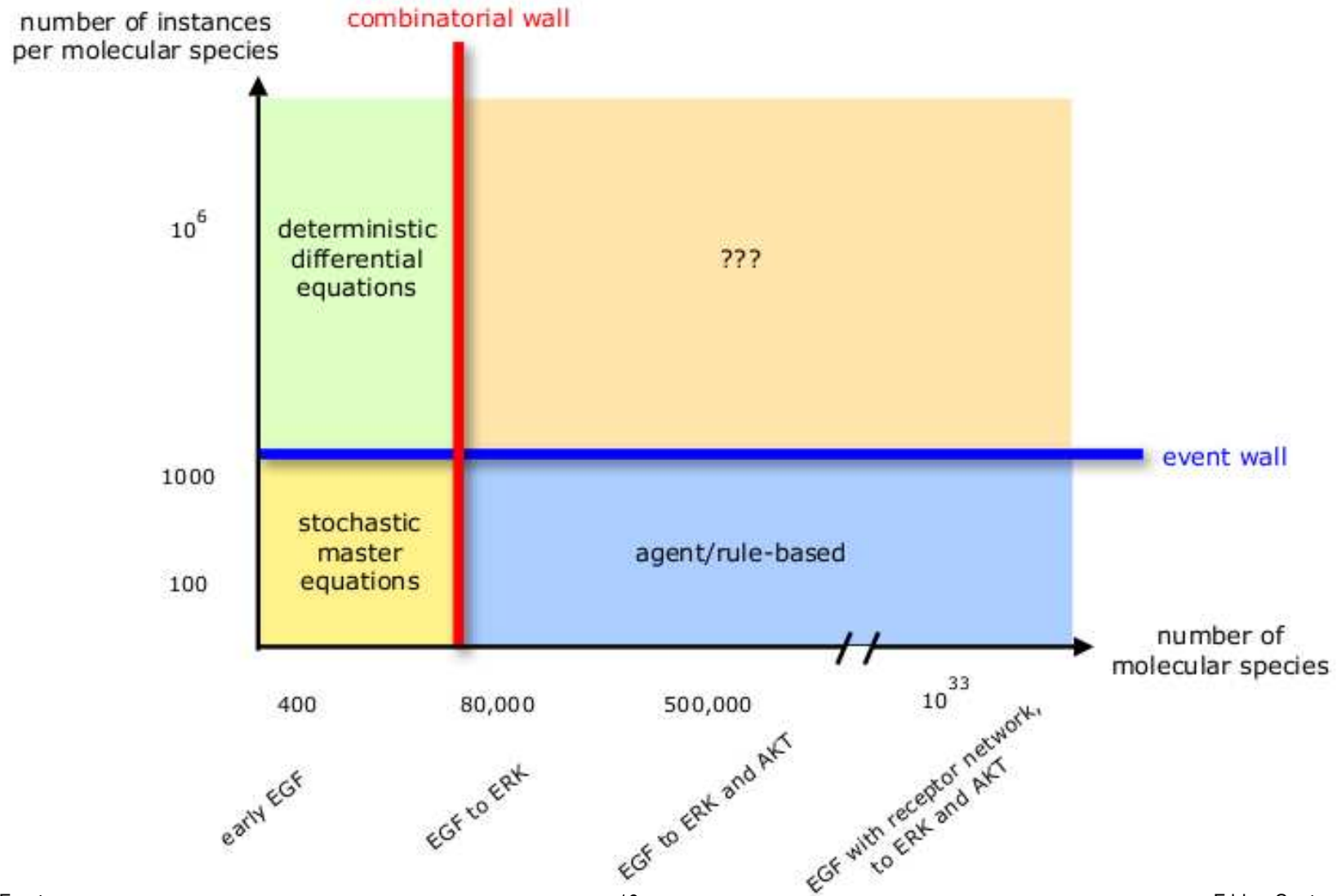
Several semantics (qualitative and/or quantitative) can be defined.



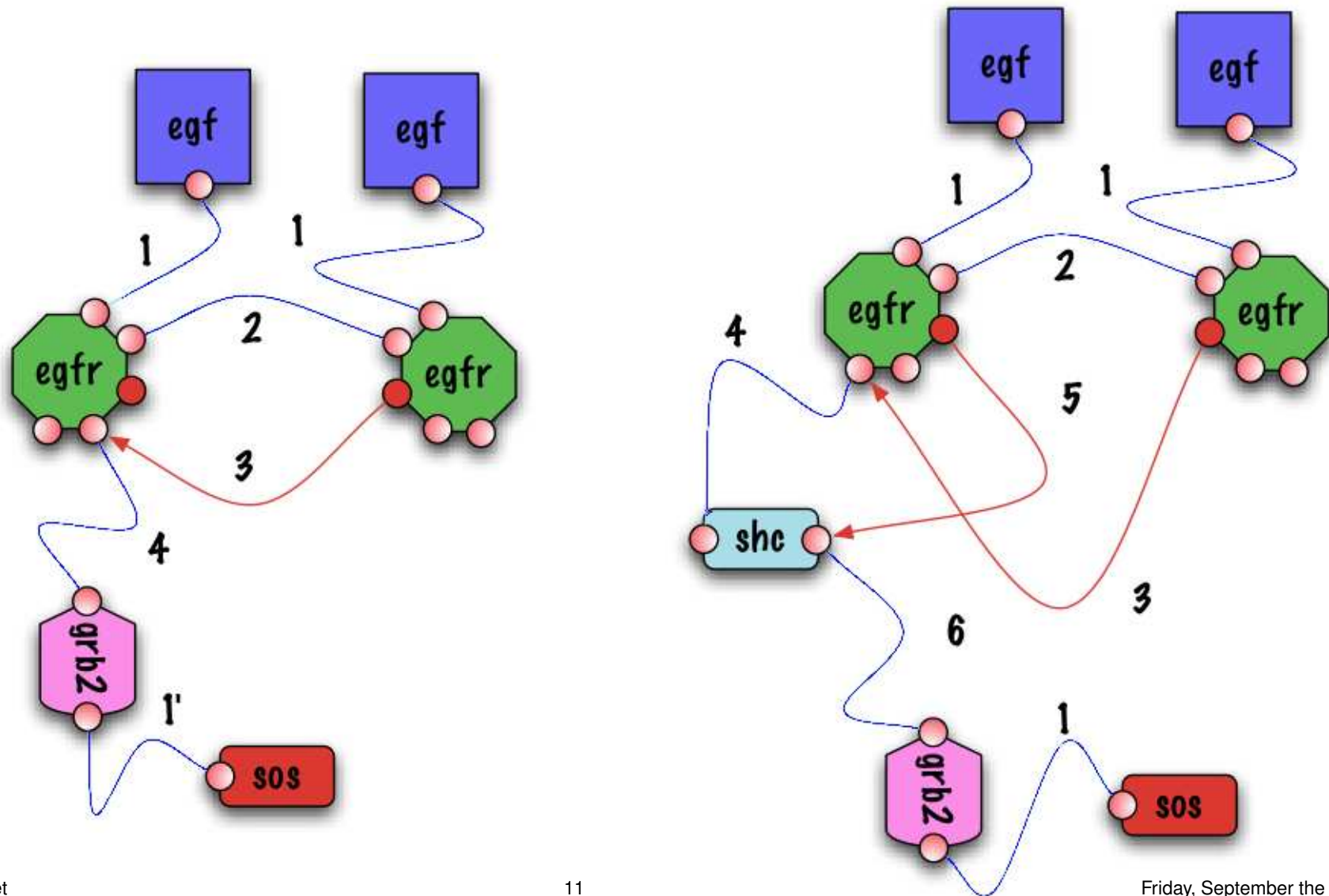
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**ODEs**

# Complexity walls



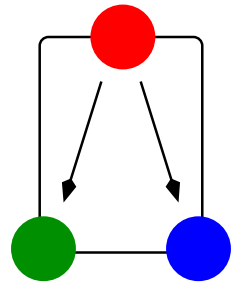
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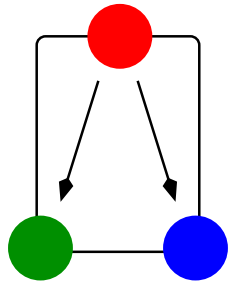
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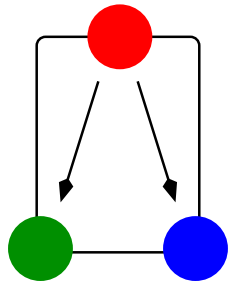


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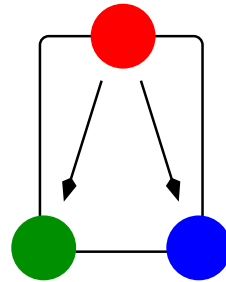
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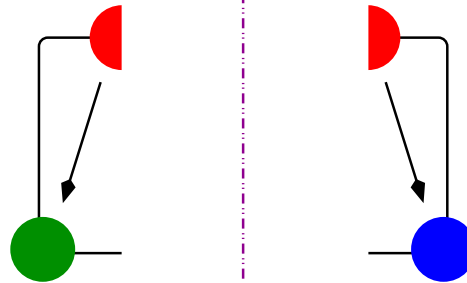
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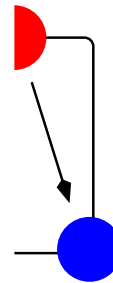
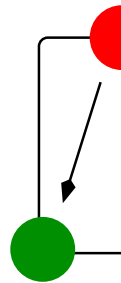




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# Dependence index

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

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

Thus we define the dependence index as follows:

$$X \triangleq [(p,p,p)] \cdot [(?,p,u)] + [(?,p,p)] - [(?,p,p)] \cdot [(p,p,?)].$$

We have:

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

So the property ( $X = 0$ ) is not an invariant.

# Conclusion

We can use the absence of flow of information to cut chemical species into self-consistent fragments of chemical species:

- some information is abstracted away:  
we cannot recover the concentration of any species;

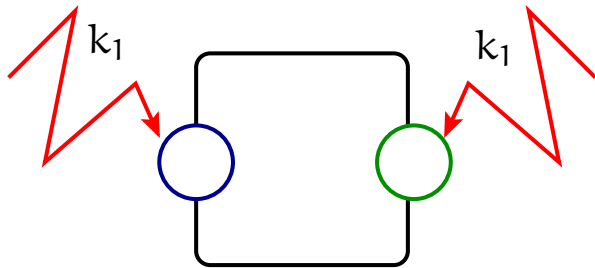
- + flow of information is easy to abstract;

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

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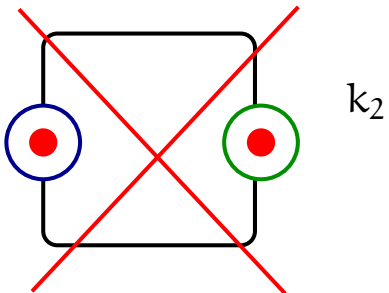


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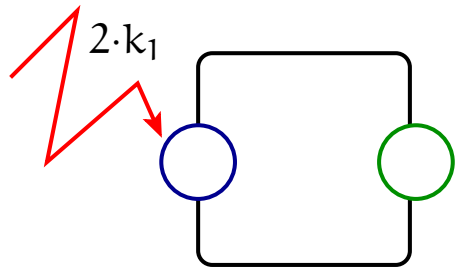
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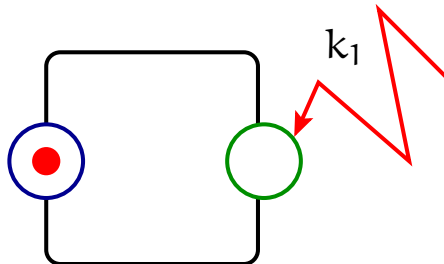


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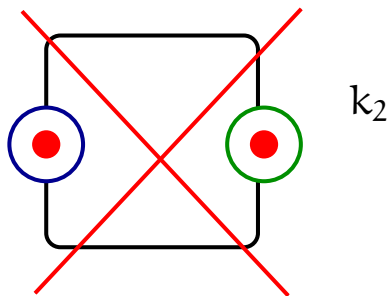
# Reduced model



$$P \longrightarrow {}^*P \quad 2 \cdot k_1$$



$${}^*P \longrightarrow {}^*P^* \quad k_1$$



$${}^*P^* \longrightarrow \emptyset \quad k_2$$

# Invariant

We wonder whether or not:

$$[{}^*P] = [P^*],$$

Thus we define the difference  $X$  as follows:

$$X \triangleq [{}^*P] - [P^*].$$

We have:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = -k_1 \cdot X.$$

So the property ( $X = 0$ ) is an invariant.

Thus, if  $[{}^*P] = [P^*]$  at time  $t = 0$ , then  $[{}^*P] = [P^*]$  forever.



# Conclusion

We can abstract away the distinction between chemical species which are equivalent up to symmetries (with respect to the reactions).

1. If the symmetries are satisfied in the initial state:

+ the abstraction is invertible:

we can recover the concentration of any species,  
(thanks to the invariants).

2. Otherwise:

– some information is abstracted away:

we cannot recover the concentration of any species;

+ the system converges to a state which satisfies the symmetries.

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# 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:

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

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# 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  $\|\cdot\|^\#$ ),
- 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

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

(i.e.  $Y_{\psi(X_0)} = \psi(X_{X_0})$ )

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## Proof sketch

Given an abstraction  $(\mathcal{V}^\#, \psi, \mathbb{F}^\#)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{X_0}(T) &= X_0 + \int_{t=0}^T \mathbb{F} (X_{X_0}(t)) \cdot dt \\ \psi (X_{X_0}(T)) &= \psi \left( X_0 + \int_{t=0}^T \mathbb{F} (X_{X_0}(t)) \cdot dt \right) \\ \psi (X_{X_0}(T)) &= \psi(X_0) + \int_{t=0}^T [\psi \circ \mathbb{F}] (X_{X_0}(t)) \cdot dt \quad (\psi \text{ is linear}) \\ \psi (X_{X_0}(T)) &= \psi(X_0) + \int_{t=0}^T \mathbb{F}^\# (\psi (X_{X_0}(t))) \cdot dt \quad (\mathbb{F}^\# \text{ is } \psi\text{-complete}) \end{aligned}$$

We set  $Y_0 \triangleq \psi(X_0)$  and  $Y_{Y_0} \triangleq \psi \circ X_{X_0}$ .

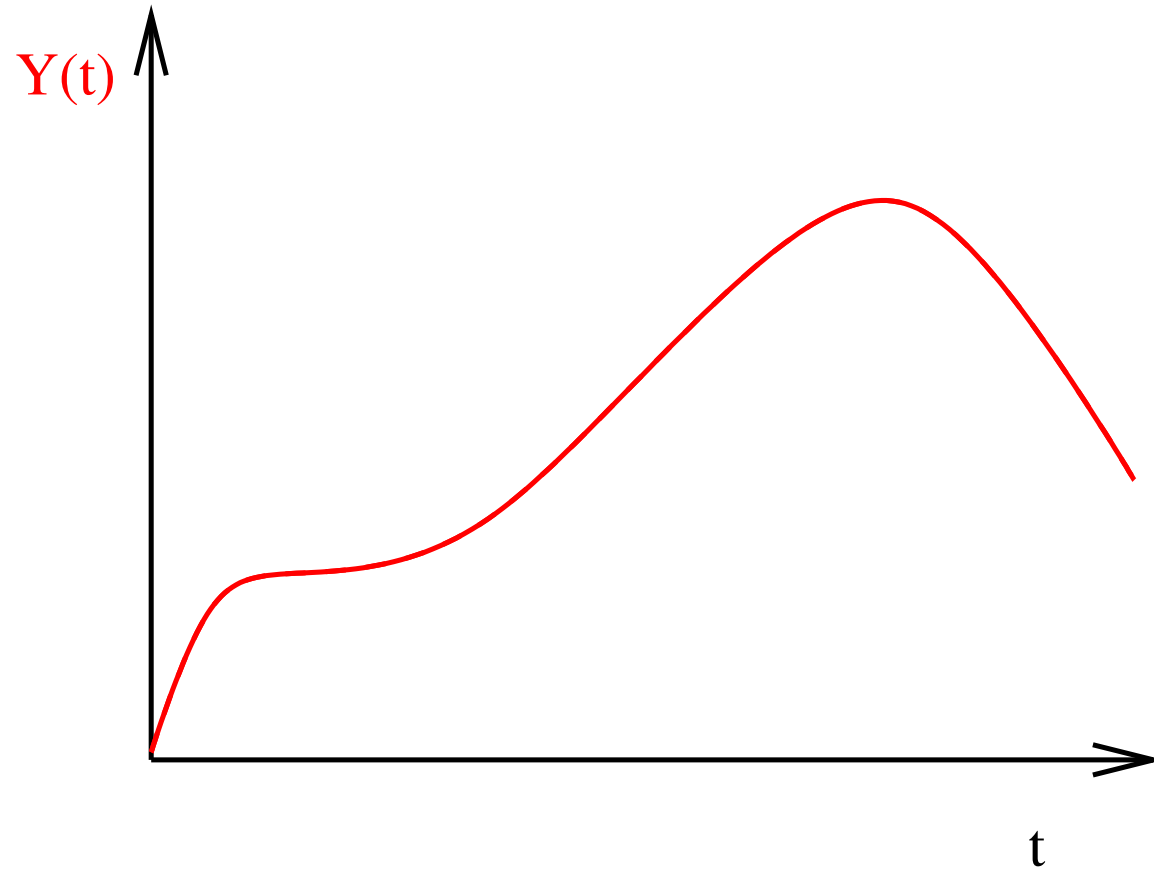
Then we have:

$$Y_{Y_0}(T) = Y_0 + \int_{t=0}^T \mathbb{F}^\# (Y_{Y_0}(t)) \cdot dt$$

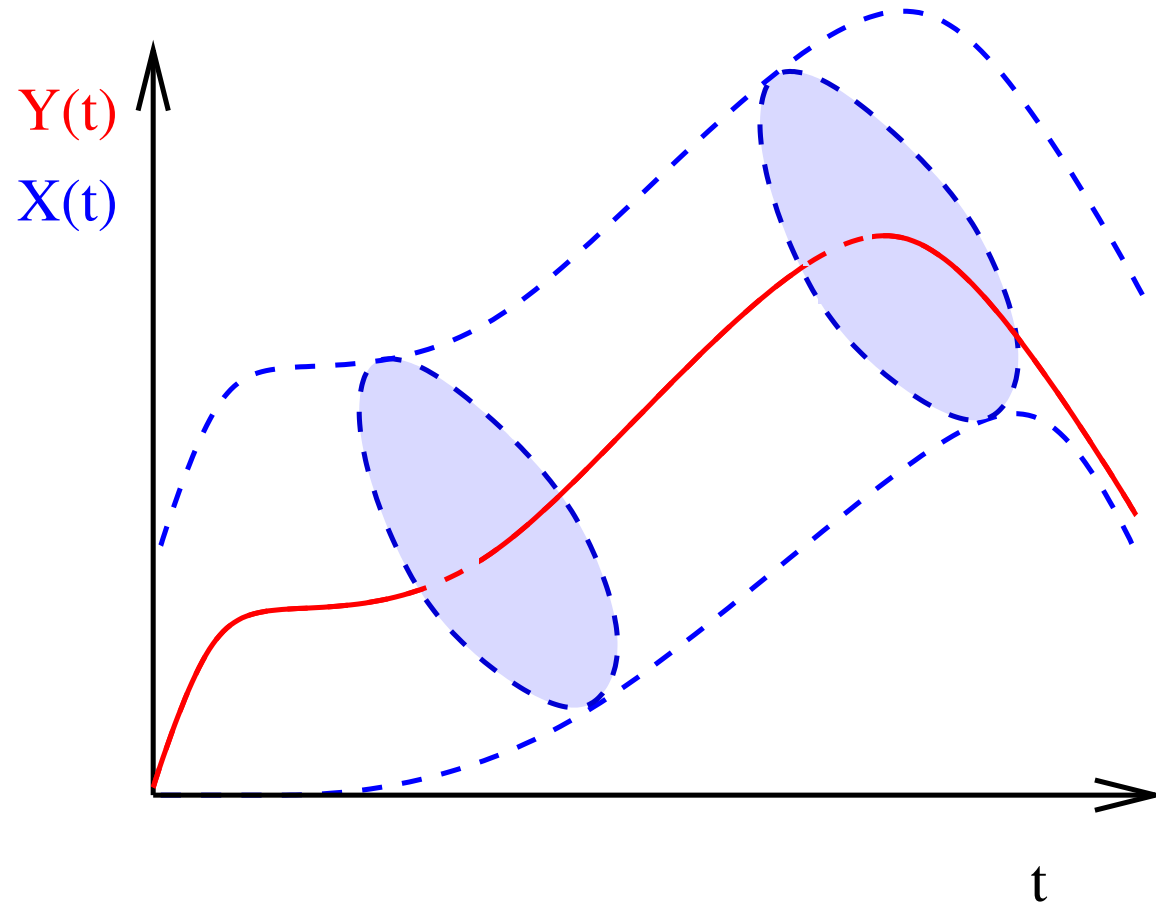
The assumption about  $\|\cdot\|$ ,  $\|\cdot\|^\#$ , and  $\psi$  ensures that  $\psi \circ X_{X_0}$  is a maximal solution.



# Fluid trajectories



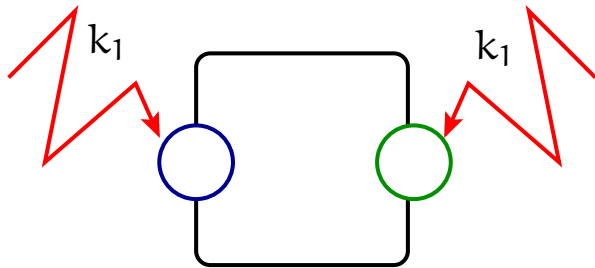
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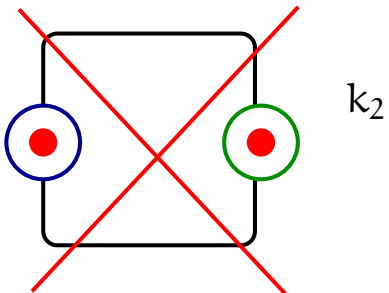


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# Differential equations

- Initial system:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} P \\ *P \\ P^* \\ *P^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \cdot k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ k_1 & -k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ k_1 & 0 & -k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_1 & k_1 & -k_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} P \\ *P \\ P^* \\ *P^* \end{bmatrix}$$

- Reduced system:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} P \\ *P + P^* \\ 0 \\ *P^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \cdot k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 \cdot k_1 & -k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_1 & 0 & -k_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} P \\ *P + P^* \\ 0 \\ *P^* \end{bmatrix}$$

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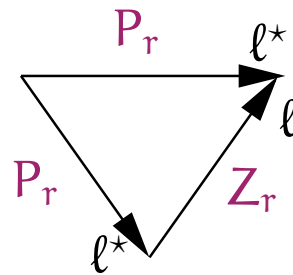
# Pair of projections induced by an equivalence relation among variables

Let  $r$  be an idempotent mapping from  $\mathcal{V}$  to  $\mathcal{V}$ .

We define two linear projections  $P_r, Z_r \in (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+) \rightarrow (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+)$  by:

- $P_r(\rho)(V) = \begin{cases} \sum\{\rho(V') \mid r(V') = r(V)\} & \text{when } V = r(V) \\ 0 & \text{when } V \neq r(V); \end{cases}$
- $Z_r(\rho) = \begin{cases} V \mapsto \rho(V) & \text{when } V = r(V) \\ V \mapsto 0 & \text{when } V \neq r(V). \end{cases}$

We notice that the following diagram commutes:



# Induced bisimulation

The mapping  $r$  induces a bisimulation,

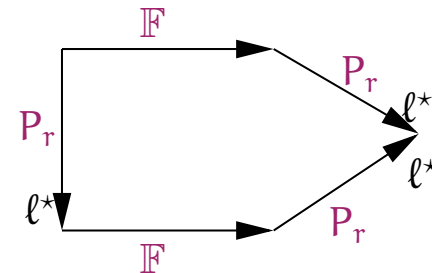


for any  $\sigma, \sigma' \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $P_r(\sigma) = P_r(\sigma') \implies P_r(\mathbb{F}(\sigma)) = P_r(\mathbb{F}(\sigma'))$ .

Indeed the mapping  $r$  induces a bisimulation,



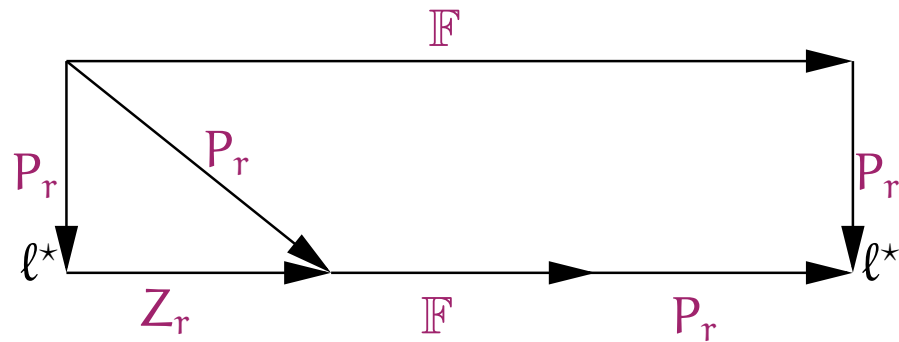
for any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $P_r(\mathbb{F}(\sigma)) = P_r(\mathbb{F}(P_r(\sigma)))$ .





# Induced abstraction

Under these assumptions  $(r(\mathcal{V}), P_r, P_r \circ F \circ Z_r)$  is an abstraction of  $(\mathcal{V}, F)$ , as proved in the following commutative diagram:



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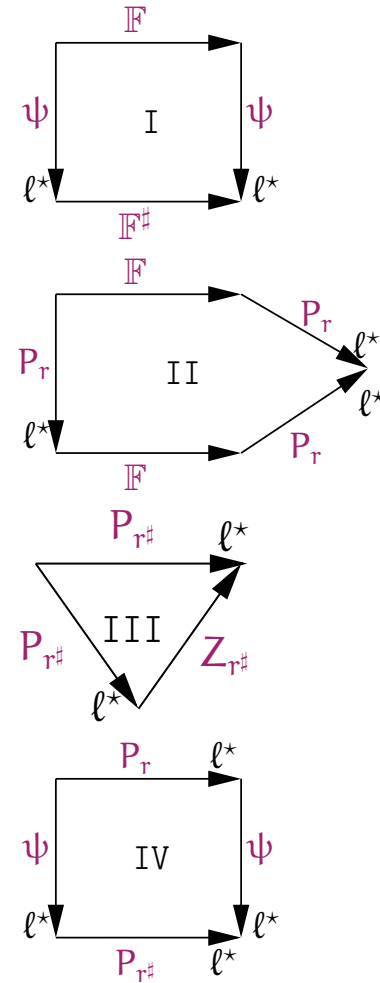
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# Abstract projection

We assume that we are given:

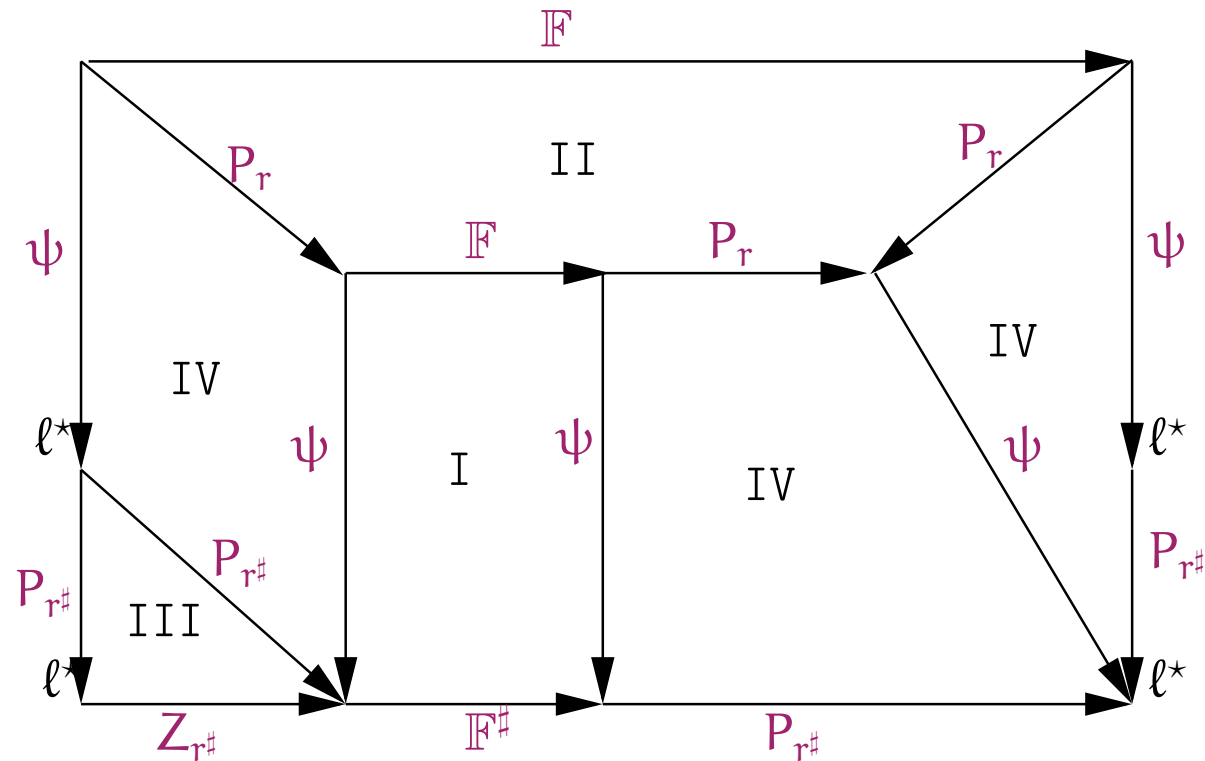
- a concrete system  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbb{F})$ ;
- an abstraction  $(\mathcal{V}^\#, \psi, \mathbb{F}^\#)$  of  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbb{F})$  (I);
- an idempotent mapping  $r$  over  $\mathcal{V}$  which induces a bisimulation (II);
- an idempotent mapping  $r^\#$  over  $\mathcal{V}^\#$  (III);

such that:  $\psi \circ P_r = P_{r^\#} \circ \psi$  (IV).



# Combination of abstractions

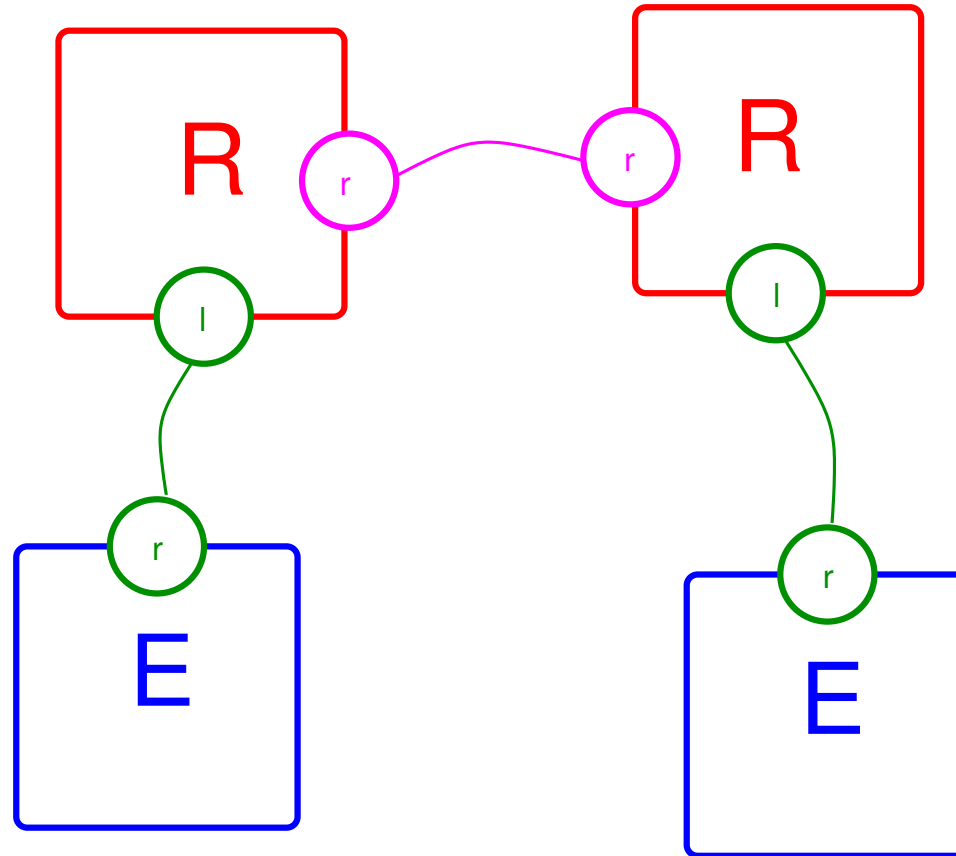
Under these assumptions,  $(r^\sharp(\mathcal{V}^\sharp), P_{r^\sharp} \circ \psi, P_{r^\sharp} \circ \mathbb{F}^\sharp \circ Z_{r^\sharp})$  is an abstraction of  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathbb{F})$ , as proved in the following commutative diagram:



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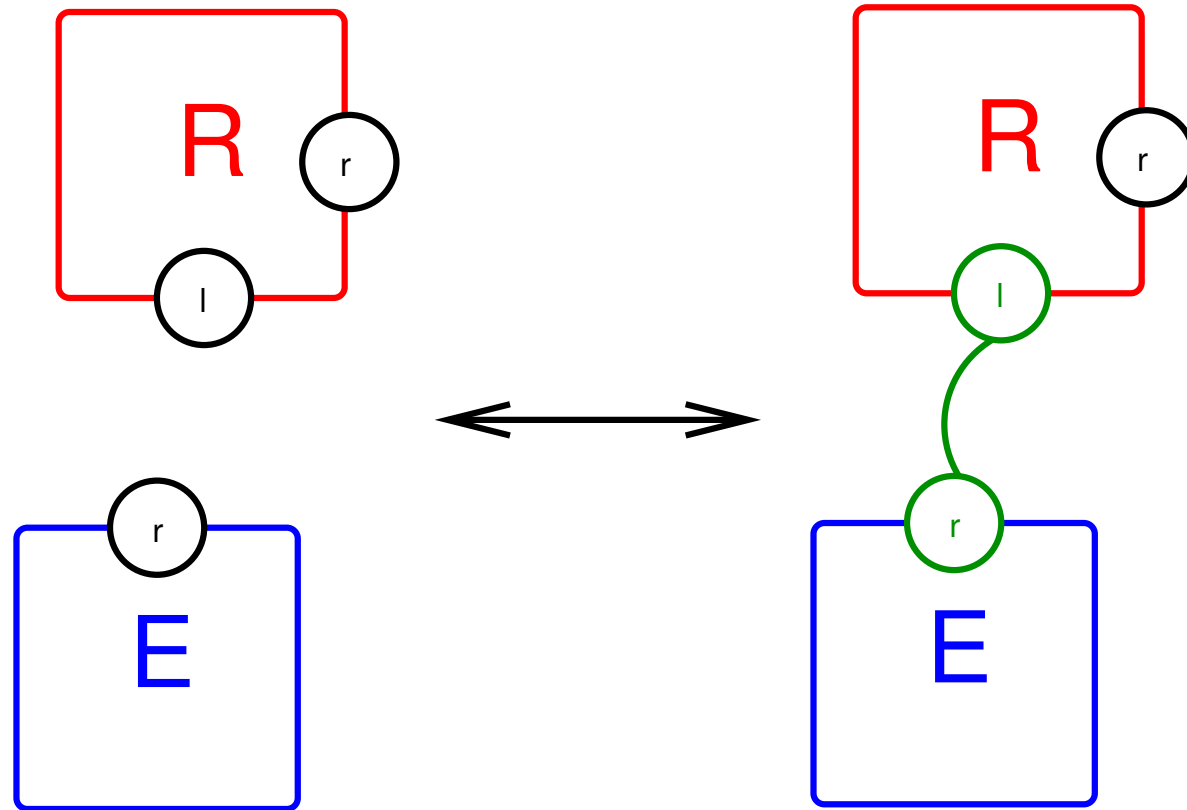
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# A species



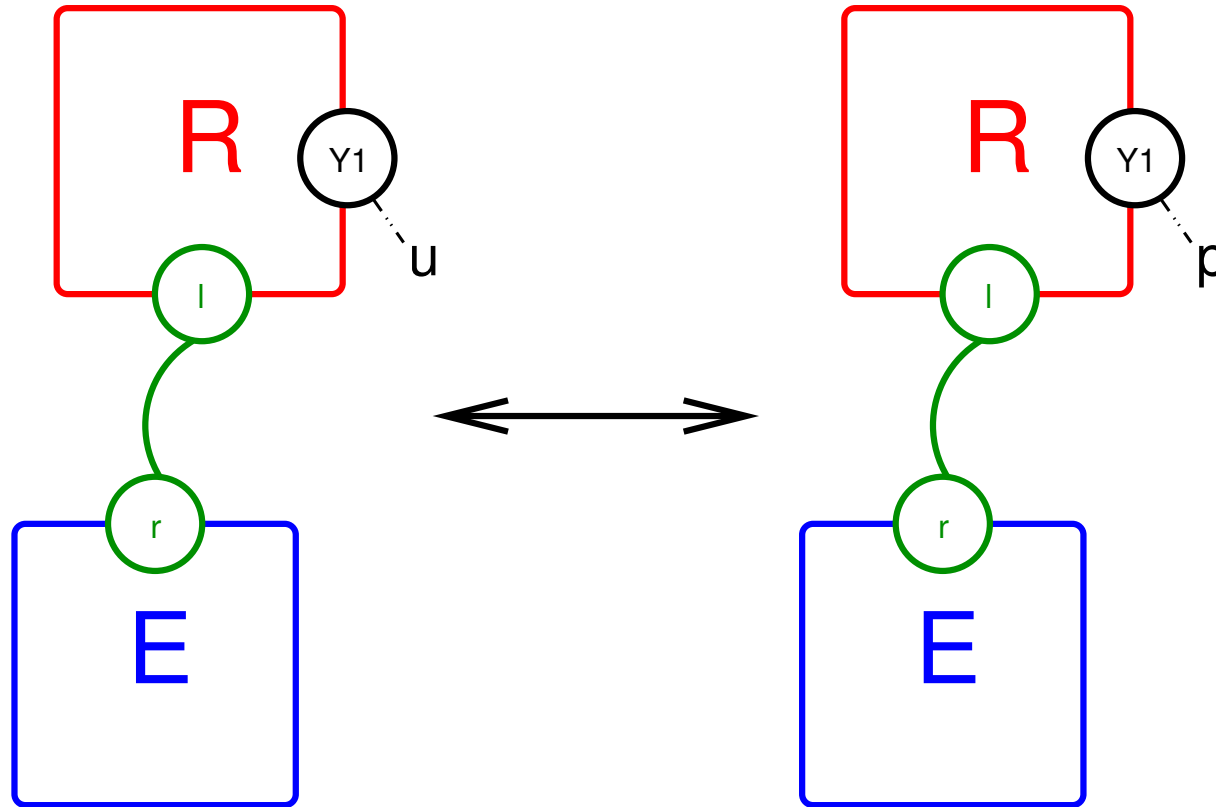
$E(r!1), R(I!1, r!2), R(r!2, I!3), E(r!3)$

# A Unbinding/Binding Rule



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

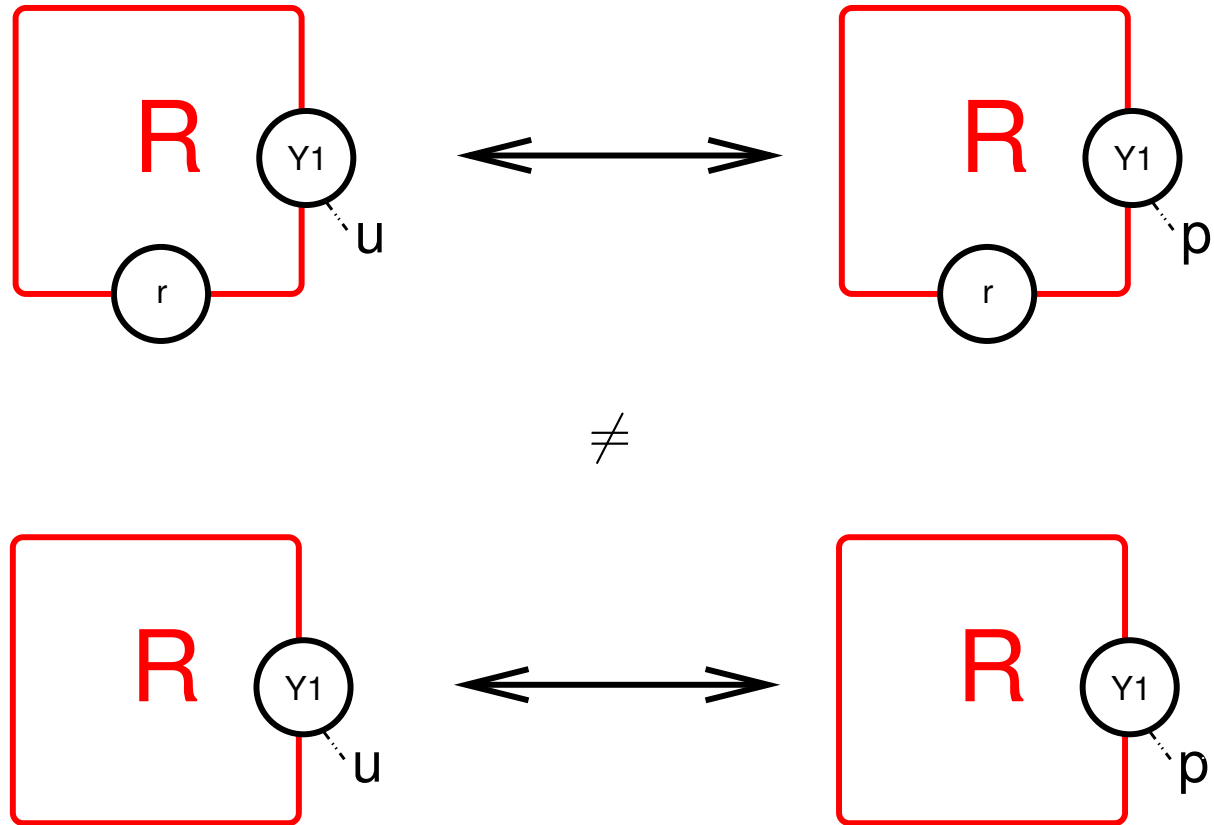
# Internal state



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



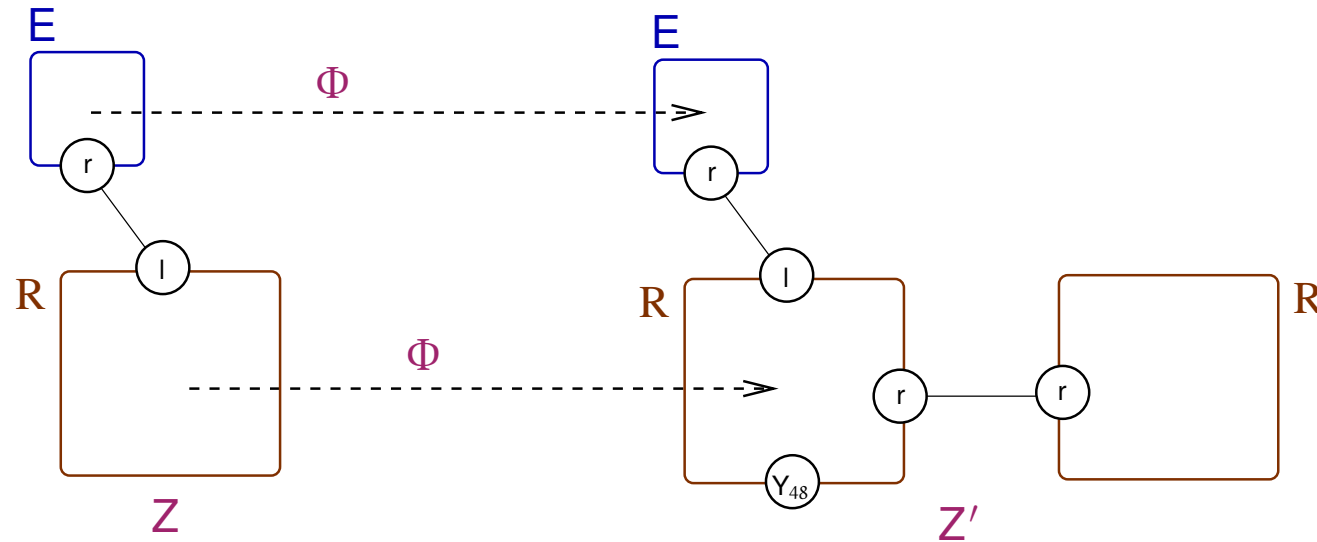
# Don't care, Don't write



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# 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  $i = i'$ .

# Requirements

## 1. Reachable species

We are given a set  $\mathcal{R}$  of connected site-graphs such that:

- $\mathcal{R}$  is finite;
- $\mathcal{R}$  contains at most one site-graph per isomorphism class;
- $\mathcal{R}$  is closed with respect to rule application;

## 2. Rules are associated with kinetic factors.

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

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# 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 (by using the flow of information);
- 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.

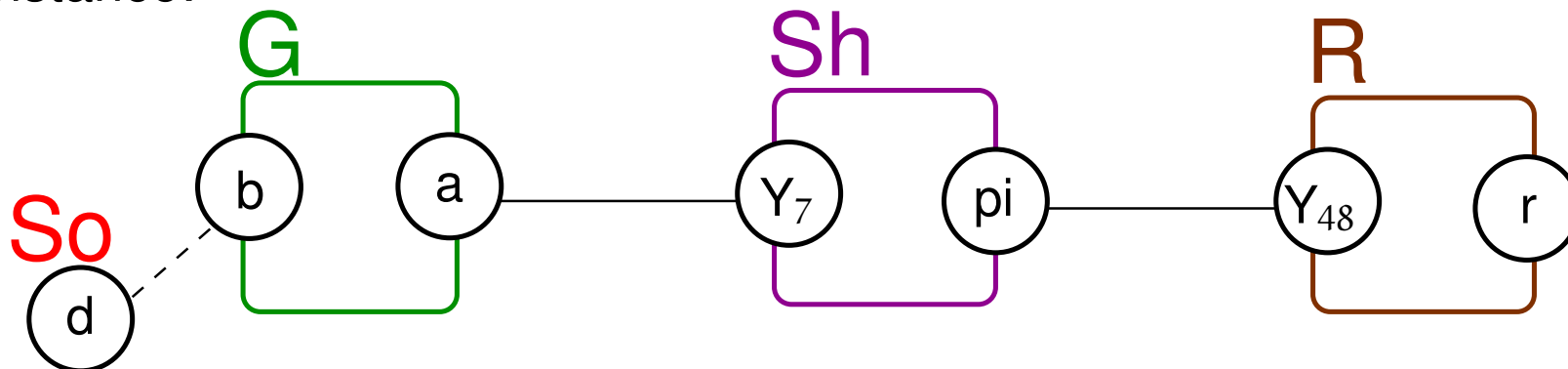
# Partial species

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.

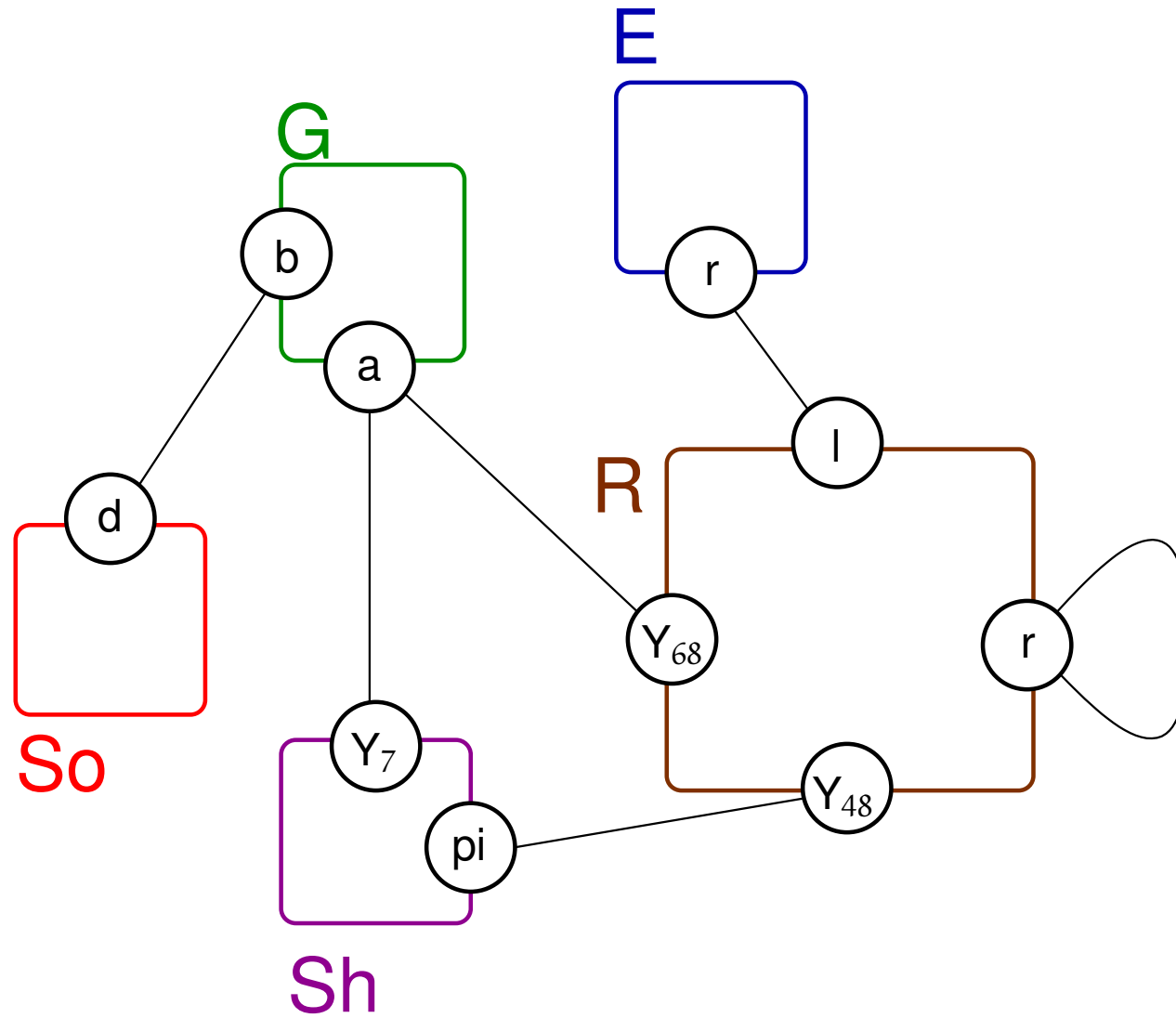
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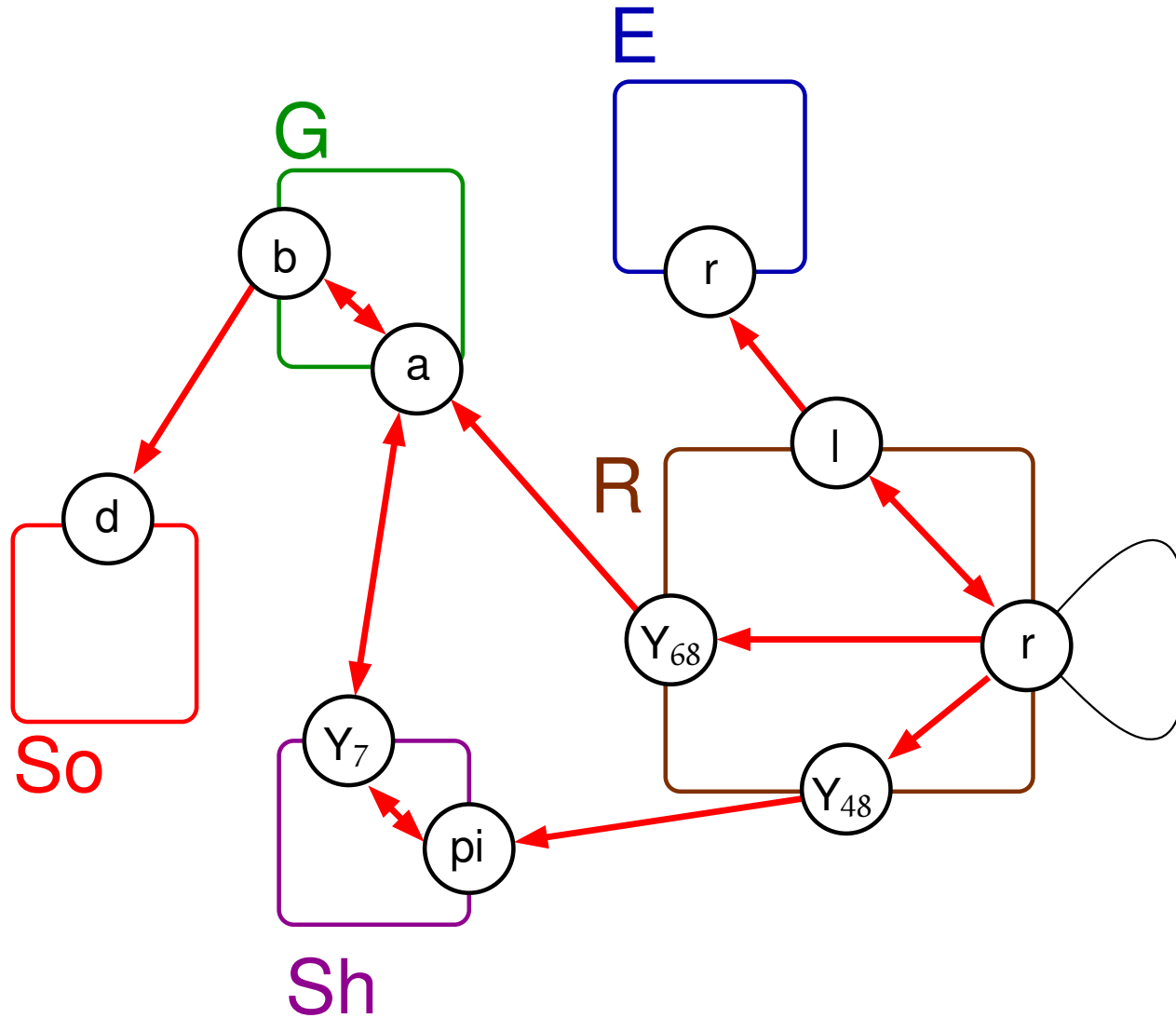
$$G(b!d.\mathbf{So},a!1),\mathbf{Sh}(Y_7!1,\mathbf{pi}!2),\mathbf{R}(Y_{48}!2,r)$$



# Contact map



# Annotated contact map

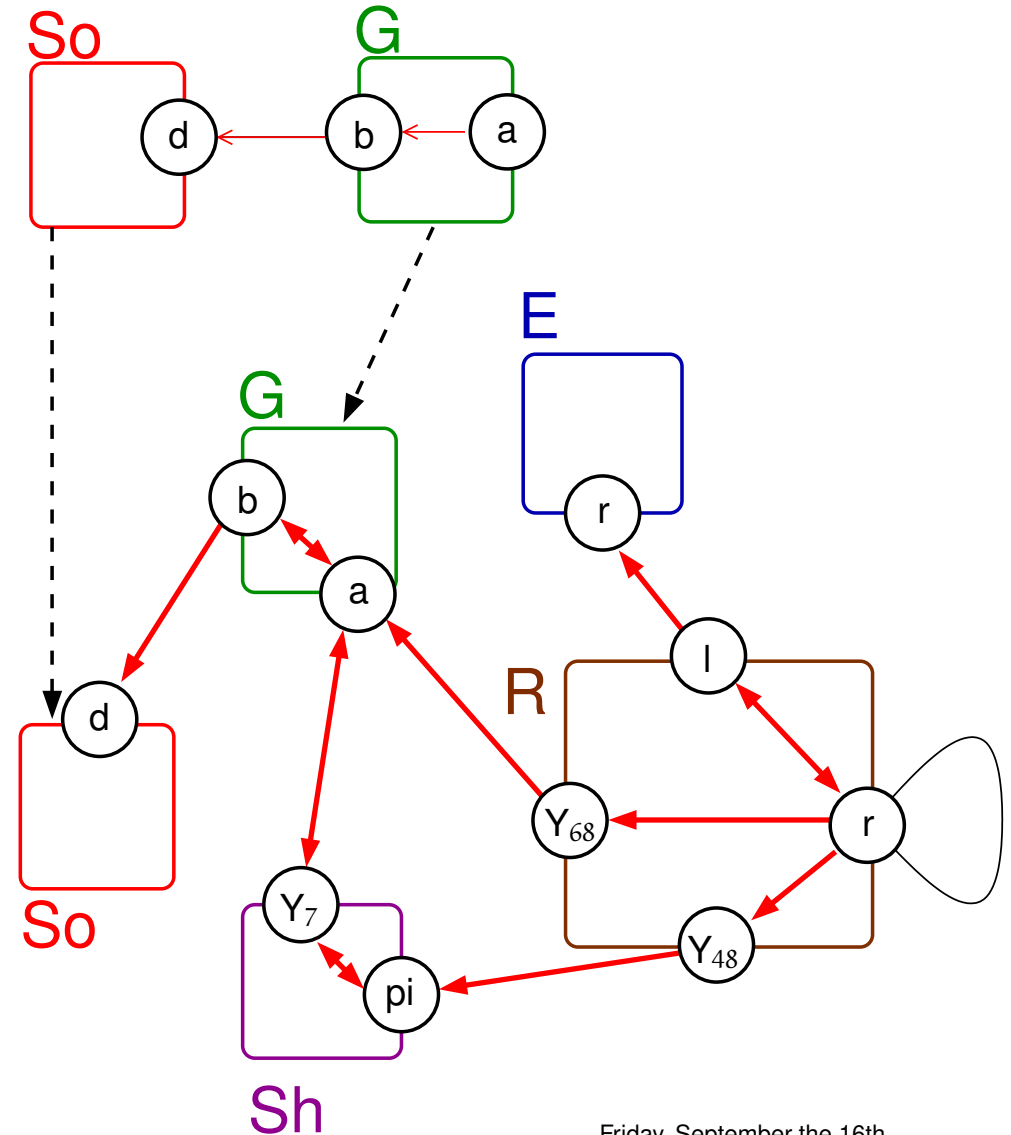


# Fragments and prefragments

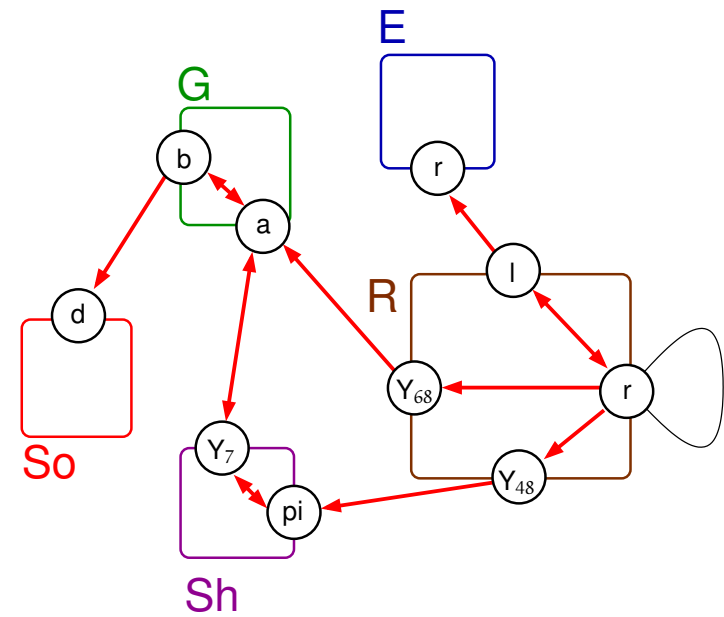
A **prefragment** is a partial species which can be annotated with a binary relation  $\rightarrow$  over the sites, such that:

1. There would be a site which is reachable from each other site, via the reflexive and transitive closure of  $\rightarrow$ ;
2. Any relation over sites can be projected over a relation on the annotated interaction map.

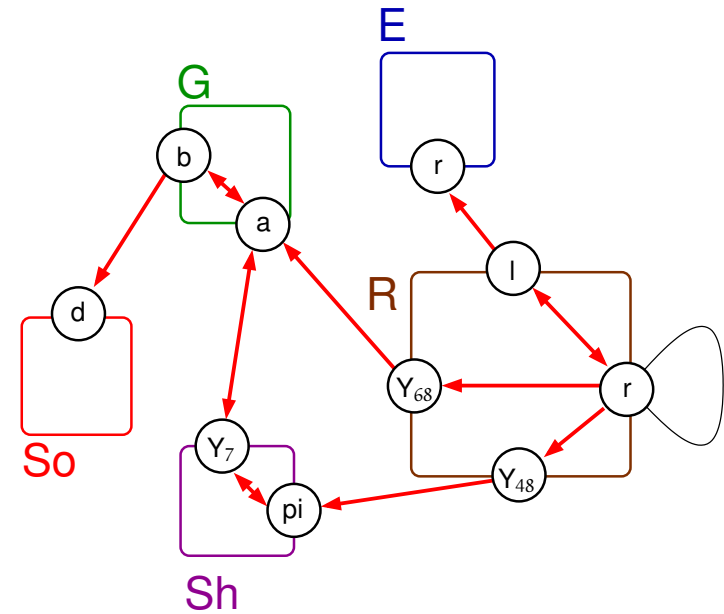
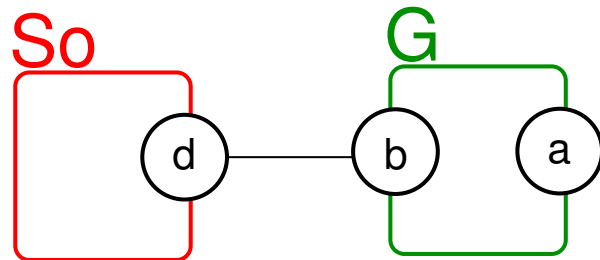
A **fragment** is a maximal prefragment (for the embedding order).



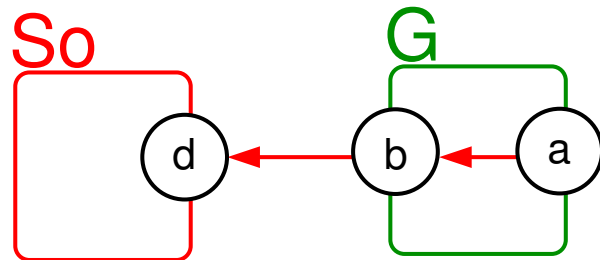
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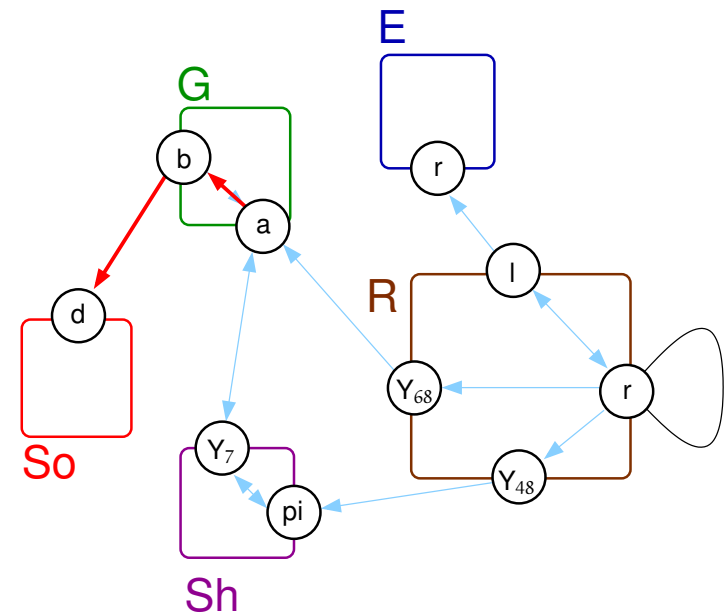
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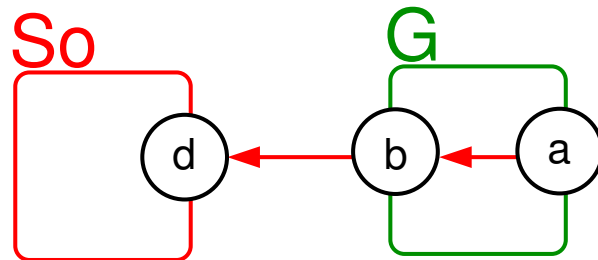
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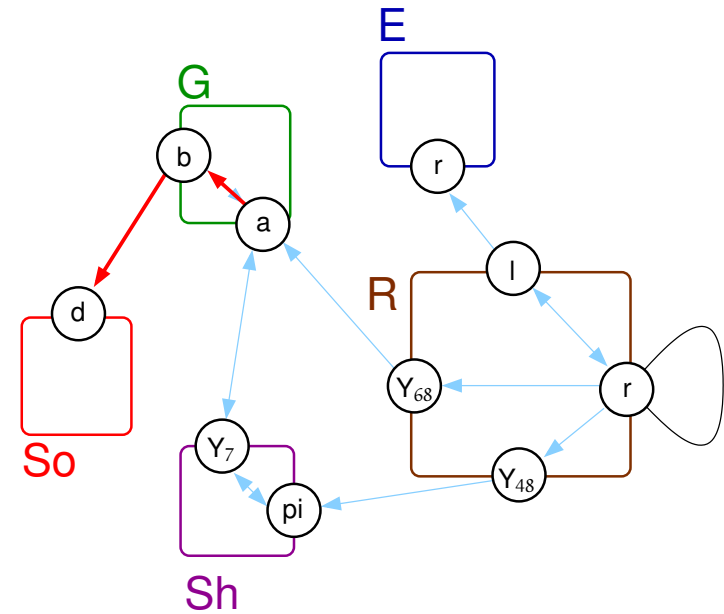
Thus, it is a prefragment.



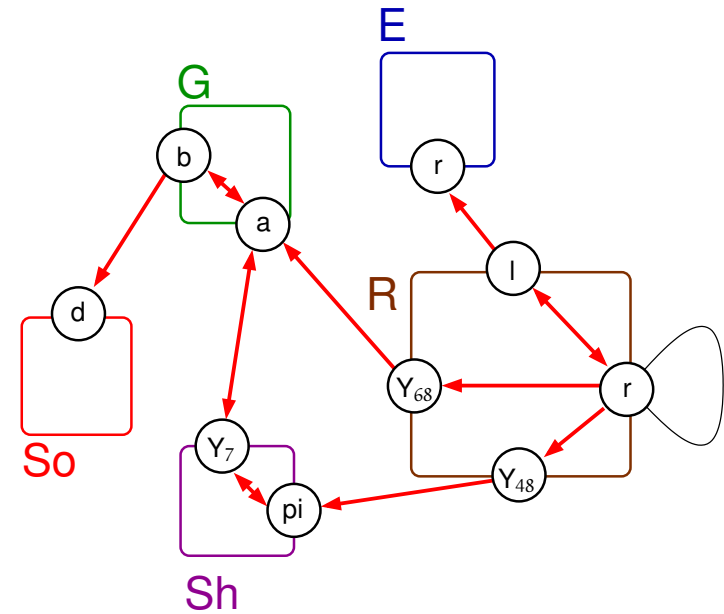
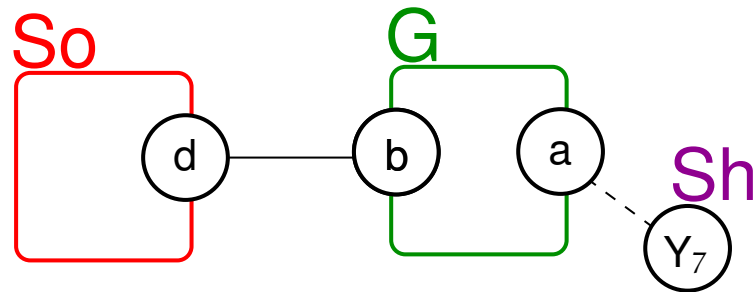
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It is maximally specified.  
Thus **it is a fragment.**

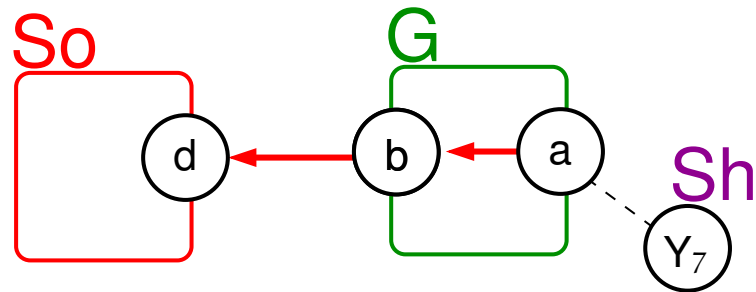


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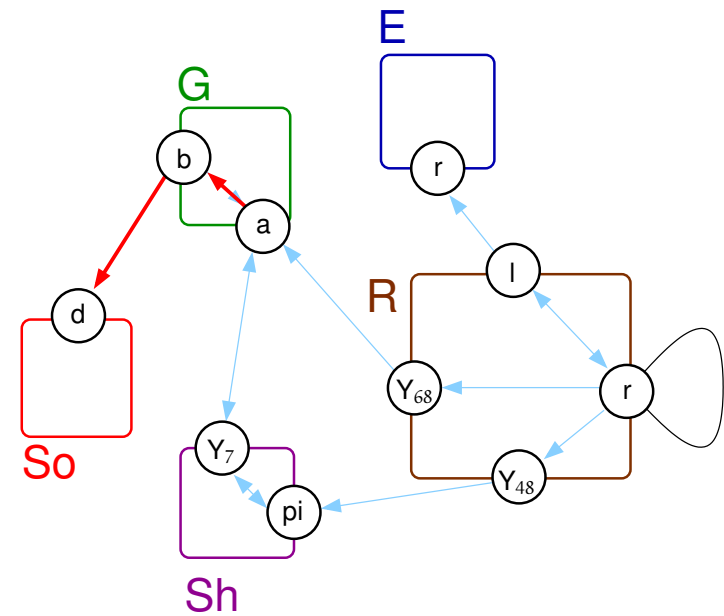




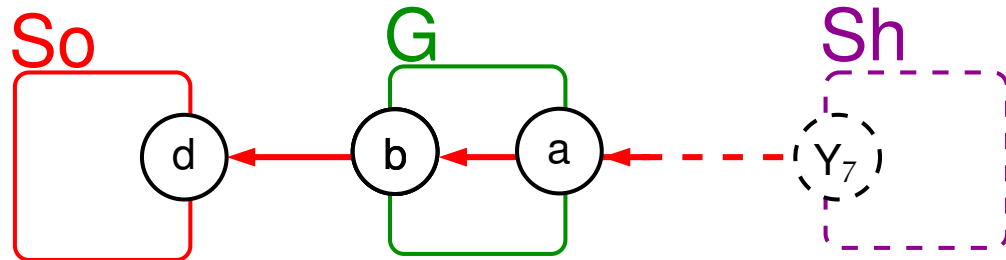
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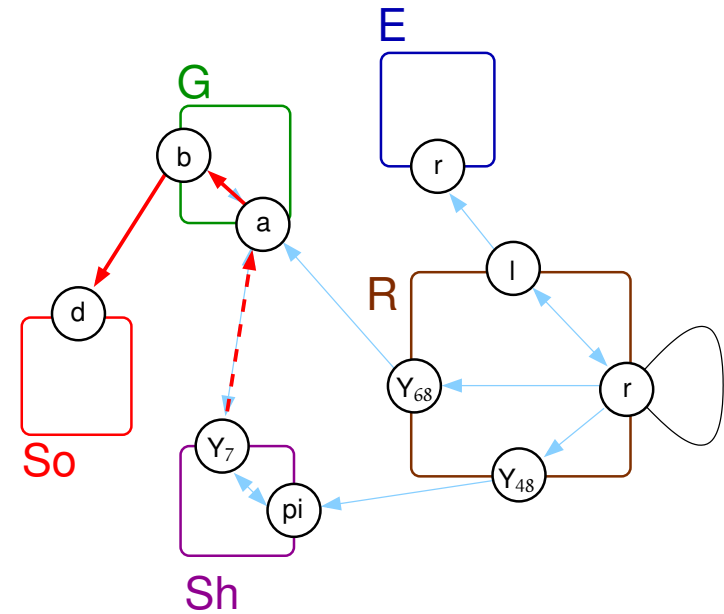
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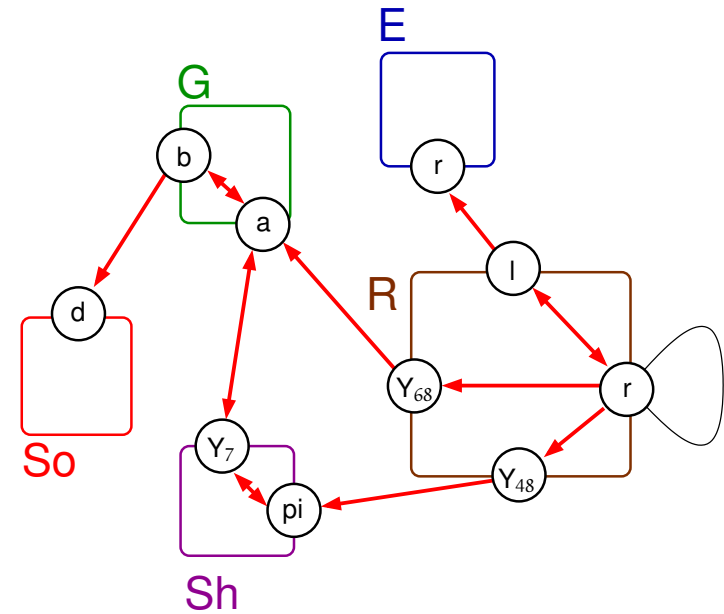
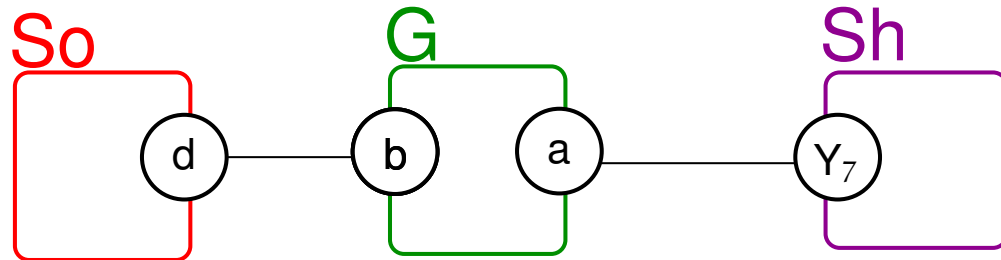
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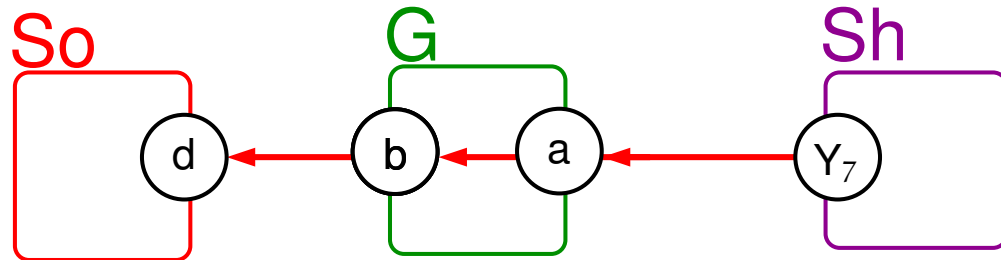
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Thus, **it is not a fragment.**



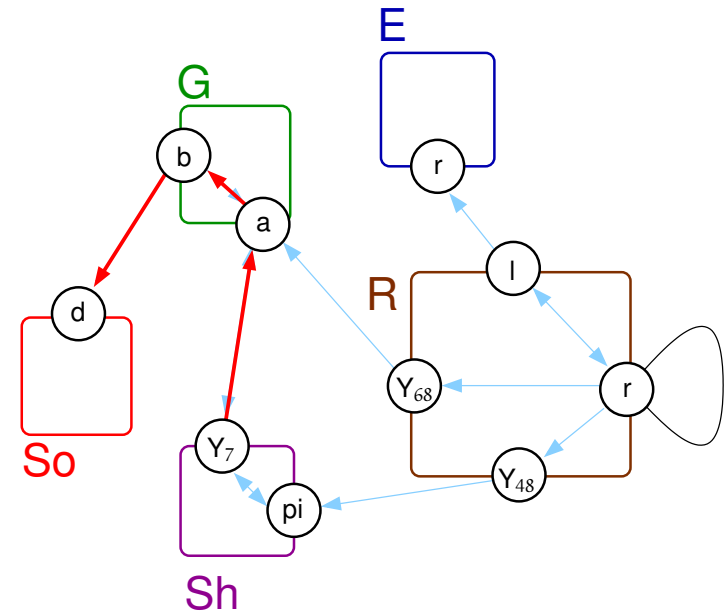
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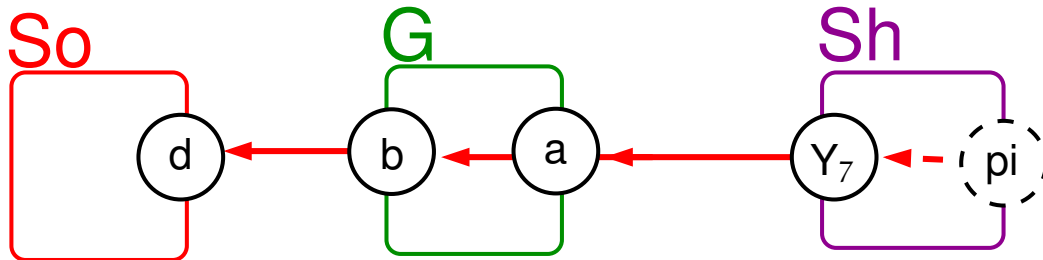
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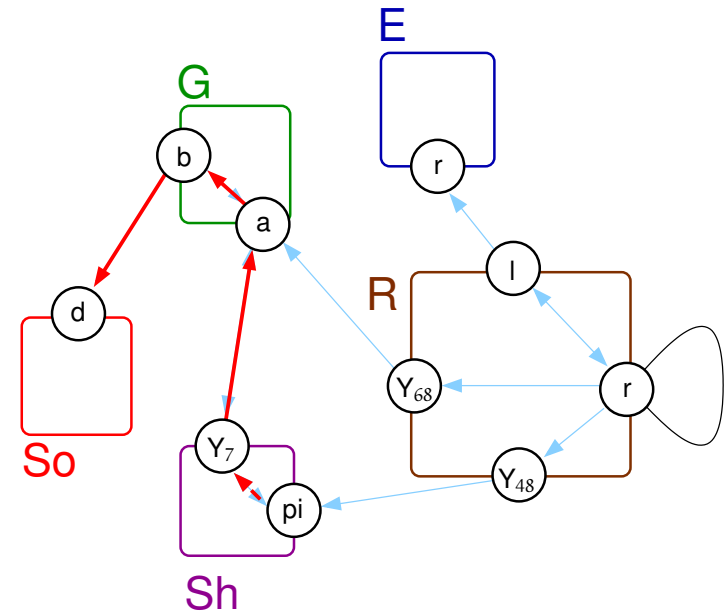
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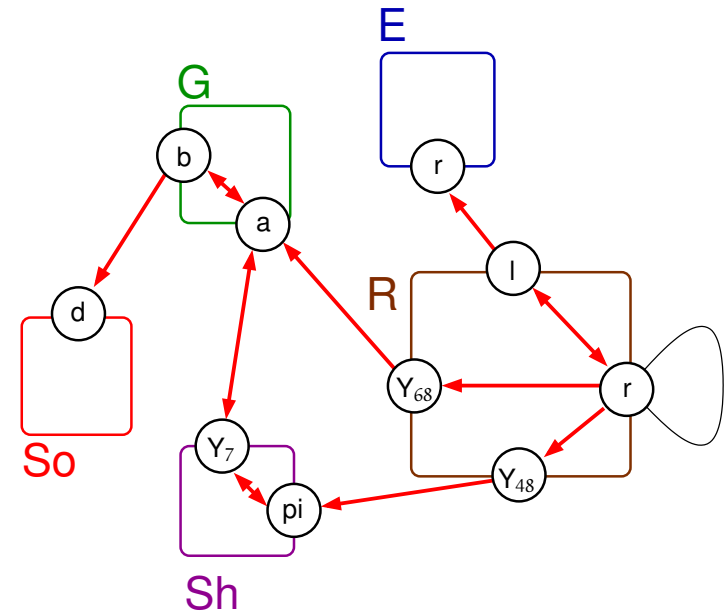
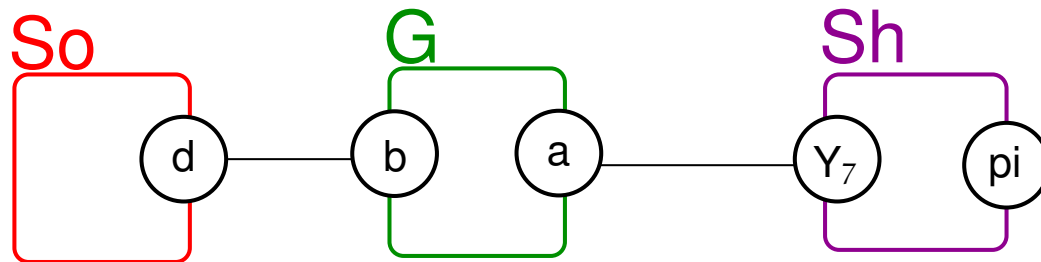
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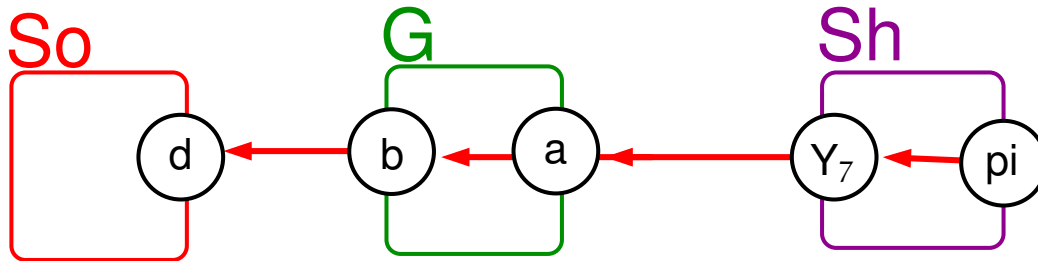
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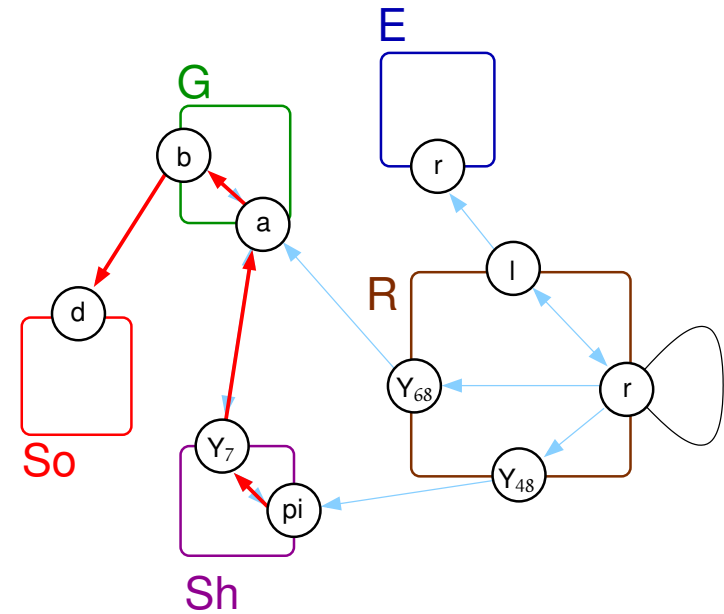
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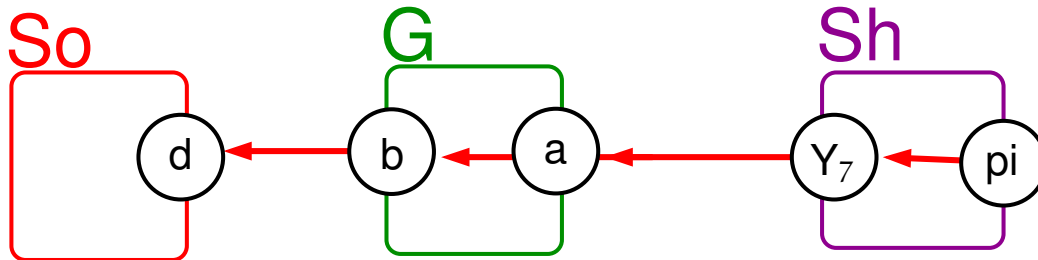
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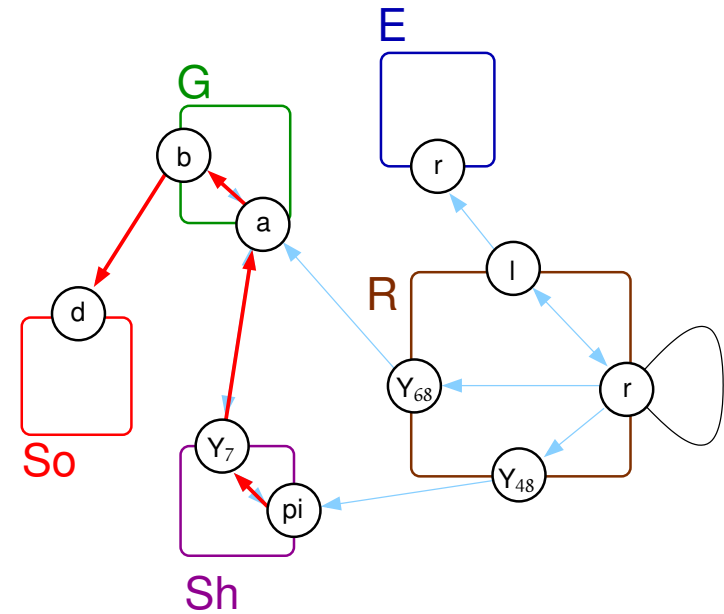
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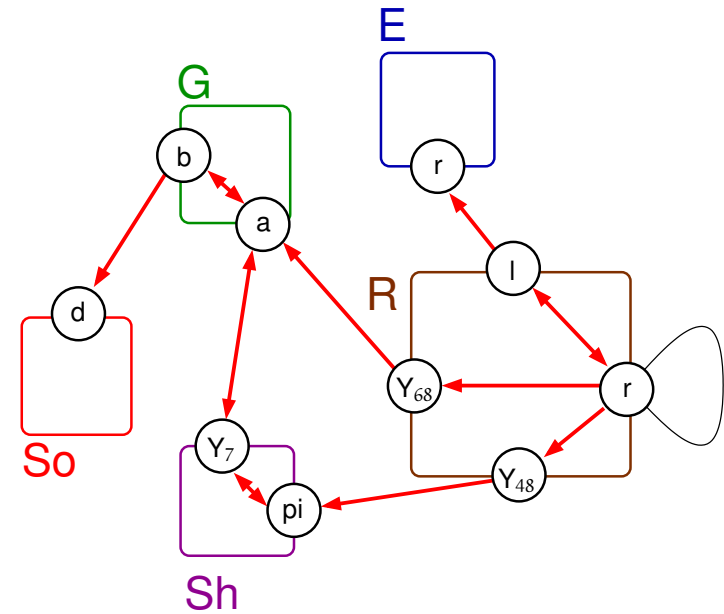
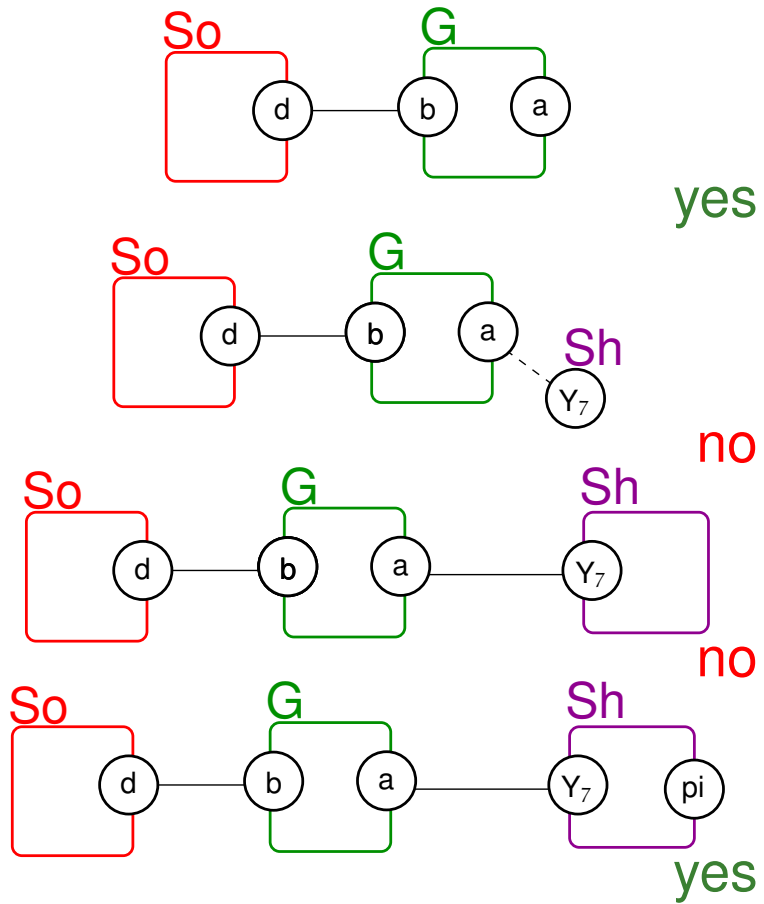


It is maximally specified.  
Thus **it is a fragment.**





# Are they fragments ?



# Basic properties

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

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

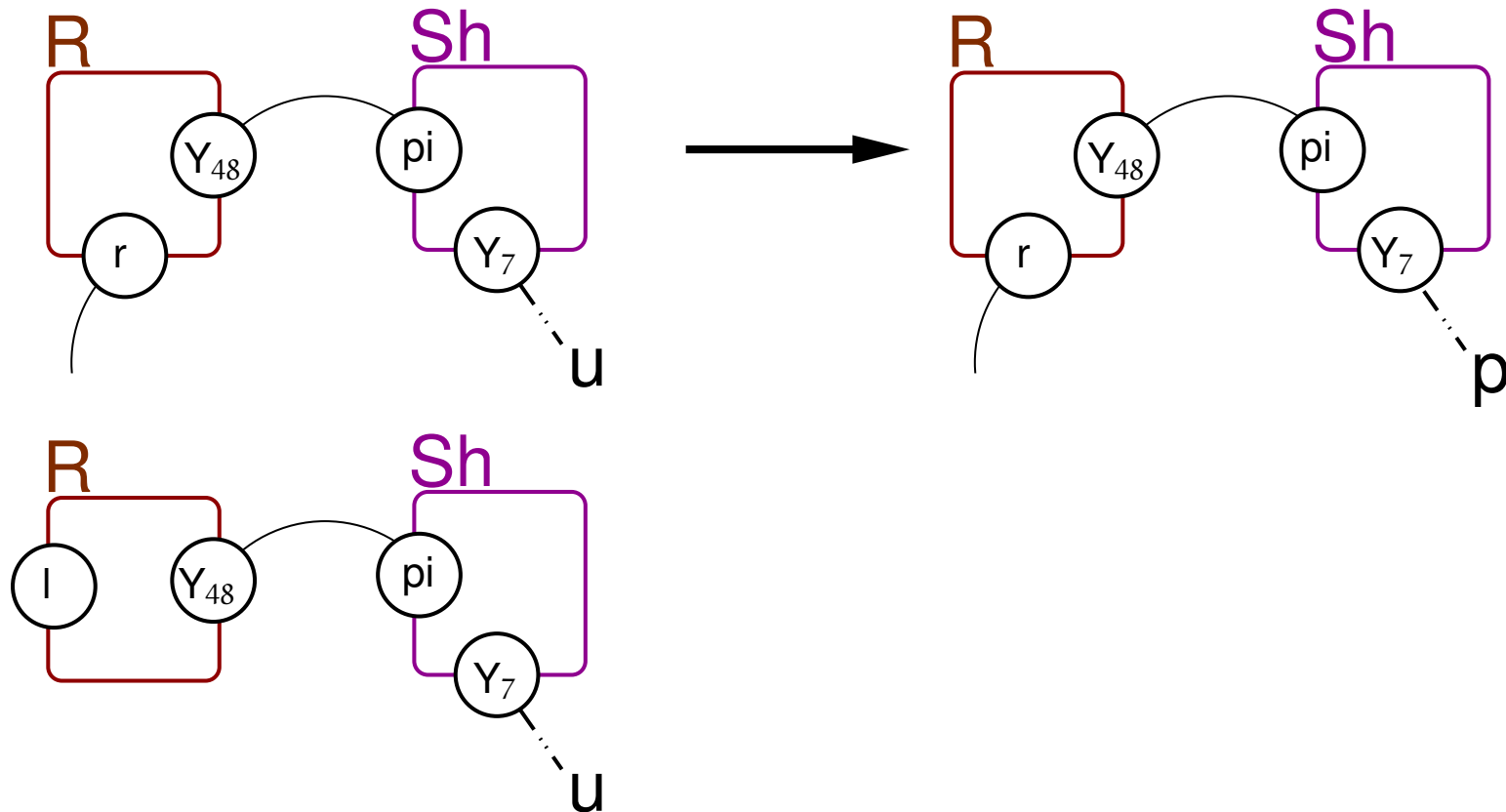
**Property 2 (non-degenerescence)** Given a sequence of valuations  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in (\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+)^\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|x_n\|$  diverges toward  $+\infty$ , then  $\|\phi(x_n)\|^\#$  diverges toward  $+\infty$  as well.

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

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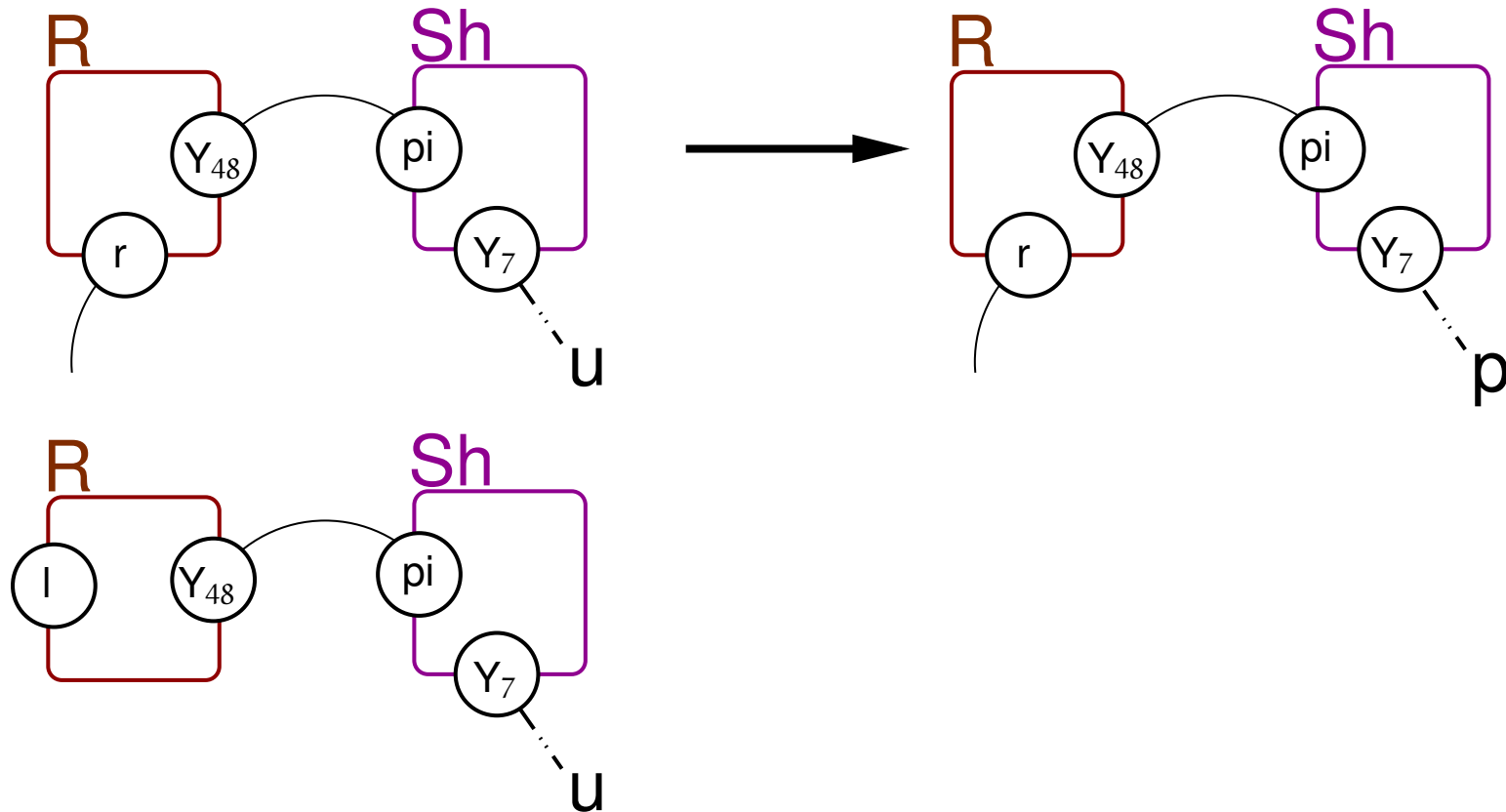
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# Fragments consumption



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

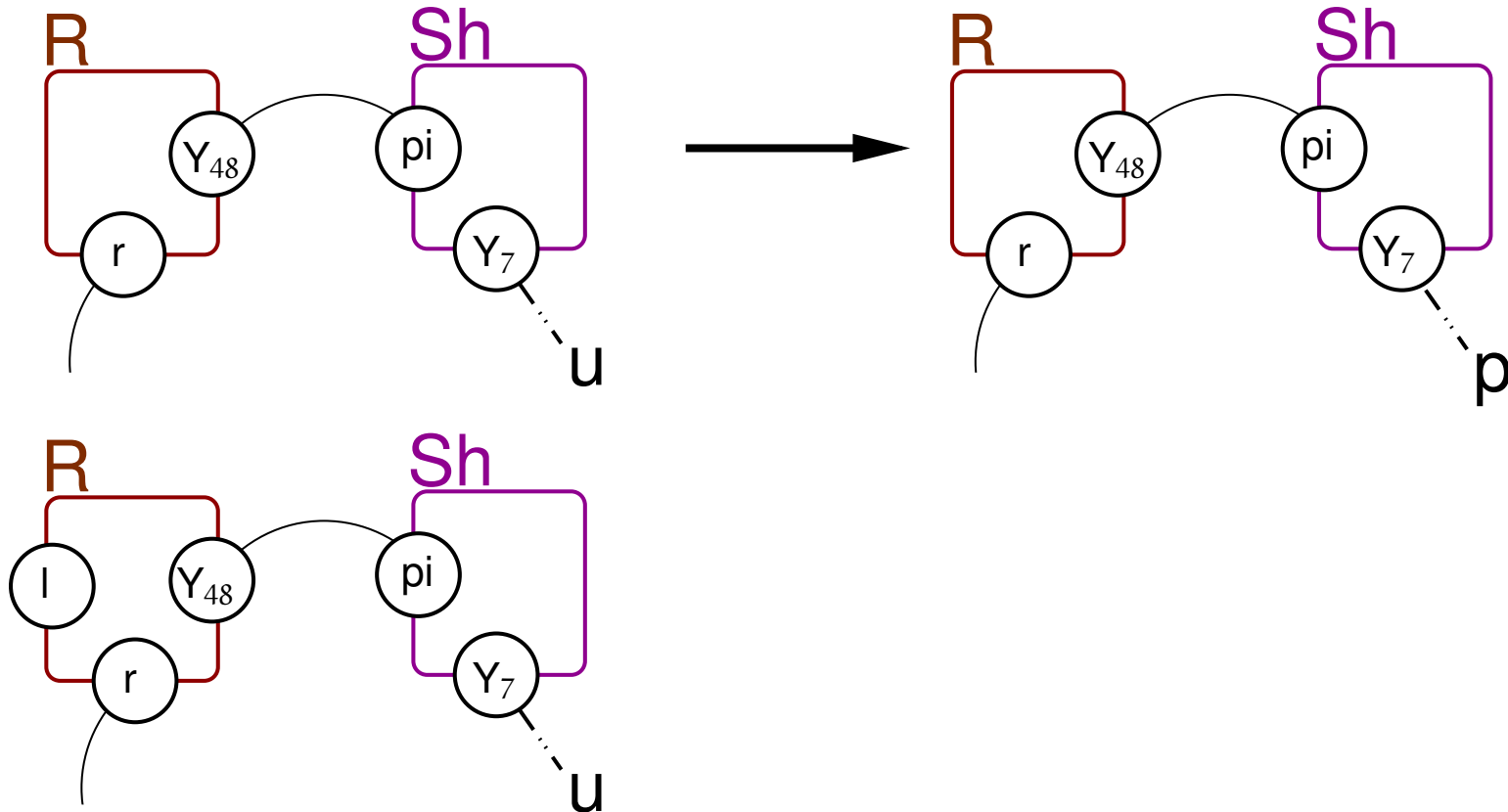
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**No**, because we have abstracted away the correlation between the state of the site  $r$  and the state of the site  $l$ .

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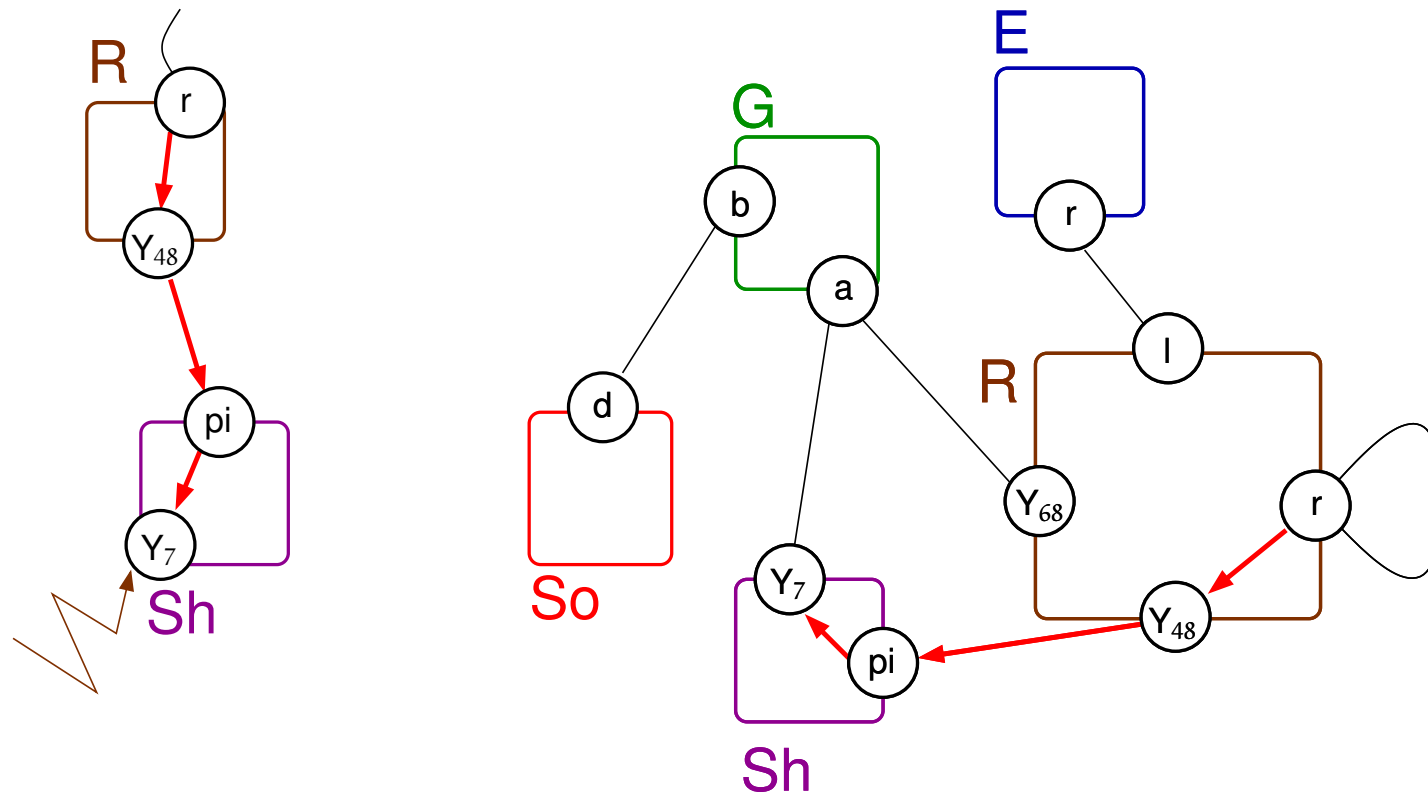
## Proper intersection



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

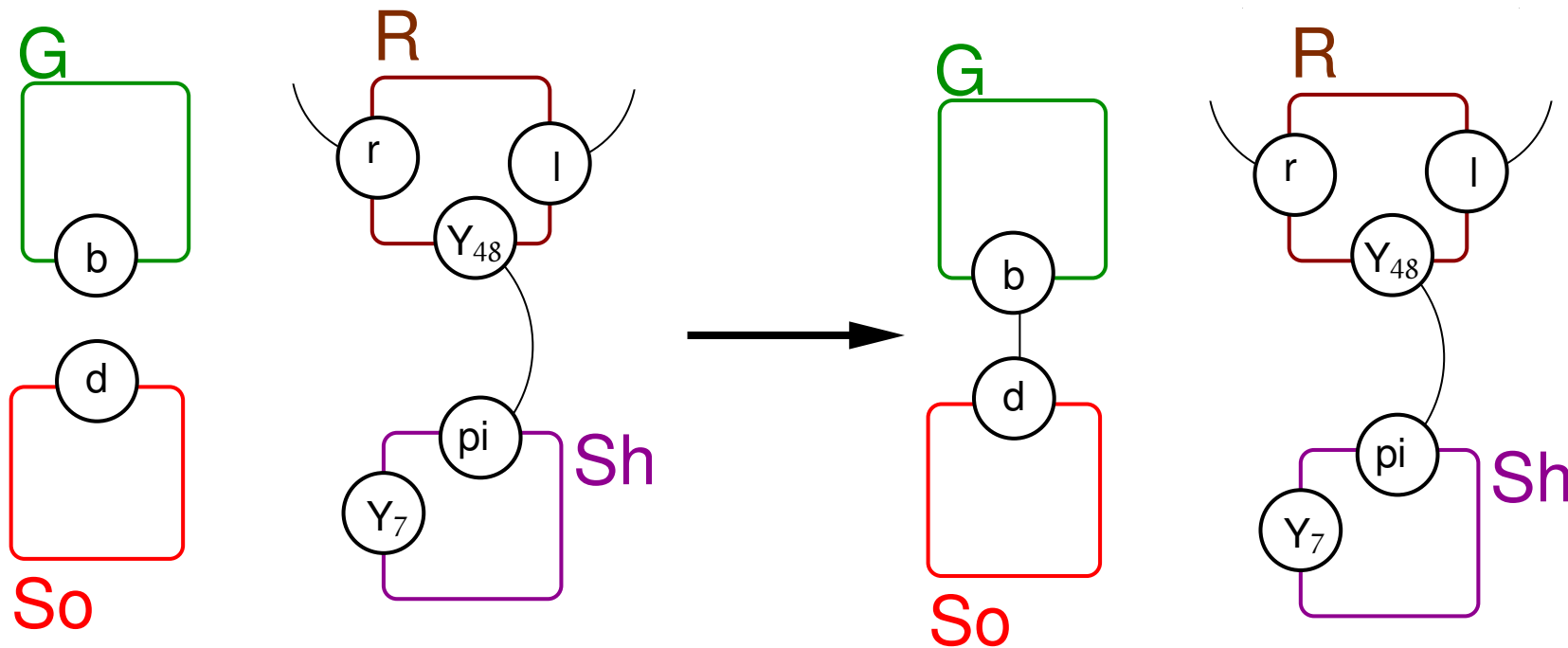
# Fragment consumption

## 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).

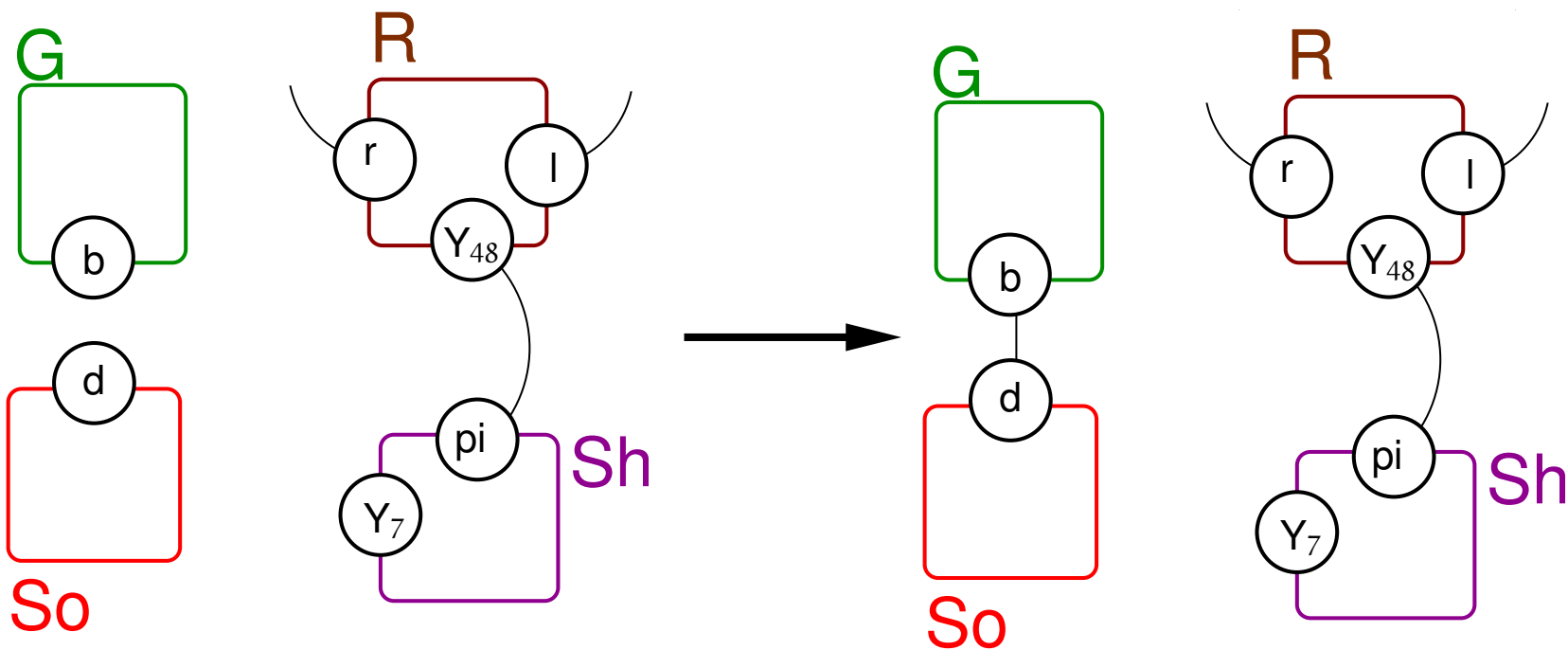
# Connected components



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



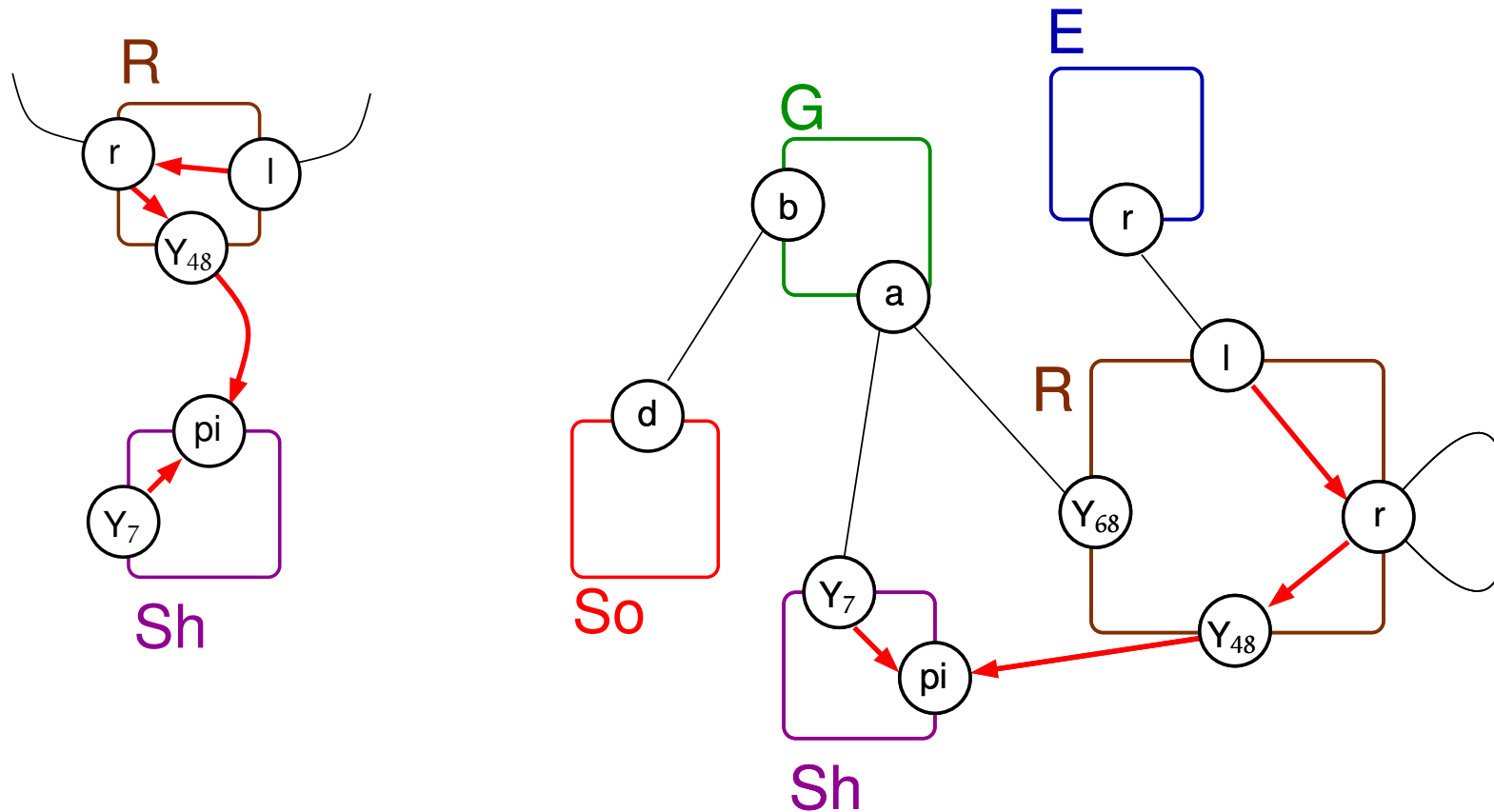
# Connected components Prefragment



Each connected component of a lhs must be a prefragment.

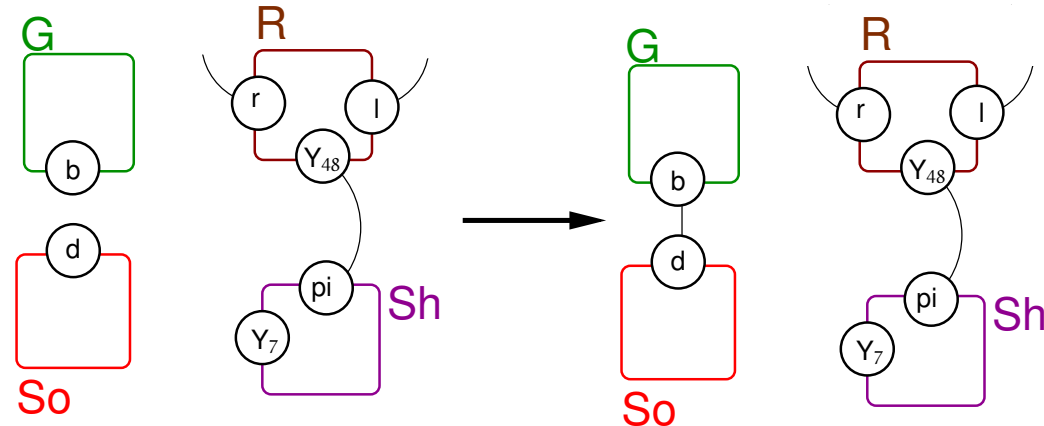
# Connected components

## Syntactic criteria



For each connected component of a lhs, there must exist a site which is reachable from all the other ones.

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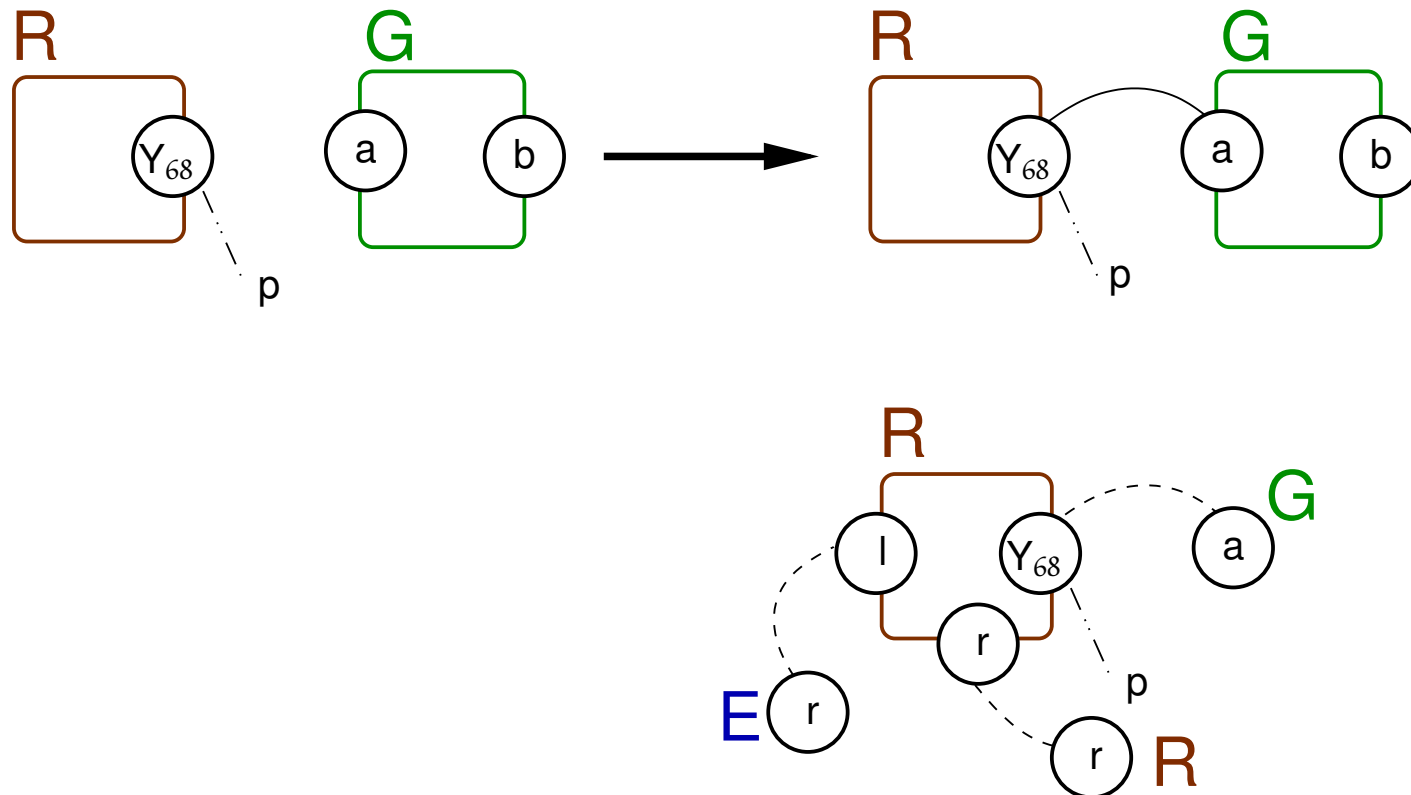
For any rule:

$$\text{rule} : C_1, \dots, C_n \rightarrow \text{rhs} \quad k$$

and any embedding between a modified connected component  $C_k$  and a fragment  $F$ , we get:

$$\frac{d[F]}{dt} = \frac{k \cdot [F] \cdot \prod_{i \neq k} [C_i]}{\text{SYM}(C_1, \dots, C_n) \cdot \text{SYM}(F)}.$$

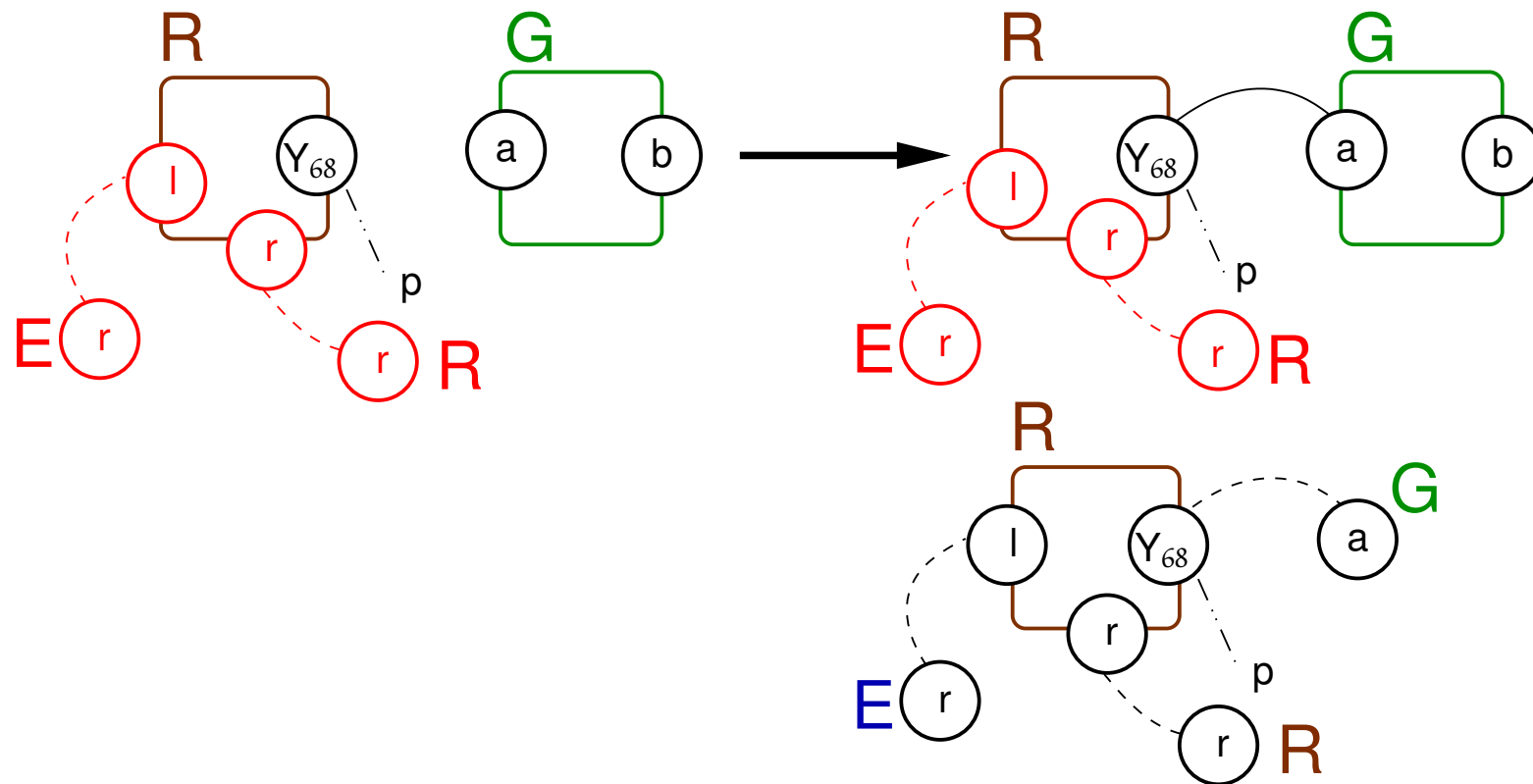
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Can we express the amount (per time unit) of this fragment (bellow) concentration that is produced by the rule (above)?

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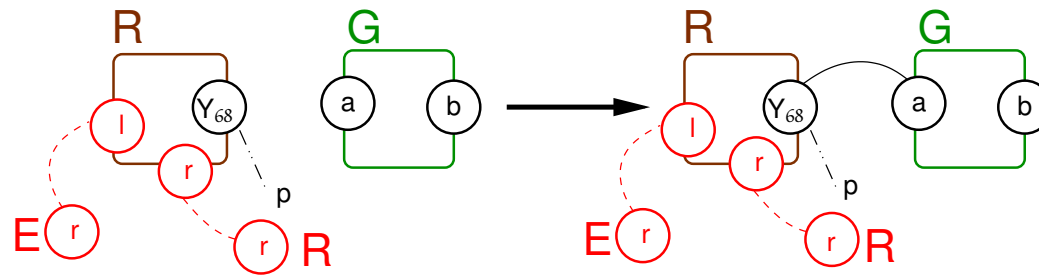
## Proper intersection (bis)



**Yes, if** the connected components of the lhs of the refinement are prefragments. This is already satisfied thanks to the previous syntactic criteria.

# Fragment production

## Proper intersection (bis)



For any rule:

$$rule : C_1, \dots, C_m \rightarrow rhs \quad k$$

and any overlap between a fragment  $F$  and  $rhs$  on a modified site,  
we write  $C'_1, \dots, C'_n$  the lhs of the refined rule;

if  $m = n$ , then we get:

$$\frac{d[F]}{dt} \stackrel{+}{=} \frac{k \cdot \prod_i [C'_i]}{SYM(C_1, \dots, C_m) \cdot SYM(F)};$$

otherwise, we get no contribution.

# 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,
- **WE HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE DEFINITION FOR  $\mathbb{F}^\#$ .**

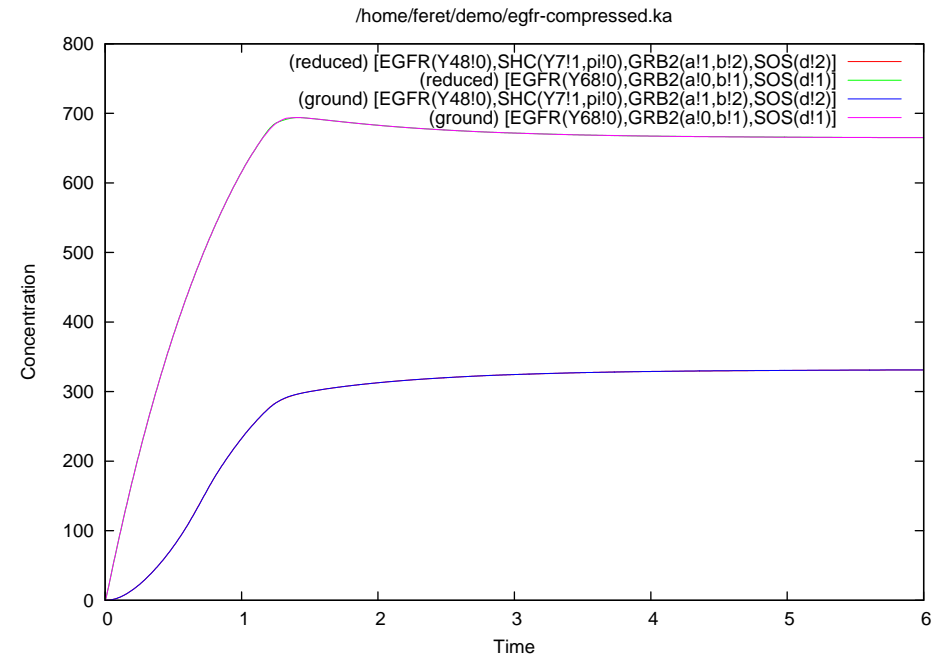
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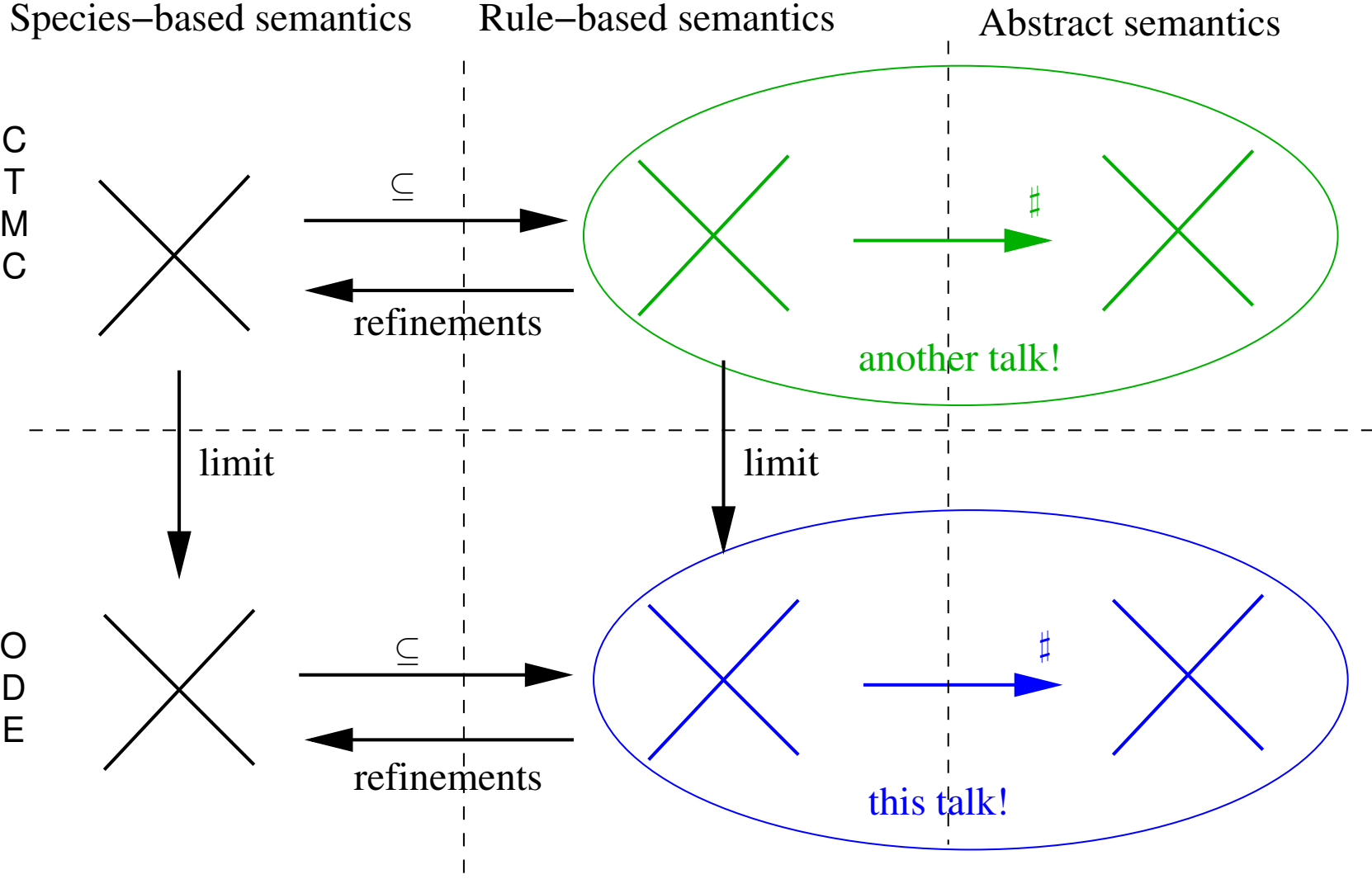


# Experimental results

Model	early EGF	EGF/Insulin	SFB
#species	356	2899	$\sim 2.10^{19}$
#fragments (ODEs)	38	208	$\sim 2.10^5$
#fragments (CTMC)	356	618	$\sim 2.10^{19}$



# Related issues I: Semantics comparisons



# Related issues II: Semantics approximations

## 1. ODE approximations:

- Concrete definition of the control flow and hierarchy of abstractions.  
A notion of control flow which would be invariant by:
  - neutral rule refinement;
  - compilation of a Kappa system into a Kappa system with only one agent type.

Joint work with Ferdinanda Camporesi (Bologna/ÉNS)

## 2. Stochastic semantics approximations:

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

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