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

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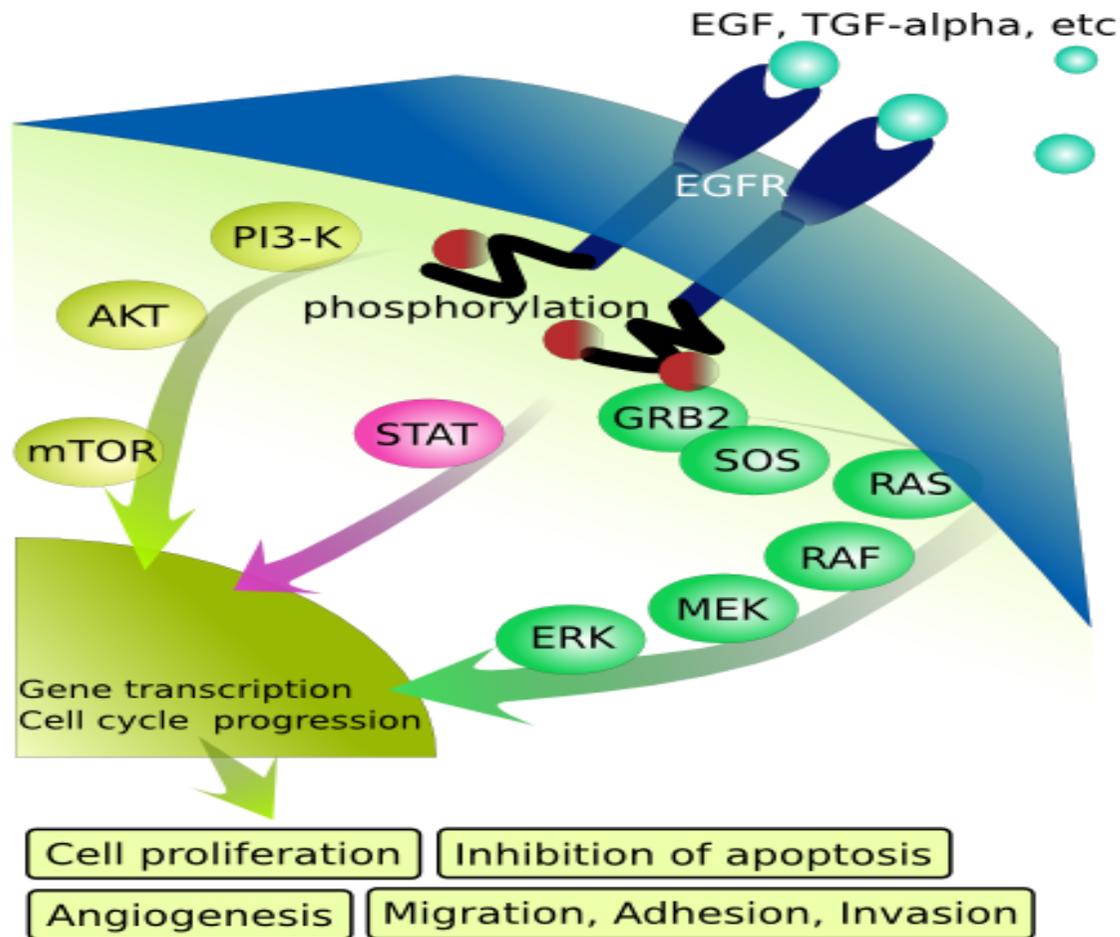
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Overview

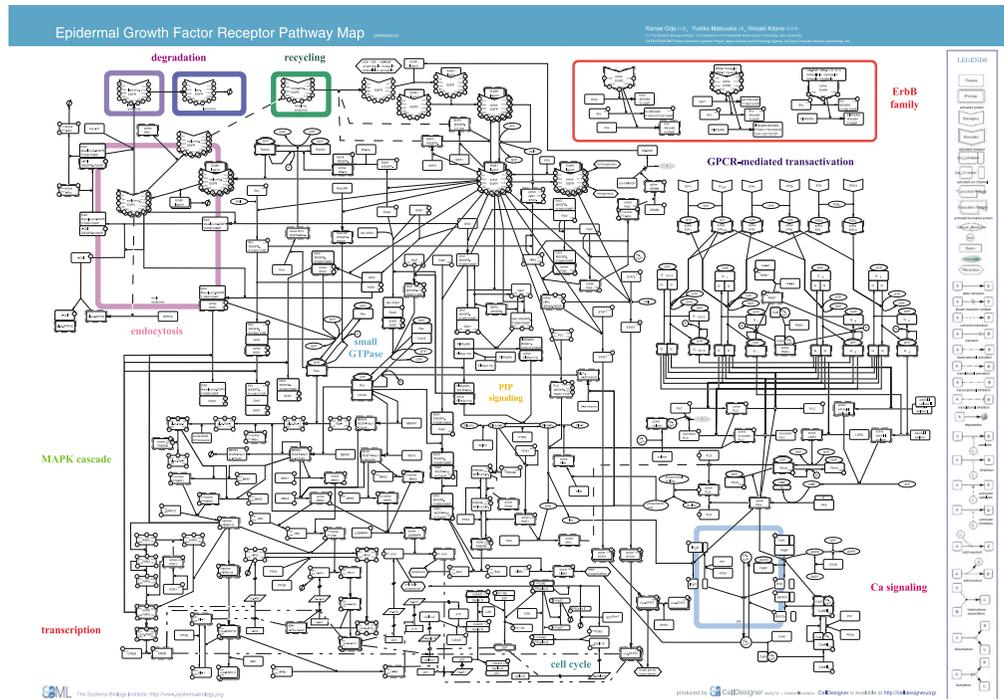
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Signalling Pathways



Eikuch, 2007

A gap between two modeling methods

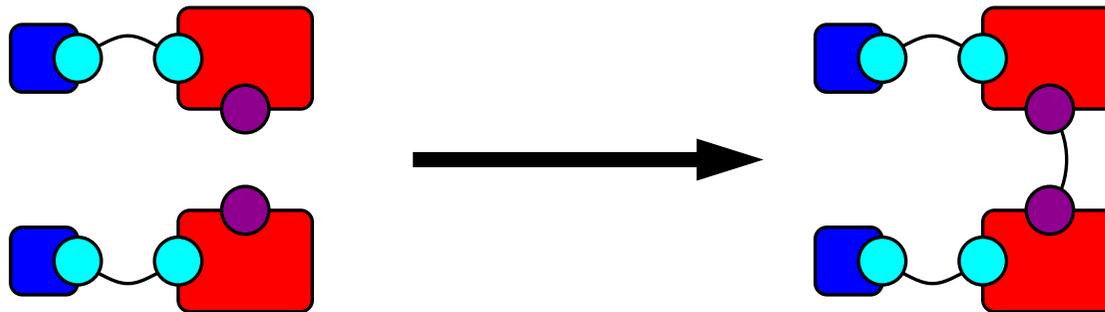


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Oda, Matsuoka, Funahashi, Kitano, Molecular Systems Biology, 2005

Rule-based approach

We use site graph rewrite systems



1. The description level matches with both

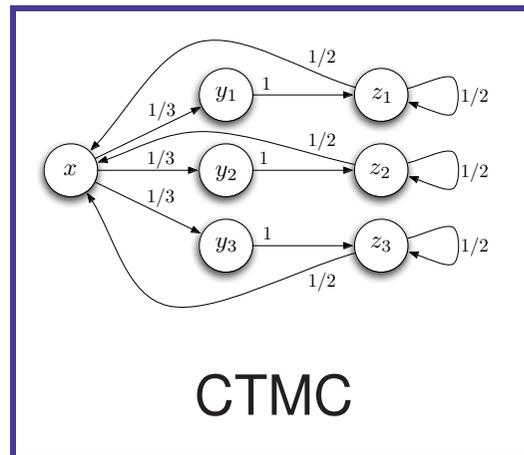
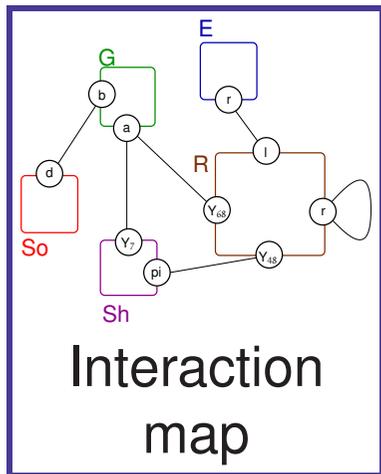
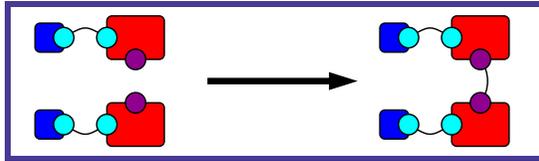
- the observation level
- and the intervention level

of the biologist.

We can tune the model easily.

2. Model description is very compact.

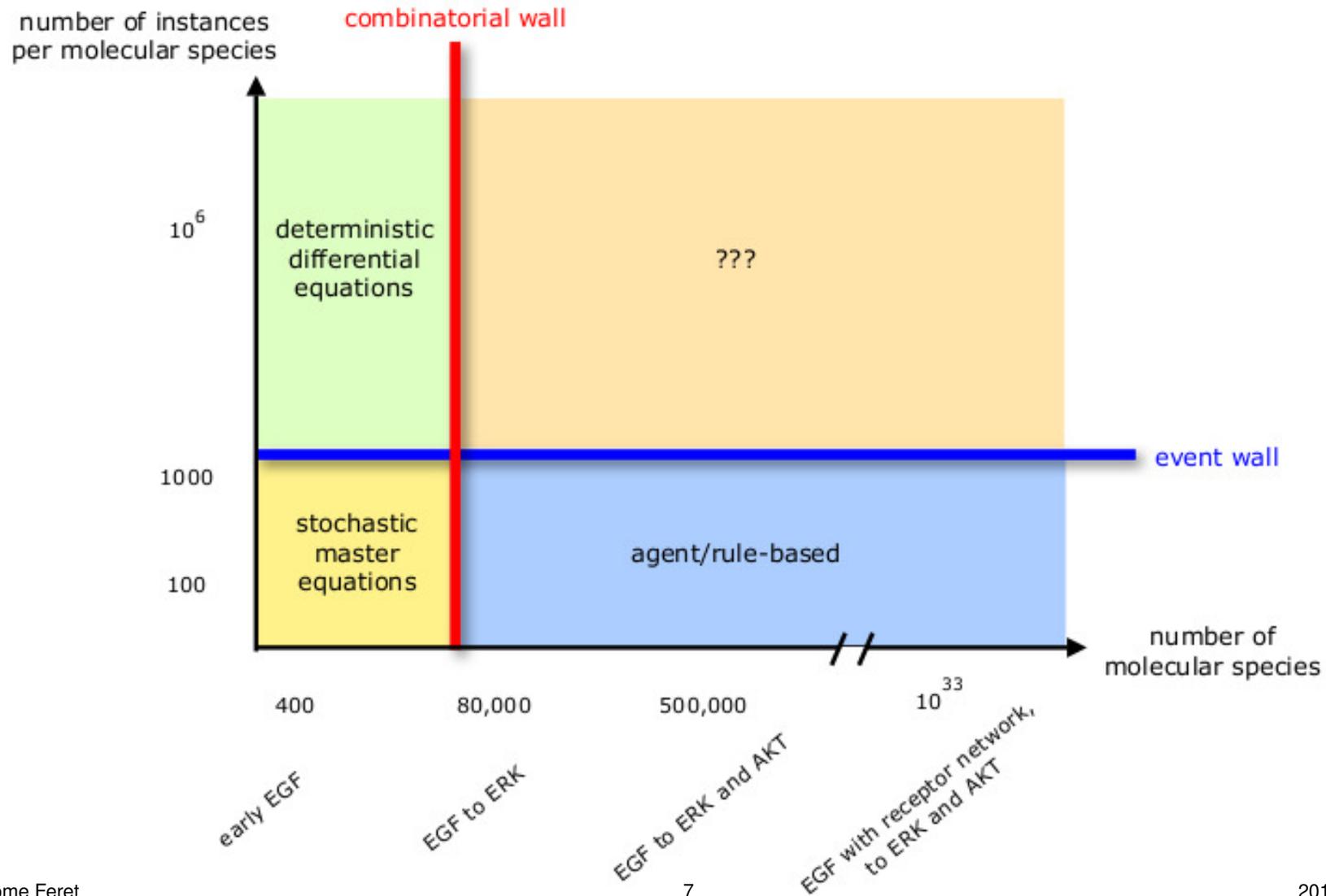
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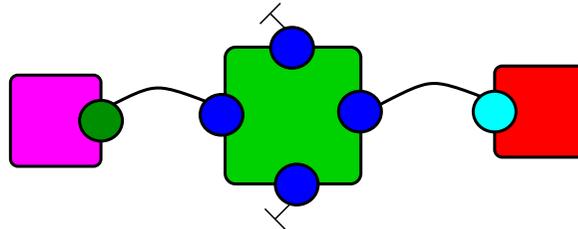
ODEs

Complexity walls

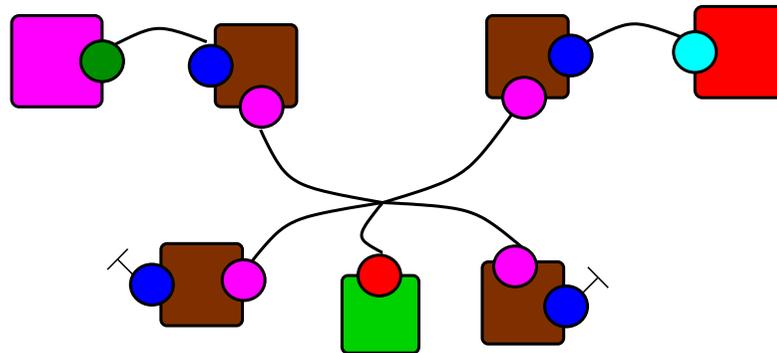


Symmetric sites

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

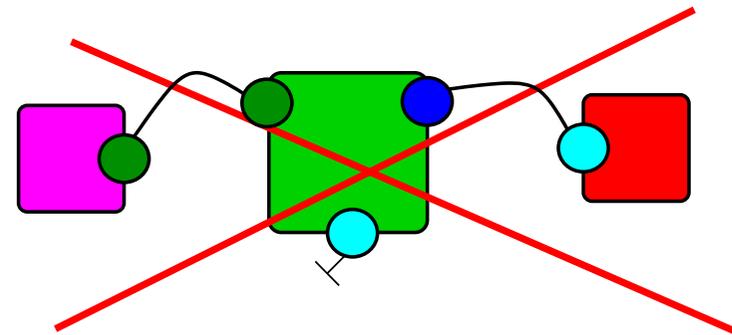
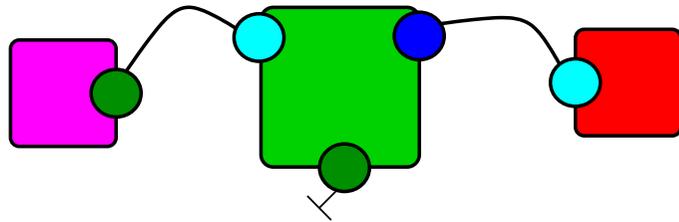
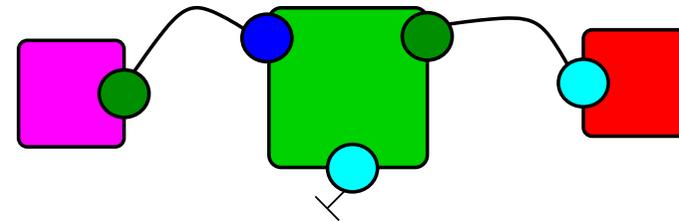
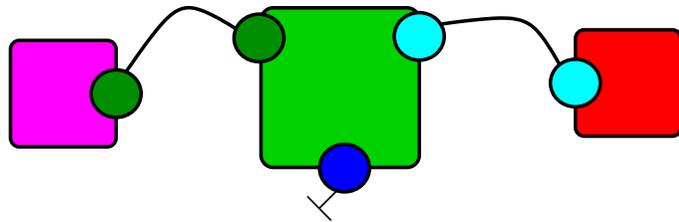


- in Formal Cellular Machinery or React(C) (hyper-edges):

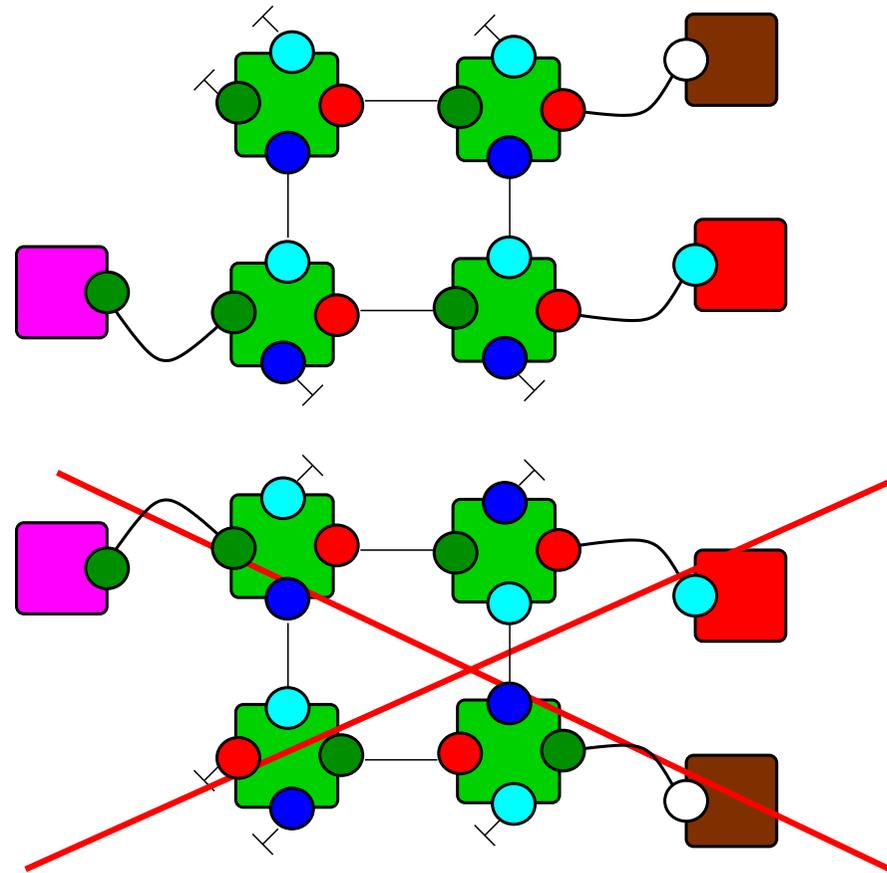
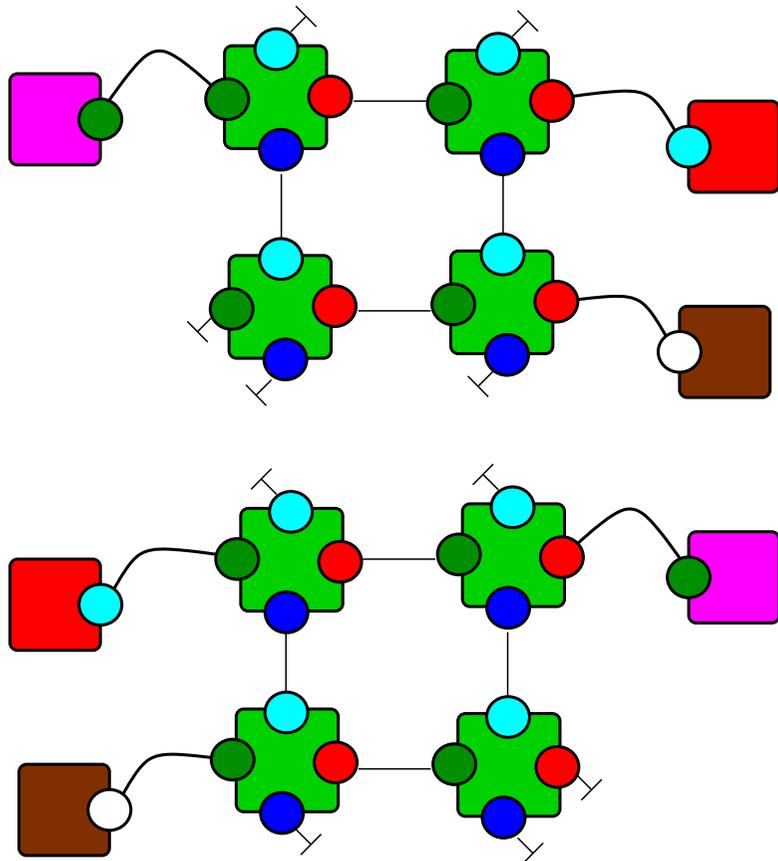


Blinov *et al.*, BioNetGen: software for rule-based modeling of signal transduction based on the interactions of molecular domains, *Bioinformatics* 2004
Danos *et al.*, Rule-Based Modelling and Model Perturbation, *TCSB* 2009
Damgaard *et al.*, Formal cellular machinery, Damgaard *et al.*, *SASB* 2011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

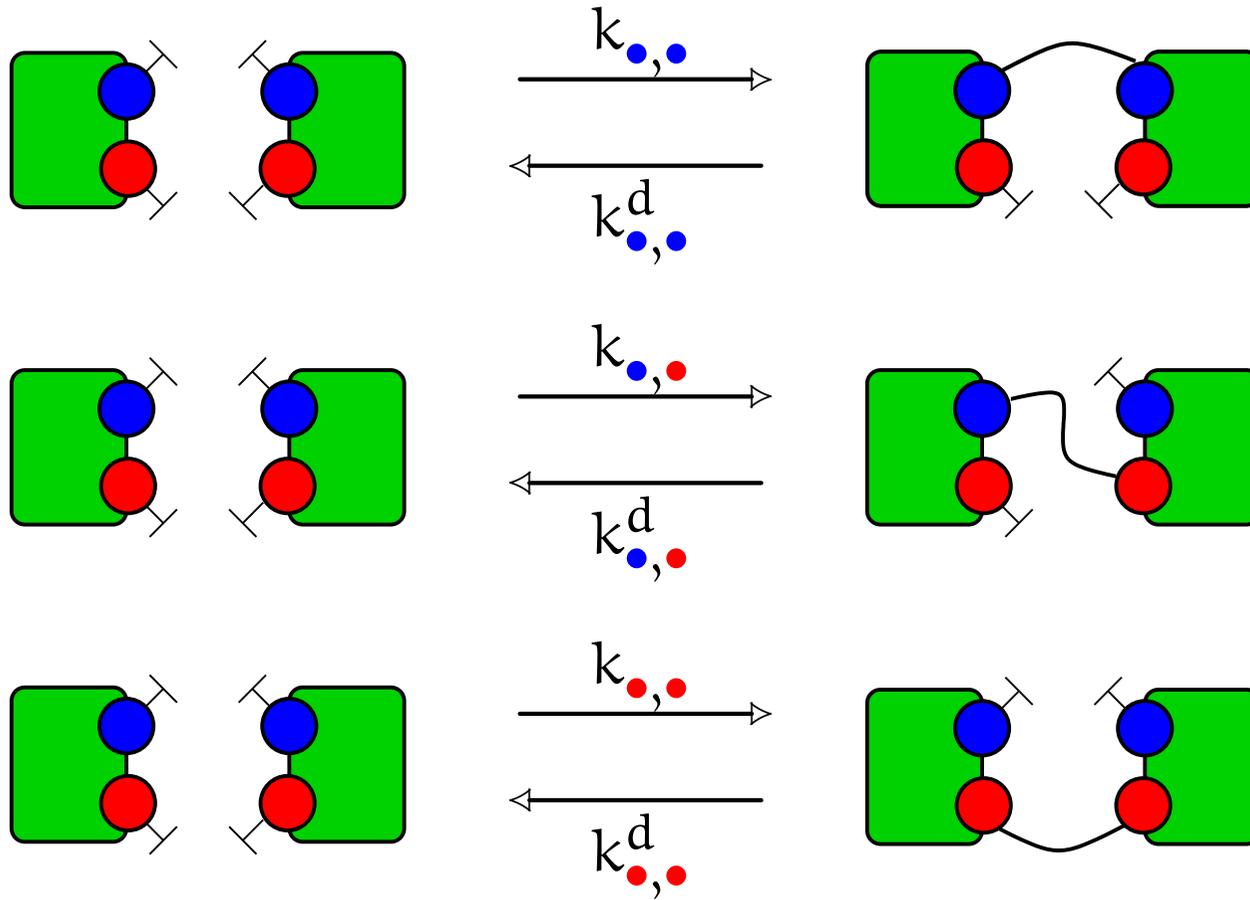
Other kinds of symmetries: Circular permutations



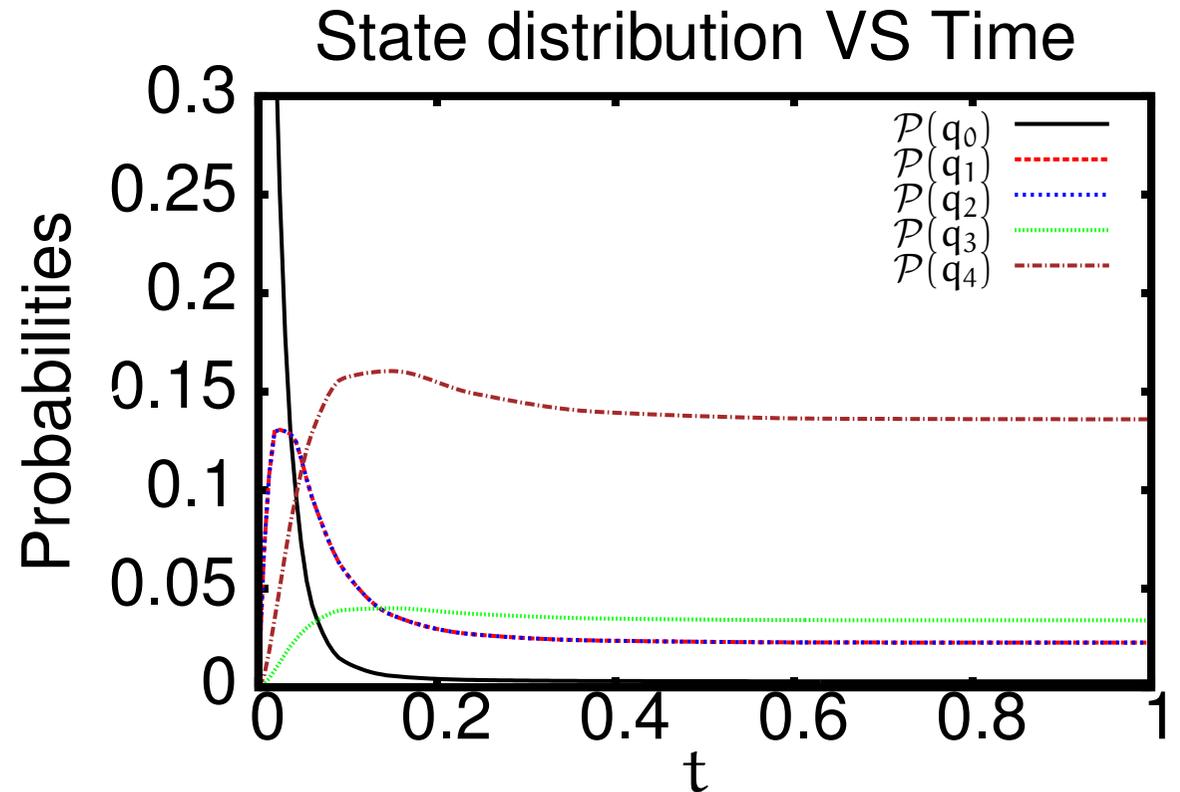
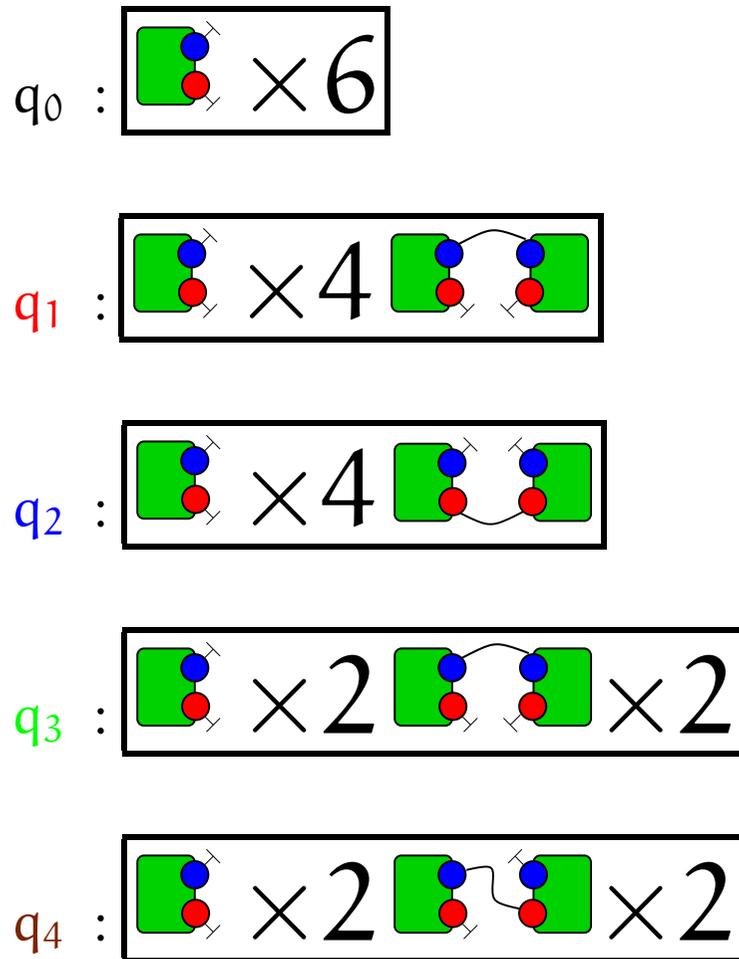
Other kinds of symmetries: Homogeneous symmetries



Case study

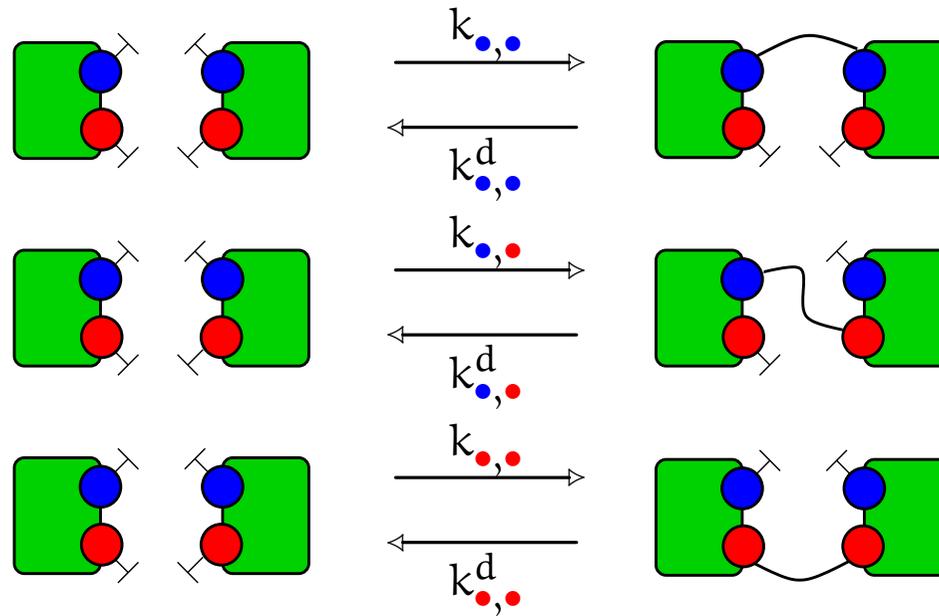


State distribution



with:
$$\begin{cases} k_{\cdot,\cdot} = k_{\cdot,\cdot} = 1 \\ k_{\cdot,\cdot} = k_{\cdot,\cdot}^d = k_{\cdot,\cdot}^d = k_{\cdot,\cdot}^d = 2 \\ P(q_0 | t = 0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Lumpability

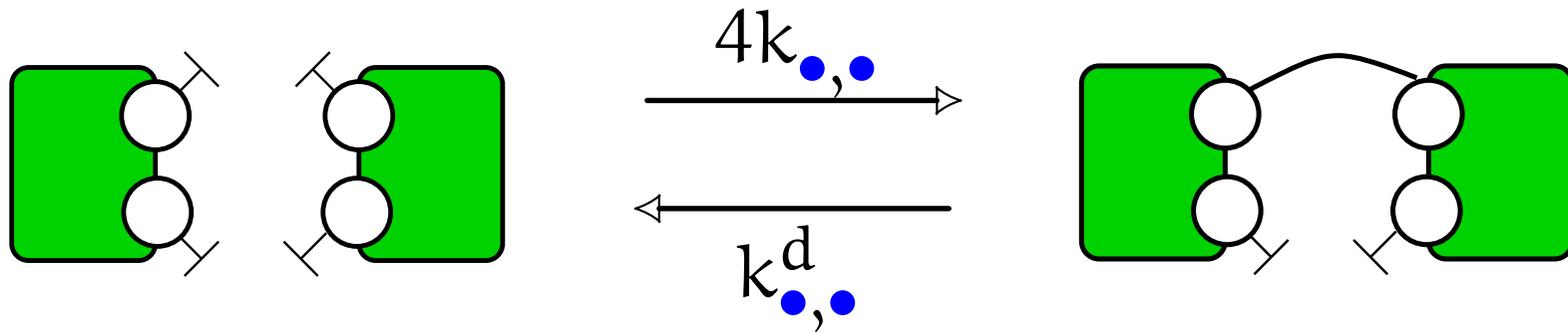


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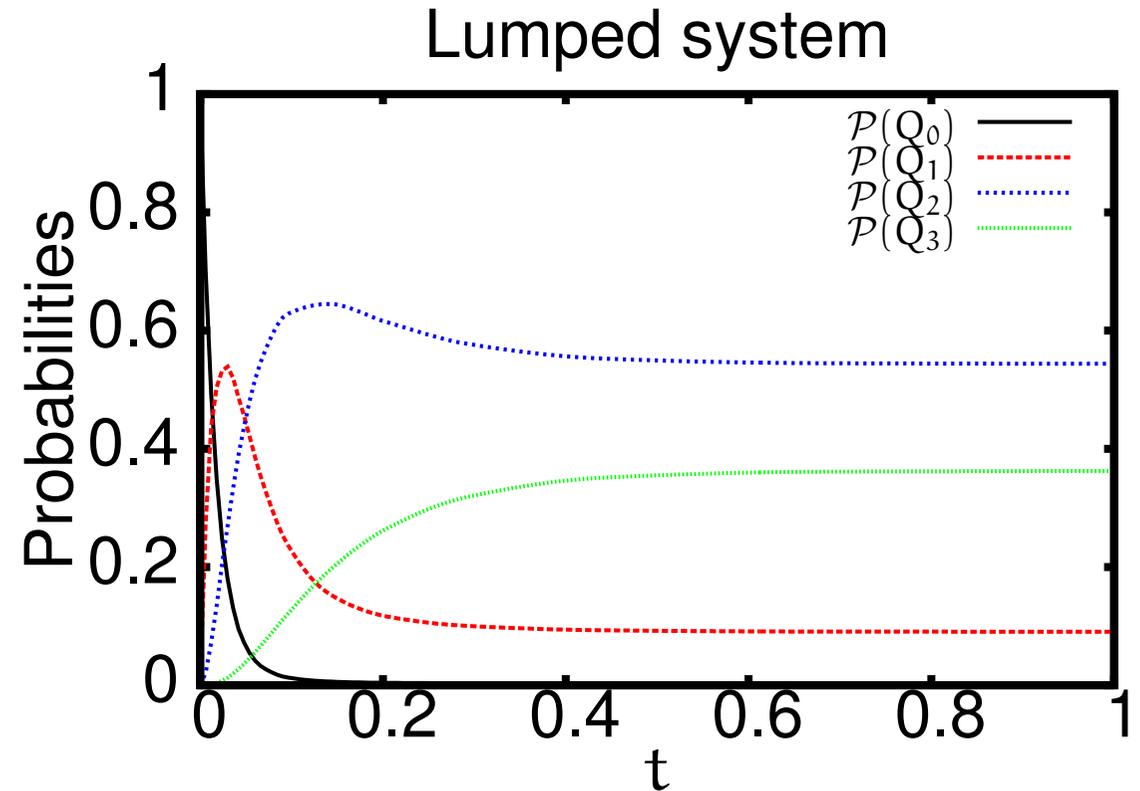
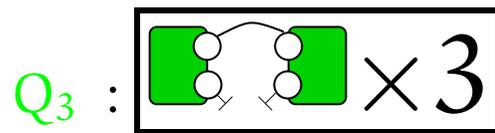
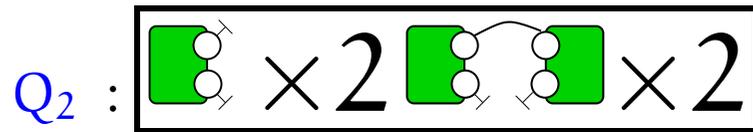
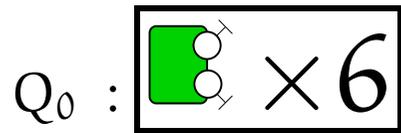
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We can lump the system.

Lumped system

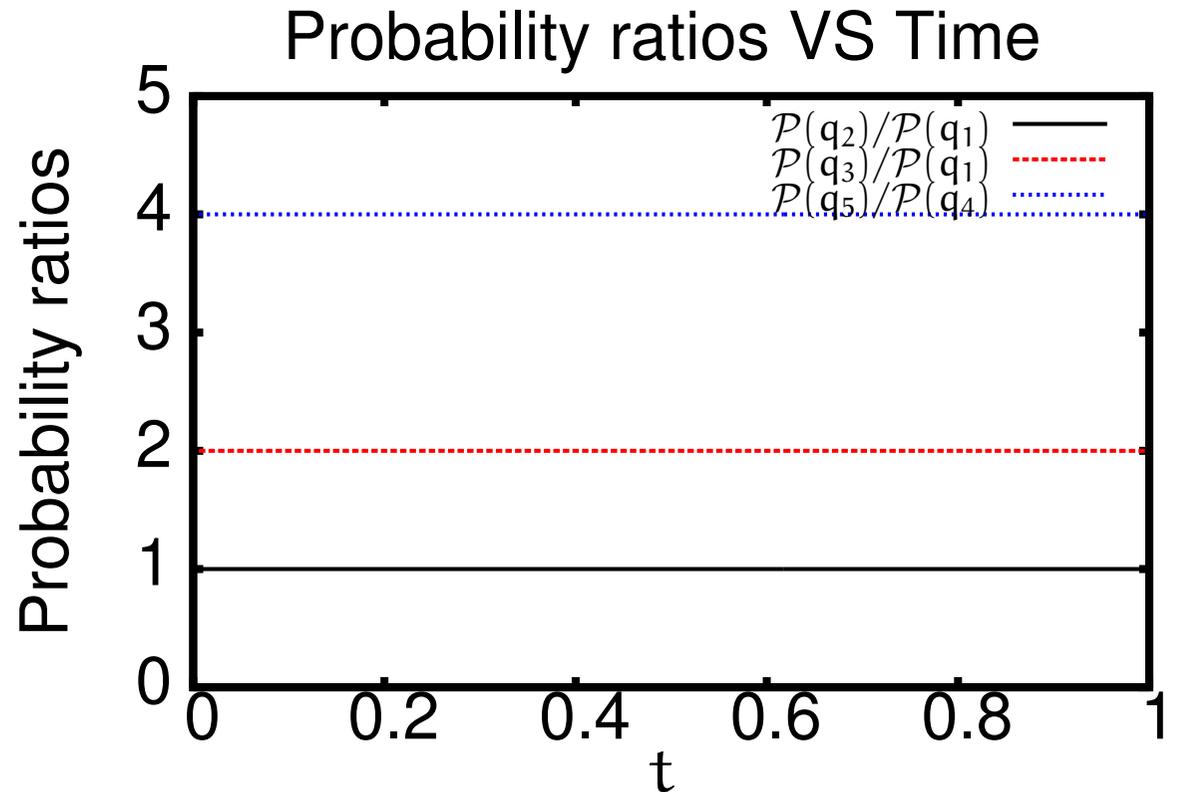
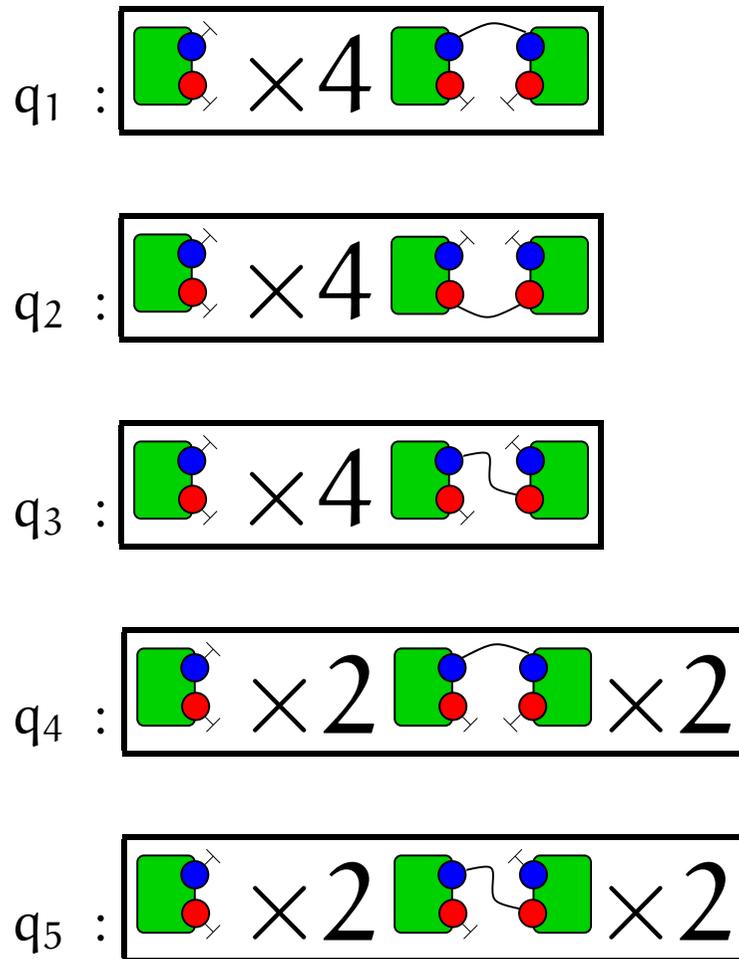


Macrostate distribution



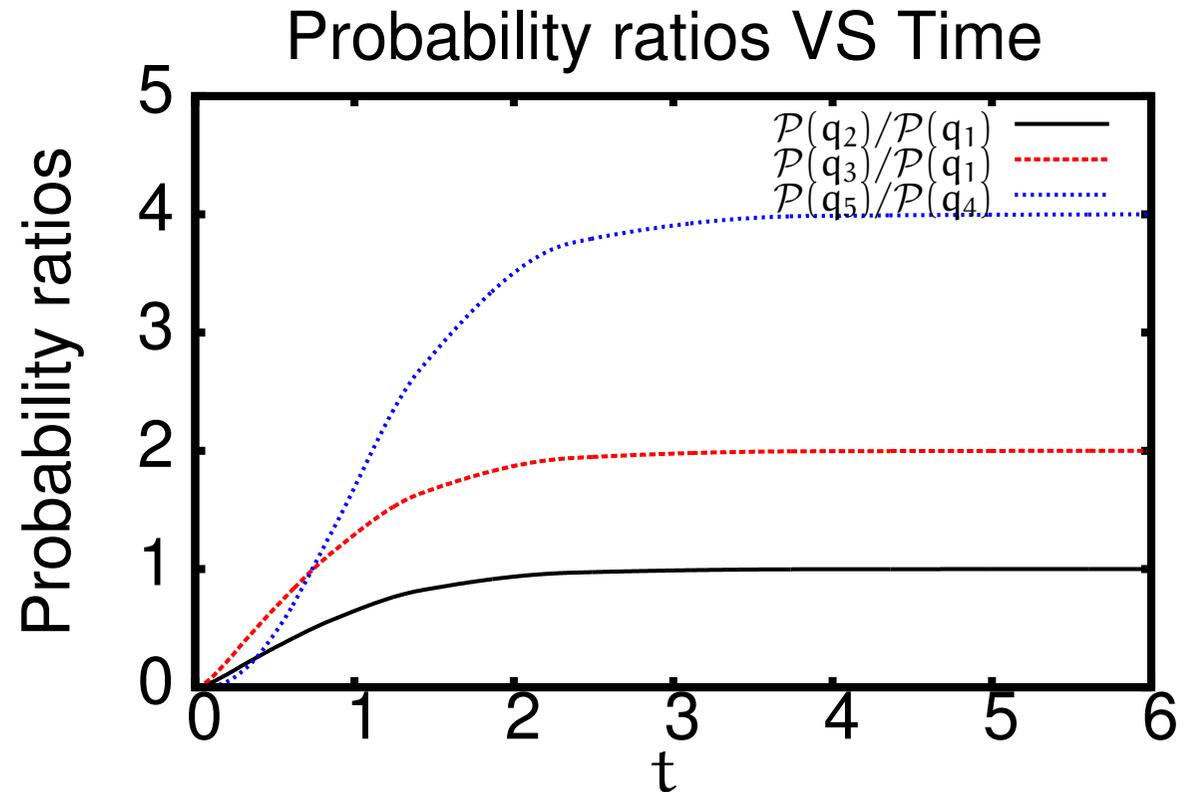
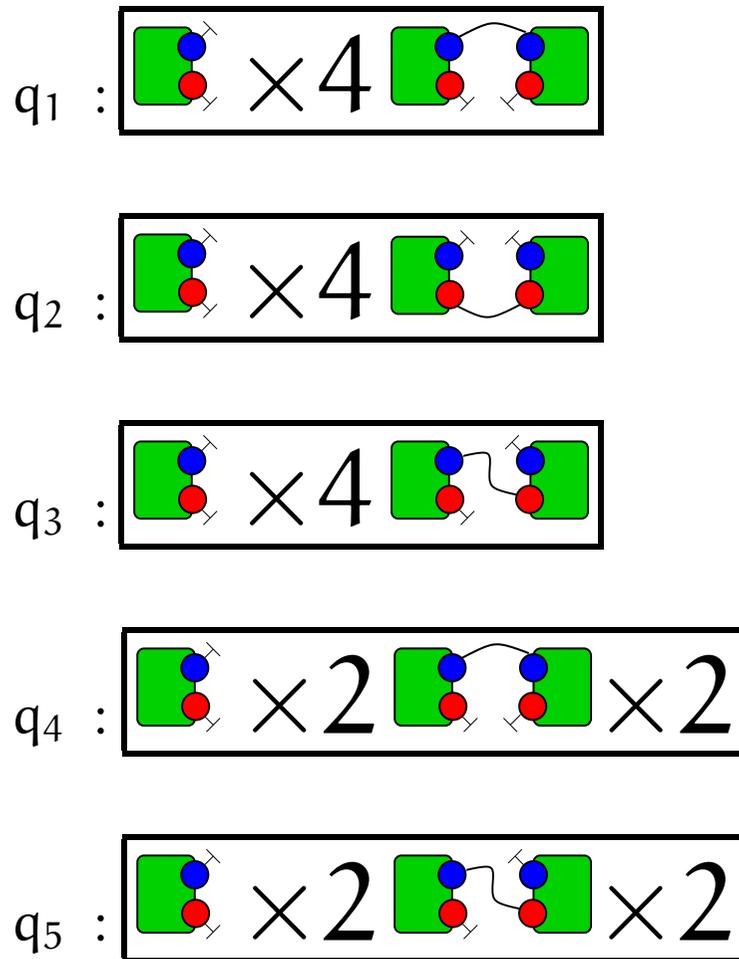
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Probability ratios



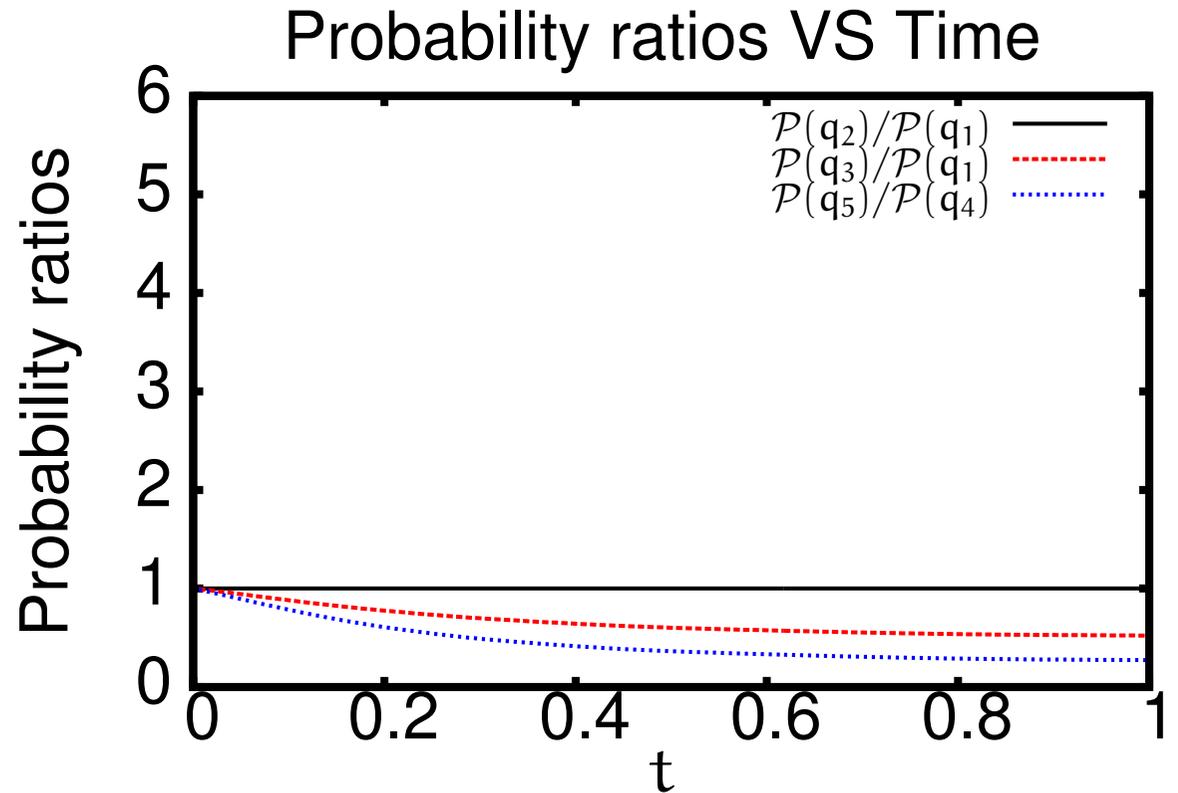
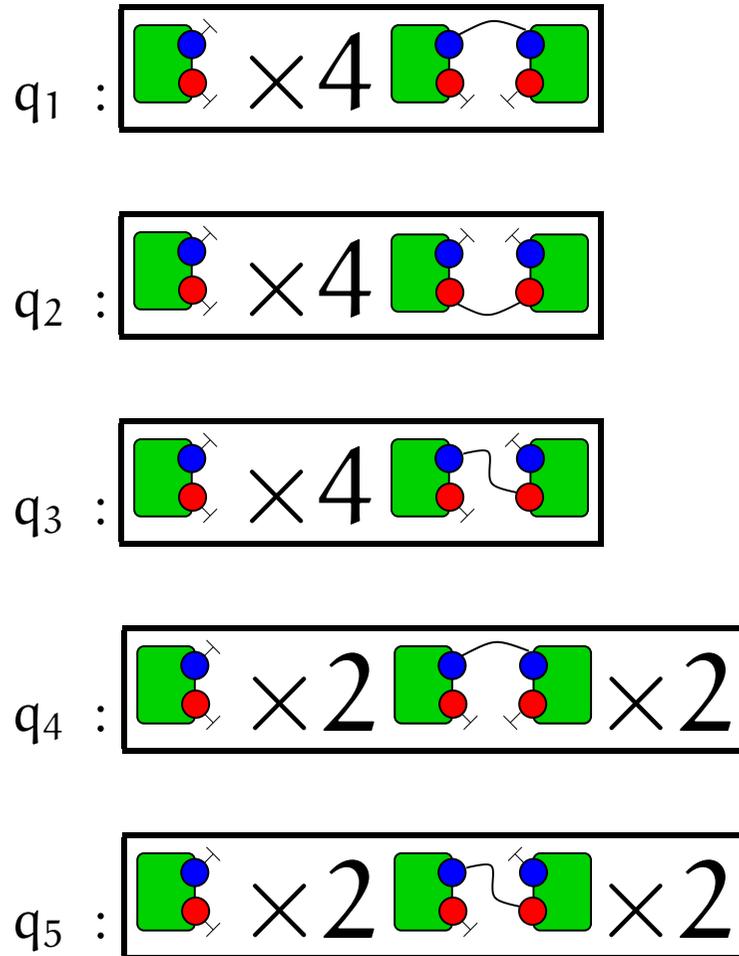
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Probability ratios (wrong initial condition)



with:
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Probability ratios (wrong coefficients)



with:

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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

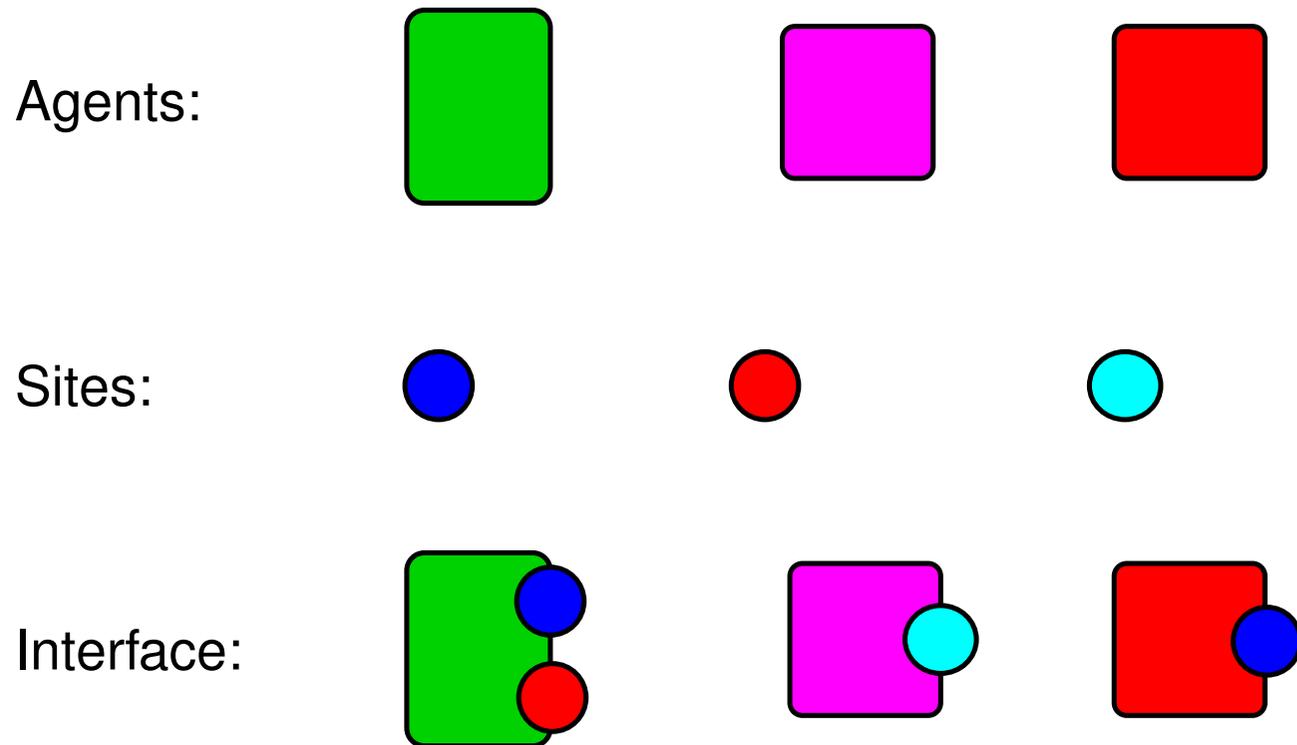
- a forward bisimulation;
- a backward bisimulation.

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

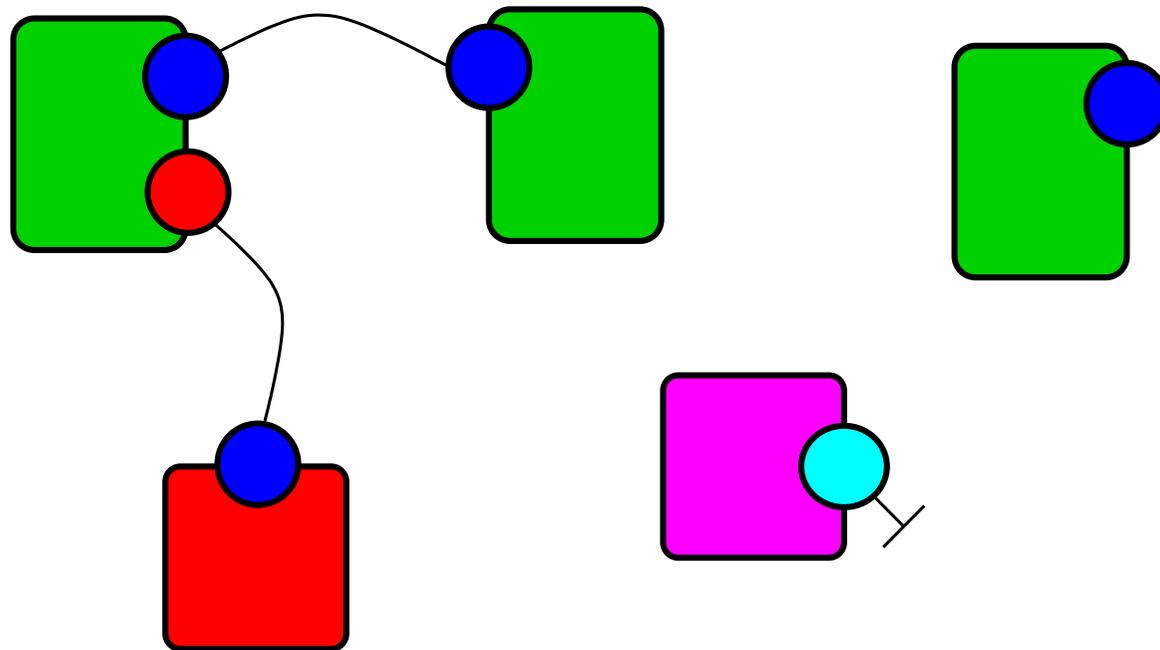
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Signature

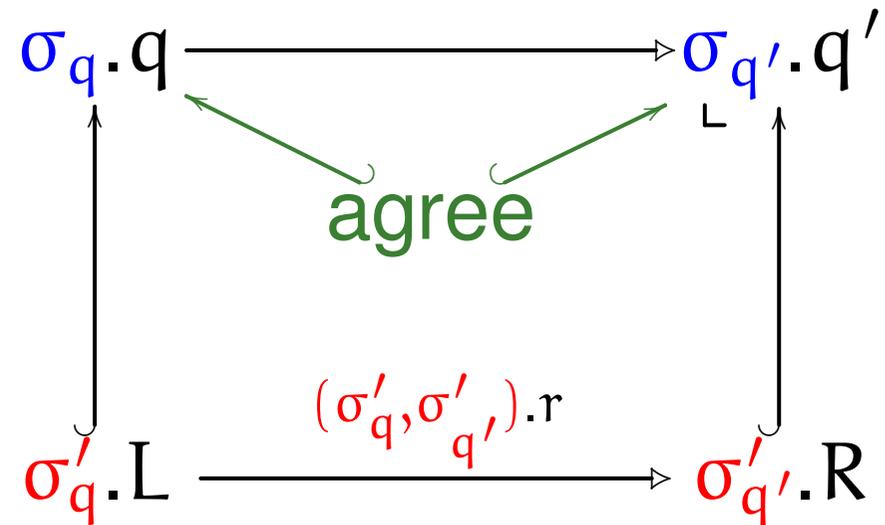
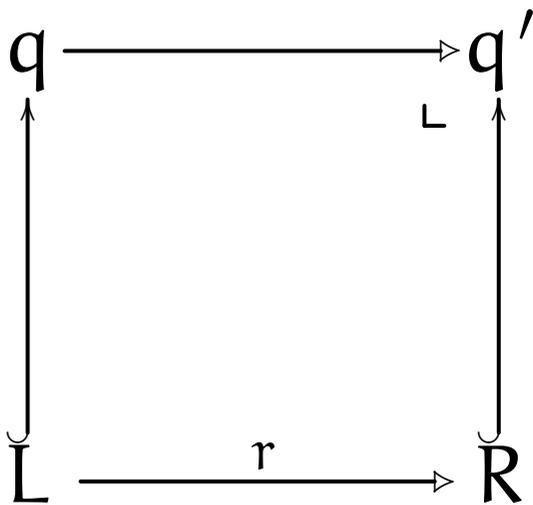


Site graph



Applying symmetries

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



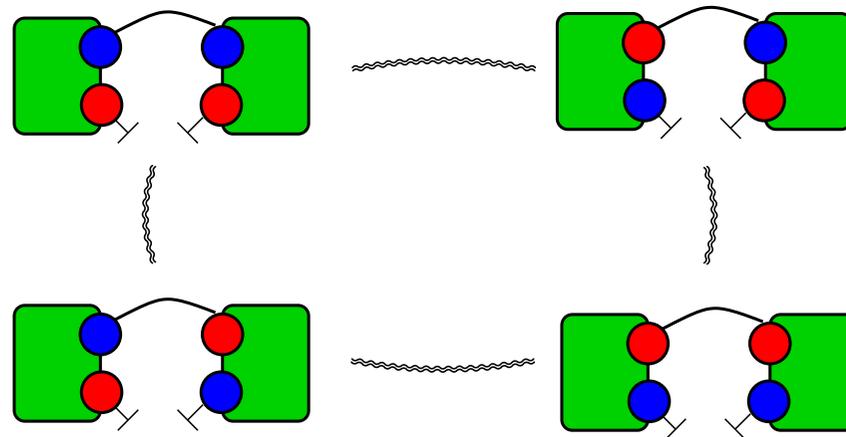
whenever they act the same way on preserved agents.

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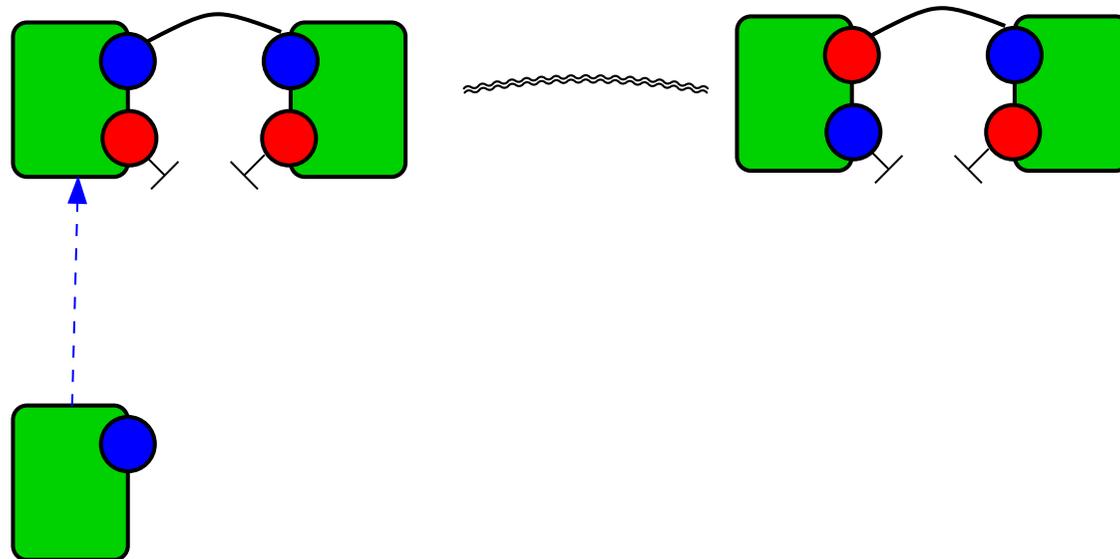
Symmetries over site graphs

- For any site graph G , we introduce a finite group of symmetries \mathbb{G}_G .

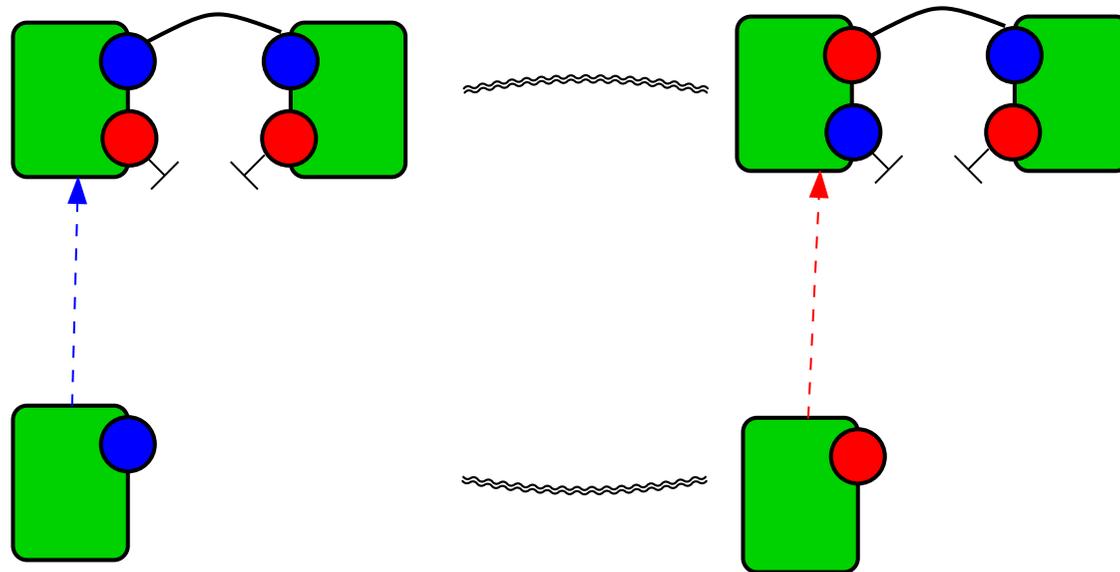


- For any site graph G and any symmetry $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_G$, we introduce the site graph $\sigma.G$ and we call it the symmetric of G by σ .

Restricting a symmetry to the domain of an embedding



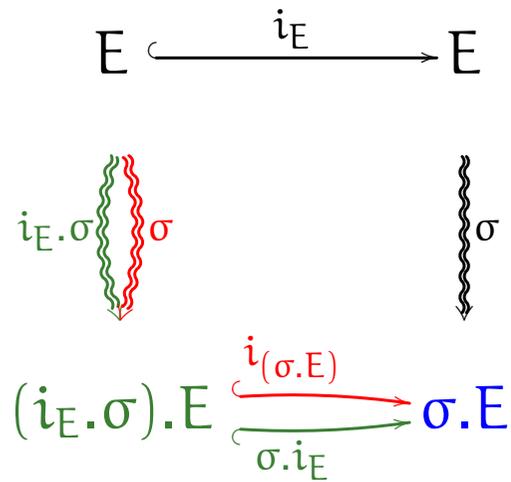
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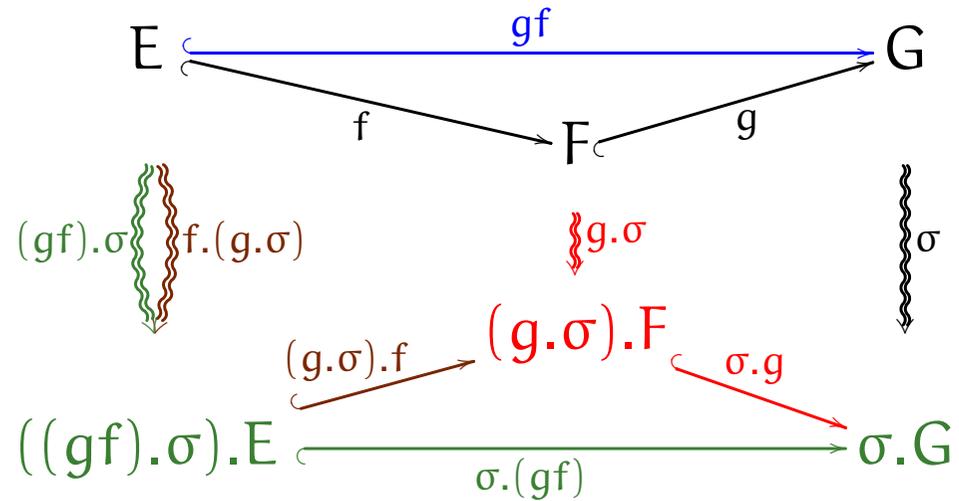
Restriction of symmetry to the domain of an embedding

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{f} & H \\ \left. \begin{array}{c} \text{f.}\sigma \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right\} & & \left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \sigma \end{array} \right\} \\ (f.\sigma).G & \xrightarrow{\sigma.f} & \sigma.H \end{array}$$

Symmetry VS embedding composition



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



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

Symmetry product VS restriction to embedding domain

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E & \xrightarrow{f} & F \\
 \left. \begin{array}{c} f.\varepsilon_F \\ \varepsilon_E \end{array} \right\} & & \left. \varepsilon_F \right\} \\
 E = (f.\varepsilon_F).E & \xrightarrow{f} & \varepsilon_F.F = F \\
 & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_F.f} &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E & \xrightarrow{f} & F \\
 \left. \begin{array}{c} f.\sigma \\ f.(\sigma' \circ \sigma) \end{array} \right\} & & \left. \begin{array}{c} \sigma \\ \sigma' \circ \sigma \end{array} \right\} \\
 (f.\sigma).E & \xrightarrow{\sigma.f} & \sigma.F \\
 \left. \begin{array}{c} (\sigma.f).\sigma' \\ (\sigma' \circ \sigma).f \end{array} \right\} & & \left. \sigma' \right\} \\
 (f.(\sigma' \circ \sigma)).E & \xrightarrow{(\sigma' \circ \sigma).f} & (\sigma' \circ \sigma).F
 \end{array}$$

- $\varepsilon_F.F = F$

- $f.\varepsilon_F = \varepsilon_E$

- $\varepsilon_F.f = f$

- $(\sigma' \circ \sigma).F = \sigma'.(\sigma.F)$

- $f.(\sigma' \circ \sigma) = ((f.\sigma).\sigma') \circ (f.\sigma)$

- $(\sigma' \circ \sigma).f = \sigma'.(\sigma.f)$

Symmetries VS rules

For any rule:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & r & \\ L & \xrightarrow{\quad} & R \\ & \swarrow f \quad \searrow g & \end{array}$$

We introduce:

- $\mathbb{G}_r \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_L \times \mathbb{G}_R \mid f \cdot \sigma_L = g \cdot \sigma_R\}$;

- $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R).r \stackrel{\Delta}{:} \begin{array}{ccc} & & \sigma_R.R \\ & \swarrow \sigma_L.f \quad \searrow \sigma_R.g & \\ \sigma_L.L & & \end{array}$

(for any $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_r$).

We assume that:

1. \mathbb{G}_r is stable upon pairwise product;
2. $\sigma.r$ is a rule, for any pair of symmetries $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_r$ (and we write $r \approx_{\mathbb{G}} \sigma.r$).

Group actions over push-out

Theorem 1 Let r be a rule. The function which maps each pair of symmetries $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}_r$ and each push-out of the form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L' & \xrightarrow{r'} & R' \\
 \uparrow h_L & & \downarrow h_R \\
 L & \xrightarrow{r''} & R
 \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \sigma_L \cdot L' & \xrightarrow{(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \cdot r'} & \sigma_R \cdot R' \\
 \uparrow \sigma_L \cdot h_L & & \downarrow \sigma_R \cdot h_R \\
 (h_L \cdot \sigma_L) \cdot L & \xrightarrow{(h_L \cdot \sigma_L, h_R \cdot \sigma_R) \cdot r''} & (h_R \cdot \sigma_R) \cdot R
 \end{array}$$

is a group action.

Subgroups of symmetries

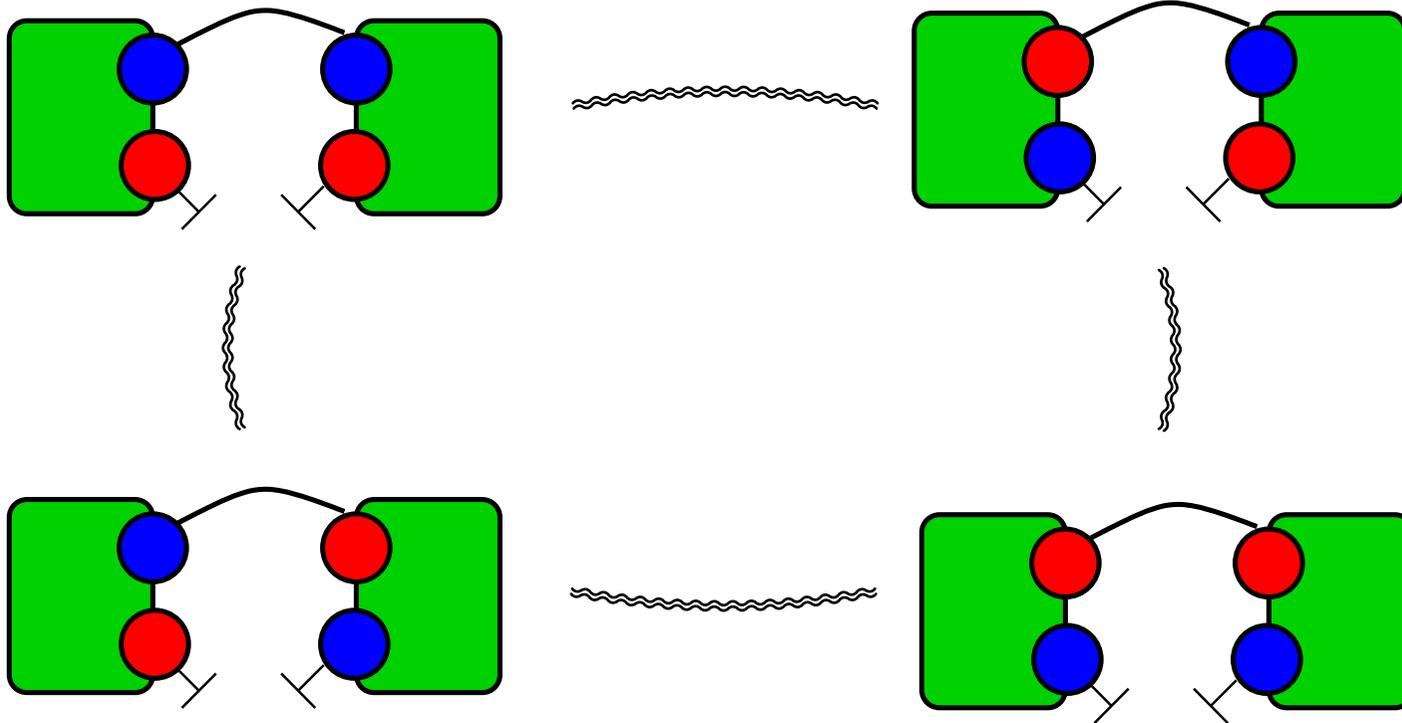
Theorem 2

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

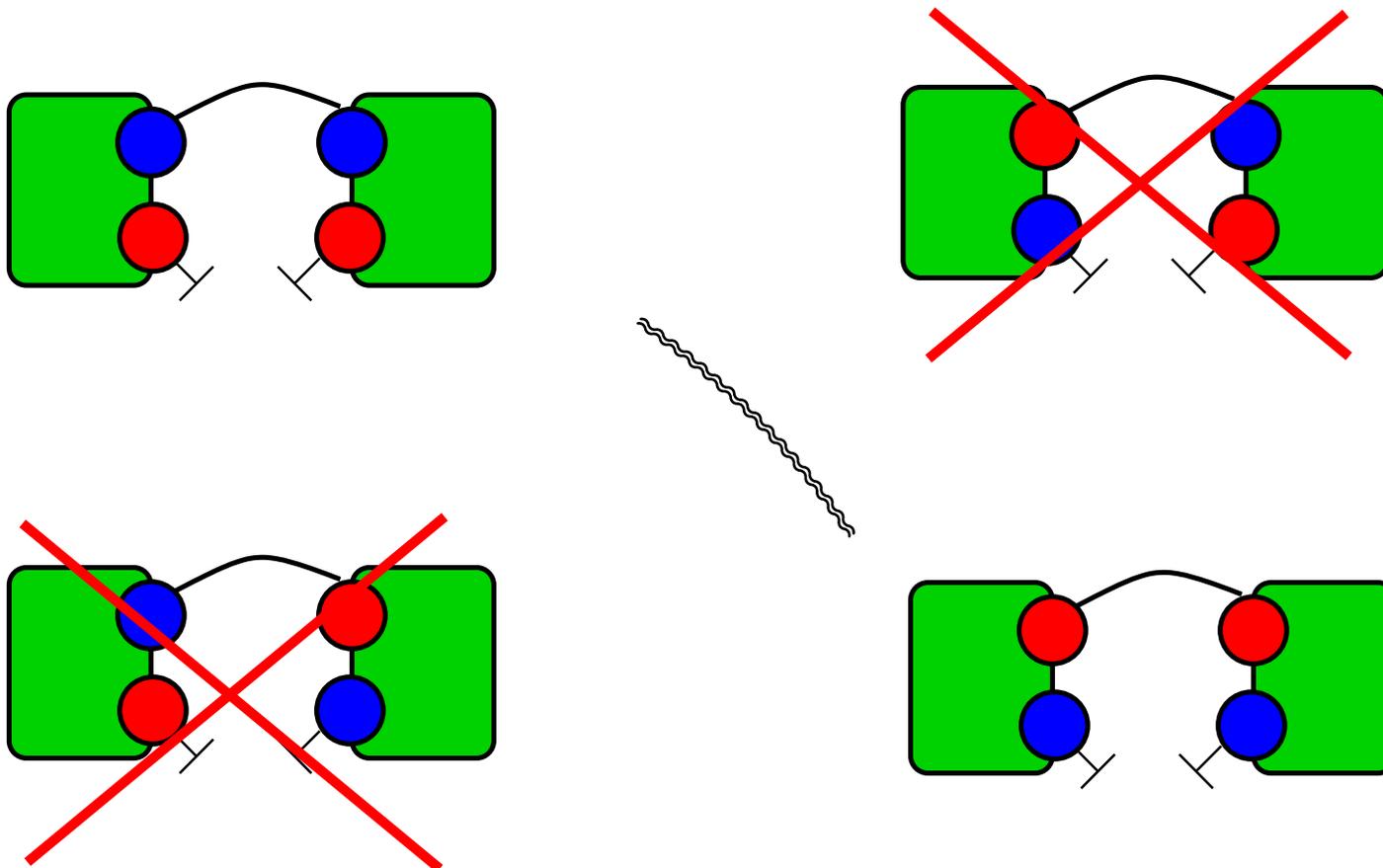
- we have a subset \mathbb{G}'_G of \mathbb{G}_G ;
- for any symmetry $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}'_G$, $\mathbb{G}'_G = \mathbb{G}'_{(\sigma.G)}$;
- for any two σ, σ' symmetries in \mathbb{G}'_G , $\sigma \circ \sigma' \in \mathbb{G}'_G$;
- for any symmetry $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}'_H$, $h.\sigma \in \mathbb{G}'_G$;

then the groups (\mathbb{G}'_G) define a set of symmetries.

Example: Heterogeneous site permutations



Example: Homogeneous site permutations



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Symmetric model

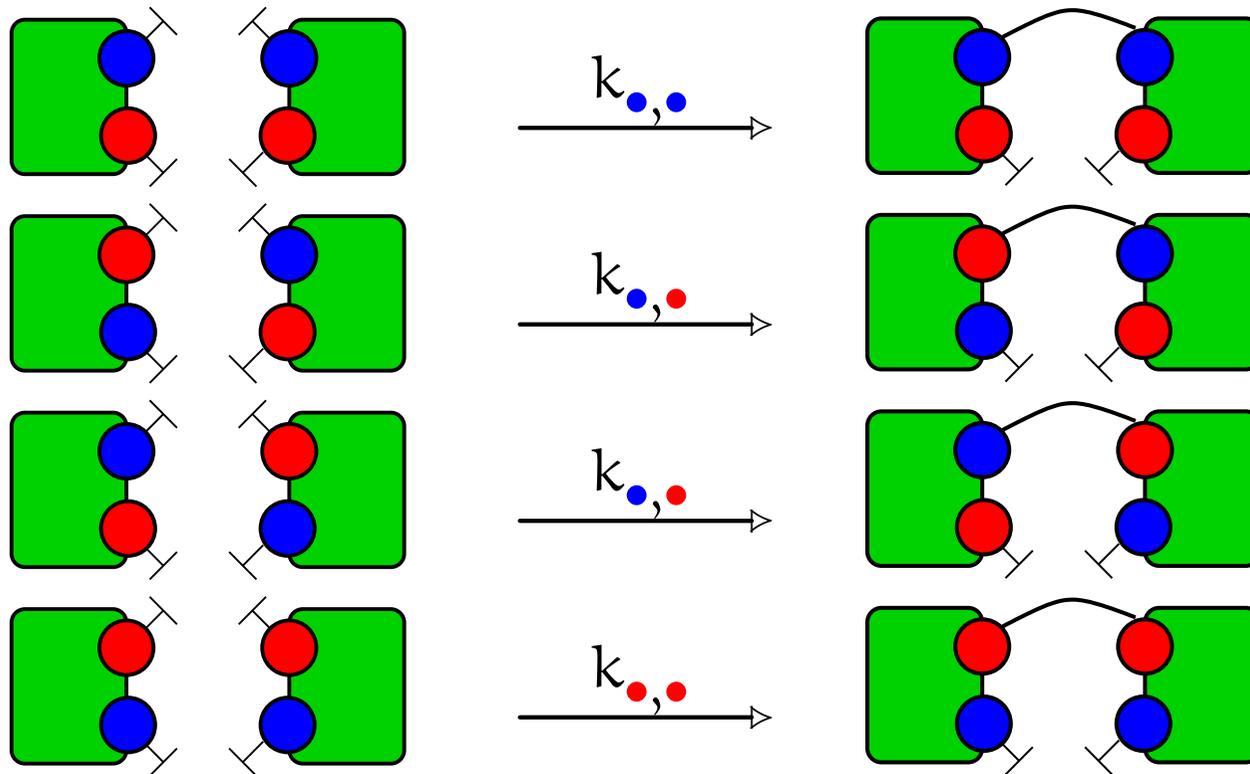
We assume that the model contains at most one rule per isomorphism class.

A model is \mathbb{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:

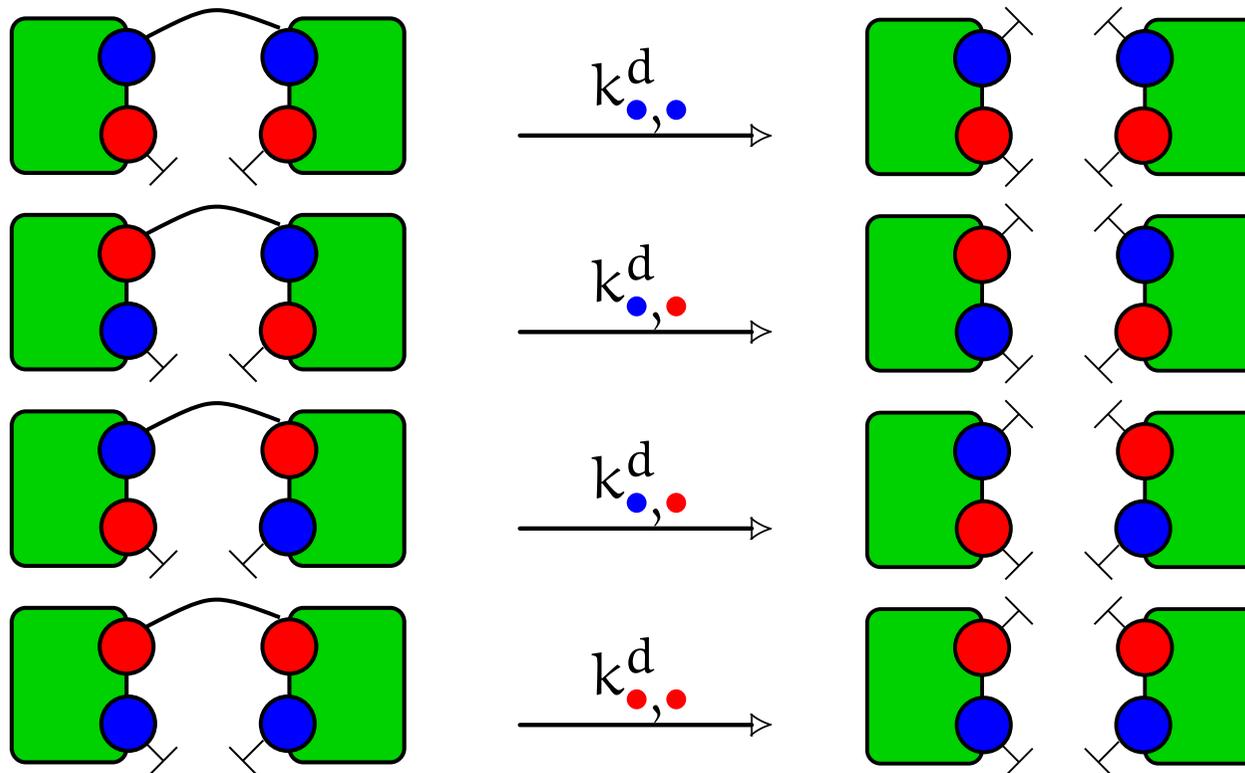
$$g(r) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{k(r)}{\text{card}(\{\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_r \mid \sigma.r \text{ and } r \text{ are isomorphic}\})[lhs(r), lhs(r)]}.$$

Binding rules



$$\frac{k_{.,.}}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{k_{.,.}}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{k_{.,.}}{2 \cdot 2}$$

Unbinding rules



$$\frac{k_{\bullet, \bullet}^d}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{k_{\bullet, \bullet}^d}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{k_{\bullet, \bullet}^d}{2 \cdot 1}$$

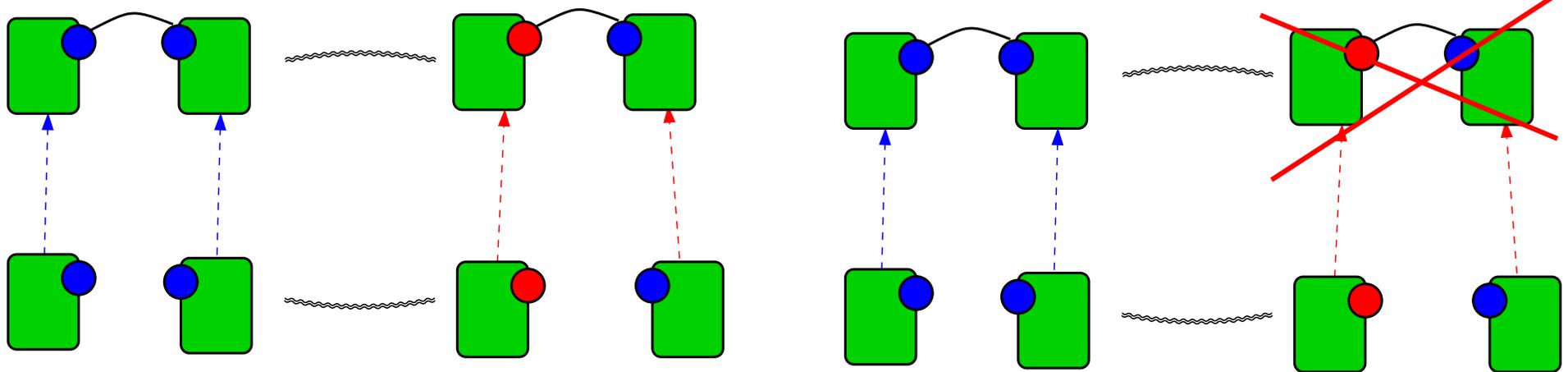
Compatible embeddings

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

$$\mathbb{G}_G = \{f \cdot \sigma \mid \sigma \in \mathbb{G}_H\}$$

(that is to say that any symmetry that can be applied to the domain of f can be extended to the image of f).

Compatible embeddings may not be preserved by subgroups of symmetries:

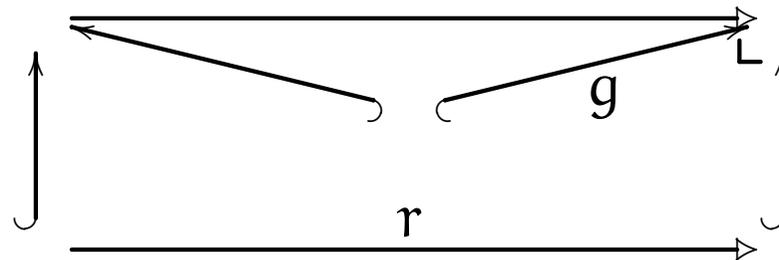


Heterogeneous permutations

Homogeneous permutations

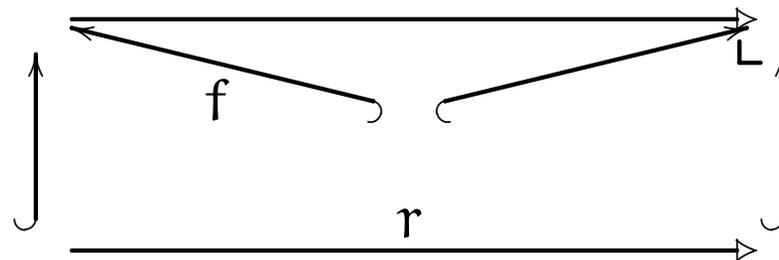
Compatible rules

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.

Quantitative properties

Theorem 3 Let \mathbb{G} be a set of symmetries and \mathcal{M} be a \mathbb{G} -symmetric model. Then:

1. if each rule of r is forward compatible,
then we can lump the system.

(the proof relies on a forward bisimulation)

2. if each rule of r is both forward and backward compatible,
then the following property:

$$\left[\mathcal{P}(q)[q, q] = \mathcal{P}(\sigma.q)[\sigma.q, \sigma.q], \text{ for any state } q \text{ and any symmetry } \sigma \in \mathbb{G}_q \right]$$

is an invariant of the system.

(the proof relies on a backward bisimulation)

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Conclusion

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 than the process algebra based one [\[MFPSXXVII\]](#).

Camporesi [et al.](#), Combining model reductions. MFPS XXVI (2010)

Camporesi [et al.](#), Formal reduction of rule-based models, MFPS XXVII (2011)

Danos [et al.](#), 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, Post-doc at ÉNS).

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