

# MPRI 2.19 Biochemical Programming

Rule-based Modeling

## Causal analysis

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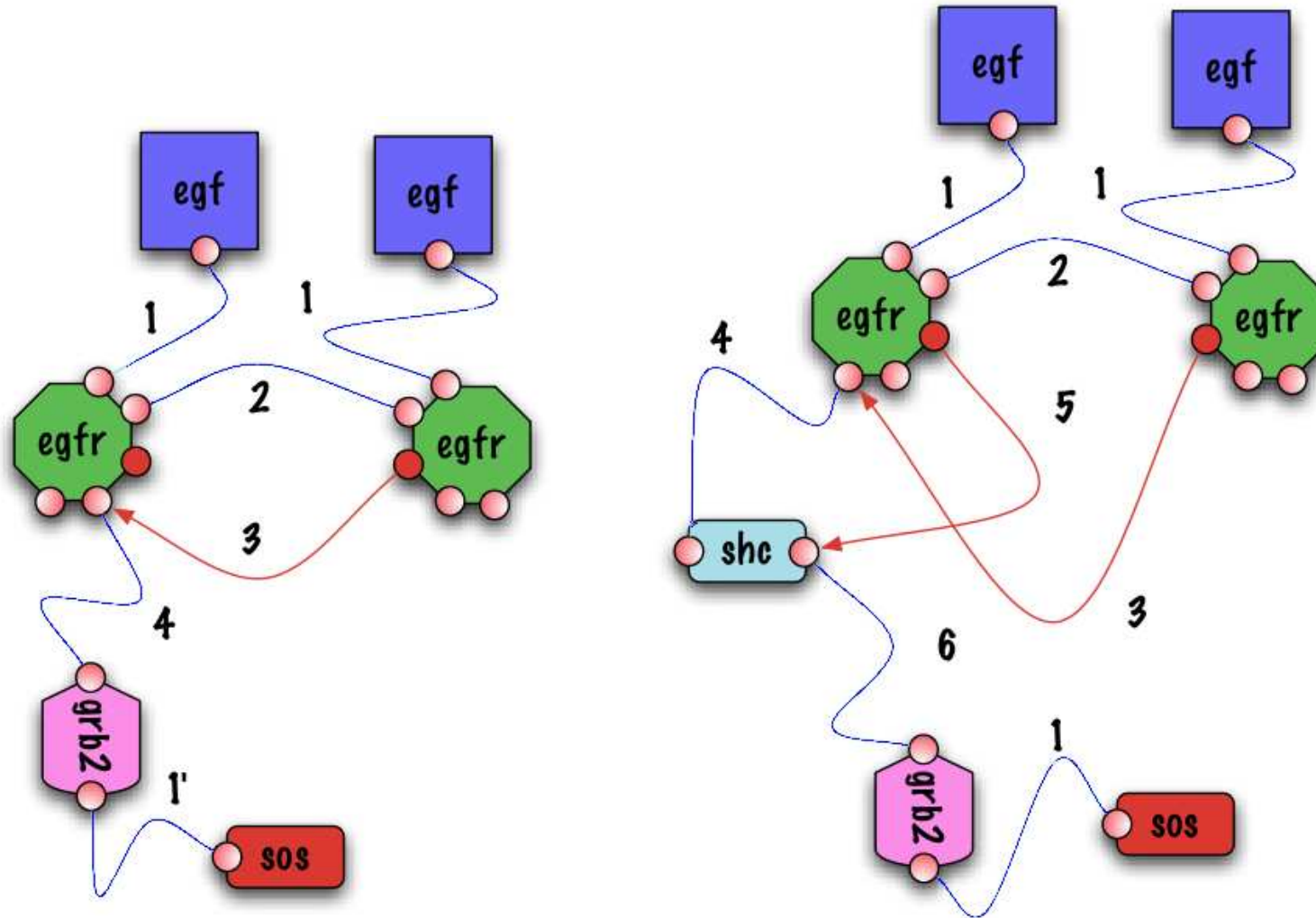
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# Causal traces



# Challenges

Compute minimal traces up to commutation of concurrent events.

This is parametric with respect to:

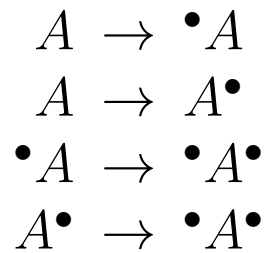
- the notion of state
- the notion of event

which can be seen at different levels of abstraction.

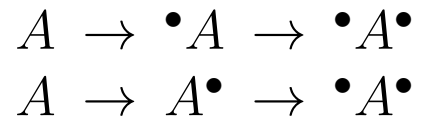
The choices of the syntax and of the semantics matter.

# The biochemical structure is required

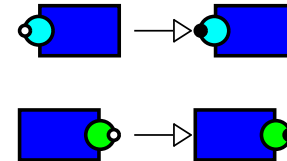
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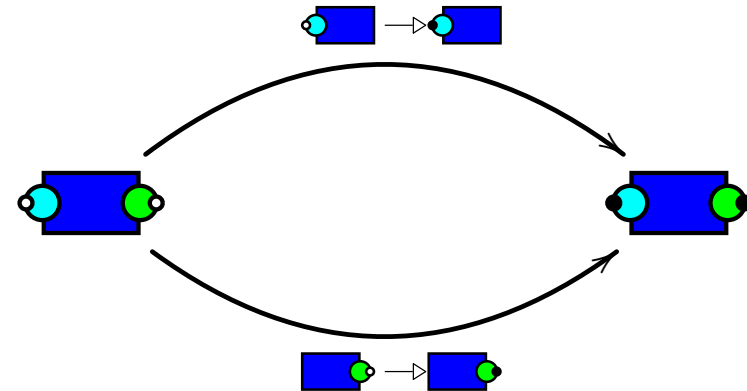
Causal traces:



Rules:



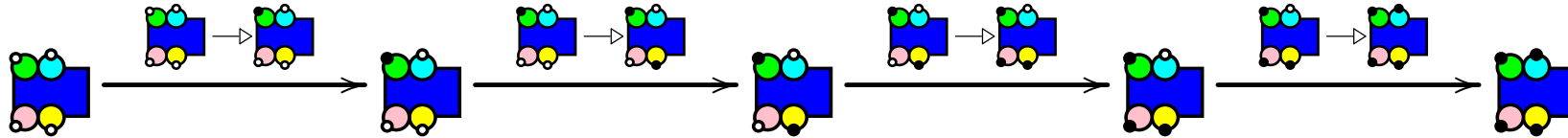
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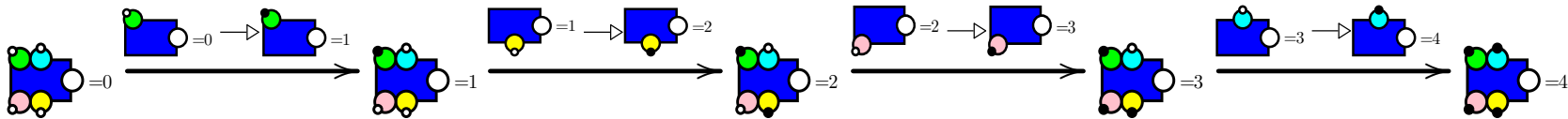
# Counters

(Rates depend on the number of sites already phosphorylated)

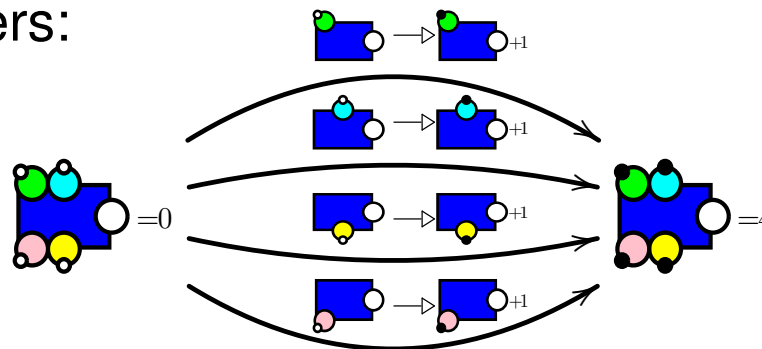
Without counters:



With flat counters:



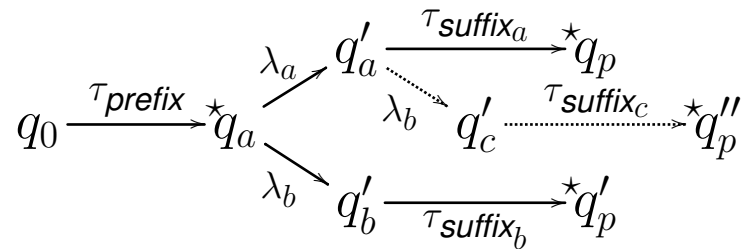
With arithmetic counters:



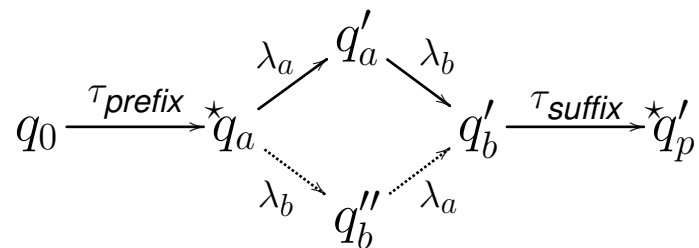
# Commutative events

Two events  $\lambda_a$  and  $\lambda_b$  commute if they satisfies the following commutative diagrams:

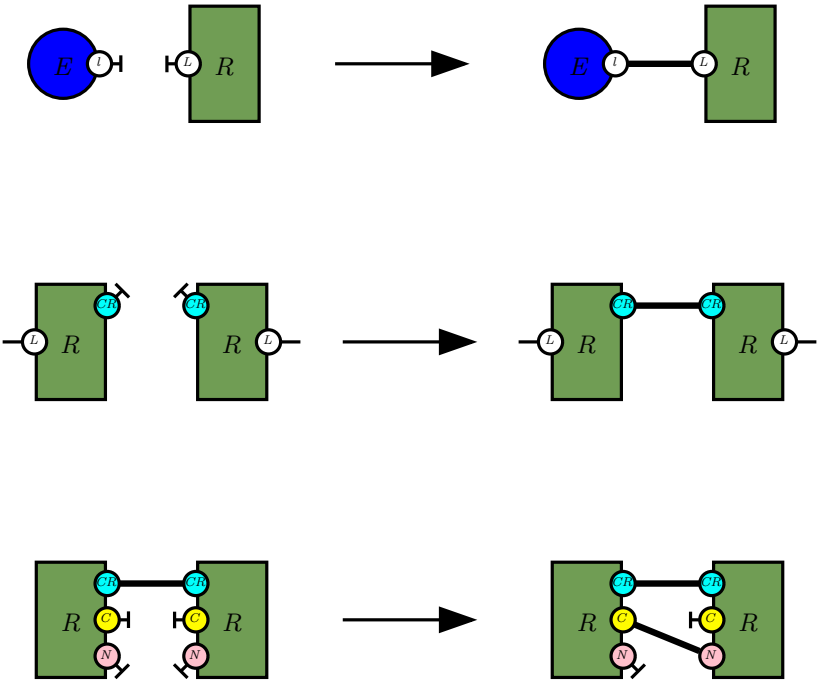
- No conflicts:



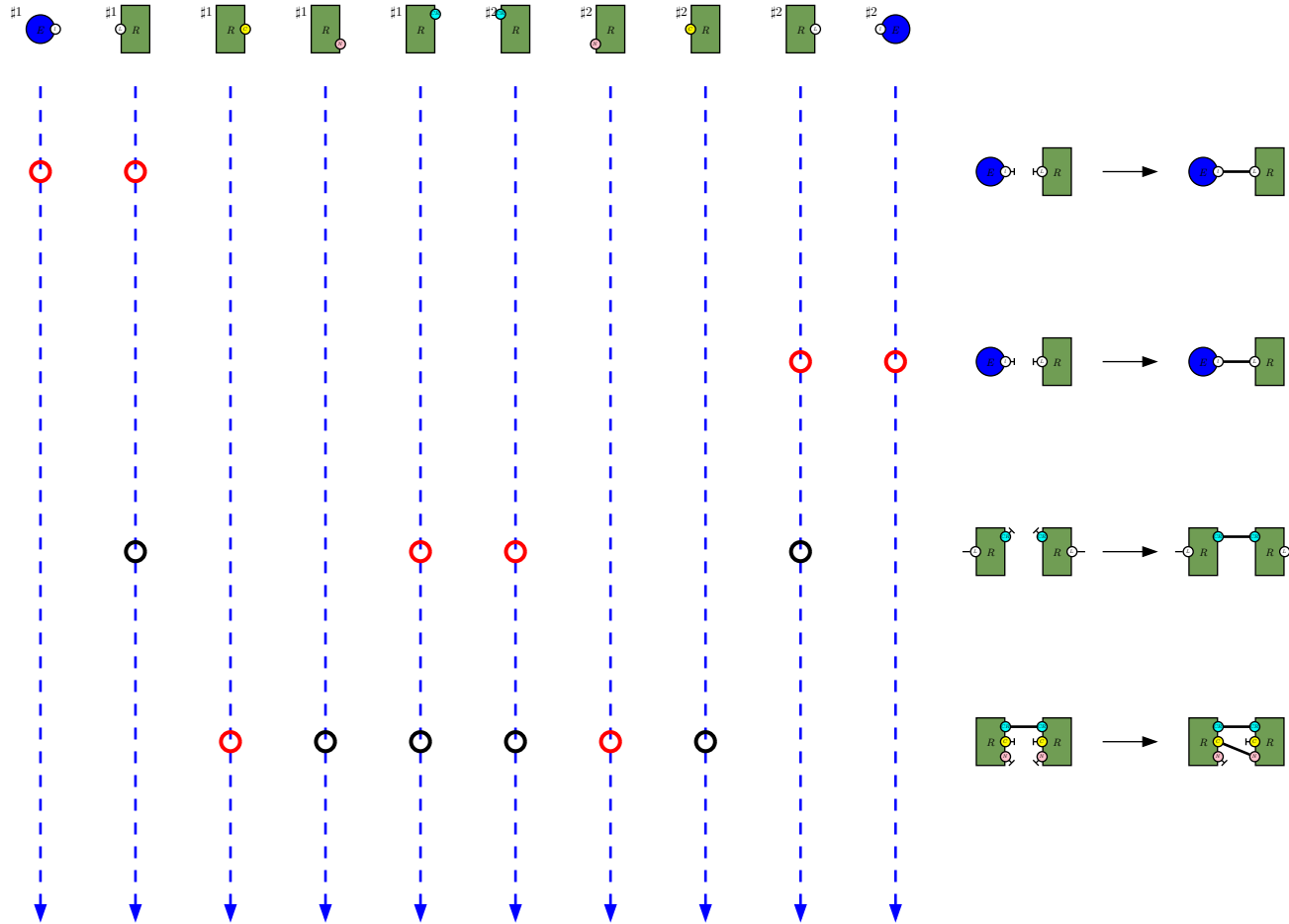
- No precedence:



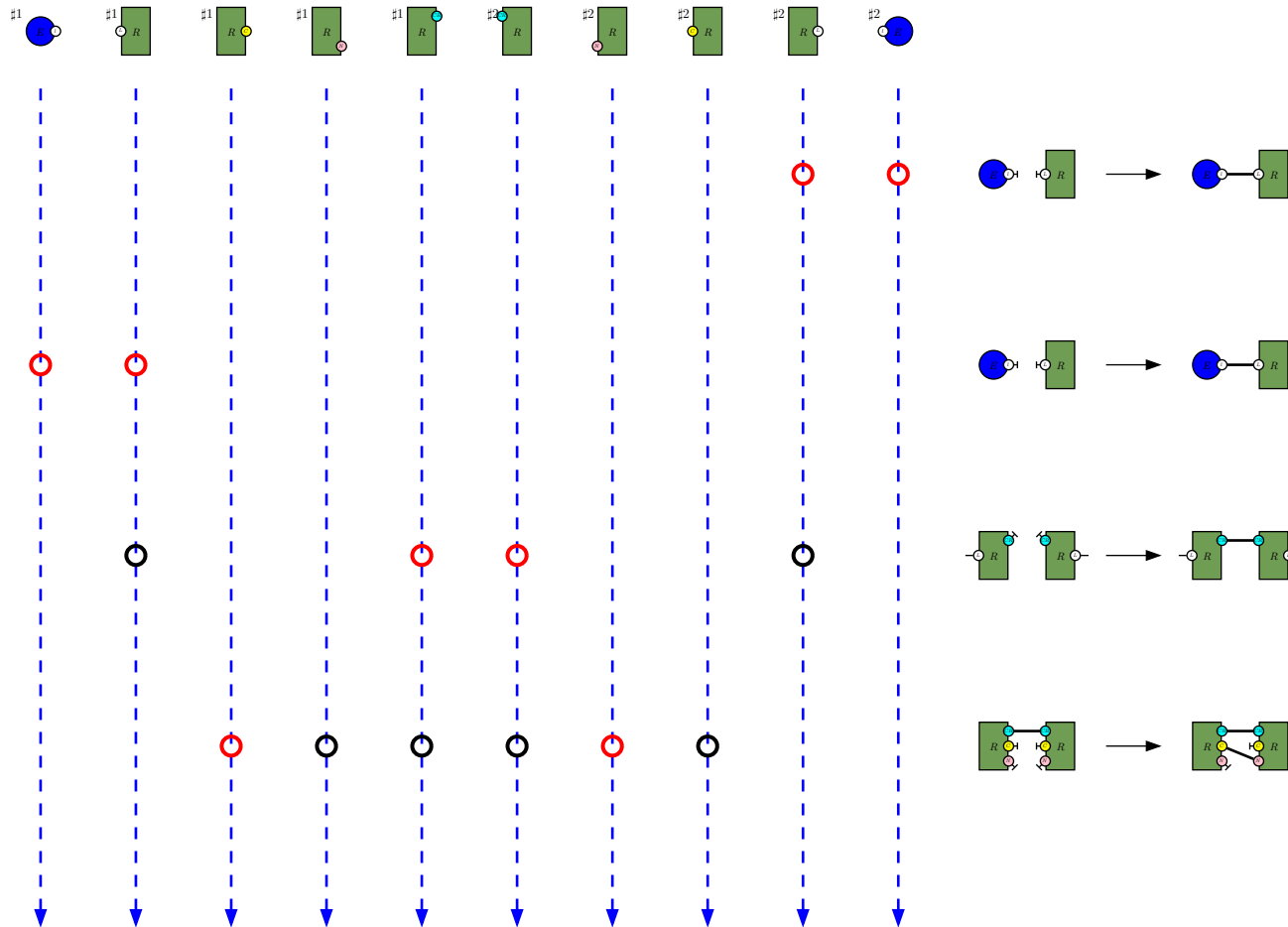
# Case study



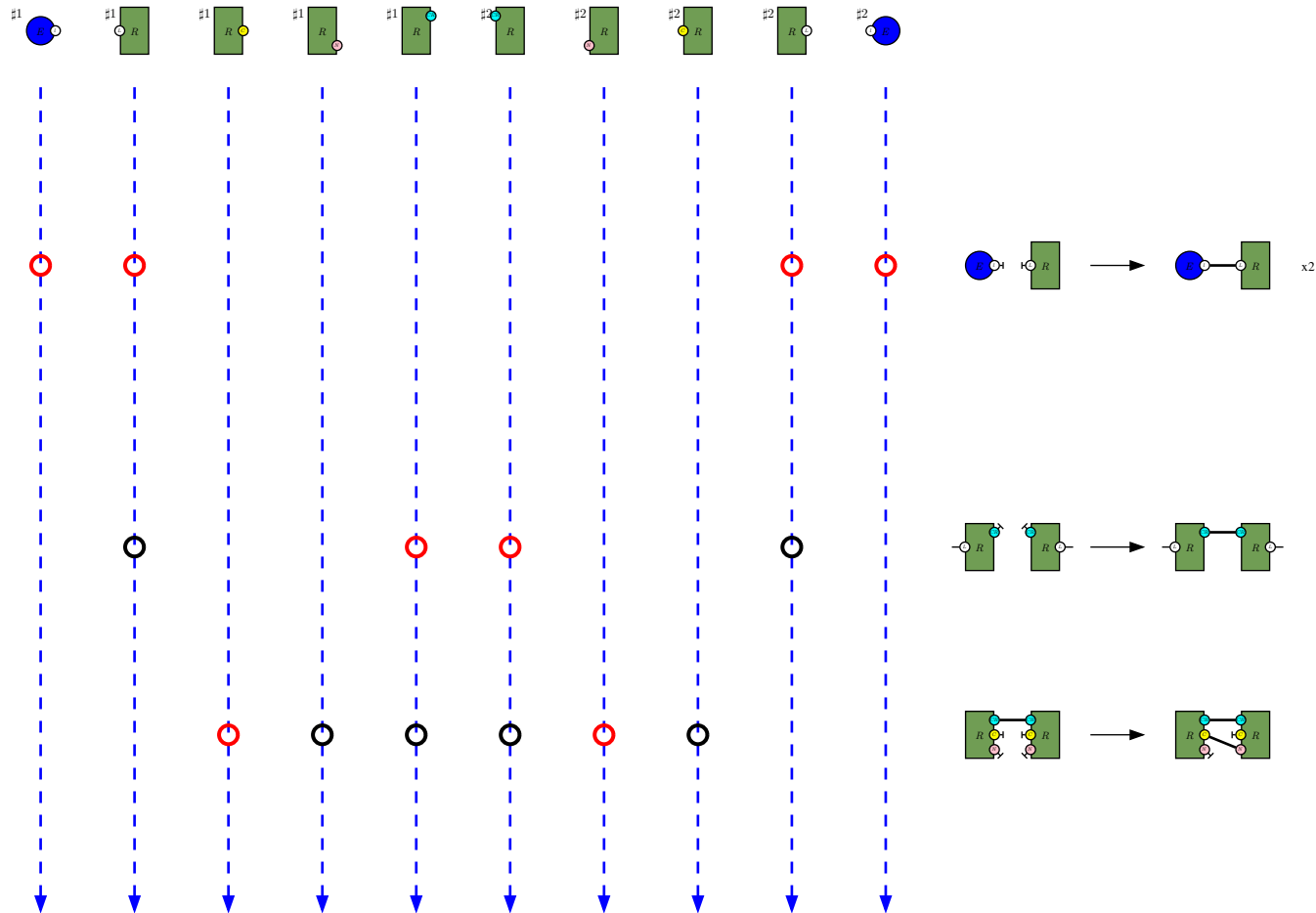
# Musical notation



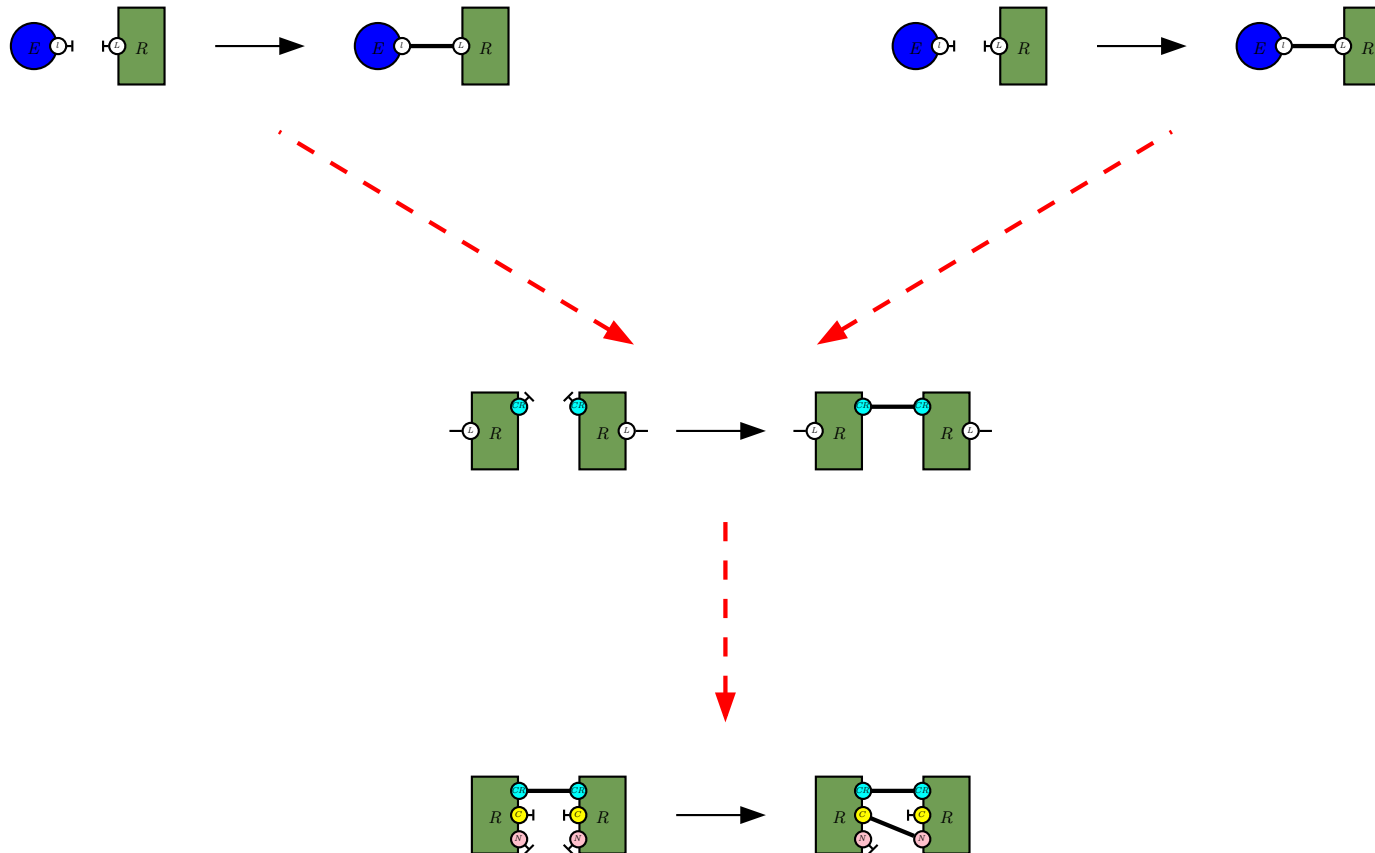
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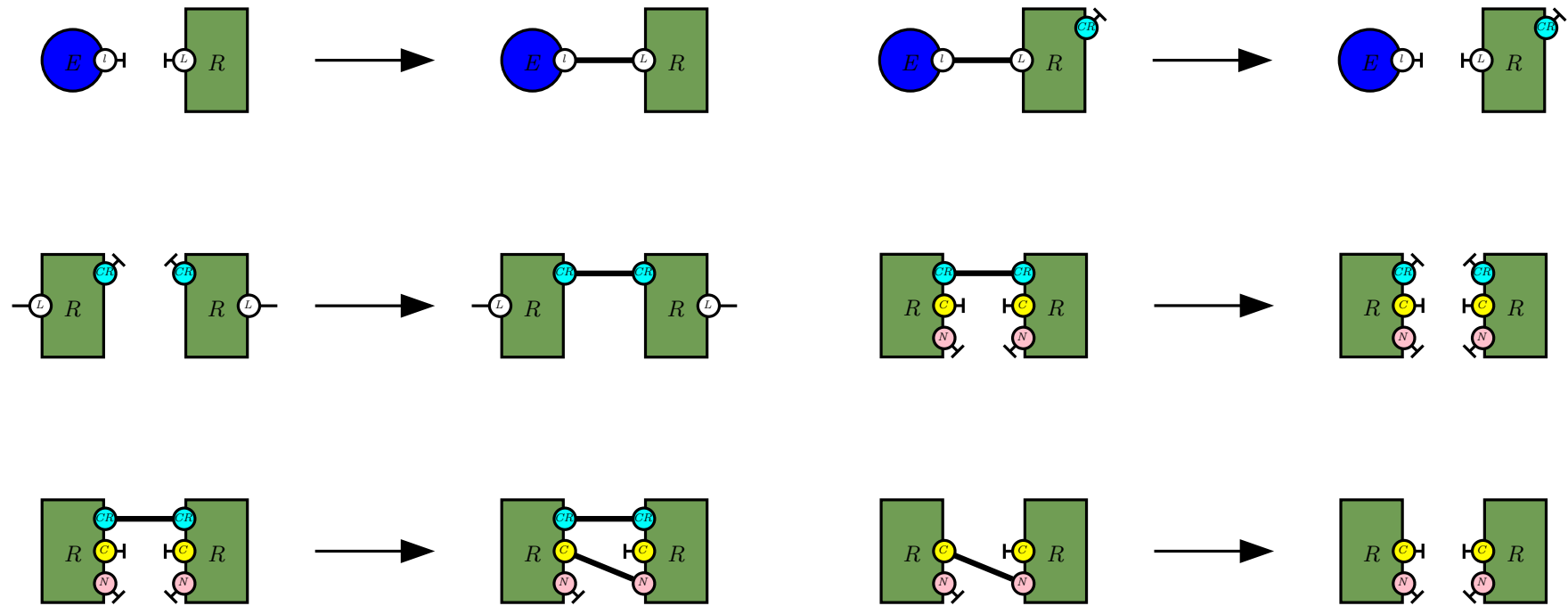
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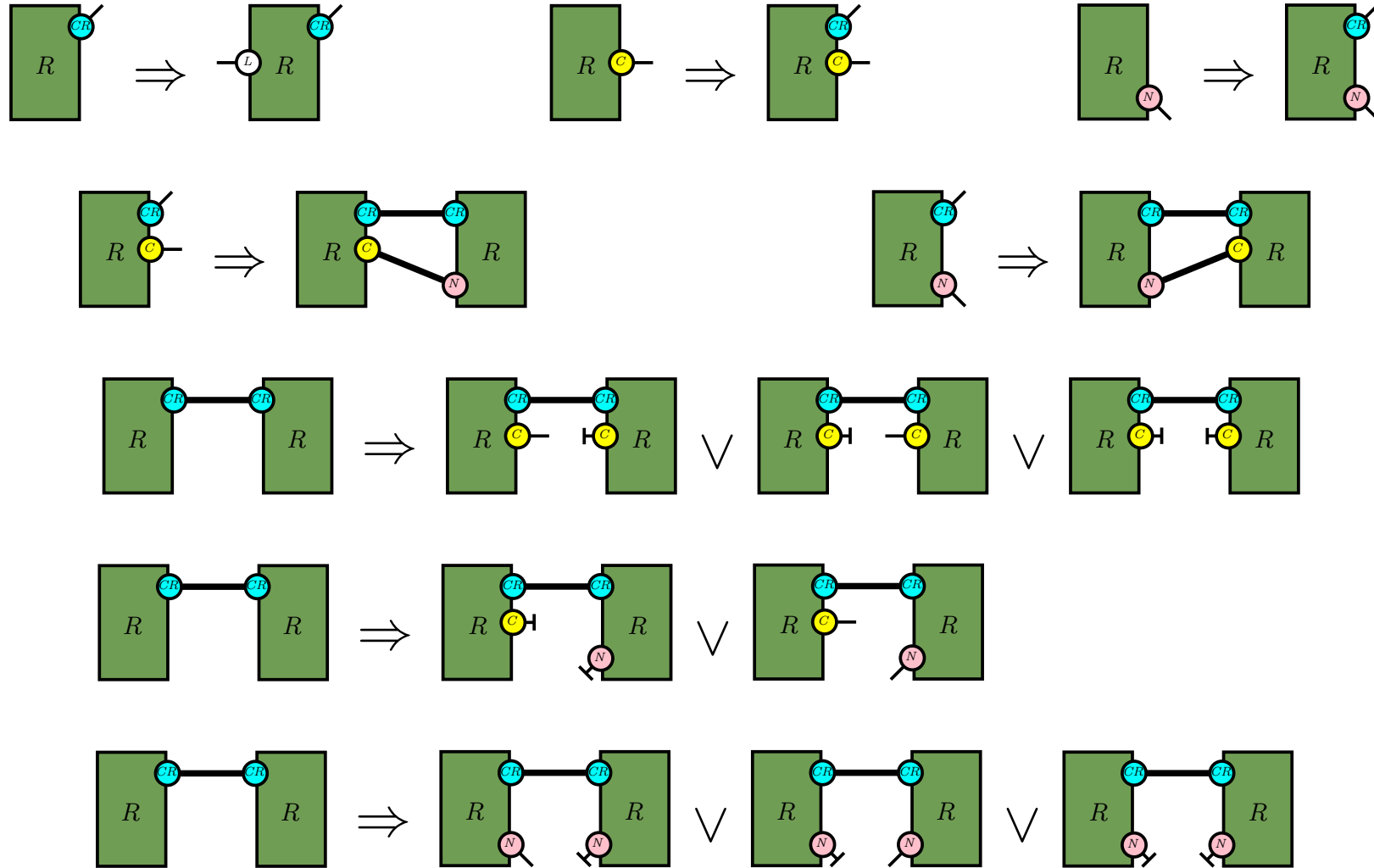
# Causal flow



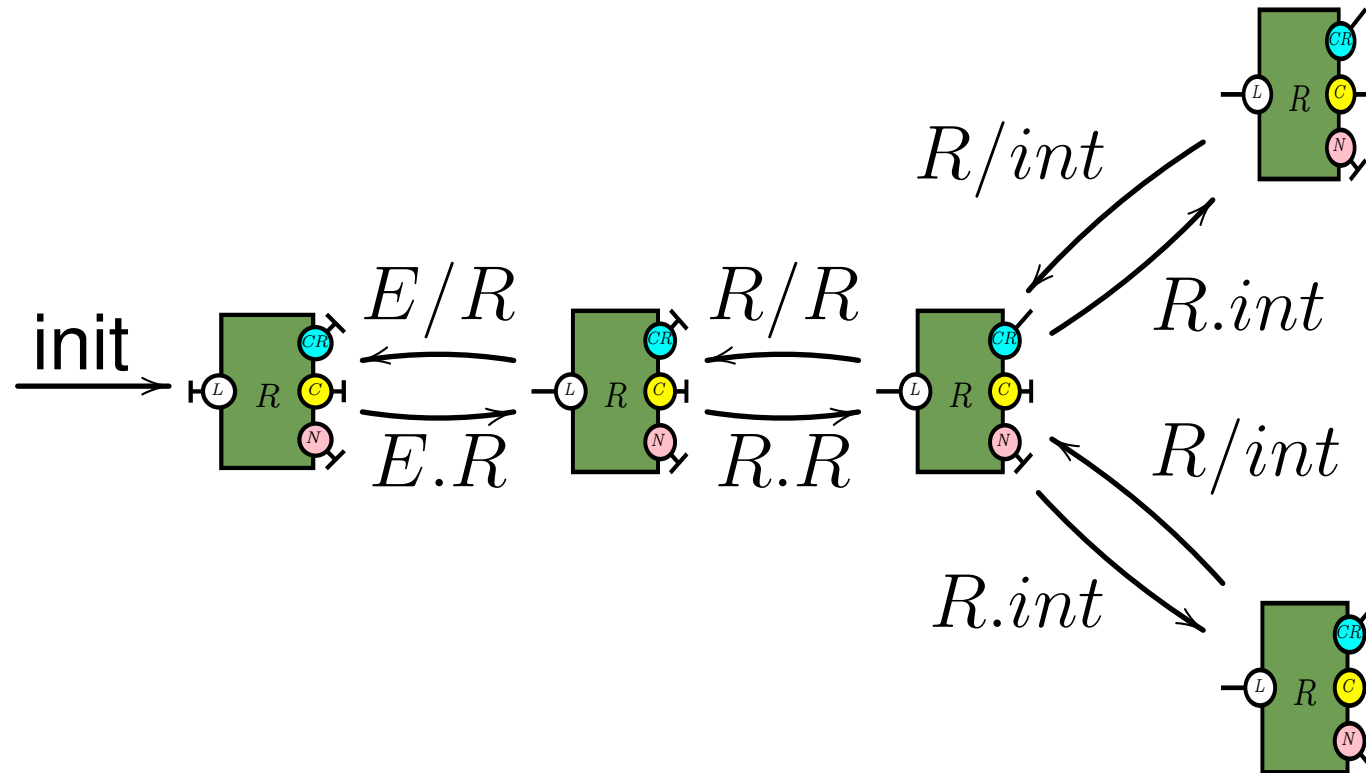
# First case study: Rules



# First case study: Reachability analysis

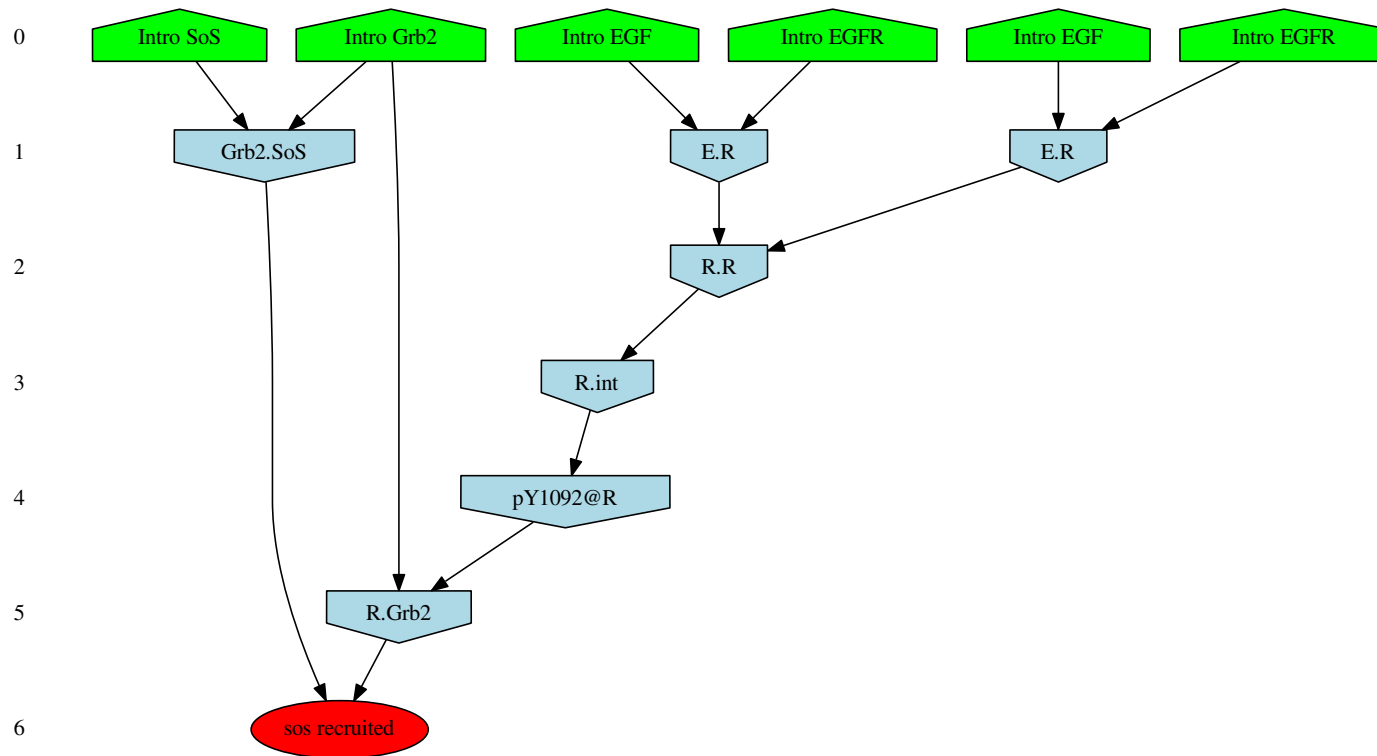


# First case study: Local transition system

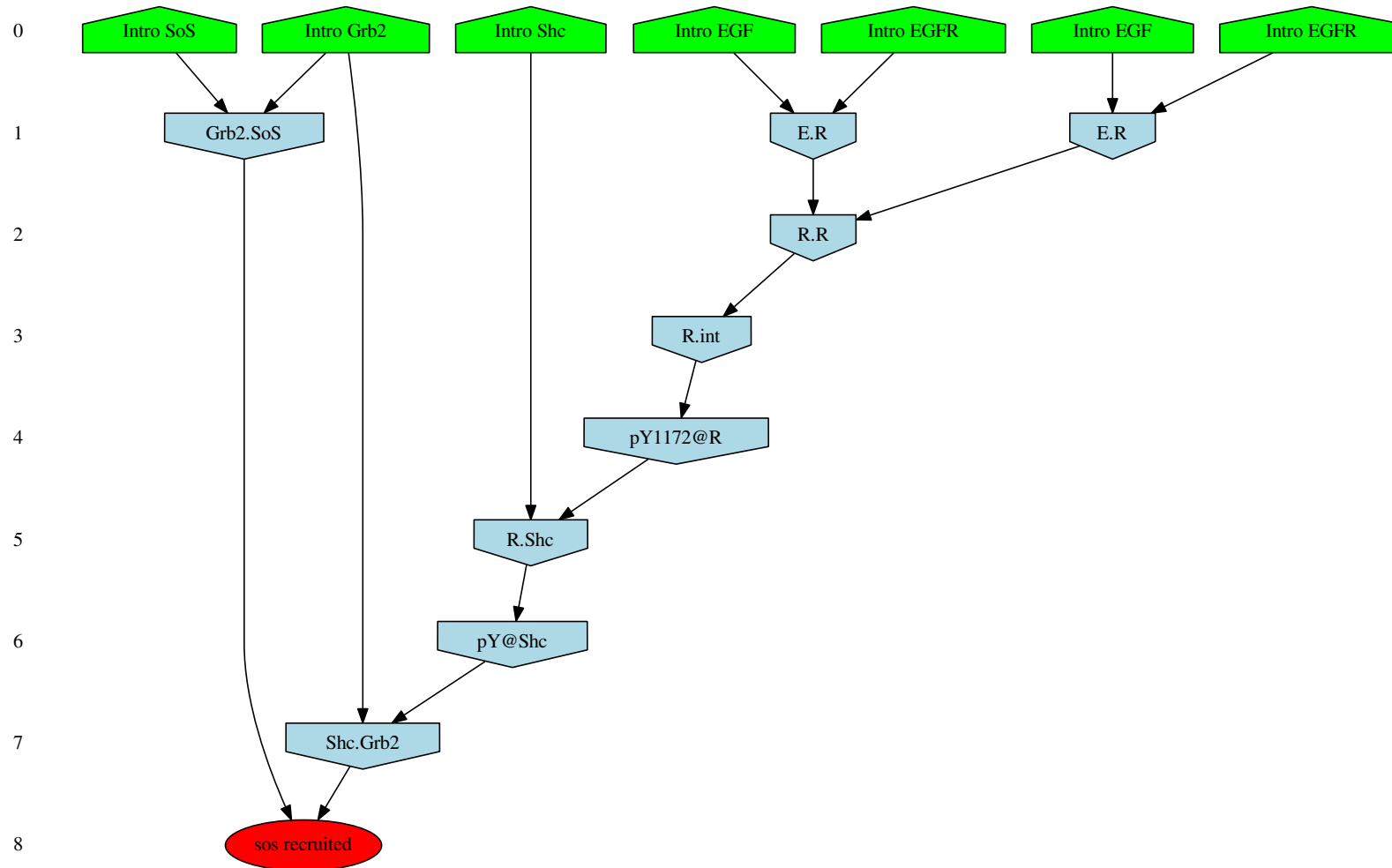


- Local traces focus on each agent individually (they forget about the context);
- They show the full transition system for each agent.

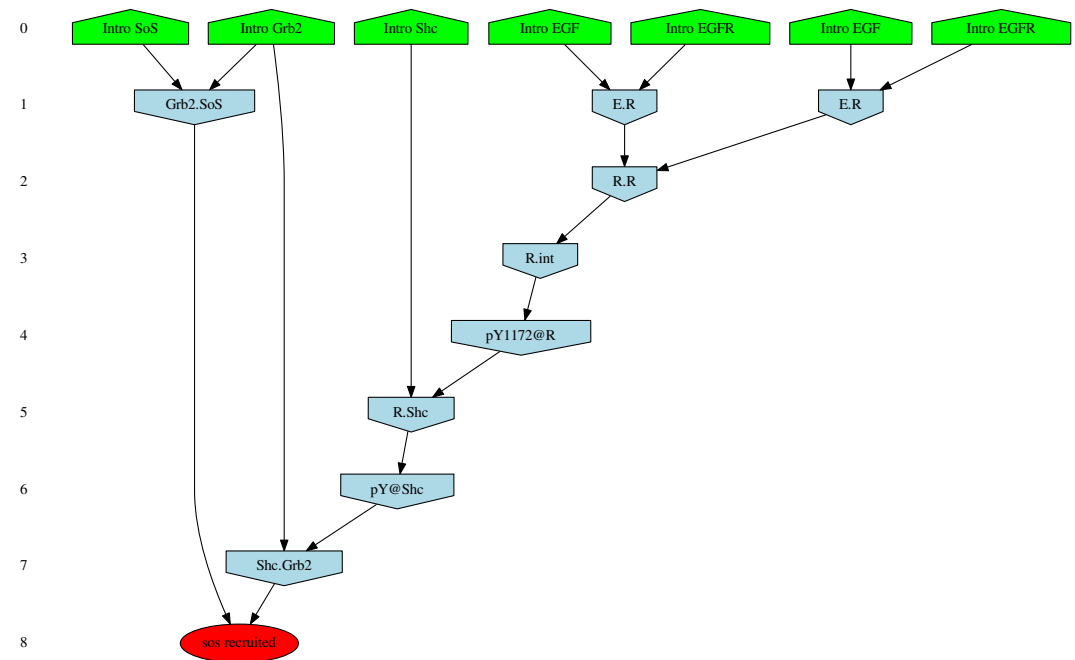
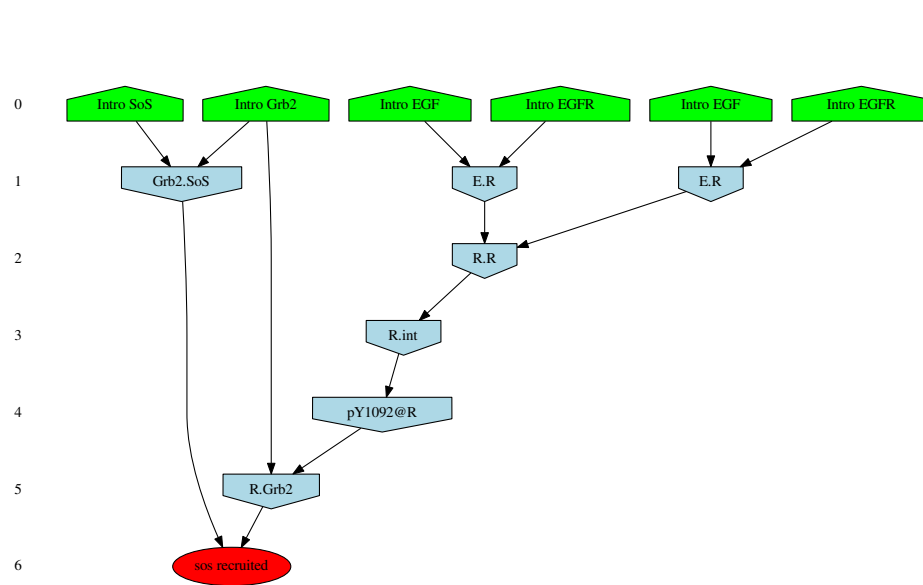
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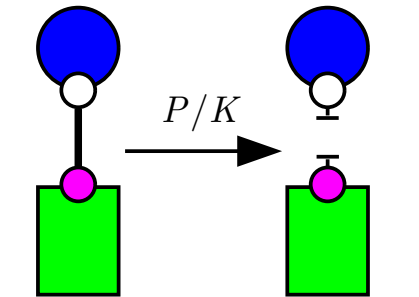
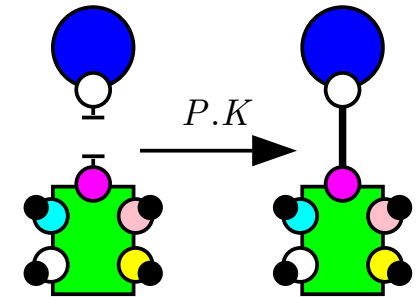
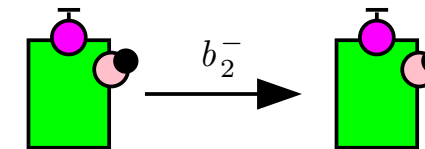
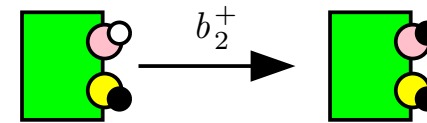
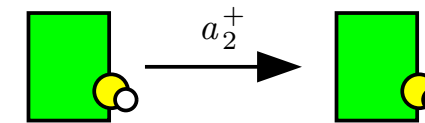
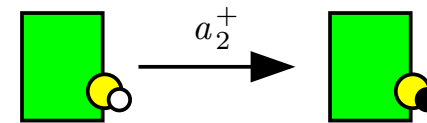
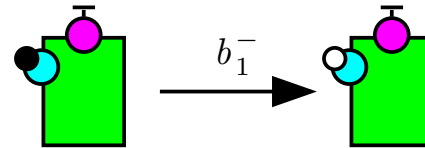
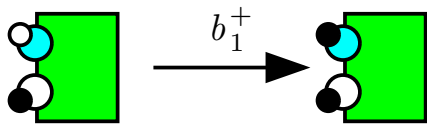
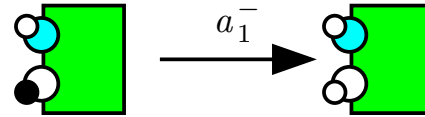
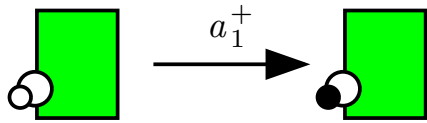


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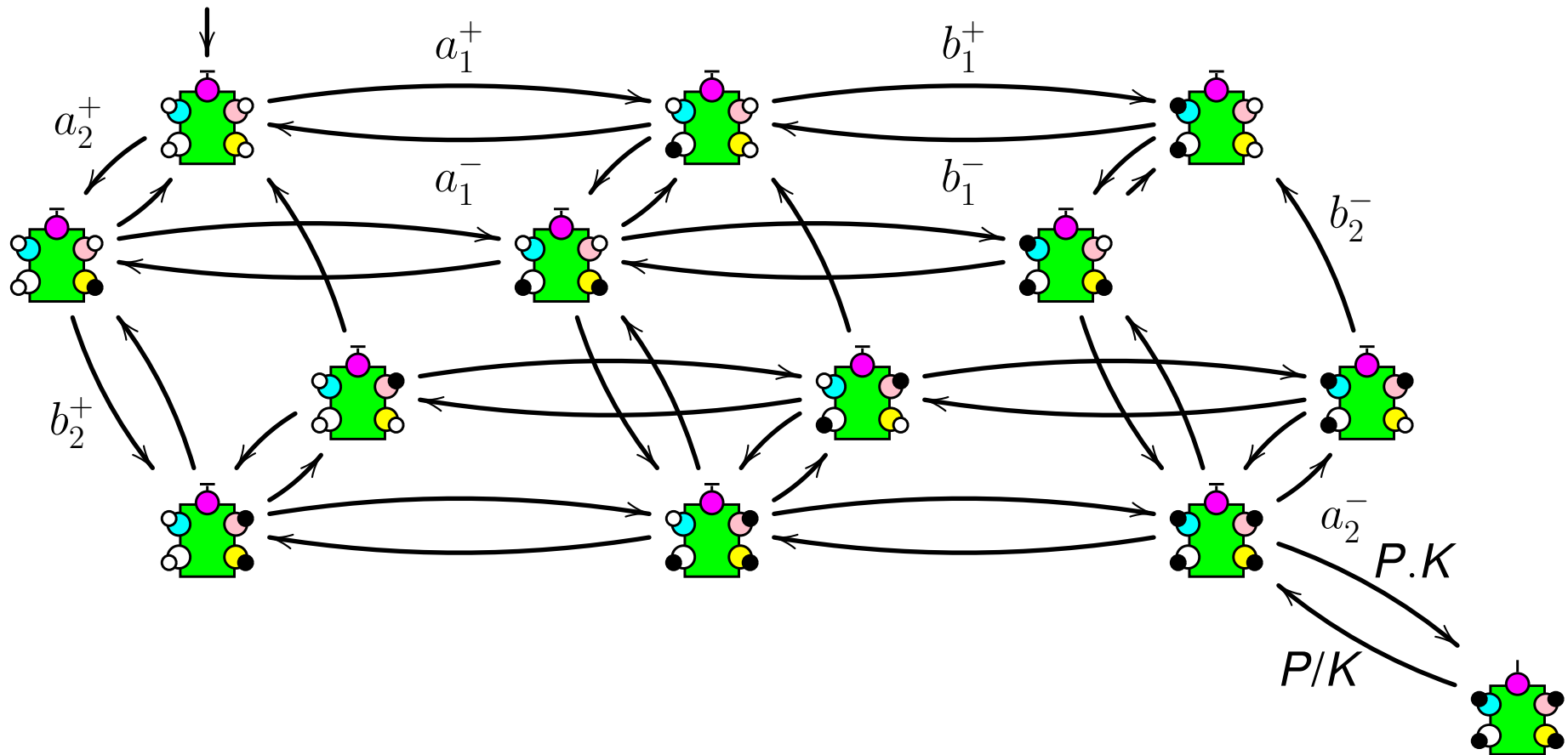


- Stories focus on group of individual proteins that interact between each other; (they keep information about the context);
- They focus on the transitions that make progress.

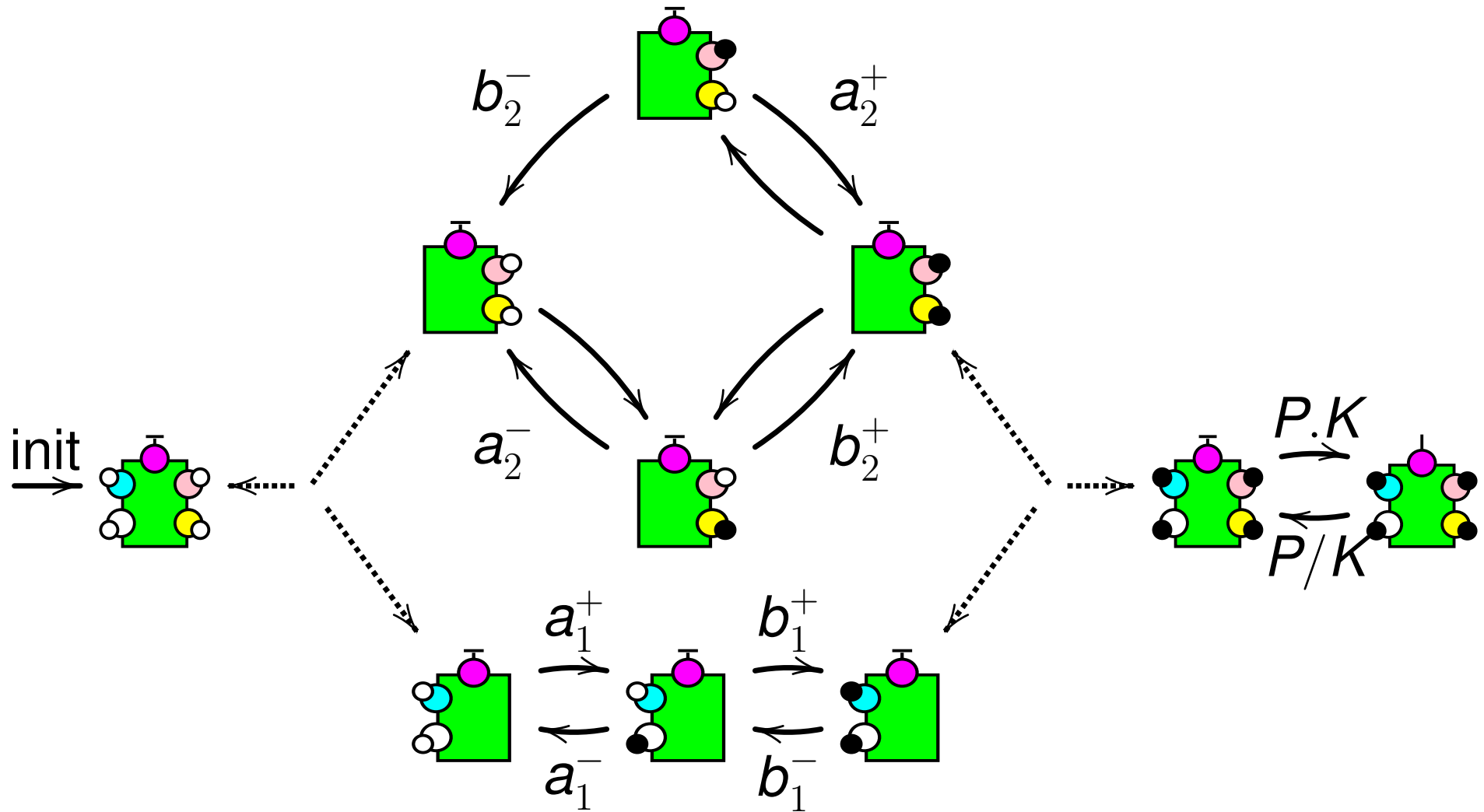
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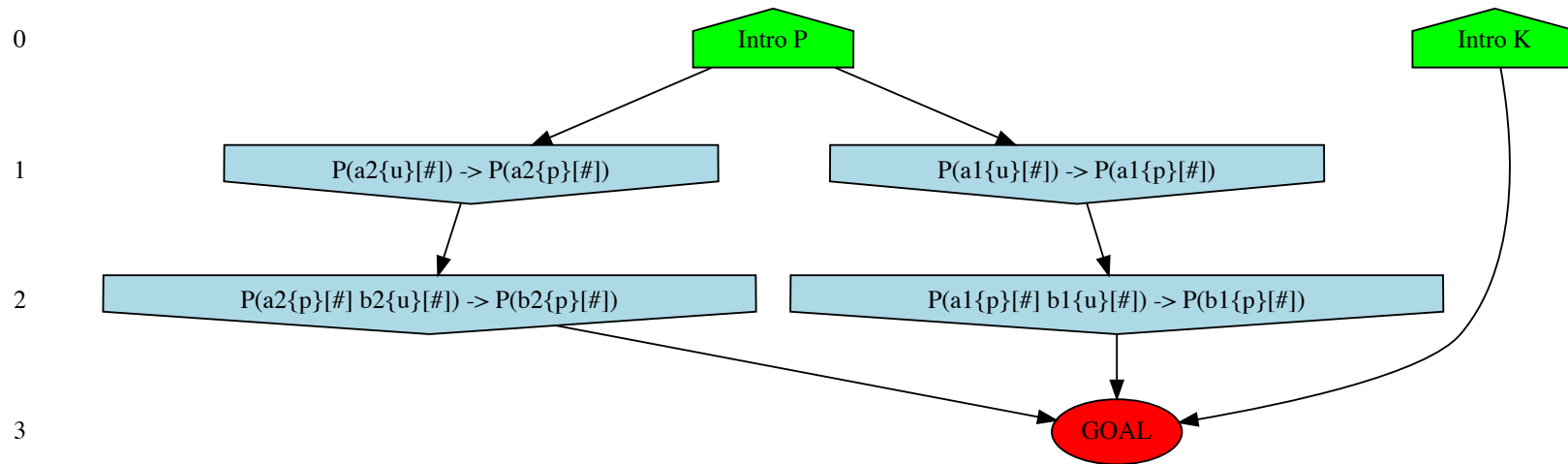
# Second case study: Local transition system



# Second case study: Simplicial complexes



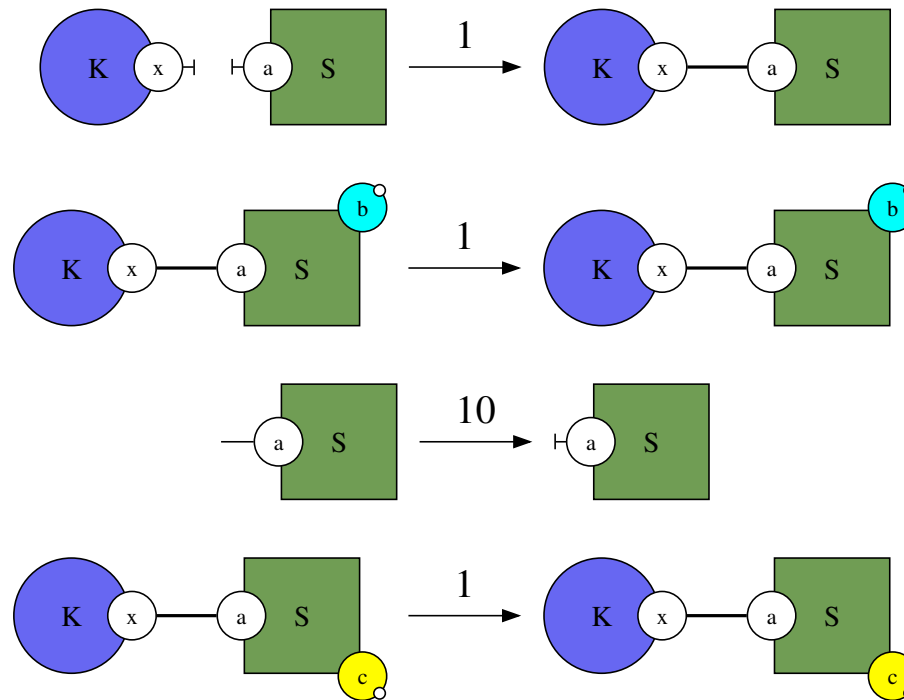
# Second case study: Causal analysis



# Causal analysis

- Reachability analysis provides a limited amount of information:
  - It computes potential configurations for patterns of interest.
  - But, it does not explain how to go from one configuration to another one.
- Causal analysis provides only a summary of the model:
  - It focuses on the events that are necessary in potential scenarios.
  - Maybe use to debugging
    - Why the hell is this pattern reachable?*

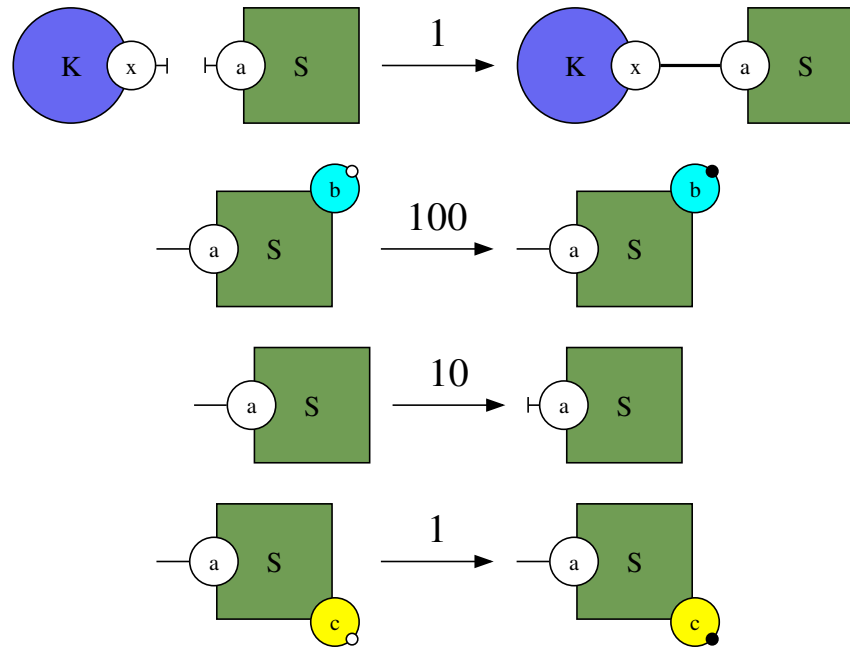
# Practical activity



We want to observe the formation of doubly phosphorylated substrate.

1. Compare the result of causal and weak compression.

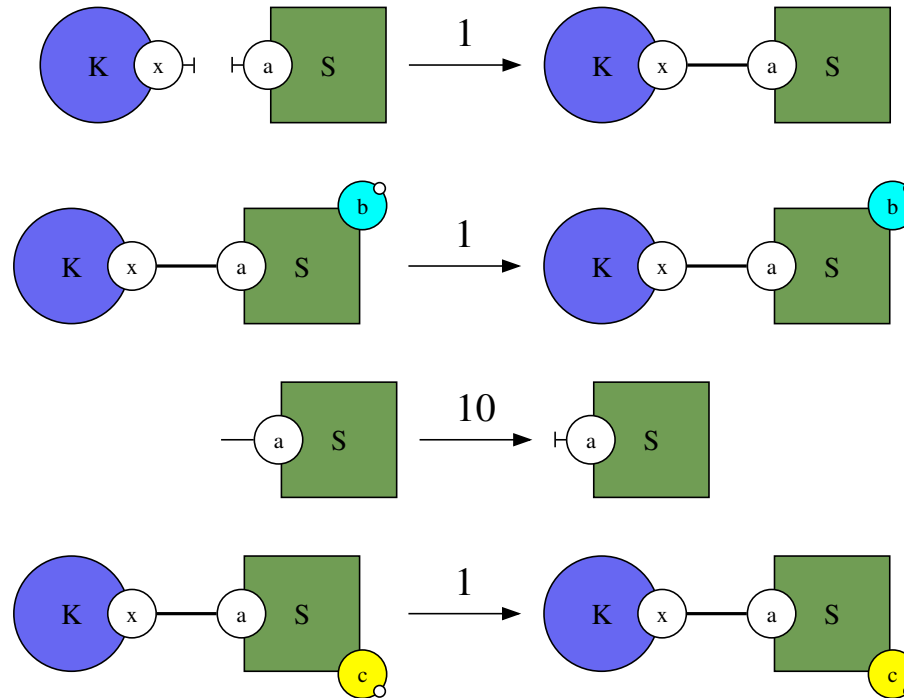
# Practical activity



We want to observe the formation of doubly phosphorylated substrate.

1. Compare the result of causal and weak compression.
2. Compare with what had been obtained on the previous slide.

# Practical activity



We want to observe the formation of doubly phosphorylated substrate.

1. Compare the result of weak and strong K compression.

# Bisimulation/group action

$\mathbb{G}$  is a group of symmetries compatible with the set of rules.  
 Let  $r$  be a rule, and  $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}$  be a pair of transformations.  
 If the following diagram:

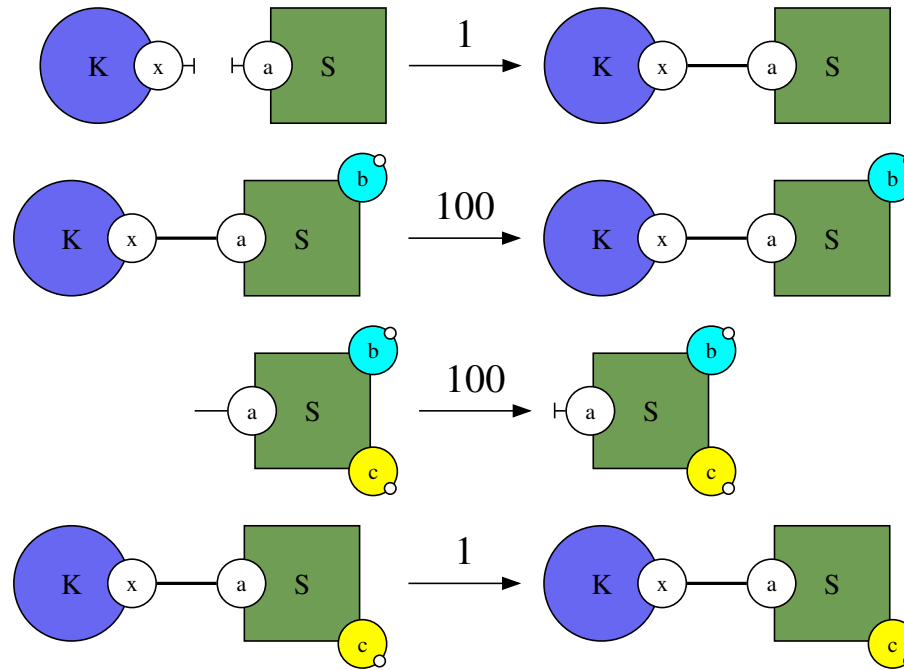
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L' & \xrightarrow{r} & R' \\
 \uparrow h_L & \lrcorner & \uparrow h_R \\
 L & \xrightarrow{r'} & R
 \end{array}$$

is a push-out, then the following diagram:

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

is a push-out as well.

# Practical activity



We want to observe the phosphorylation of the site  $c$ .

1. Compute the result of causal compression.
2. Is the result satisfying ?

# Take home message

- Causality analysis aims at capturing which events are **necessary** in **potential scenarii**.
- Several approaches from different fields.
- Ours is based on **concurrency** theory based on lack of commutation, combined with combinatorial optimization.
- **We do not capture counter-factual causal relationships.**

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