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## **Formal model reduction**

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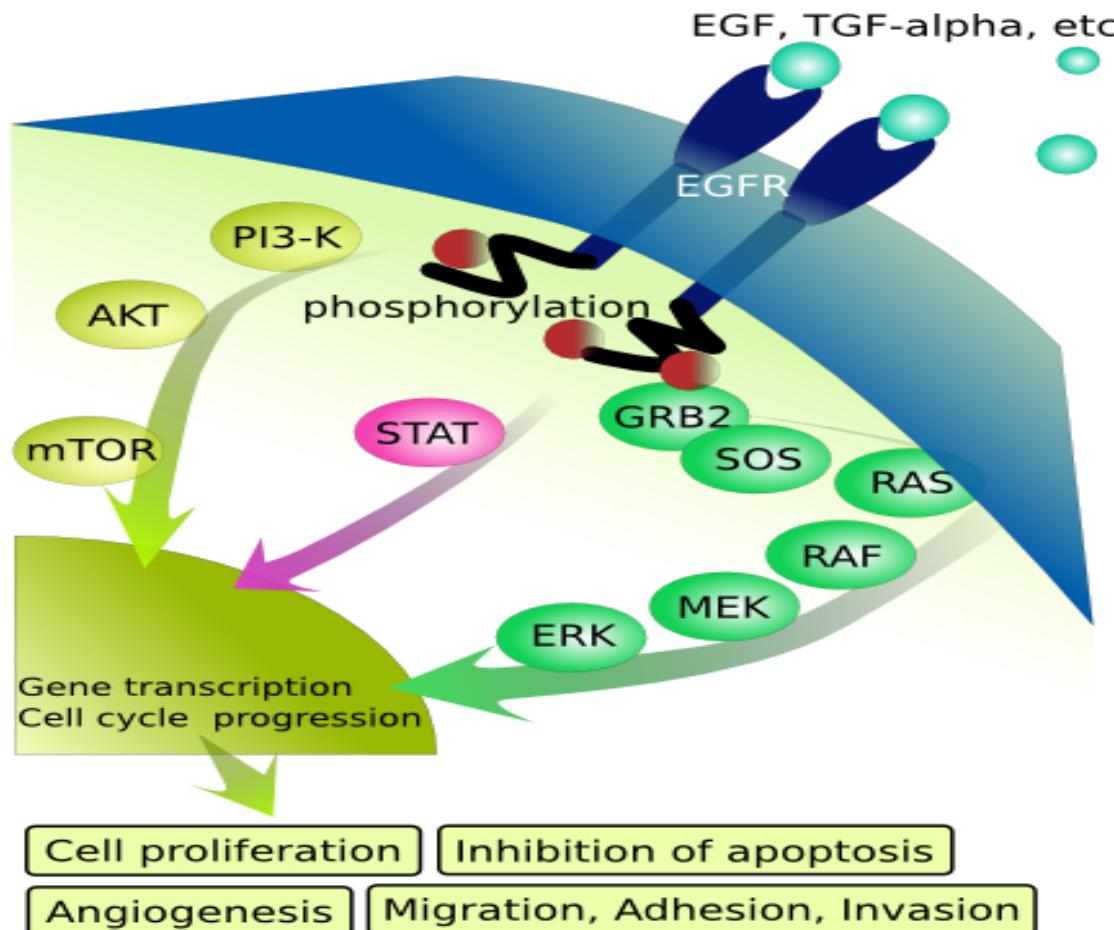
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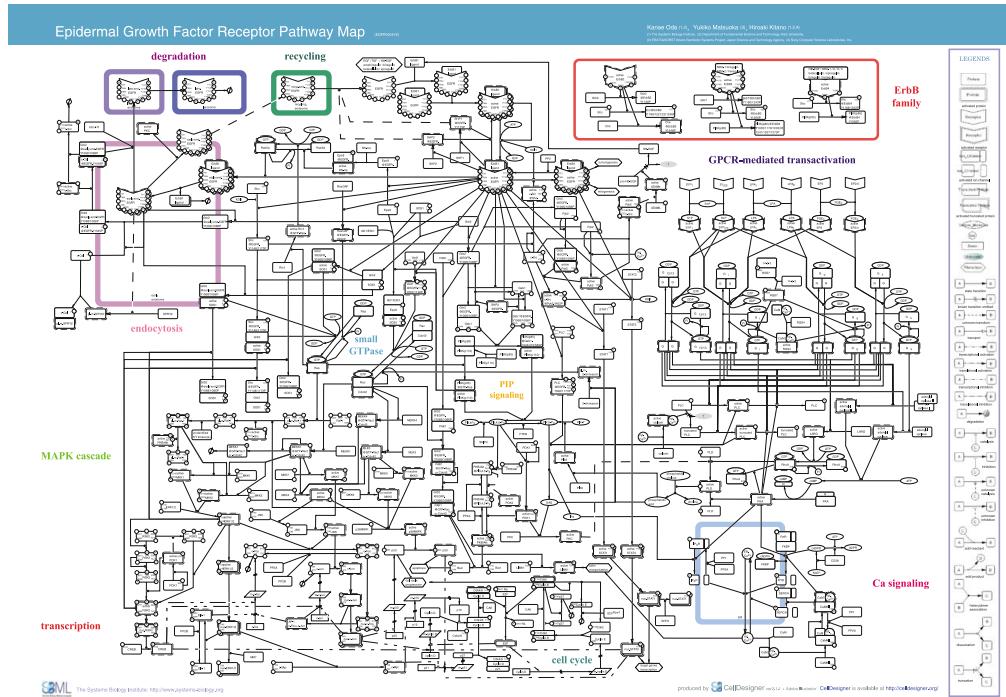
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# Signalling Pathways



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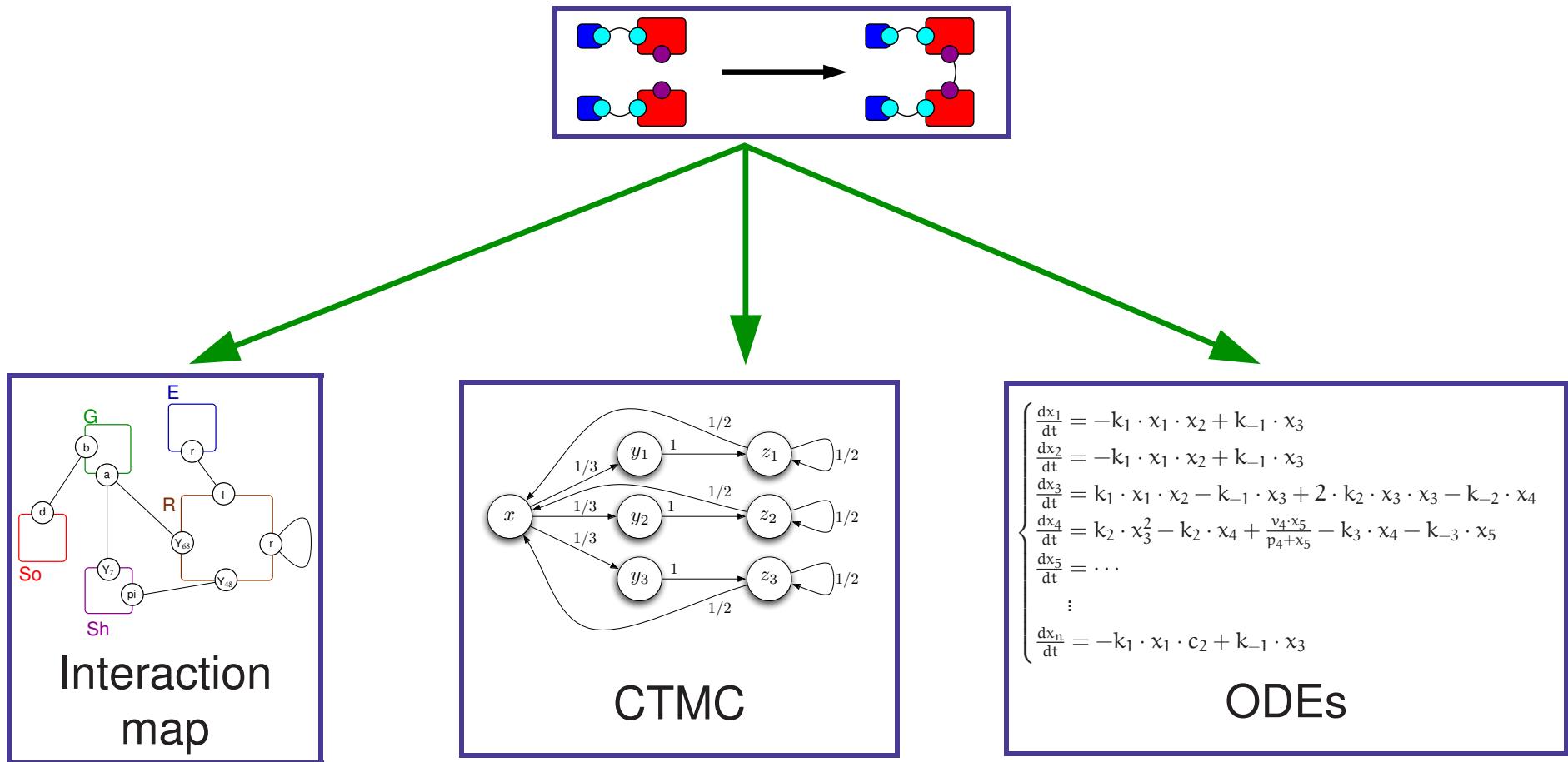
# Bridge the gap between...



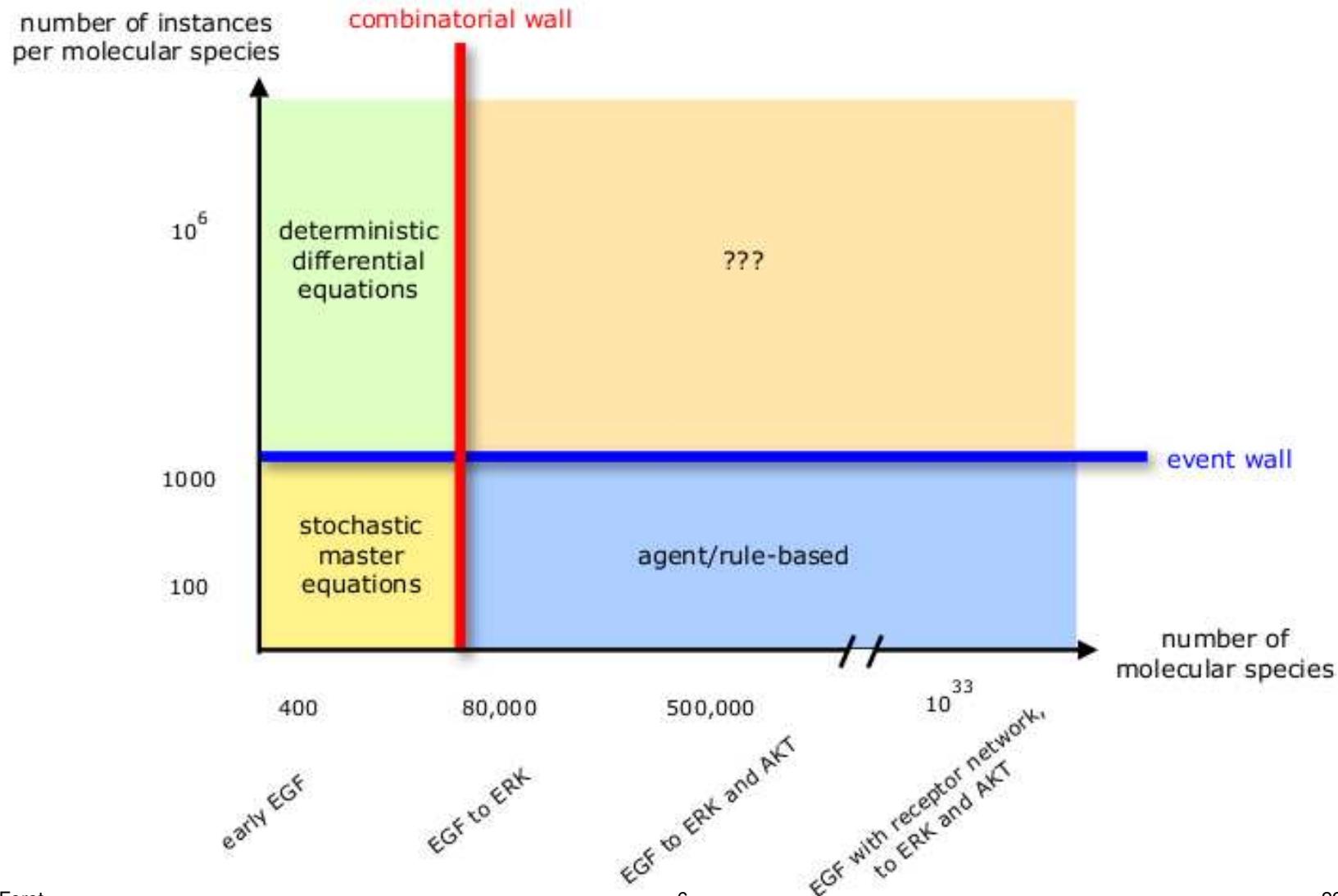
Oda, Matsuoka, Funahashi, Kitano, Molecular Systems  
Biology, 2005

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

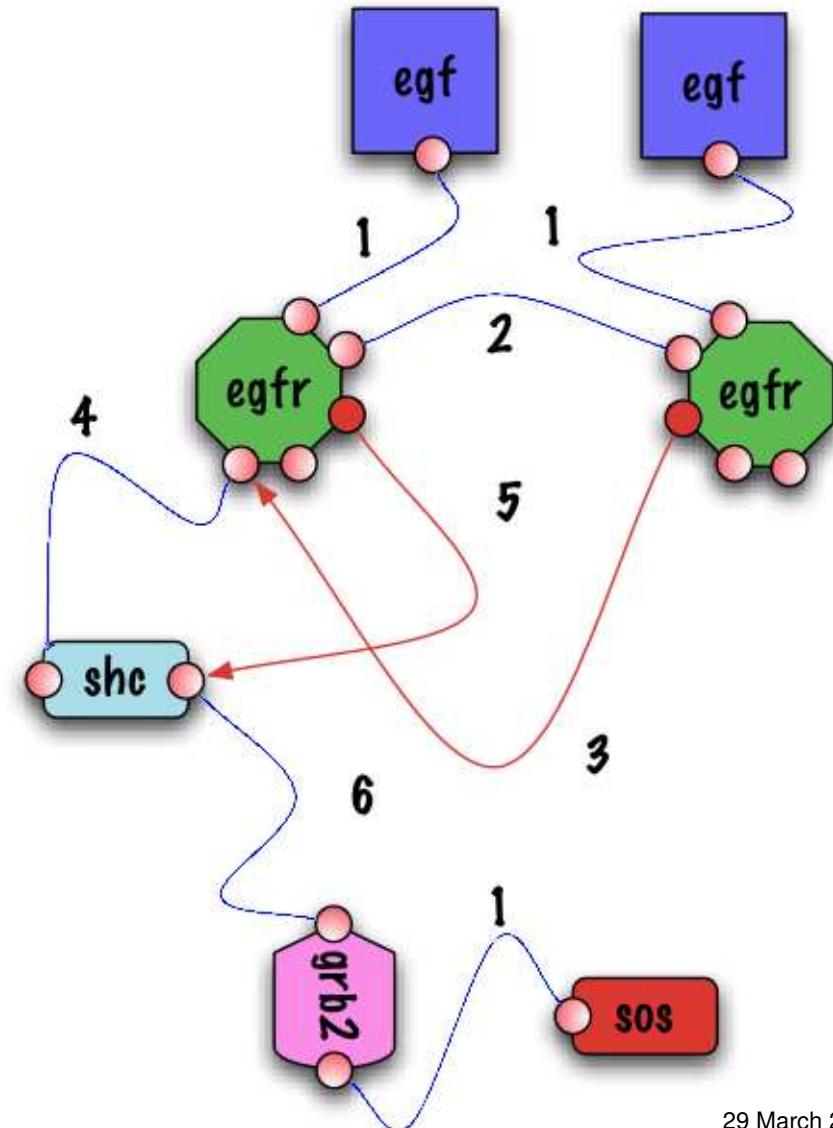
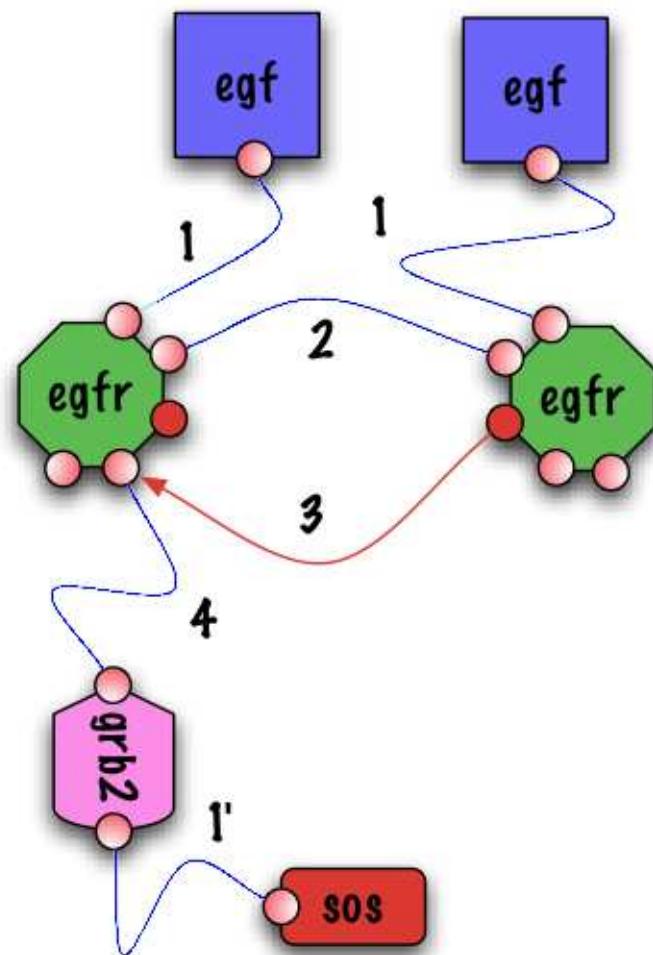
# Rule-based models



# Complexity walls



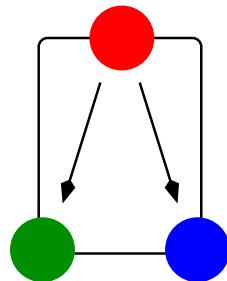
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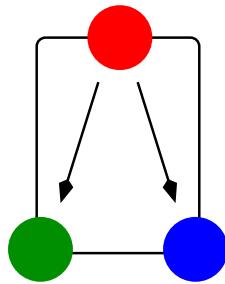
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# A system with a switch

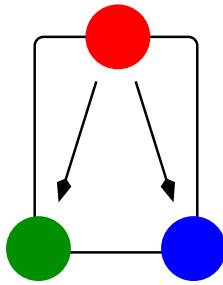


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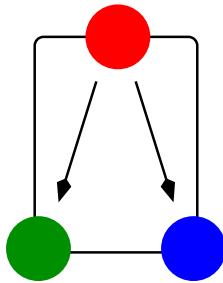
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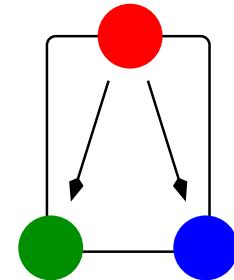
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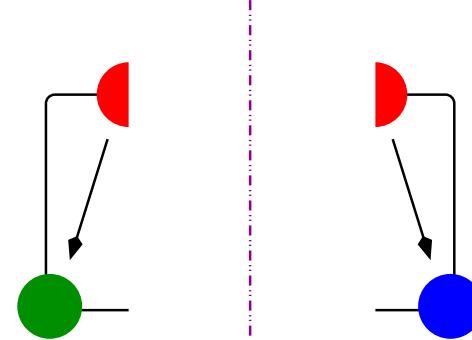
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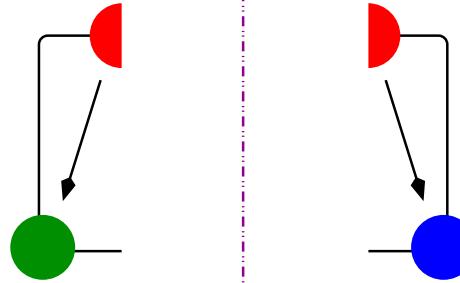
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# Dependence index

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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# 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,

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

The differential 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  $(\mathcal{V}^\sharp, \psi, \mathbb{F}^\sharp)$  is given by:

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

such that:

- $\psi$  is linear with positive coefficients,
- the following diagram commutes:

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

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

# Abstraction example

- $\mathcal{V} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{[(u,u,u)], [(u,p,u)], [(p,p,u)], [(u,p,p)], [(p,p,p)]\}$
- $\mathbb{F}(\rho) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{cases} [(u,u,u)] \mapsto -k^c \cdot \rho([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(u,p,u)] \mapsto -k^l \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) + k^c \cdot \rho([(u,u,u)]) - k^r \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) \\ [(u,p,p)] \mapsto -k^l \cdot \rho([(u,p,p)]) + k^r \cdot \rho([(u,p,u)]) \\ \dots \end{cases}$
- $\mathcal{V}^\sharp \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{[(u,u,u)], [(\mathbf{?},p,u)], [(\mathbf{?},p,p)], [(u,p,\mathbf{?})], [(\mathbf{p},p,\mathbf{?})]\}$
- $\Psi(\rho) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{cases} [(u,u,u)] \mapsto \rho([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(\mathbf{?},p,u)] \mapsto \rho([(u,p,u)]) + \rho([(p,p,u)]) \\ [(\mathbf{?},p,p)] \mapsto \rho([(u,p,p)]) + \rho([(p,p,p)]) \\ \dots \end{cases}$
- $\mathbb{F}^\sharp(\rho^\sharp) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{cases} [(u,u,u)] \mapsto -k^c \cdot \rho^\sharp([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(\mathbf{?},p,u)] \mapsto -k^r \cdot \rho^\sharp([(\mathbf{?},p,u)]) + k^c \cdot \rho^\sharp([(u,u,u)]) \\ [(\mathbf{?},p,p)] \mapsto k^r \cdot \rho^\sharp([(\mathbf{?},p,u)]) \\ \dots \end{cases}$

(Completeness can be checked analytically.)

# Abstract differential semantics

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

Let  $(\mathcal{V}^\sharp, \psi, \mathbb{F}^\sharp)$  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:

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

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

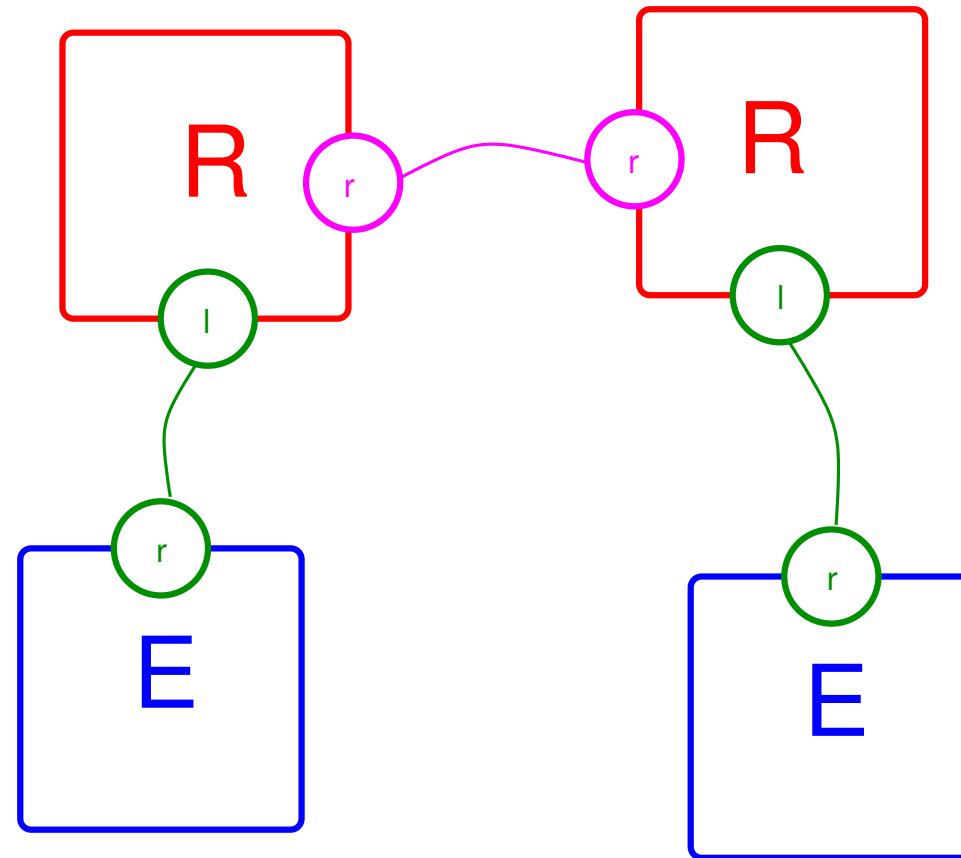
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(i.e.  $Y_{\psi(X_0)} = \psi(X_{X_0})$ )

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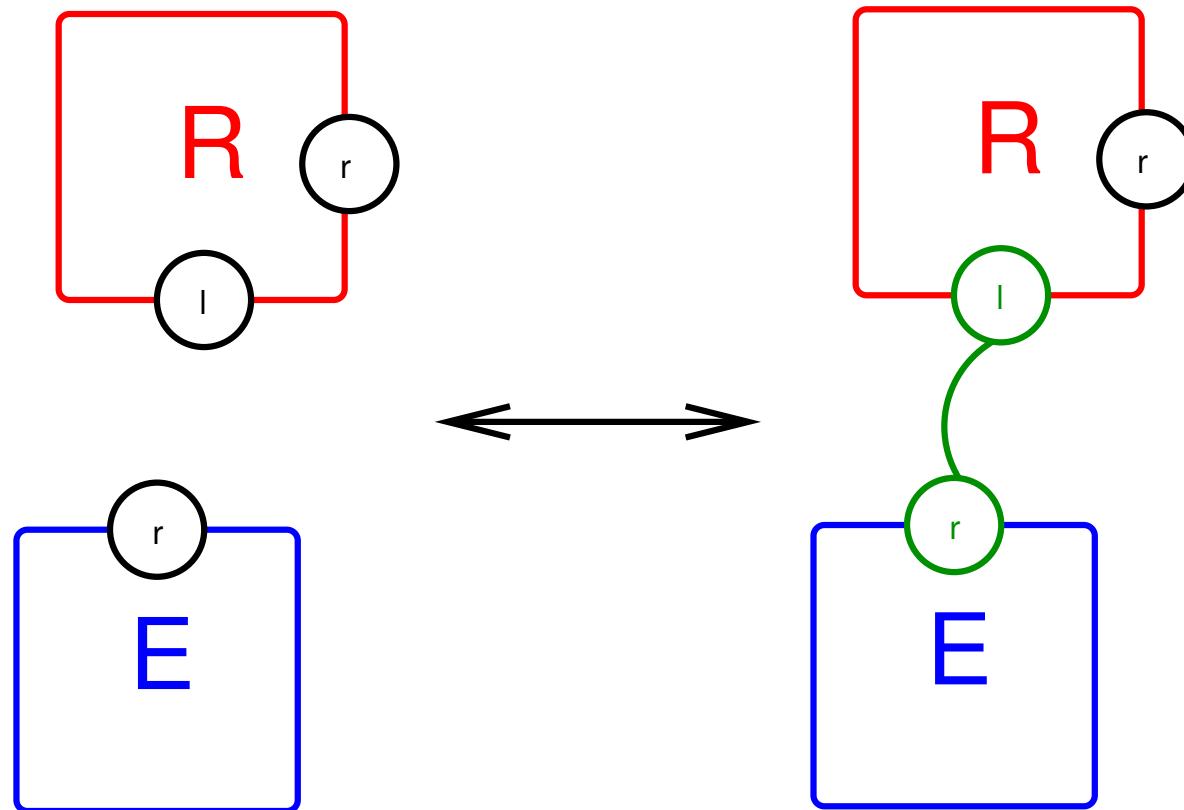
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# A species



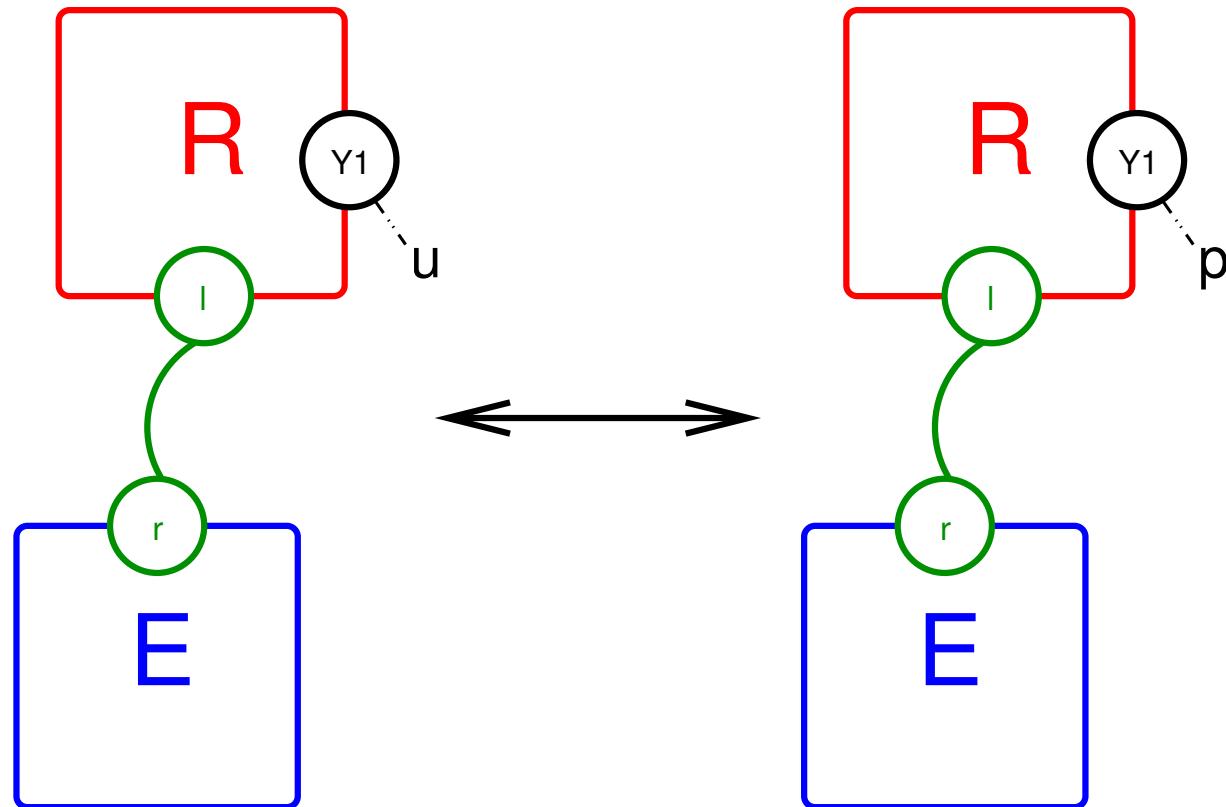
$E(r!1), R(l!1, r!2), R(r!2, l!3), E(r!3)$

# A Unbinding/Binding Rule



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

# Internal state



$$R(Y1 \sim u, \text{!}1), E(r \text{!}1) \longleftrightarrow R(Y1 \sim p, \text{!}1), E(r \text{!}1)$$

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# Differential system

Each rule *rule*: *lhs*  $\rightarrow$  *rhs* is associated with a rate constant *k*.

Such a rule is seen as a generic representation of a set of chemical reactions:



For each such reaction, we get the following contribution:

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

where  $\text{SYM}(E)$  is the number of automorphisms in  $E$ .

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# Abstract domain

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

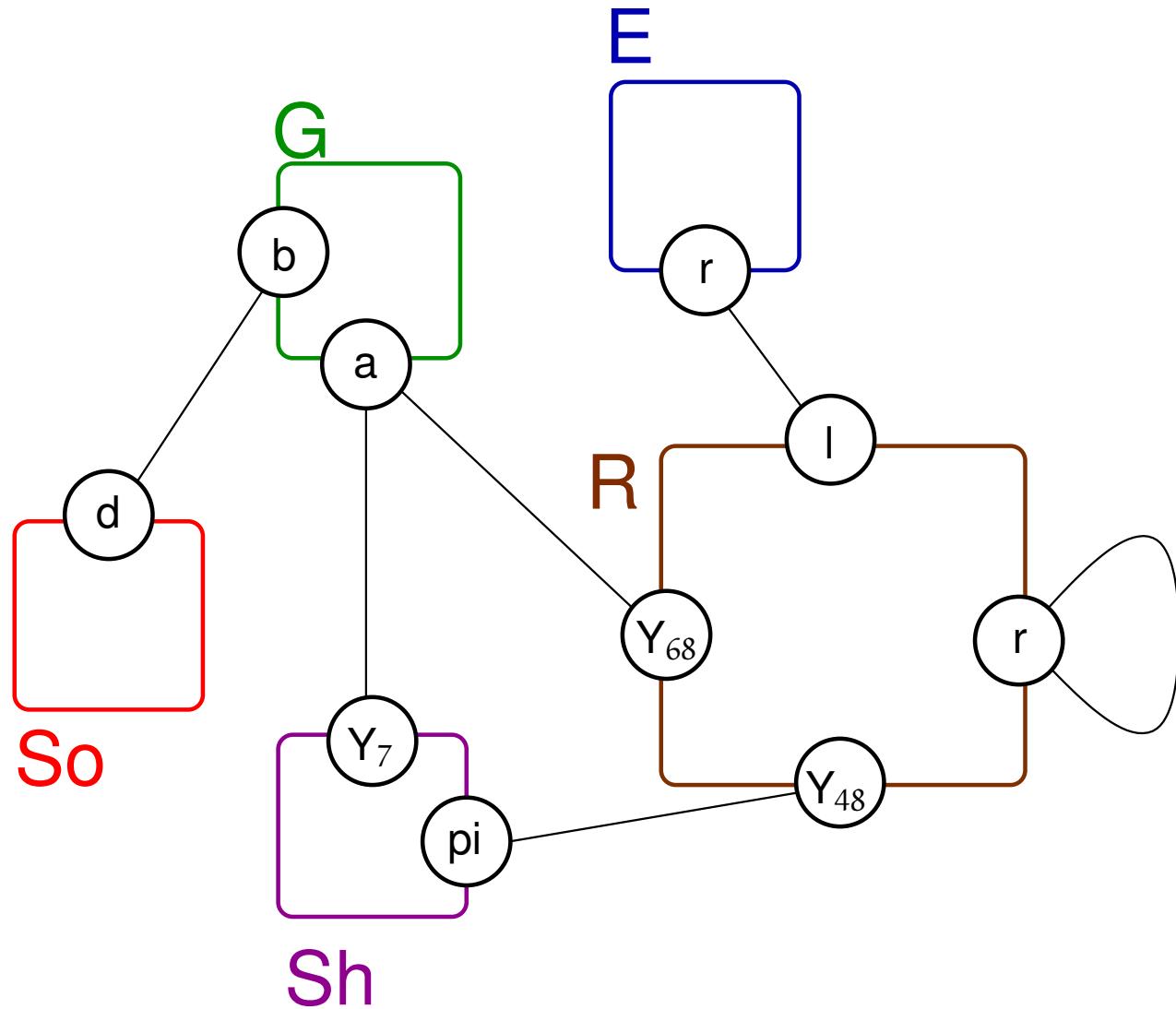
The set of linear variable replacements is too big to be explored.

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

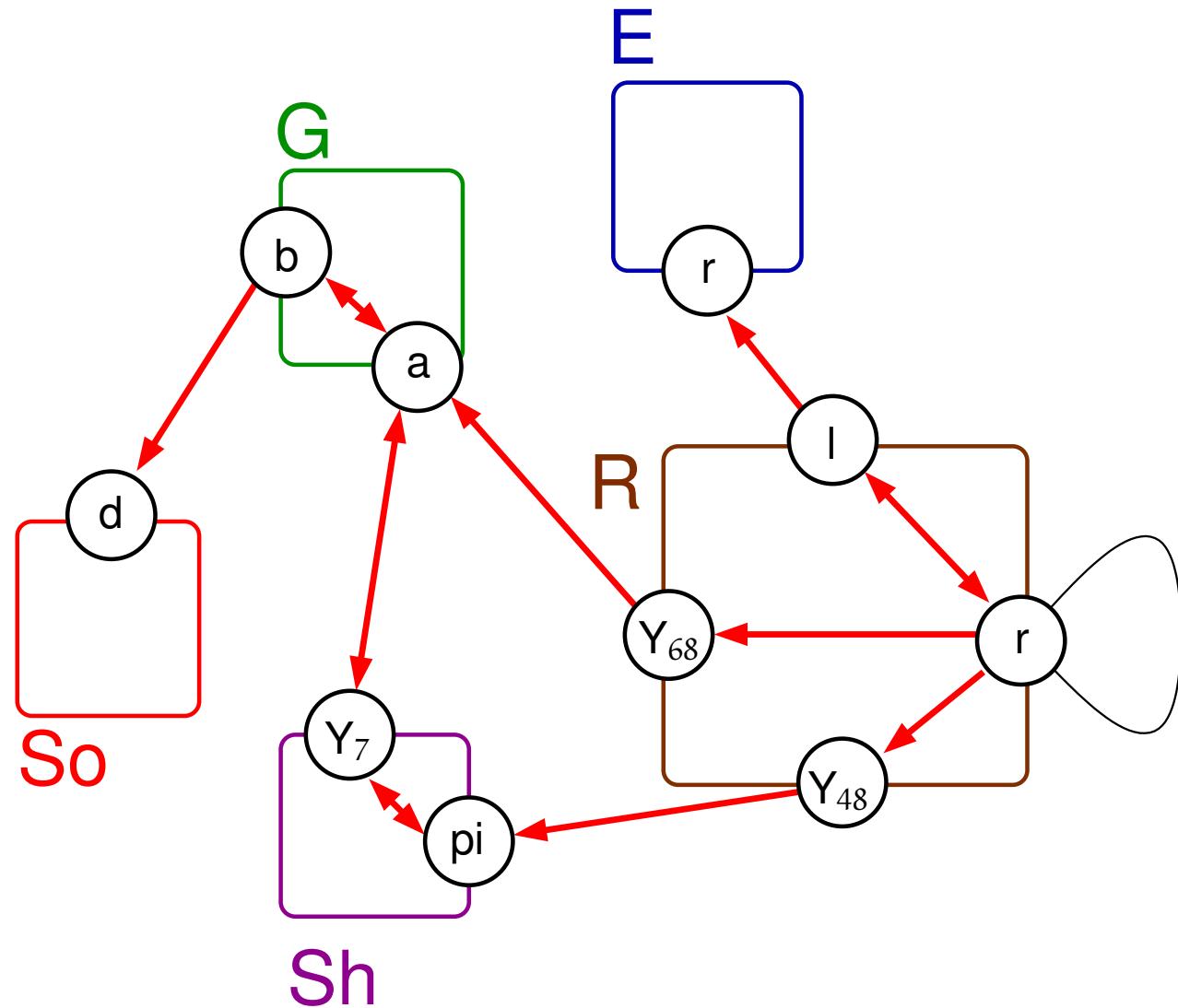
- restrict the exploration;
- drive the intuition (by using the flow of information);
- having efficient way to find suitable abstractions  $(\mathcal{V}^\sharp, \psi)$  and to compute  $\mathbb{F}^\sharp$ .

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

# Contact map



# Annotated contact map



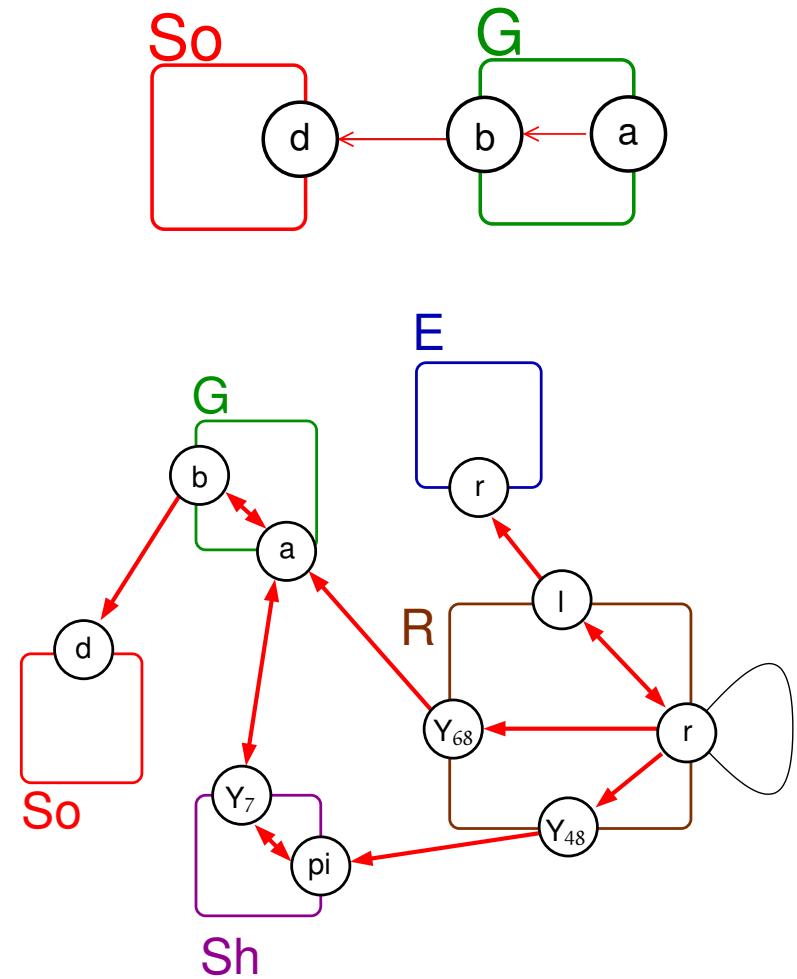
# Fragments and prefragments

A **prefragment** is a connected site graph for which there exists a binary relations  $\rightarrow$  between sites such that:

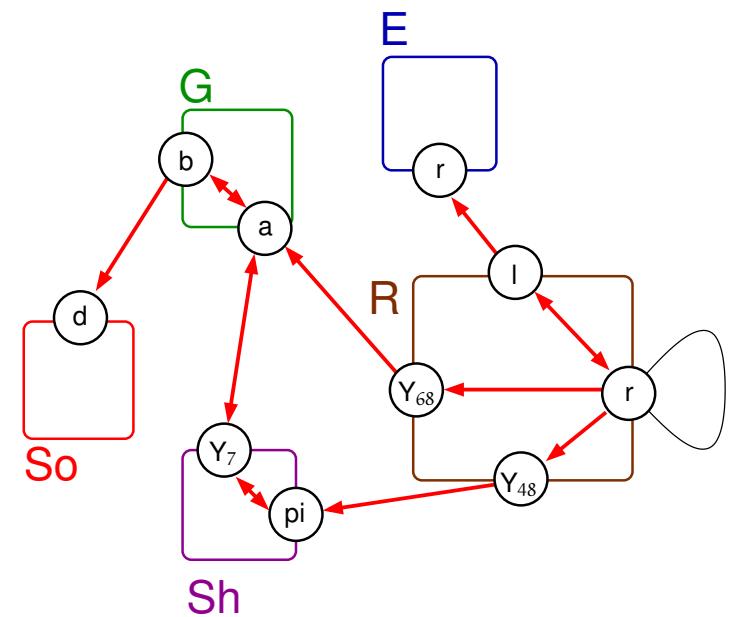
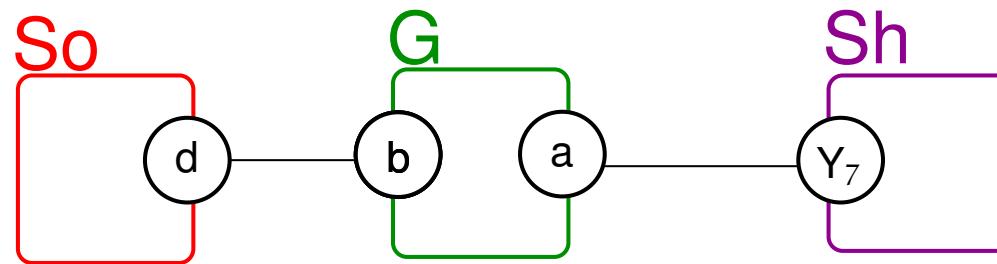
- **Directed preorder**: for any pair of sites  $x$  and  $y$  there is a site  $z$  such that:  $x \rightarrow^* z$  and  $y \rightarrow^* z$ .
- **Compatibility**: any edge  $\rightarrow$  can be projected to an edge in the annotated contact map.

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

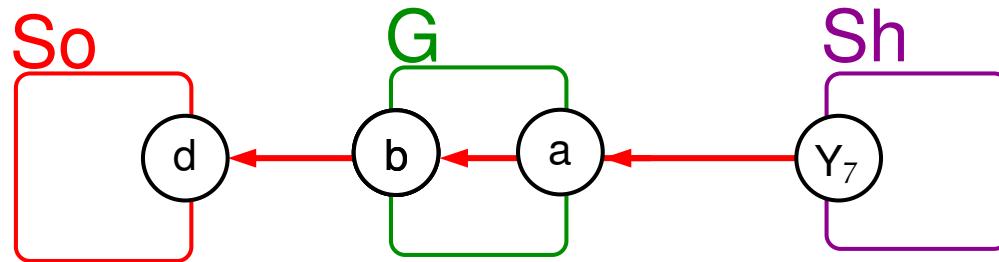
- **Parsimoniousness**: for any prefragment  $F'$  such that  $F$  embeds in  $F'$ ,  $F'$  also embeds into  $F$ .



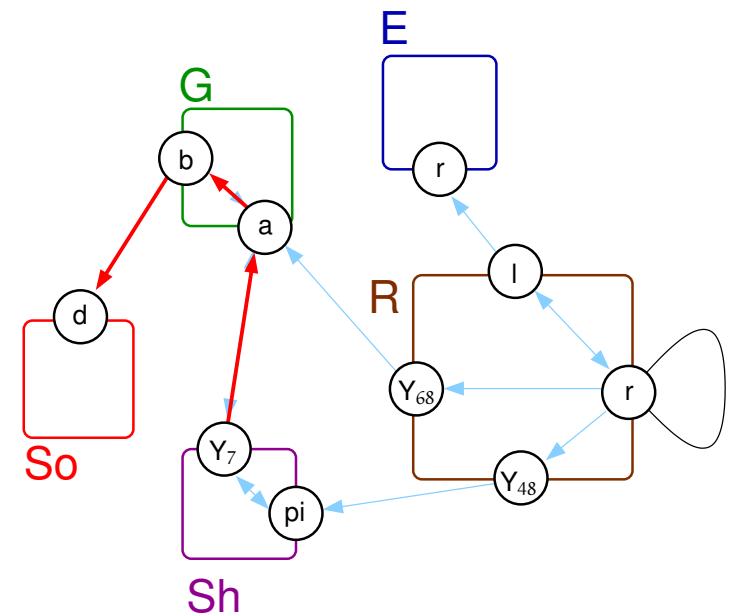
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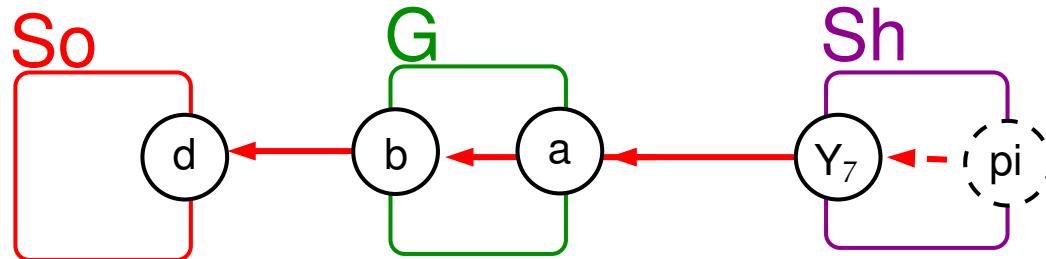
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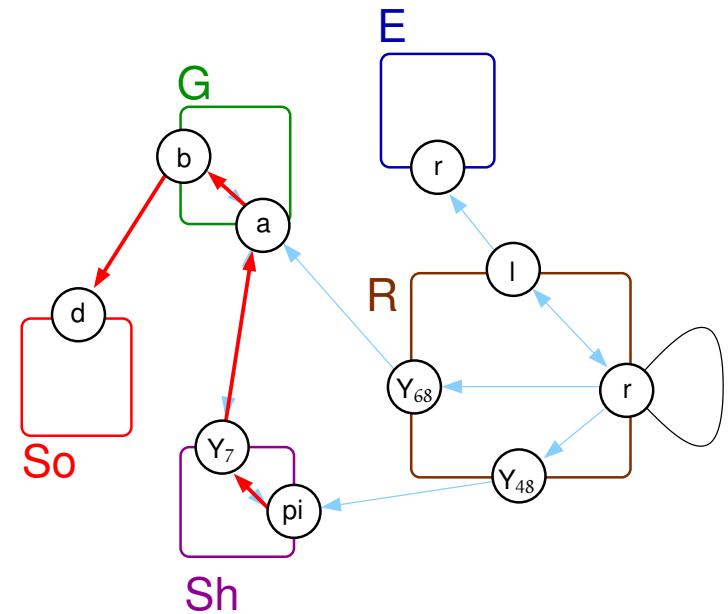
Thus, it is a prefragment.



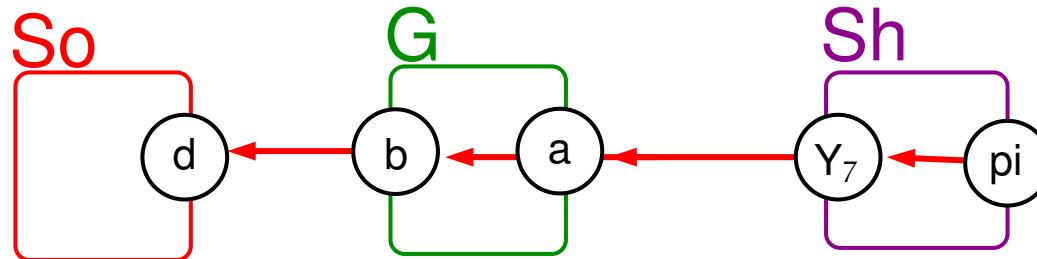
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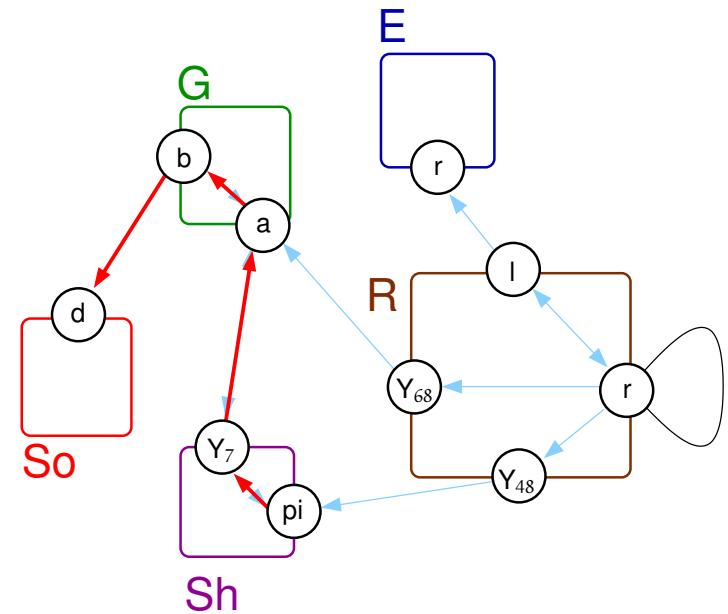
It can be refined into another prefragment.  
Thus, it is not a fragment.



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It is maximally specified.  
Thus it is a fragment.



# Orthogonal refinement

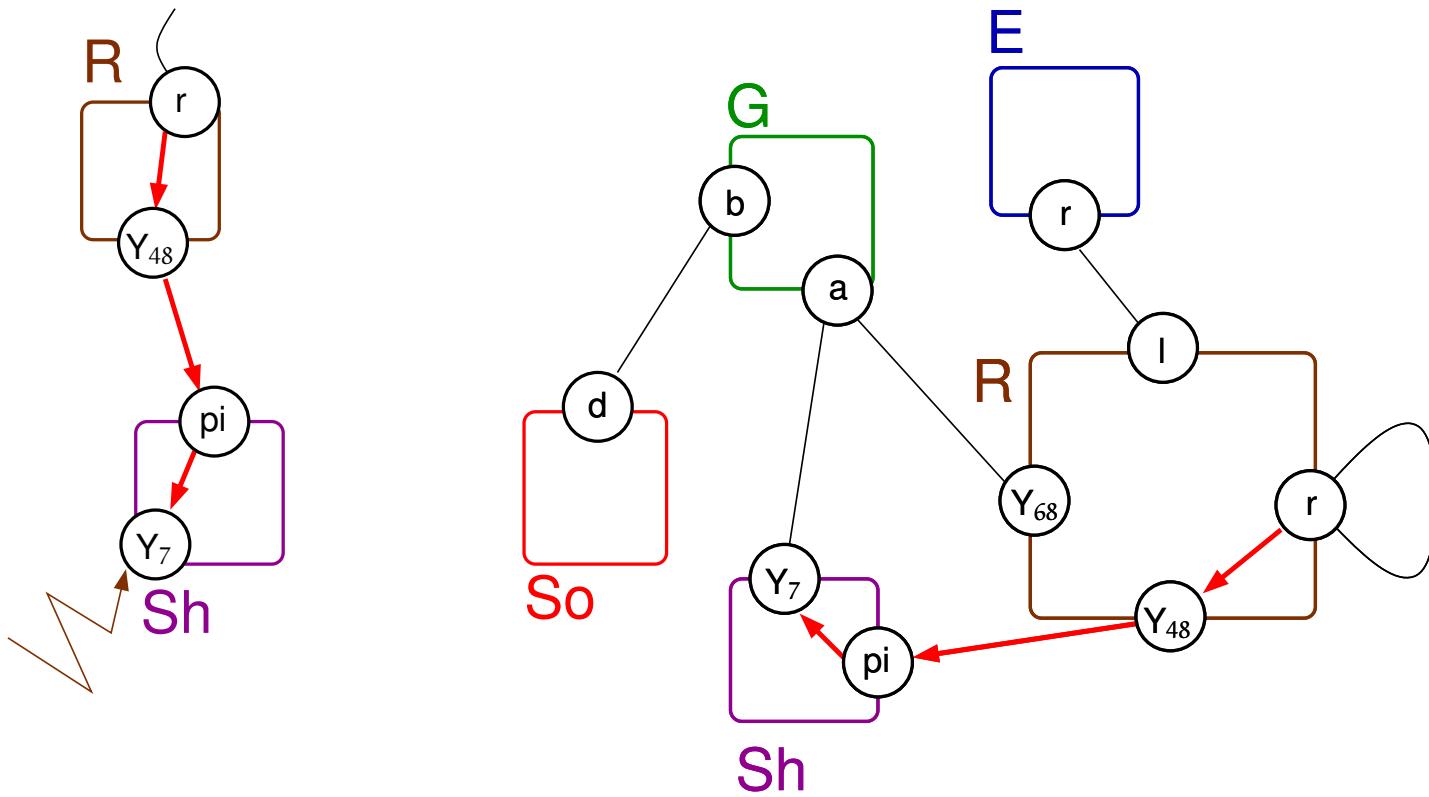
**Property 1 (prefragment)** The concentration of any prefragment can be expressed as a linear combination of the concentration of some fragments.

Which constraints shall we impose so that the function  $\mathbb{F}^\sharp$  can be defined ?

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# Flow of information



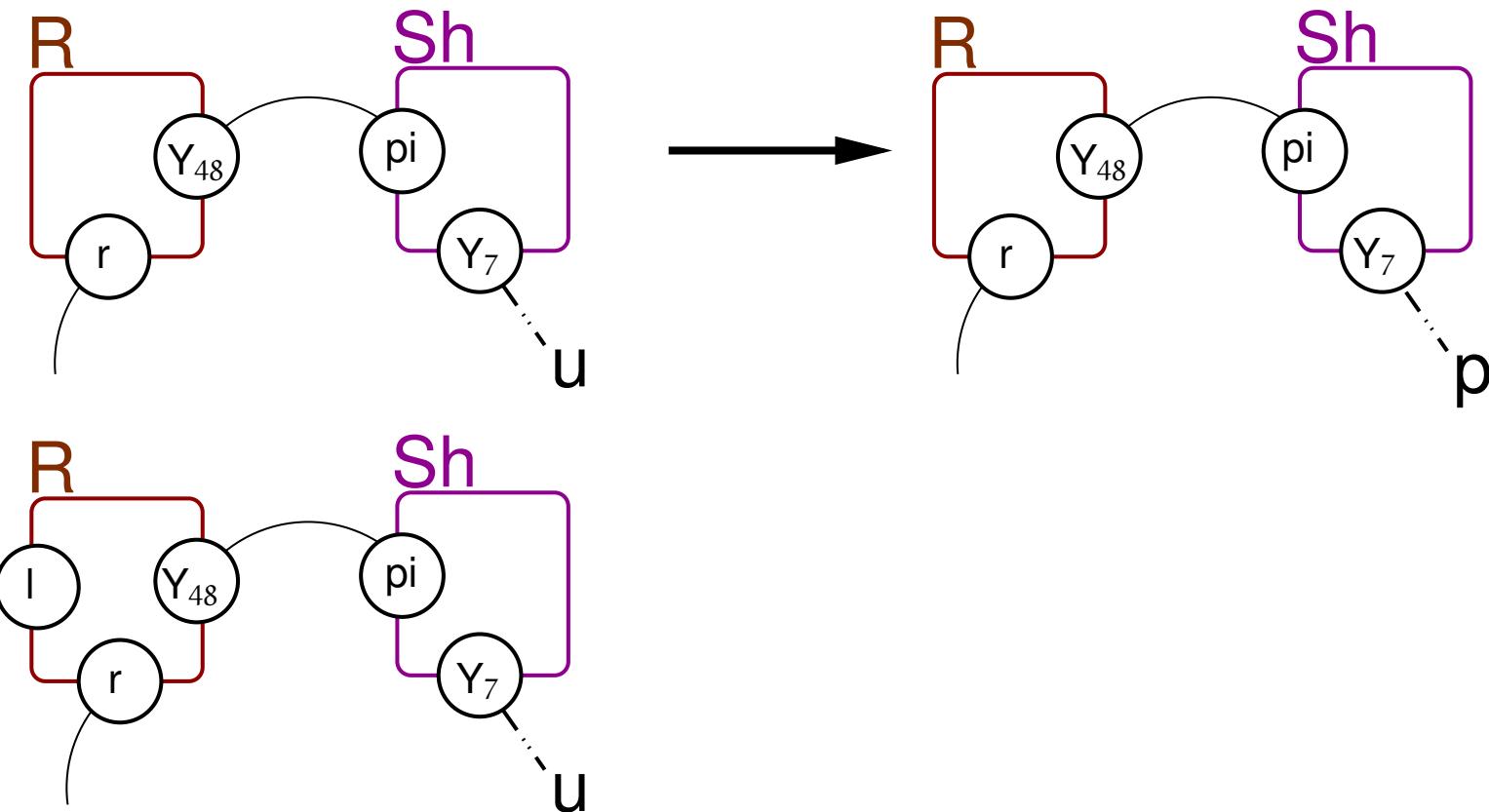
We reflect, in the annotated contact map, each path that stems from a site that is tested to a site that is modified.

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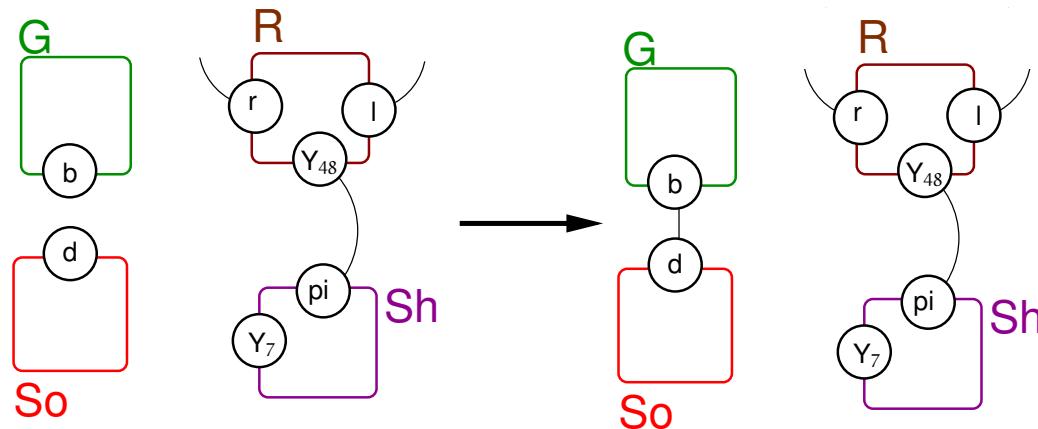
# Fragments consumption

## 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



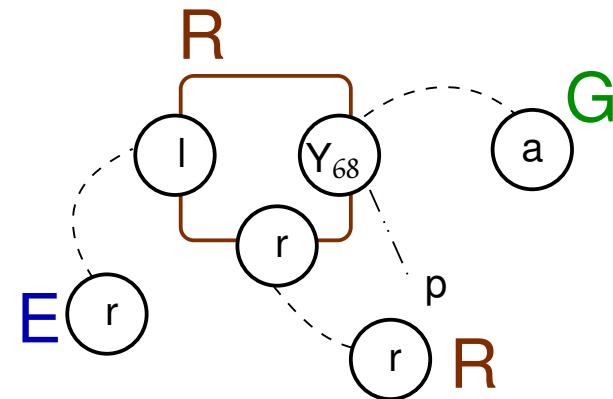
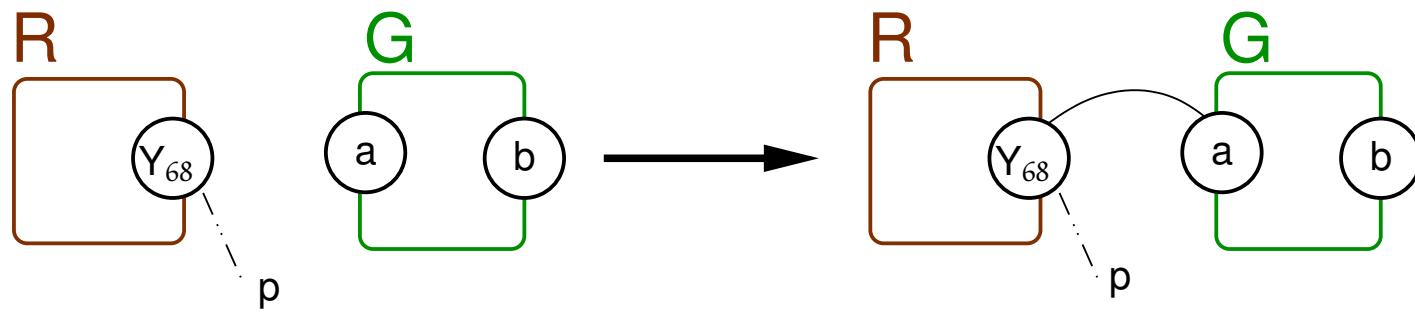
For any rule:

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

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

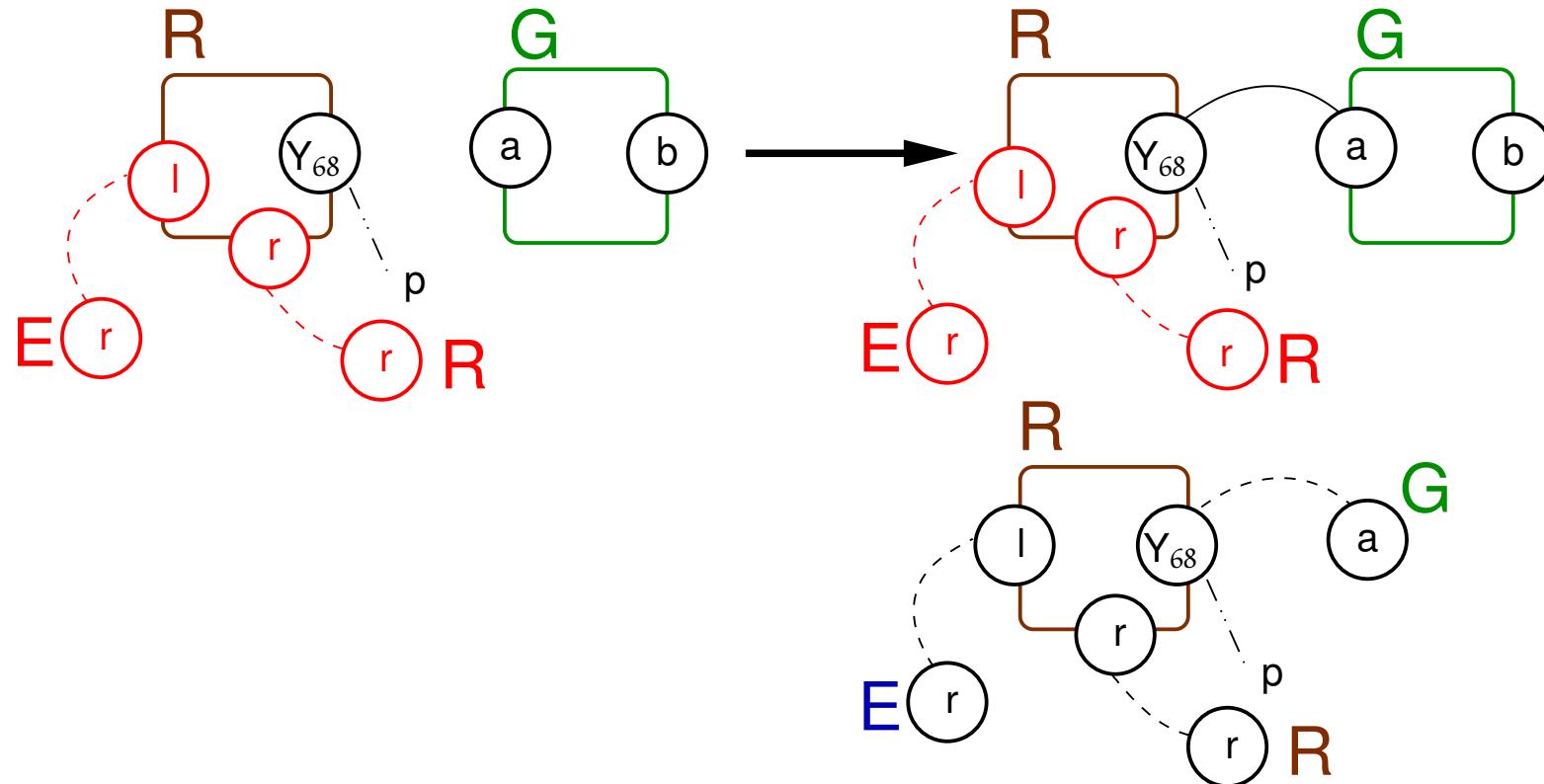
$$\frac{d[F]}{dt} = \frac{k \cdot [F] \cdot \prod_{i \neq k} [C_i]}{\text{SYM}(C_1, \dots, C_n) \cdot \text{SYM}(F)}.$$

# Fragment production



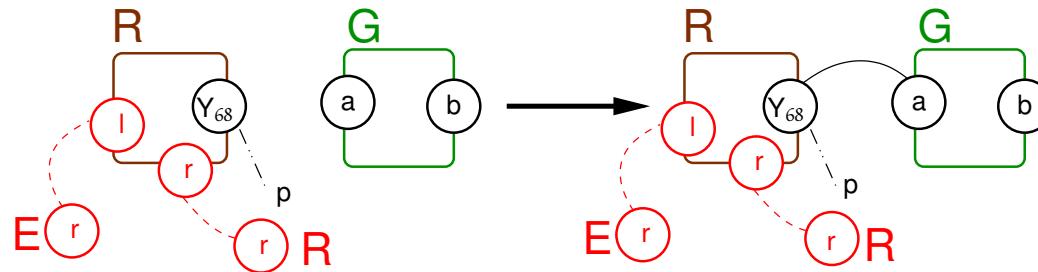
# Fragment production

## Proper intersection (bis)



Any connected component of the lhs of the refinement is prefragments.

# Fragment production



For any rule:

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

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.

We get:

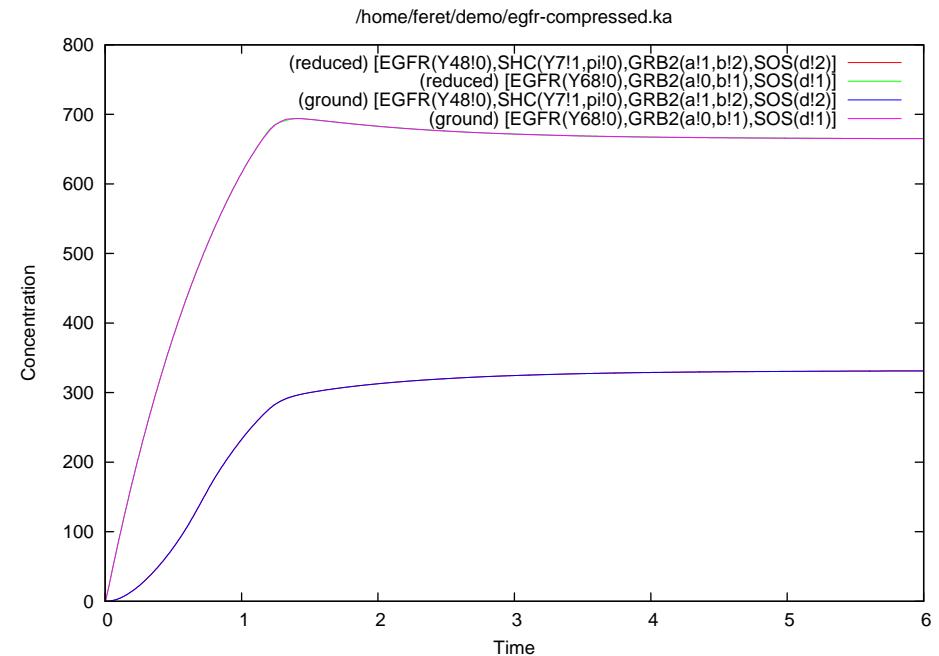
$$\frac{d[F]}{dt} \stackrel{+}{=} \frac{k \cdot \prod_i [C'_i]}{\text{SYM}(C_1, \dots, C_m) \cdot \text{SYM}(F)}.$$

# Overview

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

# Experimental results

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	$\sim 2.10^{19}$



Both differential semantics  
(4 curves with match pairwise)

# Related issues

## 1. ODE approximations:

- Less syntactic approximation of the flow of information.
- A hierarchy of abstractions tuned by the level of context-sensitivity.

Joint work with [Ferdinanda Camporesi](#) (Bologna/ÉNS)

## 2. Model reduction of the stochastic semantics:

- See the poster of [Tatjana Petrov](#).

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