

Constraint-based Abstraction of Reaction Networks to Boolean Networks

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Systems biology

Formal modelling and reasoning about **biological systems**

A set of **species** of interest genes, proteins, cells, animals. . .

A **model** = an abstract representation (abbreviated and convenient) of the reality (more complex and detailed).

Questions

How does the system evolve?

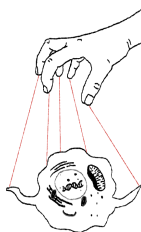
Is the population of some cell type stable over time?



How to control the system?

Cure a pathological system

Produce more of some species of interest



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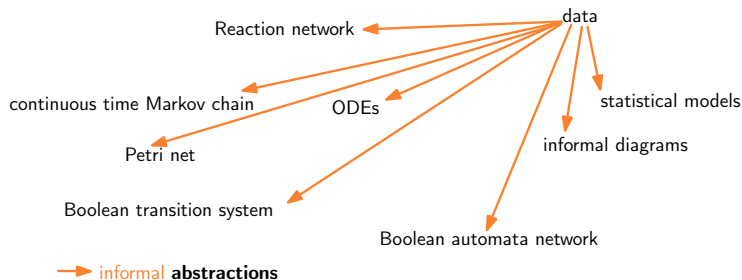
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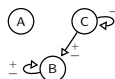
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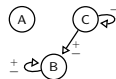
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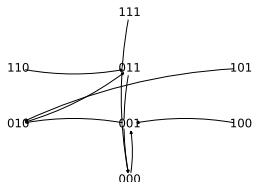
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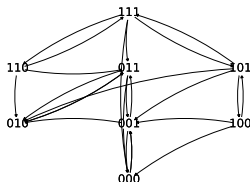


Transition graph $TG = (\mathbb{B}^{|\mathcal{S}|}, E \subseteq \mathbb{B}^{|\mathcal{S}|} \times \mathbb{B}^{|\mathcal{S}|})$, **update scheme**

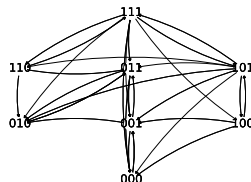
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async.: $\{\{A\}, \{B\}, \{C\}\}$



general async.: $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S}) \setminus \emptyset$



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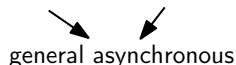


$$A = B = 0 \text{ or } 1; C = 1$$

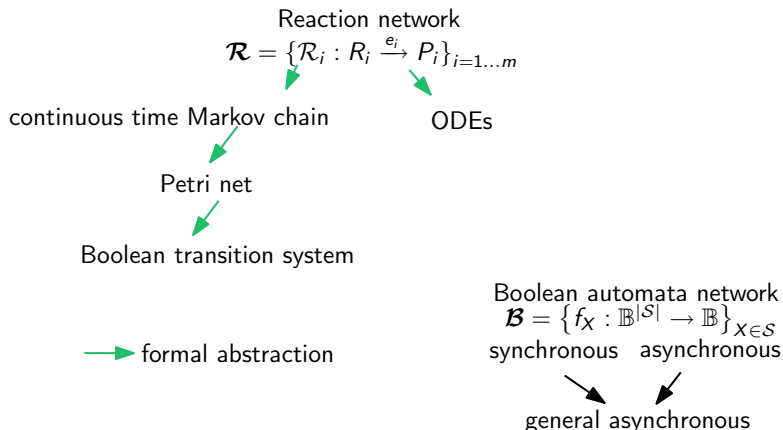
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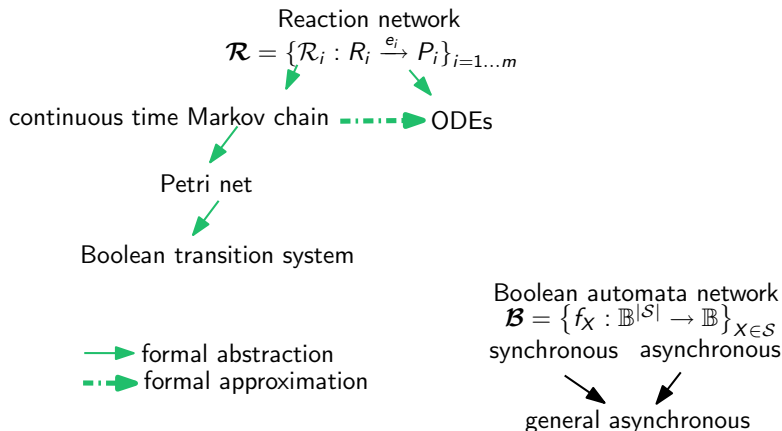


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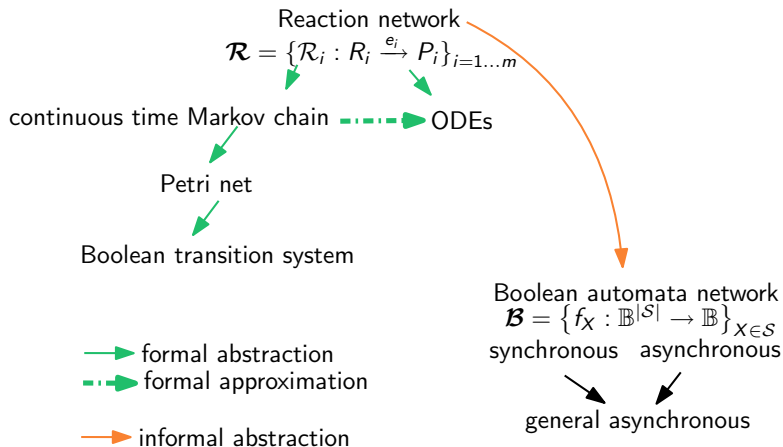
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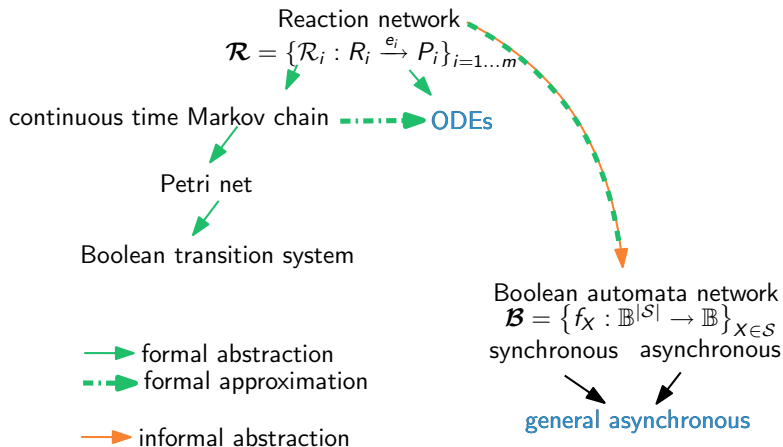
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Problem statement and outline

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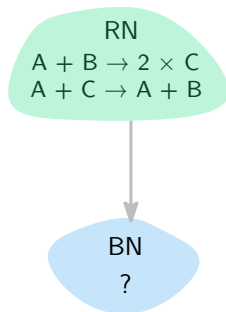
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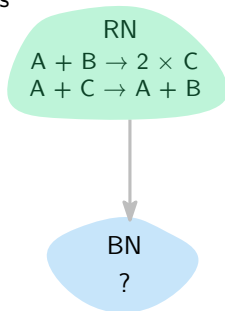
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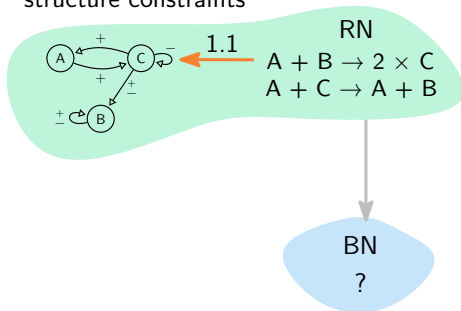


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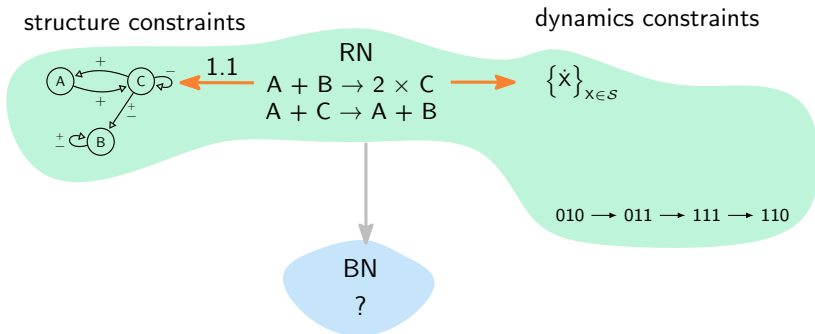


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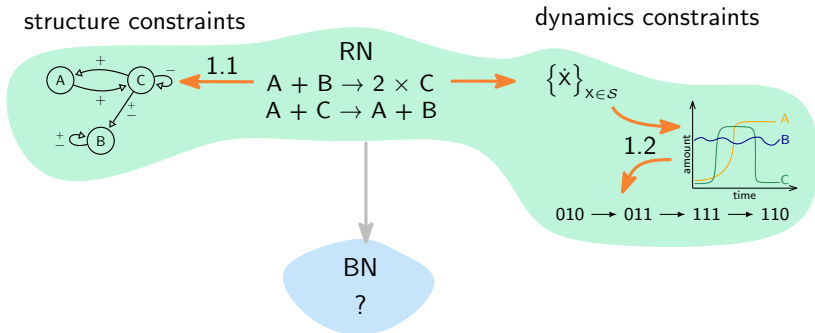
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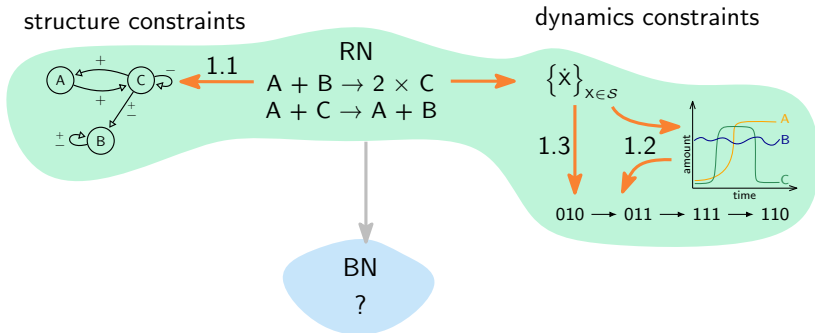
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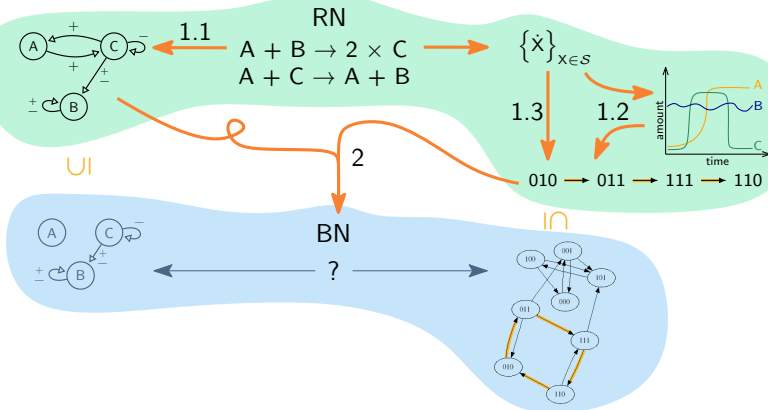
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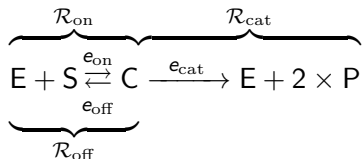
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Running example \mathcal{R}_{enz}



Its ODEs (reconstructed)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = -e_{\text{on}} + e_{\text{off}} \\ \dot{E} = -e_{\text{on}} + e_{\text{off}} + e_{\text{cat}} \\ \dot{C} = e_{\text{on}} - e_{\text{off}} + e_{\text{cat}} \\ \dot{P} = 2 \times e_{\text{cat}} \end{cases}$$

Its parameters (given)

$$e_{\text{on}} = 10^6 \times E \times S$$

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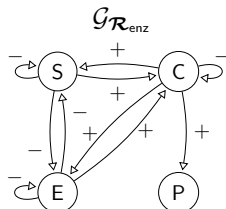
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Which constraints to build the influence graph $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{R}}$?

Inference of the relationships between the species using **static analysis** of \mathcal{R} [Fages, Soliman, 2008b]

$Y \xrightarrow{-} X \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{R}}$ if $\exists \mathcal{R} = R \xrightarrow{e} P$ st $Y \in R$ and $R(X) > P(X)$

$Y \xrightarrow{+} X \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{R}}$ if $\exists \mathcal{R} = R \xrightarrow{e} P$ st $Y \in R$ and $R(X) < P(X)$



Guarantee: Overapproximates the possible signs of $\frac{\partial X}{\partial Y}$
 \leadsto it captures all the **direct influences** between the species ✓

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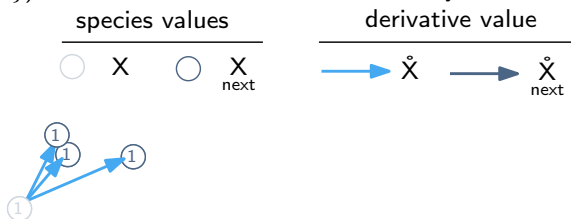


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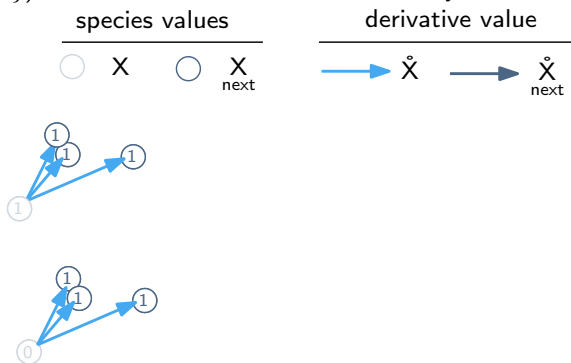


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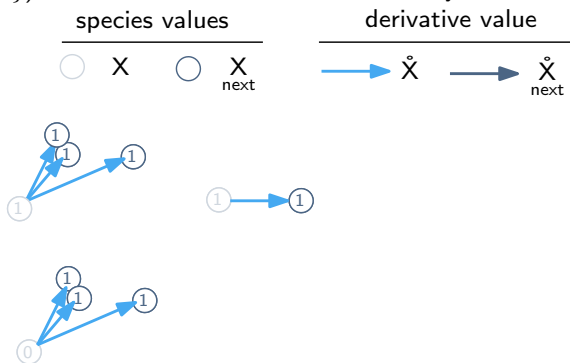


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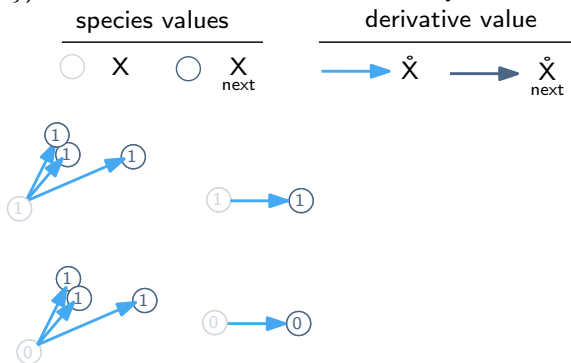


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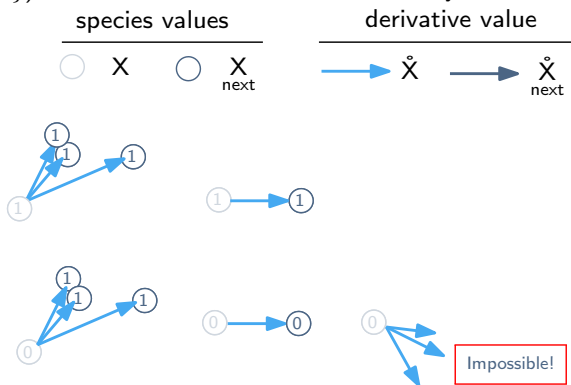


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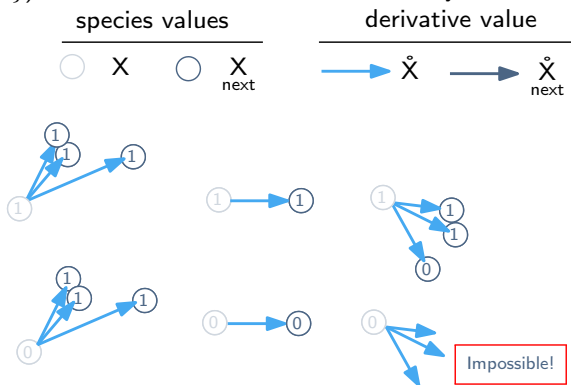


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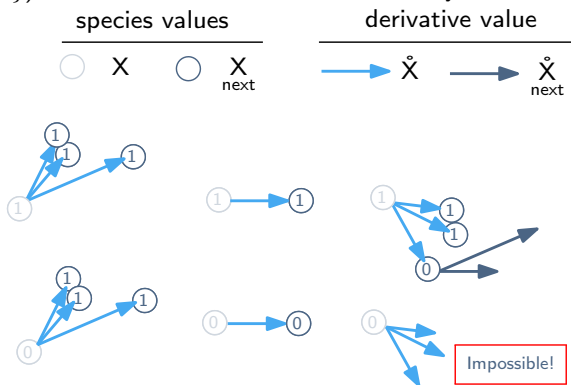
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Abstract simulation — In practice

Contribution

$$\mathcal{V} = \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{S}} \{X, \dot{X}, X_{\text{next}}, \dot{X}_{\text{next}}\}$$

- ▶ Causal relationships encoded by a **first-order logic** formula ϕ
- ▶ Solve ϕ on $\mathbb{S} = \{-1, 0, 1\}$
 \rightsquigarrow relation $\mathbb{B}^{|\mathcal{S} \cup \dot{\mathcal{S}}|} \times \mathbb{B}^{|\mathcal{S}_{\text{next}} \cup \dot{\mathcal{S}}_{\text{next}}|}$
- ▶ Restrict the solutions on $\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{S}_{\text{next}}$
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Guarantee

- ▶ Keep the causalities of changes
- ▶ Proof of correctness: overapproximation of an **ideal** Euler simulation (perfectly adjusted time step and no computation error)

FOBNN: First-Order Boolean networks with nondeterministic updates

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Abstract simulation — Example on \mathcal{R}_{enz}

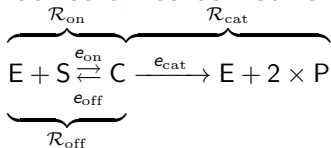
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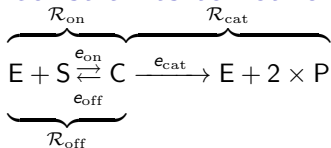
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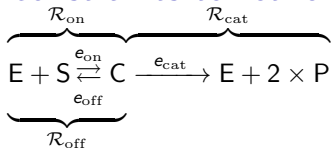
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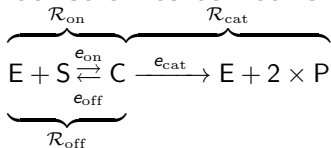
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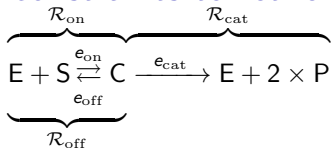
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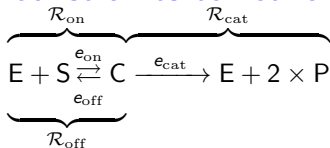
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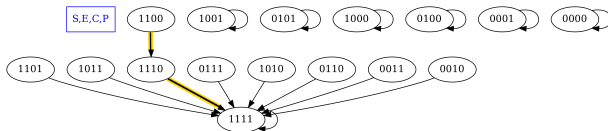
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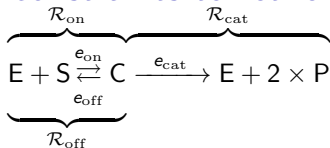
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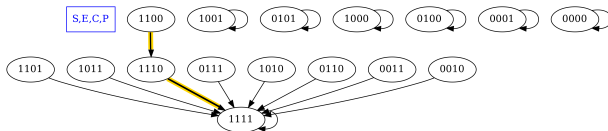


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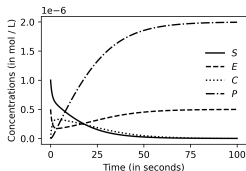


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Abstract simulation



Classic ODE simulation + Binarisation



Binarisation	Boolean configuration sequence [SECP]
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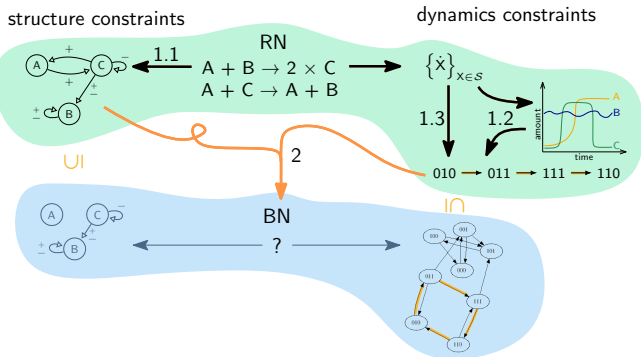
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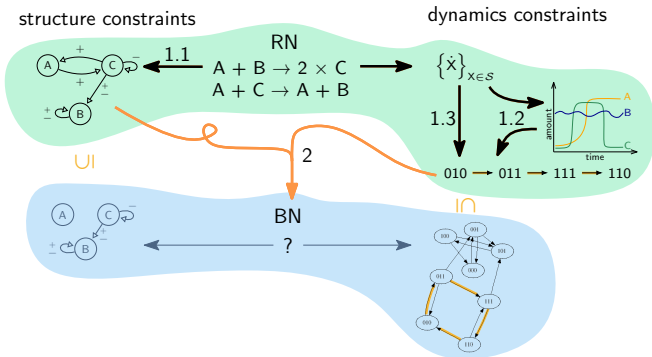
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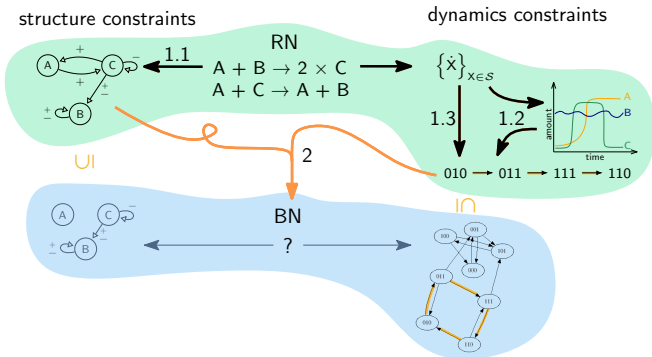
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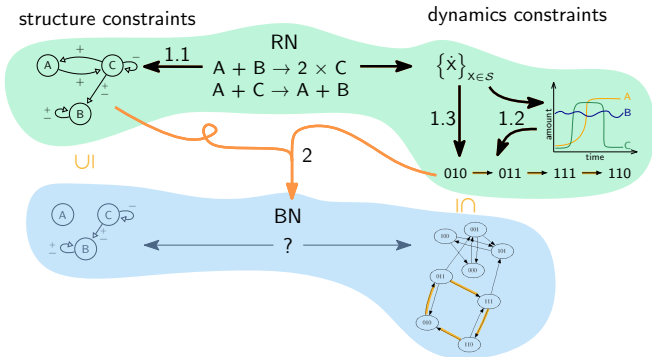


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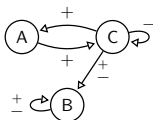
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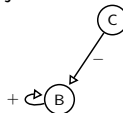
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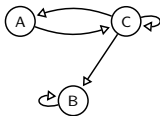
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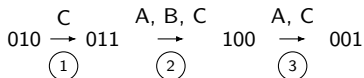
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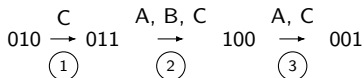
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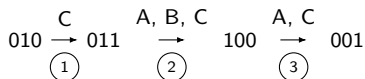
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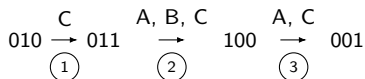
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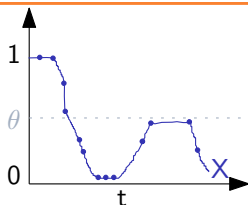
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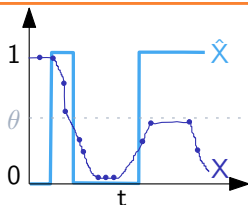
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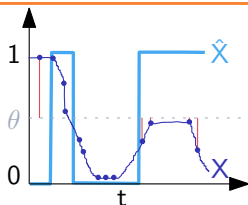
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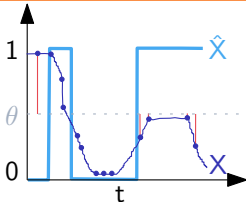
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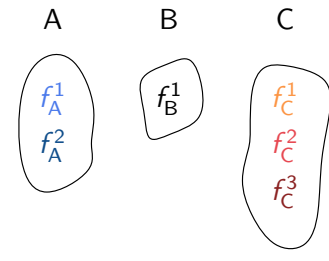
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size		2	1	1	2

card. min. candidates

ASK&D-BN— Global assembly

Cartesian product of the set of transition functions synthesised for each species



$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \{ f_A^1, f_B^1, f_C^1 \}$$

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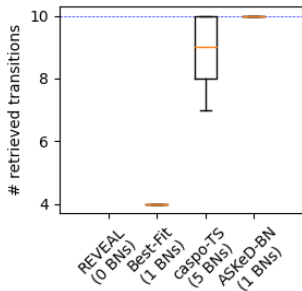
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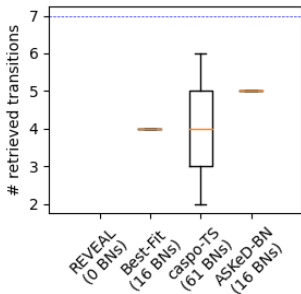
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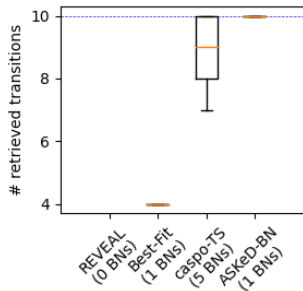


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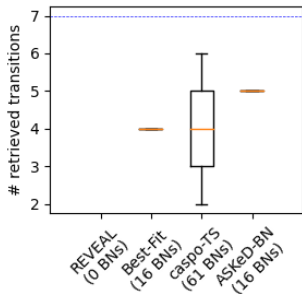


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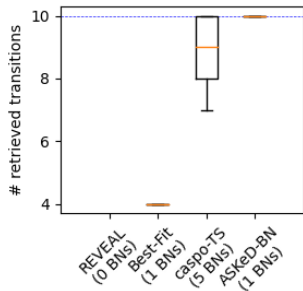
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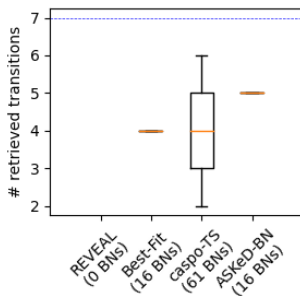
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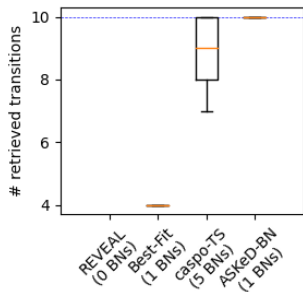
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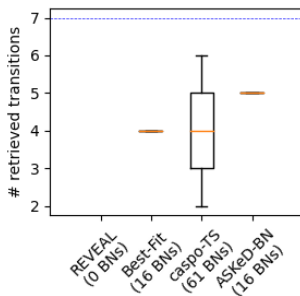
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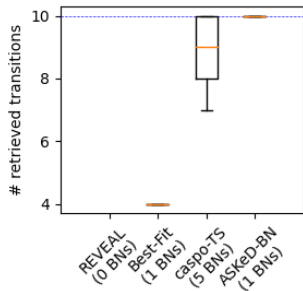
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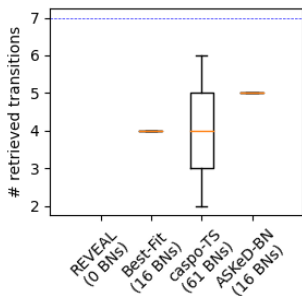
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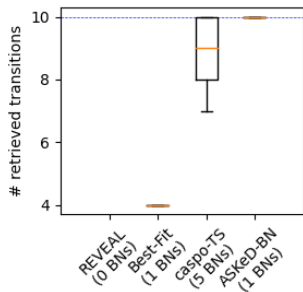
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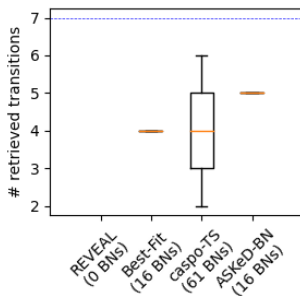
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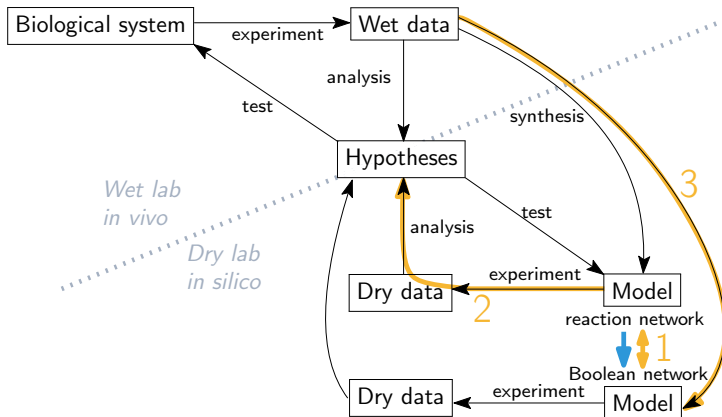
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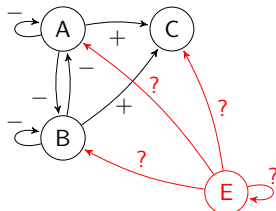
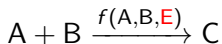
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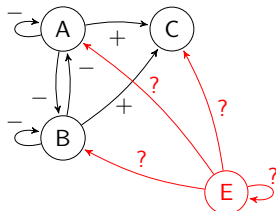
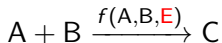


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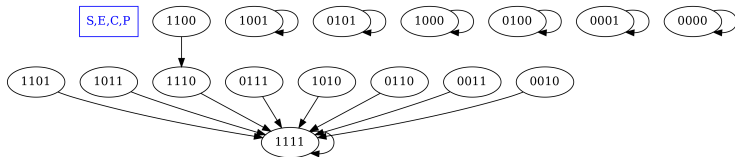
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⁴[Fages et al. 2012]

FOBNN fixed-points with SAT

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with Hans-Jörg :)))

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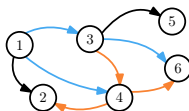
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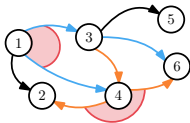
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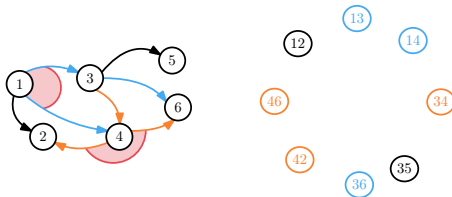
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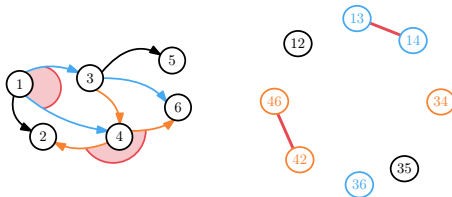
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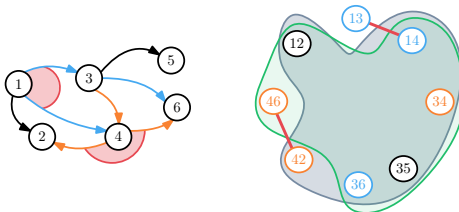
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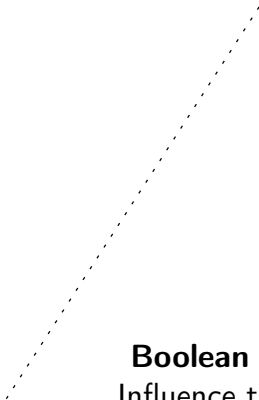
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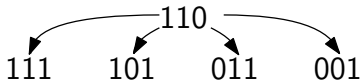
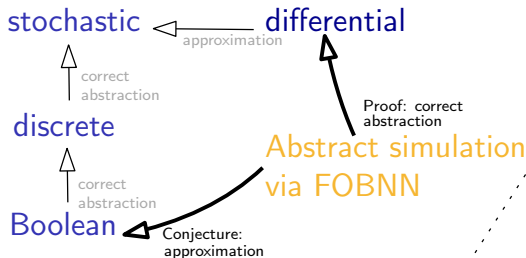
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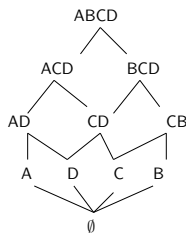
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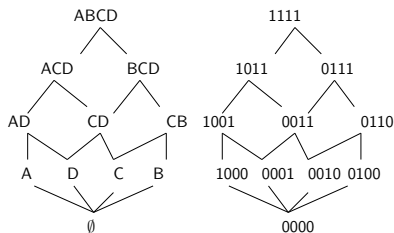
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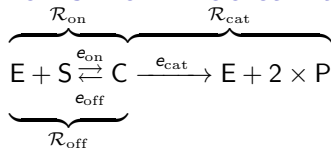
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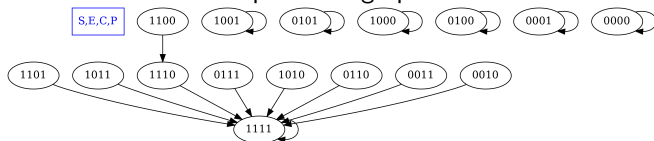
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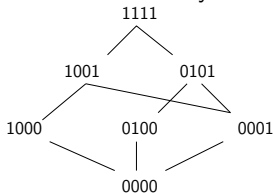
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input state graph:



derived closure system:



derived implication:

