

Structural model refinement as type refinement of colored Petri nets

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What 

Structural data refinement of reaction-based models





Why 

“Building models with different levels of complexity and identifying robust features relevant to the biological problem remains an important research strategy.”

Qiang Cui and Ruth Nussinov, Making Biomolecular Simulations Accessible in the Post-Nobel Prize Era, PLOS Computational Biology



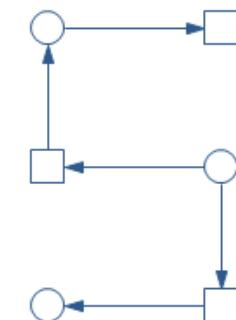
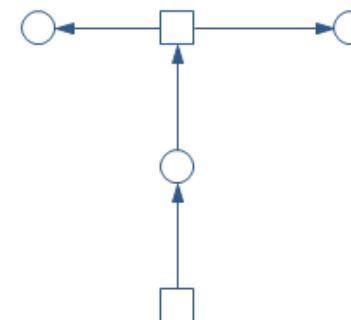
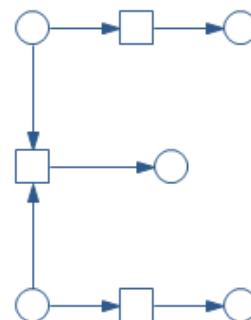
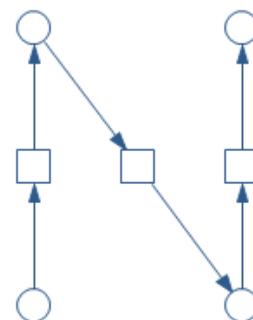
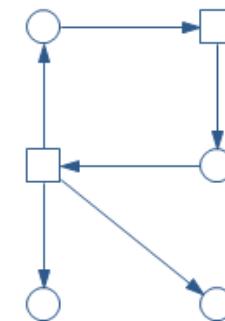
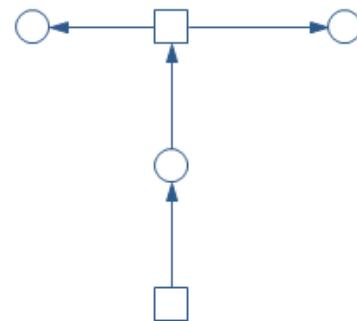
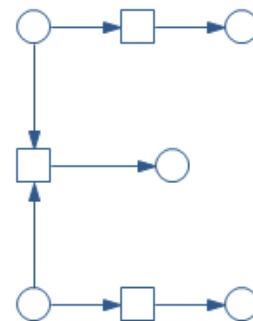
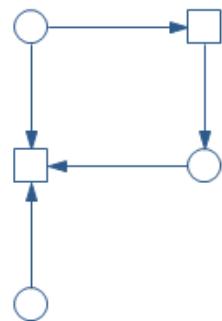


- Model-building is a stepwise process
- As new data becomes available, new models should reflect the new insights
- It is less time-consuming to add new details to existing (ready-fitted) models
- Model refinement could be automated!





How 

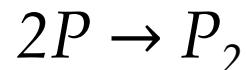
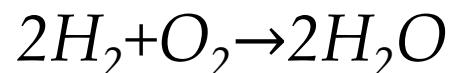




Reaction-based models



- $r \downarrow j : c \downarrow 1, j S \downarrow 1 + \dots + c \downarrow m, j S \downarrow m \rightarrow c' \downarrow 1, j S \downarrow 1 + \dots + c' \downarrow m, j S \downarrow m$

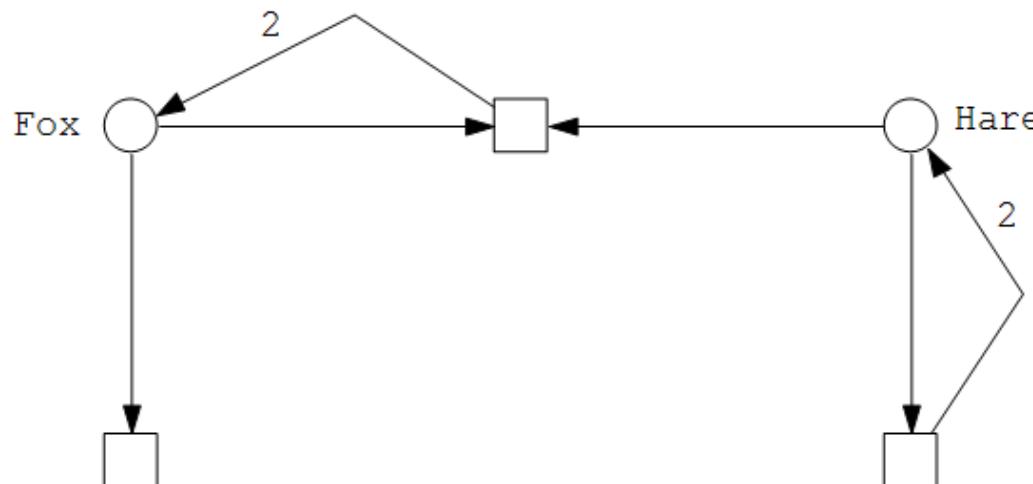
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Reaction-based models



- $M = (S, R)$
 - $S = \{\text{Fox}, \text{Hare}\}$
 - $R = \{r\downarrow 1, r\downarrow 2, r\downarrow 3\}$
 - $r\downarrow 1 : \text{Hare} \rightarrow 2\text{Hare}$
 - $r\downarrow 2 : \text{Fox} + \text{Hare} \rightarrow 2\text{Fox}$
 - $r\downarrow 3 : \text{Fox} \rightarrow \emptyset$

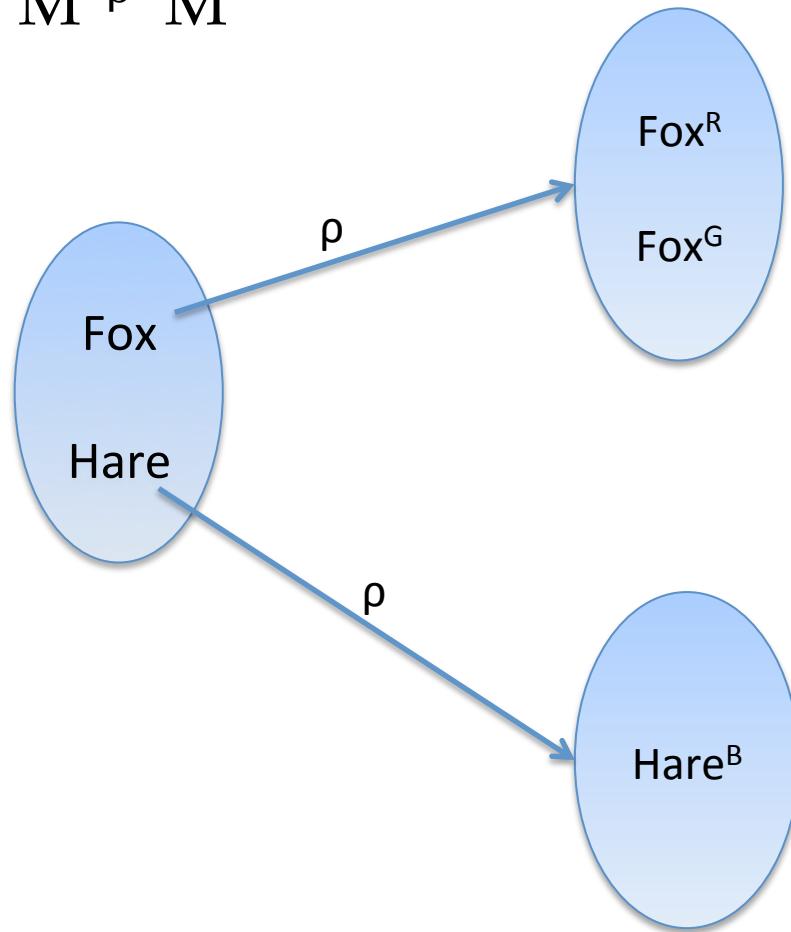




Structural data refinement



- $M \xrightarrow{\rho} M'$





Full structural data refinement



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$\{(\text{Fox}, \text{Fox}^R), (\text{Fox}, \text{Fox}^G)\} \subset \rho$

$\{(\text{Hare}, \text{Hare}^B)\} \subset \rho$

$\{(r \downarrow 1, r' \downarrow 1)\} \subset \rho$

$\{(r \downarrow 2, r' \downarrow 2), (r \downarrow 2, r' \downarrow 3), (r \downarrow 2, r' \downarrow 4), (r \downarrow 2, r' \downarrow 5), (r \downarrow 2, r' \downarrow 6), (r \downarrow 2, r' \downarrow 7)\} \subset \rho$

$\{(r \downarrow 3, r' \downarrow 8), (r \downarrow 3, r' \downarrow 9)\} \subset \rho$

$M_\rho = (S', R')$

- $S' = \{\text{Fox}^R, \text{Fox}^G, \text{Hare}^B\}$
- $R' = \{r' \downarrow 1, r' \downarrow 2, r' \downarrow 3, r' \downarrow 4, r' \downarrow 5, r' \downarrow 6, r' \downarrow 7, r' \downarrow 8, r' \downarrow 9\}$
 - $r' \downarrow 1 : \text{Hare}^B \rightarrow 2\text{Hare}^B$
 - $r' \downarrow 2 : \text{Fox}^R + \text{Hare}^B \rightarrow 2\text{Fox}^R$
 - $r' \downarrow 3 : \text{Fox}^R + \text{Hare}^B \rightarrow \text{Fox}^R + \text{Fox}^G$
 - $r' \downarrow 4 : \text{Fox}^R + \text{Hare}^B \rightarrow 2\text{Fox}^G$
 - $r' \downarrow 5 : \text{Fox}^G + \text{Hare}^B \rightarrow 2\text{Fox}^R$
 - $r' \downarrow 6 : \text{Fox}^G + \text{Hare}^B \rightarrow \text{Fox}^R + \text{Fox}^G$
 - $r' \downarrow 7 : \text{Fox}^G + \text{Hare}^B \rightarrow 2\text{Fox}^G$
 - $r' \downarrow 8 : \text{Fox}^R \rightarrow \emptyset$
 - $r' \downarrow 9 : \text{Fox}^G \rightarrow \emptyset$



Type refinement of colored Petri nets



- Charles Lakos. *Composing abstractions of coloured petri nets*. In *Application and Theory of Petri Nets 2000, pages 323–342*. Springer, 2000
- Altering the color sets of places in a colored Petri net N such that the new color sets are polymorphic with the old ones respectively yields a colored Petri net N' such that there is a type refinement morphism between them.
- A type refinement morphism is a behavior-respecting mapping of two colored Petri nets.





Coloring strategy

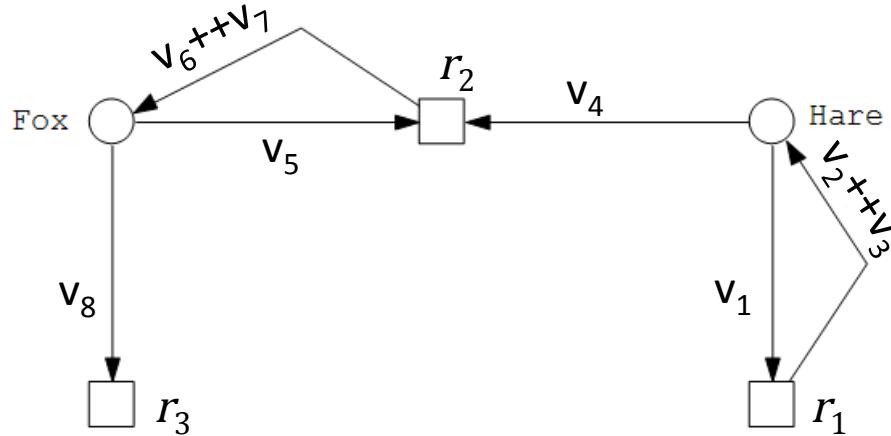
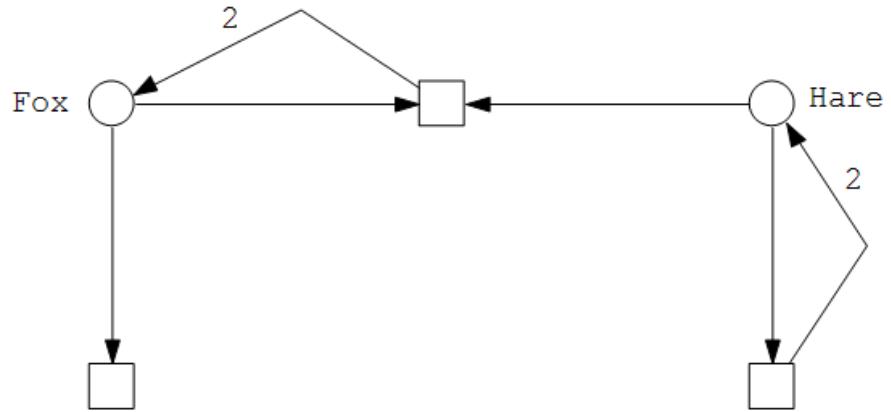


- Given a standard Petri net $N=(P,T,A,f,M_0)$:
 - *For places, use as color sets records with a fixed number of fields.*
 - *For transitions, use multisets over the color sets of pre- and post- places, with multiplicities given by arc expressions*





Coloring strategy example



color sets:

```
enum name_f := fox  
enum name_h := hare  
record foxcol with name:name_f  
record harecol with name:name_h  
multiset hares := harecol, harecol,  
harecol  
multiset foxeshare := foxcol, foxcol,  
foxcol, harecol  
multiset foxdeath := foxcol
```

variables:

```
harecol v1, v2, v3, v4  
foxcol v5, v6, v7, v8
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$C(\text{Fox}) = \text{foxcol}$

$C(\text{Hare}) = \text{harecol}$

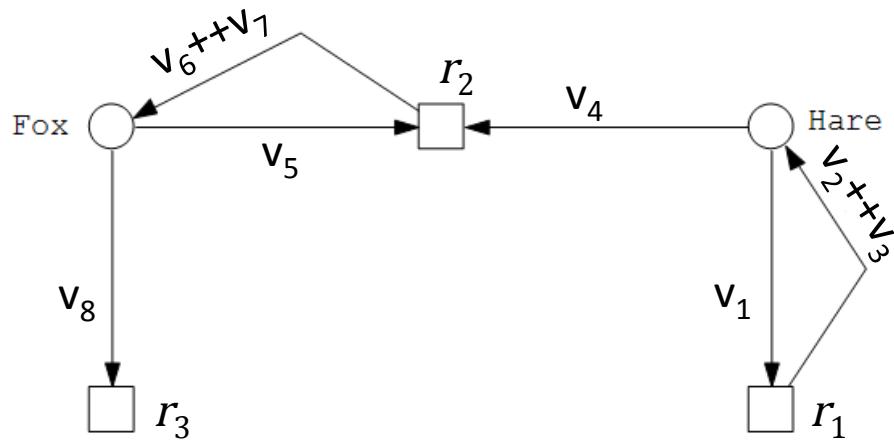
$C(r_1) = \text{hares}$

$C(r_2) = \text{foxeshare}$

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Coloring strategy example



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$C(r_1) = \text{hares}$

$C(r_2) = \text{foxesshare}$

$C(r_3) = \text{foxdeath}$

color sets:

enum name_f := fox

enum name_h := hare

record foxcol with name:name_f

record harecol with name:name_h

multiset hares := harecol, harecol,
harecol

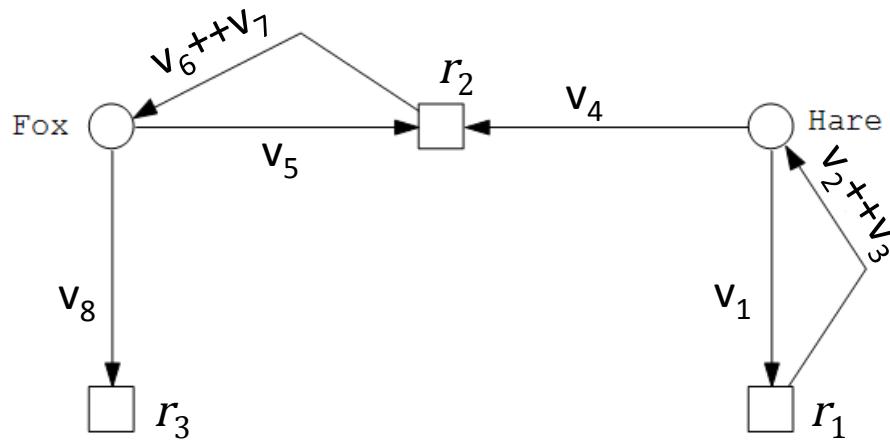
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Coloring strategy example - refinement



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harecol v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4
foxcol v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8

$C(\text{Fox}) = \text{foxcol}$

$C(\text{Hare}) = \text{harecol}$

$C(r_1) = \text{hares}$

$C(r_2) = \text{foxeshare}$

$C(r_3) = \text{foxdeath}$

color sets:

enum name_f := fox
enum name_h := hare
enum fox_fur := red, gray
enum hare_fur := brown
record foxcol' with name:name_f,
fur:fox_fur
record harecol' with name:name_h
fur:hare_fur

multiset hares' := harecol', harecol',
harecol'

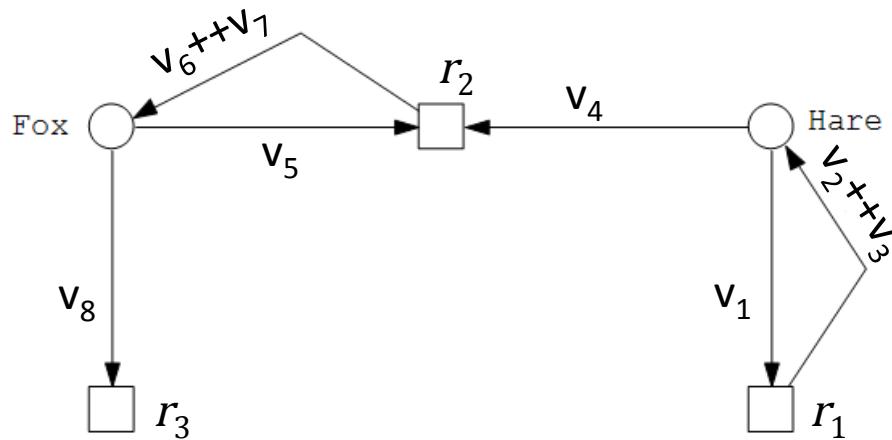
multiset foxeshare' := foxcol',
foxcol', foxcol', harecol'

multiset foxdeath' := foxcol'





Coloring strategy example - refinement



variables:

harecol' v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4
foxcol' v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8

$C(\text{Fox}) = \text{foxcol}'$

$C(\text{Hare}) = \text{harecol}'$

$C(r_1) = \text{hares}'$

$C(r_2) = \text{foxeshare}'$

$C(r_3) = \text{foxdeath}'$

color sets:

enum name_f := fox
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enum hare_fur := brown
record foxcol' with name:name_f,
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record harecol' with name:name_h
fur:hare_fur

multiset hares' := harecol', harecol',
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multiset foxdeath' := foxcol'





Refinement algorithm



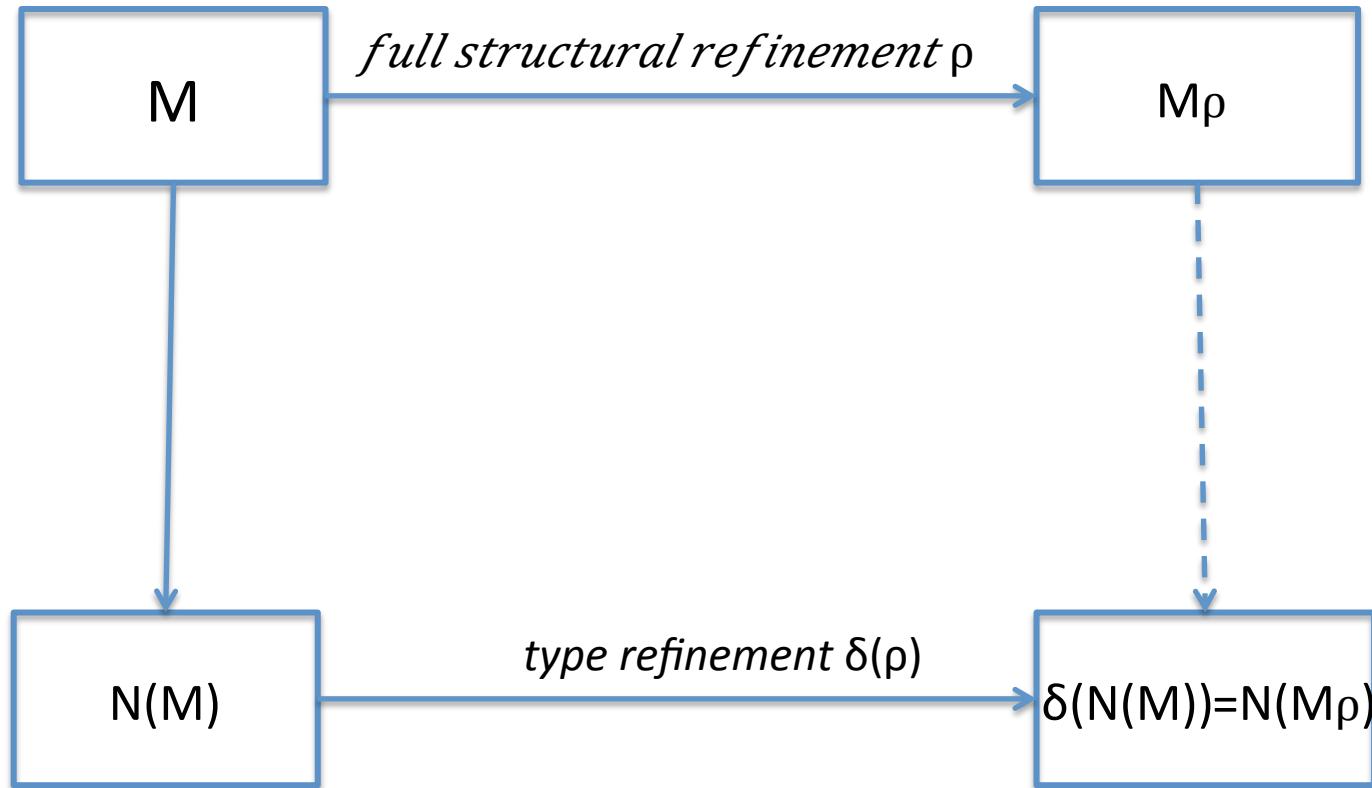
Algorithm 1 TypeRef

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function TYPEREF( $N, \rho$ )
     $\Sigma' \leftarrow \emptyset;$ 
         $\triangleright$  create the new color sets based on the old ones;
    for all  $p \in P$  do
         $cs \leftarrow C(p);$ 
        define a new color set  $cs'$  that extends  $cs$  with a new field with  $\rho(\delta^{-1}(p))$ 
        values;
         $\Sigma' \leftarrow \Sigma' \cup \{cs'\};$ 
         $C'(p) \leftarrow cs';$ 
    end for
    for all  $t \in T$  do
        define  $cs$  as a multiset  $cs : \{C'(p) \mid p \in P\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $cs(C'(p)) =$ 
         $C(t)(C(p)), \forall p \in P;$ 
         $\Sigma' \leftarrow \Sigma' \cup \{cs\};$ 
         $C'(t) \leftarrow cs;$ 
    end for
         $\triangleright$  re-type the arc expressions: for each variable in an arc expression, create one
        having as type the new color set of the place that the arc is connected to; the new
        arc expression is a multiset sum of these variables;
     $E' \leftarrow \emptyset;$ 
    for all  $e \in E$  do
         $p \leftarrow$  the place connected to  $e;$ 
         $V \leftarrow$  set of variables appearing in  $e;$ 
         $V' \leftarrow \emptyset;$ 
        for all  $v_i \in V$  do
            define  $v'_i : C'(p);$ 
             $V' \leftarrow V' \cup \{v'_i\}$ 
        end for
         $e' \leftarrow \sum_{v \in V'} v;$ 
         $\triangleright \sum^{++} \text{ denotes multiset addition;}$ 
         $E' \leftarrow E' \cup \{e'\};$ 
    end for
     $M' \leftarrow \mu\{(p, c) \mid p \in P, c \in C'(p)\};$ 
     $Y' \leftarrow \mu\{(t, c) \mid t \in T, c \in C'(t)\};$ 
     $M'_0$  is designed such that  $\sum_{c \in C'(p)} |M'_0(p, c)| = |M_0(p, C(p))|, \forall p \in P;$ 
     $N' \leftarrow (P, T, A, \Sigma', C', E', M', Y', M'_0);$ 
    return  $N';$ 
end function
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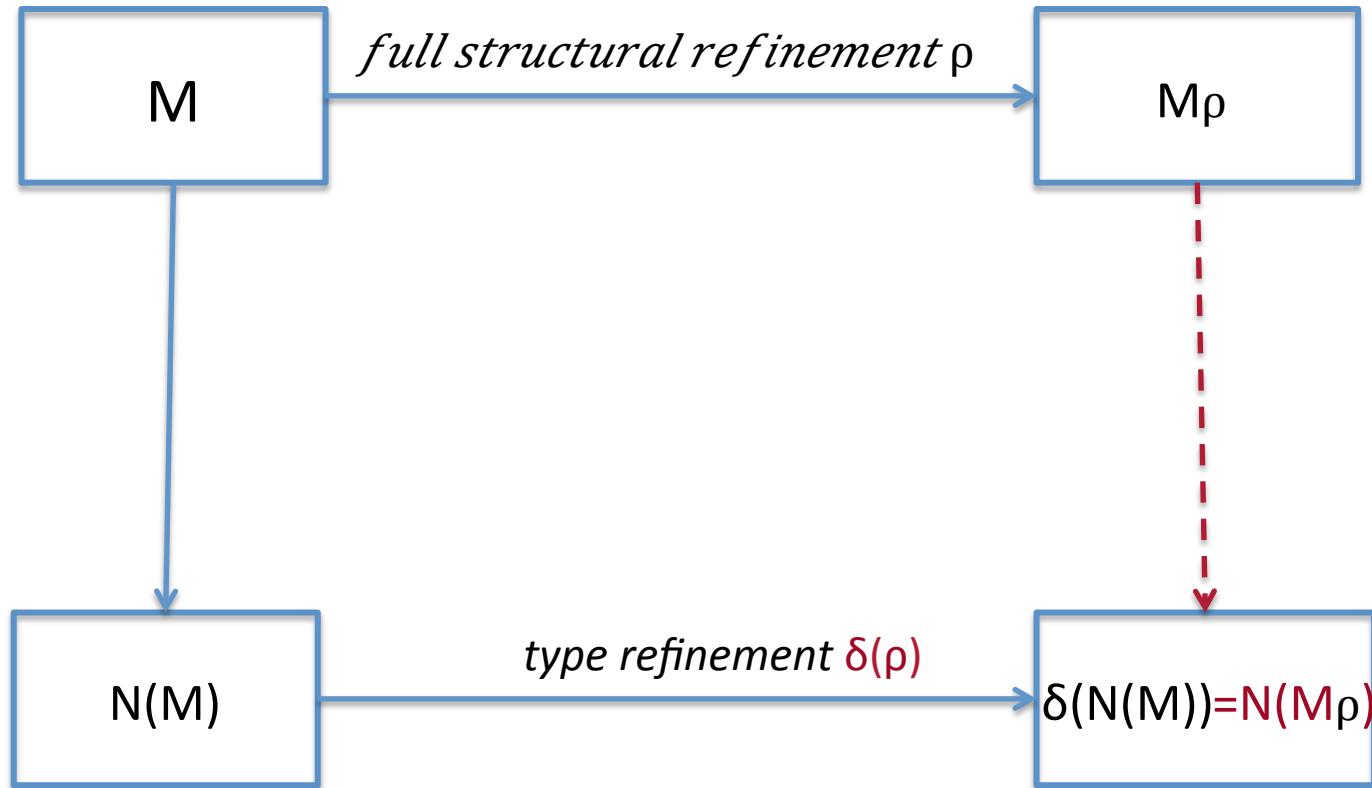


Conclusions and future work





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- We provide a **flexible** approach for building step-by-step larger models, while:
 - **preserving the network structure**
 - adding details in the **color sets**
- Next stage:
 - use this technique to refine a large biomodel
 - study the scalability of this technique
 - find the sweet spot





Thank you!

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