BIOCHEMICAL NETWORKS
- A PETRI NET PERSPECTIVE -

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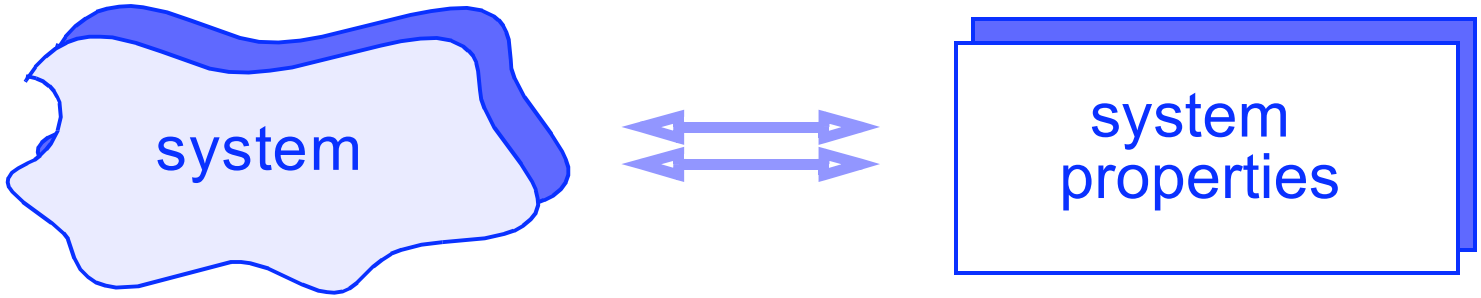

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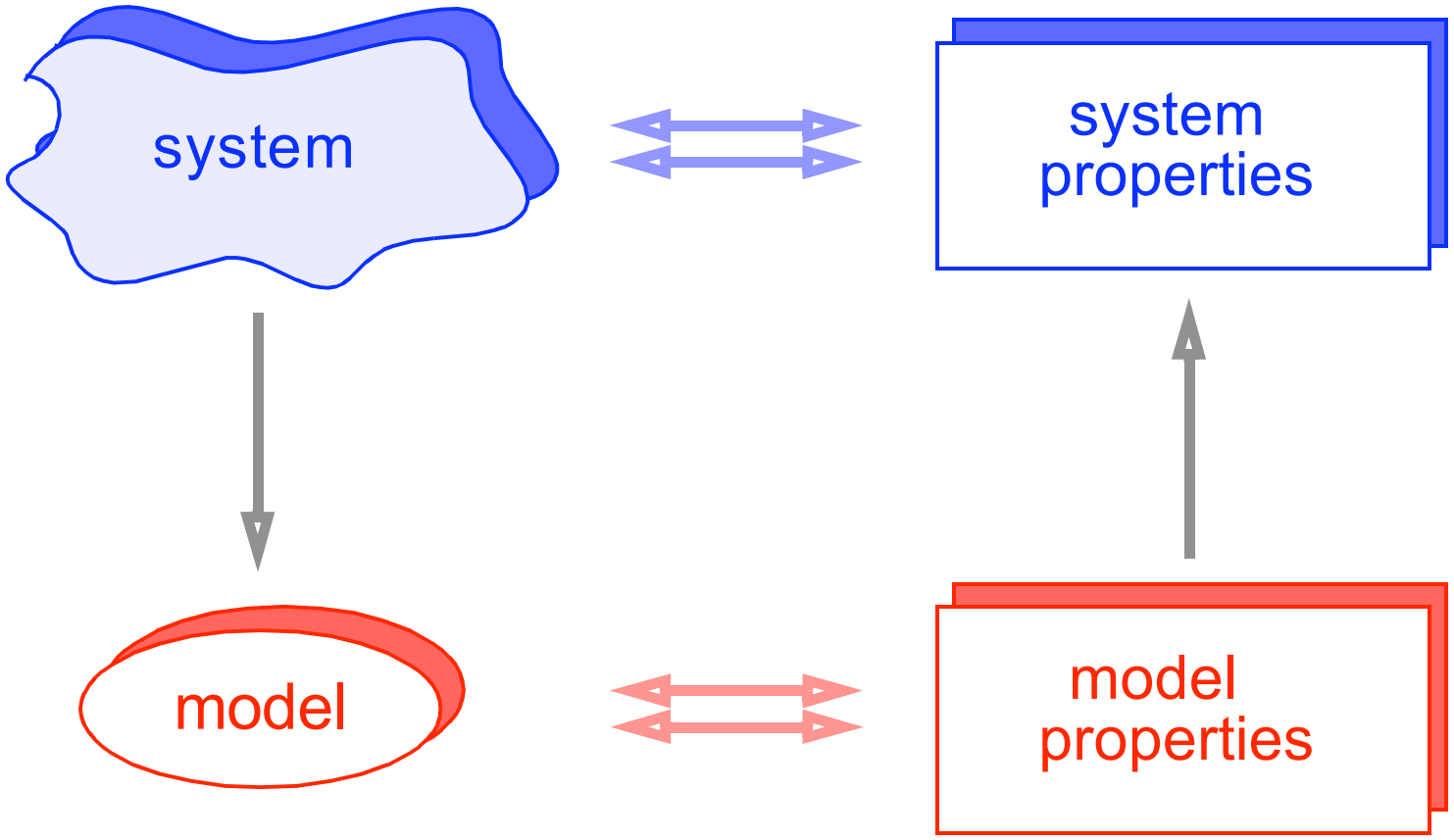

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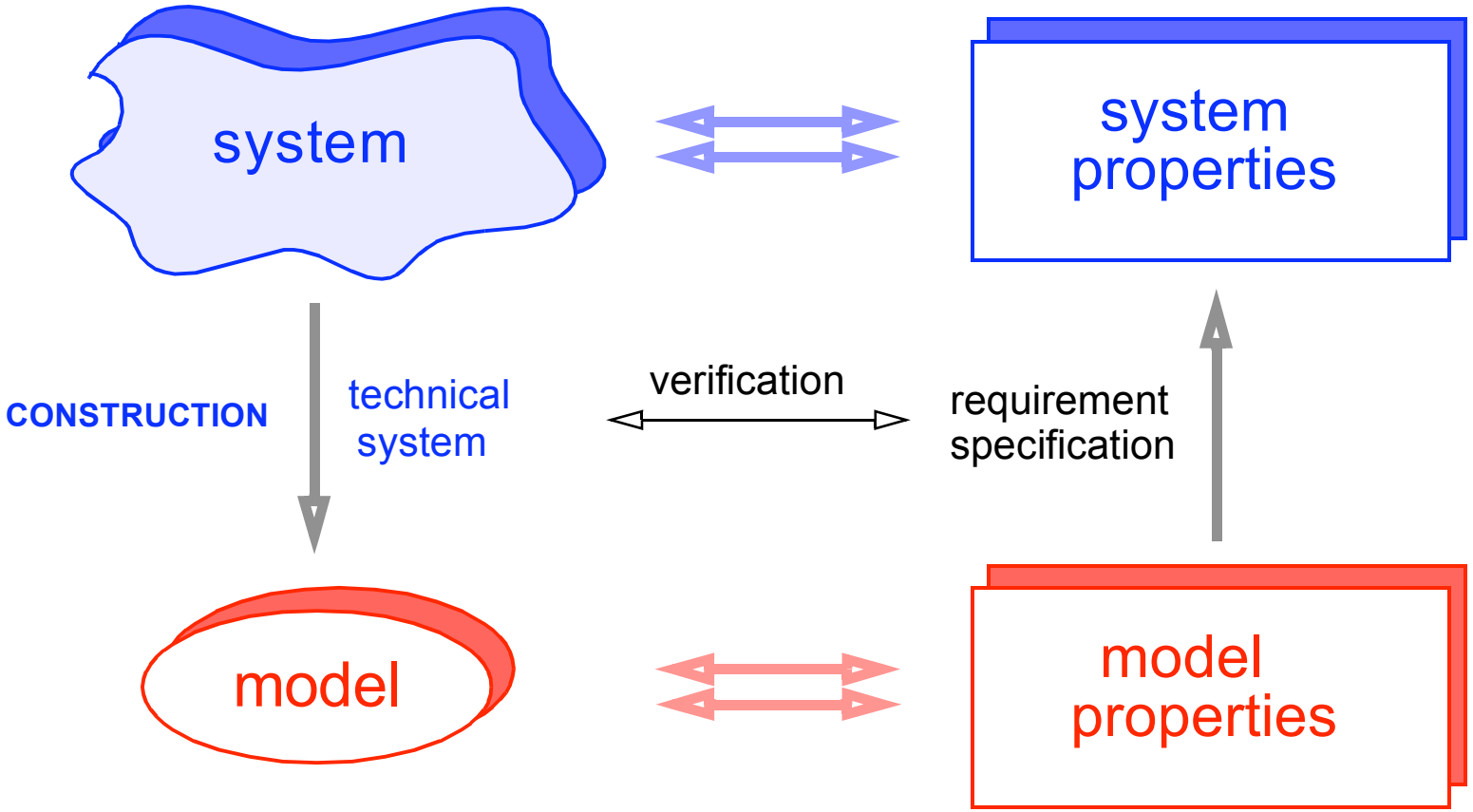

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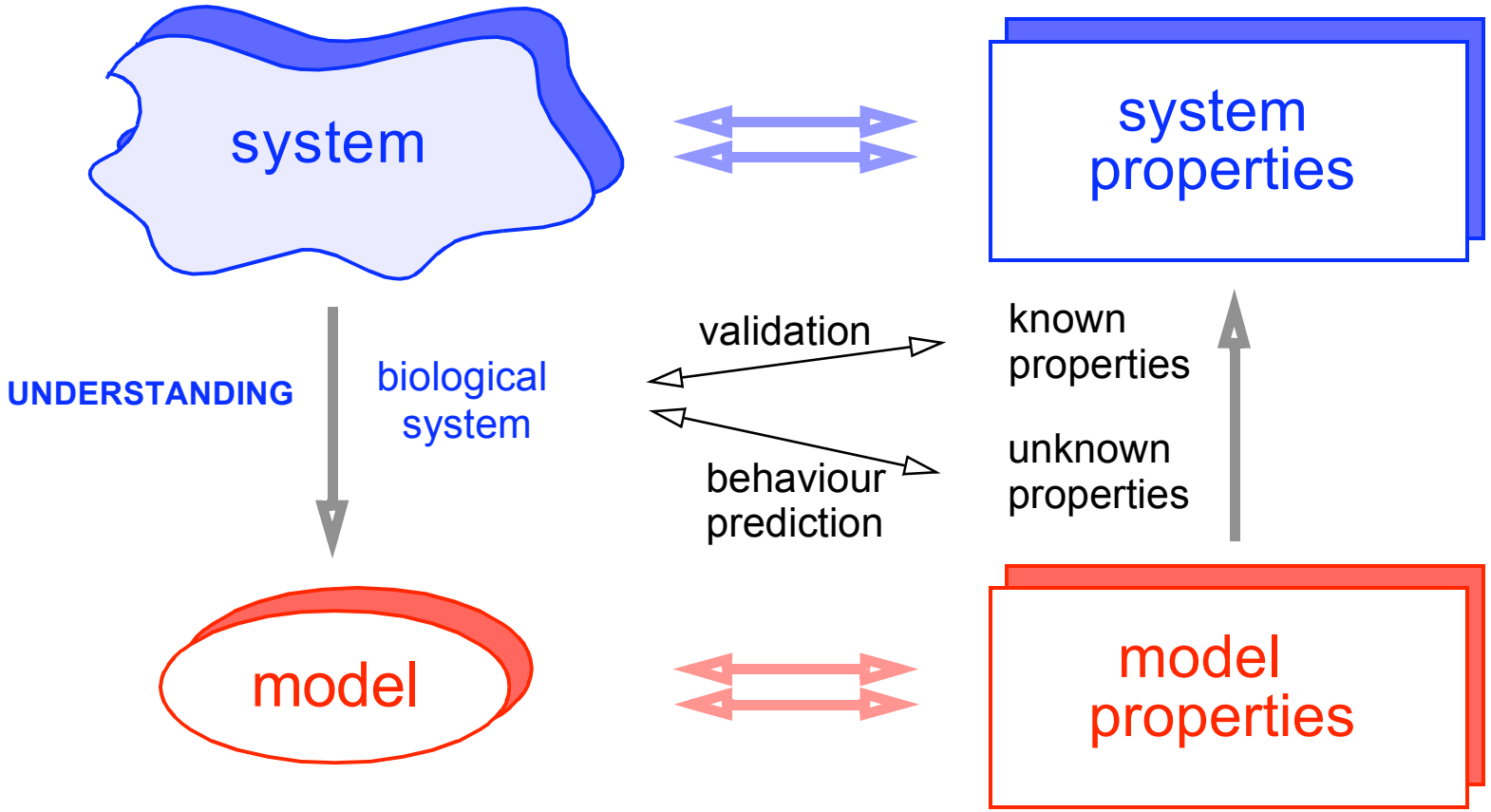

WHAT KIND OF MODEL SHOULD BE USED?

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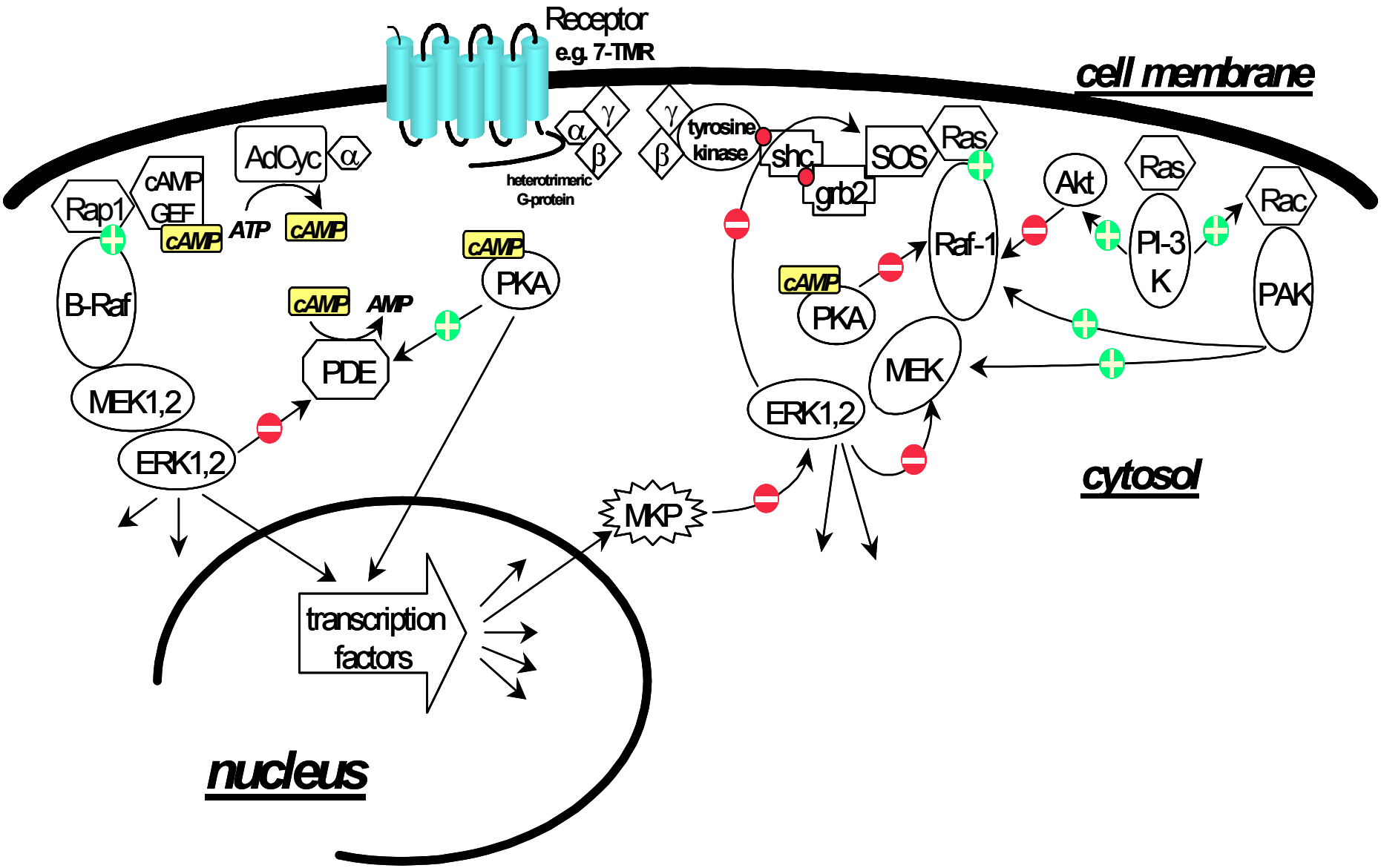

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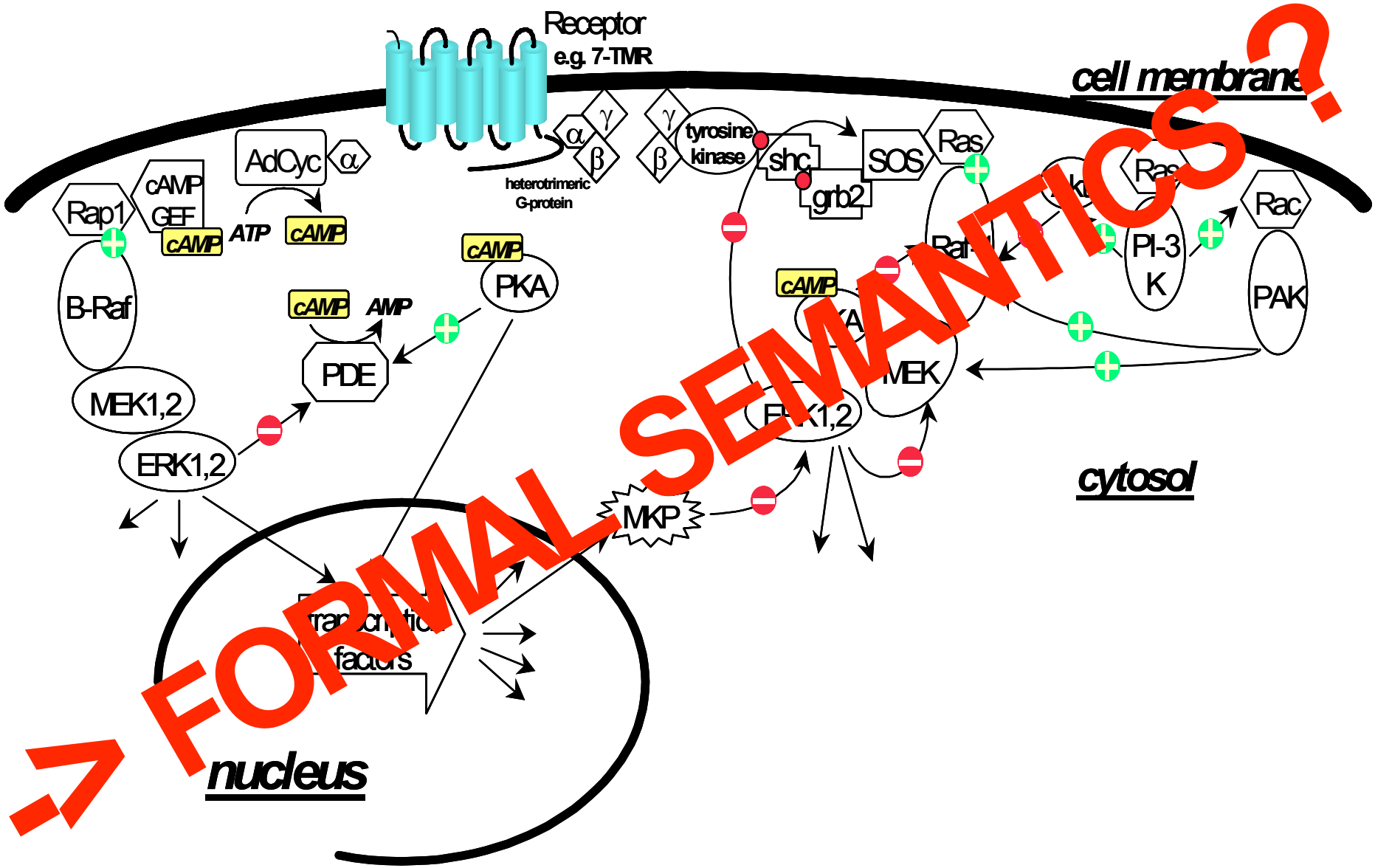

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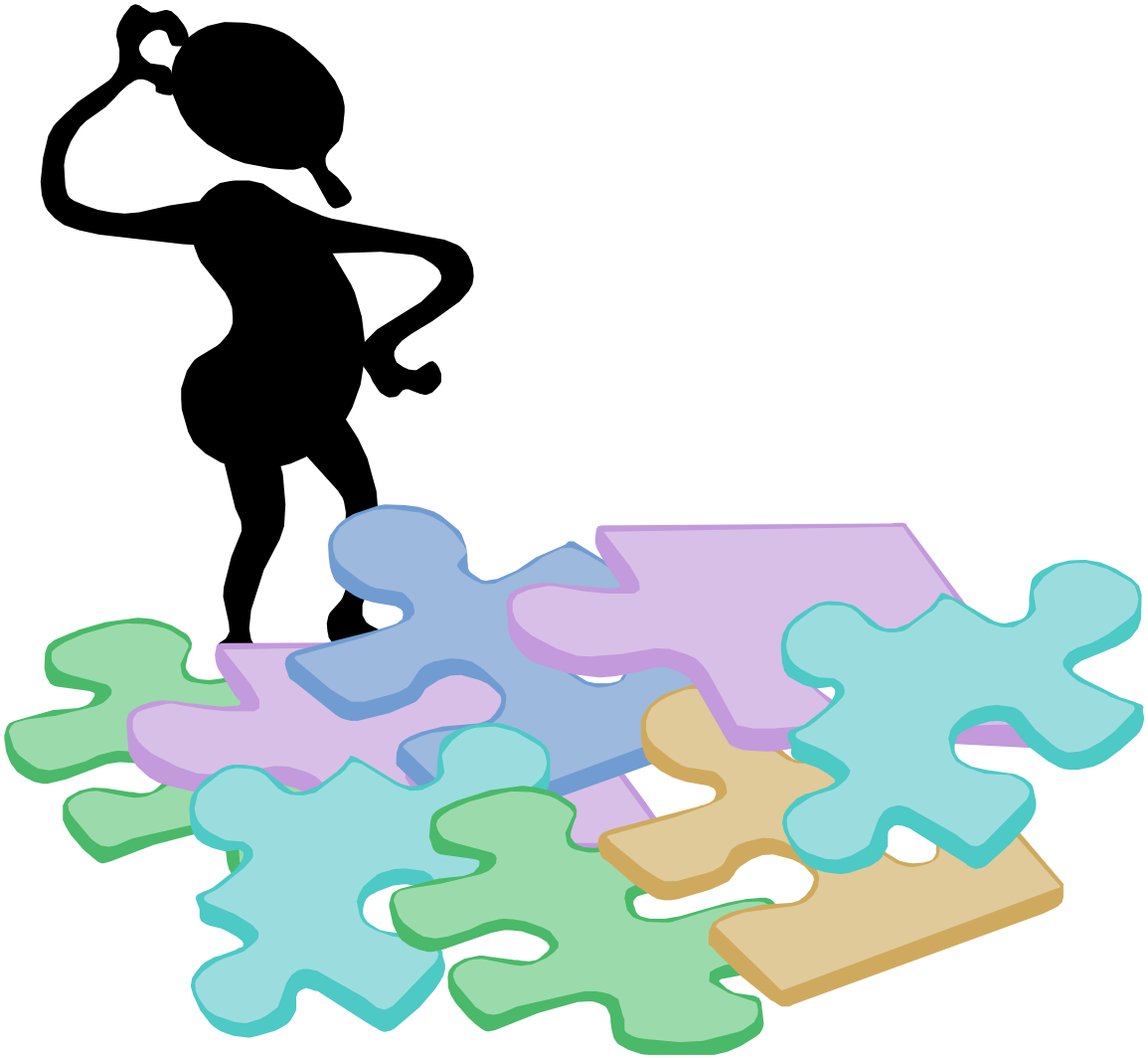

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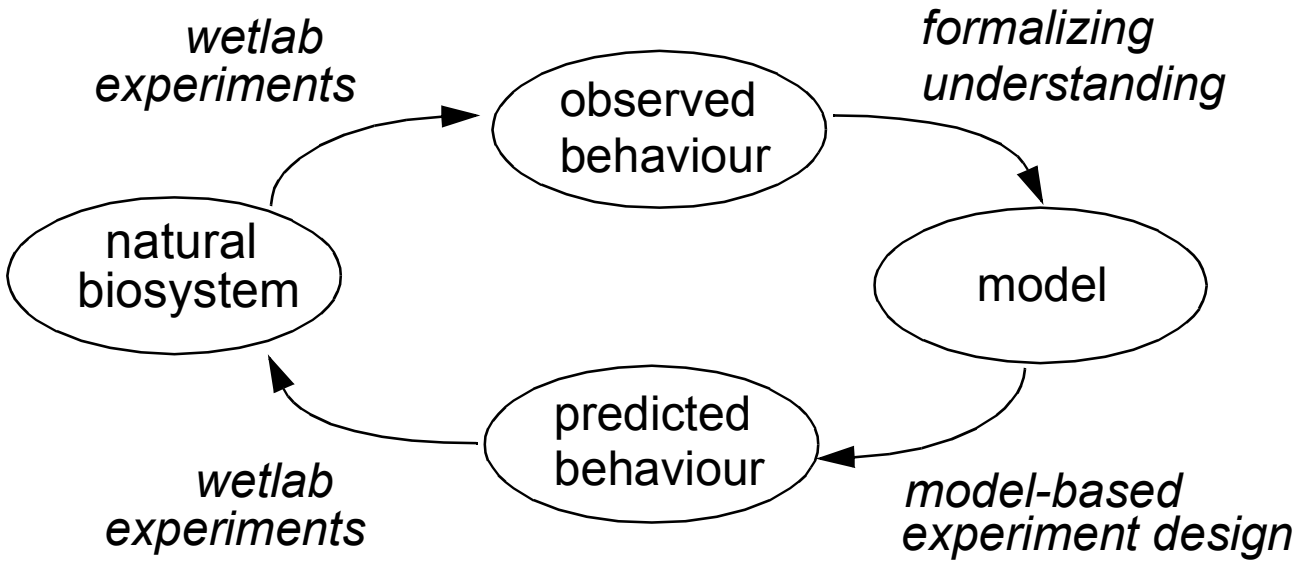

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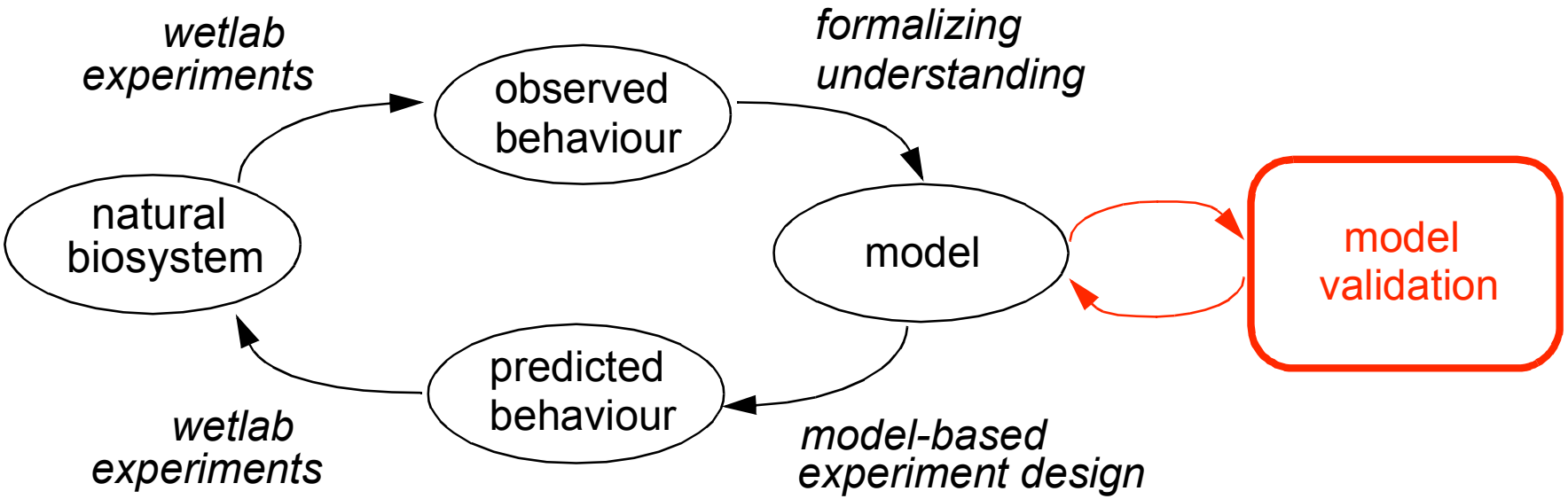

MODEL VALIDATION = CONFIDENCE INCREASE

BIO NETWORK REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE

- **readable**
  - -> *fault avoidance*
  - -> *informal = cartoon-like representations ?*
- **analysable**
  - -> *formal = mathematical representations*
- **executable**
  - -> *to experience the model*
- **unifying power**
  - -> *high-level description for various analysis approaches*

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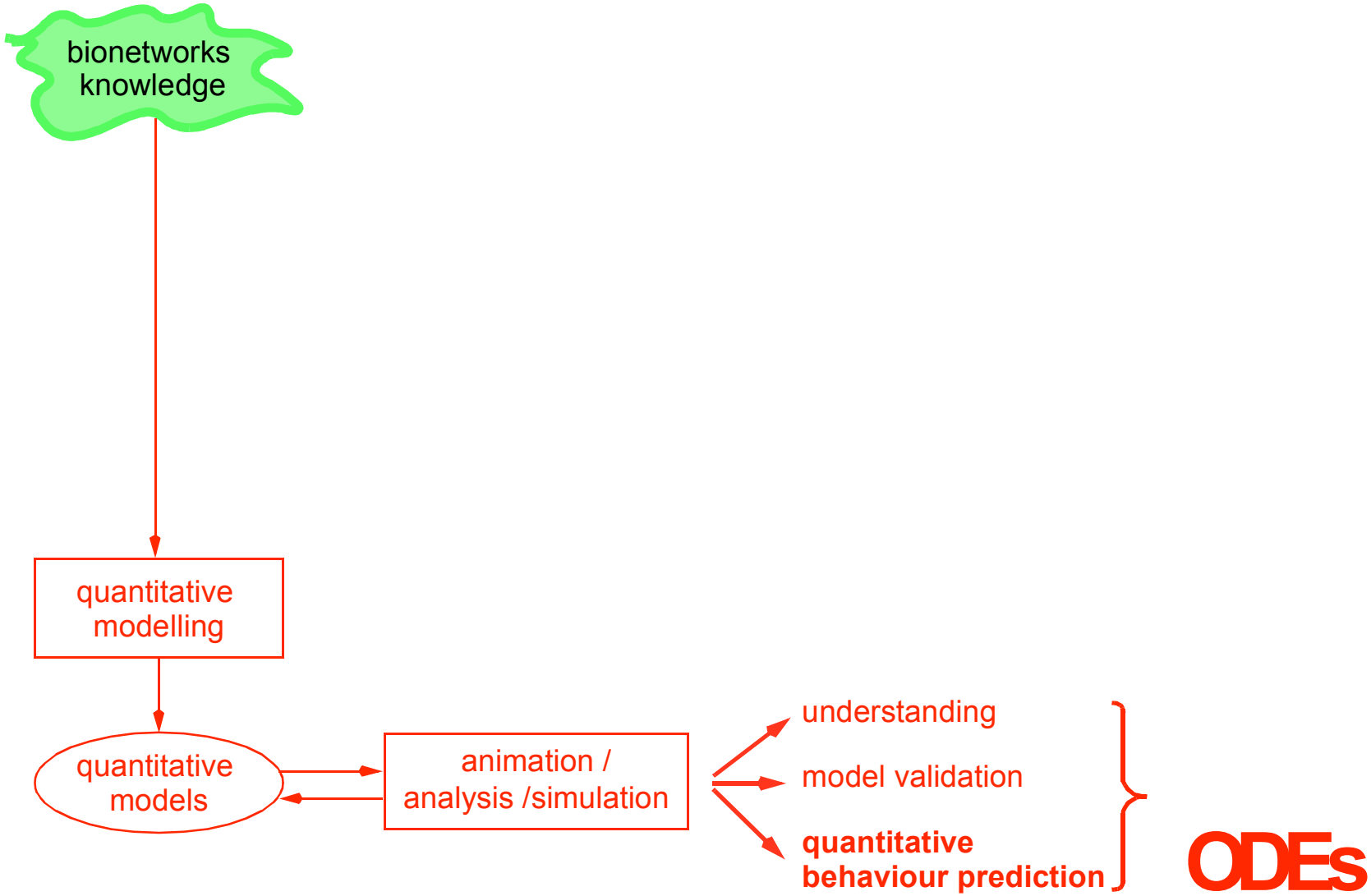
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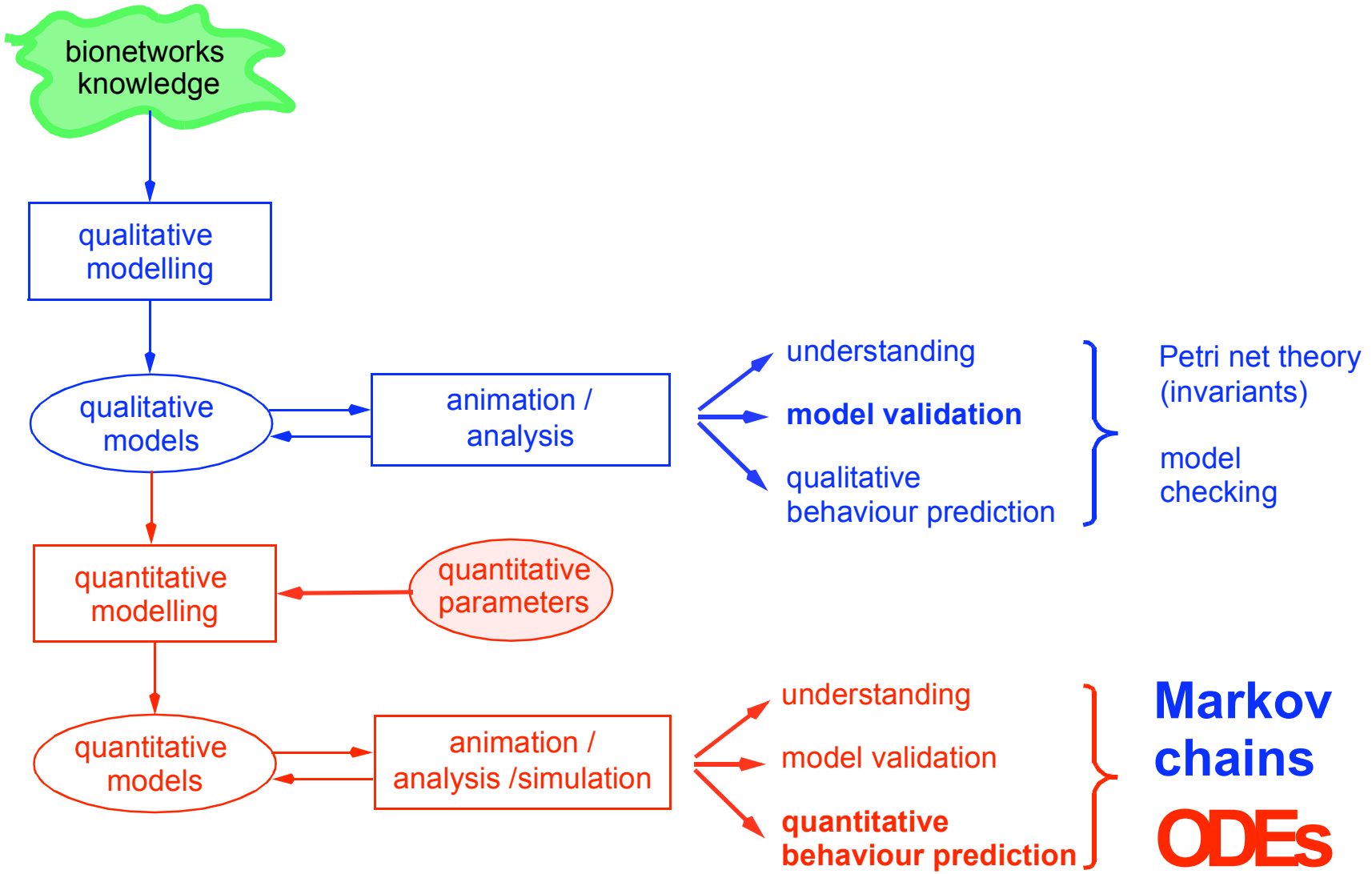
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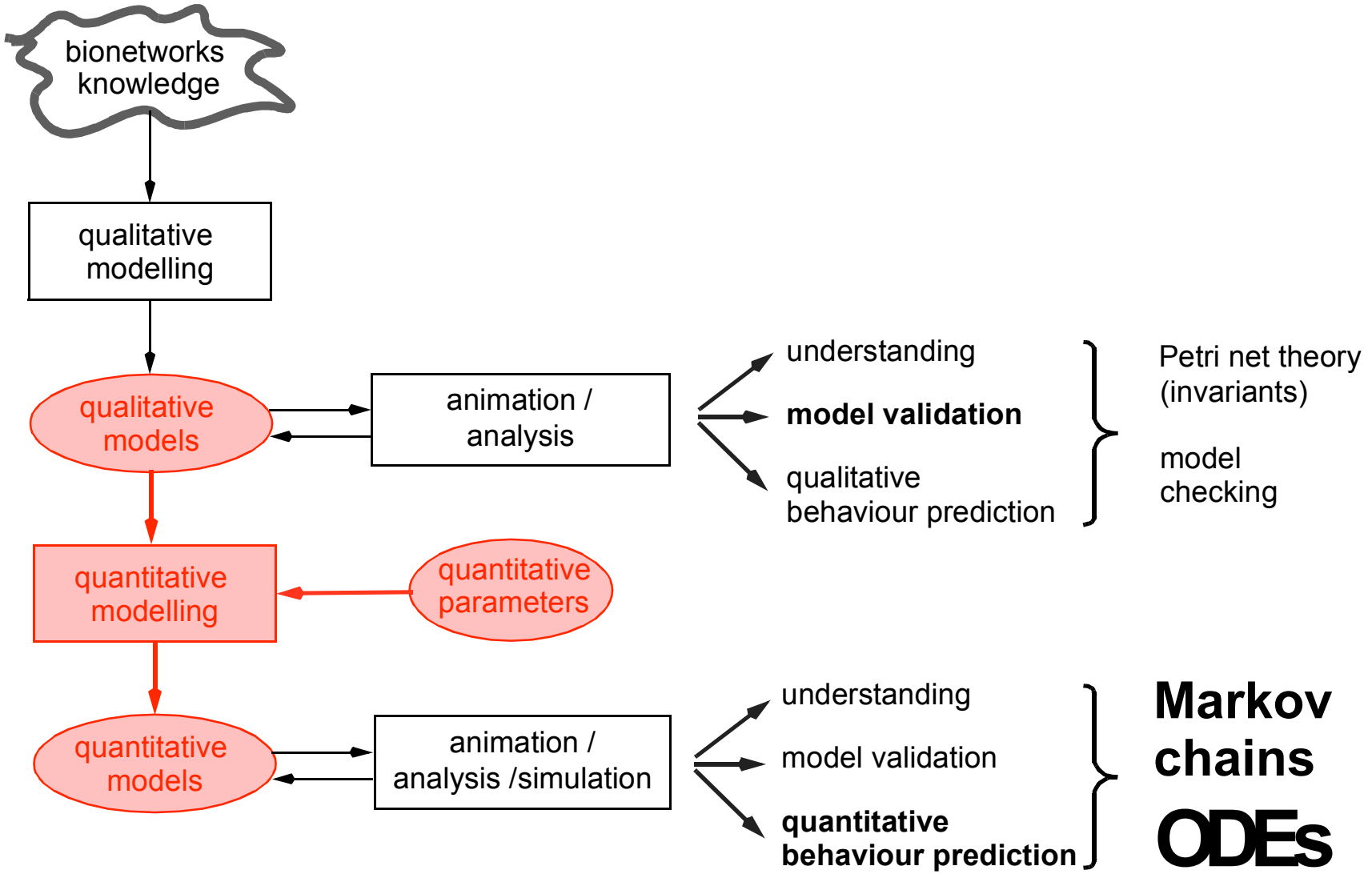
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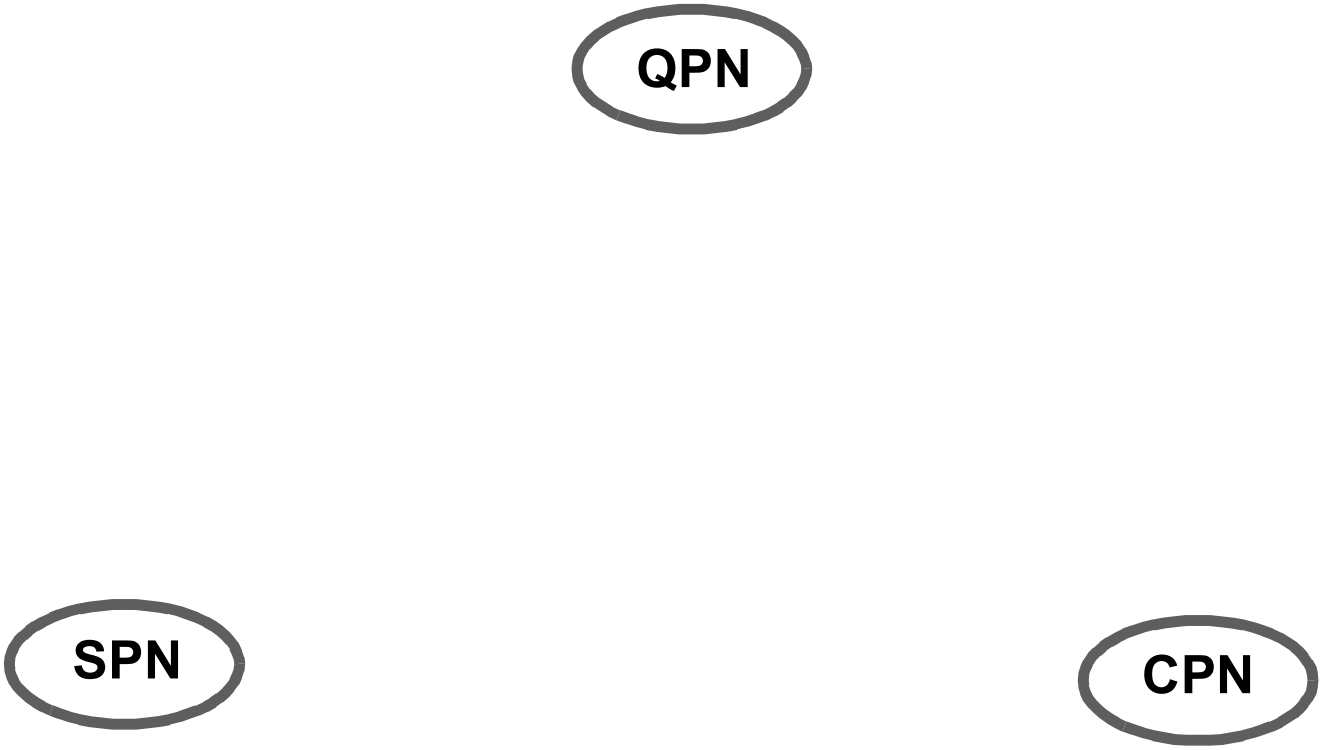

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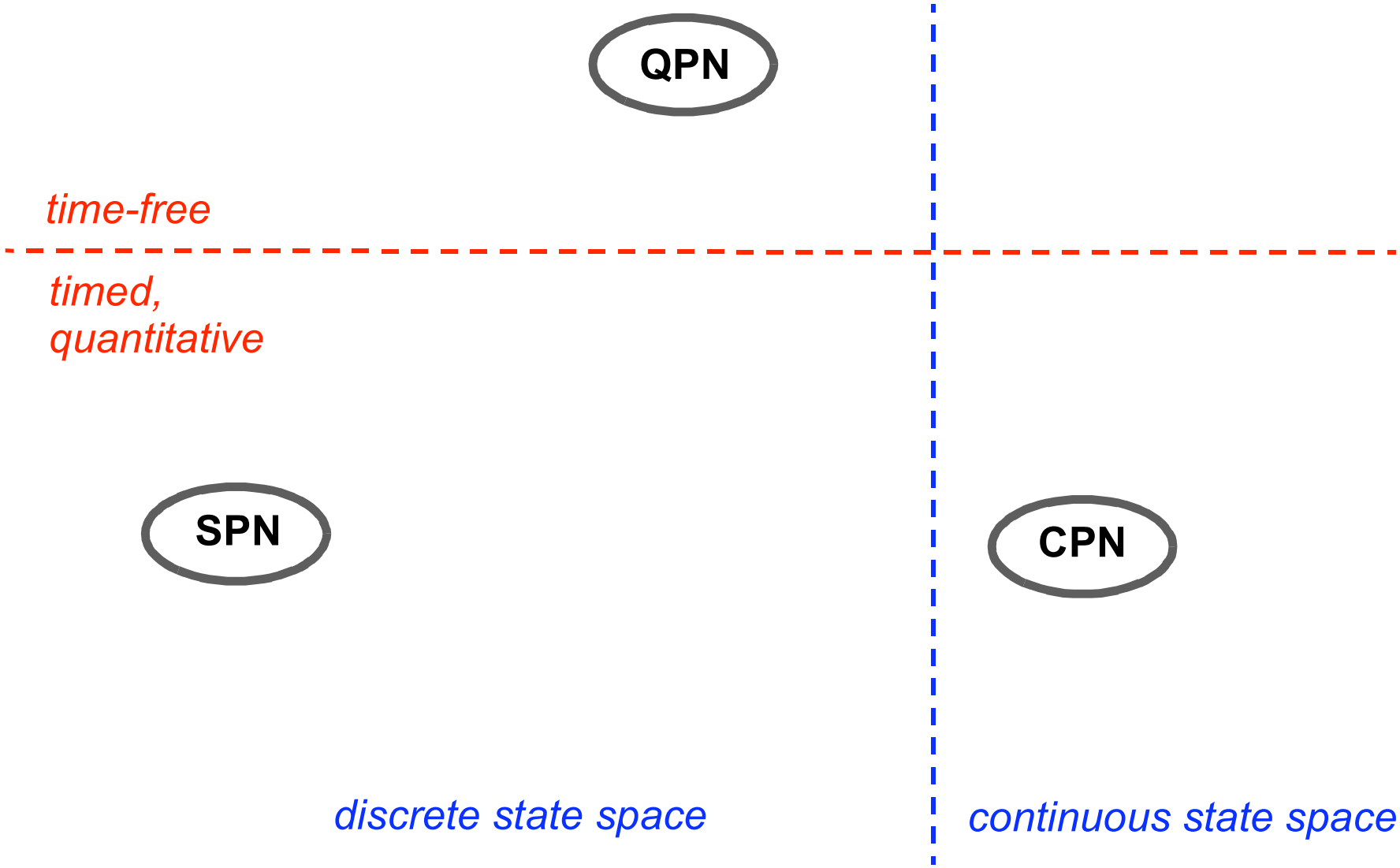
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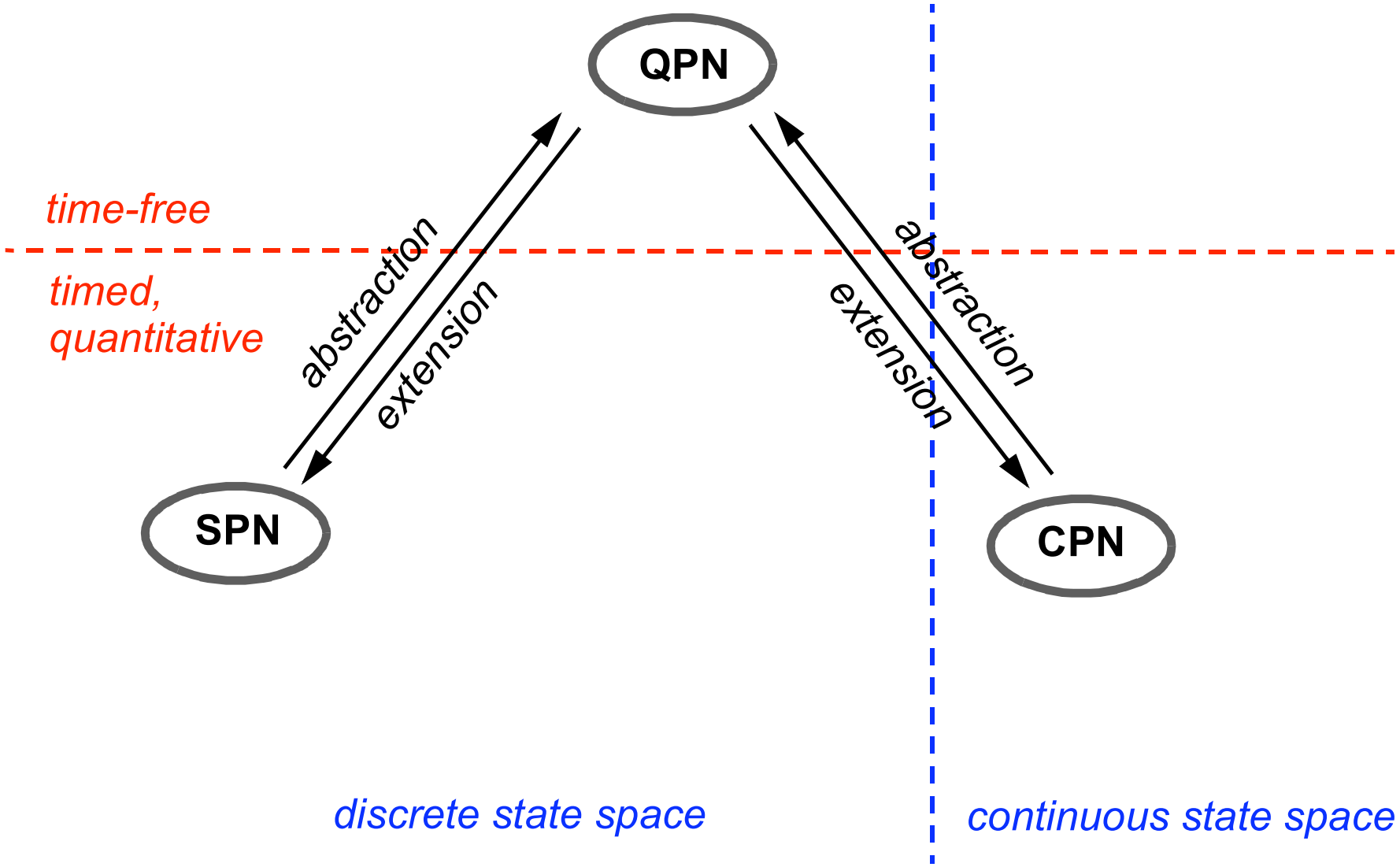
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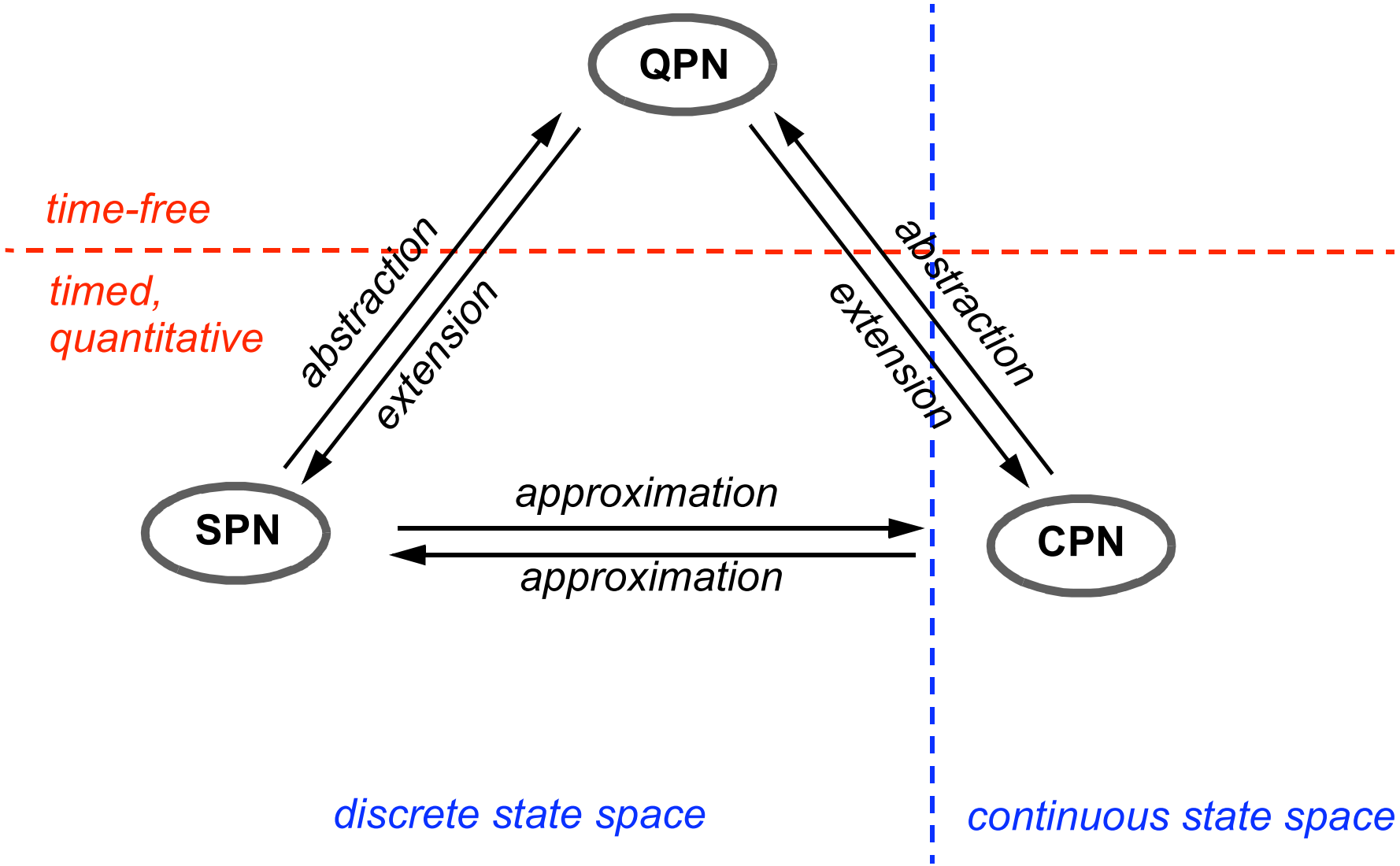
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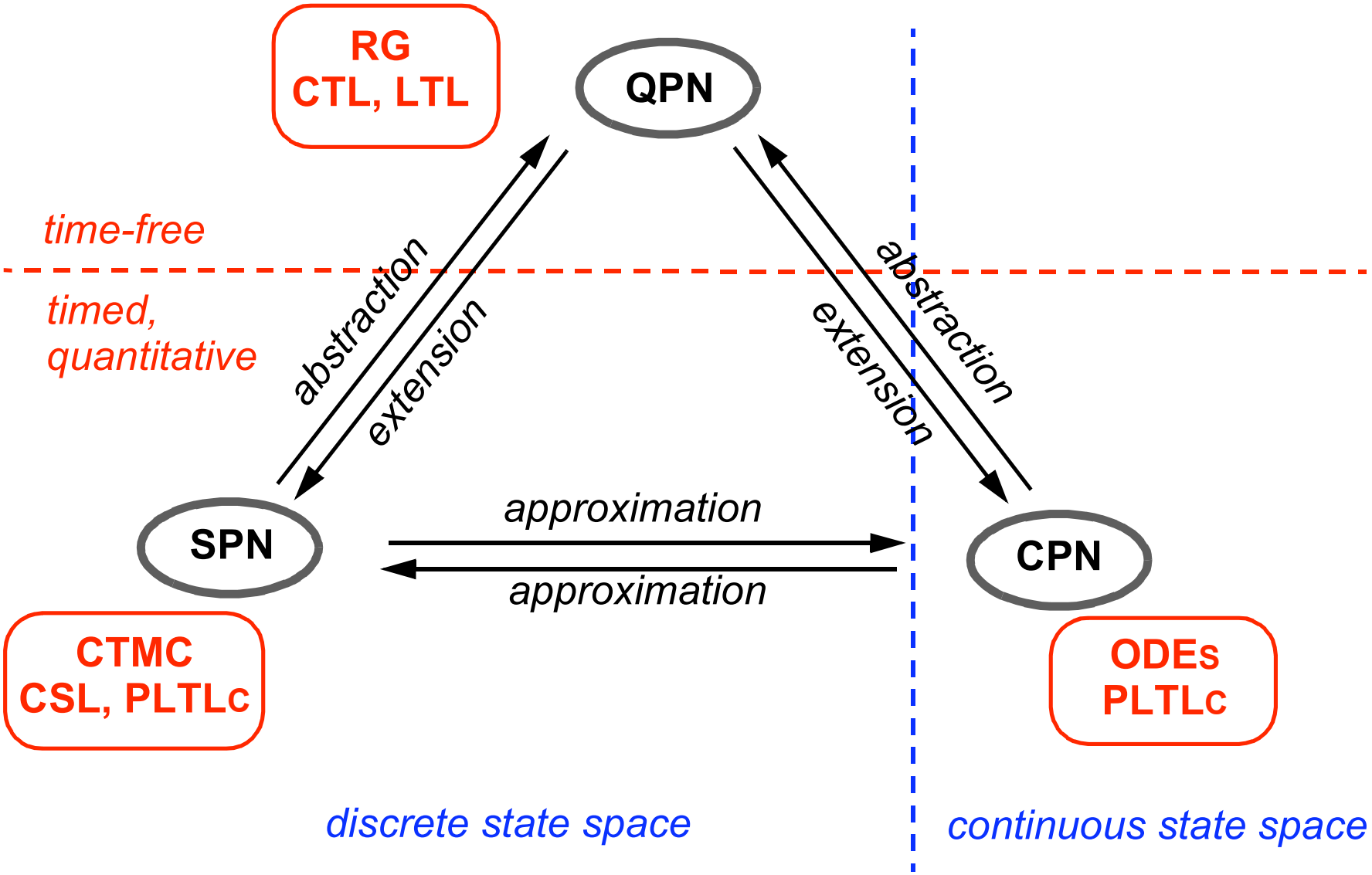
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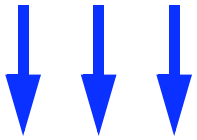

QUANTITATIVE MODEL = QUALITATIVE MODEL

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QUANTITATIVE PARAMETERS (KINETICS)

QUALITATIVE PETRI NETS - QPN -

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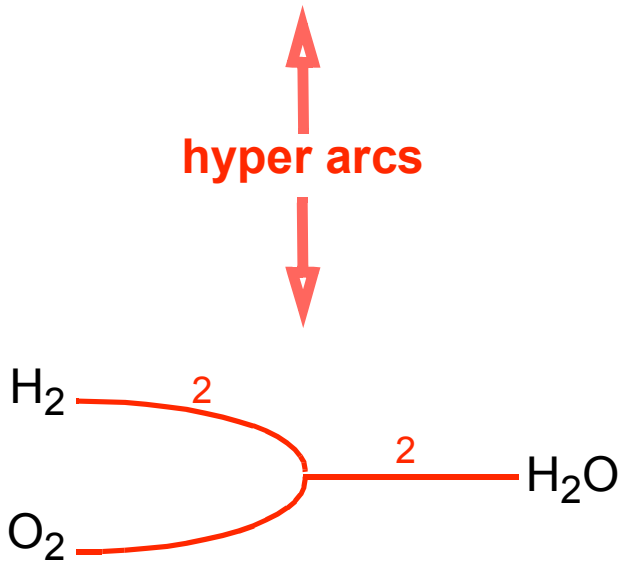

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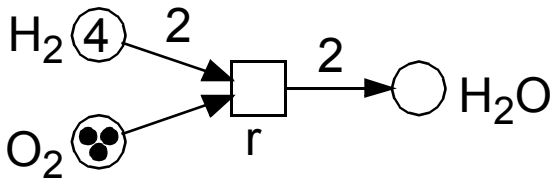

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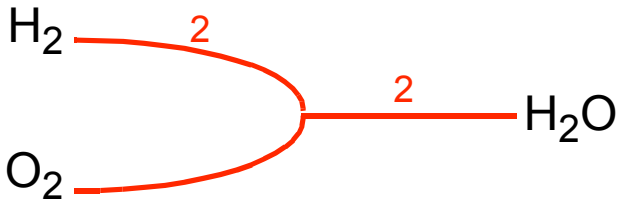

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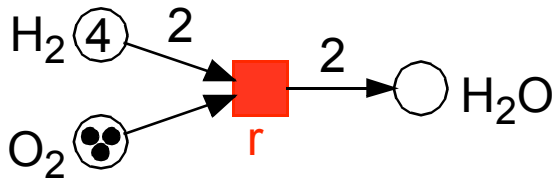

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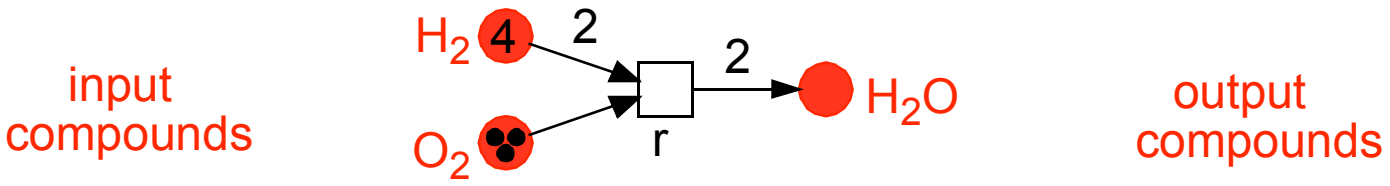

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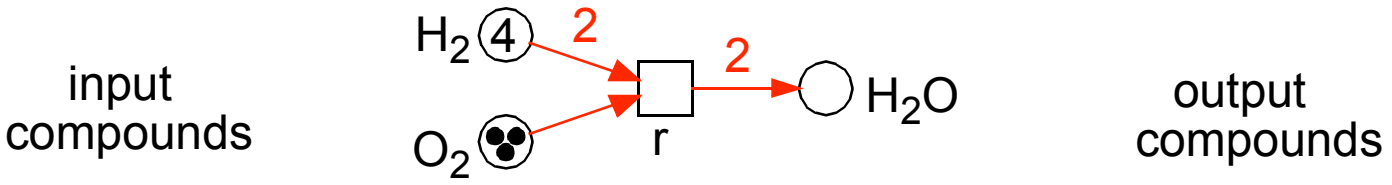

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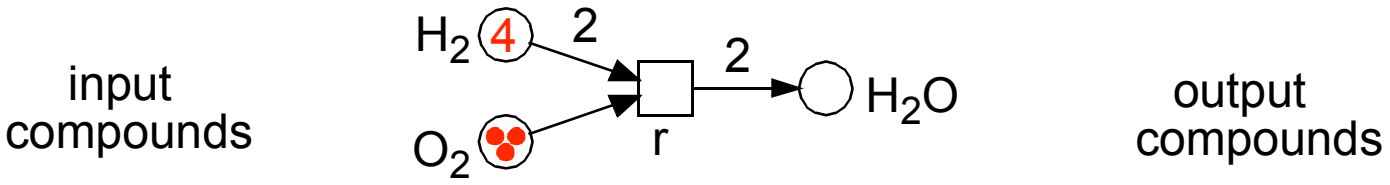

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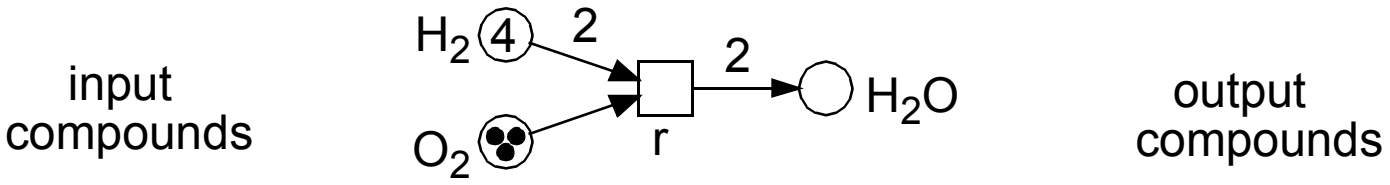

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- **PN = (P, T, F, m_0), F: (P x T) U (T x P) -> N_0, m_0: P -> N_0**

PETRI NETS, BASICS - THE FIRING RULE

- **an action may happen, if** **-> prerequisite**
  - -> *all preconditions are fulfilled (corresponding to the arc weights);*
- **if an action happens, then** **-> firing behaviour**
  - -> *tokens are removed from all preconditions (corresponding to the arc weights), and*
  - -> *tokens are added to all postconditions (corresponding to the arc weights);*
- **action happens (firing of a transition)** **-> model assumptions**
  - -> *atomic*
  - -> *time-less*

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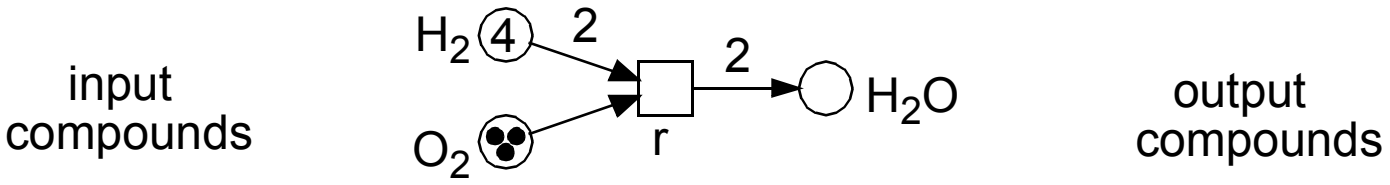

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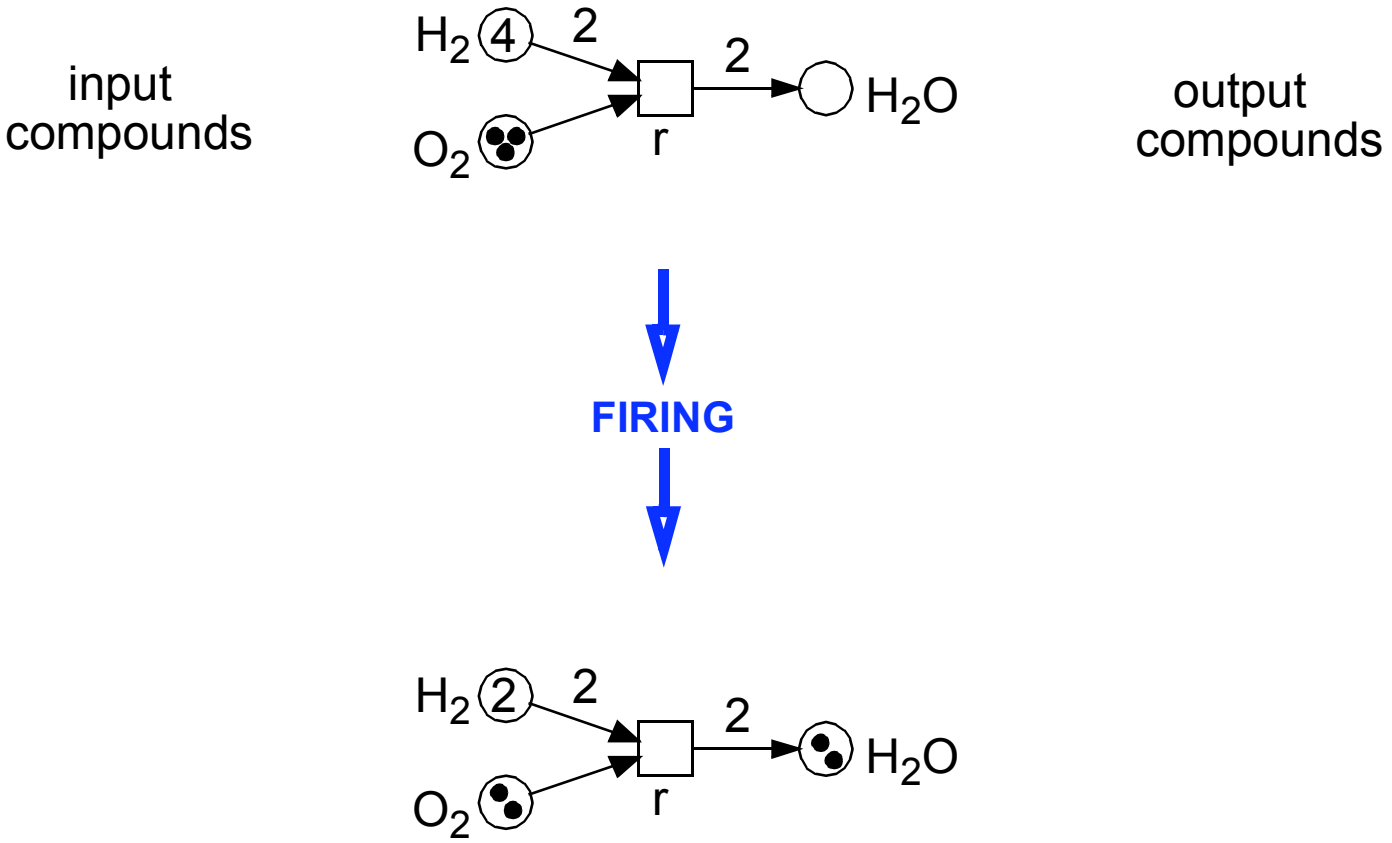

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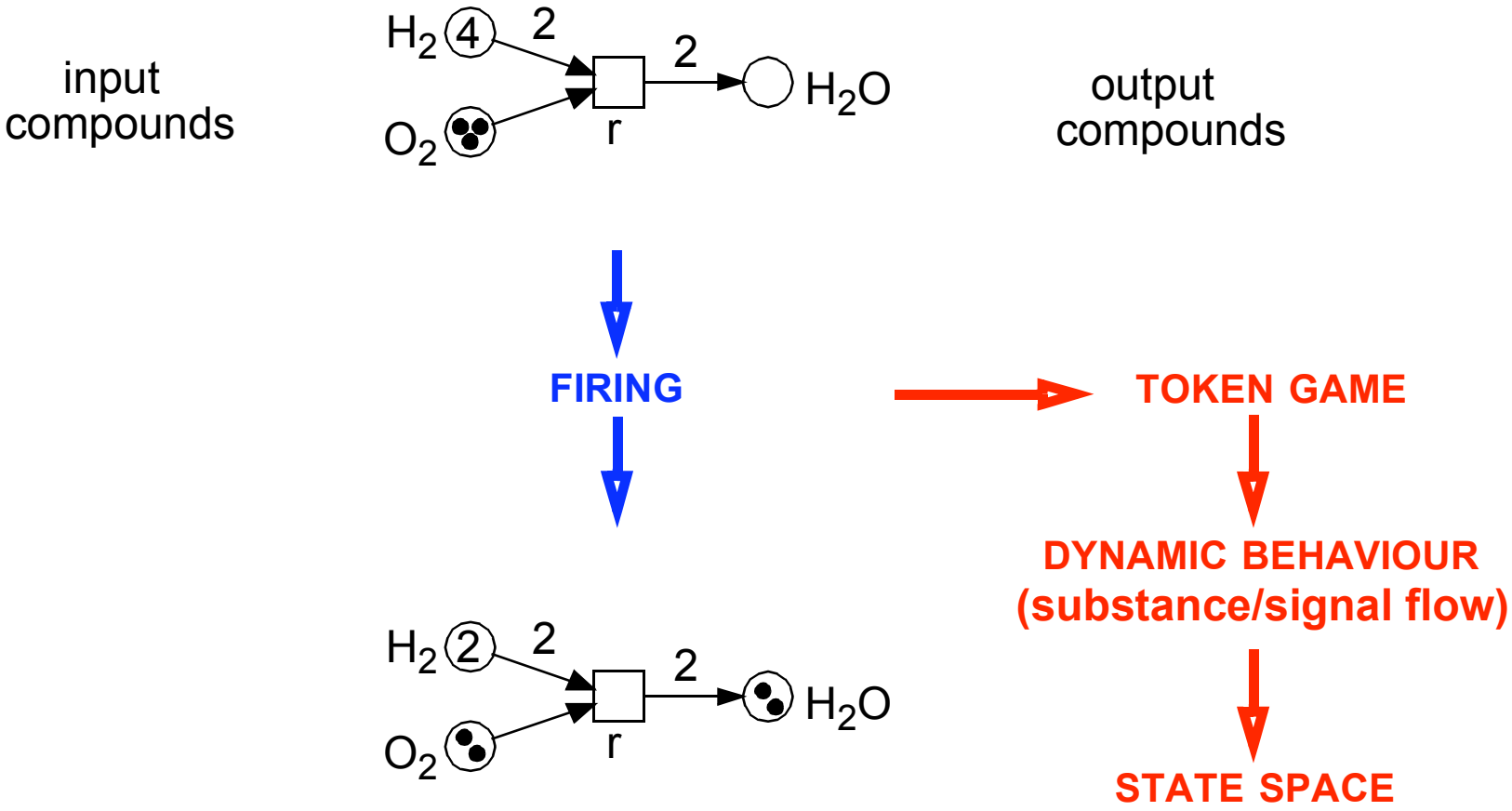

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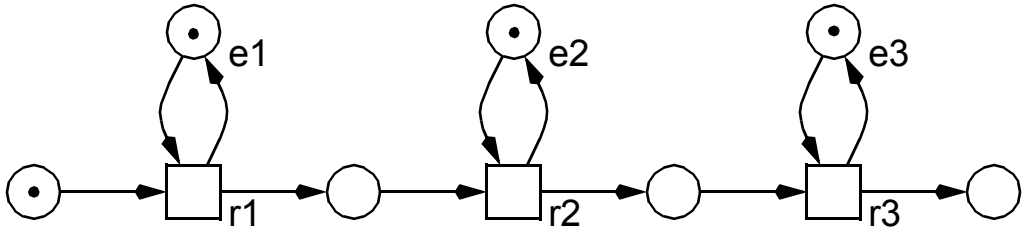
  -> *substance flows*



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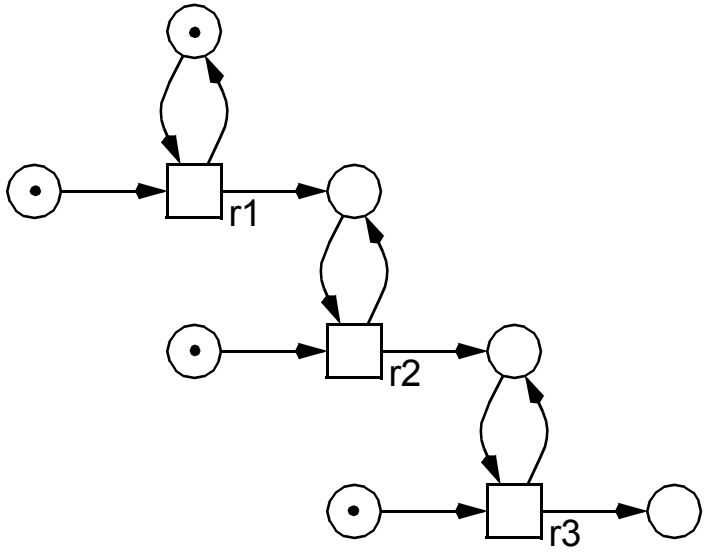

PETRI NET ELEMENTS, INTERPRETATIONS

- **metabolic networks**
  signal transduction networks
  gene regulatory networks

- **transitions**
  - -> *(reversible, stoichiometric, enzyme-catalyzed) chemical reactions,*
  - -> *conversions/transport of metabolites, proteins, . . .*
  - -> *complexations/decomplexations, de-/phosphorylations, . . .*

- **places**
  - -> *(primary, secondary) chemical compounds,*
  - -> *(various states of) proteins, protein complex, genes, . . .*

- **tokens**
  - -> *molecules, moles, . . .*
  - -> *concentration levels, gene expression levels, . . .*
    e.g., high/low = present/not present, or any finite integer number

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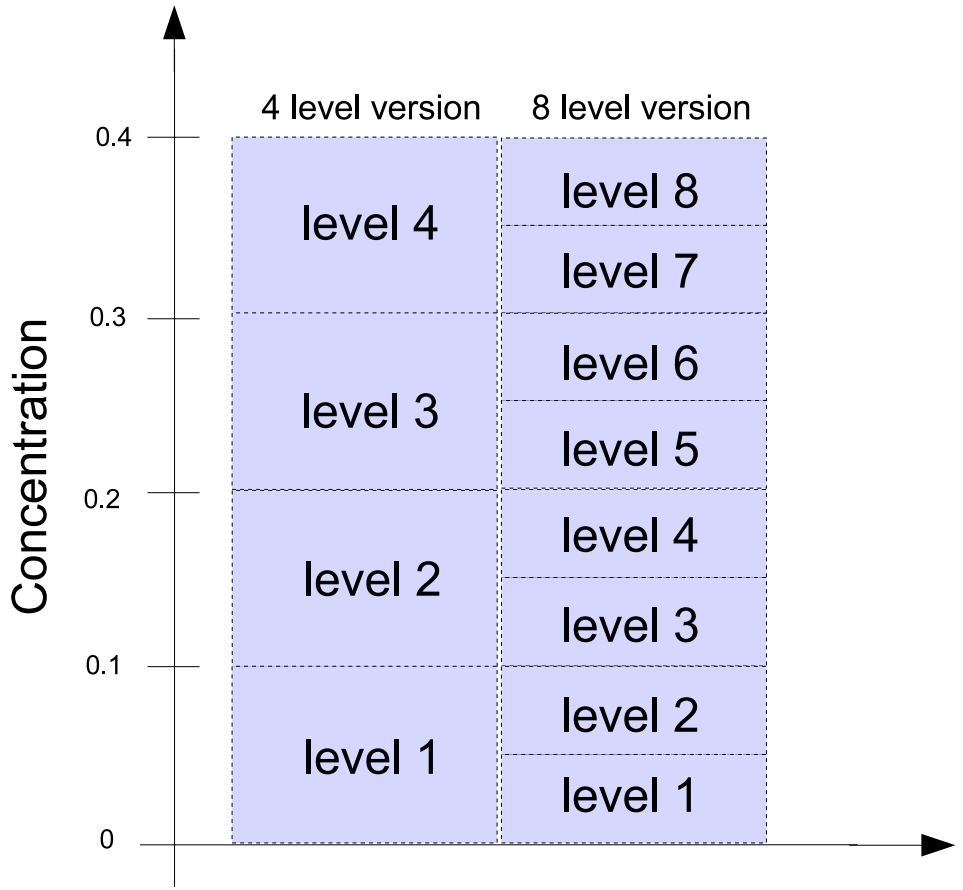

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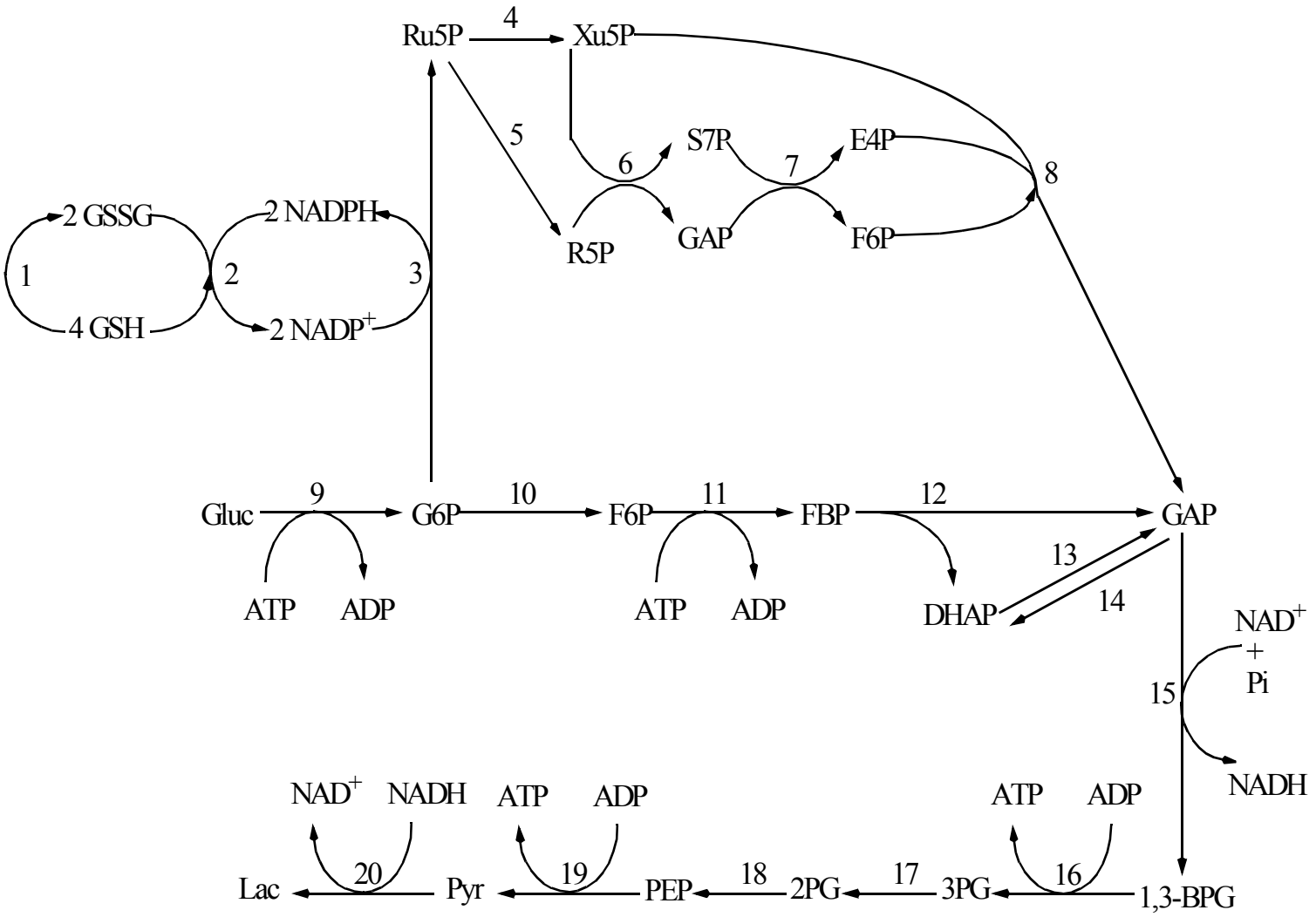

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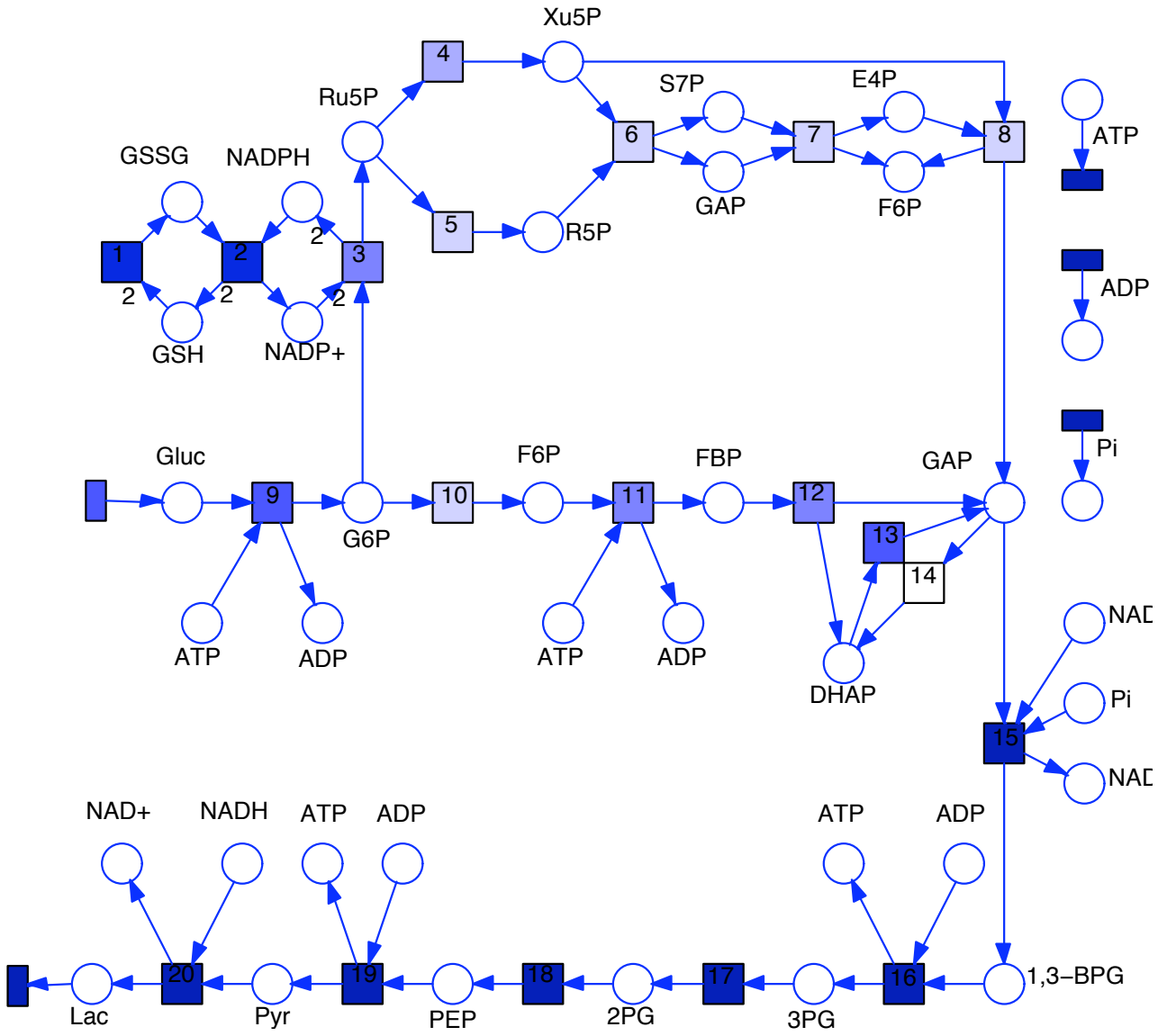

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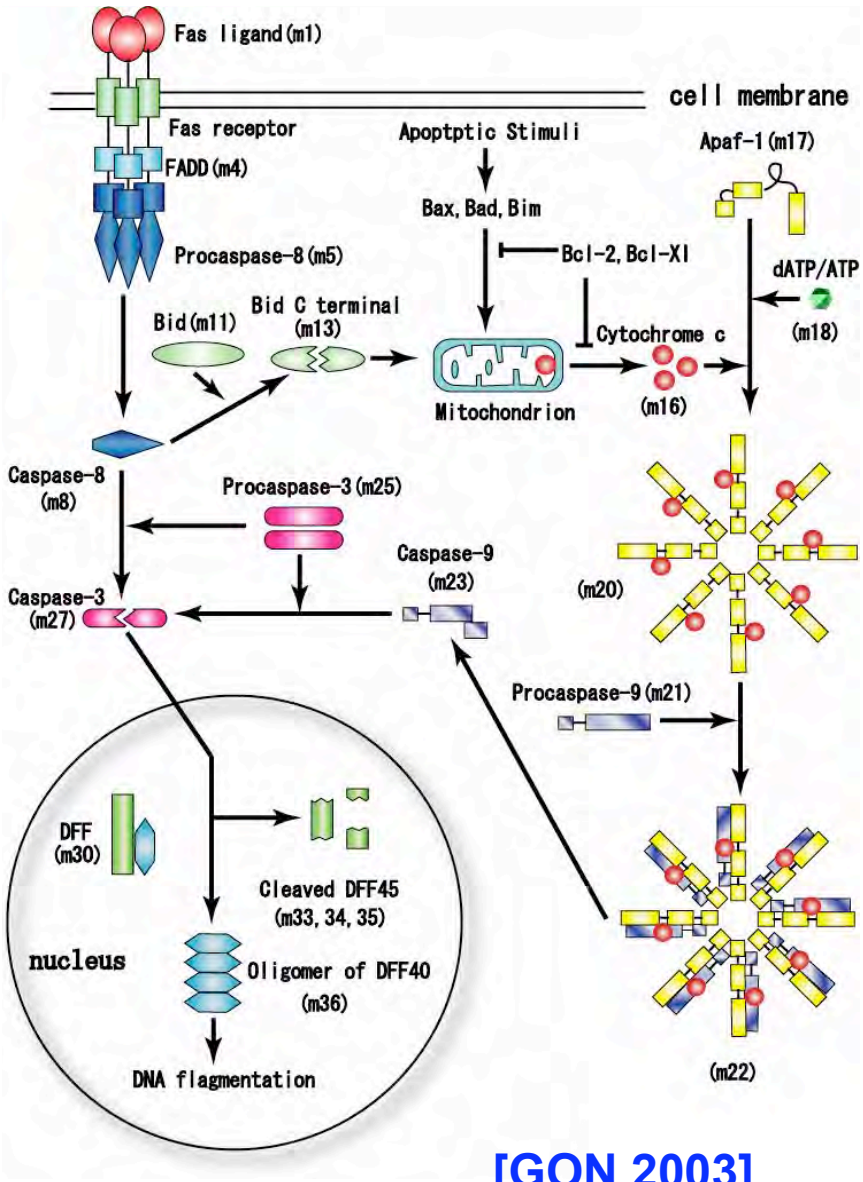

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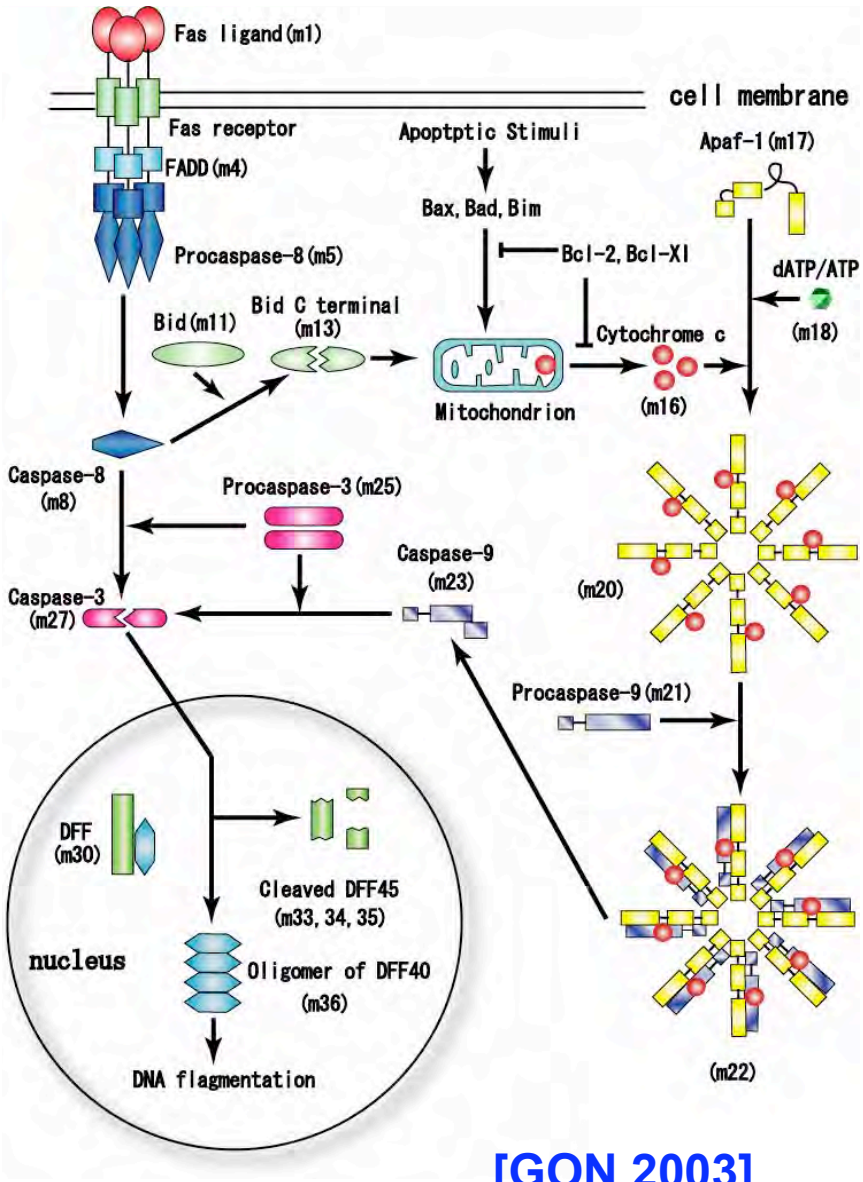

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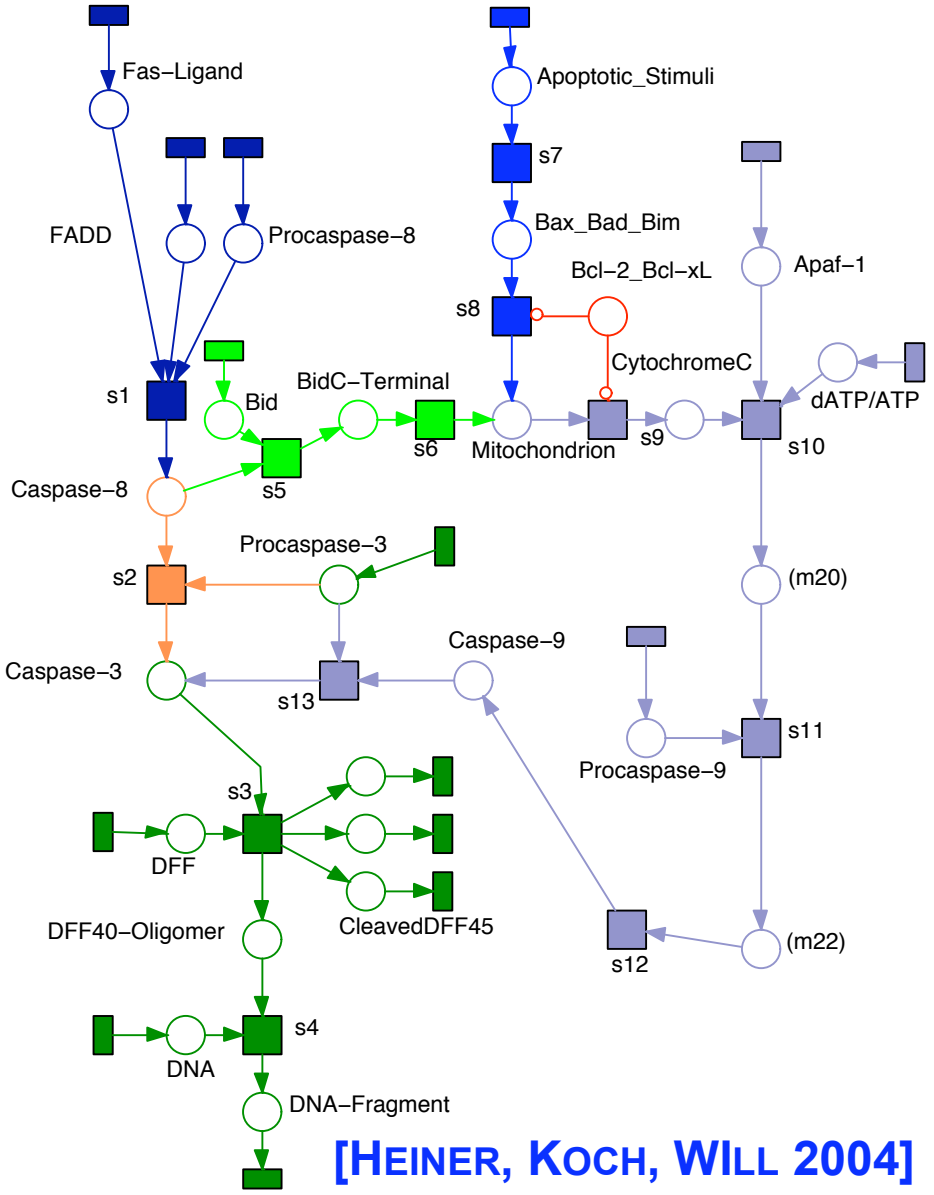

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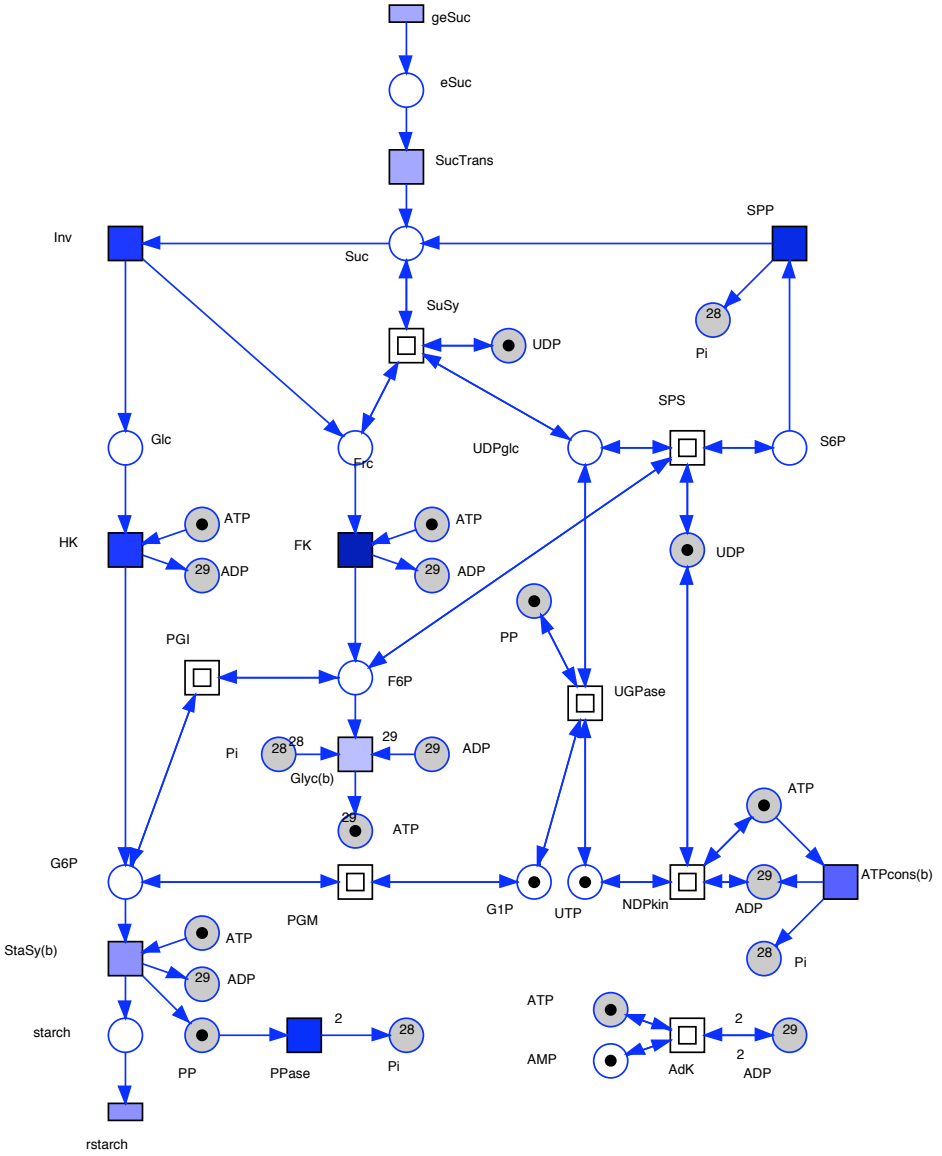

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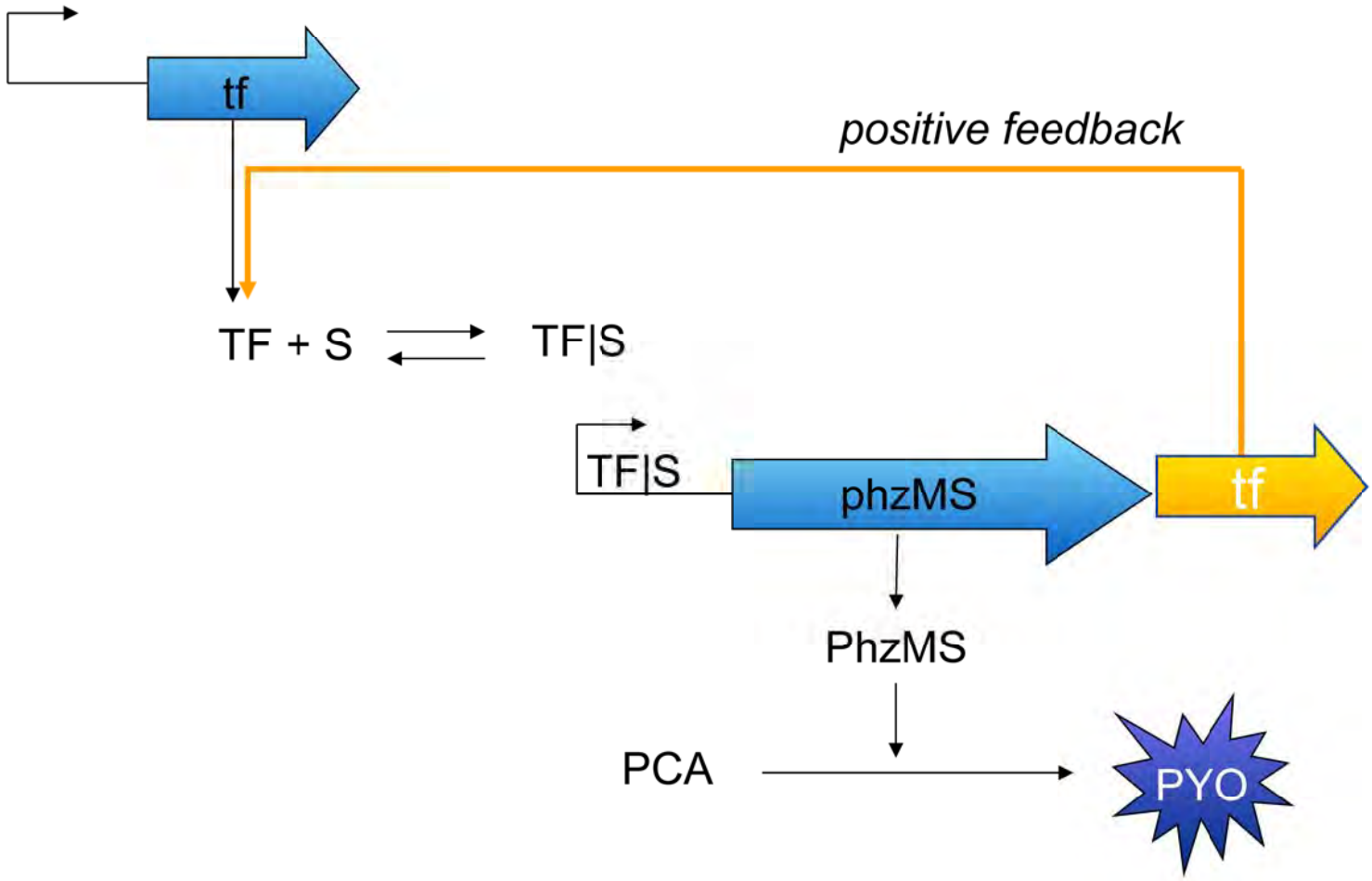

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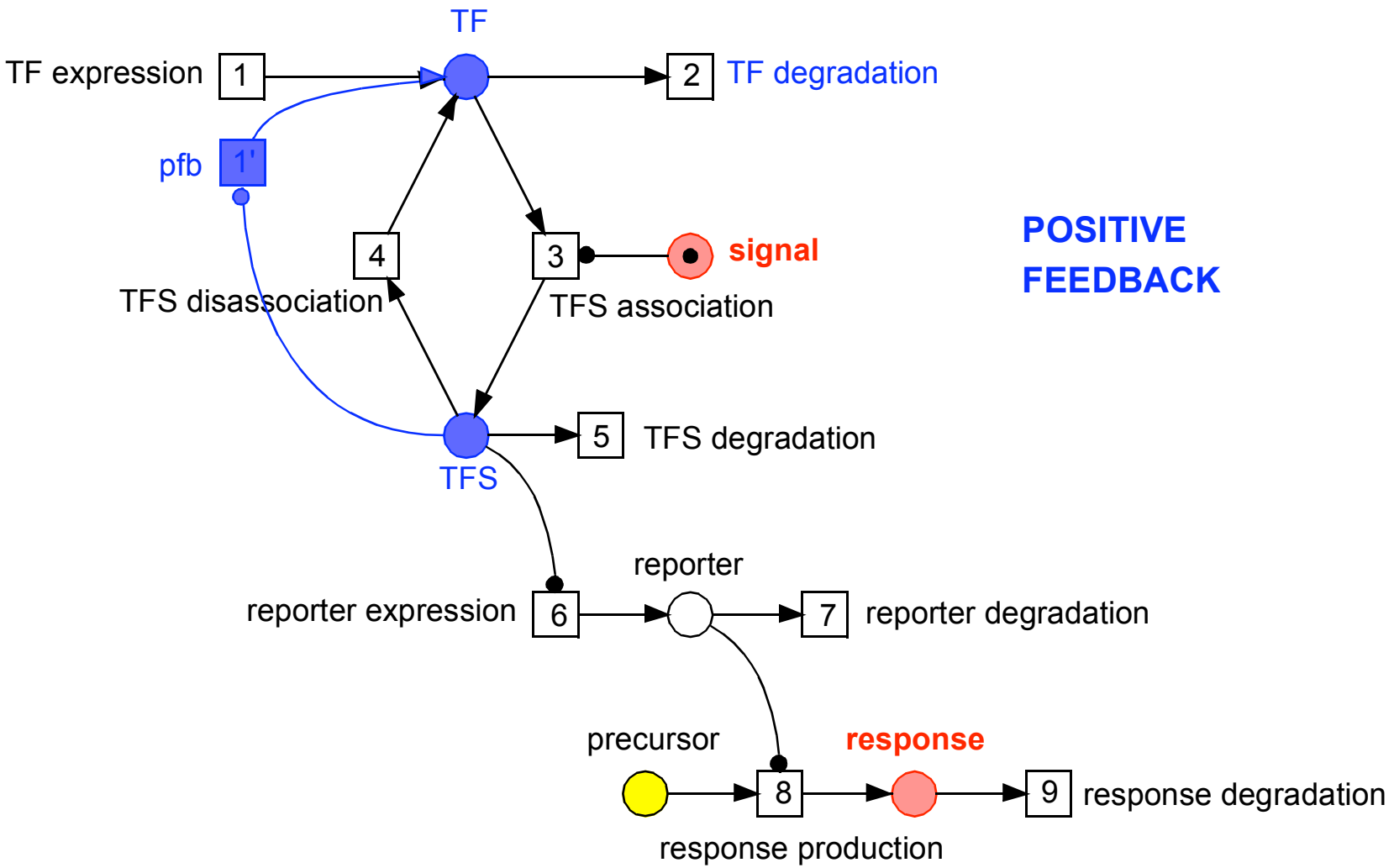

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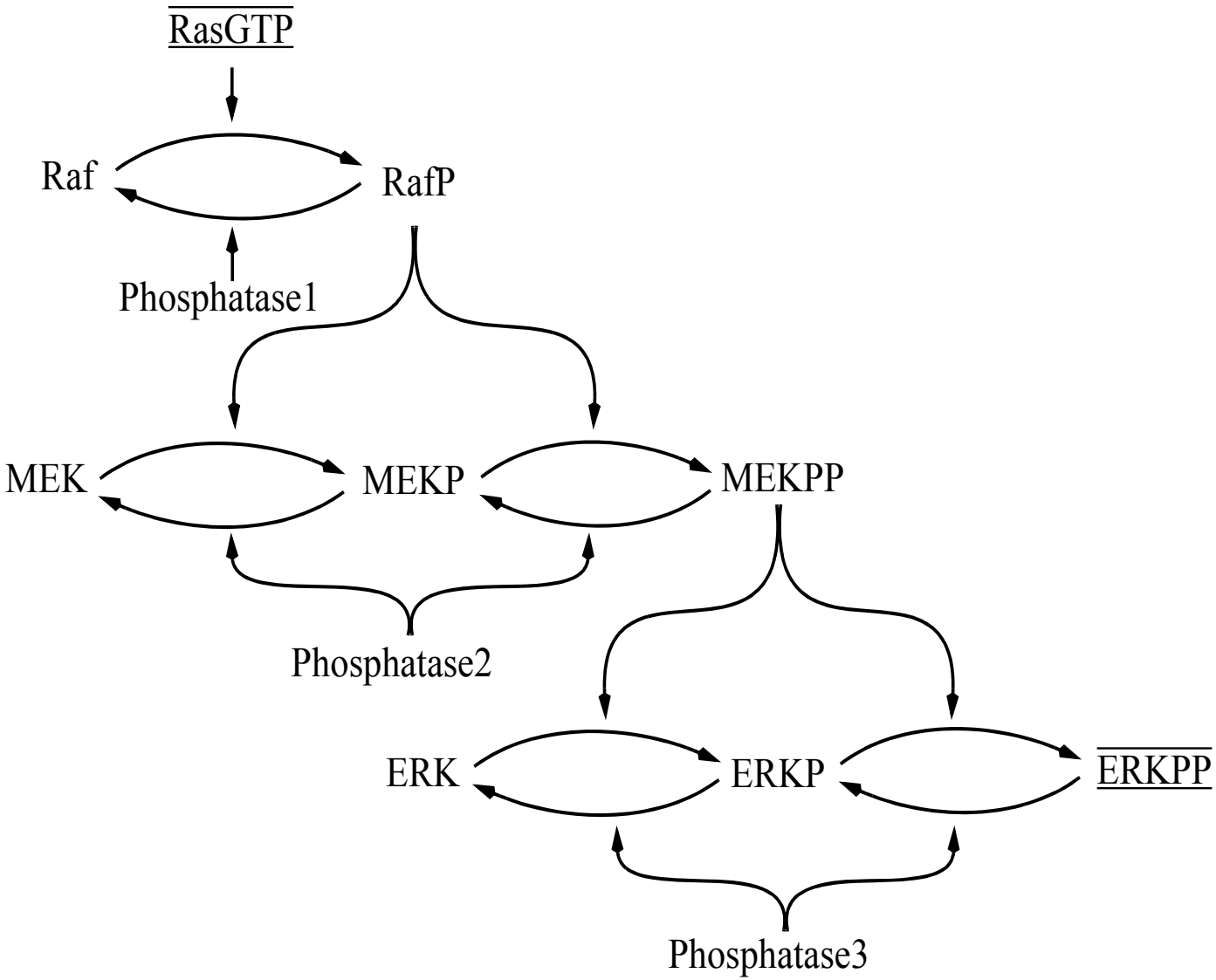

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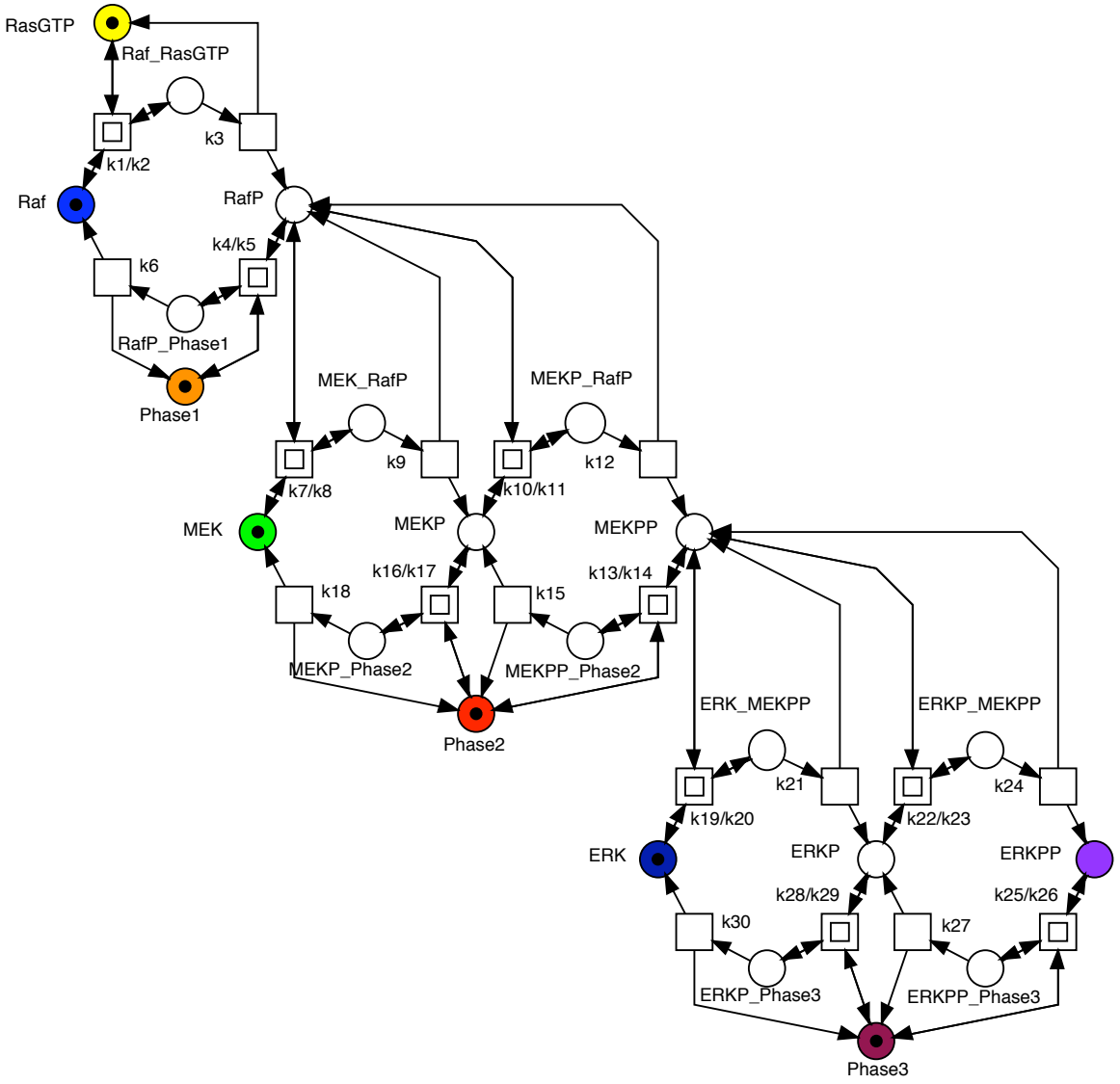

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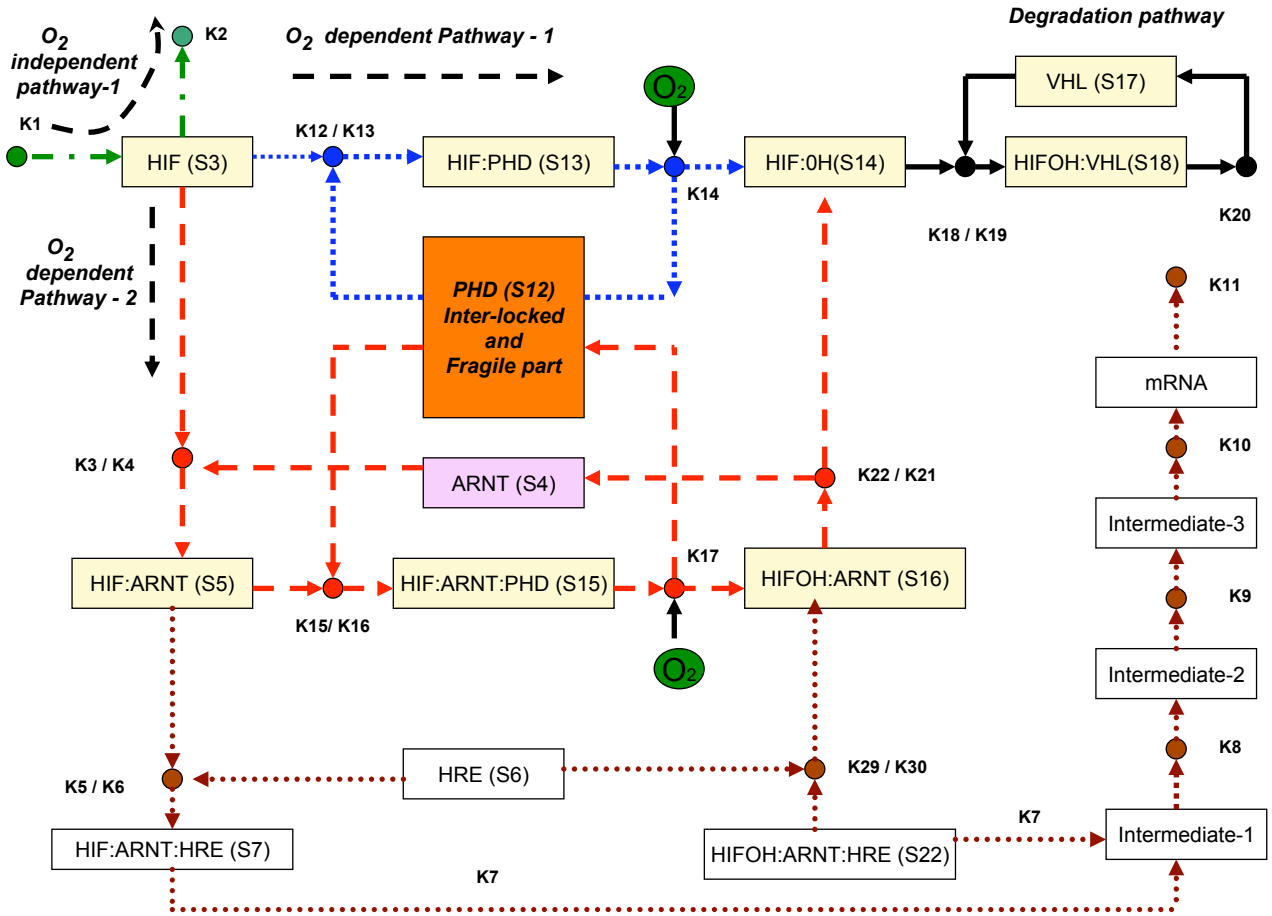

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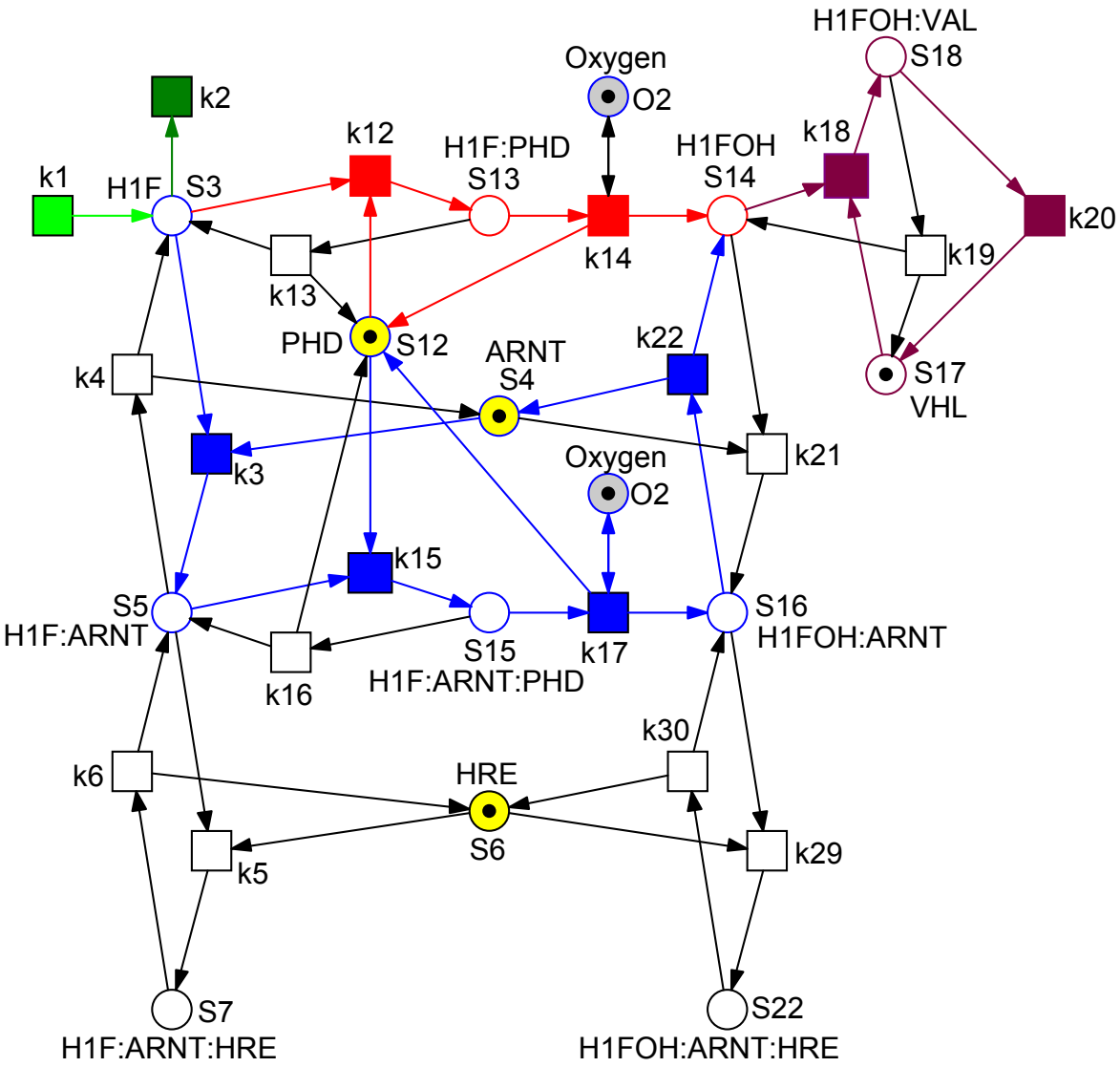

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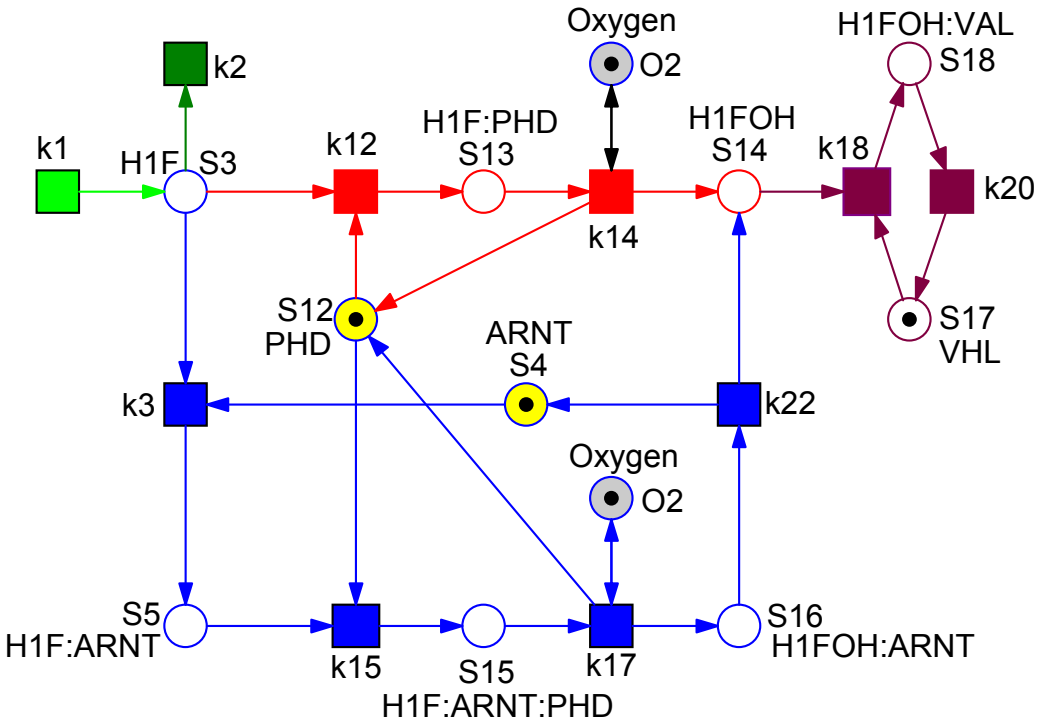

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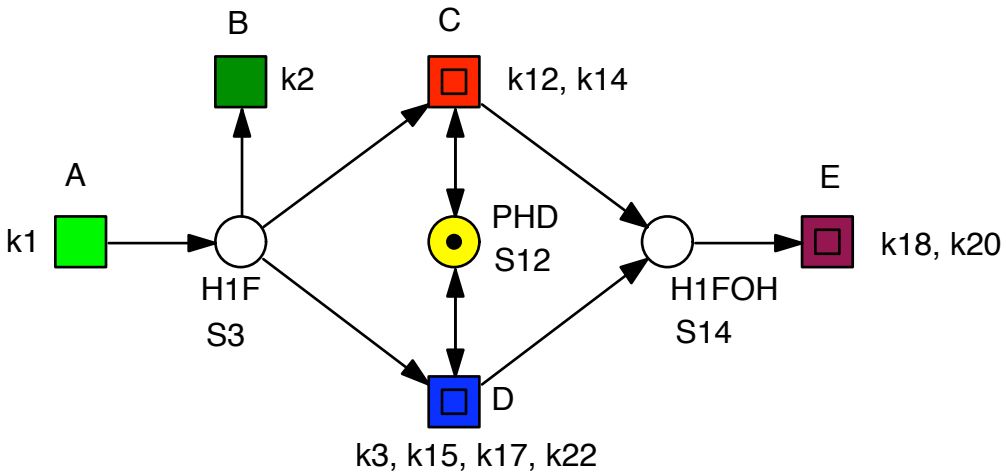

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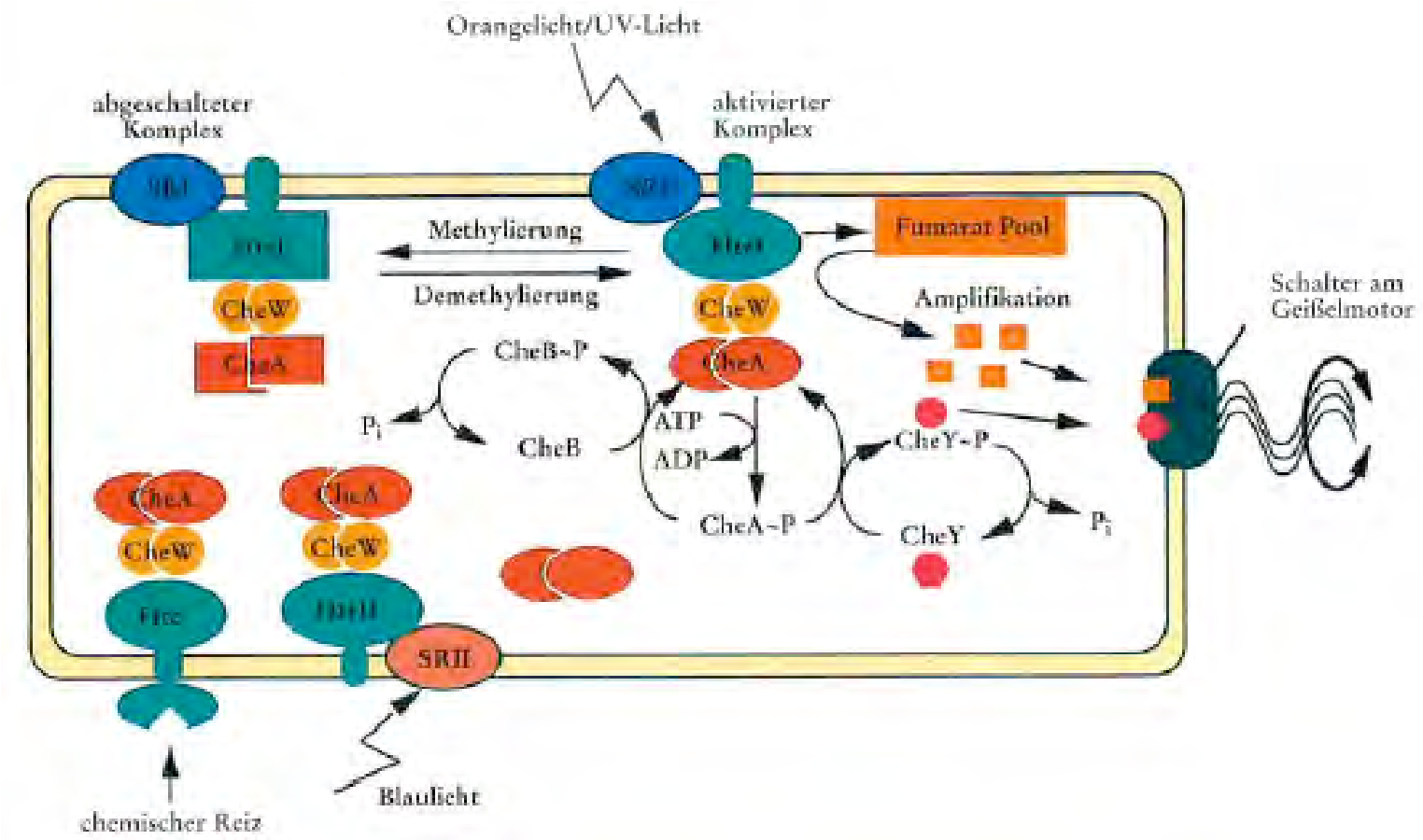

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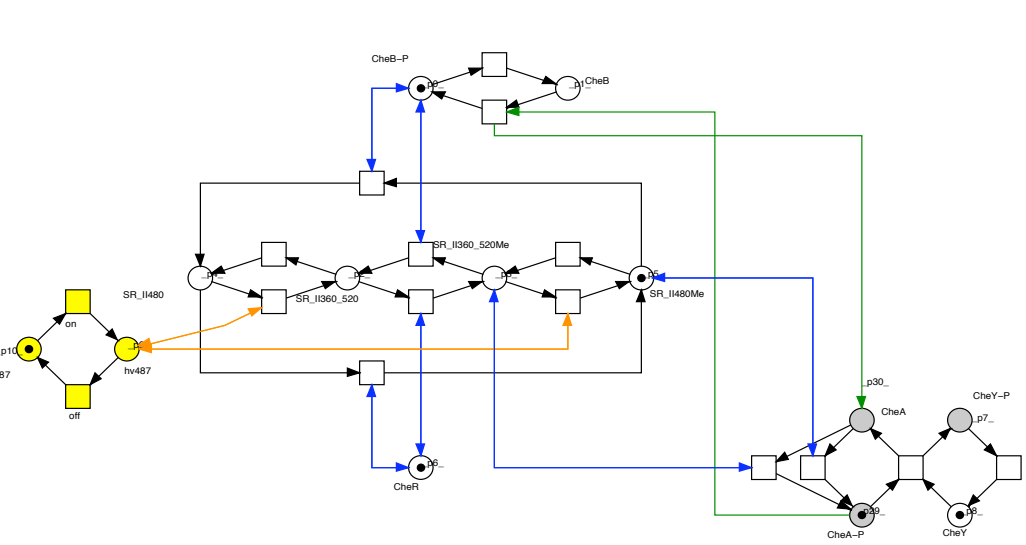

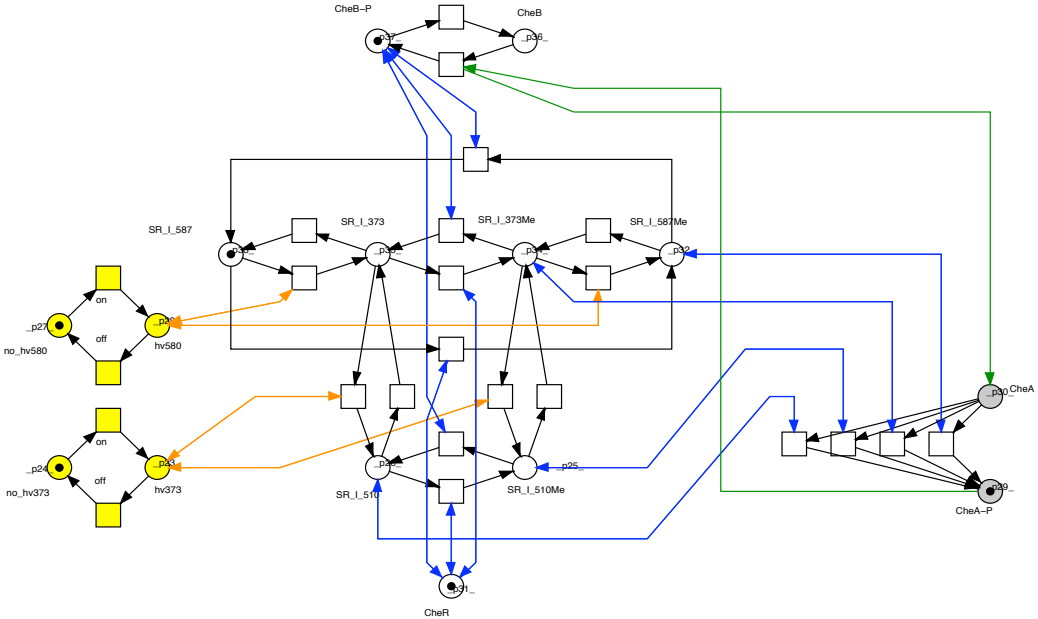

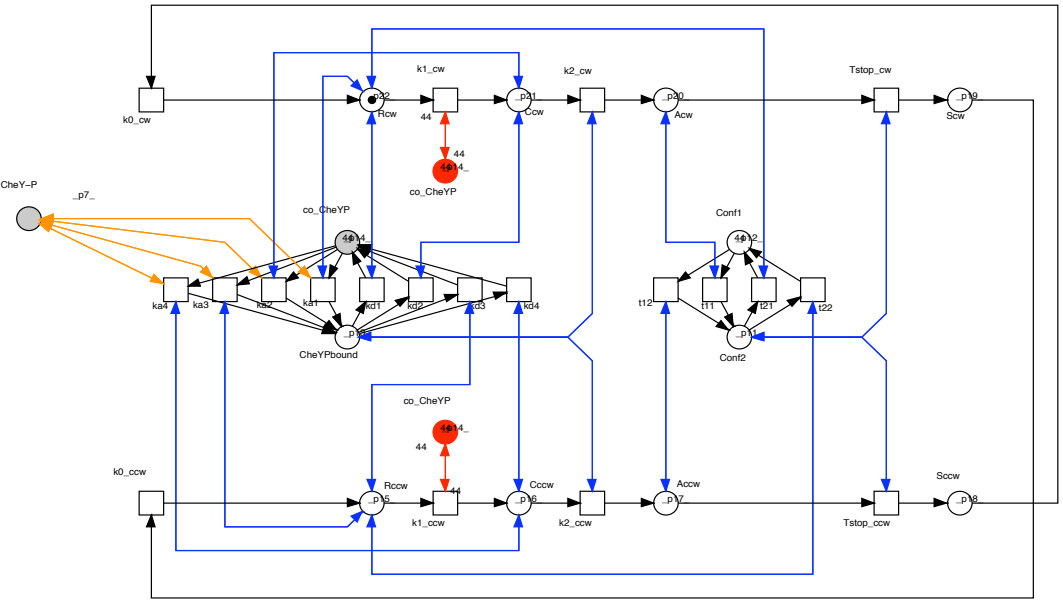

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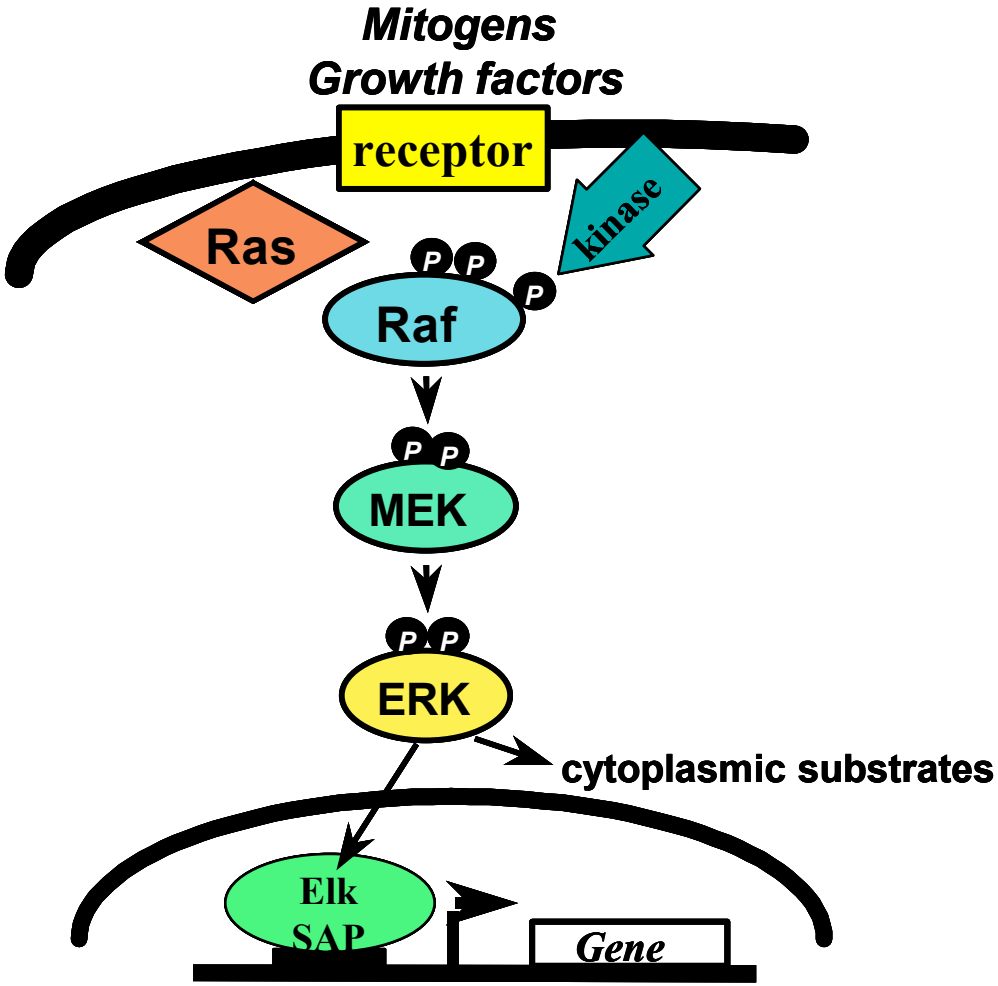
e.g. reachability of a given (sub-) system state (with constaints),
reproducability of a given (sub-) system state (with constraints)

expressed in temporal logics (CTL / LTL),
-> *very flexible, powerful query language*

A CASE STUDY

…one pathway…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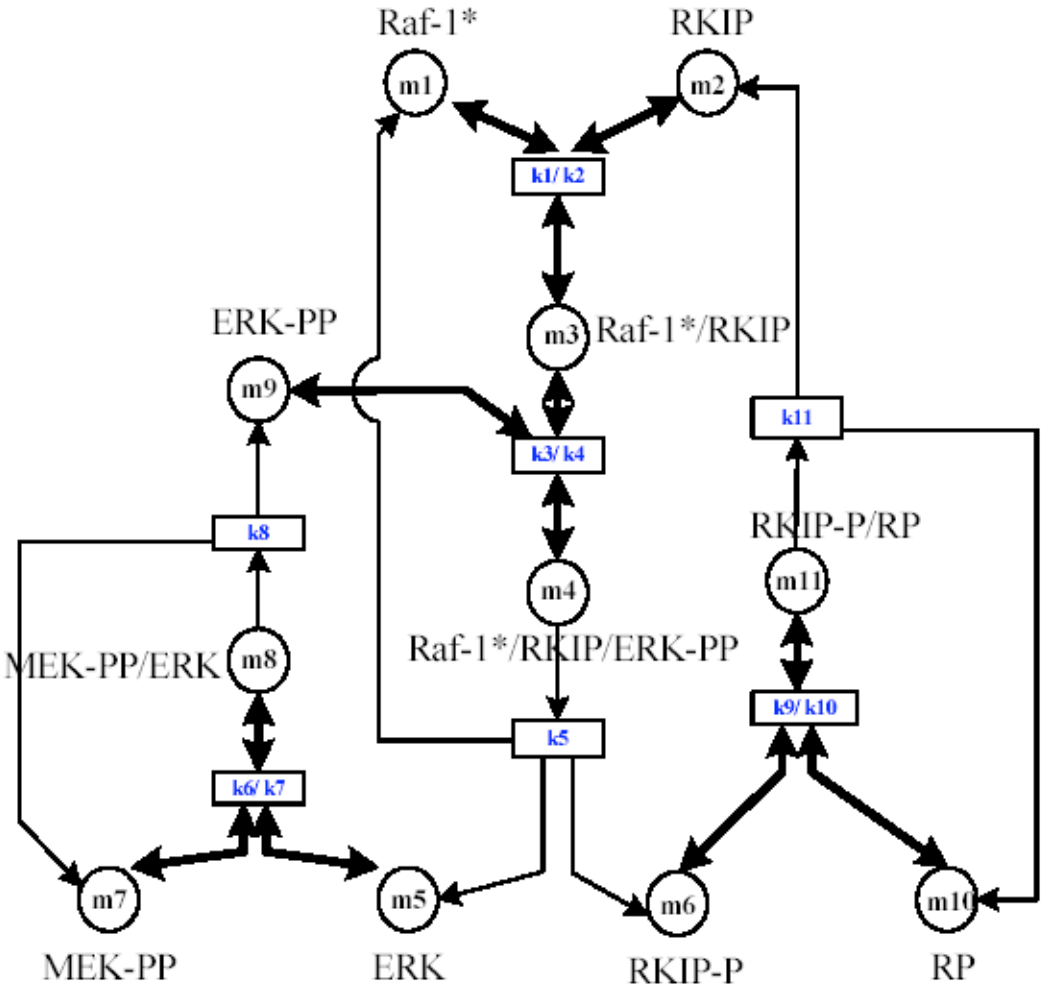

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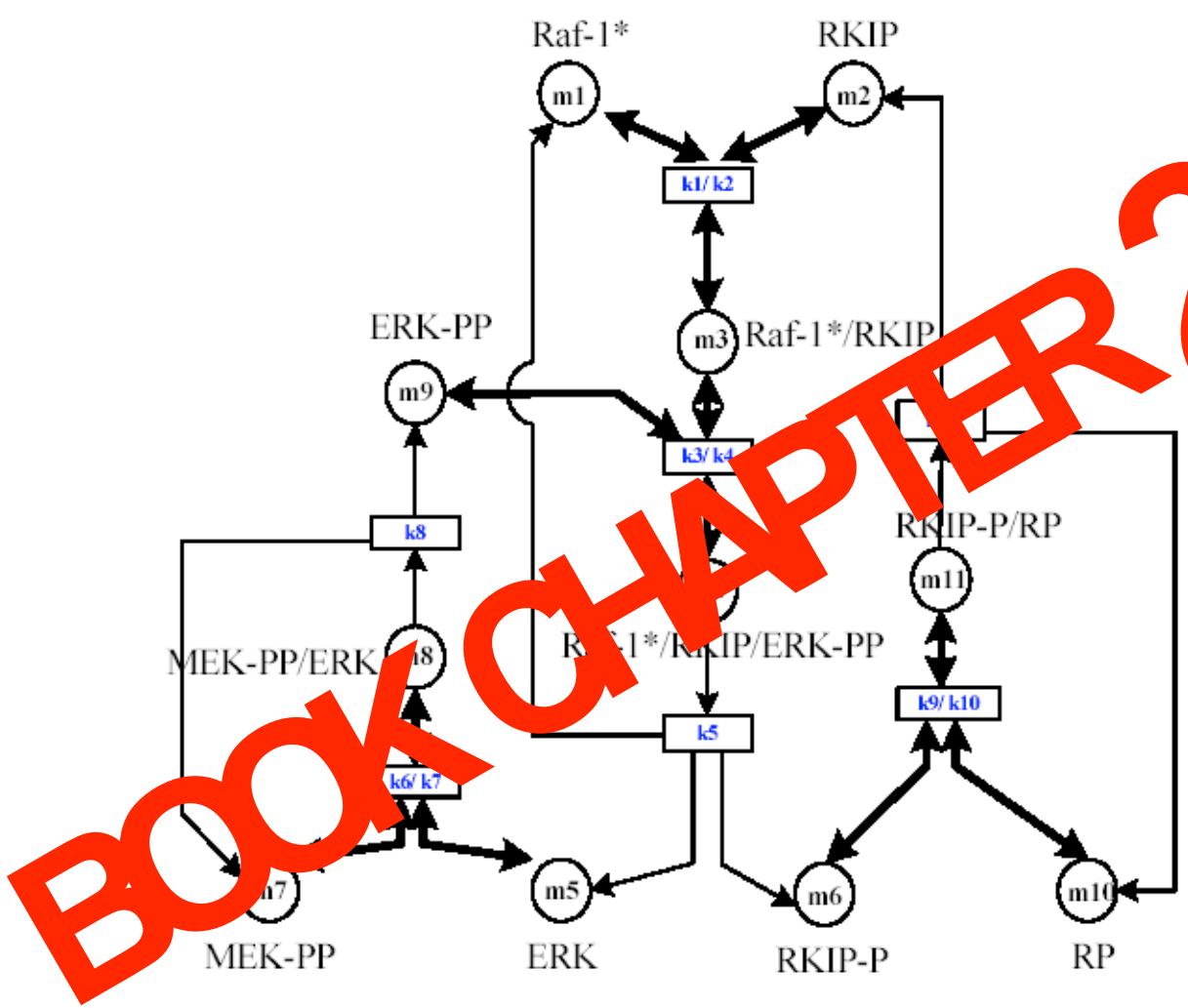

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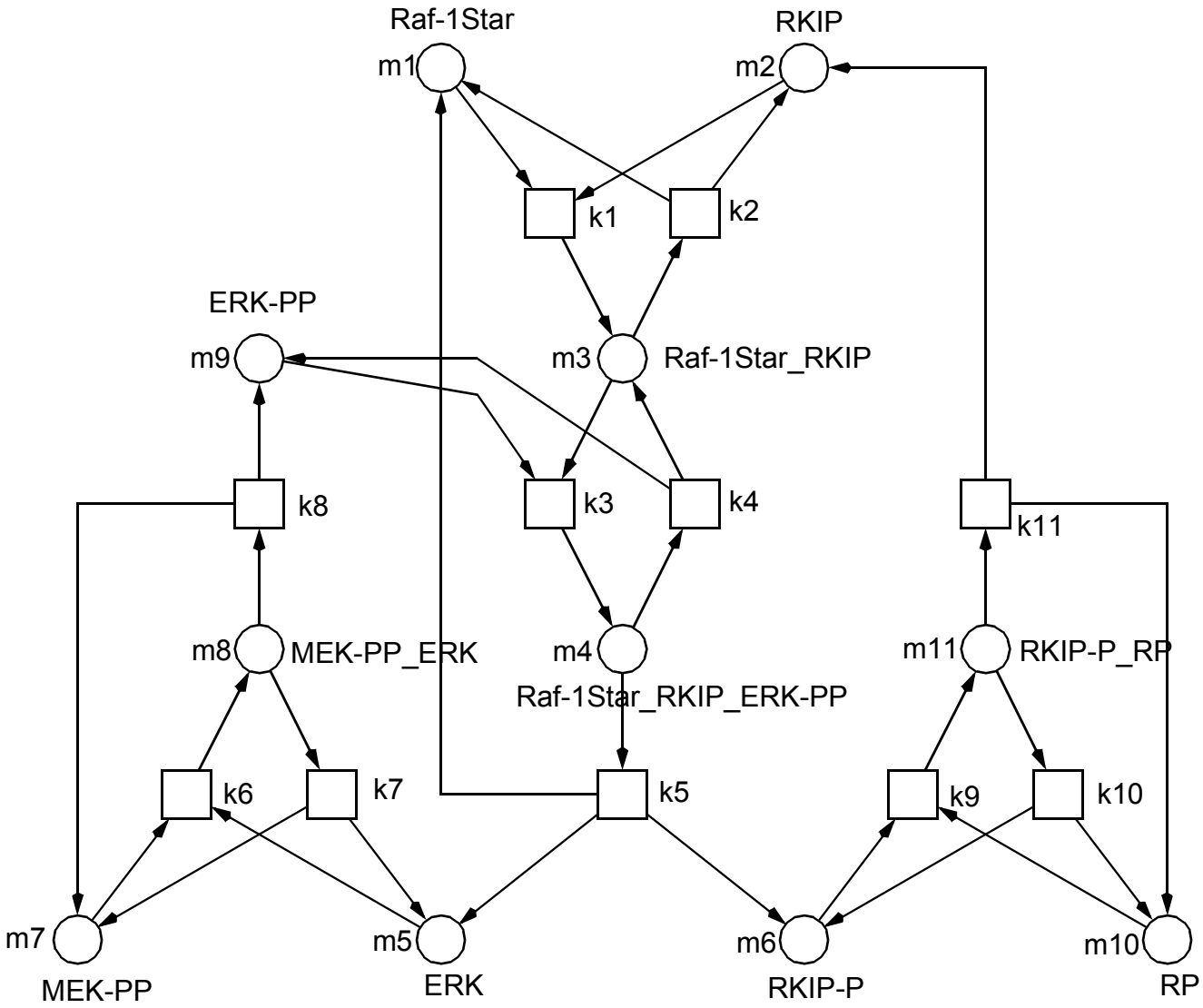

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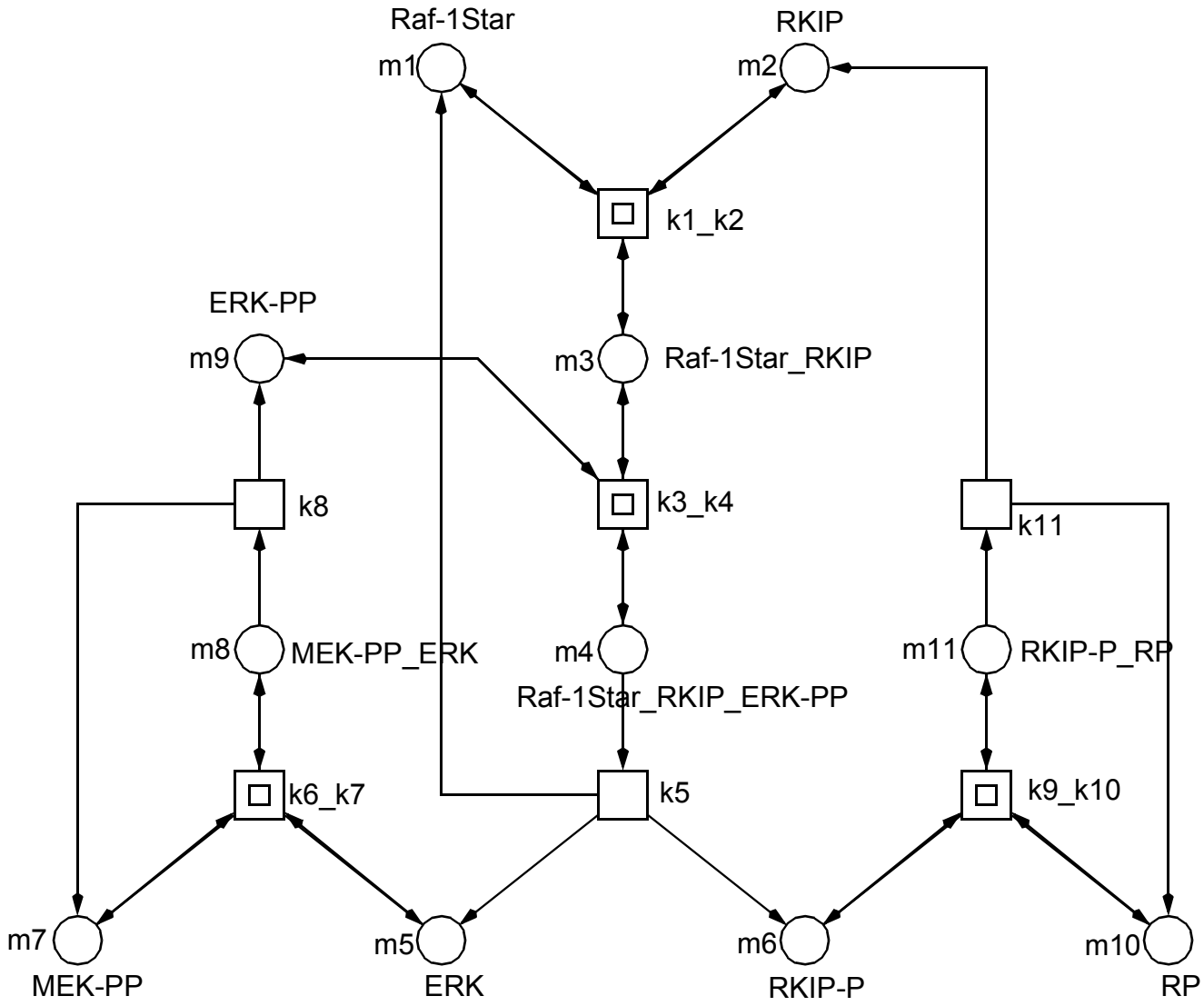

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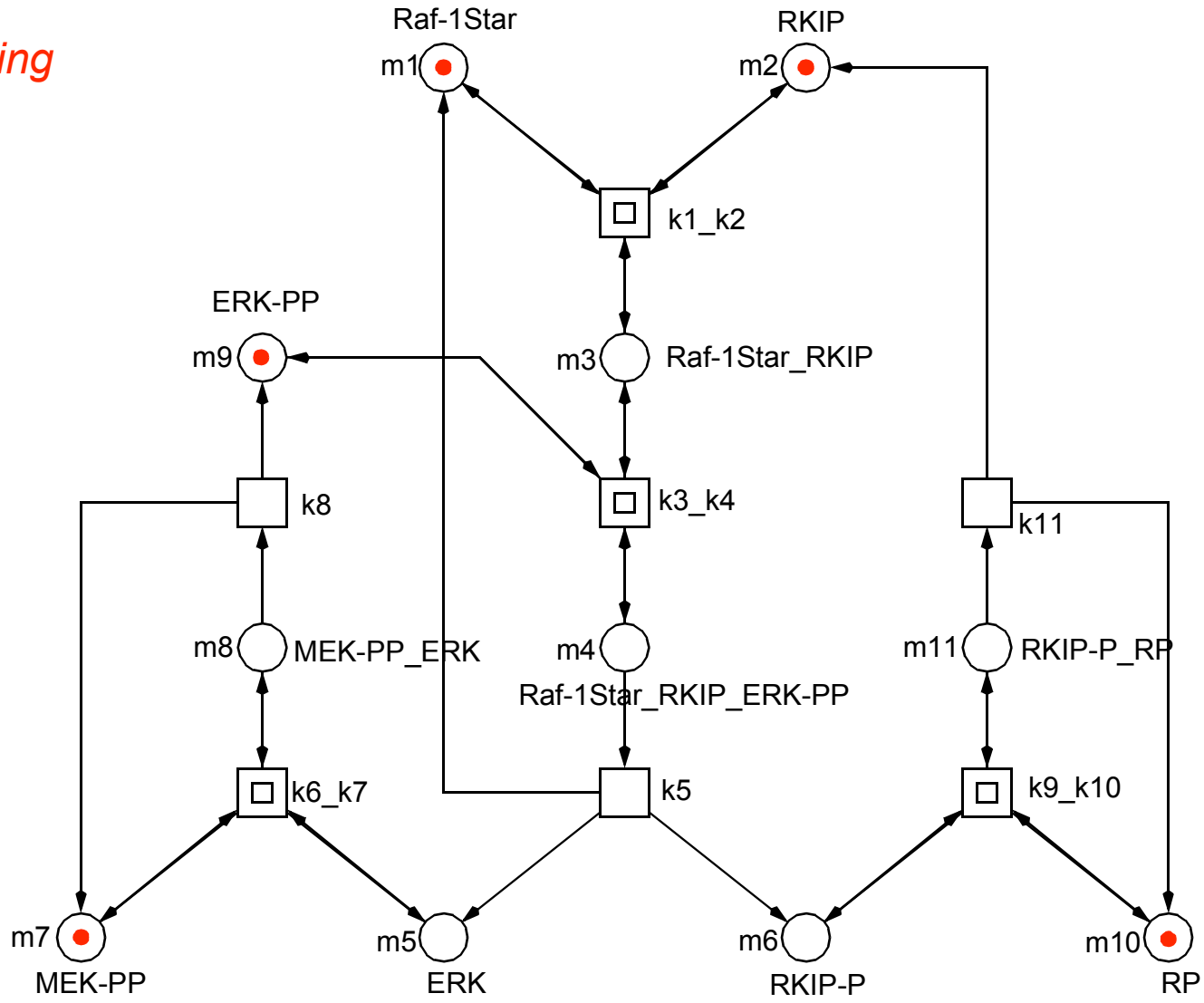

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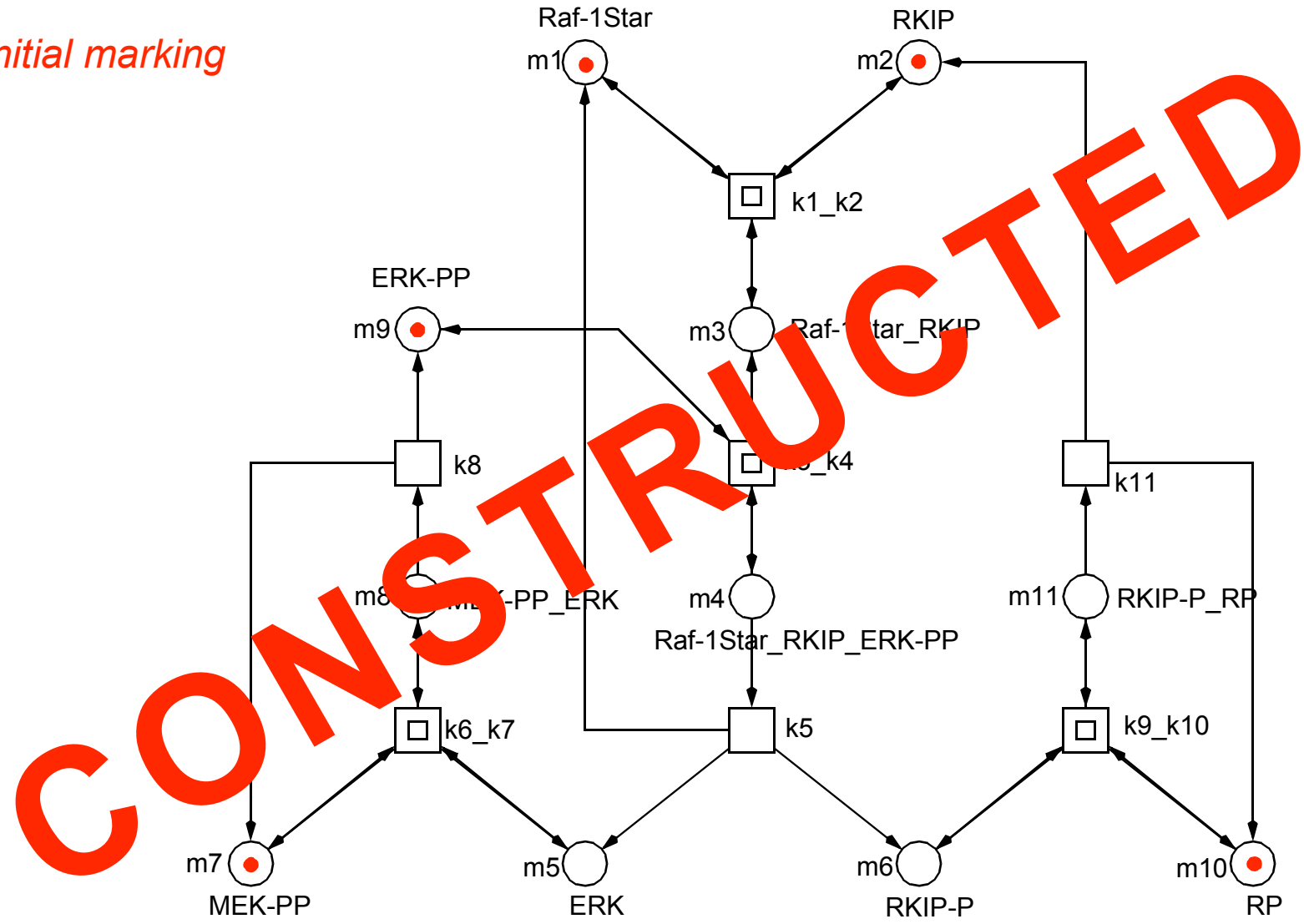

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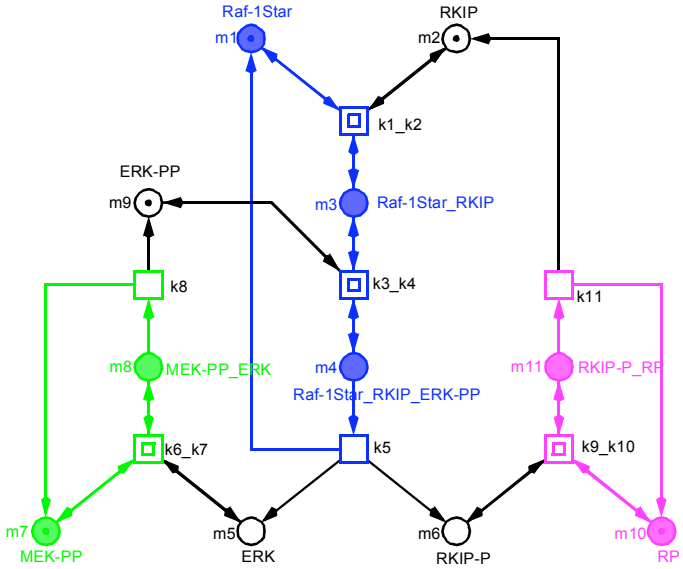
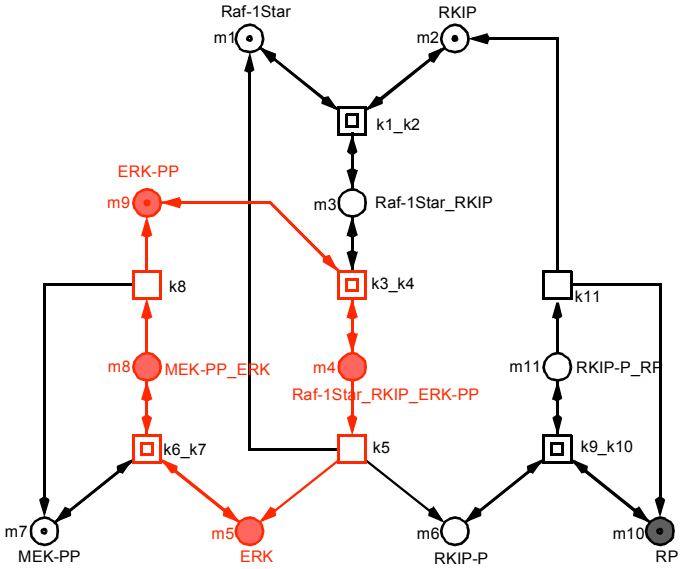




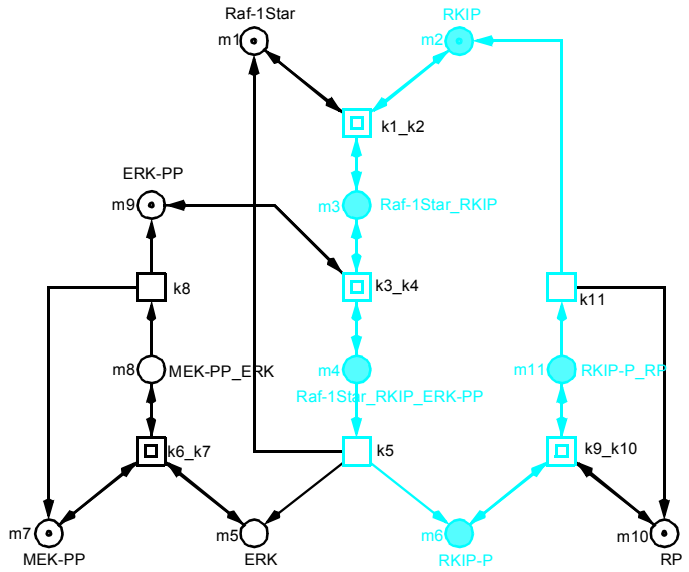
P-INV1: MEK

P-INV2: RAF-1STAR

P-INV3: RP

P-INV4: ERK

P-INV5: RKIP



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NON-TRIVIAL T-INVARIANT, RUN

- **realizability check under the constructed marking**
- **T-invariant's unfolding to describe its behaviour**
  - -> *partial order structure*
- **labelled condition / event net**
  - -> *events (boxes)*
    - transition occurences
  - -> *conditions (circles)*
    - involved compounds
- **occurrence net**
  - -> *acyclic*
  - -> *no backward branching conditions*
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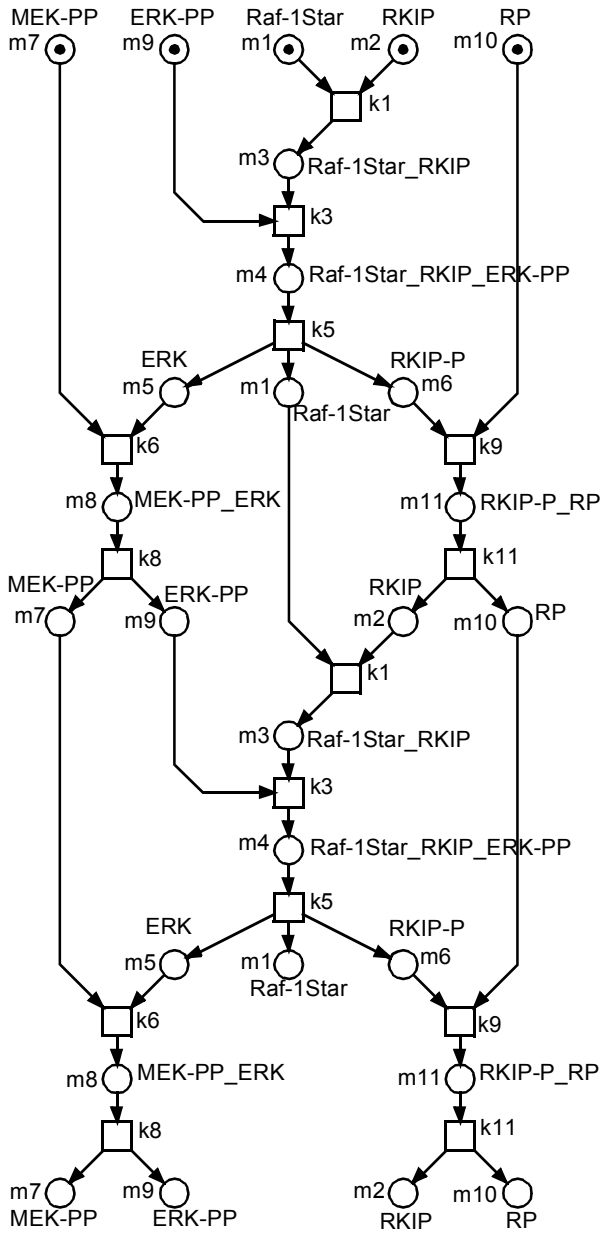

MODEL CHECKING, EXAMPLES

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  Is a given (sub-) marking (system state) reachable ?

  *EF (ERK * RP);*

- **property 2**

  Liveness of transition k8 ?

  AG EF (MEK-PP_ERK);

- **property 3**

  Is it possible to produce ERK-PP neither creating nor using MEK-PP ?

  E (! MEK-PP U ERK-PP);

- **property 4**

  Is there cyclic behaviour w.r.t. the presence / absence of RKIP ?

  *EG ((RKIP -> EF (! RKIP)) * (! RKIP -> EF (RKIP)));*

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  - -> *all expected general behavioural properties hold*
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  - -> *CTI*
  - -> *no minimal T-invariant without biological interpretation*
  - -> *no known biological behaviour without corresponding T-invariant*
- **validation criterion 3**
  - -> *CPI*
  - -> *no minimal P-invariant without biological interpretation (?)*
- **validation criterion 4**
  - -> *all expected special behavioural properties hold*
  - -> *temporal-logic properties -> TRUE*

NOW WE ARE READY FOR SOPHISTICATED QUANTITATIVE ANALYSES !

STOCHASTIC PETRI NETS
- SPN *(xSPN)* -

STOCHASTIC PETRI NETS, BASICS

- **transitions get a stochastic waiting time**
  - -> *exponential distribution with parameter lambda*
- **state-dependent lambda defined by rate function**
  - -> *any arithmetic function including*
    the transition's pre-places as integer variables and
    user-defined real-valued parameters
  - -> *modifier arcs*
  - -> *popular kinetics:*
    mass-action semantics, level semantics
- **semantics: Continuous Time Markov Chain (CTMC)**
  - -> *reachability graph + state transition rates*
- **analysis**
  - -> *standard Markov analysis techniques: transient, steady state*
  - -> *stochastic simulation algorithms (SSA), e.g. Gillespie's SSA*

RATE FUNCTIONS

- *molecules semantics*

$$h_t := c_t \cdot \prod_{p \in {}^\bullet t} \binom{m(p)}{f(p,t)}$$

- *concentration levels semantics*

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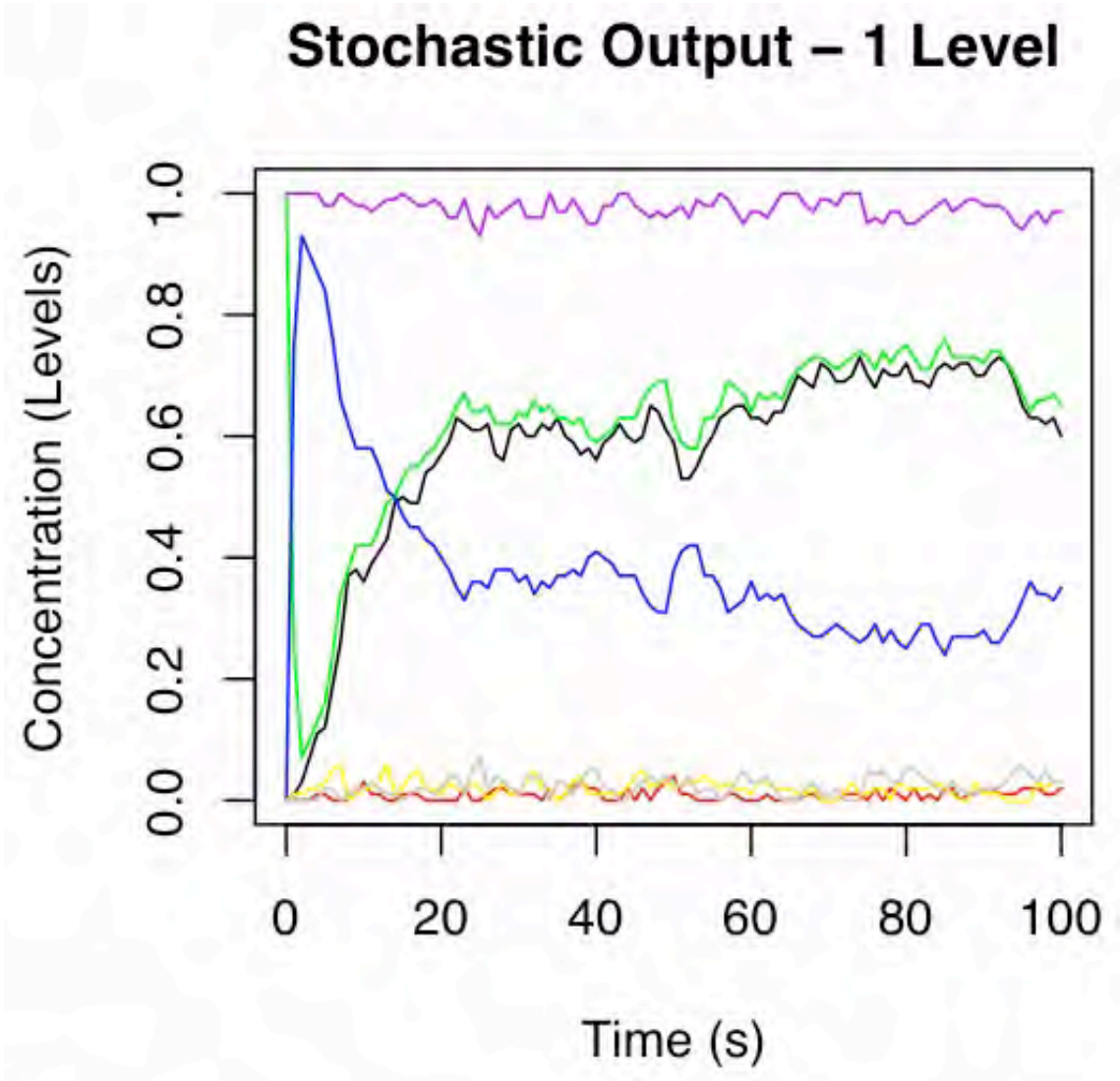
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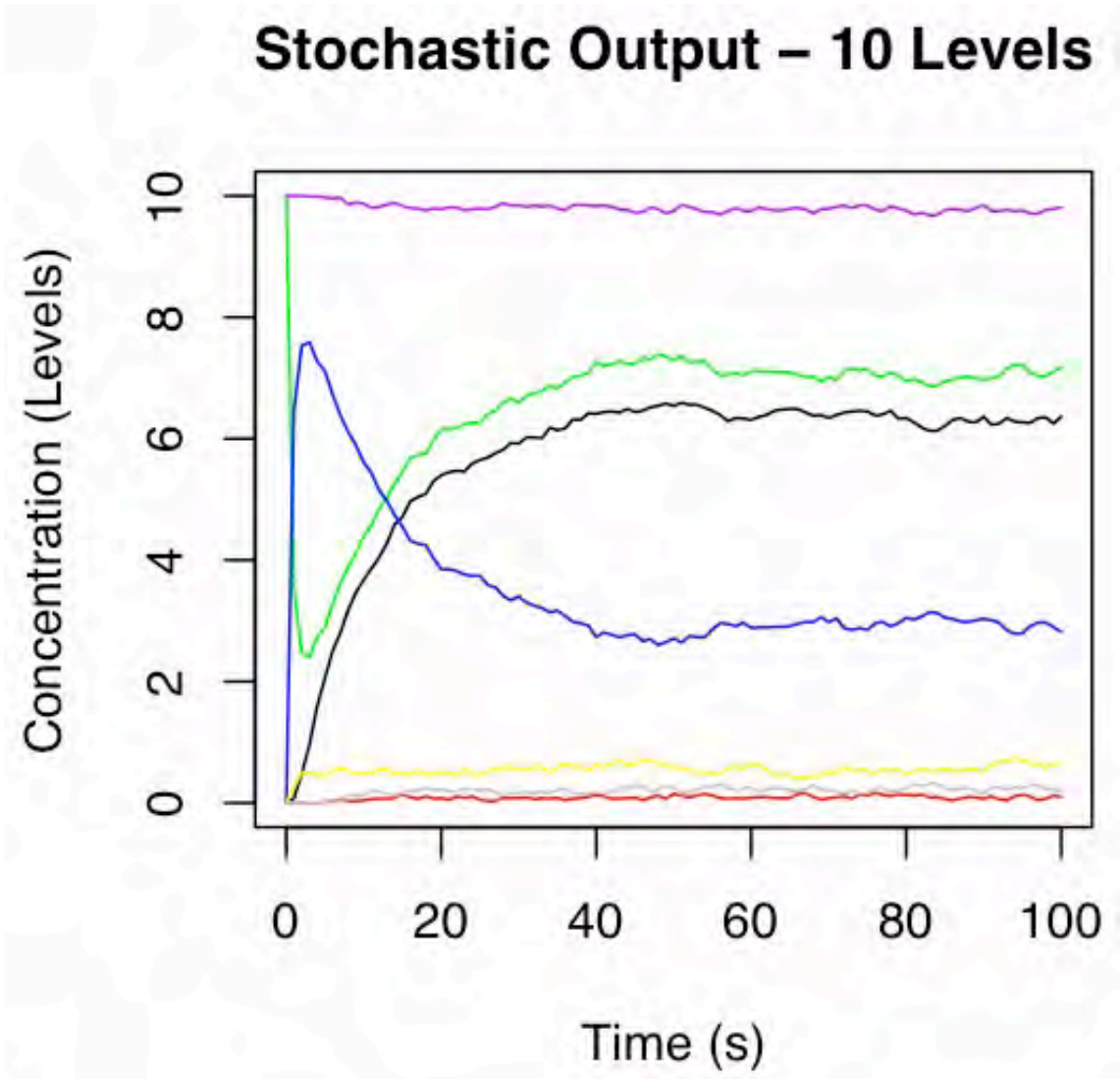
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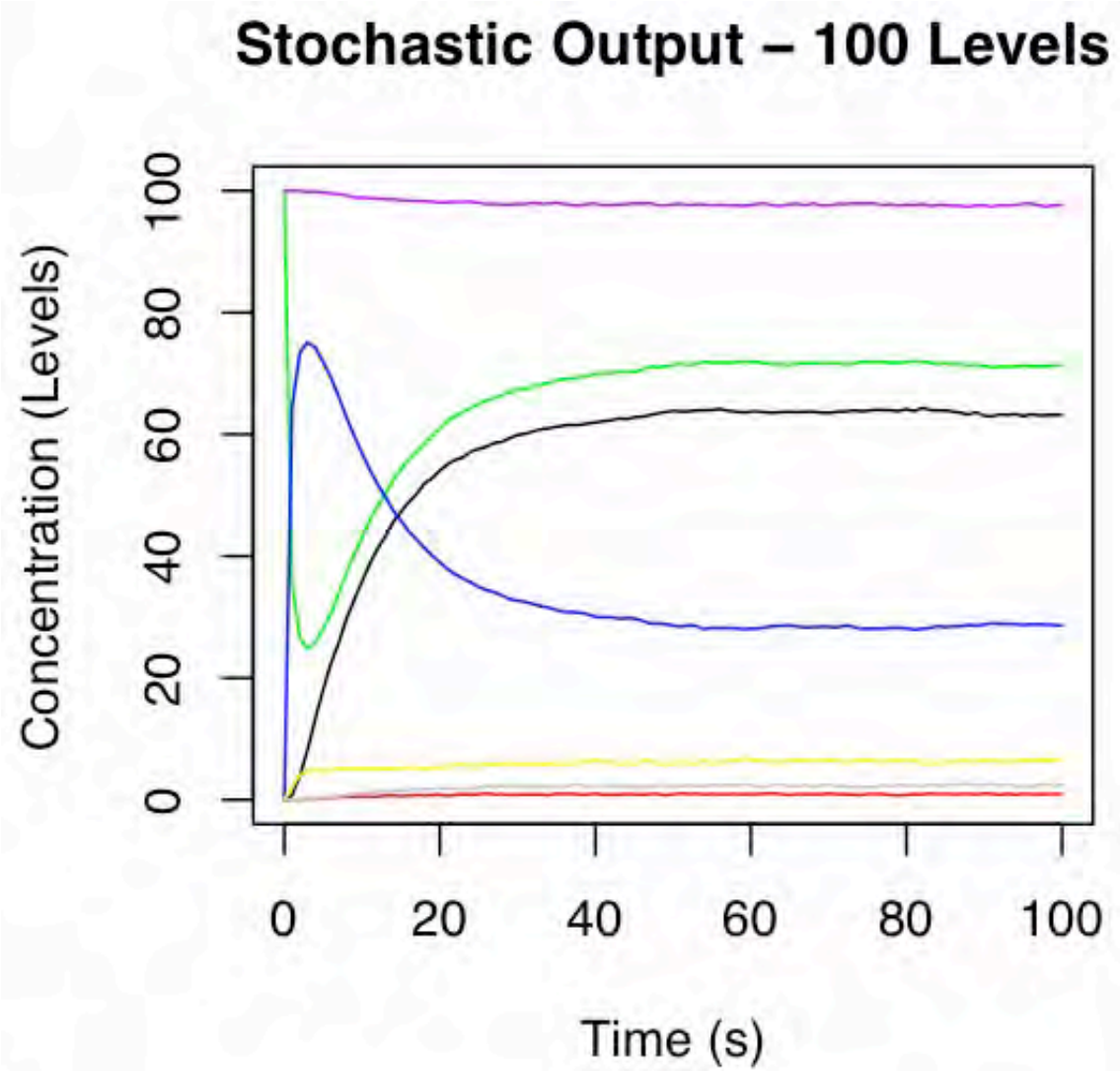
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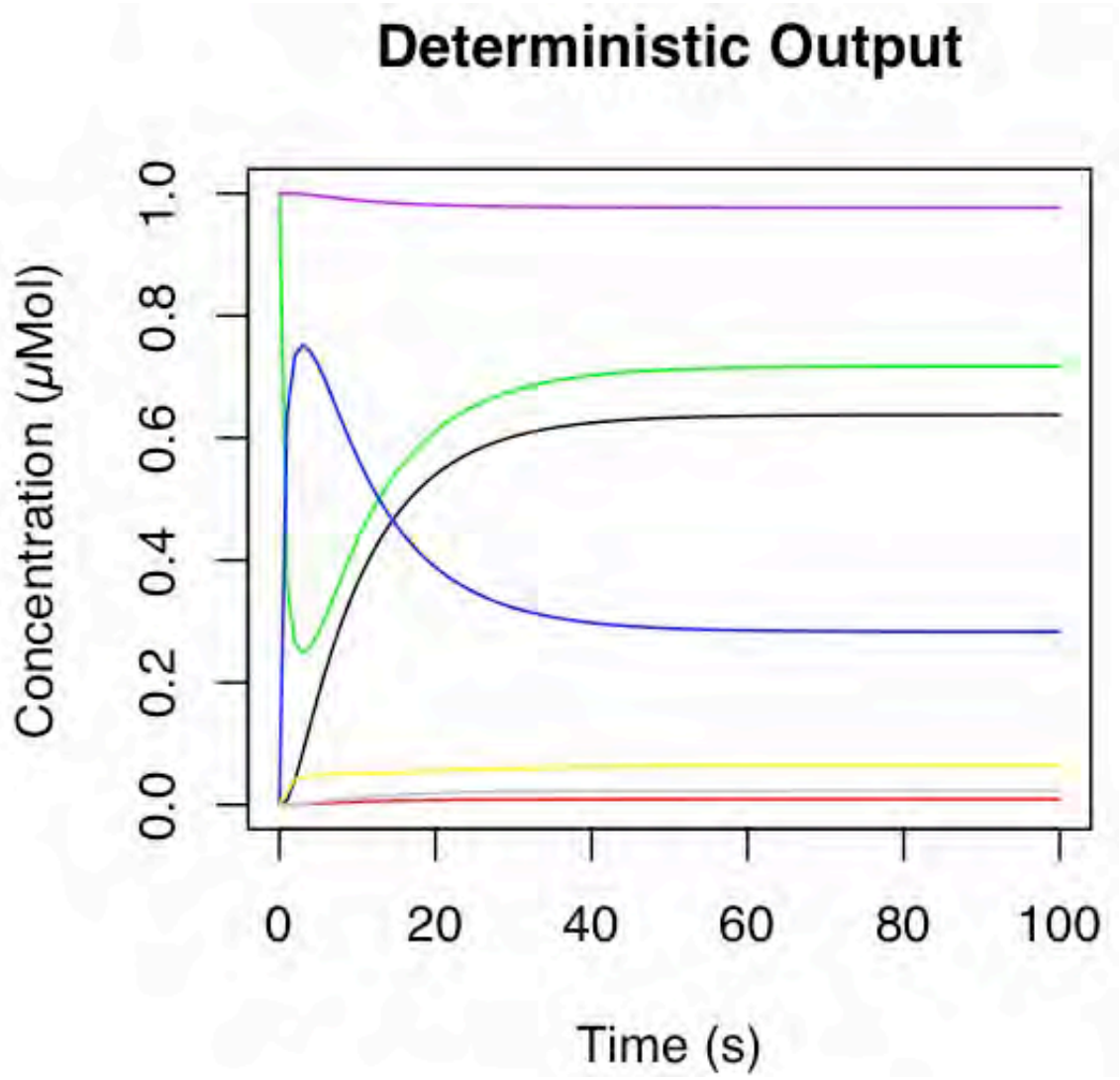
Time (s)

DETERMINISTIC SIMULATION



CONTINUOUS PETRI NETS - CPN -

CONTINUOUS PETRI NETS, BASICS

- **transitions fire continuously**
- **rate functions**
  - -> *any arithmetic function including the transition's pre-places as real-valued variables and user-defined real-valued parameters*
- **real-valued tokens**
  - -> *concentrations*
- **semantics: set of Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)**
  - -> *uniquely defined, but not vice versa*
  - -> *typically non-linear*
- **simulation (numerical integration)**
  - -> *stiff/unstiff solvers*

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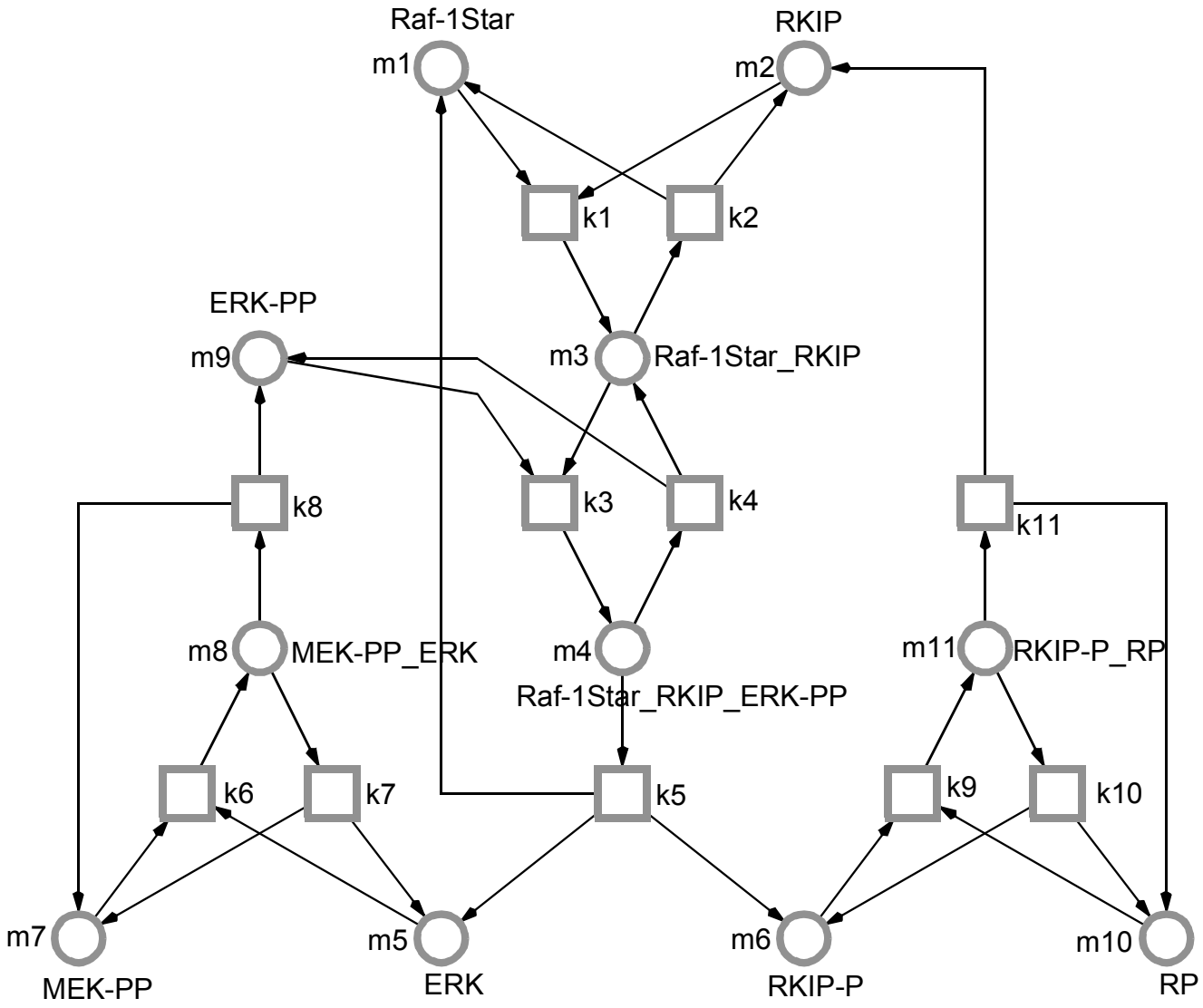

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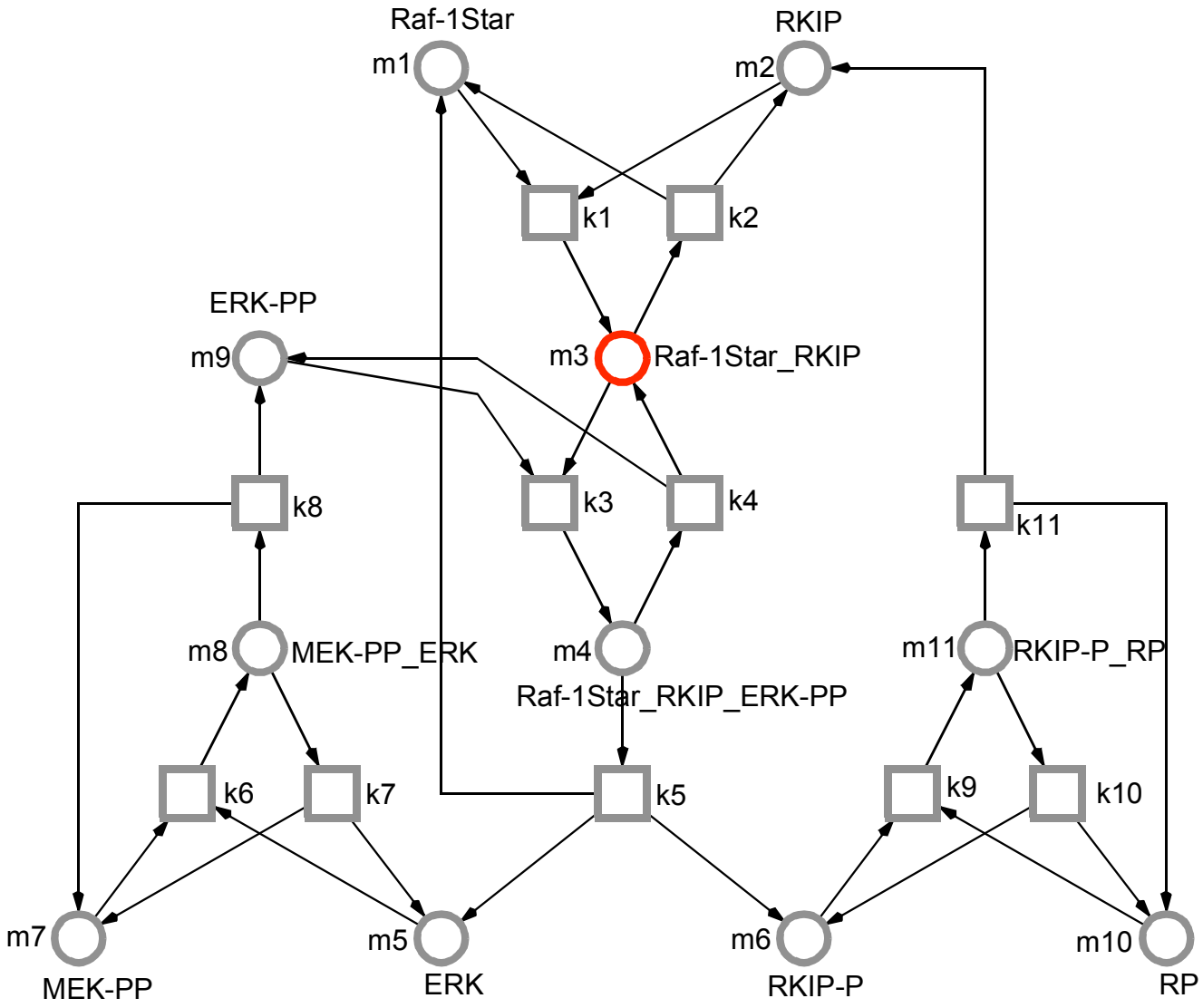

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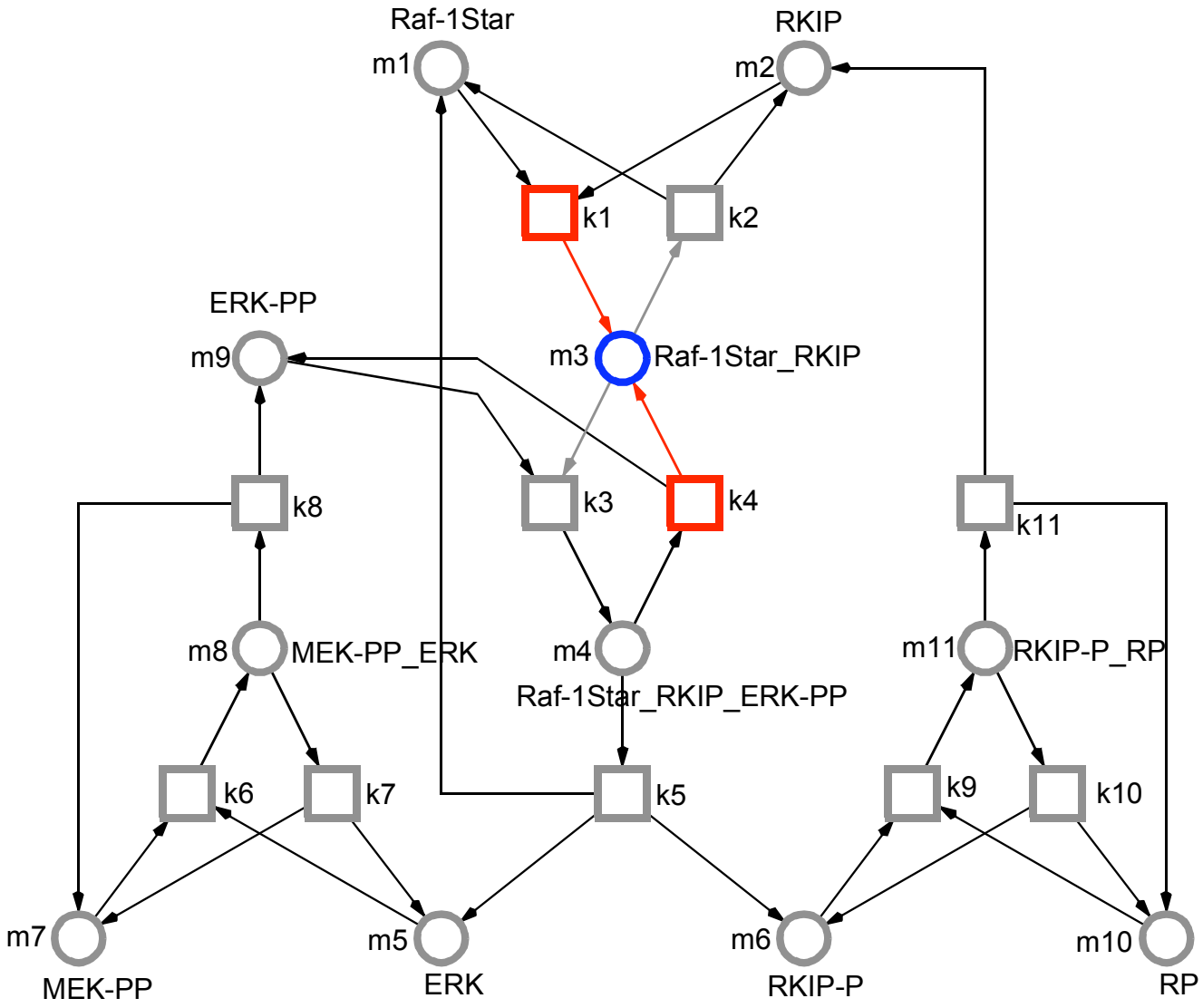

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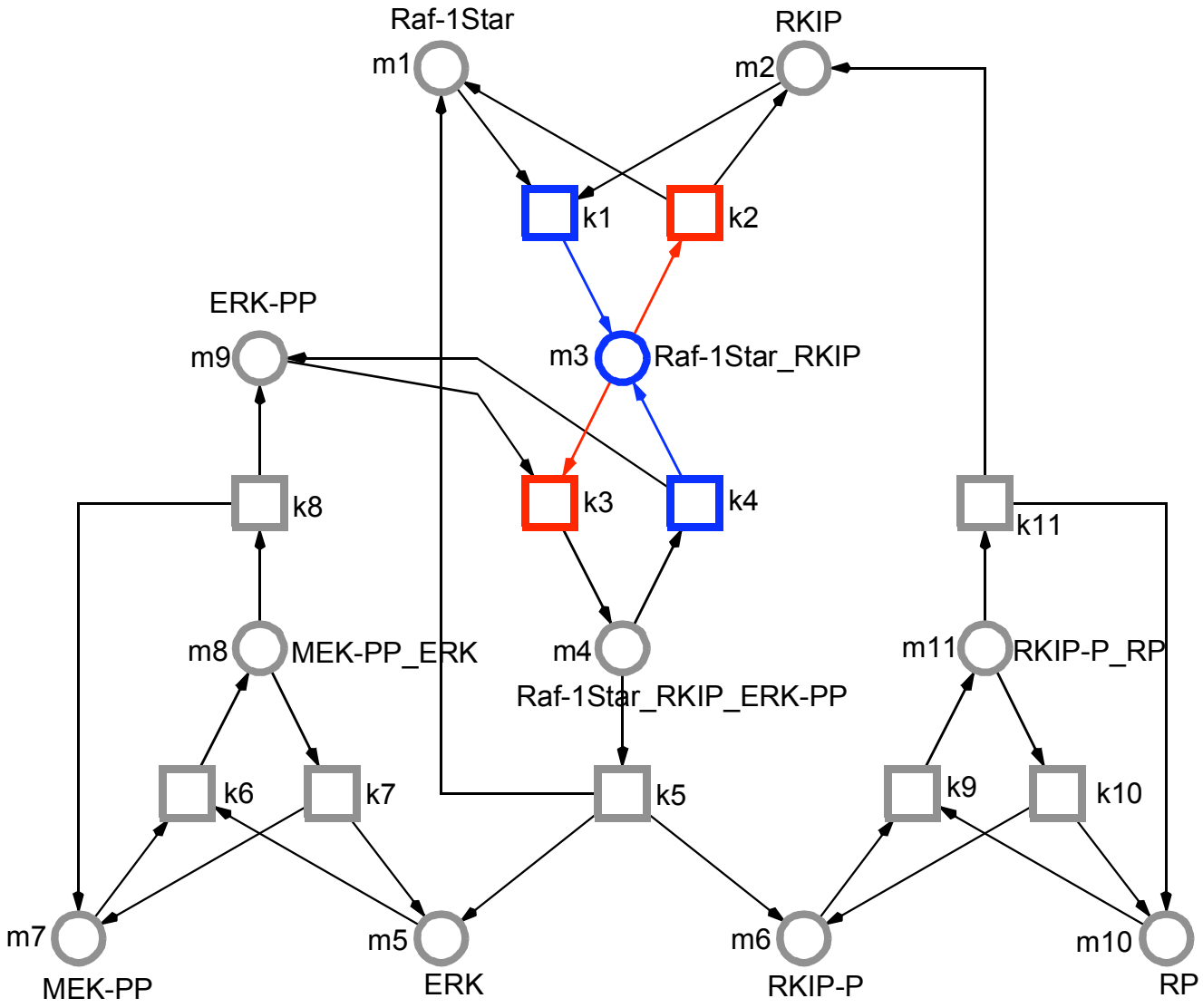

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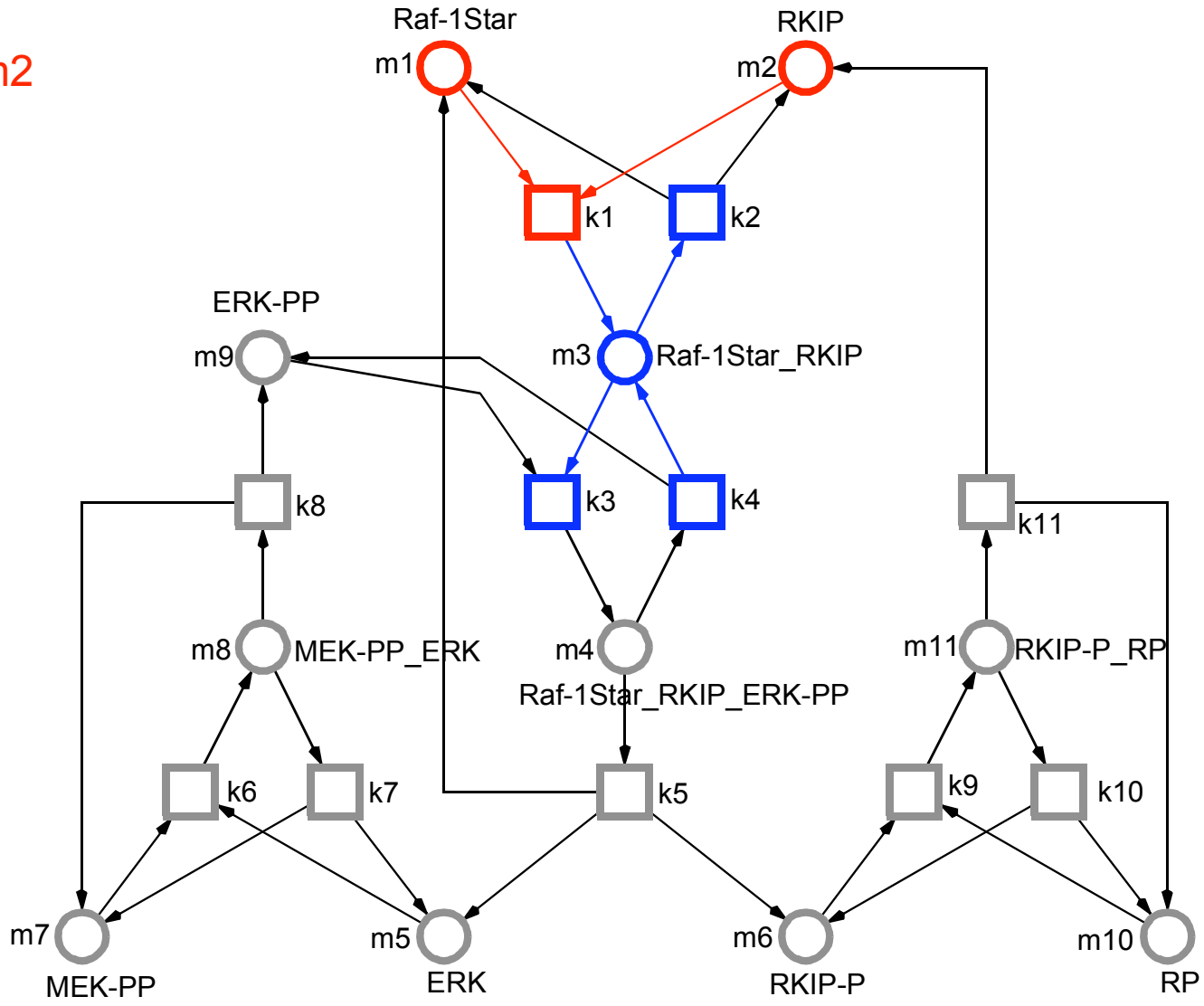

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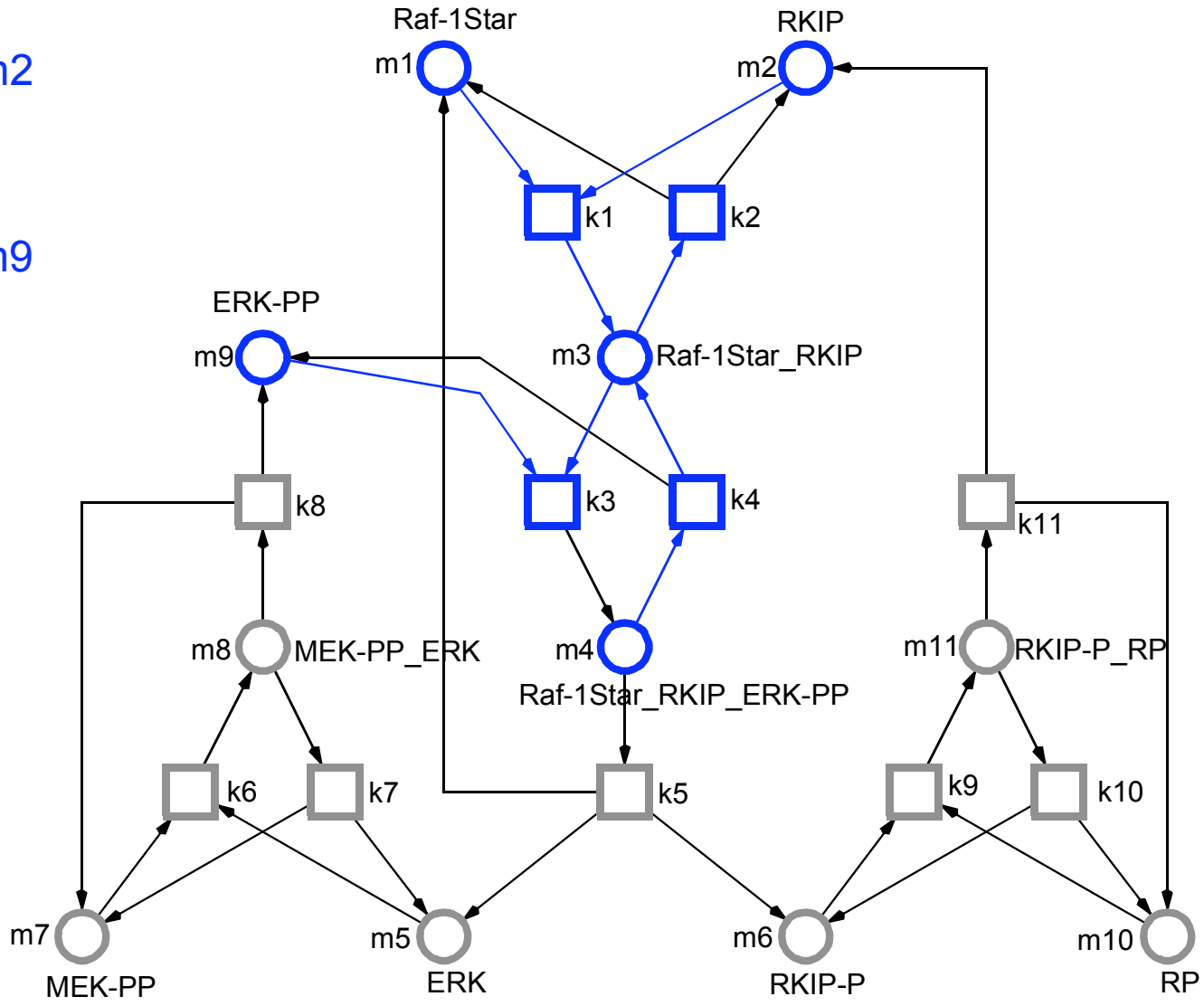
$$\frac{dm3}{dt} = + k1 * m1 * m2 + k4 * m4 - k2 * m3 - k3 * m3 * m9$$



THE QUALITATIVE MODEL BECOMES THE STRUCTURED DESCRIPTION OF THE QUANTITATIVE MODEL !

QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

Species	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11	S12	S13
Raf-1*	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
RKIP	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Raf-1*_RKIP	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Raf-1*_RKIP_ERK-PP	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERK	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
RKIP-P	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MEK-PP	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
MEK-PP_ERK	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
ERK-PP	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
RP	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
RKIP-P_RP	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

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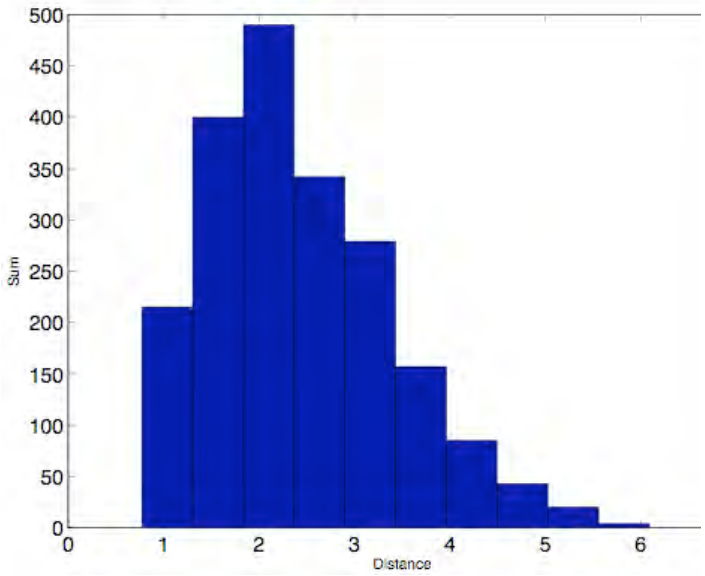

Distribution of `bad' steady states as euclidean distances from the `good' final steady state

13 “good” state configurations

the “bad” ones

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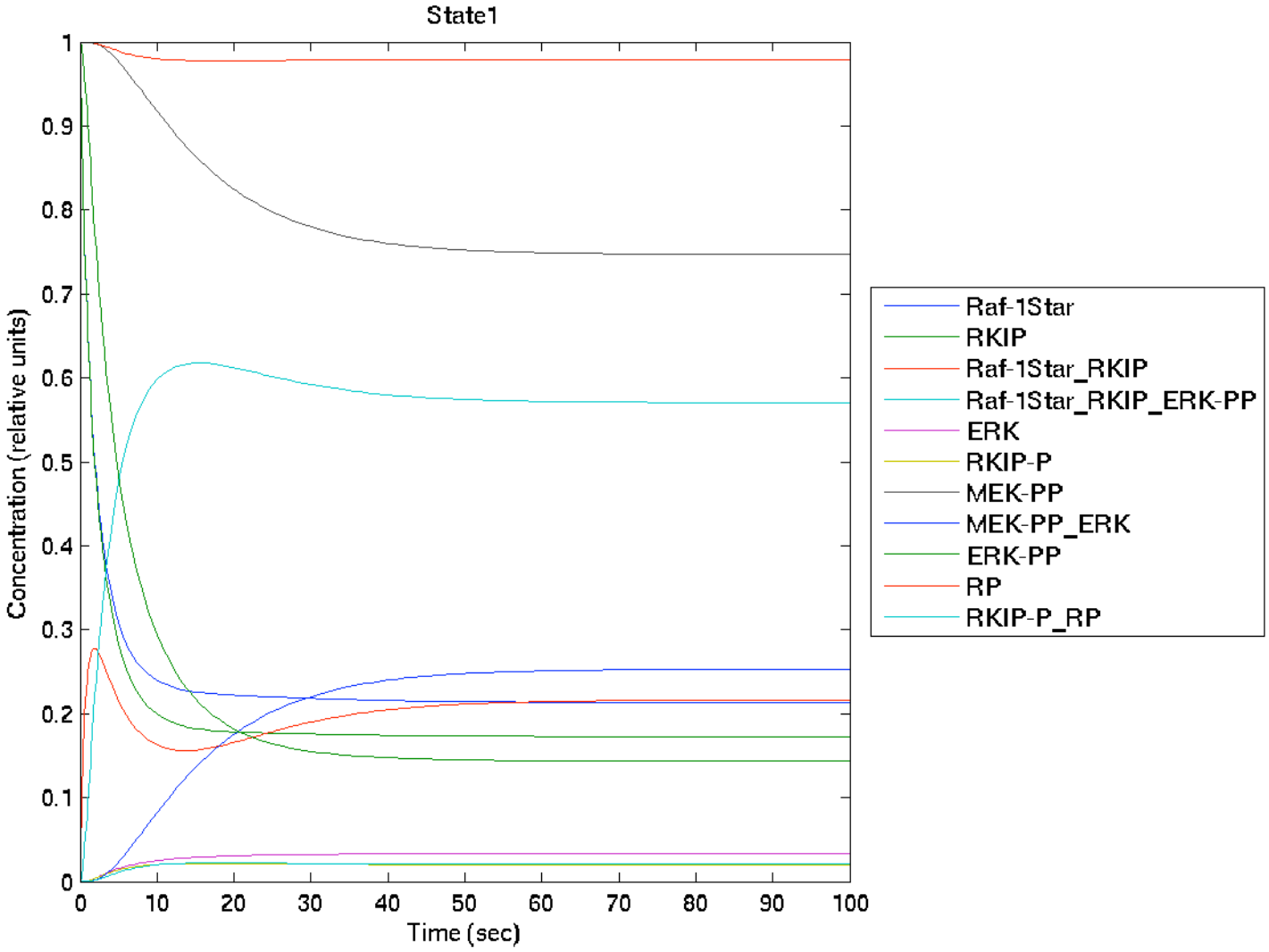

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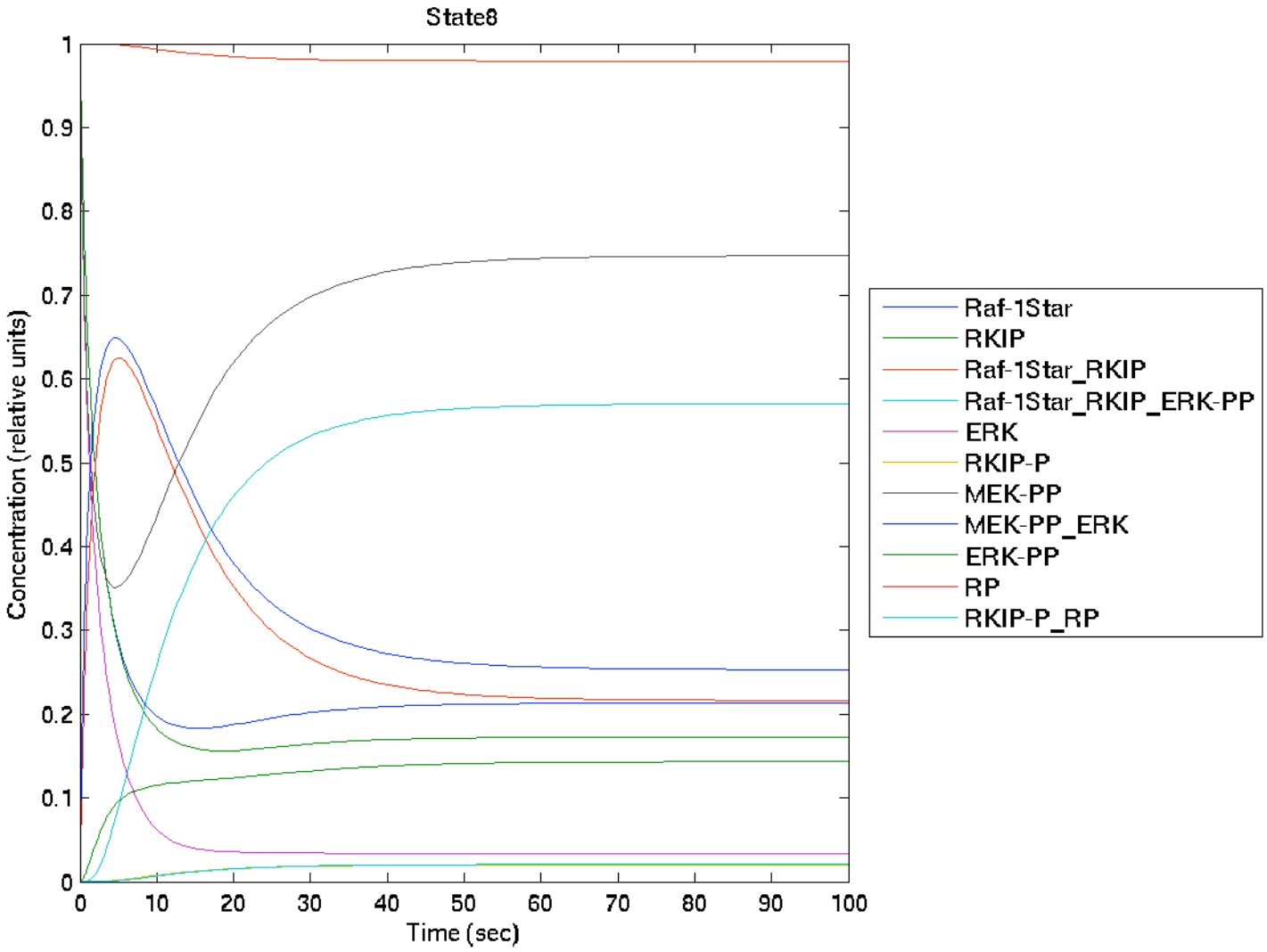

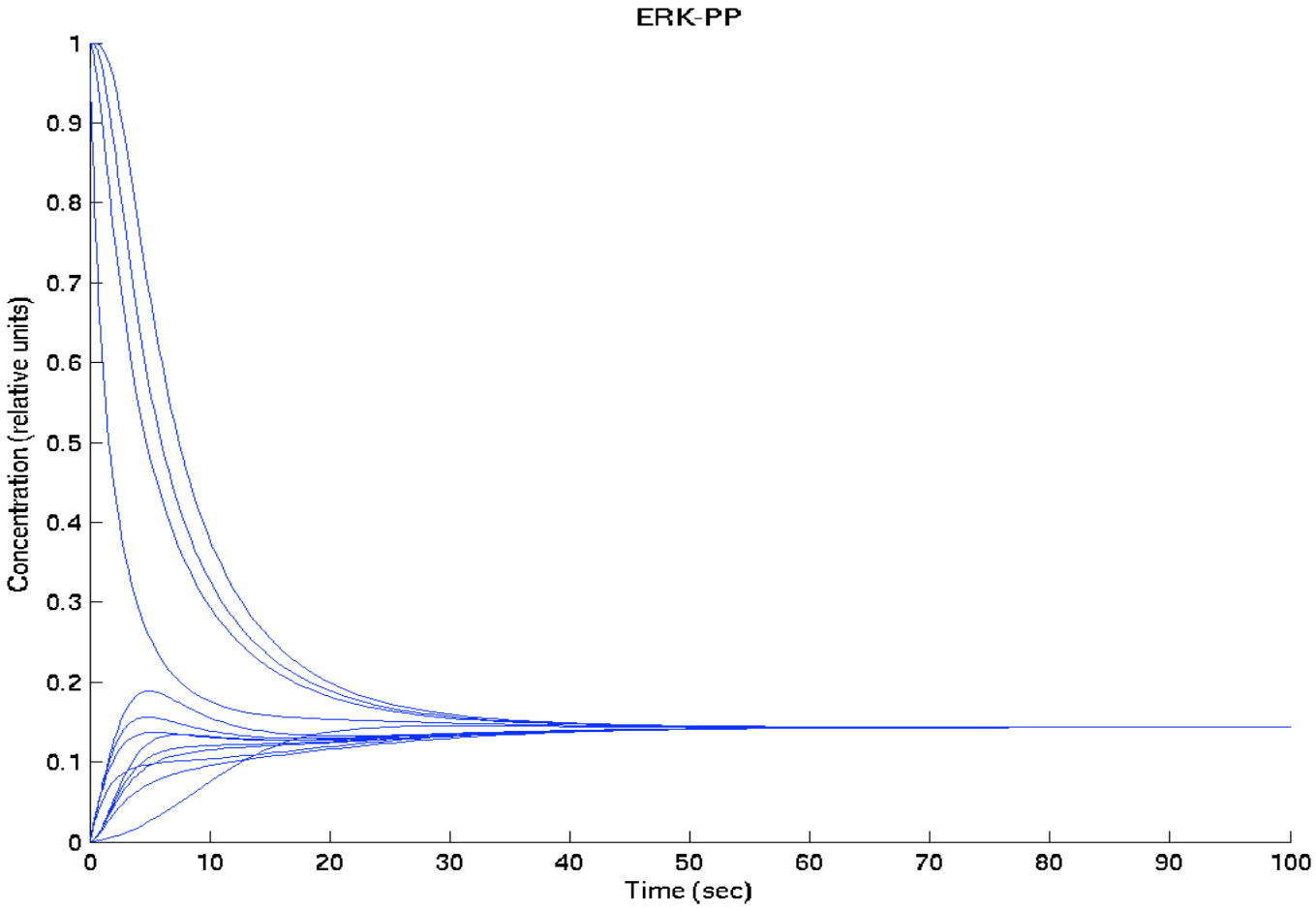
ERK-PP
Concentration (relative units)
Time (sec)
0
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.6
0.7
0.8
0.9
1
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
90
100

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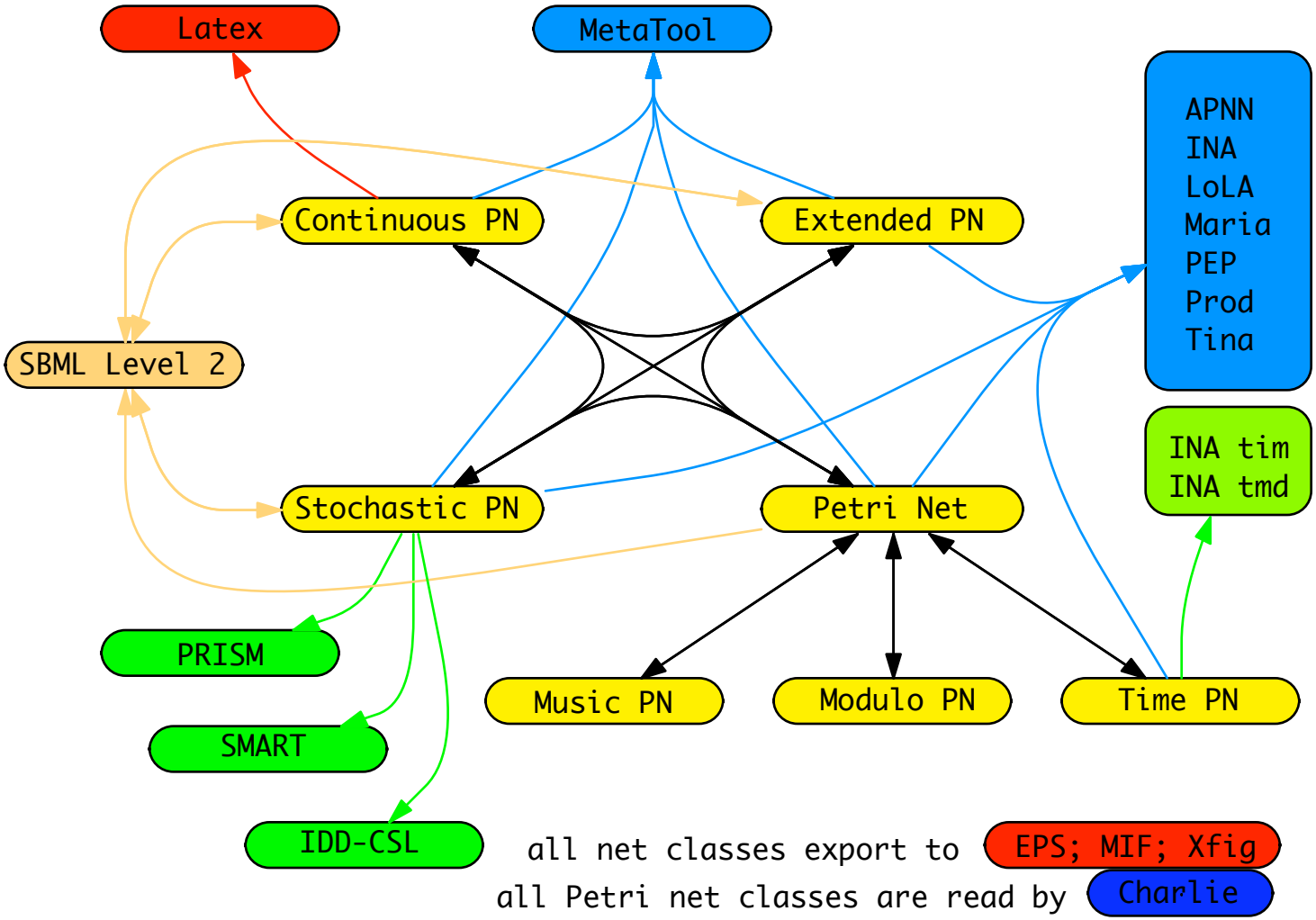
TOOLKIT - SNOOPY'S EXPORT FEATURES



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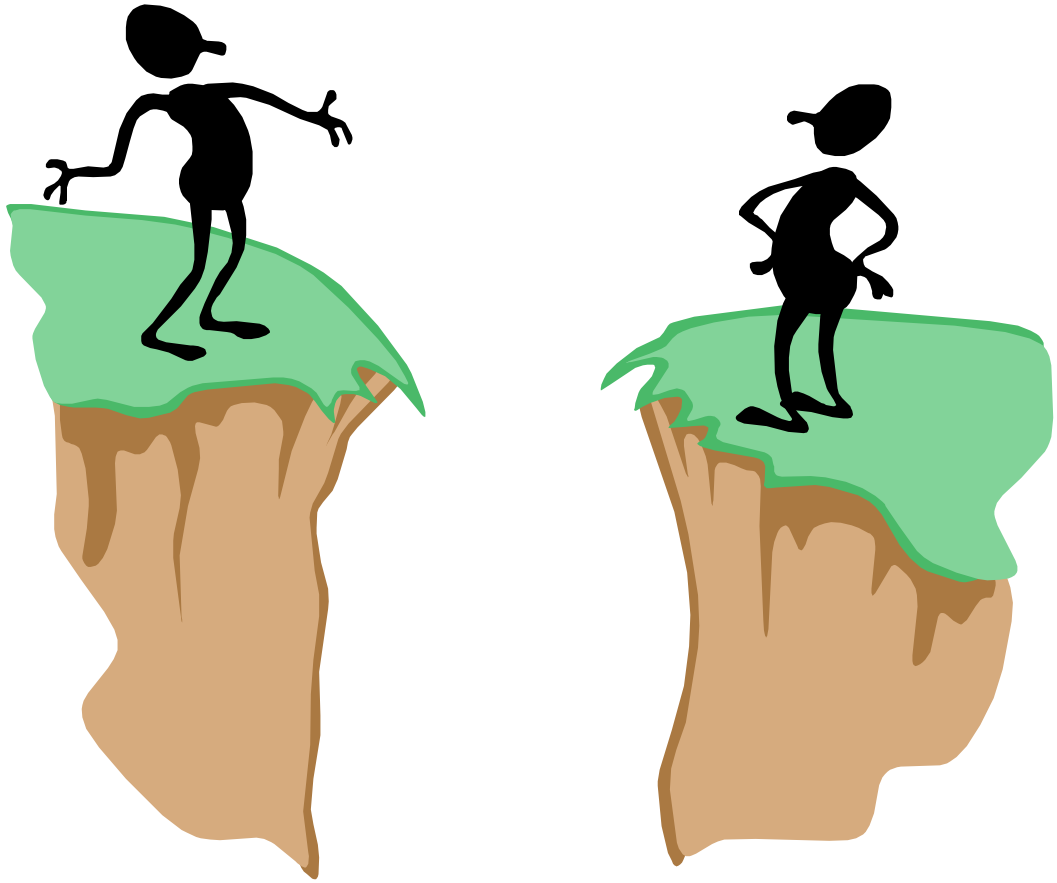

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