

QUALITATIVE MODELLING AND ANALYSIS OF BIOCHEMICAL PATHWAYS WITH PETRI NETS

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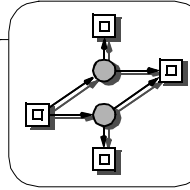
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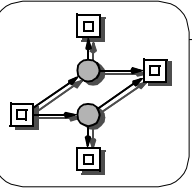
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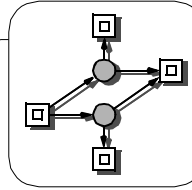


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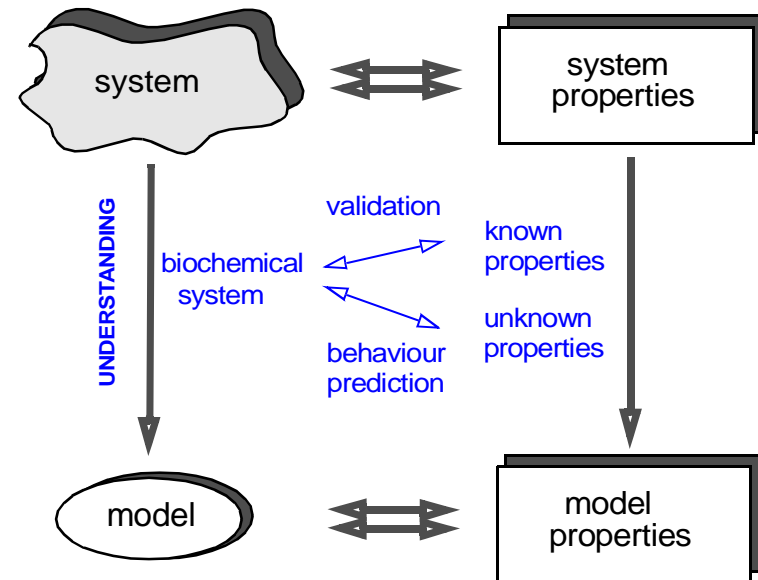
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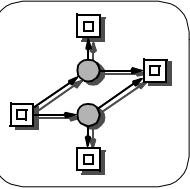


1. MOTIVATION



MODEL- BASED SYSTEM ENGINEERING

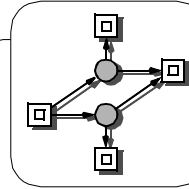




BIOCHEMICAL SYSTEMS, EXAMPLES

- metabolic pathways / networks
 - > *stoichiometric relations known*
 - > *concentrations of metabolites often known*
- signal transduction pathways / networks
 - > *stoichiometric relations unknown*
 - > *read arcs / test arcs*
 - > *inhibitor arcs*
- gene regulatory networks
 - > *stoichiometric relations unknown*
 - > *mRNA concentrations often known*
 - > *protein concentrations are hard to be measured*
 - > *often a mixture of metabolic and signal transduction pathways*

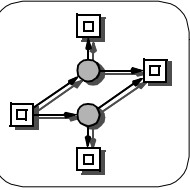
=>> networks of elementary actions



BIOCHEMICAL SYSTEMS, SOME PROBLEMS

- network structure
 - > *very complex*
 - > *many reversible reactions*
 - > *dense, apparently unstructured*
 - > *hard to read*
 - > *tend to grow fast*
- knowledge
 - > *uncertain*
 - > *growing, changing*
 - > *distributed over independent data bases, papers, journals*
- representations
 - > *verbose descriptions*
 - > *contradictory and / or fuzzy statements*
 - > *diverse graphical representations*
 - > *various, mostly ambiguous*

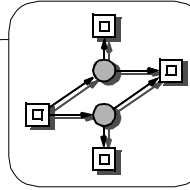
=>> models of biochemical systems are typically full of assumptions



REPRESENTATIONS, OBJECTIVES

- ❑ readability
-> *understanding*
- ❑ animation
-> *experience*
- ❑ validation
-> *consistency checks*
- ❑ analysis
-> *behaviour prediction*
(*qualitative / quantitative*)

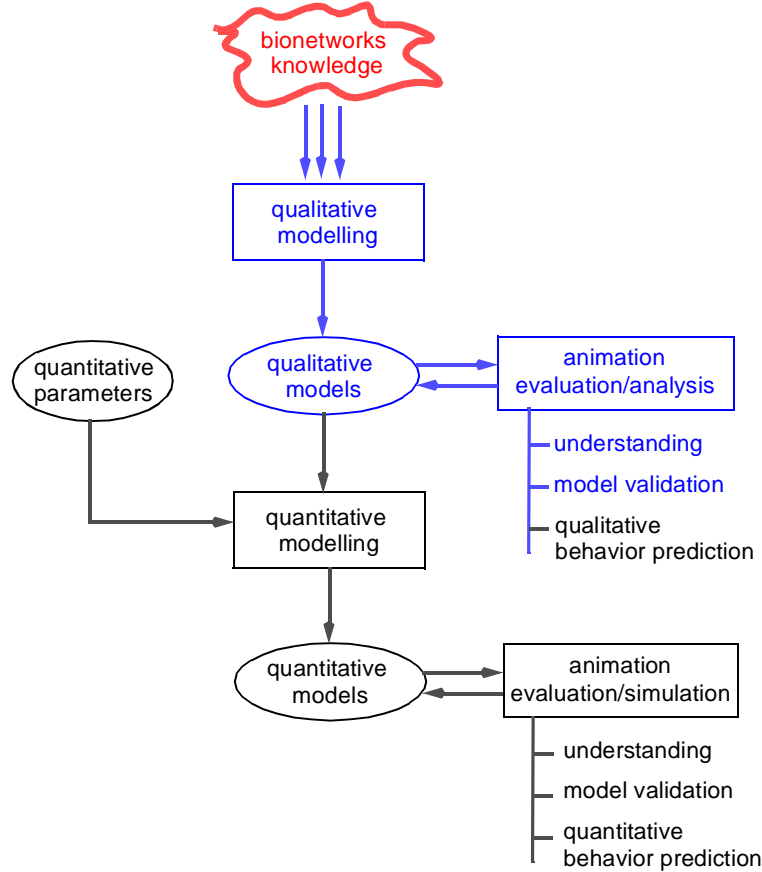
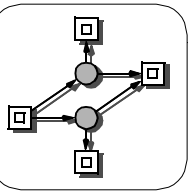
==>> *How many representations
do we really need ?*



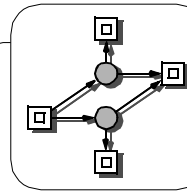
WHY PETRI NETS ?

- ❑ a suitable intermediate representation for
-> *different languages*
-> *different stages of certainty*
- ❑ modelling power
-> *partial order semantics*
-> *applicable on any abstraction level*
-> *specification of limited resources possible*
- ❑ analysis power
-> *various complementary analysis methods*
-> *reliable tools*
- ❑ *integration of qualitative and quantitative analyses*
- ❑ **BUT:**
modelling power <-> analysis power

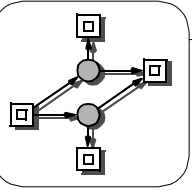
FRAMEWORK



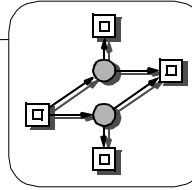
PETRI NETS, A BIT OF HISTORY



- ❑ Carl Adam Petri, 1962,
PhD University of Technology Darmstadt
-> *basic ideas introduced*
- ❑ early 1970's
-> *first papers contributing to Petri net theory*
- ❑ Petri, 1976
-> *application to chemical networks mentioned*
- ❑ early 1980's
-> *first monographs appear*
- ❑ Reddy, 1993
-> *first paper on bio application*
- ❑ late 1990's
-> *increasing interest in applying Petri nets for modelling and analysis of bio networks*



2. INTRODUCTION INTO QUALITATIVE MODELLING



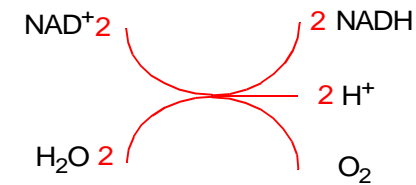
BIOCHEMICAL SYSTEMS, BASIC COMPONENT

- chemical reactions -> atomic actions

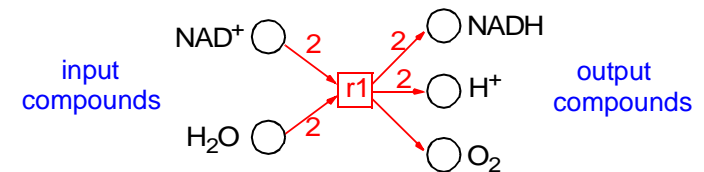
EX. LIGHT-INDUCED PHOSPHORYLATION

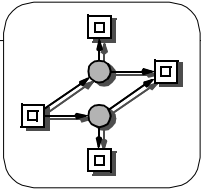


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hyperarcs



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Petri nets





PETRI NETS, STRUCTURE

- two types of nodes

-> **places**

“passive elements”, conditions, local states, chemical compounds

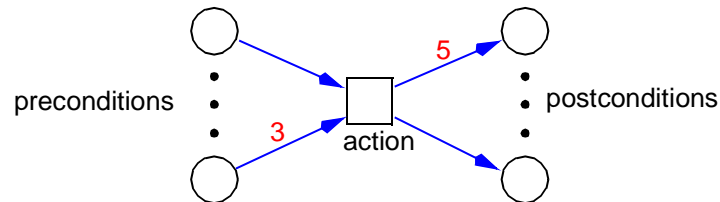


-> **transitions**

“active elements”, events, actions, chemical reactions



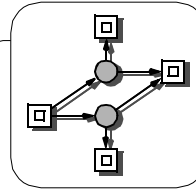
- arcs**



- > *directed*
- > *never arcs between nodes of the same type*
- > *for any node, arbitrary number of pre-nodes and post-nodes*

- arc inscriptions**

- > *arc weight / multiplicity*
- > *amount of units of the substances involved in the basic (re-) action*



BIO PETRI NETS, PLACES

- involved substances / chem. compounds / complexes

- primary compounds

-> *metabolites*

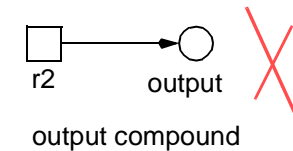
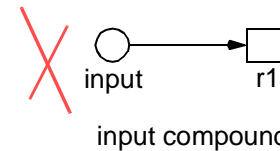
-> *complexes*

-> ...

- input / output compounds

-> *special primary compounds*

-> *boundary places*

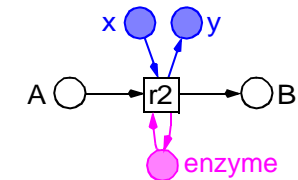


- auxiliary compounds**

-> *side conditions for reactions*

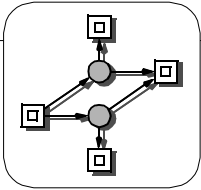
-> *ubiquitous -> fusion nodes*

e. g. *electron carrier, phosphate carrier;*



- catalysing compounds**

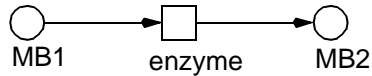
-> *enzymes, if any*



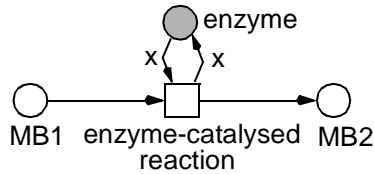
BIO PETRI NETS, TRANSITIONS

- spontaneous reactions
- enzyme-catalysed reactions
-> *two ways of modelling*

without enzyme concentration

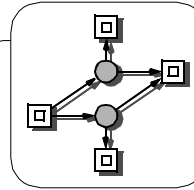


with enzyme concentration x



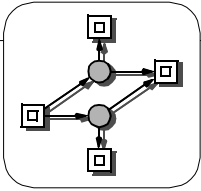
x - amount of enzyme units
required by the reaction

- transport steps, if any
-> *inhomogeneous substance distribution*



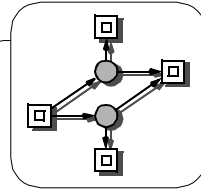
PETRI NETS, SYSTEM STATE

- tokens
-> *moving objects,*
e. g. units of substances (e. g. Mole), ...
- condition is not fulfilled
- condition is (one times) fulfilled
- Ⓝ condition is n times fulfilled
- > *token amount -*
amount of available units of a given compound
- marking
-> *How many tokens are on each place?*
- > *system state*
-> *substance distribution*
- > *initial marking*
-> *initial substance distribution*

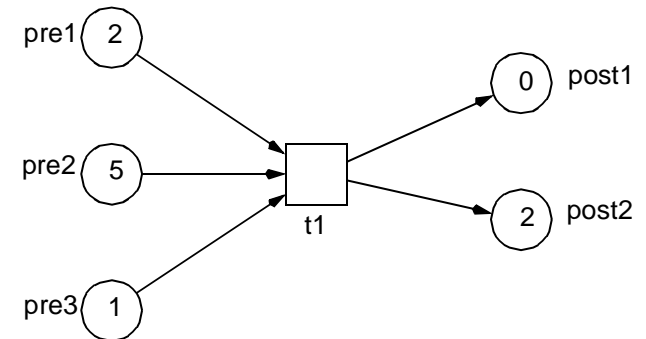


PETRI NETS, BEHAVIOUR

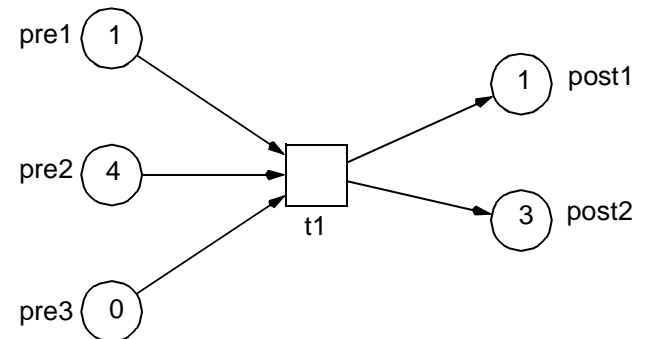
- ❑ flow of tokens
-> *defined by firing rule*
- ❑ an action **may** happen (fire), if
-> *all preconditions are fulfilled (corresponding to the arc weights);*
- ❑ **if** an action happens (fires), **then**
-> *tokens are removed from all preconditions (corresponding to the arc weights), and*
-> *tokens are added to all postconditions (corresponding to the arc weights);*
- ❑ an action happens (firing of a transition)
-> *atomic*
-> *time-less*



FIRING RULE, EXAMPLE 1

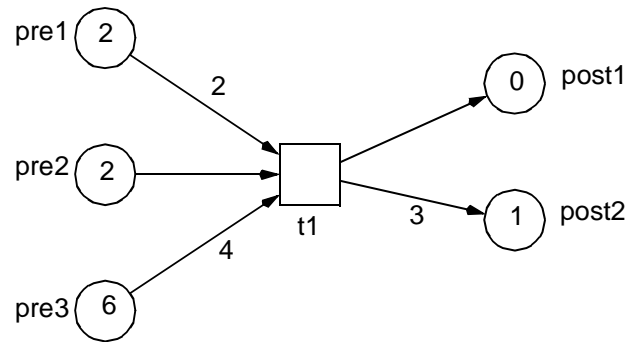
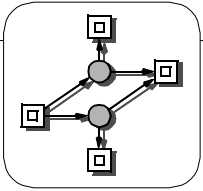


t1 fires

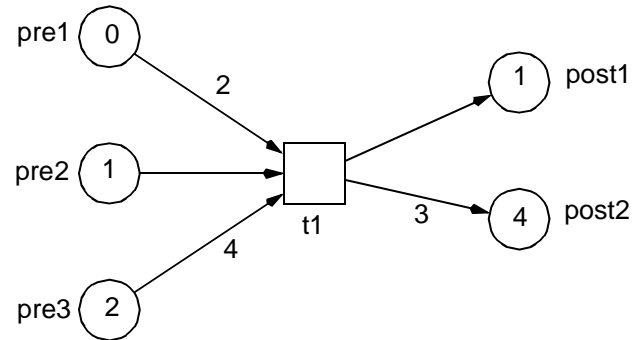


fire1.spped

FIRING RULE, EXAMPLE 2

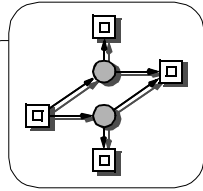


t1 fires



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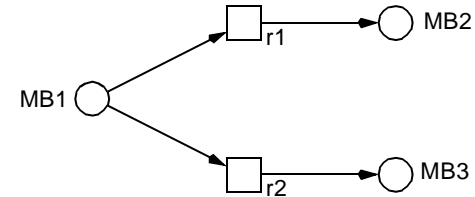
TYPICAL BASIC STRUCTURES 1



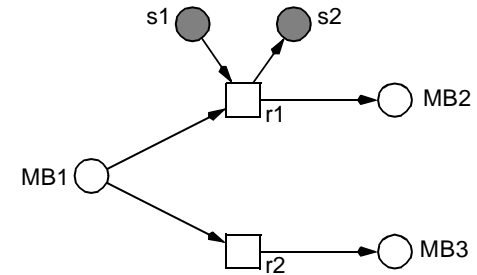
CHAIN OF REACTIONS



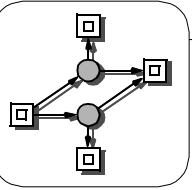
(FREE-CHOICE) BRANCHING / CONFLICT



BRANCHING WITH SIDE CONDITION

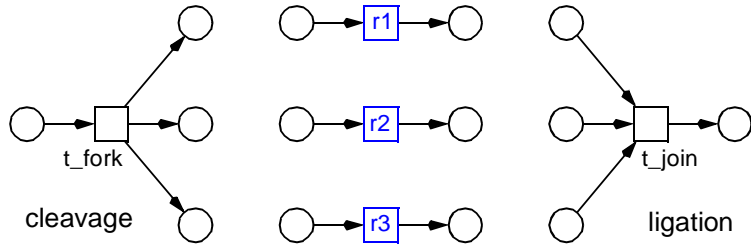


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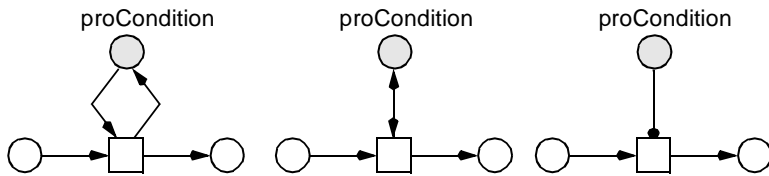
TYPICAL BASIC STRUCTURES 2

CONCURRENCY



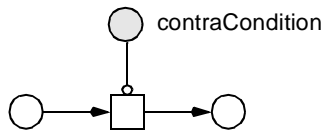
r1, r2, r3 are concurrent = independent

READ ARCS / TEST ARCS

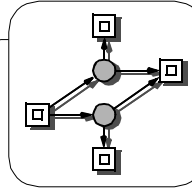


INHIBITOR ARCS

BUT: CAUTION !

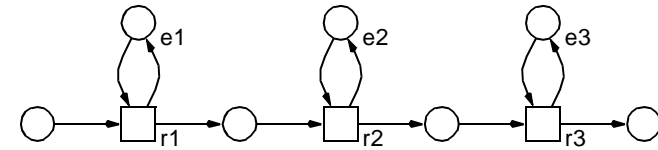


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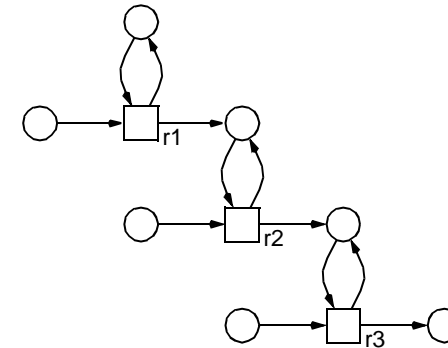


TYPICAL BASIC STRUCTURES 3

METABOLIC PATHWAY

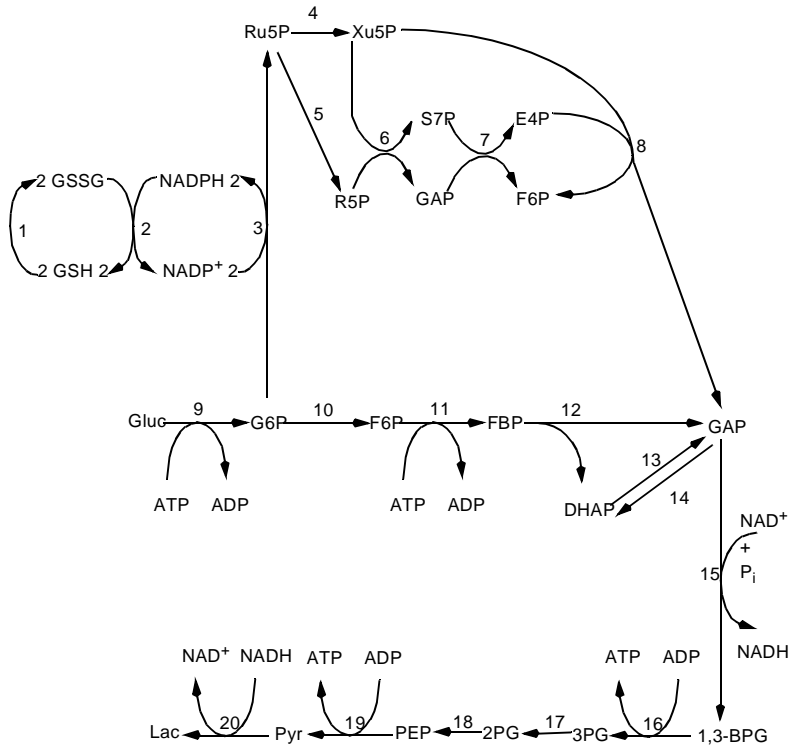


SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION CASCADE



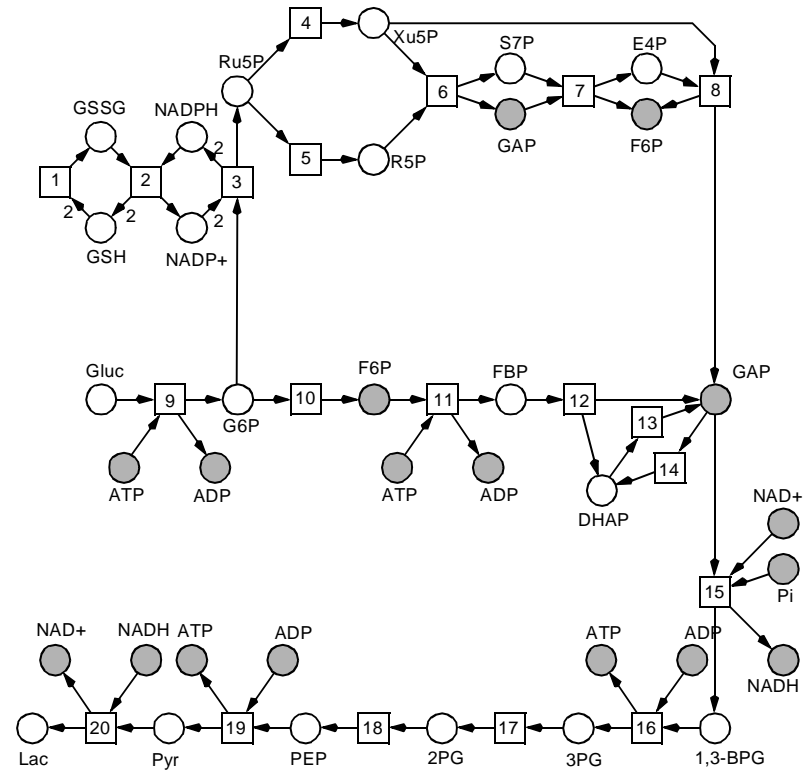
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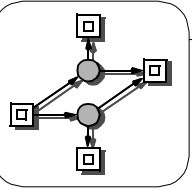


**GLYCOLYSIS / PENTOSE PHOSPHATE PATHWAYS
IN ERYTHROCYTES**

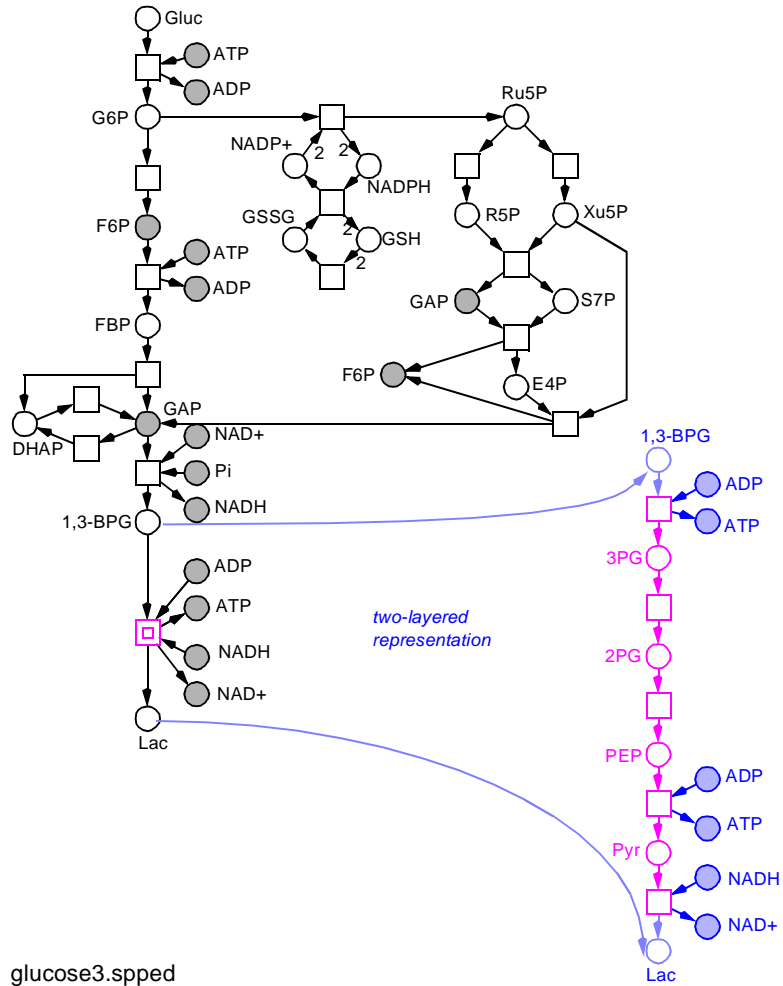
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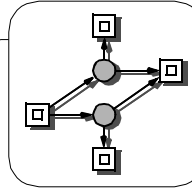
glucose1.spped



EXAMPLE 1 AS PETRI NET, VERSION 3



glucose3.sped



EXTENSIONS, SUMMARY

SYNTACTIC SUGAR

- logical / fusion nodes

-> connectors



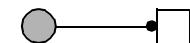
- hierarchical nodes

-> different levels of abstraction



- read arcs

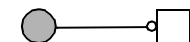
-> pro-conditions

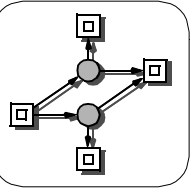


MODELLING POWER

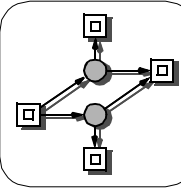
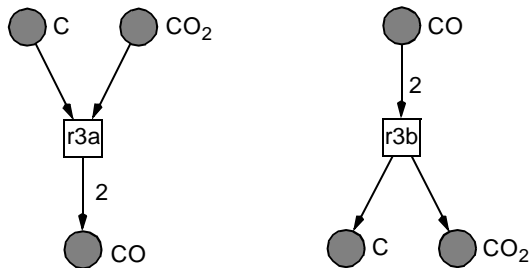
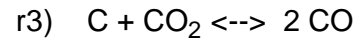
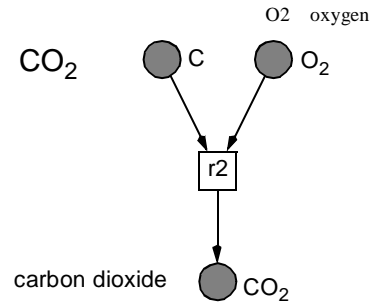
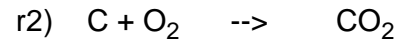
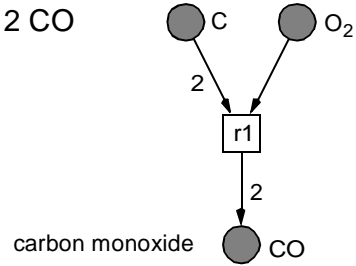
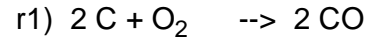
- inhibitor arcs

-> contra-conditions



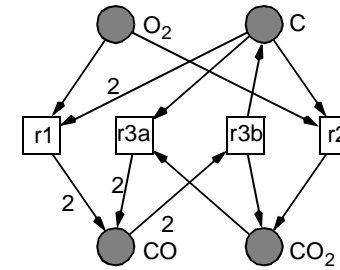


EXAMPLE 2, CARBON OXIDATION, BASIC REACTIONS

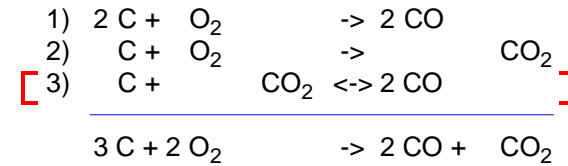


EXAMPLE 2, COMPOSITION

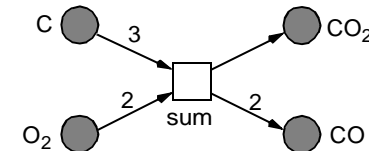
BASIC MODEL

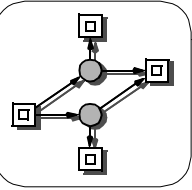


SYSTEM'S TOTAL EQUATION



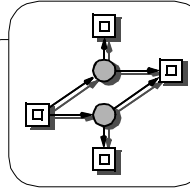
MODEL OF THE SYSTEM'S TOTAL EQUATION





NETWORKS NEED ENVIRONMENT BEHAVIOUR

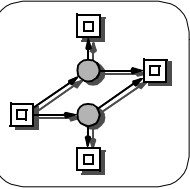
- ❑ to animate the model
 - > *infinite substance flow*
 - > *deeper insights*
- ❑ to validate the model
 - > *consistency criteria*
- ❑ steady flow
 - > *input compounds*
 - > *output compounds*
- ❑ auxiliary compounds
 - > *as much as necessary*
- ❑ minimal assumptions



ENVIRONMENT BEHAVIOUR, THREE STYLES

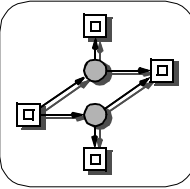
- ❑ **style 1** -> **validation criterion 1**
 - > *weak* assumptions
 - > *infinite flow into/out the network*
- ❑ **style 2** -> **validation criterion 2**
 - > *firm* assumptions
 - > *infinite many primary compounds*
 - > *finite, but sufficient reservoir of auxiliary compounds*
- ❑ **style 3** -> **validation criterion 3**
 - > *strong* assumptions
 - > *finite, but sufficient reservoir of auxiliary compounds*
 - > *quantitative relations of input / output compounds*
 - > *finite reservoir of primary compounds*

INCREASING STRENGTH

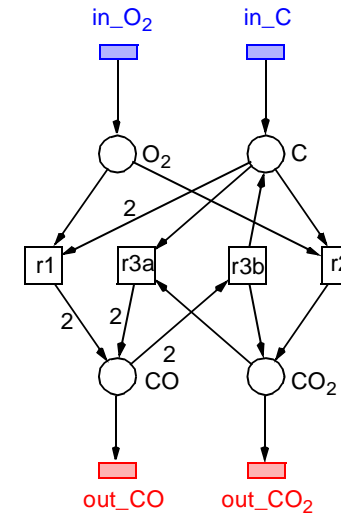


ENVIRONMENT BEHAVIOUR, STYLE 1

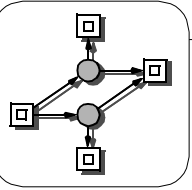
- ❑ no assumptions about quantitative relations of input / output compounds
- ❑ input *compounds*
-> *generating pre-transitions*
- ❑ output *compounds*
-> *consuming post-transitions*
- ❑ auxiliary *compounds*
-> *generating pre-transitions*
-> *consuming post-transitions*
-> *infinite reservoir*
- ❑ no boundary places, but boundary transitions



CARBON OXIDATION, SYSTEM MODEL, STYLE 1

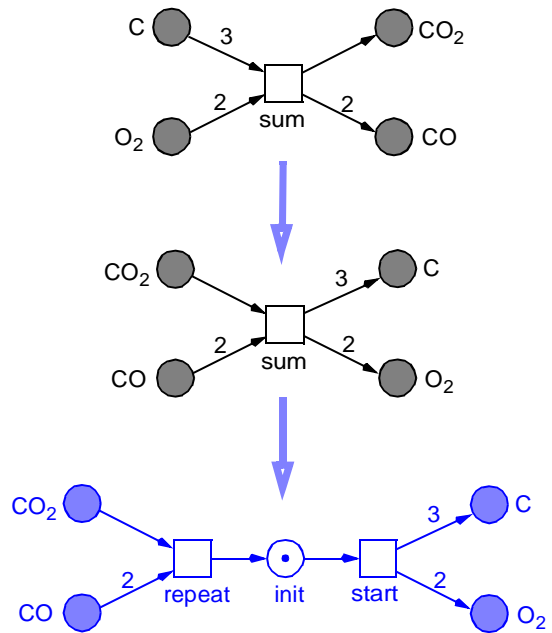


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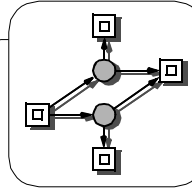


ENVIRONMENT BEHAVIOUR, STYLE 3

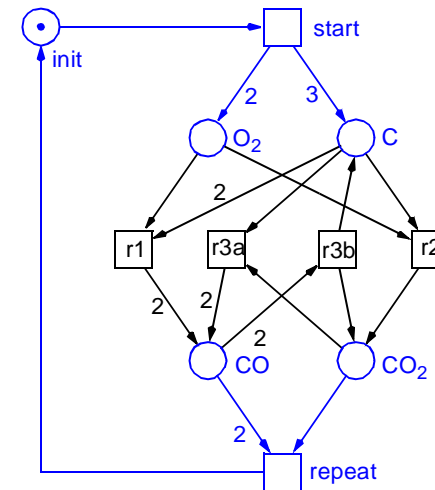
- strong assumptions about quantitative relations of input / output compounds
- 'inverse' total equation



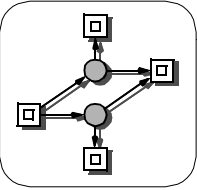
- there are no boundary nodes



CARBON OXIDATION, SYSTEM MODEL, STYLE 3

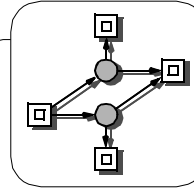


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ENVIRONMENT BEHAVIOUR, STYLE 2

- ❑ mixture of style 1 and style 3
- ❑ no assumptions about quantitative relations of input / output compounds
- ❑ input *compounds*
-> *generating pre-transitions*
- ❑ output *compounds*
-> *consuming post-transitions*
- ❑ auxiliary *compounds*
-> *finite, but sufficient reservoir*
-> *no boundary pre- / post-transitions*
- ❑ boundary transitions only for input / output compounds

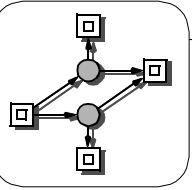


BIOCHEMICAL PETRI NETS, SUMMARY

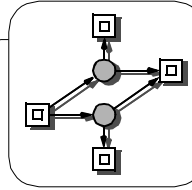
- ❑ biochemical networks
-> *networks of (abstract) chemical reactions*
- ❑ **biochemically interpreted Petri net**

-> *partial order sequences of chemical reactions*
- *transforming input into output compounds*
- *respecting the given stoichiometric relations*

-> *set of all pathways*
from the input to the output compounds
respecting the stoichiometric relations
- ❑ pathway
-> *self-contained partial order sequence*
of elementary (re-) actions
- ❑ basic assumption
-> ***steady state behaviour***



3. INTRODUCTION INTO QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS



QUALITATIVE PROPERTIES



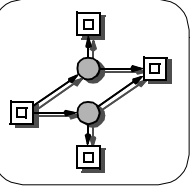
behavioural properties

- general semantic properties
 - boundedness*
 - liveness*
 - reversibility*
- special semantic properties
 - safety properties*
 - progress properties*



structural properties

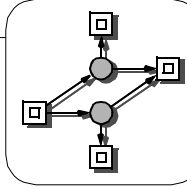
- especially valuable:
 - local(ly decidable) structural properties
- certain combinations of structural properties allow conclusions on behavioural properties



PETRI NET PROPERTIES, OVERVIEW / INA

1. SIMPLE STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES

- ORD** ordinary (*1-multiplicity of all arcs*)
- HOM** homogeneous (*all output arcs of a given place have the same multiplicity*)
- NBM** non-blocking multiplicity (*for each place applies: MIN multiplicity of input arcs \geq MAX multiplicity of output arcs*)
- PUR** pure (*no side conditions*)
- CSV** conservative (*any firing preserves token amount*)
- SCF** static conflict free
- CON** connected
- SC** strongly connected
- Ft0** there is a transition without pre-place
- tF0** there is a transition without post-place
- Fp0** there is a place without pre-transition
- pF0** there is a place without post-transition
- MG** marked graph (*synchronization graph*)
- SM** state machine
- FC** free choice net
- EFC** extended free choice net
- ES** extended simple net



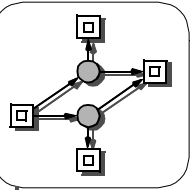
PETRI NET PROPERTIES, OVERVIEW / INA

2. MORE EXPENSIVE STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES

- DTP** deadlock trap property
- SMC** state machine coverable (*covered with SM components*)
- SMD** state machine decomposable (*covered with SCSM components*)
- SMA** state machine allocatable
- CPI** covered with place invariants
- CTI** covered with transition invariants
- SB** structurally bounded

3. BEHAVIOURAL PROPERTIES

- B** bounded
- REV** reversible (*the initial state m_0 can be reached again from all reachable states: home state*)
- DSt** dead states (*a state where no transition is enabled*)
- BSt** bad states (*a state where a fact is enabled*)
- DTr** dead transitions (*at the initial state*)
- DCF** dynamically conflict free
- L** live
- LV** live, excepted transitions dead at the initial marking
- L&S** live & safe (*1-bounded*)



BEHAVIOURAL NET PROPERTIES, OVERVIEW

MARKABILITY of places

- markable (*place liveness*)
- **k-bounded** (*1-bounded / safe*)
- unbounded

LIVENESS of transitions

- zero times firing (*m_0 -dead*)
- finite times firing (*dead, non-live*)
- **infinite times firing, probably** (*live*)
- infinite times firing, definitely (*livelock free*)

general semantic properties

REACHABILITY of states

- dead states
- reproducibility
- **reversibility** (*m_0 - home state*)
- bad states (*facts*)
- user-specified states

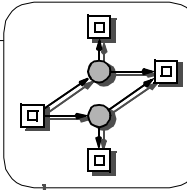
NET INVARIANTS

- **transition invariants**
- **place invariants**

special semantic properties

temporal relationship of logic formulae

- safety properties
- progress properties



QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS METHODS, OVERVIEW

NET REDUCTION

STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES

LINEAR PROGRAMMING

- place / transition invariants
- state equation
- trap equation

static analysis

STATE SPACE ANALYSIS

- (complete) reachability graph

compressed state spaces

- BDDs, NDDs, ..., xDDs
- Kronecker products

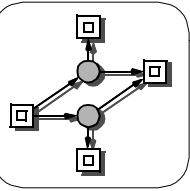
dynamic analysis

reduced state spaces

- coverability graph
- symmetry
- stubborn sets

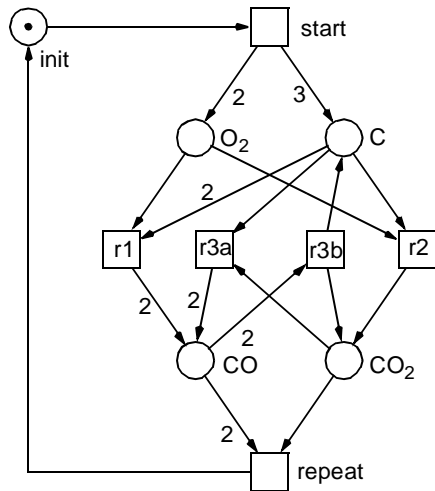
(model checking)

branching process

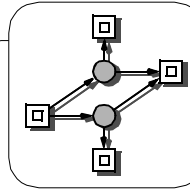


REACHABILITY GRAPH (RG)

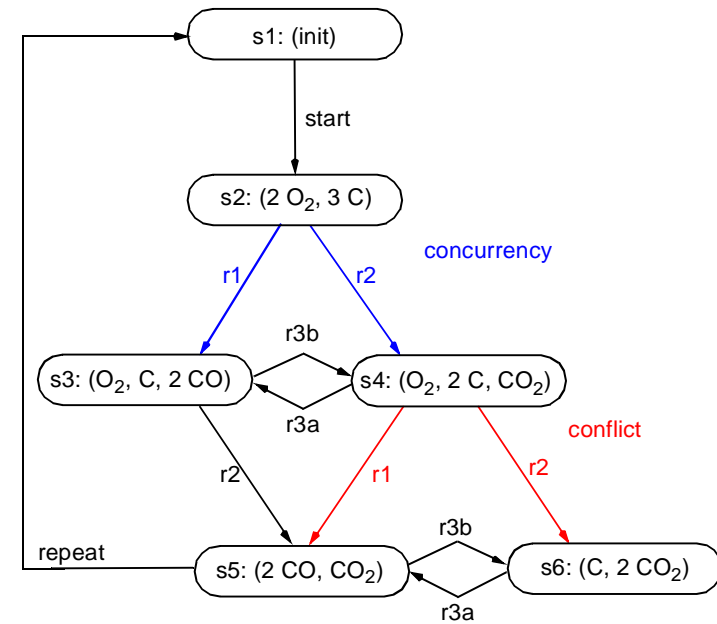
- nodes - system states
- arcs - the (single) firing transition
- example - carbon oxidation, environment style 3



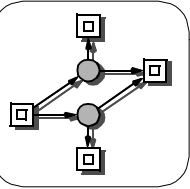
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RG (CARBON OXIDATION)

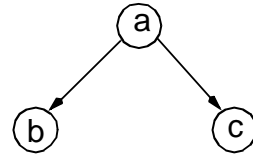


-> interleaving description
of the whole system behaviour

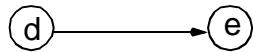


STRONGLY CONNECTED GRAPH

- basic graph properties
-> applies also for general (monochromatic) graphs

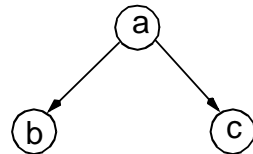


- needs directed graphs
undirected graphs:
connected = strongly connected



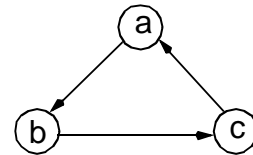
not connected

- for each pair of nodes x, y holds:
there exists a path from x to y
-> path(x, y);



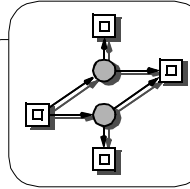
connected

- path(x, y):
sequence of arcs starting at x and ending at y;



strongly connected

- general importance
ex:
system of one-way streets;
question:
is every place (intersection) from any place reachable?



EXAMPLE: RG AND THREE BASIC PN PROPERTIES

- no concurrency
-> $rg(pn) == pn$

- rg - finite
-> bounded pn

- rg - not sc
-> pn not reversible

- no dead states,
but liveness?

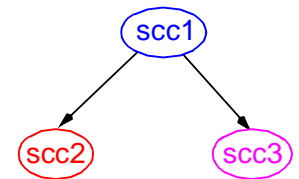
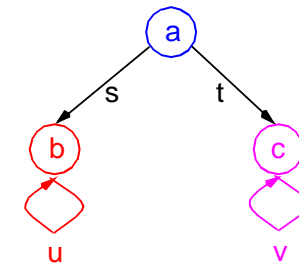
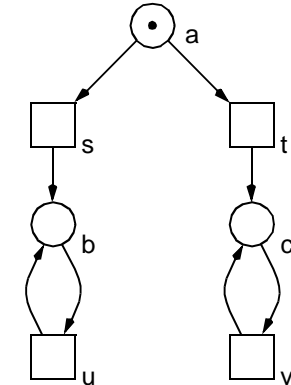
- condensed rg
node - sc component (scc)

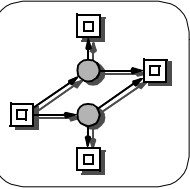
scc:
maximal set of sc nodes;

a terminal scc
-> possible terminal system behaviour

-> must contain all transitions in a live pn

- not all terminal scc contain all transitions
-> the pn is not live



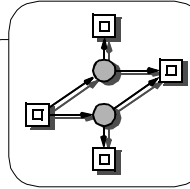


BASIC PROPERTIES & RG, SUMMARY

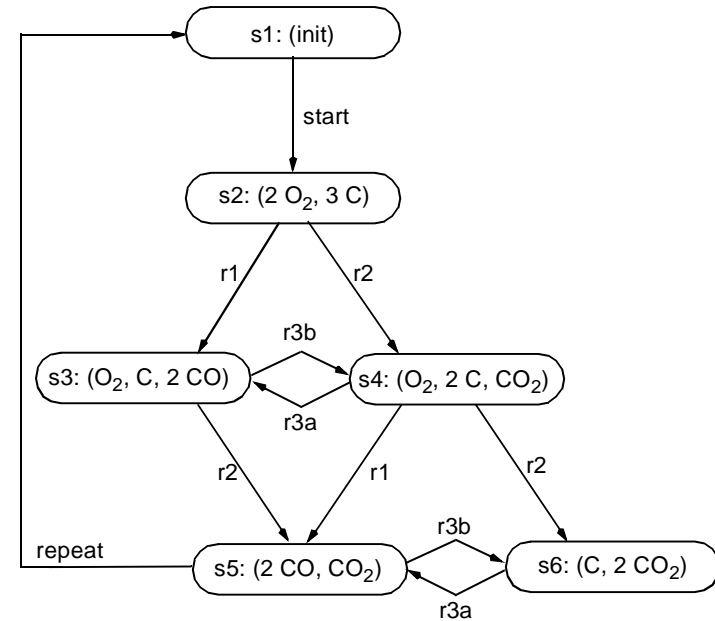
- How many tokens may reside at most in a given place . . .
 - > (0, 1, k, oo) ?
 - > boundedness
 - > rg is finite

- How often may a transition fire . . .
 - > (0-times, n-times, oo-times) ?
 - > liveness
 - > every terminal scc contains all transitions

- Is the initial system state . . .
 - > always reachable again ?
 - > reversibility
 - > rg is sc (consists of one scc)



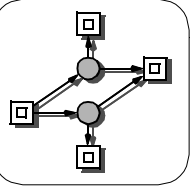
RG(CARBON OXIDATION), EVALUATION



- RG is finite
 - > *BND*

- 1 Strongly Connected Component (SCC)
 - > *REV*

- the only SCC contains all transitions
 - > *LIVE*



REACHABILITY GRAPH, CONSTRUCTION ALGORITHM

PROCEDURE rg (IN Net pn , IN Marking m_0 ,
OUT MSet $nodes$, OUT ArcSet $arcs$);

MSet $U = \{m_0\}$, // unprocessed markings
 $N = \emptyset$; // rg nodes
 ArcSet $E = \emptyset$; // rg arcs (pre, post, t)
 Marking m' ; // successor marking
 Transition t ;

WHILE $U \neq \emptyset$ DO

choose one $m \in U$;
 $U = U - \{m\}$; $N = N \cup \{m\}$;

FOR ALL t enabled at m DO

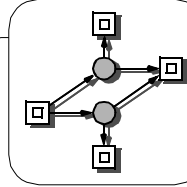
$m' = m + \Delta t$;
 IF $m' \notin N \cup U$ // new marking
 THEN $U = U \cup \{m'\}$
 ENDIF;
 $E = E \cup \{(m, m', t)\}$

ENDFOR

ENDWHILE;

$nodes = N$; $arcs = E$;

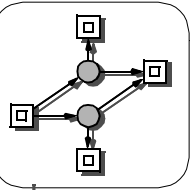
ENDPROC rg.



REACHABILITY GRAPH, OBSERVATIONS

- ❑ **unbounded** Petri net
 -> the RG is **infinite**
- ❑ **bounded** Petri net
 -> the RG is **finite**
- ❑ simple construction algorithm
 -> *single step firing rule*
- ❑ concurrency
 -> *enumeration of all interleaving sequences*
- ❑ branching arcs in the RG
 -> **conflict** OR
 -> **concurrency**
- ❑ RG tend to be very large
 -> *automatic evaluation necessary*
- ❑ **worst case: over-exponential growth**
 -> *alternative analyses techniques ?*

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS METHODS, OVERVIEW

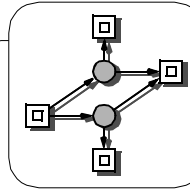


- NET REDUCTION
- STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES
- LINEAR PROGRAMMING**
 - place / transition invariants
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 - trap equation
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 - branching process

static analysis

dynamic analysis
(model checking)

INCIDENCE MATRIX C - A REPRESENTATION OF THE NET STRUCTURE



	P+T	p1	card(P)	t1	card(T)
P+T					
p1		ϕ			- PRE
card(P)					
t1			+ POST		ϕ
card(T)					

↓ POST^T - PRE

C =

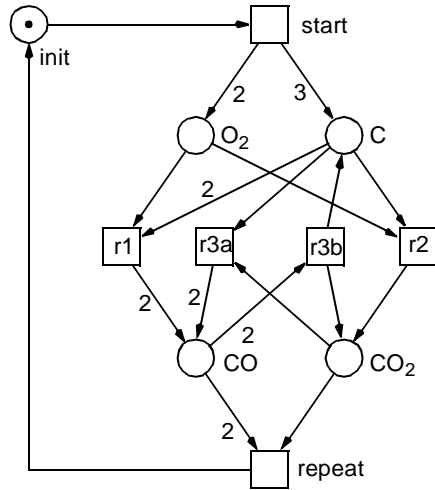
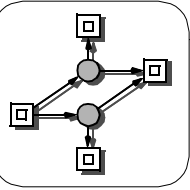
P \ T	t1	...	tj	...	tm
p1					
⋮					
pi			cij		
⋮					
pn					

$$cij = (pi, tj) = F(tj, pi) - F(pi, tj) = \Delta tj(pi)$$

-> token change
in place pi by firing of transition tj

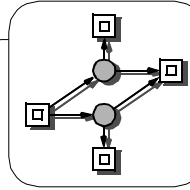
-> stoichiometric matrix

CARBON/BND, INCIDENCE MATRIX



P \ T	r1	r2	r3a	r3b	start	repeat
O ₂	-1	-1	0	0	+2	0
C	-2	-1	-1	+1	+3	0
CO	+2	0	2	-2	0	-2
CO ₂	0	+1	-1	+1	0	-1
init	0	0	0	0	-1	+1

STATE EQUATION



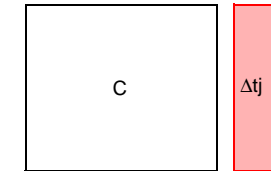
incidence matrix C

P \ T	t1	tj	tm
p1			
pi		Δt_j	
pn			

PARIKH VECTOR
 $\text{parikh}(t_j)$

:
0
:
1
:
0
:

t_j



Δt_j - vector describing the change of the whole marking by firing of t_j

Let the word $w \in T^*$ be a sequence of firing transitions.

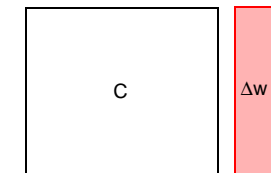
$\text{parikh}(w)$ - transition vector, whereby the position j gives the amount of t_j in w

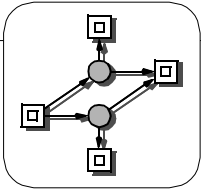
The change on the marking Δw by firing a transition sequence w can be computed by multiplying the incidence matrix C with the Parikh vector $\text{parikh}(w)$ of that transition sequence.

PARIKH VECTOR
 $\text{parikh}(w)$

1
2
:
:
0
:
:
3

t_0
 t_1





T-INVARIANTS

□ Lautenbach, 1973

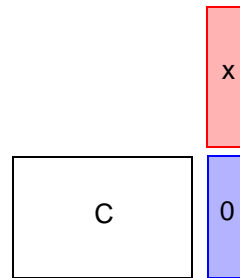
□ T-invariants

-> *integer solutions x of*

$$Cx = 0, x \neq 0, x \geq 0$$

-> *Parikh vector*

-> *exponential complexity*



□ **minimal** T-invariants

-> *there is no T-invariant with a smaller support*

-> *greatest common divisor (gcd) of all entries is 1*

□ support

-> *set of transitions belonging to the T-invariant*

□ any T-invariant is a non-negative linear combination of minimal ones

-> *multiplication with a positive integer*

-> *addition*

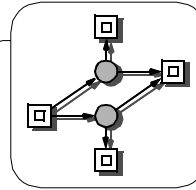
-> *division by gcd*

$$kx = \sum_i a_i x_i$$

□ Covered by T-Invariants (CTI)

-> *each transition belongs to a T-invariant*

-> *if a bounded net is live, then it is CTI*



T-INVARIANTS, INTERPRETATION

□ T-invariants = (multi-) sets of transitions

-> *zero effect on marking*

-> *reproducing a marking / system state*

-> *steady state substance flows*

-> *elementary modes, Schuster 1993*

□ the T-invariant corresponds to cycles in the RG, if the T-invariant is realizable

□ in the RG, concurrency of transitions is described by all transitions' interleaving sequences

□ if there are concurrent transitions in a realizable T-invariant, then there is a RG cycle for each interleaving sequence

-> *T-inv3, T-inv4*

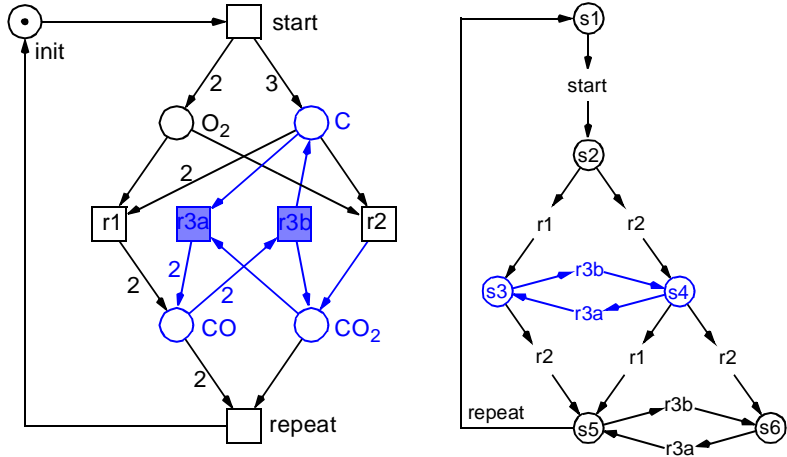
□ pre-sets of supports = post-sets of supports

□ a T-invariant defines a subnet

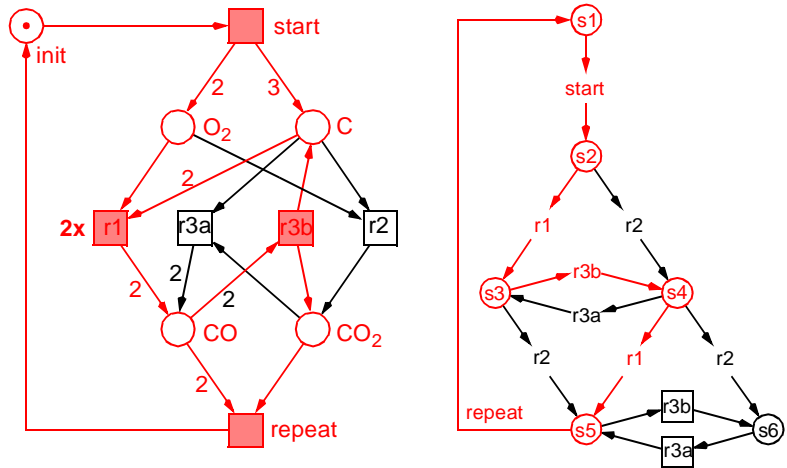
-> *the T-invariant's transitions (the support),
+ all their pre- and post-places
+ the arcs in between*

CARBON/BND, T-INVARIANTS 1, 2

T-inv1 = (r3a, r3b) -> inner cycle

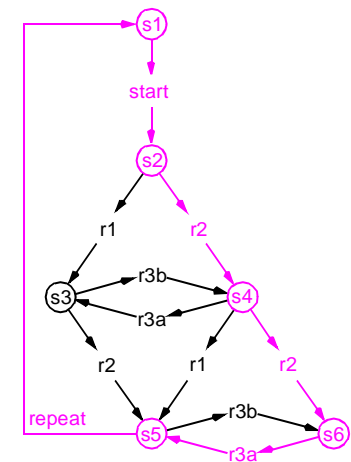
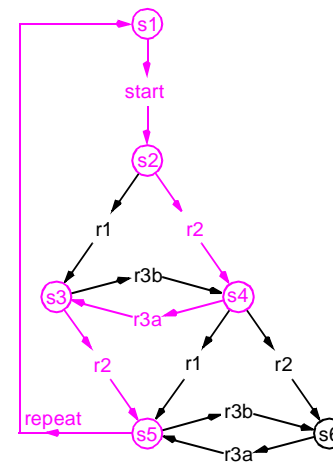
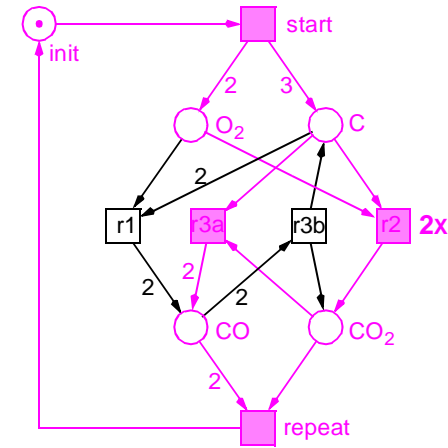


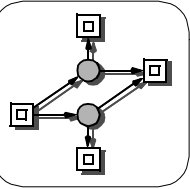
T-inv2 = (start, 2 r1, r3b, repeat) -> input/output cycle



CARBON/BND, T-INVARIANTS 3

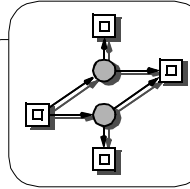
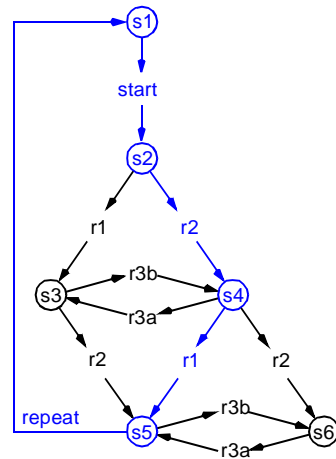
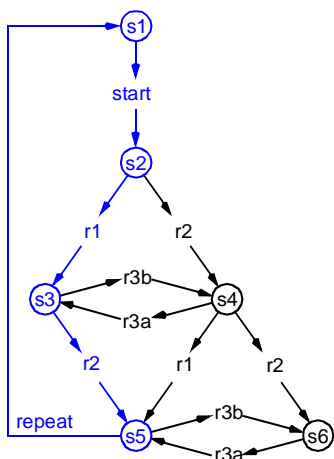
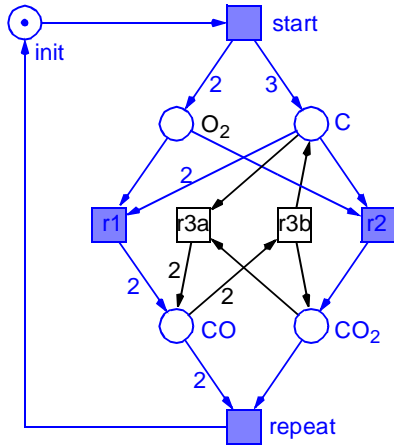
T-inv3 = (start, 2 r2, r3a, repeat) -> start - r2 < r3a > repeat





CARBON/BND, T-INVARIANTS 4

T-inv4 = (start, r1, r2, repeat) \rightarrow start $\langle \begin{matrix} r1 \\ r2 \end{matrix} \rangle$ repeat



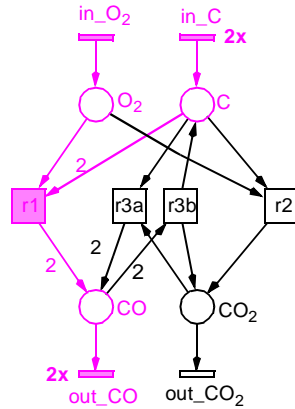
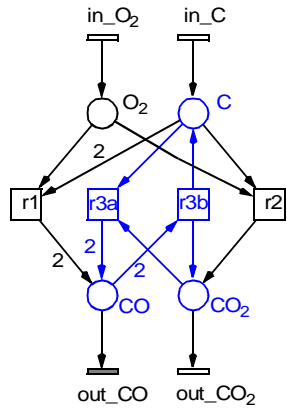
CARBON/UNBOUNDED, T-INVARIANTS, INTERPRETATION

- steady state = constant token distribution
 - preservation of a given system state under continuous firing requires
 - > relative transition firing rates = T-invariant's entries
 - > ex T-inv2: a given state is preserved, if in_C and out_CO fire twice as often as in_O2 and r1;
 - the in- / out-components of the T-invariant
 - > sum equation of the T-invariants remaining transitions
- T-inv1: --
-> inner cycle
- T-inv2: $O_2 + 2 C \rightarrow 2 CO$
-> stoichiometric equation of r1
- T-inv3: $C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$
-> stoichiometric equation of r2
- T-inv4: $2 C + O_2 \rightarrow 2 CO$
-> sum of the stoichiometric equations of r2, r3a
- T-inv5: $C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$
-> sum of the stoichiometric equations of r1, r3b

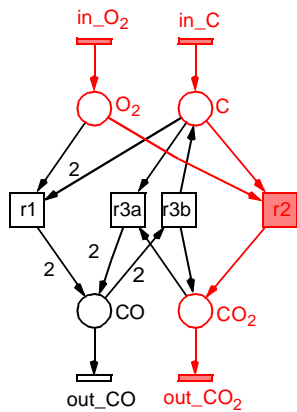
CARBON/UNBOUNDED, T-INVARIANTS 1 - 3

T-inv1 = (r3a, r3b)

T-inv2 = (in_O₂, 2 in_C, r1, 2 out_CO)

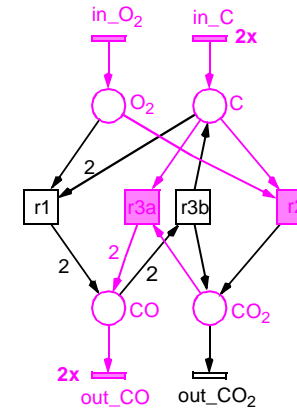


T-inv3 = (in_O₂, in_C, r2, out_CO₂)

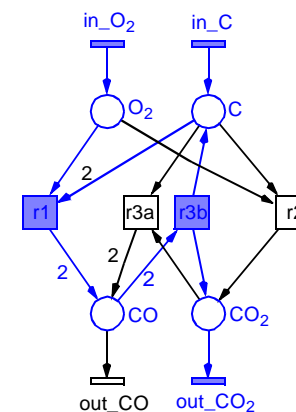


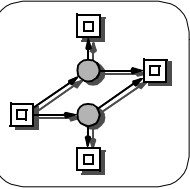
CARBON/UNBOUNDED, T-INVARIANTS 4, 5

T-inv4 = (in_O₂, 2 in_C, r2, r3a, 2 out_CO)



T-inv5 = (in_O₂, in_C, r1, r3b, out_CO₂)





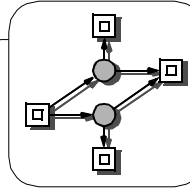
T-INVARIANTS, SUMMARY

TWO INTERPRETATIONS

- state-reproducing transition sequence (partial order) of transitions occurring one after the other
- relative transition firing rates of transitions occurring permanently & concurrently

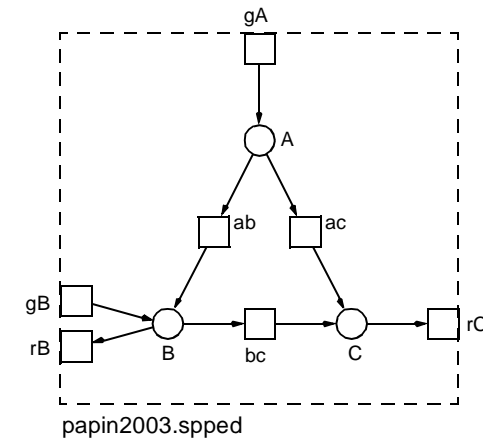
BASIC TYPES IN BIO NETWORKS

- trivial minimal T-invariants
 - > *boundary transitions of auxiliary compounds*
 - > *reversible reactions*
- non-trivial minimal T-invariants
 - > *i/o-T-invariants*
covering boundary transitions of input / output compounds
 - > *inner cycles*



PATHWAY ANALYSIS

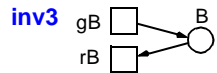
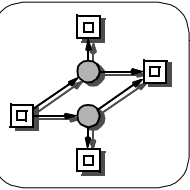
- substances involved
 - > *input substance A*
 - > *output substance C*
 - > *auxiliary substance B*



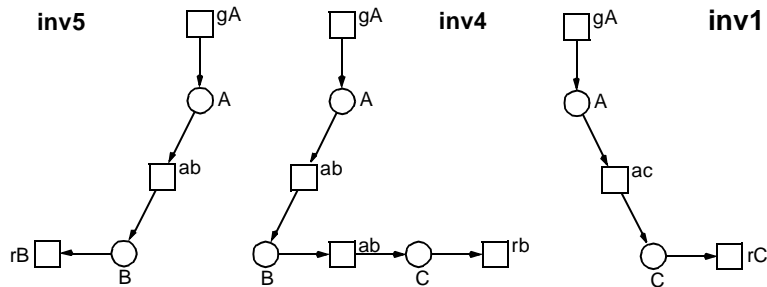
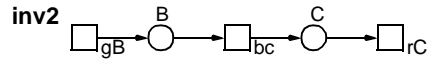
- steady state substance flows
 - > *T-invariants*
- all flow behaviour under the steady state assumption
 - > *non-negative linear combination of minimal T-invariants*

T-INVARIANTS AND EXTREME PATHWAYS

Schilling, 2000

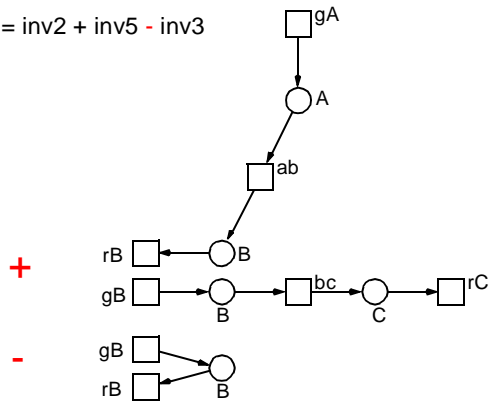


no elementary mode

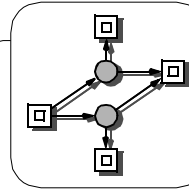


no extreme pathway

$inv4 = inv2 + inv5 - inv3$



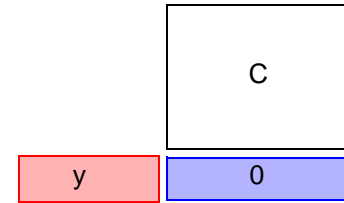
P-INVARIANTS



Lautenbach, 1973

P-invariants

-> integer solutions y of $yC = 0, y \neq 0, y \geq 0$



-> exponential complexity

minimal P-invariants

-> there is no P-invariant with a smaller support

-> gcd of all entries is 1

support

-> set of places belonging to the P-invariant

any P-invariant is a non-negative linear combination of minimal ones

-> multiplication with a positive integer

-> addition

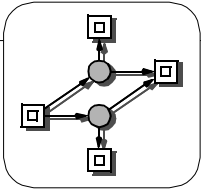
-> division by gcd

$$ky = \sum_i a_i y_i$$

Covered by P-Invariants (CPI)

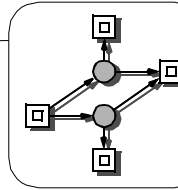
-> each place belongs to a P-invariant

-> sufficient condition for BND



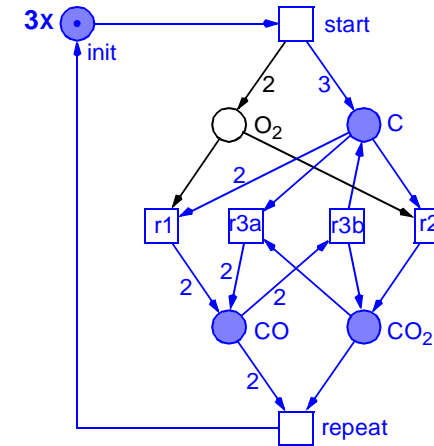
P-INVARIANTS, INTERPRETATION

- set of places with
 - > a constant weighted sum of tokens
 $ym = ym_0$
 for all from m_0 reachable markings m
 - > token / compound preservation
- a place belonging to a P-invariant is bounded
 - > CPI - sufficient condition for BND
- the firing of any transition has no influence on the weighted sum of tokens on the P-invariant's places
 - > for all transition t :
 the effect of the arcs,
 removing tokens from a P-invariant's place
 is equal to the effect of the arcs,
 adding tokens to a P-invariant's place
- pre-sets of supports = post-sets of supports
- a P-invariant defines a subnet
 - > the P-invariant's places (the support),
 + all their pre- and post-transitions
 + the arcs in between

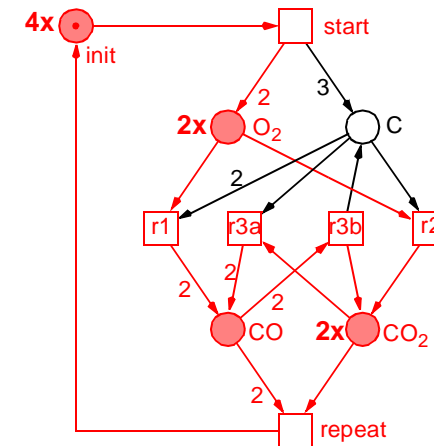


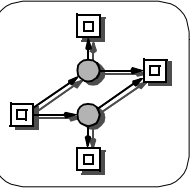
CARBON/BND, P-INVARIANTS

P-inv1 = (3 init, C, CO, CO₂) -> carbon preservation



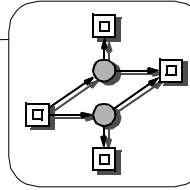
P-inv2 = (4 init, 2 O₂, CO, 2 CO₂) -> oxygen preservation





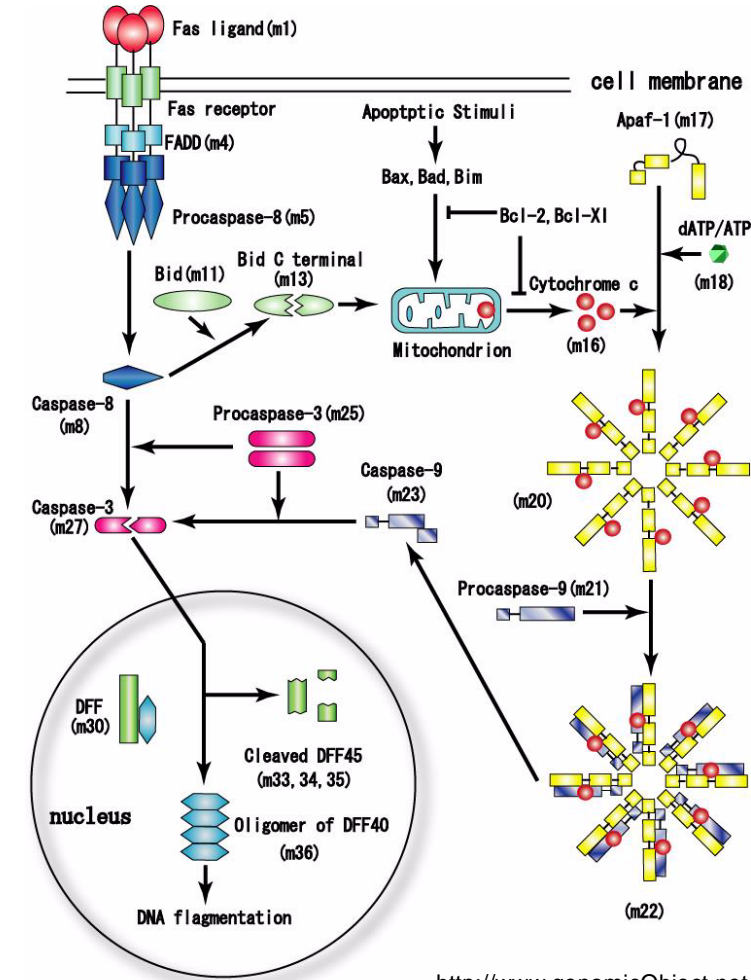
ANALYSIS, SUMMARY

- ❑ validation criterion 1
 - > CTI,
stronger - covered by i/o T-invariants
 - > no minimal T-invariant
without biological interpretation
 - > no known biological behaviour
without corresponding T-invariant
- ❑ validation criterion 2
 - > no minimal P-invariant
without biological interpretation (?)
- ❑ validation criterion 3
 - > CPI
 - > all expected temporal-logic properties -> TRUE
(not discussed here)



4. CASE STUDIES

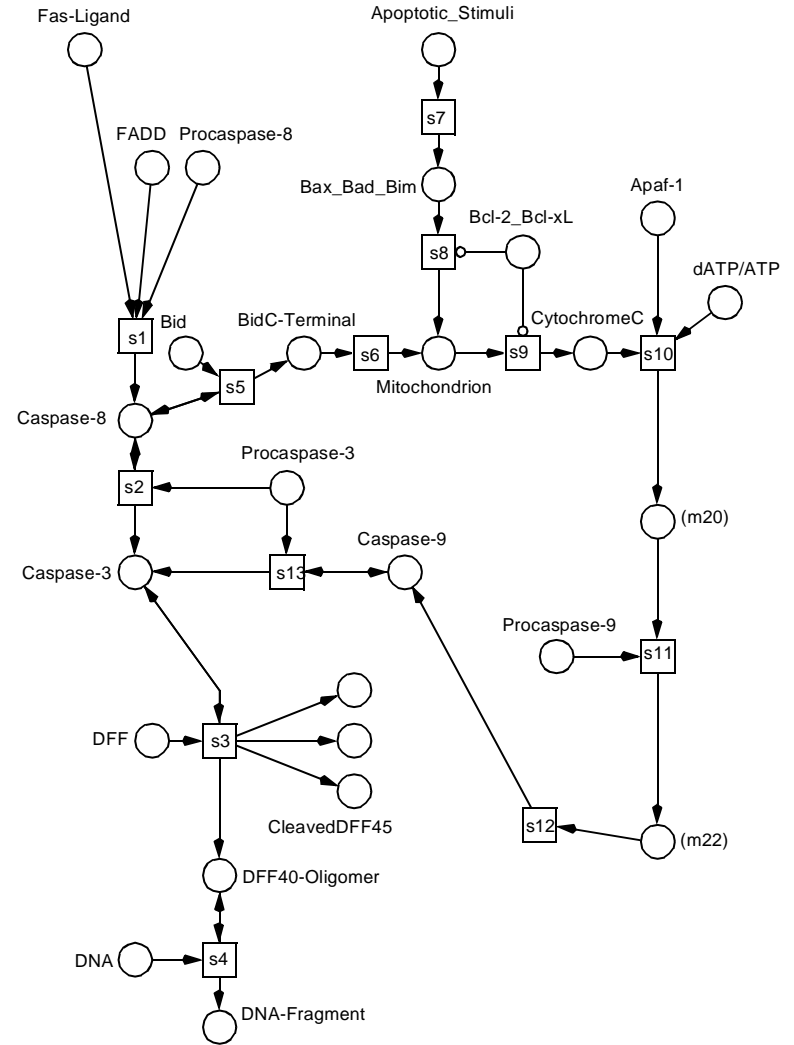
CASE STUDY 1 - APOPTOSIS, THREE BASIC PATHWAYS



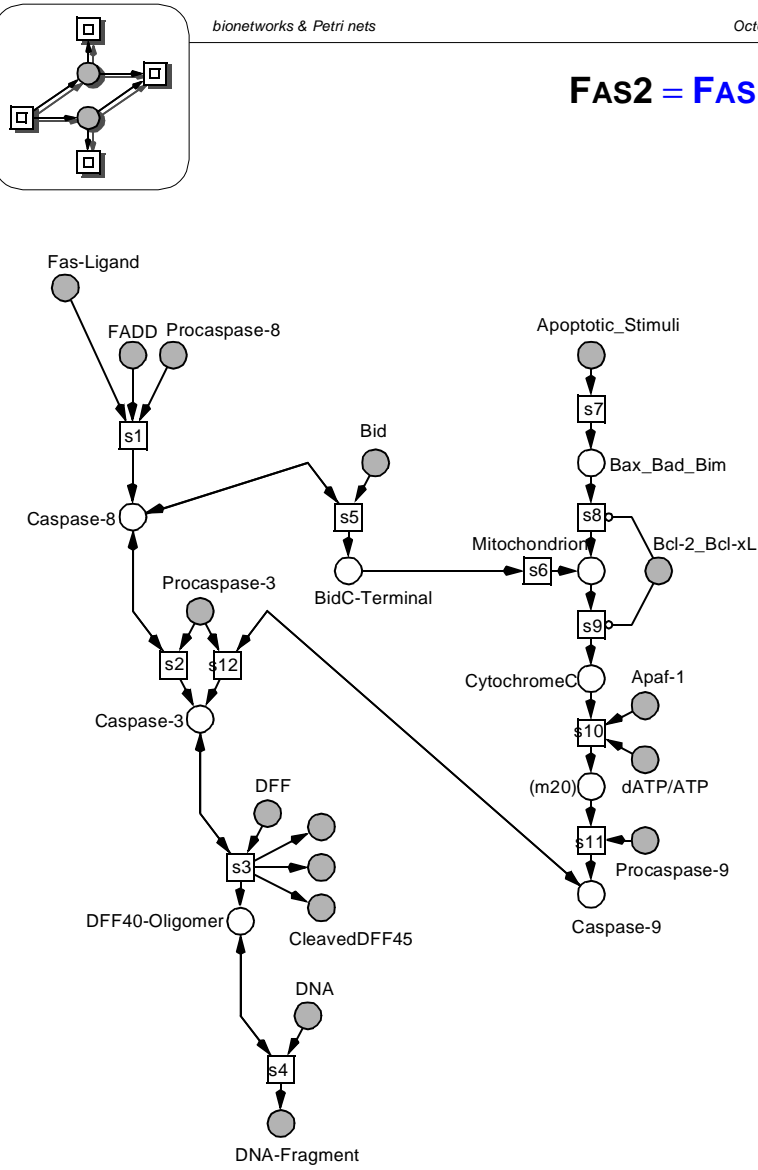
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APOPTOSIS IN MAMMALIAN CELLS

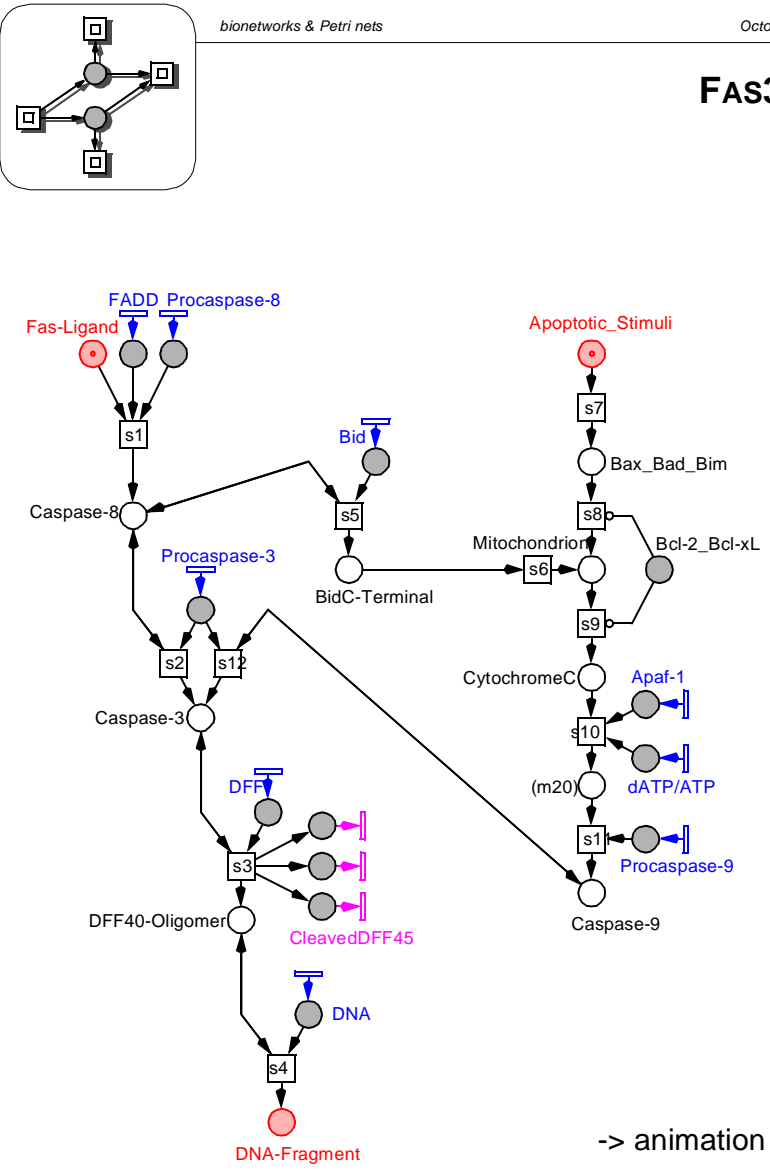
FAS1



FAS2 = FAS1



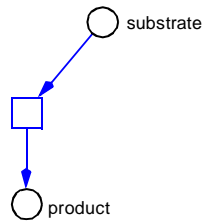
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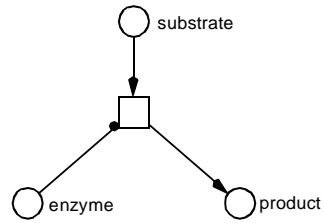
-> animation

REFINEMENT: AUTOCATALYSIS

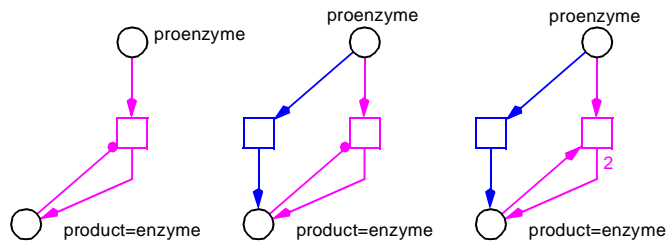
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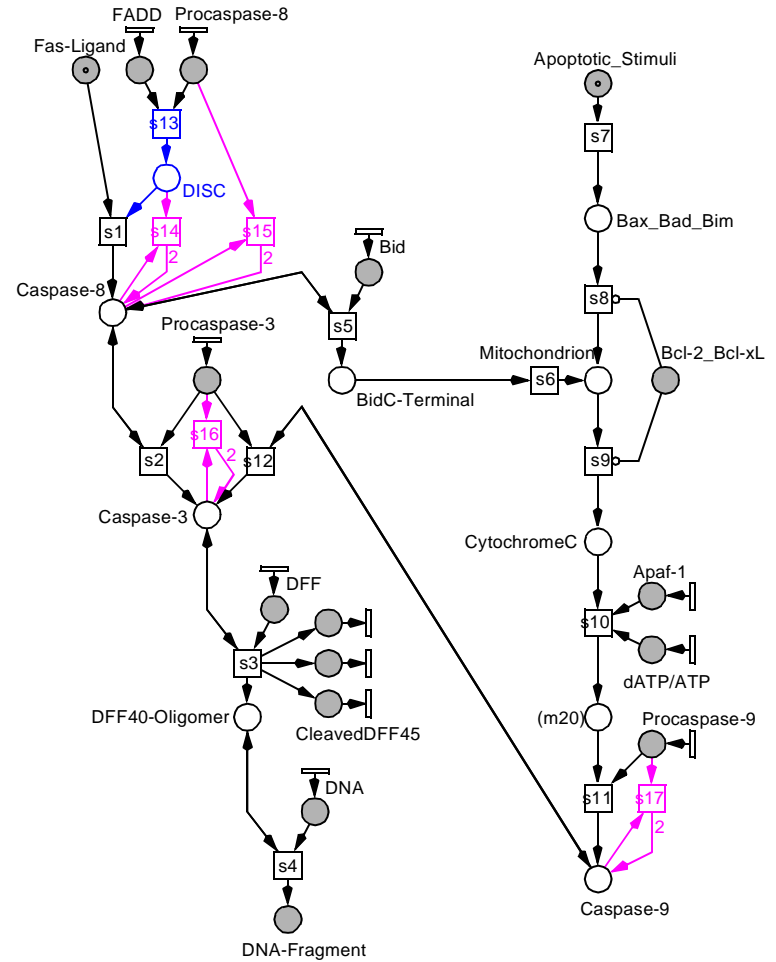
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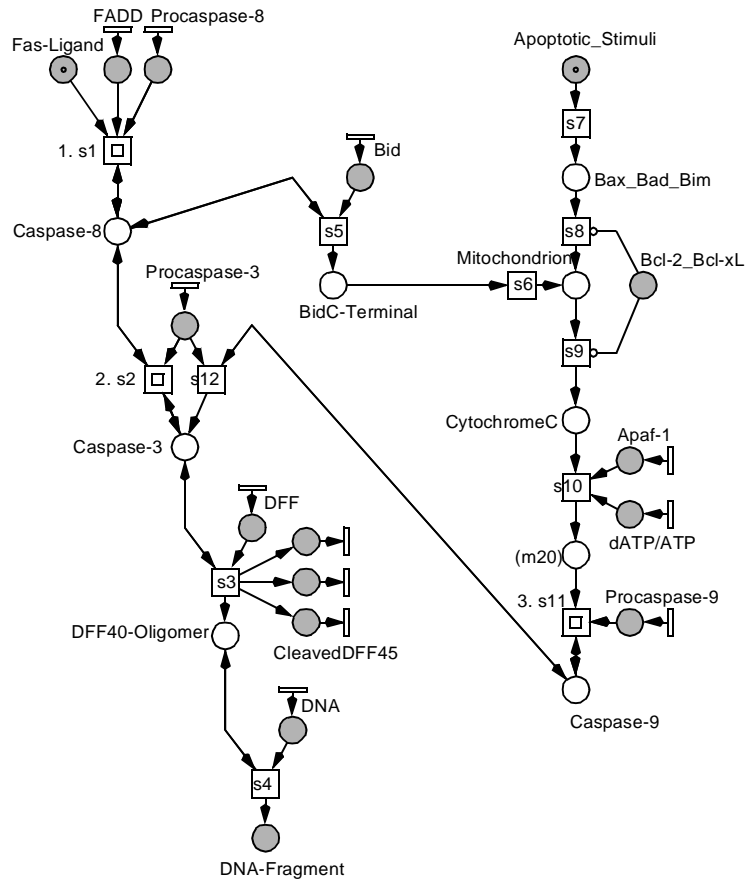
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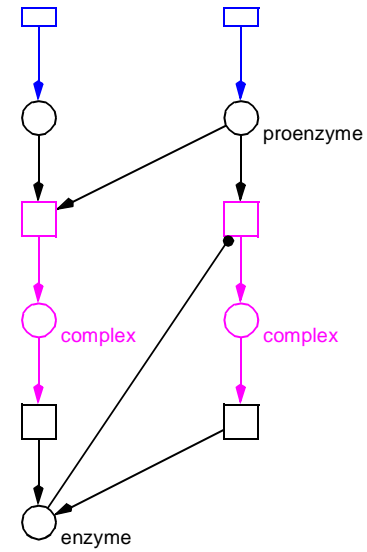
FAS4A



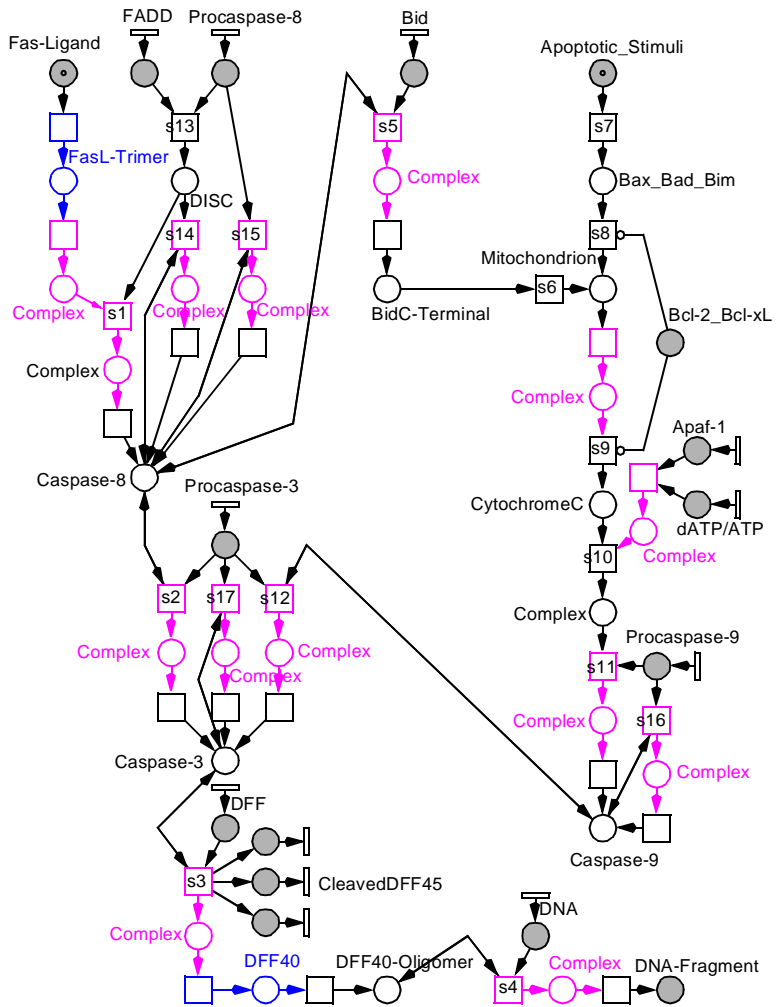
FAS4B ≈ FAS3



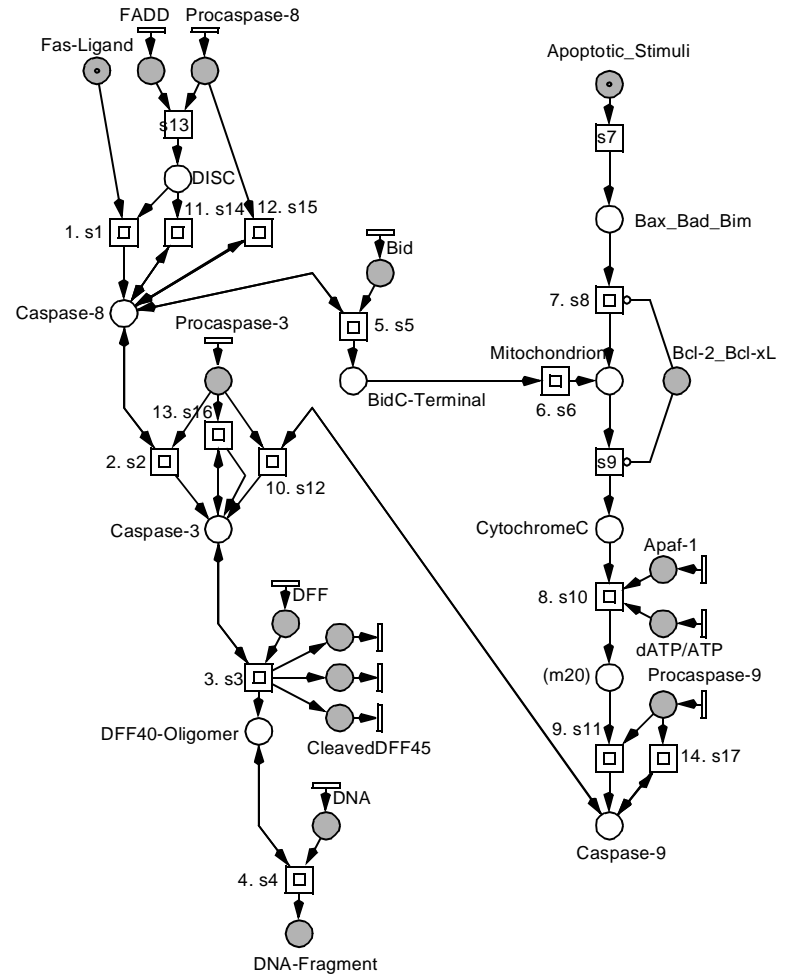
REFINEMENT: INTERMEDIATE COMPLEXES



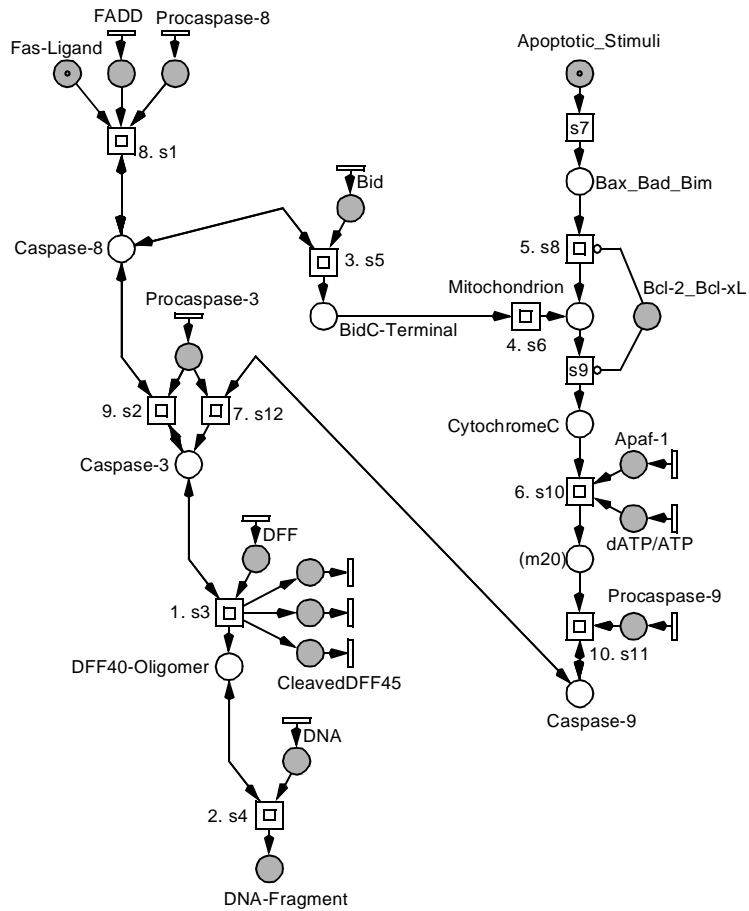
FAS5A



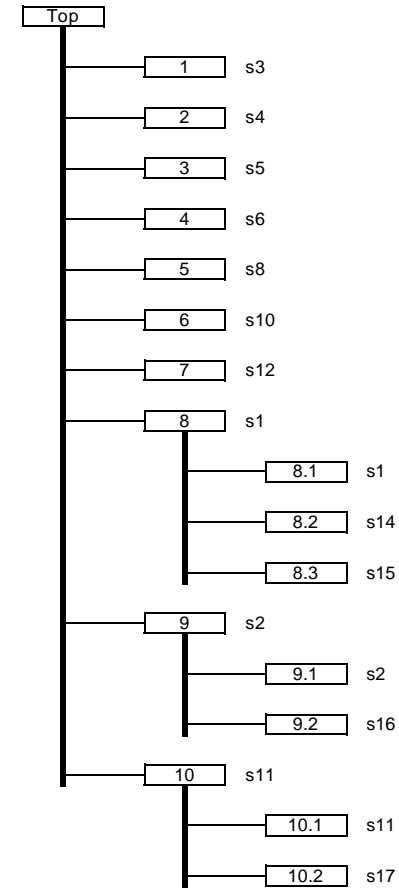
FAS5B ≈ FAS4A

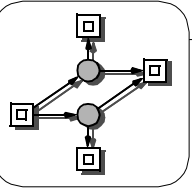


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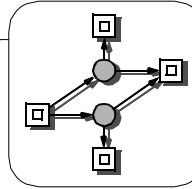
HIERARCHY TREE FAS5C



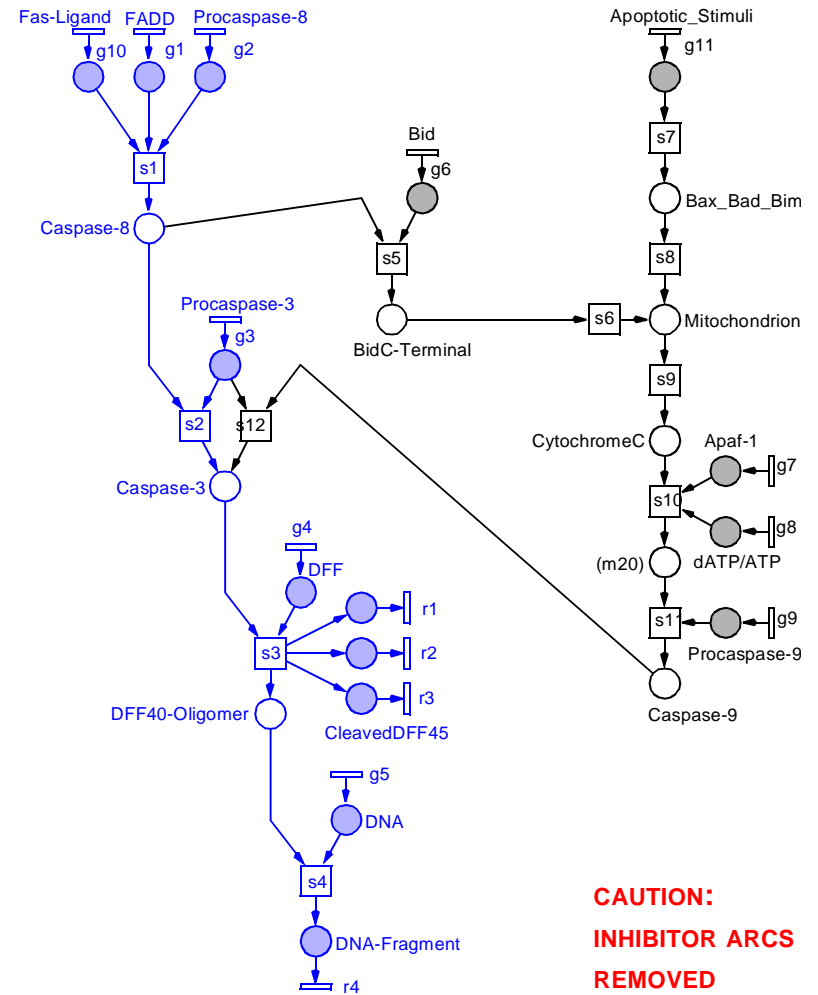


STEP-WISE MODELLING

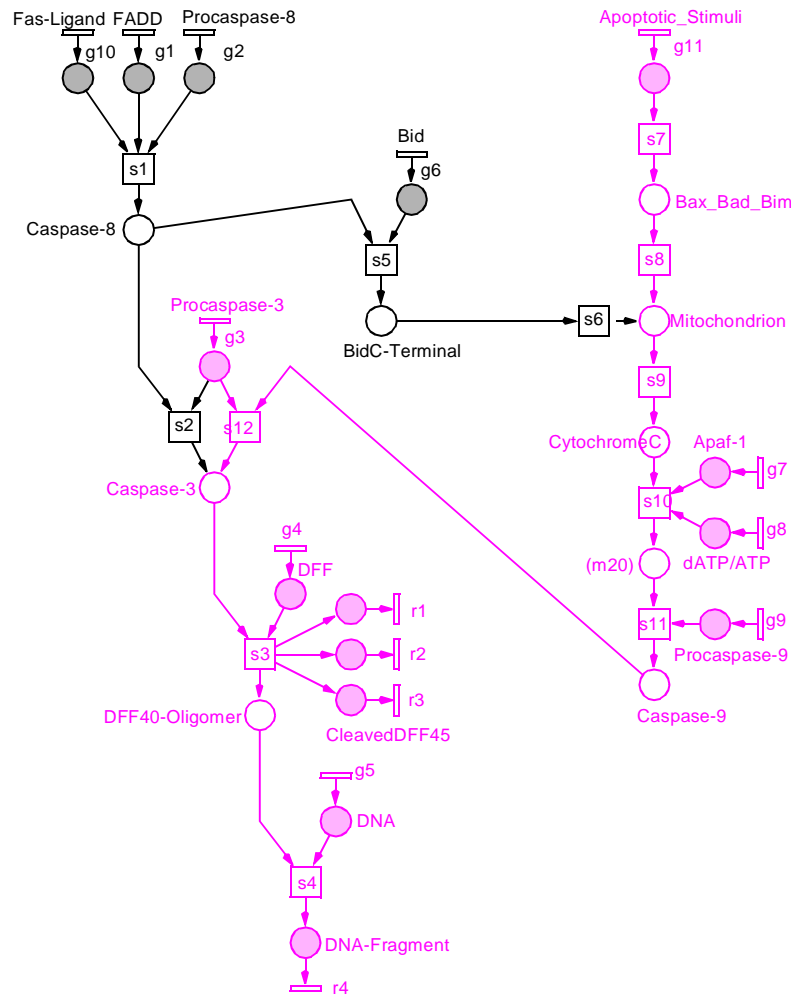
- 1. literal scheme transformation Fas1
- 2. layout improvement Fas2
 - > use of syntactic sugar
- 3. adding environment behaviour Fas3
 - > animation
- 4. adding autocatalysis Fas4a
 - > hierarchic Petri net Fas4b
- 5. adding intermediate complexes Fas5a
 - > refined hierarchies Fas5b
 - Fas5c
- >> EXPLOIDING SYNTACTIC SUGAR**
- 6. abstraction for analysis Fas6



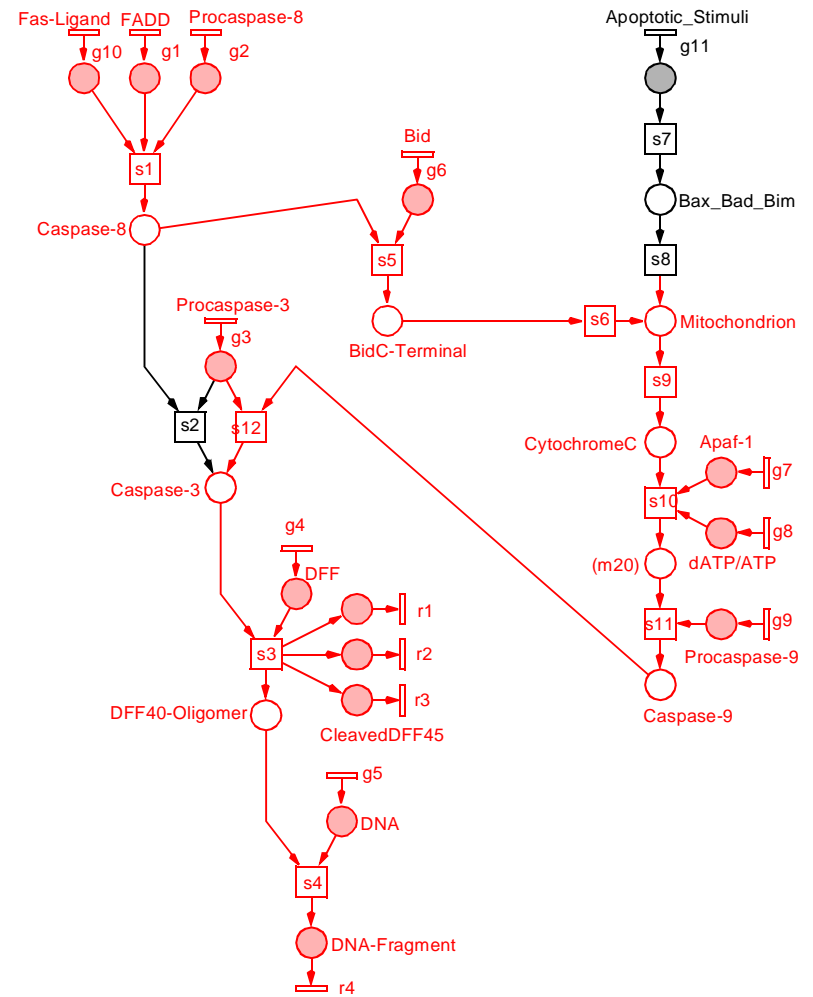
ANALYSIS OF FAS6, T- INVARIANT 1, DEATH-RECEPTOR PATHWAY

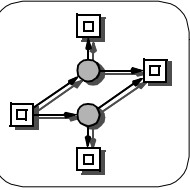


ANALYSIS OF FAS6, T- INVARIANT 2, MITOCHONDRIAL PATHWAY



ANALYSIS OF FAS6, T- INVARIANT 3, CROSS-TALK BY BID

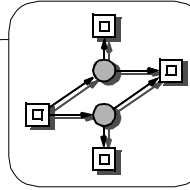




APOPTOSIS, ANALYSES SUMMARY

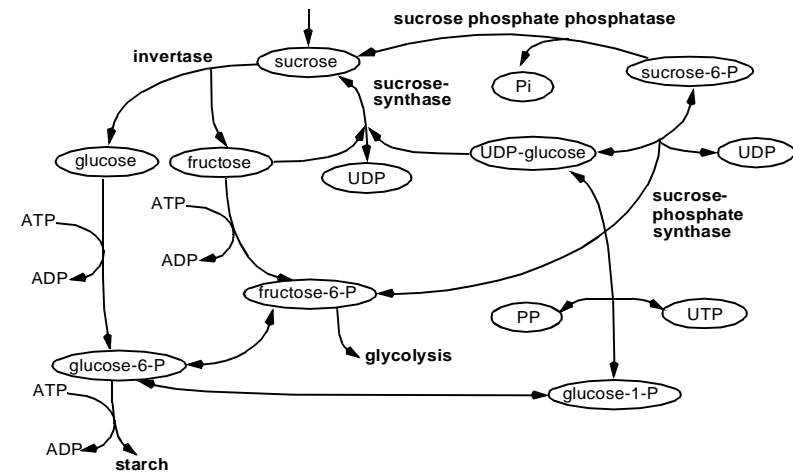
- ❑ environment style 1
- ❑ size of the net - 24 places / 27 transitions
- ❑ many read arcs, resolved for analysis
- ❑ no P-invariants
- ❑ three minimal positive i/o T-invariants
 - > *three basic behaviours*
 - > *any net behaviour = non-negative linear combination of them*
- ❑ covered by i/o T-invariants
 - > *no idle parts*
- ❑ reproducible empty marking (guess)
 - > *cyclic behaviour possible (reversibility)*
- ❑ INA result vector

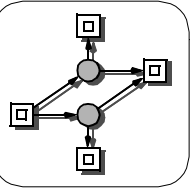
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CASE STUDY 2 - POTATO TUBER

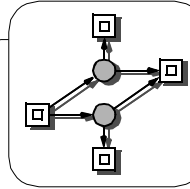
- ❑ central carbon metabolism in potato tubers
 - > *stoichiometric relations known*
 - > *non-ordinary place/transition net*
 - > *many reversible reactions*
- ❑ schematic overview



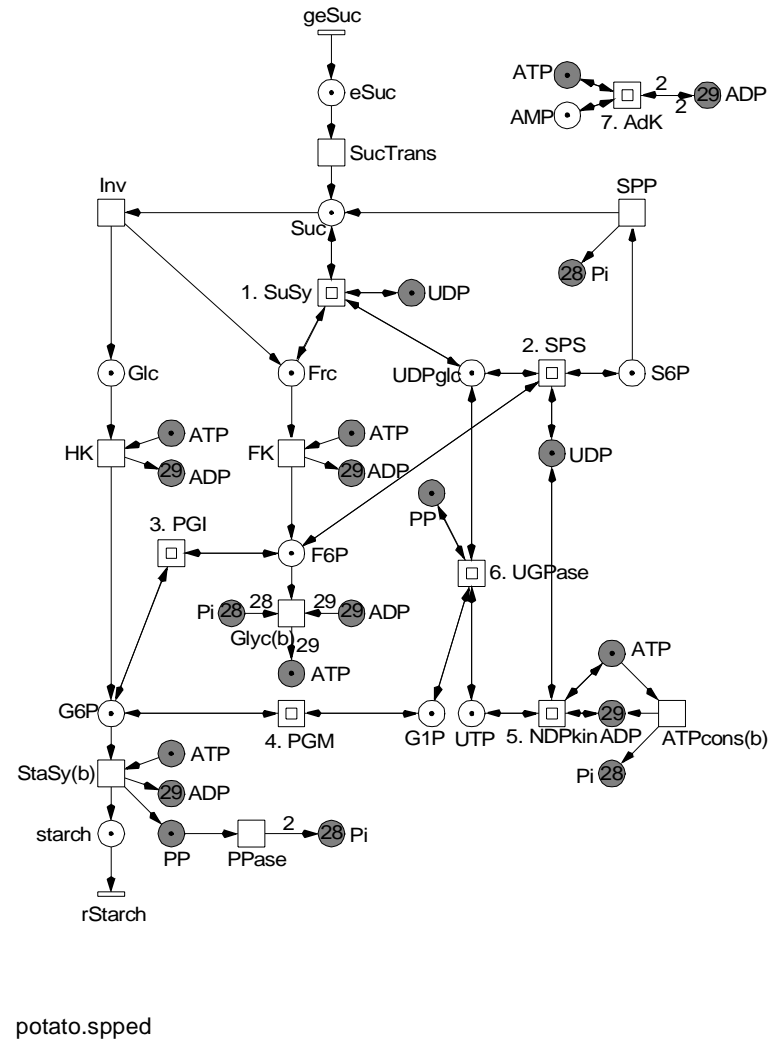


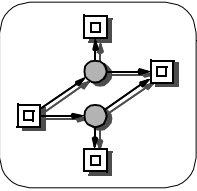
STOICHIOMETRIC EQUATIONS

- R1. SuSy: *sucrose synthase*
 $Suc + UDP \leftrightarrow UDPglc + Frc$
- R2. UGPase: *UDPglucose pyrophosphorylase*
 $UDPglc + PP \leftrightarrow G1P + UTP$
- R3. PGM: *phosphoglucomutase*
 $G6P \leftrightarrow G1P$
- R4. FK: *fructokinase*
 $Frc + ATP \rightarrow F6P + ADP$
- R5. PGI: *phosphoglucose isomerase*
 $G6P \leftrightarrow F6P$
- R6. HK: *hexokinase*
 $Glc + ATP \rightarrow G6P + ADP$
- R7. Inv: *invertase*
 $Suc \rightarrow Glc + Frc$
- R8. Glyc(b): *glycolysis*
 $F6P + 29 ADP + 28 P_i \rightarrow 29 ATP$
- R9. SPS: *sucrose phosphatase*
 $F6P + UDPglc \leftrightarrow S6P + UDP$
- R10. SPP: *sucrose phosphate phosphatase*
 $S6P \rightarrow Suc + P_i$
- R11. NDPkin: *NDP kinase*
 $UDP + ATP \leftrightarrow UTP + ADP$
- R12. SucTrans: *sucrose transporter*
 $eSuc \rightarrow Suc$
- R13. ATPcons(b): *ATP consumption*
 $ATP \rightarrow ADP + P_i$
- R14. StaSy(b): *starch synthesis*
 $G6P + ATP \rightarrow starch + ADP + PP$
- R15. AdK: *adenylate kinase*
 $ATP + AMP \leftrightarrow 2 ADP$
- R16. PPase: *pyrophosphatase*
 $PP \rightarrow 2 P_i$



POTATO TUBER, PETRI NET

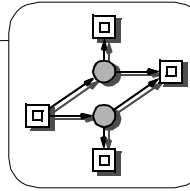




POTATO TUBER, ANALYSES SUMMARY 1

- ❑ environment style 2
- ❑ size of the net - 17 places / 25 transitions
- ❑ three P-invariants, but not CPI
 - > *PI-1: UDPglc, UTP, UDP.*
uridine preservation
 - > *PI-2: ATP, AMP, ADP.*
adenosine preservation
 - > *PI-3: G6P, F6P, G1P, UTP, ATP(2),*
ADP, S6P, Pi, PP(2).
preservation of phosphorylated metabolites
- ❑ P-invariants need sufficient tokens at initial marking to make the net live
 - > *how to calculate ?*
- ❑ INA result vector

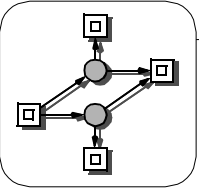
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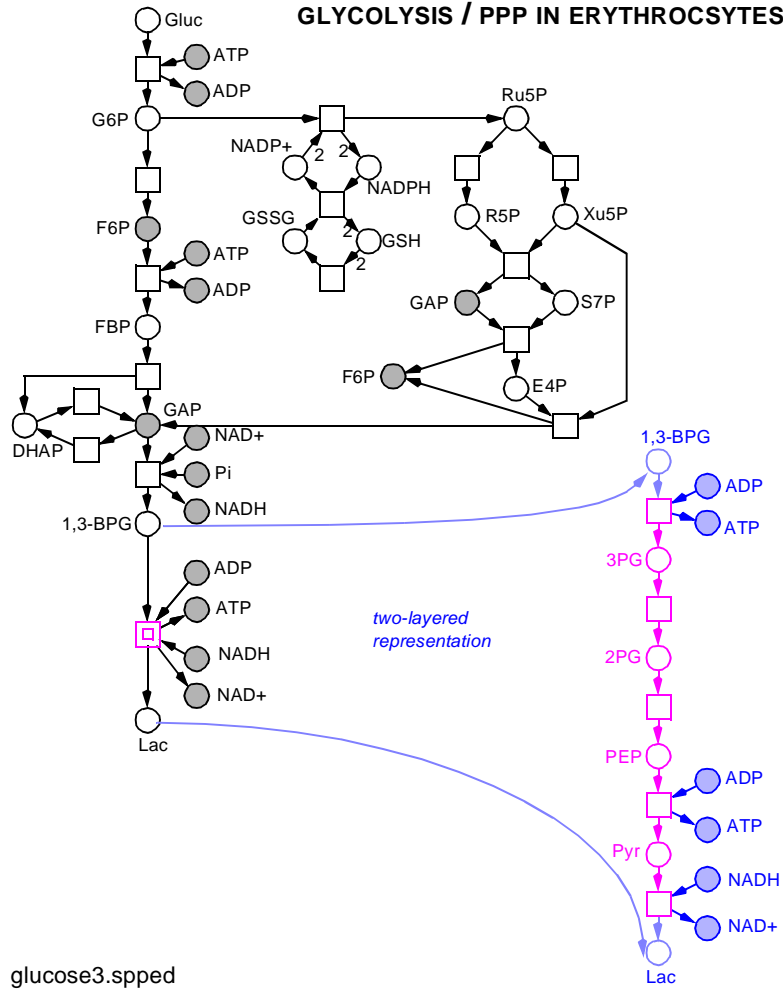
POTATO TUBER, ANALYSES SUMMARY 2

- ❑ covered by i/o T-invariants
- ❑ 19 T-invariants
 - > *7 trivial ones (reversible reactions)*
 - > *12 i/o invariants*
 - > *no inner cycles*
- ❑ 3 i/o T-invariants with sucrose cleavage by sucrose synthase
 - > *e.g. TI-8: geSuc, SucTrans, SuSy(29), UGPase, PGM_rev, FK(29), Glyc(b), StaSy(b), rStarch, SPS(28), SPP(28), NDPkin_rev.*
- ❑ 9 i/o T-Invariants with sucrose cleavage by invertase
 - > *e.g. TI-11: geSuc, SucTrans, Inv(14), UGPase_rev(13), PGM(13), HK(14), FK, Glyc(b), StaSy(b), rStarch, SuSy_rev(13), NDPkin(13), PPase(14).*
- ❑ AdK and SPS_rev
 - > *do not occur in a no-trivial T-invariant*
 - > *removing AdK and \triangleleft or SPS_rev has no influence on the system behaviour*

CASE STUDY 3 - GLYCOLYSIS, VERSION 3

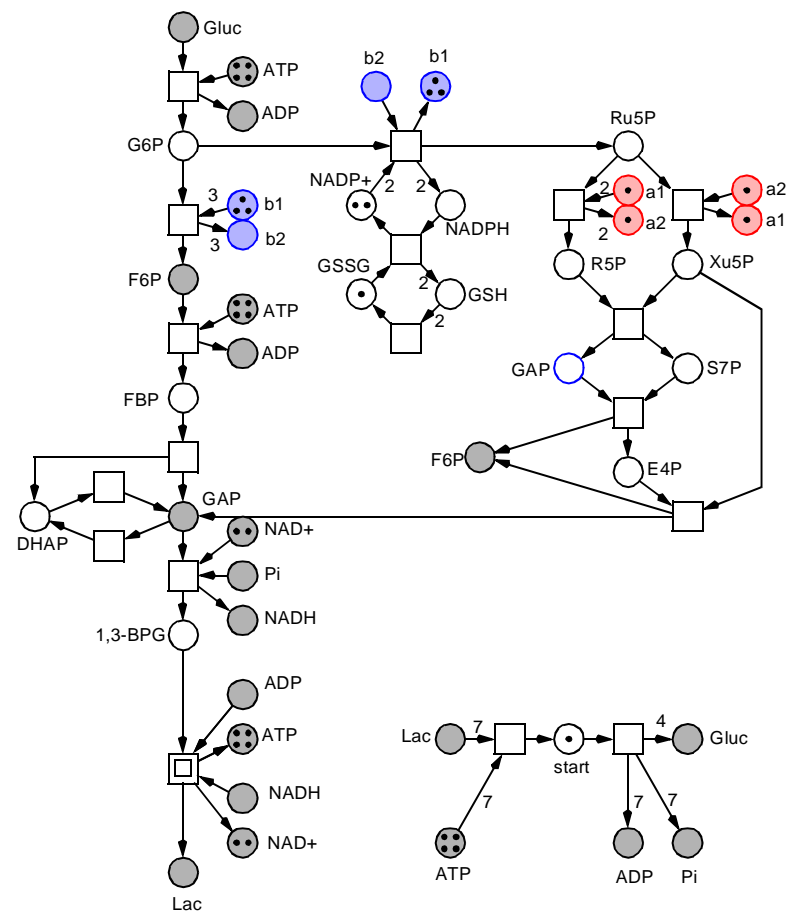
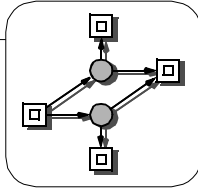


GLYCOLYSIS / PPP IN ERYTHROCYTES

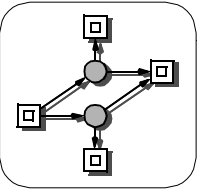


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GLYCOLYSIS, VERSION 4

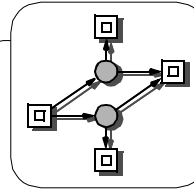


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ASSUMPTIONS IN VERSION 4

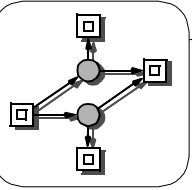
- ❑ the two appearances of GAP can be separated (no logical / fusion nodes)
 - ❑ the branching probabilities at the conflicts of G6P and Ru5P are known and may be characterized by the relations
 - G6P - 3 :1
 - Ru5P - 2 :1
- > *STEADY STATE:*
all intermediates have to be balanced with respect to inputs and outputs



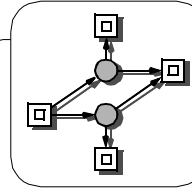
GLYCOLYSIS, ANALYSES SUMMARY

- ❑ environment style 3
- ❑ size of the net - 32 places, 22 transitions
- ❑ CPI
 - > BND
 - > 39 P-invariants
 - > interpretation ?
- ❑ CTI
 - > 1 trivial T-invariant
 - > 1 i/o invariant
- ❑ size of the reachability graph - 14.862
 - > live
 - > reversible
- ❑ INA result vector

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?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	?	N	N	Y	Y	N				



5. SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK



BIO PETRI NETS, WHAT FOR ?

- **unifying view**
 - > *different biochemical systems*

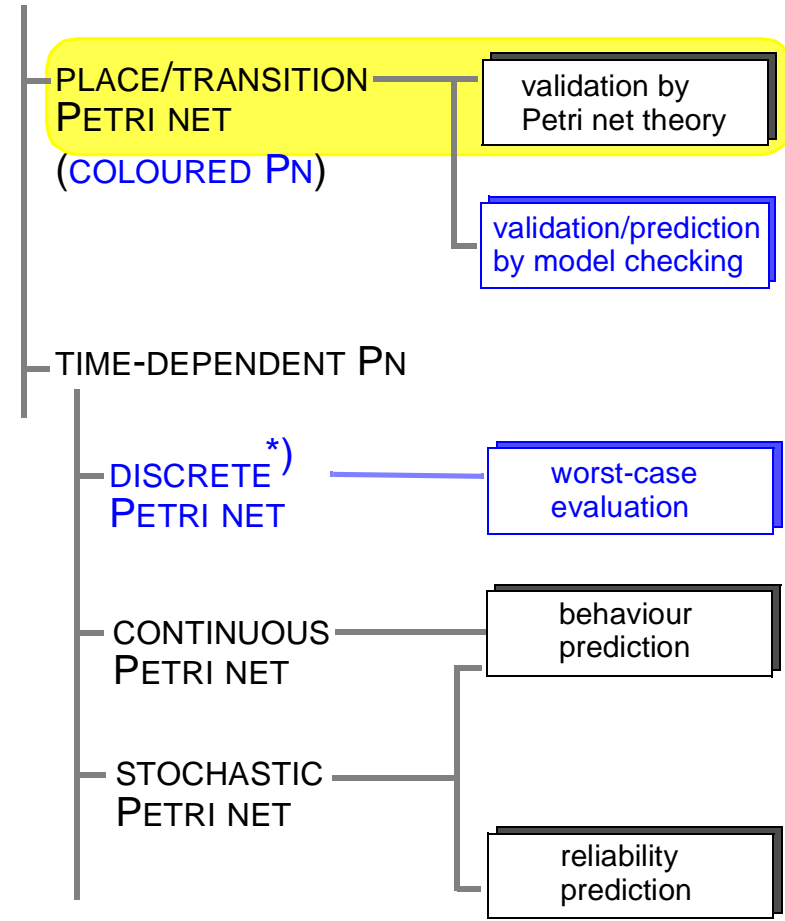
- **step-wise model construction**
of graphical (= visual) models for
 - > *animation*
 - > *validation*
 - > *(qualitative) analysis*
 - > *(quantitative) simulation*

- **integration of**
 - > *model validation*
 - > *behaviour prediction*

- **one all-purpose model**
 - > *animation model*
 - > *"qualitative model = animation model"*
 - > *"quantitative model =
qualitative model
+ quantitative parameter"*

MODEL CLASSES

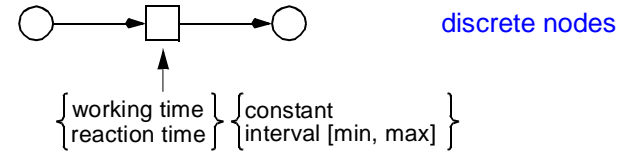
PETRI NETS



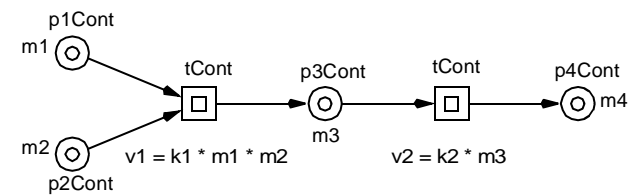
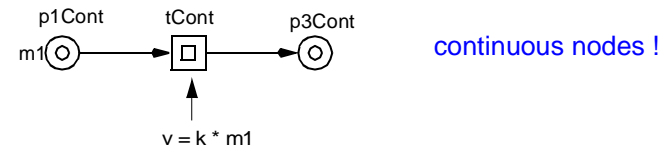
*) DISCRETELY TREATABLE

INTEGRATION OF QUANTITATIVE ANALYSES

- CONTINUOUS, BUT DISCRETELY TREATABLE TIME



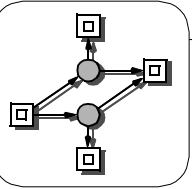
- CONTINUOUS TIME



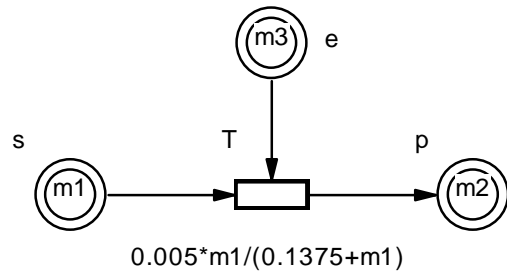
system of differential equations

$$\begin{cases} d [p1Cont] / dt = d [p2Cont] / dt = - v1 \\ d [p4Cont] / dt = v2 \\ d [p3Cont] / dt = v1 - v2 \end{cases}$$

-> SELF-MODIFYING PETRI NETS



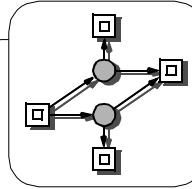
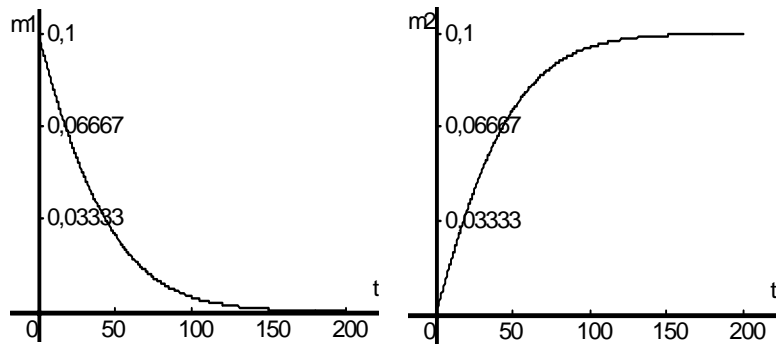
MICHAELIS-MENTEN REACTION [GENOMIC OBJECT NET]



$V_{max} = 0.005$ (maximal reaction rate)

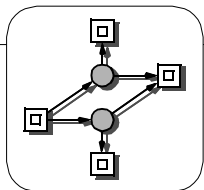
$K_m = 0.1375$ (Michaelis constant)

$$d[s]/dt = d[p]/dt = V_{max} * [s] / (K_m + [s])$$



CASE STUDIES

- apoptosis in mammalian cells
- detailed glycolysis/pentose phosphate pathways in all human cells
- blood clotting in human (hemostasis versus fibrinolysis)
- lipoprotein metabolism (liver) in human
- G1/S - phase in mammalian cells
- detailed central carbon metabolism in potato tubers
- central carbon metabolism in *E.coli*



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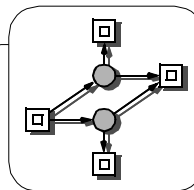
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