# eBCSgen 2.0: Modelling and Analysis of Regulated Rule-based Systems

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# eBCSgen

- Support tool for BioChemical Space Language (BCSL)
  - Rule-based formalism
- Introduced new features
  - SBML-multi export
  - Support for early stage model development
    - No mechanistic or quantitative details known
    - E.g complete and incomplete combustion
      - Compete: 2 CH<sub>4</sub> + 4 O<sub>2</sub> -> 2 CO<sub>2</sub> + 4 H<sub>2</sub>O
      - Incomplete: 2 CH<sub>4</sub> + 3 O<sub>2</sub> -> 2 CO + 4 H<sub>2</sub>O
    - Signalling pathways
      - Inhibition without mechanistic details
  - Explicit CTL model checking

## Rule-based modeling

- Use patterns (*rules*) to compactly represent reactions
- Indirectly specify a mathematical model



#### **BioChemical Space Language**



## Early stage model development

- Limited/sketched knowledge about modelled system's parts
  - E.g. carbon transport in E.Coli
- Employed regulations
  - Additional conditions on the rewriting process
  - Express uncertain details on the abstract level
  - Several types
    - Regular
    - Ordered
    - Programmed
    - Conditional
    - Concurrent-free



## **Regular regulation**

- Specify regular expression over rule labels
- E.g. r1\_S.r1\_T.r2|r1\_T.r1\_S



#### Ordered regulation

- Partial order over the rules
- E.g. r1\_S > r2, r1\_T > r2



#### **Programmed regulation**

- Explicit successors for every rule
- E.g. r1\_S -> {r2, r1\_T}, r1\_T -> {r1\_S}, r2 -> ∅



## **Conditional regulation**

- Requires absence of molecules
- E.g. r2 -> { P(S{a},T{i})::cell }



#### Concurrent-free regulation

- Assign priority to concurrent processes
- E.g. r1\_S > r2, r1\_T > r2



#### Back to the examples...

- Combustion
  - Compete:  $2 CH_4 + 4 O_2 \rightarrow 2 CO_2 + 4 H_2O$
  - Incomplete: 2 CH<sub>4</sub> + 3 O<sub>2</sub> -> 2 CO + 4 H<sub>2</sub>O
  - Concurrent-free assign priority to Compete combustion rule
- Signalling pathway (illustrative example on MAPK)
  - Conditional regulation, rendering respective rule disabled with MAPK(R1{a},R2{a}) present



#### **Biological case studies**

- Decision making in cell cycle (programmed)
- Decision between inducer exclusion



fructose

PTS

F-1-P

inducer exclusion

catabolism

glucose

catabolite

PTS

G-6-P

# eBCSgen features summary

- Python command-line tool
- Galaxy user interface
  - <u>https://biodivine-vm.fi.muni.cz/galaxy</u>
- Available as bioconda package, docker container and (soon) series of published Galaxy tools
- Main features
  - Interactive editor
  - Simulations
  - PCTL model checking & parameter synthesis
  - Various static analyses
  - Interactive visualisations
  - → Support for introduced regulations
  - → CTL model checking
  - → SBML-multi export

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