

Decentralized Execution of Constraint Handling Rules for Ensembles

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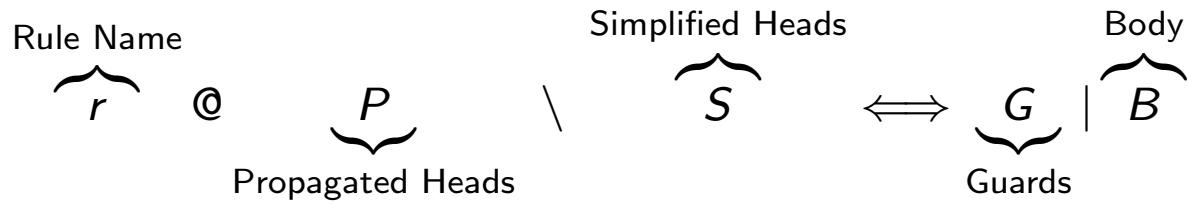
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Main-stream Distributed Programming

- Distributed programming is fast becoming *inevitable!*
 - Multicore architectures
 - Cloud computing and big data
 - Mobile smart phones and tablets
- Main-stream demand for software that:
 - Execute in a decentralized manner.
 - Communicate and coordinate as a collective ensemble.
- We explore adapting Constraint Handling Rules (CHR) for this purpose!
 - Its declarative and concurrent.
 - Online (Computation can start on partial inputs)
 - Anytime (Computation can be interrupted for approximate)

Constraint Handling Rules (CHR), Traditionally

- General form of a CHR rule:



- CHR rules are applied to a multiset of constraints, known as the *constraint store* St .
- Informally: If we have $P \uplus S$ in St , such that G is true, then replace S in St with B .
- Short forms:
 - If P is empty, we write $r @ S \iff G | B$.
 - If S is empty, we write $r @ P \implies G | B$.

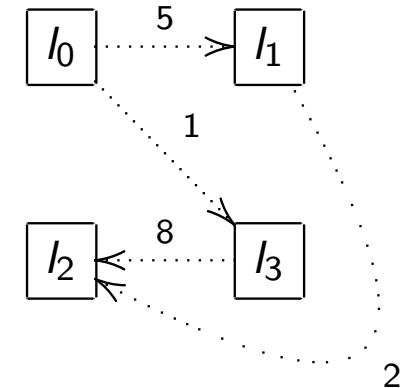
Constraint Handling Rules (CHR), Traditionally

- Example of CHR Program: Find all shortest path

base @ $\text{edge}(X, Y, D) \implies \underline{\text{path}(X, Y, D)}$

elim @ $\text{path}(X, Y, D1) \setminus \text{path}(X, Y, D2) \iff D1 \leq D2 \mid \text{true}$

trans @ $\text{edge}(X, Y, D1), \text{path}(Y, Z, D2) \implies X \neq Z \mid \underline{\text{path}(X, Z, D1 + D2)}$



- Example of CHR derivations (*e* for *edge*, *p* for *path*):

$\{e(l_0, l_1, 5), e(l_0, l_3, 1), e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_3, l_2, 8)\}$

$\rightarrow_{\text{base}} \{e(l_0, l_1, 5), \underline{e(l_0, l_3, 1)}, e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_3, l_2, 8), \underline{p(l_0, l_1, 5)}\}$

$\rightarrow_{\text{base} \times 3}^* \{e(l_0, l_1, 5), e(l_0, l_3, 1), e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_3, l_2, 8), p(l_0, l_1, 5), \underline{p(l_0, l_3, 1)}, \underline{p(l_1, l_2, 2)}, \underline{p(l_3, l_2, 8)}\}$

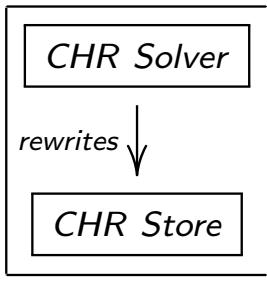
$\rightarrow_{\text{trans}} \{e(l_0, l_1, 5), \underline{e(l_0, l_3, 1)}, e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_3, l_2, 8), p(l_0, l_1, 5), p(l_0, l_3, 1), p(l_1, l_2, 2), \underline{p(l_3, l_2, 8)}, \underline{p(l_0, l_2, 7)}\}$

$\rightarrow_{\text{trans}} \{e(l_0, l_1, 5), e(l_0, l_3, 1), e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_3, l_2, 8), p(l_0, l_1, 5), p(l_0, l_3, 1), p(l_1, l_2, 2), p(l_3, l_2, 8), \underline{p(l_0, l_2, 7)}, \underline{p(l_0, l_2, 9)}\}$

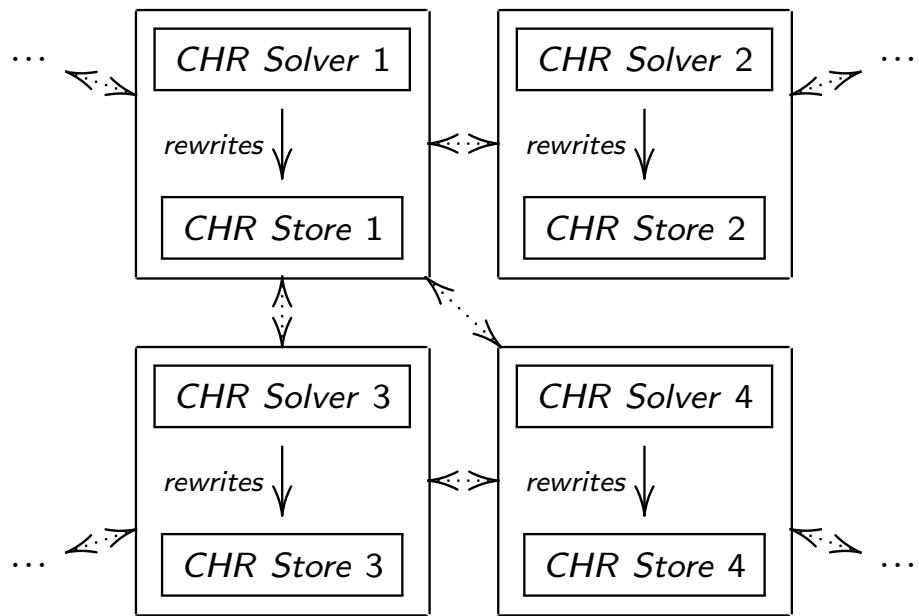
$\rightarrow_{\text{elim}} \{e(l_0, l_1, 5), e(l_0, l_3, 1), e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_3, l_2, 8), p(l_0, l_1, 5), p(l_0, l_3, 1), p(l_1, l_2, 2), p(l_3, l_2, 8), \underline{p(l_0, l_2, 7)}\}$

Why Decentralized and Distribute Solving?

Traditional CHR



CHR^e



- Exploiting distributed computing resources.
(e.g., shortest path, page rank, minimal spanning tree, distributed sorting)
- Not feasible for centralized storage.
(e.g., P2P mobile applications, embedded device programming)

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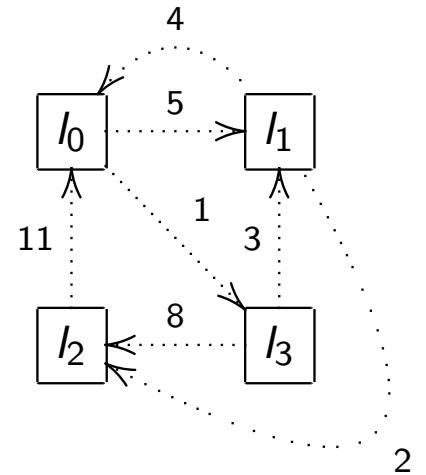
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Recalling “Find Shortest Path” in CHR

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trans @ $edge(X, Y, D1), path(Y, Z, D2) \implies X \neq Z \mid path(X, Z, D1 + D2)$



$\{ e(l_0, l_1, 5), e(l_0, l_3, 1), e(l_1, l_0, 4), e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_2, l_0, 11), e(l_3, l_2, 8), e(l_3, l_1, 3) \}$
 $\rightarrow^* \{ e(l_0, l_1, 5), e(l_0, l_3, 1), e(l_1, l_0, 4), e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_2, l_0, 11), e(l_3, l_2, 8), e(l_3, l_1, 3) \}$
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 $, p(l_0, l_2, 9), p(l_0, l_2, 7), p(l_1, l_0, 13), p(l_1, l_3, 5), p(l_2, l_1, 16), p(l_2, l_3, 12), p(l_3, l_0, 19) \}$
 $, p(l_3, l_0, 7), p(l_3, l_2, 5) \}$
 \dots
 $\rightarrow^* \{ e(l_0, l_1, 5), e(l_0, l_3, 1), e(l_1, l_0, 4), e(l_1, l_2, 2), e(l_2, l_0, 11), e(l_3, l_2, 8), e(l_3, l_1, 3) \}$
 $, p(l_0, l_1, 4), p(l_0, l_2, 6), p(l_0, l_3, 1), p(l_1, l_0, 4), p(l_1, l_2, 2), p(l_1, l_3, 5), p(l_2, l_0, 11) \}$
 $, p(l_2, l_1, 15), p(l_2, l_3, 12), p(l_3, l_0, 19), p(l_3, l_1, 3), p(l_3, l_2, 5) \}$

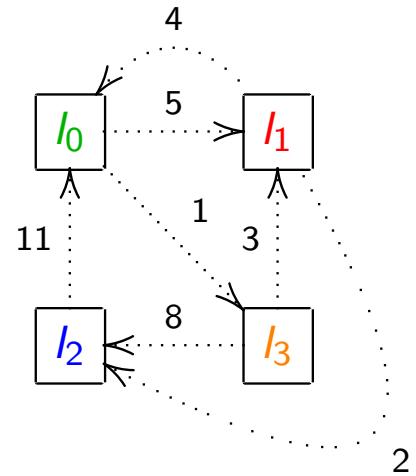
How can we distribute the constraints, but still collectively solve?

Explicit Location Annotations

base @ $[X]edge(Y, D) \implies [X]path(Y, D)$

elim @ $[X]path(Y, D1) \setminus [X]path(Y, D2) \iff D1 \leq D2 \mid true$

trans @ $[X]edge(Y, D1), [Y]path(Z, D2) \implies X \neq Z \mid [X]path(Z, D1 + D2)$



Location l_0
$\{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1)\}$
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 5), p(l_3, 1)\}$
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 5), p(l_3, 1), p(l_2, 9), p(l_2, 7)\}$
...
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 4), p(l_2, 6), p(l_3, 1)\}$

Location l_1
$\{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2)\}$
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2)\}$
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 13), p(l_3, 5)\}$
...
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2), p(l_3, 5)\}$

Location l_2
$\{e(l_0, 11)\}$
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 11), p(l_0, 11)\}$
...
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 11), p(l_0, 11), p(l_1, 15), p(l_3, 12)\}$

Location l_3
$\{e(l_2, 8), e(l_1, 3)\}$
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_2, 8), e(l_1, 3), p(l_2, 8), p(l_1, 3)\}$
...
$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_2, 8), e(l_1, 3), p(l_0, 19), p(l_1, 3), p(l_2, 5)\}$

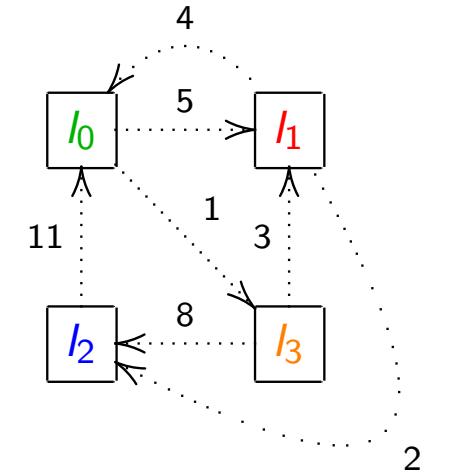
How to execute in decentralized manner, yet preserve soundness (w.r.t abstract CHR semantics)?

Multiset Matching in CHR^e Rules

base @ $[X]edge(Y, D) \implies [X]path(Y, D)$

elim @ $[X]path(Y, D1) \setminus [X]path(Y, D2) \iff D1 \leq D2 \mid true$

trans @ $[X]edge(Y, D1), [Y]path(Z, D2) \implies X \neq Z \mid [X]path(Z, D1 + D2)$



Location l_0

$\{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1)\}$

$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 5), p(l_3, 1)\}$

$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 5), p(l_3, 1), p(l_2, 9), p(l_2, 7)\}$

...

$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 4), p(l_2, 6), p(l_3, 1)\}$

Location l_1

$\{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2)\}$

$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2)\}$

$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 13), p(l_3, 5)\}$

...

$\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2), p(l_3, 5)\}$

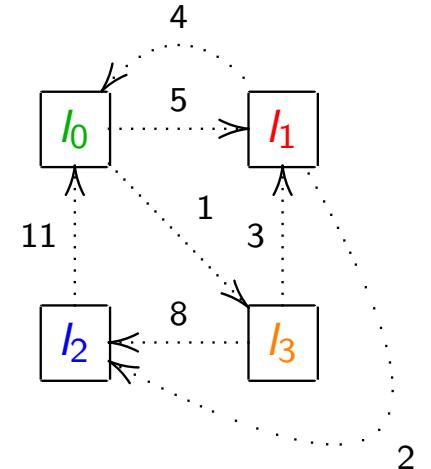
Stark difference between *base* and *elim* rules, and the *trans* rule.

Localized Multiset Matching

base @ $[X]\text{edge}(Y, D) \implies [X]\text{path}(Y, D)$

elim @ $\boxed{[X]\text{path}(Y, D1)} \setminus \boxed{[X]\text{path}(Y, D2)} \iff D1 \leq D2 \mid \text{true}$

trans @ $[X]\text{edge}(Y, D1), [Y]\text{path}(Z, D2) \implies X \neq Z \mid [X]\text{path}(Z, D1 + D2)$



Location $\boxed{l_0}$

\rightarrow^* $\{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1)\}$
 \rightarrow^* $\{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 5), p(l_3, 1)\}$
 \rightarrow^* $\{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 5), p(l_3, 1)$
 $\quad, \boxed{p(l_2, 9)}, \boxed{p(l_2, 7)}\}$
 \dots
 \rightarrow^* $\{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 4), p(l_2, 6)$
 $\quad, p(l_3, 1)\}$

Location $\boxed{l_1}$

\rightarrow^* $\{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2)\}$
 \rightarrow^* $\{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2)\}$
 \rightarrow^* $\{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2)$
 $\quad, p(l_0, 13), p(l_3, 5)\}$
 \dots
 \rightarrow^* $\{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2)$
 $\quad, p(l_3, 5)\}$

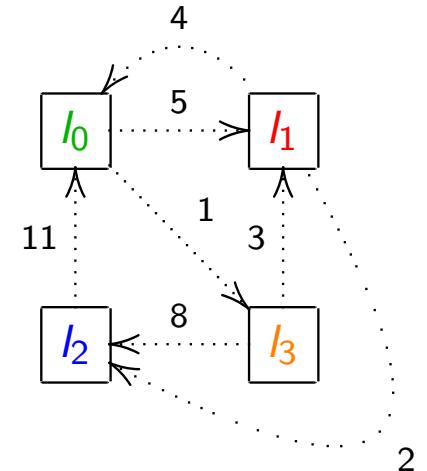
Rule-heads of *elim* rule are 'localized'. Same for *base* rule.

Distributed Multiset Matching

base @ $[X]edge(Y, D) \implies [X]path(Y, D)$

elim @ $[X]path(Y, D1) \setminus [X]path(Y, D2) \iff D1 \leq D2 \mid true$

trans @ $[X]edge(Y, D1), [Y]path(Z, D2) \implies X \neq Z \mid [X]path(Z, D1 + D2)$



Location $\boxed{l_0}$

$\{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1)\}$
 $\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 5), p(l_3, 1)\}$
 $\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 5), p(l_3, 1), p(l_2, 9), p(l_2, 7)\}$
 \dots
 $\rightarrow^* \{e(l_1, 5), e(l_3, 1), p(l_1, 4), p(l_2, 6), p(l_3, 1)\}$

Location $\boxed{l_1}$

$\{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2)\}$
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 \dots
 $\rightarrow^* \{e(l_0, 4), e(l_2, 2), p(l_0, 4), p(l_2, 2), p(l_3, 5)\}$

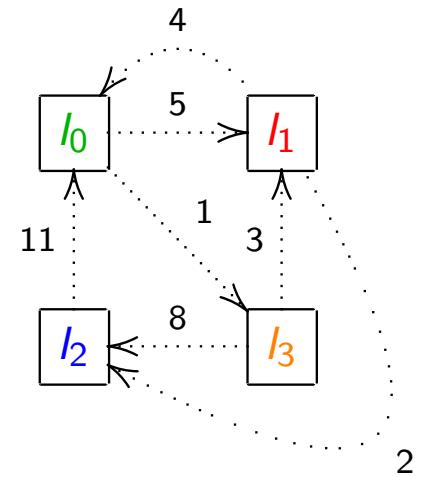
Rule-heads of *trans* rule are partially found in l_0 and l_1 !

Topology and Rule Heads

base @ $[X]edge(Y, D) \implies [X]path(Y, D)$

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- We need manner of classification of CHR^e rules.
- Impose some conditions on the rule heads...
- such that we ensure topological information of the problem is *sufficiently encoded* in rule heads.

n -Neighbor Restriction: Counting Neighbors

base @ $[X] \text{edge}(Y, D) \implies [X]\text{path}(Y, D)$

0 – neighbor

elim @ $[X]\text{path}(Y, D1) \setminus [X]\text{path}(Y, D2) \iff D1 \leq D2 \mid \text{true}$

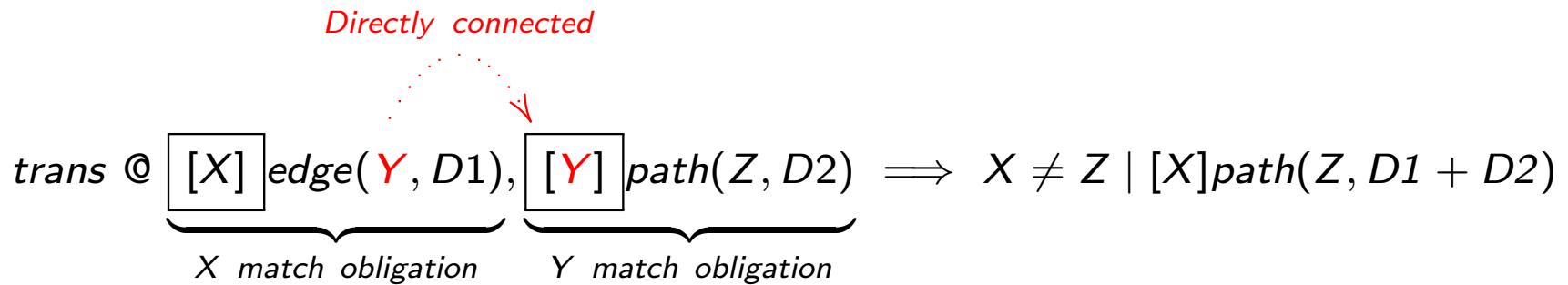
0 – neighbor

trans @ $[X]\text{edge}(Y, D1), [Y]\text{path}(Z, D2) \implies X \neq Z \mid [X]\text{path}(Z, D1 + D2)$

1 – neighbor

- We call X and Y *matching locations*.
- 0-neighbor restricted rules requires *localized multiset matching*.
- m -neighbor restricted rules (for $m \geq 1$) requires *distributed multiset matching*.
- But what's the relation between X and Y ?

n -Neighbor Restriction: Imposing Connectivity

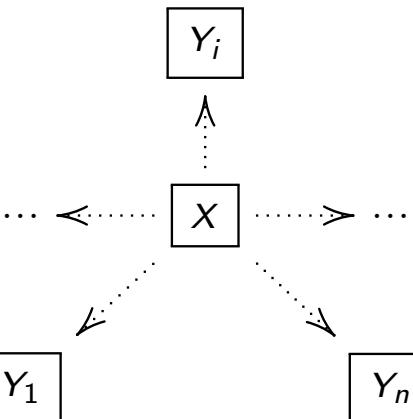


- X and Y must be *directly connected*.
- Connection represented in constraints: Location Y is referenced in location X 's constraint arguments.
- Forces *topology* (of X and Y) to be specified as part of the constraint problem.
- 1-neighbor restriction is similar to link-restriction in [?], but without specialized 'link' constraints.

n -Neighbor Restriction, in General

$$r @ \overbrace{[X]P_x}^{X \text{ propagated match obligation}}, \overbrace{\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n} [Y_i]P_i \right)}^{Y_i \text{ propagated match obligation}} \setminus \overbrace{[X]S_x}^{X \text{ simplified match obligation}}, \overbrace{\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n} [Y_i]S_i \right)}^{Y_i \text{ simplified match obligation}} \iff G \mid B$$

- A n -Neighbor Restricted Rule in general:
 - Has $n + 1$ distinct matching obligations (i.e., X and Y_i 's).
 - Exists one matching location X , that is *directly connected* to all others. (i.e., $\forall i \in \mathcal{I}_n. Y_i \in FV(S_x \cup P_x)$)
- We call X the *primary* location.
- “Star” Topology:



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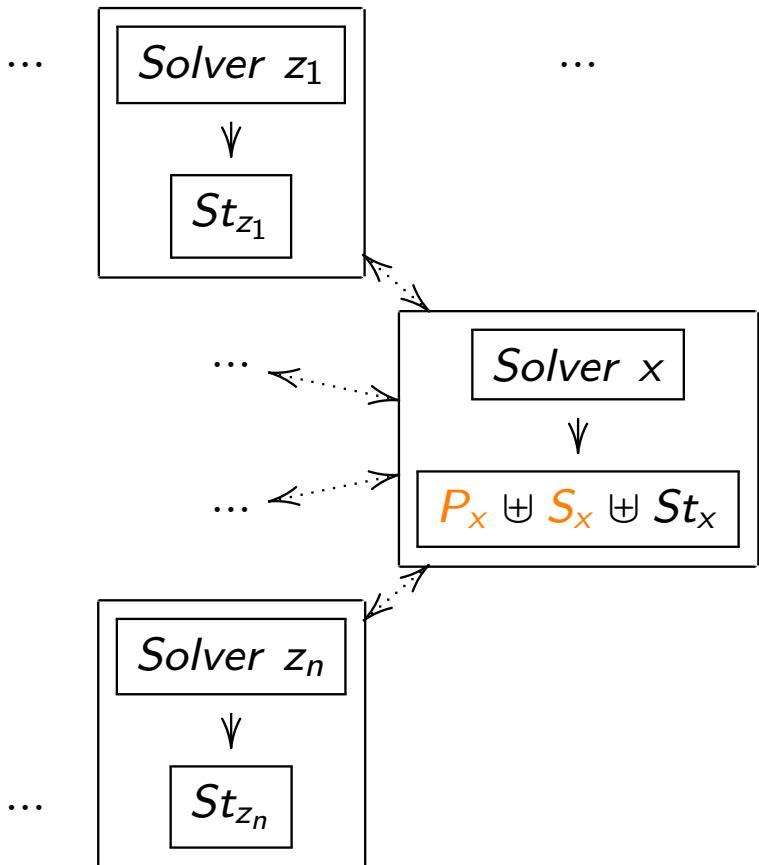
Executing 0-Neighbor Restricted Rules

0-neighbor restriction: Local matching, send to and create neighbors.

$$r @ [X]P_x \setminus [X]S_x \iff G \mid [X]B_x, [Z_i]B_{z_i}, \exists D. [D_j]B_{d_j}$$

where $Z_i \in FV(P_x \cup S_x)$ and $D_j \in D$

What happens when we apply r ?

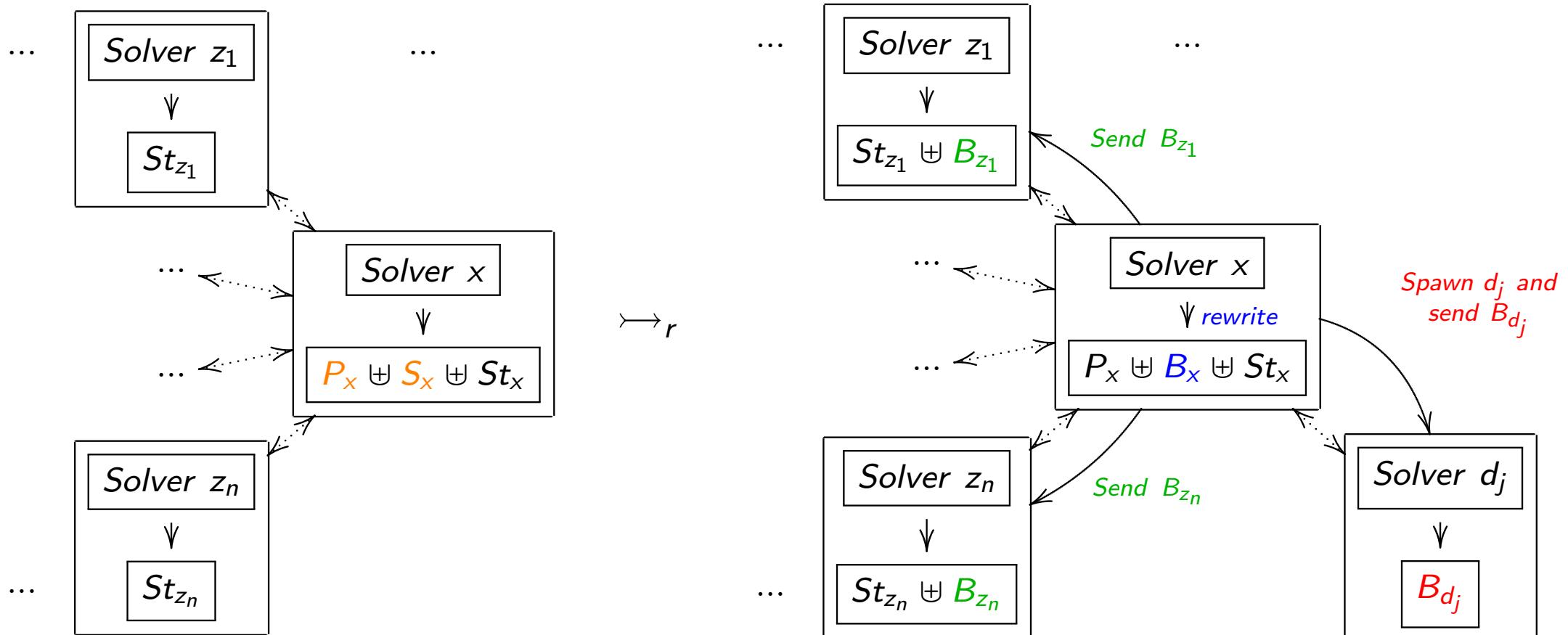


Execution 0-Neighbor Restricted Rules

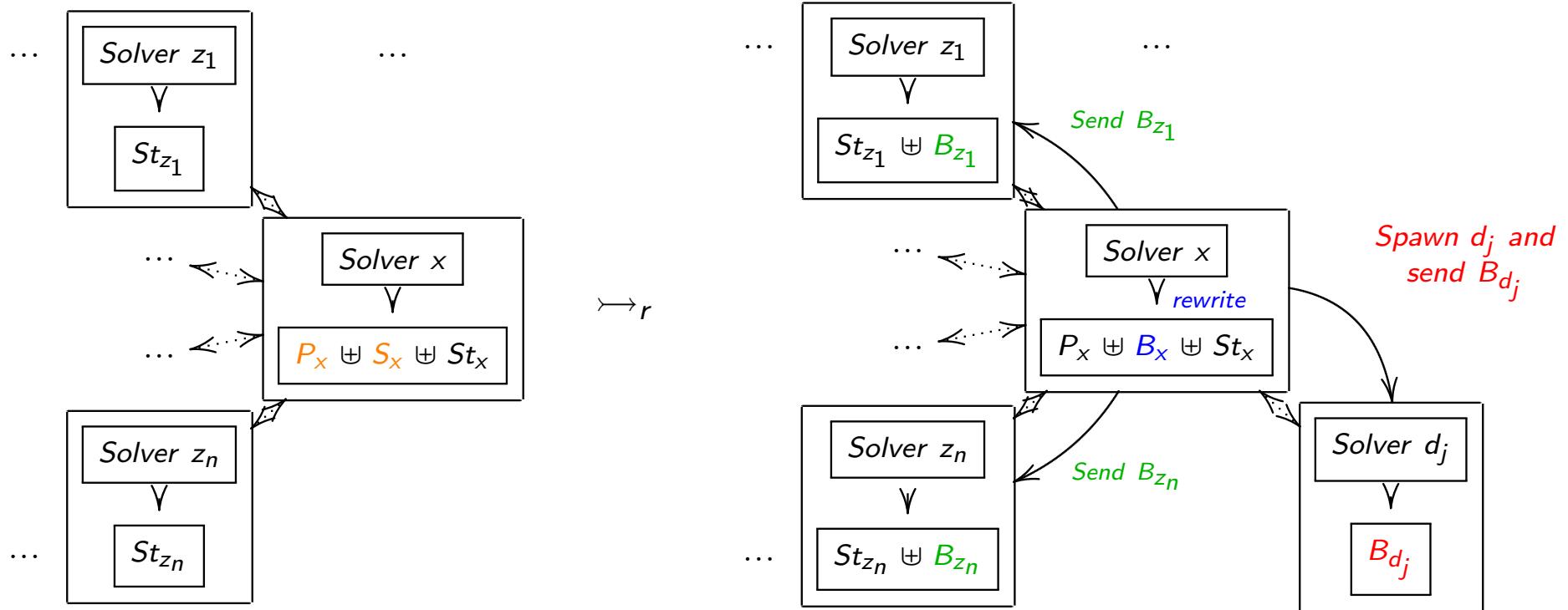
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$$r @ [X]P_x \setminus [X]S_x \iff G \mid [X]B_x, [Z_i]B_{z_i}, \exists D.[D_j]B_{d_j}$$

where $Z_i \in FV(P_x \uplus S_x)$ and $D_j \in D$



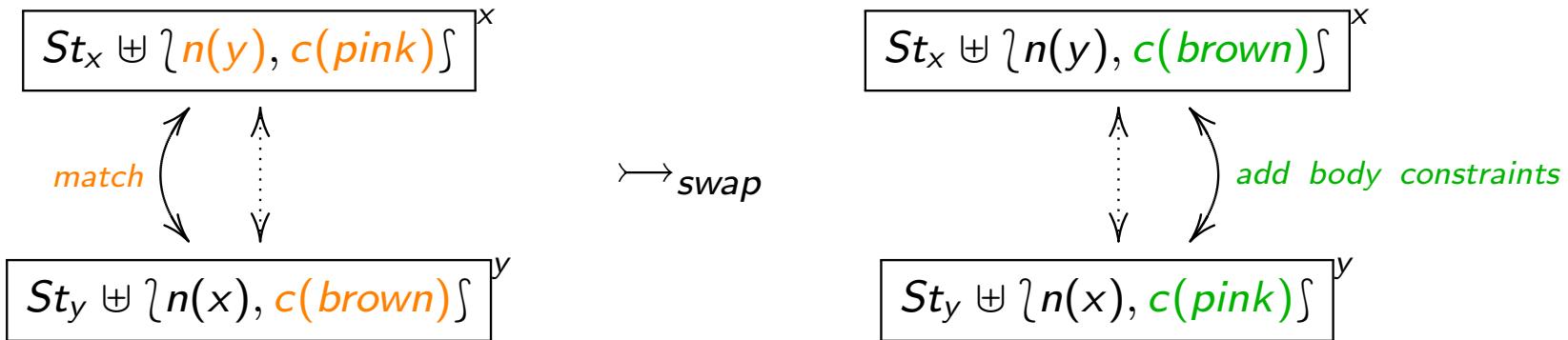
The ω_0^e Operational Semantics



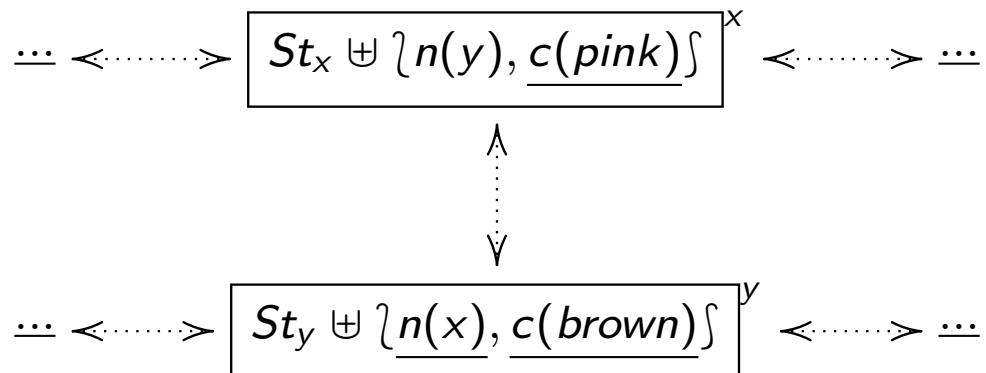
- Decentralized and asynchronous local CHR solvers, specifically ω_r [?].
- All 'send' and 'receive' are asynchronous, thanks to monotonicity of CHR! (i.e. if $St \rightarrow^* St'$ then $(St \uplus St'') \rightarrow^* (St' \uplus St'')$)
- Please see paper for technical details and results.

Executing 1-Neighbor Restricted Rules

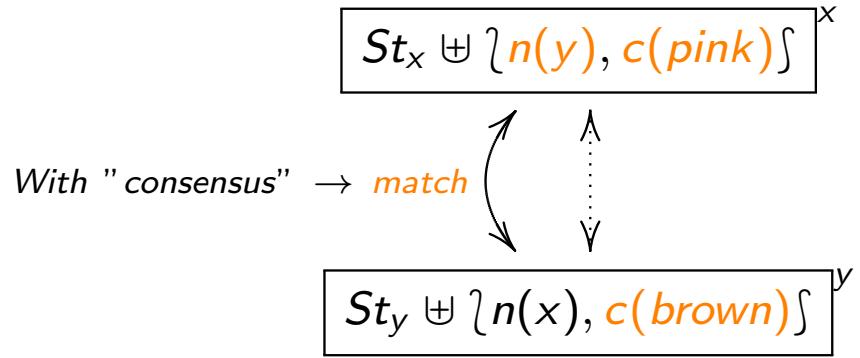
$swap @ \underbrace{[X]neighbor(Y) \setminus [X]color(C1)}_{\text{primary matching obligation}}, \underbrace{[Y]color(C2)}_{\text{neighbor matching obligation}} \iff \underbrace{[Y]color(C1)}_{\text{neighbor body constraints}}, \underbrace{[X]color(C2)}_{\text{primary body constraints}}$



We need to deal with competing (over-lapping) rule applications!



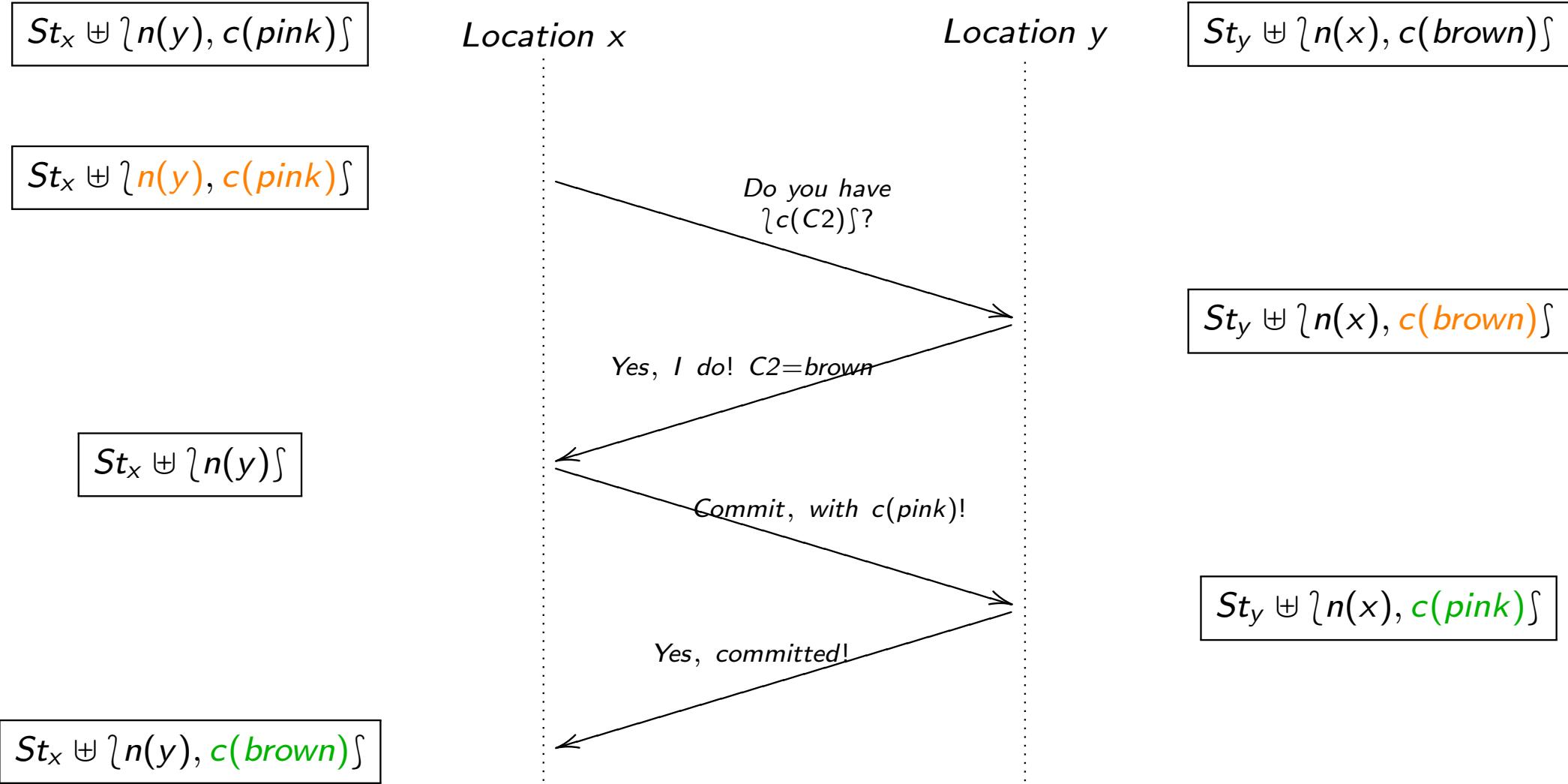
Executing 1-Neighbor Restricted Rules



- Executing 1-Neighbor Restricted rules requires some form of *consensus protocol* between primary and neighbor matching location.
- Consensus between primary and neighbor location to *commit to a specific 1-neighbor restricted rule instance*.
- For now, we assume a reliable network (i.e., fault-free)

Consensus in 1-Neighbor Restriction

$swap @ [X]neighbor(Y) \setminus [X]color(C1), [Y]color(C2) \iff [Y]color(C1), [X]color(C2)$



Implementing Consensus in ω_0^e

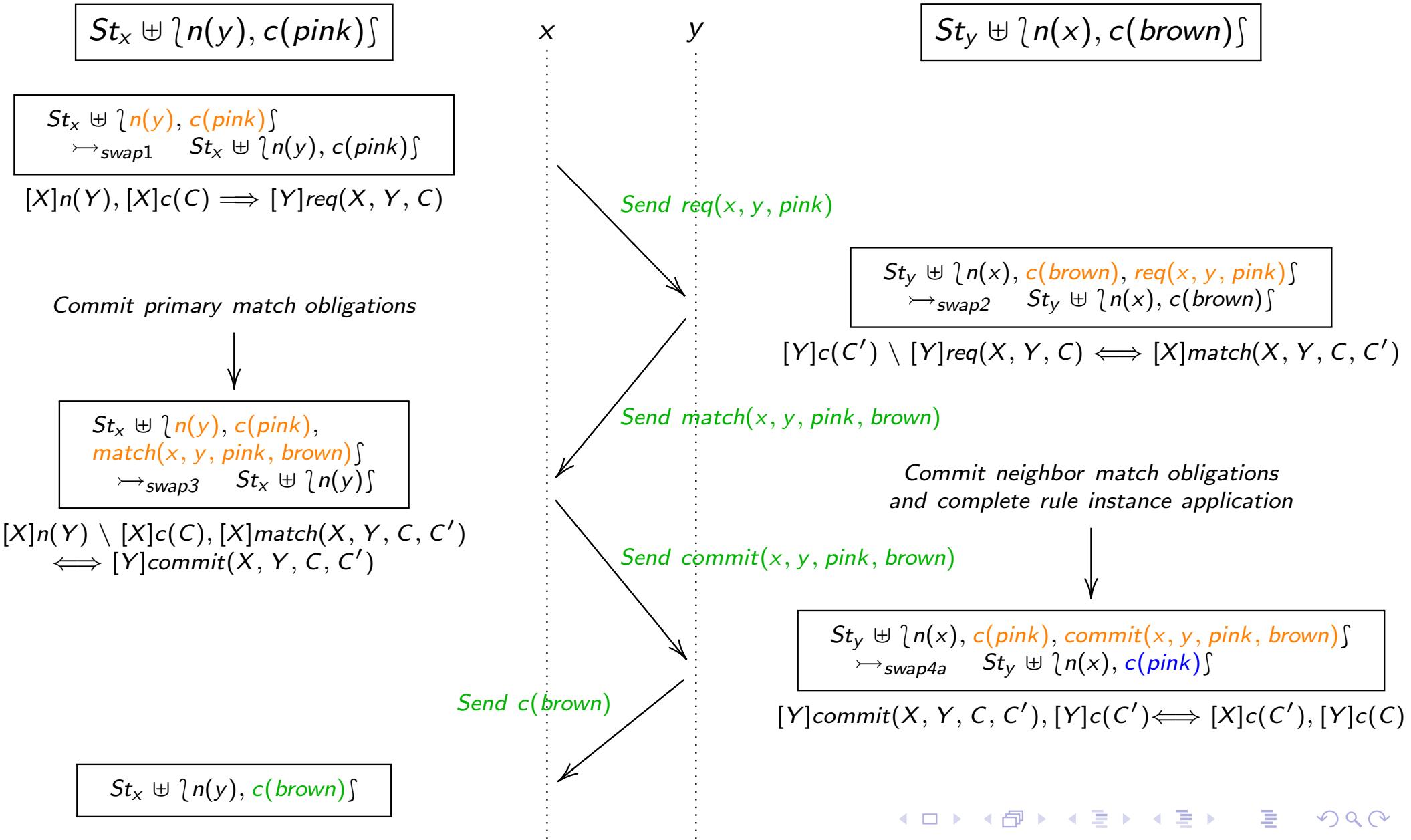
- We implement this consensus in ω_0^e , with source-to-source encoding $\rightsquigarrow_{1Nb}^{\text{basic}}$:

$swap @ [X]neighbor(Y) \setminus [X]color(C1), [Y]color(C2) \iff [Y]color(C1), [X]color(C2)$

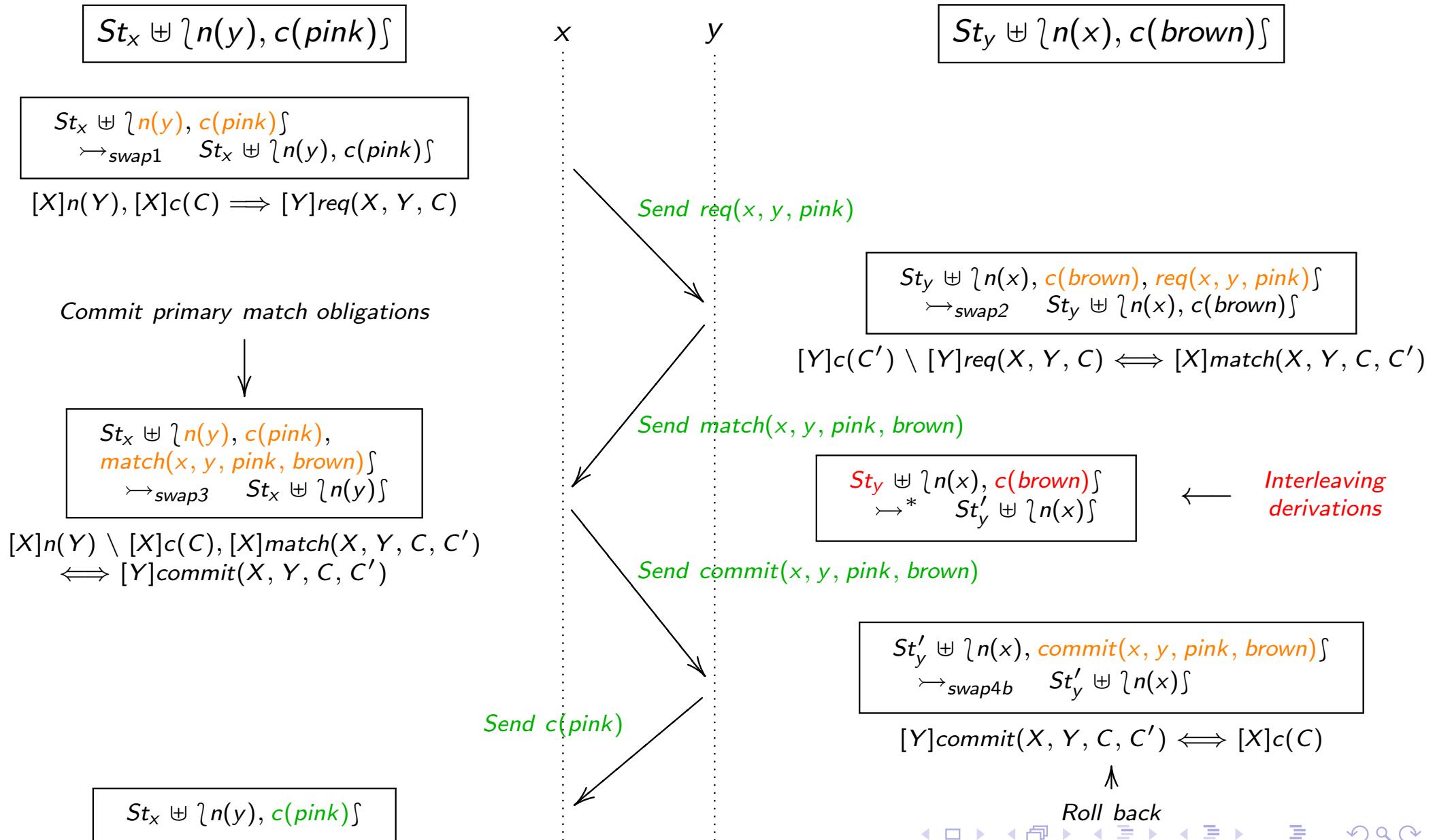
$$\rightsquigarrow_{1Nb}^{\text{basic}} \left(\begin{array}{l} swap1 @ [X]neighbor(Y), [X]color(C) \Rightarrow \underline{[Y]req(X, Y, C)} \\ swap2 @ [Y]color(C') \setminus \underline{[Y]req(X, Y, C)} \iff \underline{[X]match(X, Y, C, C')} \\ swap3 @ [X]neighbor(Y) \setminus [X]color(C), \underline{[X]match(X, Y, C, C')} \iff \underline{[Y]commit(X, Y, C, C')} \\ swap4a @ \underline{[Y]commit(X, Y, C, C')}, [Y]color(C') \iff [X]color(C'), [Y]color(C) \\ swap4b @ \underline{[Y]commit(X, Y, C, C')} \iff [X]color(C) \end{array} \right)$$

- Synchronization constraints to drive the consensus building:
 - req*: Represents match of X 's obligations.
 - match*: Represents match of Y 's obligations.
 - commit*: Represents X 's commitment to the rule instance.

Implementing Consensus in ω_0^e



Implementing Consensus in ω_0^e



Optimizations and Soundness

- $\rightsquigarrow_{1Nb}^{\text{basic}}$ is the general encoding scheme.
- We can use optimized encoding schemes if primary or neighbor match obligation is known to be persistent. E.g.:

trans @ [X]edge(Y, D1), [Y]path(Z, D2) $\implies X \neq Z \mid [X]\text{path}(Z, D1 + D2)$

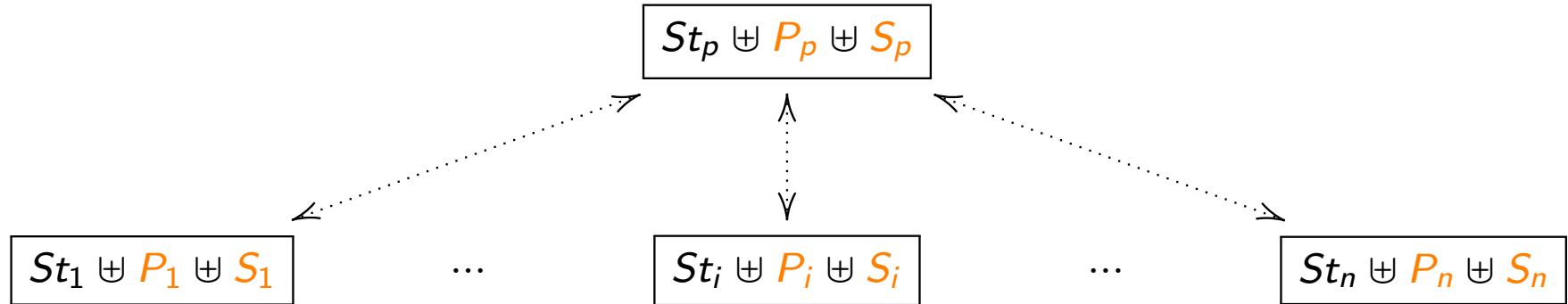
$\rightsquigarrow_{1Nb}^{\text{p-persist}}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{trans1} @ [X]\text{edge}(Y, D1) \implies [Y]\text{req}(X, Y, D1) \\ \text{trans2} @ [Y]\text{req}(X, Y, D1), [Y]\text{path}(Z, D2) \implies X \neq Z \mid [X]\text{path}(Z, D1 + D2) \end{array} \right)$$

- $\rightsquigarrow_{1Nb}^{p-persist}$ is similar to link-restriction encoding in [?].
- We show soundness for composite encoding (\rightsquigarrow_{1Nb}):
 - Given $\mathcal{P}_1 \rightsquigarrow_{1Nb} \mathcal{P}_0$, derivations on \mathcal{P}_0 has a correspondence to derivations on \mathcal{P}_1 .
 - See paper for details!

What about n -Neighbor Restriction?

- $r @ P_p, P_1, \dots, P_i, \dots P_n \setminus S_p, S_1, \dots, S_i, \dots S_n \iff G \mid B$ where location p is the *primary* and each i is the i^{th} *neighbor*.



- An instance of $n + 1$ consensus problem:
 - Location p as coordinator and a cohort.
 - Each location i as a cohort.
- Generalizes \rightsquigarrow_{1Nb} for a primary and n -neighbor locations.
- Formalized and proven in Technical Report [?].

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Current Status

- Contributions, in this paper:
 - n -Neighbor Restriction
 - ω_0^e operational semantics for decentralized execution of CHR^e
 - Source-to-source encoding \rightsquigarrow_{1Nb}
- See the paper for technical details!
- See technical report [?] for proofs and more technical details
(e.g., \rightsquigarrow_{nNb})
- Prototype implementation in Python:
 - Available at GitHub, <https://github.com/sllam/msre-py>
 - Built on top of MPI libraries
 - Implements ω_0^e with \rightsquigarrow_{1Nb} .
 - Small set of examples (e.g., hyper-quicksort, GHS algorithm)

Related Works

- Meld [?]
- Distributed Datalog[?, ?]
- Compiling CHR to parallel hardware [?]
- Parallel CHR on Multicore [?]
- Multiple removals in parallel CHR rewriting [?]

Future Works

- High-Performance implementation:
 - Lower level runtime (e.g., C++)
 - With existing CHR optimizations (e.g., optimal join ordering, multiple removals, etc..)
 - Large scale benchmarking
 - Dynamic Load-balancing and fault tolerance.
- Other local CHR operational semantics (e.g., CHR^{rp}).
- Advance features, like aggregates, set comprehensions.

Thank You!