

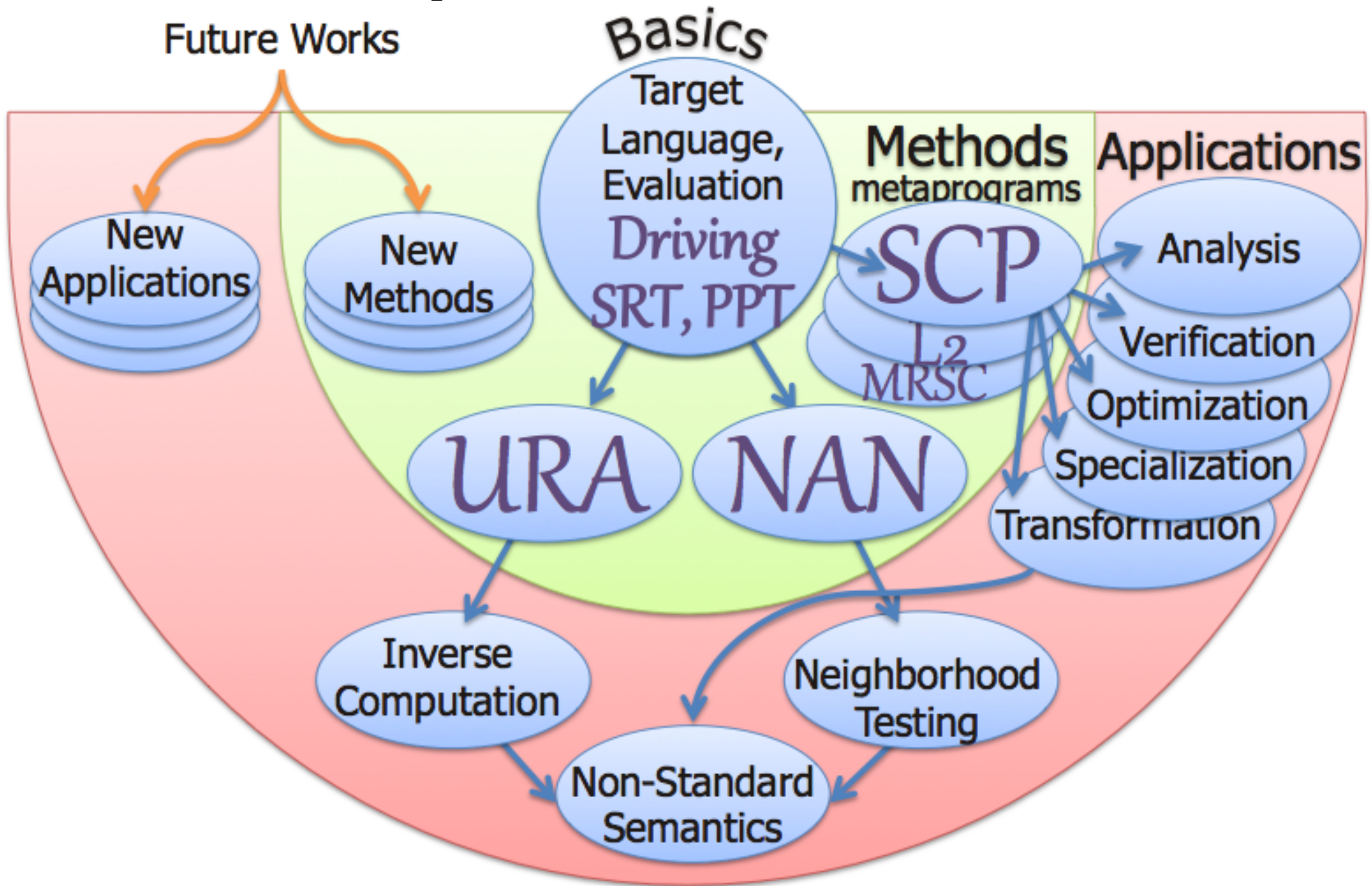
Metacomputation

A Gentle Introduction to Advanced Topics

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Metacomputation: The Big Picture



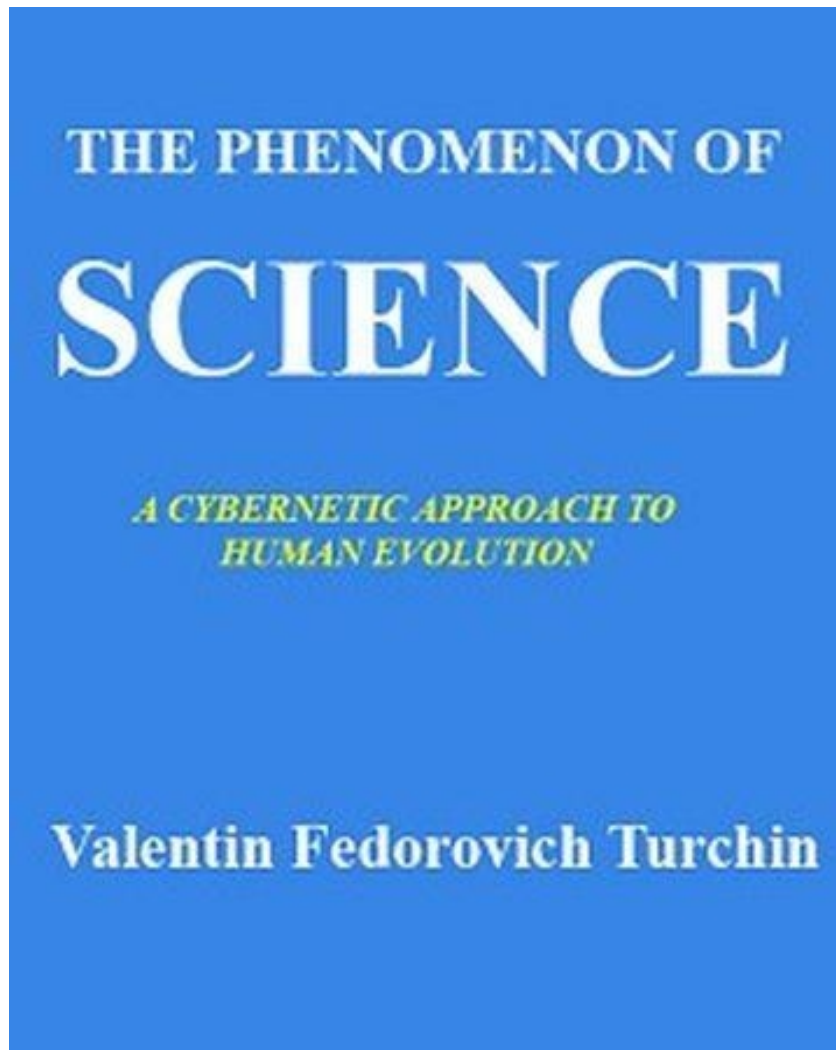
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The following presentation simplifies technical stuff A LOT in order to fit 1.5 hours and give you a taste of the area.

Examples are also small for the same reason.

Please consult references for details.

Valentín Turchín (1931-2010)




- The concept of metasystem transition
- The concept of supercompilation

These two concepts are related (I will try to show this at the end of the talk).

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Supercompilation in a Nutshell

- Driving
- Folding
- Whistle
- Generalization

V. Turchin. The concept of a supercompiler / 1986

M. Sørensen, R. Glück, and N. Jones. A Positive Supercompiler / 1996

M. Sørensen and R. Glück. Introduction to Supercompilation / 1998

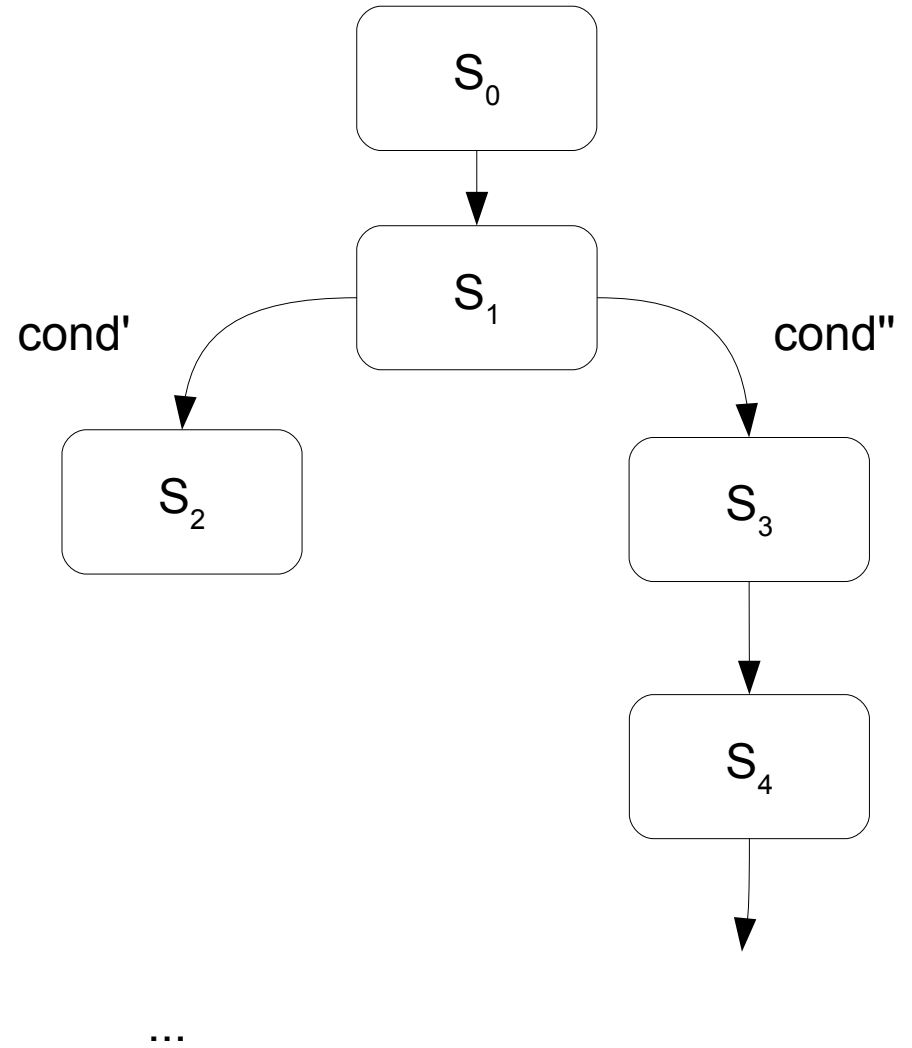
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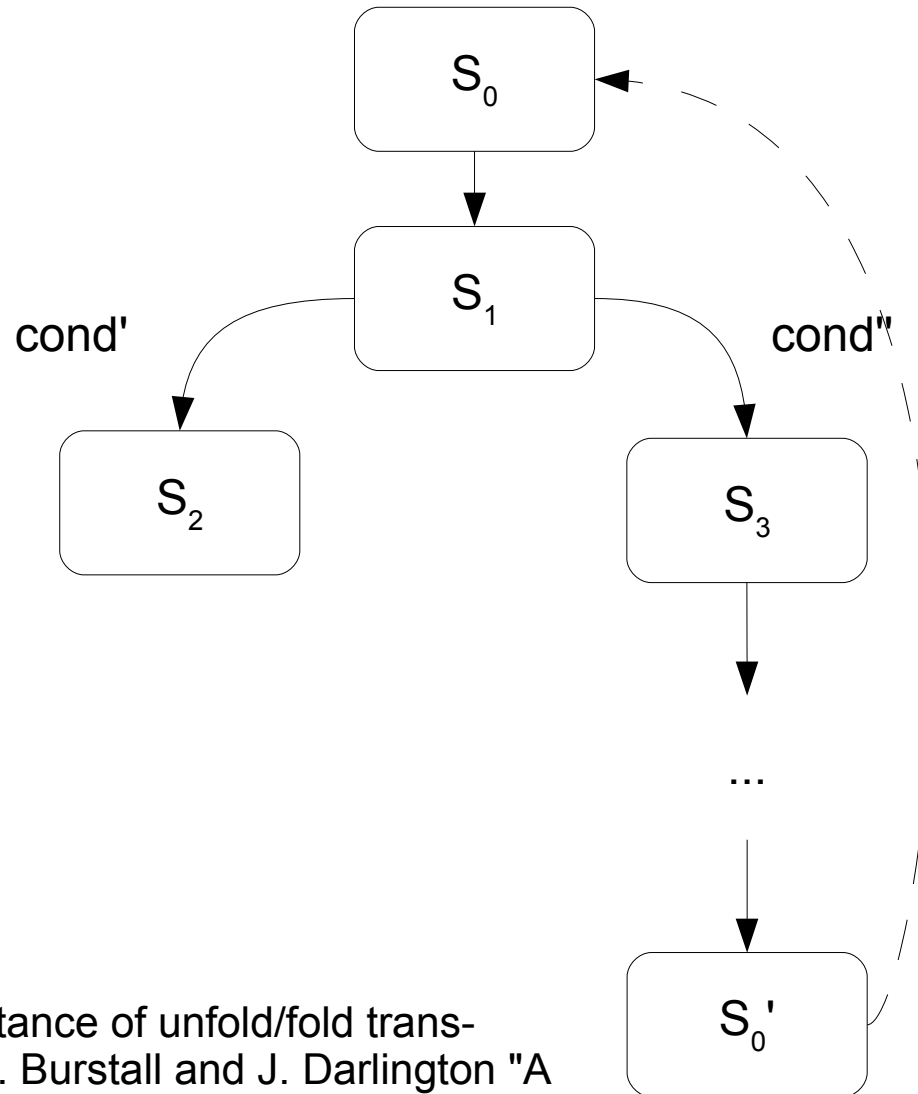
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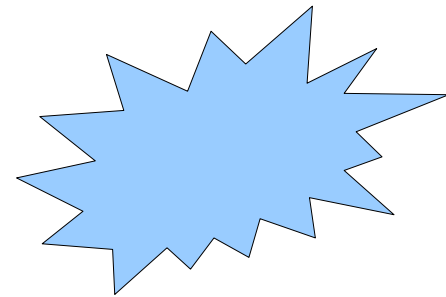
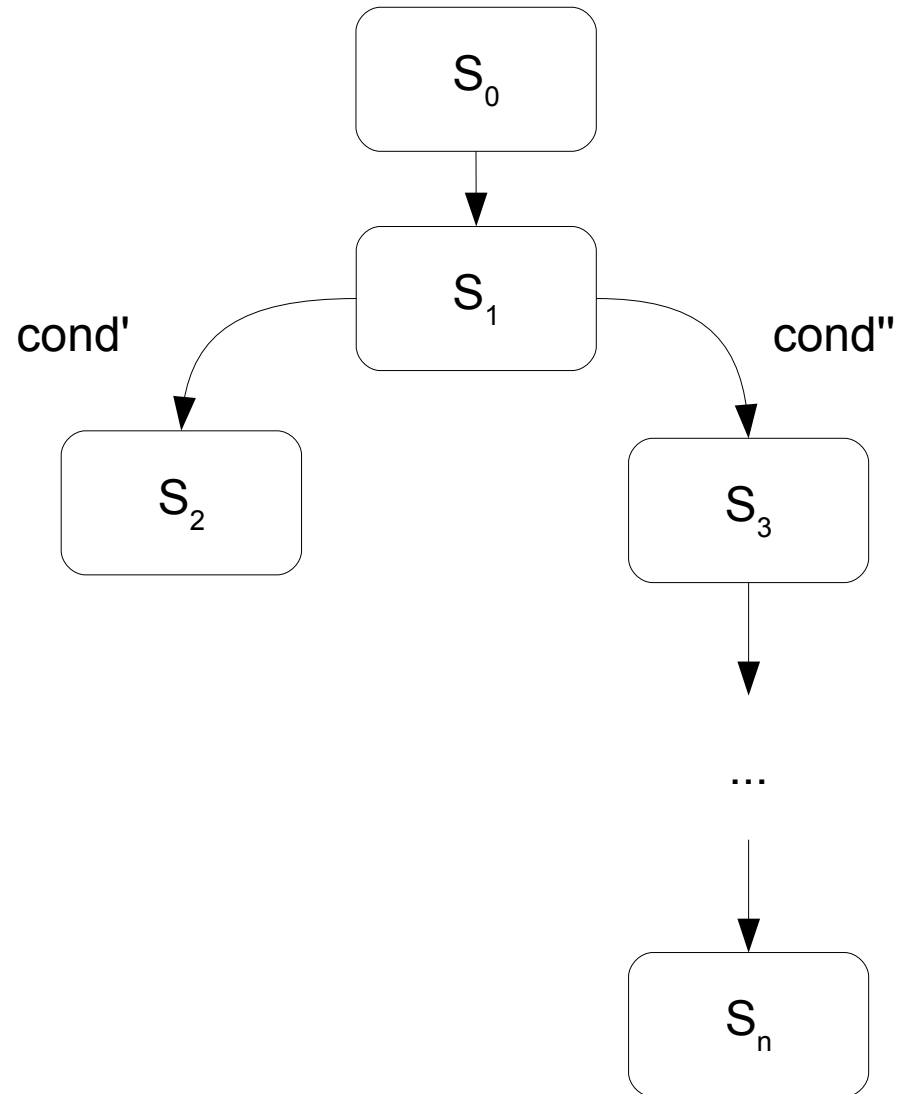


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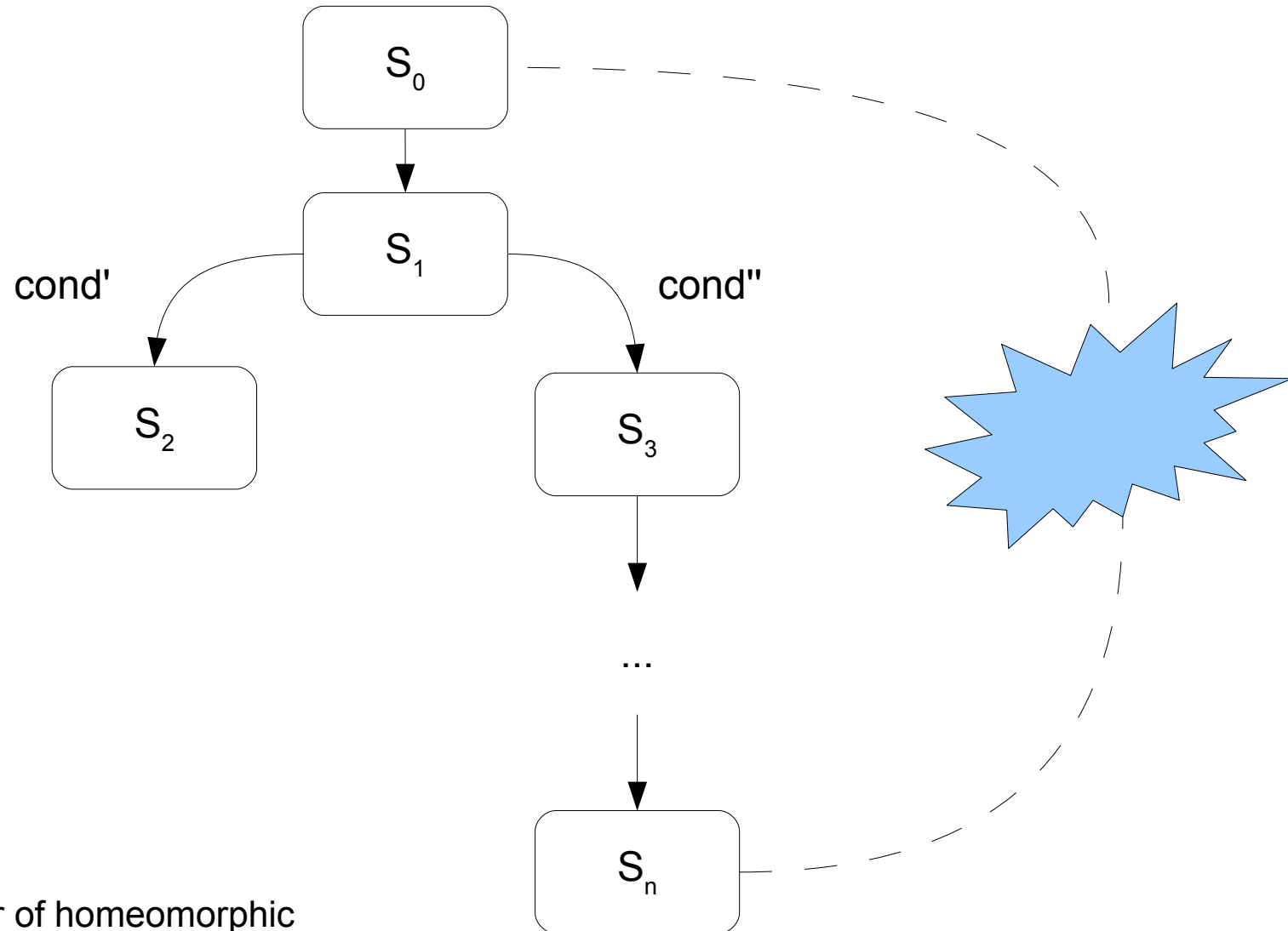


Supercompilation is an instance of unfold/fold transformation defined in: R. M. Burstall and J. Darlington "A Transformation System for Developing Recursive Programs" / 1977

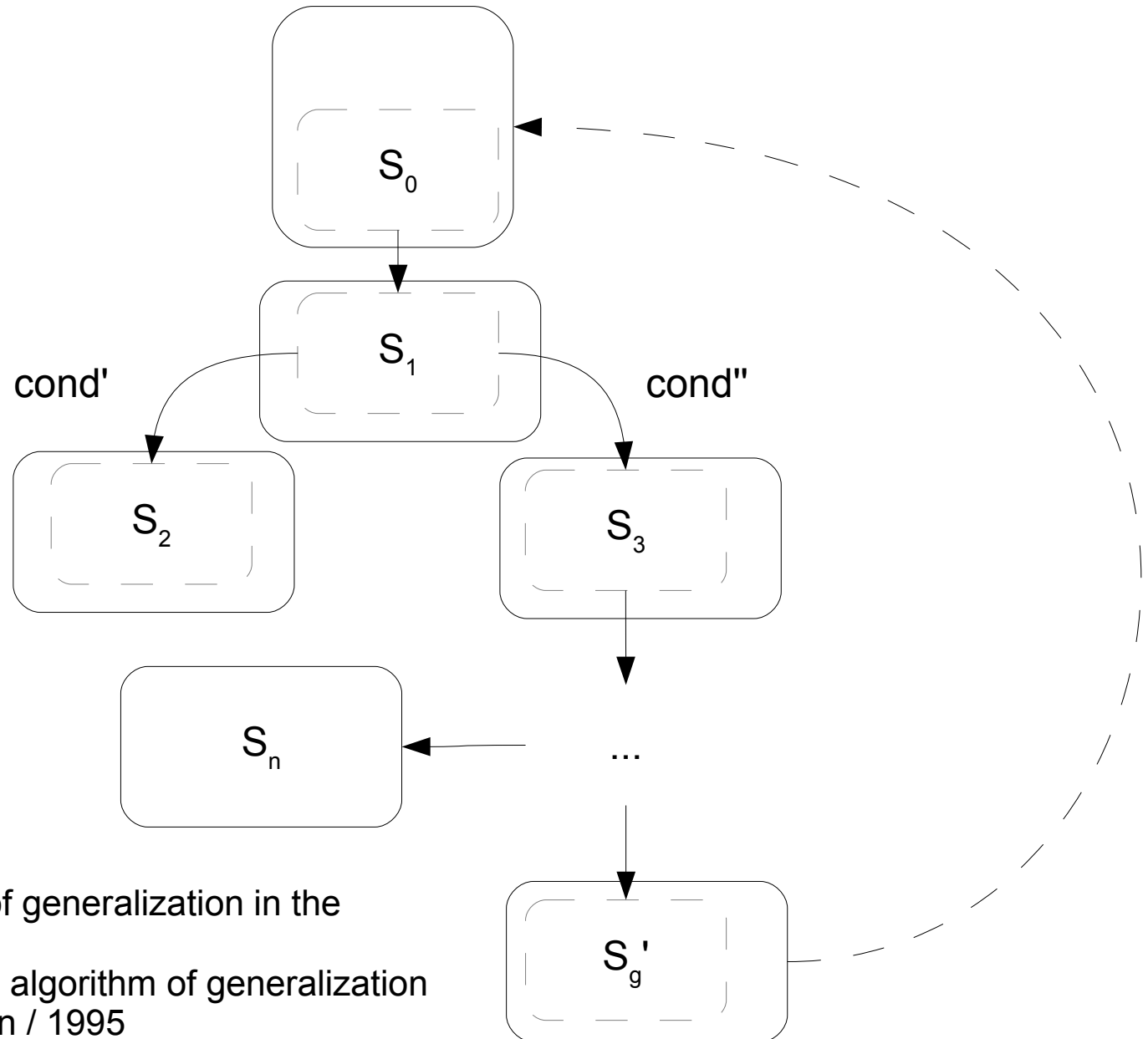
Whistle



Binary Whistle (standard approach)



Generalization



V. Turchin. The algorithm of generalization in the supercompiler / 1988

M. Sørensen, R. Glück. An algorithm of generalization in positive supercompilation / 1995

History of Supercompilation

- 1970-1990s - Supercompilation for Refal Language (V. Turchin et al)
- 1990s – Supercompilation of First-Order Functional languages
- 2000s – Supercompilation of Higher-Order Functional languages

There are 2 trends in supercompilation community: program optimization, program analysis.

Existing Supercompilers

- SCP4 (1990s)
- SCP for TSG (2000s)
- Jscp (2000s)
- SCP for Timber (2007)
- Supero (2007)
- SPSC (2008)
- HOSC (2008)
- Optimusprime (2009/10)
- CHSC (2010)
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- MRSC (2011)



I. Klyuchnikov. The ideas and methods of supercompilation. Practice of functional programming. Vol.7. 2011 [In Russian].

“Analyzing” Supercompilers

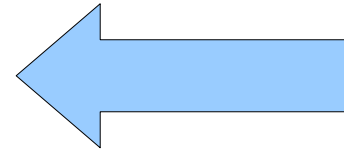
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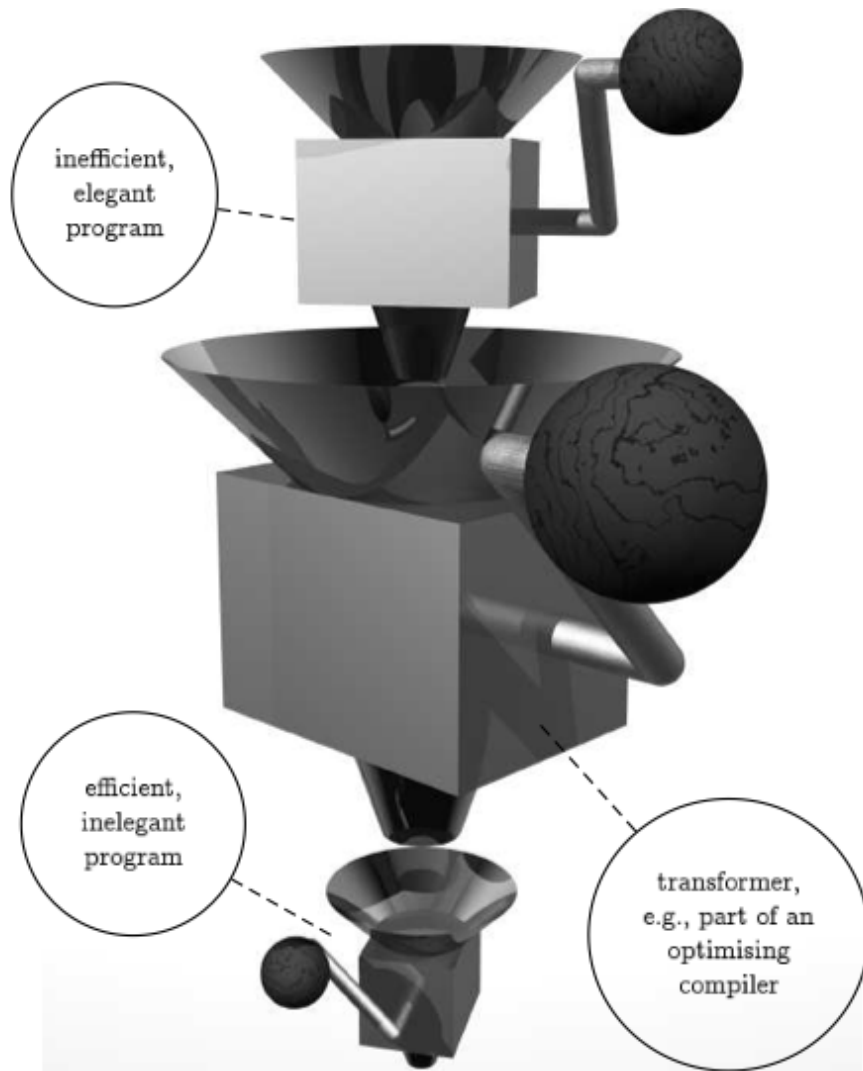
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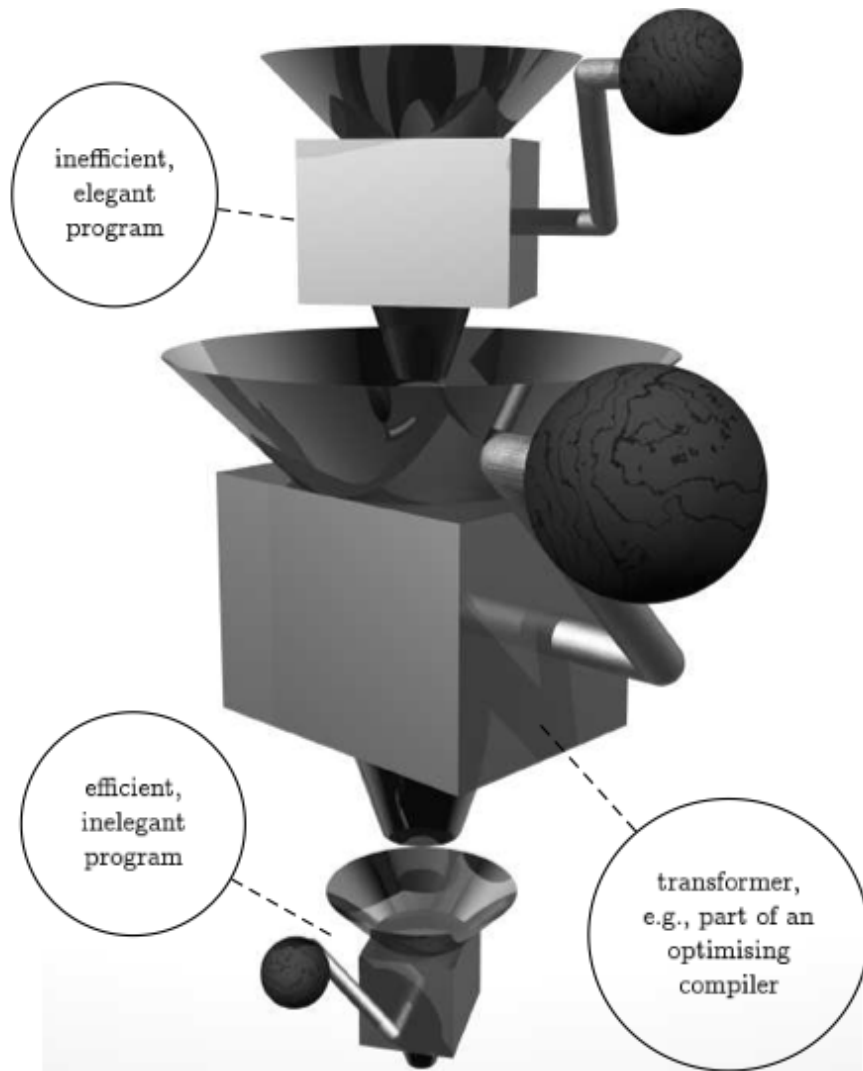
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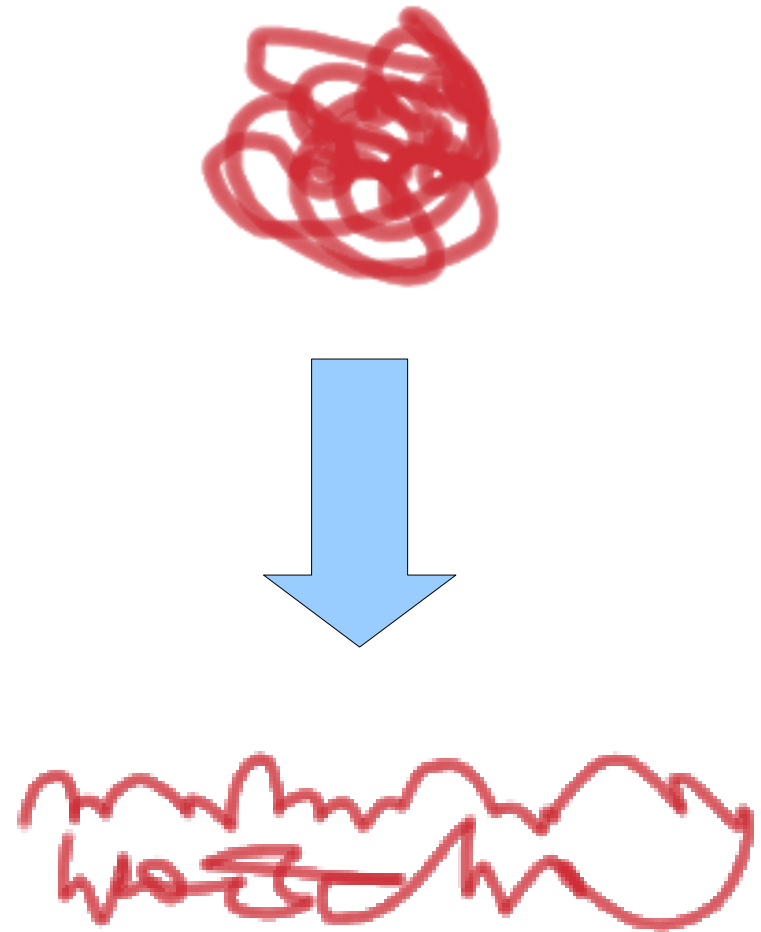
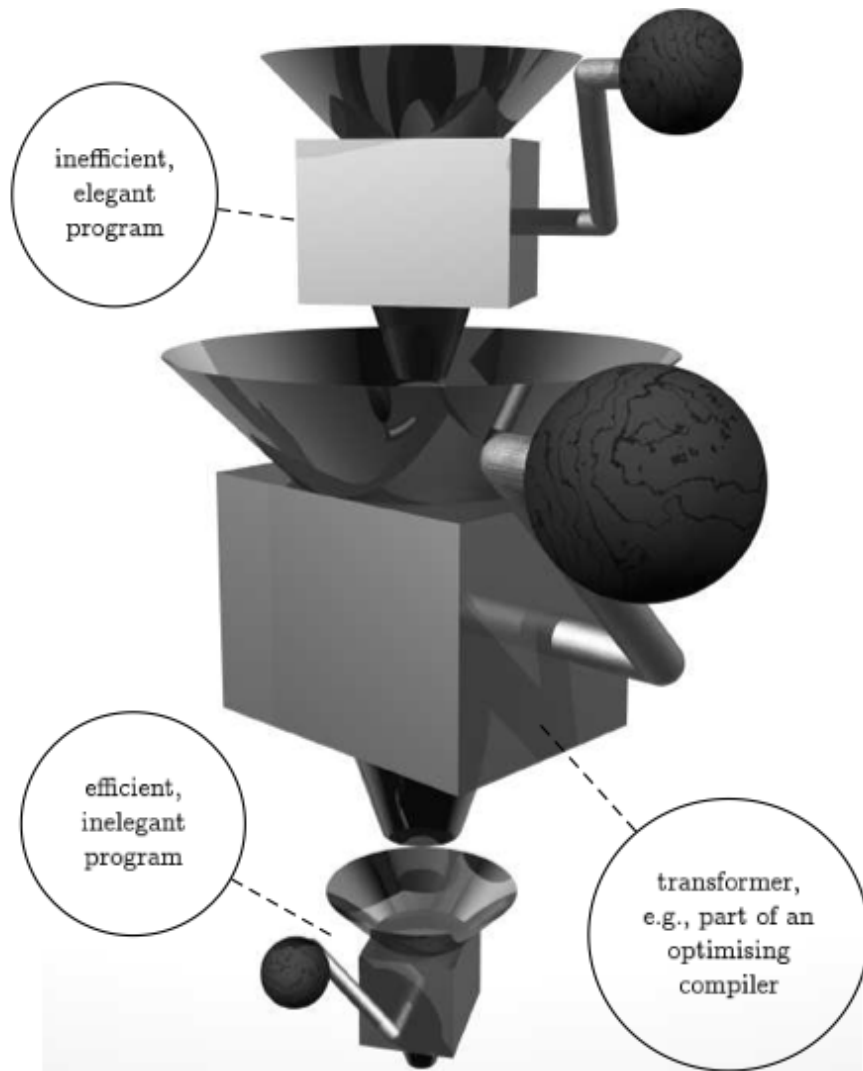
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The “best” output program.

The set of output programs.

*The story of development of
analyzing supercompilers*

From HOSC (2008) to MRSC (2011)

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From HOSC to MRSC

HOSC (Higher-Order Supercompiler) –
an analyzing supercompiler for core Haskell:
<http://code.google.com/p/hosc/>

MRSC (Multi-Result Supercompiler) –
a framework for rapid development of different
supercompilers:
<https://github.com/ilya-klyuchnikov/mrsc>

The HOSC Supercompiler (2008)

HOSC is intended for program analysis rather than for program optimization:

- Code duplication is allowed
- “Controversial” (from optimization point) transformation is allowed

The trick: we treat call-by-need programs as call-by-name ones.

The consequence: tendency “to normalize” programs.

I. Klyuchnikov and S. Romanenko. Proving the equivalence of higher-order terms by means of supercompilation. PSI-2009.

Example #1. Church numbers

$$0 = \lambda s z \rightarrow z$$

$$1 = \lambda s z \rightarrow s z$$

$$2 = \lambda s z \rightarrow s (s z)$$

$$3 = \lambda s z \rightarrow s (s (s z))$$

...

$$n = \lambda s z \rightarrow s^n z$$

$$f^{m+n} z \rightarrow s^m (s^n z)$$

$$f^{m*n} z \rightarrow ((s^n)^m) z$$

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data Nat = Z | S Nat;
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foldn = \h z s -> case x of { Z -> z; S n1 -> s (foldn s z n1); };
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add = \x y -> foldn S y x;
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mult = \x y -> foldn (add y) Z x;
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church = \n -> foldn (\m f x -> f (m f x)) (\f x -> x) n;
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unchurch = \n -> n S Z;
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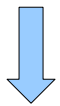
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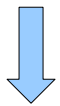


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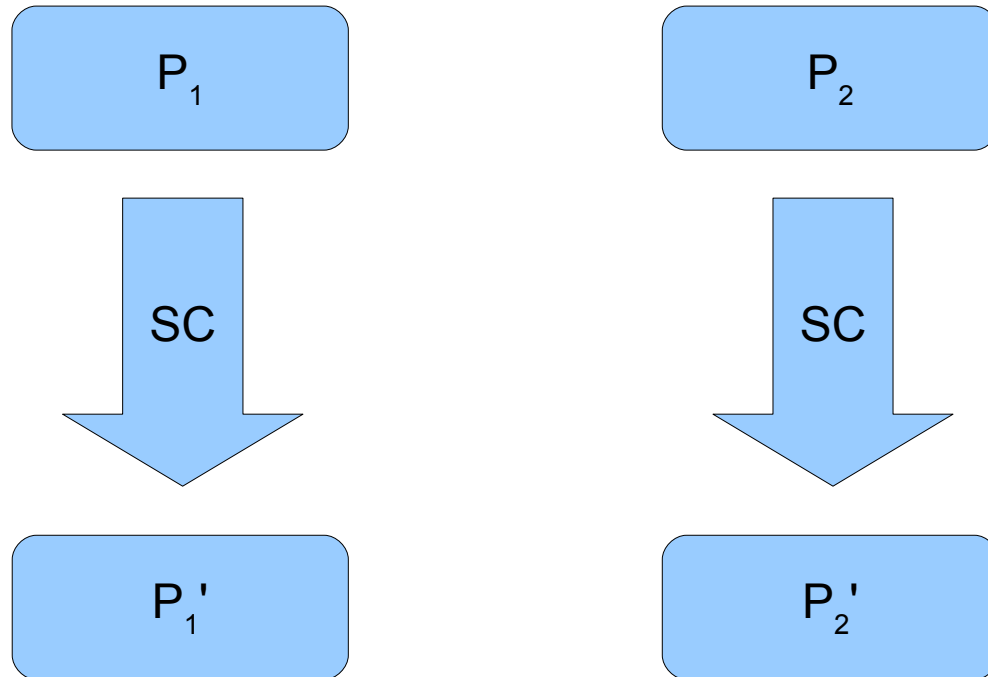
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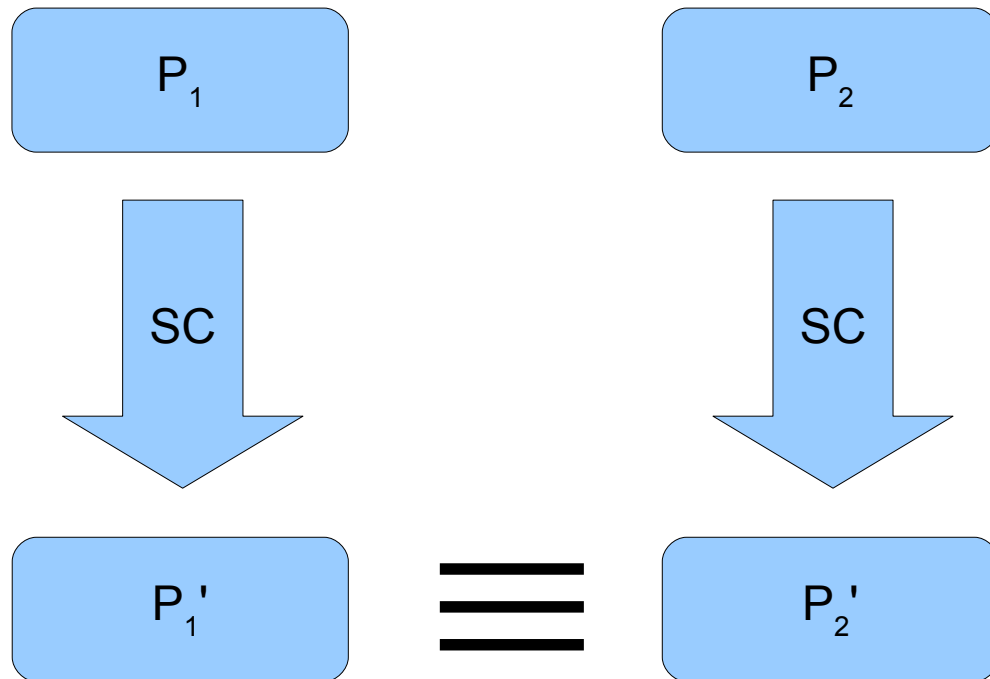
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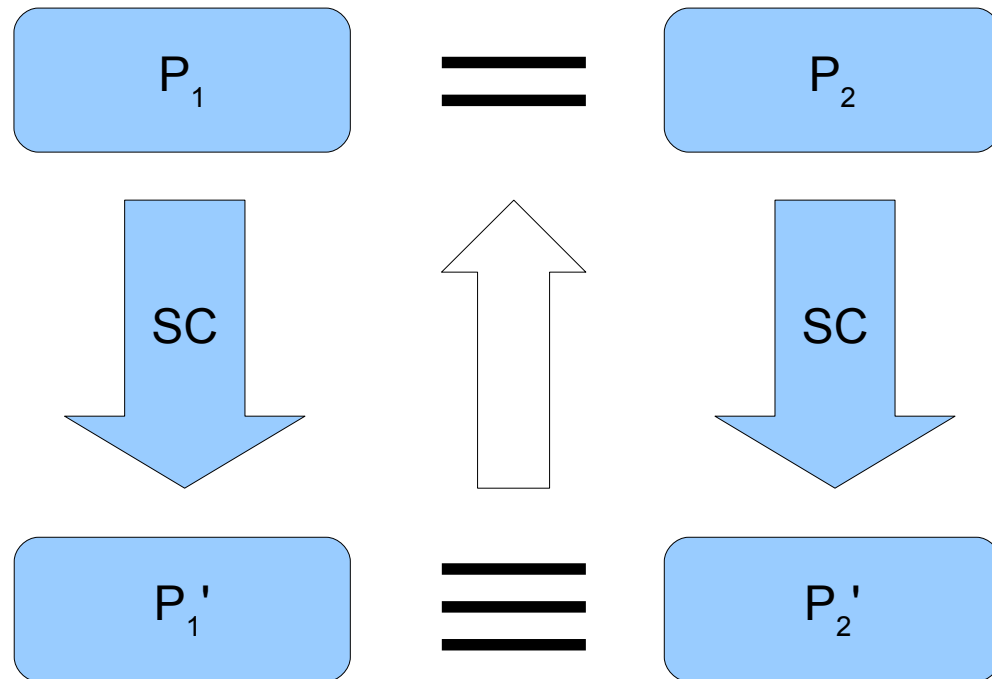
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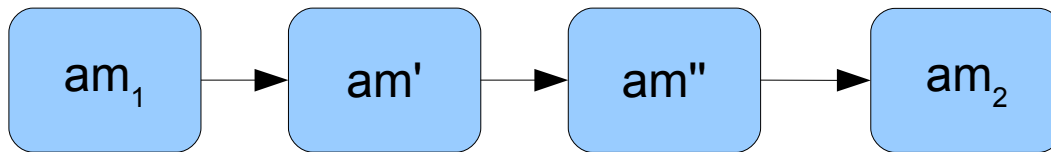
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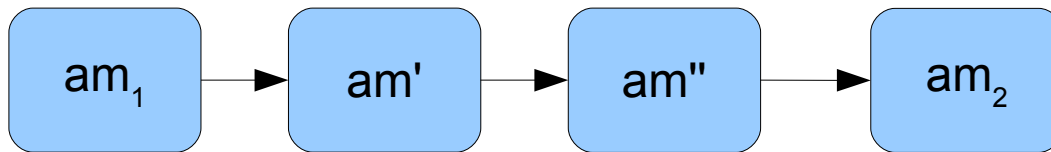
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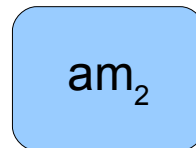
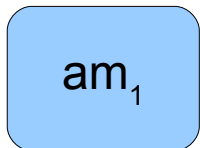
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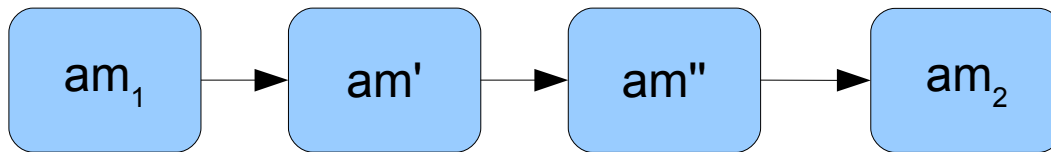
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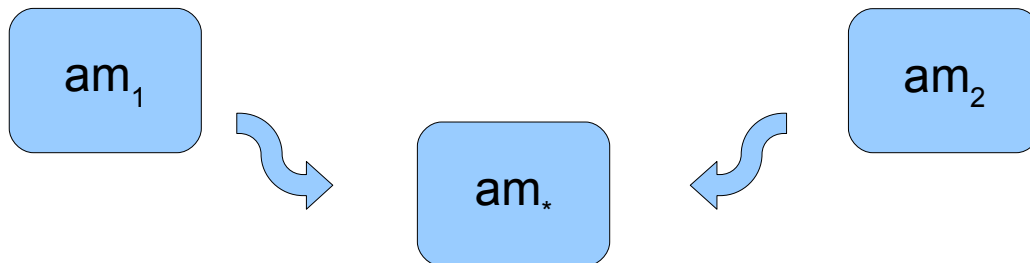
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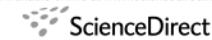
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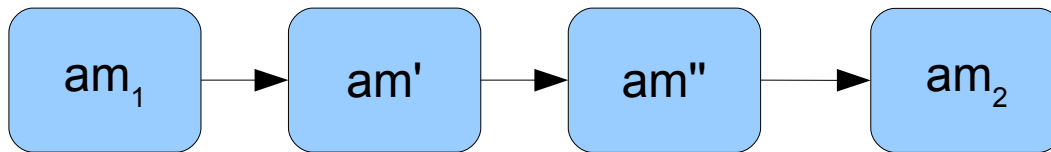
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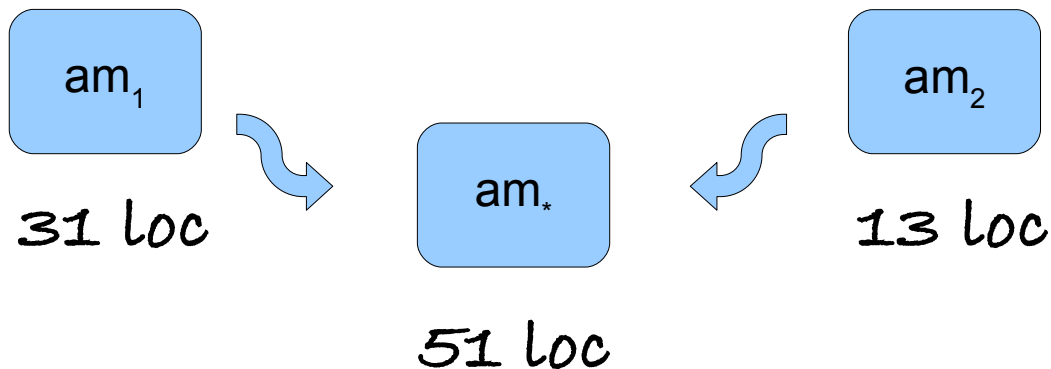
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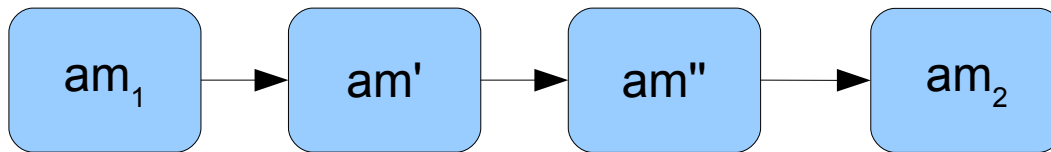
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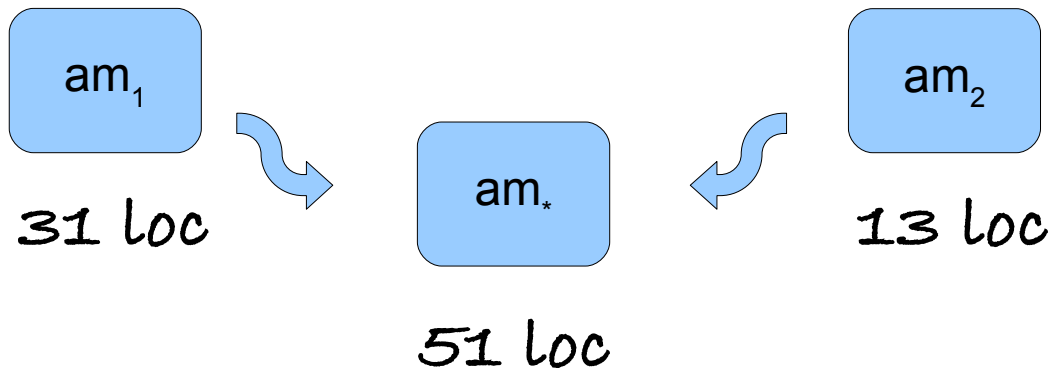
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On the equivalence between small-step and big-step abstract machines: a simple application of lightweight fusion

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Abstract

We show how Ohori and Sasano's recent lightweight fusion by fixed-point promotion provides a simple way to prove the equivalence of the two standard styles of specification of abstract machines: (1) in small-step form, as a state-transition function together with a 'driver loop', i.e., a function implementing the iteration of this transition function; and (2) in big-step form, as a tail-recursive function that directly maps a given configuration to a final state, if any. The equivalence hinges on our observation that for abstract machines, fusing a small-step specification yields a big-step specification. We illustrate this observation here with a recognizer for Dyck words, the CEK machine, and Krivine's machine with call/cc.

The need for such a simple proof is motivated by our current work on small-step abstract machines as obtained by refocusing a function implementing a reduction semantics (a syntactic correspondence), and big-step abstract machines as obtained by CPS-transforming and then defunctionalizing a function implementing a big-step semantics (a functional correspondence).
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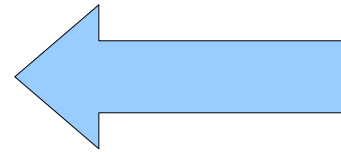
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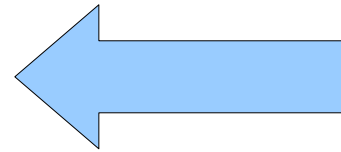


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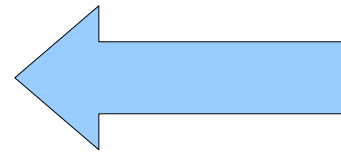
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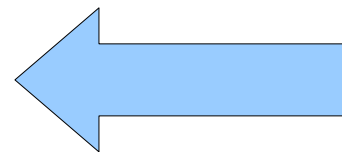
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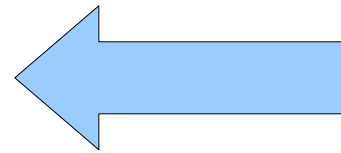
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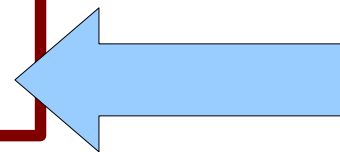
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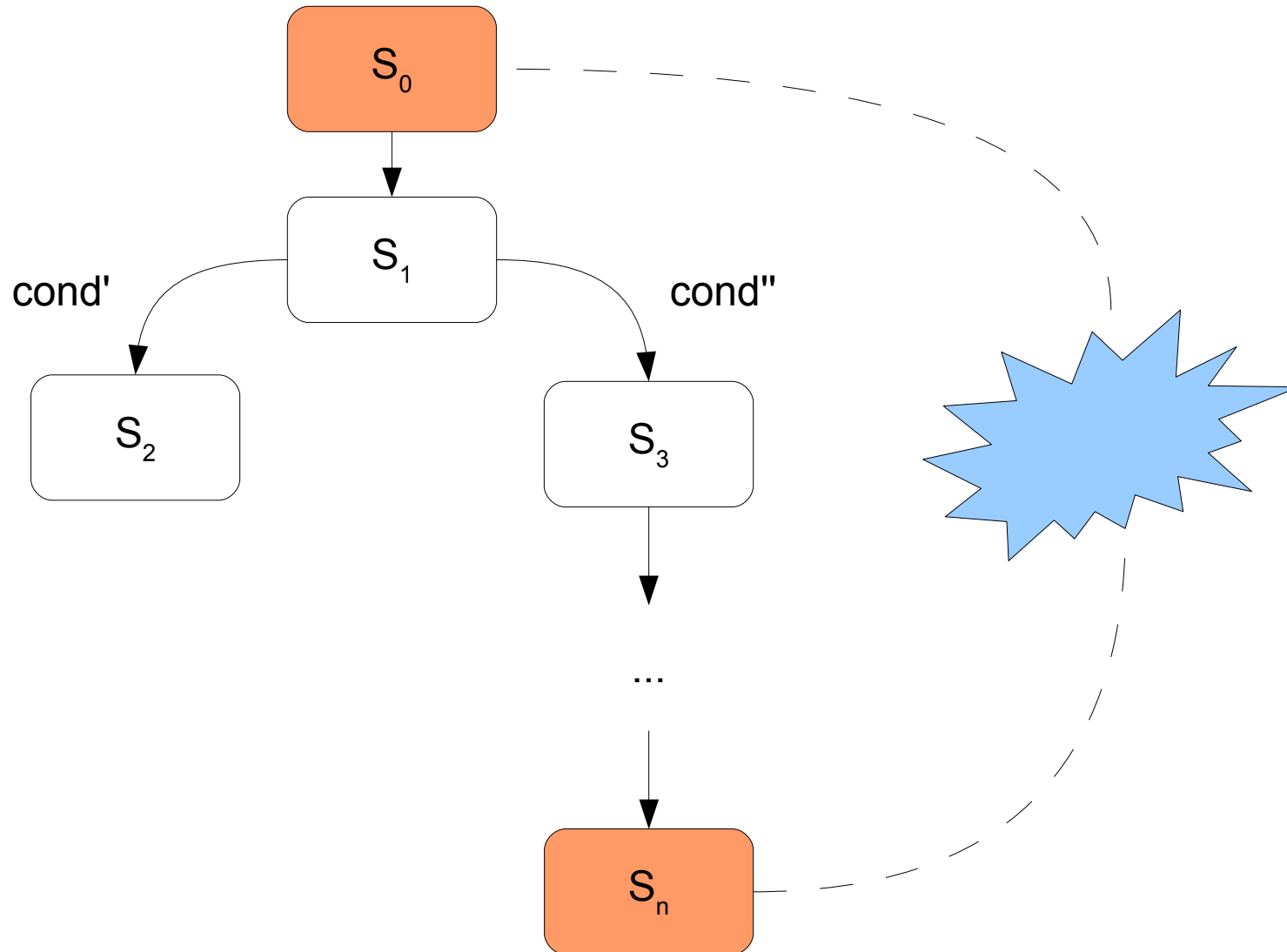
The problem:

- When whistle blows, we perform generalization.
- Generalization is evil, since it result in loss of information.

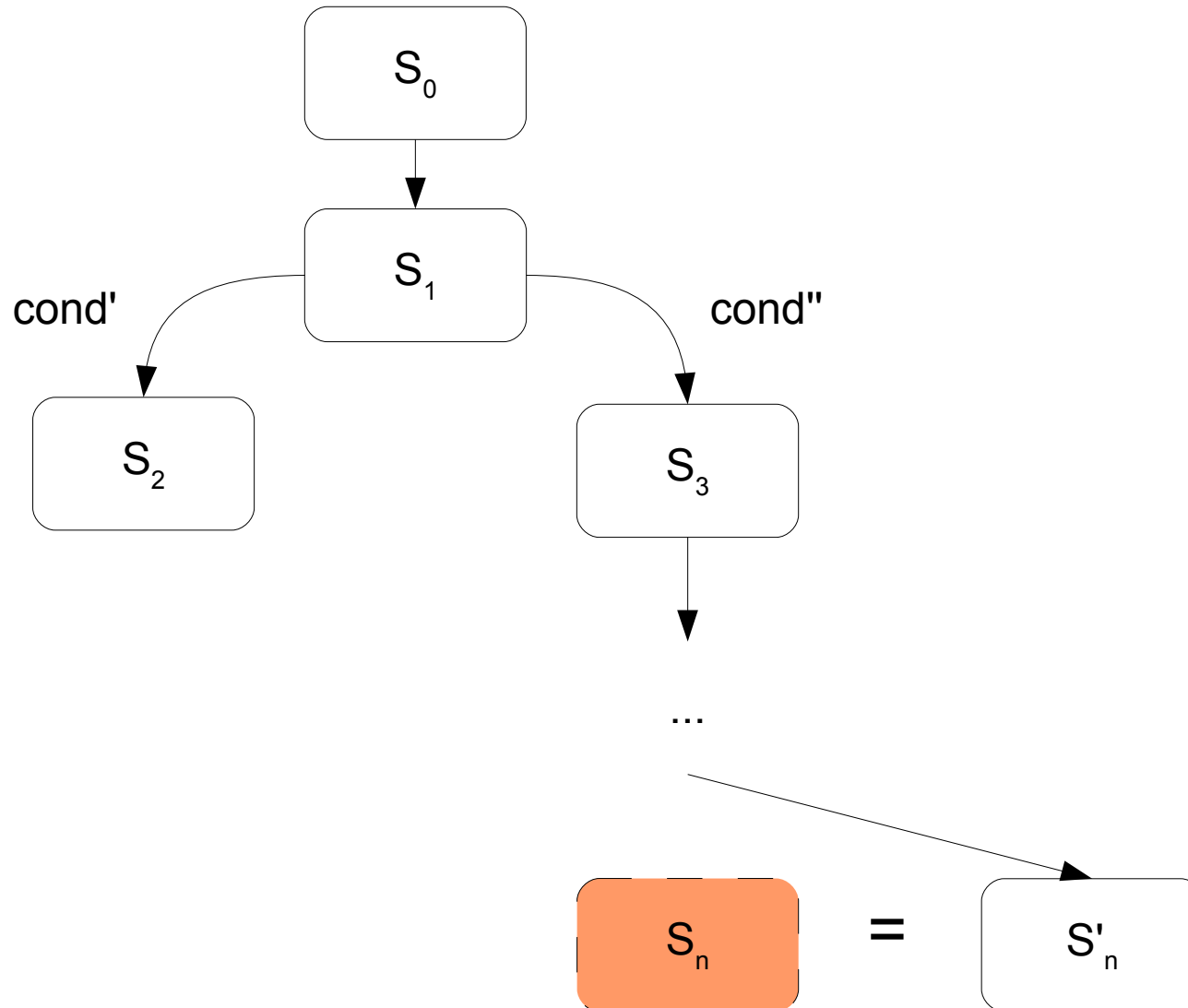
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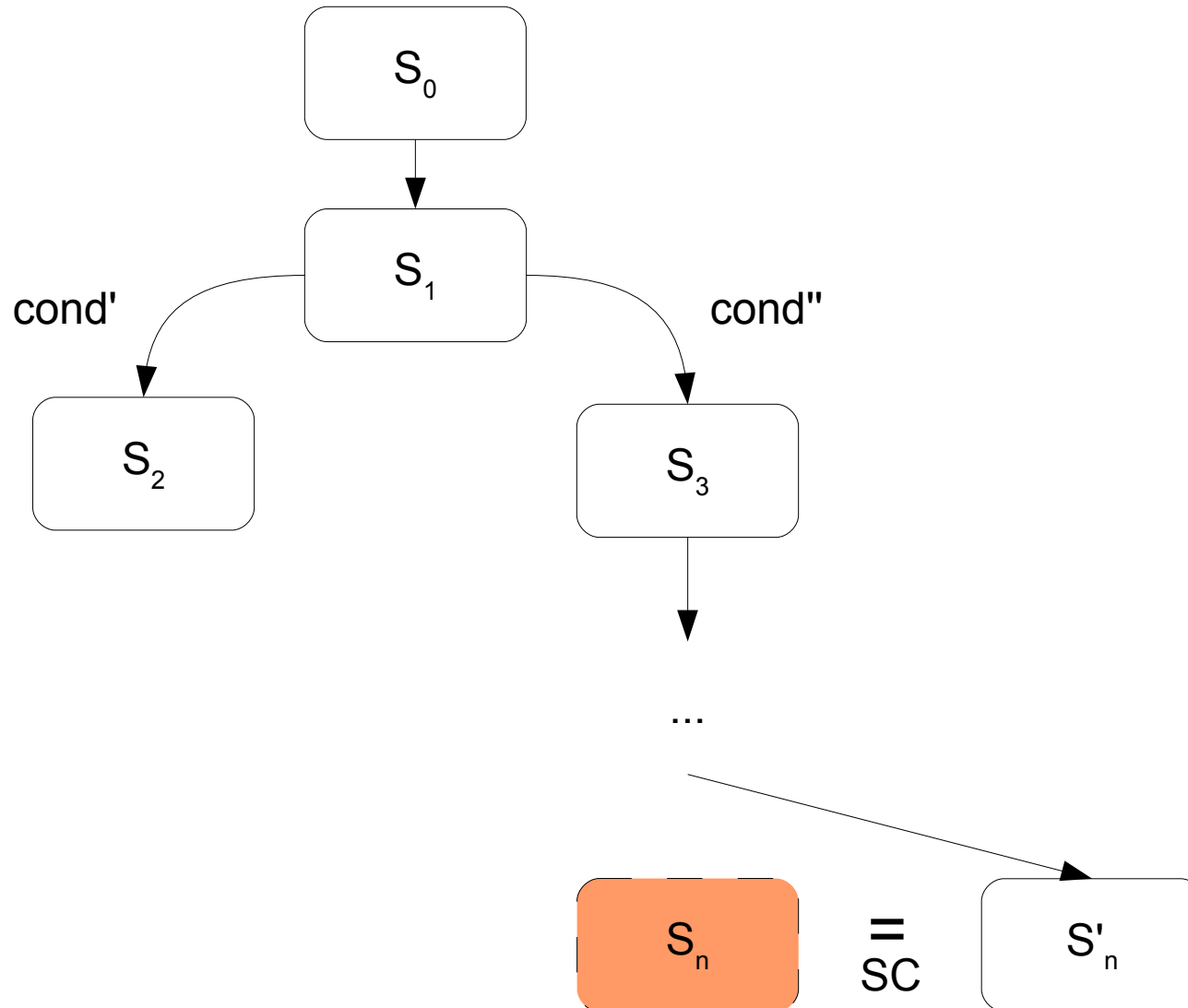
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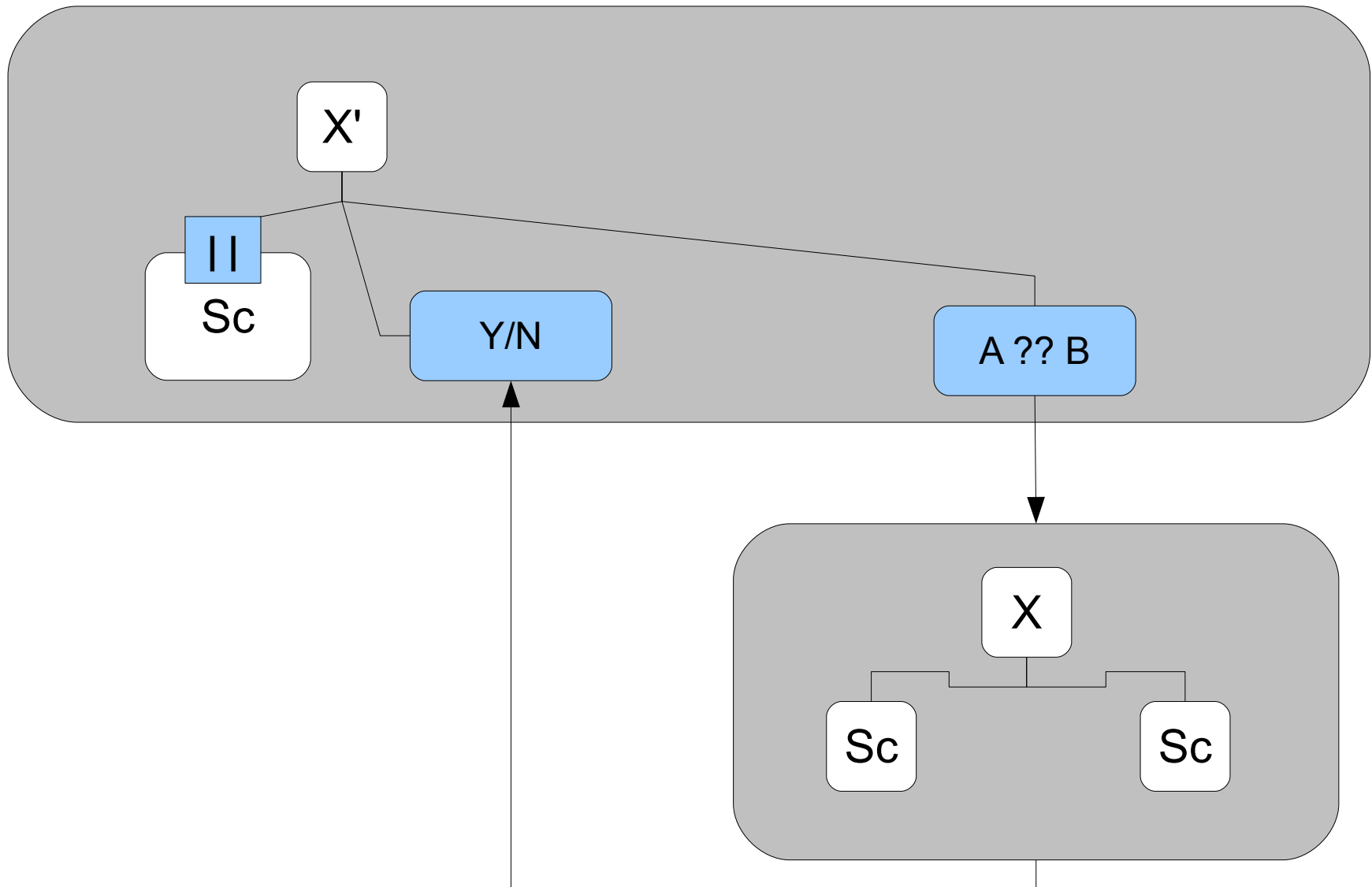
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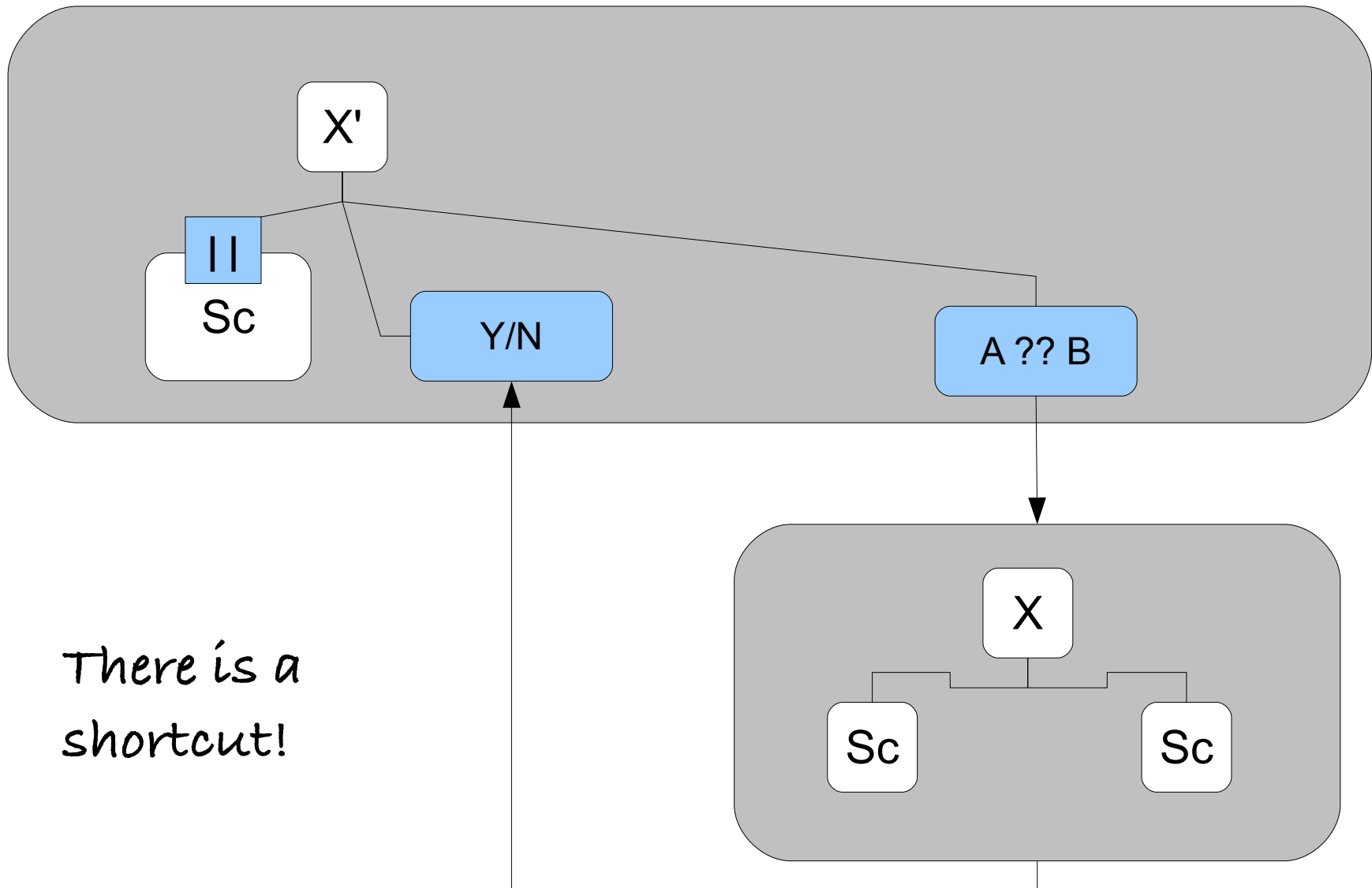
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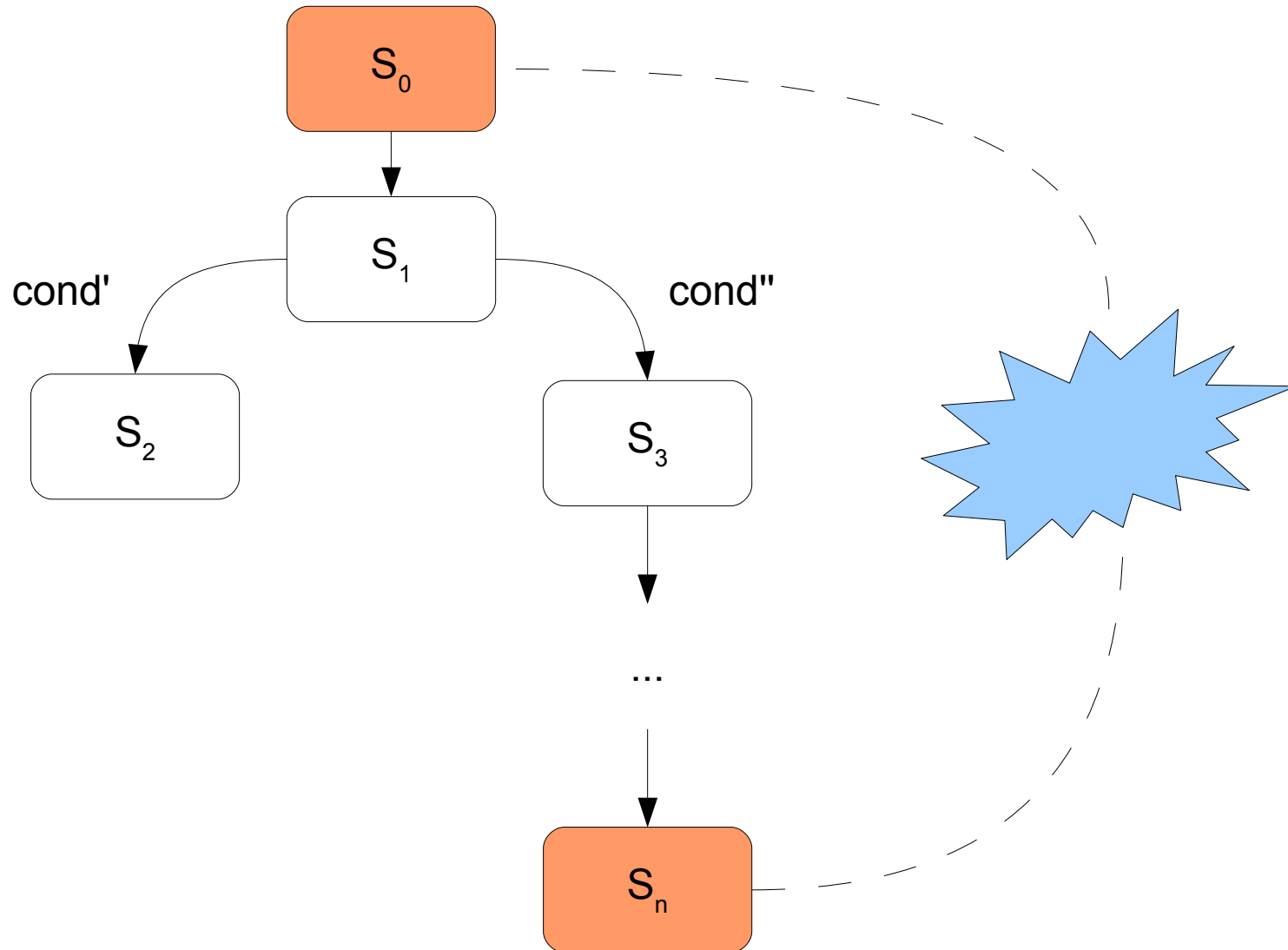
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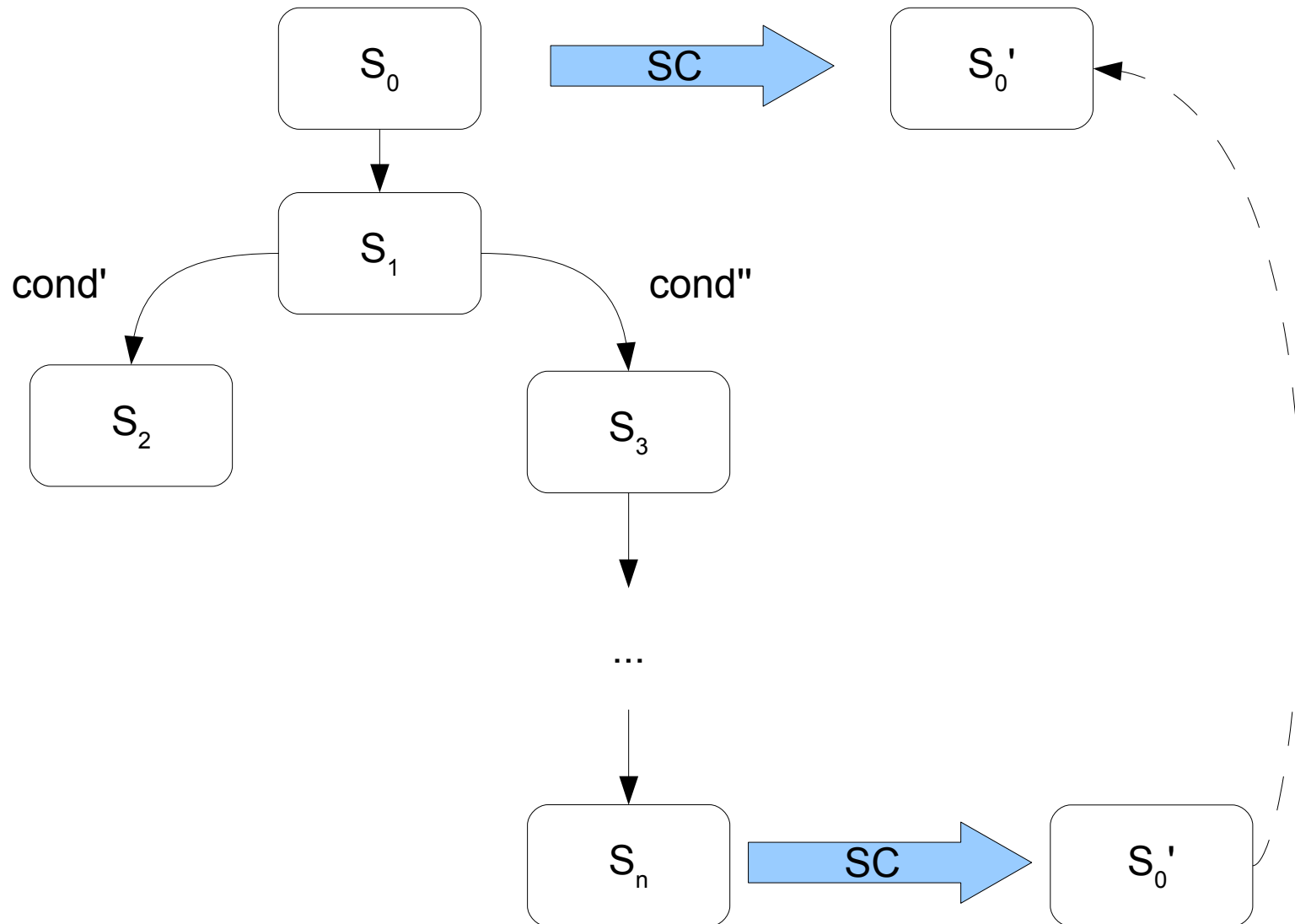
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```
data Bool = True | False;
```

```
data Nat = Z | S Nat;
```

```
even = \x -> case x of { Z -> True; S x1 -> odd x1; };
```

```
odd = \x -> case x of { Z -> False; S x1 -> even x1; };
```

```
or = \x y -> case x of { True -> True; False -> y; };
```

```
or (even m) (odd m)
```

The output:

```
letrec f = \w ->
```

```
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```

```
in f m
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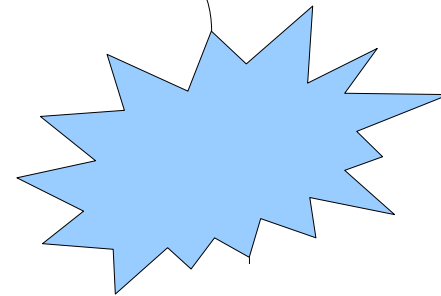
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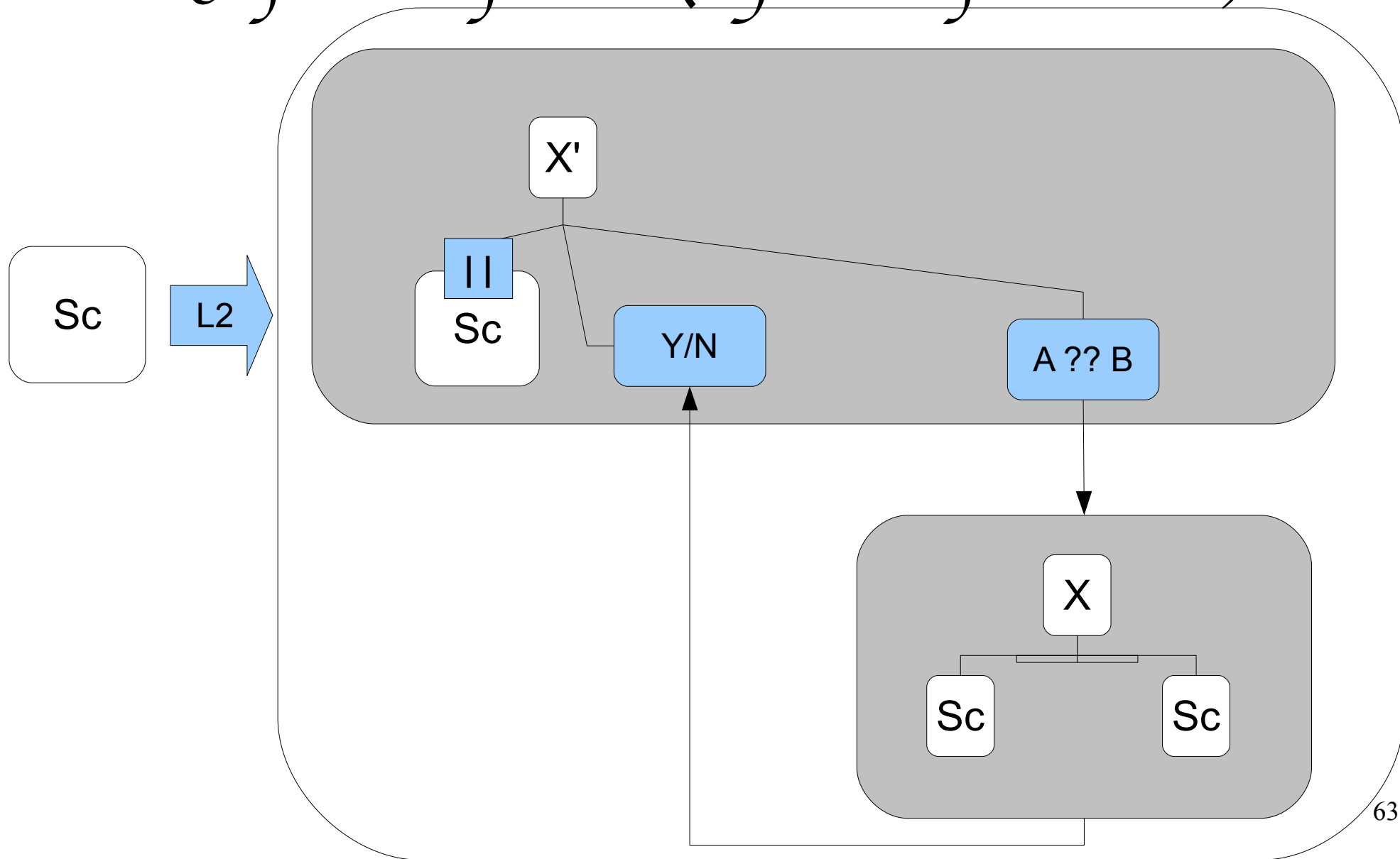
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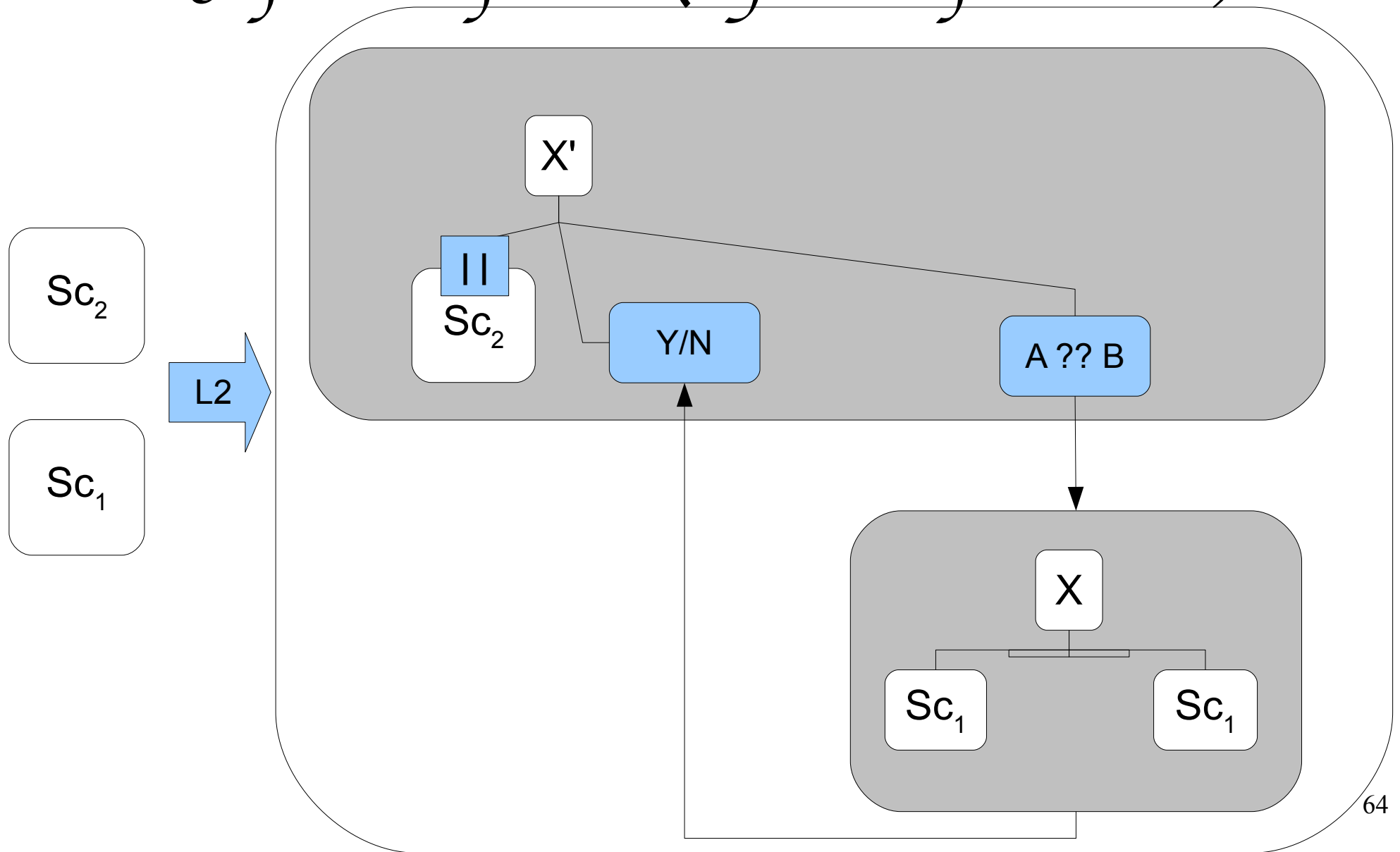
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*+/- is a
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The stuff for experiments:

SC_{----} , SC_{+---} , SC_{-+-} , ... - 8 supercompilers

I. Klyuchnikov. Supercompiler HOSC 1.5: homeomorphic embedding and generalization in a higher-order setting

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Interesting Pattern:

$L2(SC_2, SC_1) - SC_2$ should be a bit smarter than SC_1 (A managing person should be **a bit** clever than a person being managed)

V. Turchin. The phenomenon of Science

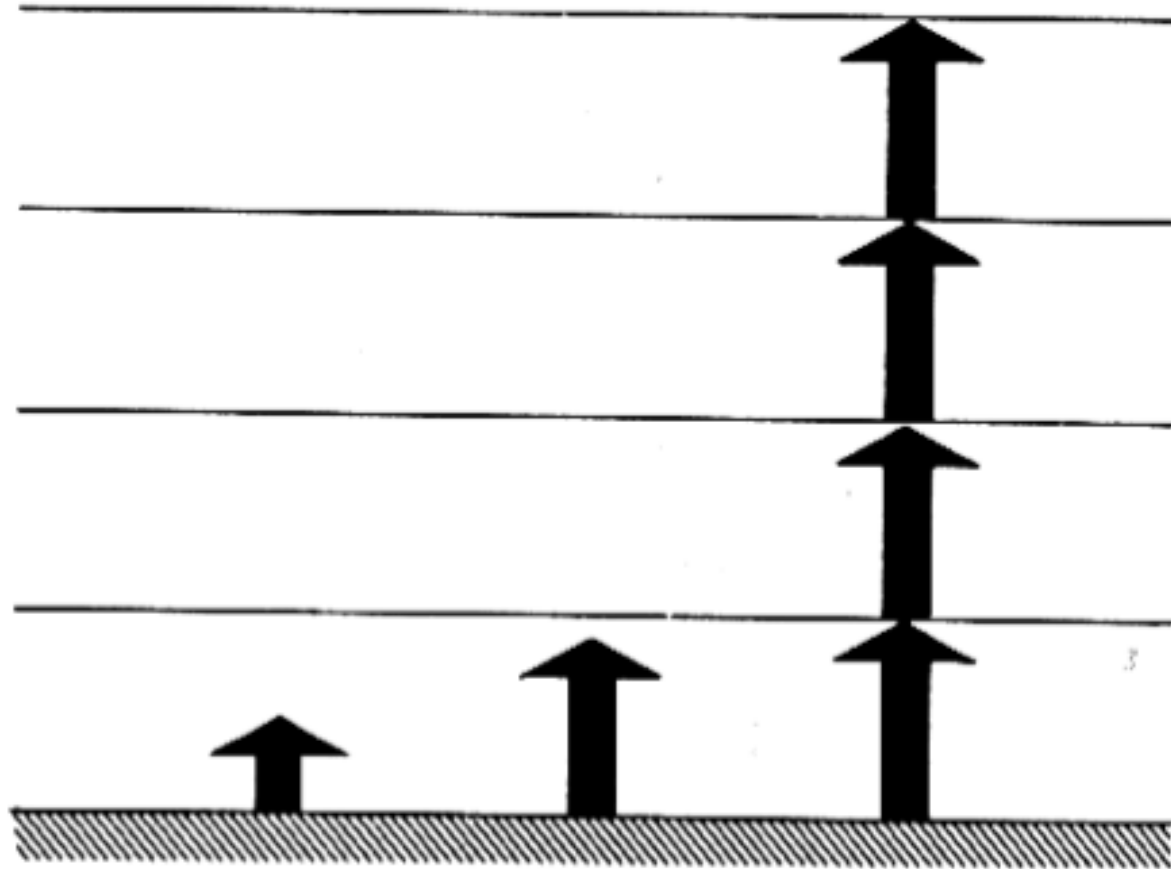
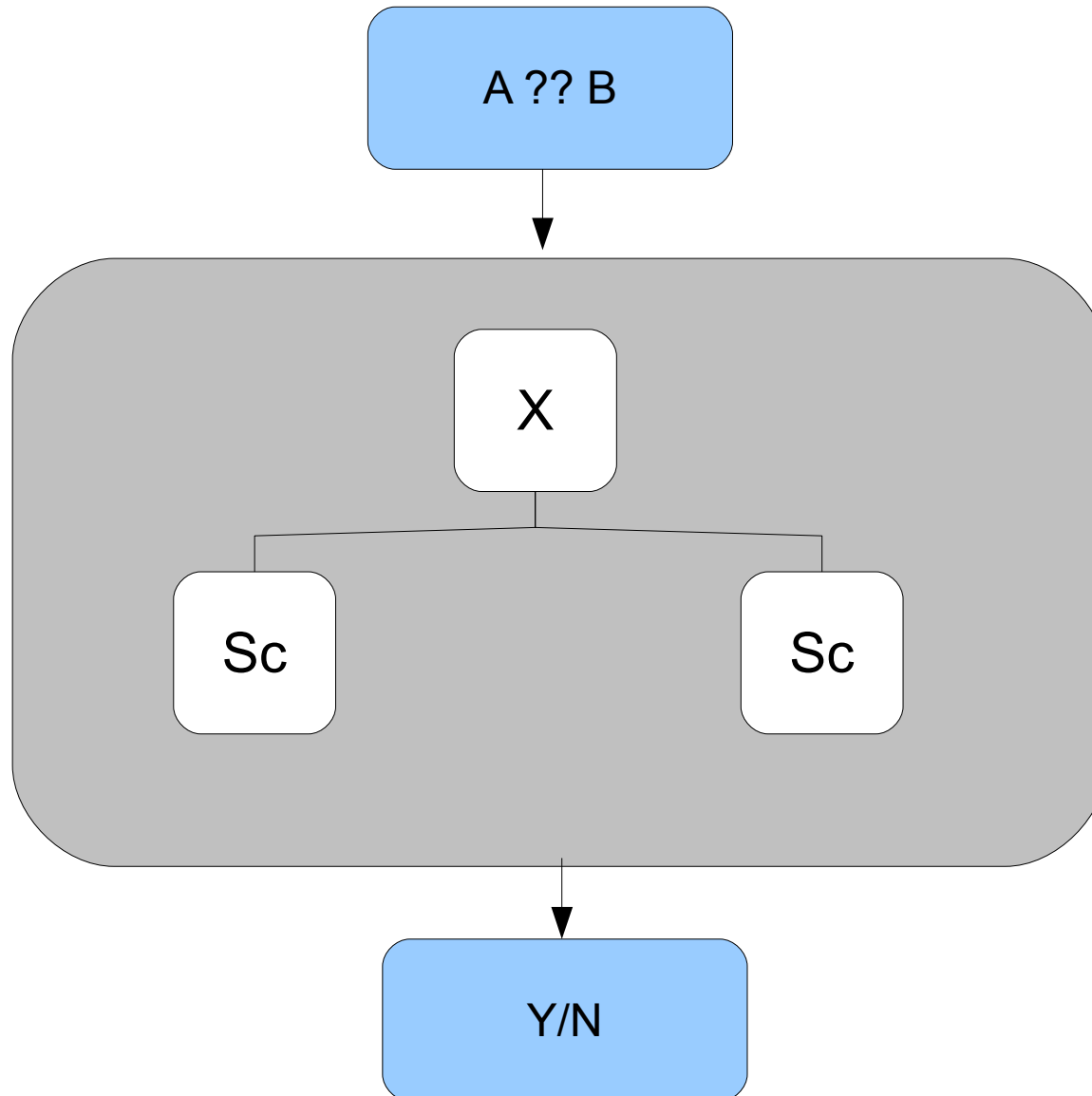
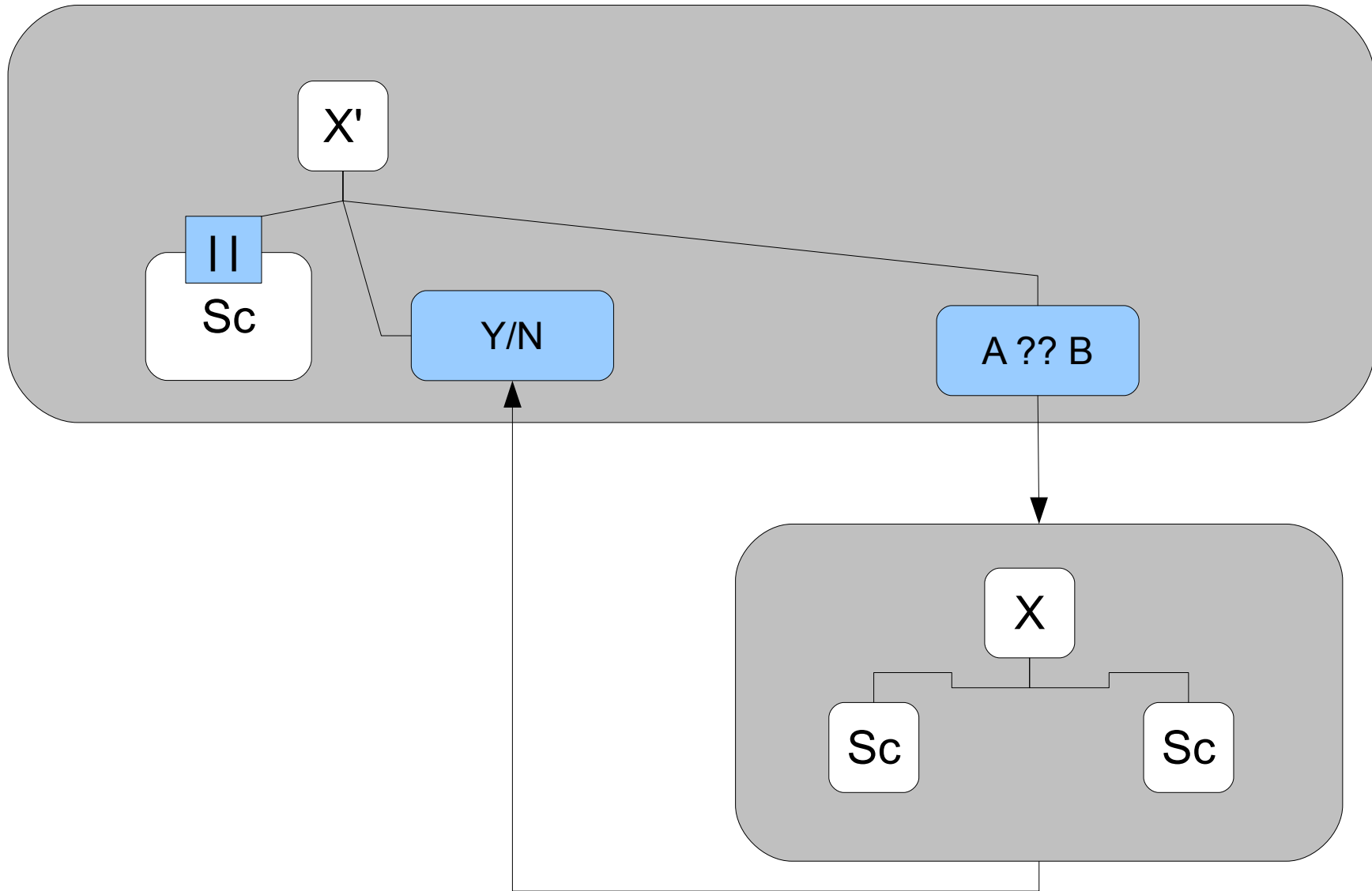


Figure 5.1. The stairway effect.

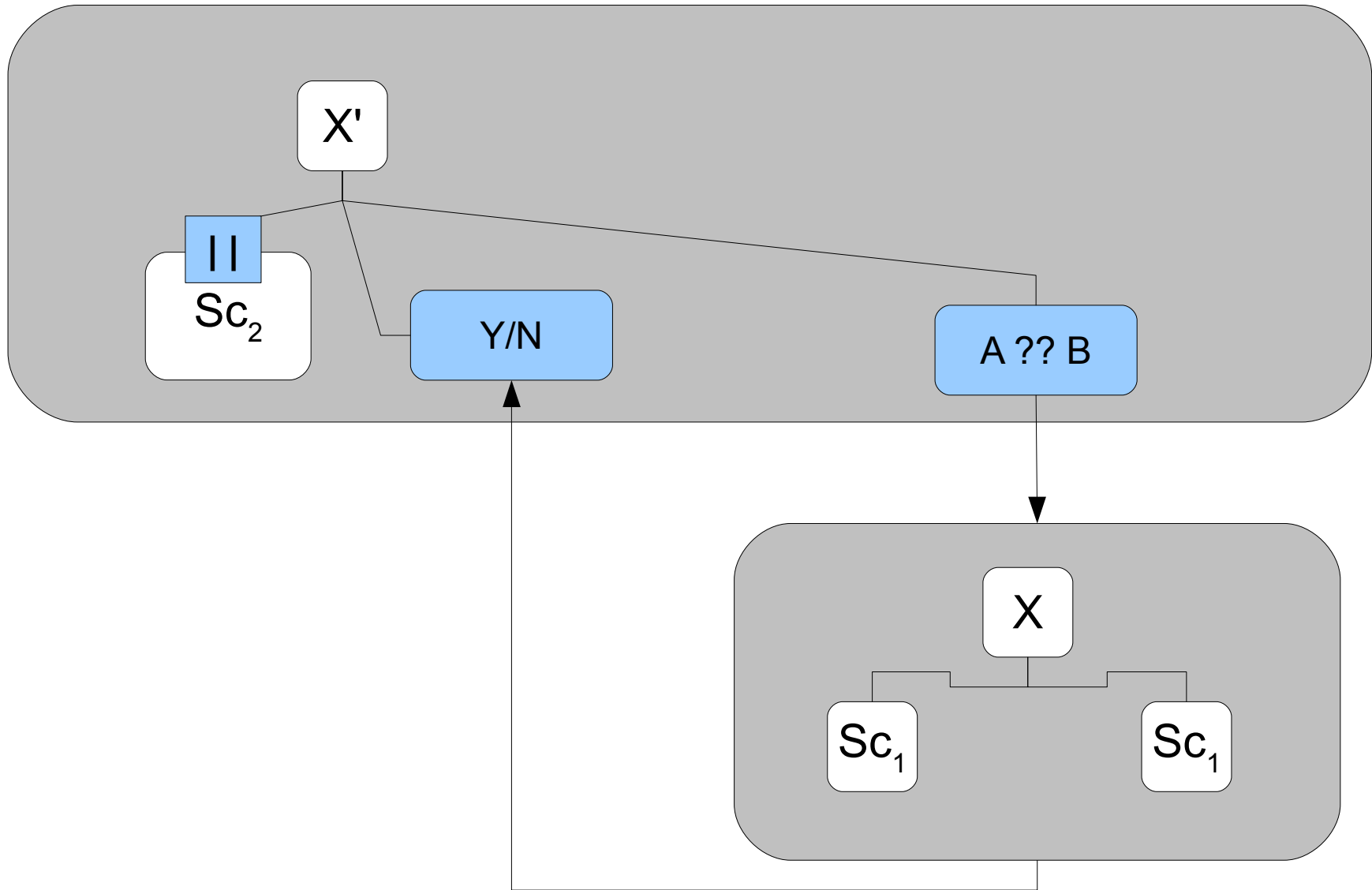
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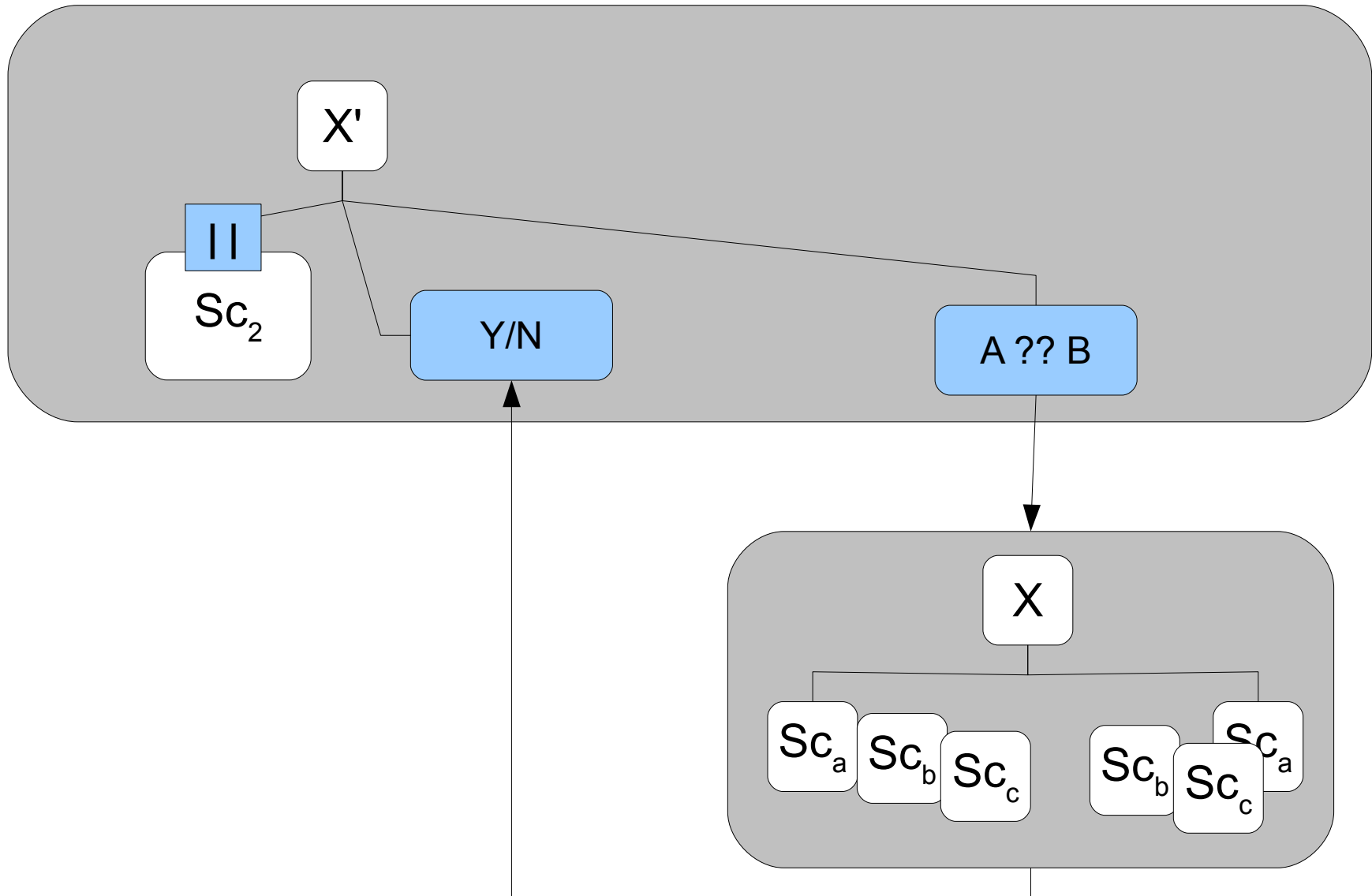
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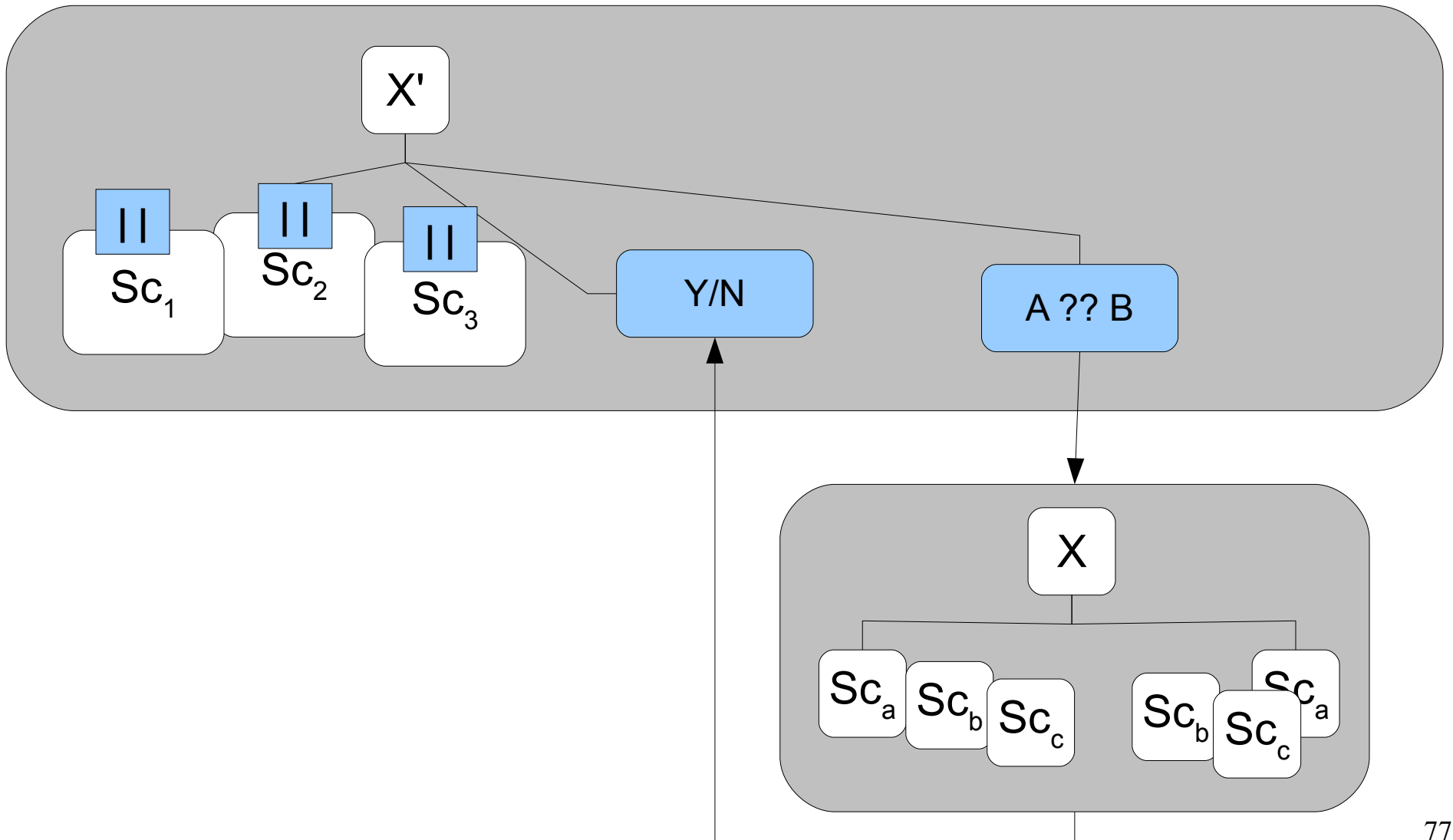
Step #3: Combining 2 Supercompilers



Step #4: Combining Many Supercompilers




Step #5?



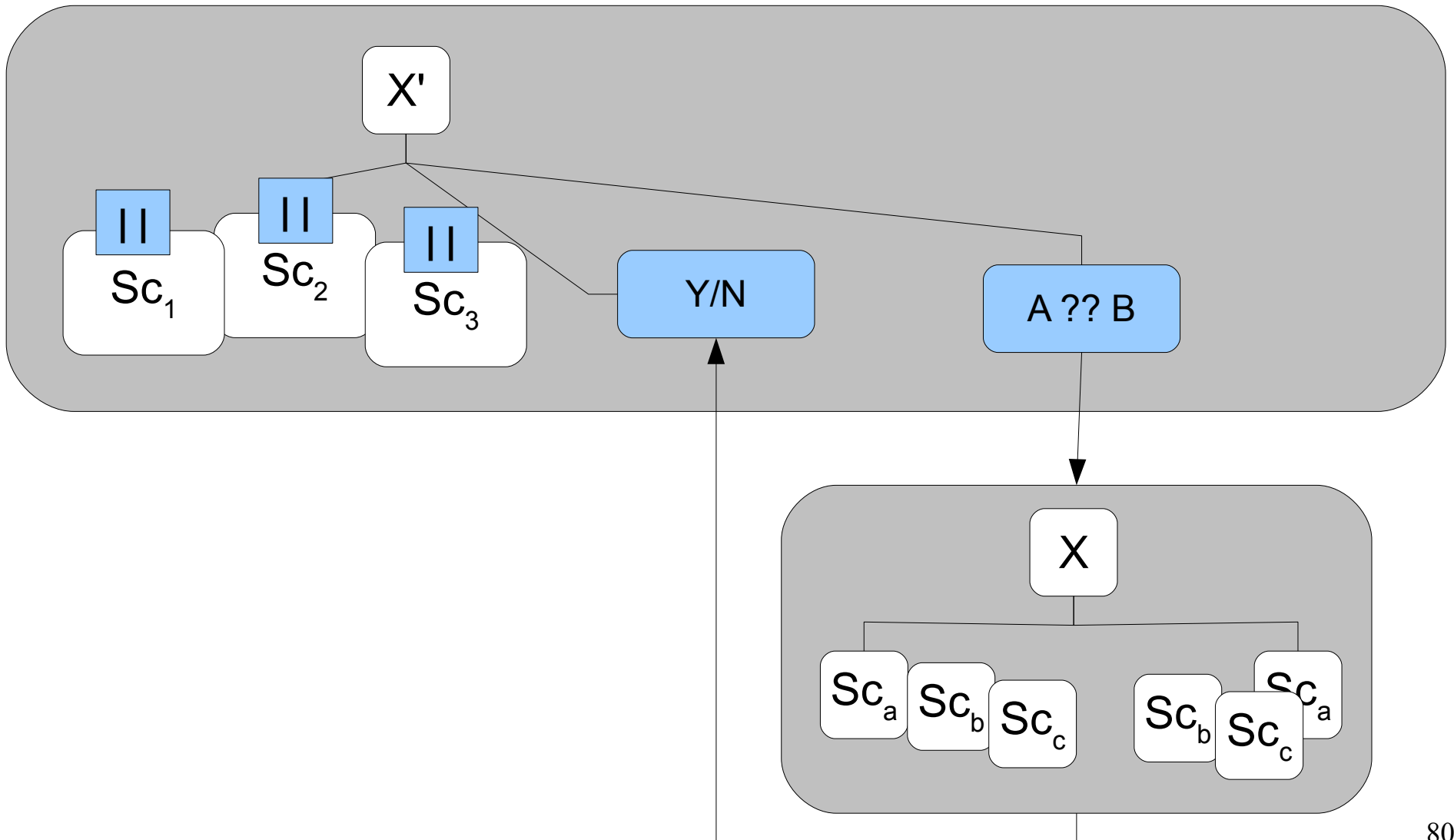


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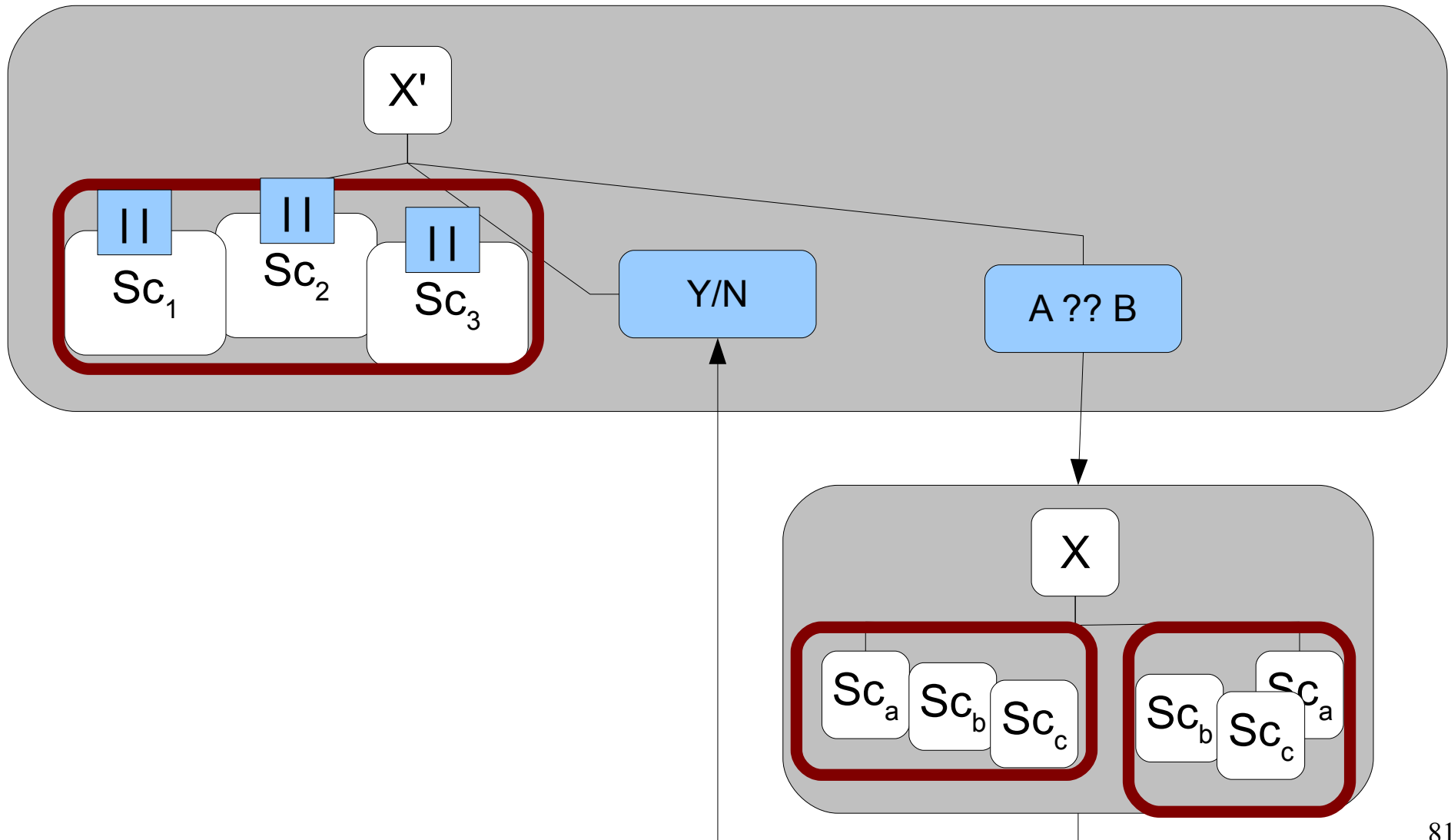
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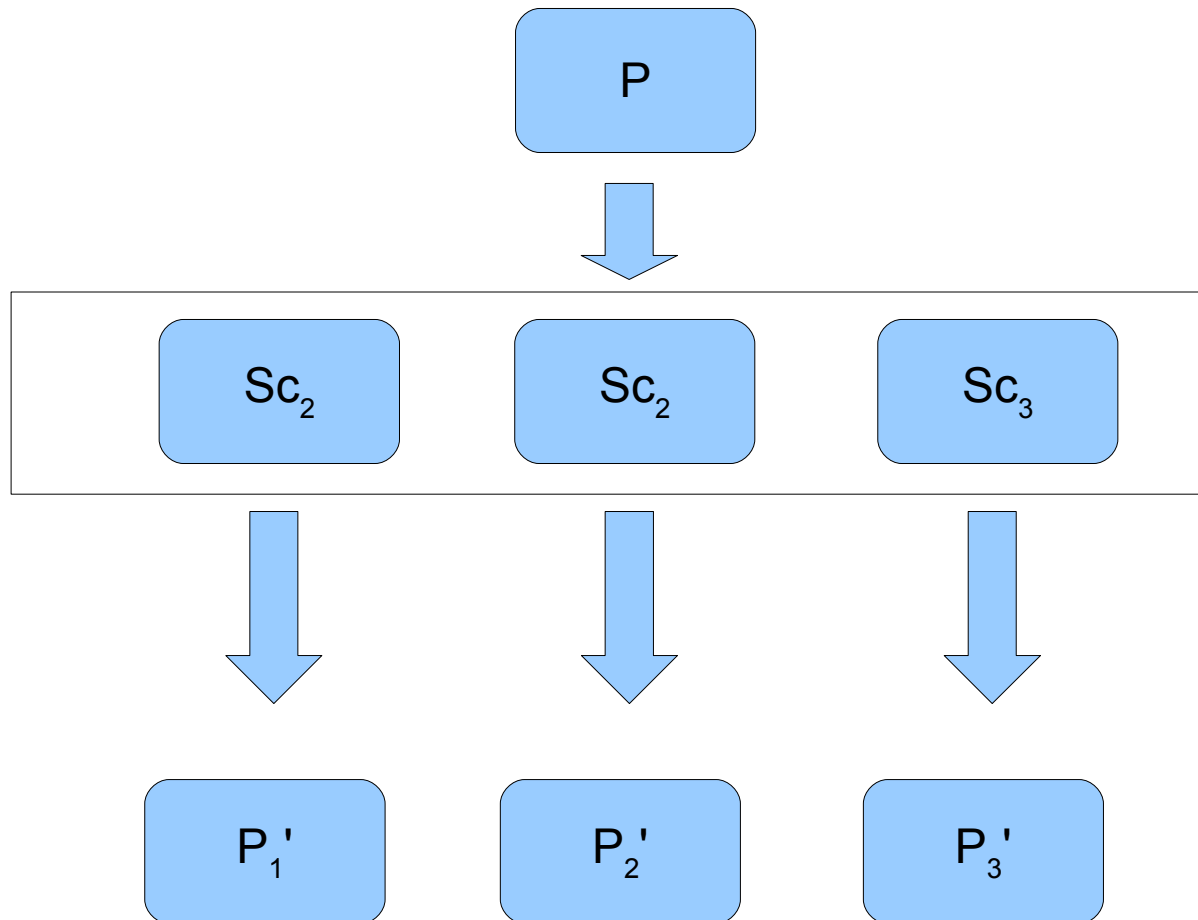
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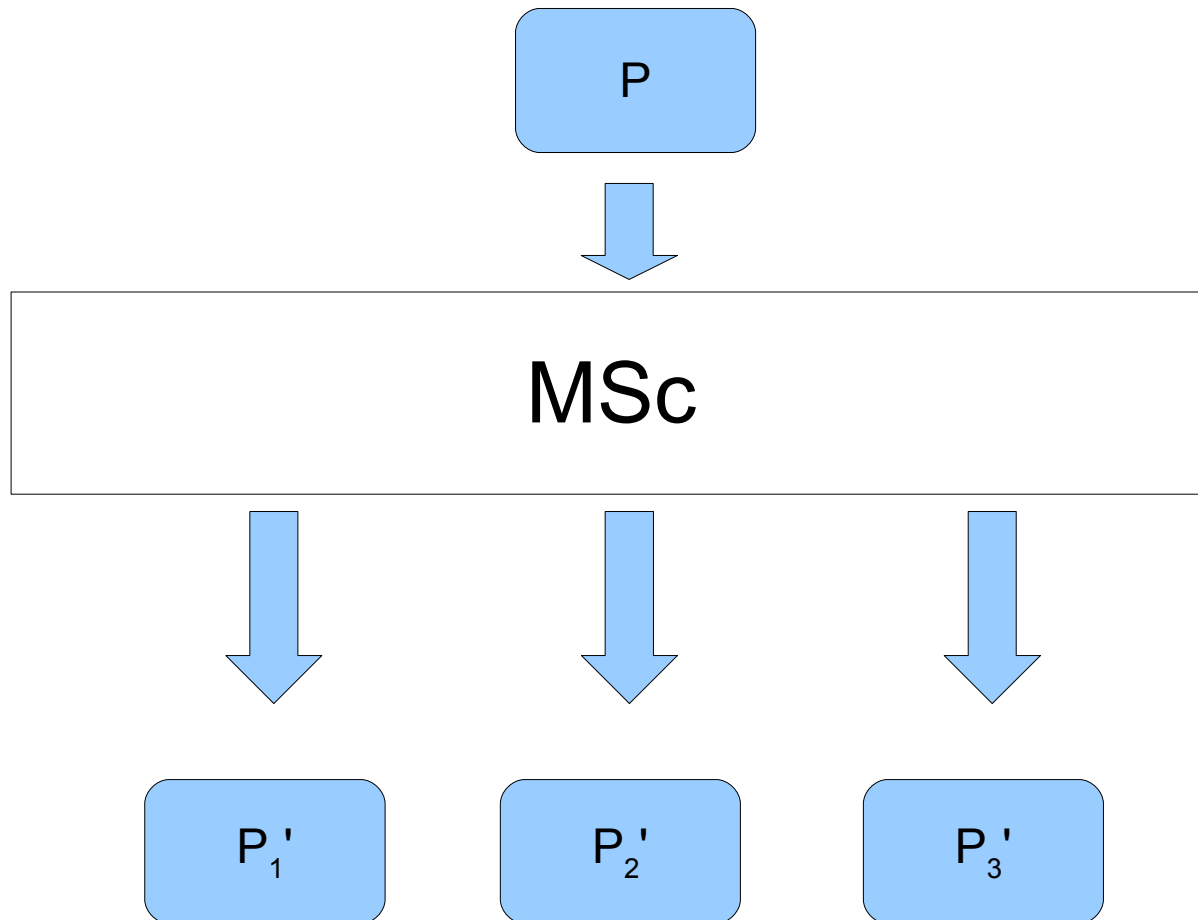
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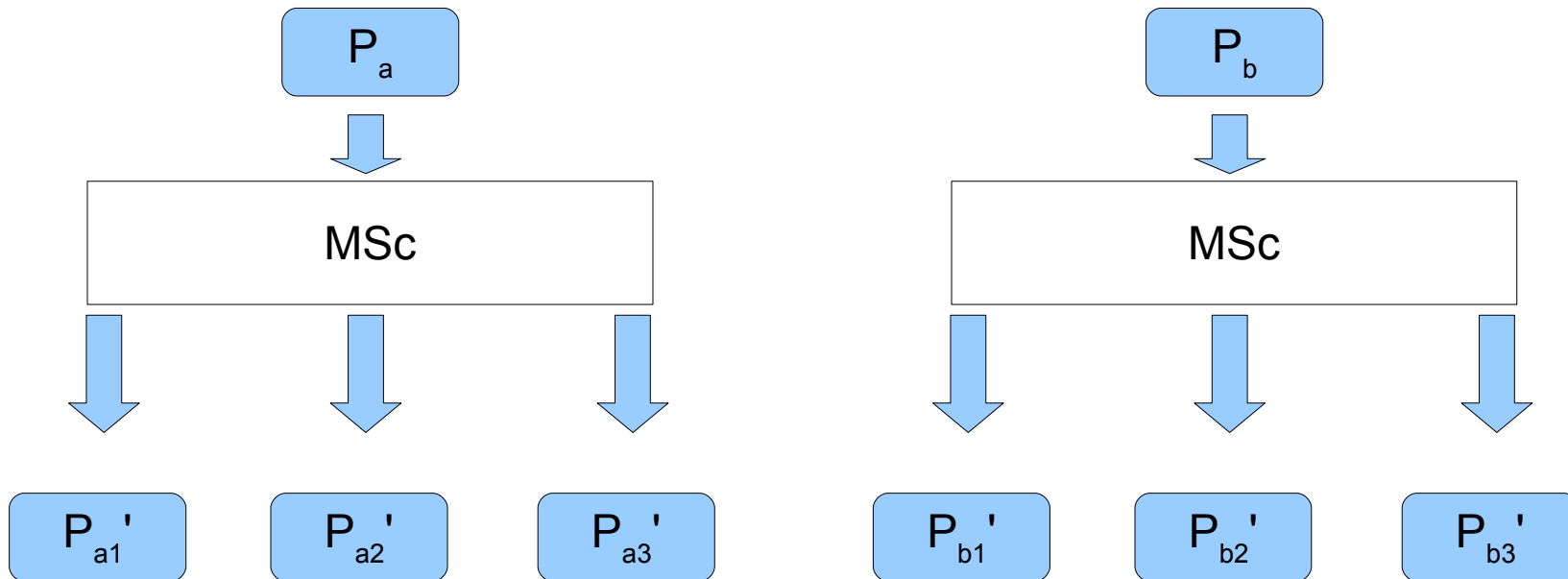
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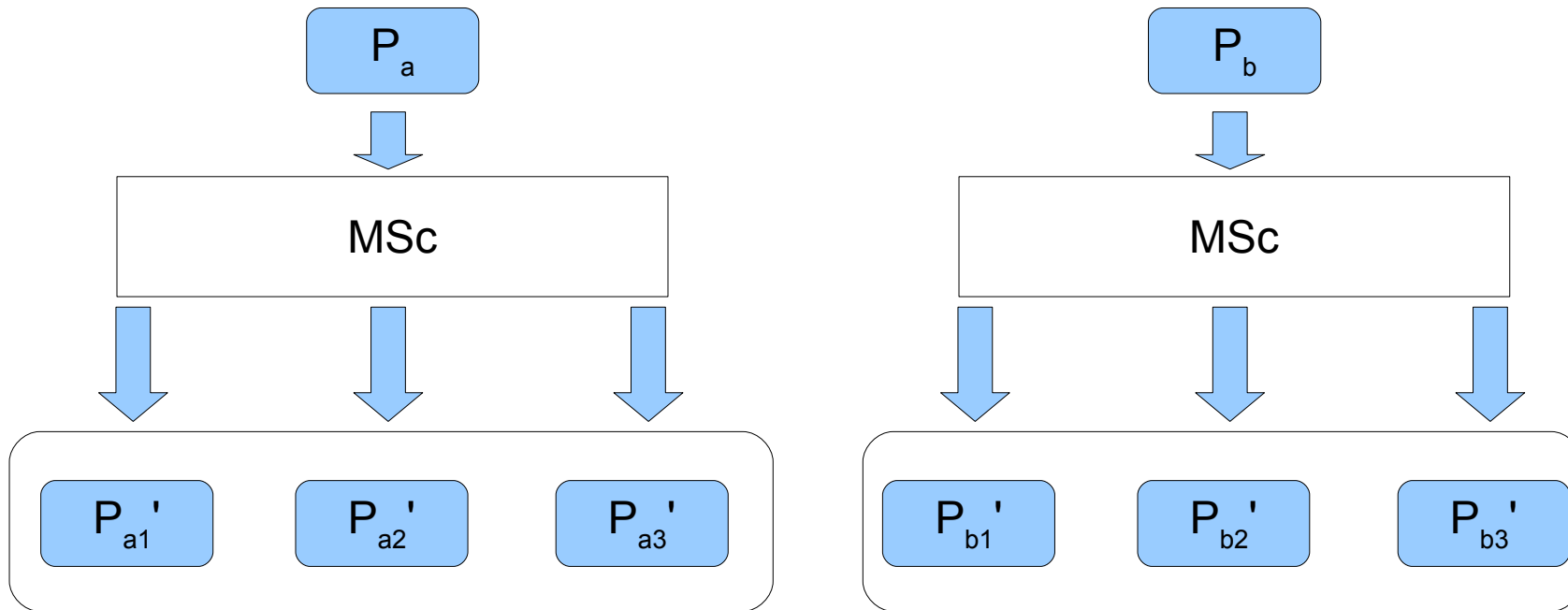
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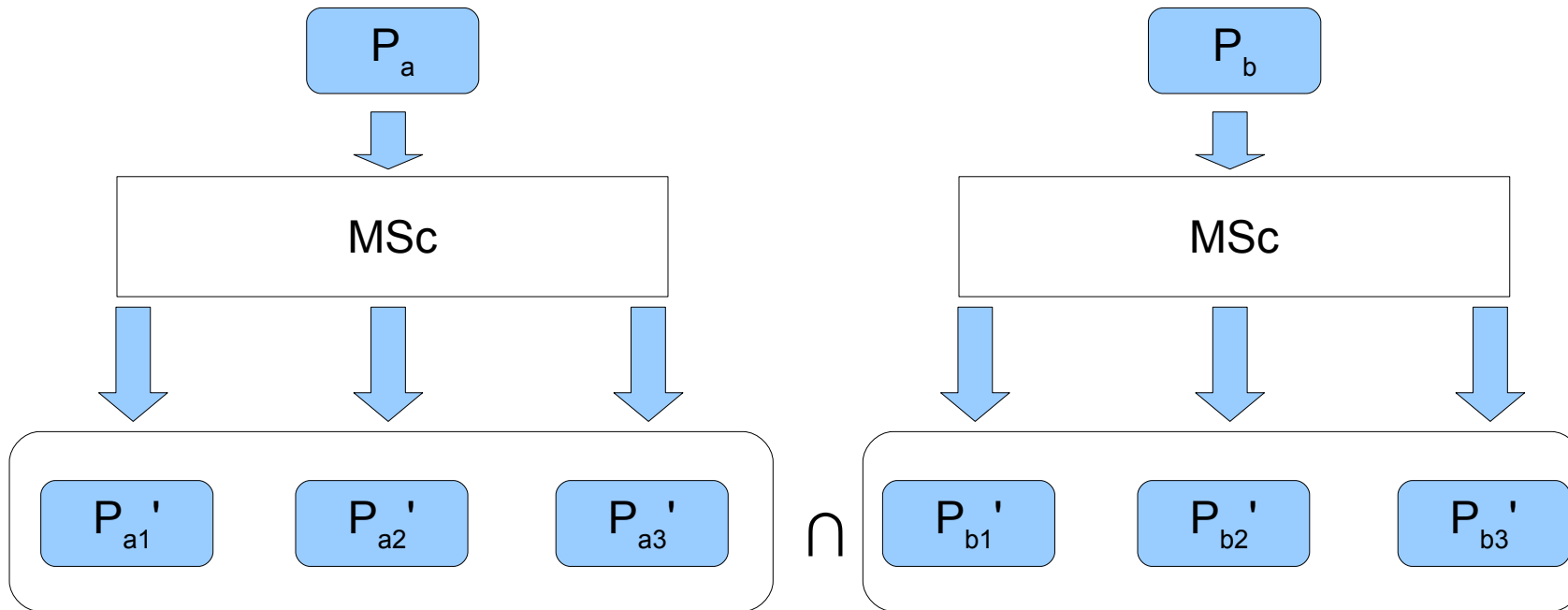
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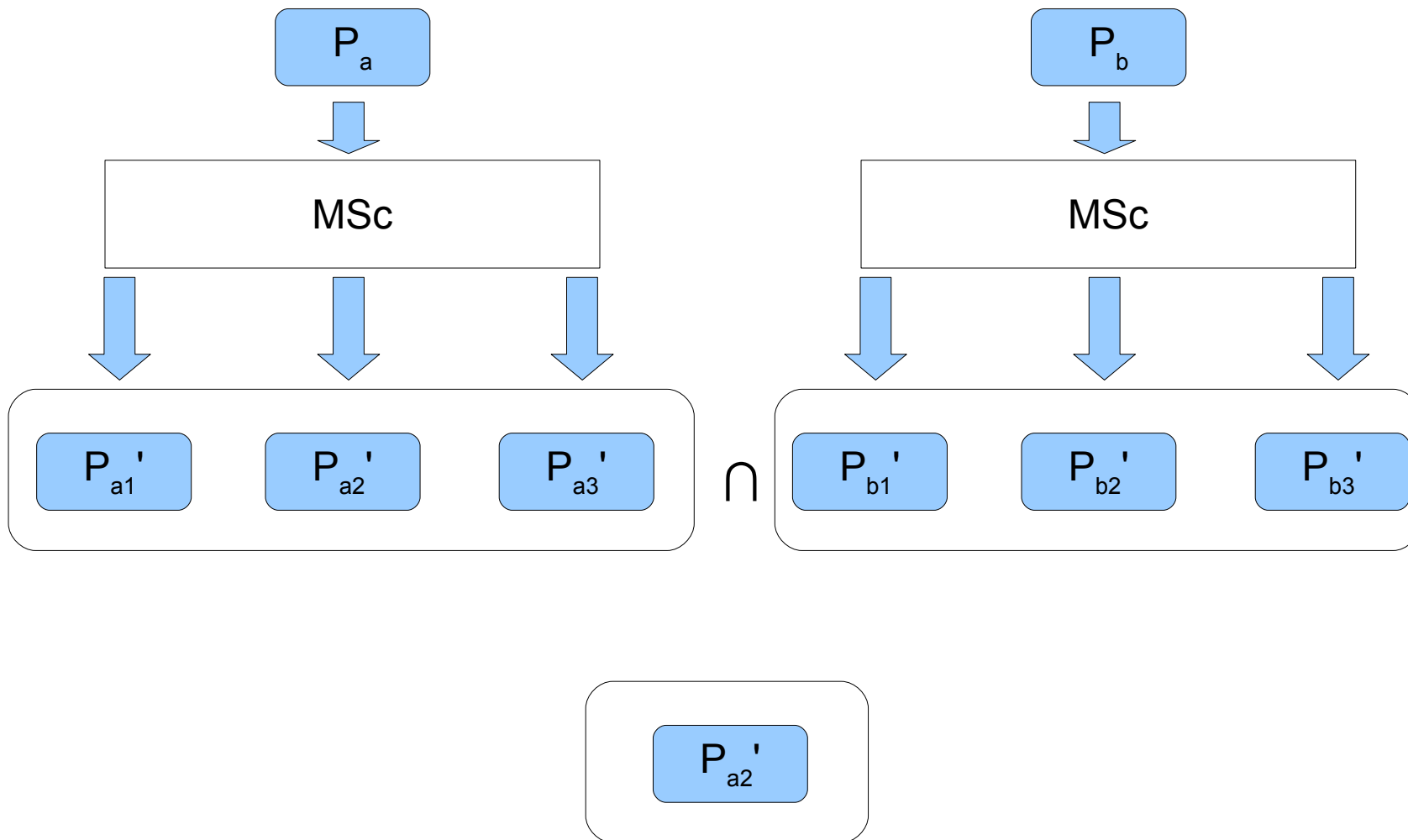
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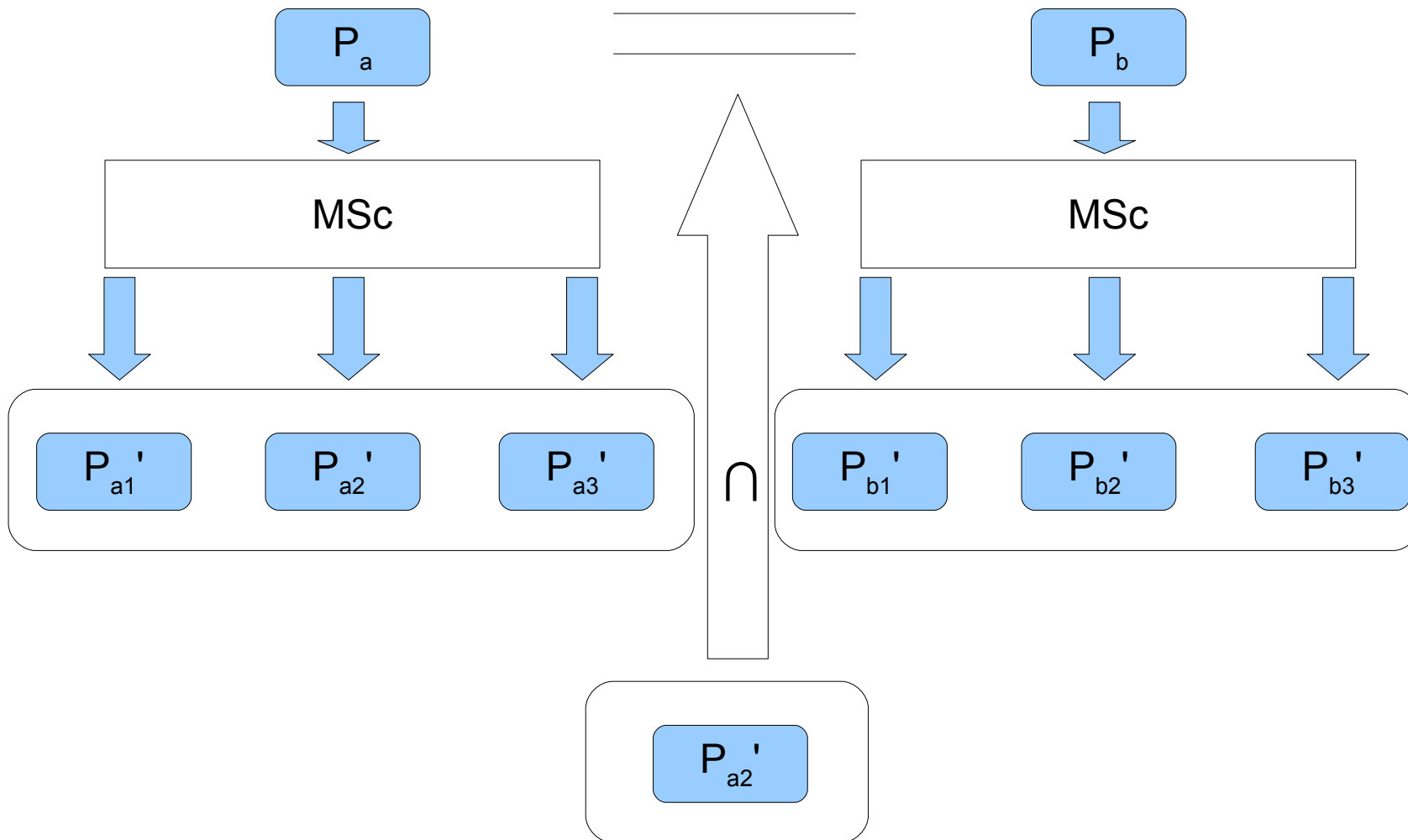
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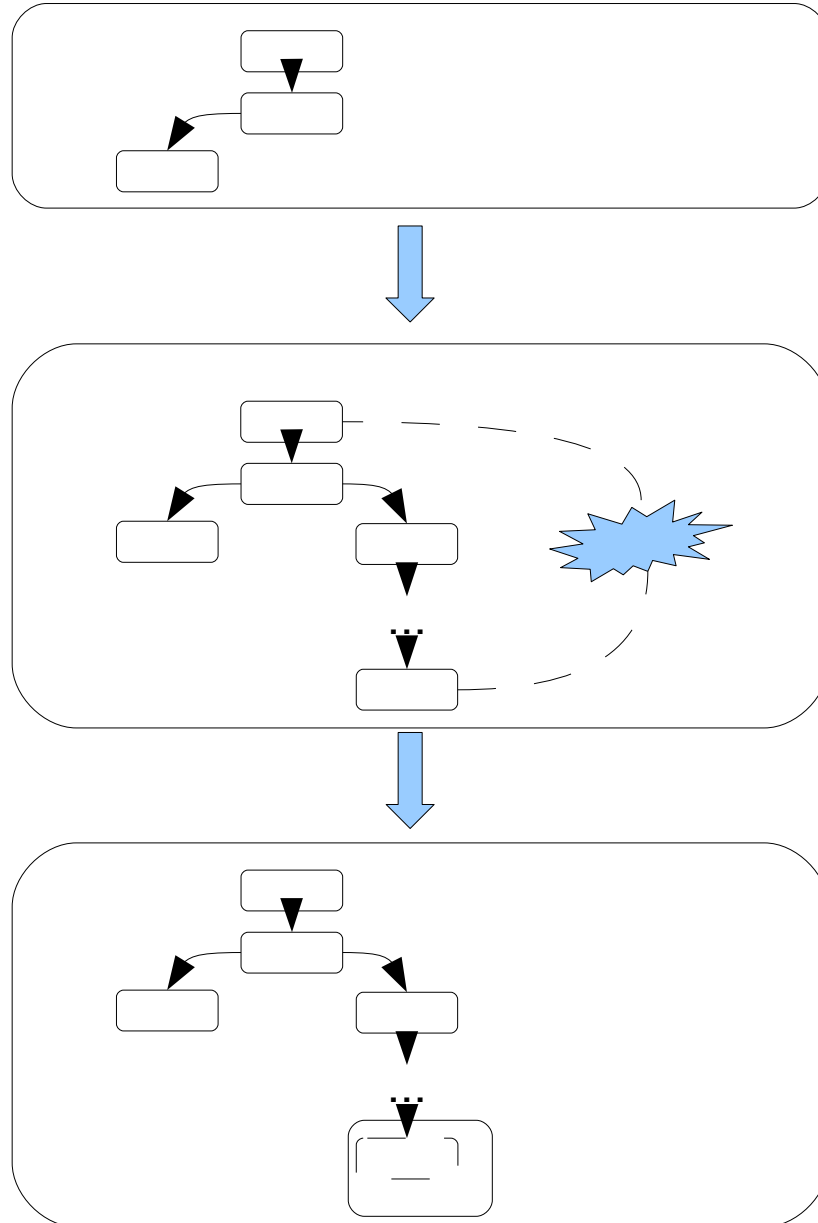
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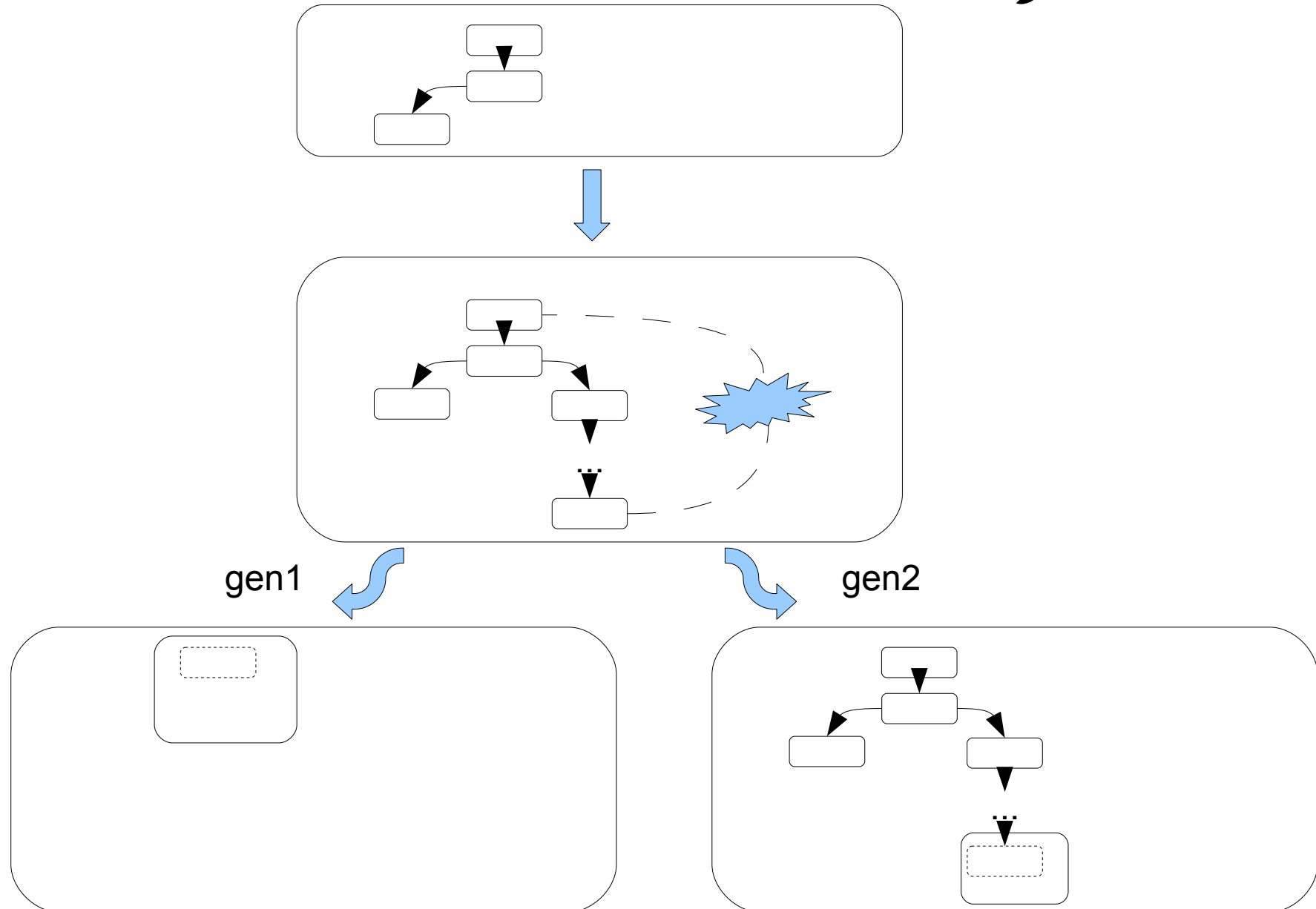
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Standard Generalization (Sequence of Trees)



Multi-Generalization (Tree of Trees)



Multi-Generalization

Theorem

If whistle blows at any infinite branch and multi-generalization produces the finite number of variants, then the set of residual programs is finite.

I.Klyuchnikov and S. Romanenko. Multi-result supercompilation as branching growth of the penultimate level in metasystem transitions. PSI-2011.

I. Klyuchnikov. MRSC: a framework for multi-result supercompilation. Preprint, Keldysh Institute of Applied Mathematics, 2011. To appear. 96

MRSC (2011)

- MRSC is the framework for constructing (multi-result and two-level) supercompilers by combining strategies for whistle, multi-generalization and escape from whistles.
- <https://github.com/ilya-klyuchnikov/mrsc>
- The preliminary results are exciting:
 - Automatically finding minimal proofs of the correctness of coherence protocols.
 - Automatic proof of commutativity of addition/multiplication by supercompilation.
 - Automatic proof of correctness of sorting algorithms by supercompilation.

The Taste of MRSC

```
class MultiSC(val ordering: PartialOrdering[SLLExpr])  
  extends GenericMultiMachine[Expr, DriveInfo[SLLExpr], Extra]  
  with SLLSyntax  
  with SLLSemantics  
  with SimpleDriving[SLLExpr]  
  with Folding[SLLExpr]  
  with PartialOrderingTermination[SLLExpr]  
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*Multi-result supercompilation is natural
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Example #4. Finding Minimal Proof

Verification of Protocols


The model of cache-coherence protocols can be seen as a set of transition rules between states represented as a n-tuple of natural numbers.

The problem

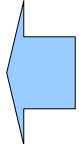


Given a safe initial state, prove that unsafe state is unreachable.

The problem is well-studied and there is a lot of **specialized** methods to prove the correctness of protocols automatically.





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Example #4. MOESI Protocol

```
case object MOESI extends Protocol {  
  val start: OmegaConf = List(Omega, 0, 0, 0, 0)  
  
  val rules: List[TransitionRule] = List(  
    { case List(i, m, s, e, o) if i>=1    => List(i-1, 0, s+e+1, 0, o+m)    },  
    { case List(i, m, s, e, o) if e>=1    => List(i, m+1, s, e-1, o)        },  
    { case List(i, m, s, e, o) if s+o>=1 => List(i+m+s+e+o-1, 0, 0, 1, 0) },  
    { case List(i, m, s, e, o) if i>=1    => List(i+m+s+e+o-1, 0, 0, 1, 0) })  
  
  def unsafe(c: OmegaConf) = c match {  
    case List(i, m, s, e, o) if m>=1 && (e + s + o) >= 1 => true  
    case List(i, m, s, e, o) if m>=2                       => true  
    case List(i, m, s, e, o) if e>=2                       => true  
    case _ => false  
  }  
}
```



Just mini-DSL in Scala

Supercompiler in 3 slides

```
sealed trait Component {  
  def +(comp: Component): Component  
  def -(comp: Component): Component  
  def >=(i: Int): Boolean  
}
```

```
case class Value(i: Int) extends Component {  
  override def +(comp: Component) = comp match {  
    case Omega => Omega  
    case Value(j) => Value(i + j)  
  }  
  override def -(comp: Component) = comp match {  
    case Omega => Omega  
    case Value(j) => Value(i - j)  
  }  
  override def >=(j: Int) = i >= j  
}
```

```
case object Omega extends Component {  
  def +(comp: Component) = Omega  
  def -(comp: Component) = Omega  
  def >=(comp: Int) = true  
}
```

Supercompiler in 3 slides

```
trait CountersPreSyntax extends PreSyntax[OmegaConf] {
  val instance = OmegaConfInstanceOrdering
  def rebuildings(c: OmegaConf) = gens(c) - c
  def gens(c: OmegaConf): List[OmegaConf] = c match {
    case Nil => List(Nil)
    case e :: c1 => for (cg <- genComp(e); gs <- gens(c1)) yield cg :: gs
  }
  def genComp(c: Component): List[Component] = c match {
    case Omega => List(Omega)
    case value => List(Omega, value)
  }
}

trait CountersSemantics extends RewriteSemantics[OmegaConf] {
  val protocol: Protocol
  def drive(c: OmegaConf) = protocol.rules.map { _.lift(c) }
}

object OmegaConfInstanceOrdering extends SimplePartialOrdering[OmegaConf] {
  def lteq(c1: OmegaConf, c2: OmegaConf) = (c1, c2).zipped.forall(lteq)
  def lteq(x: Component, y: Component) = (x, y) match {
    case (Omega, _) => true
    case (_, _) => x == y
  }
}
```

Supercompiler in 3 slides

```
trait LWhistle {  
  val l: Int  
  def unsafe(counter: OmegaConf) = counter exists {  
    case Value(i) => i >= l  
    case Omega => false  
  }  
}
```

```
case class CounterMultiSc(val protocol: Protocol, val l: Int)  
  extends CountersPreSyntax  
  with LWhistle  
  with CountersSemantics  
  with RuleDriving[OmegaConf]  
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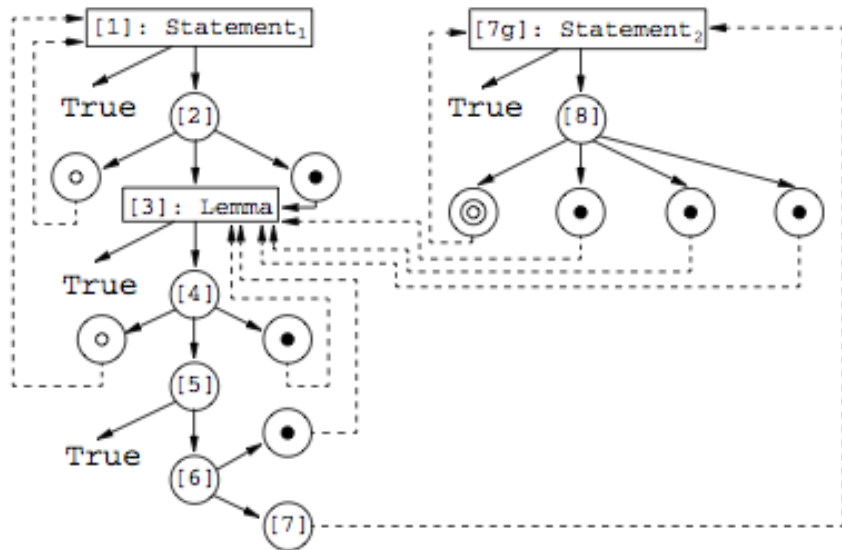


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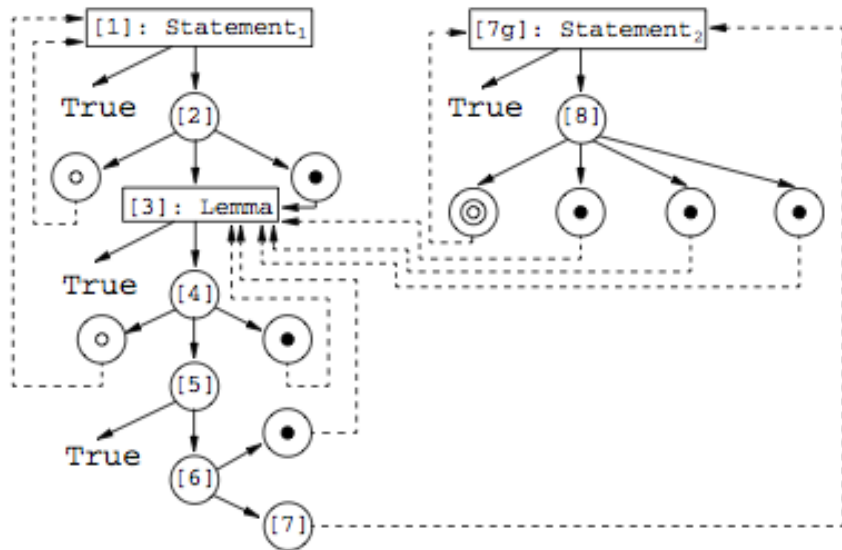
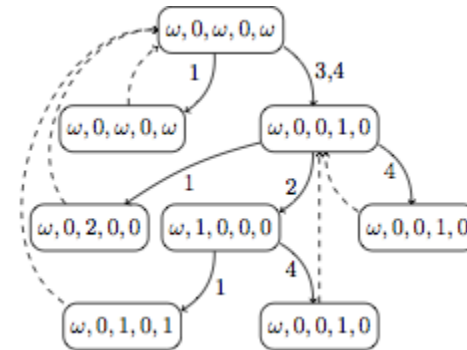


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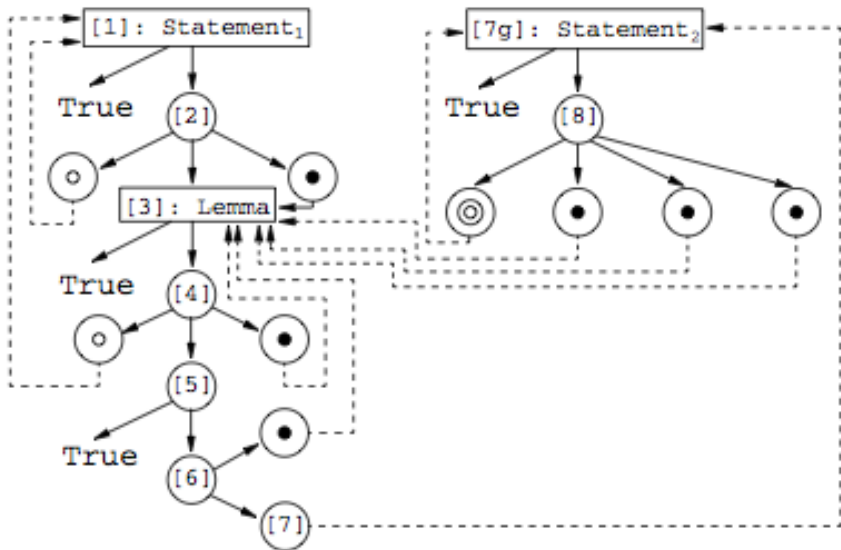
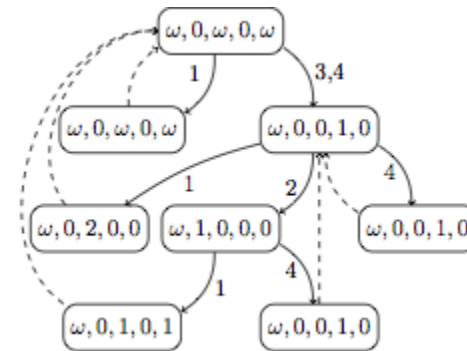


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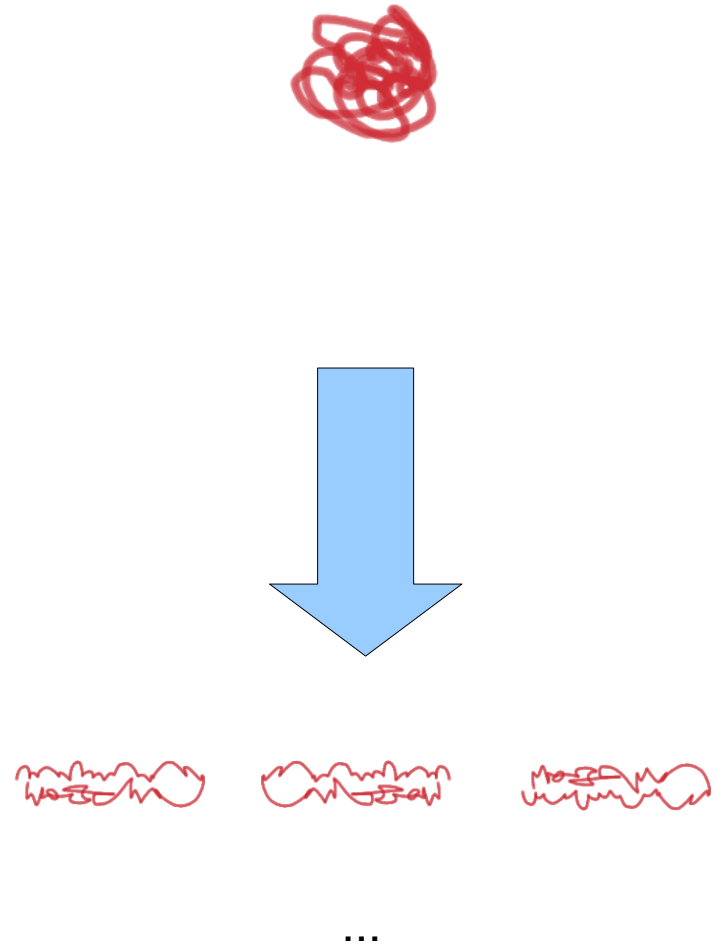
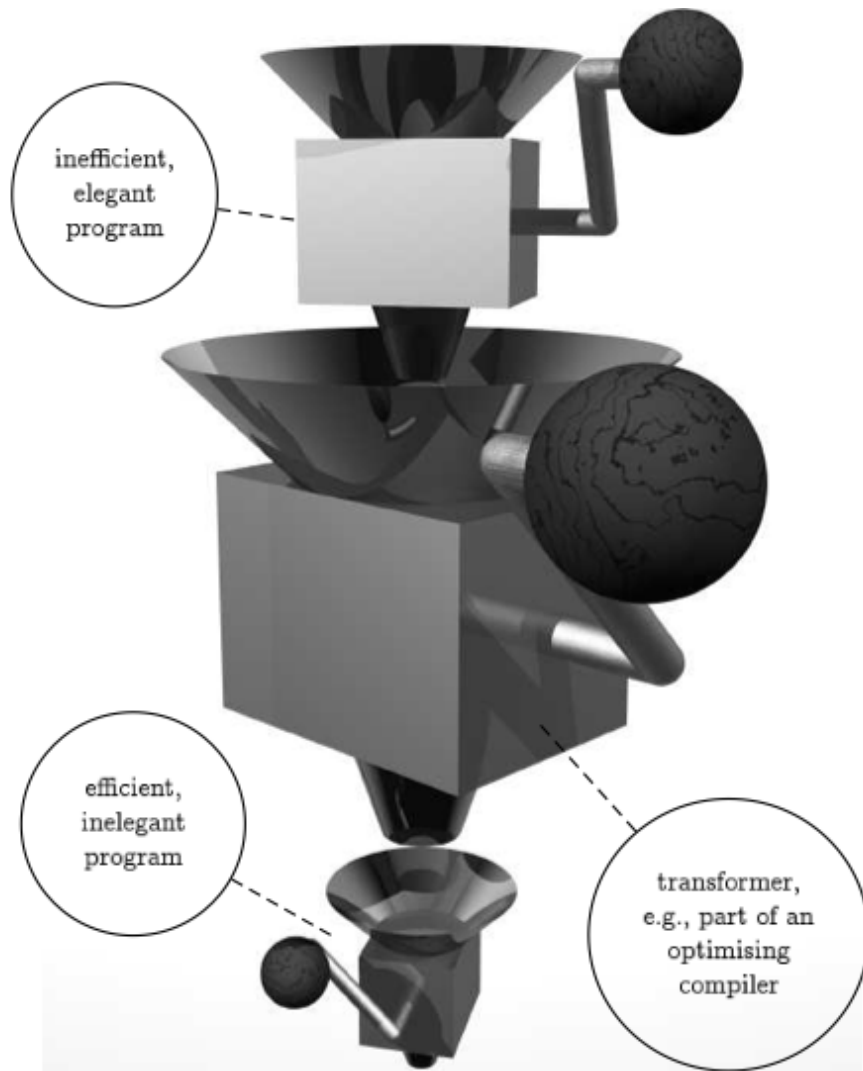
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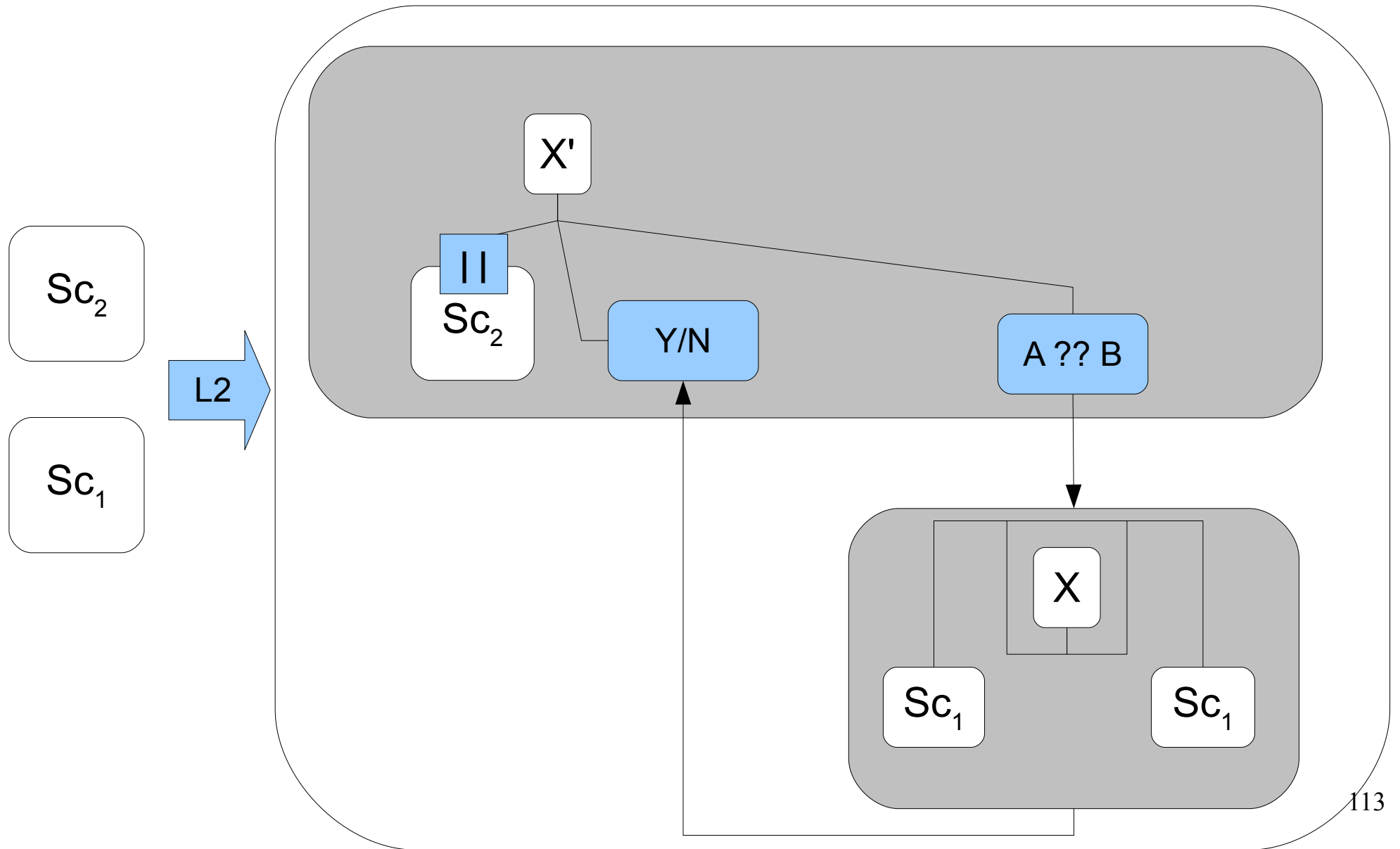
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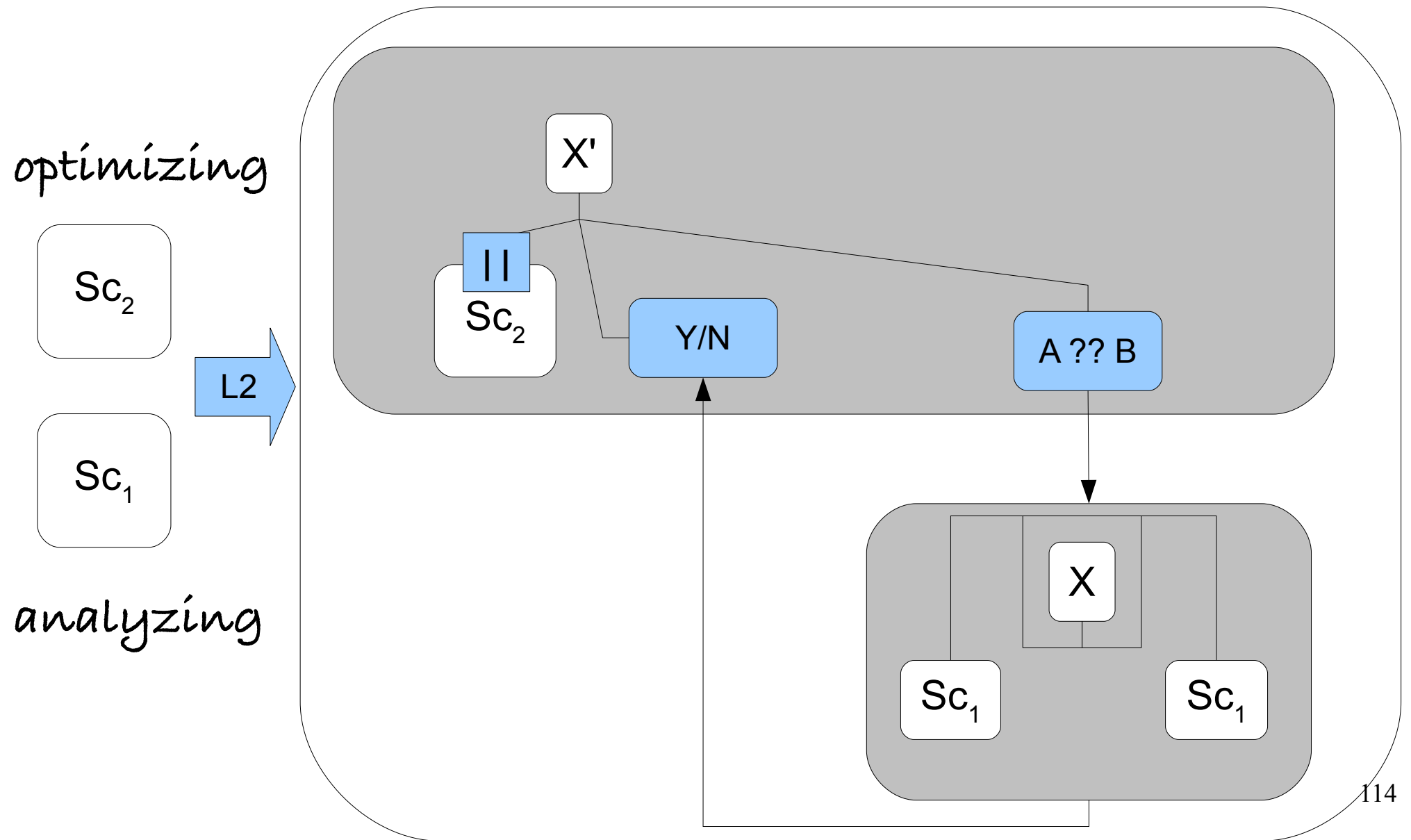
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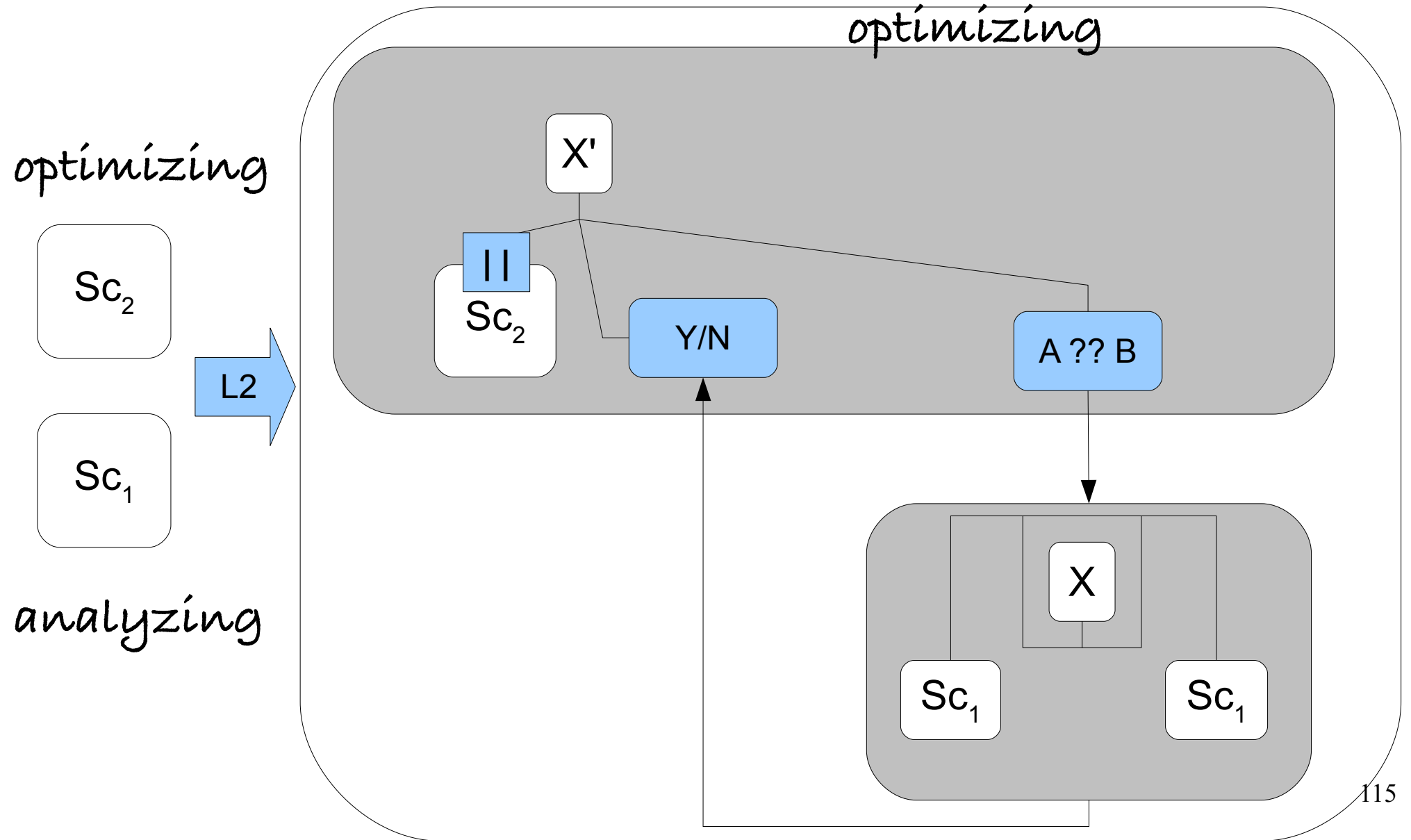
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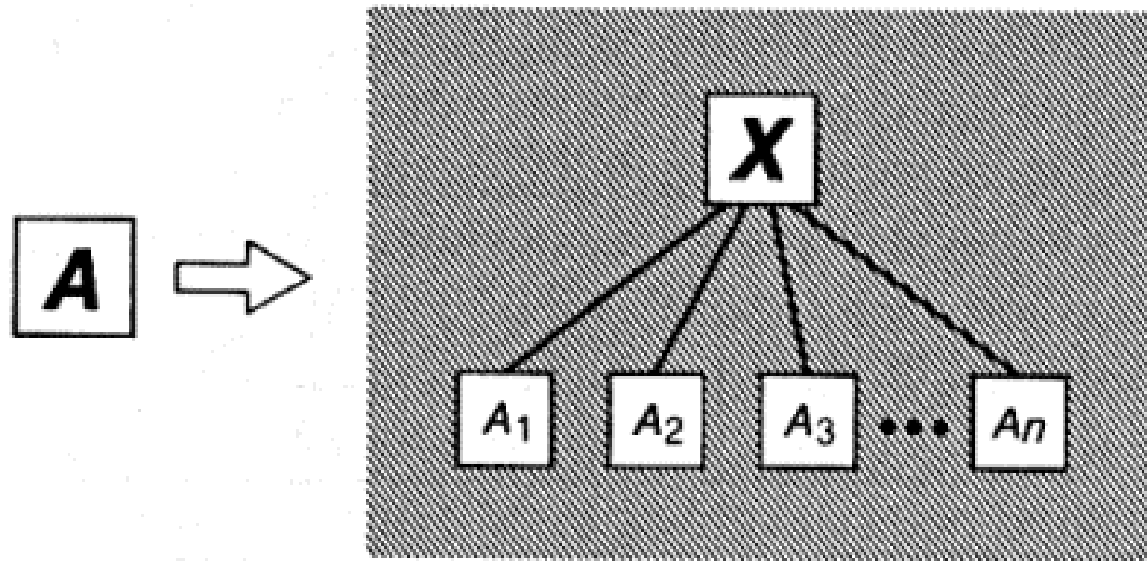


The Plan

- Supercompilation in a nutshell
- Optimization vs Analysis
- Analyzing supercompilation (HOSC)
- Two-level supercompilation
- Multi-result supercompilation (MRSC)
- Finding a minimal proof by multi-result supercompilation
- On metasystem transitions



Metasystem Transition



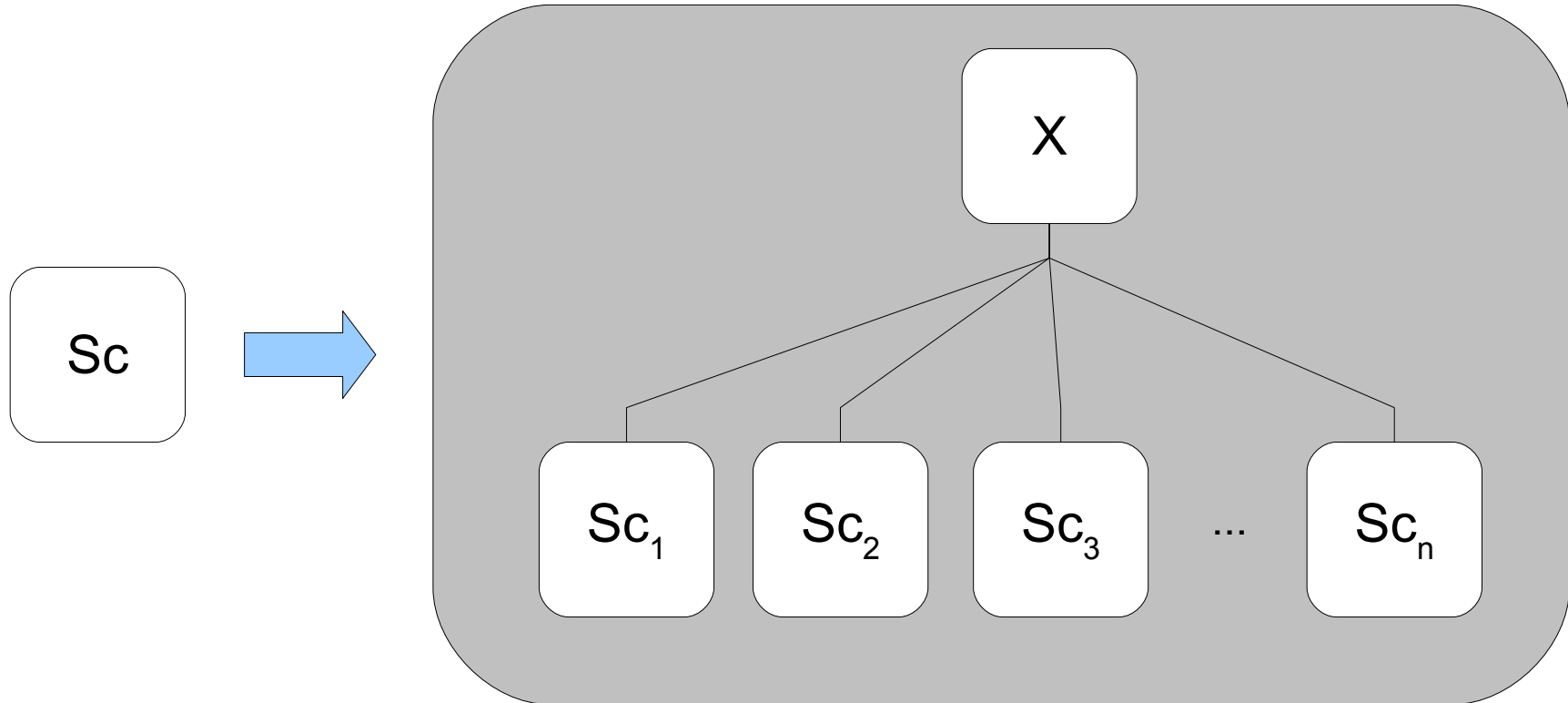
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Supercompilation



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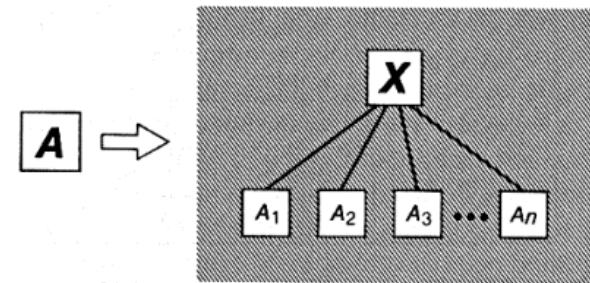
Conclusion

Supercompilation is a unified method for:

- Program optimization by transformation
- Program analysis by transformation

Supercompilation is based on the idea of metasytem transitions.

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Thanks you for your patience!

QUESTIONS?