

# Structural Operational Semantics for Graph Rewriting<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose** Inductive definition of Labeled Transition Systems (**LTS**) for graph transformation (**GTS**).

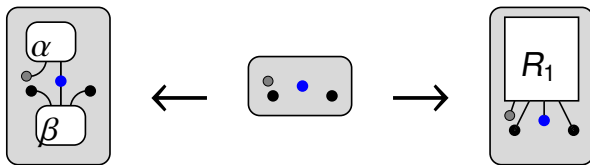
**Why?** To see how similar graph rewriting is to process calculi.

**Problem** Not at all trivial in GTS as it is usually in process calculi.

**But** possible under some conditions.

- General computation models:
  - States modeled by suitable graphs
  - State changes by graph transformations
    - behavior can be expressed by a transition system.
  
- Open systems vs. Closed systems
  - Environment
  - Internal action vs. external action
  
- Labelled Transition Systems:  
Automatic derivation techniques

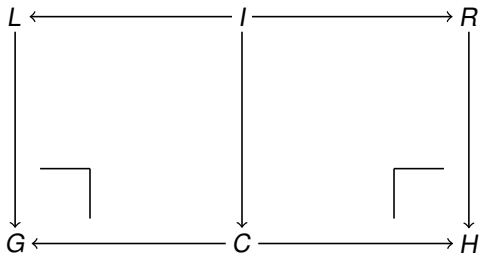
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**Figure:** Reaction rules of a hypergraph transformation system  $S$ .

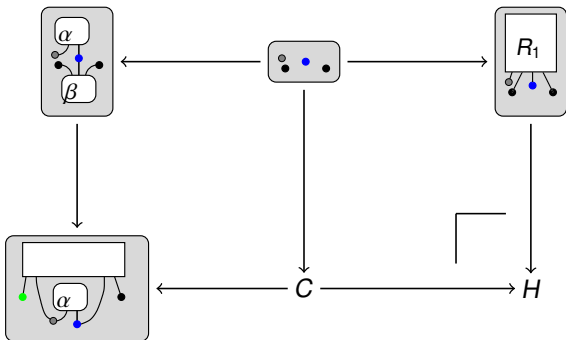
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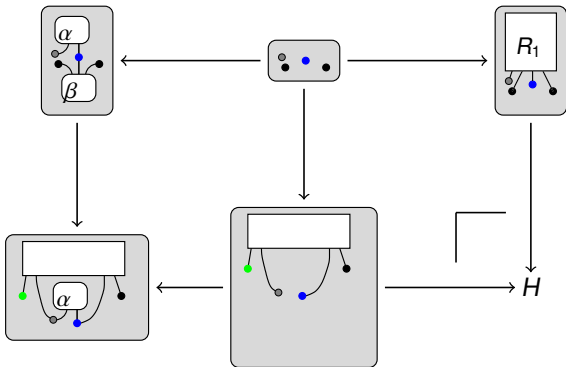
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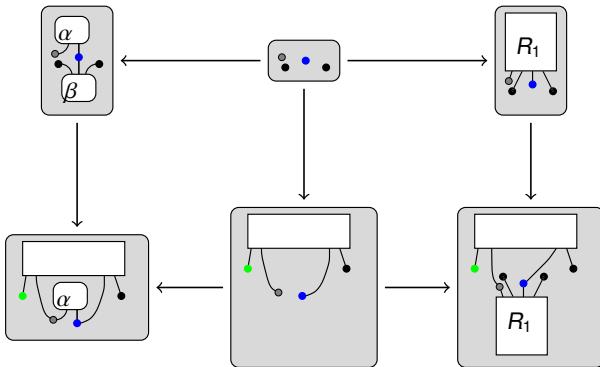
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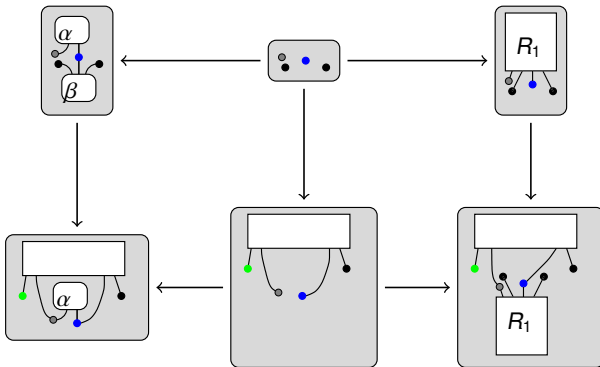
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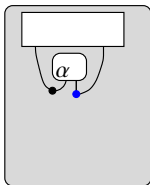


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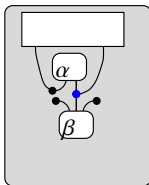
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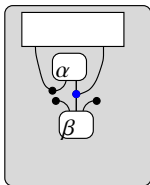
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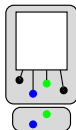
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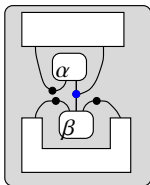
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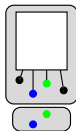
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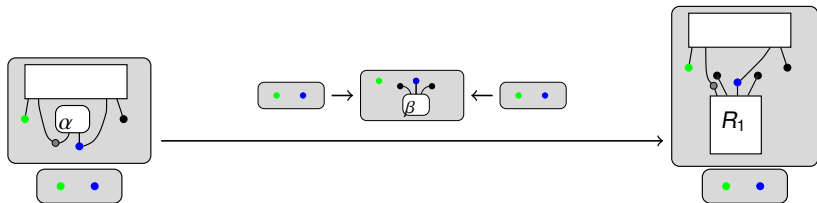
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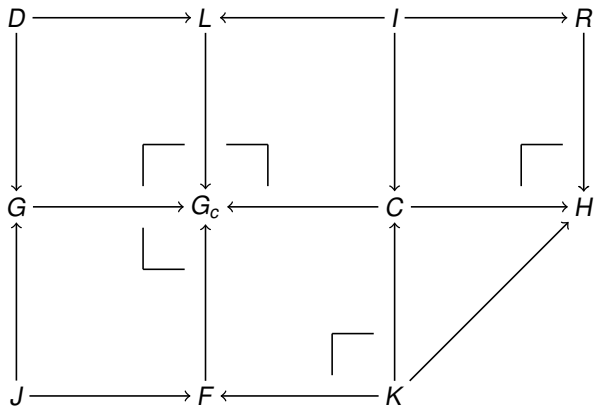
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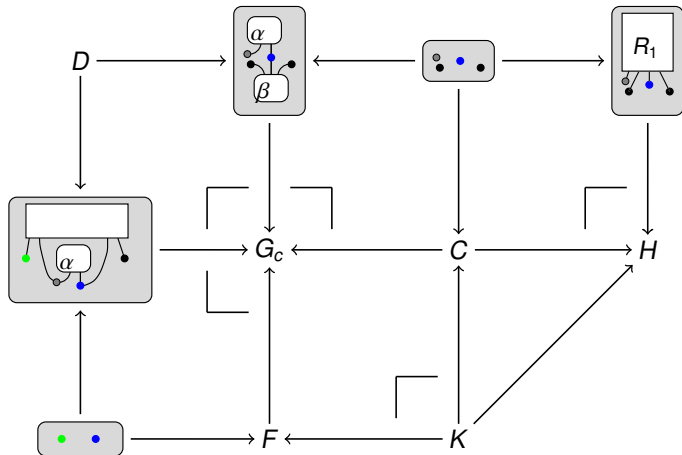
## A transition



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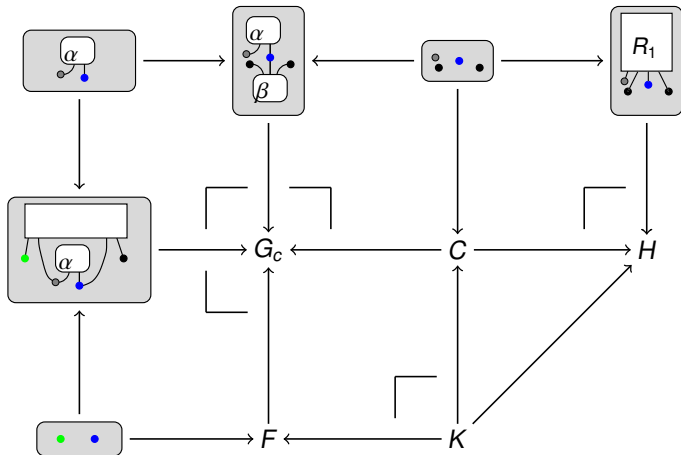


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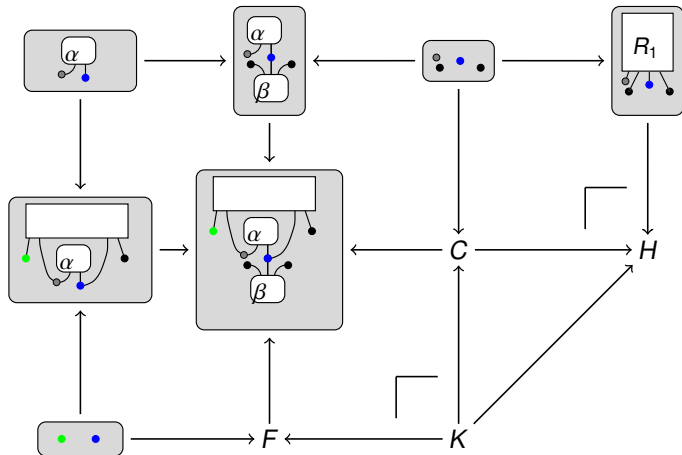




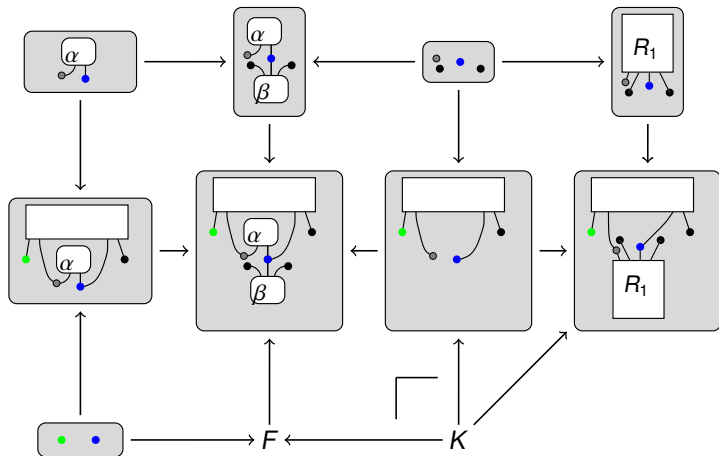
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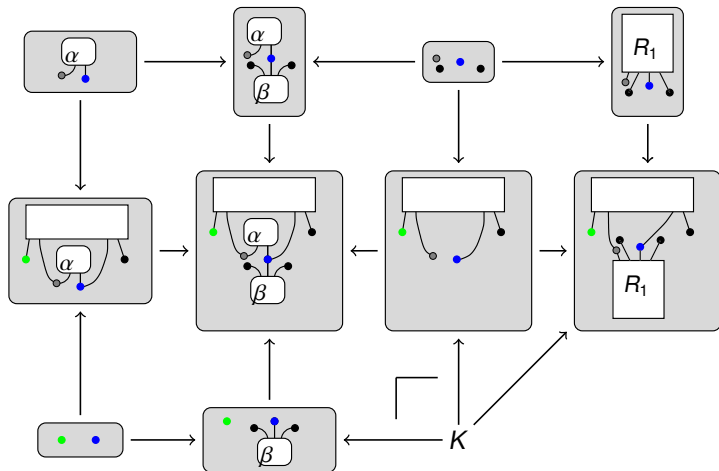
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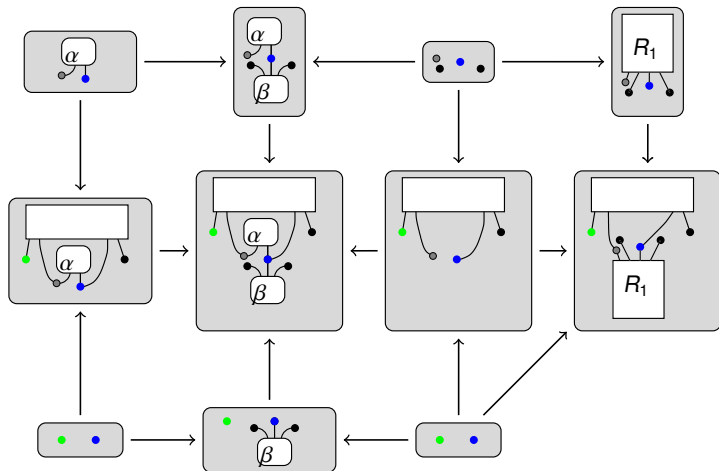
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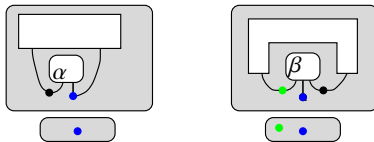
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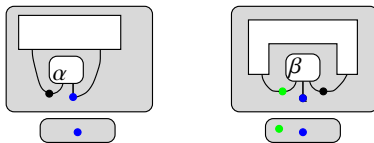
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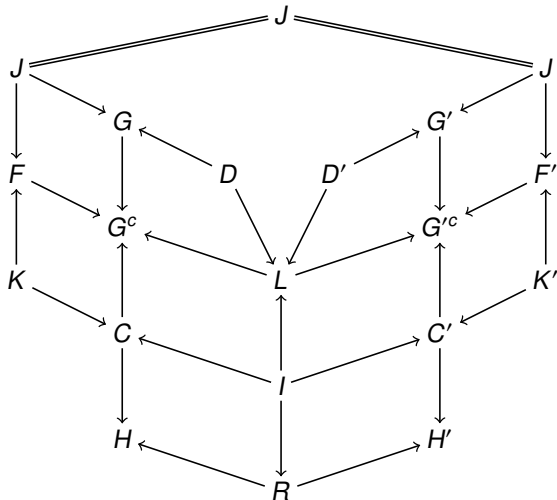
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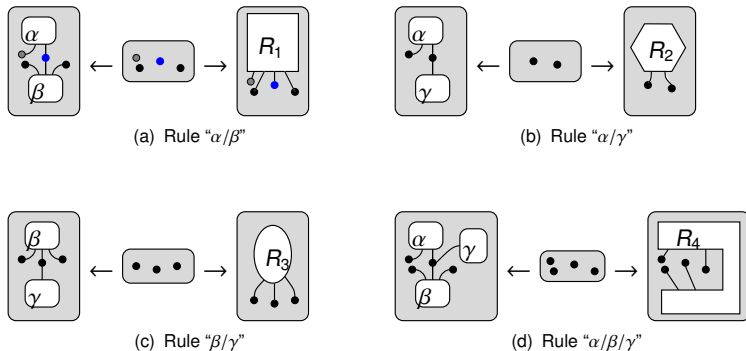
# Solution



Construct all with pushouts...

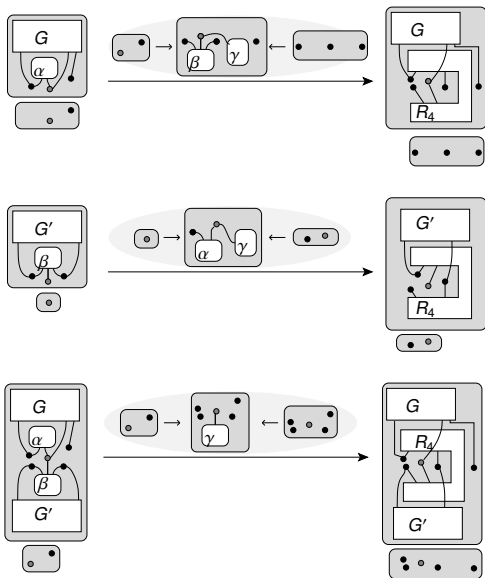


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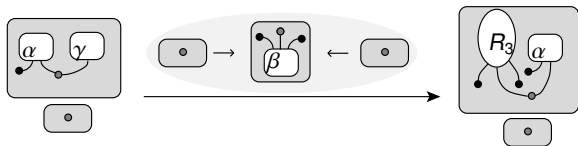
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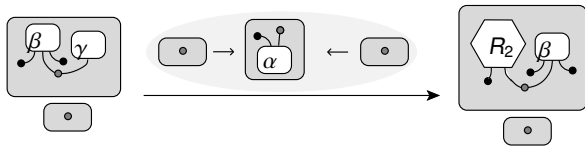


But...

It's only possible if the two rules are actually the same.



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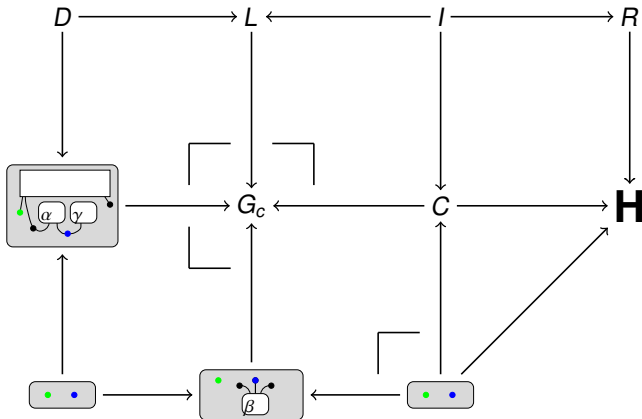


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**Figure:** They seem composable...

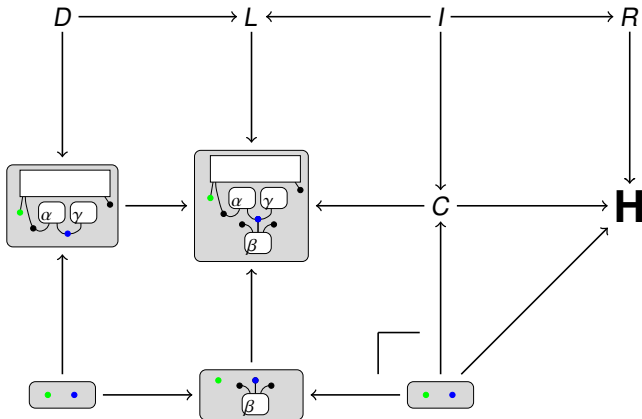
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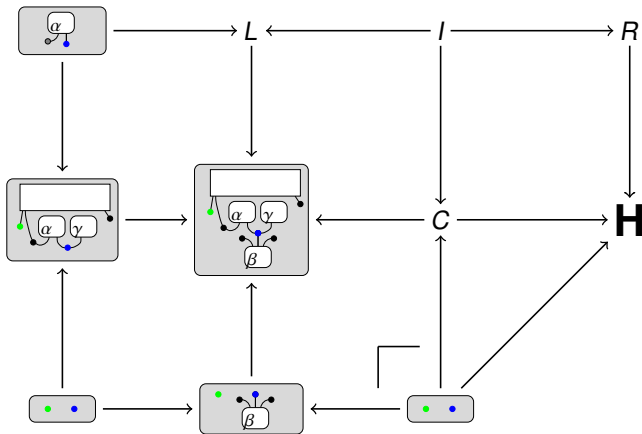
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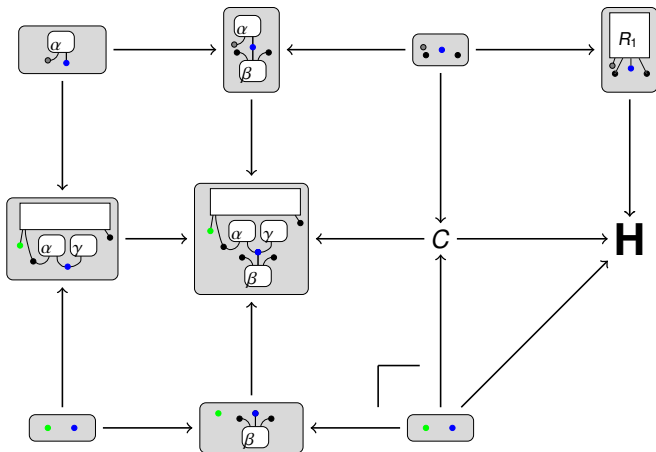
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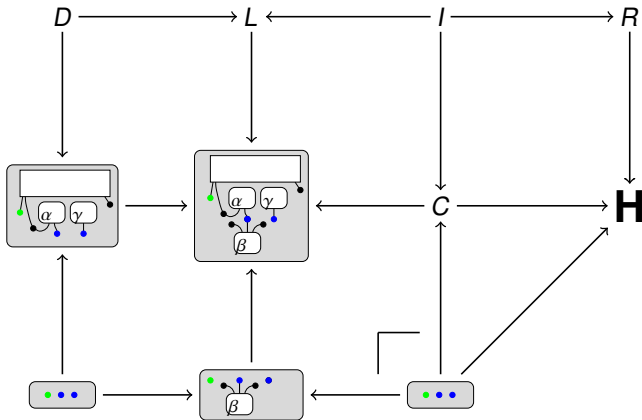
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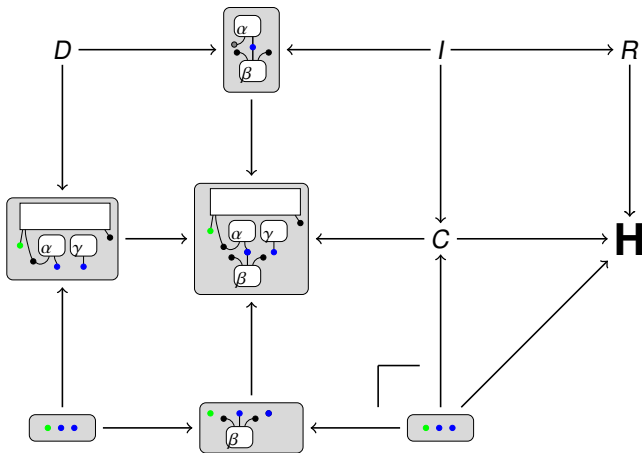
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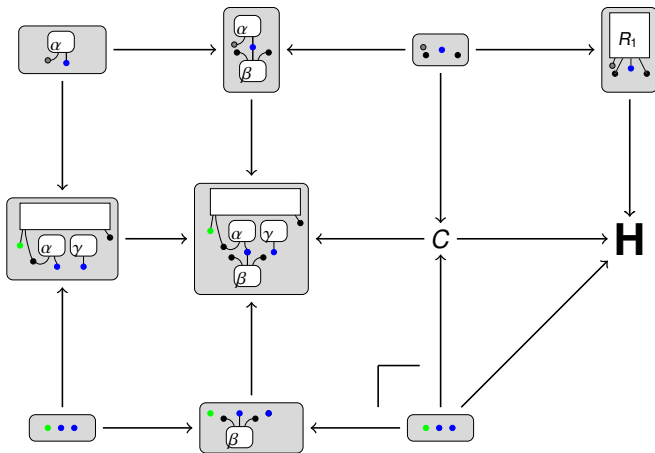
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## Further work

- Generalize the condition (categorically perhaps).
- More general morphisms (especially for interface).
- Composing transitions without rebuilding the whole graph.

Thank you.