

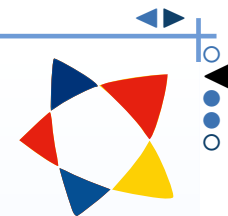
Decomposition of Complex Reaction Networks into Building Blocks

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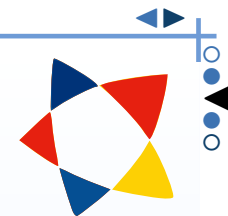


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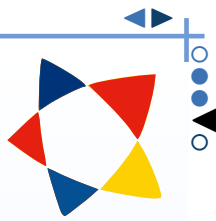
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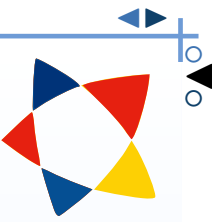
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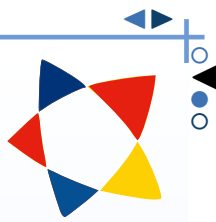


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- It is based on the method developed for the analysis of metabolic network.

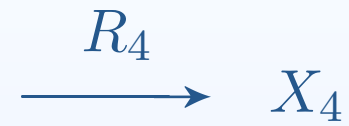
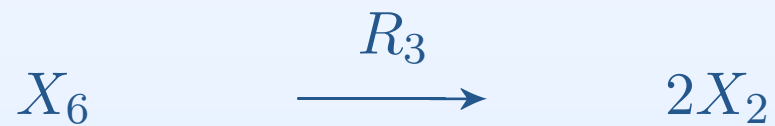
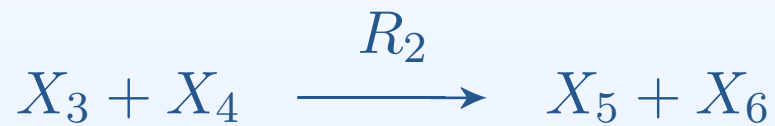
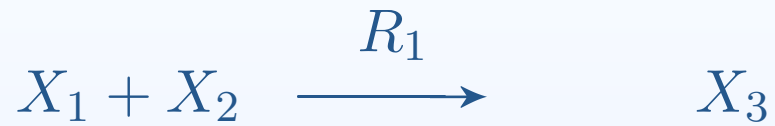


Chemical Network



A system of chemical reactions

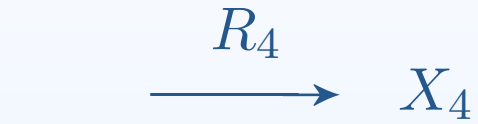
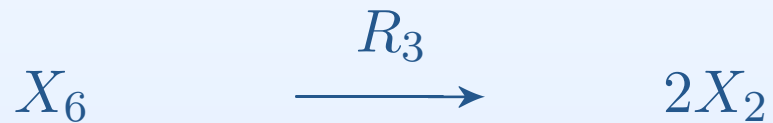
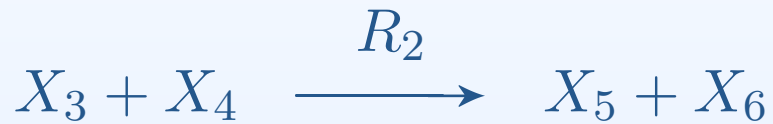
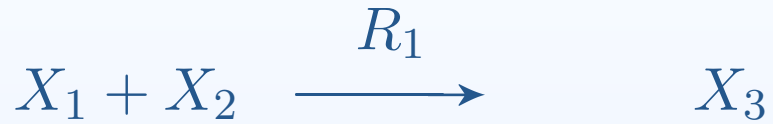
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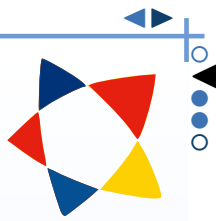
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Formal representation:

$$\forall j \in [1, r] \quad R_j \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n \nu_{i,j} X_i = 0$$

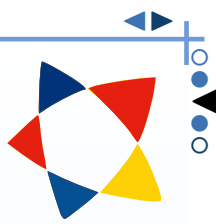


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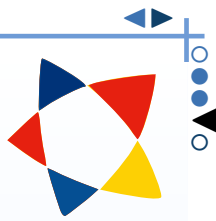
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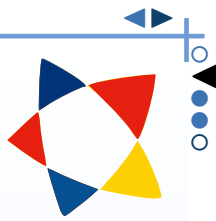
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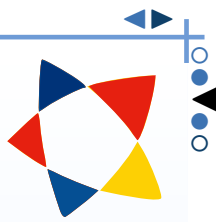
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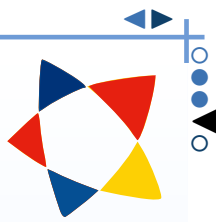
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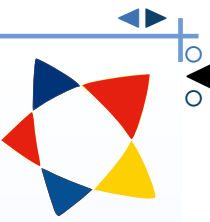


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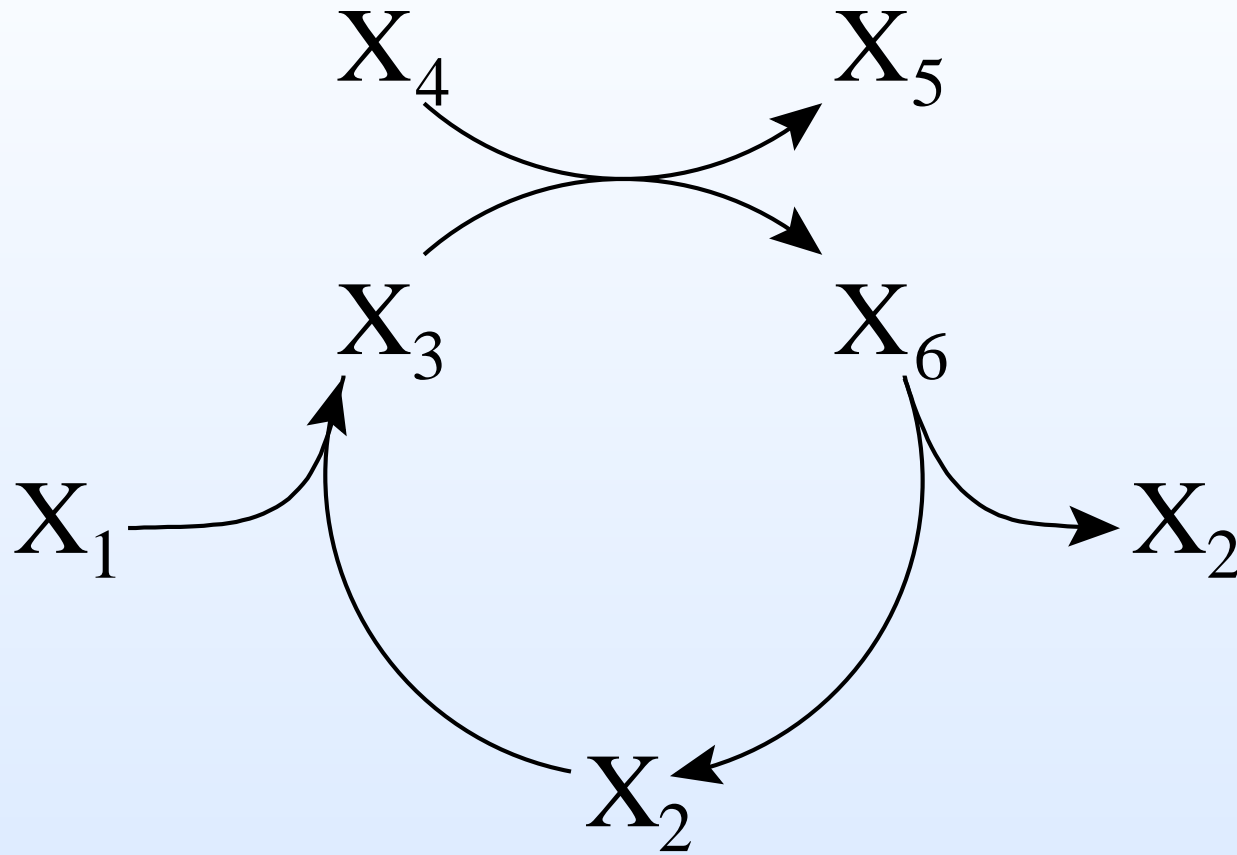
The right nullspace contains only one vector, that is the only steady state that can be established with the corresponding flows involves each reaction once.

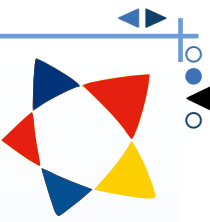


Network Decomposition

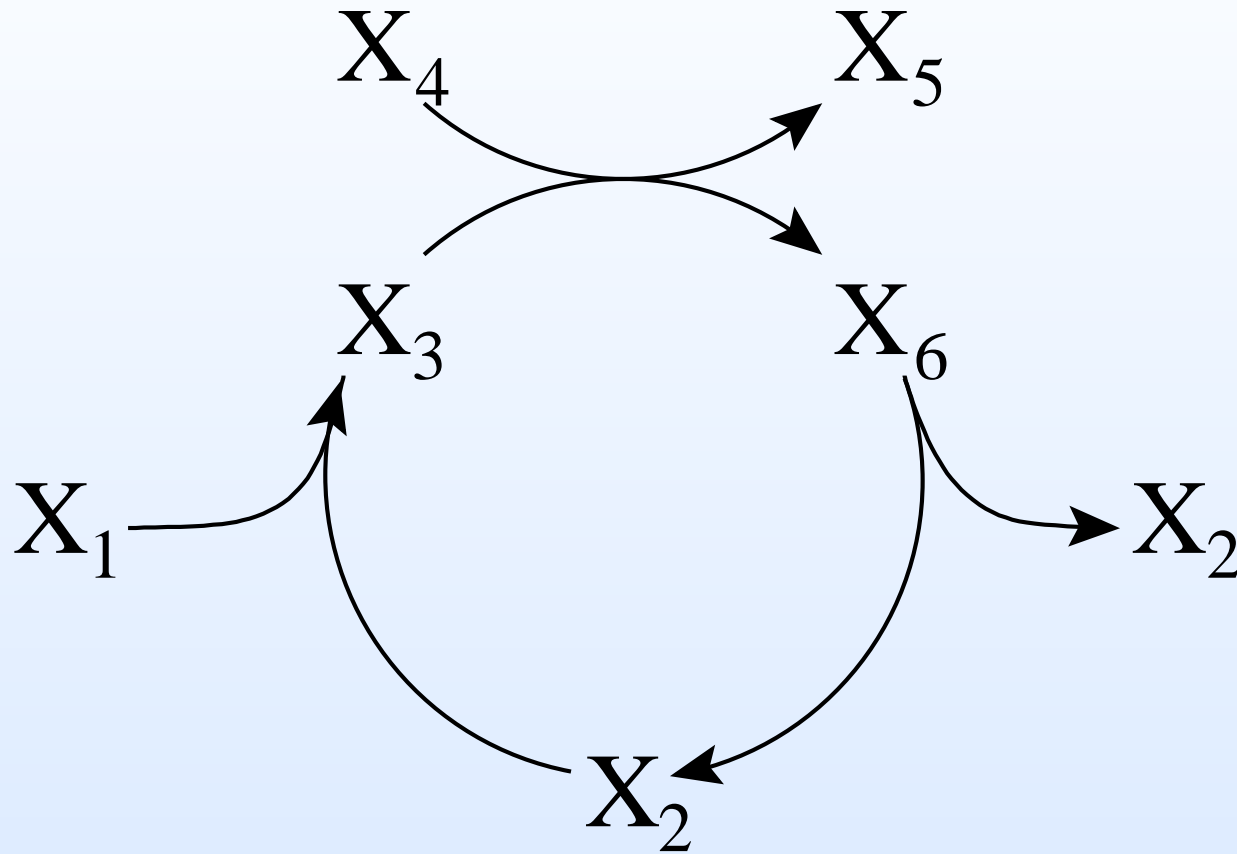


Global mode

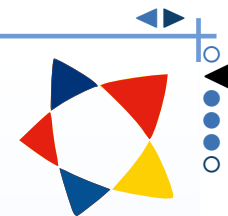




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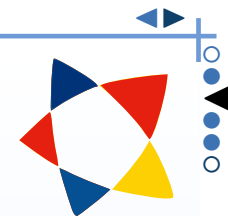


Poorly informative. Further decomposition possible ?



Building blocks

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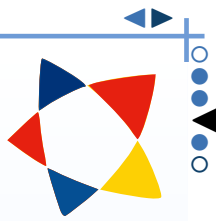


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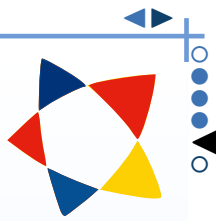


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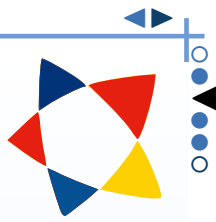
The mass balance imposes that there is the same number in each element on both sides of the reactions.



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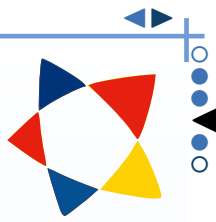
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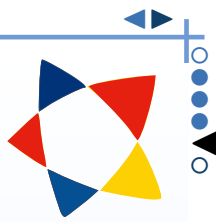
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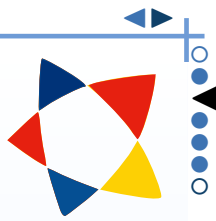
The computation of one base of the left nullspace – i.e. the linear combinations of rows that gives zero – gives the decomposition of molecules into constitutive building blocks.



Example decomposition

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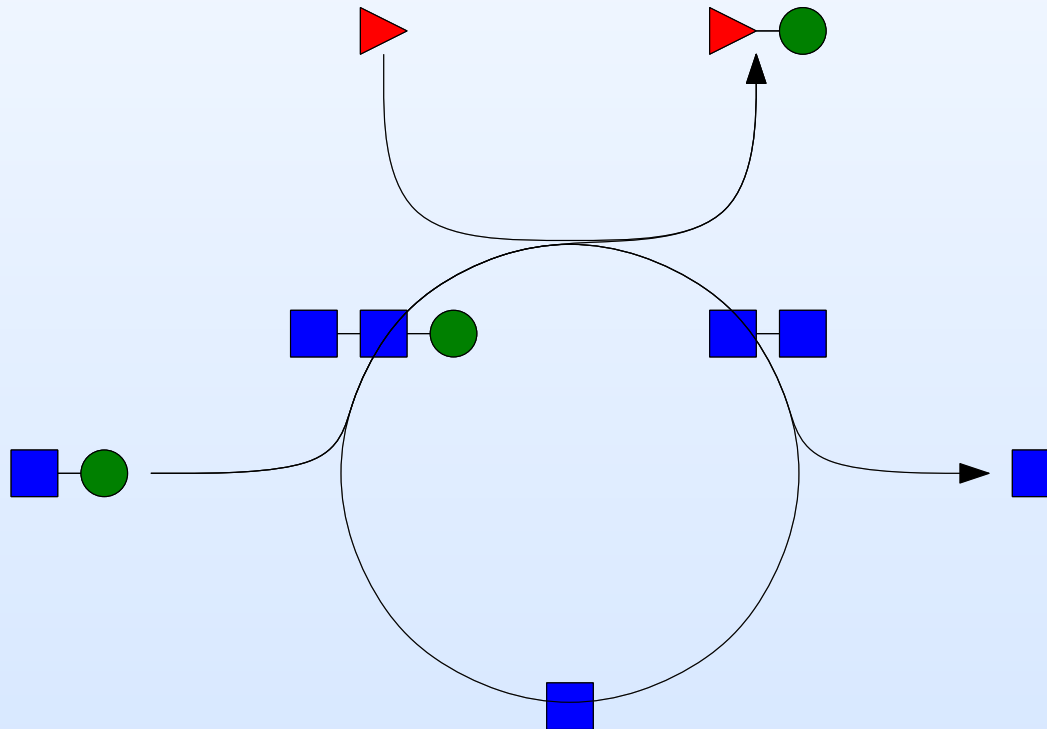
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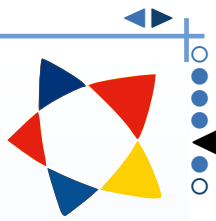


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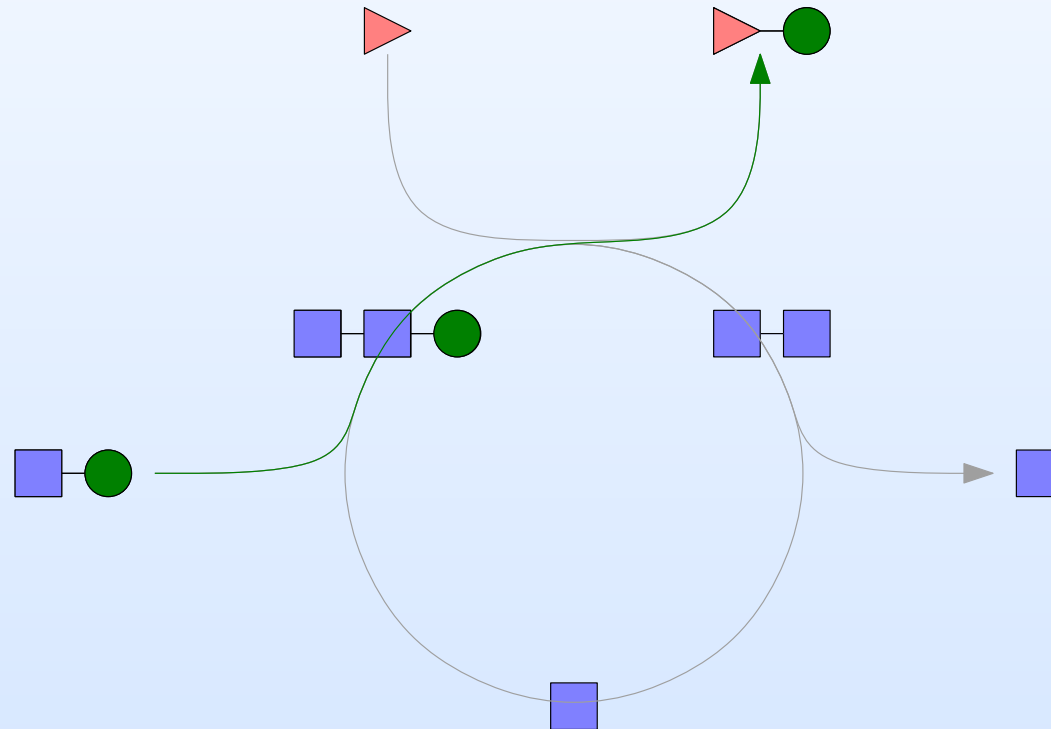




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Computation of the decomposition

Stoichiometric matrix of the whole system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & +2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ +1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Put the global flux corresponding to the nullspace:

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Computation of the decomposition

Separation of the multiple molecule and reactions.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|c} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 \\ \hline 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 & -1 \\ \hline +1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$



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	$R_1^{(3,a)}$	$R_1^{(3,b)}$	$R_2^{(3,a)}$	$R_2^{(3,b)}$	$R_3^{(3,a)}$	$R_3^{(3,b)}$	$F^{(3)}$
$X_1^{(3)}$	-1	0	0	0	0	0	+1
$X_2^{(3,a)}$	0	-1	0	0	+1	0	0
$X_2^{(3,b)}$	0	0	0	0	0	+1	-1
$X_3^{(3,a)}$	+1	0	-1	0	0	0	0
$X_3^{(3,b)}$	0	+1	0	-1	0	0	0
$X_6^{(3,a)}$	0	0	+1	0	-1	0	0
$X_6^{(3,b)}$	0	0	0	+1	0	-1	0

Square matrix, one and only one +1/ -1 pair in each column and row.



Computation of the decomposition

Simplification of the obtained cycles:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 -1 & \leftarrow & \leftarrow & \leftarrow & \leftarrow & \leftarrow & +1 \\
 \downarrow & -1 & \leftarrow & \leftarrow & +1 & 0 & \uparrow \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow & 0 & 0 & \uparrow & +1 & -1 \\
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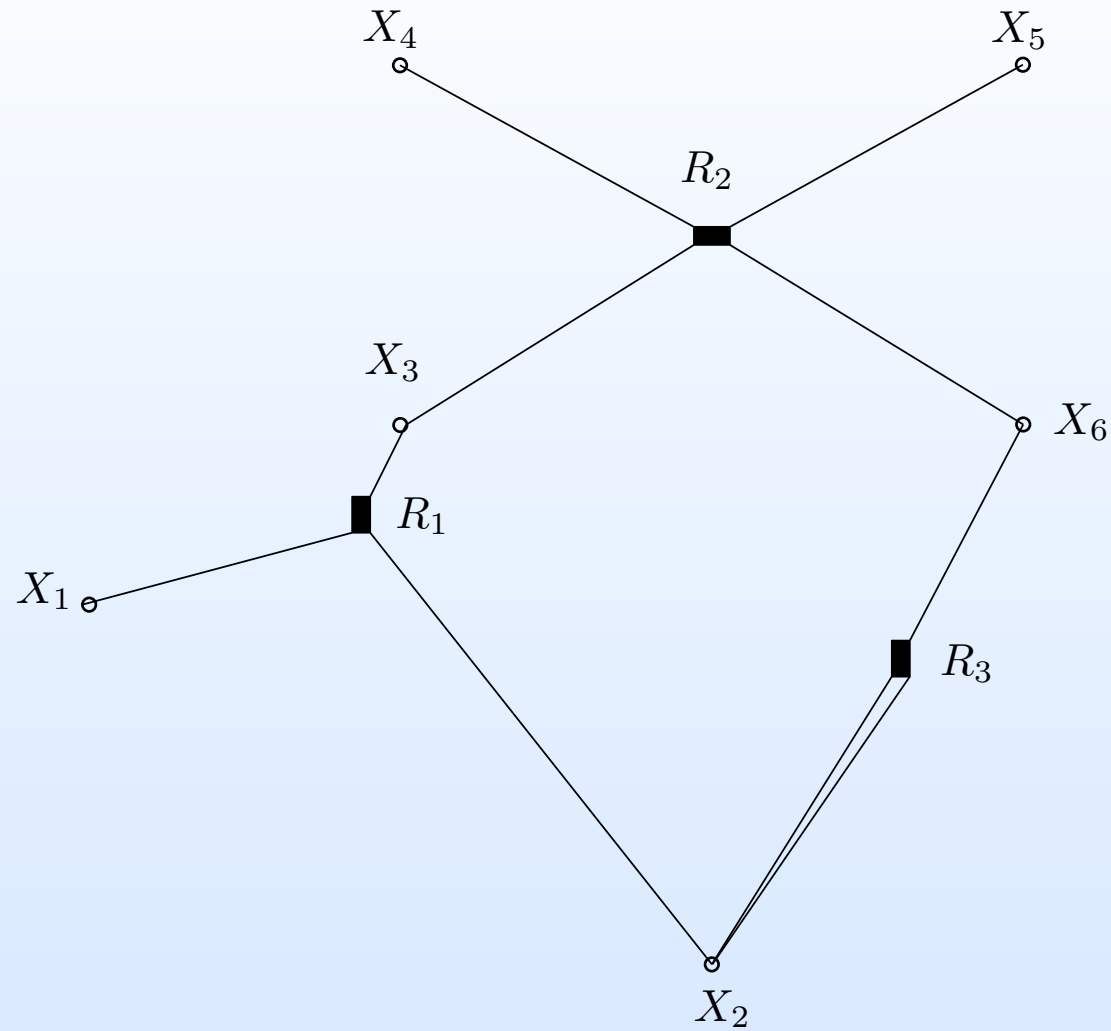
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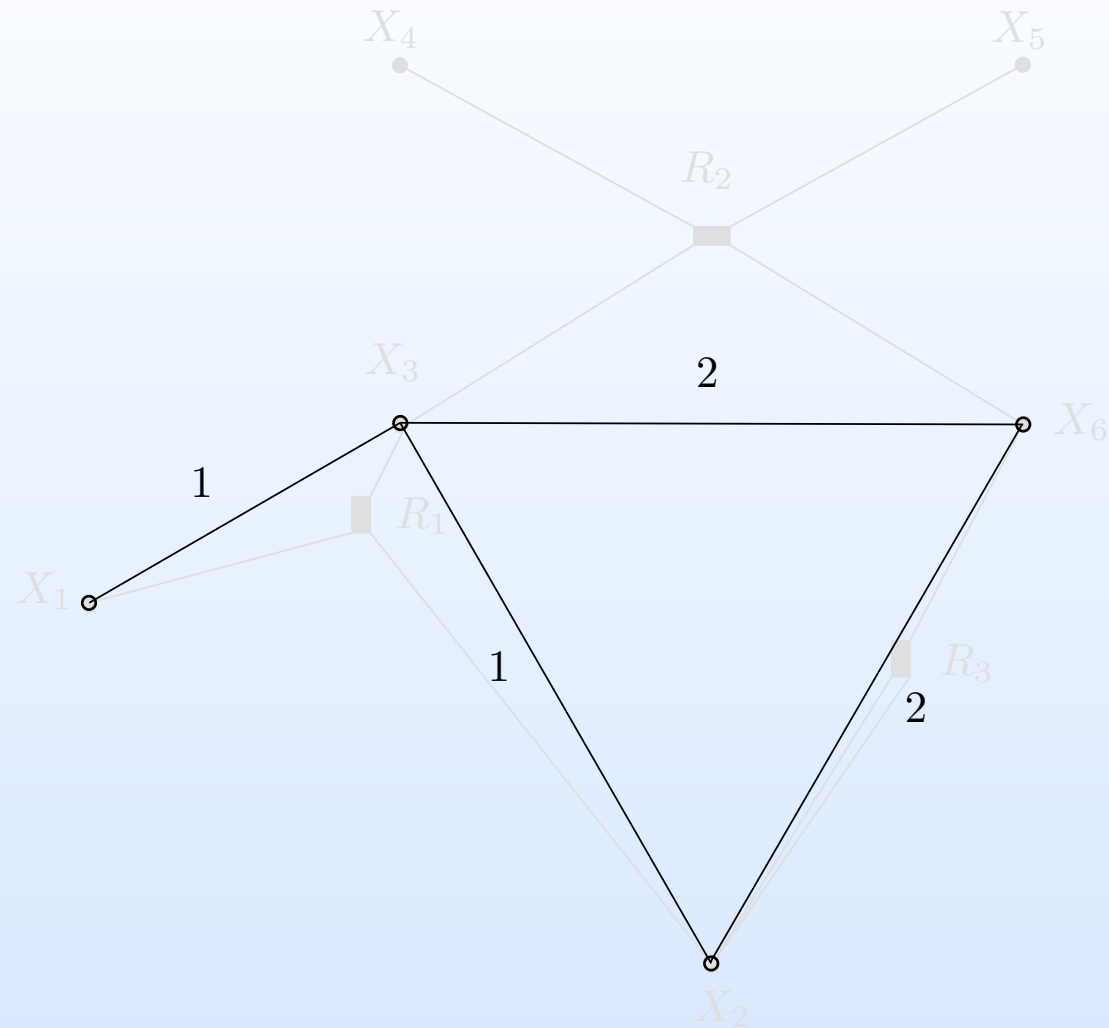
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Complete network, two kind of node necessary.



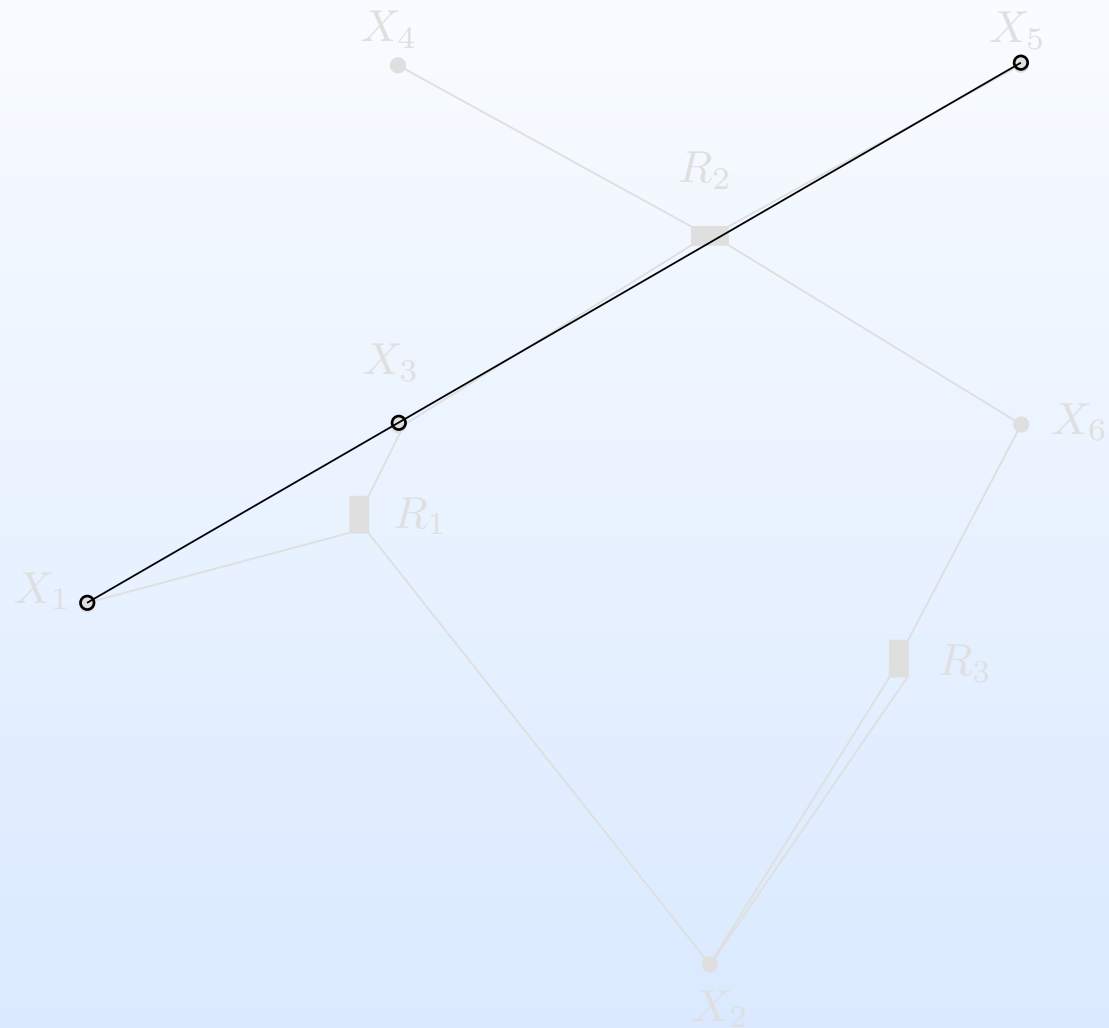
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Subnetwork of first building blocks. Node disambiguation.



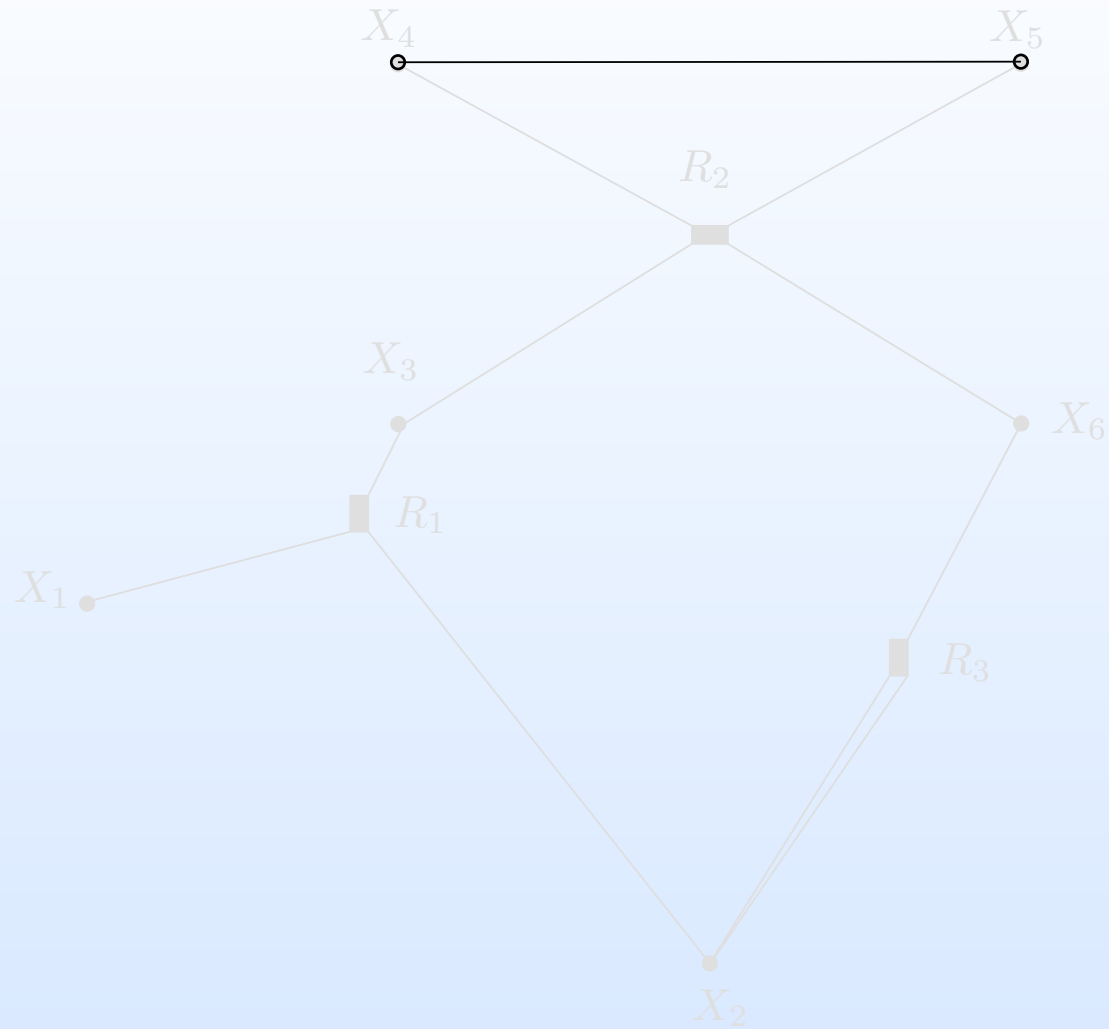
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Subnetwork of second building blocks.



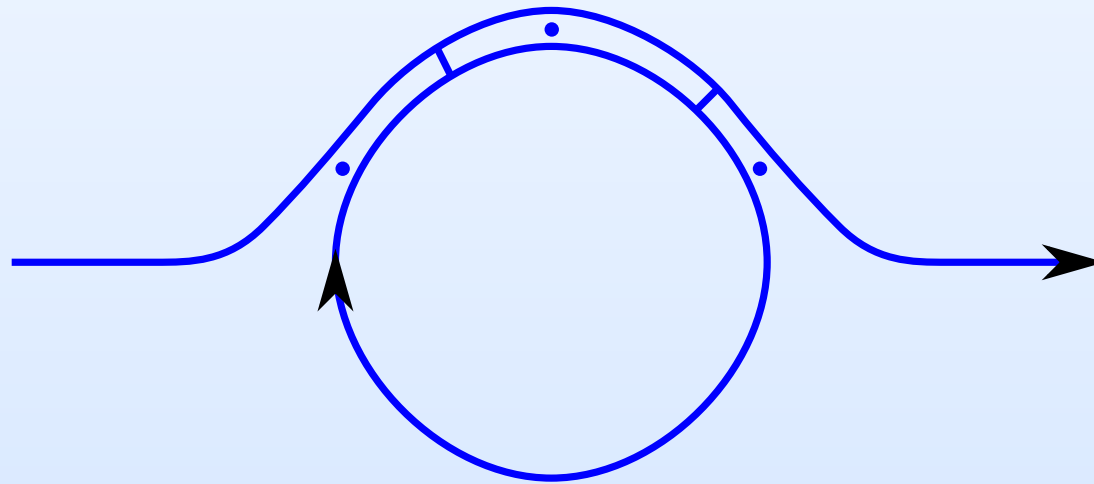
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Subnetwork of third building blocks.



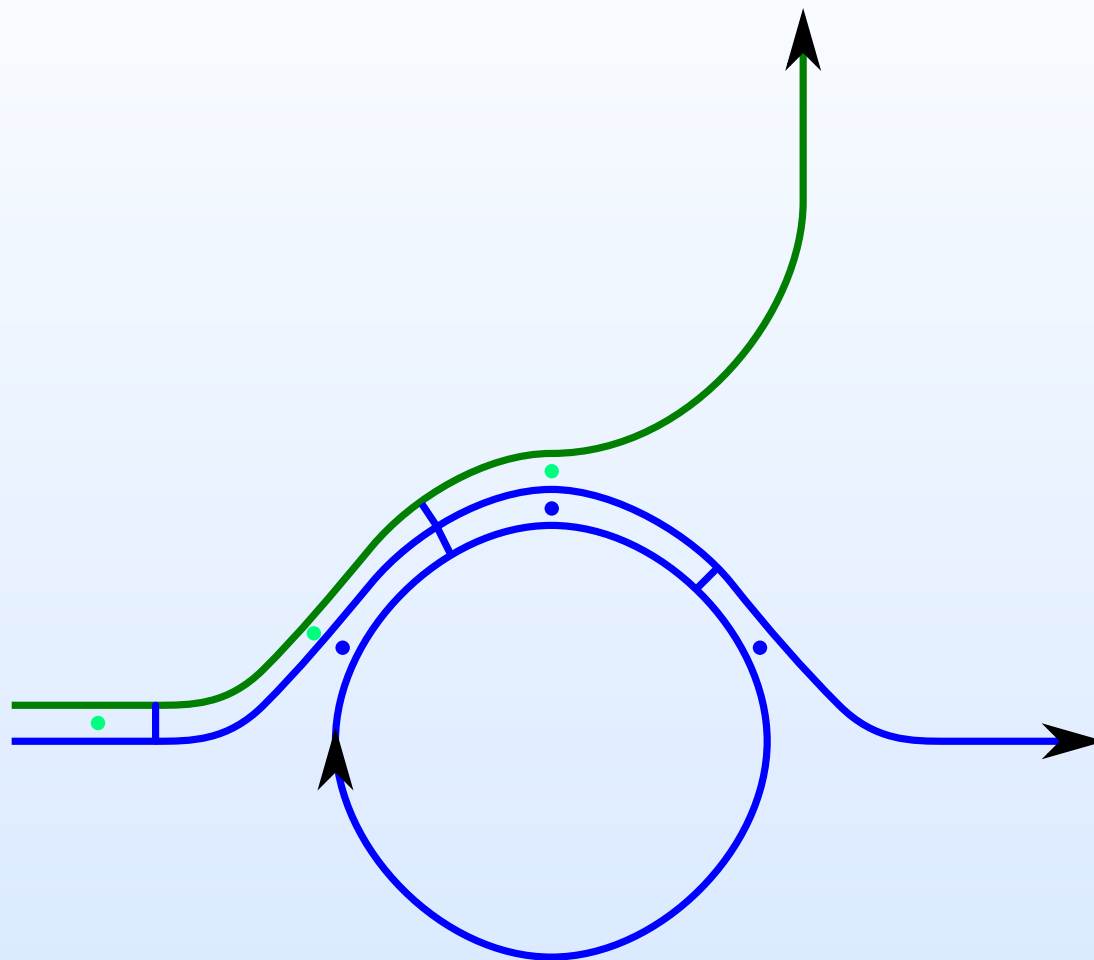
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Autocatalysis.



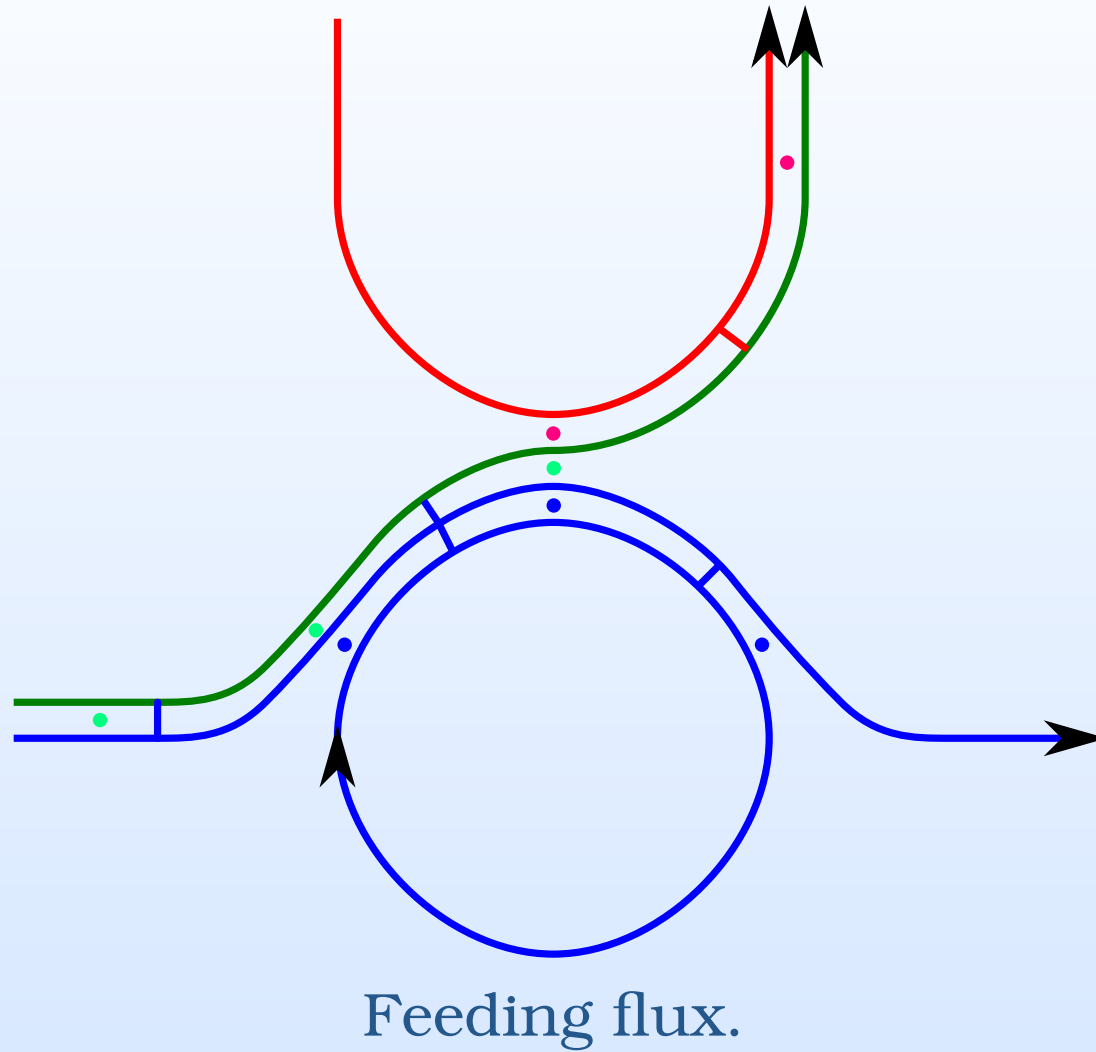
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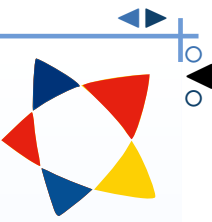


Element transfer.



Computation of the decomposition





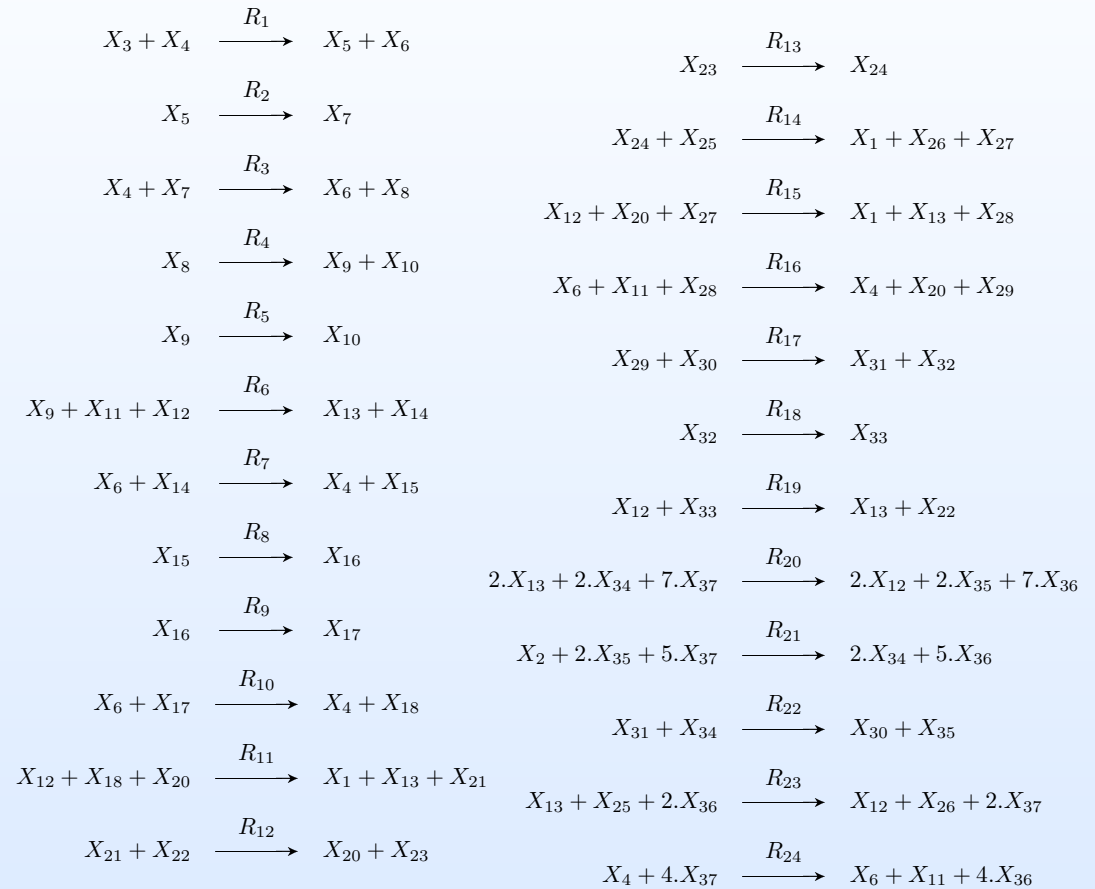
Complex systems

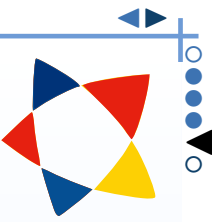


Partial EColi metabolism

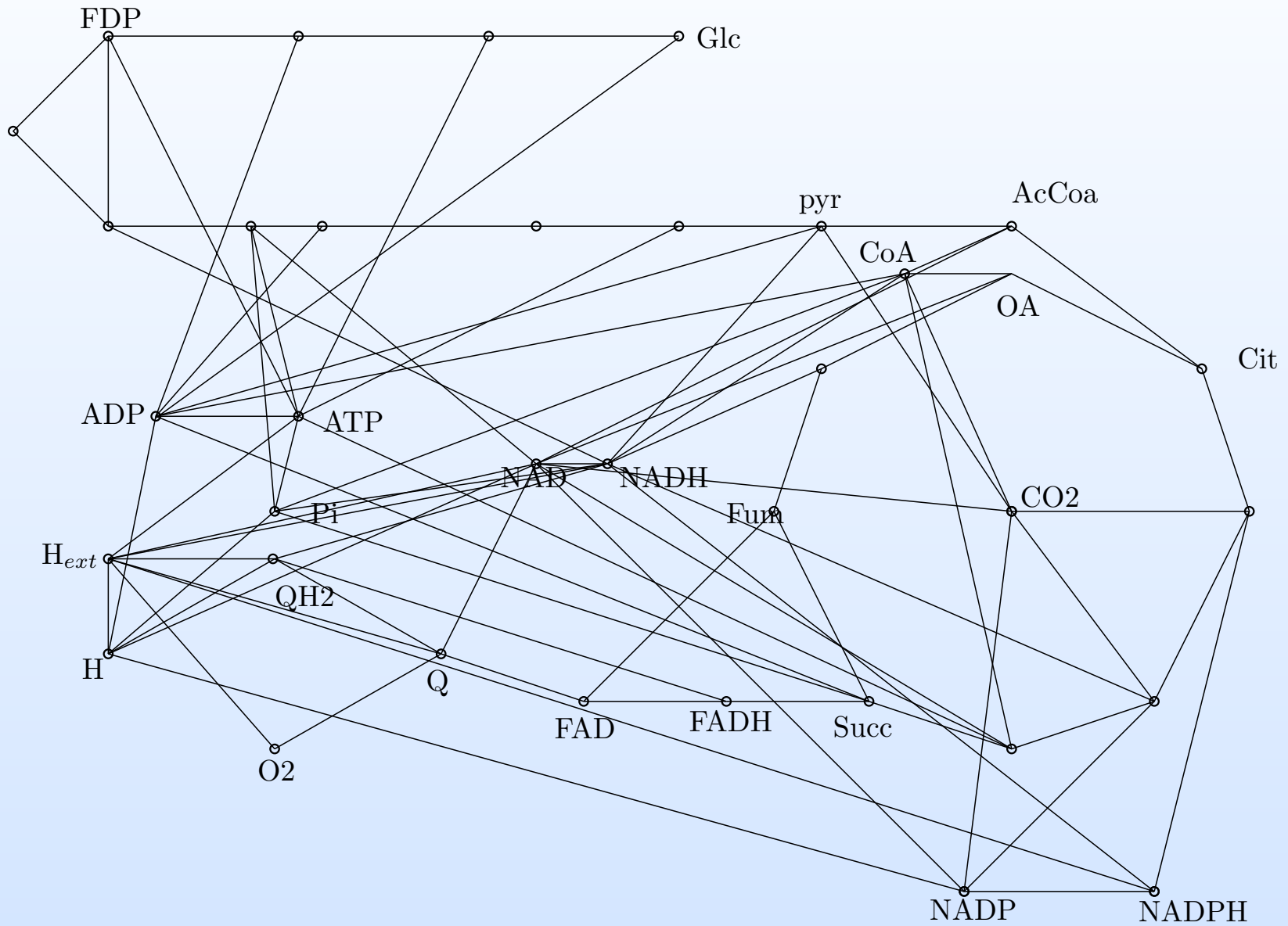
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 $X_3 = GLC$
 $X_4 = ATP$
 $X_5 = G6P$
 $X_6 = ADP$
 $X_7 = F6P$
 $X_8 = FDP$
 $X_9 = T3P1$
 $X_{10} = T3P2$
 $X_{11} = Pi$
 $X_{12} = NAD$
 $X_{13} = NADH$
 $X_{14} = 13PDG$
 $X_{15} = 3PG$
 $X_{16} = 2PG$
 $X_{17} = PEP$
 $X_{18} = PYR$

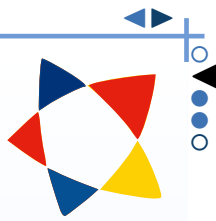
$X_{20} = COA$
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 $X_{25} = NADP$
 $X_{26} = NADPH$
 $X_{27} = AKG$
 $X_{28} = SUCCoA$
 $X_{29} = SUCC$
 $X_{30} = FAD$
 $X_{31} = FADH$
 $X_{32} = FUM$
 $X_{33} = MAL$
 $X_{34} = Q$
 $X_{35} = QH_2$
 $X_{36} = H$
 $X_{37} = Heat$





Partial EColi metabolism





Decomposition in building blocks

$$S_1 = NADH$$

$$S_2 = CoA$$

$$S_3 = P_i$$

$$S_4 = NADPH$$

$$S_5 = FADH$$

$$S_6 = ADP$$

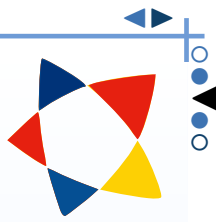
$$S_7 = O$$

$$S_8 = QH_2$$

$$S_9 = Succ$$

$$S_{10} = C$$

$$S_{11} = H$$



Decomposition in building blocks

Example Decomposition:

$$Glc = 6 \times (C)$$

$$O_2 = 2 \times (O)$$

$$CO_2 = 1 \times (C) + 2 \times (O)$$

$$ATP = 1 \times (ADP) + 1 \times (P_i)$$

$$Cit = 1 \times (Succ) + 2 \times (C) + 2 \times (O)$$

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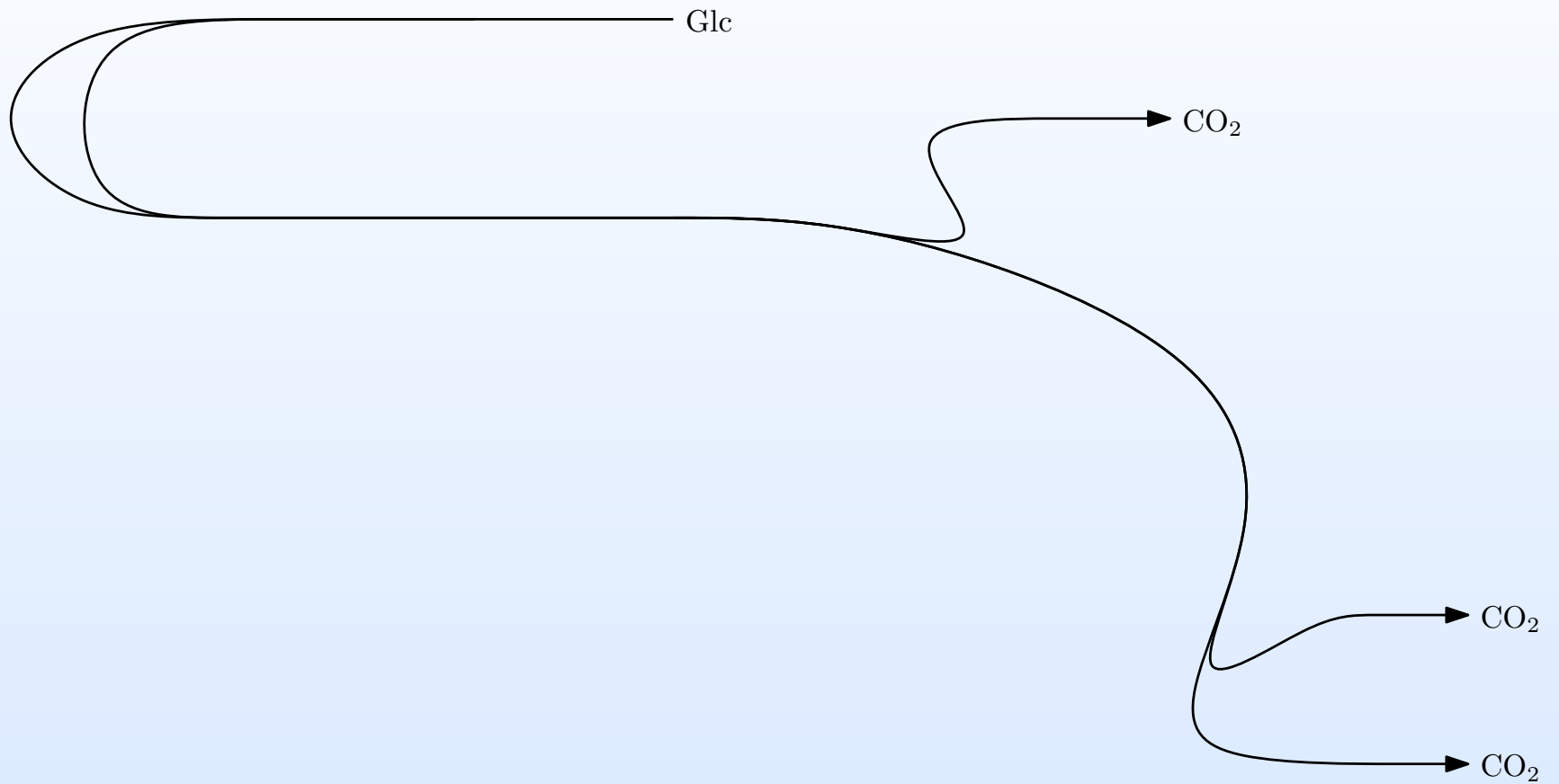
Decomposition in building blocks

Submatrix for S_{10} :

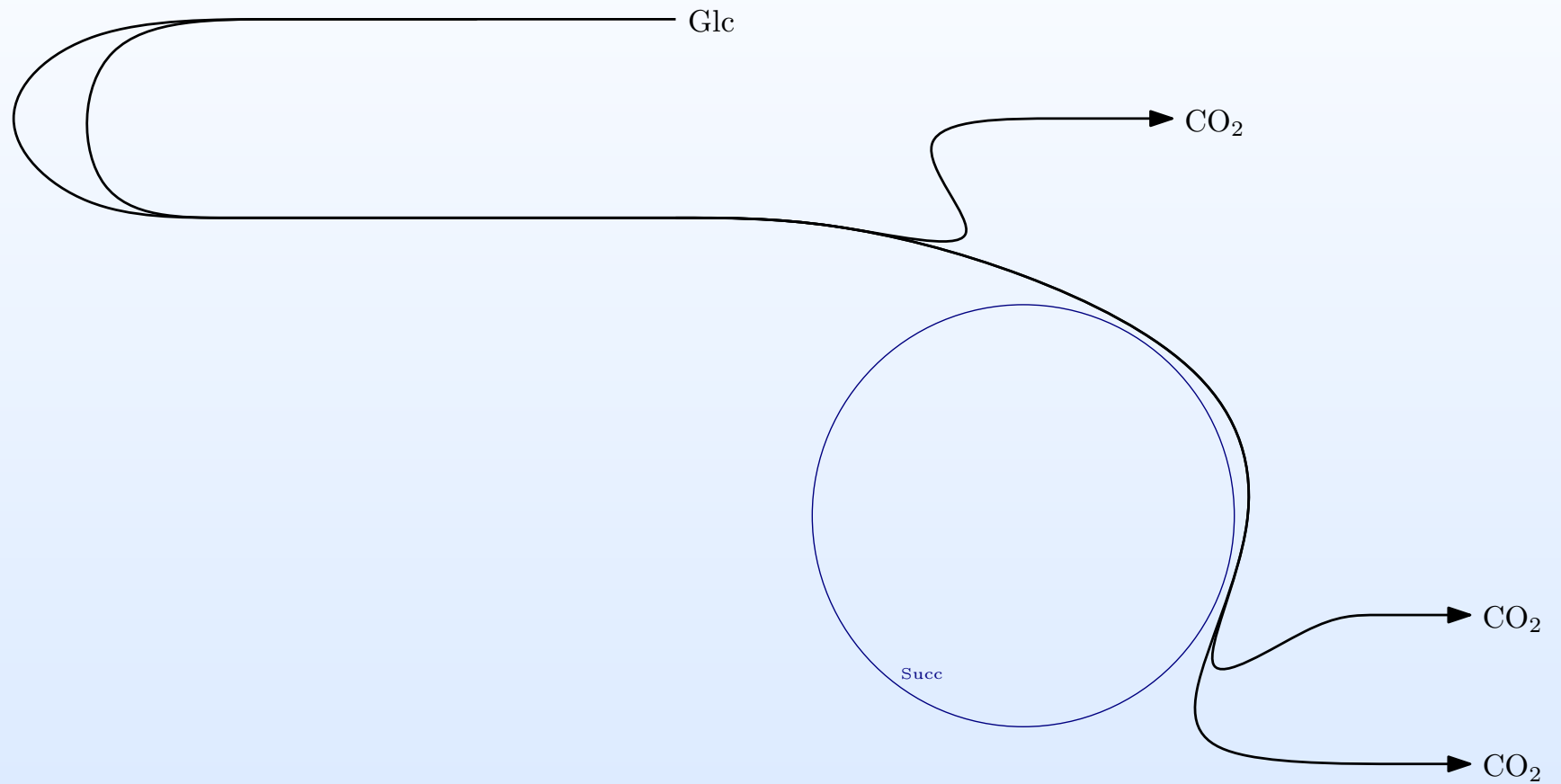
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$X_1^{(10)}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+2	0	0	+2	+2	-6
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$X_{21}^{(10)}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+4	-4	0	0	0	0
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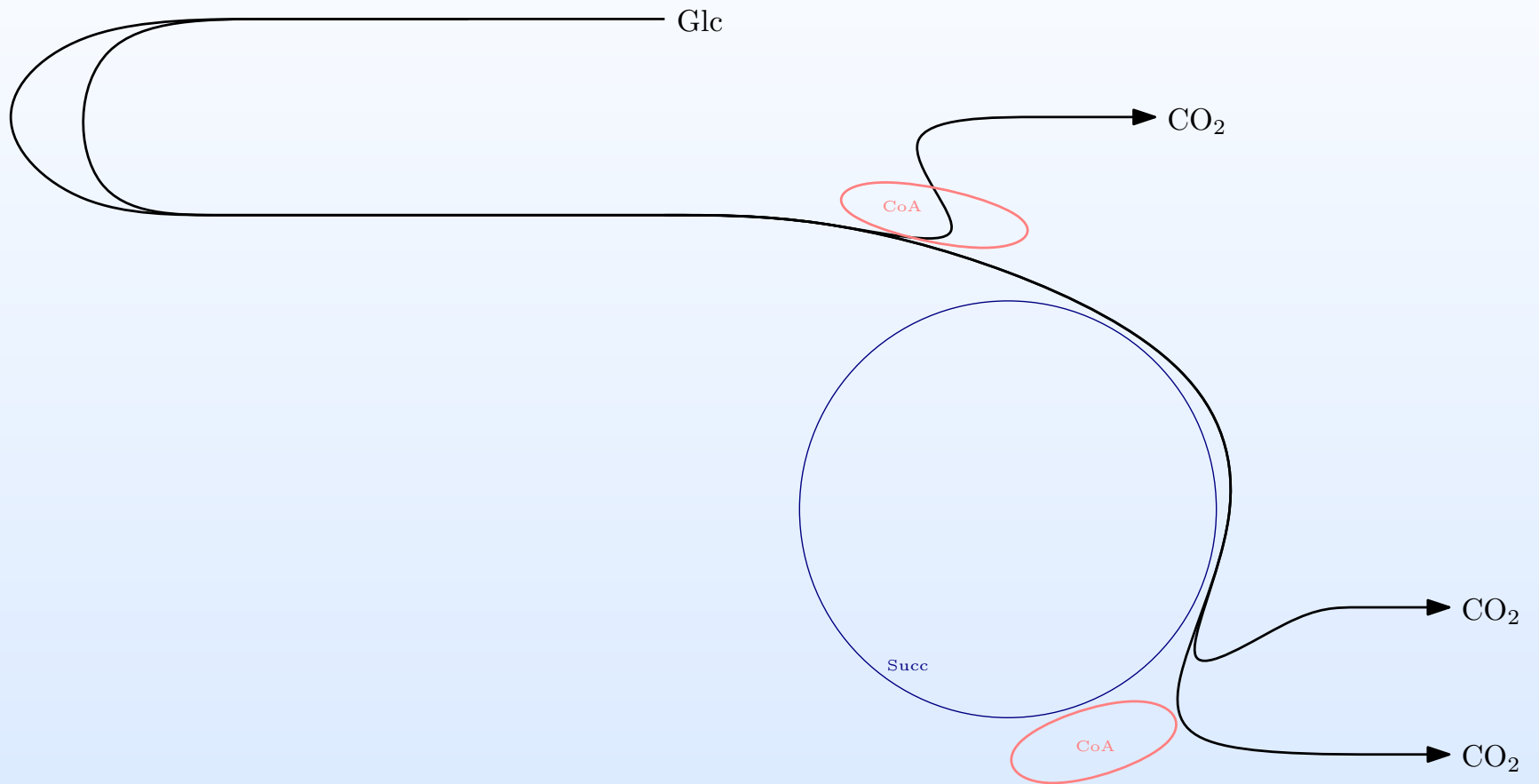
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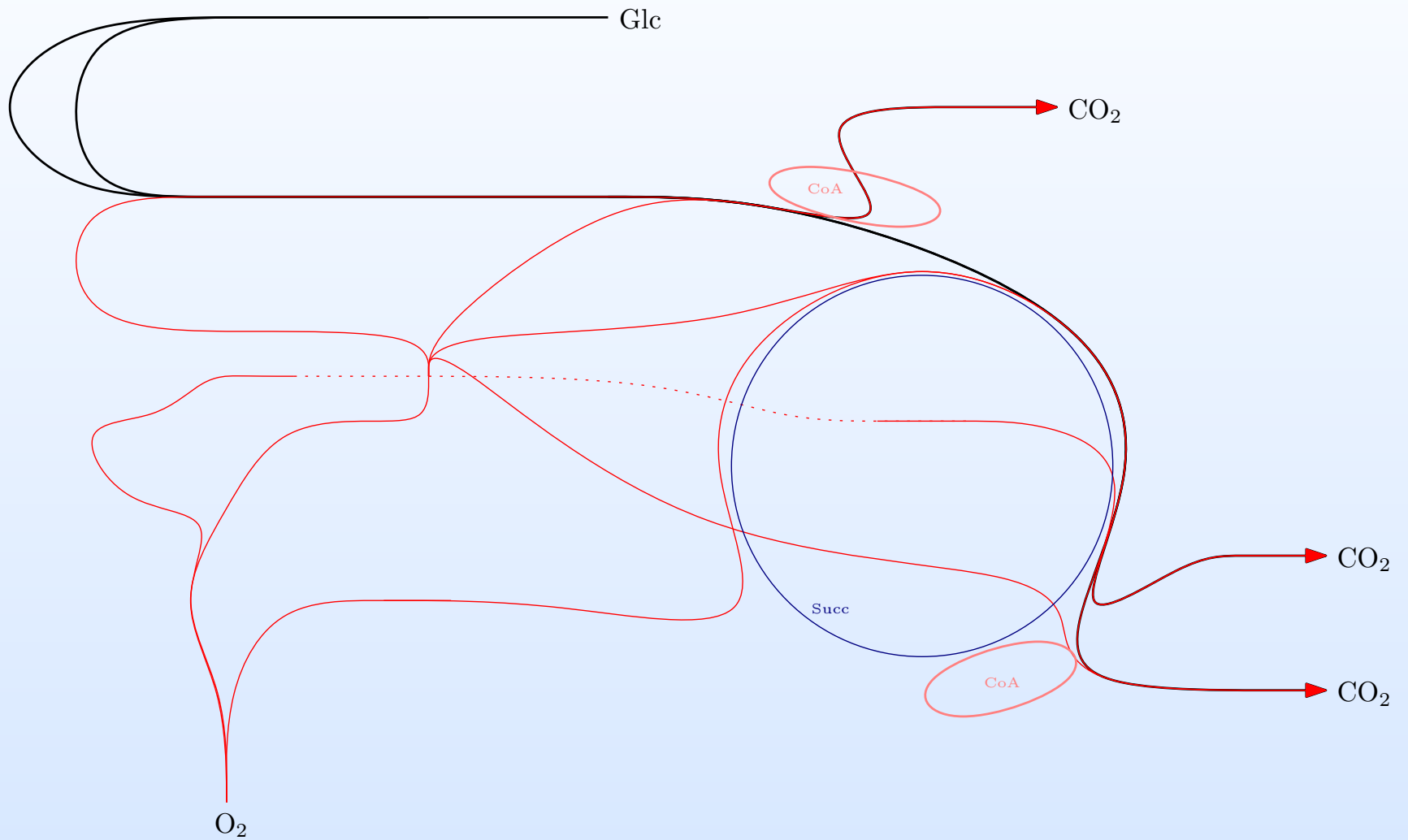
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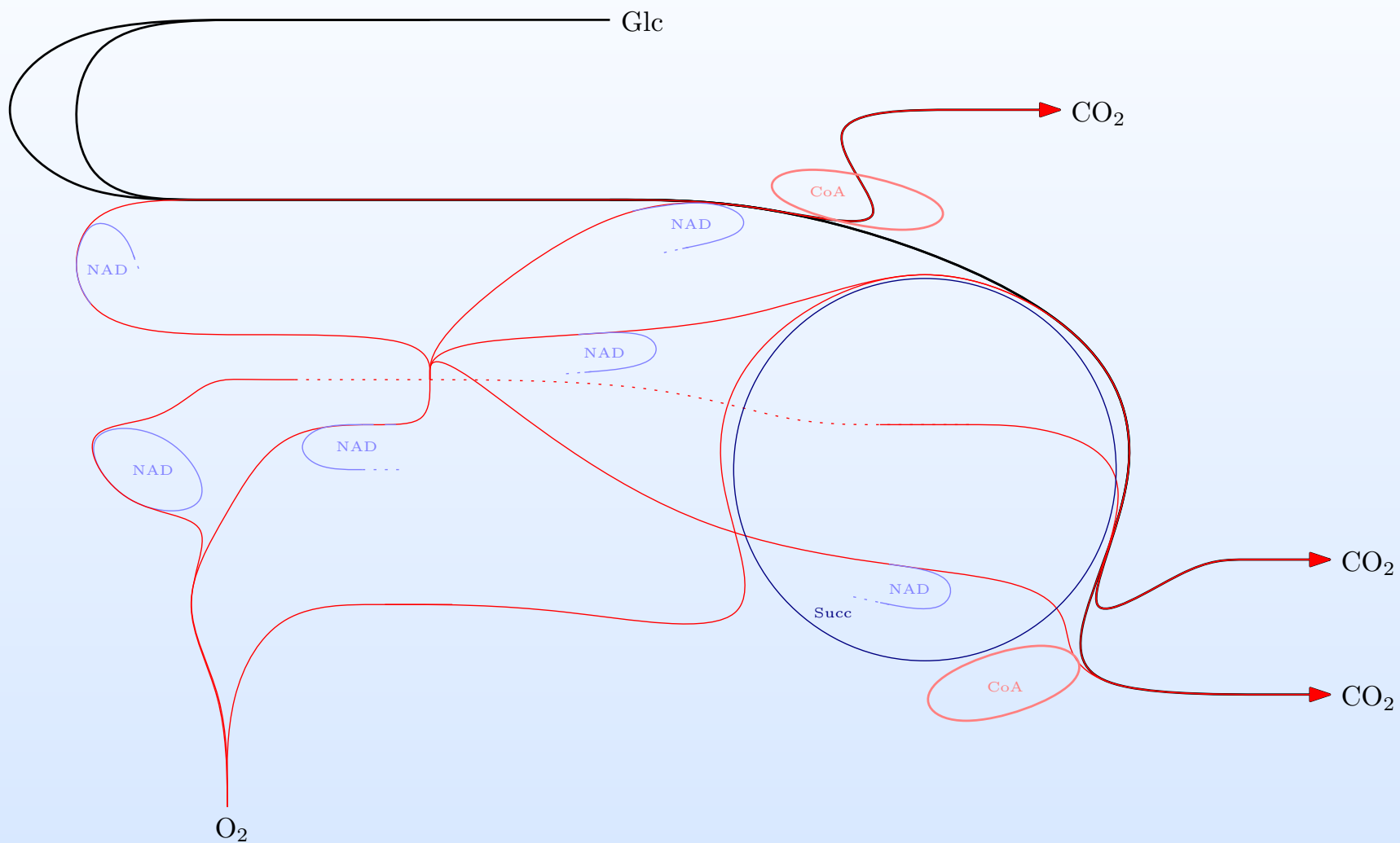


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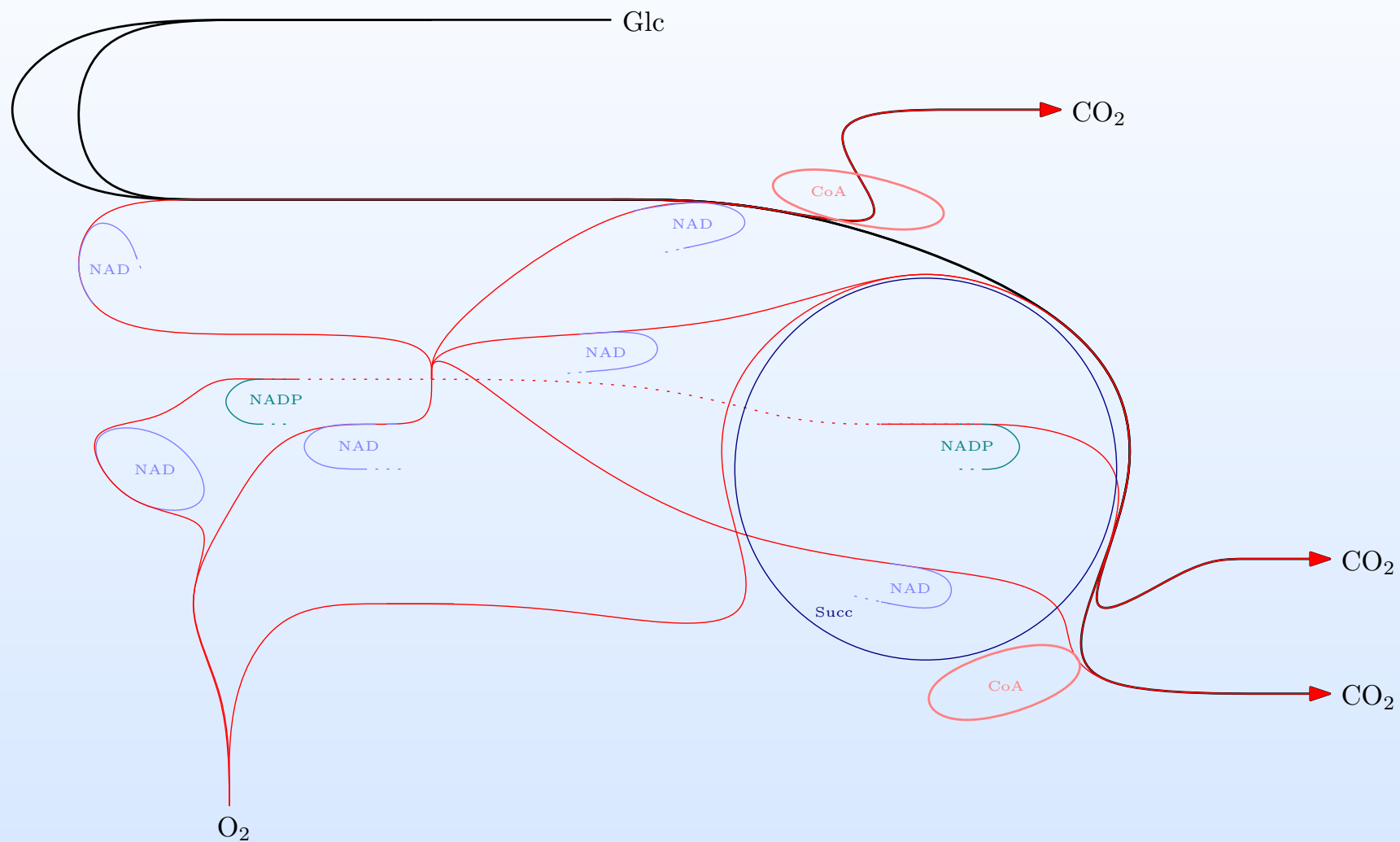


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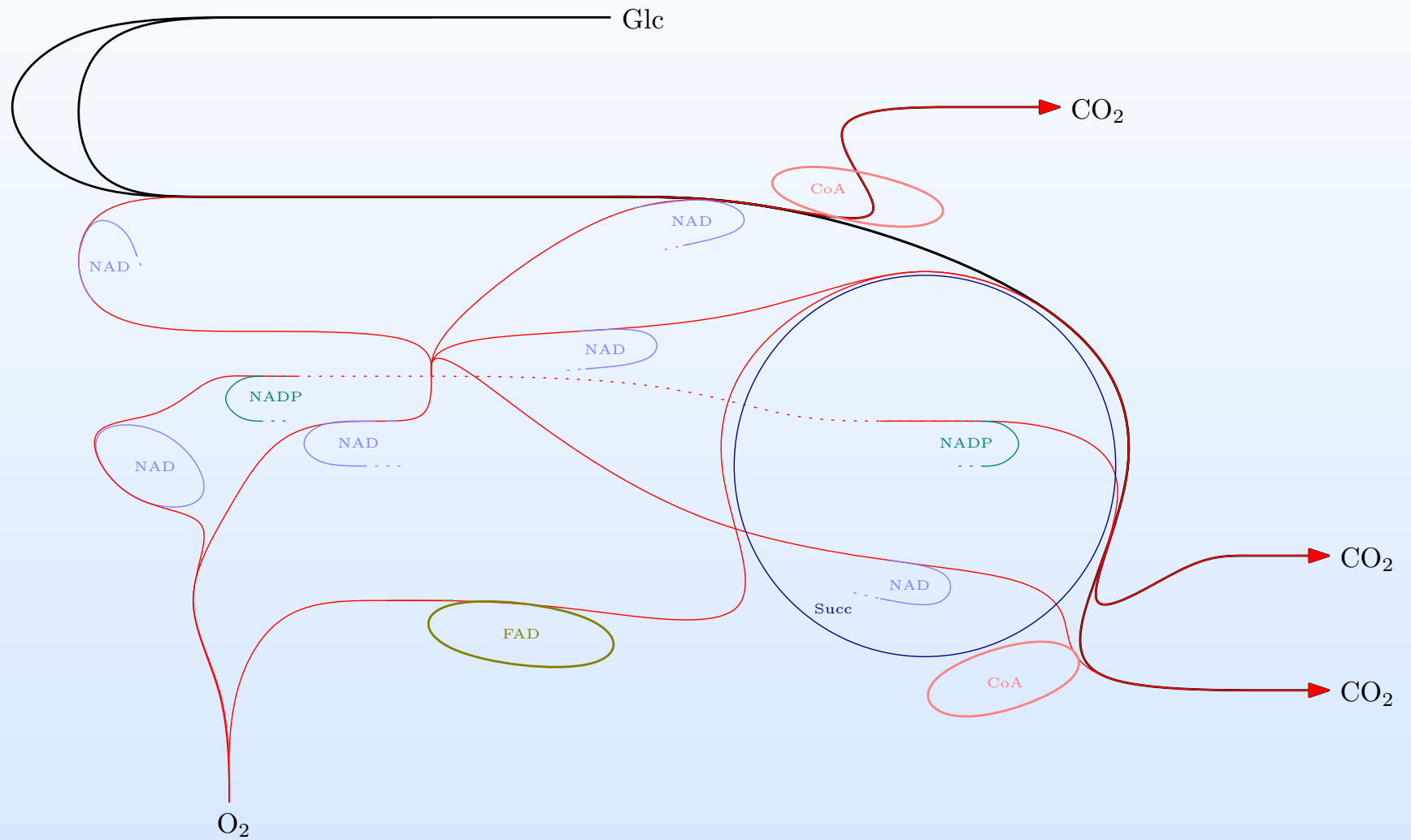


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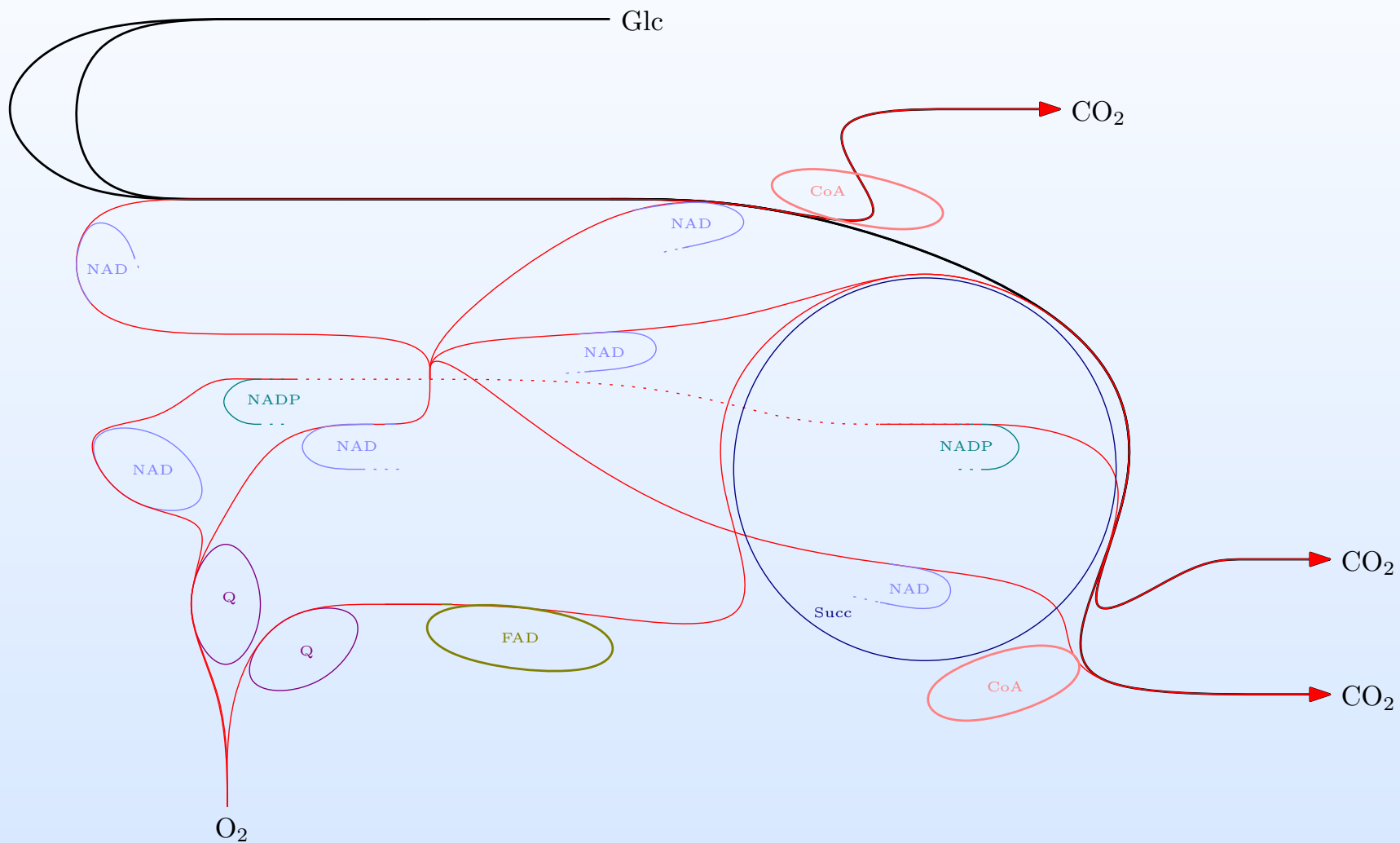


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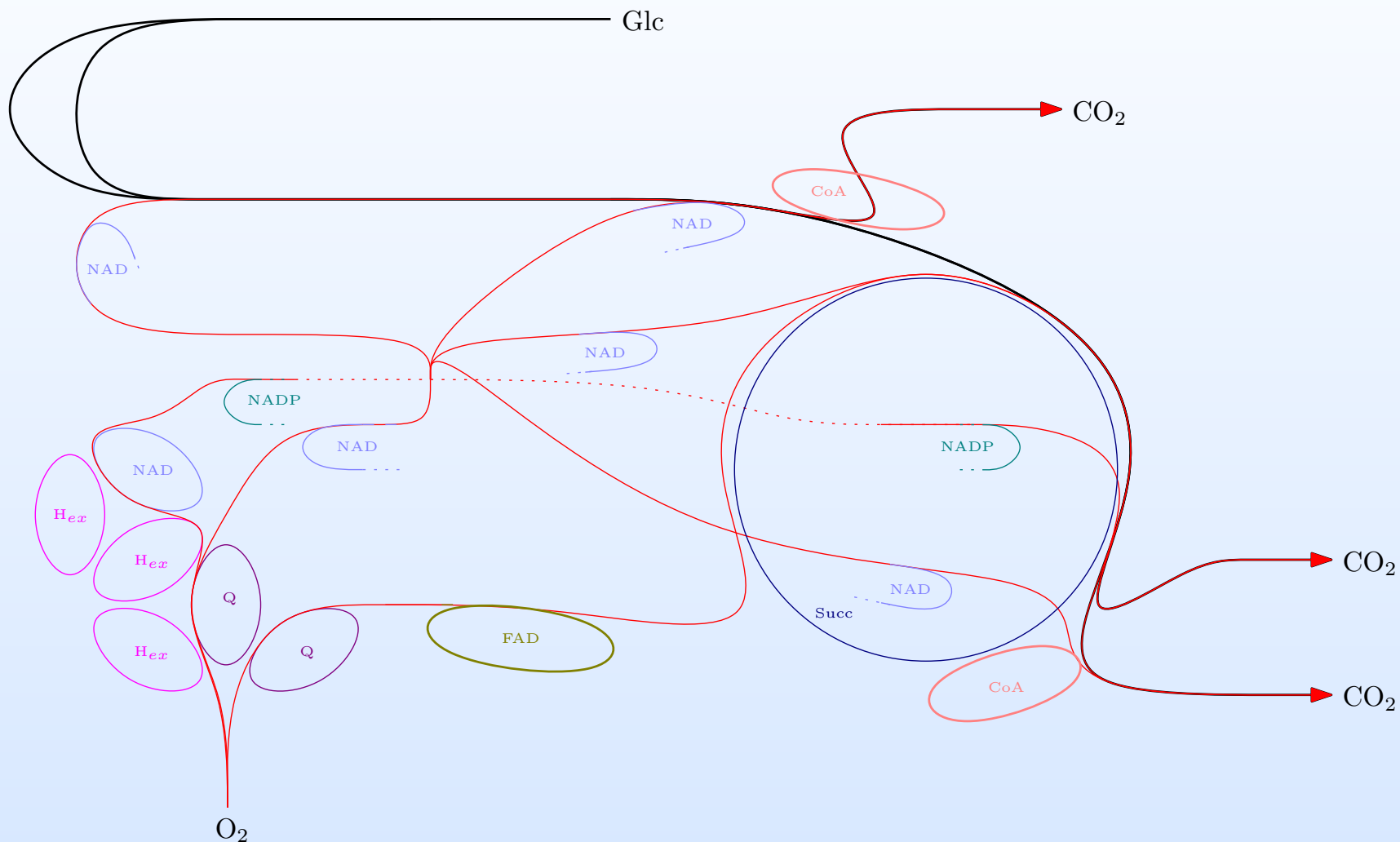


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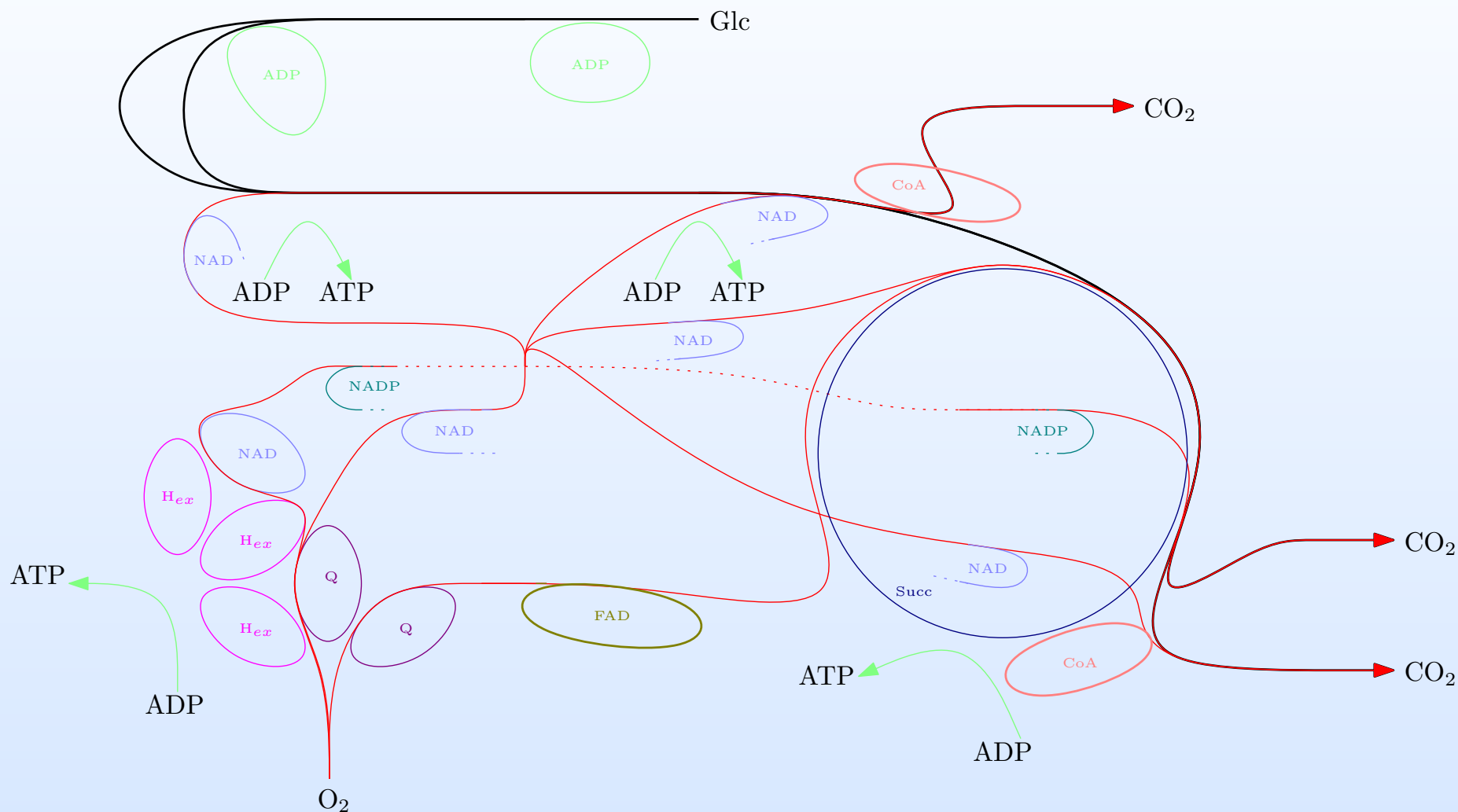


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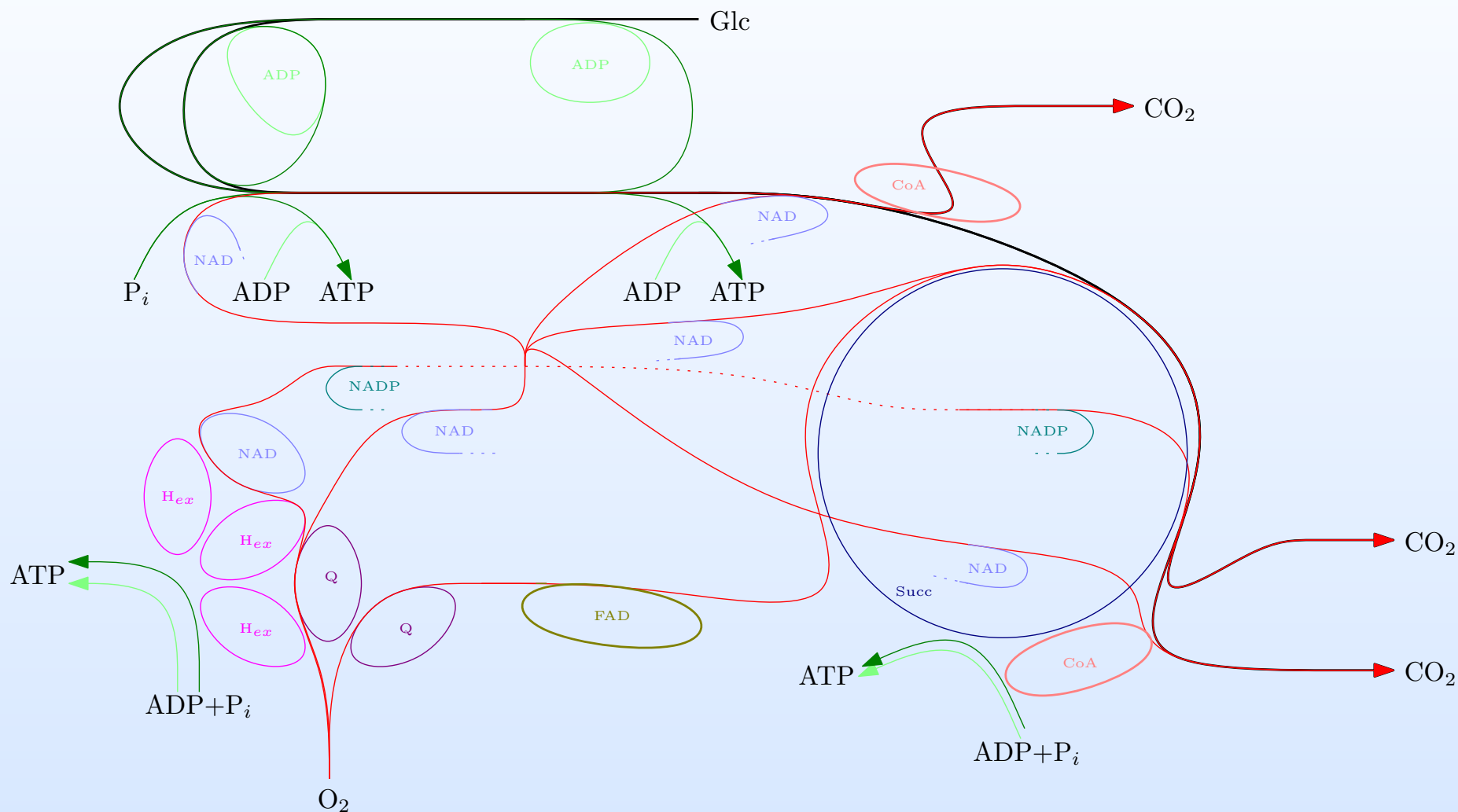


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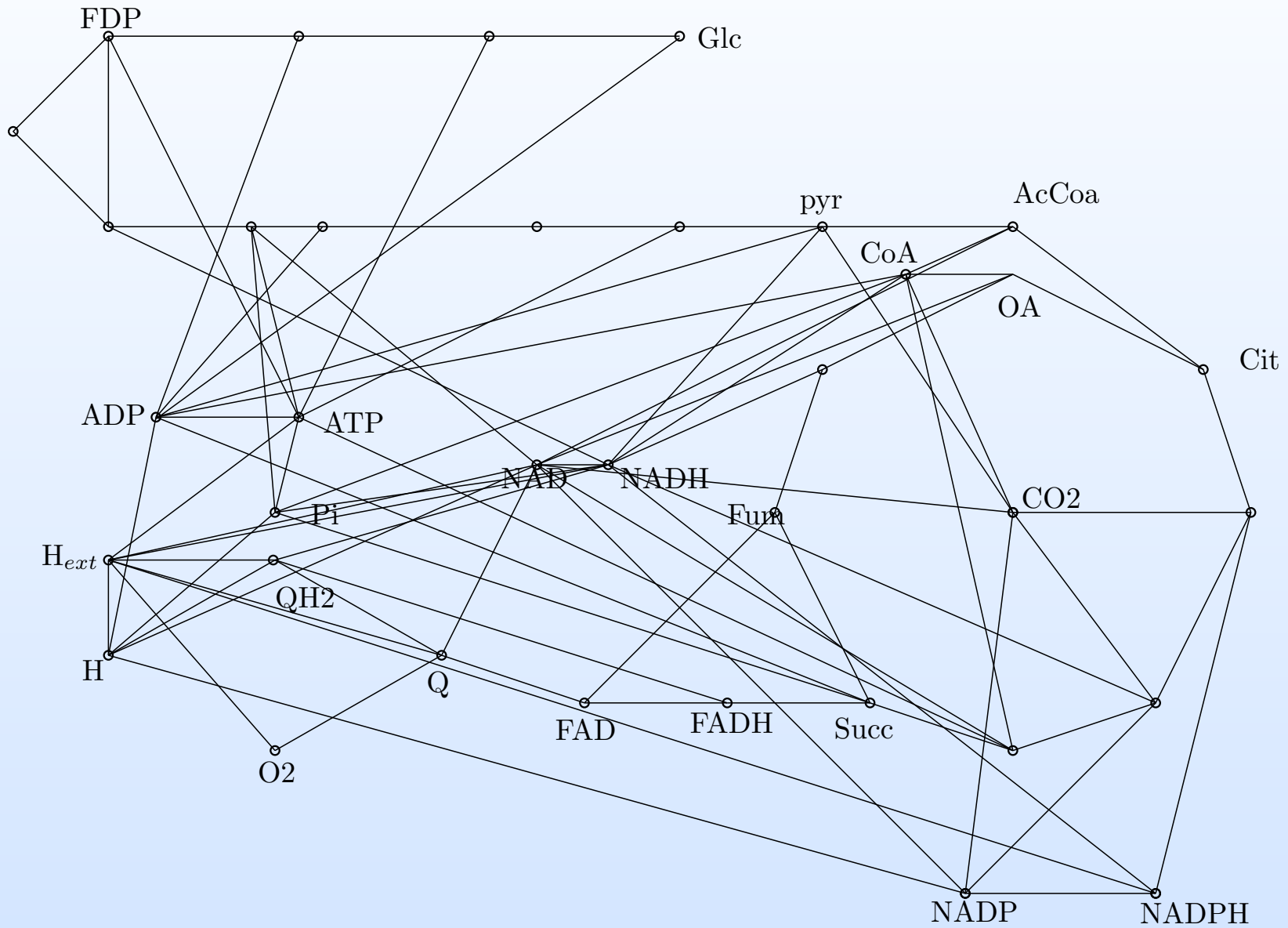


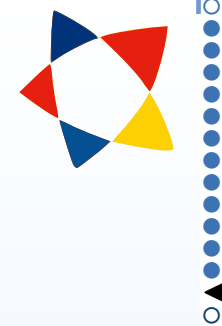
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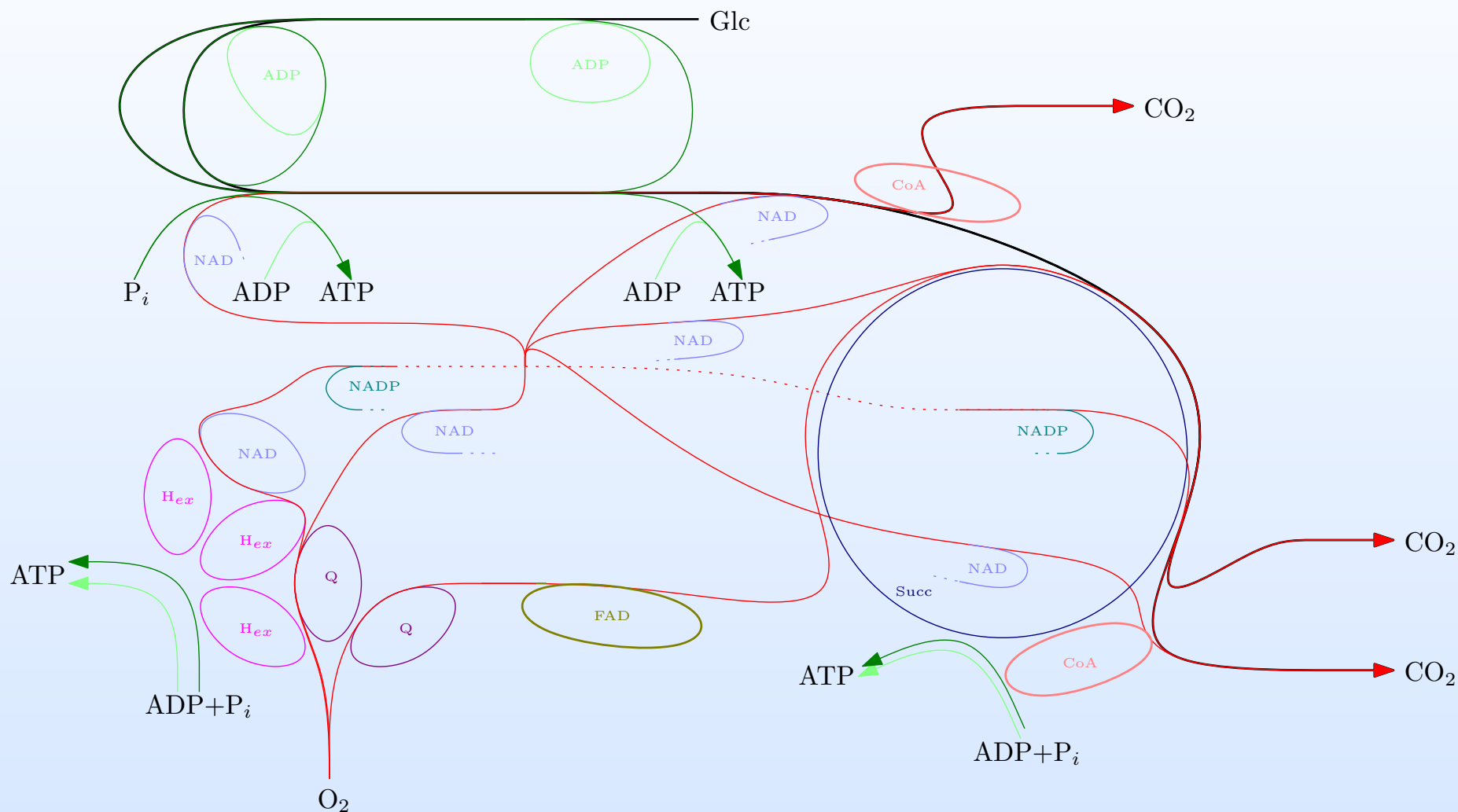


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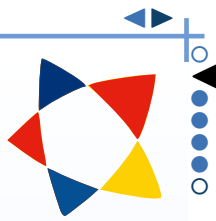


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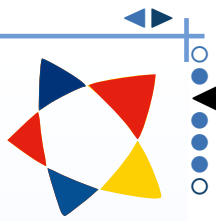


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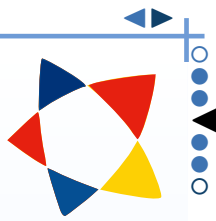
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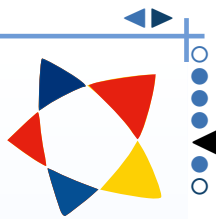
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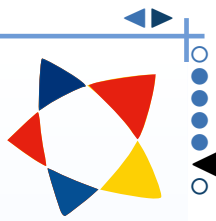
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