

Graph-Transformation Verification using Monadic 2nd-Order Logic

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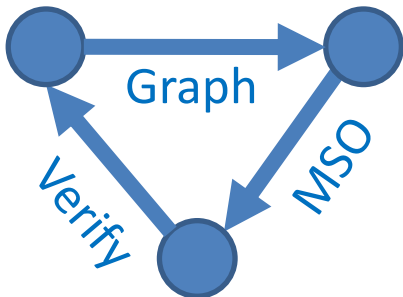
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Graph Transformation

GRoundTram (www.biglab.org)

BigGUIEditor

File Edit View Tool Help

Source Db query schema

result schema

The screenshot shows the BigGUIEditor interface with two main panes. The left pane, labeled 'Source Db', shows a hierarchical graph structure with a path of nodes highlighted in red. The right pane, labeled 'result schema', shows the transformed graph with the same path highlighted in red. The bottom status bar displays the graph transformation rules for both panes.

Source Db query schema

result schema

&z14 := {Customer: &z66}, &z13 := {String: &z12},

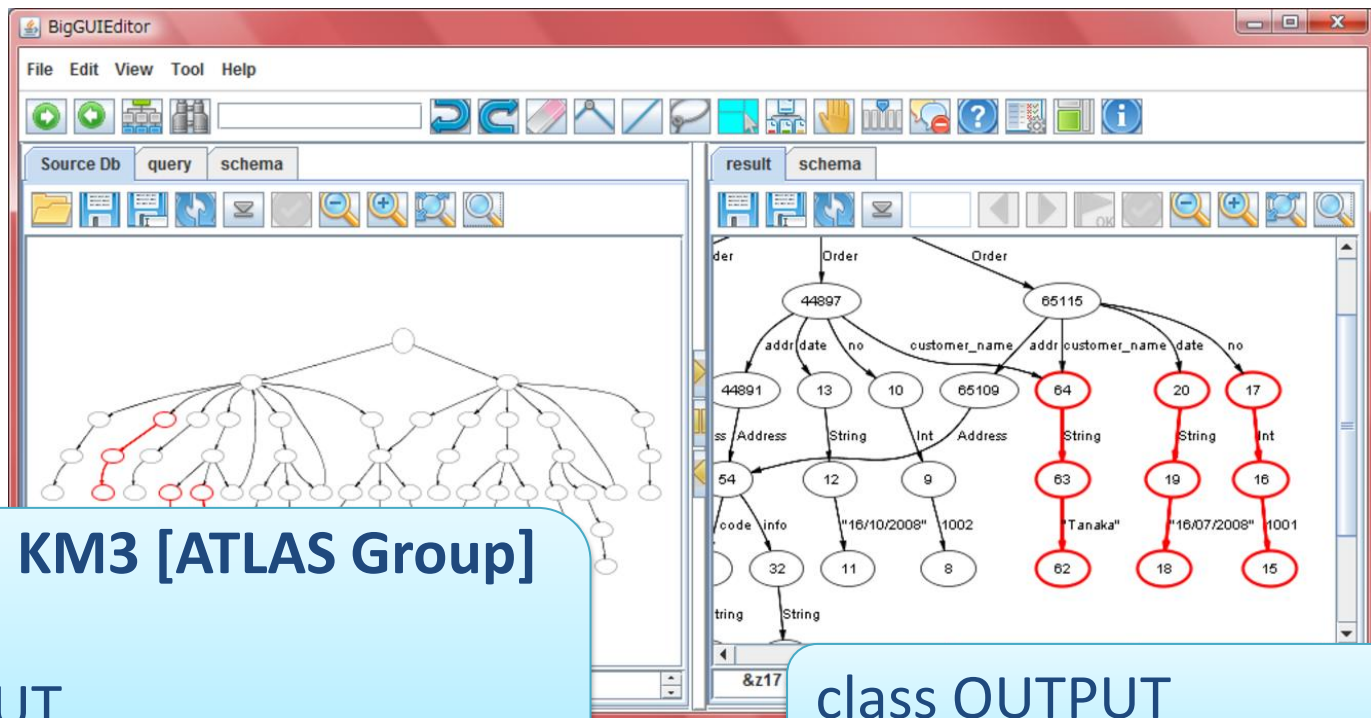
&z17 := {String: &z16}, &z16 := {"16/07/2008": &z15}, &z15 := {},

Two Languages Involved

Transformation:

UnQL / UnCAL [Buneman&Fernandez&Suciu, 2000]

select {result: \$x} where {_*: \$x}, {name: John} in \$x



Schema: KM3 [ATLAS Group]

```
class INPUT
{ reference SNS: SNSDB; ... }
```

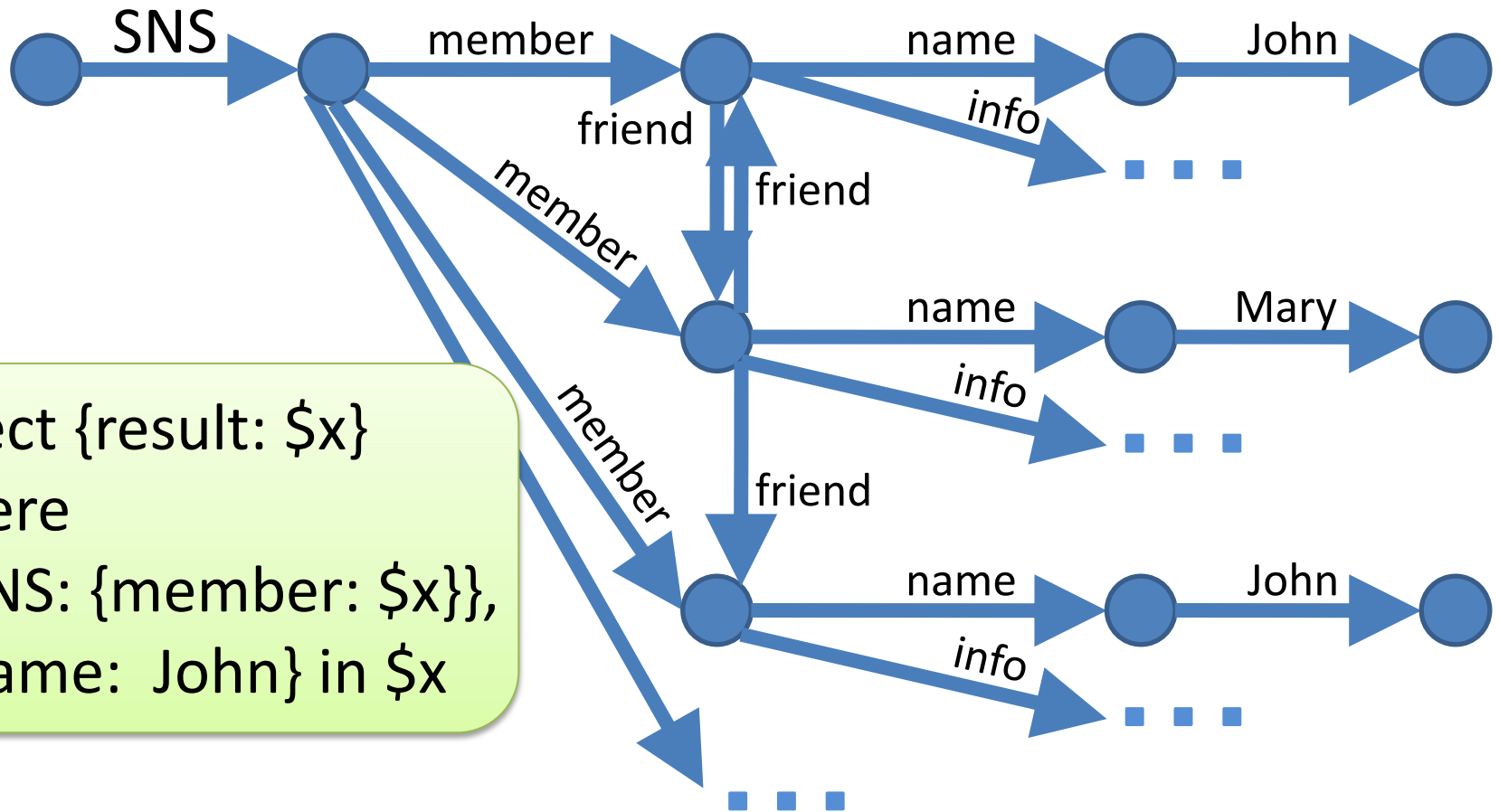
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class OUTPUT
{ reference result*: MEM; }
```

Today's Topic: Static Check

- Given
 - A graph transformation f
 - Input schema S_I
 - Output schema S_o
- Statically verify that “there’s no type error”,
i.e., **“for any graph g conforming to S_I ,
 $f(g)$ always conforms to S_o .”**

Example : SNS-Members

Extract all members using the screen-name "John".

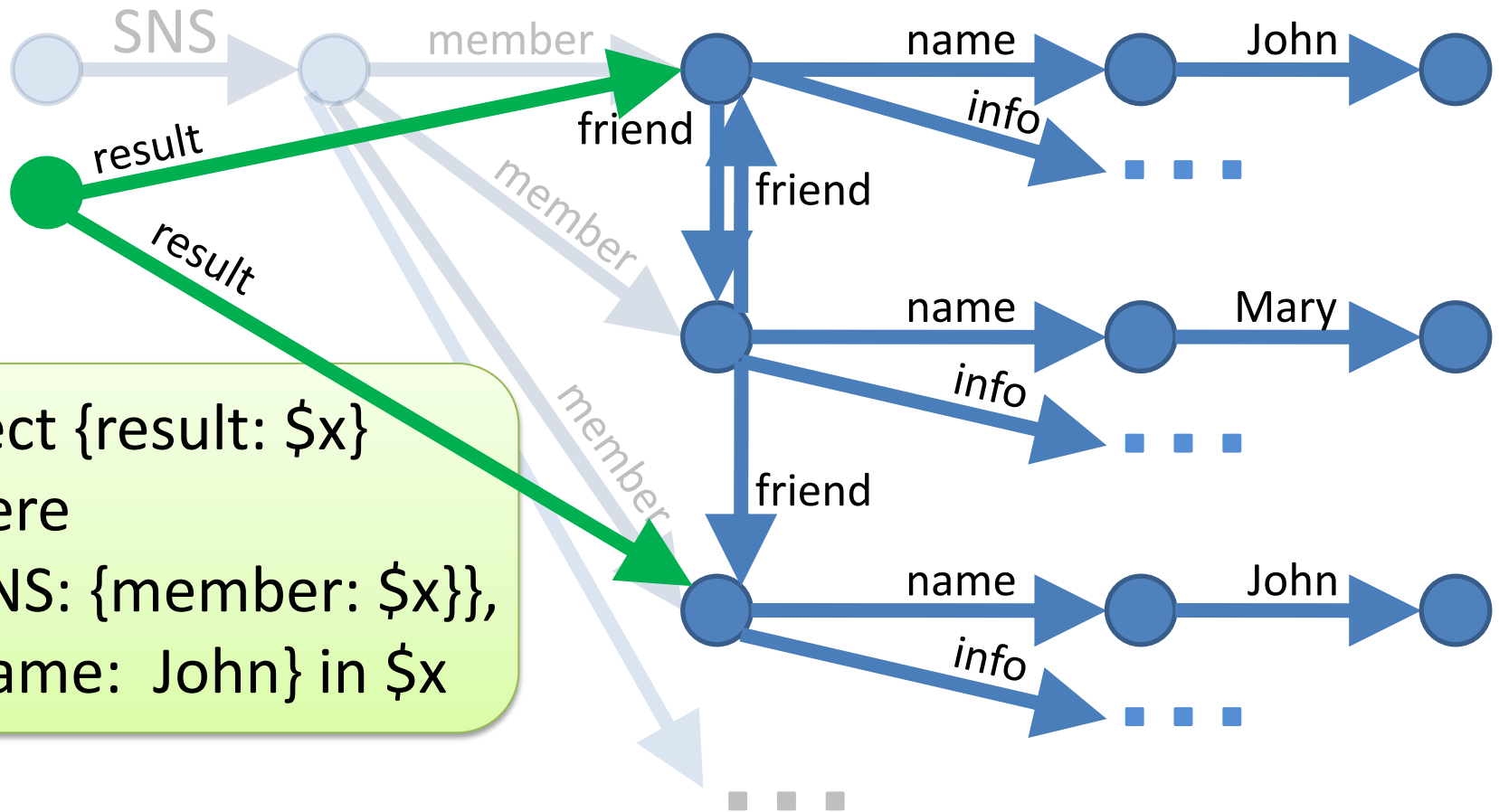


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select {result: $x}
where
  {SNS: {member: $x}},
  {name: John} in $x
  
```

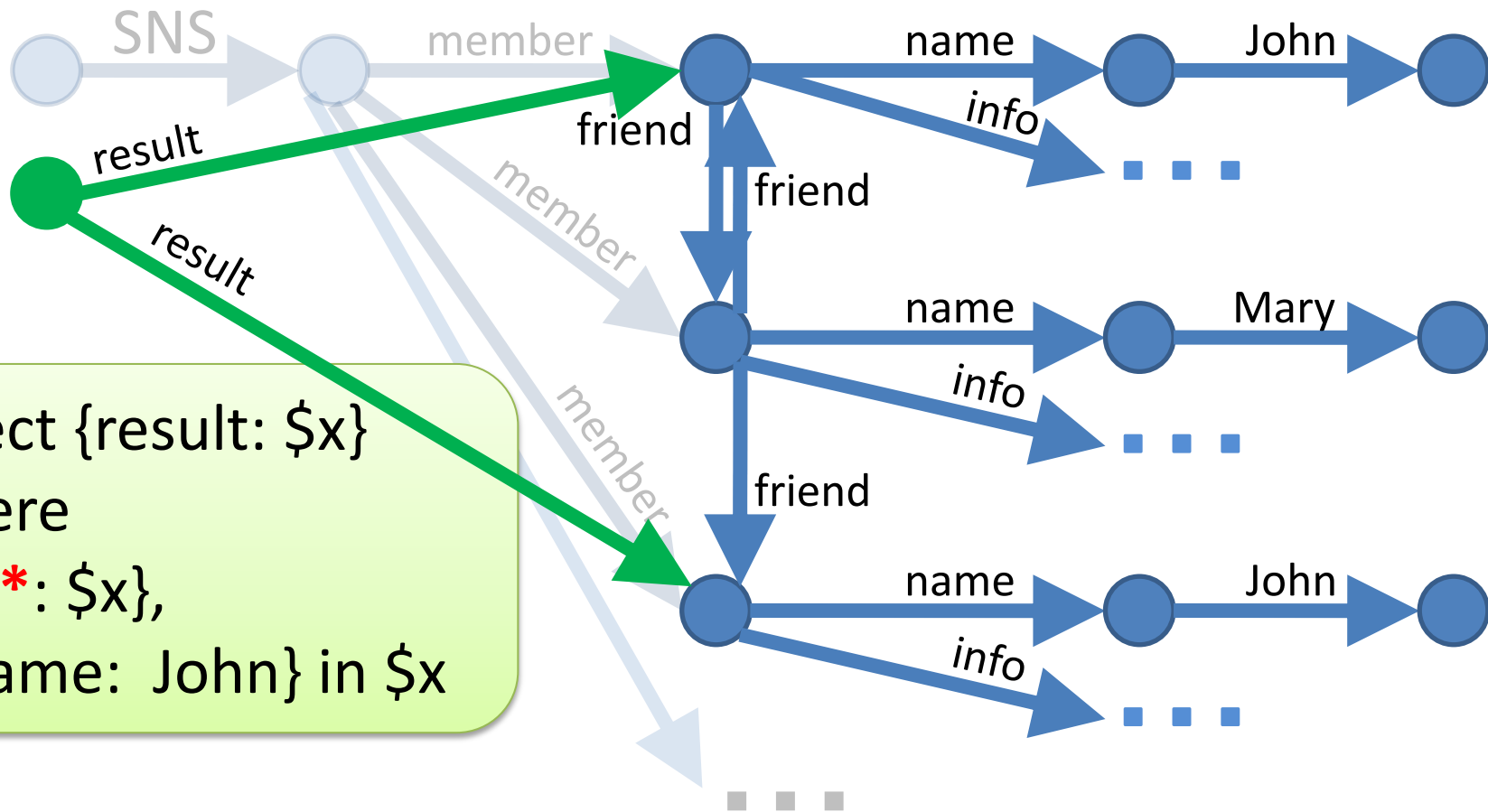
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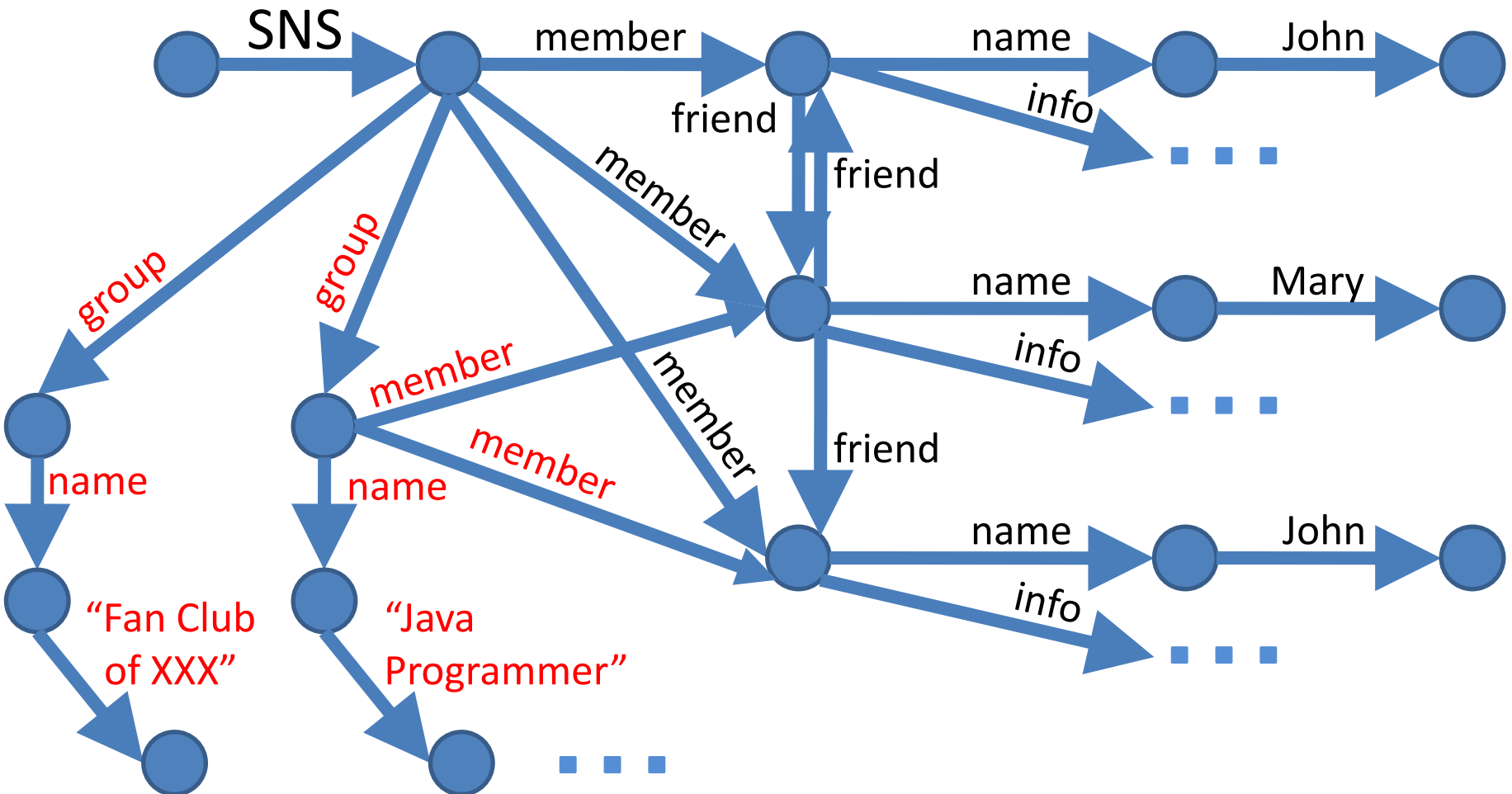
Example

Lazy programmer may write ...



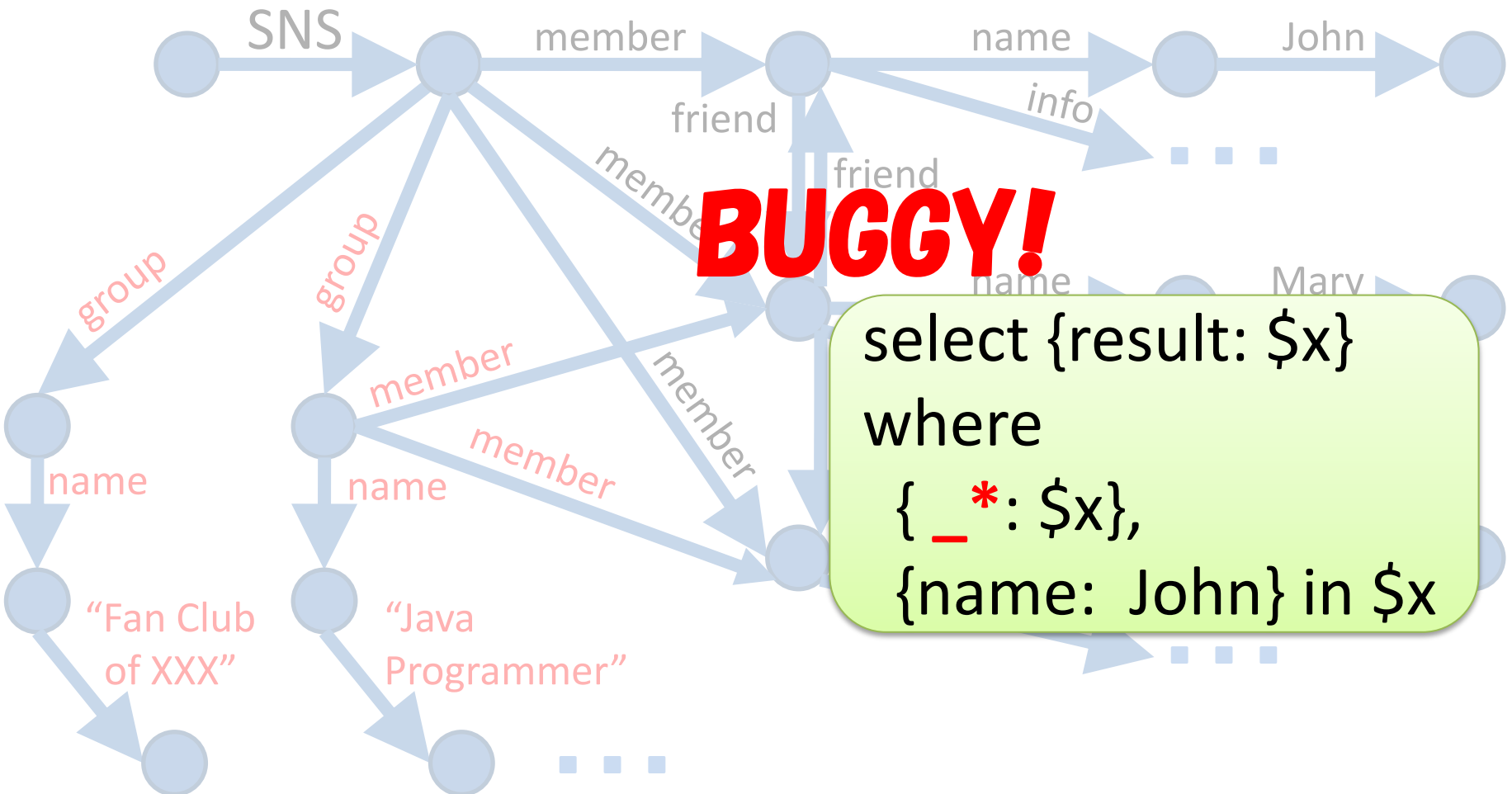
Example

In fact, the graph contained “group” data, too!



Example

What happens if there's {group: {**name: John**, ...}}



What We Provide

Programmers specify their intention about the structure of input/output.

```
class OUTPUT { reference result*: MEM; }
```

```
// Input Schema supplied by the SNS provider
```

```
class INPUT { reference SNS: SNSDB; }
```

```
class SNSDB { reference member*: MEM;  
              reference group*: GRP; }
```

```
class MEM { reference friend*: MEM;  
            reference name: STRING; }
```

```
class GRP { reference name: STRING;  
            reference member*: MEM; }
```

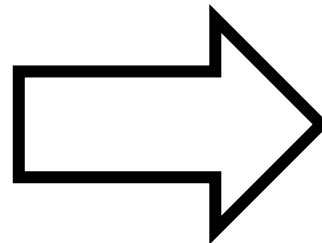
What We Provide

Then, our system automatically verify it!

```
class INPUT {  
  reference SNS: SNSDB; }
```

```
select {result: $x}  
where  
  {SNS: {member: $x}},  
  {name: John} in $x
```

```
class OUTPUT {  
  reference result*: MEM; }
```



“OK!”

✘ Our checker is **SOUND**.
If it says OK, then the
program never goes wrong.

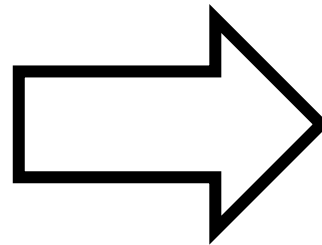
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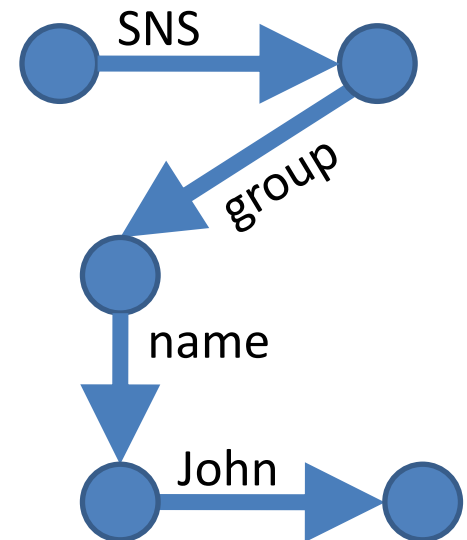
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“BUG!”



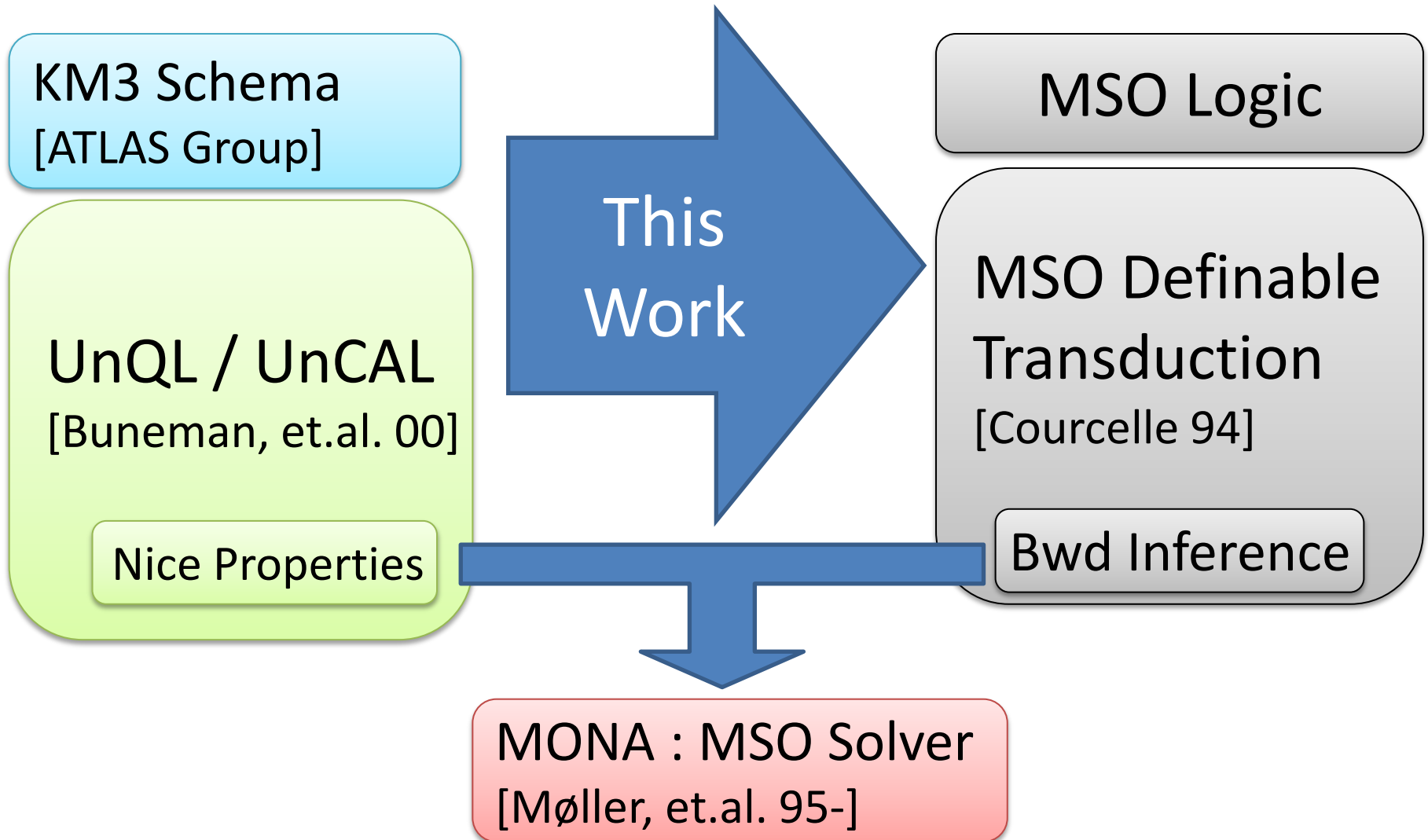
✘ Our checker provides a COUNTER-EXAMPLE.

Outline of the Rest of the Talk

How We Implemented This Verification

- Monadic 2nd-Order Logic (MSO)
- Schema to MSO
- Transformations to MSO
- Decide MSO: from Graphs to Trees

Overall Picture



Monadic 2nd-Order Logic

MSO is a usual 1st order logic on graphs ...

(primitives) $\text{edge}_{\text{foo}}(x, e, y)$ $\text{start}(x)$

(connectives) $\neg P$ $P \& Q$ $P \vee Q$ $\forall x.P(x)$ $\exists x.P(x)$

... extended with

(set-quantifiers) $\forall^{\text{set}} S. P(S)$ $\exists^{\text{set}} S. P(S)$

(set-primitives) $x \in S$ $S \subseteq T$

Schema to MSO

- Straightforward

```
class OUTPUT { reference result*: MEM; }
class MEM    { reference friend*: MEM;
              reference name: STRING; }
```

$\exists^{\text{set}} \text{OUTPUT. } \exists^{\text{set}} \text{MEM.}$

$(\forall x. \text{start}(x) \rightarrow x \in \text{OUTPUT})$

$\wedge (\forall x \in \text{OUTPUT. } \forall e. \forall u.$

$\text{edge}(x, e, u) \rightarrow \text{edge}_{\text{result}}(x, e, u) \ \& \ u \in \text{MEM})$

$\wedge \dots$

Transformation to MSO

Q: What do we mean by
“representing transformations in MSO”?

select {result: \$x}
where
{_*: \$x},
{name: John} in \$x

edge[OUT]_b (v, e, u) \Leftrightarrow
 $\exists v' e' u'. \text{edge}_a(v', e', u') \ \& \ v=v' \ \& \ e=e' \ \& \ u=e'$
 edge[OUT]_d (v, e, u) \Leftrightarrow
 $\exists v' e' u'. \neg \text{edge}_a(v', e', u') \ \& \ v=v' \ \& \ e=e' \ \& \ u=u'$
 ...

A: We convert UnQL’s functional core language
into a (kind of) logic program in MSO.

Transformation Language

- “Core UnCAL”

- Internal Representation of “UnQL” →

```
select {result: $x}
where
  {_*: $x},
  {name: John} in $x
```

```

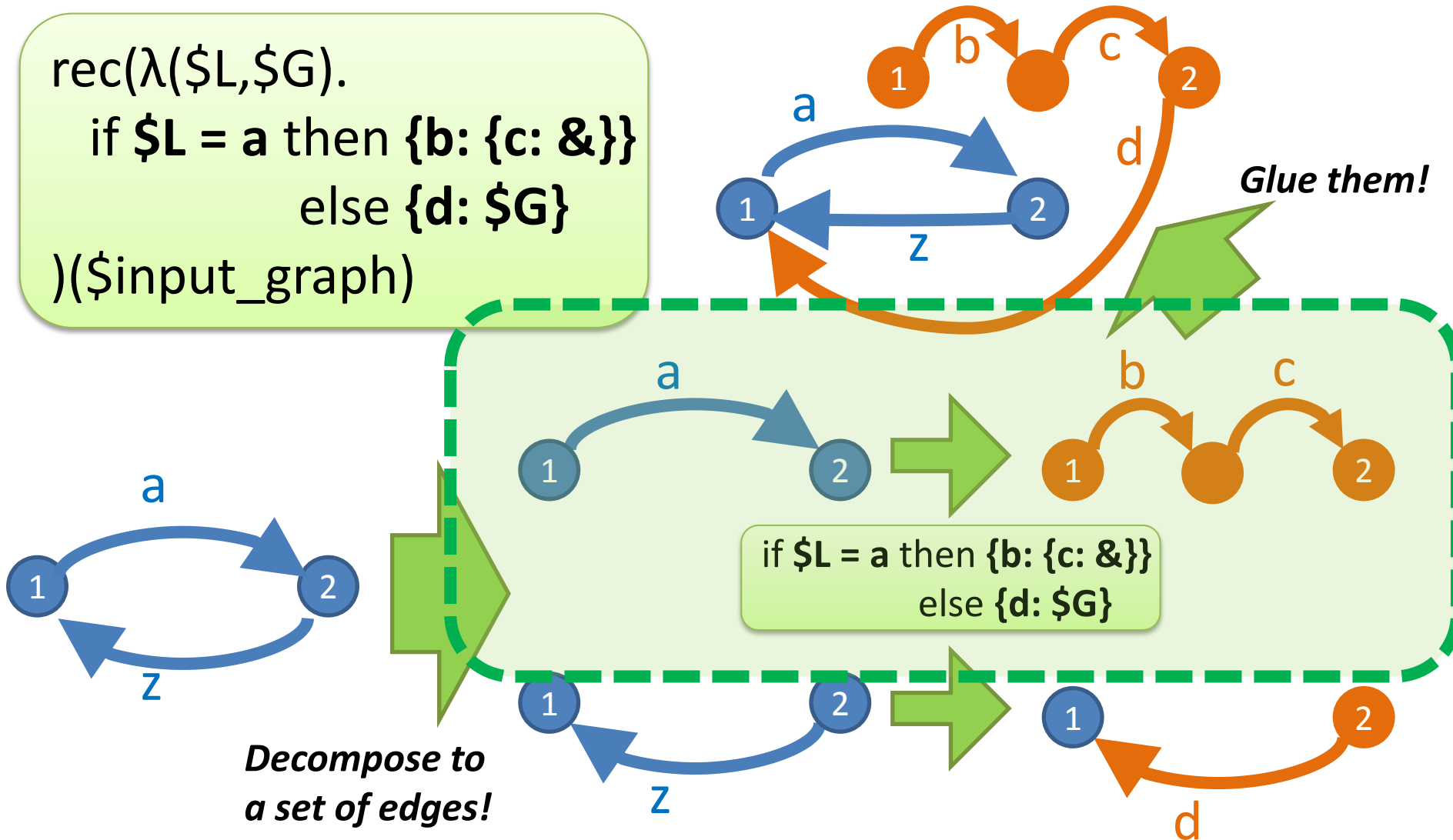
E ::= {L1:E1, L2:E2, ..., Ln:En}
    | if L=L then E else E
    | $G
    | &
    | rec(λ($L,$G). E)(E) | ...
L ::= (Label constant)
    | $L
```

Semantics of **rec** in UnCAL

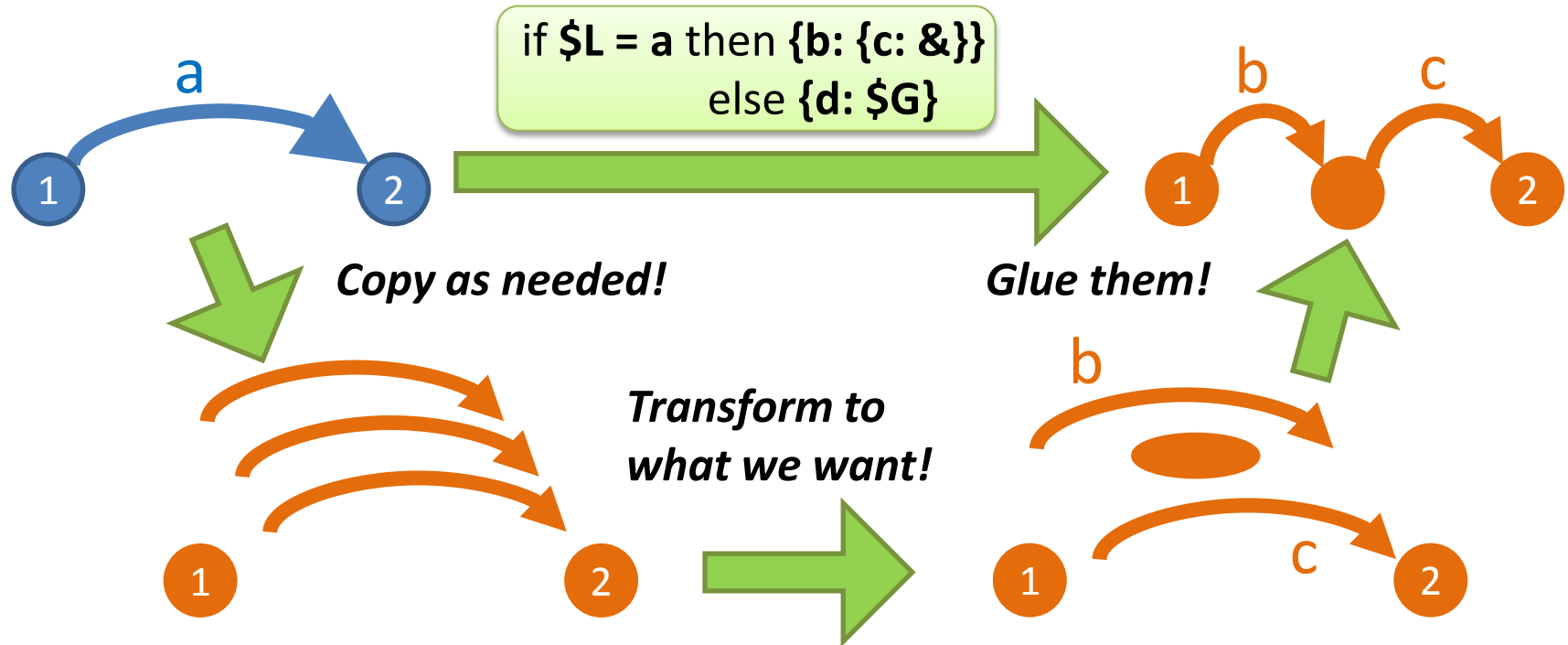
```

rec( $\lambda(\$L, \$G).$ 
  if  $\$L = a$  then { $b: \{c: \&\}$ }
  else { $d: \$G$ }
)( $\$input\_graph$ )

```



More Precise, MSO-Representable “Finite-Copy” Semantics ²⁰



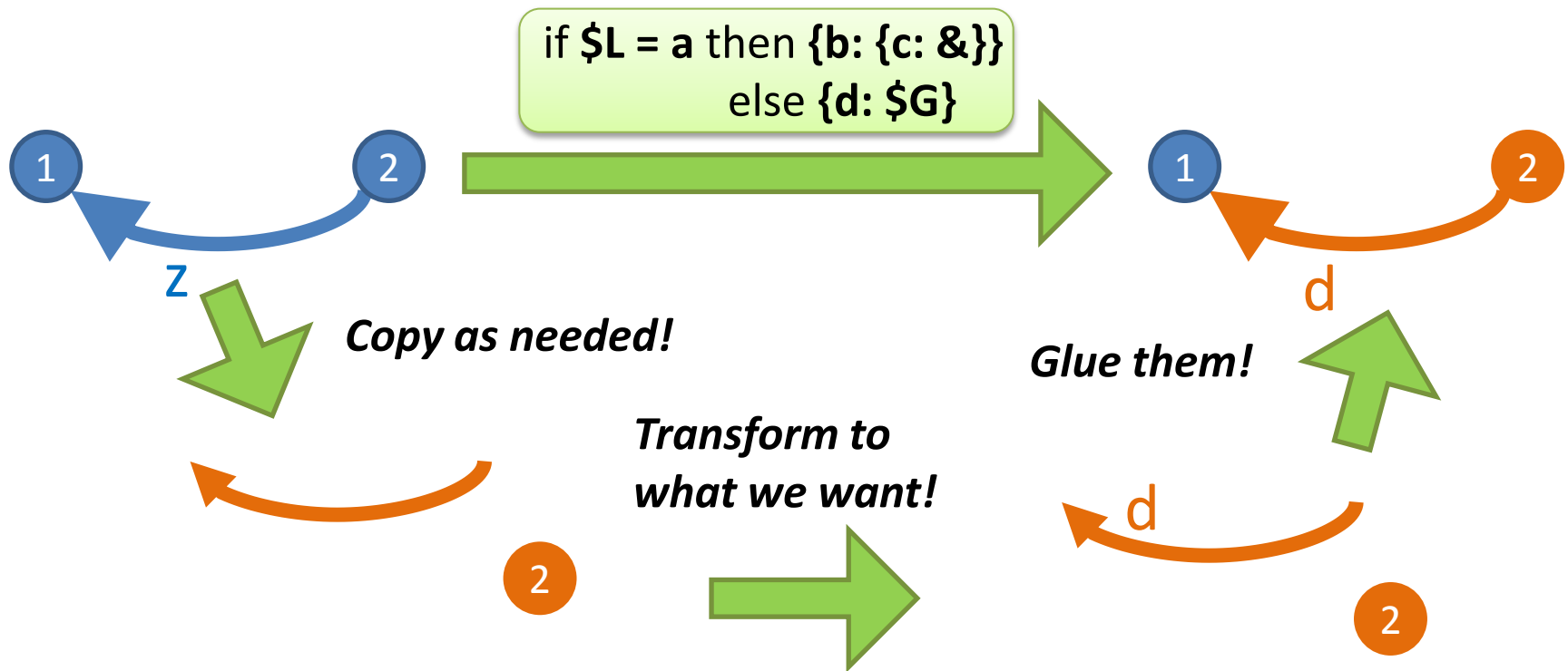
$\text{edge}[112]_b(v, e, u) \Leftrightarrow$

$\exists v' e' u'. \text{edge}_a(v', e', u') \ \& \ v=v' \ \& \ e=e' \ \& \ u=e'$

$\text{edge}[231]_c(v, e, u) \Leftrightarrow$

$\exists v' e' u'. \text{edge}_a(v', e', u') \ \& \ v=e' \ \& \ e=e' \ \& \ u=u'$

“Finite-Copy” Semantics



$\text{edge}[110]_d(v, e, u) \Leftrightarrow$

$\exists v' e' u'. \neg \text{edge}_a(v', e', u') \ \& \ v=v' \ \& \ e=e' \ \& \ u=u'$

Transformation to MSO

Theorem:

Nest-free UnCAL is representable by finite-copying MSO transduction.

```
rec( $\lambda$ ($L,$G).
  if $L = a
  then {b: {c: &}}
  else {d: $G}
)($input_db)
```

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**((Transformation = Definition of
the output-graph in terms of the input graph))**

“Backward” Inference [Courcelle 1994]

Transformation

```
rec( $\lambda(\$L, \$G).$ 
  if  $\$L = a$  then  $\{b: \{c: \&\}\}$  else  $\{d: \$G\}$ 
)( $\$input\_db$ )
```

```
edge[112]b (v, e, u)  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\exists v' e' u'. \dots$ 
edge[231]c (v, e, u)  $\Leftrightarrow$ 
   $\exists v' e' u'. edge_a(v', e', u') \& \dots \& e=e'$ 
edge[110]d (v, e, u)  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\exists v' e' u'. \dots$ 
```

Output Schema

$$\exists e. edge_c(_, e, _)$$

$$\exists e. edge[_0_]_c (_, e, _) \vee edge[_1_]_c (_, e, _) \vee edge[_2_]_c (_, e, _) \vee edge[_3_]_c (_, e, _)$$

Input Schema

$$\exists e. edge_a(_, e, _)$$

$$\exists e. false \vee false \vee false$$

$$\vee \exists v' e' u'. edge_a(v', e', u') \& \dots \& e=e'$$

Nested **rec**

- Nested **rec** (arising from “cross product”) cannot be encoded into finite-copy semantics

```
select {p: {f: $G1, s:$G2}}
where {_: $G1} in $db,
      {_: $G2} in $db
```

```
rec(λ($L1,$G1).
  rec(λ($L2,$G2).
    {pair: {first: $G1, second: $G2}}
  )($db)
)($db)
```

Currently we ask
programmer to
add annotation →

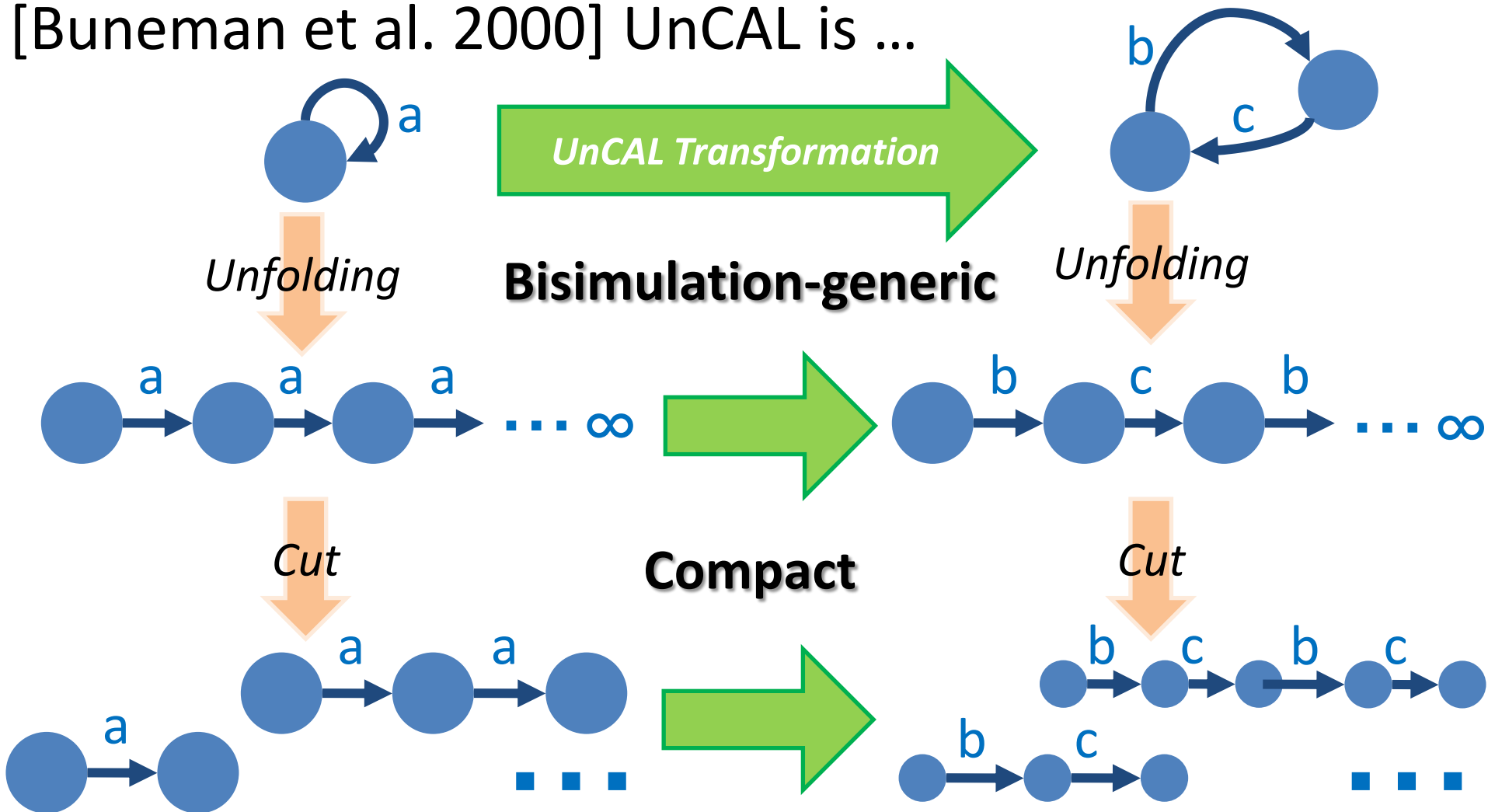
```
rec(λ($L1,$G1). rec(λ($L2,$G2).
  {pair: {first: ($G1 :: MEM),
    second: $G2}} ...
```


Remark: Why MSO

- It is expressive power is needed.
 - Schemas can encode runs of automata, which is basically equivalent to MSO.
 - Transformation also requires MSO power, for tracking *edge-erasing*.
- It can be made decidable!
 - In contrast to, e.g., $FO+TC^k$ that can capture nested **recs** without annotation.

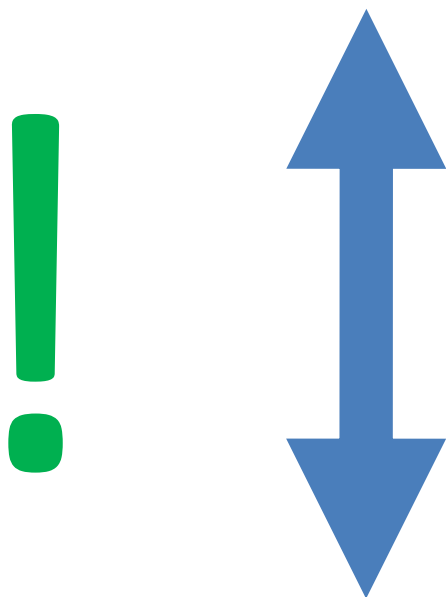
Two Nice Props of UnCAL

[Buneman et al. 2000] UnCAL is ...



MSO Validation

Now we have a **MSO Formula on Graphs**.



MSO (even 1st-Order Logic) on Graphs is undecidable [Trakhtenbrot 1950].

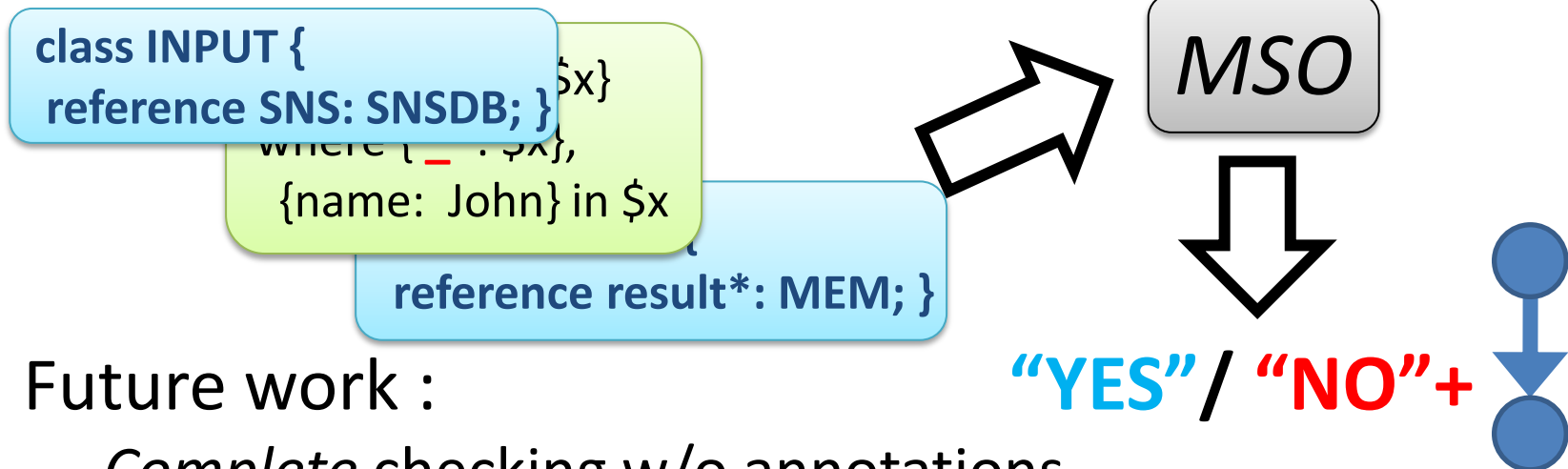
Theorem: If MSO formula is Bisimulation-Generic and Compact, it is valid on graphs iff on finite trees.

MONA MSO Solver [Møller, et.al. 95-]

can decide validness of **MSO on Finite Trees**.

Conclusion

Static verification of graph transformations via MSO



- Future work :
 - *Complete* checking w/o annotations.
 - Support for full UnCAL (with data value comparison).
 - Use MSO-Transduction semantics for checking other properties.
 - Comprehensive experiments on performance.