

# (mini)Eugene: Rule-based Design of Synthetic Biological Systems

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# Combinatorial Design Problem

Given: - Part Library  $P$  consisting of  $k$  Parts

$$P = \{ p_1, \dots, p_k \}$$

**Infinite number of designs!**

- The length of the design  $N$

**$k^N$  designs**

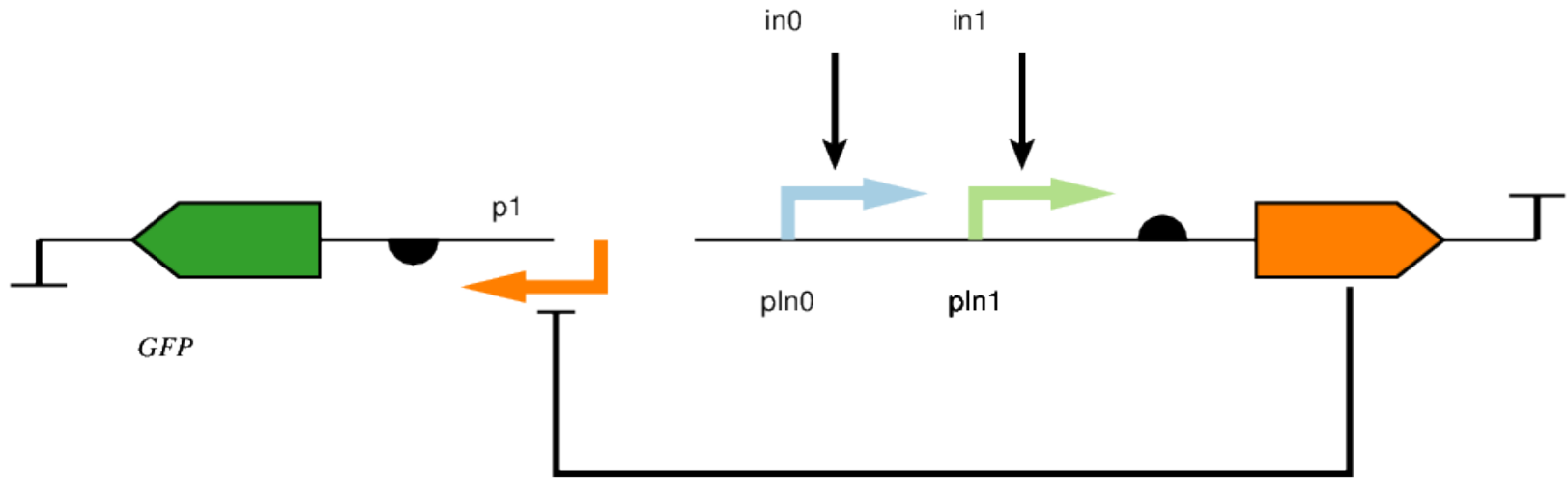
Orientation:

In a design, every part can have two orientations  
{Forward, Reverse}

**$(k^N * 2^N)$  designs**

## Example: Transcriptional NOR Gate

Given:  $P = \{p_{in0}, p_{in1}, p1, r, c1, t, GFP\}$ ,  $N=9$



> 20 billion combinations (  $7^9 * 2^9$  )

**However!** not all possible combinations will function  
Biology follows certain Rules

# “Biology” follows certain Rules

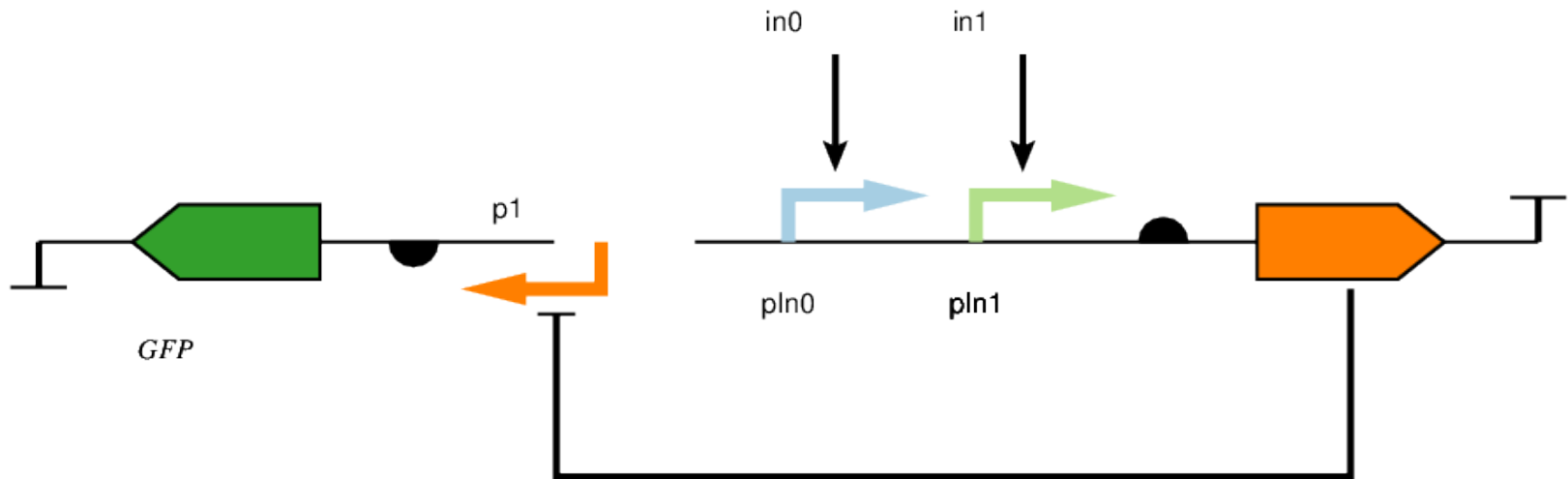
**Counting** ... number of occurrences

**Positioning** ... place of occurrence

**Pairing** ... pair-wise occurrence

**Interactions** ... regulatory interactions

**Orientation** ... forward or reverse



# Eugene

Finds **ALL** rule-compliant designs

- **Imperative** and **Declarative** Language
- Design Specification
  - Design **Templates**
  - **Rules** on the Design Templates
  - Automated **Generation** of Rule-Compliant Designs
- Populating the **Part Library**
  - Manually, Data Exchange Standards (SBOL)
- Design **Representation**:
  - Eugene, SBOL, Pigeon
- **Available** as
  - Web-based IDE, XML-RPC web service, Embeddable JAR, Runnable JAR

Eugene is **comprehensive** and  
has step learning curve

## miniEugene

**Basic** Language offering only **Rule Conjunctions**

Purely **declarative**

Design **Representation**: Pigeon, Textual, SBOL

**Statistics**

**TASK:**

Formulate the word SBOL by only using rules

# Thanks!



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