

Configuration Synthesis for Programmable Analog Devices with Arco

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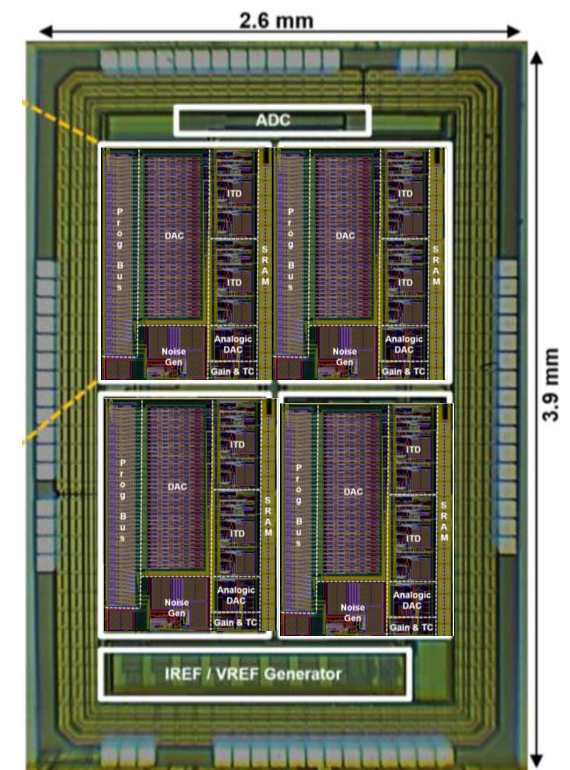
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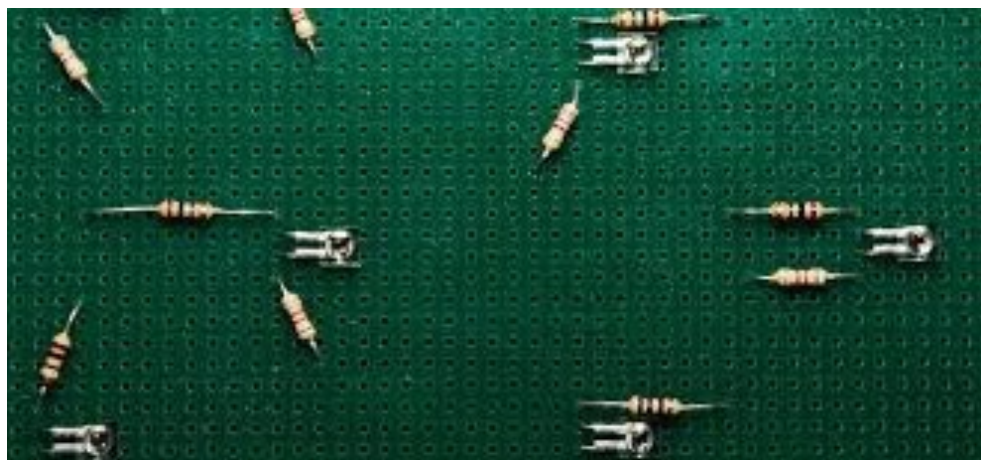
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- **differential equations** that specify continuous dynamics of *state variables* over time

Modeling the Physical World



Dynamical Systems Model Biological Processes

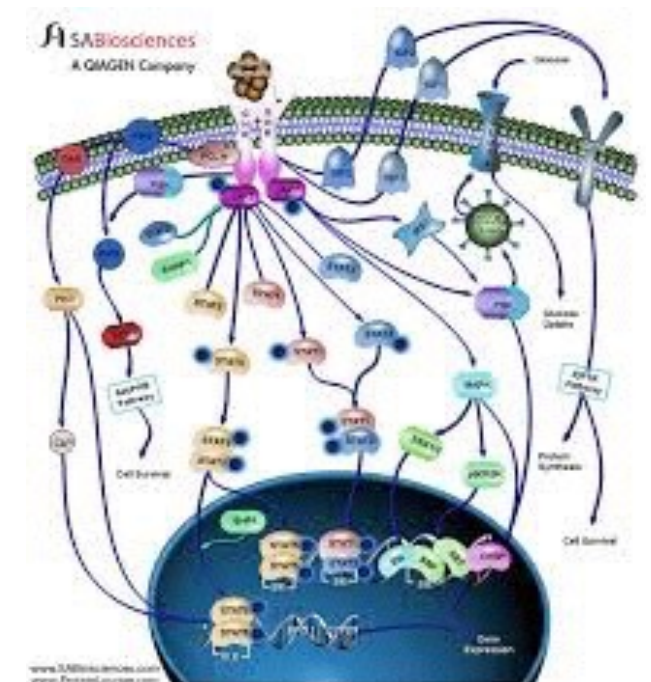
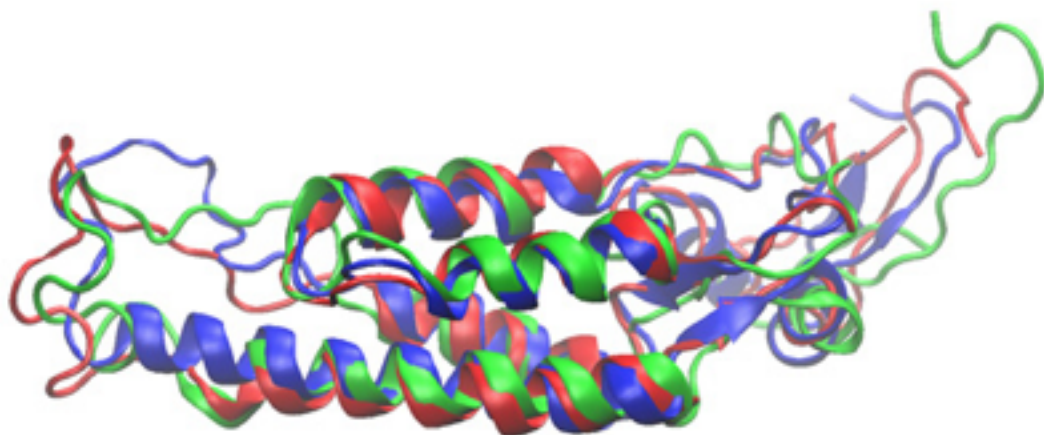
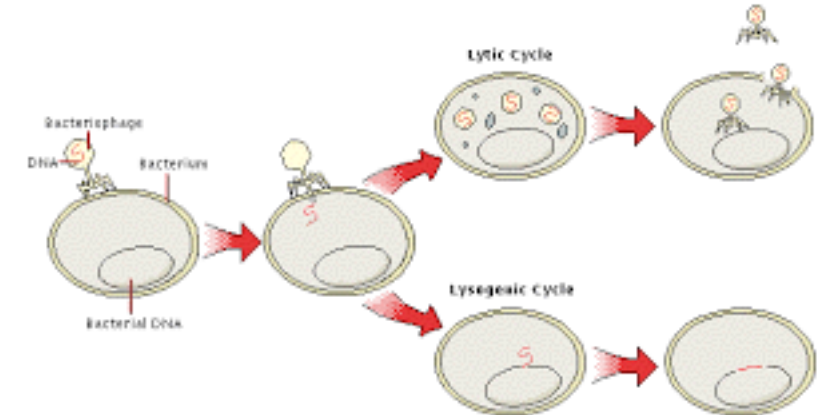


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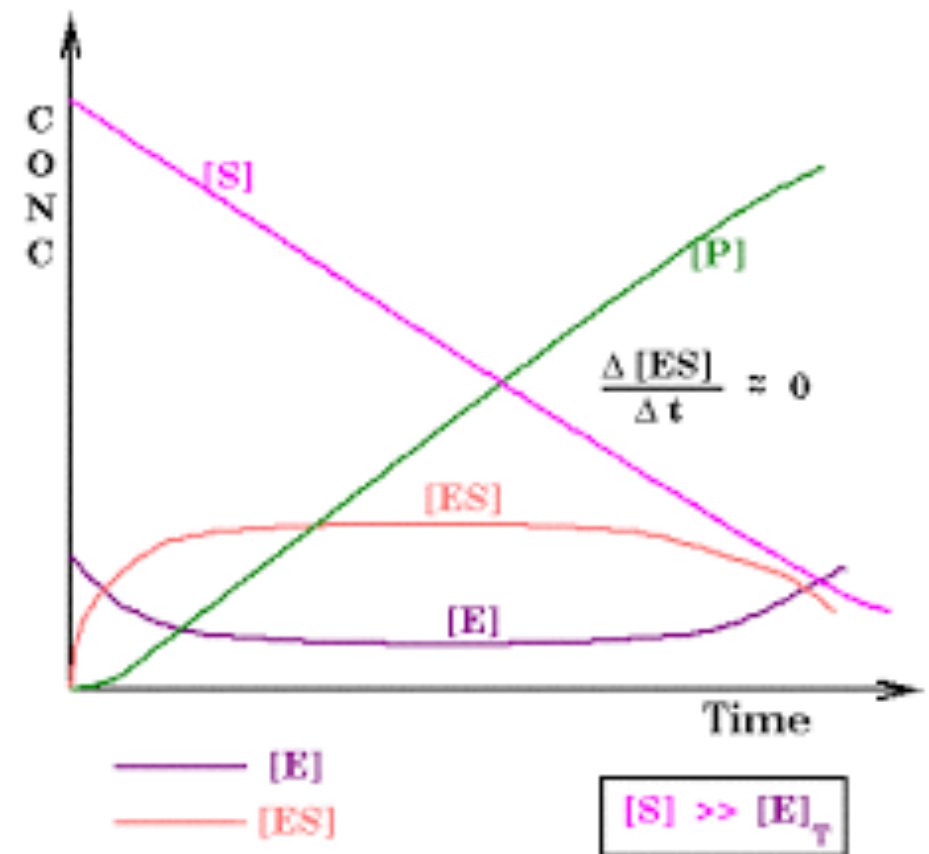
Goal: Simulate Dynamical System

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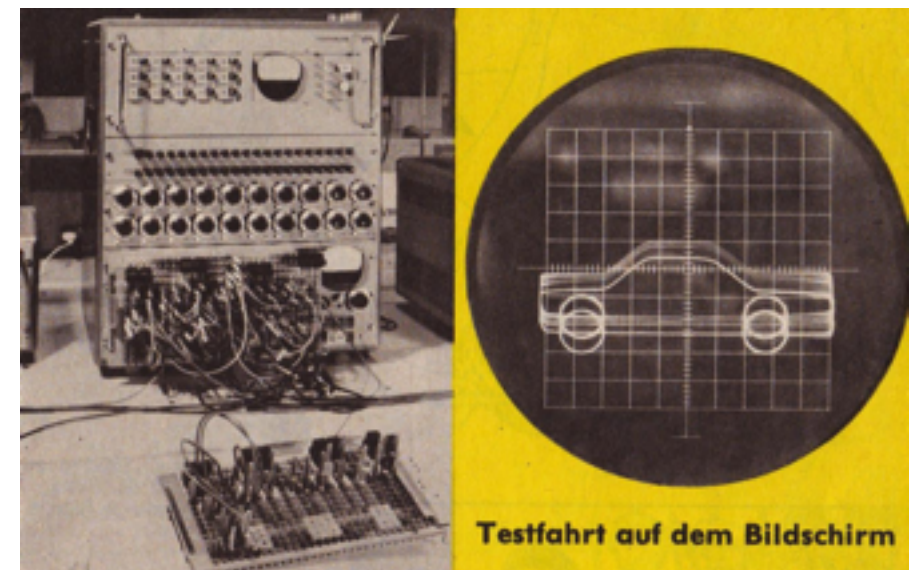


- Compute dynamics of state variables over time
- Show trajectory as function of time

Analog Computing circa 1950

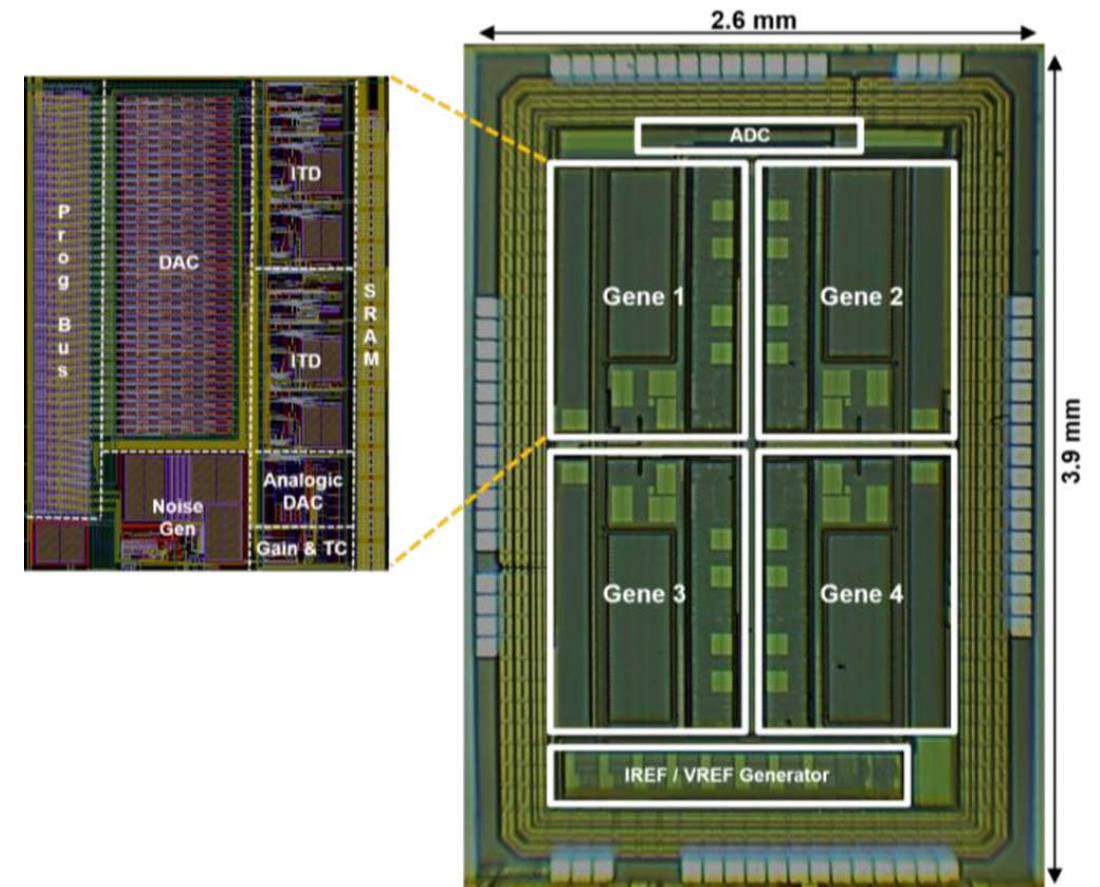
Telefunken RAT 700

- **direct mapping**
 - variables → properties of wires
 - properties: voltage, current
 - dynamics → circuit dynamics
- **straightforward simulation:**
 - power up circuit
 - measure circuit properties over time
- **1970-2010:** *Age of Digital Computers*
 - Analog computers out of fashion



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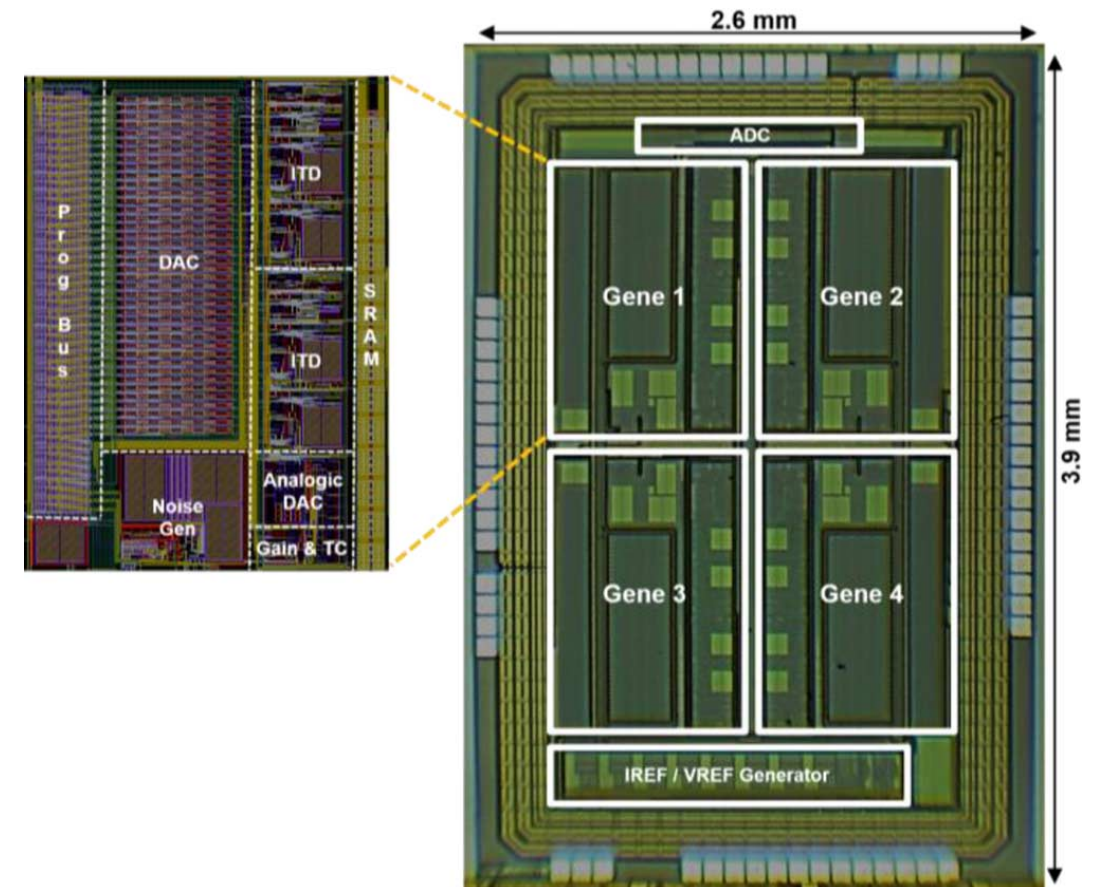
- modernized hardware
 - solid state devices
 - modern semiconductor technology
- new capabilities
 - powerful, heavily optimized analog components
 - digital reprogrammability
 - exploit analog noise



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Analog Computers Are Back: Programmable Analog Devices

- good abstraction for differential equations
- continuous (no discretization)
- direct mapping of dynamics
- circuit noise maps to reaction stochastics
- benefits:
 - energy efficient
 - fast



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What Does It Take To Manually Program These Devices?

- **domain expertise, hardware expertise, AND ability to manage details**
 - understand system you want to simulate
 - Map parts of differential equations onto analog components
 - Choose constants to specialize components for specific computation
 - Connect analog components to implement system
 - Produce a binary file to implement configuration
- Net Result:
4 to 8 hours for a single system of 4 differential equations

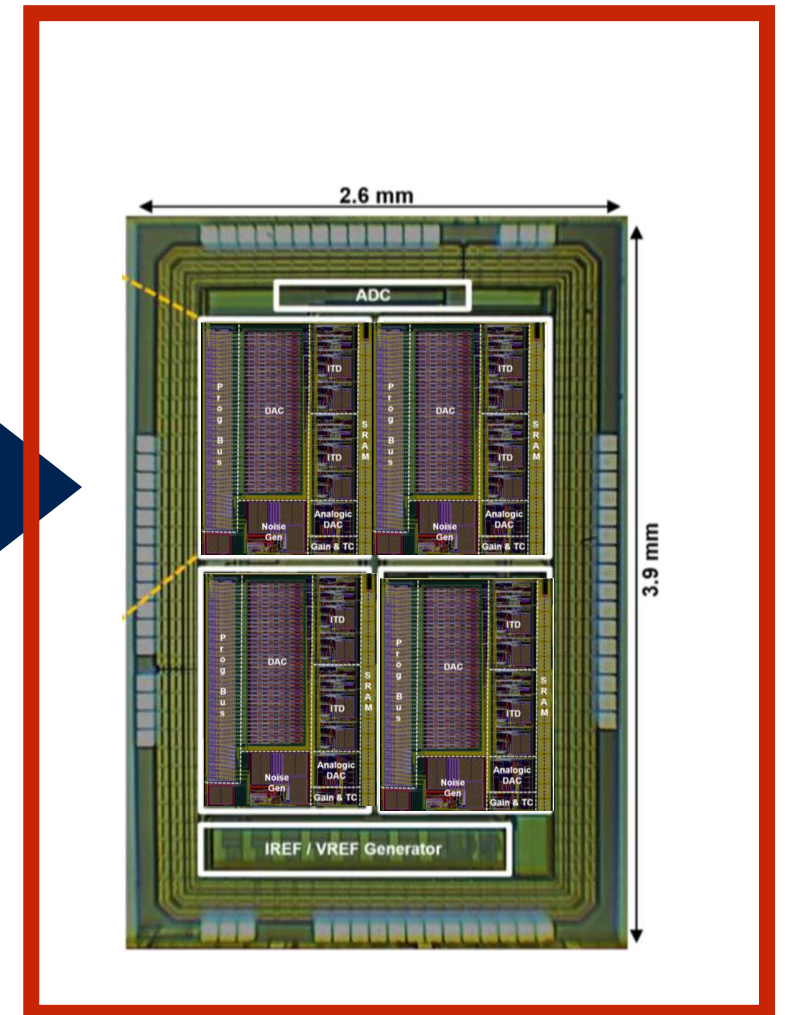
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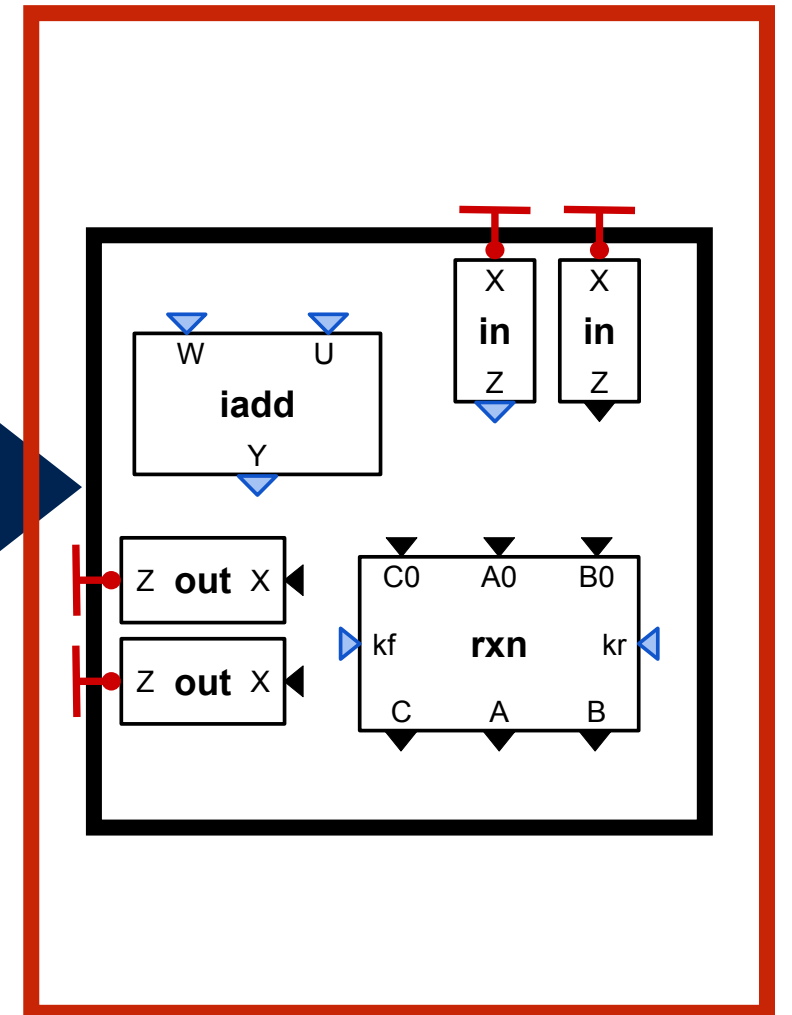
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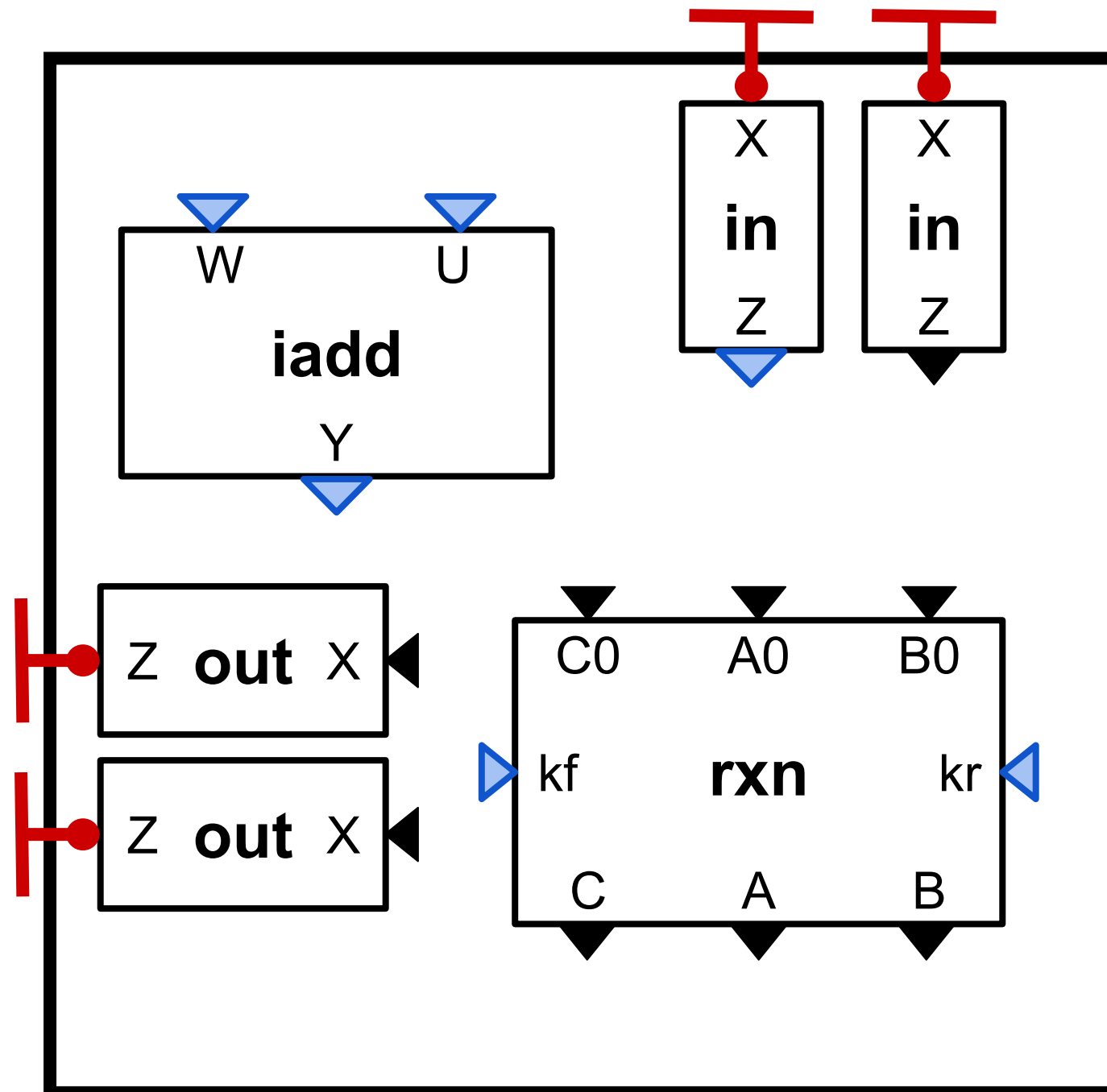
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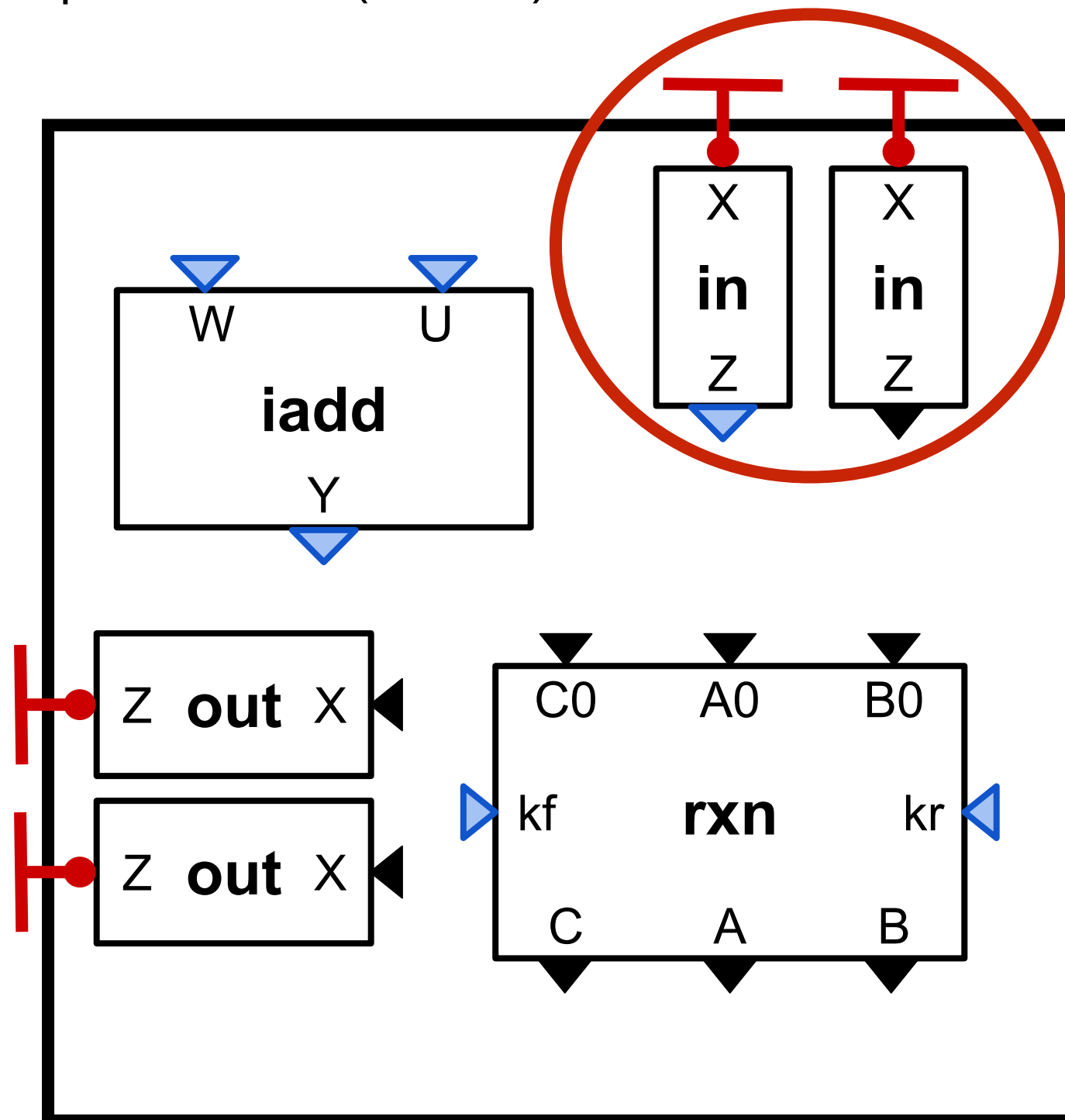
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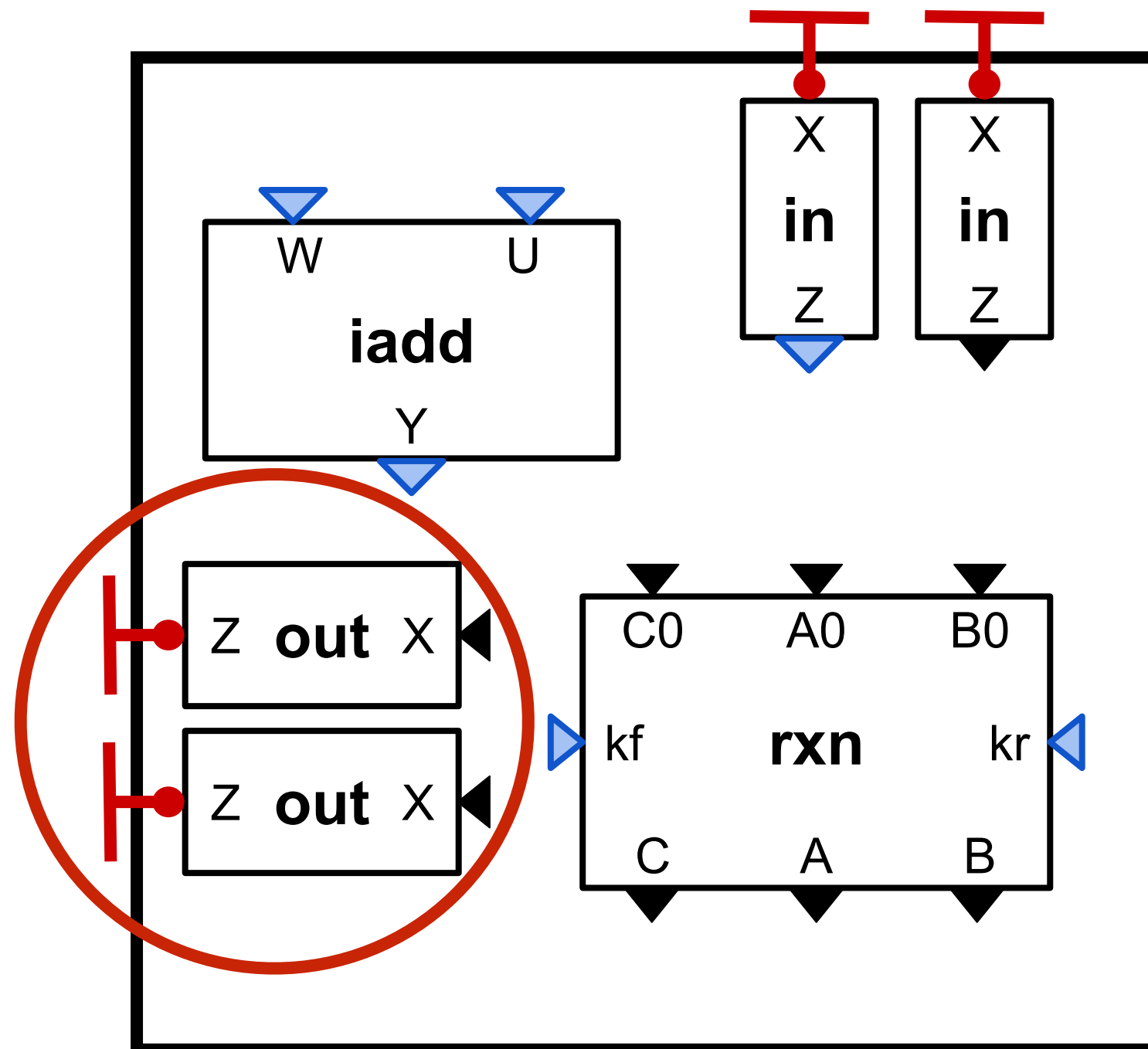
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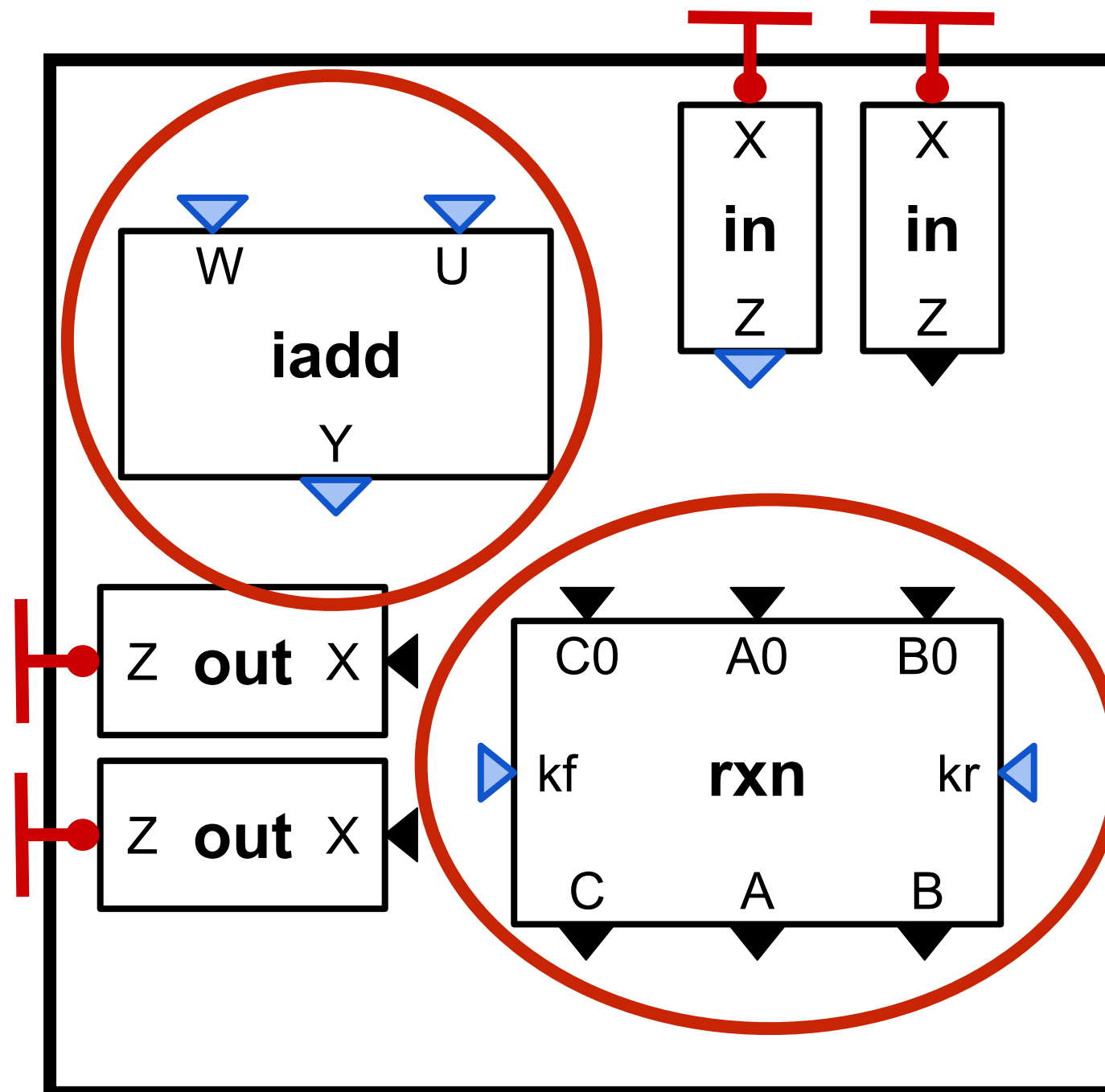
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output components (ADC)

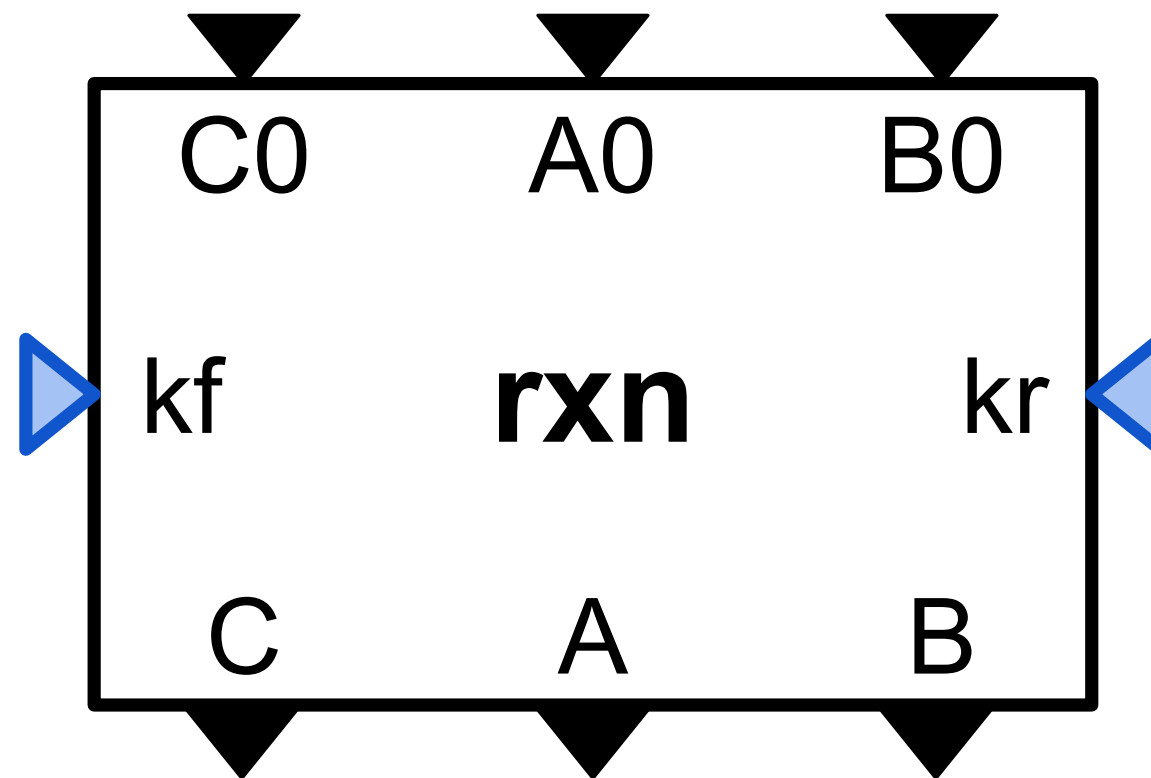


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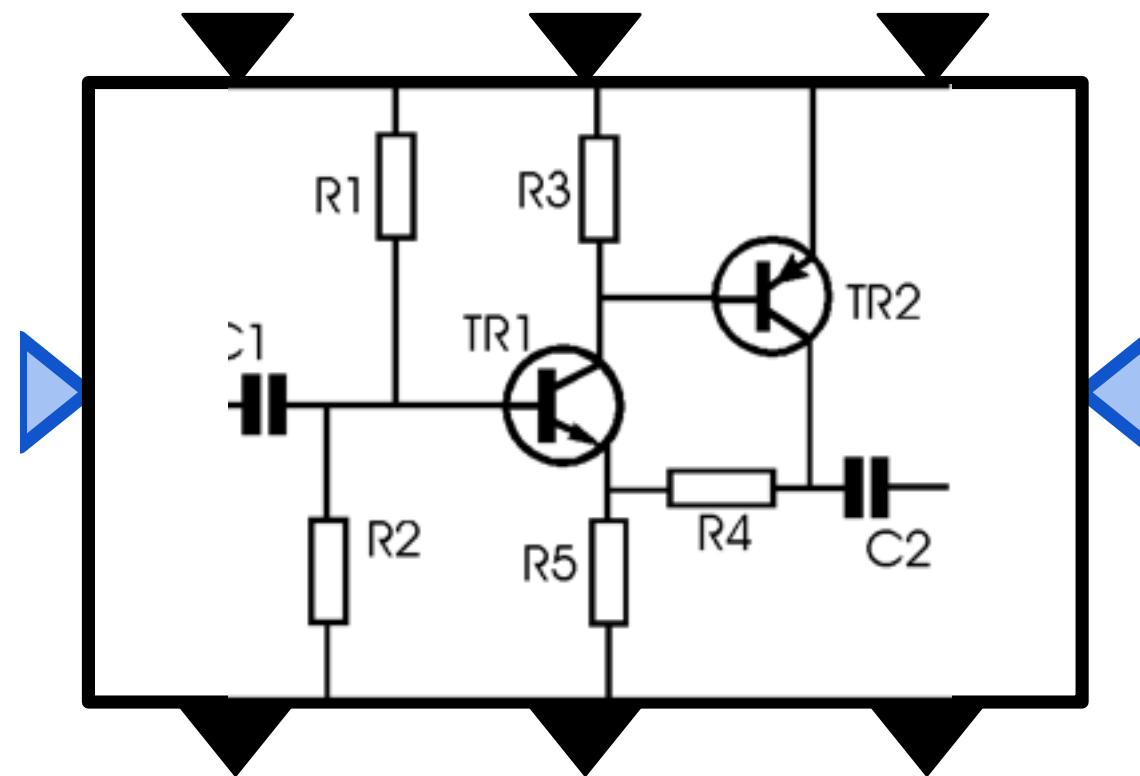
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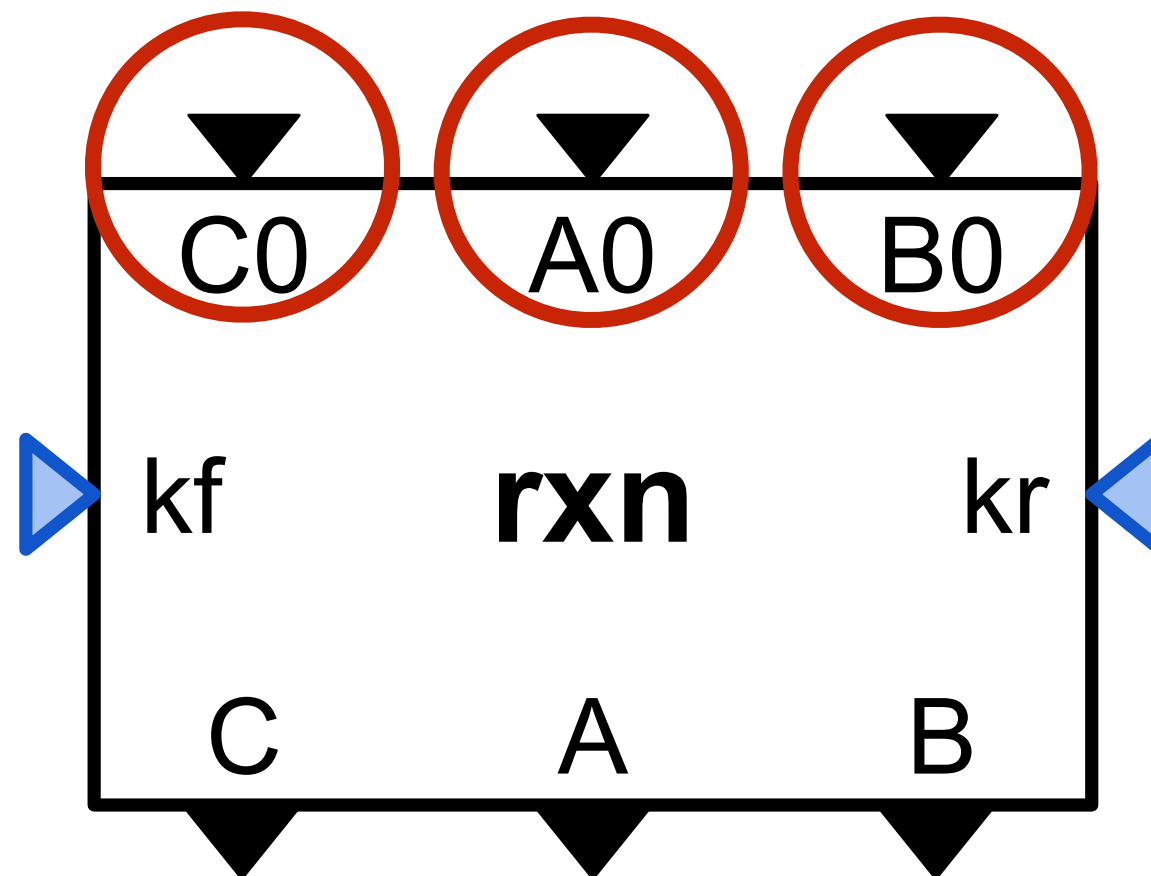


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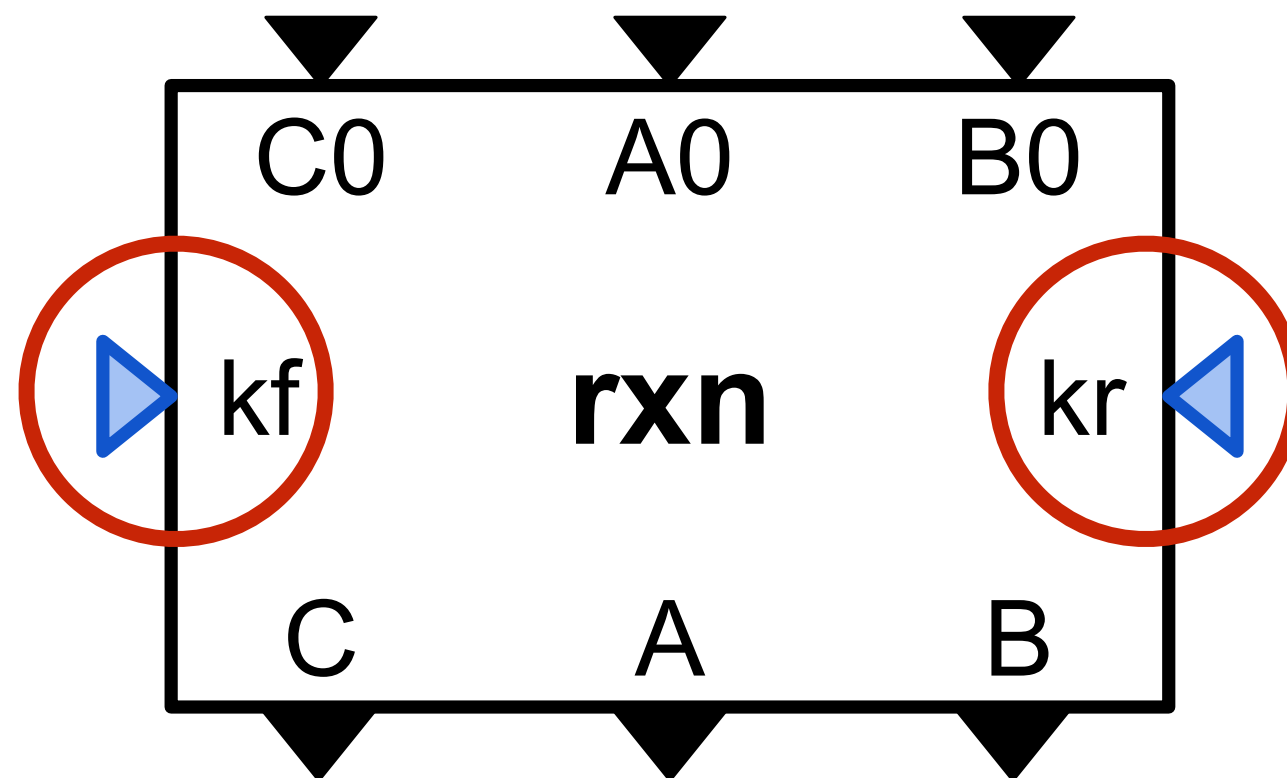
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voltage analog inputs



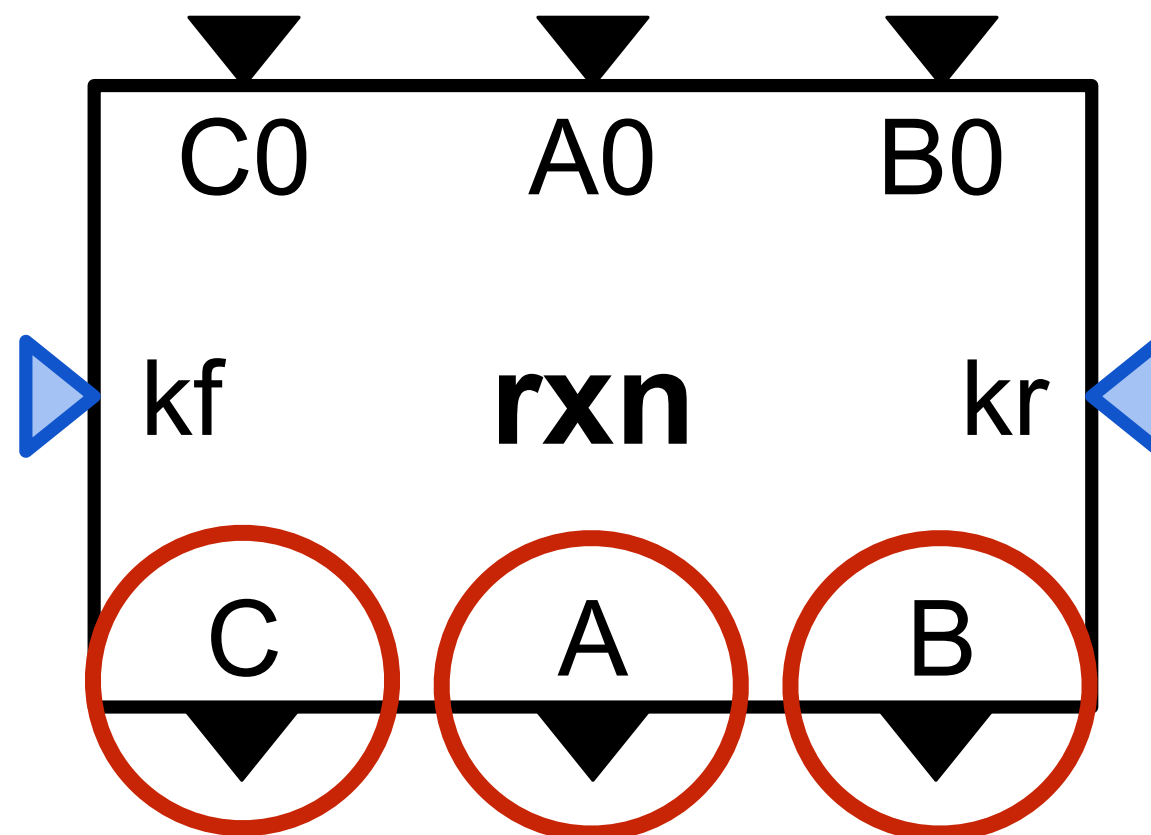
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current analog inputs

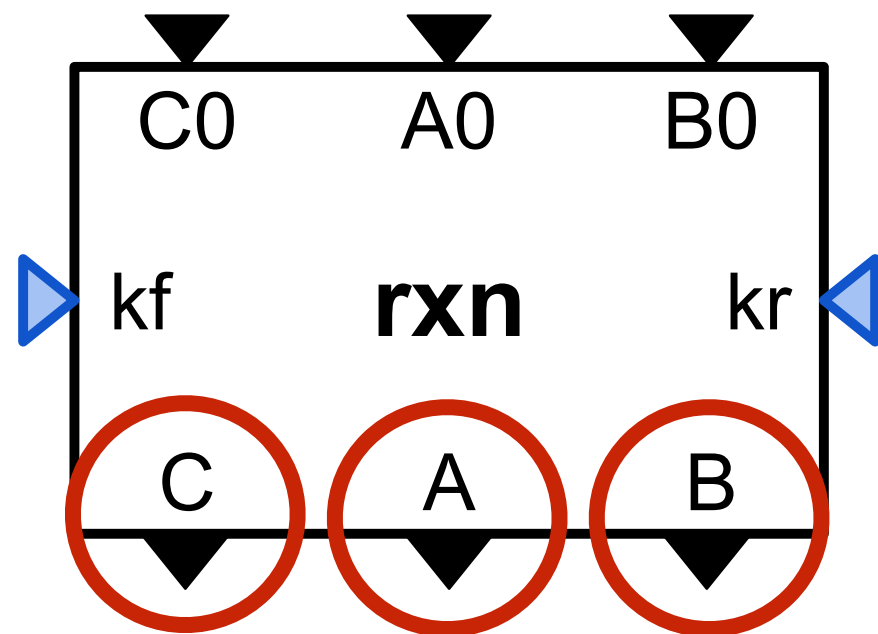


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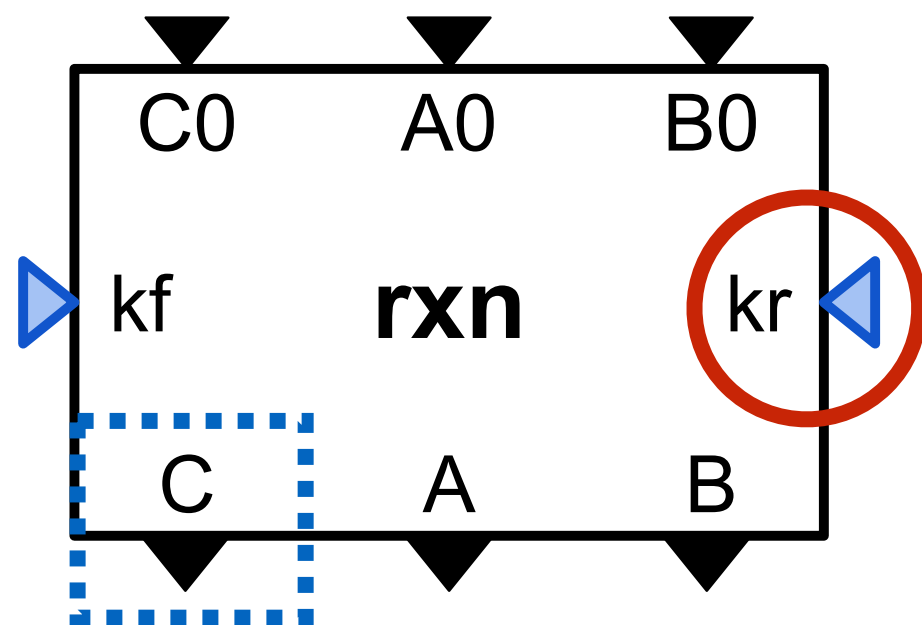
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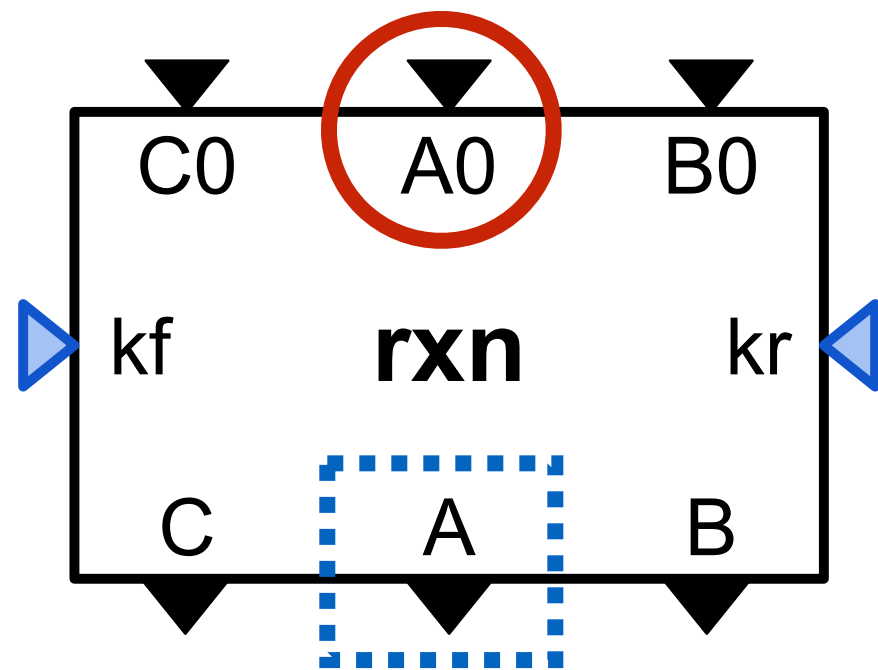
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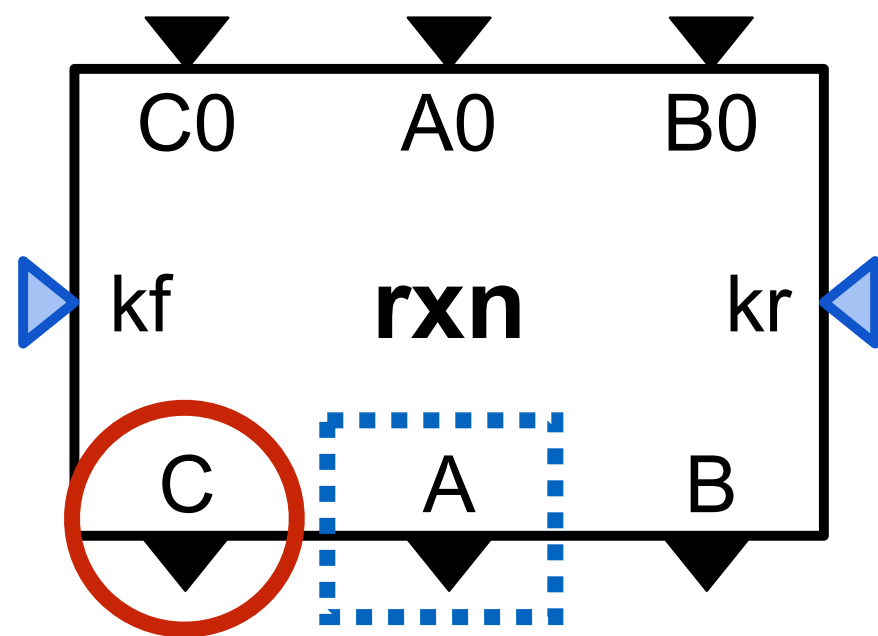
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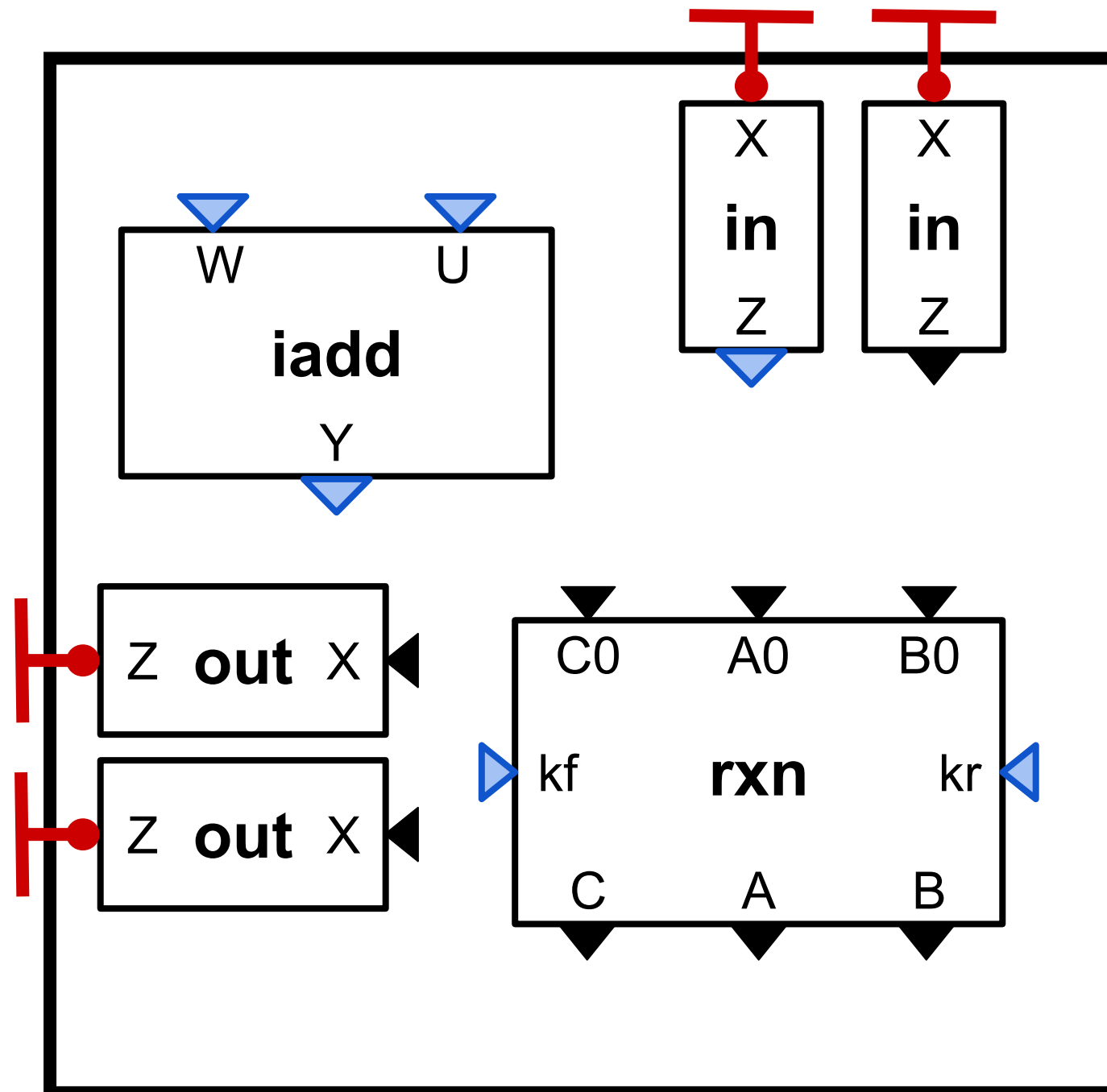
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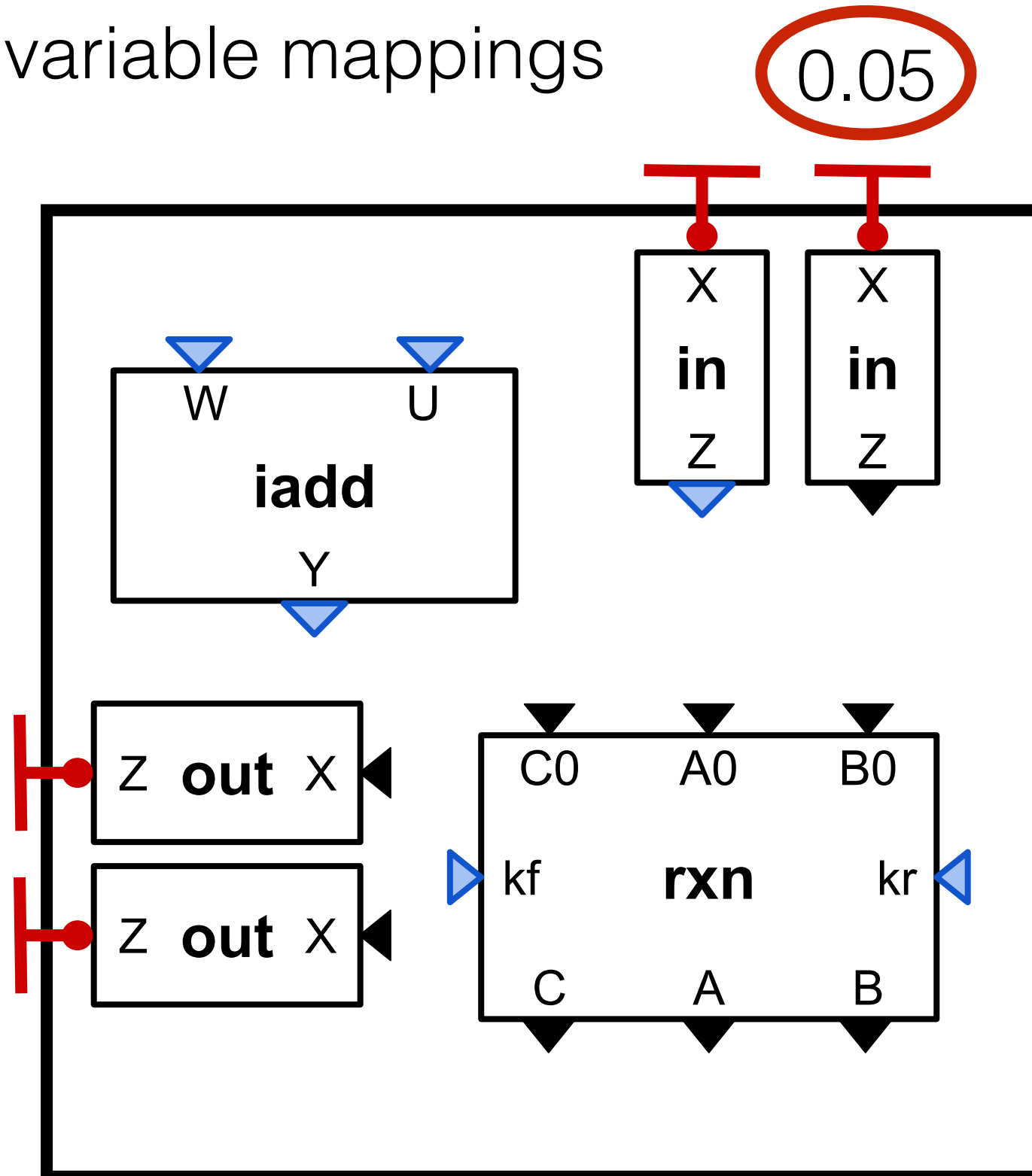
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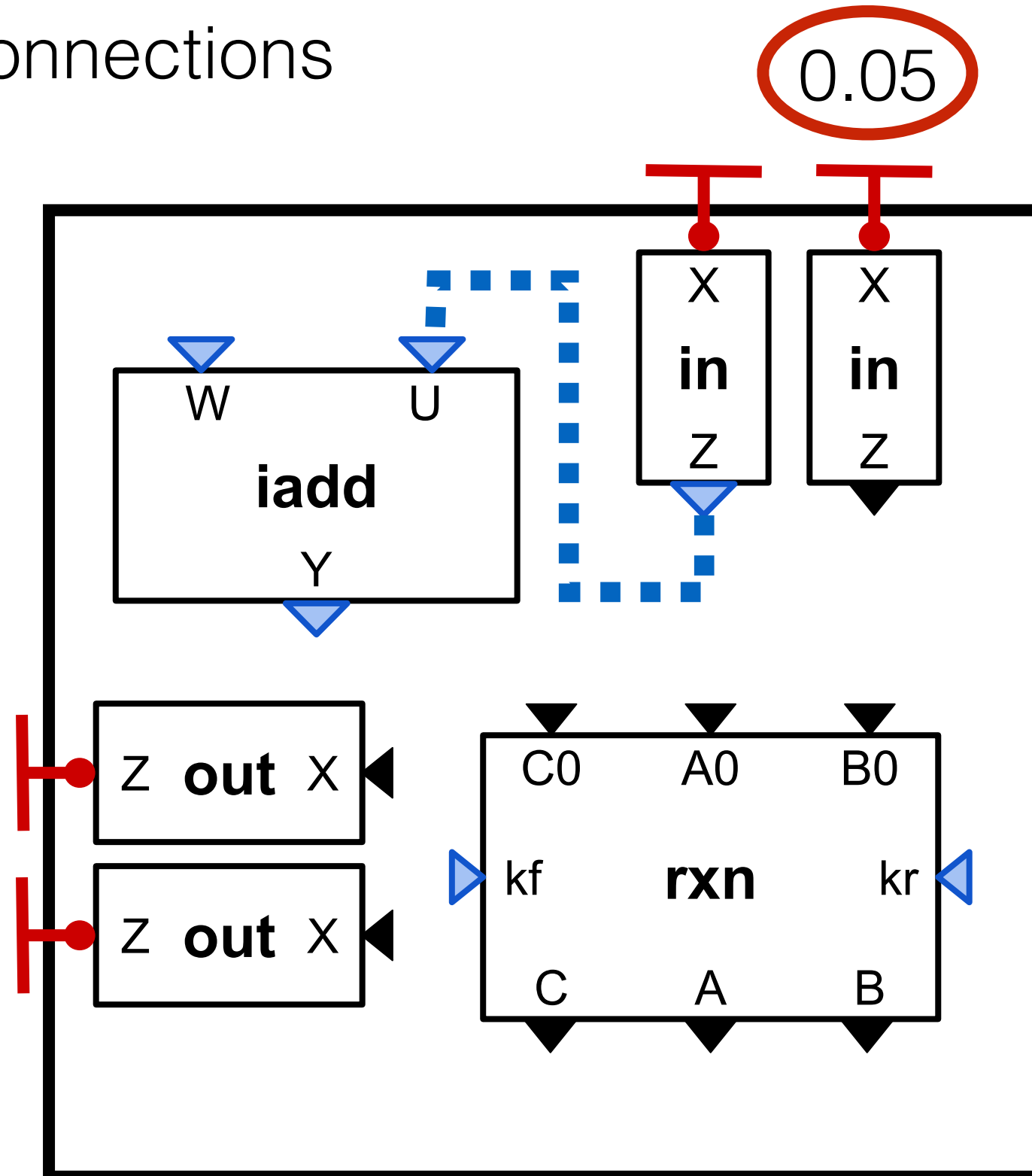
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value and variable mappings



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connections



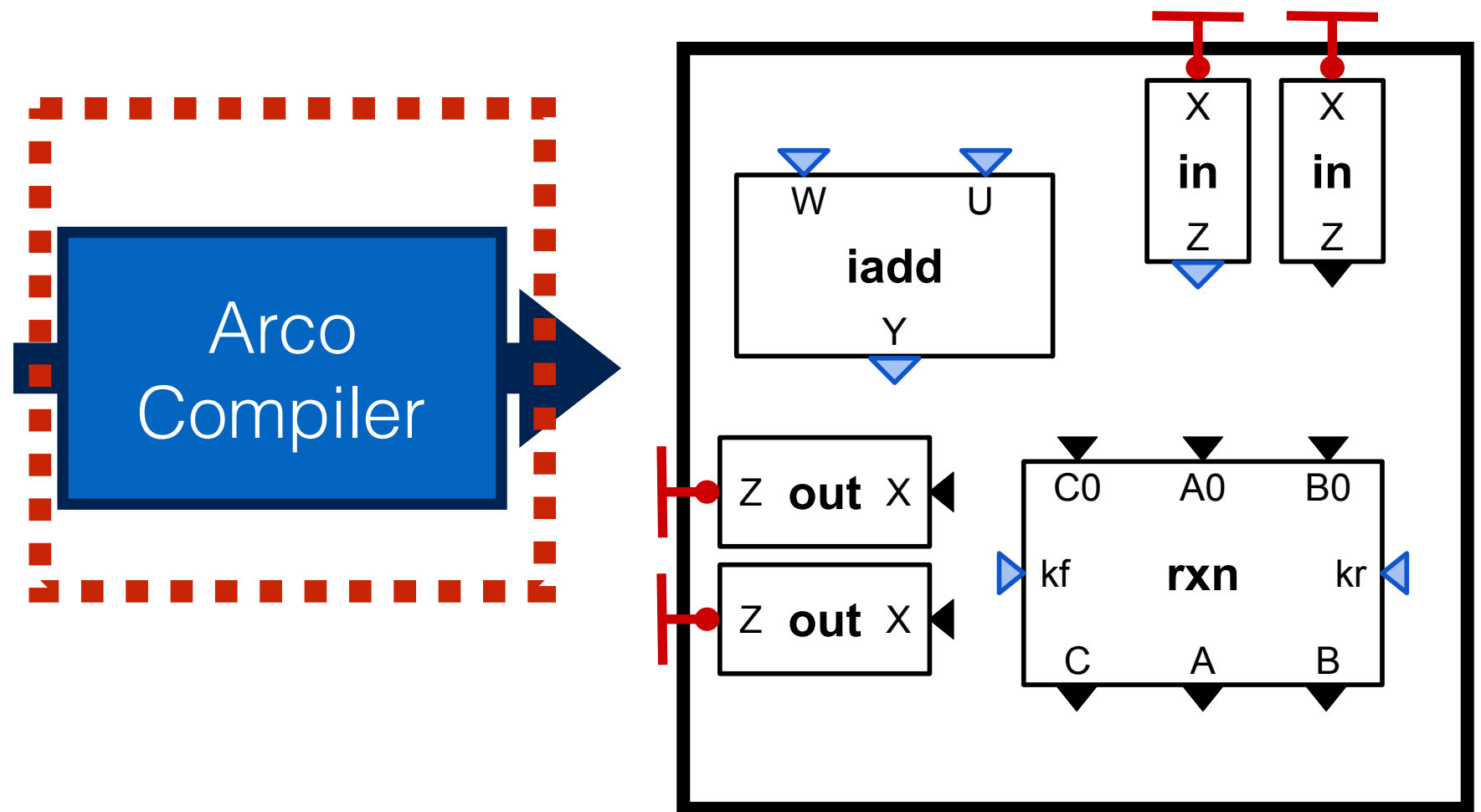
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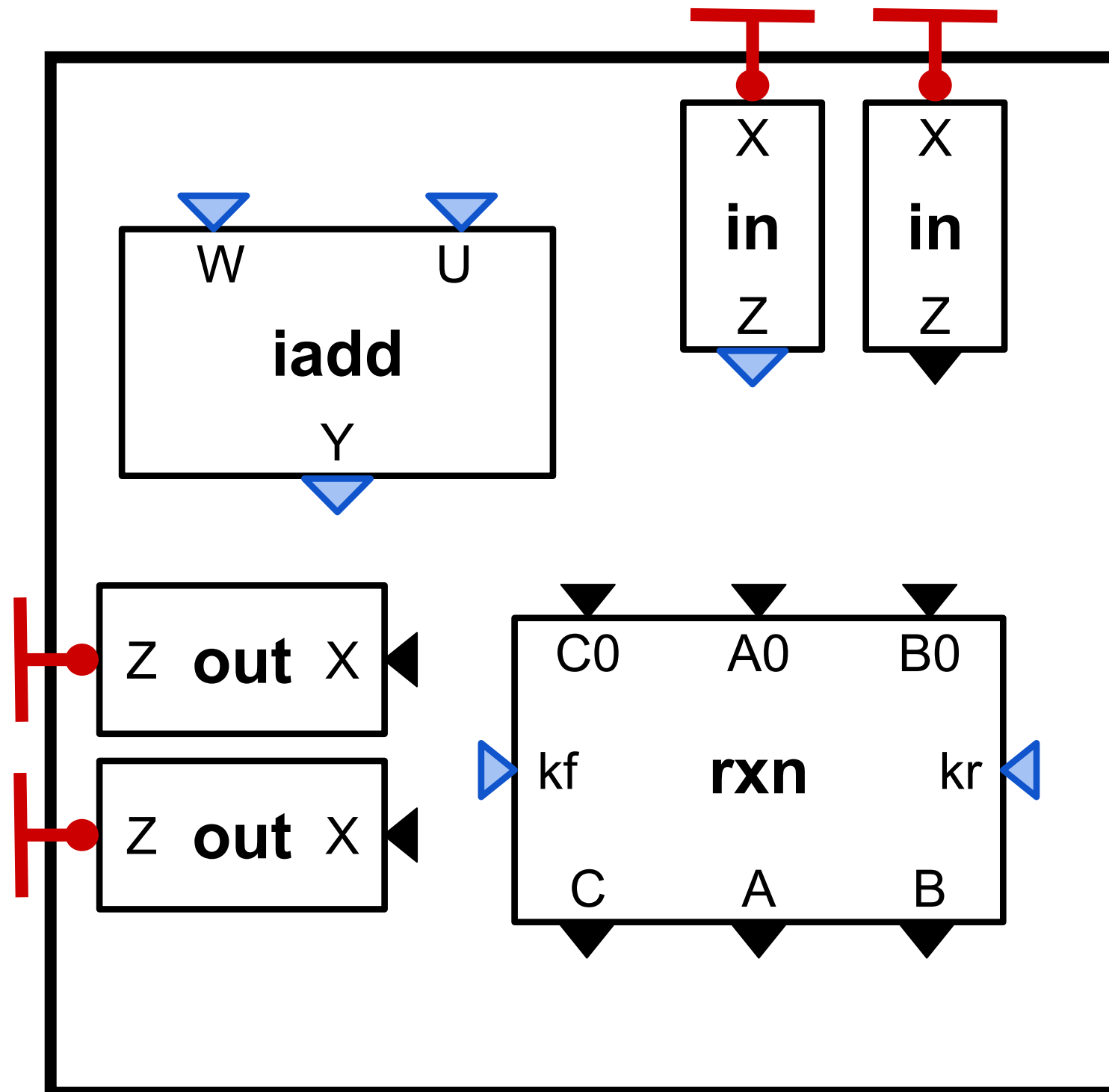
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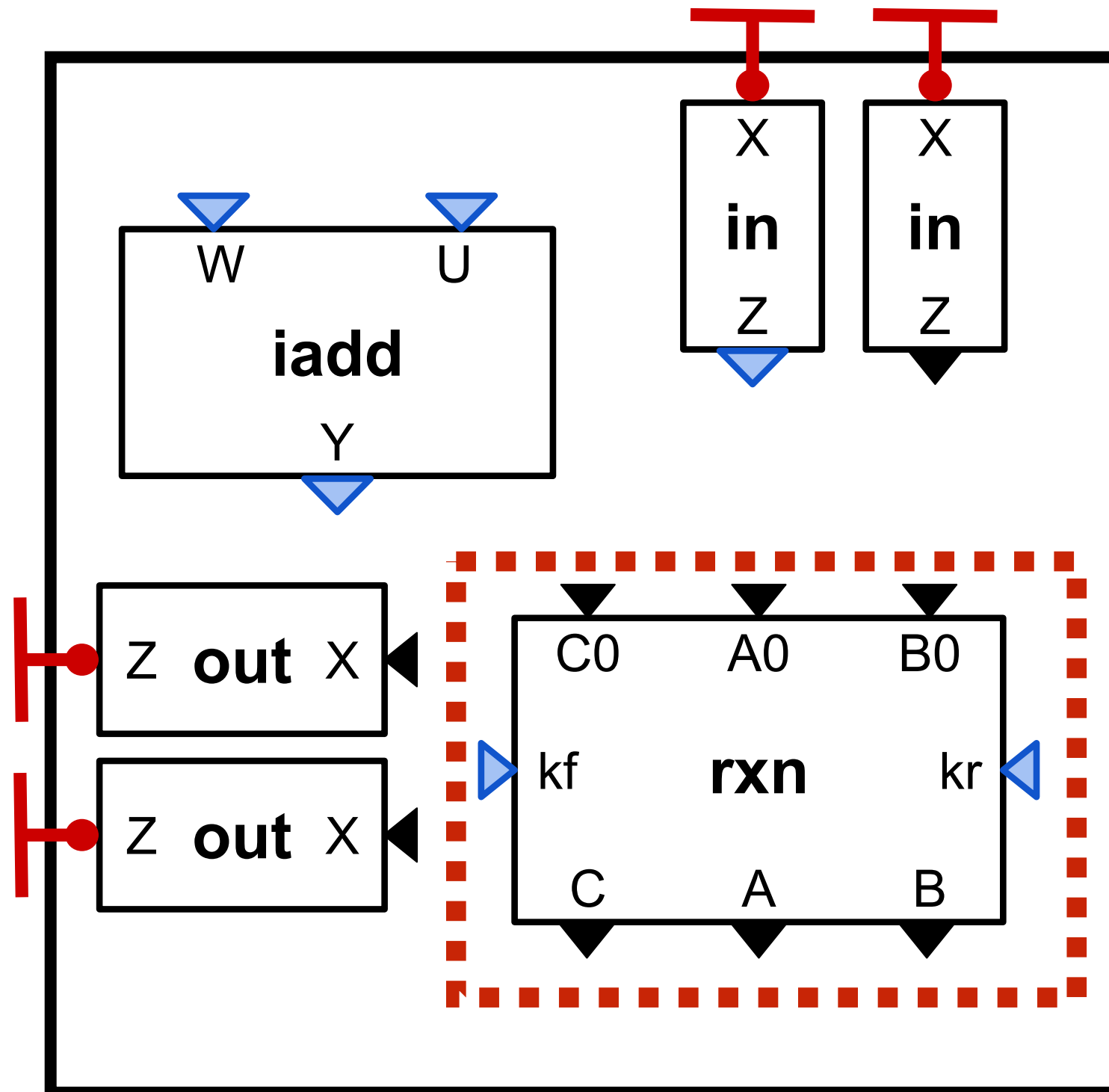


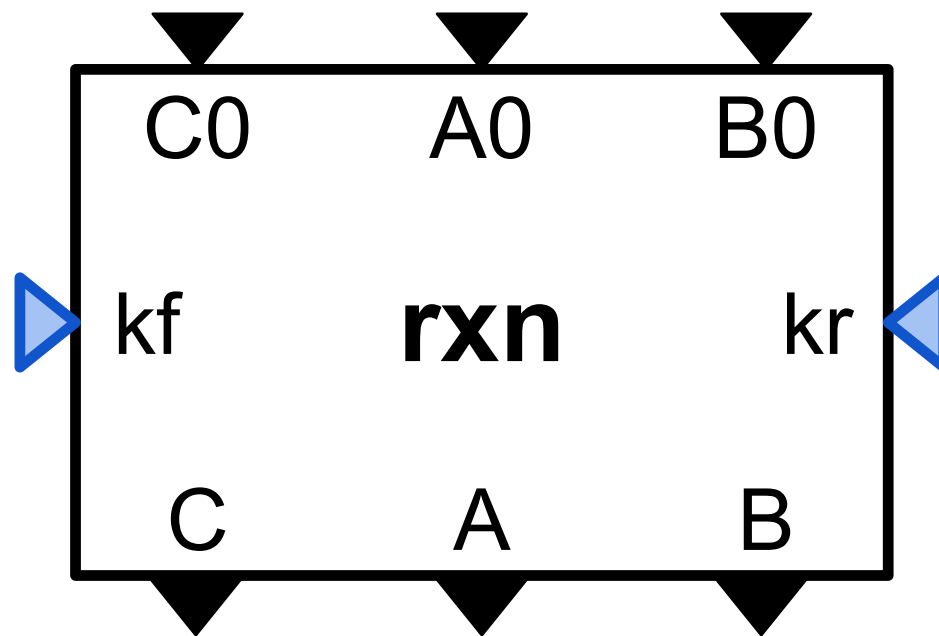
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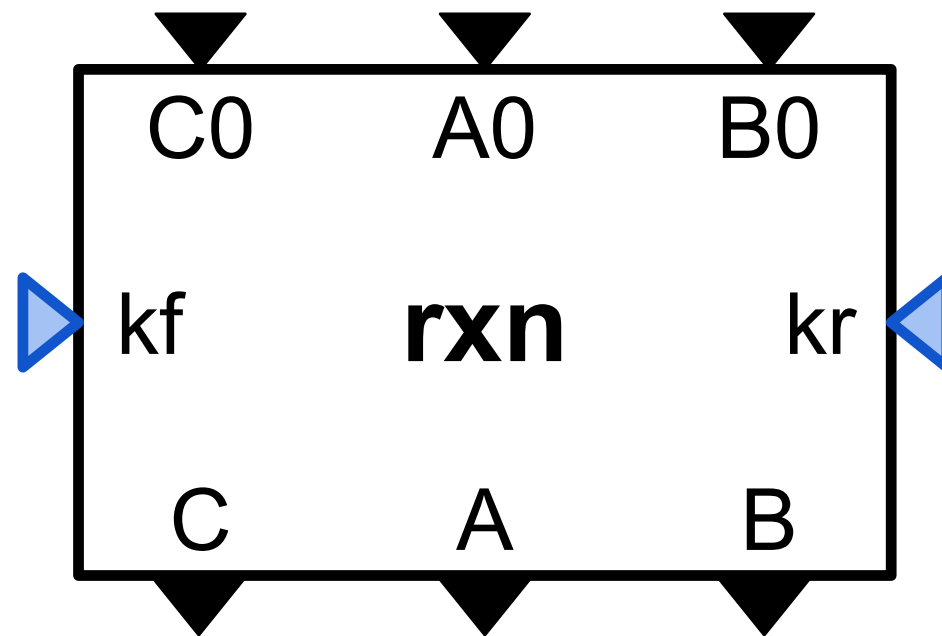


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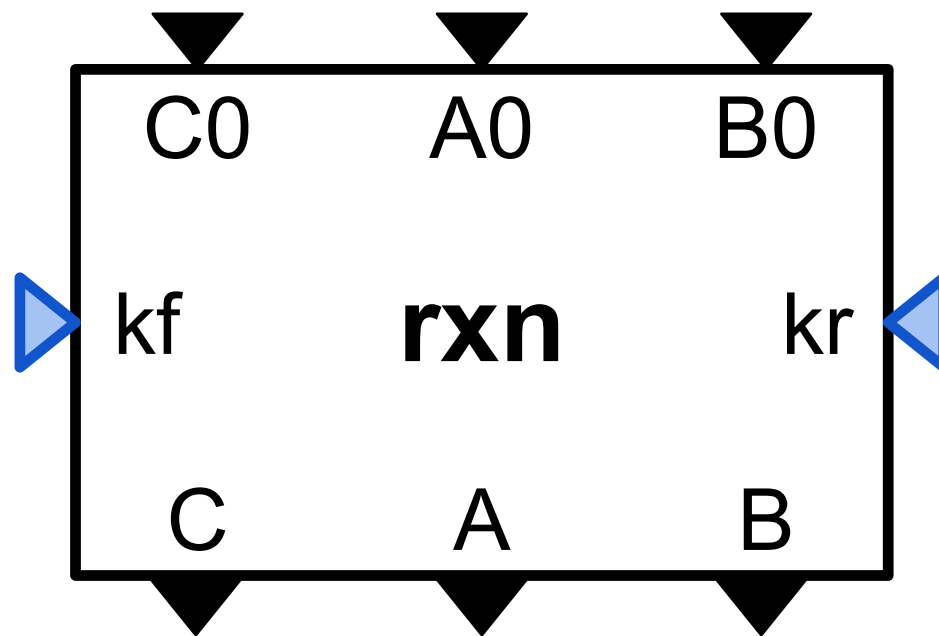


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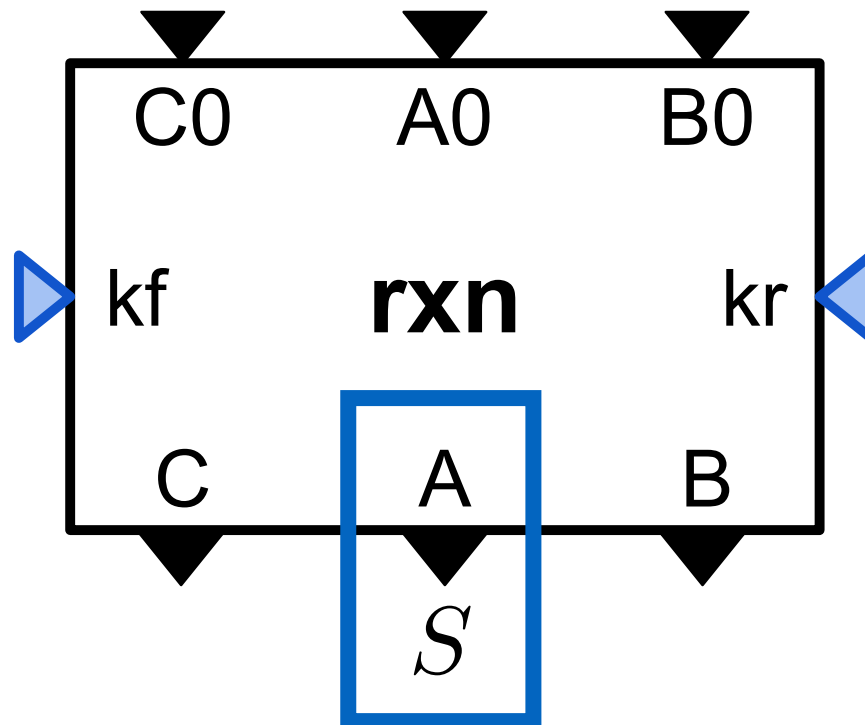
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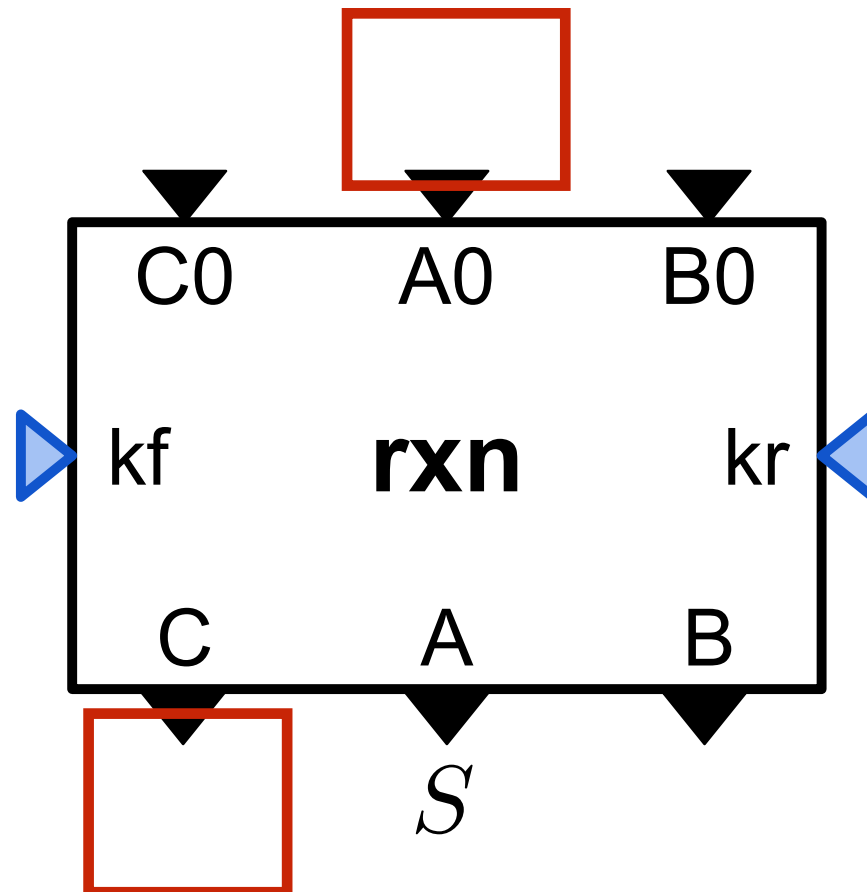
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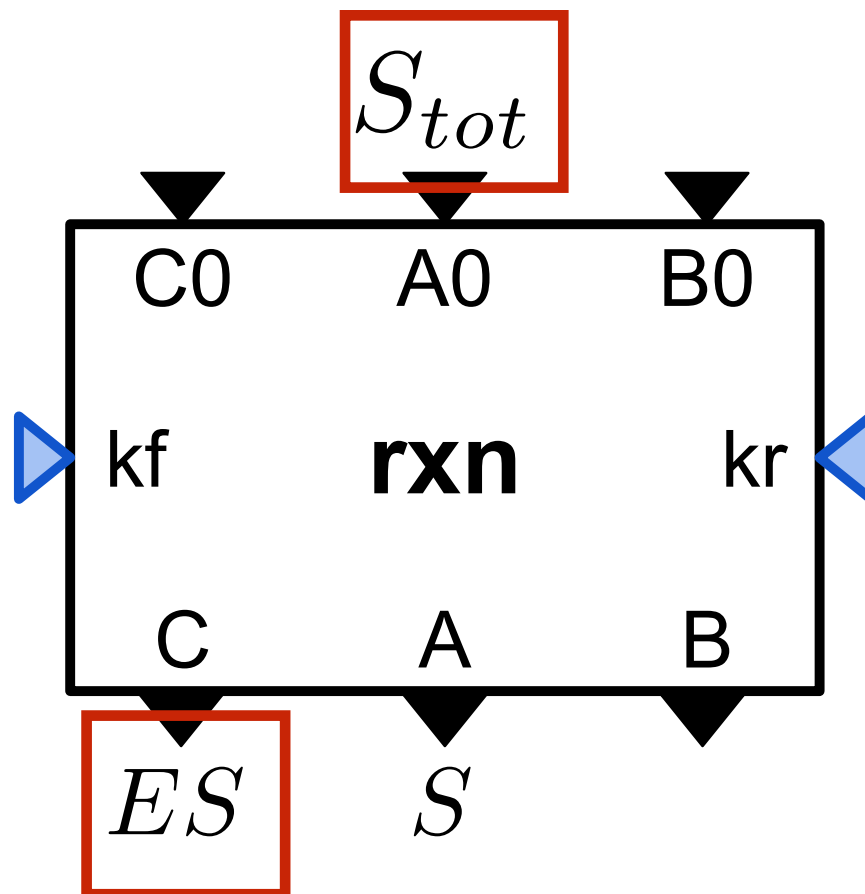
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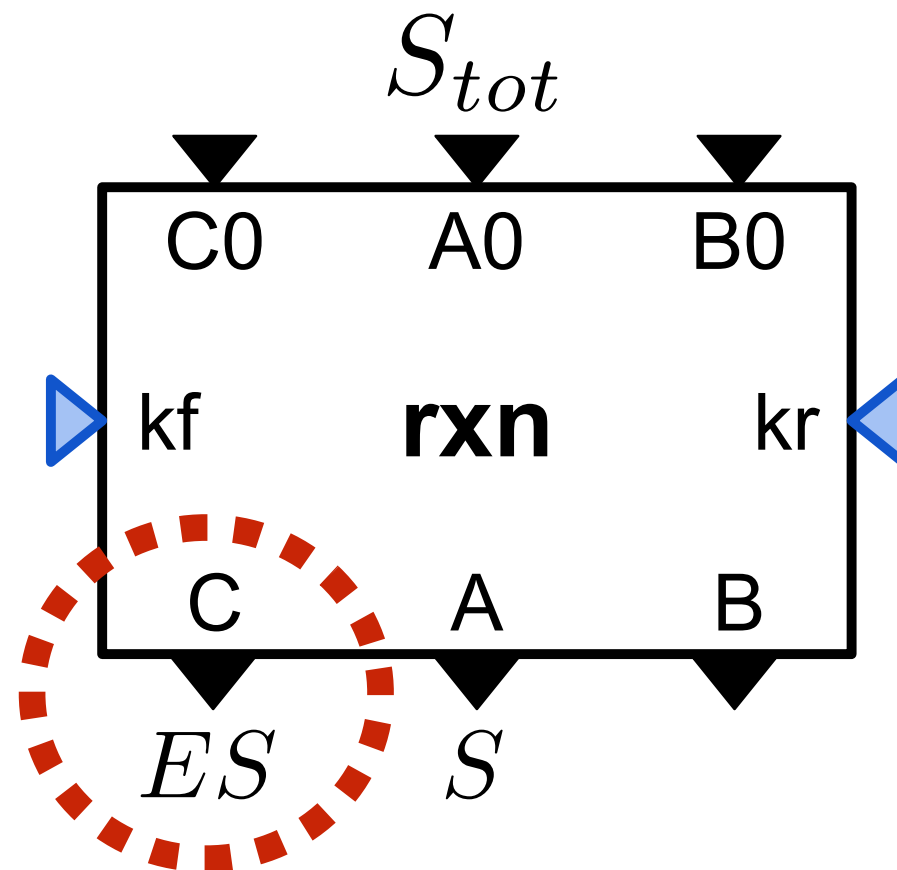
$$S_{tot} - ES \mapsto \underline{A0_V} - \underline{C_V}$$

Unification: Maps variables, expressions onto hardware variables s.t. the relations are algebraically equivalent



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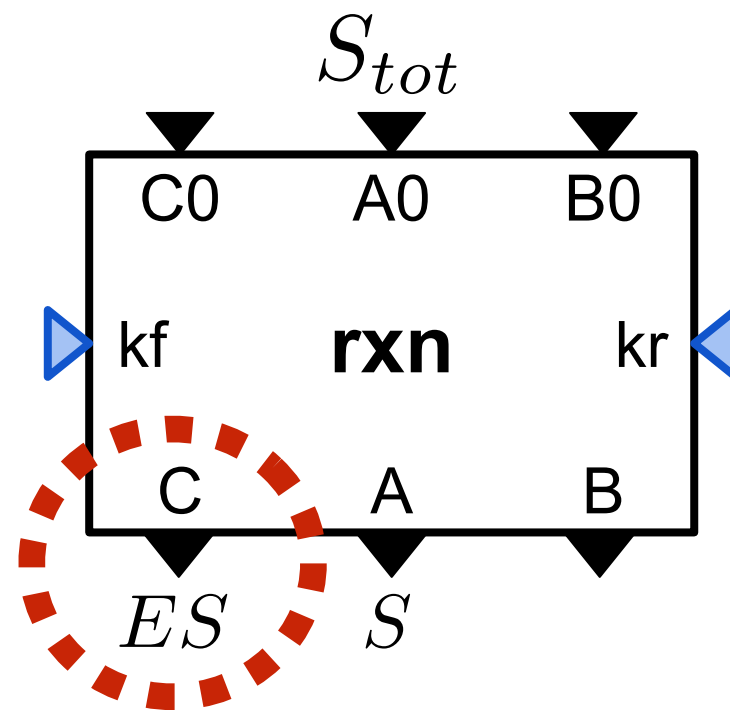


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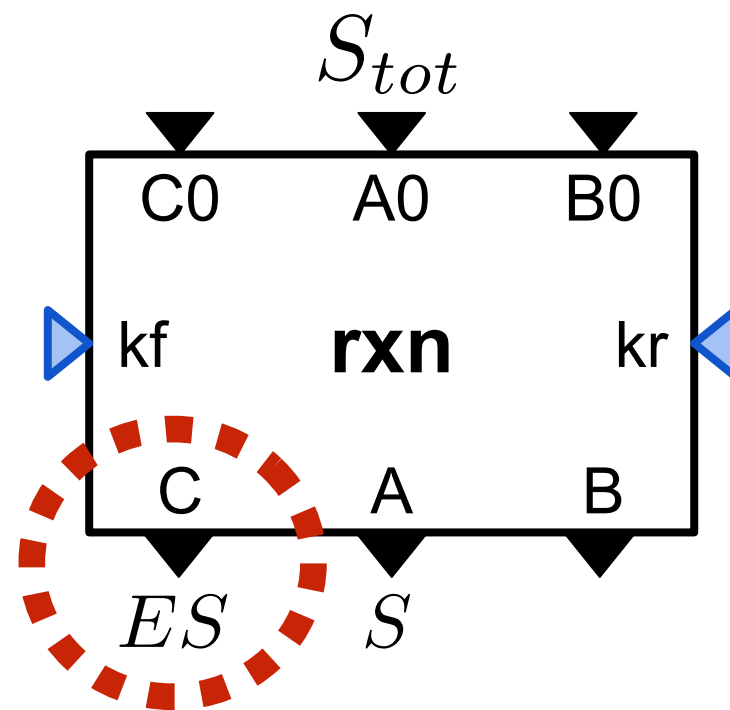
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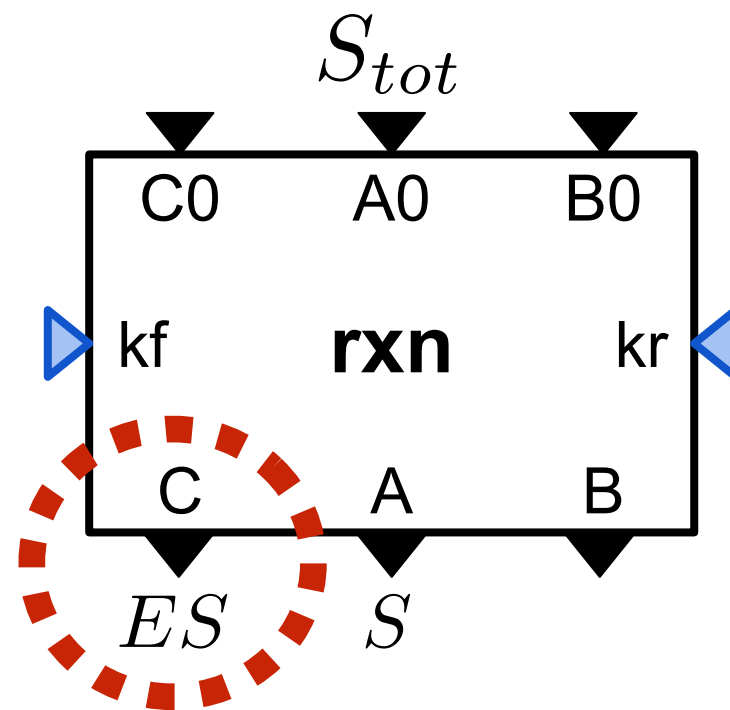
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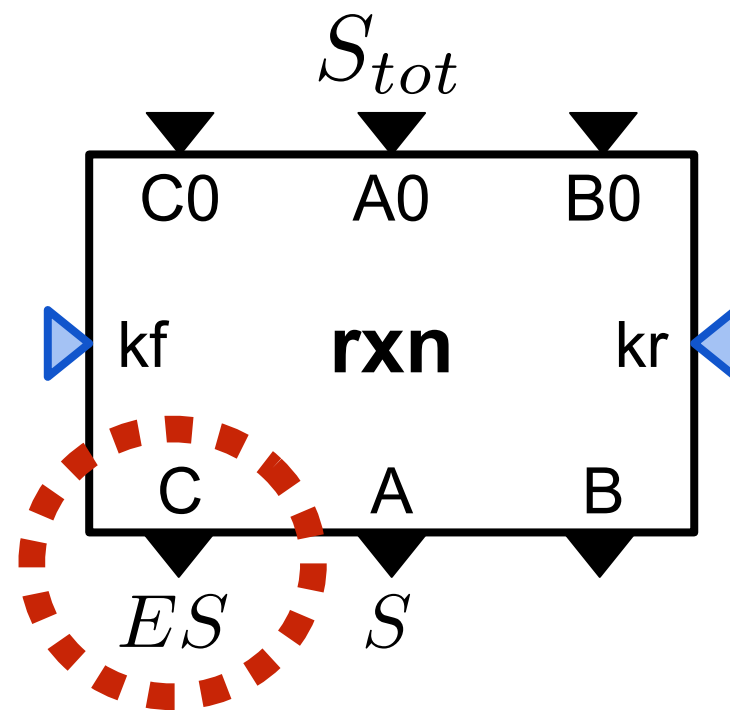
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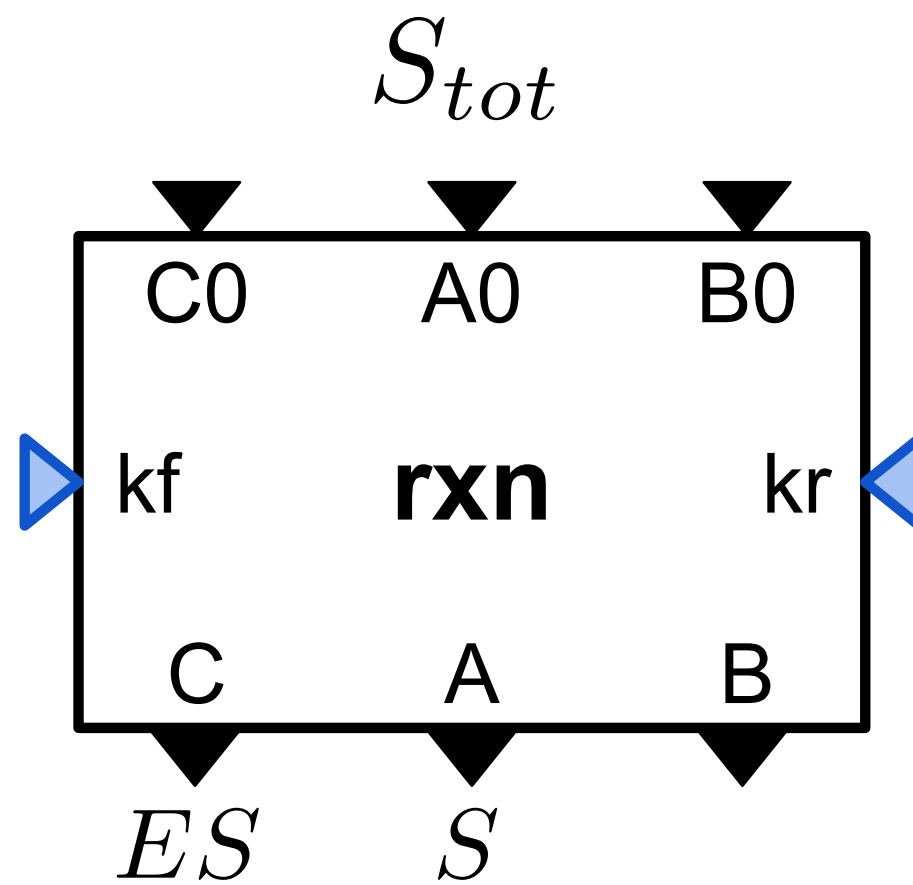
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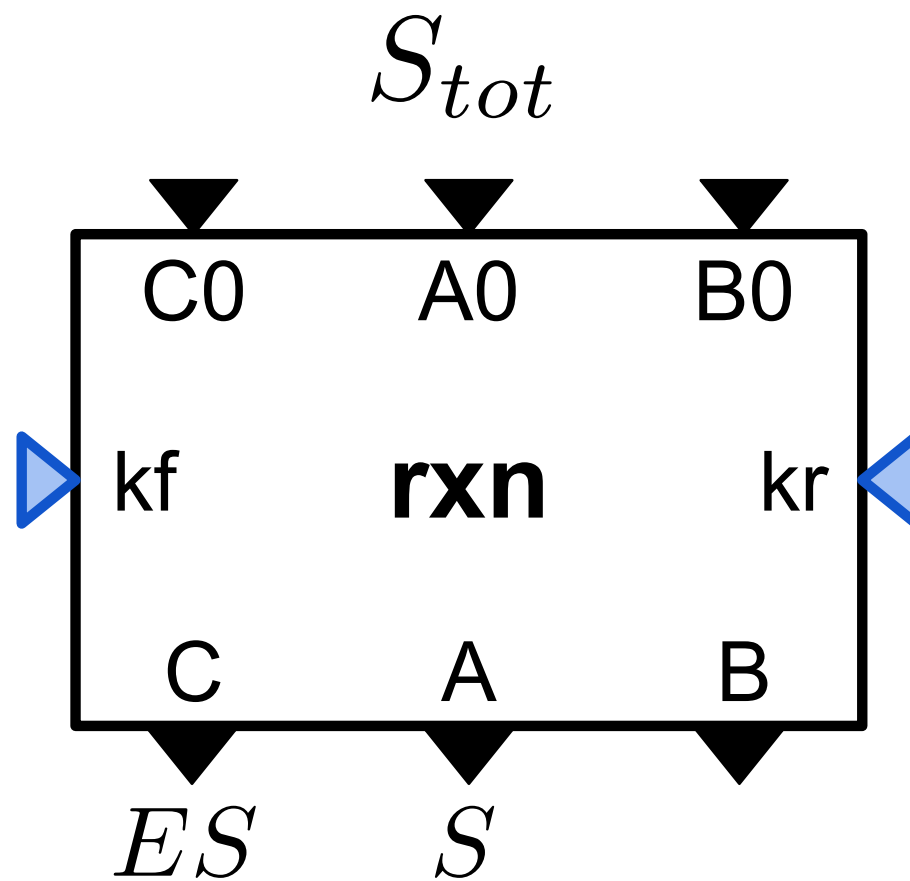


Solution: ***detangle*** C_V and ES
through Unification

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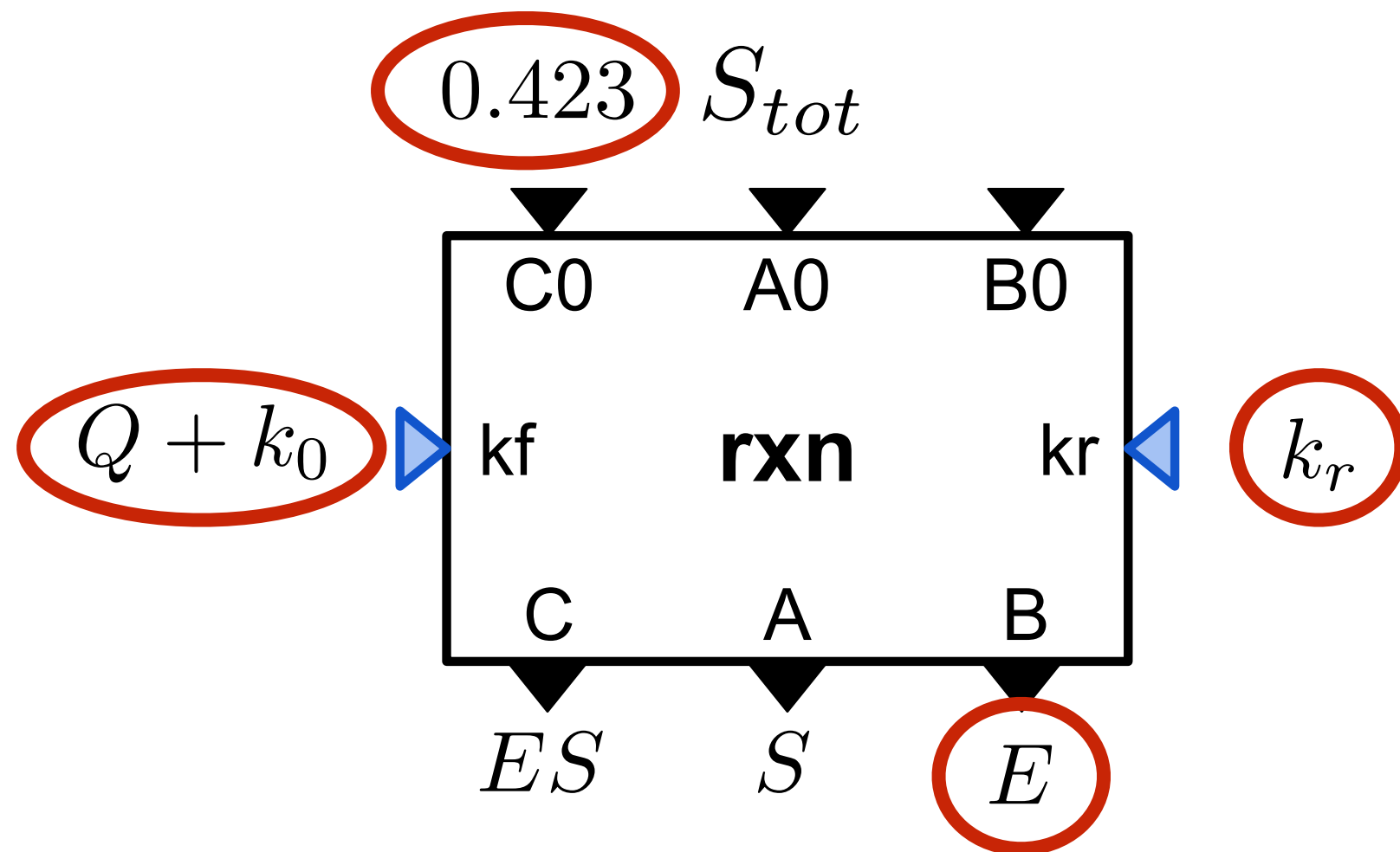
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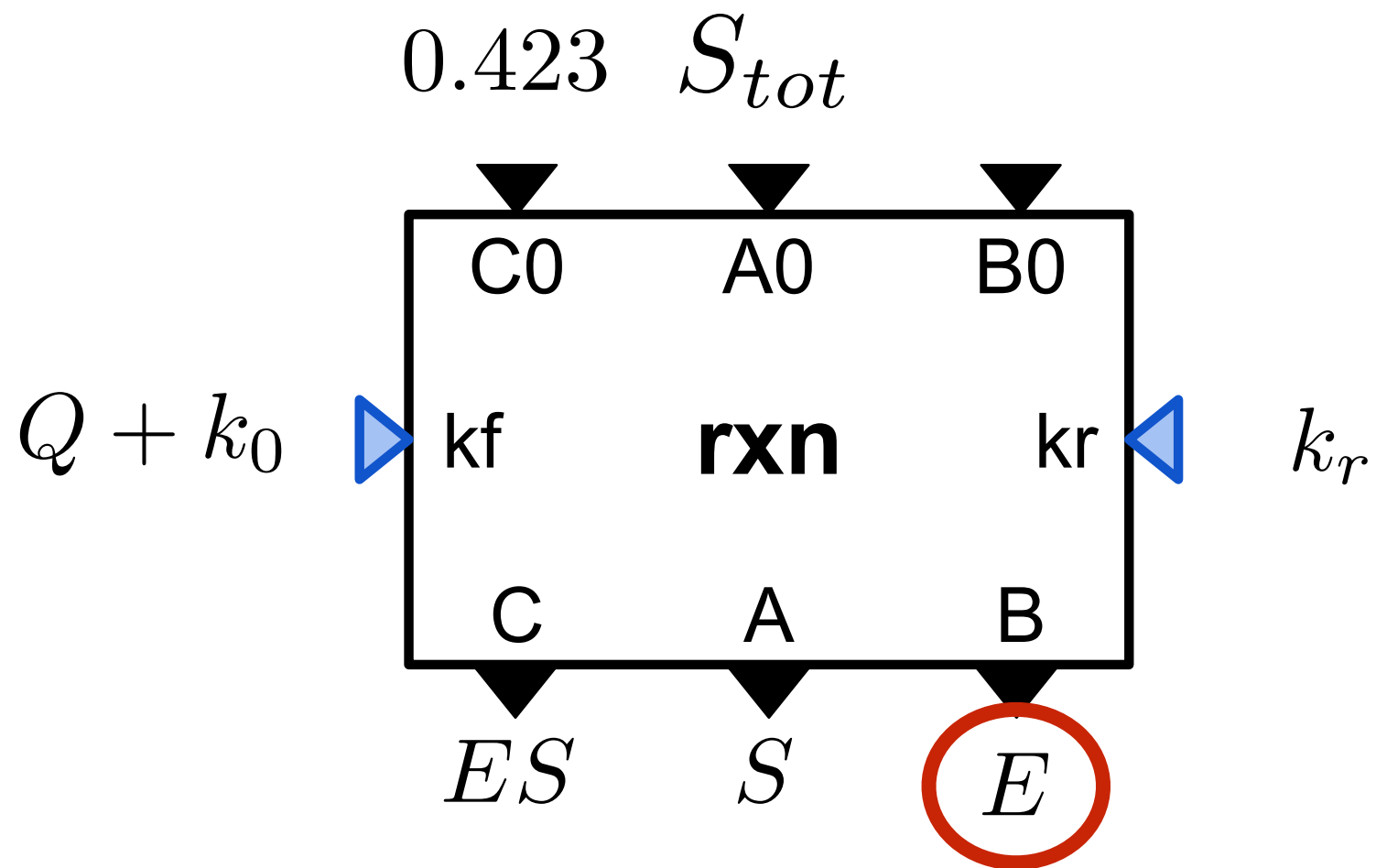




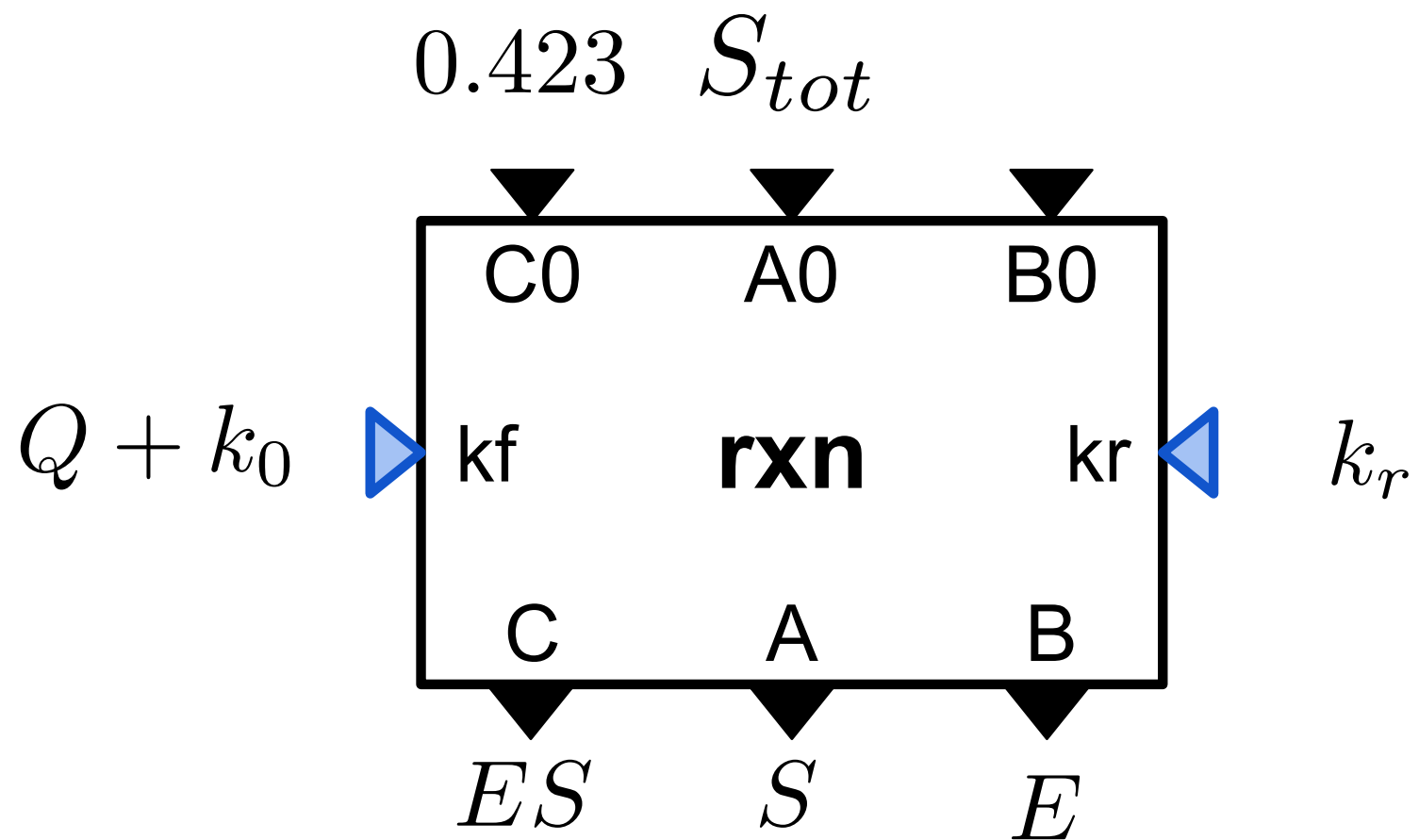
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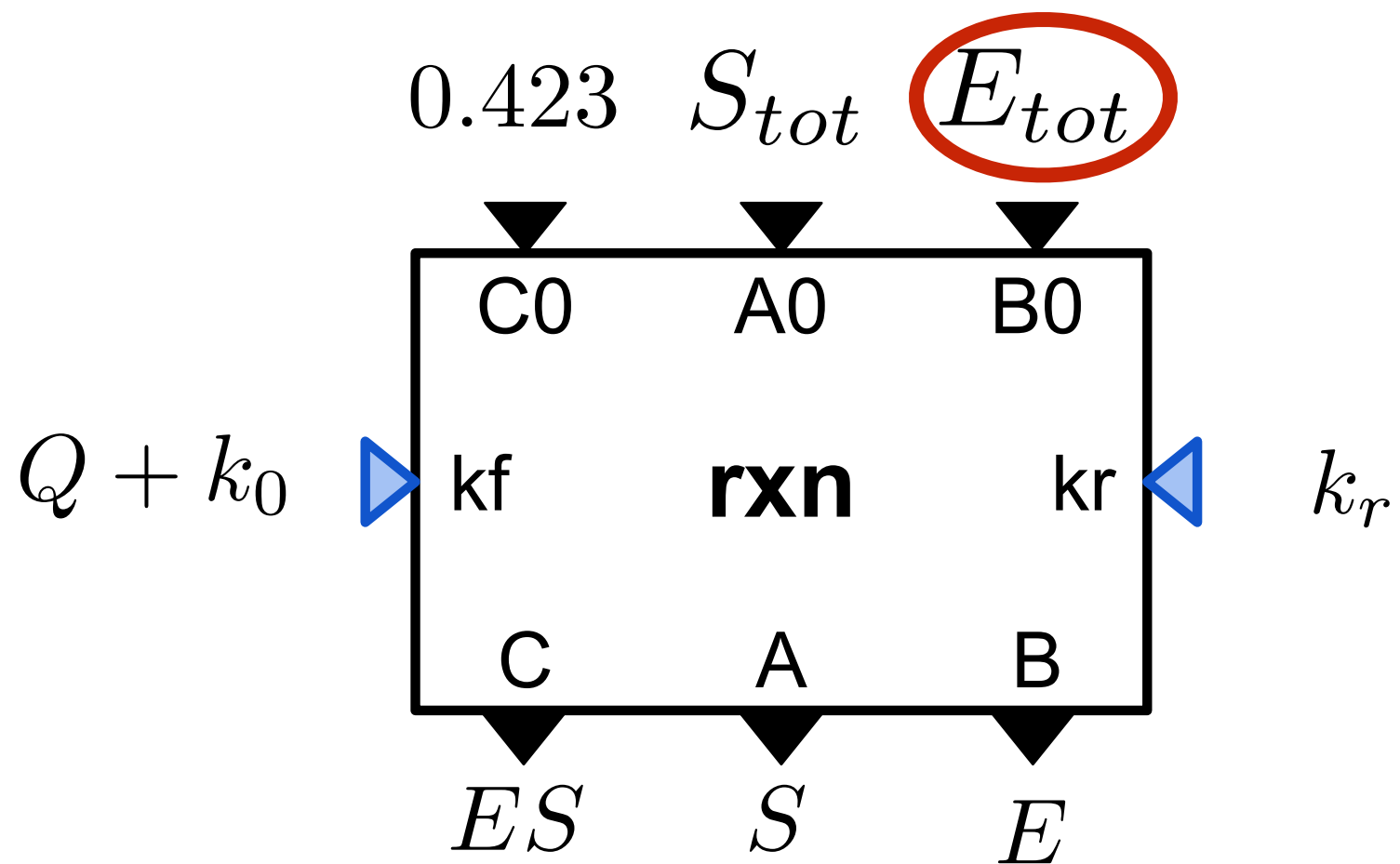


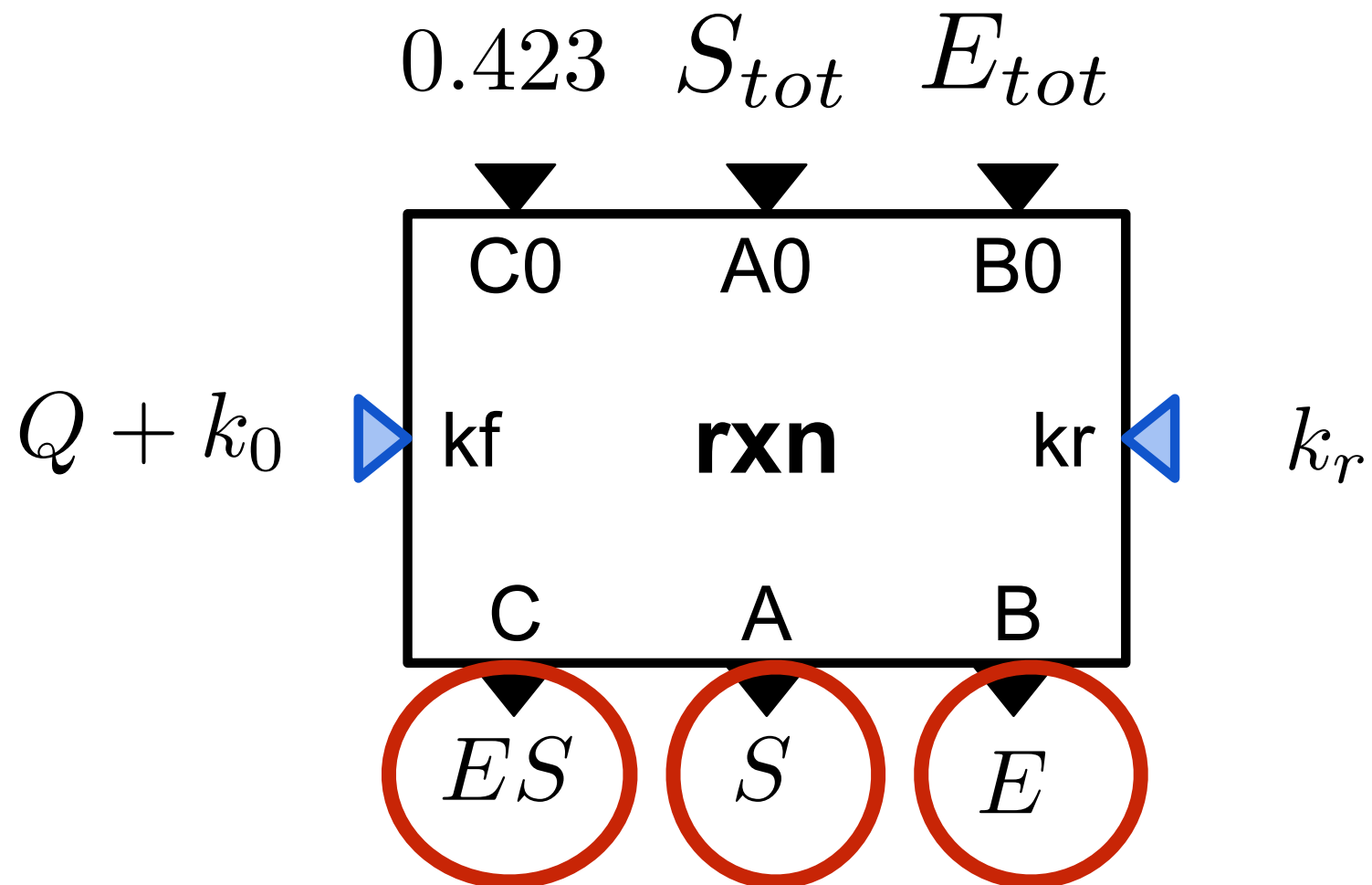


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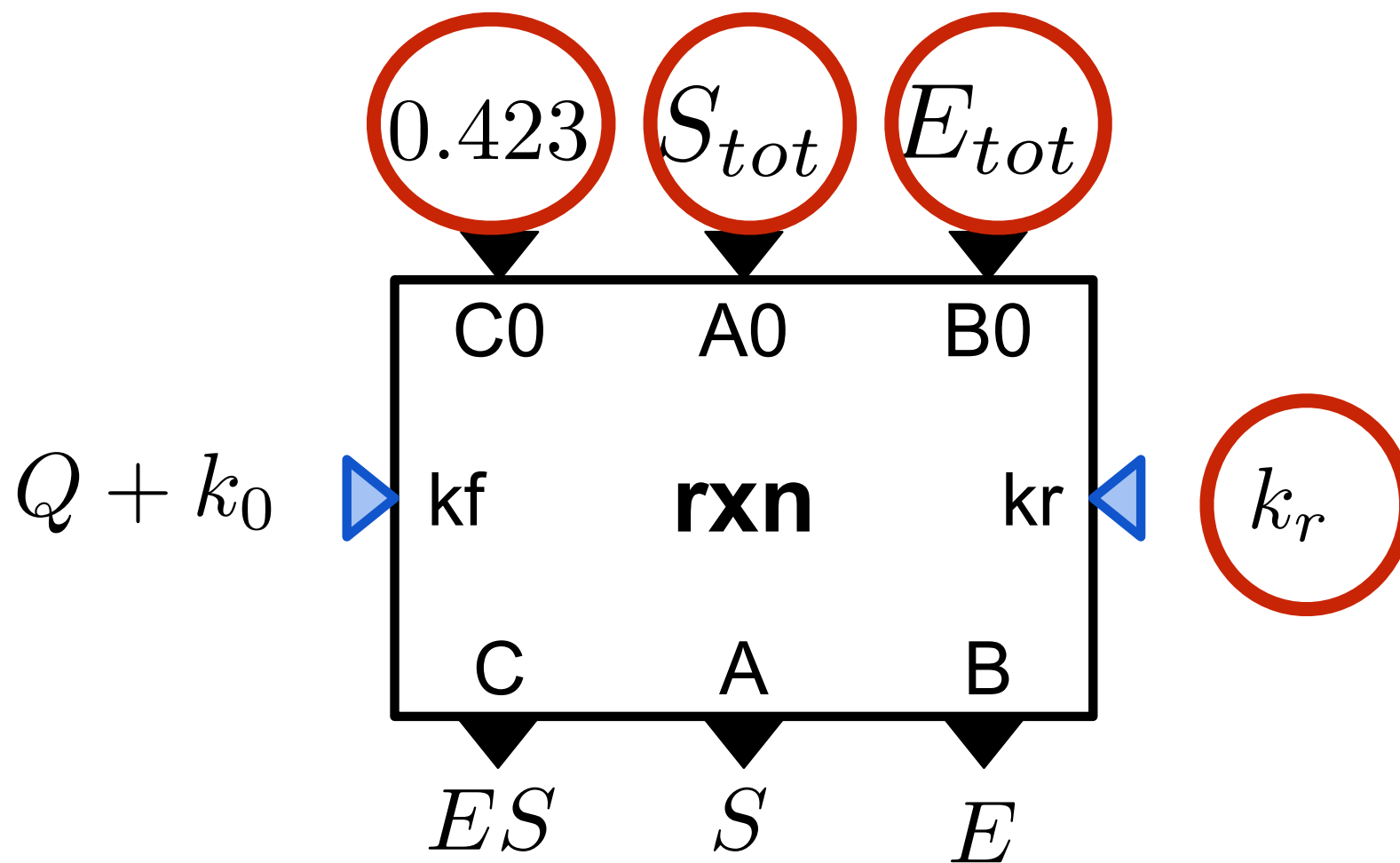


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specialized to model ES, S, E

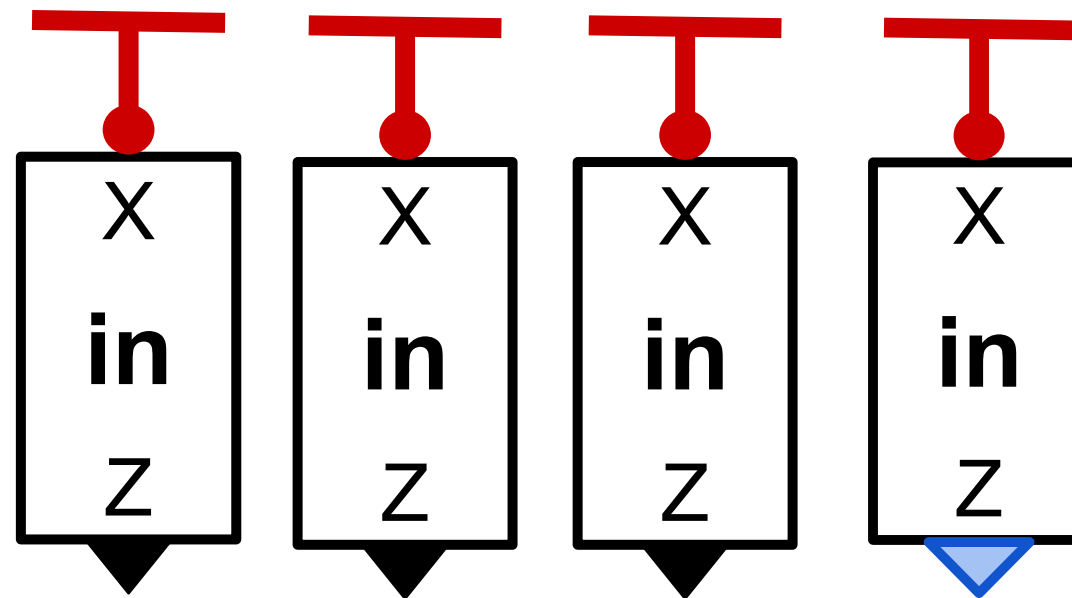


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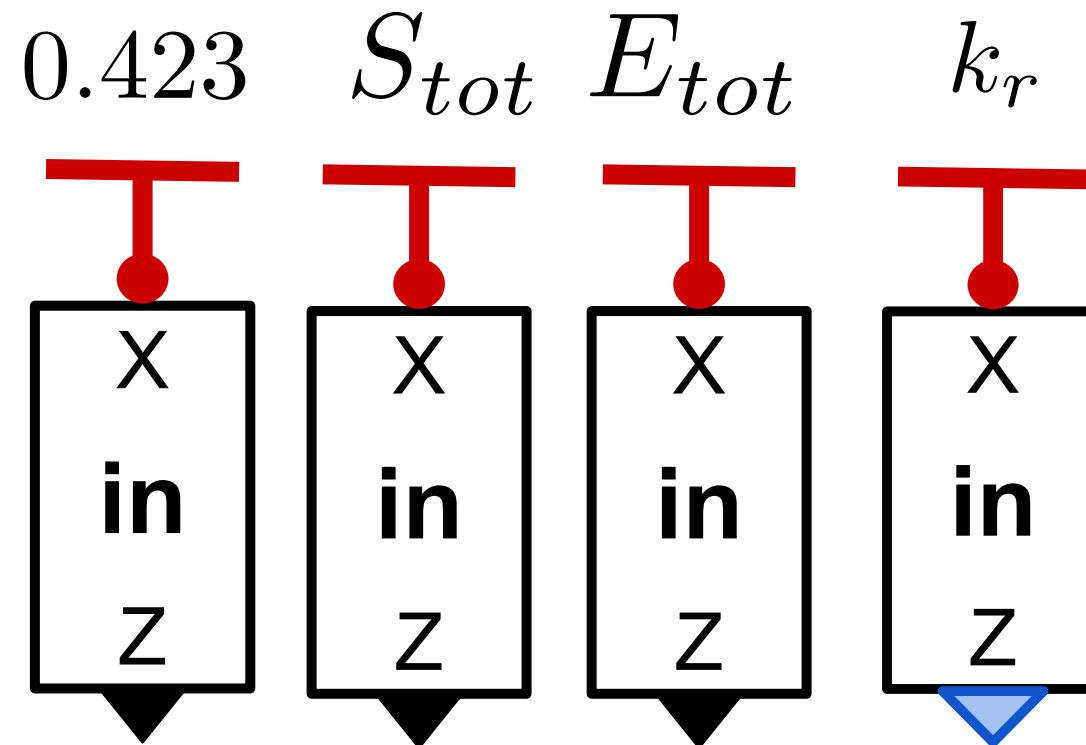


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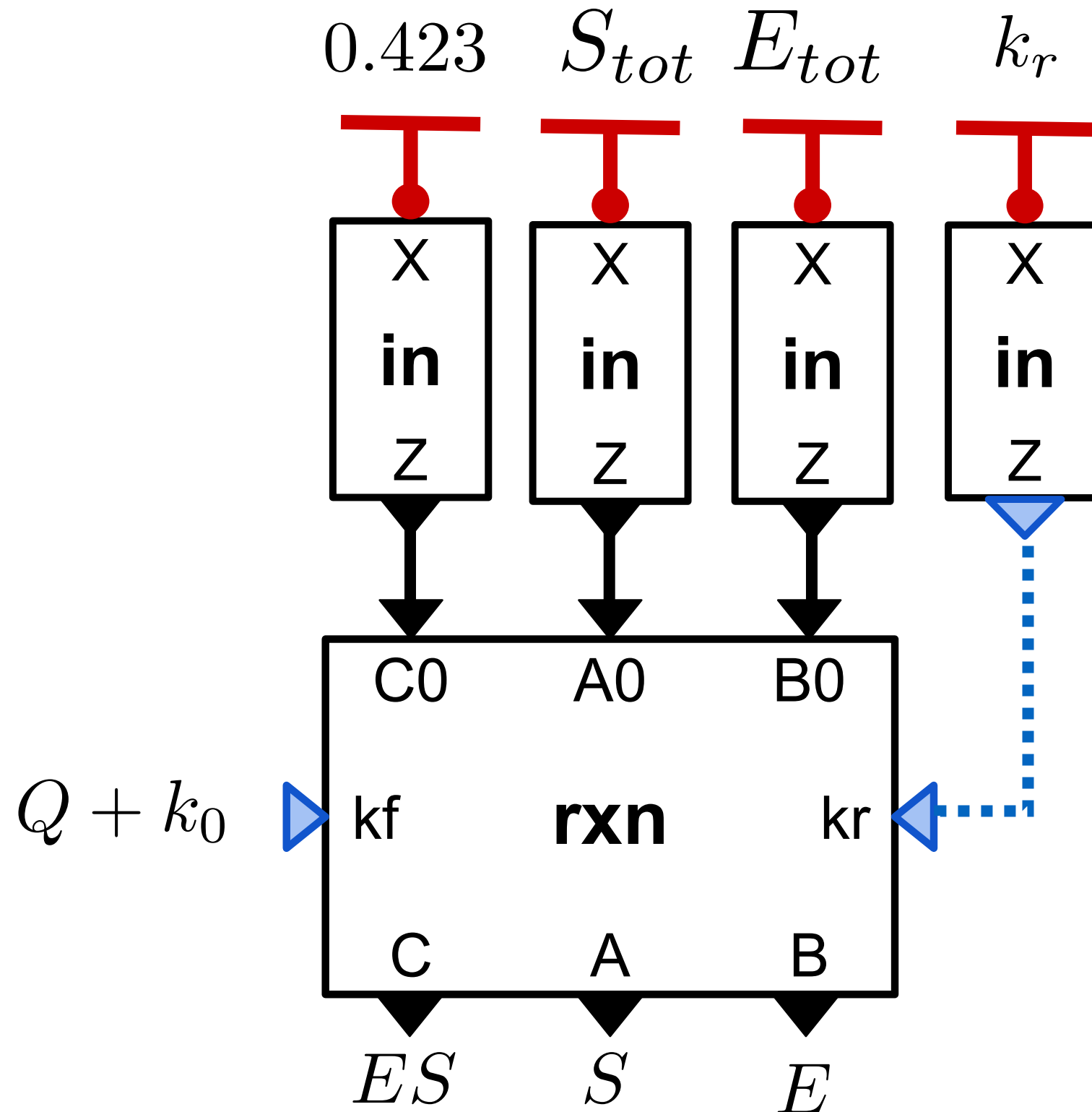
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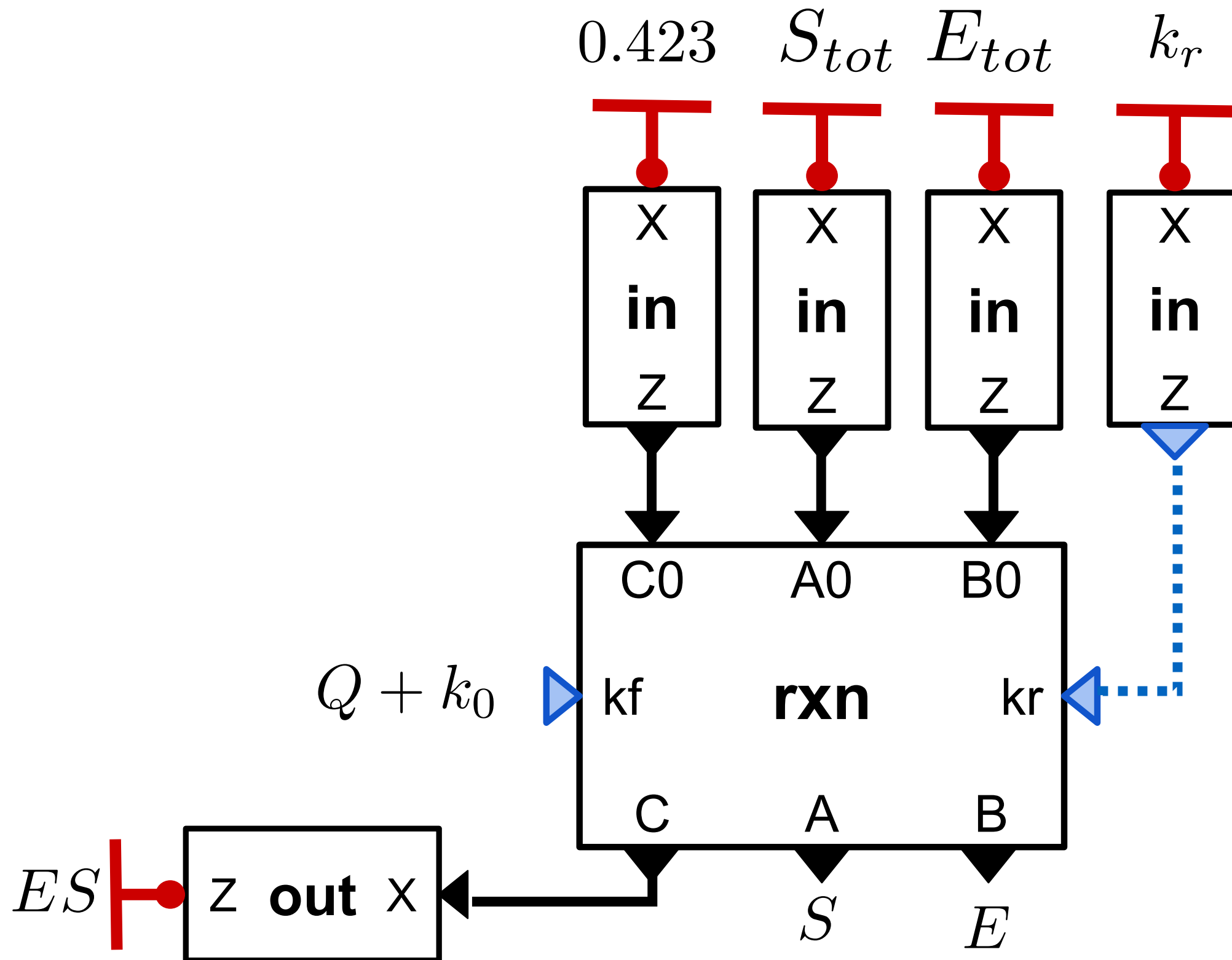
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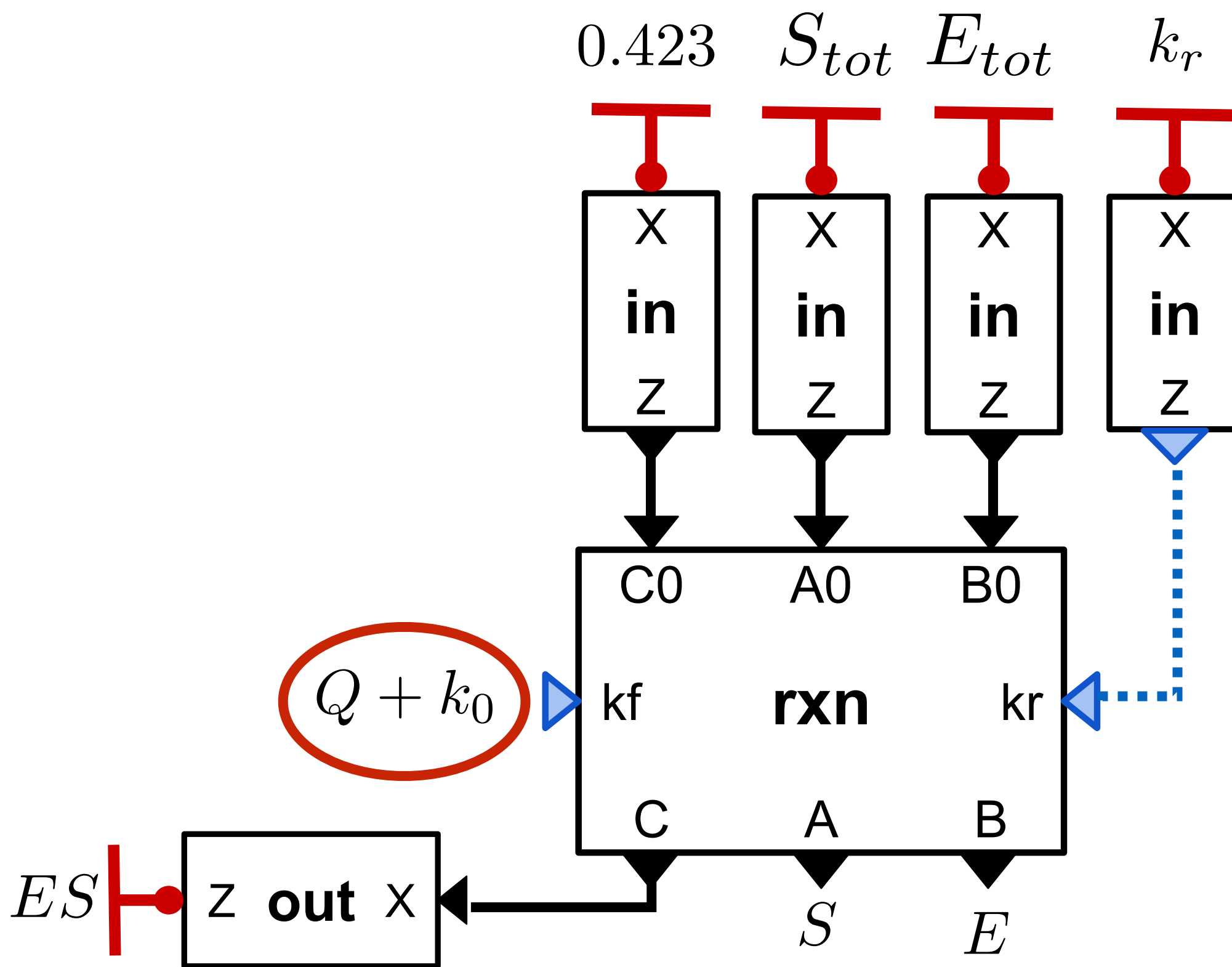


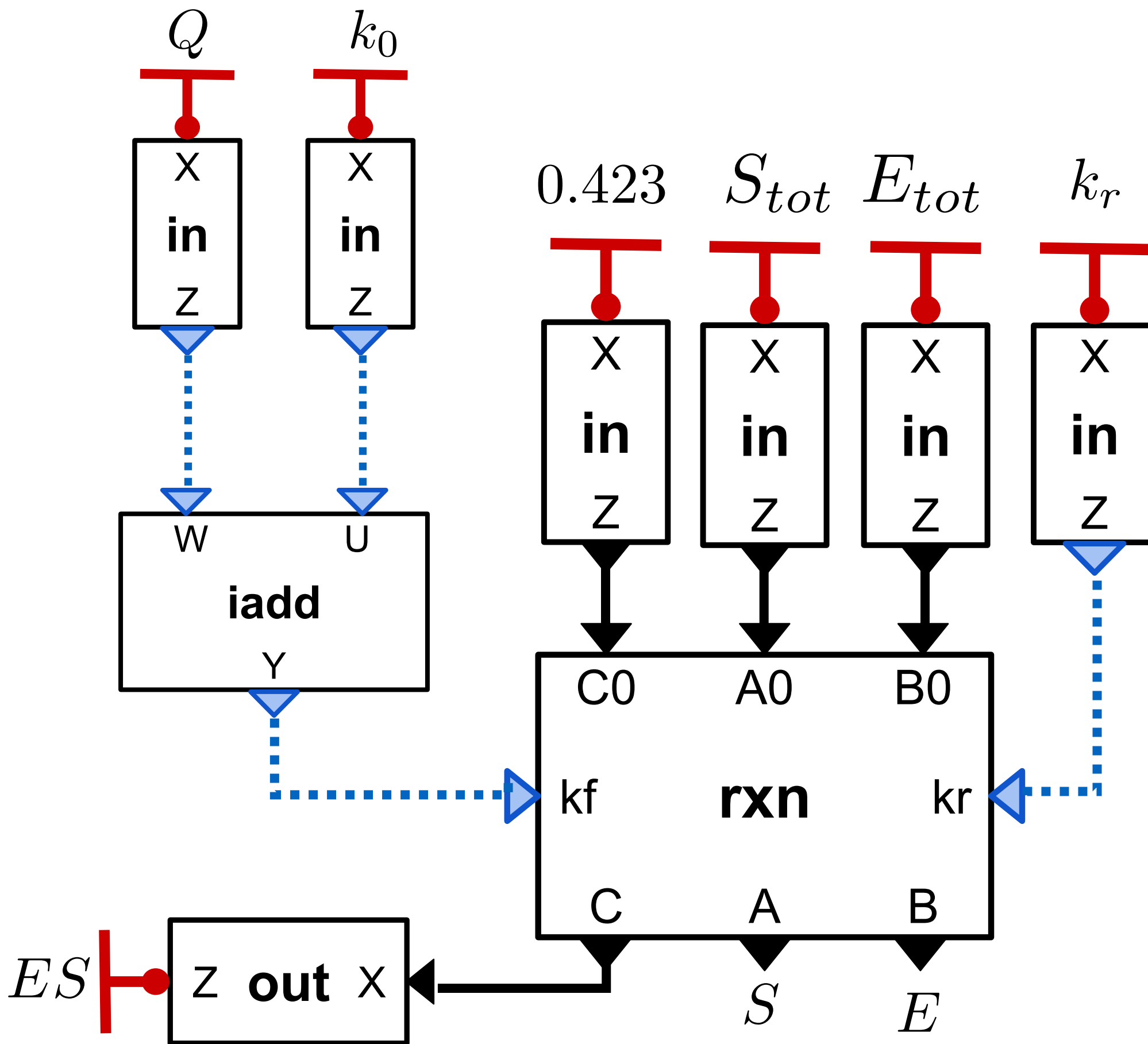
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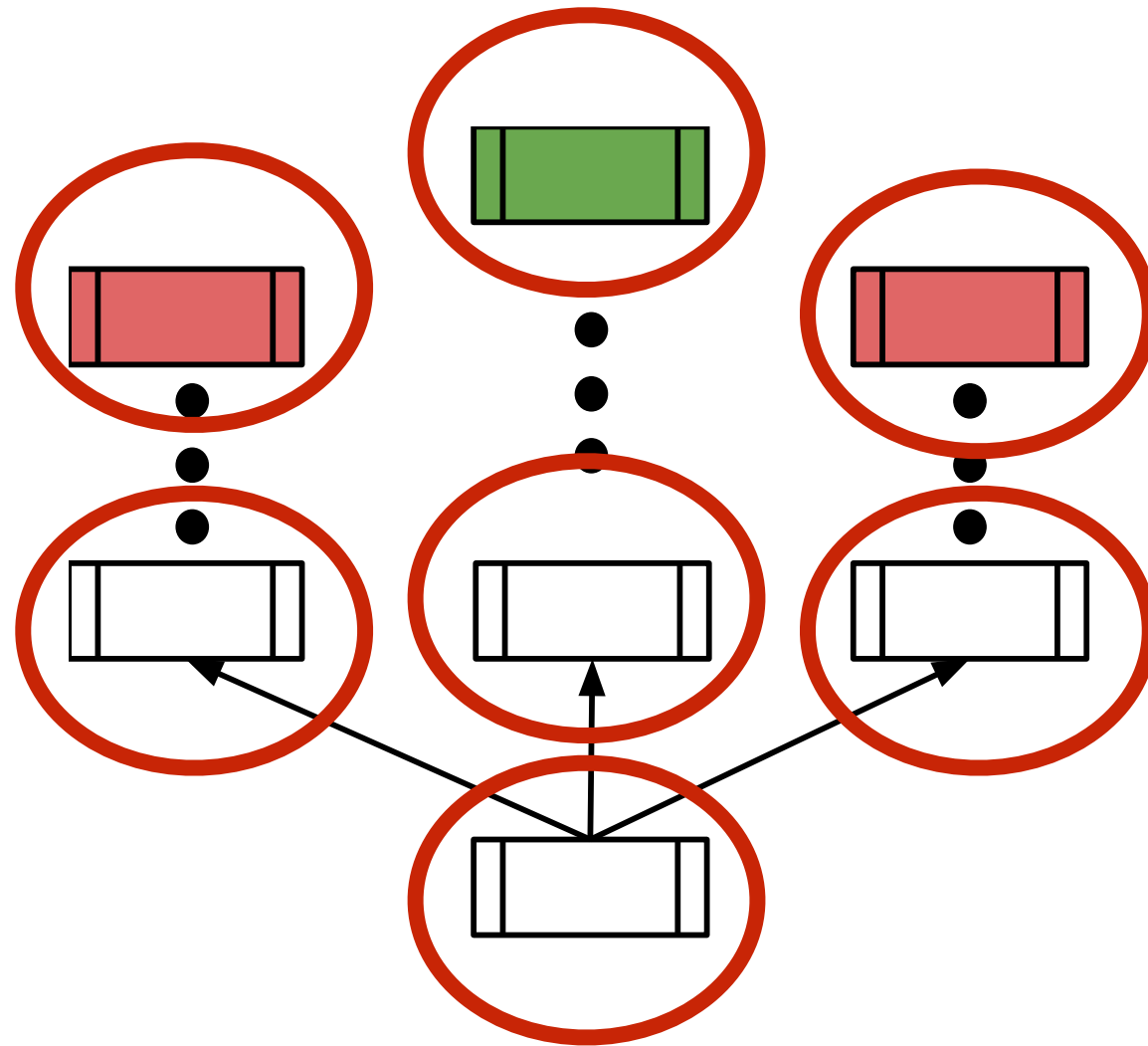
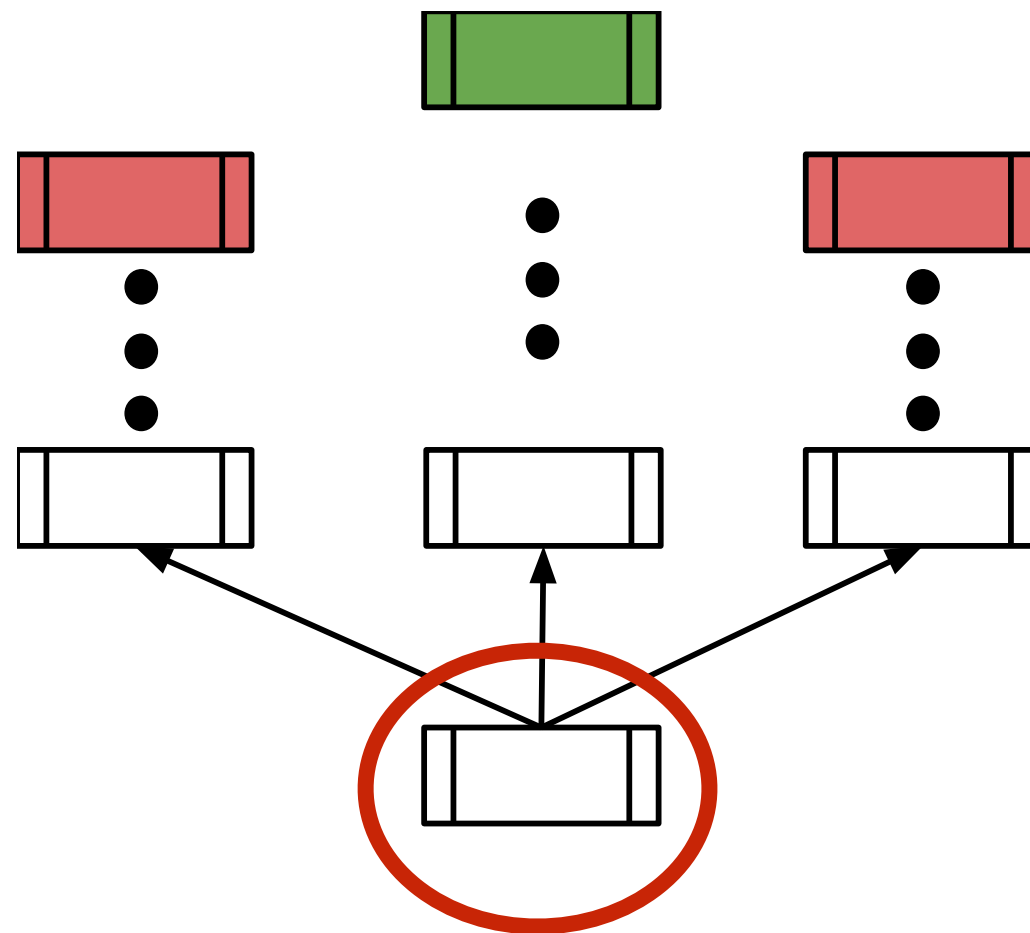


tableau: hardware state, remaining *goals*

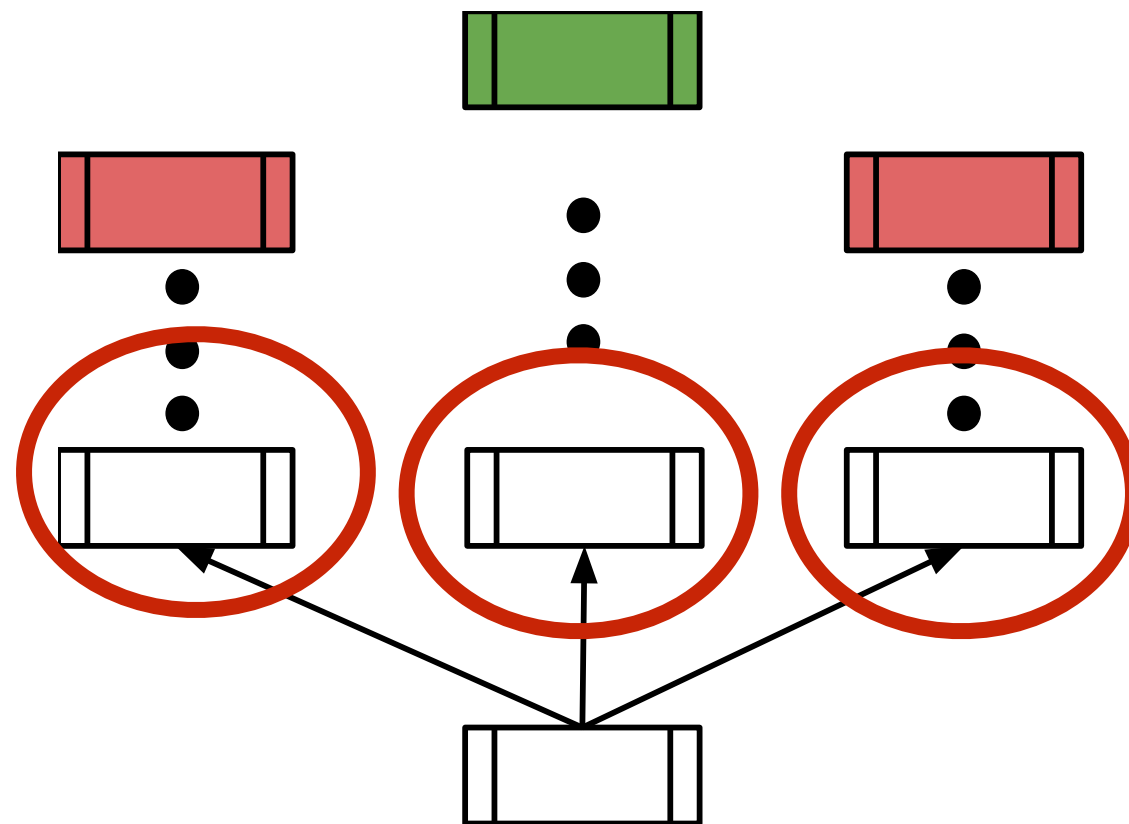
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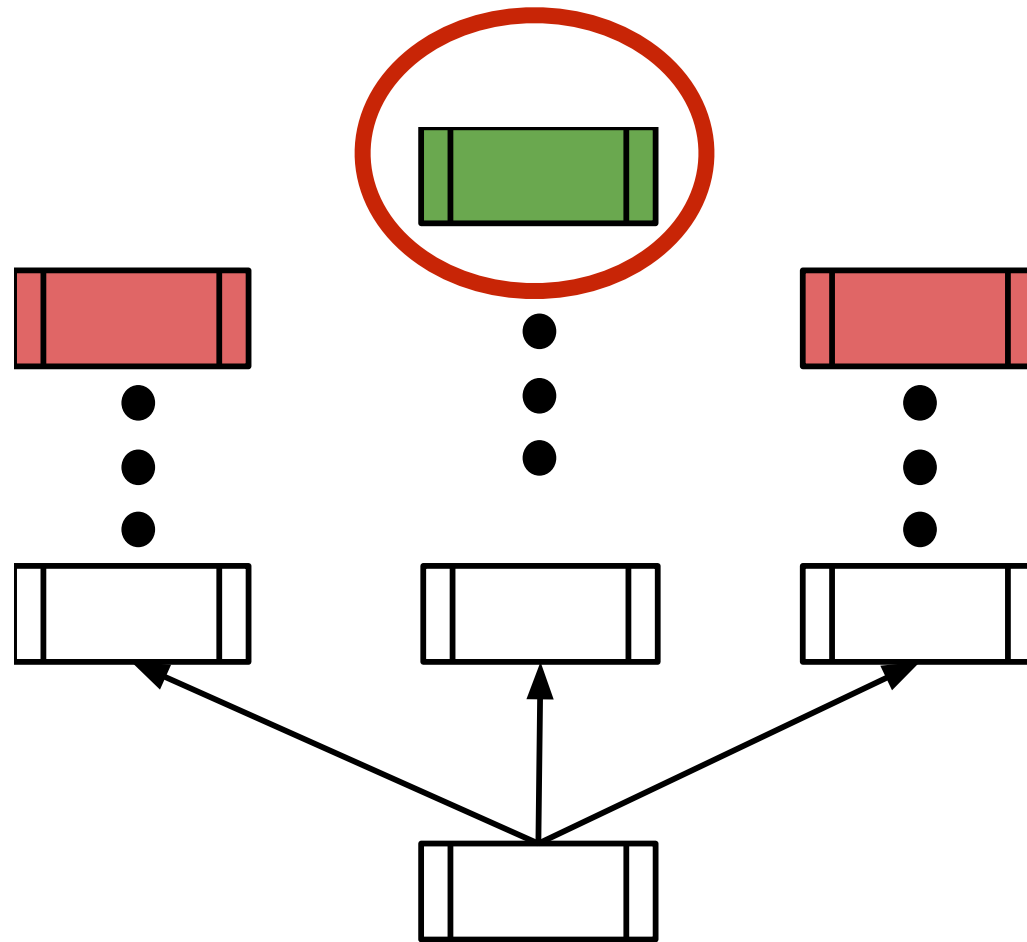
Start with an *initial tableau*

The Search Algorithm



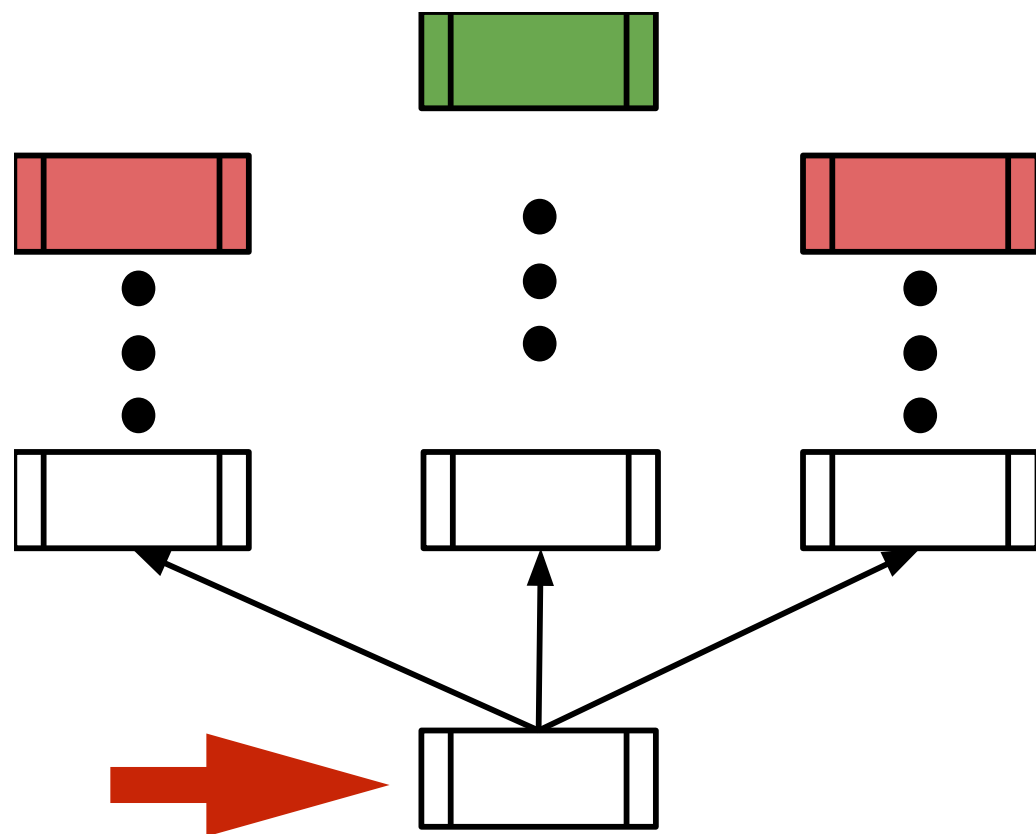
Apply *transitions* over the tableaux

The Search Algorithm



Until a solved tableau is found

The Search Algorithm



1. Initial Tableau
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1. Initial Tableau

Goals

$$\langle \quad \overline{R} \quad \dot{R} \quad W \quad \tilde{R} \quad Z \rangle$$

$$W_D = U_I$$

$$\langle B, U \rangle$$

$$S = 2 \cdot T$$

$$Z_I = X_D$$

$$\langle C, U \rangle$$

$$B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$$

$$\langle Z, A \rangle$$

$$C_I = \frac{A_I}{2}$$

$$F_I = \frac{E_I}{4}$$

1. Initial Tableau

Available Hardware

Available Wires

$$\langle \quad \overline{R} \quad \dot{R} \quad W \quad \tilde{R} \quad \tilde{Z} \quad \rangle$$

$$W_D = U_I$$

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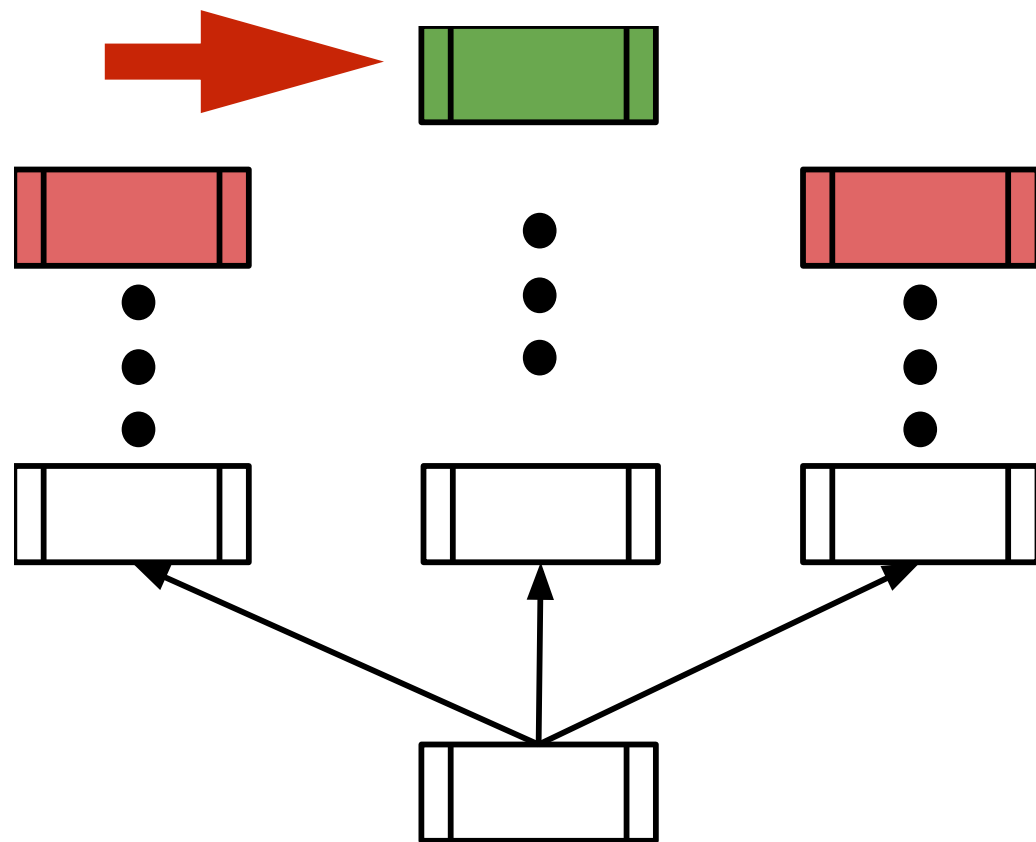
1. Initial Tableau

Constrained Hardware

Configuration

$\langle \overline{R} \quad \dot{R} \quad W \quad \tilde{R} \quad Z \rangle$		
$W_D = U_I$	$\langle B, U \rangle$	$S = 2 \cdot T$
$Z_I = X_D$	$\langle C, U \rangle$	
$B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$	$\langle Z, A \rangle$	
$C_I = \frac{A_I}{2}$		
$F_I = \frac{E_I}{4}$		

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2. Solved Tableau

No Goals Left

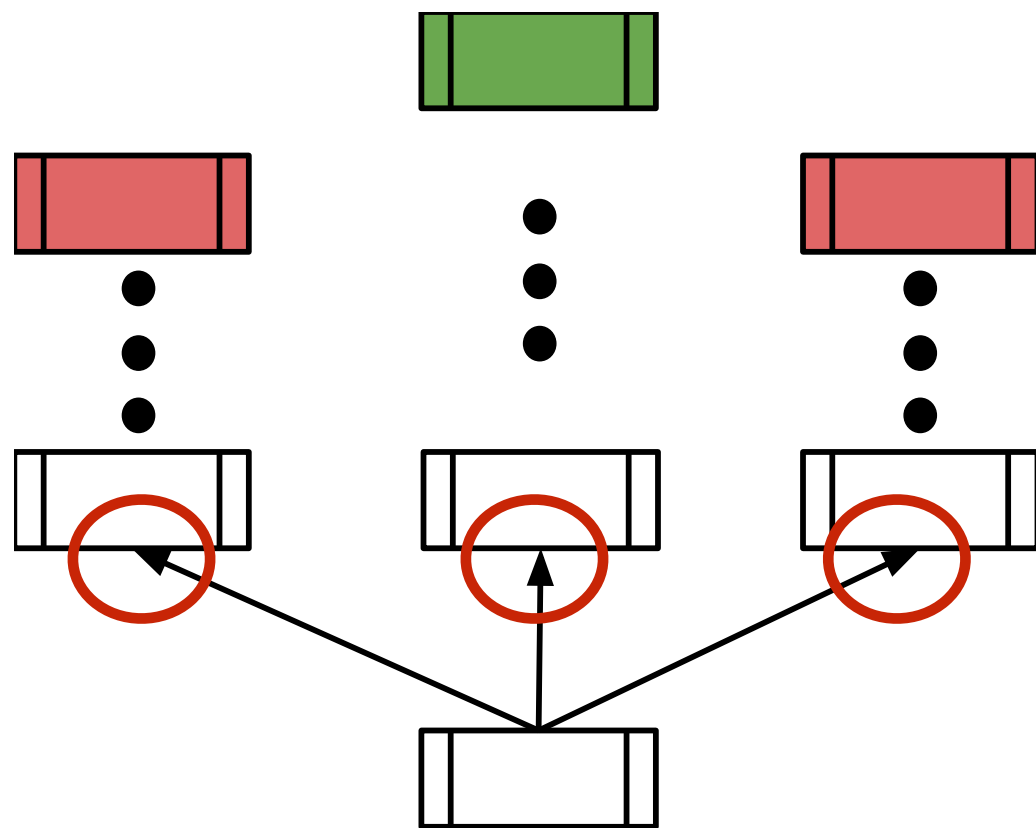
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		$Z_I = T$			$S \mapsto W_D$	
		$U_I = S$			$Z \bullet \bullet A$	
		$B_I = S$			$U \bullet \bullet B$	
		$B_I = 2 \cdot T$				

2. Solved Tableau

Solution Configuration

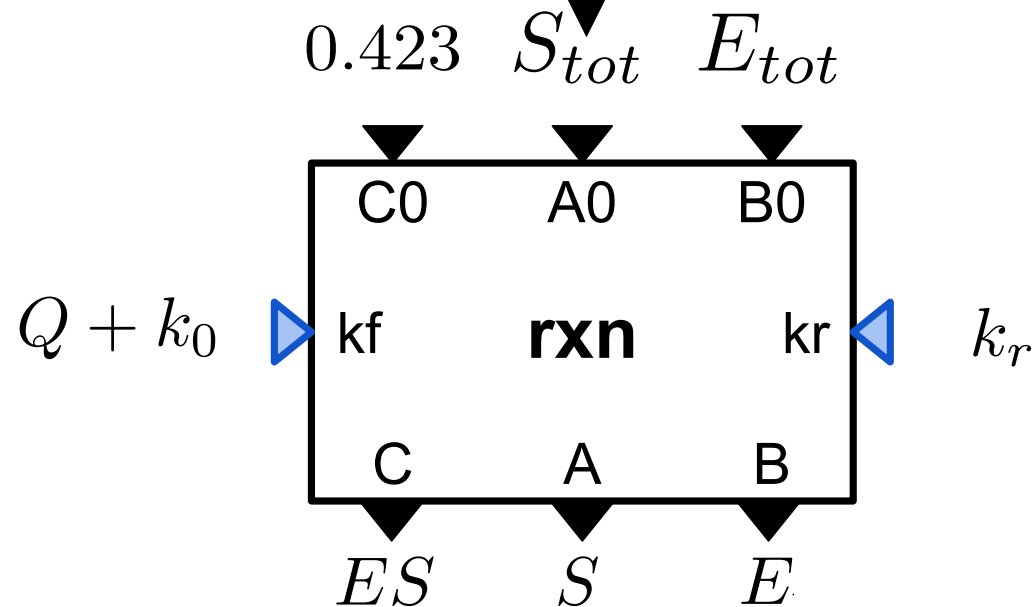
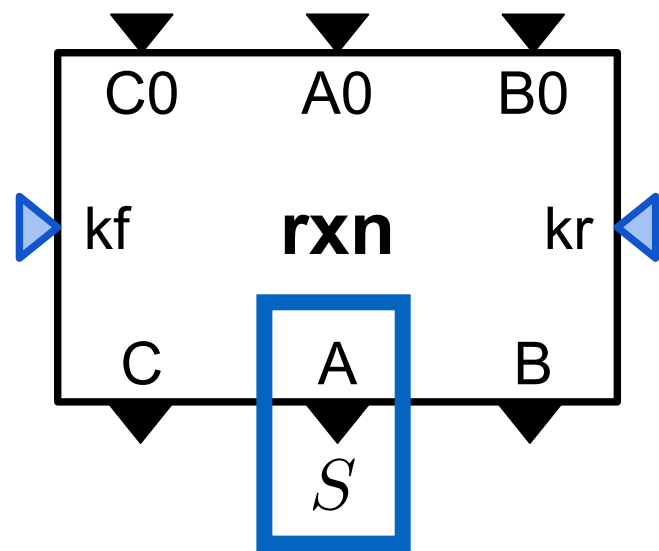
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		$B_I = 2 \cdot T$				

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Tableau Transitions



1. Unify

2. Connect

3. Variable Map

1. Transitions Over Tableau

$$\frac{\text{UNIFY} \quad r \in \bar{R} \cup \dot{R} \quad \tilde{r} \in \tilde{R} \quad \text{unify}(r, \tilde{r}, \bar{R}, \dot{R}, \tilde{R}) = \langle \bar{R}', \dot{R}', \tilde{R}' \rangle}{\langle \bar{R}, \dot{R}, W, \tilde{R}, Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle \bar{R}', \dot{R}', W, \tilde{R}', Z \rangle}$$

$$\langle \quad \bar{R} \quad \dot{R} \quad W \quad \tilde{R} \quad Z \quad \rangle$$

$$W_D = U_I$$

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1. Transitions Over Tableau

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1. Transitions Over Tableau

UNIFY

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1. Transitions Over Tableau

$$\tilde{r}: S = 2 \cdot T \quad \mapsto \quad r: B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$$

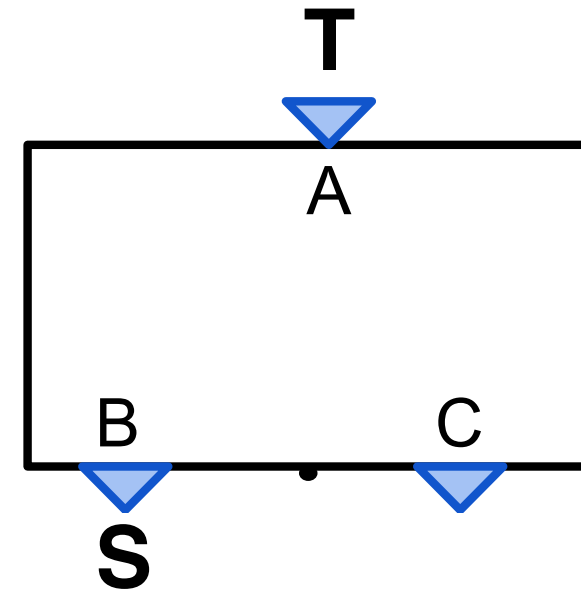
UNIFY

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$$\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \bar{R}' \\ W_D = U_I \\ Z_I = X_D \\ F_I = \frac{E_I}{4} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dot{R}' \\ B_I = S \\ B_I = 2 \cdot T \\ C_I = \frac{T}{2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \tilde{R}' \\ A_I = T \\ S \mapsto B_I \end{array} \right\rangle$$

1. Transitions Over Tableau

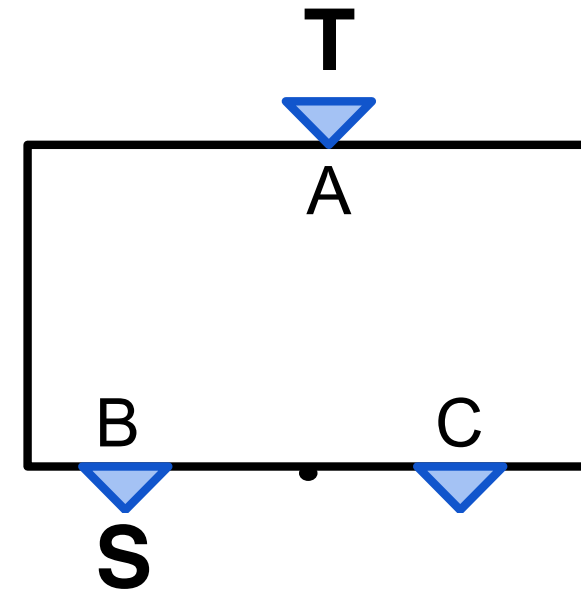
$$S = 2 \cdot T \mapsto B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$$



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$F_I = \frac{E_I}{4}$	$C_I = \frac{T}{2}$	

1. Transitions Over Tableau

$$\boxed{S = 2 \cdot T} \mapsto B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$$



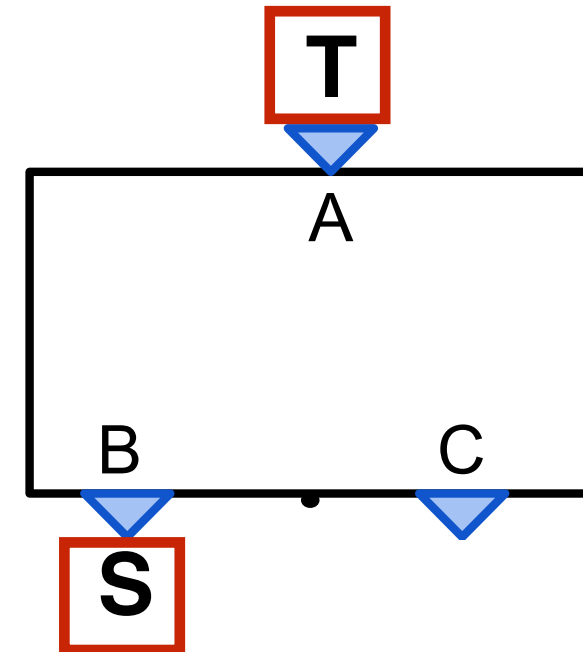
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$$\begin{array}{l} \tilde{R}' \\ A_I = T \\ S \mapsto B_I \\ S = 2 \cdot T \end{array} \right\rangle$$

1. Transitions Over Tableau

$$S = 2 \cdot T \mapsto B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$$



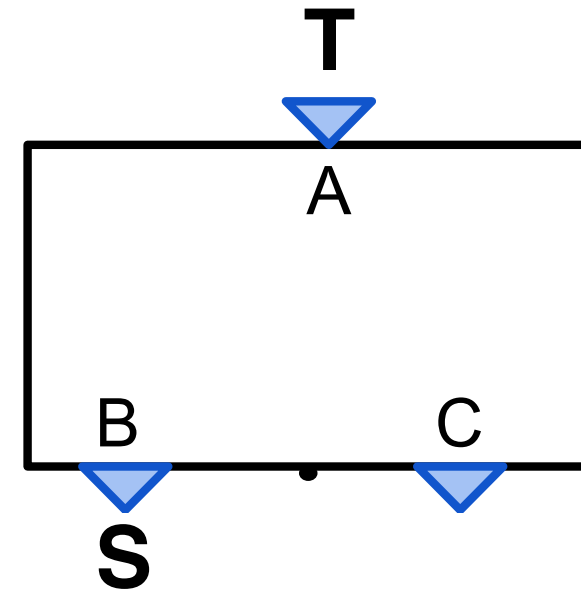
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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{R'} \\ A_I = T \\ S \mapsto B_I \end{array} \right\rangle$$

1. Transitions Over Tableau

$$S = 2 \cdot T \mapsto \boxed{B_I = 2 \cdot A_I}$$

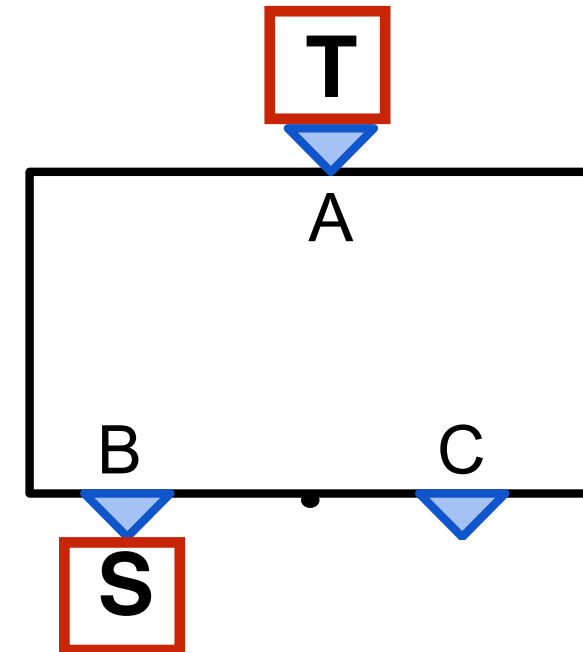


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$$\begin{array}{l} B_I = S \\ B_I = 2 \cdot T \\ C_I = \frac{T}{2} \end{array}$$

1. Transitions Over Tableau

$$S = 2 \cdot T \mapsto B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$$



$$\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \overline{R}' \\ W_D = U_I \\ Z_I = X_D \\ F_I = \frac{E_I}{4} \\ B_I = 2 \cdot A_I \end{array} \right.$$

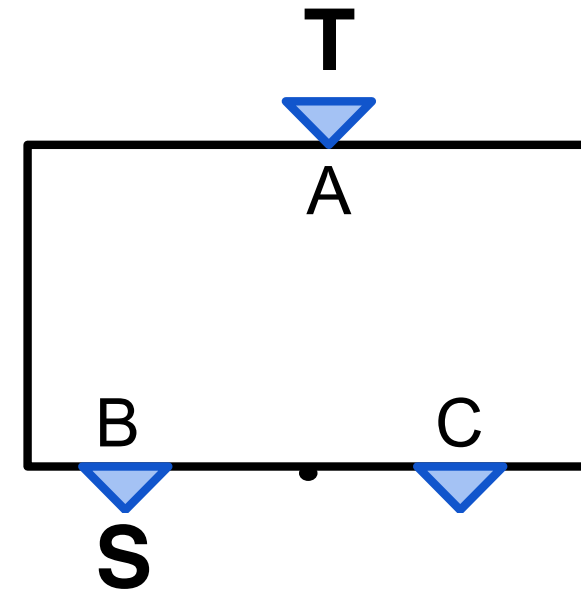
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1. Transitions Over Tableau

$$S = 2 \cdot T \mapsto B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$$

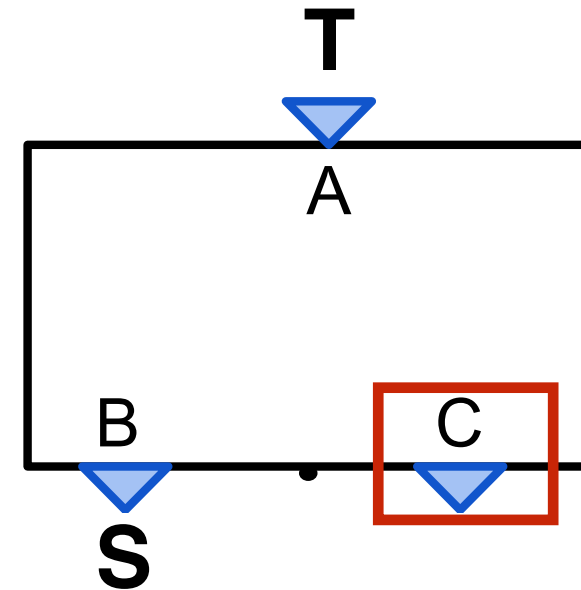
$$B_I = 2 \cdot A_I \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} B_I = S \\ B_I = 2 \cdot T \end{array}$$



$$\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \overline{R'} \\ W_D = U_I \\ Z_I = X_D \\ F_I = \frac{E_I}{4} \\ B_I = 2 \cdot A_I \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dot{R'} \\ \boxed{\begin{array}{l} B_I = S \\ B_I = 2 \cdot T \end{array}} \\ C_I = \frac{T}{2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \tilde{R'} \\ A_I = T \\ S \mapsto B_I \end{array} \right\rangle$$

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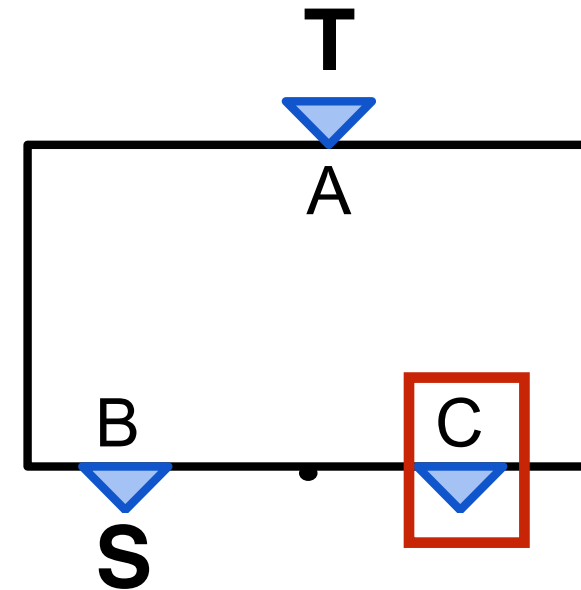


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1. Transitions Over Tableau

$$S = 2 \cdot T \mapsto B_I = 2 \cdot A_I$$

$$C_I = \frac{A_I}{2} \longrightarrow C_I = \frac{T}{2}$$



$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c} \overline{R'} \\ W_D = U_I \\ Z_I = X_D \end{array} \quad \dot{R'} \quad \tilde{R'} \right\rangle$$

$$Z_I = X_D$$

$$B_I = S$$

$$A_I = T$$

$$F_I = \frac{E_I}{4}$$

$$B_I = 2 \cdot T$$

$$S \mapsto B_I$$

$$C_I = \frac{A_I}{2}$$

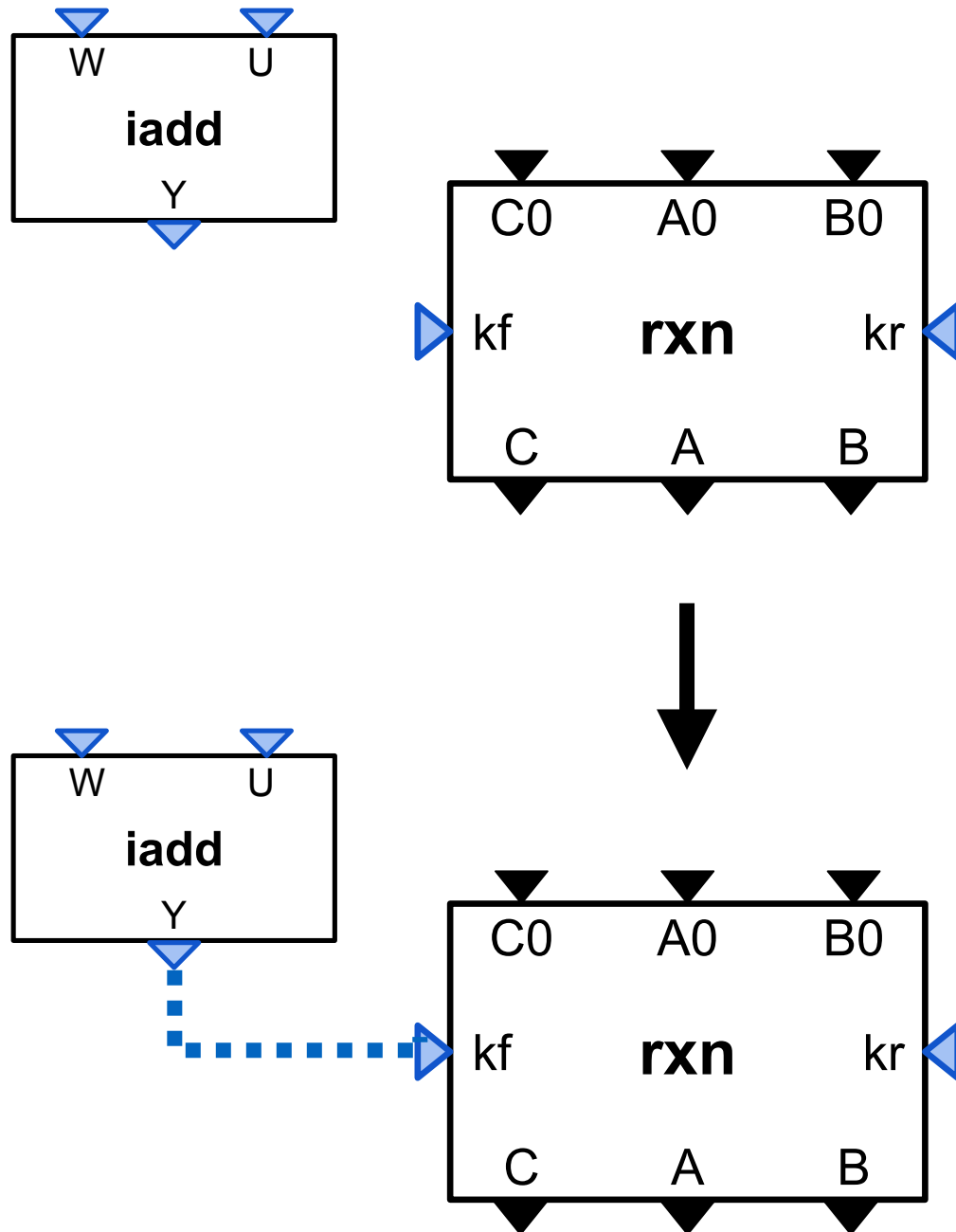
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1. Transitions Over Tableau

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Tableau Transitions



1. Unify

2. Connect

3. Variable Map

1. Transitions Over Tableau

CONNECT

$$\frac{\boxed{\tilde{r} : \bar{i}_q = \bar{o}_q \in \tilde{R}} \quad w : \langle \bar{o}, \bar{i} \rangle \in W}{\langle \bar{R}, \dot{R}, W, \tilde{R}, Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle \bar{R}, \dot{R}, W - \{w\}, \tilde{R} - \{\tilde{r}\}, Z \cup \{\bar{o} \bullet \bullet \bar{i}\} \rangle}$$

\langle	\bar{R}	\dot{R}	W	\tilde{R}	$Z \rangle$
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	$B_I = 2 \cdot T$	$\langle Z, A \rangle$	$X_D = T$		
	$Z_I = T$				

1. Transitions Over Tableau

CONNECT

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1. Transitions Over Tableau

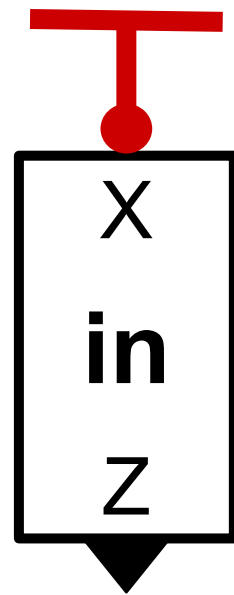
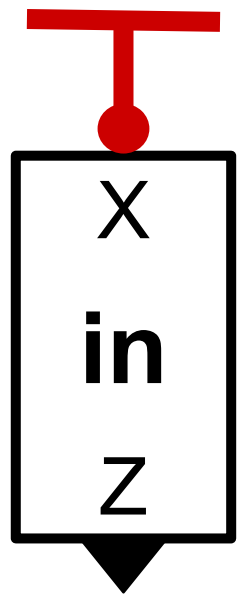
CONNECT

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Tableau Transitions

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1. Unify

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3. Variable Map

1. Transitions Over Tableau

INPUT-VAR-MAP

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \widetilde{\mathbf{r}} : \overline{\mathbf{i}}_{\mathbf{d}} = \widehat{i} \in \widetilde{\mathbf{R}} \quad \widehat{i} \in \widehat{I} \quad \overline{\mathbf{i}} @ \overline{\mathbf{c}} \quad \overline{\mathbf{c}} \in \overline{\mathbf{IC}} \end{array}}{\langle \overline{\mathbf{R}}, \dot{\mathbf{R}}, \mathbf{W}, \widetilde{\mathbf{R}}, \mathbf{Z} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \overline{\mathbf{R}}, \dot{\mathbf{R}}, \mathbf{W}, \widetilde{\mathbf{R}} - \{\widetilde{\mathbf{r}}\}, \mathbf{Z} \cup \{\widehat{i} \mapsto \overline{\mathbf{i}}_{\mathbf{d}}\} \rangle}$$

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1. Transitions Over Tableau

INPUT-VAR-MAP

$$\frac{\boxed{\tilde{r} : \bar{\mathbf{i}}_d = \widehat{i} \in \widetilde{R}} \quad \widehat{i} \in \widehat{I} \quad \bar{\mathbf{i}} @ \bar{\mathbf{c}} \quad \bar{\mathbf{c}} \in \overline{IC}}{\langle \overline{R}, \dot{R}, W, \widetilde{R}, Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle \overline{R}, \dot{R}, W, \widetilde{R} - \{\tilde{r}\}, Z \cup \{\widehat{i} \mapsto \bar{\mathbf{i}}_d\} \rangle}$$

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \overline{R} \\ W_D = U_I \\ F_I = \frac{E_I}{4} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dot{R} \\ C_I = \frac{T}{2} \\ B_I = S \\ B_I = 2 \cdot T \\ Z_I = T \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} W \\ \langle B, U \rangle \\ \langle C, U \rangle \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \widetilde{R} \\ S \mapsto B_I \\ X_D = T \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} Z \bullet \bullet A \end{array} \right\rangle$$

1. Transitions Over Tableau

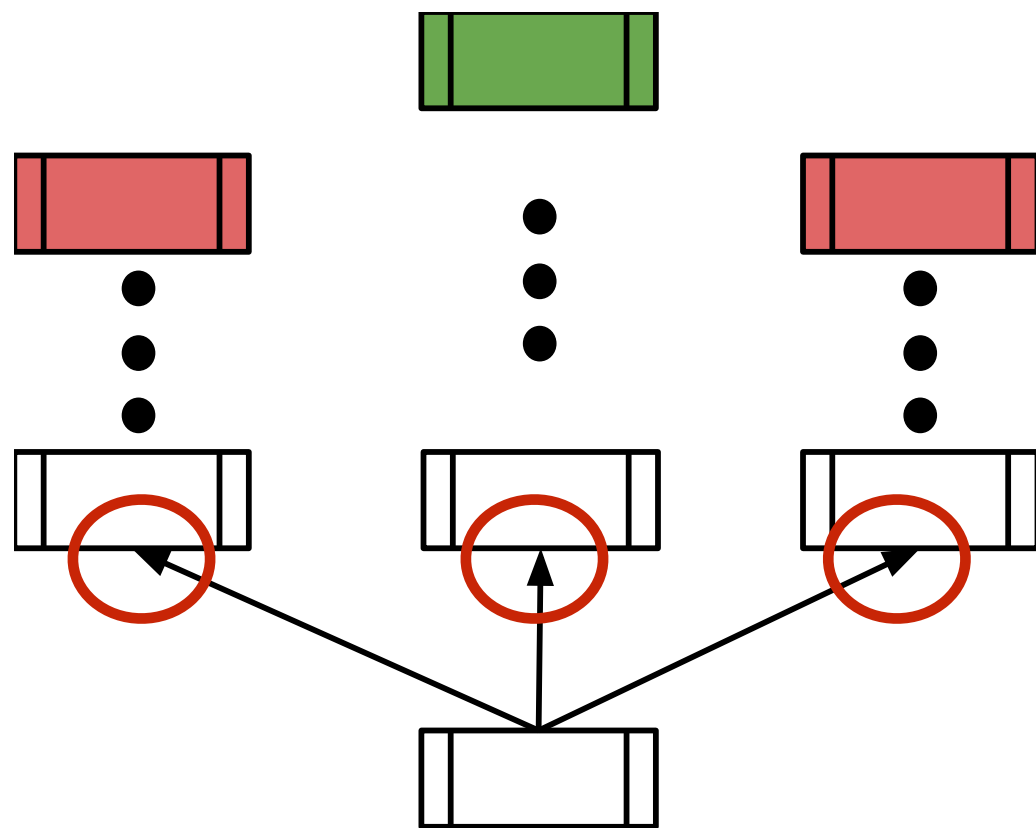
INPUT-VAR-MAP

$$\widetilde{r} : \bar{i}_d = \widehat{i} \in \widetilde{R} \quad \widehat{i} \in \widehat{I} \quad \bar{i} @ \bar{c} \quad \bar{c} \in \overline{IC}$$

$$\langle \overline{R}, \dot{R}, W, \widetilde{R}, Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle \overline{R}, \dot{R}, W, \widetilde{R} - \{\widetilde{r}\}, Z \cup \{\widehat{i} \mapsto \bar{i}_d\} \rangle$$

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The Search Algorithm



1. Initial Tableau
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The Search Algorithm

- **Frontier (F)**: Tableau configurations to explore
- **choose**: chooses the tableau **t** in **F** to explore.
- **select**: chooses the set of transitions to apply to **t**

Algorithm:

F = initial tableau

while **F**, **choose t** in **F**:

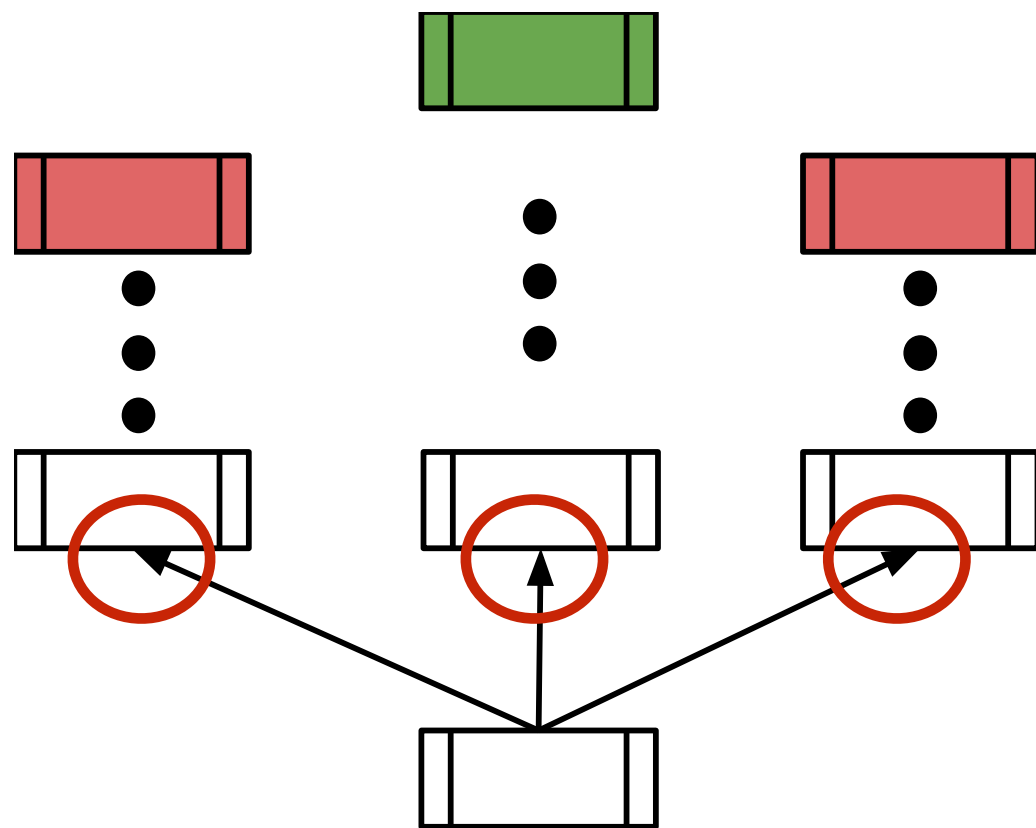
if **t** is terminal return **Z**

otherwise:

select T: set of t' where $t \rightarrow t'$

remove **t** from **F**, add **T** to **F**

The Search Algorithm



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Search Optimizations

- **Search Heuristics**

- choose lowest complexity tableau configuration.
- select a simple goal, and prioritize transitions that solve it.

Algorithm:

F = initial tableau

while **F**, choose **t** in **F**:

if **t** is terminal return **Z**

otherwise:

select **T**: set of t' where $t \rightarrow t'$

remove **t** from **F**, add **T** to **F**

Search Optimizations

- **Component Aggregation**: aggregate instances of the same component
 - **Pro**: smaller search space
 - **Con**: instance constraints must be handled separately
- **Partial Configuration Caching**
- **Compact Search Tree Data Structure**

Evaluation

Methodology

1. Implemented Arco Compiler
2. Specified Analog Hardware
3. Selected Benchmarks
4. Synthesized Hardware Configurations
5. Analyzed Configurations

Analog Hardware Components

selection of analog components from collaborators, textbooks and publications

Component	Quantity	Description	Relation
iin	25	current input	$Z_I = X_D$
vin	125	voltage input	$Z_V = X_D$
outi	10	current output	$Z_D = X_I$
vout	75	voltage output	$Z_D = X_V$
vgain	40	voltage gain	$O_V = (X_V \cdot Z_V)/(Y_V \cdot 25)$
iadd	30	current adder	$O_I = A_I + B_I + C_I + D_I$
vadd	35	voltage adder	$\partial O_{2V}/\partial t = 0.1(A_V + B_V - C_V - D_V \cdot O_{2V})$ $O_{1V} = 0.1(A_V + B_V - C_V - D_V)$
vtoi	30	voltage to current converter	$O_I = X_V/K_V$
itov	30	current to voltage converter	$O_I = K_V \cdot X_I$
ihill	8	hill function for activation/repression	$S_I = M_V(S_I/K_I)^{n_V}/((S_I/K_I)^{n_V} + 1)$ $R_I = M_V/((S_I/K_I)^{n_V} + 1)$
igenebind	8	gene binding	$O_I = M_I/(1 + K_I \cdot T_I)$
switch	15	genetic switch	$O_I = M_I/(S_I/K_I + 1)^{n_V}$
mm	2	Michaelis-Menten dynamics	$X_V = X_{tV} - XY_V$ $Y_V = Y_{tV} - XY_V$ $\partial XY_V/\partial t = K_I \cdot X_V \cdot Y_V - R_I \cdot XY_V$

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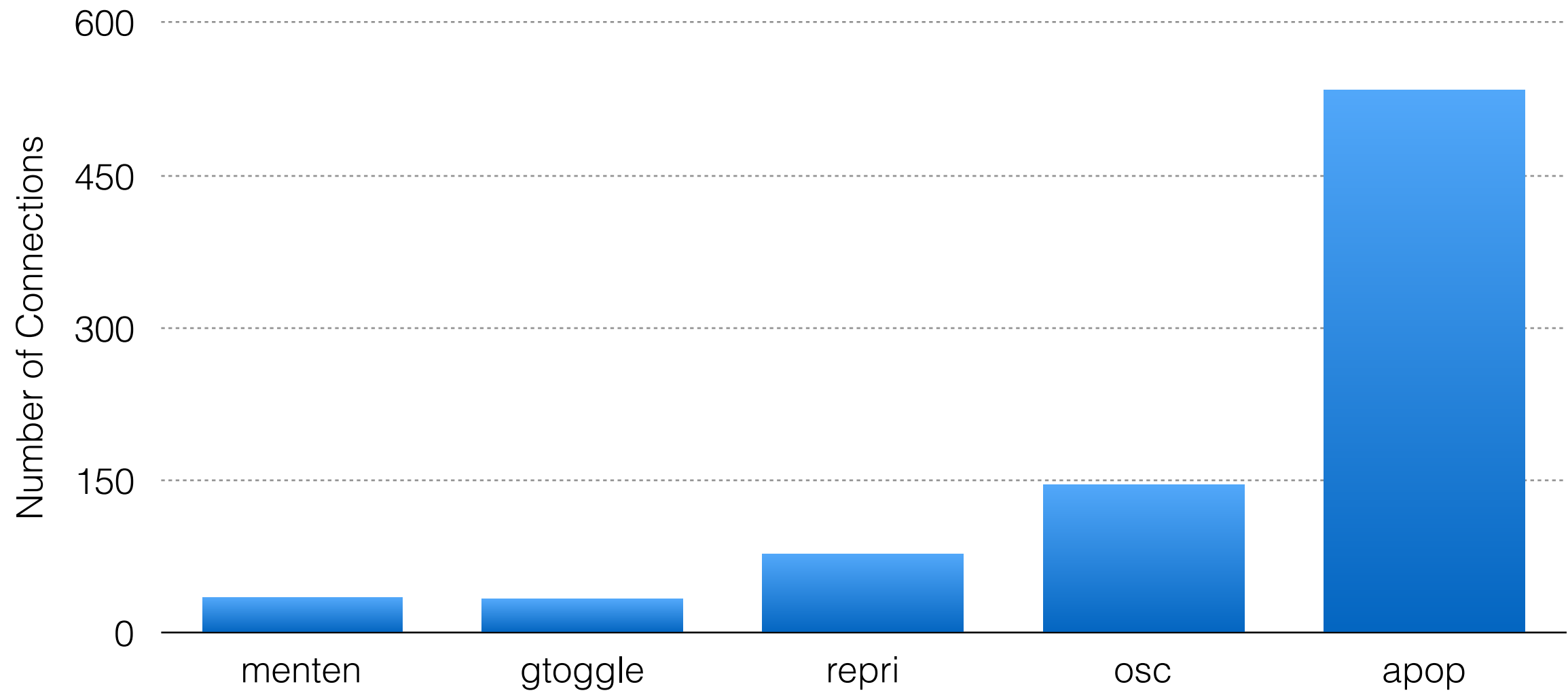
Dynamical Systems Benchmarks

selection of published artifacts from well- cited computational biology papers from Biocompare database

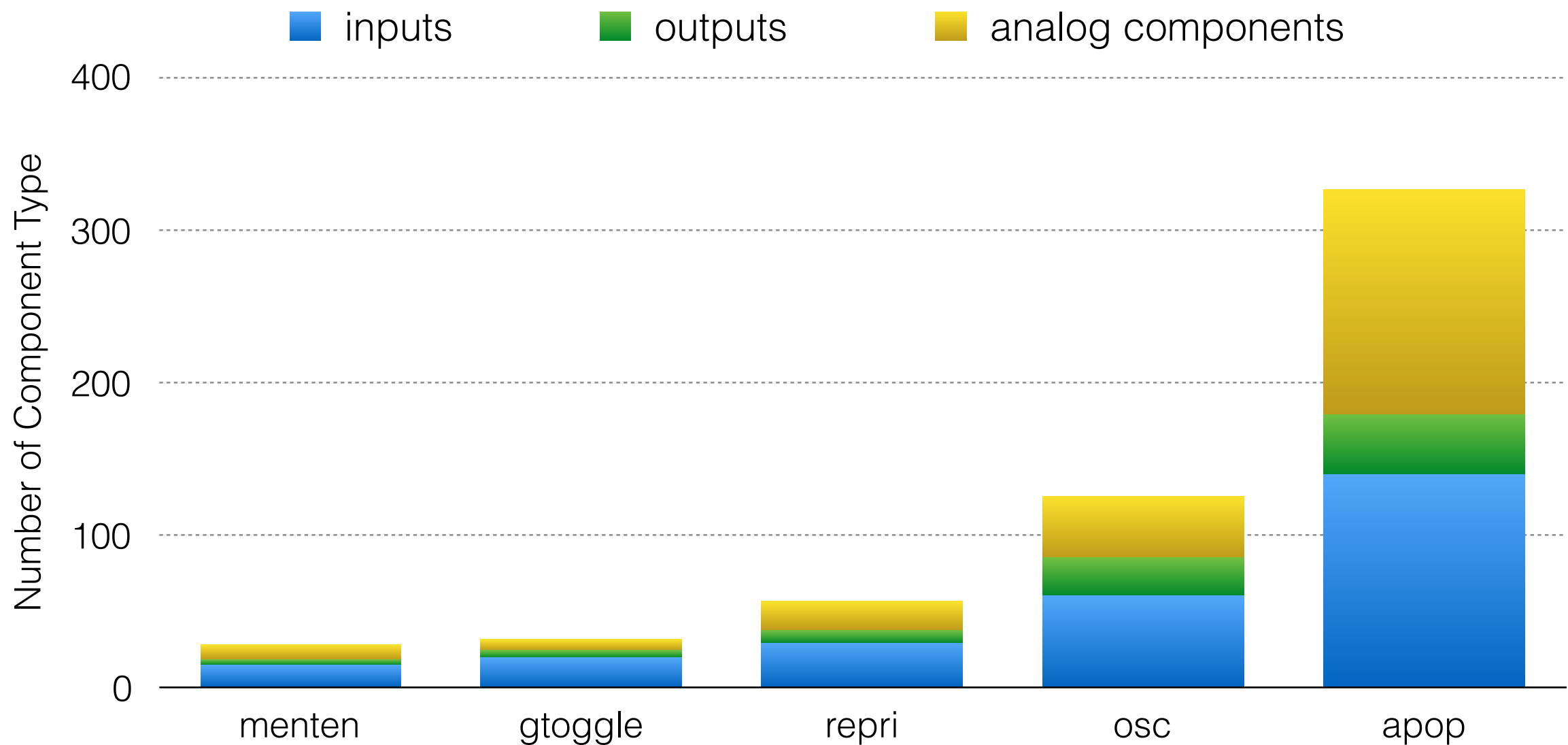
Benchmark	Parameters	Functions	Differential Equations
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gentoggle	9	3	2
repr	7	3	6
osc	16	16	9
apop	87	48	27

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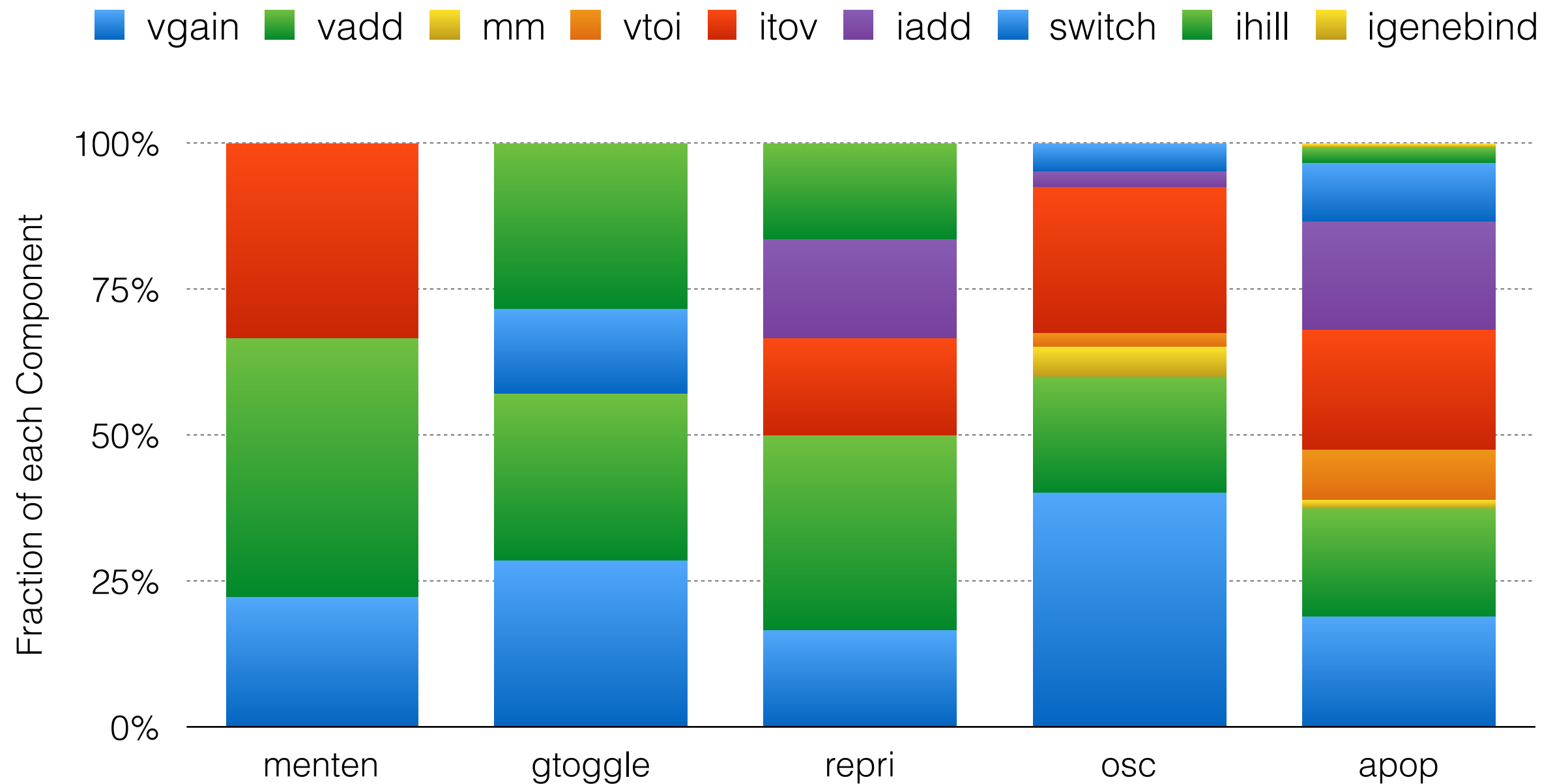
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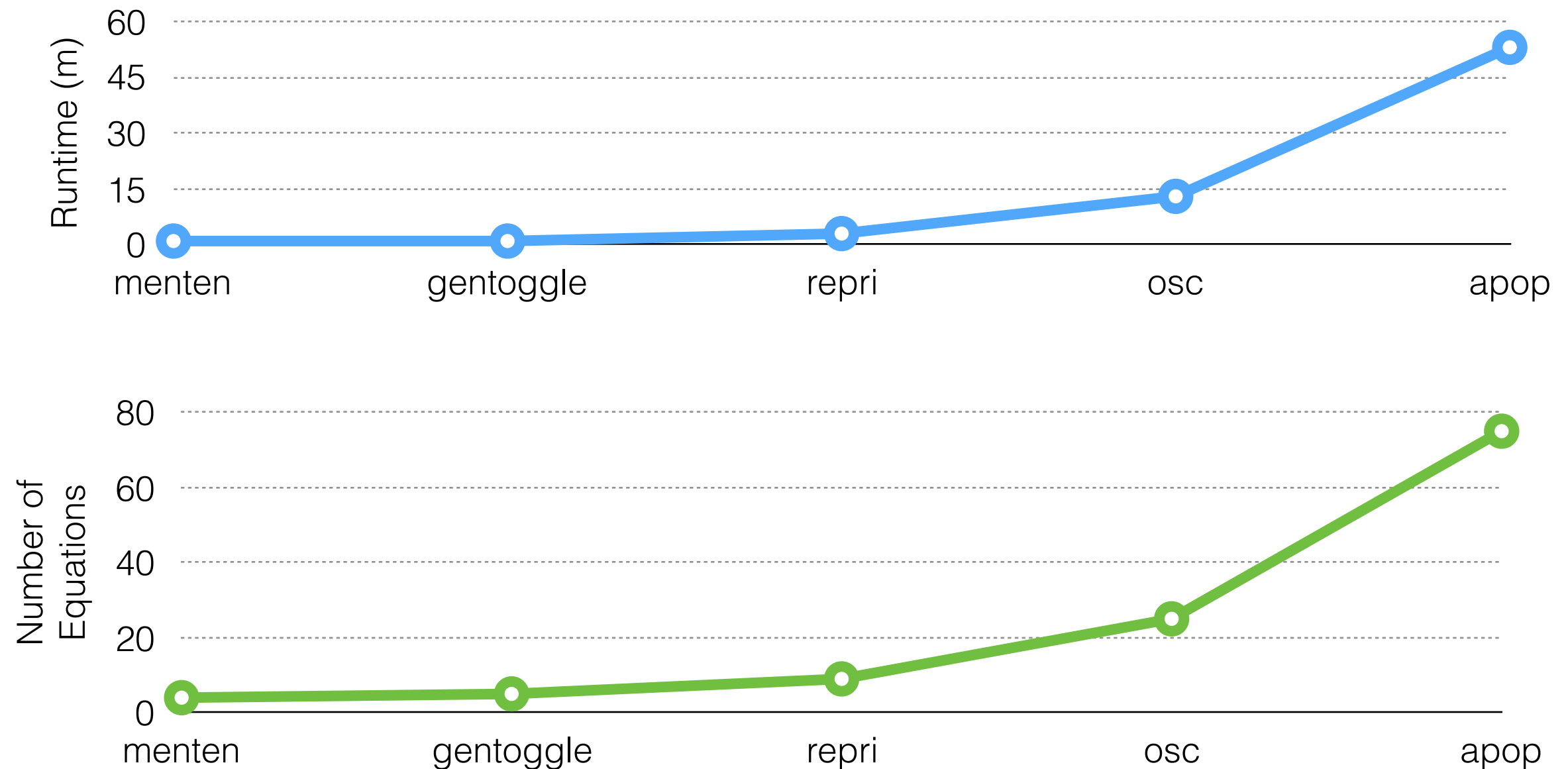
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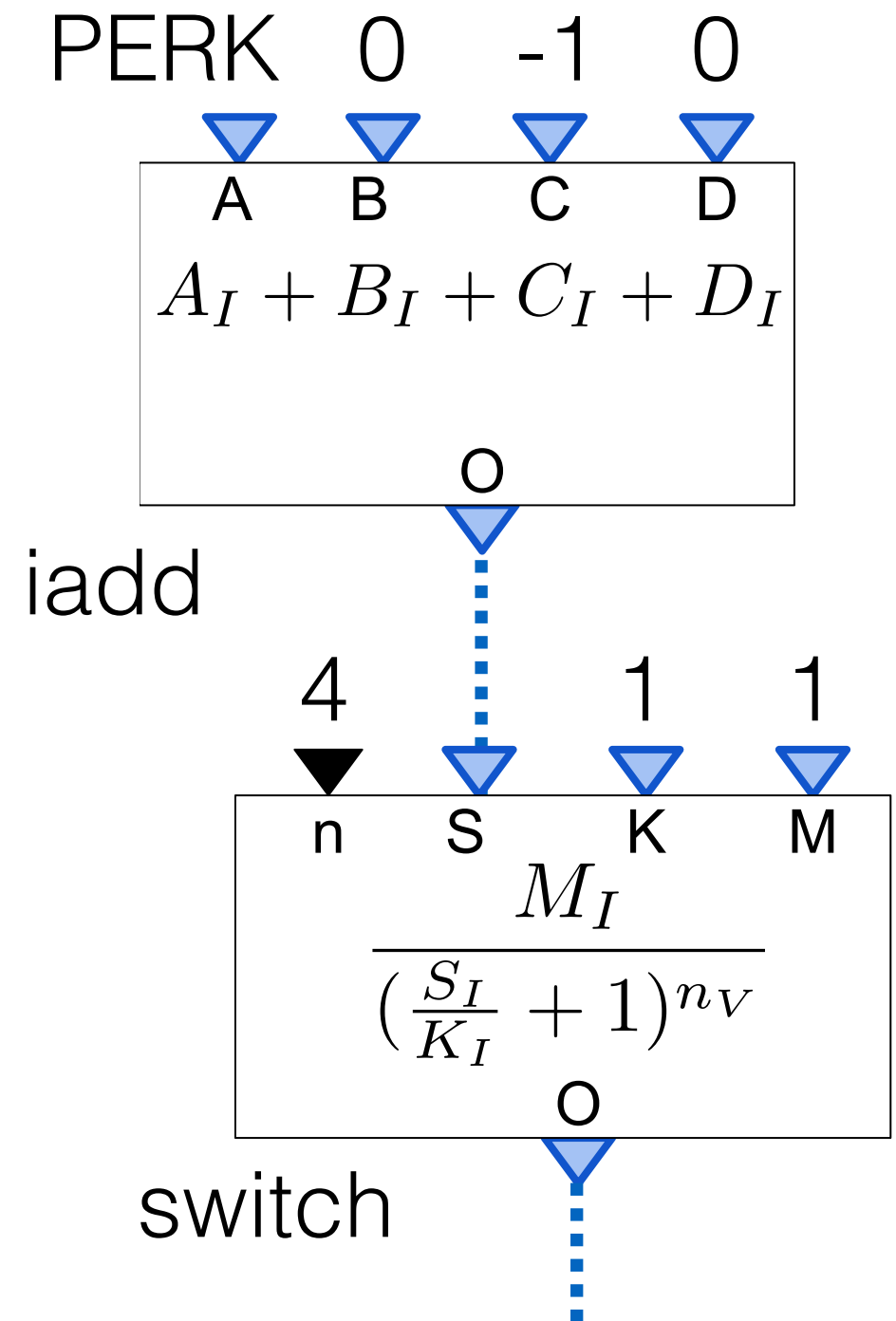
Arco Runtime



$PERK^{-4}$ term in apop

$PERK^{-4}$

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approximate acceleration of digital
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training phase

analog computation for neural
networks

**exact mapping of dynamical
systems**

no training

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causality of events, no modeling of
time

**continuous time analog models
based on differential equations**

general-purpose digital hardware

energy efficient analog hardware

Conclusion

- same model of computation for the last half century
- **programmable analog devices**: new and powerful model of computation
 - powerful, energy efficient primitives
 - compelling initial application (biology)
- programming language techniques are a key enabling technology
 - we have presented first compiler for this platform
 - deep research area; decades of new and compelling results