# Transformations with Triple Graph Grammars with Non-terminal Symbols

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#### Introduction

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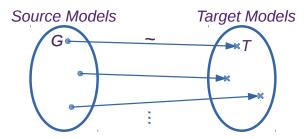
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- **Goal:** Comprehensible and reliable transformations
  - Efficient representation of abstract concepts
  - Small size

### The Model Transformation Problem

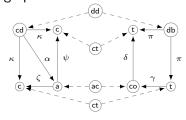


- $lue{G} \sim T$  iff G is correctly transformed into T
- $\, \,$  is the  $\it correctly-transformed relation$  between source and target models
- Batch forward transformation: Given G, find a T, such that  $G \sim T$

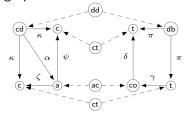
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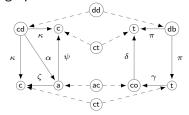


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- The correctly-transformed relation  $\sim$  between graphs is described in terms of a triple graph grammar TGG
  - $G \sim T$  iff  $(G \leftarrow C \rightarrow T) \in L(TGG)$

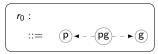
# TGG - An Example

#### Pseudocode to Controlflow

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program main(n) if n < 0 then return Nothing else f \leftarrow 1 while n > 0 do f \leftarrow f * n n \leftarrow n - 1 end while return Just f end if
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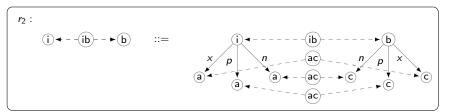


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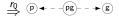
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$$f \downarrow \qquad \qquad r \downarrow$$

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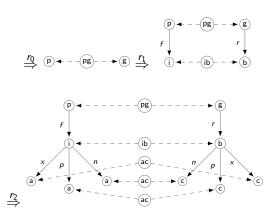
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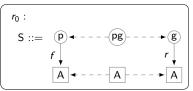
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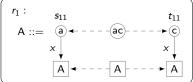
### Our Contribution – NCE TGG

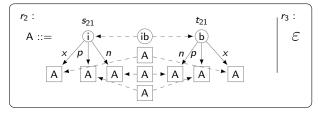
- New formalism: NCE TGG
  - Graph Grammar with Neighborhood-controlled Embedding (NCE) [Janssens and Rozenberg(1982)]
  - Triple Graph Grammar (TGG) [Schürr(1994)]
- Non-terminal symbols
- Context-free

# NCE TGG - An Example

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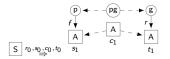




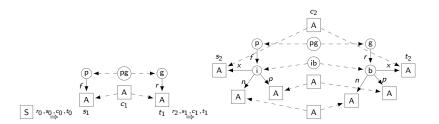
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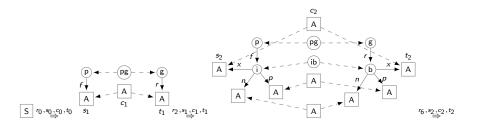
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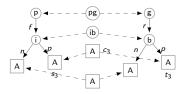


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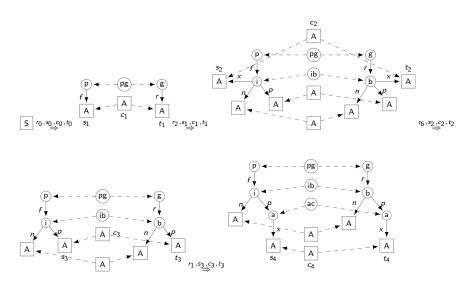


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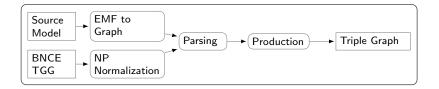


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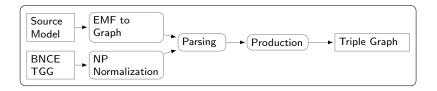


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# **Transformation**



### **Transformation**



- Bottom-up parser, analogous to CYK, from [Rozenberg and Welzl(1986)]
- Polynomial worst-case time complexity, but not linear
- Performance not practicable (yet)

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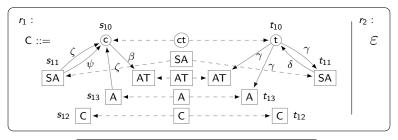
#### PAC NCE TGG

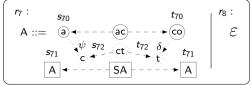
- New formalism: NCE TGG with Positive Application Conditions (PAC NCE TGG)
  - PAC vertices are created with *rule applications*.
  - PAC vertices are removed with *resolutions*.
  - Allows some sort of context
  - Enhances grammar's generative power

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# PAC NCE TGG – An example

#### Class to Database





#### **Evaluation**

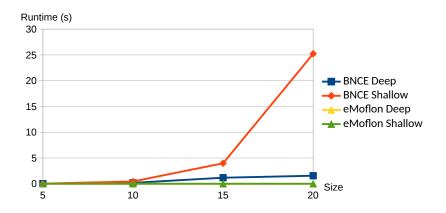
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# Usability Evaluation

	Standard TGG		BNCE TGG	
Transformation	Rules	Elements	Rules	Elements
Pseudocode2Controlflow	47	1085	7	185
BTree2XBTree	4	50	5	80
Star2Wheel	-	-	6	89
Class2Database	5	80	9	117
Statemachine2Petrinet	5	114	7	131
Total	61	1329	28	513
Average	15.25	332.25	7	128.25
Median	5	97	7	124

Table: Results of the usability evaluation of the BNCE TGG formalism in comparison with the standard TGG for the model transformation problem

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- Future Work
  - Efficient transformer: Top-down parser
  - Broader evaluation including empirical assessment with engineers and performance reports
  - Model synchronization

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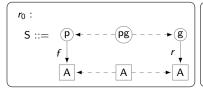
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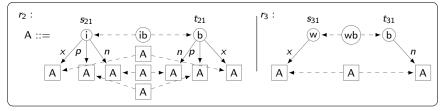
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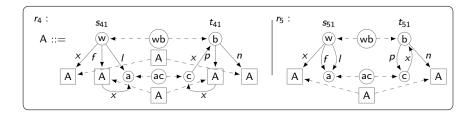
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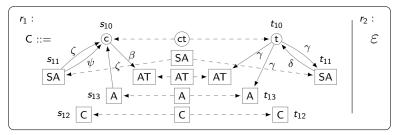


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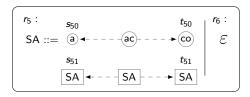
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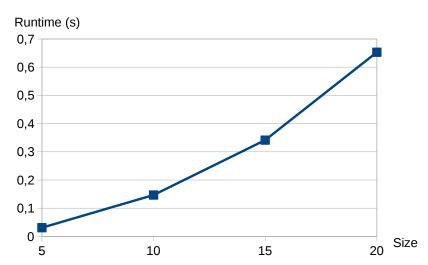


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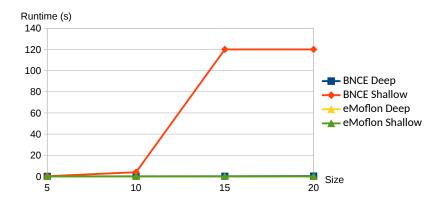
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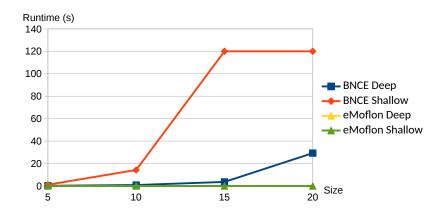
■ Star to Wheel



#### ■ BTree to XBTree



#### StateMachine to PetriNet





#### Class to Database

