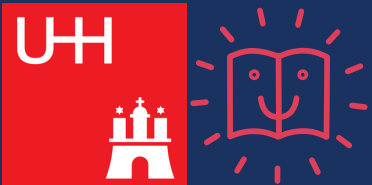


StaRAI: From a Probabilistic Propositional Model to a Highly Compressed Probabilistic Relational Model

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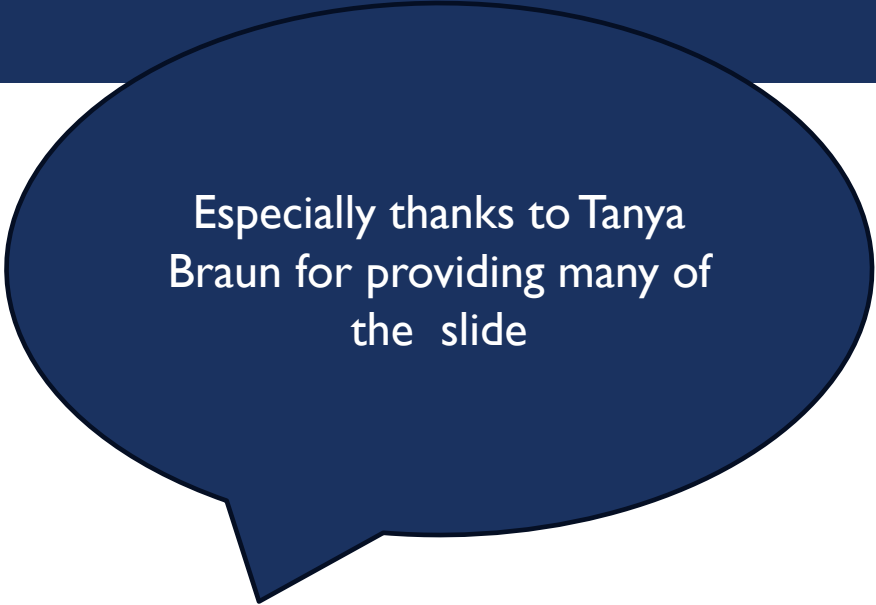


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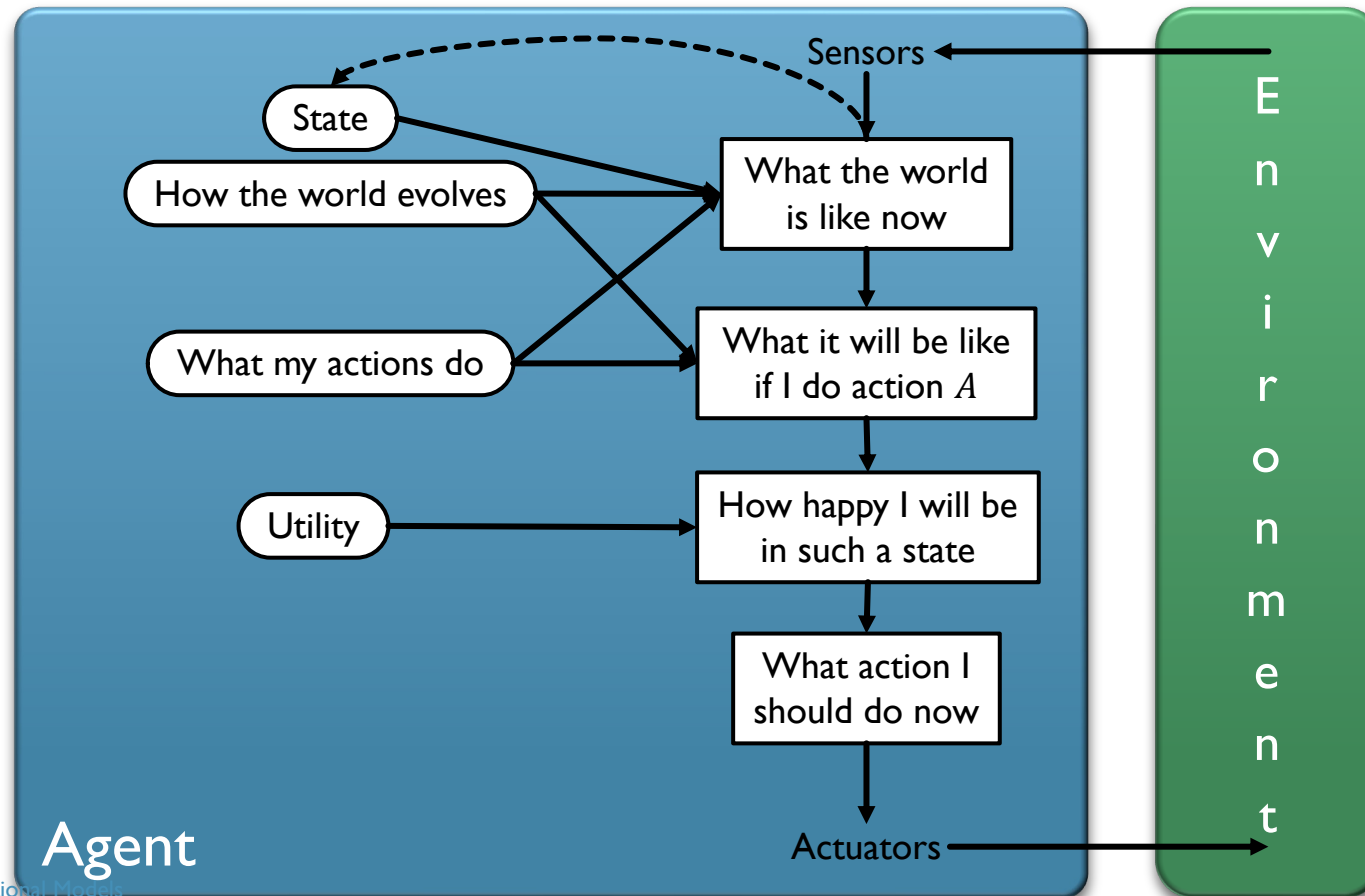
AGENDA

1. Introduction to relational models [Marcel]
 - Relational models under uncertainty
 - Obtaining a compressed representation
2. Compressing probabilistic relational models [Malte]
3. Application: Lifted causal inference [Malte]
4. Summary [Marcel]



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GENERAL AGENT SETTING

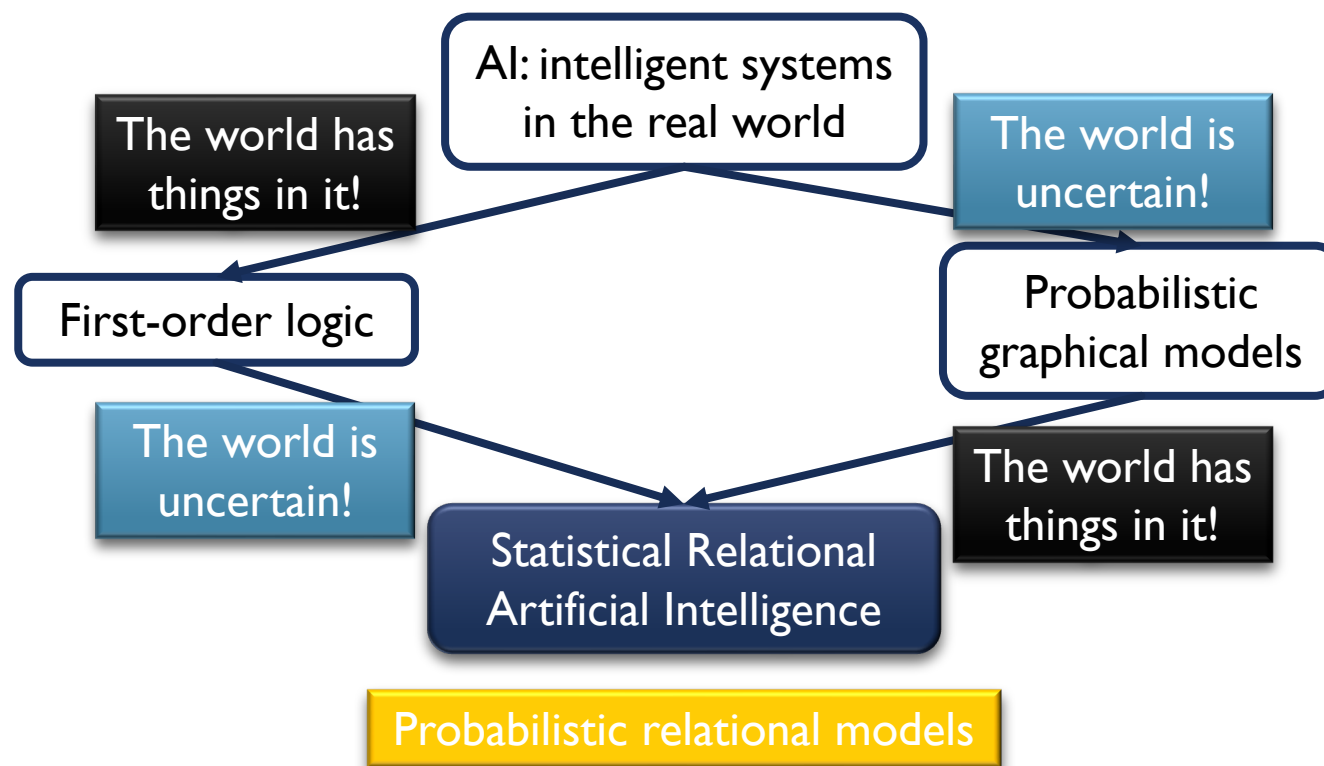




RELATIONAL MODELS UNDER UNCERTAINTY

INTRODUCTION

STATISTICAL RELATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (STARAI)



LOGICAL VARIABLES IN RANDOM VARIABLES

- Atoms: Parameterised random variables = PRVs

- With logical variables

- E.g., X, M
 - Possible values (domain):

$dom(X) = \{alice, eve, bob\}$
 $dom(M) = \{injection, tablet\}$

- With range

- E.g., Boolean, but any discrete, finite set possible
 - $ran(Travel(X)) = \{true, false\}$

- Represent sets of *indistinguishable* random variables

$Nat(D) = \text{natural disaster } D$
 $Acc(A) = \text{accident } A$

$Nat(D)$

$Acc(A)$

$Epid$

$Travel(X)$

$Treat(X, M)$

$Sick(X)$

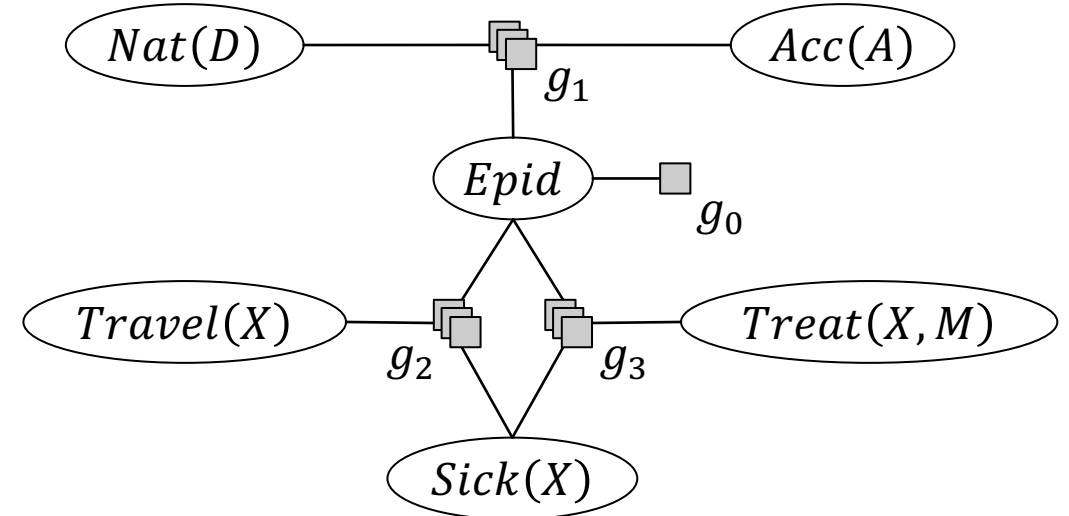
PARFACTORS

- Factors with PRVs = parfactors

$Travel(X)$	$Epid$	$Sick(X)$	g_2
false	false	false	5
false	false	true	0
false	true	false	4
false	true	true	6
true	false	false	4
true	false	true	6
true	true	false	2
true	true	true	9

Potentials

- In parfactors, just like in factors, no probability distribution as factors required



FACTORS

■ Grounding

<i>Travel(X)</i>	<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(X)</i>	g_2
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	5
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	0
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<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	9

<i>Travel(eve)</i>	<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(eve)</i>	g_2
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	5
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	0
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<i>Travel(alice)</i>	<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(alice)</i>	g_2
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	5
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	0
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<i>Travel(bob)</i>	<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(bob)</i>	g_2
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	5
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	0
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creat(X, M)

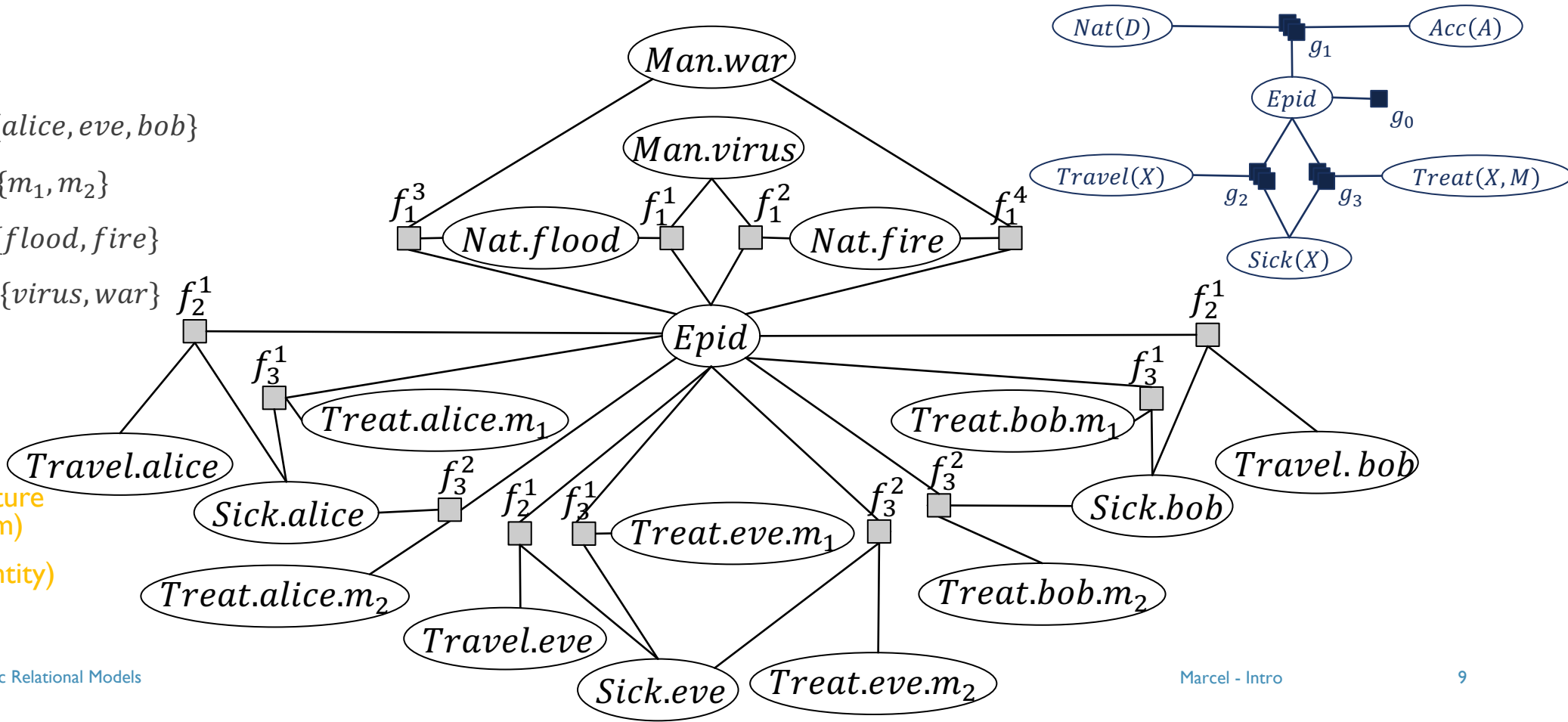
GROUNDING MODEL

Given domains

- $dom(X) = \{alice, eve, bob\}$
- $dom(M) = \{m_1, m_2\}$
- $dom(D) = \{flood, fire\}$
- $dom(W) = \{virus, war\}$

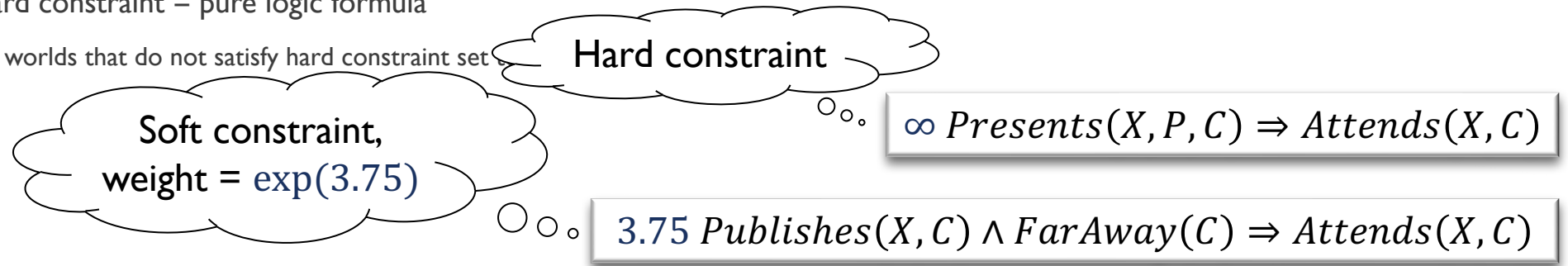
Symmetry in

- Graph structure (isomorphism)
- Factors (identity)



MARKOV LOGIC NETWORKS (MLNS)

- Weighted logical formulas to soften otherwise hard constraints
[Richardson & Domingos 06]
 - Implicitly connected via conjunction
 - I.e., set of formulas ψ_i = knowledge base/theory
 - Worlds that violate constraint become less likely but not impossible
 - As w_i increases, so does the strength of ψ_i
 - Infinite weight: Hard constraint = pure logic formula
 - Probabilities of worlds that do not satisfy hard constraint set



GROUNDING

- Each (w_i, ψ_i) represents a set of *propositional* sentences, each sentence with weight w_i
 - One sentence for each possible substitution of the free variables $free(\psi_i)$ in ψ_i given a finite domain (or a constraint set) D over $free(\psi_i)$
 - $\theta_D = \bigcup_{d \in D} \{ \bigcup_{t \in d} \{ X_d \rightarrow t \} \}$
 - Example: MLN $\Psi = \{(w_i, \psi_i)\}_{i=1}^2$
 - Domains
 - $dom(X) = \{alice\}$
 - $dom(P) = \{p_1, p_2\}$
 - $dom(C) = \{ijcai, kr\}$
 - Groundings on the right

$(10, Presents(alice, p_1, ijcai) \Rightarrow Attends(alice, ijcai))$

$(10, Presents(alice, p_1, kr) \Rightarrow Attends(alice, kr))$

$(10, Presents(alice, p_2, ijcai) \Rightarrow Attends(alice, ijcai))$

$(10, Presents(alice, p_2, kr) \Rightarrow Attends(alice, kr))$

$(3.75, Publishes(alice, ijcai) \wedge FarAway(ijcai) \Rightarrow Attends(alice, ijcai))$

$(3.75, Publishes(alice, kr) \wedge FarAway(kr) \Rightarrow Attends(alice, kr))$

$10\ Presents(X, P, C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$

$3.75\ Publishes(X, C) \wedge FarAway(C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$

MLNS: SEMANTICS

- MLN $\Psi = \{(w_i, \psi_i)\}_{i=1}^n$, with $w_i \in \mathbb{R}$, induces a *probability distribution* over all possible interpretations ω (world) of the grounded atoms in Ψ

$$\omega \in \{true, false\}^N$$

- N = the number of ground atoms in the grounded Ψ
- Probability of one interpretation ω

$$P(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(w_i \cdot n_i(\omega)) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i n_i(\omega)\right)$$

- $n_i(\omega)$ = number of propositional sentences of ψ_i that evaluate to *true* given the assignments of ω

MLN: GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION?

- Usually not depicted by a graph but by the logical formulas with their weights to the left
- Since the name invokes Markov networks, which is a graphical model, let us build an analogue:
 - Logical atoms as nodes
 - Edges between atoms whenever atoms occur together in a formula
 - Each ψ_i forms clique in graph
 - Potential function ϕ_i for each clique from weights using $\exp w_i$ for each model and $\exp 0$ otherwise

$Presents(X, P, C)$	$Attends(X, C)$	ϕ_1
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	$\exp 10$
<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	$\exp 10$
<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	$\exp 0$
<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	$\exp 10$



$$10 \text{ } Presents(X, P, C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$$

$$3.75 \text{ } Publishes(X, C) \wedge FarAway(C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$$

FROM WEIGHTED FORMULAS TO PARFACTORS

- MLNs with their logical formulas have the same value w_i for each interpretation the satisfies ψ_i
- Allowing for different values for each interpretation, i.e., arbitrary distributions in potential functions
- Set of parfactors
 - Parfactor: Factor (potential function) whose arguments are parameterised with logical variables
 - An MLN can be translated into a set of parfactors and vice versa
[Van den Broeck 13]

$Presents(X, P, C)$	$Attends(X, C)$	ϕ_1
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	exp 10
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SEMANTICS

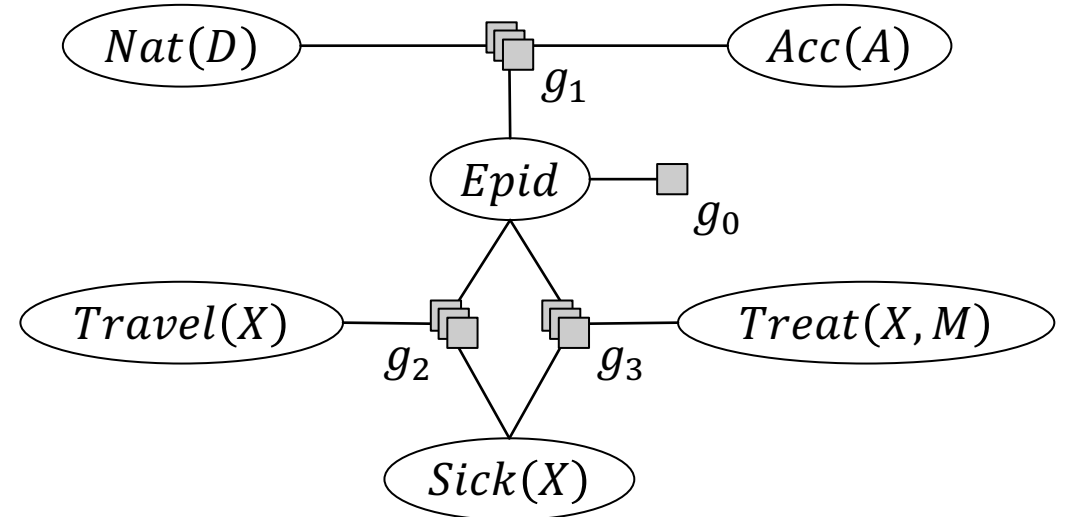
- Distribution semantics (aka grounding or Herbrand semantics) [Sato 95]
 - Completely define discrete joint distribution by factorisation
 - Probabilistic extensions to Datalog [Fuhr 95]
 - Relational Bayesian networks [Jaeger 97]
 - Bayesian Logic Programming [Milch et al. 05], ProbLog [De Raedt et al. 07]
 - Parfactor models [Poole 03, Taghipour et al. 13, Braun & Möller 18, G et al. 19]
 - Markov logic networks (MLNs) [Richardson & Domingos 06]
- Probabilistic Soft Logic (PSL) [Bach et al. 17]
 - Define density function using log-linear model
- Maximum entropy semantics [Thimm et al. 10]
 - Partial specification of discrete joint with “uniform completion”

INFERENCE PROBLEMS WITH AND WITHOUT EVIDENCE

10 $Presents(X, P, C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$

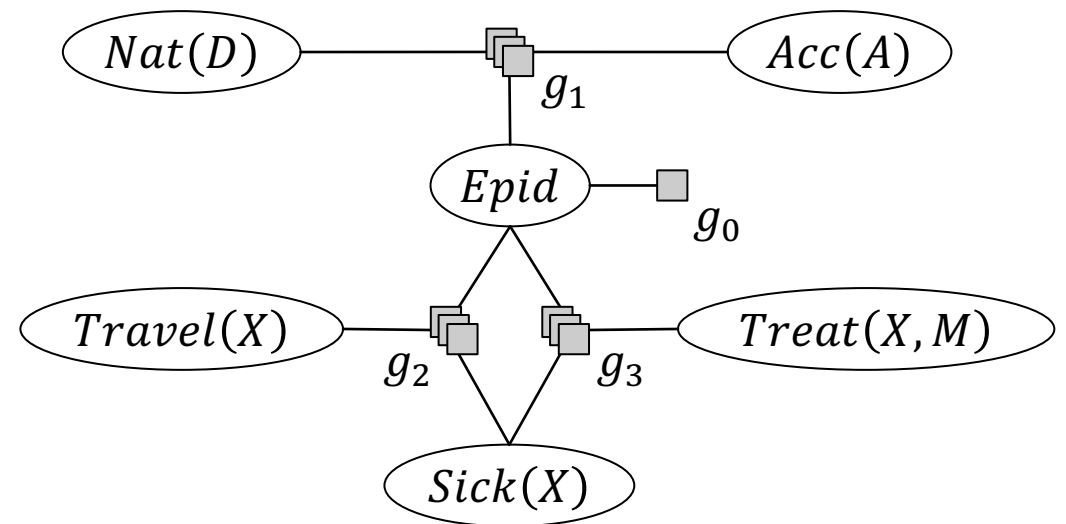
- Query answering problem given a model:
 - Probability of events
 - E.g., $P(Att(eve, kr) = true), P(Epid = true)$
 - Conditional (marginal) probability distributions
 - E.g., $P(Att(ev, kr)|FarAway(kr)), P(Epid|sick(alice), sick(eve))$
 - Assignment queries:
 - Most probable states of random variables
 - Most-probable explanation (MPE), Maximum a posteriori (MAP)
- **Lifted inference:**
Work with representatives for exchangeable random variables [Niepert & van den Broeck 14]
 - Avoid grounding for as long as possible

3.75 $Publishes(X, C) \wedge FarAway(C) \Rightarrow Attends(X, C)$



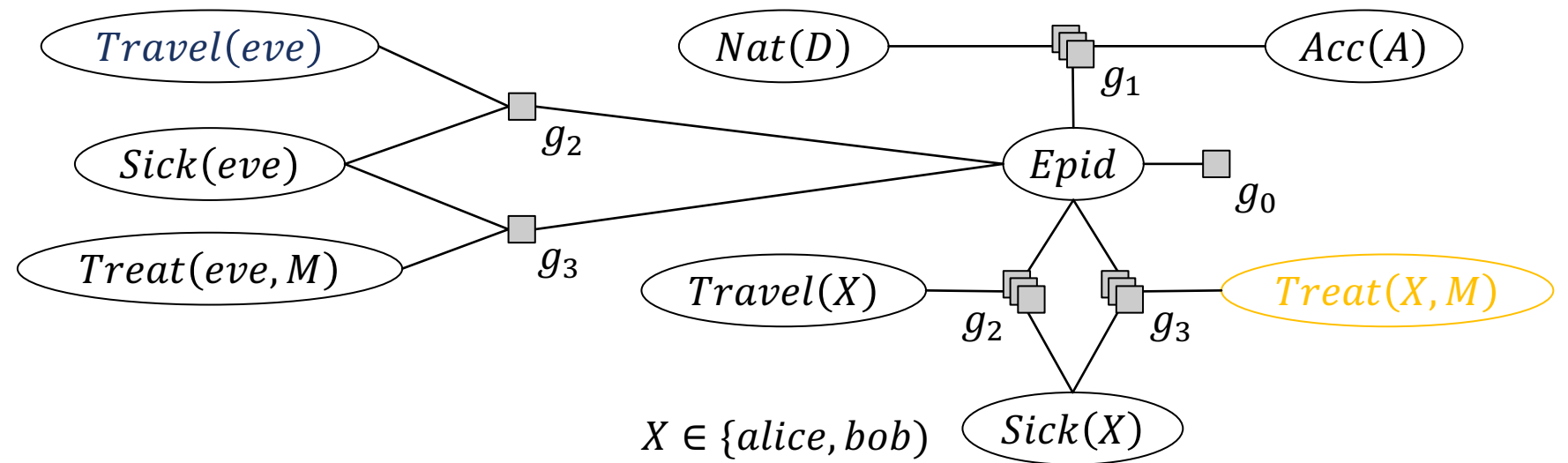
QA IN PARFACTOR MODELS: LIFTED VARIABLE ELIMINATION (LVE)

- Eliminate all variables not appearing in query
 - [Poole 03, de Salvo Braz et al. 05, 06, Milch et al. 08, Taghipour et al. 13, 13a, Braun & Möller 18]
- Lifted summing out
 - Sum out *representative* instance as in propositional variable elimination
 - Exponentiate result for exchangeable instances
- Correctness: Equivalent ground operation
 - Each instance is summed out
 - Result: factor f that is identical for all instance
 - Multiplying indistinguishable results
→ exponentiation of one representative f



QA: LVE IN DETAIL

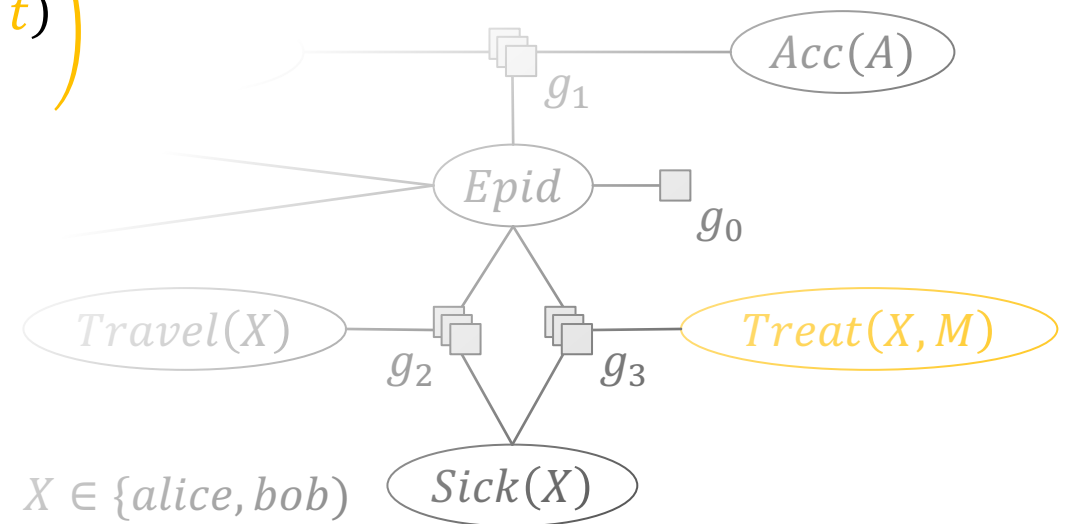
- Eliminate $Treat(X, M)$
 - Appears in only one g : g_3
 - Contains all logical variables of g_3 : X, M
 - For each X constant: the same number of M constants
- ✓ Preconditions of lifted summing out fulfilled, lifted summing out possible



LVE IN DETAIL: LIFTED SUMMING OUT

- Eliminate $Treat(X, M)$ by lifted summing out
 - Sum out representative

$$\left(\sum_{t \in r(Treat(X, M))} g_3(Epid = e, Sick(X) = s, Treat(X, M) = t) \right)^{\#M|X}$$



LVE IN DETAIL: LIFTED SUMMING OUT

$$\left(\sum_{t \in r(\text{Treat}(X,M))} g_3(\text{Epid} = e, \text{Sick}(X) = s, \text{Treat}(X,M) = t) \right)^{\#M|X}$$

<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(X)</i>	<i>Treat(X,M)</i>	g_3		<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(X)</i>	Σ		<i>Epid</i>	<i>Sick(X)</i>	\wedge
false	false	false	9	+	false	false	10	\wedge	false	false	10^2
false	false	true	1								
false	true	false	6	+	false	true	9	\wedge	false	true	9^2
false	true	true	3								
true	false	false	7	+	true	false	12	\wedge	true	false	12^2
true	false	true	5								
true	true	false	4	+	true	true	12	\wedge	true	true	12^2
true	true	true	8								

SYMMETRIES WITHIN

- Assume four epidemics with identical characteristics
 - $Epid_1, Epid_2, Epid_3, Epid_4$
 - Reasonable to model the epidemics such that it does not matter which $Epid$ variables specifically are *true* or *false*, i.e., they are interchangeable

- CRV: $\#_E[Epid(E)]$

- Range values

$[0,4], [1,3], [2,2], [3,1], [4,0]$
 1 4 6 4 1

how many assignments encoded

- $g' = \phi(\#_E[Epid(E)])$

$\#_E[Epid(E)]$	ϕ'
$[0,4]$	8
$[1,3]$	6
$[2,2]$	4
$[3,1]$	2
$[4,0]$	0

$Epid_1$	$Epid_2$	$Epid_3$	$Epid_4$	ϕ
false	false	false	false	8
false	false	false	true	6
false	false	true	false	6
false	false	true	true	4
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true	true	false	false	4
true	true	false	true	2
true	true	true	false	2
true	true	true	true	0

CRVS CONTINUED

- (P)CRV $\#_X[A|_C]$ with
 - $m = |\text{ran}(A)|$ (number of buckets)
 - $n = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i = |\text{gr}(A|_{\pi_X(C)})|$ (number of instances to distribute into buckets)
- Instead of m^n mappings in the ground factor, the counted factor has

$$\binom{n + m - 1}{n - 1}$$

mappings

- Upper bound of range size of a CRV:

$$\binom{n + m - 1}{n - 1} \leq n^m$$

- Range of a (P)CRV = space of histograms fulfilling the conditions on the histograms
 - (All possible ways of distributing n interchangeable instances into m buckets)
- Single histogram encodes several interchangeable assignments at once
 - Given by multinomial coefficient $Mul(h)$

$$Mul(h) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^m n_i!}$$

- If $m = 2$, binomial coefficient:

$$\binom{n}{n_1} = \frac{n!}{(n - n_1)! n_1!} = \frac{n!}{n_2! n_1!}$$

SELECTED INFERENCE ALGORITHMS FOR MLNS AND PARFACTOR MODELS

Static

- Exact:
 - Lifted Variable Elimination [Poole 03]
 - Lifted Junction Tree [Braun & Möller 18]
 - First-order Knowledge Compilation [Van den Broeck et al. 11]
 - Probabilistic Theorem Proving [Gogate & Domingos 11]
 - CRANE [Dilkas & Belle 23]
 - FAST WFOMC [van Bremen & Kuželka 20]
- Approximative
 - Lifted Belief Propagation [Ahmadi et al. 13]
 - Weighted First-order Model Sampling [Wang et al. 24]
 - Lifted MCMC [Niepert 12]
 - Lifted Importance Sampling [Gogate et al. 11]

Temporal

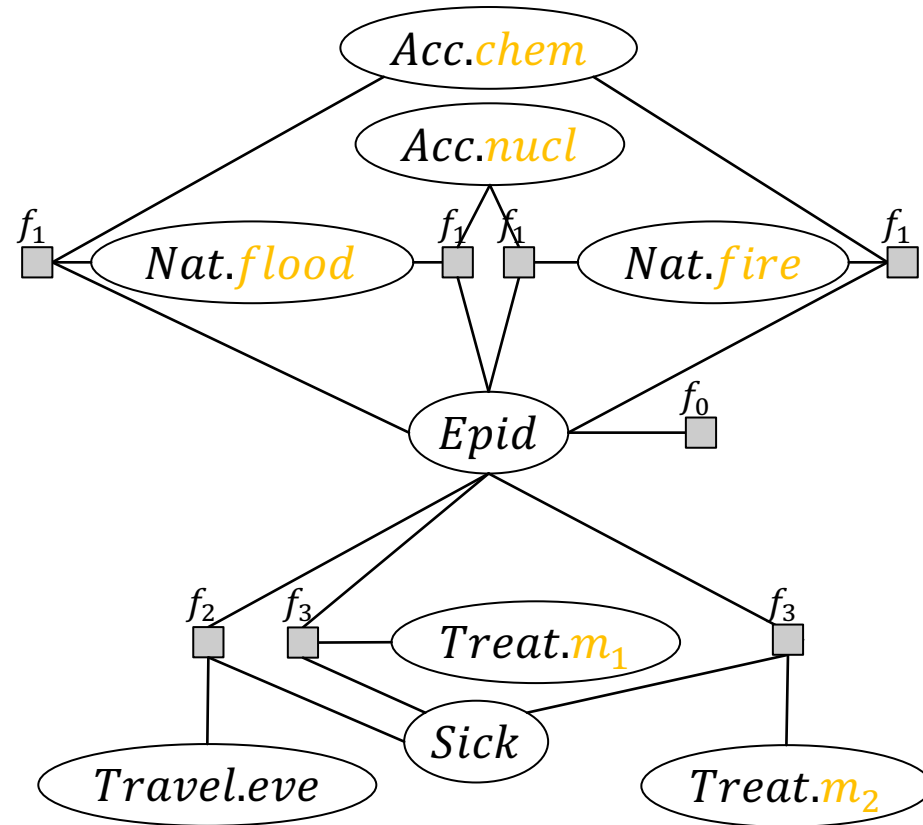
- Exact
 - Lifted Dynamic Junction Tree Algorithm [G et al. 19]
- Approximate
 - Lifted Factored Frontier Algorithm [Ahmadi et al. 13]
 - Online Inference Algorithms [Geier & Biundo 11, Papai et al. 12]



OBTAINING A COMPRESSED REPRESENTATION

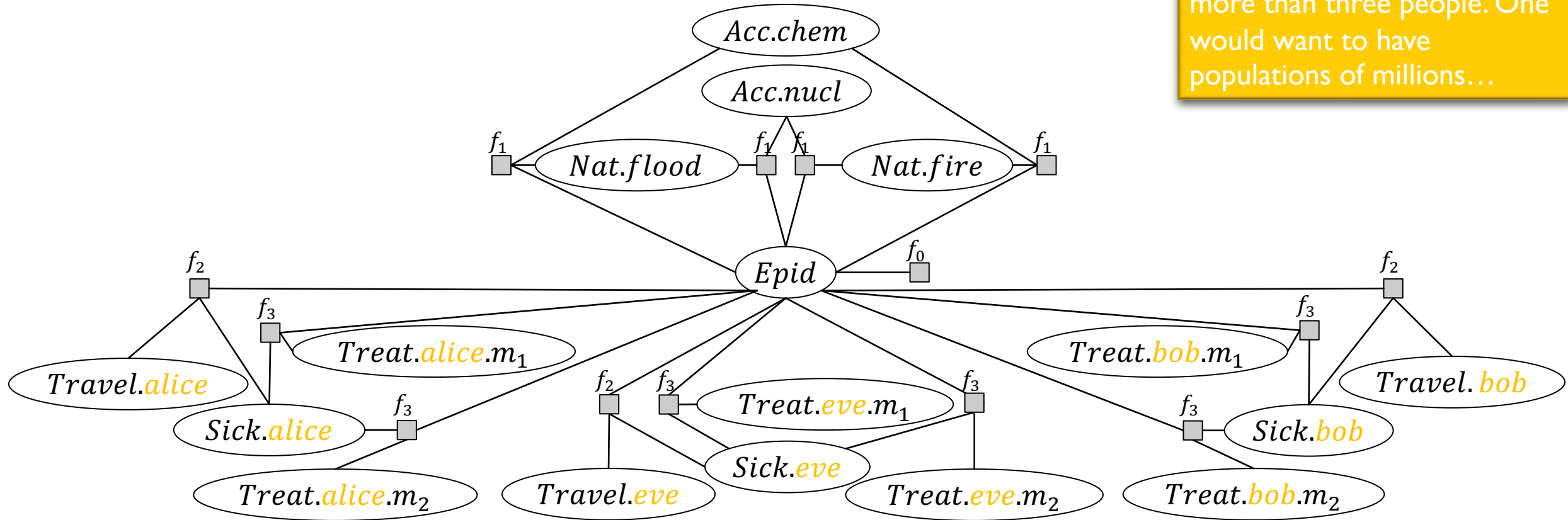
INTRODUCTION

PROBLEM: ADDING OBJECTS AND RELATIONS IN PROPOSITIONAL FORMALISMS CLUNKY...



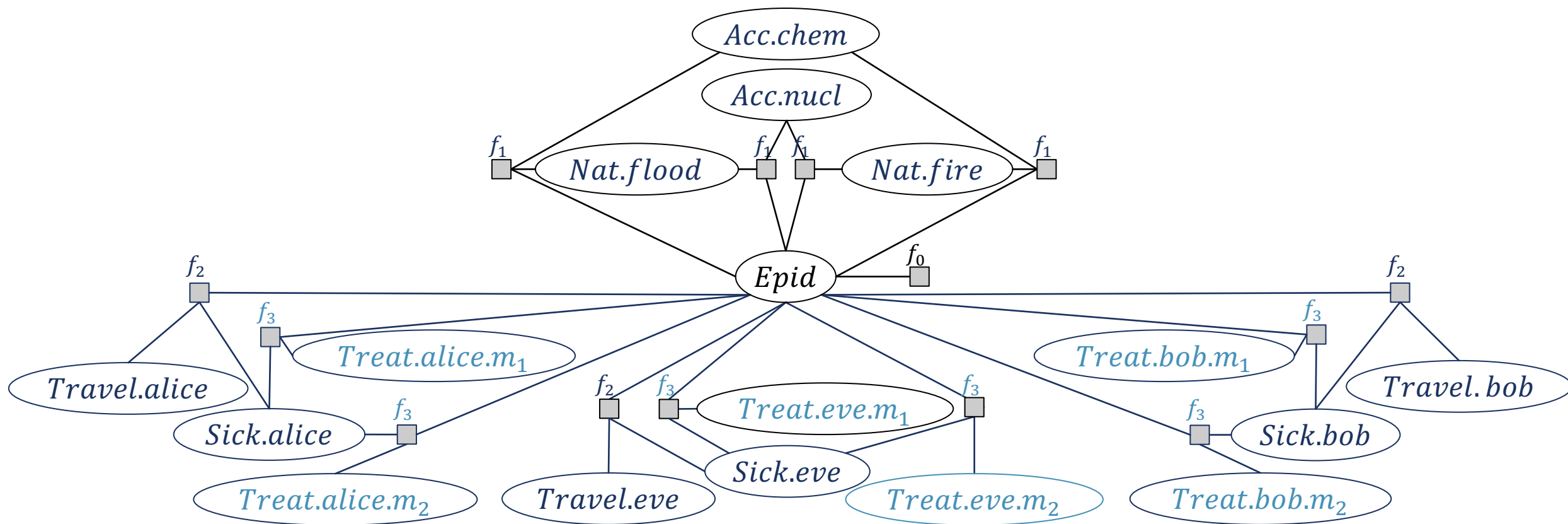
PROBLEM: ... AND MODELS EXPLODE WITH THEM

And an epidemic depends on more than three people. One would want to have populations of millions...

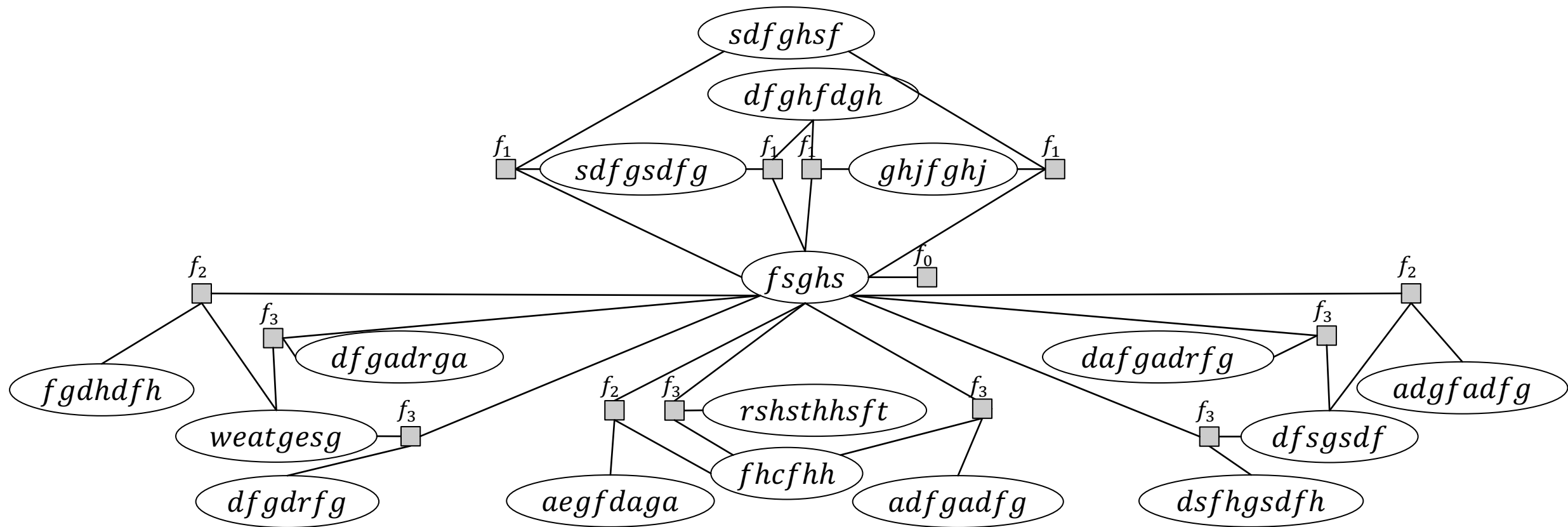


$13 \cdot 2^3 + 2 = 104$ entries in 14 factors, 17 variables

PROPOSITIONAL → FIRST-ORDER VIEW



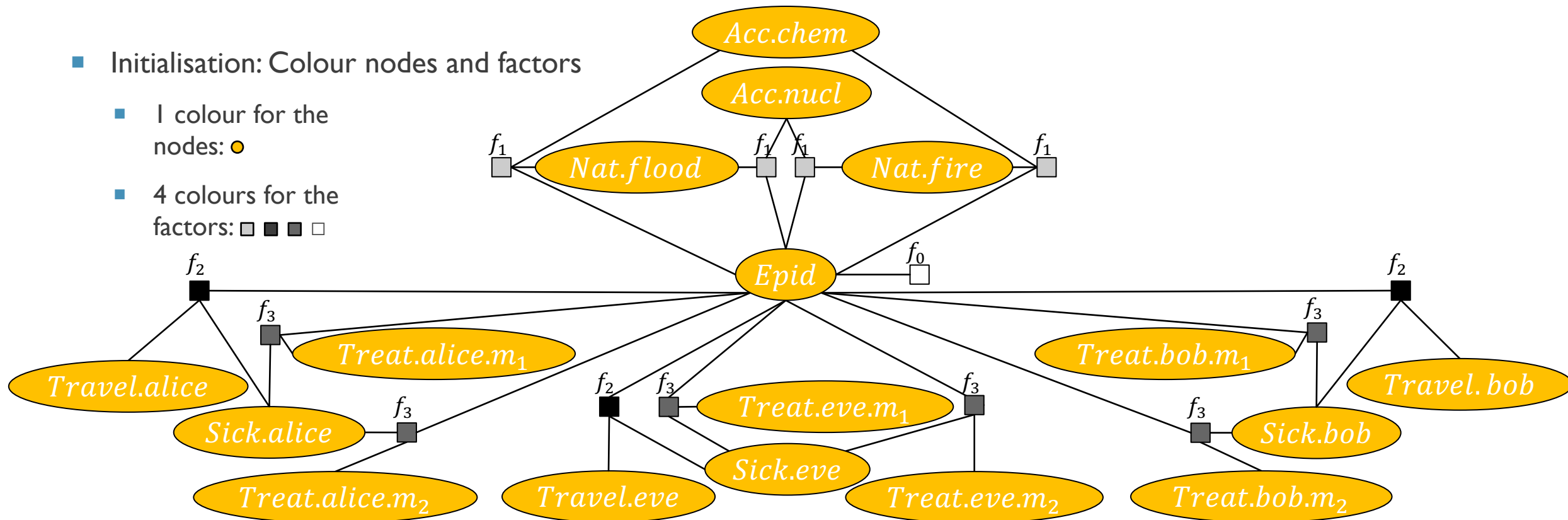
PROBLEM: ... LEARNED FROM DATA MORE LIKE THIS



COMPRESSION

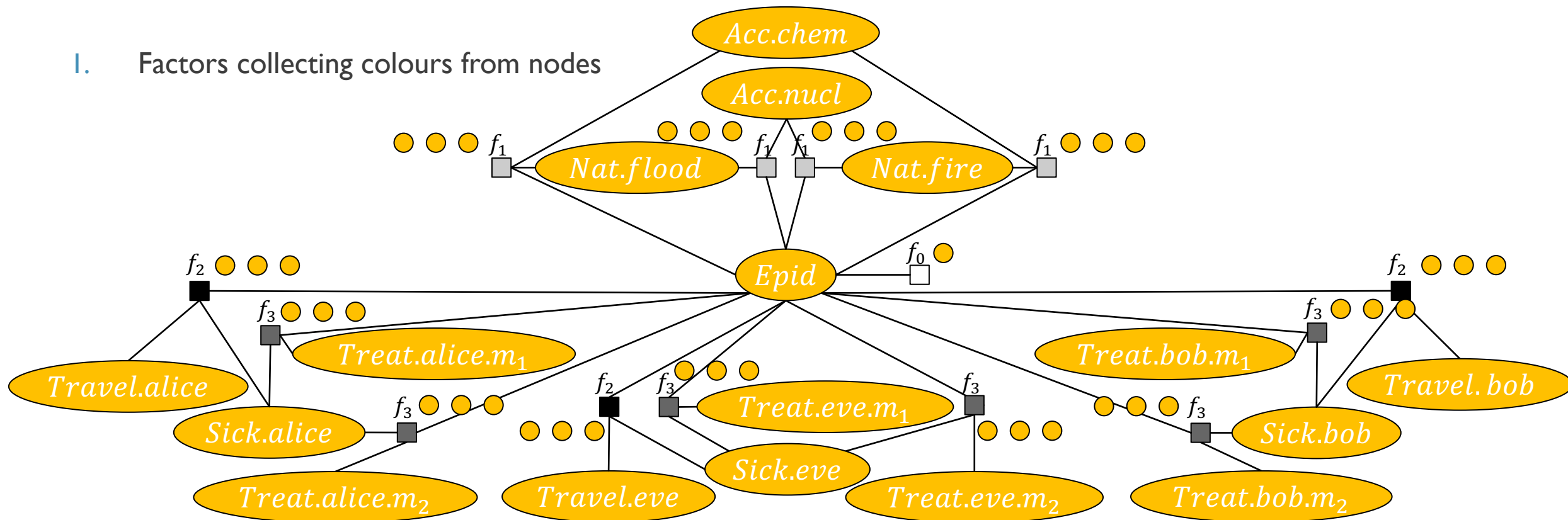
- Initialisation: Colour nodes and factors

- 1 colour for the nodes: ●
- 4 colours for the factors: ■ ■ ■ ■



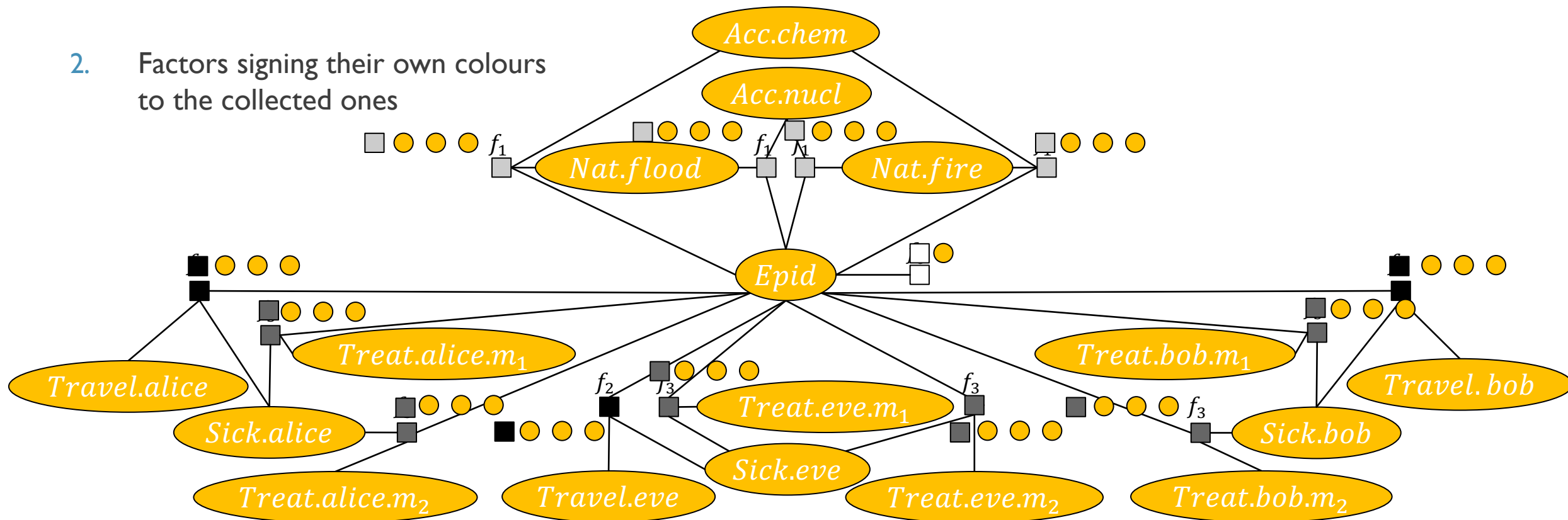
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I. Factors collecting colours from nodes



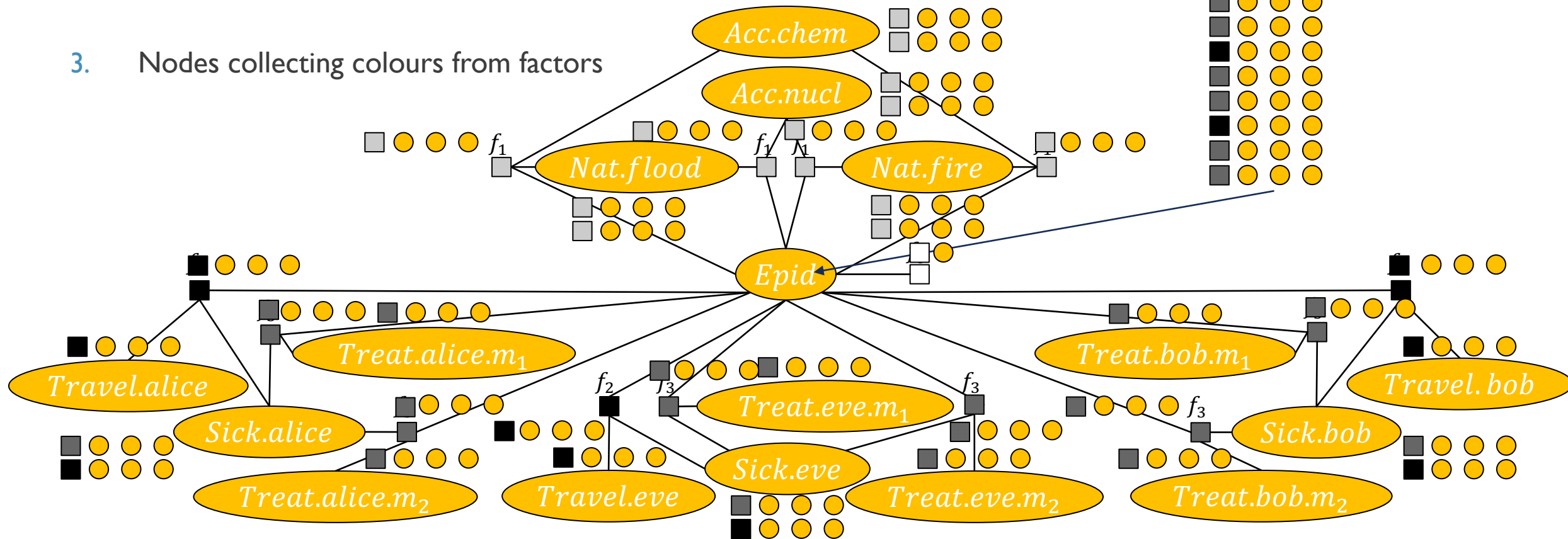
COMPRESSION

2. Factors signing their own colours to the collected ones



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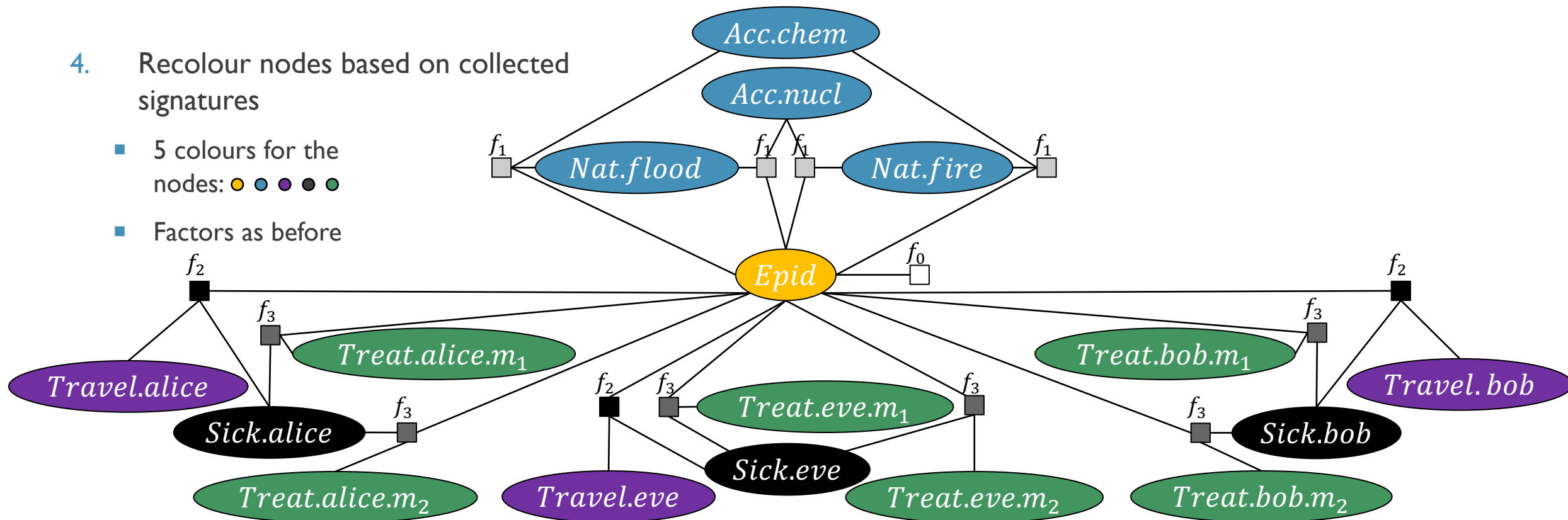
3. Nodes collecting colours from factors



COMPRESSION

4. Recolour nodes based on collected signatures

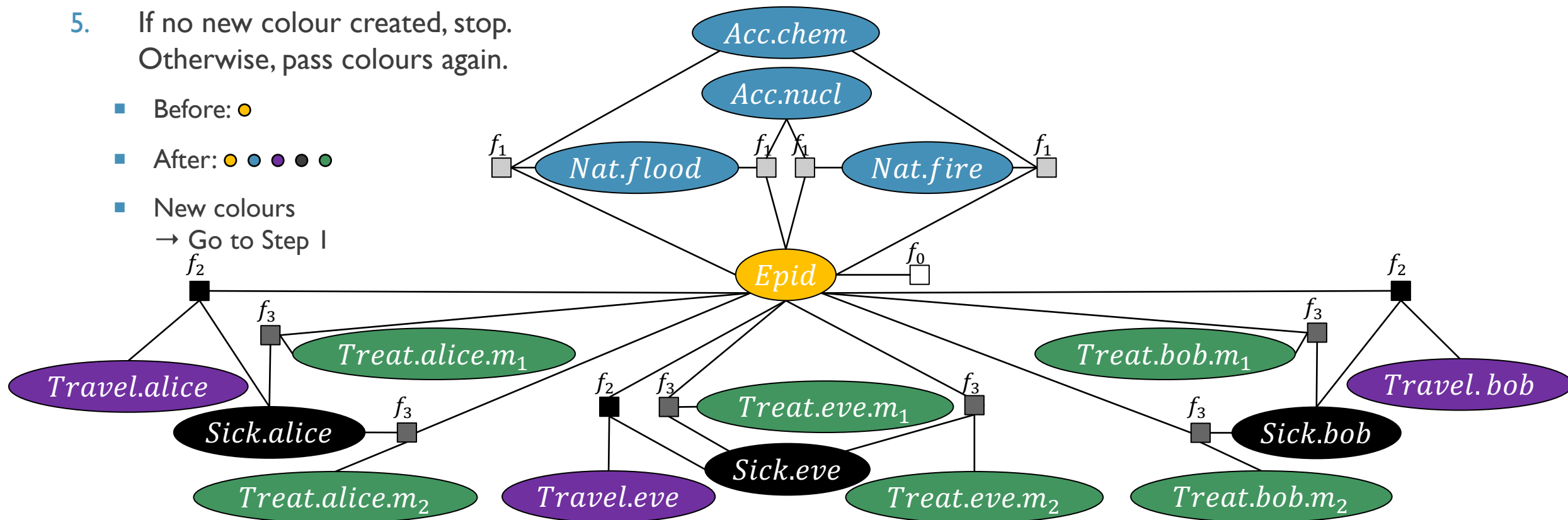
- 5 colours for the nodes: ● ● ● ● ●
- Factors as before



COMPRESSION

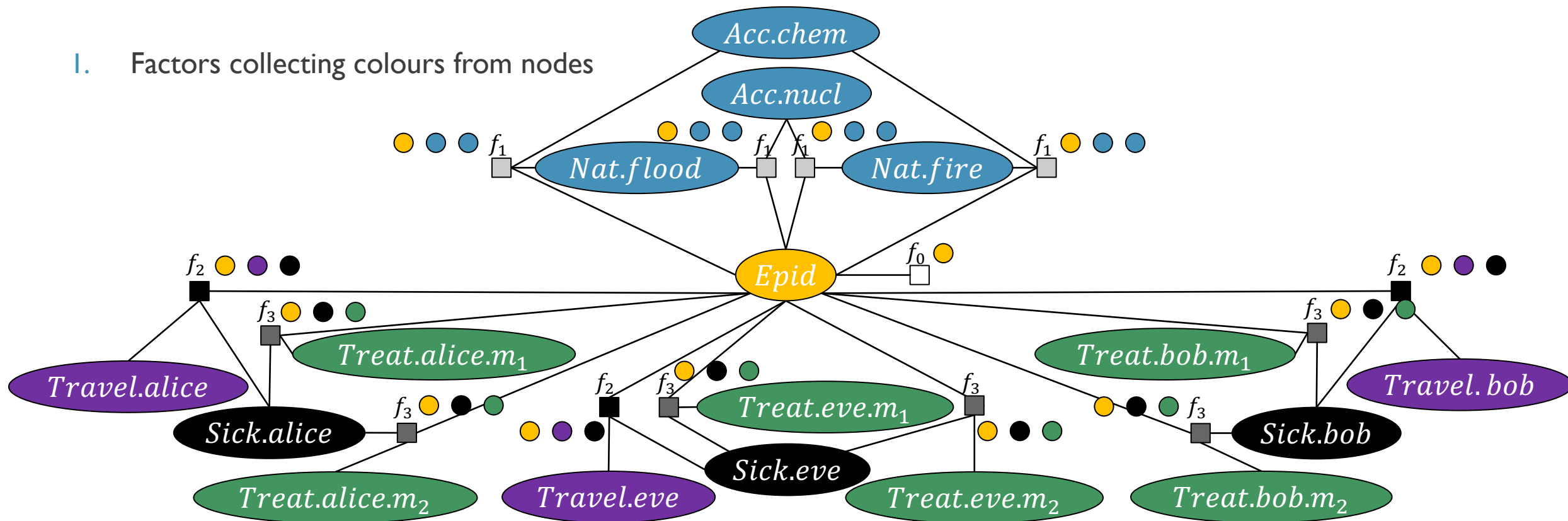
5. If no new colour created, stop.
Otherwise, pass colours again.

- Before: ●
- After: ● ● ● ● ●
- New colours
→ Go to Step 1



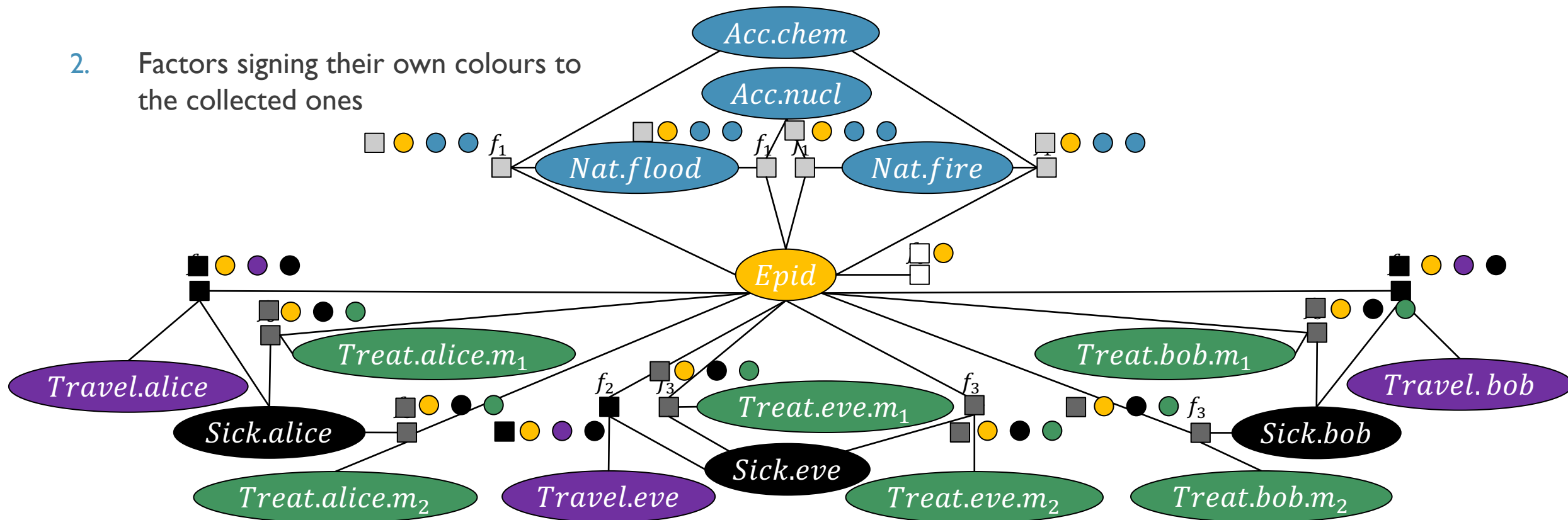
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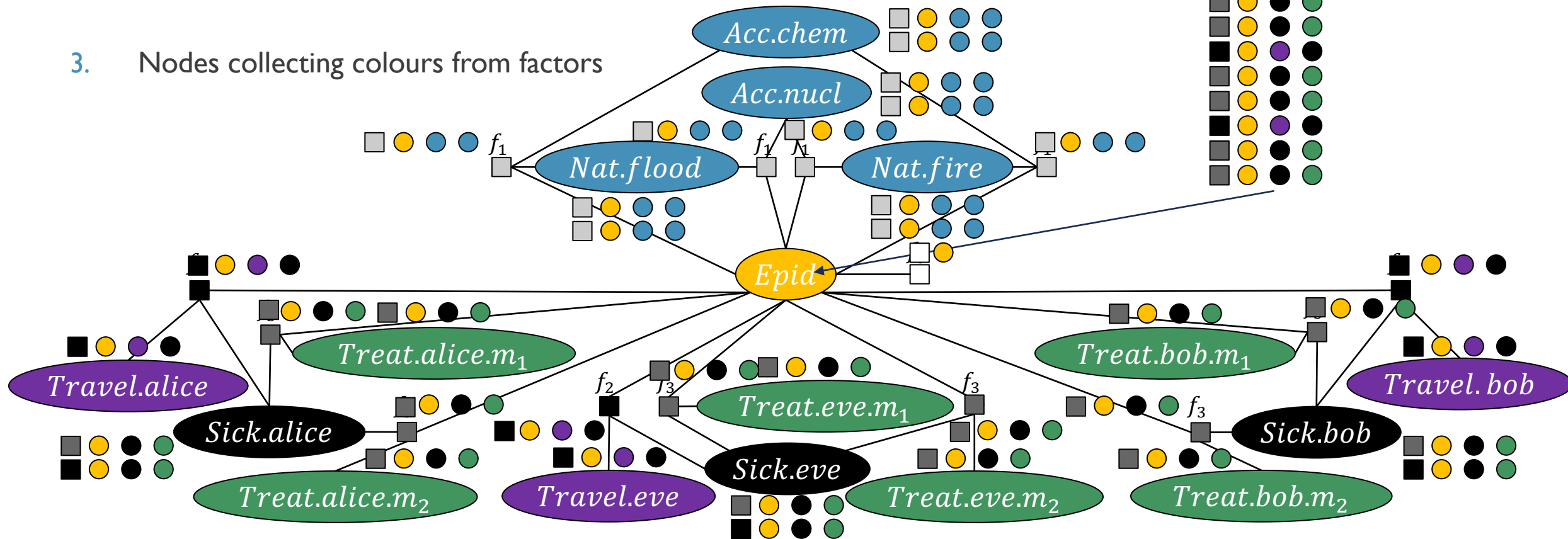
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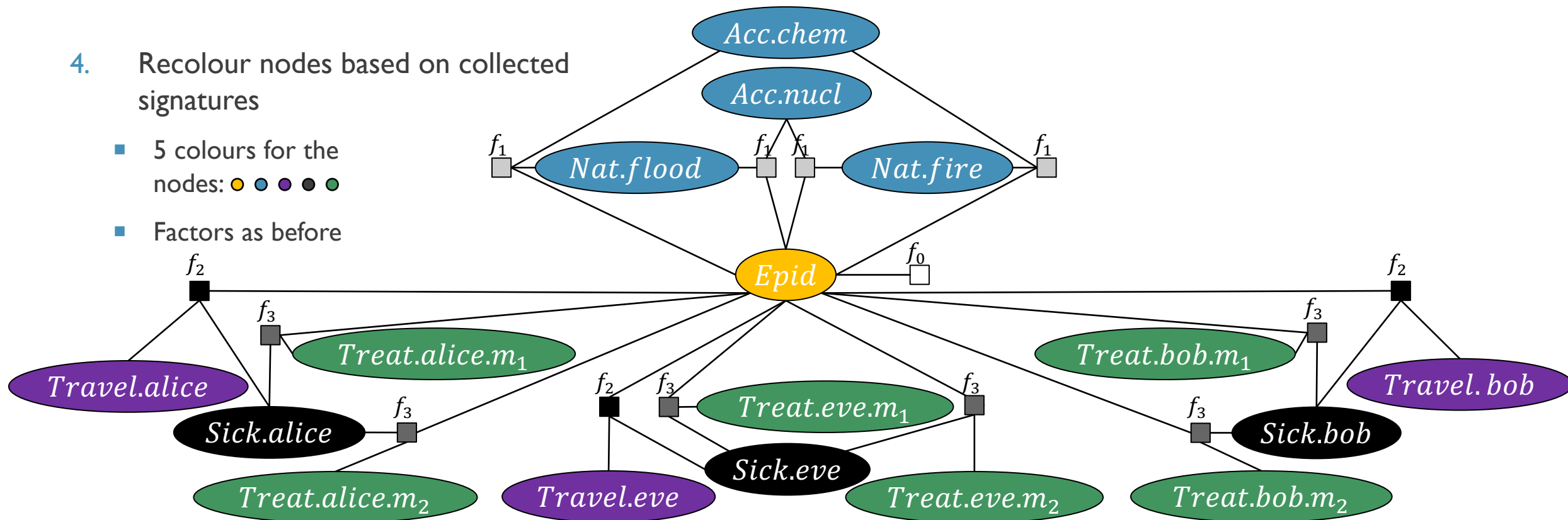
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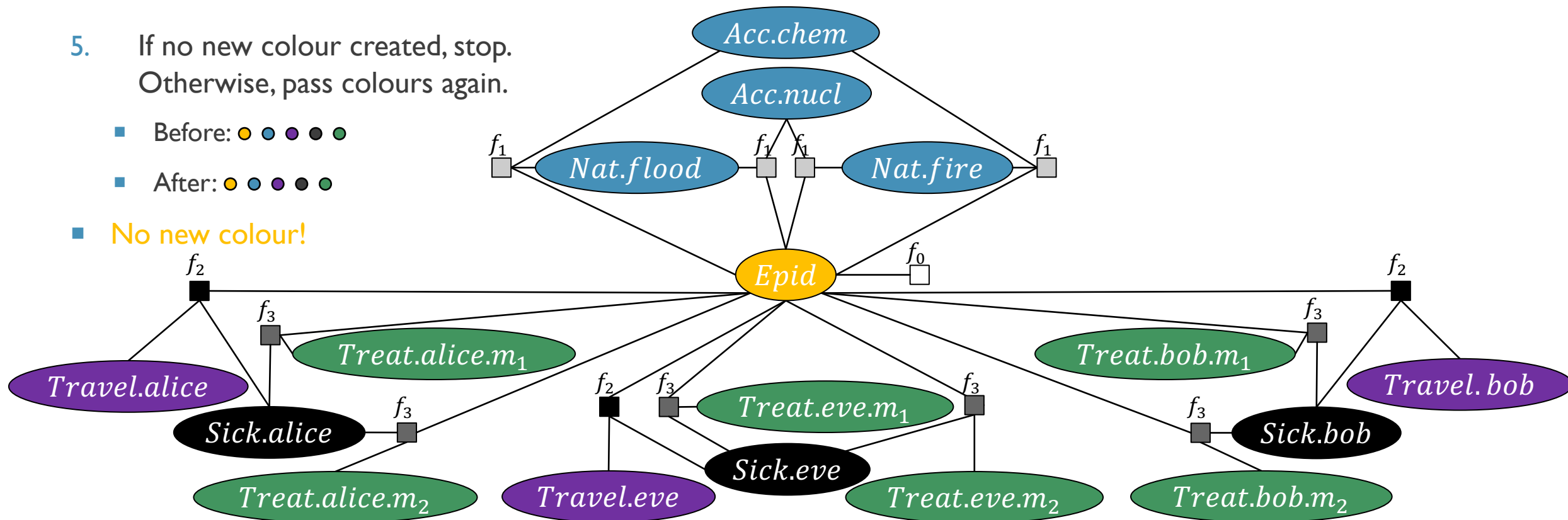
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■ Before: ● ● ● ● ●

■ After: ● ● ● ● ●

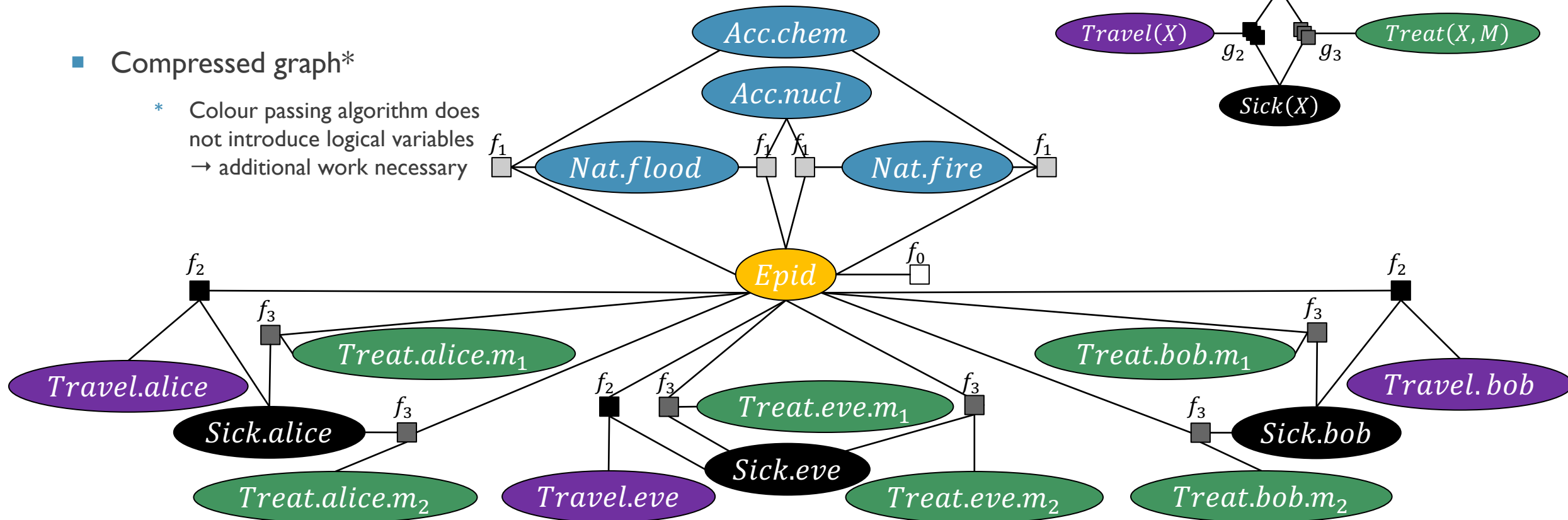
■ No new colour!



COMPRESSION

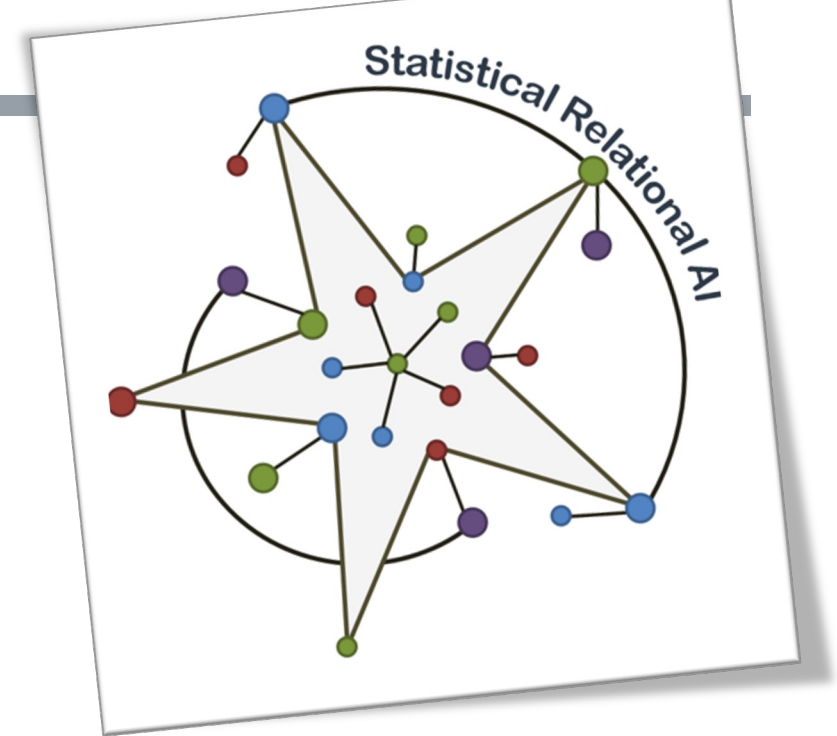
Compressed graph*

- * Colour passing algorithm does not introduce logical variables
→ additional work necessary



AGENDA

1. Introduction to relational Models [Marcel]
2. Compressing probabilistic relational models [Malte]
 - Advancing the state of the art to obtain an exact compressed representation
 - Approximating a compressed representation with known error bounds
 - Handling unknown factors
3. Application: Lifted causal inference [Malte]
4. Summary [Marcel]



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