

# FRBR<sub>oo</sub> and Seriality

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# FRBR and serials

# FRBR and serials: Preamble

- *FRBR Final Report*, 1.3 "Areas for Further Study:"
  - "Certain aspects of the model merit more detailed examination. The identification and definition of attributes for various types of material could be extended through further review by experts and through user studies. In particular, the notion of "seriality" and the dynamic nature of entities recorded in digital formats merit further analysis."

# FRBR and serials: Literature survey

- Ed Jones ("The FRBR Model as Applied to Continuing Resources," 2005)
  - FRBR Work is defined in terms of *content*, a title change does not (necessarily) affect content → "abandonment of the title-based definition of [serial] *Work*"
    - [Tillett's reply, 2006: a title change does not mean that there is a new *Work*, it only affects *Manifestation*]
  - Mergers can occur at the Expression level instead of Work level
  - "Frequently revised Works" such as *The World of Learning* can be viewed either as monographs or serials
    - [Tillett's reply, 2006: no new problem]
  - A single record can describe various formats, hence more than one *Manifestation*
    - [Tillett's reply, 2006: FRBR does not imply that a bibliographic record should correspond to only one *Manifestation*]

# FRBR and serials: Literature survey

- Steve Shadle ("FRBR and Serials," 2006)
  - Each of *Serial*, *Issue*, and *Article* are Works, each with its own Expressions and Manifestations
  - A *Serial Work* serves to collocate *Issue Works*

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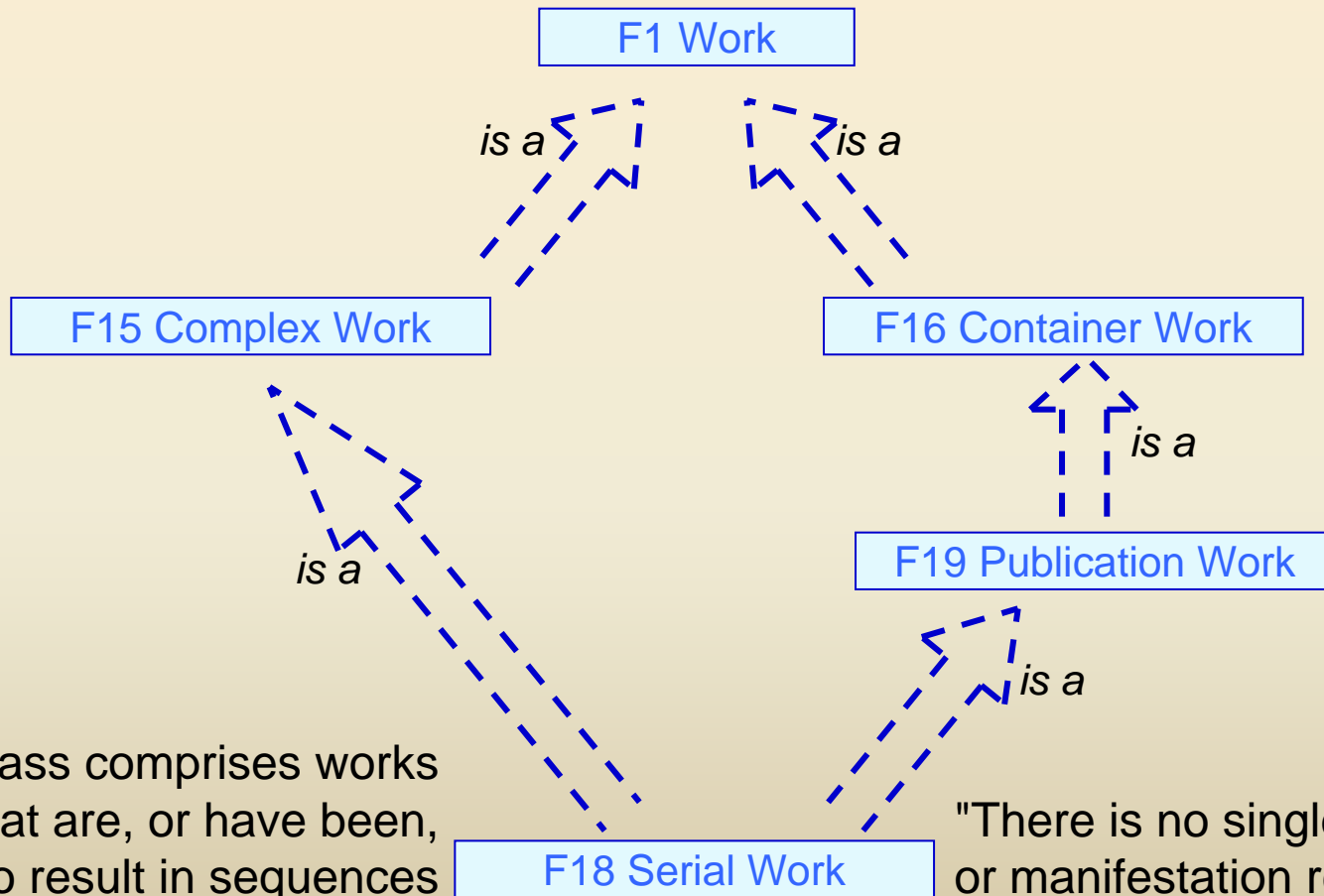
- Adolfo R. Tarango ("FRBR for Serials: Rounding the Square to Fit the Peg," 2008)
  - Serial Work = the historical run of a serial, through its various major changes, described in an authority record
  - Bibliographic records describe "Work segments" (blending both Expression and Manifestation levels)

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How it addresses serials



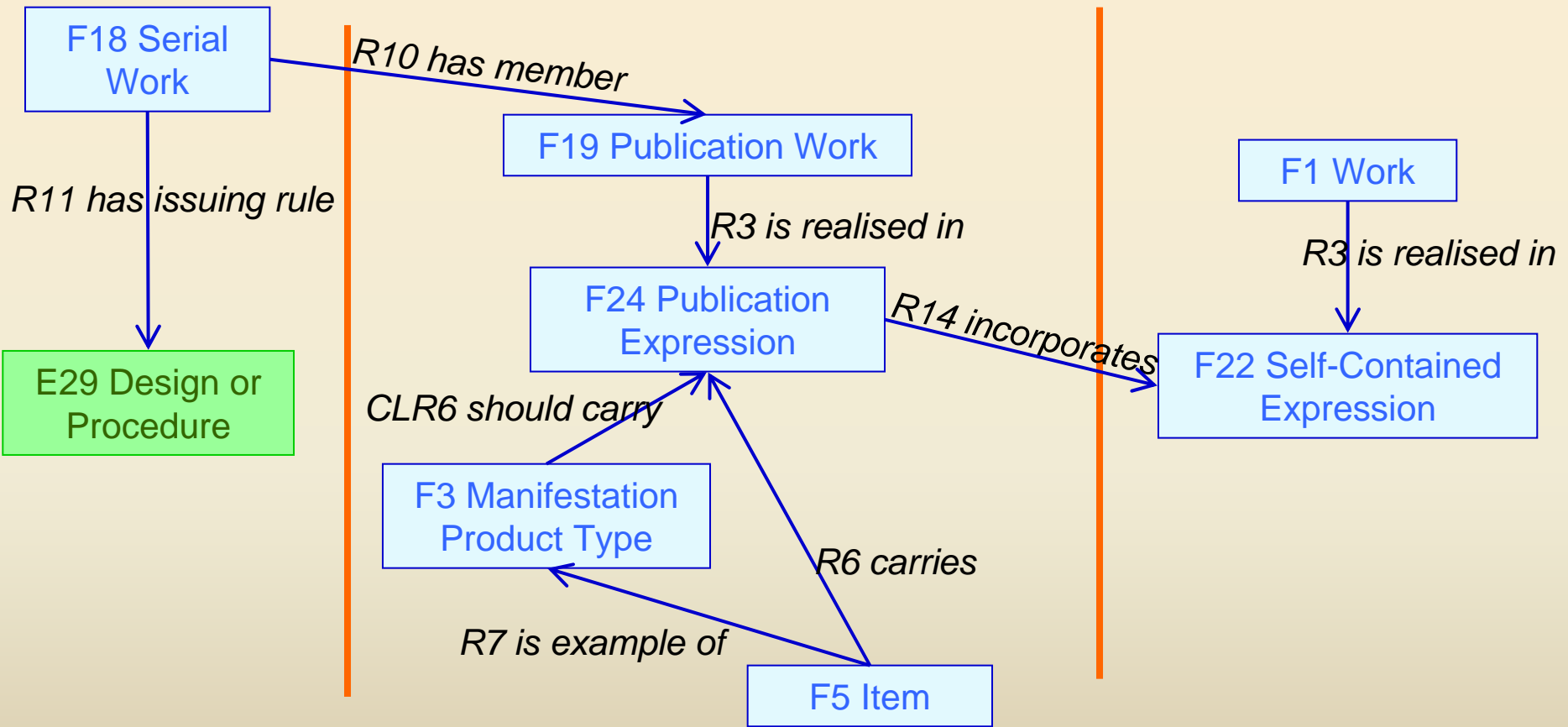
# Serial Works in FRBR<sub>00</sub>



"This class comprises works that are, or have been, planned to result in sequences of manifestations with common features."

"There is no single expression or manifestation representing a complete serial work, unless the serial work is dead."

# Periodical / Issue / Article



Periodical

Issue

Article

# F18 Serial Work

- An instance of F18 Serial Work is the sum of concepts that defines a continuing resource
- As an instance of a subclass of F15 Complex Work, it has other works as its members
  - Each individual issue is an instance of F19 Publication Work and a member of the instance of F18 Serial Work (cf. [Steve Shadle](#))
  - It can have other instances of F18 Serial Work as its members; e.g., a major title-change can be said to result in a new instance of F18 Serial Work, and all related instances of F18 Serial Work resulting from major title changes can be said to be members of a single umbrella instance of F18 Serial Work (cf. [Adolfo R. Tarango](#))
- As an instance of a subclass of F1 Work, it can also be a member of an instance of F15 Complex Work
  - The reprint of all issues of a serial as a monograph is not a serial; but the serial and the monograph can be said to be members of the same instance of F15 Complex Work
- It follows issuing rules, i.e. an instance of E29 Design or Procedure (which involves: regularity of issue, frequency of issue, numbering; and might also involve: language)

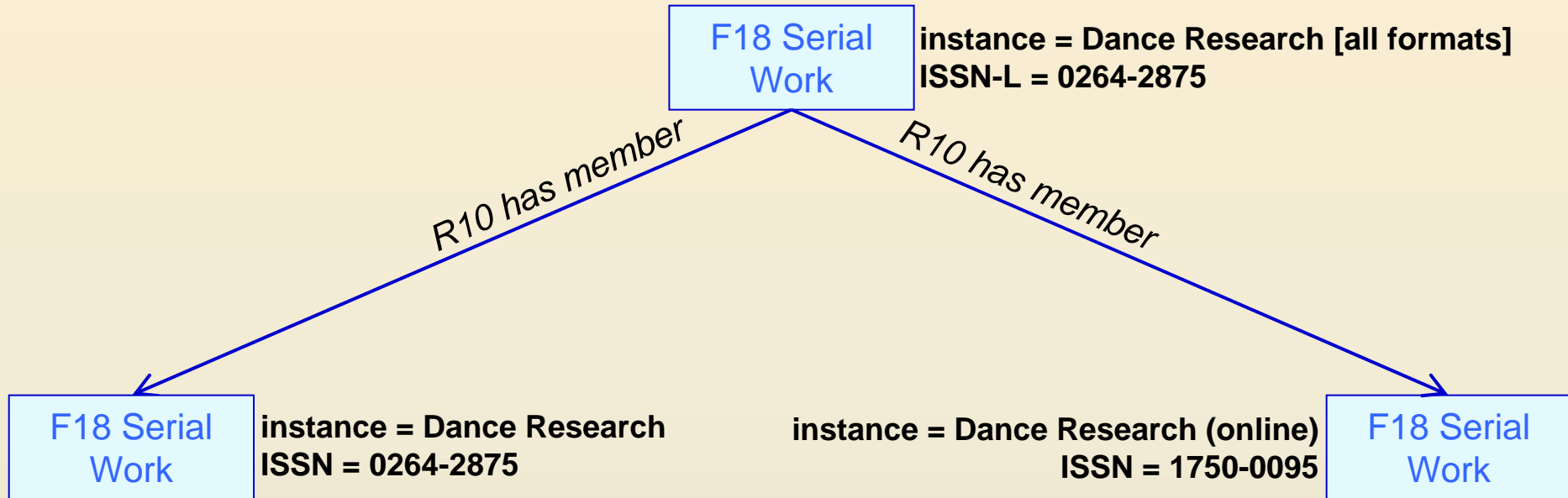
# Paradigm shift

- With FRBR<sub>OO</sub>, the issue is no longer:
  - "Is this a new Expression of the same Work, or a new Work?"
- but:
  - "Can (should) these two Works be gathered (collocated) as members of the same Complex Work?"
- (much more flexible!)
- ISSN-L can be said to identify an instance of F18 Serial Work that has other instances of F18 Serial Work as its members

# Paradigm shift

- Local editions of continuing resources are no longer treated as "Expressions" (as in FRBR<sub>ER</sub>), but as "Works" in their own right, which are members of a common "Serial Work"
  - → no more restrictions on attributes

# FRBR<sub>00</sub> and ISSN-L



PRESS<sub>oo</sub>

What's that???

# PRESS<sub>OO</sub>...?

- 2011: BnF submitted a request for funding in response to a call for proposals issued by the French Agence Nationale de Recherche
  - objectives of submitted research project: integrate from various sources (library catalogue, digitized tables of contents of periodicals) information about periodicals and their digitisations, and publish the resulting information as linked data
- April 2012: no response so far...



# PRESS<sub>OO</sub>...?

- The project includes a modelling aspect
  - develop an ontology for press-specific information, based on FRBR<sub>OO</sub>
- I started that development process as part of the preparation of the BnF's project submission
  - PRESS<sub>OO</sub> is a draft extension to FRBR<sub>OO</sub> for periodicals
  - If the BnF's project is accepted, PRESS<sub>OO</sub> will be used as a first step towards a fully developed ontology for periodicals
  - If not...

# The trouble with PRESS<sub>000</sub>...

- It has not been intellectually validated by any Working Group
- It has no official value
- It is only available from my hard disk...

PRESS<sub>oo</sub>

What does it add to FRBR<sub>oo</sub>?

# Limitations of FRBR<sub>OO</sub>

- The development of FRBR<sub>OO</sub> was based on the attributes and relationships listed in FRBR<sub>ER</sub>
- Important relationships among CR are not detailed in FRBR<sub>ER</sub>
- → They are not explicit in FRBR<sub>OO</sub> either
- → The objective of PRESS<sub>OO</sub> is to make them explicit

# Colour codes

- In the following slides:

E...

= a class from CIDOC CRM

P... →

= a property from CIDOC CRM

F...

= a class from FRBR<sub>00</sub>

R..., CLP... or CLR... →

= a property from FRBR<sub>00</sub>

Z...

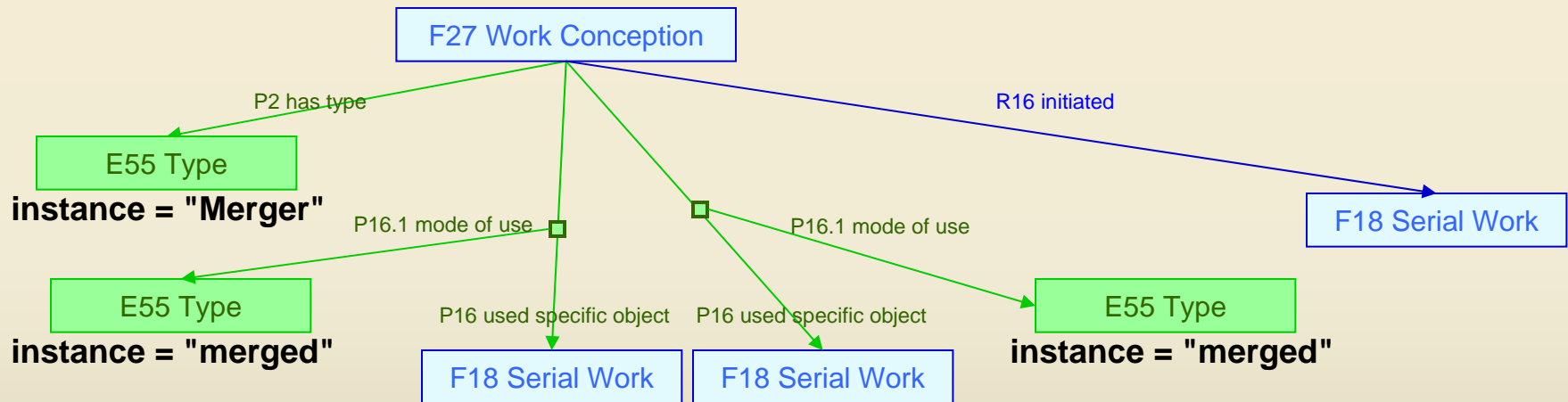
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Y... →

= a property from PRESS<sub>00</sub>

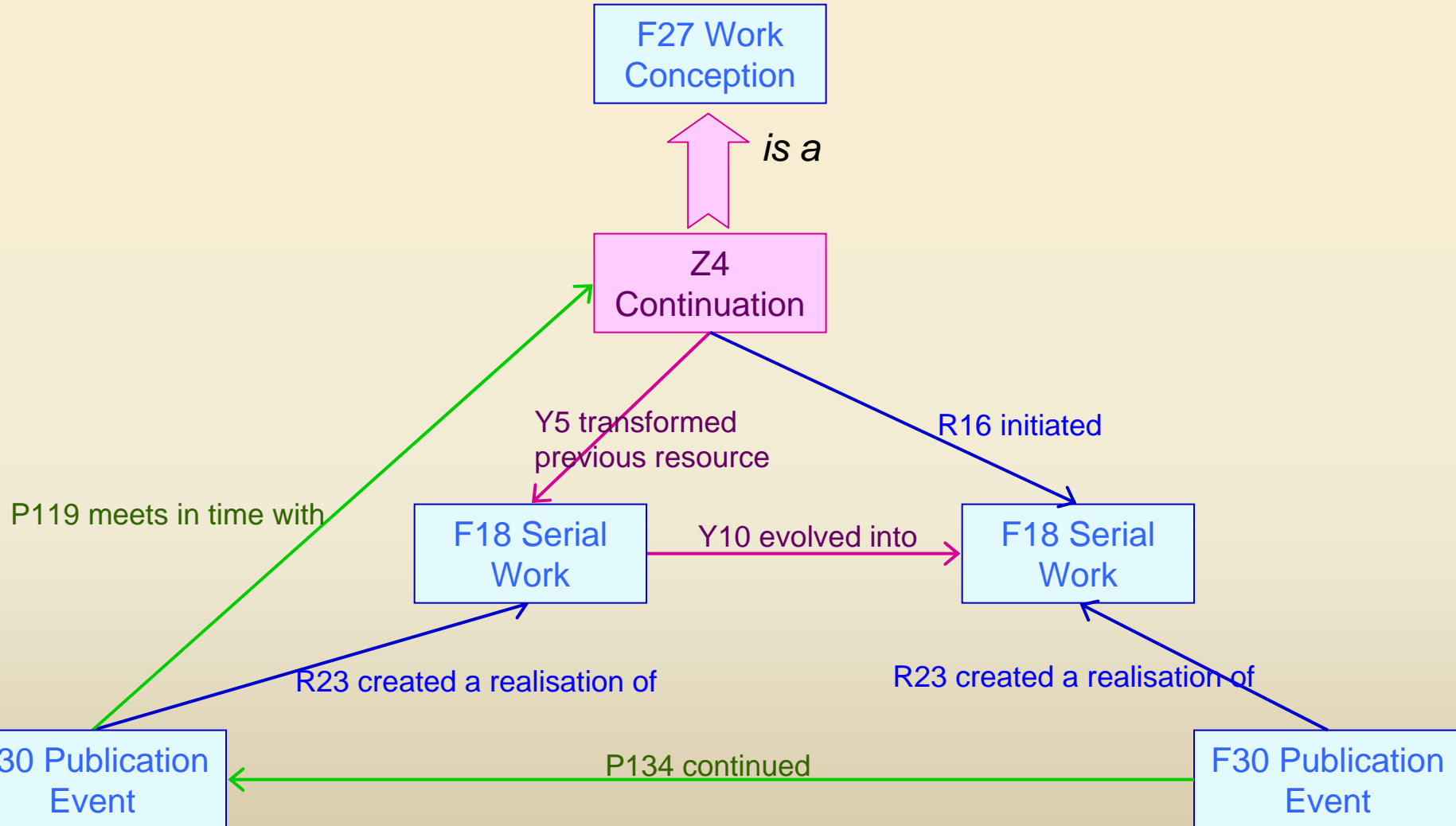
# Mergers, splits, and so on...

- Can be modelled in CIDOC CRM/FRBR<sub>00</sub> as types of F27 Work Conception or E7 Activity, but this is rather cumbersome:

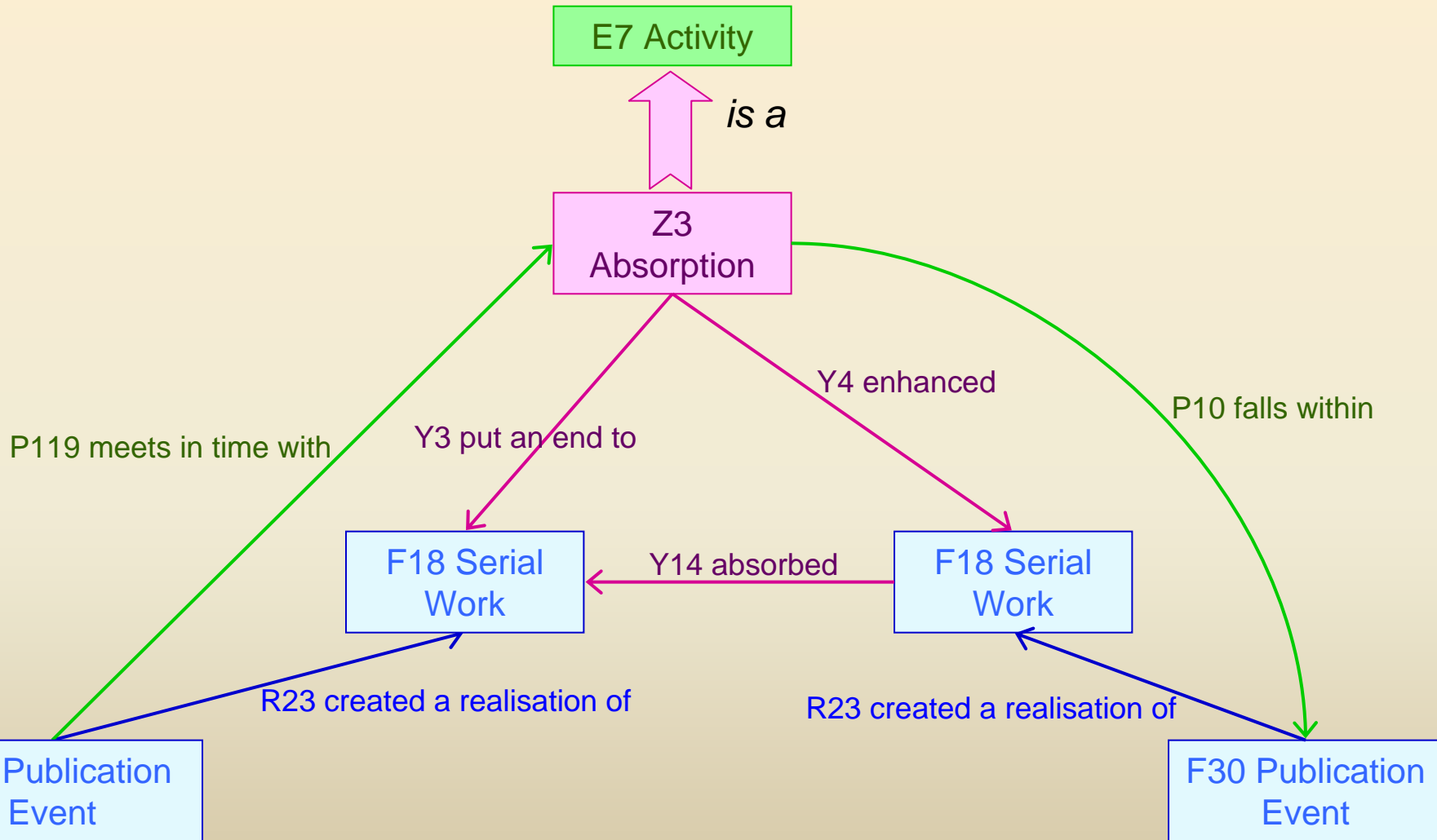


- In PRESS<sub>00</sub>, these activities are modelled as additional classes, with their own specific properties

# PRESS<sub>00</sub>: continuations

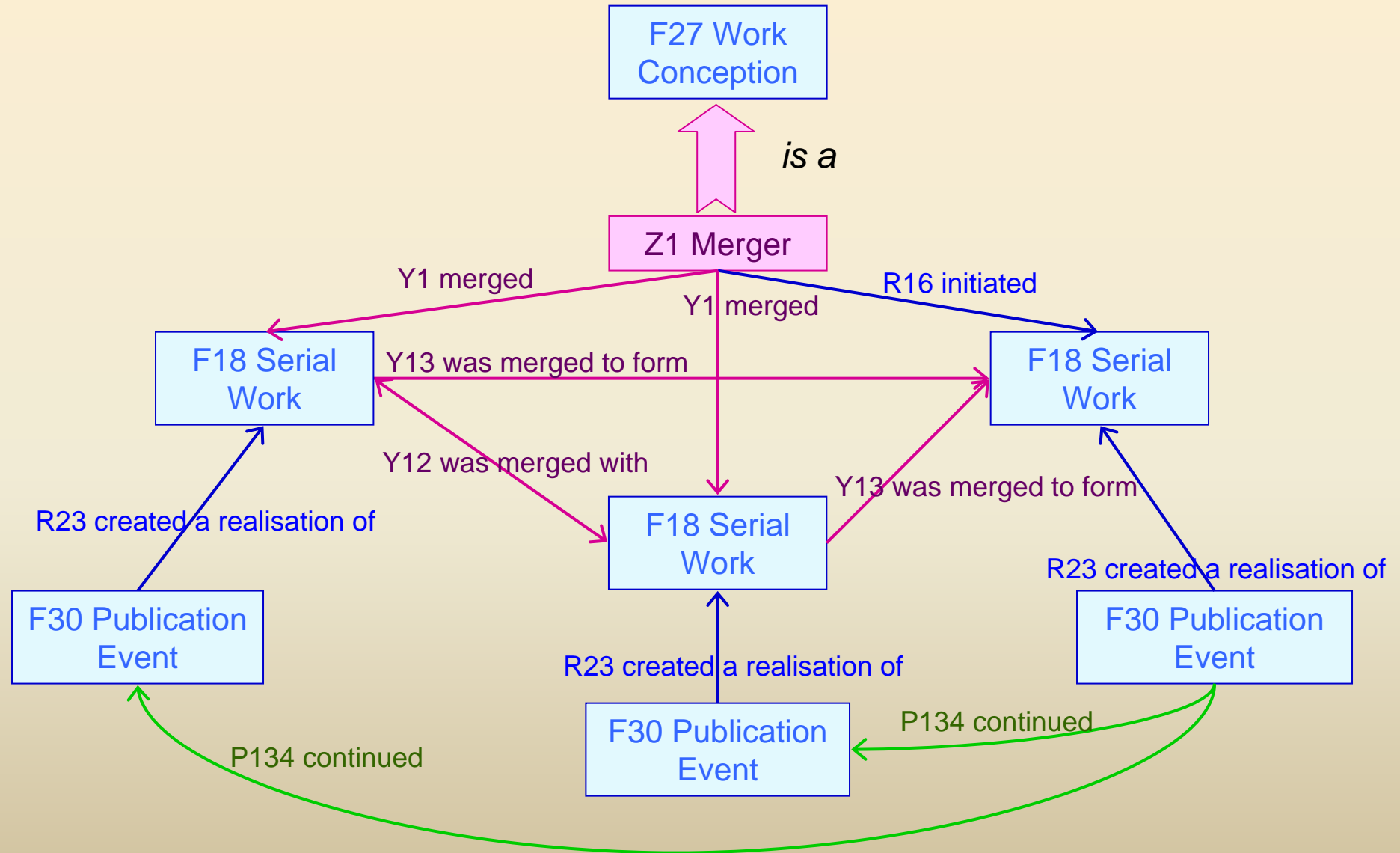


# PRESS<sub>00</sub>: absorptions

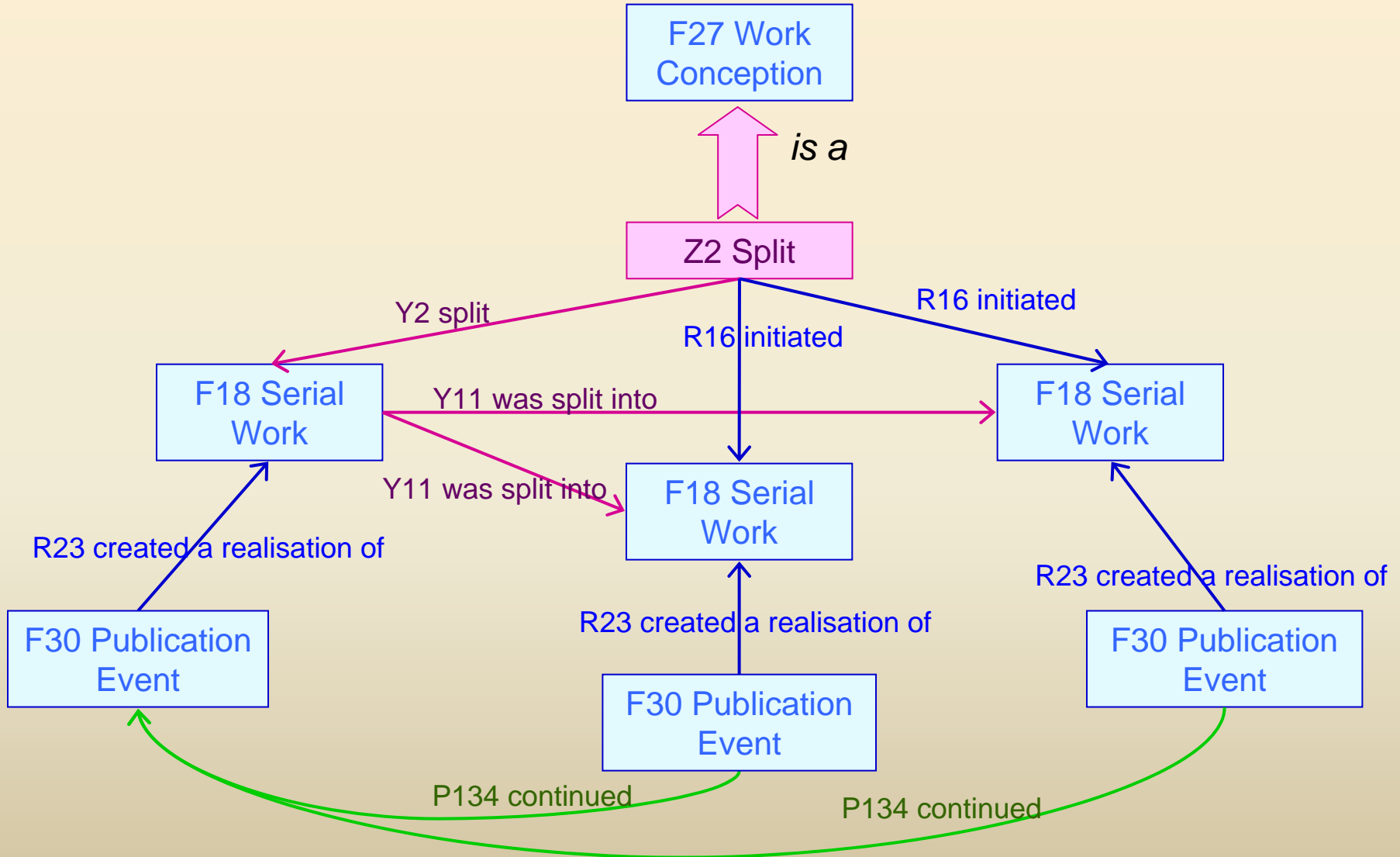




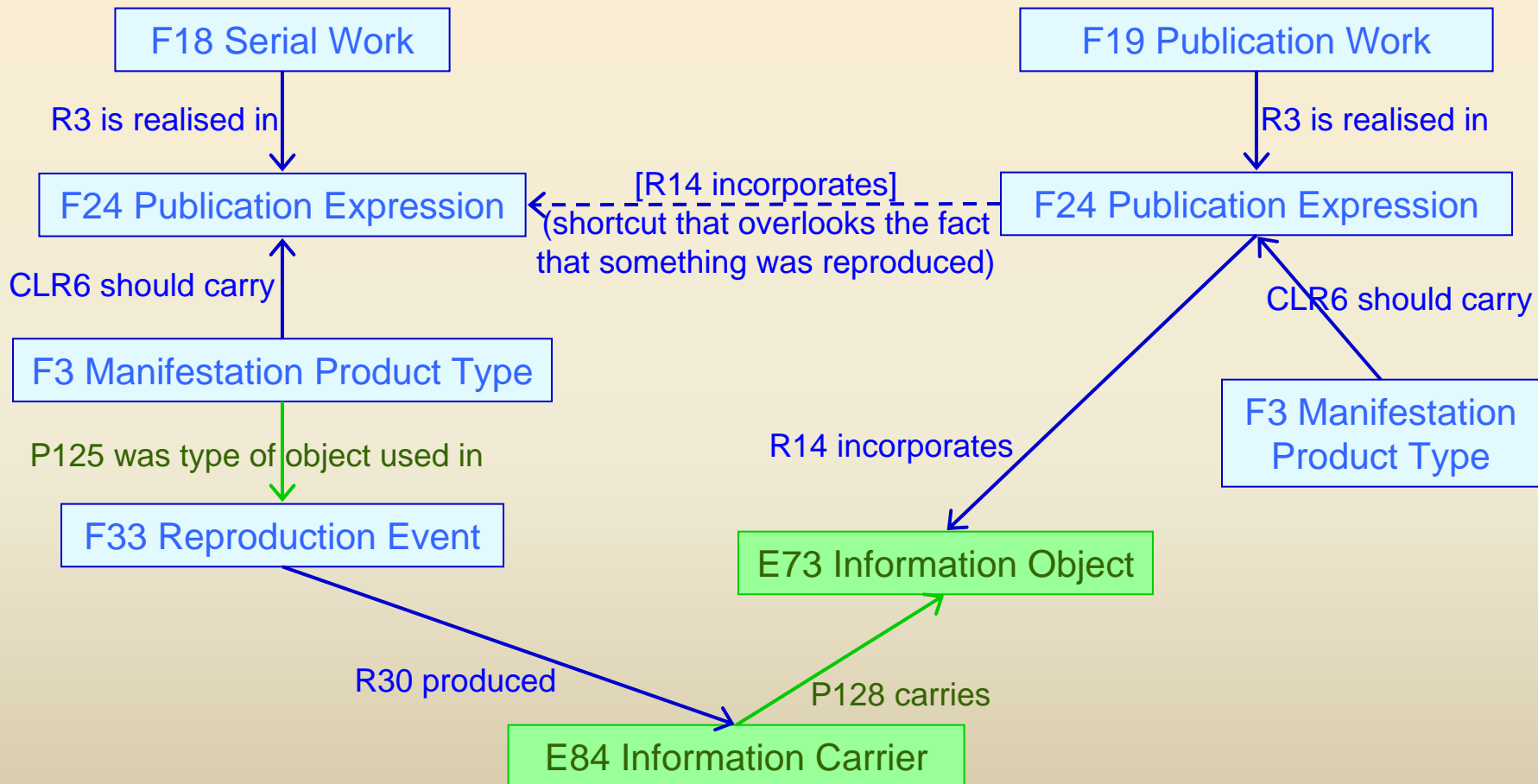
# PRESS<sub>00</sub>: mergers



# PRESS<sub>00</sub>: splits



# PRESS<sub>00</sub>: publication of a reprint of a serial as a monograph

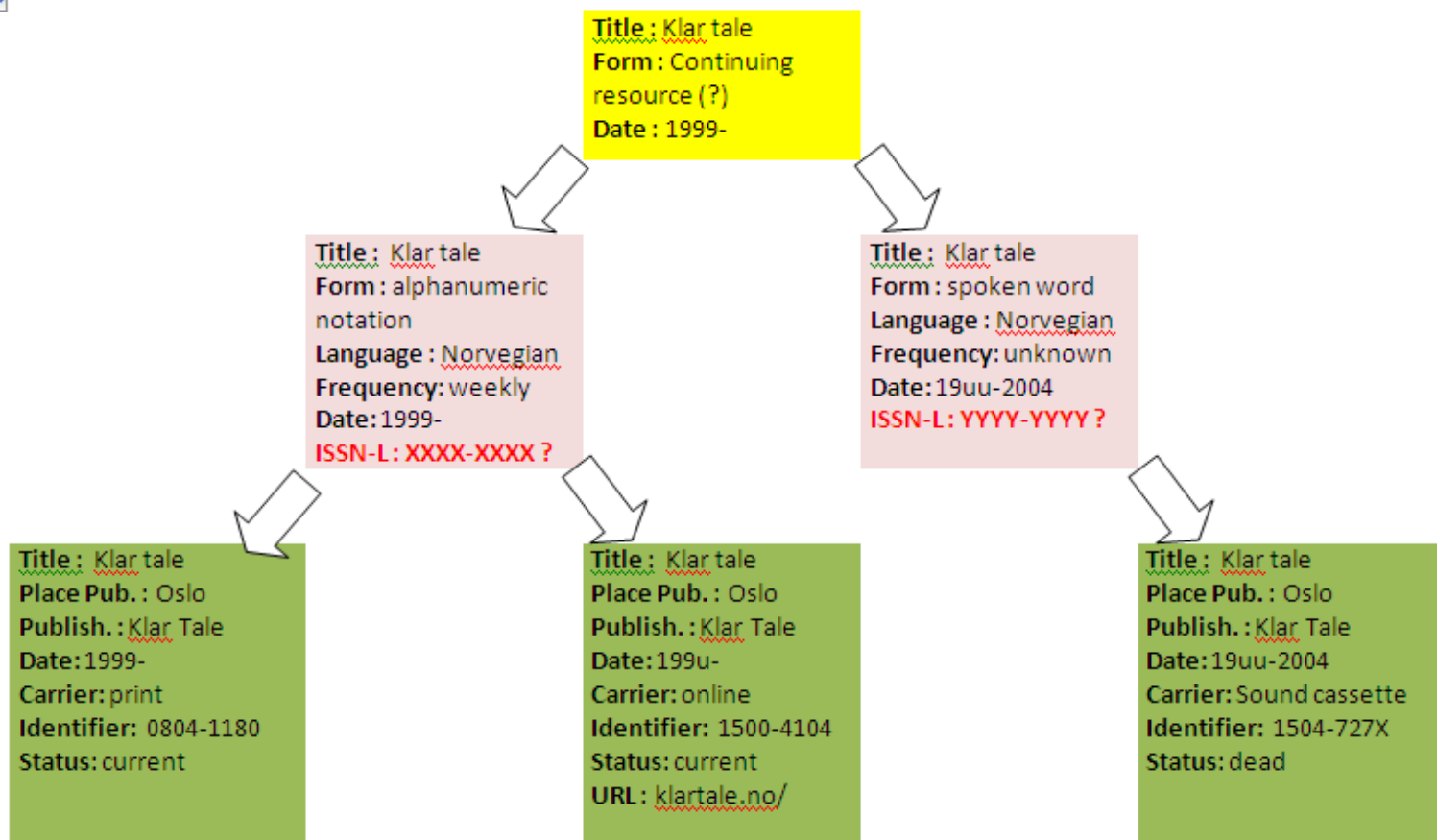


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(excerpts)

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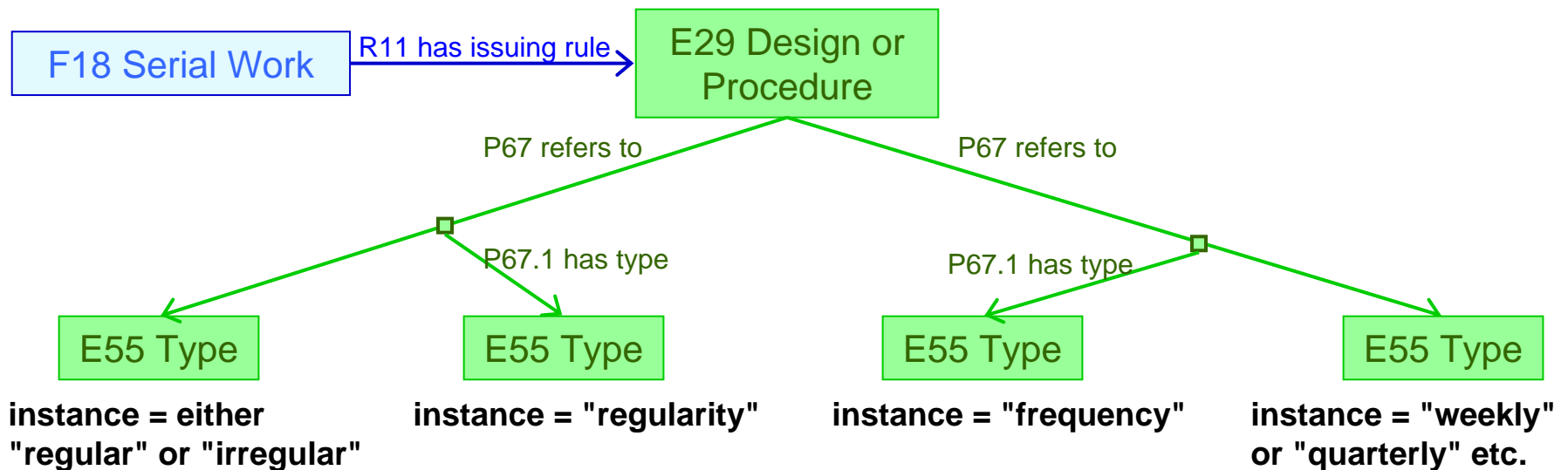
□ In this example, if we want to use the ISSN-L as the identifier of the expression level, we should “assign” two different ISSN-L for the two expressions of “Klar tale “ but it would not be consistent with the role of the ISSN-L : to group all the media versions of the same continuing resource:





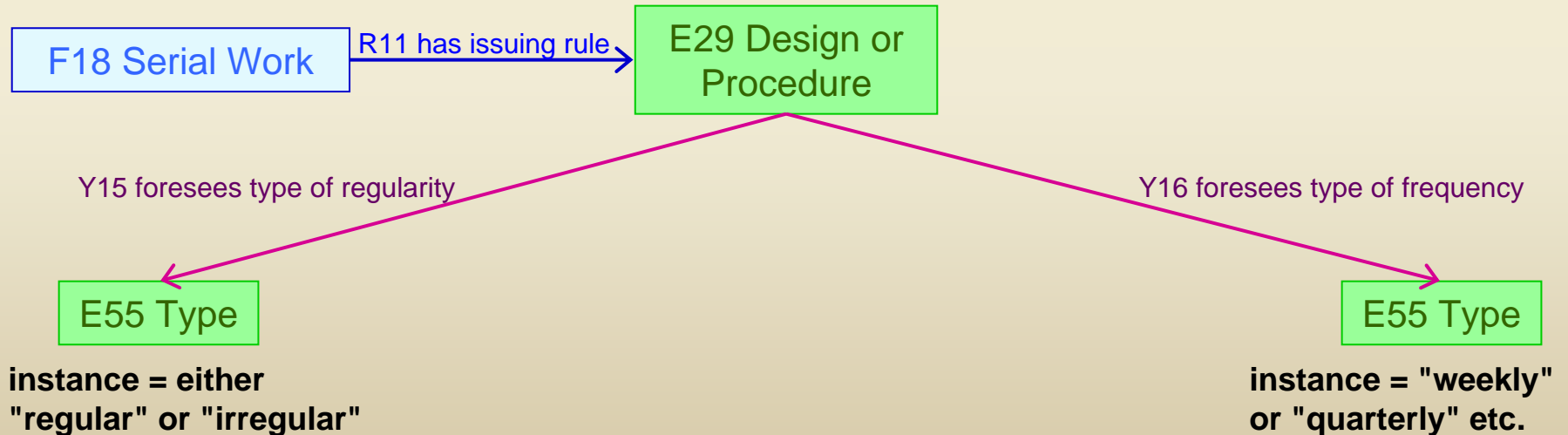
## Issues related to the attributes of the Group 1 entities (5)

- n° 2: should we consider that frequency and regularity are attributes of the manifestation level and not attributes of the expression level (issue discussed during the Glasgow Harmonization meeting, November 2011) ?



# Alternative

- To declare specific properties in PRESS<sub>OO</sub>, on the same pattern as the CIDOC CRM Property:  
E29 Design or Procedure *P68 foresees use of* E57 Material





# The ISSN record representing several manifestations

- Basically, an ISSN record describes one sole manifestation but it can represent other related manifestations.
  - In FRBR<sub>00</sub> and PRESS<sub>00</sub>, ISSN records can be said to describe instances of F18 Serial Work
- E.g: provisional rule adopted for the online resources in November 2011:

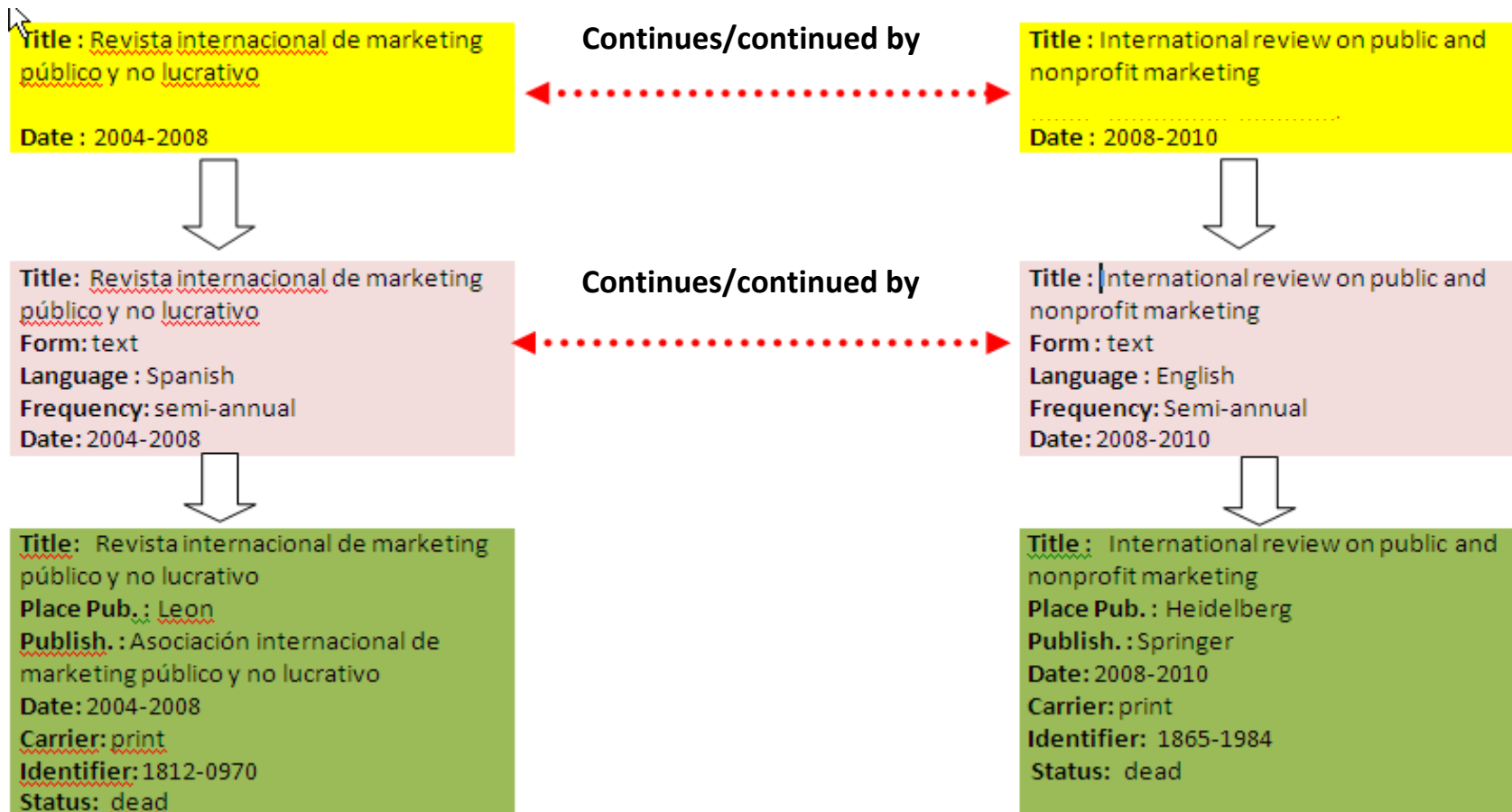
*“A single ISSN is assigned to identify all “online” versions made available under the same title including: versions digitized from print, born digital versions, versions in PDF, HTML or other encoding formats, and versions for devices such as mobile phones, e-readers etc”*

- In FRBR<sub>00</sub> (and PRESS<sub>00</sub>), digital publishing is not associated with instances of F3 Manifestation Product Type, but with one or more than one instance of E29 Design or Procedure containing instructions as to "how to download" copies of the published files

n° 7: a discussion is needed regarding this practice from the FRBR viewpoint

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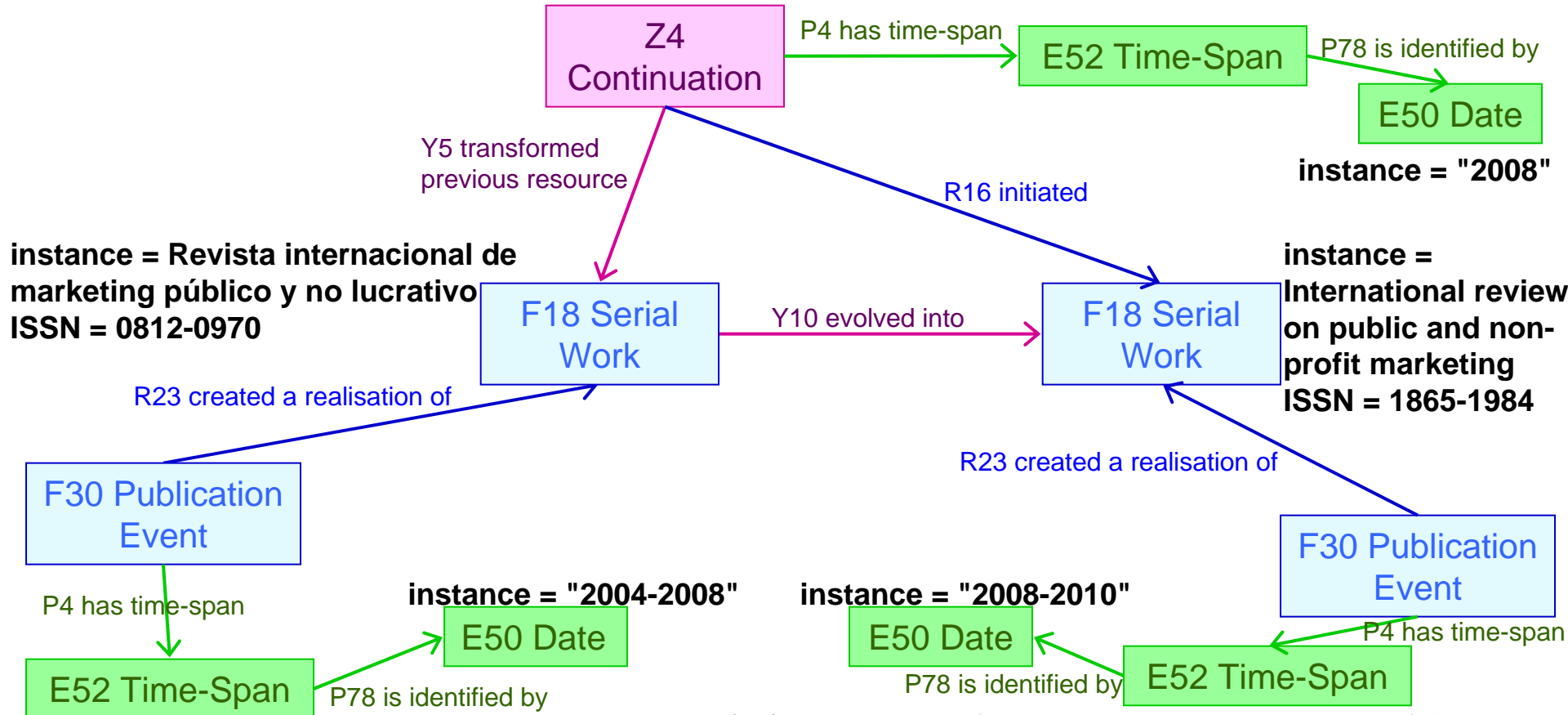
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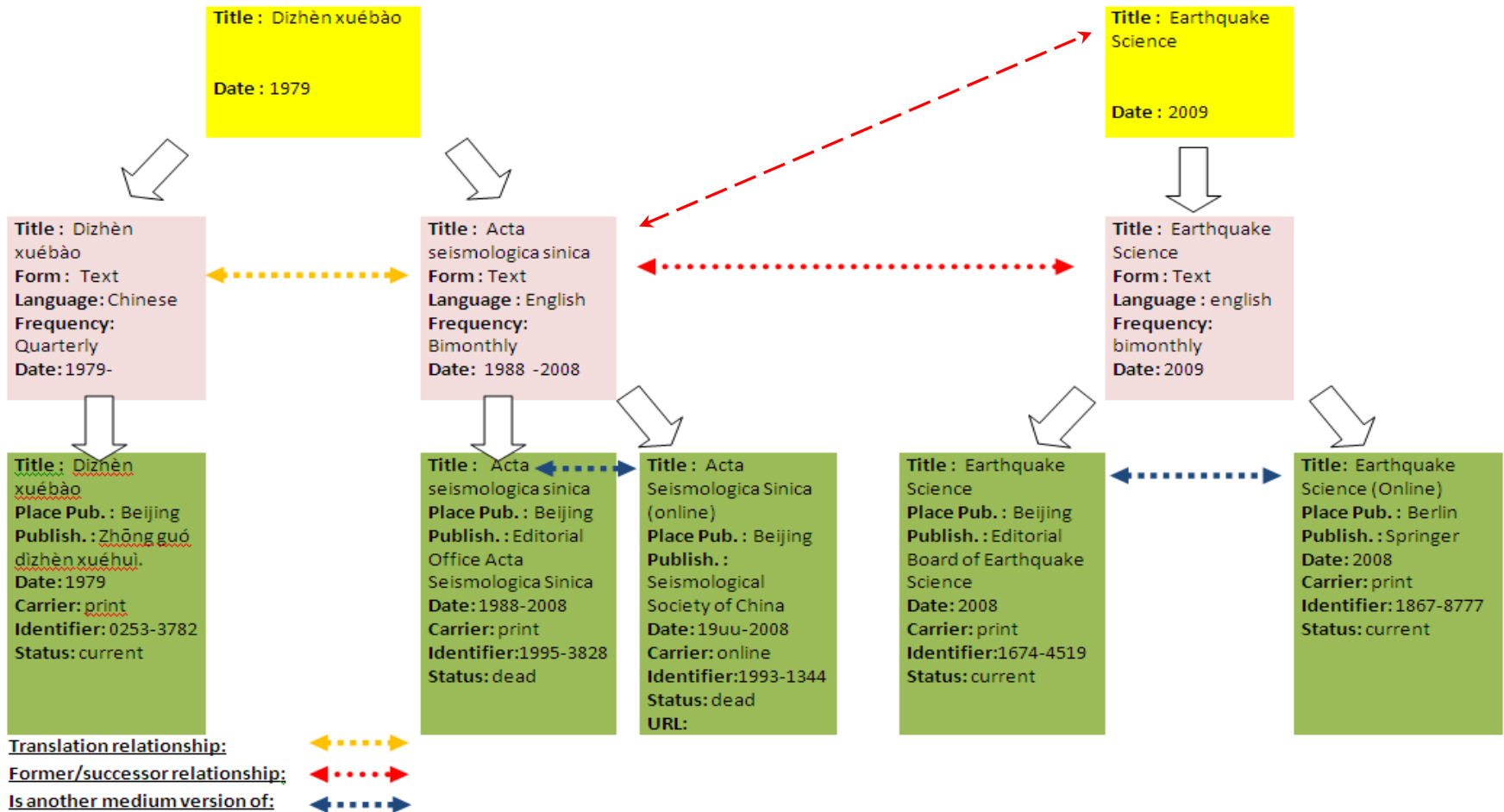
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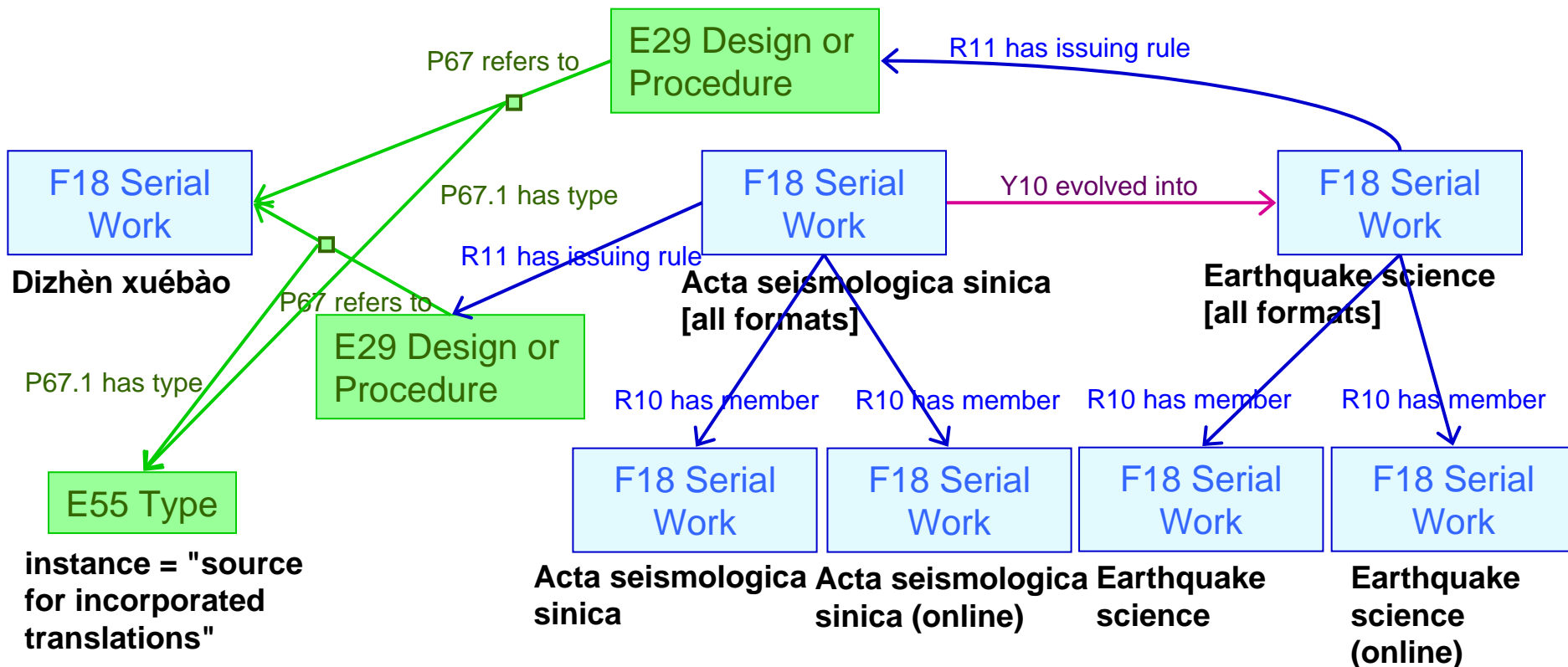
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## Difficulties in recording relationships between FRBR entities (4)

**N°10:** In the example hereafter the successor/relationship could be recorded at the work level or at the expression level.

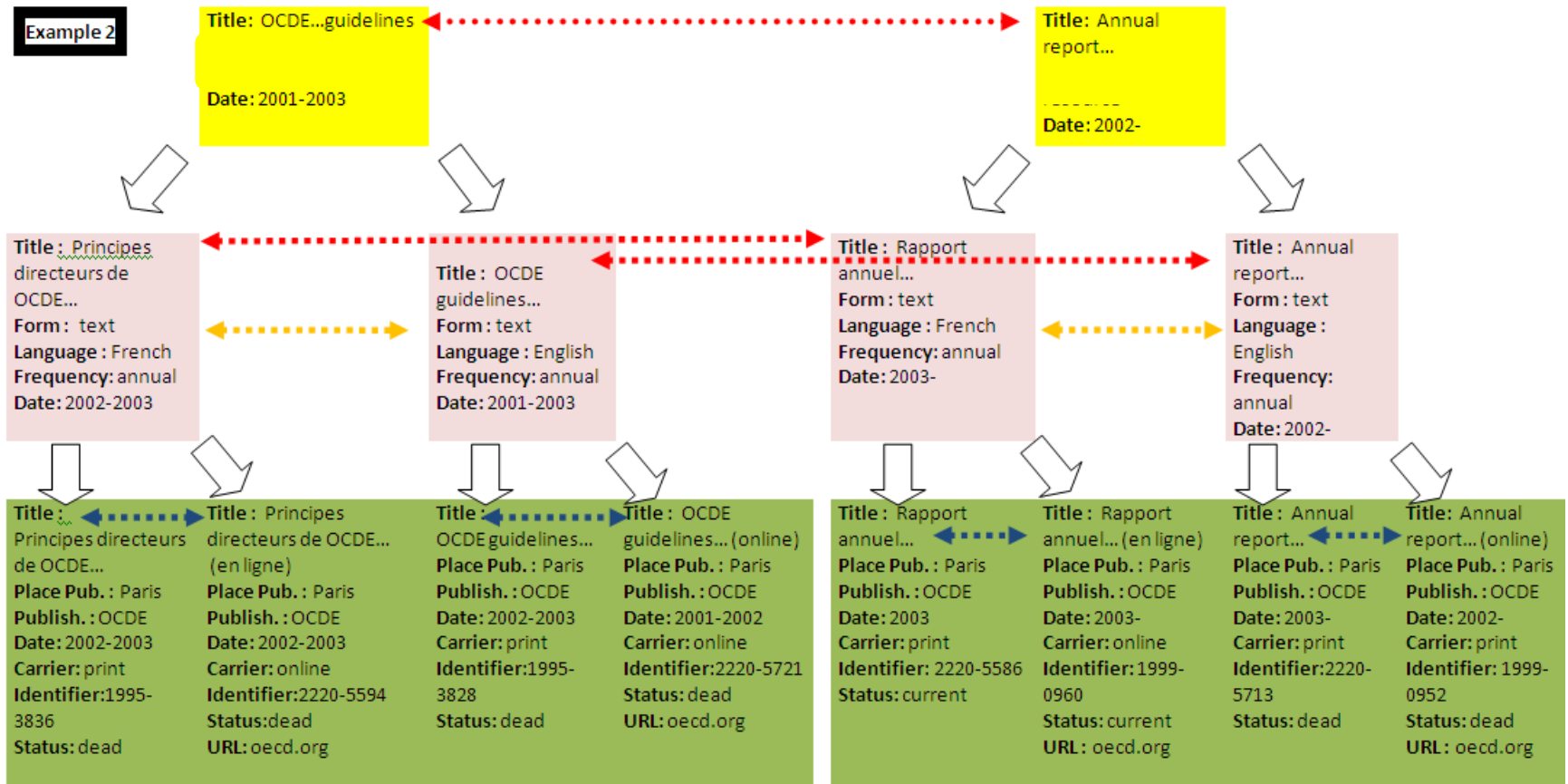
- But whatever the solution adopted, FRBR modeling will create discrepancies:
  - Start date of the successor work is earlier than the end date of the former work
  - Start date of one of the successor expressions is earlier than the end date of the corresponding former expression (OCDE Guidelines > Annual Report)



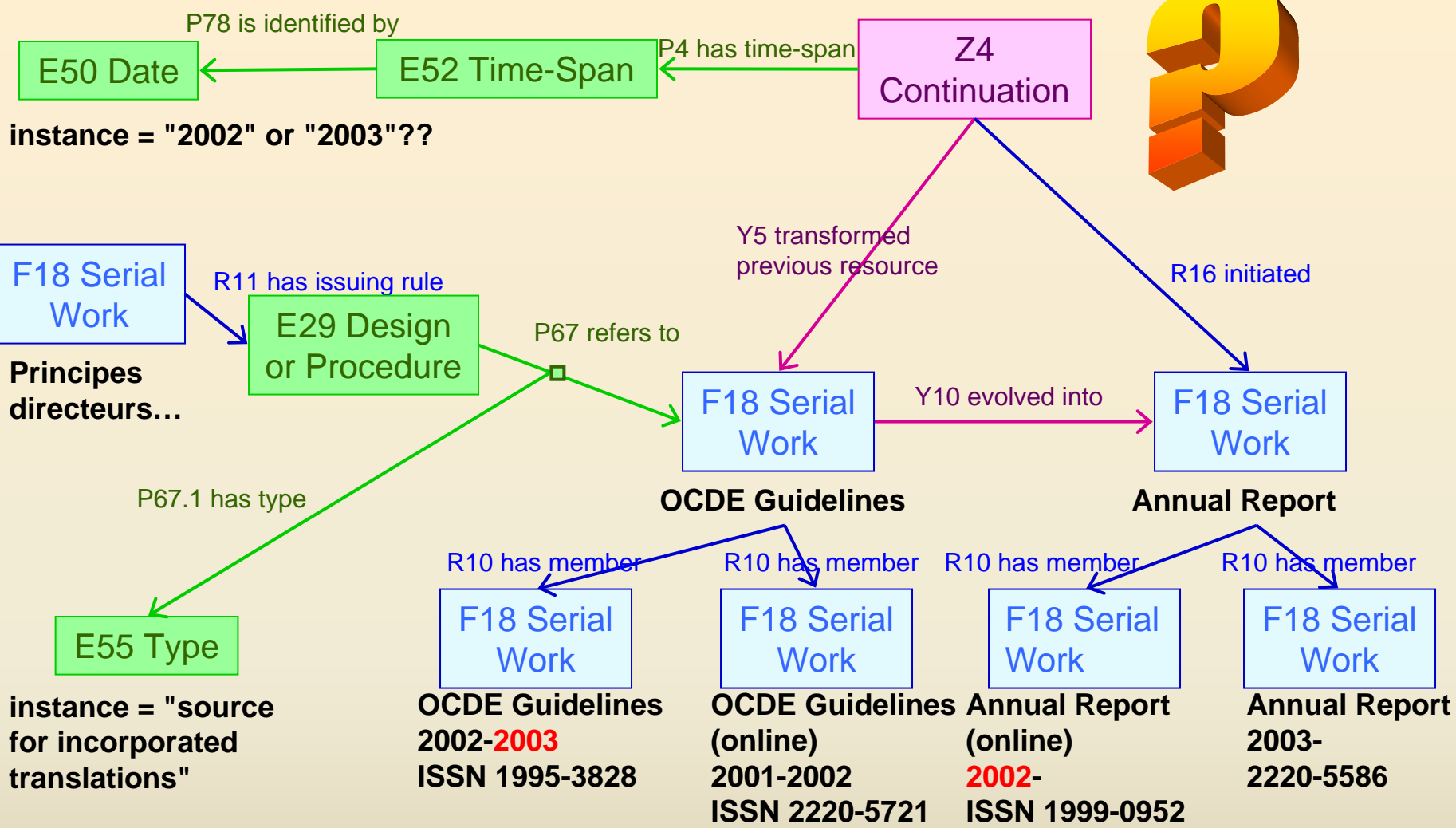
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Former/successor relationship:   
 Translation relationship:   
 Additional physical form: 

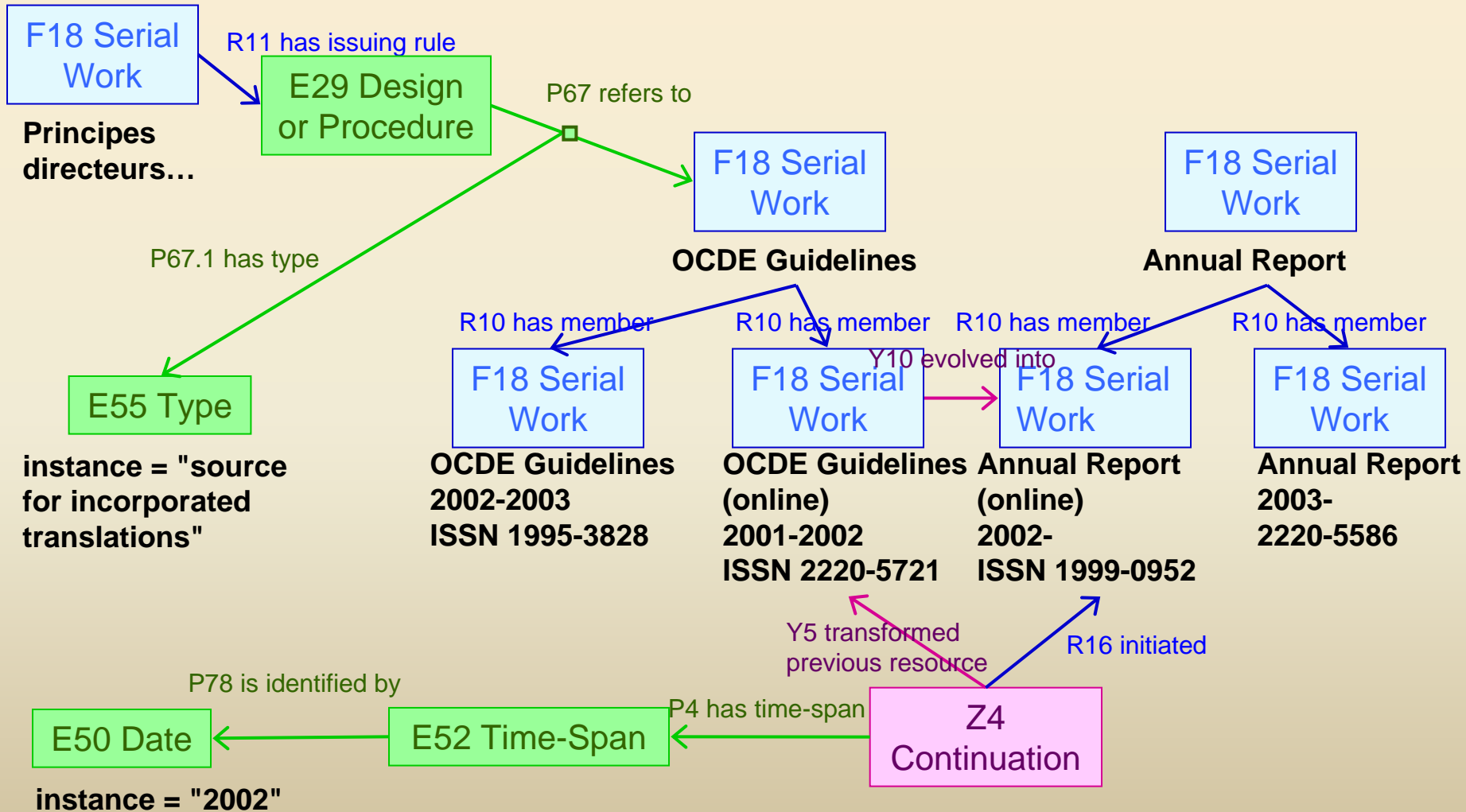
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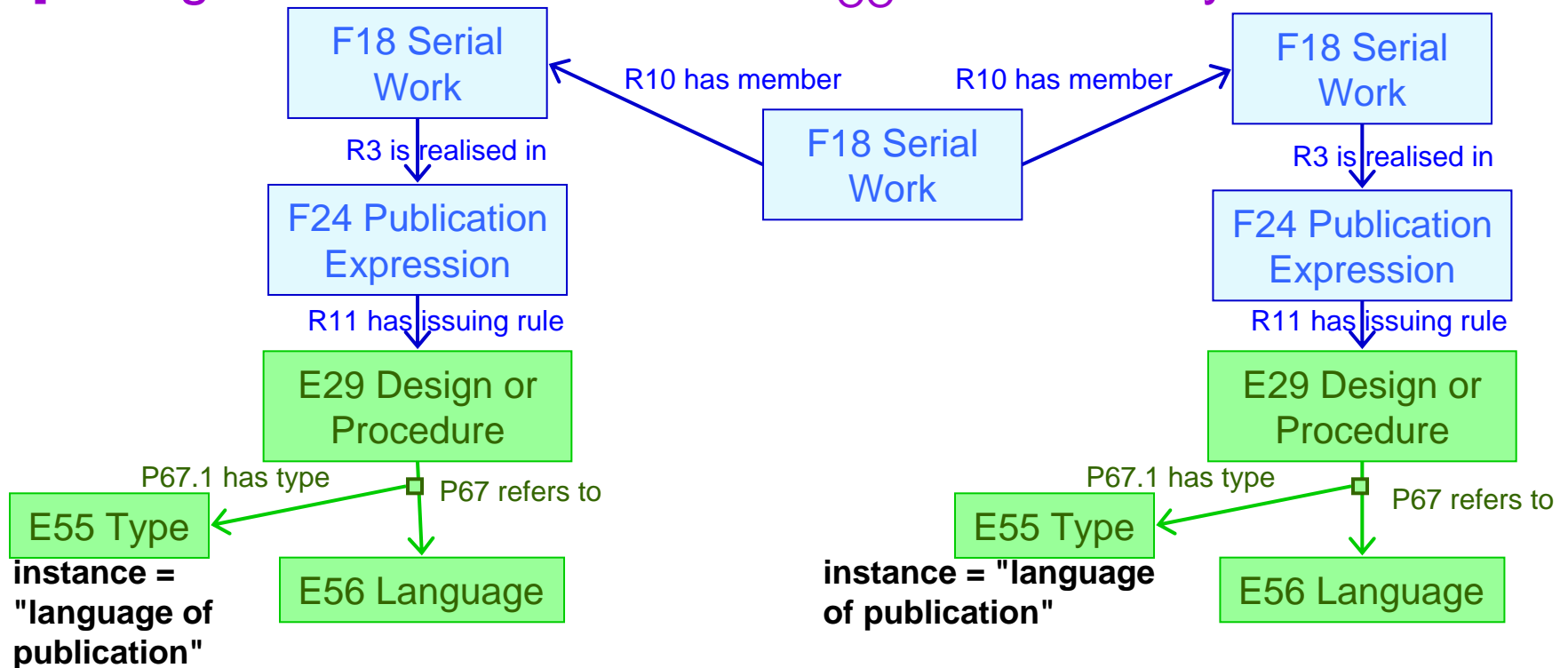


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Two possibilities:

A) Using CIDOC CRM and FRBR<sub>OO</sub> such as they stand:



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B) Declaring a specific property in PRESS<sub>00</sub>:

