

What happened to Biology at the end of XXth century?

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A NEW APPROACH TO DECODING LIFE: Systems Biology

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Perspectives on Systems Biology

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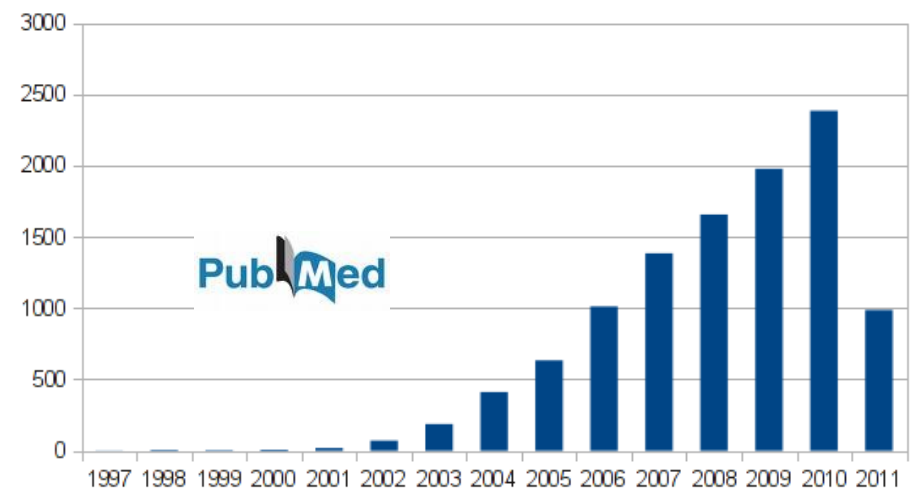
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What is Systems Biology?

- First mention of the term: 1928 (L Von Bertalanffy)
- Modern revival of the term: 1998 (L Hood, H Kitano)



*Systems Biology is the study of the **emerging** properties of a biological system, taking into account all the **necessary** constituents, their **relationships** and their **dynamics**.*

Systems-wide analysis (omics)

- Born: 1990s
- Technologies: high-throughput, statistics
- People's background: molecular biologists, mathematicians
- Key lesson: the selection of a phenotype is done at the level of the system, not of the component (gene expression puzzle)

Application of systems-theory

- Born: 1960s
- Technologies: quantitative measurements, modelling
- People's background: biochemists, engineers
- Key lesson: the properties at a certain level are emerging from the dynamic interaction of components at a lower level

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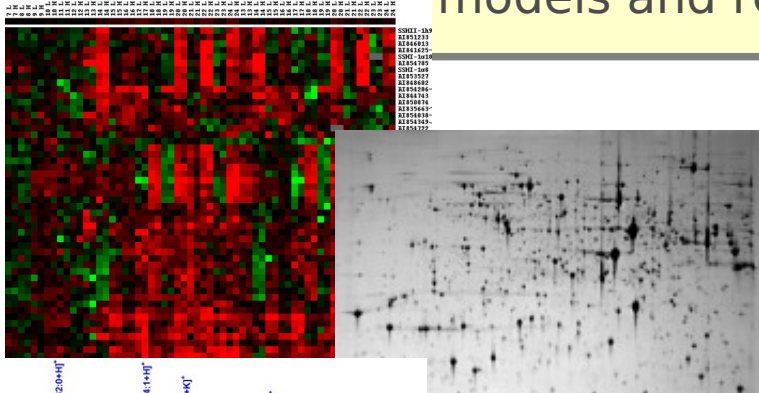
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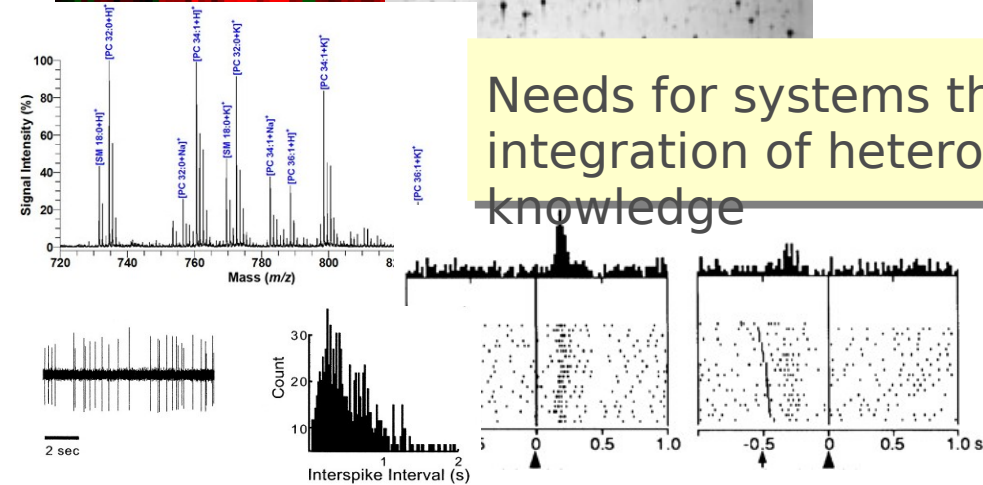
The **International Genetically Engineered Machine competition (iGEM)** is a Biology competition. Student teams are given a kit of biological parts at the beginning of the year. Working at their own schools over the summer, they use the

New way of doing biomedical research

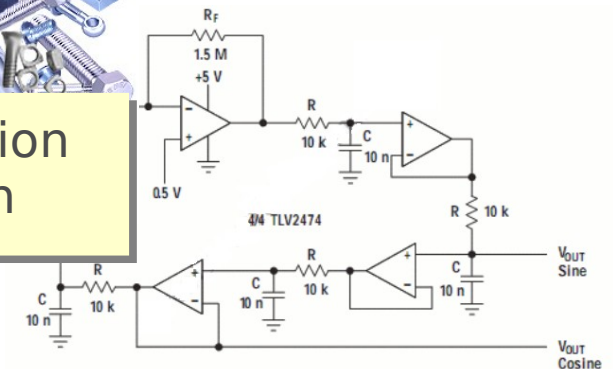
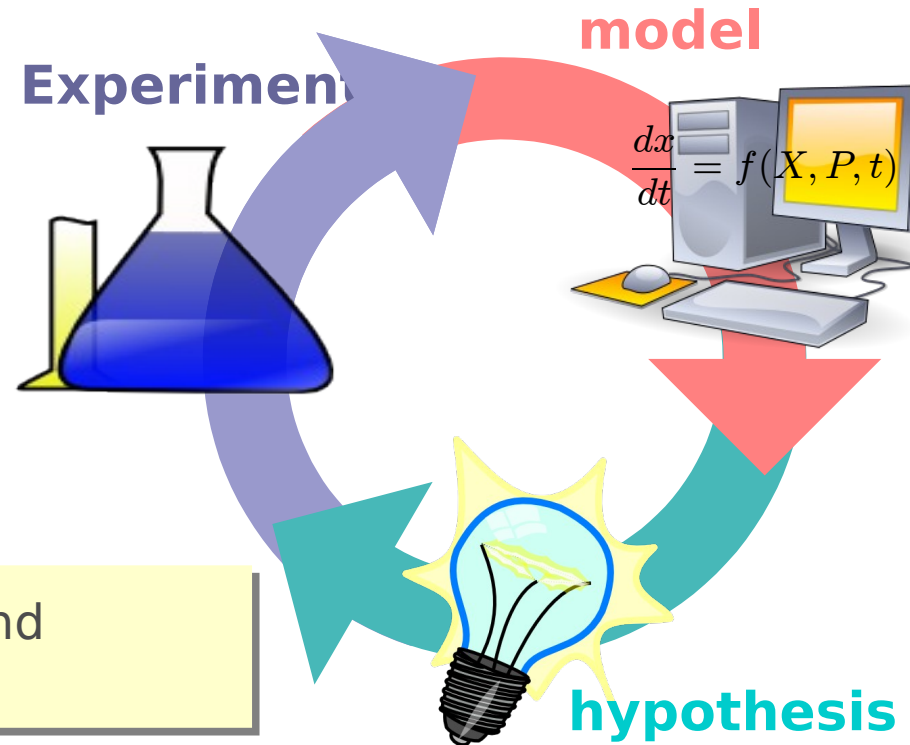
Needs for interplay between models and reality tests



Needs for systems thinking and integration of heterogeneous knowledge



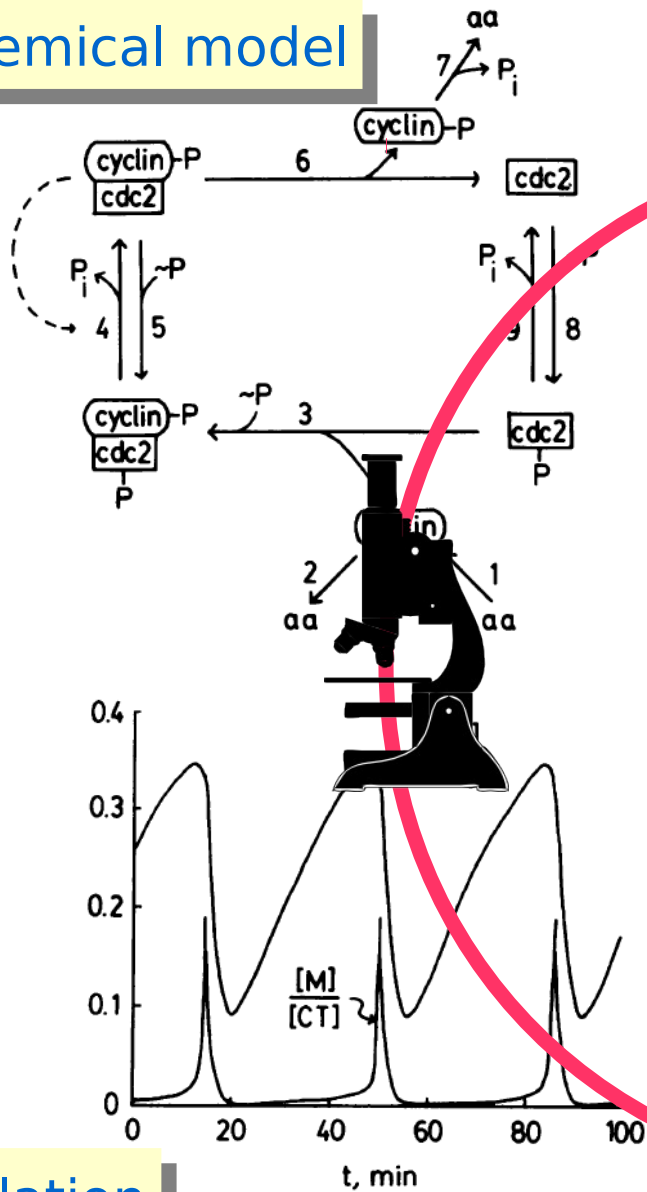
Needs for cooperation and standardisation



The models I am talking about

biochemical model

mathematical model



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[C2]}{dt} &= k_6[M] - k_8[\sim P][C2] + k_9[CP] \\ \frac{d[CP]}{dt} &= -k_3[CP][Y] + k_8[\sim P][C2] - k_9[CP] \\ \frac{d[pM]}{dt} &= k_3[CP][Y] - [pM]F([M]) + k_5[\sim P][M] \\ \frac{d[M]}{dt} &= [pM]F([M]) - k_5[\sim P][M] - k_6[M] \\ \frac{d[Y]}{dt} &= k_1[aa] - k_2[Y] - k_3[CP][Y] \\ \frac{d[YP]}{dt} &= k_6[M] - k_7[YP] \end{aligned}$$

Parameter	Value	Notes
$k_1[aa]/[CT]$	0.015 min^{-1}	*
k_2	0	†
$k_3[CT]$	200 min^{-1}	*
k_4	$10-1000 \text{ min}^{-1}$ (adjustable)	
k_4'	0.018 min^{-1}	
$k_5[\sim P]$	0	‡
k_6	$0.1-10 \text{ min}^{-1}$ (adjustable)	
k_7	0.6 min^{-1}	†
$k_8[\sim P]$	$>> k_9$	§
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simulation

computational model

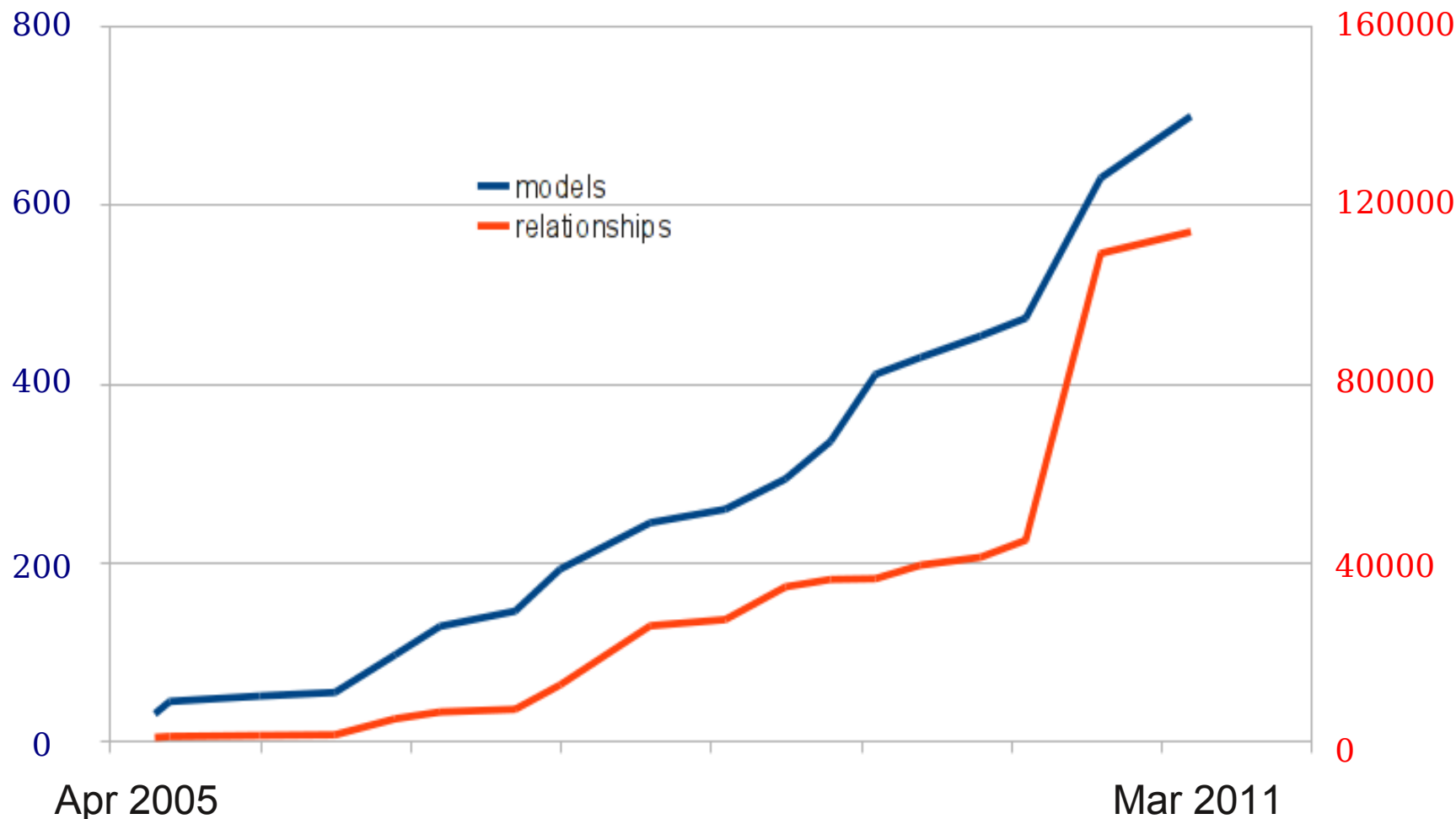
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Computational modelling left the niches

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Computational models on the rise

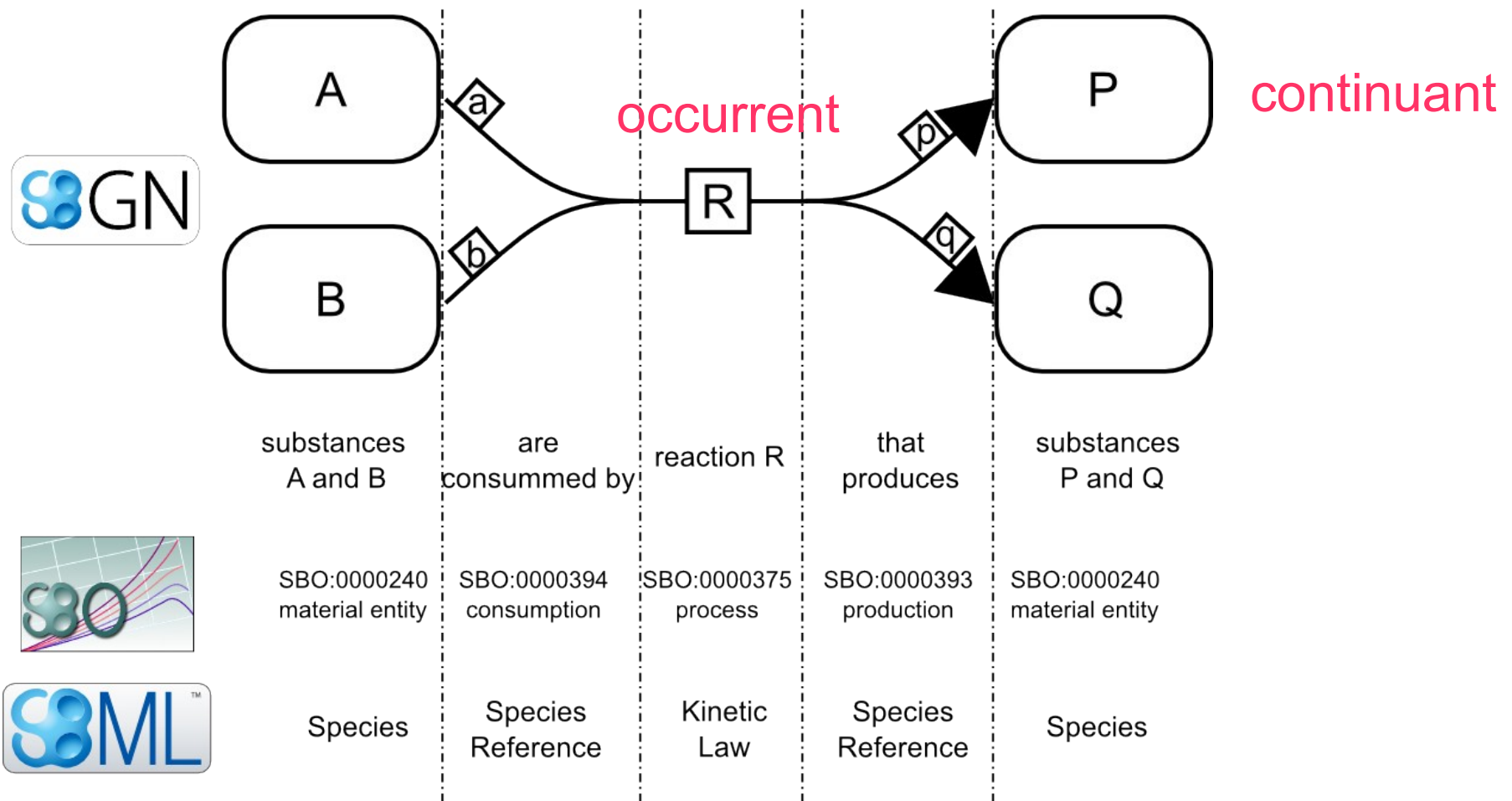


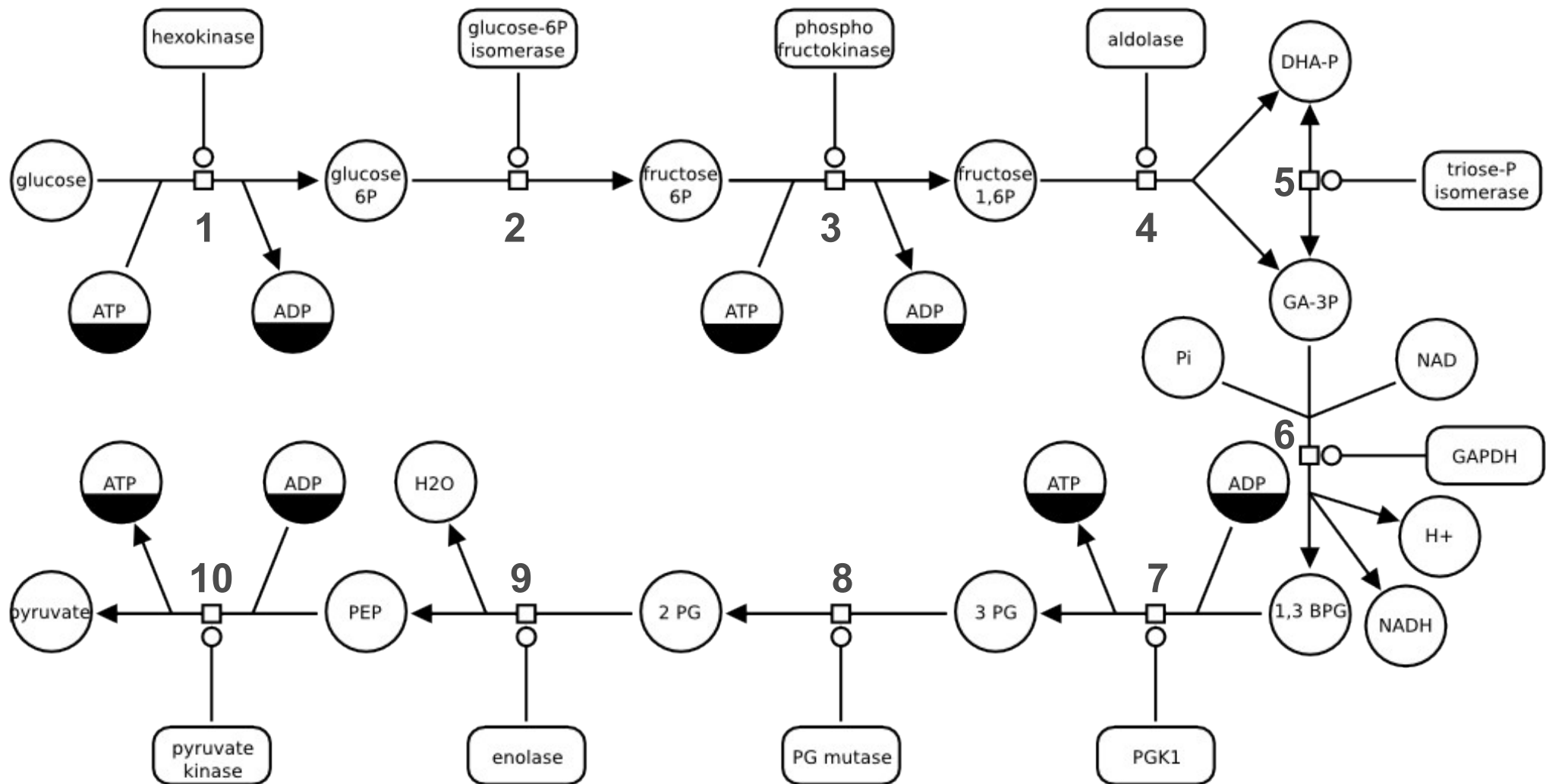
Growth of BioModels Database since its creation

Modelling chemical kinetics

Systems Biology models $\neq$ ODE models

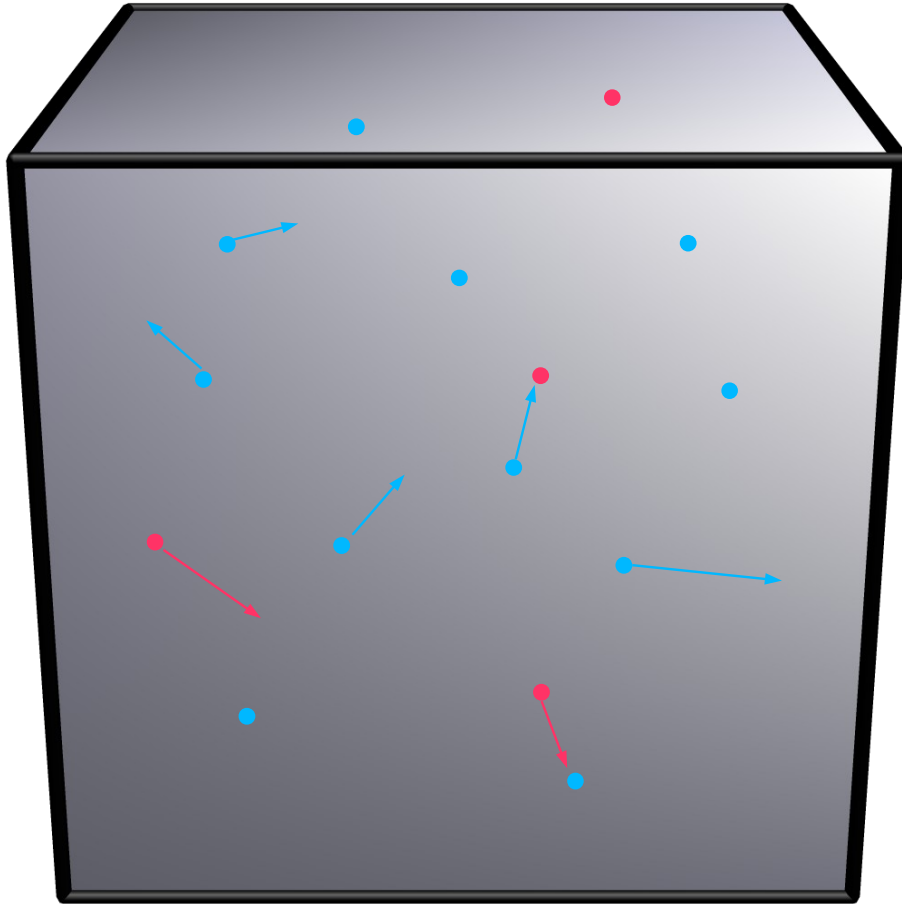
- Reconstruction of state variable evolution from process description:
 - Processes can be combined in ODEs (for deterministic simulations); transformed in propensities (for stochastic simulations)
 - Systems can be reconfigured quickly by adding or removing a process



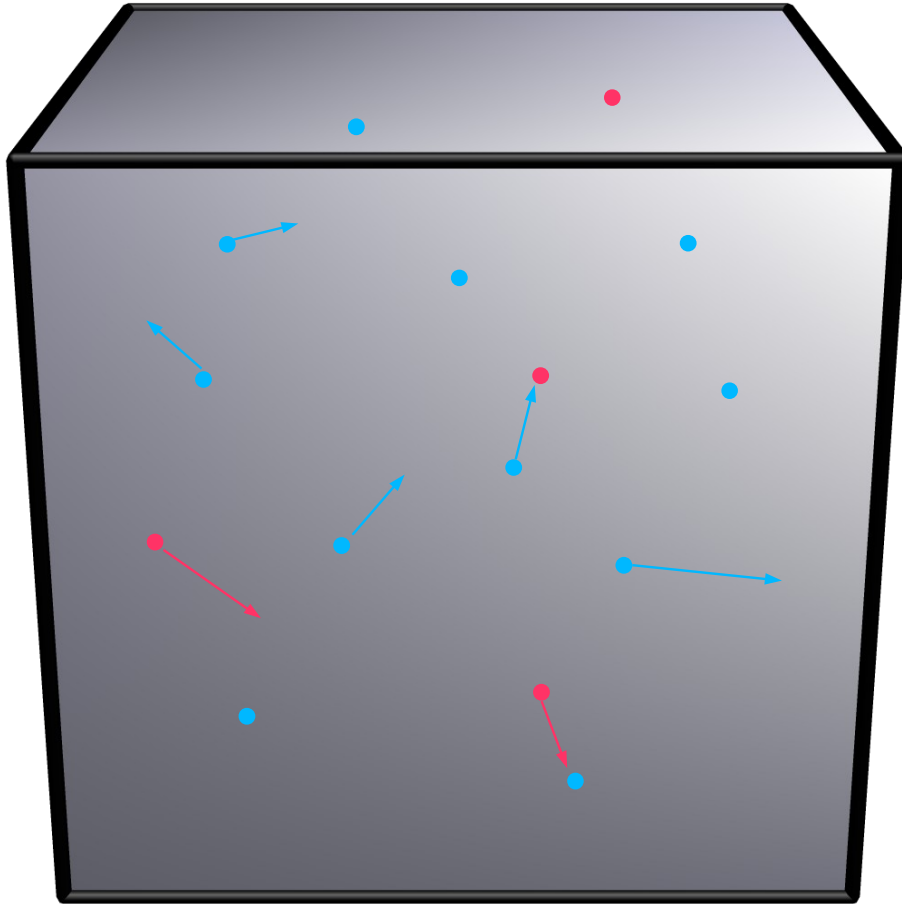


ATP is consumed by processes 1 and 3, and produced by processes 7 and 10

Statistical physics and chemical reaction



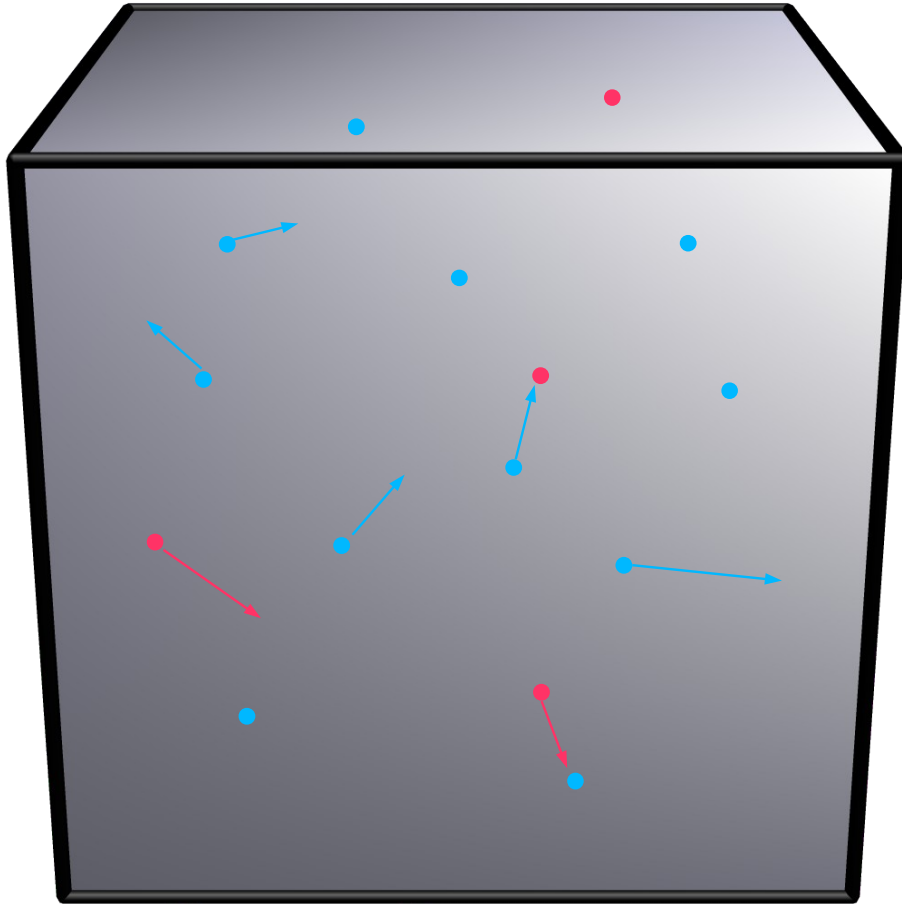
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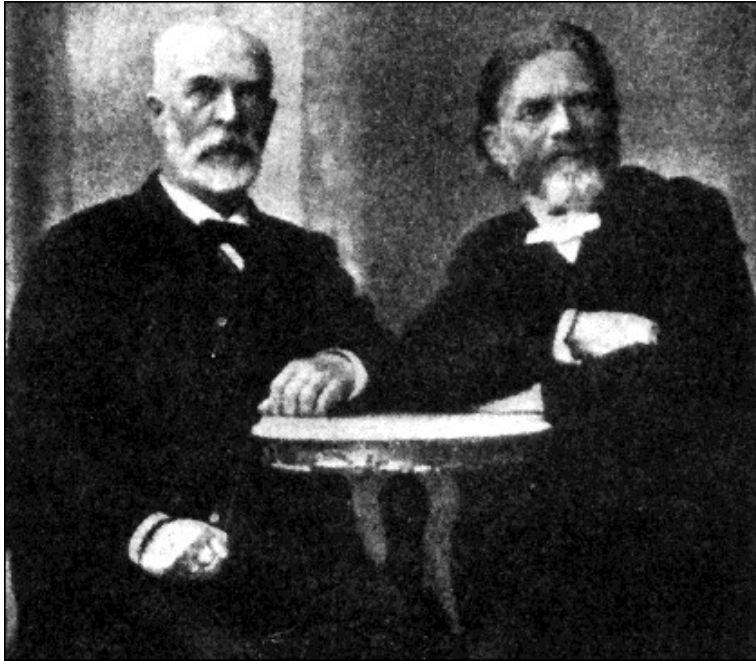
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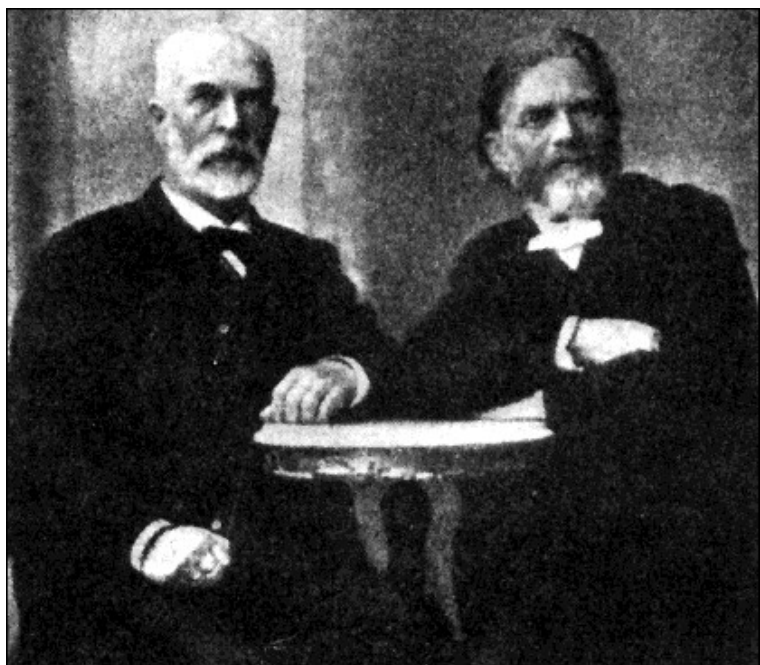
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$$v = k \cdot \prod_i P_i^{n_i} \quad \text{gas}$$

$$v = k \cdot \prod_i [X_i]^{n_i} \quad \text{solution}$$

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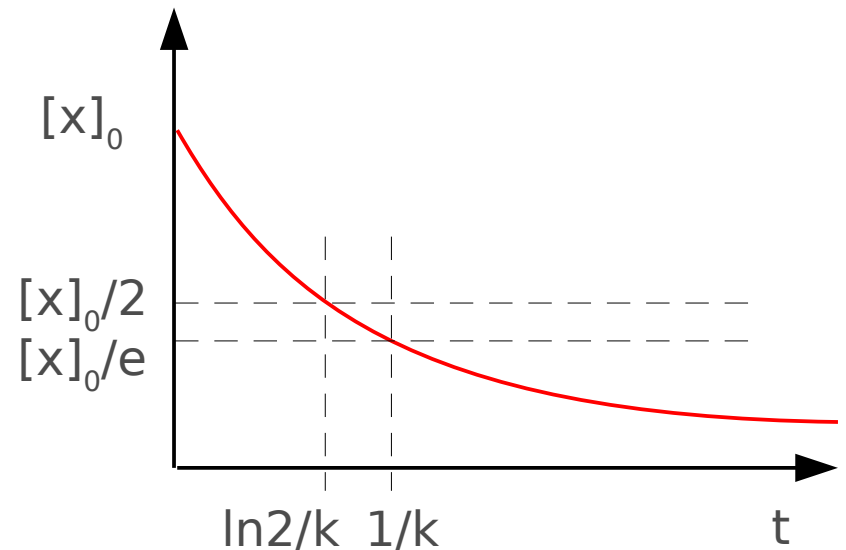
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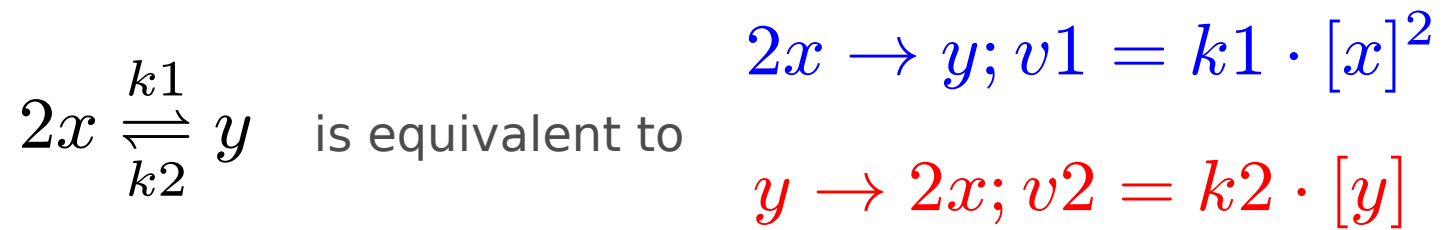
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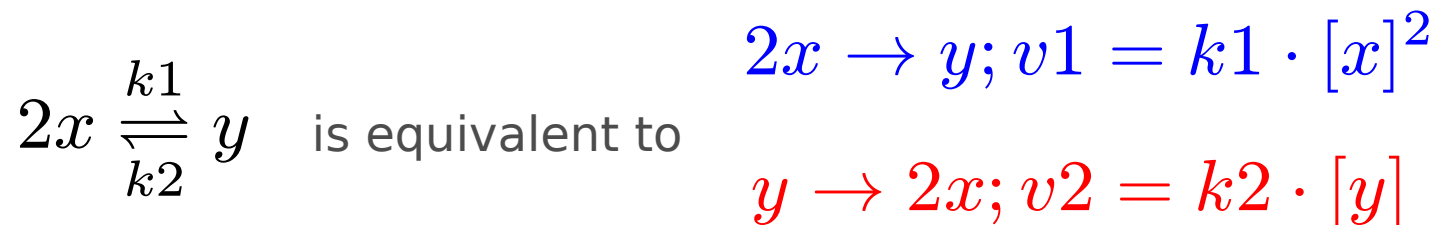
$$x(t) = [x]_0 \cdot e^{-kt}$$



Reversible reaction



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$$\frac{d[x]}{dt} = -2 \cdot v_1 + 2 \cdot v_2 = -2 \cdot k_1 \cdot [x]^2 + 2 \cdot k_2 \cdot [y]$$

$$\frac{d[y]}{dt} = +1 \cdot v_1 - 1 \cdot v_2 = +1 \cdot k_1 \cdot [x]^2 - 1 \cdot k_2 \cdot [y]$$

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$$d[\textcolor{green}{P}]/dt = +k_3[\textcolor{brown}{ES}]$$

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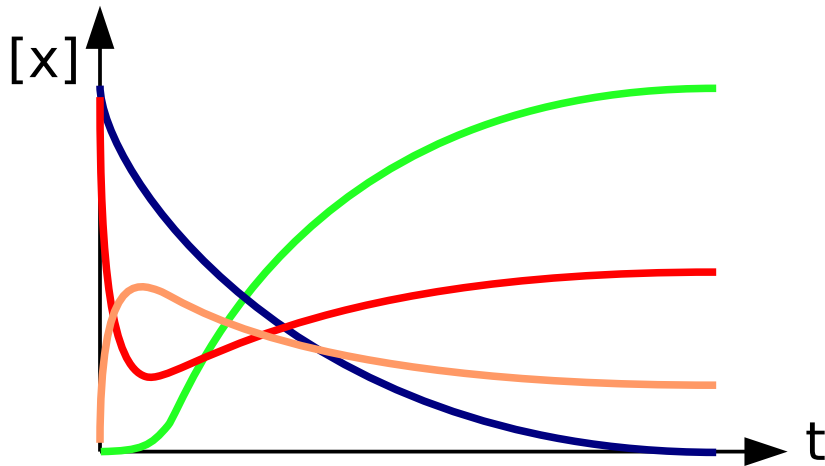


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Not feasible in general



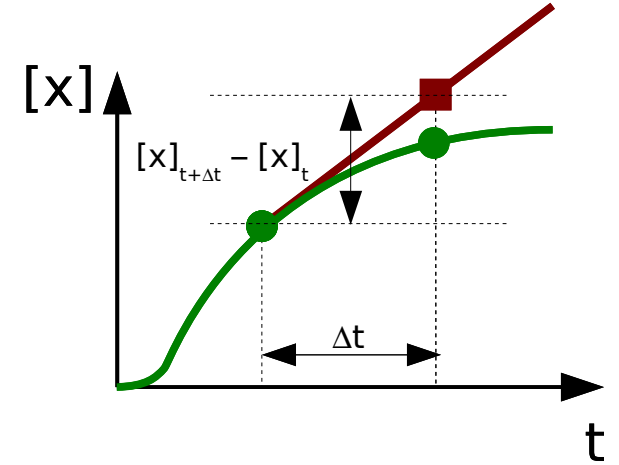
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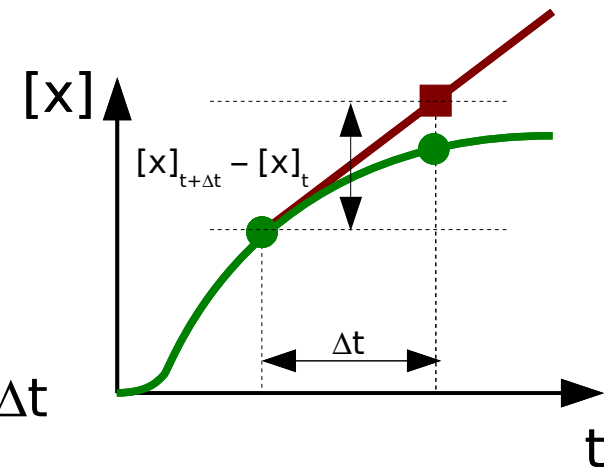
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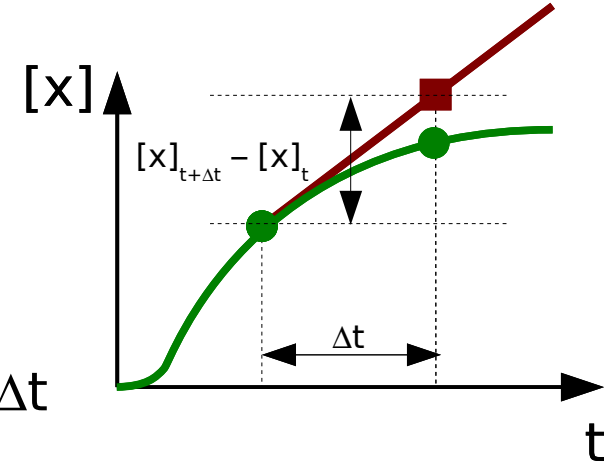
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4th order Runge-Kutta:

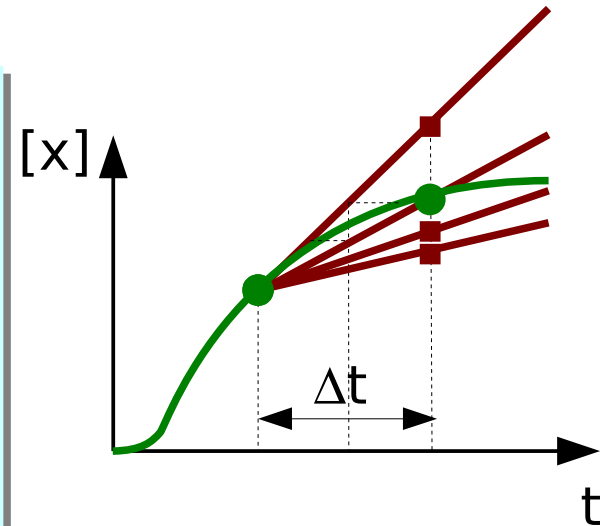
$$[x]_{t+\Delta t} = [x]_t + (F_1 + 2F_2 + 2F_3 + F_4)/6 \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\text{with } F_1 = d[x]/dt = f([x], t)$$

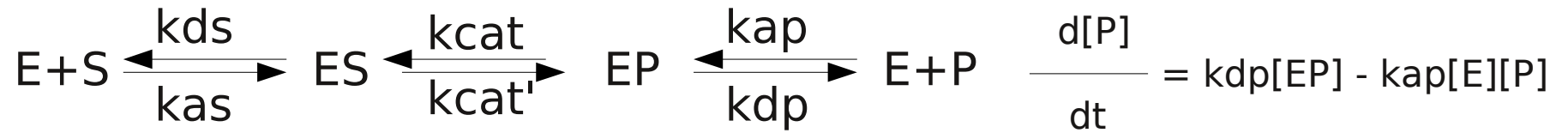
$$F_2 = f([x]_t + \Delta t/2 \cdot F_1, t + \Delta t/2)$$

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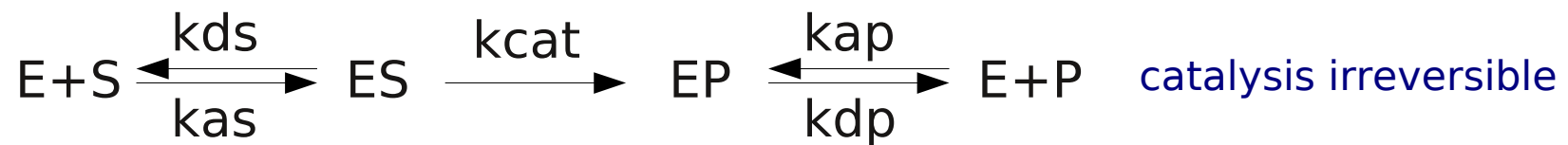
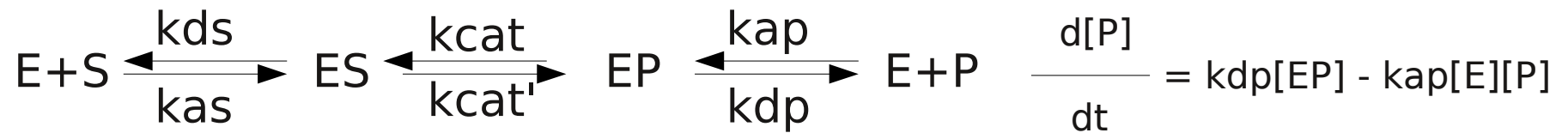
$$F_4 = f([x]_t + \Delta t \cdot F_3, t + \Delta t)$$



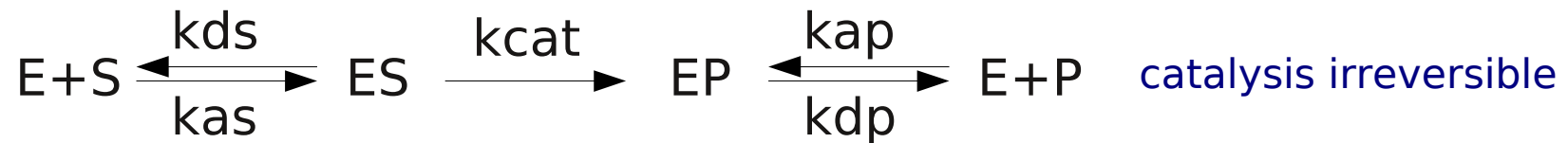
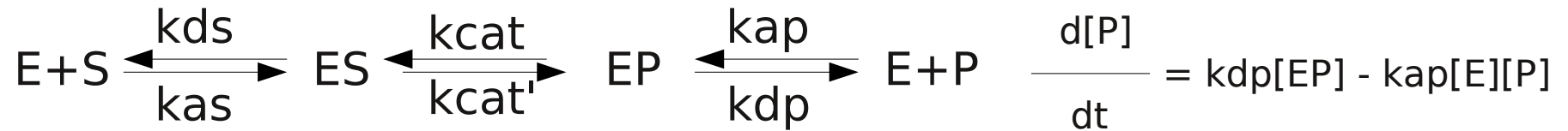
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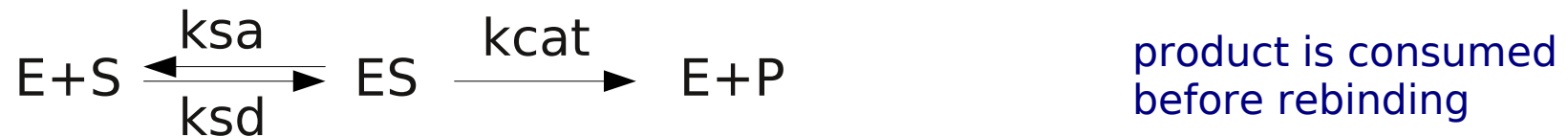
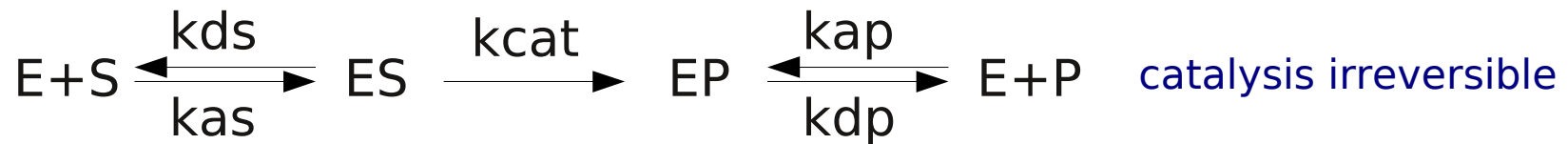
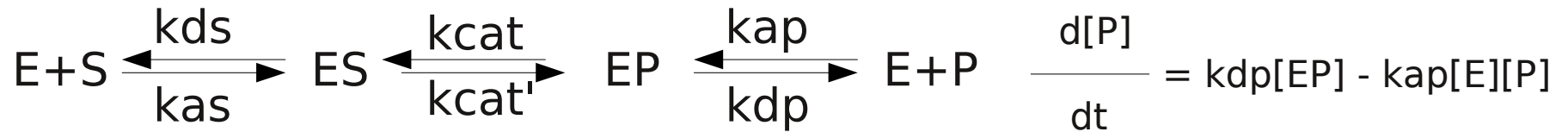
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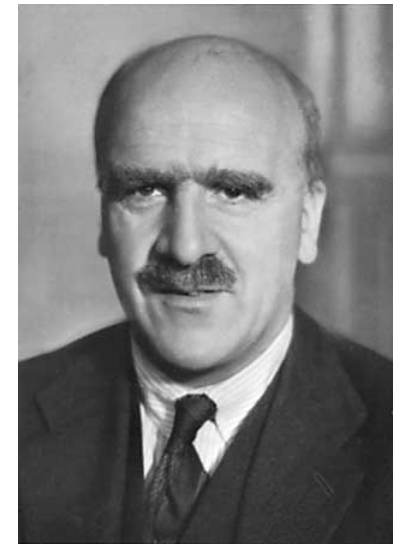
Enzyme kinetics

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Briggs-Haldane on Henri-Michaelis-Menten



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$$\frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_2[E_0] \frac{[S]}{K_m + [S]} = V_{max} \frac{[S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

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steady-state!!!

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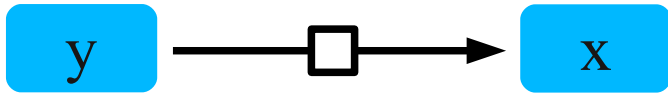
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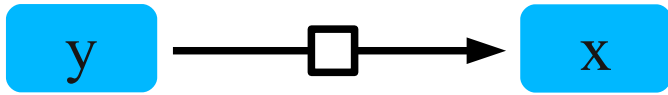
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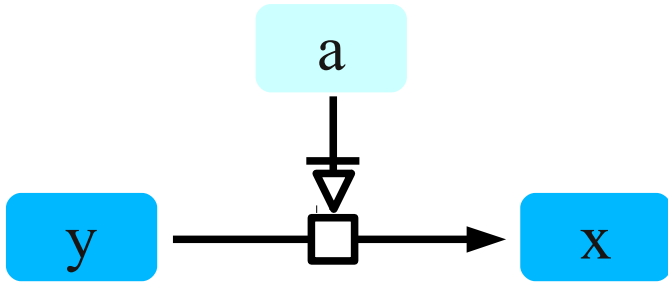


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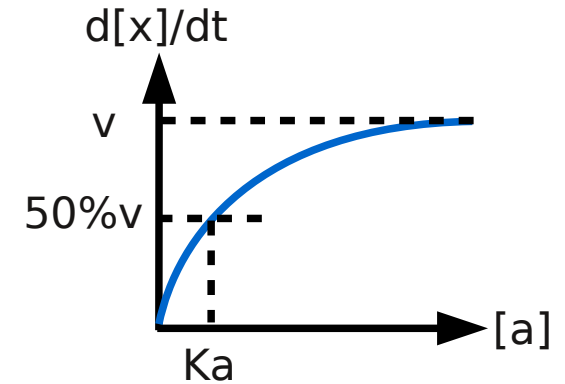
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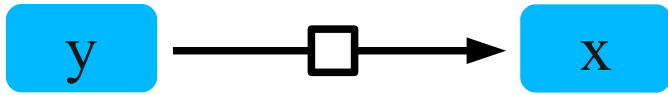
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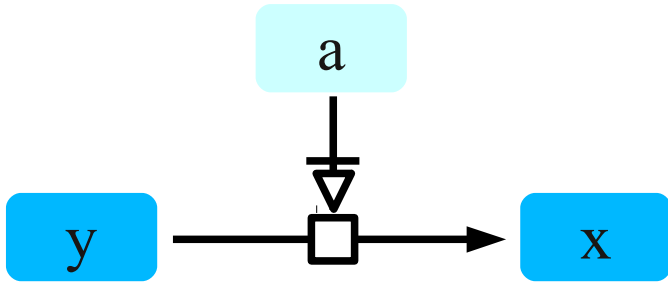
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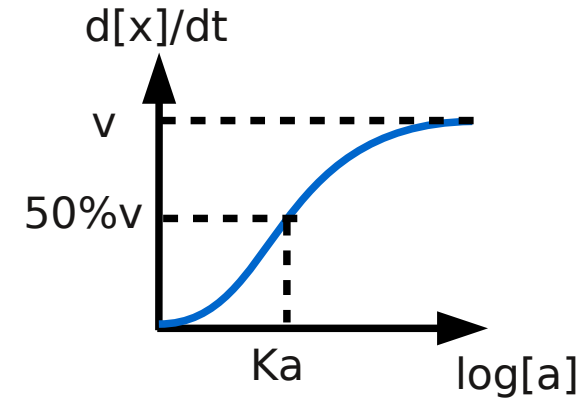
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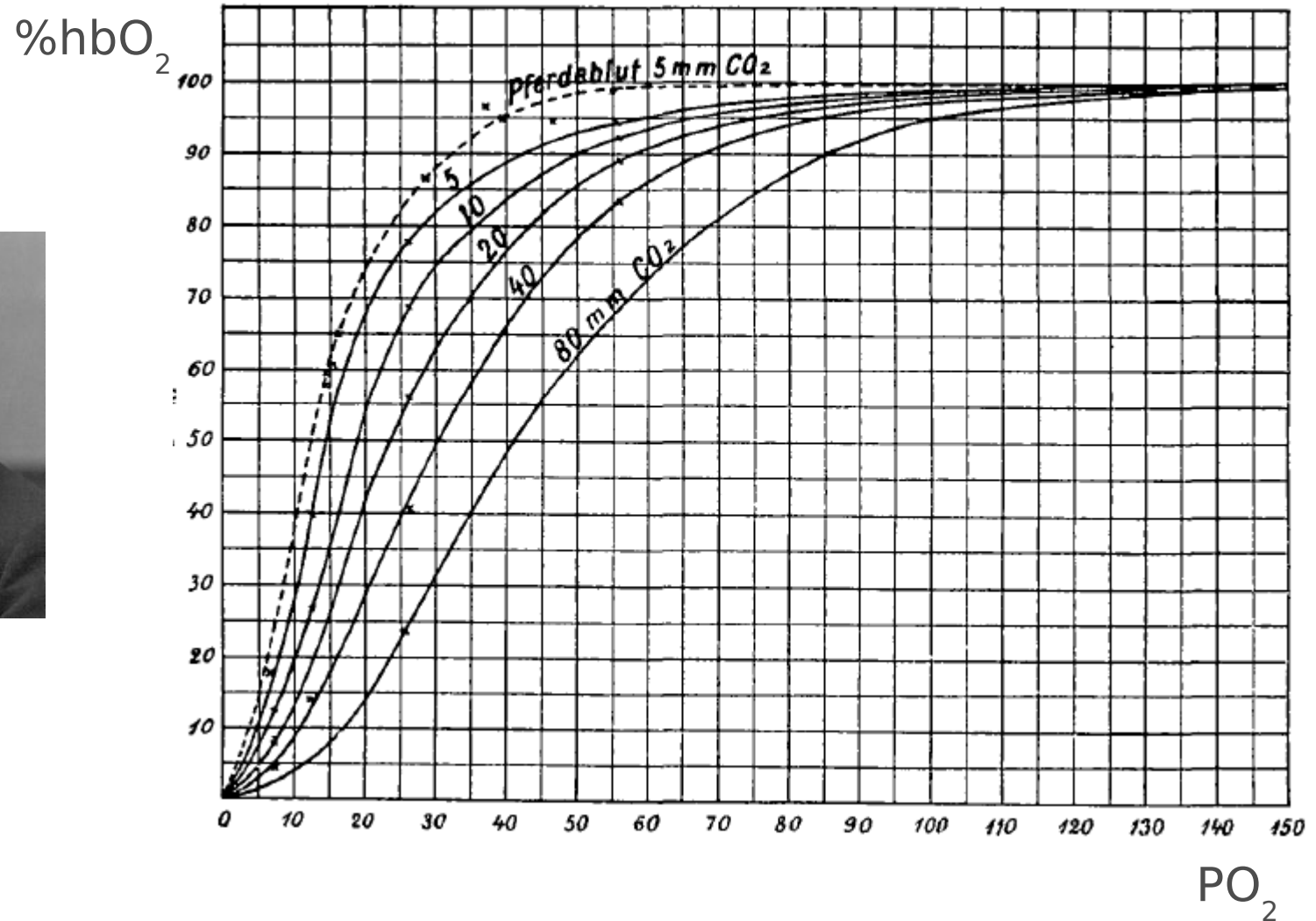
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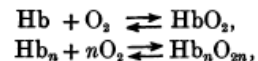
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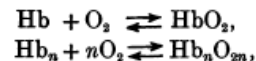
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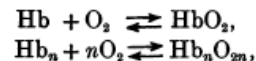
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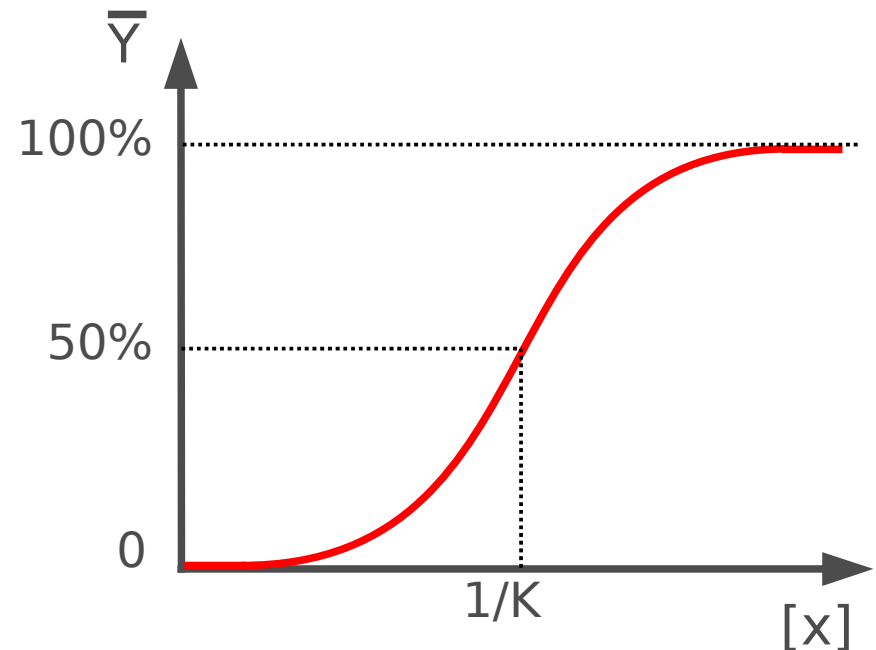
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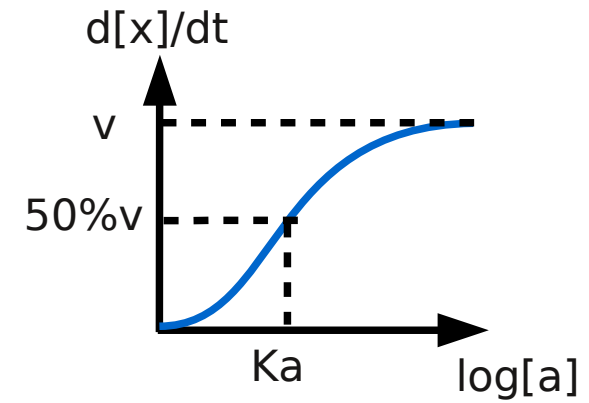
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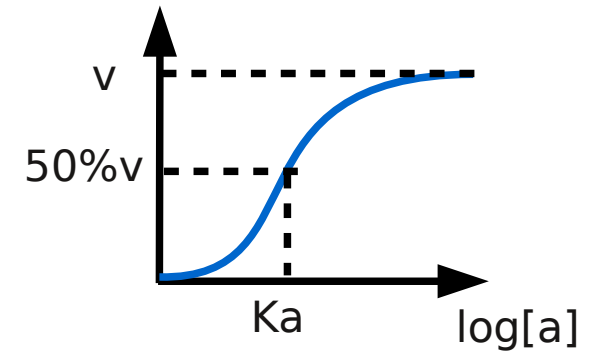
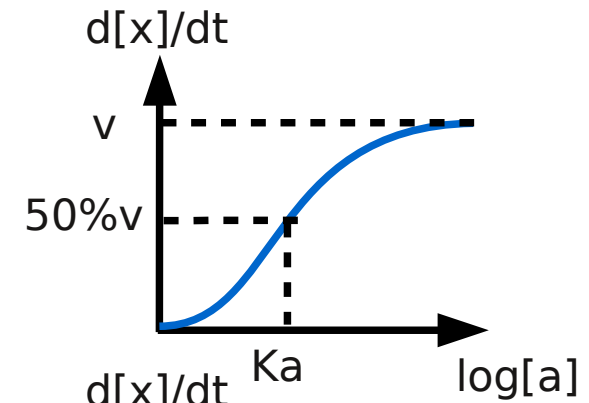
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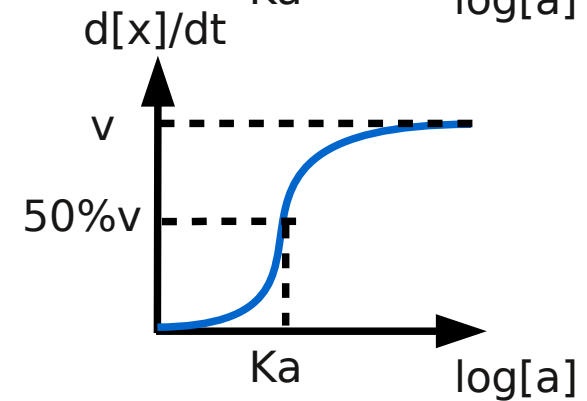
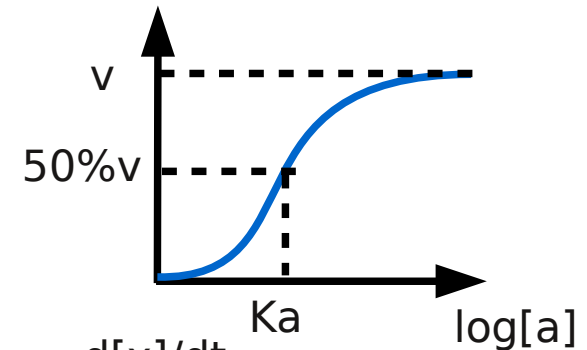
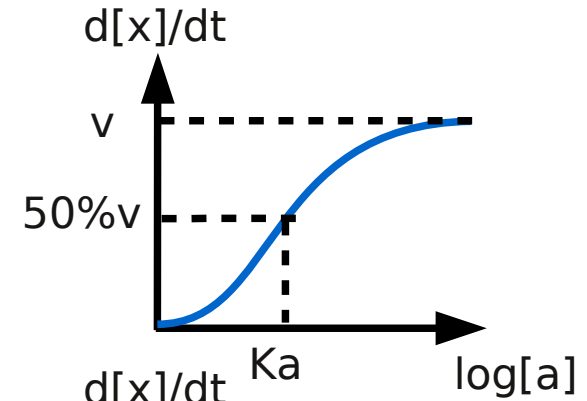


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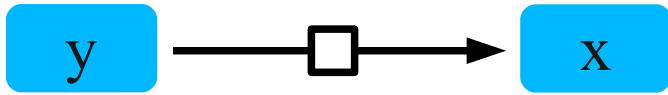
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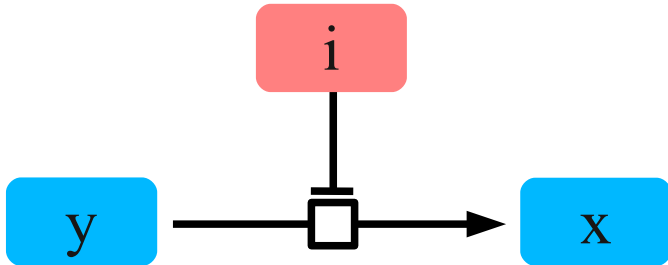
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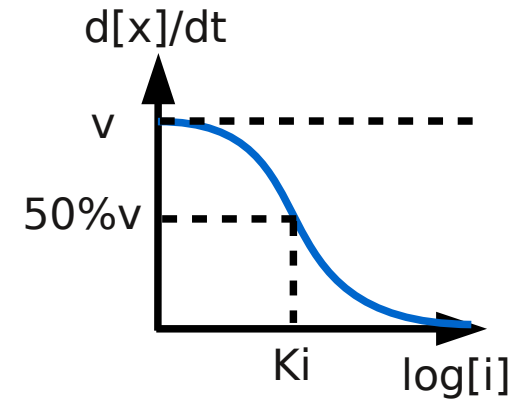
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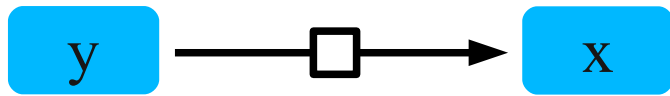
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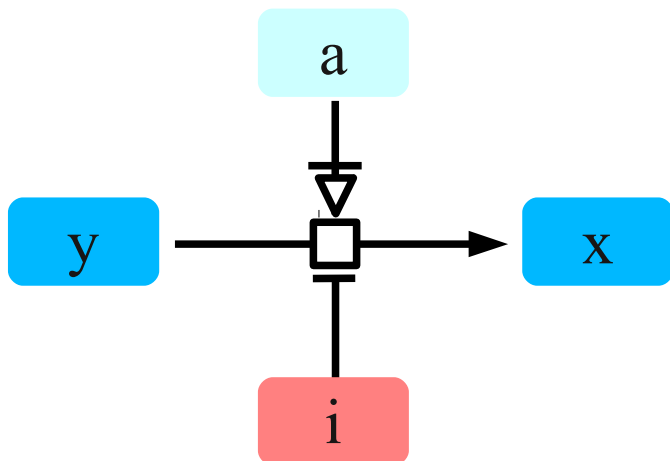
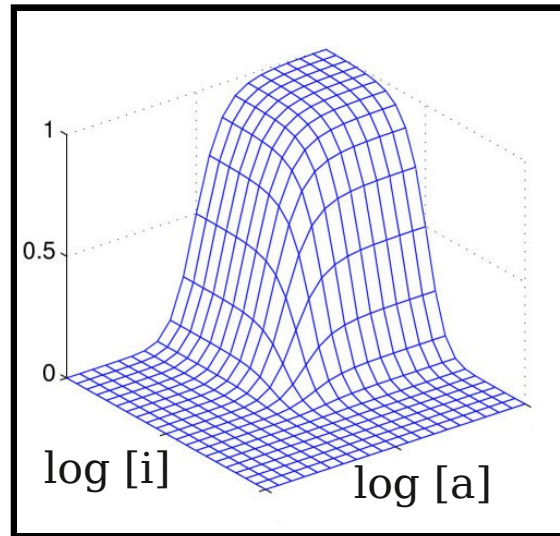
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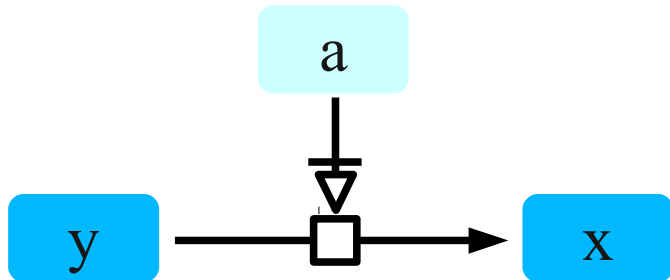


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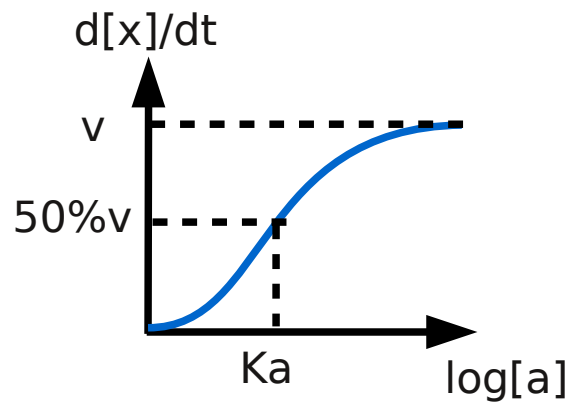


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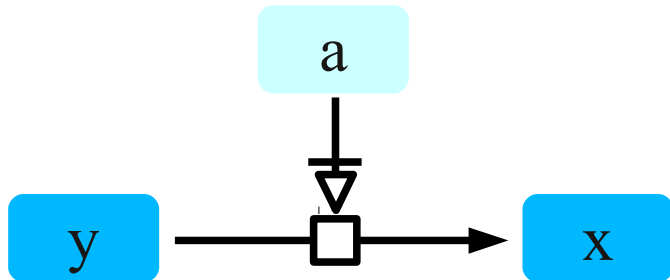
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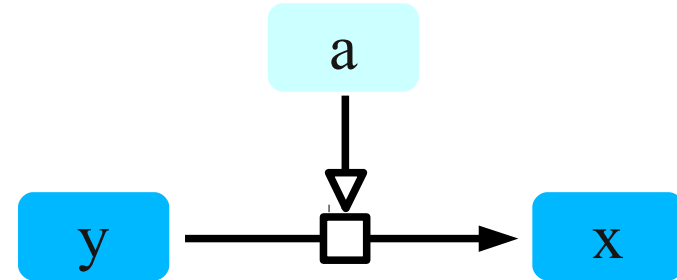
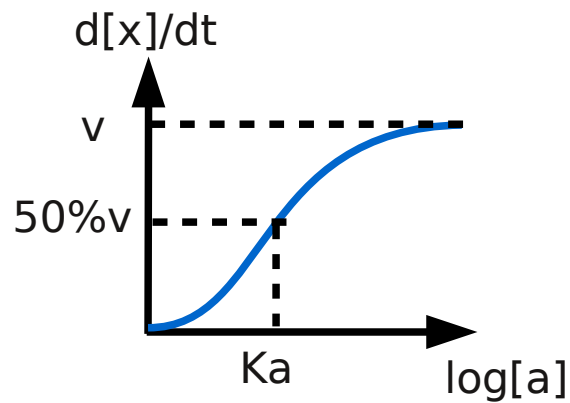
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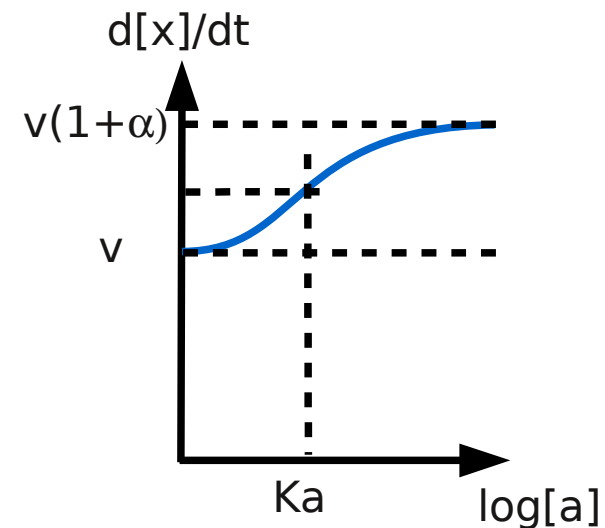
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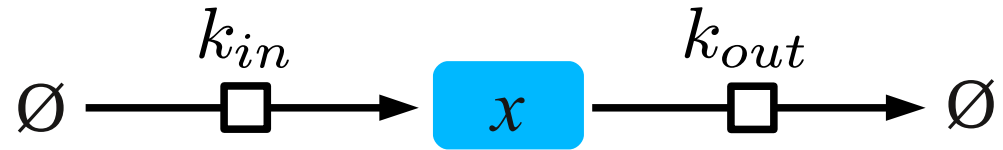


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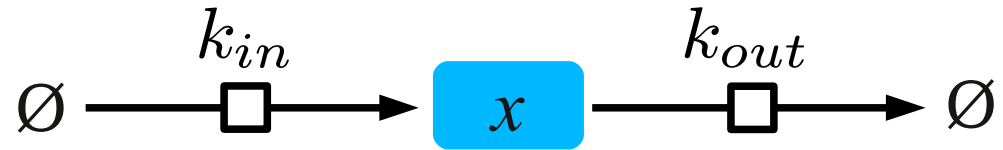
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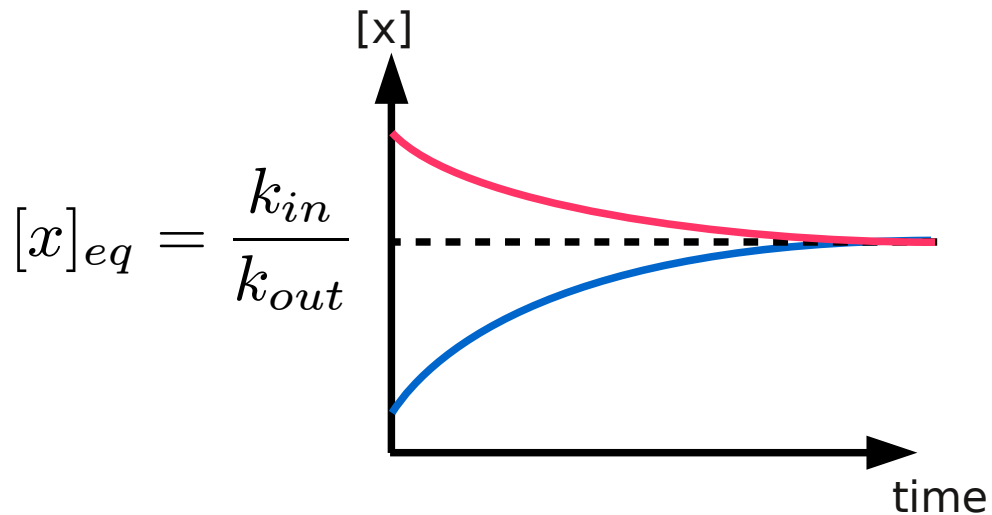
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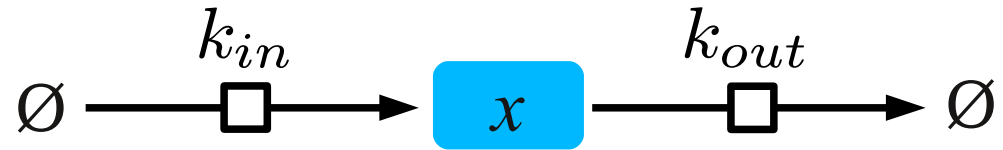


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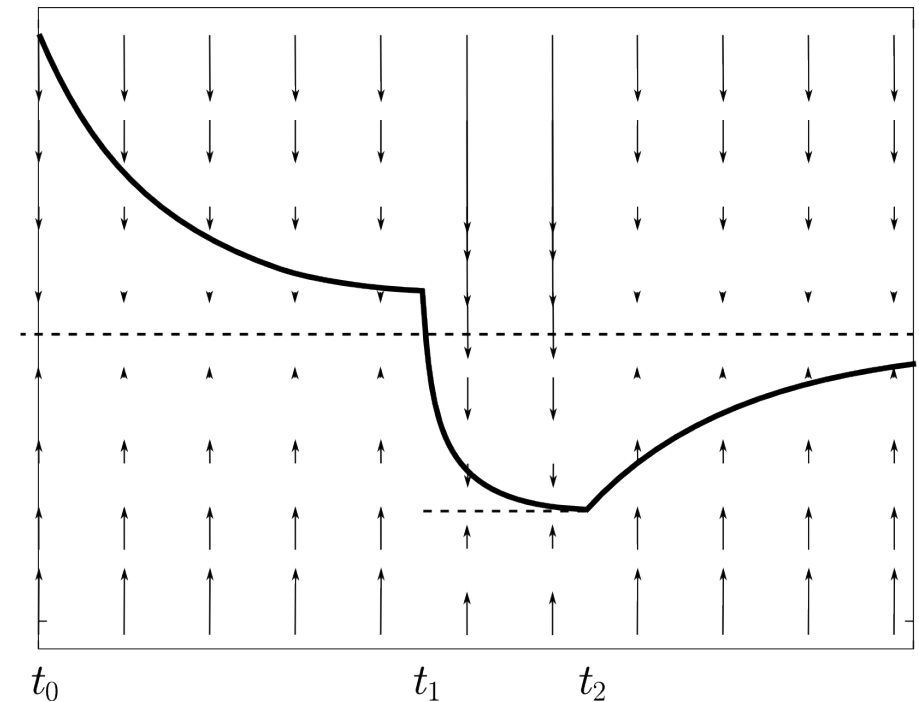
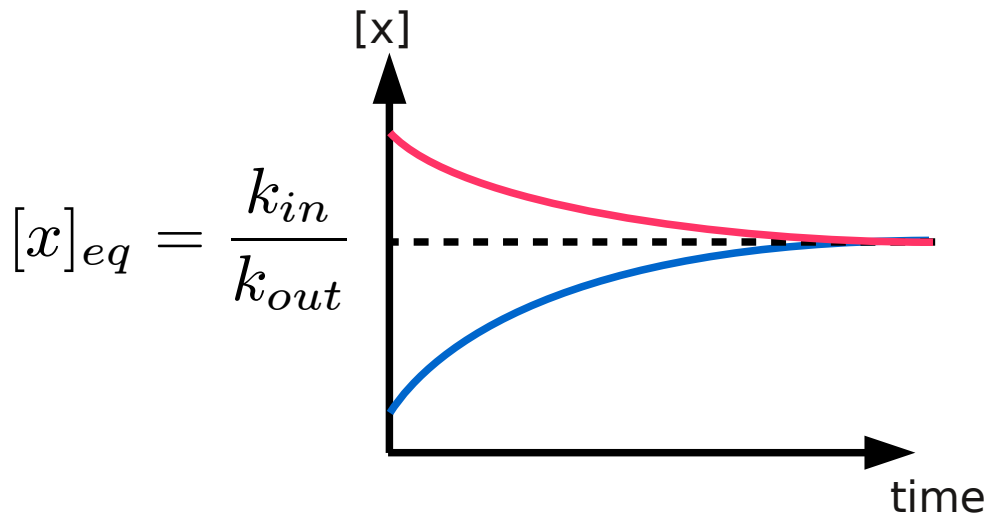


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