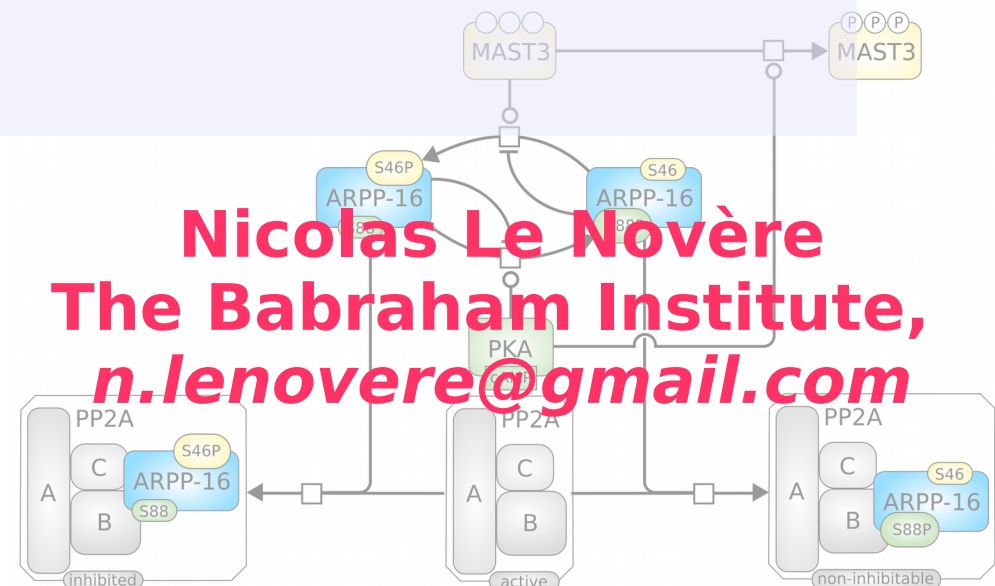


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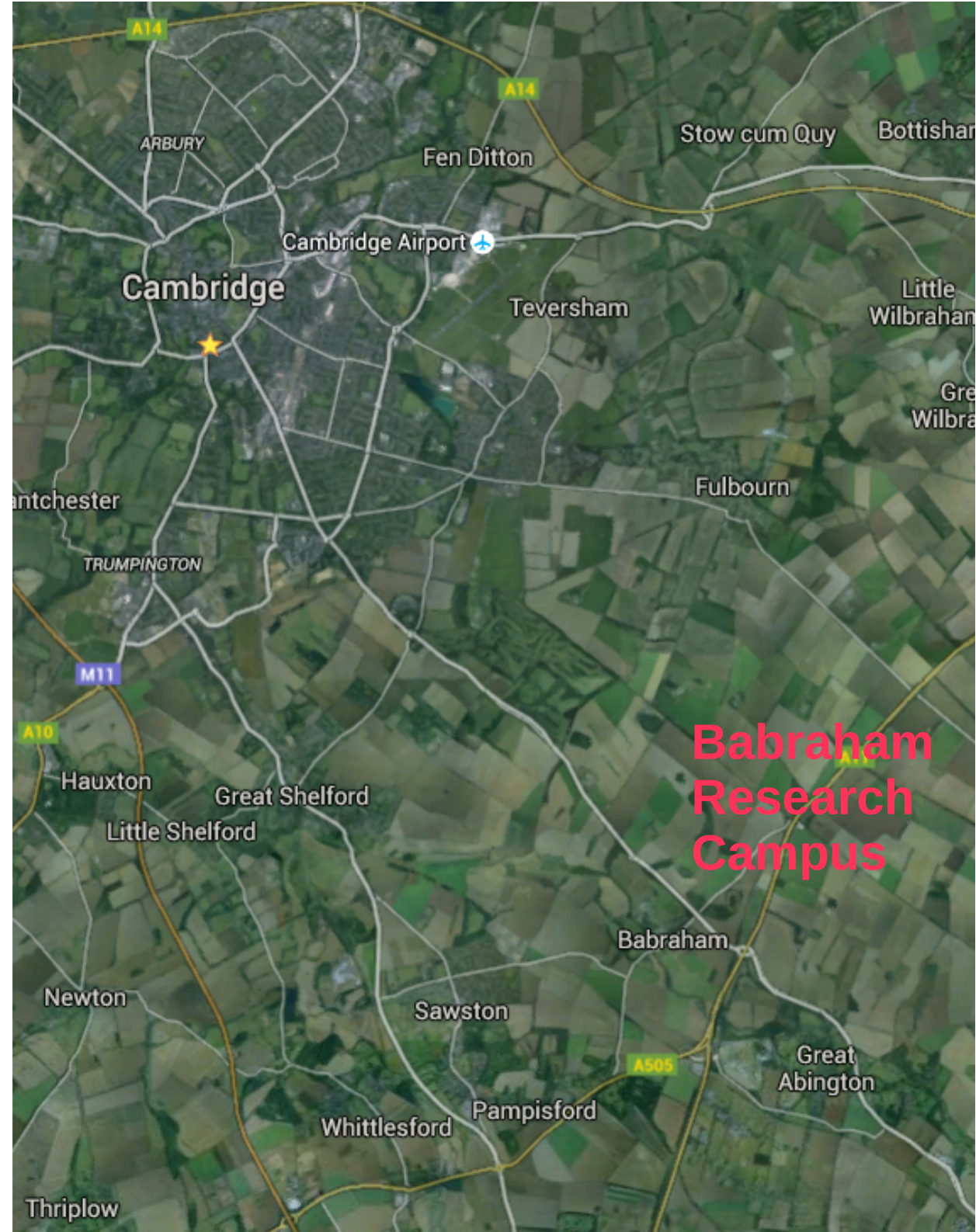
Introduction to Modelling In Systems Biology





Programmes in:
Signalling
Immunology
Epigenetics
Nuclear Dynamics

Platforms including:
Bioinformatics
Imaging
FACS
Lipidomics
Mouse facilities
Sequencing



Some of Babraham Institute's historical fame

- **Discovery of the liposome**

Bangham AD, Standish MM, Watkins JC (1965) Diffusion of univalent ions across the lamellae of swollen phospholipids. *J Mol Biol* 13, 238–252

- **Discovery of IP3 signalling and release of internal calcium stores**

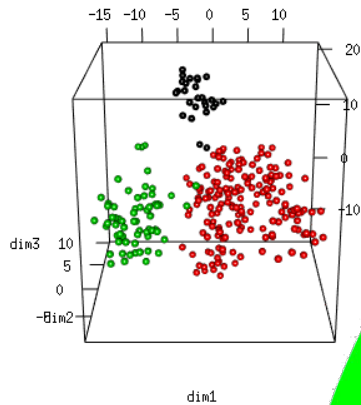
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- **DNA methylation responsible of parental imprinting**

W Reik, A Collick, ML Norris, SC Barton, MA Surani (1987) Genomic imprinting determines methylation of parental alleles in transgenic mice. *Nature* 328, 248-251

- **Phosphorylation of PIP2 into PIP3 by PI3K**

PT Hawkins, TR Jackson, LR Stephens (1992) Platelet-derived growth factor stimulates synthesis of $\text{PtdIns}(3,4,5)\text{P}_3$ by activating a $\text{PtdIns}(4,5)\text{P}_2$ 3-OH kinase. *Nature* 358, 157-159



Metabolism

Lipids in infections and cancer

Whole genome metabolism
(ageing, stem cell differentiation)

Epigenetics Stem-Cells

Stem cell differentiation

Neuronal specification

Responses to PI signals

Immune response and ageing

Signalling

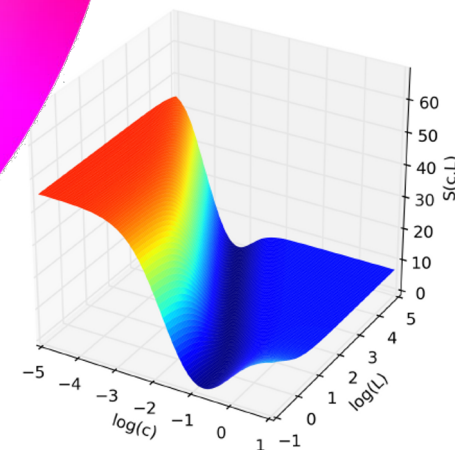
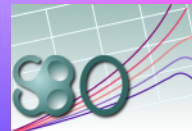
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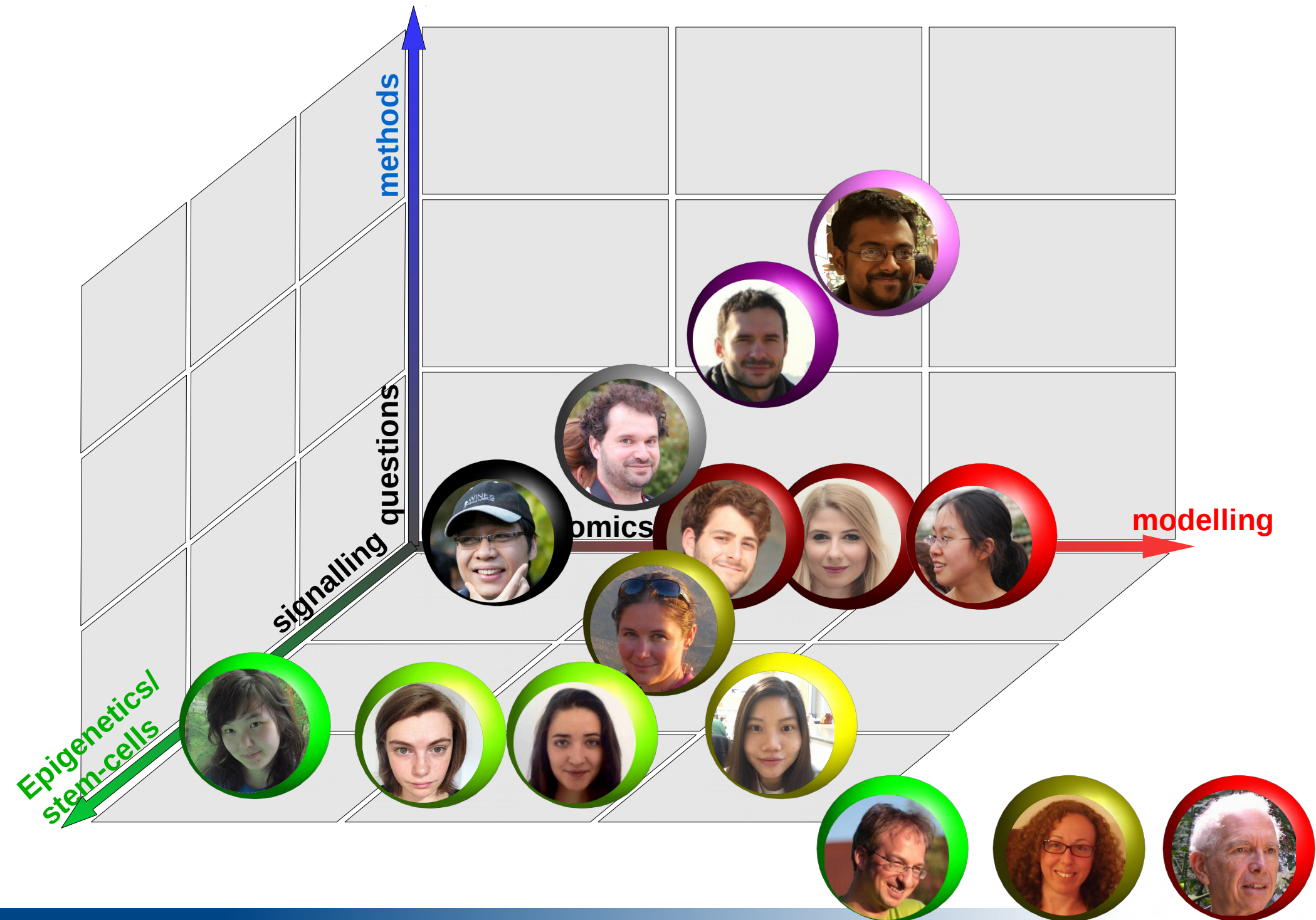
Phosphatase in neurons

Phosphoinositides

Inflammation

Tools

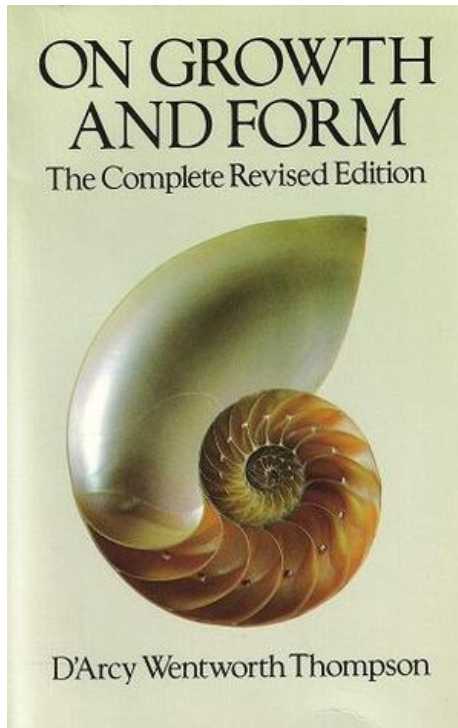




The many faces of modelling in biology

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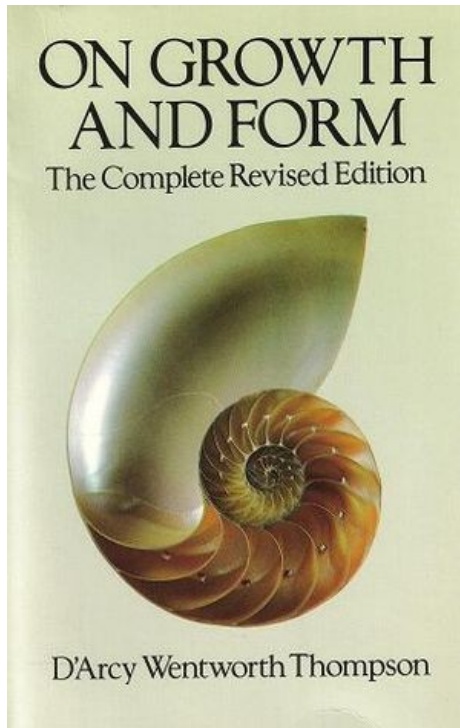
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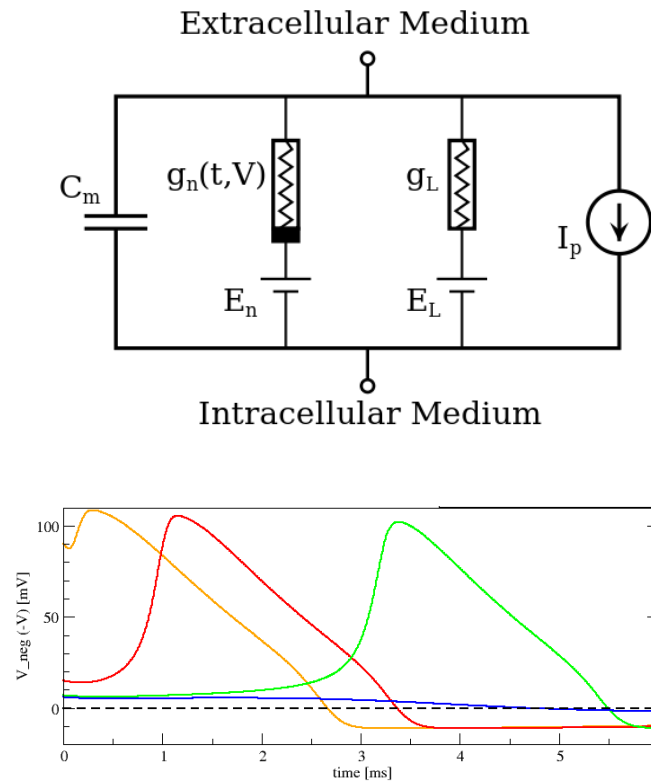
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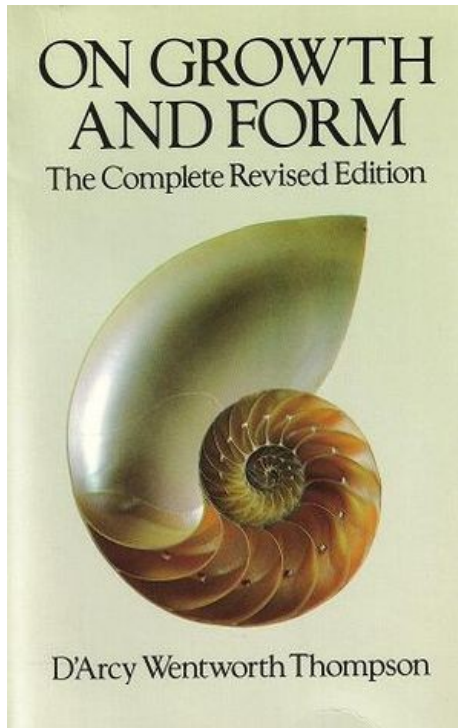
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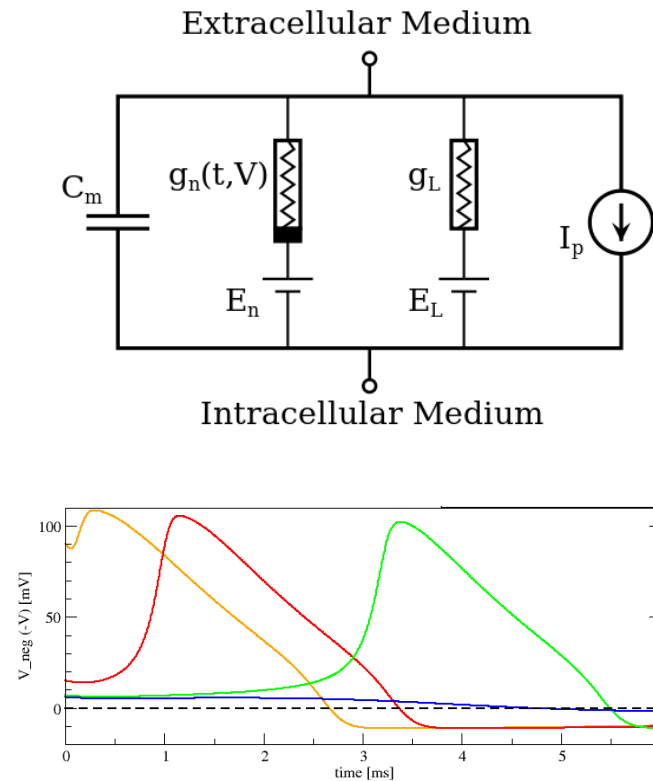
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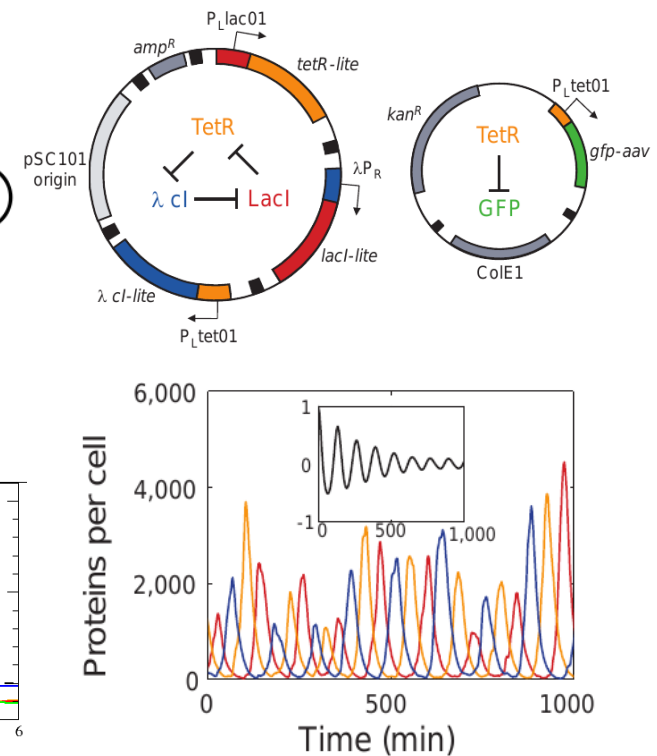
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Explain



1952

Predict



2000

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K_d

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or compare with experiments**

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**What we already know
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constraints

$$[X] \geq 0$$

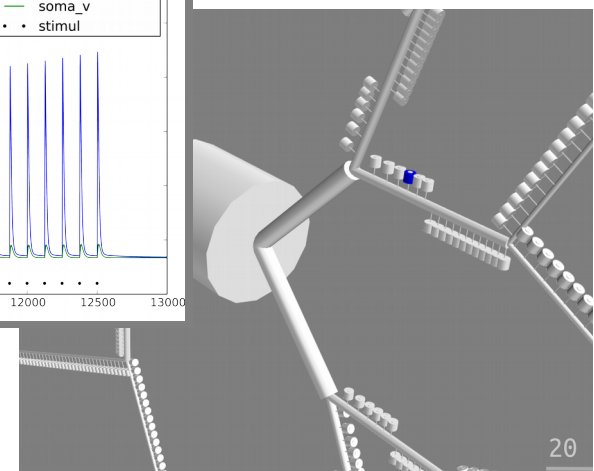
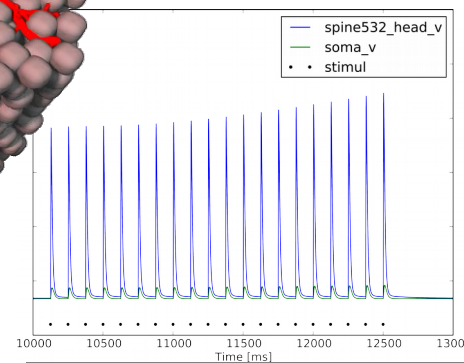
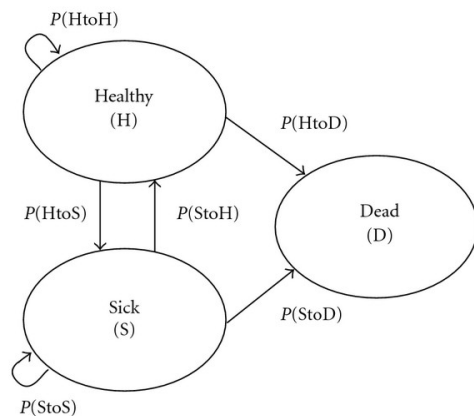
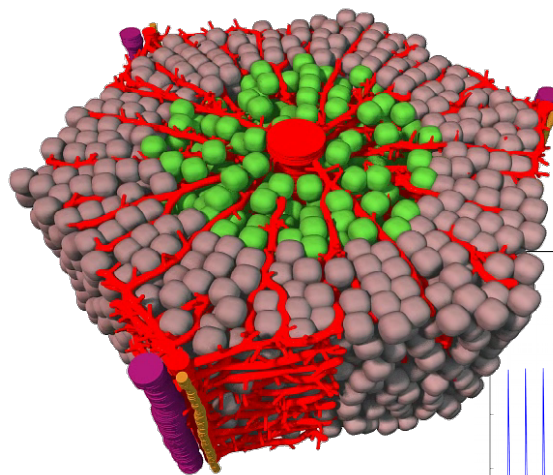
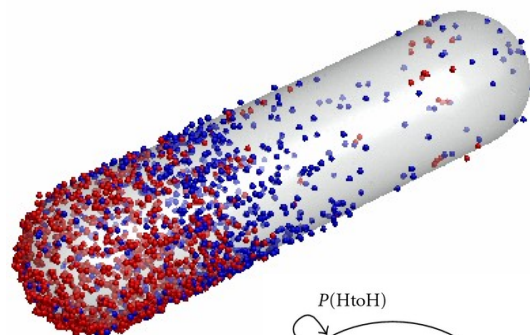
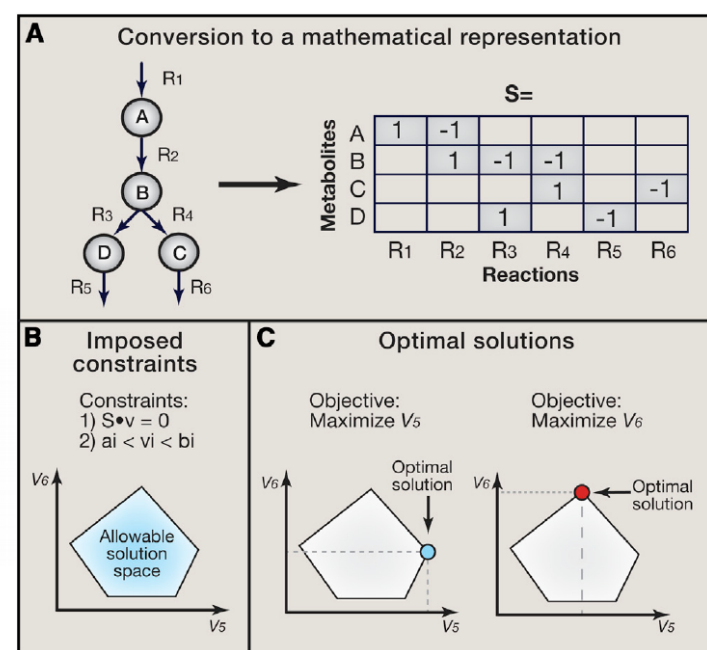
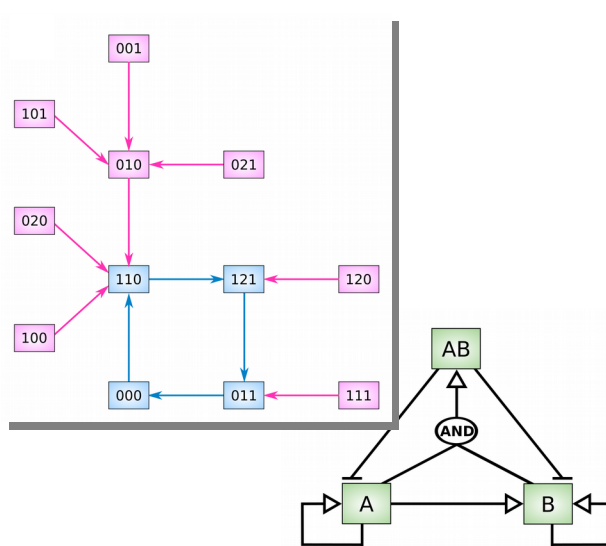
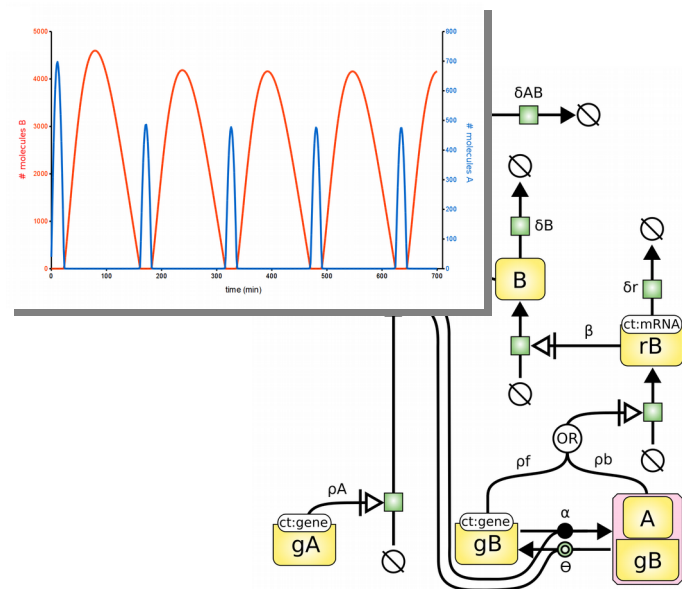
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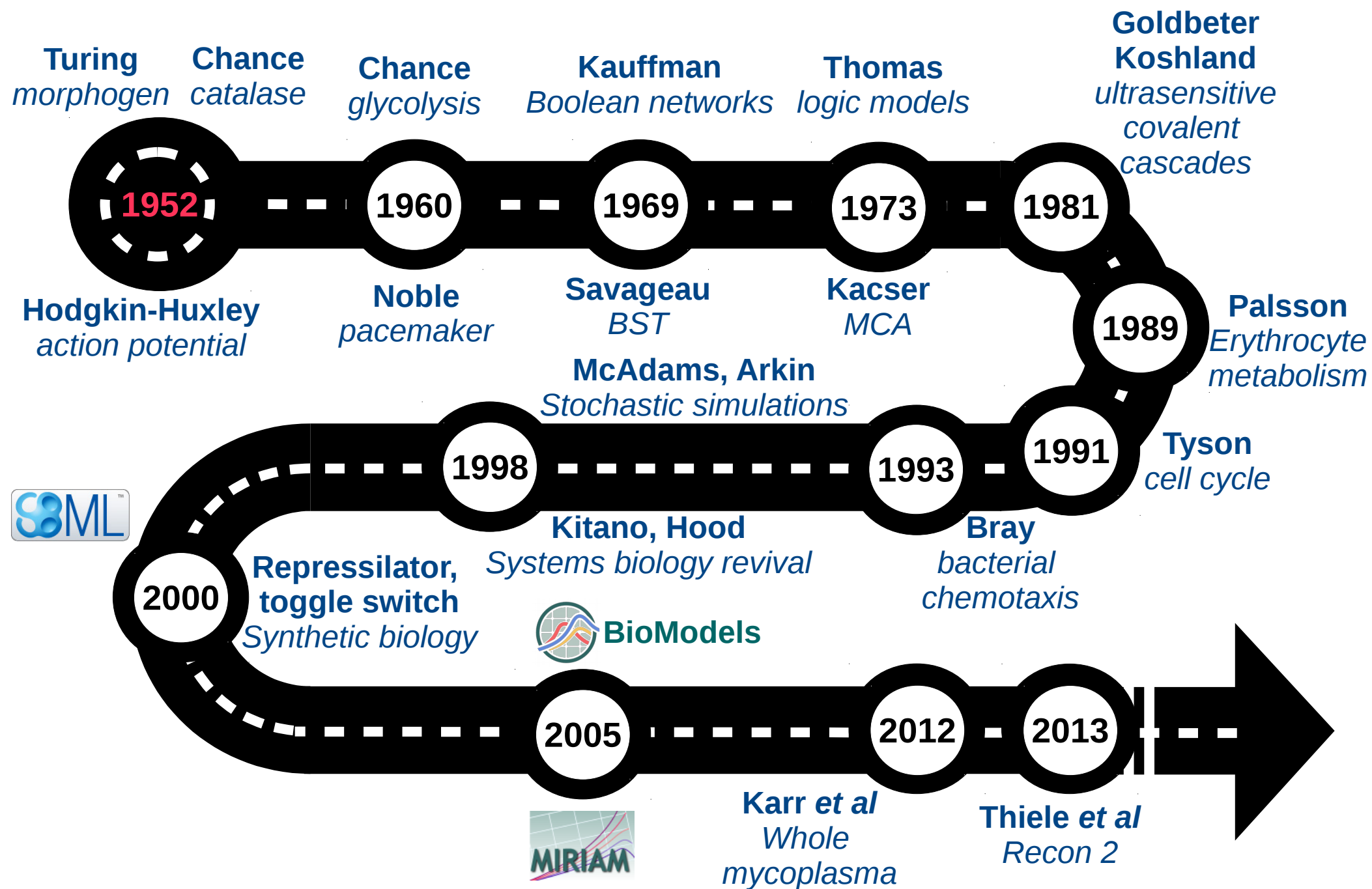
Boundary conditions
($v < \text{upper limit}$)

Objective functions
(maximise ATP)

Initial conditions

**The context or what
we want to ignore**





Computer simulations Vs. mathematical models

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The Mechanism of Catalase Action. ¹

II. Electric Analog Computer Studies

Britton Chance, David S. Greenstein, Joseph Higgins and C. C. Yang

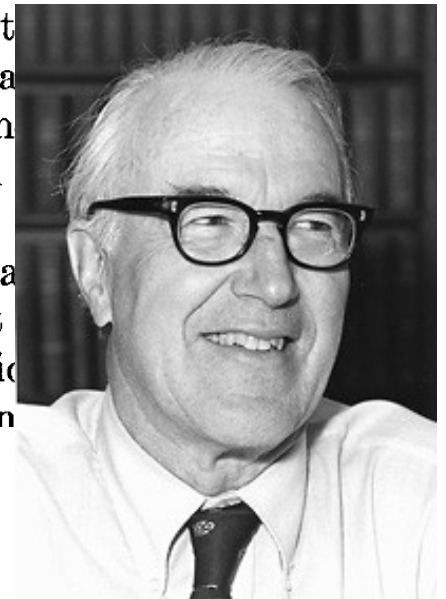
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INTRODUCTION

In early studies of enzyme reactions only the disappearance of substrate could be measured and only the steady-state operation of the enzyme could be studied. We can now study directly the formation and disappearance of compounds of enzyme and substrate by sensitive spectrophotometric methods. Thus not only the steady-state but also the transient portions of the enzyme action are revealed. And the transient portions are very sensitive indicators of the mechanism which the enzyme acts.

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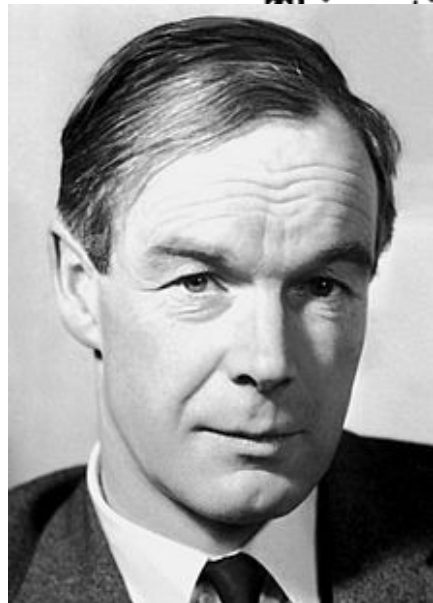
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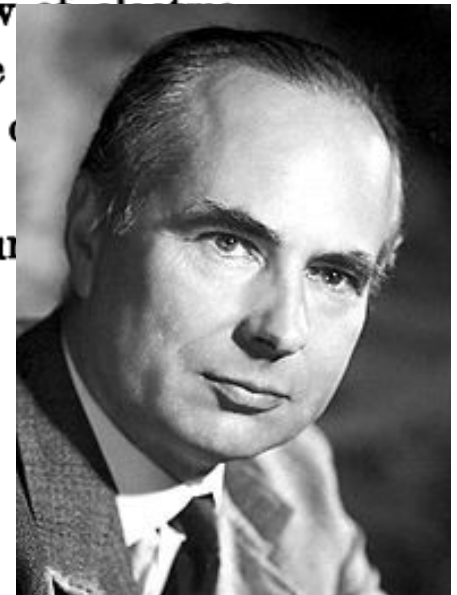
BY A. L. HODGKIN AND A. F. HUXLEY

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This article concludes a series of papers concerned with the flow of ions through the surface membrane of a giant nerve fibre (Hodgkin & Katz, 1952; Hodgkin & Huxley, 1952 *a-c*). Its general object is to put the results of the preceding papers (Part I), to put them in mathematical form (Part II) and to show that they will account for conduction and excitation in quantitative terms (Part III).



The Computational Systems Biology loop

“biological” model

mathematical model

$$I = C_M \frac{dV}{dt} + \bar{g}_K n^4 (V - V_K) + \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (V - V_{Na}) + \bar{g}_l (V - V_l),$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n(1 - n) - \beta_n n,$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_m(1 - m) - \beta_m m,$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_h(1 - h) - \beta_h h,$$

$$\alpha_n = 0.01 (V + 10) / \left(\exp \frac{V + 10}{10} - 1 \right),$$

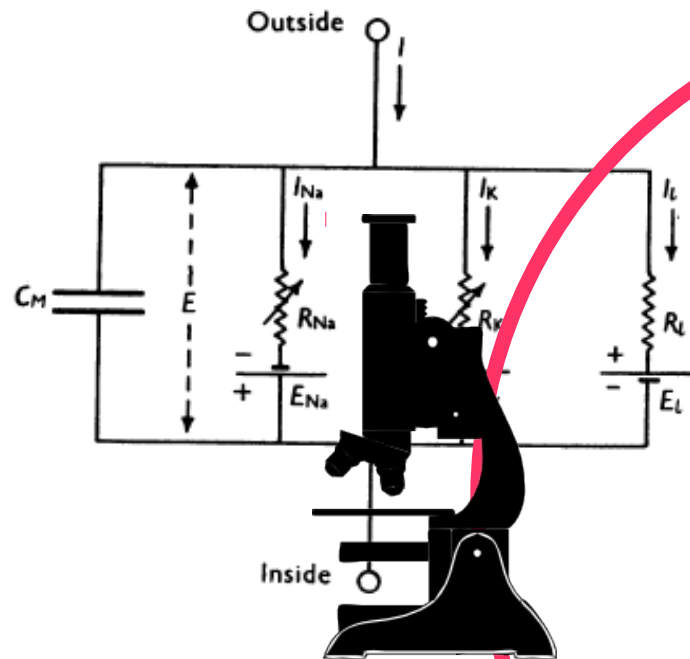
$$\beta_n = 0.125 \exp (V/80),$$

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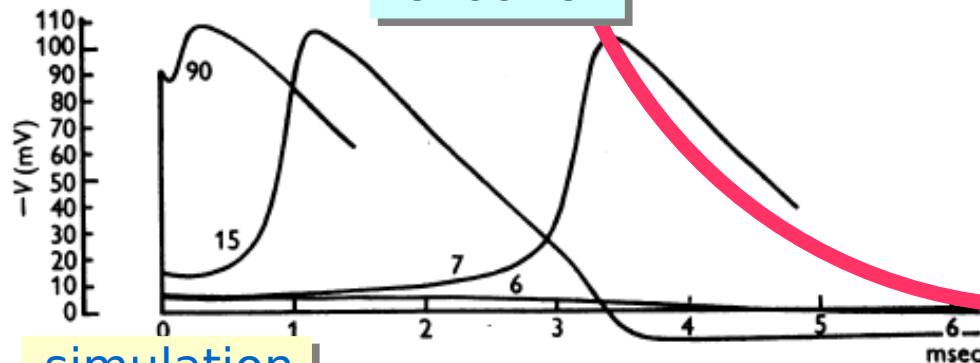
$$\beta_m = 4 \exp (V/18),$$

$$\alpha_h = 0.07 \exp (V/20),$$

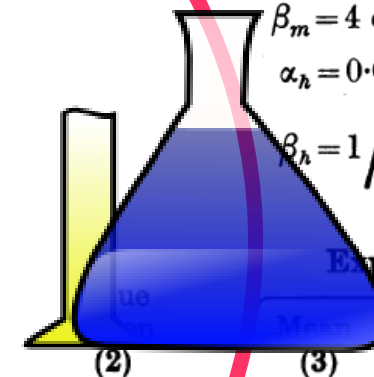
$$\beta_h = 1 / \left(\exp \frac{V + 30}{10} + 1 \right).$$



validation



simulation



Experimental values

parameterisation

Constant
(1)

C_M ($\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$)

V_{Na} (mV)

V_K (mV)

V_l (mV)

$\bar{g}_{Na}$ (m.mho/cm²)

$\bar{g}_K$ (m.mho/cm²)

$\bar{g}_l$ (m.mho/cm²)

Range
(4)

0.8 to 1.5

-95 to -119

+9 to +14

-4 to -22

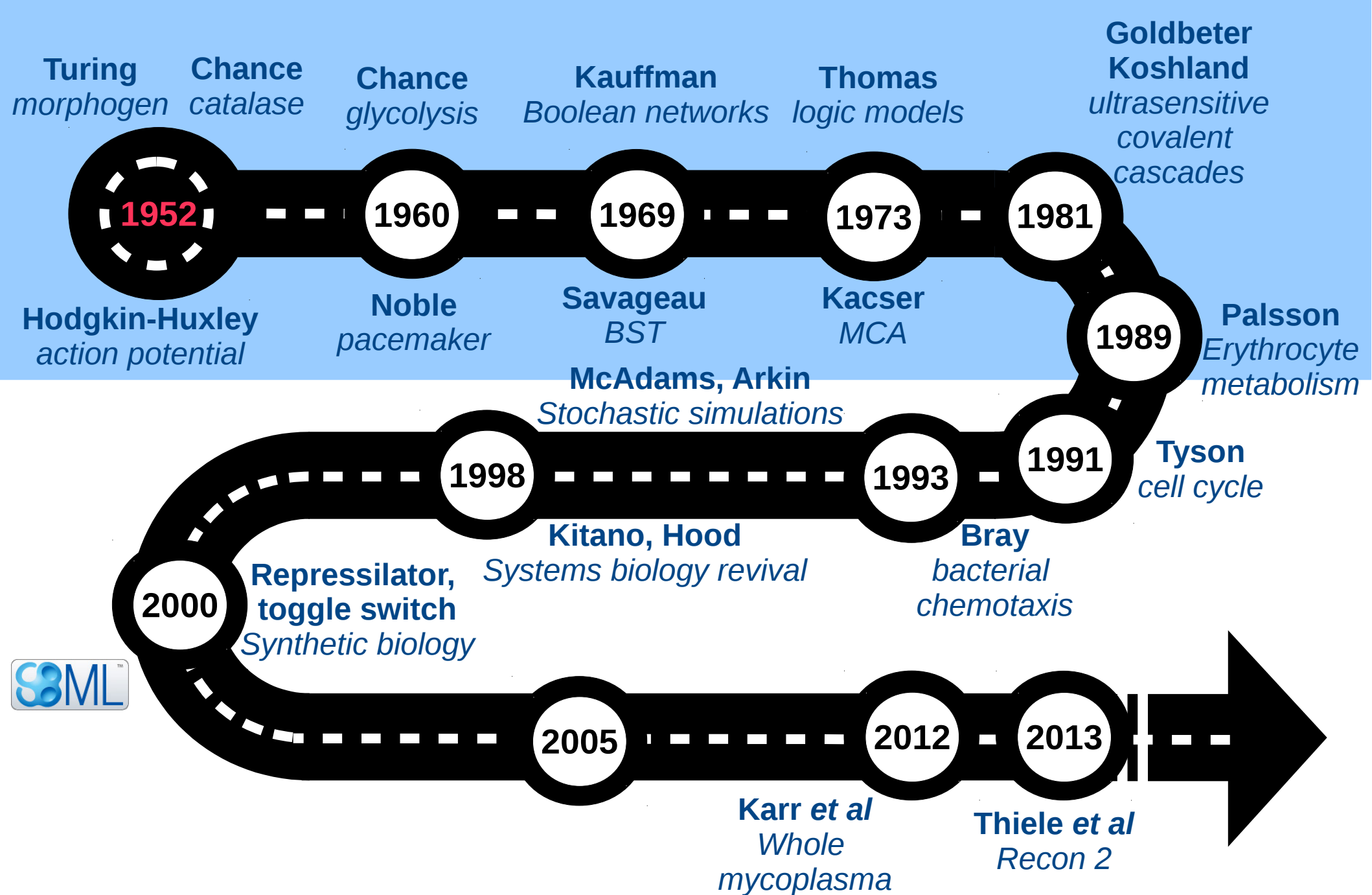
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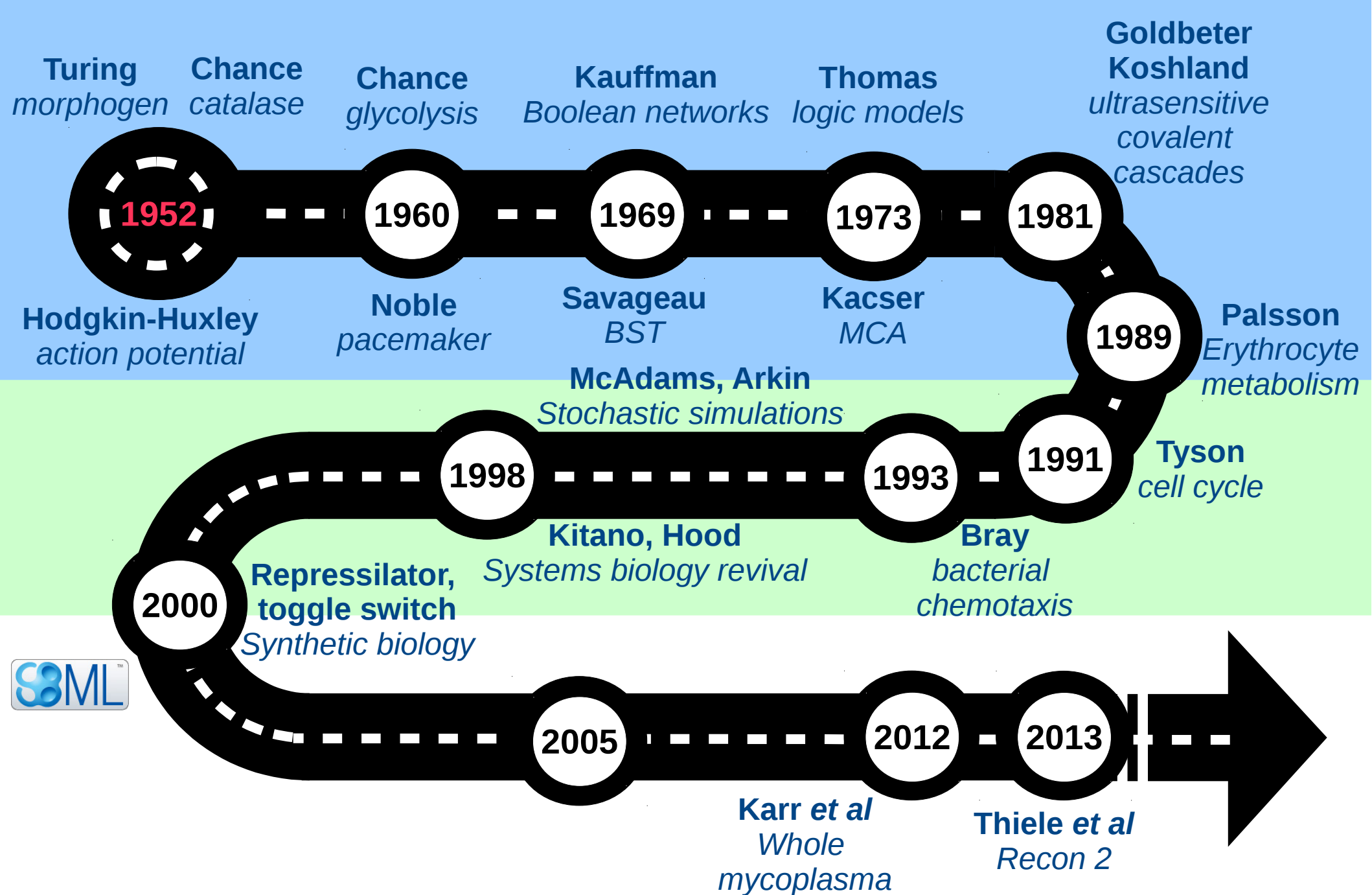
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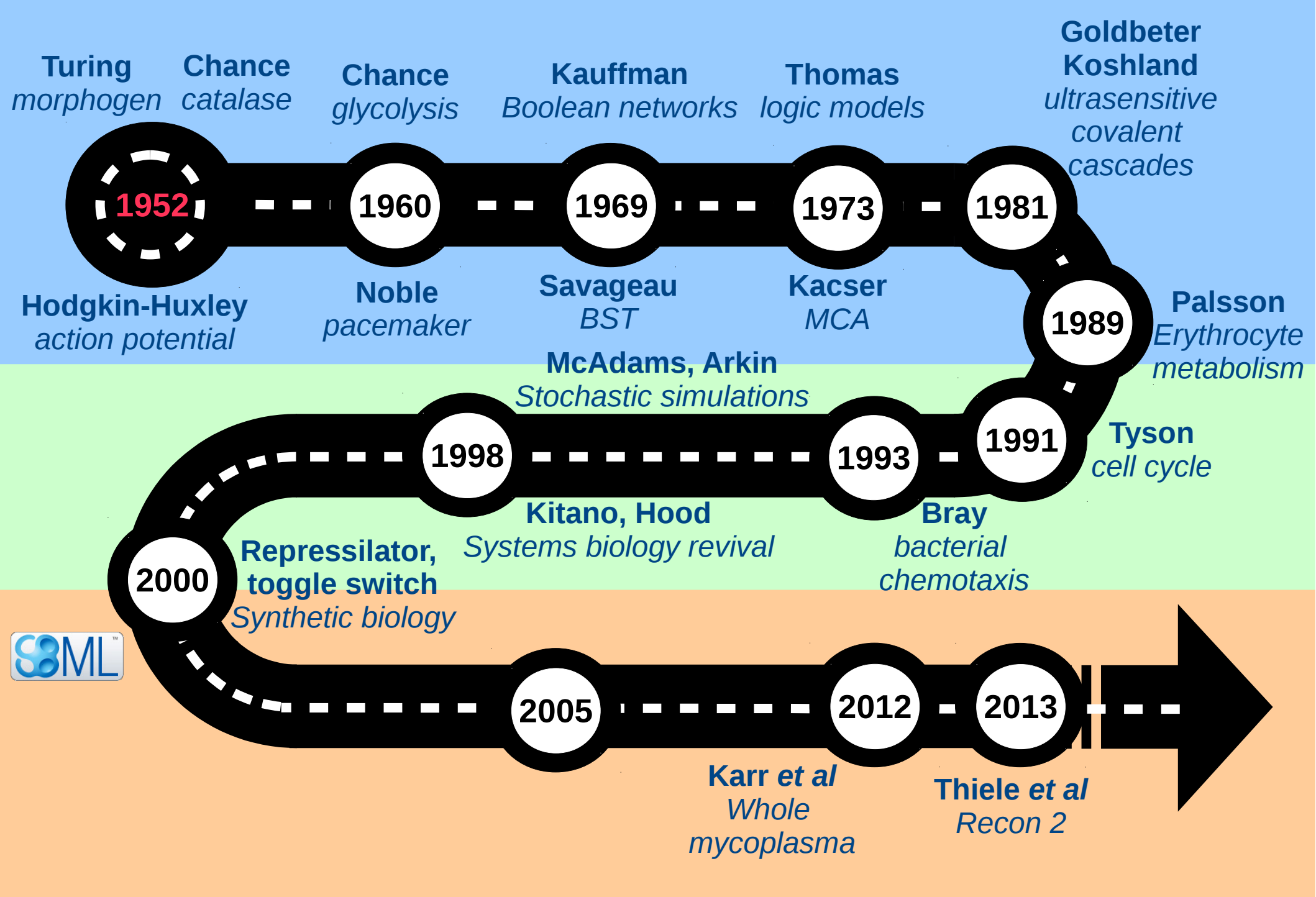
26 to 49

0.13 to 0.50

computational model

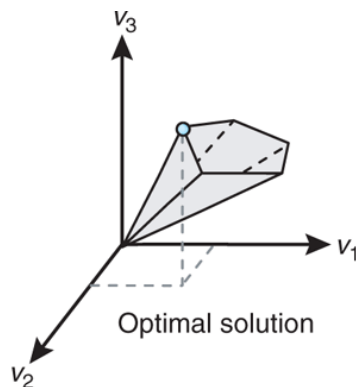
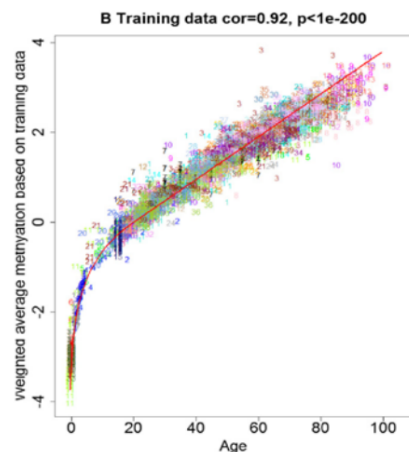




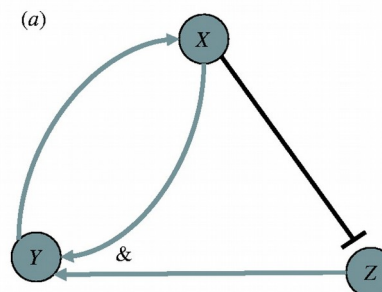




Representation of time



No time: correlations, steady-states

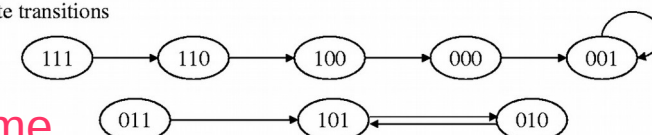


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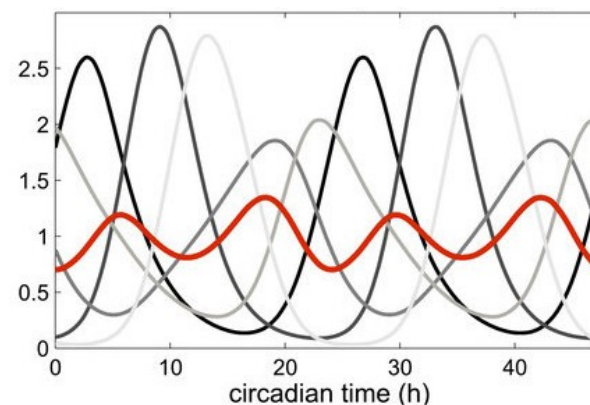
(c)

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(d) state transitions



Pseudo-time
($t_4 - t_0$ is not $2 \times t_2 - t_0$): Logic models

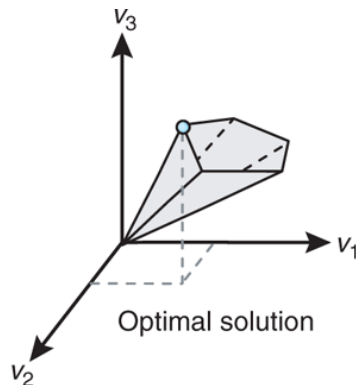
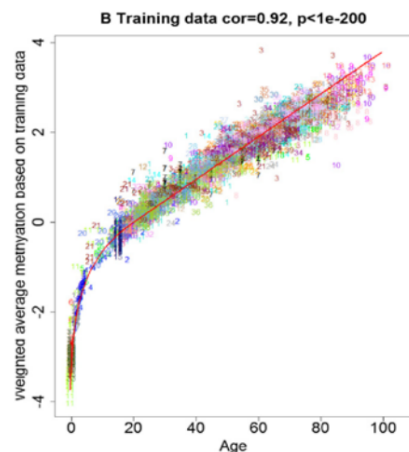


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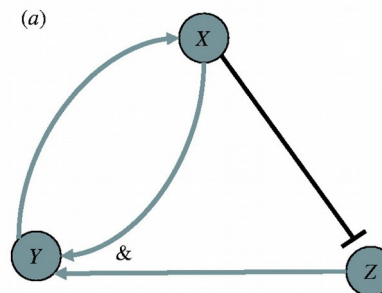
Discrete time



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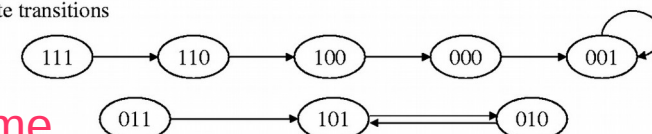


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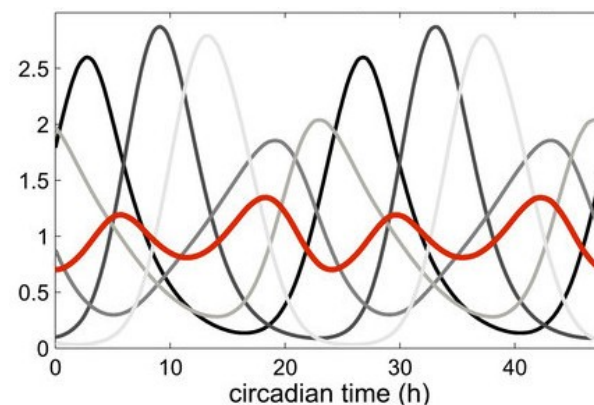
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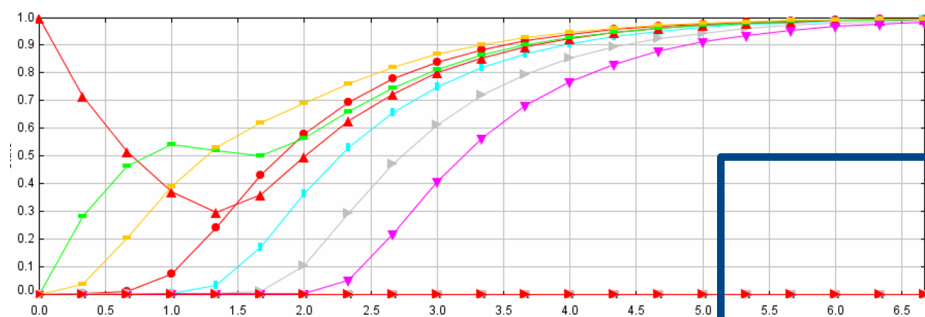


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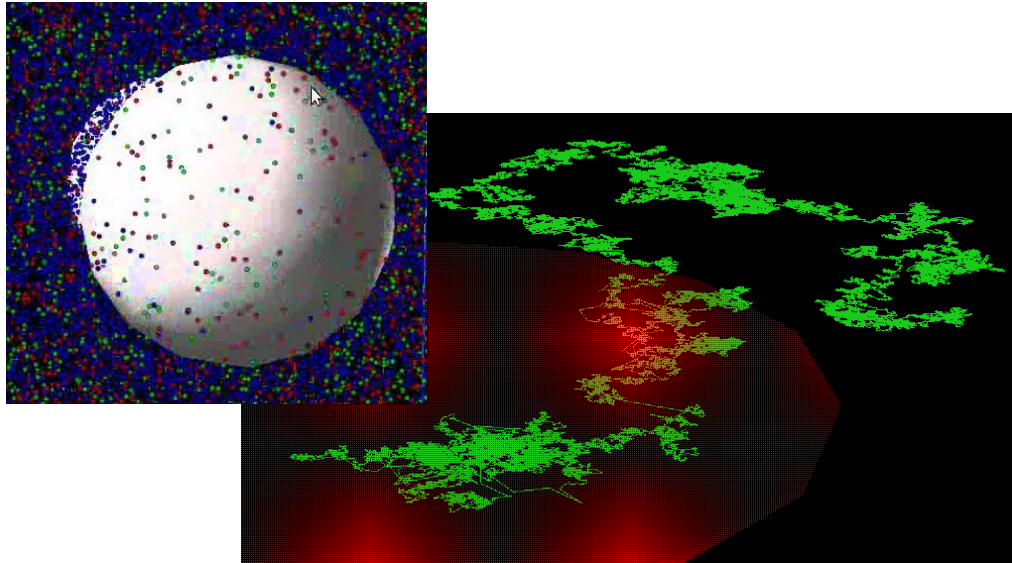


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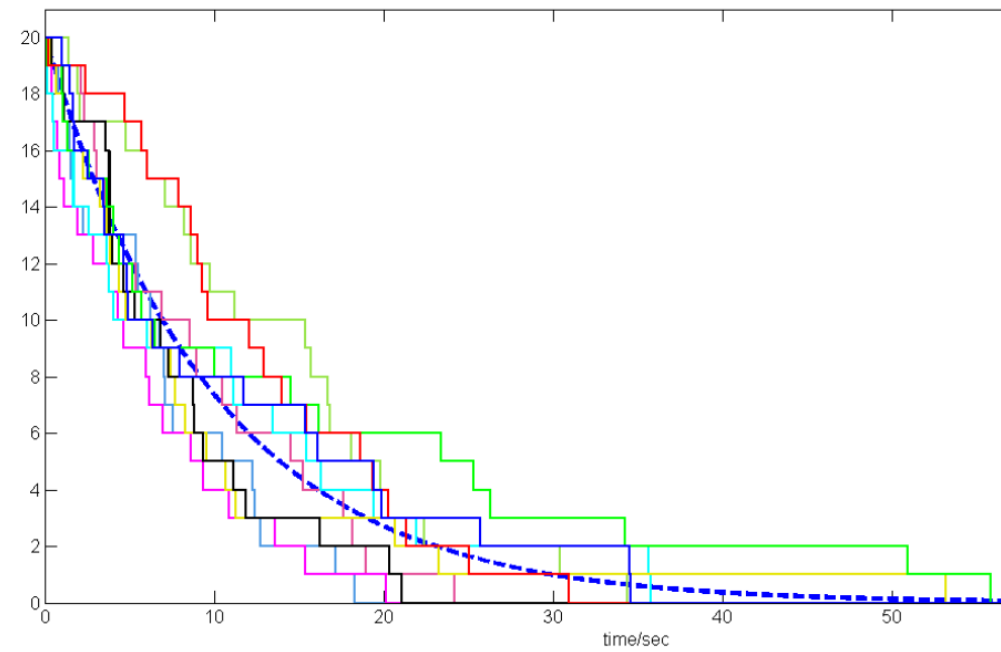


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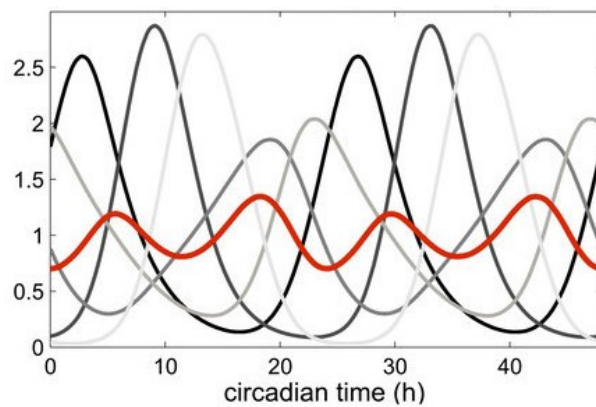
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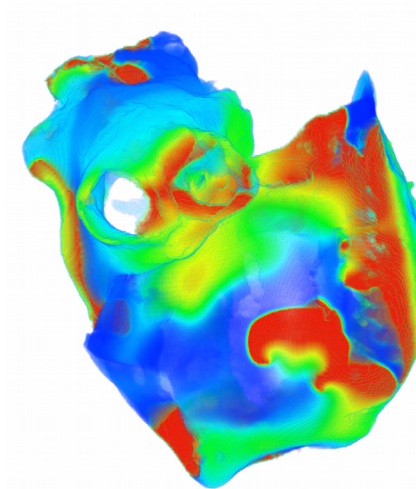
Discrete populations



Continuous populations

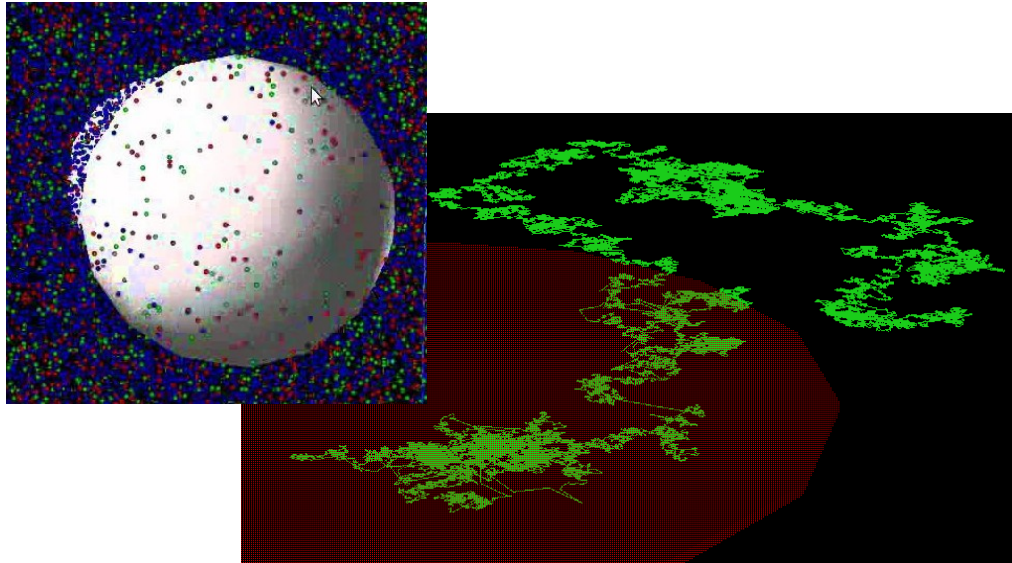


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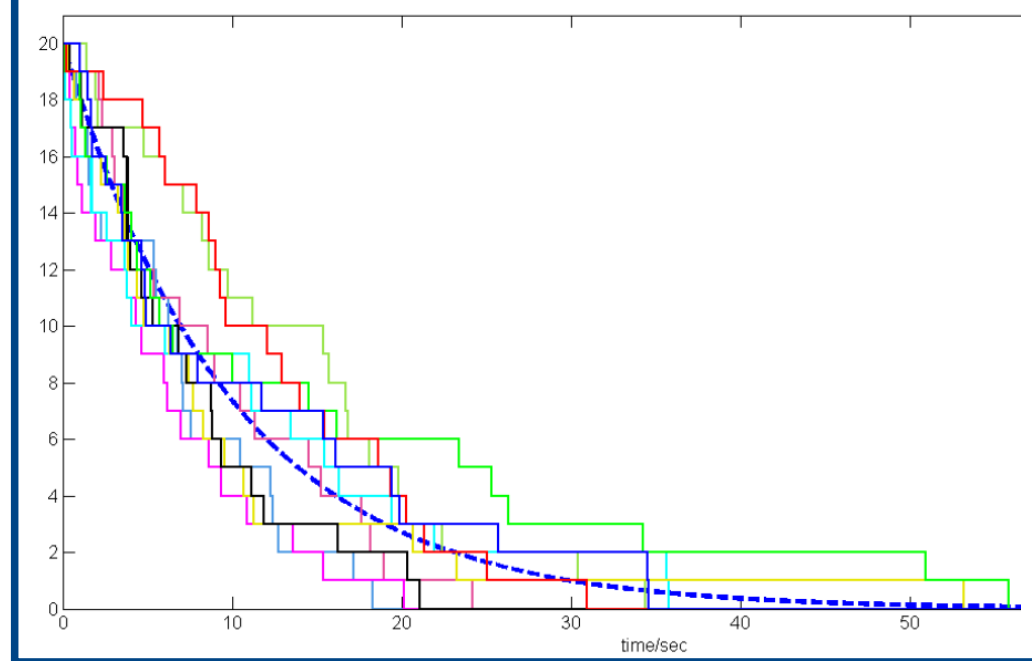


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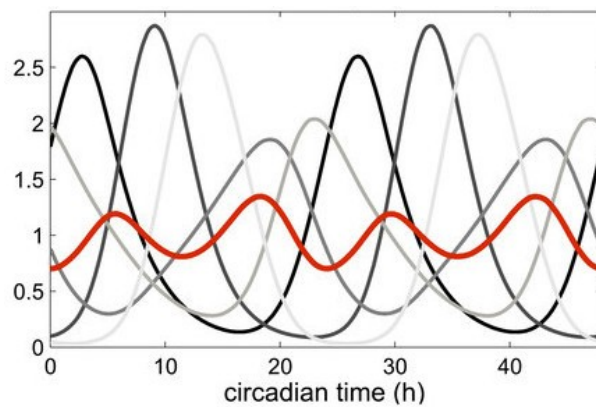
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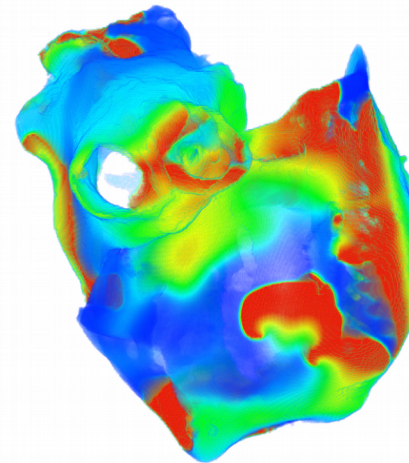
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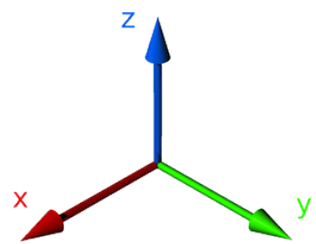
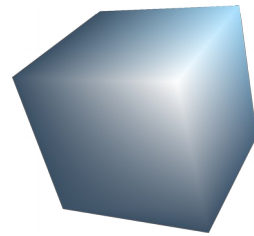
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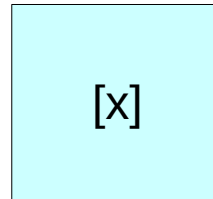
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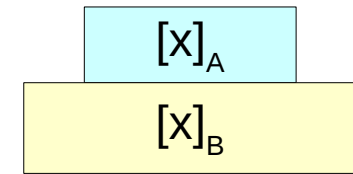
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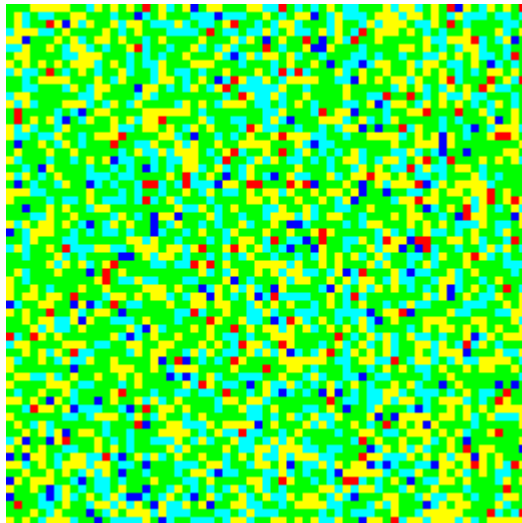
Homogeneous
(well-stirred, isotropic)



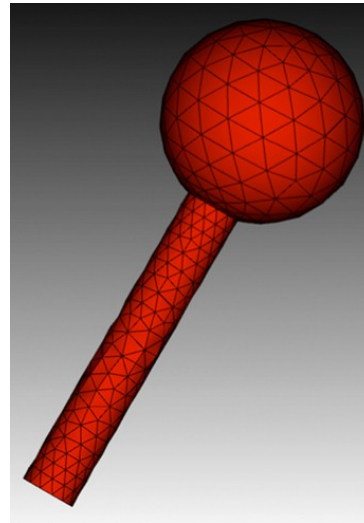
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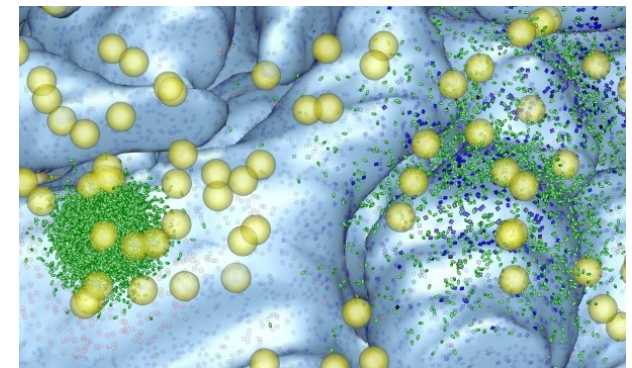
Cellular automata



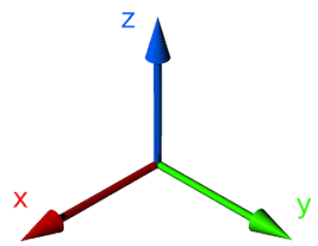
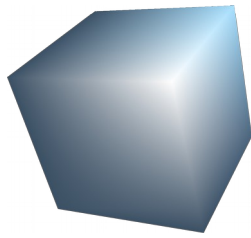
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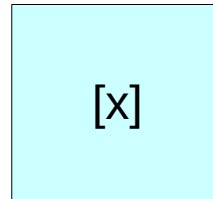
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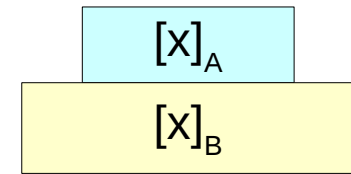
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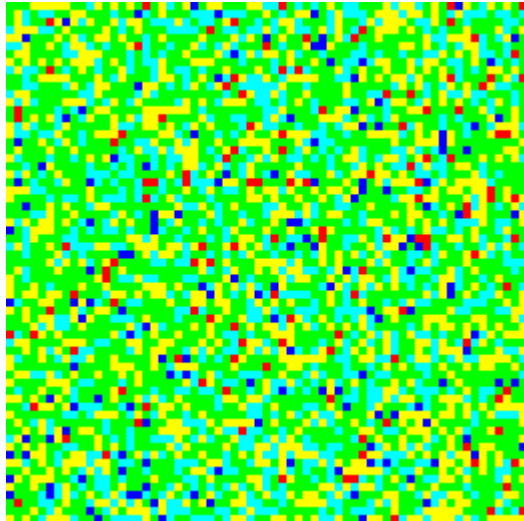
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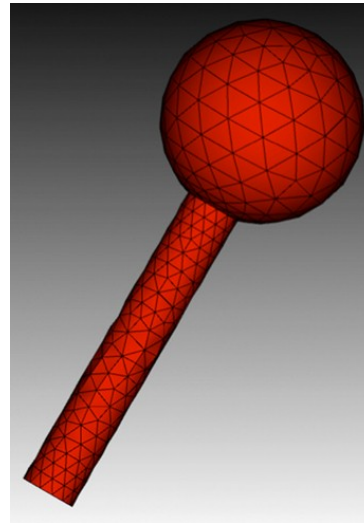
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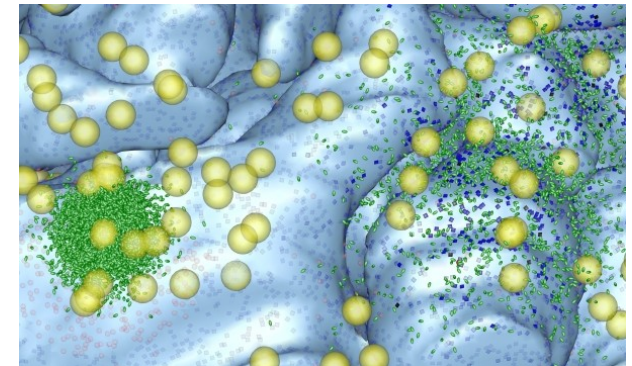
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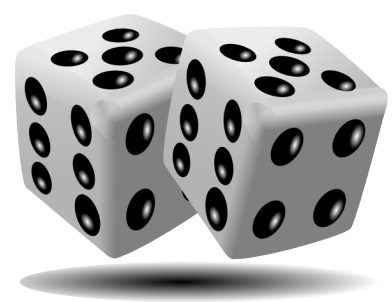


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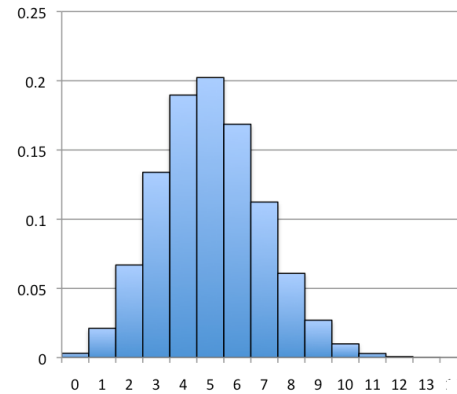




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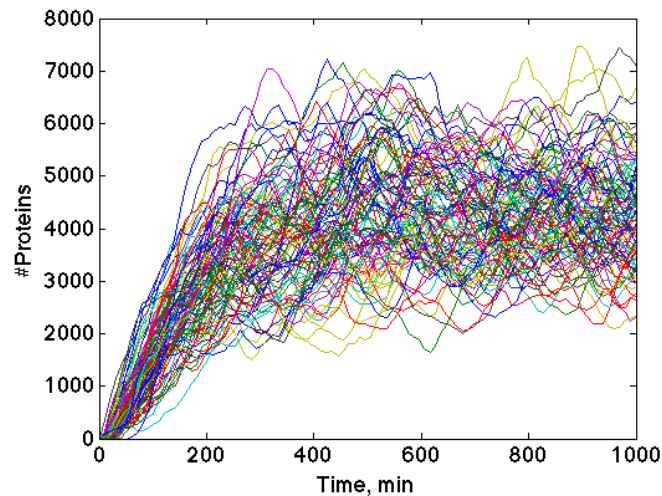
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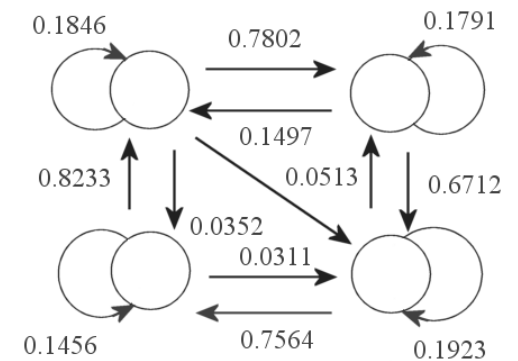
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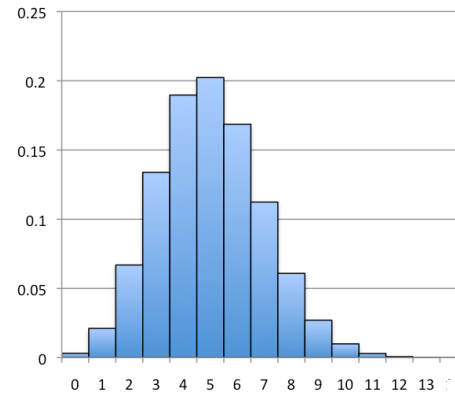
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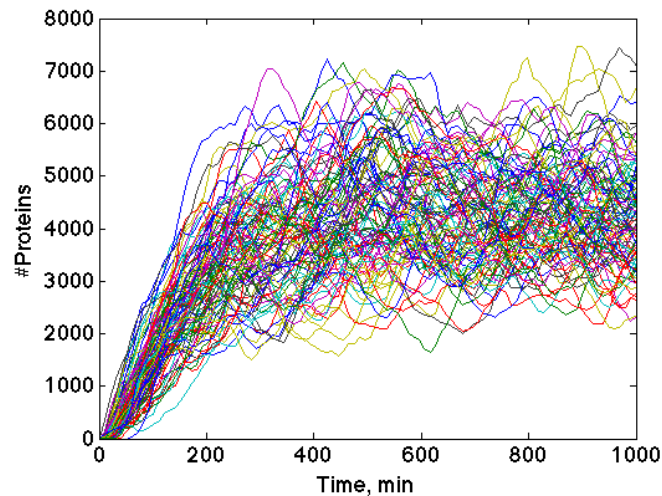
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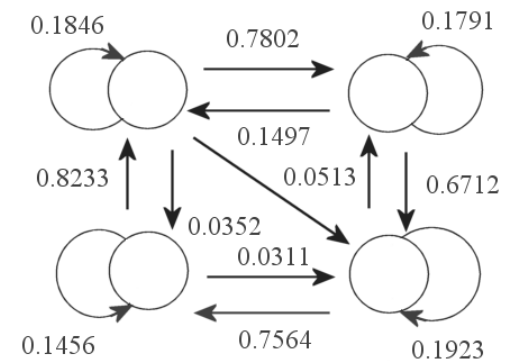
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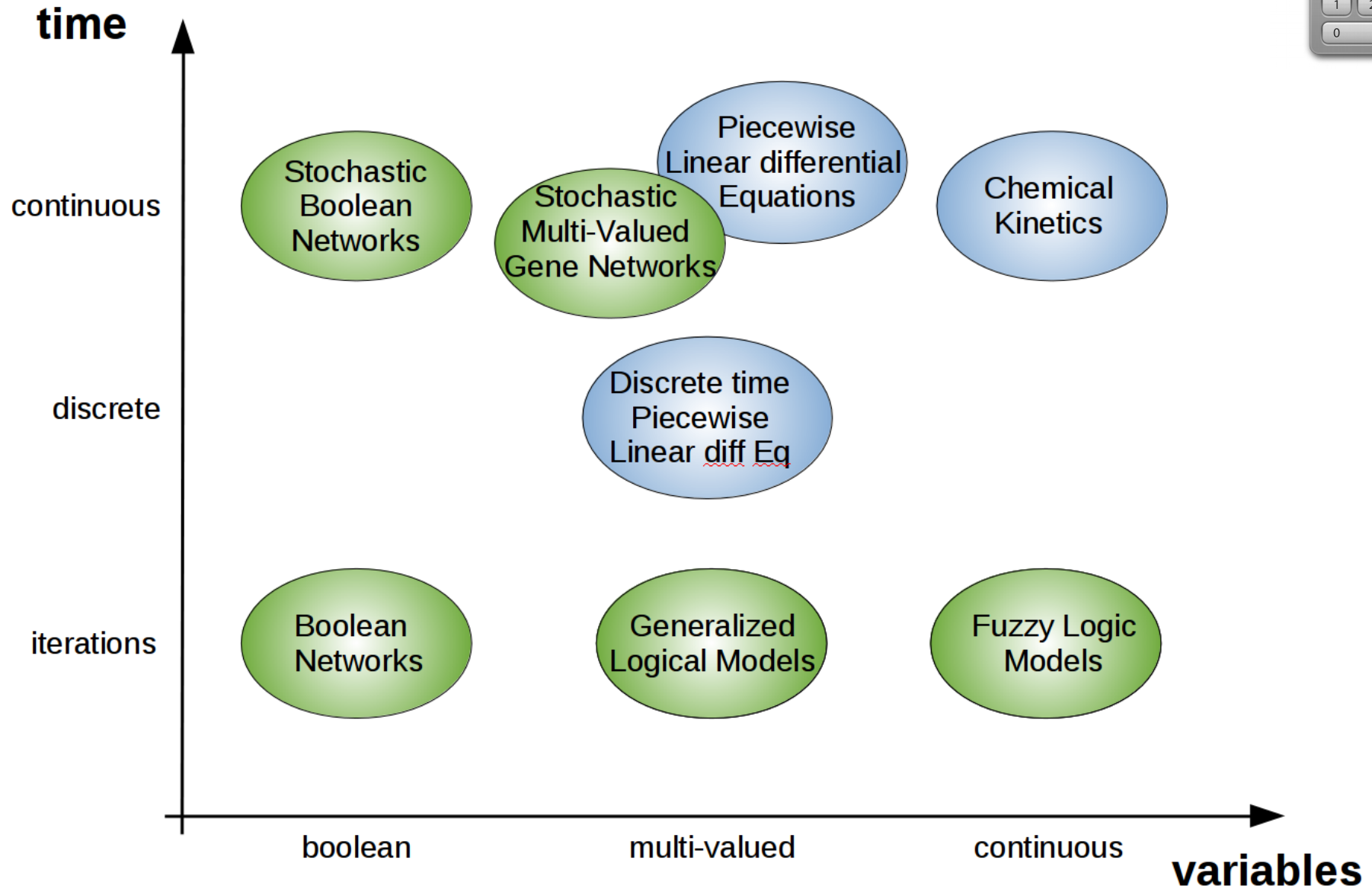
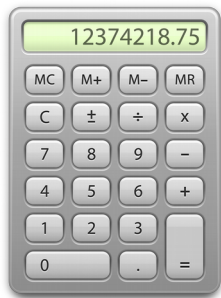


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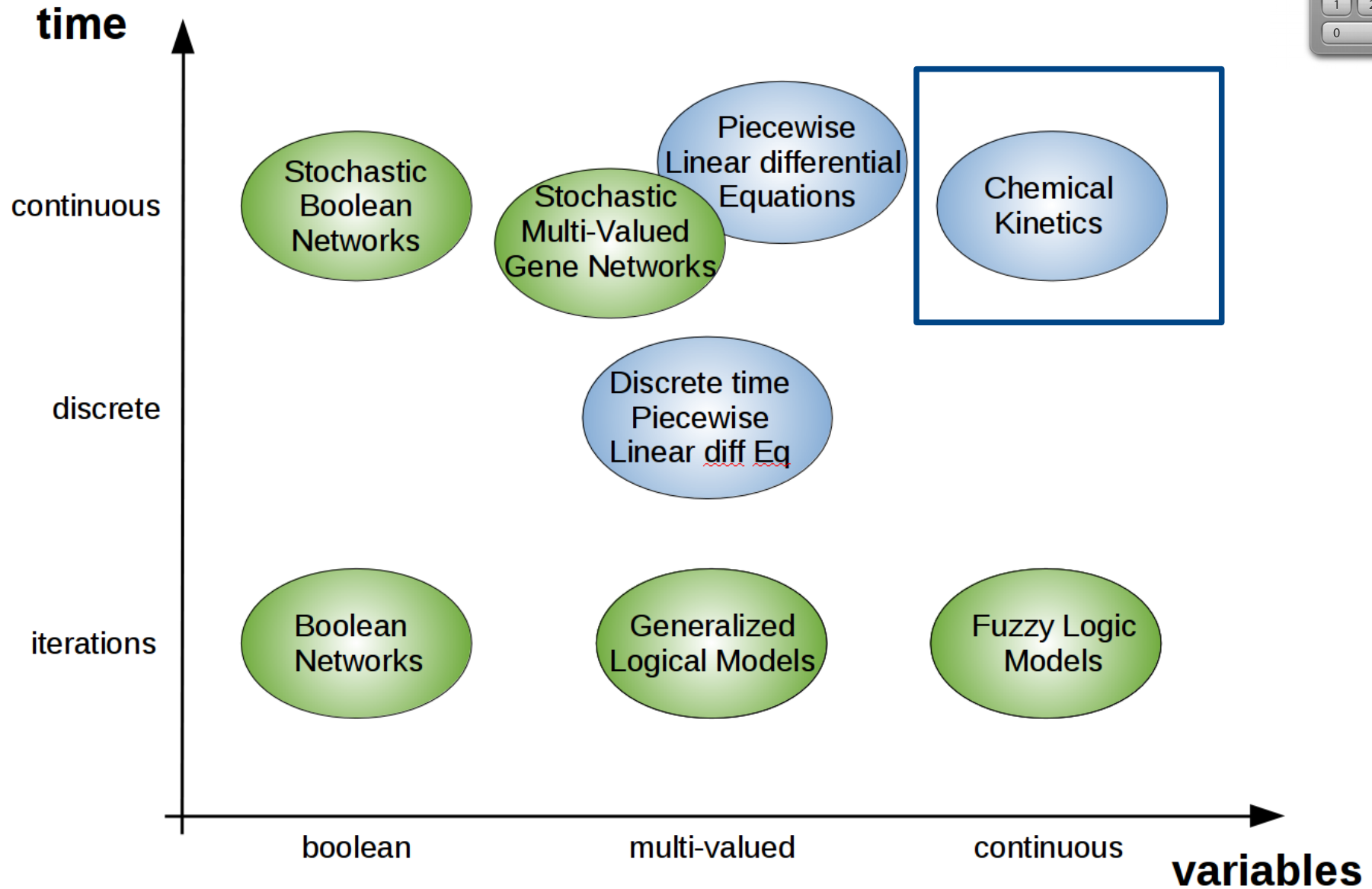
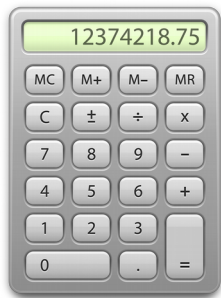


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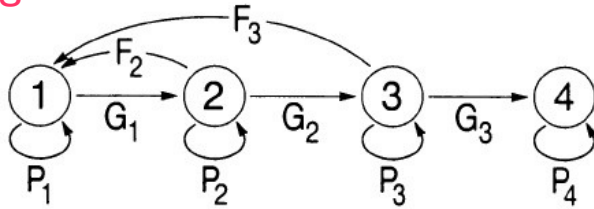


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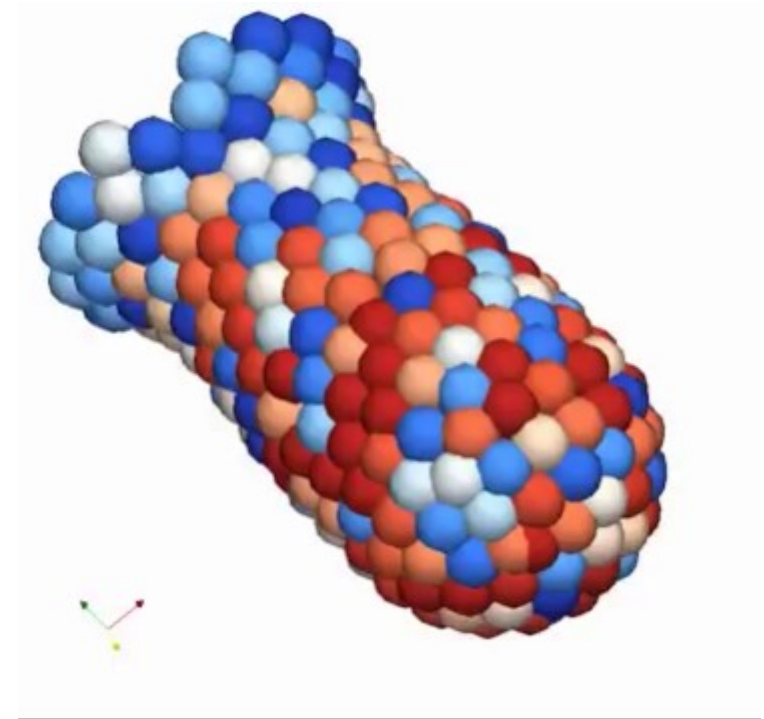


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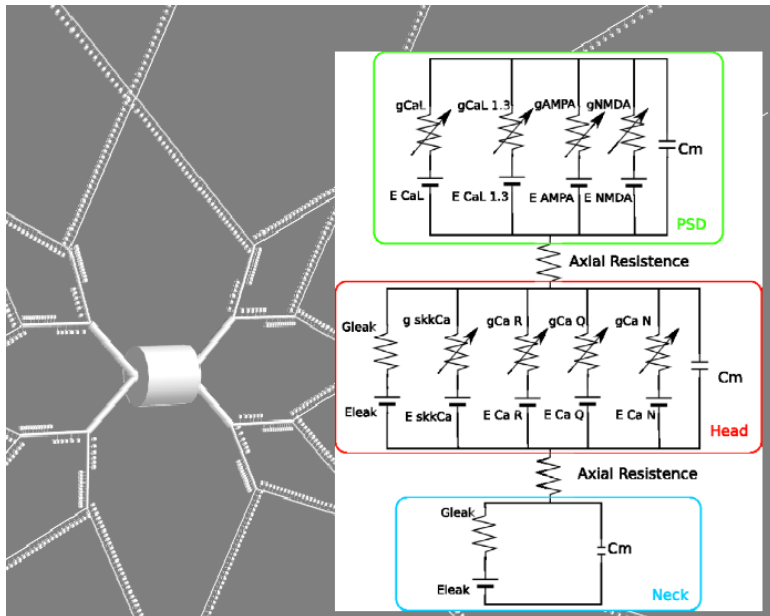
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Multi-agents models (cellular potts)

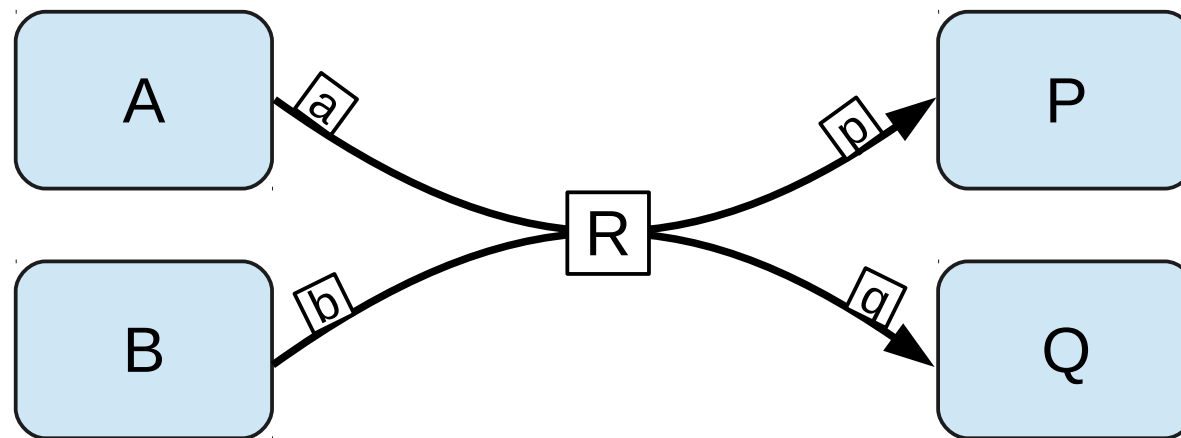


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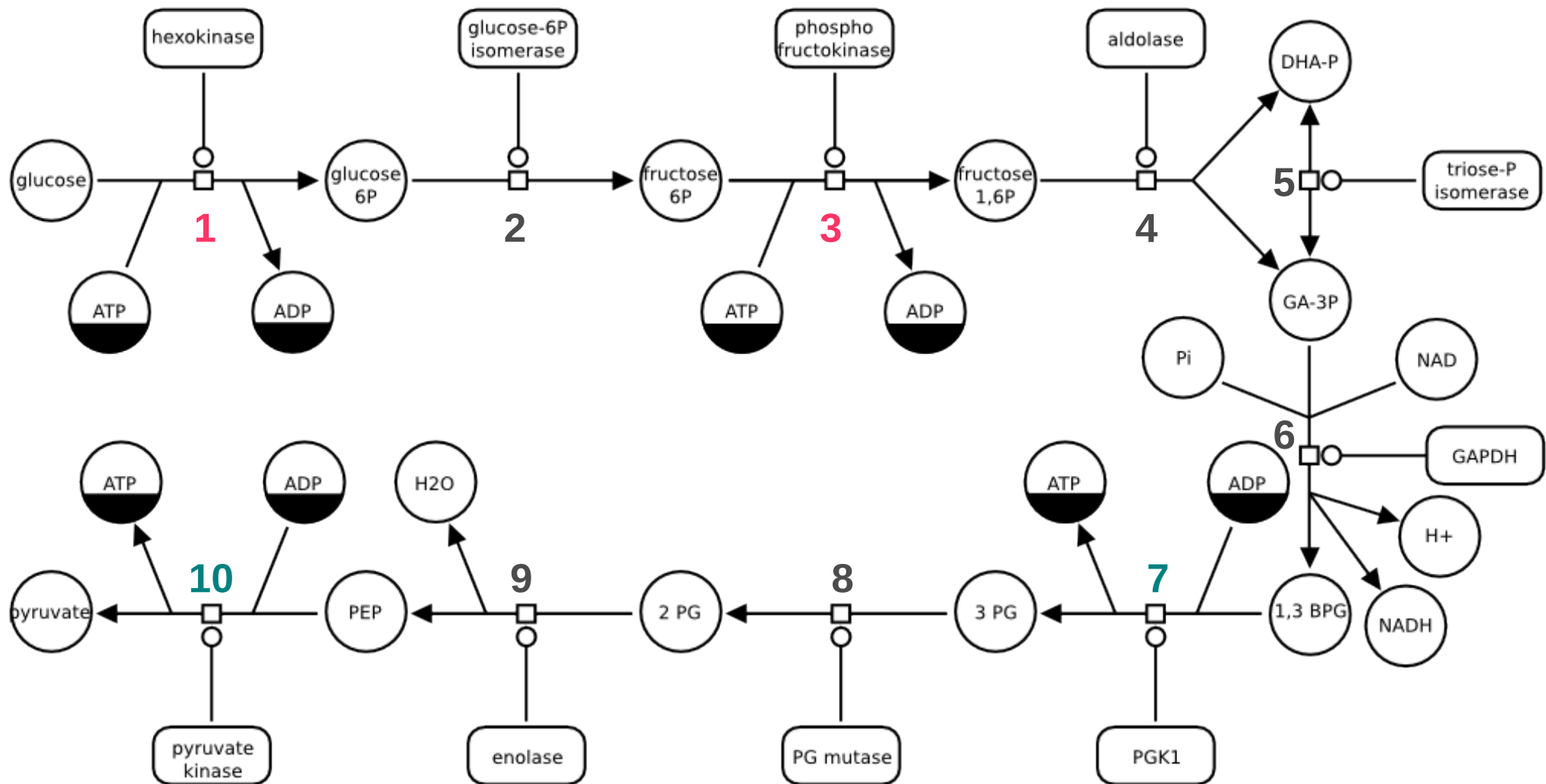
Modelling chemical kinetics

Systems Biology models $\neq$ ODE models

- Reconstruction of state variable evolution from process descriptions:
- 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

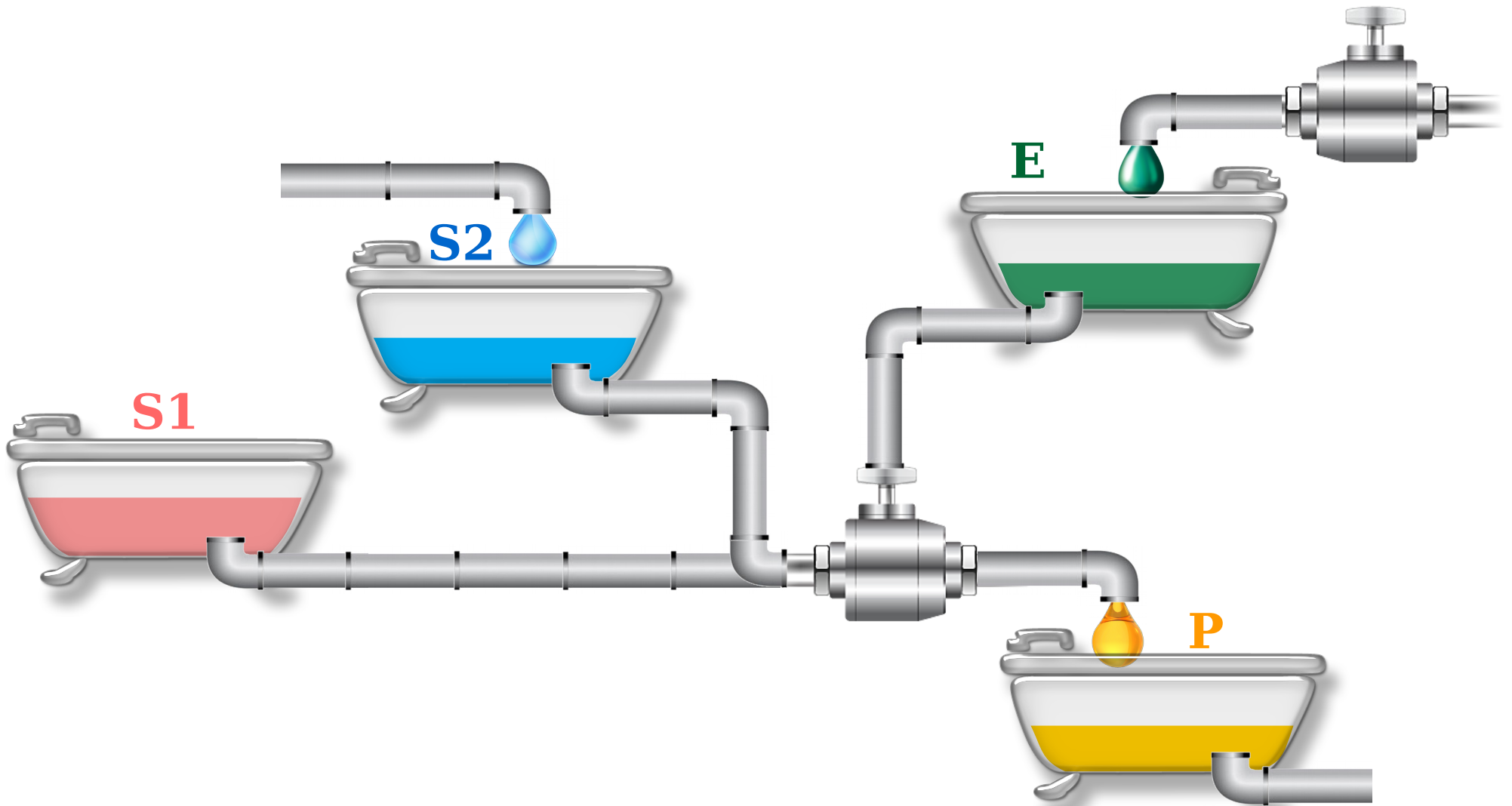


substances A and B are consumed by reaction R that produces substances P and Q

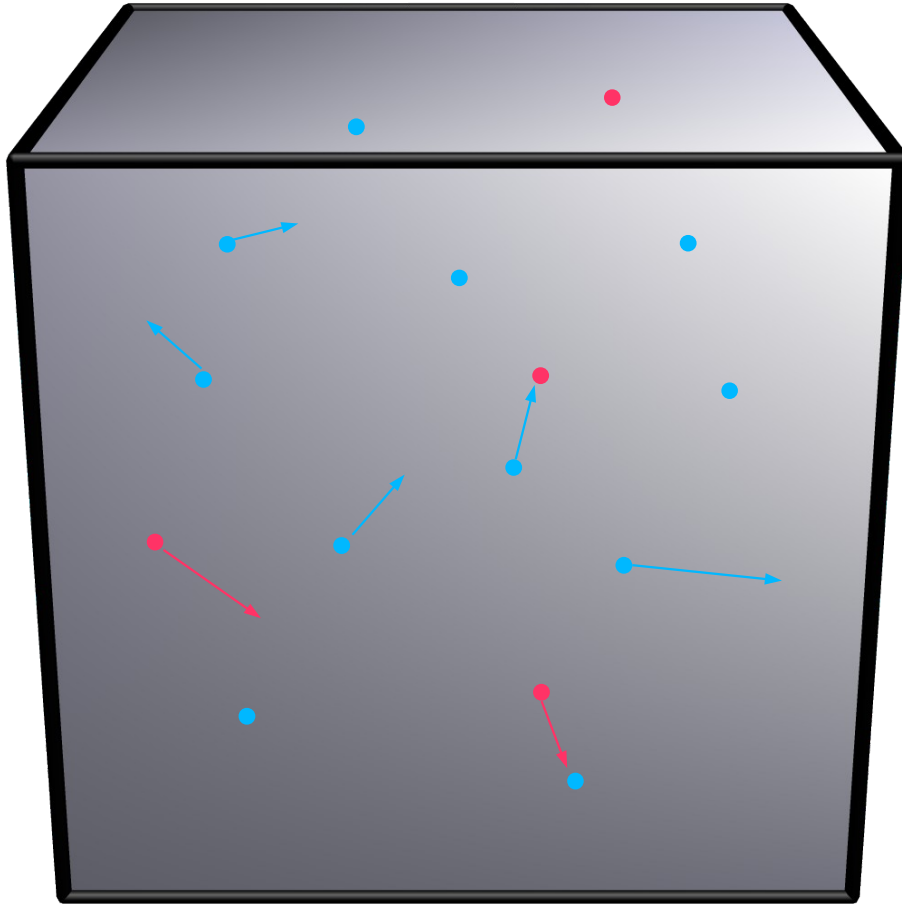


ATP is consumed by processes **1** and **3**, and produced by processes **7** and **10**
 (for 1 reactions **1** and **3**, there are 2 reactions **7** and **10**)

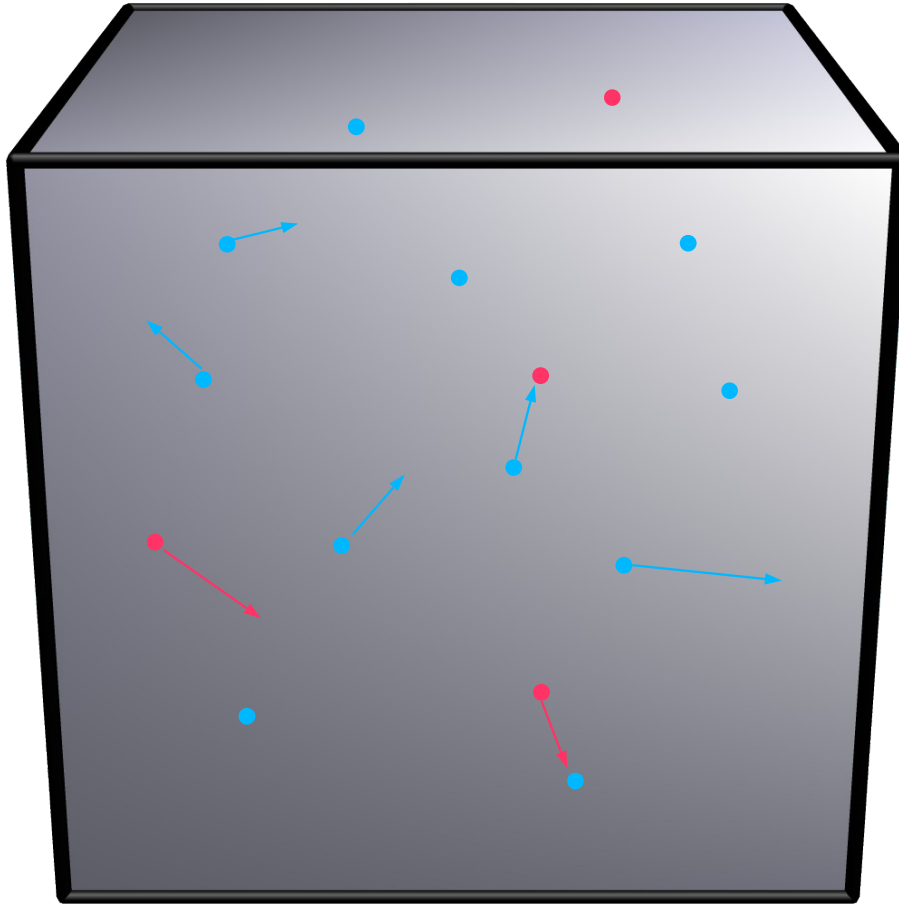
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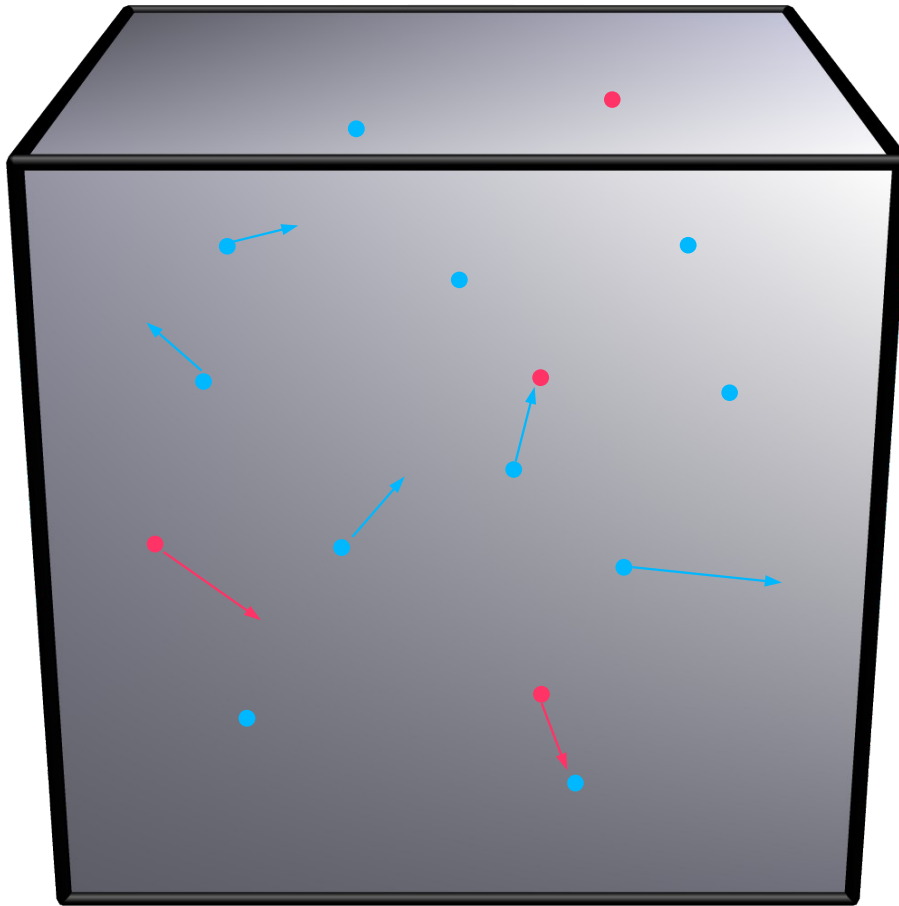
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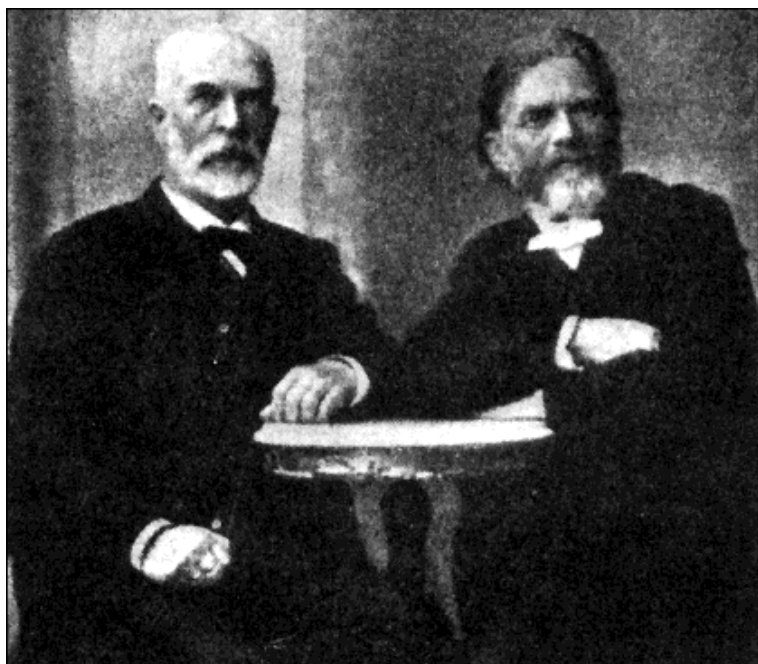
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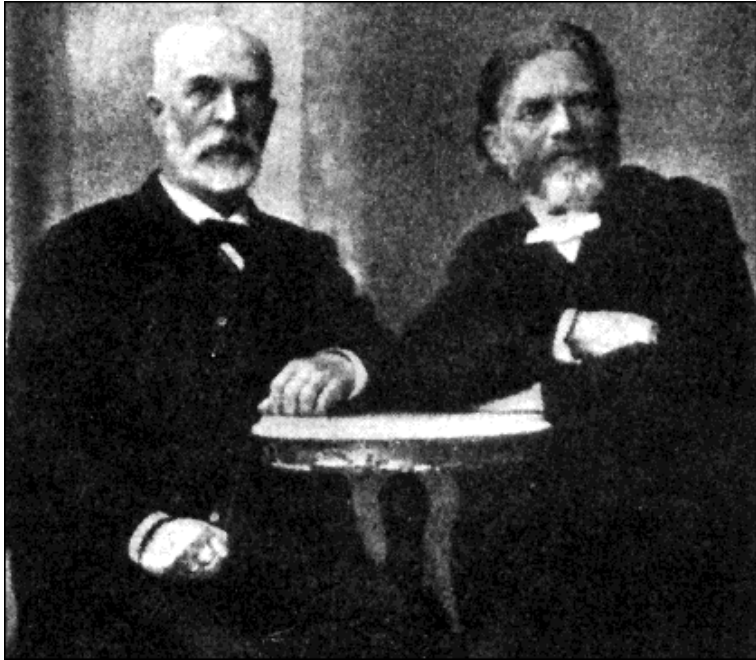
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$$v = k \cdot \prod_i P_i^{n_i} \quad \text{gas}$$

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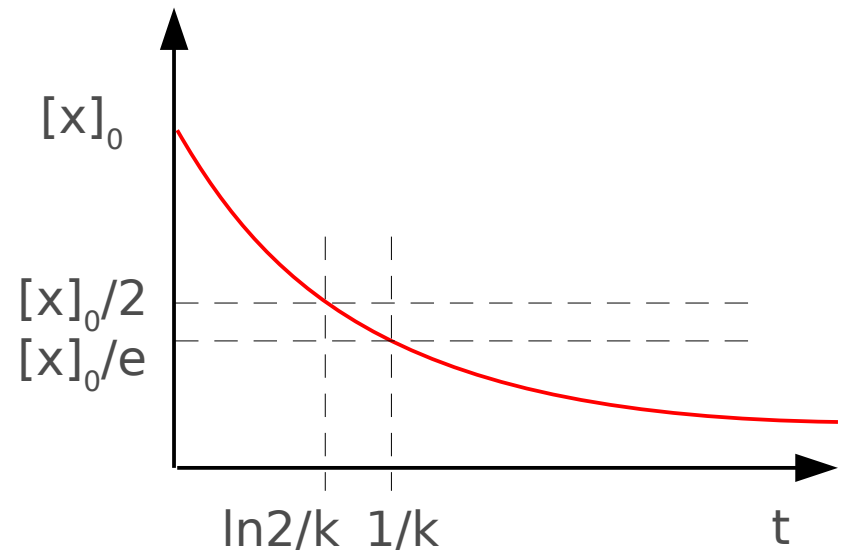
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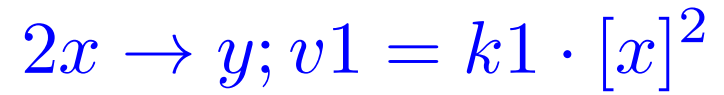
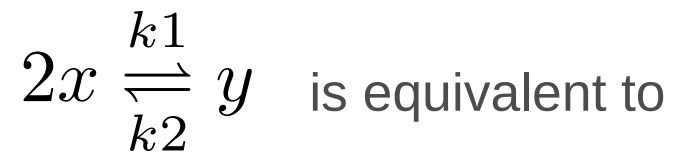
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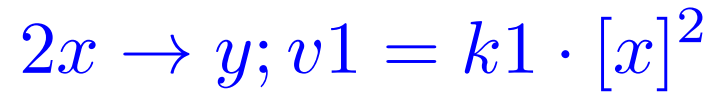
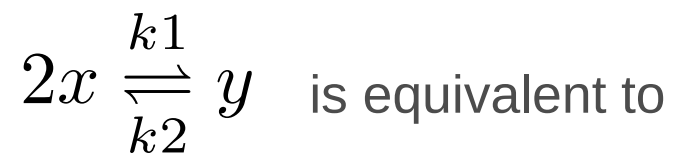
$$x(t) = [x]_0 \cdot e^{-kt}$$



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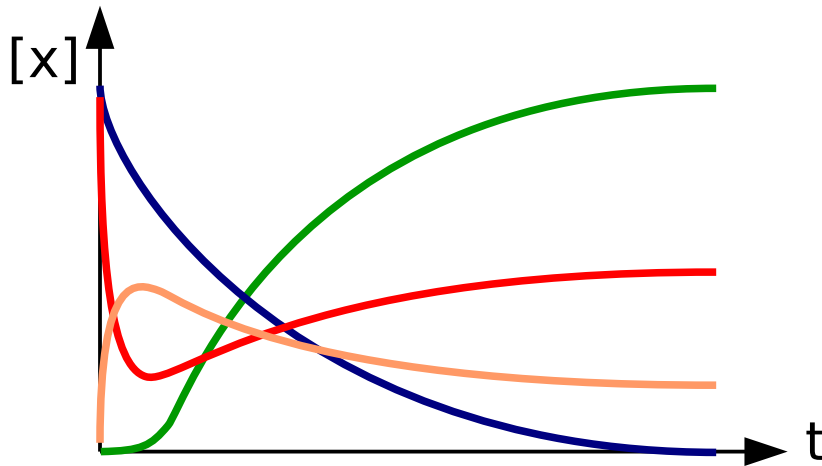
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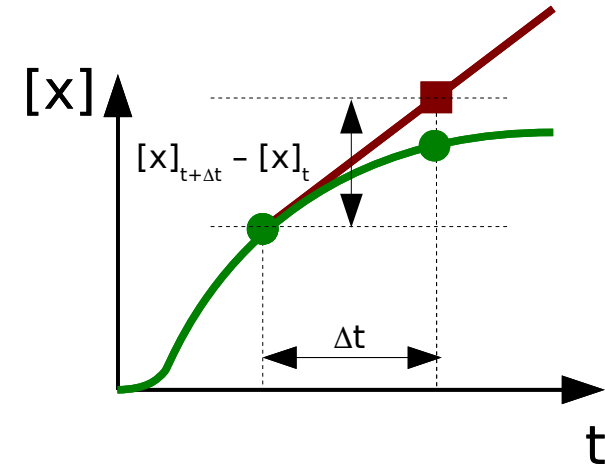
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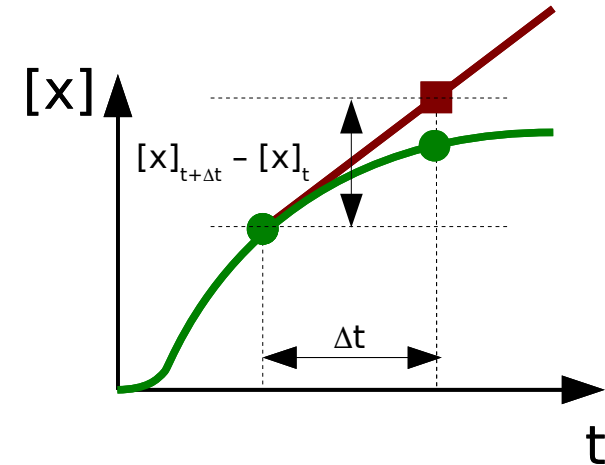


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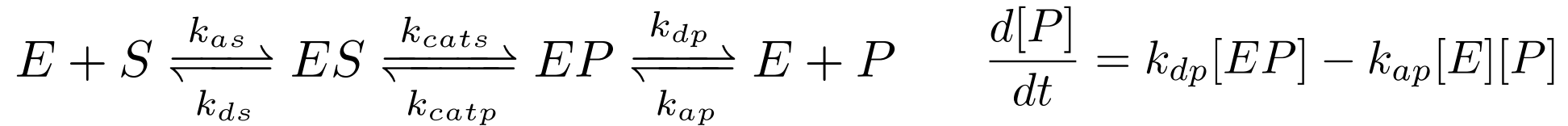
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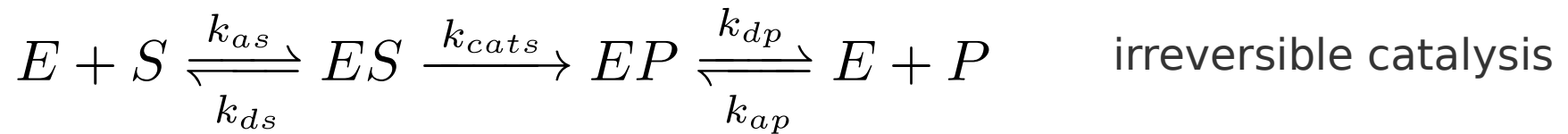
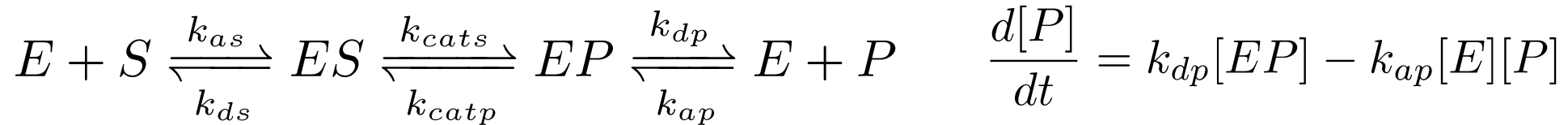


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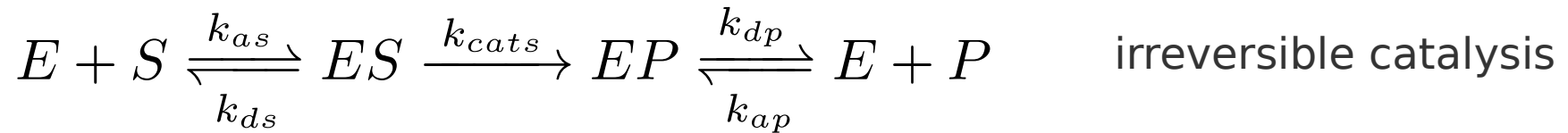
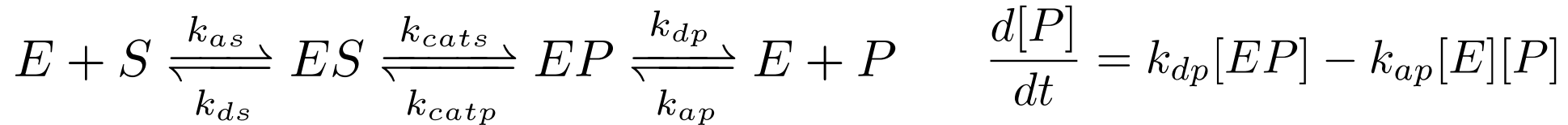
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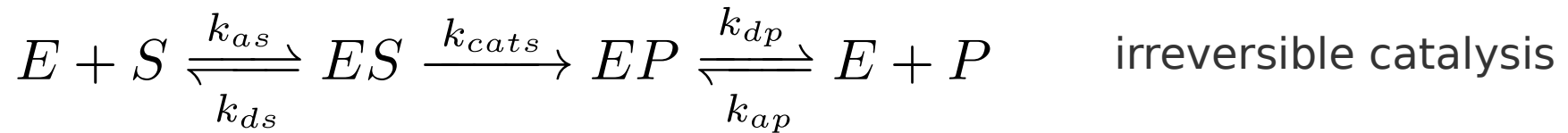
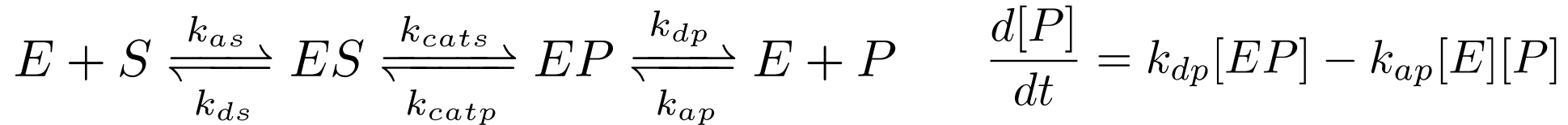
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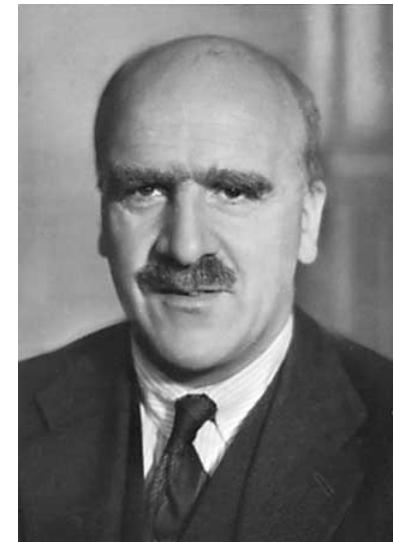
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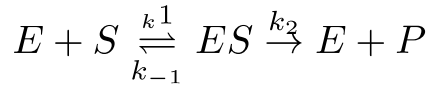
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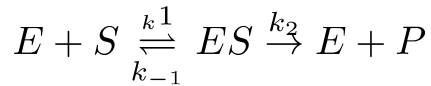
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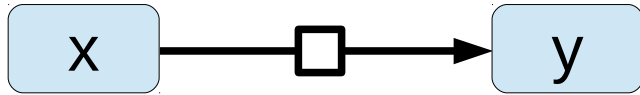
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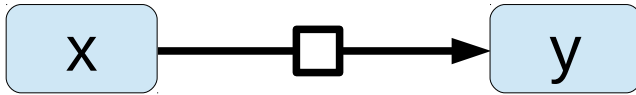
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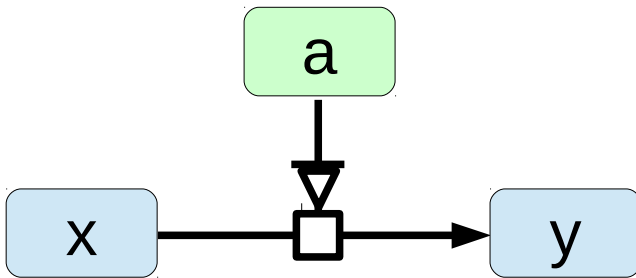
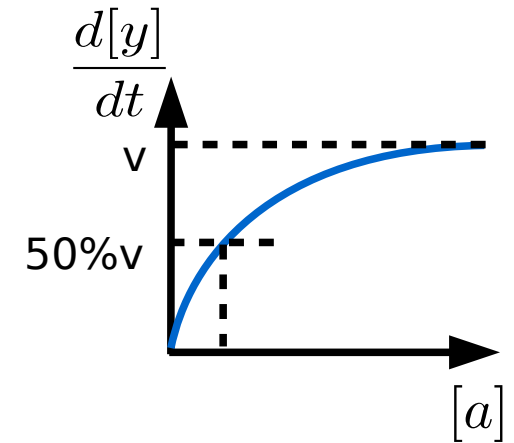


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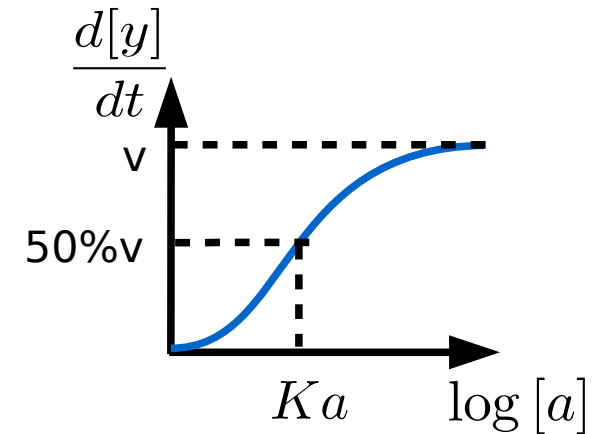
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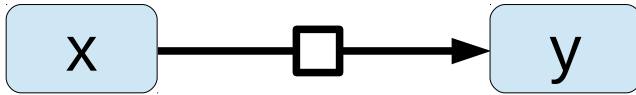
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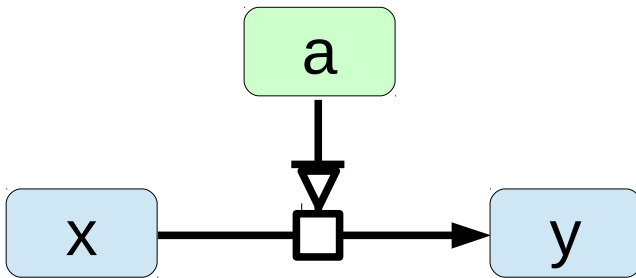
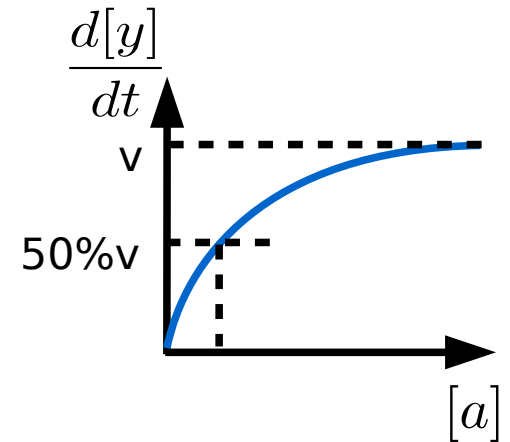
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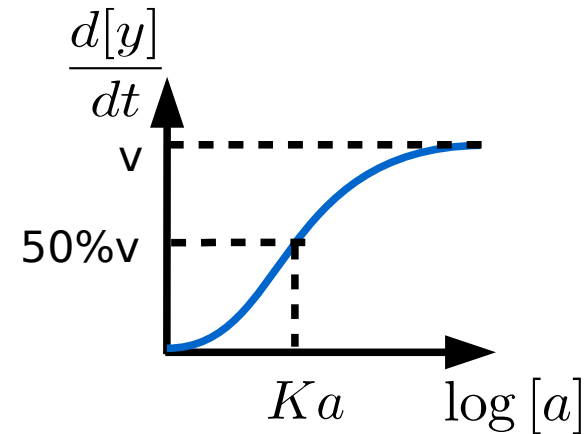
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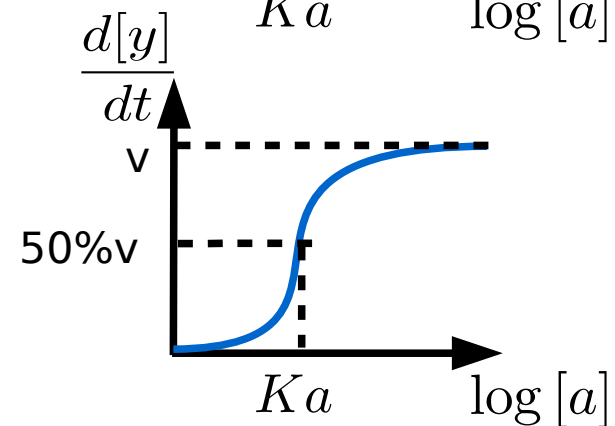
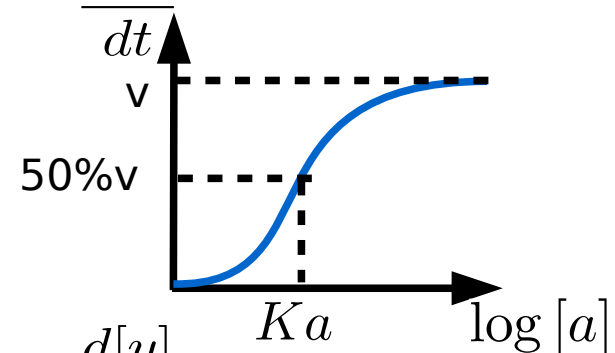
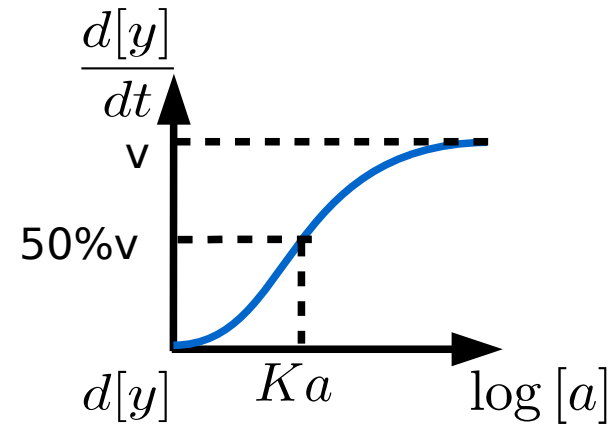
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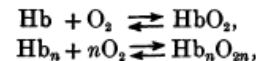
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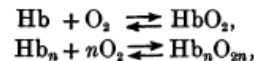
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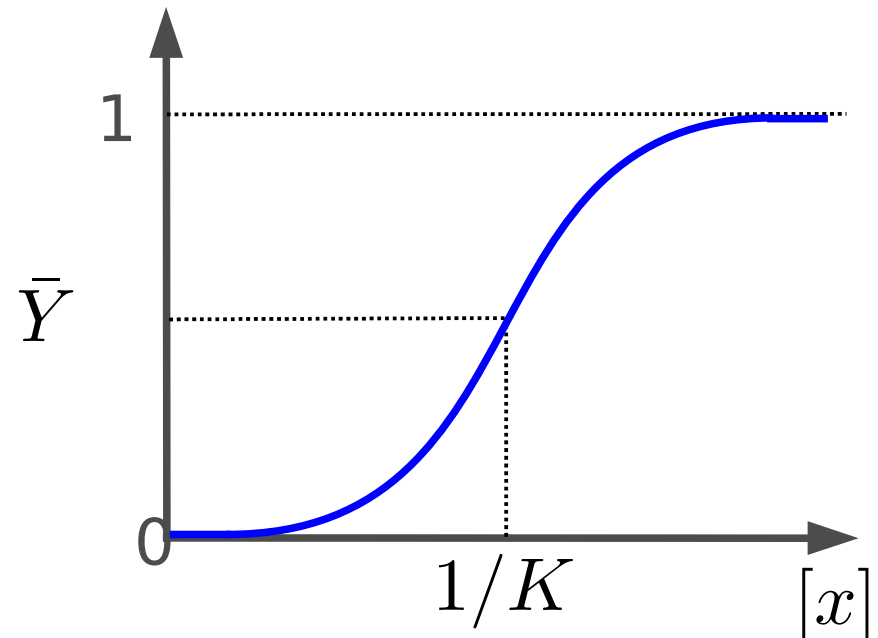
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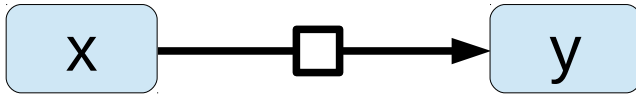
Now it is unlikely that in either of these cases there is only Hb and Hb_2 : and as the calculation of the constants in these equations is very tedious I decided to try whether the equation

$$y = 100 \frac{Kx^n}{1 + Kx^n} \dots\dots\dots(\text{B})$$

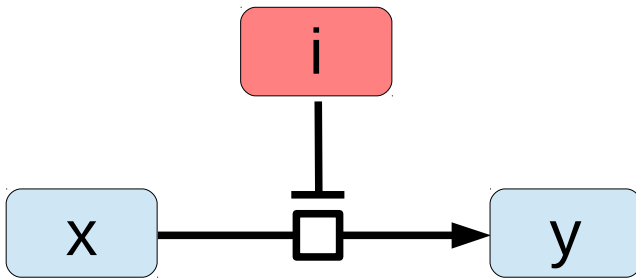
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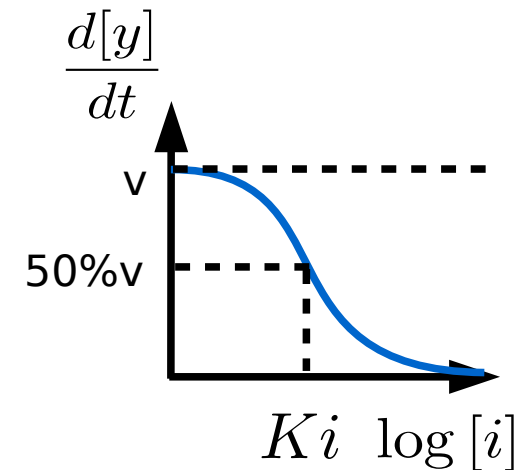
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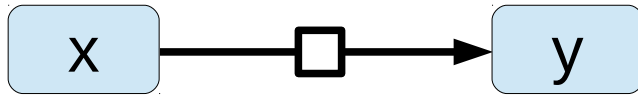


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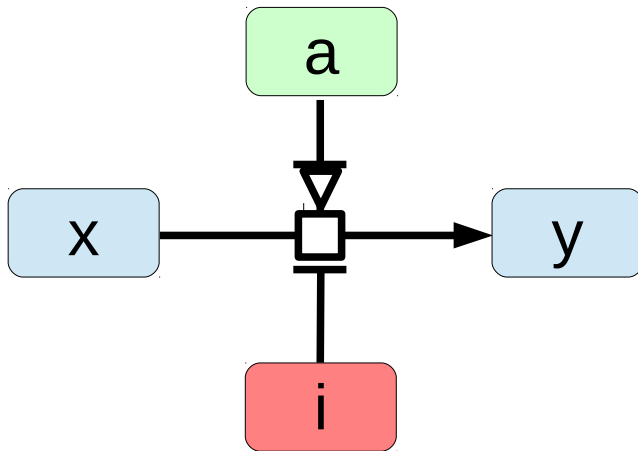
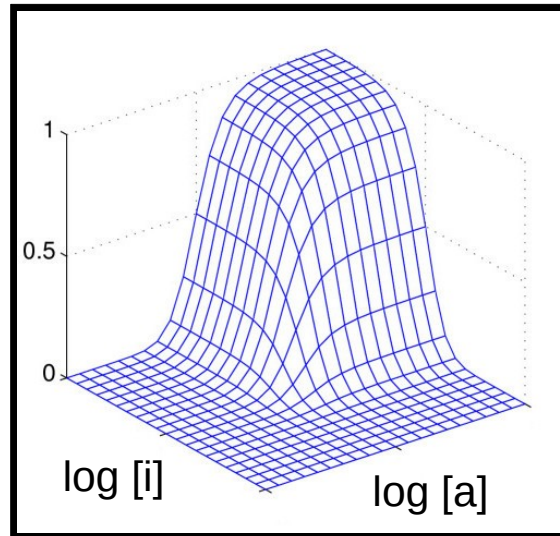


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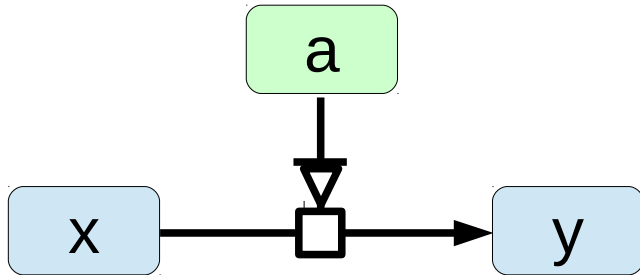


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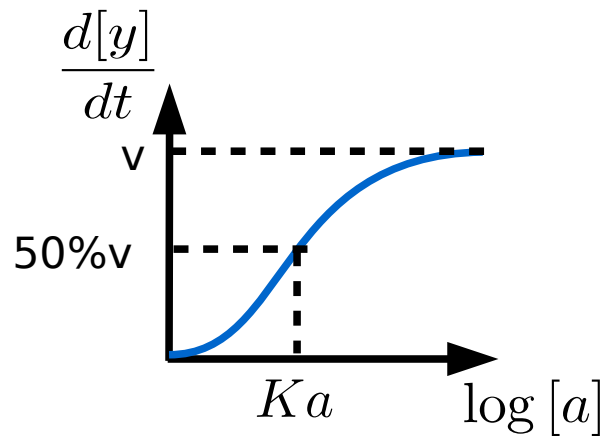


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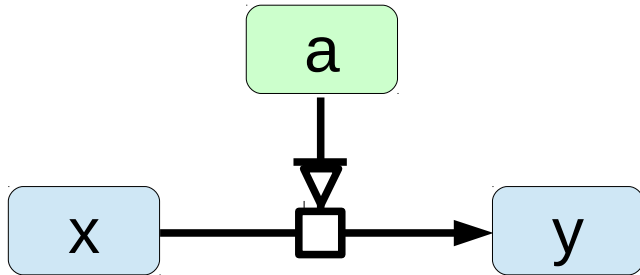
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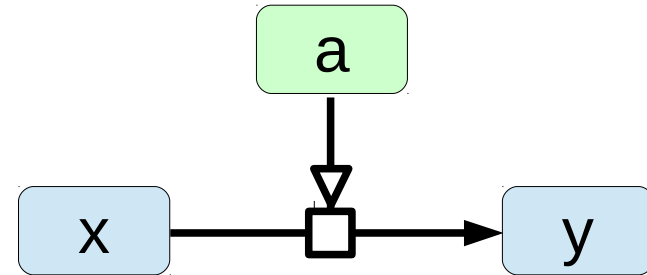
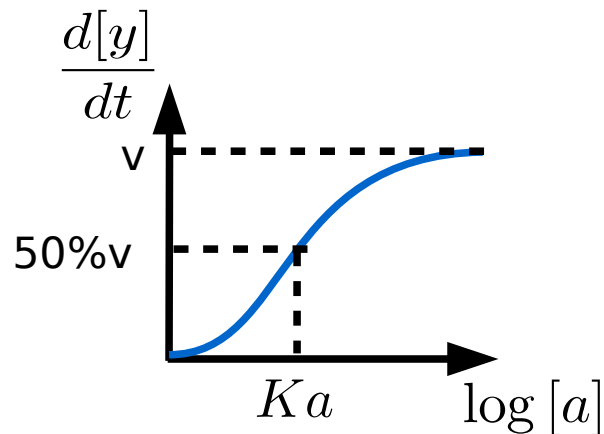
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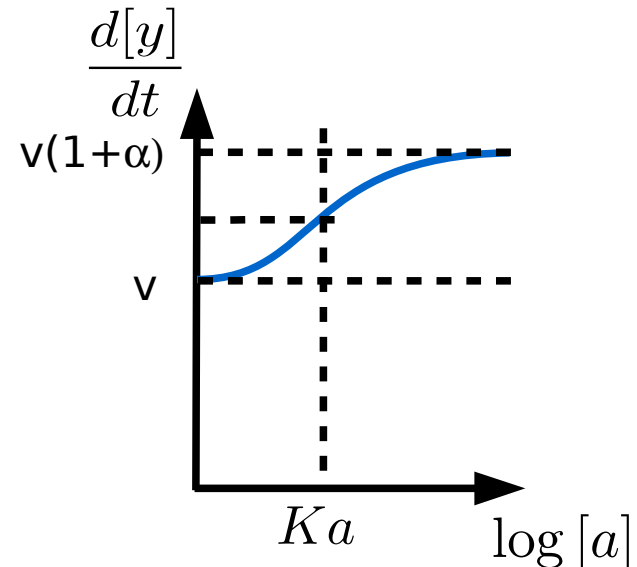
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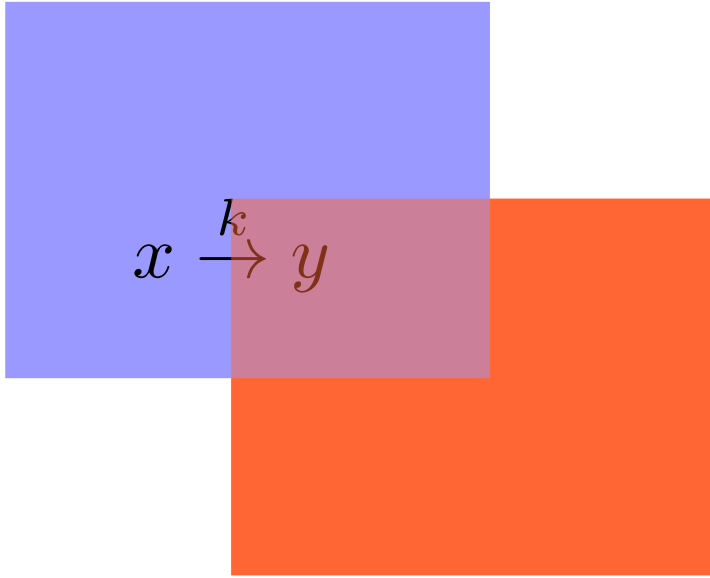
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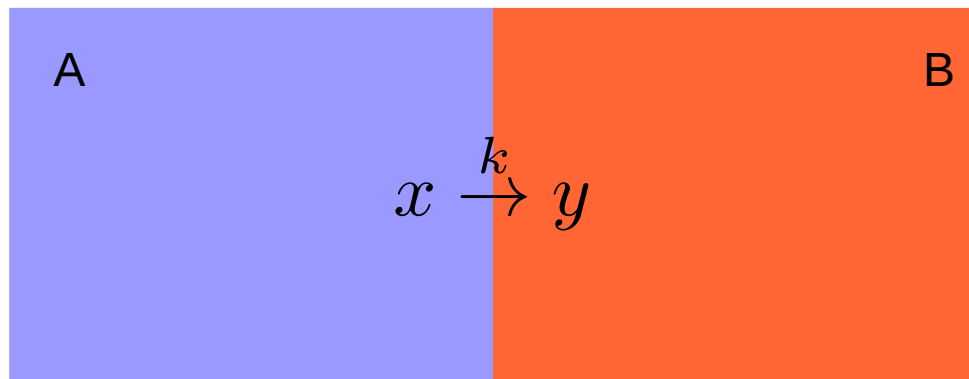
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Per unit of time

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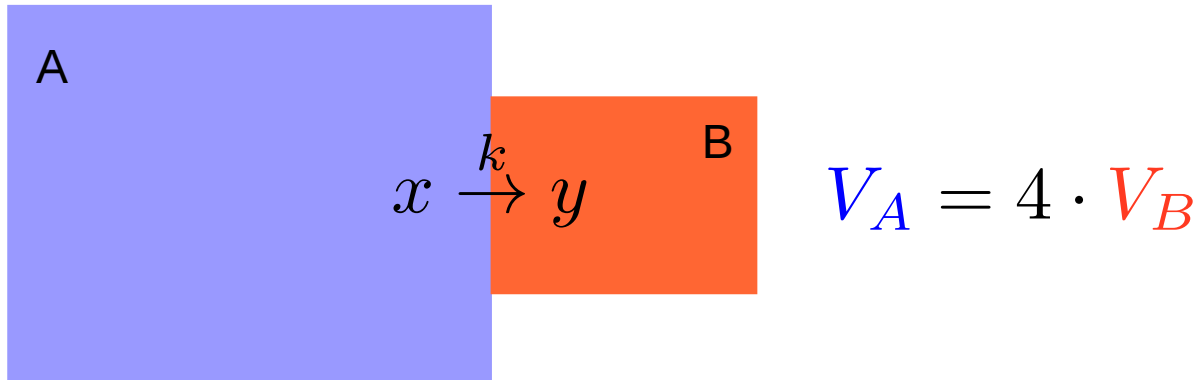
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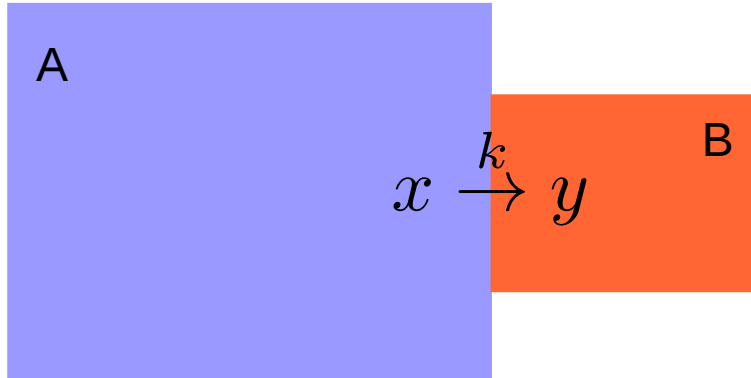
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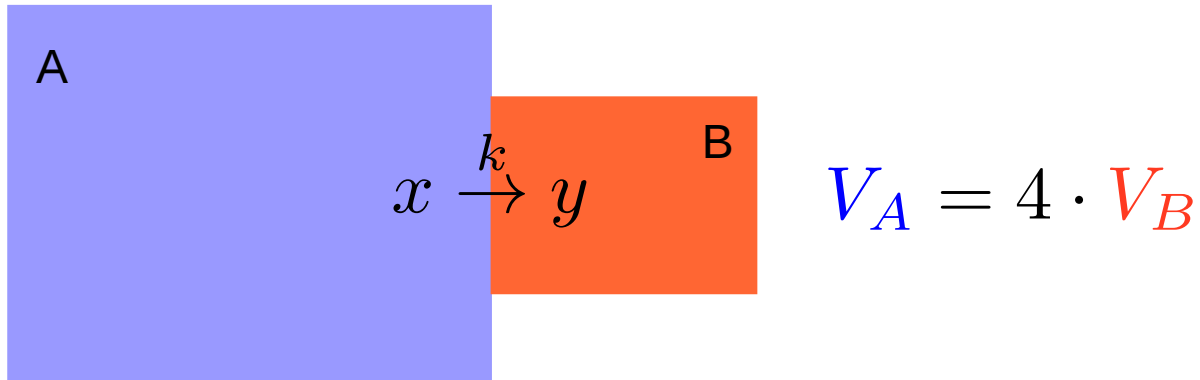
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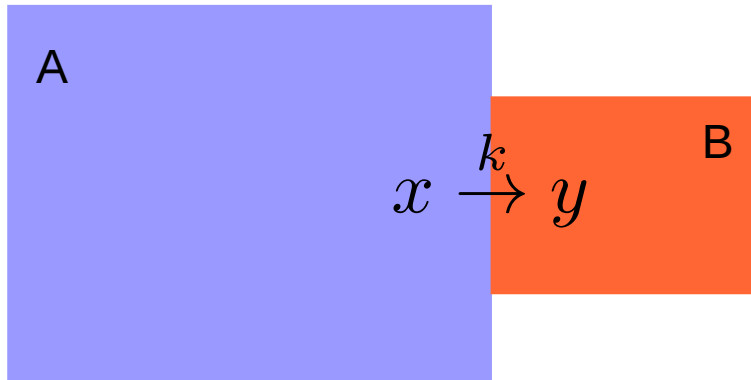
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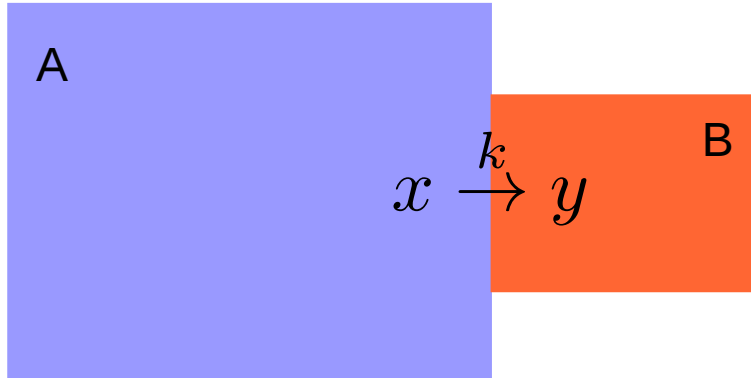
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Kinetic constants must be scaled with volumes:

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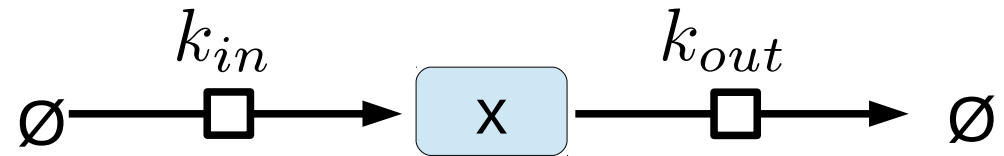
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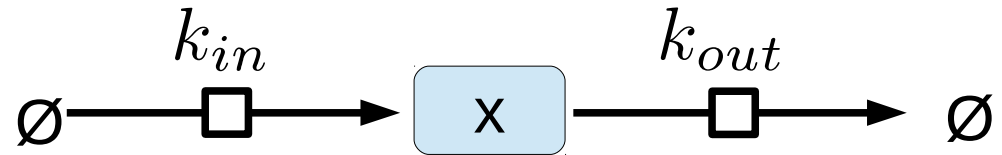
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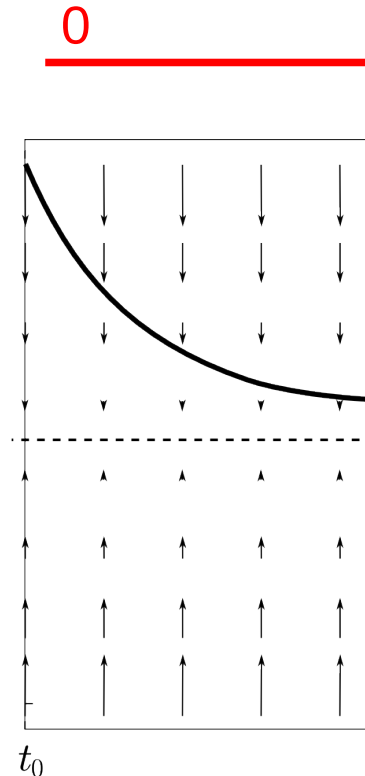
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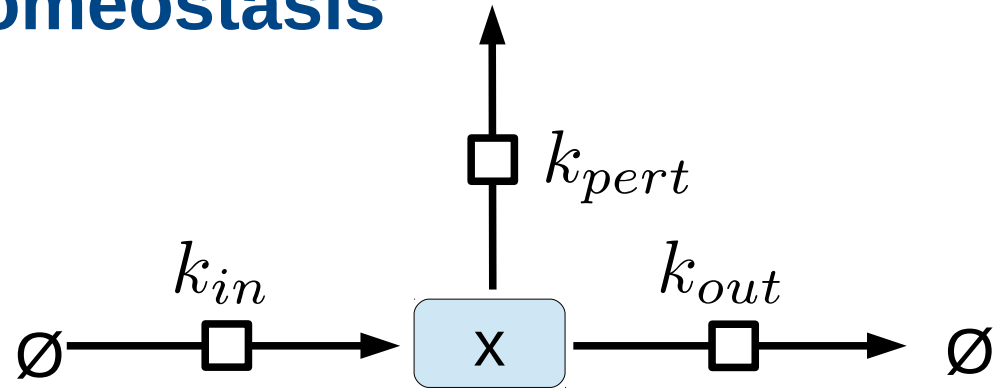
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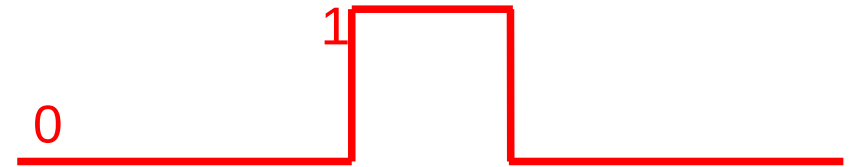


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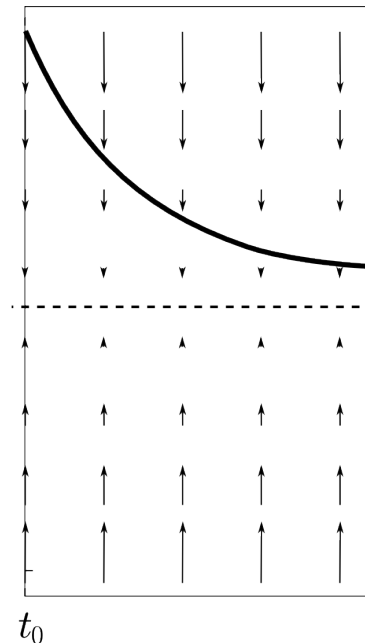
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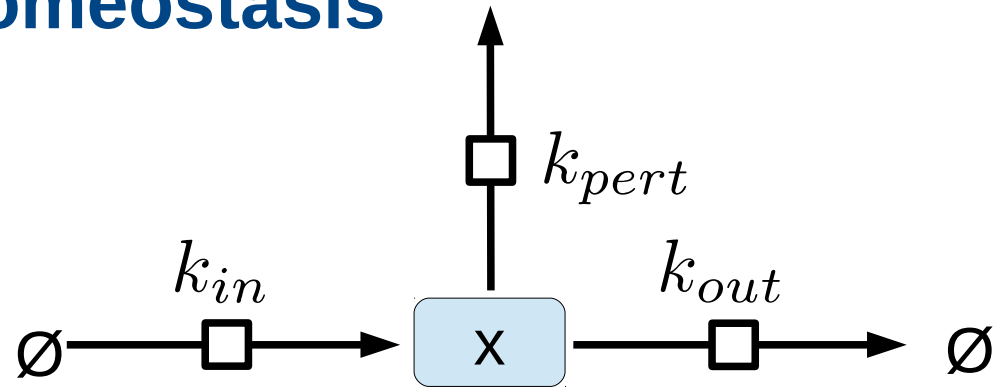


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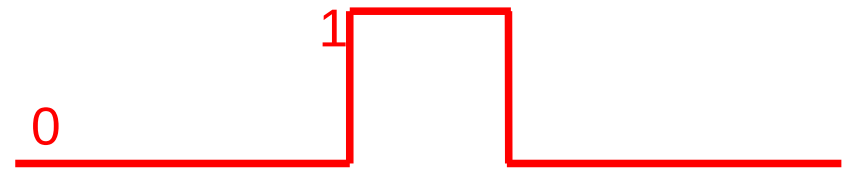


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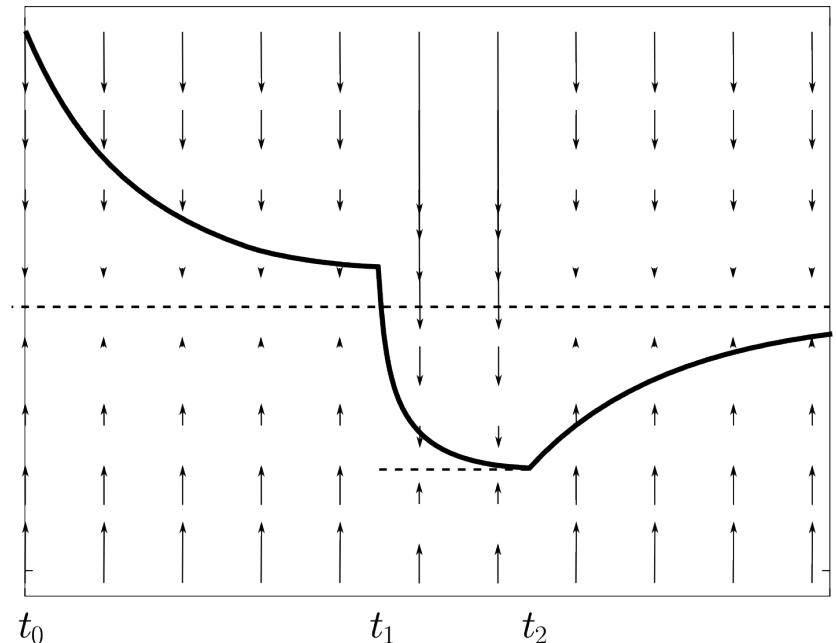
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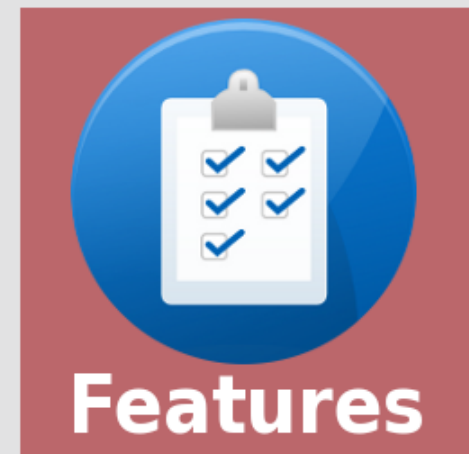
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Ultrasensitivity in the mitogen-activated protein kinase cascade

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ABSTRACT The mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) cascade is a highly conserved series of three protein kinases implicated in diverse biological processes. Here we demonstrate that the cascade arrangement has unexpected consequences for the dynamics of MAPK signaling. We solved the rate equations for the cascade numerically and found that MAPK is predicted to behave like a highly cooperative enzyme, even though it was not assumed that any of the enzymes in the cascade were regulated cooperatively. Measurements of MAPK activation in *Xenopus* oocyte extracts confirmed this prediction. The stimulus/response curve of the MAPK was found to be as steep as that of a cooperative enzyme with a Hill coefficient of 4–5, well in excess of that of the classical allosteric protein hemoglobin. The shape of the MAPK stimulus/response curve may make the cascade particularly appropriate for mediating processes like mitogenesis, cell fate induction, and oocyte maturation, where a cell switches from one discrete state to another.

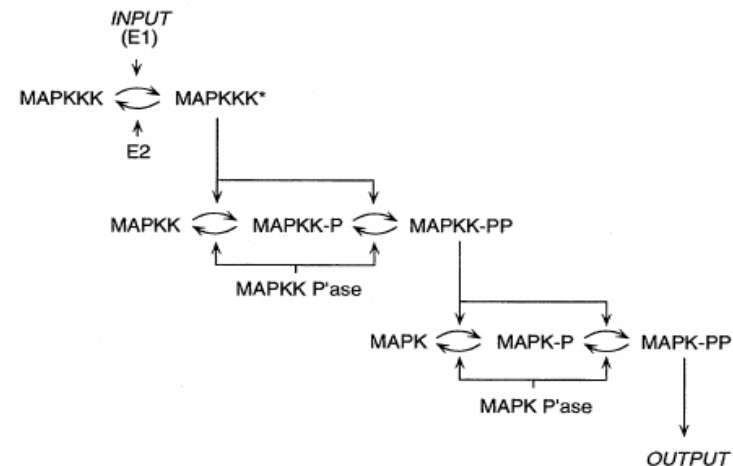


FIG. 1. Schematic view of the MAPK cascade. Activation of MAPK depends upon the phosphorylation of two conserved sites

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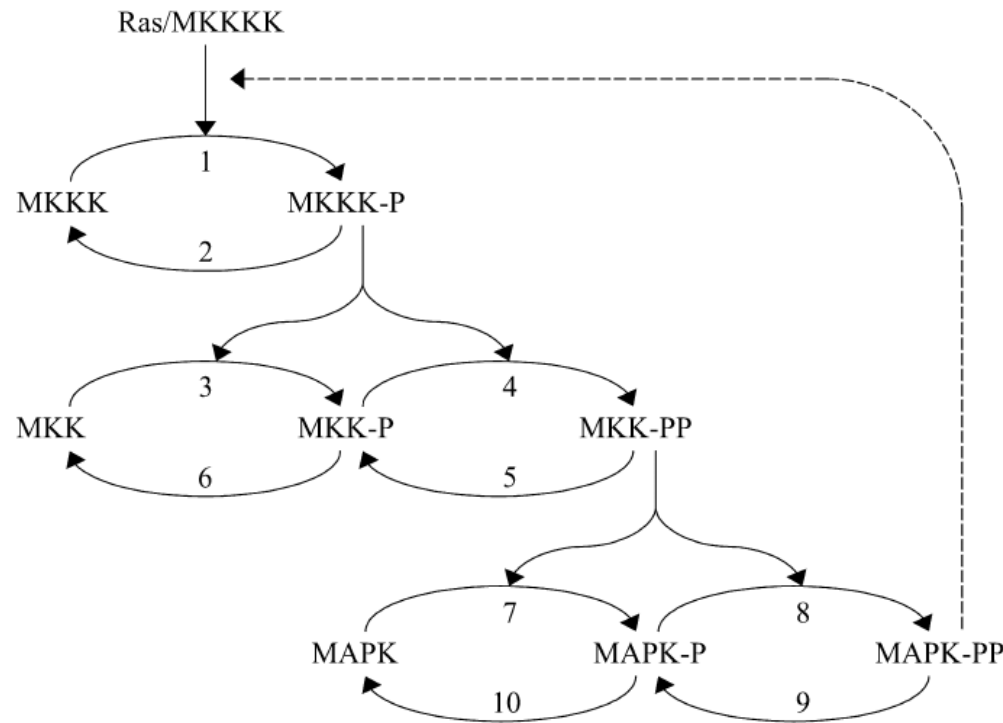


Fig. 1. Kinetic scheme of the MAPK cascade. Feedback effect of MAPK on the rate of MK K K phosphorylation is shown schematically by the dashed line. Numbering of individual steps corresponds to kinetic equations in Tables 1 and 2.

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