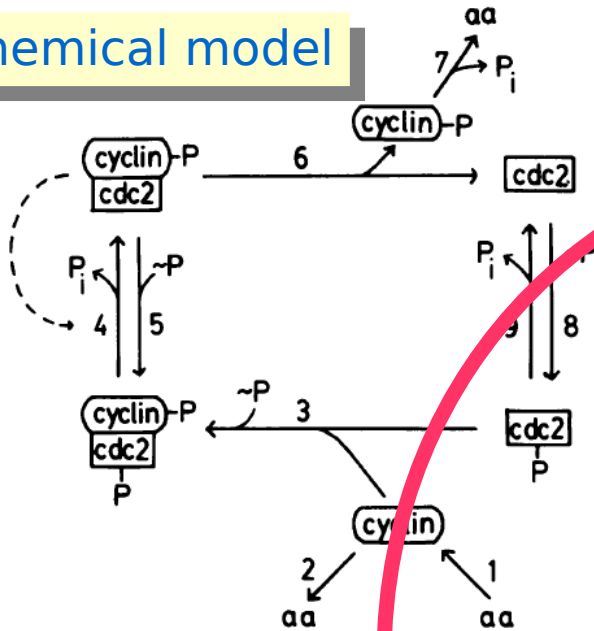


Modeling chemical kinetics

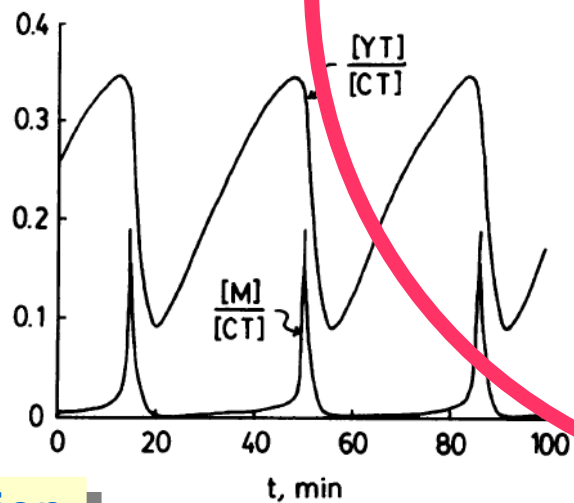
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Parameter	Value	Notes
$k_1[aa]/[CT]$	0.015 min^{-1}	*
k_2	0	†
$k_3[CT]$	200 min^{-1}	*
k_4	$10\text{--}1000 \text{ min}^{-1}$ (adjustable)	
k_4'	0.018 min^{-1}	
$k_5[\sim P]$	0	‡
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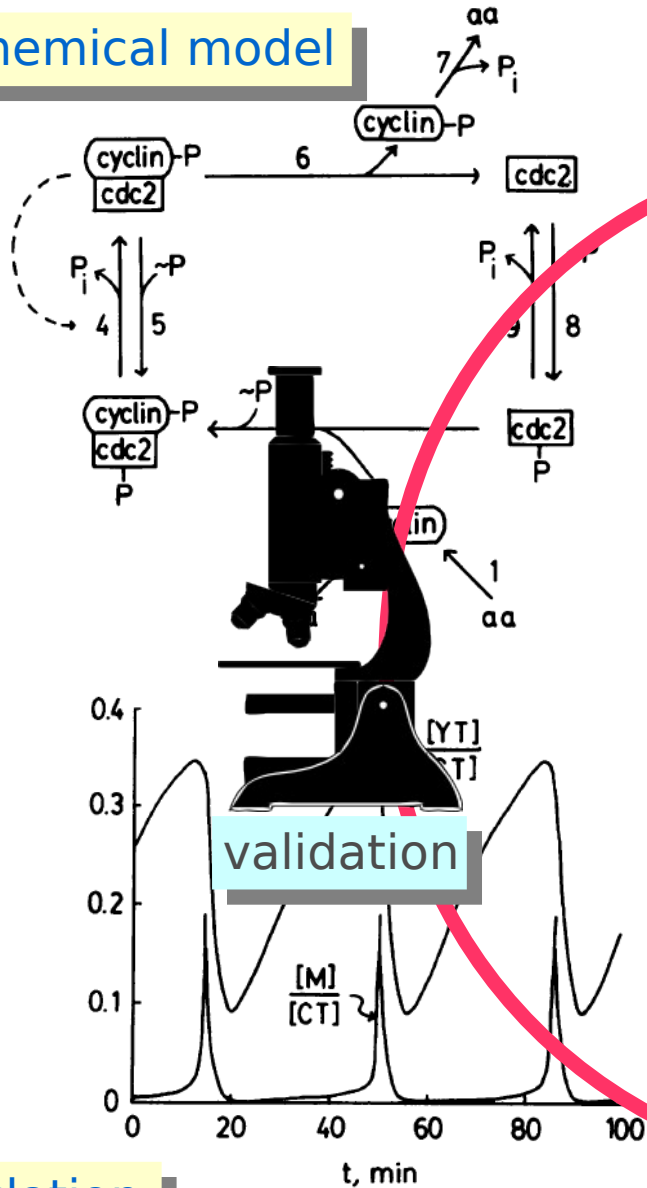
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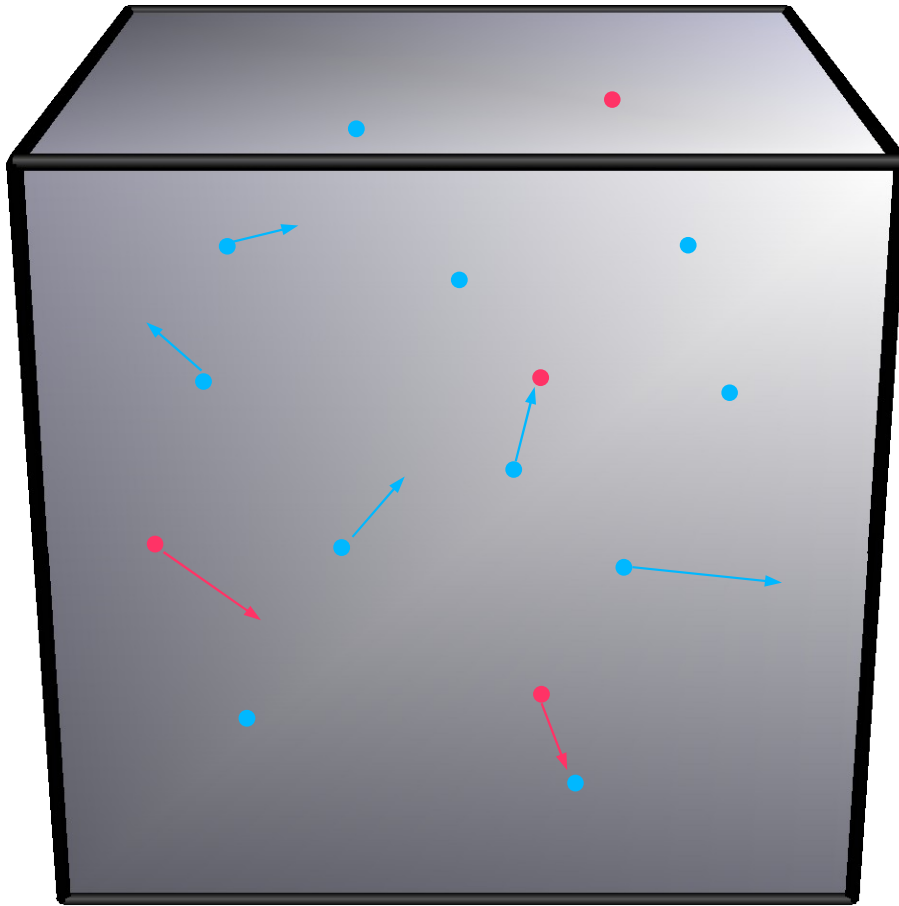
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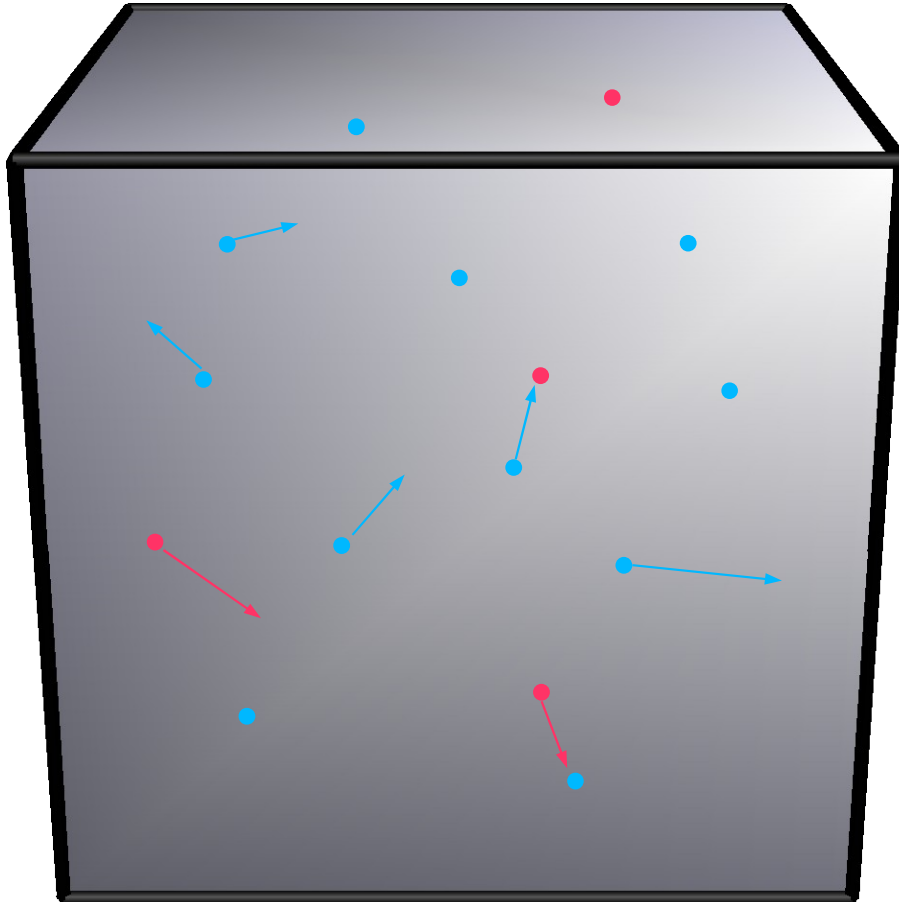
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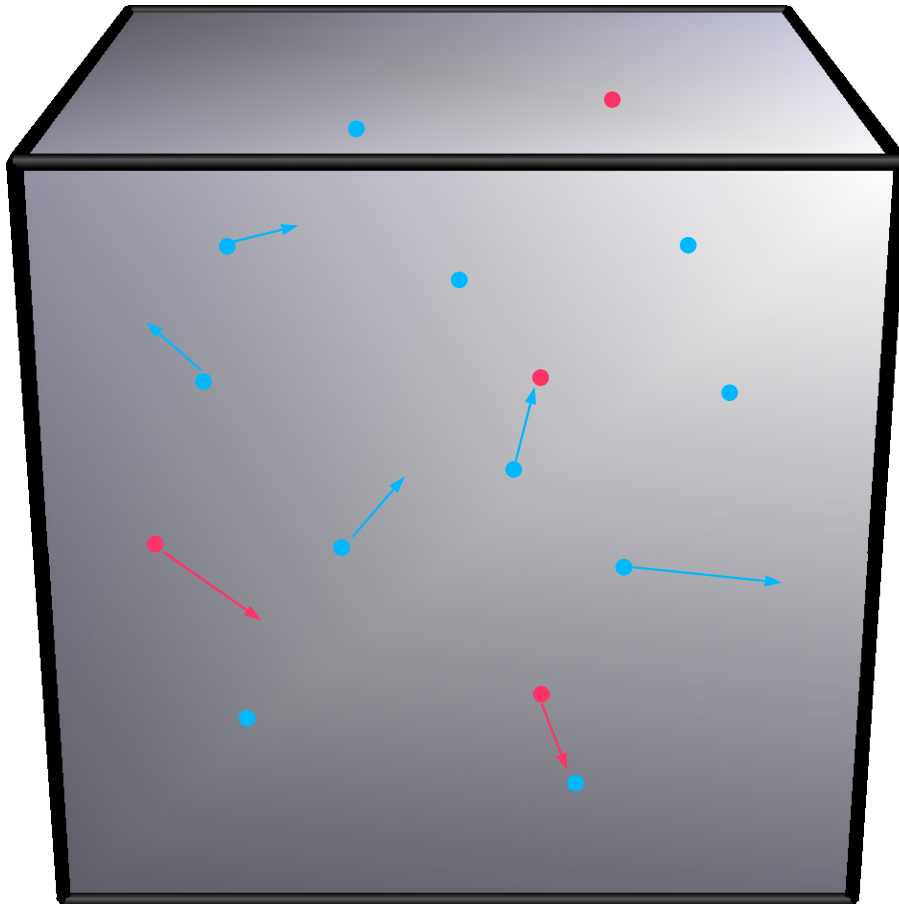


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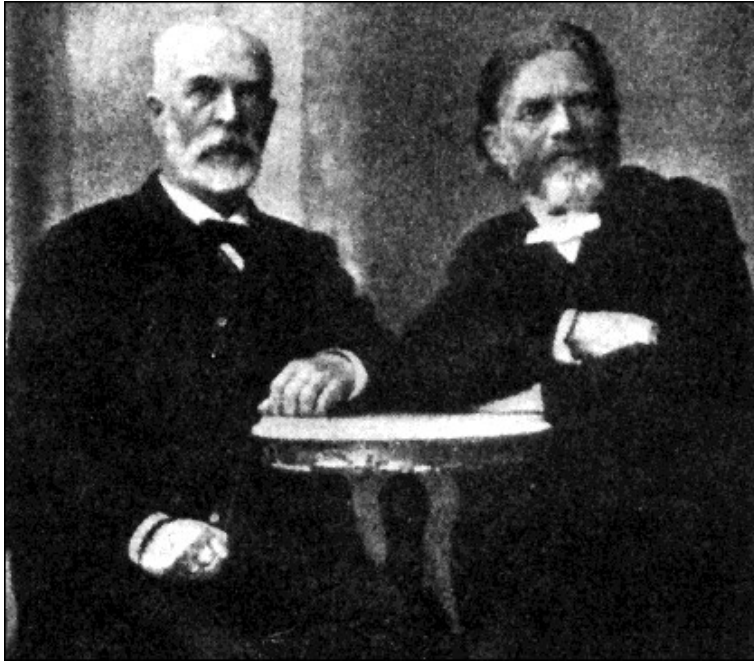
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Waage and Guldberg (1864)



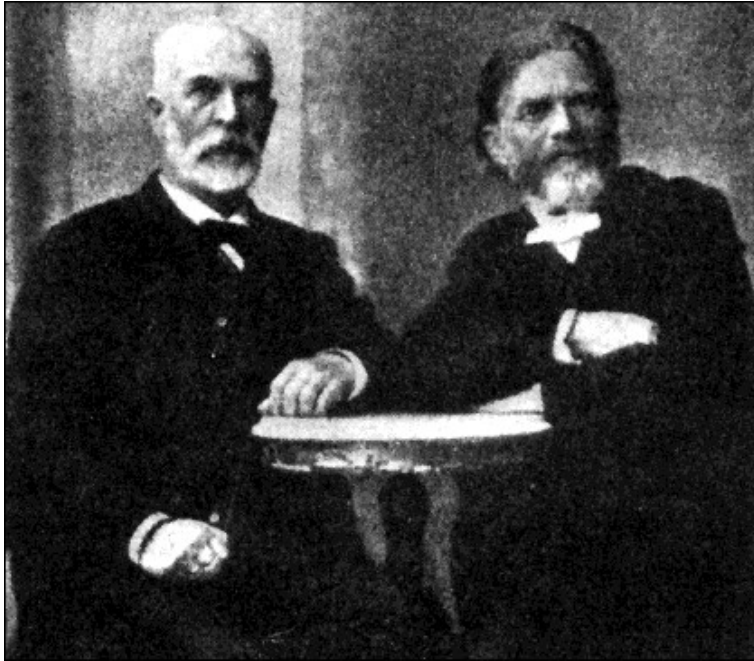
$$v = k \cdot \prod_i a_i^{n_i}$$

Diagram illustrating the Law of Mass Action equation: $v = k \cdot \prod_i a_i^{n_i}$. The components are labeled as follows:

- v : velocity
- k : rate-constant
- a_i : activity
- n_i : stoichiometry

Law of Mass Action

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$$v = k \cdot \prod_i a_i^{n_i}$$

velocity

rate-constant

activity

stoichiometry

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

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

velocity in reaction events
per unit of time

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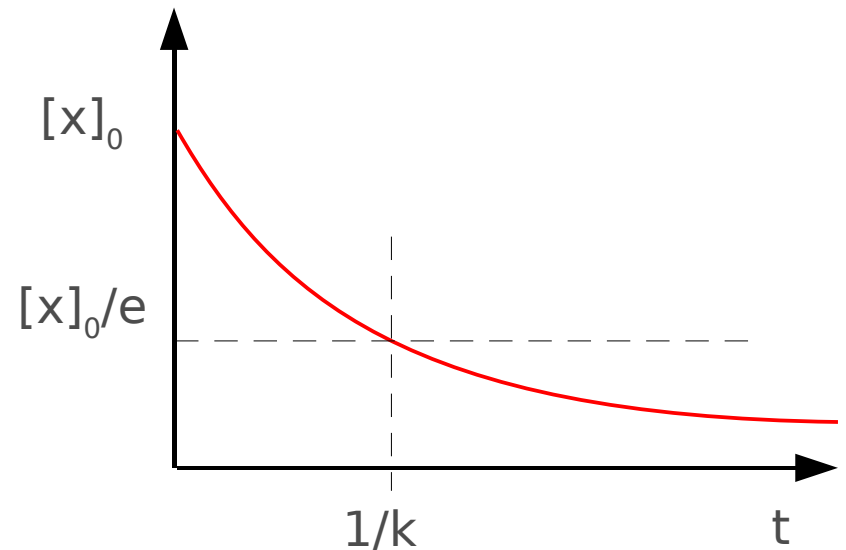
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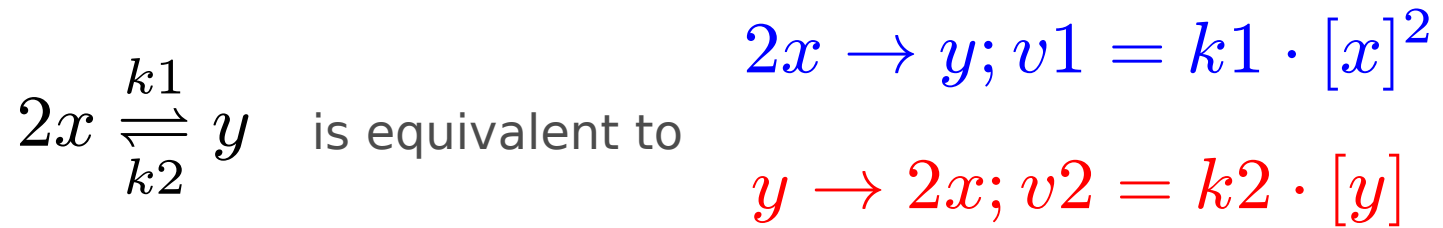
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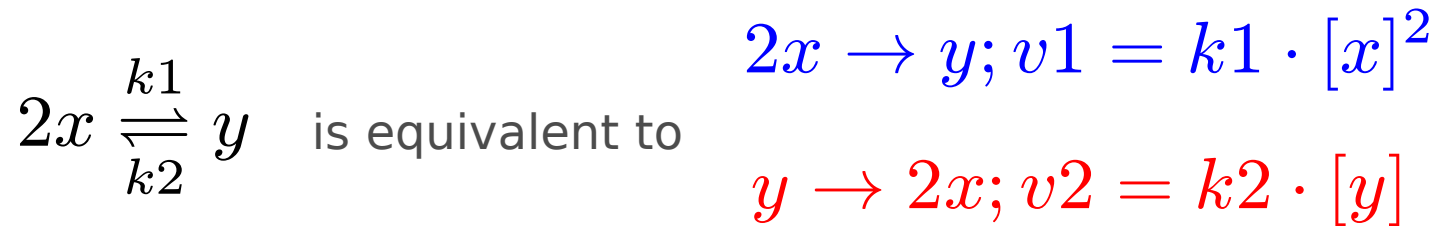
$$x(t) = [x]_0 \cdot e^{-kt}$$



Reversible reaction



Reversible reaction



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

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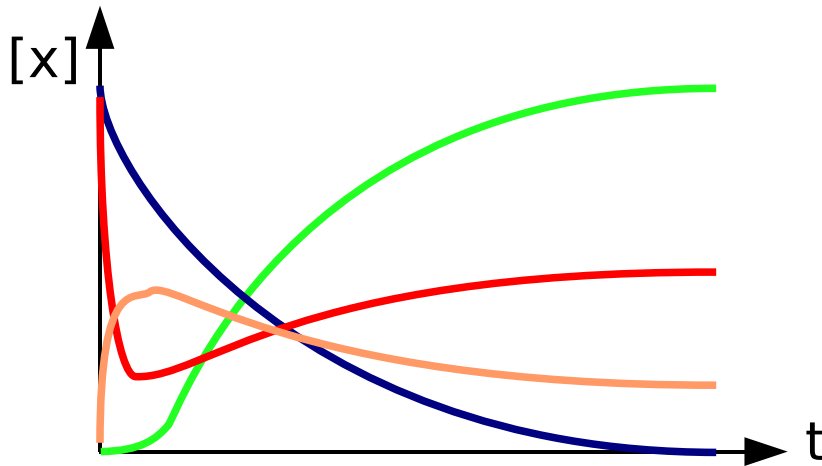


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Not feasible in general



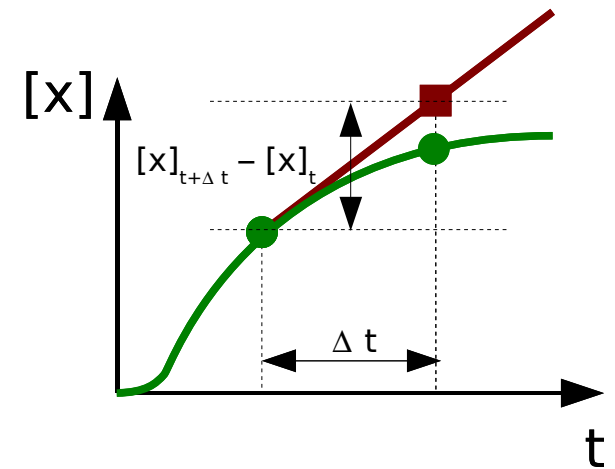
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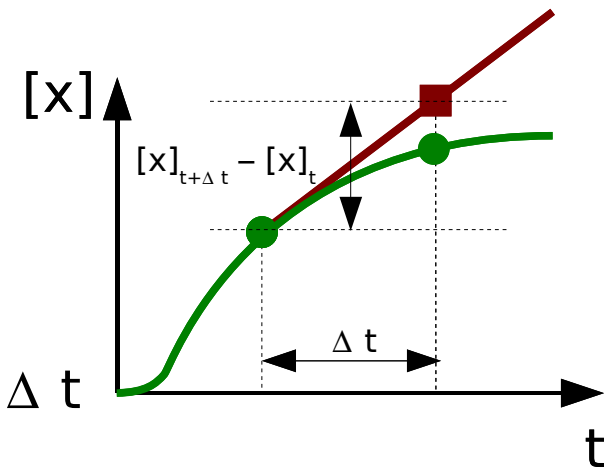
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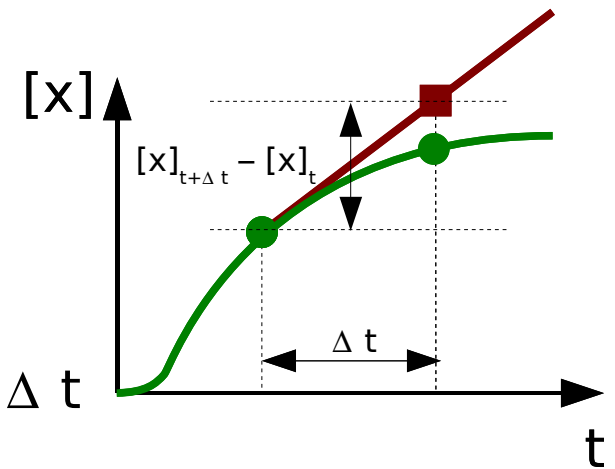
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4th order Runge-Kutta:

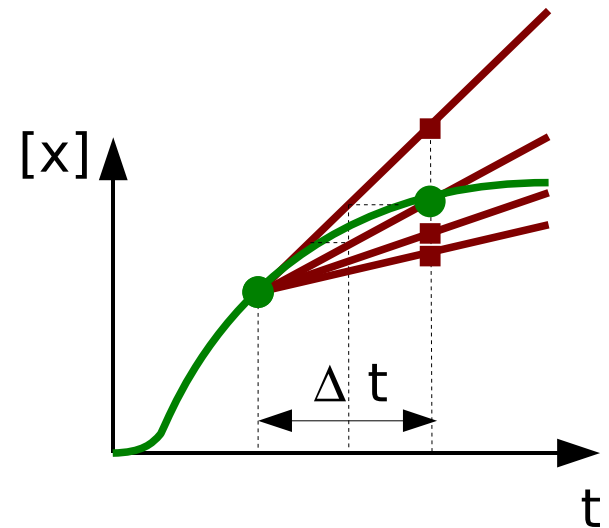
$$[x]_{t+\Delta t} = [x]_t + (F_1 + 2F_2 + 2F_3 + F_4)/6 \cdot \Delta t$$

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

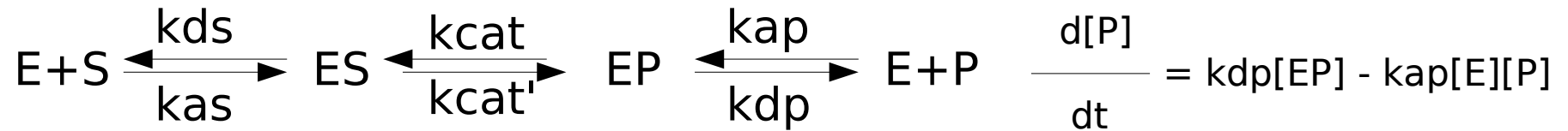
$$F_2 = f([x]_t + \Delta t/2 \cdot F_1, t + \Delta t/2)$$

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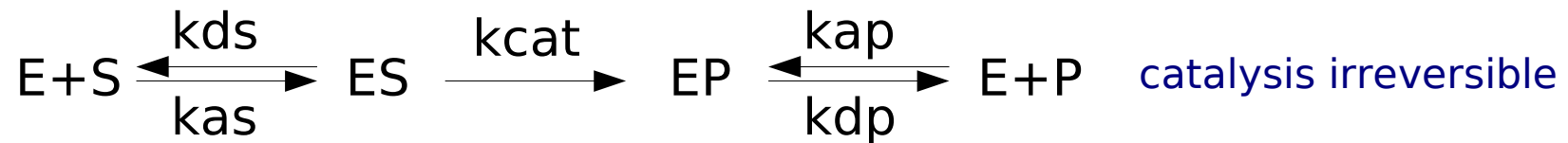
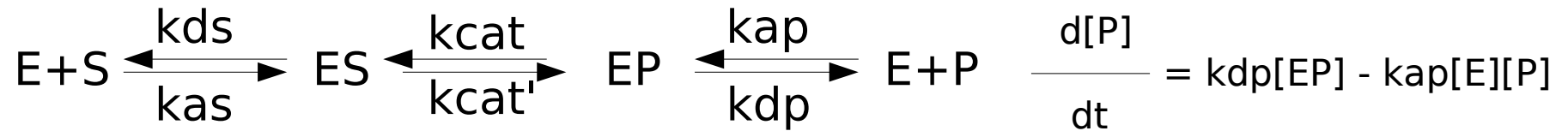
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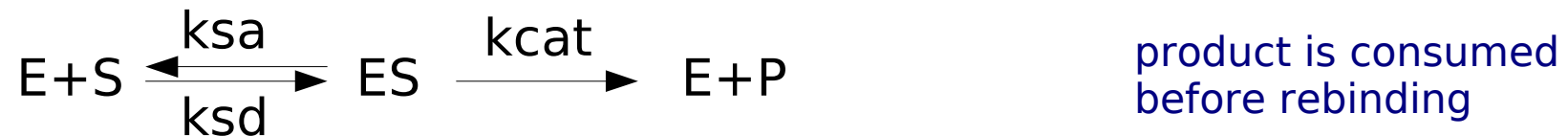
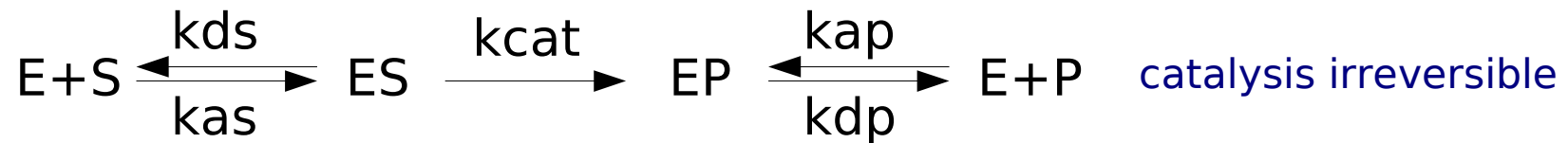
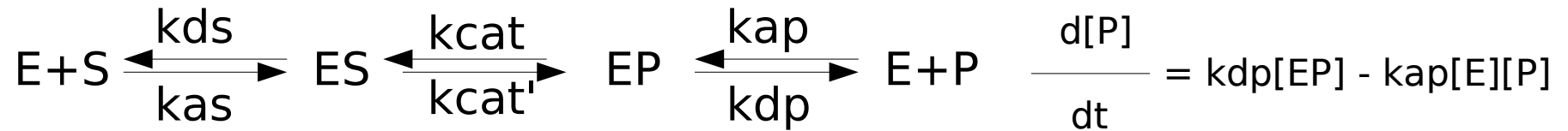
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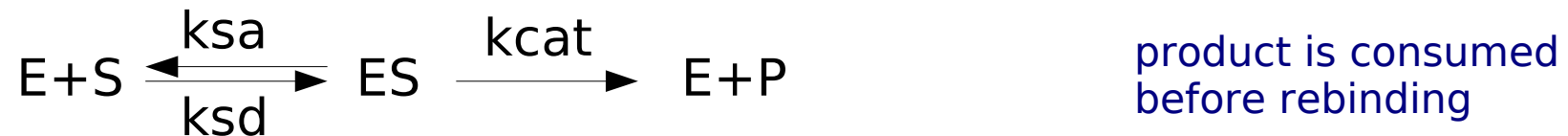
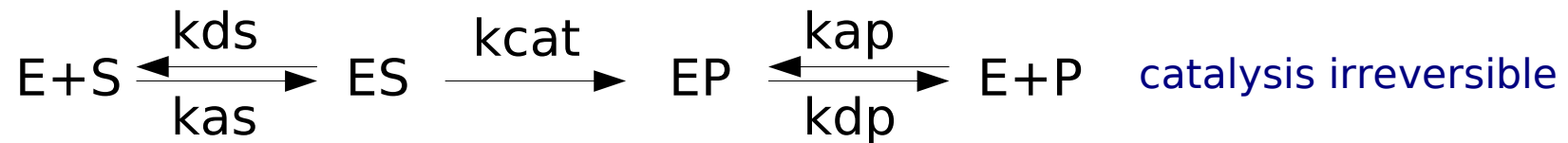
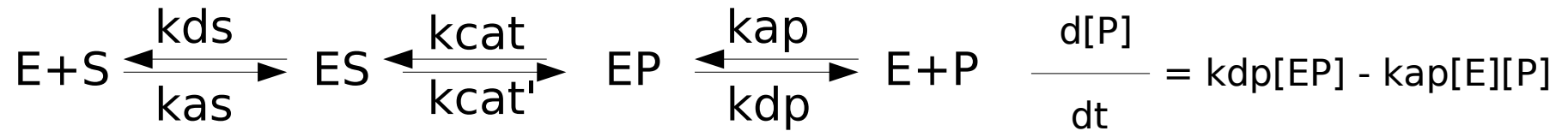
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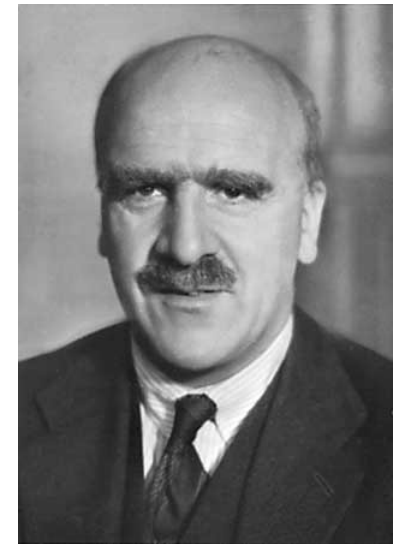
Enzyme kinetics

Victor Henri (1903) Lois Générales de l'Action des Diastases. Paris, Hermann.



Leonor Michaelis, Maud Menten (1913). Die Kinetik der Invertinwirkung, Biochem. Z. 49:333-369

George Edward Briggs and John Burdon Sanderson Haldane (1925) A note on the kinetics of enzyme action, Biochem. J., 19: 338-339



Briggs-Haldane on Henri-Michaelis-Menten



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steady-state!!!

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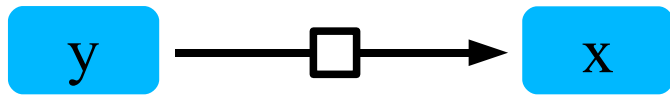
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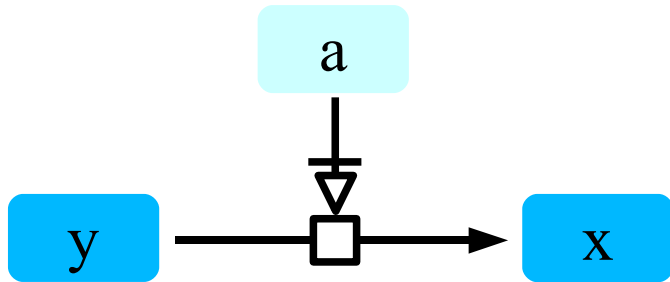
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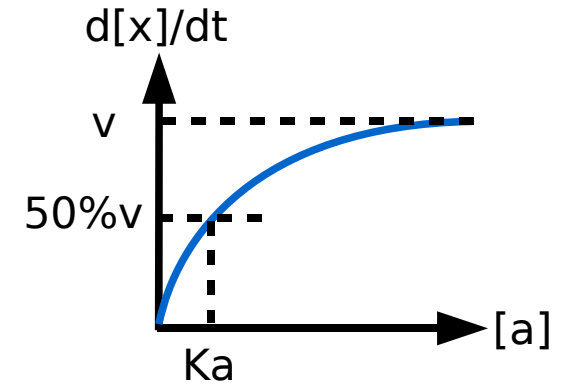
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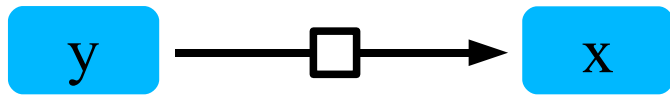
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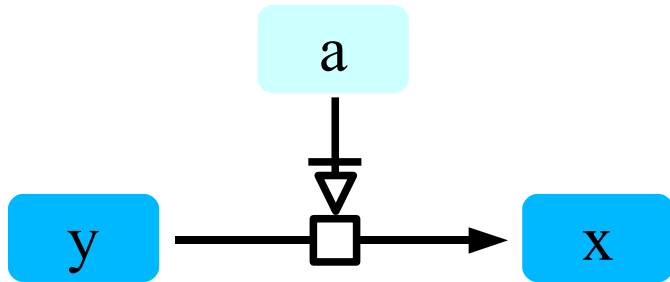
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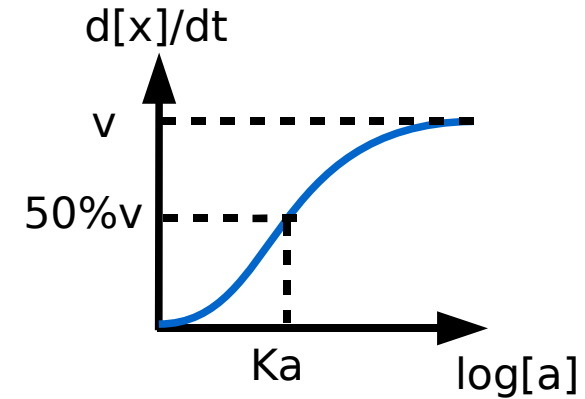
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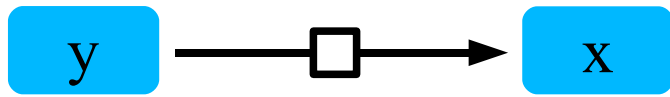
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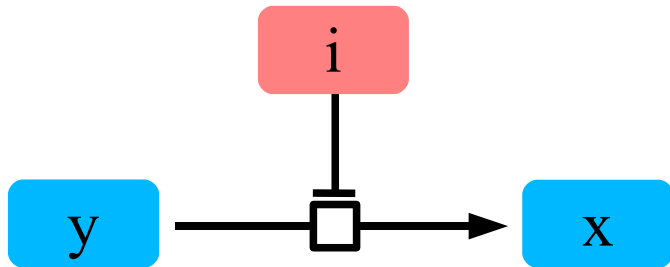
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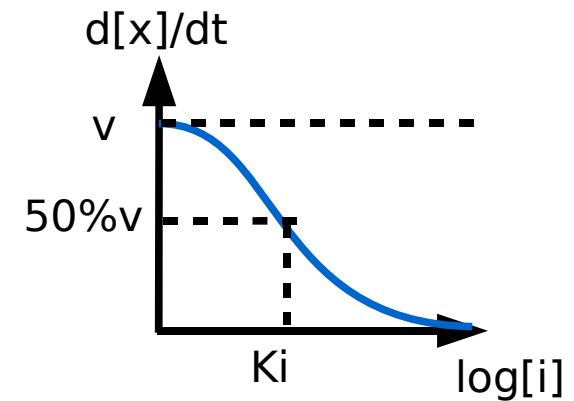
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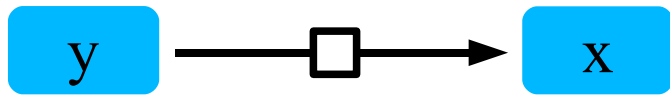
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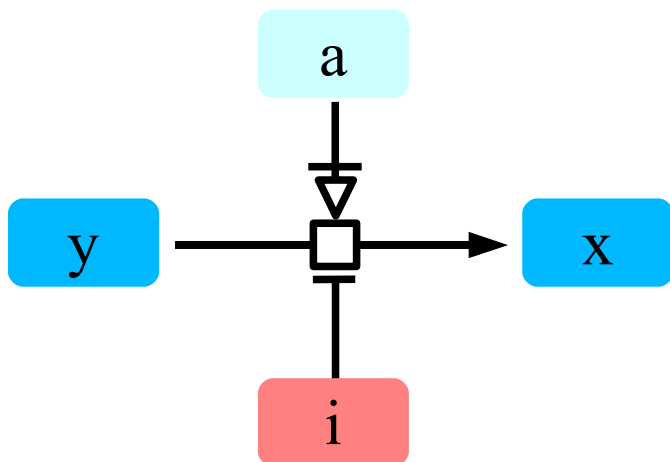
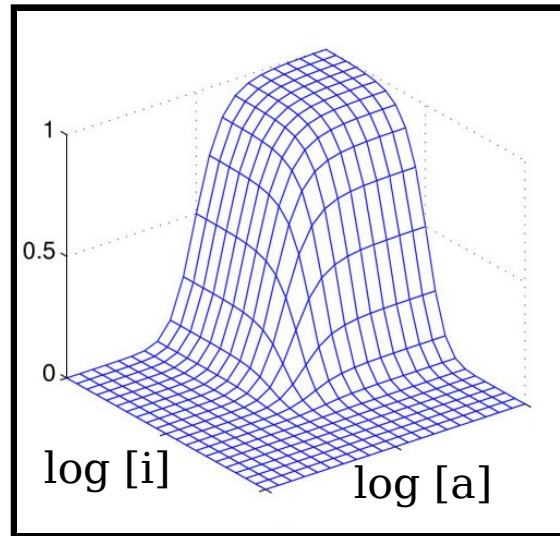
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Generalisation: activators and inhibitors

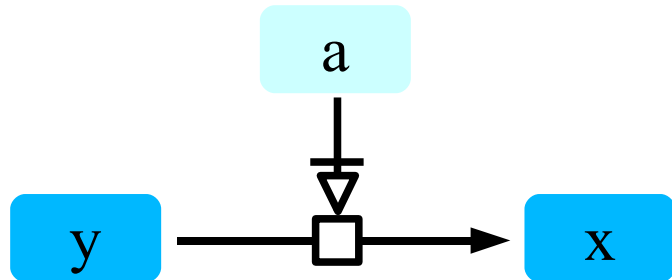


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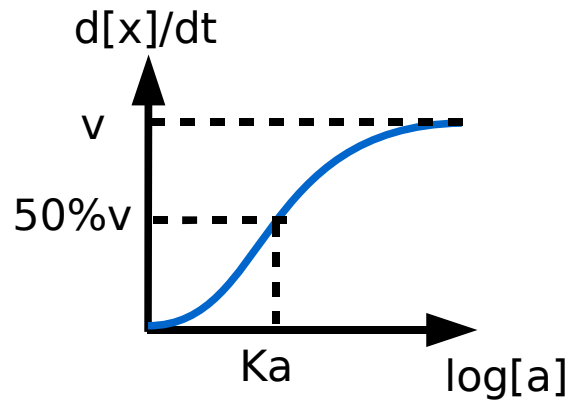


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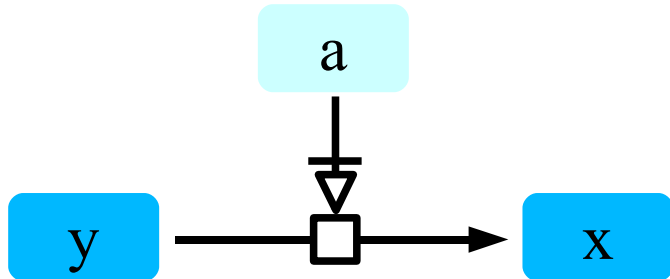
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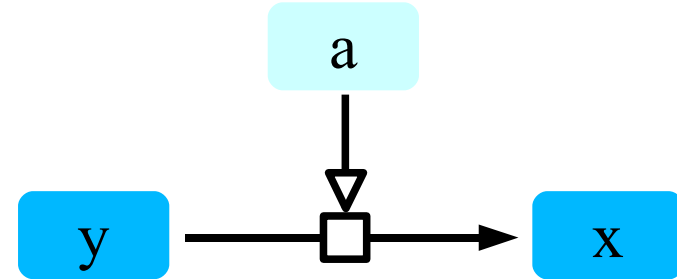
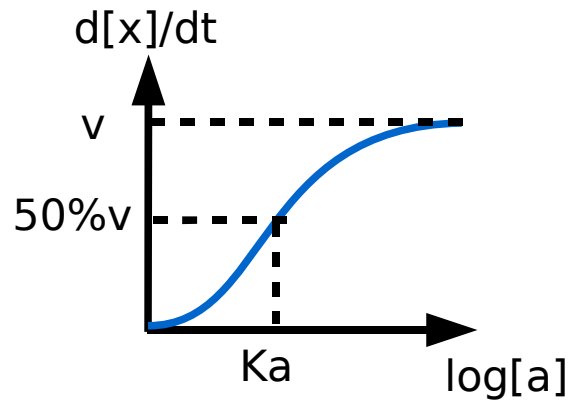
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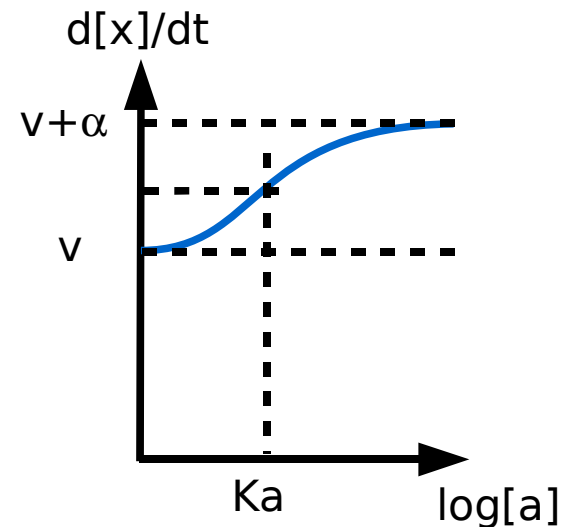
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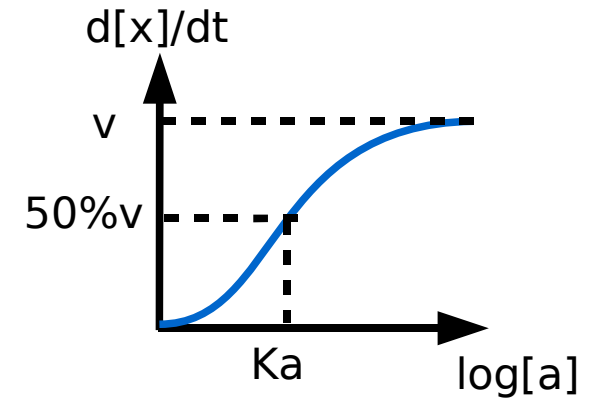


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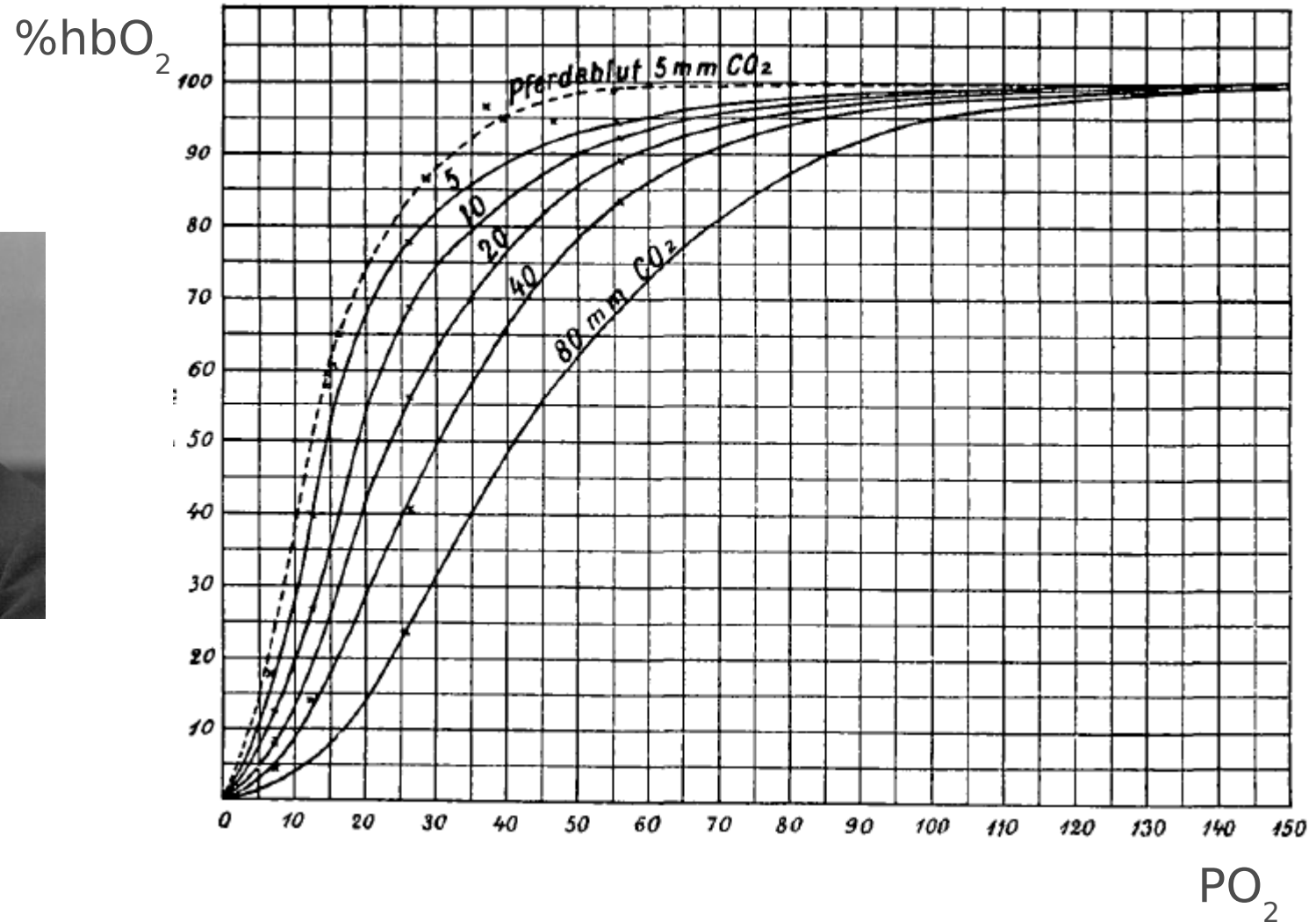


Ultrasensitivity

$$\frac{d[x]}{dt} = v \cdot \frac{[a]}{K_a + [a]}$$



Origins of cooperativity: Bohr



Bohr C (1903) Theoretische behandlung der quantitativen verhältnisse bei der sauerstoff aufnahme des hämoglobins *Zentralbl Physiol* 17: 682

Origins of cooperativity: Hill

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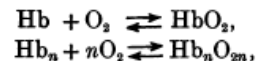
The possible effects of the aggregation of the molecules of hæmoglobin on its dissociation curves. By A. V. HILL.

In a previous communication Barcroft and I gave evidence which seemed to us to prove conclusively that dialysed hæmoglobin consists simply of molecules containing each one atom of iron. The molecular weight is therefore $Hb = 16,660$. These experiments have not been published yet, but I shall assume the results.

Other observers (Reid, Roaf, Hüfner and Gansser) working on different solutions have obtained divergent results. The method used by all of them was the direct estimation of the osmotic pressure, by means of a membrane permeable to salts, but not to hæmoglobin. The method involves a relatively large error, because the quantity measured is small. It is doubtful however whether this can explain the discordant results.

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The equation for the reaction would be



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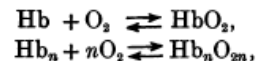
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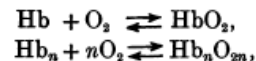
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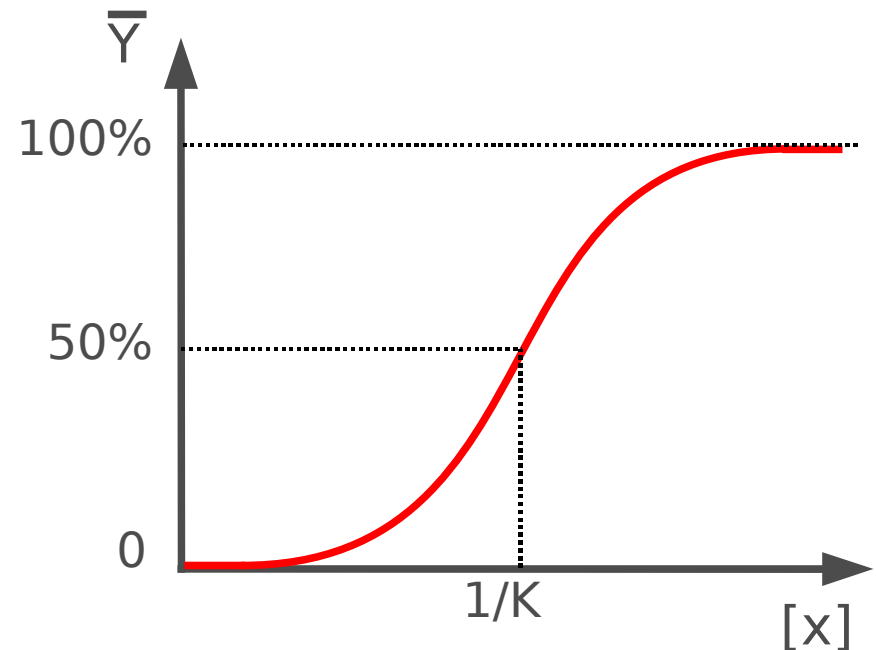
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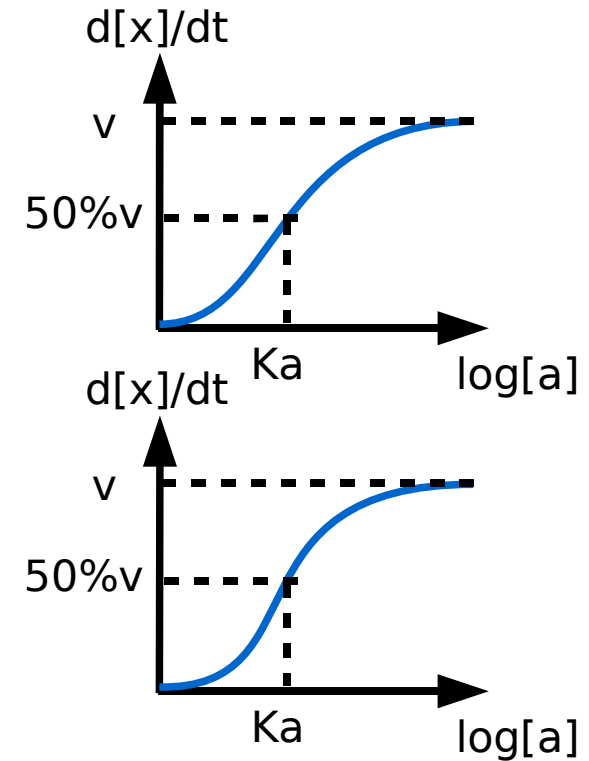
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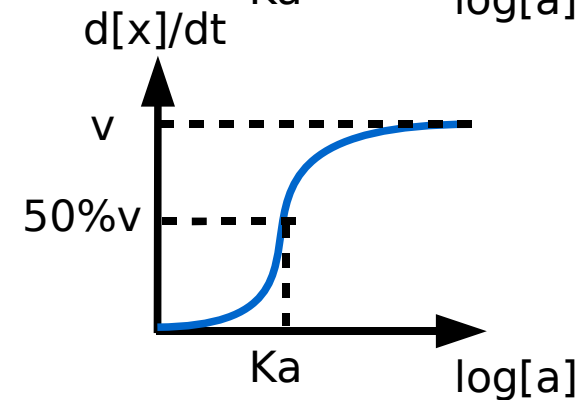
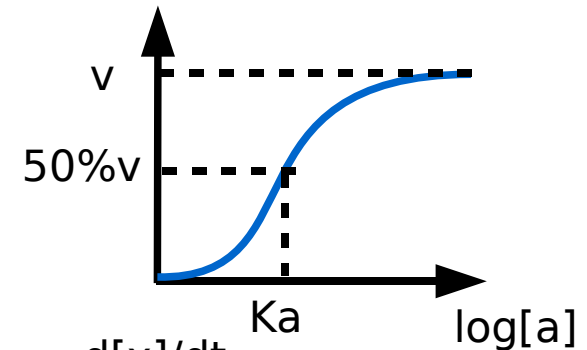
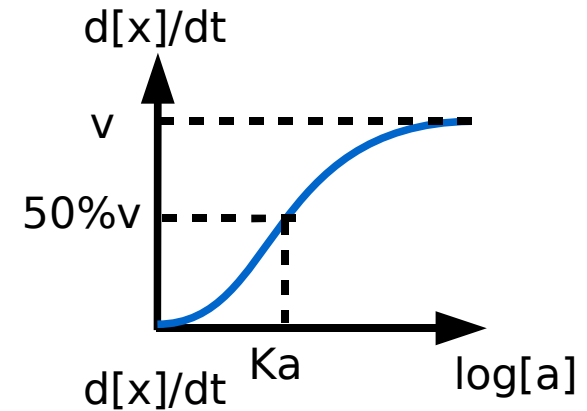


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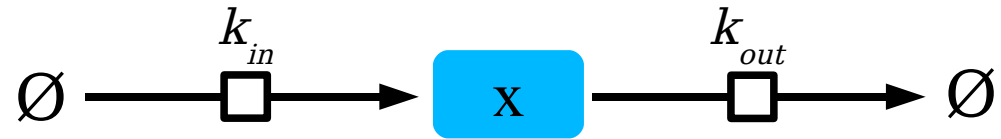
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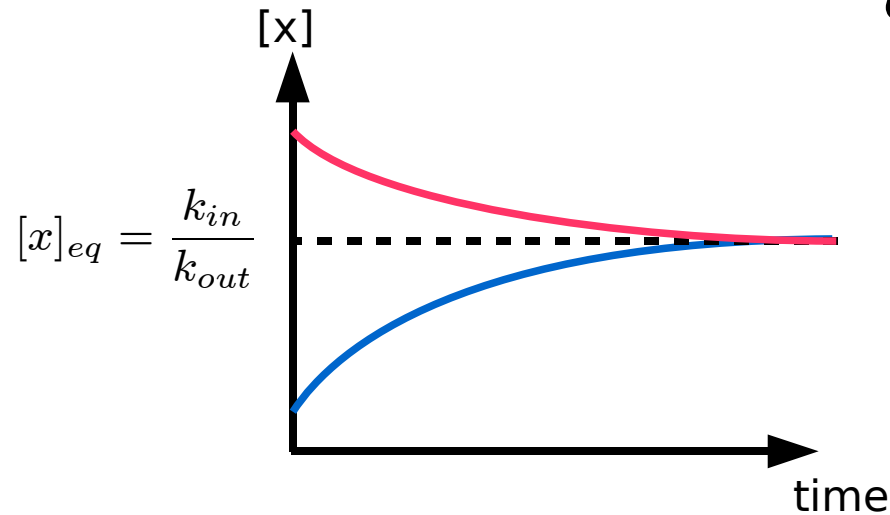
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Encoding models



The **Systems Biology Markup Language (SBML)** is a computer-readable format for representing models of biochemical reaction networks in software. It's applicable to models of metabolism, cell-signaling, and many others. SBML has been evolving since mid-2000 thanks to an international community of software developers and users. This website is the portal for the global SBML development effort; here you can find information about all aspects of SBML.



For the curious

What *is* SBML? Read our [basic introduction](#) and then perhaps browse the [mailing lists](#) to get a sense for what's currently going on in the world of SBML.



For modelers

Are you looking for ready-to-run software that supports SBML? Take a look at our [SBML Software Guide](#). Are you instead looking for ready-to-use models? Visit the [BioModels Database](#), where you can find hundreds of tried and tested models.



For software developers

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Whether you use SBML as a modeler or a developer, we invite you to sign up for news updates either through our [RSS feed](#) or one of the [mailing lists](#), and get involved with community efforts to help keep SBML improving. You

SBML News

LibSBML 3.3.2 released!

(3 Mar.'09) [LibSBML](#) is an API library for SBML. The new release fixes bugs and a memory leak in 3.3.1.

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(21 Jan.'09) [LibSBML](#) is an API library for working with SBML. New features include support for SBML Level 2 Version 4.

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Community News

SBW 2.7.9 released

(3 Mar.'09) The **Systems Biology Workbench** is a component-based application framework. This release improves simulator and auto-layout performance, and adds other features.

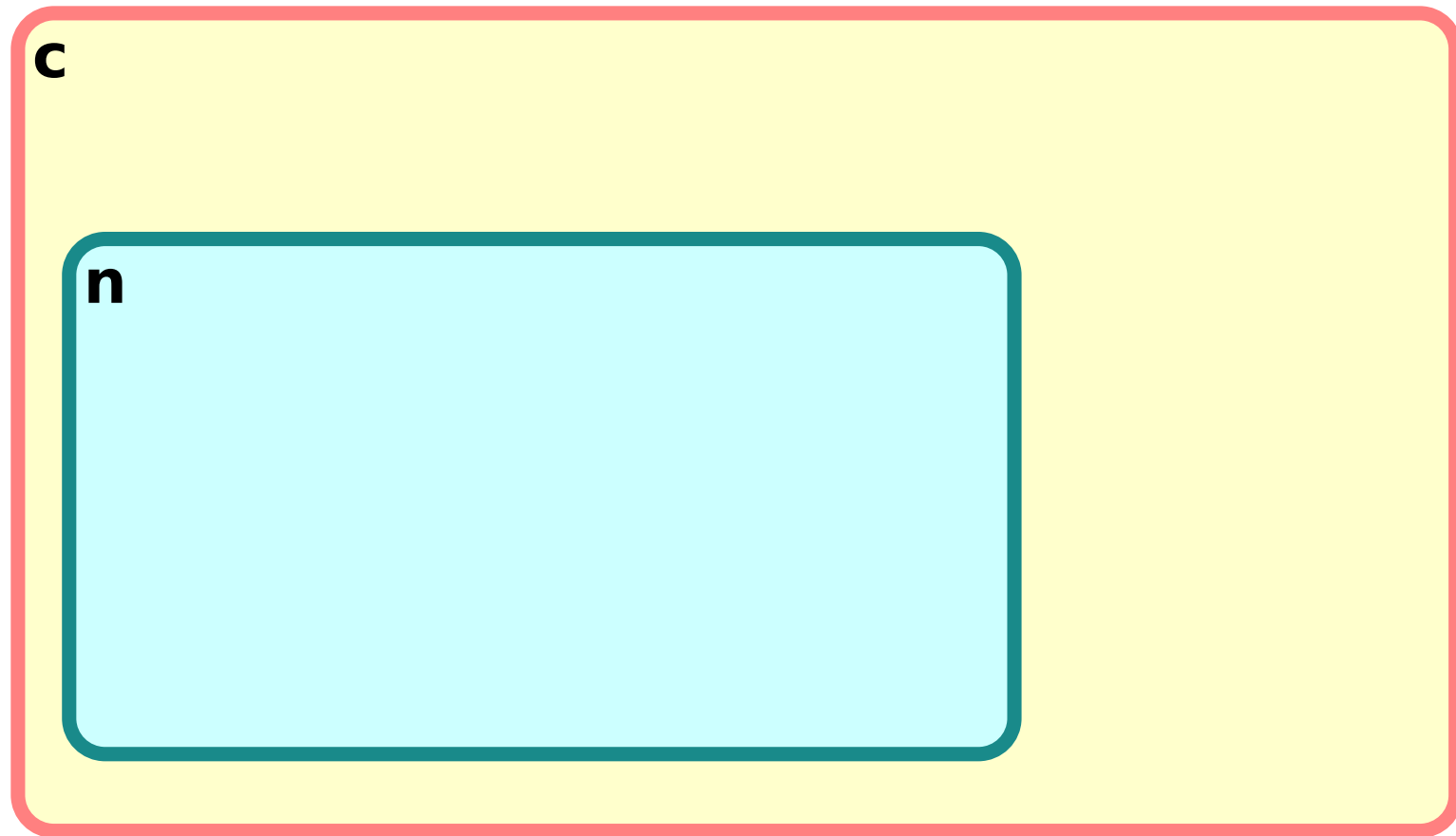
BioModels Database mirror @ Caltech

(26 Feb.'09) [BioModels Database](#), a free, public resource, now has a mirror site at Caltech for better load balancing.

New version of SBIO-PK

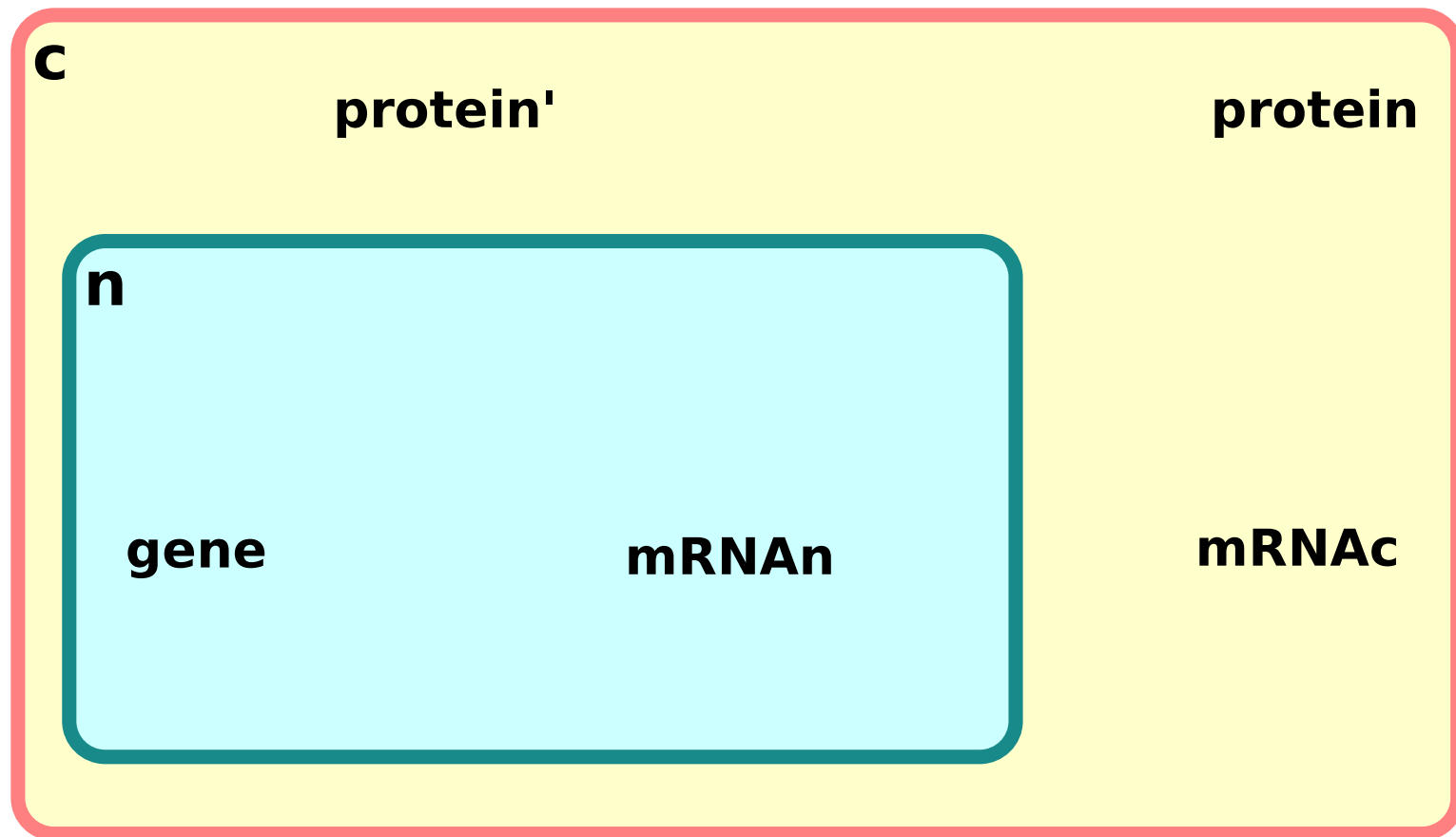
What can we encode in SBML?

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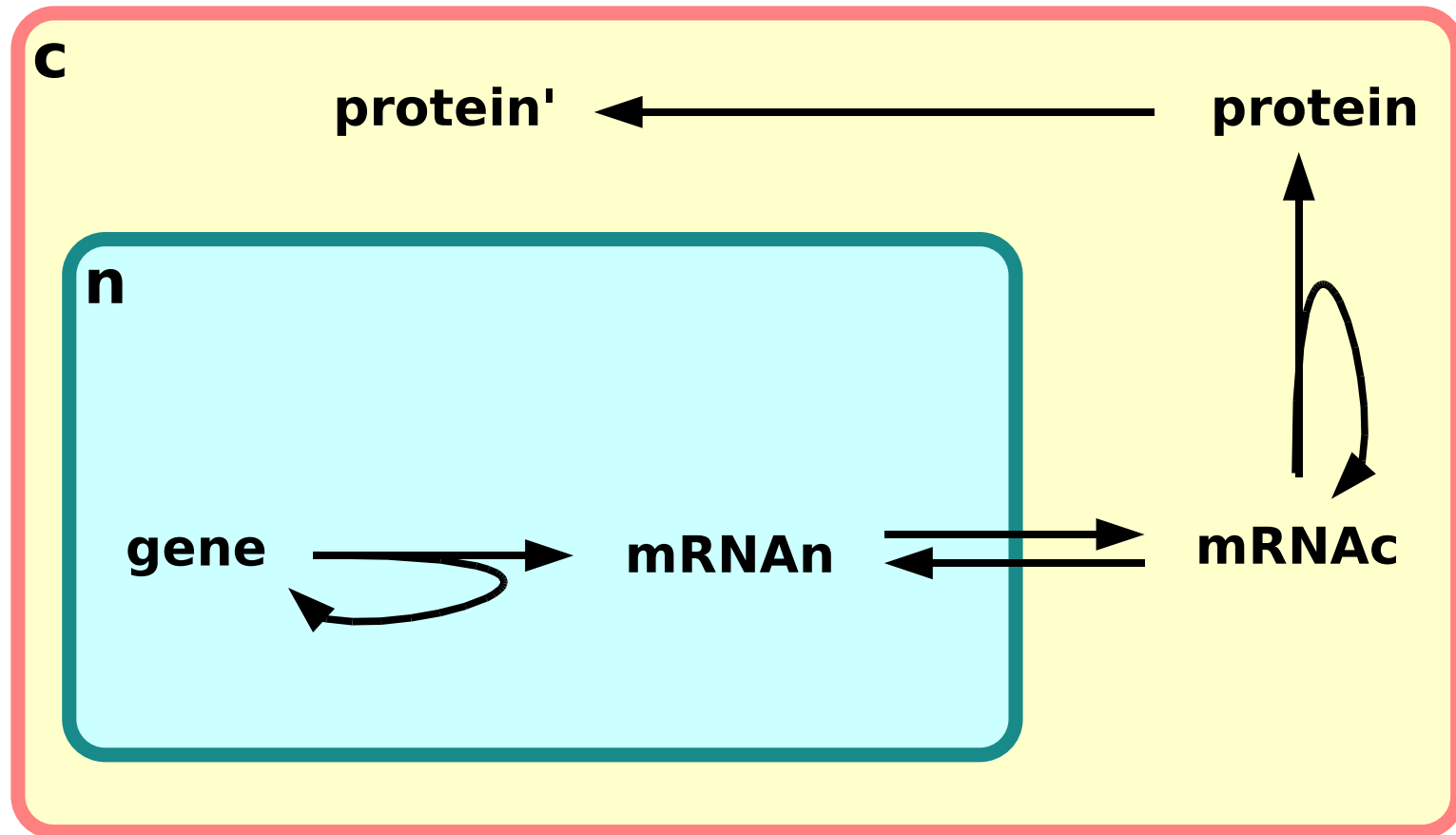
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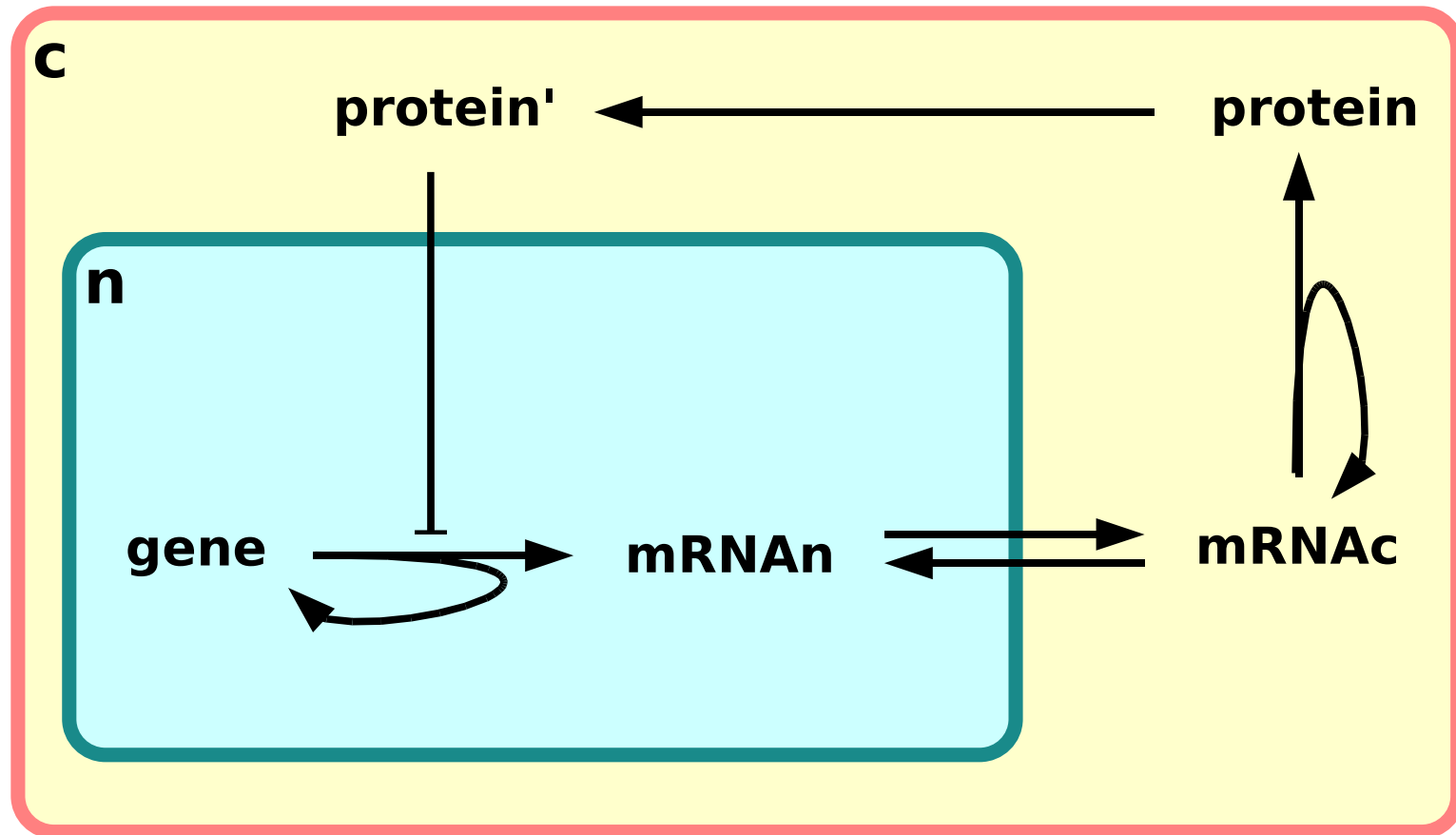
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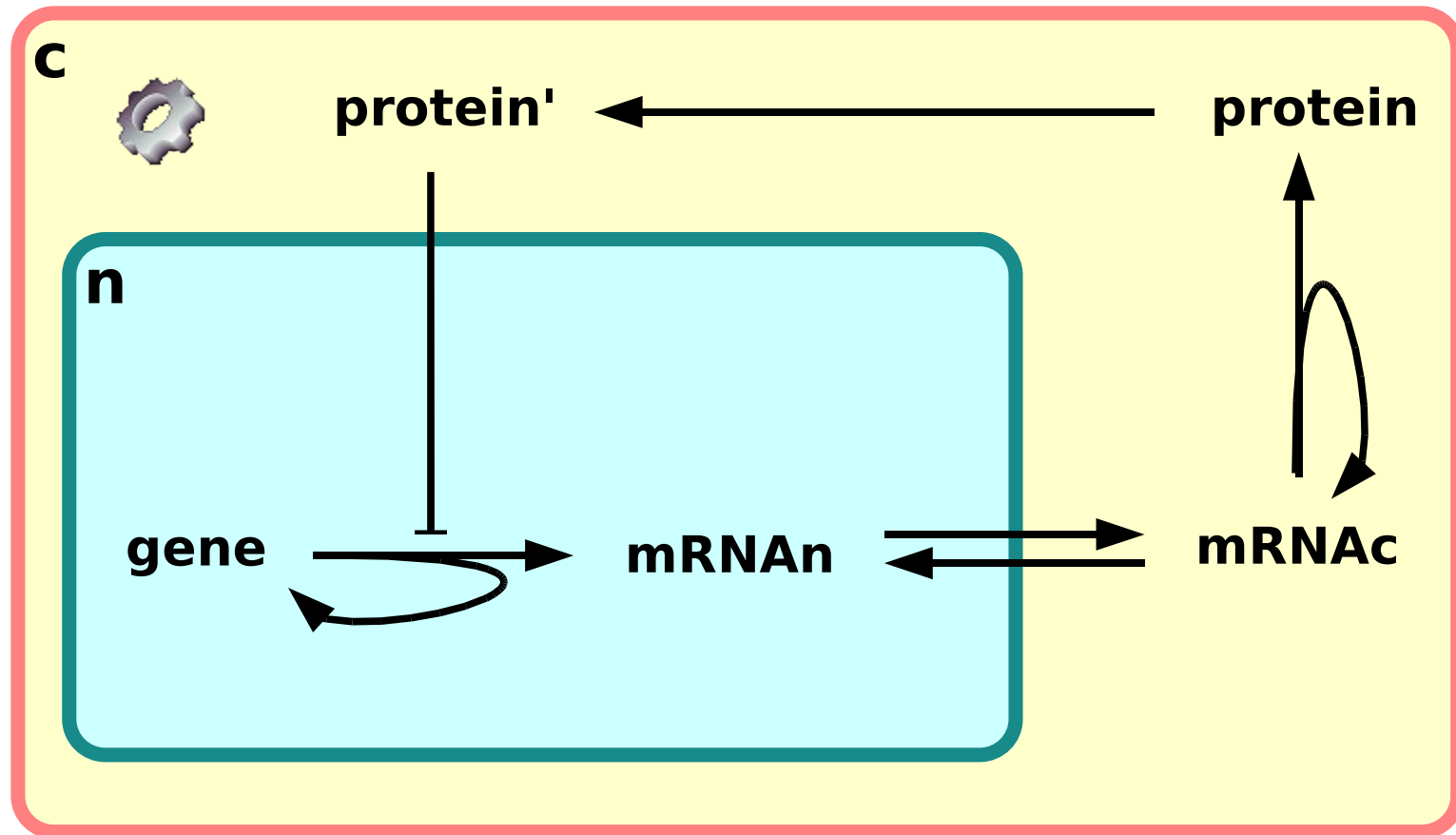
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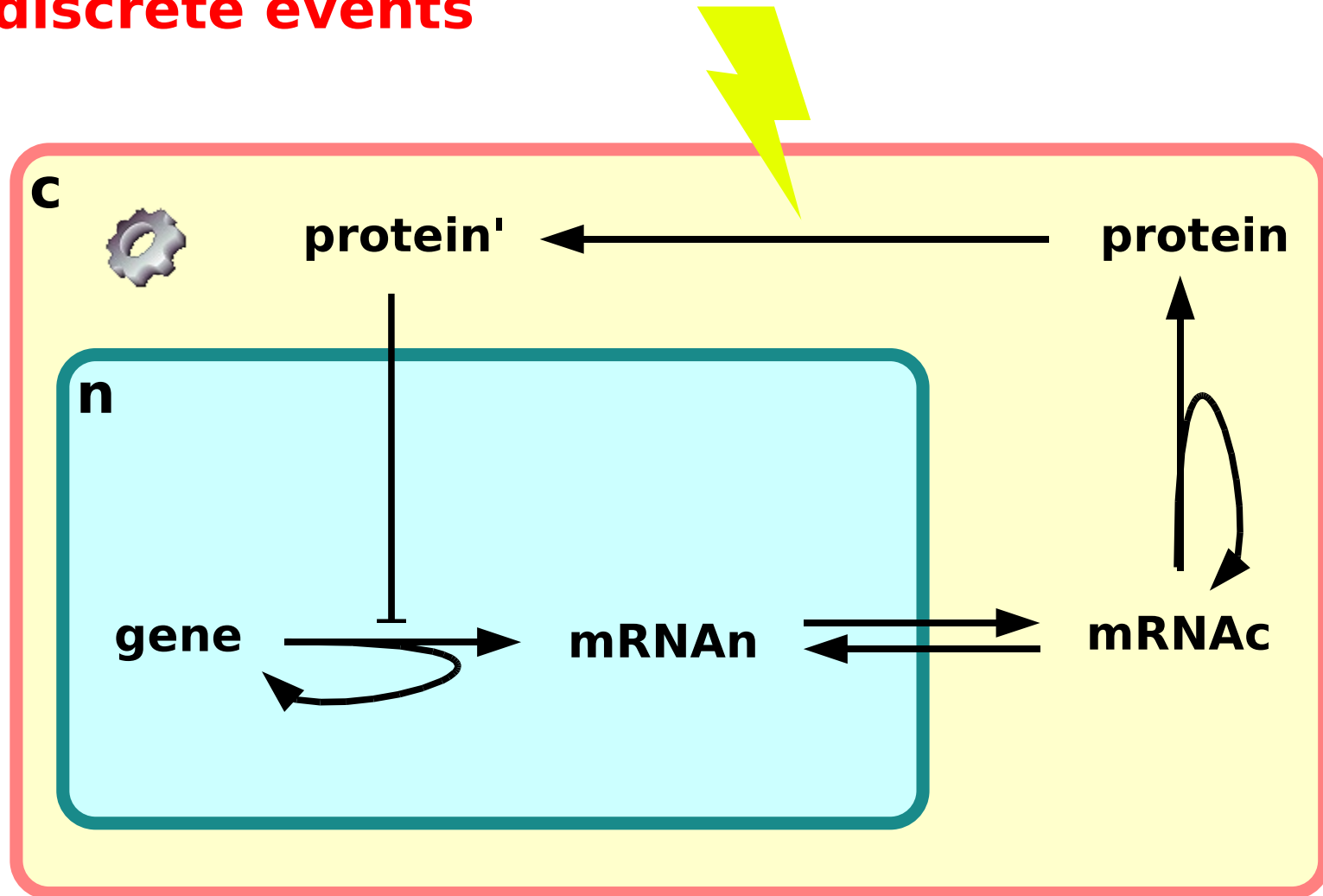
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discrete events



A → B

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```

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    </model>  
</sbml>
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        </listOfProducts>
        <kineticLaw>
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            <apply>
              <times />
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              <ci>A</ci>
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```


A more realistic example ...

```
<species
  id="A"
  name="α-tubulin"
  compartment="cell"
  initialAmount="1000"
  substanceUnits="item"
  hasOnlySubstanceUnits="true"
  boundaryCondition="true"
  constant="false"
  charge="0"
  metaid="PX"
  sboTerm="SBO:0000245" >
<notes>
  <body xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
    <p>One of the components of a microtubule</p>
  </body>
</notes>
<annotation>
  <rdf:RDF
    xmlns:bqbiol="http://biomodels.net/biology-qualifiers/"
    xmlns:bqmodel="http://biomodels.net/model-qualifiers/"
    xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#">
    <rdf:Description rdf:about="#PX">
      <bqbiol:is>
        <rdf:Bag>
          <rdf:li rdf:resource="urn:miriam:uniprot:P68370"/>
          <rdf:li rdf:resource="urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0045298"/>
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</species>
```

And SBML is richer than that

Function definition	mathematical function that may be used throughout the rest of a model.
Unit definition	new unit of measurement, or redefinition of an existing SBML default unit.
Compartment Type	type of container
Species type	type of entity that can participate in reactions.
Compartment	well-stirred container of finite size where species may be located.
Species	pool of entities of the same species type located in a specific compartment.
Parameter	named quantity, whether constant or variable, global to the model
Initial Assignment	mathematical expression to determine the initial conditions of a model.
Rule	mathematical expression added to the set of equations constructed based on the reactions
Constraint	means of detecting out-of-bounds conditions during a dynamical simulation
Reaction	statement describing some transformation, transport or binding process that can change the amount of one or more species
Event	statement describing an instantaneous change in a set of variables

SBML is not limited to biochemistry!

Rate Rules can describe the temporal evolution of any quantitative parameter, e.g. transmembrane voltage;

Events can describe any discontinuous change, e.g. neurotransmitter release or repolarisation;

A **species** is an entity participating to a reaction, **not always** a **chemical** entity:

- It can be a molecule

- It can be a cell

- It can be an organ

- It can be an organism

→ Systems Biology is scale-free!

Neuron differentiation

```
<listOfCompartments>
  <compartment id="brain" />
</listOfCompartments>
<listOfSpecies>
  <species id="glia" compartment="brain" initialConcentration="1"/>
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        <apply>
          [...]
        </apply>
      </math>
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  </reaction>
</listOfReactions>
```

Hodgkin-Huxley

```
<rateRule metaid="metaid_0000048" variable="V">
  <notes><p xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">dV/dt = (I - (i_Na + i_K + i_L))/Cm</p></notes>
  <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
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      <divide/>
      <apply>
        <minus/>
        <ci> I </ci>
        <apply>
          <plus/><ci> i_Na </ci><ci> i_K </ci><ci> i_L </ci>
        </apply>
      </apply>
      <ci> Cm </ci>
    </apply>
  </math>
</rateRule>
<assignmentRule metaid="metaid_0000042" variable="i_Na">
  <notes><p xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">i_Na = g_Na * m^3.0 * h * (V - E_Na)</p></notes>
  <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
    <apply>
      <times/>
      <ci> g_Na </ci>
      <apply>
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      <apply>
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  </math>
</assignmentRule>
```

rate rule:

$$dx/dt = f(x,y,z)$$

assignment rule:

$$x = f(y,z)$$

An example of piecewise assignment

calcium flux depends on glutamate concentration

```
<listOfRules>
  <assignmentRule variable="calcium_influx">
    <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
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        <piece>
          <cn>15</cn>
          <apply>
            <gt/>
            <ci>glutamate</ci>
            <cn>1</cn>
          </apply>
        </piece>
        <otherwise>
          <cn>0</cn>
        </otherwise>
      </apply>
    </math>
  </assignmentRule>
</listOfRules>
```

if glutamate > 1
then calcium_influx = 15
else calcium_influx = 0

>170 tools supporting SBML

SBML Software Matrix

This matrix provides an at-a-glance summary of software known to us to provide some degree of support for reading, writing, or otherwise working with SBML. The columns' meanings are explained below. For a list of longer descriptions grouped into themes, please see our [SBML Software Summary](#) page.

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acslXtreme	•														W	•		\$	\$	
ALC	•					•	•		•			•			L, W, M, B		•	•	F	F
Asmparts	•				•	•									L,W	•	•	•	F	F
Antimony	•				•								C, C++		L, W, M	•	•	•	F	F
AutoSBW			•			•							SBW	SBW	L, W, M	•	•	•	F	F
AVIS												•		various	L	•		•	F	F
BALSA	•													Sigtran						
BASIS	•	•		•					•	•			WS		B	•	•	•	F	F
BetaWB	•	•	•						•	•					L,W,M		•		F	F
BiNoM	•		•		•							•			L, W, M	•	•	•	F	F
BiNoM Cytoscape Plugin	•		•		•							•		Cytoscape	L, W, M	•	•	•	F	F
BIOCHAM		•			•	•									L,W,M		•	•	F	F
BioCharon	•	•	•		•	•								CHARON						
Biological Networks	•		•		•										L,W,M	•	•		F	\$
BioCyc				•													•		F	\$
BioGrid																				

The columns of this table should be read in the following way:

- *Capabilities* summarizes the facilities that a package provides by itself (i.e., without invoking another package) for working with SBML: "Creation" = creating/editing models, "Simulation" = performing time-series simulation of models, "Analysis" = analyzing models (e.g., sensitivity analysis, flux-balance analysis, etc.), "Database" = providing a database of models, and "Utility" = providing other utility functions (e.g., translating SBML to/from other formats).

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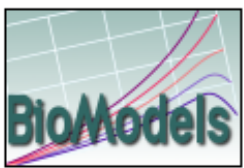
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<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels/>

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Simulate in JWS Online

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BioModels AT SourceForge <http://sourceforge.net/projects/biomodels/>

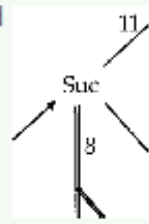
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Model of the month

May, 2009

Sucrose accumulation is accompanied by continuous synthesis and degradation processes in the developing sugar cane, *Saccharum officinarum*. Sugar cane internode maturation coincides with increased sucrose storage, but is not dependent purely on time. In addition, cane varieties accumulate sucrose to quite divergent extents.

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Biochemistry

An amplified sensitivity arising from covalent modification in biological systems

(protein modification/metabolic regulation/switch mechanism/enzyme cascades)

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Contributed by Daniel E. Koshland, Jr., August 11, 1981

ABSTRACT The transient and steady-state behavior of a reversible covalent modification system is examined. When the modifying enzymes operate outside the region of first-order kinetics, small percentage changes in the concentration of the effector controlling either of the modifying enzymes can give much larger percentage changes in the amount of modified protein. This amplification of the response to a stimulus can provide additional sensitivity in biological control, equivalent to that of allosteric proteins with high Hill coefficients.

Biological systems must respond to internal and external variations such as the depletion of nutrients, the variations in hormone levels, and the reception of sensory signals. The stimuli are processed to change the activities of enzymes controlling pathways in the biological system. Two basic phenomena play a large role in this processing: allosteric changes in protein conformation and covalent modification of proteins.

Since the findings of Cori and Green (1) and Krebs and

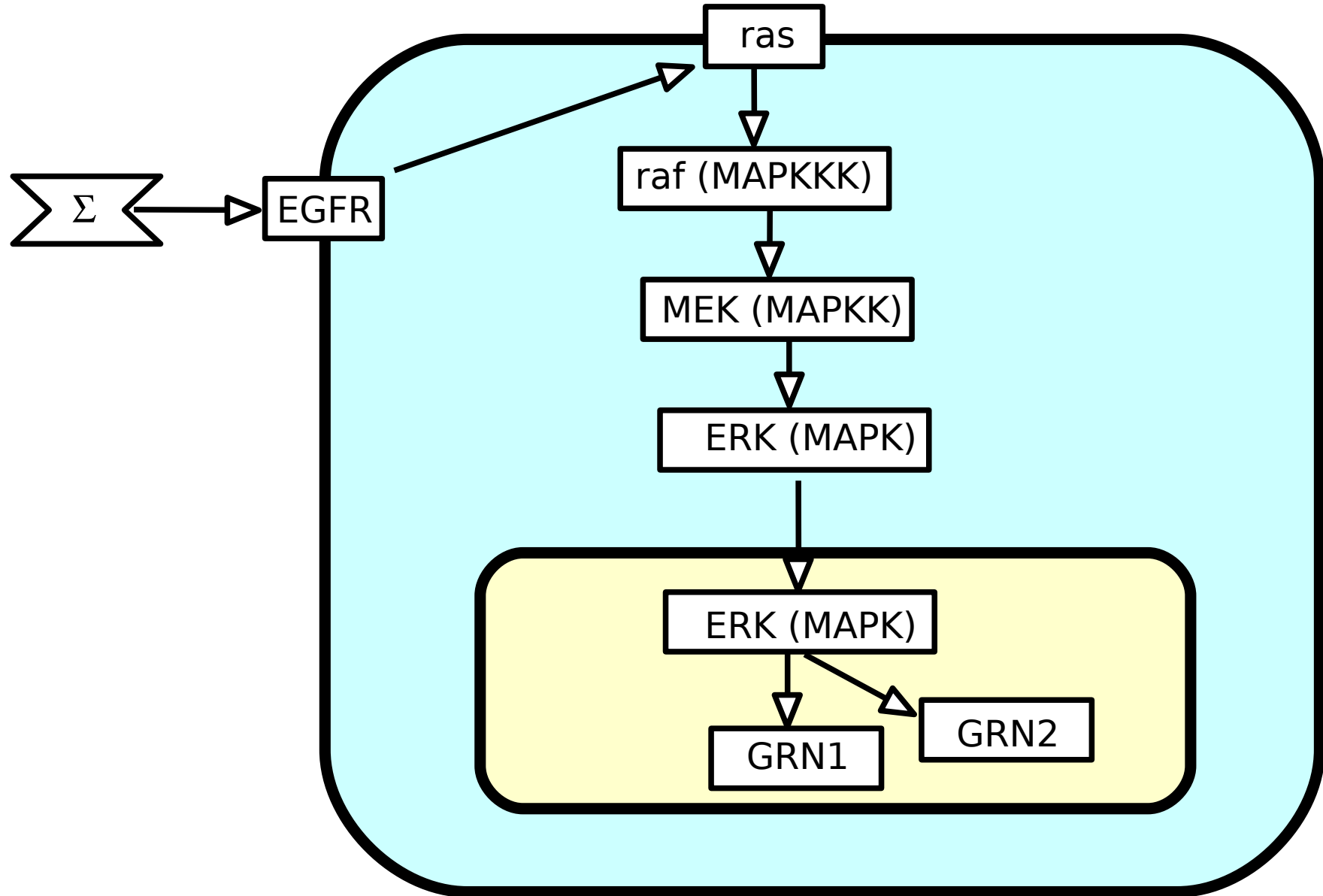
ture of covalent regulation was possible, if the differential equations could be solved analytically outside the first-order region.

This analysis has been achieved, and the results reveal that there is an added sensitivity inherent in covalent modification schemes when one or more of the converter enzymes operate in the “zero-order” region—i.e., region of saturation with respect to protein substrate. Thus there is a property of covalent systems that, in the absence of allosteric cooperativity and multiple inputs, can generate sensitivity equivalent to cooperative enzymes with high Hill coefficients. The derivations leading to and the implications of this finding are discussed below. For convenience, we shall use the term “ultrasensitivity” to describe an output response that is more sensitive to change in stimulus than the hyperbolic (Michaelis–Menten) equation.

Steady-state behavior of modification system

We shall consider a covalent modification system in which a

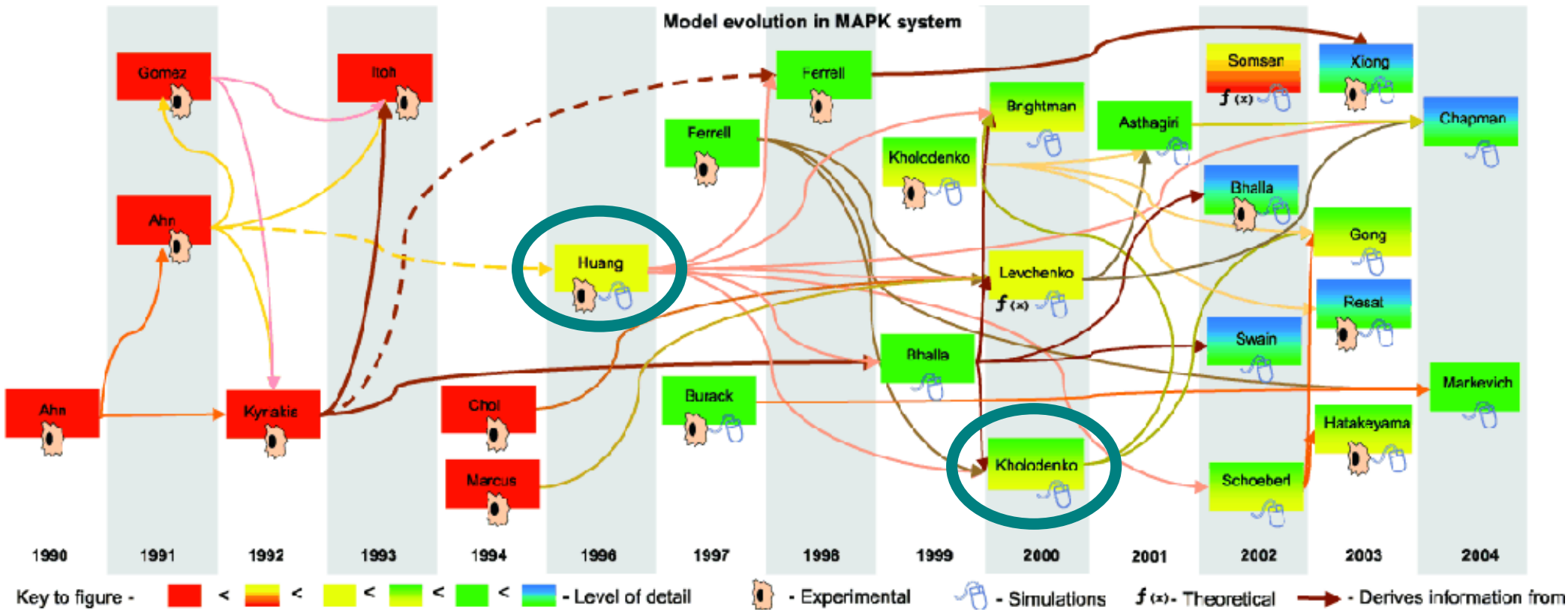
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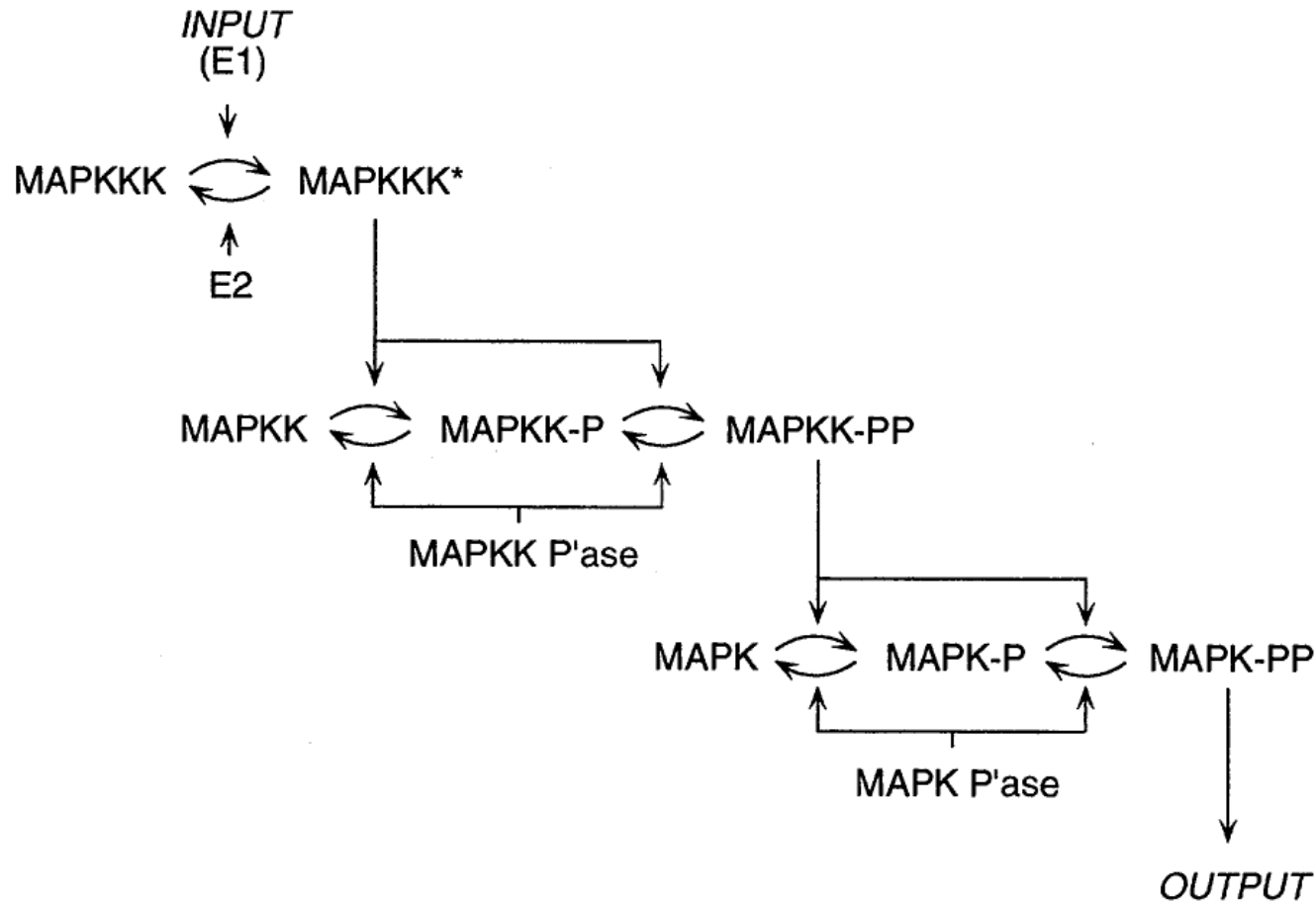
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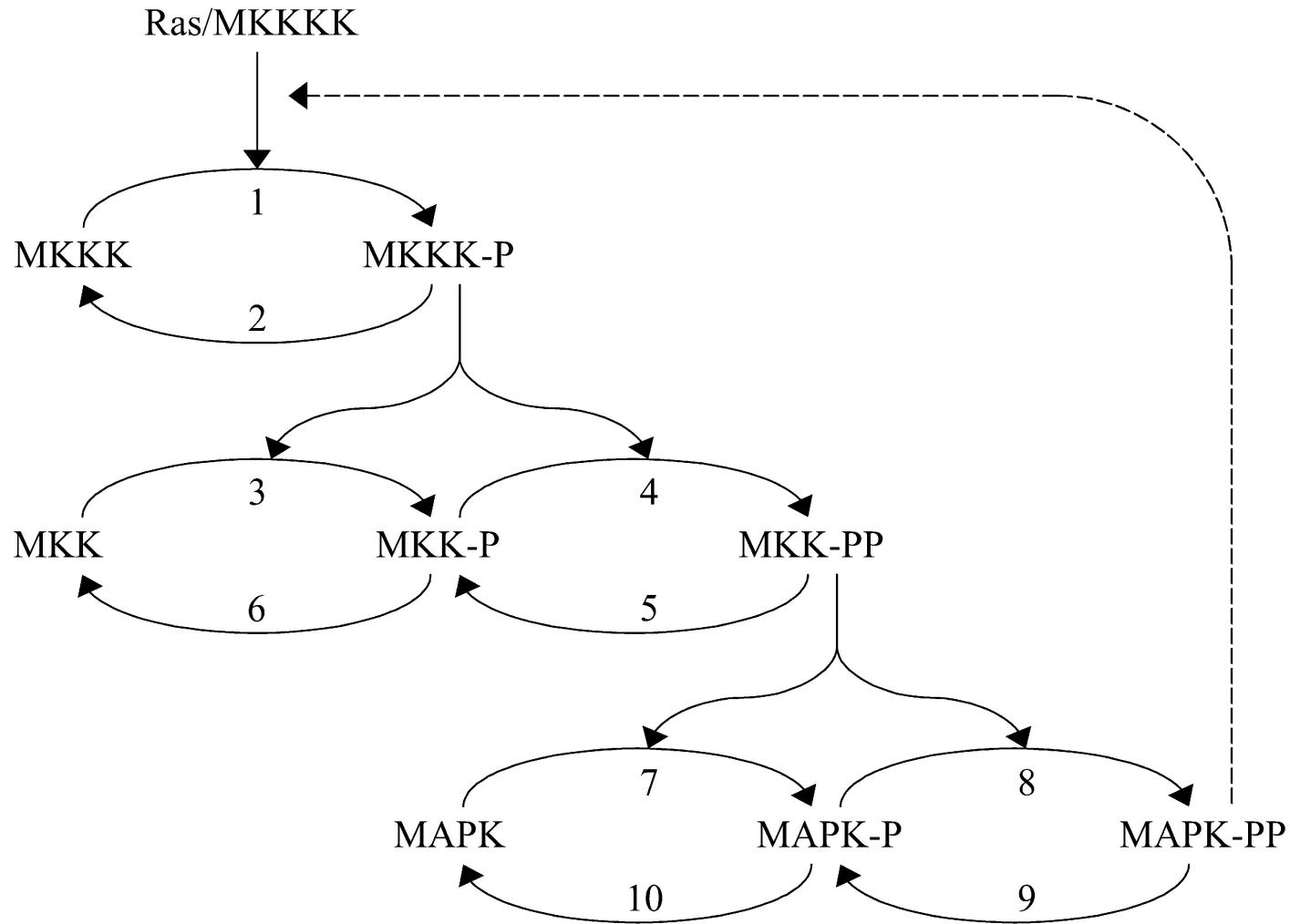
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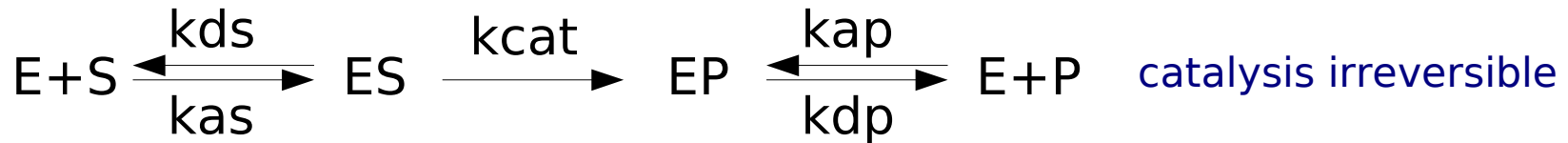
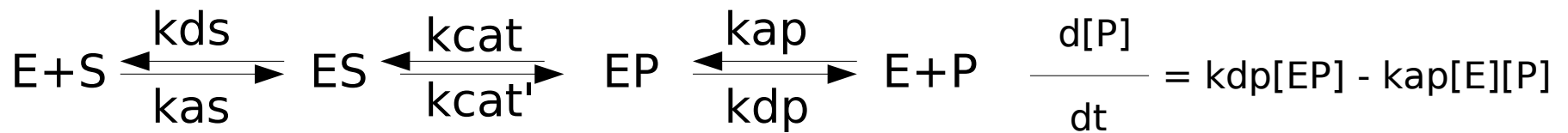


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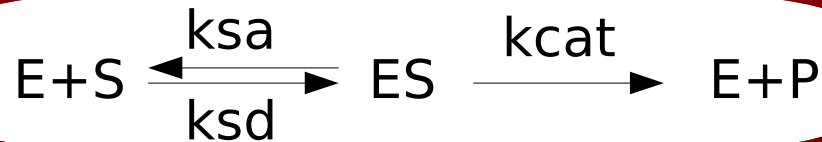
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