

Calculs Analogiques dans les Programmes Biochimiques Naturels et Synthétiques

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Cells Compute

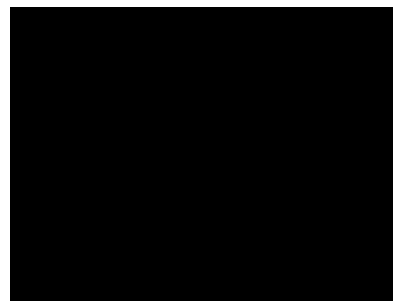
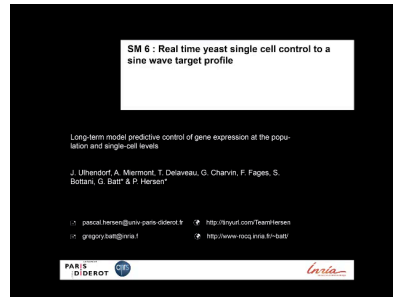
They process signals

Regulate their metabolism

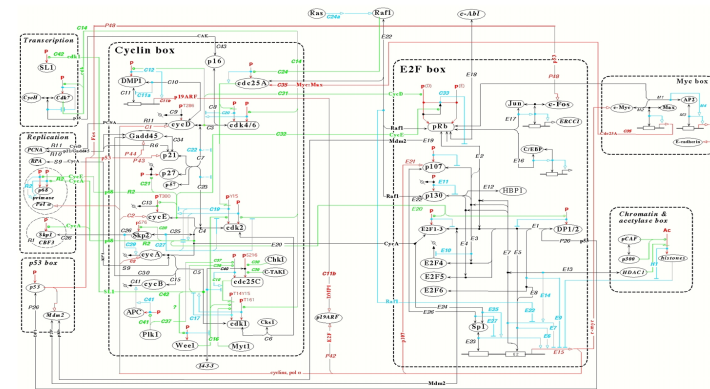
Take decisions such as

- Replication
- Differentiation
- Migration

Understanding these processes is a central difficulty in many applications in medicine, health, agriculture and the ultimate goal of molecular cell biology.



*but it's an analog world
gradual activation of proteins
computations with no clock*



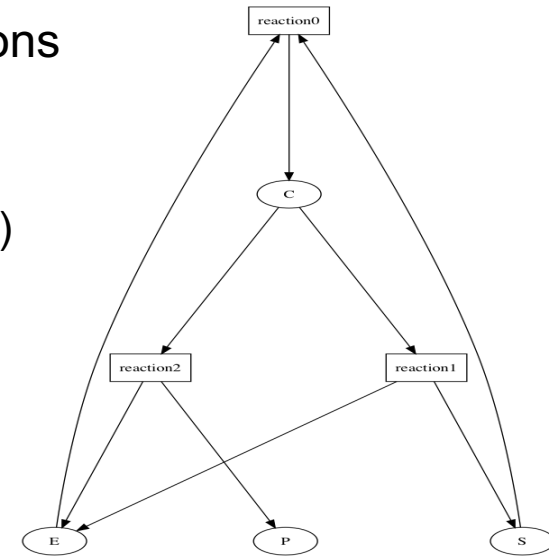
Chemical Reaction Networks (CRNs)

CRN structure: network of reactants, products, and reactions

- $2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$ but not necessarily mass balanced
- synthesis reactions $_ \rightarrow A$ degradation reactions $A \rightarrow _$
- **hypergraph of reactions** (bipartite species-reaction graph)

CRN dynamics: several interpretations

- differential equations, continuous-time Markov chains,
- Petri net, Boolean transitions



CRN model repositories (Systems Biology Markup Language SBML):

- BioModels.net \approx 2000 models + 10000 models of metabolism

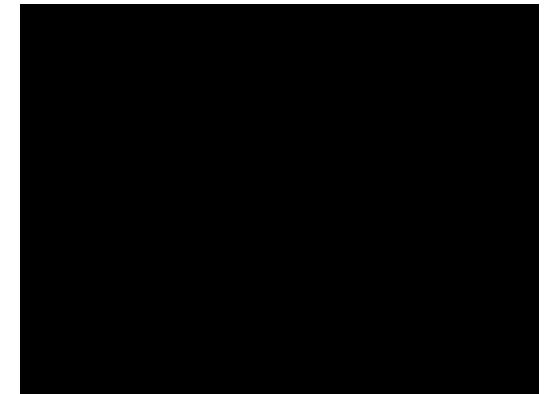
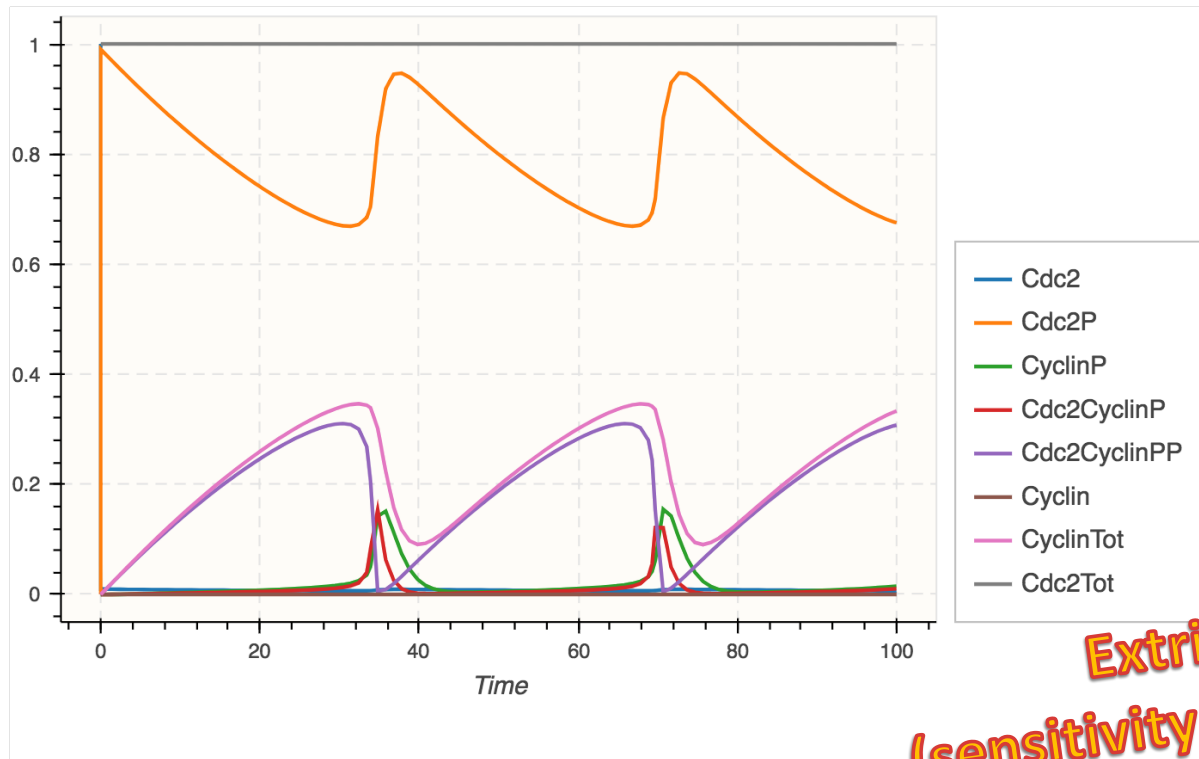
CRN theory: interplay between CRN structure and CRN dynamics

- static analysis of steady states, stable states, oscillations,...
- reductions by quasi-steady state (QSS) and quasi-equilibrium (QE) approximations
- Turing completeness and computational complexity of CRNs

Several Interpretations $A + B \xrightarrow{k.A.B} C$

Continuous semantics: concentrations, continuous time evolution

Ordinary differential equations (ODE) $\frac{dA}{dt} = -k.A.B$ $\frac{dB}{dt} = -k.A.B$ $\frac{dC}{dt} = k.A.B$



**Extrinsic variability
(sensitivity to parameter change)**

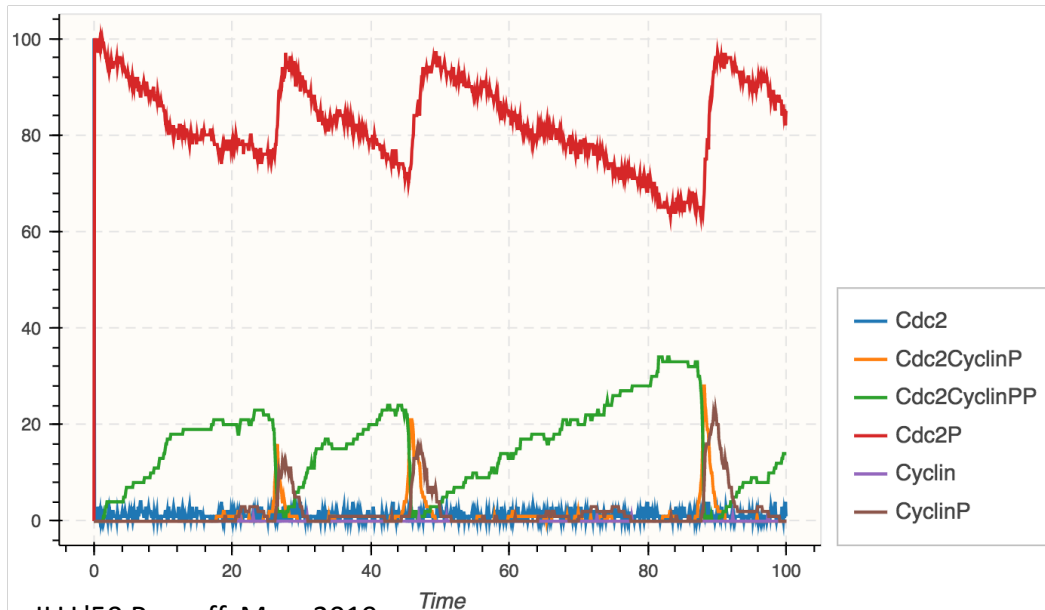
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**Intrinsic variability
(with same genetic and
epigenetic parameters)**

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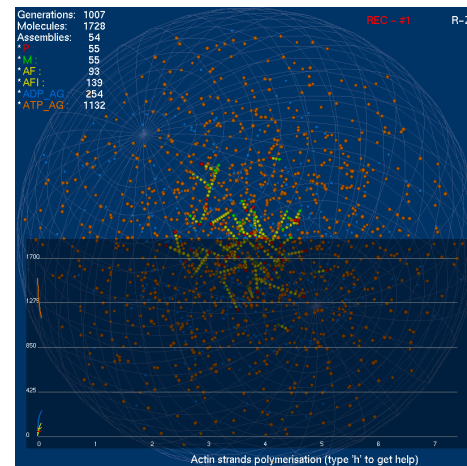
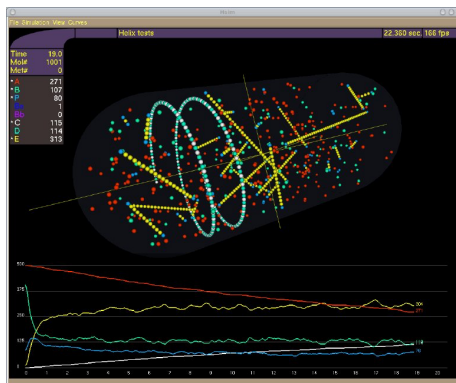
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Multi-agent simulation: numbers of molecules, space, **diffusion** speed, affinity

Random walk (ex. Hsim simulator [Amar 04])



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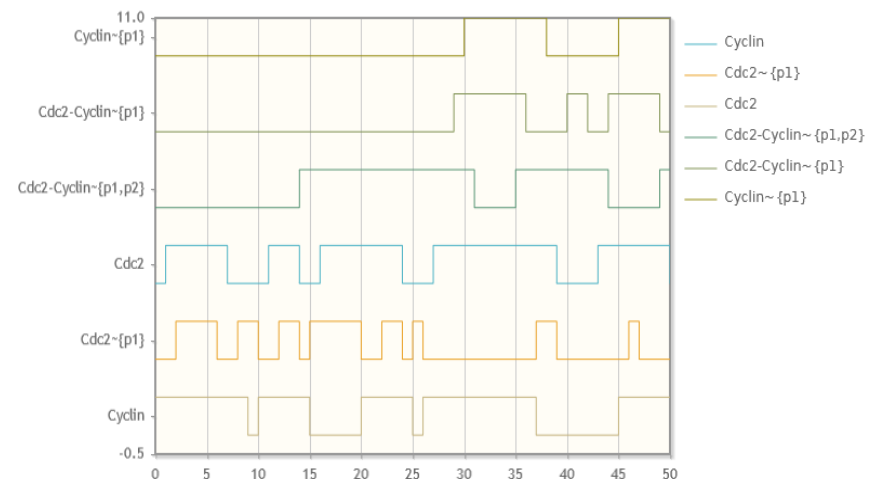
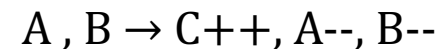
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$A, B \rightarrow C++, A--, B--$

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Boolean semantics: presence/absence

$A \wedge B \rightarrow C \wedge \neg A \wedge \neg B$

Asynchronous transition system

$A \wedge B \rightarrow C \wedge A \wedge \neg B$

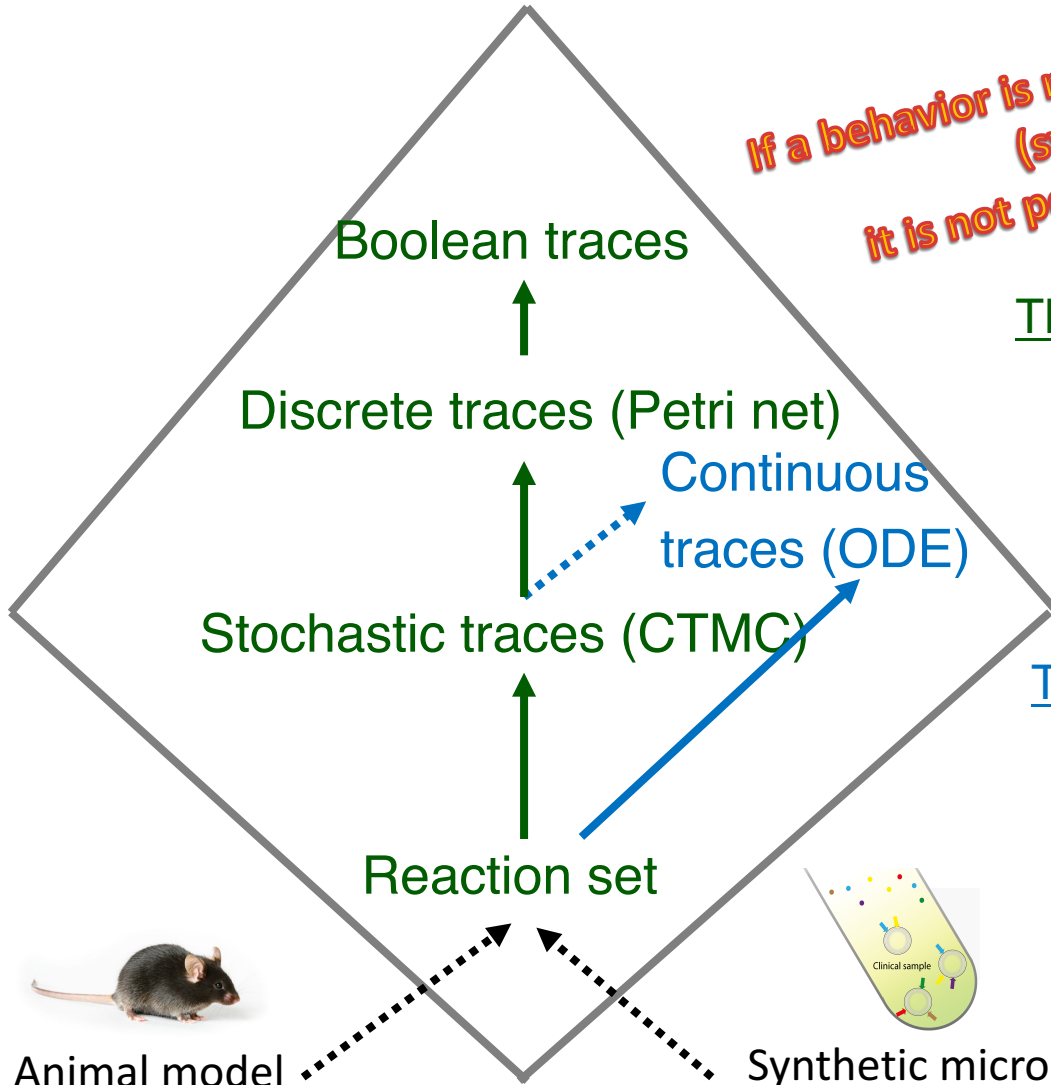
Symbolic model-checking

$A \wedge B \rightarrow C \wedge \neg A \wedge B$

$A \wedge B \rightarrow C \wedge A \wedge B$

Hierarchy of CRN Semantics

If a behavior is not possible in the Boolean semantics (symbolic model-checking) it is not possible in the stochastic semantics for any reaction rates



Thm. (abstract interpretation \uparrow) Galois connections between the syntactical, stochastic, Petri net and Boolean trace semantics

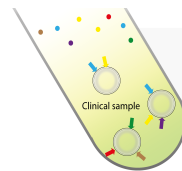
[Fages Soliman Theoretical Computer Science 2008]

Thm. (approximation \vdots) For large numbers of molecules the ODE semantics approximates the *mean* stochastic behavior [Gillespie 1971 Kurtz 1978]

Model cell-to-cell variability
Intrinsic and extrinsic variability

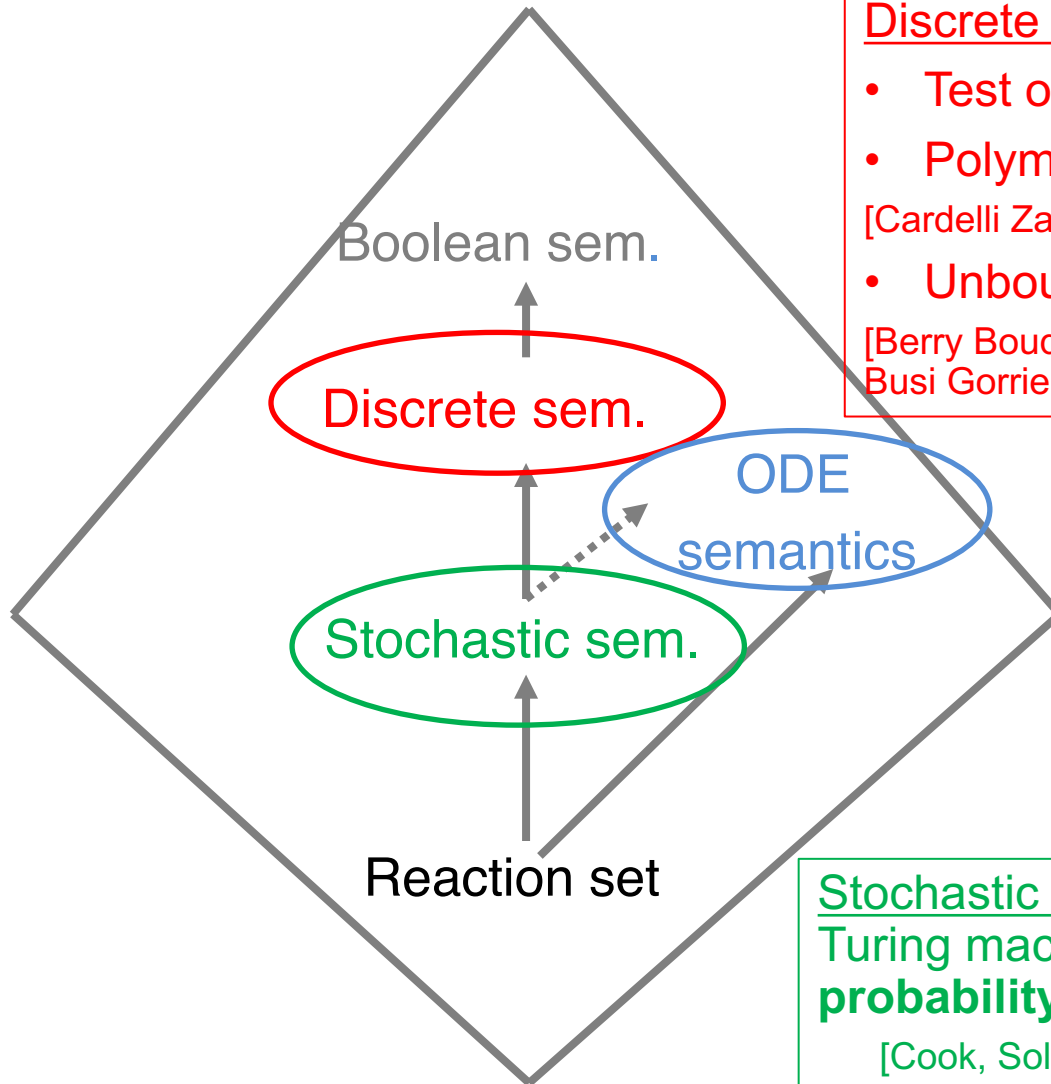


Animal model



Synthetic microreactor

Turing Completeness of CRNs ?



Discrete CRN: **Not Turing complete** without

- Test of absence (Petri net inhibitor arc)
- Polymerisation reactions
- Unbounded membranes

[Cardelli Zavatero MSCS 2010, Cook et al 2009]

[Berry Boudol CHAM 1994, Paun Rozenberg TCS 2002, Busi Gorrieri CMSB 2005]

Continuous CRN: **Non uniform computability**: for each function for each input there exists a circuit computing the result

[Magosco 1997 Phys. Rev., Helmfelt Weinberger PNAS 1991]

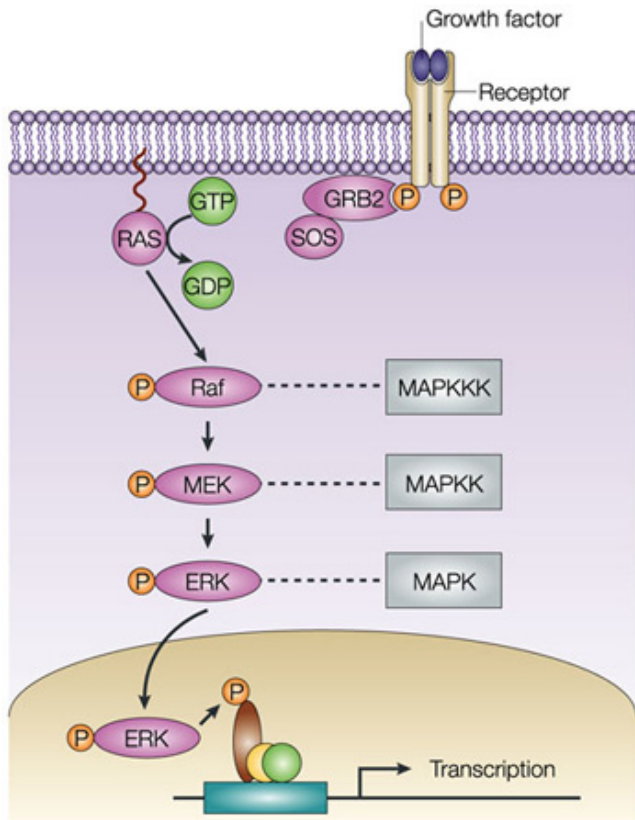
Strong Turing completeness?

Stochastic CRN: Simulation of a Turing machine with a **small probability of error**

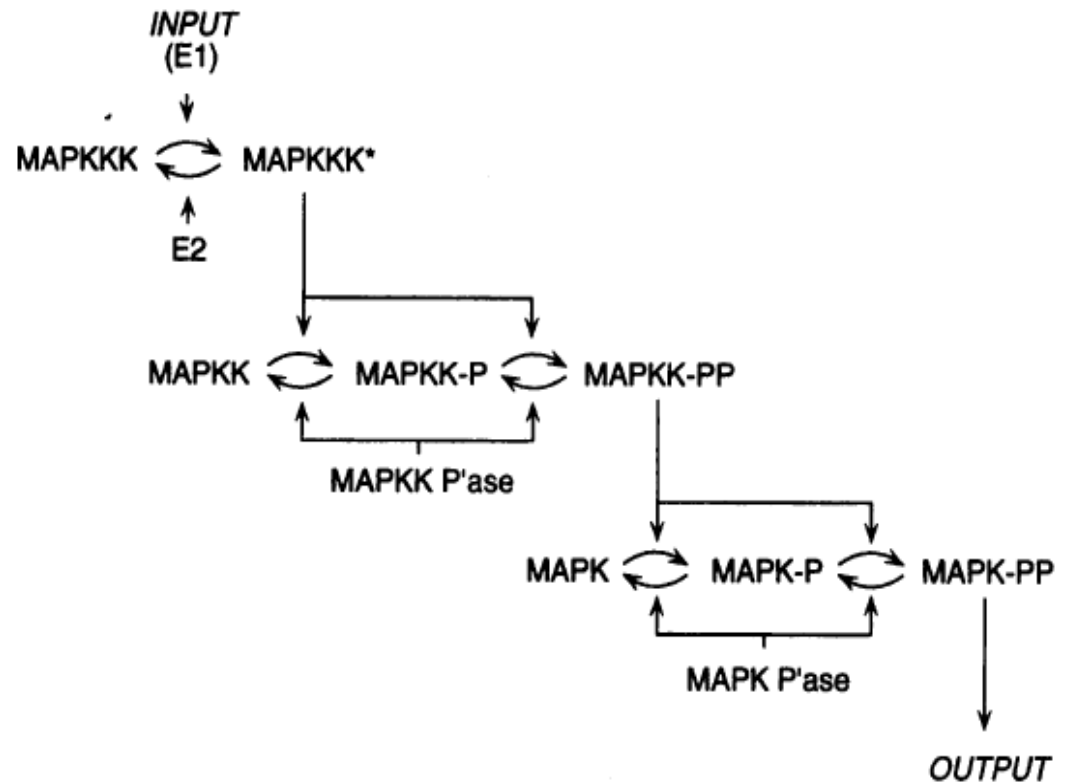
[Cook, Soloveichik, Winfree, Bruck 2009]

MAPK Signalling Cascade

MAPK Signaling Network: 30 reactions 18 species [Huang Ferrel PNAS 1996]



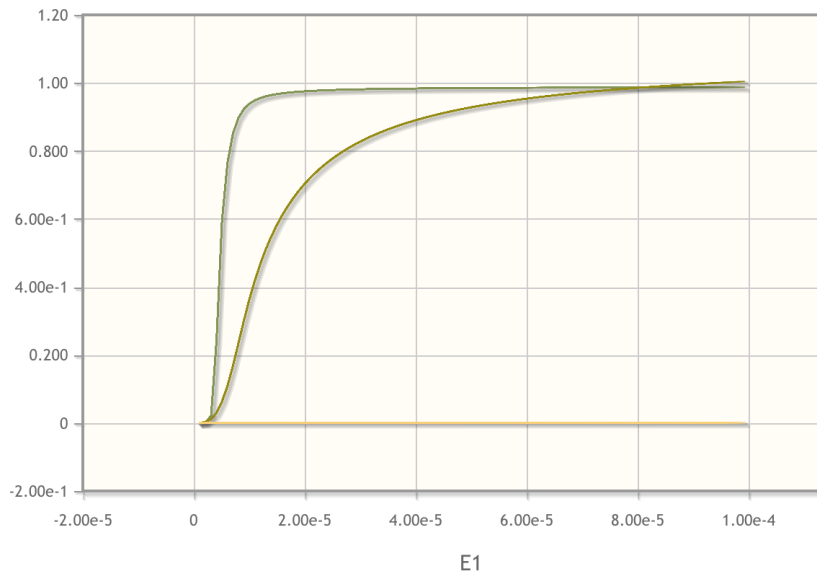
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MAPK Input/Output Function

Dose-response diagrams alias Bifurcation diagrams

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biocham: load(library:examples/mapk/mapk) .  
biocham: dose_response('E1',1.0e-6,1e-4,200) .
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MAPK responses as Hill function $\frac{x^n}{c + x^n}$

[Huang Ferrel 96 PNAS]

$n \approx 4.9$ at 3rd level

$n \approx 1.7$ at 2nd level

$n = 1$ at 1st level (Michaelis-Menten)

MAPK implements the function of an **analog/digital converter** in the cell.

How would one program $\frac{x^n}{c + x^n}$ with biochemical reactions ?

What does it mean to compute with real numbers ?

Computable Real Numbers and Functions

Classical definitions of computable analysis based on Turing machines

Definition. A **real number** r is **computable** if there exists a Turing machine with

Input: precision $p \in \mathbb{N}$

Output: rational number $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $|r - q| < 2^{-p}$

Examples. Rational numbers, limits of computable Cauchy sequences π , e , ...

Definition. A **real function** $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is **computable** if there exists a Turing machine that computes $f(x)$ with an oracle for x .

Examples. Polynomials, trigonometric functions, ...

Counter-examples. $x=0$, $\lceil x \rceil$ are not computable (undecidable on $x=0.000\dots$)
discontinuous functions

Analog encoding $e(w)$ of **decision problems** by f : accept w if $f(e(w)) \geq 1$ reject if ≤ -1

Analog Computer? Differential Analyzer [Bush 1931]

Underlying principles: Lord Kelvin, 1876

First ever built: Vannevar Bush, MIT, 1931



Applications: from gunfire control up to aircraft design

- Intensively used by the U.S. and Japanese armies during world war II
- Electronic versions from late 40s, used until 70s

General Purpose Analog Computer [Shannon 1941]

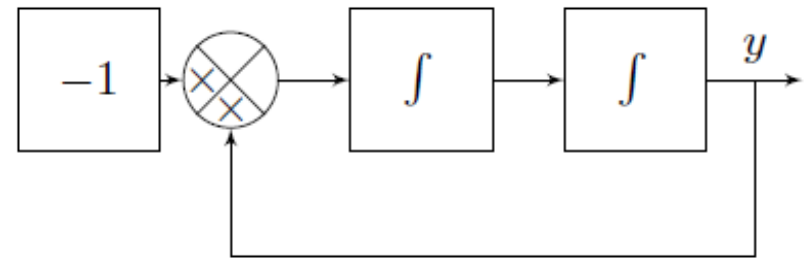
Shannon's formalization of the Differential Analyser by GPAC circuits

A time function is GPAC-generated if it is the output of some unit of a

GPAC circuit built from:

1. Constant unit
2. Sum unit
3. Product unit
4. Integral $\int x \, dy$ unit

What does this GPAC circuit compute ?

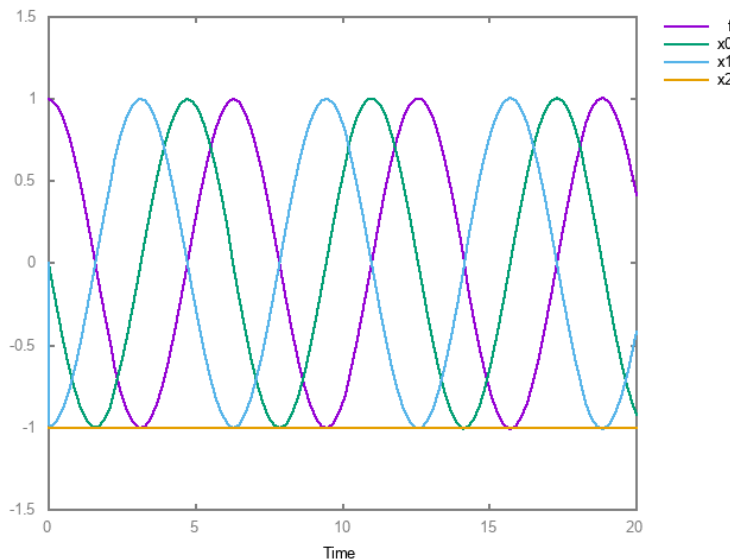


$$y_1 = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = -y = y''$$

if $y(0) = 1, y_1(0) = 0$

$$y(t) = \cos(t) \quad y_1(t) = \sin(t)$$

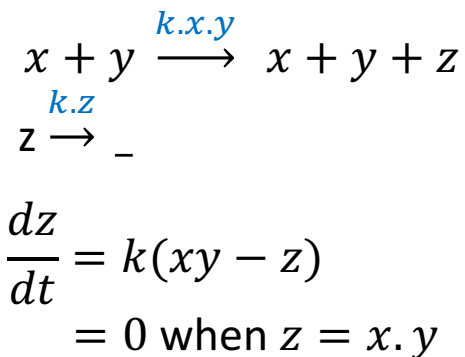


CRN Implementation of GPAC Units

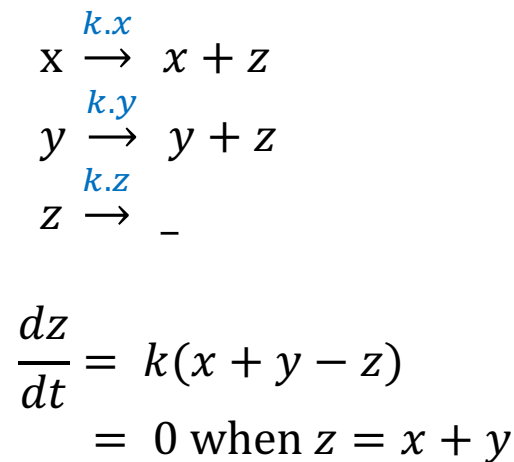
Mass action law kinetics reaction network with output concentration stabilizing on the result of the operation applied to the input concentrations

Positive constant units: molecular concentrations

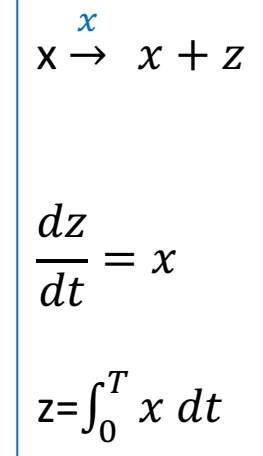
Product unit $z = x \cdot y$



Sum unit $z = x + y$



Time integral $z = \int x dt$ unit



Polynomial ODE Initial Value Problems (PIVP)

Graça and Costa 2003's formalization of Shannon's GPAC

Definition. A real time function $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is **GPAC-generable** iff there exist a **vector of polynomials** $p \in \mathbb{R}^n[\mathbb{R}^n]$ and of initial values $y(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and a solution function $y: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $y'(t) = p(y(t))$ and $f(t) = y_1(t)$

Closure properties:

$f+g$, $f-g$, $f.g$, $1/f$, $f \circ g$, y s.t. $y' = f(y)$ are GPAC-generable if f , g are.

A GPAC-generated function must be analytic (i.e. convergent power series)

Famous analytic non-GPAC-generable functions [Shannon 41]

• Euler's Gamma function $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$ [Hölder 1887]

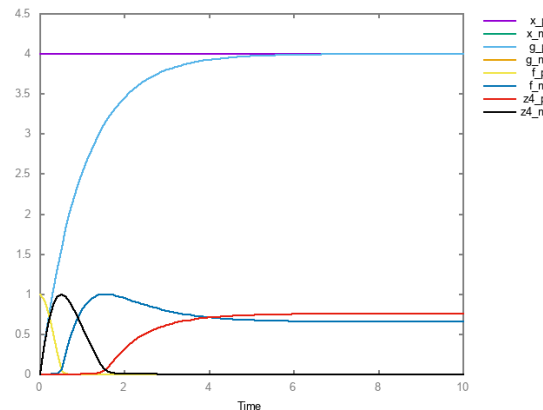
• Riemann's Zeta function $\zeta(x) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{1}{k^x}$ [Hilbert]

But analytic functions are computable

PIVP-Computable Functions $f(x)$

Definition. [Graça Costa 03 J. Complexity] A real function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is **PIVP-computable** if there exists vectors of polynomials $p \in \mathbb{R}^n[\mathbb{R}^n]$ and $q \in \mathbb{R}^n[\mathbb{R}]$ and a function $y: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $y'(t) = p(y(t))$, $y(0) = q(x)$ and $|y_1(t) - f(x)| < y_2(t)$ with $y_2(t) \geq 0$ decreasing for $t > 1$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_2(t) = 0$

Example. $\cos(4)$



Reconciles Digital Computation
and
Analog Computation !

Theorem (analog characterization of Turing computability).

[Bournez Campagnolo Graça Hainry 07 J. Complex]

A real function is **computable (by Turing machine)** iff it is **PIVP-computable**.

Analog characterization of Ptime

Time in ODE is a bad measure of complexity

- Exponential speedup by changing time variable $t' = e^t$
- But price to pay in the amplitude of t'

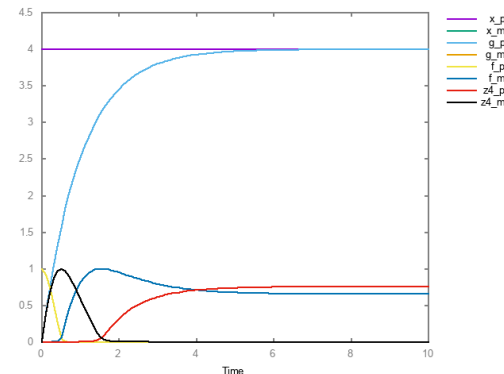
A computational complexity measure should combine time and space-amplitude

- length in the n dimensions of the trajectory to compute the result

Theorem [Pouly PhD thesis 2015, Bournez Graca Pouly 16 ICALP]

A real function is computable in **P** iff it is PIVP-computable with a **trajectory of polynomial length** (i.e. polynomial time and polynomial amplitude)

*Reconciles Digital and Analog
Ptime Complexity !*



Turing Completeness of Continuous CRNs 1/3

Lemma (positive systems) Any PIVP-computable function can be encoded by a PIVP of double dimension on \mathbb{R}^+ , preserving polynomial length complexity.

Proof. Encode $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ by $y_i^-, y_i^+ \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $y_i = y_i^+ - y_i^-$ at each time
 (encoding used in [Oishi Klavins 2011] for linear I/O systems)

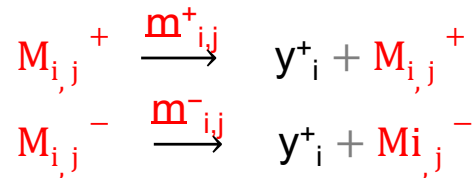
Let $p_i(y_1^+, y_1^-, \dots, y_n^+, y_n^-) = p_i[y = y_i^+ - y_i^-]$ and $p_i = p_i^+ - p_i^-$

$$y_i^{+'} = q_i^+ - f_i y_i^+ y_i^- \quad y_i^+(0) = \max(0, y_i(0))$$

$$y_i^{-'} = q_i^- - f_i y_i^+ y_i^- \quad y_i^-(0) = \max(0, -y_i(0))$$

Where $f_i = q_i^+ + q_i^-$ are positive coefficient polynomials $f_i \geq \max(q_i^+, q_i^-)$

- Fast annihilation reactions: $y_i^+ + y_i^- \xrightarrow{f_i} _$
- n-ary catalytic synthesis reactions for each monomial $m_{i,j}^+$ in p_i^+ , $m_{i,j}^-$ in p_i^- :



Turing Completeness of Continuous CRNs 2/3

Lemma (quadratic systems) [Carothers Parker Sochacki Warne 2005]

Any PIVP can be encoded by a PIVP of degree ≤ 2 .

Proof. Introduce **variable** v_{i_1, \dots, i_n} for each possible **monomial** $y_1^{i_1} \dots y_n^{i_n}$

We have $y_1 = v_{1,0, \dots, 0}$, $y_2 = v_{0,1,0, \dots, 0}$, ...

y'_i is of degree one in v_{i_1, \dots, i_n}

$v'_{i_1, \dots, i_n} = \sum_{k=1}^n i_k v_{i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}, \dots, i_n} y'_k$ is of degree at most 2.

i.e. trade high dimension for low degrees.

(yet naïve algorithm of exponential complexity)

Turing Completeness of Continuous CRNs 3/3

Theorem (Turing completeness of continuous CRNs) [F Le Guludec Bournez Pouly CMSB 2017]

Any computable function over the reals can be computed by a continuous CRN over a finite set of molecular species (no polymerization, no locations)

Proof: By previous lemmas, any PIVP-computable function can be encoded by a PIVP of degree at most 2 with positive variables. A positive PIVP of degree at most 2 can be represented by an elementary CRN with at most 2 reactants per reaction.

In this view, the (protein) concentrations are the information carriers.

The programs of a cell are implicitly defined by the set of all possible reactions with the proteins encoded in its genome and the chemicals of the environment.

Program change is determined by gene expression (= metaprogram).

In this view, programming becomes a natural science

From Abstract to Concrete Implementation

Theorem (abstract CRN)

A real function is computable (respectively in polynomial time)

if and only if it is computable by a system of elementary reactions of the form



plus annihilation reactions $x+y \Rightarrow _$ with mass action law kinetics

(respectively with trajectories of polynomial length as a function of both the unary precision and the argument values).

Proof Close analysis of the encoding used in the lemmas (positive monomials)

Intermediate CRN: Instead of formal synthesis and degradation reactions, activation and deactivation reactions (e.g. phosphorylation, complexation)

Concrete CRN: catalogue of real enzymes [F. Molina's Lab Sys2Diag, Montpellier] microreactors in DNA-free vesicles created by microfluidic device

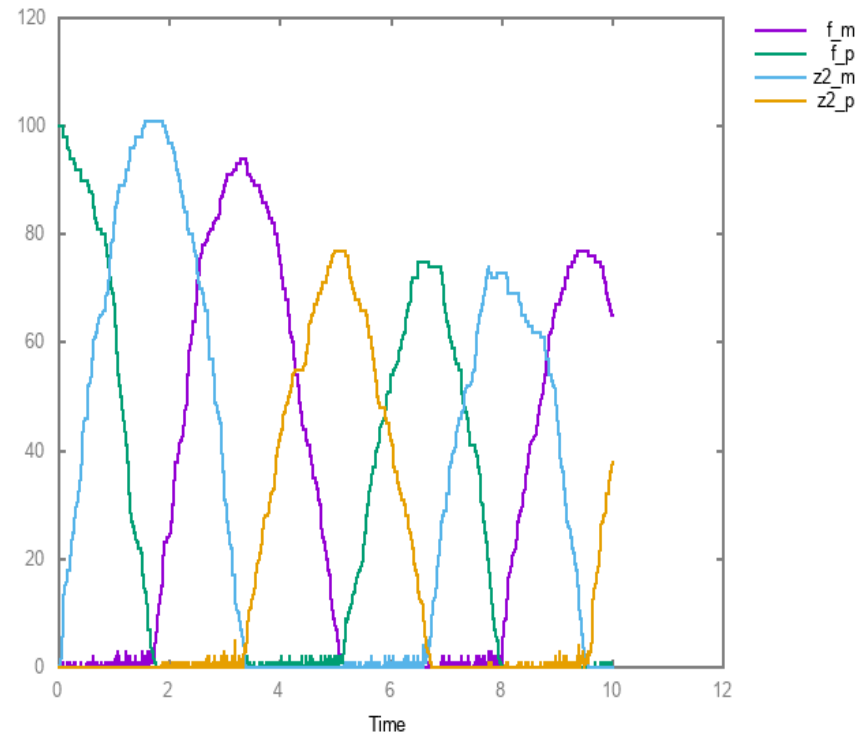
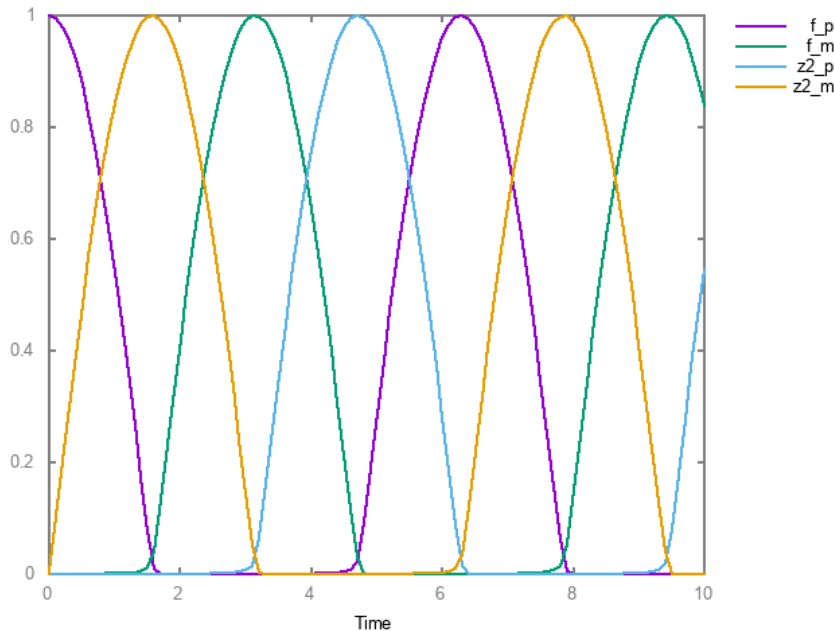
Compilation of the Cosine(t) function

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present(f_p,1).

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$$\begin{aligned}
 d(f_p)/dt &= z_p - k * f_m * f_p \\
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 d(z_p)/dt &= f_m - k * z_m * z_p \\
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 f_p(0) &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$



Compilation of the Cosine(x) Function

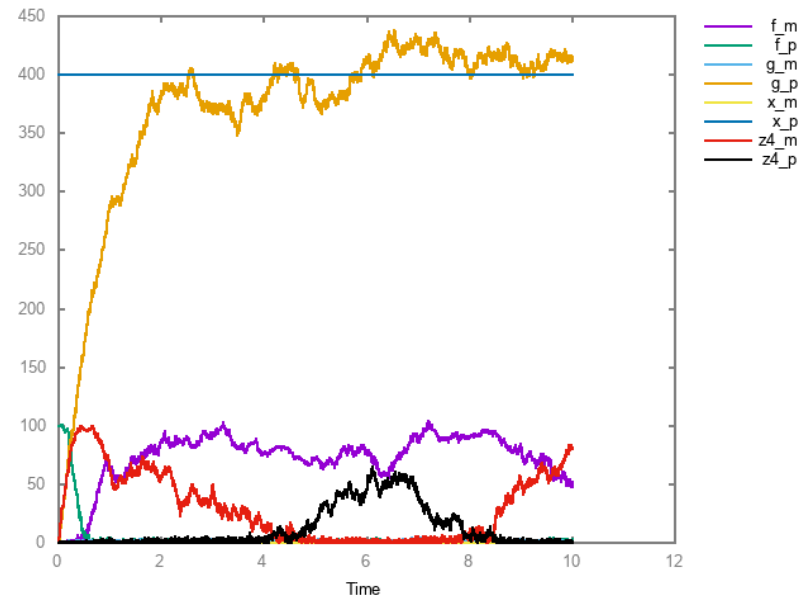
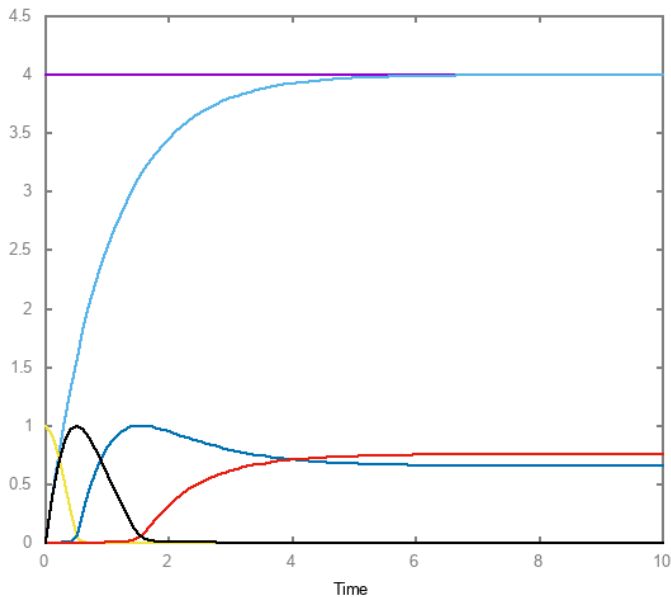
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PIVP that generates $f(g(t))$
with $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t) = x$

$$g'(t) = x - g(t)$$

$$g(t) = x + (x_0 - x)e^{-t}$$



Sigmoid Functions

Hyperbolic tangent

$$d(HT)/dt = 1 - HT^2$$

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_ => HT.
HT = [ HT ] => _ .

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Logistic

$$d(S)/dt = S - S^2$$

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_ = [ S ] => S.
S = [ S ] => _ .
present(S, 0.001) .

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Arc tangent

$$d(T)/dt = 1$$

$$d(AT)/dt = 1 / (1 + T^2)$$

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_ => T.
1 / (1 + T^2) for _ / T => AT

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Hill functions order 1,2,5

$$d(H1)/dt = NH1^2$$

$$d(NH1)/dt = -NH1^2$$

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NH1 = [ NH1 ] => _ .
_ = [ 2 * NH1 ] => H1 .
present(NH1, 1) .

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$$d(H2)/dt = 2 * T * NH2^2$$

$$d(NH2)/dt = - (2 * T * NH2^2)$$

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MA(2) for NH2 = [ T + NH2 ] => _ .
MA(2) for _ = [ T + 2 * NH2 ] => H2 .
present(NH2, 1) .

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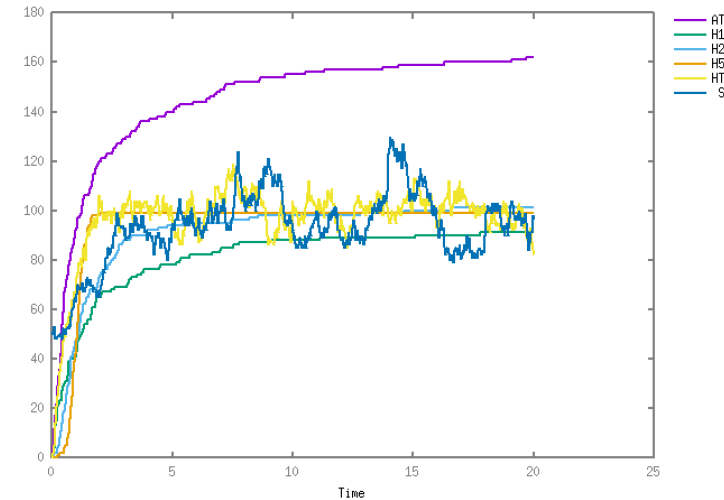
$$d(H5)/dt = 5 * T^4 * NH5^2$$

$$d(NH5)/dt = - (5 * T^4 * NH5^2)$$

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MA(5) for NH5 = [ 4 * T + NH5 ] => _ .
MA(5) for _ = [ 4 * T + 2 * NH5 ] => H5 .
present(NH5, 1) .

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Logical Gates

And $C = A \wedge B$

$A+B \Rightarrow C$

$[C] = \min([A],[B])$

Or $C = A \vee B$

$A \Rightarrow C$

$B \Rightarrow C$

$[C] = [A]+[B]$

Not $C = \neg A$

$C+A \Rightarrow _$

$[C] = \max([C_0]-[A], 0)$

Computer-Aided Biochemical Programming of Synthetic Micro-reactors as Diagnostic Devices

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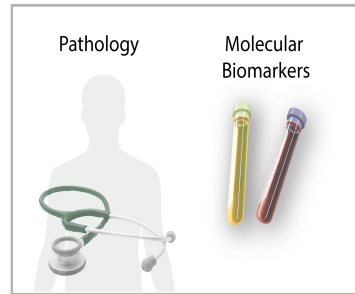
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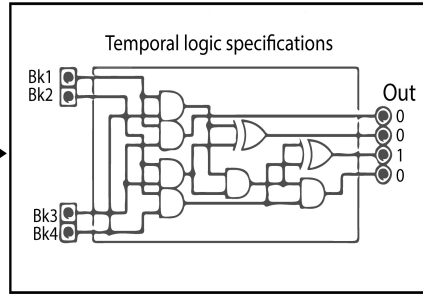


Protosensor CRN Design Workflow

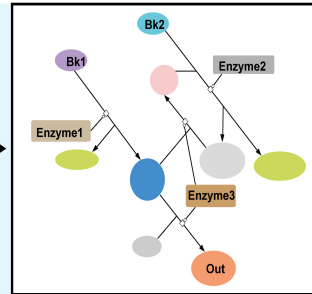
Biomolecular problem to solve



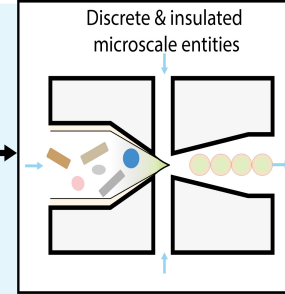
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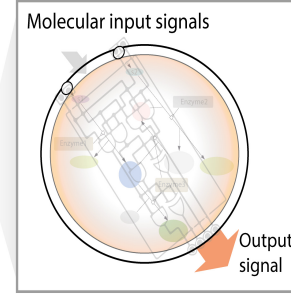
Biochemical programming



Microfluidic assembly



Functional protosensor

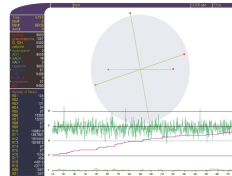


Automated design & implementation



HSim

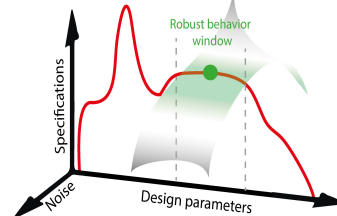
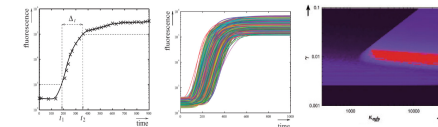
Realistic model prediction
Hybrid entity centered/SSA
automaton and ODE simulator



BIOCHAM

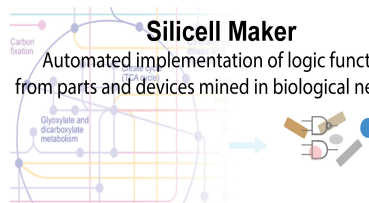
Optimization & Model checking
Sensitivity/Robustness analysis
Temporal logic specifications

$$\phi(t_1, t_2) = G(\text{time} < t_1 \wedge [\text{Fluorescence}] < a) \wedge G(\text{time} > t_2 \wedge [\text{Fluorescence}] > b) \wedge t_1 > c \wedge t_2 < d \wedge t_2 - t_1 < e$$

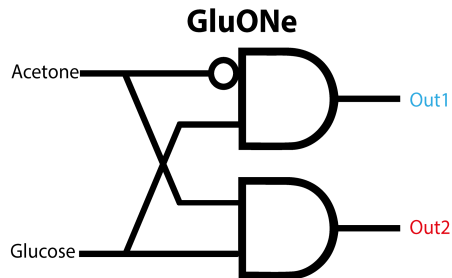
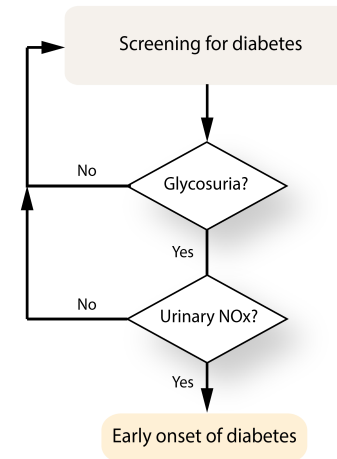
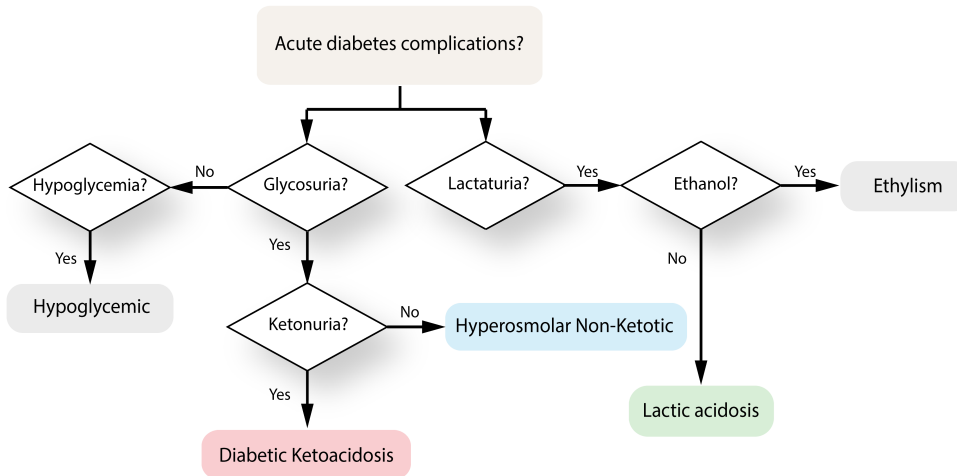


Silicell Maker

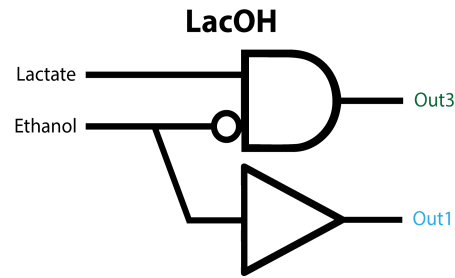
Automated implementation of logic function
from parts and devices mined in biological networks



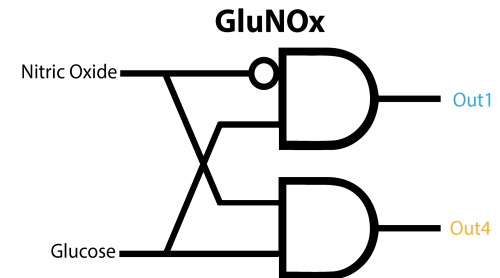
Diabetes Differential Diagnostic Algorithm



Glucose	Acetone	Out2	Out1
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0



Lactate	EtOH	Out3	Out1
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
1	1	0	1



NOx	Glucose	Out4	Out1
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

Reactions for Implementing Logical Gates

And $C = A \wedge B$

$A+B \Rightarrow C$

$[C] = \min([A],[B])$

Or $C = A \vee B$

$A \Rightarrow C$

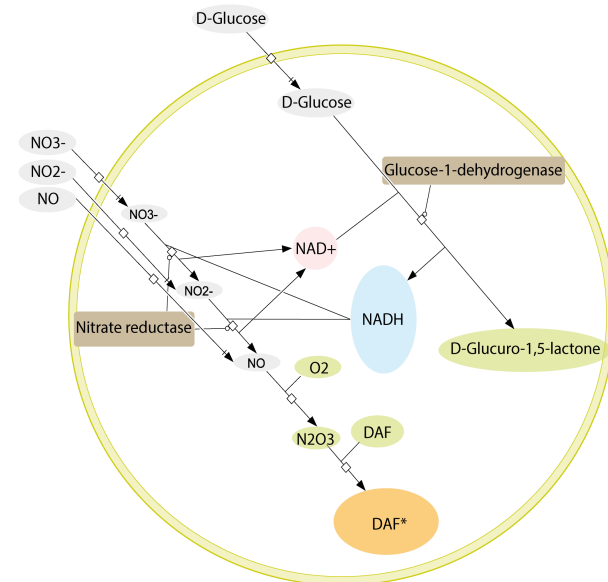
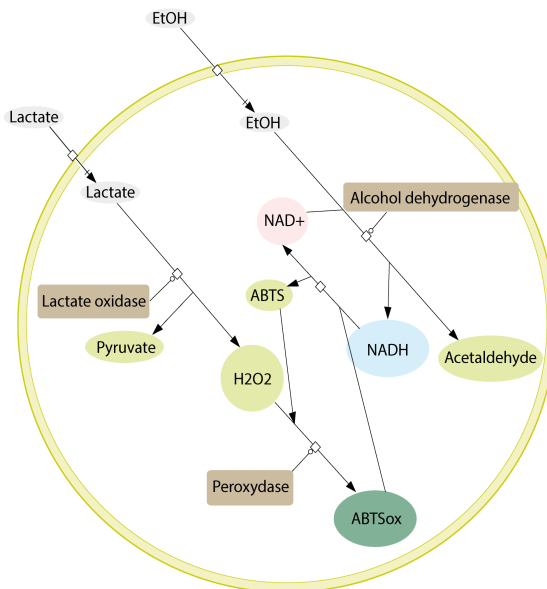
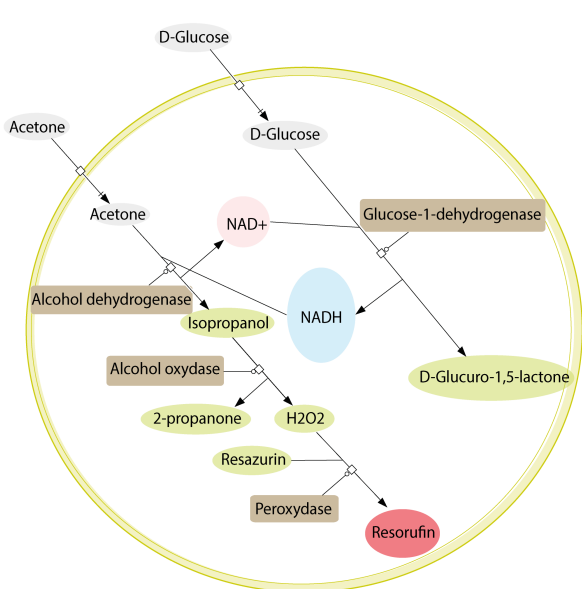
$B \Rightarrow C$

$[C] = [A]+[B]$

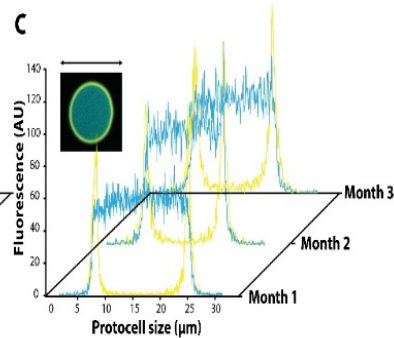
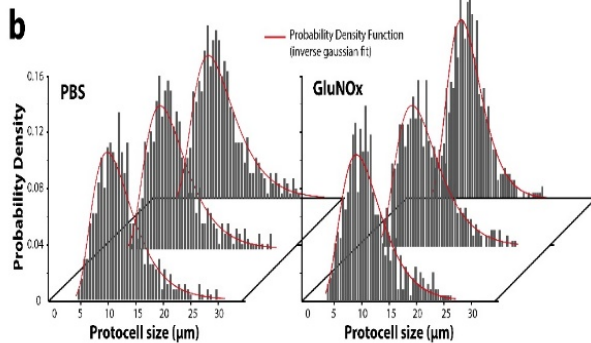
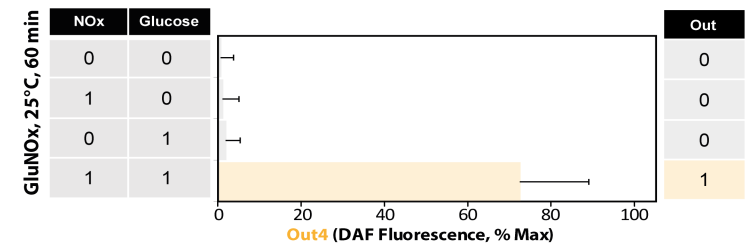
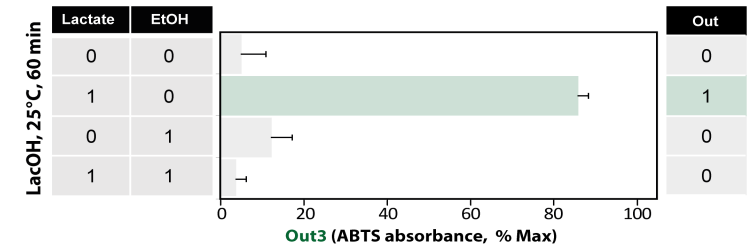
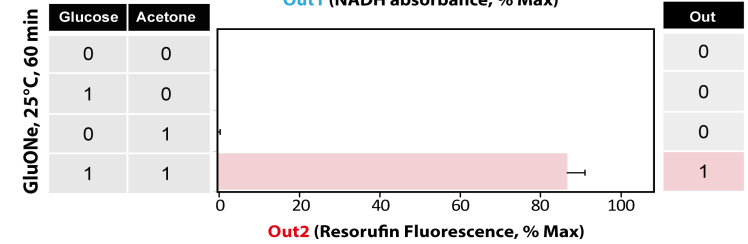
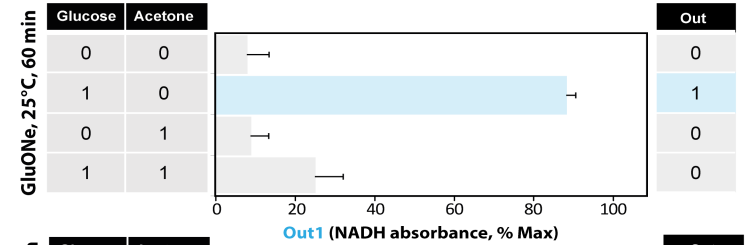
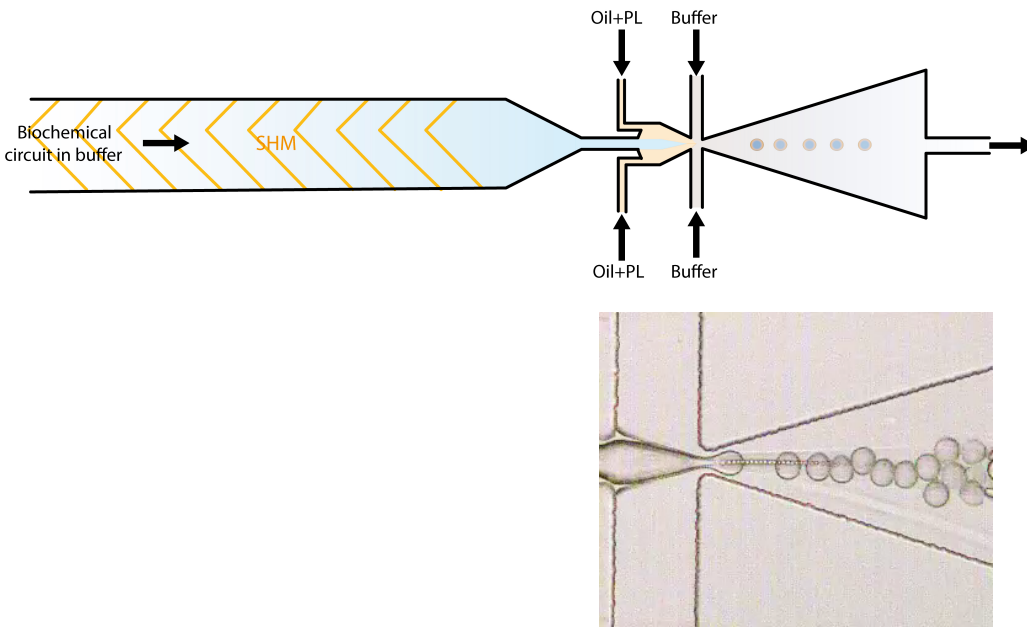
Not $C = \neg A$

$C+A \Rightarrow _$

$[C] = \max([C_0]-[A], 0)$



Microfluidic Assembly and Validation in Human Urine



Sequentiality and Iteration

Division(A, B)

begin

01 while $A \geq B$

02 $A := A - B$

03 $Q := Q + 1$

04 $R := A$

end

Main Reactions

01 while $[A] \geq [B]$

02 $(A + B \rightarrow D)$

03 $C \rightarrow Q + E$

04 $D \rightarrow F$

05 $E \rightarrow G$

06 $F \rightarrow B$

07 $G \rightarrow C$

08 $D \rightarrow R$

Preconditions

$\neg G_\theta$

$A_\theta \wedge \neg B_\theta$

$\neg C_\theta$

$\neg D_\theta$

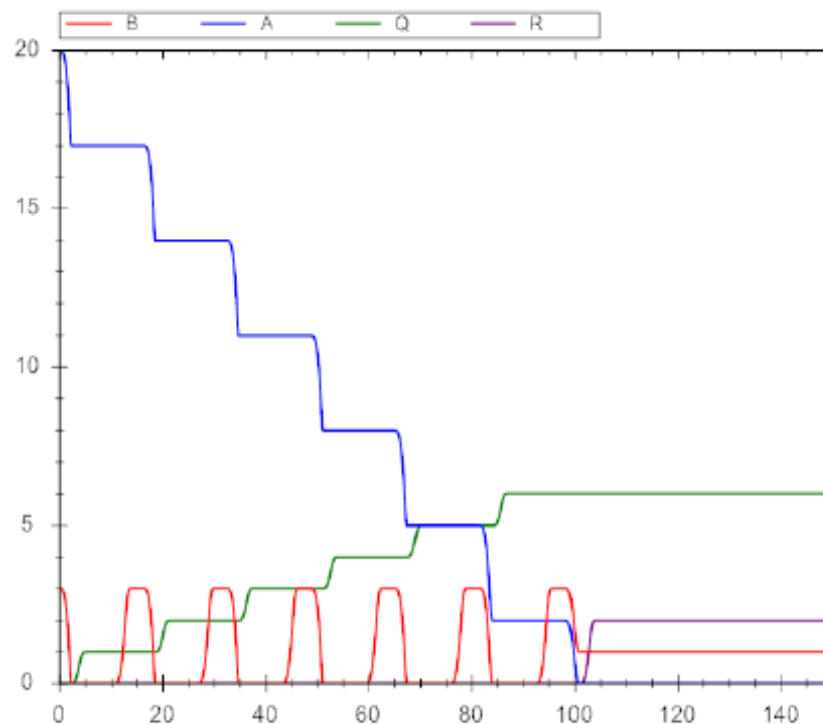
$\neg E_\theta$

$\neg F_\theta$

$\neg A_\theta$

[Huang Jiang Huang Cheng 2012 ICCAD]

[Huang Huang Chiang Jiang F 2013 IWBD A]



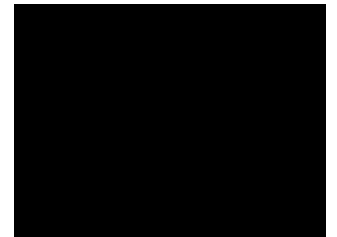
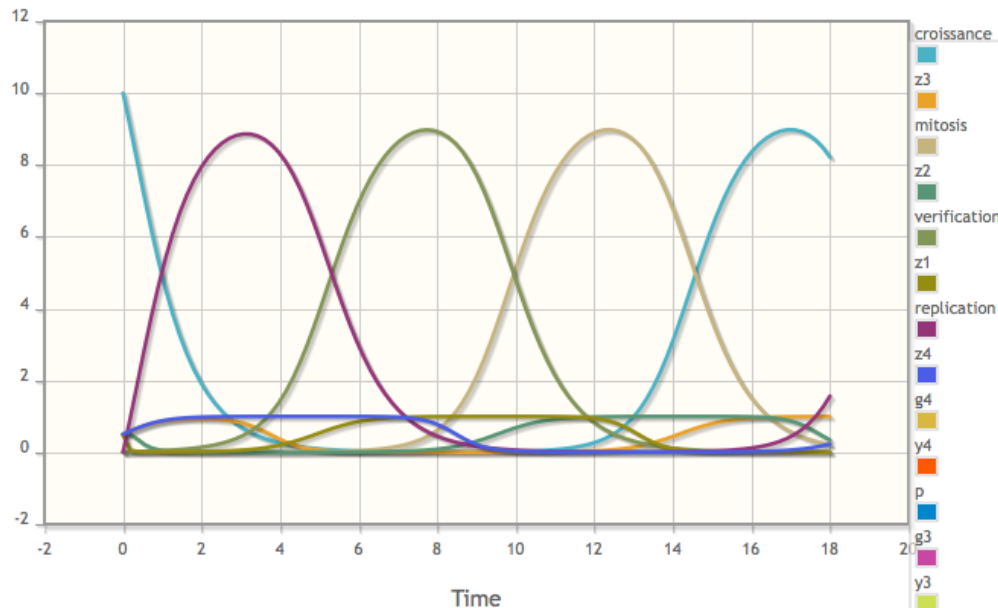
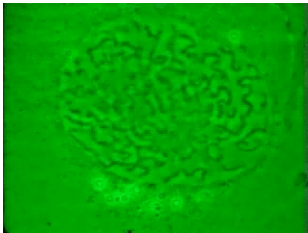
Cell Division Cycle Program

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while true {growing; replication; verification; mitosis}
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→ compilation of **sequentiality** and **loops** with **program control variables**

→ 50 reactions

→ 13 variables



Cyclins D, E, A, B appear as necessary markers for implementing sequentiality

Conclusion

- **Binary reaction systems** over a finite set of molecules (without polymerization) are **Turing-complete under the differential semantics**
 - PIVP definition of computable function
 - Notion of **computational complexity as trajectory length** of stabilizing PIVPs
- **Biochemical compiler of real functions** (in Biocham modeling software)
 - Input: Function specification by PIVP, mixed digital-analog program
 - Output: system of binary reactions with mass action law kinetics
 - Exact characterization of the result for an ideal fluid implementation
- **Comparison to natural circuits**
 - The natural MAPK program implements an analog-digital converter (sigmoid Hill5)
 - Different from generated CRN for Hill5 but similar complexity
- **Alternative design by artificial evolution:**
 - Artificial evolution of CRNs
 - Nature algorithms for learning [Valliant 2013]

CRN ↔ Function



Mutation