

# Artificial Biochemistry

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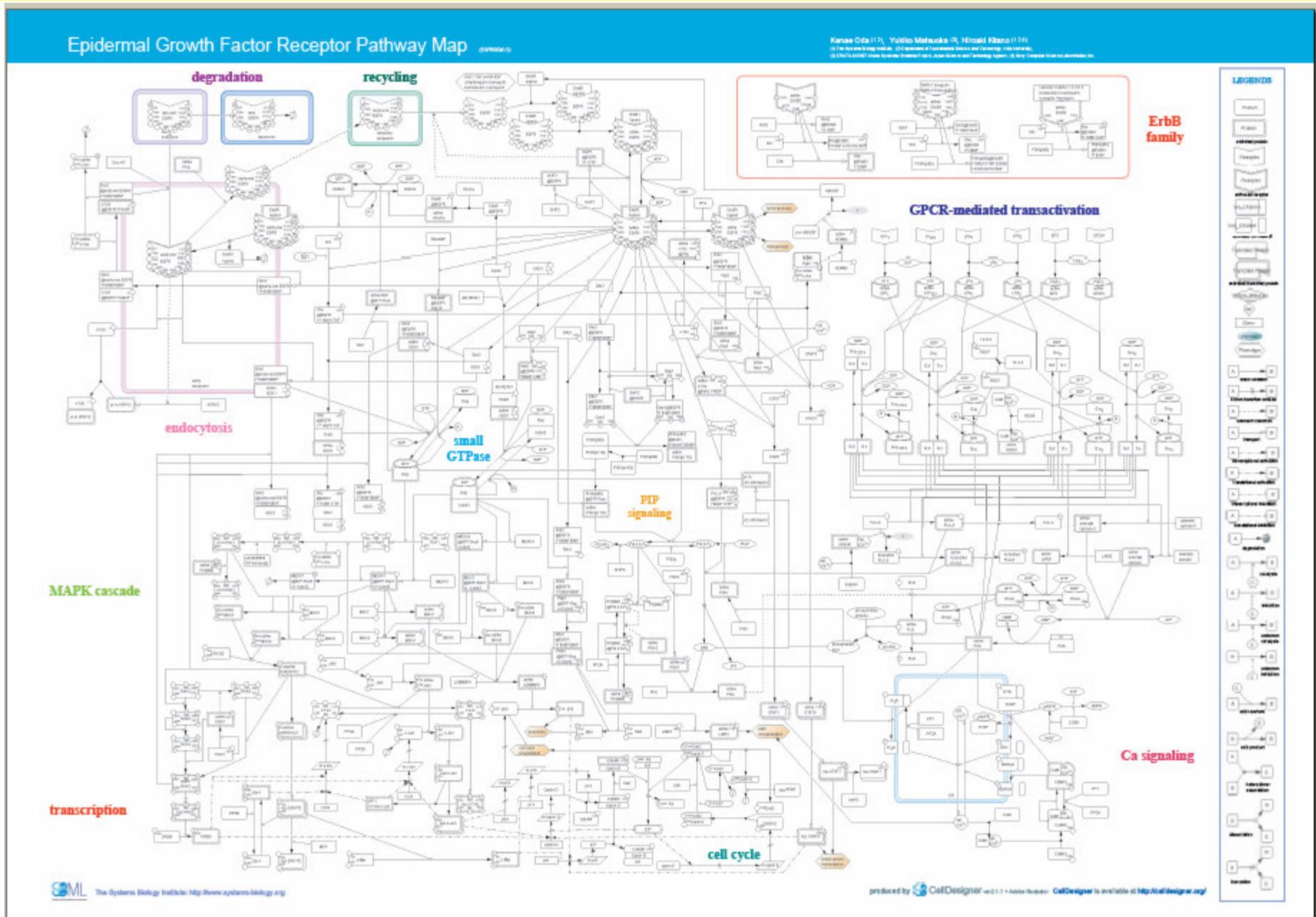
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# Stochastic Collectives

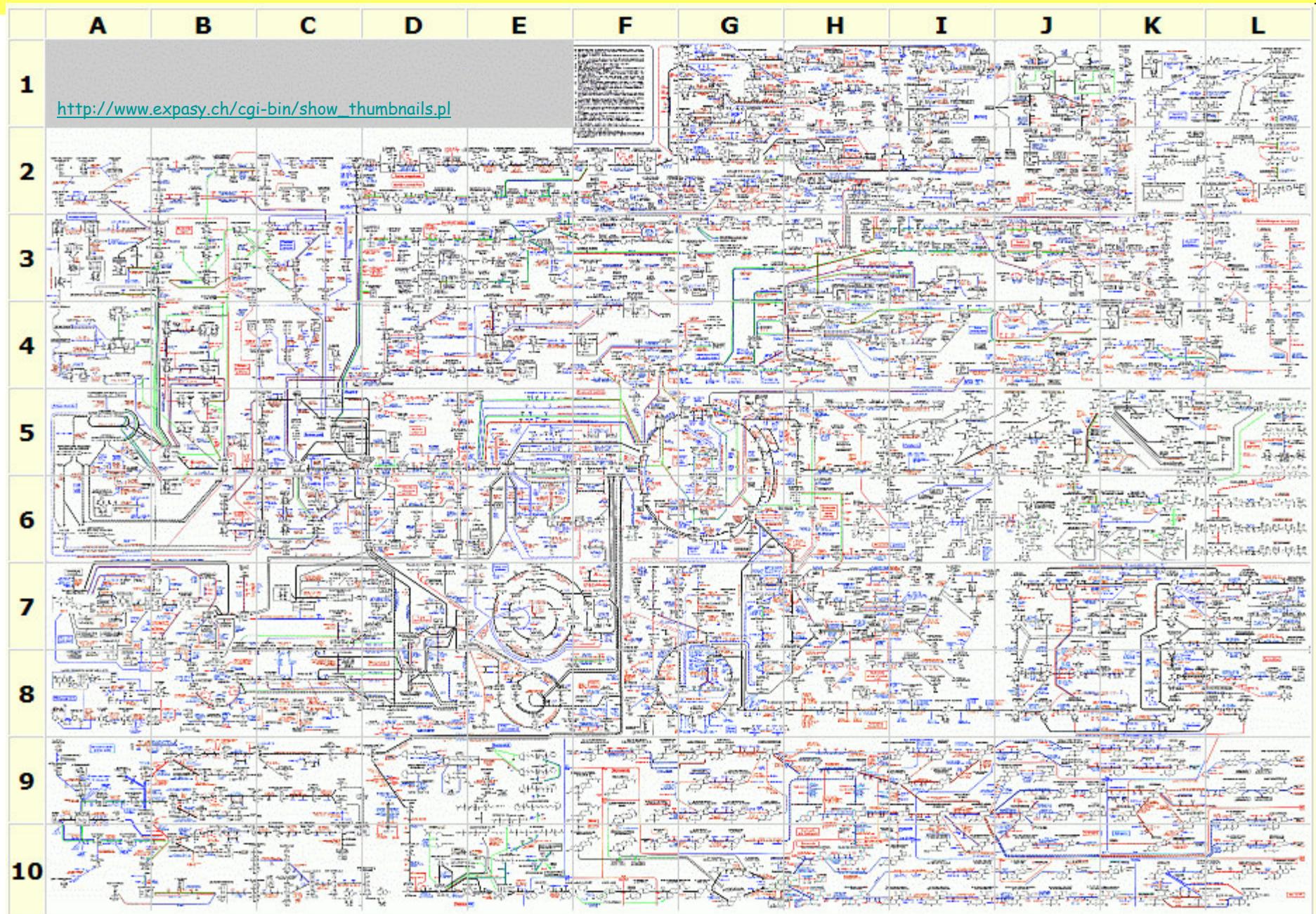
# Stochastic Collectives

- “Collective”:
  - A large set of interacting finite state automata:
    - Not quite language automata (“large set”)
    - Not quite cellular automata (“interacting” but not on a grid)
    - Not quite process algebra (“collective behavior”)
    - Cf. multi-agent systems and swarm intelligence
- “Stochastic”:
  - Interactions have *rates*
    - Not quite discrete (hundreds or thousands of components)
    - Not quite continuous (non-trivial stochastic effects)
    - Not quite hybrid (no “switching” between regimes)
- Very much like biochemistry
  - Which is a large set of stochastically interacting molecules/proteins
  - Are proteins **finite state** and subject to automata-like **transitions?**
    - Let's say they are, at least because:
    - Much of the knowledge being accumulated in Systems Biology is described as state transition diagrams [Kitano].

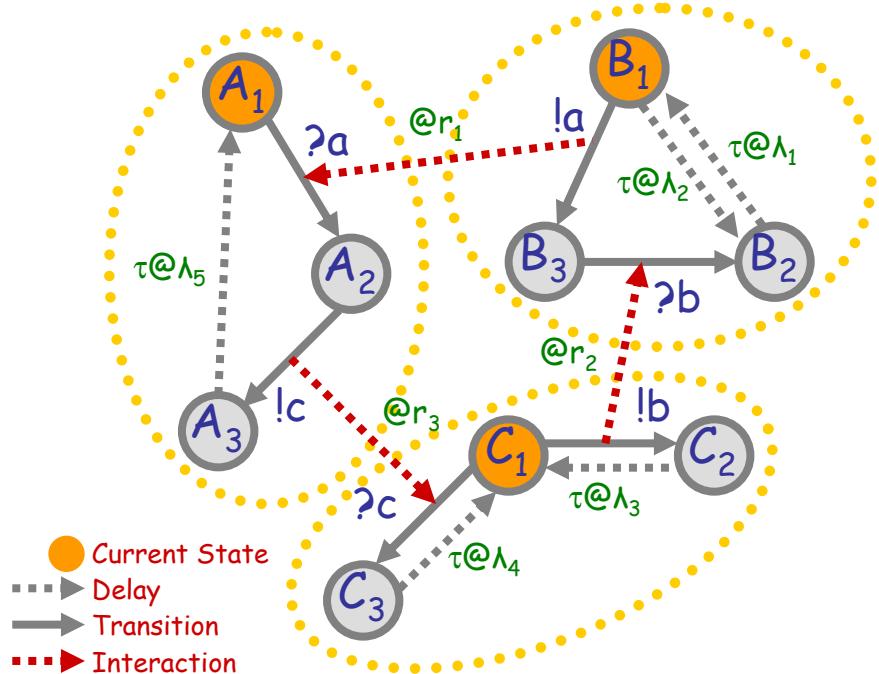
# State Transitions



# Compositionality (NOT!)



# Interacting Automata

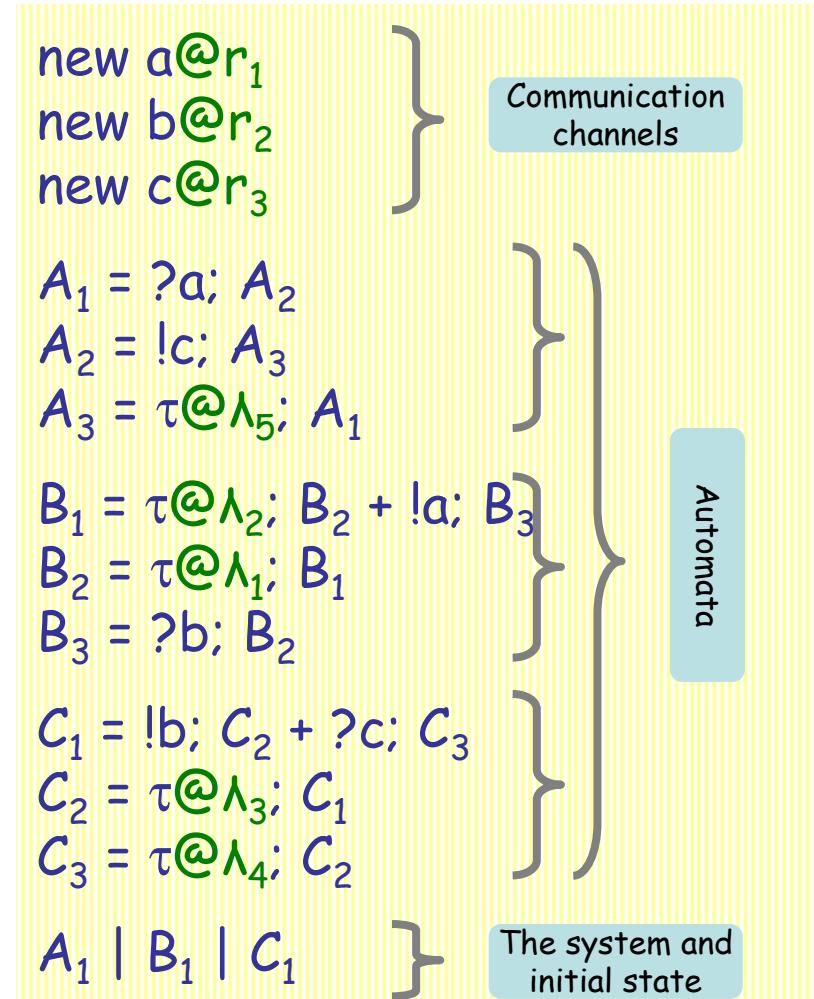


*Communicating automata*: a graphical FSA-like notation for “finite state restriction-free  $\pi$ -calculus processes”. *Interacting automata* do not even exchange values on communication.

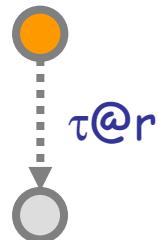
The stochastic version has *rates* on communications, and delays.

“Finite state” means: no composition or restriction inside recursion.

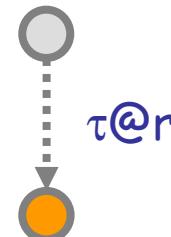
Analyzable by standard Markovian techniques, by first computing the “product automaton” to obtain the underlying finite Markov transition system. [Buchholz]



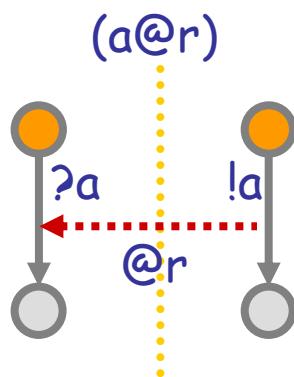
# Interacting Automata Transition Rules



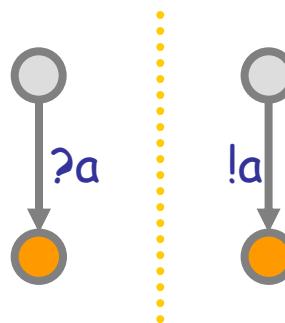
Delay  
r



Current State  
Delay  
Transition



Interaction  
r

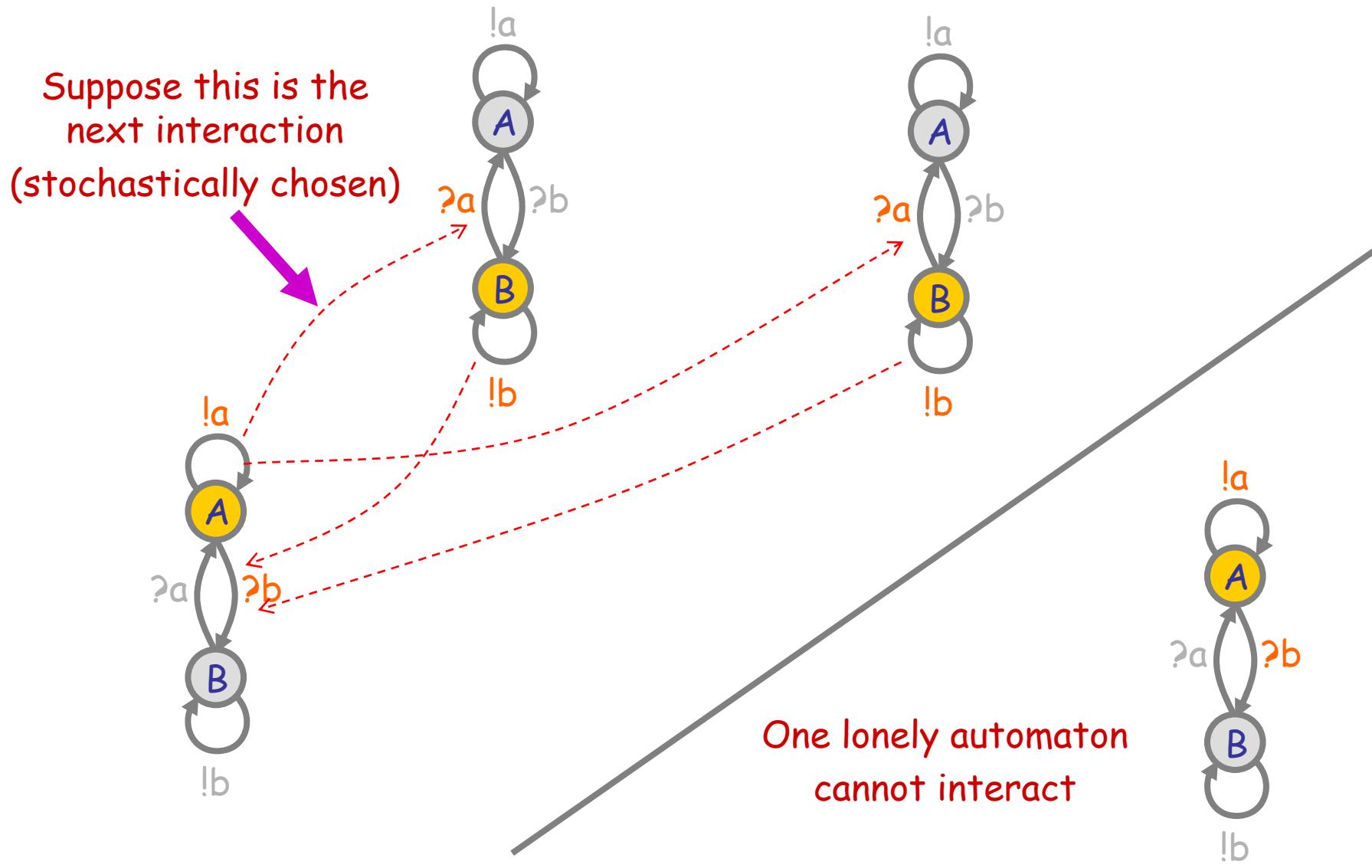


Interactions have rates. Actions DO NOT have rates.

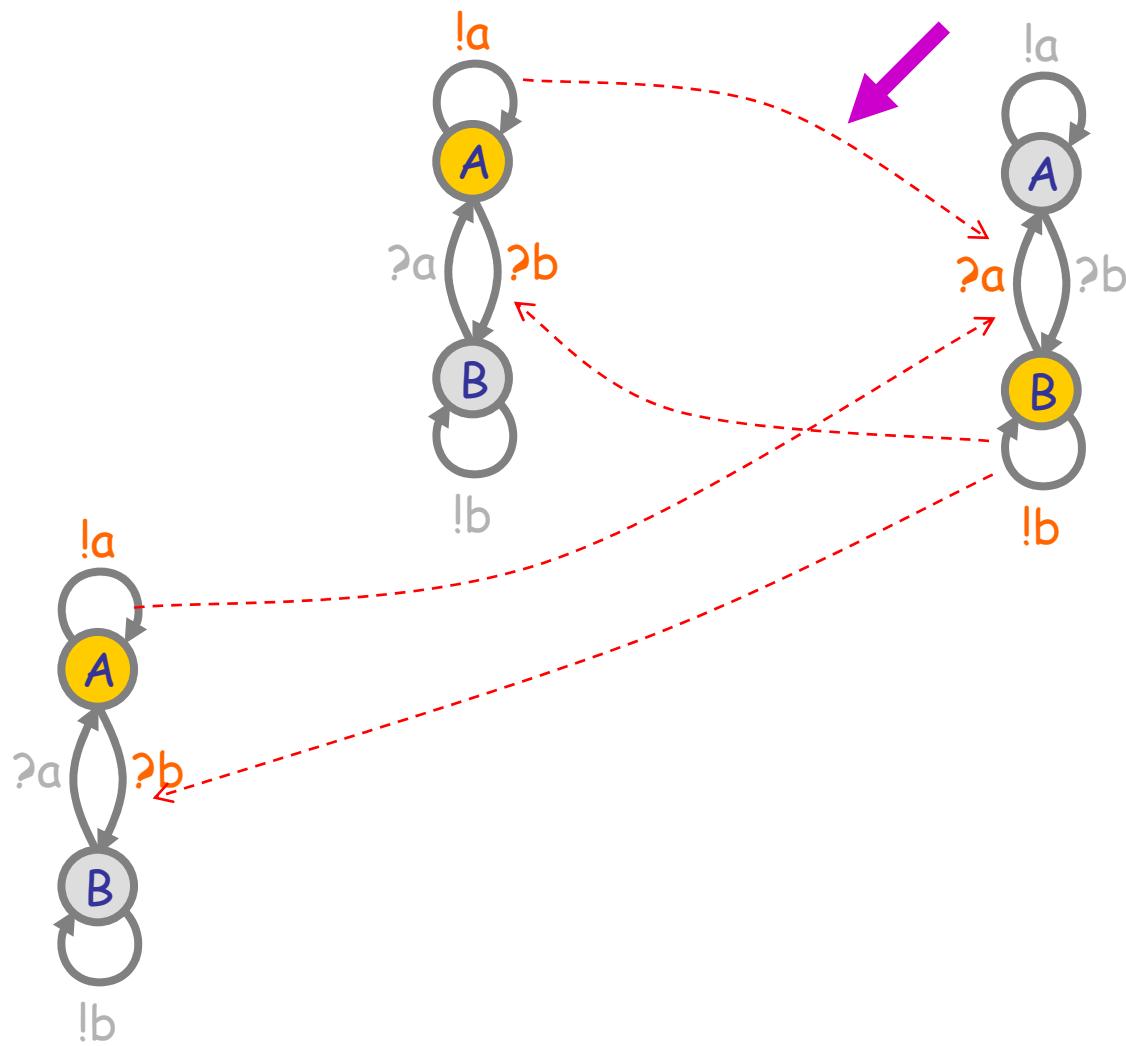
Q: What kind of mass behavior can this produce?

(We need to understand that if want to understand biochemical systems.)

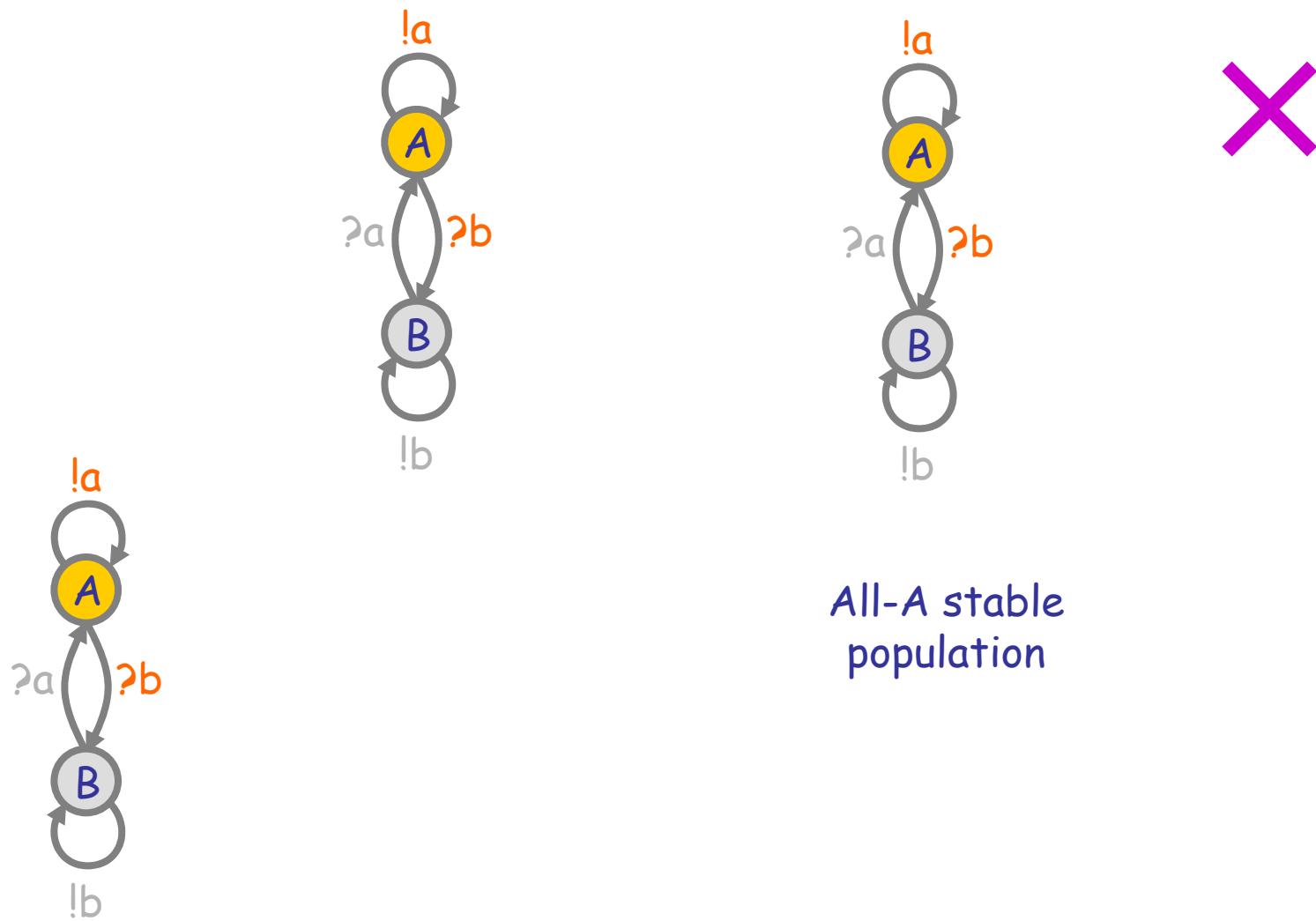
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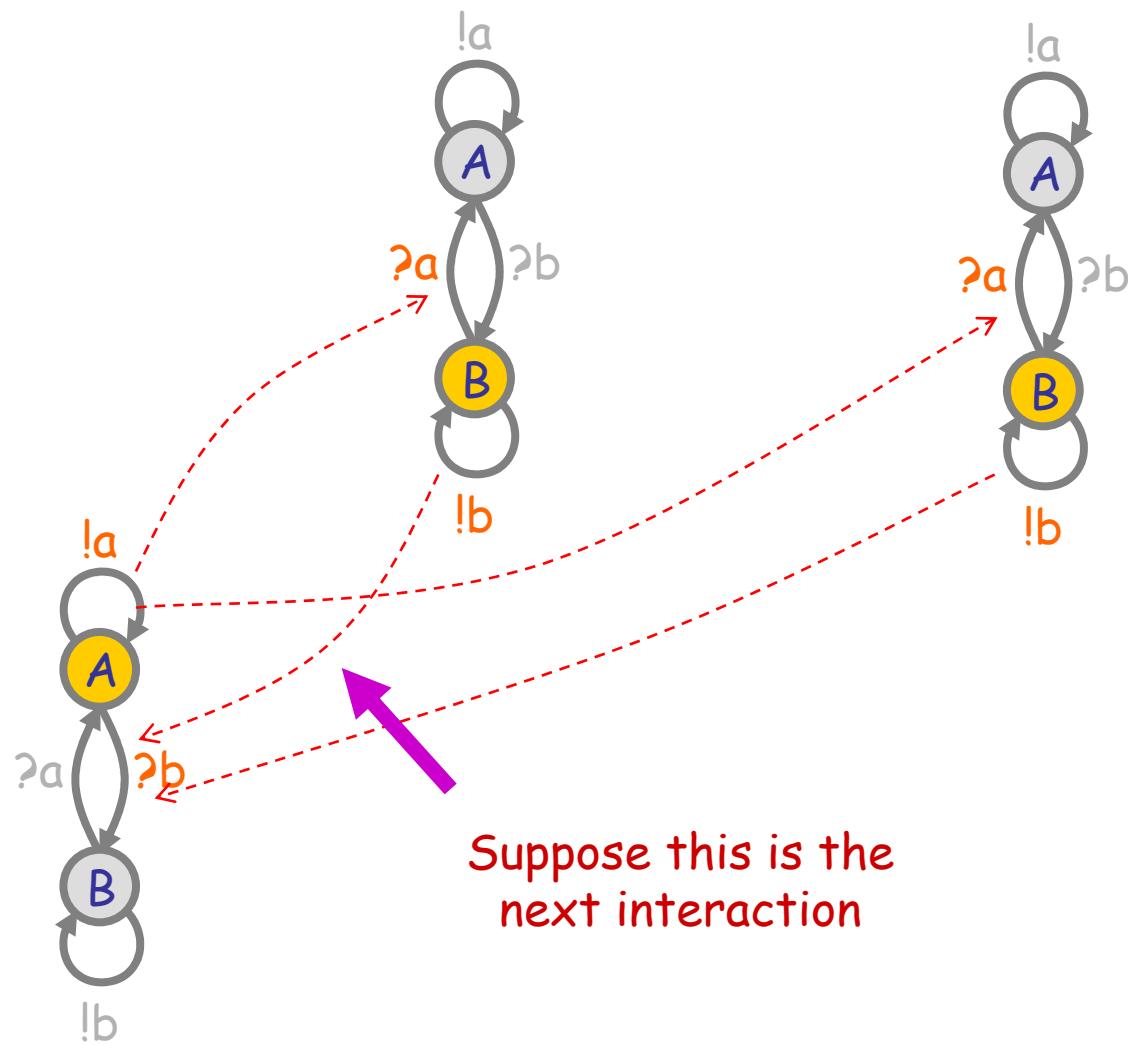
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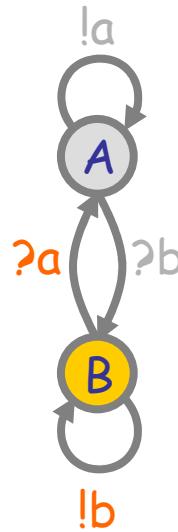
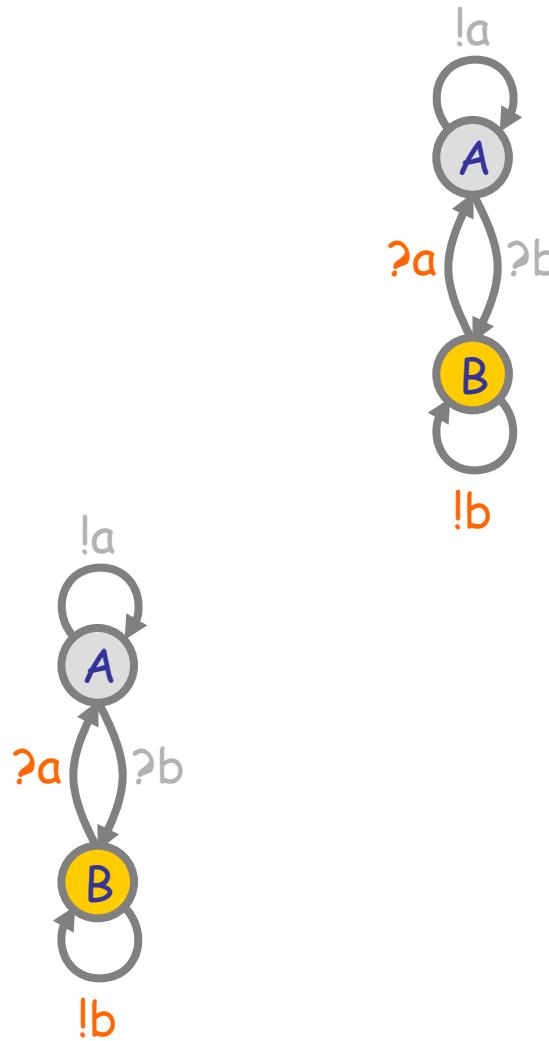


# Interactions in a Population (2)



Suppose this is the  
next interaction

# Interactions in a Population (2)

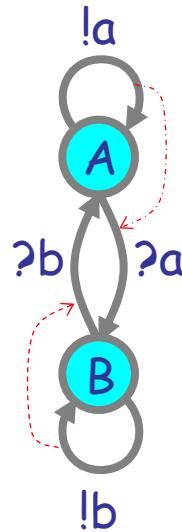


X

All-B stable  
population

Nondeterministic  
population behavior  
("multistability")

# Groupies and Celebrities



**Celebrity**  
(does not want to be like somebody else)

directive sample 0.1 200

directive plot A(); B()

new a@1.0:chan()

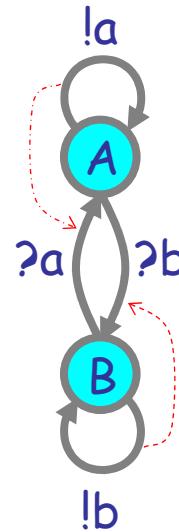
new b@1.0:chan()

let A() = do !a; A() or ?a; B()  
and B() = do !b; B() or ?b; A()

run 100 of (A() | B())

a@1.0

b@1.0



**Groupie**  
(wants to be like somebody different)

directive sample 0.1 200

directive plot A(); B()

new a@1.0:chan()

new b@1.0:chan()

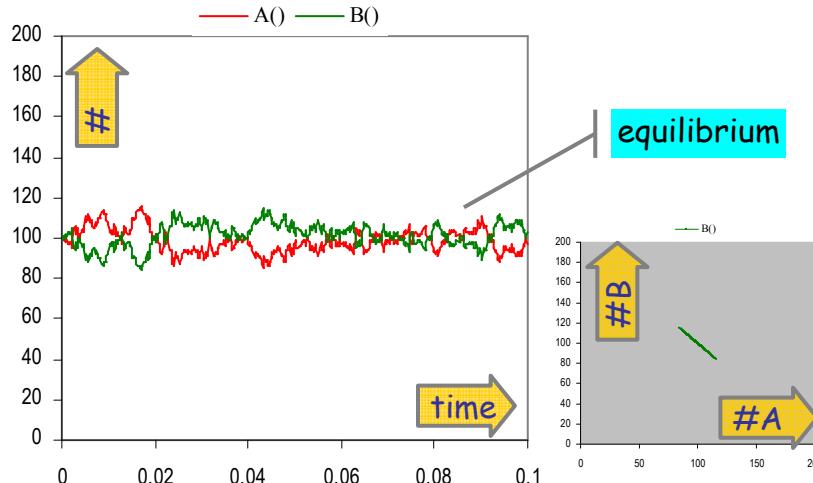
let A() = do !a; A() or ?b; B()  
and B() = do !b; B() or ?a; A()

run 100 of (A() | B())

a@1.0

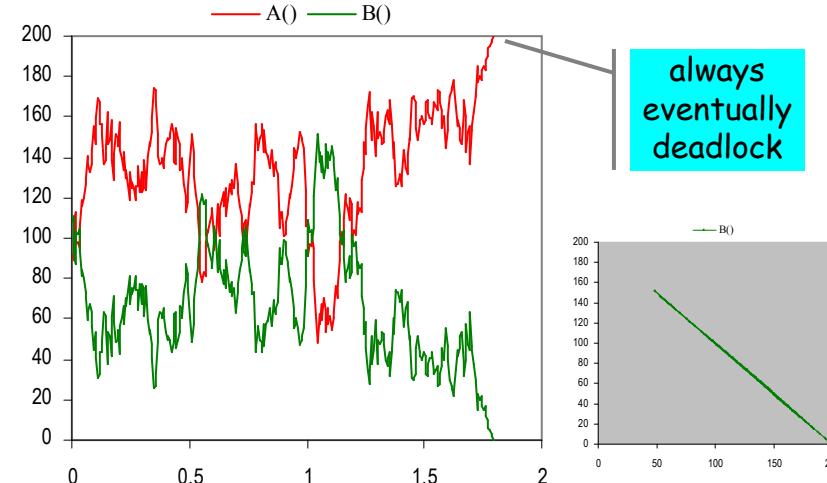
b@1.0

A stochastic collective of celebrities:



Stable because as soon as a A finds itself in the majority, it is more likely to find somebody in the same state, and hence change, so the majority is weakened.

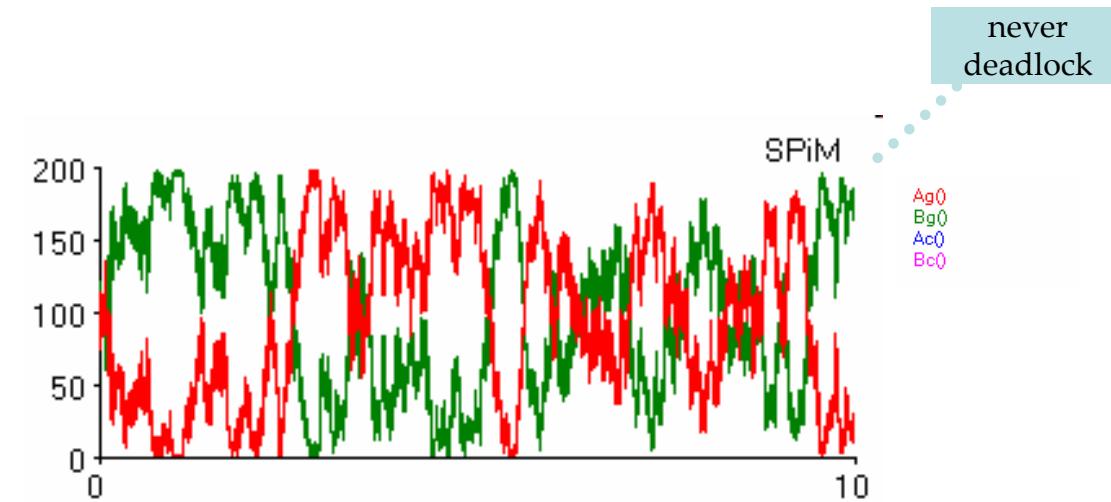
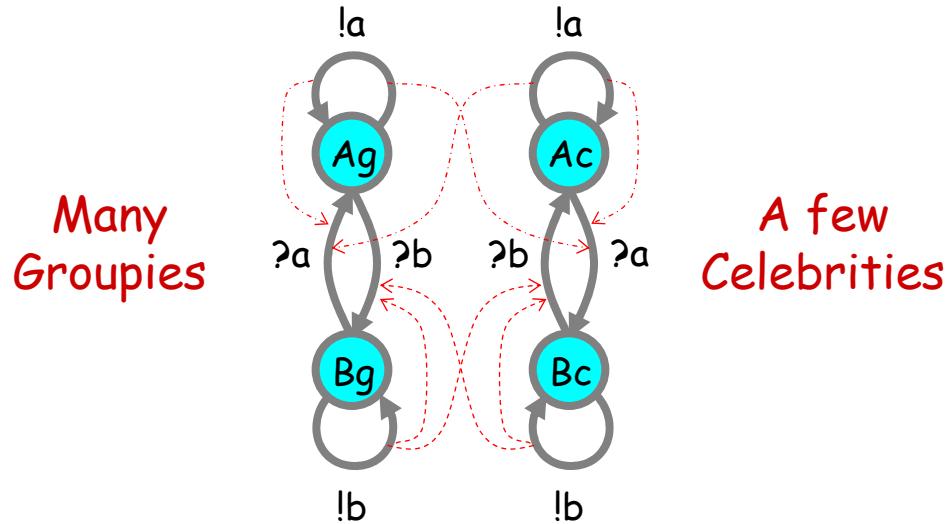
A stochastic collective of groupies:



Unstable because within an A majority, an A has difficulty finding a B to emulate, but the few B's have plenty of A's to emulate, so the majority may switch to B. Leads to deadlock when everybody is in the same state and there is nobody different to emulate.

# Both Together

A way to break the deadlocks: Groupies with just a few Celebrities



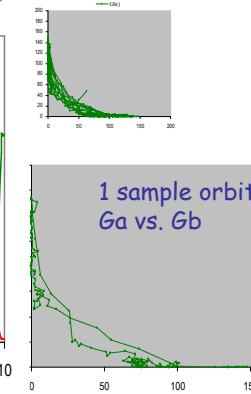
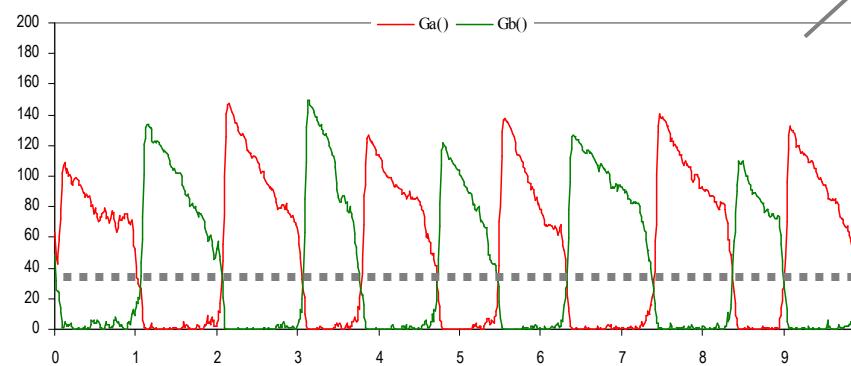
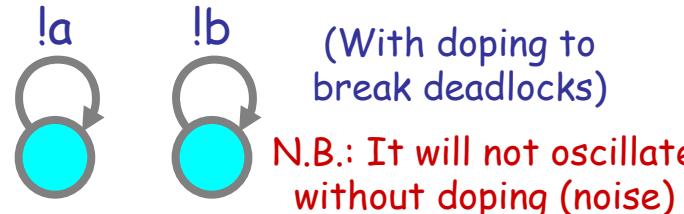
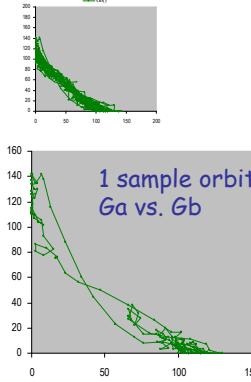
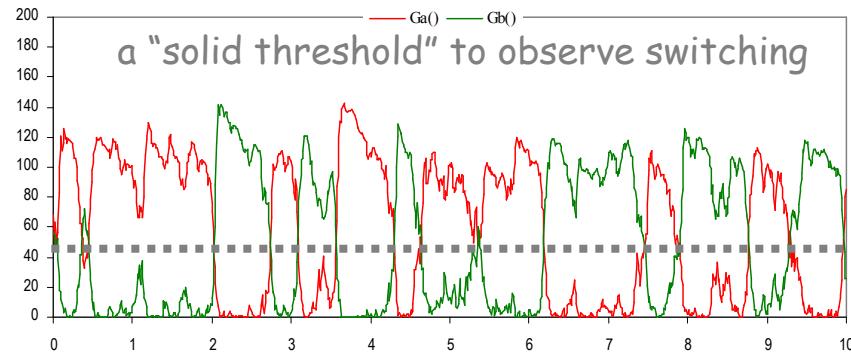
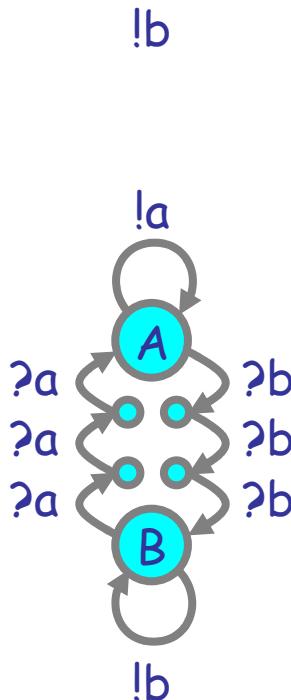
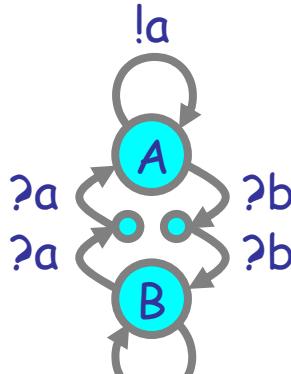
```
directive sample 10.0  
directive plot Ag(); Bg(); Ac(); Bc()  
  
new a@1.0:chan()  
new b@1.0:chan()  
  
let Ac() = do !a; Ac() or ?a; Bc()  
and Bc() = do !b; Bc() or ?b; Ac()  
  
let Ag() = do !a; Ag() or ?b; Bg()  
and Bg() = do !b; Bg() or ?a; Ag()  
  
run 1 of Ac()  
run 100 of (Ag() | Bg())
```

A tiny bit of  
"noise" can make a  
huge difference

Regularity can arise not far from chaos

# Hysteric Groupies

We can get more regular behavior from groupies if they "need more convincing", or "**hysteresis**" (history-dependence), to switch states.



```
directive sample 10.0 1000
directive plot Ga(); Gb()
new a@1.0:chan()
new b@1.0:chan()

let Ga() = do !a; Ga() or ?b; ?b; Gb()
and Gb() = do !b; Gb() or ?a; ?a; Ga()

let Da() = !a; Da()
and Db() = !b; Db()

run 100 of (Ga() | Gb())
run 1 of (Da() | Db())
```

"regular"  
oscillation

```
directive sample 10.0 1000
directive plot Ga(); Gb()
new a@1.0:chan()
new b@1.0:chan()

let Ga() = do !a; Ga() or ?b; ?b; Gb()
and Gb() = do !b; Gb() or ?a; ?a; Ga()

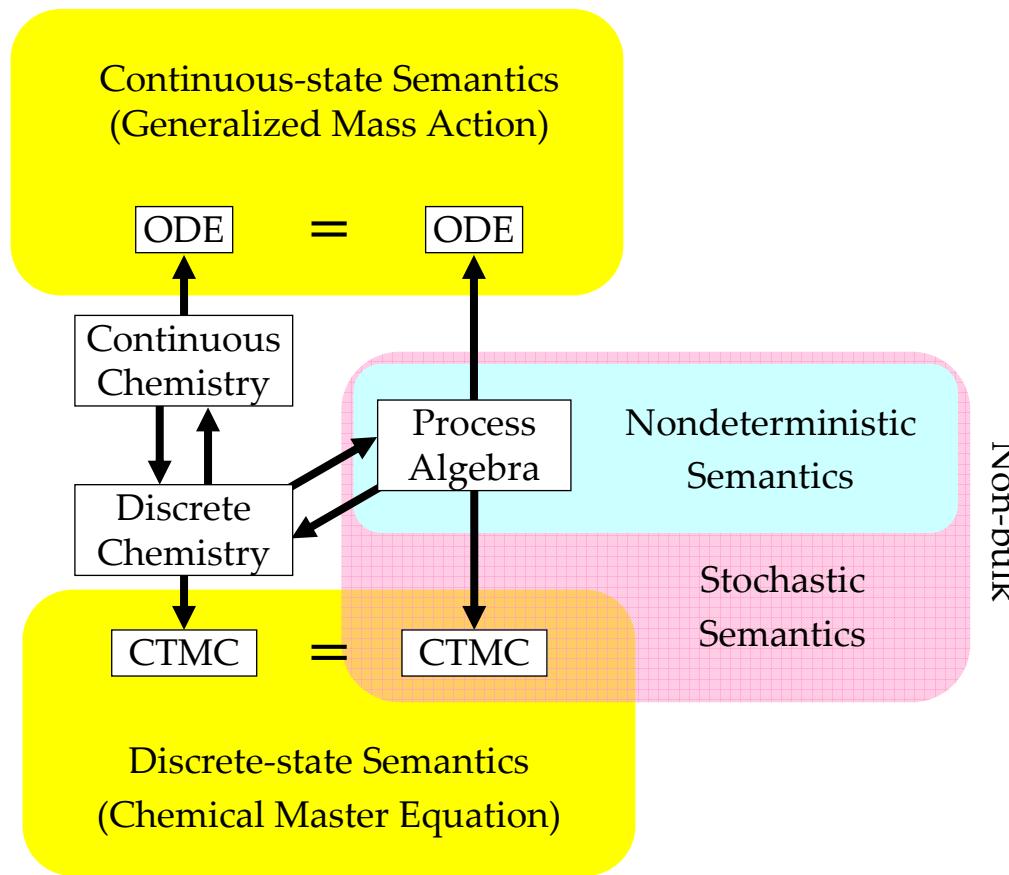
let Da() = !a; Da()
and Db() = !b; Db()

run 100 of (Ga() | Gb())
run 1 of (Da() | Db())
```



# Semantics of Collective Behavior

# The Two Semantic Faces of Chemistry



Luca Cardelli: "On Process Rate Semantics",  
showing that these diagrams commute.

# From Processes to Chemistry

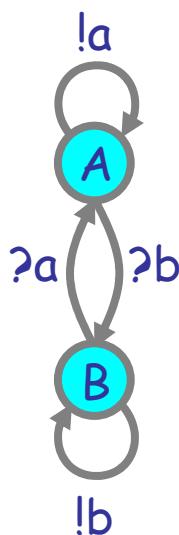
# Chemical Ground Form (CGF)

$E ::= X_1 = M_1, \dots, X_n = M_n$   
 $M ::= \pi_1; P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \pi_n; P_n$   
 $P ::= X_1 | \dots | X_n$   
 $\pi ::= \tau_r \ ?n_{(r)} \ !n_{(r)}$   
 $CGF ::= E, P$

**Definitions** ( $n \geq 0$ )  
**Molecules** ( $n \geq 0$ )  
**Solutions** ( $n \geq 0$ )  
**Interactions** (delay, input, output)  
**Definitions with Initial Conditions**

(To translate chemistry back to processes we need a bit more than simple automata: we may have "+" on the right of  $\rightarrow$ , that is we may need " | " after  $\pi$ .)

$\oplus$  is stochastic choice (vs. + for chemical reactions)  
 $O$  is the null solution ( $P|O = O|P = P$ )  
and null molecule ( $M \oplus O = O \oplus M = M$ ) ( $\tau_O; P = O$ )  
 $X_i$  are distinct in  $E$   
Each name  $n$  is assigned a fixed rate  $r$ :  $n_{(r)}$



Ex: interacting automata  
(which are finite-control CGFs: use " | " only in initial conditions):

$$A = !a; A \oplus ?b; B$$

$$B = !b; B \oplus ?a; A$$

$$A | A | B | B$$

Automaton in state A

Automaton in state B

Initial  
conditions:  
 $2A$  and  $2B$

# Processes to Chemistry

Automata	Discrete Chemistry	Continuous Chemistry	$\gamma = N_A V$
	$A \xrightarrow{r} A'$	$A \xrightarrow{k} A'$ with $k = r$	
	$A+B \xrightarrow{r} A'+B'$	$A+B \xrightarrow{k} A'+B'$ with $k = r\gamma$	
	$A+A \xrightarrow{2r} A'+A''$	$A+A \xrightarrow{2k} A'+A''$ with $k = r\gamma/2$	
	$\#A_0$	$[A]_0$ with $[A]_0 = \#A_0 \gamma$	

# Processes to GMA

Process Rate Equation for a CGF, E

$$[X]^\bullet_E = (\sum_{Y \in E} Accr_E(Y, X) \cdot [Y]) - Depl_E(X) \cdot [X] \quad \text{for all } X \in E$$

$Depl_E(X) =$

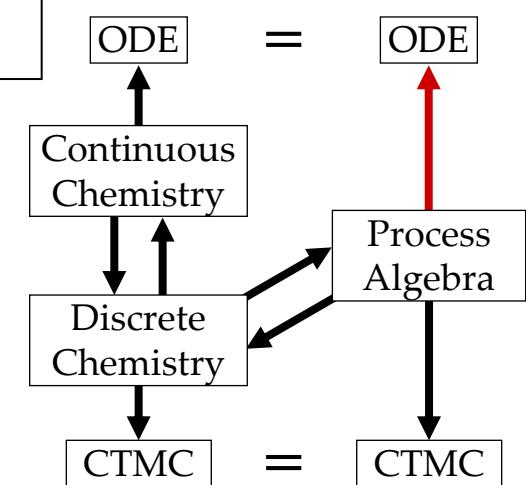
$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(i: E.X.i=\tau_{(r)}; P)} r + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.X.i=?a_{(r)}; P)} r\gamma \cdot OutsOn_E(a) + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.X.i!=a_{(r)}; P)} r\gamma \cdot InsOn_E(a) \end{aligned}$$

$Accr_E(Y, X) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i=\tau_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i=?a_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r\gamma \cdot OutsOn_E(a) + \\ & \sum_{(i: E.Y.i!=a_{(r)}; P)} \#X(P) \cdot r\gamma \cdot InsOn_E(a) \end{aligned}$$

$$InsOn_E(a) = \sum_{(Y \in E)} \#\{Y.i \mid E.Y.i=?a_{(r)}; P\} \cdot [Y]$$

$$OutsOn_E(a) = \sum_{(Y \in E)} \#\{Y.i \mid E.Y.i!=a_{(r)}; P\} \cdot [Y]$$



$$X = \tau_{(r)}; 0$$

$$[X]^\bullet = -r[X]$$

$$X = ?a_{(r)}; 0$$

$$[X]^\bullet = -r\gamma[X][Y]$$

$$Y = !a_{(r)}; 0$$

$$[Y]^\bullet = -r\gamma[X][Y]$$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= ?a_{(r)}; 0 \oplus \\ & !a_{(r)}; 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$[X]^\bullet = -2r\gamma[X]^2$$

# Processes to CME

Process Master Equation for a CGF, E

$$\frac{\partial \text{pr}(p,t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} a_i(p-v_i) \cdot \text{pr}(p-v_i, t) - a_i(p) \cdot \text{pr}(p, t) \quad \text{for all } p \in \text{States}(E)$$

$\text{pr}(p,t) = \Pr\{S(t)=p \mid S(0)=p_0\}$  is the conditional probability of the system being in state  $p$  (a multiset of molecules) at time  $t$  given that it was in state  $p_0$  at time 0.

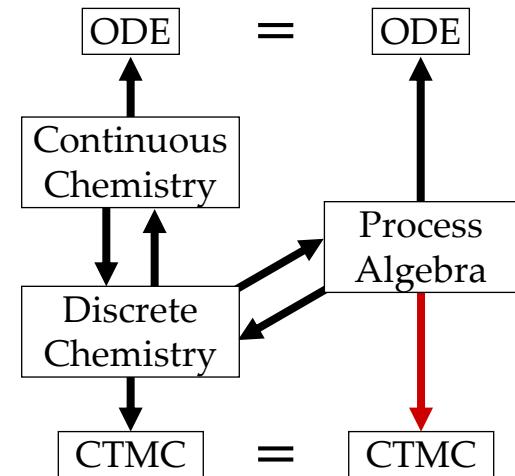
$\mathcal{S} = \{\{X,i\} \text{ s.t. } E.X.i = \tau_{(r)}; Q\} \cup \{\{X,i, Y,j\} \text{ s.t. } E.X.i = ?n_{(r)}; Q \text{ and } E.Y.j = !n_{(r)}; R\}$   
is the set of possible interactions in E

$v_i$  is the *state change* caused by an interaction  $i \in \mathcal{S}$ .

$$v_i = -X+Q \quad \text{if } i = \{X,i\} \text{ s.t. } E.X.i = \tau_{(r)}; Q \\ v_i = -X-Y+Q\_R \quad \text{if } i = \{X,i, Y,j\} \text{ s.t. } E.X.i = ?n_{(r)}; Q \text{ and } E.Y.j = !n_{(r)}; R$$

$a_i$  is the *propensity* of interaction  $i$  in state  $p$ . Here  $p^{\#X}$  is the number of  $X$  in  $p$ .

$$a_i(p) = r \cdot p^{\#X} \quad \text{if } i = \{X,i\} \text{ s.t. } E.X.i = \tau_{(r)}; Q \\ a_i(p) = r \cdot p^{\#X} \cdot p^{\#Y} \quad \text{if } i = \{X,i, Y,j\} \text{ s.t. } X \neq Y \text{ and } E.X.i = ?a_{(r)}; Q \text{ and } E.Y.j = !a_{(r)}; R \\ a_i(p) = r \cdot p^{\#X} \cdot (p^{\#X}-1) \quad \text{if } i = \{X,i, X,j\} \text{ s.t. } E.X.i = ?a_{(r)}; Q \text{ and } E.X.j = !a_{(r)}; R$$

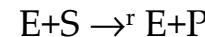
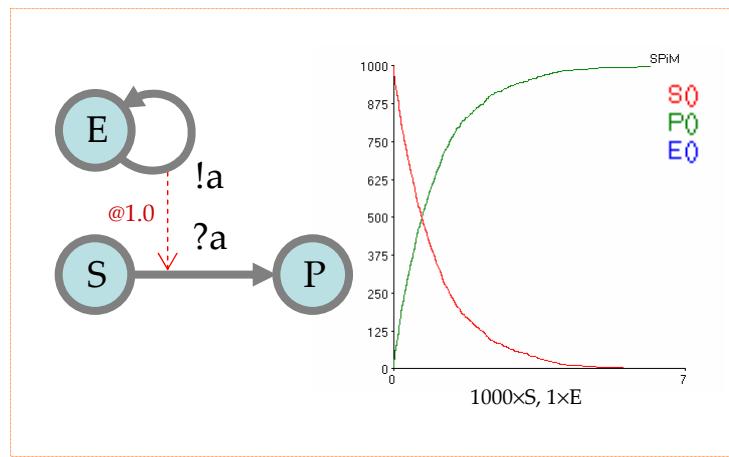


# Examples of stochastic collectives where:

- (1) Simulation is puzzling and ODE analysis is more useful.
- (2) ODE analysis is puzzling and simulation is more useful.

# Zero-Order Regime

# Second-order and Zero-order Regime



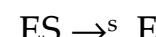
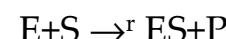
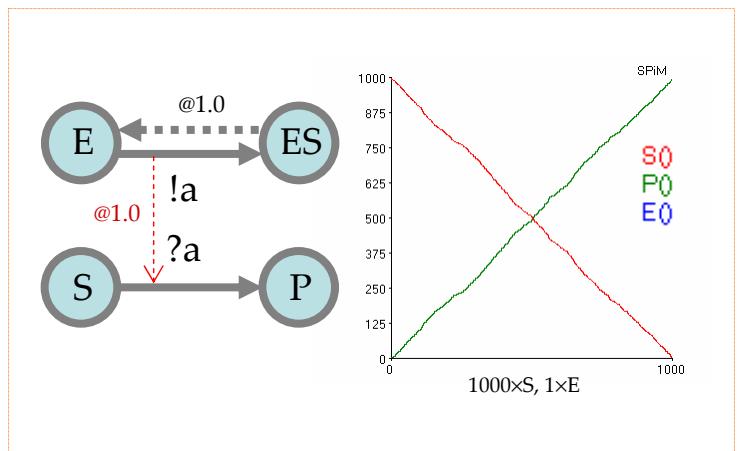
Second-Order Regime  
 $[S]^\bullet = -r[E][S]$

```
directive sample 1000.0
directive plot S(); P(); E()
```

```
new a@1.0:chan()
```

```
let E() = !a; E()
and S() = ?a; P()
and P() = ()
```

```
run (1 of E() | 1000 of S())
```



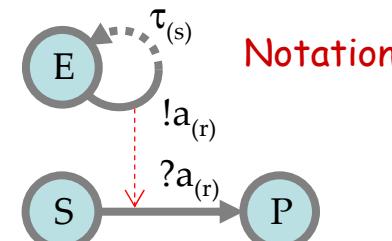
Zero-Order Regime  
 $[S]^\bullet \cong -1$

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directive sample 1000.0
directive plot S(); P(); E()
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new a@1.0:chan()
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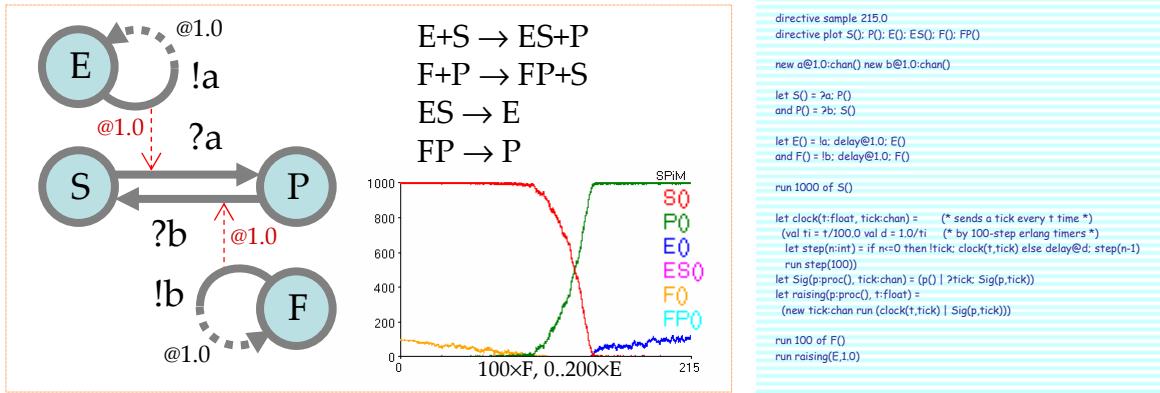
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let E() = !a; delay@1.0; E()
and S() = ?a; P()
and P() = ()
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```
run (1 of E() | 1000 of S())
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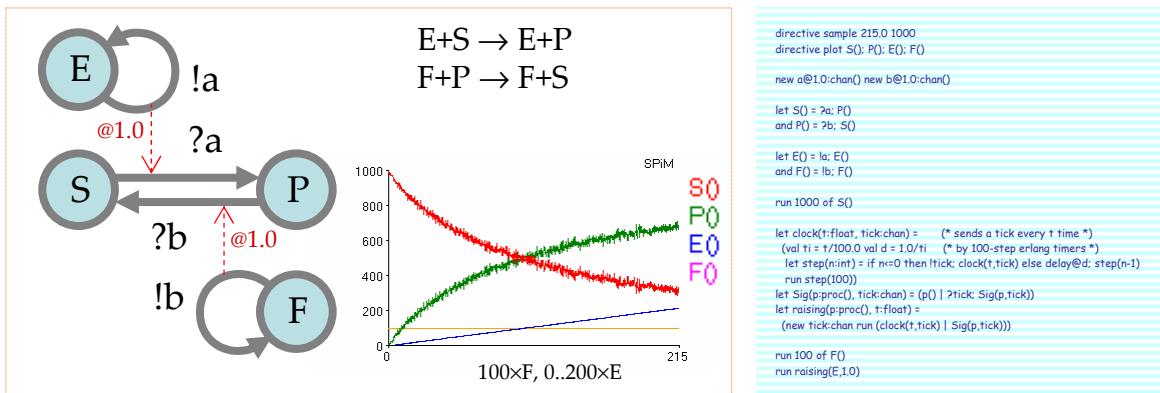


Notation

# Ultrasensitivity

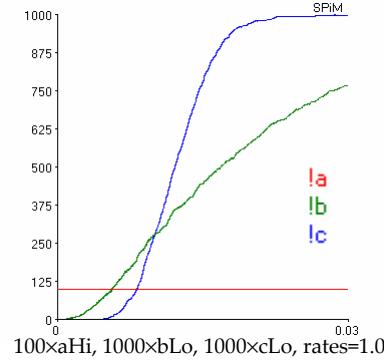
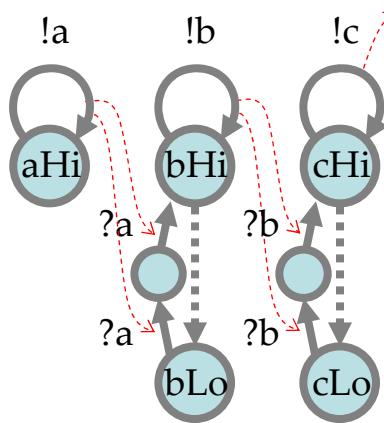


**Zero-Order Regime**  
A small E-F imbalance causes a much larger S-P switch.



**Second-Order Regime**

# Cascades



Second-Order Regime cascade:  
a signal amplifier (MAPK)  
 $aHi > 0 \Rightarrow cHi = \max$

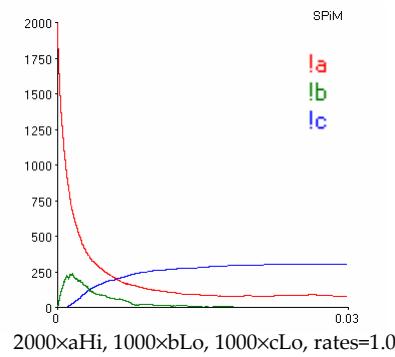
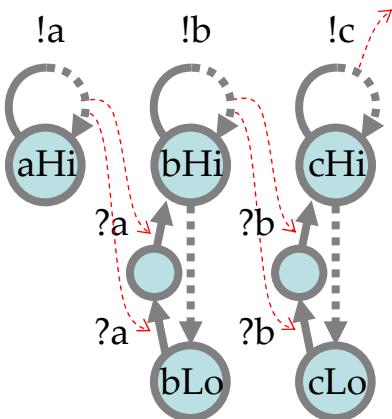
```
directive sample 0.03
directive plot lA; lB; lC

new a@1.0:chan new b@1.0:chan new c@1.0:chan

let Amp_hi(a:chan, b:chan) =
  do lB: Amp_hi(a,b) or delay@1.0: Amp_lo(a,b)
  and Amp_lo(c:chan, b:chan) =
    ?a; ?b; Amp_hi(a,b)

run 1000 of (Amp_lo(a,b) | Amp_lo(b,c))

let A() = lA: A()
run 100 of A()
```



Zero-Order Regime cascade:  
a signal divider!  
 $aHi = \max \Rightarrow cHi = 1/3 \max$

```
directive sample 0.03
directive plot lA; lB; lC

new a@1.0:chan new b@1.0:chan new c@1.0:chan

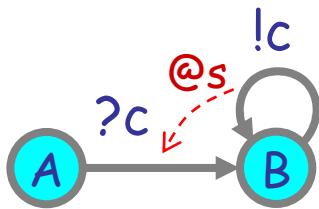
let Amp_hi(a:chan, b:chan) =
  do lB: delay@1.0: Amp_hi(a,b) or delay@1.0: Amp_lo(a,b)
  and Amp_lo(c:chan, b:chan) =
    ?a; ?b; Amp_hi(a,b)

run 1000 of (Amp_lo(a,b) | Amp_lo(b,c))

let A() = lC: delay@1.0: A()
run 2000 of A()
```

# Nonlinear Transitions

# Nonlinear Transition (NLT)



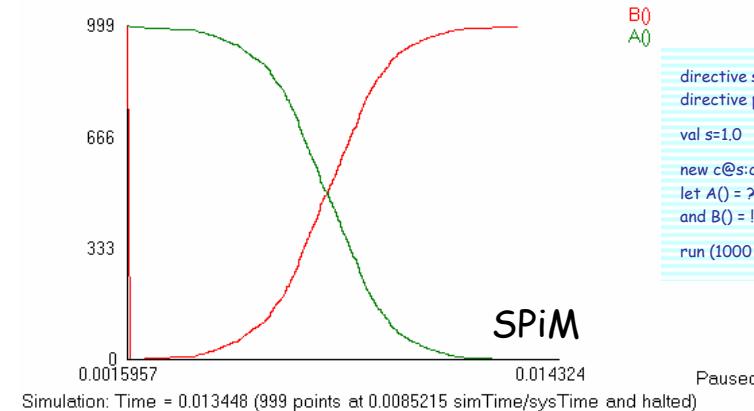
$$A = ?c_{(s)}; B$$

$$B = !c_{(s)}; B$$



$$[A]^\bullet = -s[A][B]$$

$$[B]^\bullet = s[A][B]$$



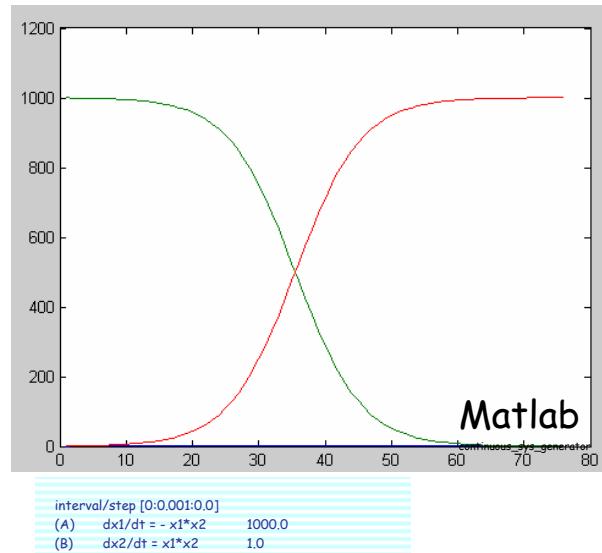
B0

A0

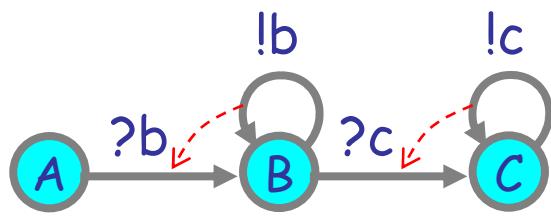
```

directive sample 0.02 1000
directive plot B(): A()
val s=1.0
new c@s:chan
let A() = ?c; B()
and B() = !c; B()
run (1000 of A() | 1 of B())
  
```

N.B.: needs at least 1 B to "get started".



# Two NLTs: Bell Shape

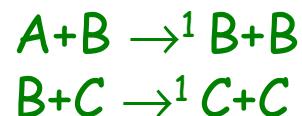


$$[B]^\bullet = [B]( [A] - [C] )$$

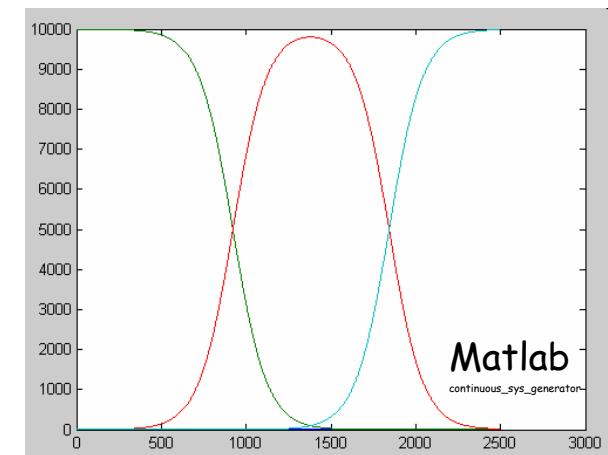
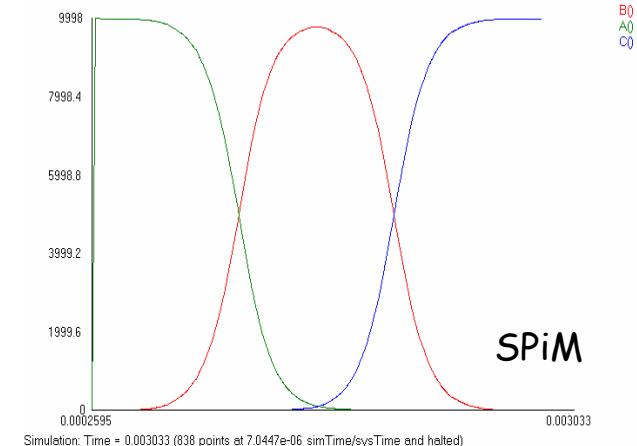
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directive sample 0.0025 1000
directive plot B(); A(); C()
new b@1.0:chan new c@1.0:chan
let A() = ?b; B()
and B() = do !b; B() or ?c; C()
and C() = !c; C()
run ((10000 of A()) | B() | C())
  
```

$$\begin{aligned} A &= ?b_{(1)}; B \\ B &= !b_{(1)}; B \oplus ?c_{(1)}; C \\ C &= !c_{(1)}; C \end{aligned}$$

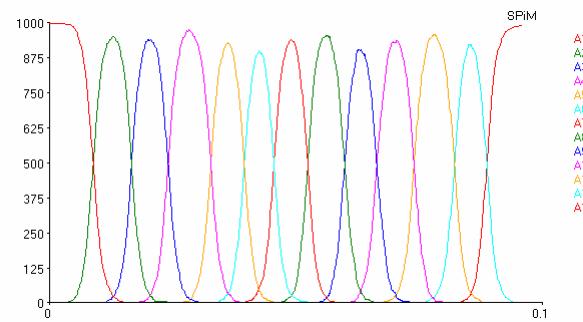
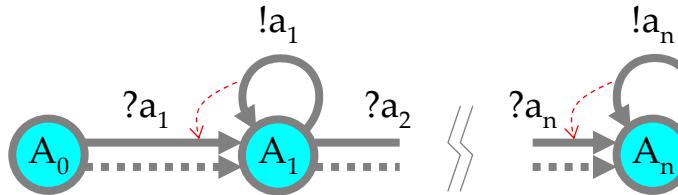


$$\begin{aligned} [A]^\bullet &= -[A][B] \\ [B]^\bullet &= [A][B] - [B][C] \\ [C]^\bullet &= [B][C] \end{aligned}$$



interval/step [0:0.000001:0.0025]		
(A)	$dx_1/dt = -x_1 \cdot x_2$	10000.0
(B)	$dx_2/dt = x_1 \cdot x_2 - x_2 \cdot x_3$	1.0
(C)	$dx_3/dt = x_2 \cdot x_3$	1.0

# NLTs in Series: Soliton Propagation



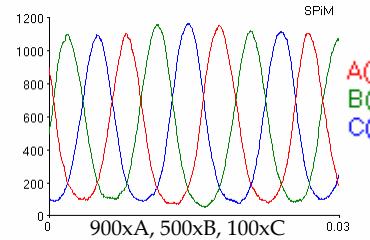
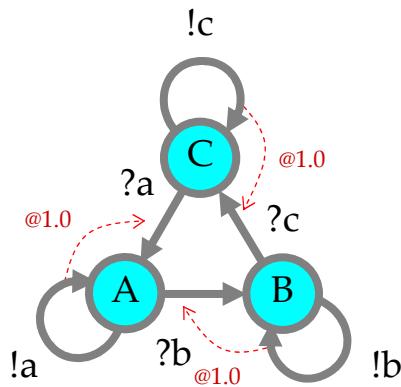
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directive sample 0.1 1000
directive plot A1(); A2(); A3(); A4(); A5(); A6(); A7(); A8();
A9(); A10(); A11(); A12(); A13()
```

```
val r=1.0 val s=1.0
```

```
new a2@s:chan new a3@s:chan new a4@s:chan
new a5@s:chan new a6@s:chan new a7@s:chan
new a8@s:chan new a9@s:chan new a10@s:chan
new a11@s:chan new a12@s:chan new a13@s:chan
let A1() = do delay@r;A2() or ?a2; A2()
and A2() = do !a2;A2() or delay@r;A3() or ?a3; A3()
and A3() = do !a3;A3() or delay@r;A4() or ?a4; A4()
and A4() = do !a4;A4() or delay@r;A5() or ?a5; A5()
and A5() = do !a5;A5() or delay@r;A6() or ?a6; A6()
and A6() = do !a6;A6() or delay@r;A7() or ?a7; A7()
and A7() = do !a7;A7() or delay@r;A8() or ?a8; A8()
and A8() = do !a8;A8() or delay@r;A9() or ?a9; A9()
and A9() = do !a9;A9() or delay@r;A10() or ?a10; A10()
and A10() = do !a10;A10() or delay@r;A11() or ?a11; A11()
and A11() = do !a11;A11() or delay@r;A12() or ?a12; A12()
and A12() = do !a12;A12() or delay@r;A13() or ?a13; A13()
and A13() = !a13;A13()
```

```
run 1000 of A1()
```

# NLT in a Cycle: Oscillator

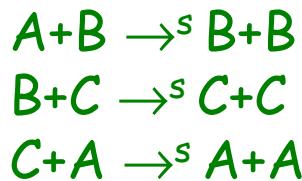


directive sample 0.03 1000  
directive plot A(); B(); C()

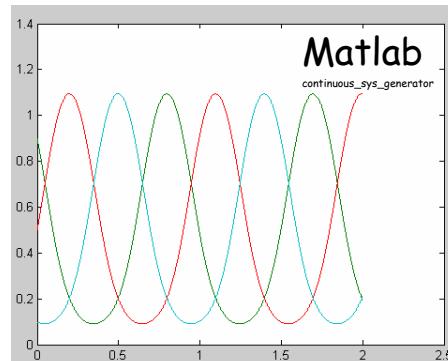
new a@1.0:chan new b@1.0:chan new c@1.0:chan  
let A() = do !a; A() or ?b; B()  
and B() = do !b; B() or ?c; C()  
and C() = do !c; C() or ?a; A()

run (900 of A() | 500 of B() | 100 of C())

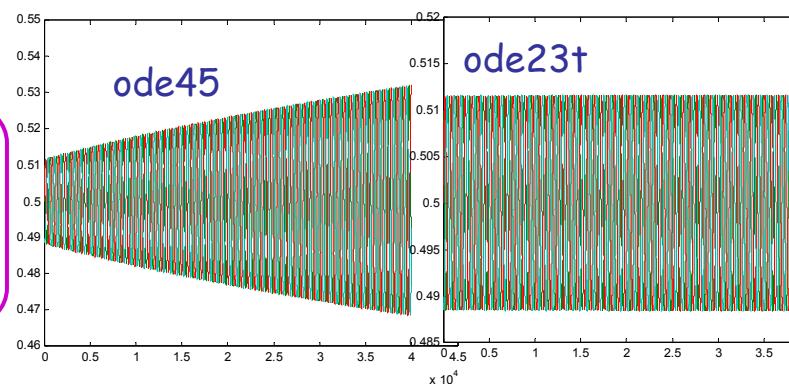
$$\begin{aligned} A &= !a_{(s)}; A \oplus ?b_{(s)}; B \\ B &= !b_{(s)}; B \oplus ?c_{(s)}; C \\ C &= !c_{(s)}; C \oplus ?a_{(s)}; A \end{aligned}$$



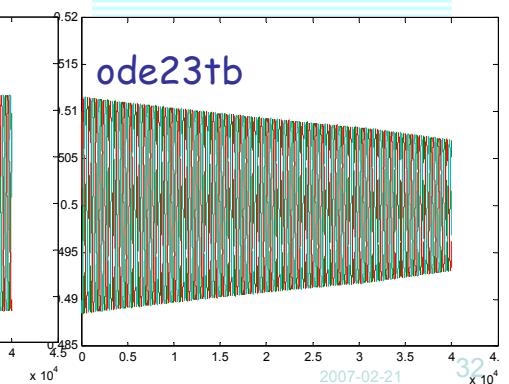
$$\begin{aligned} [A]^\bullet &= -s[A][B]+s[C][A] \\ [B]^\bullet &= -s[B][C]+s[A][B] \\ [C]^\bullet &= -s[C][A]+s[B][C] \end{aligned}$$



interval/step [0:0.001:20.0]  
(A) dx1/dt = -x1\*x2 + x3\*x1 0.9  
(B) dx2/dt = -x2\*x3 + x1\*x2 0.5  
(C) dx3/dt = -x3\*x1 + x2\*x3 0.1



interval/step [0:0.01:400.0]  
(A) dx1/dt = -x1\*x2 + x3\*x1 0.51  
(B) dx2/dt = -x2\*x3 + x1\*x2 0.5  
(C) dx3/dt = -x3\*x1 + x2\*x3 0.49



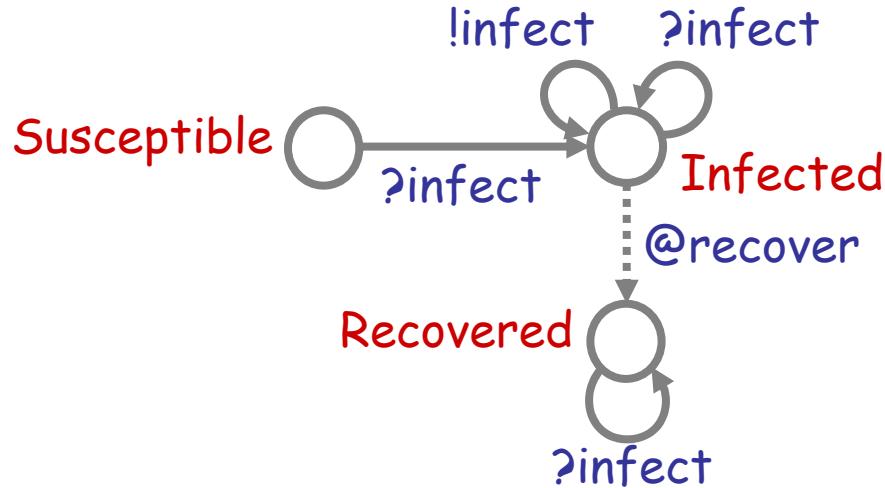


# Epidemics

Kermack, W. O. and McKendrick, A. G. "A Contribution to the Mathematical Theory of Epidemics." *Proc. Roy. Soc. Lond. A* 115, 700-721, 1927.

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/Kermack-McKendrickModel.html>

# Epidemics



```

directive sample 500.0 1000
directive plot Recovered(); Susceptible(); Infected()

new infect @0.001:chan()
val recover = 0.03

let Recovered() =
  ?infect; Recovered()

and Susceptible() =
  ?infect; Infected()

and Infected() =
  do !infect; Infected()
  or ?infect; Infected()
  or delay@recover; Recovered()

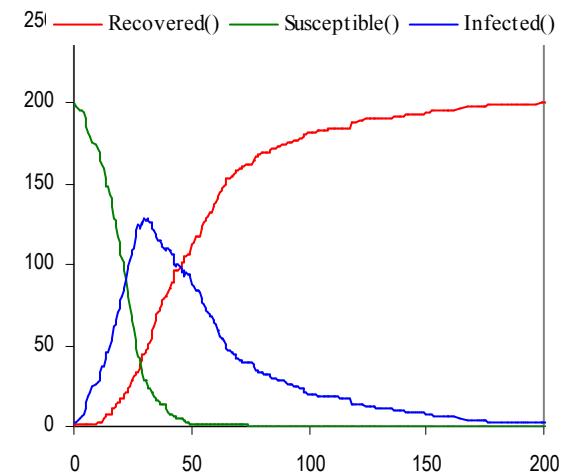
run (200 of Susceptible() | 2 of Infected())
  
```

## Developing the Use of Process Algebra in the Derivation and Analysis of Mathematical Models of Infectious Disease

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**Abstract.** We introduce a series of descriptions of disease spread using the process algebra WSCCS and compare the derived mean field equations with the traditional ordinary differential equation model. Even the preliminary work presented here brings to light interesting theoretical questions about the “best” way to define the model.



# ODE

Differentiating Processes!

$$S = ?i_{(t)}; I$$

$$I = !i_{(t)}; I \oplus ?i_{(t)}; I \oplus \tau_r; R$$

$$R = ?i_{(t)}; R$$

$$S + I \rightarrow^{\gamma} I + I$$

$$I + I \rightarrow^{\gamma} I + I$$

$$I \rightarrow^r R$$

$$R + I \rightarrow^{\gamma} R + I$$

$$[S]^\bullet = -\gamma[S][I]$$

$$[I]^\bullet = \gamma[S][I] - r[I]$$

$$[R]^\bullet = r[I]$$

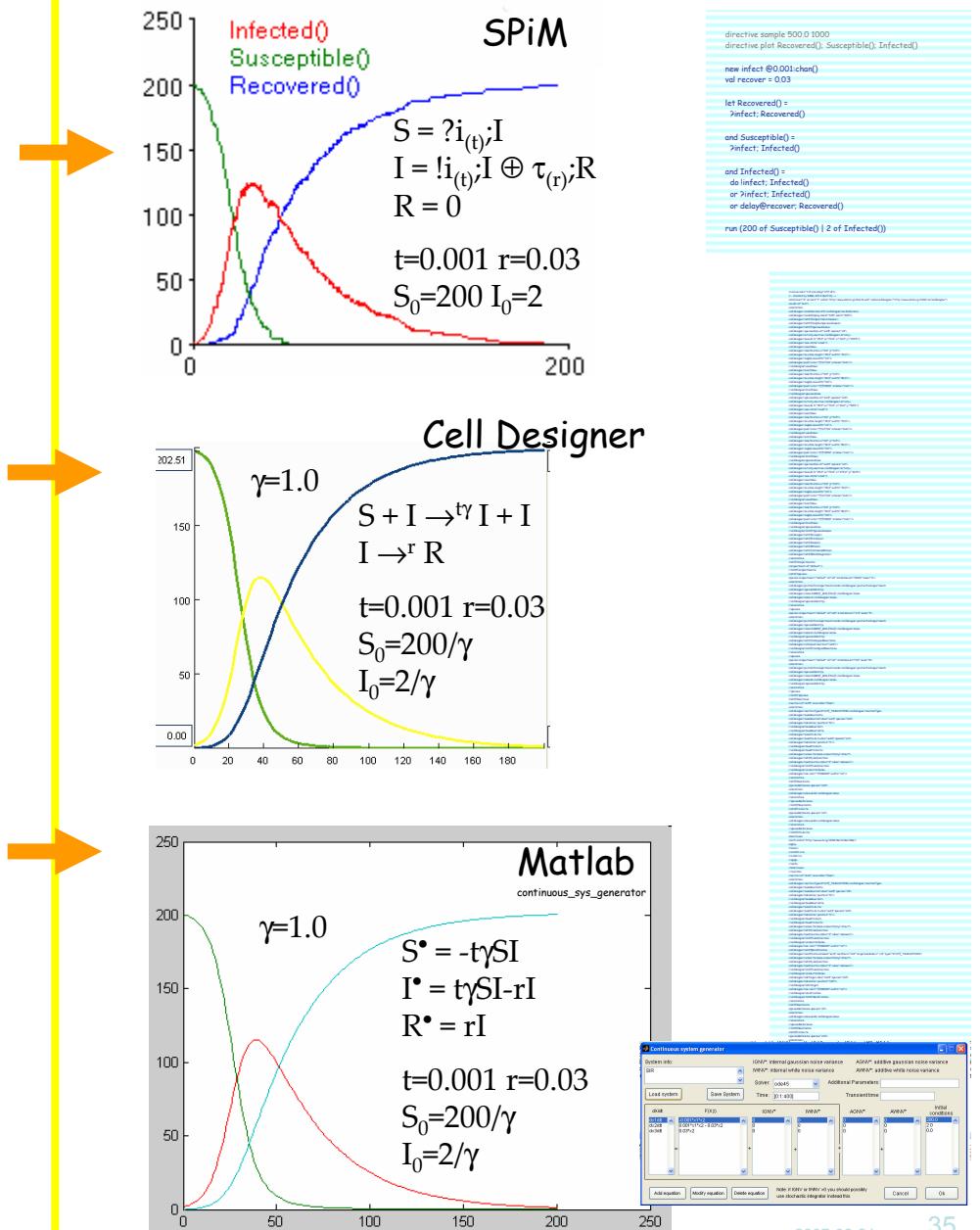
**Automata produce the standard ODEs!**

(the Kermack-McKendrick, or SIR model)

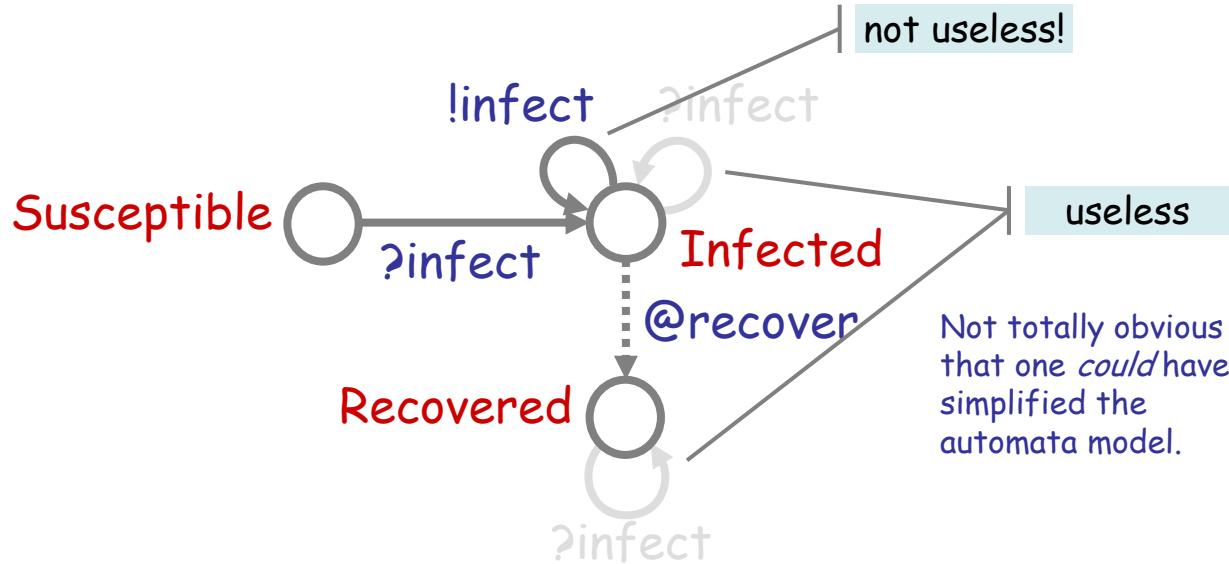
$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\alpha IS$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \alpha IS - bI$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = bI$$



# Simplified Model



```

directive sample 500.0 1000
directive plot Recovered(); Susceptible(); Infected()

new infect @0.001:chan()
val recover = 0.03

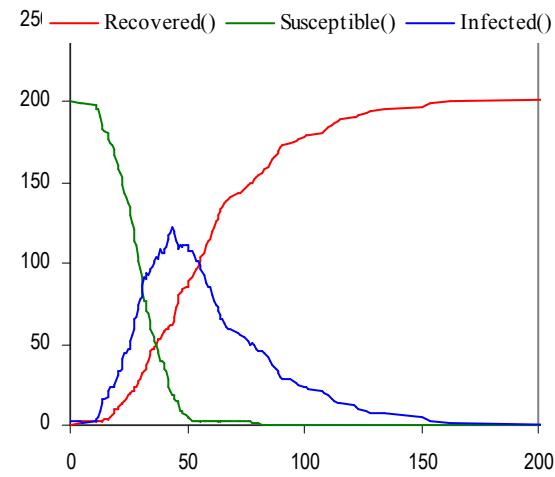
let Recovered() =
()

and Susceptible() =
?infect; Infected()

and Infected() =
do infect; Infected()
or delay@recover; Recovered()

run (200 of Susceptible() | 2 of Infected())

```



$$S = ?i_{(t)}; I$$

$$I = !i_{(t)}; I \oplus \tau_r; R$$

$$R = 0$$

$$S + I \xrightarrow{t\gamma} I + I$$

$$I \xrightarrow{r} R$$

$$[S]^\bullet = -t\gamma[S][I]$$

$$[I]^\bullet = t\gamma[S][I] - r[I]$$

$$[R]^\bullet = r[I]$$

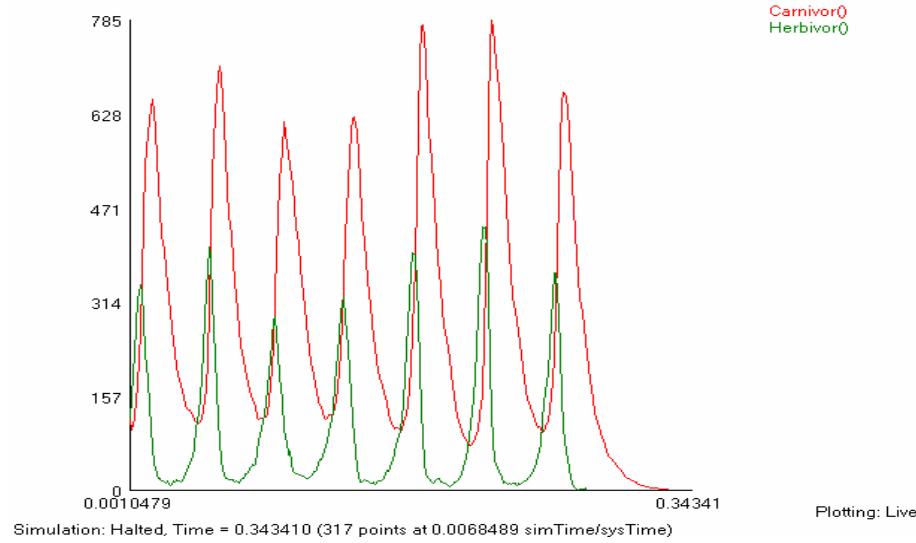
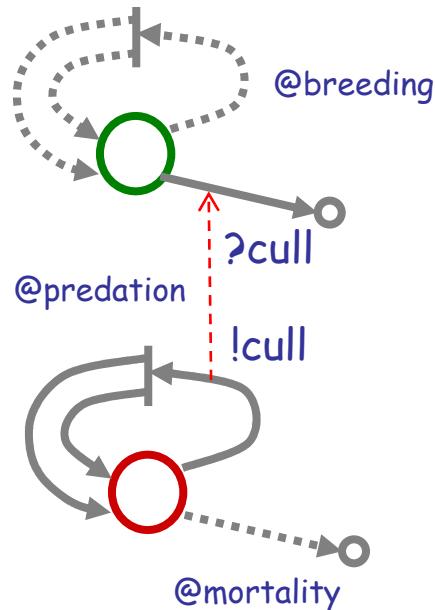
Same ODE, hence equivalent automata models.

# Lotka-Volterra

# Predator-Prey

Herbivor

Carnivor



```

directive sample 1.0 1000
directive plot Carnivor(); Herbivor()
  
```

```

val mortality = 100.0
val breeding = 300.0
val predation = 1.0
new cull @predation:chan()
  
```

```

let Herbivor() =
  do delay@breeding; (Herbivor() | Herbivor())
  or ?cull; ()
  
```

```

and Carnivor() =
  do delay@mortality; ()
  or !cull; (Carnivor() | Carnivor())
  
```

```

run 100 of Herbivor()
run 100 of Carnivor()
  
```

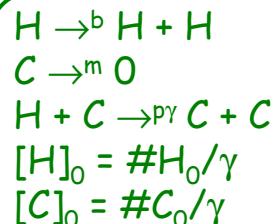
*An unbounded state system!*

# Lotka-Volterra in Matlab

$$H = \tau_b; (H|H) \oplus ?c_{(p)}; 0$$

$$C = \tau_m; 0 \oplus !c_{(p)}; (C|C)$$

$$\#H_0, \#C_0$$



$$[H]^* = b[H] - p\gamma[H][C]$$

$$[C]^* = -m[C] + p\gamma[H][C]$$

$$[H]_0 = \#H_0/\gamma$$

$$[C]_0 = \#C_0/\gamma$$

$$m=100.0$$

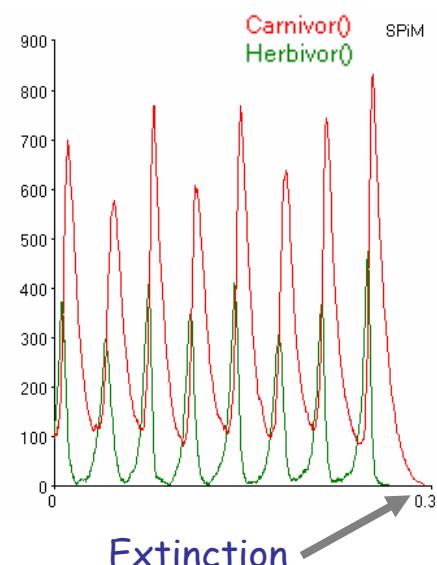
$$b=300.0$$

$$p=1.0$$

$$\gamma=1.0$$

$$\#H_0 = 100$$

$$\#C_0 = 100$$



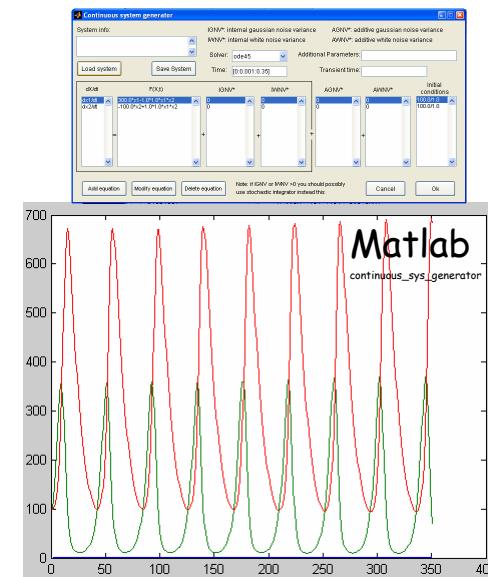
```
directive sample 0.35 1000
directive plot Carnivore(); Herbivor()

val mortality = 100.0
val breeding = 300.0
val predation = 1.0
new cull @predation:chan()

let Herbivor() =
  do delay@breeding: (Herbivor() | Herbivor())
  or ?cull; ()

and Carnivor() =
  do delay@mortality: ()
  or !cull; (Carnivor() | Carnivor())

run 100 of Herbivor()
run 100 of Carnivor()
```



# Parametric Processes

# Chemical Parametric Form (CPF)

$E ::= X_1(p_1) = M_1, \dots, X_n(p_n) = M_n$   
 $M ::= \pi_1; P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \pi_n; P_n$   
 $P ::= X_1(p_1) \mid \dots \mid X_n(p_n)$   
 $\pi ::= \tau_r \ ?n(p) \ !n(p)$   
 $CPF ::= E, P$

Definitions  $(n \geq 0)$

Molecules  $(n \geq 0)$

Solutions  $(n \geq 0)$

Interactions

with initial conditions

Not bounded-state systems.  
 Not finite-control systems.  
 But still **finite-species** systems.

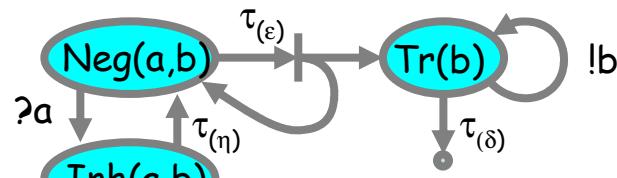
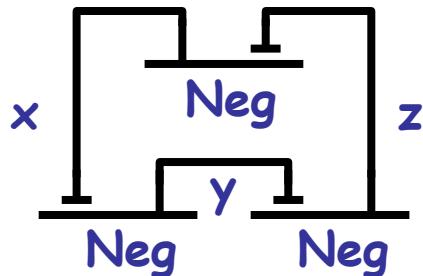
$\oplus$  is stochastic choice (vs.  $+$  for chemical reactions)  
 $O$  is the null solution ( $P|O = O|P = P$ )  
 and null molecule ( $M \oplus O = O \oplus M = M$ ) ( $\tau_0; P = O$ )  
 $X_i$  are distinct in  $E$ ,  $p$  are vectors of names  
 $p$  are vectors of distinct names when in **binding position**  
 Each free name  $n$  in  $E$  is assigned a fixed rate  $r$ :  
 written either  $n_{(r)}$ , or  $p_{CPF}(n)=r$ .

A translation from CPF to CGF exists  
 (expanding all possible instantiation of parameters from the initial conditions)

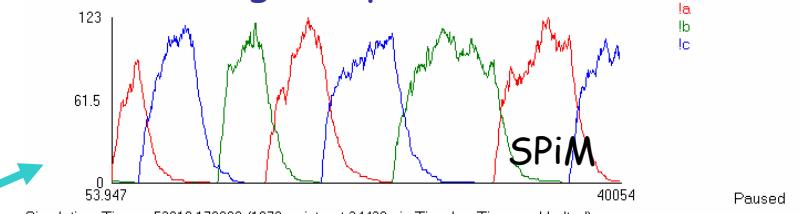
An incremental translation algorithm exists  
 (expanding on demand from initial conditions)

# And Yet It Moves

## The Repressilator

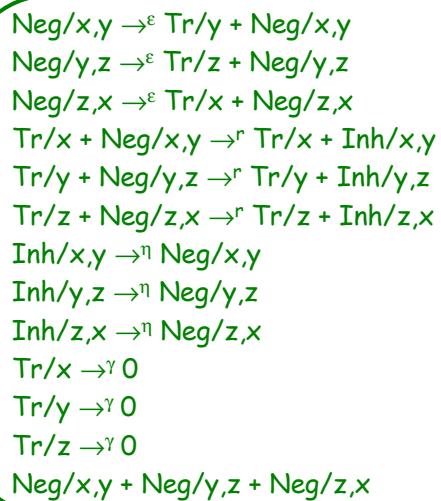


A fine stochastic oscillator over a wide range of parameters.



## Parametric representation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Neg}(a,b) &= ?a; \text{Inh}(a,b) \oplus \tau_\epsilon; (\text{Tr}(b) \mid \text{Neg}(a,b)) \\ \text{Inh}(a,b) &= \tau_\eta; \text{Neg}(a,b) \\ \text{Tr}(b) &= !b; \text{Tr}(b) \oplus \tau_\gamma; 0 \\ \text{Neg}(x_{(r)},y_{(r)}) \mid \text{Neg}(y_{(r)},z_{(r)}) \mid \text{Neg}(z_{(r)},x_{(r)}) & \end{aligned}$$



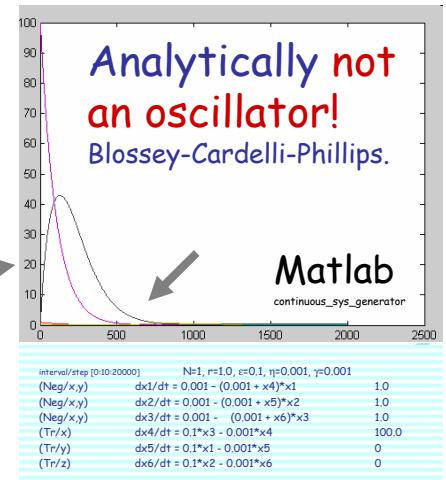
$$\begin{aligned} [\text{Neg}/x,y]^* &= -r[\text{Tr}/x][\text{Neg}/x,y] + \eta[\text{Inh}/x,y] \\ [\text{Neg}/y,z]^* &= -r[\text{Tr}/y][\text{Neg}/y,z] + \eta[\text{Inh}/y,z] \\ [\text{Neg}/z,x]^* &= -r[\text{Tr}/z][\text{Neg}/z,x] + \eta[\text{Inh}/z,x] \\ [\text{Inh}/x,y]^* &= r[\text{Tr}/x][\text{Neg}/x,y] - \eta[\text{Inh}/x,y] \\ [\text{Inh}/y,z]^* &= r[\text{Tr}/y][\text{Neg}/y,z] - \eta[\text{Inh}/y,z] \\ [\text{Inh}/z,x]^* &= r[\text{Tr}/z][\text{Neg}/z,x] - \eta[\text{Inh}/z,x] \\ [\text{Tr}/x]^* &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/z,x] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/x] \\ [\text{Tr}/y]^* &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/x,y] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/y] \\ [\text{Tr}/z]^* &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/y,z] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/z] \end{aligned}$$

simplifying (N is the quantity of each of the 3 gates)

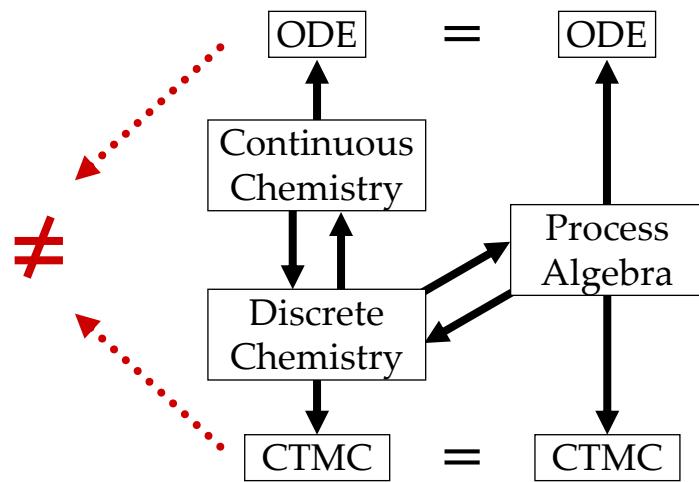
$$\begin{aligned} [\text{Neg}/x,y]^* &= \eta N - (\eta + r[\text{Tr}/x])[\text{Neg}/x,y] \\ [\text{Neg}/y,z]^* &= \eta N - (\eta + r[\text{Tr}/y])[\text{Neg}/y,z] \\ [\text{Neg}/z,x]^* &= \eta N - (\eta + r[\text{Tr}/z])[\text{Neg}/z,x] \\ [\text{Tr}/x]^* &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/z,x] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/x] \\ [\text{Tr}/y]^* &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/x,y] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/y] \\ [\text{Tr}/z]^* &= \epsilon[\text{Neg}/y,z] - \gamma[\text{Tr}/z] \end{aligned}$$

Analytically not an oscillator!  
Blossey-Cardelli-Phillips.

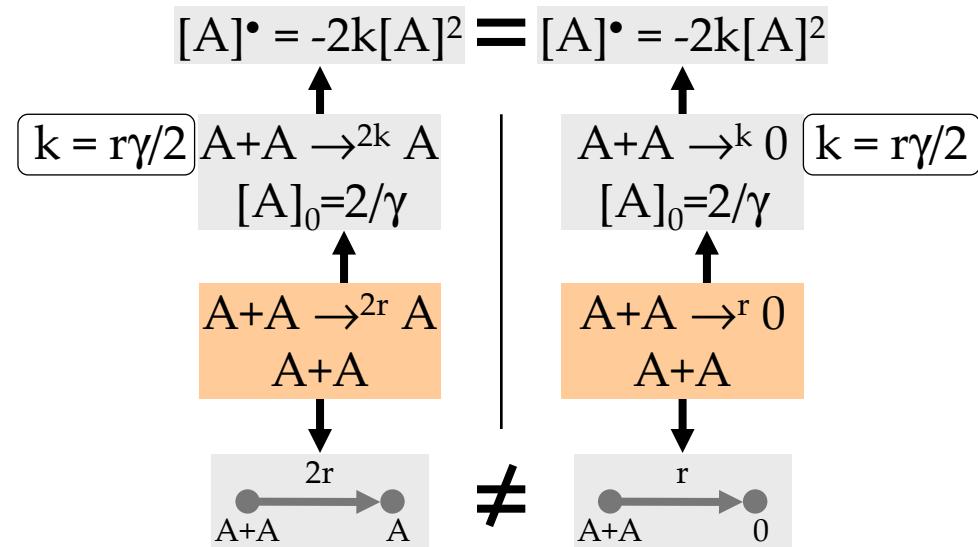
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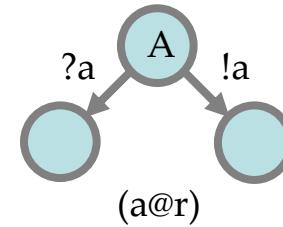
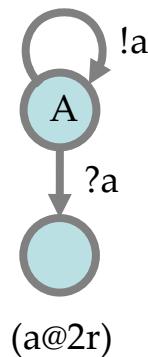
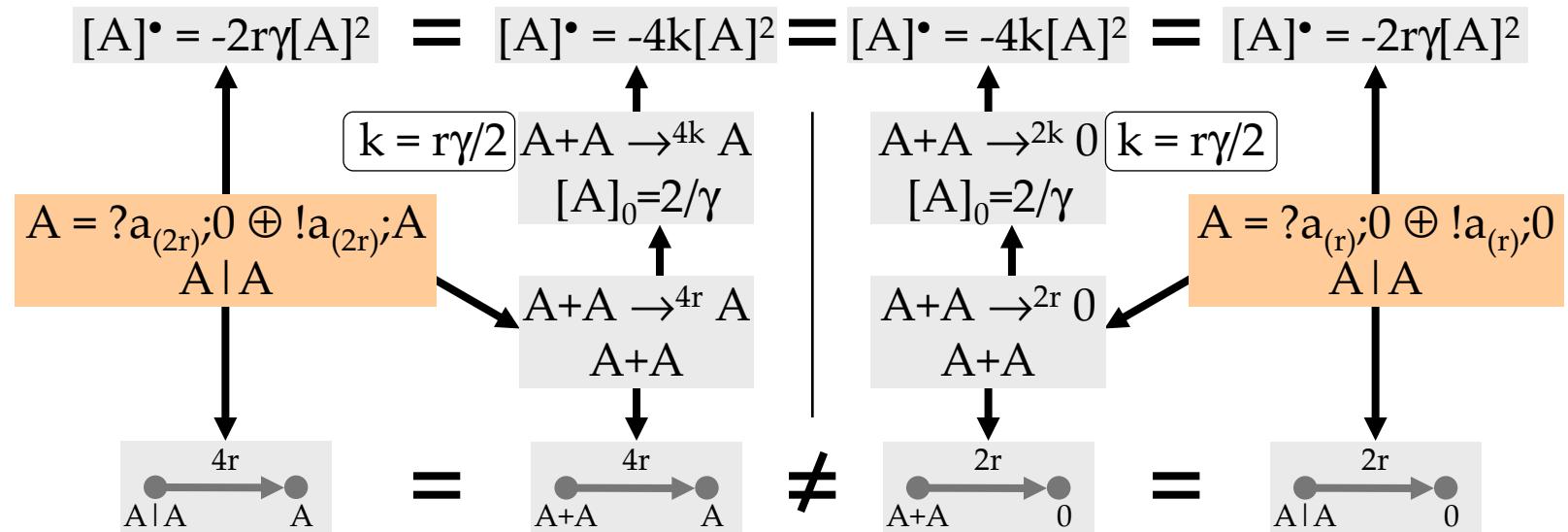
# **GMA $\neq$ CME**



$$A+A \rightarrow^r 0 \quad =? \quad A+A \rightarrow^{2r} A$$



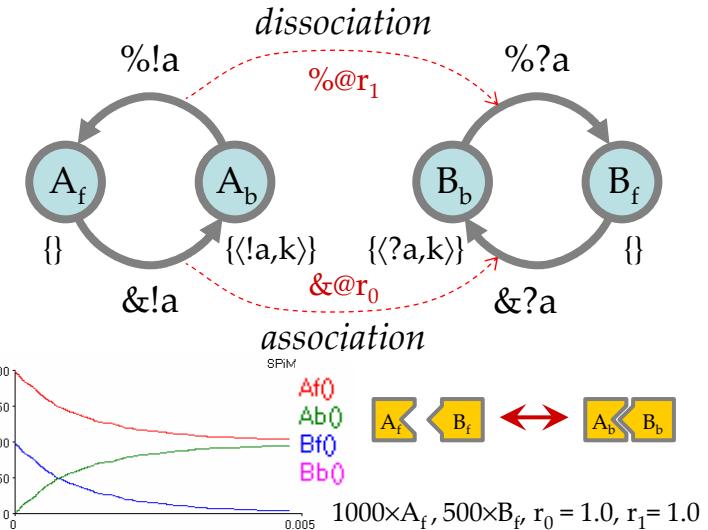
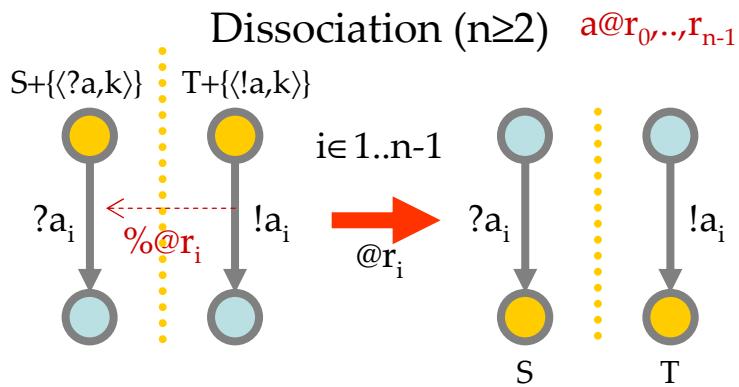
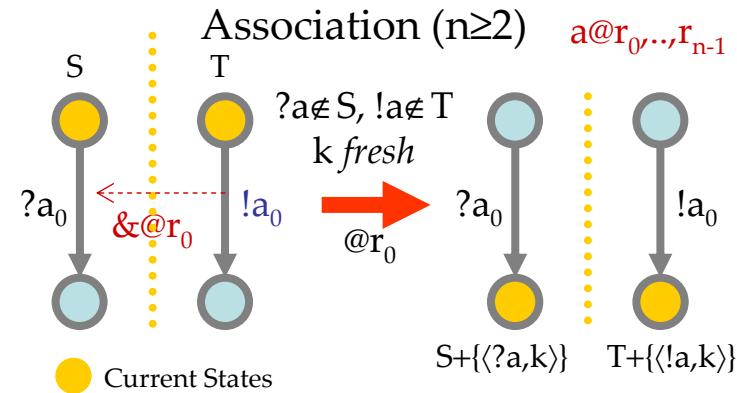
# ... as Automata



# Biochemistry

## Interaction+Complexation

# Polyautomata



Can be encoded in  $\pi$ -calculus (and SPiM) by bound-output/bound-input.

```
directive sample 0.005
directive plot Af(); Ab(); Bf(); Bb()
```

```
val mu = 1.0  val lam = 1.0
new a@mu:chan(chan)
```

```
let Af() = (new n@lam:chan run !a(n); Ab(n))
and Ab(n:chan) = !n; Af()
```

```
let Bf() = ?a(n); Bb(n)
and Bb(n:chan) = ?n; Bf()
```

```
run (1000 of Af() | 500 of Bf())
```



# Bidirectional Polymerization

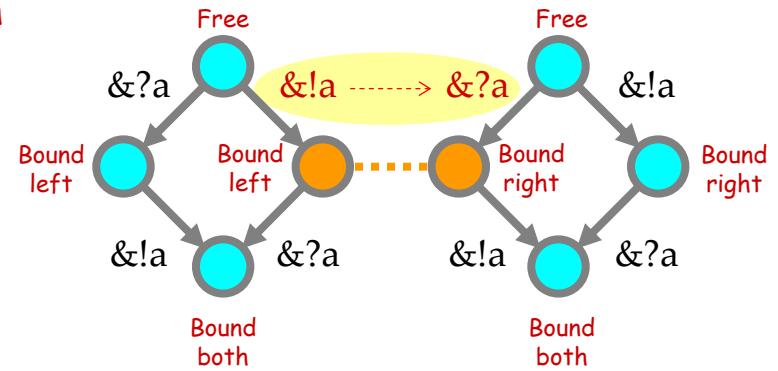
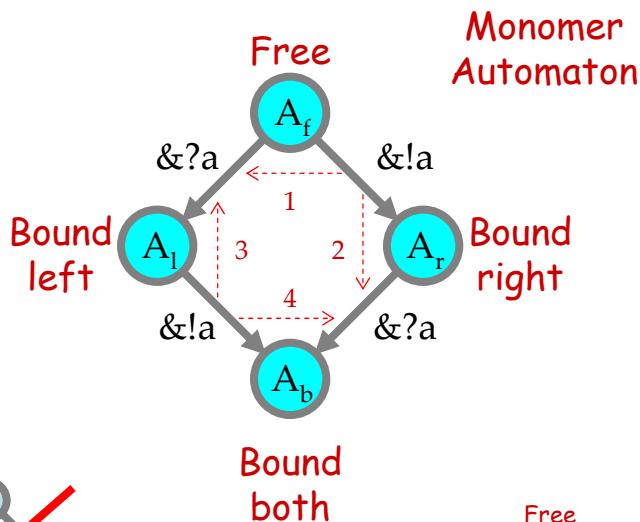
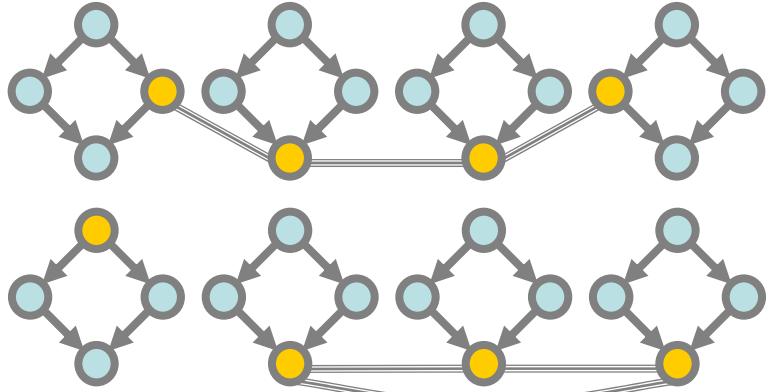
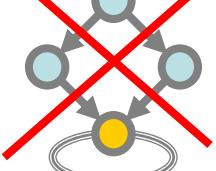
new  $c @ \mu$  new stop@1.0

$$A_{\text{free}} = \\ !c(^v rht_A); A_{\text{brht}}(rht) + \\ ?c(lft); A_{\text{blft}}(lft)$$

$$A_{\text{blft}}(lft) = \\ !c(^v rht_A); A_{\text{bound}}(lft, rht)$$

$$A_{\text{brht}}(rht) = \\ ?c(lft); A_{\text{bound}}(lft, rht)$$

$$A_{\text{bound}}(lft, rht) = ?\text{stop}$$



Polymerization is iterated complexation.

## Polyautomata

Bound output  $!c(^v r)$  and input  $?c(l)$   
on automata transitions  
to model complexation

```
directive sample 10000.0
directive plot Afree(); Ableft(); Abright(); Abound()

val lam = 1.0 val mu = 1.0
new cMu(chan(chan)) new stop@1.0 chan

let Afree() =
  (new rht@lam:chan run
  do l(c(rht)); Abright(rht)
  or ?c(lft); Ableft(lft))

and Abright(rht:chan) =
  (new rht@lam:chan run
  l(c(rht)); Abound(lft, rht))

and Ableft(lft:chan) =
  ?c(lft); Abound(lft, rht)

and Abound(lft:chan, rht:chan) =
  ?stop

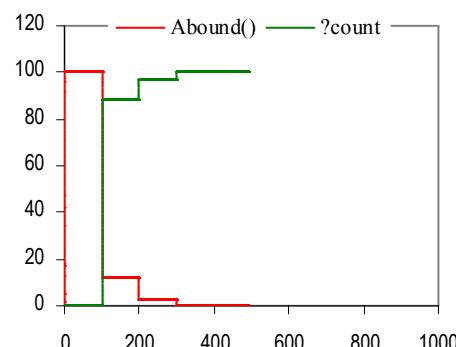
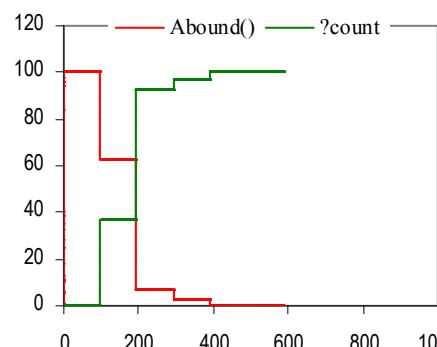
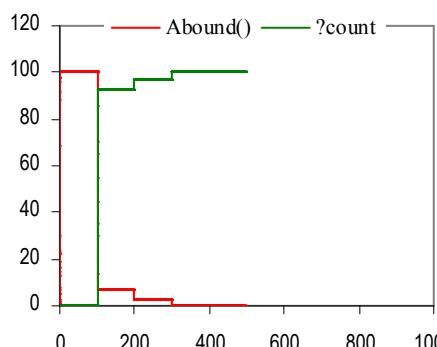
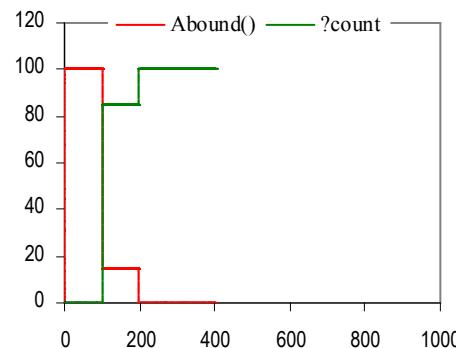
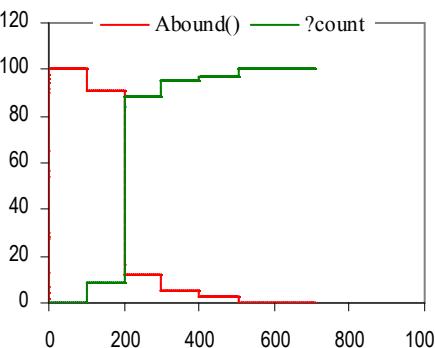
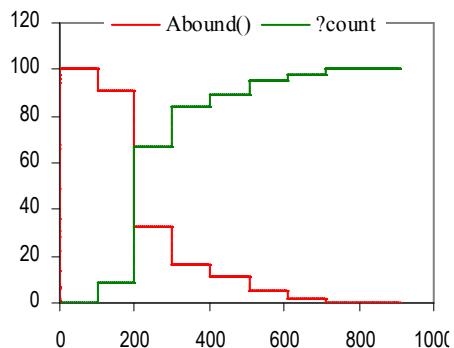
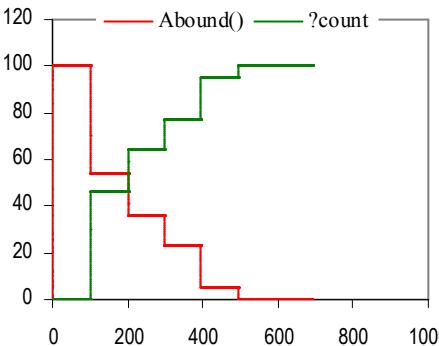
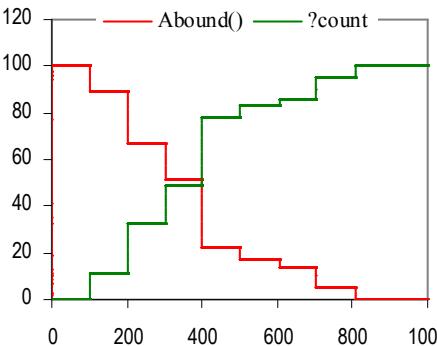
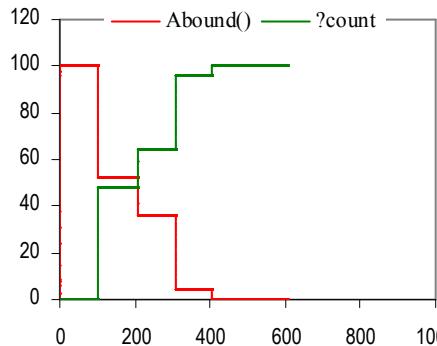
run (2 of Afree())
```

# Bidirectional Polymerization

## Circular Polymer Lengths

Scanning and counting the size of the circular polymers (by a cheap trick).

Polymer formation is complete within 10t; then a different polymer is scanned every 100t.



```

directive sample 1000.0
directive plot Abound(); ?count

type Link = chan(chan)
type Barb = chan

val lam = 1000.0 (* set high for better counting *)
val mu = 1.0
new c@mu:chan(Link)
new enter@lam:chan(Barb)
new count@lam:Barb

let Afree() =
  (new rht@lam:Link run
  do lc(rht); Abrht(rht)
  or ?c(lft); Abfft(lft))

and Abfft(lft:Link) =
  (new rht@lam:Link run
  lc(rht); Abound(lft,rht))

and Abrht(rht:Link) =
  ?c(lft); Abound(lft,rht)

and Abound(lft:Link, rht:Link) =
  do ?enter(barb); (barb | !rht(barb))
  or ?lft(barb); (barb | !rht(barb))
(* each Abound waits for a barb, exhibits it, and passes it to
the right so we can plot number of Abound in a ring *)

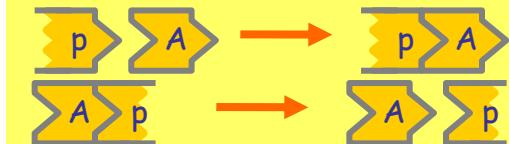
let clock(t:float, tick:chan) = (* sends a tick every t time *)
  (val ti = t/1000.0 val d = 1.0/ti
  let step(n:int) =
    if n>0 then !tick; clock(t,tick) else delay@d; step(n-1)
  run step(1000))

new tick:chan
let Scan() = ?tick; lenter(count); Scan()

run 100 of Afree()
run (clock(100.0, tick) | Scan())

```

$100 \times A_{\text{free}}$ , initially.  
The height of each rising  
step is the size of a  
separate circular polymer.  
(Unbiased sample of nine  
consecutive runs.)



# Actin-like Poly/Depolymerization

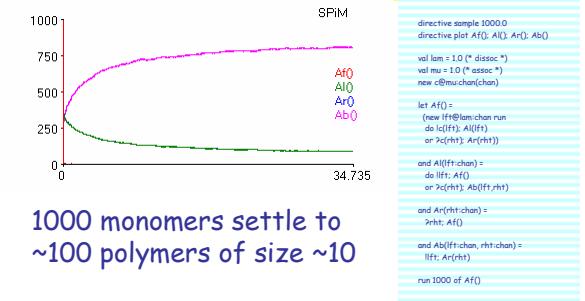
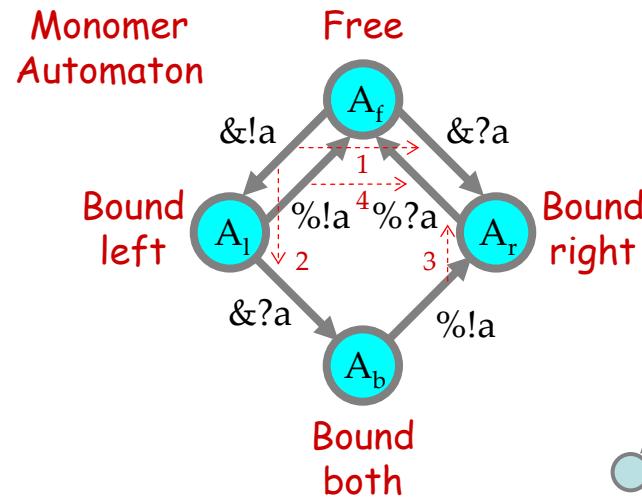
new  $c @ \mu$

$$A_{\text{free}} = \\ !c(v \text{lft}_A); A_{\text{blft}}(\text{lft}) + \\ ?c(\text{rht}); A_{\text{brht}}(\text{rht})$$

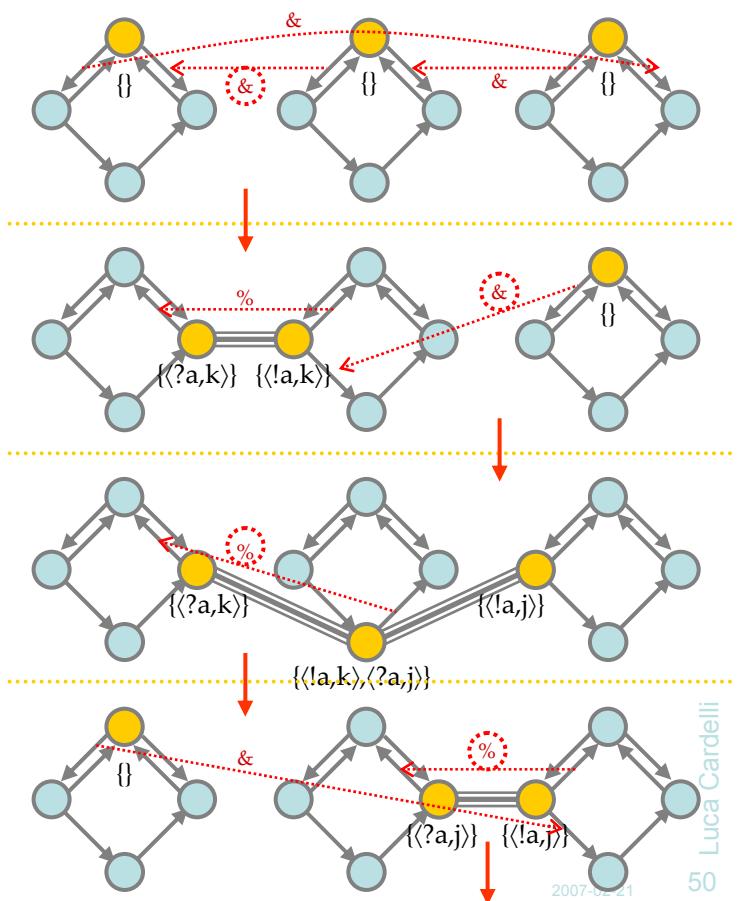
$$A_{\text{blft}}(\text{lft}) = \\ !\text{lft}; A_{\text{free}} + \\ ?c(\text{rht}); A_{\text{bound}}(\text{lft}, \text{rht})$$

$$A_{\text{brht}}(\text{rht}) = \\ ?\text{rht}; A_{\text{free}}$$

$$A_{\text{bound}}(\text{lft}, \text{rht}) = \\ !\text{lft}; A_{\text{brht}}(\text{rht})$$



1000 monomers settle to  
~100 polymers of size ~10



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- Compositional Models
  - Accurate (at the “appropriate” abstraction level).
  - Manageable (so we can scale them up by composition).
- Interacting Automata
  - Complex global behavior from simple components.
  - Bridging individual and collective behavior.
  - Connections to classical Markov theory,  
chemical Master Equation, and Rate Equation.
- Mapping out “the whole system”
  - Through an “artificial biochemistry”  
(a scalable mathematical and computational modeling framework)  
to investigate “real biochemistry” on a large scale.

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