Computational models on the spatial temporal aspects of subcellular processes

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The basic principle of a cell signalling pathway.

Stimuli (e.g. hormones, neurotransmitters or growth factors) acting on cell-surface receptors relay information through intracellular signalling pathways that can have a number of components. They usually begin with the activation of transducers that use amplifiers to generate internal messengers that either act locally or can diffuse throughout the cell. These messengers then engage sensors that are coupled to the effectors that are responsible for activating cellular responses. The green and red arrows indicate that cell signalling is a dynamic process consisting of ON mechanisms (green arrows) during which information flows down the pathway, opposed by the OFF mechanisms (red arrows) that switch off the different steps of the signalling pathway.





Binding of the EGF ligand to <u>EGF receptors</u> encourages two EGF receptors to come closer to each other and dimerize. During this process, the three-dimensional conformation of the intracellular domain of the EGF receptor changes, thereby activating the tyrosine kinase in the domain, and inducing the two EGF receptors forming the dimers to mutually phosphorylate each other's tyrosine residues. <u>Adapter proteins and other</u> <u>mediators</u> in signal transduction bind to the activated EGF receptor dimers to form a receptor signal-transduction complex. Some of these adapter proteins have an SH2 (Src Homology 2) domain that recognizes the phosphorylated tyrosine on the receptor and specifically binds to activated proteins. Some activated complexes <u>activate a series of signal cascades</u> in which the Ras small G protein is involved. Then finally, the activated Ras regulates the expression of proteins through the mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase cascade. <u>Activated extracellular signal-regulated kinases (ERKs or MAP kinases) dimerize and enter the nucleus</u>. Within the nucleus, <u>ERKs phosphorylate transcription factors and promote the transcription of genes</u> sufficiently and the transcription of genes.

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Extracellular Stimuli

- Not only chemical
- Electrical : Neural receptors
- Optical: Rhodopsin
- Mechanical: Integrin, Adhesive receptors
- Always mixed





Formation and mode of action of cell stimuli.

Cell stimuli are released from cells through different mechanisms: membrane-anchored stimuli are released by ectoderm shedding; stimuli formed in the cytoplasm pass out across the plasma membrane; stimuli packaged into vesicles are released by exocytosis. Such stimuli have four main modes of action. Membrane-anchored stimuli on the surface can activate receptors on neighbouring cells directly (juxtacrine). Stimuli that are released from the cell can feed back to activate receptors on the same cell (autocrine); they can diffuse to neighbouring cells (paracrine); or they enter the blood stream to act on cells further a field (endocrine).







Temporal aspects of signalling







Spatial organization of cell signaling



- A. The basic components of a typical signalling pathway, consisting of a receptor (R) and three signalling components (X, Y and Z).
- B. In those cases where the signalling components are proteins, information is transmitted through protein—protein interactions using signal transduction domains. For example, a motif on protein X recognizes a specific binding site on protein Y and so on.
- C. A variety of scaffolds function to hold together the individual components of signalling pathways to create macromolecular signalling complexes.
- D. These macromolecular signalling complexes can be aggregated in specific locations within the cell. as occurs in lipid rafts and EINSTEIN

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Bimolecular interactions

Binding is not all-or-nothing:

$$A + B \stackrel{k_{on}}{\underset{k_{off}}{\longrightarrow}} AB$$

Portion of A and B will be bound, portion will be free



Equilibrium

Reaction is in equilibrium when concentrations do not change:

$$X \stackrel{k_{on}}{\underset{k_{off}}{\longrightarrow}} Y$$

$$\frac{d[Y]}{dt} = [X] \cdot k_{on} - [Y] \cdot k_{off} = 0 \qquad (\text{mass action law})$$

(unimolecular reaction)



Equilibrium

Binding (bimolecular reaction):

$$A + B \stackrel{k_{on}}{\underset{k_{off}}{\longrightarrow}} AB$$

Reaction is in equilibrium when concentrations do not change:

$$\frac{d[AB]}{dt} = [A] \cdot [B] \cdot k_{on} - [AB] \cdot k_{off} = 0 \qquad (\text{mass action law})$$

Equilibrium is reached when:

$$[A] \cdot [B] \cdot k_{on} = [AB] \cdot k_{off}$$

Equilibrium is still dynamic!!!



Equilibrium is reached when:

 $[A] \cdot [B] \cdot k_{on} = [AB] \cdot k_{off}$

Rearrange to define equilibrium dissociation constant K_D:

$$K_{D} = \frac{k_{off}}{k_{on}} = \frac{[A] \cdot [B]}{[AB]}$$

Units:

$$K_{D} = \frac{[A] \cdot [B]}{[AB]} \qquad \{M\} = \frac{\{M\} \cdot \{M\}}{\{M\}}$$

Rate constants:



Reaction kinetics

Equilibrium thermodynamics does not provide any information on rates of chemical changes!



Reaction coordinate

Gibbs free energy (ΔG^0) determines ratio of reactants/products (thermodynamic properties), activation energy (ΔG^{++}) determines rates (kinetics)



Relation between K_D , $k_{on/off}$, and ΔG





In terms of free energies:

Reaction coordinate

$$K_{D} = \frac{k_{off}}{k_{on}} = \frac{Ae^{(-\Delta G_{off}^{++}/RT)}}{Ae^{(-\Delta G_{on}^{++}/RT)}} = e^{(-(\Delta G_{off}^{++}-\Delta G_{on}^{++})/RT)} = e^{(-\Delta G^{0}/RT)}$$



Michaelis-Menten Kinetics

$$E + S \stackrel{k_1}{\underset{k-1}{\longrightarrow}} ES$$
$$ES \stackrel{k_2}{\longrightarrow} E + P$$

Simplest enzyme mechanism

- One reactant (S)
- One intermediate (ES)
- One product (P)



Michaelis-Menten Kinetics

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- First step: The enzyme (E) and the substrate (S) reversibly and quickly form a non-covalent ES complex.
- 2. Second step: The ES complex undergoes a chemical transformation and dissociates to give product (P) and enzyme (E).

4. Many enzymatic reactions follow Michaelis–Menten kinetics, even though enzyme mechanisms are always more complicated than the Michaelis–Menten model.



$$E + S \stackrel{\kappa_{1}}{\underset{k-1}{\longleftrightarrow}} ES$$
$$ES \stackrel{k_{2}}{\underset{k-1}{\mapsto}} E + P$$

Michaelis-Menten Kinetics $E + S \stackrel{k_1}{\underset{k_{-1}}{\leftarrow}} ES \stackrel{k_2}{\underset{k_{-1}}{\leftarrow}} E + P$

Now: we derive the Michaelis-Menten Equation

 $\begin{array}{ll} d[ES]/dt &= k_1[E][S] - k_{-1}[ES] - k_2[ES] \\ &= 0 \quad (steady \ state \ assumption, \ see \ previous \ graph) \end{array}$

solve for [ES] (do the algebra)

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[ES] = [E][S] k_1/(k_{-1} + k_2)
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Define K_M (Michealis Constant) $K_M = (k_{-1} + k_2)/k_1 => [ES] = [E][S]/K_M$

rearrange to give $K_M = [E][S]/[ES]$



Michaelis-Menten Kinetics

substitute $[E] = [E]_0 - [ES]$ $\frac{([E]_0 - [ES])[S]}{[ES]} = K_M$ multiply both sides by [ES] $K_{M}[ES] = ([E]_{0} - [ES])[S]$ $K_{M} = [E][S]/[ES]$ solve for [ES] $[ES] = \frac{[E]_0[S]}{K_m + [S]}$ multiply both sides by k_2 (this gives get the velocity of the reaction) $\frac{dP}{dt} = v = k_2[ES] = \frac{k_2[E]_0[S]}{K_M + [S]}$

and remember that $k_2[E]_0 = v_{\text{max}}$

$$v = \frac{v_{\max}[S]}{K_M + [S]}$$
 Michaelis Menten Equation



Michaelis-Menten Kinetics



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Competitive Inhibition





Uncompetitive Inhibition





Mixed (competitive and uncompetitive) Inhibition





Table 12-2 Effects of Inhibitors on Michaelis-Menten Reactions ^a			
Type of Inhibition	Michaelis–Menten Equation	Lineweaver-Burk Equation	Effect of Inhibitor
None	$\boldsymbol{v_o} = \frac{\boldsymbol{V_{max}[S]}}{\boldsymbol{K_M} + [S]}$	$\frac{1}{v_{o}} = \frac{K_{M}}{V_{max}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{max}}$	None
Competitive	$\boldsymbol{v}_{o} = \frac{\boldsymbol{V}_{max}[S]}{\alpha \boldsymbol{K}_{M} + [S]}$	$\frac{1}{v_{\rm o}} = \frac{\alpha K_M}{V_{\rm max}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{\rm max}}$	Increases K_M^{app}
Uncompetitive	$\boldsymbol{v_{o}} = \frac{\boldsymbol{V_{max}[S]}}{\boldsymbol{K_{M}} + \boldsymbol{\alpha'[S]}} = \frac{(\boldsymbol{V_{max}/\alpha'})[S]}{\boldsymbol{K_{M}/\alpha'} + [S]}$	$\frac{1}{v_{o}} = \frac{K_{M}}{V_{max}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{\alpha'}{V_{max}}$	Decreases K_M^{app} and $V_{\text{max}}^{\text{app}}$
Mixed (noncompetitiv	(ve) $v_{o} = \frac{V_{max}[S]}{\alpha K_{M} + \alpha'[S]} = \frac{(V_{max}/\alpha')[S]}{(\alpha/\alpha')K_{M} + [S]}$	$\frac{1}{v_{\rm o}} = \frac{\alpha K_M}{V_{\rm max}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{\alpha'}{V_{\rm max}}$	Decreases V ^{app} ; may increase or decrease K ^{app}
111	[1]		

$$a_{\alpha} = 1 + \frac{[1]}{K_{1}}$$
 and $\alpha' = 1 + \frac{[1]}{K_{1}'}$



Non-cooperative versus cooperative







Cooperative

00B + B ↓ 0BB

 τ can be positive or negative (positive or negative cooperativity)



Hill Equation – Simplest Model

We assume that the ligands bind simultaneously (unrealistic!):

$$E + n \ S \longleftrightarrow ES$$

Assuming Rapid Equilibrium

$$K = \frac{ES}{E \cdot S^n}$$

$$v = \frac{\mathrm{Vmax}\; S^n}{K+S^n} { \longleftarrow } \mathrm{Hill\; Coefficient}$$



$$v = \frac{\operatorname{Vmax}\, S^n}{K + S^n} {}^{\operatorname{Hill Coefficient}}$$

The Hill Coefficient, n, describes the degree of cooperativity.

If n = 1, the equation reverts to a simple hyperbolic response.

n > 1 : Positive Cooperativityn = 1 : No Cooperativityn < 1 : Negative Cooperativity





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Wnt signaling pathway



Epithelial-mesenchymal Transition

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A simple model of Wnt signaling network






Wnt stimuli and destruction cycle

$$\frac{d[D]}{dt} = s_D[X] - (\hat{d}_D + \hat{d}_{DX}(s_\infty))[D]$$

$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = s_X - s_D[X] - \hat{d}_X[X] + \hat{d}_D[D]$$

$$\frac{d[C_u]}{dt} = \frac{P_u[D][C]}{[C] + K_D} - d_u[C_u]$$









Cell adhesion

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = s_A + d_{CA}[C_A] - (s_{CA}[C] + d_A)[A]$$
$$\frac{d[C_A]}{dt} = s_{CA}[C][A] - d_{CA}[C_A]$$







$$\begin{cases} \frac{d[D]}{dt} = s_D[X] - (\hat{d}_D(s_{\infty}) + \hat{d}_{DX}(s_{\infty}))[D] \\ \frac{d[X]}{dt} = s_X - s_D[X] - \hat{d}_X[X] + \hat{d}_{DX}(s_{\infty})[D] \\ \frac{d[C_u]}{dt} = \frac{P_u[D][C]}{dt} - d_u[C_u] \end{cases} \begin{cases} \frac{d[T]}{dt} = s_T + d_{CT}[C_T] - (s_{CT}[C] + d_T)[T] \\ \frac{d[C_T]}{dt} = s_{CT}[C][T] - d_{CT}[C_T] \\ \frac{d[Y]}{dt} = s_{CT}[C][T] - d_{CT}[C_T] \\ \frac{d[Y]}{dt} = \frac{s_Y[C_T]}{[C_T] + K_T} - d_Y[Y] \end{cases} \begin{cases} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = s_A + d_{CA}[C_A] - (s_{CA}[C] + d_A)[A] \\ \frac{d[C_A]}{dt} = s_{CA}[C][A] - d_{CA}[C_A] \\ \frac{d[C]}{dt} = s_C + d_{CA}[C_A] + d_{CT}[C_T] \\ \frac{d[C]}{dt} = s_C + d_{CT}[C_A] +$$



Solve these ODEs by Mathematica



Dsolve and NDSolve

For ODEs without initial conditions, use Dsolve

Type of Equation	Syntax	Example Equation(s)	Dsolve for Example
One ODE	Dsolve[eqn,y,x]	y''+16y=0	Dsolve[y''[x]+16y[x]==0,y,x]
Multiple ODEs	Dsolve[{eqn1,eqn2,},{y1,y2,},x]	y1'-y2-x=0 y2'-y1-1=0	Dsolve[{y1'[x]-y2[x]-x==0,y2'[x]-y1[x]- 1==0},{y1,y2},x]

For ODEs with initial conditions, use NDSolve

Type of Equation	Syntax	Example Equation(s)	Dsolve for Example
One ODE	NDSolve[{eqn,i1,i2},y,{x,xmin,xma x}]	y''+16y=0,y(0)=1, y'(0)=0	NDSolve[{y''[x]+16y==0,y[0]==1,y'[0]==0},y,{x, 0,30}]
Multiple ODEs	NDSolve[{eqn1, eqn2,, i1, i2, },{y1,y2},{x,xmin,xmax}]	y1'-y2-x=0 y2'-y1-1=0 y1(0)=0,y2(0)=0	NDSolve[{y1'[x]-y2[x]-x==0,y2'[x]-y1[x]- 1==0,y1[0]==y2[0]==0},{y1,y2},{x,0,20}]



Entering in Mathematica

- Open Mathematica (Version shown here is Mathematica 6)
- Use the following steps to solve the ODE in Mathematica:
- 1. Input ODE

Wolfram Mathematica 6.0 - [SemiBatch Example.nb *]
File Edit Insert Format Cell Graphics Evaluation Palettes Window Help

SemiBatch Example.nb *

In[2]:= Eqn1 = X ' [t] == k (1 - X[t]) (V0 + vo * t) / (Nao * X[t])
Out[2]= X'[t] == k (V0 + t vo) (1 - X[t])
Out[2]= X'[t] == k (V0 + t vo) (1 - X[t])

2. Define given variables ln[4]:= k = 2.7;

ln[5]:= V0 = 5; ln[9]:= vo = 0.05;





Entering in Mathematica (cont.)

3. Define a variable to NDSolve and enter inputs

 $ln[12] = solve = MDSolve[{Eqn1, X[0] == 0.0001}, X, {t, 0, 100}];$



4. Plot the solution









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	Index	Chemical reactions	Descriptions	Parameters
	(1)	S _{Axin}	Synthesis of proteins	$S_{Axin} = 20nMh^{-1}$
	(2)	S_{APC}		$S_{APC} = 200nMh^{-1}$
	(3)	S_{B-cat}		$S_{B-cat} = 602nMh^{-1}$
	(4)	S_{WC}		$S_{WC} = 346nMh^{-1}$
	(5)	$d_{Axin}[Axin]$	Degradation of proteins	$d_{Axin} = 1h^{-1}$
	(6)	$d_{APC}[APC]$		$d_{APC} = 1h^{-1}$
	(7)	$d_{B-cat}[B-cat]$		$d_{B-cat} = 0.1h^{-1}$
	(8)	$k_{deg}^{WC}[WC]$		$k_{deg}^{WC} = 1h^{-1}$
	(9)	$d_{B-cat}[ABC]$		$d_{B-cat} = 0.1h^{-1}$
Adhesion Network	(10)	S _{Cad/Cat}	Synthesis of Cad/Cat complex in Golgi	$S_{Cad/Cat} = 206nMh^{-1}$
	(11)	$k_{deg}^{BC}[Cad/Cat]_{golgi}$	Degradation of Cad/Cat complex in Golgi	$k_{\rm deg}^{BC} = 1h^{-1}$
	(12)	$k_{shuttle}[Cad/Cat]_{golgi}$	Shuttling Cad/Cat complex from Golgi to cell surfaces	$k_{shuttle} = 2.43h^{-1}$
	(13)	$k_{endo}^{free} [Cad/Cat]_{free}$	Endocytosis of Cad/Cat complex on cell surfaces	$k_{endo}^{free} = 1h^{-1}$
	(14)	k ^{trans} _{endo} [Cad / Cat] _{trans}		$k_{endo}^{trans} = 0.5h^{-1}$
	(15)	$k_{endo}^{cis} [Cad/Cat]_{cis}$		$k_{endo}^{cis} = 0.3h^{-1}$
	(16)	$k_{endo}^{free} [Cad]_{free}$	Endocytosis of cadherin on cell surfaces	$k_{endo}^{free} = 1h^{-1}$
	(17)	$k_{endo}^{trans}[Cad]_{trans}$		$k_{endo}^{trans} = 0.5h^{-1}$
	(18)	$k_{endo}^{cis}[Cad]_{cis}$		$k_{endo}^{cis} = 0.3h^{-1}$
	(19)	$k_{BC,f}^{free}[B-Cat][Cad]_{free} - k_{BC,b}^{free}[Cad/Cat]_{free}$	Formation of Cad/Cat complex	$k_{BC,f}^{free} = 30nM^{-1}h^{-1}k_{BC,b}^{free} = 100h^{-1}$
	(20)	$k_{trans}^{f} [Cad/Cat]_{free} - k_{trans}^{b} [Cad/Cat]_{trans}$		$k_{trans}^{f} = 30nM^{-1}h^{-1}k_{trans}^{b} = 100h^{-1}$
	(21)	$k_{BC,f}^{cis}[B-Cat][Cad]_{cis}-k_{BC,b}^{cis}[Cad/Cat]_{cis}$		$k_{BC,\ell}^{cis}k_{BC,b}^{cis}$ depends on membrane organization effects
	(22)	$k_{trans}^{f} [Cad/Cat]_{trans} - k_{trans}^{b} [Cad/Cat]_{trans}$	Formation of trans-dimer	$k_{trom}^{f}k_{trom}^{b}$ depends on adhesion condition
	(23)	k^{f} . [Cad/Cat] $-k^{b}$. [Cad/Cat].	Formation of cis-cluster	k^{f} , k^{b} , depends on adhesion condition
Destruct Complex Cycle	(24)	$k_{AX/BJ}[Axin][B-Cat] - k_{AX/BJ}[Axin/B-Cat]$	B-cat retention caused by Axin.	$k_{AX/Bf} = 0.015nM^{-1}h^{-1} k_{AX/Bb} = 100h^{-1}$
	(25)	$k_{AP/B,f}[APC][B-Cat] - k_{AP/B,b}[APC/B-Cat]$	B-cat retention caused by APC.	$k_{AP/BJ} = 0.005nM^{-1}h^{-1} k_{AP/B,b} = 100h^{-1}$
	(26)	$k_{AP/AX,f}[Axin][APC] - k_{AP/AX,b}[Axin/APC]$	Formation of Axin/APC	$k_{AP/AX,f} = 0.1 n M^{-1} h^{-1} k_{AP/AX,b} = 10 h^{-1}$
	(27)	$k_{D,f}[Axin/APC][GSK3] - k_{D,b}[D]$	Formation of destruction complex	$k_{D,f} = 0.75 n M^{-1} h^{-1} k_{D,b} = 100 h^{-1}$
	(28)	$k_{BD,f}[D][B-Cat]-k_{BD,b}[BD]$	Binding B-cat by destruction Complex	$k_{BD,f} = 3.84nM^{-1}h^{-1} k_{BD,b} = 1000h^{-1}$
	(29)	$k_{p,WNT-OFF}^{CK1}[BD] - k_{dp,WNT-OFF}^{CK1}[CK1-pBD]$	Phosphorylation of B-cat by CK1	$k_{p,WNT-OFF}^{CK1} = 250h^{-1} k_{dp,WNT-OFF}^{CK1} = 200h^{-1}$
	(30)	$k_{p,WNT-OFF}^{GSK3}[CK1-pBD] - k_{dp,WNT-OFF}^{GSK3}[GSK3-pBD]$	Phosphorylation of B-cat by GSK3	$k_{p,WNT-OFF}^{GSK3} = 400h^{-1} k_{dp,WNT-OFF}^{GSK3} = 100h^{-1}$
	(31)	$k_{transform}[GSK3 - pBD]$	Transformation of Destruction Complex	$k_{transform} = 300h^{-1}$
	(32)	$k_{\text{transform}}[GSK3 - nB/ID]$	Degradation of GSK3-pB	$k_{1} = 100 h^{-1}$
	(33)	keeproduction [GOALS PD710]	Recovery of Destruction Complex	$k_{degradation} = 10b^{-1}$
	(34)	k^{ABC} must $\exp[CK1 - nBD] - k^{ABC} \exp[ABC][D]$	Release of ABC	k^{ABC} and k^{ABC} and $k^{ABC} = 32 \ 4h^{-1} \ k^{ABC}$ and $k^{-1}h^{-1}$
/nt Activation	(35)	Lf [HCC1[D]	Binding to Wnt/receptor complex	$k_{release, WNT-OFF} = 5200 \text{ m} M^{-1} k^{-1}$
	(00)	$\kappa_{LD}[mc][D]$	entering to the entering complexit	$\kappa_{LD} = 2500 nM$ n
		$\kappa_{LD}[mC][BD]$		
		$k_{LD}[WC][CK1-pBD]$		
	(26)	$\kappa_{LD}[WC][GSK3 - pBD]$	Pinding R sat by destruction Complay	
	(30)	$\kappa_{BDJ}[WD] = \kappa_{BDJ}[WBD]$ $\kappa_{CK} = (WD) = \kappa_{K} = (CK) = (CK)$	Photphondation of R-cat htt CV1	$\kappa_{BDf} = 5.84nM^{-1}h^{-1}, \kappa_{BD,b} = 1000h^{-1},$
	(37)	$\kappa_{p,WNT-ON}[WBD] = \kappa_{dp,WNT-ON}[CK1 - WBD]$	Phosphorylation of P sat ky CCV2	$\kappa_{dp,WNT-ON} = 250h^{-1} \kappa_{dp,WNT-ON} = 4000h^{-1}$
	(38)	$k_{p,WNT-ON}^{OSK3}[CK1-WBD] - k_{dp,WNT-ON}^{OSK3}[GSK3-WBD]$	Phosphorylation of B-cat by GSK3	$k_{p,WNT-ON}^{OSNS} = 120h^{-1} k_{dp,WNT-ON}^{OSNS} = 60h^{-1}$
	(39)	k _{transform} [GSK3-WBD]	Transformation of destruction complex	$k_{transform} = 300h^{-1}$
	(40)	$k_{release, WNT-ON}^{ABC}[CK1-WBD] - k_{ass, WNT-ON}^{ABC}[ABC][WD]$	Release of ABC	$k_{release,WNT-ON}^{ABC} = 25920h^{-1} k_{ass,WNT-ON}^{ABC} = 54nM^{-1}h^{-1}$
ignaling transductio	on(41)	$k_p^{Y142}[ABC] - k_{dp}^{Y142}[ABC/Bcl9]$	ABC binds to Bcl9	$k_p^{Y142} = 20h^{-1} k_{dp}^{Y142} = 20h^{-1}$
	(42)	$k_{NT}^{f}[ABC/Bcl9] - k_{NT}^{b}[ABC/Bcl9(N)]$	ABC/Bcl9 transports into Nuclear	$k_{NT}^{f} = 20h^{-1} k_{NT}^{b} = 20h^{-1}$
	(43)	$k_{BT}^{f}[ABC/Bcl9(N)] - k_{BT}^{b}[ABC/TCF]$	ABC binds to TCF	$k_{BT}^{f} = 20h^{-1} k_{BT}^{b} = 20h^{-1}$

Stochastic simulation



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Step 1: Given the system state, determine the rate of each reaction, a_r.

- Reaction 1: $S_1 + S_2 \rightarrow S_3$, with rate constant k_1
 - X_1 , X_2 are the numbers of the reactant molecules
 - Define the stoichiometry: h₁ = X₁X₂; this will give dependence on amounts of molecules.
 - Then $a_1 = h_1 k_1 = k_1 X_1 X_2 =$ rate for this reaction.

• Reaction 2:
$$S_1 + S_1 \rightarrow S_2$$
,
- $h_2 = X_1(X_1-1)/2$

• Finally, define: $a_0 = \Sigma a_r$ (r = 1 to R)

This is the combined rate of all possible reactions



Step 2 When does the next reaction occur ...

• Pick p, a uniform random number from 0 to 1

• Let
$$\tau = \frac{1}{a_0} \ln\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)$$

- This is time of the next event.
- (Note that the time step doesn't have to be predetermined, and is exact.)





Step 2 ... and which reaction is it?

- Determine which reaction occurs at time τ :
- Pick p₂, another uniform random number from 0 to 1
- Find r, such that: $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} a_i < p_2 a_0 < \sum_{i=1}^r a_i$
- Think about dividing a₀ into R pieces of length a_r
- p₂ determines r based on weighting:



Step 3 Update the System State

- Update $t = t + \tau$
- Update X = [X₁, X₂, ...X_c] according to the reaction stoichiometry
 - Subtract substrates and add products for the indicated rth reaction.
 - For each c, $X_c = X_c S(r,c) + P(r,c)$
- In matrix format:
 - -X(end+1,:) = X(end,:) S(r,:) + P(r,:)
- Update reaction step counter (RC = RC+1).

Step 3 is to determine how each of C chemicals are affected Do these three steps iteratively.









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Crosstalk between Wnt and EGF signaling networks





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Spatial Stochastic Simulators

- Particle based
 - Individual molecules are represented as point-based particles, which diffuse random distance and random direction at each time step
 - If two reacting molecules pass near each other they may react
 - Computations increase with number of molecules
 - Smoldyn, MCell, CDS



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Receptor Clustering













Simulation Strategy

- > In order to carry the membrane interface simulation, the cell membrane is first simplified as a two-dimensional lattice space.
- While the cadherin molecules can be randomly diffused on this space, by moving from one lattice point to one of its nearest neighbor point in each step.


























Simulation trajectory

Wild-type

Cis mutant







Experimental Validation

Wild-type

Cis mutant





Receptor clustering regulates cell signaling



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Modeling cellular heterogeneity: model validation









Functional significance of forming high-order complex



- The cooperativity exists when multimeric spatial organization requires the formation of initial seed complex. This intrinsic cooperation leads to slower kinetics during complex assembly, but it is significant to the functions of signal transduction. It leads to the fact that cells could exhibit an all-or-none transition only when there is a persistent and high dose of stimulation, which is called a threshold response.
- The biological noises due to conformational fluctuations of macromolecules or randomness in molecular diffusions can be reduced through the spatial formation of high-order molecular patterns.



Assembly of signalosome: a real example













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