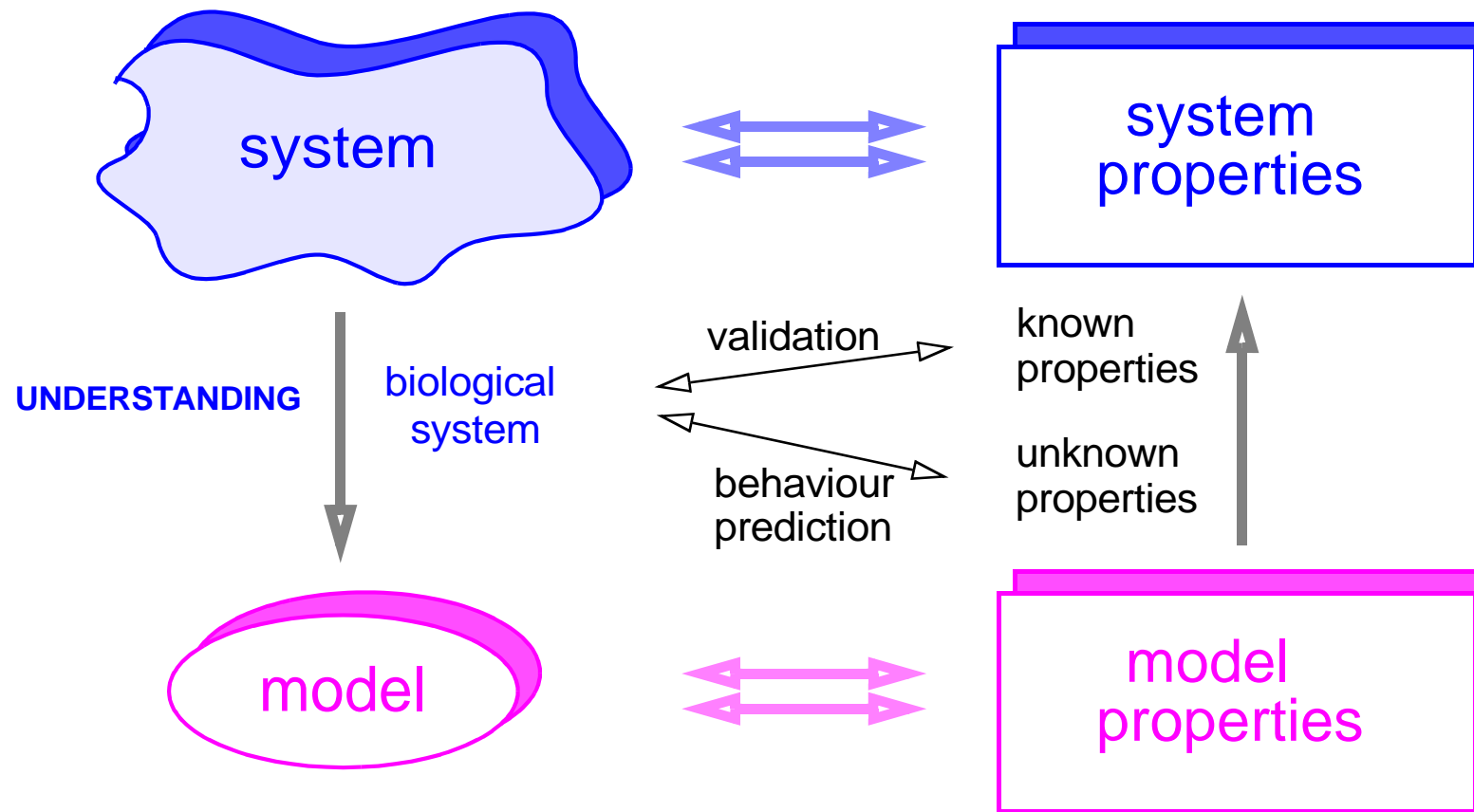


# **FROM PETRI NETS TO DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (ODEs)**

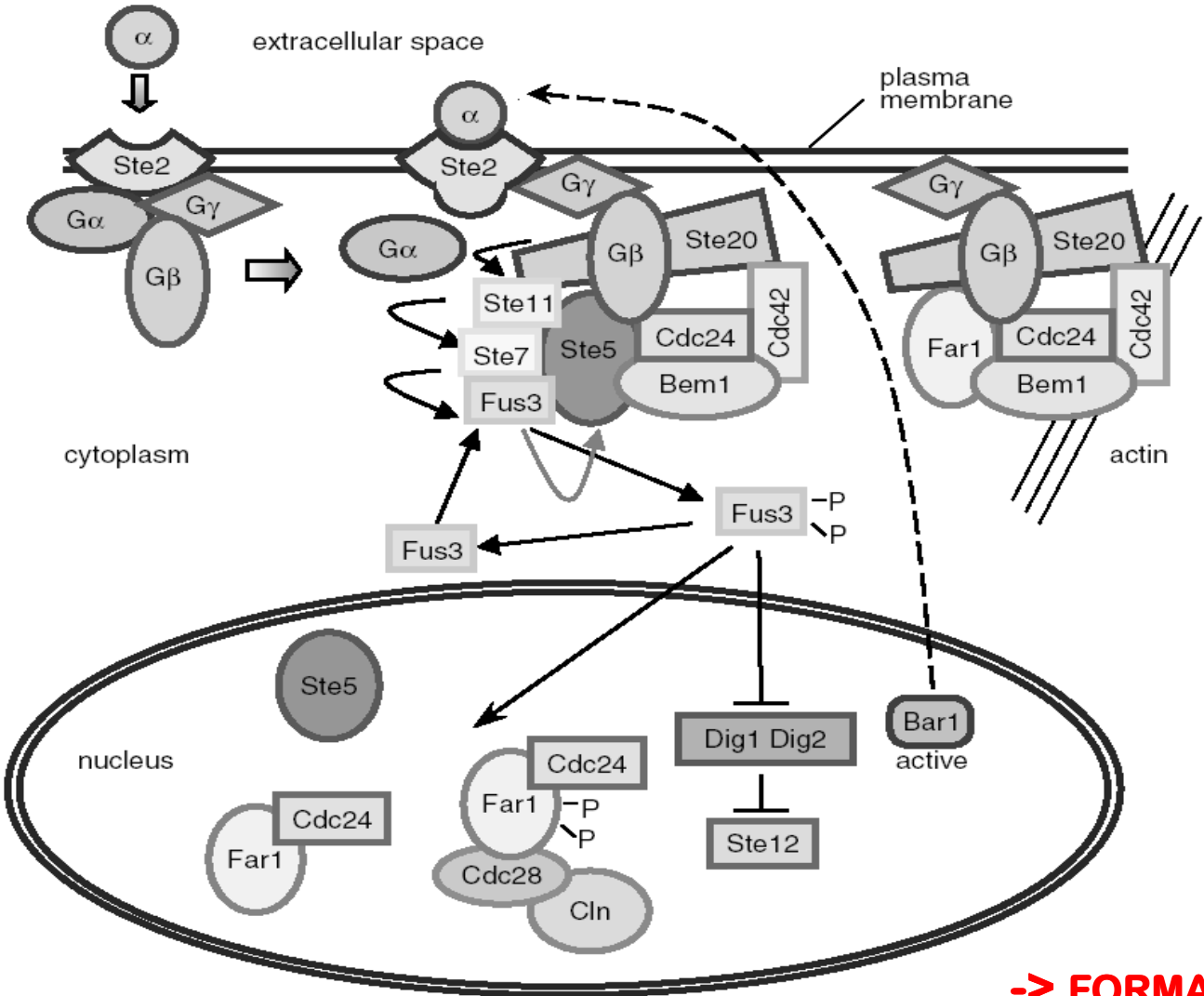
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# WHAT KIND OF MODEL SHOULD BE USED?



-> FORMAL SEMANTICS ?

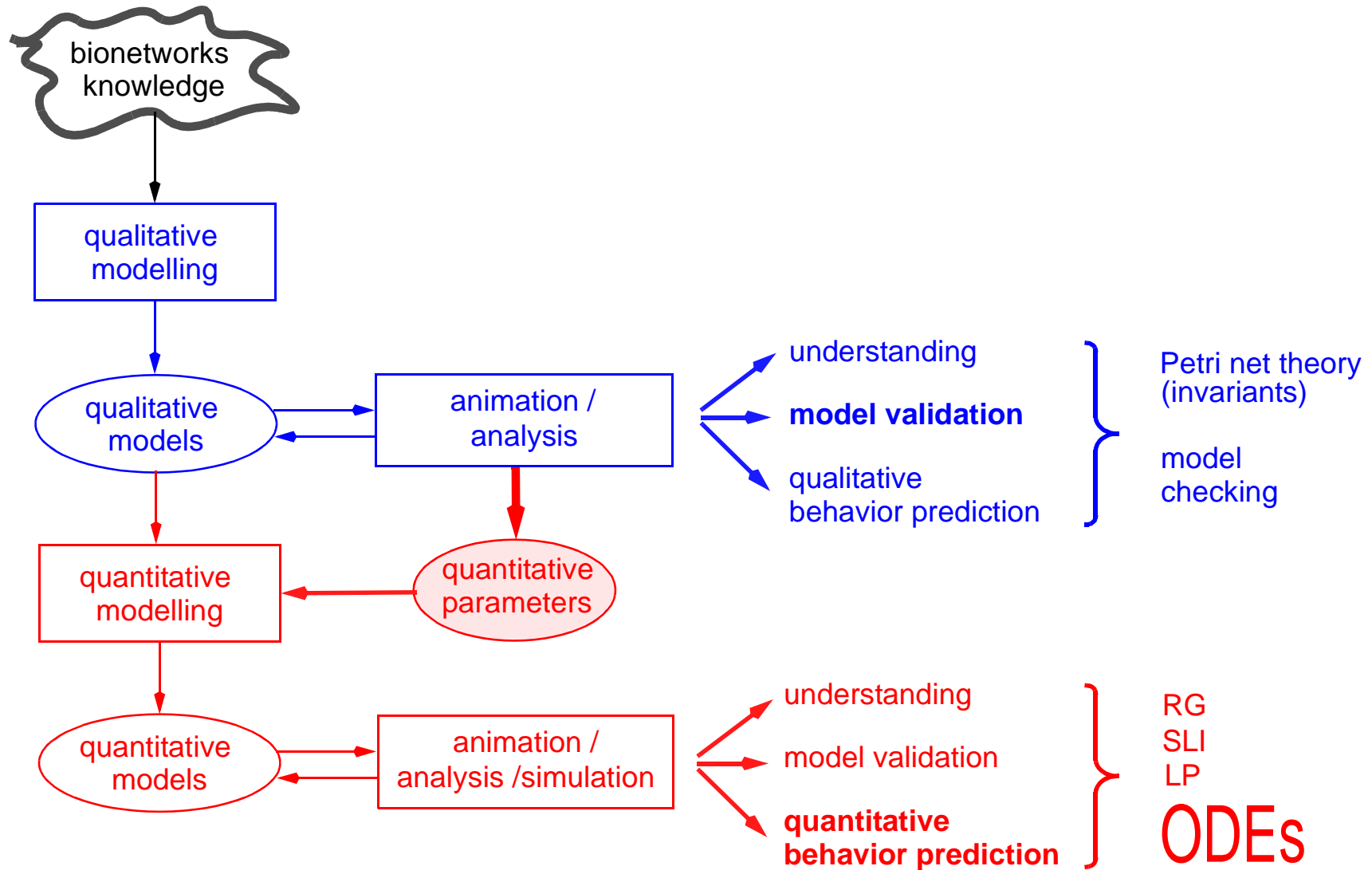
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= -v_1 \\ \frac{dSte2}{dt} &= -v_2 + v_3 - v_5 \\ \frac{dSte2_{active}}{dt} &= v_2 - v_3 - v_4 \\ \frac{dSst2_{active}}{dt} &= v_{46} - v_{47} \\ \frac{dG\alpha\beta\gamma}{dt} &= -v_6 + v_9 \\ \frac{dG\alpha GTP}{dt} &= v_6 - v_7 - v_8 \\ \frac{dG\alpha GDP}{dt} &= v_7 + v_8 - v_9 \\ \frac{dG\beta\gamma}{dt} &= v_6 - v_9 - v_{10} + v_{11} + v_{21} + v_{23} + v_{25} + v_{27} + v_{32} \\ &\quad - v_{42} + v_{43} \\ \frac{dSte5}{dt} &= -v_{12} + v_{13} + v_{17} + v_{21} + v_{23} + v_{25} + v_{27} + v_{32} \\ \frac{dSte11}{dt} &= -v_{12} + v_{13} + v_{17} + v_{21} + v_{23} + v_{25} + v_{27} + v_{32} \\ \frac{dSte7}{dt} &= -v_{14} + v_{15} + v_{16} + v_{21} + v_{23} + v_{25} + v_{27} + v_{32} \\ \frac{dFus3}{dt} &= -v_{14} + v_{15} + v_{16} + v_{21} + v_{23} + v_{25} + v_{27} - v_{29} \\ &\quad + v_{30} + v_{33} \\ \frac{dSte20}{dt} &= -v_{18} + v_{19} + v_{21} + v_{23} + v_{25} + v_{27} + v_{32} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= \alpha[t] \cdot Bar_{active}[t] \cdot k_1 \\ v_2 &= Ste2[t] \cdot \alpha[t] \cdot k_2 \\ v_3 &= Ste2_{active}[t] \cdot k_3 \\ v_4 &= Ste2_{active}[t] \cdot k_4 \\ v_5 &= Ste2[t] \cdot k_5 \\ v_6 &= Ste2_{active}[t] \cdot G\alpha\beta\gamma[t] \cdot k_6 \\ v_7 &= G\alpha GTP[t] \cdot k_7 \\ v_8 &= G\alpha GTP[t] \cdot Sst2_{active}[t] \cdot k_8 \\ v_9 &= G\alpha GDP[t] \cdot G\beta\gamma[t] \cdot k_9 \\ v_{10} &= G\beta\gamma[t] \cdot C[t] \cdot k_{10} \\ v_{11} &= D[t] \cdot k_{11} \\ v_{12} &= Ste5[t] \cdot Ste11[t] \cdot k_{12} \\ v_{13} &= A[t] \cdot k_{13} \\ v_{14} &= Ste7[t] \cdot Fus3[t] \cdot k_{14} \\ v_{15} &= B[t] \cdot k_{15} \\ v_{16} &= A[t] \cdot B[t] \cdot k_{16} \\ v_{17} &= C[t] \cdot k_{17} \\ v_{18} &= D[t] \cdot Ste20[t] \cdot k_{18} \end{aligned}$$

→ READABILITY

- **knowledge** **-> PROBLEM 1**
  - > *uncertain*
  - > *growing, changing*
  - > *distributed over independent data bases, papers, journals, . . .*
  
- **various, mostly ambiguous representations** **-> PROBLEM 2**
  - > *verbose descriptions*
  - > *diverse graphical representations*
  - > *contradictory and / or fuzzy statements*
  
- **network structure** **-> PROBLEM 3**
  - > *tend to grow fast*
  - > *dense, apparently unstructured*
  - > *hard to read*

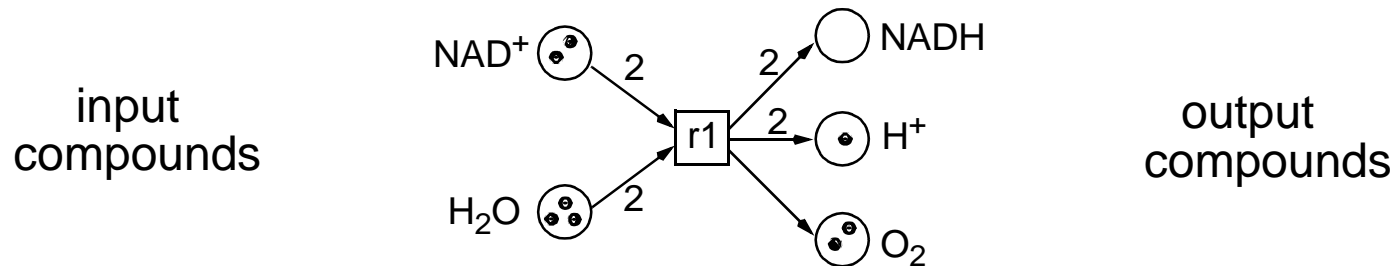
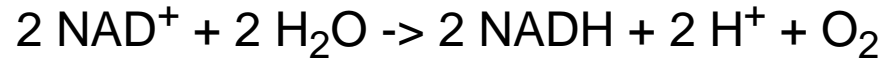
**-->> models are full of ASSUMPTIONS <<--**



# **PETRI NETS - AN INFORMAL CRASH COURSE**



□ **atomic actions** → **Petri net transitions** → **chemical reactions**



□ **local conditions** → **Petri net places** → **chemical compounds**

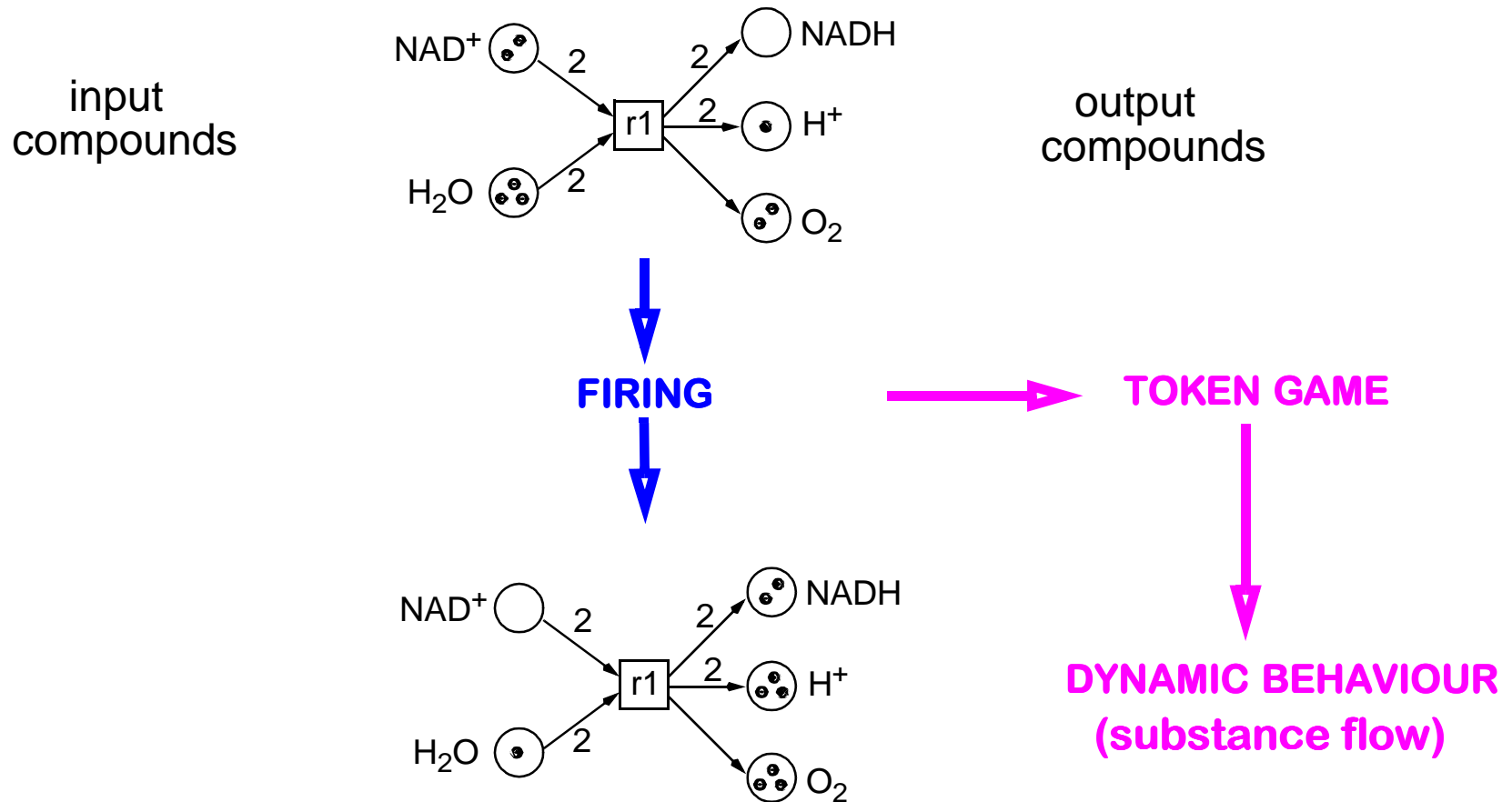
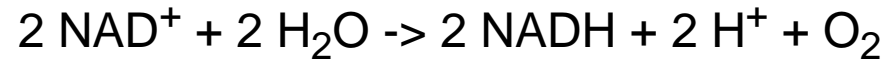
□ **multiplicities** → **Petri net arc weights** → **stoichiometric relations**

□ **condition's state** → **token(s) in its place** → **available amount (e.g. mol)**

□ **system state** → **marking** → **compounds distribution**

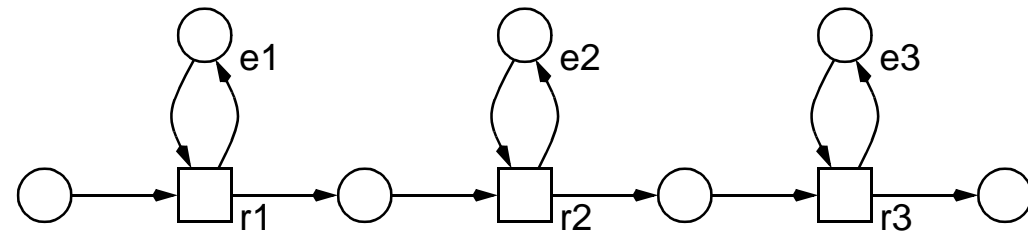
□ **PN = (P, T, F, m<sub>0</sub>), F: (P x T) U (T x P) → N<sub>0</sub>, m<sub>0</sub>: P → N<sub>0</sub>**

□ atomic actions → Petri net transitions → chemical reactions



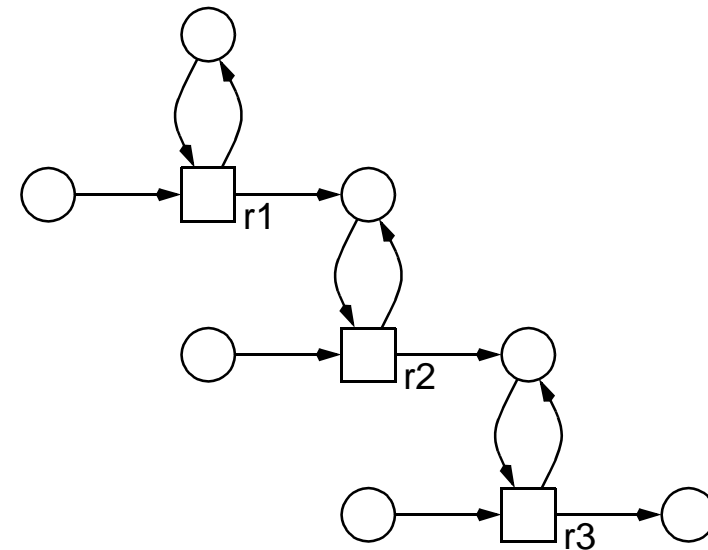
## □ metabolic networks

-> *substance flows*



## □ signal transduction networks

-> *signal flows*





## ❑ **biochemical networks**

-> *networks of (abstract) chemical reactions*

## ❑ **biochemically interpreted Petri net**

-> *partial order sequences of chemical reactions  
transforming input into output compounds / signals  
[ respecting the given stoichiometric relations, if any ]*

-> *set of all pathways  
from the input to the output compounds / signals  
[ respecting the stoichiometric relations, if any ]*

## ❑ **pathway**

-> *self-contained partial order sequence of elementary (re-) actions*

## ❑ **typical basic assumption**

-> *steady state behaviour*

# ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

- ❑ **simple construction algorithm**

  - > *nodes* - *system states*

  - > *arcs* - *the (single) firing transition*

  - > *single step firing rule*

- ❑ **unbounded Petri net -> infinite RG**

  - bounded Petri net -> finite RG**

- ❑ **concurrency**

  - > *enumeration of all interleaving sequences*

  - > *interleaving semantics*

- ❑ **branching arcs in the RG**

  - > *conflict* **OR** *concurrency*

- ❑ **RG tend to be very large**

  - > *automatic evaluation necessary*

  - > *model checking*

- ❑ **worst case: over-exponential growth**

  - > *alternative analyses techniques ?*

- a representation of the net structure

=> stoichiometric matrix

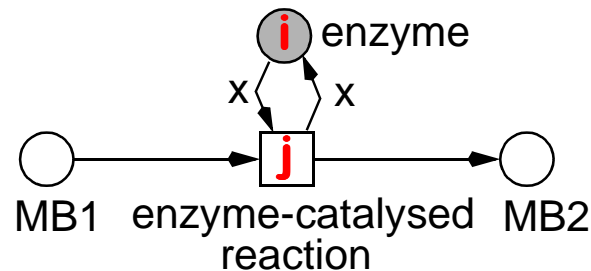
$$C =$$

P \ T	t1	...	tj	...	tm
p1					
pi			cij		
⋮			Δtj		
pn					

$$c_{ij} = (p_i, t_j) = F(t_j, p_i) - F(p_i, t_j) = \Delta t_j(p_i)$$

$$\Delta t_j = \Delta t_j(^*)$$

- matrix entry  $c_{ij}$ :  
token change in place  $p_i$  by firing of transition  $t_j$
- matrix column  $\Delta t_j$ :  
vector describing the change of the whole marking by firing of  $t_j$
- side-conditions are neglected



$$c_{ij} = 0$$



## □ Lautenbach, 1973

## □ T-invariants

-> integer solutions  $x$  of  $Cx = 0, x \neq 0, x \geq 0$

-> *multisets of transitions*

-> *Parikh vector*

## □ minimal T-invariants

-> *there is no T-invariant with a smaller support*

-> *sets of transitions*

-> *gcd of all entries is 1*

## □ any T-invariant is a non-negative linear combination of minimal ones

-> *multiplication with a positive integer*

-> *addition*

-> *Division by gcd*

$$kx = \sum_i a_i x_i$$

## □ Covered by T-Invariants (CTI)

-> *each transition belongs to a T-invariant*

-> *BND & LIVE => CTI (necessary condition)*

## □ T-invariants = (multi-) sets of transitions

- > zero effect on marking
- > reproducing a marking / system state
- > steady state substance flows
- > elementary modes, Schuster 1993

## □ realizable T-invariants correspond to cycles in the RG

- > RG: concurrency of transitions -> all transitions' interleaving sequences
- > if there are concurrent transitions in a realizable T-invariant, then there is a RG cycle for each interleaving sequence
- > analogously for conflicts

## □ a T-invariant defines a subnet

-> partial order structure

- > the T-invariant's transitions (the support),  
+ all their pre- and post-places  
+ the arcs in between
- > pre-sets of supports = post-sets of supports

## □ Lautenbach, 1973

## □ P-invariants

-> *multisets of places*

-> *integer solutions  $y$  of  $yC = 0, y \neq 0, y \geq 0$*

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$$ky = \sum_i a_i y_i$$

## □ Covered by P-Invariants (CPI)

-> *each transition belongs to a P-invariant*

-> *CPI => BND (sufficient condition)*

- **the firing of any transition has no influence on the weighted sum of tokens on the P-invariant's places**
  - > for all  $t$ : *the effect of the arcs, removing tokens from a P-invariant's place is equal to the effect of the arcs, adding tokens to a P-invariant's place*
  
- **set of places with**
  - > *a constant weighted sum of tokens for all markings  $m$  reachable from  $m_0$*   
$$ym = ym_0$$
    - > *token / compound preservation*
  
- **a place belonging to a P-invariant is bounded**
  - > *CPI - sufficient condition for BND*
  
- **a P-invariant defines a subnet**
  - > *the P-invariant's places (the support),*  
*+ all their pre- and post-transitions*  
*+ the arcs in between*
  - > *pre-sets of supports = post-sets of supports*

semantics / time	interleaving	partial order
linear (LTL)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>traces</b>                      (no conflict, no concurrency)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Manna &amp; Pnueli, Kröger, <a href="#">jsp 2001</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DSSZ/LTL</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>runs</b>                      (no conflict, but concurrency)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reisig</p> <p style="text-align: center;">tools: ?</p>
branching (CTL)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>reachability graph</b>                      (conflict &amp; concurrency                      not distinguishable)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emmerson, Clarke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROD/MARIA, INA, <b>DSSZ/CTL</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>prefix</b>                      (conflicts &amp; concurrency)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">McMillan, Esparza, <a href="#">pd 2001</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">PEP</p>

technique	CTL	LTL
reachability graph	INA	PROD, MARIA
stubborn set reduced reachability graph	LoLA	PROD (LTL\X)
symmetrically reduced reachability graph	LoLA (symmetric formulas)	?
BDD, NDD, ..., xDD	DSSZ-CTL, SMART, DSSZ-CTL2	DSSZ-LTL
Kronecker algebra	[Kemper]	?
prefix	PEP (CTL <sub>0</sub> )	QQ (LTL\X)
process automata	[pd]	?

- **extension of classical (propositional) logics by temporal operators**
  
- **atomic propositions**
  - > *elementary statements, having - in a given state - a well-defined truth value*
  - > *e. g. mutex,  $p \wedge q$  for 1-bounded pn*
  - > *e. g.  $buffer = 2$ ,  $buffer > 2$ ,  $else$*
  
- **constants**
  - > *TRUE, FALSE*
  
- **classical Boolean operators**
  - negation*     !     *conjunction*     \*
  - disjunction*     +     *implication*     ->
  
- **temporal operators**
  - > *to refer to sequences of states*

# CTL OPERATORS, INTERLEAVING SEMANTICS

	next f	finally f	globally f	f1 until f2
on all branches	<p><b>AX</b></p>	<p><b>AF</b></p>	<p><b>AG</b></p>	<p><b>AU</b></p>
on some branch	<p><b>EX</b></p>	<p><b>EF</b></p>	<p><b>EG</b></p>	<p><b>EU</b></p>



❑ **property 1**

**is a given (sub-) marking (system state) reachable ?**

$EF ( ERK * RP );$

❑ **property 2**

**liveness of transition k8 ?**

$AG EF ( MEK-PP\_ERK );$

❑ **property 3**

**is it possible to produce ERK-PP neither creating nor using MEK-PP ?**

$E ( ! MEK-PP \ U \ ERK-PP );$

❑ **property 4**

**is there cyclic behaviour w.r.t. the presence / absence of RKIP ?**

$EG ( ( RKIP \rightarrow EF ( ! RKIP ) ) * ( ! RKIP \rightarrow EF ( RKIP ) ) );$



## ❑ validation criterion 0

- > *all expected structural properties hold*
- > *all expected general behavioural properties hold*

## ❑ validation criterion 1

- > *CTI*
- > *no minimal T-invariant without biological interpretation*
- > *no known biological behaviour without corresponding T-invariant*

## ❑ validation criterion 2

- > *CPI*
- > *no minimal P-invariant without biological interpretation (?)*

## ❑ validation criterion 3

- > *all expected special behavioural properties hold*
- > *temporal-logic properties -> TRUE*

**NOW WE ARE READY  
FOR SOPHISTICATED  
QUANTITATIVE ANALYSES !**

- **quantitative model = qualitative model + quantitative parameters**

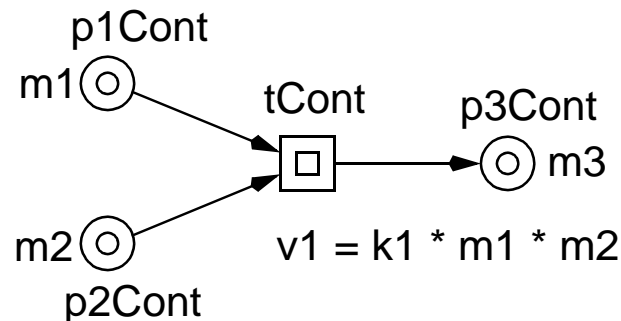
-> *BUT: quantitative parameters often unknown*

- **typical quantitative parameters of bionetworks**

-> *compound concentrations*      -> *real numbers*

-> *reaction rates*                      -> *concentration dependent*

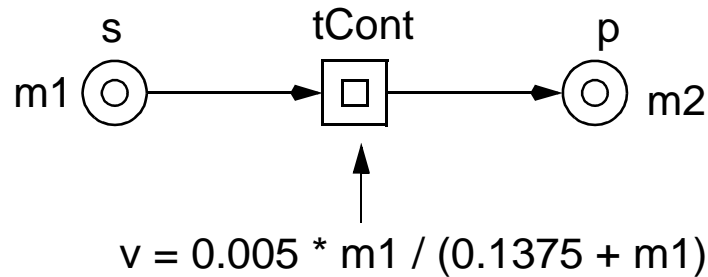
- **continuous Petri nets**



continuous nodes !

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} d [p1Cont] / dt = d [p2Cont] / dt = - v1 \\ d [p3Cont] / dt = v1 - v2 \end{array} \right\} \text{ODEs}$$

# EXAMPLE - MICHAELIS-MENTEN REACTION



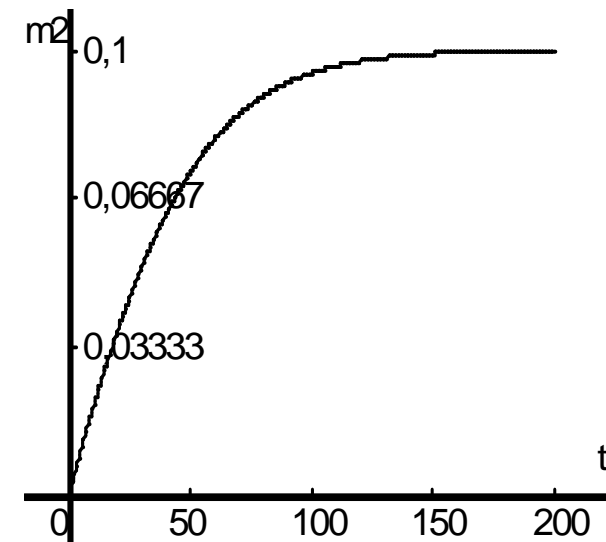
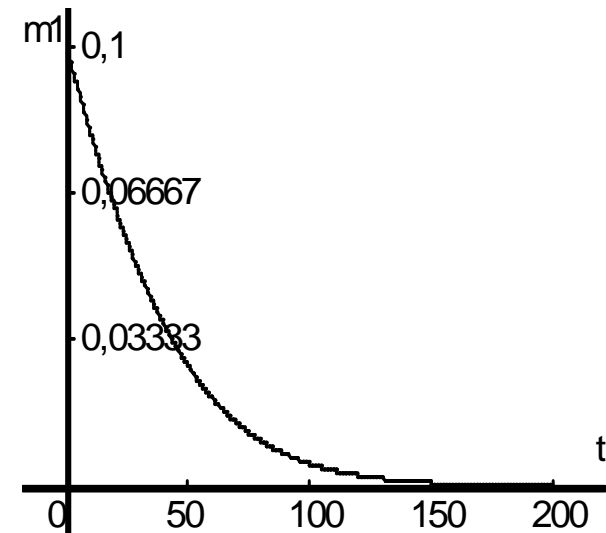
$V_{max} = 0.005$  (maximal reaction rate)

$K_m = 0.1375$  (Michaelis constant)

$$d[s]/dt = d[p]/dt = V_{max} * [s] / (K_m + [s])$$

$$dm1/dt = dm2/dt = V_{max} * m1 / (K_m + m1)$$

- > GON (Genomic Object Nets)
- > cell illustrator (?)



**THE QUALITATIVE MODEL  
BECOMES  
THE STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION  
OF THE QUANTITATIVE MODEL !**

## ❑ extensions

-> *read arcs*

-> *interleaving / partial order semantics*

-> *inhibitor arcs !?*

-> *Turing power !*

## ❑ efficient computation of minimal invariants

-> *exponential complexity*

-> *compositional / step-wise refinement approach (under development)*

## ❑ analysis of unbounded nets

-> *besides T-invariant analysis ?*

## ❑ model checking

-> *relevant properties ?*

## ❑ comparison: continuous Petri nets <-> ODEs

-> *Petri net simulation versus classical ODEs solver*

-> *is there a winner (for certain structures) ?*



## □ representation of bionetworks by Petri nets

- > *partial order representation*
- > *formal semantics*
- > *unifying view*

-> *various sound analysis techniques*

## □ purposes

- > *animation*
- > *model validation against consistency criteria*
- > *qualitative/quantitative behaviour prediction*
- > *to experience the model*
- > *to increase confidence*
- > *new insights*

## □ two-step model development

- > *qualitative model*      -> *discrete Petri nets*
- > *quantitative model*      -> *continuous Petri nets = ODEs*

## □ many challenging questions for analysis techniques

- > *qualitative as well as quantitative ones*

**THANKS !**