

Asymptotic Growth in Open Chemical Reaction Networks: Dynamics and Thermodynamics

October 15, 2024

Shesha G. M. Srinivas^{*}, Francesco Avanzini^{*^}, Massimiliano Esposito^{*}

^{}Department of Physics and Material Sciences, University of Luxembourg*

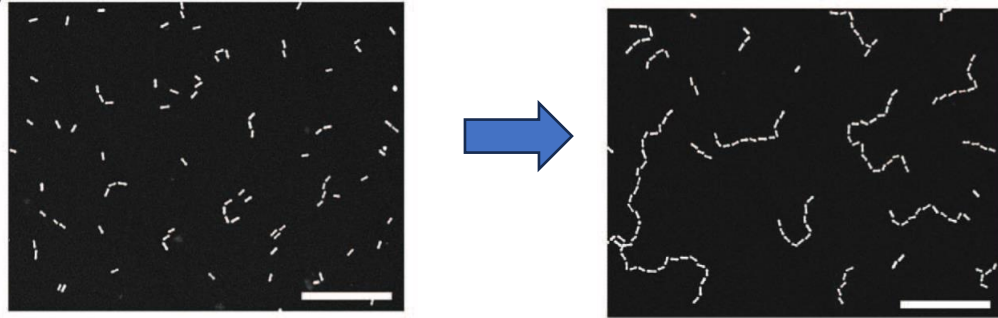
[^]Department of Chemical Sciences, University of Padova

*Phys. Rev. E, **109**, 064153 (2024)*

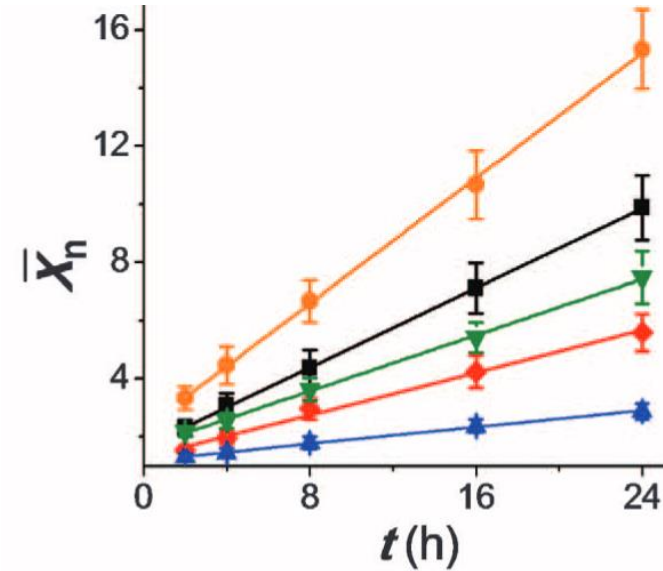
Outline

- Motivation and Problem Statement
- Formalism: Dynamics and Thermodynamics of open CRNs
- Results
- Prospects

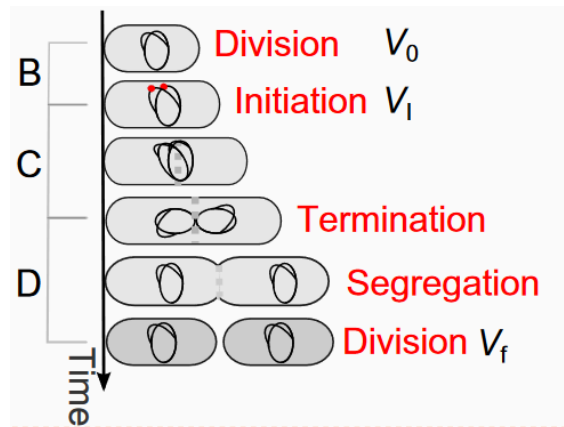
Growth is everywhere



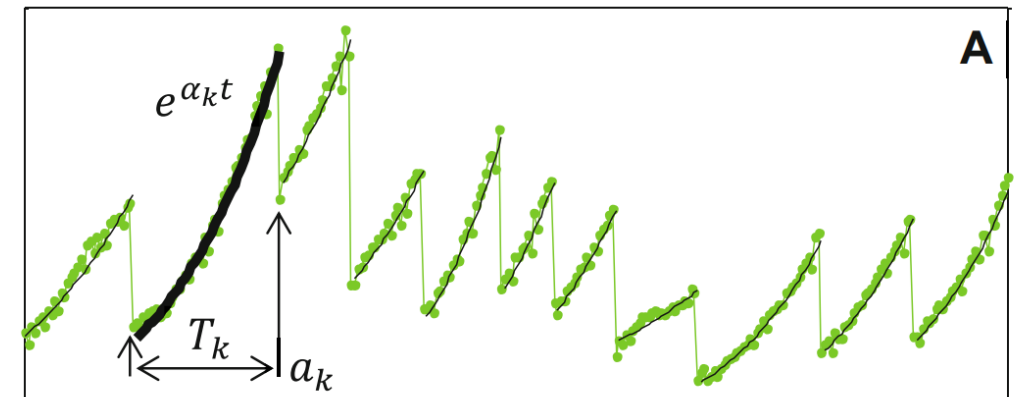
Polymerization



Science, **329**, 197 (2010)



E-coli cell cycle *Sci. Adv.*, **4**, eaau3324(2018)

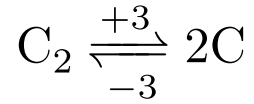
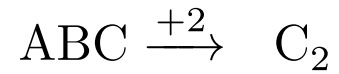
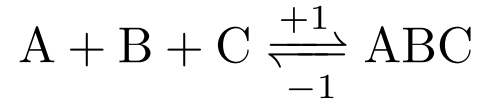


Protein count

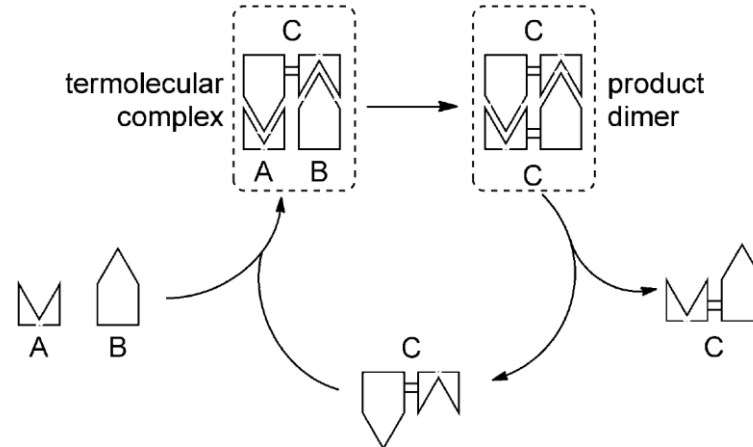
Eur. Phys. J. E **38**, 102 (2015)

Concentration Growth in the Literature

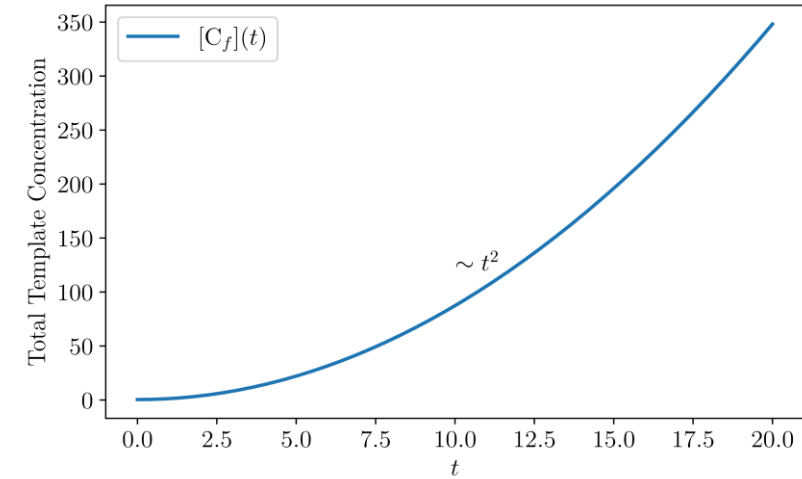
Non enzymatic Template Replication



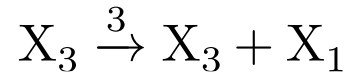
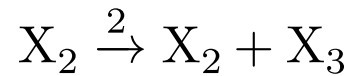
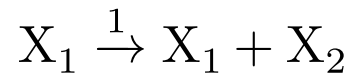
Bulletin of Mathematical Biology **60**, 1073 (1998)



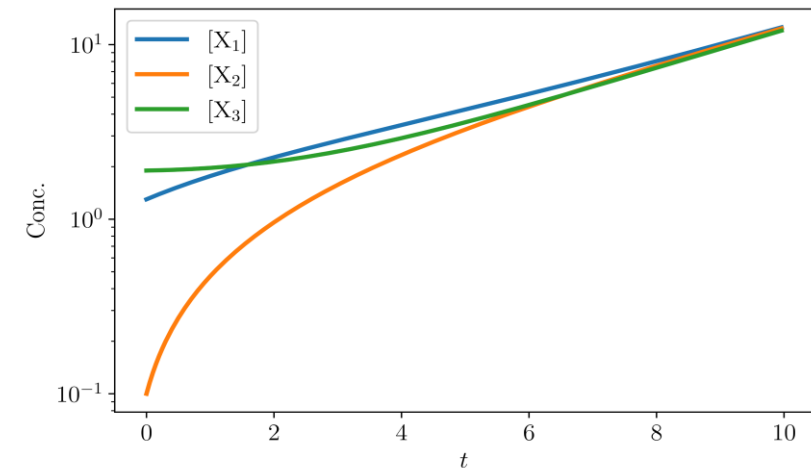
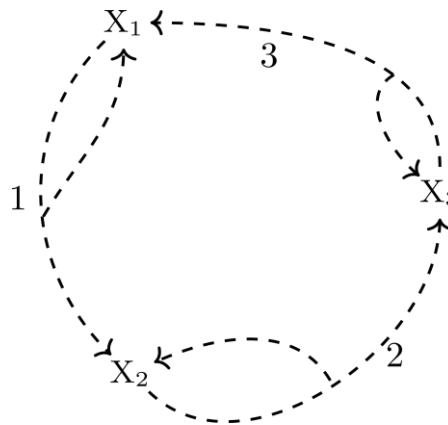
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., **52**: 12800-12826 (2013)



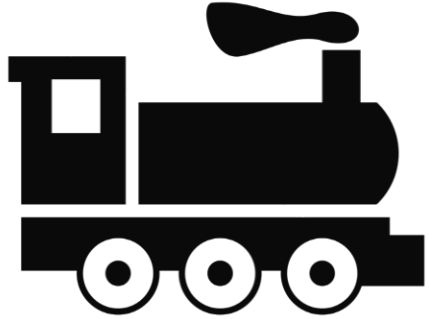
Hinshelwood Cycle



Phys. Rev. Lett. **113**, 028101 (2014)



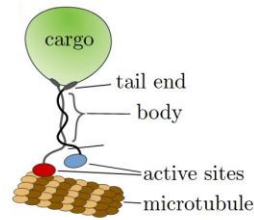
Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics



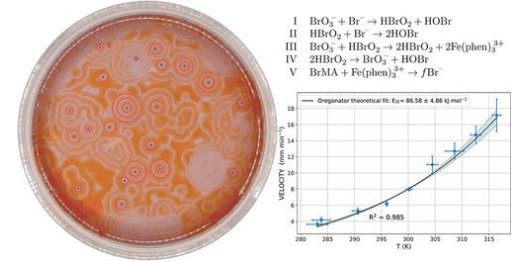
Macroscale:
Equilibrium Thermodynamics



Phys. Rev. E 92, 042133 (2015)



Mesoscale:
Stochastic Thermodynamics

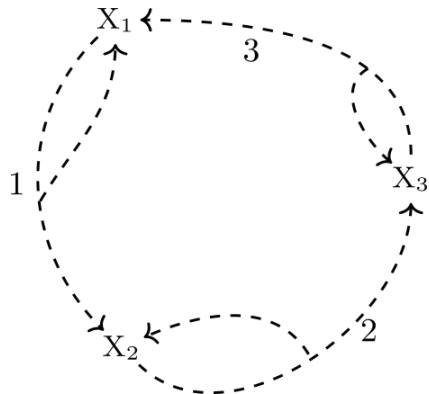


Macroscopic:
Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics

Rep. Prog. Phys. 75 126001(2012)
Physica A, 418, 6-16 (2015)

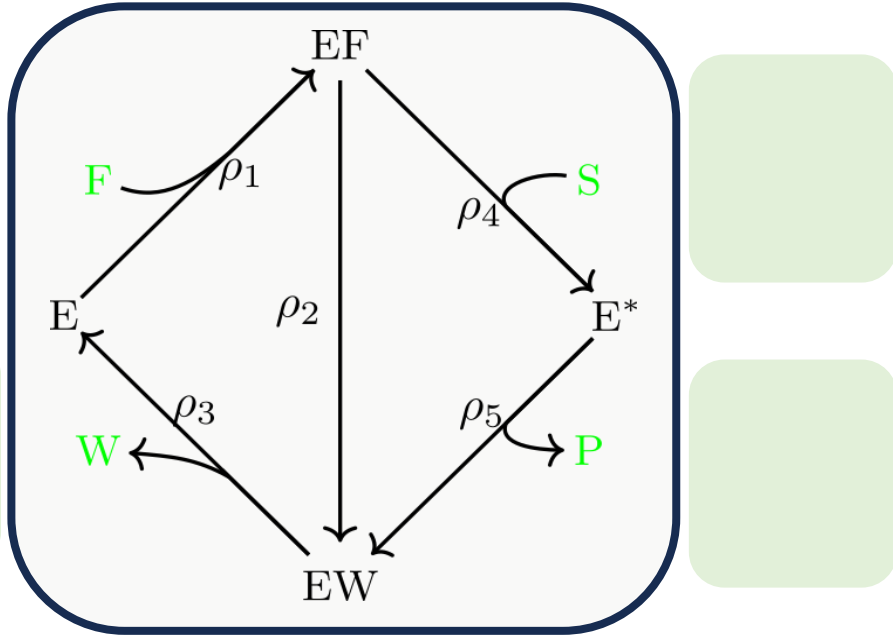
J. Chem. Phys. 141, 024117 (2014)
Phys. Rev. X 6, 041064 (2016)
J. Chem. Phys. 154, 094114 (2021)

Problem – Irreversible and coarse-grained reactions!



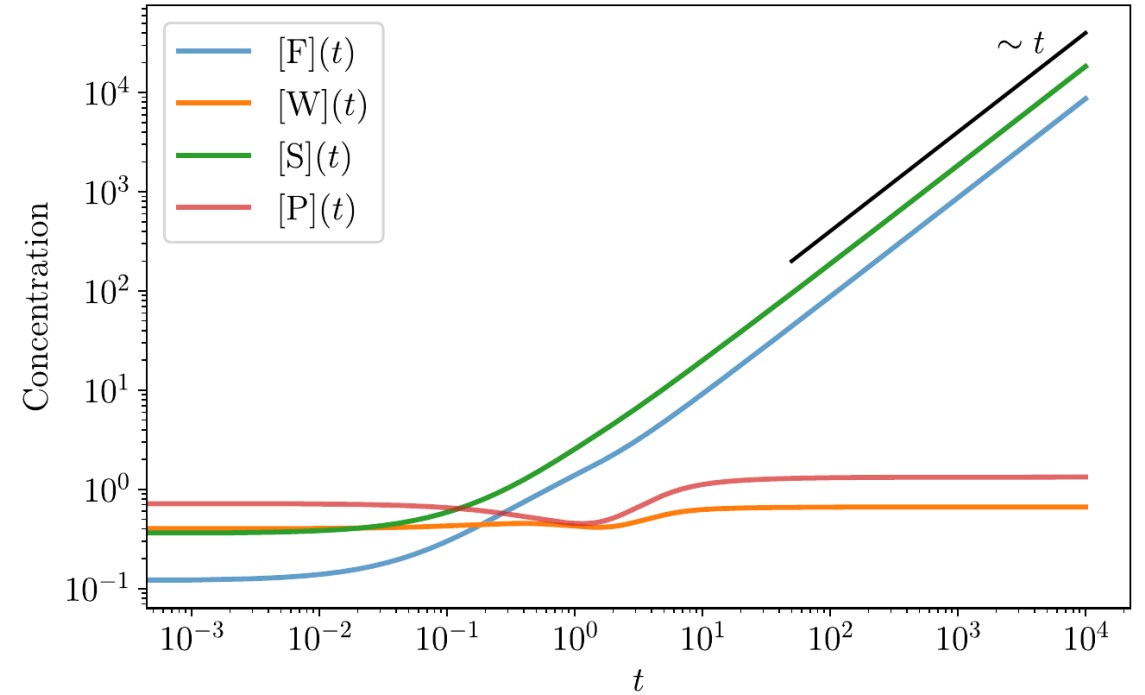
Question: Is concentration growth possible in CRNs with all reversible reactions?

Growth in open CRNs



Minimal Model of a Metabolic Network

J. Chem. Phys. 156, 014116 (2022)



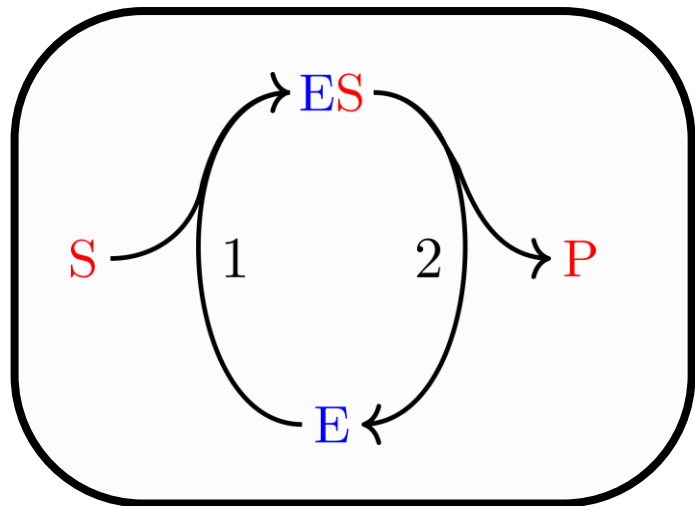
Key Questions:

- When does **growth*** occur?
- What is the **dynamics of the growing state**?
- Can we estimate the **cost** of growth?

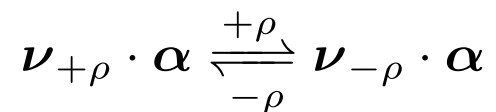
Outline

- Motivation and Problem Statement
- Formalism: Dynamics and Thermodynamics of open CRNs
- Results
- Prospects

Topology of CRNs: Setup



Michealis-Menten CRN



Formal reaction

$$\alpha = (\text{E}, \text{ES}, \text{S}, \text{P})$$

$$\mathbb{S} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} \text{E} \\ \text{ES} \\ \text{S} \\ \text{P} \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbb{S}_\rho = \nu_{-\rho} - \nu_{+\rho}$$

Stoichiometric Matrix

$$\ell^{\text{S}} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{E} & \text{ES} & \text{S} & \text{P} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\ell^{\text{E}} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{E} & \text{ES} & \text{S} & \text{P} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

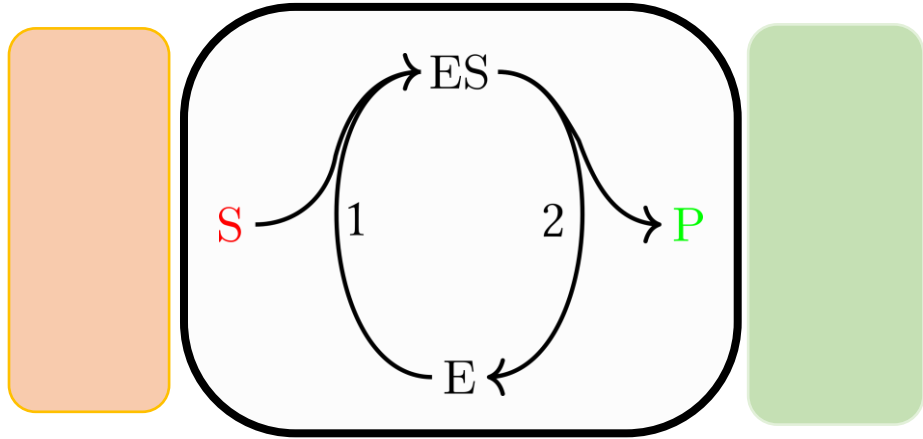
$$\ell^\lambda \cdot \mathbb{S} = 0$$

Conservation Laws

$$\ell^m > 0$$

Mass Conservation Law

Dynamics of CRNs : Reactions



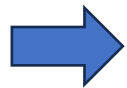
$$\mathbb{S} = \begin{array}{c} \text{E} \\ \text{ES} \\ \text{S} \\ \text{P} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \end{array} \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ \hline -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{S}^X \\ \mathbb{S}^Y \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$j_{+1} = k_{+1}[\text{E}][\text{S}]$$

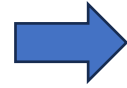
$$j_{-1} = k_{-1}[\text{ES}]$$

Concentrations

$$\mathbf{z} = \underbrace{(\dots[\alpha]\dots)^\top}_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})^\top}$$



$$d_t \mathbf{z} = \mathbb{S} \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{I}$$



$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{I}^Y$$

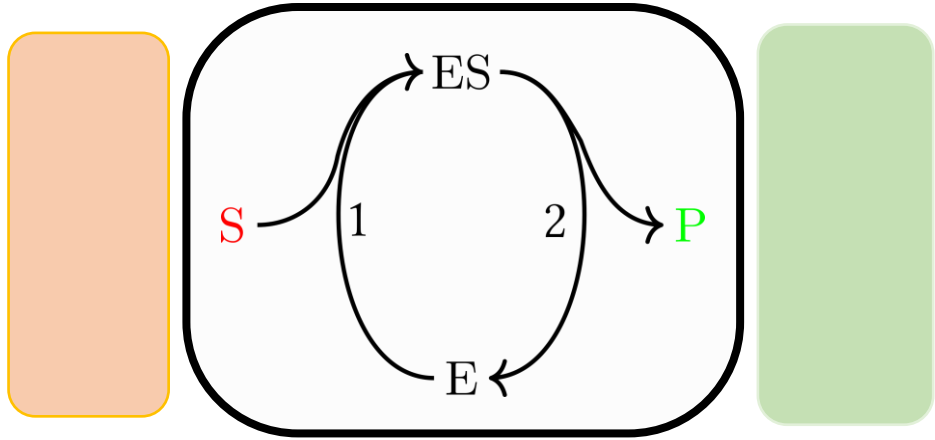
Internal Species

Exchange Species

Reaction currents

$$j_\rho(\mathbf{z}(t)) = j_{+\rho}(\mathbf{z}(t)) - j_{-\rho}(\mathbf{z}(t)) \quad \Rightarrow \quad j_{\pm\rho}(\mathbf{z}(t)) = k_{\pm\rho} \mathbf{z}^{\nu_{\pm\rho}} \quad \text{Ideal Dilute Solutions}$$

Dynamics of CRNs : Reactions II



$$\mathbb{S} = \begin{matrix} & & 1 & 2 \\ \begin{matrix} \text{E} \\ \text{ES} \\ \text{S} \\ \text{P} \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\ell^{\text{S}} = \begin{matrix} & \text{E} & \text{ES} & \text{S} & \text{P} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ d_t L^{\text{S}} = I_{\text{S}} + I_{\text{P}} > 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\ell^{\text{E}} = \begin{matrix} & \text{E} & \text{ES} & \text{S} & \text{P} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ d_t L^{\text{E}} = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_t \mathbf{x} &= \mathbb{S}^{\text{X}} \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ d_t \mathbf{y} &= \mathbb{S}^{\text{Y}} \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{I}^{\text{Y}} \end{aligned}$$

$$L^\lambda = \ell^\lambda \cdot \mathbf{z} \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$d_t L^\lambda = \ell_Y^\lambda \cdot \mathbf{I}^{\text{Y}} \neq 0$$

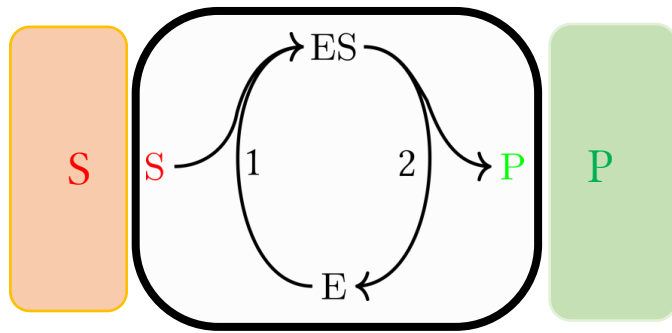
$$\ell^m > 0 \rightarrow L^m(t)$$

Exchange Mechanisms

Concentration control

$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(0))$$

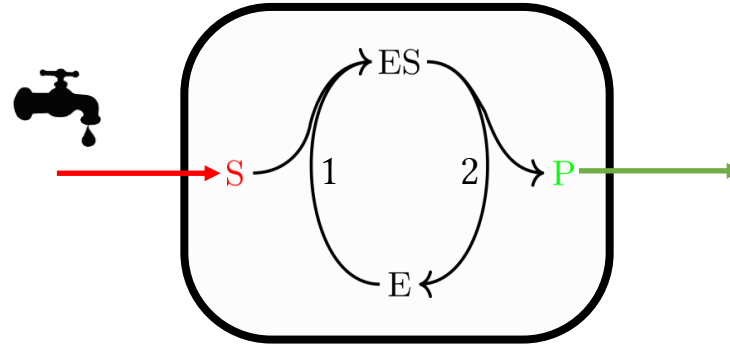
$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(0)) + \mathbf{I}^Y = 0$$



Flux control

$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t))$$

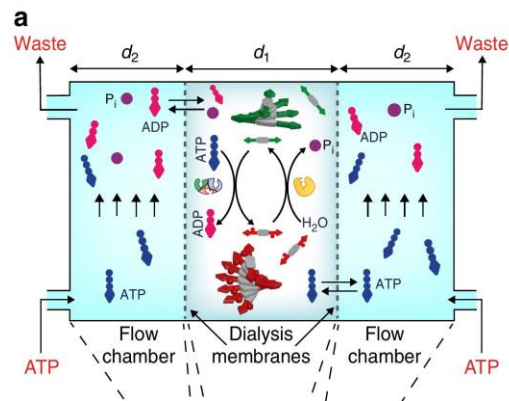
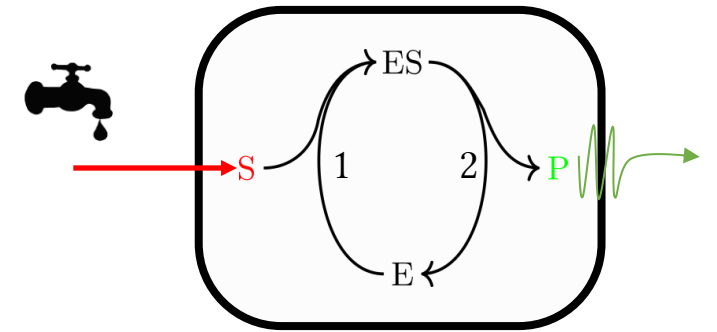
$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t)) + \tilde{\mathbf{I}}$$



Mixed control

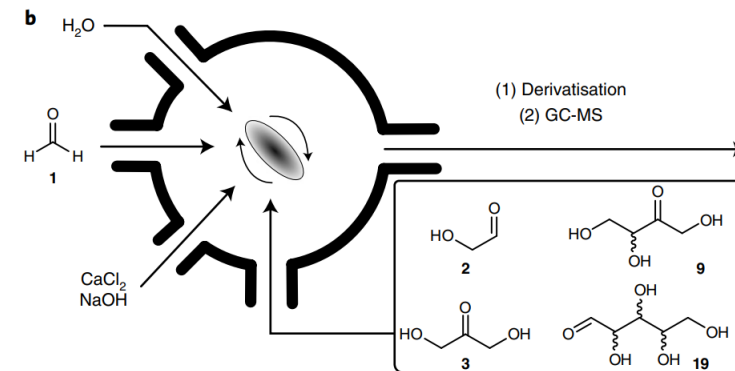
$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t))$$

$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t)) - \tilde{\mathbb{D}} \mathbf{y} + \tilde{\mathbf{I}}$$



Chemostats

Nat Commun **8**, 15899 (2017)



CSTR

Nat. Chem. **14**, 623–631 (2022)
J. Chem. Phys. **148**, 144902 (2018)

Thermodynamics

Chemical Potentials

$$\mu(\mathbf{z}) = \mu^0 + RT \ln(\mathbf{z})$$

Phys. Rev. X 6, 041064 (2016)
J. Chem. Phys. 154, 094114 (2021)

Local Detailed Balance

$$\mu \cdot \mathbb{S}_\rho = -RT \ln \left(\frac{j_{+\rho}(\mathbf{z})}{j_{-\rho}(\mathbf{z})} \right)$$

$$T\dot{\Sigma} = \dot{w}_c - d_t G \geq 0$$

$$T\dot{\Sigma} = RT \sum_{\rho} j_{\rho} \ln \left(\frac{j_{+\rho}}{j_{-\rho}} \right) \geq 0$$

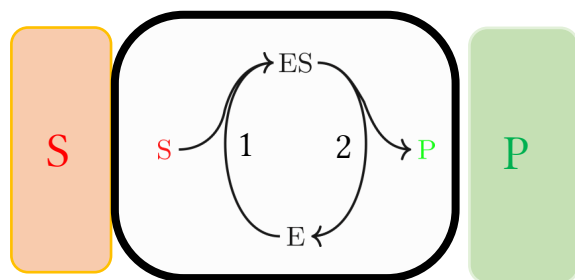
Entropy Production Rate

$$\dot{w}_c = \sum_{\alpha \in Y} \mu_{\alpha} I_{\alpha}^Y$$

Chemical Work rate

$$G(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{\alpha \in Z} (\mu_{\alpha} - RT) [\alpha]$$

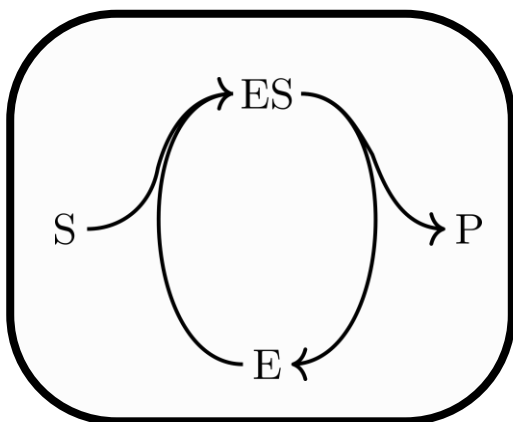
Gibbs Free Energy



$$\dot{w}_c = \mu_S I_S + \mu_P I_P$$

Thermodynamics: Equilibria vs NESS

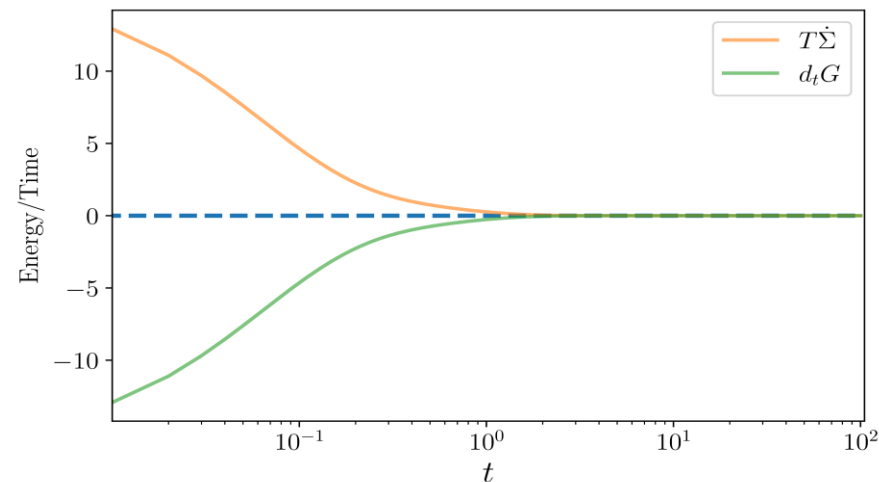
Equilibrium



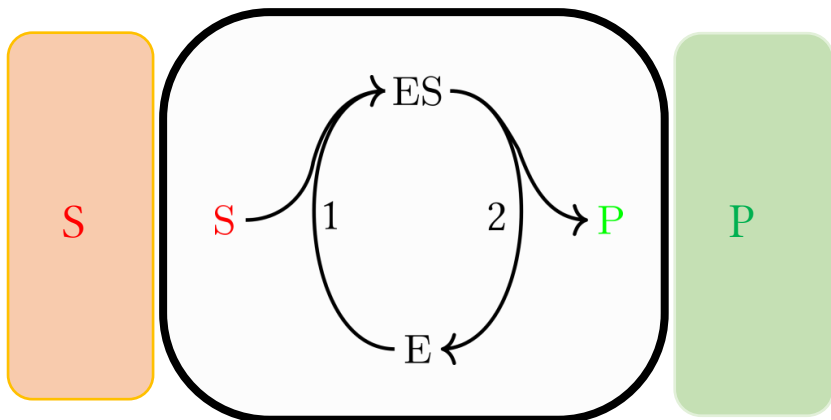
$$\mathbf{z}(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{z}_{\text{eq}}$$

$$j_\rho \rightarrow 0$$

$$T\dot{\Sigma} \rightarrow 0$$



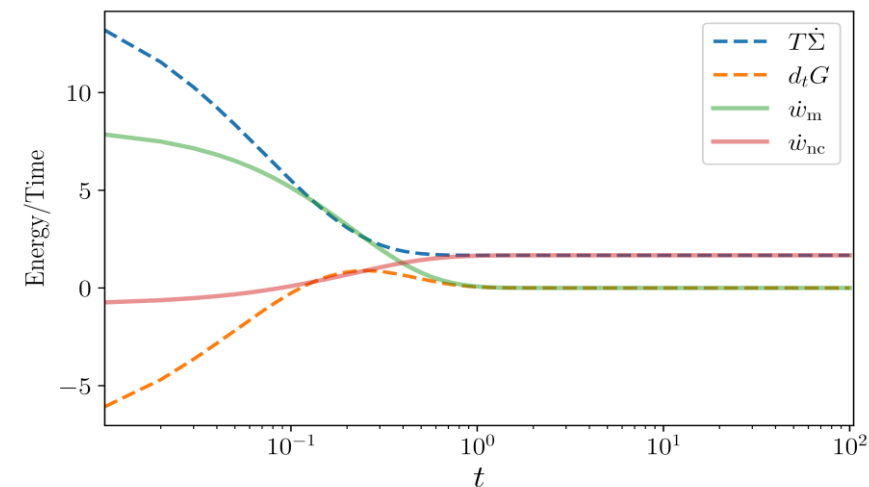
NESS



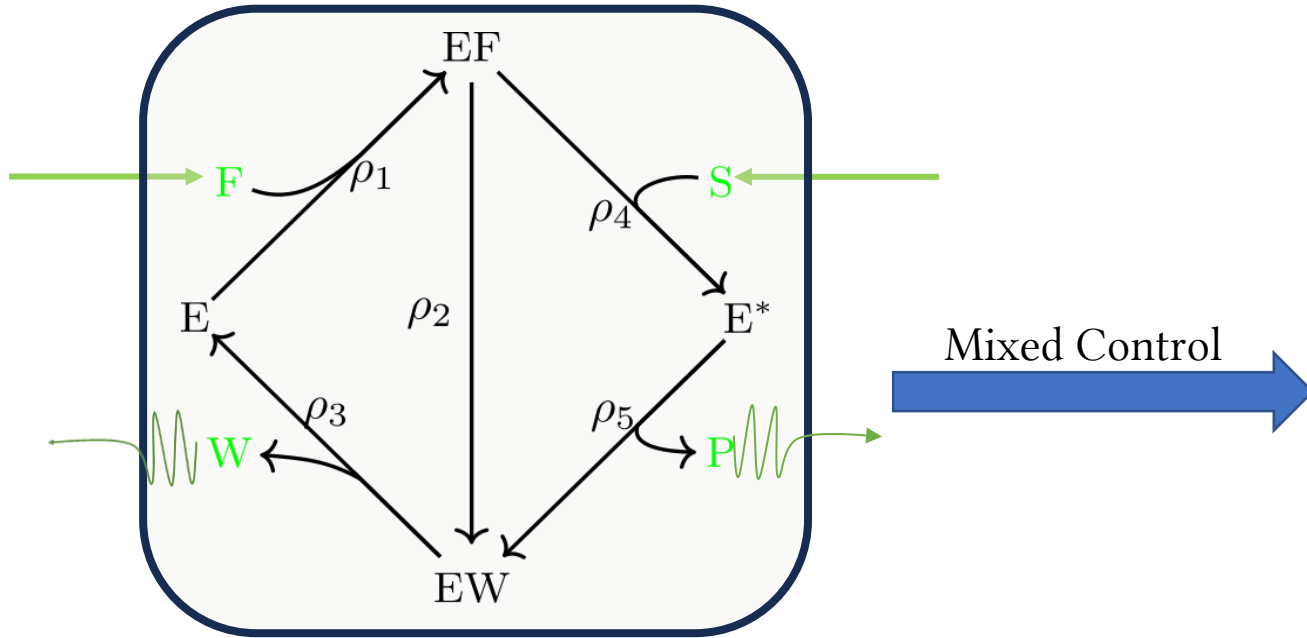
$$\mathbf{z}(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{z}_{\text{ss}}$$

$$j_\rho \rightarrow \bar{j} \neq 0$$

$$T\dot{\Sigma}, \dot{w}_c \rightarrow (\mu_P - \mu_S)\bar{j} > 0$$



Growth with reversible reactions



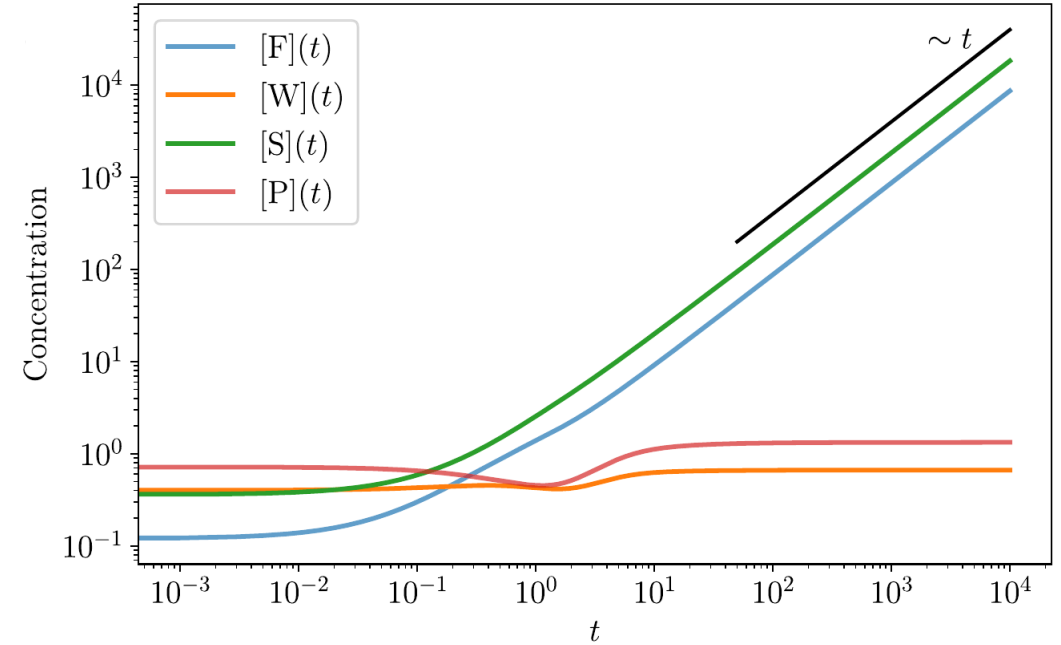
Minimal Model of a Metabolic Network

J. Chem. Phys. 156, 014116 (2022)

Growth



$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|z(t) - z(0)\| = \infty$$



Key Questions:

- When does **growth*** occur?
- What is the **dynamics of the growing state**?
- Can we estimate the **cost** of growth?

Outline

- Motivation and Problem Statement
- Formalism: Dynamics and Thermodynamics of open CRNs
- Results
- Prospects

Results: When?

Criteria for Growth:

$$\text{Growth} \iff L^m(t) \rightarrow \infty \iff G(\mathbf{z}) \rightarrow \infty$$

Closed CRN:

$$d_t L^m = 0$$

No Growth

CSTR

$$d_t L^m = -\ell^m \cdot \mathbb{D}\mathbf{z} + \sum_{\alpha} \ell_{\alpha}^m I_{\alpha} = -\epsilon L^m + \sum_{\alpha} \ell_{\alpha}^m I_{\alpha}$$

No Growth

Flux Control

$$d_t L^m = \sum_{\alpha} \ell_{\alpha}^m I_{\alpha} \geq 0$$

Growth!

Results: Systematic Analysis

| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |

Dynamically Linear: Unimolecular, Pseudo-unimolecular CRNs

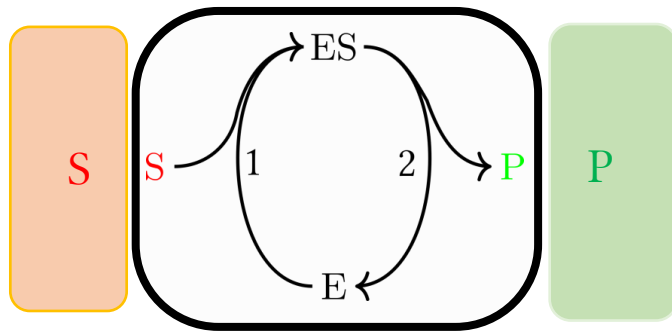
Dynamically Nonlinear: Multimolecular CRNs

Exchange Mechanisms

Concentration control

$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(0))$$

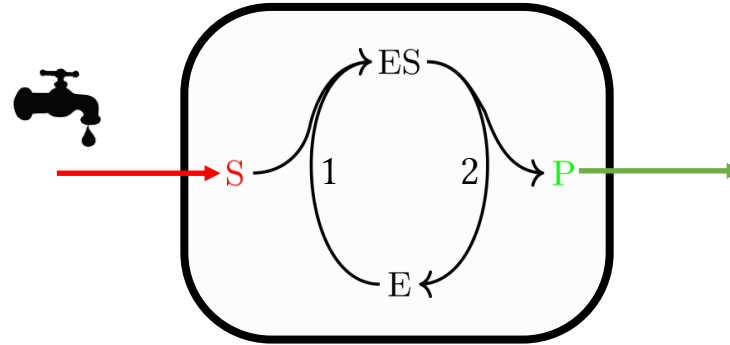
$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(0)) + \mathbf{I}^Y = 0$$



Flux control

$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t))$$

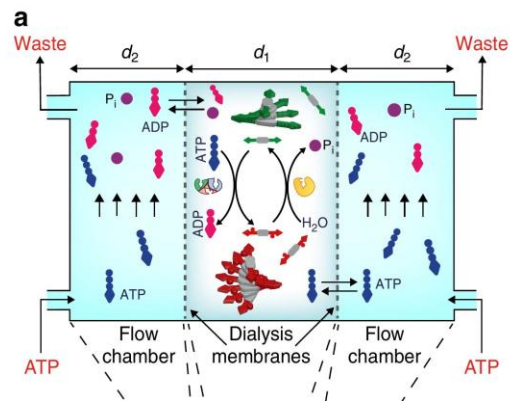
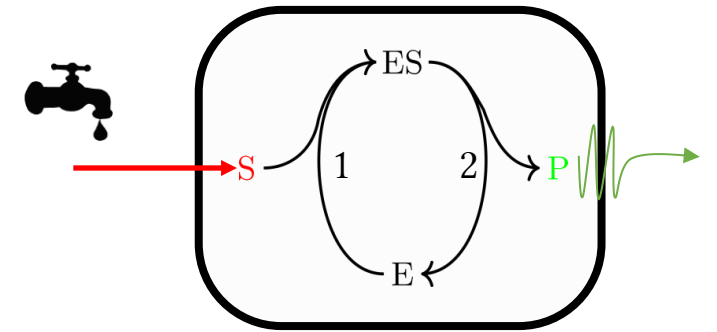
$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t)) + \tilde{\mathbf{I}}$$



Mixed control

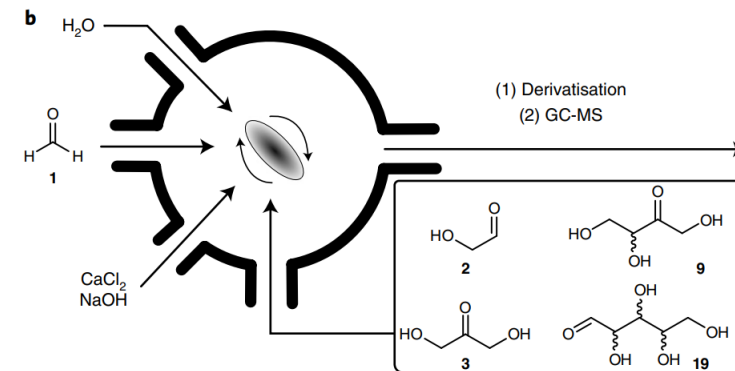
$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t))$$

$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t)) - \tilde{\mathbb{D}} \mathbf{y} + \tilde{\mathbf{I}}$$



Chemostats

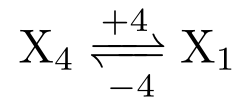
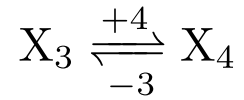
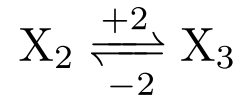
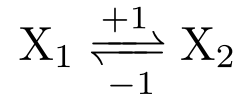
Nat Commun **8**, 15899 (2017)



CSTR

Nat. Chem. **14**, 623–631 (2022)
J. Chem. Phys. **148**, 144902 (2018)

Unimolecular CRNs



$$\ell^m = (1, 1, 1, \dots)^\top$$

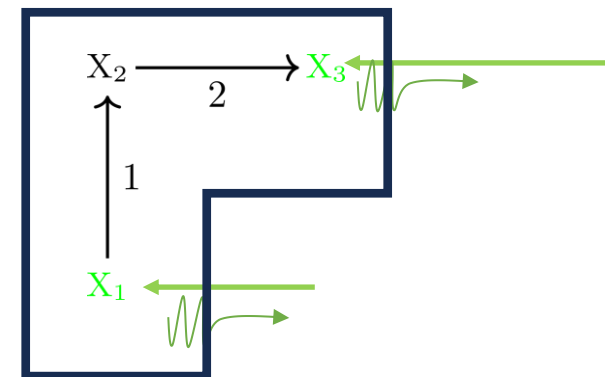
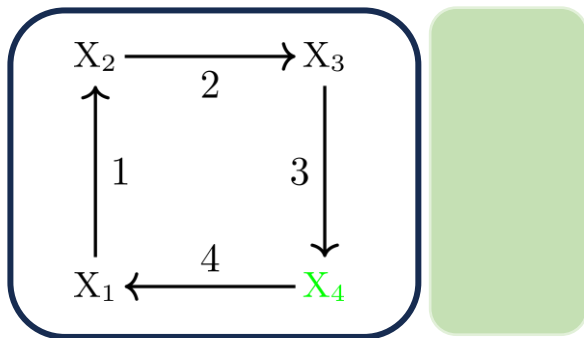
Mass Conservation Law

$$d_t \mathbf{z} = \mathbb{W} \mathbf{z} \xrightarrow[\lambda(\mathbb{W}) \leq 0]{\mathbb{W} \boldsymbol{\pi}^{\text{eq}} = 0} \mathbf{z}(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{z}_{\text{eq}} = L^m(0) \boldsymbol{\pi}^{\text{eq}}$$

Closed dynamics

Universal form for open dynamics

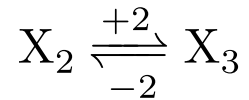
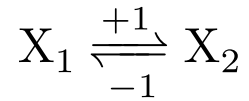
$$d_t \mathbf{z} = (\mathbb{W} - \mathbb{D}) \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{I}$$



Unimolecular CRNs

Mass Conservation

$$\ell^m = (1, 1, 1\dots)^T$$



$$d_t \mathbf{z} = \mathbb{W} \mathbf{z}$$

Closed dynamics

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{W} \boldsymbol{\pi}^{\text{eq}} = 0 \\ \lambda(\mathbb{W}) \leq 0 \end{array} \longrightarrow \mathbf{z}(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{z}_{\text{eq}} = L^m(0) \boldsymbol{\pi}^{\text{eq}}$$

| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |

Mixed/Concentration Control

$$d_t \mathbf{z} = (\mathbb{W} - \mathbb{I}) \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{I} \xrightarrow[\lambda(\mathbb{W} - \mathbb{I}) < 0]{\mathbb{I} \neq \mathbf{0}} \mathbf{z}(t) \rightarrow -(\mathbb{W} - \mathbb{I})^{-1} \mathbf{I}$$

No growth!

Unimolecular CRNs

| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |

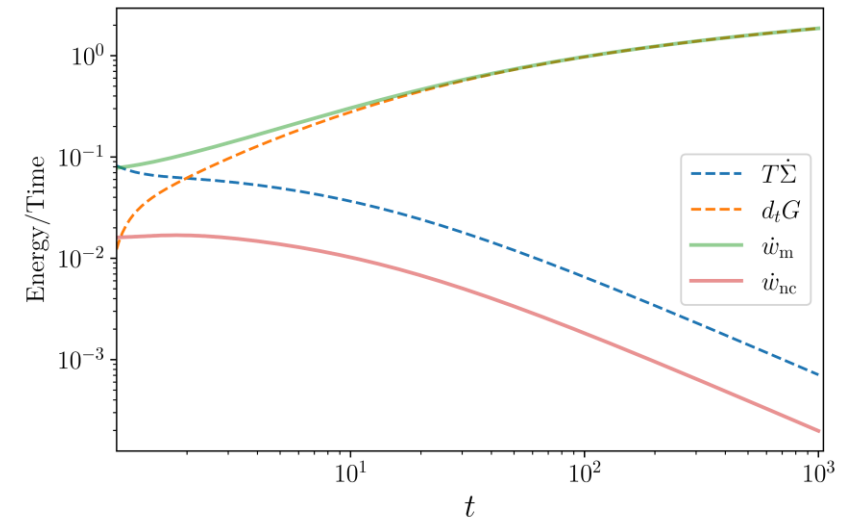
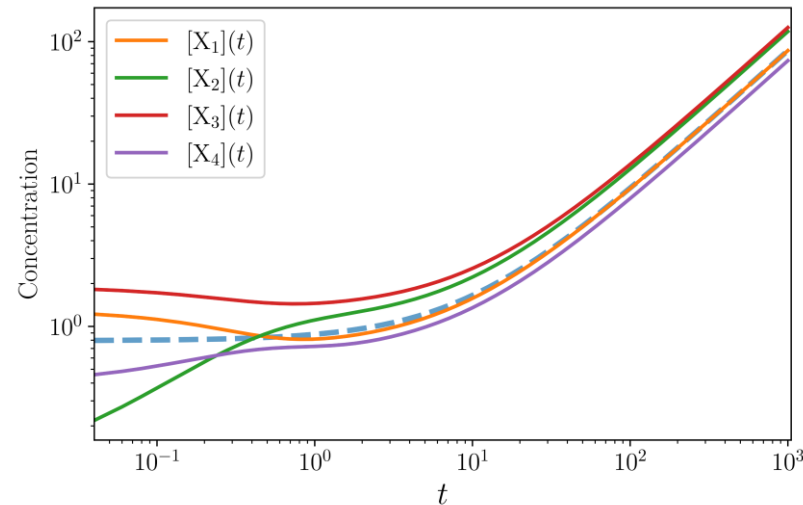
$$d_t \mathbf{z} = (\mathbb{W} - \mathbb{D}) \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{I} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{0}} d_t L^m = \sum_{\alpha} I_{\alpha} \quad \text{All species grow}$$

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = L^m(t) \boldsymbol{\pi}^{\text{eq}} + \mathbf{c} = \mathcal{O}(t)$$

$$d_t G \sim \dot{w}_c = \mathcal{O}(\ln(t))$$

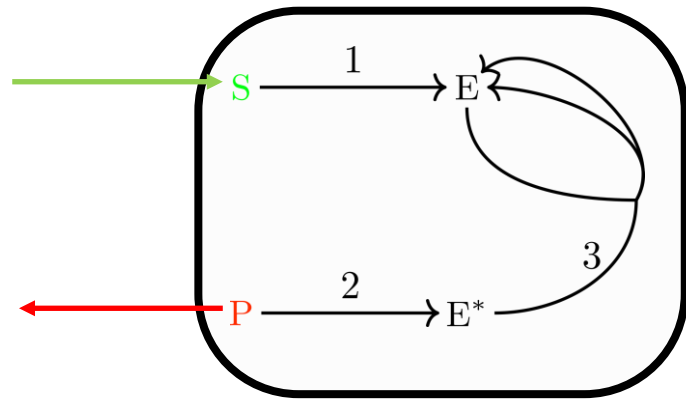
$$T \dot{\Sigma} = \mathcal{O}(1/t)$$

Growth close to equilibrium

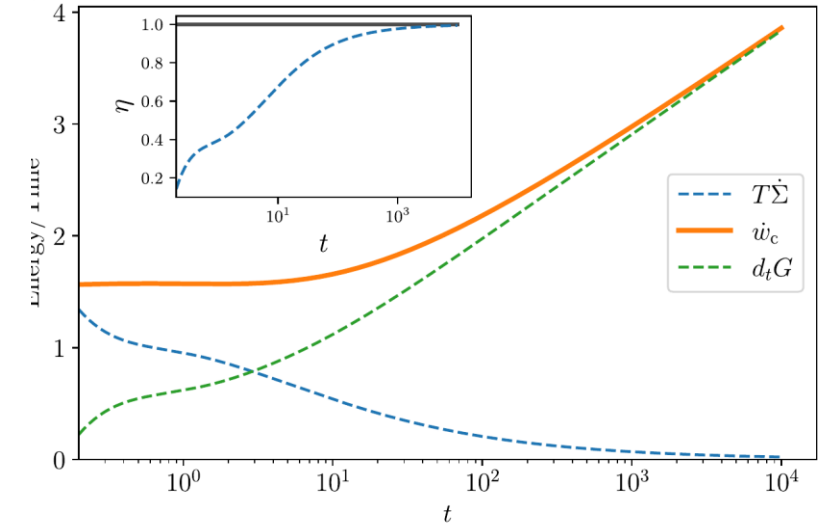
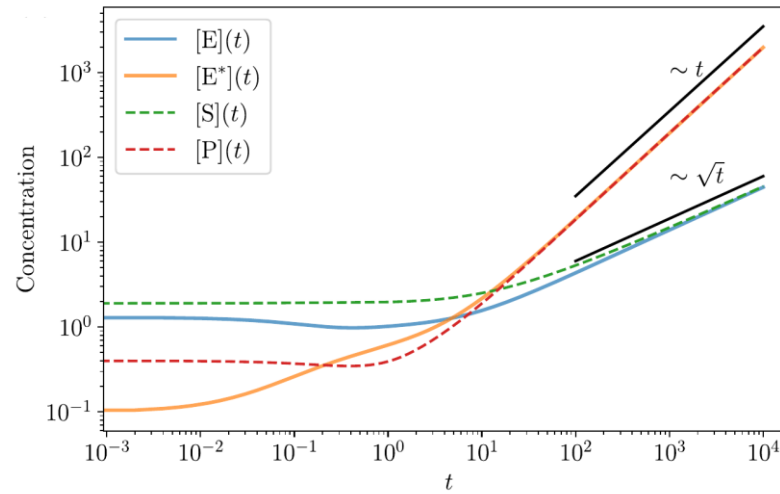


Multimolecular CRNs

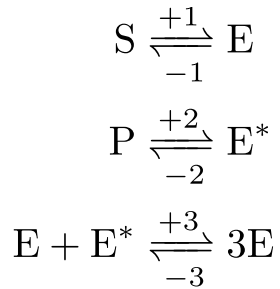
| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |



Nonlinear Growth close to equilibrium



All species grow

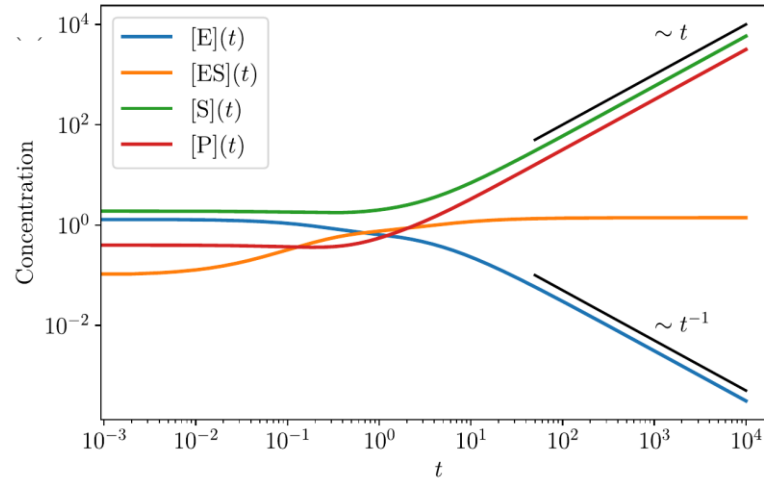
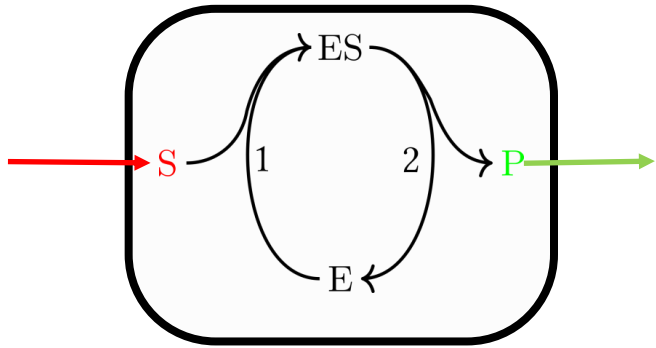


$$\ell^m = \begin{pmatrix} & E & E^* & S & P \\ & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

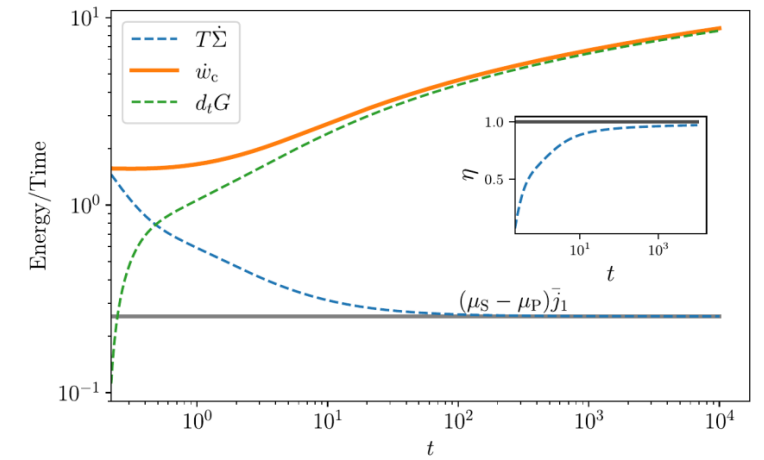
$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{z}_{\text{eq}}(L^m(t)) + \mathbf{c}(t) \left\{ \begin{aligned} & [E]_{\text{eq}}(t) \propto [S]_{\text{eq}}(t) \propto \sqrt{[P]_{\text{eq}}(t)} \propto \sqrt{[E^*]_{\text{eq}}(t)} \\ & d_t G \sim \dot{w}_c = \mathcal{O}(\ln(t)) \\ & T\dot{\Sigma} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \right.$$

Multimolecular CRNs

| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |



Some species grow



Nonequilibrium growth

$$\ell^E = \begin{pmatrix} & E & ES & S & P \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_t L^E = 0$$

$$\ell^S = \begin{pmatrix} & E & ES & S & P \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_t L^S = I_S + I_P > 0$$

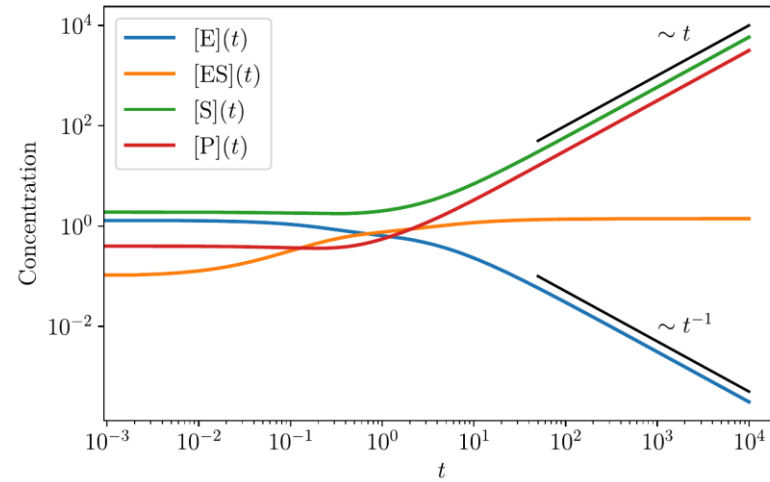
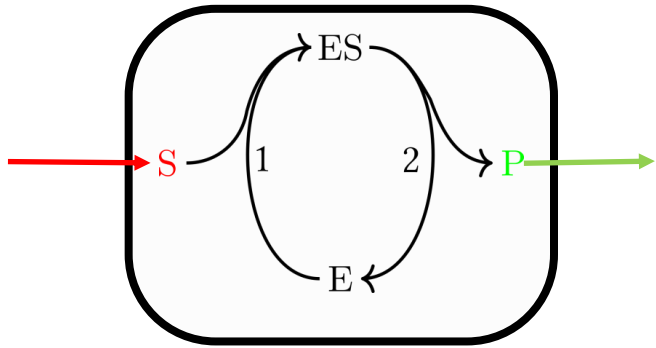
QSS Approximation

$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \bar{\mathbf{j}} = 0$$

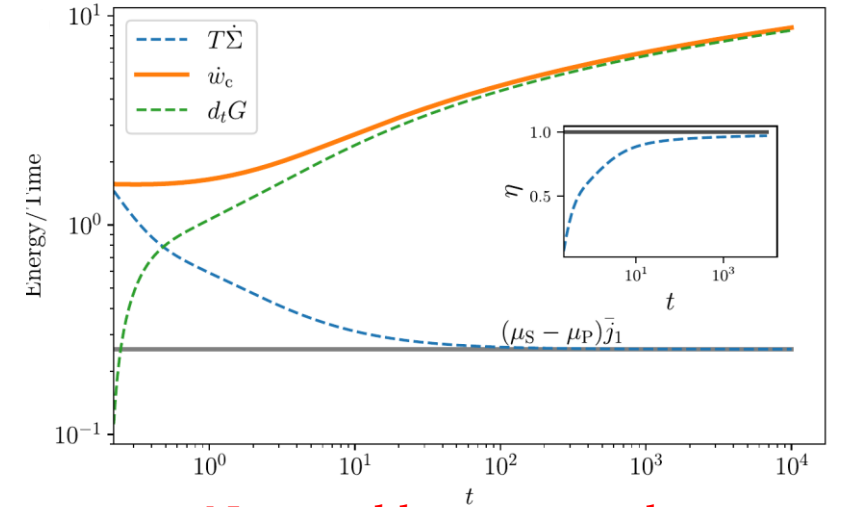
$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \bar{\mathbf{j}}(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{I}^Y(\mathbf{y})$$

Multimolecular CRNs

| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |



Some species grow



Nonequilibrium growth

$$d_t \mathbf{x} = \mathbb{S}^X \bar{\mathbf{j}} = 0$$

$$d_t \mathbf{y} = \mathbb{S}^Y \bar{\mathbf{j}}(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{I}^Y(\mathbf{y})$$

QSS Approximation

$$[S](t) = v_S t + c_S$$

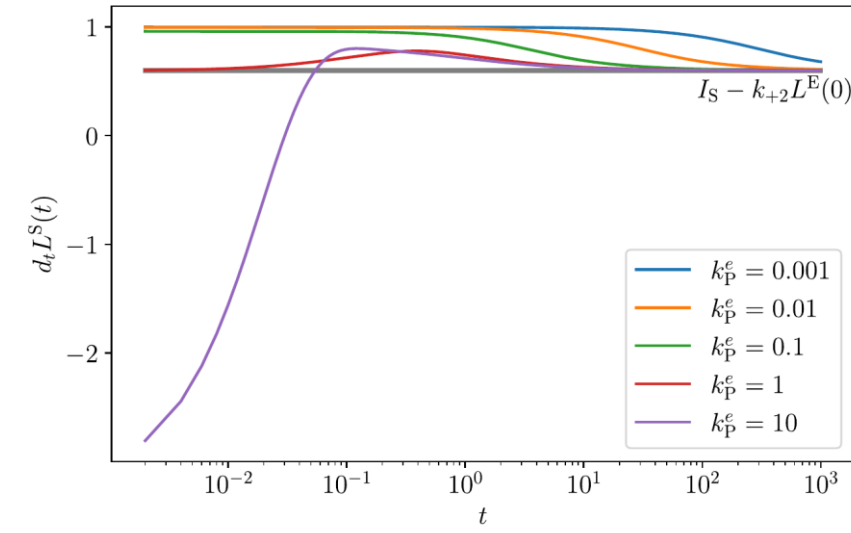
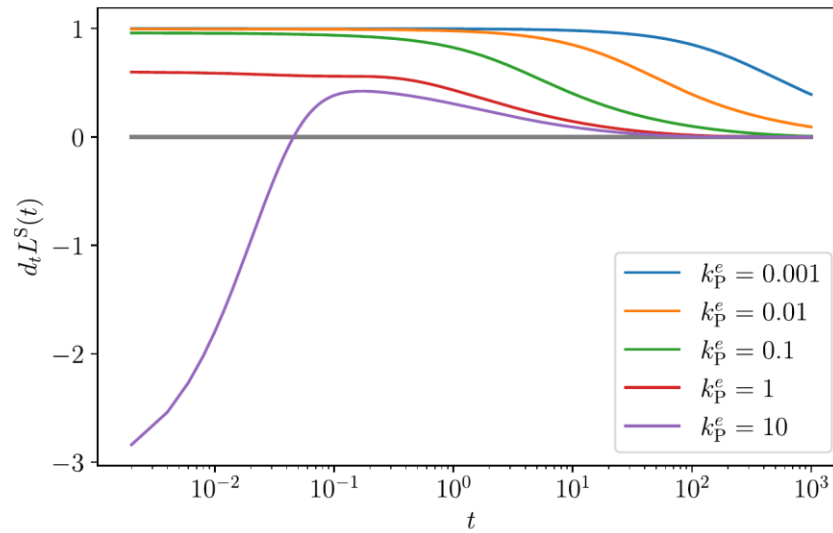
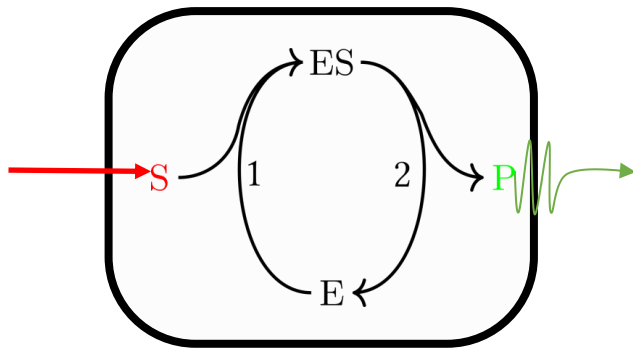
$$[P](t) = v_P t + c_S$$

$$d_t G \sim \dot{w}_c = \mathcal{O}(\ln(t))$$

$$T \dot{\Sigma} = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Multimolecular CRNs

| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |



$$d_t L^E = 0$$

QSS Approximation

$$d_t L^S = I_S - k_P^e [P] > 0$$

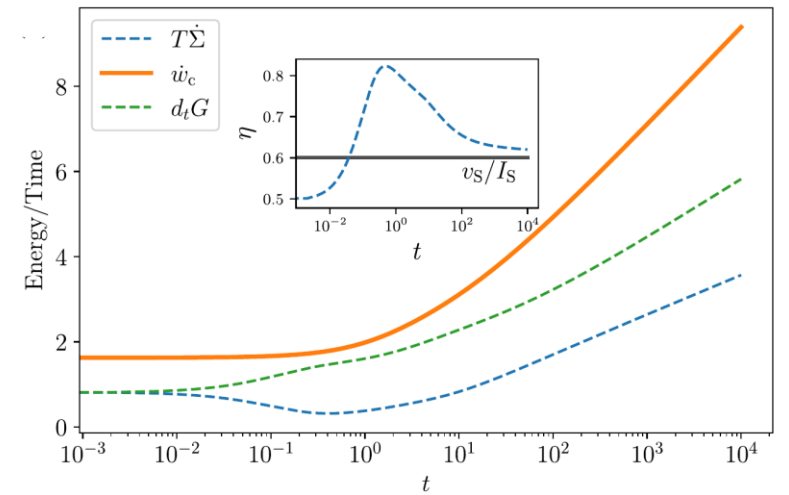
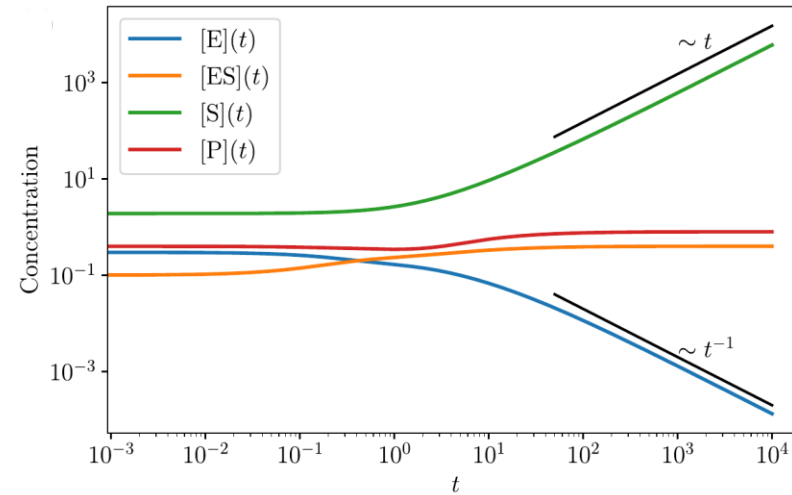
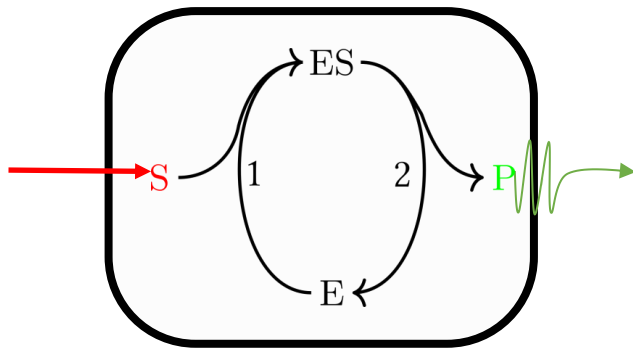
$$v_S = I_S - k_{+2} L^E(0)$$

$$d_t [P] = k_{+2} L^E(0) - k_P^e [P]$$

Initial Condition Dependence!

Multimolecular CRNs

| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |



$$d_t L^E = 0$$

QSS Approximation

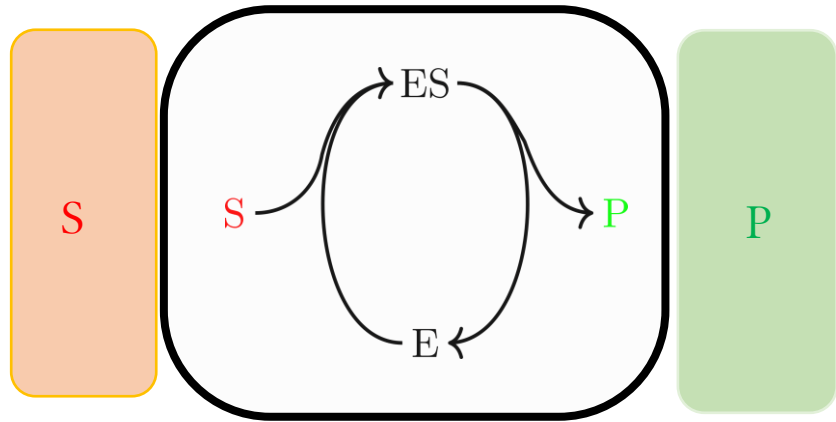
$$v_S = I_S - k_{+2} L^E(0)$$

$T\dot{\Sigma} \sim d_t G \sim \dot{w}_c = \mathcal{O}(\ln(t))$

$$d_t L^S = I_S - k_P^e [P] > 0$$

$$d_t [P] = k_{+2} L^E(0) - k_P^e [P]$$

Multimolecular CRNs



| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dynamically Linear | Growth | No Growth | No Growth |
| Dynamically Nonlinear | Growth | Growth | No Growth* |



$$\text{Growth} \iff L^m(t) \rightarrow \infty \iff G(z) \rightarrow \infty$$

Known results: Boundedness of weakly reversible single linkage class CRNs *J Math Chem* 49 2275 (2011)

Idea: Gibbs Energy as a quasi-Lyapunov function

Numerical evidence!

Summary of Results

- Asymptotic Growth needs **influx** of species
- **Topology** of the CRN determines whether the **growth is equilibrium/nonequilibrium**

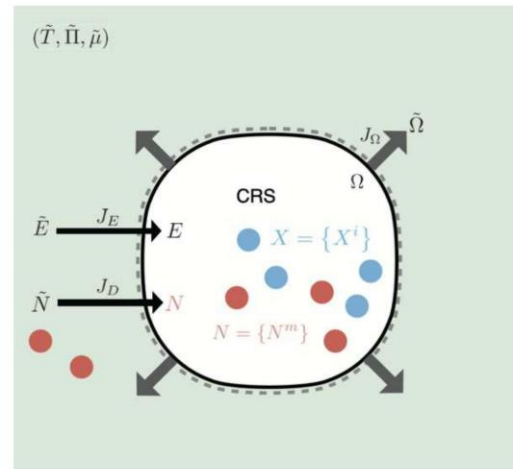
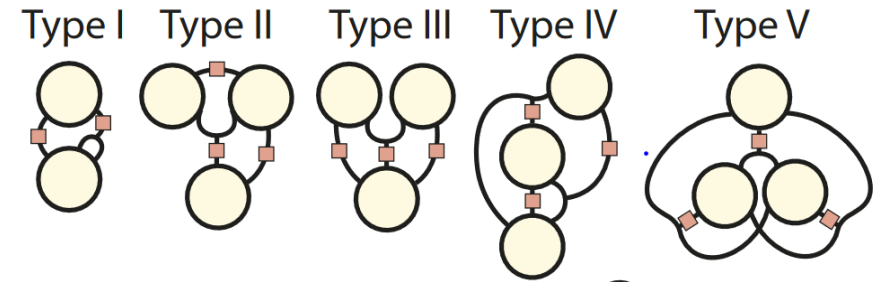
| | Flux Control | Mixed Control | Conc. Control |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unimolecular CRNs | $z(t) = \mathcal{O}(t)$ $T\dot{\Sigma} = \mathcal{O}(1/t)$ $\eta \rightarrow 1$ | $z(t) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ | $z(t) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ |
| Pseudo-unimolecular CRNs | $z(t) = \mathcal{O}(t)$ $T\dot{\Sigma} = \mathcal{O}(t)$ $\eta \rightarrow 0$ | $z(t) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ | $z(t) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ |
| Multimolecular CRNs | $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ | $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ | |

Outline

- Motivation and Problem Statement
- Formalism: Dynamics and Thermodynamics of open CRNs
- Results
- Prospective directions

Prospective Directions

- Systematic analysis of **multimolecular** CRNs
- **Transient** Growth
- Growth with volume



Chemical Reaction System (CRS)

Phys. Rev. Research 4, 033191(2022)

PNAS, 117, 25230 (2020)

J Math Biol. 2022 Sep 7;85(3):26

Phys. Rev. E 100, 022414 (2019)

THANK YOU!