

Review

Equation of gene regulation

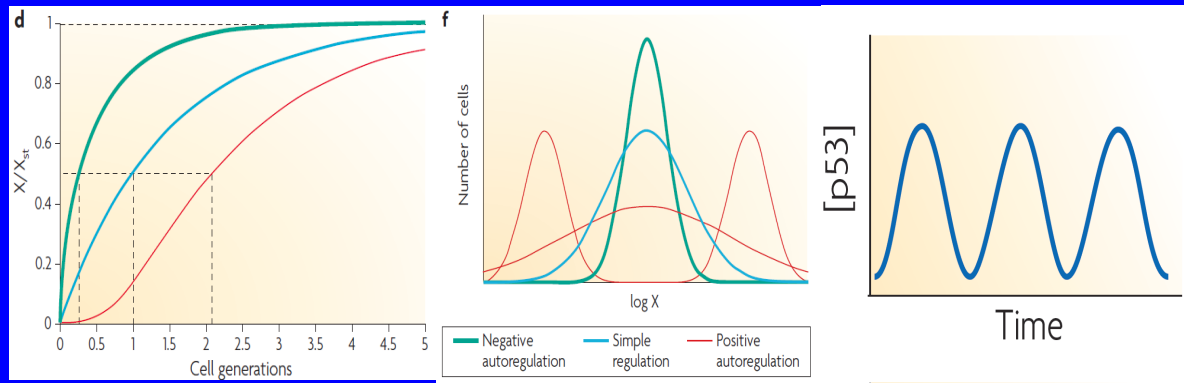
$$\frac{dY}{dt} = f(X^*) - k_d * Y$$

$$f(X^*) = \beta_0 + \frac{\beta X^{*n}}{K^n + X^{*n}}$$

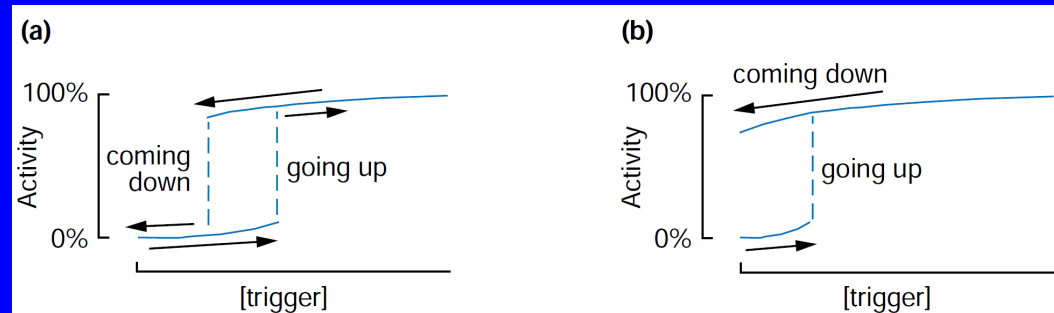
$$f(X^*) = \frac{\beta K^n}{K^n + X^{*n}}$$

Feedback loops

NFL: Speeding response time; Noise repressor; Oscillator



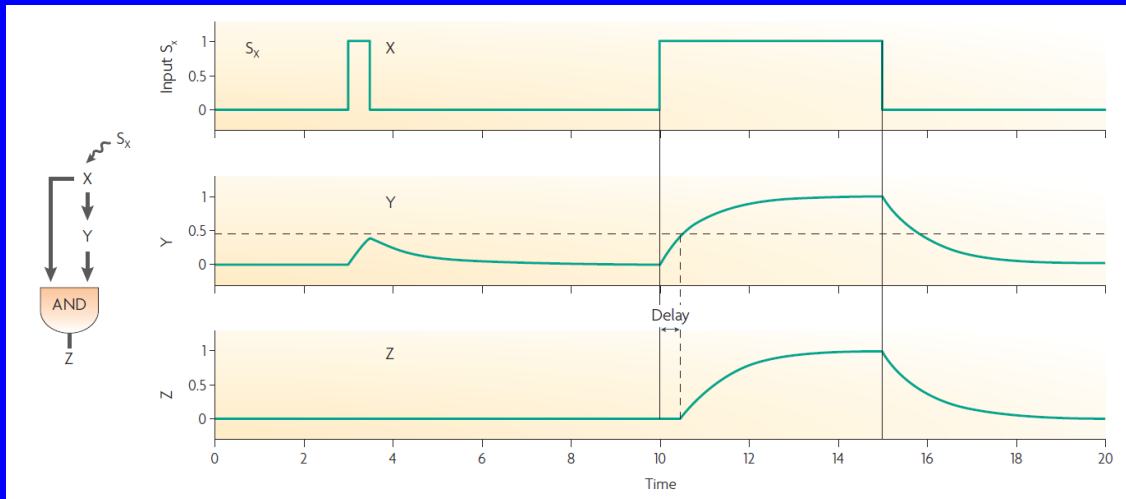
PFL: Bistable switch;
Cell memory



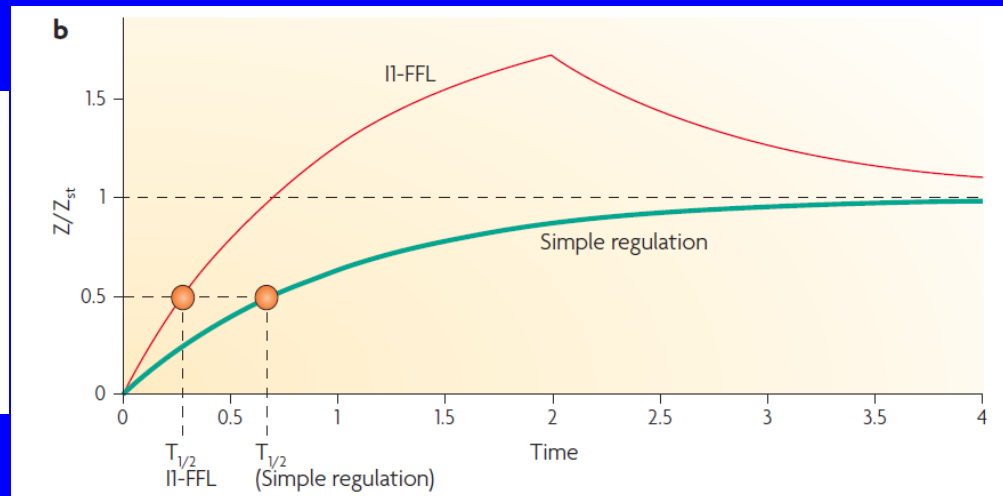
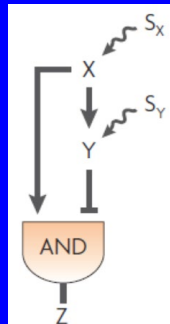
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Feedforward loops

C1-FF L: a sign sensitive filter



I1-FFL: a pulse generator and response accelerator



Chapter 2:Cell signaling network

Outline

- Concept , Properties and Examples
- Modeling the dynamics of cell signaling network

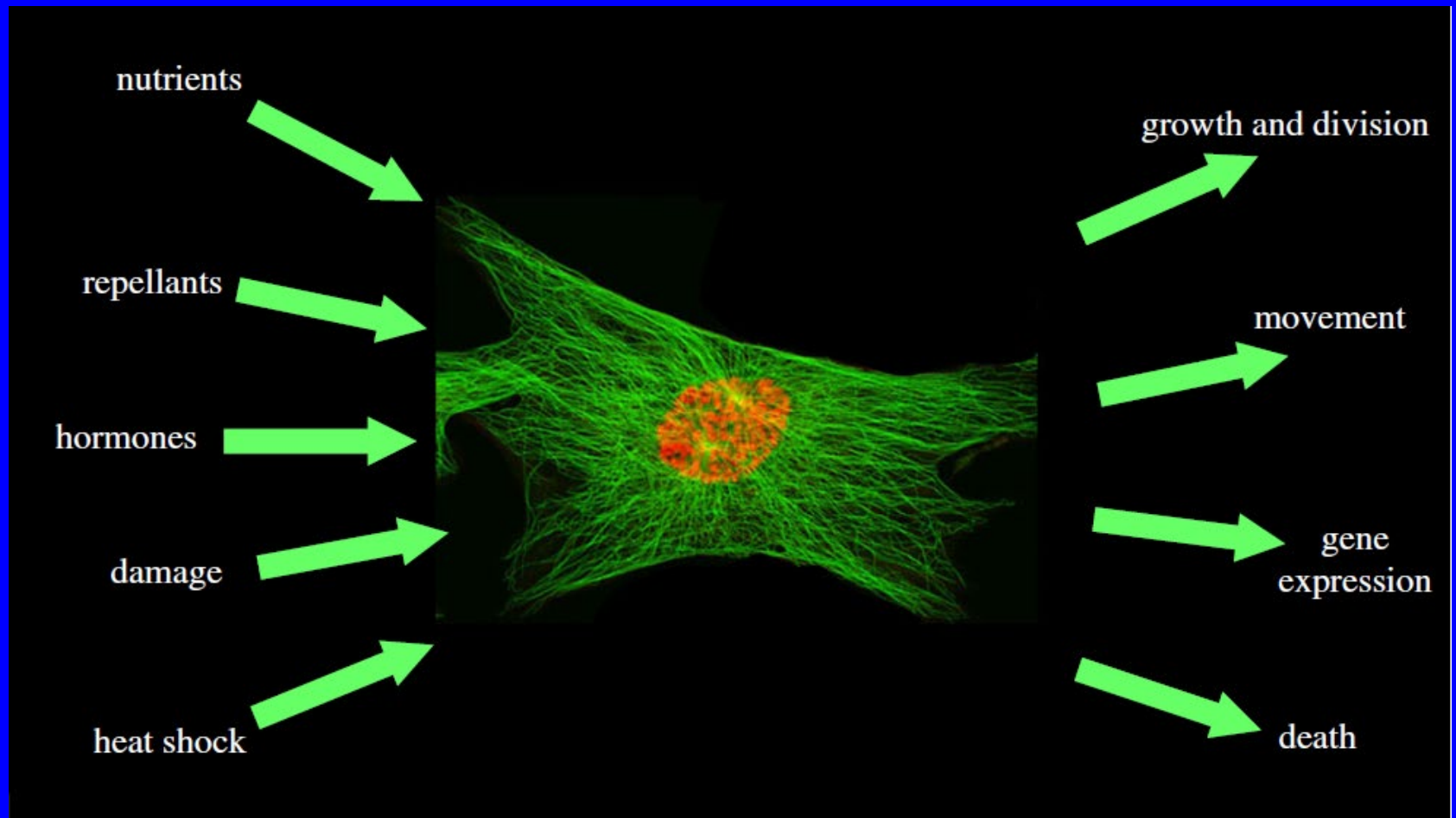
2.1 Cell signaling network

——Concept, dynamical properties and examples

2.1.1 Concepts

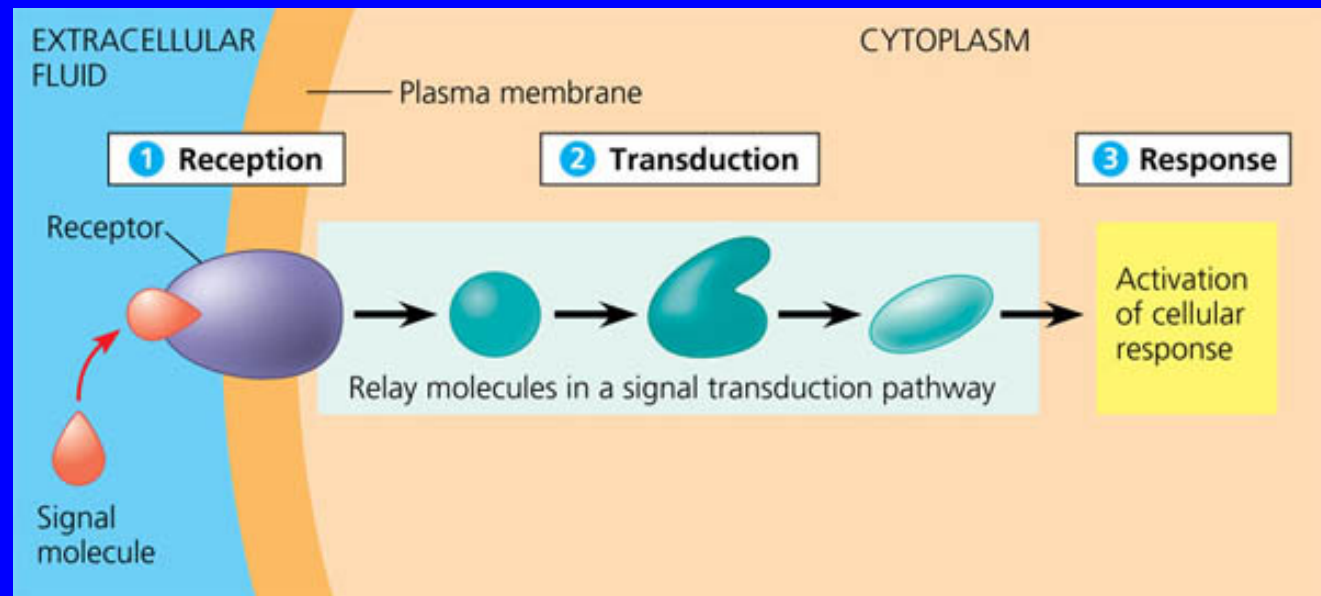
- Cell signaling networks —A complex protein network senses information about the intracellular and extracellular environment (input), processes the information, and triggers a response (output). It is composed of interconnected cell signaling pathways.

Batchelor E, Loewer A, Lahav G. Nat Rev Cancer. 2009; 9(5): 371-7.



The cell is an information-processing system!

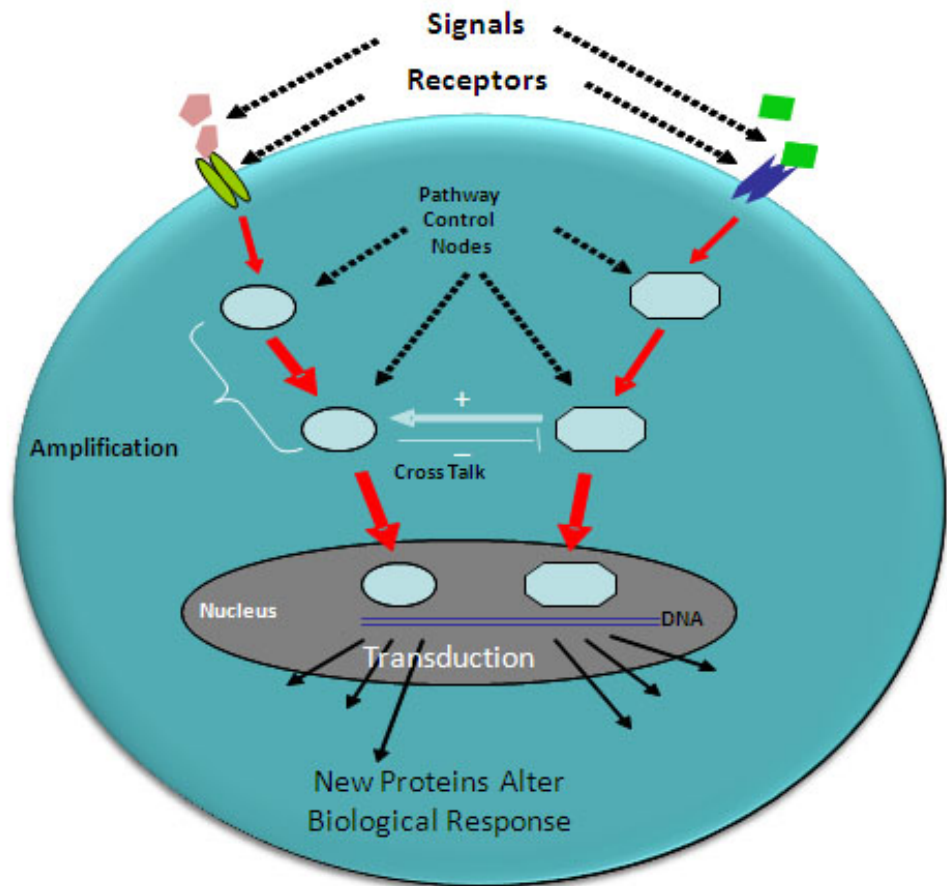
Three steps of cell signaling

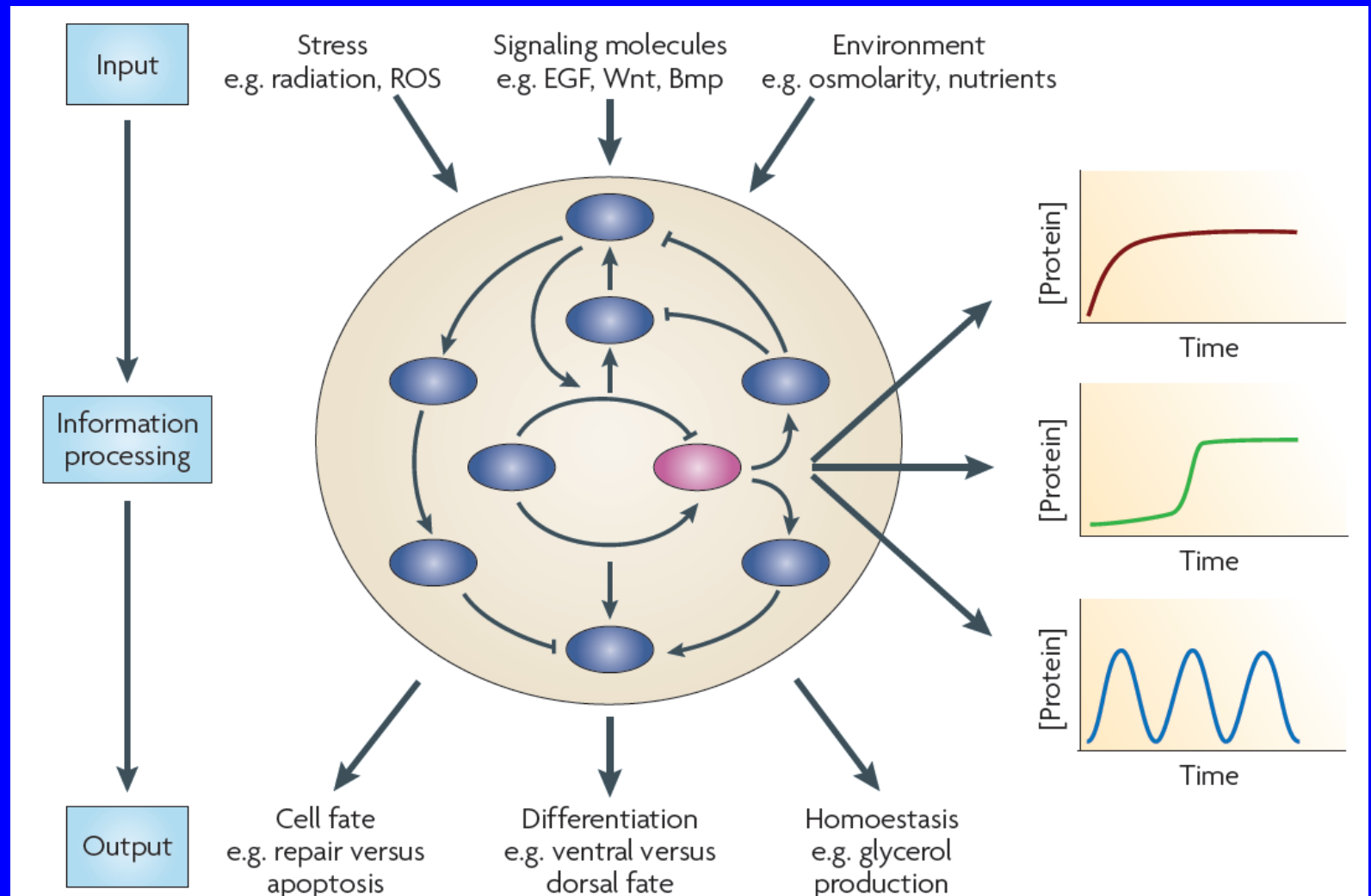


Signal Transduction Pathways

Signal Transduction Pathways are inter-connected networks of proteins that control a cell's response to change by signaling the production of new proteins.

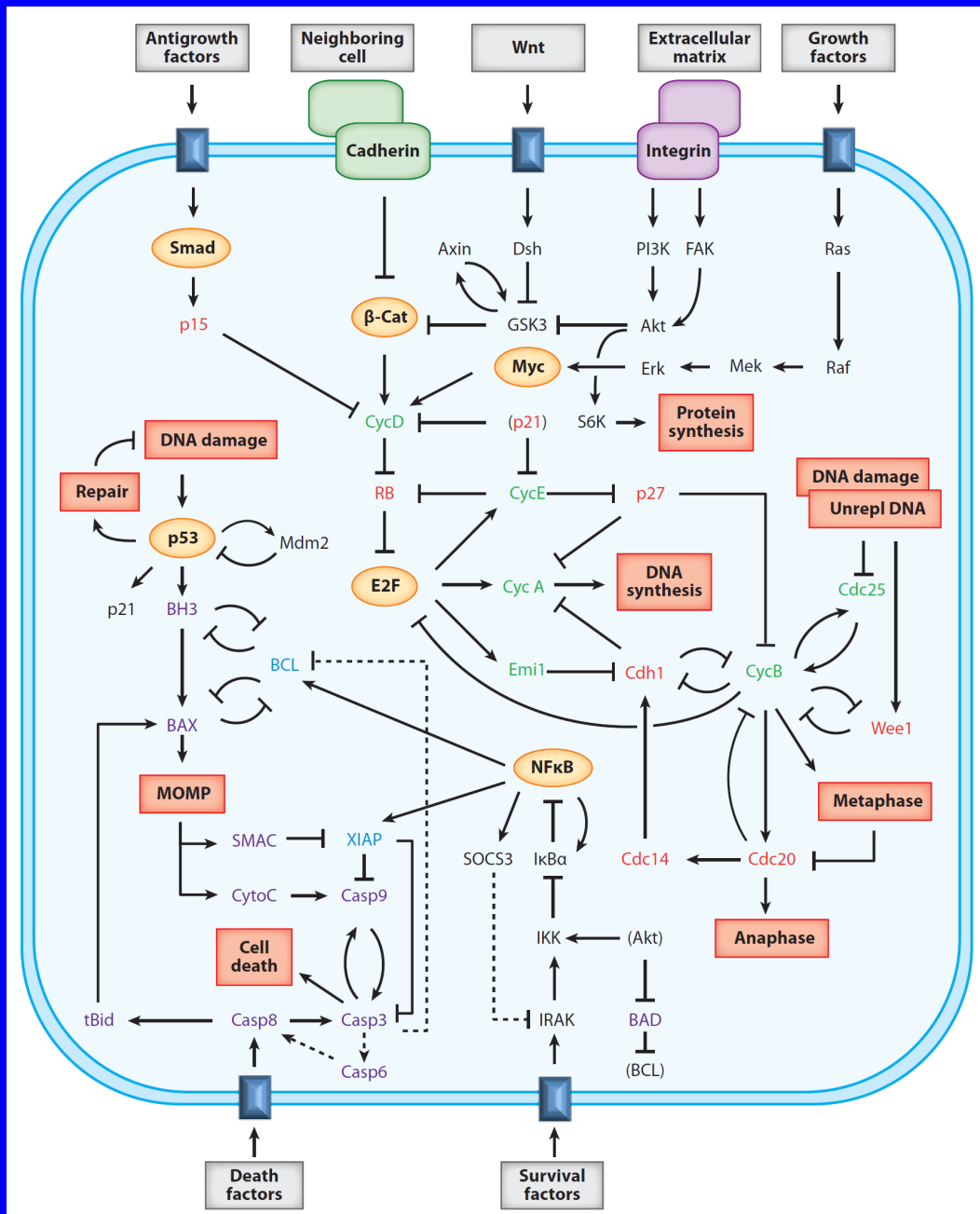
Pathways direct the physical and chemical processes of cells by activating the transcription of new proteins.





Cell signaling network

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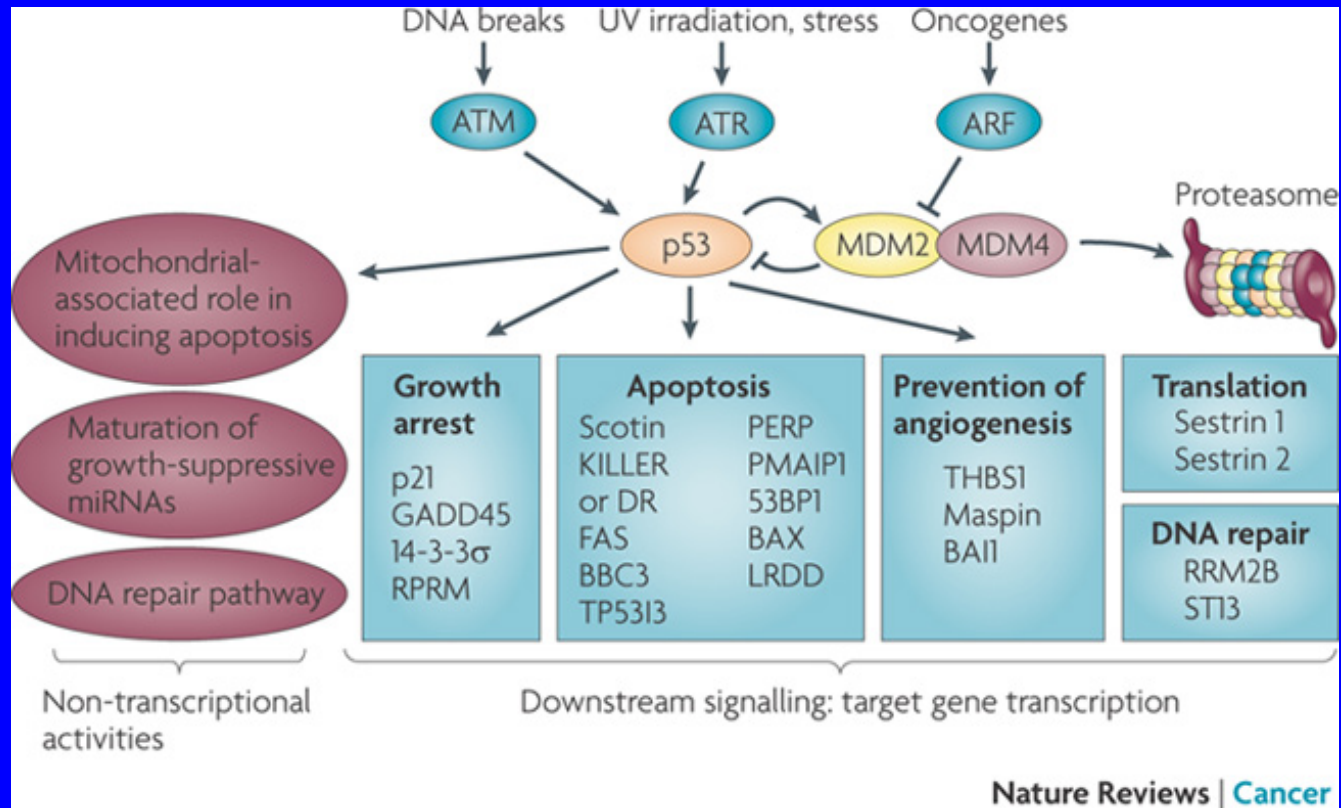


Some representative information-processing systems in a cell.

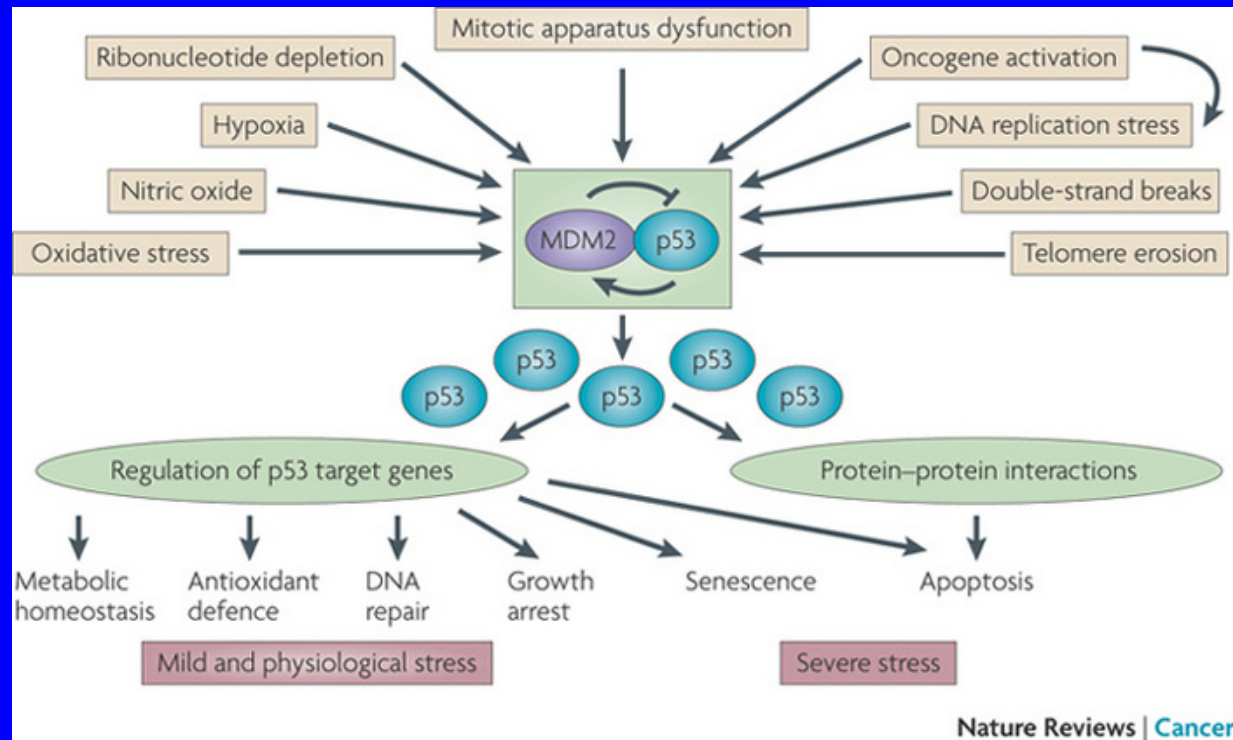
Tyson JJ, Novak B. Annual Review of Physical Chemistry. 2009; 61(1).

2.1.2 Some cell signaling networks

P53 signaling network



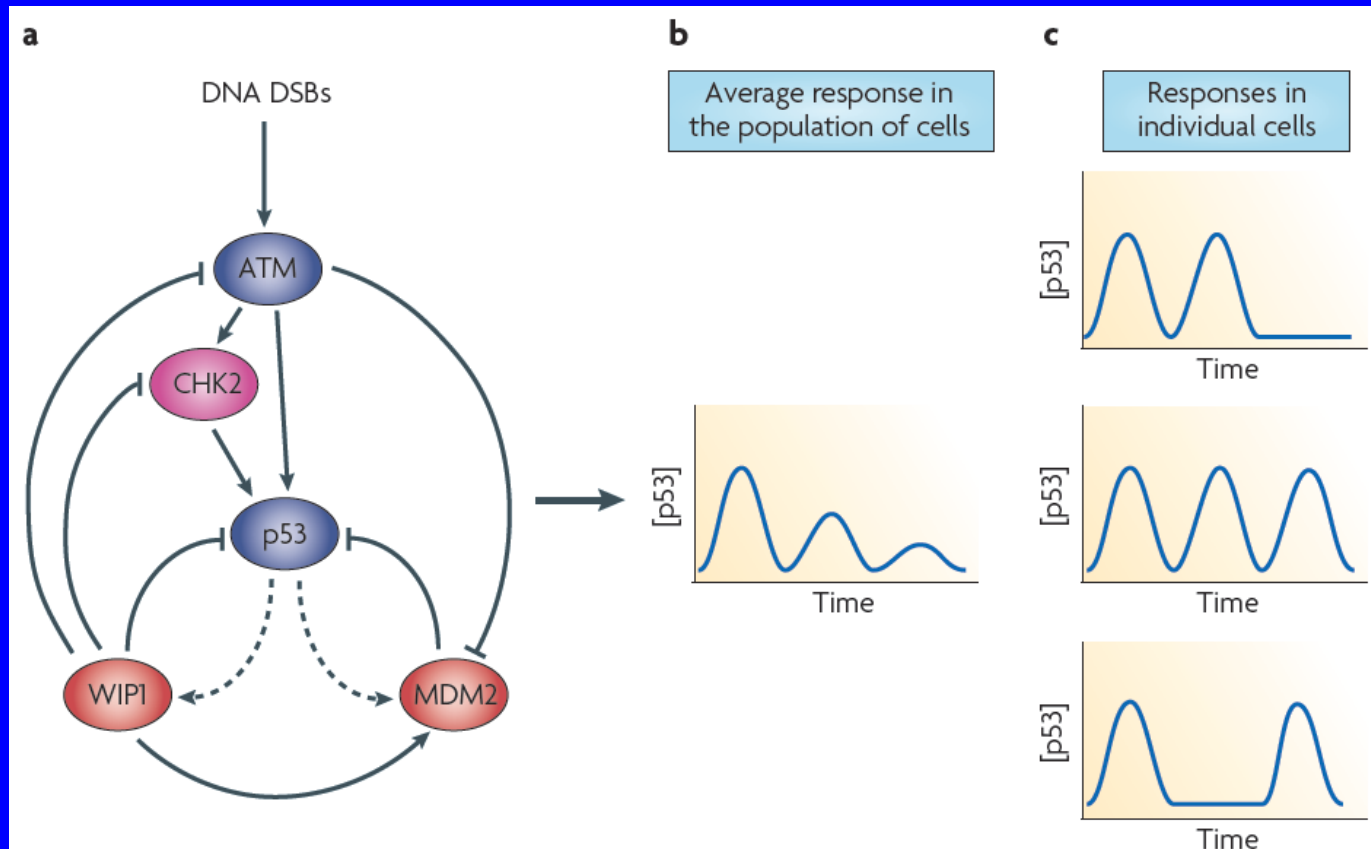
Christopher J. Brown, Sonia Lain, Chandra S. Verma, Alan R. Fersht & David P. Lane Nature Reviews Cancer 9, 862-873 (December 2009)



Simplified scheme of the p53 pathway

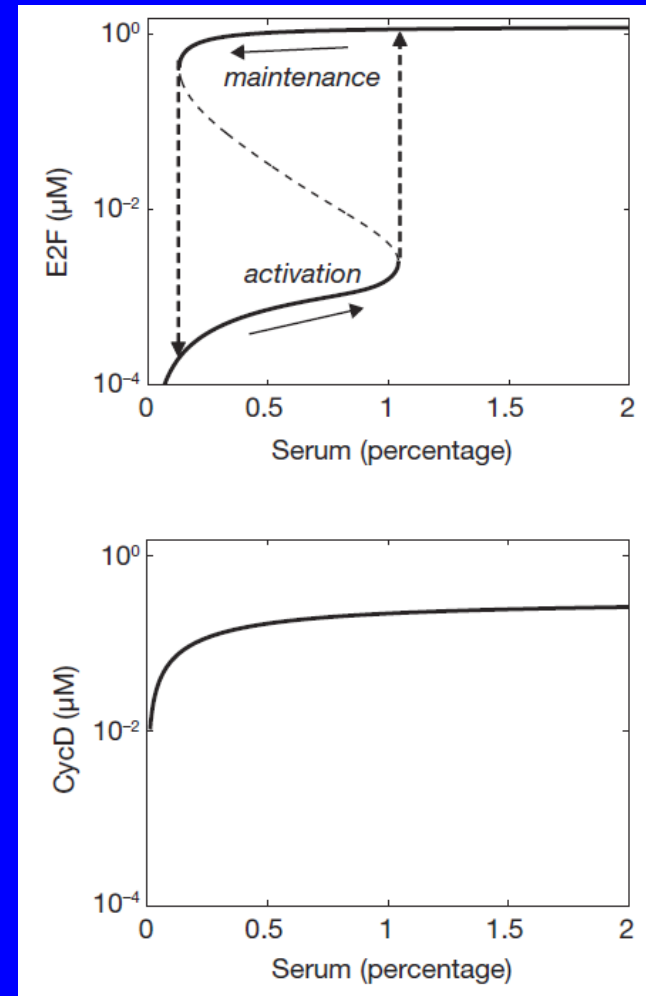
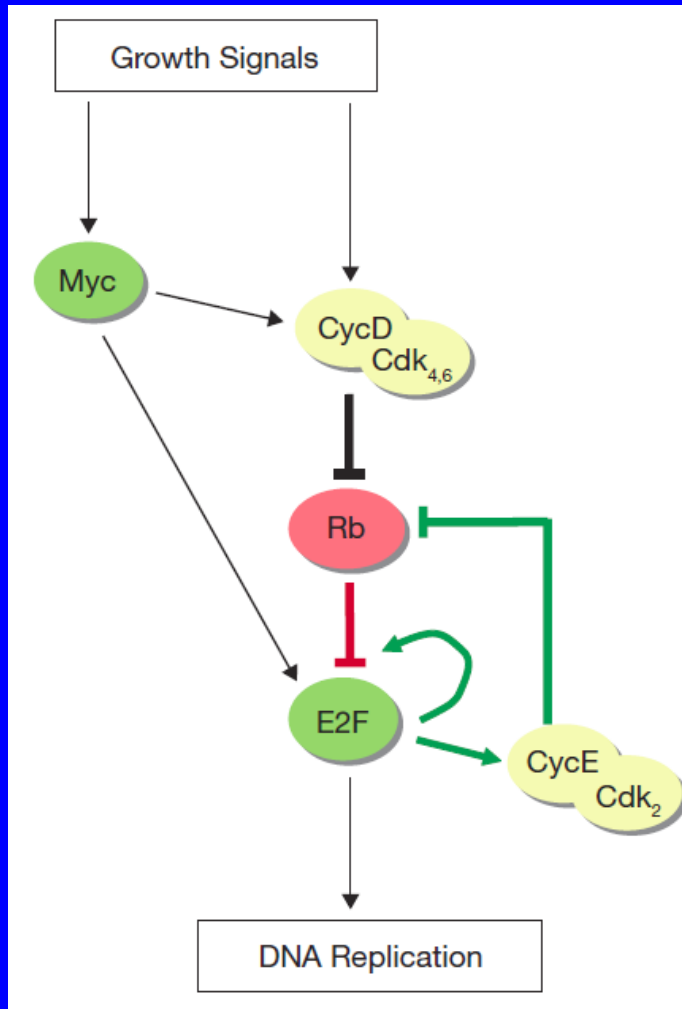
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p53 dynamics: oscillation



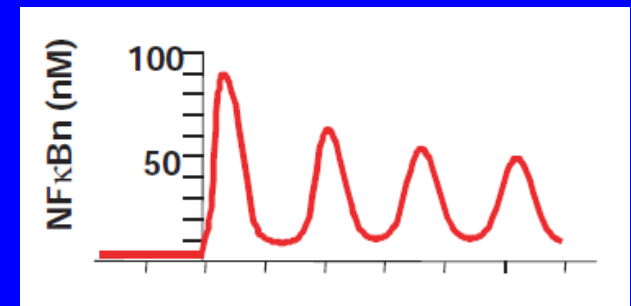
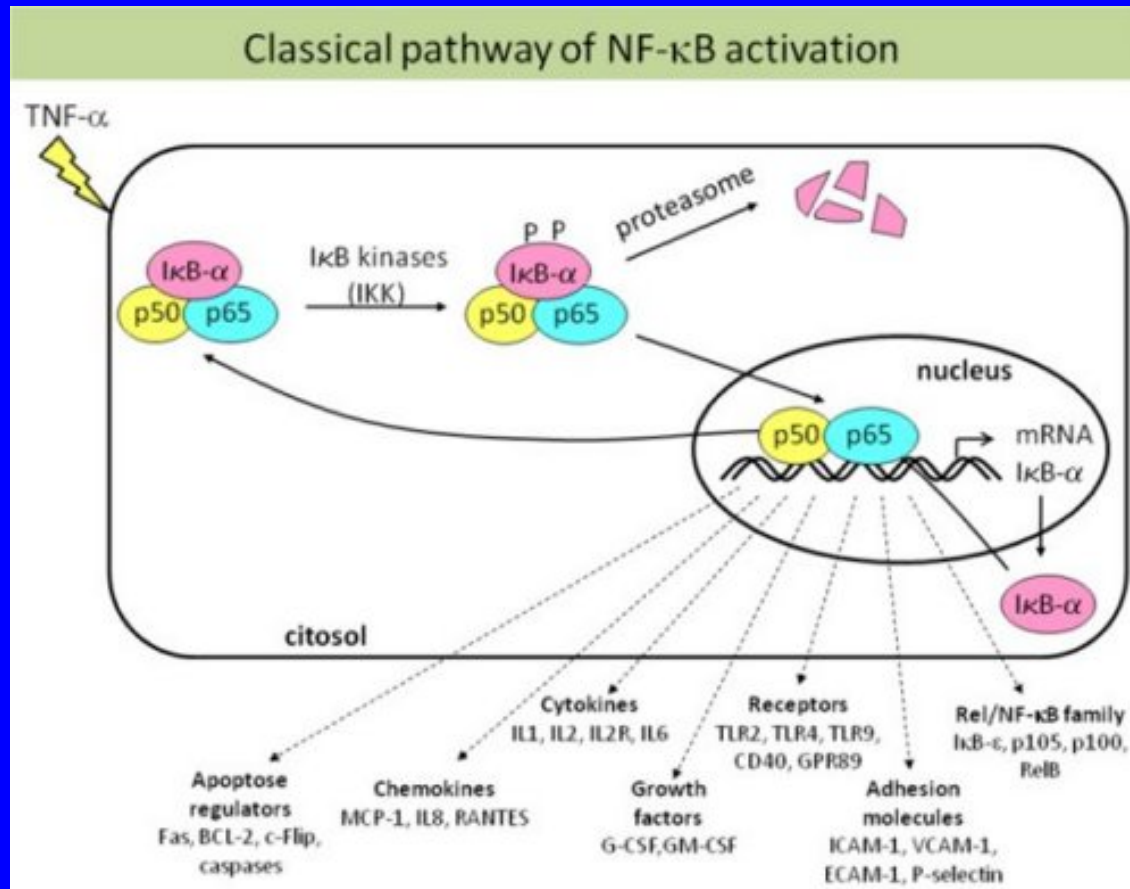
P53 shows damped oscillations at population level, while shows undamped pulses in single cells.

Rb/E2F1: cell proliferation

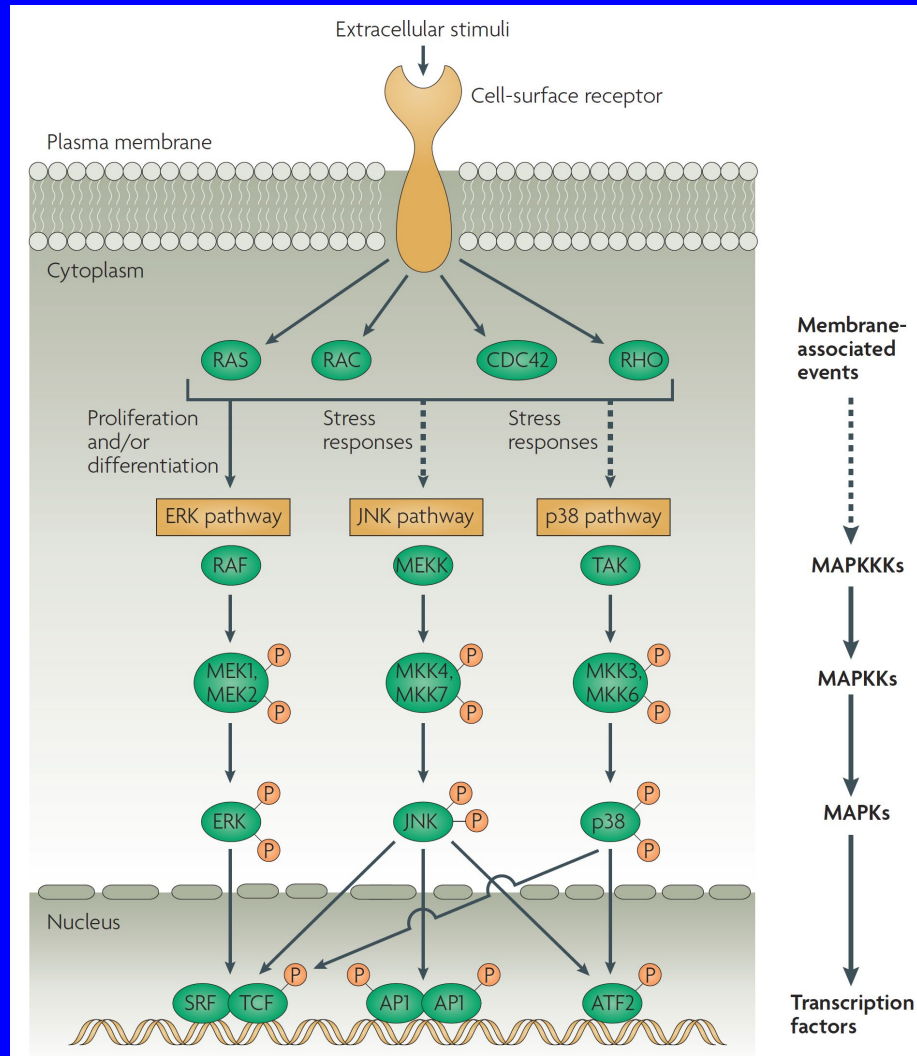


Yao, G., T. J. Lee, et al. (2008). [Nat Cell Biol 10\(4\): 476-482.](#)

$NF - \kappa B$: immune and inflammatory responses

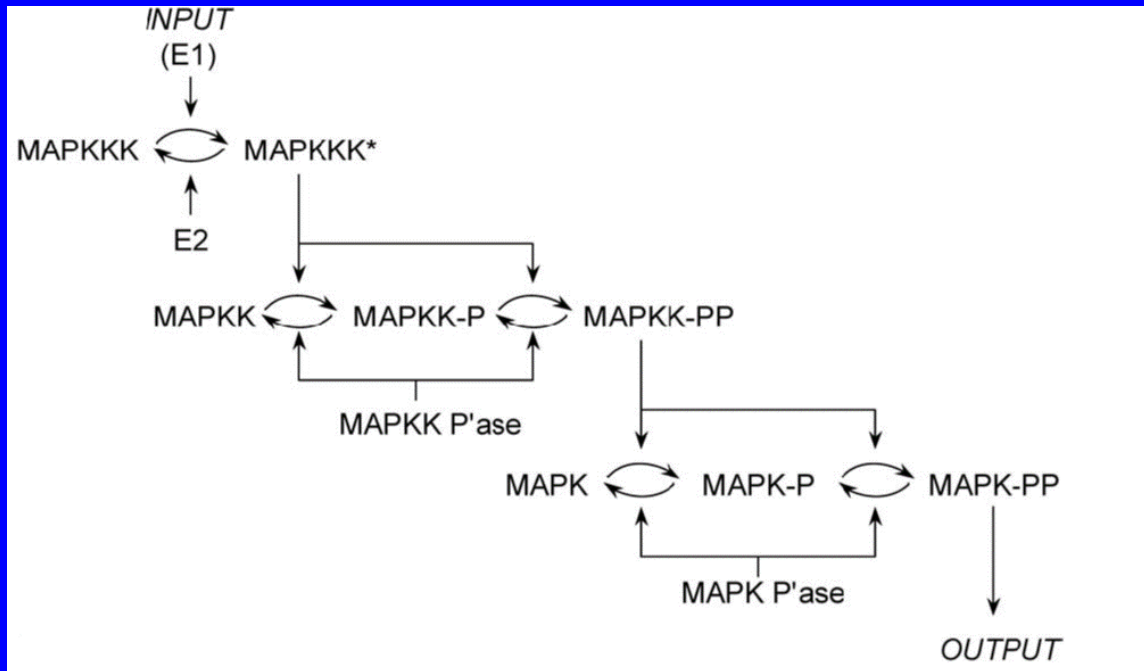


Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase (MAPK) : cell growth, proliferation

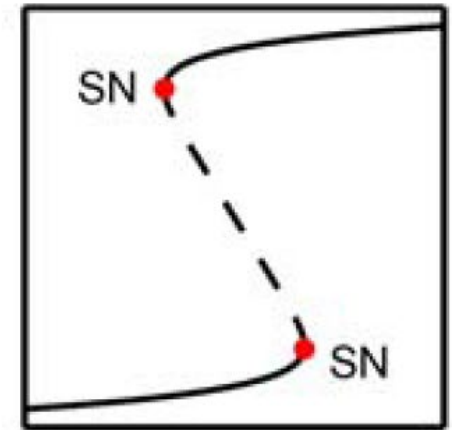
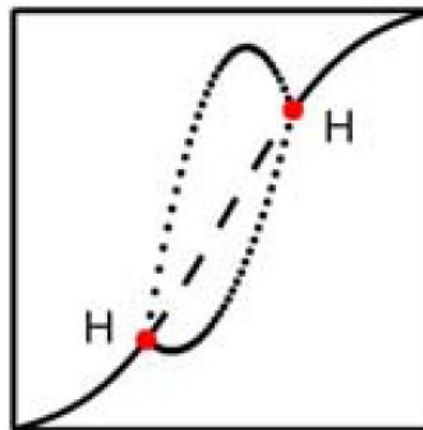
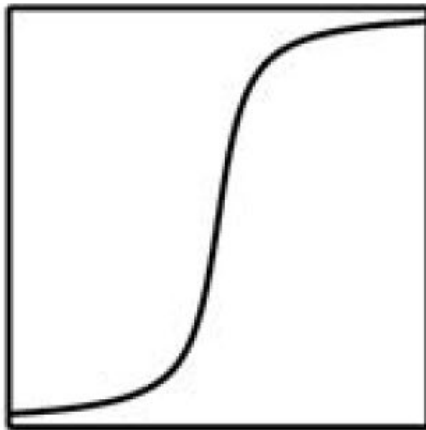


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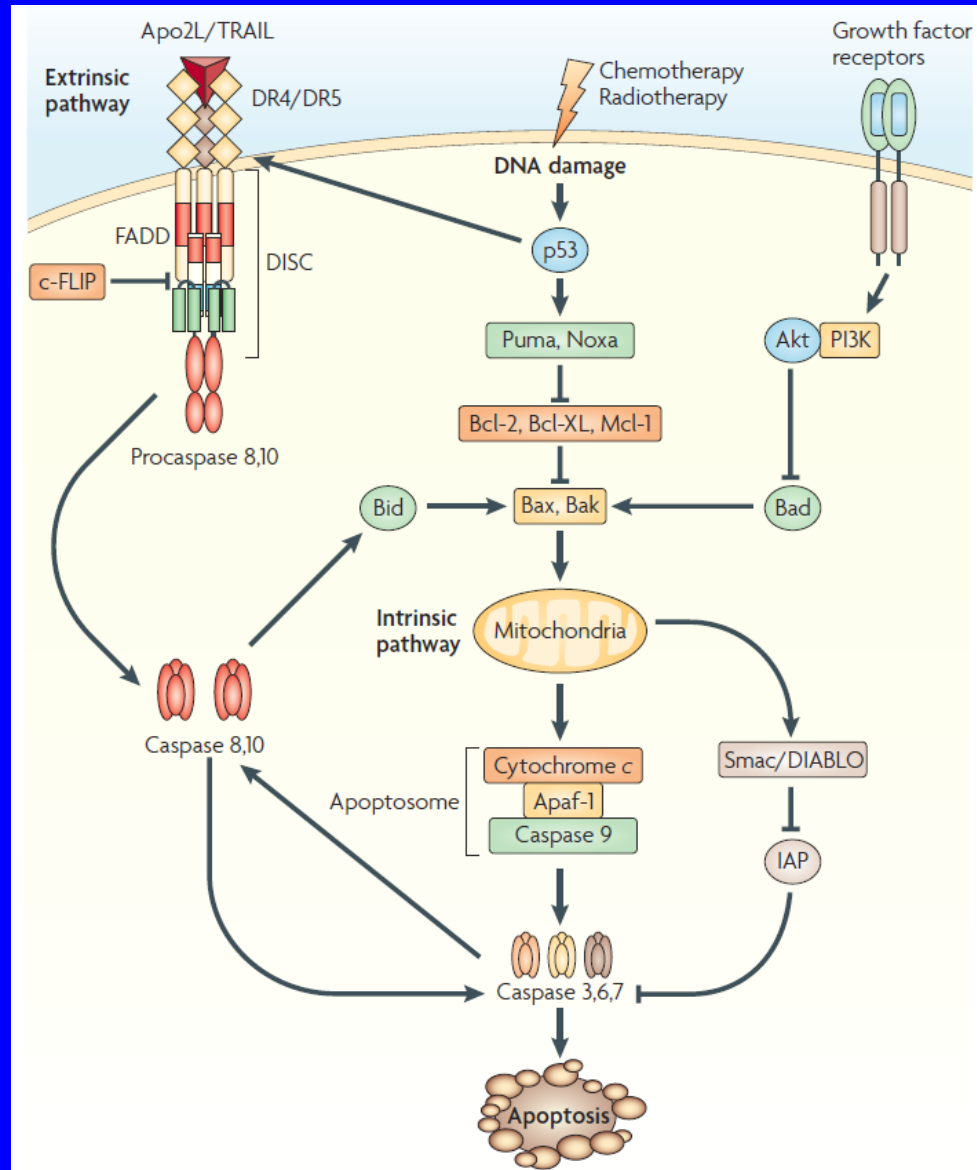
Dynamics of MAPK pathway



Qiao, L., R. B. Nachbar, et al. (2007). PLoS Computational Biology 3(9): e184.



Apoptosis induction pathway



DISC: Death-inducing signaling complex

Key steps in apoptotic signaling pathways

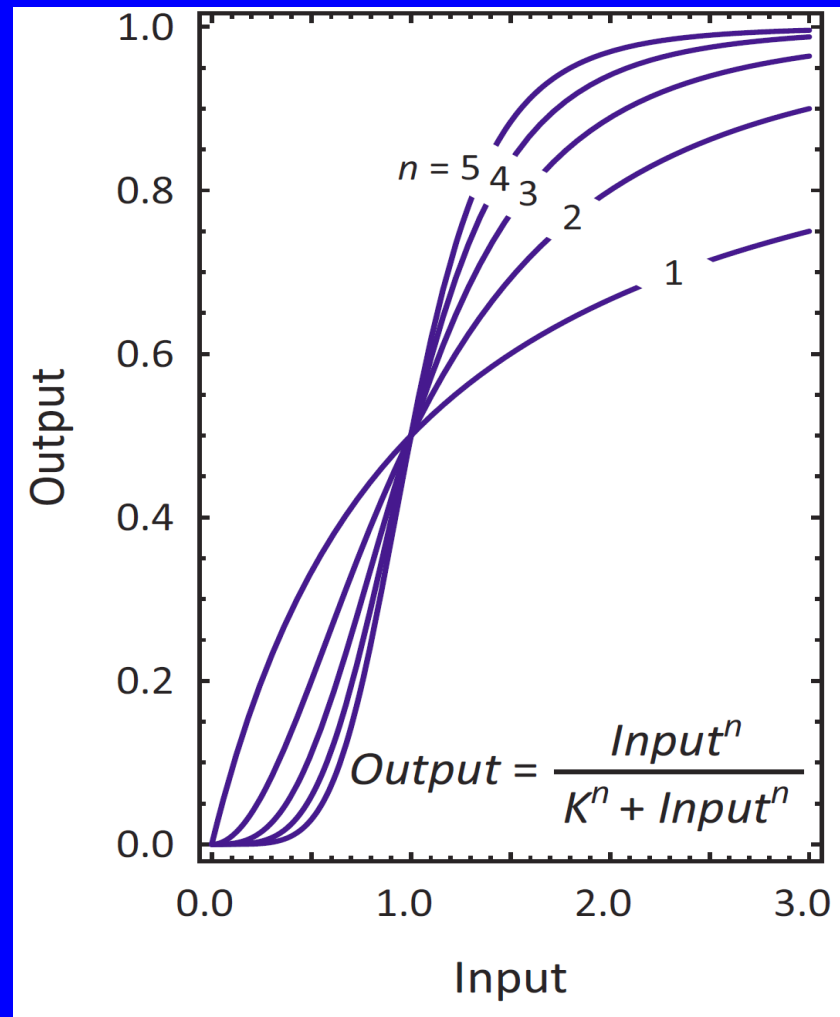
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2.1.3 Dynamical properties

- Ultrasensitivity
- Bistability
- Oscillation
- Adaptation

Ultrasensitivity

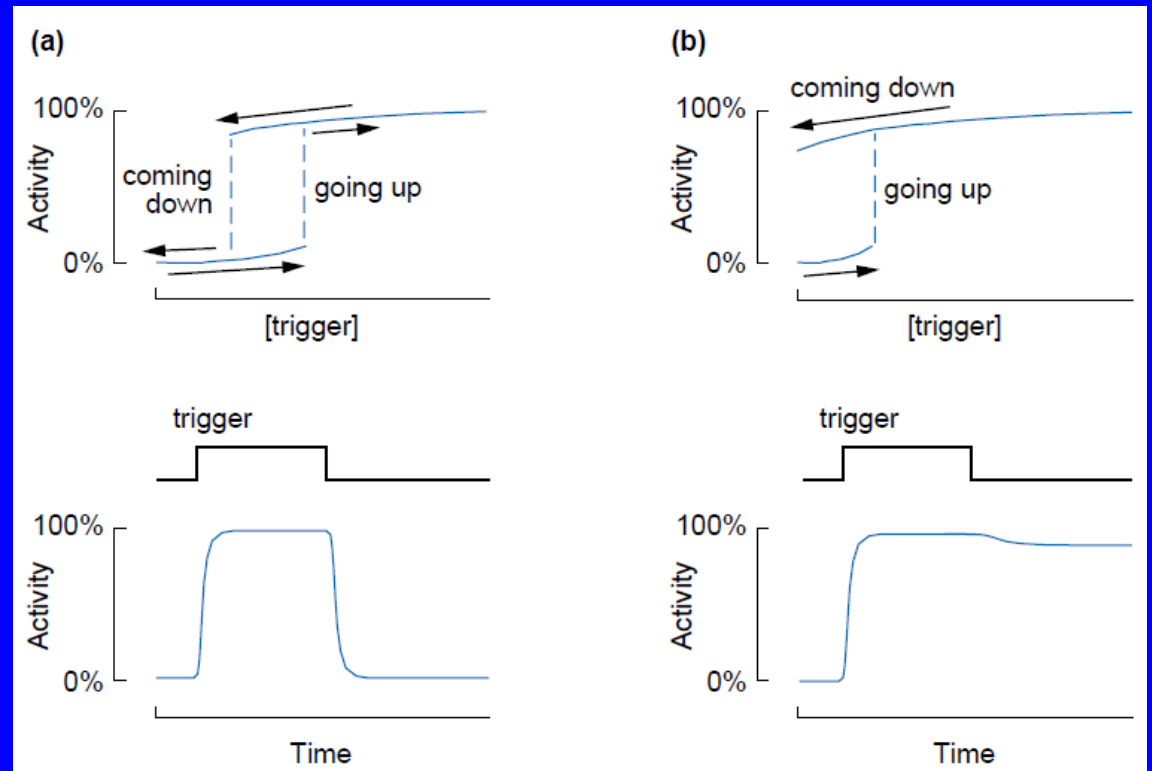
- **Ultrasensitivity** describes an output response that is more sensitive to stimulus change than the hyperbolic Michaelis-Menten response.



Bistability

Bistability: having two stable steady states for a single value of the input, as contrasted with a monostable response.

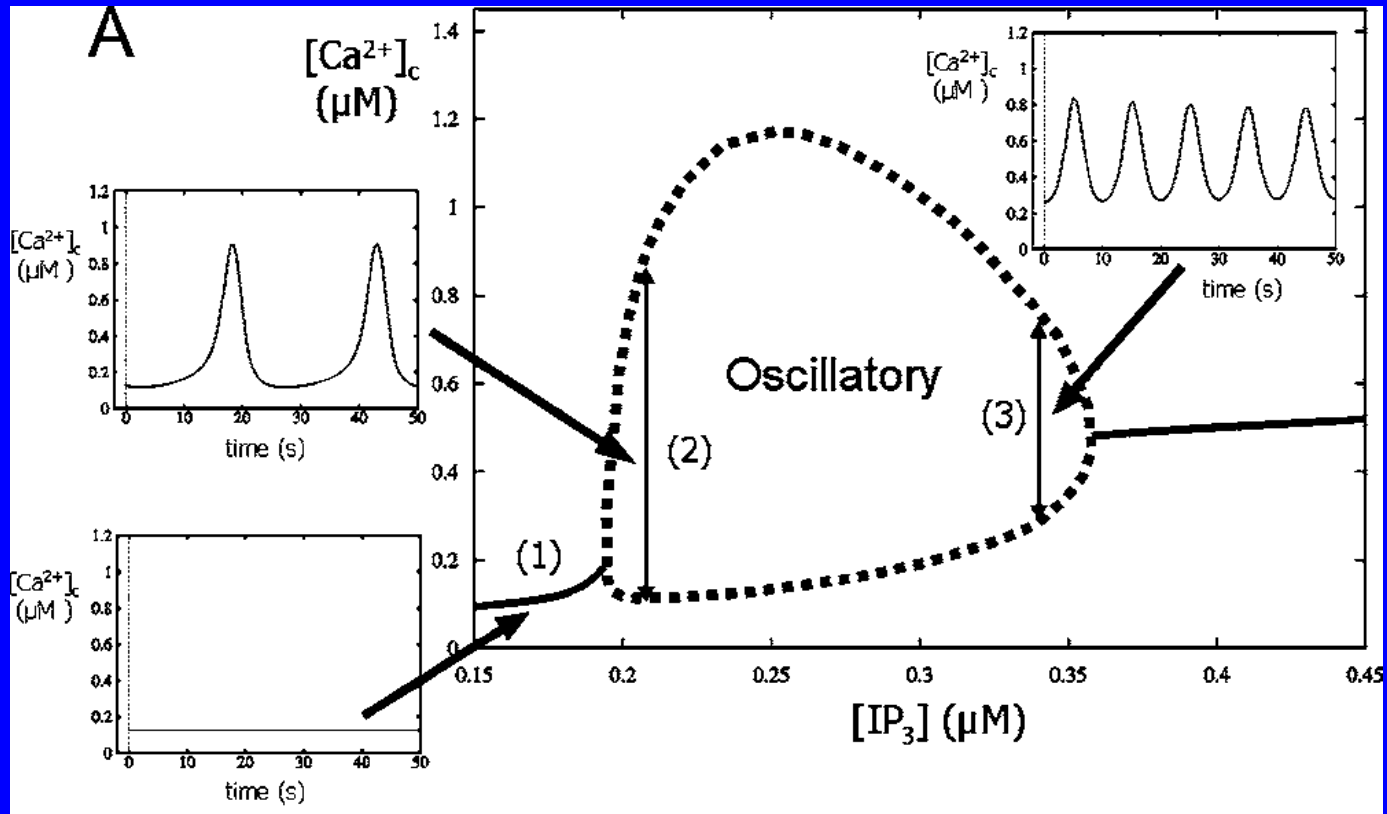
Hysteresis and irreversibility in bistable signaling circuits



Hu, J. S., L. T. Doan, et al. (2008). PNAS. 105(9): 3398-3403.

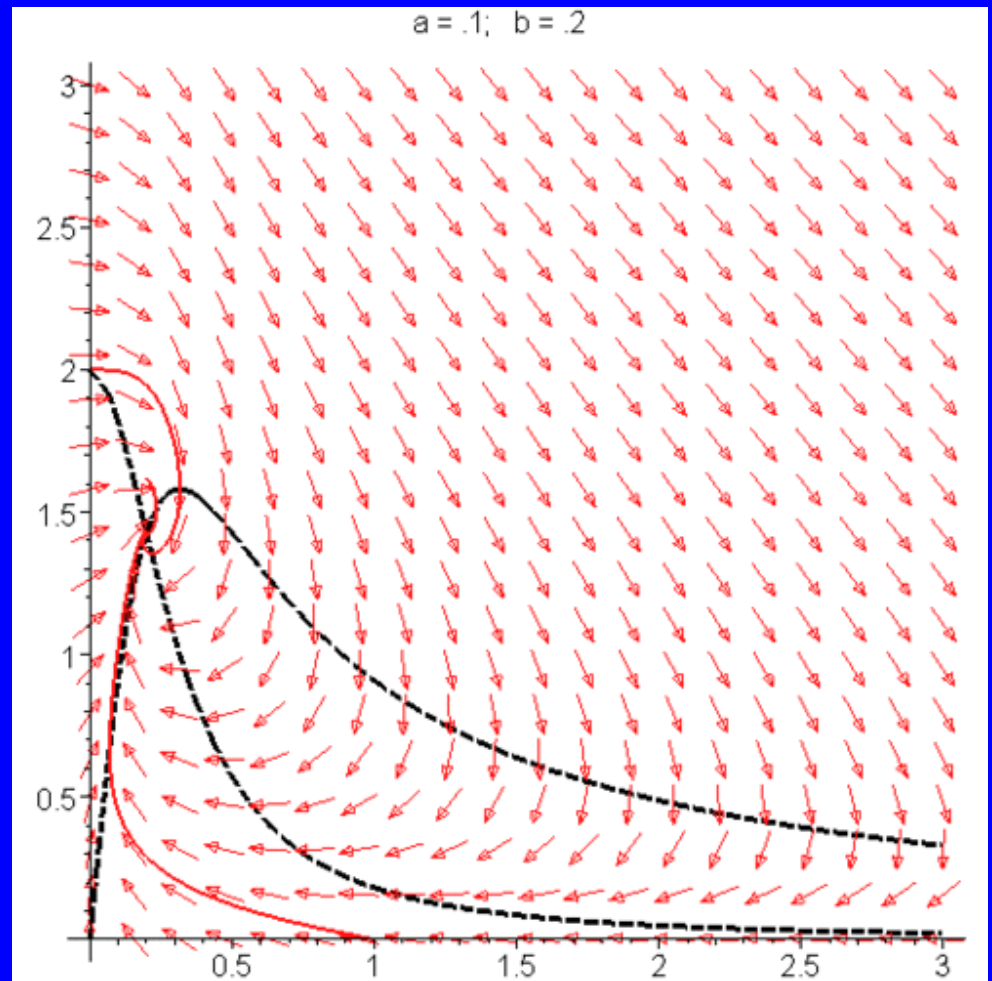
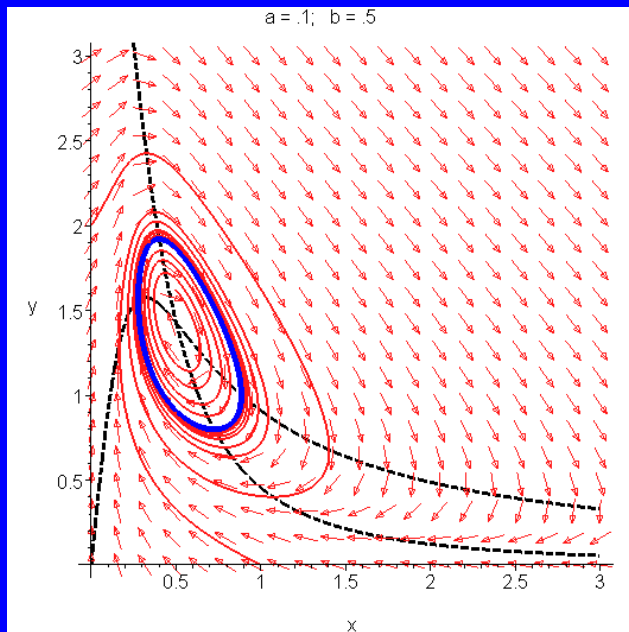
Oscillation

Oscillations are an important type of cell signaling characterized by the periodic change of the system in time.



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x + ay + x^2 y$$

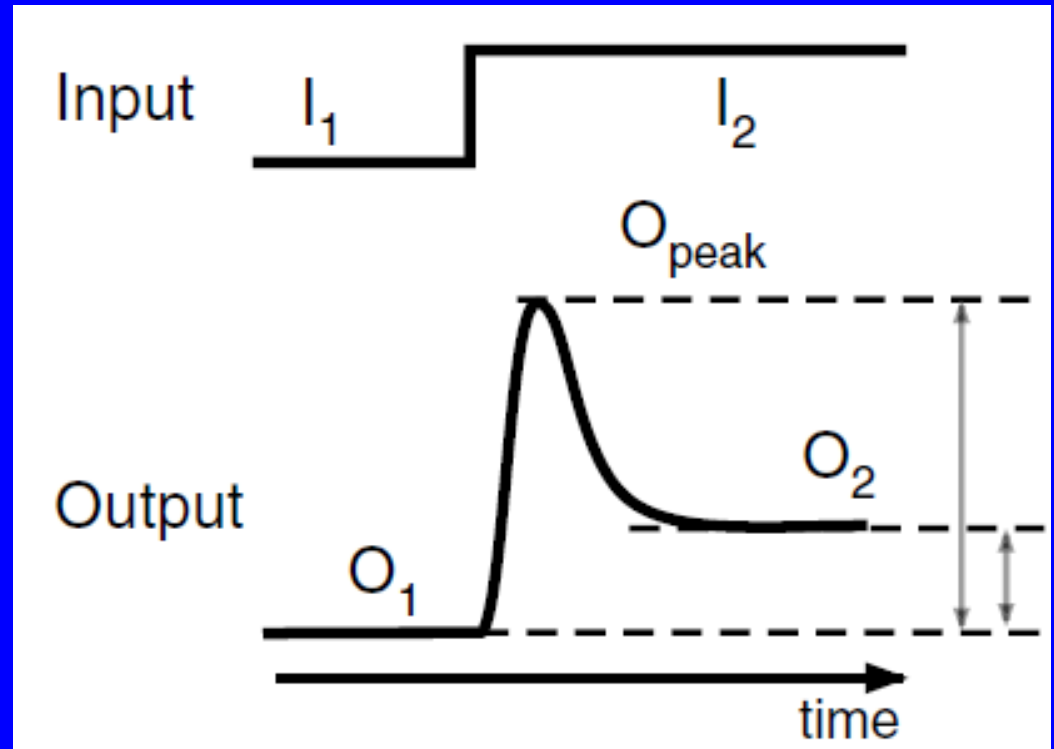
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = b - ay - x^2 y$$



Adaptation

Adaptation—the ability to reset themselves after responding to a stimulus.

Ma, W., A. Trusina, et al. (2009).
Cell.138(4): 760-773.



2.2 Dynamics of cell signaling networks

- Simulation tools
- Bifurcation theory

2.2.1 Simulation tools

- Oscill8

Oscill8 is a suite of tools for analyzing dynamical systems which concentrates on understanding how the dynamical behavior depends on the parameters using bifurcation theory and reaction network theory.

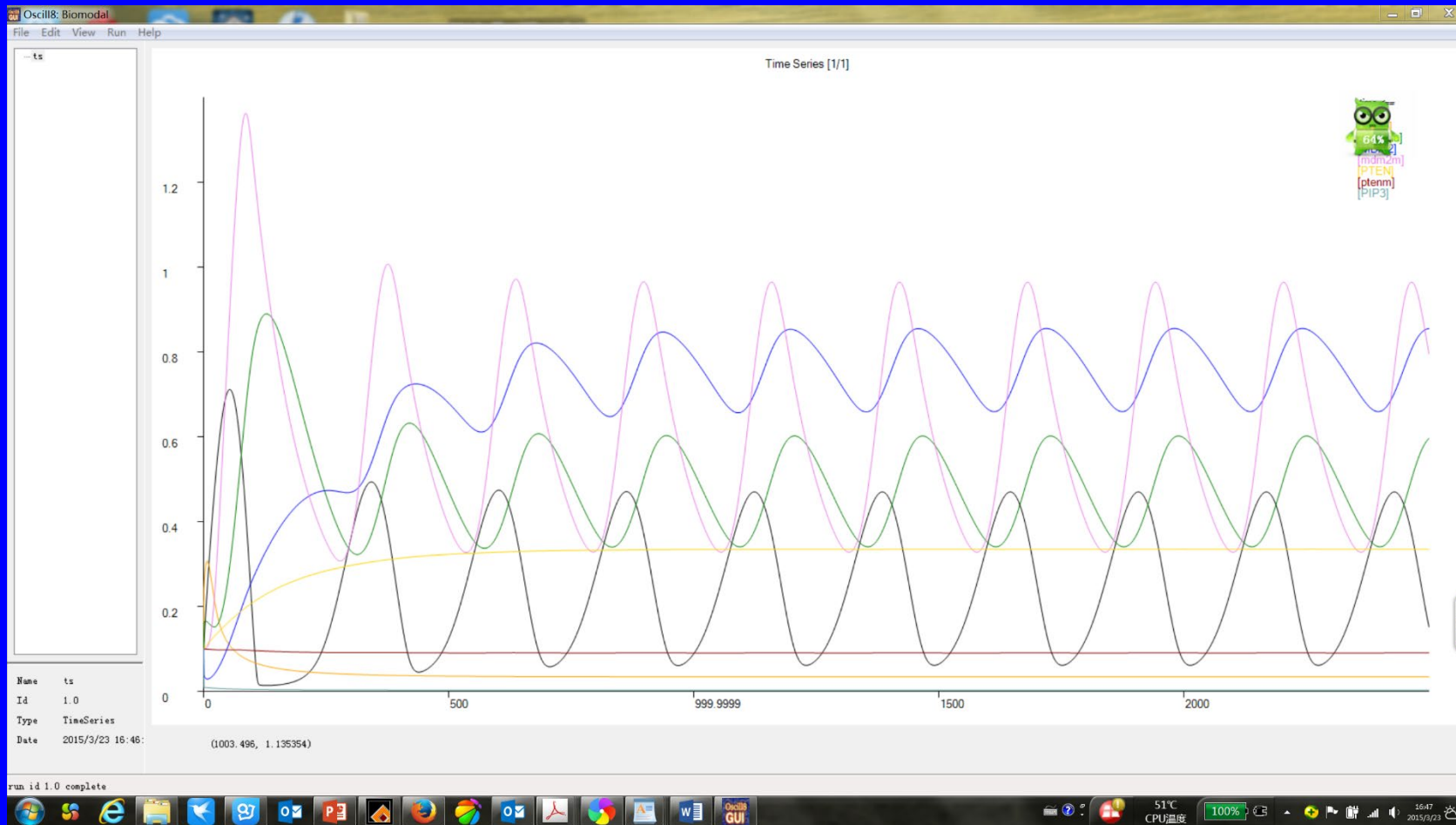
http://sourceforge.jp/projects/sfnet_oscill8/

ODE file

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# test  

$$x' = a1 * (1 - x) - b1 * x * (v * y)^{r1} / (k1 + (v * y)^{r1})$$

$$y' = a2 * (1 - y) - b2 * y * x^{r2} / (k2 + x^{r2})$$
  
par v=0, a1=1, a2=1, b1=200  
par b2=10, k1=30, k2=1, r1=4, r2=4  
init x=0.1, y=0.1  
done
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Other simulation tools

- Xpp/Xppaut

<http://www.math.pitt.edu/~bard/xpp/xpp.html>

- Matlab

Graphing software

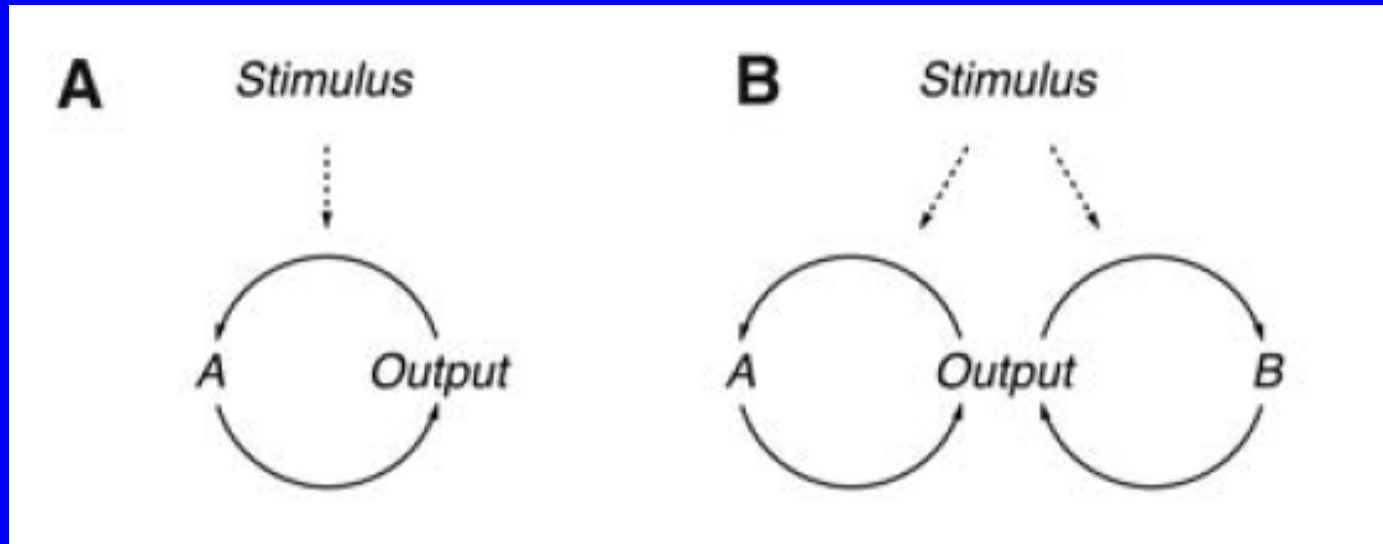
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Assignment 1

Reproducing Figs 2C-G in the following paper:

Brandman, O., J. E. Ferrell, Jr., et al. (2005). "Interlinked Fast and Slow Positive Feedback Loops Drive Reliable Cell Decisions." *Science* 310(5747): 496-498.



1) One loop

$$\frac{dOUT}{dt} = k_{out_on} * A * (1 - OUT) - k_{out_off} * OUT + k_{out_min}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = [stimulus * \frac{OUT^n}{OUT^n + ec_{50}^n} * (1 - A) - A + k_{min}] * \tau_A$$

2) Two loops

$$\frac{dOUT}{dt} = k_{out_on} * (A + B) * (1 - OUT) - k_{out_off} * OUT + k_{out_min}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = [stimulus * \frac{OUT^n}{OUT^n + ec_{50}^n} * (1 - A) - A + k_{min}] * \tau_A$$

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = [stimulus * \frac{OUT^n}{OUT^n + ec_{50}^n} * (1 - B) - B + k_{min}] * \tau_B$$

$k_{out_on} = 2, k_{out_off} = 0.3, k_{out_min} = 0.001, k_{min} = 0.01, n = 3, ec_{50} = 0.35$. For a fast loop, $\tau = 0.5$. For a slow loop, $\tau = 0.008$. The equations were solved numerically with Matlab 7.0.

