# HYBRID REACTIONS MODELING FOR TOP-DOWN DESIGN

Final Presentation

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Context

- Joint work with the GRASP Lab from University of Pennsylvania (Penn), Prof. Vijay Kumar.
- Considered problem:
  - Stochastic assembly of products
- Solving for poor yield: add agents to the initial system or modify the behavior to improve performance.
  - Augmented system.





# 2. GOALS

- Propose a theoretical framework for the Augmented System problem.
- Validation using a higher-level assembly task (biological scale).
  - Realistic physics simulation with Webots.
- Develop mathematical models and simulations fitting the tasks.
  - Use a chemical reaction network (CRN) formalism.
- Optimize the chemical reaction network model and map it back on the realistic platform.





# 3. STOCHASTIC ASSEMBLY

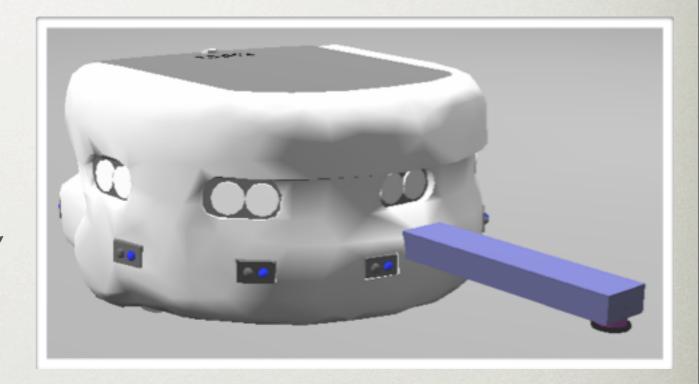
Definition (refined)

- Let M<sub>i</sub> pieces of different types, assembling with bidirectional connections.
- Let those pieces move and assemble randomly in an arena of size A.
- Let the final assembled products be known as S<sub>j</sub>.
- Let a system of reactions R describe the plan of assembly of pieces via their connections. These reactions can contain disassembling reactions too.
- Then this system will create a certain amount  $|S_j|$  after a time  $T_f$ .
  - Goal: obtain the bigger  $|S_j|$  after the smaller  $T_f$ , while controlling the ratios between  $|S_j|$ .





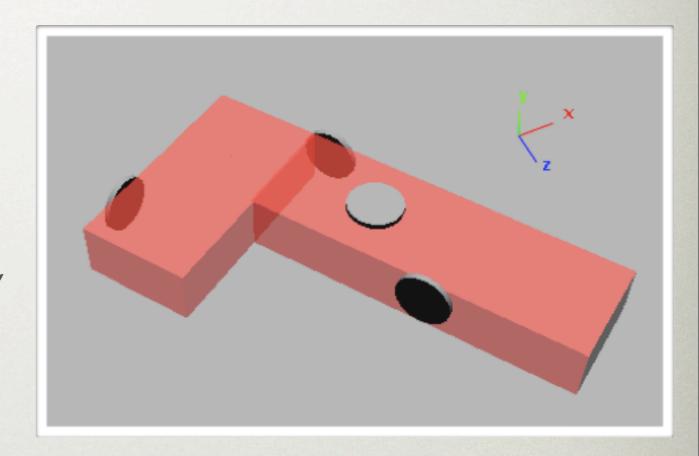
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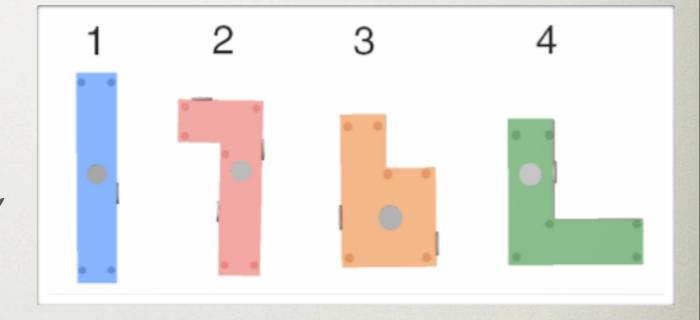
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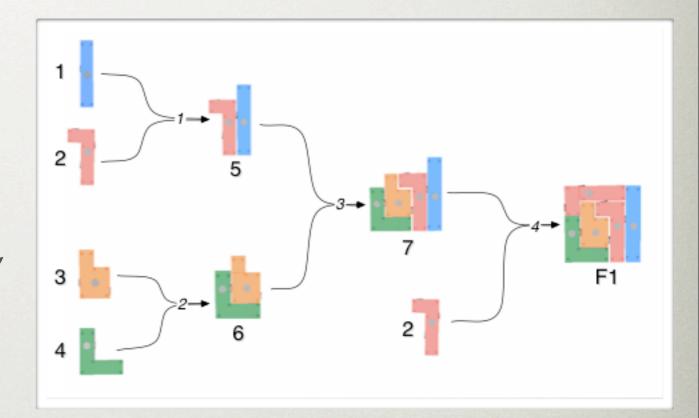
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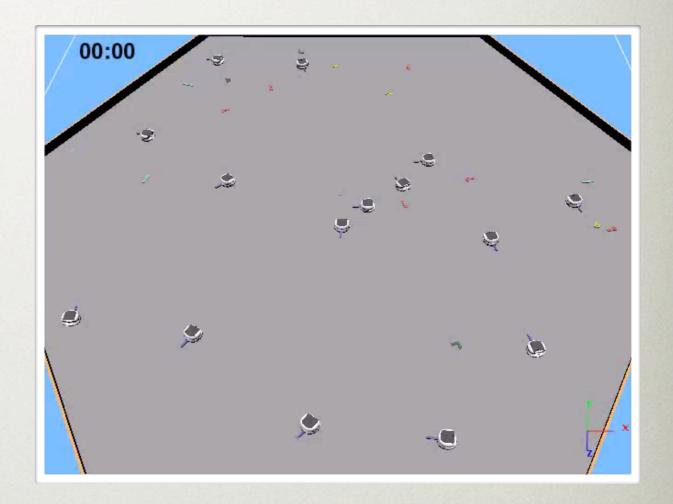


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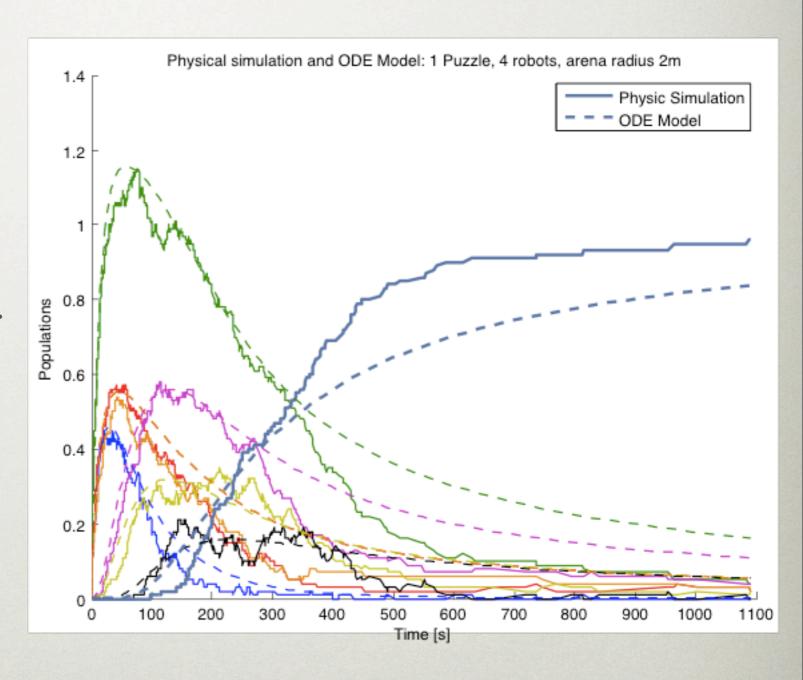
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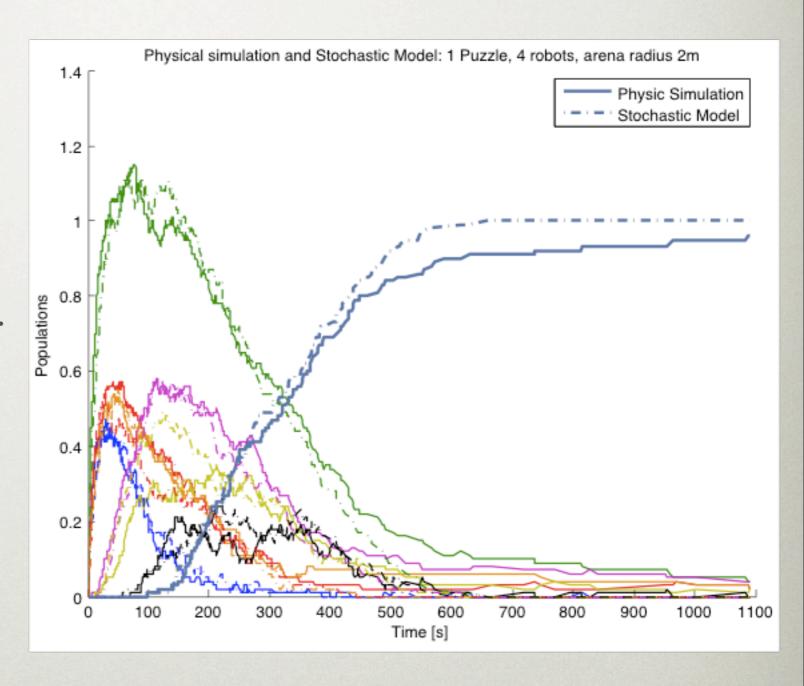
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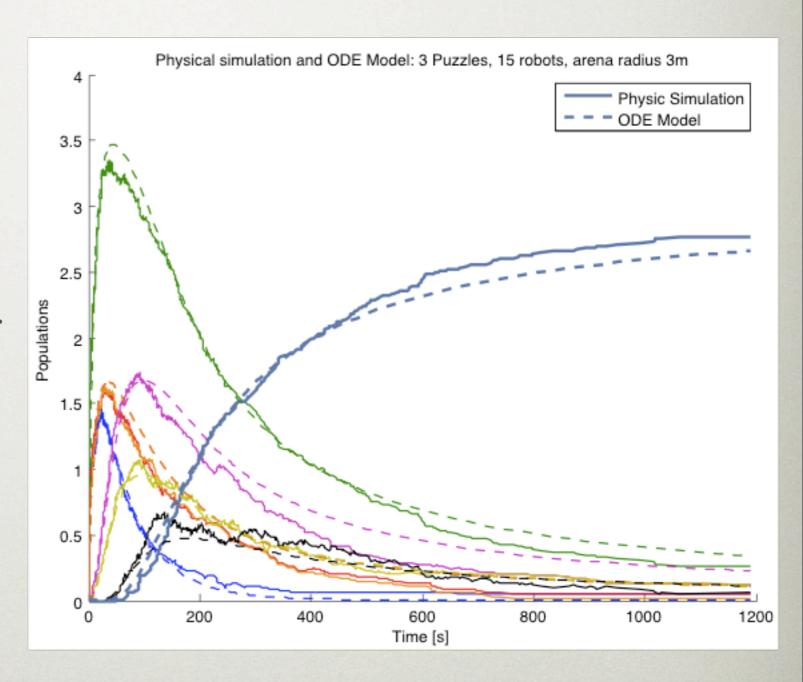
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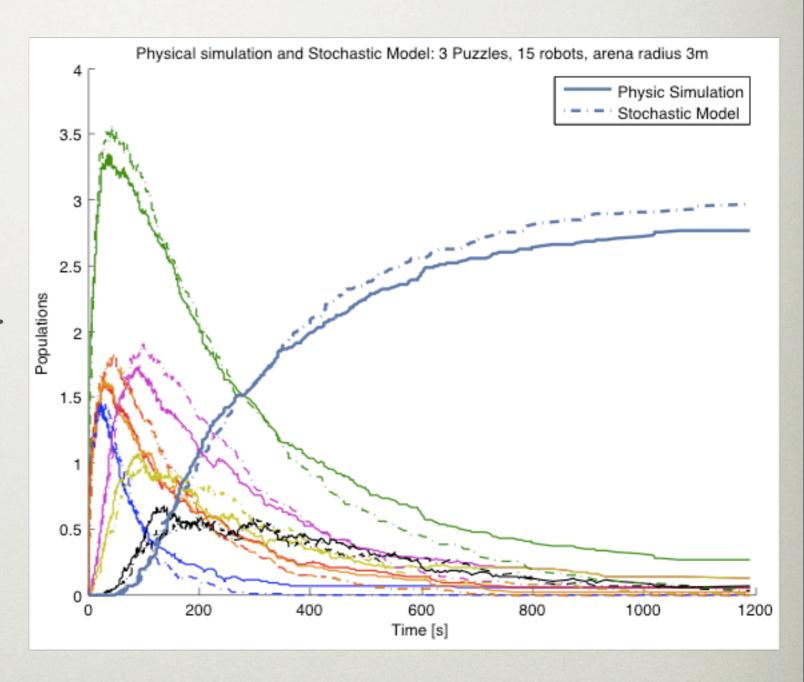
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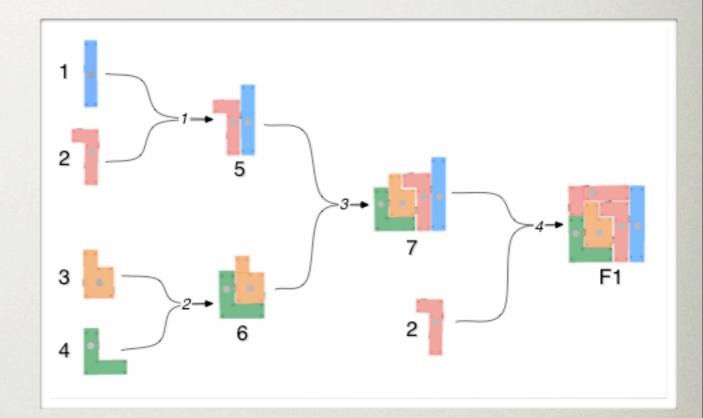
- Optimize the system.
  - What framework?
  - Nonlinear multi-affine system.
- Map back this optimization on the realistic platform.
  - Model "back-fitting".
  - Discrepancies.
- Other applications.





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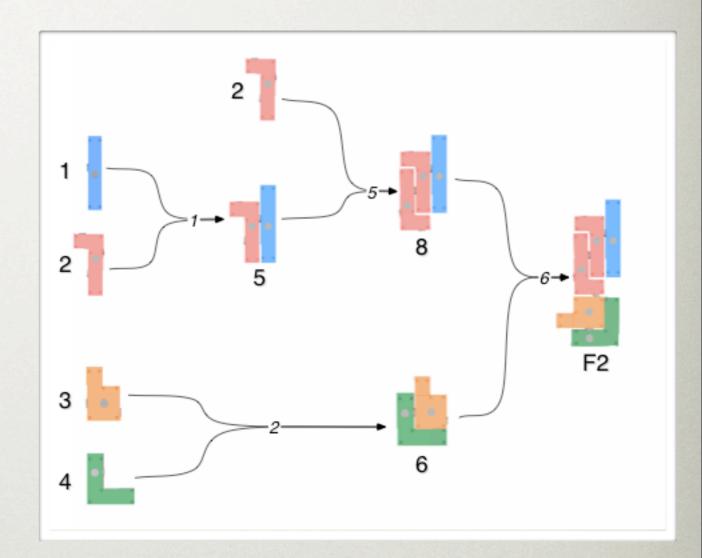






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## Convergence

- Theorem 1: System has an unique equilibrium  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} > \mathbf{0}$ .
- Proof: uses extended Deficency One theorem, Feinberg.
  - deficiency of network = 0.
  - block weakly reversible.
- Global stability empirically verified, proof under way.

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{MKy}(\mathbf{x})$$





#### Method

- System has only one equilibrium: we can design *K* such that it converge to our goal!
- Optimize *K* under constraints for the equilibrium y<sup>d</sup>:

$$\mathbf{MKy^d} = \mathbf{0} \qquad \qquad \alpha = \frac{x_{F1}}{x_{F1} + x_{F2}}$$

Optimize measure of relaxation time for each reaction:

$$X_{k} + X_{l} \rightleftharpoons_{k_{j}^{-}}^{k_{j}^{+}} X_{m}$$

$$\tau_{j} = (k_{j}^{+}(x_{k}^{d} + x_{l}^{d}) + k_{j}^{-})^{-1}$$





Method

Two objective functions.

$$f_{ave}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{j=1}^{10} \tau_j^{-1}$$
  $f_{min}(\mathbf{k}) = \min\{\tau_1^{-1}, \dots, \tau_{10}^{-1}\}$ 

Two convex programs.

P1: maximize 
$$f_{ave}(\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{p}))$$
  
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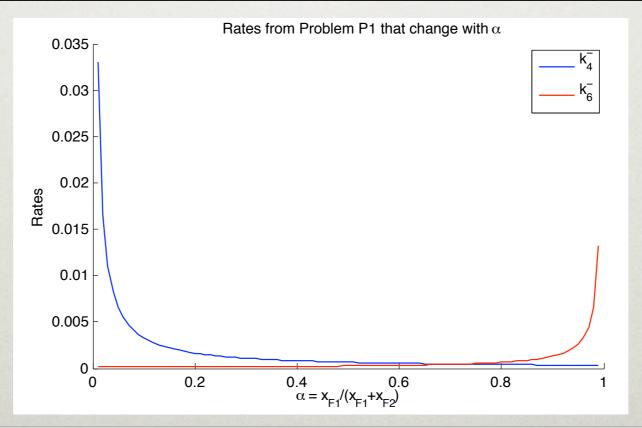




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- Forward maximum. Only final reactions change.

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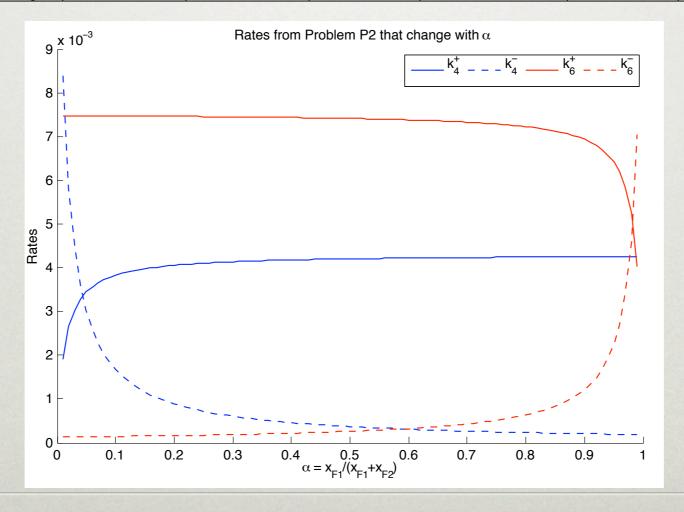




#### Results P2

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- Similar to P1. Final reactions change.

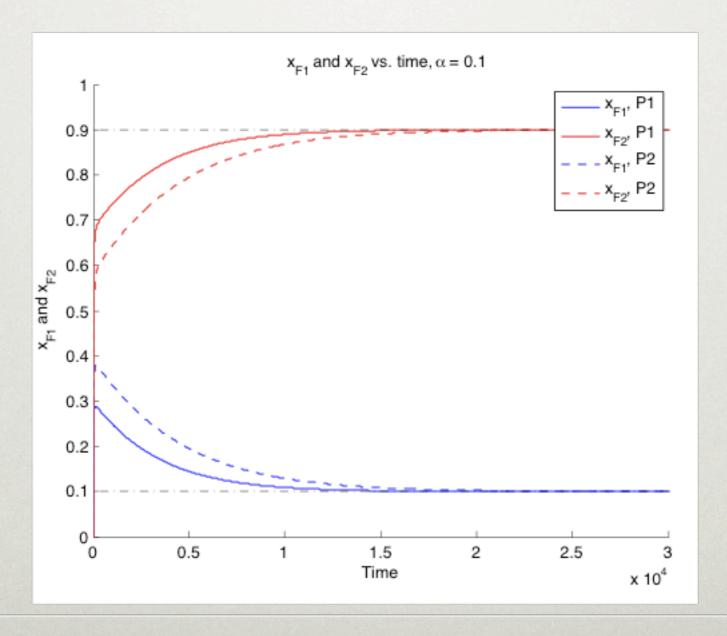
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Optimized $p_j^+$	0.36	0.666	1.0	continuous	0.4705	continuous
Optimized $p_j^-$	0.006855	0.005027	0.00377	continuous	0.00443	continuous







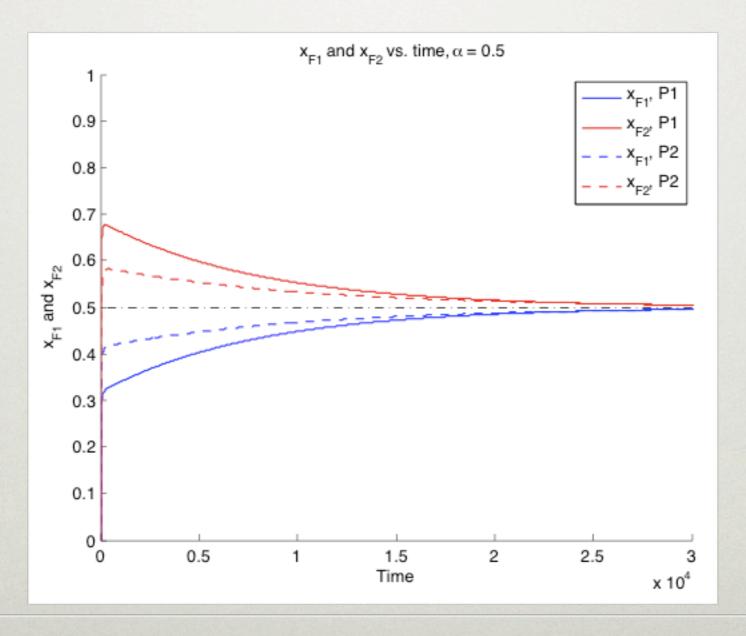
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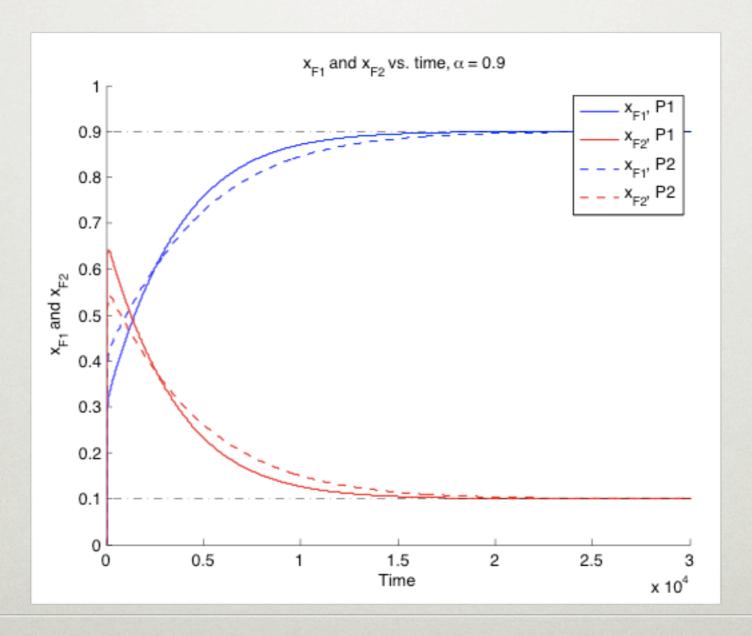
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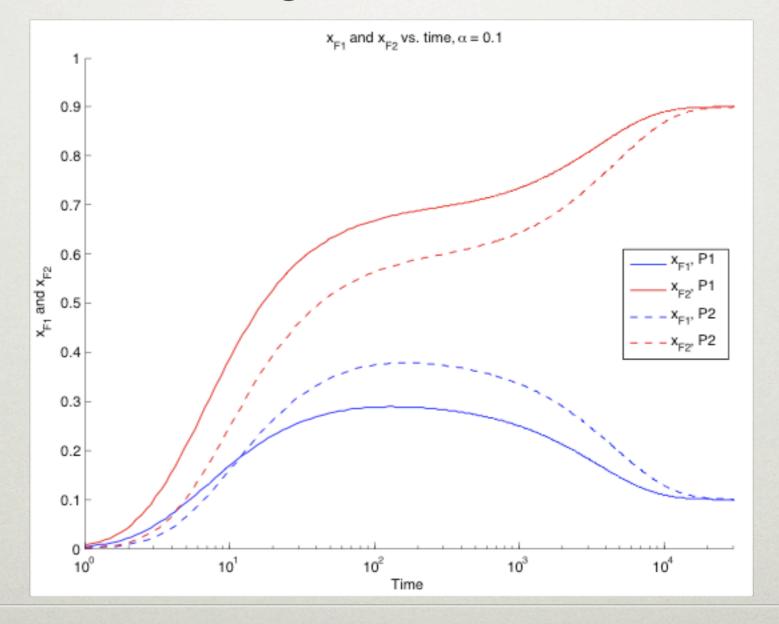
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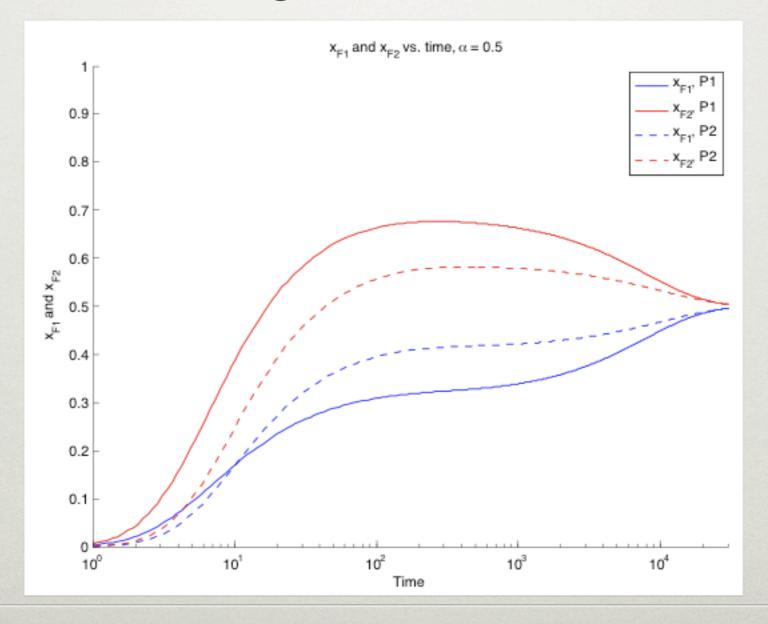
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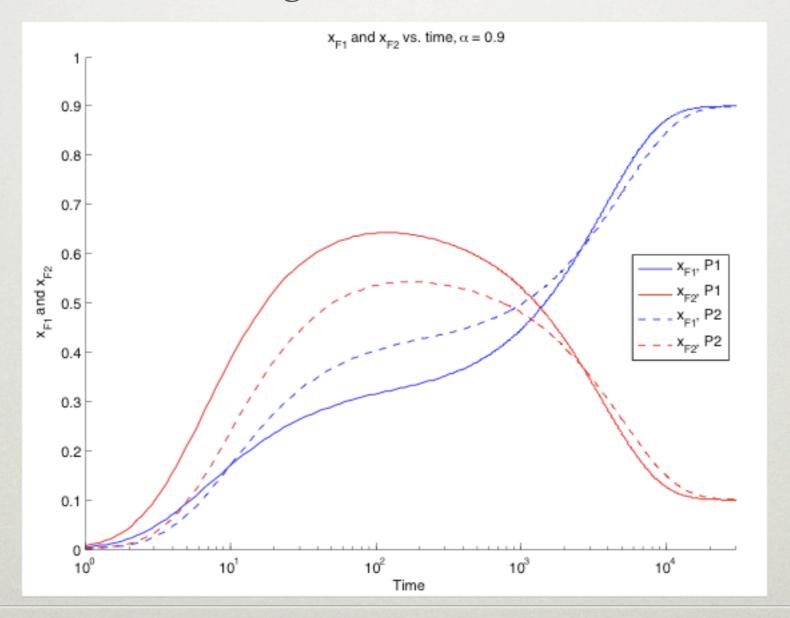
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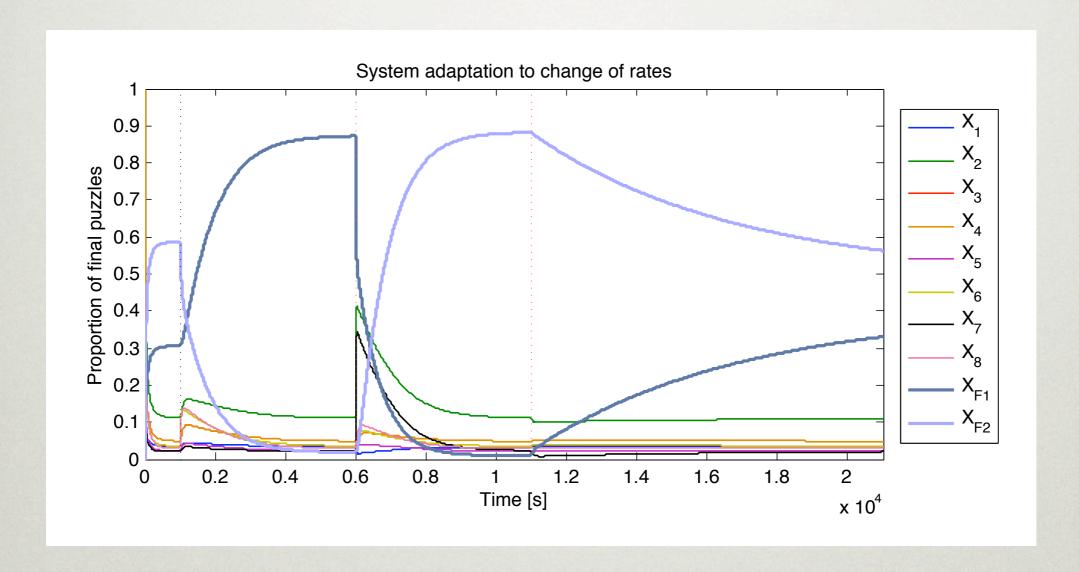






#### Possibilities

Change of goal over time



"Green manufactory"





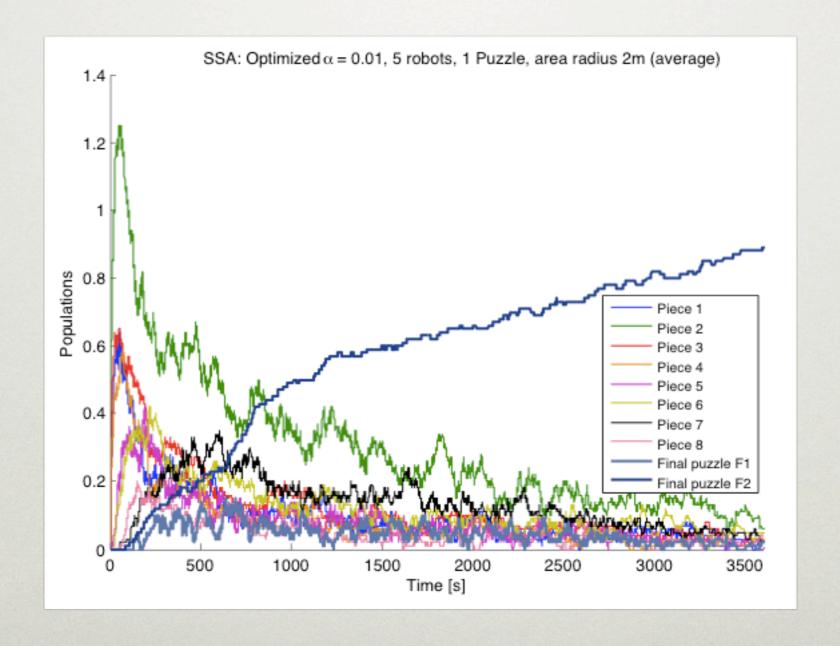
- Easy for us:
  - Forward rate: probability to start an assembly.
  - Backward rate: probability to disassemble the current piece.
- But our model was more complicated, with robots. Still working?





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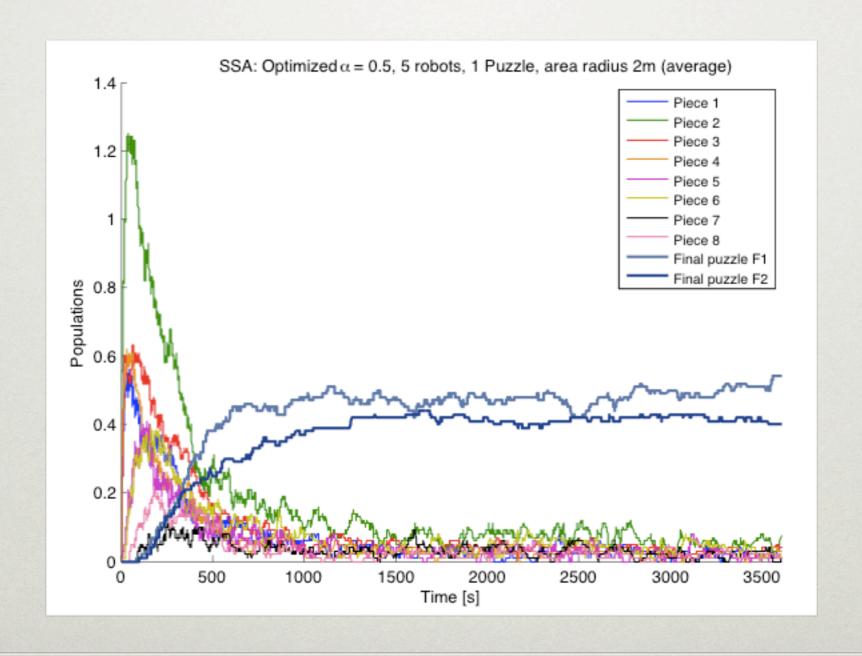






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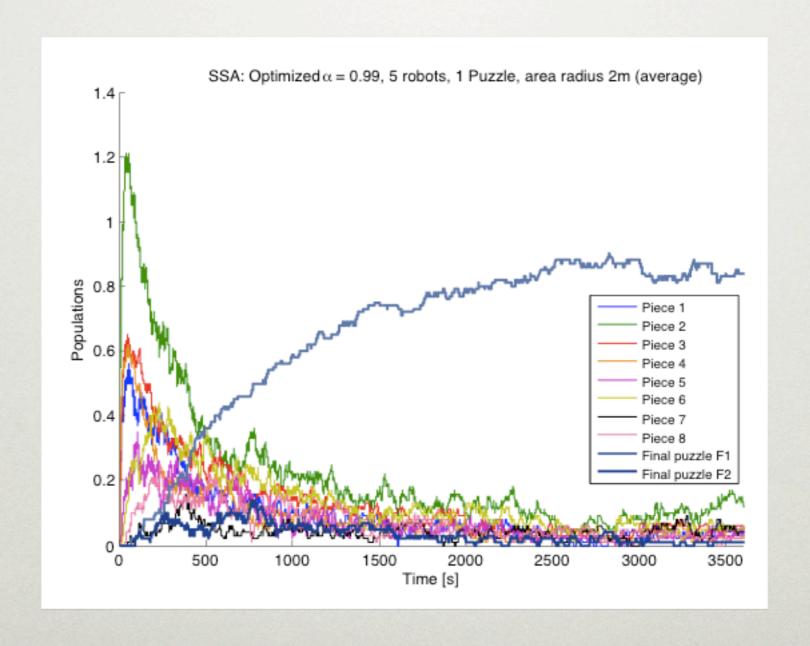






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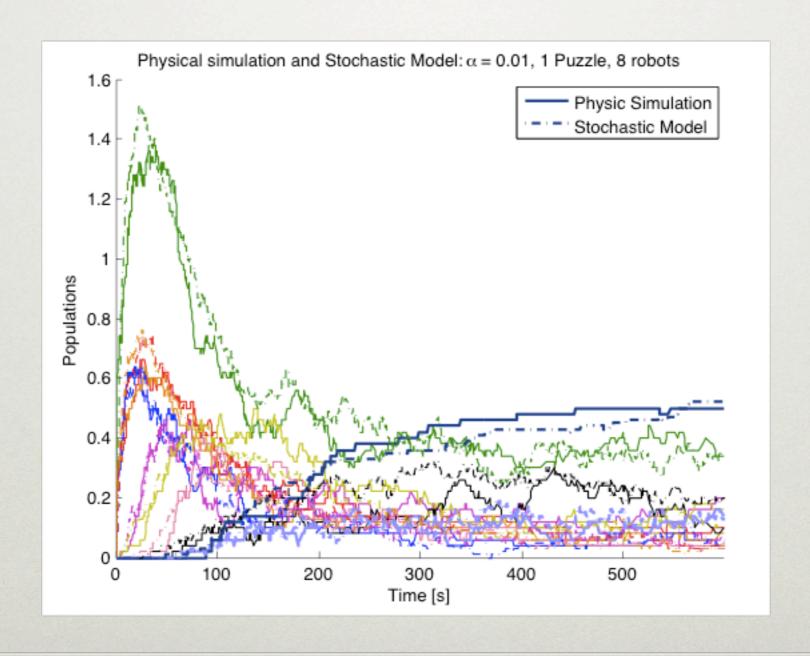






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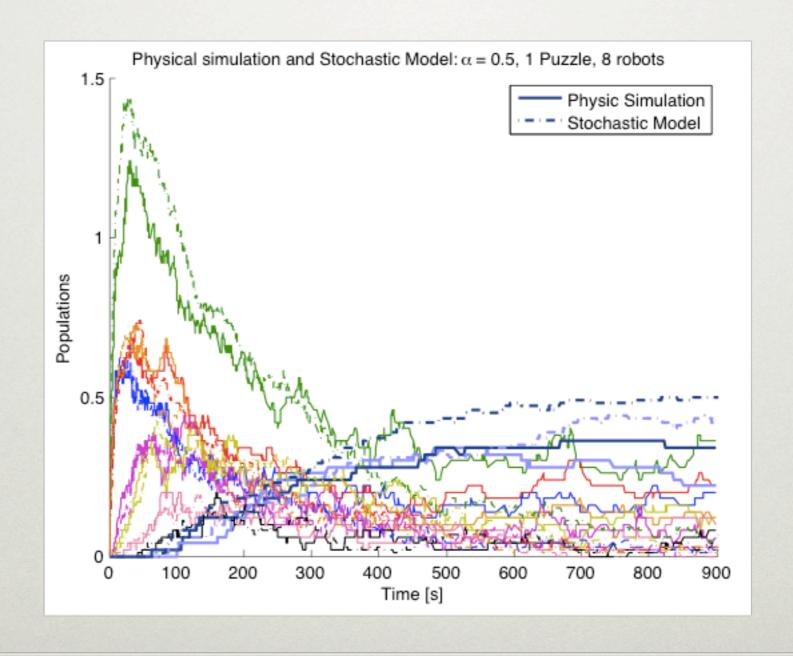






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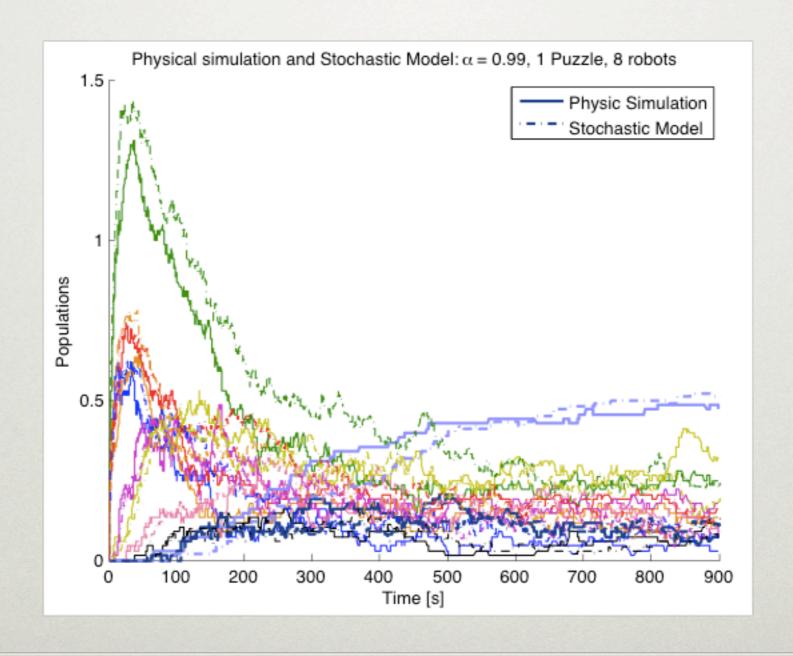






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#### **Problems**

- Several problems arise:
  - Time to carry a piece is too big. Workaround by adding robots.
  - Well-mixed property is violated after disassembly. Pieces lie around.
- Rates are not precise anymore, iterative process needed.
- Sub-optimal results, maybe due to low number of pieces.





# 8. CONCLUSION

- Successfully developed a Top-down control design using a different language.
- Realistic simulations in Webots.
- Close fitting of the model to the experimental data.
   Good for predictions.
- Promising first control results. Possibility to design the system for high-level goals.





# 9. FURTHER WORK

- Compare this to a more classical deterministic approach.
- Extend the framework to bigger assembly plans.
  - Possibility to optimize directly the plans!
- Try other optimizations schemes for the rates.
- Apply framework to new realistic problems.
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# THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS ?

### CONTROL

• R. Heinrich, S. Schuster, and H.-G. Holzhutter, "Mathematical analysis of enzymic reaction systems using optimization principles", Eur. J. Biochem., vol. 201, pp. 1–21, 1991.

$$\tau_{j} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{12} (-s_{ij}) \frac{dv_{j}}{dx_{i}}\right)^{-1}$$

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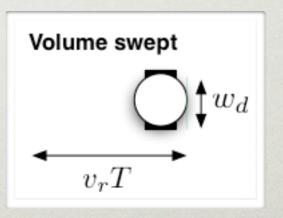




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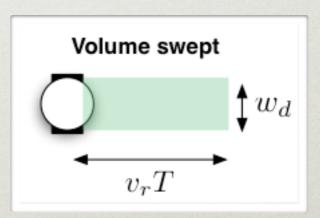




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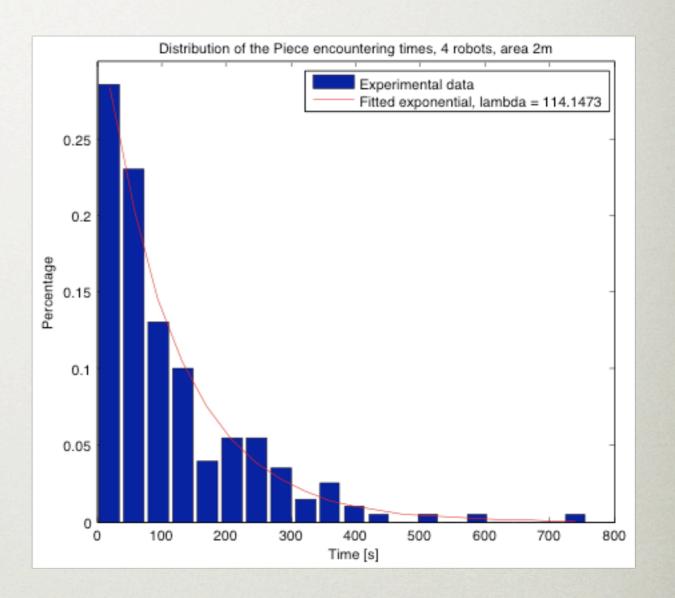
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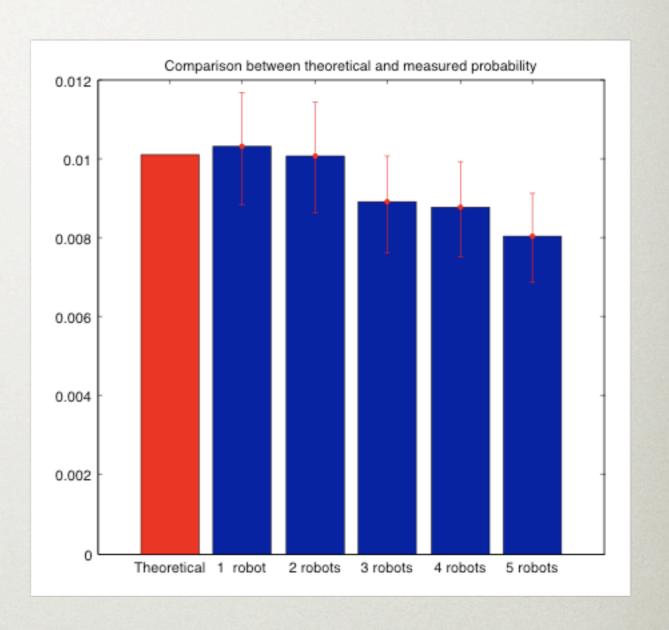
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#### Description

- Chemical Reactions Networks.
- Used for chemical and biological processes.
- Well adapted because of flexibility and versatility.





- Hypothesis:
  - System should be well-mixed.

- Enforced by chemotaxis-like movement of robots.
- We can make nonspatiality assumption then.

