

BioRica :

A platform to describe and simulate multi-models systems in biology.

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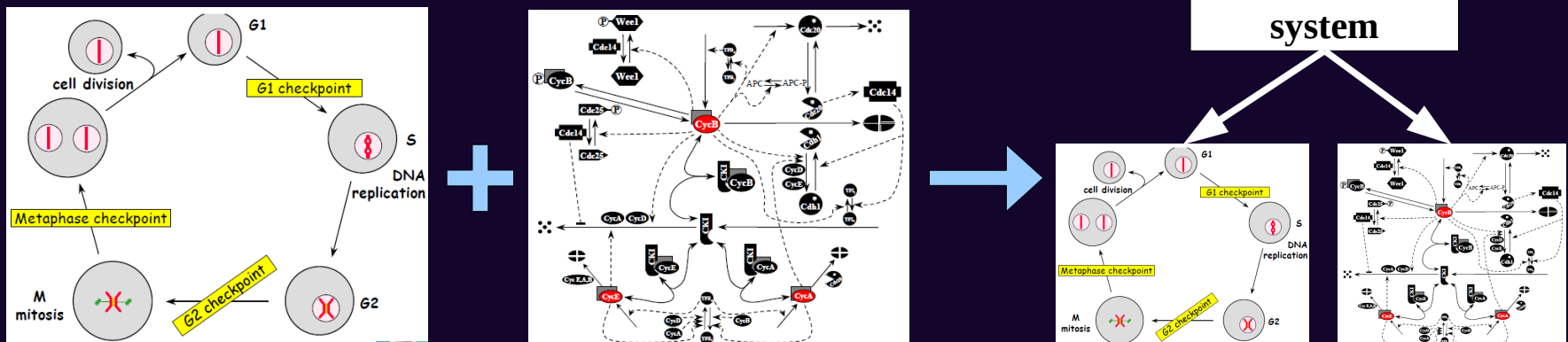
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Context

- A lot of models in biology
 - To describe chemical process, biological process,...
 - Validated experimentally
 - Not developed in order to be reused
- Need to compose existing models hierarchically and to simulate them efficiently



What is BioRica ? (1/3)

•BioRica :

- Software to describe and simulate multi-models in biology
- Propose a semantic for models composition

- Adaptation for biology systems of AltaRica (Point and Rauzy, 1999)
 - AltaRica is a language used to describe functional and non-functional behaviors on critical systems
 - AltaRica is developed for industrial applications

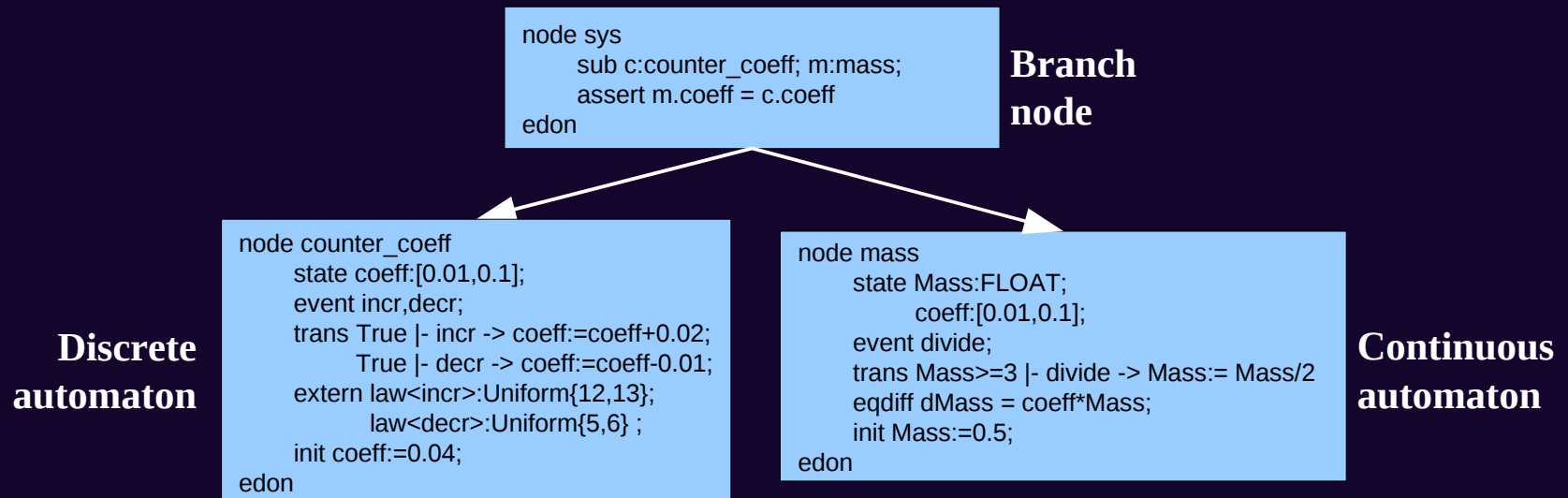
- Previous version of BioRica
 - Developed as an internal tool in the team (Soueidan et al, 2007)
 - The original software was completely rewrote for the new version



What is BioRica ? (2/3)

•Description of multi-models systems :

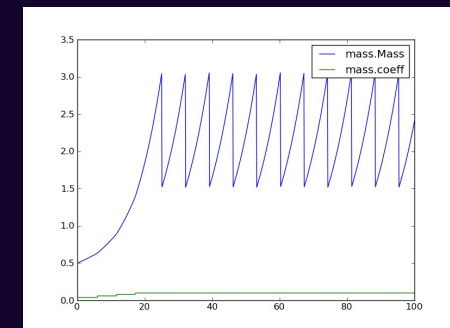
- Description of a syntax
 - Based on « AltaRica DataFlow Language Syntax » (Rauzy, 2002)
- Multi-models system represented by a hierarchy of nodes
 - 1 model = 1 node
 - Hierarchy with leaf nodes (automaton) and branches nodes



What is BioRica ? (3/3)

- Simulation of multi-models systems :
 - Work with continuous models and discrete times
 - Simulate a system
 - Resolve differential equations in continuous models
 - Change states from discrete transitions
 - Obtain results
 - Print variables values at each time interval, to standard output
 - Display plots

time	c.coeff	m.coeff	m.Mass	event
0	0.04	0.04	0.5	.
0.1	0.04	0.04	0.52125	.
		...		
5.034	0.06	0.06	0.61005	c->incr
5,134	0.06	0.06	0,61437	.
		...		
24,45	0.06	0.06	3.00072	m->divide



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The BioRica syntax

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- BioRica components
 - Constant
 - Domain
 - Formula
 - Node



The BioRica syntax : components

Constants

```
const C1 = 45; C2 = 2;
formula F = 0.56452 *s +C1;
domain D = [0,40]; D2 = {2,5,C1,48}
```

Formula to
simplify equations

Definition
domains

```
node A
  state s:D;
  flow f:{1,2};
  event ev1,ev2;
  trans
    f=1 |- ev1 -> s:=s+C1;
    f=2 |- ev2 -> s:=s+C2 ;
  eqdiff ds = F;
  extern law<ev1>:Exponential{0.3};
  init s:=10;
edon
```

Node

Node

```
node main
  sub a1,a2:A;
  assert a1.s=a2.s;
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Node A

Node main

The BioRica syntax : node elements

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Node A

Variables

Events

Node main

Sub-nodes

The BioRica syntax : node fields (1/4)

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Node A

Initialization

Node main

Assertion to describe
invariant on variables

The BioRica syntax : node fields (2/4)

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Node A

External directive
for events
delay or weight

Node main

Synchronization
to synchronize events

The BioRica syntax : node fields (3/4)

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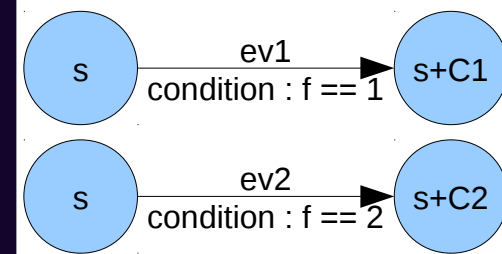
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Node A

Transitions for changes of state



Node main

The BioRica syntax : node fields (4/4)

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Node A

Differential equations

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 0.56452 * s + 45$$

Node main

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The BioRica simulation (1/2)

•Events scheduling

- Use a scheduler to deal with events
- Events temporized by random probability law

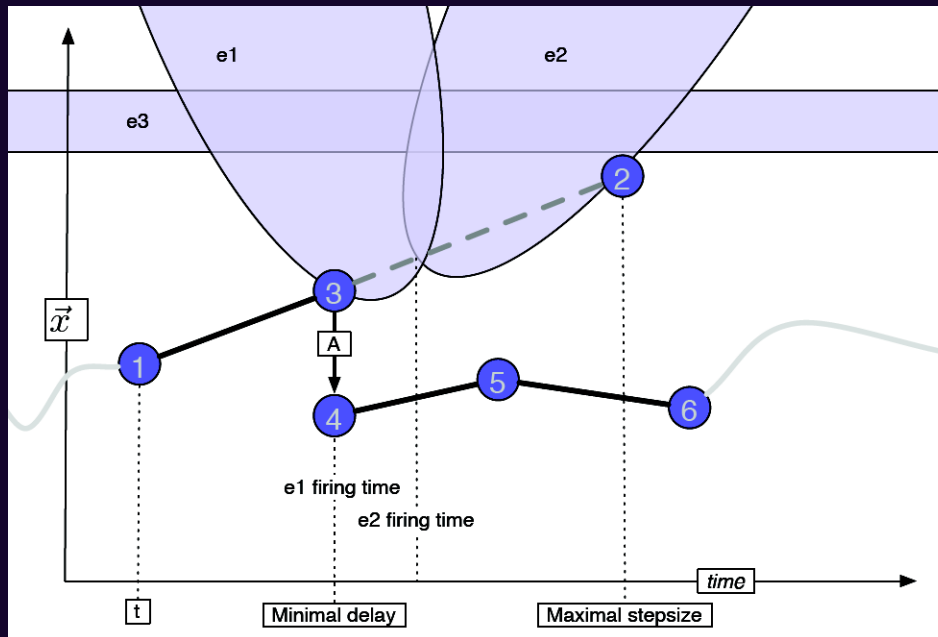
- Search in all the sub-nodes reachable events
- Select events with minimal delay
- For concomitant events
 - Choose randomly via weighting

- Memorize waiting events and manage their delay



The BioRica simulation (2/2)

- Simulation combining continuous and discrete models
 - From H. Soueidan's thesis (2009)
 - The simulation deals with continuous times and discrete events and runs back the time to consider discrete interruptions



- Resolution move from t (**point 1**) and maximal step (**point 2**).
- Events $e1$, $e2$ guards are satisfied
- Simulator turns back at the initial activation point of the event (**point 3**)
- Discrete transition A is passed (**point 4**)

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BioRica version 0.9 (1/3)

- Project web-page : <http://biorica.gforge.inria.fr/>
- Command line software
- Developed in Python
- Compatible with Windows, Unix and Mac OS X
- License CeCILL (similar to license GNU GPL)
- Depot at the APP (Agence pour la Protection des Programmes) asking by the INRIA



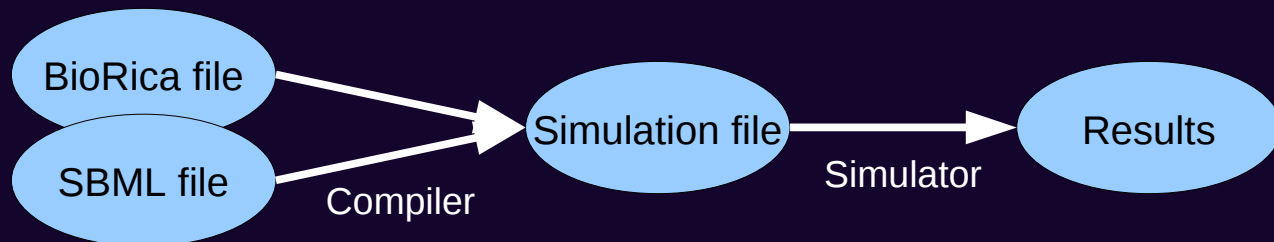
BioRica version 0.9 (2/3)

- Software in 3 parts

- A SBML (Systems Biology Markup Language) converter
 - Main program “biorica_convert_SBML”



- A compiler
 - Main program “biorica_compil”
- A simulator
 - Main program “biorica_simul”



BioRica version 0.9 (3/3)

•Development

- In Python
- With many tests (unit tests, validation tests, ...)
- Development and tests as one goes along on each package independently

•Manuals

- Maintenance manual from comments in code
- User guide with syntax description and user cases

•Version progress

- Version functional and tested
- Version validated on complex examples
 - Working with Rodrigo Assar in our team to validate the software
 - Validation on hybrid models and wine fermentation models



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New functionality for future versions

- Improve differential equations

- Currently the software supports ODE (Ordinary Differential Equations)
- Extend to allow other kind of differential equations
 - DAE (Differential Algebraic Equations)
 - Partial differential equations

- Add user interface

- We expect BioRica to be used by biologists and modelers, which are not necessarily familiar with command line programs
- Need to design a user interface to make easier to create and simulate models



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Example 1

- The SCHITTLER model

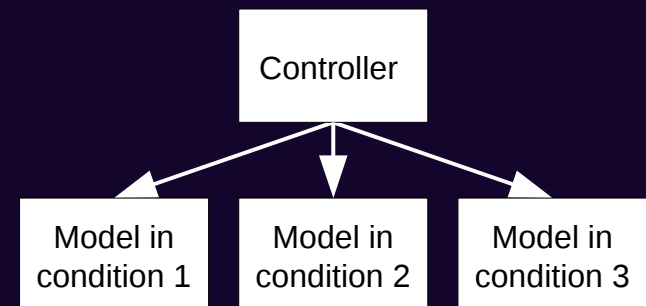
- It models the dynamics of the differentiation from precursor cells into bone or cartilage cells in humans
- A stimulus is responsible of the differentiation

- Interest :

- Improving the stimulus model (how and when each differentiation is stimulated) we can improve the combined model.

- A hybrid system

- A continuous model : SCHITTLER
 - With 3 different state conditions
- A discrete model : the stimulus
 - Controller to change the states



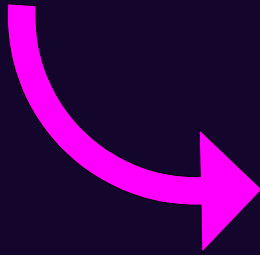
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- The SCHITTLER model : a continuous automaton

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_d}{dt} = \frac{0.2 * x_d^2 + 0.5}{10 + z_d + 0.1 * x_d^2} - 0.1 * x_d \\ \frac{dx_o}{dt} = \frac{0.1 * x_o^2 + 1 + z_o}{1 + 0.1 * x_o^2 + 0.1 * x_c^2 + 0.5 * x_d^2} - 0.1 * x_o \\ \frac{dx_c}{dt} = \frac{0.1 * x_c^2 + 1 + z_c}{1 + 0.1 * x_c^2 + 0.1 * x_o^2 + 0.5 * x_d^2} - 0.1 * x_c \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_d, x_o, x_c &\in \mathbb{R} \\ z_d, z_o, z_c &\in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

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node DIFF

edon

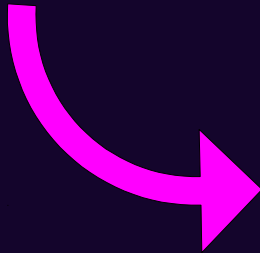
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node DIFF

state x_d, x_o, x_c :FLOAT;

z_d, z_o, z_c: [0,1];

init

$x_d:=12, x_o:=0, x_c:=0, z_d:=0, z_o:=0, z_c:=0;$

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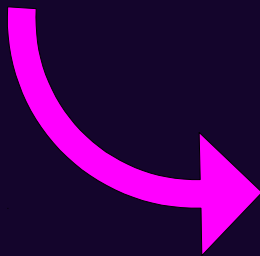
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node DIFF

```
state xd,xo,xc:FLOAT;
      zd,zo,zc:[0,1];
```

```
init
```

```
  xd:=12,xo:=0,xc:=0,zd:=0,zo:=0,zc:=0 ;
```

```
eqdiff
```

```
  dxd = (0.2*xd^2+0.5)/(10+zd+0.1*xd^2)-0.1*xd;
```

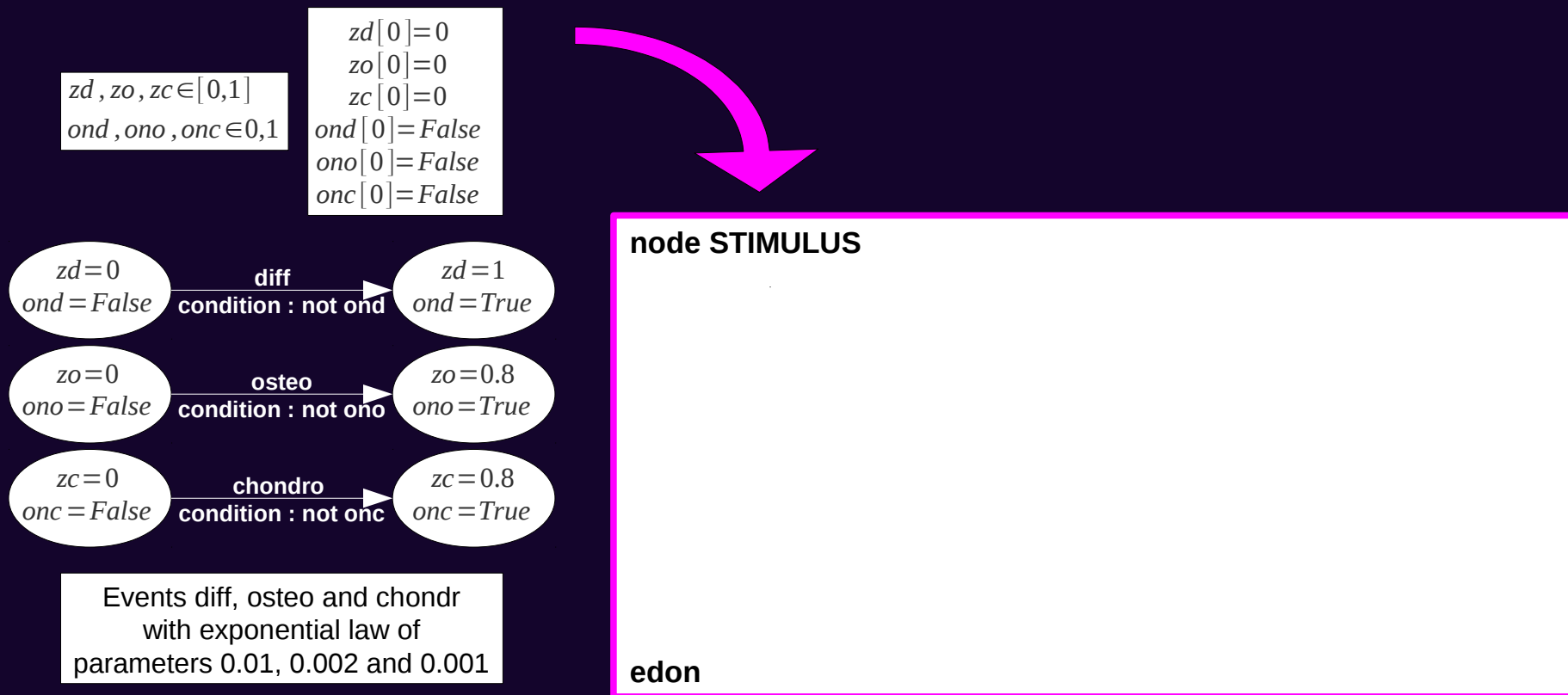
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  dxo = (0.1*xo^2+1+zo)/(1+0.1*xo^2+0.1*xc^2+0.5*xd^2)-0.1*xo;
```

```
  dxc = (0.1*xc^2+1+zc)/(1+0.1*xc^2+0.1*xo^2+0.5*xd^2)-0.1*xc;
```

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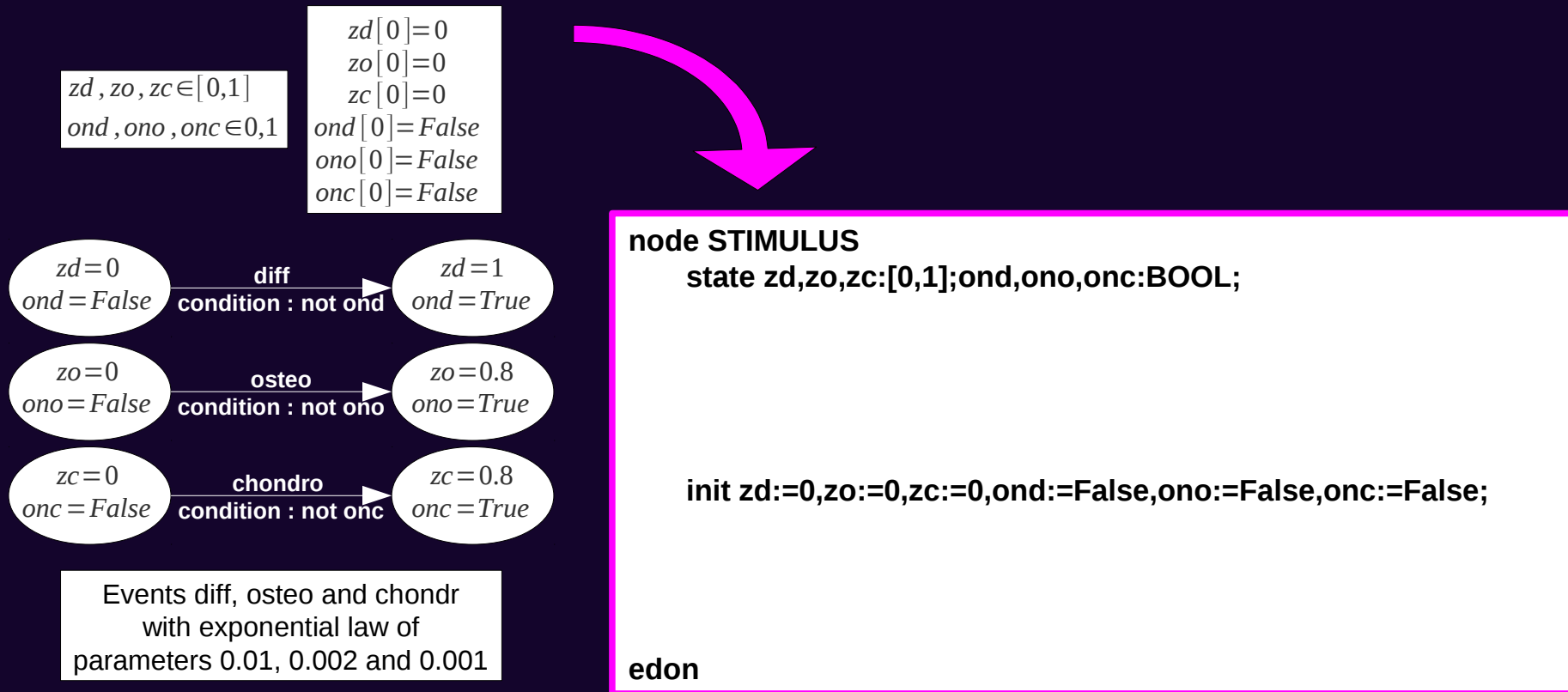
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- The stimulus controller : a discrete automaton



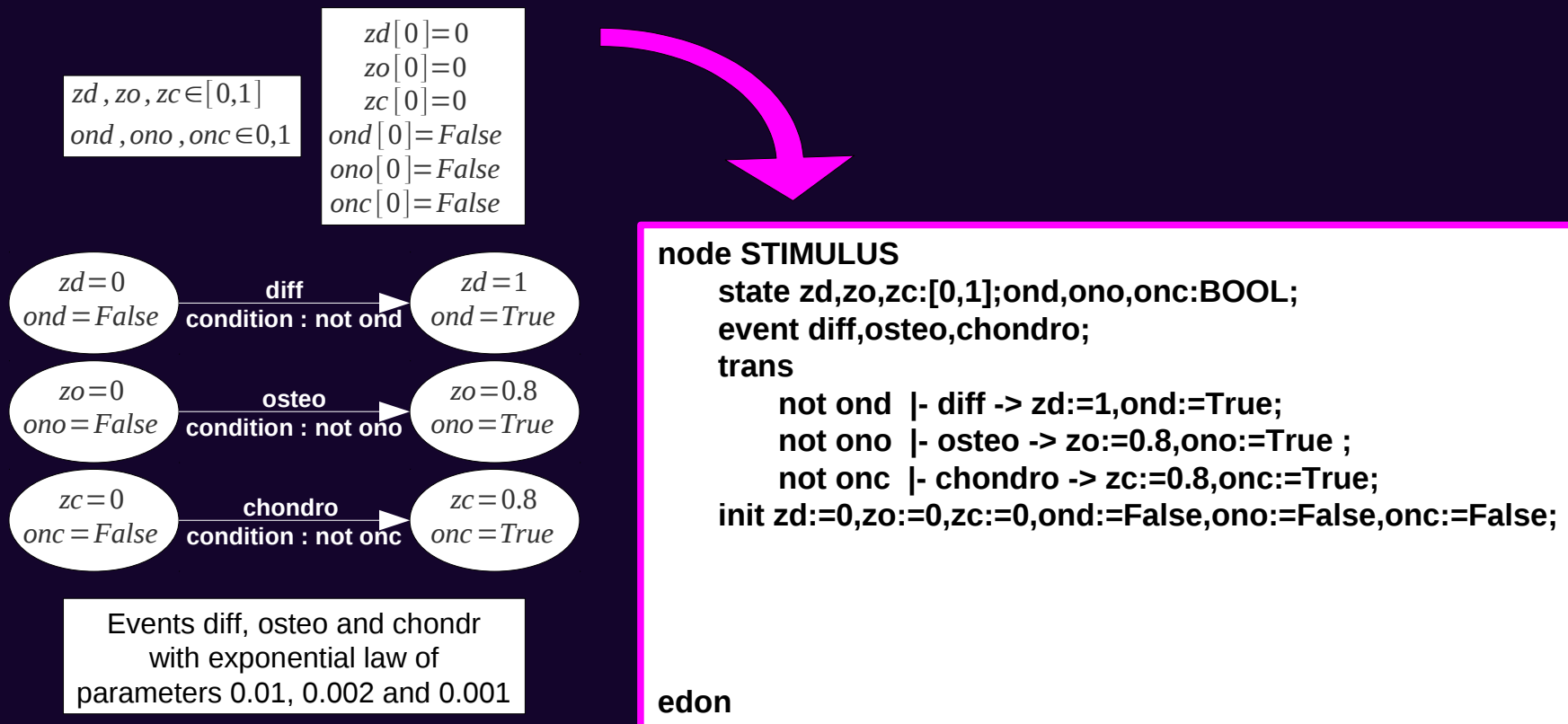
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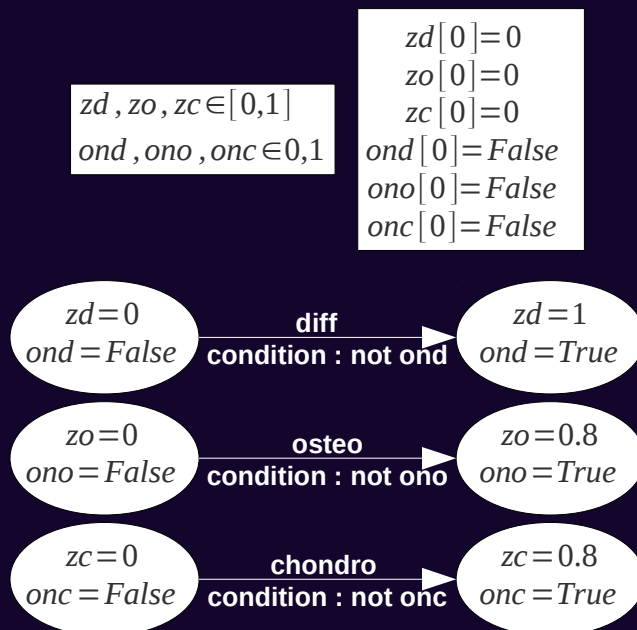
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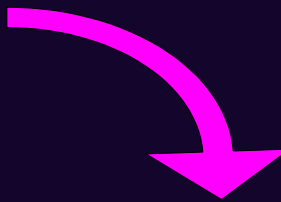


Example 1

- The stimulus controller : a discrete automaton



Events diff, osteo and chondr
with exponential law of
parameters 0.01, 0.002 and 0.001



node STIMULUS

```
state zd,zo,zc:[0,1];ond,ono,onc:BOOL;
event diff,osteo,chondro;
trans
  not ond |- diff -> zd:=1,ond:=True;
  not ono |- osteo -> zo:=0.8,ono:=True ;
  not onc |- chondro -> zc:=0.8,onc:=True;
init zd:=0,zo:=0,zc:=0,ond:=False,ono:=False,onc:=False;
extern
  law<diff>:Exponential{0.01};
  law<osteo>:Exponential{0.002};
  law<chondro>:Exponential{0.001};
```

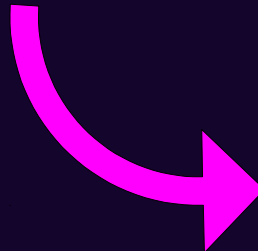
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Example 1

- The complete system

Model DIFF with variables z_d, z_o, z_c, \dots
 Model STIMULUS with variables z_d, z_o, z_c, \dots

We want : $DIFF.z_d = STIMULUS.z_d$
 $DIFF.z_o = STIMULUS.z_o$
 $DIFF.z_c = STIMULUS.z_c$



```

node DIFF
  ...
edon

node STIMULUS
  ...
edon

node main

edon
  
```

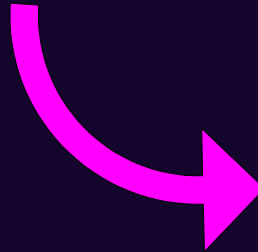


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- The complete system

Model DIFF with variables *zd*, *zo*, *zc*, ...
 Model STIMULUS with variables *zd*, *zo*, *zc*, ...

We want : $DIFF.zd = STIMULUS.zd$
 $DIFF.zo = STIMULUS.zo$
 $DIFF.zc = STIMULUS.zc$



```
node DIFF
  ...
edon


node STIMULUS
  ...
edon

node main
  sub
    D:DIFF;
    S:STIMULUS;
  assert
    D.zd=S.zd;
    D.zo=S.zo;
    D.zc=S.zc;
edon
```



Example 2 : modèle 104

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Model Overview Math Physical entities Parameters Curation

Reference Publication

Publication ID: [12423338](#)
 Eur J Biochem 2002 Nov;269(22):5406-13.
 Prediction of temporal gene expression. Metabolic optimization by re-distribution of enzyme activities.
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 Max-Planck-Institute of Molecular Genetics, Berlin, Germany. [\[more\]](#)

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Submitter: [Enuo He](#)

Submission ID: MODEL4931762955

Submission Date: 26 Mar 2007 18:08:46 UTC

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Creation Date: 26 Mar 2007 09:35:54 UTC

Encoders: [Nicolas Le Novère](#)
[Enuo He](#)

Notes


This model is according to the paper *Prediction of temporal gene expression metabolic optimization by re-distribution of enzyme activities*. The model describe optimal enzyme profiles and meatbolite time courses for the linear metabolic pathway (n=2). Figure1 has been reproduced by roadRunner. The value for k1 and k2 have not explicitly given in the paper, but calculations were performed for equal catalytic efficiencies of the enzymes (ki=k). So curator gave k1=k2=1. Also enzyme concentrations are given in units of Etot; times are given in units of 1/(k*Etot) in the papaer, for simplicity , we use defalut units of the SBML to present the concentration and time.

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Mathematical expressions

Reactions

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Rules

[Assignment Rule \(variable: E2\)](#)

Events

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Physical entities

Compartments Species

cell [S](#) [X1](#) [E1](#)


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Example 2 : modèle 104

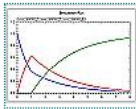
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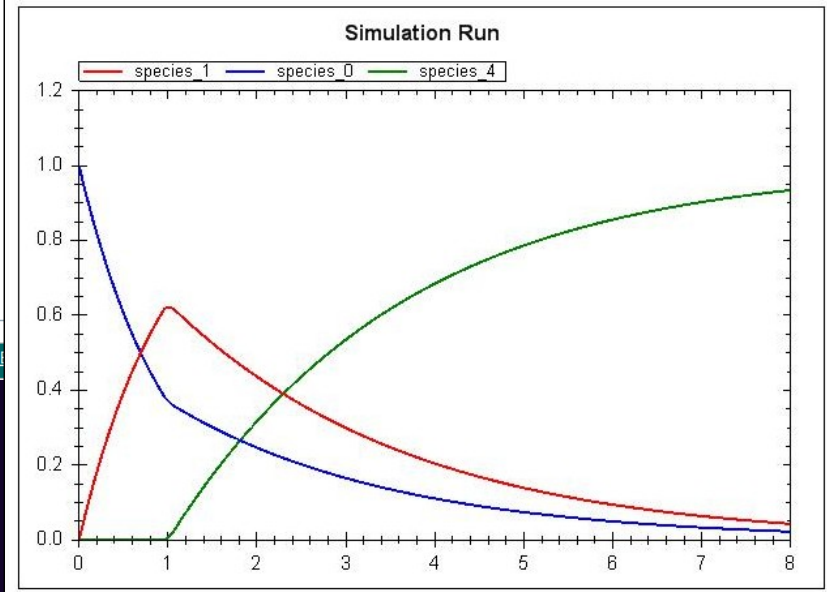
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Curation result

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 Comment: Figure 1 has been obtained by RoadRunner. Species_0 is S, Species_1 is X1, Species_4 is P.

Simulation Run



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Thank you for your attention !!

Questions ?

