

# Inverse dynamical analysis

a methodology for probing dynamics in gene regulation and metabolism

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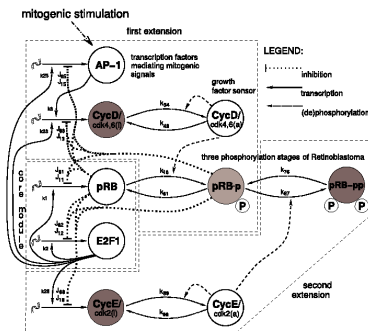
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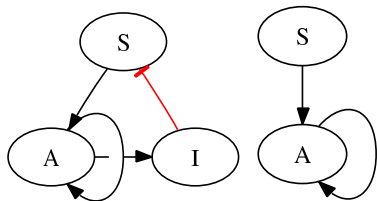
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  - ▶ **Inverse Bifurcation and Eigenvalue Analysis**

# from Bio to Math and back

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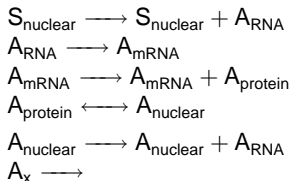
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1. stoichiometry: analysis
2. chemical kinetics

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dynamical systems theory:

ODEs, PDEs, Markov process, Boolean nw., Bayesian nw., Petri nets,

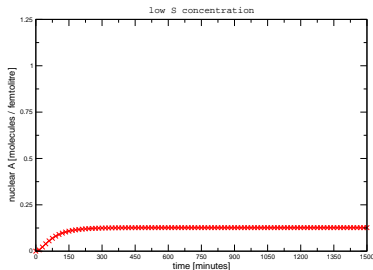
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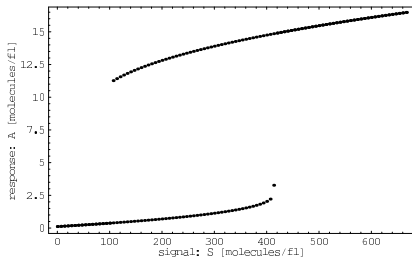
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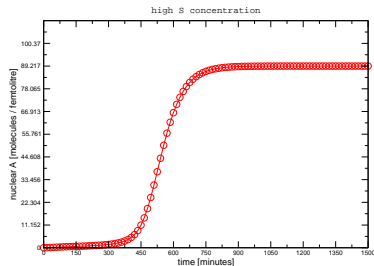
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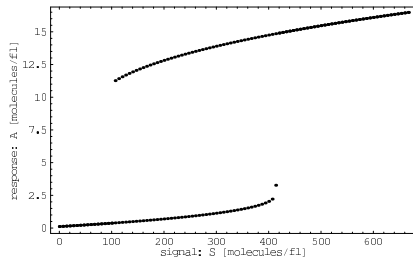
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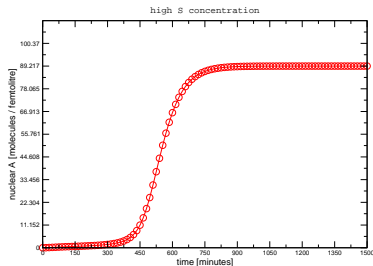


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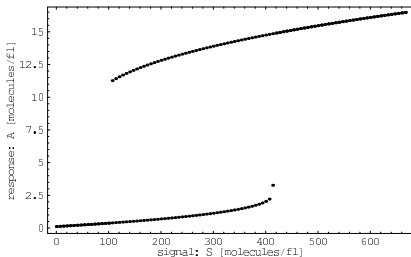
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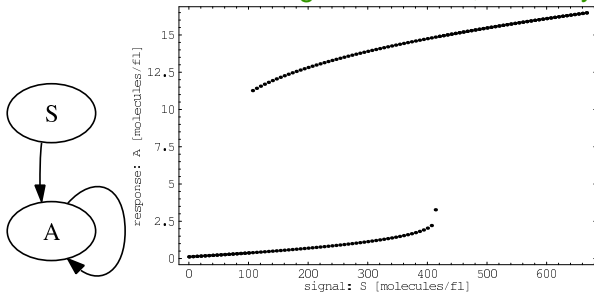
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w.r.t. *physiological signals*



$\approx$  *signal/response curves* from  
titration experiments

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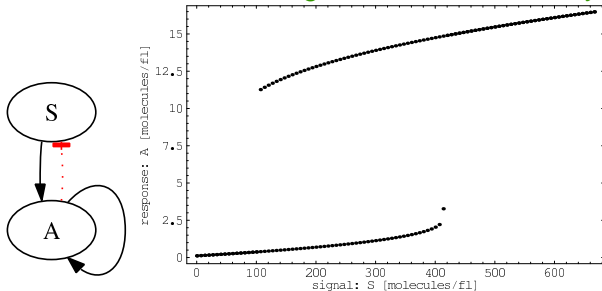


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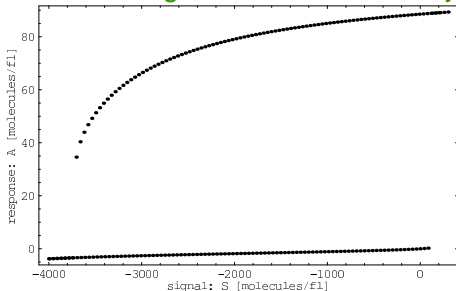
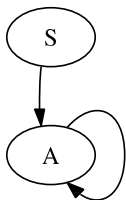


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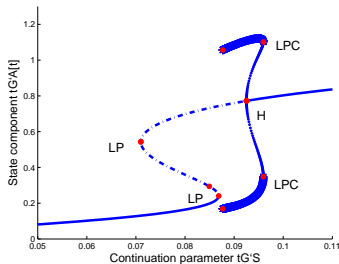
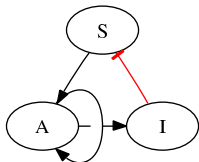


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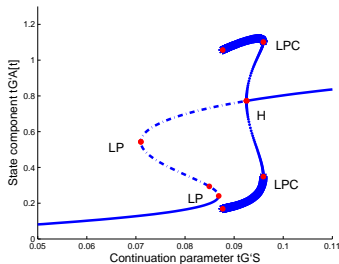
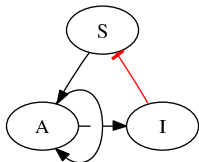


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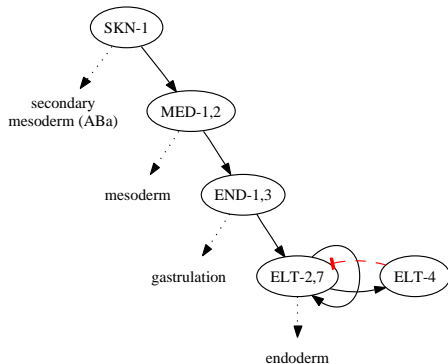
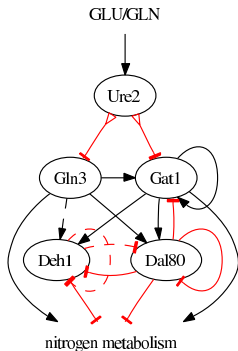
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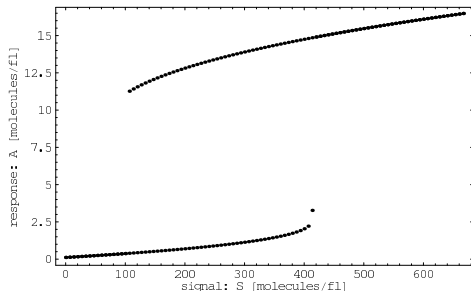
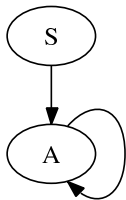
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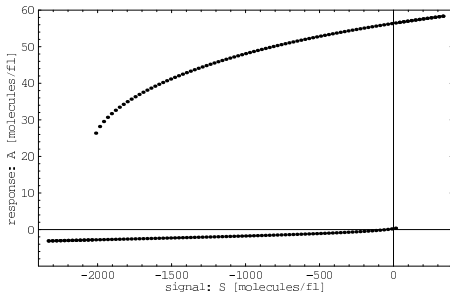
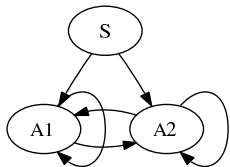
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⇒ coherent functional story up to mammals
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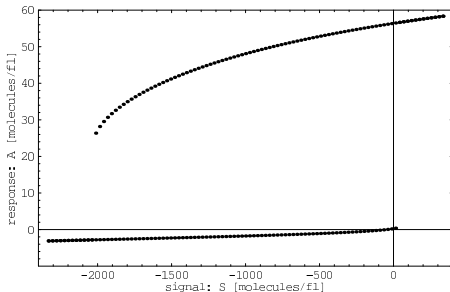
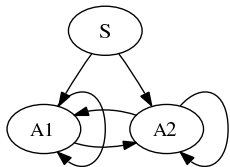
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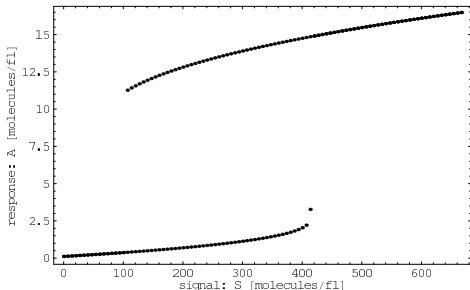
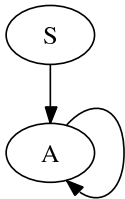
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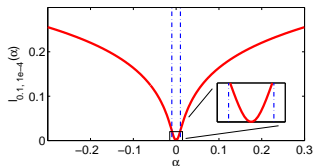
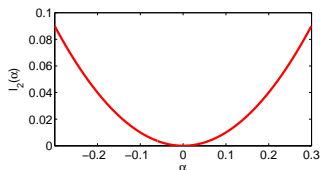
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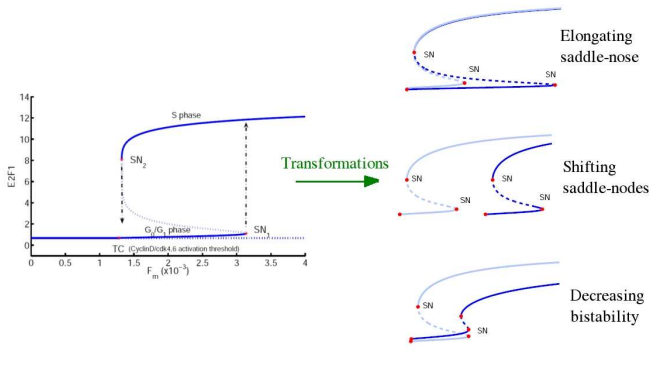


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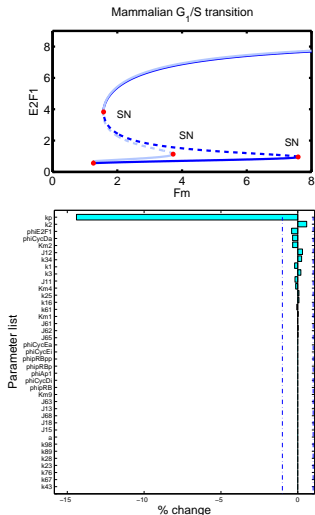
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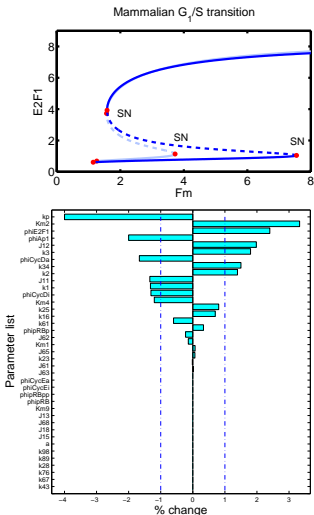
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# Inverse bifurcation: effect of sparsity-promoting penalty



(a)  $l_{0,1,10^{-4}}$  regularization



(b)  $l_2$  regularization

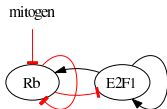
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Table: Result of hierarchical algorithm with  $p = 0.1, \epsilon = 10^{-4}$

Modification Case	Level $j = 1$	Level $j = 2$	Level $j = 3$
Elongating $SN_1$ nose	$k_p \downarrow 14.3\%$	$k_{34} \uparrow 31.7\%$ $K_{m2} \uparrow 6.4\%$	$\phi_{AP-1} \downarrow 20.9\%$ $\phi_{E2F1} \uparrow 7.3\%$
Moving $SN_{1,2}$ to right	$K_{m4} \uparrow 269.3\%$	$J_{11} \uparrow 191.7\%$ $k_p \uparrow 17.3\%$	$k_2 \downarrow 39.9\%$ $\phi_{E2F1} \downarrow 11.7\%$ $K_{m2} \downarrow 10.3\%$
Decreasing bistability	$J_{11} \uparrow 128.5\%$ $k_p \uparrow 33.8\%$	$k_1 \uparrow 169.1\%$ $K_{m2} \downarrow 21.7\%$ $J_{12} \downarrow 20.1\%$	$k_2 \downarrow 43.7\%$ $\phi_{E2F1} \downarrow 28.3\%$

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# Possible interpretations: $G_1/S$ module

1. Qualitative model - arbitrary interpretations!
2. Modification 1 + 2 : move bistability
  - ▶ move  $SN_1$  or  $SN_1/SN_2$  : insensitivity to mitogen  
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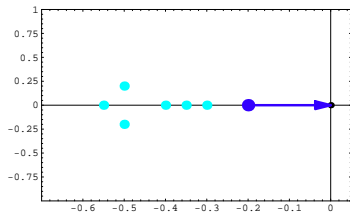
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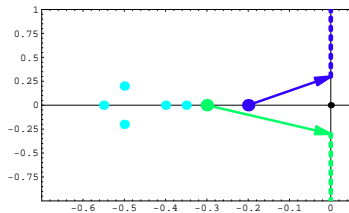
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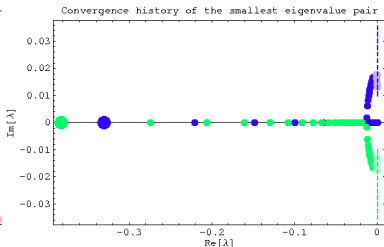
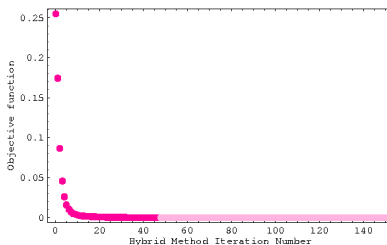
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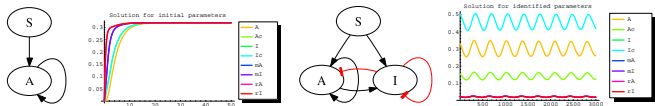
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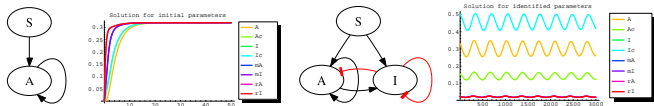
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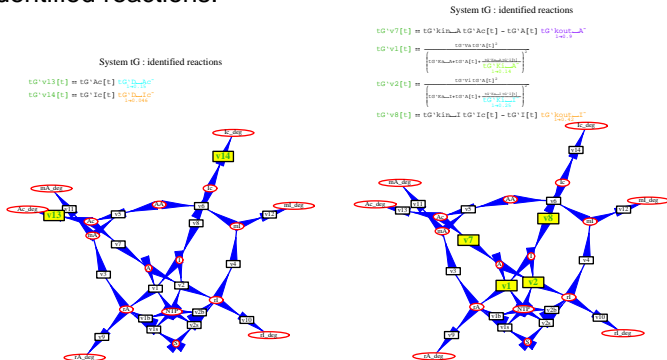
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