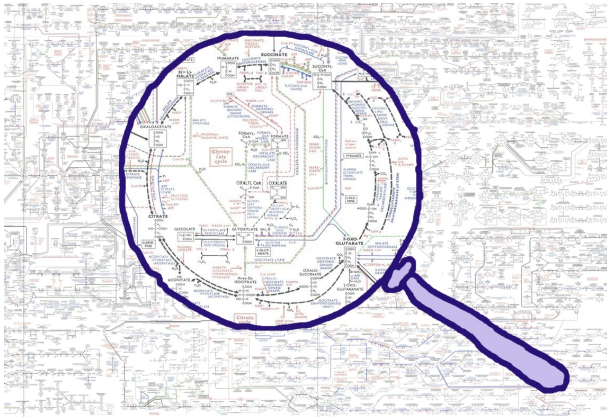


# Parameter distributions for kinetic models derived from kinetic, thermodynamic, and metabolic data

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## From metabolic networks to kinetic models



Our aim, as a starting point for kinetic modelling:  
Obtain sensible kinetic parameters from literature knowledge

## Kinetic data stored in data bases

Parameter		mean $e^{(x)}$		$e^{\sigma_x}$	# samples, ref
Energy parameter	$g$	0.79		1.2	142 (1)
Equilibrium constant	$k^{eq}$	-		212	1309 (2)
Turnover rate	$k^{cat}$	7.0	1/s	27.1	7559 (3)
M.M. constant	$k^M$	0.17	mM	20.1	44766 (3)
Inhibition constant	$k^I$	0.06	mM	60.3	4338 (3)
Protein mol./cell		2480		4.7	3868 (4)
Protein concentration	$E$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	mM	4.7	3868 (4)
Metab. concentration	$c$	0.14	mM	7.0	49 (5)

(1) Mavrovouniotis 1990, Biotechnology and Bioengineering, 1070-1082

(2) [http://xpdb.nist.gov/enzyme\\_thermodynamics/](http://xpdb.nist.gov/enzyme_thermodynamics/)

(3) <http://www.brenda.uni-koeln.de/>

(4) <http://yeastgfp.ucsf.edu/>

(5) Albe et al 1990, J. Theor. Biol. 143, 163-195

Parameters automatically extracted from PubMed:

<http://sysbio.molgen.mpg.de/KMedDB>

## Mining parameters for metabolic networks

Problems with literature data

- ▶ Conflicting data
- ▶ Thermodynamic dependencies → additional hidden conflicts
- ▶ Missing data
- ▶ Uncertainties in data (measurement, biological variation)

Solution:

Obtain balanced parameters by Bayes estimation, accounting for special properties of metabolic systems

- ▶ Build a model with simple kinetics → parameter dependencies
- ▶ Find sets of system parameters that agree with literature data
- ▶ Compute joint parameter distribution (instead of a single set)
- ▶ Sample and analyse model instances

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Which kinetic law do we employ?

## The “convenience” kinetics

A general reaction formula:



Convenience kinetic law

$$v(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = E \frac{k_+^{\text{cat}} \prod_i \left(\frac{a_i}{k_{a_i}^{\text{M}}}\right)^{\alpha_i} - k_-^{\text{cat}} \prod_j \left(\frac{b_j}{k_{b_j}^{\text{M}}}\right)^{\beta_j}}{\prod_i \left(1 + \left(\frac{a_i}{k_{a_i}^{\text{M}}}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{a_i}{k_{a_i}^{\text{M}}}\right)^{\alpha_i}\right) + \prod_j \left(1 + \left(\frac{b_j}{k_{b_j}^{\text{M}}}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{b_j}{k_{b_j}^{\text{M}}}\right)^{\beta_j}\right) - 1}$$

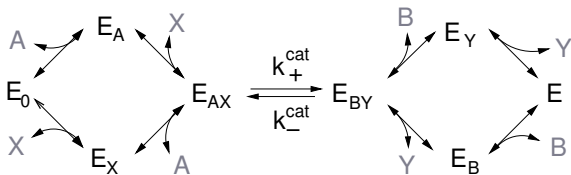
Prefactors for activators/inhibitors

$$h_A(d, k^A) = \frac{d}{k^A + d} \quad (\text{Activation})$$

$$h_I(d, k^I) = \frac{k^I}{k^I + d}. \quad (\text{Inhibition})$$

## Enzyme mechanism behind convenience kinetics

Example reaction:  $A + X \rightarrow B + Y$



Assumptions:

- ▶ Binding of substrates / products  $\rightarrow$  fast equilibrium
- ▶ Slow conversion from substrate to product complex
- ▶ No interaction terms in binding energies

The  $k^M$  values are dissociation constants

## The kinetic parameters are constrained by thermodynamics

Haldane relation for equilibrium constant

$$k_l^{\text{eq}} = \frac{k_+^{\text{cat}} \prod_j (k_{b_j}^{\text{M}})^{\beta_j}}{k_-^{\text{cat}} \prod_i (k_{a_i}^{\text{M}})^{\alpha_i}}$$

$k^{\text{eq}}$  fixed  $\rightarrow$  parameters are constrained within reaction

Equilibrium const. depend on Gibbs free energies of formation

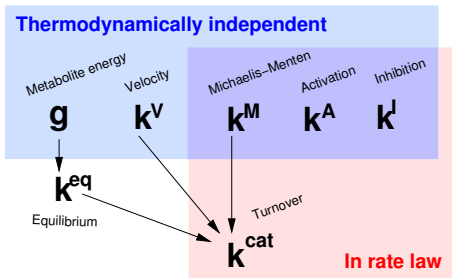
$$k_l^{\text{eq}} = e^{-\Delta G_l^*/(RT)} \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta G_l^* = \sum_i n_{il} G_i^{(0)}$$

$\rightarrow$  constraints between distant parameters

**VERY BAD FOR PARAMETER FITTING, OPTIMISATION ETC.**



## The solution: thermodynamically independent parameters

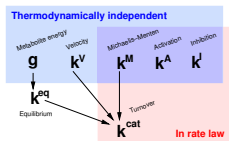


New *basic* parameters

$$g_i = e^{G_i^{(0)}/(RT)}, \quad k_i^v = \sqrt{k_{+i}^{cat} k_{-i}^{cat}}$$

Alternative: use independent subset of  $k^{eq}$  values

# The parameter dependence graph contains linear relations



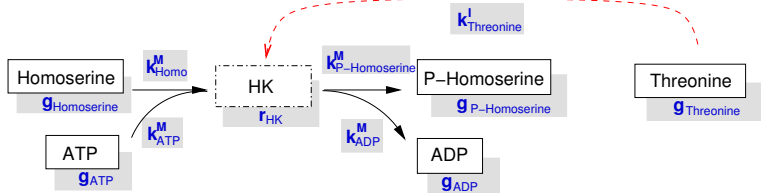
$$x = R_{\theta}^x \theta$$

logarithmic kinetic data

logarithmic independent parameters

Dependent parameter	Formula
Equilibrium constant	$\log k_l^{eq} = -\sum_i n_{il} \log g_i$
Turnover rates	$\log k_{\pm l}^{cat} = \log k_l^V \mp \frac{1}{2} \sum_i n_{il} (\log g_i + \log k_{li}^M)$
Maximal velocities	$\log v_{\pm l}^{max} = \log E_l + \log k_l^V \mp \frac{1}{2} \sum_i n_{il} (\log g_i + \log k_{li}^M)$

## Independent system parameters in the network graph

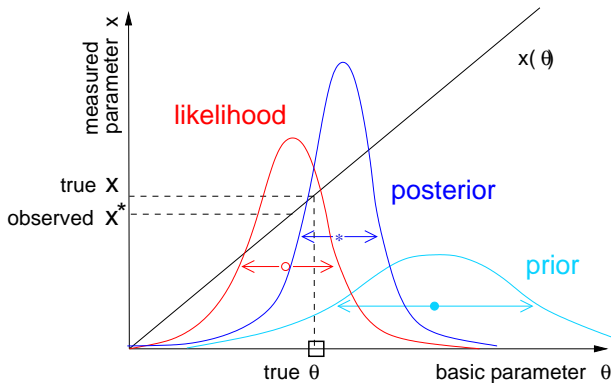


Parameters in homoserine-kinase reaction

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How to obtain parameter values and ranges?

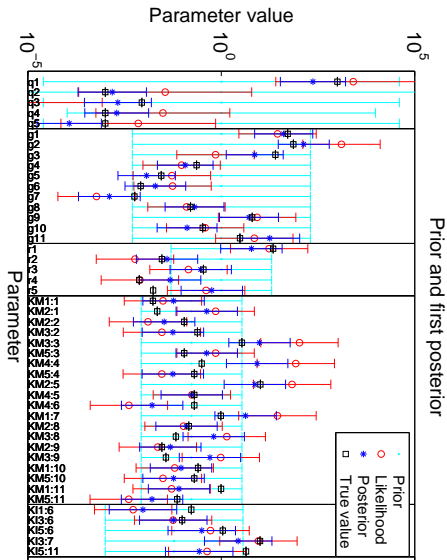
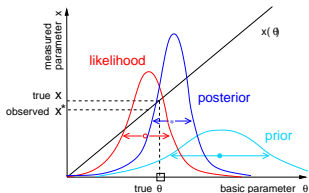
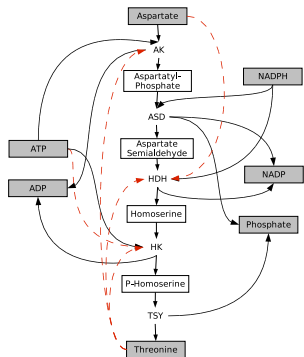
## Bayesian parameter estimation: combining general beliefs with information from noisy data



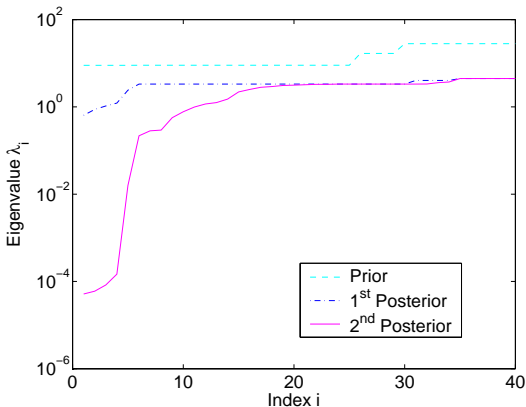
$\theta$ : log. model parameters  
 $x^*$ : log. kinetic data

$p(\theta|x^*)$   $\sim$   $p(x^*|\theta)$   $p(\theta)$   
 posterior      likelihood      prior

# Parameter estimation from artificial data threonine model



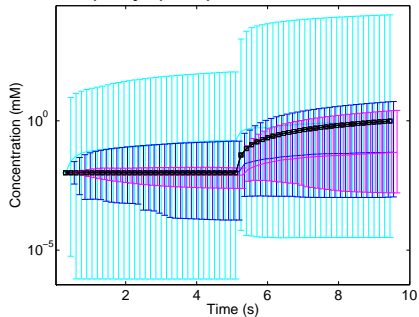
## Data integration narrows the joint parameter distribution



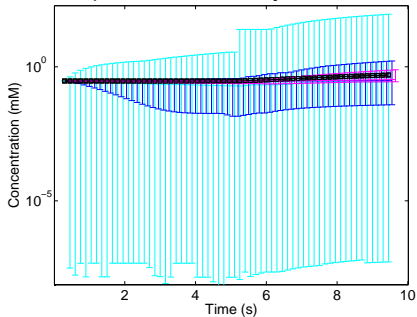
Eigenvalues of covariance matrix for  
prior, kinetics-based posterior, metabolics-based posterior

## Data integration improves model predictions

Range of timecourses  
Aspartyl-phosphate



Range of timecourses  
Aspartate semialdehyde



Original, **prior**, **kinetics-based posterior**, **metabolics-based posterior**



## Summary: Main ingredients of the data integration method

### System description

- ▶ Standard kinetics
- ▶ Logarithmic parameters
- ▶ Thermodynamically independent system parameters

### Parameter balancing

- ▶ Joint parameter distribution
- ▶ Priors from empirical parameter distributions
- ▶ Gaussian distributions (for log values)

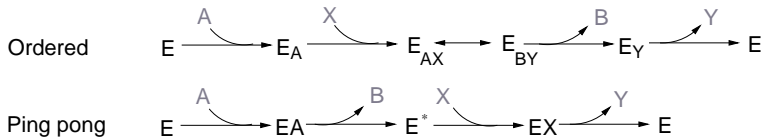
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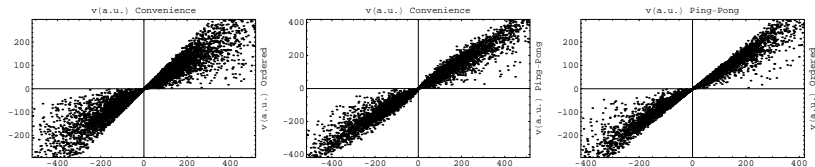
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## Comparison to ordered and ping-pong mechanism



Monte Carlo results

(Log-uniform random parameters / concentrations)



## Convenience kinetic laws

Reaction formula	Rate law	Therm. indep. form
$A \leftrightarrow B$	$\frac{k_+^{\text{cat}} \tilde{a} - k_-^{\text{cat}} \tilde{b}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{b}}$	$k^V \frac{\hat{a} - \hat{b}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{b}}$
$A + X \leftrightarrow B$	$\frac{k_+^{\text{cat}} \tilde{a} \tilde{x} - k_-^{\text{cat}} \tilde{b}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{x} + \tilde{a} \tilde{x} + \tilde{b}}$	$k^V \frac{\hat{a} \hat{x} - \hat{b}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{x} + \tilde{a} \tilde{x} + \tilde{b}}$
$A + X \leftrightarrow B + Y$	$\frac{k_+^{\text{cat}} \tilde{a} \tilde{x} - k_-^{\text{cat}} \tilde{b} \tilde{y}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{x} + \tilde{a} \tilde{x} + \tilde{b} + \tilde{y} + \tilde{b} \tilde{y}}$	$k^V \frac{\hat{a} \hat{x} - \hat{b} \hat{y}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{x} + \tilde{a} \tilde{x} + \tilde{b} + \tilde{y} + \tilde{b} \tilde{y}}$
$2 A \leftrightarrow B$	$\frac{k_+^{\text{cat}} \tilde{a}^2 - k_-^{\text{cat}} \tilde{b}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{b}}$	$k^V \frac{\hat{a}^2 - \hat{b}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{b}}$
$2 A \leftrightarrow B + Y$	$\frac{k_+^{\text{cat}} \tilde{a}^2 - k_-^{\text{cat}} \tilde{b} \tilde{y}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{b} + \tilde{y} + \tilde{b} \tilde{y}}$	$k^V \frac{\hat{a}^2 - \hat{b} \hat{y}}{1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{b} + \tilde{y} + \tilde{b} \tilde{y}}$
$2 A + X \leftrightarrow B$	$\frac{k_+^{\text{cat}} \tilde{a}^2 \tilde{x} - k_-^{\text{cat}} \tilde{b}}{(1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{a}^2)(1 + \tilde{x}) + \tilde{b}}$	$k^V \frac{\hat{a}^2 \hat{x} - \hat{b}}{(1 + \tilde{a} + \tilde{a}^2)(1 + \tilde{x}) + \tilde{b}}$

Abbreviations:  $\tilde{a} = a/k_A^M$

$\hat{a} = a(g_A/k_A^M)^{1/2}$