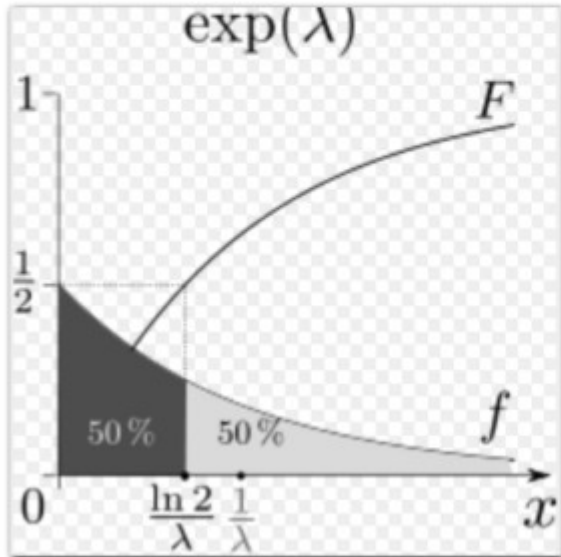
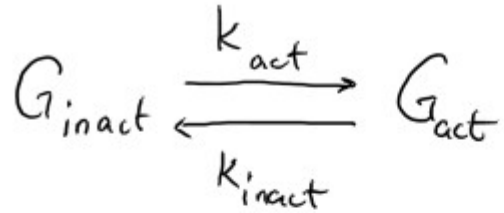


Stokastik gen ekspresyonu

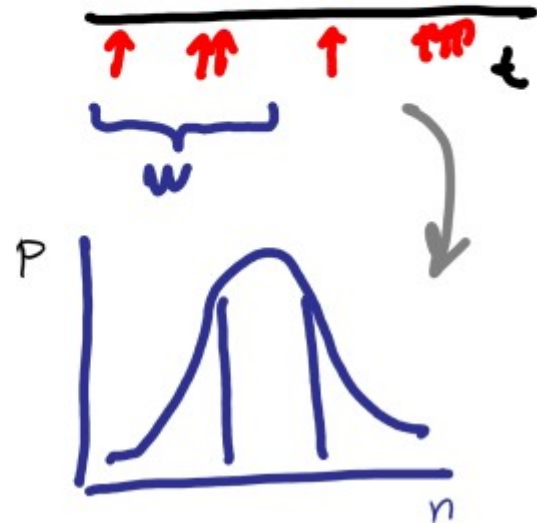


Uniform probability of activation over the time:
 probability density function
 $f(t) = e^{-t/b} / b$

cumulative density function
 $F(t) = 1 - e^{-t/b}$

b : mean time between events

$$t_{1/2} = \ln 2 b = 0.693 b$$



Activation as first order reaction:



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$$\frac{dG_{\text{act}}}{dt} = k_{\text{act}} \cdot G_{\text{inact}}$$

$$k_{\text{act}} = 1/b$$

$$k_{\text{act}} = \ln 2 / t_{1/2}$$

ACTIVATION:

$$G_{\text{inact}} : 0$$

$$G_{\text{act}} : 1$$

$$0 \rightarrow 1 \text{ switch probability: } k_{\text{act}} = 1/b = k_1$$

$$k_{\text{act}} \propto \text{ploidity}$$

INACTIVATION:

- removal of transcriptional activator
- binding of transcriptional inhibitor

$$k_{\text{inact}} = k_{\text{act-off}} + k_{\text{inh-on}}$$

fraction of time  $G_{\text{act}}$ :

$$= k_{\text{act}} / (k_{\text{act}} + k_{\text{inact}})$$

( $\approx$  fraction of cells in which  $G_{\text{act}}$  at any given time)

activated gene produces product  $P$  (1<sup>o</sup> kinetics)

& product decays at a rate  $\propto [P]$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = k_3 G_{act} - k_4 P$$

diploid cell:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = k_3 (G_{1act} + G_{2act}) - k_4 P$$

$[P]$  fluctuates with stochastic variation in  $G_{act}$

$\sqrt{[P]}$  fluctuation amplitude:

- $t_{1/2}$  of  $G_{act}$  &  $G_{inact}$
- synthesis & destruction rate of  $P$

small  $k_{act}$  &  $k_{inact}$   $\rightsquigarrow$  long  $t_{1/2}$  for activation/inactivation

large  $P$  synthesis & decay rate

$\Rightarrow$  LARGE FLUCTUATION in  $[P]$

large  $k_{act}$  &  $k_{inact}$   $\rightsquigarrow$  short  $t_{1/2}$  for act/inact

$\Rightarrow$  SMALL FLUCTUATIONS in  $[P]$

$$[P]_{\text{mean}} = (G_{1\text{act}} + G_{2\text{act}}) k_{\text{act}} k_3 / (k_{\text{inact}} k_4 + k_{\text{act}} k_4)$$

$$[P]_{\text{mean}} = \frac{k_3 (G_{1\text{act}} + G_{2\text{act}}) k_{\text{act}}}{k_4 (k_{\text{inact}} + k_{\text{act}})}$$

$$T_{G_{\text{act}}} = \frac{k_{\text{act}}}{k_{\text{act}} + k_{\text{inact}}}$$

Fraction of time G is activated

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = k_3 (G_{1\text{act}} + G_{2\text{act}}) - k_n P \quad (\text{Eq 4})$$

Synthesis

degradation

(Eq 5)

$$[P]_{\text{mean}} = \frac{k_3 (G_{\text{act}} + G_{\text{inact}})}{k_4}$$

↑ P synthesis  
↓ P degradation

$$\frac{T_{G_{\text{act}}}}{k_{\text{act}} + k_{\text{inact}}}$$

Two Patterns of Stochastic Gene Expression:

- ① Stochastic initiation  $\Rightarrow$  Expression will eventually become homogenous in all cells
- ②  $0 \rightleftharpoons 1$  transition between alternative states in different cells  $\Rightarrow$  salt & pepper pattern

$$k_{\text{act}} \downarrow \quad k_{\text{inact}} \downarrow$$

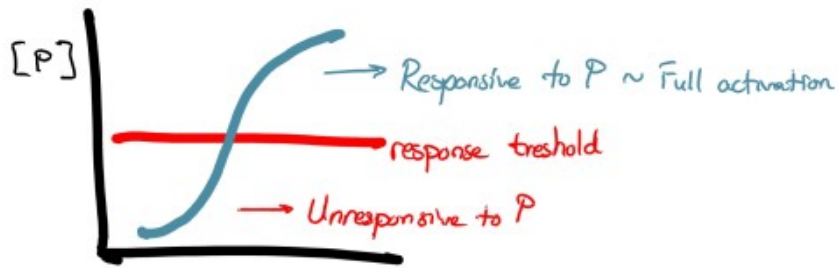
OR

$$k_3 \uparrow \quad k_4 \uparrow$$

$[P]_{\text{mean}}$  remains unchanged

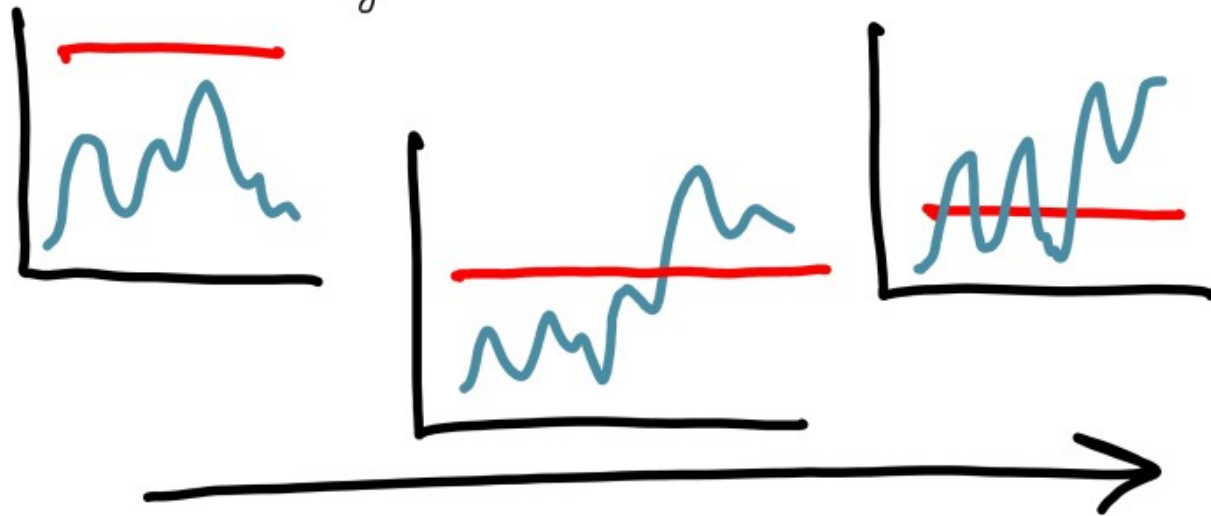
however, system spends increased time @  $[P]_{\text{min}}$  &  $[P]_{\text{max}}$  or  $[P]_{1/2}$

Transition between high/medium/low  $\sim$  RANDOM

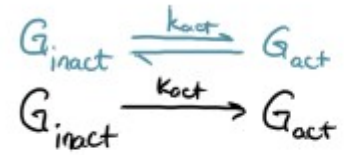


response threshold determines the fraction of population that express the phenotype

high threshold vs low threshold

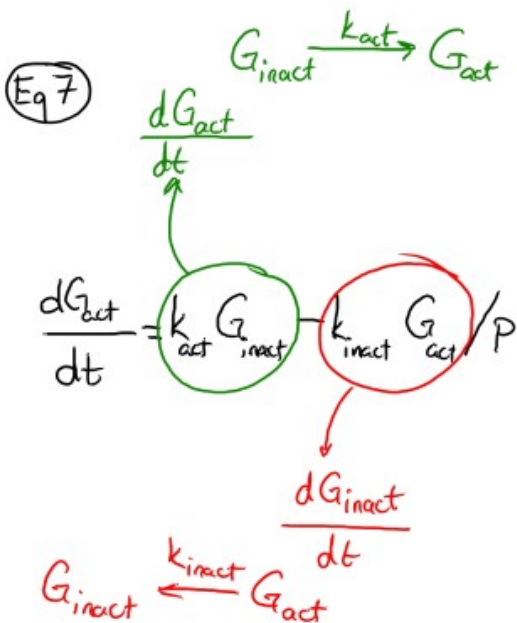


Degree of stochasticity



$$\frac{dG_{\text{act}}}{dt} = k_{\text{act}} \cdot G_{\text{inact}}$$

Let P act as an inhibitor of inactivation reaction:



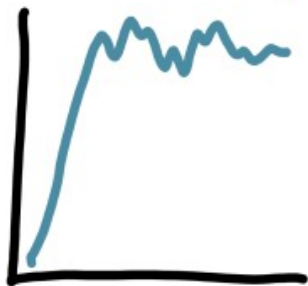
Let P act as a activator of activation reaction:

(+) feedback

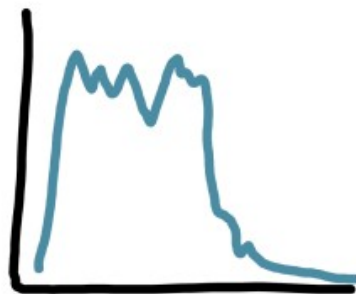
(Eq 8)

$$\frac{dG_{act}}{dt} = P \cdot k_{act} G_{inact} - k_{inact} G_{act}$$

SIMILAR EFFECTS!



(+)fb  $\rightarrow G_{act}$



(+)fb of P to  $G_{act}$  is not strong

$\rightarrow$  permanent inactivation

For a diploid system:

$$\frac{dG_{1act}}{dt} = P k_{act} G_{1inact} - k_{inact} G_{1act} / P$$

$$\frac{dG_{2act}}{dt} = P k_{act} G_{2inact} - k_{inact} G_{2act} / P$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = k_3 (G_{1act} + G_{2act}) - k_4 P$$

Synthesis

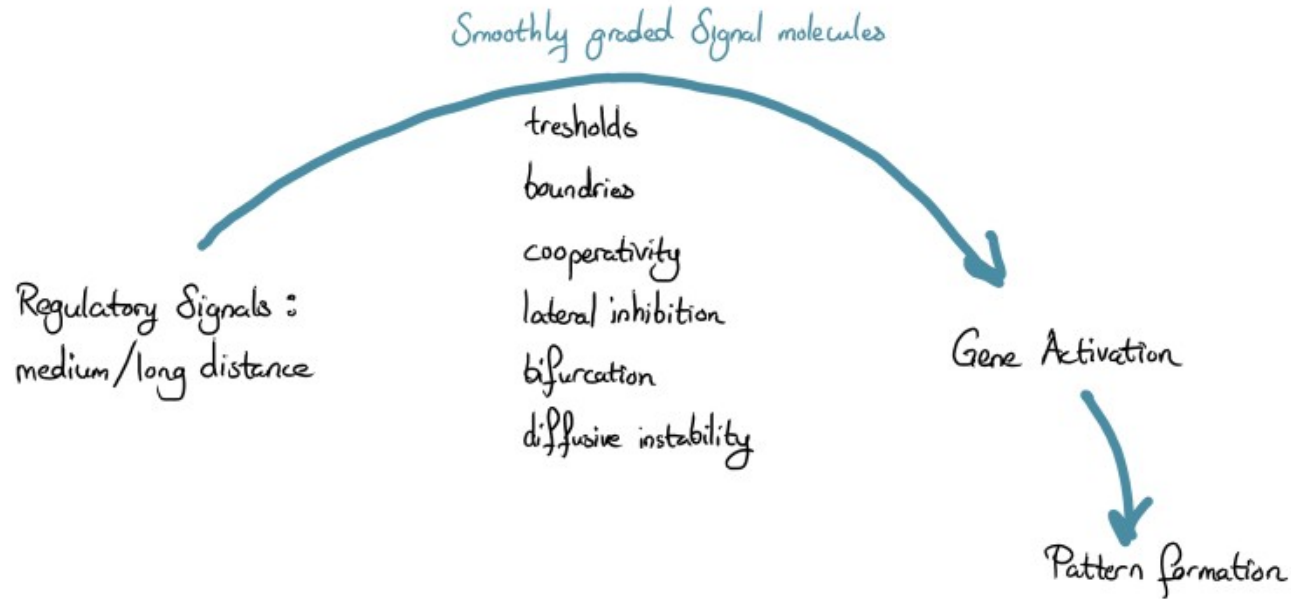
Degradation



Hill coefficient : measure of cooperativity in binding process  
Used to estimate the nb of ligand molecules required to bind  
to a receptor to produce a functional effect

1 : independent binding

>1 : Cooperative binding



Graded  
Signal

Slow Cycle vs Fast Cycle

$0 \rightleftharpoons 1$

activation/inactivation

RESPONSE : Gene Activation

P production

Temporal & spatial distribution of stochastic response

- Stochastic permanent gene inactivation
- kept active with high probability

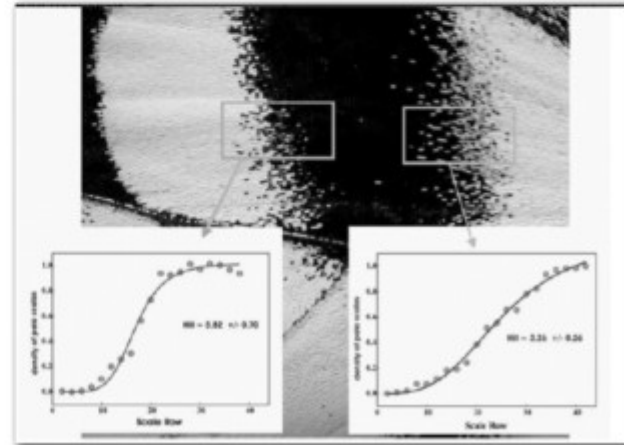
1 OR 0

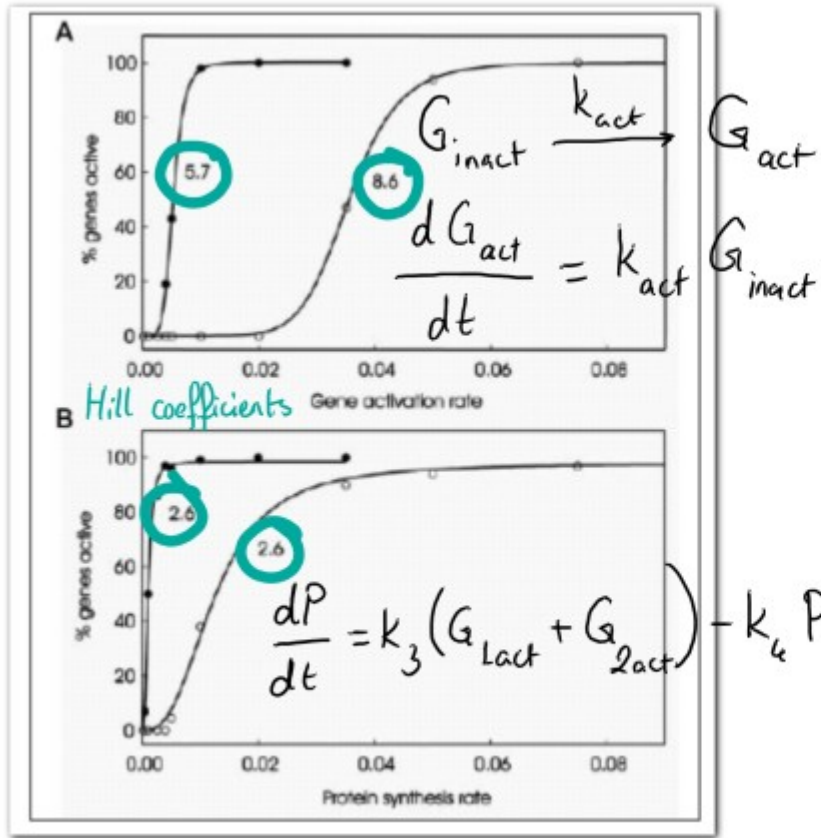
depending on :

- transcriptional activator levels
- product synthesis & decay rates

Smooth Gradients of  
Signal Molecules

Spatial variation in the probability that  
the genes in given cell will be activated/  
inactivated



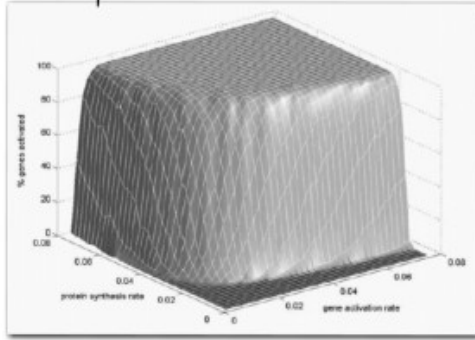


Response of stochastic gene activation system to

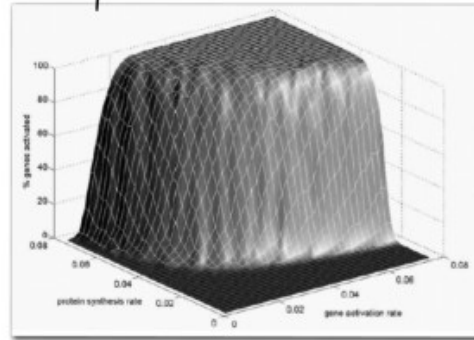
(A) a linear gradient of transcriptional activator activity

(B) linear gradient in the product synthesizing enzyme activity

params: 0.05



params: 0.075



the gene represented in Y-axis  
provides genetic background for  
the gene represented by  
x-axis

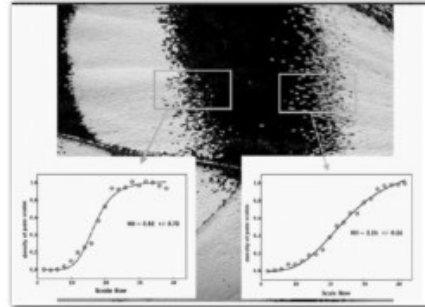
Bivariate plots:

transcription factor activity  $\rightarrow$  %  $G_{act}$   $\rightarrow$  Protein Synthesis

⊙ transitions are always sigmoid

⊙ params affect midpoints & thresholds: Sharp/switch-like OR gradual

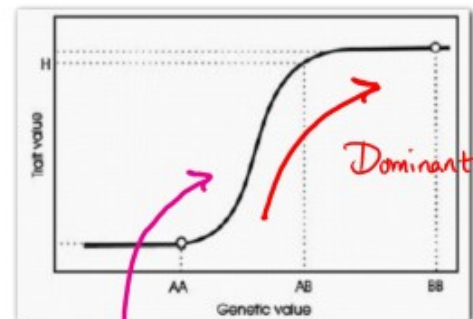
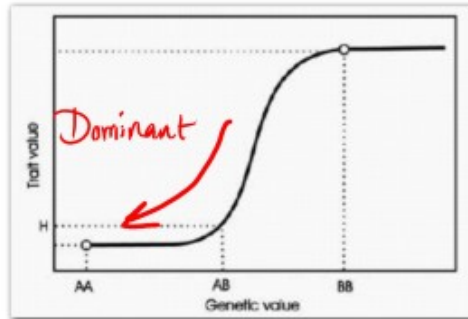
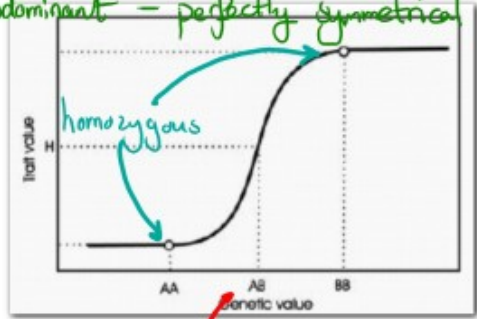
Stochastic gene expression without feedback regulation produces threshold-like response to graded input signals



Stochastic expression at boundaries — regulation of thresholds

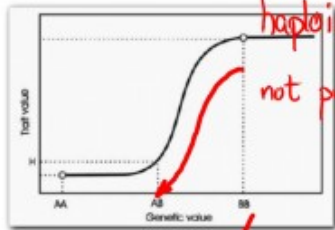
Genetic value  $\xrightarrow{\text{sigmoidal relation}}$  Phenotypic value

Nonlinear  
Codominant - perfectly symmetrical



heterozygous

← mutation in alleles →



change in genetic background  
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Change in shape of curve — slope & inflection point of sigmoid