

# Stochastic self-regulated gene expression model

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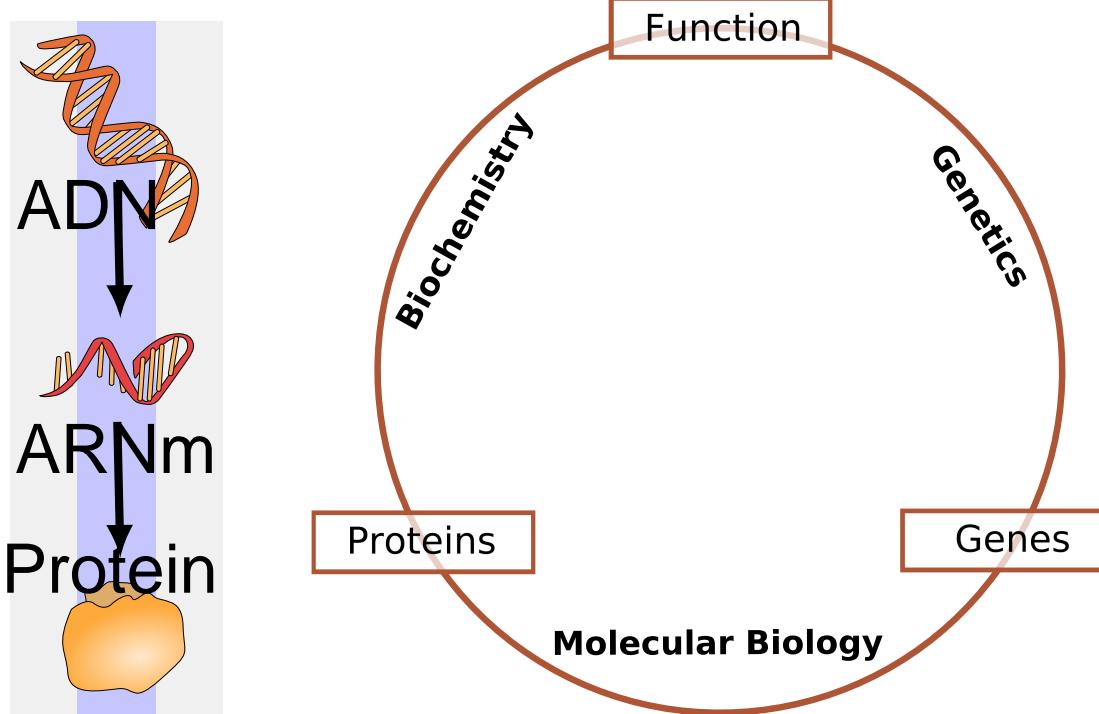
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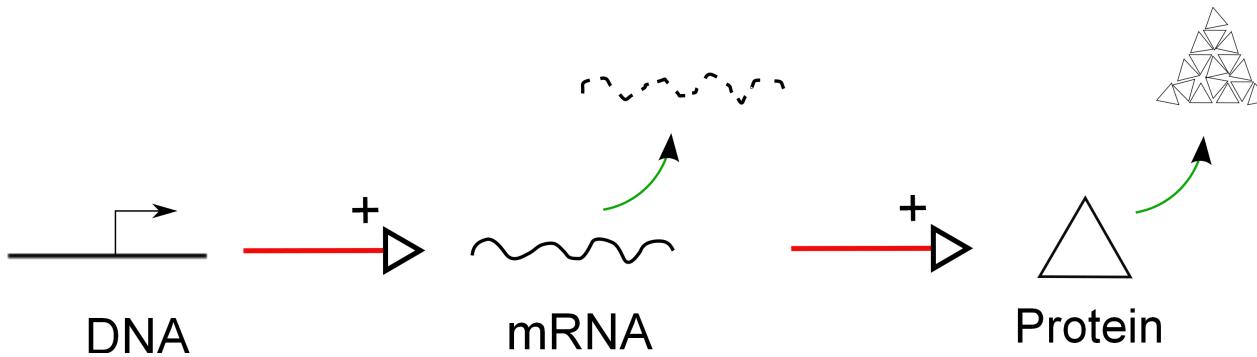
# Outline

- Un brin de biologie moléculaire (et de philo)
- Quick review of the standard stochastic models of gene expression
- Can we explain the **Bursting phenomena** through an adiabatic reduction of the standard model?

# Biologie moléculaire



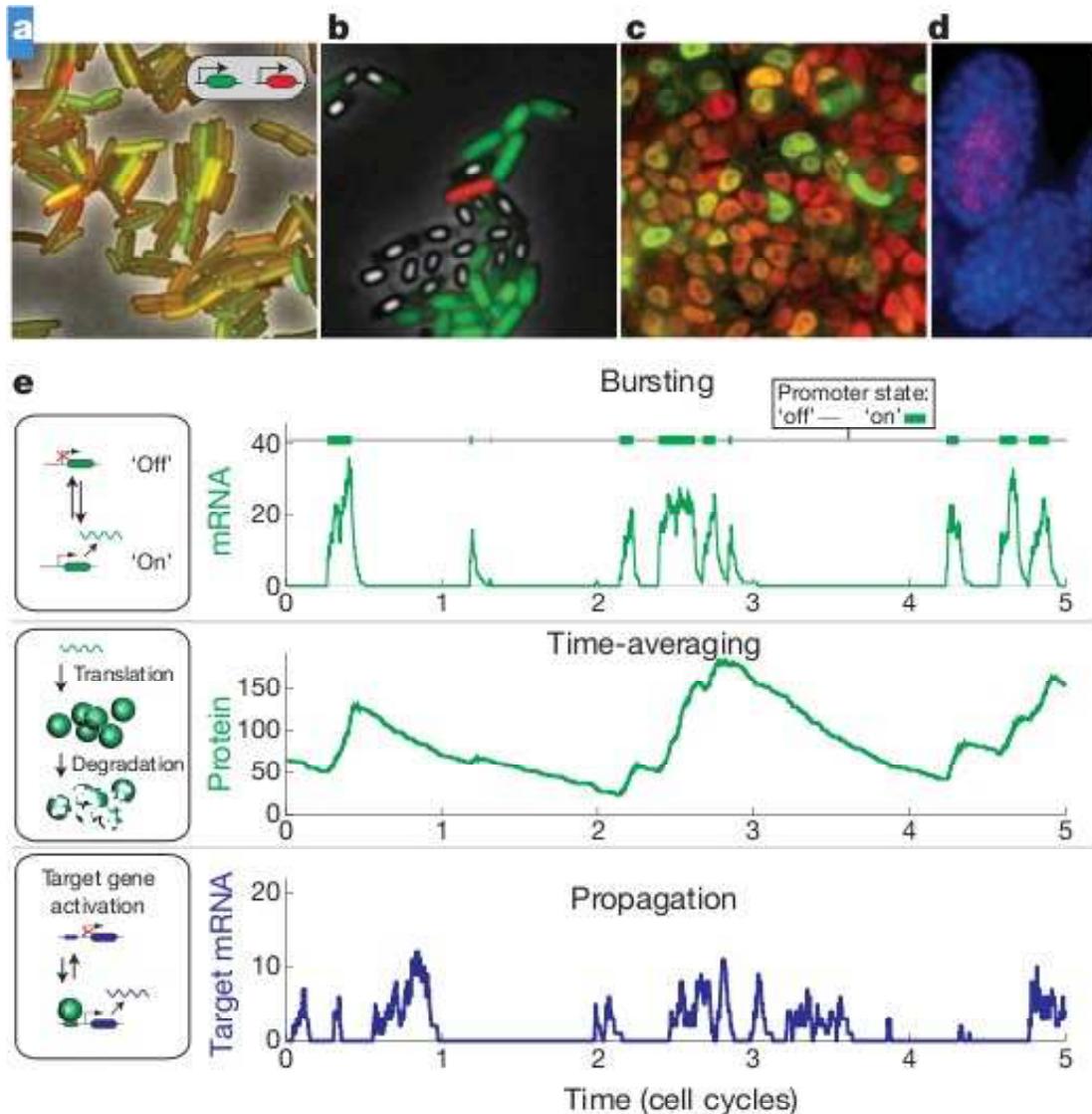
# Central dogma



Francis Crick: 1958

Jacques Monod, François Jacob et André Lwoff: 1965

# Mise en évidence de la stochasticité en Biologie



**Figure 1 | Gene expression noise is ubiquitous, and affects diverse systems at several levels.** a, *E. coli* expressing two identical promoters driving two different fluorescent proteins, in red and green, respectively. Because of

# La stochasticité en Biologie

- Dogme central= vision cybernétique, “programme génétique”, “ordre dû”
- Laplace/Newton VS Poincaré
- Hilbert VS Gödel
- Shrödinger,C. Bernard VS ?? JJ Kupiec, G. Longo...

# Paradigm shift

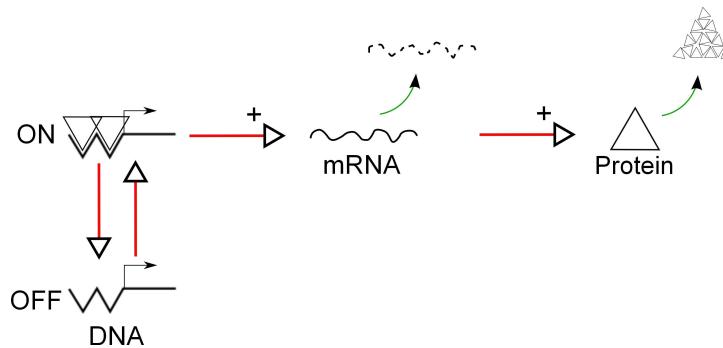
Composante essentielle

2 types d'aléatoire (cf Physique)

- Variabilité, multi-modalité, variation temporelle, oscillations... (individu)
- Bruit pour créer un signal à l'état macroscopique

Darwinisme cellulaire (JJ Kupiec)

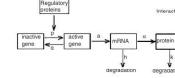
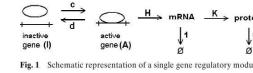
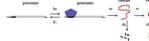
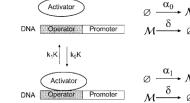
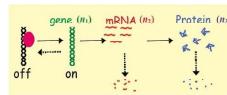
# New Central dogma



Studied either in a discrete state-space (Peccoud 95, Paulsson 05, Swain 08, Hornos 06) or in a continuous state-space (Kepler 01, Lipniacki 06, Mackey 2010)

Problème: on ne sait pas résoudre ce modèle!!

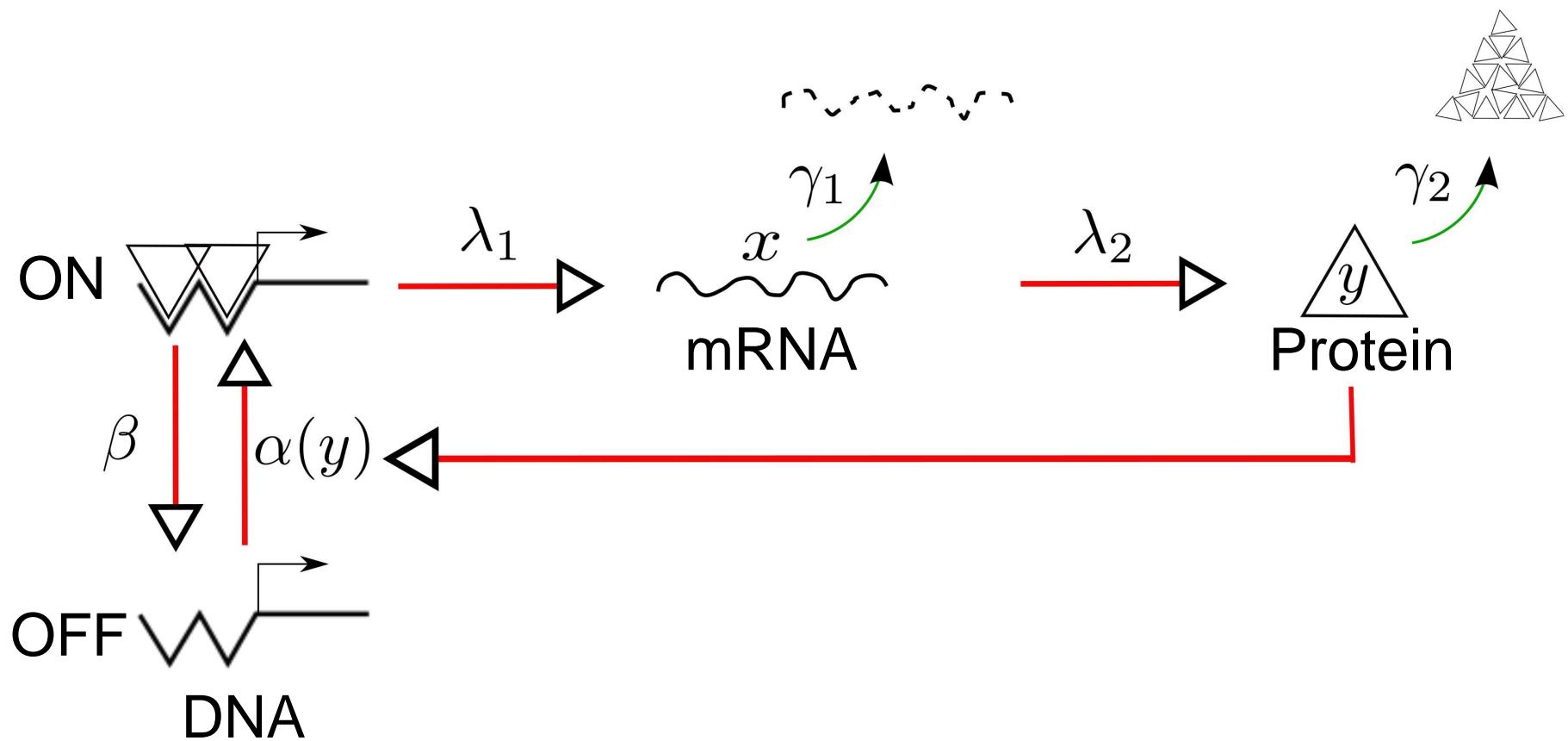
$$\begin{aligned} I &\xrightarrow{\gamma} A \\ A &\xrightarrow{\alpha} I \\ A &\xrightarrow{\beta} A + P \\ P &\xrightarrow{\delta} \emptyset \end{aligned}$$



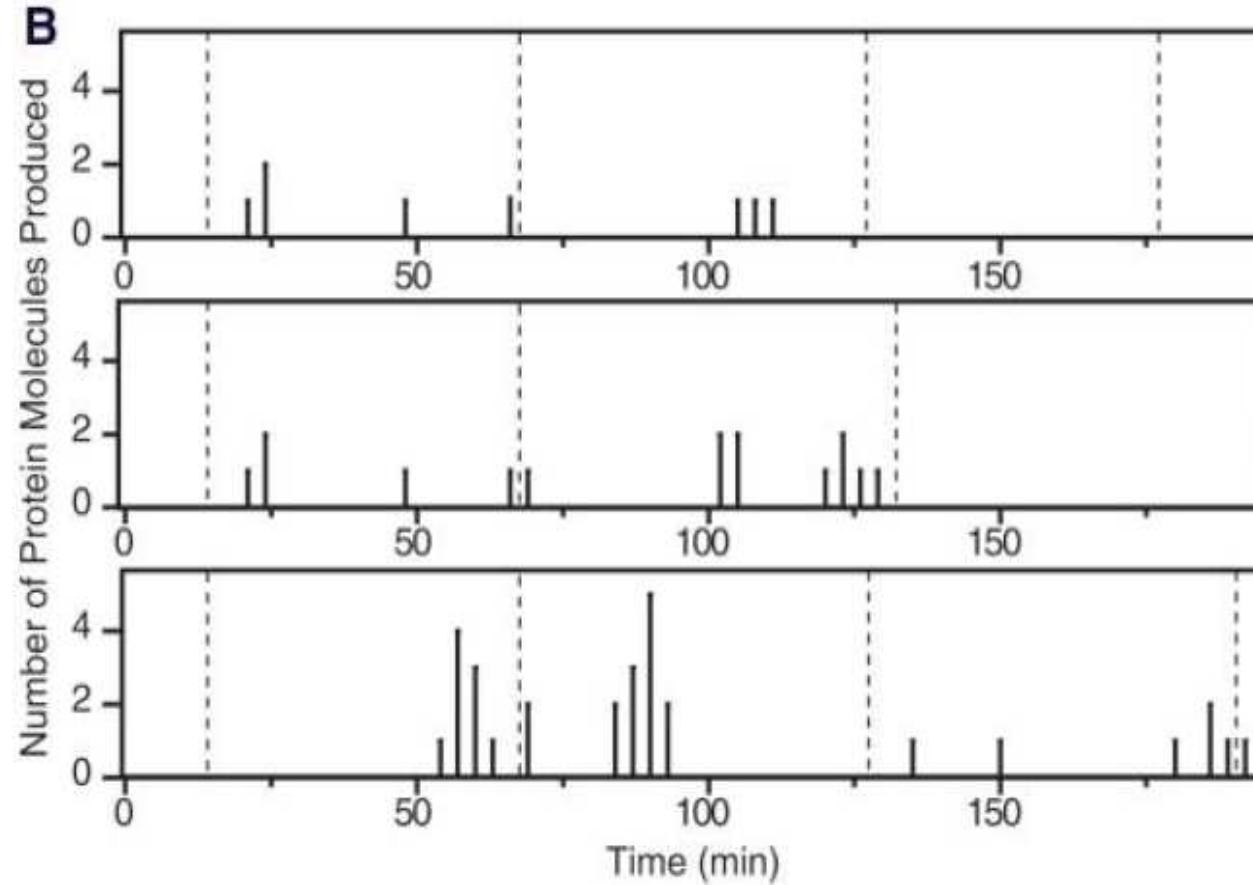
**Fig. 1.** Schematic representation of a single gene regulatory module.

**Fig. 1.** Simplified schematic of gene expression.

# Self-regulated gene



# The bursting phenomena

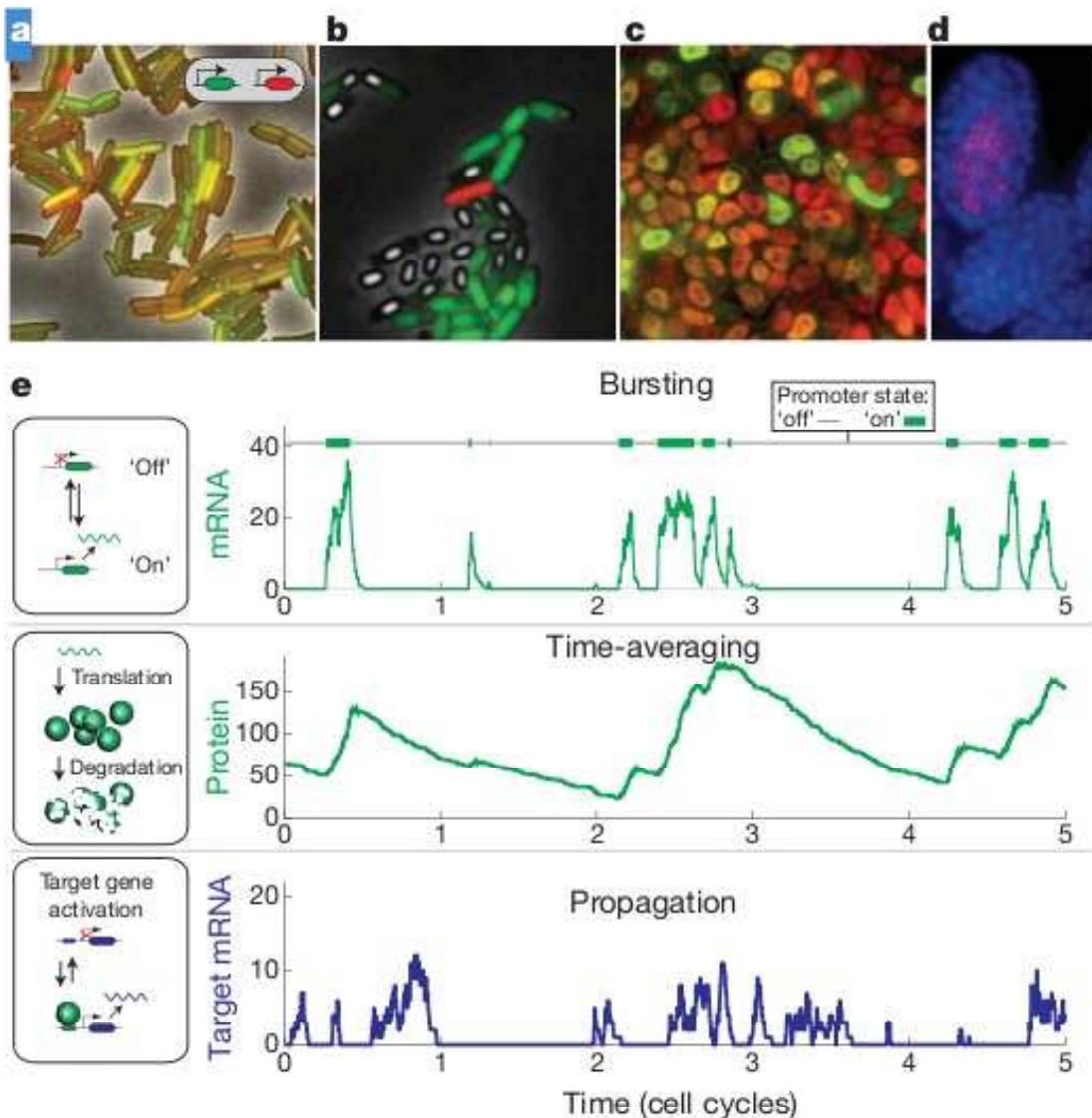


Yu et al. 06

**Question 1) Quand est-ce que le modèle stochastique prédit l'apparition de Burst?**

**Question 2) Que peut-on dire dans ces cas là?**

# Méthode 1: Simulation



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# Méthode 2: Décomposition des variances

The normalized stationary variance in the number of protein molecules per cell follows:

$$\frac{\overbrace{\sigma_3^2}^{\text{Total protein noise}}}{\langle n_3 \rangle^2} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\langle n_3 \rangle}}_{\text{Poisson}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\langle n_2 \rangle} \frac{\tau_2}{\tau_3 + \tau_2}}_{\substack{\text{Poisson} \\ \text{One-step time-averaging}}} + \underbrace{\frac{1 - P_{\text{on}}}{\langle n_1 \rangle} \frac{\tau_2}{\tau_2 + \tau_3} \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_1 + \tau_3} \frac{\tau_1 + \tau_3 + \tau_1 \tau_3 / \tau_2}{\tau_1 + \tau_2}}_{\substack{\text{Binomial} \\ \text{Two-step time-averaging}}}$$

Paulsson et al. 05

$$\frac{\sigma_2}{\langle n \rangle} = 1 + b$$

## Méthode 3: Equations vérifiée par la densité

En discret

$$\frac{dP_n}{dt} = \gamma_{n+1}P_{n+1} - \gamma_nP_n + \sum_{r=0}^n h_r\alpha_{n-r}P_{n-r} - \alpha_nP_n, \quad (1)$$

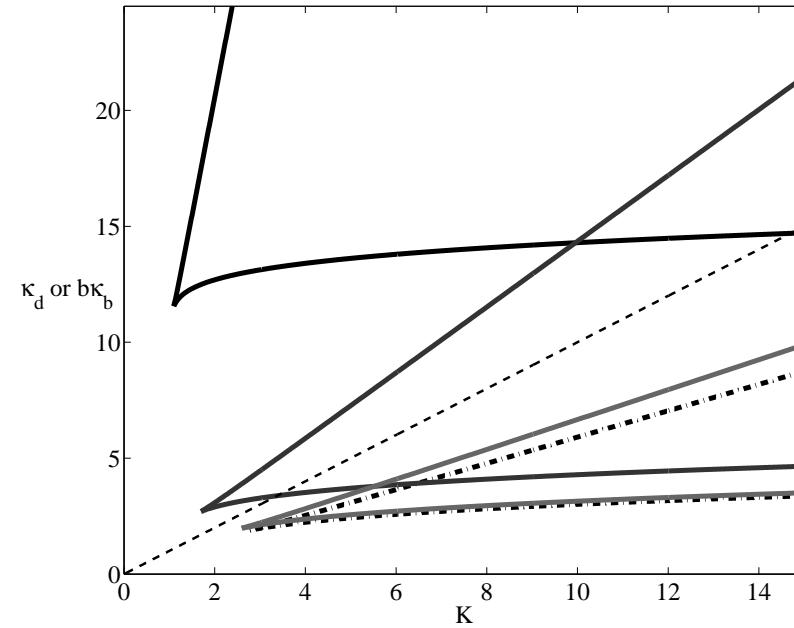
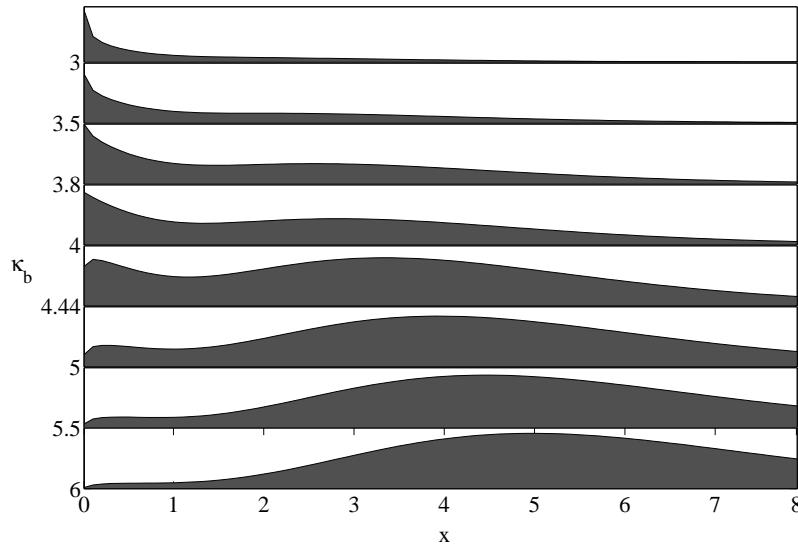
En continue

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial(\gamma(x)u(t, x))}{\partial x} + \int_0^x \alpha(x)u(t, y)h(x - y)dy - \alpha(x)u(t, x). \quad (2)$$

# Une même solution stationnaire peut cacher plusieurs modèles!

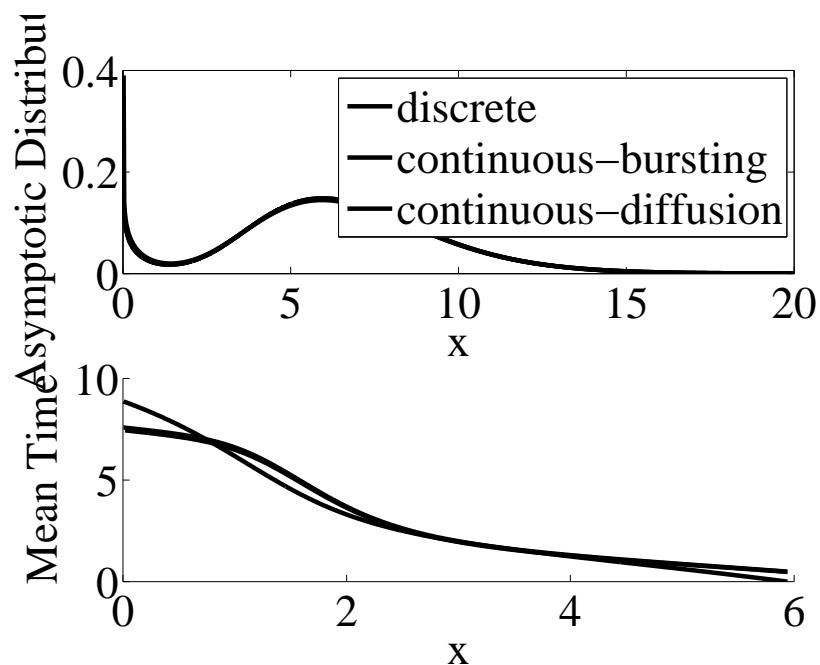
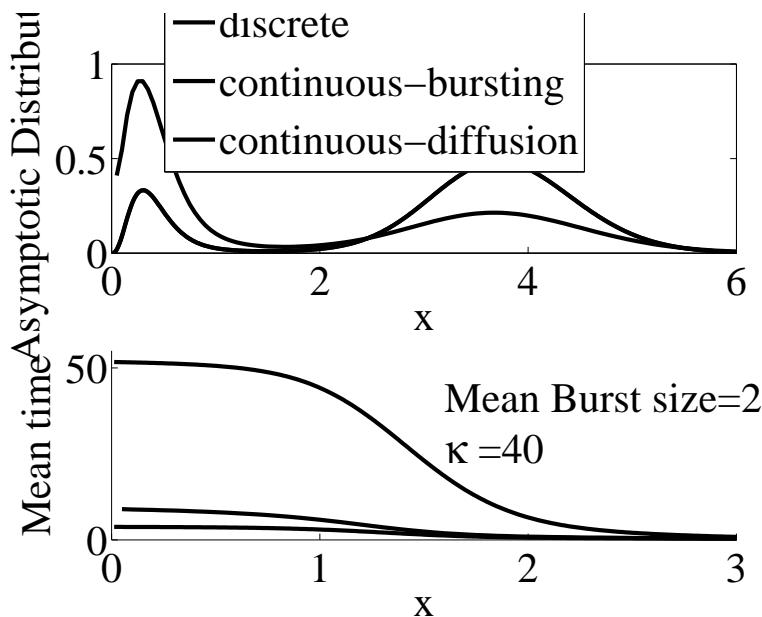
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial(\gamma xu(t, x))}{\partial x} + \int_0^x \alpha(x)u(t, y)h(x-y)dy - \alpha(x)u(t, x). \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial((\gamma x - \alpha(x))v(t, x))}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2(\sigma xv(t, x))}{\partial x^2} \quad (4)$$

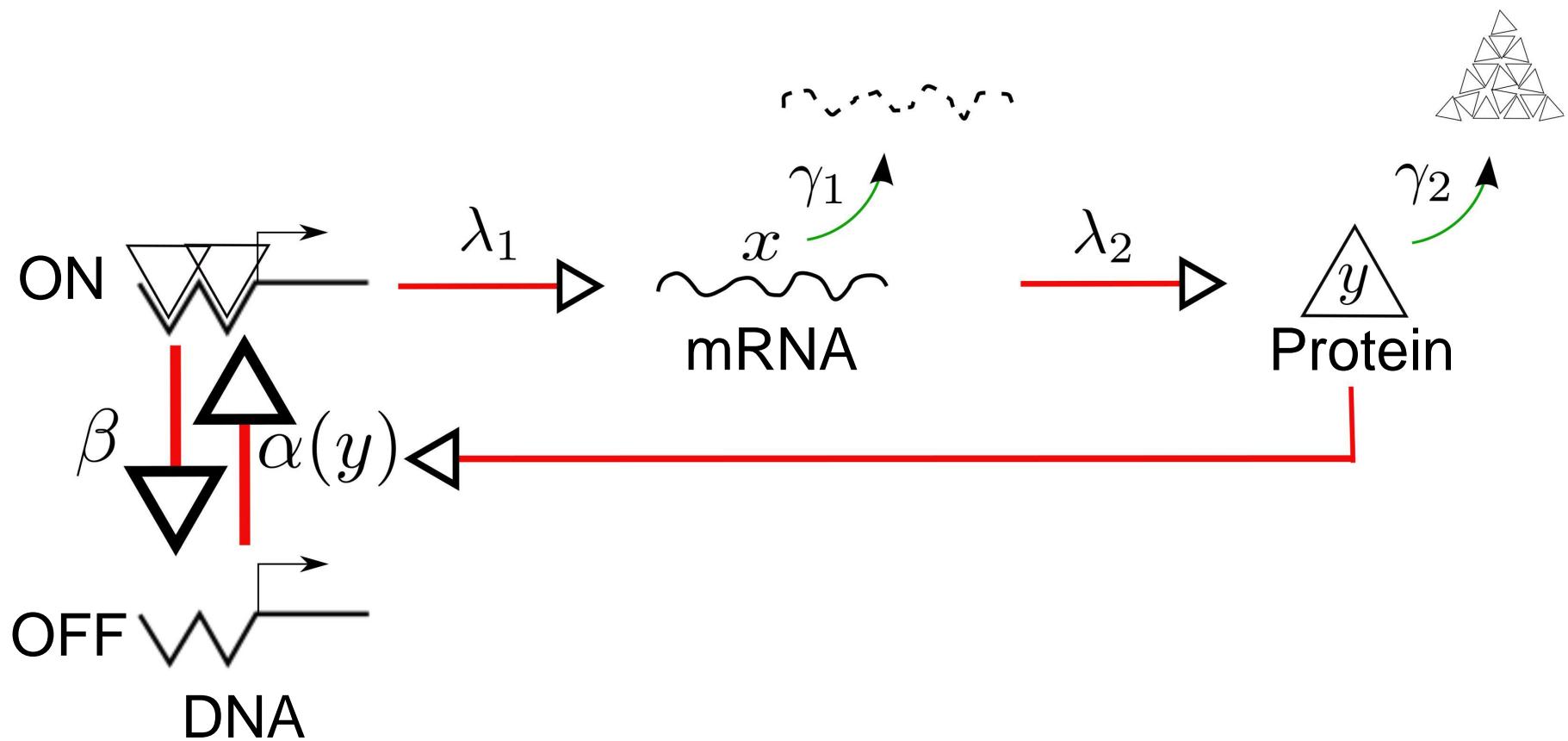


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## Différentes dynamiques!

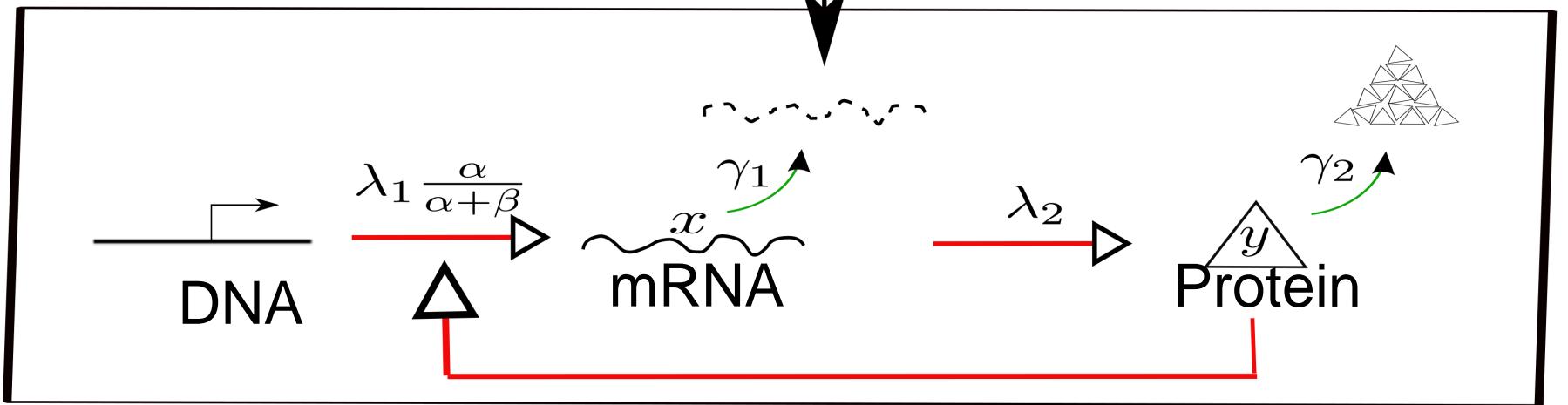
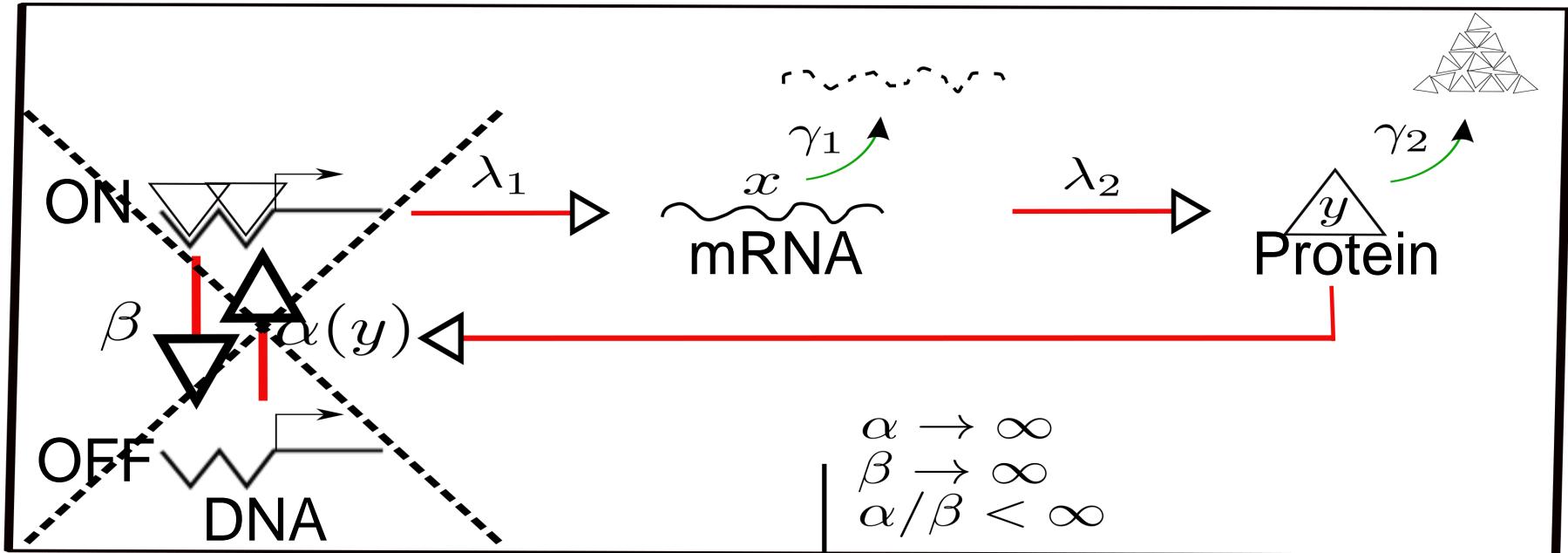


# Méthode 4 : Reduction 1

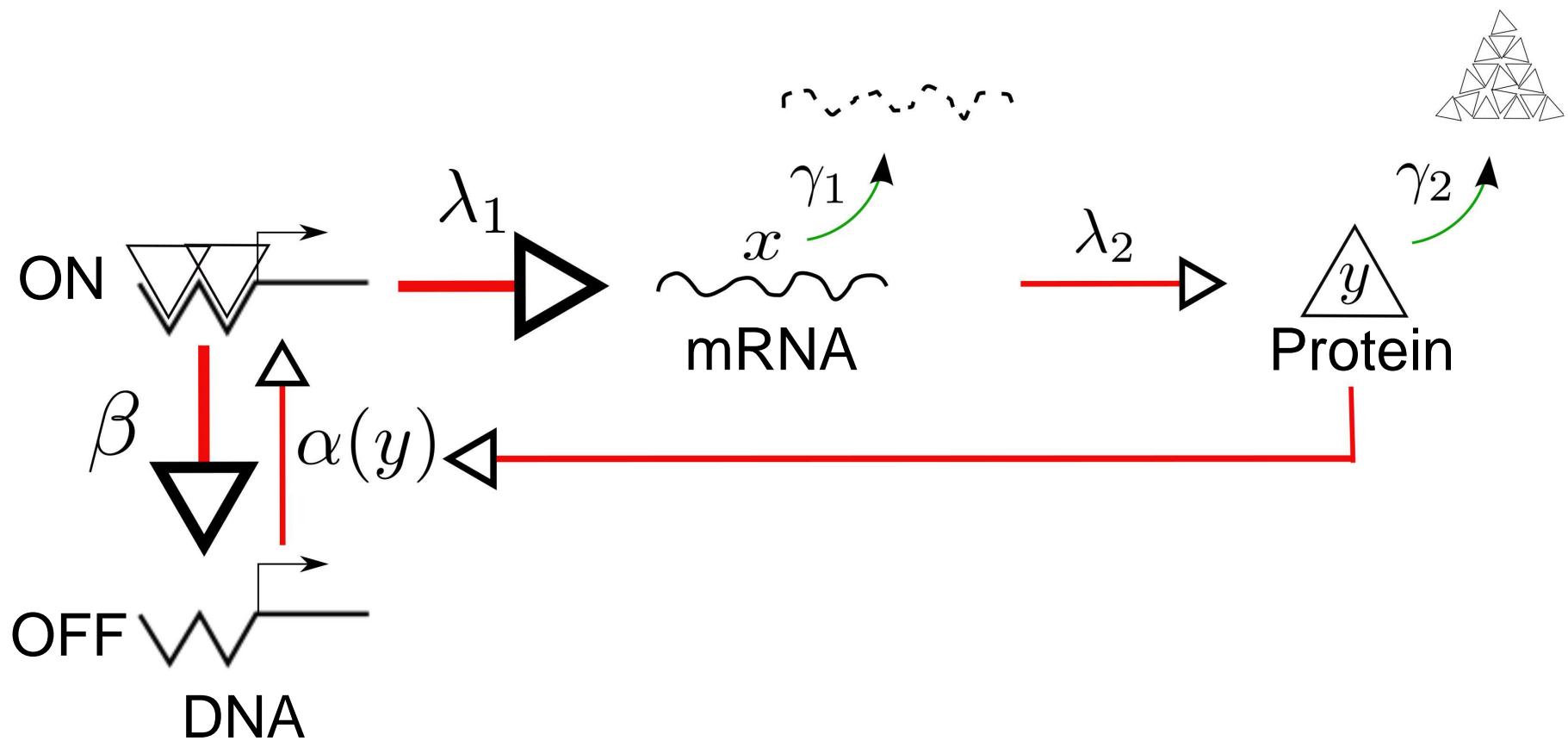


Bobrowski 06: Degenerate convergence of Semigroups.

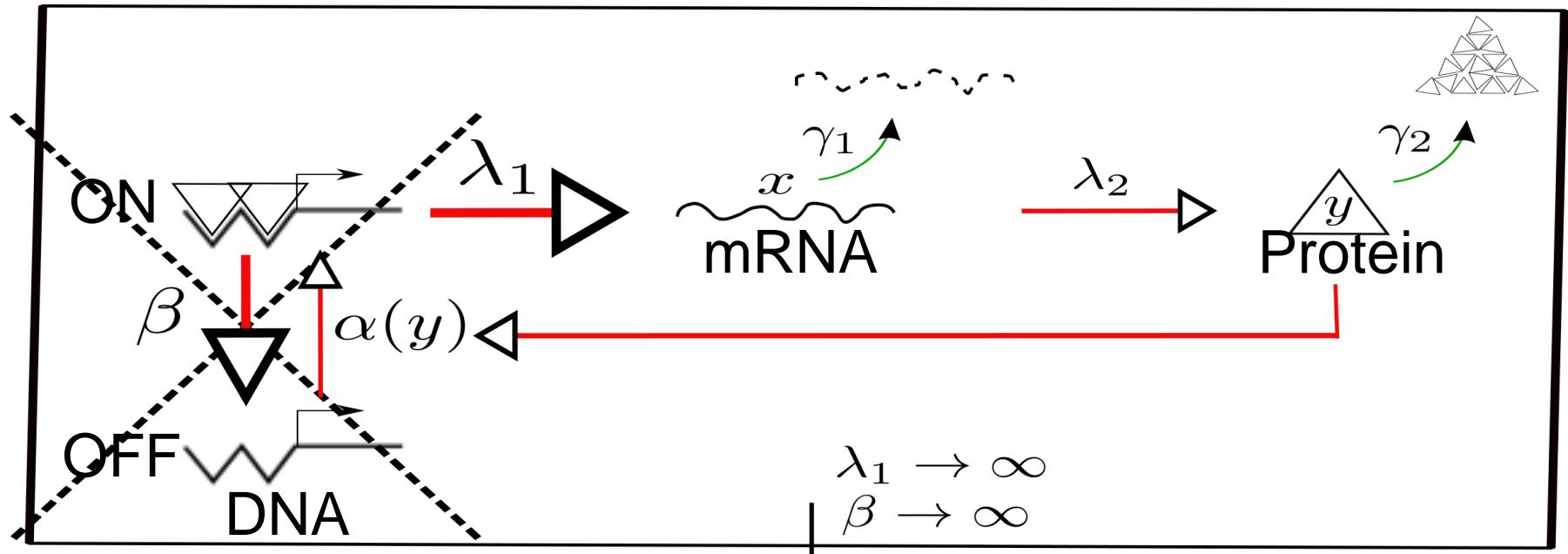
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# Méthode 4 : Reduction 2



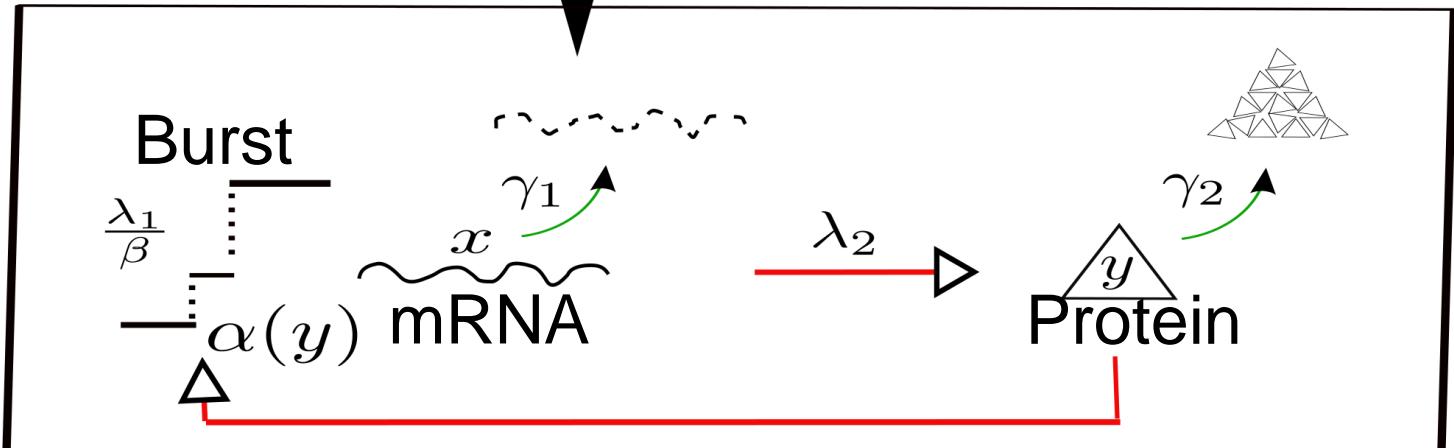
# Méthode 4 : Reduction 2



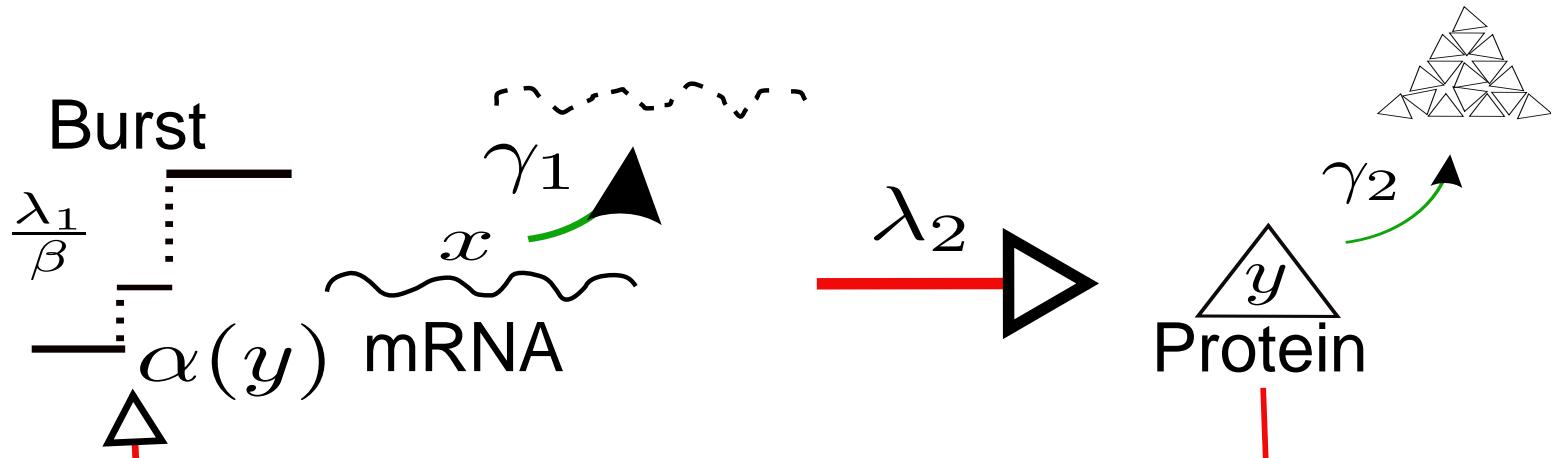
$$\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\beta \rightarrow \infty$$

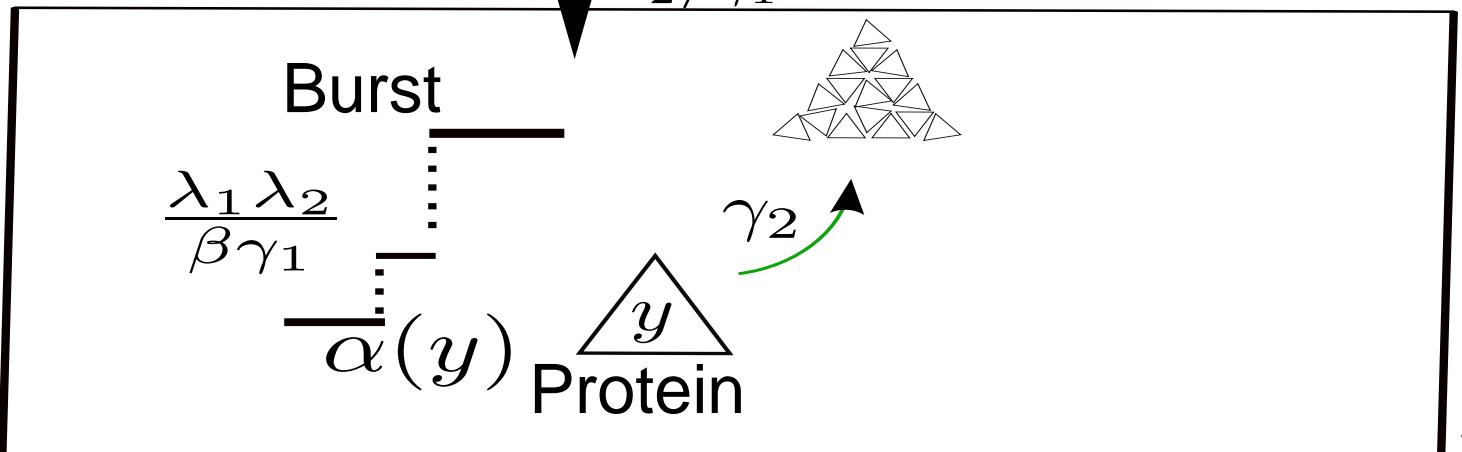
$$\lambda_1 / \beta < \infty$$



# Méthode 4 : Reduction 3



$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_2 &\rightarrow \infty \\ \gamma_1 &\rightarrow \infty \\ \lambda_2/\gamma_1 &< \infty\end{aligned}$$



# Theoretical formulation

## Initial process

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \xi - \gamma X$$

where  $\xi$  is a dichotomous random process, which takes the values 0 or  $\lambda > 0$  and switches at rate  $\alpha(X)$  and  $\beta$ .

**Final process, when**  $\beta \rightarrow \infty, \lambda \rightarrow \infty, \beta/\lambda \rightarrow b < \infty$

$$dX = dN(\alpha(X), h) - \gamma X$$

$$X_t = X_0 - \int_0^t \gamma X_{s-} ds + \int_0^t \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty z 1_{\{r \leq \alpha(X_{s-})\}} N(ds, dz, dr)$$

where  $N(ds, dz, dr)$  is a Poisson random measure on  $(0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)^2$ , of intensity  $dsh(z)dzdr$ , with  $h$  an exponential distribution of mean  $b$ .

# Sample paths formulation

$$X_t = \begin{cases} \pi_{t-t_{k-1}}^0 X_{t_{k-1}}, & t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k, \\ \pi_{t-t_k}^1 X_{t_k}, & t_k \leq t < t_{k+1}, \end{cases}$$

where  $t_k = t_{k-1} + \Delta^0 t_k$ ,  $t_{k+1} = t_k + \Delta^1 t_k$  and

$$\Pr(\Delta^0 t_k \leq t | Y_{t_{k-1}} = x) = 1 - e^{-\int_0^t \alpha(\pi_s x) ds}, \quad t, x > 0.$$

$$\Pr(\Delta^1 t_k \leq t | Y_{t_{k-1}} = x) = 1 - e^{-\beta t}, \quad t, x > 0.$$

$$X_t = \begin{cases} \pi_{t-t_{k-1}}^0 X_{t_{k-1}}, & t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k, \\ X_{t_{k-1}} + e_k, & t = t_k, \end{cases}$$

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$$\Pr(\Delta^0 t_k \leq t | Y_{t_{k-1}} = x) = 1 - e^{-\int_0^t \alpha(\pi_s x) ds}, \quad t, x > 0.$$

$$e_k \sim h$$

# Semi-group proof

Let's define the semigroup  $T_t f(x) = \mathbb{E}_x f(X_t)$  then the Dynkin's formula reads  
 $T_t f(x) - f(x) = \int_0^t T_s \mathcal{A}f(X_s) ds$ . For any test function  $f$  in the domain of  $A$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\infty p_t^0(x) f^0(x) + p_t^1(x) f^1(x) dx &= -\gamma \int_0^\infty x p_t^0(x) \frac{df^0}{dx} dx \\ &\quad - \int_0^\infty (\gamma x - \lambda) p_t^1(x) \frac{df^1}{dx} dx + \int_0^\infty (\alpha(x)p_t^0(x) - \beta(x)p_t^1(x))(f^1(x) - f^0(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

For any test function such that  $f^0(x) = f^1(x) = f(x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\infty (p_t^0(x) + p_t^1(x)) f(x) dx &= -\gamma \int_0^\infty x(p_t^0(x) + p_t^1(x)) \frac{df}{dx} dx \\ &\quad + \lambda \int_0^\infty p_t^1(x) \frac{df}{dx} dx \end{aligned}$$

# Trotter, Sova, Kurtz, Mackevicius

**Theorem 1.** Let  $X$  and  $X^n$  be Feller processes in  $(0, \infty)$  with semigroups  $(T_t)$  and  $(T_{n,t})$  respectively. Then the two conditions are equivalent

- $T_{n,t}f \rightarrow T_tf$  for every  $f \in \mathcal{C}_0$ , uniformly in time for bounded  $t > 0$ .
- If  $X_0^n \rightarrow X$  in distribution, then  $X^n \rightarrow X$  in distribution.

where  $\mathcal{C}_0$  is the class of continuous functions with  $f(y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow \infty$ .

# The two semi-group

## Initial process

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\infty (p_t^0(x) + p_t^1(x)) f(x) dx = & - \gamma \int_0^\infty x(p_t^0(x) + p_t^1(x)) \frac{df}{dx} dx \\ & + \lambda \int_0^\infty p_t^1(x) \frac{df}{dx} dx \end{aligned}$$

## Final process

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\infty p_t(x) f(x) dx = & -\gamma \int_0^\infty x p_t(x) \frac{df}{dx} dx \\ & + \int_0^\infty \alpha(x) p_t(x) \left( \int_x^\infty h(y-x) f(y) dy - f(x) \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

# A particular choice for a test function

For any test function such that  $f^0(x) = 0$ ,  $f^1(x) = g(x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\infty p_t^1(x)g(x)dx &= -\gamma \int_0^\infty xp_t^1(x)\frac{dg}{dx}dx + \lambda \int_0^\infty p_t^1(x)\frac{dg}{dx}dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty \alpha(x)p_t^0(x)g(x)dx - \beta \int_0^\infty p_t^1(x)g(x)dx\end{aligned}$$

One can perform a **quasi steady-state approximation**, which gives

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda \int_0^\infty p_t^1(x)g(x)dx &= -\frac{\gamma\lambda}{\beta} \int_0^\infty xp_t^1(x)\frac{dg}{dx}dx + \frac{\lambda}{\beta} \int_0^\infty \alpha(x)p_t^0(x)g(x)dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda^2}{\beta} \int_0^\infty p_t^1(x)\frac{dg}{dx}dx\end{aligned}$$

# Iterating

Iterating the process, one can find,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \lambda p_t^1(x) \frac{df}{dx} dx &= \sum_{i \geq 1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\beta}\right)^i \int_0^\infty \alpha(x)(p_t^0(x) + p_t^1(x)) \frac{d^i f}{dx^i} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i \geq 1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\beta}\right)^i \int_0^\infty \gamma x p_t^1(x) \frac{d^i f}{dx^i} - \sum_{i \geq 1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\beta}\right)^i \int_0^\infty \alpha(x) p_t^1(x) \frac{d^i f}{dx^i} \end{aligned}$$

The first sum give the jump kernel

$$\int_0^\infty \alpha(x)(p_t^0(x) + p_t^1(x)) \left( \int_x^\infty h(y-x)f(y)dy - f(x) \right) dx,$$

where  $h$  is a distribution whose moments are given by

$$\mathcal{E}^i[h] = i! \left(\frac{\lambda}{\beta}\right)^i$$

The two others sum are shown to be arbitrary small.  $\square$

# summary

- The same is working in a discrete formalism
- Powerful tools to perform adiabatic reduction in Hybrid systems
- The "full-model" can now be analysed according its different limit behaviour.
- Other scaling are to be investigated

# summary

- Caractériser les oscillations dans le modèle de Bursting 2D (Vellela, Qian...)
- Modèle spatiale et/ou à retard (M. Chaplain, S.Bernard...)
- Variabilité à l'échelle d'une population de cellules (S. Méléard, N. Champagnat, V. Bansaye...)
- Modèles "darwinistes" de différentiation (JJ Kupiec, Kaern, Paulsson, Doumic, Perthame, Huang, Kauffman...)

Thank you for your attention!