



# Brief Introduction of myself: Kuni Kaneko

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Research History:

Nonlinear Nonequilibrium (Stochastic Process)

→ Chaos

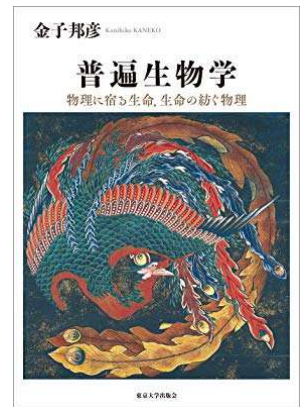
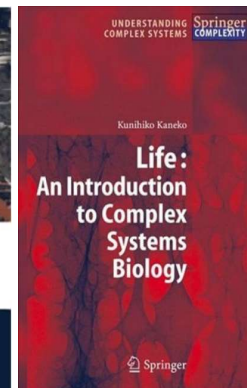
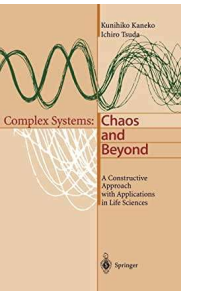
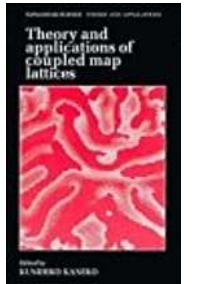
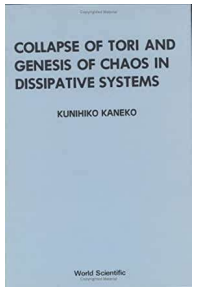
→ Spatiotemporal Chaos (Coupled Map Lattice)

→ Complex Systems; High-dimensional

chaos (Globally Coupled Map)

→ Complex-systems Biology;

**Universal Biology**



# Universal Biology

Life system as a universality class in nature



Phenomenological theory ( a la thermodynamics)

→ general characteristics, universal laws

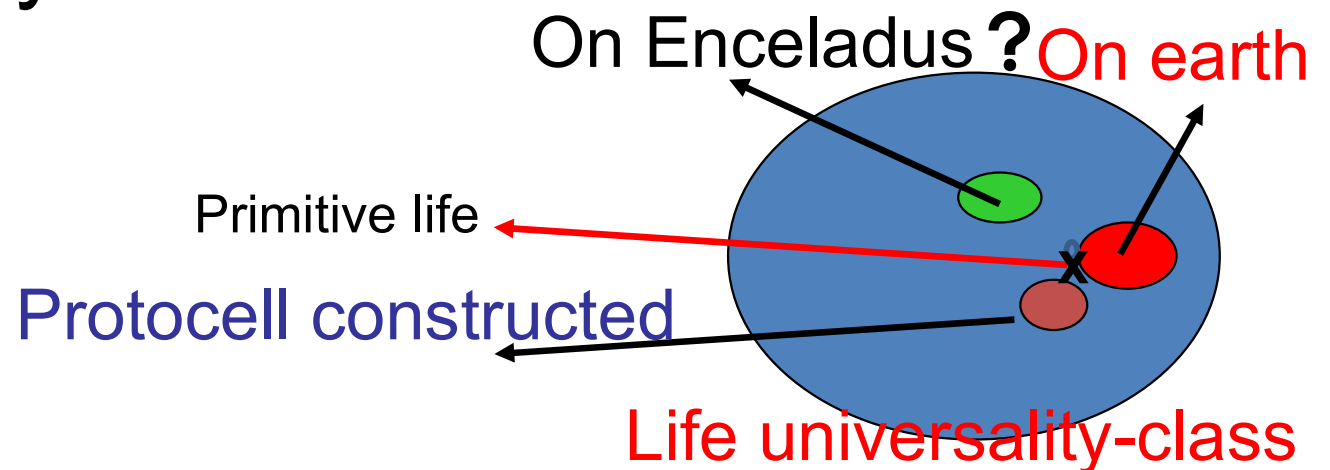
\* Biology not restricted to those that happen to be evolved on earth

(coined originally by SF writer

小松左京

(Komatsu Sakyo)

at 1968



# Universal Biology – proposed? 1968 by Sakyo Komatsu (SF novelist)

- *Universal biology – science to explore universal patterns and possible variations of living organisms in this cosmos. It started to expand the end of last century (\* i.e. 20c). Since then, characterization of life in terms of topological geometry (\* dynamical systems?) has developed, and now, grand theory comparable to relativity is anticipated... ---*

Universal Biology Institute (in real world)  
at Univ of Illinois and at Univ Tokyo

- **Grand Challenge:**

Cell --- very high-dimensional dynamical systems ( ~5000 proteins for bacteria etc.)

*(\*why so diverse has to be addressed also)*

- Can we **understand** it?

Recall **thermodynamics**

- (1) Restriction to equilibrium states (and transition between them)
- (2) Microscopically; a huge number of molecules
- (3) Macroscopically represented by few degrees of freedom – stability of eqb. system

- Thermodynamics was established before the existence of molecules was not established

0) Restrict to Equilibrium States + Transition among them  $\rightarrow$  Description by few variables (Pressure, Temperature,)

1) Irreversibility  $\rightarrow$  Ordering  $\rightarrow$  Entropy  $S \leftarrow \rightarrow$

2) Stability  $\rightarrow$  Thermodynamic potential  $F$

3) Energy (conserved)  $\neq$  Free Energy  $F = E - TS$

4) Equation of States

5) Le Chatelier principle ( $<$  — stability, timescale)

6) Fluctuation-response Einstein

7) Ideal Model (Carnot cycle, Ideal gas,,)

- **Universal Biology vs Thermodynamics**  
(not the application of the latter)

0) Instead Restrict to steady-growth → each molecule replicated with the same rate

1) **Robustness** Waddington's landscape



← Stability: **Thermodynamic potential**

0,1) Description by few degrees of freedom?

2) Irreversibility : ES->Committed->..->Death

→ characterization to quantify ordering?

3) Activity instead of Free energy?

Growth:  $\mu = \text{Nutrient flow} - \text{loss}$

4) Equation of states?: transitions among exponential, stationary dormant phases

5) Le Chatelier's principle? (  $\leftarrow$  consequence of stability, evoked (fast) change is compensated by (slower) response  $\leftrightarrow$  (adaption, evolution)

6) Fluctuation-Response relationship ( plasticity (changeability) proportional to fluctuations)

7) Ideal Cell Model (a la Ideal gas)?

---- Difficulty / Difference Thd & UB----

- Many "kinds" instead of a large numbers?
- Micro-macro well separated? But consistency
- Inherently Dynamic? – oscillation,,,

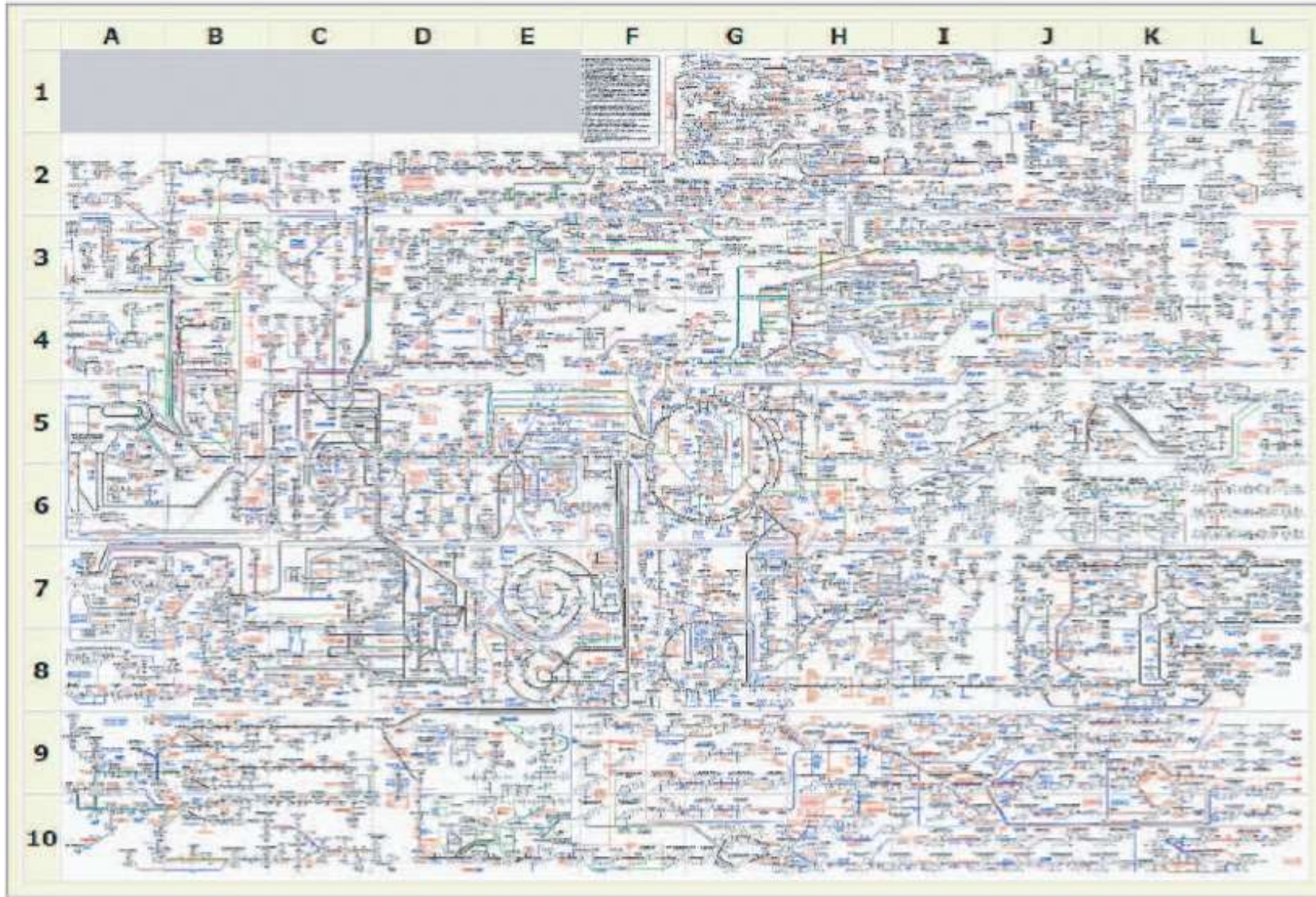


- Bio-universality
- Life ~ A system that consists of diverse components and that can continue to reproduce itself
- Diverse, but sustainable and reproducible

Not so easy

→ Macroscopic robustness (homeostasis)

# Complex Network + Fluctuation: how robust?

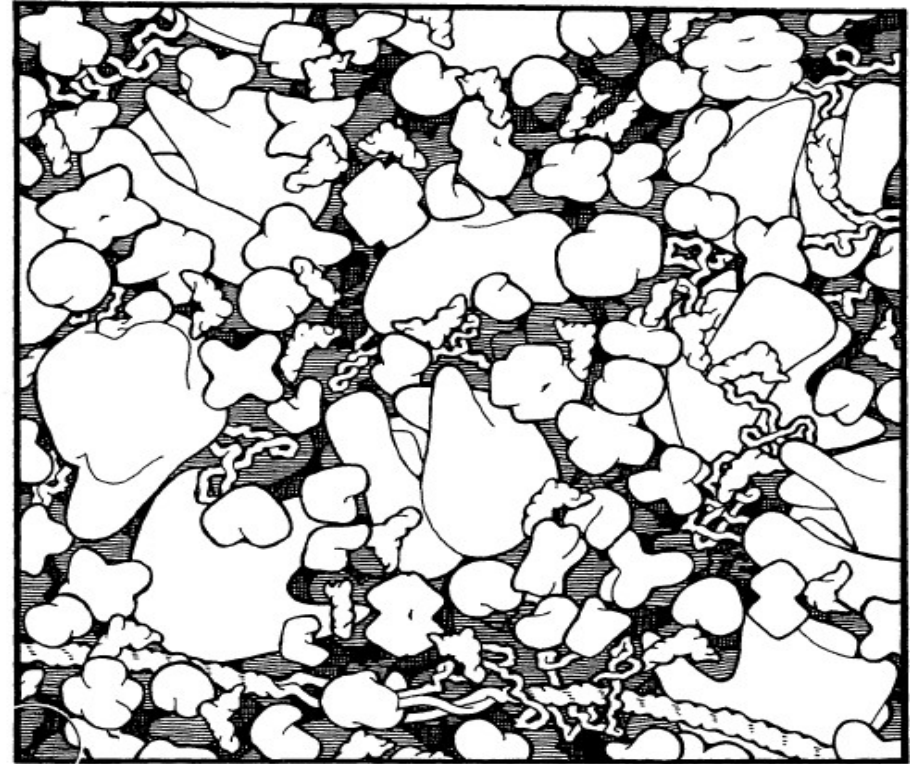


Metabolic Network of bacteria E coli (part)  
Roche Tech page

Machine — — — reduce interference among parts

Life(cell): Crowded, each part strongly interacts

cell →



Multicellular organism

Ecosystem

Society

リボソーム タンパク質 mRNA tRNA DNA

Goodsell



# (My) standpoint in Universal Biology

Life System consists of diverse components, maintains itself and can continue to produce itself

**Guiding Principle-- Macro-Micro Consistency:**

micro – **diverse** components (high-dimensional)  
*Thousands of chemical species*

macro – unit to sustain/ reproduce as a whole  
(*low-dimensional description?*)

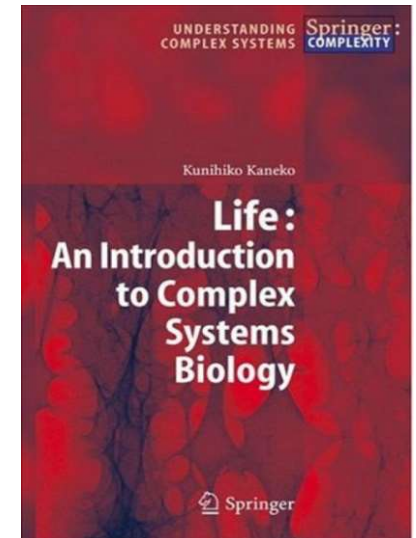
molecule – cell, cell-tissue etc.

Steady (growth) state

Constraint from  
macro to micro

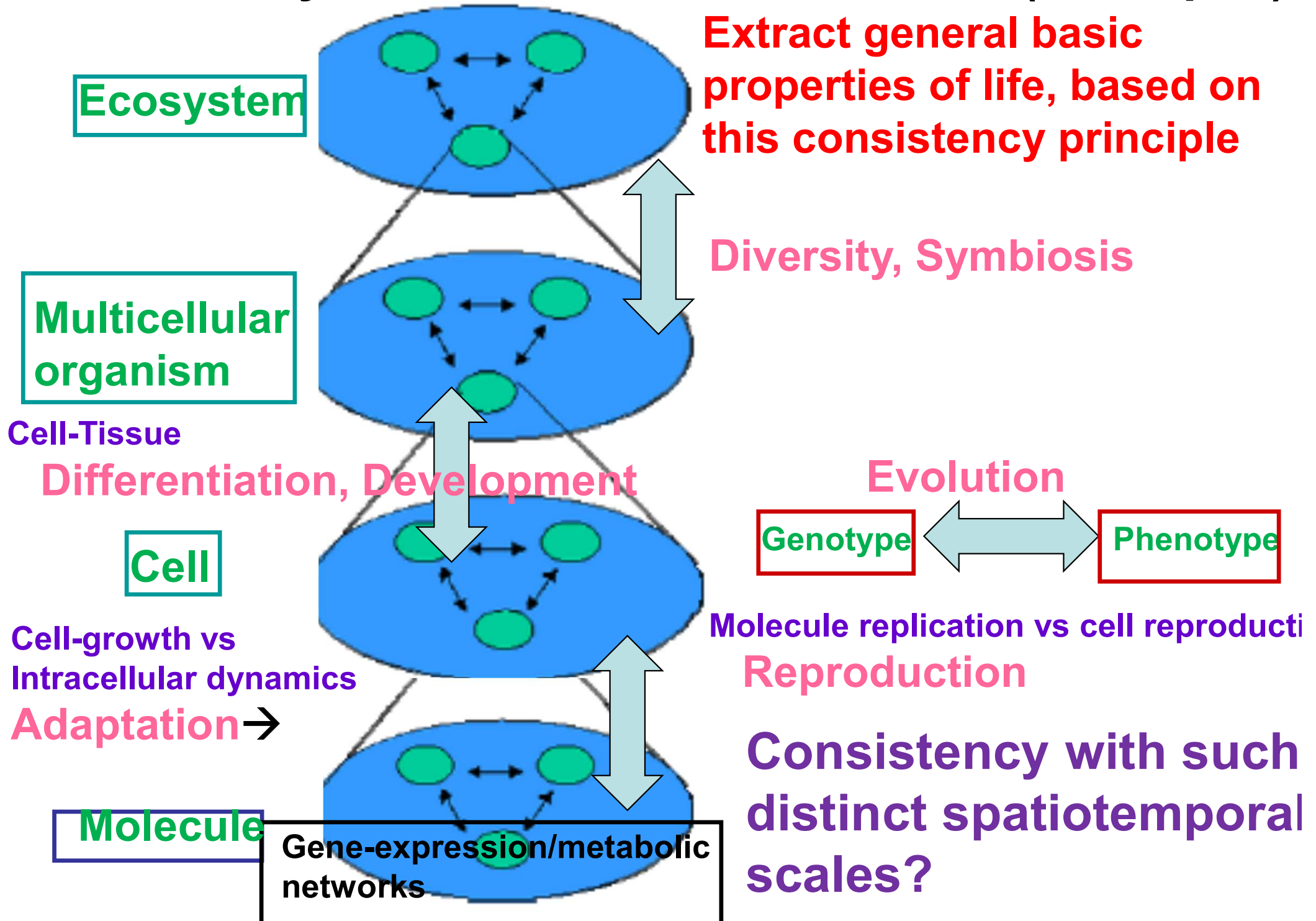
Universal statistical law

Micro-macro  
relationship



Complex-systems  
Biology

# Consistency between hierarchical levels (+collapse)



- Consequence of a Reproducing System with **diverse** components

(1) Micro-macro Hierarchy:

micro – many components (high-dimensional)

macro – unit for reproduction as a whole

(possibly described by few degrees of freedom)

(2) → Universal features?

reproduction, adaptation, diversification

(differentiation), memory, evolution

→ General law

(3) Macro-micro consistency--dynamic robustness

---Guiding principle

# Consistency between dynamics of different levels

## (1) Cell reproduction vs molecule replication →

universal statistical laws in gene expression

(Furusawa et al, PRL 2003,2012, Biophysics 2006, KK et al, PRX2015)

(2) Adaptation → universal adaptation laws (Kashiwagi et al Plos One2005; Furusawa, KK Phys RevE2018)

## (3) Differentiation: Cell vs multicellularity →

Oscillatory dynamics ⇒ pluripotency + cell-cell interaction → differentiation, loss of pluripotency

(KK&Yomo 1997, Furusawa&KK,1998,Science 2012)

## (4) Genetic vs phenotypic changes →

Isogenic Phenotypic Variance by noise  $\propto$  variance by genetic change  $V_g \propto$  Evolution Speed (plasticity)

Robustness to noise  $\sim$  to robustness to genetic change, (PNAS03, PLoSOne07, Furusawa, KK, Interface2015, PRE 2018)

# Consistency between different levels

(0) Different levels that mutually influence

(i) scale (time, space)

(ii) mechanism (physical, chemical,...)

(1) How are consistency formed ( dynamics, evolution)

## Consequence of Consistency Principle

\* Separation of scales for robustness

→ Separation between control (slow) vs

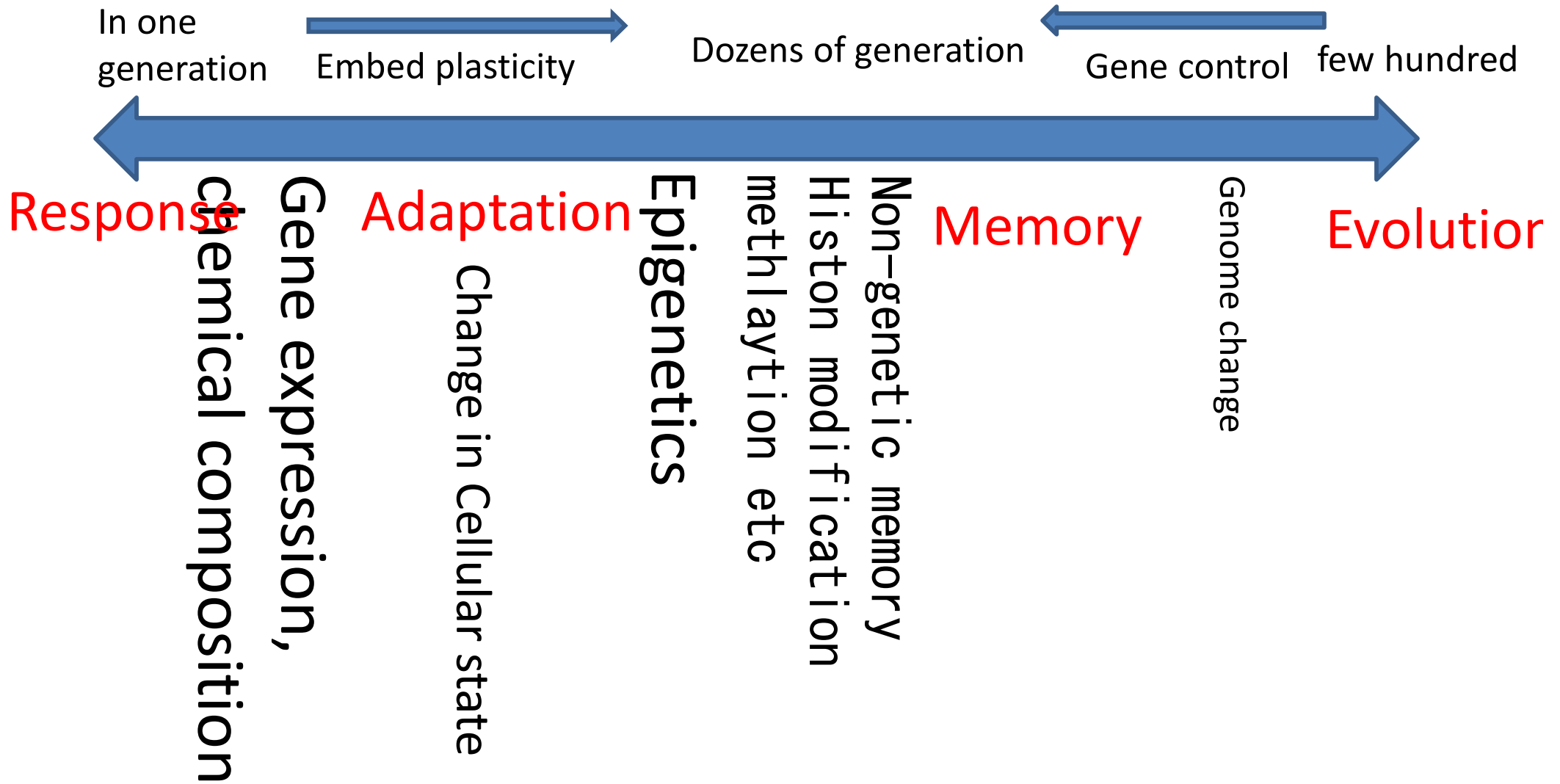
controlled (fast) : geno vs pheno (epigeno)

\* Universal Statistical law for diverse microscopic elements (average, fluctuation) → law in reproduction, adaptation, evolution

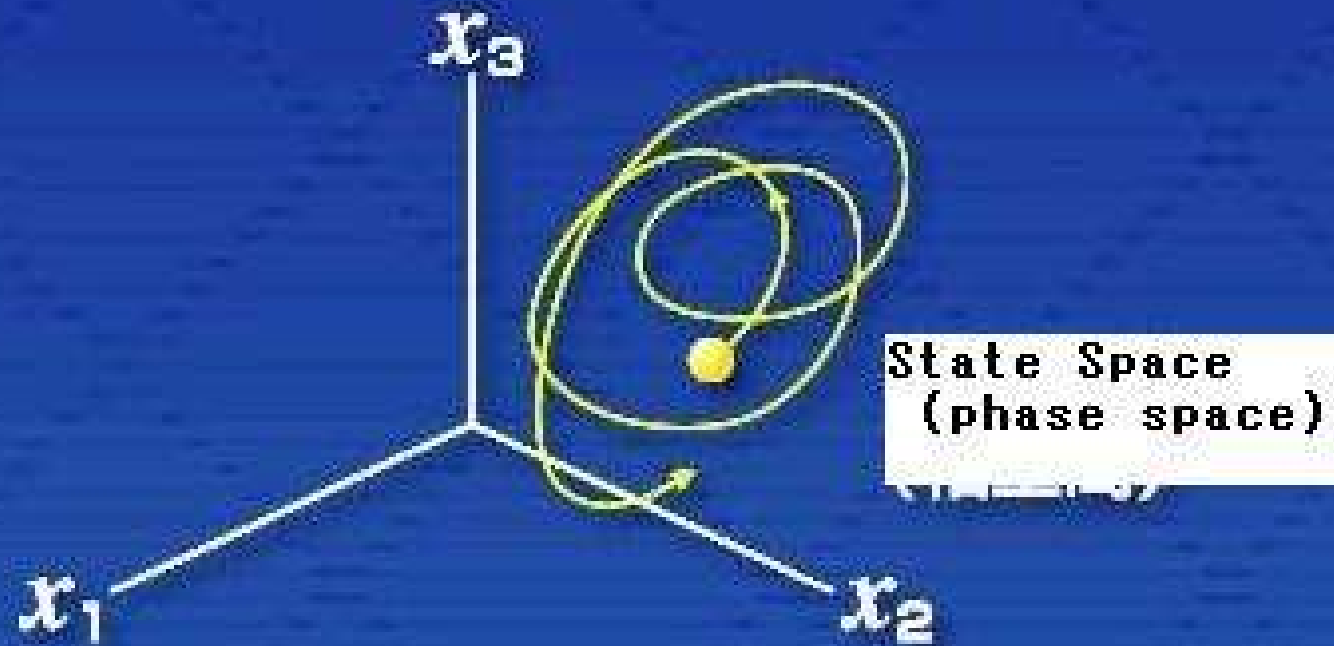
\* Discrete types for robust macroscopic states



# Consistency among different Timescales



# Dynamical Systems



State

$$\longrightarrow \{x_k(t)\}$$

e.g., chemical concentration

dynamics

$$\longrightarrow \frac{dx_k}{dt} = f_k(\{x_j(t)\})$$

- Dynamical System

state – point in k-dimensional space

$x(1), x(2), \dots, x(k)$  -- temporal change

Temporal evolution

determined by  $\{x(1), x(2), \dots, x(k)\}$

$$dx(i)/dt = f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

vector  $f_i$  on the state space determines the dynamics

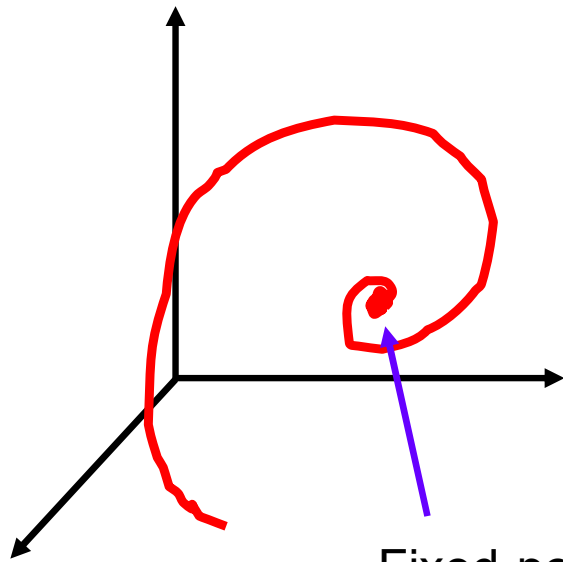
With  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\{x_i\}$  reaches a certain region  
(nonwandering from it)

Attractor: The set of states that approach and stay for  $t \rightarrow \infty$

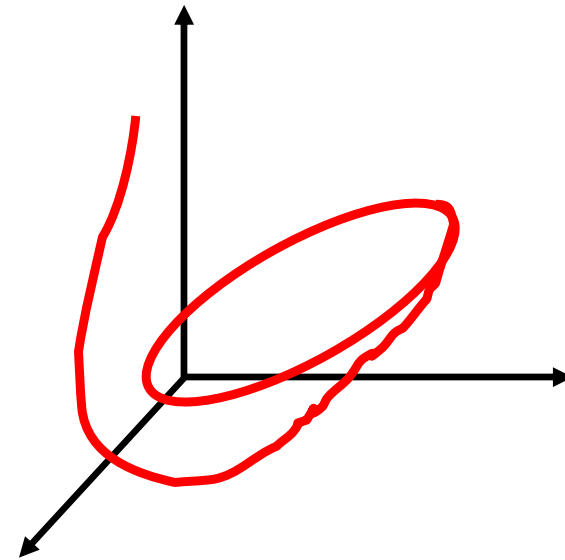
# attractor

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After transients, the state reaches an attractor



Fixed-point attractor



Limit cycle attractor  
(oscillating state)

# Fixed Point Nullcline

$$dx_i/dt = f_i(\{x_j\})$$

$$dx_i/dt = 0$$

*Nullcline*, set of points in which  $dx_i/dt = 0$  for given direction  $i$

$$f_i(\{x_j\}) = 0$$

Fixed Point  $x_i^* = \text{const.} \rightarrow dx_i/dt = 0$

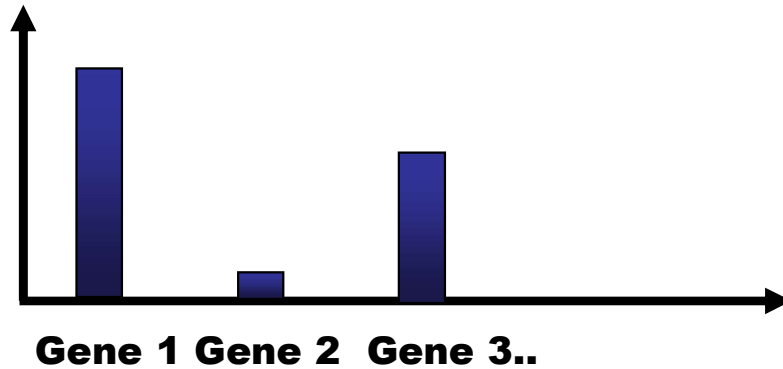
$$f_i(\{x_j^*\}) = 0$$

Intersection of nullclines

# State representation of cells

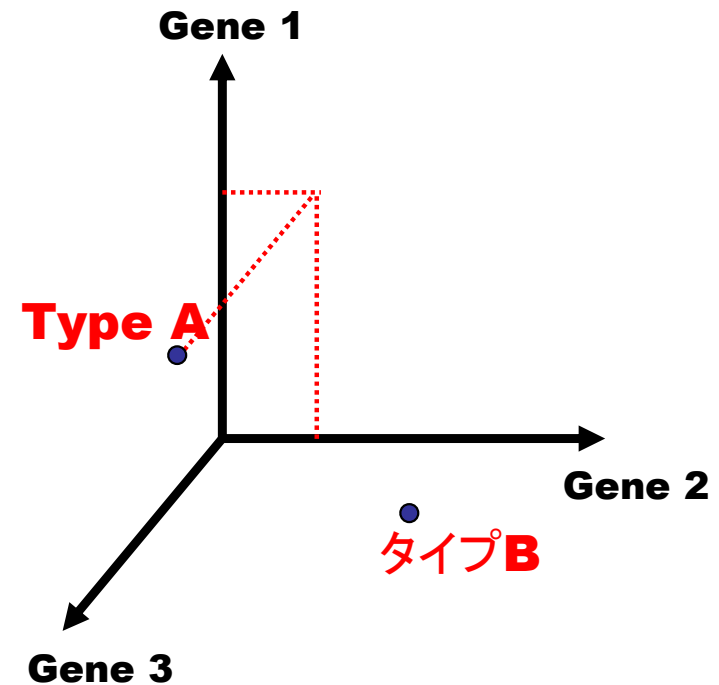
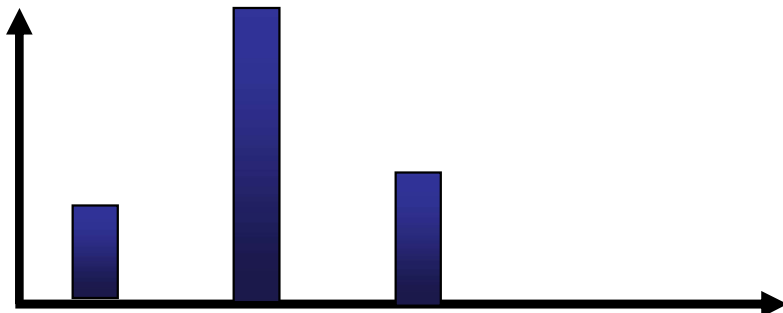
## Cell-type A

Gene expression level



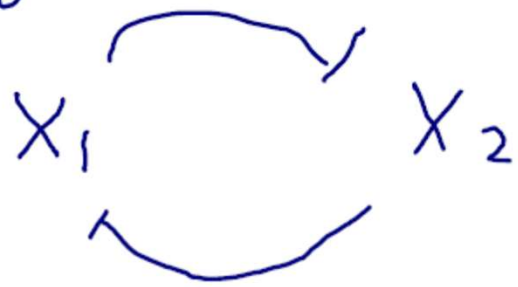
## Cell-type B

Gene expression level



Instead of mRNA,  
proteins, metabolites, ...

Toggle Switch



mutually suppress  
the expression

$$\frac{dm_1}{dt} = \gamma \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 + P_2^2} - m_1 \right), \quad \frac{dP_1}{dt} = m_1 - P_1$$

$$\frac{dm_2}{dt} = \gamma \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 + P_1^2} - m_2 \right), \quad \frac{dP_2}{dt} = m_2 - P_2$$

mRNA ( $m_i$ ) ... faster timescale ( $\gamma \gg 1$ )

adiabatic elimination  $\rightarrow \frac{dm_1}{dt} \approx 0, \frac{dm_2}{dt} \approx 0$

$$\frac{dP_1}{dt} = \frac{\alpha}{1+P_2^2} - P_1, \quad \frac{dP_2}{dt} = \frac{\alpha}{1+P_1^2} - P_2$$
$$\equiv f_1(P_1, P_2) \qquad \qquad \qquad \equiv f_2(P_1, P_2)$$

nullcline

$$f_1 = 0$$

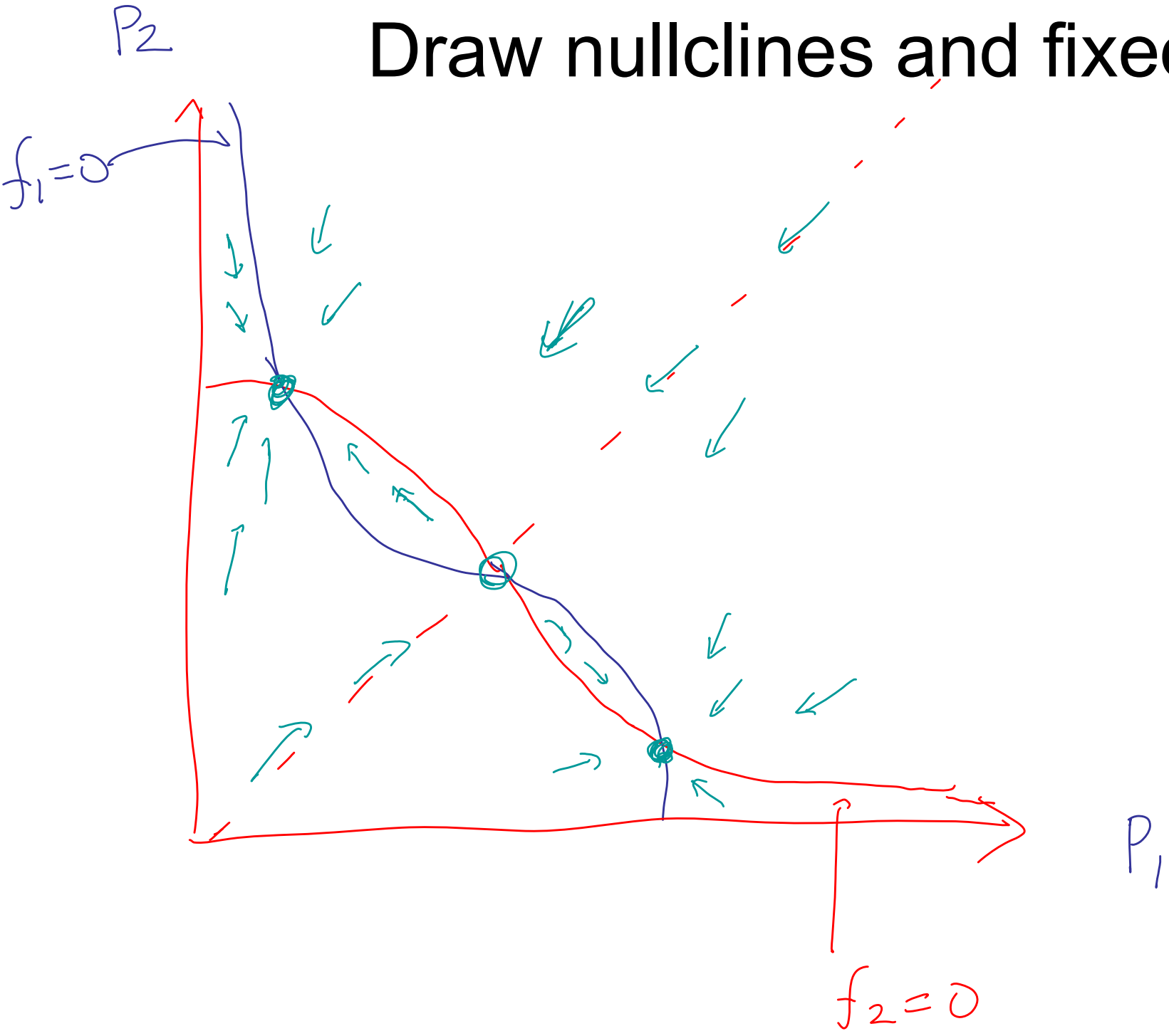
$$P_1 = \frac{\alpha}{1+P_2^2}$$

$$f_2 = 0$$

$$P_2 = \frac{\alpha}{1+P_1^2}$$

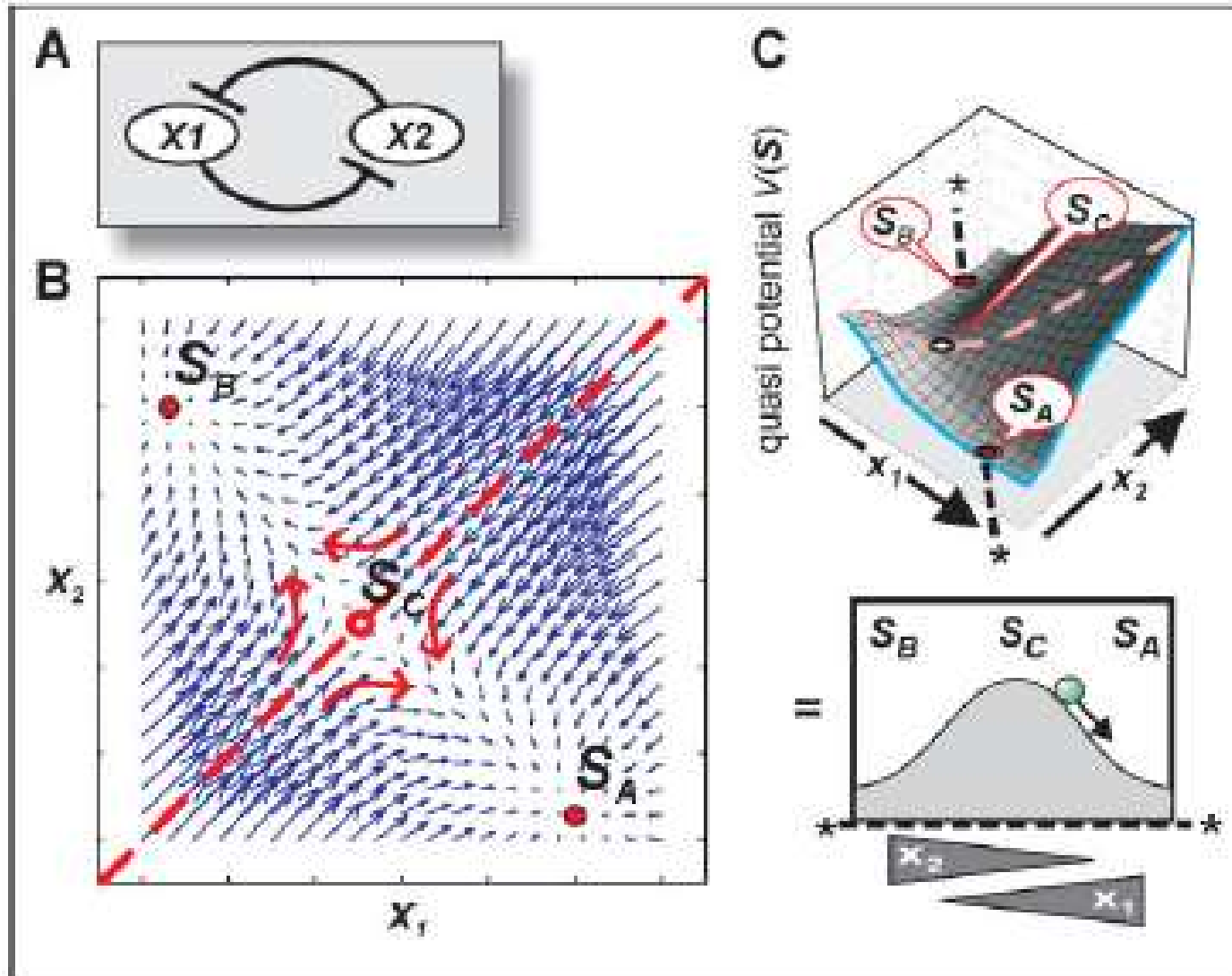


# Draw nullclines and fixed points



● 固定点  
○  
Fixed point

# Nullcline and fixed points



Sui Huang  
Bioessay  
2008

- Linear stability analysis

$$dx_i/dt = f_i(\{x_j\})$$

$$(i=1, 2, \dots, k)$$

$$x_i^* = \text{const.} \rightarrow dx_i/dt = 0$$

$$f_i(\{x_j^*\}) = 0$$

$$x_i = x_i^* + \delta x_i \quad \text{up to the order of } \delta x$$

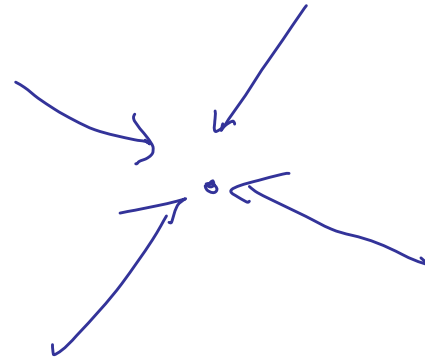
$$\text{Jacobi matrix } J = [J_{ij}]$$

$$\delta \dot{x}_i = \sum_j J_{ij} \delta x_j$$

$$J_{ij} \text{ eigenvalues } \lambda_i \quad i=1, \dots, k \rightarrow e^{\lambda_i t}$$

$$\text{Re } \lambda_i < 0 \quad \text{for } \forall i \rightarrow \text{stable}$$

$$\text{Im } \lambda_i = 0$$

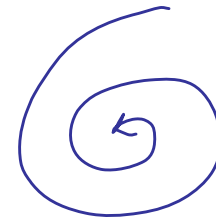


sink

$$\text{Im } \lambda_i \neq 0$$

$$\lambda_i = \alpha \pm i\omega$$

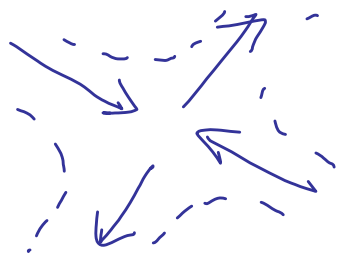
$$e^{\alpha t} e^{\pm i\omega t}$$



焦点  
focus



$$\text{Re } \lambda_i > 0, \text{Im } \lambda_i = 0$$



saddle  
鞍点



$$\text{Im } \lambda_i \neq 0$$
$$\text{Re } \lambda_i > 0$$



## method

1 Macro phenomenology: representation by few degrees

2 Micro high-dimensional : statistics

3 Macro-micro-consistency

(cf fluctuation-response, ala Einstein, Kubo,..)

4 Time-scale consistency

(eg., enzyme abundances regulate timescale)

(homeostasis, memory)

5 breakdown of consistency?

## Constructive (vs synthetic) biology

→ face with hierarchy, many degrees of freedom

learn from deviation from designed behavior