

Supplemental Materials:

Derivation for the direct average formula

Let us consider the Equation (12)

$$Z_{n+1} = \bar{Z}_{n+1} + (I - hf'(\bar{Z}_{n+1}))^{-1} h(f(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) - f(Z_n))$$

h is the time step and is picked to be very small. f is the regular rate law and hence has the polynomial form. The system that we work on has low numbers in particles for most species. Therefore, $0 < hf' \ll 1$. Applying power expansion, we have:

$$(I - hf'(\bar{Z}_{n+1}))^{-1} \approx I + hf'(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) + h^2[f'(\bar{Z}_{n+1})]^2$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} (I - hf'(\bar{Z}_{n+1}))^{-1} h(f(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) - f(Z_n)) &\simeq \{I + hf'(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) + h^2[f'(\bar{Z}_{n+1})]^2\} h(f(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\ &\simeq hf(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) - hf(Z_n) + h^2 f'(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) f(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) - h^2 f'(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) f(Z_n) \end{aligned}$$

Also using Taylor's expansion we have:

$$\begin{aligned} f^j(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) &\simeq f^j(E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) + Df^j(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} (\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + 1/2(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T Hf^j(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} (\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\ Df^j(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) &\simeq D(f^{j_1})^{j_2}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + DD(f^{j_1})^{j_2}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} (\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + 1/2(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T HD(f^{j_1})^{j_2}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} (\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\ f^{j_1}(\bar{Z}_{n+1})D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) &\simeq f^{j_1}(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + \\ &\quad + [(D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Df^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + f^{j_1}(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z))] \\ &\quad + 1/2(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T \nabla[(D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Df^{j_1}(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} \\ &\quad + f^{j_1}(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z))]|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} (\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\ &\simeq f^{j_1}(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + \\ &\quad + [(D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Df^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + f^{j_1}(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z))] \\ &\quad + 1/2(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T \{(DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Df^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z) \\ &\quad + Df^{j_1}(Z)DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z))|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + f^{j_1}(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})HD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)\} \\ f^j(Z_n) &\simeq f^j(EZ_n) + Df^j(Z)|_{EZ_n} (Z_n - EZ_n) + 1/2(Z_n - EZ_n)^T Hf^j(Z)|_{EZ_n} (Z_n - EZ_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f^{j_1}(Z_n)D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) &= (f^{j_1}(EZ_n) + Df^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(Z_n - EZ_n)) \\
&\quad + 1/2(Z_n - EZ_n)^T Hf^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(Z_n - EZ_n)) \\
&\quad + (D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_n \\
&\quad + 1/2(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T HD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1} \\
&\simeq f^{j_1}(EZ_n)D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} \\
&\quad + [f^{j_1}(EZ_n)DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}](\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\
&\quad + [D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}Df^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}](Z_n - EZ_n) \\
&\quad + 1/2f^{j_1}(EZ_n)(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T HD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\
&\quad + (\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T Df^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(Z_n - EZ_n) \\
&\quad + 1/2(Z_n - EZ_n)^T Hf^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(Z_n - EZ_n)
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the expected operator to both sides of the equation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
EZ_{n+1}^j &= E\bar{Z}_{n+1}^j + E(I - hf'(\bar{Z}_{n+1}))^{-1}h(f(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) - f(Z_n))^j \\
&= E\bar{Z}_{n+1}^j + E[hf(Z_n) - hf(Z_n)) + h^2f'(Z_n)|_{\bar{Z}_{n+1}}f(\bar{Z}_{n+1}) - h^2f'(Z_n)|_{\bar{Z}_{n+1}}f(Z_n)] \\
&= E\bar{Z}_{n+1}^j + h\{f^j(E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) + 1/2E[(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T Hf^j(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\
&\quad - f^j(EZ_n) - 1/2(Z_n - EZ_n)^T Hf^j(Z)|_{EZ_n}(Z_n - EZ_n)]\} + \\
&\quad + h^2\{f^j(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(\bar{Z}_{n+1})|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + \\
&\quad + 1/2E\{(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T\{(DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Df^j(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Hf^j(Z) \\
&\quad + Df^j(Z)DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} + f^j(E\bar{Z}_{n+1})HD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}\}(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1}) \\
&\quad - h^2\{f^{j_1}(EZ_n)D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}} \\
&\quad + 1/2E\{f^{j_1}(EZ_n)(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T HD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})\} \\
&\quad + E\{(\bar{Z}_{n+1} - E\bar{Z}_{n+1})^T Df^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}DD(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(Z_n - EZ_n)\} \\
&\quad + 1/2\{(Z_n - EZ_n)^T Hf^{j_1}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}D(f^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{E\bar{Z}_{n+1}}(Z_n - EZ_n)\}\}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can apply the same method to Equation (13):

$$\begin{aligned}
g^{j_1}(Z_n)D(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z_n) &\simeq g^{j_1}((EZ_n)D(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{EZ_n} + \\
&\quad + [(D(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Df^{j_1}(Z)|_{EZ_n} + g^{j_1}(EZ_n)DD(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z))(Z_n - EZ_n) + \\
&\quad + 1/2(Z_n - EZ_n)^T \nabla[(D(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Dg^{j_1}(Z)|_{EZ_n} + \\
&\quad + g^{j_1}(EZ_n)DD(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{EZ_n})(Z_n - EZ_n)] \\
&\simeq g^{j_1}(EZ_n)D(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{EZ_n} + \\
&\quad + [(D(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Dg^{j_1}(Z)|_{EZ_n} + g^{j_1}(EZ_n)DD(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z))(Z_n - EZ_n) + \\
&\quad + 1/2(Z_n - EZ_n)^T \{(DD(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Dg^{j_1}(Z)|_{EZ_n} + D(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)Hg^{j_1}(Z)|_{EZ_n} \\
&\quad + Dg^{j_1}(Z)DD(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{EZ_n} + g^{j_1}(EZ_n)HD(g^{j_2})^{j_3}(Z)|_{EZ_n}\}(Z_n - EZ_n)
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the expected operator to both sides of the equation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
E\bar{Z}_{n+1}^j &= EZ_n^j + hf^j(Z_n) + E \sum_{j_2=1}^m \sum_{j_1=1}^m g^{j_1} D(g^{j_2})^j(Z_n) EI_{(j_1, j_2)} \\
&= EZ_n^j + hf^j(Z_n) + g^{j_1}(EZ_n) D(g^{j_2})^j(Z) |_{EZ_n} \\
&\quad + 1/2 E \{ (Z_n - EZ_n)^T \{ DD(g^{j_2})^j(Z) Dg^{j_1}(Z)^T |_{EZ_n} + D(g^{j_2})^j(Z) Hg^{j_1}(Z) \} \\
&\quad + Dg^{j_1}(Z) DD(g^{j_2})^j(Z) \} |_{EZ_n} \\
&\quad + g^{j_1}(EZ_n) HD(g^{j_2})^j(Z) |_{EZ_n} \} (Z_n - EZ_n) \} E \left(\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^{s_2} dW^{j_1}(s_1) dW^{j_2}(s_2) \right)^j
\end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

We can also evaluate the last term from the above equation

$$E \left(\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^{s_2} dW^{j_1}(s_1) dW^{j_2}(s_2) \right) = \begin{cases} -h & , \text{ if } j_1 \neq j_2 \\ 0 & , \text{ if } j_1 = j_2 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Reaction kinetics:

Table S1. Reactions and kinetic parameters.

	Reactions	Kinetic Parameters	Reaction Type
1	$X_4 + 4i \rightarrow X_4i_4$	8.016×10^7 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$)	1st order on i , 1st order on X_4
2	$X_4 + 4c \rightarrow X_4c_4$	1.377×10^8 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$)	1st order on C , 1st order on X_4
3	$B + X_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} BX_4$	F: 10^6 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$) R: 10^{-1} (s^{-1})	(parameters base on the lacI)
4	$B + X_4i_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} BX_4i_4$	F: 10^8 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$) R: 10^{-3} (s^{-1})	
5	$B + X_4c_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} BX_4c_4$	F: 10^9 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$) R: 10^{-2} (s^{-1})	
6	$\xrightarrow{Pq-Induced} Q_{pre} \text{ (Induced : } B)$	0.1 (s^{-1})	1st order on B
7	$\xrightarrow{Pq-Induced} Q_{pre} \text{ (Uninduced : } BX_4c_4)$	0.1 (s^{-1})	1st order on BX_4c_4
8	$\xrightarrow{Pq-Uninduced} Q_{pre} \text{ (Uninduced : } BX_4)$	0.000723 (s^{-1})	1st order on BX_4
9	$\xrightarrow{Pq-Uninduced} Q_{pre} \text{ (Uninduced : } BX_4i_4)$	0.000723 (s^{-1})	1st order on BX_4i_4
10	$\xrightarrow{Px-Induced} Q_a \text{ (Induced : } B)$	0.00121 (s^{-1})	1st order on B
11	$\xrightarrow{Px-Uninduced} Q_a \text{ (Uninduced : } BX_4c_4)$	0.00121 (s^{-1})	1st order on BX_4c_4
12	$\xrightarrow{Px-Uninduced} Q_a \text{ (Uninduced : } BX_4)$	0.00823 (s^{-1})	1st order on BX_4
13	$\xrightarrow{Px-Uninduced} Q_a \text{ (Uninduced : } BX_4i_4)$	0.00823 (s^{-1})	1st order on BX_4i_4
14	$Q_{pre} \longrightarrow Q_L^*$	1 (s^{-1})	(the time for transcript the length from Px to pass IRS1, roughly 1s)
15	$Q_{pre} + Q_a \longrightarrow Q_s$	4.43×10^9 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$)	From previous $K_q = 4.43(nM^{-1})$; $4.43 \times (6 \times 10^8)/0.6$, the latter is one reaction per second PS. $1nM \approx 0.6$ particle per cell for cell volume
16	$\xrightarrow{Q_s+Q_L} I_{ex}$	$0.5(s^{-1}) \times \text{delta}$	delta is volume conversion factor, $\times 10^{-3}$ for 10^9 cells/ml
17	$I_{ex} \xrightarrow{\text{uptake}} i$	0.001 (s^{-1})	
18	$C_{ex} \xrightarrow{\text{uptake}} c$	0.001 (s^{-1})	
19	$\xrightarrow{Px-Induced} prgX \text{ (Induced : } B)$	0.000121 (s^{-1})	1st order on B

20	$\xrightarrow{P_X-Induced} prgX$ (Uninduced : BX_4c_4)	0.000121 (s ⁻¹)	1st order on BX_4c_4
21	$\xrightarrow{P_X-Uninduced} prgX$ (Uninduced : BX_4)	0.001021 (s ⁻¹)	1st order on BX_4
22	$\xrightarrow{P_X-Induced} prgX$ (Uninduced : BX_4i_4)	0.001021 (s ⁻¹)	1st order on BX_4i_4
23	$\xrightarrow{prgX} X_2$	0.005 (s ⁻¹)	
24	$2X_2 \rightleftharpoons X_4$	F: 1×10^5 (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹) R: 0.01 (s ⁻¹)	

Table S2. Degradation rates for different species.

Species	Degradation Rate (1/s)
X_4	1×10^{-5}
X_4i_4	1×10^{-5}
i	1×10^{-5}
X_4c_4	1×10^{-5}
c	1×10^{-5}
B	-
BX_4	-
BX_4i_4	-
BX_4c_4	-
Q_{pre}	-
Q_a	1×10^{-3}
Q_L	1×10^{-4}
Q_s	2×10^{-3}
I_{ex}	1×10^{-5}
C_{ex}	1×10^{-5}
$prgX$	2×10^{-4}
X_2	1×10^{-5}