



# **Evolution gesehen durch die Brillen der Physiker und der Biologen**

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Prolog aus dem 17. und 18. Jahrhundert

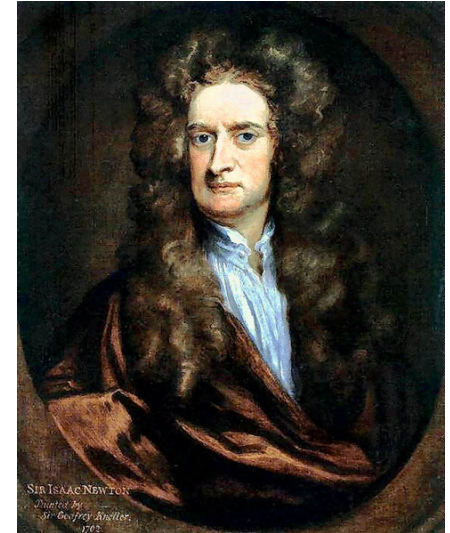




Gottfried Wilhem Leibniz,  
1646 - 1716



Leonhard Euler,  
1710 - 1783



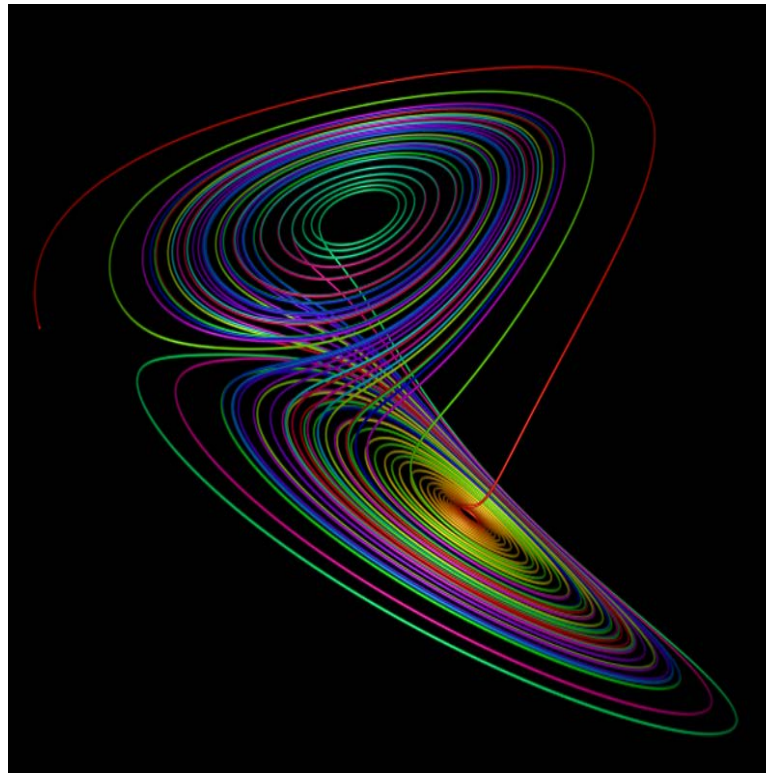
Isaac Newton,  
1643 - 1727

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Grenzübergang vom Diskreten zum Kontinuum



Jules Henri Poincaré,  
1854 – 1912



Edward N. Lorenz,  
1917 – 2008

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a(y - x); \frac{dy}{dt} = x(b - z) - y; \frac{dz}{dt} = xy - cz$$

Deterministisches Chaos

*„ ... Ich behaupte nur, dass in jeder besonderen Naturlehre nur so viel eigentliche Wissenschaft angetroffen werden könne, als darin Mathematik anzutreffen ist.“*



Immanuel Kant, 1724 - 1804

## Kant über Mathematik und Naturwissenschaft

Kant, I. 1786. *Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Naturwissenschaft*.  
Johann Friedrich Hartknoch, Riga.

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# *„Biologie“*

1797 Theodor Gustav August Roose

1802 Jean-Baptiste Lamarck

1802 Gottfried Reinhold Treviranus

*„Biologie oder Philosophie der lebenden Natur  
für Naturforscher und Aerzte“*

6 Bände, Röwer, Göttingen 1802-1822.

Ursprung des Begriffs „Biologie“

*„ ... es ist für Menschen ungereimt, ... zu hoffen, dass noch etwa dereinst ein Newton aufstehen könne, der auch nur die Erzeugung eines Grashalms nach Naturgesetzen, die keine Absicht geordnet hat, begreiflich machen werde ...“.*

Immanuel Kant, Kritik der Urteilskraft. 1790



Immanuel Kant, 1724 - 1804

Der Newton des Grashalms

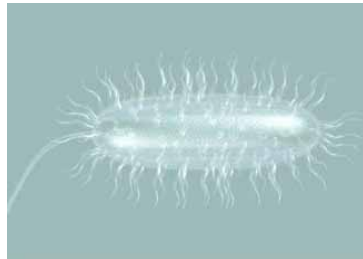




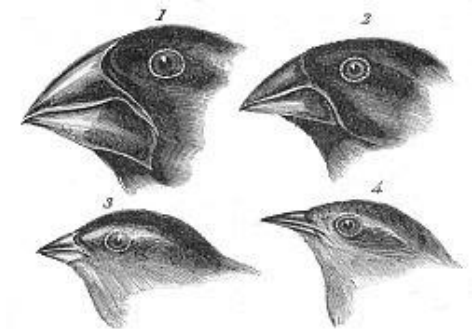
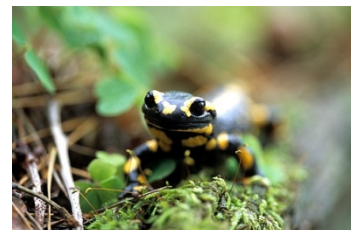
Charles Darwin, 1809 - 1882



Voyage on HMS Beagle, 1831 - 1836



## Phänotypen



1. *Geospiza magnirostris*
2. *Geospiza fortis*
3. *Geospiza parvula*
4. *Certhidea olivacea*

Finches from Galapagos Archipelago



# Nothing in Biology Makes Sense

## Except in the Light of Evolution

THEODOSIUS DOBZHANSKY

AS RECENTLY AS 1966, sheik Abd el Aziz bin Baz asked the king of Saudi Arabia to suppress a heresy that was spreading in his land. Wrote the sheik:

"The Holy Koran, the Prophet's teachings, the majority of Islamic scientists, and the actual facts all prove that the sun is running in its orbit . . . and that the earth is fixed and stable, spread out by God for his mankind. . . . Anyone who professed otherwise would utter a charge of falsehood toward God, the Koran, and the Prophet."

The good sheik evidently holds the Copernican theory to be a "mere theory," not a "fact." In this he is technically correct. A theory can be verified by a mass of facts, but it becomes a proven theory, not a fact. The sheik was perhaps unaware that the Space Age had begun before he asked the king to suppress the Copernican heresy. The sphericity of the earth had been seen by astronauts, and even by many earth-bound people on their television screens. Perhaps the sheik could retort that those who venture beyond the confines of God's earth suffer hallucinations, and that the earth is really flat.

Parts of the Copernican world model, such as the



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contention that the earth rotates around the sun, and not vice versa, have not been verified by direct observations even to the extent the sphericity of the earth has been. Yet scientists accept the model as an accurate representation of reality. Why? Because it makes sense of a multitude of facts which are otherwise meaningless or extravagant. To nonspecialists most of these facts are unfamiliar. Why then do we accept the "mere theory" that the earth is a sphere revolving around a spherical sun? Are we simply submitting to authority? Not quite: we know that those who took time to study the evidence found it convincing.

The good sheik is probably ignorant of the evidence. Even more likely, he is so hopelessly biased that no amount of evidence would impress him. Anyway, it would be sheer waste of time to attempt to convince him. The Koran and the Bible do not contradict Copernicus, nor does Copernicus contradict them. It is ludicrous to mistake the Bible and the Koran for primers of natural science. They treat of matters even more important: the meaning of man and his relations to God. They are written in poetic symbols that were understandable to people of the age when they were written, as well as to peoples of all other ages. The king of Arabia did not comply with the sheik's demand. He knew that some people fear enlightenment, because enlightenment threatens their vested interests. Education is not to be used to promote obscurantism.

The earth is not the geometric center of the universe, although it may be its spiritual center. It is a mere speck of dust in cosmic spaces. Contrary to Bishop Ussher's calculations, the world did not appear in approximately its present state in 4004 B.C. The estimates of the age of the universe given by modern cosmologists are still only rough approximations, which are revised (usually upward) as the methods of estimation are refined. Some cosmologists take the universe to be about 10 billion years old; others suppose that it may have existed, and will continue to exist, eternally. The origin of life on earth is dated tentatively between 3 and 5 billion years ago; manlike beings appeared relatively quite recently, between 2 and 4 million years ago. The estimates of the age of the earth, of the duration of the geologic and paleontologic eras, and of the antiquity of man's ancestors are now based mainly on radiometric evidence—the proportions of isotopes of certain chemical elements in rocks suitable for such studies.



Theodosius Dobzhansky,  
1900 – 1975

Theodosius Dobzhansky. 1973.  
The American Biology Teacher  
35:125-129.

Despite Ernst Haeckel's enthusiasms Darwin is no Newton of the grass blade. „ ... Darwin himself has systematically avoided dwelling upon the question how life has originated from inanimate materials. Natural selection begins with a living cell.“



Evelyn Fox Keller, 1936 –

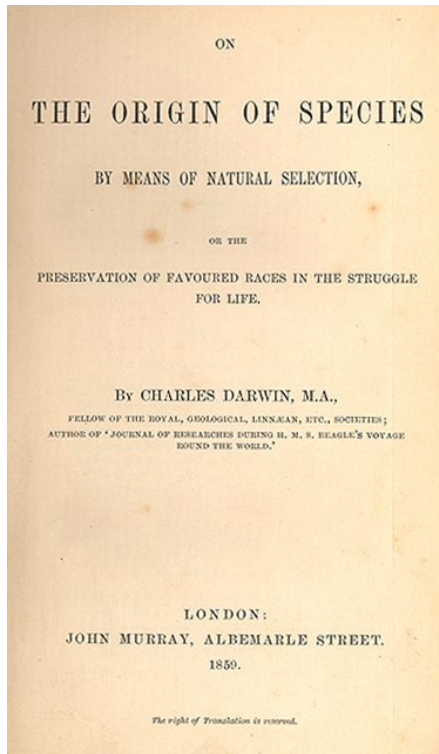
## Die Brücke zwischen Physik, Chemie und Biologie

E. Fox Keller. 2010. Is Darwin a Newton of the grass blade? Lecture at University of Vienna, Physics Dept. Nov. 05, 2010.

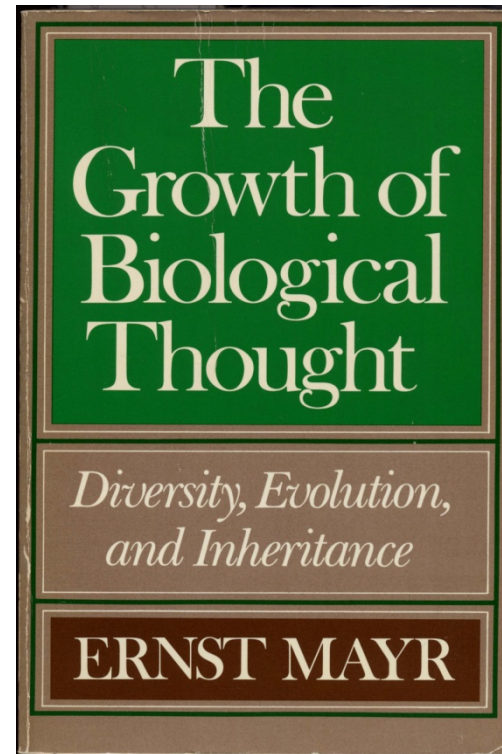
P. Schuster. 2011. Is there a Newton of the grass blade? The complex relation between mathematics, physics and biology. *Complexity* **16**(6):5-9.



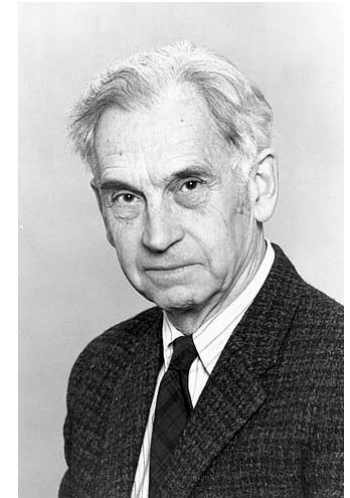
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1809 - 1882



Theorie der natürlichen Auslese  
1859

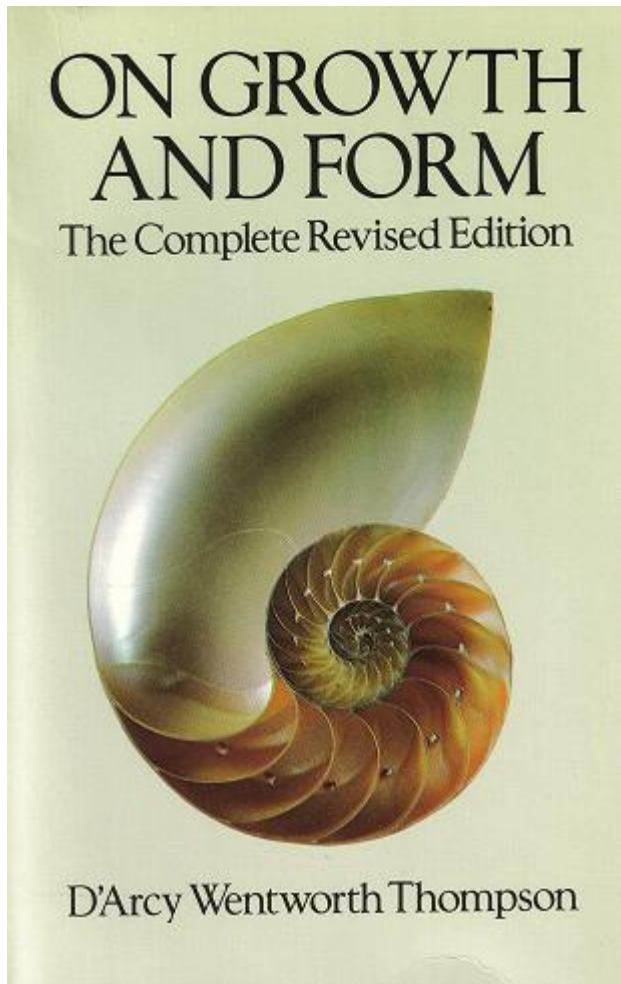


Synthetische Evolutionstheorie  
1982



Ernst Mayr,  
1904 - 2005

Grundlegende Werke über biologische Theorien enthalten nicht eine einzige Gleichung:  
Zwei Beispiele.

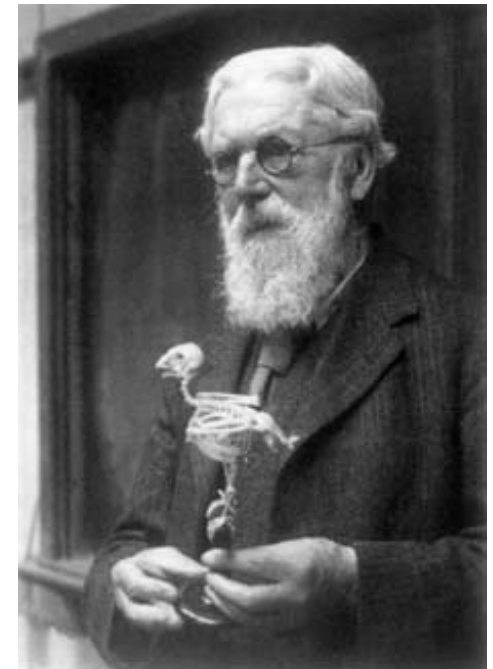


First edition: 1917,  
847 pages

Second edition: 1942,  
Cambridge Univ. Press,  
1116 pages

Dover edition: 1992,  
1116 pages

Further editions  
until 2014



D'Arcy Thompson,  
1860 – 1948

Der „Klassiker“ am Beginn der Theoretischen Biologie



Drei notwendige Bedingungen für Darwinsche Evolution sind:



1. **Vermehrung** (mit Vererbung),
2. **Variation**, und
3. **Selektion**.

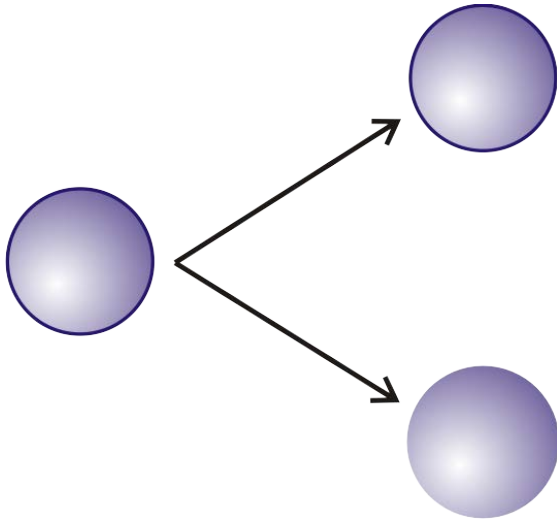
**Vermehrung** führt zu exponentiellem Wachstum und dieses stellt eine *conditio sine qua non* für Selektion dar.

**Variation** folgt als Begleiterscheinung des molekularen Mechanismus der Reproduktion und war Darwin unbekannt.

**Selektion** ist eine Konsequenz exponentiellen Wachstums bei endlichen Ressourcen.

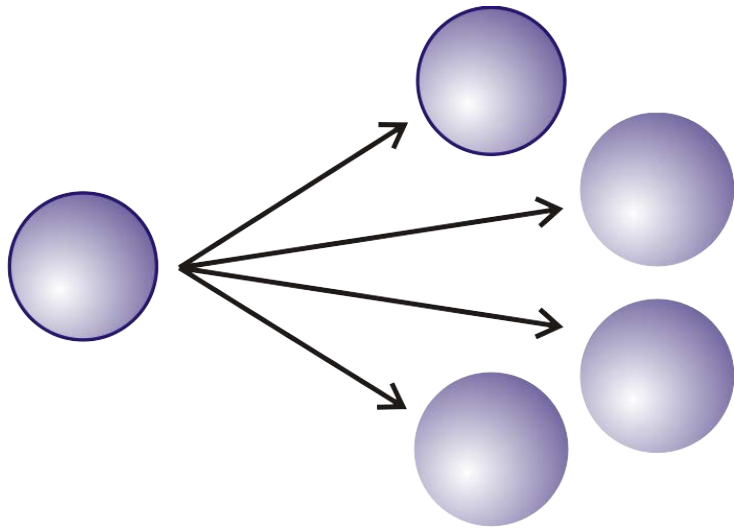
Da im Sinne der Optimierung von Fitness durch die Darwinsche Evolution nur Nachkommen gezählt werden, ist sie universell gültig, wenn die drei Bedingungen erfüllt sind.

# Vermehrung und Wachstum



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f x \quad \Rightarrow \quad x(t) = x(0) e^{f t}$$

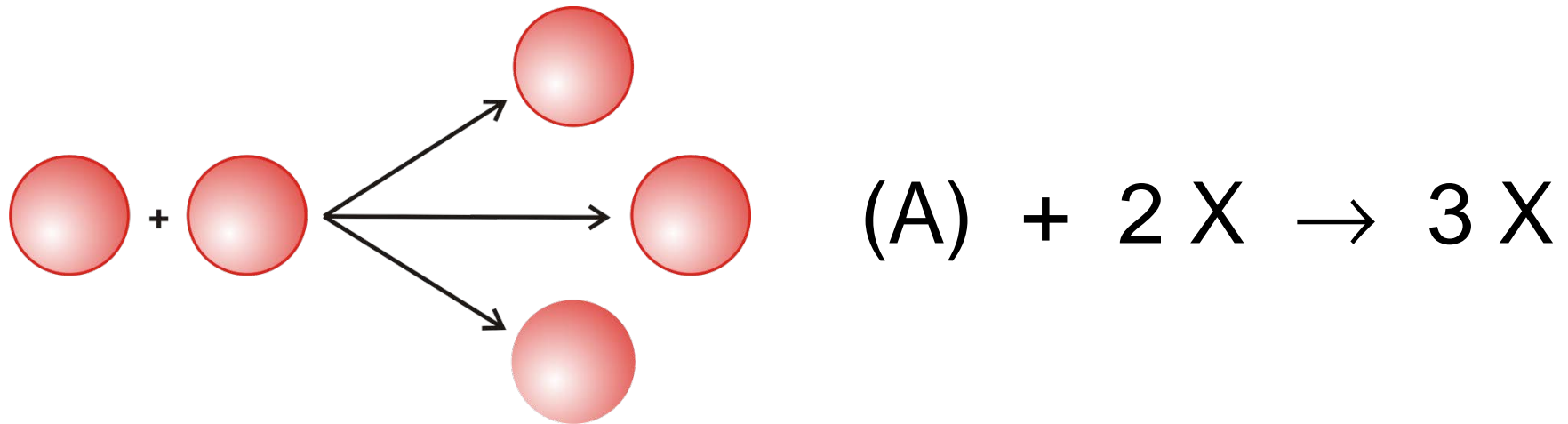
exponentielles Wachstum



$$\frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{n-1} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = f x \quad \Rightarrow \quad x(t) = x(0) e^{(n-1)ft}$$

exponentielles Wachstum

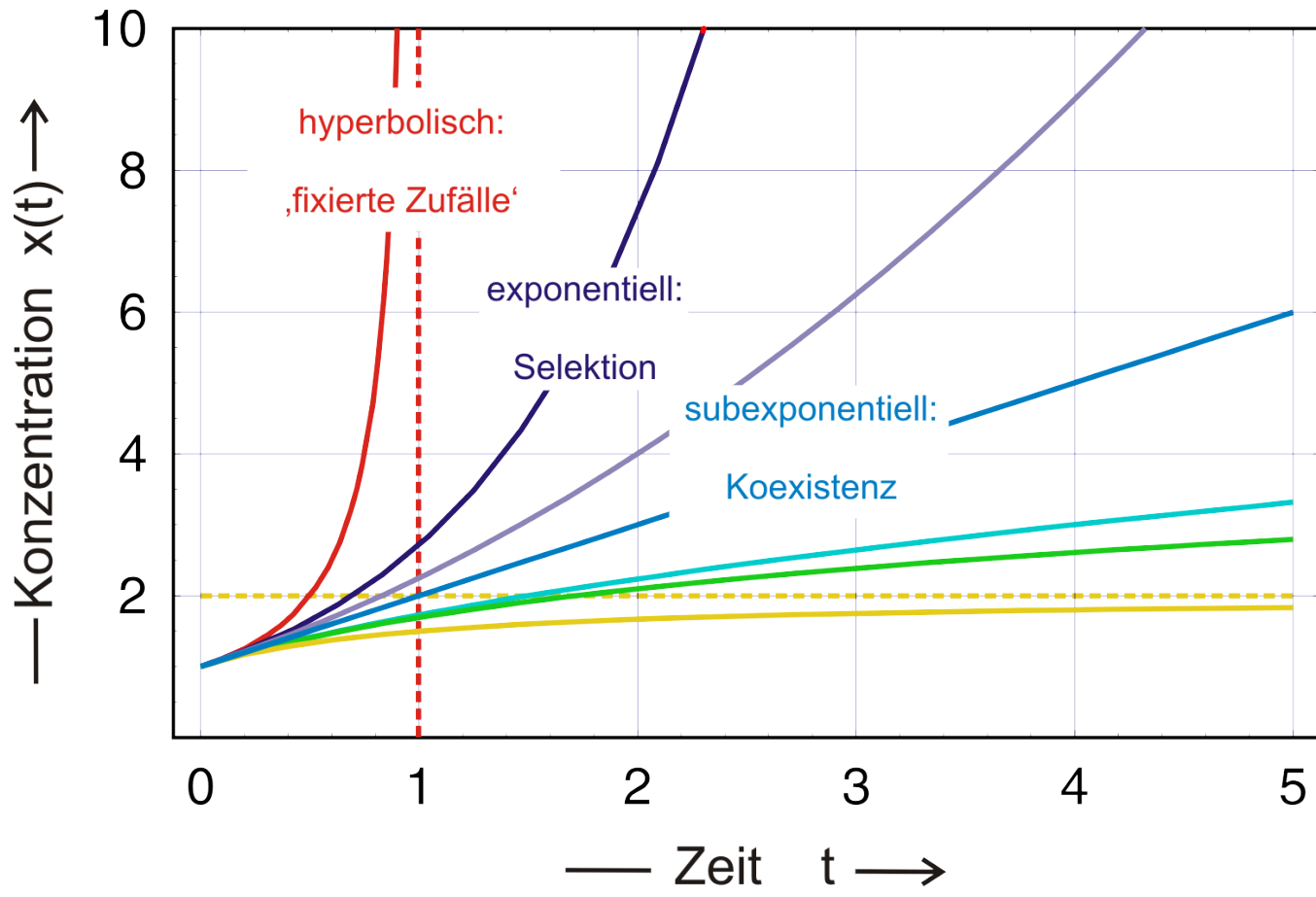




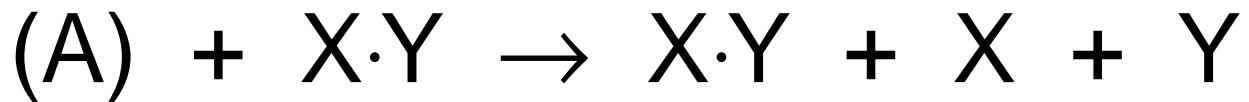
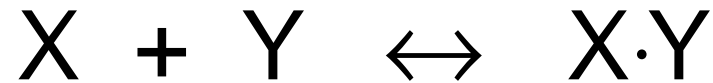
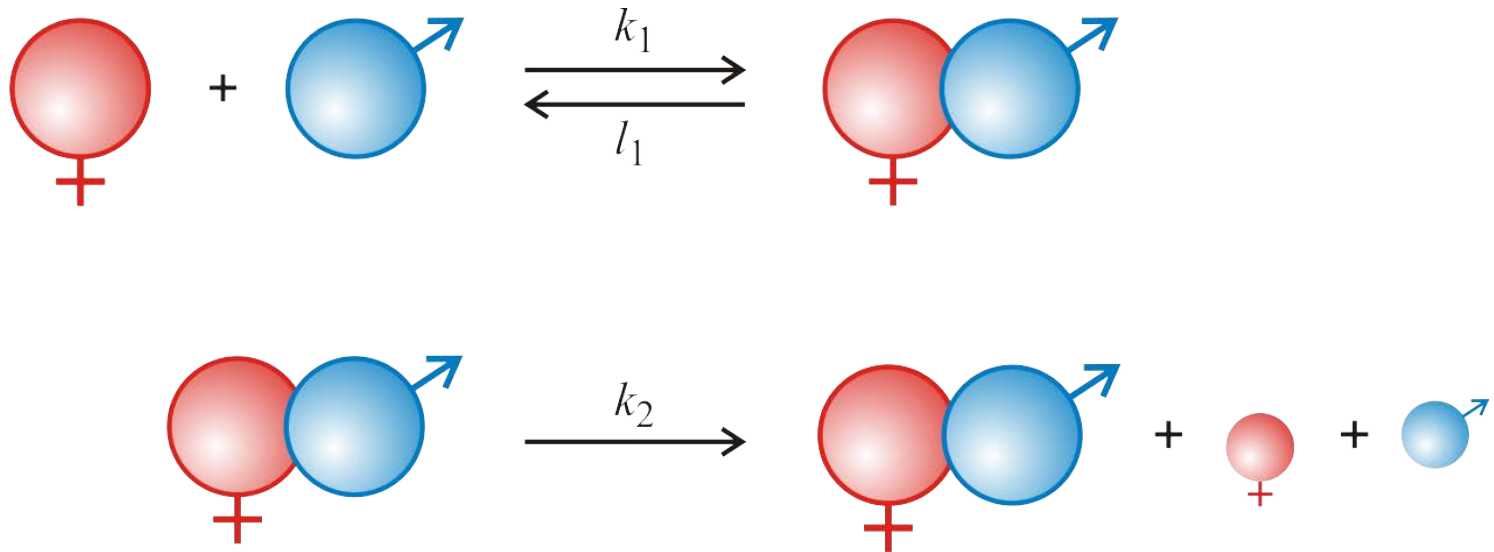
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x(t) = x(0) \cdot \frac{1}{1 - x(0)kt}$$

hyperbolisches Wachstum

$$t_{cr} = \frac{1}{kx(0)}$$



Verschiedene Formen des Wachstums



Sexuelle Reproduktion und exponentielles Wachstum

$$[X] = x ; [Y] = y ; [X \cdot Y] = z$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -k_1 x y + l_1 z + k_2 z = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = k_1 x y - l_1 z$$

$$\frac{d\hat{x}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dz}{dt} = k_2 z = \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{d\hat{y}}{dt}$$

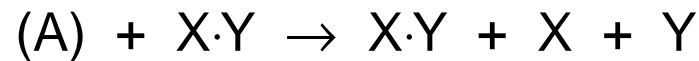
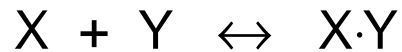
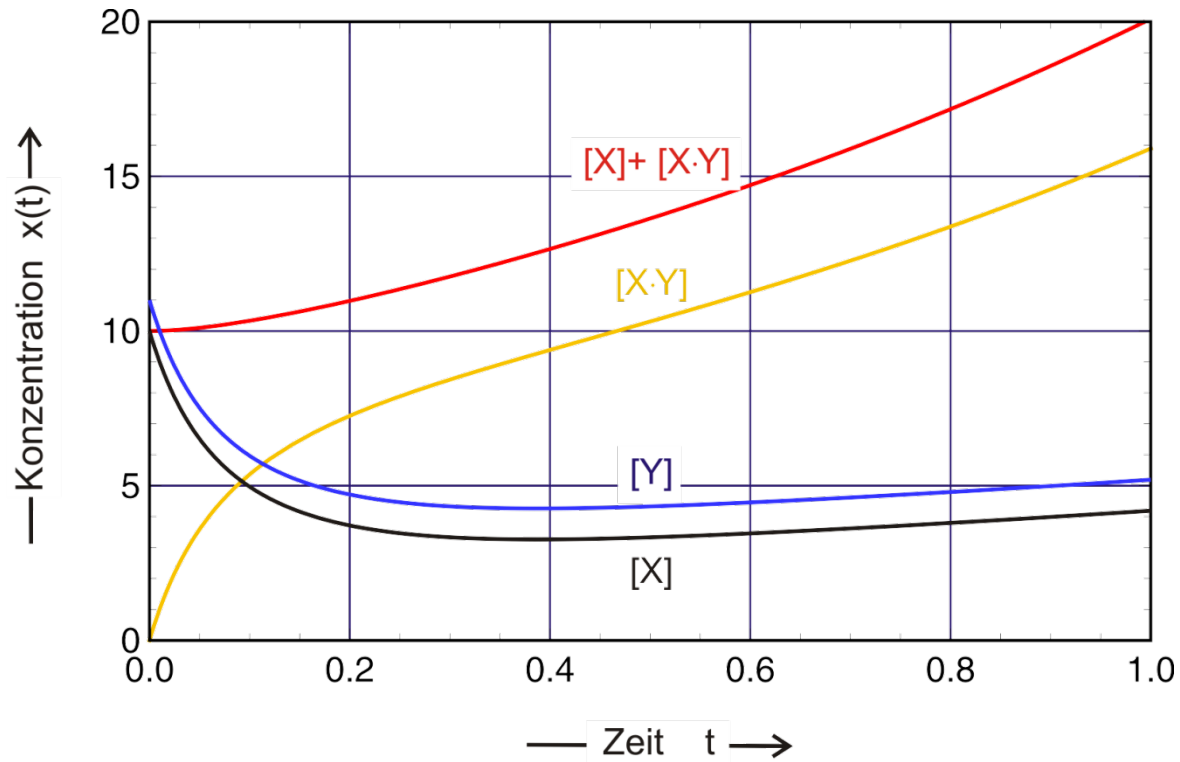
quasistationärer Zustand:  $\frac{dz}{dt} = 0 = k_1 \cdot \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} - l_1 \bar{z}; \quad \bar{z} = \frac{k_1}{l_1} \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$

$$\bar{z} = \left( 1 + K(2\hat{x} + \mathcal{G}) - \sqrt{(1 + K(2\hat{x} + \mathcal{G}))^2 - 4K^2 \hat{x}(\hat{x} + \mathcal{G})} \right) / 2K$$

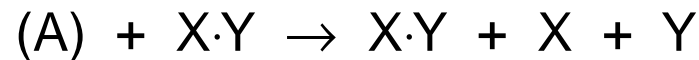
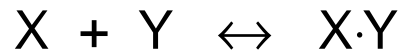
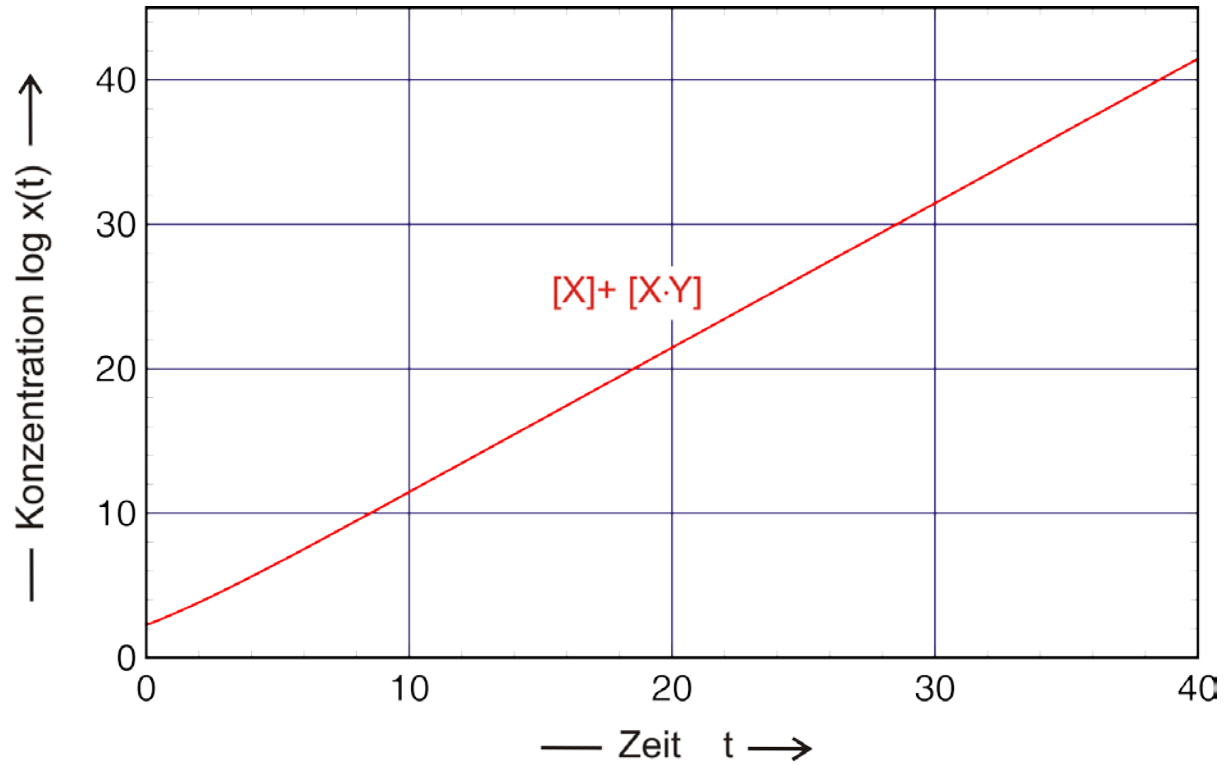
$$K = k_1/l_1 \quad \text{und} \quad \mathcal{G} = \hat{y} - \hat{x}$$

$$\bar{z} \approx \hat{x} \quad \text{für} \quad \hat{x} \gg |\mathcal{G}|$$

$$\frac{d\hat{x}}{dt} = k_2 \bar{z} \approx k_2 \hat{x} \quad \text{..... exponentielles Wachstum}$$



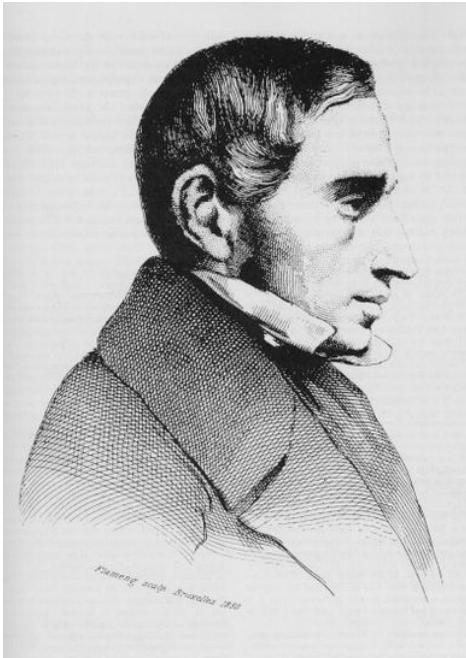
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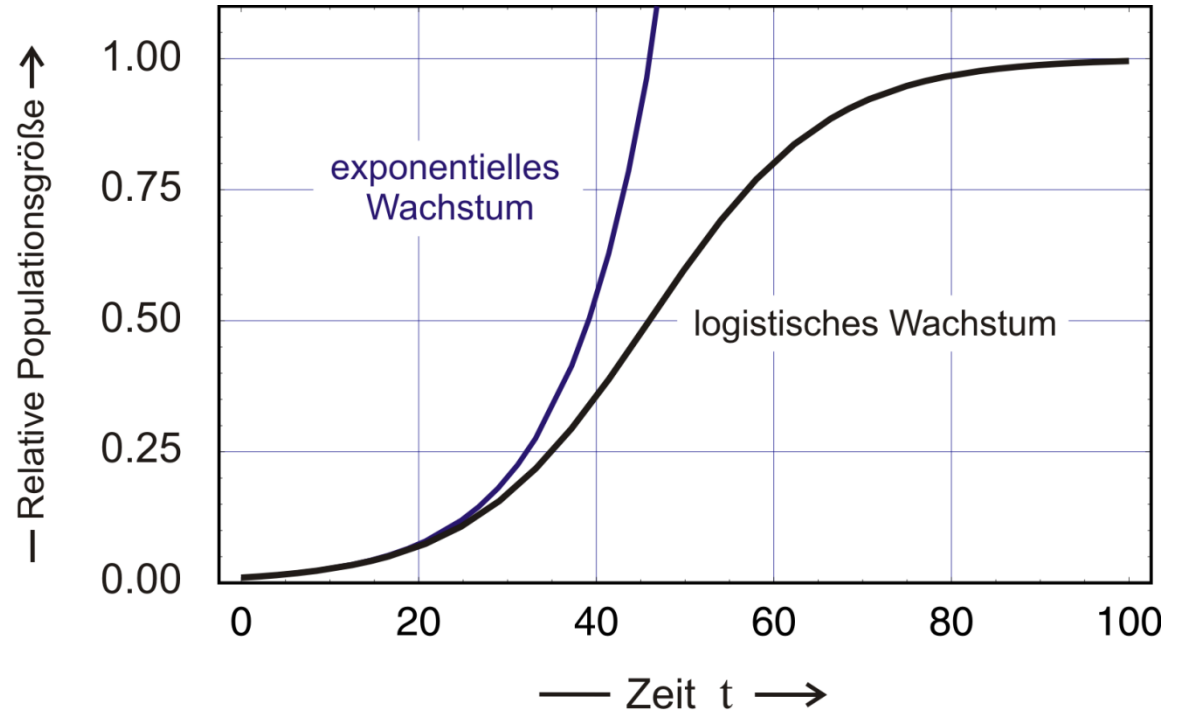
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# Beschränkte Ressourcen und Selektion





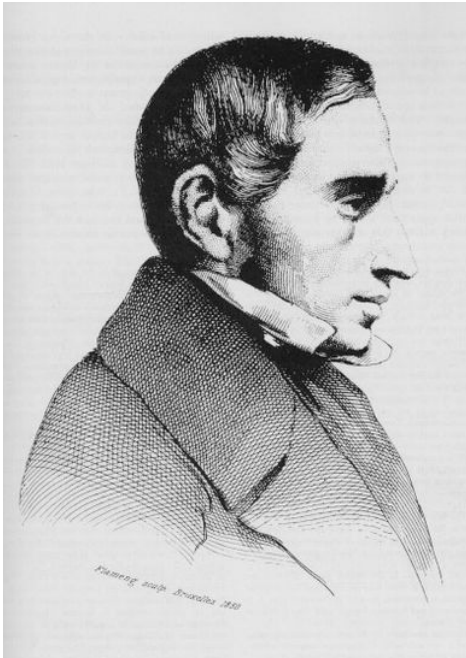
Pierre-François Verhulst,  
1804 - 1849



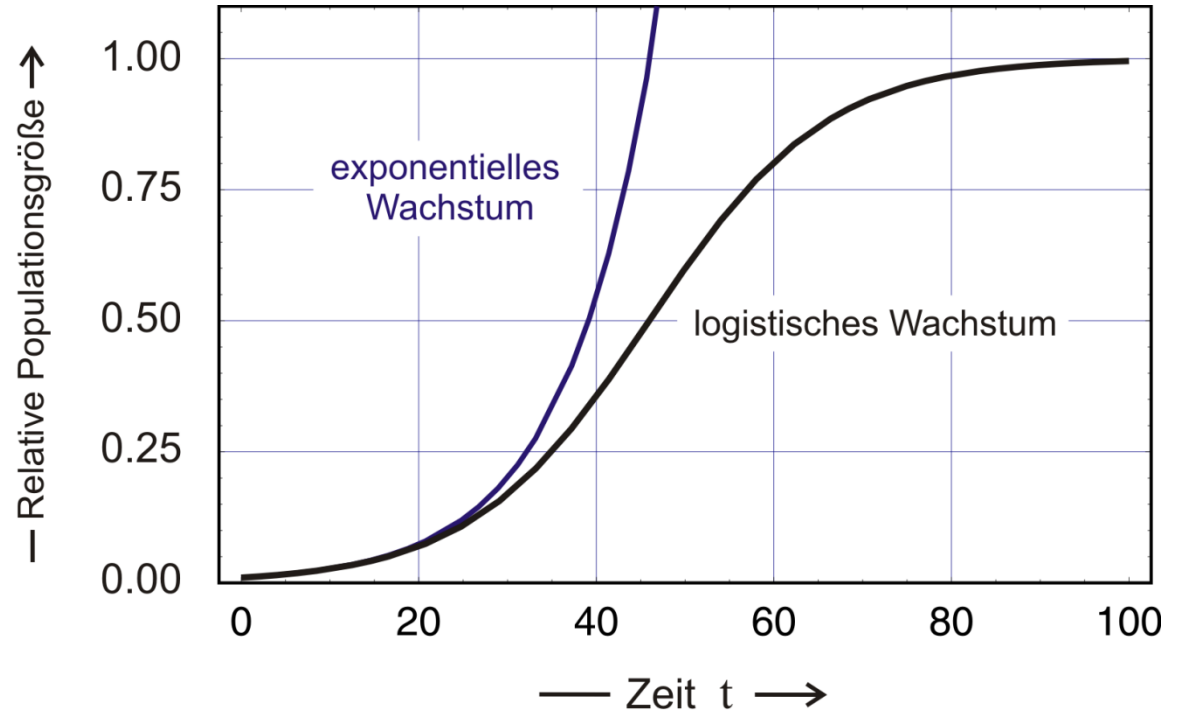
$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = f \xi \left( 1 - \frac{\xi}{C} \right) \Rightarrow \xi(t) = \frac{\xi(0) C}{\xi(0) + (C - \xi(0)) e^{-f t}}$$

$C$  ..... Kapazität des Ökosystems

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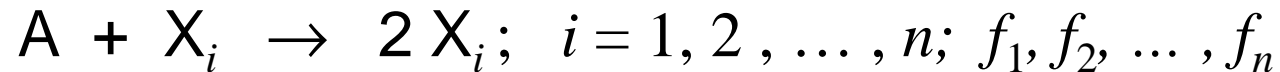
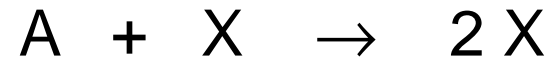
War 30 Jahre vor der Veröffentlichung der 'Origin of Species' bekannt

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) \left(1 - \frac{x}{C}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) - \frac{x}{C} f(x)$$

$$f(x) \equiv \Phi(t), C = 1: \frac{dx}{dt} = x(f - \Phi)$$

Verallgemeinerung der logistischen Gleichung auf  $n$  Variable ergibt Selektion



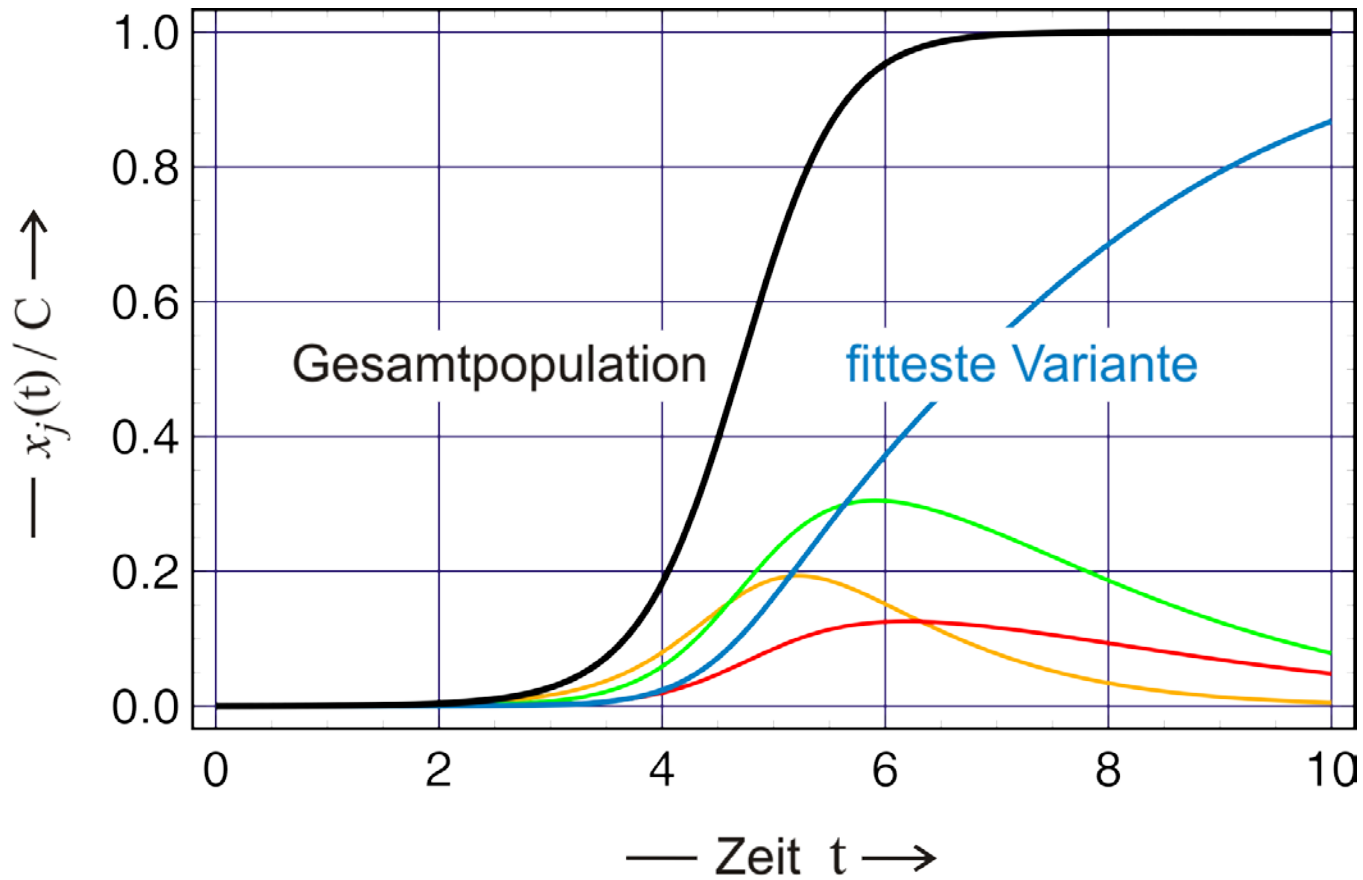
$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n: \quad [X_i] = x_i; \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = C = 1; \quad f_i = f(X_i)$$

$$\frac{dx_j}{dt} = x_j \left( f_j - \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i \right) = x_j (f_j - \Phi) ; \quad \Phi = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i$$

Darwin

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \langle f^2 \rangle - \langle \bar{f} \rangle^2 = \text{var}\{f\} \geq 0$$

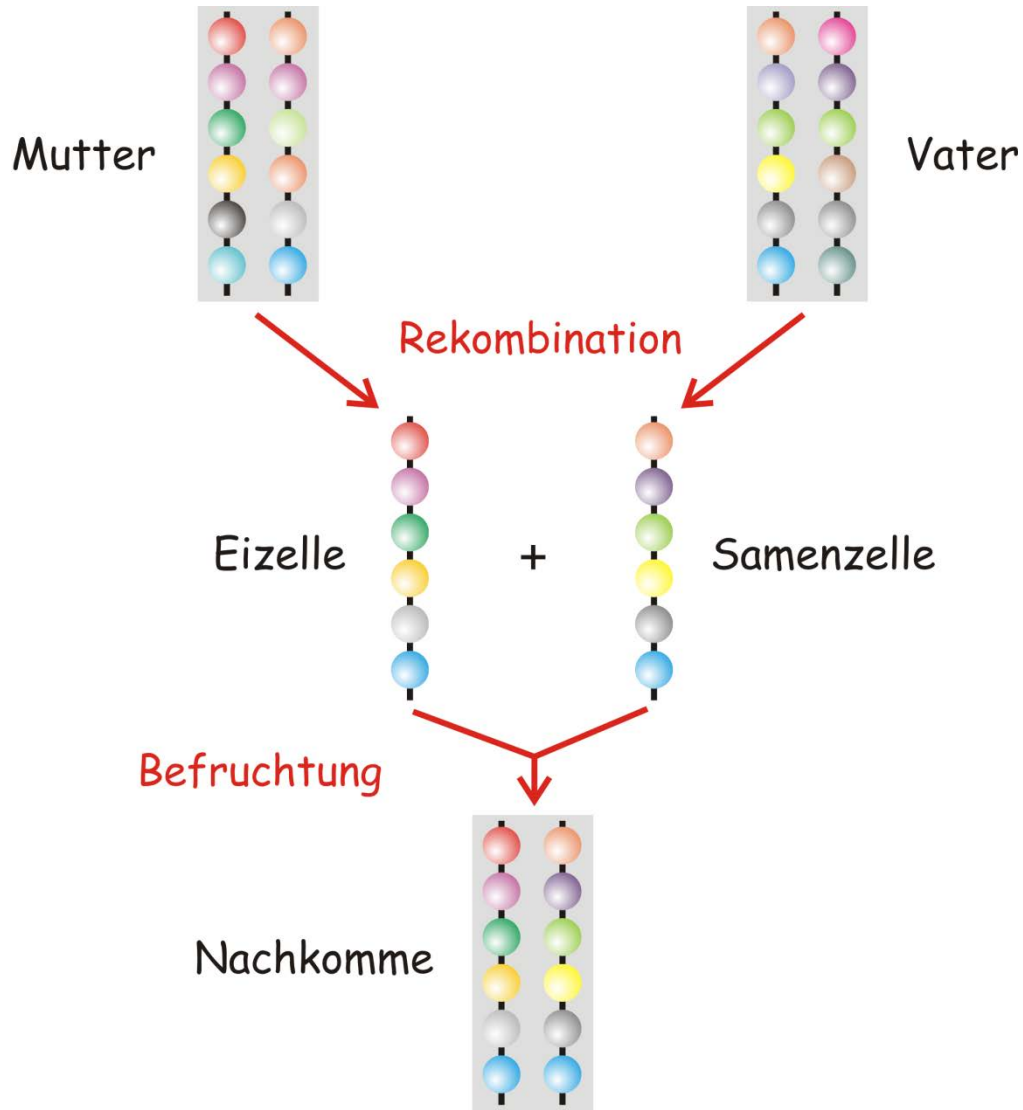
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Fitness  $f = (1.75, 2.25, 2.35 \text{ und } 2.80)$

Selektion der fittesten Variante

# Variation I: Gregor Mendels Genetik und Rekombination



Gregor Mendel  
1822 - 1884

## Rekombination in Mendels Genetik



Ronald Fisher (1890-1962)

Allele:  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$

Häufigkeiten:  $x_i = [A_i]$ ; Genotypen:  $A_i \cdot A_j$

Fitnesswerte:  $a_{ij} = f(A_i \cdot A_j), a_{ij} = a_{ji}$

Mendel

Darwin

$$\frac{dx_j}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} x_i x_j - \Phi x_j = x_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} x_i - \Phi \right), \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\text{mit } \Phi(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} x_i x_j \quad \text{und} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_j = 1$$

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = 2(\langle \bar{a}^2 \rangle - \langle \bar{a} \rangle^2) = 2 \text{ var}\{\bar{a}\} \geq 0$$

Ronald Fisher's Selektionsgleichung: The genetical theory of natural selection.  
Oxford, UK, Clarendon Press, 1930.





Theodosius Dobzhansky,  
1900 – 1975

„Genetics is the first biological science which got in the position in which physics has been for many years. One can justifiably speak about such a thing as theoretical mathematical genetics, and experimental genetics, just as in physics. There are some mathematical geniuses who work out what to an ordinary person seems as a fantastic kind of theory. This fantastic kind of theory nevertheless leads to experimentally verifiable prediction, which an experimental physicist then has to test the validity of. Since the times of Wright, Haldane, and Fisher, evolutionary genetics has been in a similar position.“



Ronald Fisher (1890-1962)



J. B. S. Haldane (1892-1964)

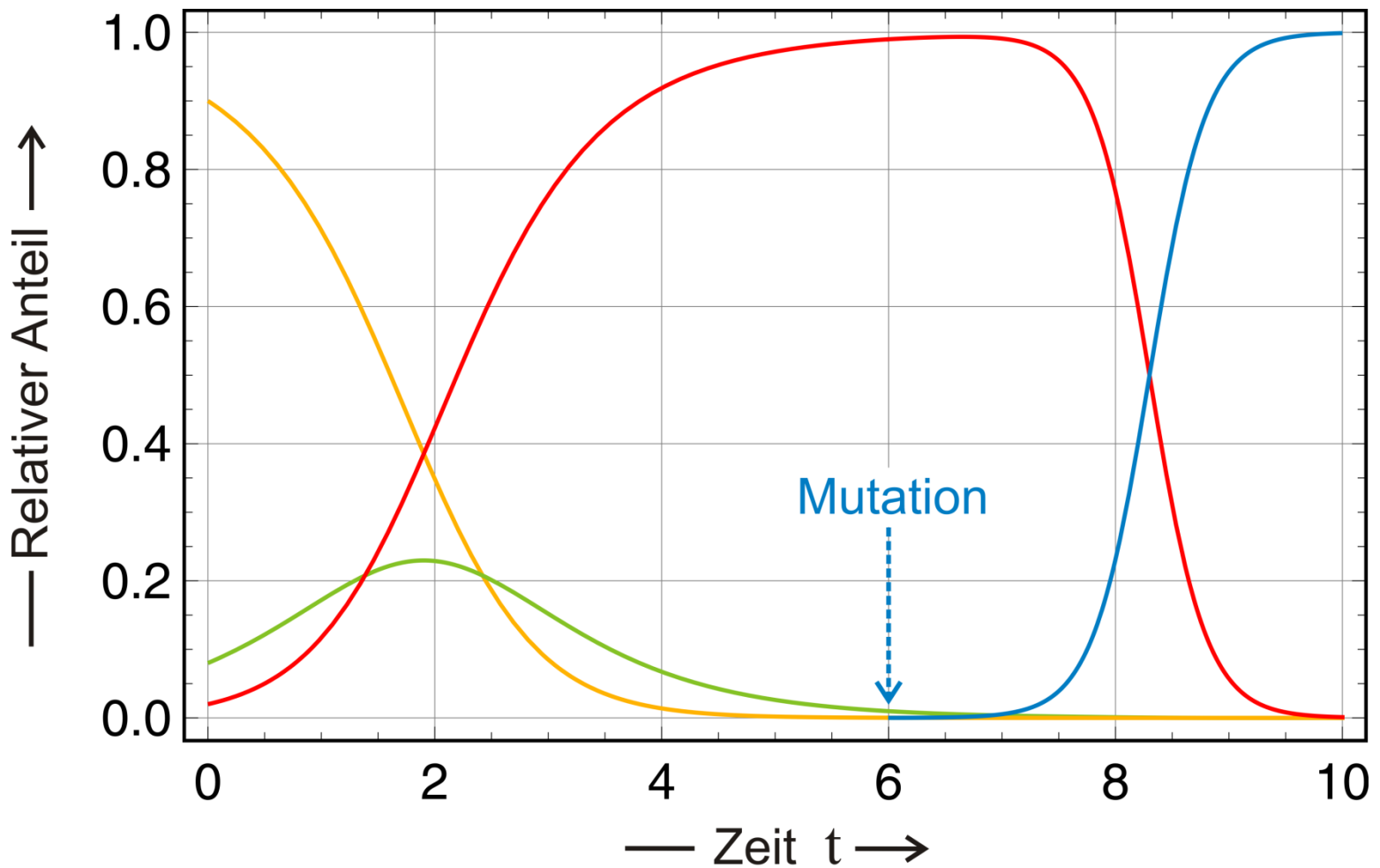


Sewall Wright (1889-1988)

Die drei Begründer der Populationsgenetik

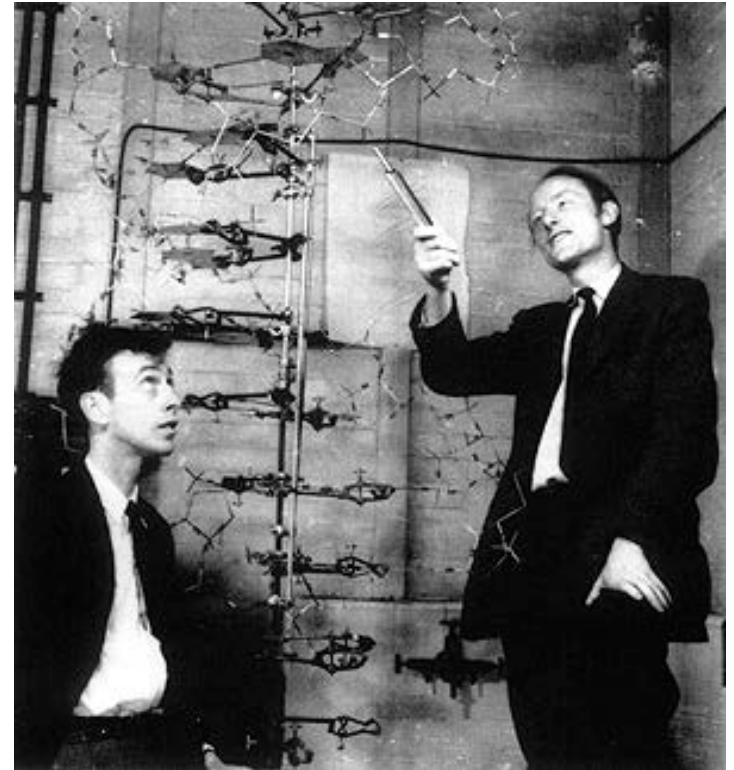
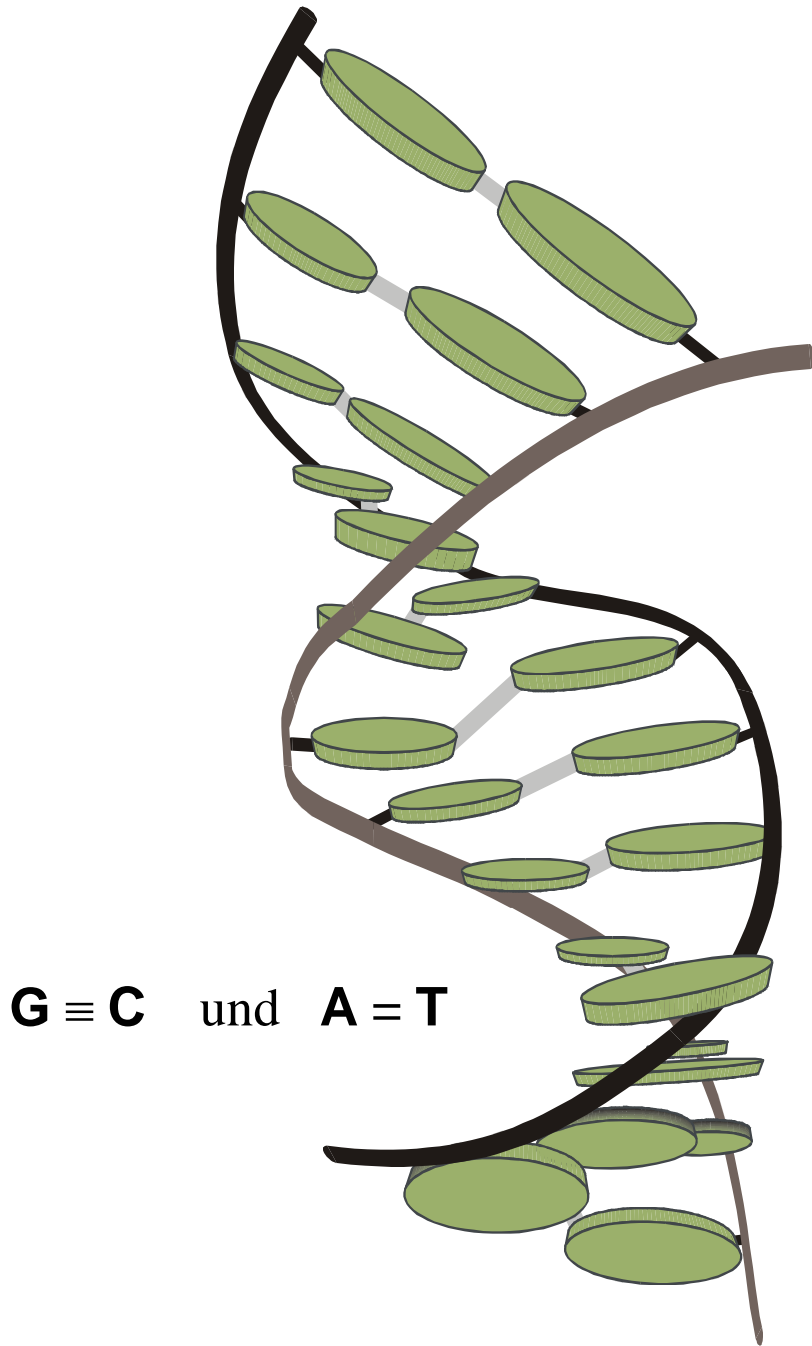
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## Variation II: Mutation



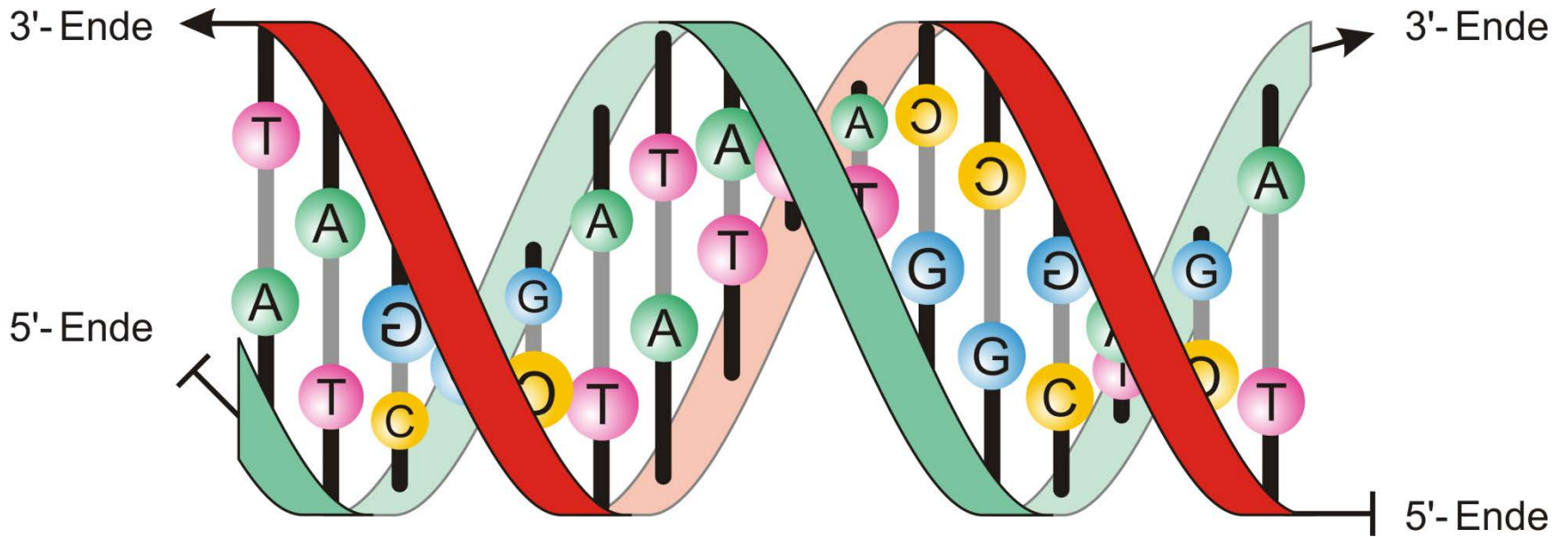
$$f_1 = 1, f_2 = 2, f_3 = 3, f_4 = 7$$

Vor der Entwicklung der Molekularbiologie wurde Mutation als ein "Deus ex Machina" behandelt



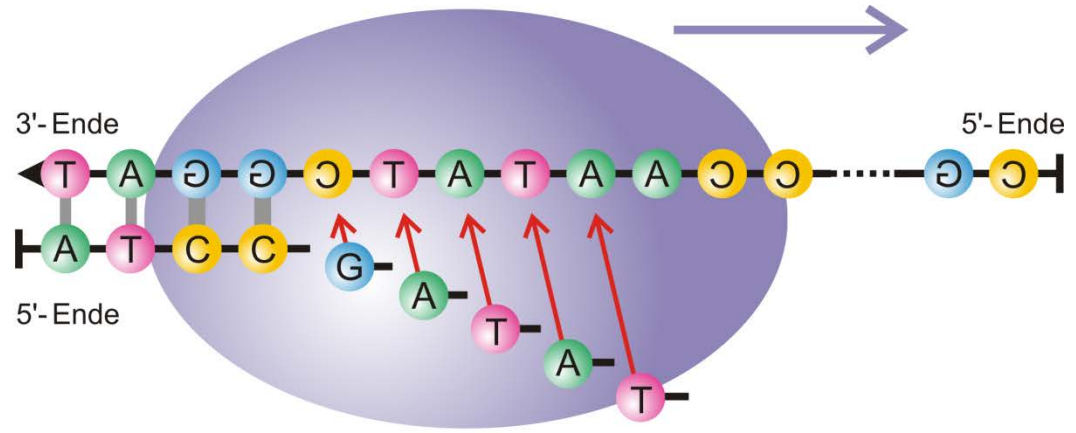
James D. Watson, 1928- , and Francis Crick, 1916-2004,  
Nobel Preis 1962

Die dreidimensionale Struktur eines  
kleinen Stückes der B-DNA



Die B-Form der DNA-Doppelhelix

# Taq-Polymerase



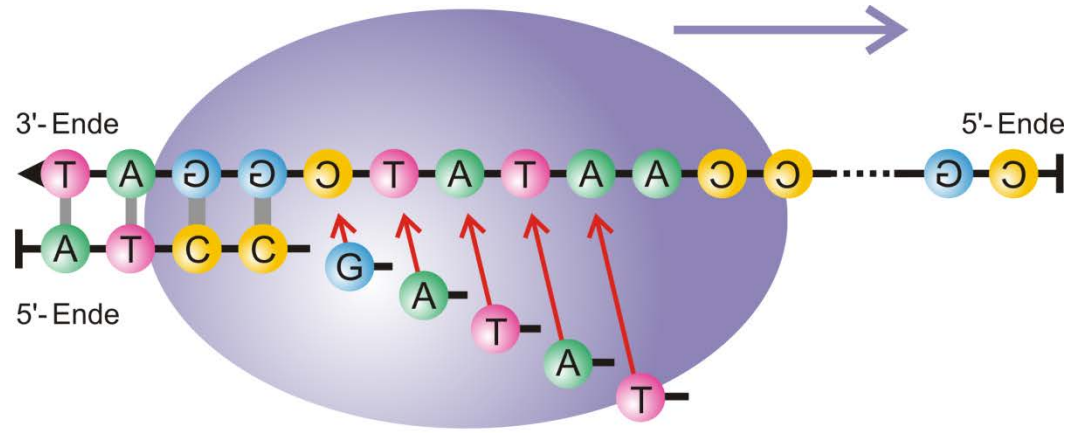
korrekte Replikation

- Adenin ● A
- Thymin ● T
- Uracil ● U
- Guanin ● G
- Cytosin ● C

## Korrekte Replikation und Punktmutation

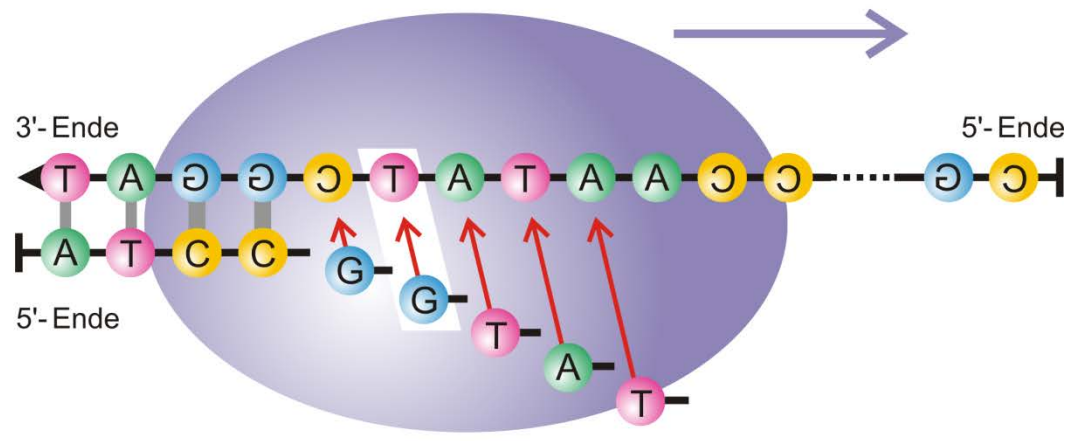


# Taq-Polymerase



korrekte Replikation

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Mutation

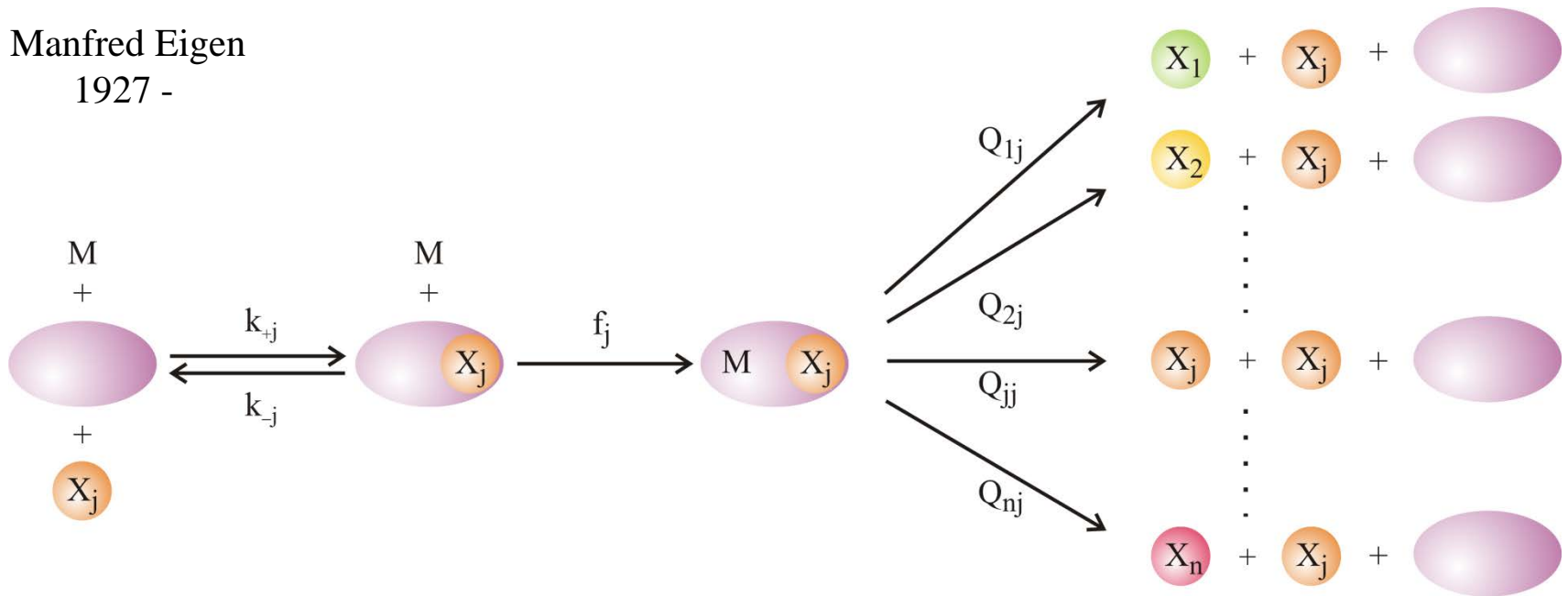
## Korrekte Replikation und Punktmutation



Manfred Eigen  
1927 -

$$\frac{dx_j}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n W_{ji} x_i - x_j \Phi ; \quad j=1,2,\dots,n$$

$$W_{ji} = Q_{ji} f_i , \quad \Phi = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$



Mutation und (korrekte) Replikation als parallele chemische Reaktionen

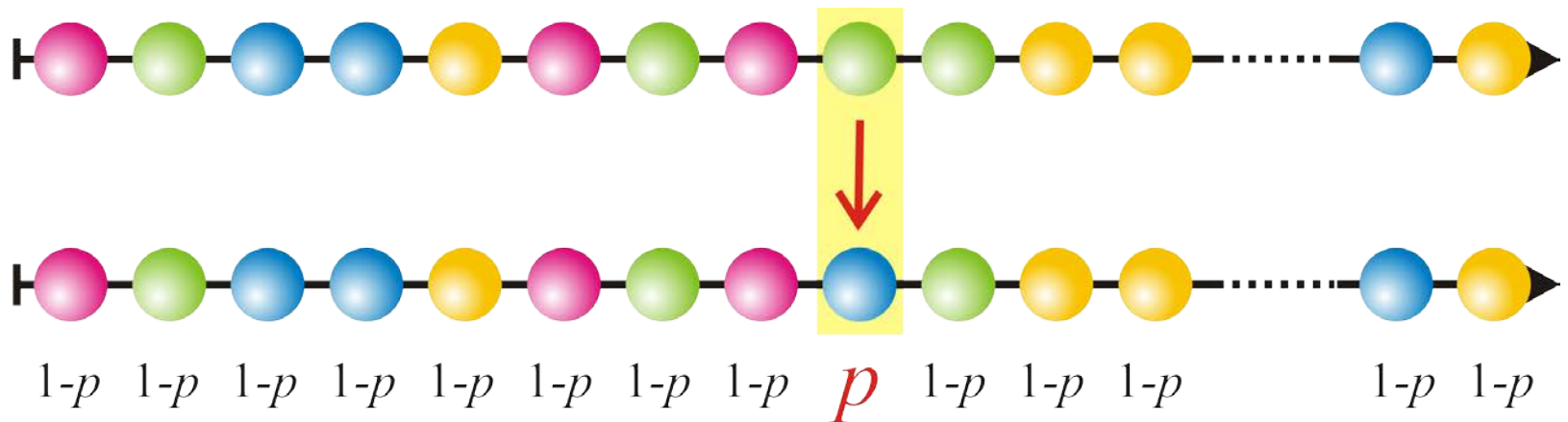
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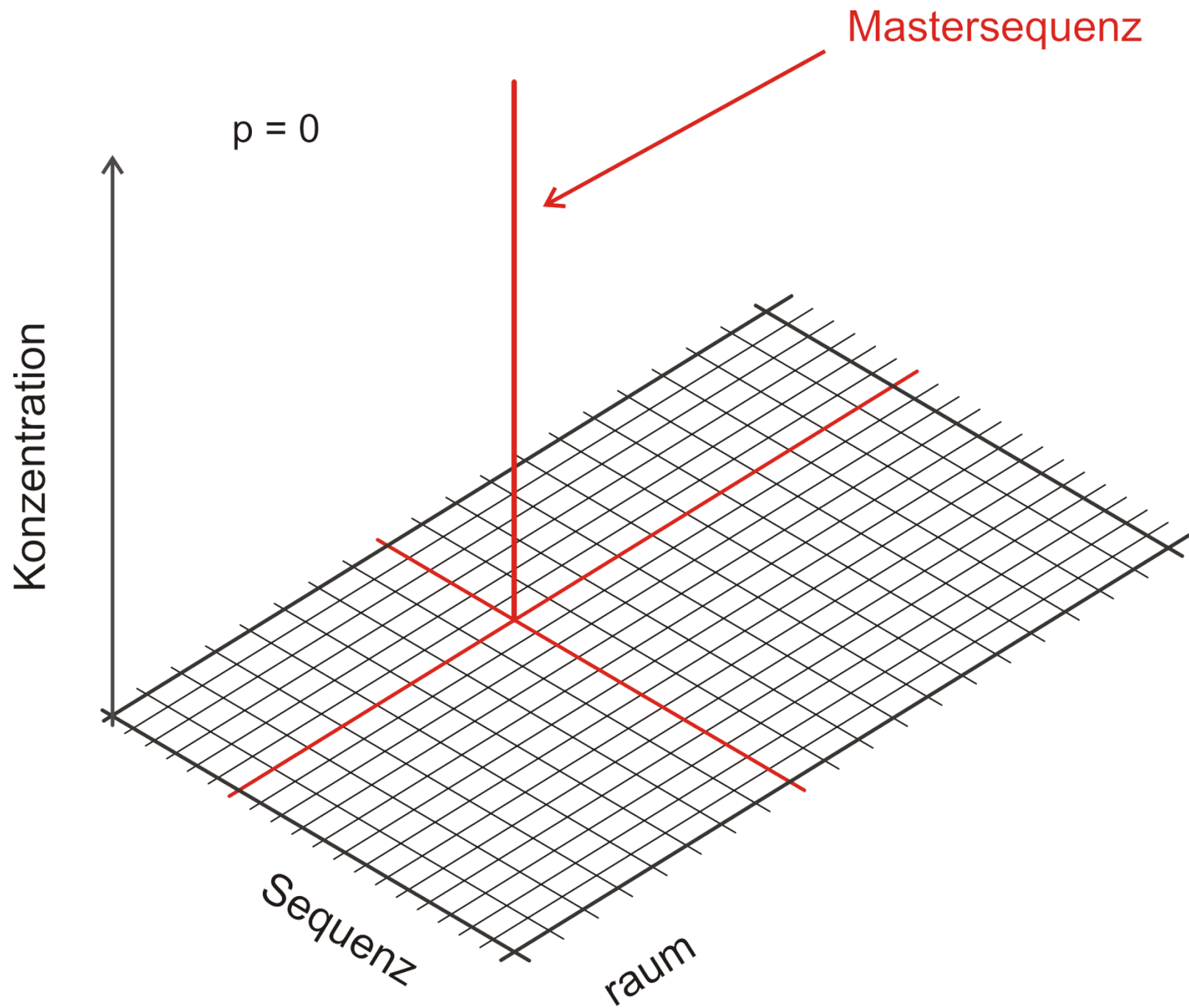
$$Q_{ij} = (1 - p)^{n - d_H(X_i, X_j)} p^{d_H(X_i, X_j)}$$

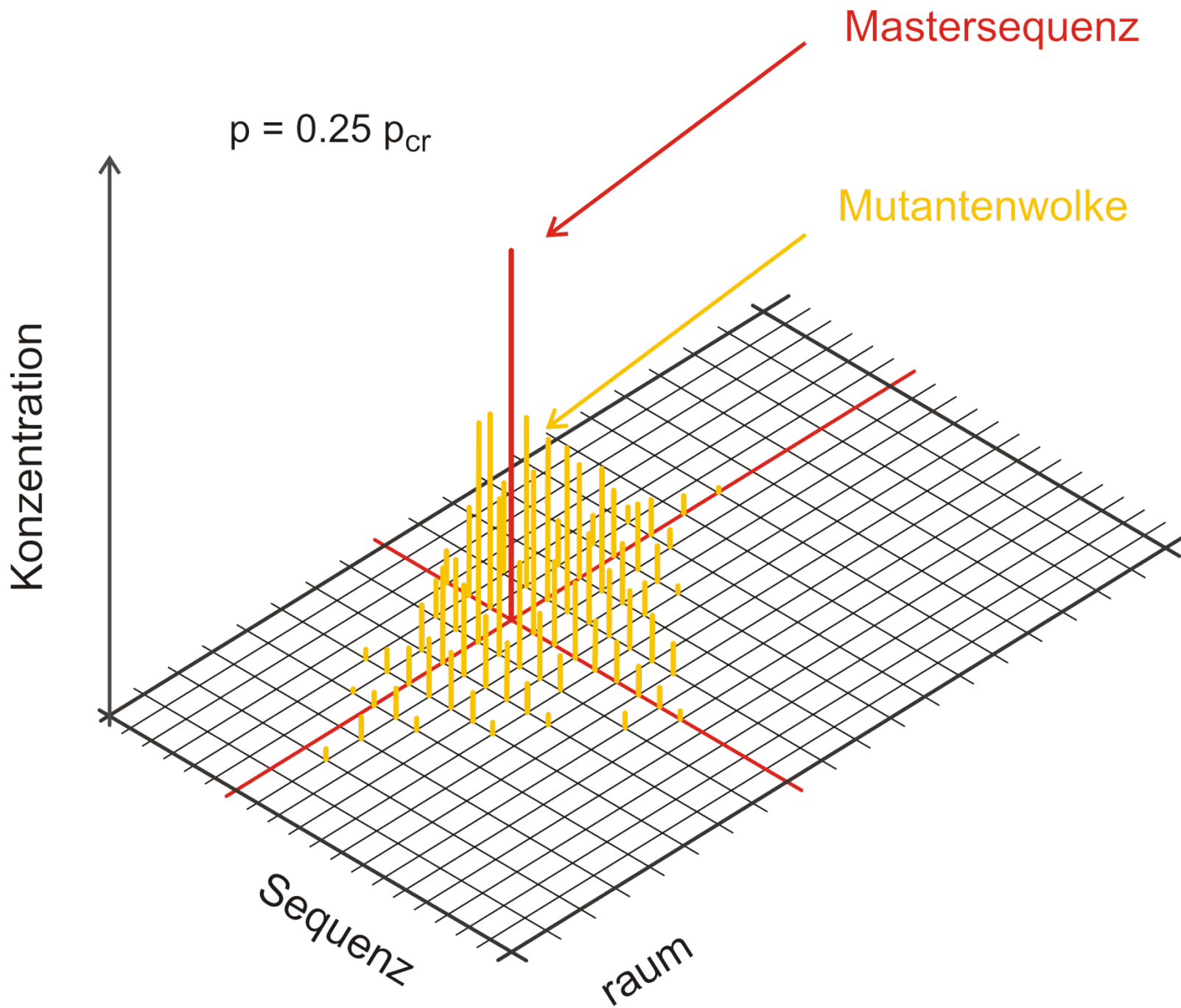
$p$  = Fehler- oder Mutationsrate pro Replikation und Nukleotid

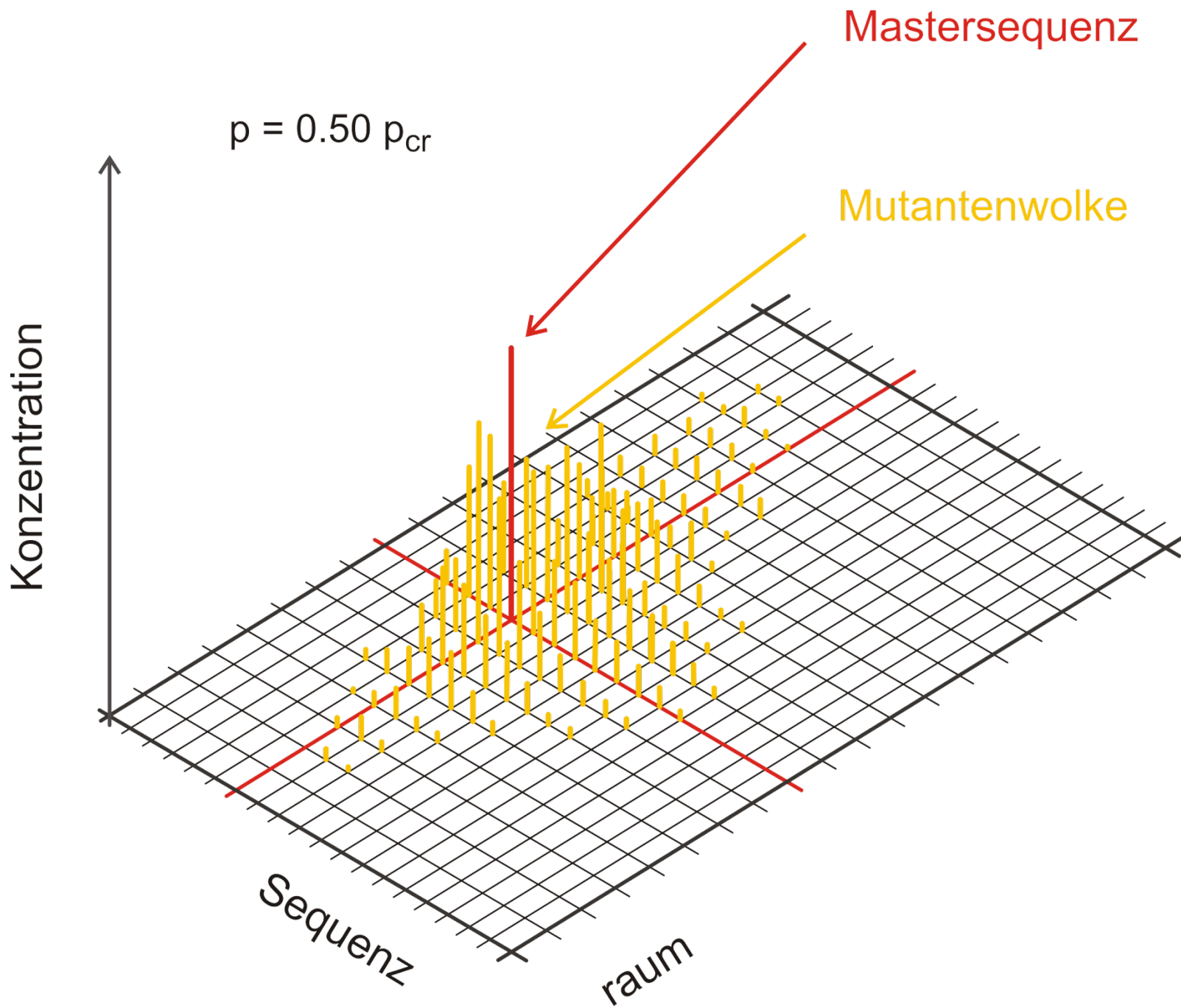
$n$  = Kettenlänge und  $d_H(X_i, X_j)$  = Hammingabstand



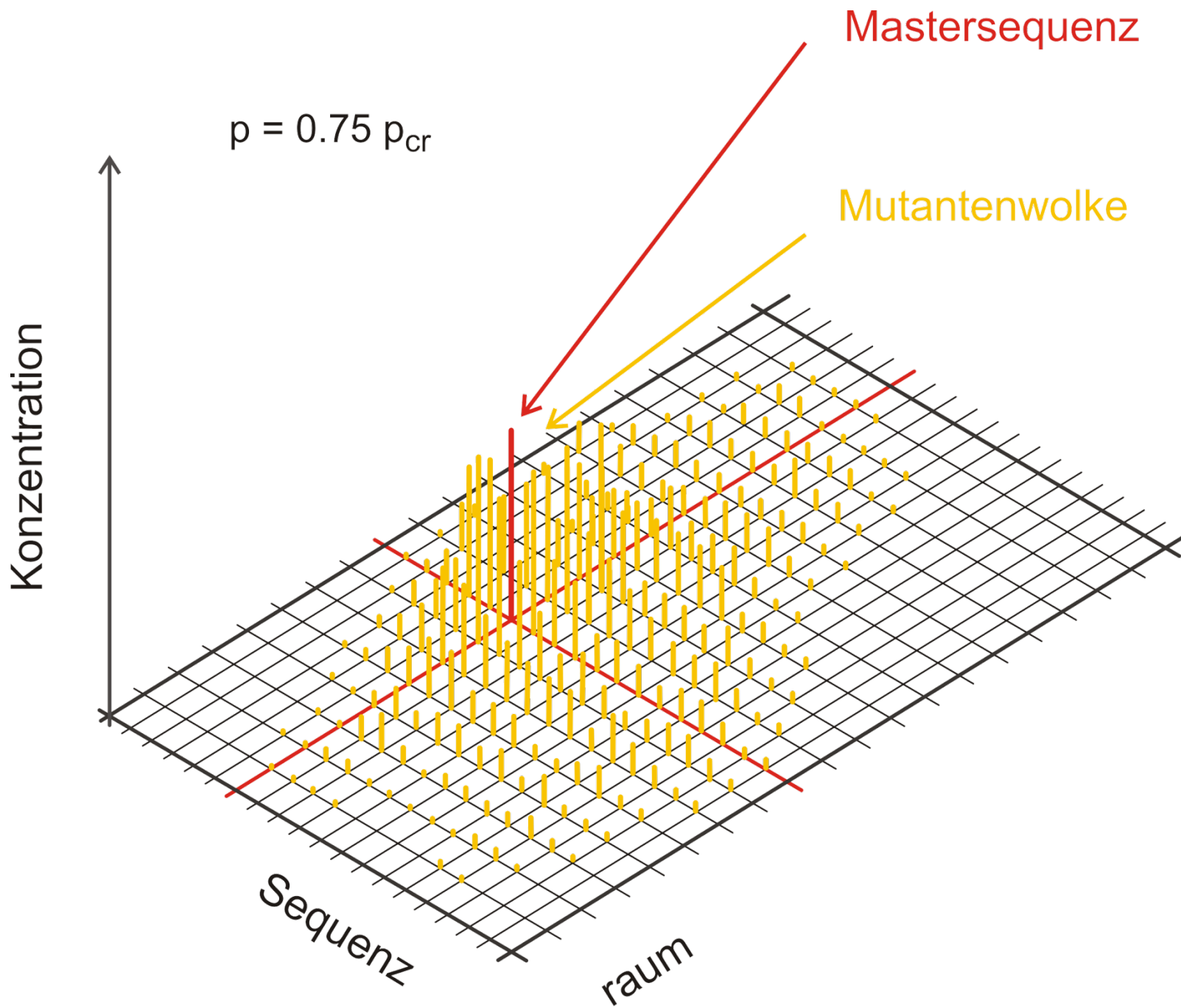
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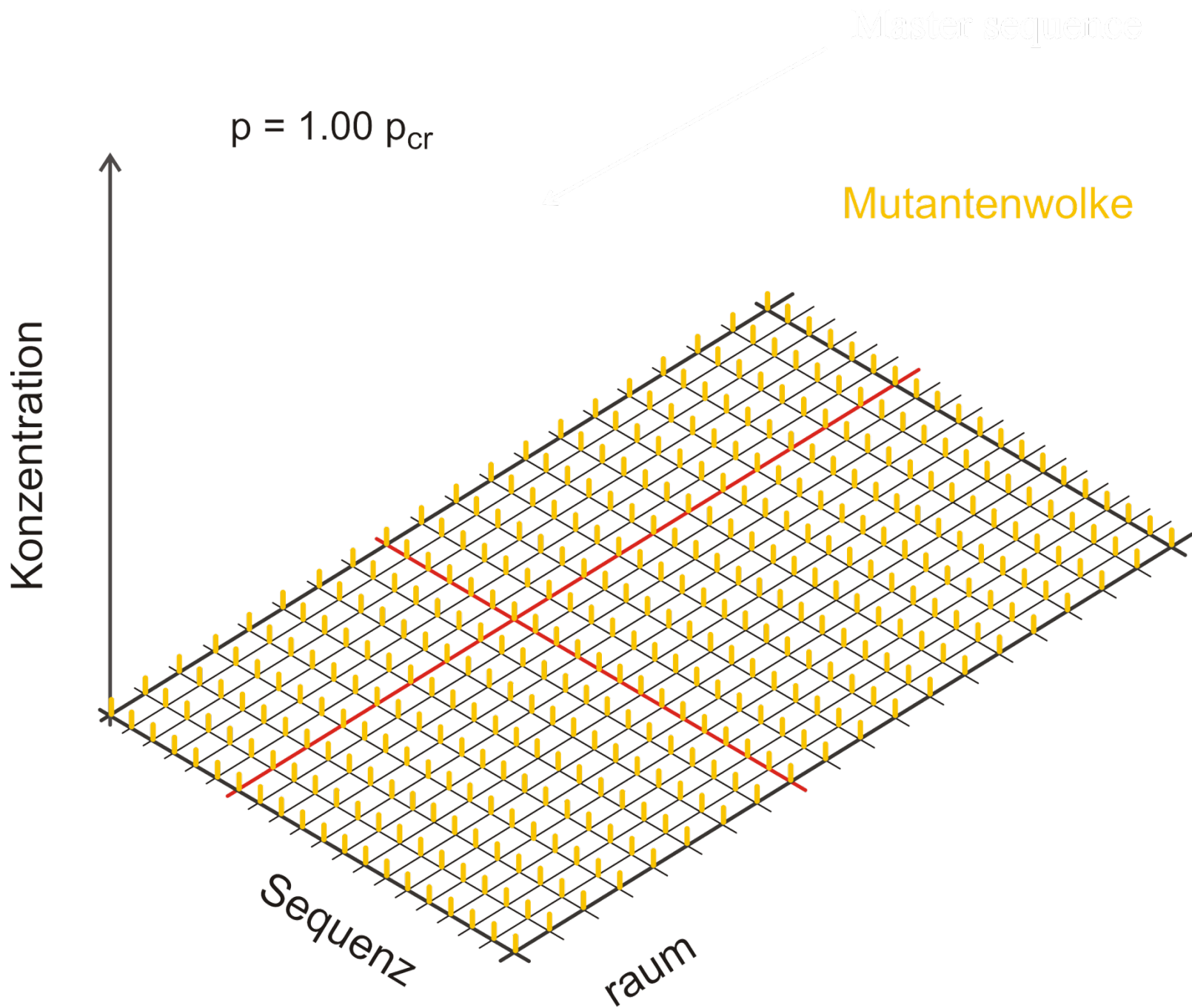




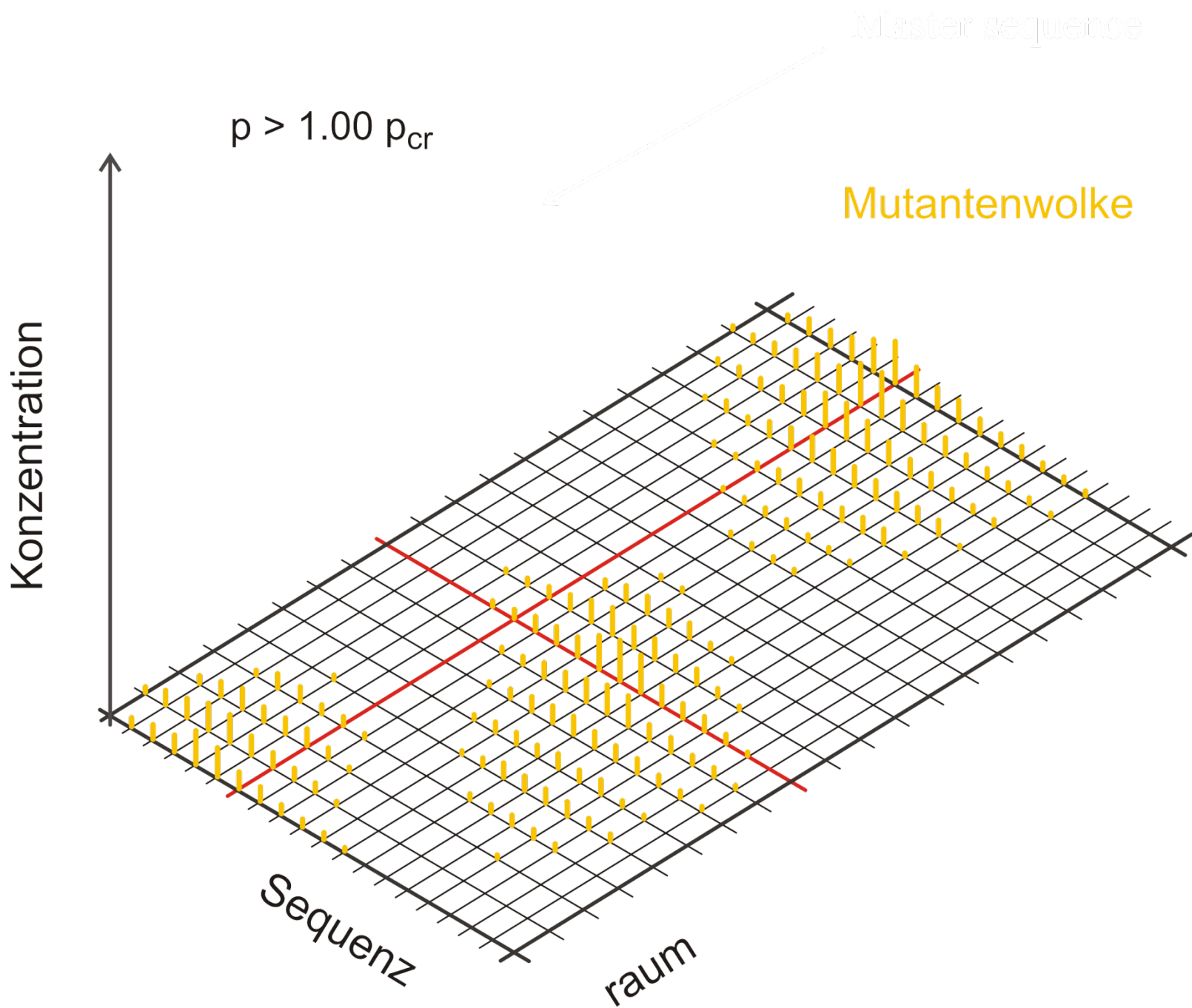


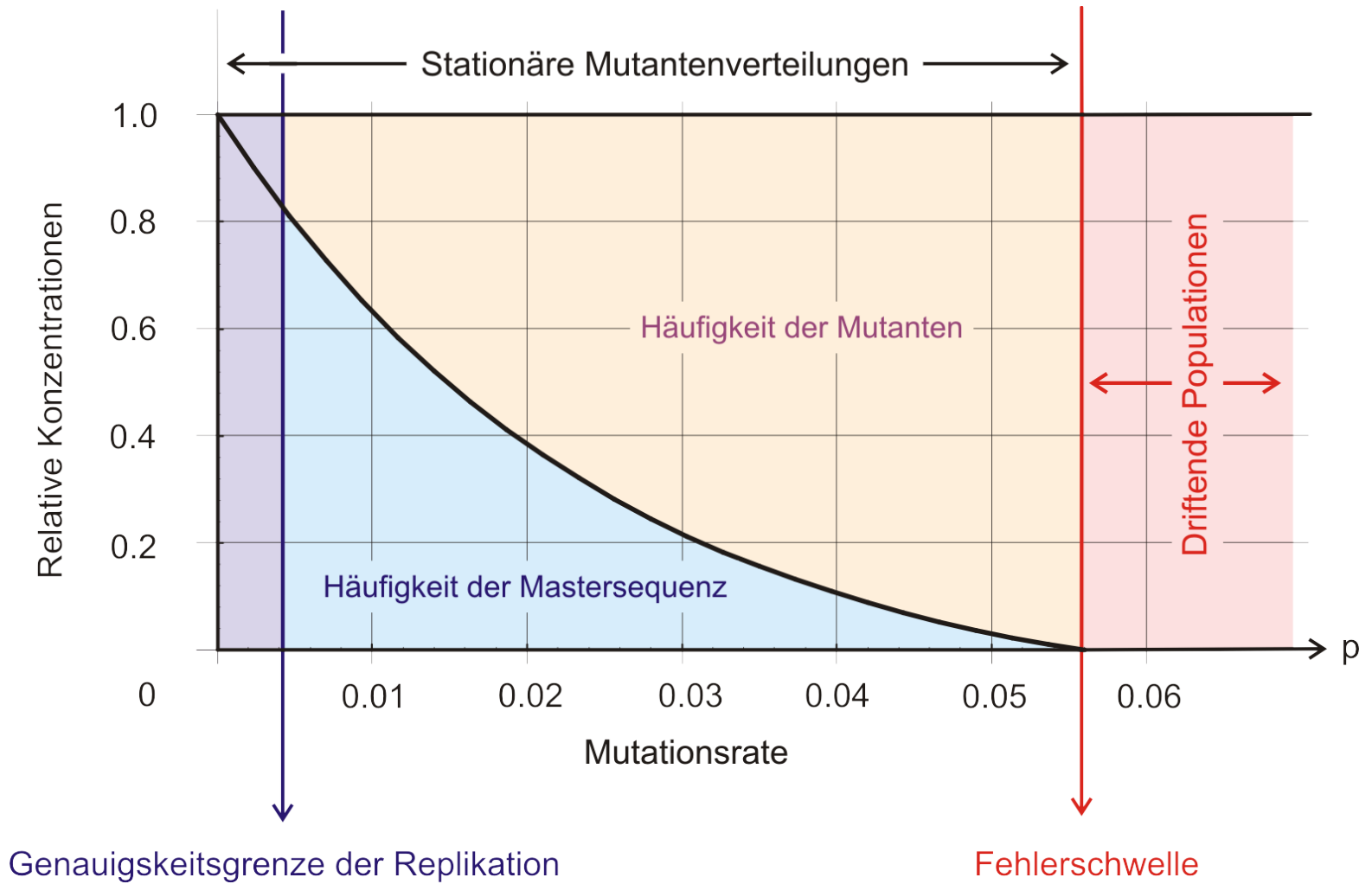












Die Fehlerschwelle bei Replikation und Mutation

## Ergebnisse der Quasispezies-Theorie:

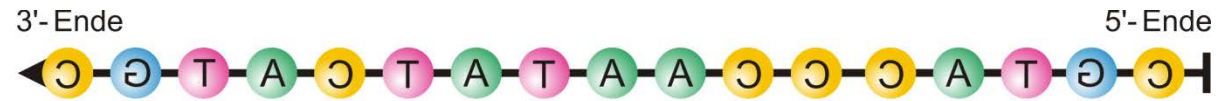
1. Die Selektion führt zu **uneinheitlichen Populationen**, die aus einer Anzahl molekularer Varianten bestehen.
2. Die stationäre Population bildet das genetische Reservoir einer sich asexuell vermehrenden Spezies und wird deshalb als **Quasispezies** bezeichnet.
3. Eine Quasispezies enthält eine fitteste Variante, die sogenannte **Mastersequenz** und ihre nahe verwandten Mutanten.
4. Jedem Replikationsmechanismus entspricht eine maximale Mutationsrate, die **Fehlerschranke**, welche nicht überschritten werden kann, ohne dass die Vererbung zusammenbricht.

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3. Komplexe Kinetik in großen Netzwerken
4. Komplexe räumliche Strukturierung
5. Komplexe Entwicklungsprozesse bei Vielzellern
6. Komplexe Umweltfaktoren

# Digitale Codierung und überastronomische Vielfalt

DNA



DNA  $\Rightarrow$  RNA

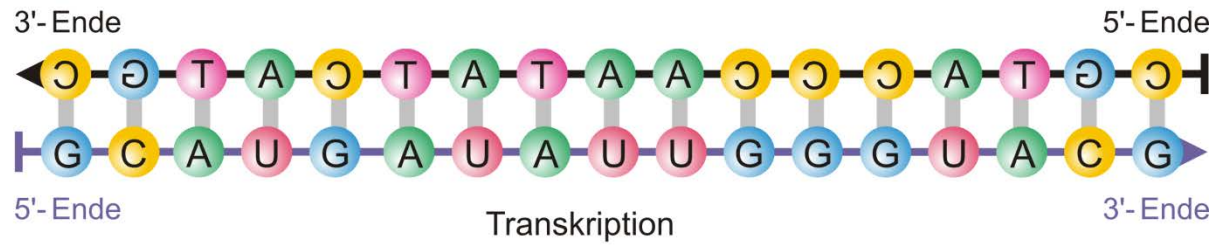
RNA  $\Rightarrow$  Protein

Transkription und Translation

DNA



DNA  $\Rightarrow$  RNA

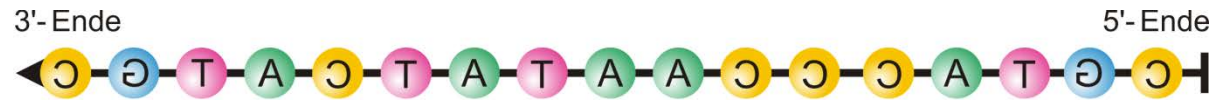


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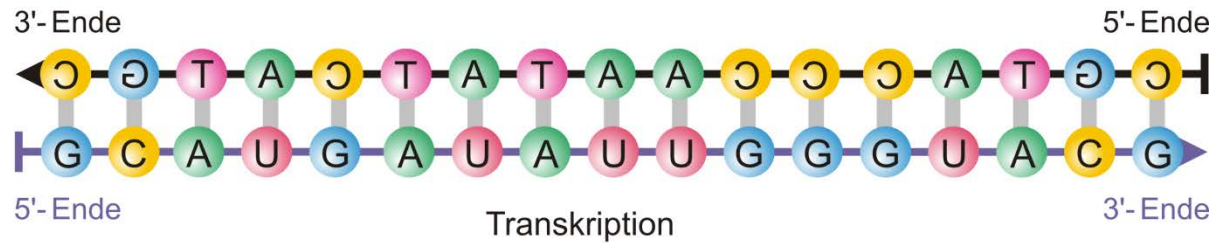
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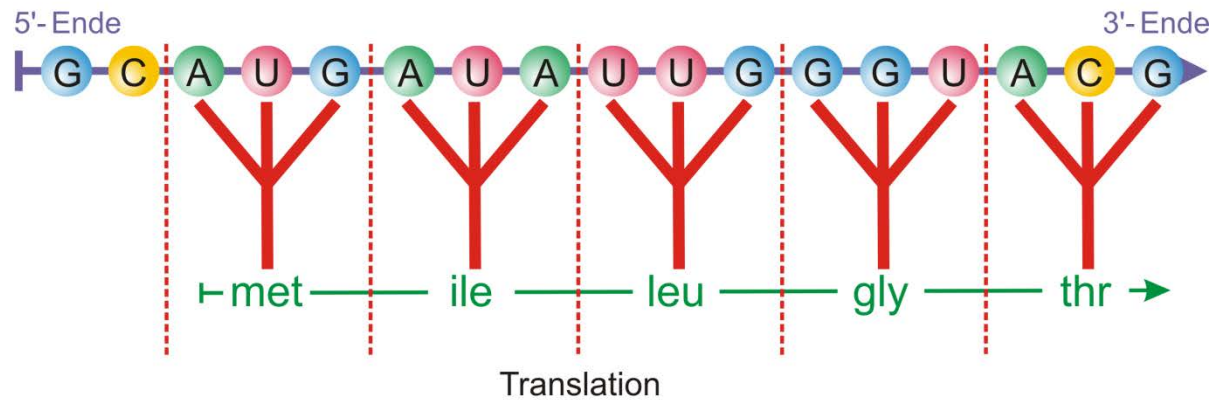
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## Transkription und Translation

**Zahl möglicher Sequenzen:  $4^n$**

Viroide:  $4^{300} = 4 \times 10^{180}$

Viren:  $4^{5000} = 2 \times 10^{3010}$

**Populationsgrößen:**

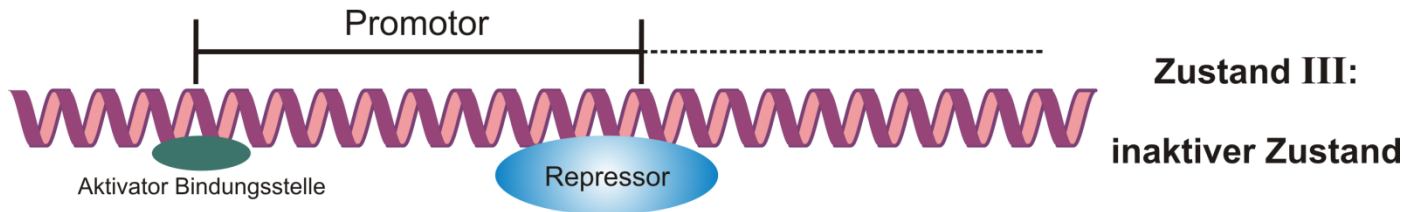
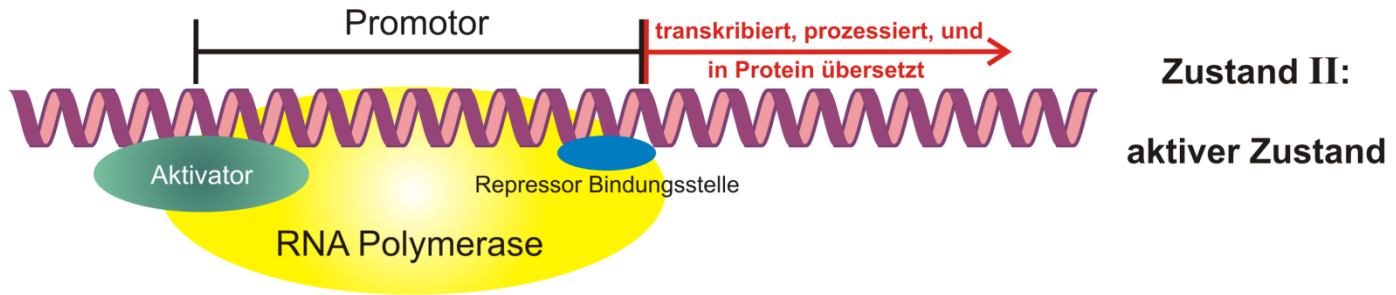
Weltbevölkerung:  $7.2 \times 10^9$

Bakterien in Petrischale:  $5 \times 10^8$

RNA-Moleküle im Laborexperiment:  $1 \times 10^{15}$

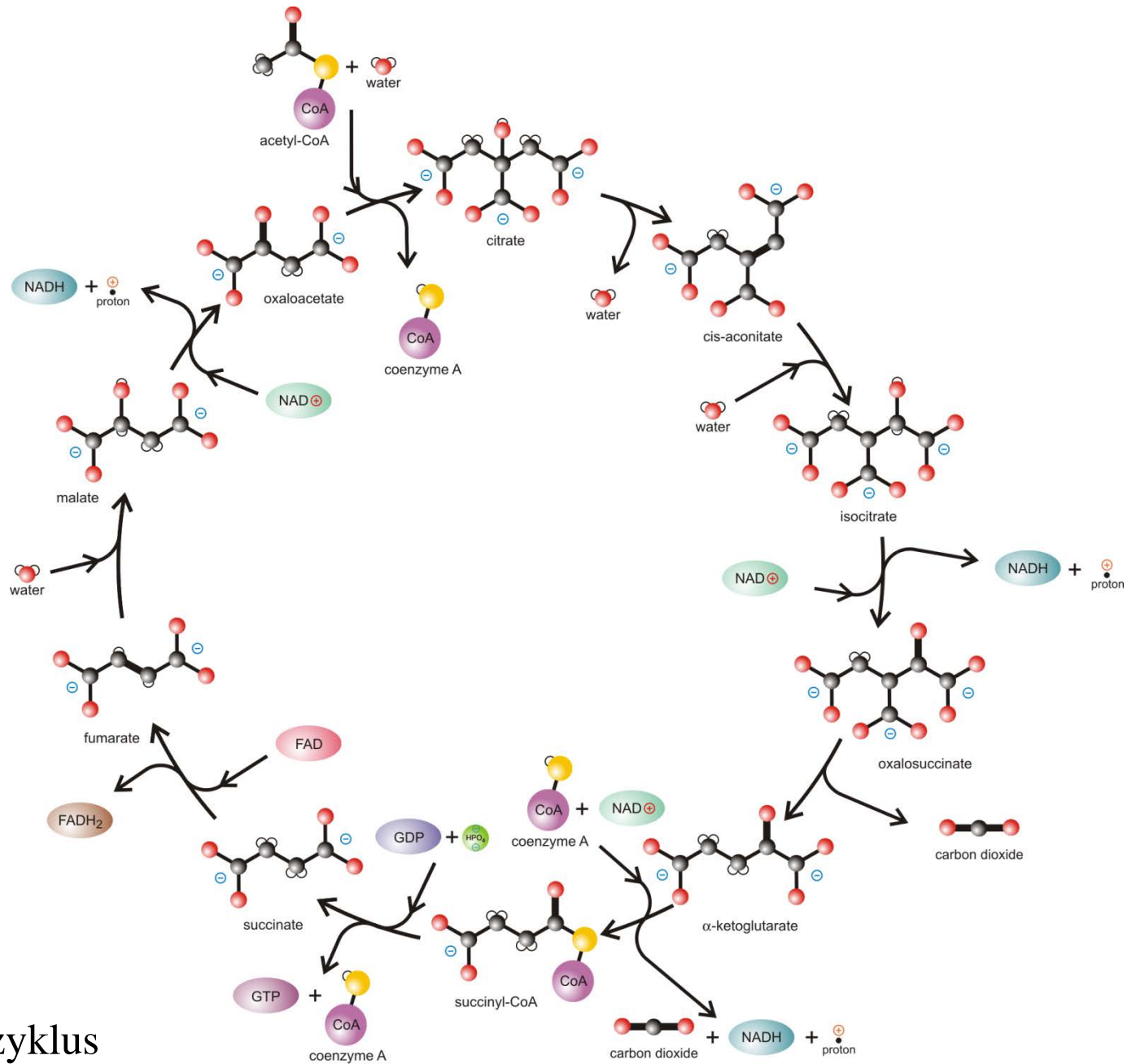
Wassermoleküle in einem Mol (= 18 g):  $6 \times 10^{23}$

# Interne Regulation

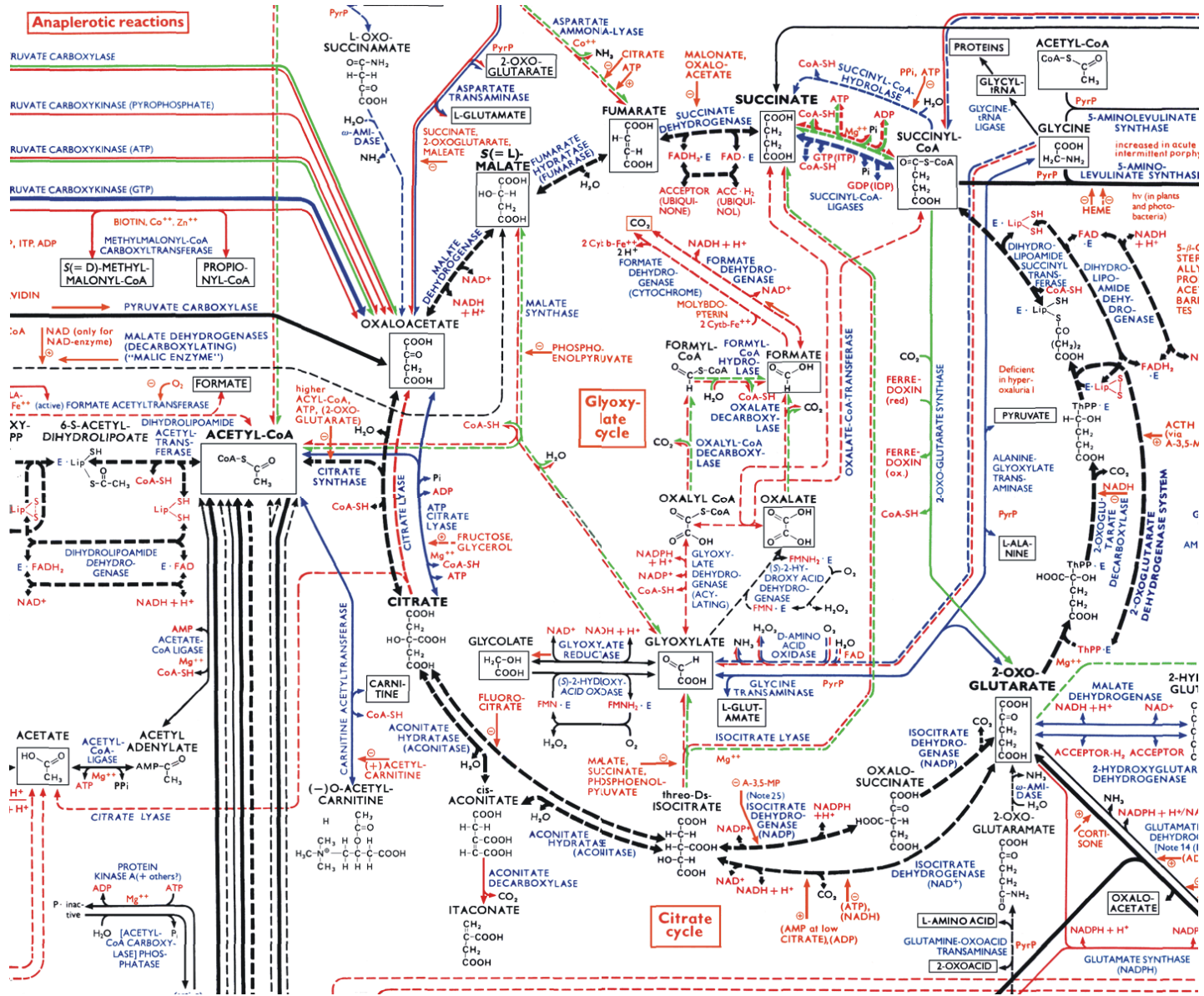


## Regulation der Genexpression

# Funktionelle Komplexität



Der Zitronensäurezyklus





|    | A                           | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L |
|----|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1  | <b>Biochemical Pathways</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9  |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10 |                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Das Reaktionsnetzwerk des zellulären Stoffwechsels nach Boehringer-Mannheim



# Räumliche Komplexität

|                        |                   |            |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Mycoplasma pneumoniae: | Genomelänge       | 820 000 bp |
|                        | # Gene:           | 733        |
|                        | # Proteine (ORF): | 689        |
|                        | # tRNAs           | 37         |
|                        | # rRNAs           | 3          |
|                        | # andere RNAs     | 4          |

S. Kühner, V. van Noort, M. J. Betts, A. Leo-Macias, C. Batisse, M. Rode, T. Yamada, T. Maier, S. Bader, P. Beltran-Alvarez, D. Castaño-Diez, W.-H. Chen, D. Devos, M. Güell, T. Norambuena, I. Racke, V. Rybin, A. Schmidt, E. Yus, R. Aebersold, R. Herrmann, B. Böttcher, A. S. Frangakis, R. B. Russell, L. Serrano, P. Bork, and A.-C. Gavin. 2009.

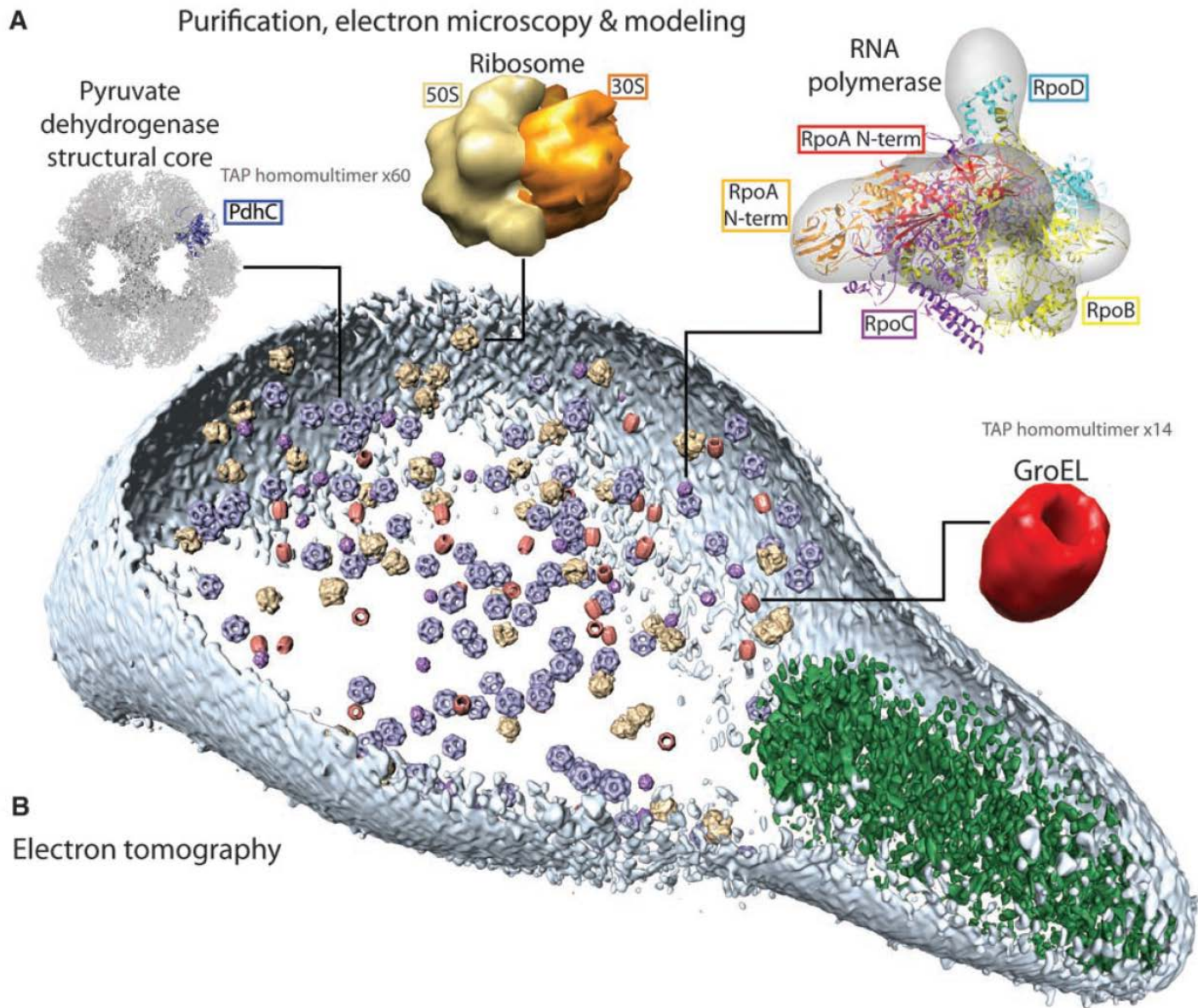
Proteome organization in a genome-reduced bacterium. *Science* **326**:1235–1240.

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Impact of genome reduction on bacterial metabolism and its regulation. *Science* **326**:1263–1268.

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Transcriptome complexity in a genome-reduced bacterium. *Science* **326**:1268–1271.



**Fig. 4.** From proteomics to the cell. By a combination of pattern recognition and classification algorithms, the following TAP-identified complexes from *M. pneumoniae*, matching to existing electron microscopy and x-ray and tomogram structures (**A**), were placed in a whole-cell tomogram (**B**): the structural core of pyruvate dehydrogenase in blue (~23 nm), the ribosome in yellow (~26 nm), RNA polymerase in purple (~17 nm), and GroEL homo-

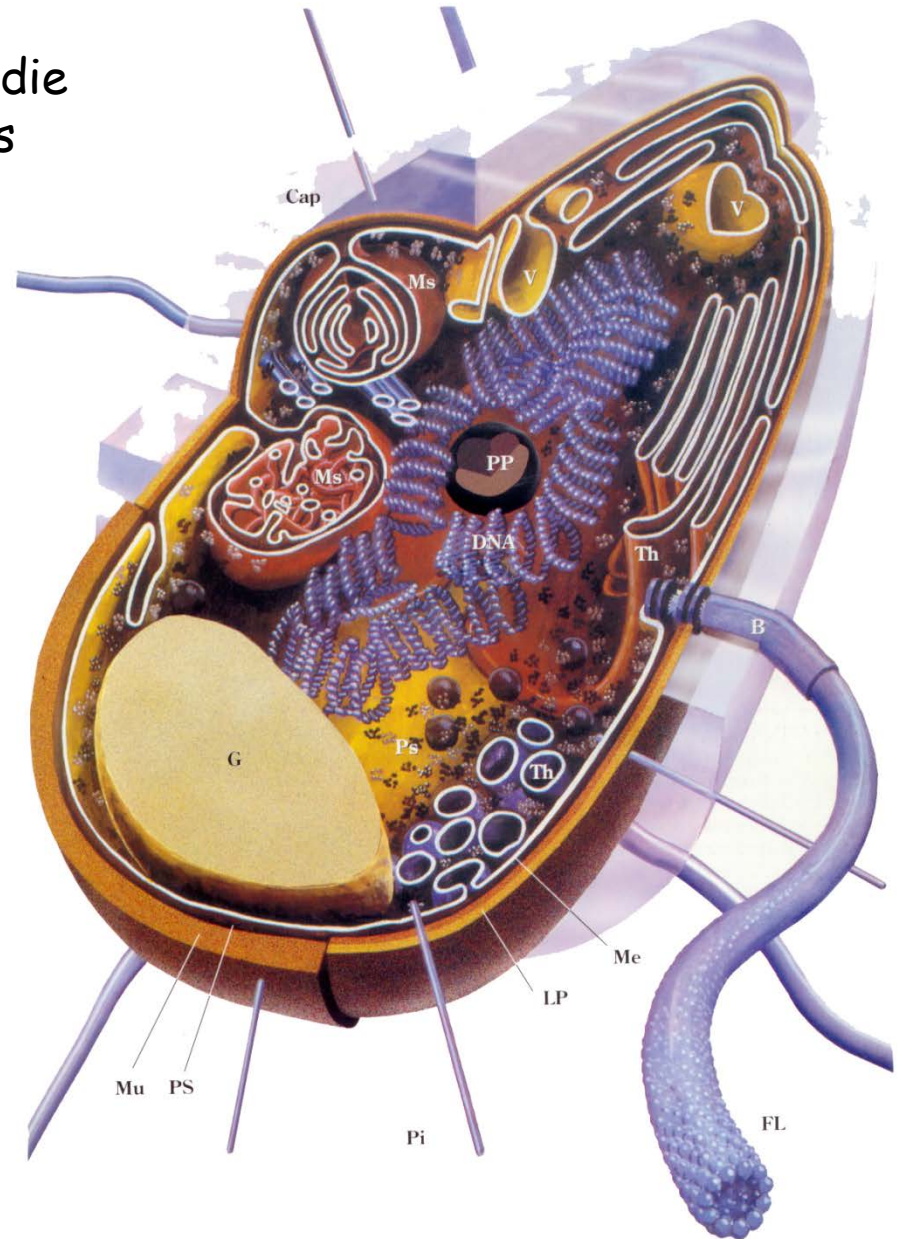
multimer in red (~20 nm). Cell dimensions are ~300 nm by 700 nm. The cell membrane is shown in light blue. The rod, a prominent structure filling the space of the tip region, is depicted in green. Its major structural elements are HMW2 (Mpn310) in the core and HMW3 (Mpn452) in the periphery, stabilizing the rod (42). The individual complexes (A) are not to scale, but they are shown to scale within the bacterial cell (B).

Die Bakterienzelle als Beispiel für die einfachste Form autonomen Lebens

Das *Escherichia coli* Genom:

4 Millionen Nukleotide

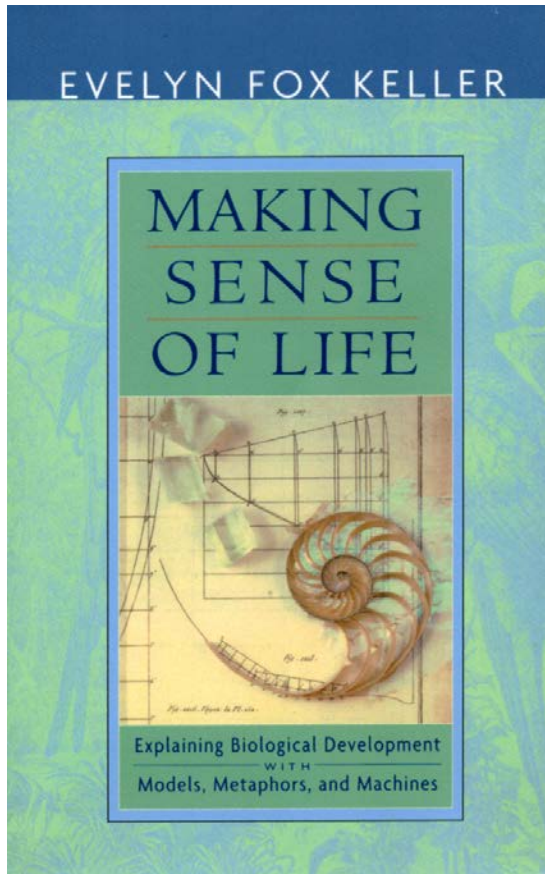
4460 Gene



Die räumliche Struktur des Bakteriums *Escherichia coli*

# Entwicklungsbiologie





Mathematical Models:  
Explaining development  
without the help of genes

„Untimely Birth of a  
Mathematical Biology“



Evelyn Fox Keller, 1936 –

Fakten müssen der Theorienbildung vorausgehen

Keller, E.F. 2003. Making Sense of Life. Explaining Biological Development with Models, Metaphors, and Machines. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA

Es ist zumeist sehr schwierig geeignete einfache, aussagekräftige und experimentell überprüfbare Modellsysteme zu finden.

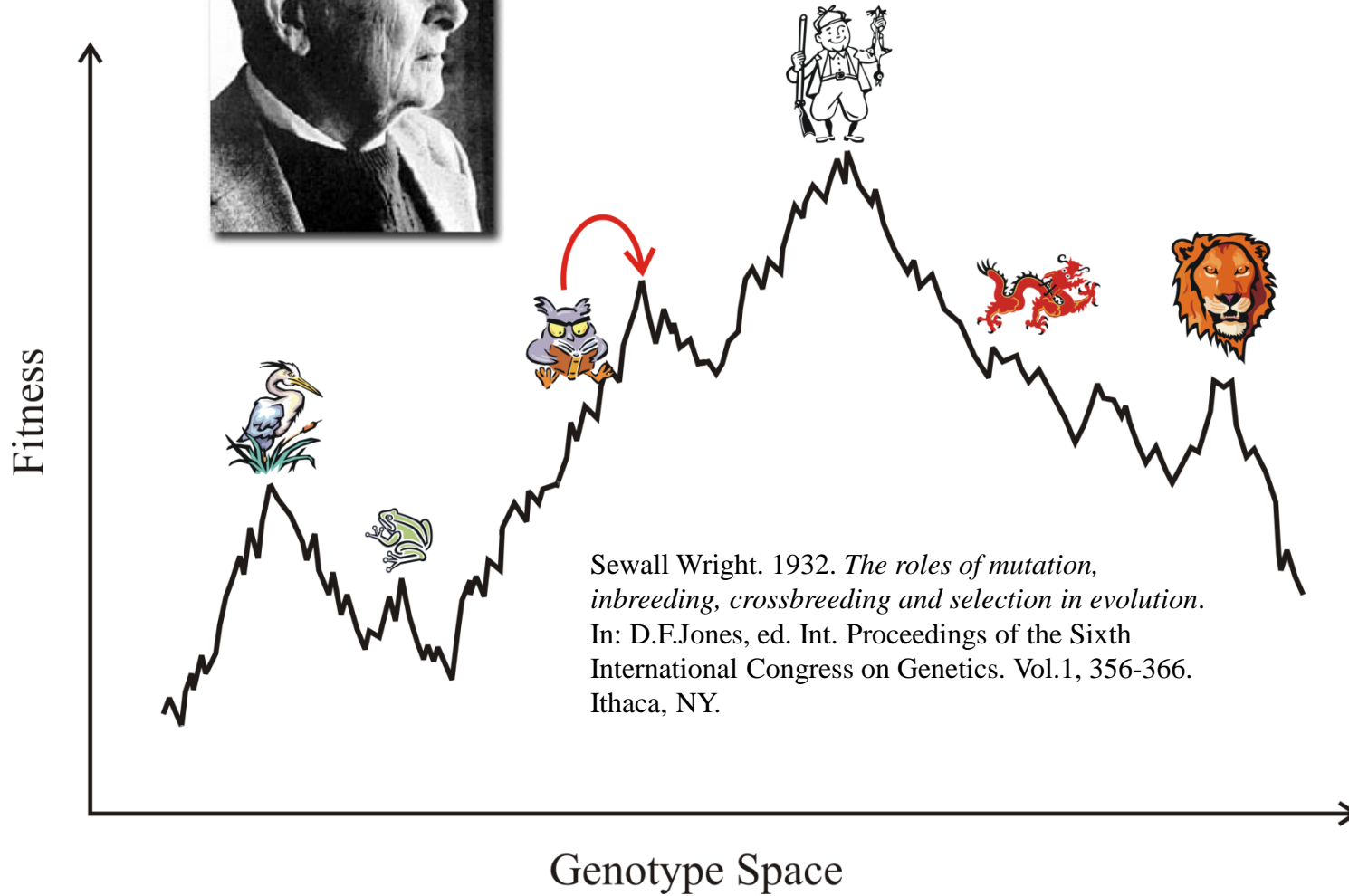
Es gibt eine Himmelsmechanik aber keine Himmelsbiologie!

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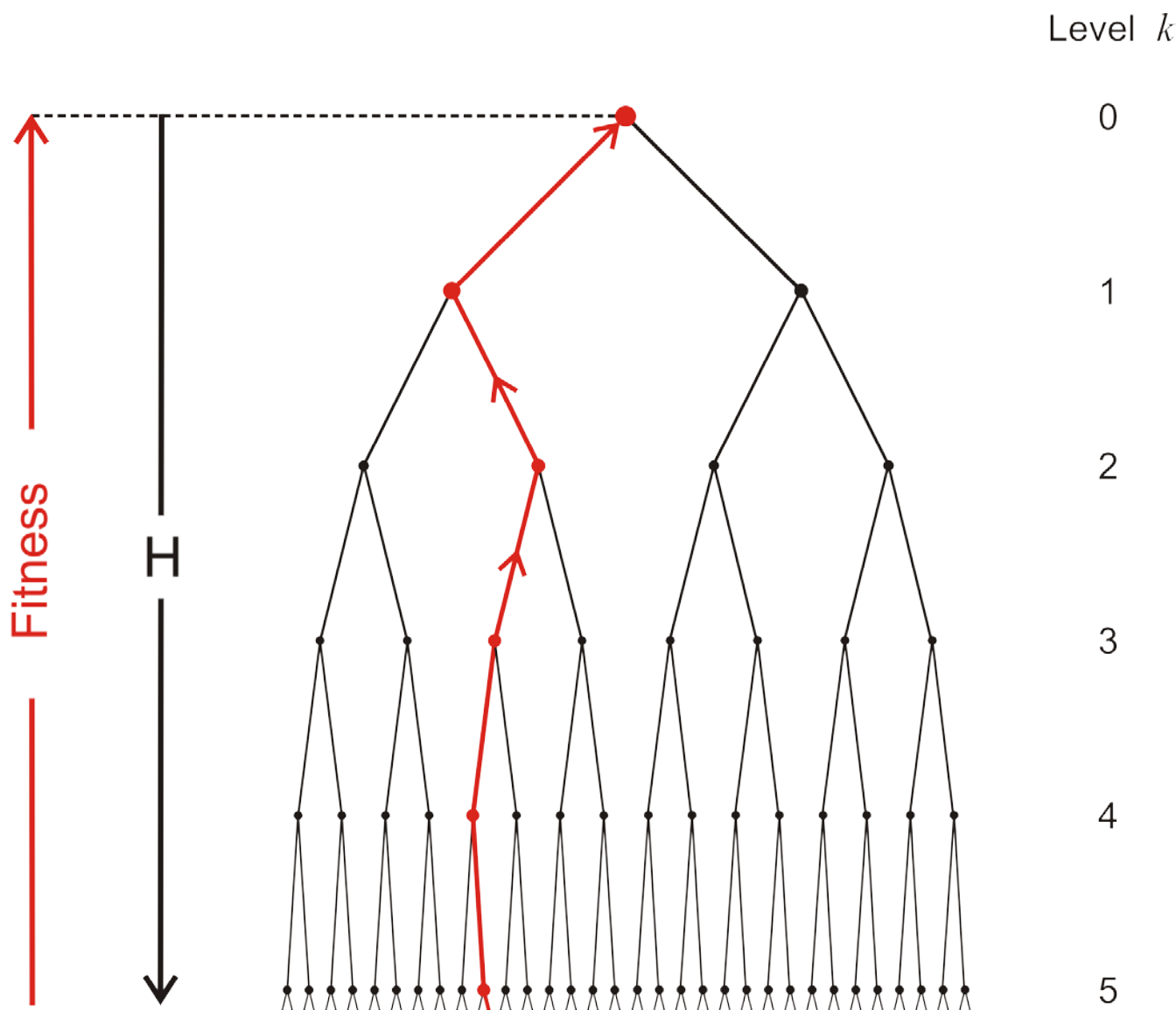




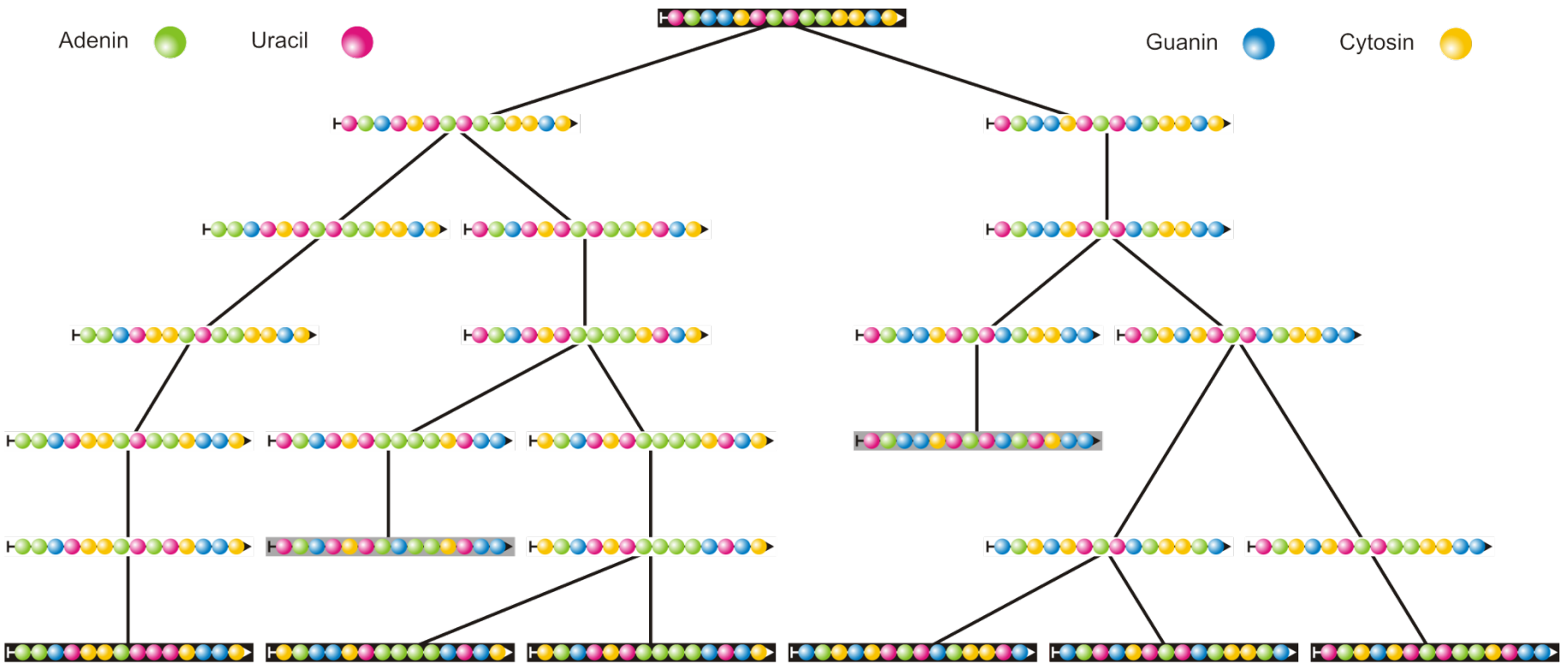
Sewall Wright, 1889 - 1988



Sewall Wrights fitness landscape as metaphor for Darwinian evolution



Optimierung



Rekonstruktion von Phylogenien aus heutigen Sequenzdaten



Motoo Kimura, 1924 - 1994

Motoo Kimuras Populationsgenetik der neutralen Evolution.

Evolutionary rate at the molecular level.  
*Nature* **217**: 624-626, 1955.

*The Neutral Theory of Molecular Evolution.*  
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UK, 1983.

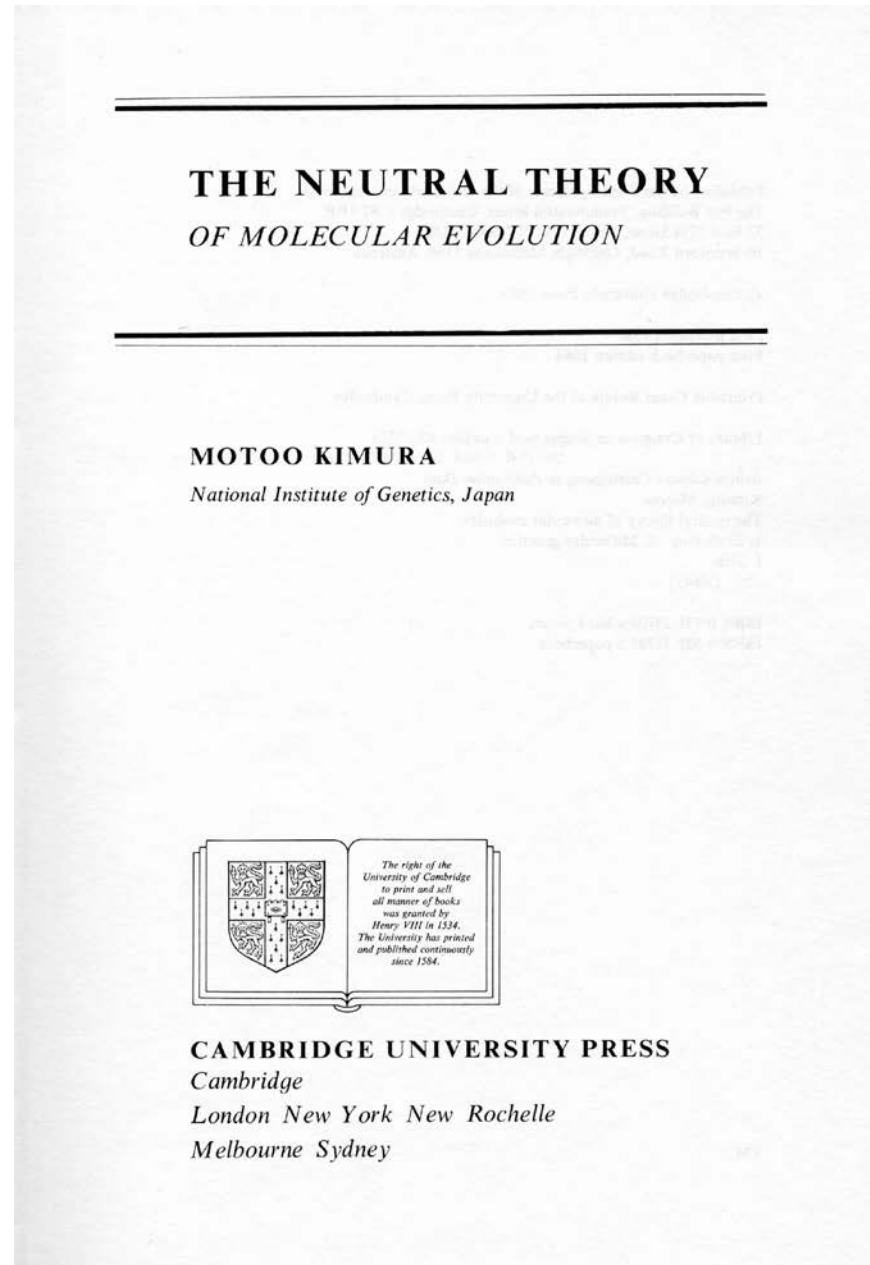
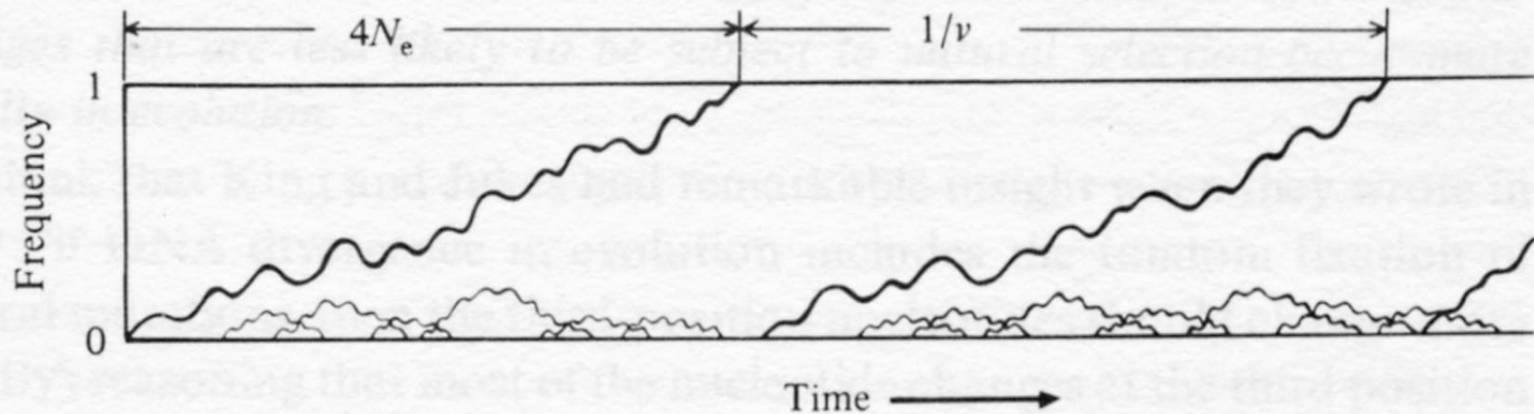


Fig. 3.1. Behavior of mutant genes following their appearance in a finite population. Courses of change in the frequencies of mutants destined to fixation are depicted by thick paths.  $N_e$  stands for the effective population size and  $v$  is the mutation rate.



Motoo Kimura

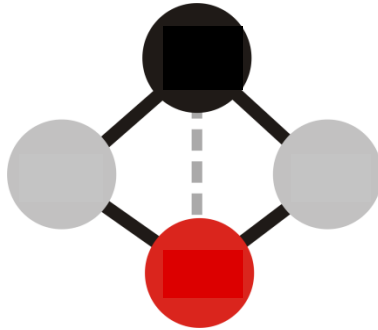
Gilt das Kimura Szenario für häufige Mutationen wie bei Viren?

Muss es immer **eine** fitteste Variante sein?



$$d_H = 1$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} x_1(p) = x_2(p) = 0.5$$



$$d_H = 2$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} x_1(p) = \alpha / (1 + \alpha)$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} x_2(p) = 1 / (1 + \alpha)$$

$$d_H \geq 3$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} x_1(p) = 1, \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} x_2(p) = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} x_1(p) = 0, \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} x_2(p) = 1$$

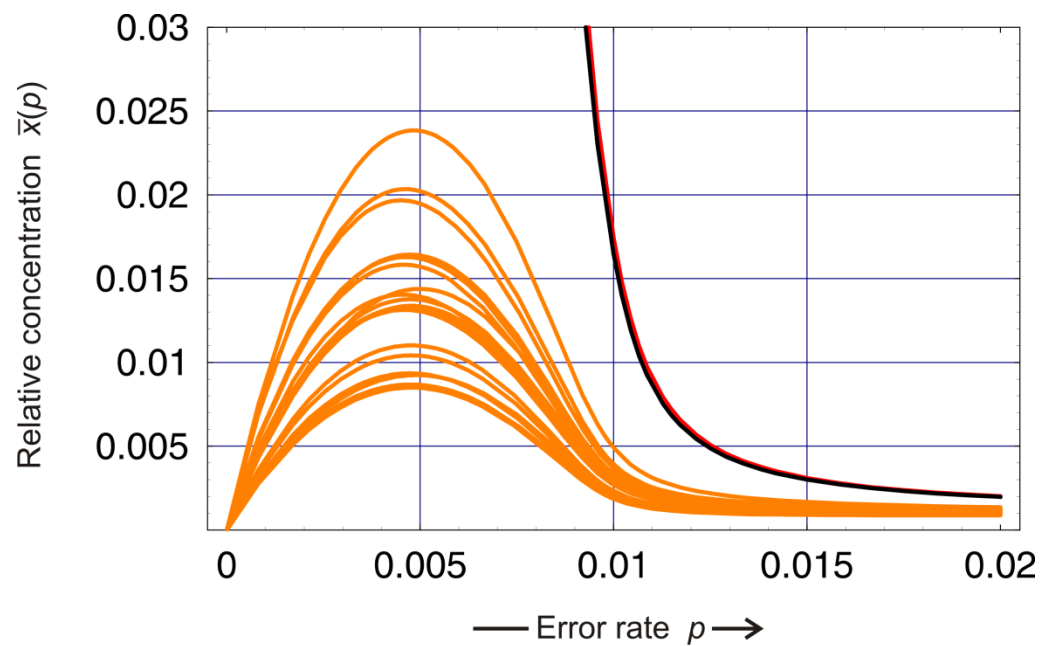
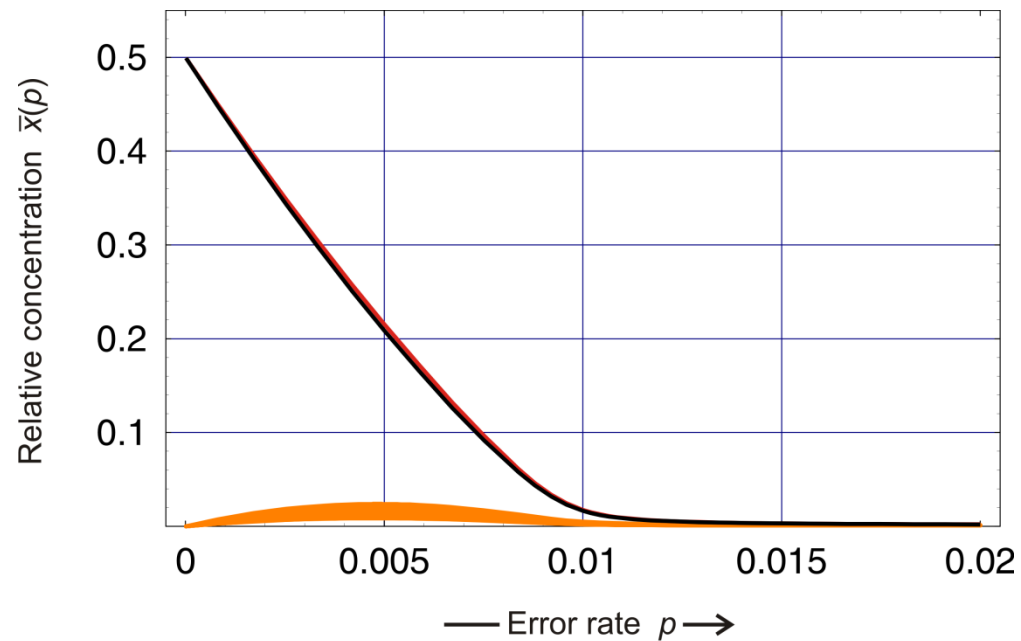
Zufallsselektion im Sinne  
von Motoo Kimura

Paare neutraler Sequenzen in  
Replikationsnetzwerken



Neutral network

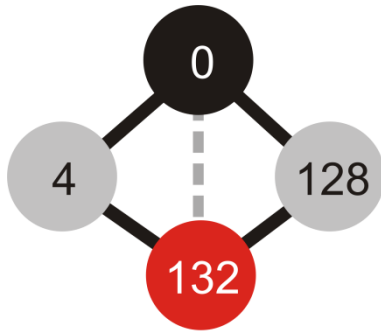
$\lambda = 0.01, s = 367$



neutral network: individual sequences

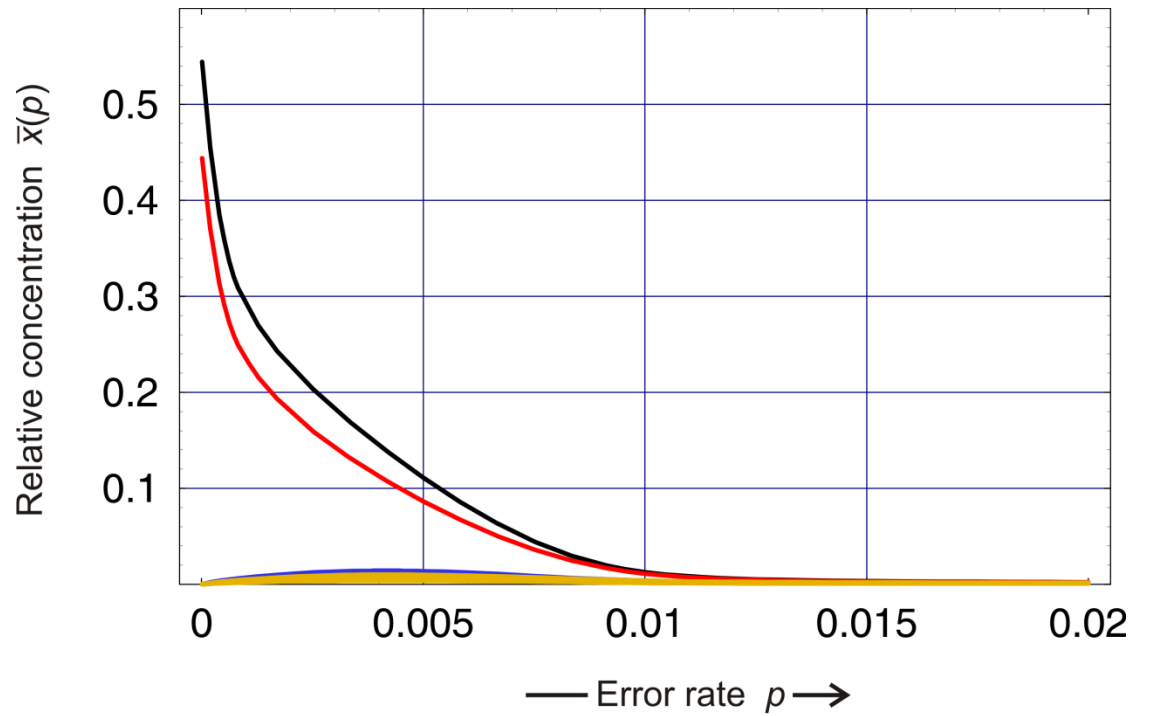
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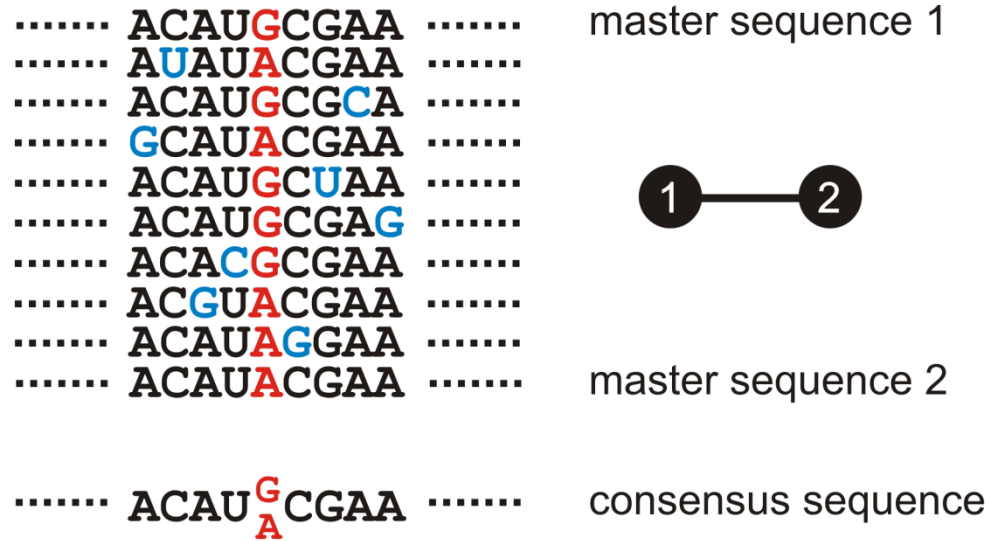
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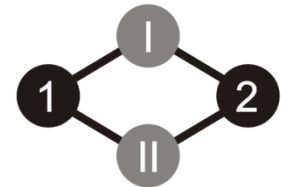
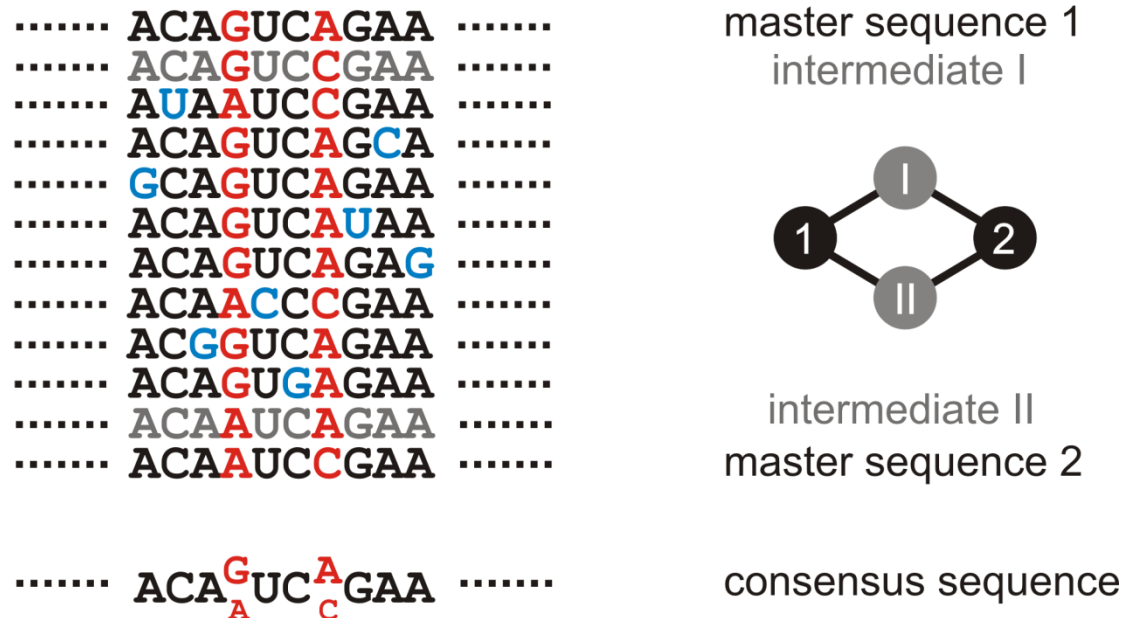


neutral network: individual sequences

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consensus sequences of a quasispecies of two strongly coupled sequences of Hamming distance  $d_H(X_i, X_j) = 1$  and 2.



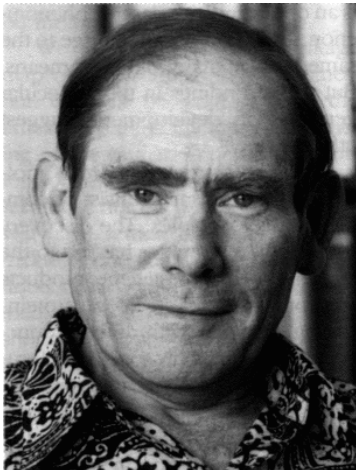
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# Evolution im Licht der gegenwärtigen Molekulargenetik

1. Die Vorstellungen der konventionellen Genetik müssen hinsichtlich der Genregulation entscheidend erweitert werden.
2. Ein Gen wird im Vielzellerorganismus gewebsspezifisch in mehrere verschiedene Proteine übersetzt.
3. Umwelteinflüsse geben Anlass zu Veränderungen des Genoms, welche einige Generationen lang vererbbar sind.
4. Komplexität, Robustheit und Plastizität der Organismen wird erst im Zusammenspiel von Genetik und Epigenetik verstehbar.

## Vorteile der molekularen Betrachtungsweise

1. Komplexe Mechanismen der Vermehrung können ohne grundsätzliche Probleme berücksichtigt werden.
2. Genetische Regulation auf der Basis von DNA oder RNA ist nichts anderes als chemische Kinetik!
3. Eine adäquate Behandlung epigenetischer Phänomene erfordert **nur**(?) die Einbeziehung mehrerer Generationen und der Umwelt.



What else is epigenetics than a funny form of enzymology ?

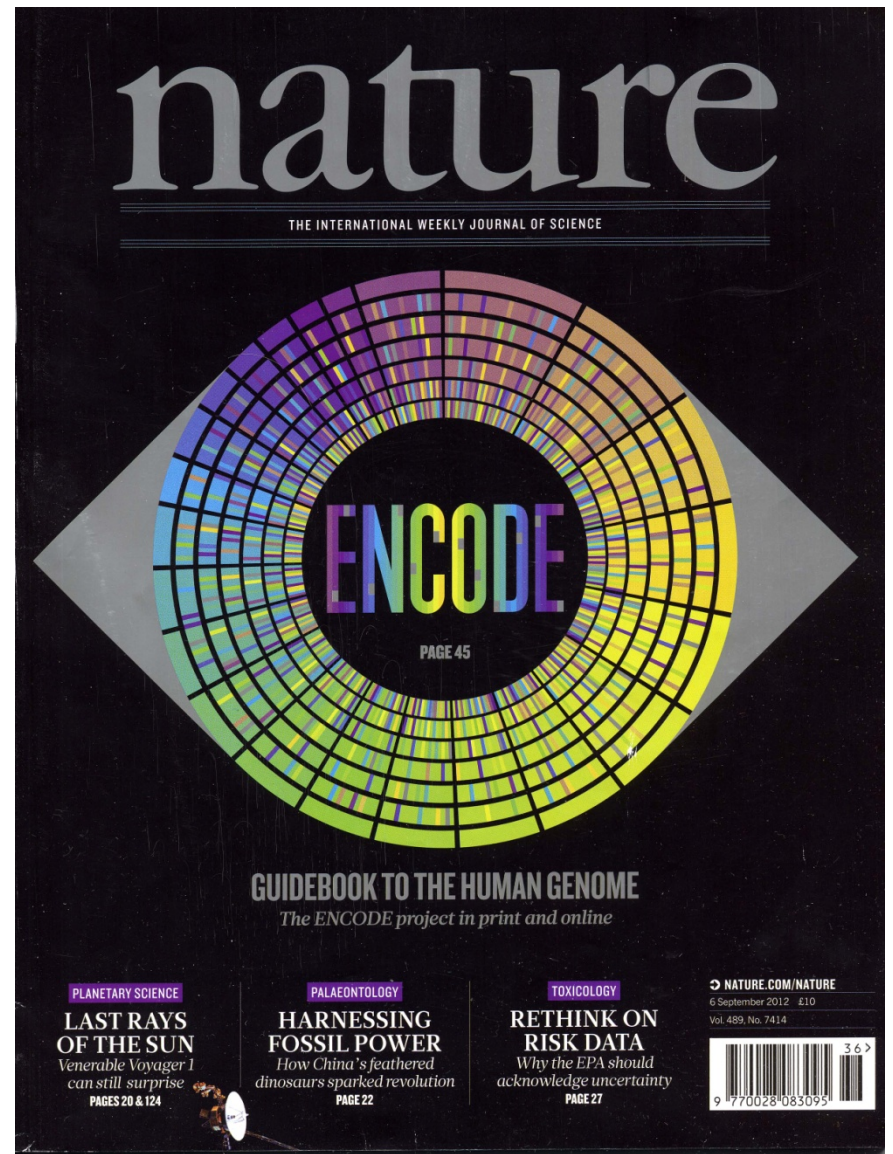
Each protein, after all, comes from some piece of DNA.

Sydney Brenner, 1927 -





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„... no new principle will declare itself  
from below a heap of facts.“

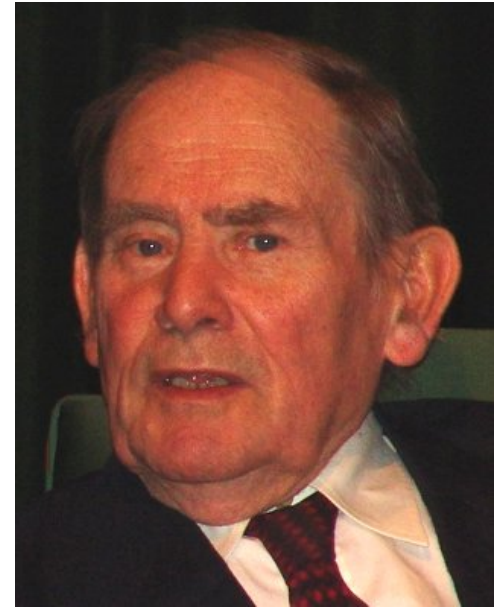


Peter Medawar,  
1915 – 1987

T. Fagerström, P. Jagers, P. Schuster, and E. Szathmary.  
Biologists put on mathematical glasses.  
*Science*, 274:2039–2040, 1996.

Theodosius Dobzhansky: Scientists often have a naive faith that if only they could discover enough facts about a problem, these facts would somehow arrange themselves in a compelling and true solution.

„I was taught in the pregenomic era to be a hunter. I learnt how to identify the wild beasts and how to get out, hunt them down and kill them. We are now, however, being urged to be gatherers, to collect everything lying about and put it into storehouses. Someday, it is assumed someone will come and sort through the storhouses, discard the junk and keep the rare finds. The only difficulty is how to recognize them.“



Sydney Brenner, 1927 –

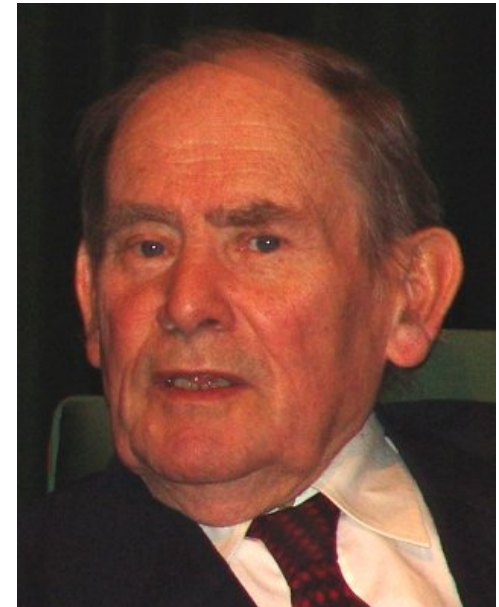
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„Unfortunately, theoretical biology has a bad name because of its past. Physicists were concerned with questions such as whether biological systems are compatible with the second law of thermodynamics and whether they could be explained by quantum mechanics. .... Even though alternatives have been suggested, such as computational biology, biological systems theory and integrative biology, I have decided to forget and forgive the past and call it theoretical biology.“



Sydney Brenner, 1927 –

## Sydney Brenner über Theoretische Biologie

Sydney Brenner. 1999. Theoretical biology in the third millenium.  
Phil.Trans.Roy.Soc.London B **354**:1963-1965.

Danke für die Aufmerksamkeit!

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