

What mutations can do other than create genetic diversity

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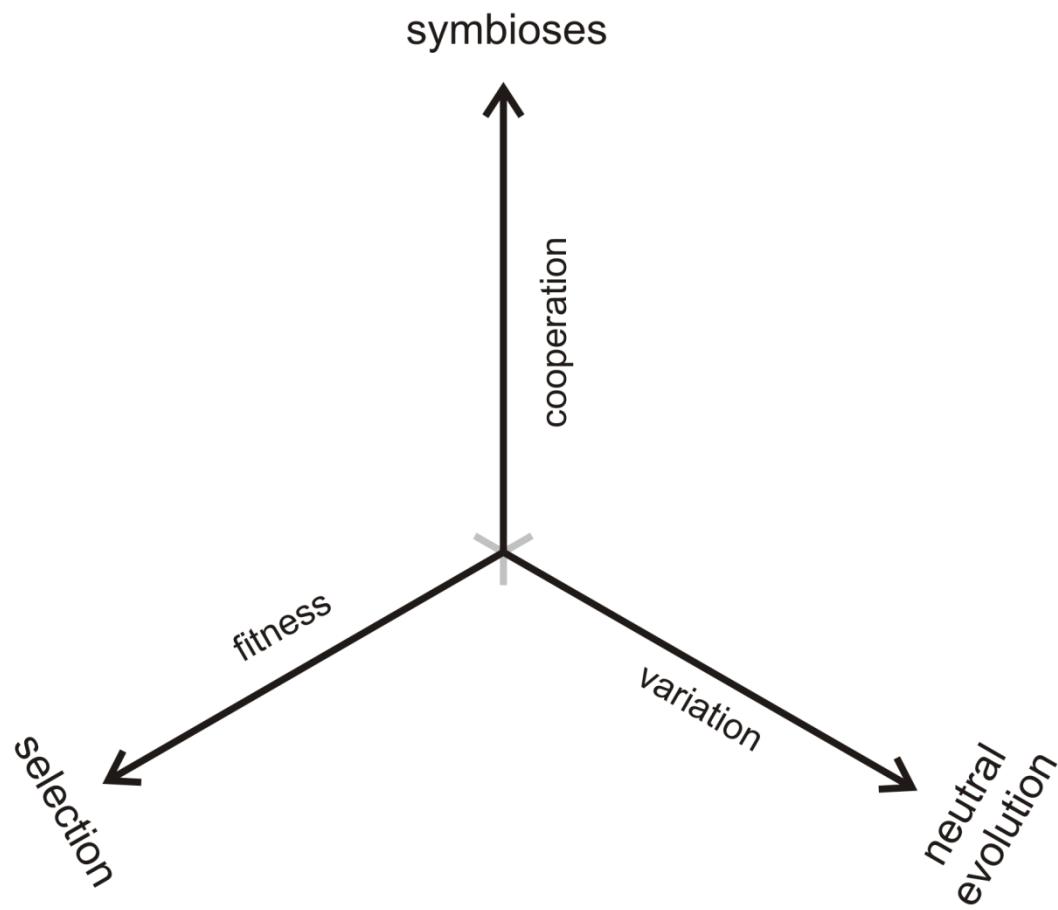
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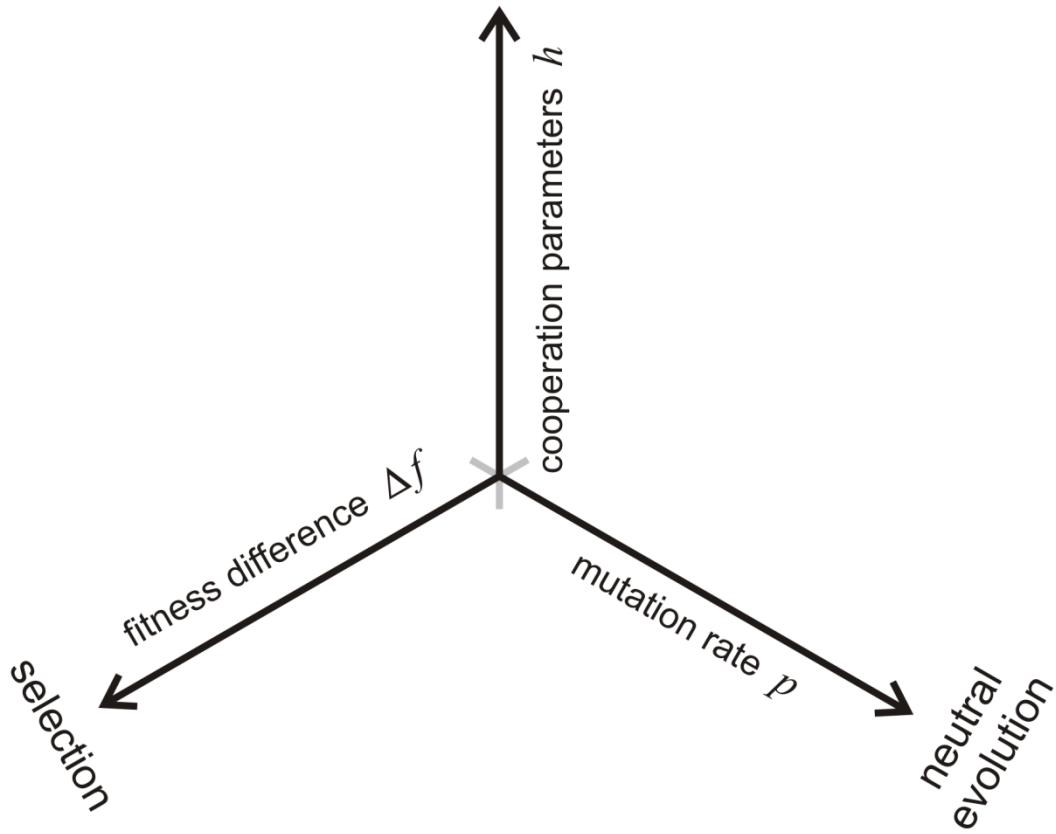
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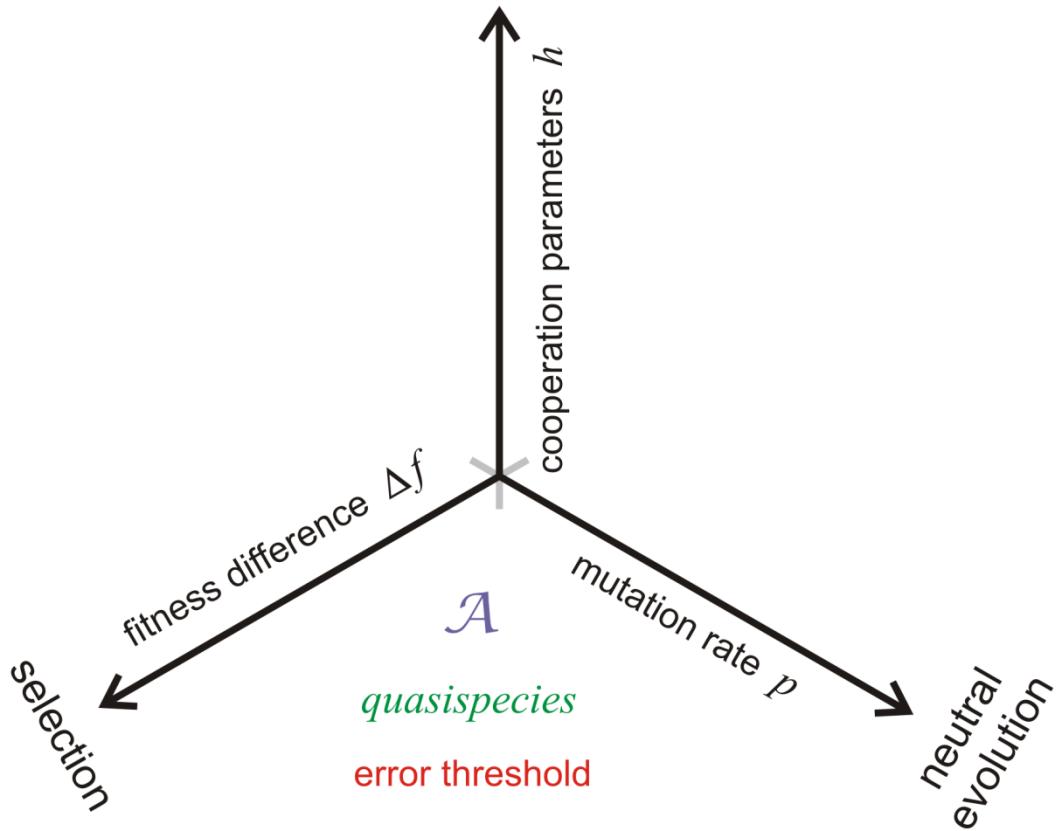
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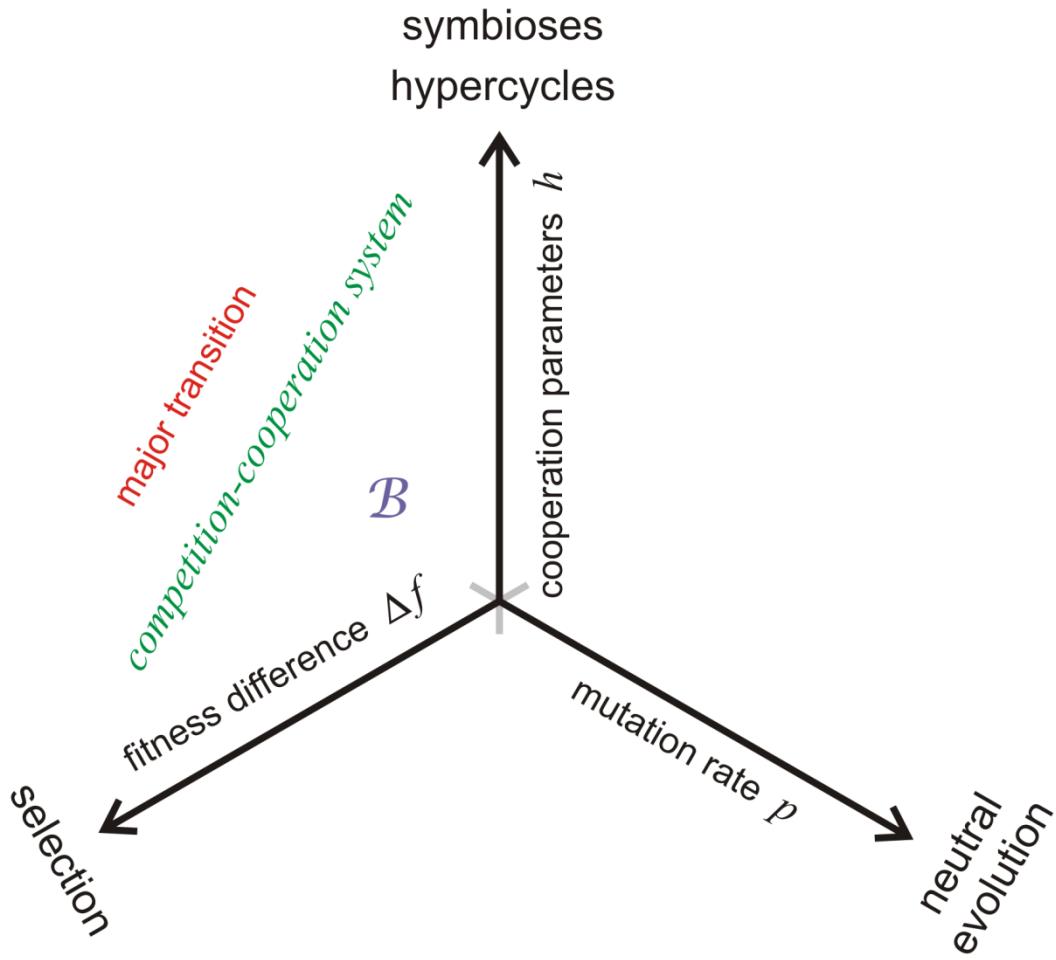


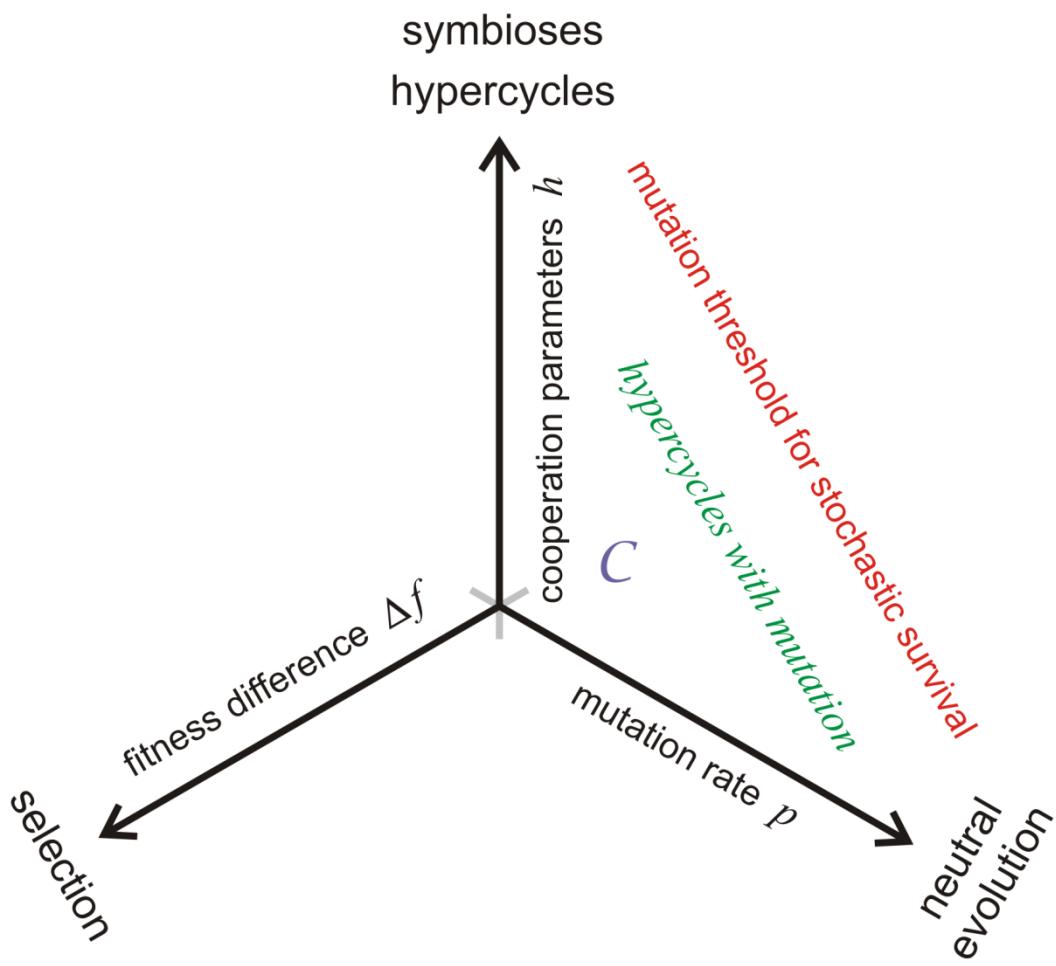
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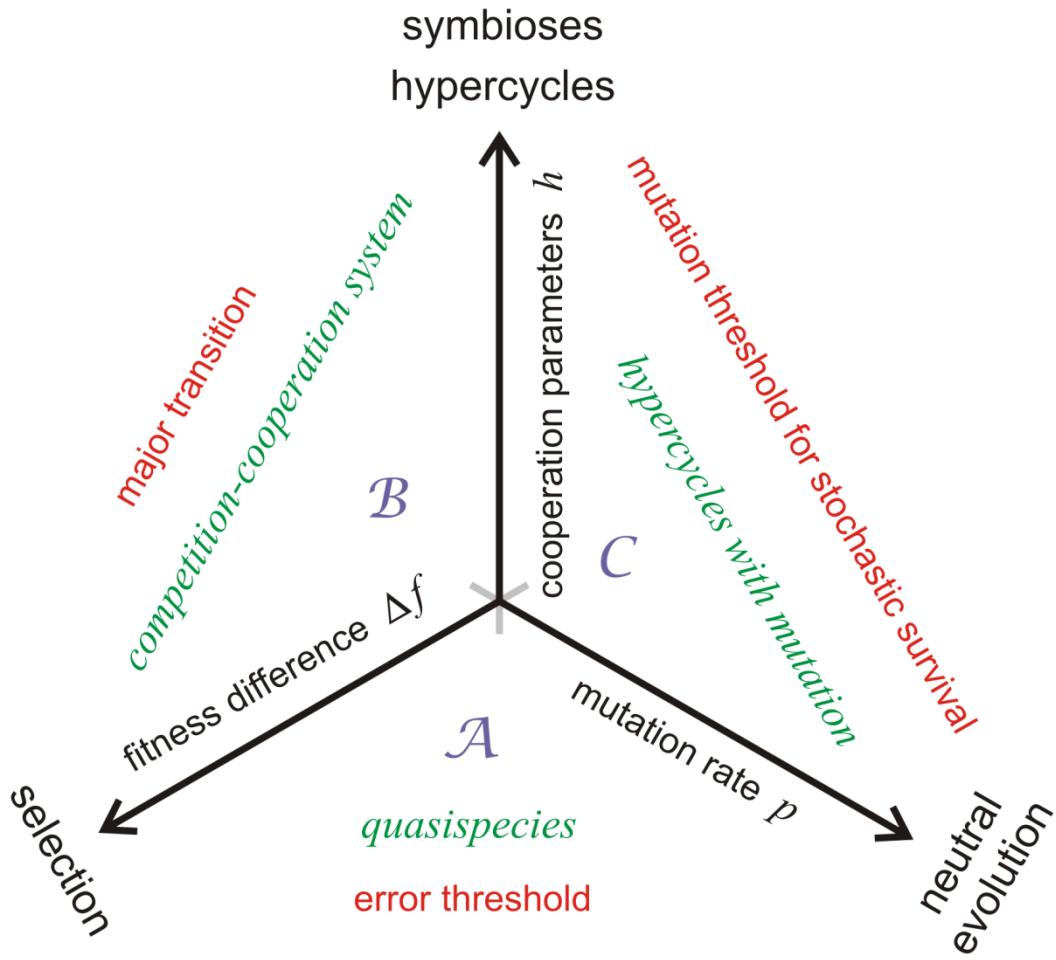


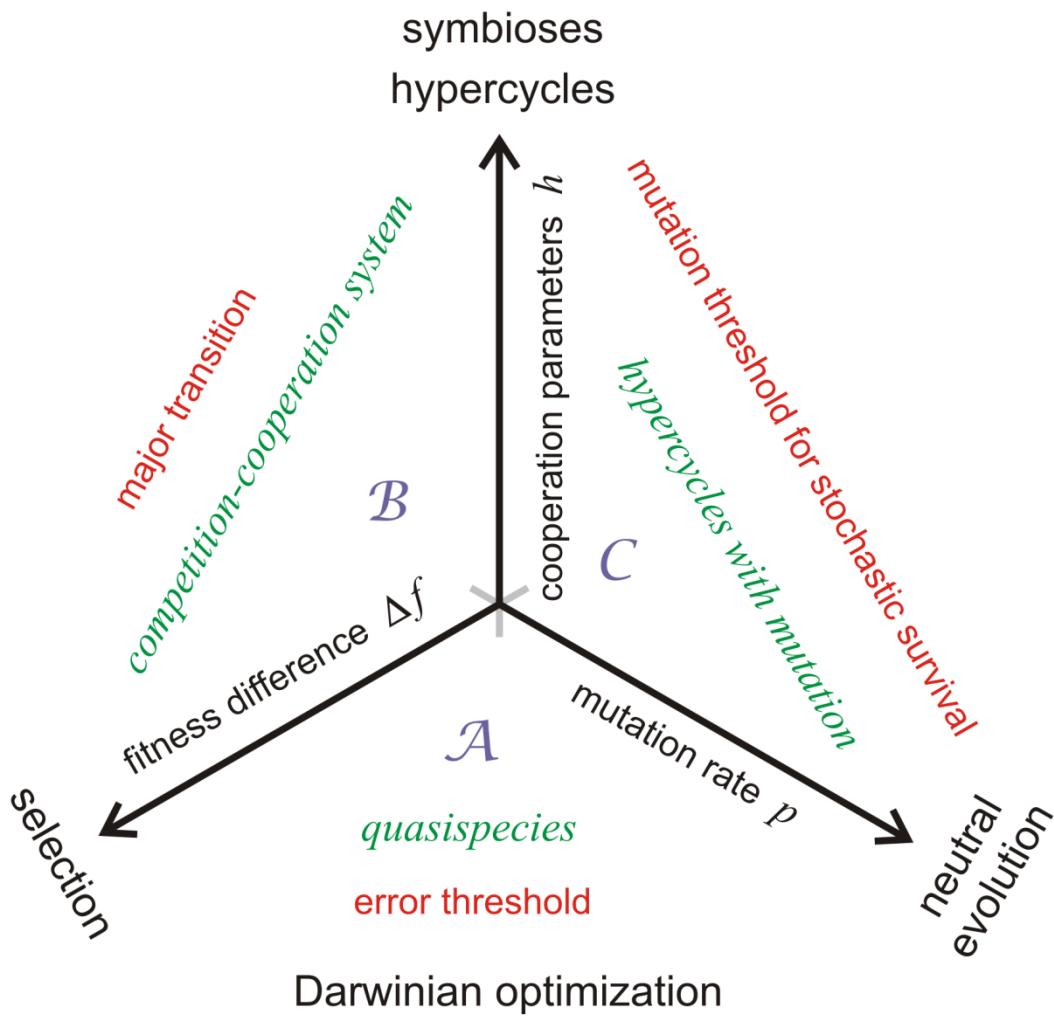
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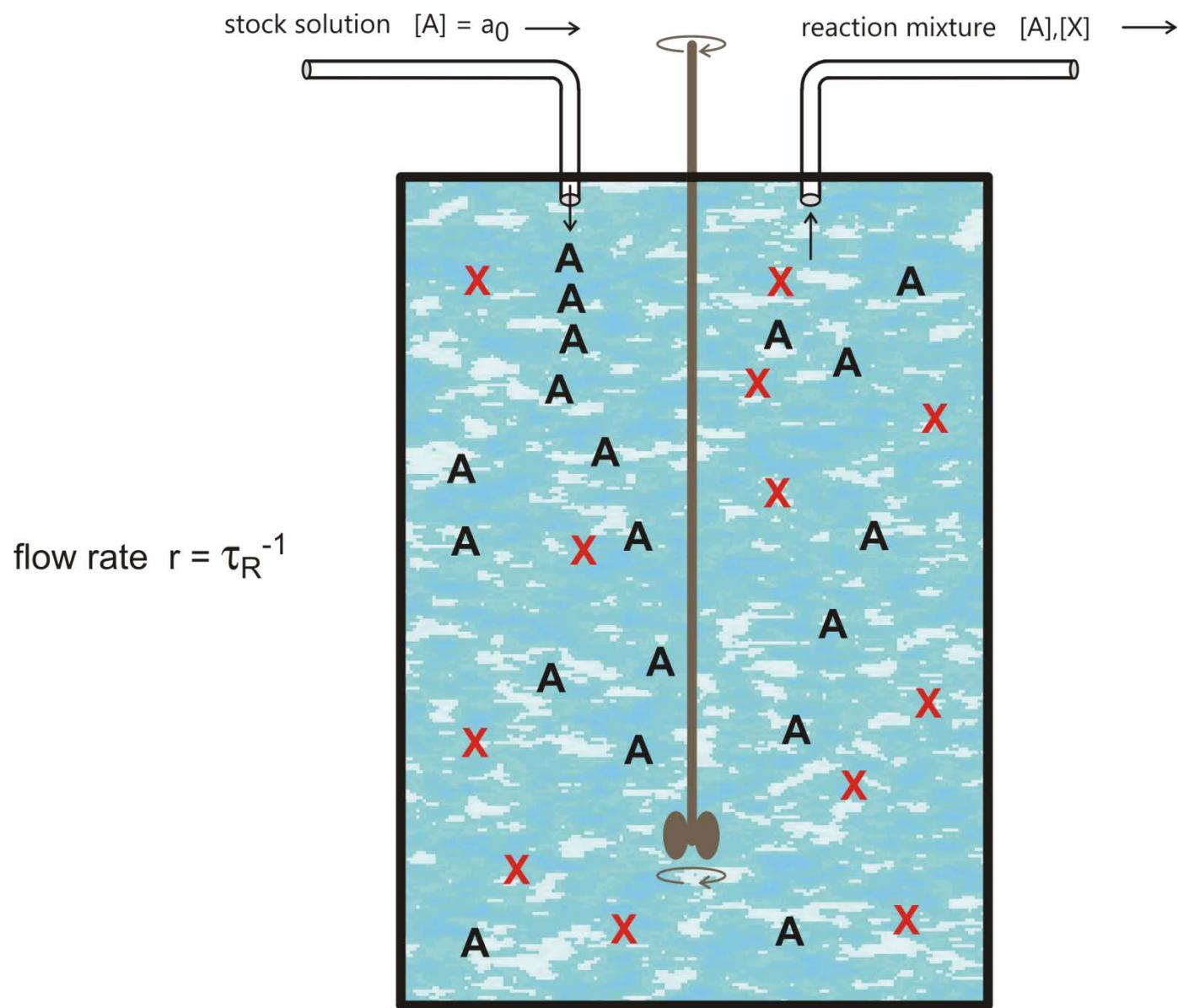












The continuously fed stirred tank reactor (CFSTR)

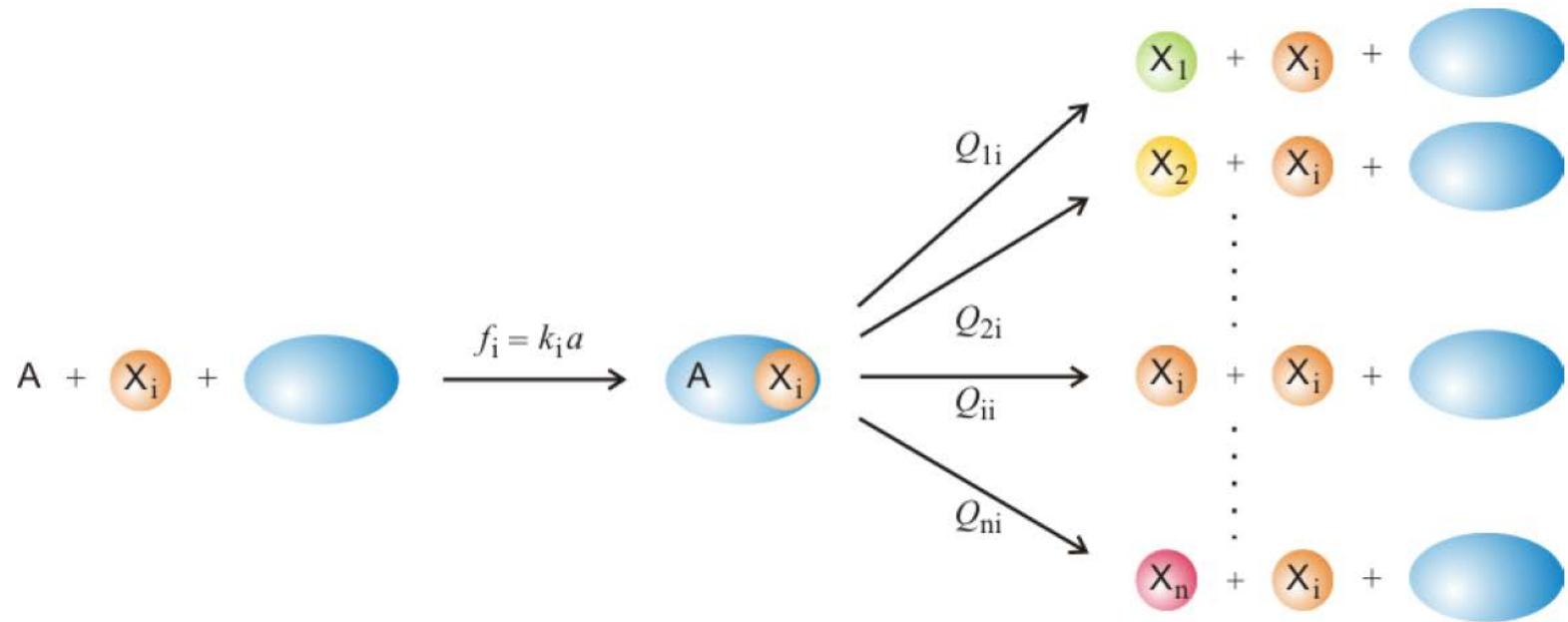
$$* \xrightarrow{a_0 r} A ,$$

$$A + X_i \xrightarrow{k_i Q_{ji}} X_i + X_j ; \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n ,$$

$$A + X_i + X_{i+1} \xrightarrow{l_i Q_{ji}} X_i + X_j + X_{i+1} ; \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n; \quad i \bmod n ,$$

$$A \xrightarrow{r} \emptyset , \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_i \xrightarrow{r} \emptyset ; \quad i = 1, \dots, n .$$



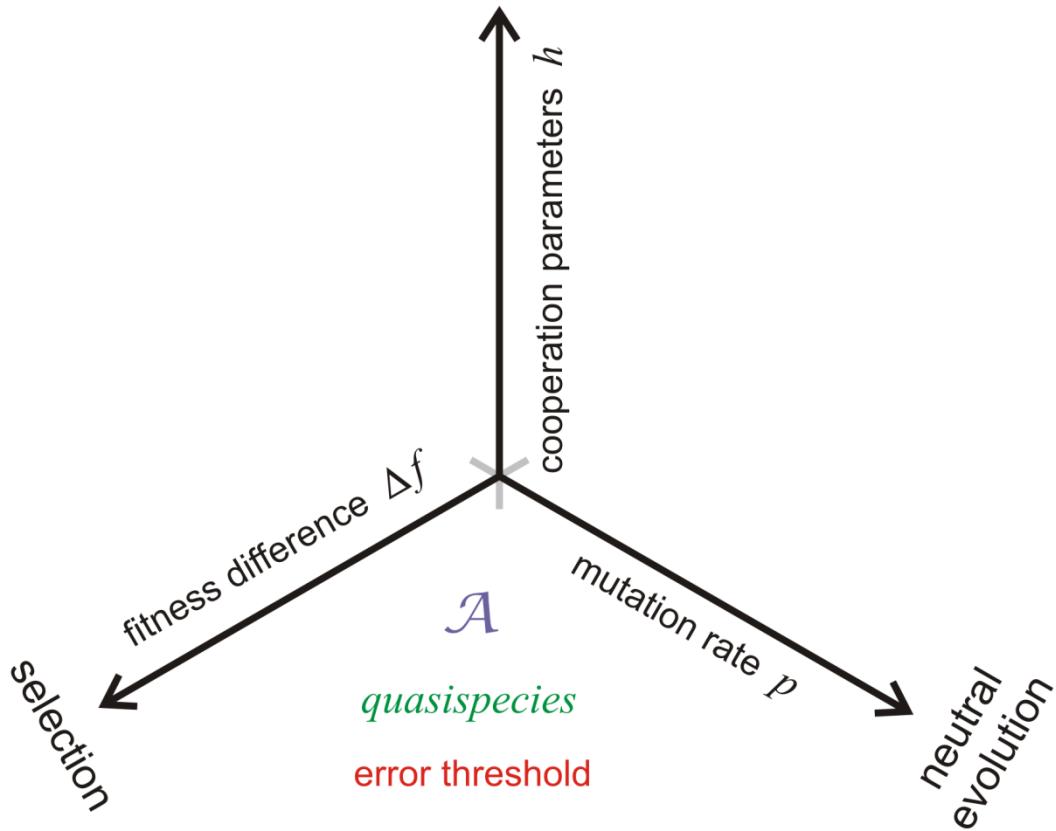
$$\frac{da}{dt} = -a \sum_{j=1}^n x_j (k_j + l_j x_{j+1}) + r(a_0 - a) \text{ and}$$

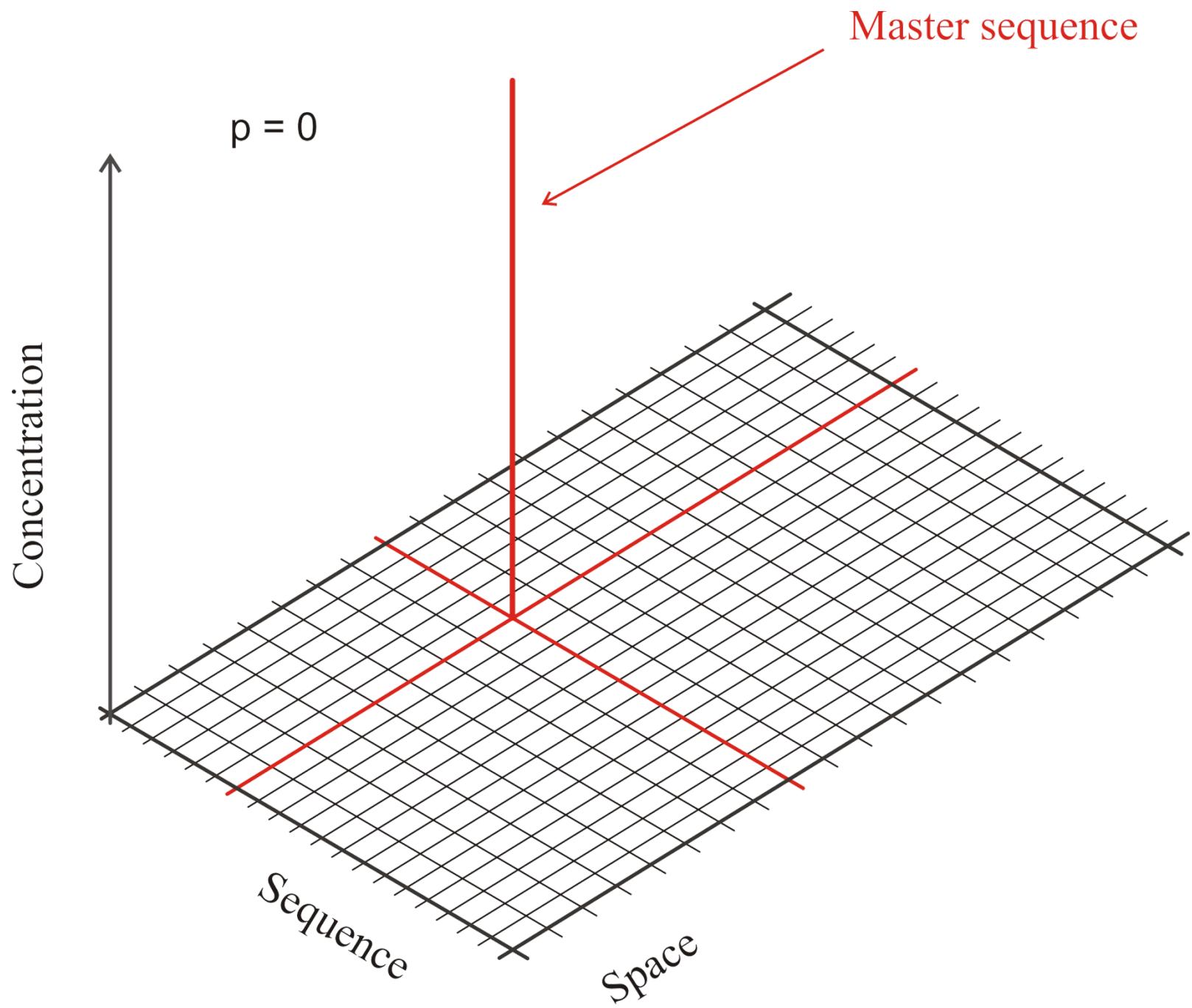
$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = a \left(\sum_{j=1}^n Q_{ij} (k_j + l_j x_{j+1}) x_j \right) - rx_i; \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n; \quad j \bmod n$$

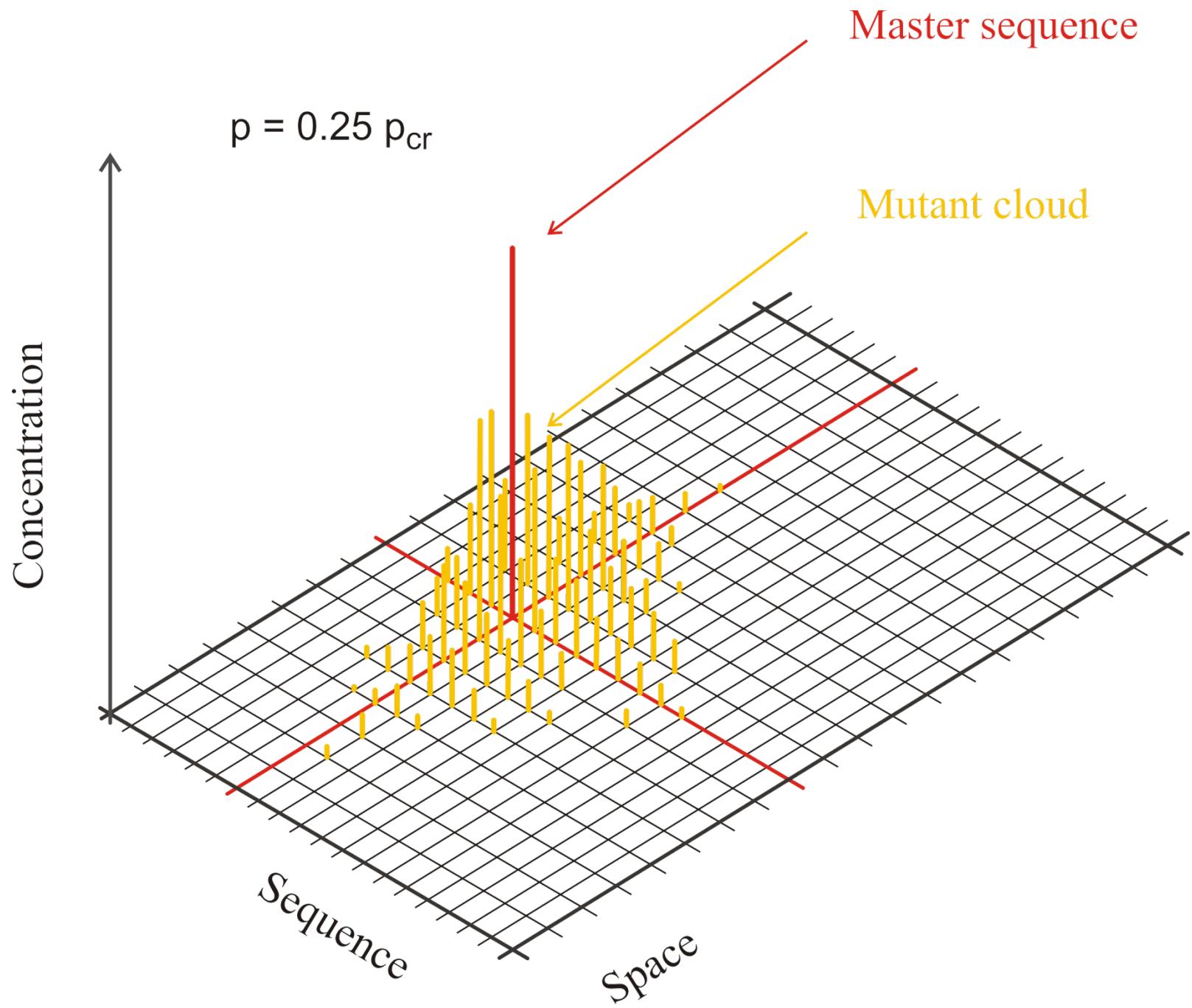
$$Q_{ij}(p) = Q \varepsilon^{d_H(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)} \text{ with } Q = (1-p)^{\nu} = Q_{ii} \forall i = 1, \dots, n \text{ and } \varepsilon = \frac{p}{1-p}.$$

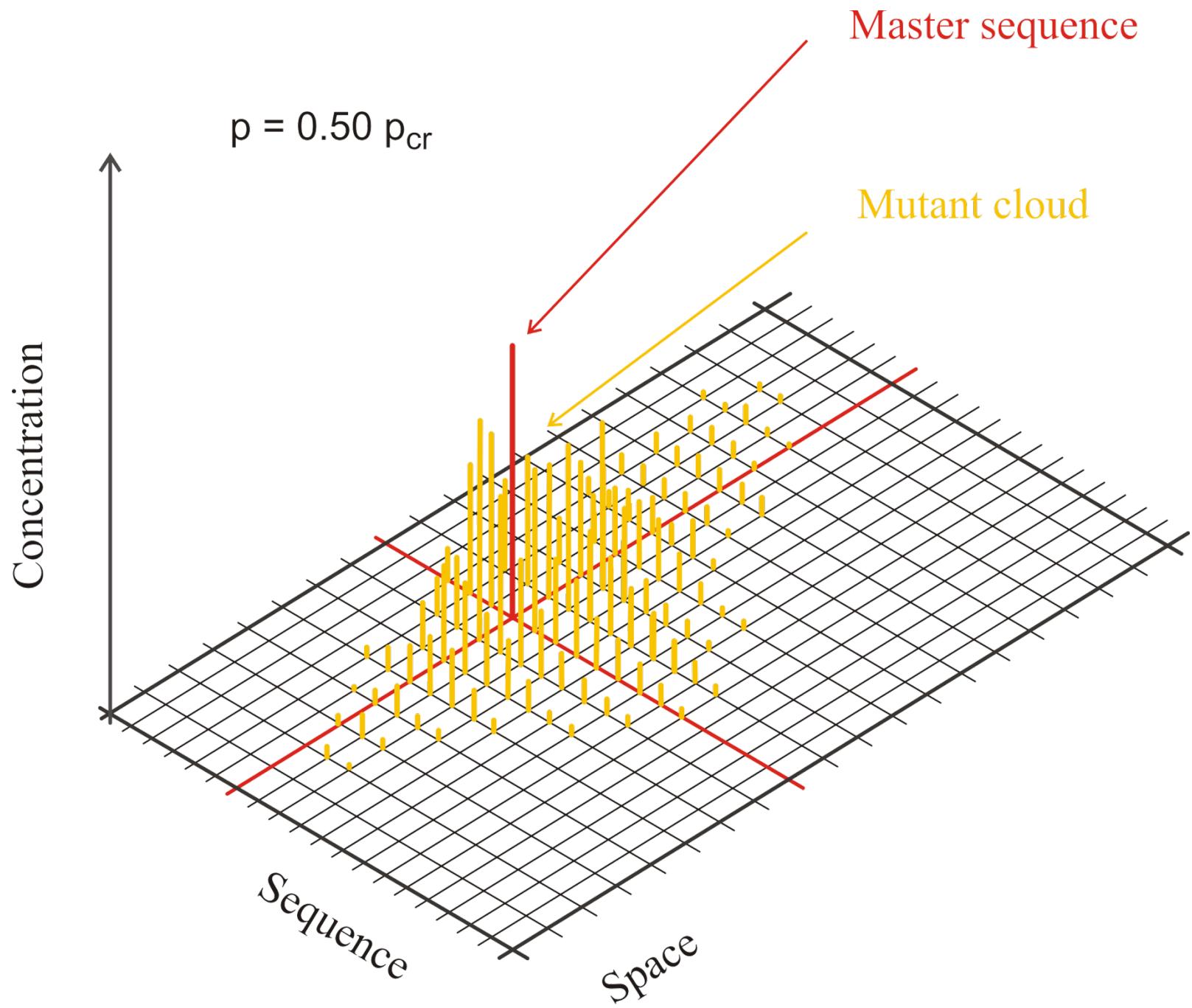
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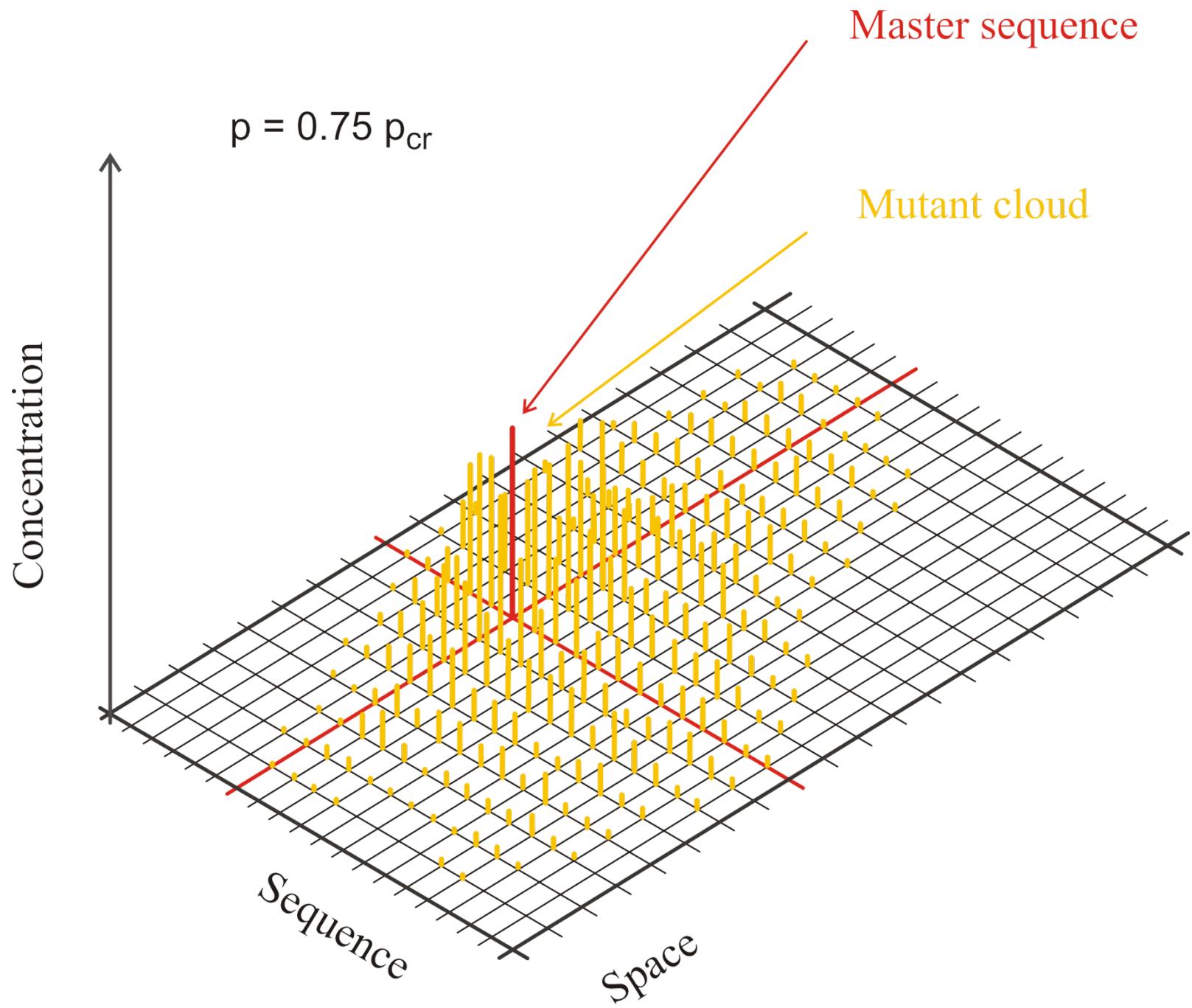
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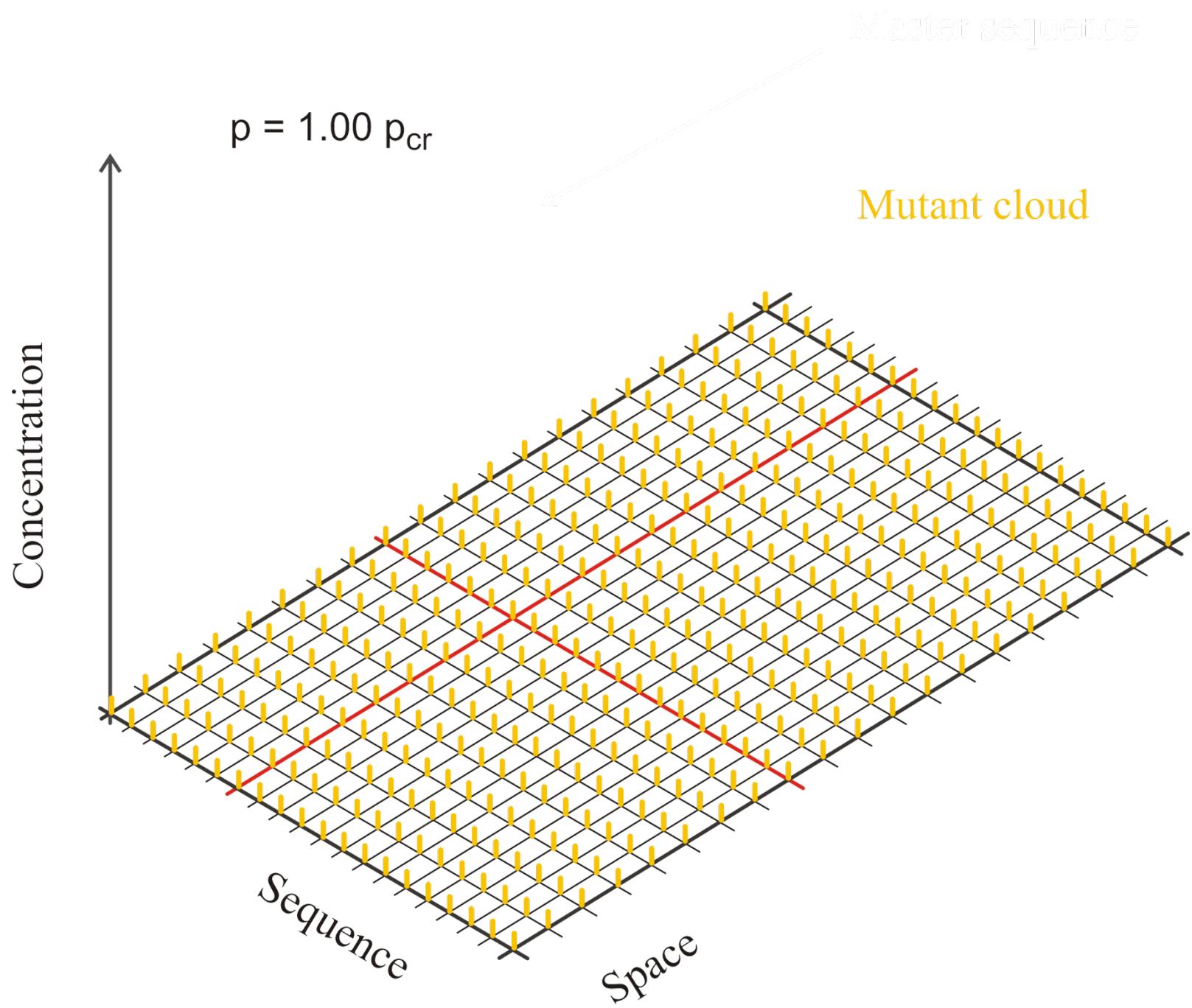


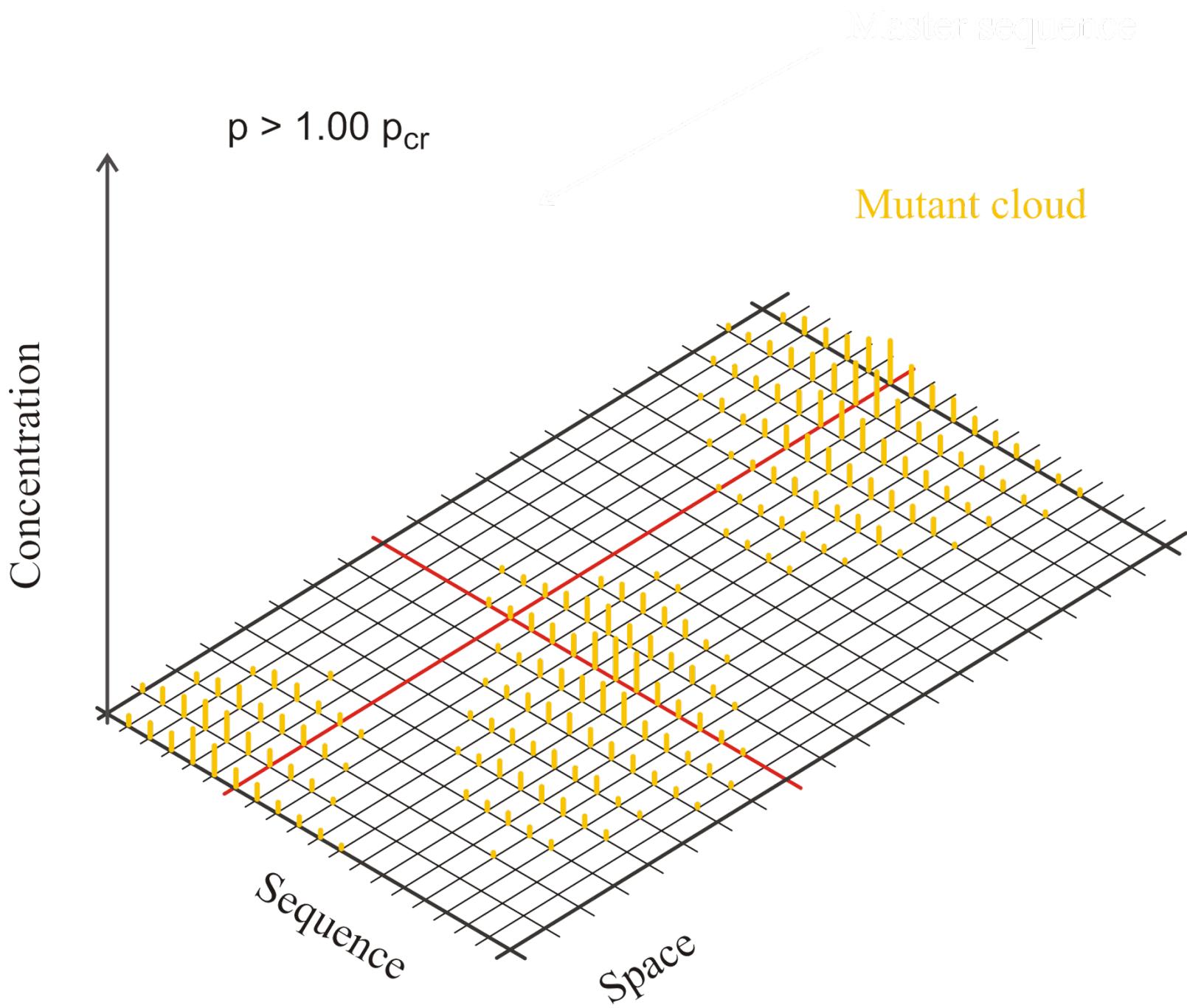


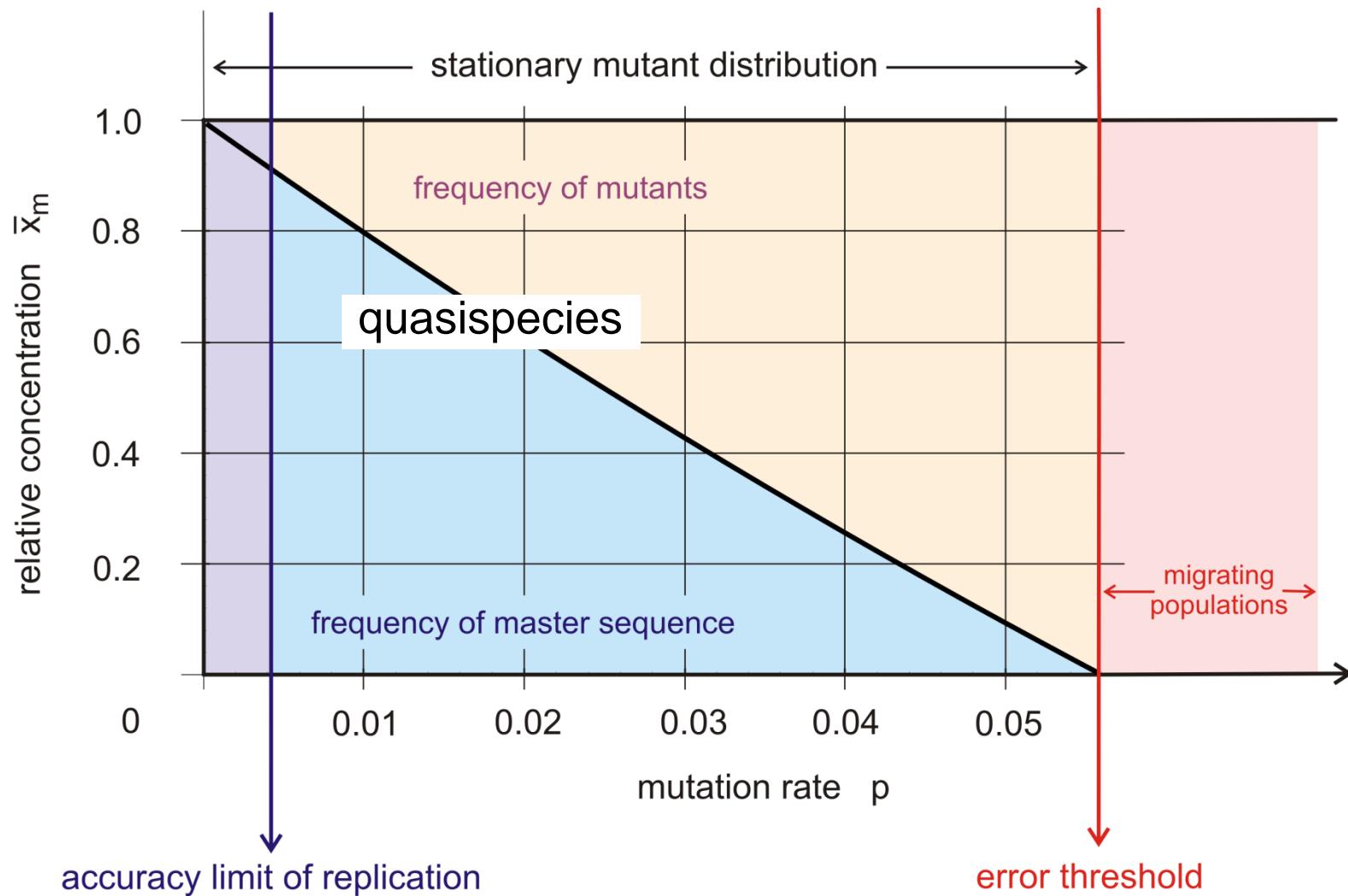






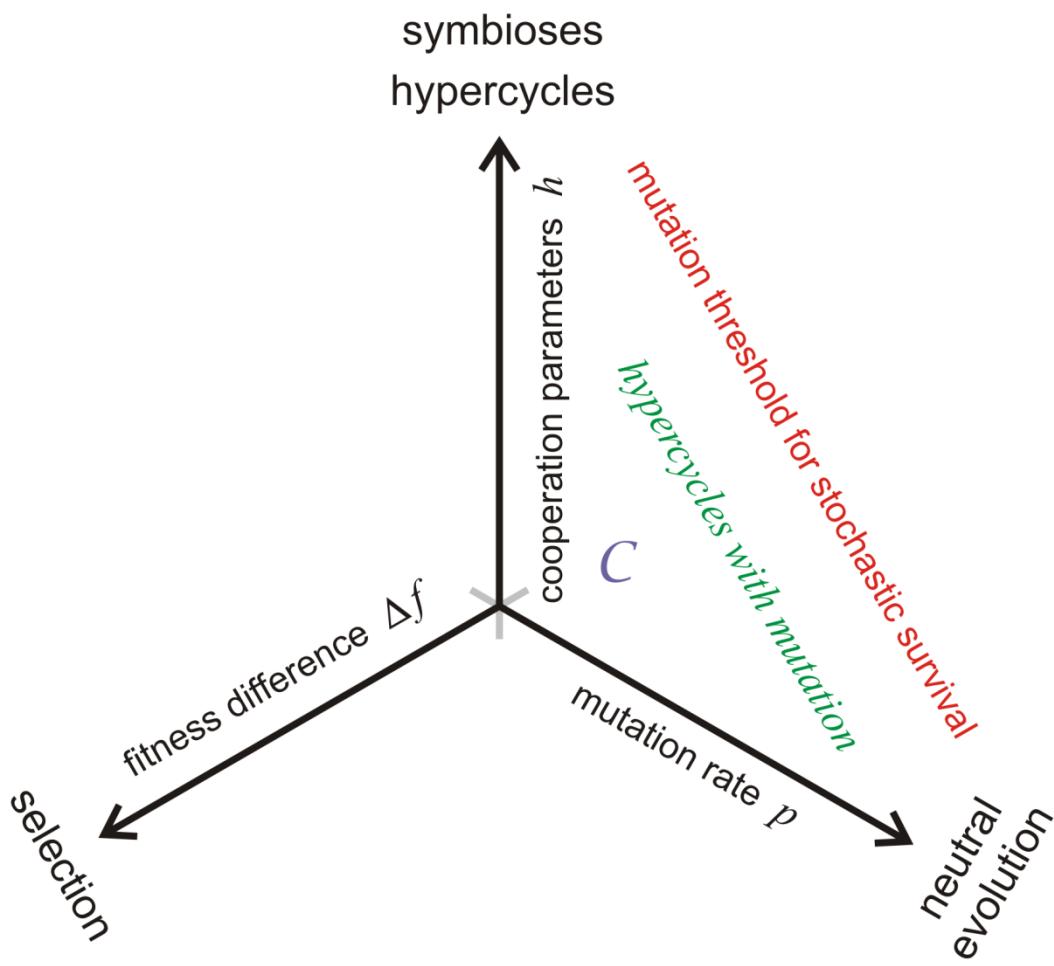




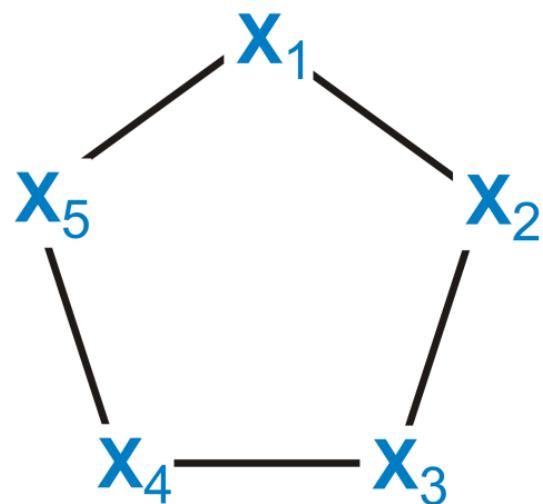


The error threshold in replication and mutation

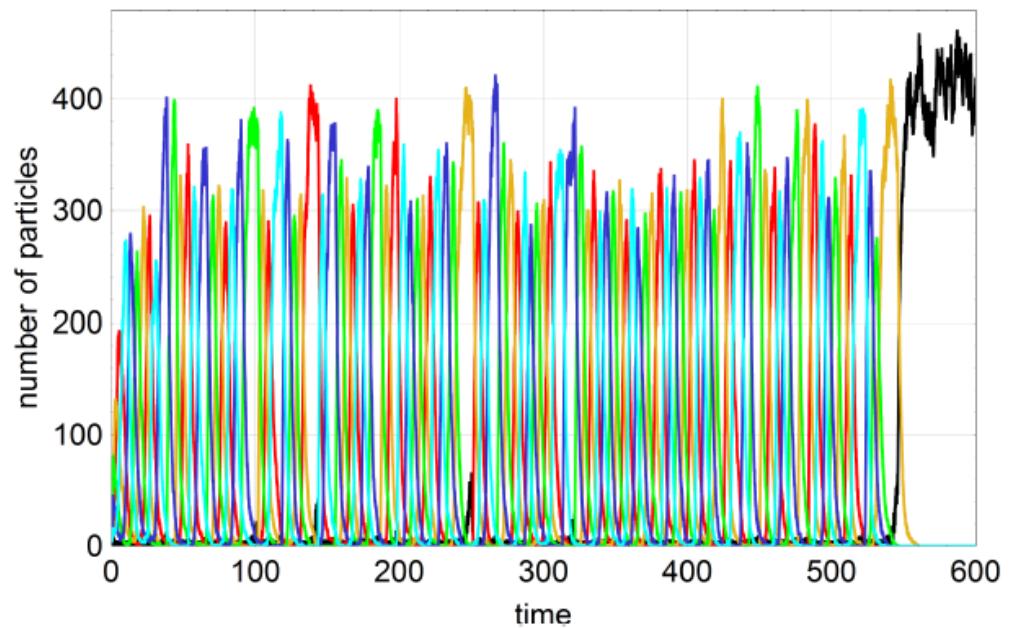
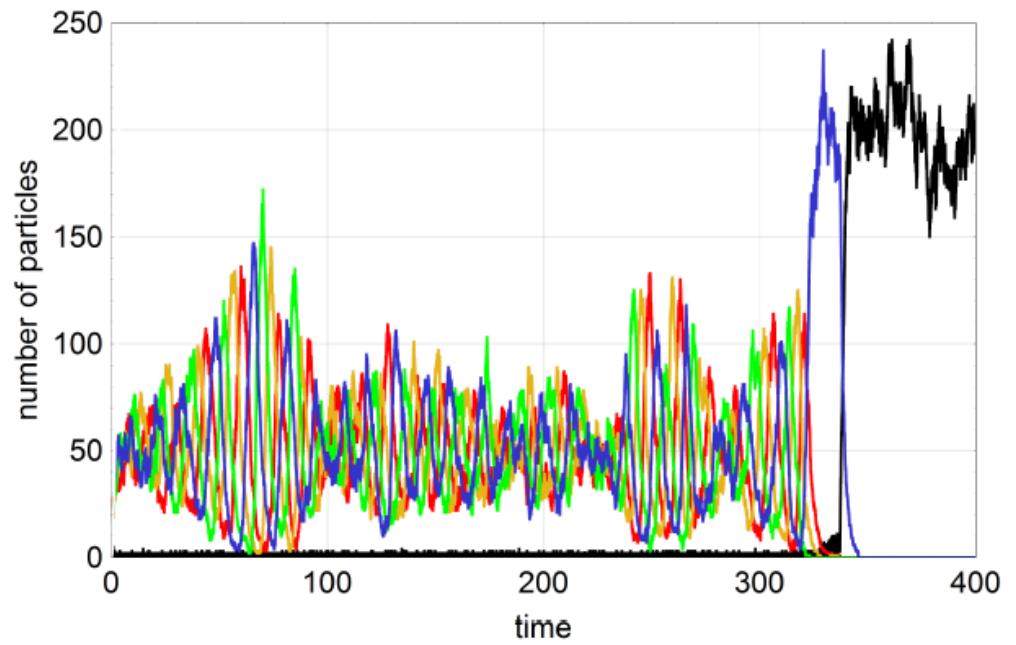
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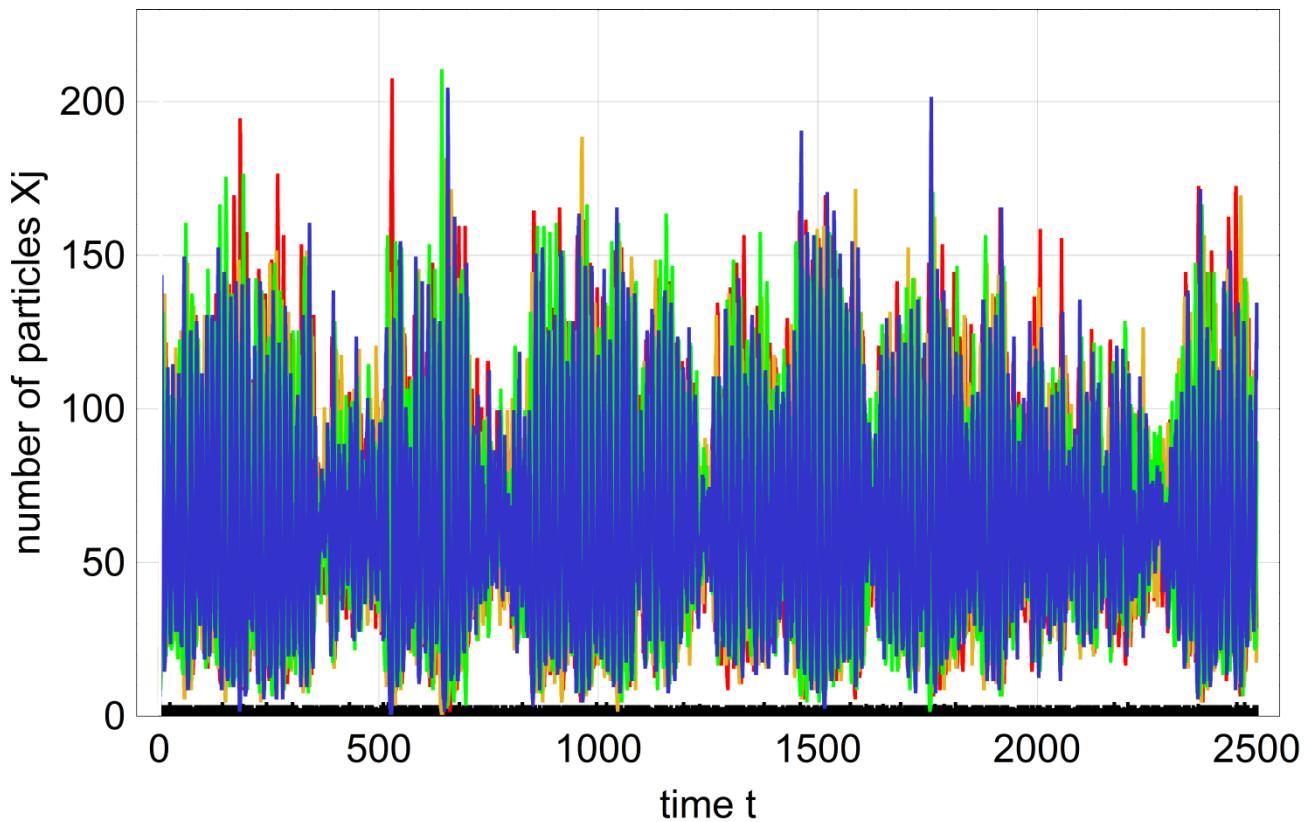


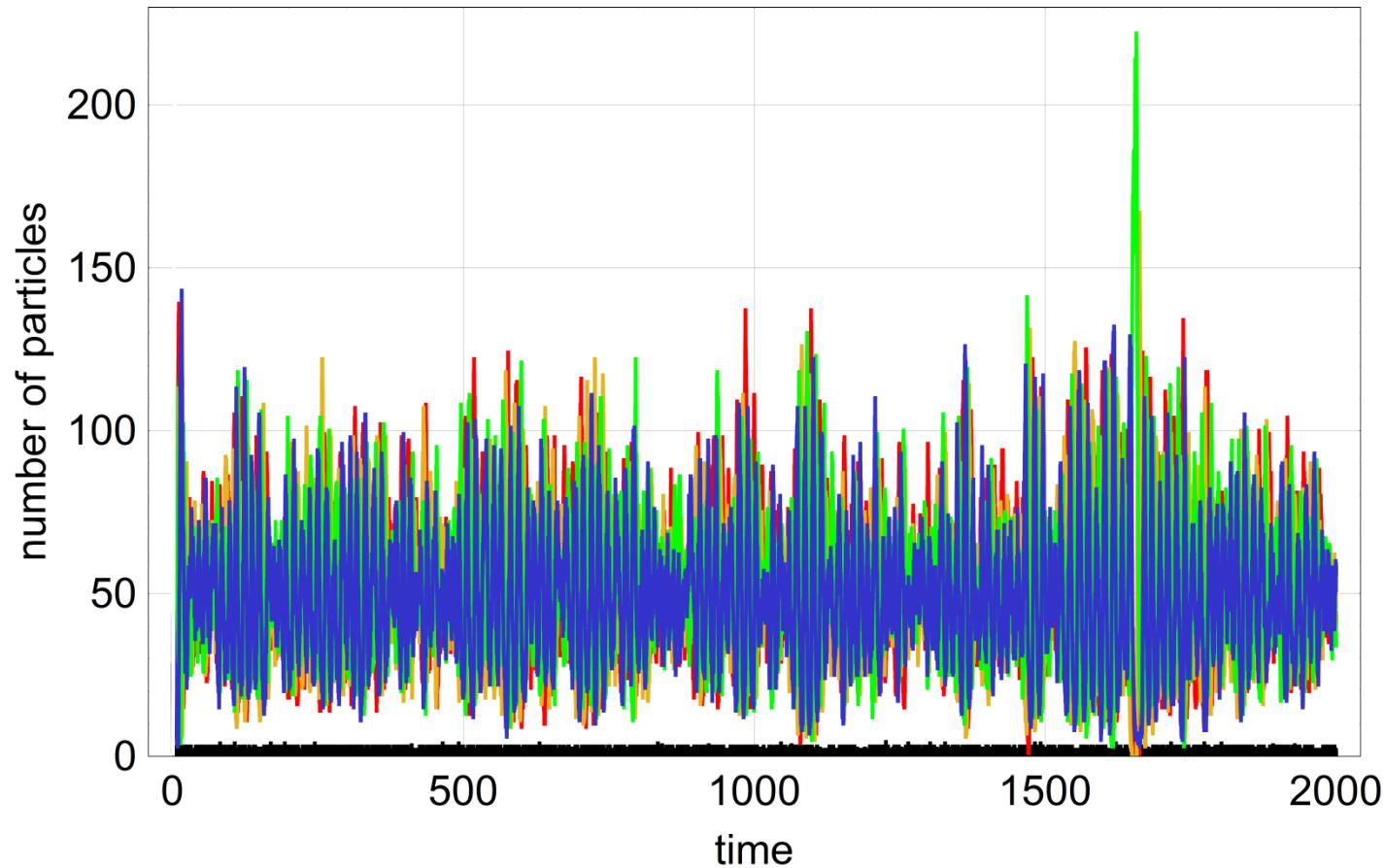
$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{X}_j + \mathbf{X}_{j+1} \xrightarrow{l_j} 2\mathbf{X}_j + \mathbf{X}_{j+1}; j = 1, \dots, n; j \bmod n$$

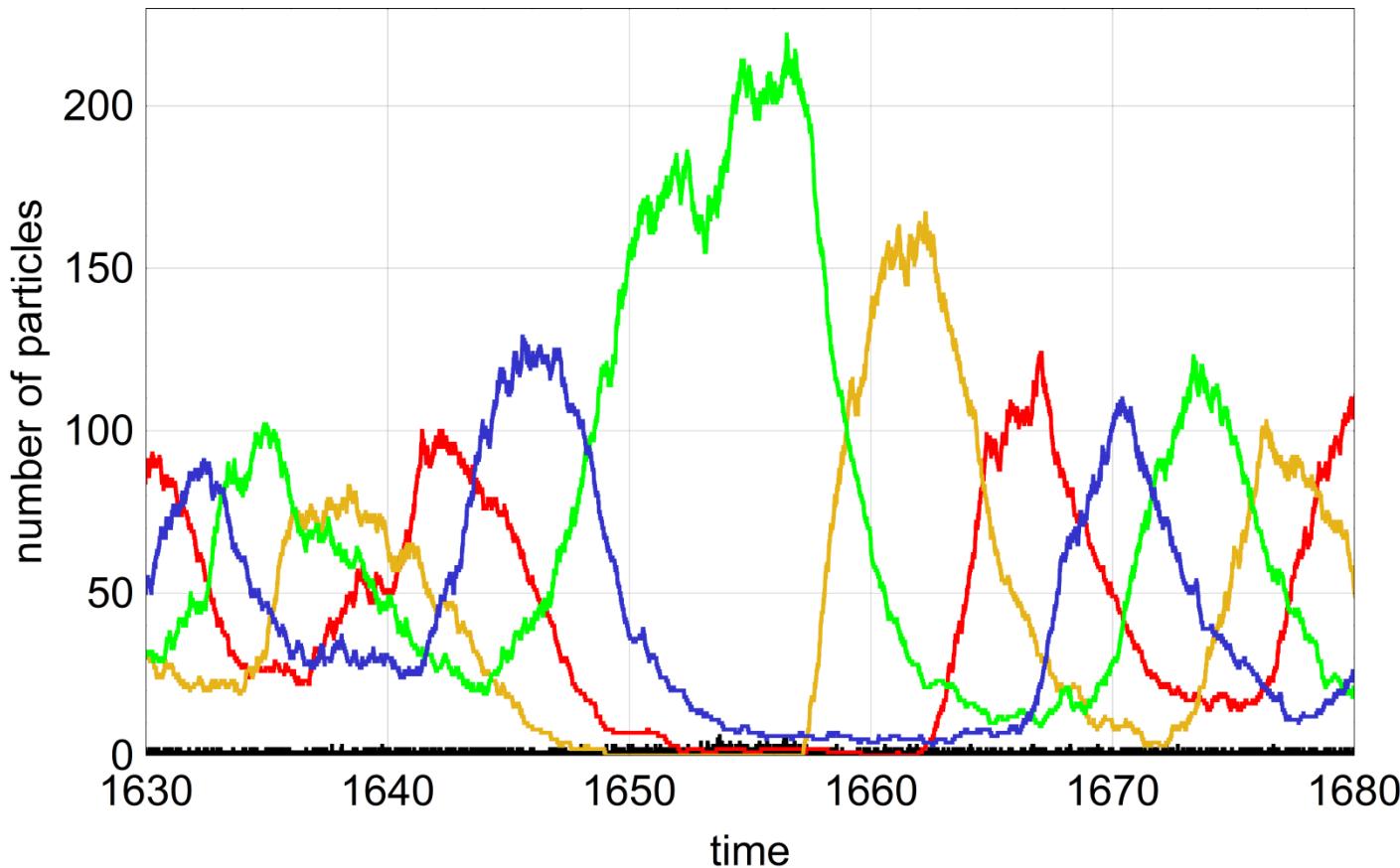


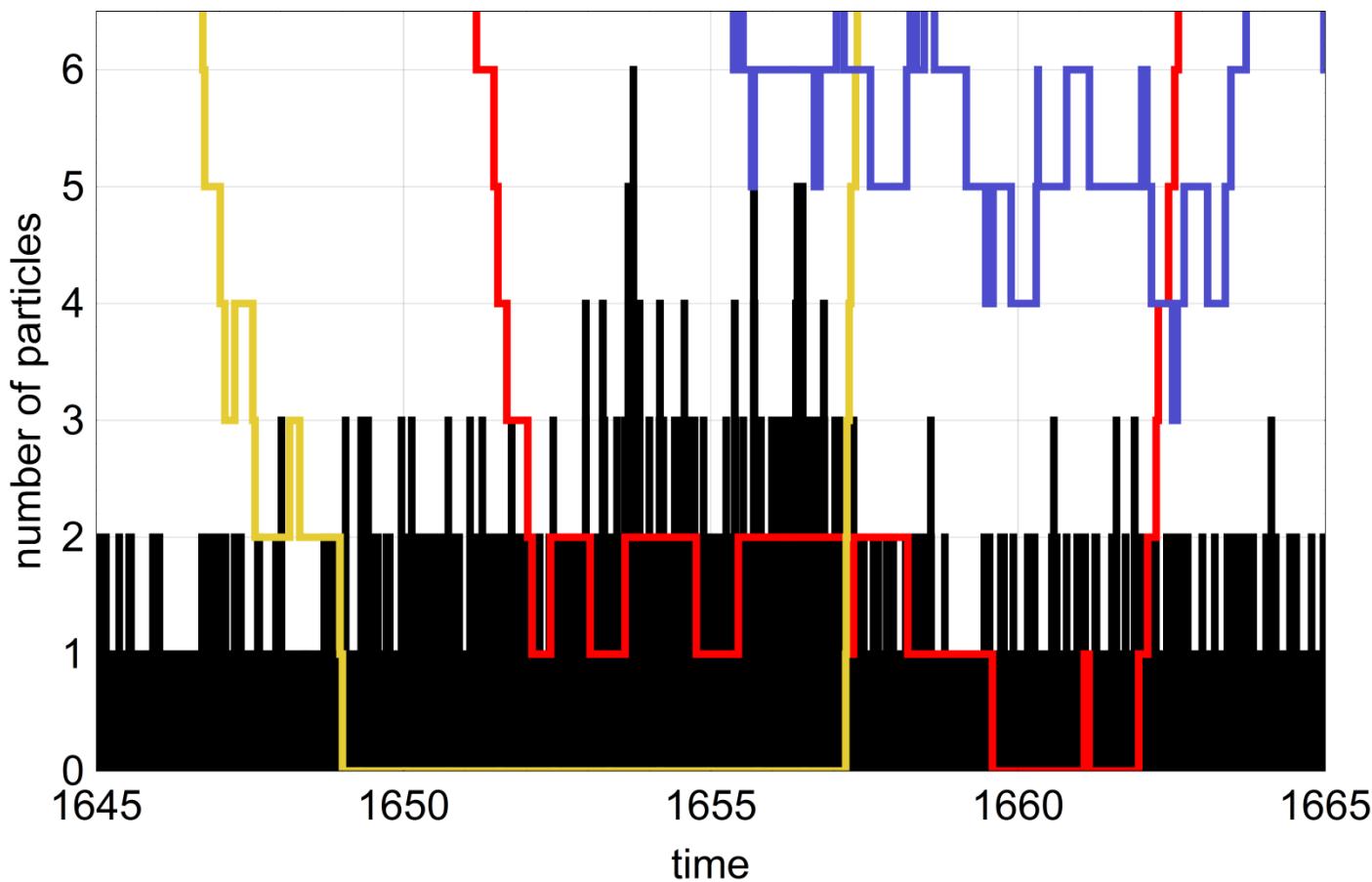
$$\mathbf{X}_n \Leftarrow \mathbf{X}_1 \Leftarrow \mathbf{X}_2 \Leftarrow \cdots \Leftarrow \mathbf{X}_{n-1} \Leftarrow \mathbf{X}_n$$



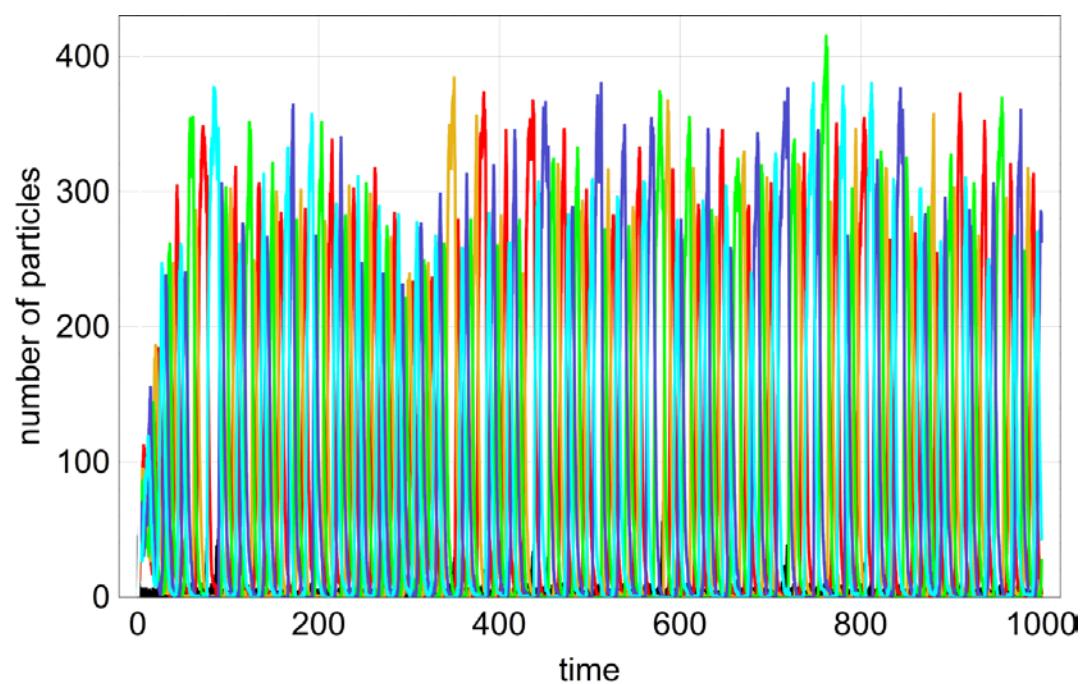
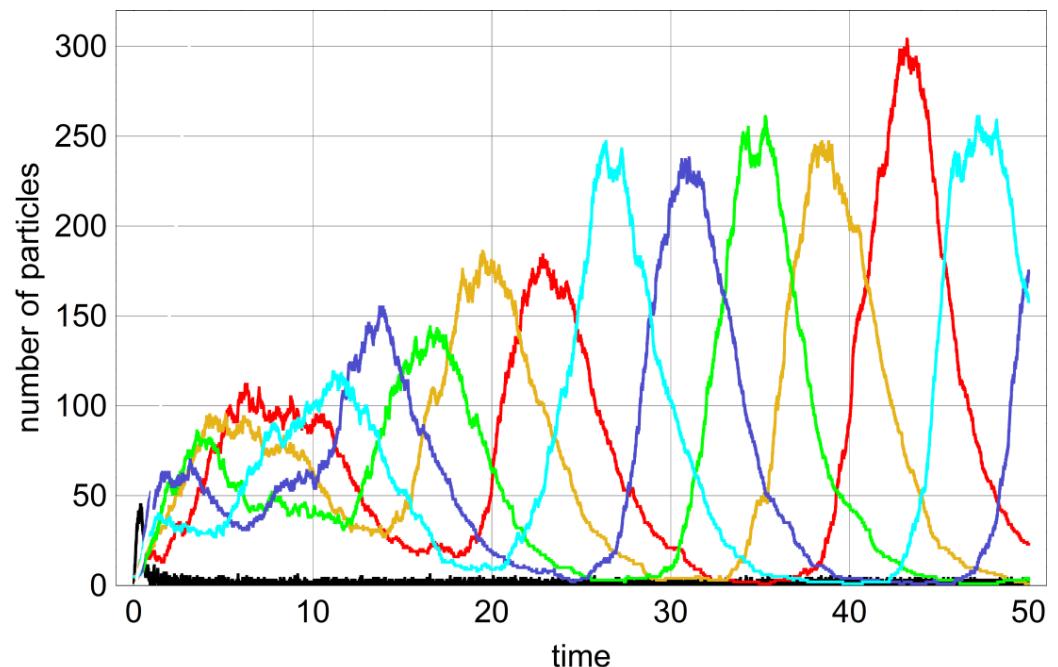


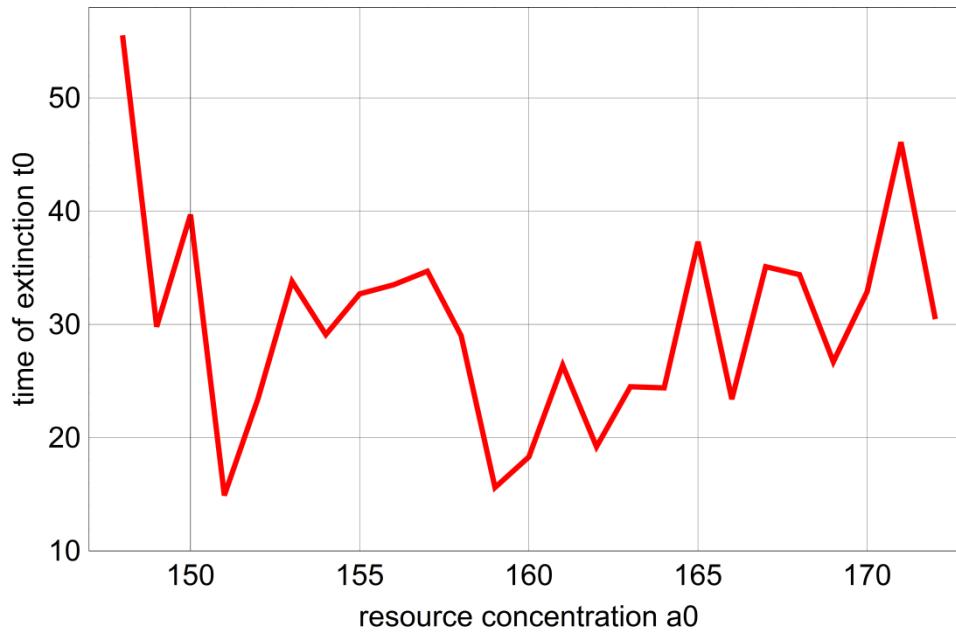






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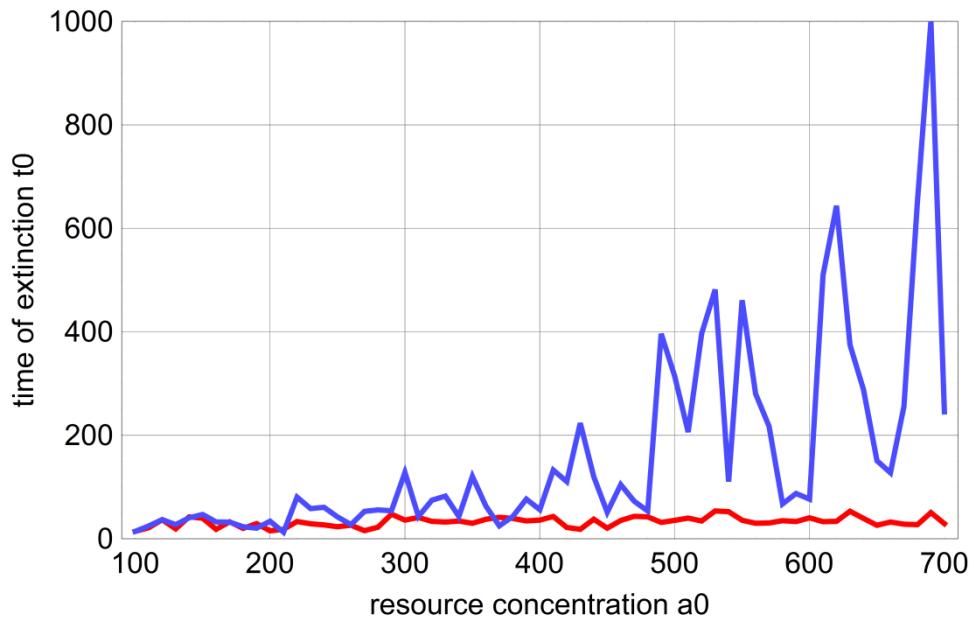




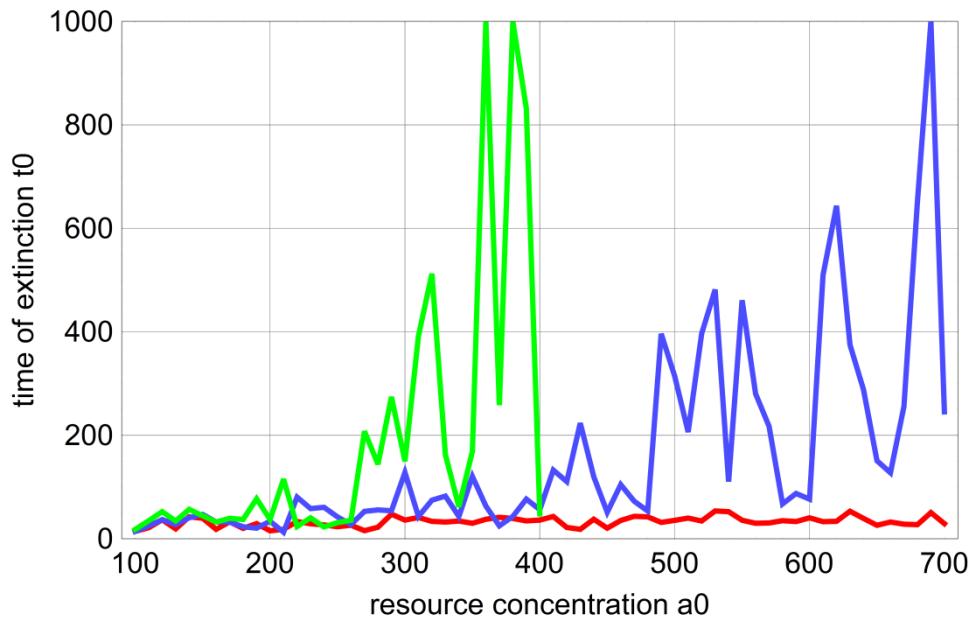
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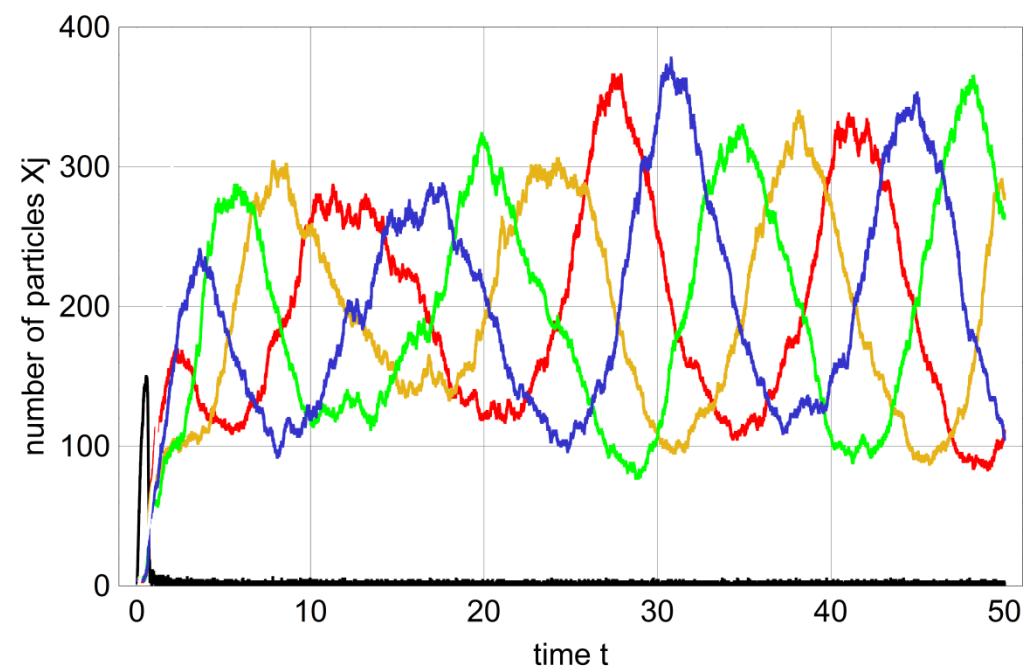
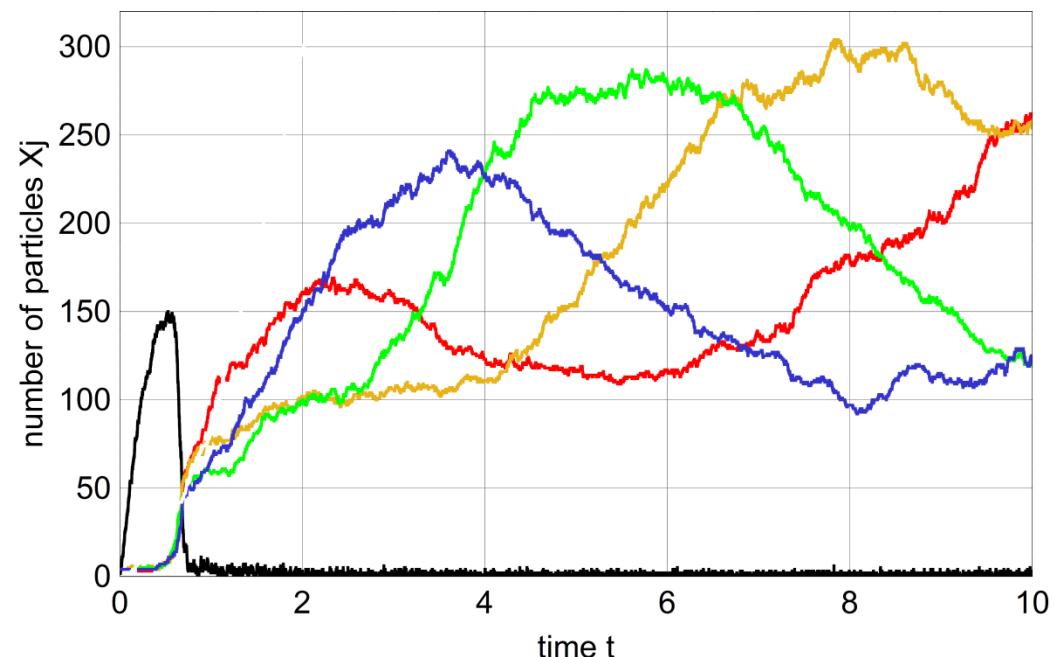


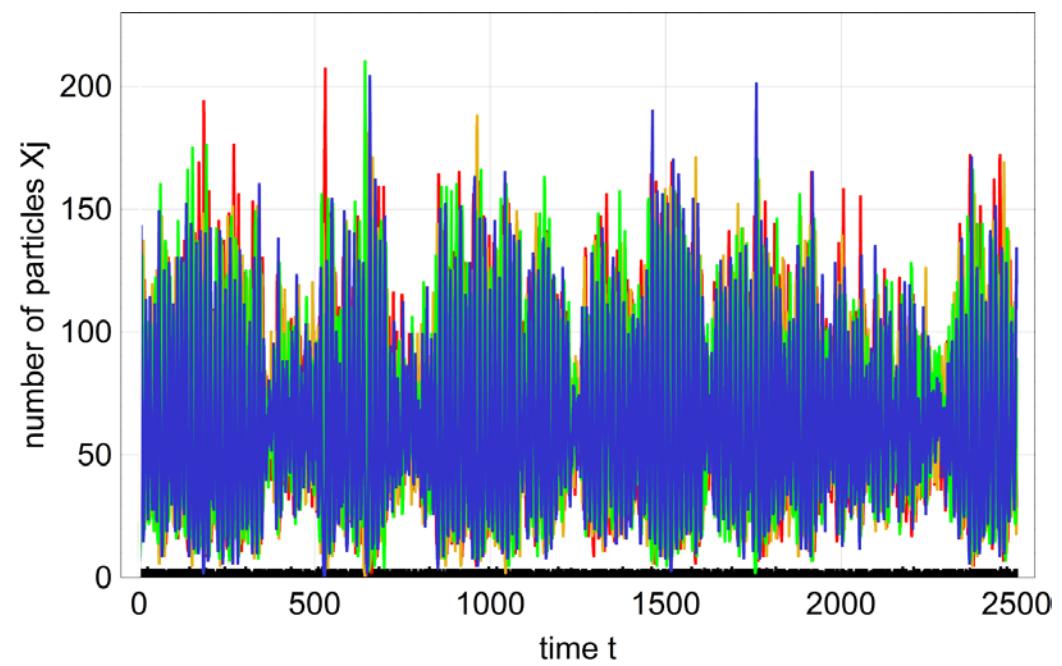
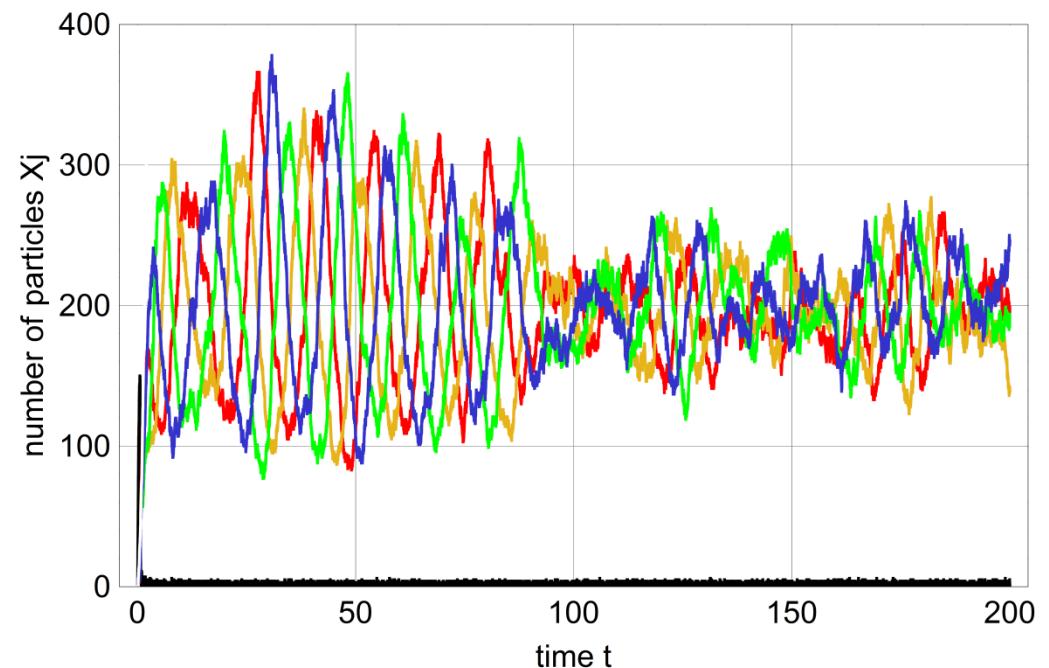
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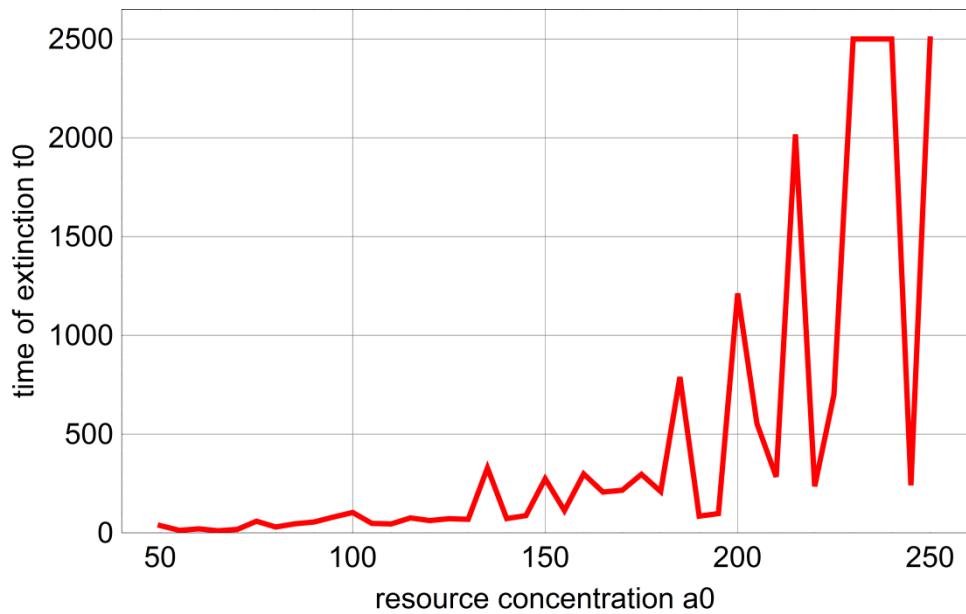


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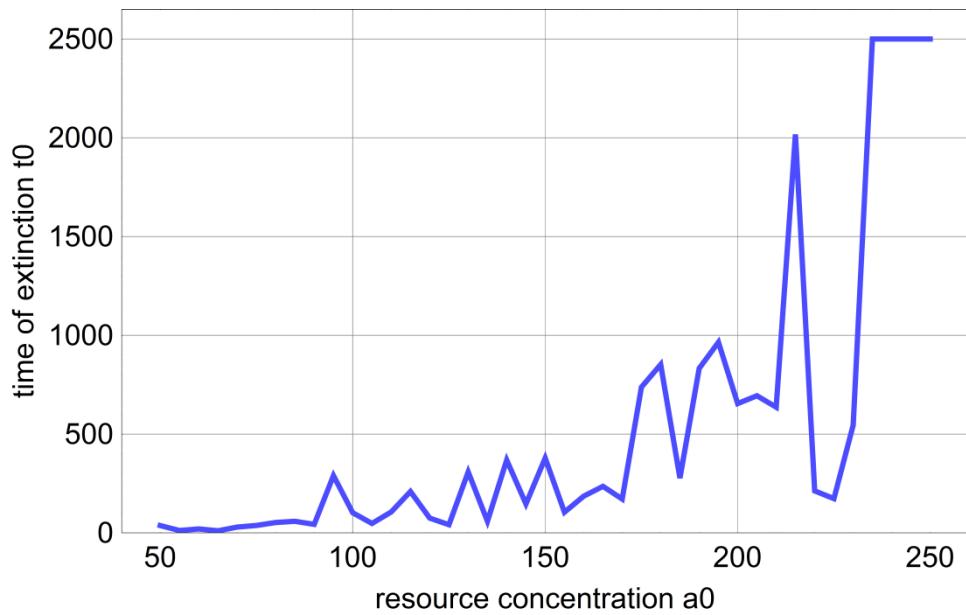
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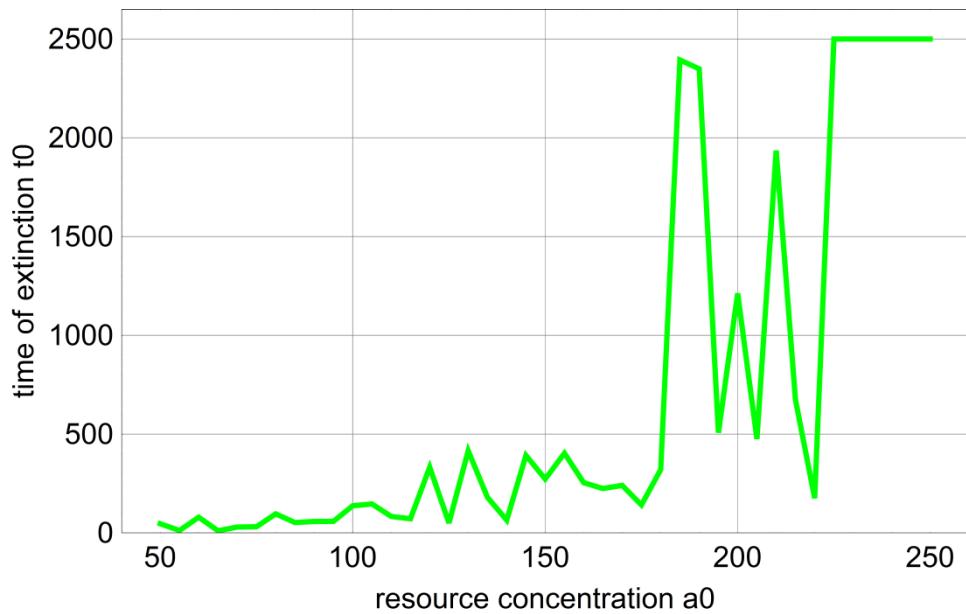




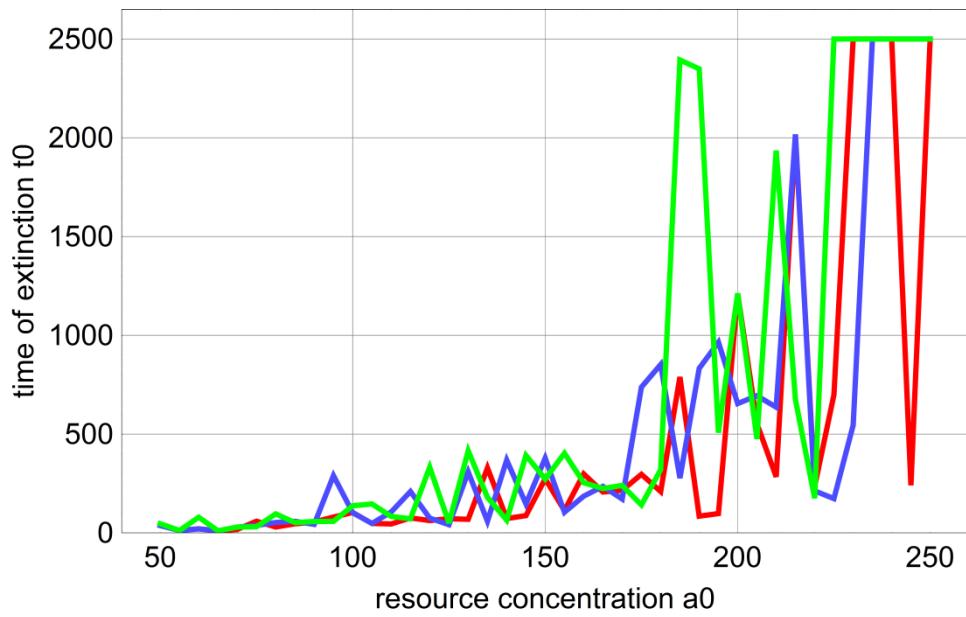
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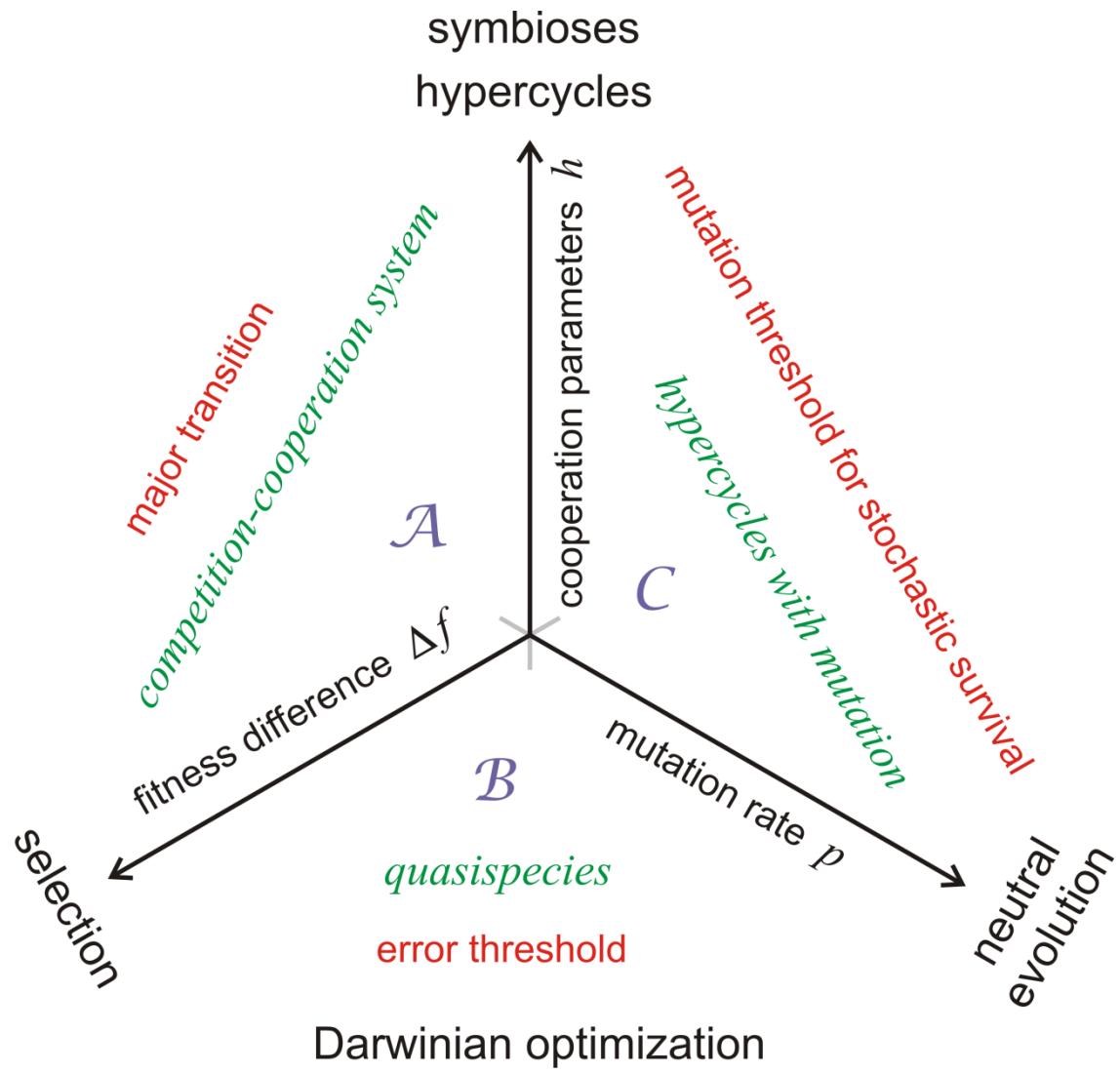


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