Modelling trafficking of proteins within the mammalian cell using Bio-PEPA

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Src response to FGF, activation and relocation



Swiss 3T3 cells

(Sandilands et al, Dev. Cell 7, 2004)

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- - identification of recycling loops: number and type
 - data is very limited
 - qualitative
 - gradient of inactive versus active, activation within endosomes
 - endosome movement is directional along microtubules
 - quantitative
 - estimates of endosome speeds and length of recycling loops
 - timing from FGF stimulation experiment

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Bio-PEPA, a stochastic process algebra

▶ species: reactions, stoichiometry, roles $op_i \in \{\downarrow, \uparrow, \oplus, \odot, \odot\}$

$$C \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} (\alpha_1, \kappa_1) \operatorname{op}_1 C + \ldots + (\alpha_n, \kappa_n) \operatorname{op}_n C$$

model: quantities of species, interaction between species

$$P \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} C@(x_1) \bowtie \ldots \bowtie C(x_p)$$

- definition of behavioural semantics
- use of stoichiometry in model

activeSrc = ... + (into_endosome,150) << activeSrc + ... Endosome = ... + (into_endosome,1) >> Endosome + ...

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into_endosome: 150 activeSrc -> Endosome
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