



# Support for multistate species in SBML Level 3

Test case: StochSim SBML Support

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- Algorithm
- Multistates, spatial capabilities
- Achievements

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- Solution for multistates
- Example

- can have different states
  - covalent modification
  - binding to other molecules
  - alternate conformation
  - multimerization

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# Two simple examples



$\text{NMDA} + \text{CaMKII} \rightleftharpoons \text{NMDA-CaMKII}$



$\text{NMDAc} + \text{CaMKIIC} \rightleftharpoons \text{NMDAc-CaMKIIC}$   
 $\text{NMDAo} + \text{CaMKIIC} \rightleftharpoons \text{NMDAc-CaMKIIC}$   
 $\text{NMDAc} + \text{CaMKIIO} \rightleftharpoons \text{NMDAc-CaMKIIO}$   
 $\text{NMDAo} + \text{CaMKIIO} \rightleftharpoons \text{NMDAc-CaMKIIO}$

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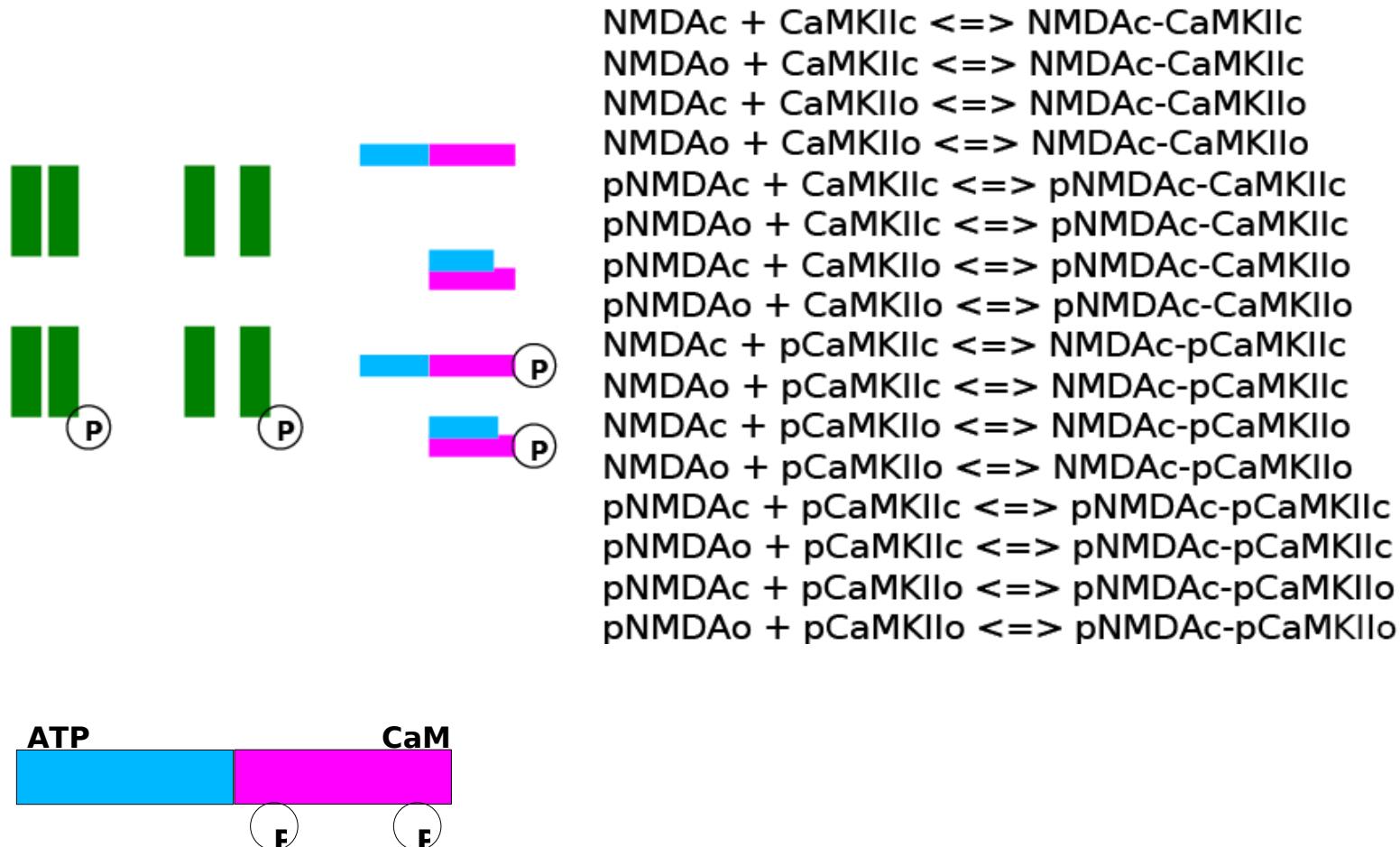
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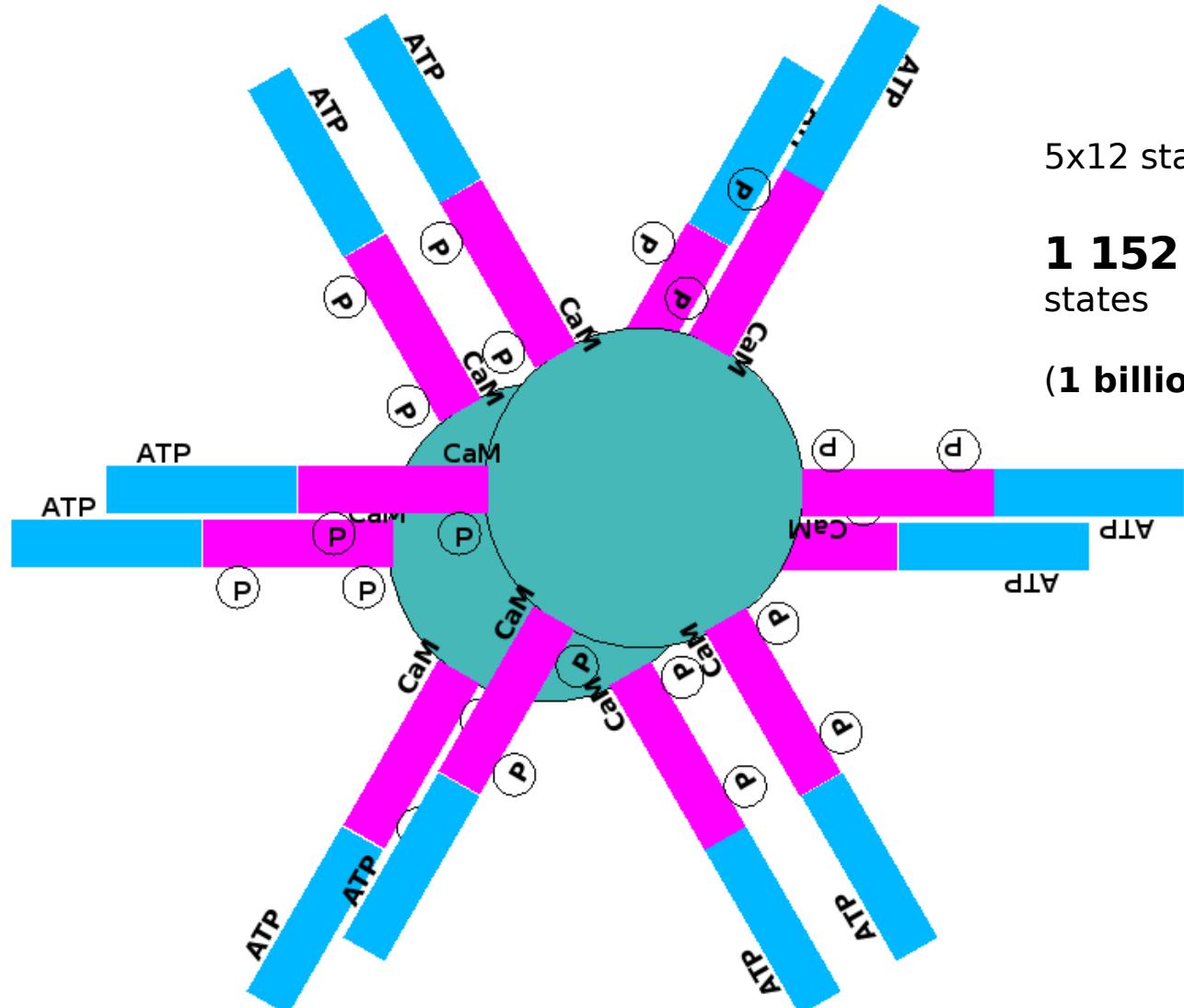


# Increasing number of reactions


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# Combinatorial explosion



5x12 state variables =

**1 152 900 000 000 000 000**  
states

**(1 billion of billion)**

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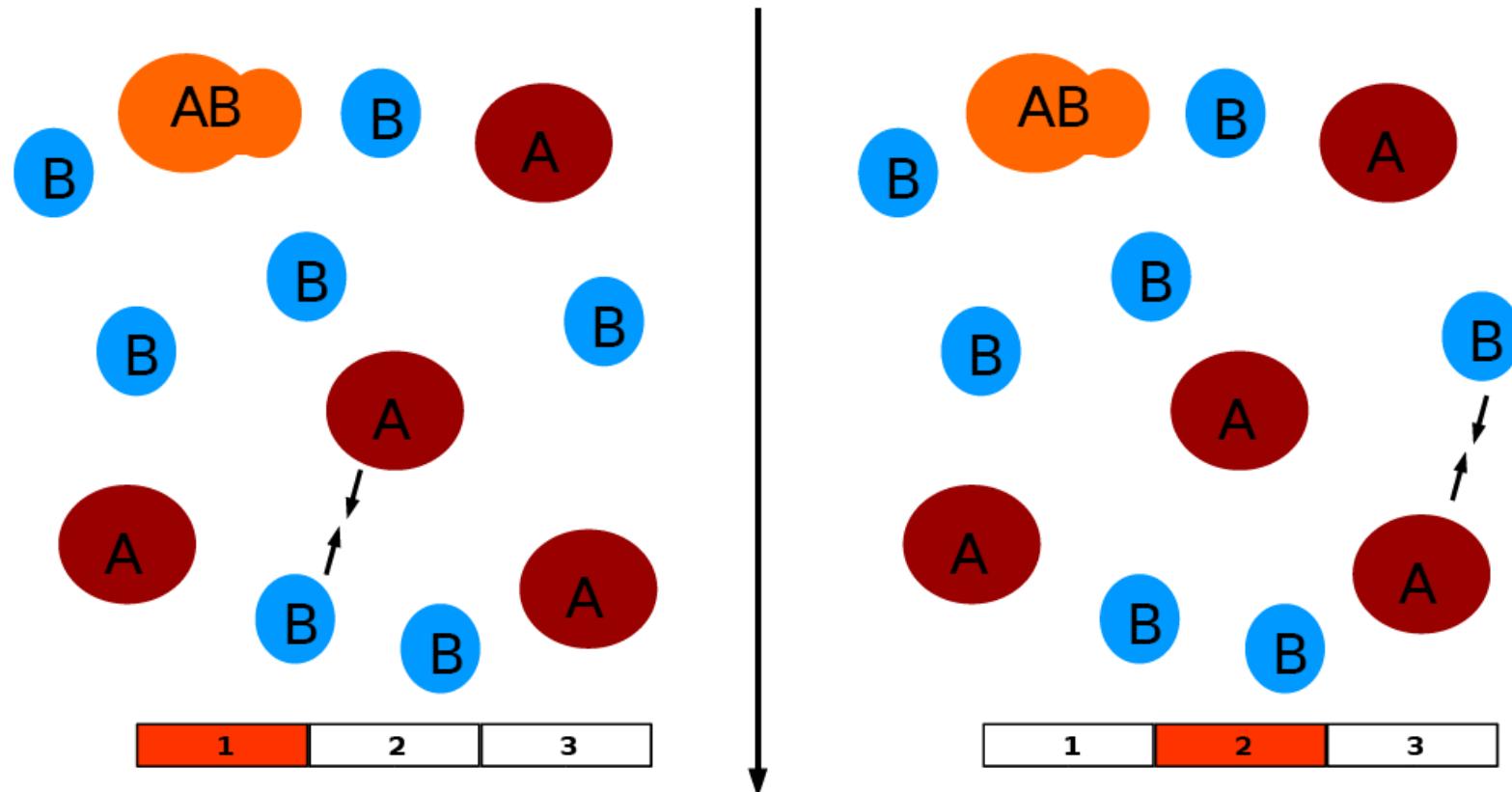
# Motivation for StochSim

- Particle-based stochastic simulations
- Possibility of multistate complexes
- 2D lattices of various geometry
- Rapid equilibria
- Settings in StochSim specific INI-files

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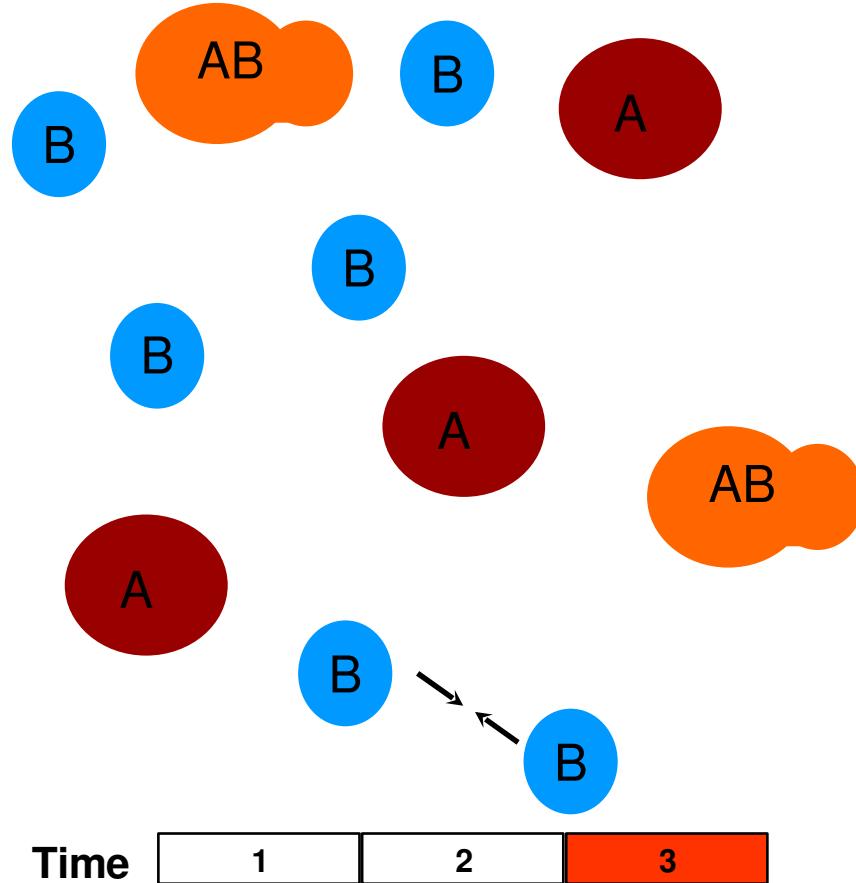
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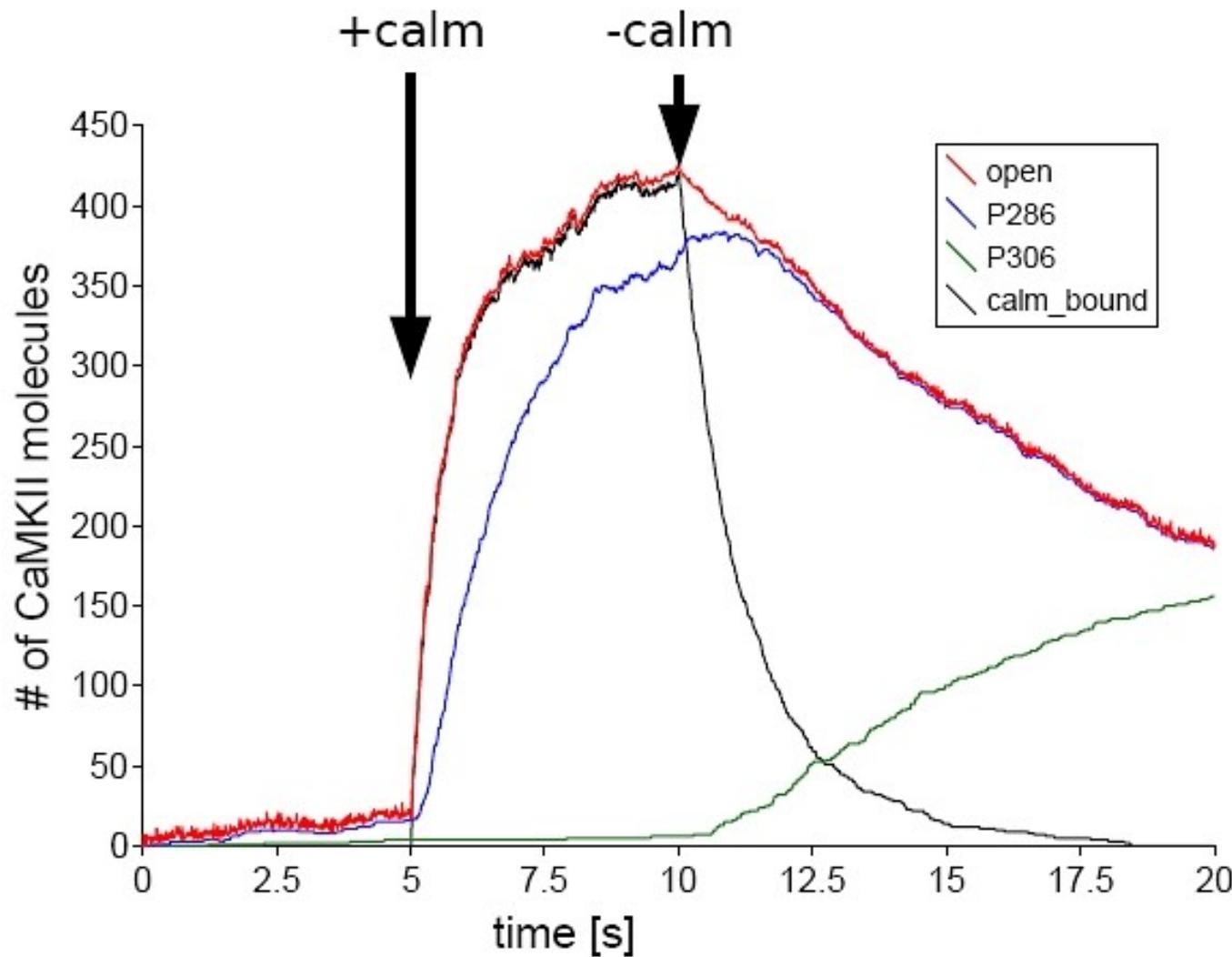
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# Calculation probability

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k[A][B]$$

$$P = \frac{k n(n+n_0) \Delta t}{2VN_A}$$

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k[A]$$

$$P = \frac{k n(n+n_0) \Delta t}{n_0}$$

$n$  : # molecules in the system

$n_0$  : # pseudomolecules in the system

$V$  : volume of the system

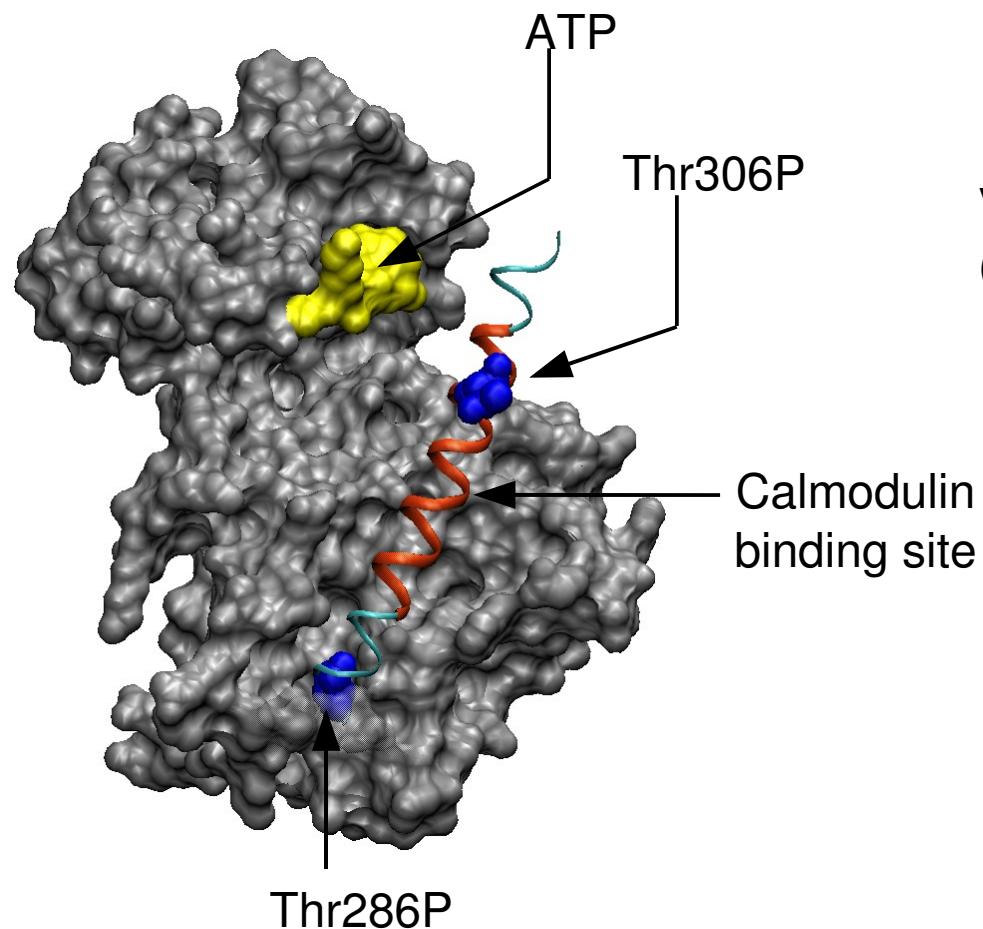
$N_A$  : Avogadro constant

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- Internal features = binary flags, states = vector of flags



Vector with 5 state variables:  
 $(a/i, ATP, P1, P2, CaM) \rightarrow (1, 1, 0, 0, 0)$

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- Reaction probabilities can be modified by the states of the participating multistate complexes

$$p_{MS} = p_{base} \times p_{rel}$$

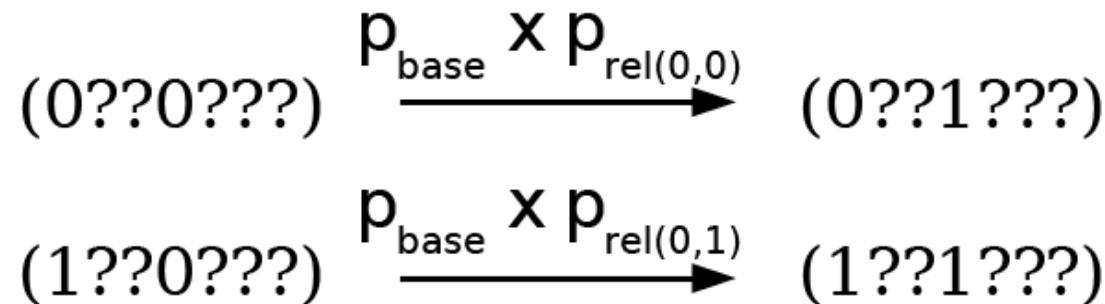
$p_{base}$  : base probability

$p_{rel}$  : relative probability

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- ? = state variable does not influence reaction
- Only 4 states are needed, not 128

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# Multistate rapid equilibrium

- predefined probabilities for the states
- probabilities can depend on other flags



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- Neighbourhood-sensitive reactions possible in 2D-lattice (triangle, square and hexagon)
- Does not support movement of complexes

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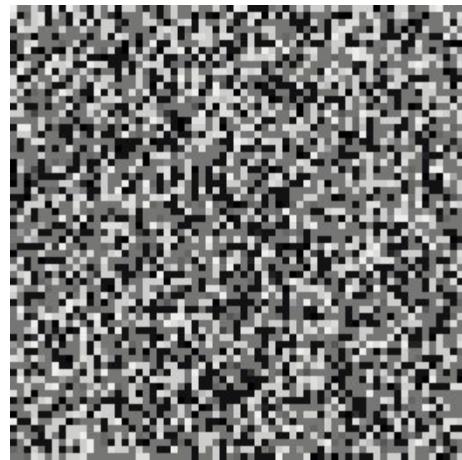
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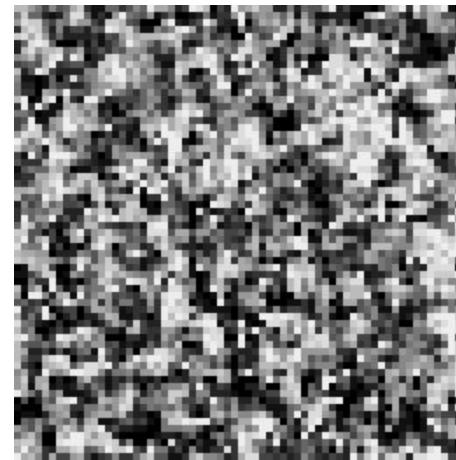
# Conformational spread

activity

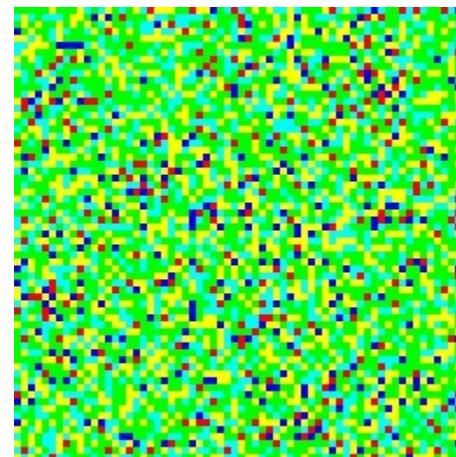
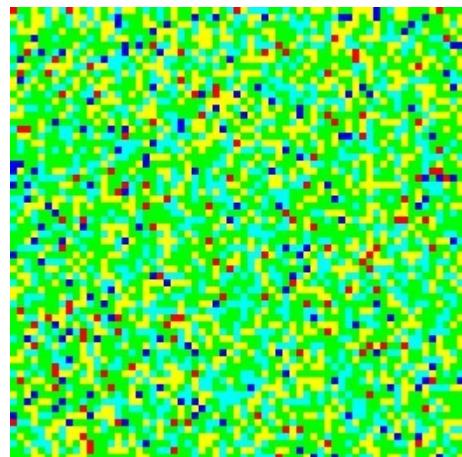
uncoupled



coupled



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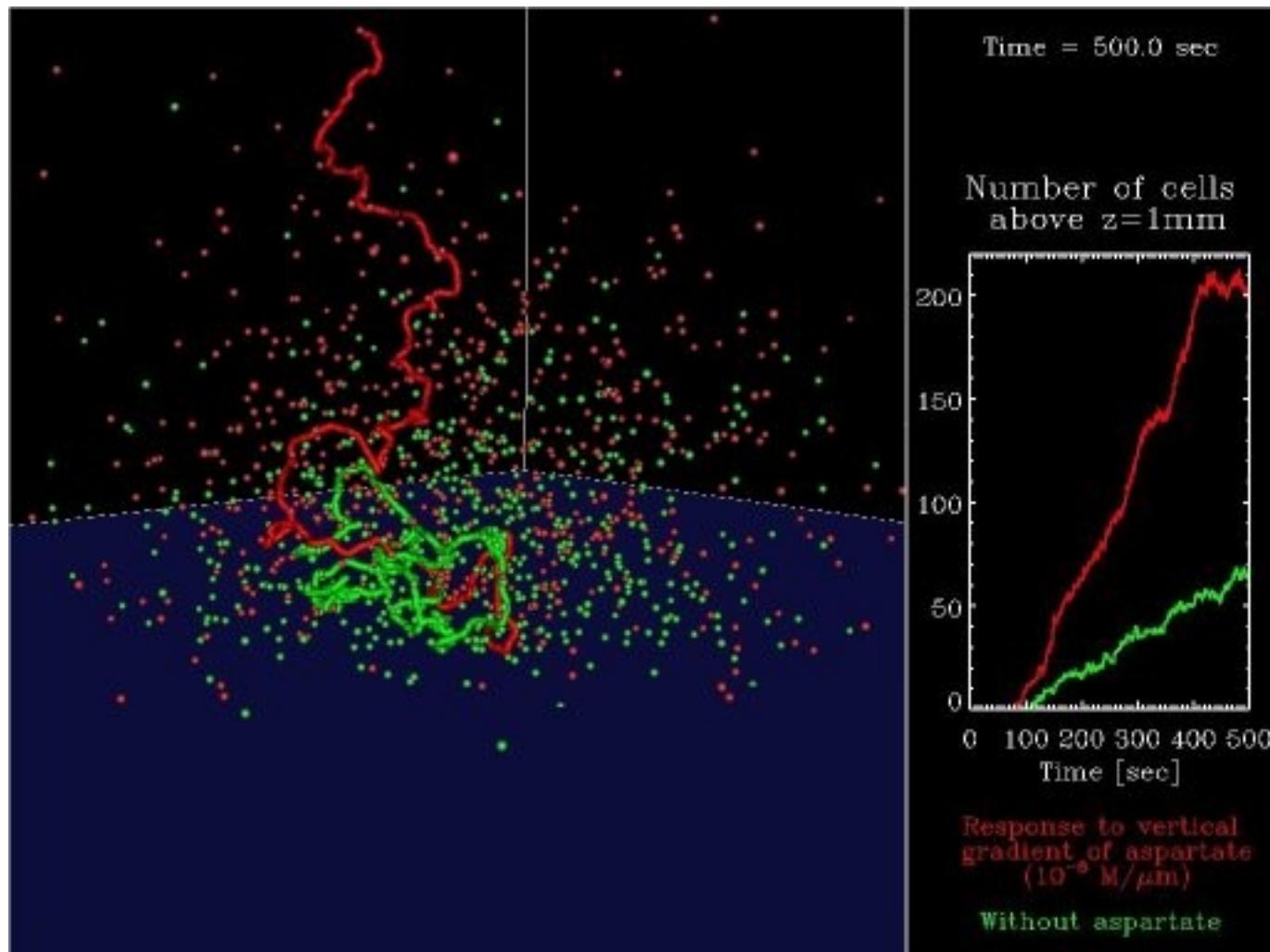
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# Achievements: AgentCell

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- SBMLImport / SBMLExport (close future)
- Neighbourhood-sensitive reactions in 3D
- GUI

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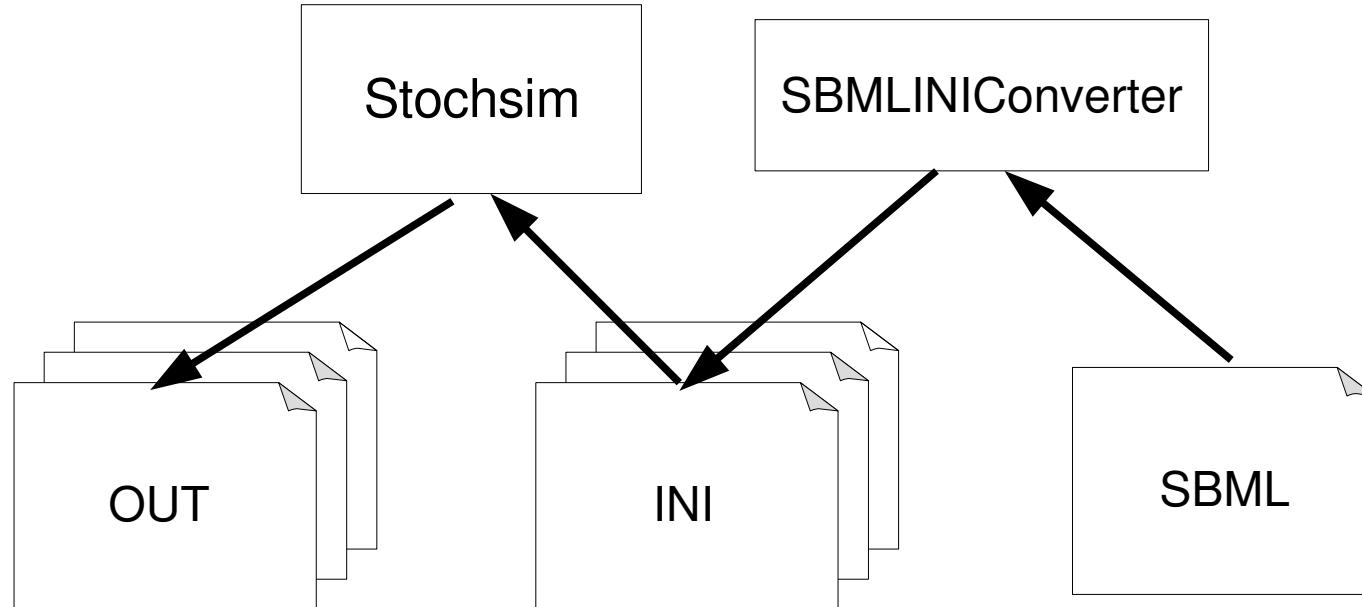
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# Connection to SBML



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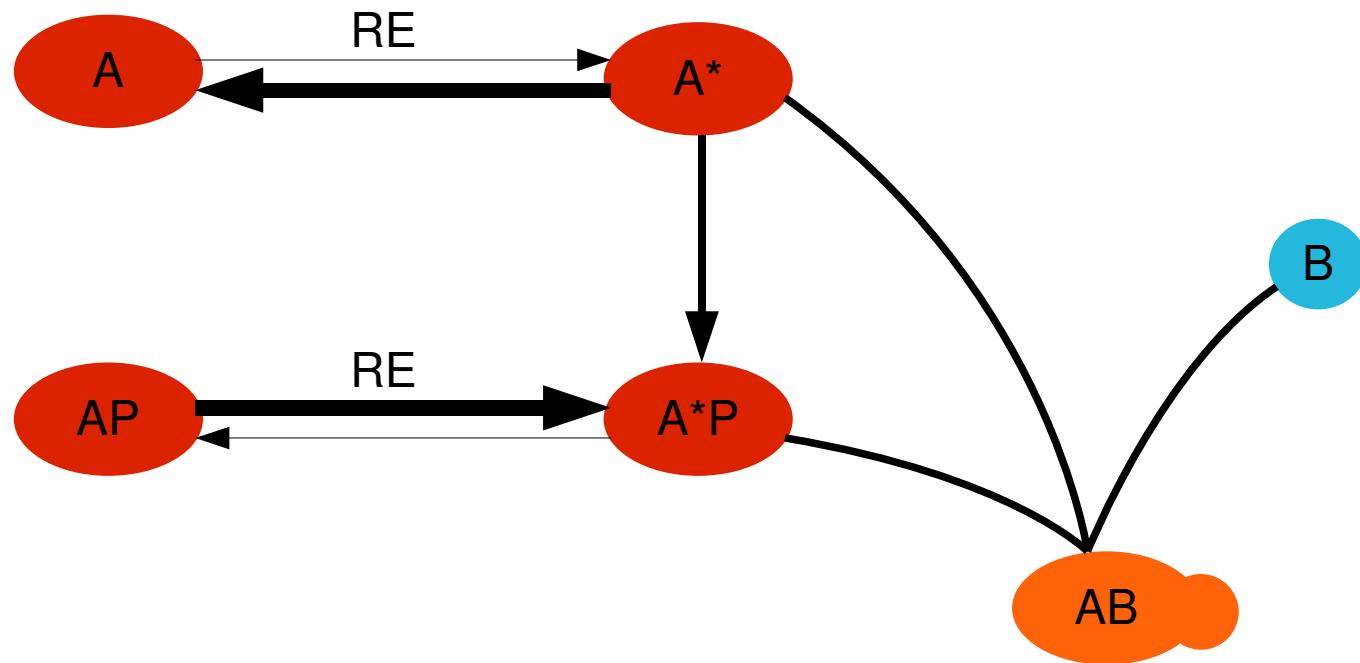
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- 5 different types of StochSim annotations
  - (1) Model (general settings)
  - (2) Species type (state variables and possible values)
  - (3) Species (initial states)
  - (4) Reaction (rapid equilibria)
  - (5) Species reference (MS reactions, involved states)

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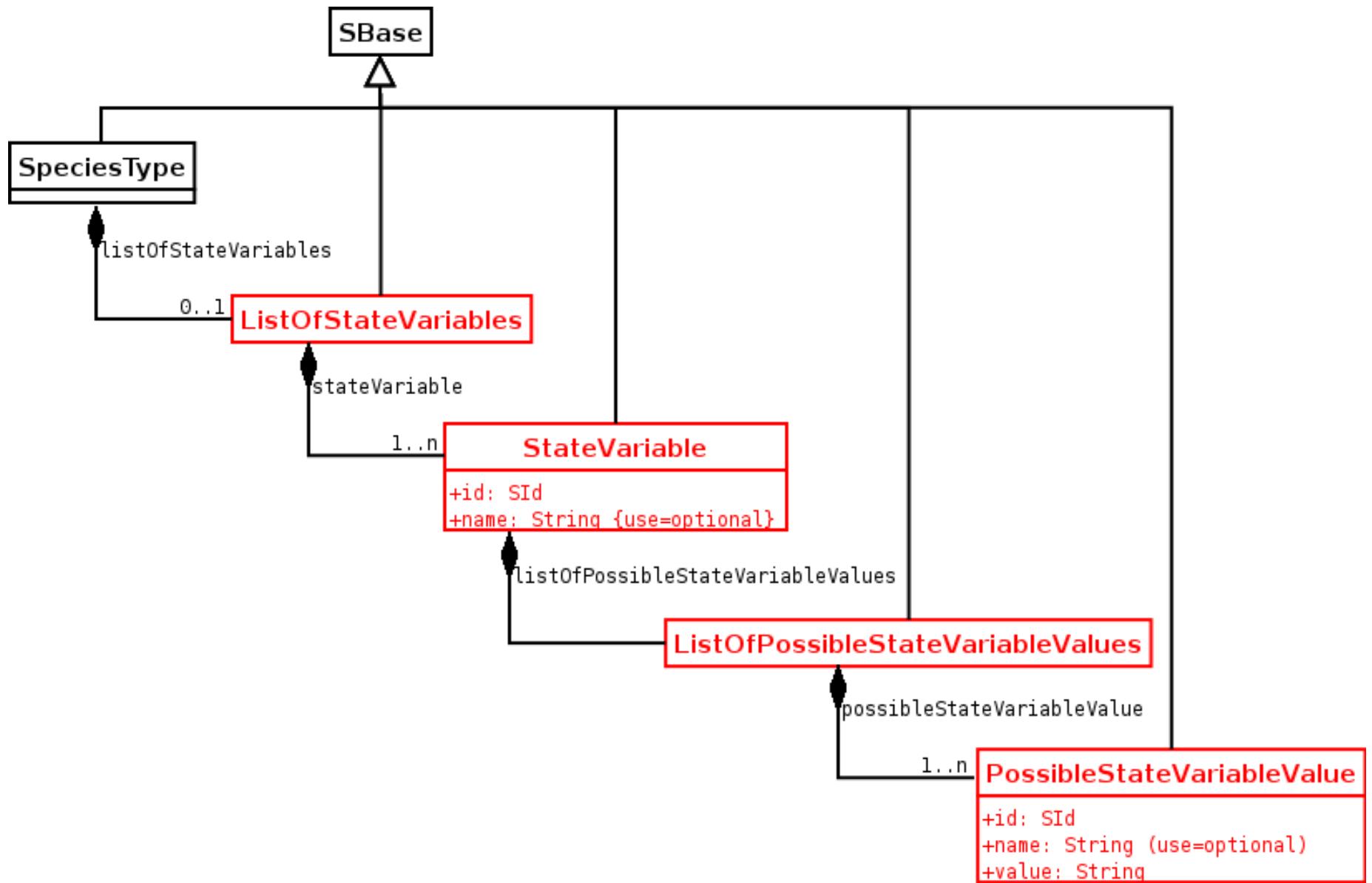
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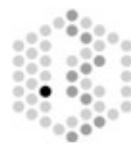
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# Species Type UML





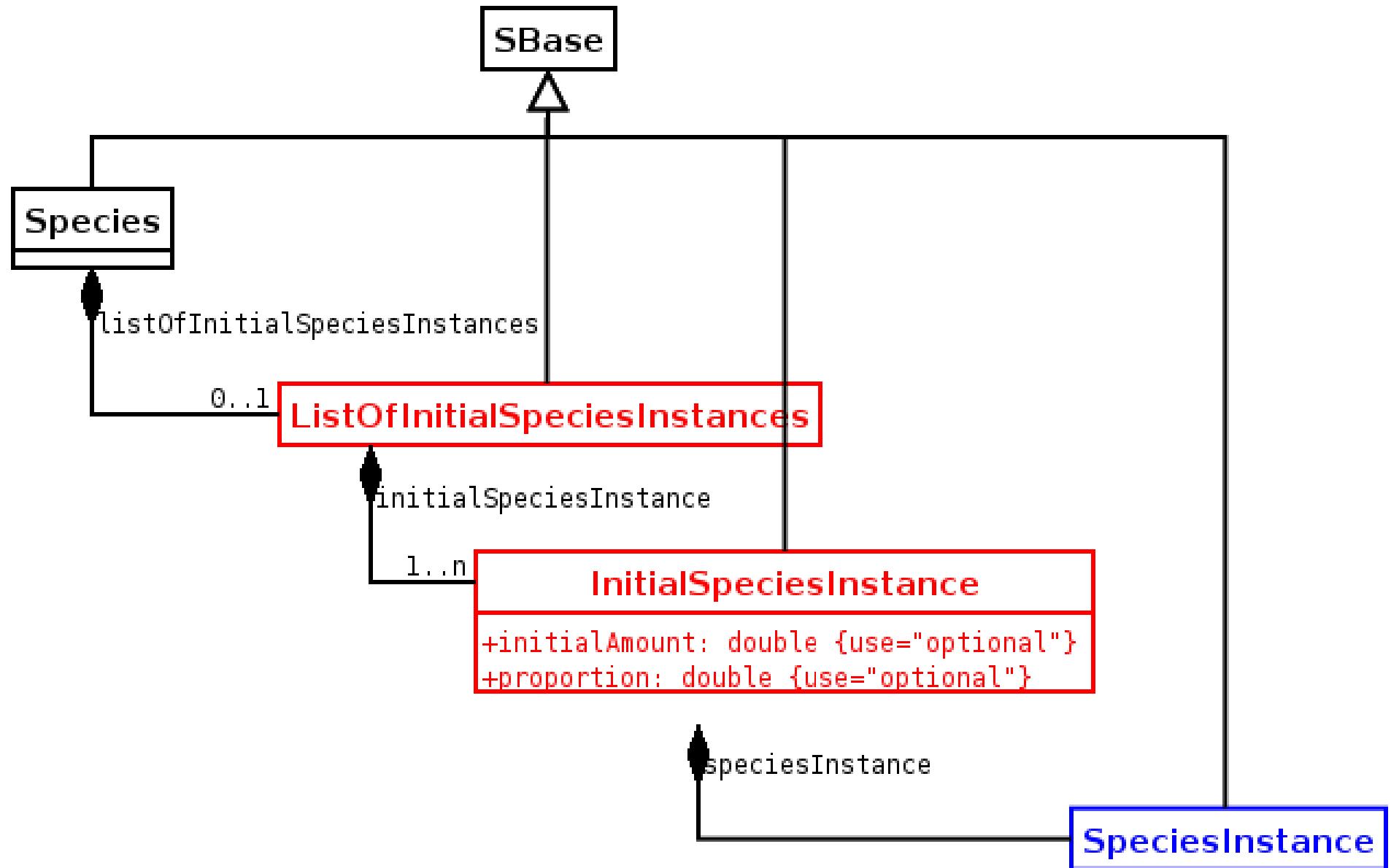
# Example: Species Type

```
<speciesType id="typeA" name="A">
  <annotation>
    <stsim:stsim xmlns:stsim="http://www.sbml.org/2001/ns/stochsim" >
      <stsim:listOfStateVariables>
        <stsim:stateVariable id="activity">
          <stsim:listOfPossibleStateVariableValues>
            <stsim:possibleStateVariableValue id="inactive">0</stsim:possibleStateVariableValue>
            <stsim:possibleStateVariableValue id="active">1</stsim:possibleStateVariableValue>
          </stsim:listOfPossibleStateVariableValues>
        </stsim:stateVariable>
        <stsim:stateVariable id="phosphorylation">
          <stsim:listOfPossibleStateVariableValues>
            <stsim:possibleStateVariableValue id="non-phosphorylated">0</stsim:possibleStateVariableValue>
            <stsim:possibleStateVariableValue id="phosphorylated">1</stsim:possibleStateVariableValue>
          </stsim:listOfPossibleStateVariableValues>
        </stsim:stateVariable>
      </stsim:listOfStateVariables>
    </stsim:stsim>
  </annotation>
</speciesType>
```

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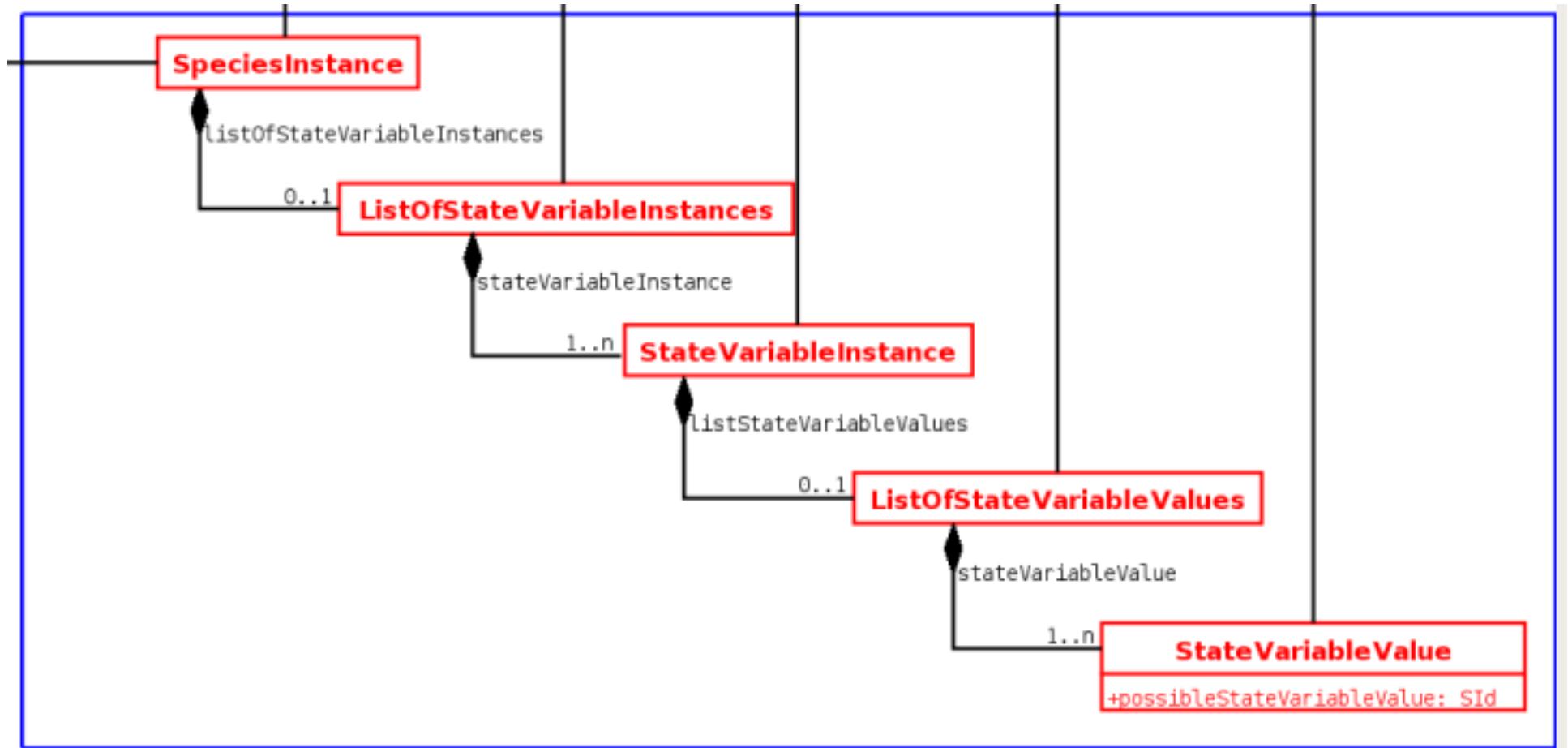
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# SpeciesInstance UML





# Example: Species

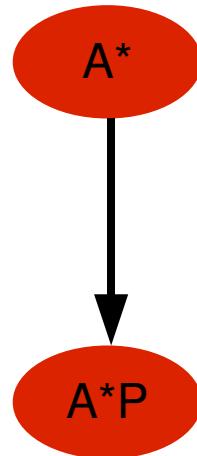
```
<species id="A" name="A" compartment="Compartment1" initialAmount="1000">
  <annotation>
    <stsim:stsim xmlns:stsim="http://www.sbml.org/2001/ns/stochsim">
      <stsim:listOfInitialSpeciesInstances>
        <stsim:initialSpeciesInstance>
          <stsim:speciesInstance>
            <stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
              <stsim:stateVariableInstance stateVariable="phosphorylation">
                <stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
                  <stsim:stateVariableValue
                    possibleStateVariableValue="phosphorylated" />
                </stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
              </stsim:stateVariableInstance>
            </stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
          </stsim:speciesInstance>
          <stsim:initialAmount>500</stsim:initialAmount>
        </stsim:initialSpeciesInstance>
        <stsim:initialSpeciesInstance>
          <stsim:speciesInstance>
            <stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
              <stsim:stateVariableInstance stateVariable="phosphorylation">
                <stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
                  <stsim:stateVariableValue possibleStateVariableValue="non-phosphorylated" />
                </stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
              </stsim:stateVariableInstance>
            </stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
          </stsim:speciesInstance>
          <stsim:initialAmount>500</stsim:initialAmount>
        </stsim:initialSpeciesInstance>
      </stsim:listOfInitialSpeciesInstances>
    </stsim:stsim>
  </annotation>
</species>
```

(?,1)

(?,0)



# Example: Phosphorylation



- Modelled as a MS-reaction
- Using annotation of species reference both “listOfReactants” and “listOfProducts”

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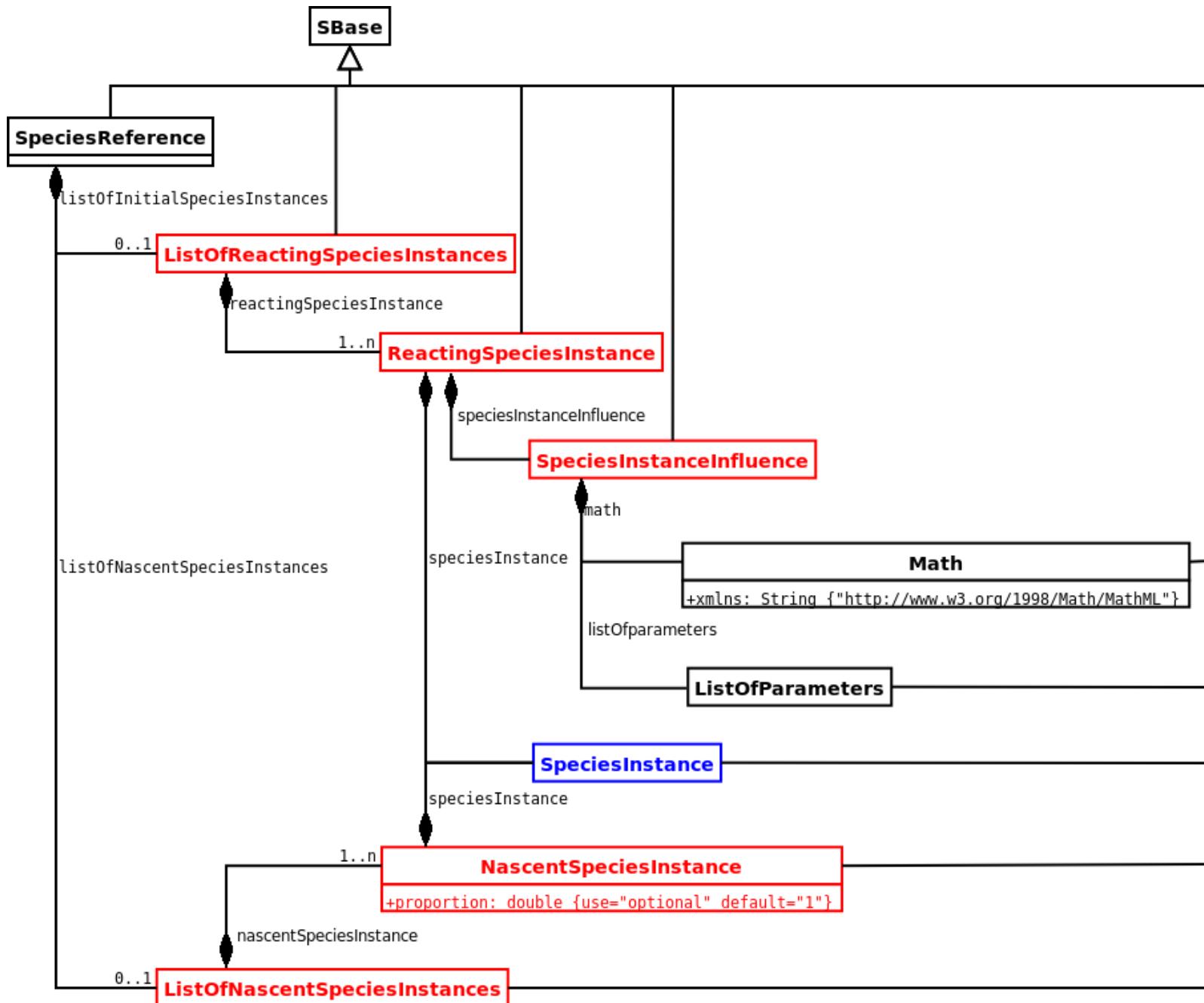
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## SpeciesReference UML





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```
<reaction id="rAP" name="phosphorylation of A" >
<listOfReactants>
<speciesReference species="A">
<annotation>
<stsim:stsim xmlns:stsim="http://www.sbml.org/2001/ns/stochsim" >
<stsim:listOfReactingSpeciesInstances>
<stsim:reactingSpeciesInstance>
<stsim:speciesInstance>
<stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
<stsim:stateVariableInstance stateVariable="phosphorylation">
<stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
<stsim:stateVariableValue possibleStateVariableValue="non-phosphorylated" />
</stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
</stsim:stateVariableInstance>
<stsim:stateVariableInstance stateVariable="activity">
<stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
<stsim:stateVariableValue possibleStateVariableValue="active" />
</stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
</stsim:stateVariableInstance>
</stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
</stsim:speciesInstance>
<stsim:speciesInstanceInfluence>
<math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
<apply>
<times/>
<ci>relProb</ci>
<ci>rAP</ci>
</apply>
</math>
<listOfParameters>
<parameter id="relProb" value="1" />
</listOfParameters>
</stsim:speciesInstanceInfluence>
</stsim:reactingSpeciesInstance>
```

(1,0) -> (1,1)



# Example: Phosphorylation

```
<stsim:reactingSpeciesInstance>
  <stsim:speciesInstance>
    <stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
      <stsim:stateVariableInstance stateVariable="phosphorylation">
        <stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
          <stsim:stateVariableValue possibleStateVariableValue="non-phosphorylated" />
        </stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
      </stsim:stateVariableInstance>
      <stsim:stateVariableInstance stateVariable="activity">
        <stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
          <stsim:stateVariableValue possibleStateVariableValue="inactive" />
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      </stsim:stateVariableInstance>
    </stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
  </stsim:speciesInstance>
  <stsim:speciesInstanceInfluence>
    <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
      <apply>
        <times/>
        <ci>relProb</ci>
        <ci>rAP</ci>
      </apply>
    </math>
    <listOfParameters>
      <parameter id="relProb" value="0" />
    </listOfParameters>
  </stsim:speciesInstanceInfluence>
  </stsim:reactingSpeciesInstance>
</stsim:listOfReactingSpeciesInstances>
</stsim:stsims>
</annotation>
</speciesReference>
</listOfReactants>
```

(0,0) ~~>~~ (0,1)



# Example: Phosphorylation

```
<listOfProducts>
  <speciesReference species="A">
    <annotation>
      <stsim:stsim xmlns:stsim="http://www.sbml.org/2001/ns/stochsim" >
        <stsim:speciesInstance>
          <stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
            <stsim:stateVariableInstance stateVariable="phosphorylation">
              <stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
                <stsim:stateVariableValue
                  possibleStateVariableValue="phosphorylated" />
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            </stsim:stateVariableInstance>
          </stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
        </stsim:speciesInstance>
      </stsim:stsim>
    </annotation>
  </speciesReference>
</listOfProducts>
</reaction>
```

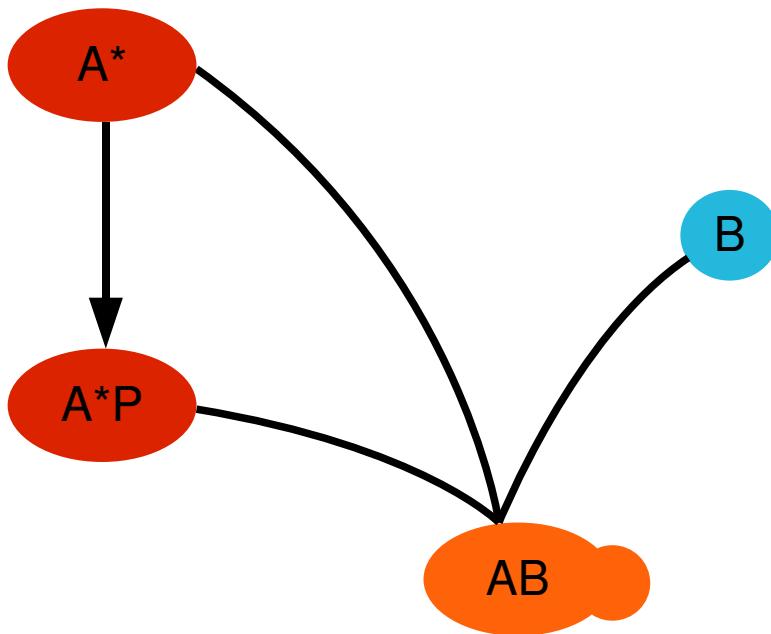
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# Example: Reaction A & B



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# Example: Reaction A & B

```
<reaction id="rAB" name="AB formation">
  <listOfReactants>
    <speciesReference species="A">
      <annotation>
        <stsim:stsim xmlns:stsim="http://www.sbml.org/2001/ns/stochsim">
          <stsim:listOfReactingSpeciesInstances>
            <stsim:reactingSpeciesInstance>
              <stsim:speciesInstance>
                <stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
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                      <stsim:stateVariableValue possibleStateVariableValue="active" />
                    </stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
                  </stsim:stateVariableInstance>
                </stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
              </stsim:speciesInstance>
              <stsim:speciesInstanceInfluence>
                <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
                  <apply>
                    <times/>
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                  </apply>
                </math>
                <listOfParameters>
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    </speciesReference>
  </listOfReactants>
</reaction>
```



# Example: Reaction A\* & B

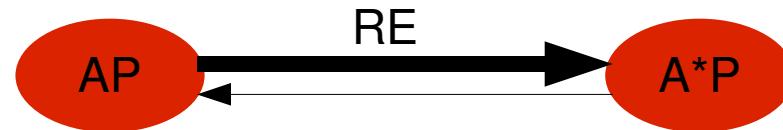
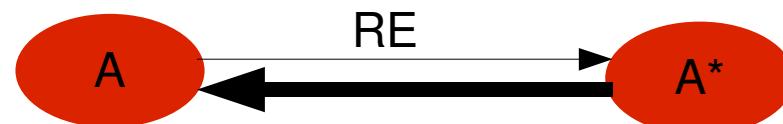
```
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  <stsim:speciesInstance>
    <stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
      <stsim:stateVariableInstance stateVariable="activity">
        <stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
          <stsim:stateVariableValue possibleStateVariableValue="inactive" />
        </stsim:listOfStateVariableValues>
      </stsim:stateVariableInstance>
    </stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
  </stsim:speciesInstance>
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    <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
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        <times/>
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</stsim:stsims>
</annotation>
</speciesReference>
<speciesReference species="B" />
</listOfReactants>
<listOfProducts>
  <speciesReference species="AB" />
</listOfProducts>
</reaction>
```





# Example: Rapid equilibrium

- (De-)Activation of species A
- Modelled as a reaction with “fast” attribute and kinetic law of 0



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# Example: Rapid equilibrium

```
<reaction id="Aact" name="A activation" fast="true" reversible="false">
  <annotation>
    <stsim:stsim xmlns:stsim="http://www.sbml.org/2001/ns/stochsim" >
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                </stsim:stateVariableInstance>
              </stsim:listOfStateVariableInstances>
            </stsim:speciesInstance>
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              </stsim:stateVariableValueProbability>
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              </stsim:stateVariableValueProbability>
            </stsim:listOfStateVariableValueProbabilities>
          </stsim:influencingSpeciesInstance>
```

(0,0)  $\leftrightarrow$  (1,0)



# Example: Rapid equilibrium

```
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  <stsim:speciesInstance>
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</stsim:stsims>
</annotation>
```

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