

## Evolutionary Computing

in the Study of Bio/Chemical Mechanisms

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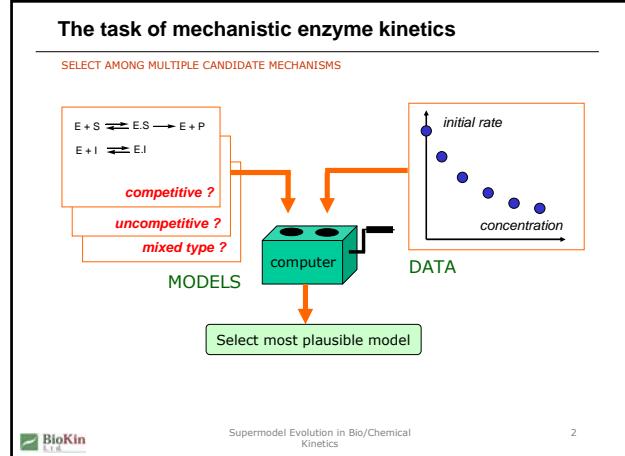
**Problem:**  
Finding initial parameter estimates

**Solution:**  
Differential Evolution (DE)

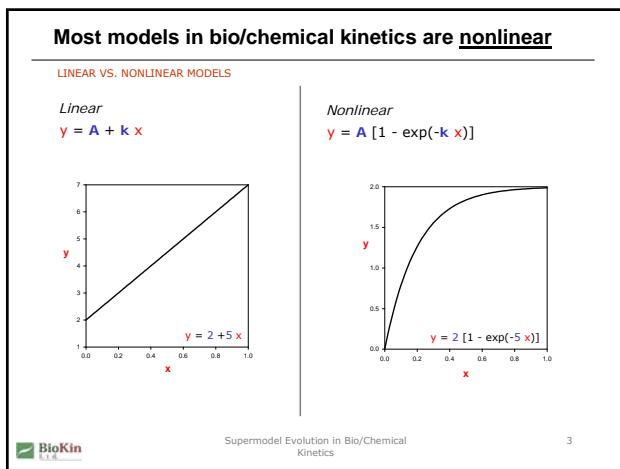
**Model selection strategy:**  
**"Supermodel Evolution"**

**Example:**  
Inhibition of Lethal Factor protease by curcumin

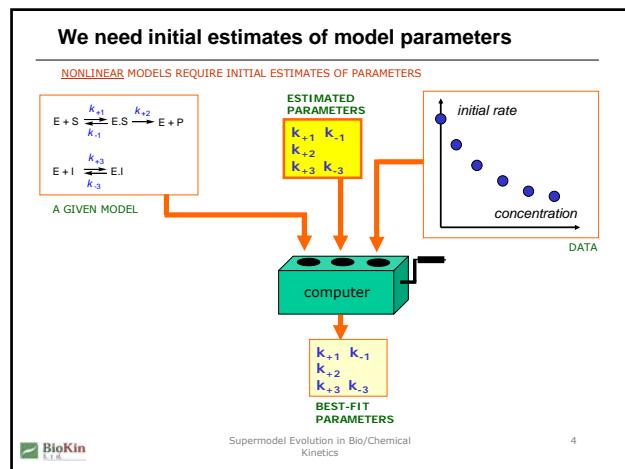




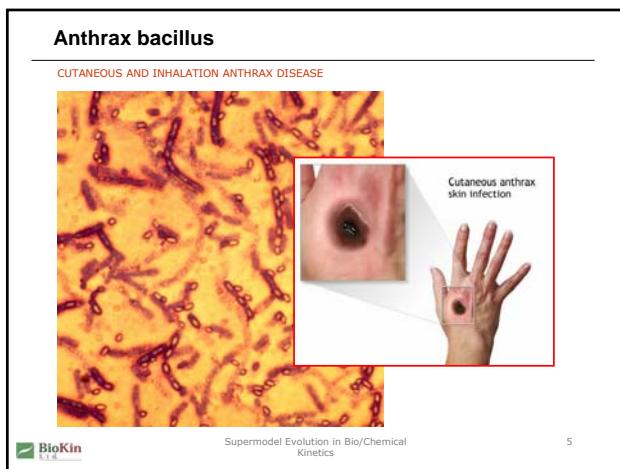
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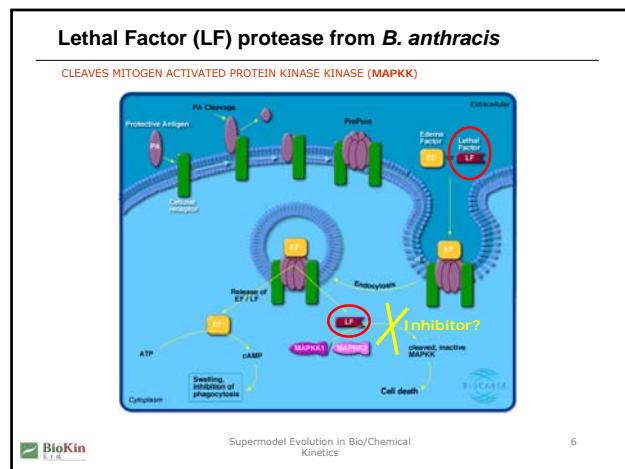
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**Neomycin B: an aminoglycoside inhibitor**

A POTENT INHIBITOR OF LF PROTEASE

Streptomyces fradiae

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**Neomycin B mechanism: mixed-type noncompetitive**

NEOMYCIN B INHIBITION FOLLOWS A COMPLEX MOLECULAR MECHANISM

**Mixed-type noncompetitive inhibition of anthrax lethal factor protease by aminoglycosides**

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Scheme S: Mixed-type mechanism.

Kuzmic et al. (2006) FEBS J. 273, 3054-3062.

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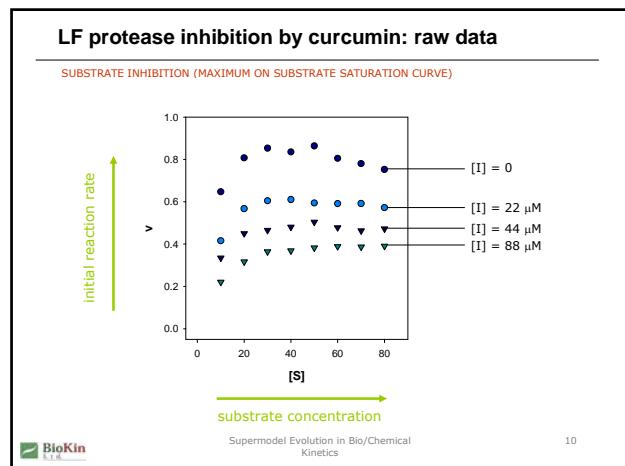
**Curcumin: an natural product inhibitor**

INHIBITION MECHANISM UNKNOWN

Cuminum cyminum L.

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**Two separate problems to solve**

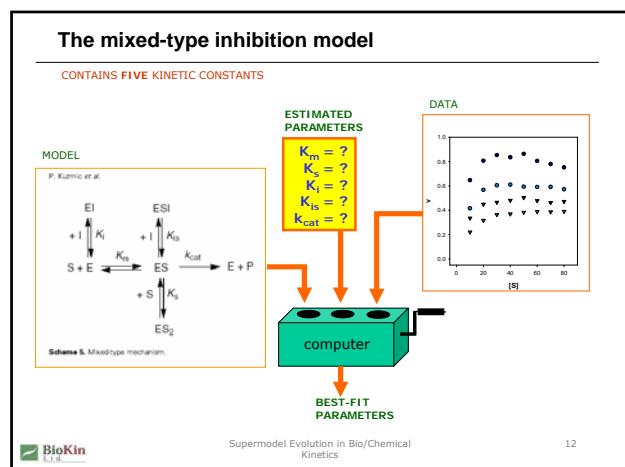
A PREREQUISITE FOR MODEL DISCRIMINATION = FITTING INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE MODELS

**1. Focus on a single reaction mechanism:**  
Given a model (rate equation), find the best-fit kinetic constants

**2. Focus on multiple reaction mechanisms:**  
a. Repeat 1. for all candidate models (mechanisms)  
b. Select the most plausible model

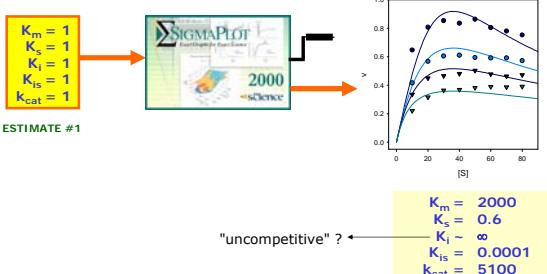
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### First major difficulty: Sensitivity to initial estimates

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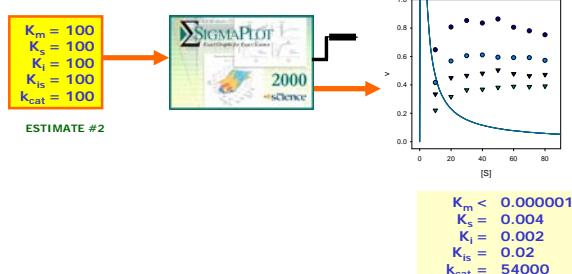


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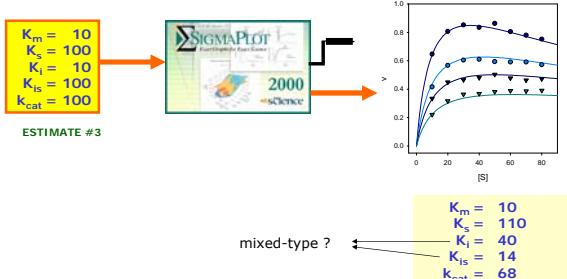


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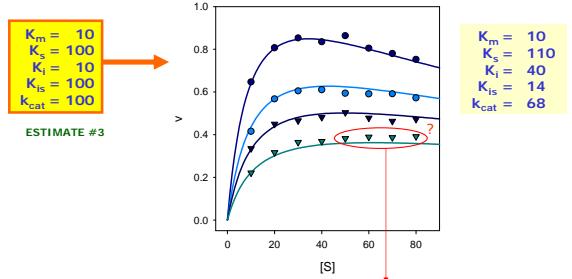


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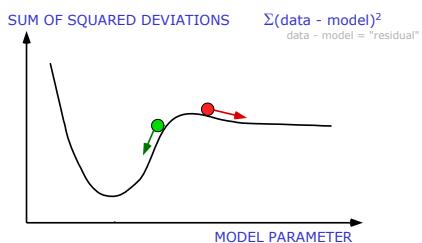
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### The crux of the problem: Finding *global* minima



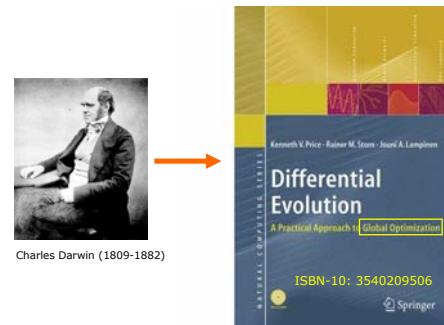
- Least-squares fitting **only** goes "downhill"
- How do we know where to start?

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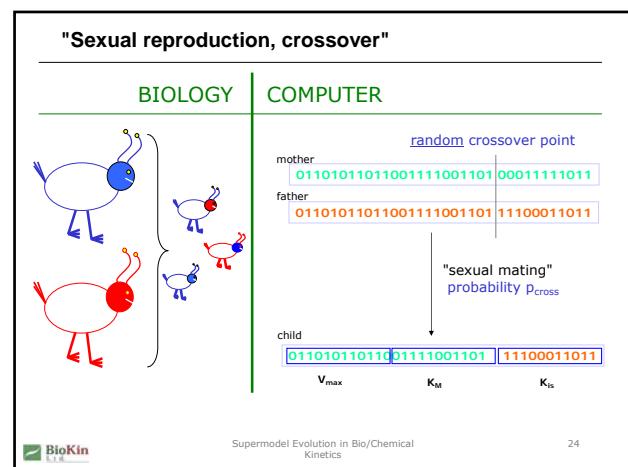
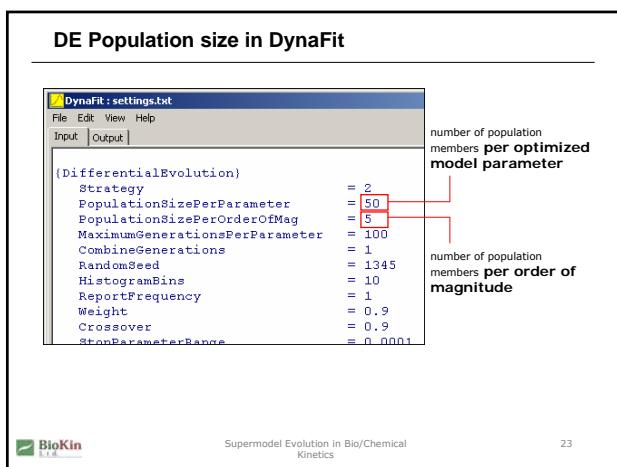
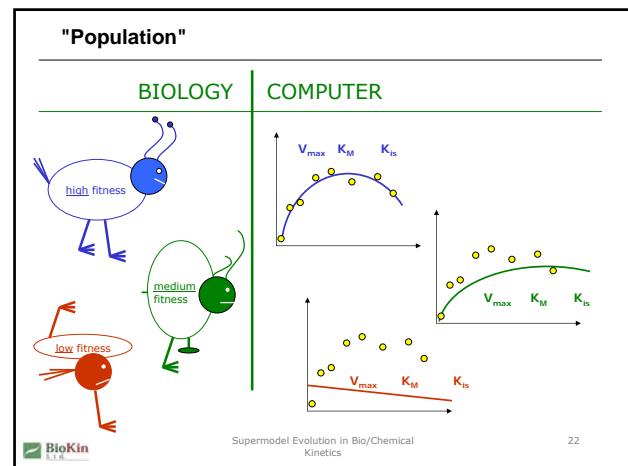
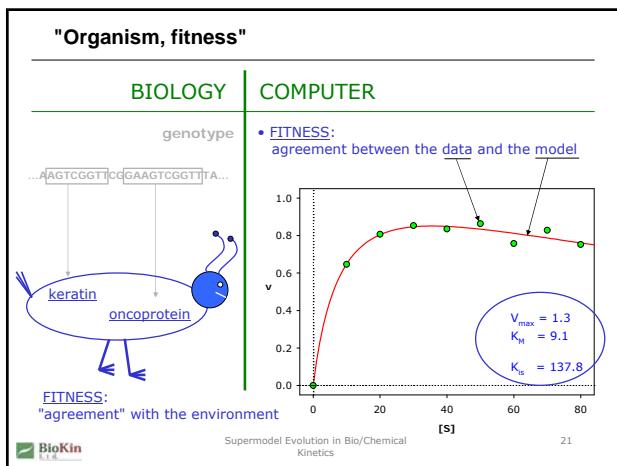
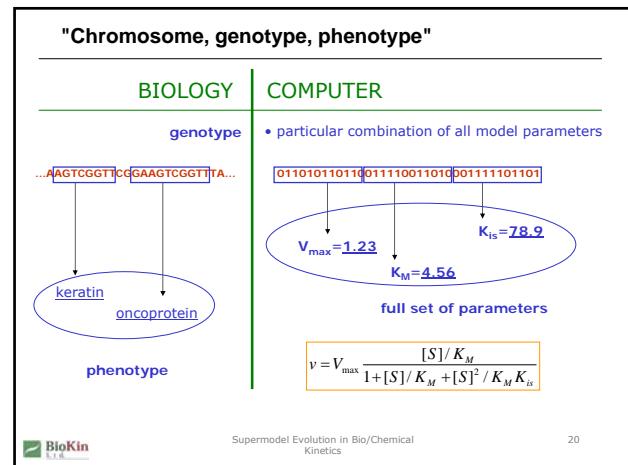
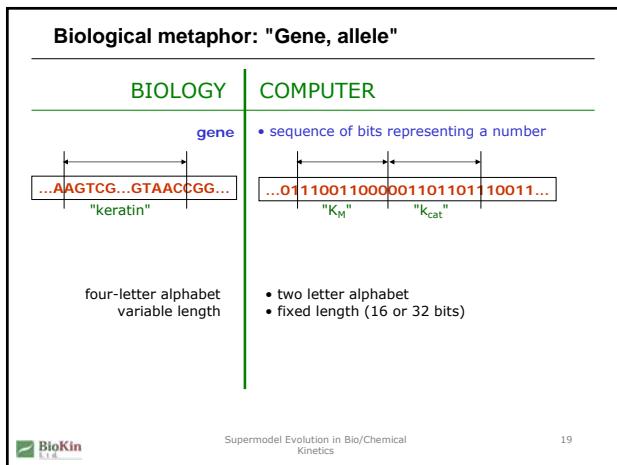
### Charles Darwin to the rescue

BIOLOGICAL EVOLUTION IMITATED IN "DE"



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## DE Crossover probability in DynaFit

```
DynaFit : settings.txt
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(DifferentialEvolution)
Strategy = 2
PopulationSizePerParameter = 50
PopulationSizePerOrderOfMag = 5
MaximumGenerationsPerParameter = 100
CombineGenerations = 1
RandomSeed = 1345
HistogramBins = 10
ReportFrequency = 1
Weight = 0.9
Crossover = 0.9
StochasticParameterRange = 0.0001
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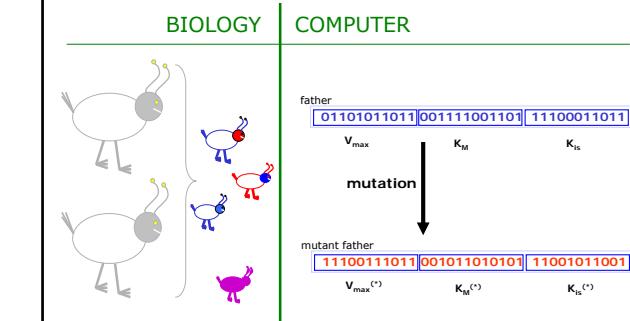
probability that  
child inherits  
father's genes, not  
mother's genes



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## "Mutation, genetic diversity"



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## "Mutation, genetic diversity"

### THE "DIFFERENTIAL" IN DIFFERENTIAL EVOLUTION ALGORITHM - STEP 1

Compute difference between two randomly chosen "uncle" phenotypes

uncle#1  
`01101011011|001111001101|11100011011`  
 $V_{max}^{(1)}$        $K_M^{(1)}$        $K_{is}^{(1)}$   
subtract  
uncle#2  
`11100111011|001011010101|11001011001`  
 $V_{max}^{(2)}$        $K_M^{(2)}$        $K_{is}^{(2)}$   
  
uncle#2 minus uncle #1  
`11100111011|001011010101|11001011001`  
 $V_{max}^{(2)} - V_{max}^{(1)}$        $K_M^{(2)} - K_M^{(1)}$        $K_{is}^{(2)} - K_{is}^{(1)}$



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## "Mutation, genetic diversity"

### THE "DIFFERENTIAL" IN DIFFERENTIAL EVOLUTION ALGORITHM - STEP 2

Add weighted difference between two "uncle" phenotypes to "father"

father  
`01101011011|001111001101|11100011011`  
 $V_{max}$        $K_M$        $K_{is}$   
add a fraction of  
uncle#2 minus uncle #1  
`11100111011|001011010101|11001011001`  
 $V_{max}^{(2)} - V_{max}^{(1)}$        $K_M^{(2)} - K_M^{(1)}$        $K_{is}^{(2)} - K_{is}^{(1)}$   
  
mutant father  
`11100111011|001011010101|11001011001`  
 $V_{max}^*$        $K_M^*$        $K_{is}^*$



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### THE "DIFFERENTIAL" IN DIFFERENTIAL EVOLUTION ALGORITHM

EXAMPLE: Michaelis-Menten equation  $v = V_{max} \frac{[S]}{[S] + K_M}$

"father"      "uncle 1"      "uncle 2"  
 $K_M^* = K_M + F \times (K_M^{(1)} - K_M^{(2)})$   
 ↓            ↓            ↓  
 "mutant father"       $K_M^*$        $K_M + F \times (K_M^{(1)} - K_M^{(2)})$   
 ↑  
 weight (fraction)  
 mutation rate



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fractional difference  
used in mutations

$$K_M^* = K_M + F \times (K_M^{(1)} - K_M^{(2)})$$



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## DE Mutation strategies in DynaFit

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six different mutation strategies (1, 2, ... 6)



details in the book:

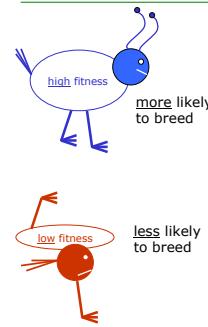


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## "Selection"

### BIOLOGY



### COMPUTER

low sum of squares  
01101011010100111000110110  
 $V_{max}$   $K_m$   $K_{is}$   
more likely to be carried to the next generation

high sum of squares  
0000000000111111111111000000000000  
 $V_{max}$   $K_m$   $K_{is}$   
less likely to be carried to the next generation

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## Basic Differential Evolution Algorithm - Summary

1 Randomly create the initial population (size  $N$ )

Repeat until almost all population members have very high fitness:

- 2 Evaluate fitness: sum of squares for all population members
- 3 Mutation: random gene modification (mutate *father*, weight  $E$ )
- 4 Sexual reproduction: random crossover with probability  $P_{cross}$
- 5 Natural selection: keep *child* in gene pool if more fit than *mother*



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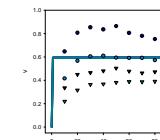
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## Application to curcumin: Mixed-type mechanism

THREE EXAMPLES OF POPULATION MEMBERS (POPULATION SIZE  $n = 845$ )

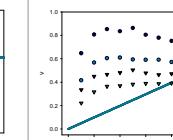
POPUL. MEMBER #1

$K_m$	3.3355e-11
$K_s$	7868500
$K_i$	106.99
$K_{is}$	4.0737e-9
$k_{cat}$	29.783



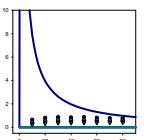
POPUL. MEMBER #2

$K_m$	3713600
$K_s$	60218
$K_i$	427880
$K_{is}$	153.55
$k_{cat}$	918170



POPUL. MEMBER #642

$K_m$	65.7630
$K_s$	1.0488e-3
$K_i$	8.7928e-10
$K_{is}$	8.1374e+20
$k_{cat}$	3760400

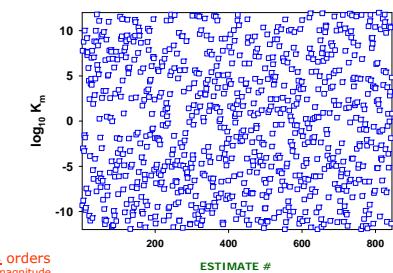


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INITIAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE MICHAELIS-CONSTANT  $K_m$



24 orders of magnitude

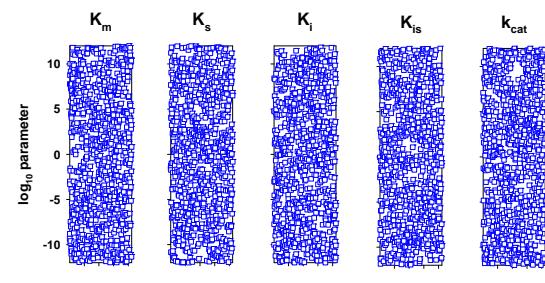


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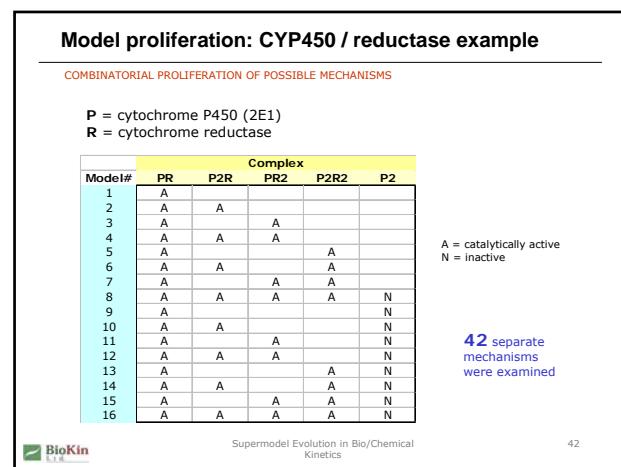
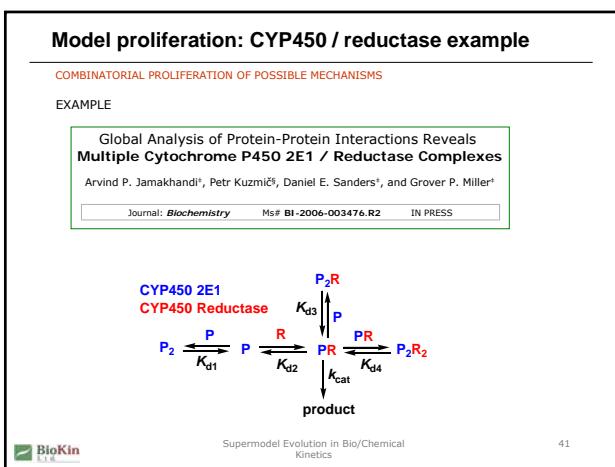
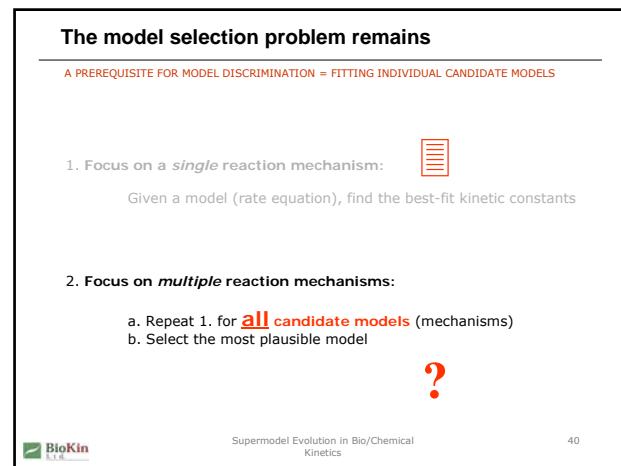
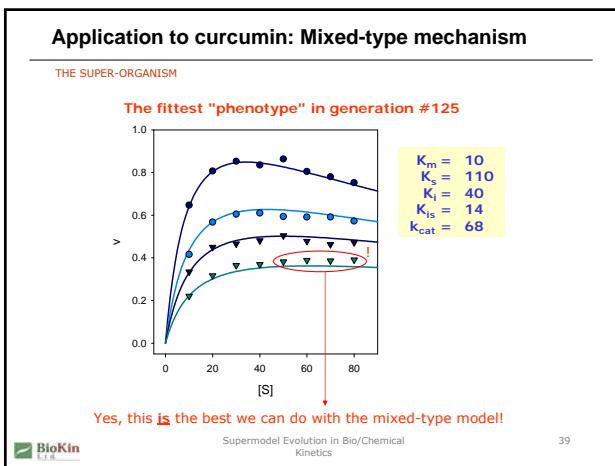
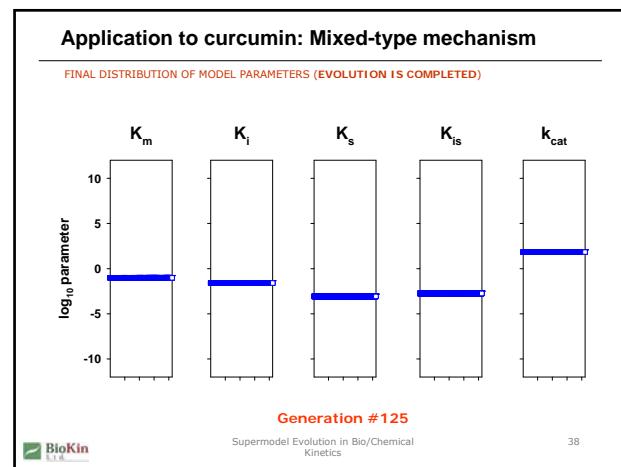
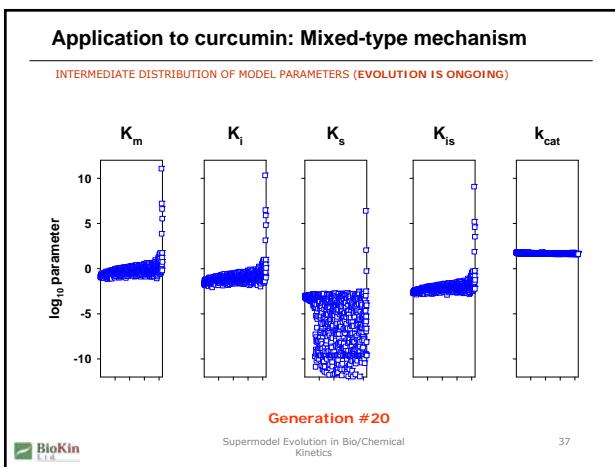
INITIAL DISTRIBUTION OF ALL MODEL PARAMETERS



Generation #1

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## The "Supermodel" approach

CREATE AN AGGREGATE MODEL ENCOMPASSING ALL POSSIBLE INTERACTIONS

Model#	Complex			
	PR	P2R	P2R2	P2
1	A			
2	A	A		
3		A		
4	A	A	A	
5	A		A	
6	A	A	A	A
7	A		A	N
8	A	A	A	N
9				N
10	A	A		N
11	A	A	A	N
12	A	A	N	N
13	A	A	A	N
14	A	A	A	N
15	A	A	N	N
16	A	A	A	N

the most complex (realistic) model

1. Consider only the **most complex** model
2. Evolve all parameters using "DE"
3. Identify redundant parameters by examining the final distribution of fittest phenotypes
4. Eliminate redundant parameters thereby reducing the model ("small is beautiful")



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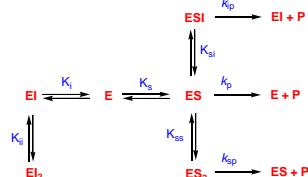
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## The "Supermodel" for LF inhibition by curcumin

COMPILE AN AGGREGATE OF ALL POSSIBLE MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS

### ASSUMPTIONS

- Substrate can bind with 1:1 or 2:1 stoichiometry
- Inhibitor can bind with 1:1 or 2:1 stoichiometry
- Substrate and inhibitor can bind at the same time
- Any enzyme-substrate complex can have catalytic activity

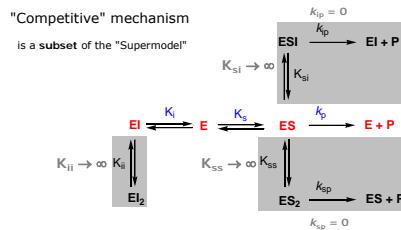


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STANDARD MECHANISMS DIFFER ONLY BY VALUES OF KINETIC CONSTANTS IN THE "SUPERMODEL"



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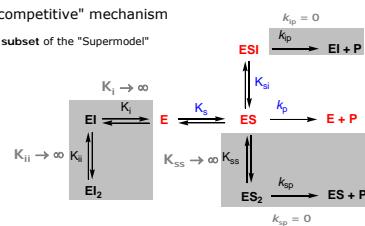
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### "Uncompetitive" mechanism

is a subset of the "Supermodel"

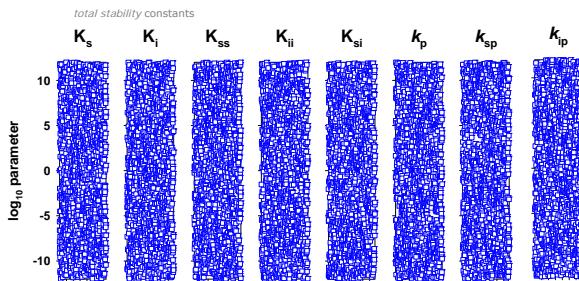


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## "Supermodel" evolution: Curcumin inhibition of LF

INITIAL DISTRIBUTION OF MODEL PARAMETERS (POPULATION SIZE = 1355)

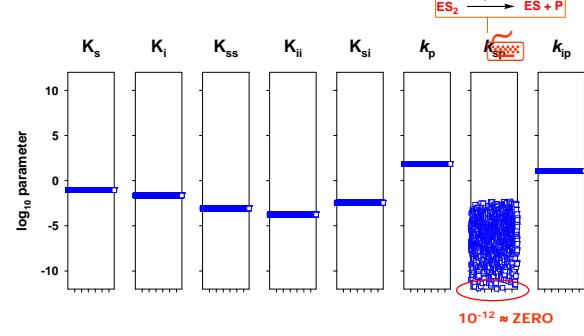


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FINAL DISTRIBUTION OF MODEL PARAMETERS



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