

Fat vs. thin threading approach on GPUs application to stochastic simulation of chemical reactions

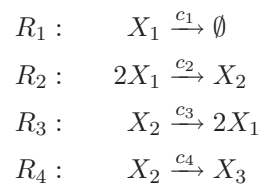
Supplemental material

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This document presents the six chemical reaction systems used to compare the performance of the fat and thin threading approaches.

1 Dimerisation-decay model

The decay-dimerisation reaction system is taken from Gillespie [1]. It consists of 3 molecular species and 4 reactions. The monomer X_1 decays or dimerises reversibly into the dimer X_2 . X_2 itself is unstable and turns into a stable form X_3 :

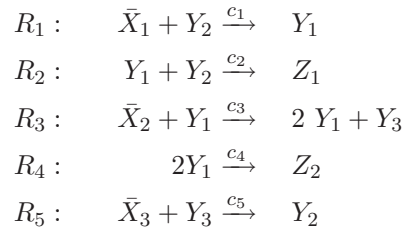


The chosen reaction rates are $c_1 = 1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_2 = 0.002 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_3 = 0.5 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_4 = 0.04 \text{ h}^{-1}$ and the initial molecular populations at time $t = 0 \text{ sec}$ are $X_1 = 100000$, $X_2 = X_3 = 0$.

2 Oregonator

The Oregonator is a model simulating the oscillating Belousov-Zhabotinskii reaction developed by Field, Körös and Noyes [2]. The reaction system of the Oregonator describing the

general kinetic scheme of the Belousov-Zhabotinskii reaction is given by:



The species marked with a bar are assumed to be constant. The reaction rates are $c_1 = 10.0 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_2 = 0.5 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_3 = 104.0 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_4 = 0.016 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_5 = 1.04 \text{ h}^{-1}$ and the initial conditions at $t = 0 \text{ sec}$ for the molecular populations are $Y_1 = 500$, $Y_2 = 1000$, $Y_3 = 2000$, $Z_1 = 2000$, $Z_2 = 50000$ [3].

3 Circadian cycle

The circadian rhythm is an approximately 24-hour cycle in biochemical or behavioural processes of many living entities, including plants, animals, and bacteria. The model used is the simplified circadian cycle model by Vilar *et al.* [4] based on the model of Barkai and Leibler [5].

The biochemical network of the circadian oscillator model is given in Figure 1. The core of the network is intracellular transcription regulation of the two genes involved, an activator gene D_A and a repressor gene D_R . Both are transcribed into mRNA M_A and M_R , respectively, and subsequently translated into the activator protein A and repressor protein R . The activator A binds to the A and R promoters simultaneously, increasing their transcription. A acts as the positive element in transcription, whereas R acts as the negative element by repressing the activator. The cycle is completed by repressor degradation and re-expression of the activator [4].

The molecular species of the circadian cycle model are:

- activator DNA D_A
- activator mRNA M_A
- activator protein A
- activator DNA-promoter complex D'_A
- repressor DNA D_R
- repressor mRNA M_R
- repressor protein R
- repressor DNA-promoter complex D'_R
- inactivated activator-repressor complex C

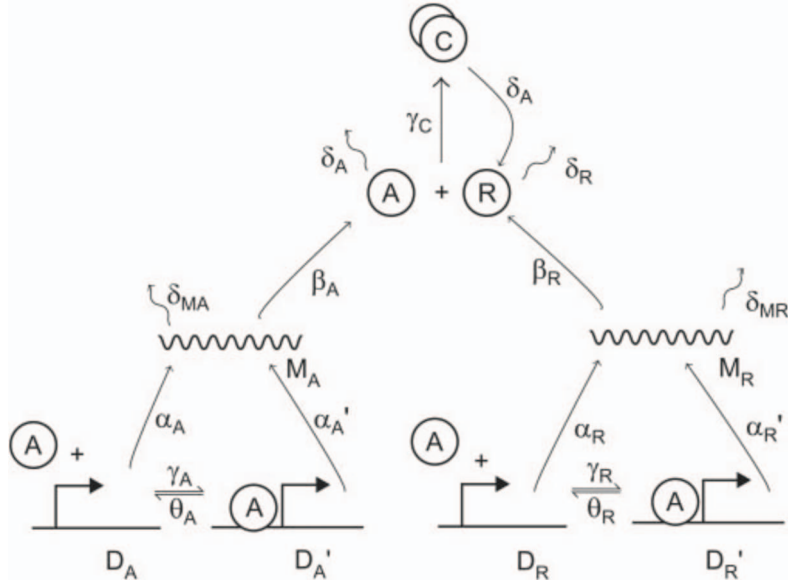
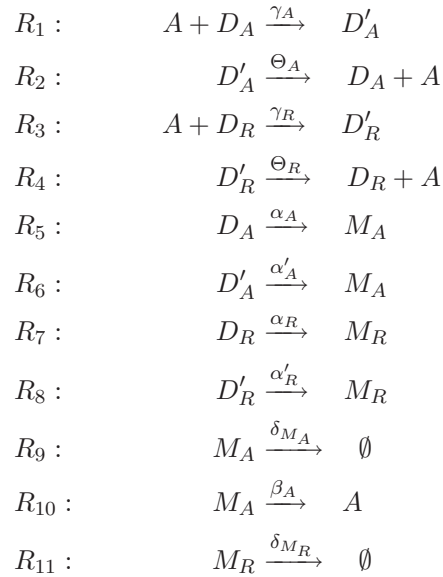
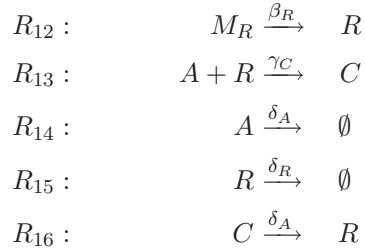


Figure 1: Biochemical network of the circadian oscillator reaction system. The core of the network is intracellular transcription regulation of the two genes involved, an activator gene D_A and a repressor gene D_R . Oscillations arise since the activator binds to the promoters of both genes simultaneously. Thus with the activator A the repressor R is expressed. The repressor R , in turn, inactivates A forming the complex C . Taken with permission from Vilar *et al.* [4].

The reactions of the circadian cycle model are:





with the reaction rates $\alpha_A = 50 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\alpha'_A = 500 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\alpha_R = 0.01 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\alpha'_R = 50 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\beta_A = 50 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\beta_R = 5 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\delta_{MA} = 10 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\delta_{MR} = 0.5 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\delta_A = 1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\delta_R = 0.2 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\gamma_A = 1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\gamma_R = 1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\gamma_C = 2 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $\Theta_A = 100 \text{ h}^{-1}$. The initial number of molecules at $t = 0 \text{ sec}$ are $D_A = D_R = 1$, $D'_A = D'_R = M_A = M_R = A = R = C = 0$. Since the model assumes the complex C turns into R by degradation of A , the rate δ_A appears twice [4].

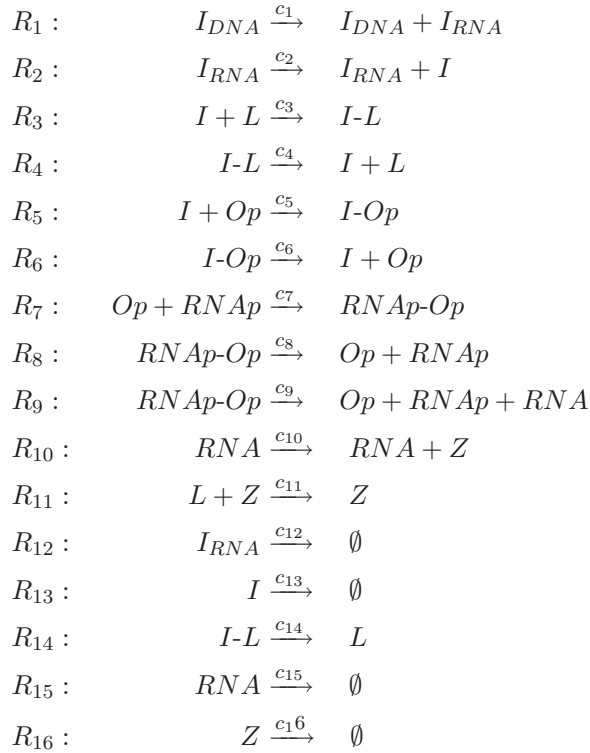
4 *lac*-operon

This simplified model of the *lac*-operon is taken from Wilkinson [6]. The *lac*-operon is composed of a promoter P , the operator Op and three genes *lacZ*, *lacY*, and *lacA*. Of these three genes, only the *lacZ* expressing β -galactosidase is part of the model. β -galactosidase is an intracellular enzyme cleaving the disaccharide lactose into glucose and galactose. The inhibitor I binds either to lactose L or the operator Op . If the inhibitor is bound to the operon, its transcription is prevented. Thus in the presence of lactose fewer inhibitor molecules bind to the operon and the operon's expression level increases [7].

The molecular species of the *lac*-operon model are:

- inhibitor gene I_{DNA}
- inhibitor transcript I_{RNA}
- Inhibitor protein I
- operon Op
- RNA polymerase $RNAp$
- RNA polymerase bound to operon $RNAp-Op$
- operon transcript RNA
- β -galactosidase Z
- lactose L
- lactose bound to inhibitor $I-L$
- operon bound to inhibitor $I-Op$

The reactions of the *lac*-operon model are:



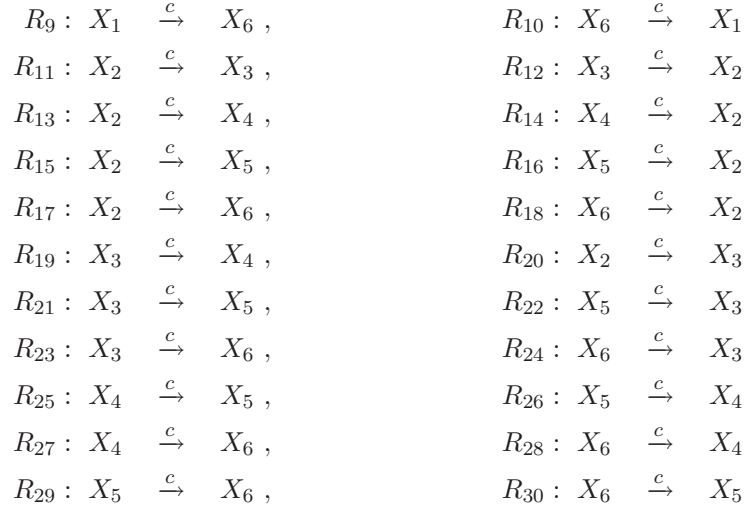
The reaction rates are $c_1 = 0.02 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_2 = 0.1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_3 = 0.005 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_4 = 0.1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_5 = 1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_6 = 0.01 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_7 = 0.1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_8 = 0.01 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_9 = 0.03 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_{10} = 0.1 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_{11} = 1e - 5 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_{12} = 0.01 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_{13} = 0.002 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_{14} = 0.002 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_{15} = 0.01 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $c_{16} = 0.001 \text{ h}^{-1}$. The chosen initial molecular populations at $t = 0 \text{ sec}$ are $I_{DNA} = 10$, $I_{RNA} = 0$, $I = 50$, $Op = 10$, $RN Ap = 1000$, $RNA = 0$, $Z = 0$, $L = 1640000$, $I-L = 0$, $I-Op = 0$, $RN Ap-Op = 0$. The number of RNA polymerases $RN Ap$ is kept constant [6].

5 Fully connected reaction network

The fully connected reaction network consists of 6 chemical species X_1 to X_6 which can be reversibly converted into each other at a reaction rate of $c = 1 \text{ h}^{-1}$. Initially all molecules are of species X_1 .

The fully connected reaction network consists of 6 species and 30 reactions:



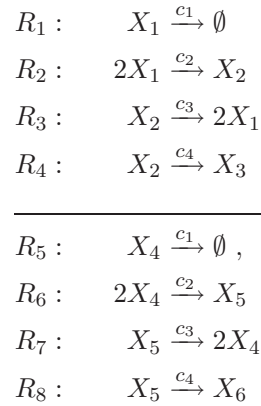


The initial molecular populations at time $t = 0$ sec are $X_1 = 1000000$, $X_2 = X_3 = X_4 = X_5 = X_6 = 0$.

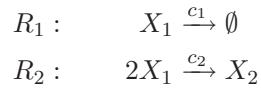
6 Multiple dimerisation-decay models

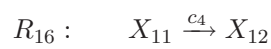
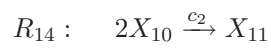
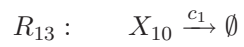
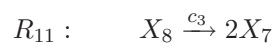
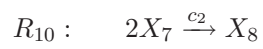
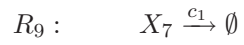
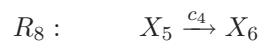
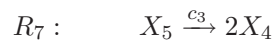
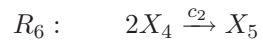
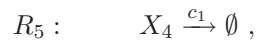
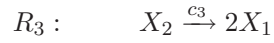
The multiple dimerisation-decay reaction system is based upon the reaction system introduced in Section 1. Multiple dimerisation-decay models merges 2, 4 and 6 decay-dimerisation reactions systems into one larger reaction system. Each of the dimerisation-decay models has an independent set of molecular species and reactions.

8 reactions, 6 species system:

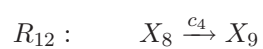
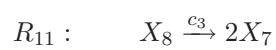
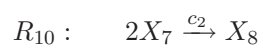
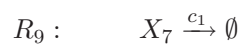
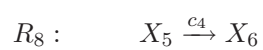
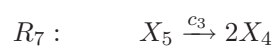
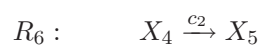
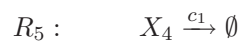
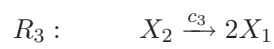
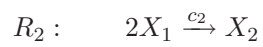
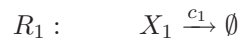


16 reactions, 12 species system:

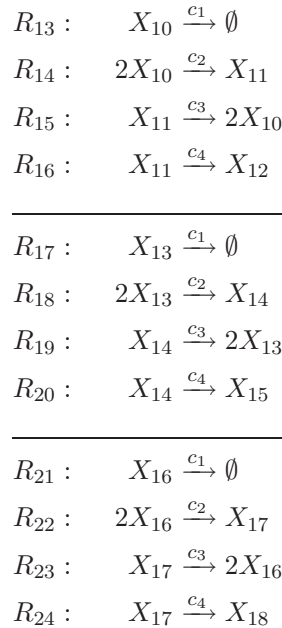




24 reactions, 18 species system:



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