RAS FEEDBACK

Ras increases SOS activity

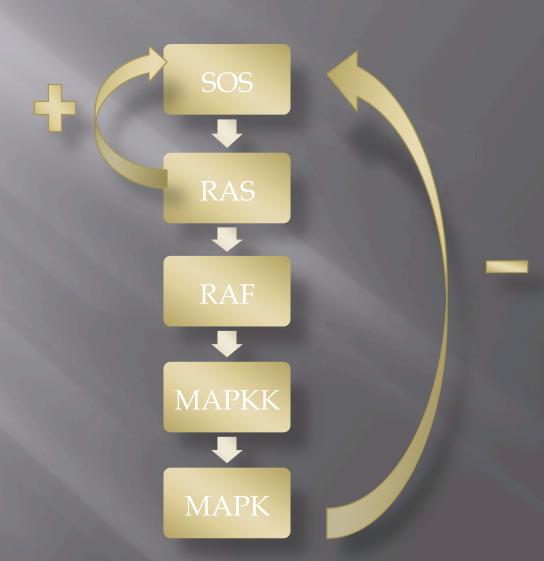
Introduction



EGFR recruits SOS to the plasma membrane which facilitates the switch from Ras-GDP (off) to Ras-GTP (on)

SOS-Ras complex catalyzes a positive feedback reaction.

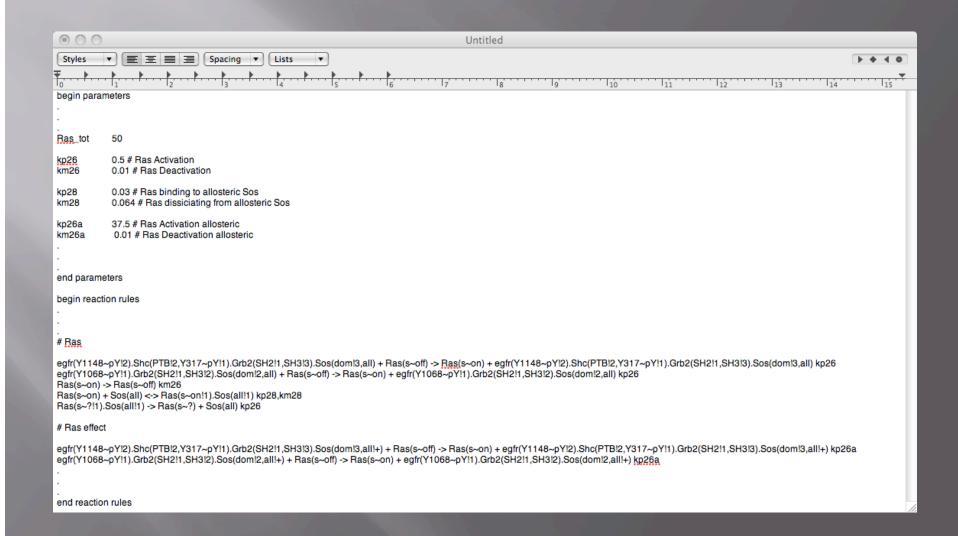
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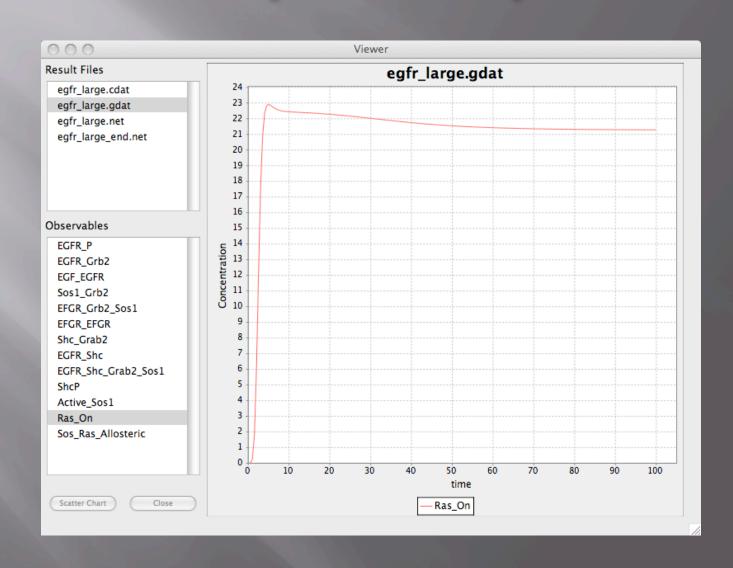


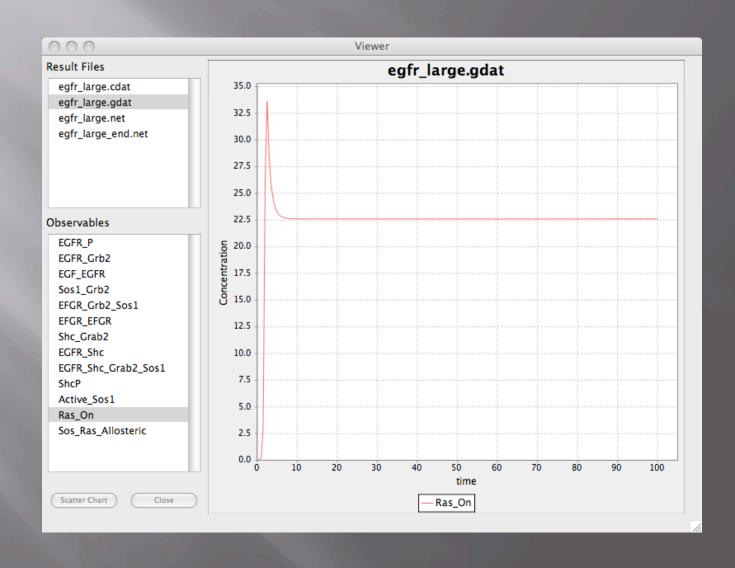
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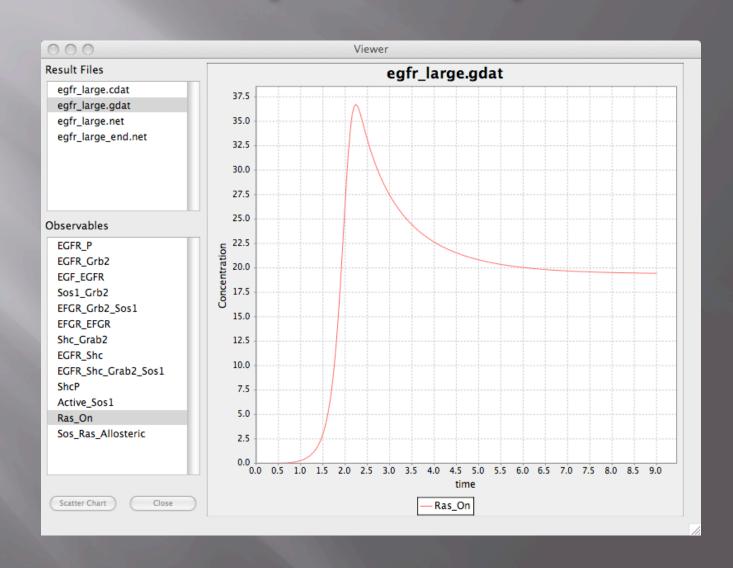
The effect of a positive feedback of Ras is an increased SOS activity, which causes Ras to be activated at a greater rate.

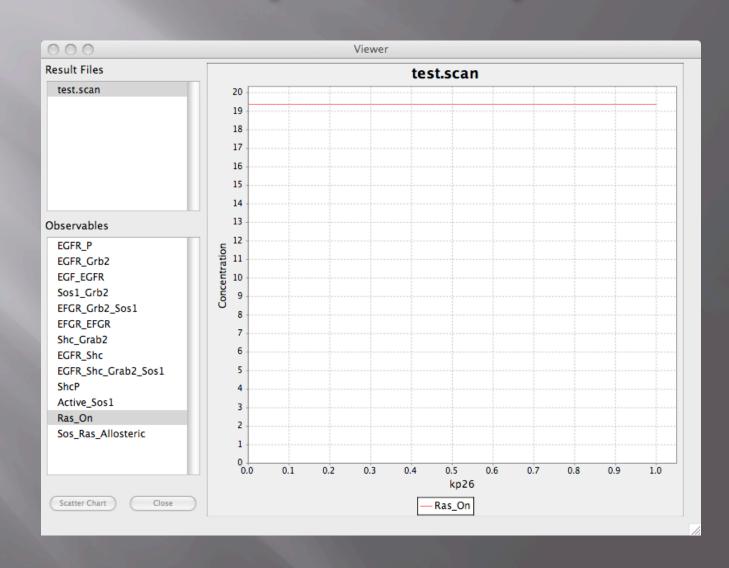
Analysis: Model

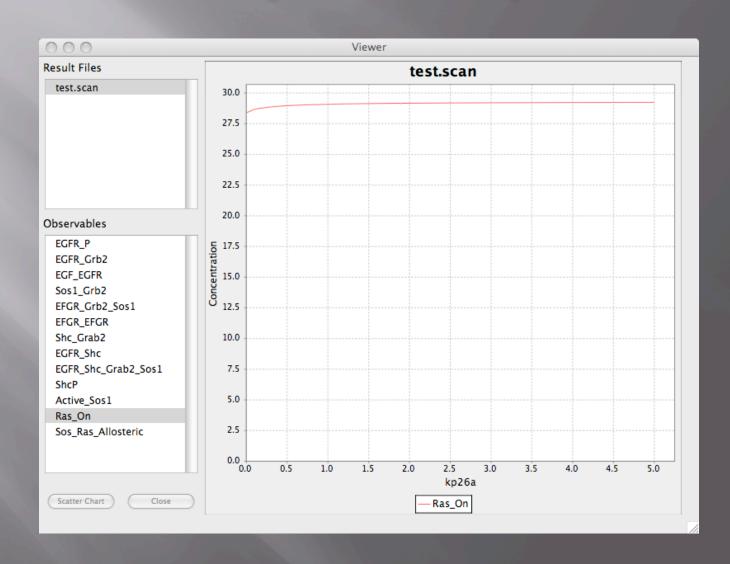


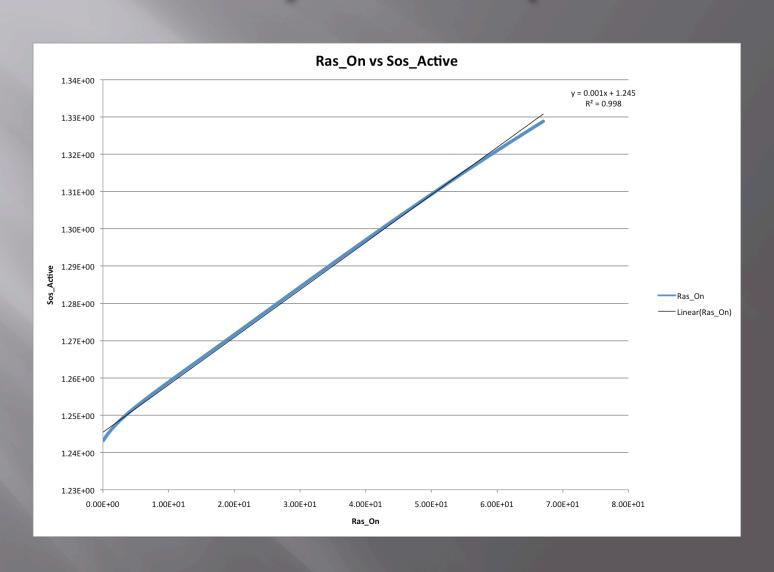












Discussion

- Assumptions: Rate Constants
 - Ras activation by SOS
 - Mechanism similar to transphosphorylation
 - 0.5 for dimer and for PLCg, so used 0.5 for Ras also
 - Ras binding/dissociation to/from SOS' allosteric site
 - Binding rates are less than dissociation rates
 - Used Sch-Grb2 binding rates to SOS (0.03/0.064)
 - Ras activation by SOS-Ras complex
 - Activation rate is increased 75 fold (according to Jim)
 - Multiplied assumption for SOS activation by 75 (37.5)
 - Ras deactivation
 - Similar to dephosphorylation
 - Used dephosphorylation rate for PLCg in cytosol (0.01)

Conclusions

- Ras attaches to Sos at at an allosteric site. This complex acts as an enzyme which catalyzes the rate of Sos binding.
- □ The increase in the Ras concentration results in a positive feedback loop on Sos mediated activation.
- Ras has no effect on the other observables.
- Ras self-regulates by switching off, thereby concluding the feedback reaction.

References

- Finding the right model
 - Asked Jim
 - Research
 - Useful articles
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 - Digital Signaling and Hysteresis Characterize Ras Activation in Lymphoid Cells
 - Das et al., 2008
 - Wikipedia

Comments and Questions

