

# Introduction to Mathematical Modelling of Biological Systems



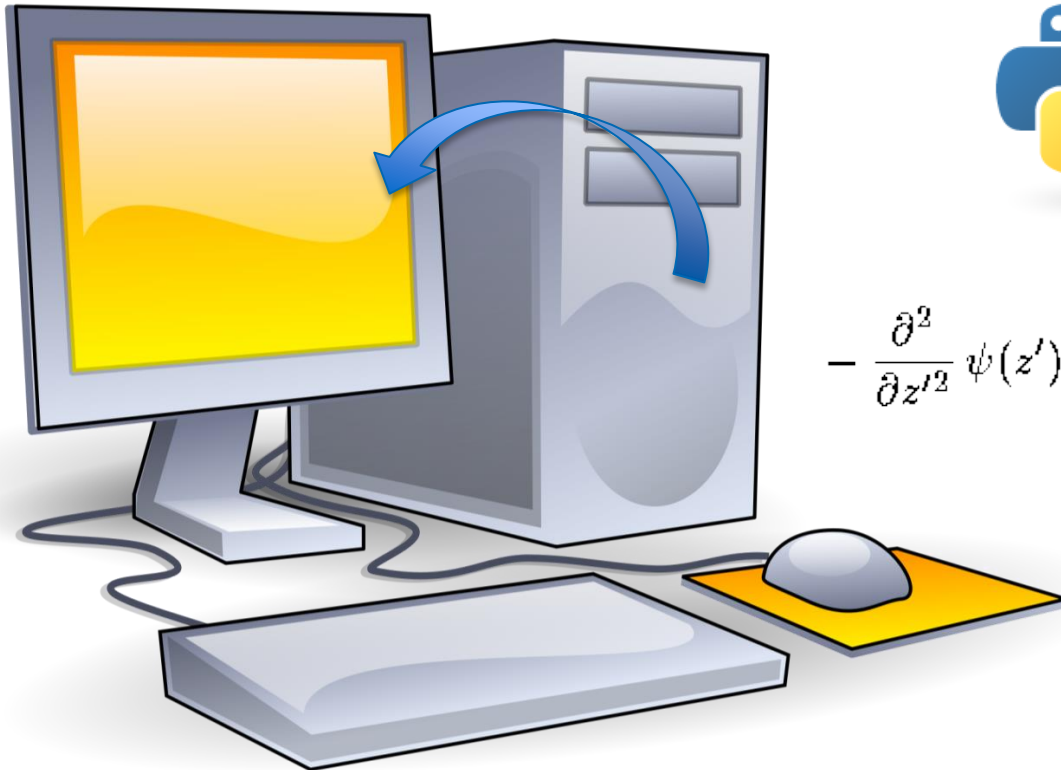
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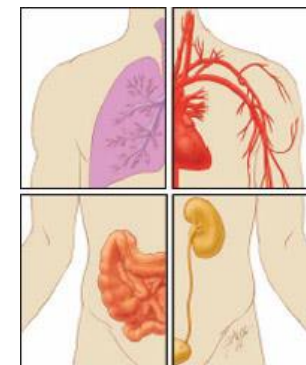
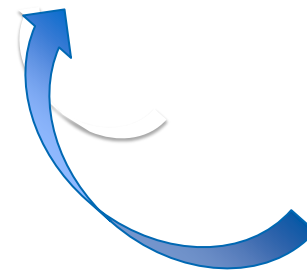
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$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z'^2} \psi(z') + z' \psi(z') = E' \psi(z')$$



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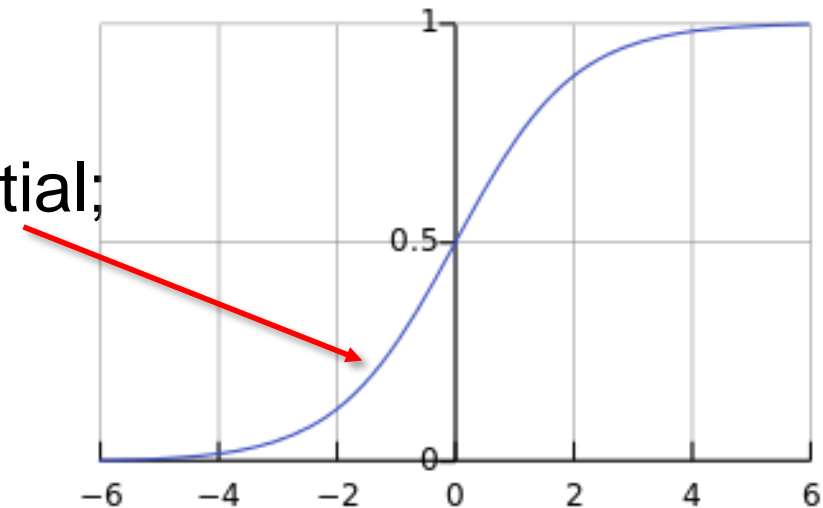
## Simple Logistic Growth Equation

- Letting  $N$  represent population size and  $t$  represent time, this model is formalized by the differential equation:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN\left(1 - \frac{N}{k}\right)$$

$N$  represents population size;  $r$  defines the growth rate;  $k$  is carrying capacity

- The function is a sigmoid curve. The initial stage of growth is approximately exponential; as saturation begins, the growth slows, and at maturity, growth stops.



## Tasks for today

- Goal: Your goal is to write two Python scripts to solve two one-dimensional problems: the logistic equation and the logistic equation with punishment for low population.

## How to start:

- Mathematical description
- Initial conditions
- Parameter set
- Necessary tools for integration and plotting

## Import

```
import numpy as np
import scipy
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pylab
```

We will be using functions that are not built in as a standard one. Therefore we need to import specific packages.

**NumPy** is a Python extension module that provides efficient operation on arrays.

**SciPy** is a set of open source (BSD licensed) scientific and numerical tools for Python.

**Matplotlib** is a python 2D plotting library which produces publication quality figures.

# GRAPHICAL PACKAGE

You can display the results graphically

## How to represent my data

```
from pylab import *
```

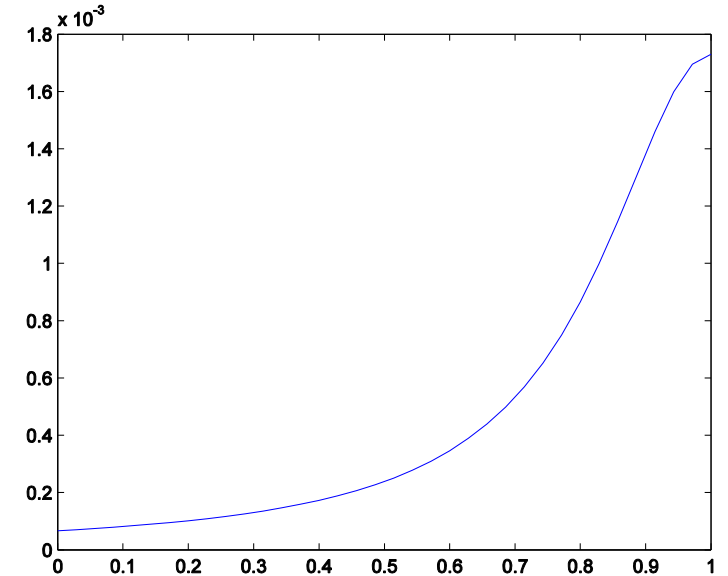
Create a figure.

Create your data. We need X and Y values.

```
X = [1,2,3]
X = range()
import numpy as np
X = np.linspace()
X = np.arange()
```

Use the pylab package to plot your results.

```
import pylab as pl
pl.plot()
```



Show results of screen

```
pl.show()
```

## How to represent my data

1. Plot function  $f(x) = x$ .
2. Plot sine and cosine functions on the same plot.
3. Change the colours of the plot to red and blue.
4. Add legend, title and axes names.
5. Try to plot two plots next to each other.

[scipy-lectures.github.io/intro/matplotlib/matplotlib.html](https://scipy-lectures.github.io/intro/matplotlib/matplotlib.html)





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Provide values of  $r$  and  $K$  and starting population size.

```
params = (0.3, 10)  
Y = [1]
```

What is the type of the `params` value?

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growth = scipy.integrate.odeint(func, y0, t, args=(), ...)
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t = range(0, 1000)
growth = scipy.integrate.odeint(logistic, y, t, args=params)

plt.plot(t, growth)
plt.show()
```

## Modified Verhulst Equation

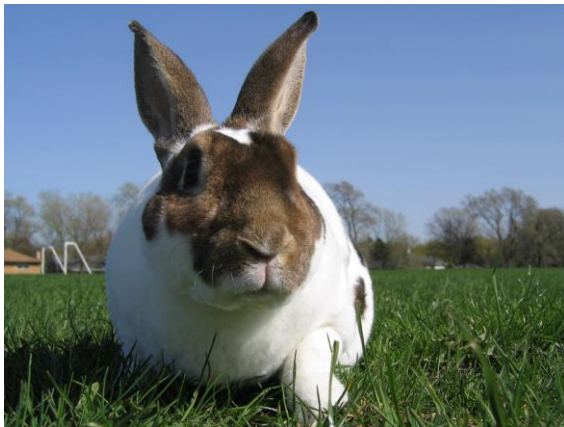
```
def modifiedVerhulst(N, t0, c=5., g =3, d = 1.,r= 2., k = 40.):  
    """ returns the population growth rate  
    modified Verhulst equation with the factor  
    governing population behaviour at small sizes """  
    dY = r * N * (g/r) * N/(N+c) - d/r - N/k  
    return
```

### Tasks for today:

- Integrate the model over the time of 1 year, how the population evolves?
- Find the stationary states of the model. Are they stable?
- Plot the bifurcation diagram for the new bifurcation parameter  $c$ .

## Lotka-Volterra Model

- Lets consider population of two species that interact.
- One is a predator and second a prey.
- How to describe their dependent dynamics?



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rabbits  $\longrightarrow$   $dr/dt = b*r - d*r*w$

wolfs  $\longrightarrow$   $dw/dt = -c*r + f*b*w*r$

## Task

- Solve the Lotka-Volterra model (also known as the predator-prey) and create plots of the evolution of the population for following cases:
  - a.  $r = d = c = f = 1$  for variety of initial conditions
  - b.  $r = 1, d = 0.1, c = 1.5, f = 0.75$  and  $t = 1000$ , for  $R = 10$  and  $W = 5$
- What does it mean that the population size is stable over the time?
- Play with parameters and initial conditions so different species will survive.

## Lotka-Volterra Model

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from numpy import *
import pylab as p

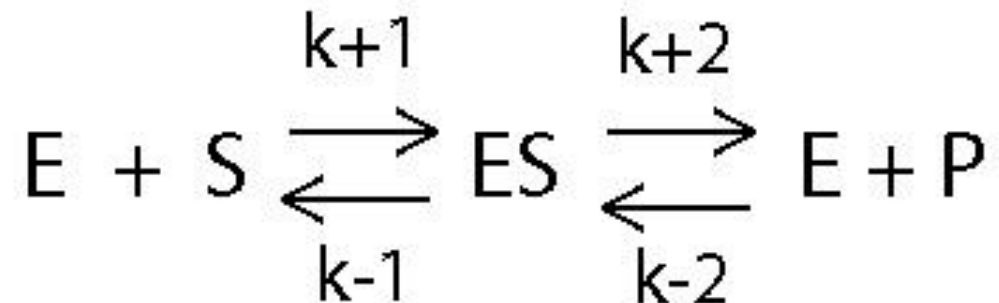
# Set parameters
a = 1.
b = 0.1
c = 1.5
d = 0.75

def dX_dt(X, t=0):
    """ Return the growth rate
    of fox and rabbit populations. """
    return array([ a*X[0] - b*X[0]*X[1] ,
                  11 -c*X[1] + d*b*X[0]*X[1] ])
```

Use  $X = [r, w]$  to describe the state  
of both populations

## Simple biochemical network

- We will use differential-equation-based models for biological regulatory networks to ultimately simulate the change in concentrations over the time of substrate (S), enzyme E, substrate-enzyme complex (ES) and the final product (P) in the following reaction:



# FINAL PROJECT

You can do it! Prove it with your final project

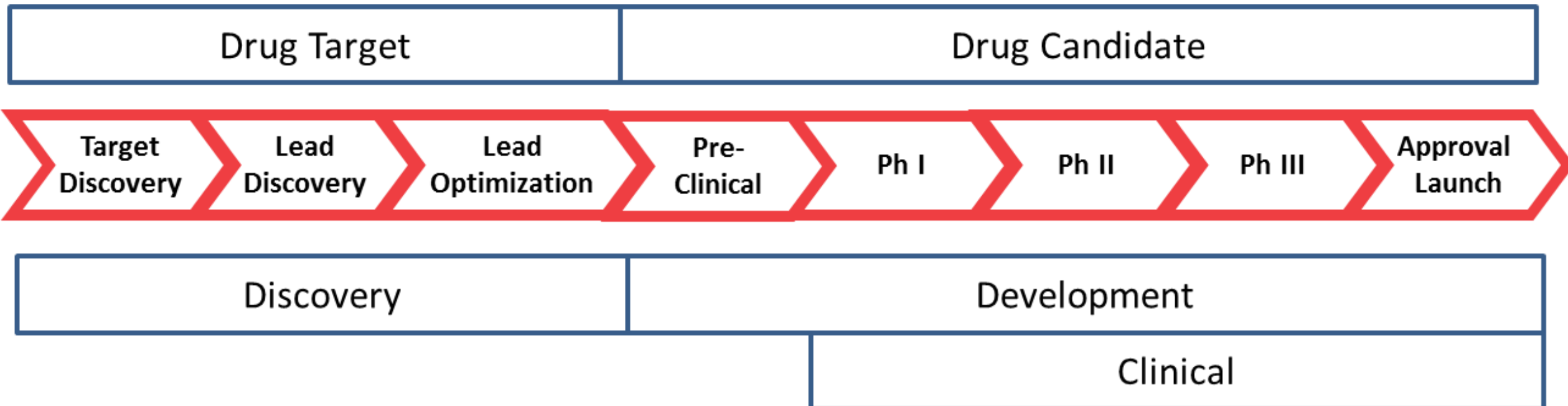
## Your task

Using your knowledge about ordinary differential equations (ODE) and programming in Python, you are asked to build an **n compartment** model that will give a good approximation to the **pharmacokinetics** of a selected **drug** or its **compound**.

## Drugs on the market



## Drug Discovery and Development





## Pharmacokinetics

- the science of studying drugs in the body and how they are affected by different processes
- describes the behavior of an administered drug in the body over time
- uses mathematical equations to relate different variables to each other
- uses this to make predictions about drug behaviour in the body
- used to administer the drug appropriately and safely

Mathematical modeling of pharmacokinetics / pharmacodynamics (PKPD) is an important and growing field in drug development.

## Vocabulary

- **Compartment** – a concept, it can be a tissue or organ or an entire body
- **Dose** – amount of drug administered
- **Concentration** – amount of the drug in a given volume of plasma
- **Clearance** – the volume of plasma cleared of the drug per unit of time
- **Half-life** – time it takes for a substance to lose half of its pharmacological activity

## Example of a 2 compartment model

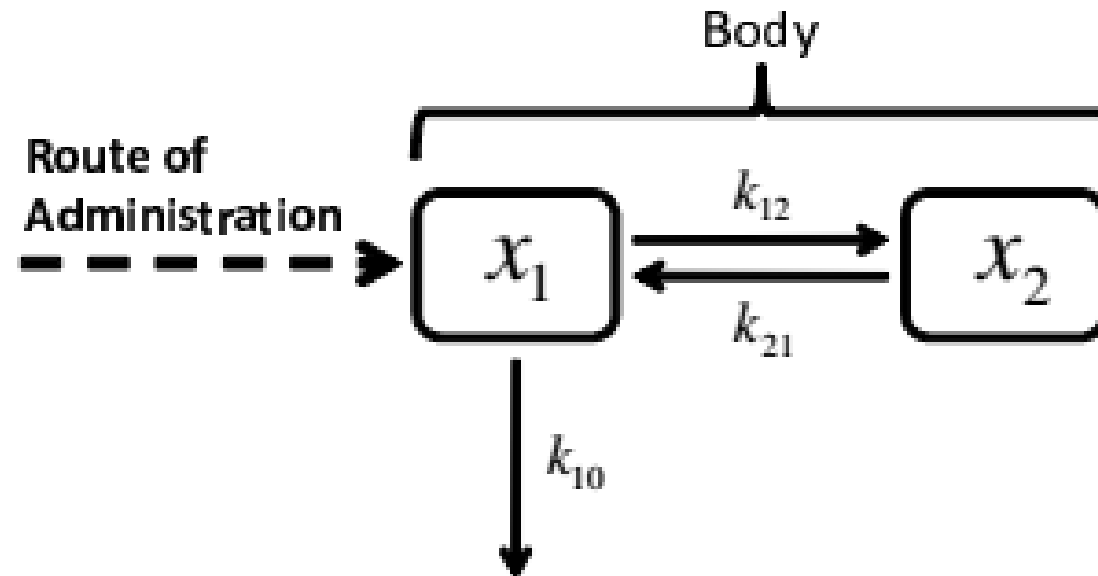
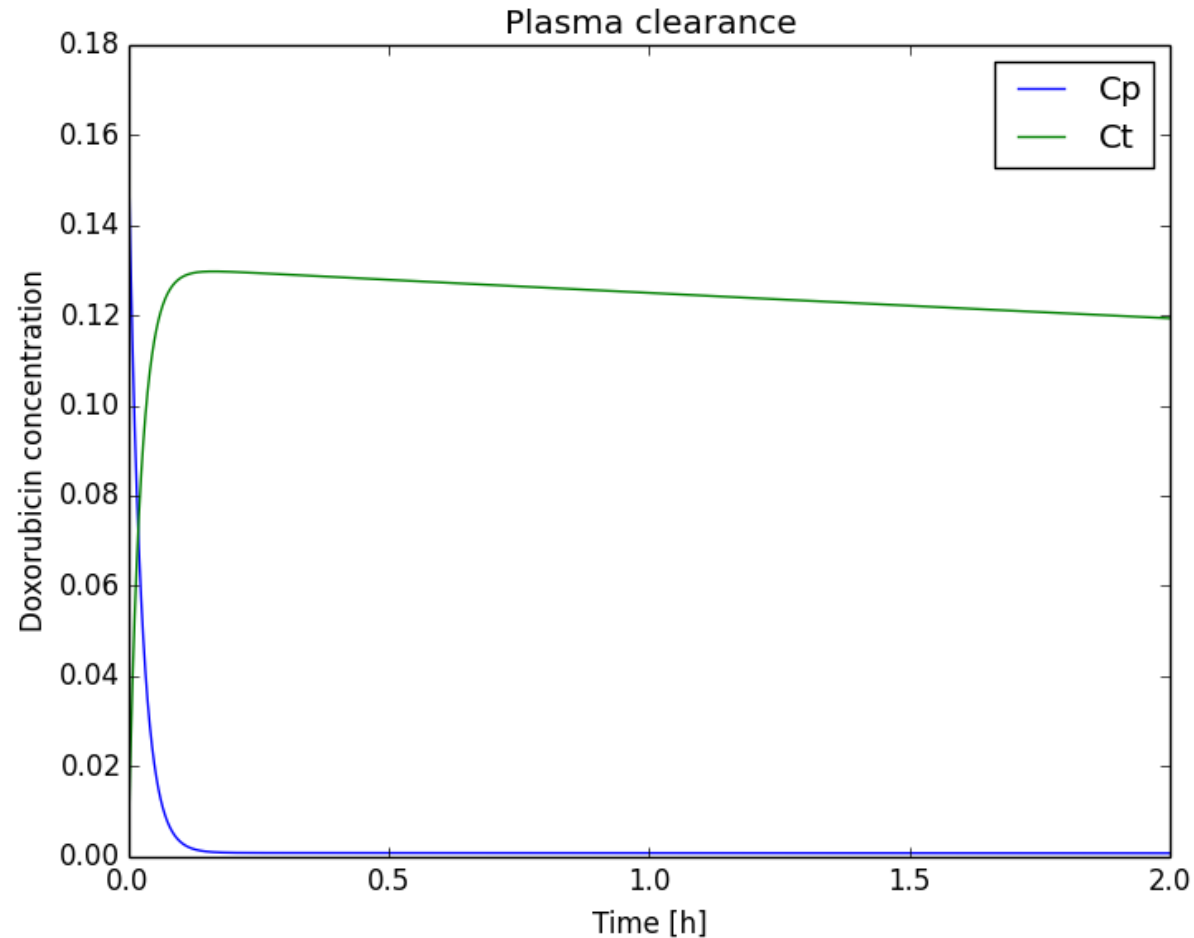


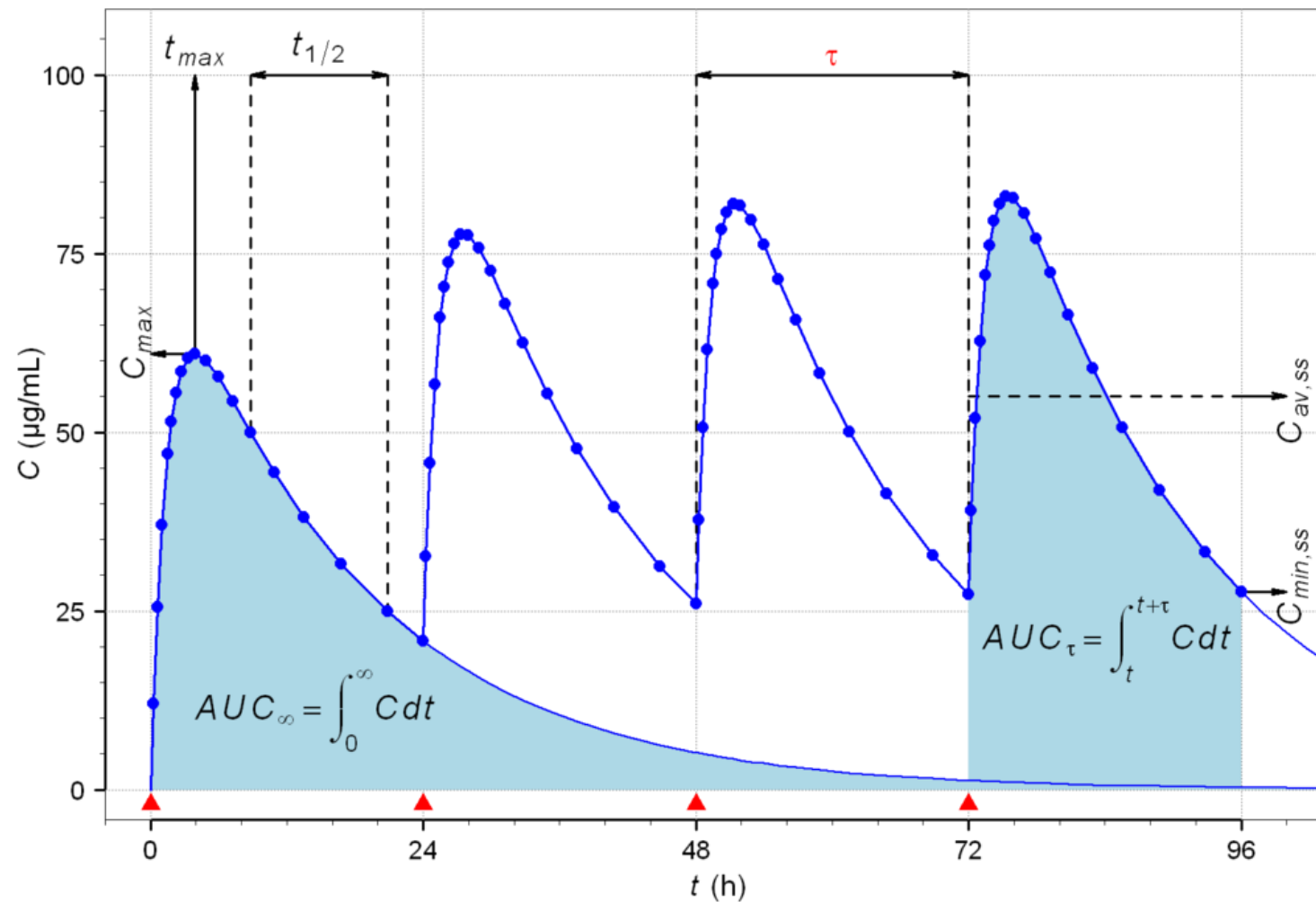
Figure 3.1: *General scheme of the two-compartment model.*

Source: Gilbert Koch, Modeling of Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics with Application to Cancer and Arthritis

## Single administration



## Administration every 24 hours



## Collection of simple models in python

<https://gitlab.com/ebenhoehe/models-for-teaching/tree/master>