

Biochemical pathways

What is a “pathway”

Wikipedia (October 14th 2013): “In **biochemistry**, metabolic pathways are **series of chemical reactions** occurring within a cell. In each pathway, a principal chemical is **modified** by a series of chemical reactions. **Enzymes** catalyze these reactions [...]”

Different types: Signalling pathways, metabolic networks, gene regulatory networks ...

Many “pathway” databases:

Biocarta, Bio/MetaCyc, Ingenuity IPA, KEGG Pathway, Panther pathways, Reactome, STKE, Wikipathways etc.

→ Detailed representation of reality based on observation

What is a “model”

Wikipedia (October 14th 2013): “A mathematical model is a description of a **system** using **mathematical** concepts and language.”

A model is made up of **variables**, **functions** and **constraints**

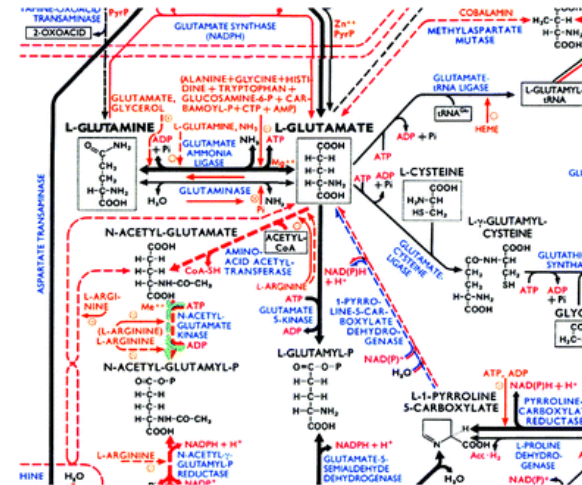
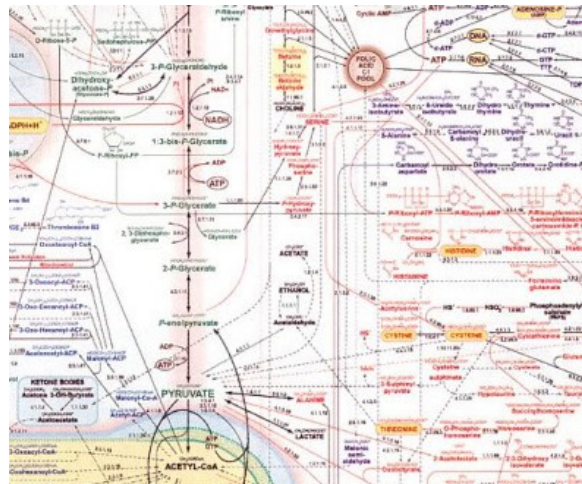
Different types: Dynamical models, logical models, rule-based models, multi-agent models, statistical models ...

Different levels of granularity for the variables and precision for the functions, based on the questions being asked and the data available

→ Abstract representation of reality based on needs

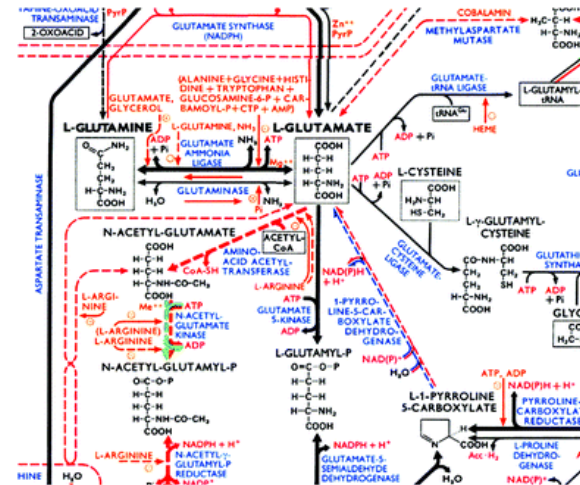
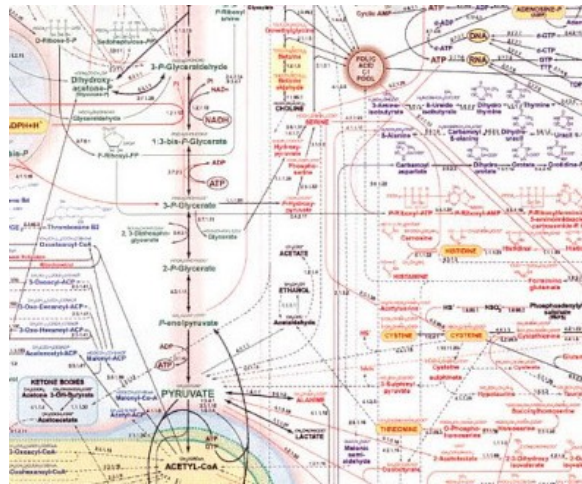
Biochemical pathways are old ... or not so much

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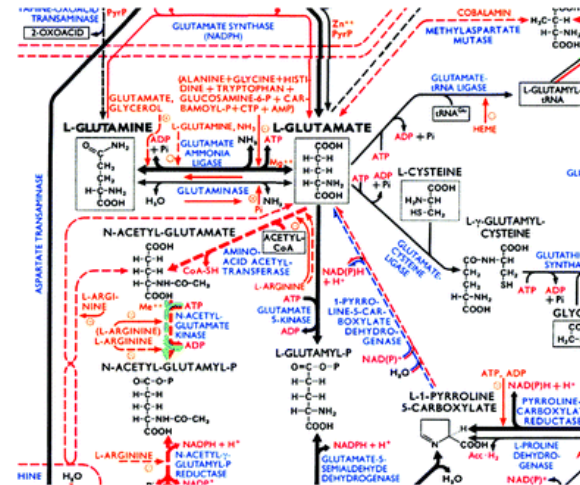
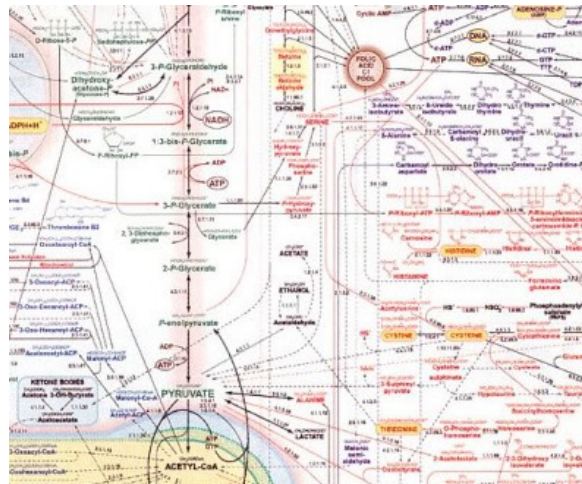
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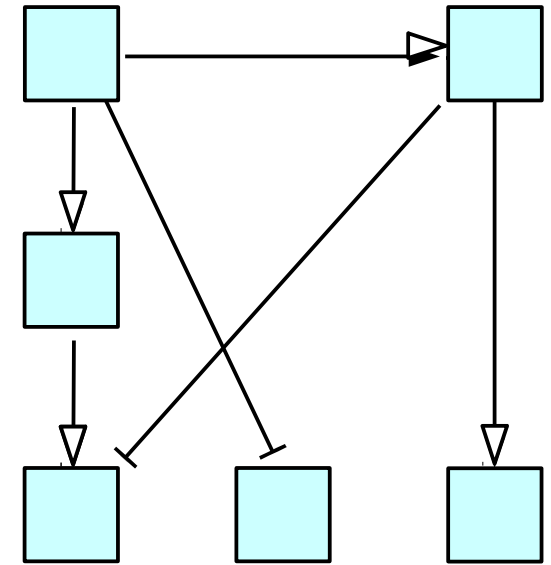
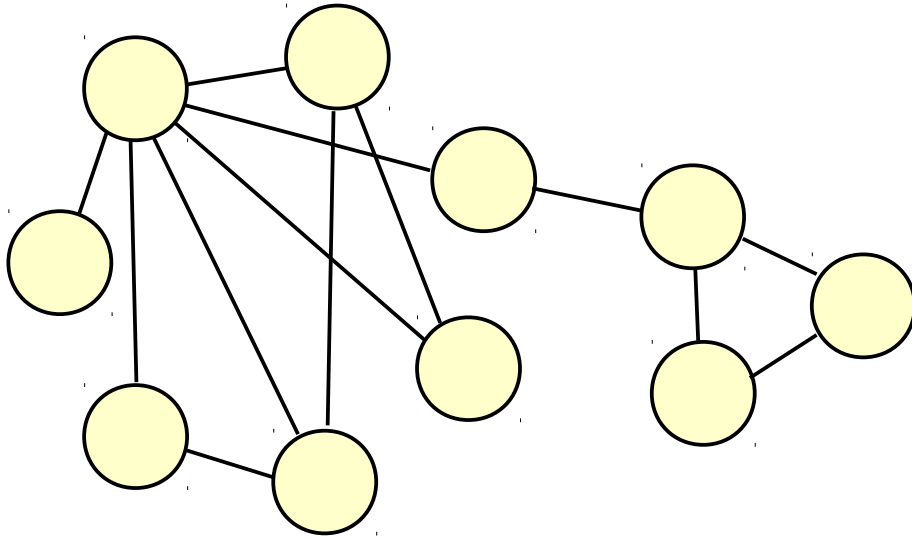
“Hand drawing” on paper
 → no software-based browsing, processing and analysis

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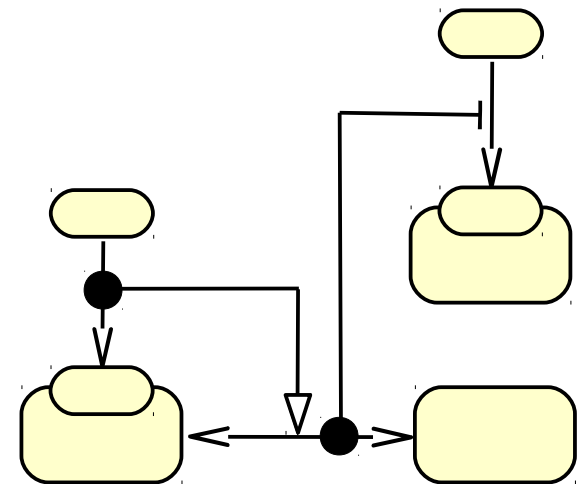
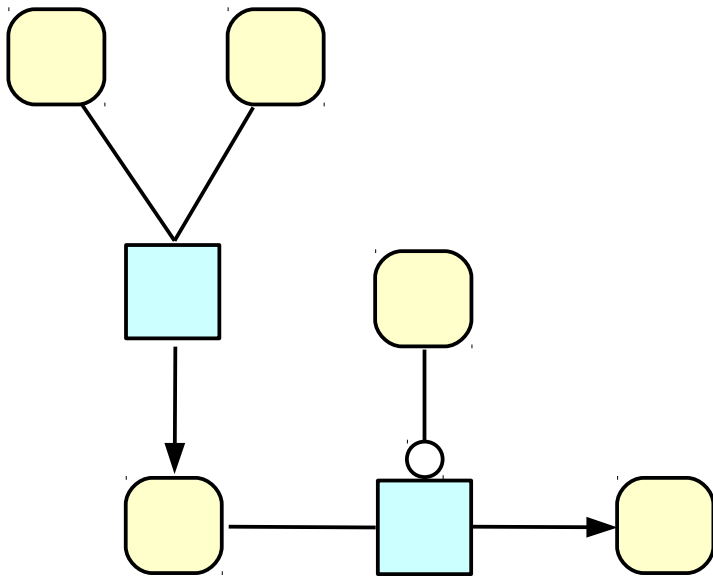
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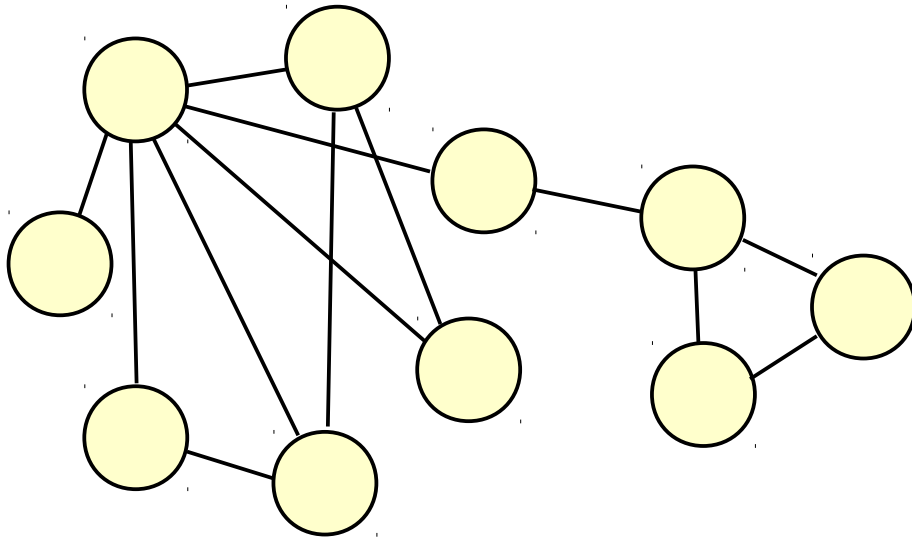
- 1990s: high-throughput data generation → Large amount of knowledge increase in computing power → automatic reconstruction, browsing and analysis
- Databases: KEGG (1995), EcoCyc (1994), Reactome (2000)
- Formats: BioPAX (2000), SBML (2000), PSI-MI (2002)



The four views of systems biology

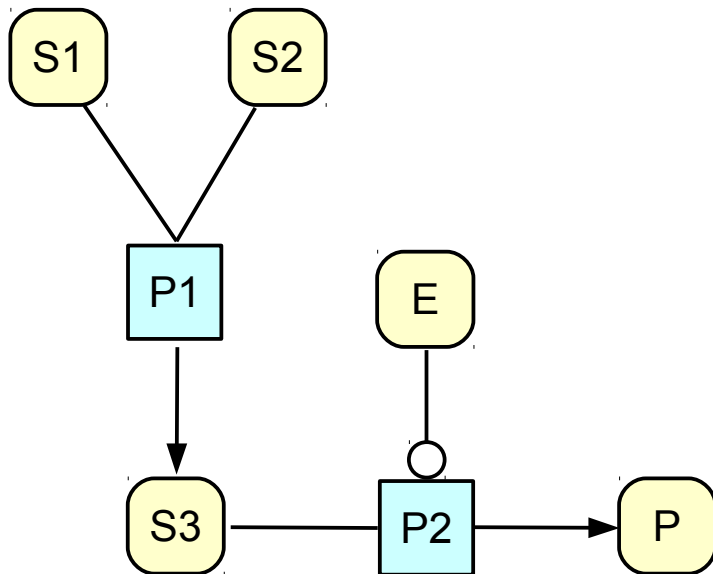


Interaction networks



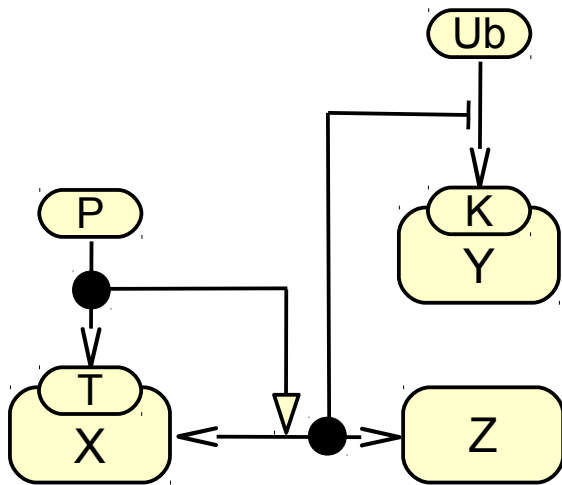
- Non-directional
- Non-sequential
- Non-mechanistic
- Statistical modelling
- Functional genomics

Process Descriptions



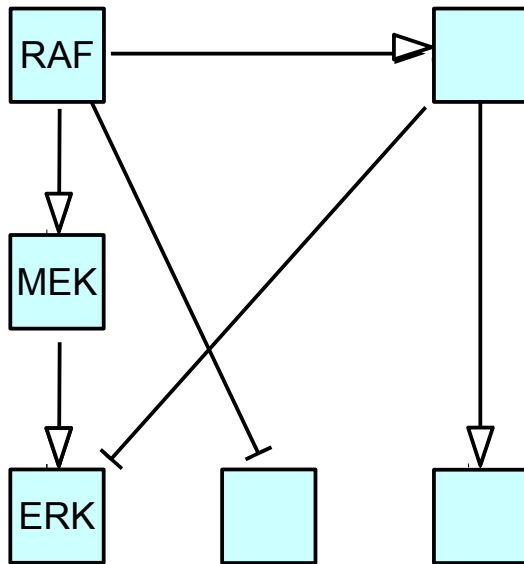
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- Sequential
- Mechanistic
- **Process modelling**
- **Biochemistry**, Metabolic networks
- Generally within “closed world”
- Subjected to combinatorial explosion

Entity Relationships

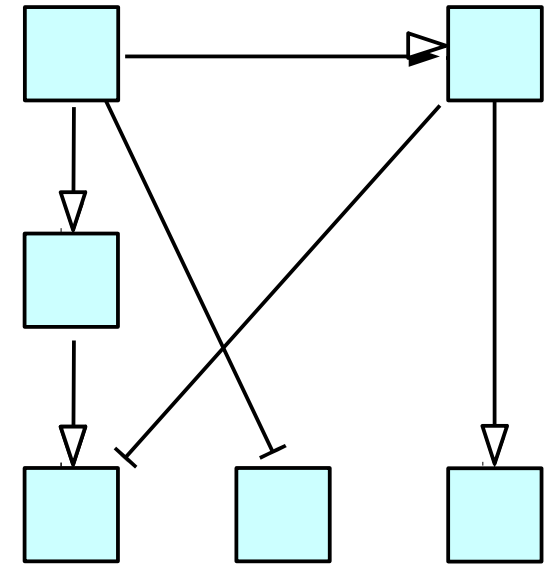
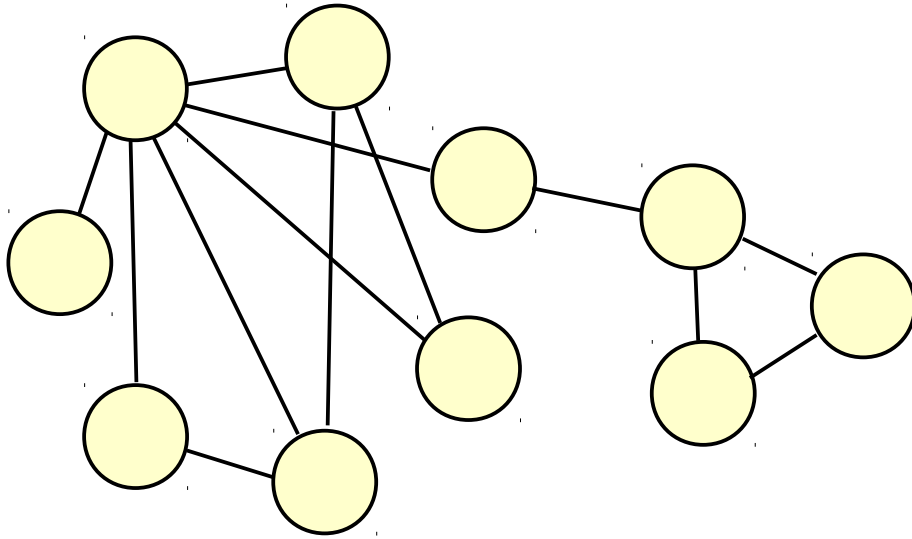


- Directional
- Non-sequential
- Mechanistic
- Rule-based modelling
- Molecular Biology
- “Open world”
- Independent rules: no explosion

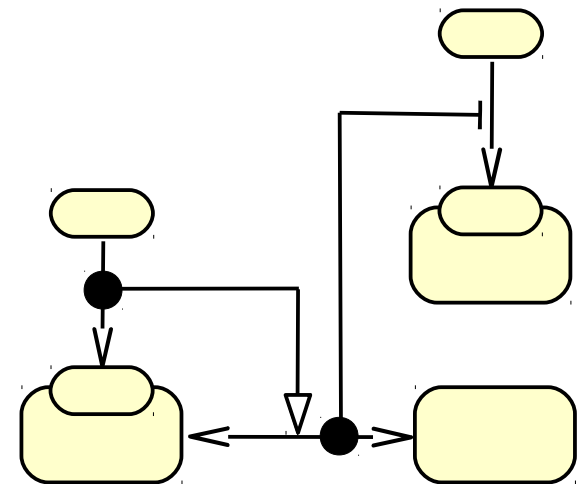
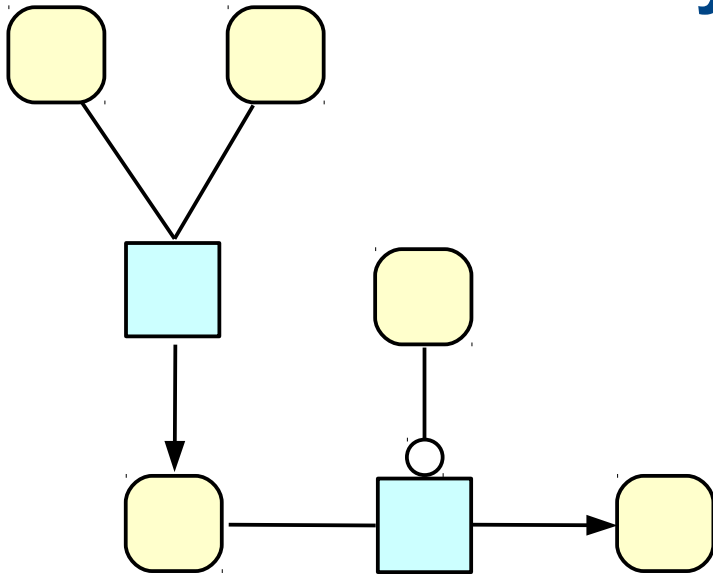
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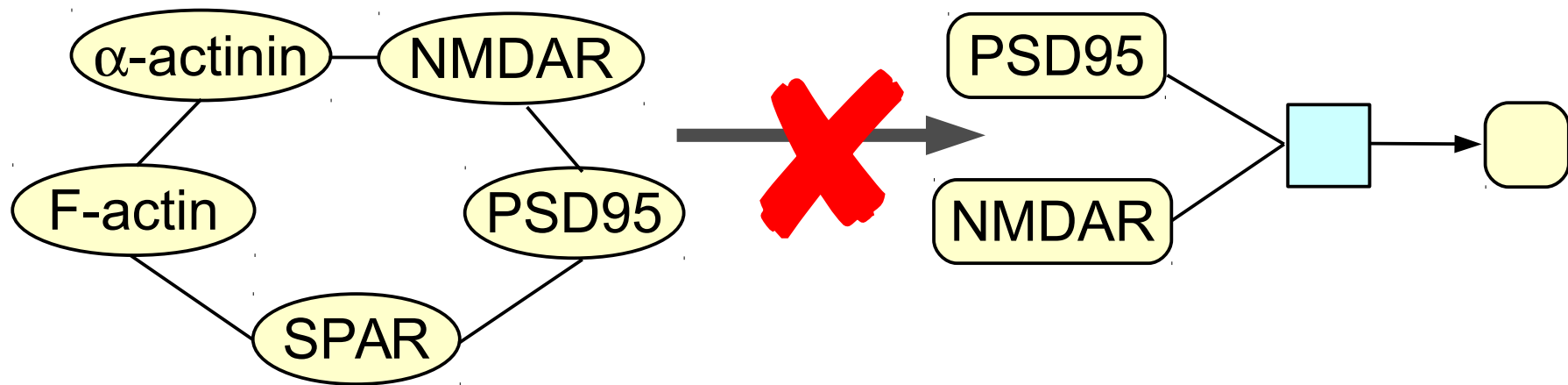


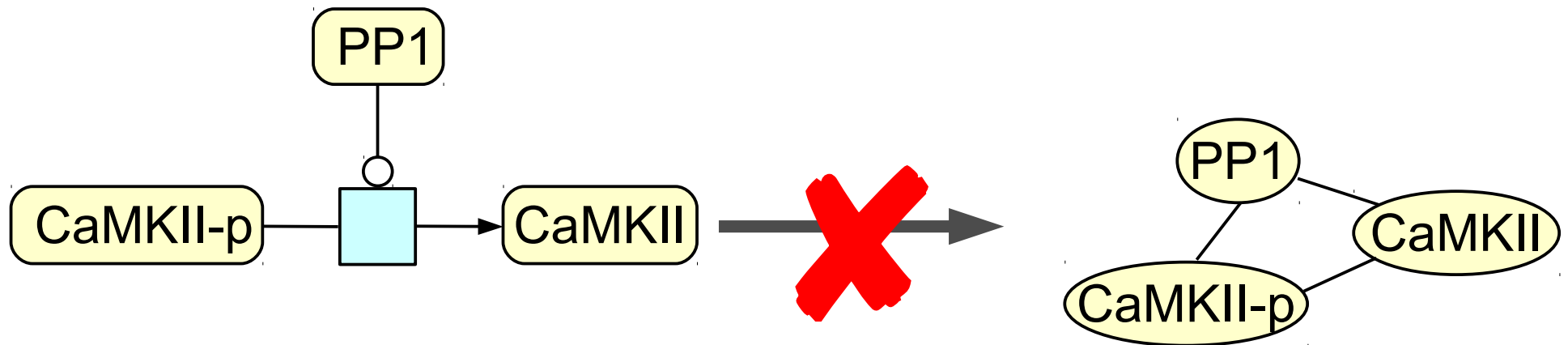
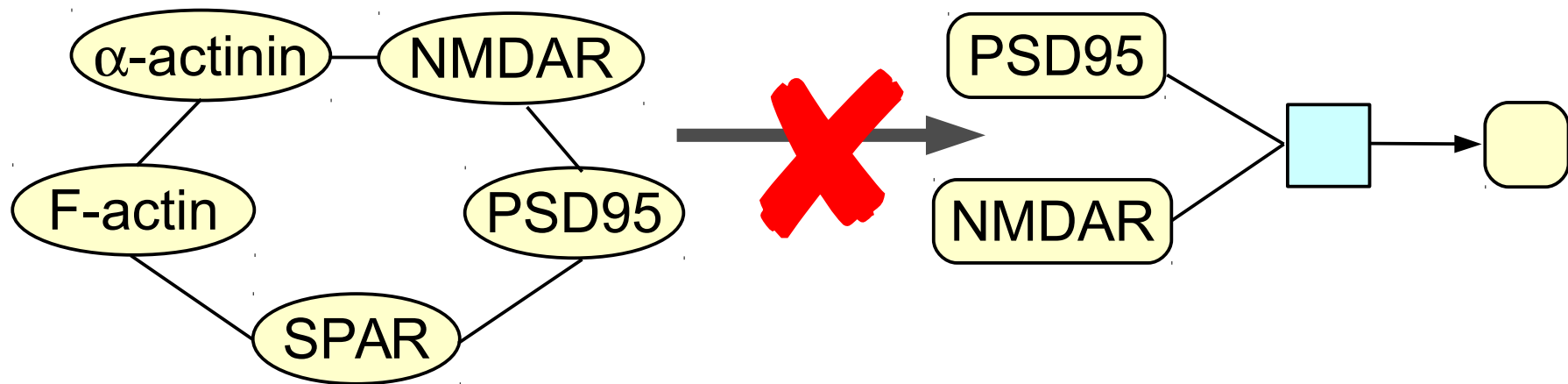
- Directional
- Sequential
- Non-mechanistic
- Logical modelling
- Signalling pathways, gene regulatory networks



The four views are orthogonal projections of the underlying biological phenomena







Open world

Anything not explicitly stated is unknown

Failure to observe does not imply inexistence

New pieces of knowledge do not affect prior pieces

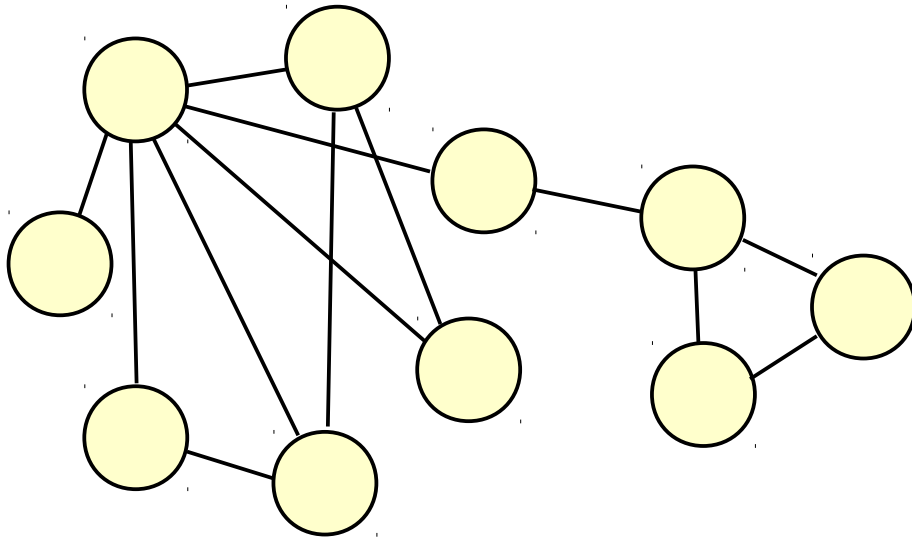
Closed world

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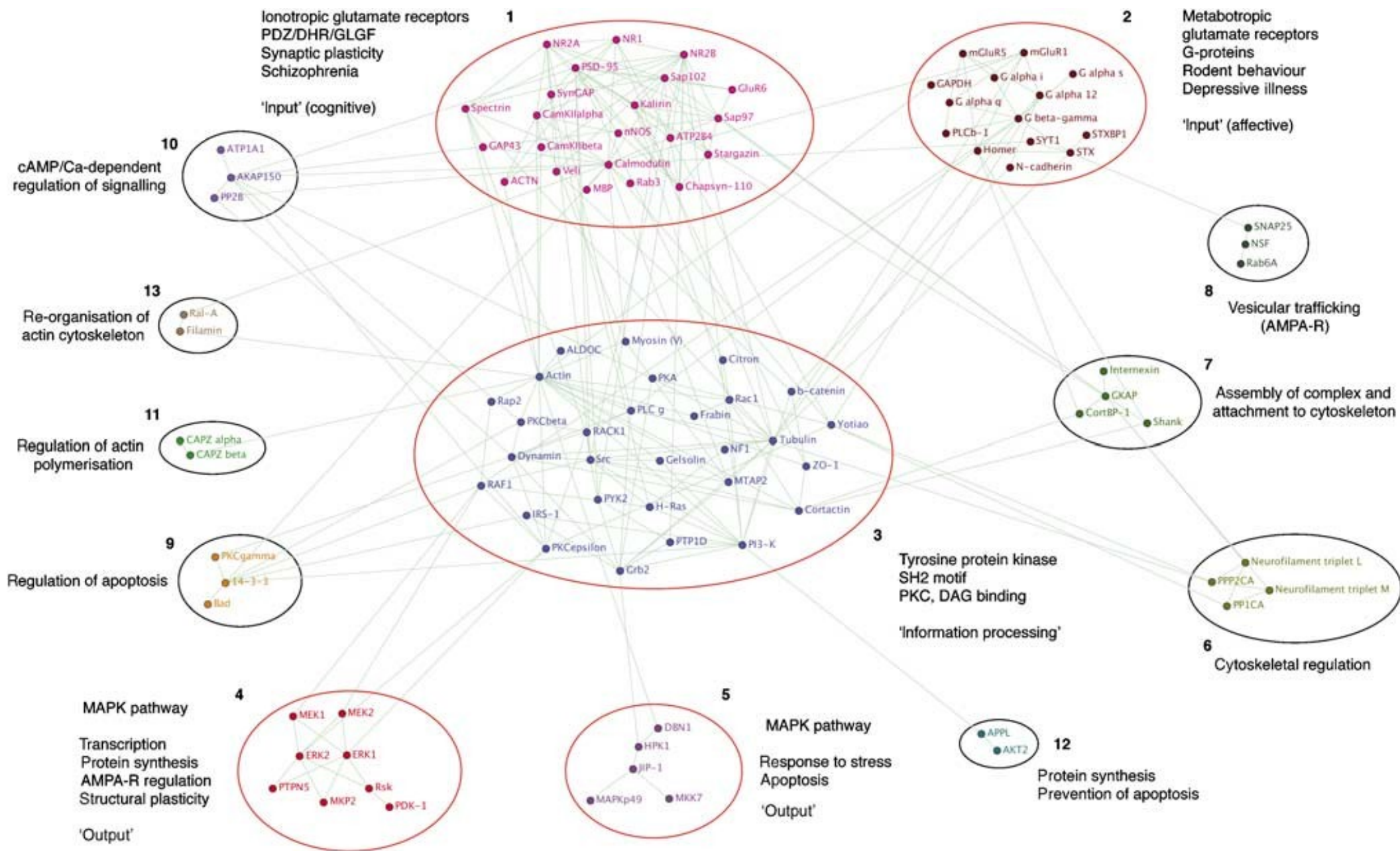
Failure to observe implies inexistence

New pieces of knowledge might change the meaning of prior pieces

Interaction networks



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Pocklington AJ, Cumiskey M, Armstrong JD, Grant SG. Mol Syst Biol. 2006;2:2006.0023.

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- For a more specific search, use MIQL syntax or advanced search
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Interactions (254)

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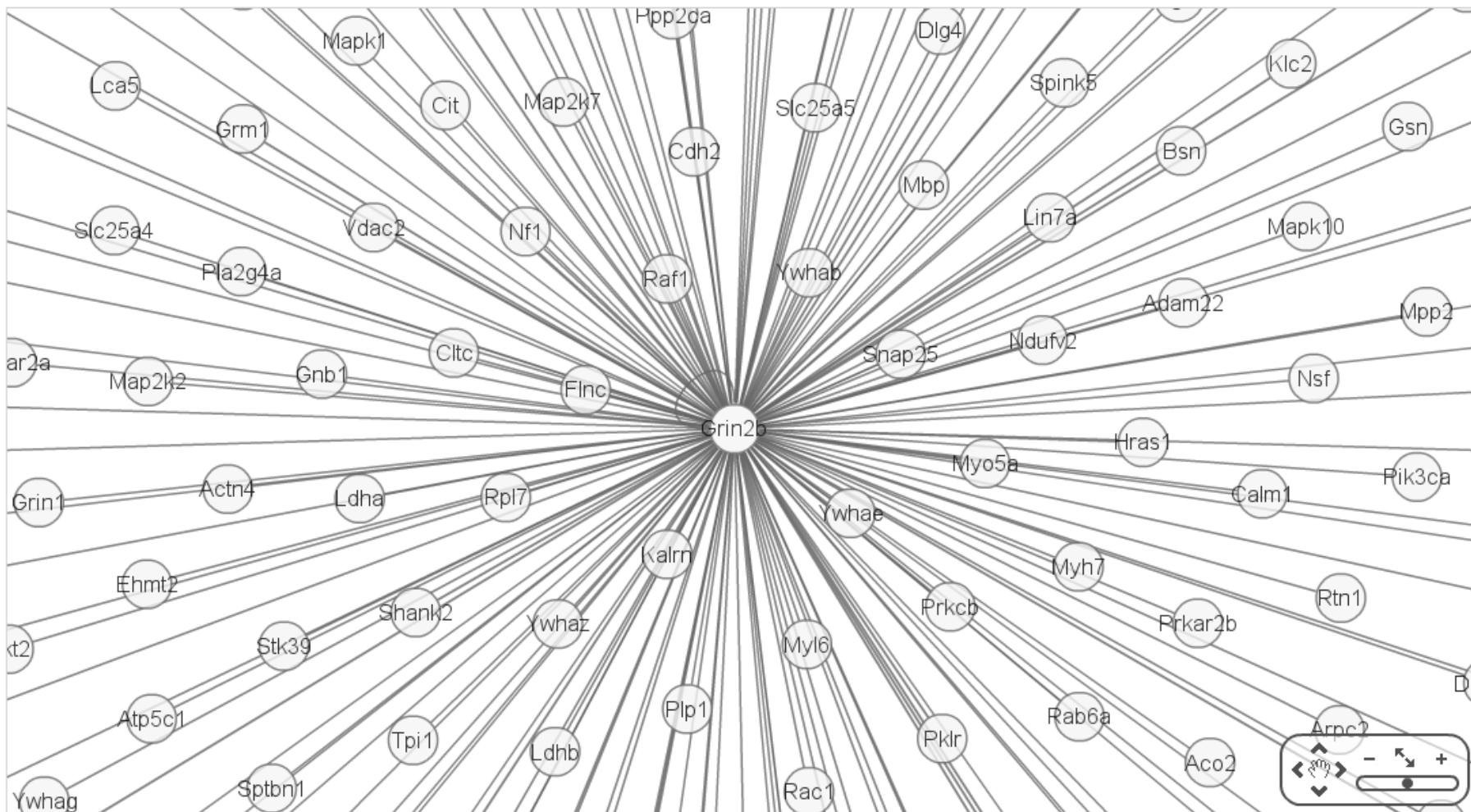
Lists

Interaction Details

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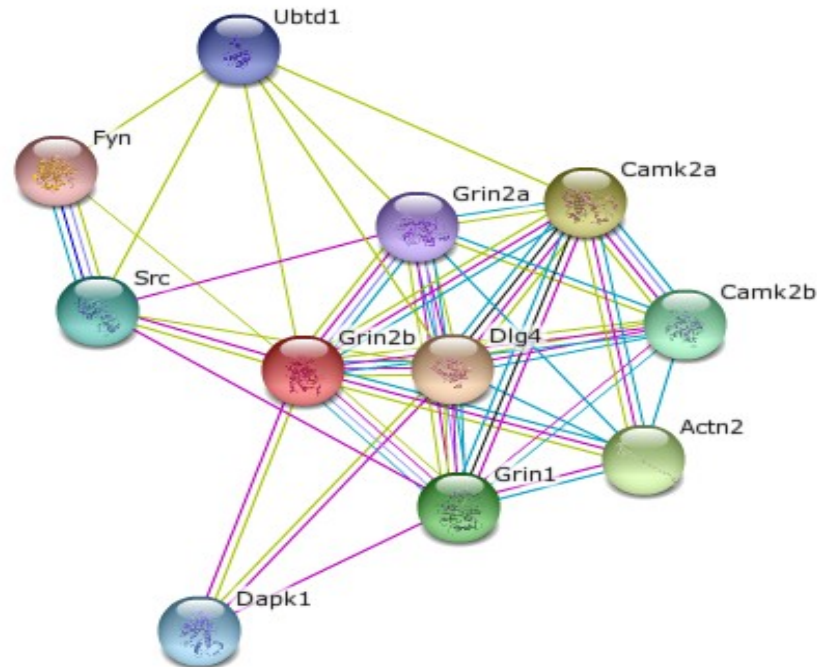
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This is the **evidence view**. Different line colors represent the types of evidence for the association.



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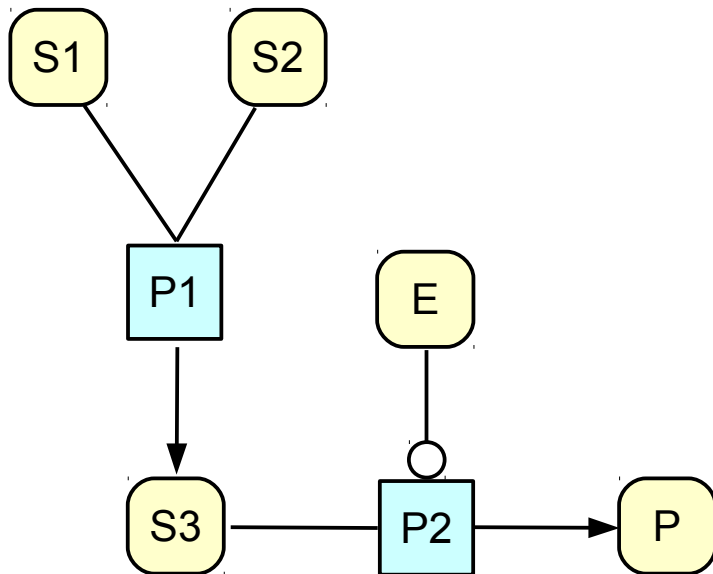
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Predicted Functional Partners:

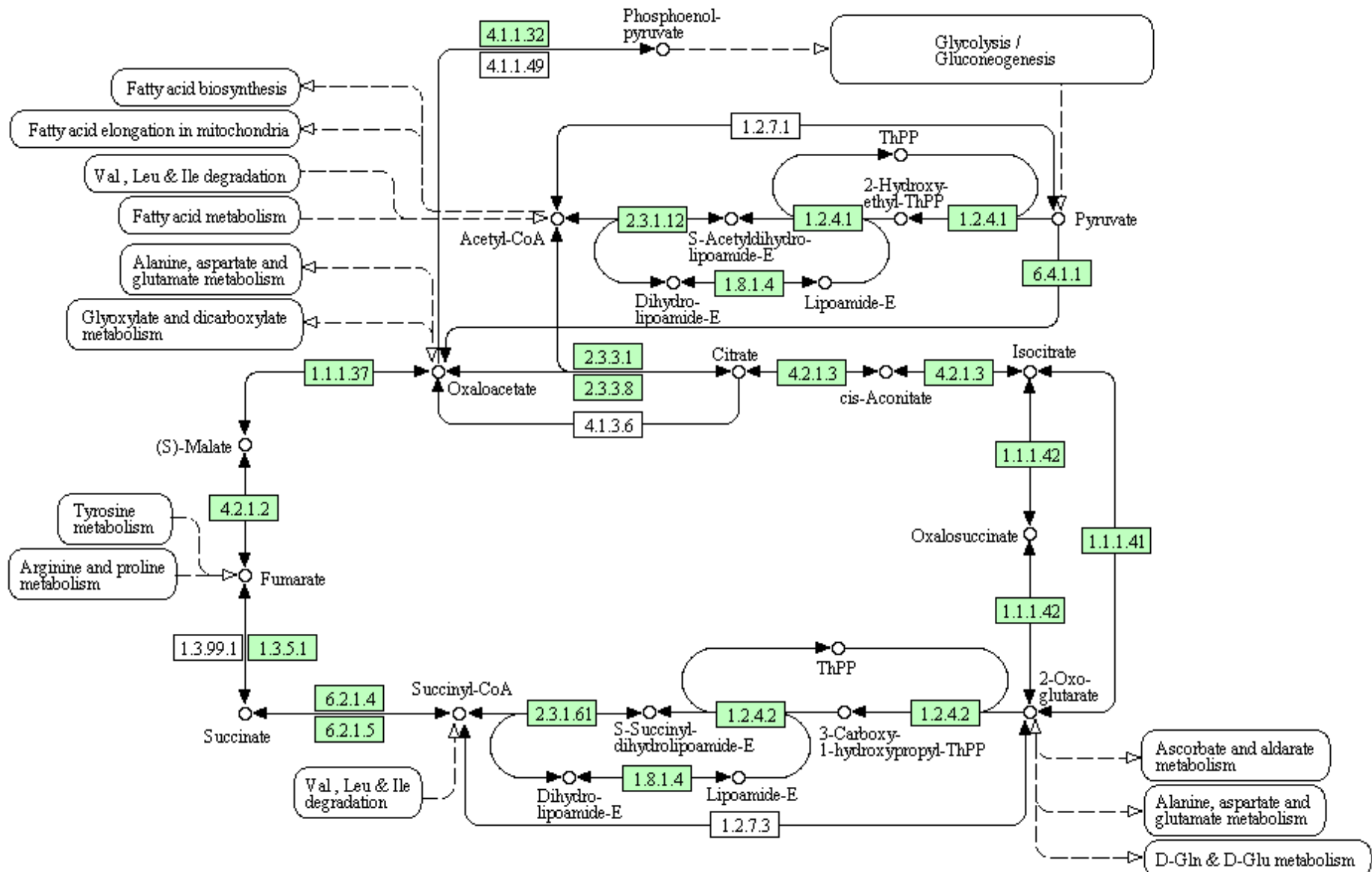
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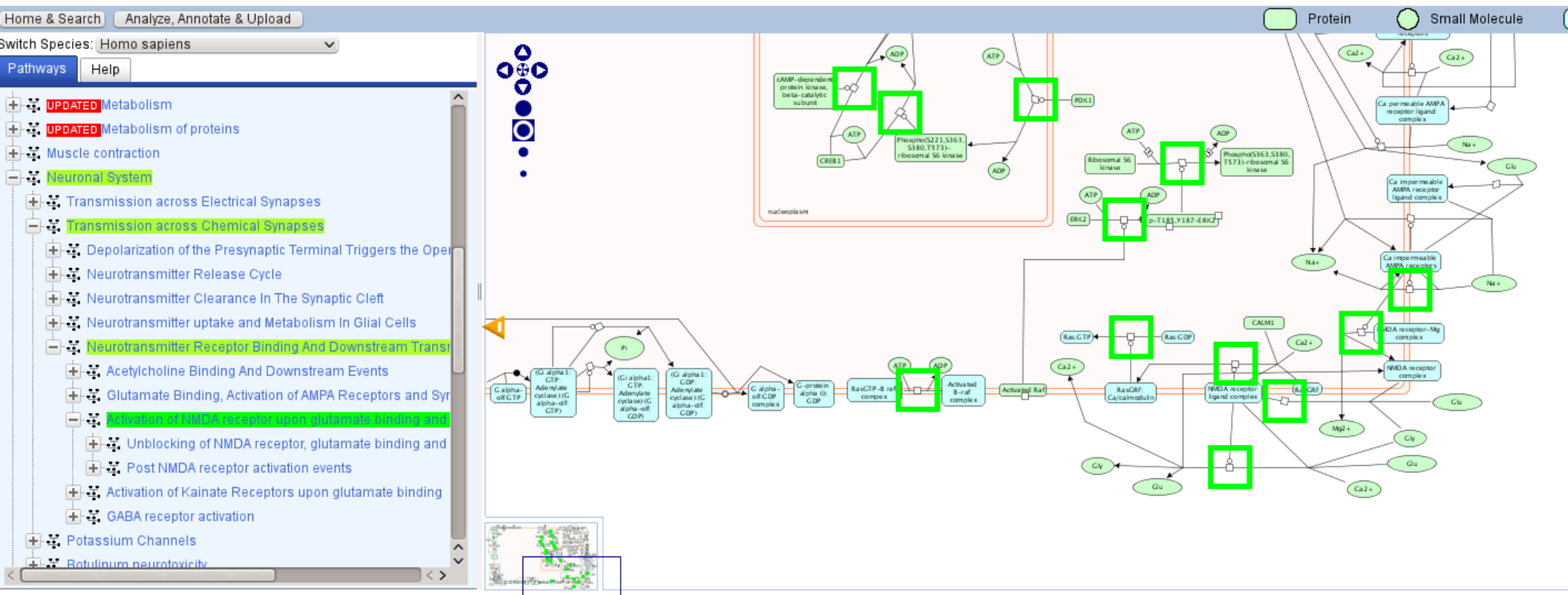
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CITRATE CYCLE (TCA CYCLE)





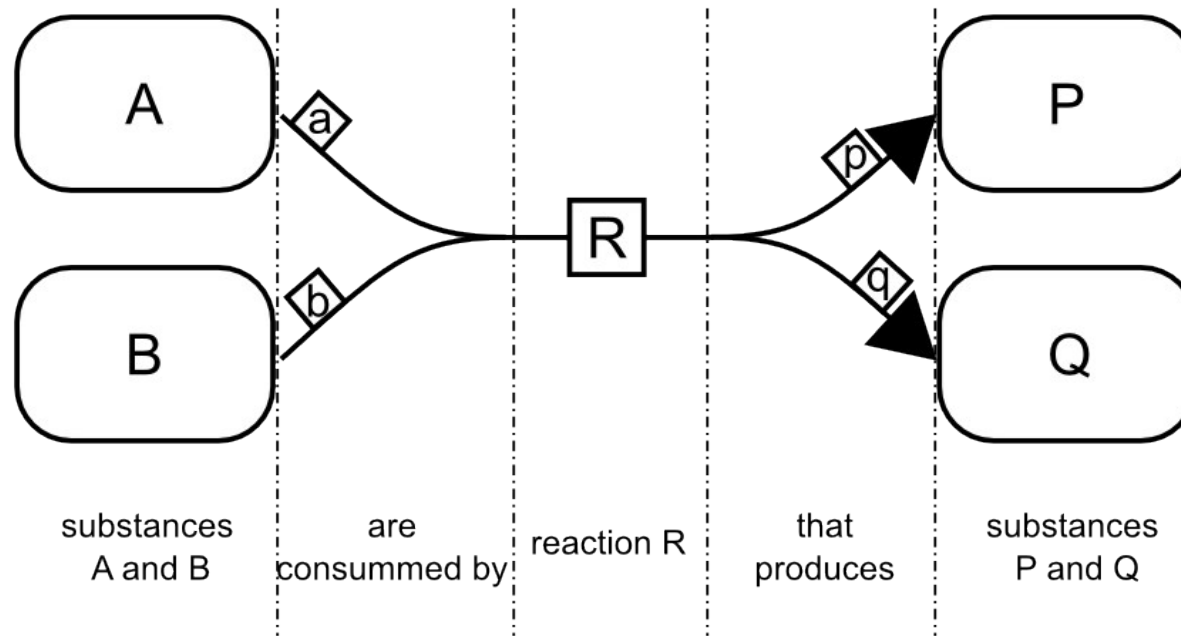
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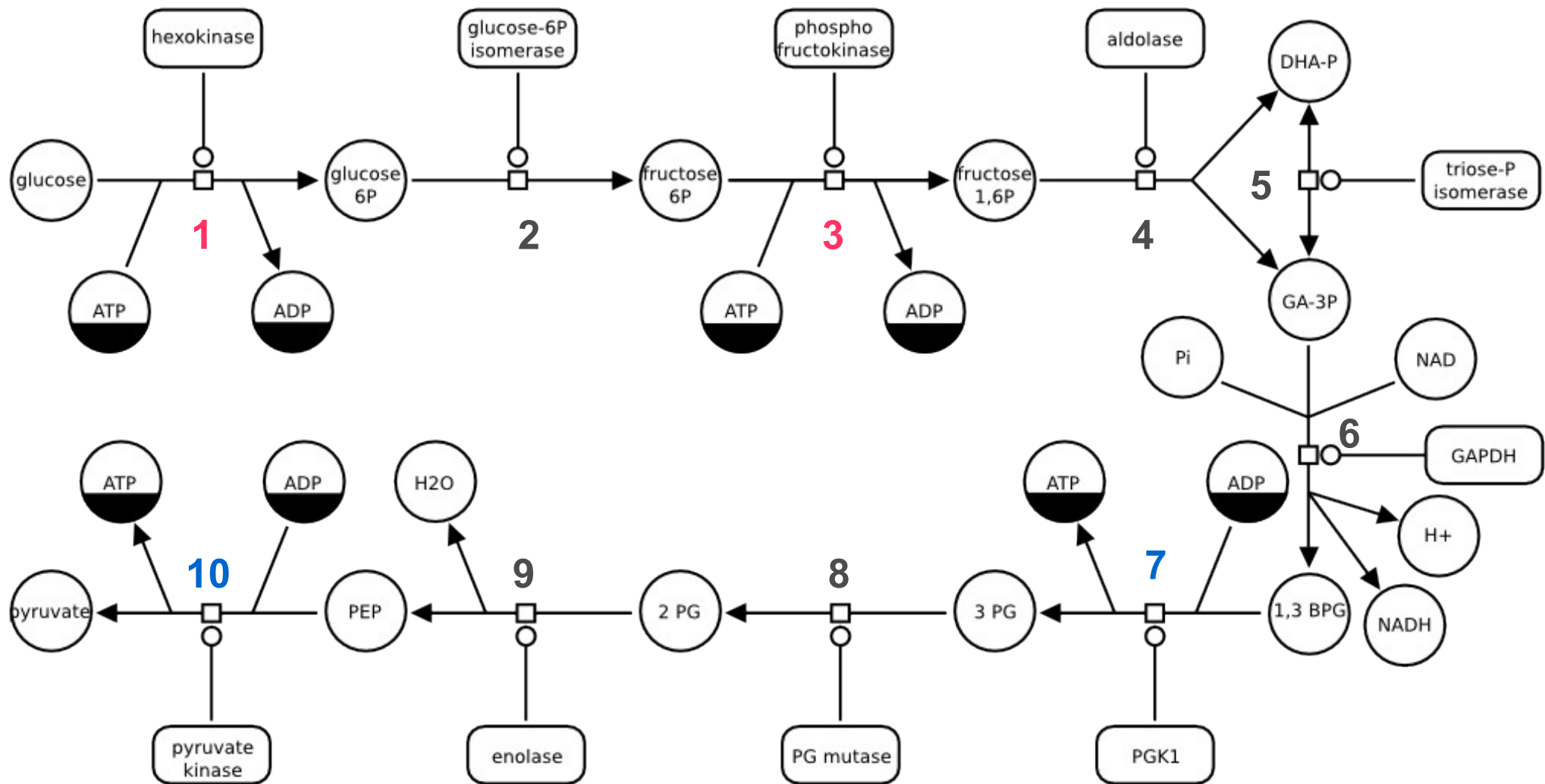
NMDA receptors are a subtype of ionotropic glutamate receptors that are specifically activated by a glutamate agonist N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA). Activation of NMDA receptor involves opening of the ion channel that allows the influx of Ca^{2+} . NMDA receptors synaptic strength and are predominantly involved in the synaptic plasticity that pertain to learning and memory. A unique feature of NMDA receptor unlike other glutamate receptors is the requirement of dual activation of the NMDA receptor, which require both glutamate and depolarization. At resting membrane potential the NMDA receptors are blocked by Mg^{2+} . The voltage dependent block is relieved upon depolarization of the post-synaptic membrane. The ligand dependent activation of the NMDA receptor requires co-activation by glutamate and glycine. NMDA receptors are coincidence detector, and are activated only if there is simultaneous activation of both pre and post-synaptic cell. Upon activation NMDA receptors allow the influx of Ca^{2+} that initiates various molecular signaling cascades that lead to learning and memory.

Organism	Homo sapiens
Cellular compartment	extracellular region GO plasma membrane GO cytoplasm GO nucleoplasm GO

References	Cohen, S, Greenberg, ME <i>Communication between the synapse and the nucleus in neuronal development, plasticity, and disease</i> 2008 Annu Rev Cell Dev Biol PubMed Activation of NMDA receptor upon glutamate binding and postsynaptic events [Dictyostelium discoideum] Activation of NMDA receptor upon glutamate binding and postsynaptic events [Schizosaccharomyces pombe] Activation of NMDA receptor upon glutamate binding and postsynaptic events [Saccharomyces cerevisiae] Activation of NMDA receptor upon glutamate binding and postsynaptic events [Caenorhabditis elegans]
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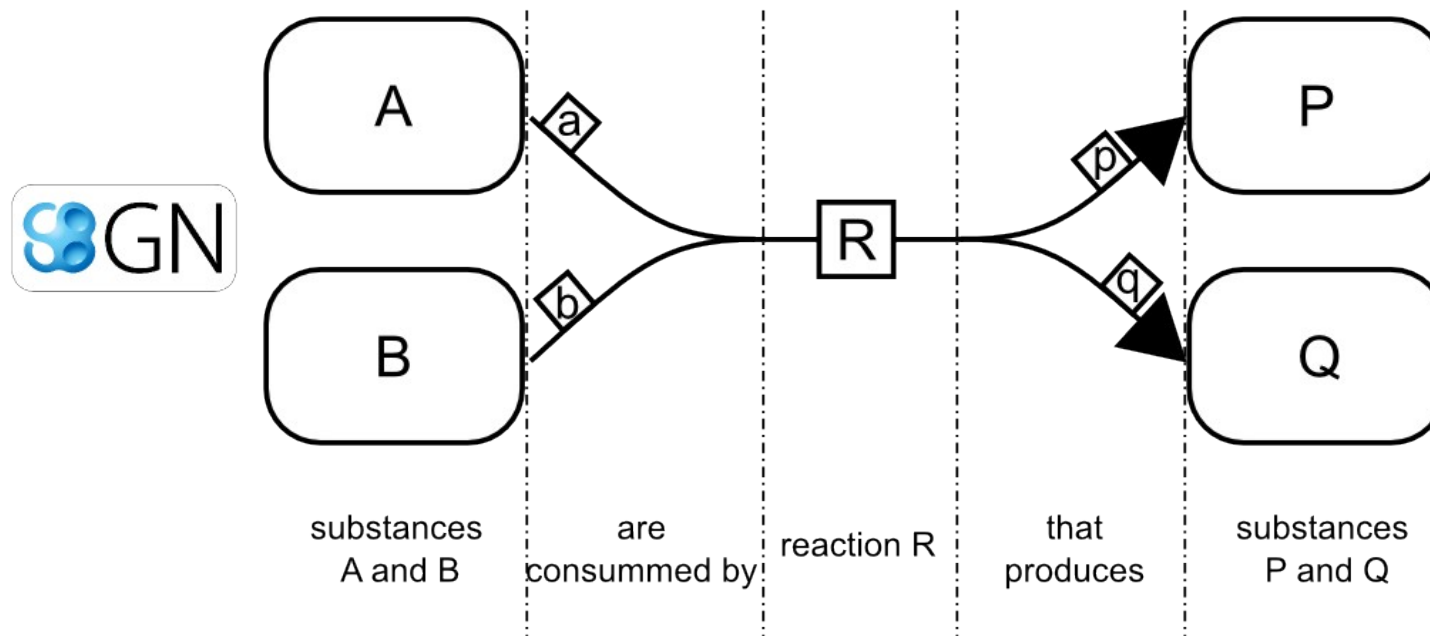
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ATP is consumed by processes 1 and 3, and produced by processes 7 and 10

A biochemical reaction is a process



The Systems Biology Graphical Notation



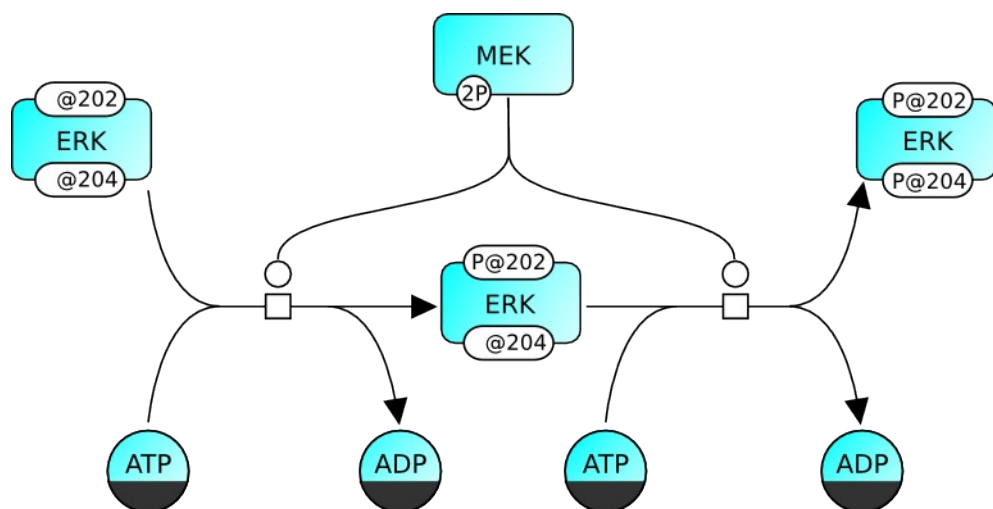
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Unambiguous consensual visual notation

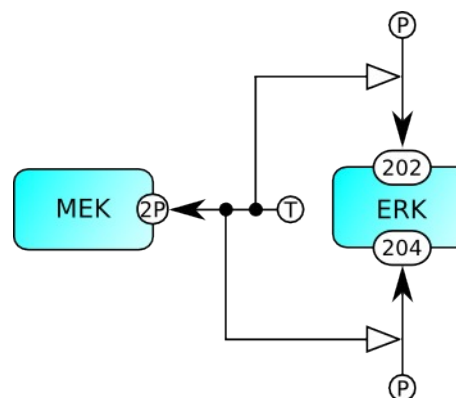
- An unambiguous way of graphically describing and interpreting biochemical and cellular events
- Limited amount of symbols
Re-use existing symbols
 - ☞ Smooth learning curve
- Can represent logical or mechanistic models, biochemical pathways, at different levels of granularity
- Detailed technical specification, precise data-models, standard API and growing software support
- Developed over four years by a diverse community, including biologists, modellers, computer scientists etc.

Graph trinity: three languages in one notation

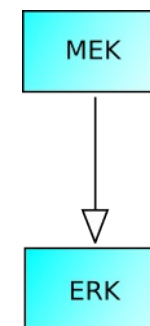
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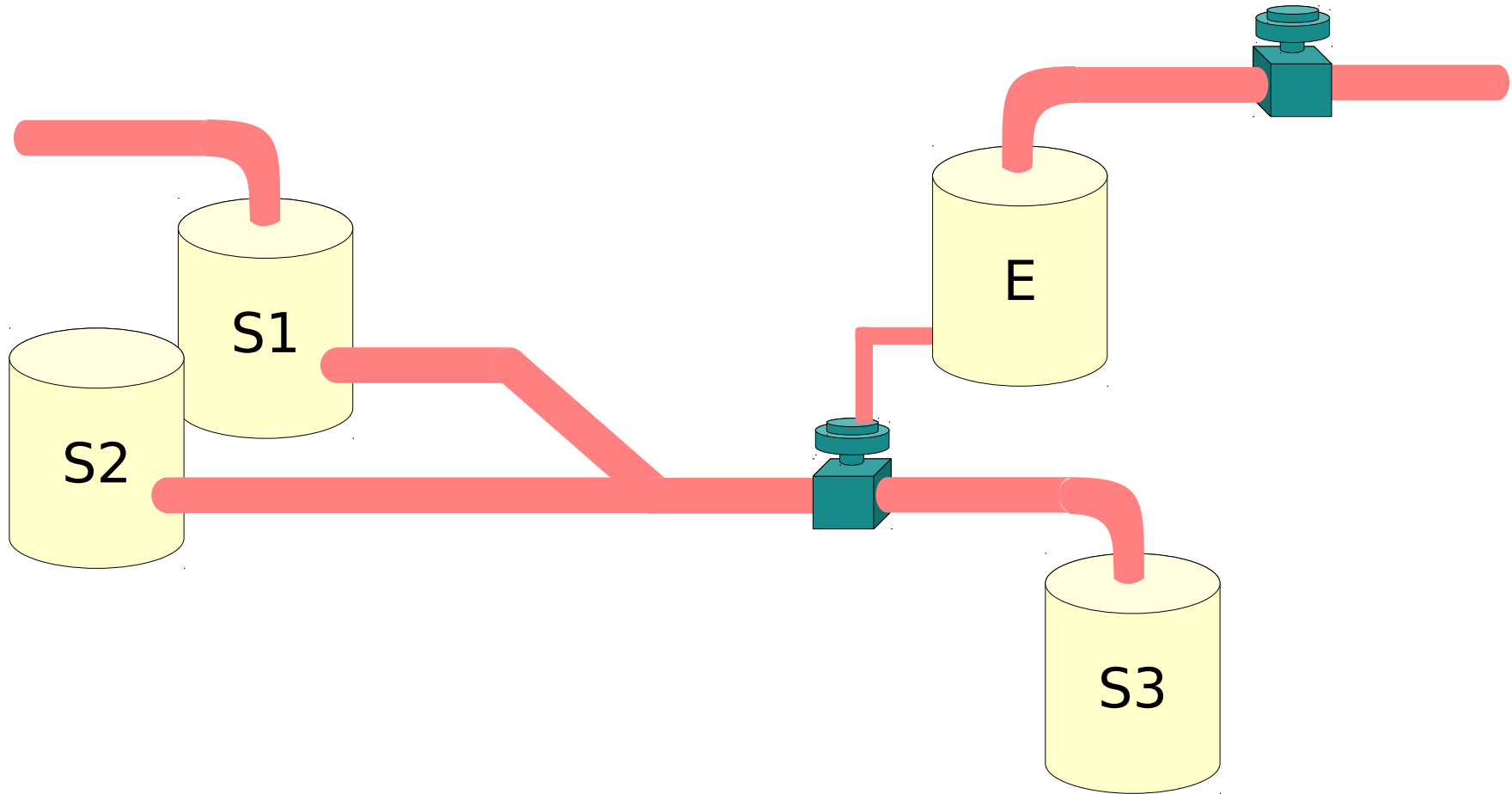
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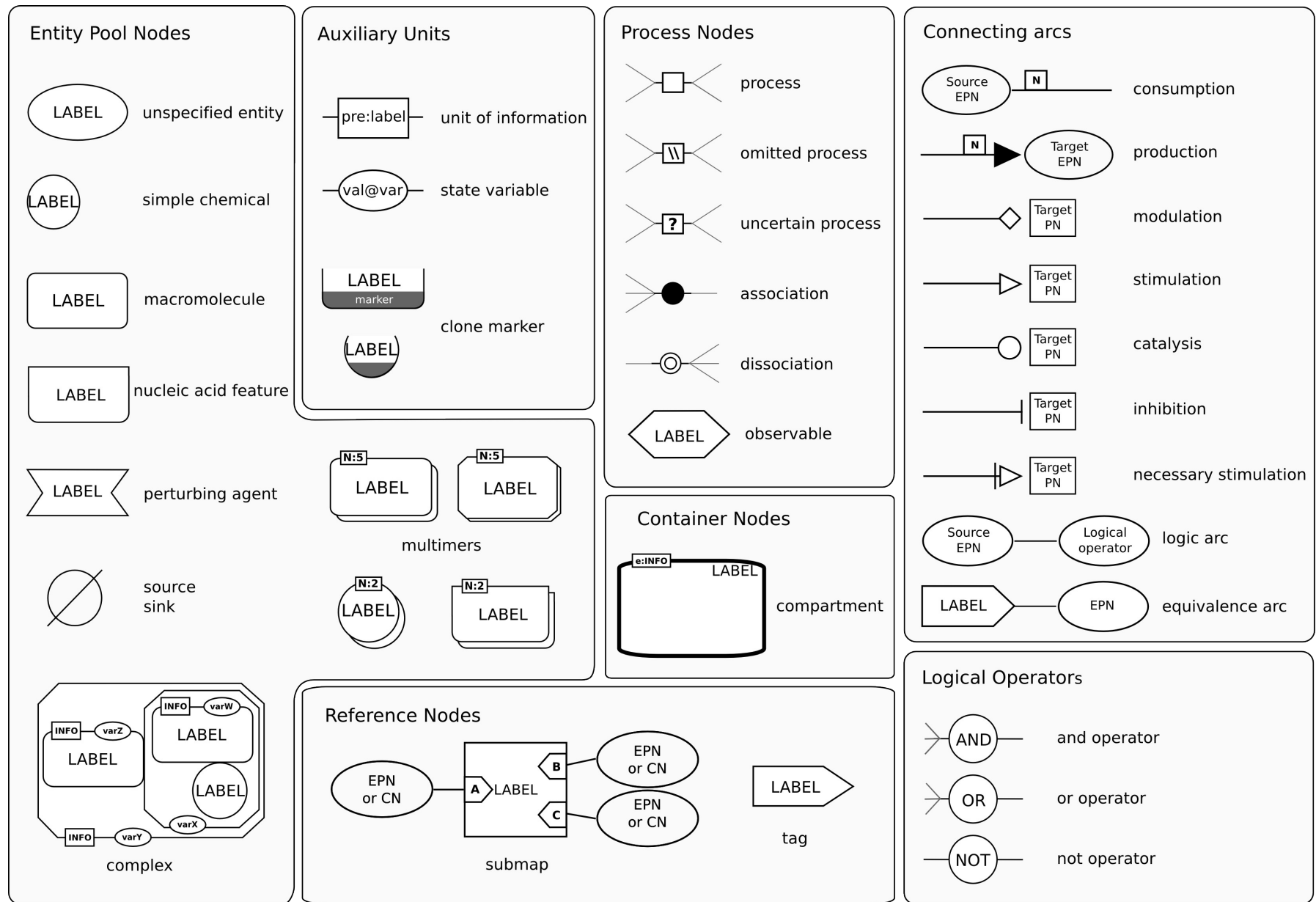
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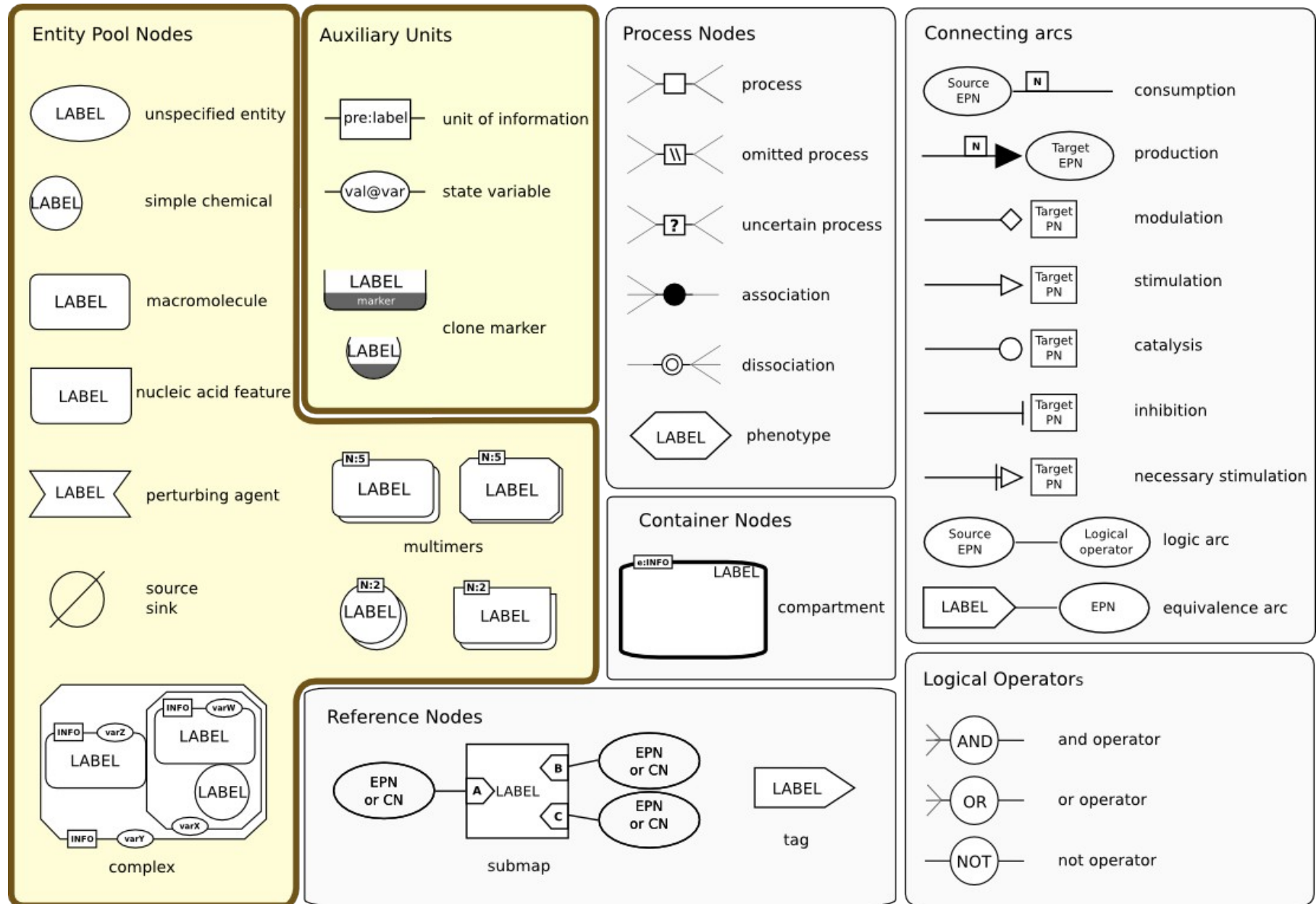
Process Descriptions can be viewed as pipelines



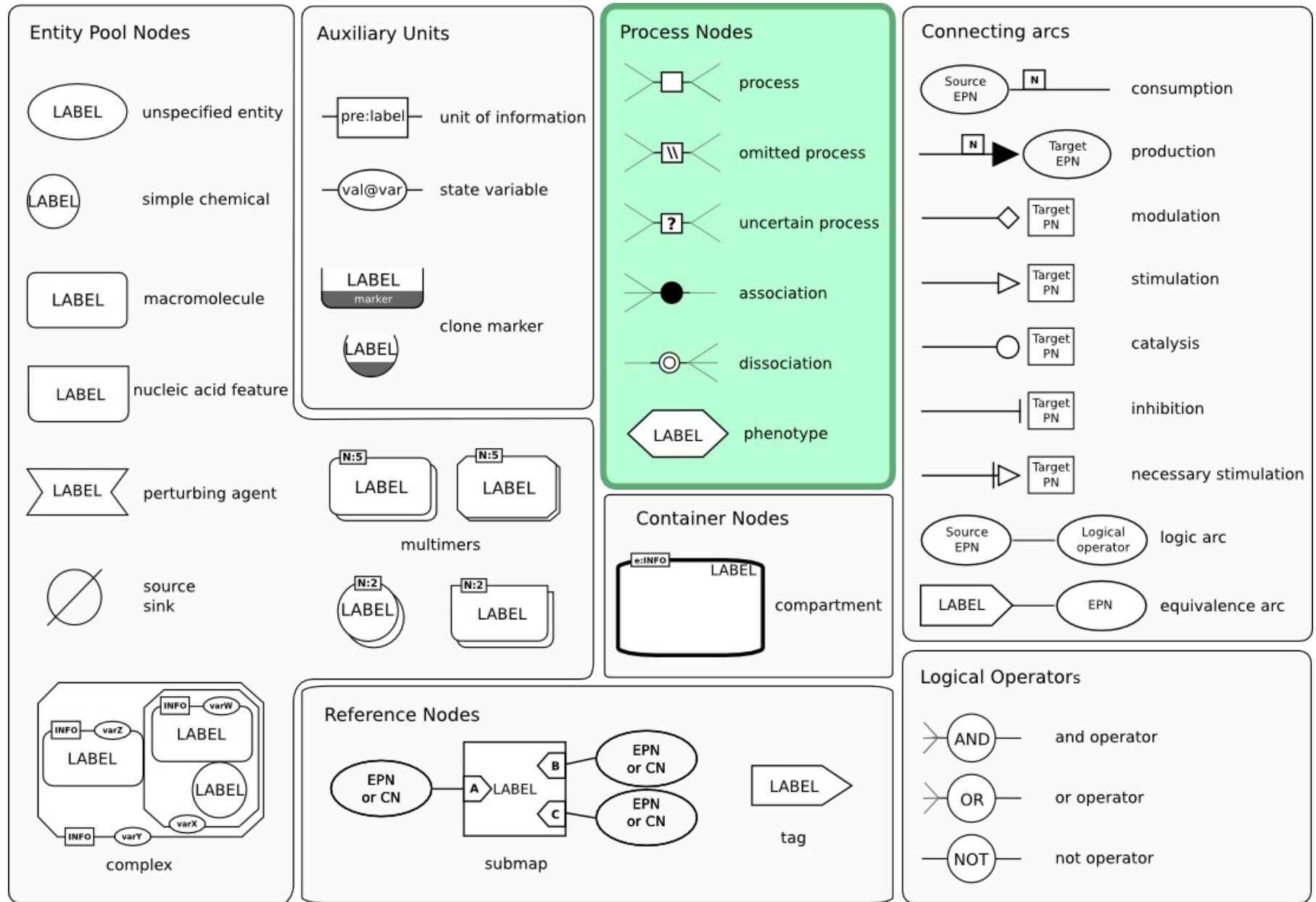
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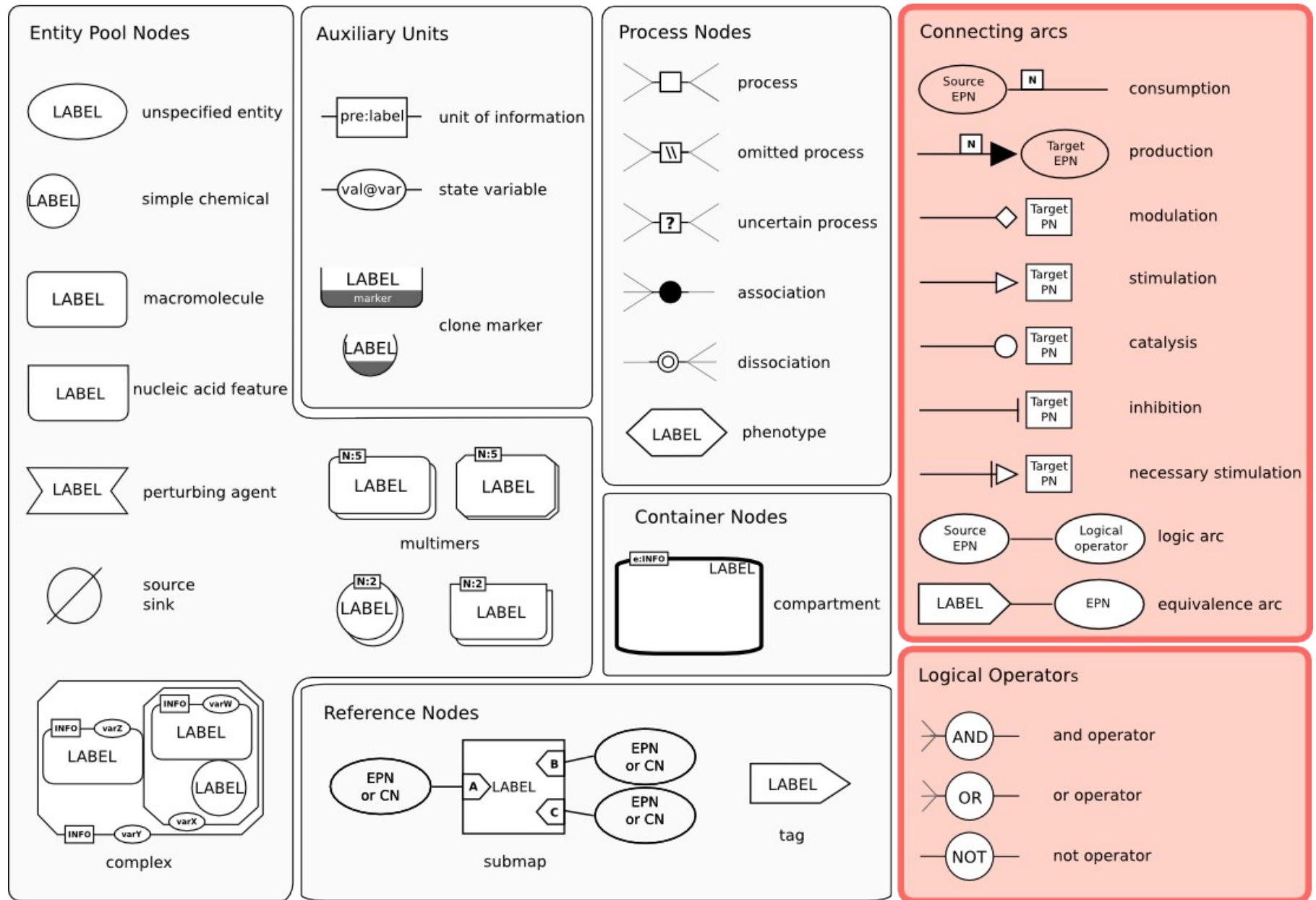
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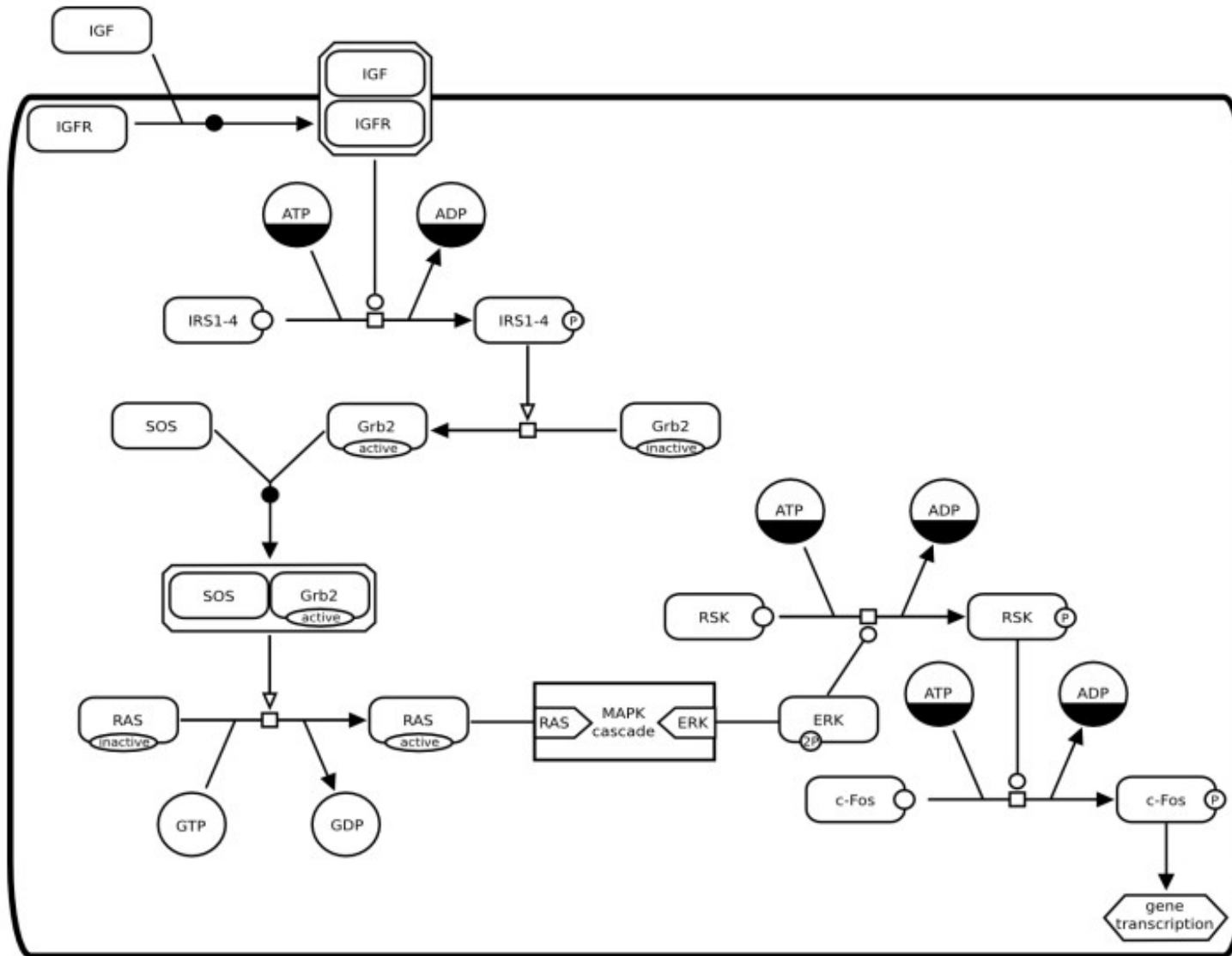
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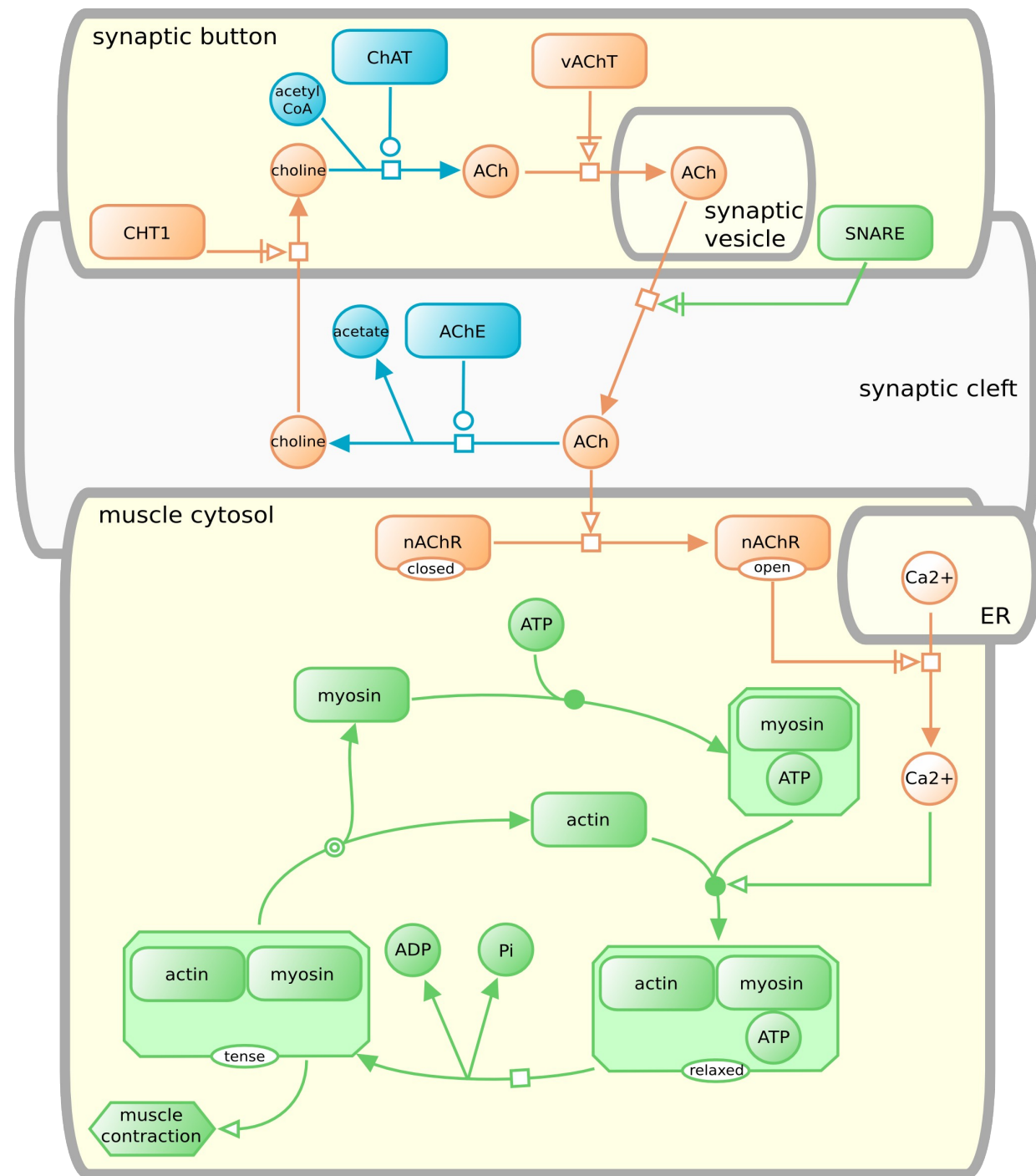
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Signalling



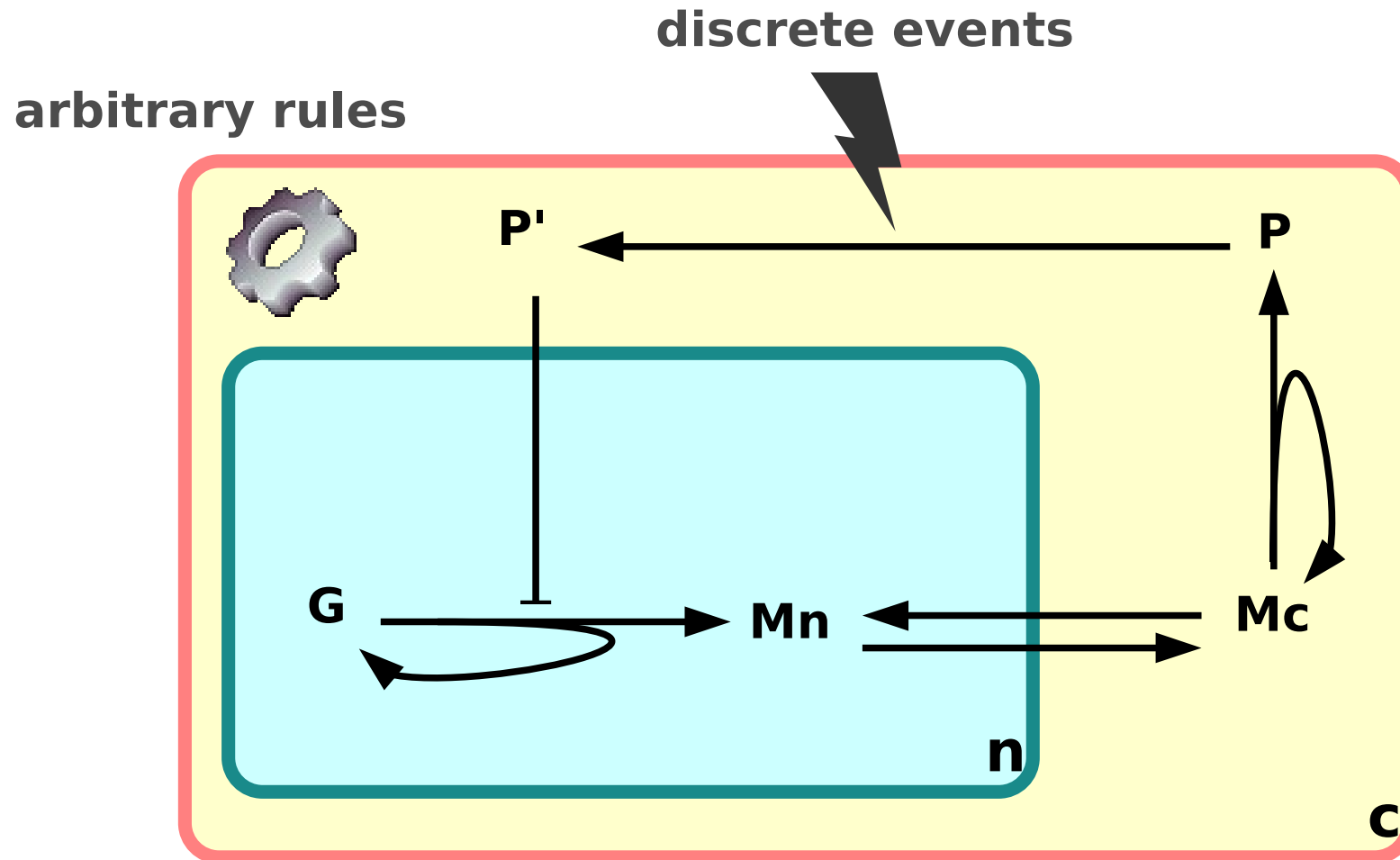
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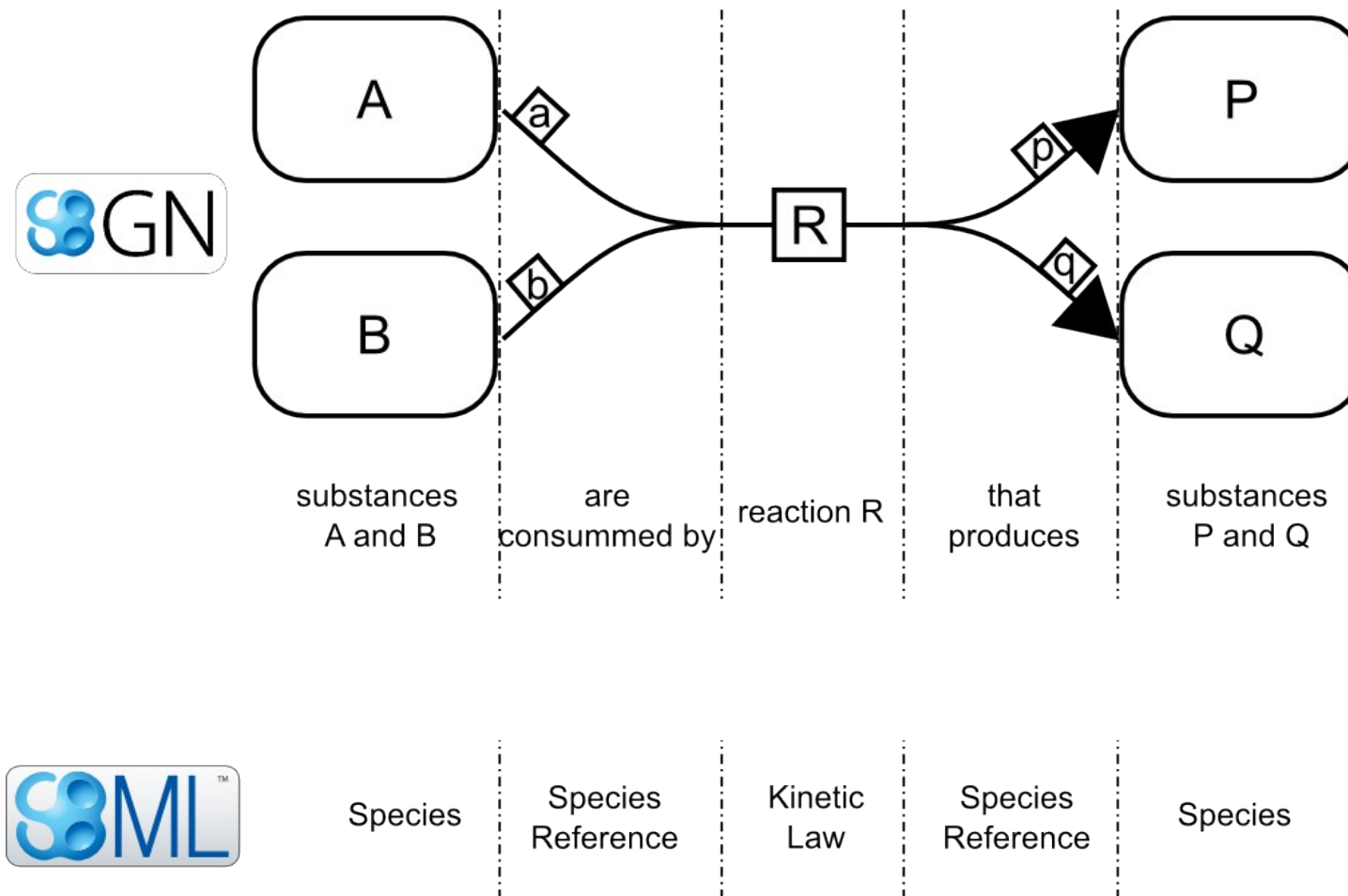
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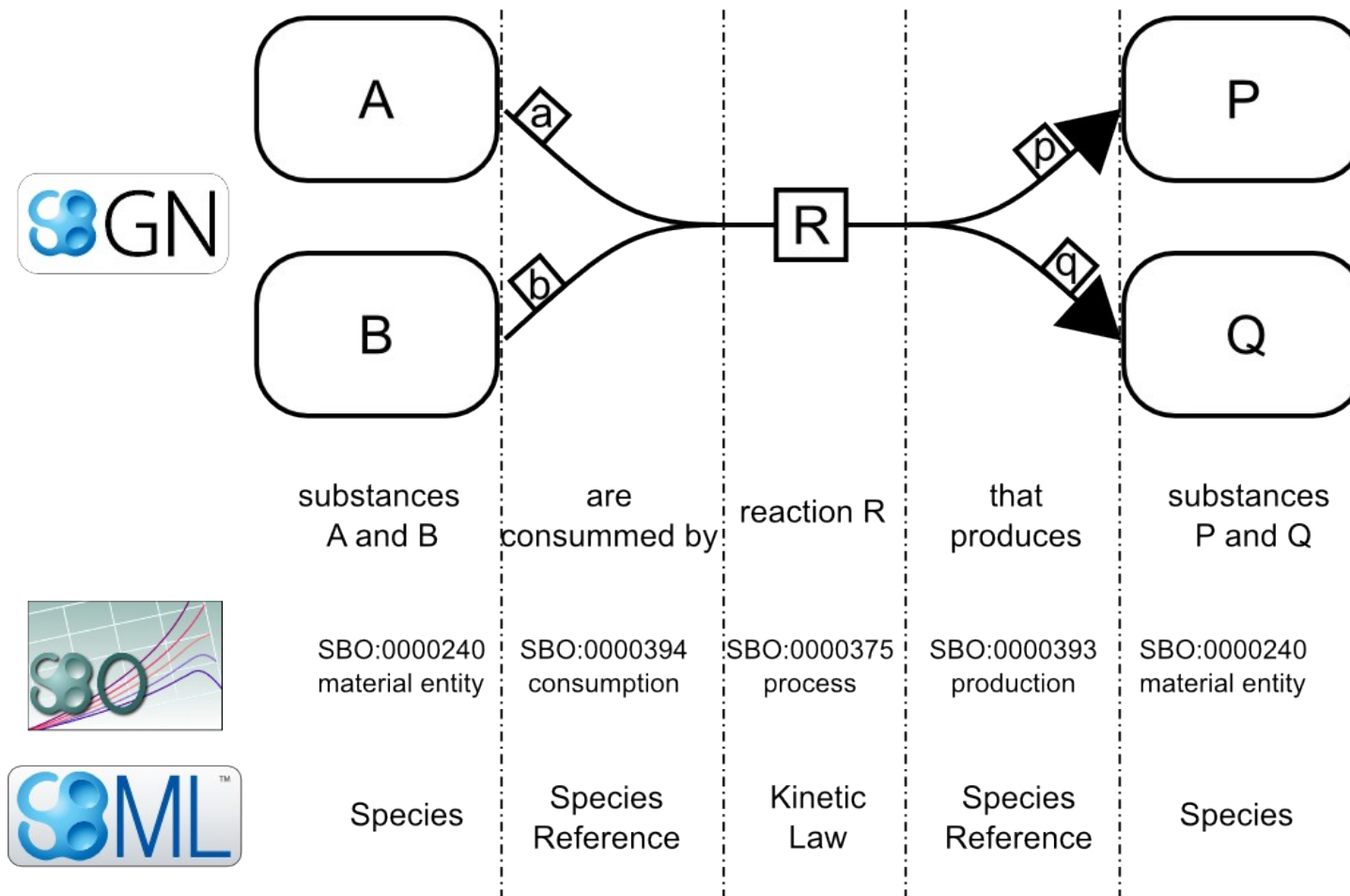
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A biochemical reaction is a process



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**A very simple
SBML file ($A \rightarrow B$)**



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File Tools Help

Concentrations

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 - Model
 - Biochemical
 - Compartments
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 - Species
 - A
 - B
 - Reactions
 - r1
 - Global Quantities
 - Events
 - Parameter Overview
 - Mathematical
 - Differential Equations
 - Matrices
 - Diagrams
 - Tasks
 - Steady-State
 - Stoichiometric Analysis
 - Time Course
 - Metabolic Control Analysis
 - Lyapunov Exponents
 - Time Scale Separation Analysis
 - Parameter Scan
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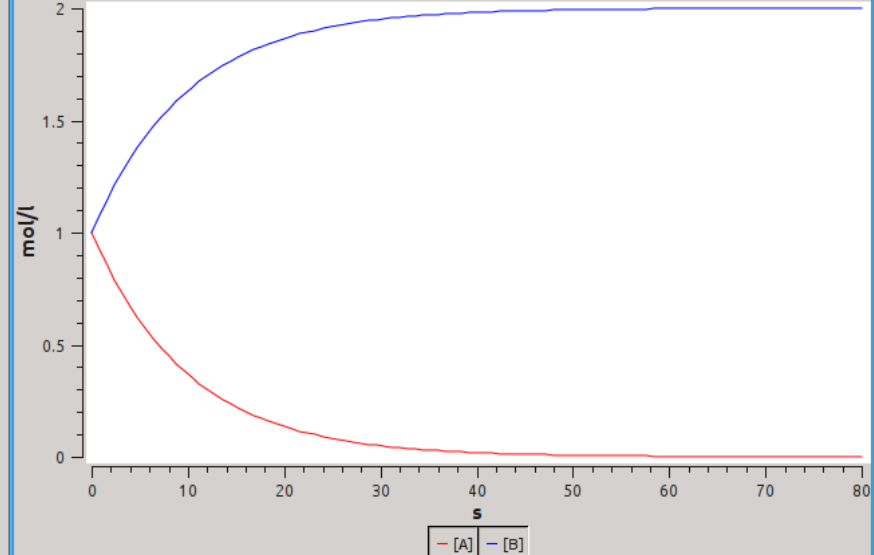
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Concentrations, Volumes, and Global Quantity Values



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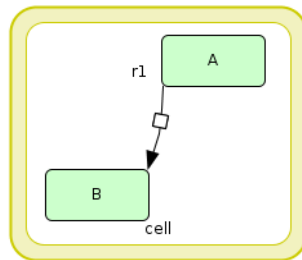
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- Model
 - Compartments
 - Species
 - Reactions

Layer base

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Species Proteins Genes RNAs asRNAs Reactions Compartments Par

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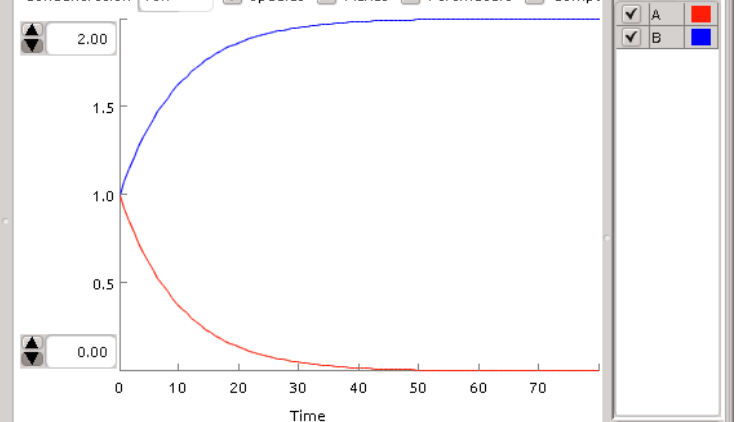
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B	B	cell	Concentra...	

Graph Table

Concentration raw Species Fluxes Parameters Compe



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- Core package – public specification
- Flux balance constraint – public specification
- Model composition – public specification
- Qualitative models – public specification
- Graph Layout – public specification
- Graph rendering – specification finalised
- Complex species – specification finalised
- Groups - specification finalised
- Distributions and ranges - specification under discussion
- Spatial diffusion – specification under discussion
- Enhanced metadata – specification under discussion
- Arrays and sets – specification proposed
- Dynamic structures - discussed

**SBML Level 3
is modular**

Welcome to the portal for the **Systems Biology Markup Language (SBML)**, a free and open interchange format for computer models of biological processes. SBML is useful for models of metabolism, cell signaling, and more. It **continues to be evolved and expanded** by an international community.



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What is SBML? Read our [introduction](#), then perhaps browse the [mailing lists](#), the [FAQ](#), and look at the [SBML Level 3 package activities](#) to glimpse what's happening with SBML today.



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For software developers

Want to support SBML in your software? Read our [intro](#) and then the [specifications](#) to understand SBML in depth, then check our [libraries](#), [test resources](#), and also [3rd-party software](#).

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SBML would not have been possible without support from [multiple agencies and organizations](#), as well as intellectual contributions from many motivated individuals, including the [major contributors](#) who are shaping SBML Level 3.

SBML News

SBML Layout spec. released

(14 Aug.'13) The SBML Level 3 Layout V.1 specification has been finalized and released.



COMBINE 2013

(28 Jul.'13) Registration and a preliminary agenda for the September event are now available.



SBML Test Runner 3.0

(6 Jun.'13) A new version of the standalone Test Runner for the SBML Test Suite is now available.



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Community News

SBML2GPML

(12 Sep.'13) This new PathVisio plugin allows SBML models to be imported.



CellNOpt 1.7.7

(12 Aug.'13) This logic-based modeling software system now supports SBML Level 3 Qualitative Models.



iNA 0.4.2 released

(11 Jun.'13) The new release offers a new plot editor and supports multi-core computations on MacOS.



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SBML supporting tools

- **LibSBML**: free, open-source programming library to help you read, write, manipulate, translate, and validate SBML files. Written in C++, with bindings for: c#, Python, Java, Perl, Ruby, MatLab, Octave,
- **JSBML**: free, open-source, pure Java library for reading, writing, and manipulating SBML files (validation done via libSBML)
- **SBML converters**: Converter from and to SBML, including Octave, XPP, BioPAX, dot, SVG, MDL
- **Software guide**: 254 software, including modelling and simulation environment, databases, model processing

SBML Software Guide

The following pages describe SBML-compatible software packages known to us. We offer different ways of viewing the information, all drawn from the same underlying data collected from the systems' developers via our [software survey](#). The *Matrix* provides a table listing all known software and a variety of their features; the *Summary* provides general descriptions of most of the software; and the *Showcase* provides a sequential slideshow of a subset of the software.

Number of software packages listed in the matrix today: **254**.

Go to the SBML Software Matrix



Go to the SBML Software Summary



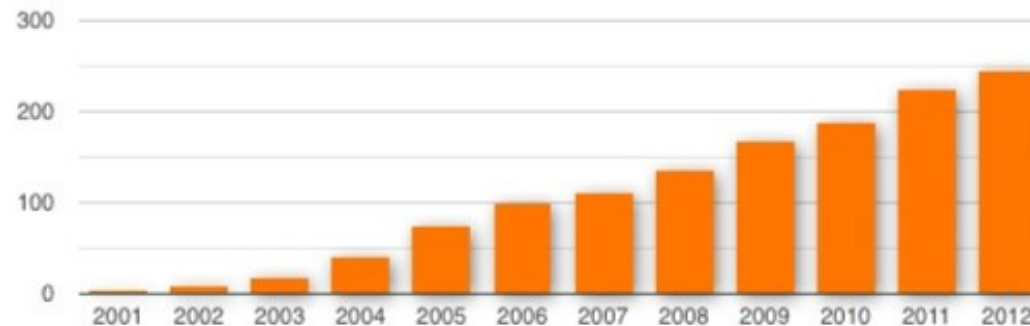
Go to the SBML Software Showcase



Please [use the survey form](#) to notify us about additions and suggestions.

Historical trend

The following graph shows the total number of known SBML-compatible software packages each year, as counted by the SBML Team. The counts shown are for approximately the middle of each year.

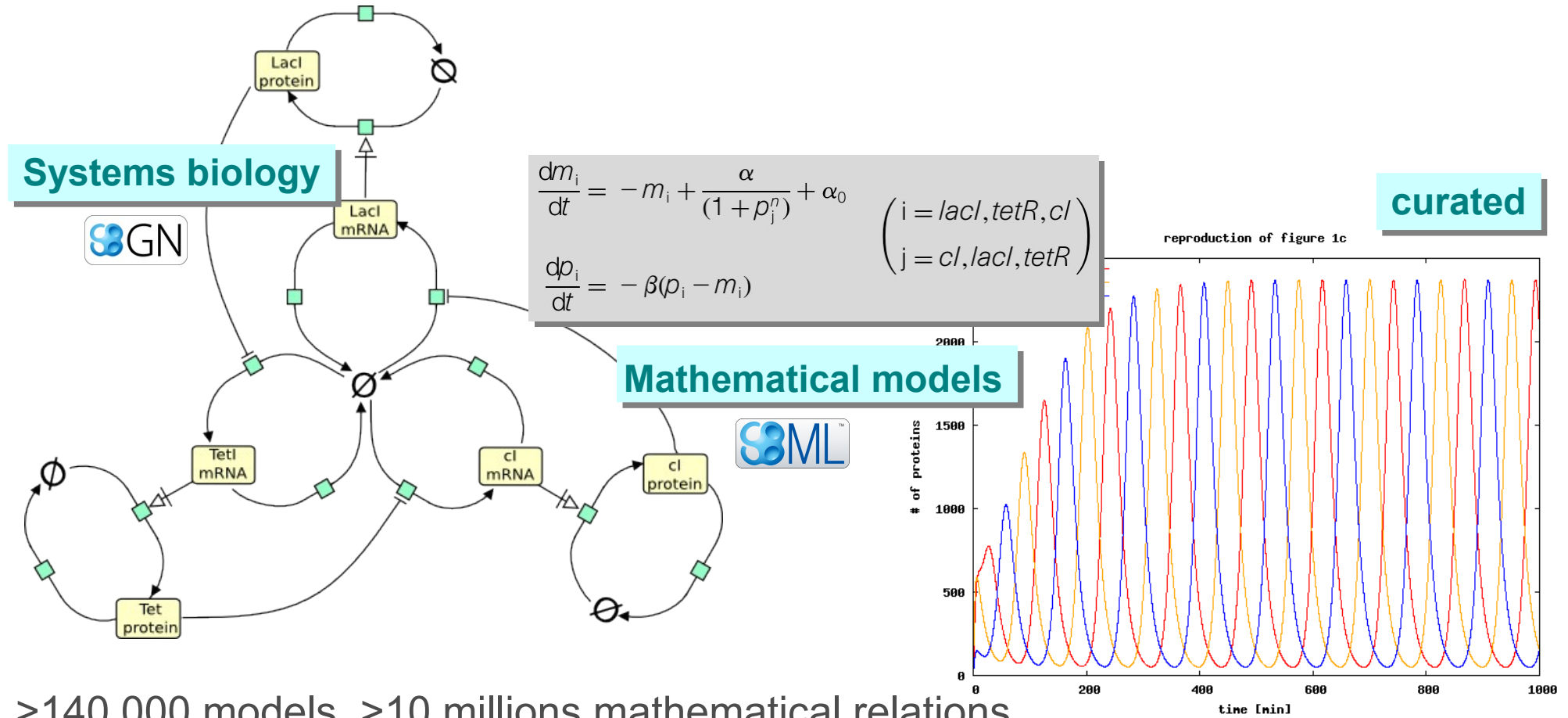


(Note: the flat period in 2007 is an artifact of inadequate record keeping rather than a lull in SBML software development.)

SBML conformance testing

The [SBML Test Suite](#) provides an operational means of testing SBML support in software simulation and analysis systems. Software authors can choose to make the test results for their software public in the [SBML Test Suite Database](#), where you can

BioModels Database – <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels>



>140 000 models, >10 millions mathematical relations

Deposition advised by >300 journals, database > 600 citations

1.5 million page requests per year

Submission in SBML and CellML; Export in SBML, CellML, XPP, SciLab, BioPAX, Octave, PDF, VCML, SBGN



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BioModels Database serves as a reliable repository of computational models of biological processes. It hosts models described in peer-reviewed scientific literature and models generated automatically from pathway resources (Path2Models). A large number of models collected from literature are manually curated and semantically enriched with cross-references from external data resources. The resource allows scientific community to store, search and retrieve mathematical models of their interest. In addition, features such as generation of sub-models, online simulation, conversion of models into different representational formats, and [programmatic access](#) via web services, are provided.

All models are provided under the terms of the [Creative Commons CC0 Public Domain Dedication](#), cf. our [terms of use](#). This means that the models are available freely for use, modification and distribution, to all users. More information about BioModels Database can be found in the [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQ).

Models published in the literature

- [Browse curated models](#)
- [Browse curated models](#)
- [Browse curated models using Taxonomy](#)
- [Browse non-curved models](#)

Browse the models in the curated branch. These models have been thoroughly curated, and model elements have been annotated with terms from controlled vocabularies as well as links to relevant data resources.

Path2Models

Submit a model

Links

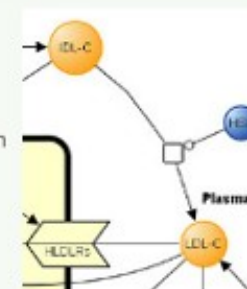
- [Main instance at EMBL-EBI, UK](#)
- [Mirror at Caltech, USA](#)
- [Project on SourceForge](#)
- [Web Services](#)
- [Download archived models](#)

Model of the month

October, 2013

Why LDL-C rises with age? The model presented here demonstrates that mechanistic changes to cholesterol absorption and LDL-C removal from the plasma with age, can result in a significant rise in LDL-C.

[Please read more...](#)



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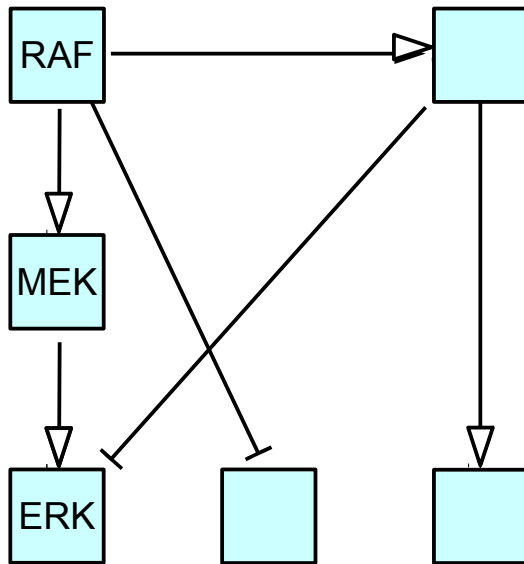
8 October 2013 **SPARQL endpoint available**

The EBI launched a RDF platform. This provides access to various bioinformatics resources (including BioModels Database) using Semantic Web technologies (SPARQL endpoints and RDF dumps are available). [Read more about this news.](#)

18 June 2013 **25th release**

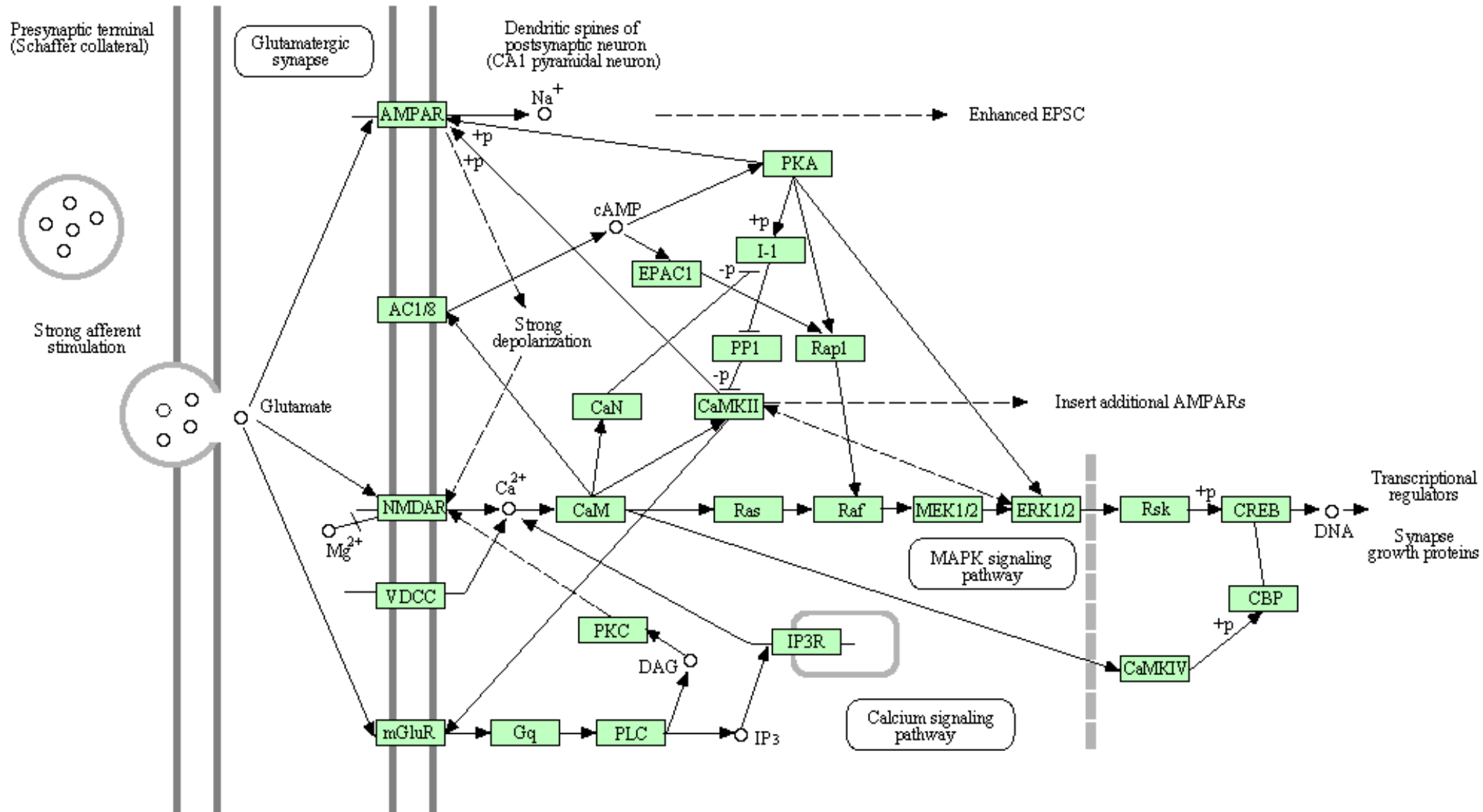
We are pleased to announce the [twenty-fifth release of BioModels Database](#). The resource now publicly provides 143013 models. Numerous new models have been made available, several have been updated and various new features have been unveiled.

Activity-Flows (influence diagrams)



- Directional
- Sequential
- Non-mechanistic
- Logical modelling
- Signalling pathways, gene regulatory networks

LONG-TERM POTENTIATION



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Pathway Information

Neuro2A Differentiation by G alpha i/o Pathway

Author(s): Aul, Mayana, et al.

Scope: Specific

Organism: vertebrates: mammals: Rodentia: mice

Canonical Pathways: G alpha i Pathway

Tissue/Cell: nervous system: central nervous system: neurons

Citation: Literature

Pathway

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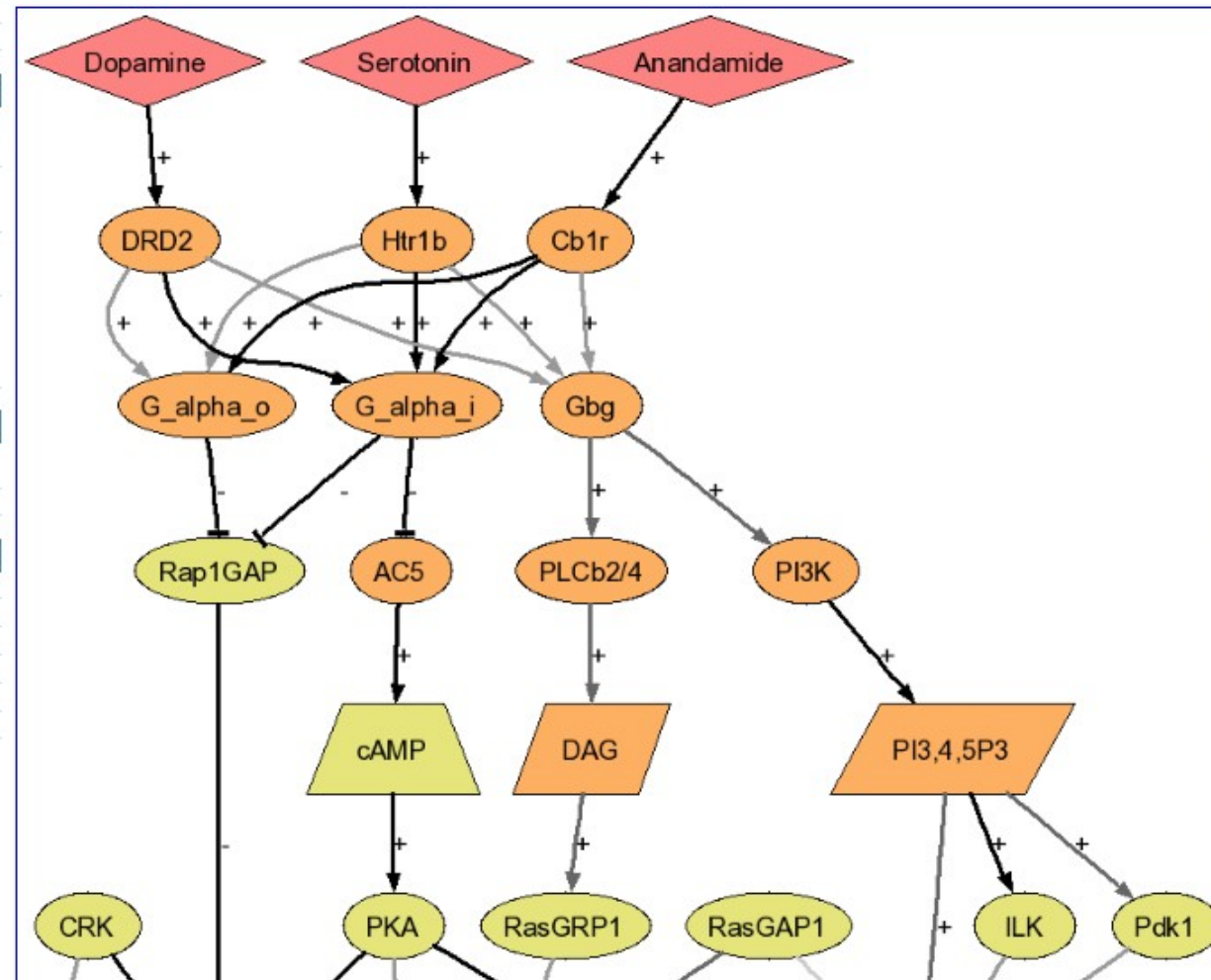
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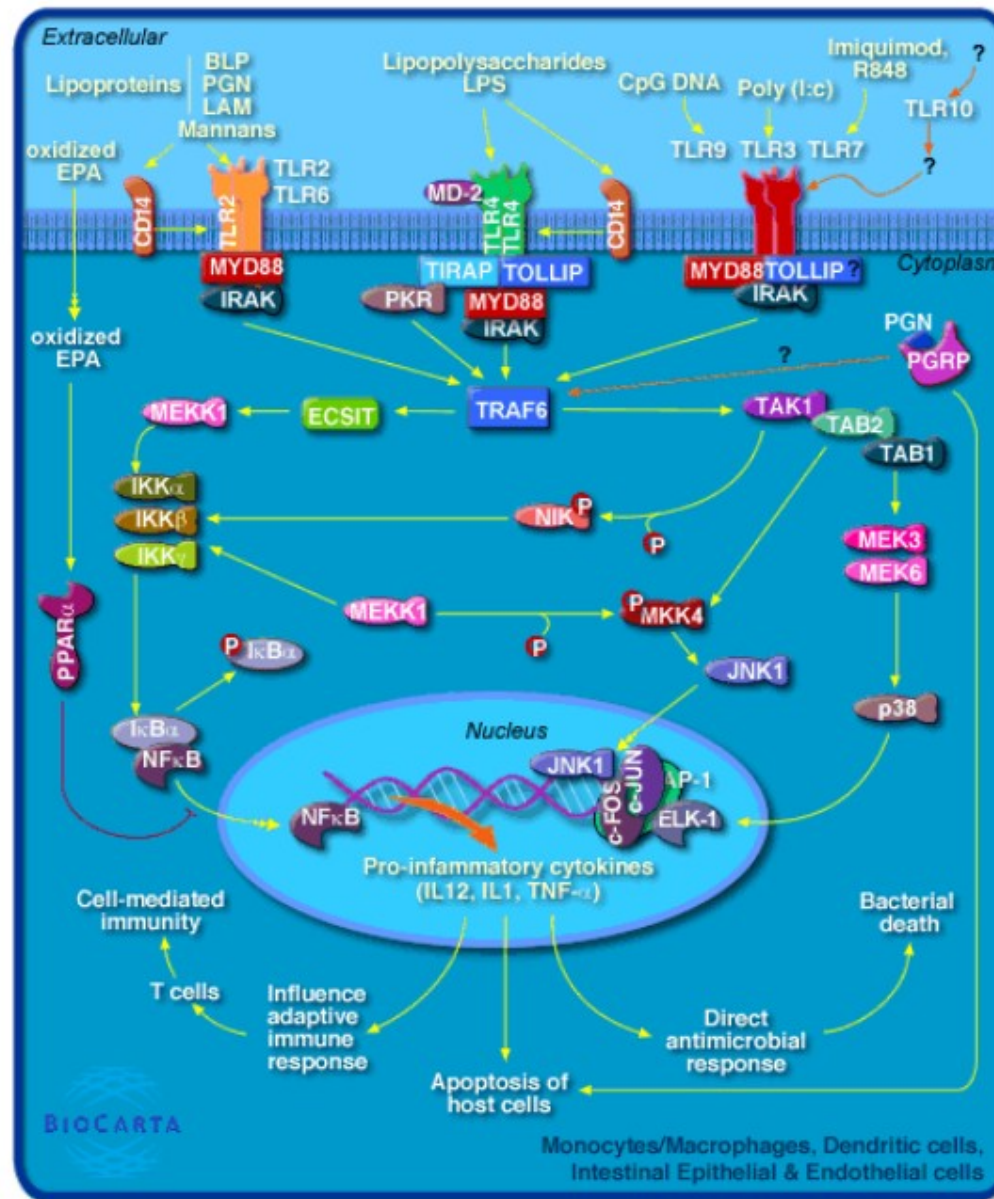
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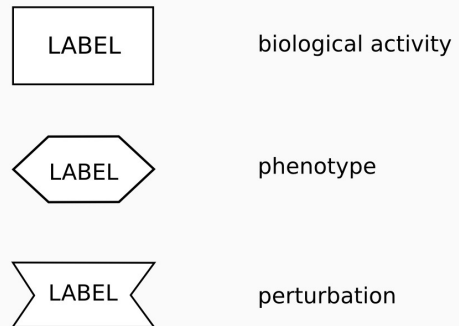
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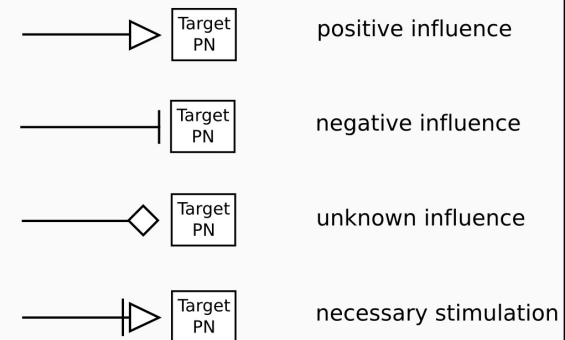


SBGN Activity Flows L1 reference card

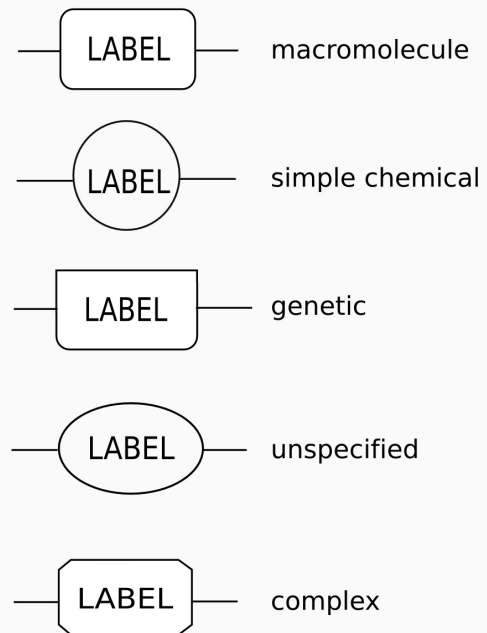
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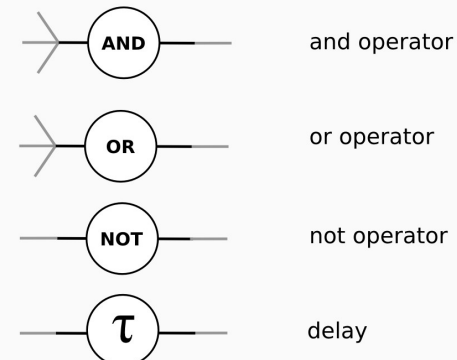
Modulating Arcs



Auxiliary Units



Logical Operators

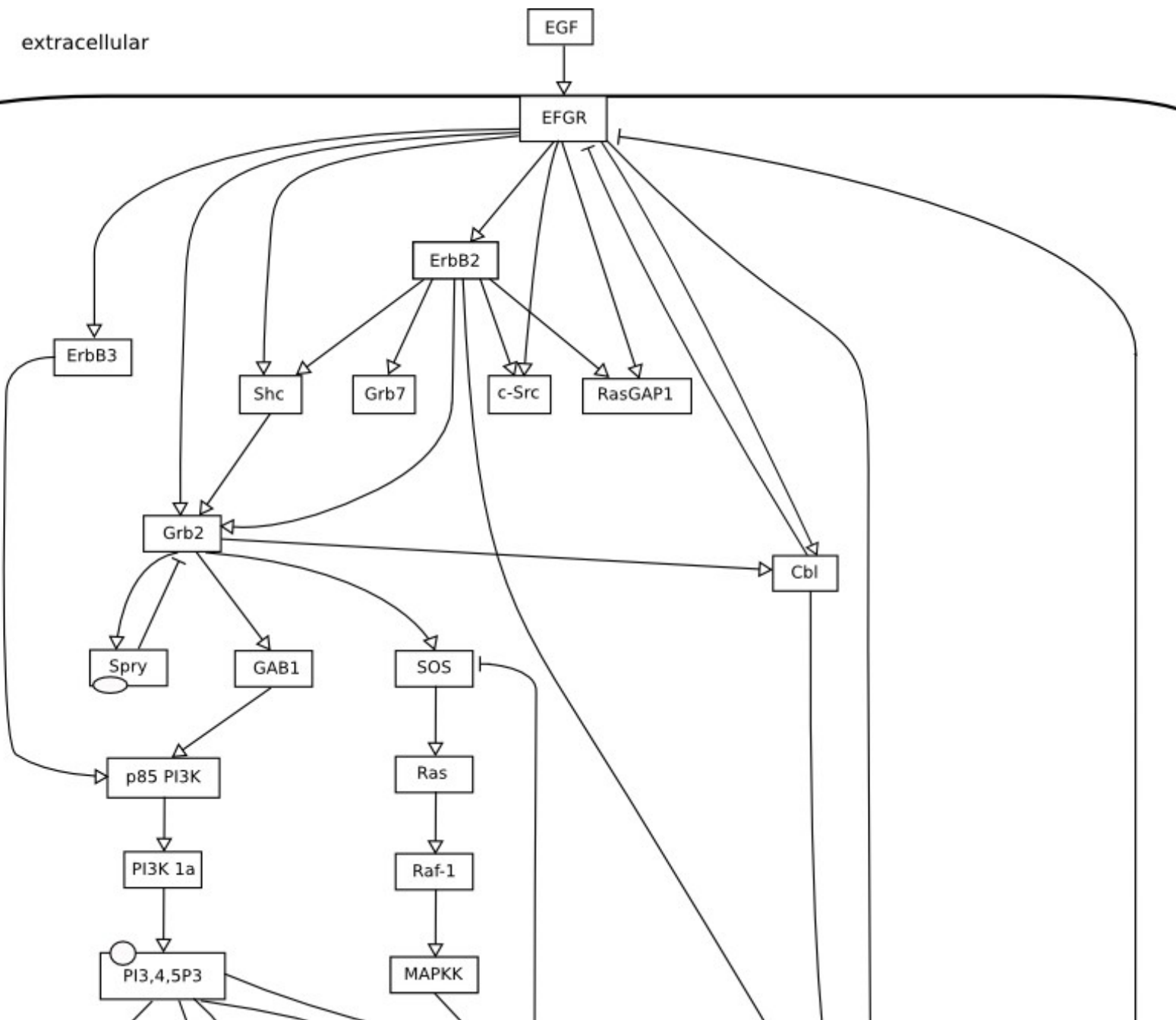


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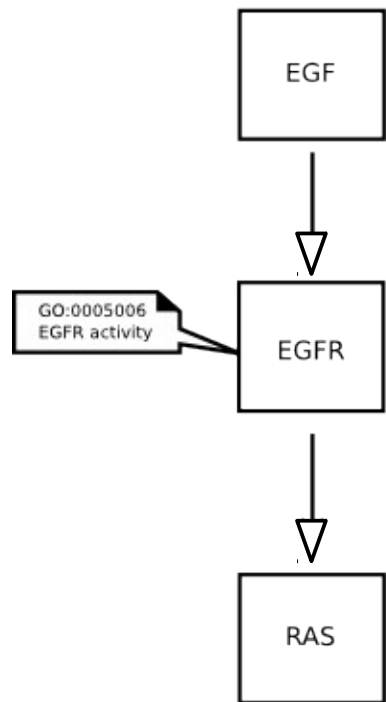


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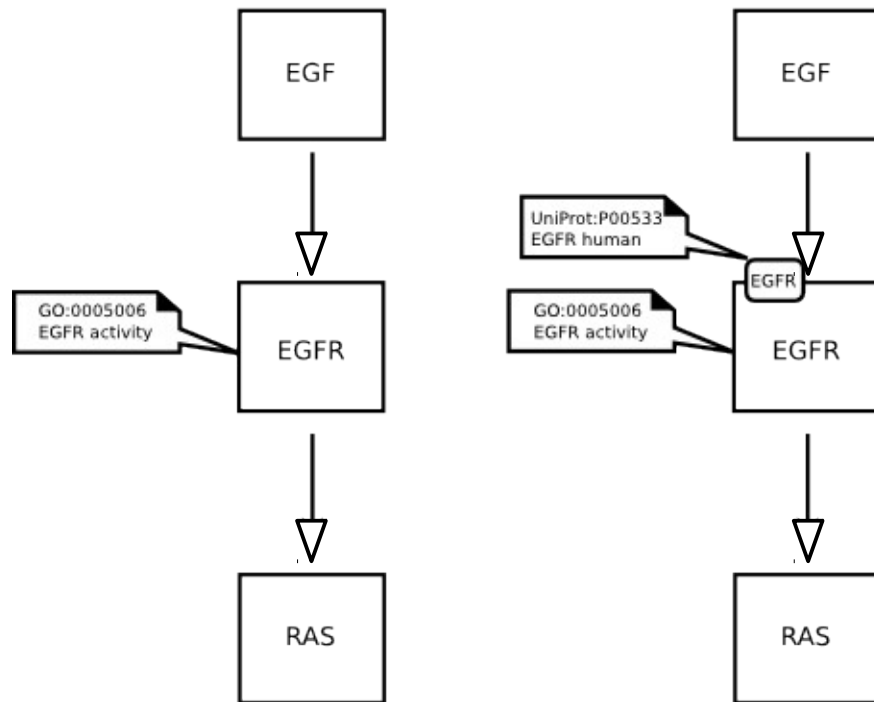
Example of Activity Flow map



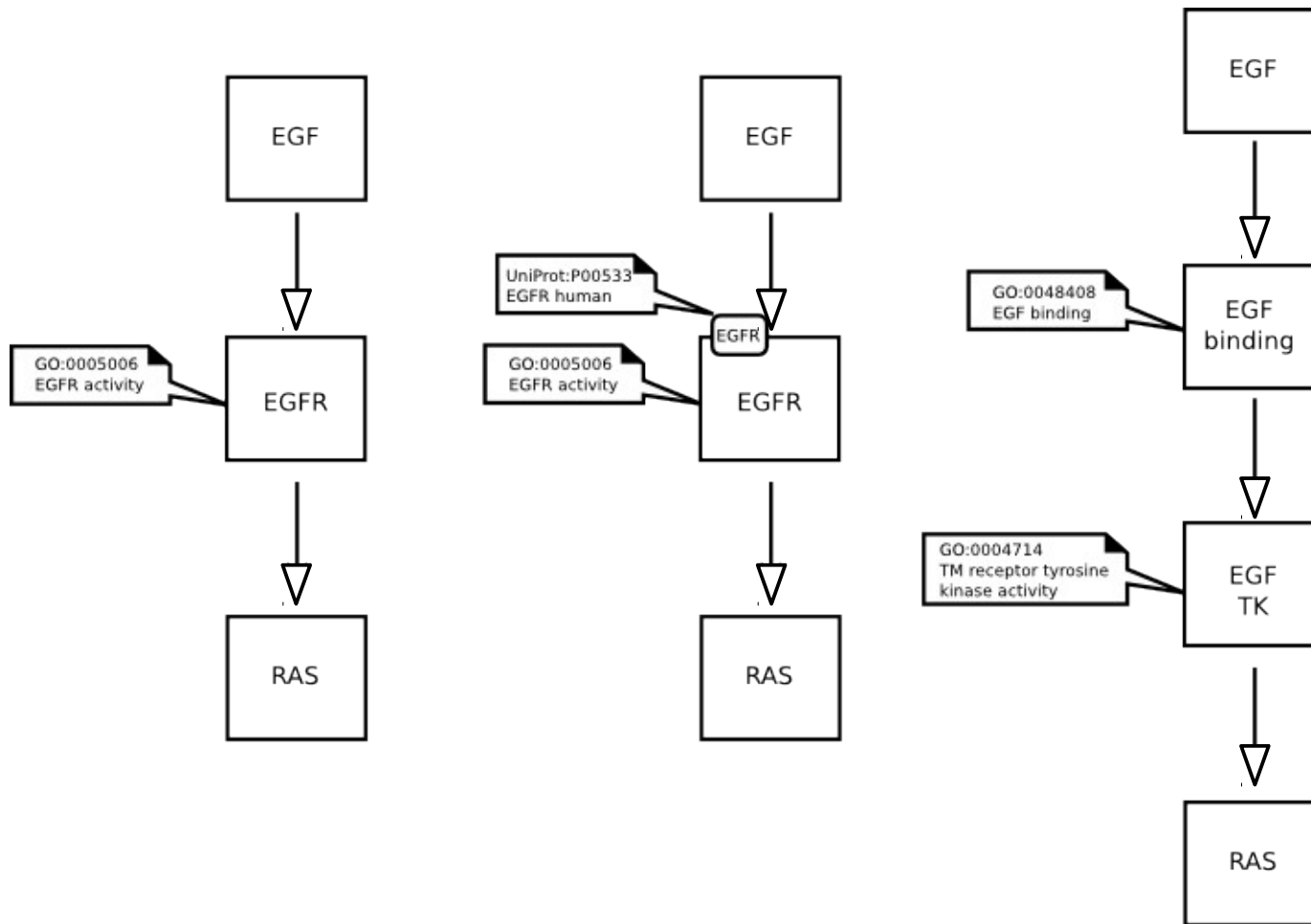
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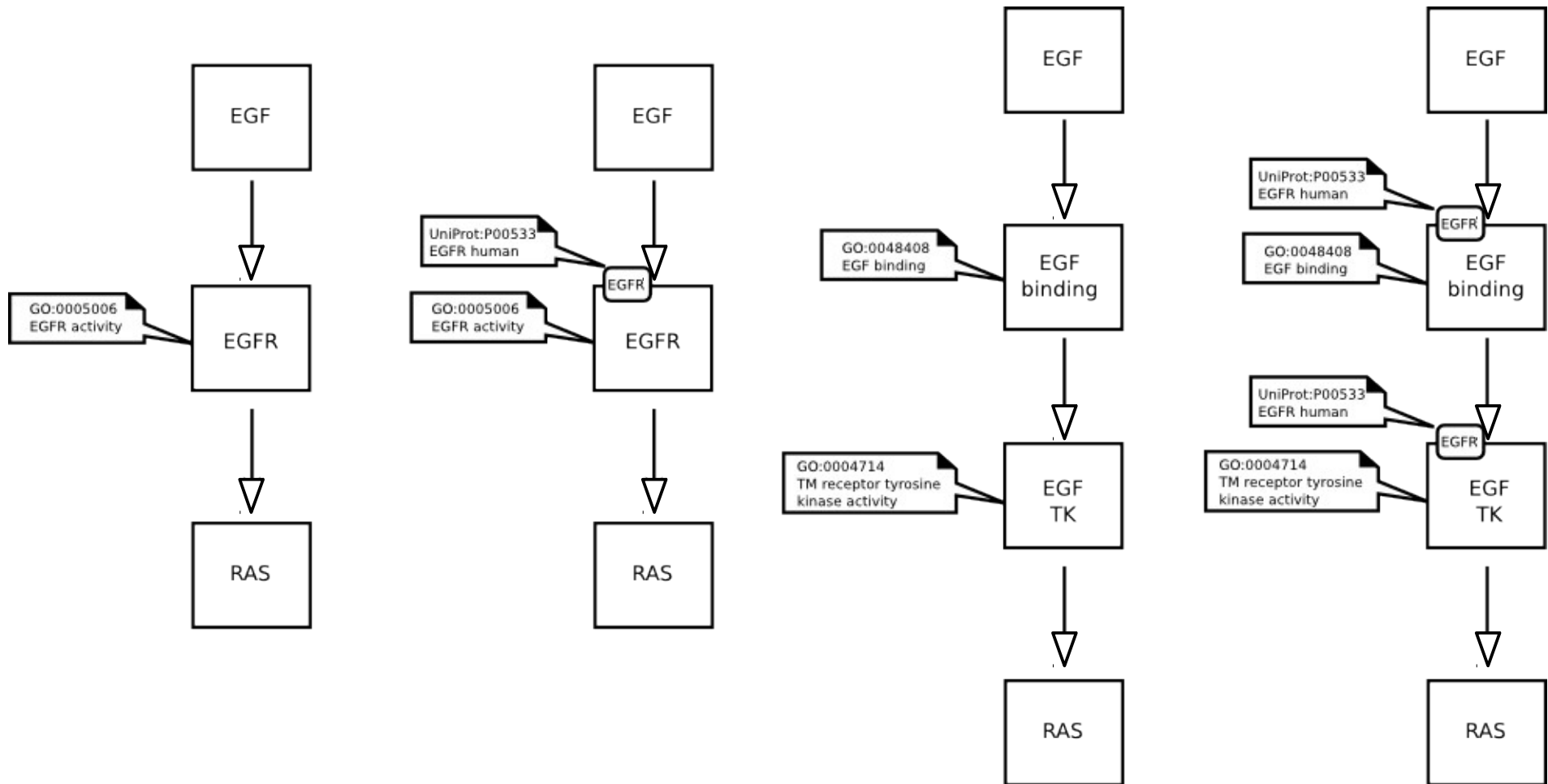
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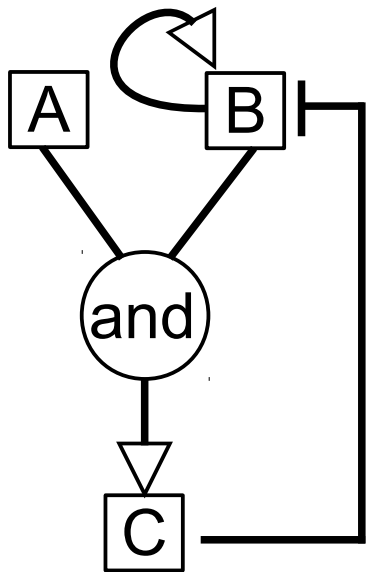


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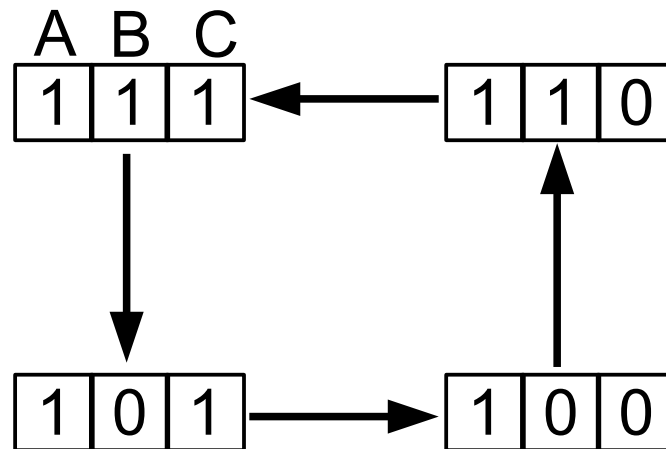


Logical models

- Variables can take a discrete number of values, at least 2
- Transitions of output are expressed as logical combinations of input values
- Simulations can be:
 - synchronous: all the nodes are updated at once
 - asynchronous: nodes are updated one after the other
- One can add delays, inputs etc.



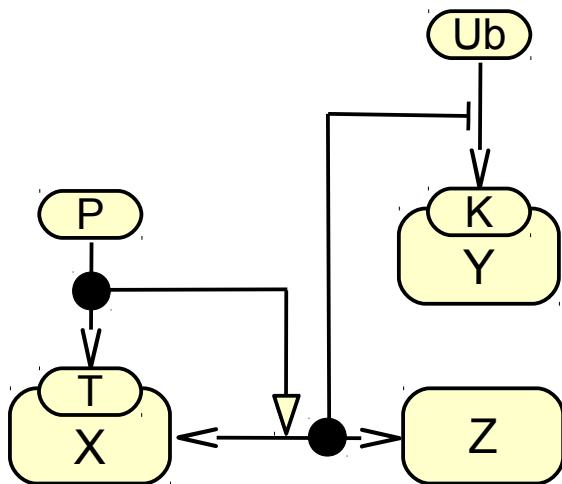
Influence diagram



state diagram



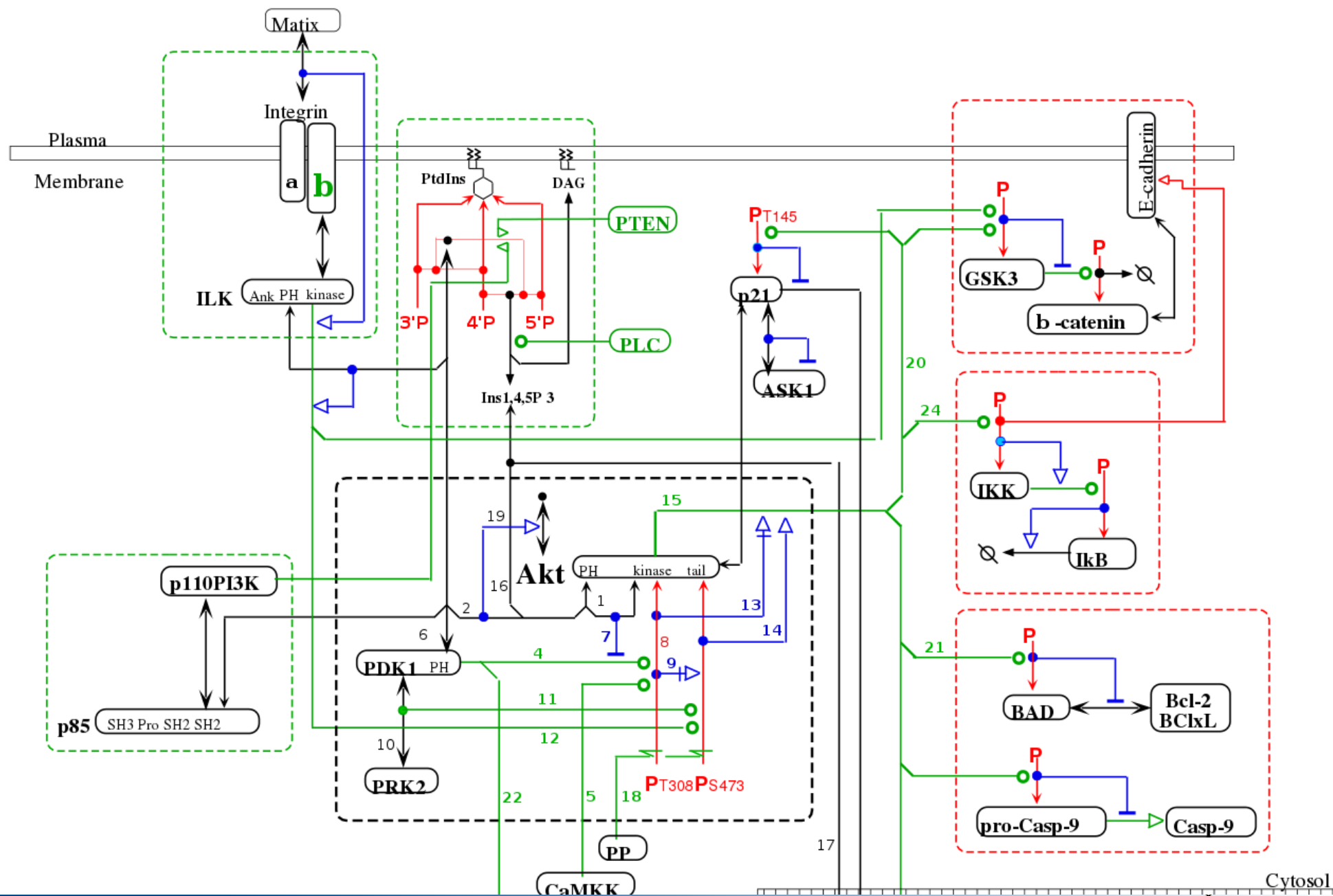
Entity Relationships



- Directional
- Non-sequential
- Mechanistic
- Rule-based modelling
- Molecular Biology
- “Open world”
- Independent rules: no explosion

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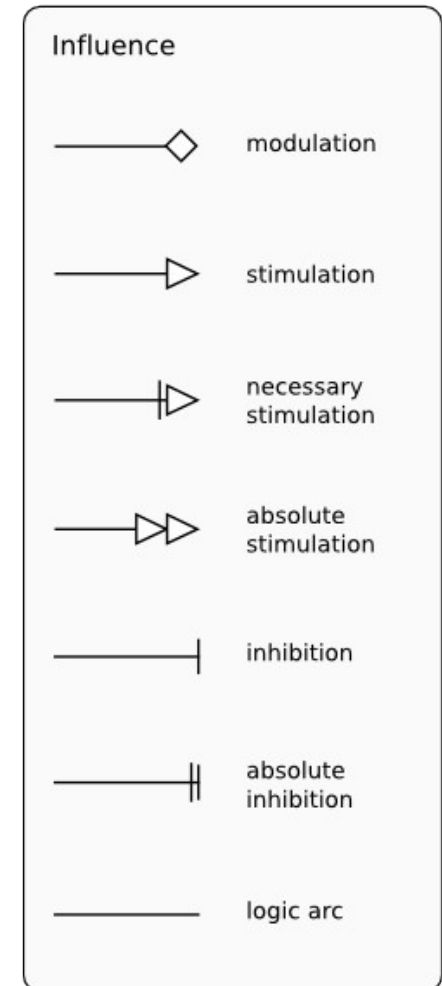
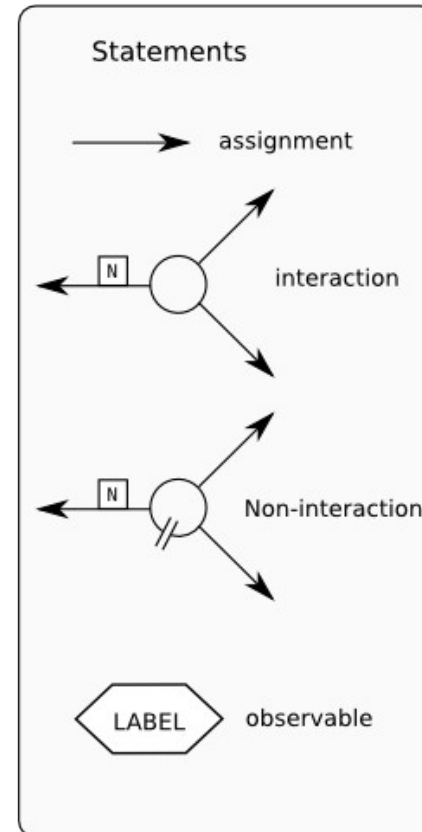
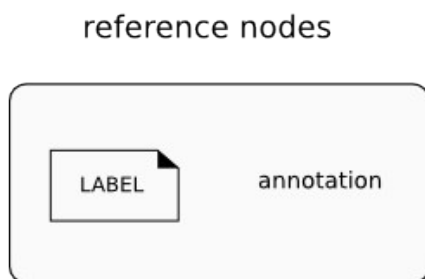
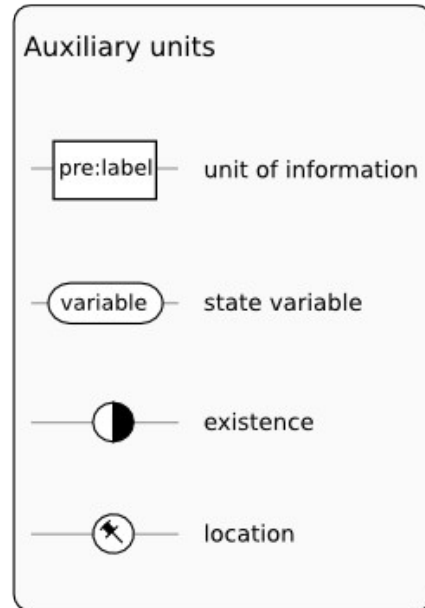
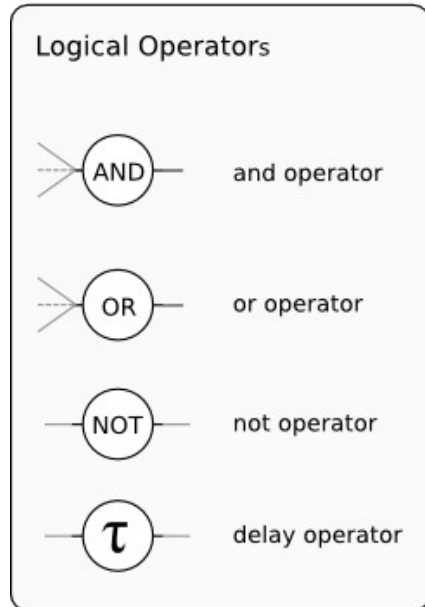
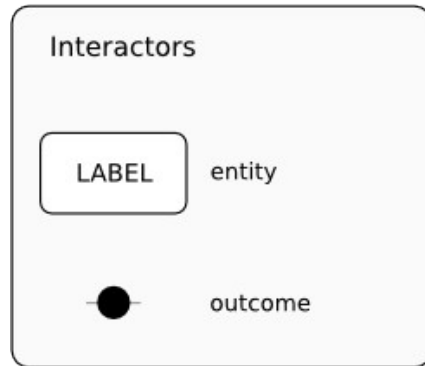
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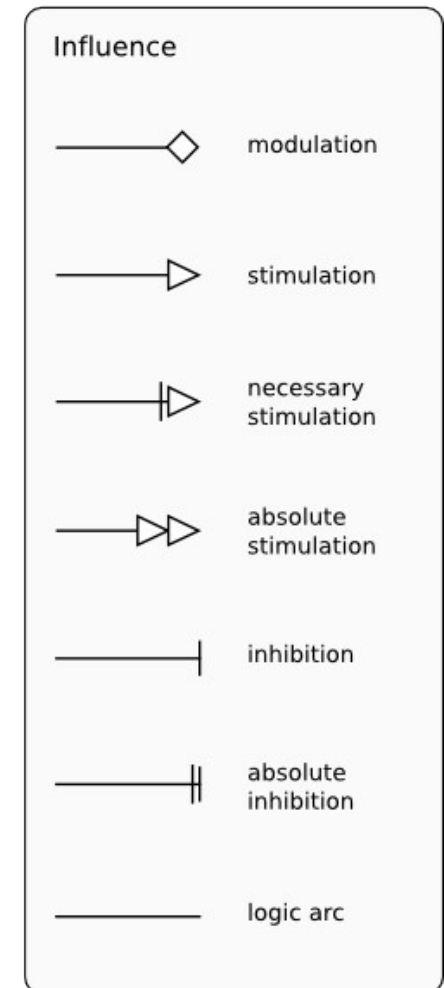
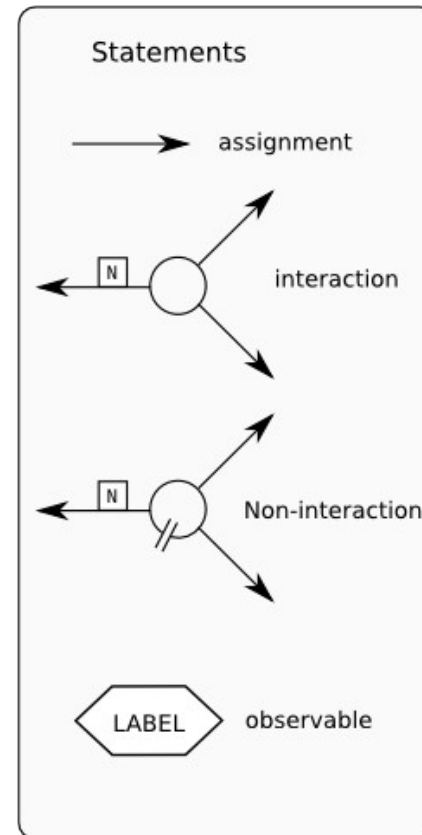
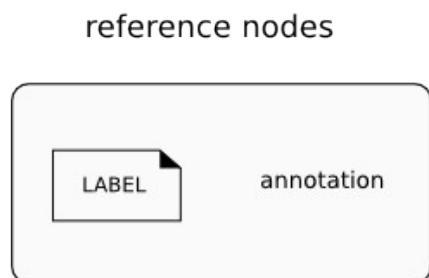
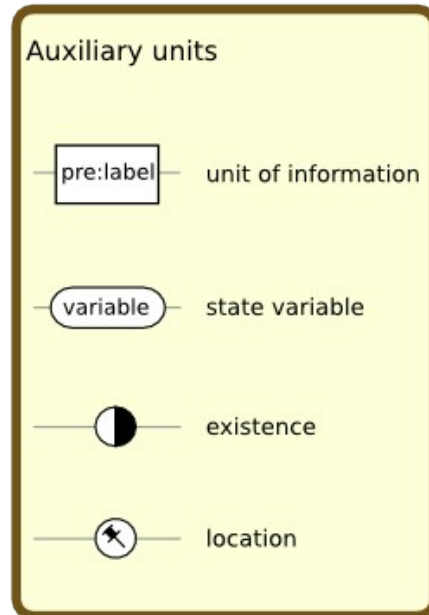
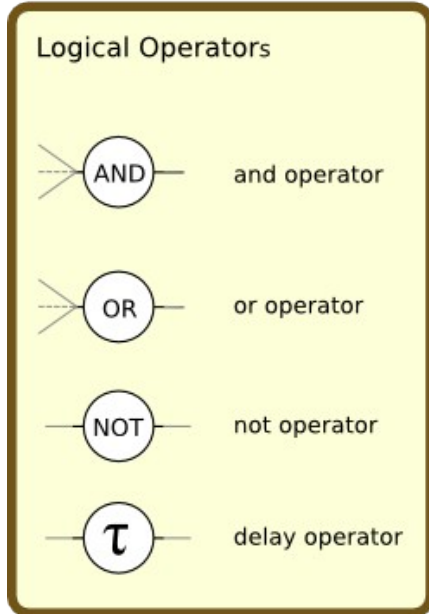
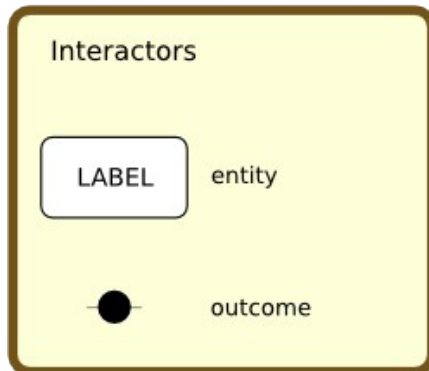
Relationship Nodes



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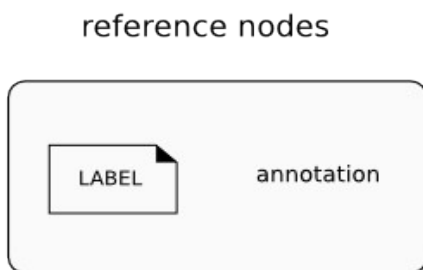
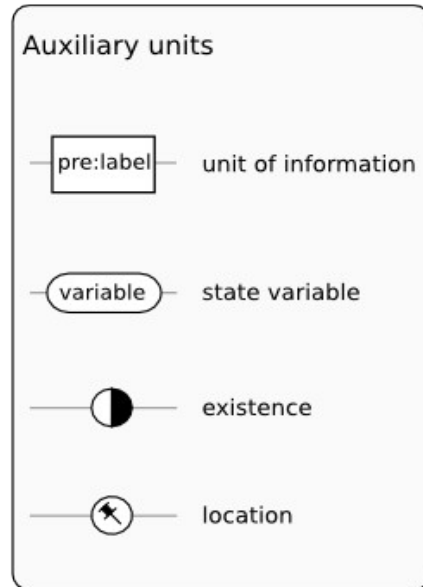
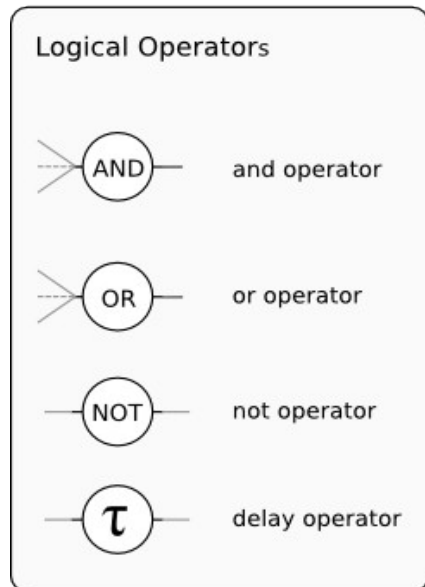
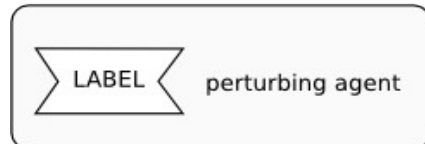
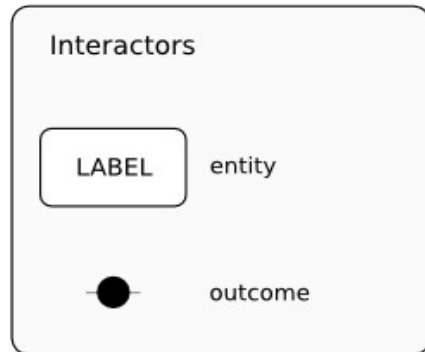
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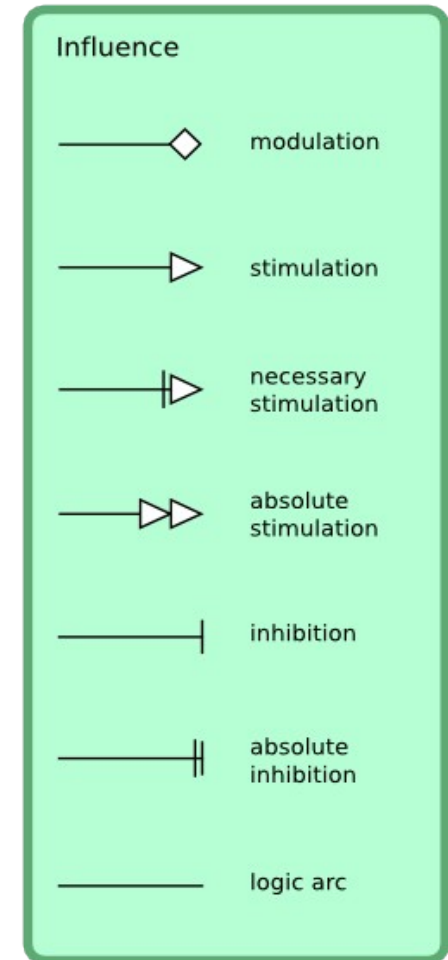
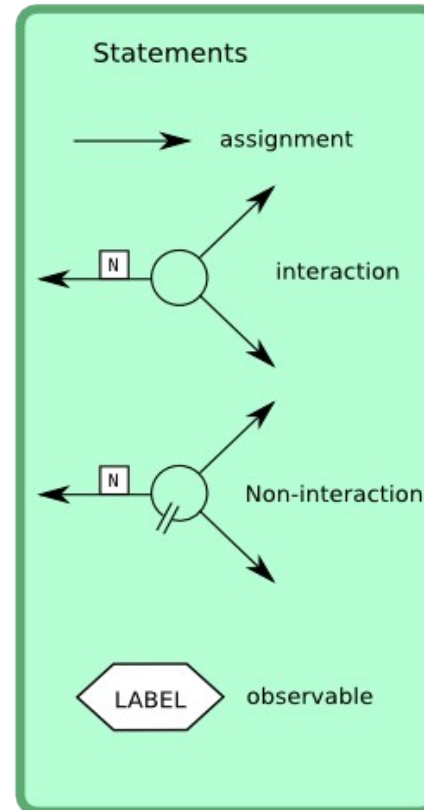
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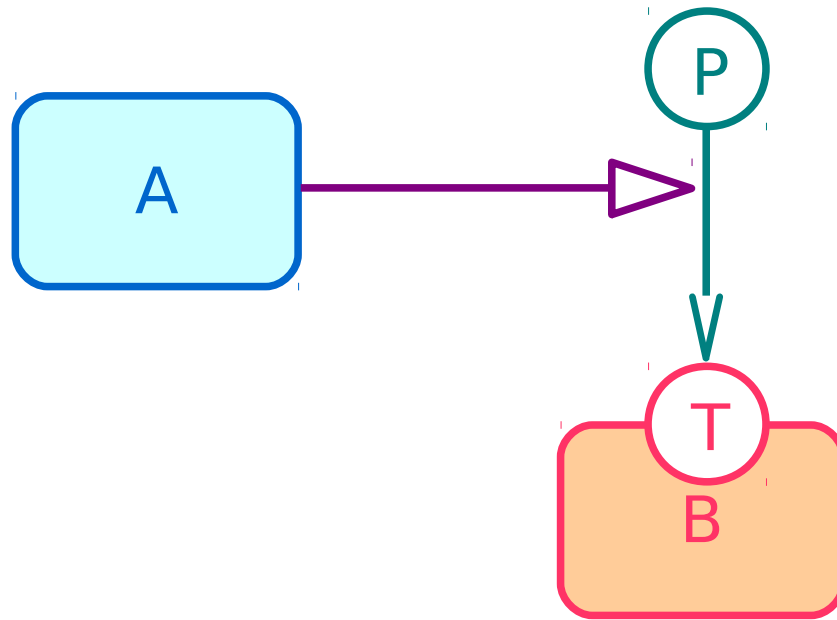


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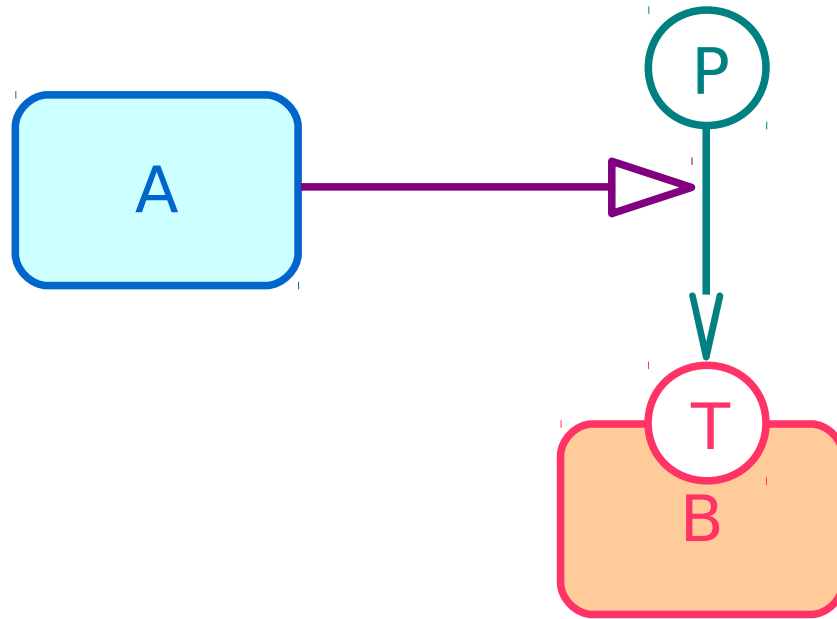


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Entity Relationships can be viewed as rules

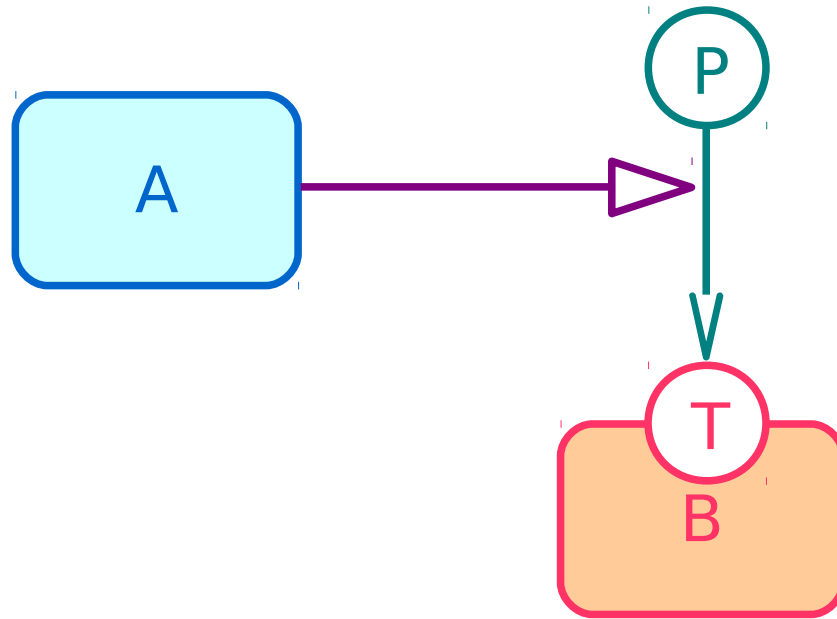


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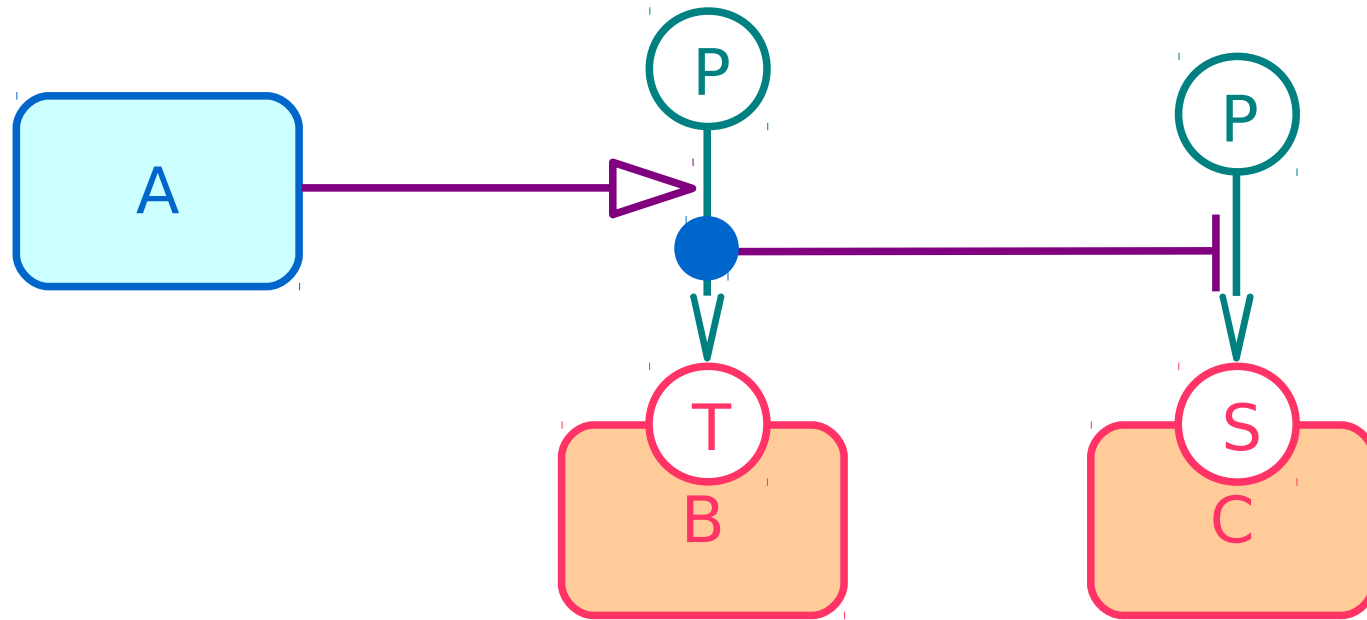
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If **A exists**, the **assignment of the value P** to the **state variable T of B** is **increased**

(**A stimulates** the **phosphorylation** of **B on the threonine**)

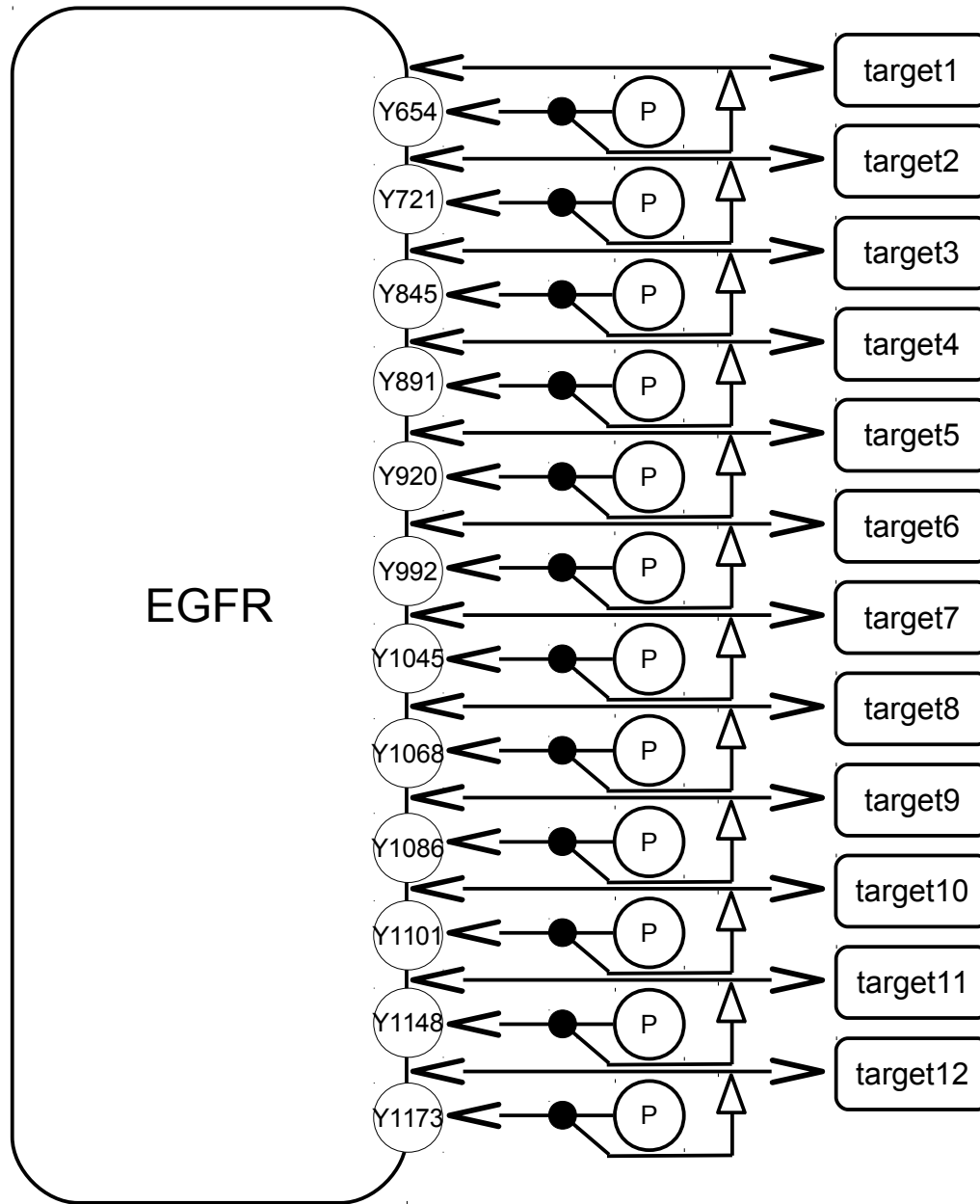
Entity Relationships can be viewed as rules



If A exists, the assignment of the value P to the state variable T of B is increased

If P is assigned to the state variable T of B, the assignment of the value P to the state variable S of C is decreased

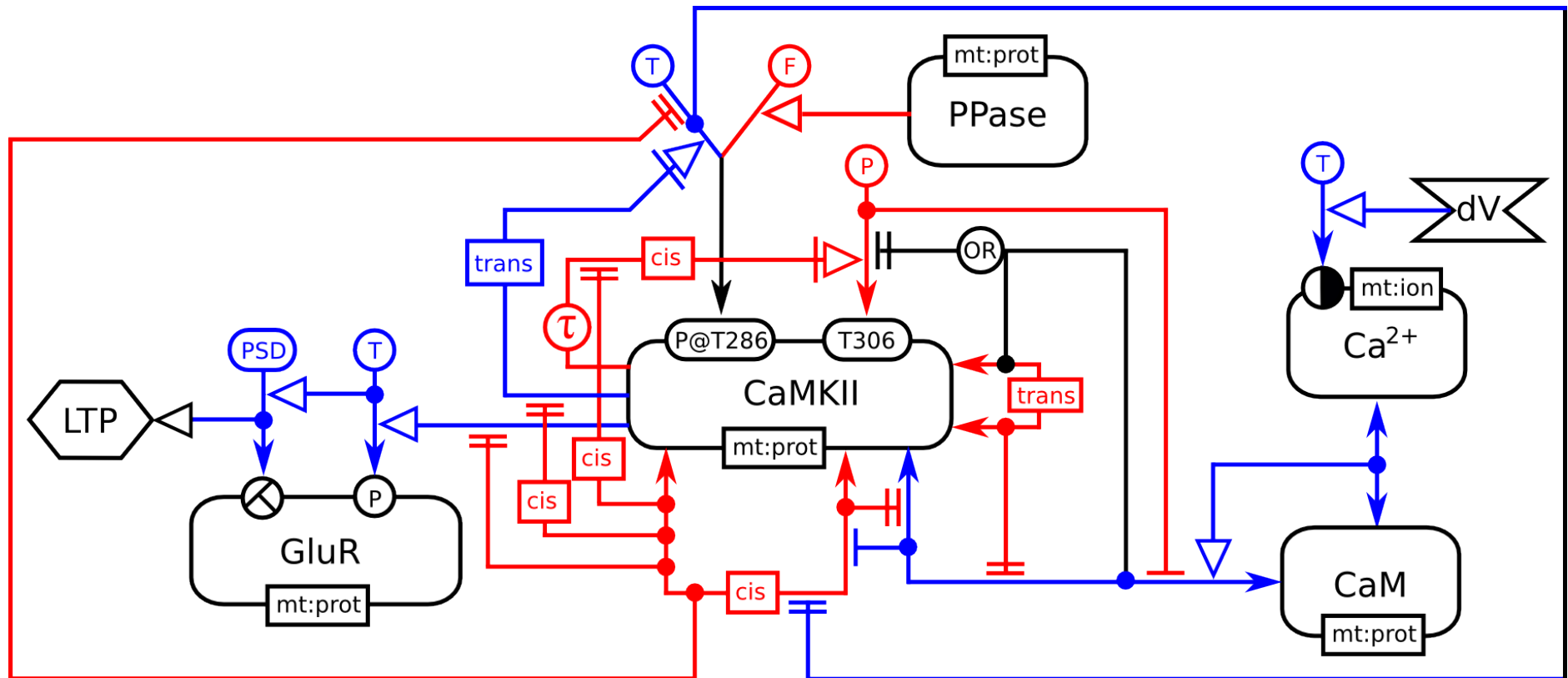
Multistate and combinatorial explosion



Process Descriptions:
“once a state variable value,
always a state variable value”

$2^{12} = 4096$ states
(i.e. EPN glyphs) for EGFR
and 4096 complexes between
EGFR and targets

Regulation of synaptic plasticity by calcium



Rule-based modelling

- **Kappa** <http://www.kappalanguage.org/>

English: "Unphosphorylated Site1 of A binds to Site1 of B"

Kappa: $A(\text{Site1} \sim u), B(\text{Site1}) \rightarrow A(\text{Site1} \sim u!1), B(\text{Site1}!1)$

- **BioNetGen** <http://bionetgen.org/>

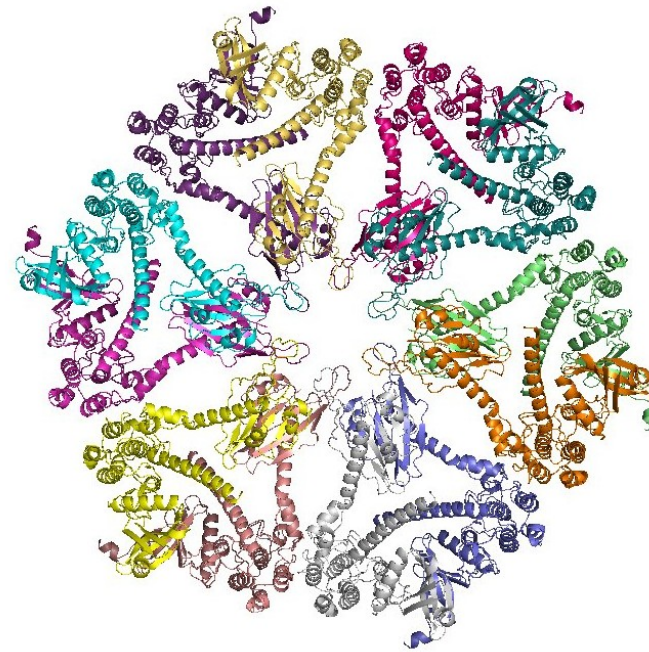
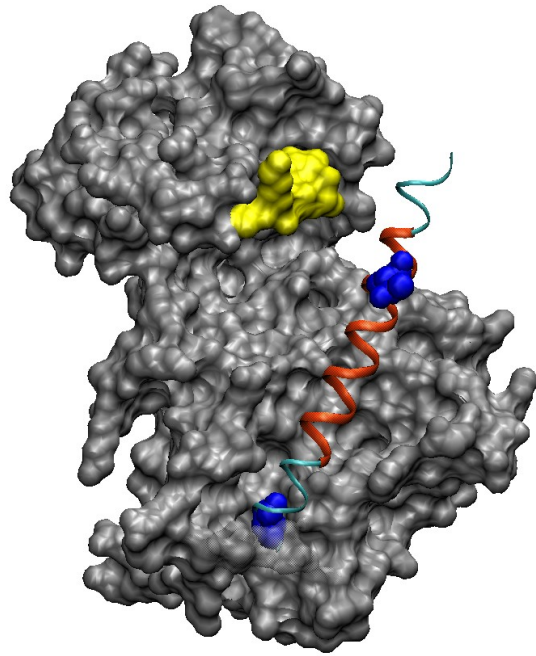
English: "unbound EGF receptor site binds to unbound receptor ligand site"

EGF(R) + EGFR(L) $\leftrightarrow$ EGF(R!1).EGFR(L!1) kp1, km1



Multi

Multi-state nature of CaMKII and rule-based modelling

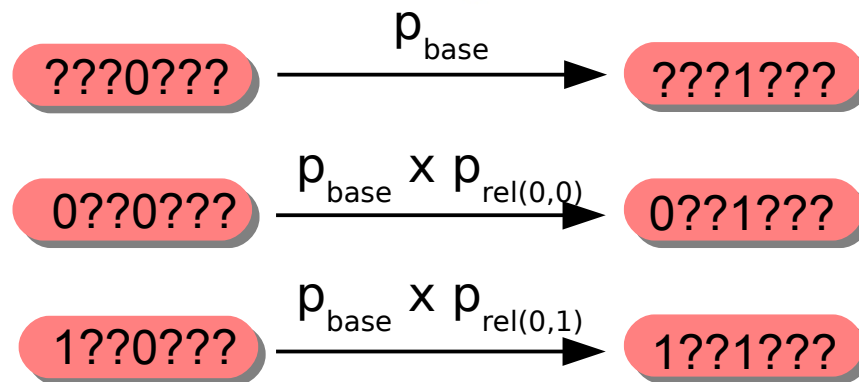


12 monomers

5 binary state variables

Open/Closed
T286 P/nonP
T306 P/nonP
CaM on low affinity
CaM on high affinity

2^{60} states = 1 billions of billions

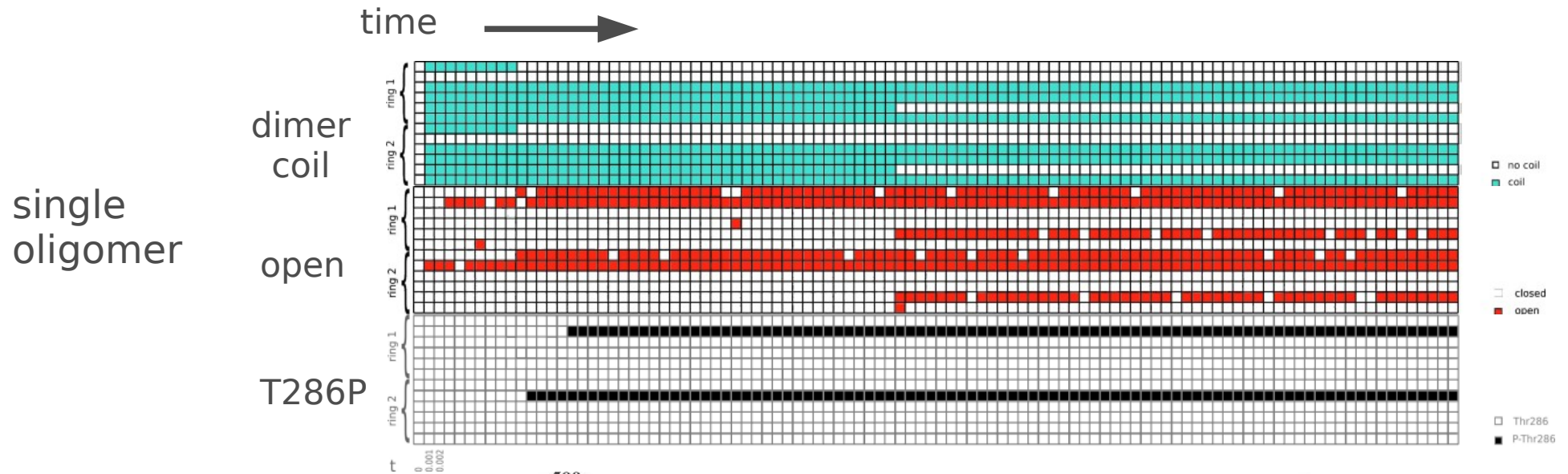


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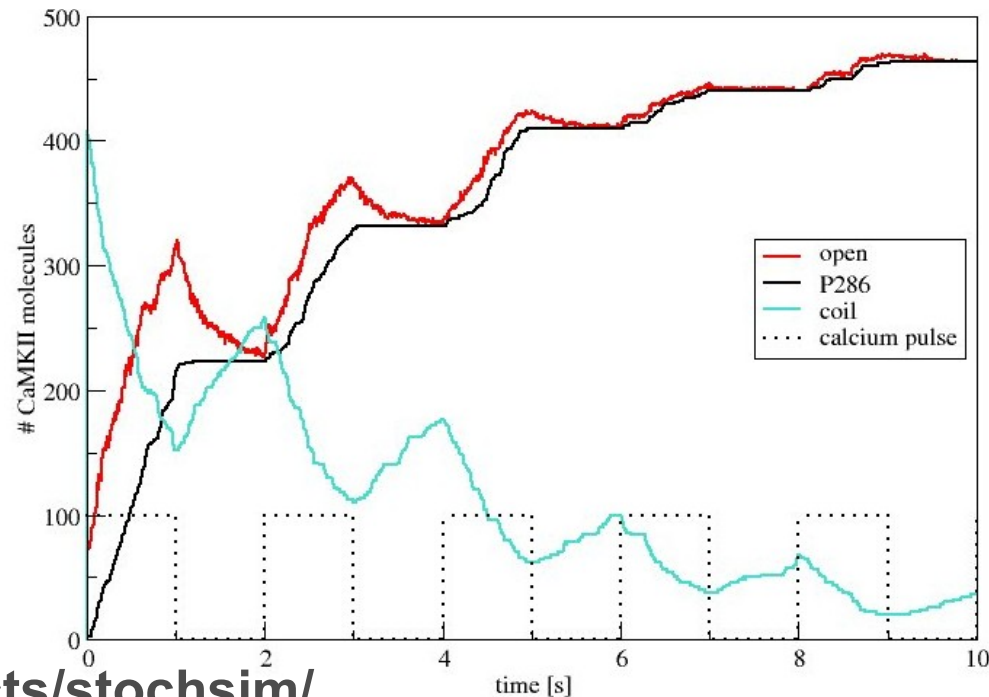
4 species are necessary and not 128

2 reactions are necessary and not 64

Simulation with StochSim



population
of multimers



<http://sourceforge.net/projects/stochsim/>

Biological Pathway Exchange format



<http://biopax.org/>

BioPAX is a data format and an ontology

- **RDF/OWL**-based language to represent biological pathways at the molecular and cellular level
- Covers molecular and genetic interactions, metabolic network, signalling pathways, gene regulatory networks
- **Interactions**: Control (Catalysis, Modulation, TemplateReactionRegulation), Conversion (BiochemicalReaction, ComplexAssembly, Degradation, Transport, TransportWithBiochemicalReaction), GeneticInteraction, MolecularInteraction, TemplateReaction
- **Physical entities**: Complex, DNA, DNARegion, Protein, RNA, RNARegion, SmallMolecule
- **Utility classes**: BioSource, ChemicalStructure, ControlledVocabulary, DeltaG, EntityFeature, EntityReference, Evidence, ExperimentalForm, kPrime, PathwayStep, Provenance, Score, SequenceLocation, Stoichiometry, Xref

Resource Description Framework - RDF

- Language of the semantic web
- Semantic entirely embedded in the language (does not require external schemas and specifications)
- Series of statements

Subject

Predicate

Object

EGFR

located_in

plasma membrane

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OBO_REL:0000008

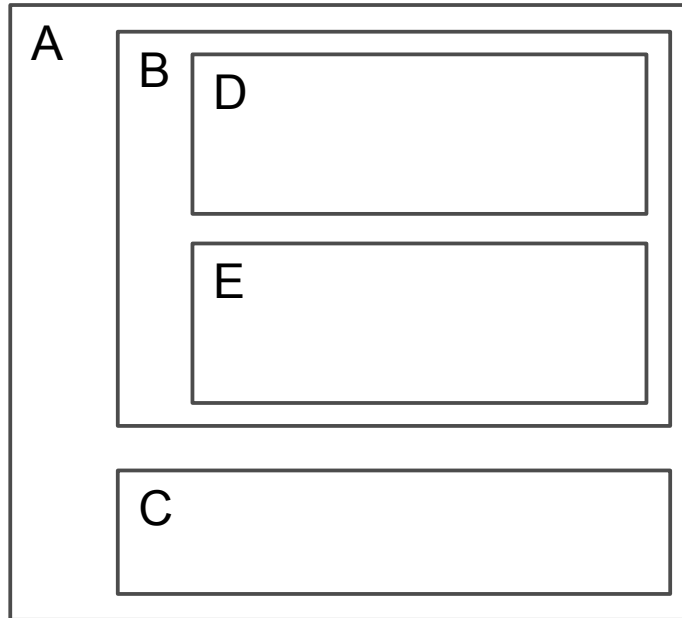
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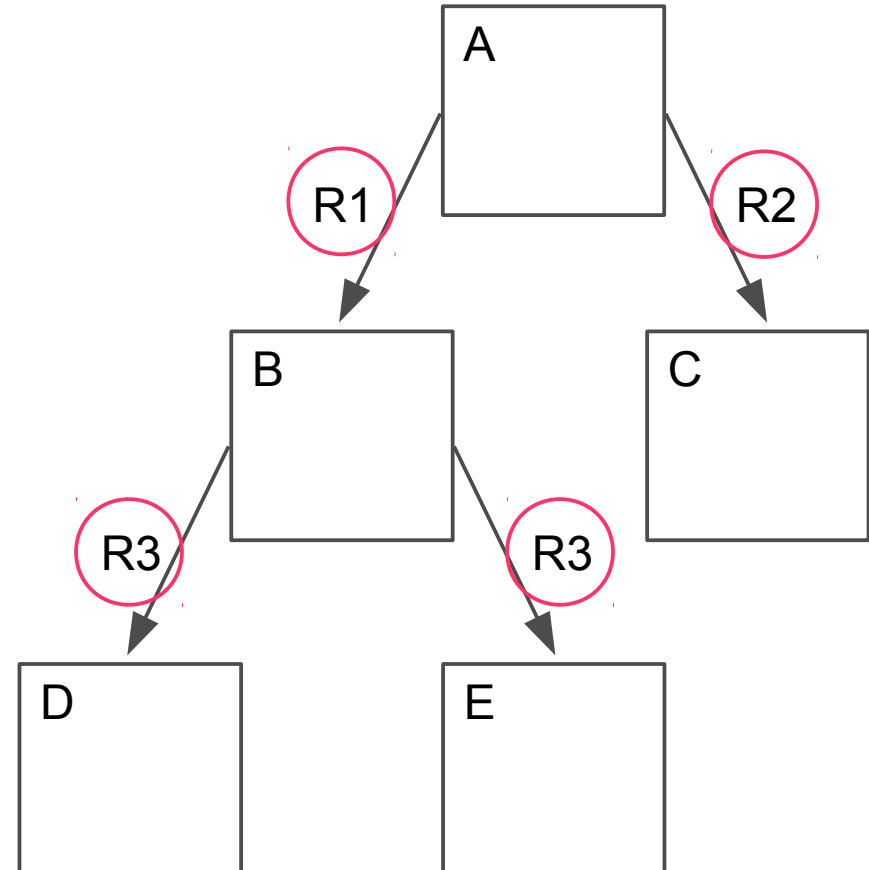


Relationships defined in another document



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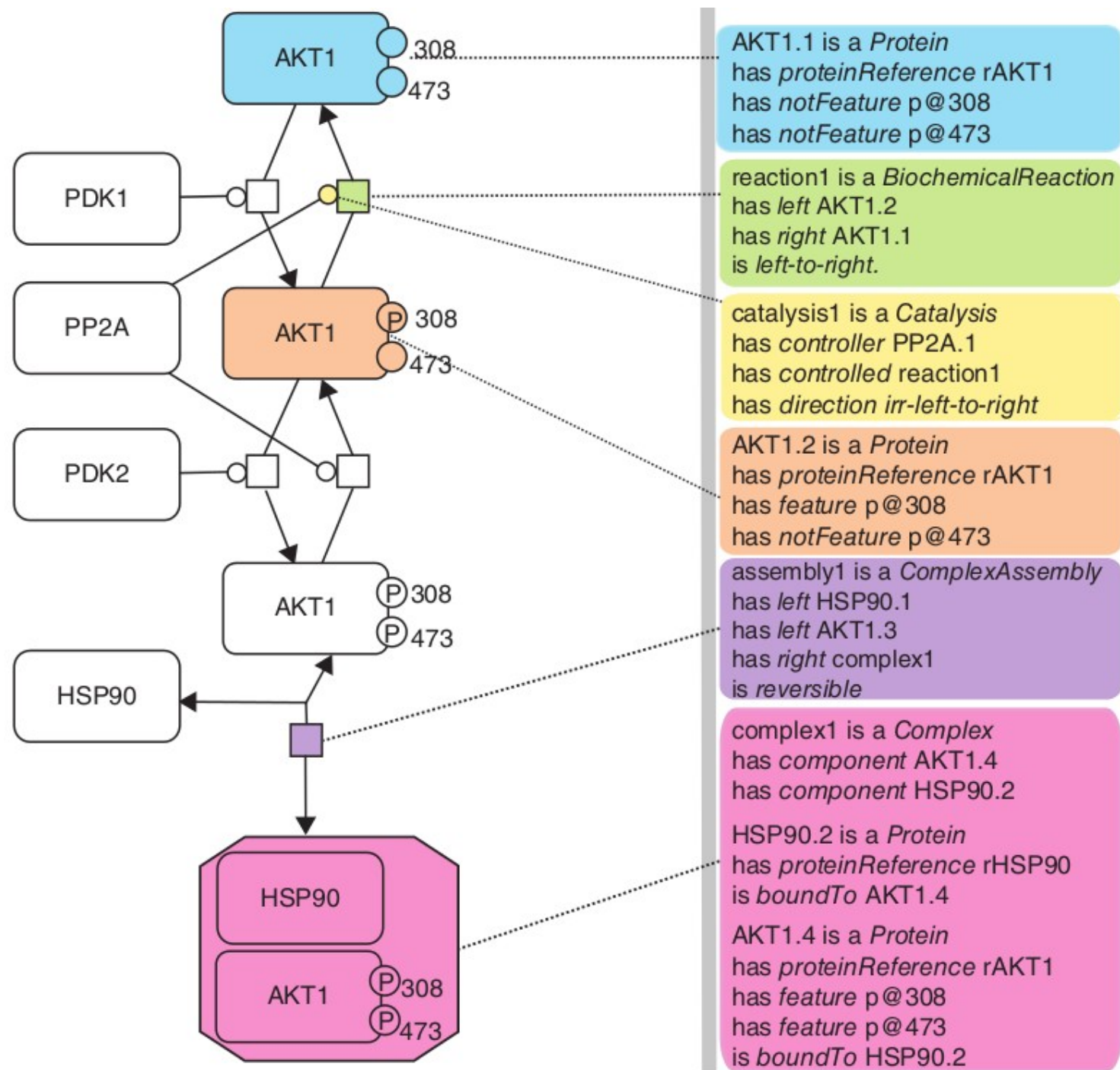
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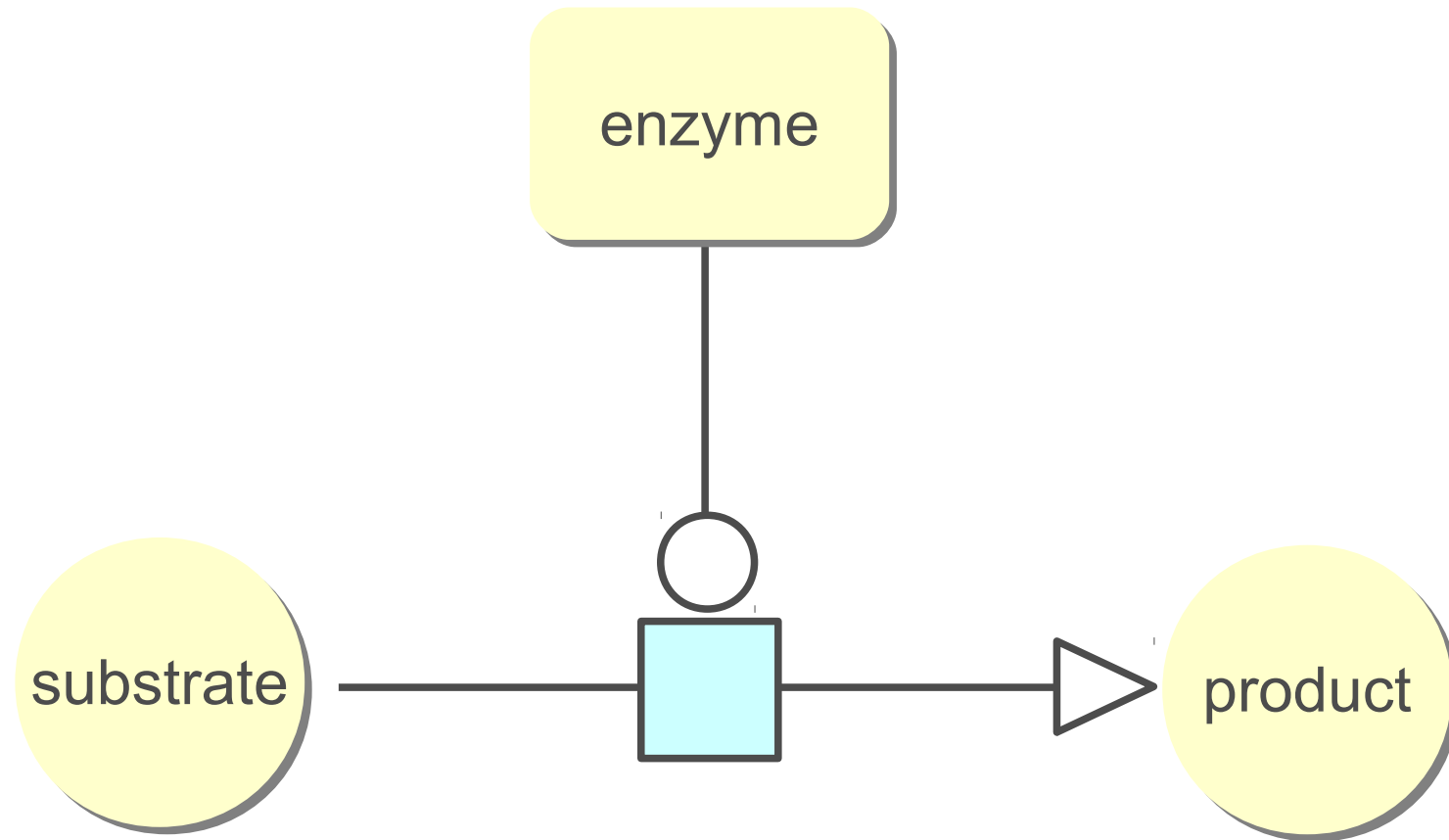
Relationships defined in the pathway

Web Ontology Language - OWL

- BioPAX contains **classes**, **relations** and **properties**, **constraints**, **objects**, **values**.
- **Classes** are arranged in a specialisation hierarchy. E.g. a “protein” is a “physical entity”
- Classes may have **properties** of specific types. The types are linked to other classes by relations. E.g. “reaction X” has *participant* “protein P”. An attribute is a property that has a simple type.
- **Constraints** define allowable values and connexions. E.g. “MOLECULAR_WT” must be a positive real number
- **Objects** are instances of classes.



A catalysis in BioPAX



A catalysis in BioPAX (L2)

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A catalysis in BioPAX (L2)

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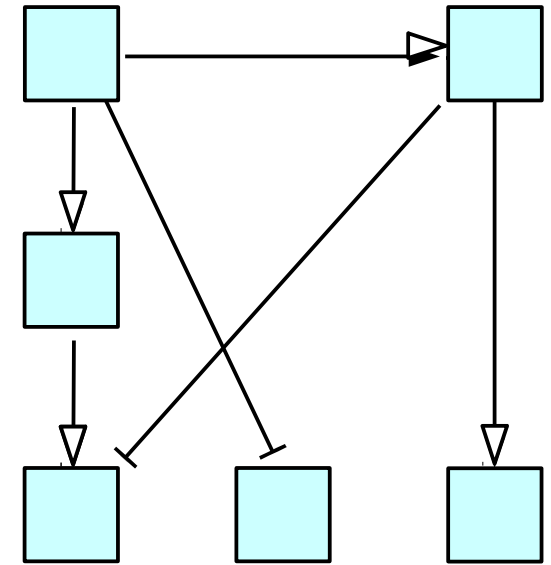
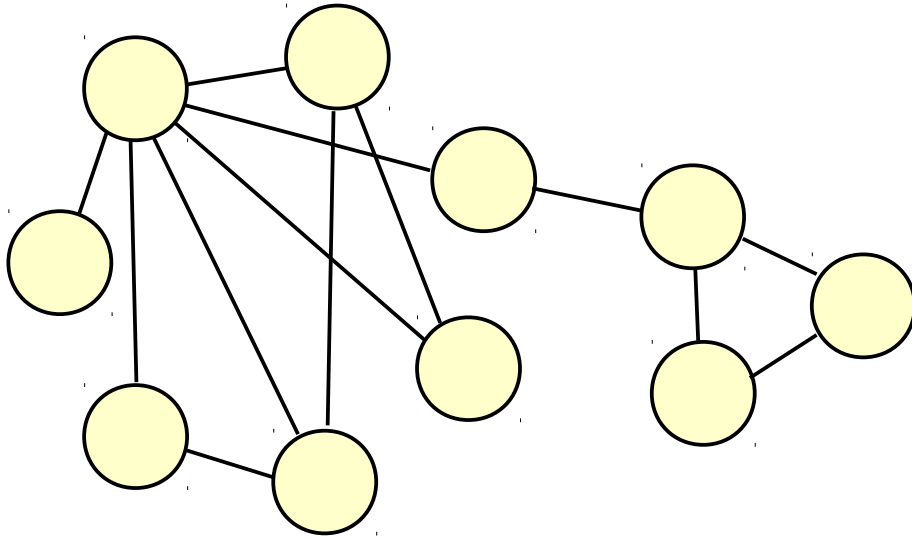
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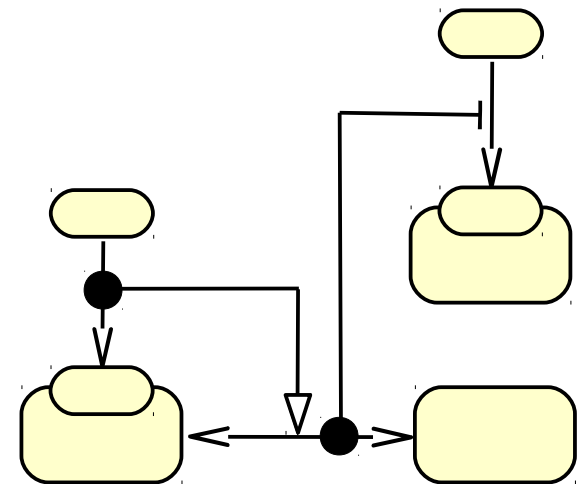
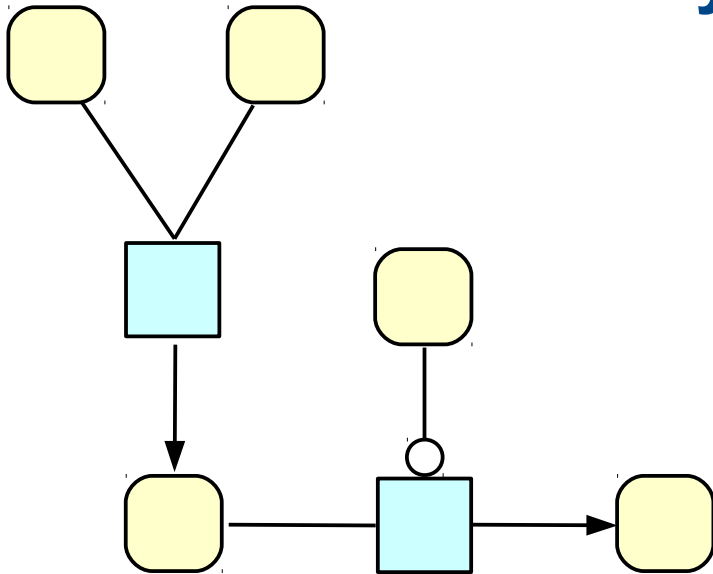
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The four views are orthogonal projections of the underlying biological phenomena



Biochemical pathways

part III Systems Biology, 25 October 2013



What is a “pathway”

Wikipedia (October 14th 2013): “In **biochemistry**, metabolic pathways are **series of chemical reactions** occurring within a cell. In each pathway, a principal chemical is **modified** by a series of chemical reactions. **Enzymes** catalyze these reactions [...]”

Different types: Signalling pathways, metabolic networks, gene regulatory networks ...

Many “pathway” databases:

Biocarta, Bio/MetaCyc, Ingenuity IPA, KEGG Pathway, Panther pathways, Reactome, STKE, Wikipathways etc.

→ Detailed representation of reality based on observation

What is a “model”

Wikipedia (October 14th 2013): “A mathematical model is a description of a **system** using **mathematical** concepts and language.”

A model is made up of **variables**, **functions** and **constraints**

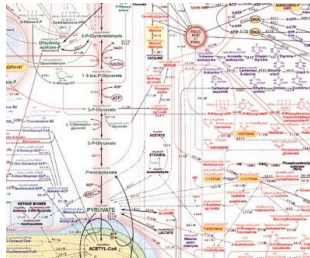
Different types: Dynamical models, logical models, rule-based models, multi-agent models, statistical models ...

Different levels of granularity for the variables and precision for the functions, based on the questions being asked and the data available

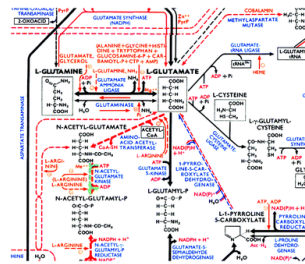
→ Abstract representation of reality based on needs

Biochemical pathways are old ... or not so much

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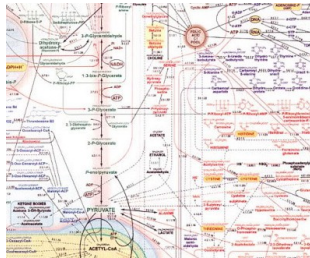


Michal (1984)

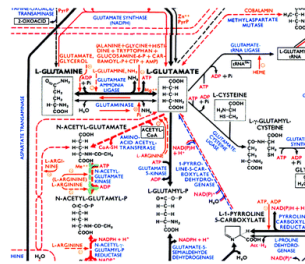


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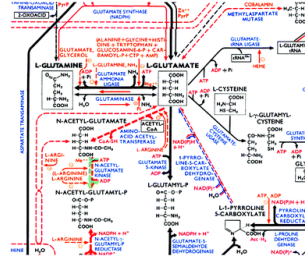
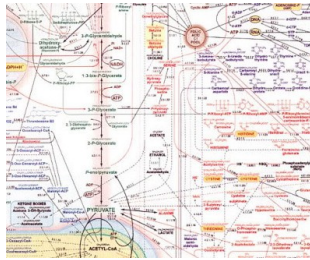


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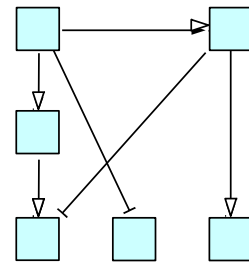
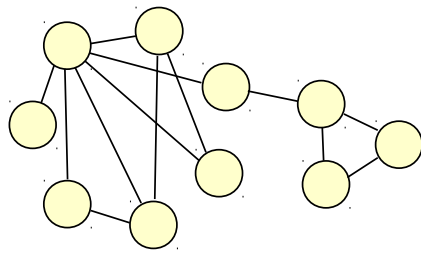
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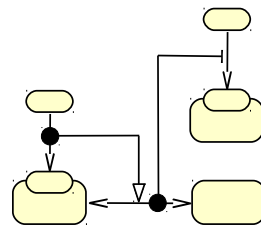
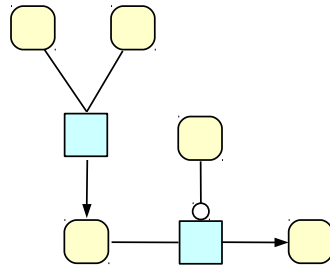
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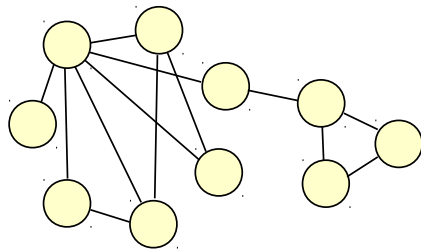
- 1990s: high-throughput data generation → Large amount of knowledge
increase in computing power → automatic reconstruction, browsing
and analysis
- Databases: KEGG (1995), EcoCyc (1994), Reactome (2000)
- Formats: BioPAX (2000), SBML (2000), PSI-MI (2002)



The four views of systems biology

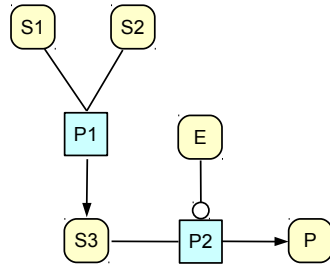


Interaction networks



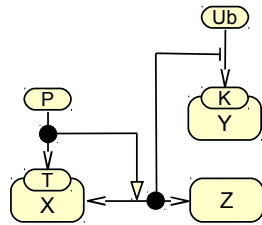
- Non-directional
- Non-sequential
- Non-mechanistic
- Statistical modelling
- Functional genomics

Process Descriptions



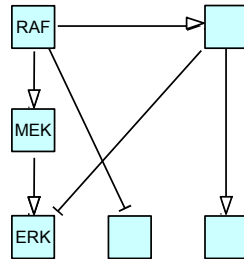
- Directional
- Sequential
- Mechanistic
- **Process modelling**
- **Biochemistry**, Metabolic networks
- Generally within “closed world”
- Subjected to combinatorial explosion

Entity Relationships

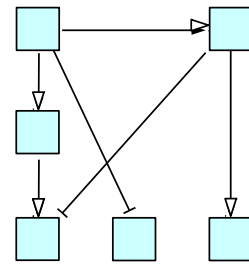
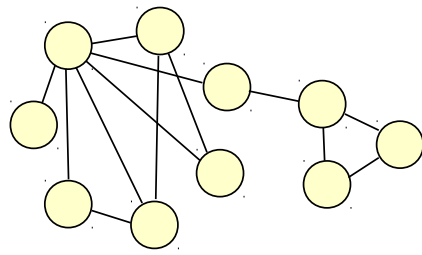


- Directional
- Non-sequential
- Mechanistic
- Rule-based modelling
- Molecular Biology
- “Open world”
- Independent rules: no explosion

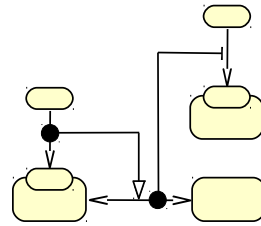
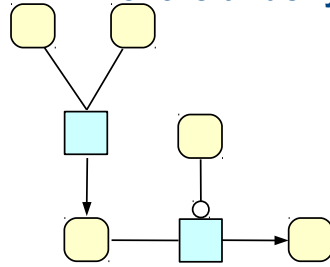
Activity-Flows (influence diagrams)

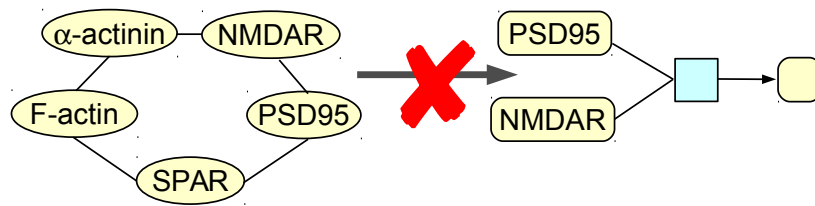


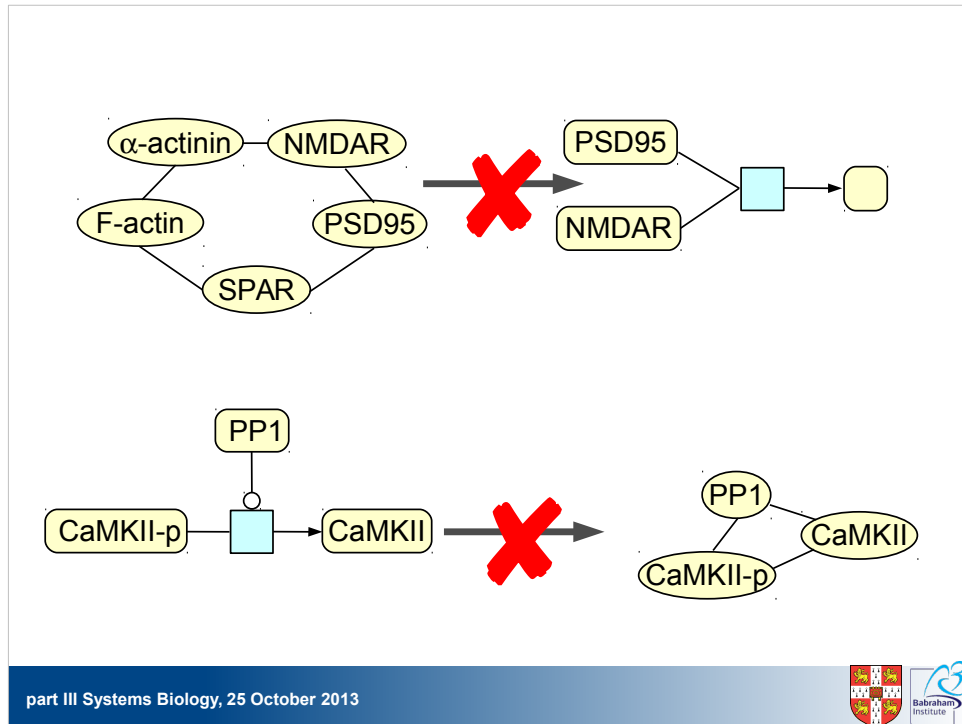
- Directional
- Sequential
- Non-mechanistic
- Logical modelling
- Signalling pathways, gene regulatory networks



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Open world

Anything not explicitly stated is unknown

Failure to observe does not imply inexistence

New pieces of knowledge do not affect prior pieces

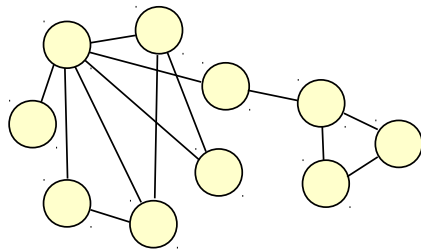
Closed world

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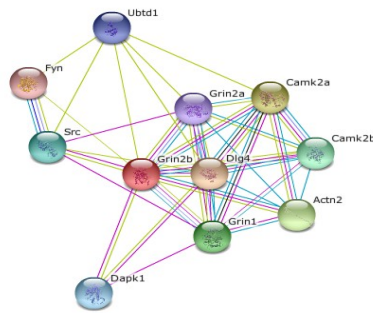
Failure to observe implies inexistence

New pieces of knowledge might change the meaning of prior pieces

Interaction networks



- Non-directional
- Non-sequential
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- Statistical modelling
- Functional genomics



This is the **evidence view**. Different line colors represent the types of evidence for the association.



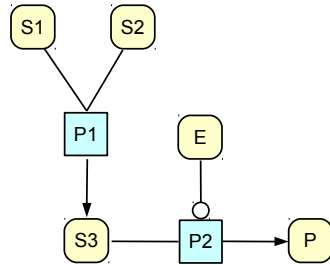
Your Input:

- Grin2b glutamate receptor, ionotropic, NMDA2B (epsilon 2) Gene; NMDA receptor subtype of glutamate-gated ion channels with high calcium permeability and voltage-dependent sensitivity to magnesium. Mediated by glycine (1482 aa) (*Mus musculus*)

Predicted Functional Partners:

Neighborhood
Gene Fusion
Cooccurrence
Coexpression
Database
Textmining
[Homology]
Score

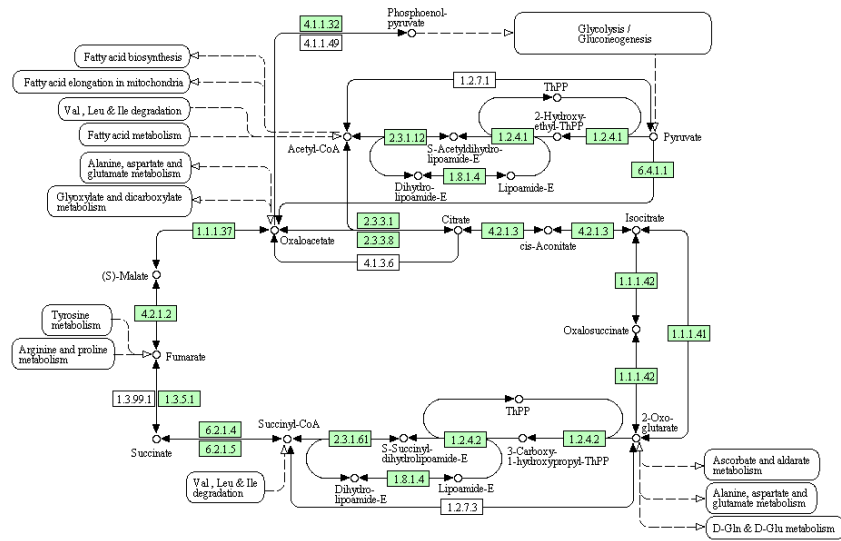
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<http://www.genome.jp/kegg/pathway.html>

CITRATE CYCLE (TCA CYCLE)



Home & Search

Analyze, Annotate & Upload

Switch Species: Homo sapiens

Pathways

Help

- Metabolism
- Metabolism of proteins
- Muscle contraction
- Neuronal System
 - Transmission across Electrical Synapses
 - Transmission across Chemical Synapses
 - Depolarization of the Presynaptic Terminal Triggers the Opening of Voltage-Gated Calcium Channels
 - Neurotransmitter Release Cycle
 - Neurotransmitter Uptake and Metabolism in Glial Cells
 - Neurotransmitter Receptor Signaling Pathways
 - Acetylcholine Binding And Downstream Events
 - Glutamate Binding: Activation of AMPA Receptors and Synaptic Plasticity
 - Unlocking of NMDA receptor, glutamate binding and post NMDA receptor activation events
 - Activation of Kainate Receptors upon glutamate binding
 - GABA receptor activation
 - Potassium Channels

Stable identifier

REACT_20583.2

Author

Mahajan, SS, 2008-10-29

Reviewed

Tuksey, D, 2008-11-17

NMDA receptors are a subtype of ionotropic glutamate receptors that are specifically activated by a glutamate agonist N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA). Activation of NMDA receptor involves opening of the ion channel that allows the influx of Ca^{2+} . NMDA receptors synaptic strength and are predominantly involved in the synaptic plasticity that pertain to learning and memory. A unique feature of NMDA receptor unlike other glutamate receptors is the requirement of dual activation of the NMDA receptor, which requires both activation. At resting membrane potential the NMDA receptors are blocked by Mg^{2+} . The voltage-dependent Mg^{2+} block is relieved upon depolarization of the post-synaptic membrane. The ligand dependent activation of the NMDA receptor requires co-activation of glycine. NMDA receptors are coincidence detector, and are activated only if there is simultaneous activation of both pre and post-synaptic cell. Upon activation NMDA receptors allow the influx of Ca^{2+} that initiates various molecular signaling cascades that lead to memory.

Organism

Homo sapiens

Cellular compartment

extracellular region

plasma membrane

cytoplasm

nucleoplasm

References

Cohen, S, Greenberg, ME Communication between the synapse and the nucleus in neuronal development, plasticity, and disease 2008 Annu Rev Cell Dev Biol 24:1-26

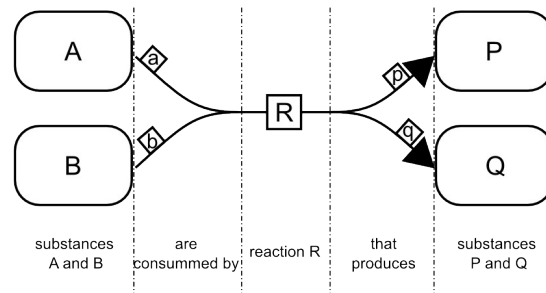
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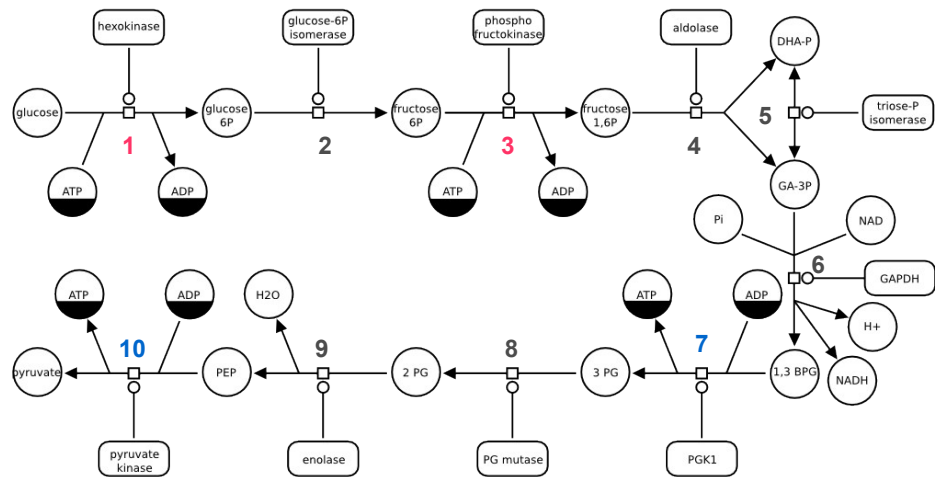
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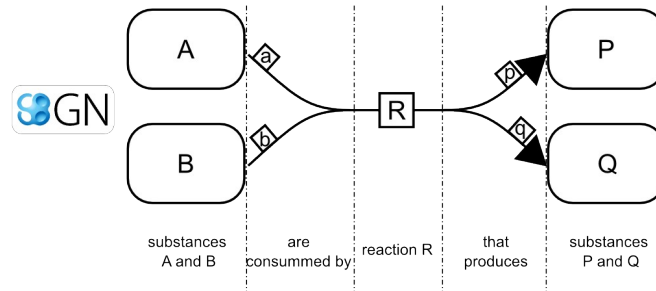
A biochemical reaction is a process





ATP is consumed by processes 1 and 3, and produced by processes 7 and 10

A biochemical reaction is a process



The Systems Biology Graphical Notation



<http://sbgn.org/>



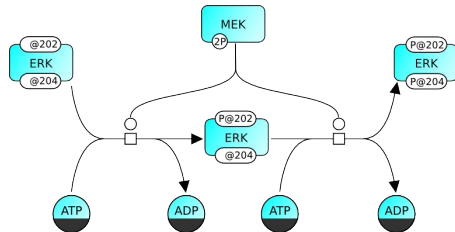
Unambiguous consensual visual notation

- An unambiguous way of graphically describing and interpreting biochemical and cellular events
- Limited amount of symbols
Re-use existing symbols
- Can represent logical or mechanistic models, biochemical pathways, at different levels of granularity
- Detailed technical specification, precise data-models, standard API and growing software support
- Developed over four years by a diverse community, including biologists, modellers, computer scientists etc.

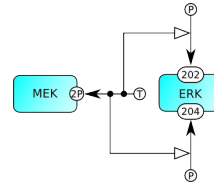
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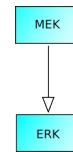
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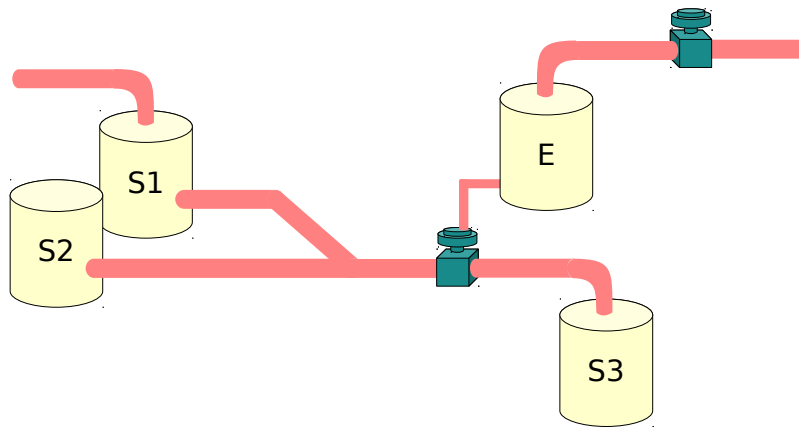
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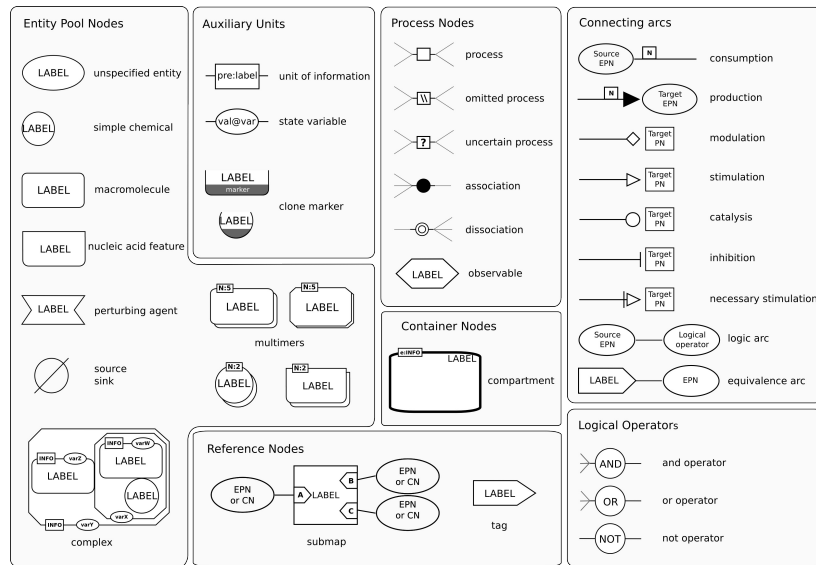
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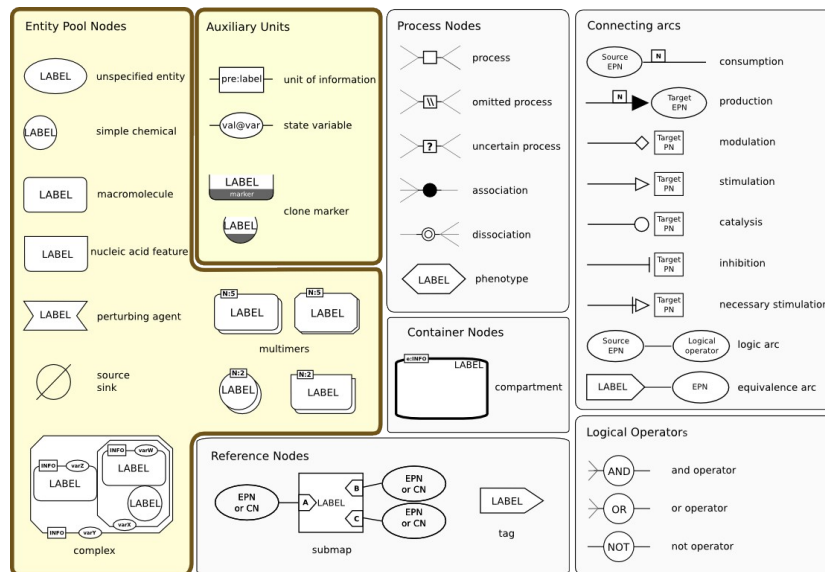
Process Descriptions can be viewed as pipelines



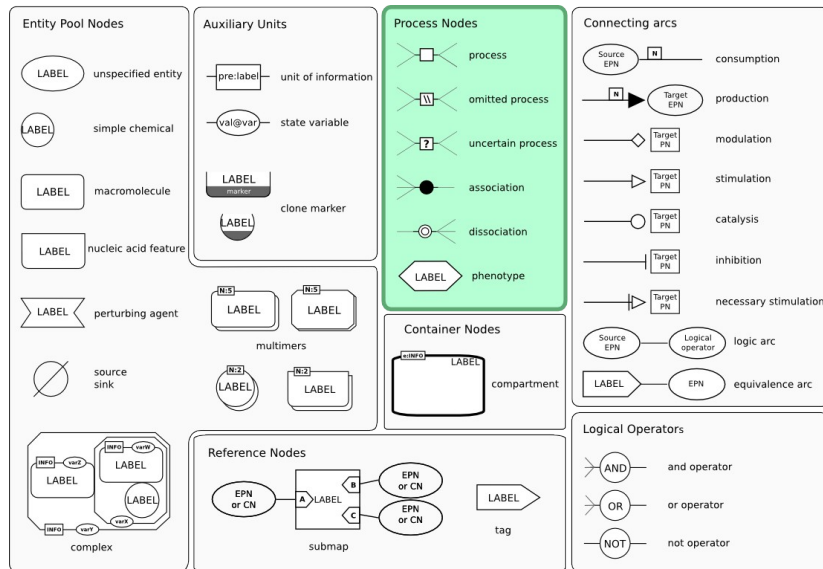
SBGN Process Diagram L1 reference card



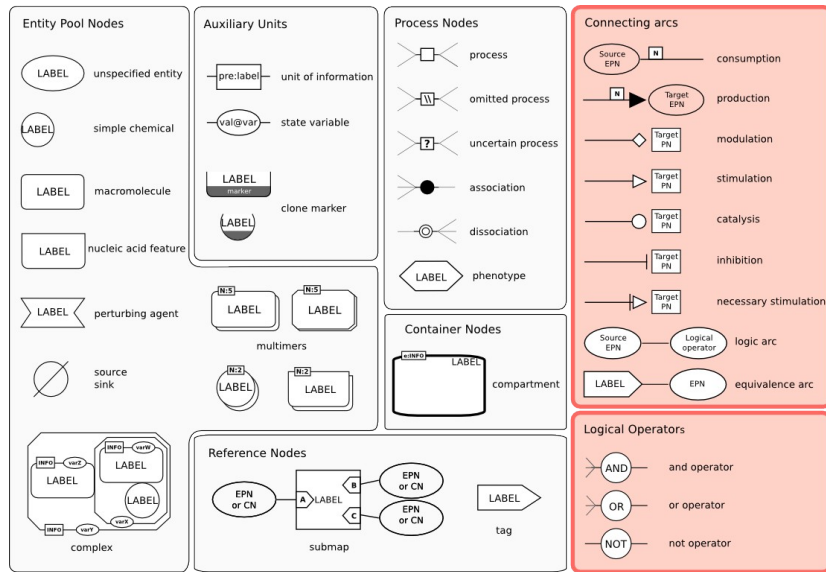
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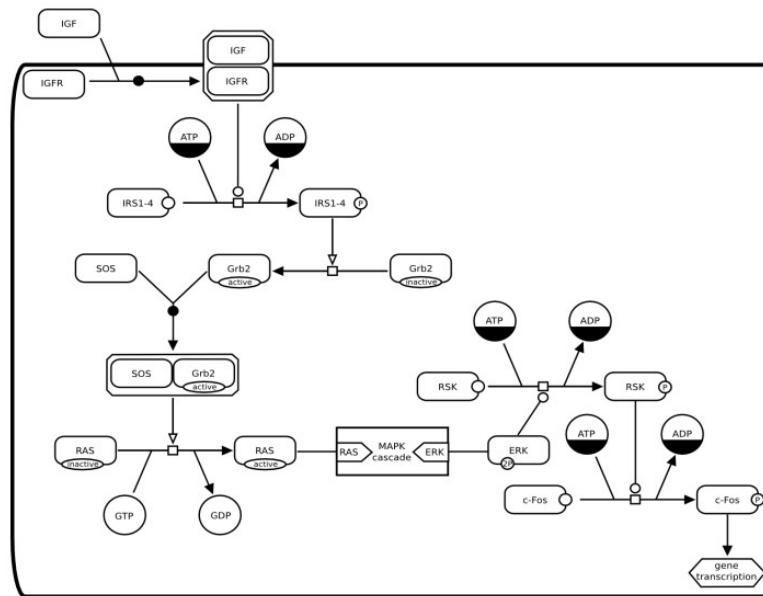
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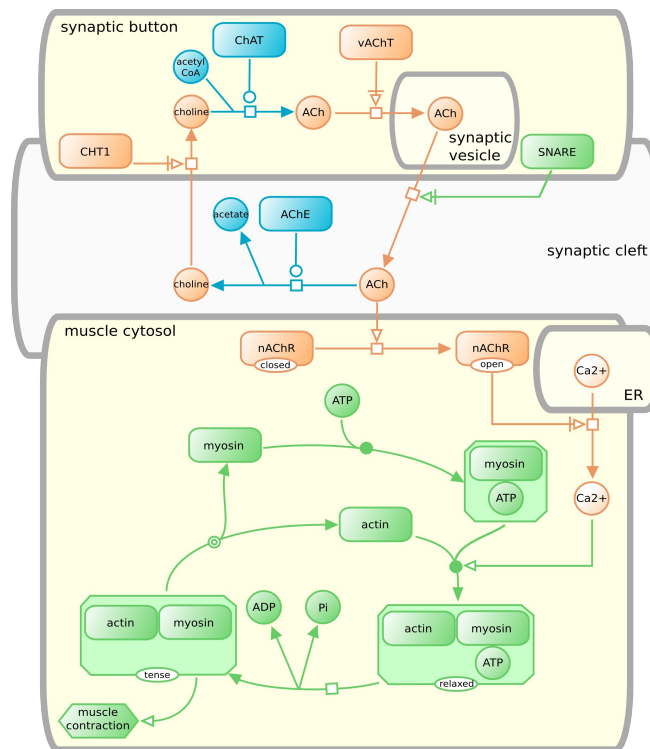
Connecting arcs



Signalling

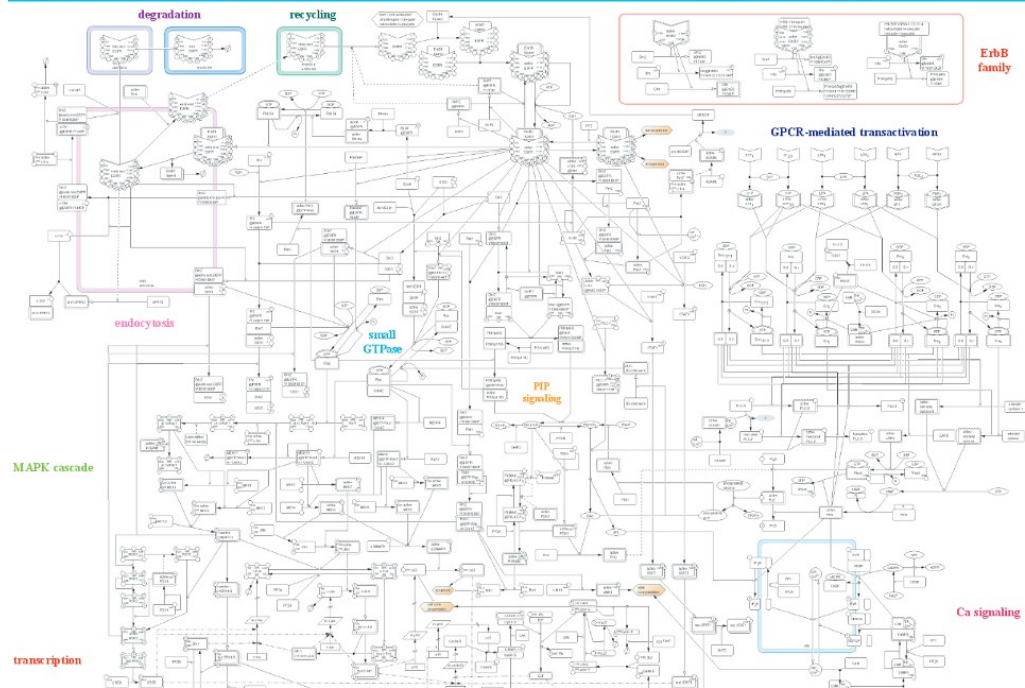


Multicellular



Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Pathway Map

Reece Gabe et al., The KEGG Pathway Map, KEGG Pathway Map



Oda K, Cumiskey M, Matsuoka Y, Funahashi A, Kitano H. *Mol Syst Biol*. 2005;1:2005.0010.

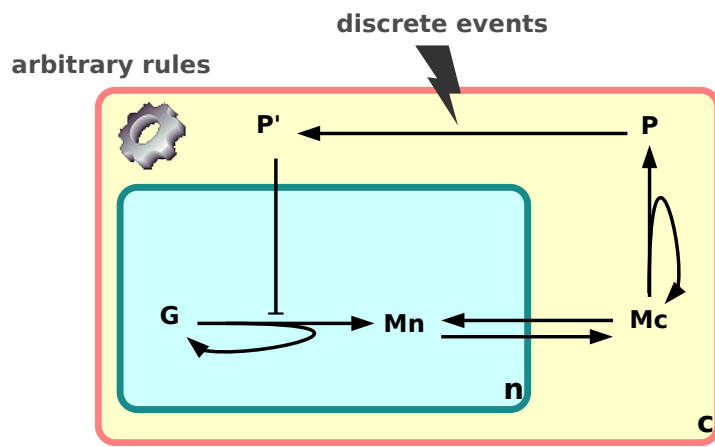
SM The Systems Biology Knowledge Base (www.systemsbio.org)

bioactivity CellDesigner v2.5.1 (© 2003-2005) KEGG Pathway Map

The Systems Biology Markup Language



<http://sbml.org/>





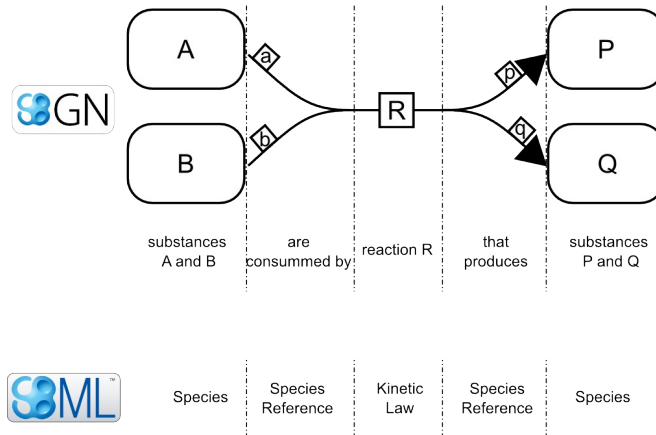
Systems Biology Markup Language

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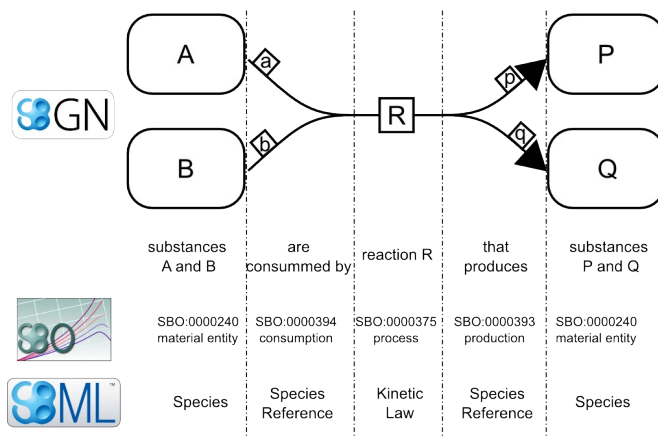
variables

relationships

A biochemical reaction is a process



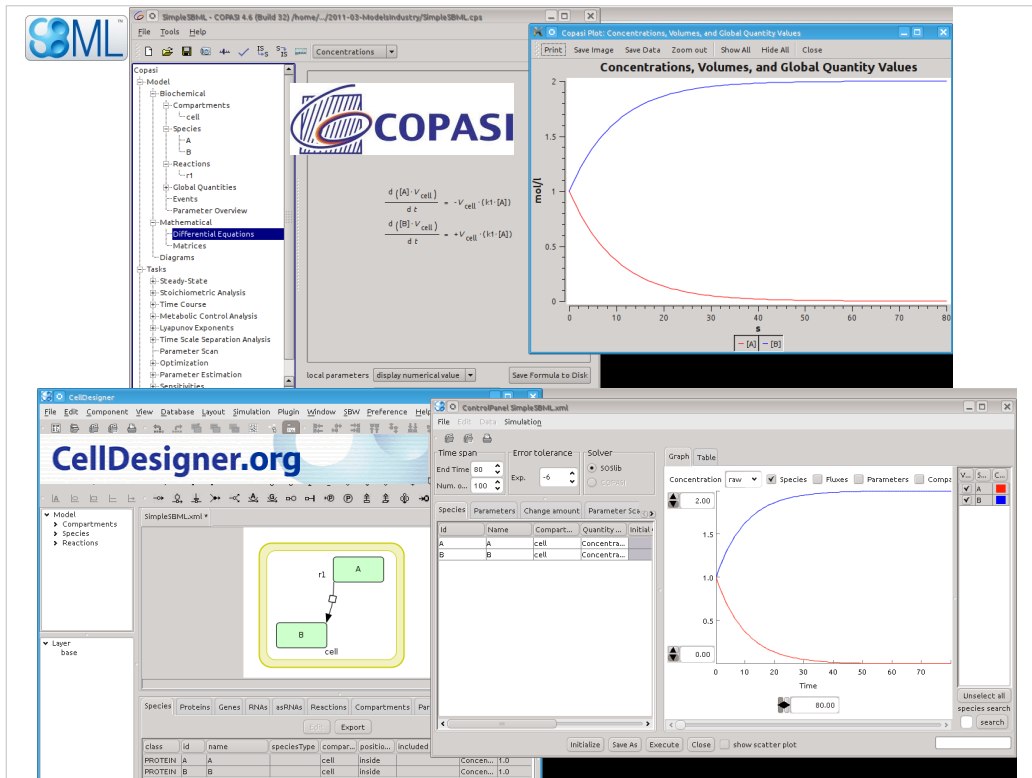
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A very simple
SBML file (A → B)





- Core package – public specification
- Flux balance constraint – public specification
- Model composition – public specification
- Qualitative models – public specification
- Graph Layout – public specification
- Graph rendering – specification finalised
- Complex species – specification finalised
- Groups - specification finalised
- Distributions and ranges - specification under discussion
- Spatial diffusion – specification under discussion
- Enhanced metadata – specification under discussion
- Arrays and sets – specification proposed
- Dynamic structures - discussed

**SBML Level 3
is modular**



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SBML News

SBML Layout spec. released

(14 Aug.'13) The SBML Level 3 Layout V.1 specification has been finalized and released.

COMBINE 2013

(28 Jul.'13) Registration and a preliminary agenda for the September event are now available.

SBML Test Runner 3.0

(6 Jun.'13) A new version of the standalone Test Runner for the SBML Test Suite is now available.

[Older news ...](#)

Community News

SBML2GPML

(12 Sep.'13) This new PathVisio plugin allows SBML models to be imported.

CellNOpt 1.7.7

(12 Aug.'13) This logic-based modeling software system now supports SBML Level 3 Qualitative Models.

iNA 0.4.2 released

(11 Jun.'13) The new release offers a new plot editor and supports multi-core computations on MacOS.

[Older news ...](#)

SBML supporting tools

- **LibSBML**: free, open-source programming library to help you read, write, manipulate, translate, and validate SBML files. Written in C++, with bindings for: c#, Python, Java, Perl, Ruby, MatLab, Octave,
- **JSBML**: free, open-source, pure Java library for reading, writing, and manipulating SBML files (validation done via libSBML)
- **SBML converters**: Converter from and to SBML, including Octave, XPP, BioPAX, dot, SVG, MDL
- **Software guide**: 254 software, including modelling and simulation environment, databases, model processing

SBML Software Guide

The following pages describe SBML-compatible software packages known to us. We offer different ways of viewing the information, all drawn from the same underlying data collected from the systems' developers via our **software survey**. The *Matrix* provides a table listing all known software and a variety of their features; the *Summary* provides general descriptions of most of the software; and the *Showcase* provides a sequential slideshow of a subset of the software.

Number of software packages listed in the matrix today: **254**.

Go to the SBML
Software Matrix



Go to the SBML
Software Summary



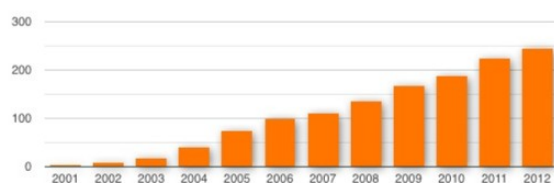
Go to the SBML
Software Showcase



Please **use the survey form** to notify us about additions and suggestions.

Historical trend

The following graph shows the total number of known SBML-compatible software packages each year, as counted by the SBML Team. The counts shown are for approximately the middle of each year.

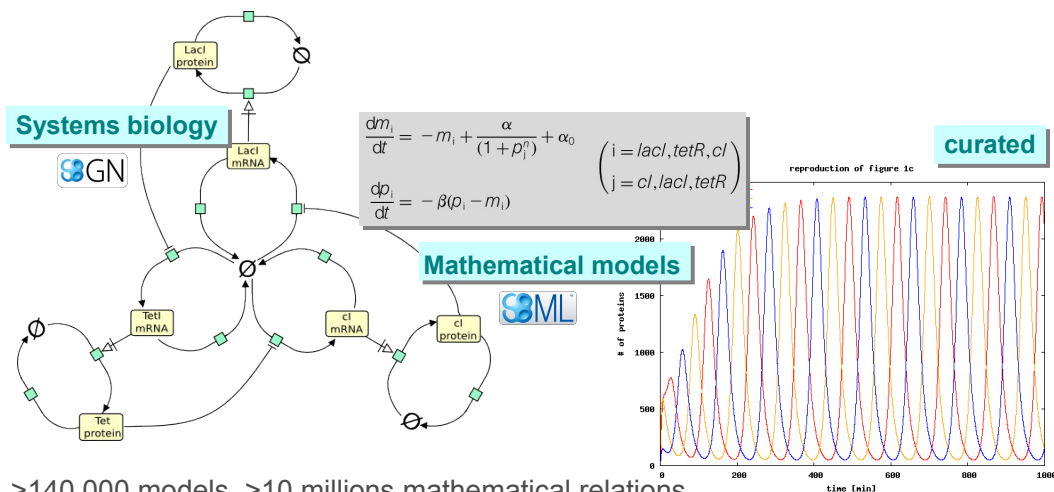


(Note: the flat period in 2007 is an artifact of inadequate record keeping rather than a lull in SBML software development.)

SBML conformance testing

The **SBML Test Suite** provides an operational means of testing SBML support in software simulation and analysis systems. Software authors can choose to make the test results for their software public in the **SBML Test Suite Database**, where you can

BioModels Database – <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels>



>140 000 models, >10 millions mathematical relations

Deposition advised by >300 journals, database > 600 citations

1.5 million page requests per year

Submission in SBML and CellML; Export in SBML, CellML, XPP, SciLab, BioPAX, Octave, PDF, VCML, SBGN



BioModels Database

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BioModels Database serves as a reliable repository of computational models of biological processes. It hosts models described in peer-reviewed scientific literature and models generated automatically from pathway resources (Path2Models). A large number of models collected from literature are manually curated and semantically enriched with cross-references from external data resources. The resource allows scientific community to store, search and retrieve mathematical models of their interest. In addition, features such as generation of sub-models, online simulation, conversion of models into different representational formats, and [programmatic access](#) via web services, are provided.

All models are provided under the terms of the [Creative Commons CC0 Public Domain Dedication](#), cf. our [terms of use](#). This means that the models are available freely for use, modification and distribution, to all users. More information about BioModels Database can be found in the [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQ).

Models published in the literature

- [Browse curated models](#)
- [Browse curated models](#)
- [Browse curated models using Taxonomy](#)
- [Browse non-curated models](#)

Path2Models

Submit a model

Links

- [Main instance at EMBL-EBI, UK](#)
- [Mirror at Caltech, USA](#)
- [Project on SourceForge](#)
- [Web Services](#)
- [Download archived models](#)

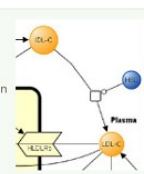
Browse the models in the curated branch. These models have been thoroughly curated, and model elements have been annotated with terms from controlled vocabularies as well as links to relevant data resources.

Model of the month

October, 2013

Why LDL-C rises with age? The model presented here demonstrates that mechanistic changes to cholesterol absorption and LDL-C removal from the plasma with age, can result in a significant rise in LDL-C.

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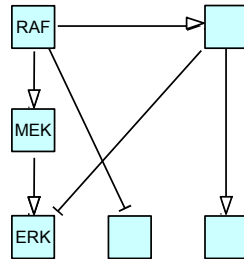
8 October 2013 SPARQL endpoint available

The EBI launched a RDF platform. This provides access to various bioinformatics resources (including BioModels Database) using Semantic Web technologies (SPARQL endpoints and RDF dumps are available). [Read more about this news.](#)

18 June 2013 25th release

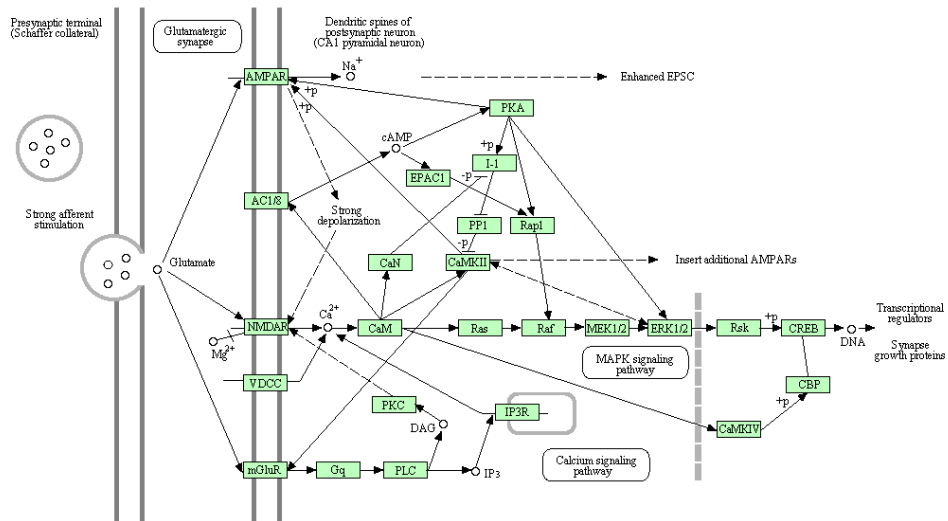
We are pleased to announce the [twenty-fifth release of BioModels Database](#)! The resource now publicly provides 143013 models. Numerous new models have been made available, several have been updated and various new features have been added.

Activity-Flows (influence diagrams)



- Directional
- Sequential
- Non-mechanistic
- Logical modelling
- Signalling pathways, gene regulatory networks

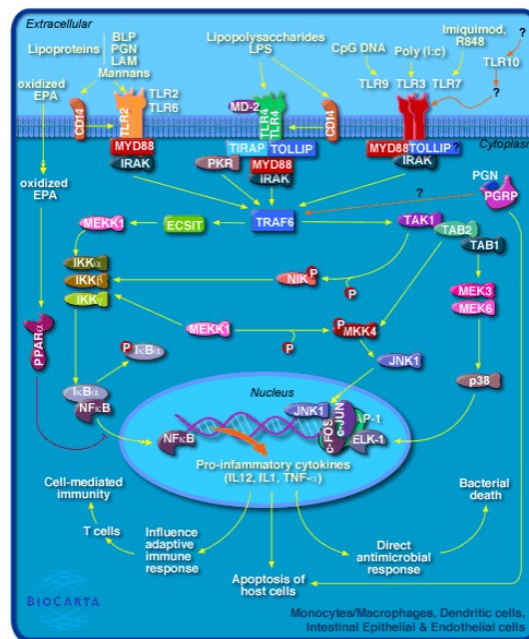
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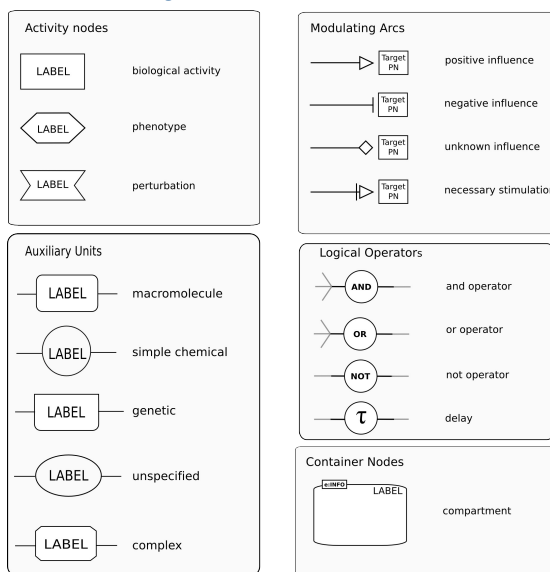


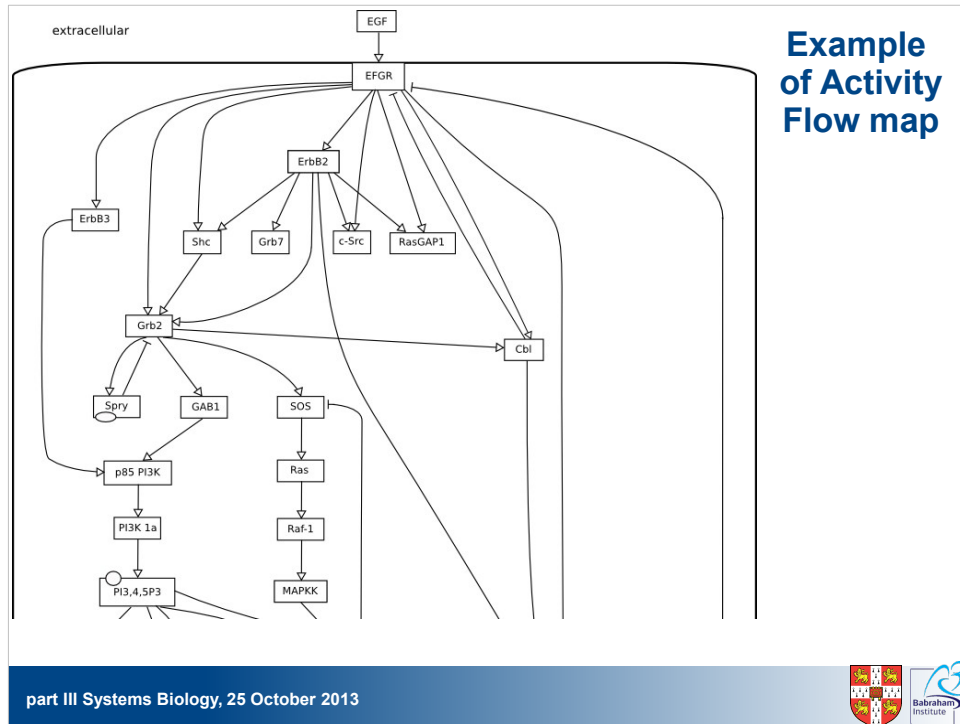
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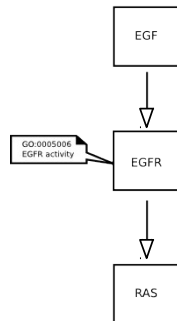


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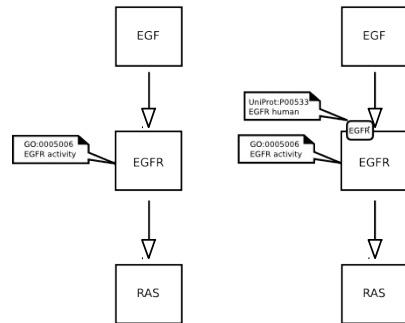




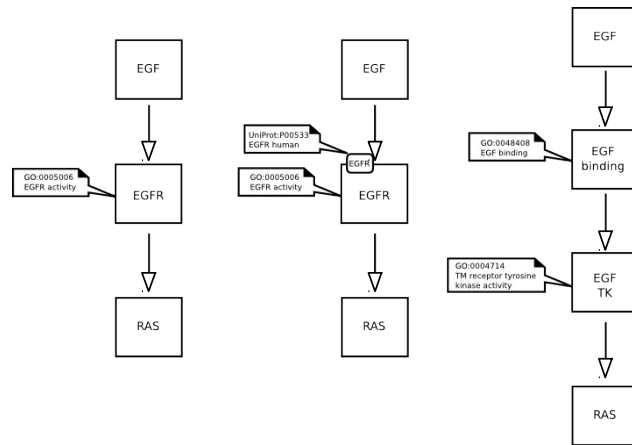
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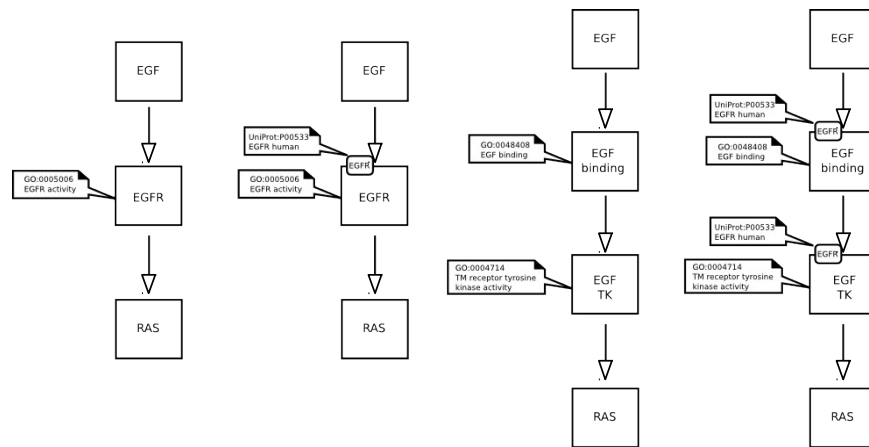
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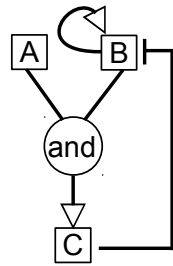


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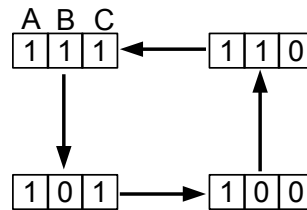


Logical models

- Variables can take a discrete number of values, at least 2
- Transitions of output are expressed as logical combinations of input values
- Simulations can be:
 - synchronous: all the nodes are updated at once
 - asynchronous: nodes are updated one after the other
- One can add delays, inputs etc.



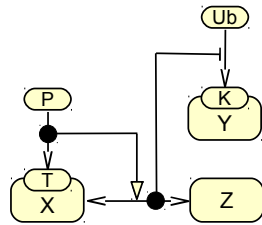
Influence diagram



state diagram

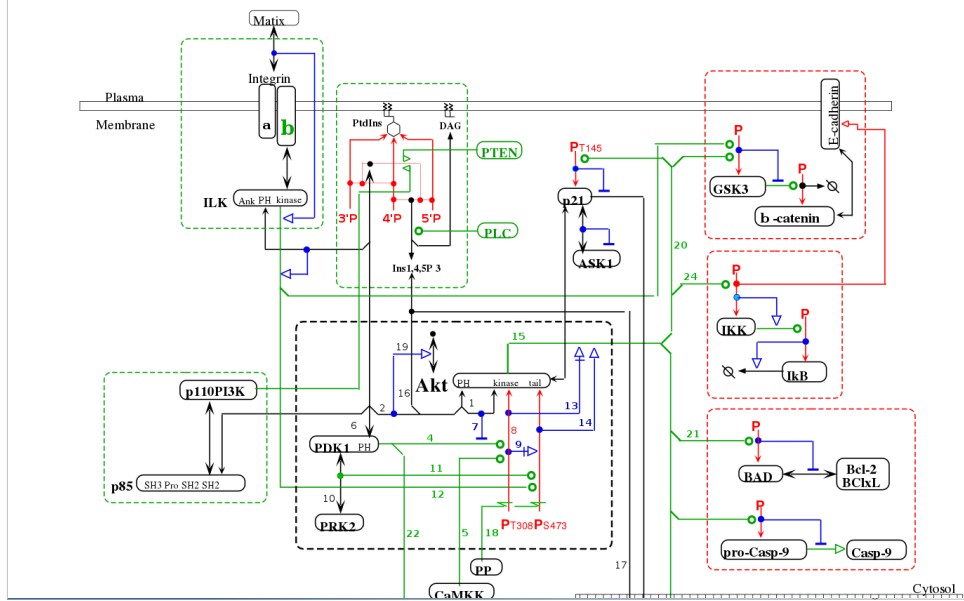


Entity Relationships



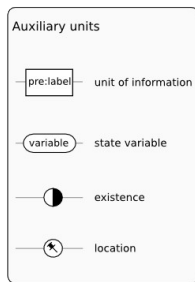
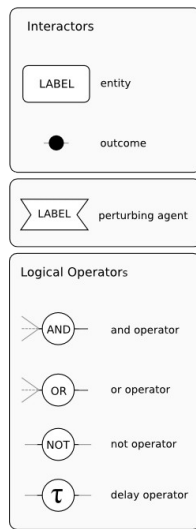
- Directional
- Non-sequential
- Mechanistic
- Rule-based modelling
- Molecular Biology
- “Open world”
- Independent rules: no explosion

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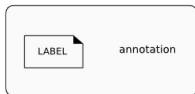


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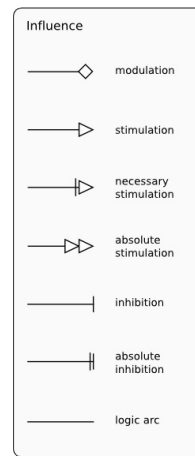
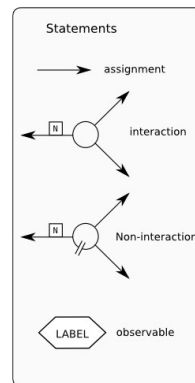
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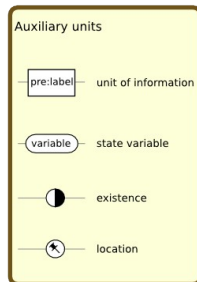
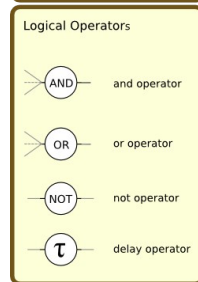
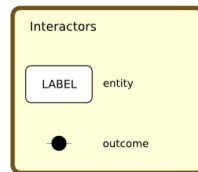


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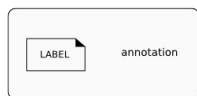


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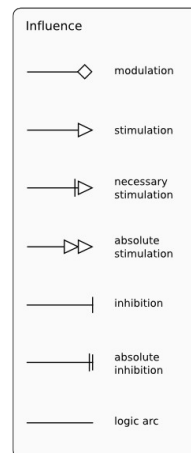
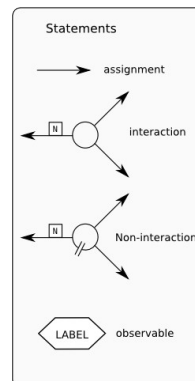
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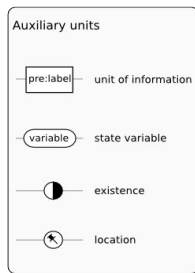
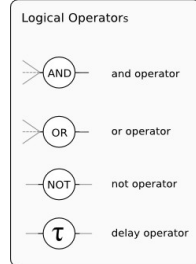
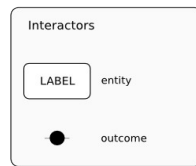
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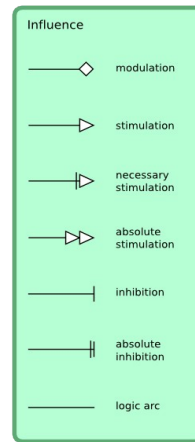
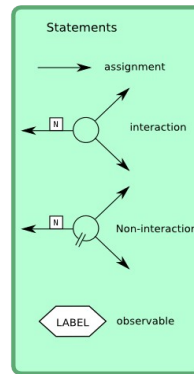
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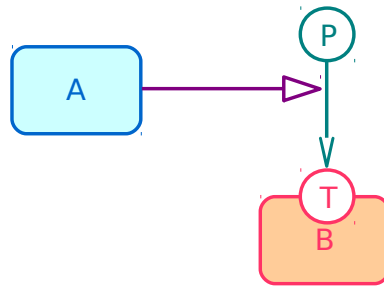


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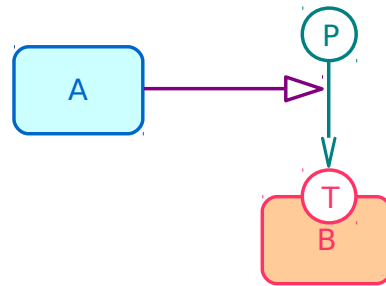


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Entity Relationships can be viewed as rules

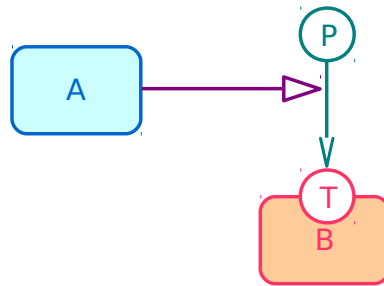


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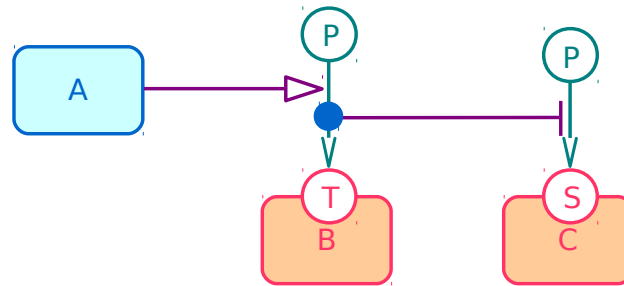
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(**A stimulates** the phosphorylation of **B** on the threonine)

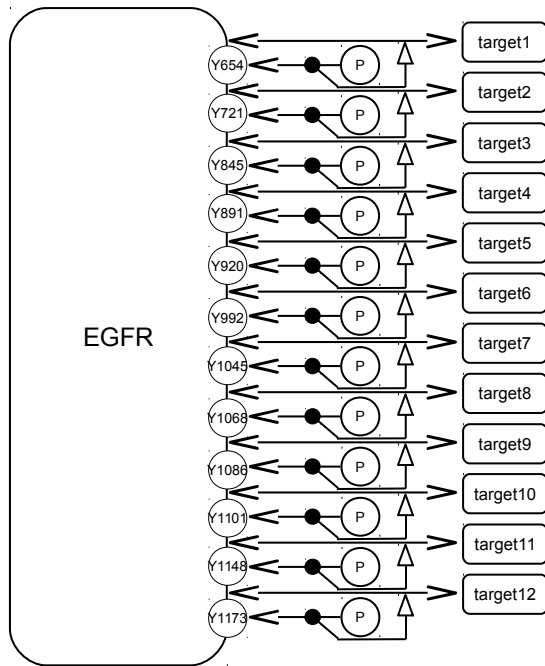
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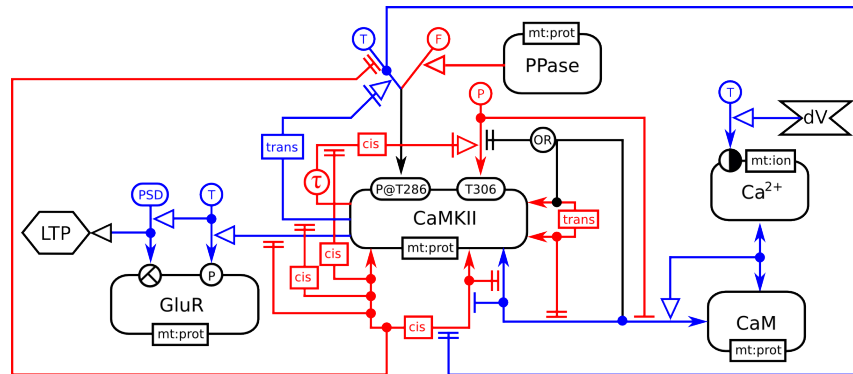
Multistate and combinatorial explosion



Process Descriptions:
 "once a state variable value,
 always a state variable value"

$2^{12} = 4096$ states
 (i.e. EPN glyphs) for EGFR
 and 4096 complexes between
 EGFR and targets

Regulation of synaptic plasticity by calcium



Rule-based modelling

- **Kappa** <http://www.kappalanguage.org/>

English: "Unphosphorylated Site1 of A binds to Site1 of B"

Kappa: $A(\text{Site1} \sim u), B(\text{Site1}) \rightarrow A(\text{Site1} \sim u!1), B(\text{Site1}!1)$

- **BioNetGen** <http://bionetgen.org/>

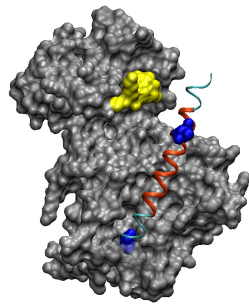
English: "unbound EGF receptor site binds to unbound receptor ligand site"

EGF(R) + EGFR(L) $\leftrightarrow$ EGF(R!1).EGFR(L!1) kp1, km1



Multi

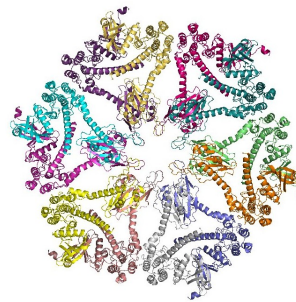
Multi-state nature of CaMKII and rule-based modelling



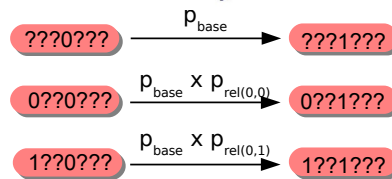
5 binary state variables

Open/Closed
T286 P/nonP
T306 P/nonP
CaM on low affinity
CaM on high affinity

2^{60} states = 1 billions of billions



12 monomers

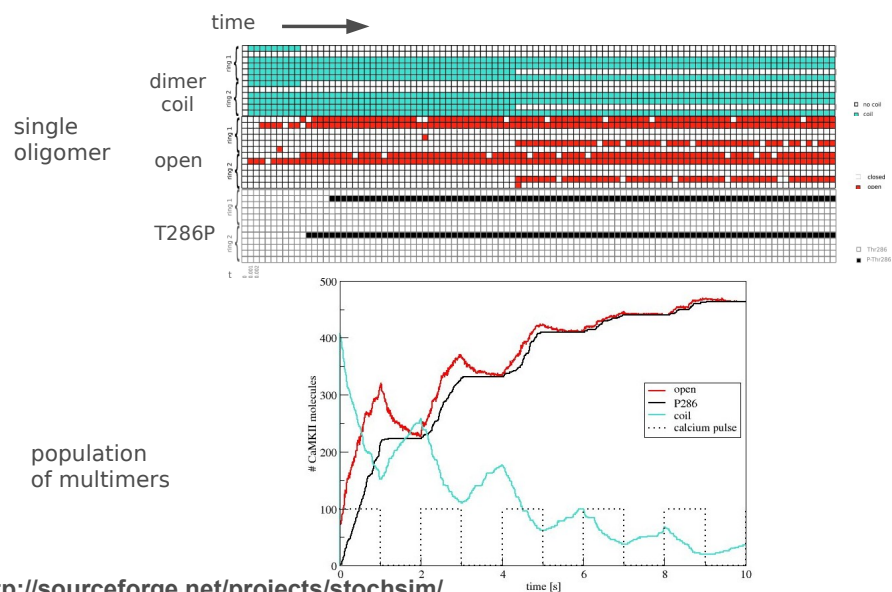


Flags '?' do not affect the reaction

4 species are necessary and not 128

2 reactions are necessary and not 64

Simulation with StochSim



<http://sourceforge.net/projects/stochsim/>

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Biological Pathway Exchange format



<http://biopax.org/>

BioPAX is a data format and an ontology

- **RDF/OWL**-based language to represent biological pathways at the molecular and cellular level
- Covers molecular and genetic interactions, metabolic network, signalling pathways, gene regulatory networks
- **Interactions**: Control (Catalysis, Modulation, TemplateReactionRegulation), Conversion (BiochemicalReaction, ComplexAssembly, Degradation, Transport, TransportWithBiochemicalReaction), GeneticInteraction, MolecularInteraction, TemplateReaction
- **Physical entities**: Complex, DNA, DNARegion, Protein, RNA, RNARegion, SmallMolecule
- **Utility classes**: BioSource, ChemicalStructure, ControlledVocabulary, DeltaG, EntityFeature, EntityReference, Evidence, ExperimentalForm, kPrime, PathwayStep, Provenance, Score, SequenceLocation, Stoichiometry, Xref

Resource Description Framework - RDF

- Language of the semantic web
- Semantic entirely embedded in the language (does not require external schemas and specifications)
- Series of statements

Subject

Predicate

Object

EGFR

located_in

plasma membrane

P00533

OBO_REL:0000008

GO:0005886

(UniProt)

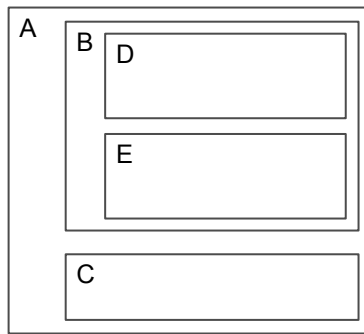
(OBO Relation ontology)

(Gene Ontology)

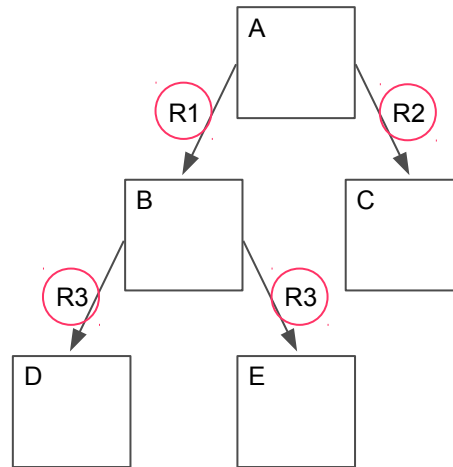
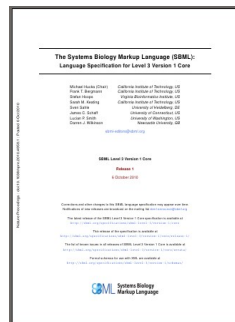
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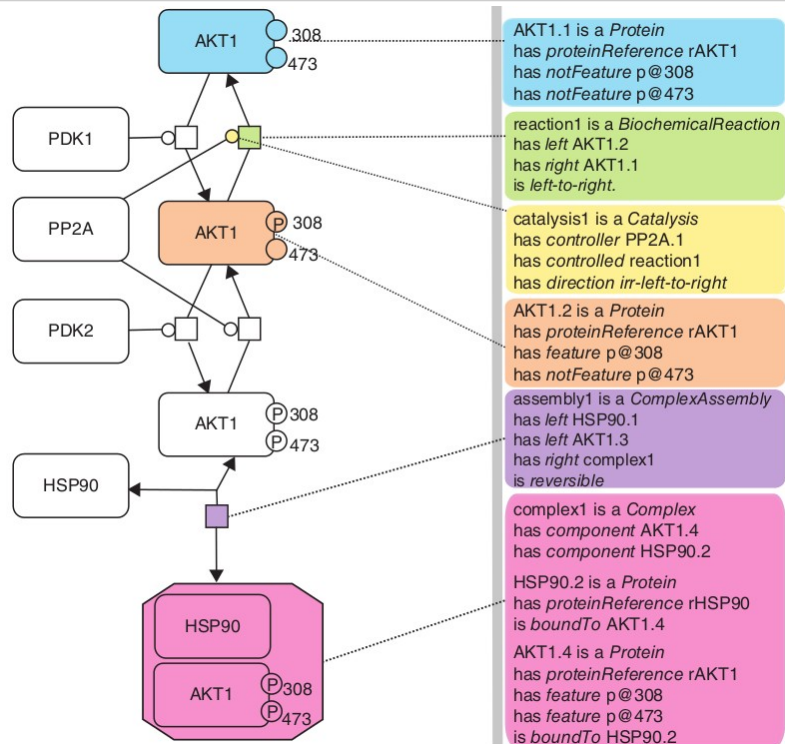
Relationships
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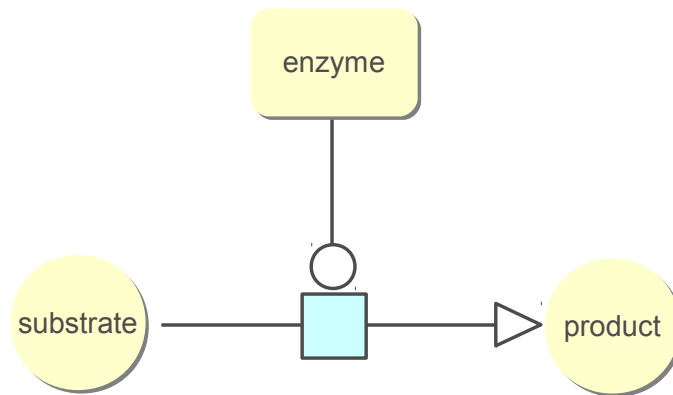
Relationships
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Web Ontology Language - OWL

- BioPAX contains **classes**, **relations** and **properties**, **constraints**, **objects**, **values**.
- **Classes** are arranged in a specialisation hierarchy. E.g. a “protein” is a “physical entity”
- Classes may have **properties** of specific types. The types are linked to other classes by relations. E.g. “reaction X” has *participant* “protein P”. An attribute is a property that has a simple type.
- **Constraints** define allowable values and connexions. E.g. “MOLECULAR_WT” must be a positive real number
- **Objects** are instances of classes.



A catalysis in BioPAX



A catalysis in BioPAX (L2)

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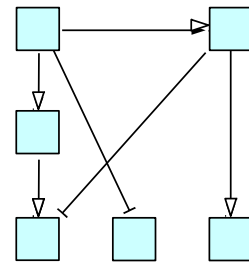
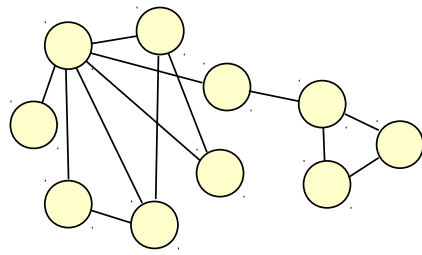
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A catalysis in BioPAX (L2)

<!-- physicalInteractions -->

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The four views are orthogonal projections
of the underlying biological phenomena

