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

≠ Model, an abstract representation of reality based on needs

Biochemical pathways are old …

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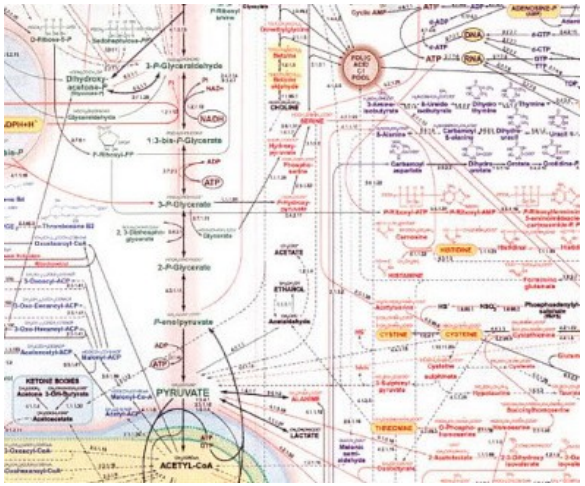
- Nicholson (1970)



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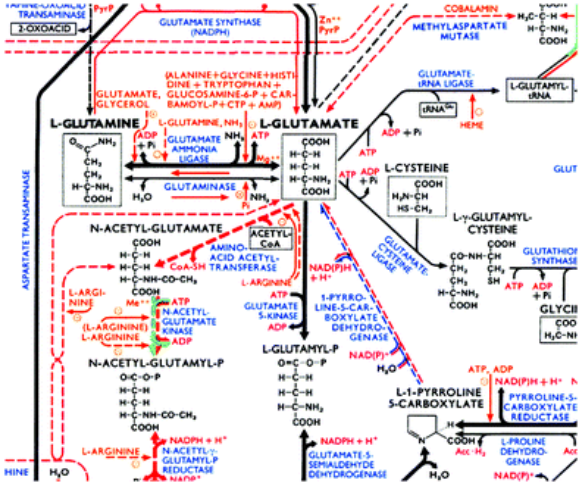

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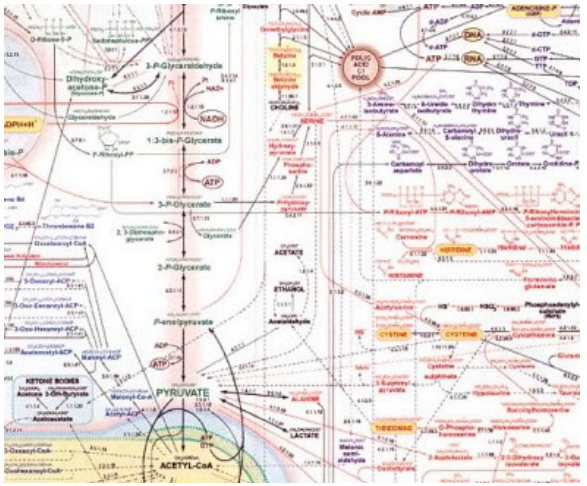

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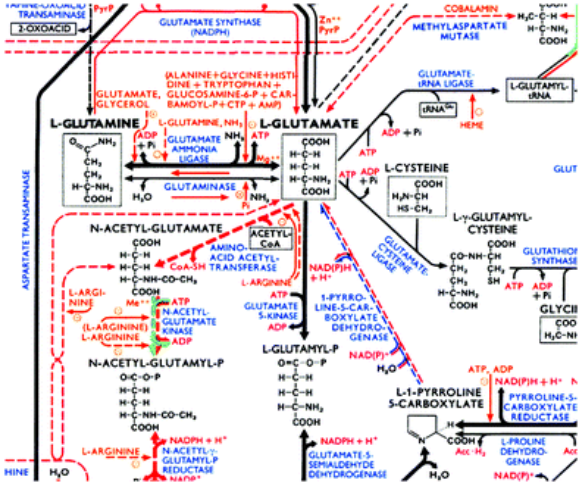

"Hand drawing" on paper

⟶ no software-based browsing, processing and analysis

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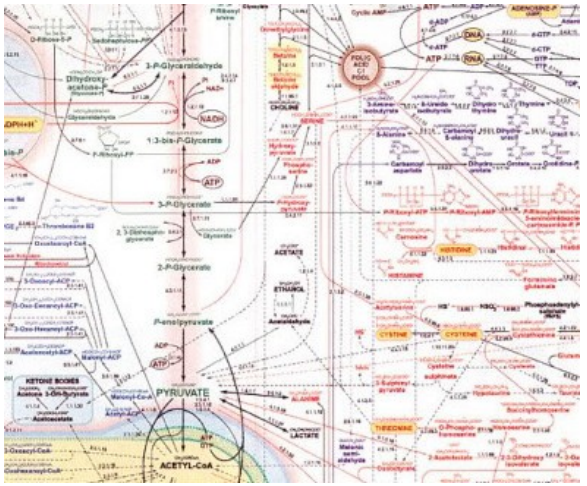

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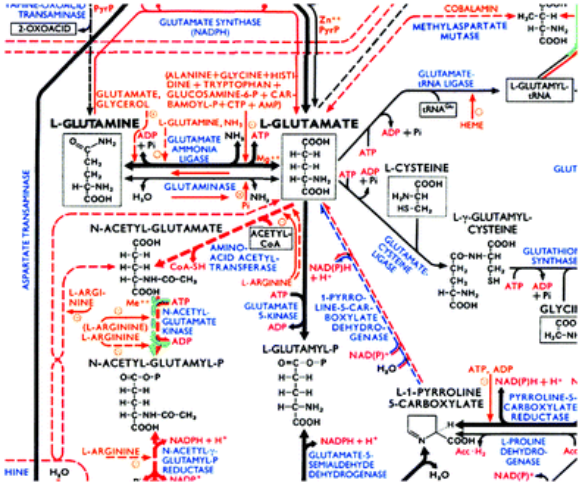
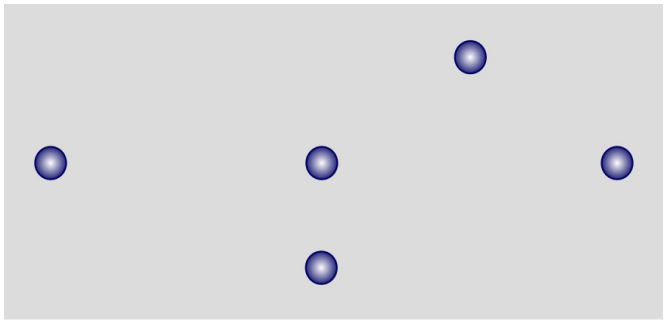
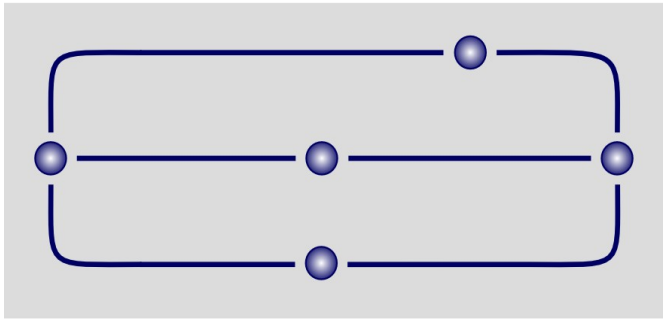


- 1990s: high-throughput data generation → Large amount of knowledge
  increase in computing power → automatic reconstruction, browsing and analysis
- Databases: KEGG (1995), EcoCyc (1994), Reactome (2000)
- Formats: BioPAX (2000), SBML (2000), PSI-MI (2002)

Layered approach for designing pathways



List of participants



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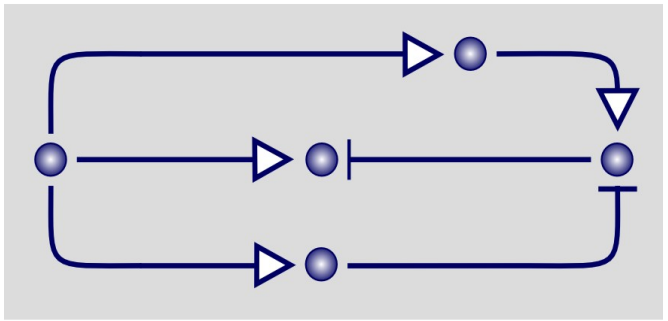
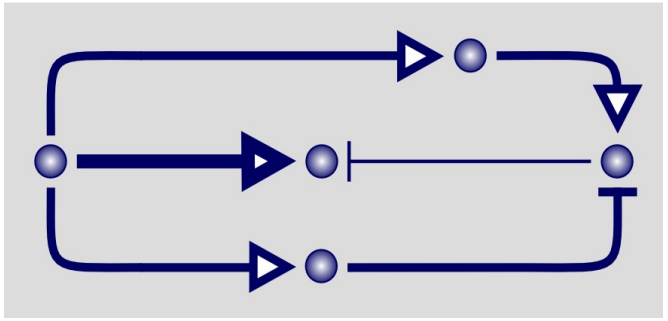


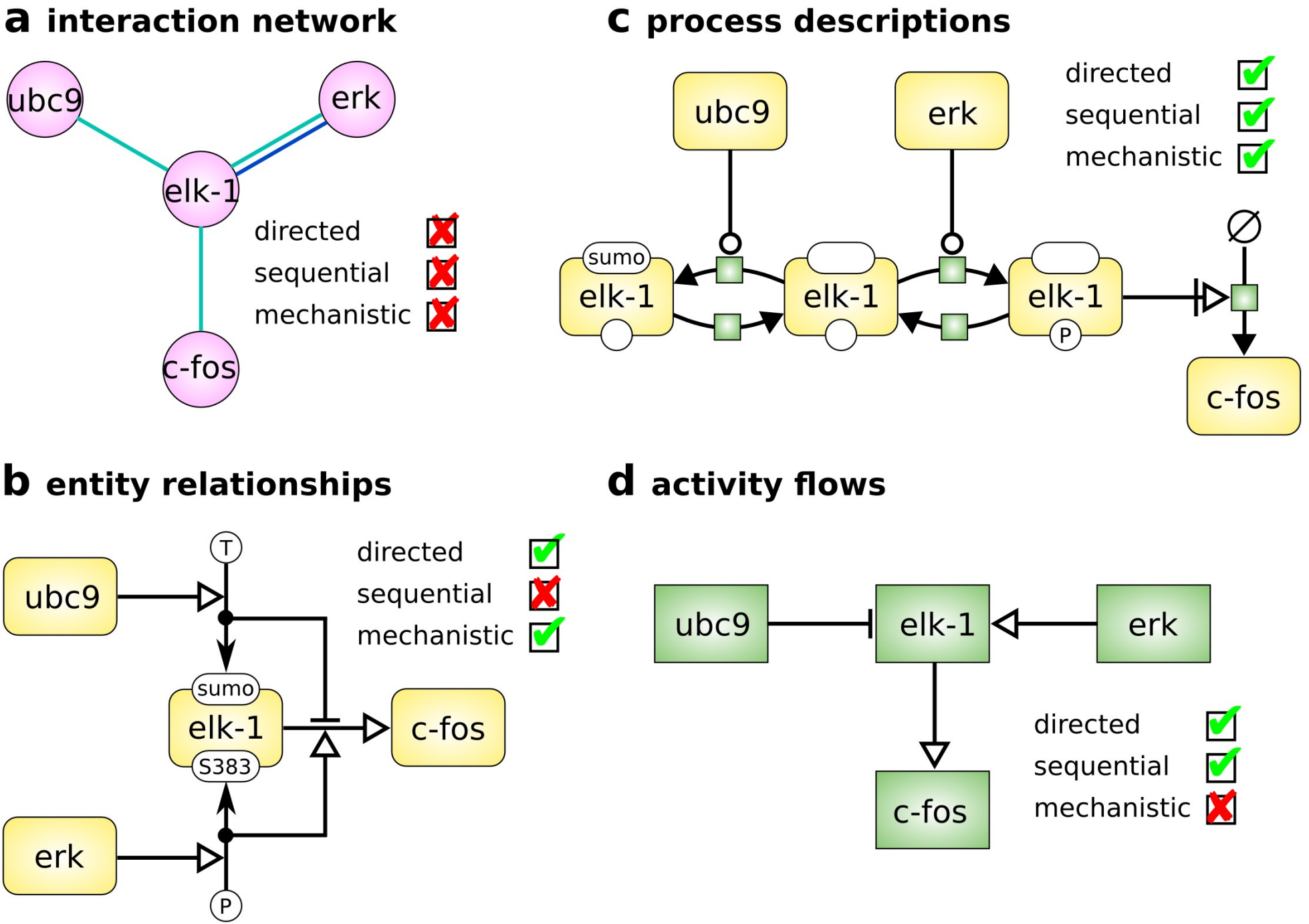
Influences of participants onto others

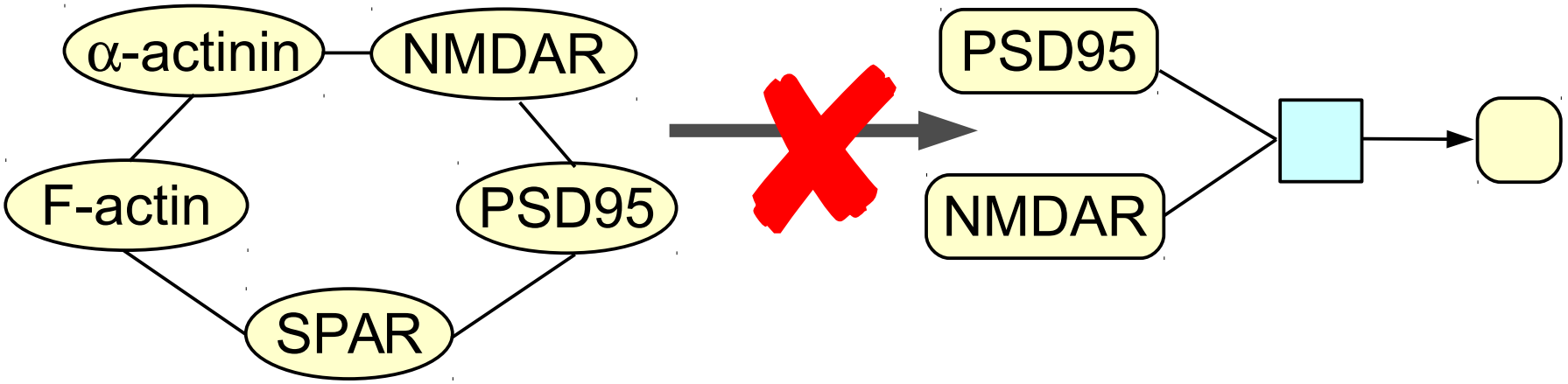


Quantitative relationships

Useful insights at each level

The four views of systems biology

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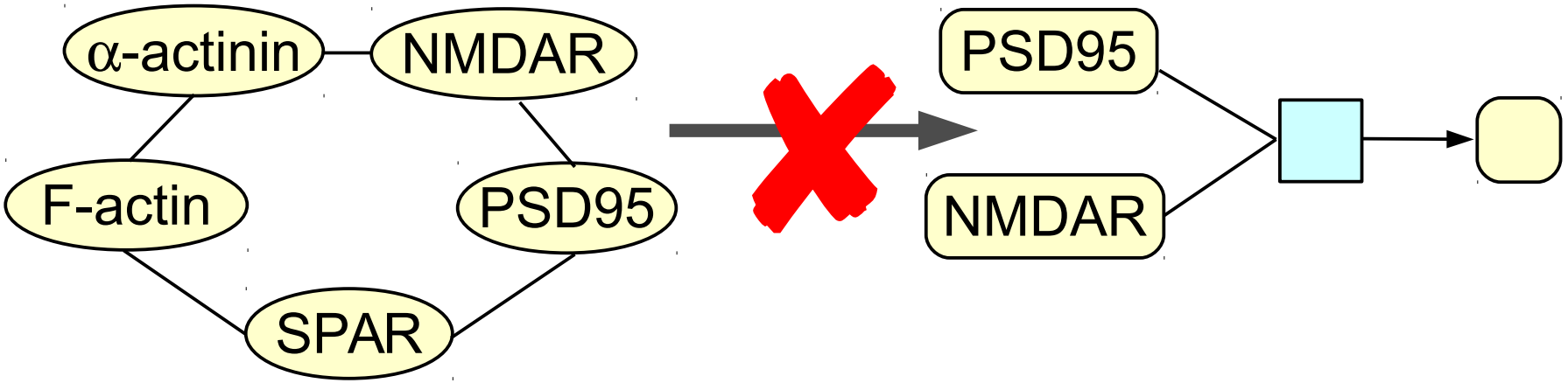
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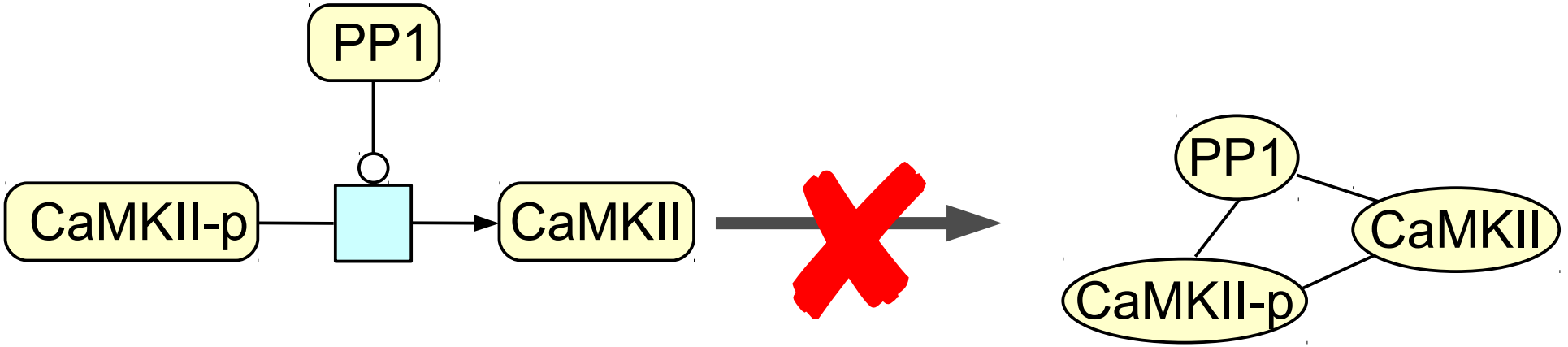
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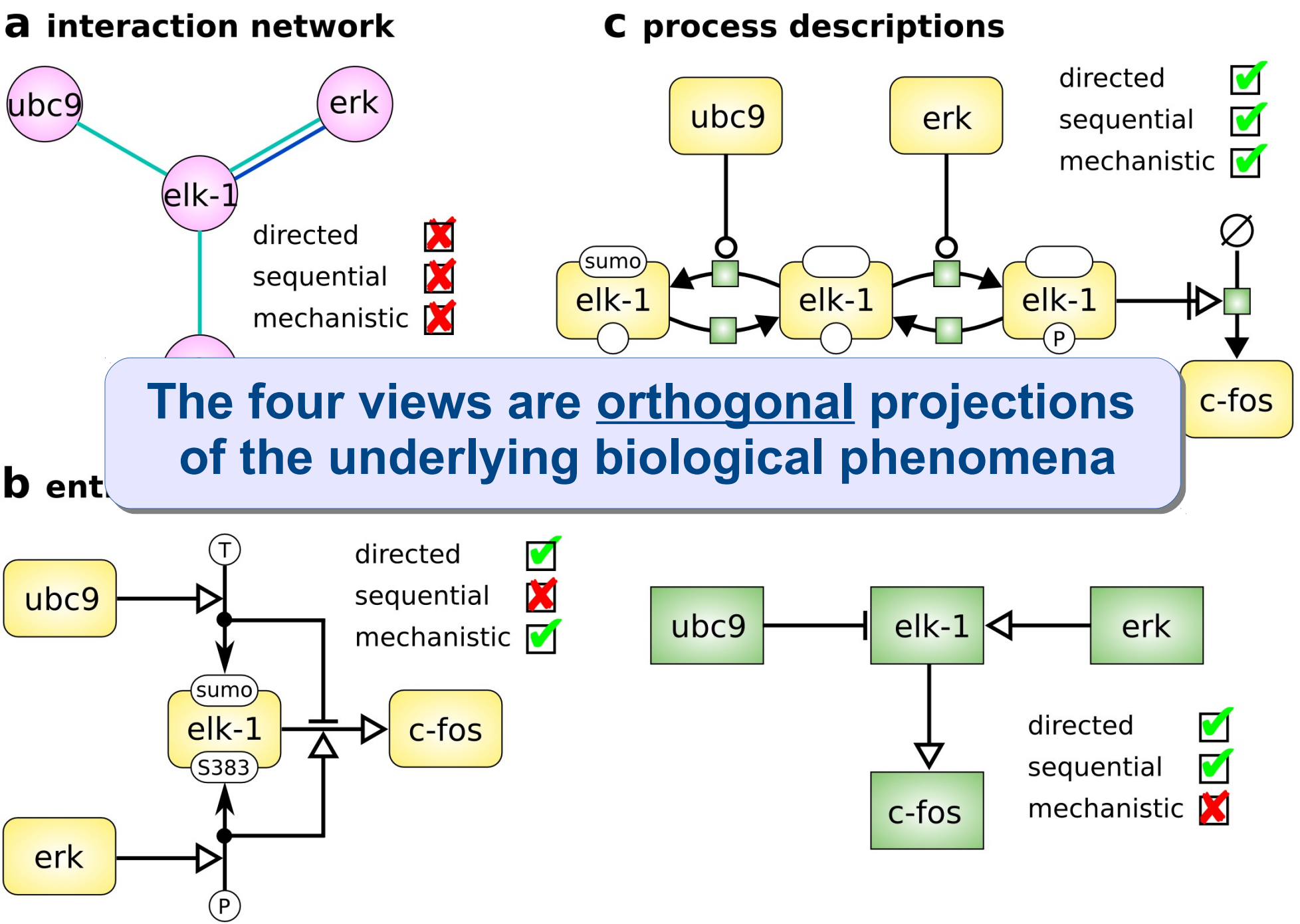
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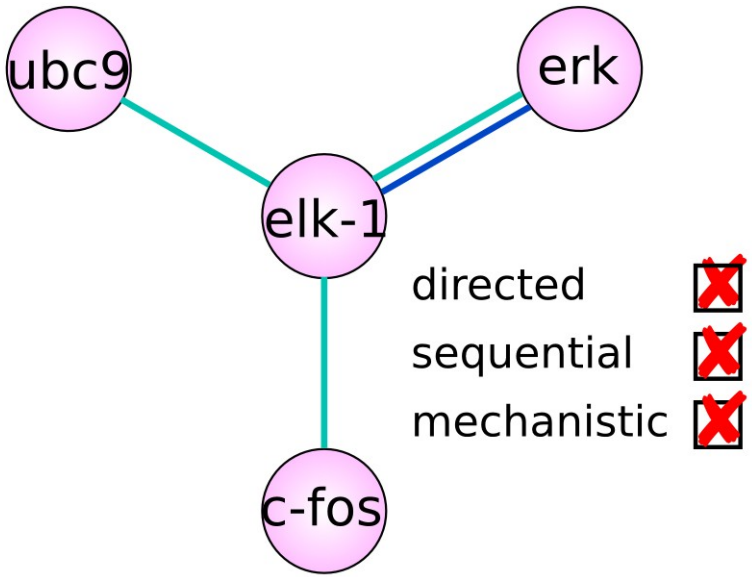
Interaction networks



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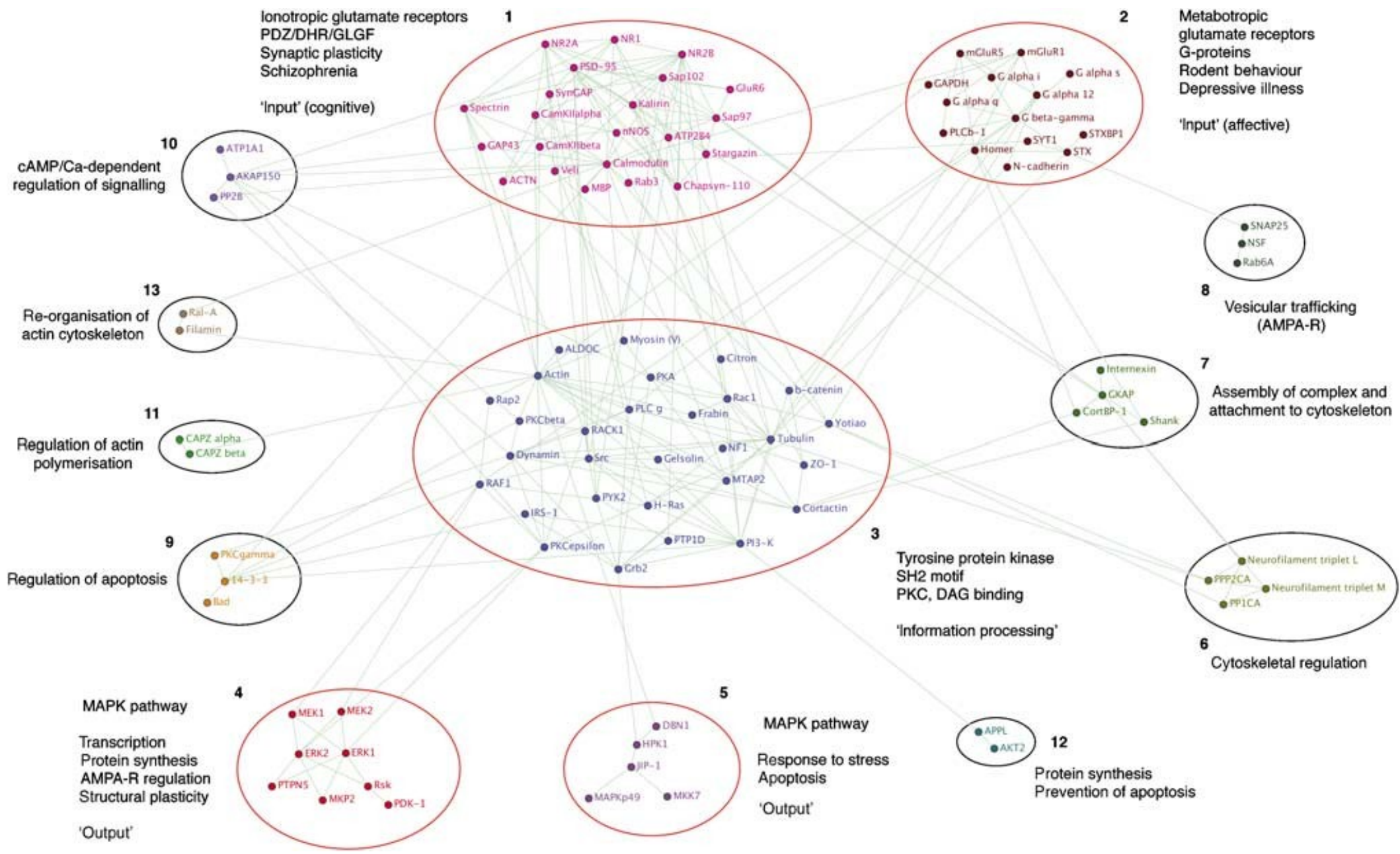
- Functional genomics

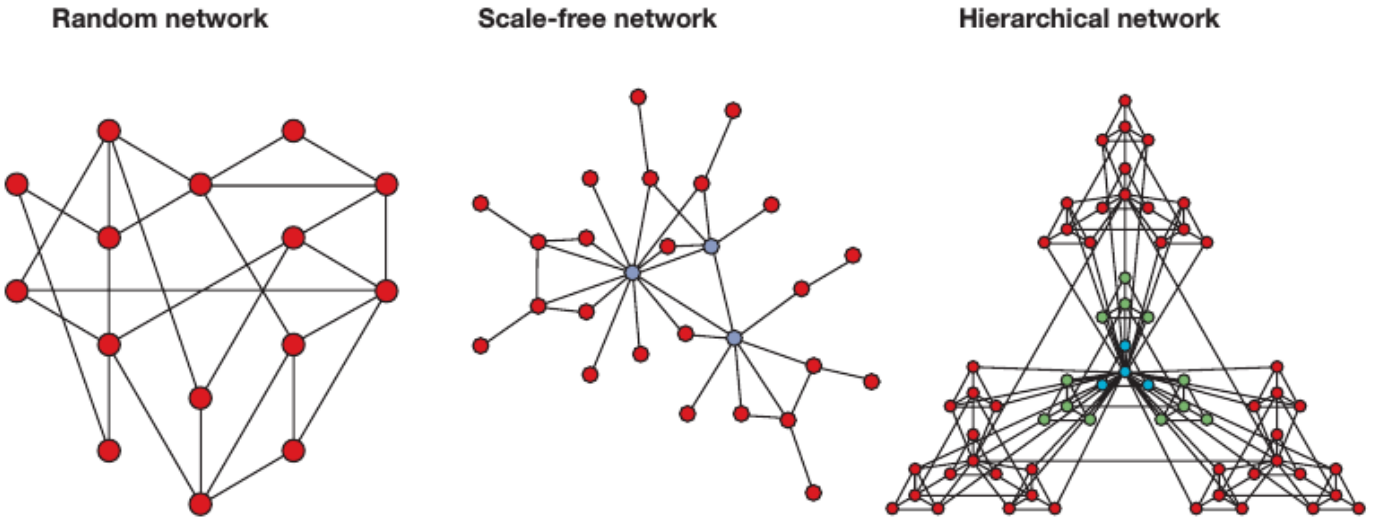


Pocklington AJ, Cumiskey M, Armstrong JD, Grant SG. Mol Syst Biol. 2006;2:2006.0023.

What can we get from interaction networks

- Characteristics: degree of nodes (k) [k_{in}, k_{out} for directed networks], shortest and mean path lengths (ℓ), clustering coefficient (C)

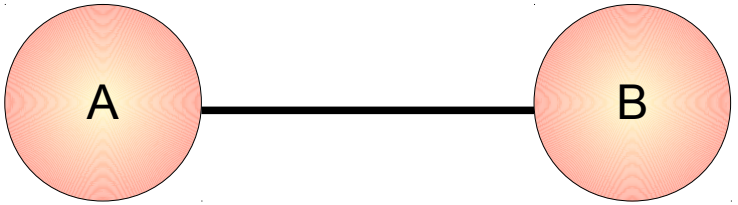
- Type of network



- Subgraphs, modules, motifs, motifs clusters …

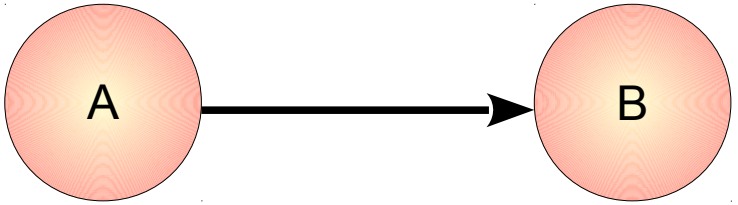
Barabasi *et al* (2004)

Undirected, directed, signed



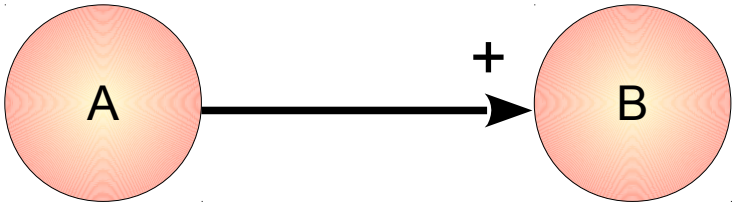
Undirected

"A interacts with B"



directed

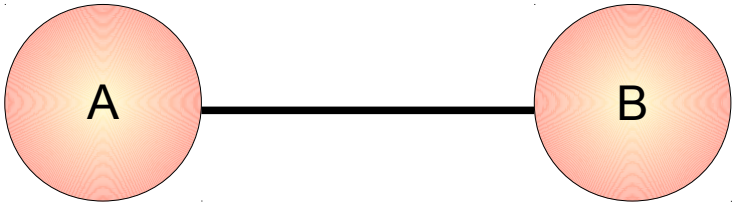
"A influences B"

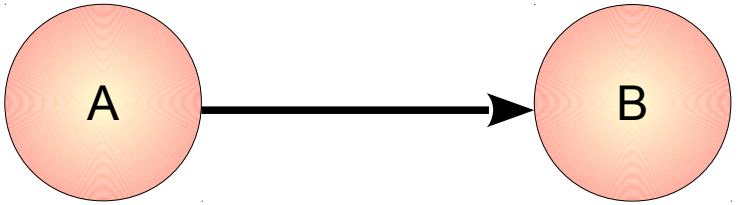


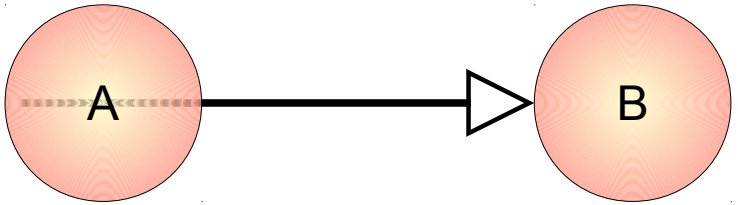
Signed

A influences positively B

Undirected, directed, signed

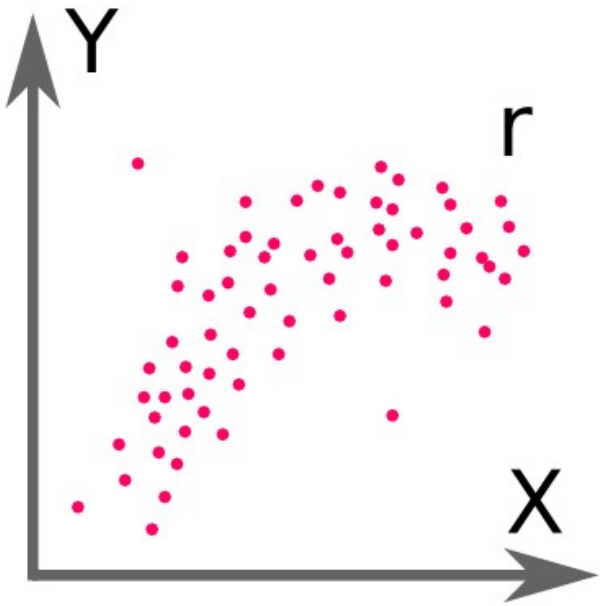






A signed interaction network
is equivalent to an activity flow

Network inference



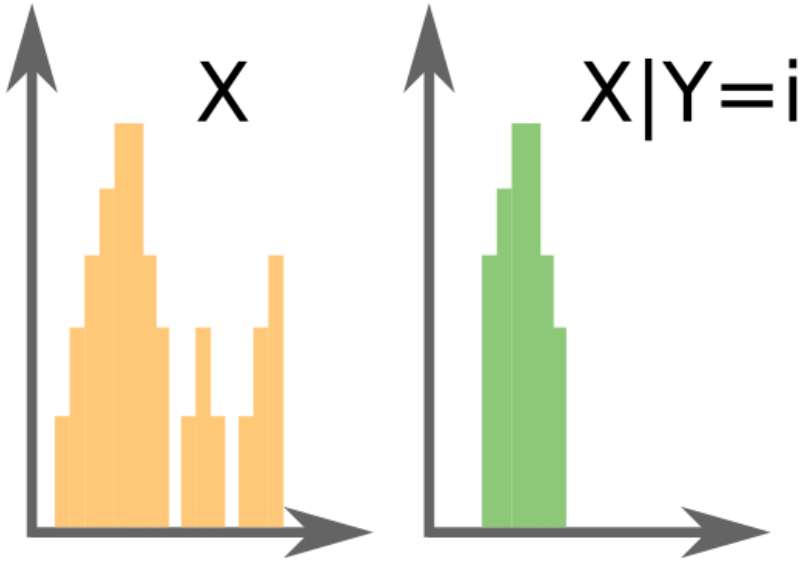
Correlation (e.g. regression)

Values of X are somewhat related to values of Y

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \bar{X})^2}\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}}$$

Villaverde *et al* (2014)

Network inference

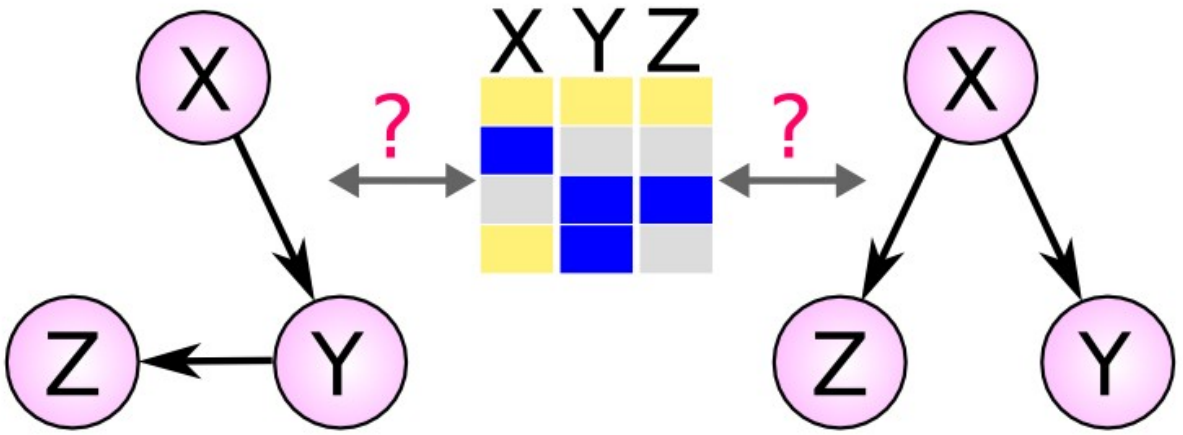


$$I(X,Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$$

Information theory

E.g. mutual information:
knowledge of the value of Y reduces the uncertainty on the values of X

Network inference

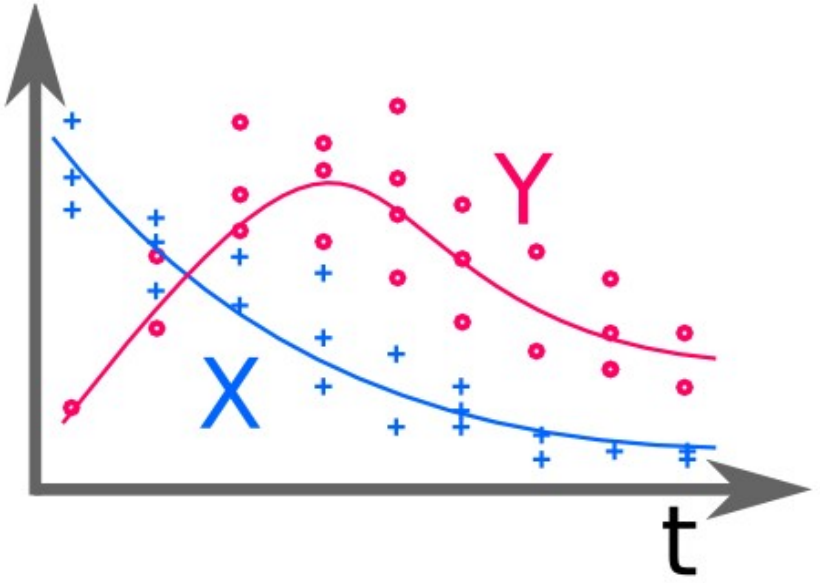


$$P(X|Y) = \frac{P(Y|X)P(X)}{P(Y)}$$

Bayesian inference

Which network most probably generates this dataset.

Network inference



ODEs

Equations describing time courses best

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i,j} x_j$$

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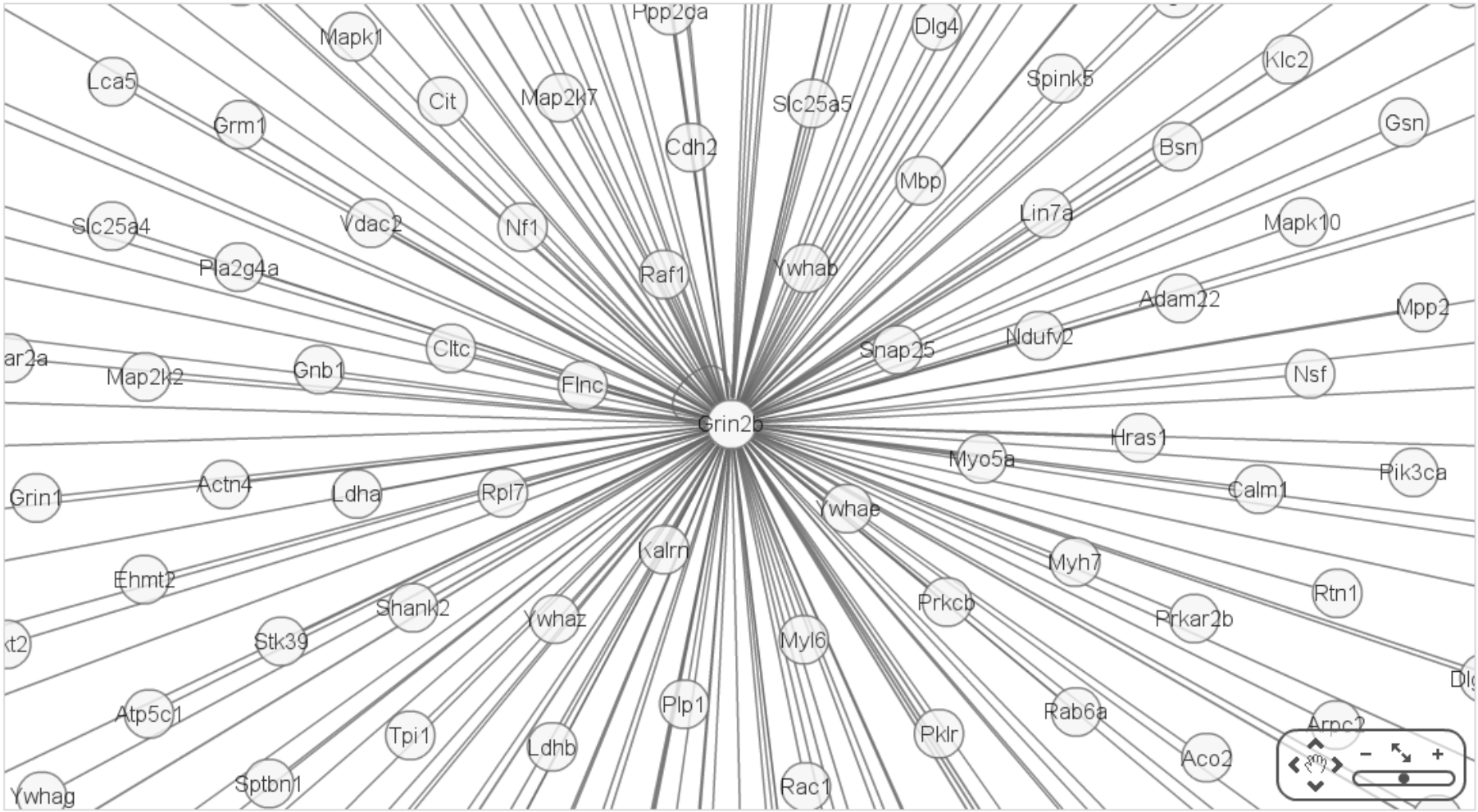
Network visualisation



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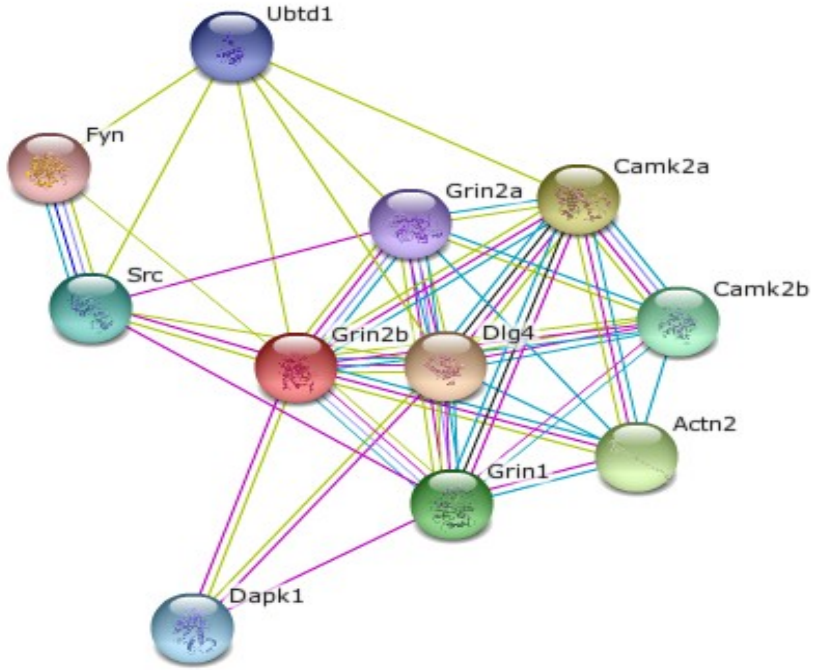

This is the **evidence view**. Different line colors represent the types of evidence for the association.

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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 Experiments Databases Textmining [Homology] Score

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The Systems Biology Graphical Notation

http://sbgn.org/

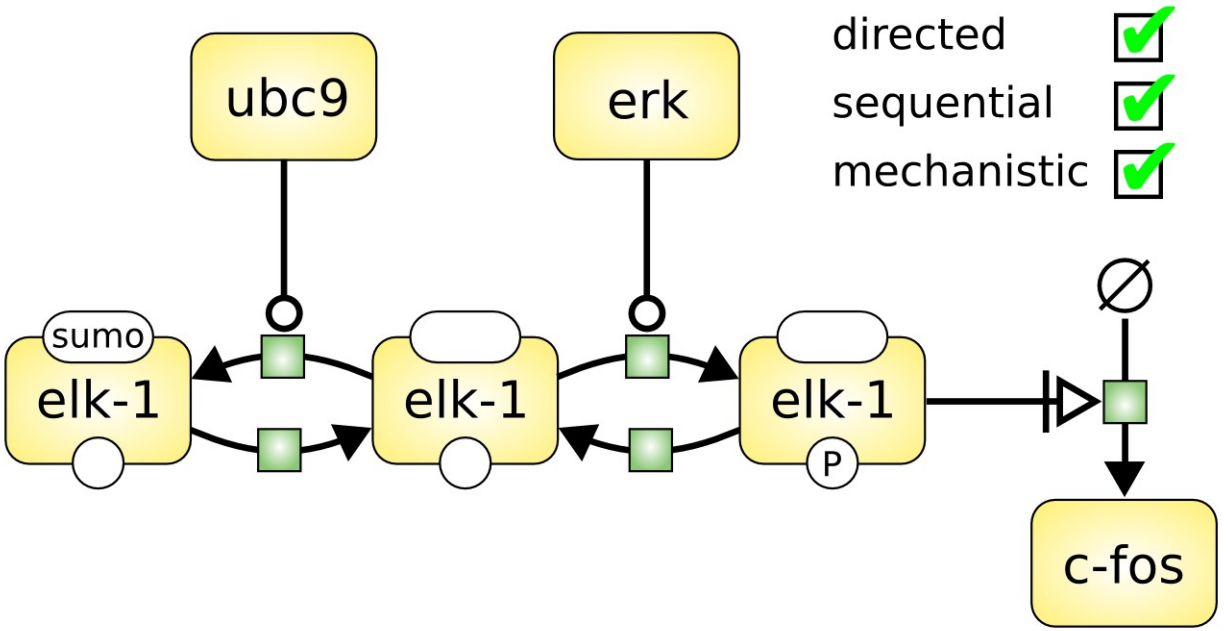
Le Novère *et al* (2009)

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 ten years by a diverse community, including biologists, modellers, computer scientists etc.

Process Descriptions



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

Open world

Anything not explicitly stated is unknown

Failure to observe does not imply non-existence

New pieces of knowledge do not affect prior pieces

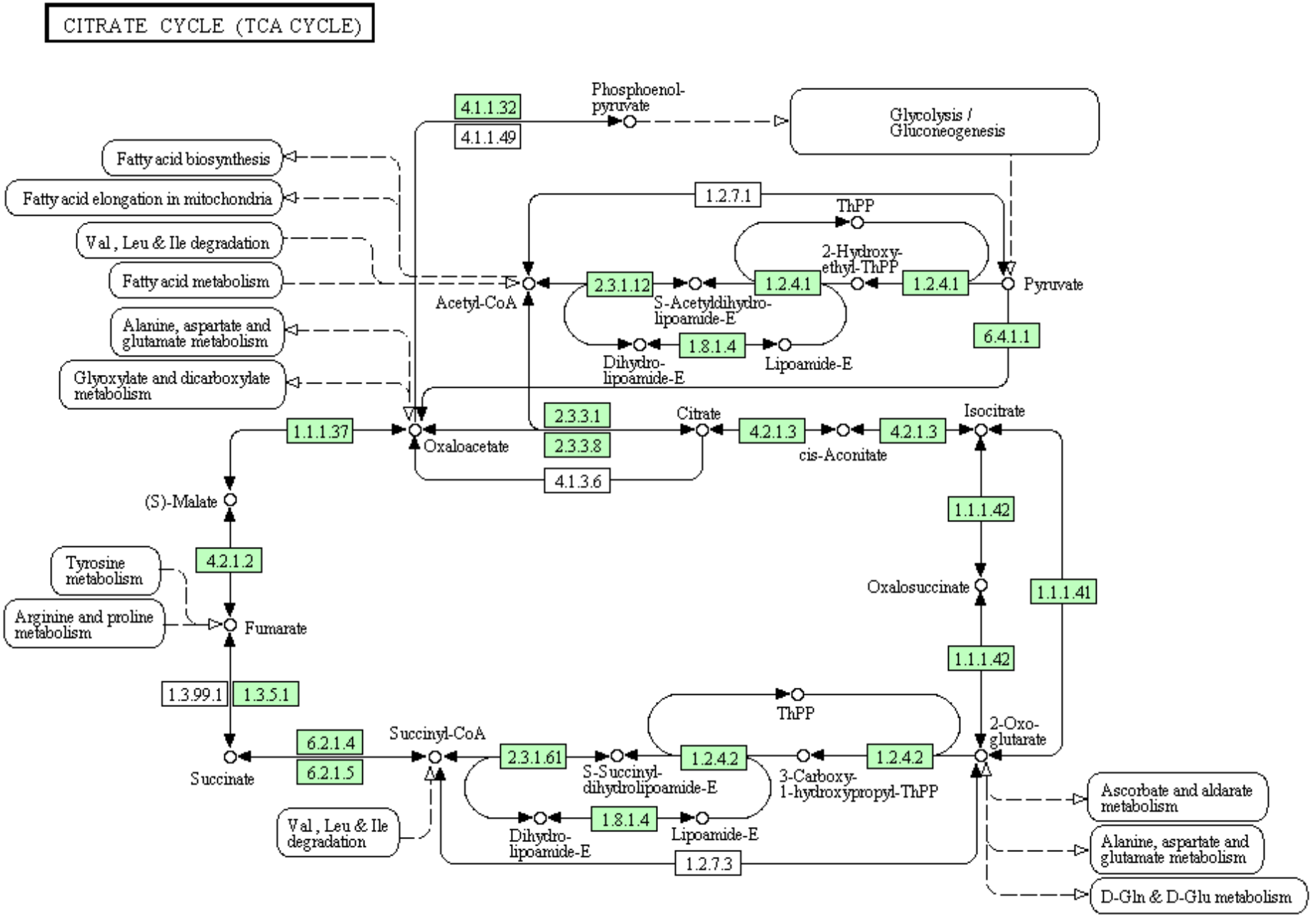
Closed world

Anything not explicitly stated does not exist

Failure to observe implies non-existence

New pieces of knowledge might change the meaning of prior pieces

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



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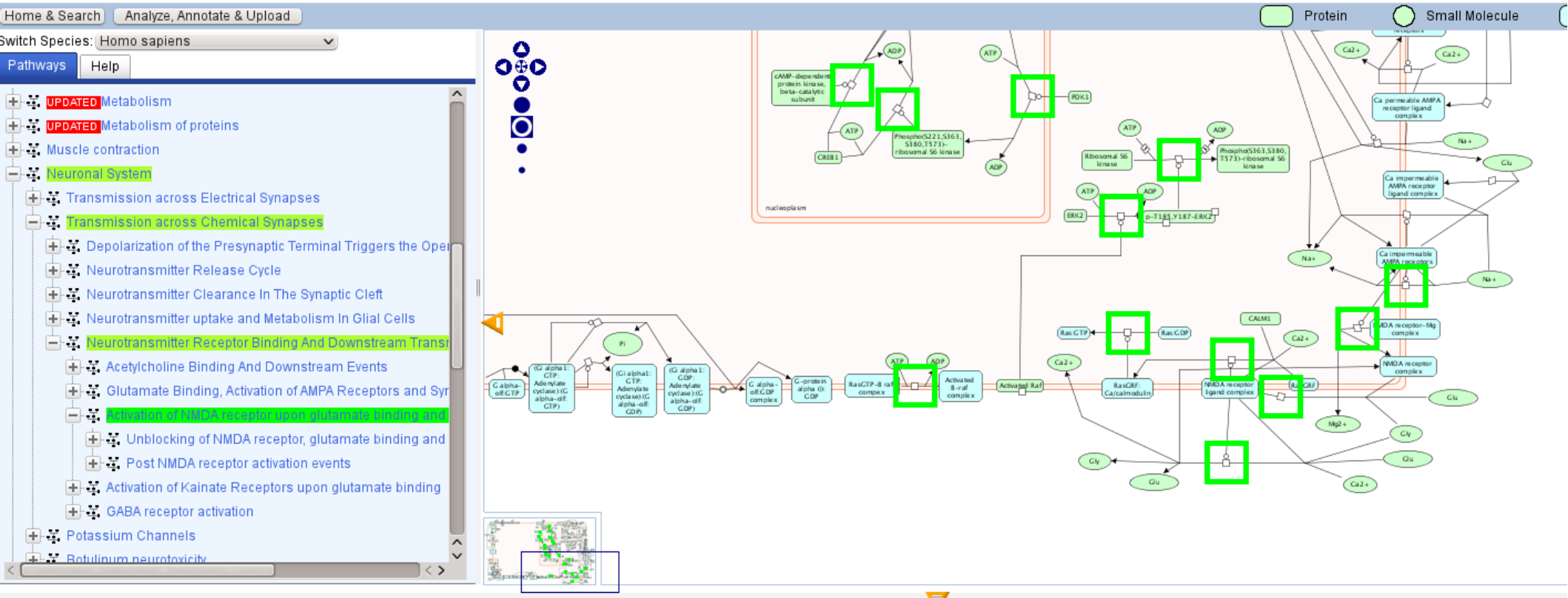

Activation of NMDA receptor upon glutamate binding and postsynaptic events

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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 Ca2+. 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 bo activation. At resting membrane potential the NMDA receptors are blocked by Mg2+. The voltage dependent Mg2+ block is relieved upon depolarization of the post-synpatic membrane . The ligand dependent activation of the NMDA receptor requires co-activ 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 Ca2+ that initiates various molecular signaling cascades that memory.

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

References

Cohen, S, Greenberg, ME *Communication between the synapse and the nucleus in neuronal development, plasticity, and disease* 2008 Annu Rev Cell Dev Biol PubMed

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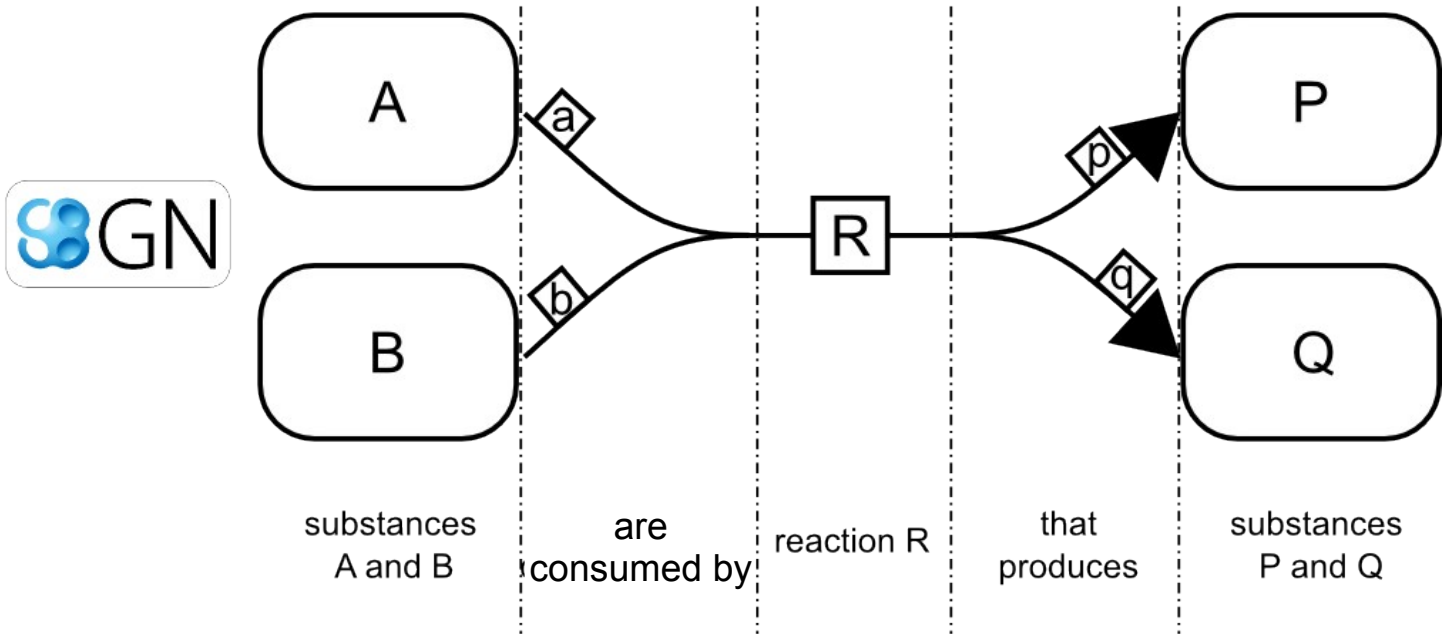
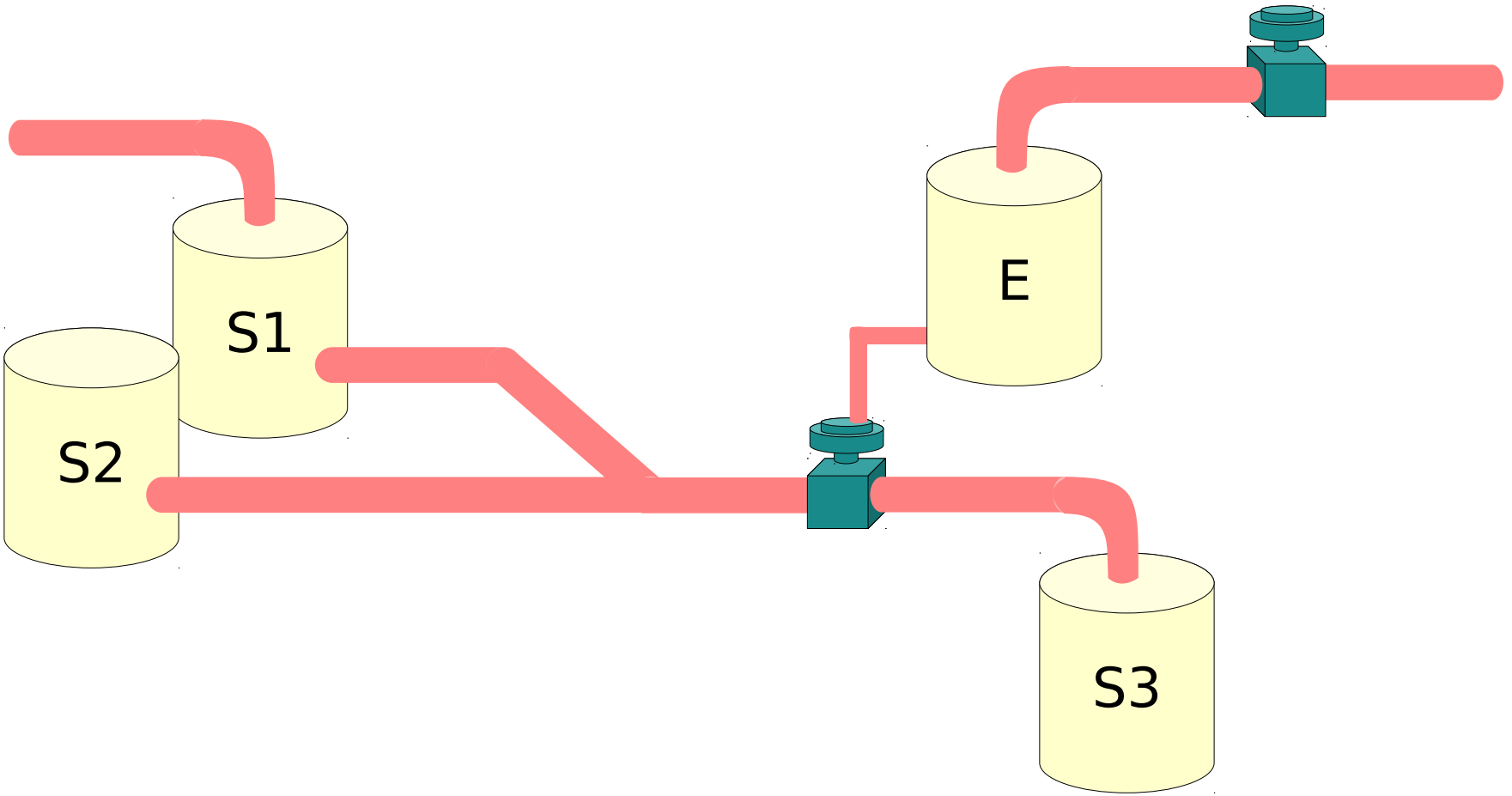
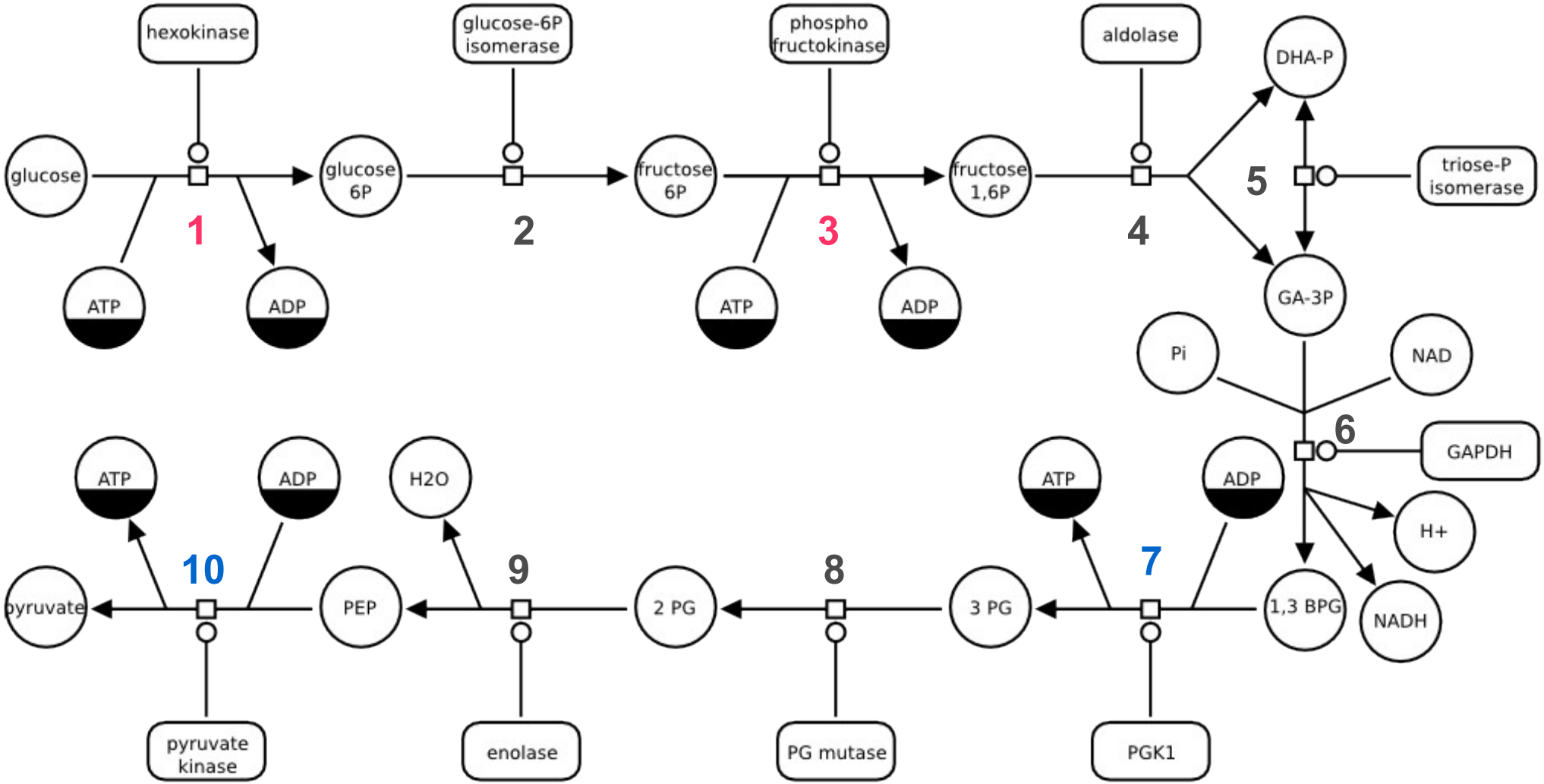
A biochemical reaction is a process



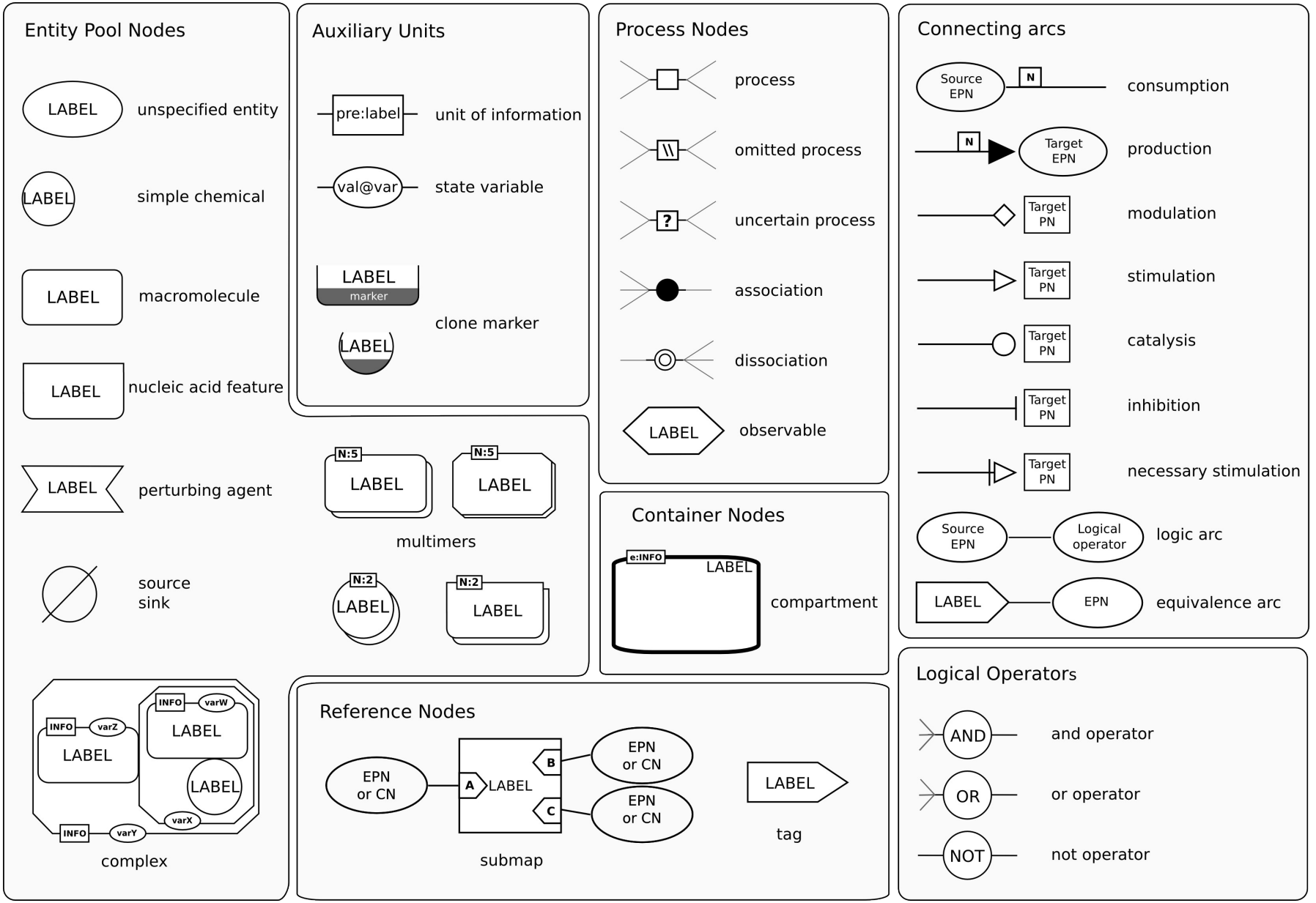
Process Descriptions can be viewed as pipelines





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

SBGN Process Diagram L1 reference card



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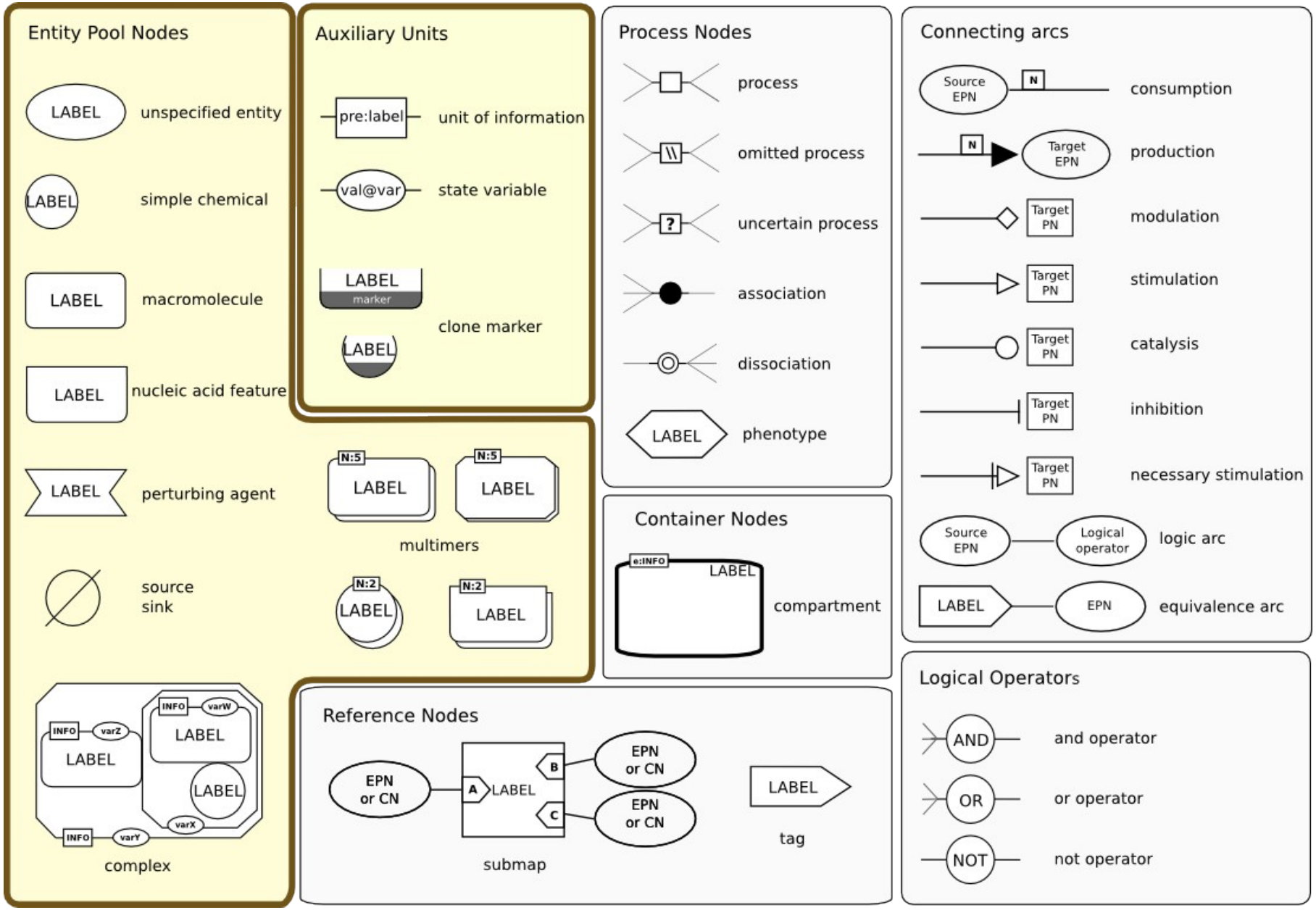

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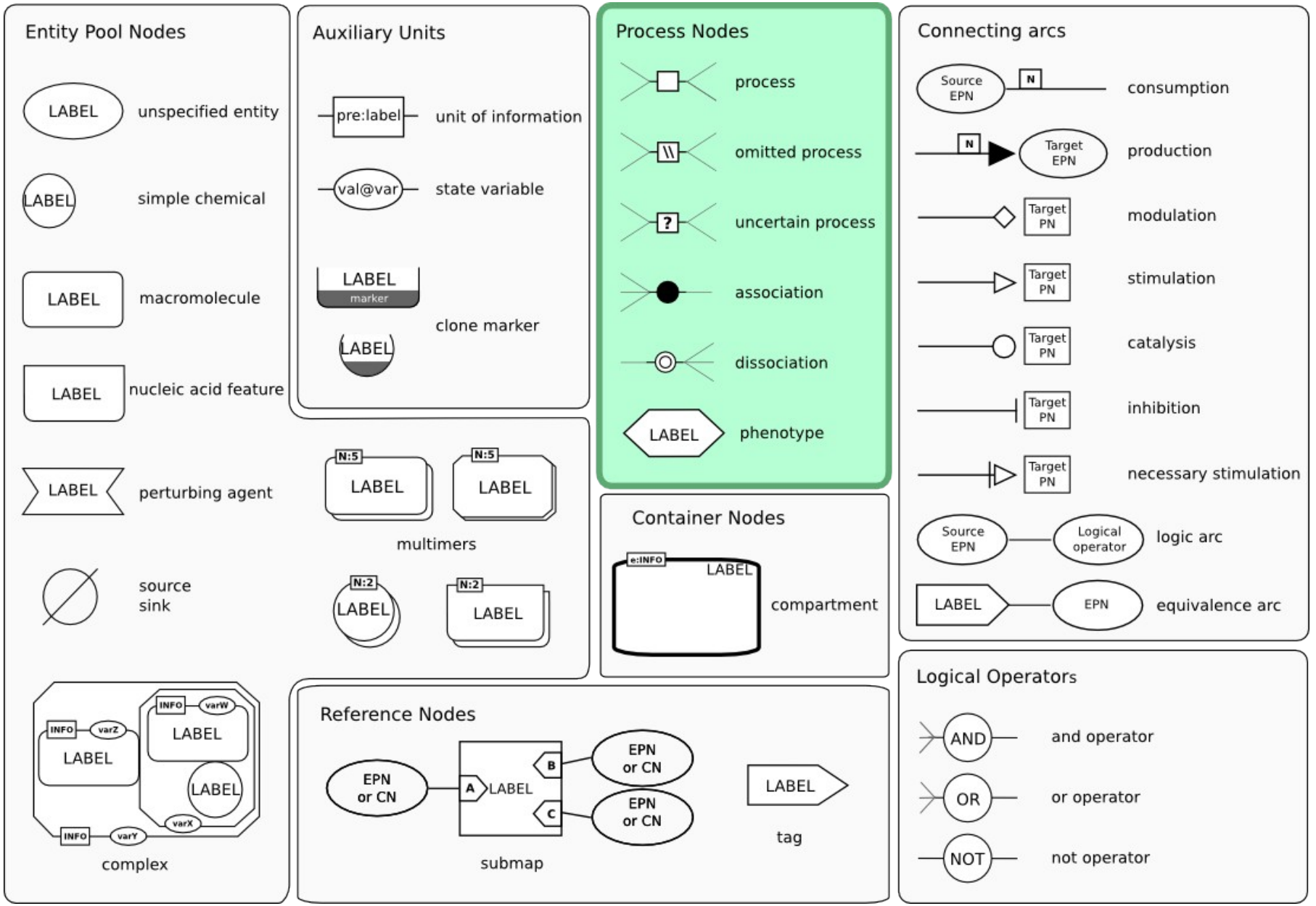

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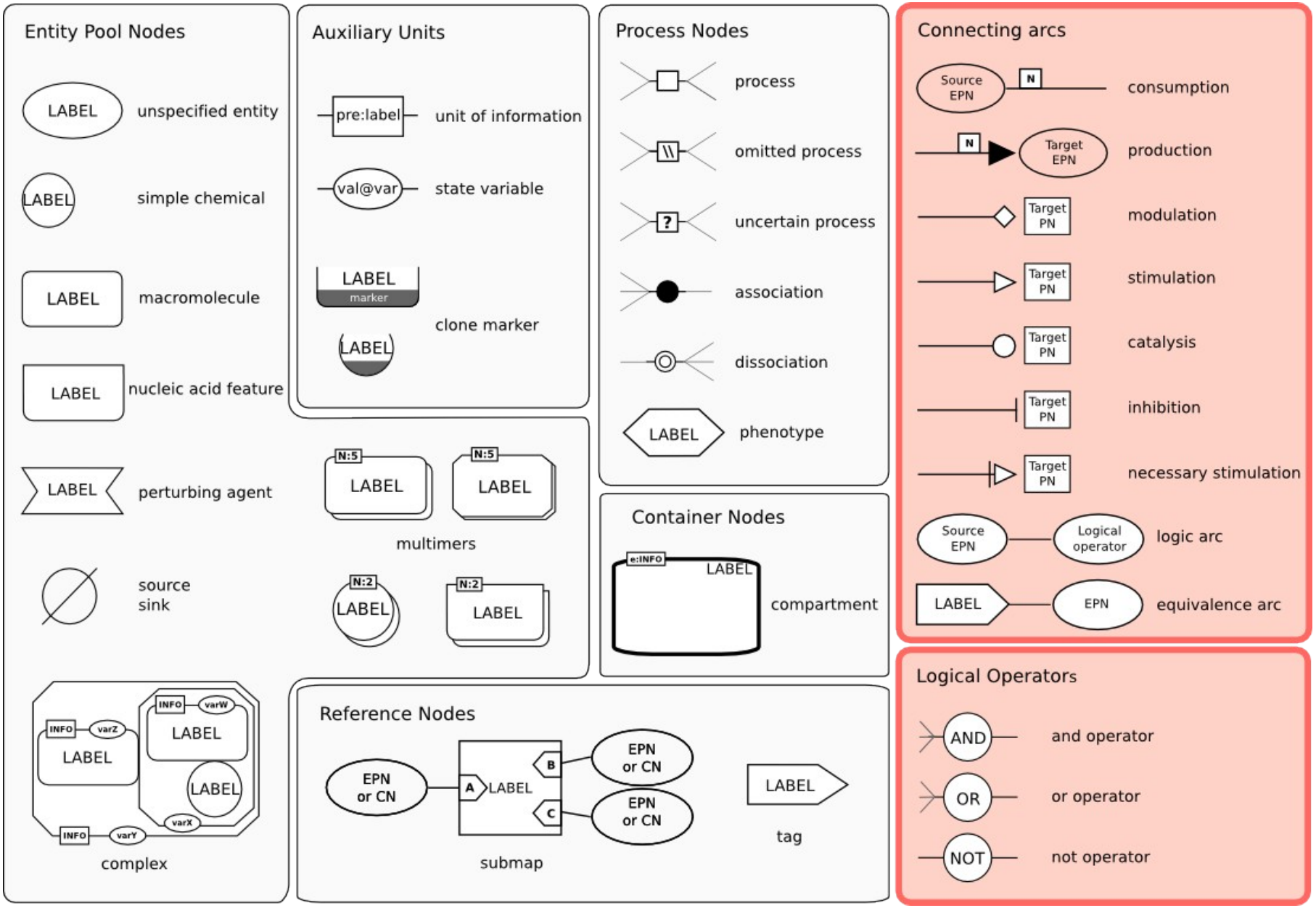

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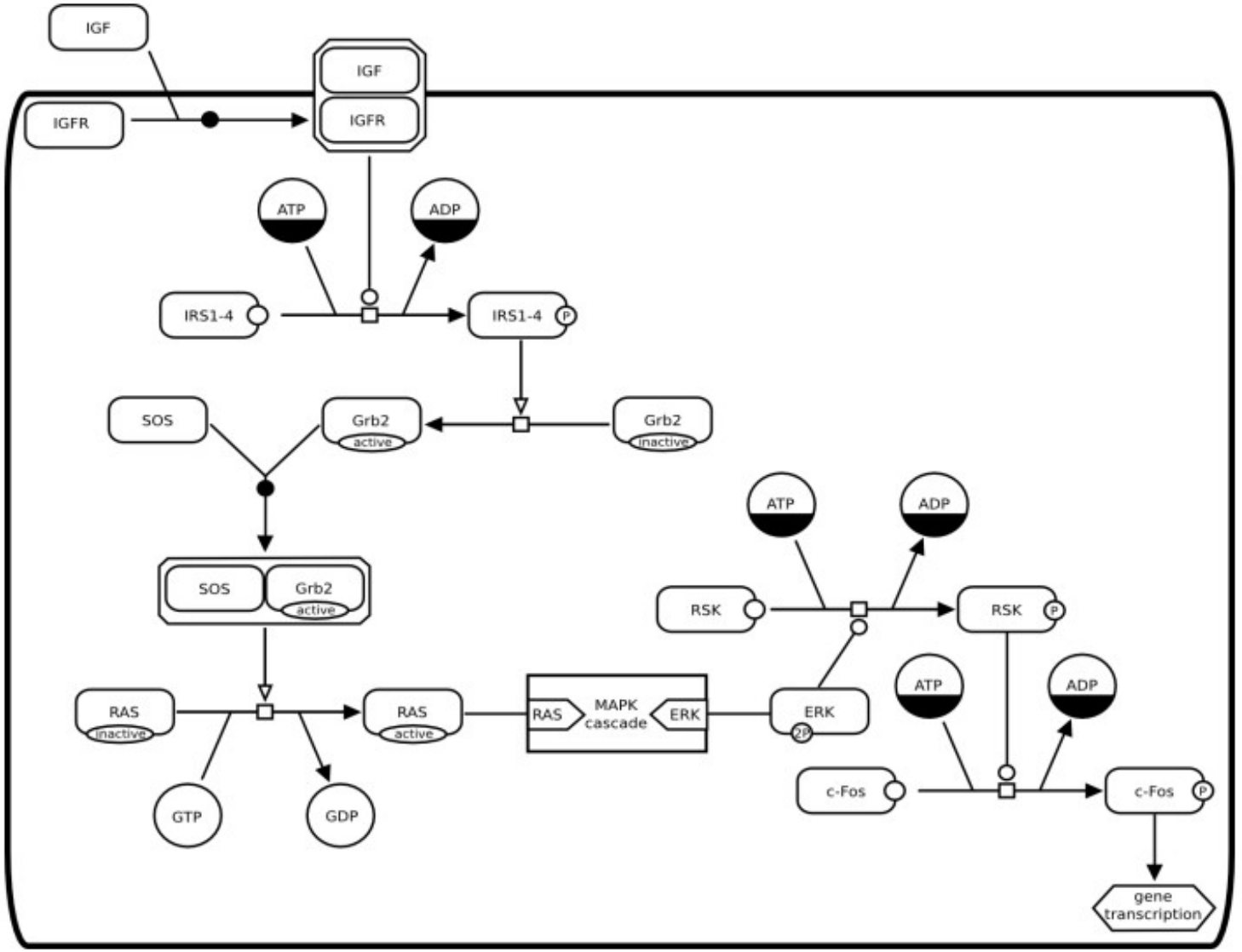
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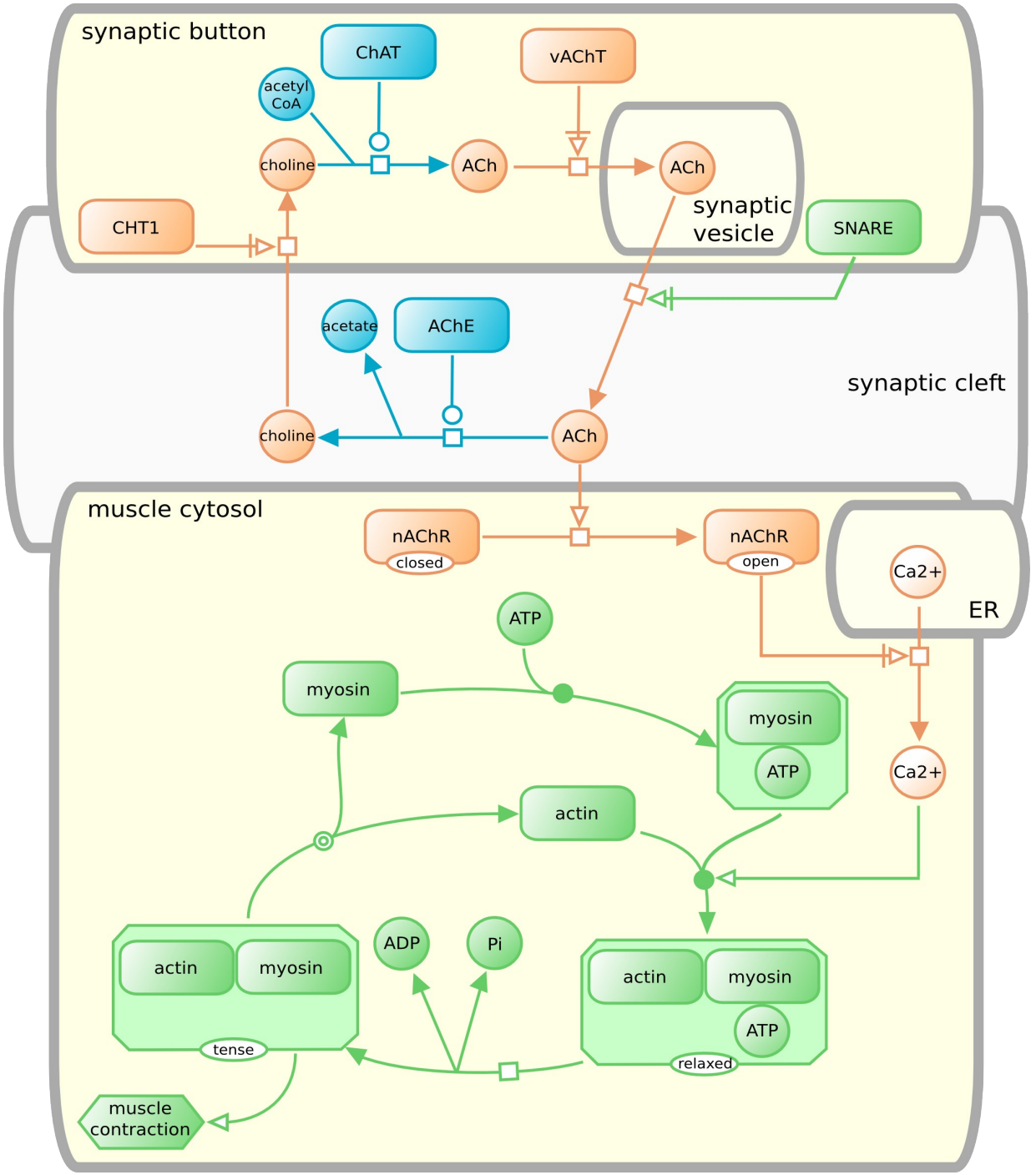
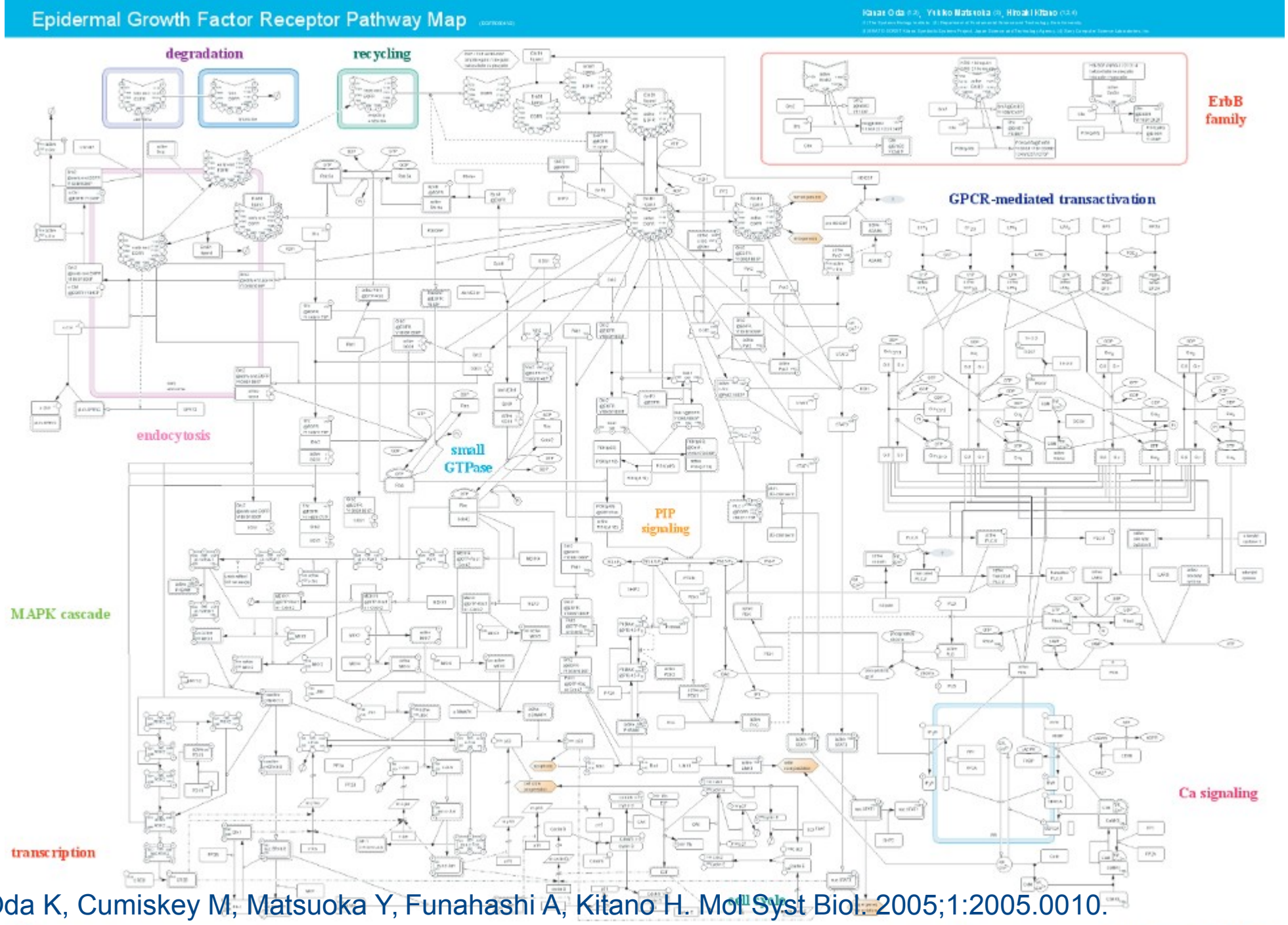
Multicellular





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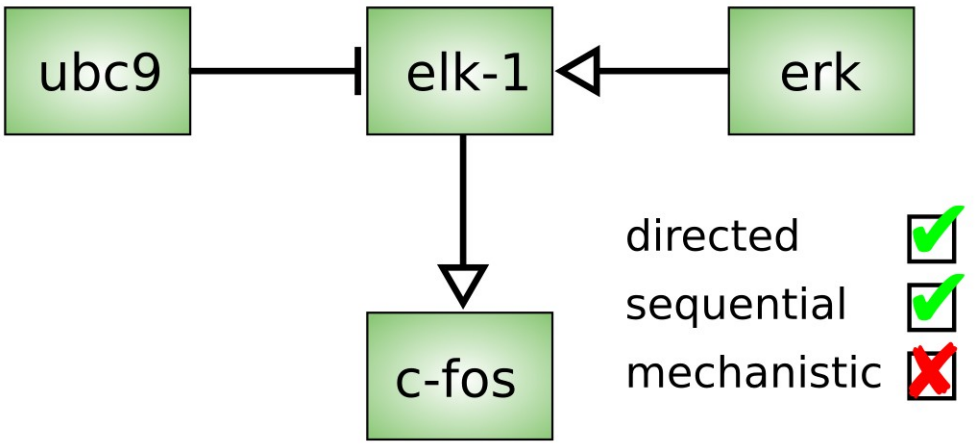
Activity Flows

- Logical modelling
- Signalling pathways, gene regulatory networks



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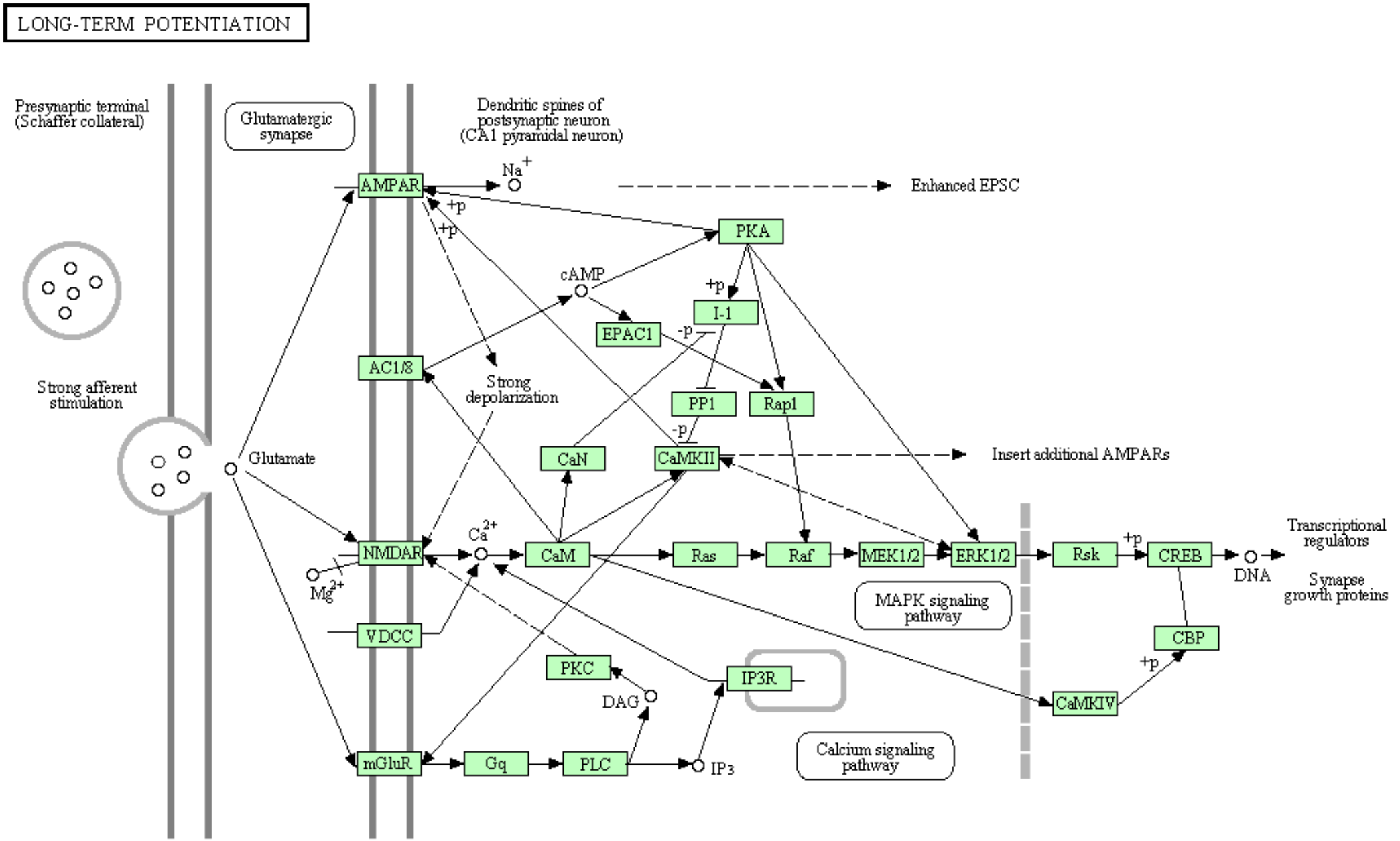

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Pathway Information

Neuro2A Differentiation by G alpha i/o Pathway

Authorities: Avi Mafayan, et al.
Organism: vertebrates : mammals : Rodentia : mice
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Scope: Specific
Canonical Pathways: G alpha i Pathway

Pathway
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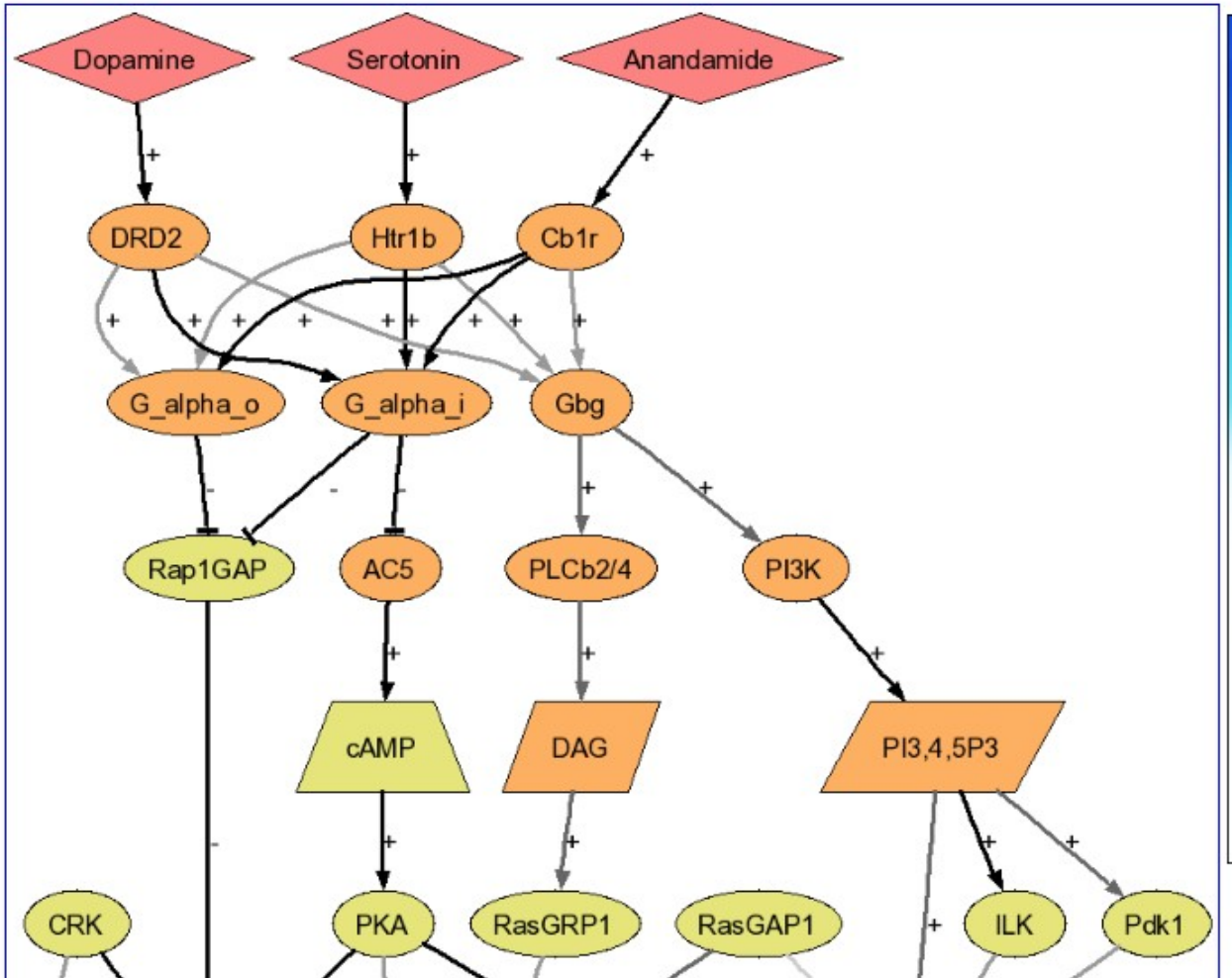

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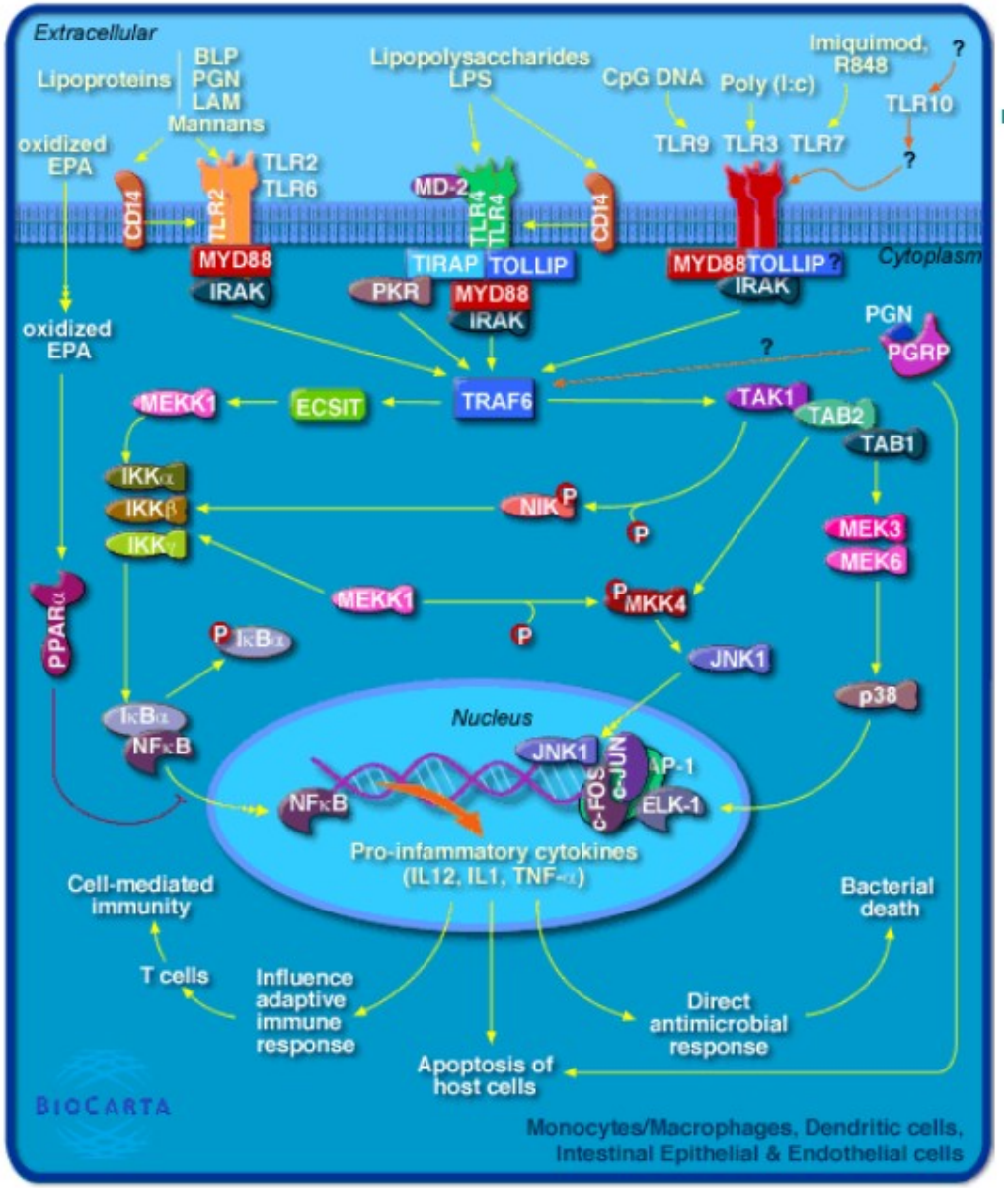

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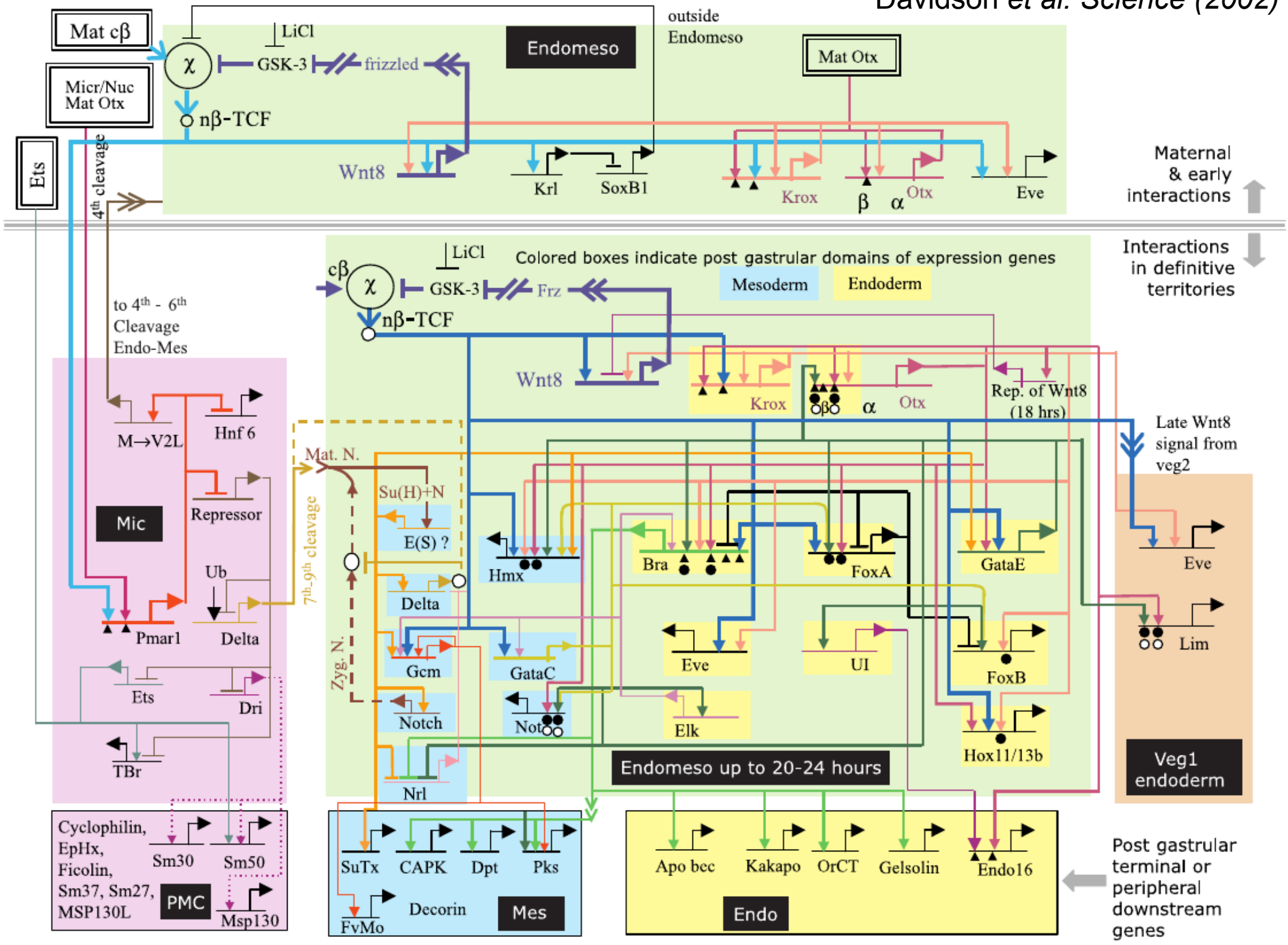

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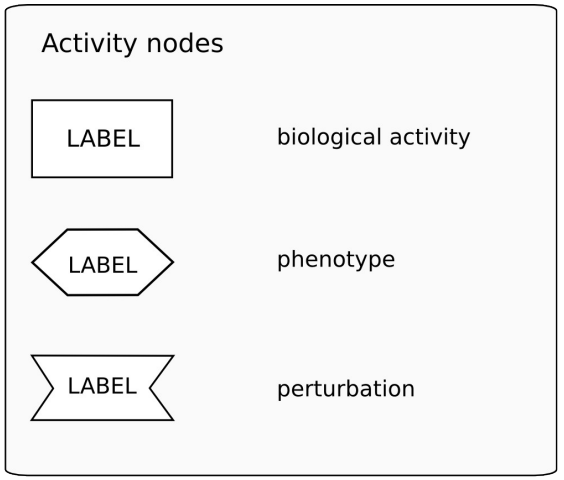

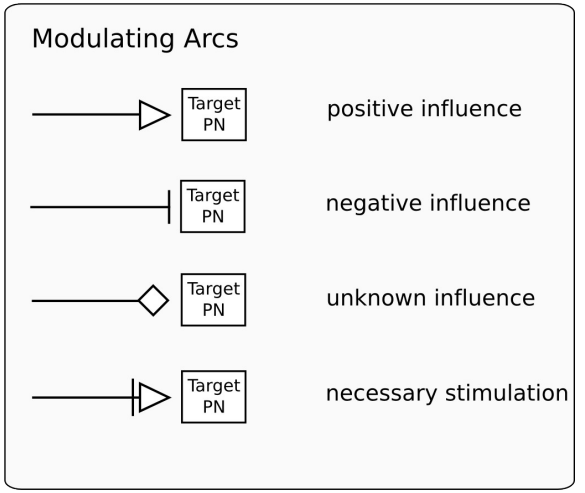

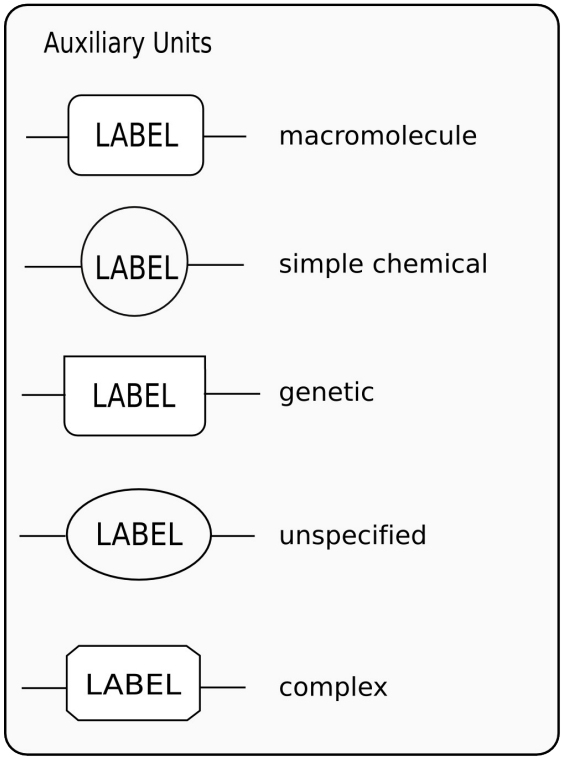

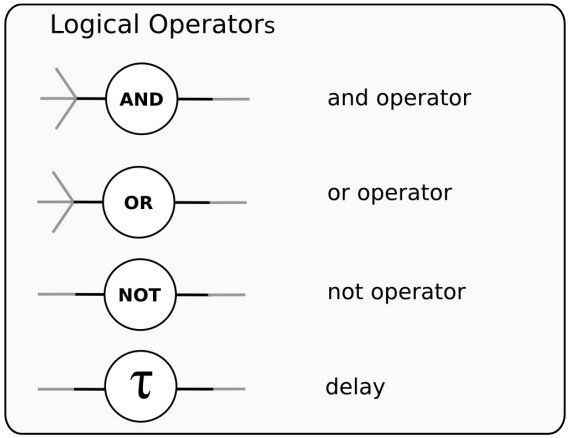

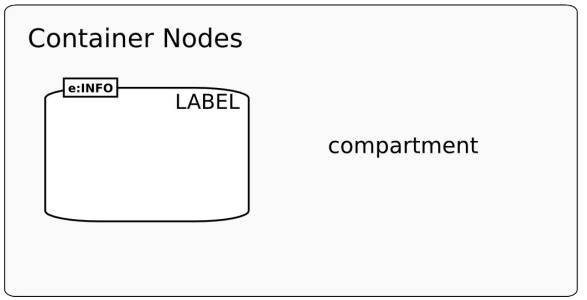

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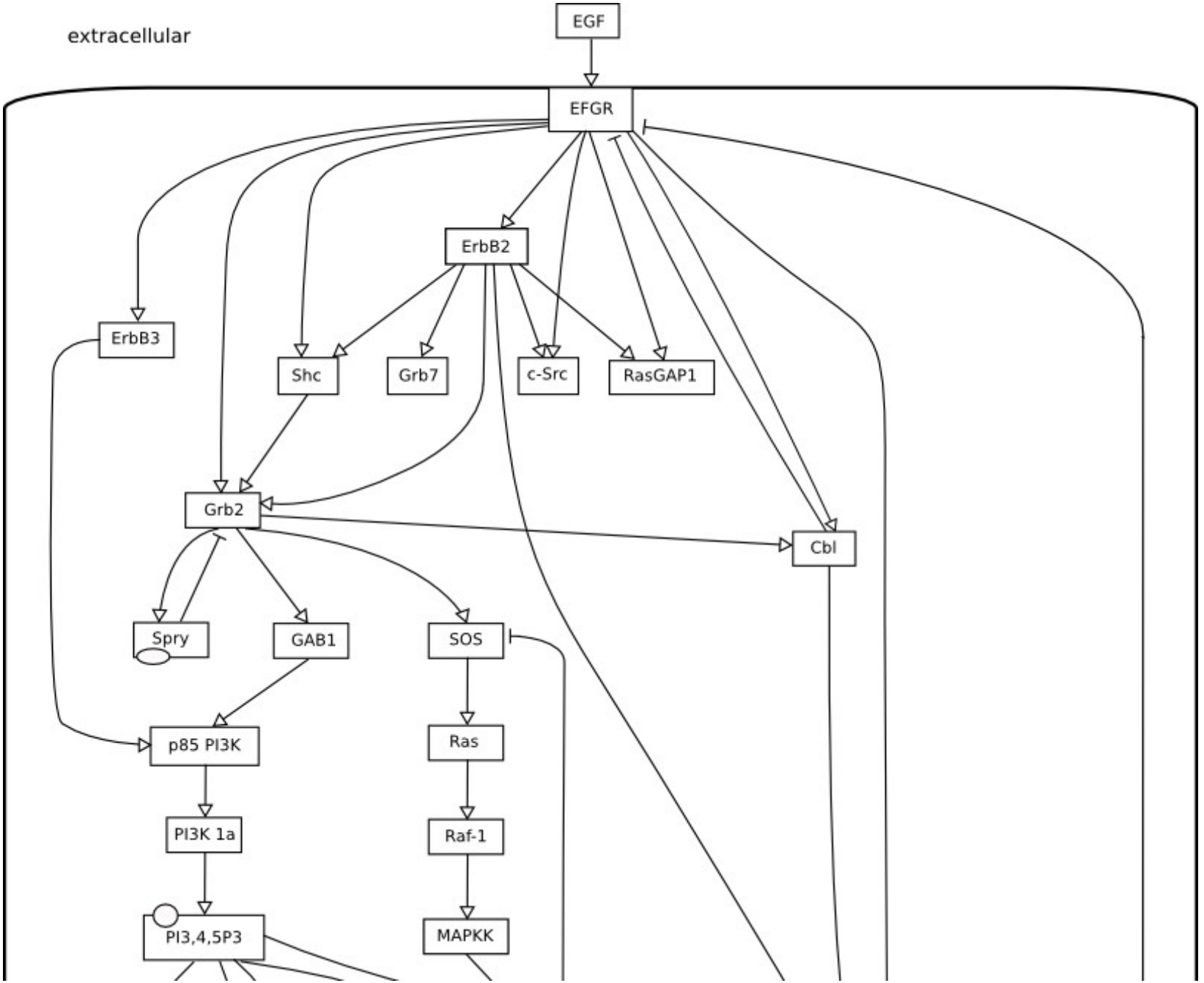

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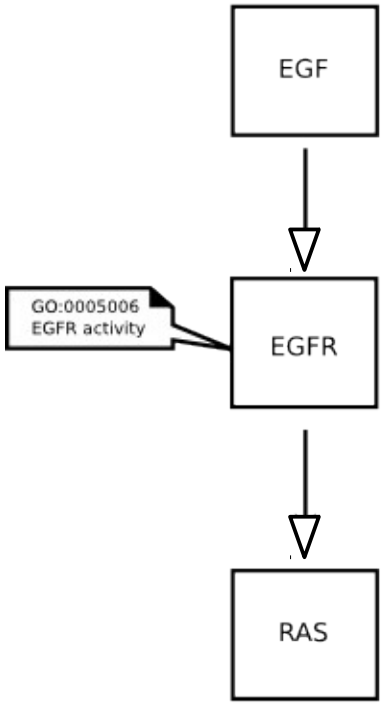

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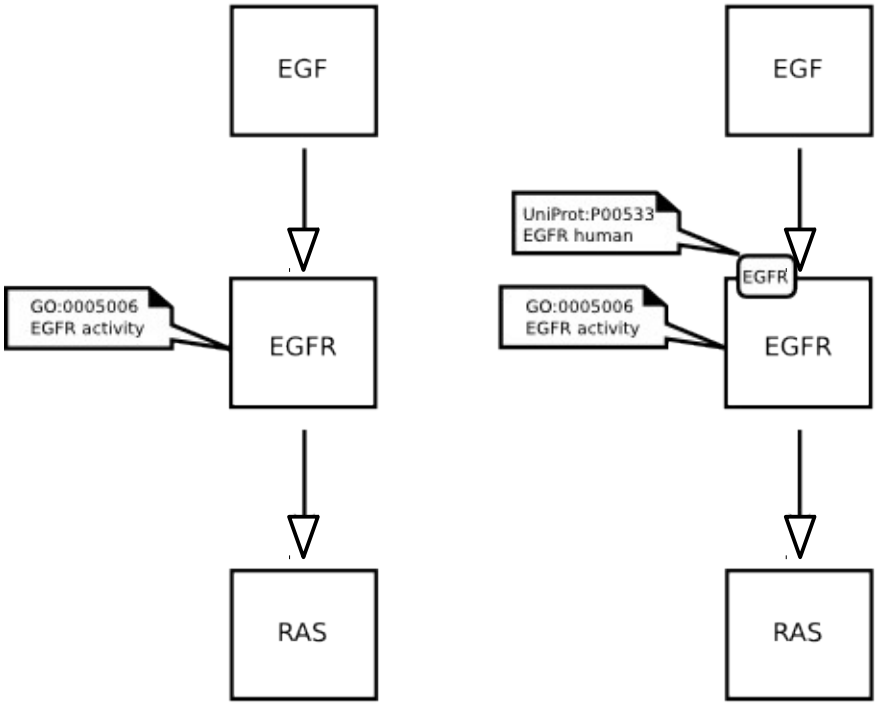
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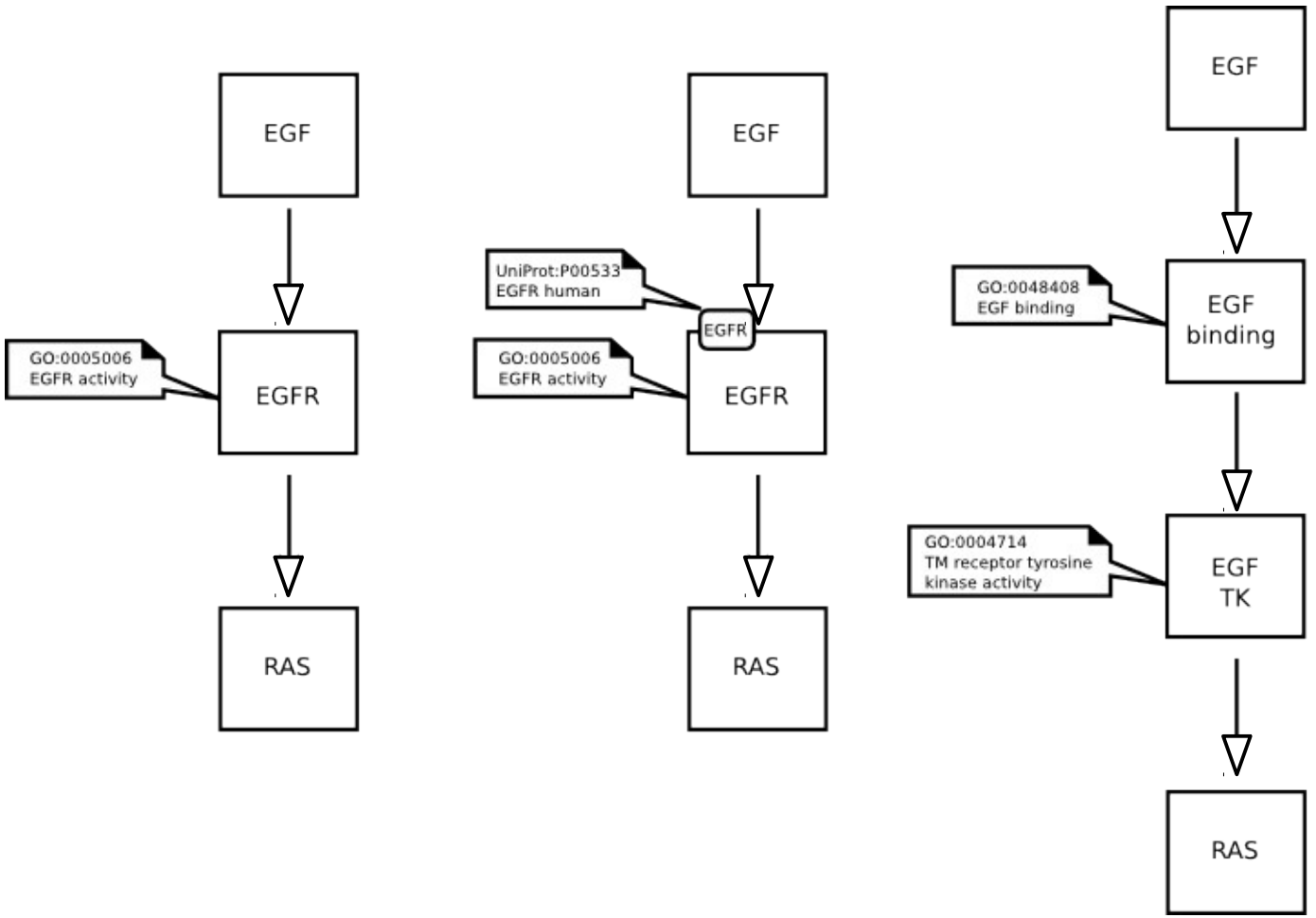
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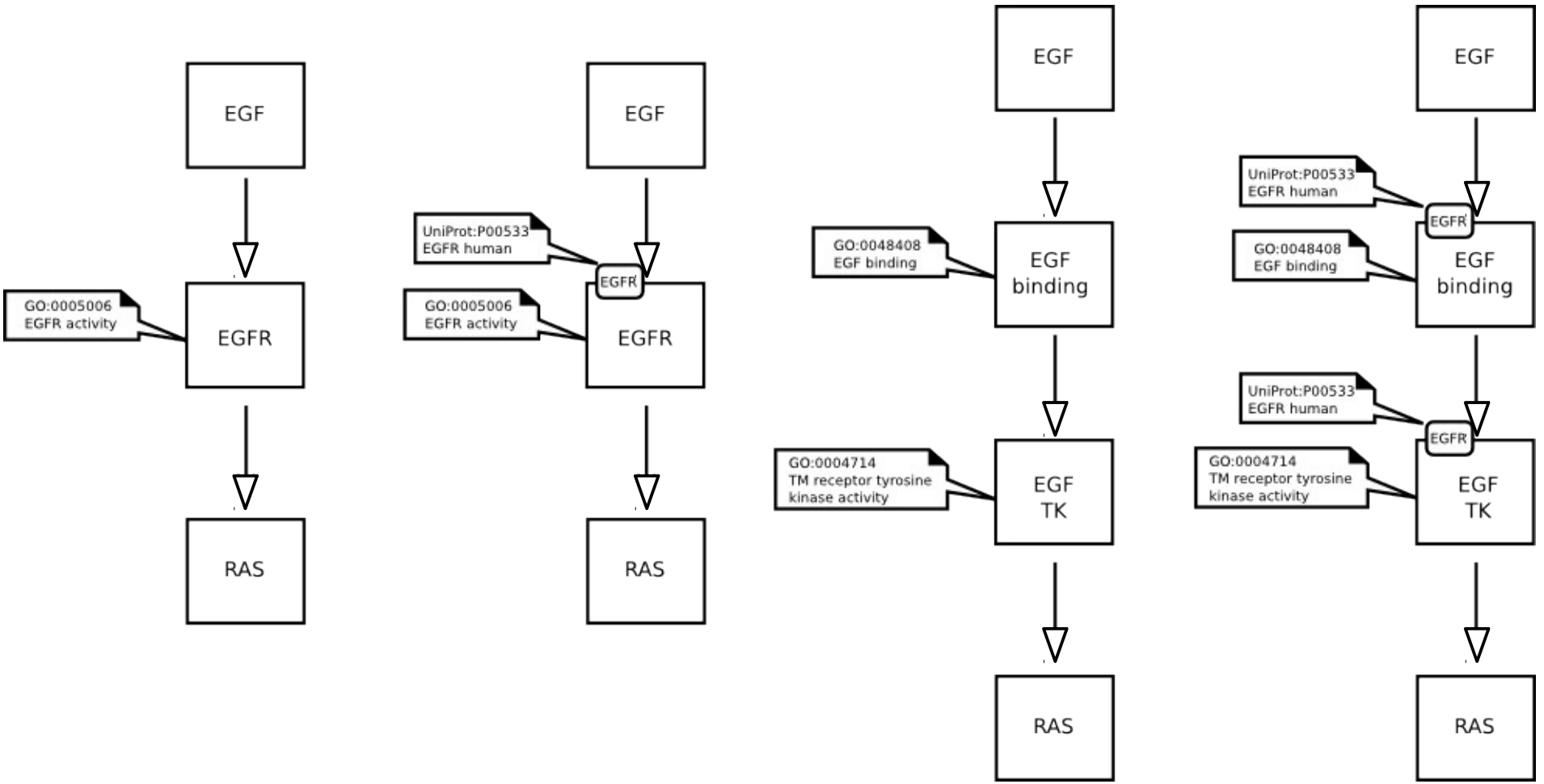
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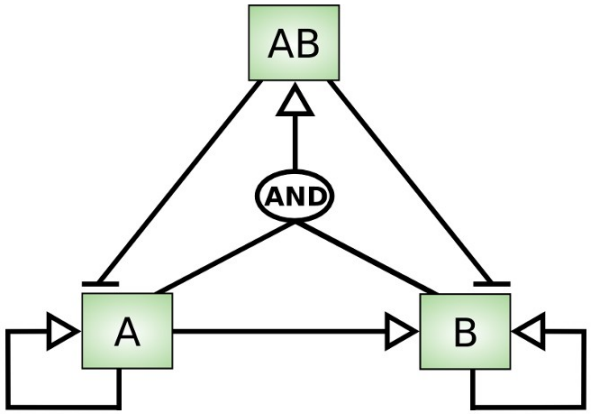
Logic models

- 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.



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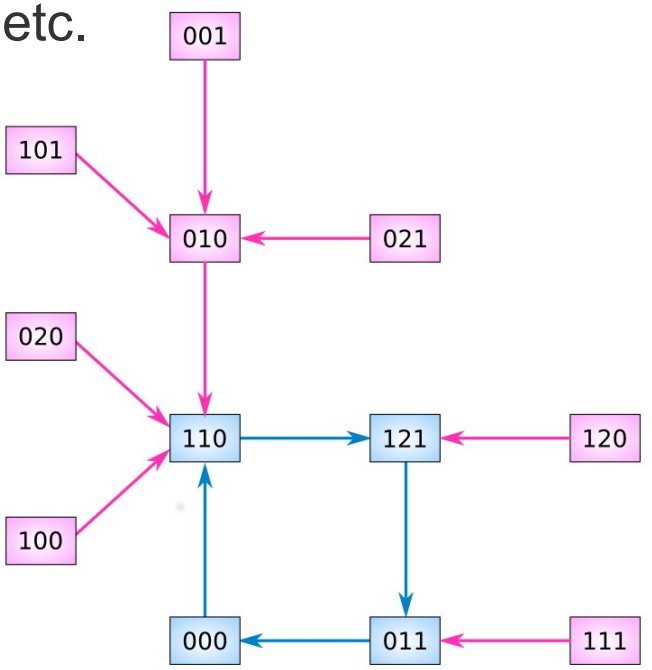

state diagram

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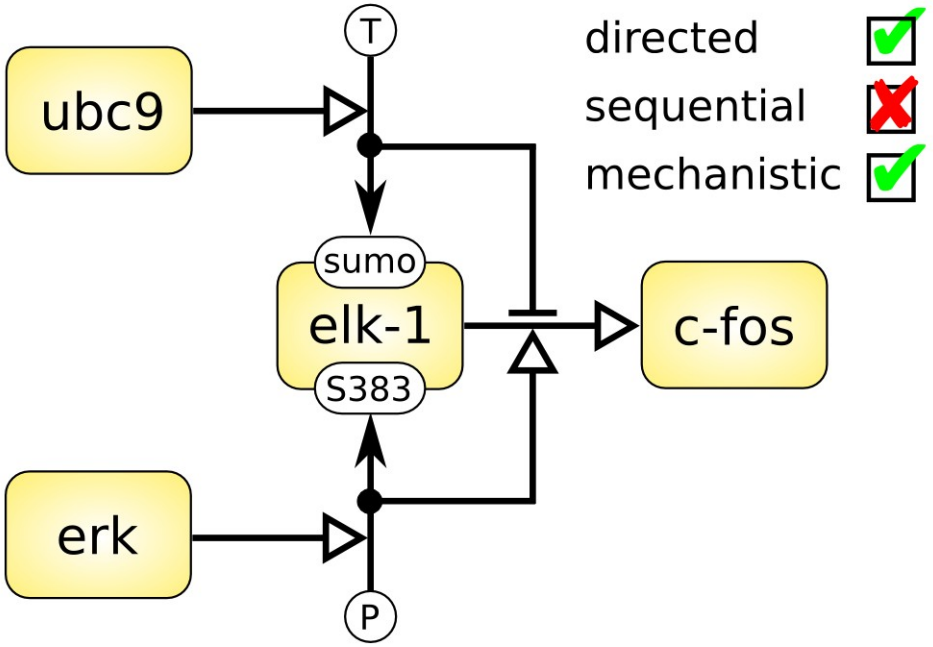

- Rule-based modelling
- Molecular Biology
- “Open world”
- Independent rules: no explosion

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Map description

(see System Requirements)

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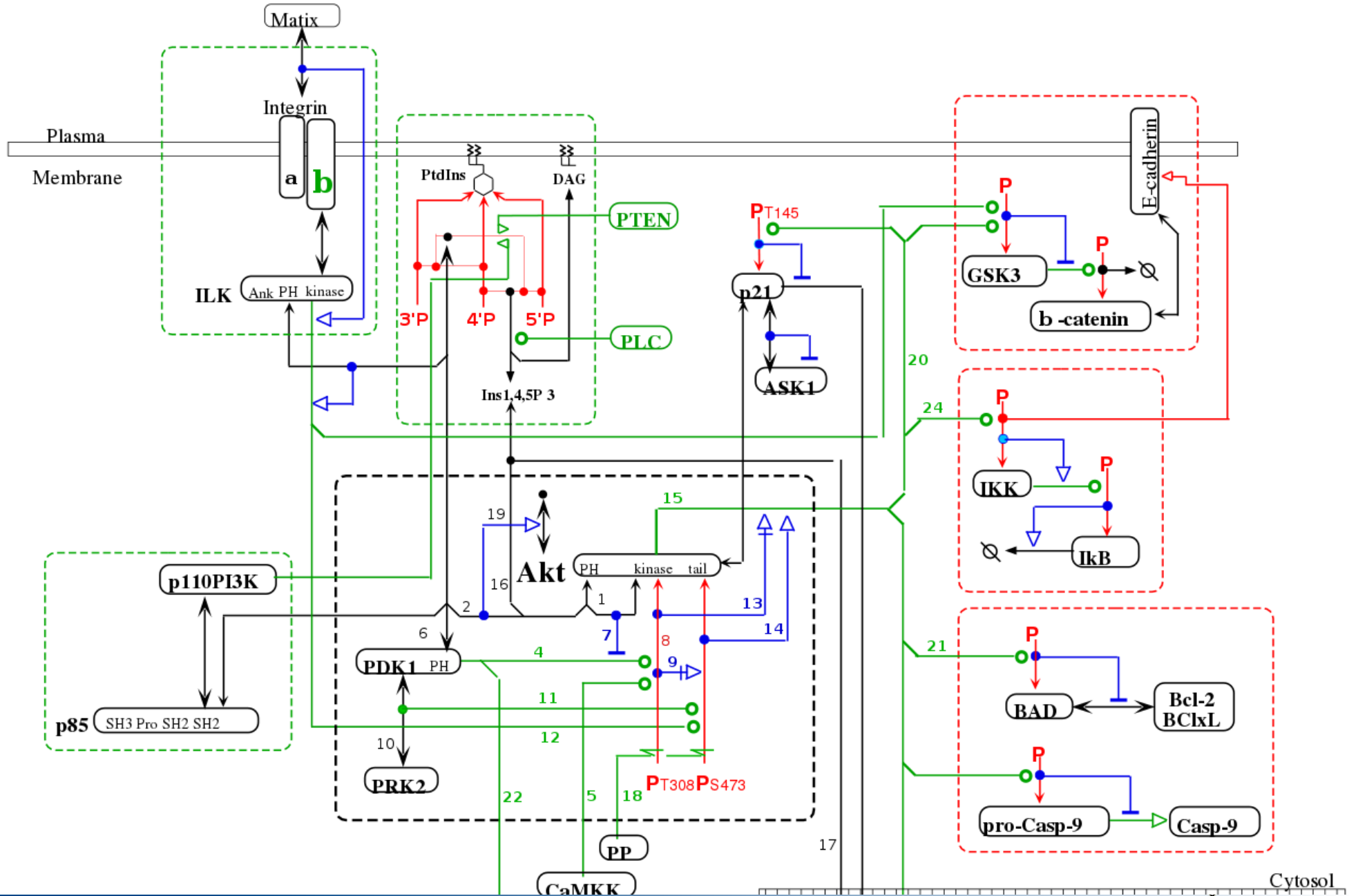

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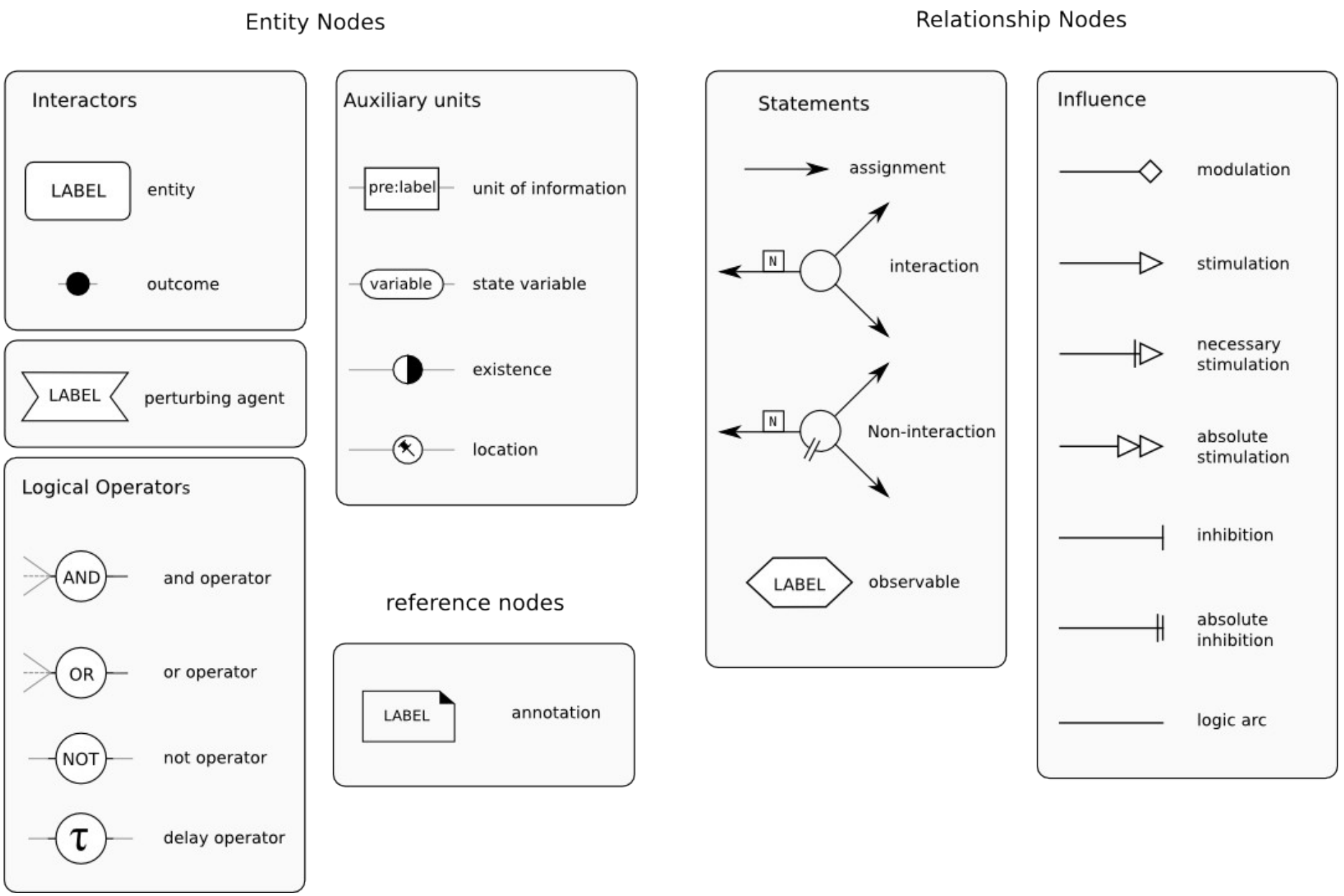

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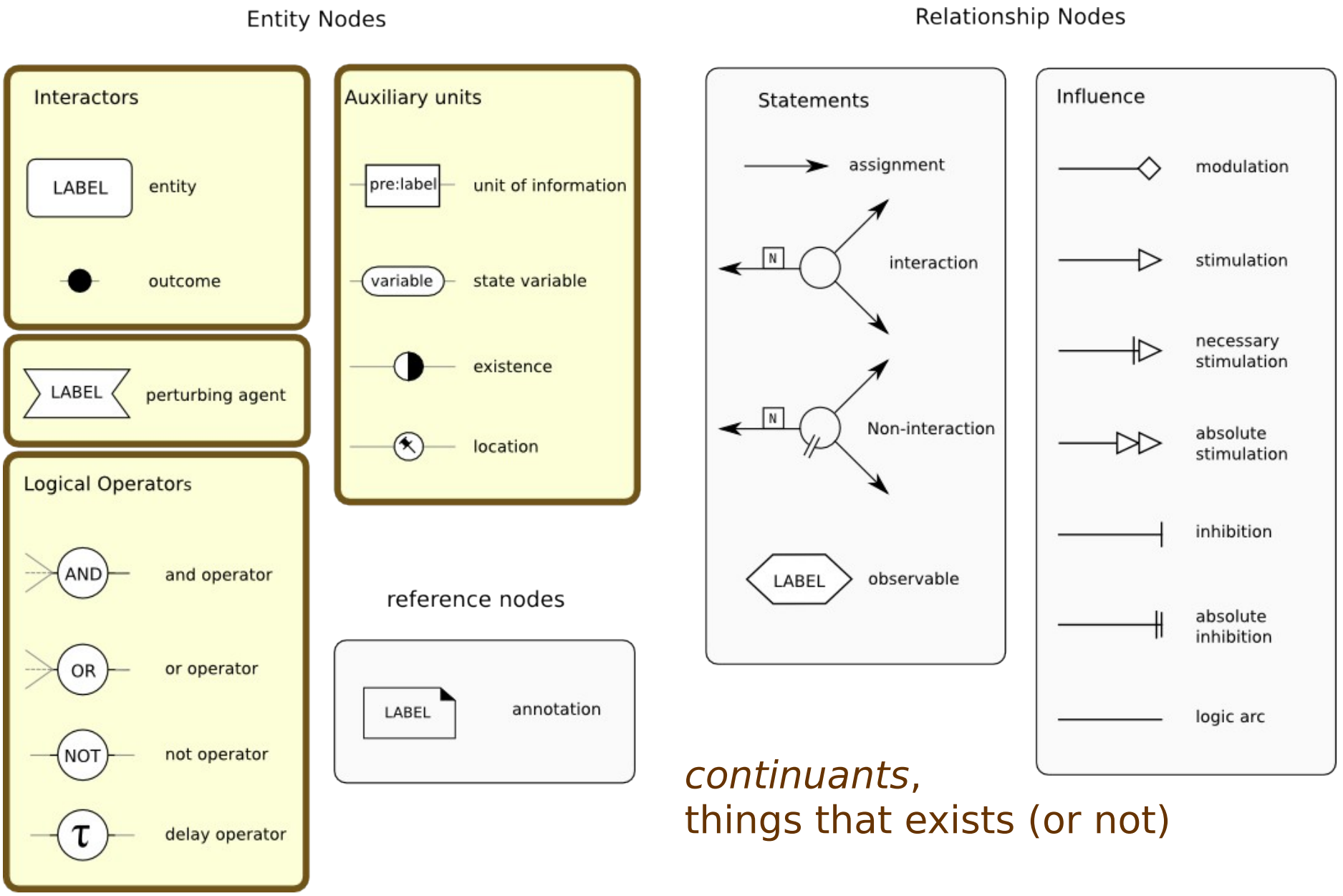

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things that exists (or not)

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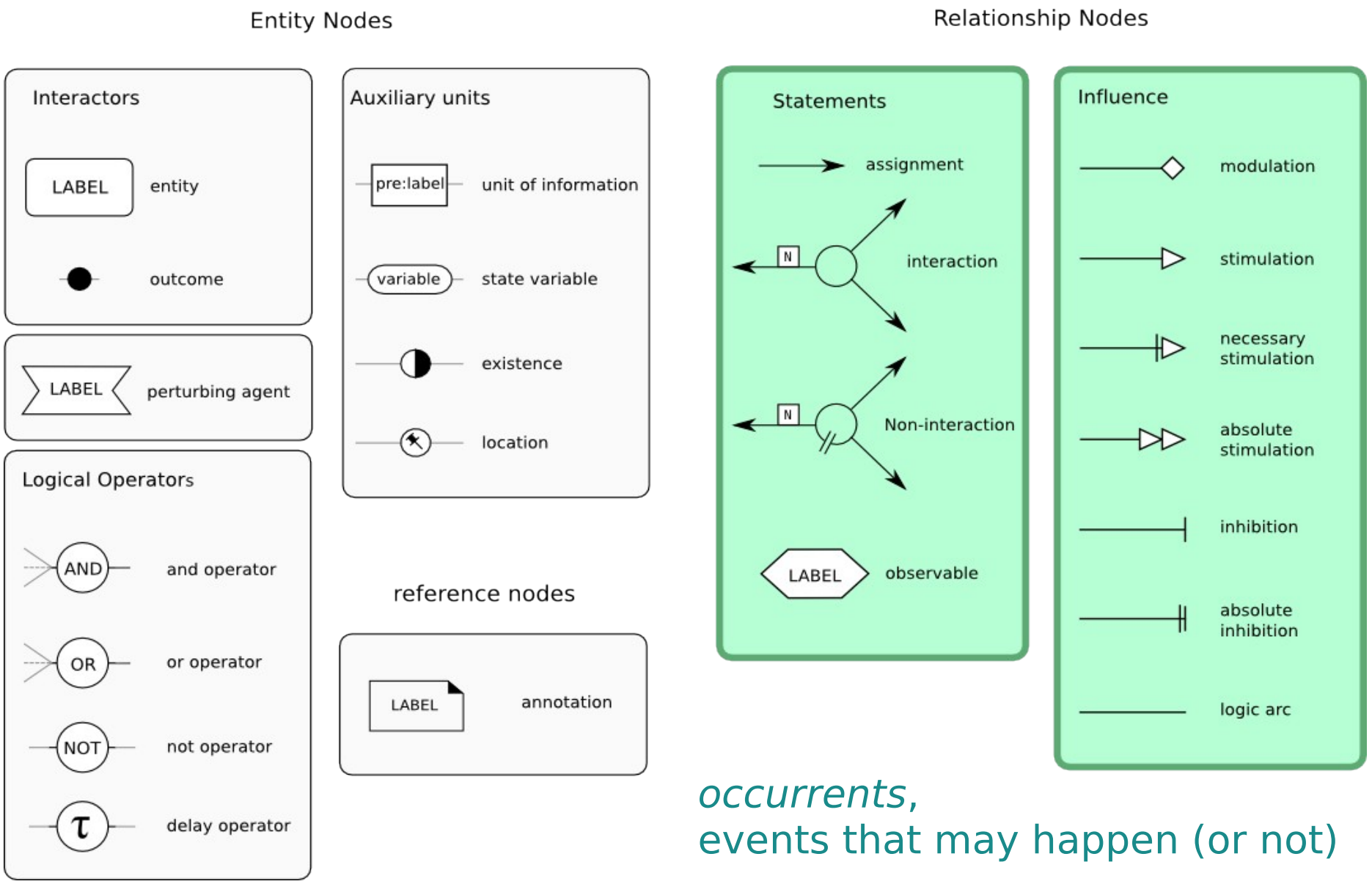

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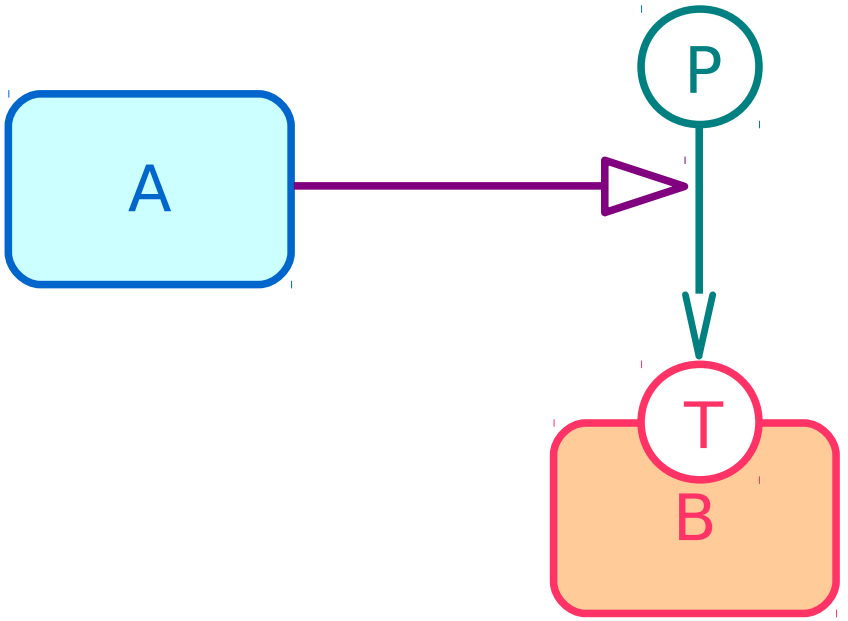
events that may happen (or not)

Entity Relationships can be viewed as rules



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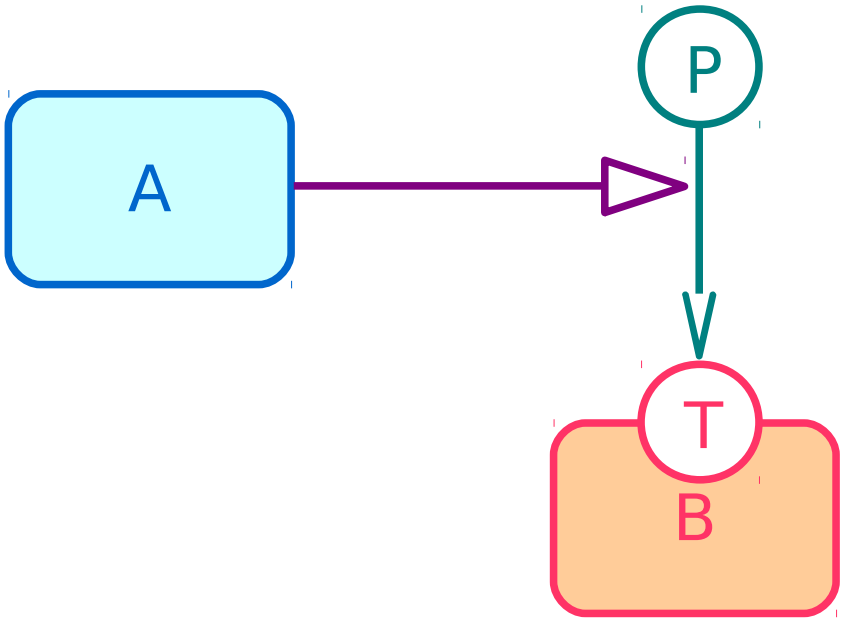

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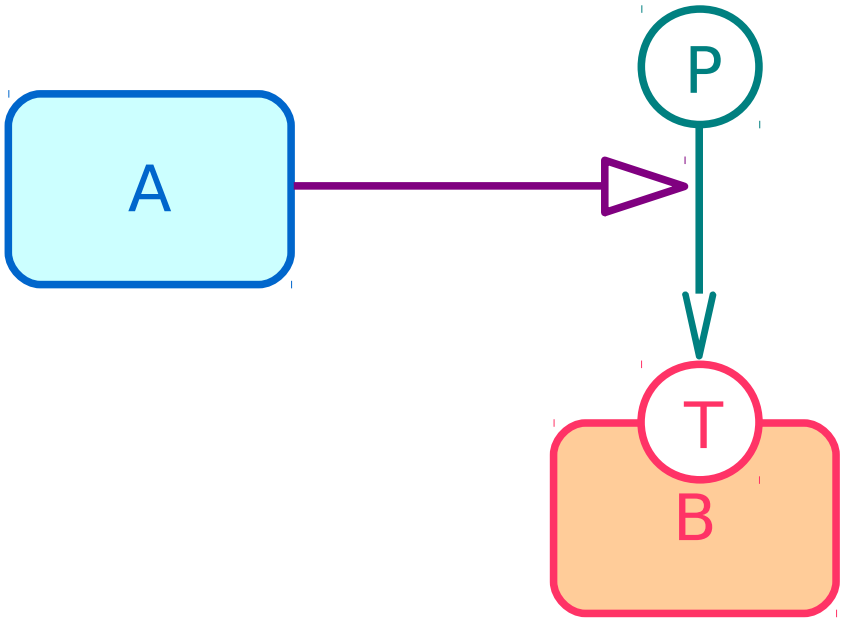

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(A stimulates the phosphorylation of B on the threonine)

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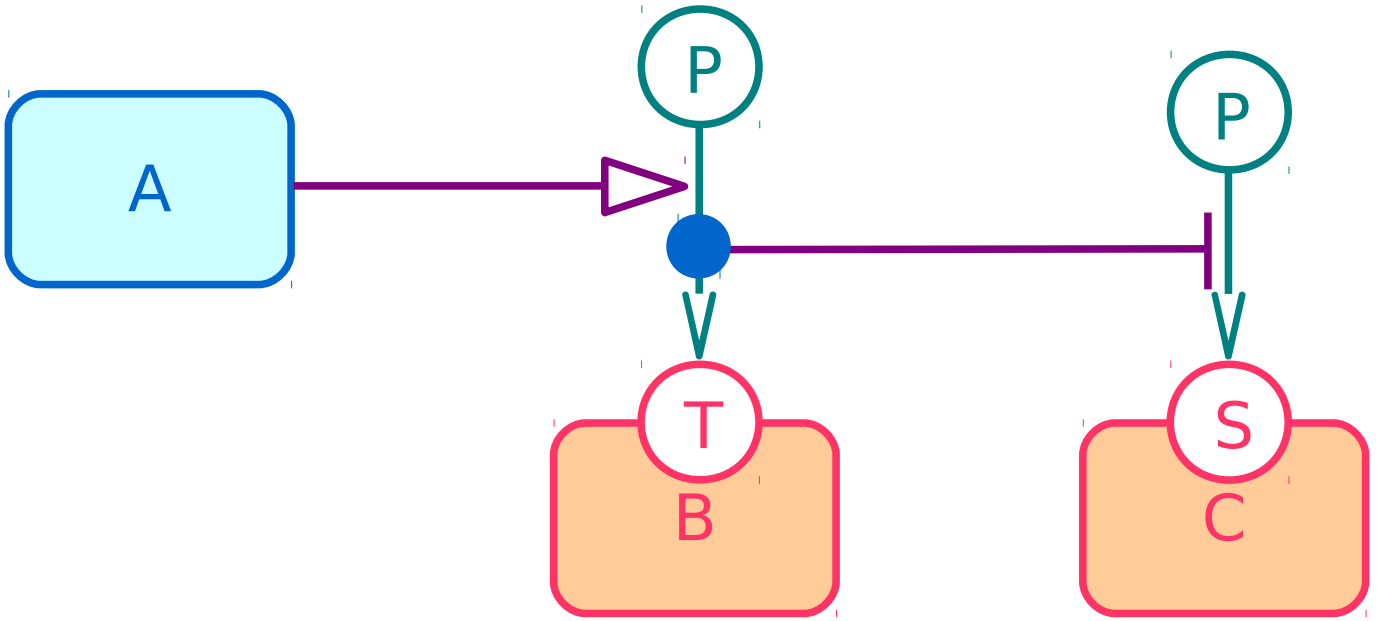

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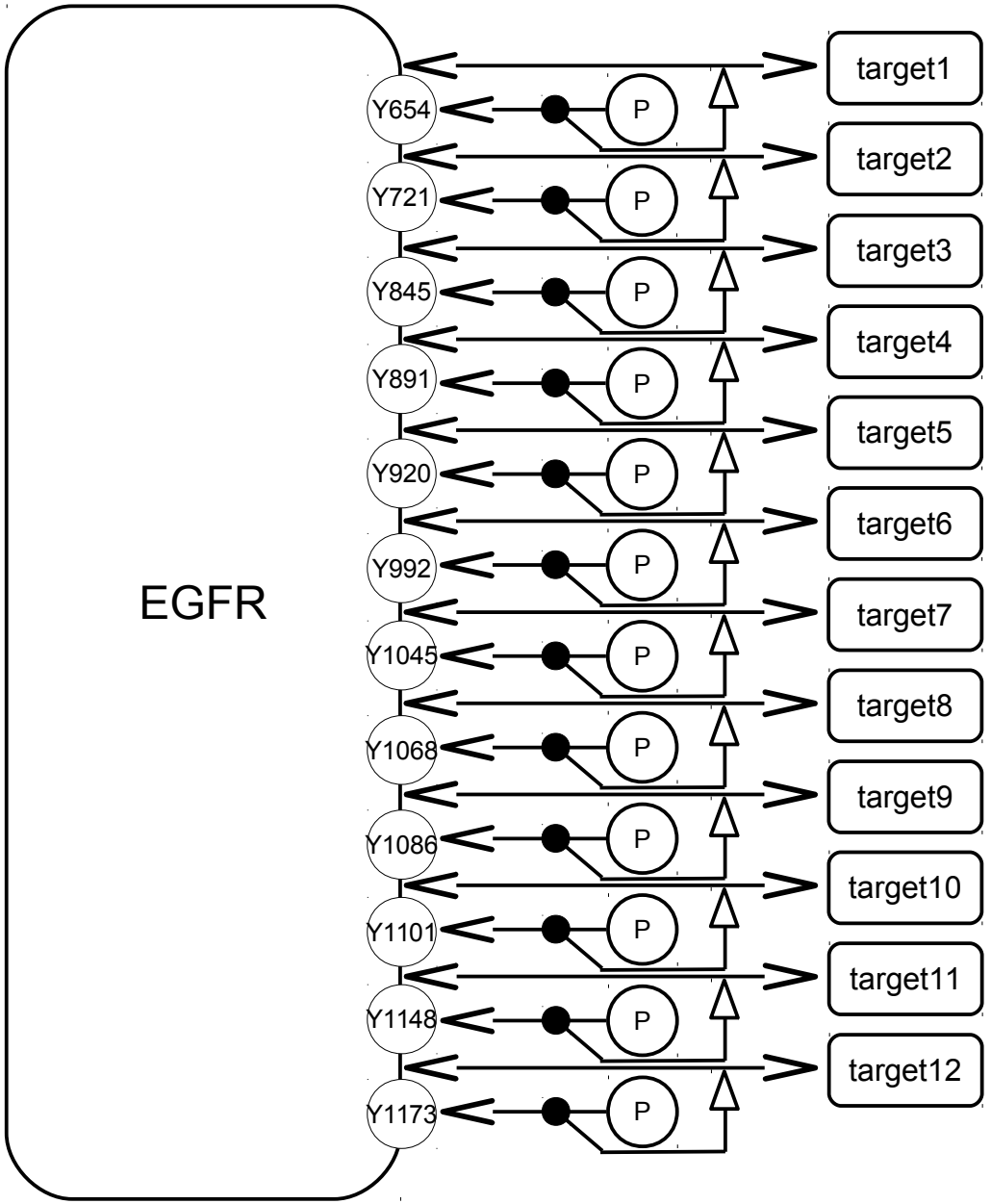
Multistate and combinatorial explosion



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

2^{12} = 4096 states
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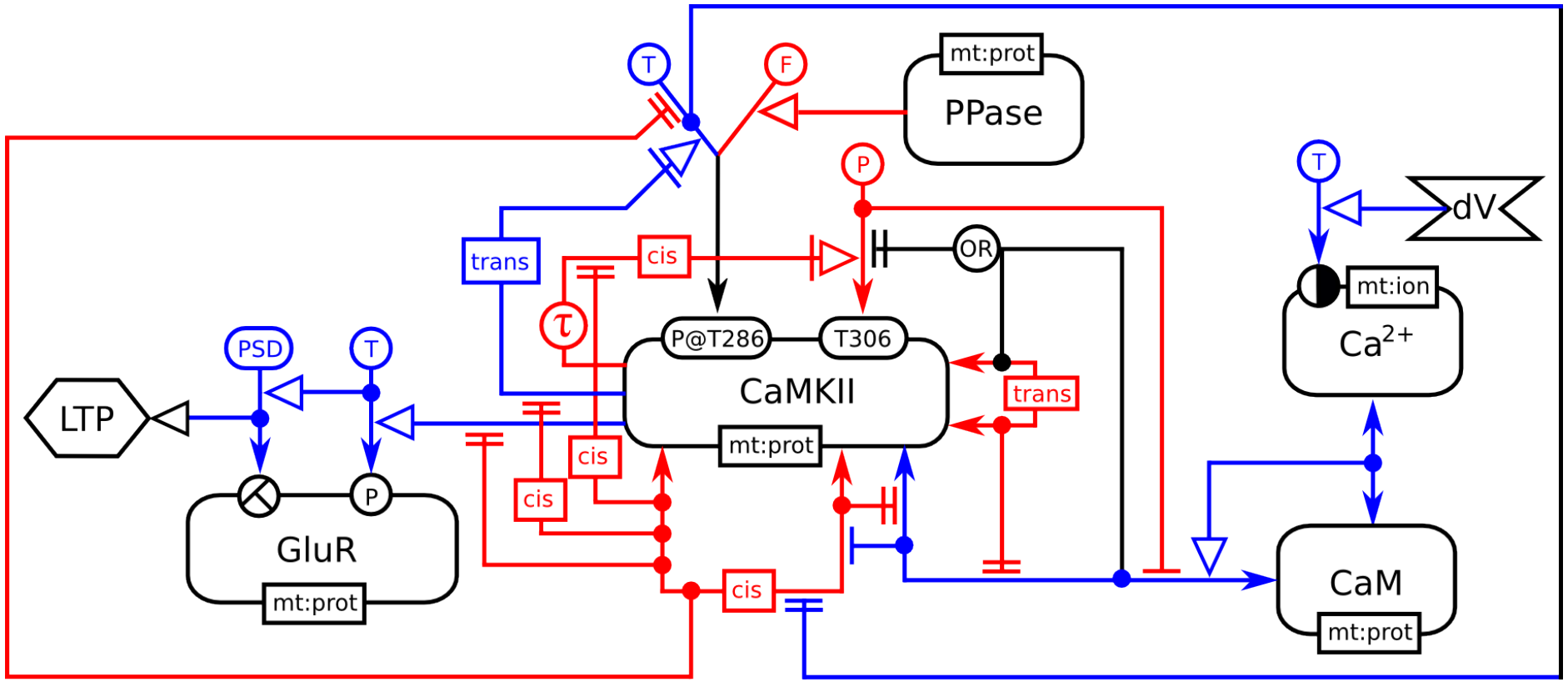
and 4096 complexes between
EGFR and targets

Regulation of synaptic plasticity by calcium



Rule-based modelling

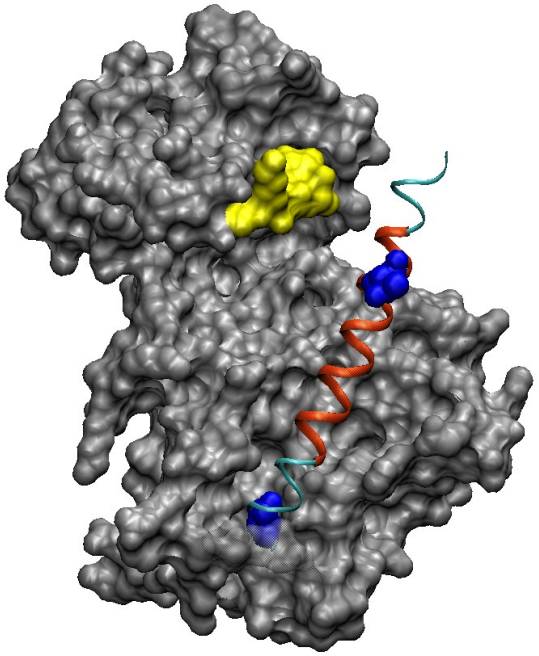
- Kappa http://www.kappalanguage.org/

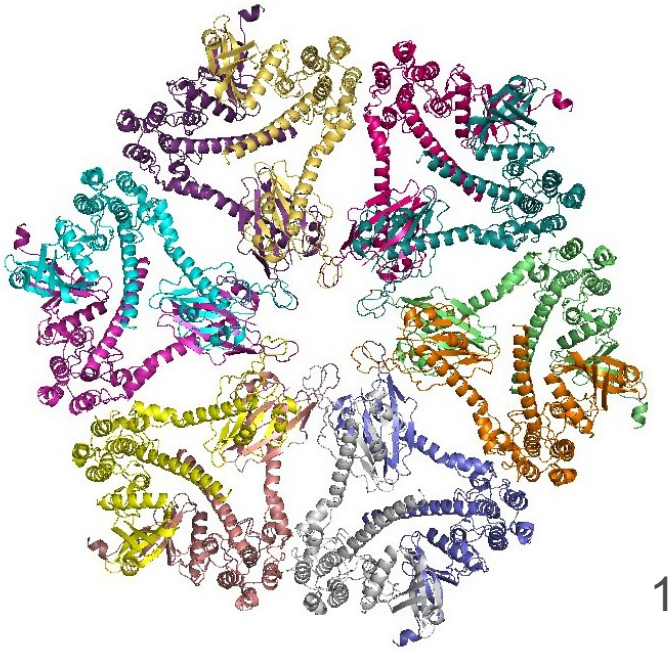
  English: "Unphosphorylated Site1 of A binds to Site1 of B"
  Kappa: A(Site1~u),B(Site1) -> A(Site1~u!1),B(Site1!1)

- BioNetGen http://bionetgen.org/

  English: “unbound EGF receptor site binds to unbound receptor ligand site”
  EGF(R) + EGFR(L) <-> EGF(R!1).EGFR(L!1) kp1, km1

Multi-state nature of CaMKII and rule-based modelling



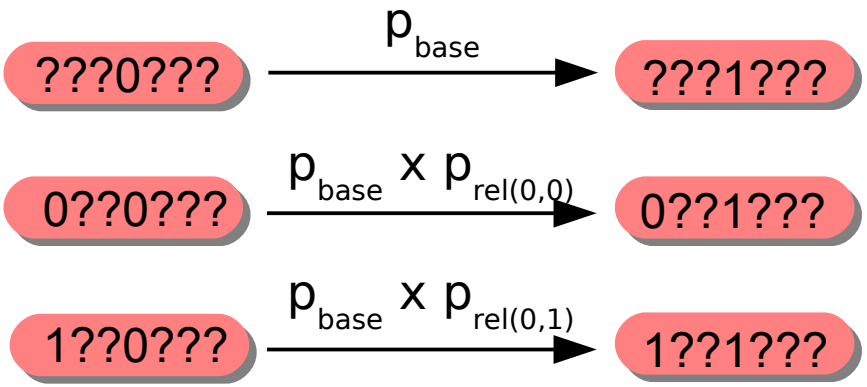


12 monomers

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



Flags '?' do not affect the reaction

4 species are necessary and not 128

2 reactions are necessary and not 64

Simulation with StochSim

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single oligomer

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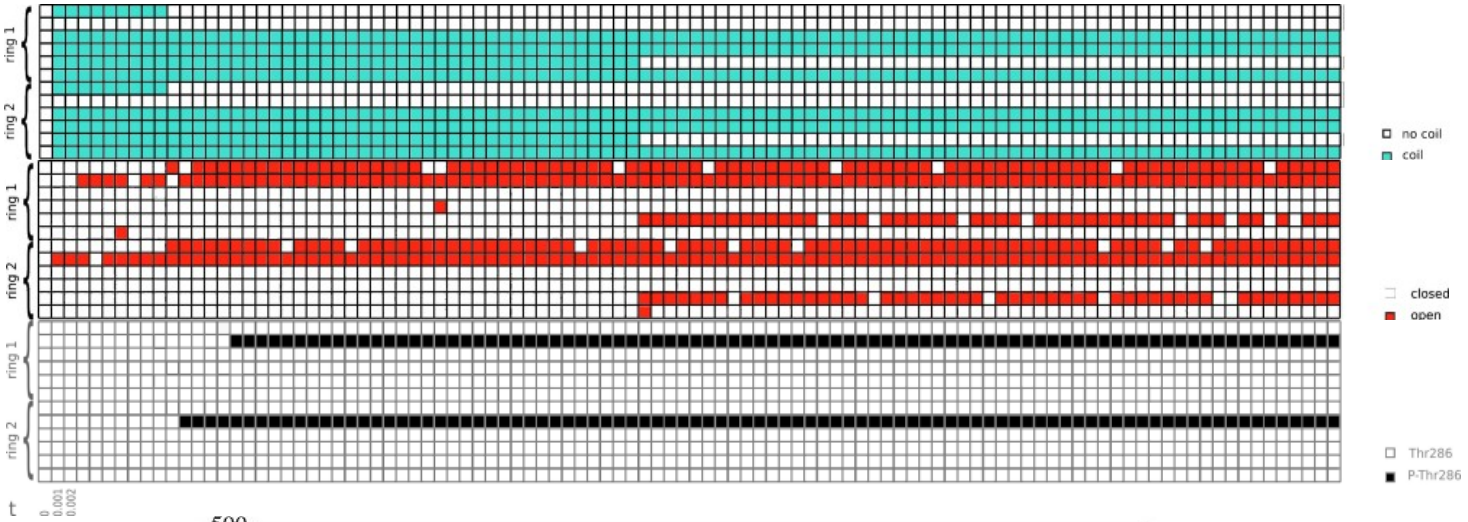
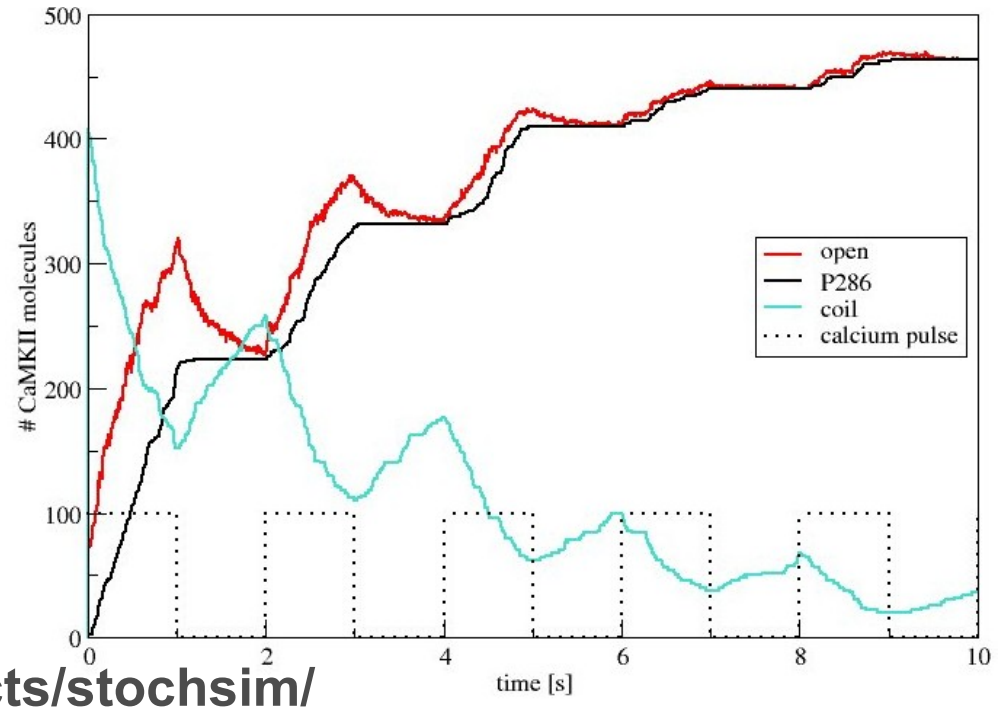
open

T286P



population of multimers



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The Systems Biology Markup Language

http://sbml.org/

Hucka *et al* (2003)

Systems Biology Markup Language

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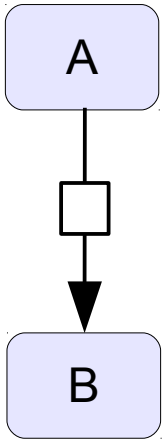

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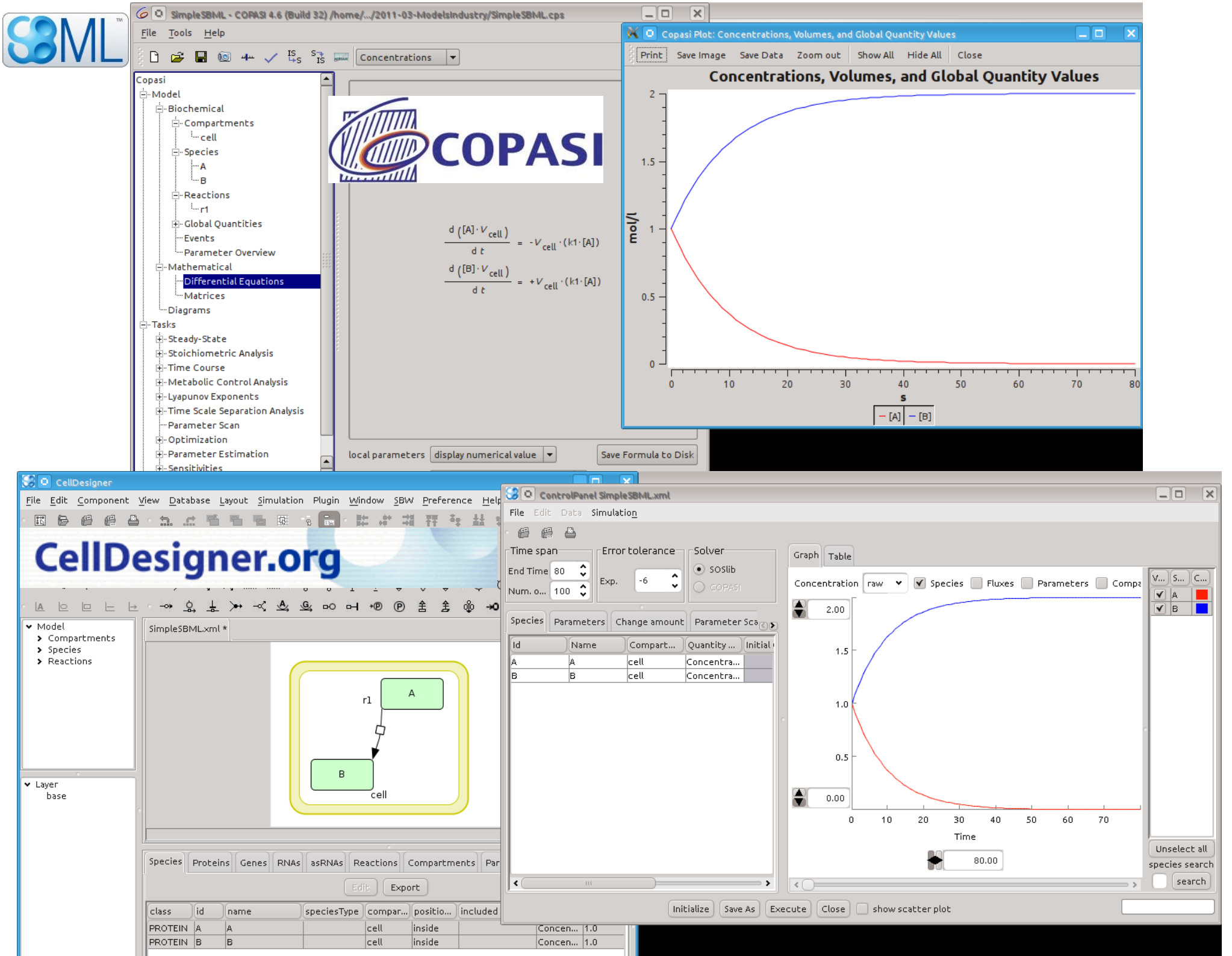
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A community-driven global reconstruction of human metabolism

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Multiple models of human metabolism have been reconstructed, but each represents only a subset of our knowledge. Here we describe Recon 2, a community-driven, consensus 'metabolic reconstruction', which is the most comprehensive representation of human metabolism that is applicable to computational modeling. Compared with its predecessors, the reconstruction has improved topological and functional features, including ~2× more reactions and ~1.7× more unique metabolites. Using Recon 2 we predicted changes in metabolite biomarkers for 49 inborn errors of metabolism with 77% accuracy when compared to experimental data. Mapping metabolomic data and drug information onto Recon 2 demonstrates its potential for integrating and analyzing diverse data types. Using protein expression data, we automatically generated a compendium of 65 cell type–specific models, providing a basis for manual curation or investigation of cell-specific metabolic properties. Recon 2 will facilitate many future biomedical studies and is freely available at http://humanmetabolism.org/.

An understanding of metabolism is fundamental to comprehending the phenotypic behavior of all living organisms, including humans, where metabolism is integral to health and is involved in much of human disease. High quality, genome-scale 'metabolic reconstructions' are at the heart of bottom-up systems biology analyses and represent the entire network of metabolic reactions that a given organism is known to exhibit[1]. The metabolic-network reconstruction procedure is now well-established[2] and has been applied to a growing number of model organisms[3]. Metabolic reconstructions allow for the conversion of biological knowledge into a mathematical format and the subsequent computation of physiological states[1,4,5] to address a variety of scientific and applied questions[3,6]. Reconstructions enable network-wide mechanistic investigations of the genotype-phenotype relationship. A high-quality reconstruction of the metabolic network is thus

A not so simple SBML file (Recon2)

- 8 compartments
- 5 063 metabolites
- 2 194 proteins
- 7 440 reactions

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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: >250 software, including modelling and simulation environment, databases, model processing

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

SBML Level 3 is modular

SBML.org — The Systems Biology Markup Language

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.

For the curious

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.

For modelers

Looking for software that supports SBML? Our **software guide** lists over **250** systems. Are you instead looking for models? Visit **BioModels Database**, where you can find hundreds!

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**.

No matter how you use SBML, we invite you to sign up for news updates either through our **RSS feed**, our **Twitter feed**, or one of the **mailing lists**, and get involved with **community efforts** to help keep improving SBML. You can also call attention to your project's support of SBML by displaying the **SBML logo**.

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.

Older news ...

Community News

SBML2GPML

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

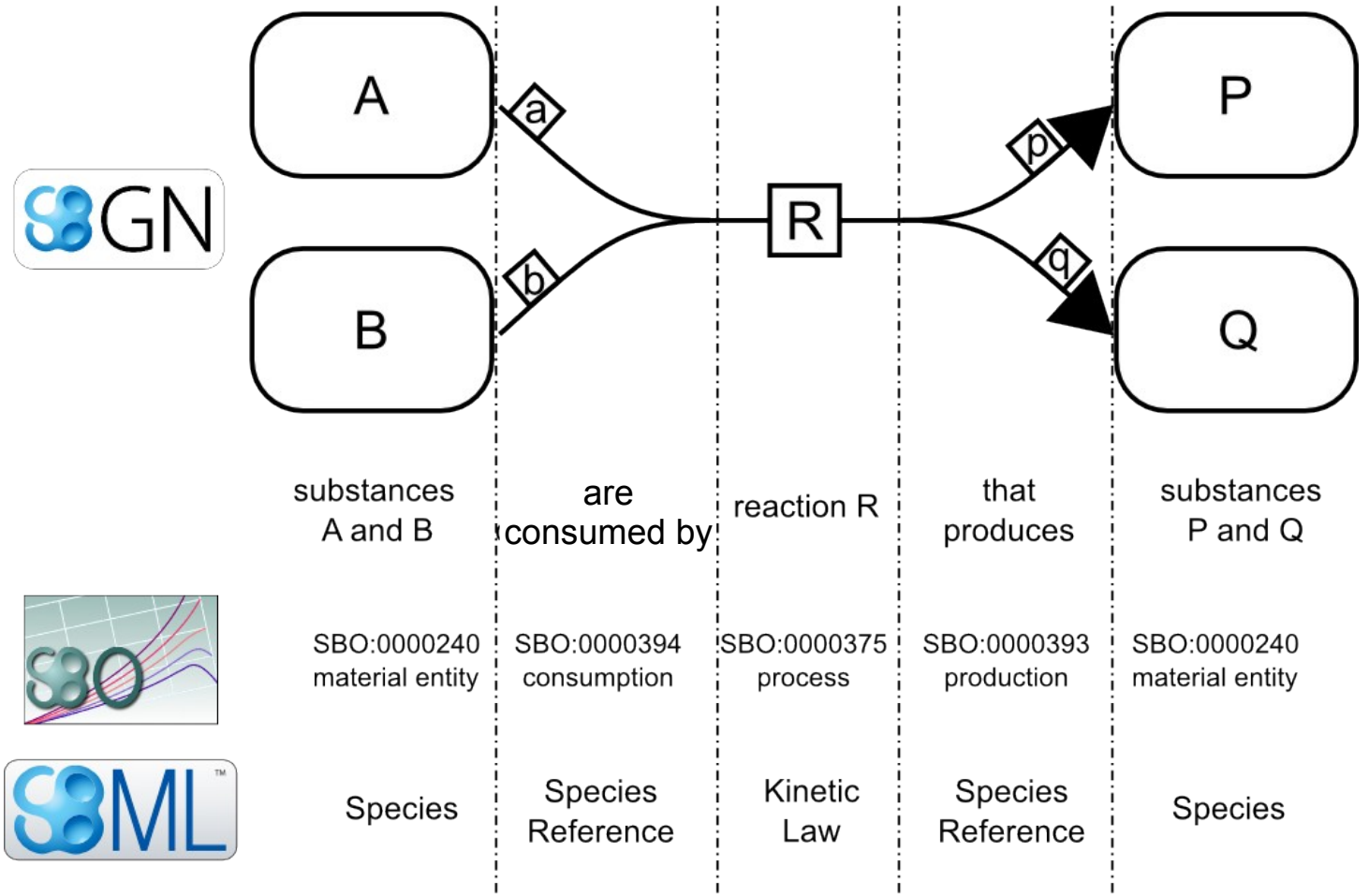
CellNOpt 1.7.7

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

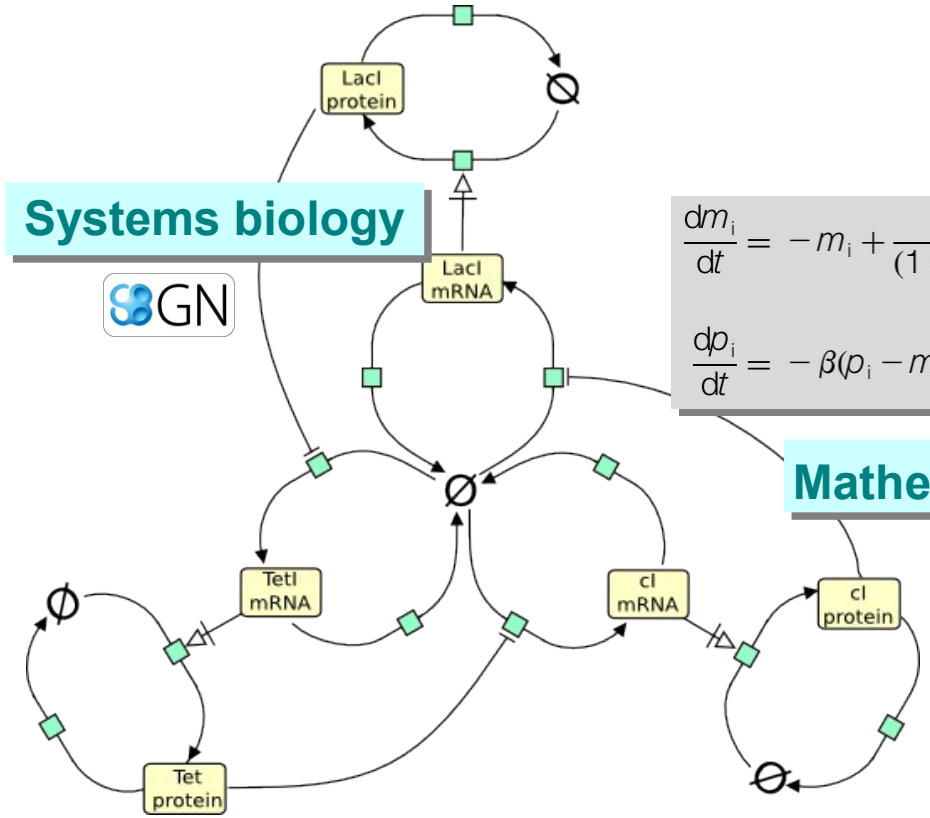
iNA 0.4.2 released

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

A biochemical reaction is a process



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



Systems biology

SBGN

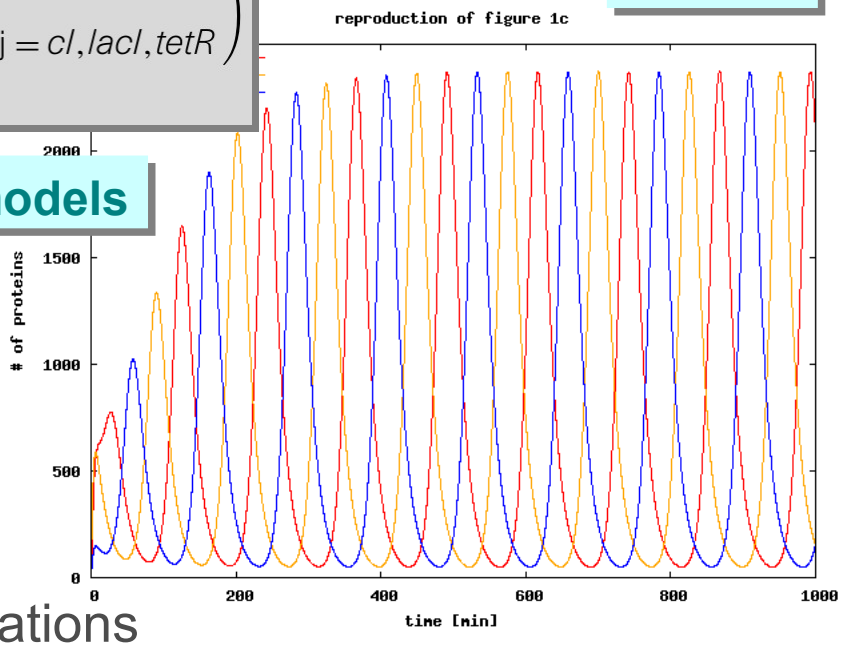
$$\frac{dm_i}{dt} = -m_i + \frac{\alpha}{(1+p_j^n)} + \alpha_0 \qquad \begin{pmatrix} i = lacI, tetR, cI \\ j = cI, lacI, tetR \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\beta(p_i - m_i)$$

Mathematical models

SBML

curated



>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

Search
Advanced

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.

 More information about BioModels Database can be found in the frequently asked questions (FAQ).

Models published in the literature

- Browse curated models
- Browse curated m… (Browse curated models)
- Browse curated models using Taxonomy
- Browse non-curated 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

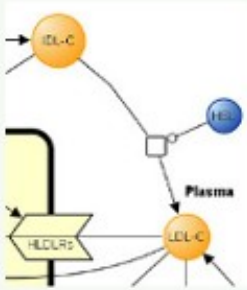
Links

- 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.



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News

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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.

Biological Pathway Exchange format

http://biopax.org/

Demir *et al* (2010)

BioPAX is a data format and an ontology

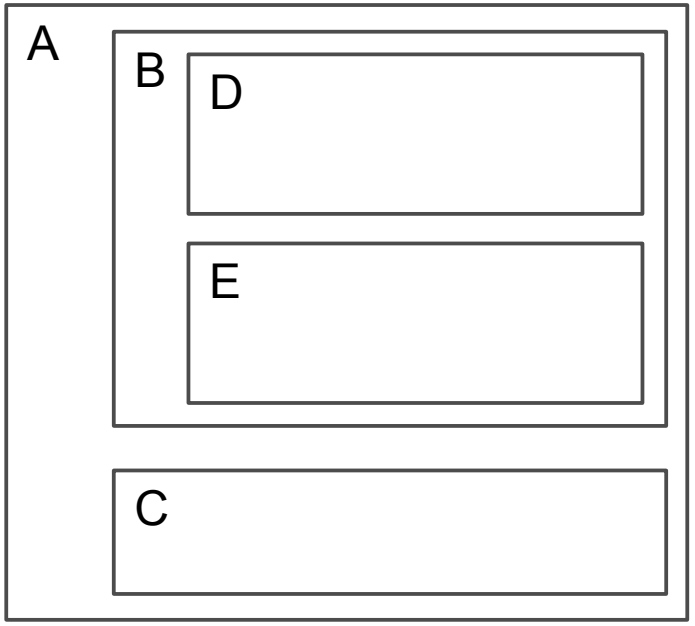
- **RDF/OWL**-based language to represent biological pathways at the molecular and cellular level
- Covers molecular and genetic interactions, metabolic network, signalling pathways, gene regulatory networks
- **Interactions**: Control (Catalysis, Modulation, TemplateReactionRegulation), Conversion (BiochemicalReaction, 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

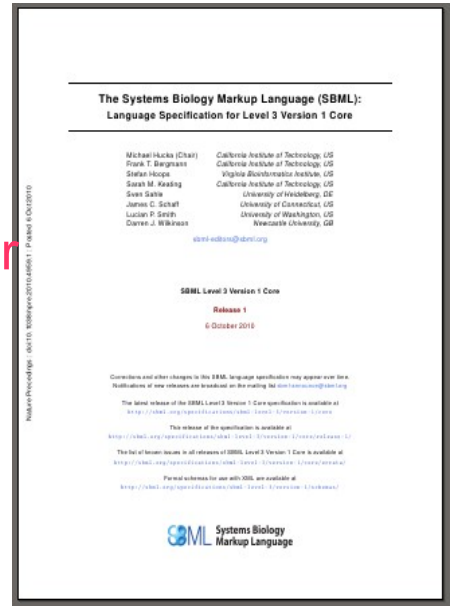
Resource Description Framework - RDF

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

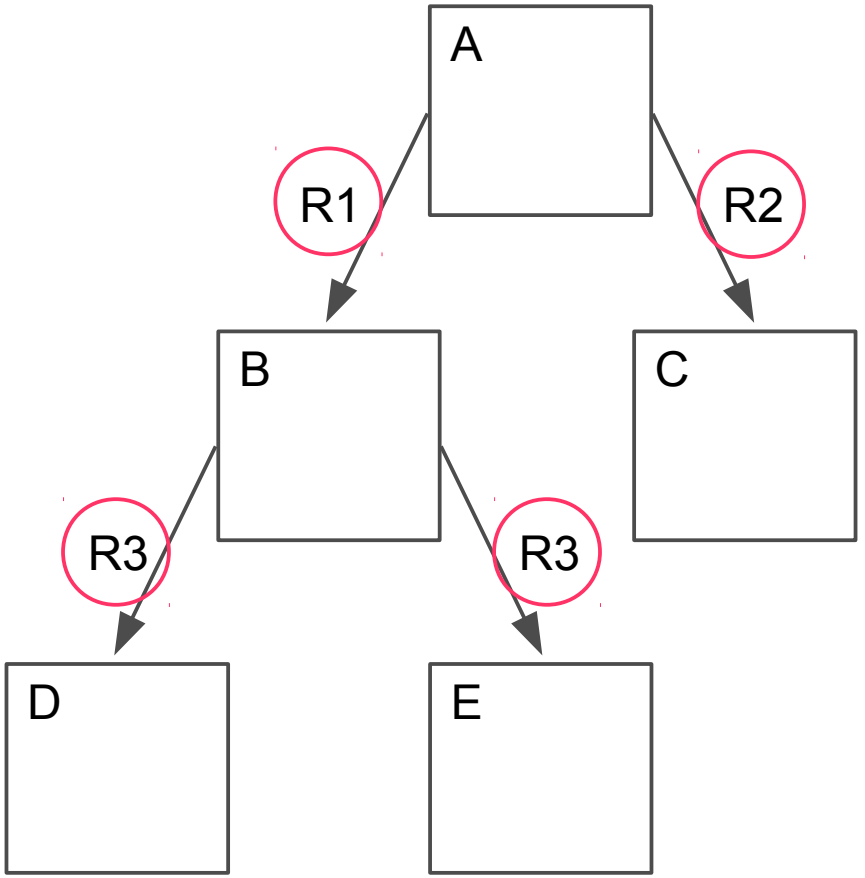
Subject	Predicate	Object
EGFR	*located_in*	plasma membrane
P00533	OBO_REL:0000008	GO:0005886
(UniProt)	(OBO Relation ontology)	(Gene Ontology)

"XML" Vs RDF




The Systems Biology Markup Language (SBML):
Language Specification for Level 3 Version 1 Core

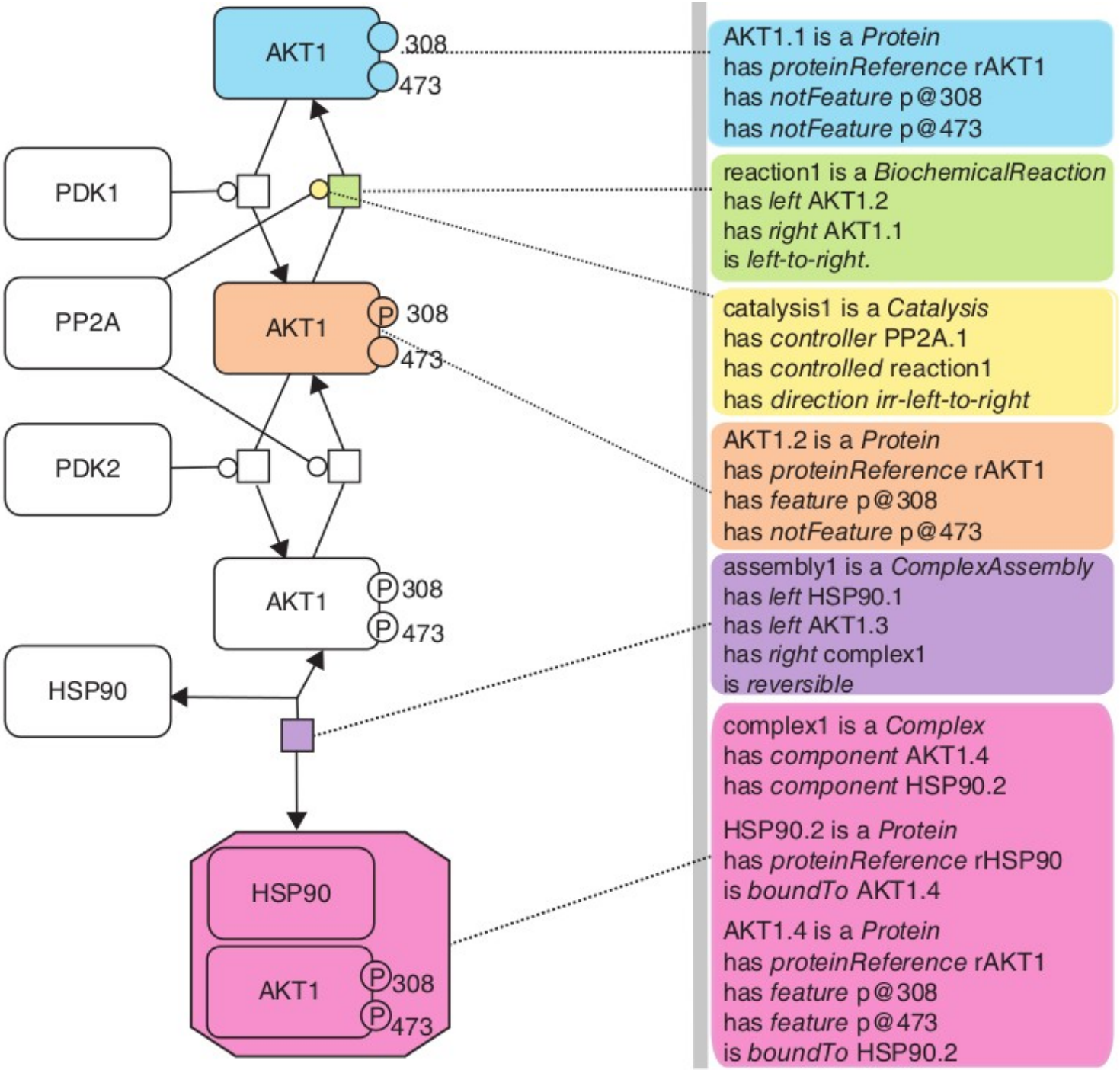
Relationships defined in another document



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.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has controlled reaction1
has direction irr-left-to-right
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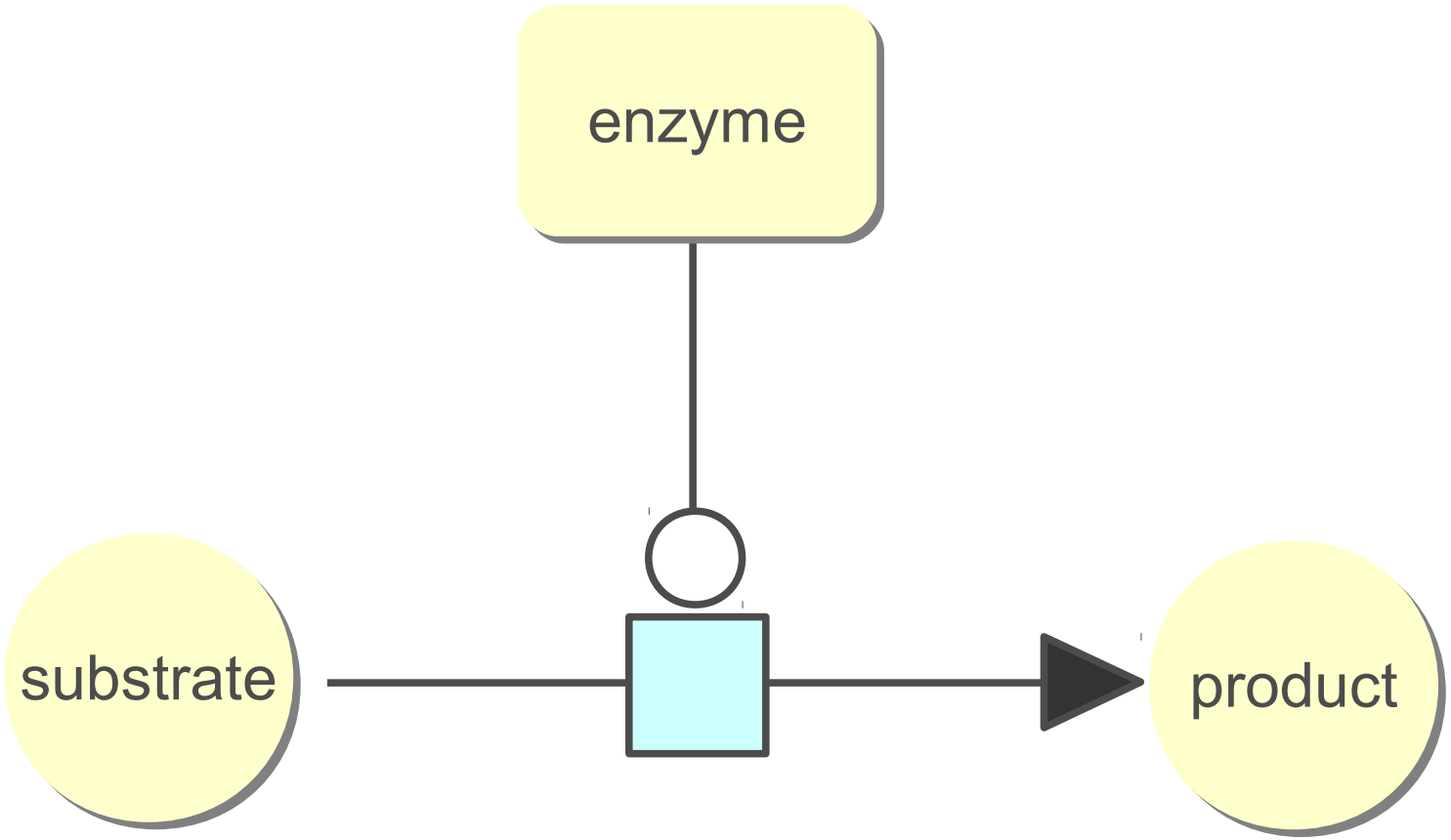
A catalysis in BioPAX



A catalysis in BioPAX (L2)

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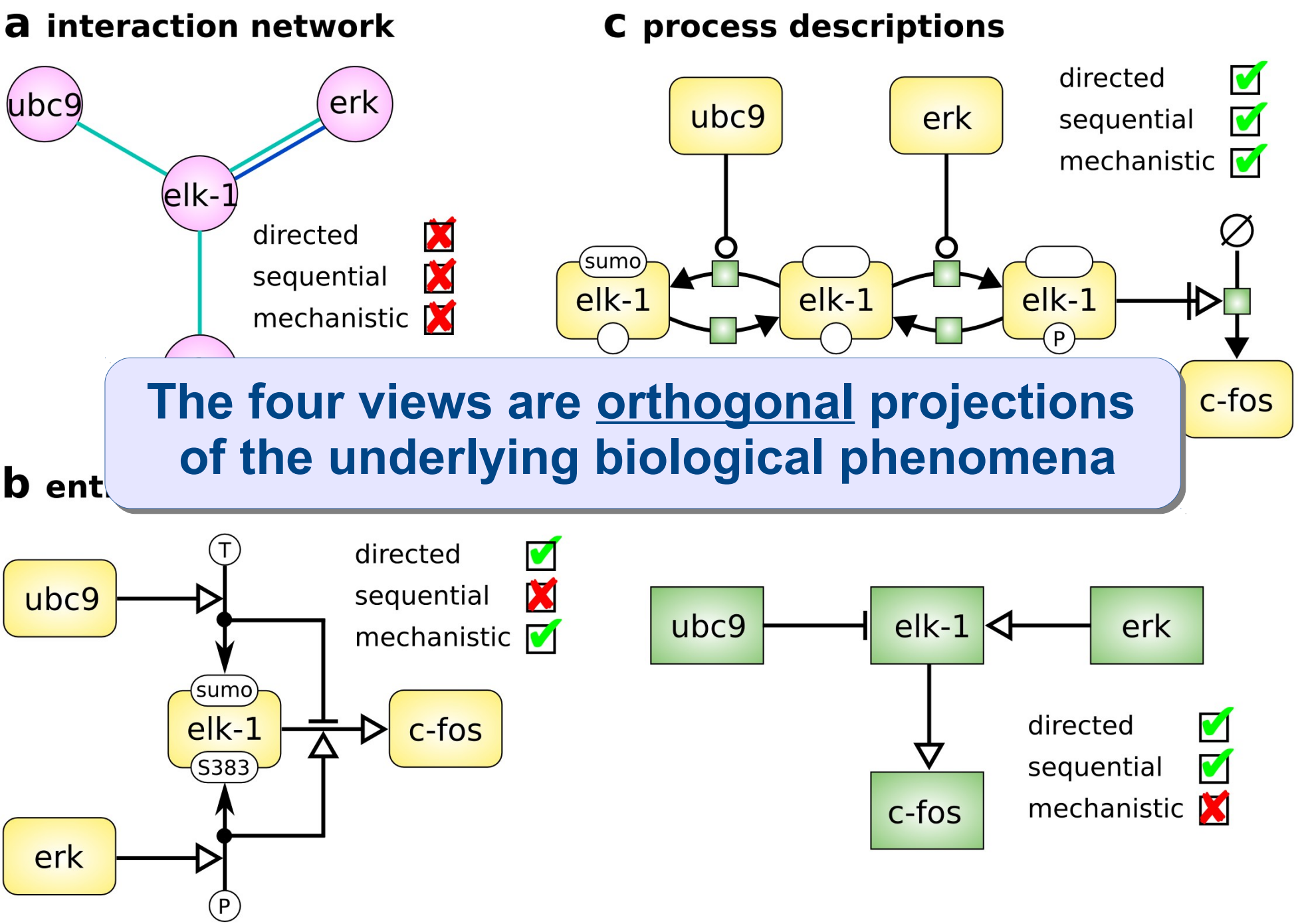
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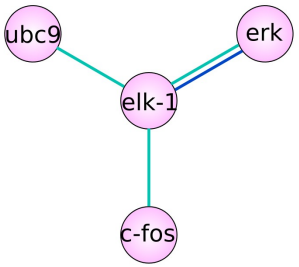

Interaction networks

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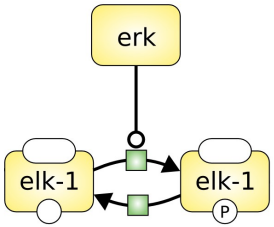
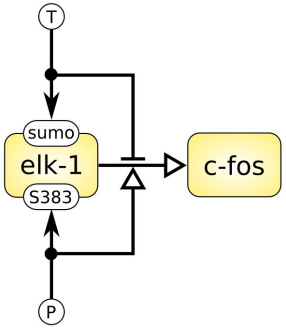


Process Descriptions

SBML Core

SBGN Process Description

Metabolism



Entity relationships

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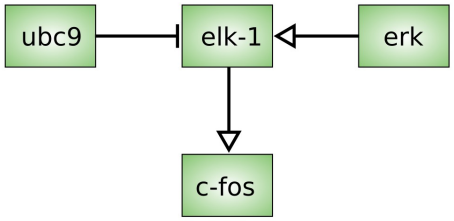
SBGN Entity Relationships

Signalling



Activity Flows

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SBGN Activity Flows

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