



Sharing enriched computational models, a cornerstone for Integrative Biology

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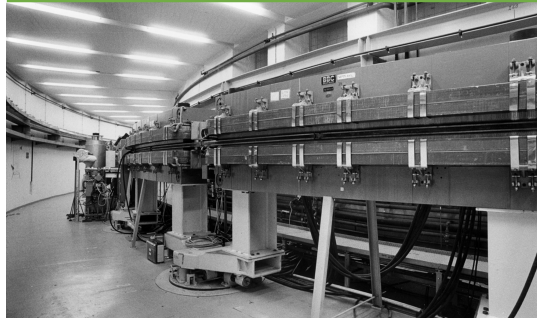
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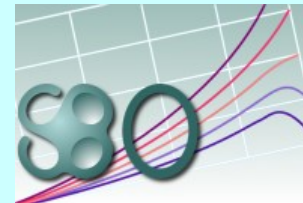
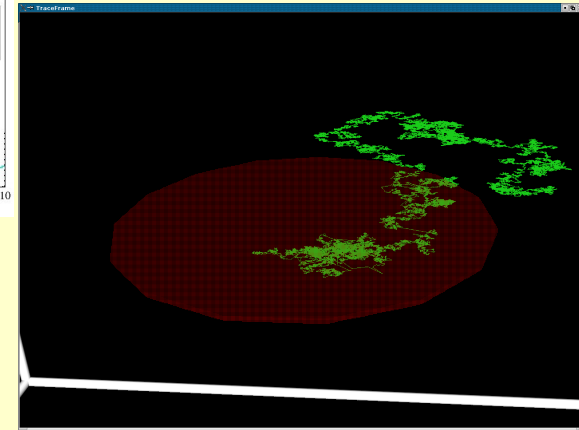
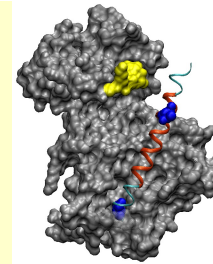
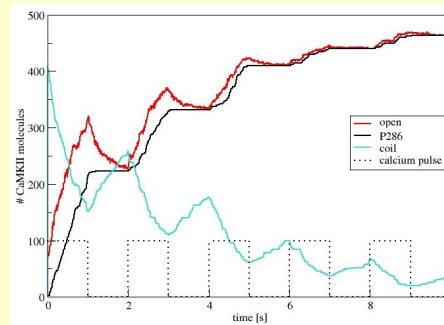
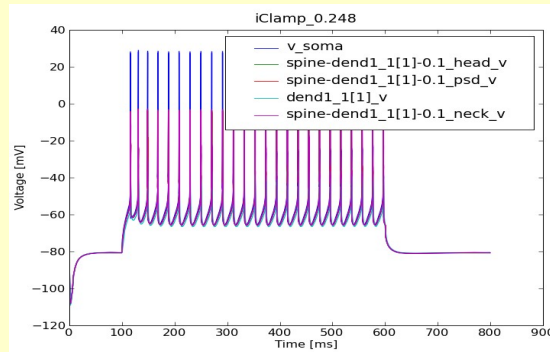
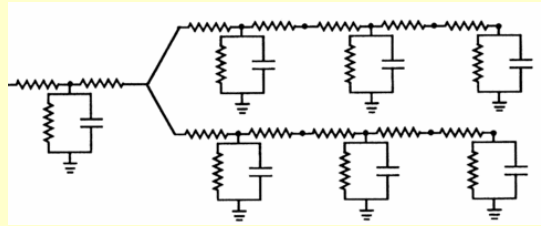
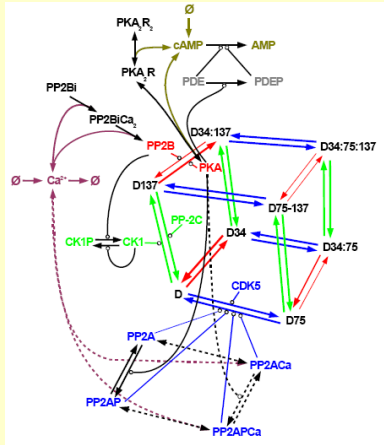
From the molecule to the cell,
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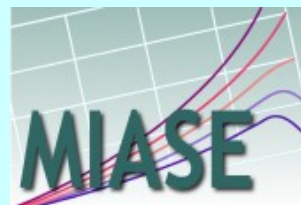


Themes and projects of the “compneur” group

Computational Neurobiology

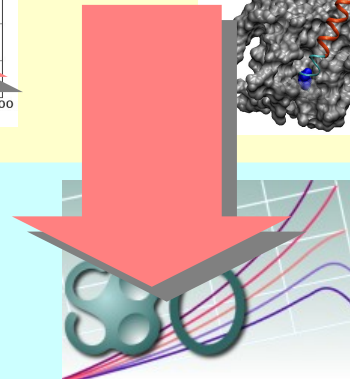
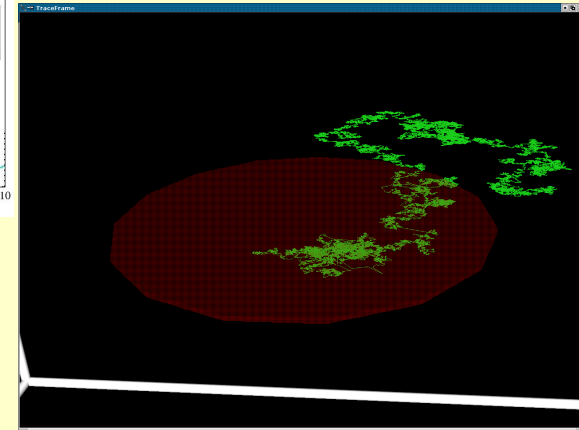
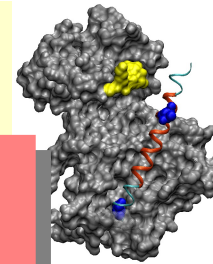
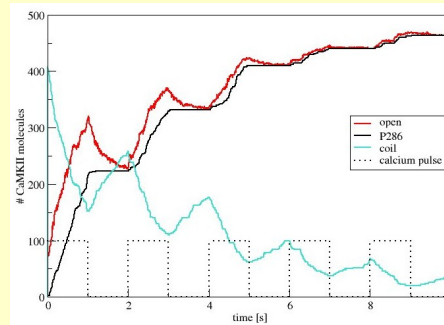
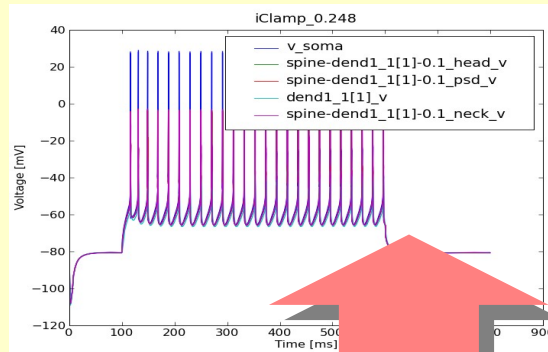
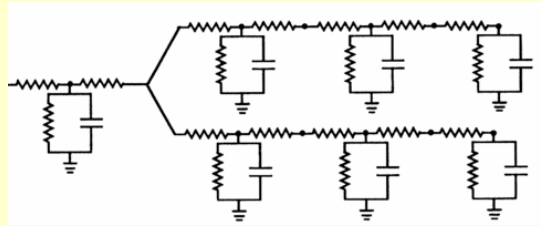
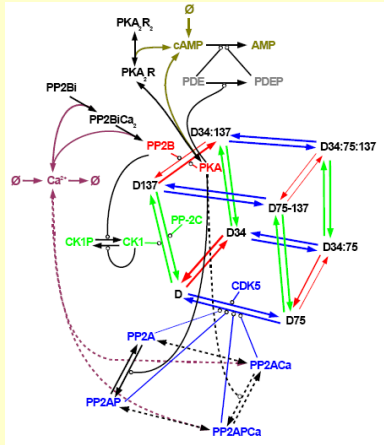


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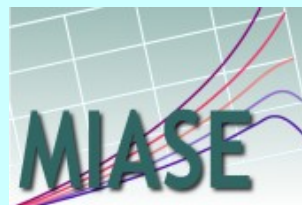


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What happened to biology at the end of XXth century?



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A NEW APPROACH TO DECODING LIFE: Systems Biology

Basic science

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REVIEW

Systems Biology: A Brief Overview

Hiroaki Kitano

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Systems of Life

Systems Biology



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Creation of a Bacterial Cell Controlled by a Chemically Synthesized Genome

Daniel G. Gibson,¹ John I. Glass,¹ Carole Lartigue,¹ Vladimir N. Noskov,¹ Ray-Yuan Chuang,¹ Mikkel A. Algire,¹ Gwynedd A. Benders,² Michael G. Montague,¹ Li Ma,¹ Monzia M. Moodie,¹ Chuck Merryman,¹ Sanjay Vashee,¹ Radha Krishnakumar,¹ Nacyra Assad-Garcia,¹ Cynthia Andrews-Pfannkoch,¹ Evgeniya A. Denisova,¹ Lei Young,¹ Zhi-Qing Qi,¹ Thomas H. Segall-Shapiro,¹ Christopher H. Calvey,¹ Prashanth P. Parmar,¹ Clyde A. Hutchison III,² Hamilton O. Smith,² J. Craig Venter^{1,2*}

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Induction of Pluripotent Stem Cells from Mouse Embryonic and Adult Fibroblast Cultures by Defined Factors

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A synthetic oscillatory network of transcriptional regulators

Michael B. Elowitz & Stanislas Leibler

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EXTREME GENETIC ENGINEERING

An Introduction to Synthetic Biology

Technology

January 2007

etc group



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About

The **International Genetically Engineered Machine competition (iGEM)** is Biology competition. Student teams are given a kit of biological parts at the beginning. Working at their own schools over the summer, they use t

Nobel Symposium on Systems Biology (June 2009)

networks

Leroy Hood
Marc Vidal
Mike Snyder
Marc Kirschner
Charlie Boone
Ruedi Aebersold
Terence Hwa
Erin O'Shea
Jussi Taipale

models

Eric Davidson
Stanislas Leibler
Michel Savageau
Roger Brent
Hans Westerhoff
Francois Nedelec
Uwe Sauer
Jim Ferrell
Jorg Stelling
Edda Klipp
Boris Kholodenko
Bela Novak
Hiroaki Kitano
Stefan Hohmann
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synthetic biology cell reprogramming

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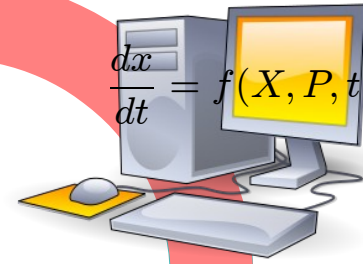
Consequences of this revolution on our activity

Needs for interplay between models and reality tests

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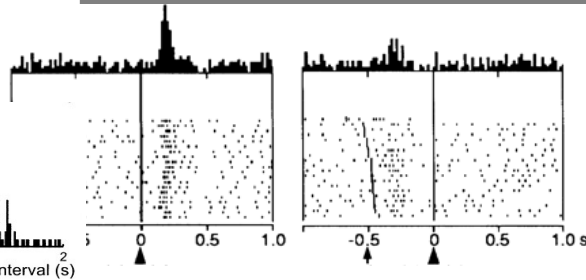
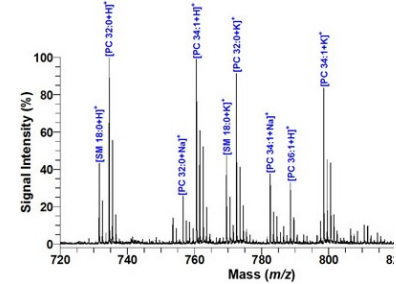
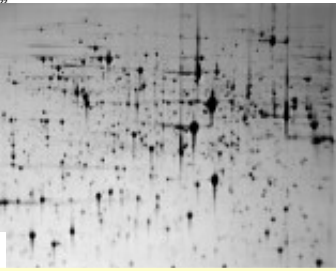
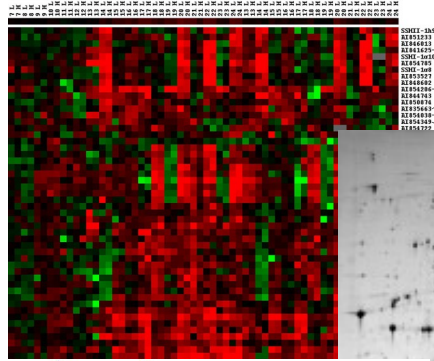
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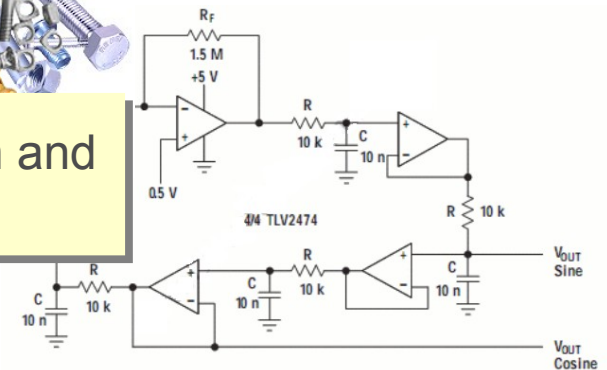


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Needs for systems thinking and integration of heterogeneous knowledge



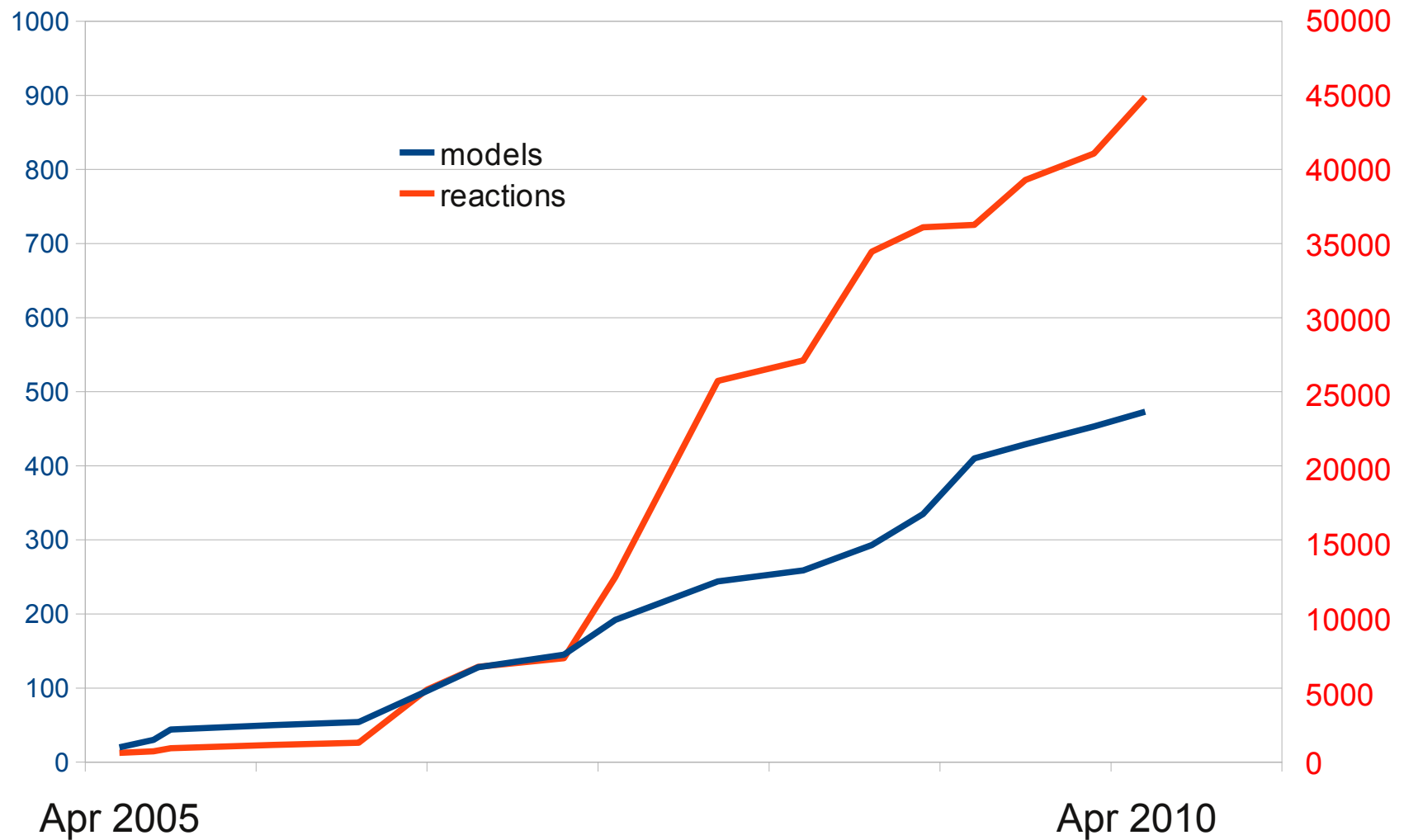
Needs for cooperation and standardisation



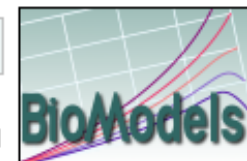
Computational modelling for biology and medicine left the niches in the last decades

- **Metabolic networks** (Herrgård et al. A consensus yeast metabolic network reconstruction obtained from a community approach to systems biology. *Nat Biotechnol* 2008)
- **Signalling pathways** (Bray et al. Receptor clustering as a cellular mechanism to control sensitivity. *Nature* 1998; Bhalla and Iyengar. Emergent properties of signaling pathways. *Science* 1998, Schoeberl et al. Computational modeling of the dynamics of the MAP kinase cascade activated by surface and internalized EGF receptors. *Nat Biotechnol* 2002; Nelson et al. Oscillations in NF- κ B Signaling Control the Dynamics of Gene Expression. *Science* 2004; Ashall et al. Pulsatile Stimulation Determines Timing and Specificity of NF- κ B-Dependent Transcription. *Science* 2009)
- **Gene regulatory networks** (McAdams and Shapiro. Circuit simulation of genetic networks. *Science* 1995; Yue et al. Genomic cis-regulatory logic: Experimental and computational analysis of a sea urchin gene. *Science* 1998; Von Dassow et al. The segment polarity network is a robust developmental module. *Nature* 2000)
- **Pharmacokinetic/dynamic models** (Labrijn et al. Therapeutic IgG4 antibodies engage in Fab-arm exchange with endogenous human IgG4 in vivo. *Nat Biotechnol* 2009)
- **Physiological models** (Noble. Modeling the heart from genes to cells to the whole organ. *Science* 2002; Izhikevich and Edelman. Large-scale model of mammalian thalamocortical systems. *PNAS* 2008)
- **Infectious diseases** (Perelson et al. HIV-1 dynamics in vivo: Virion clearance rate, infected cell life-span, and viral generation time. *Science* 1996; Neumann et al. Hepatitis C viral dynamics in vivo and the antiviral efficacy of interferon-alpha therapy. *Science* 1998)

Computational models on the rise



Growth of BioModels Database between its creation and release 17

BioModels Database - A Database of Annotated Published Models

BioModels Database is a data resource that allows biologists to store, search and retrieve published mathematical models of biological interests. Models present in BioModels Database are annotated and linked to relevant data resources, such as publications, databases of compounds and pathways, controlled vocabularies, etc.

Search

Go to the model

[Advanced search](#)**Browse models**

- [Curated models \(249\)](#)
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Simulate in JWS Online**Submit a model**

Mirror at California Institute of Technology <http://biomodels.caltech.edu>

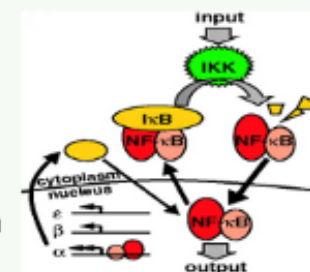
BioModels AT SourceForge <http://sourceforge.net/projects/biomodels/>

Web Services <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels-main/webservices>

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Model of the month**July, 2010**

The activity of the transcription factor NF- κ B, is largely controlled by three I κ B isoforms (I κ B α , I κ B β , I κ B ϵ) which upon binding to NF- κ B, prevents its association with DNA causing its localization to the cytoplasm. A computational model that describes the temporal control of NF- κ B activation by I κ B proteins is described here.

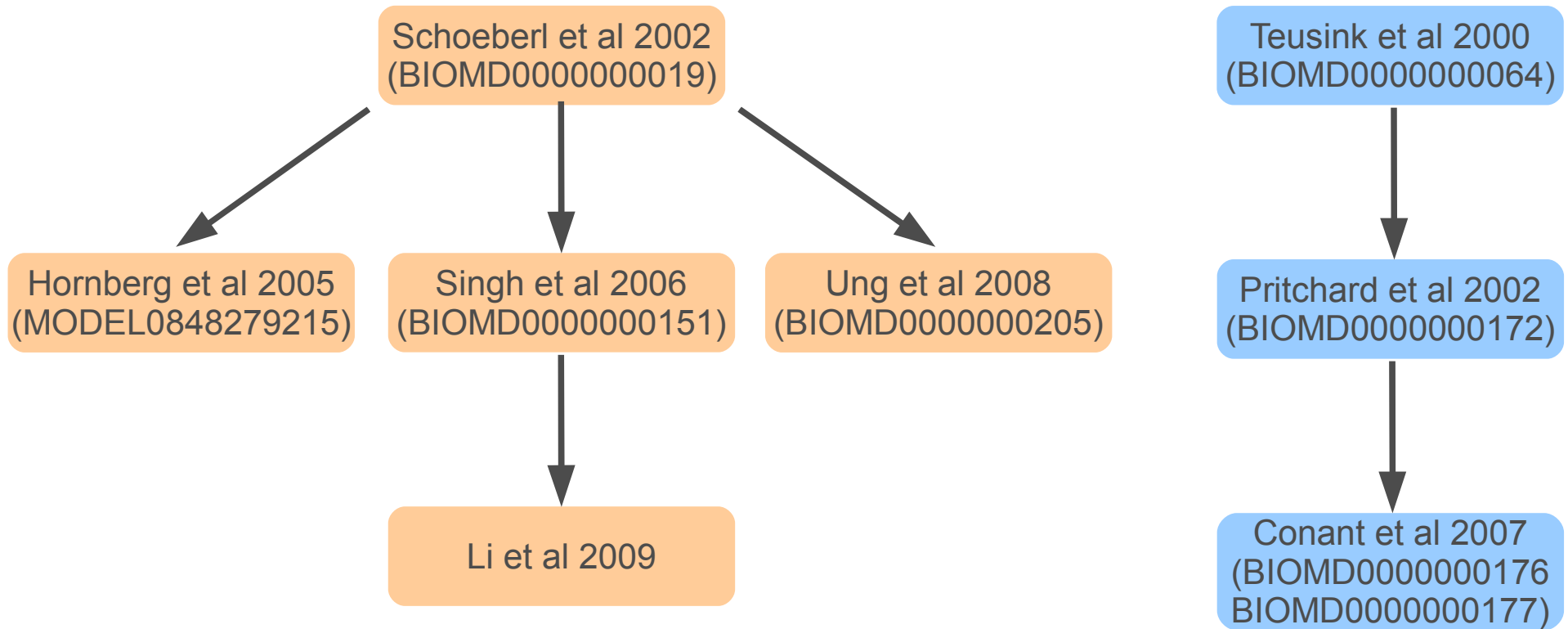
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29 June 2010 New BioModels Database publication
[New BioModels Database paper published in BMC Systems Biology: BioModels Database: An enhanced, curated and annotated resource for published quantitative kinetic models.](#)

2nd June 2010 SBML to VCML converter updated
The Virtual Cell recently released a new version of

N. Le Novère, B. Bornstein, A. Broicher, M. Courtot, M. Donizelli, H. Dharuri, L. Li, H. Sauro, M. Schilstra, B. Shapiro, J.L. Snoep, M. Hucka. BioModels Database: A Free, Centralized Database of Curated, Published, Quantitative Kinetic Models of Biochemical and Cellular Systems. (2006) *Nucleic Acids Research*, 34: D689-D691.

Direct model re-use: EGFR signalling and glycolysis



Models at the core of integrative systems bio/physio/neurobiology

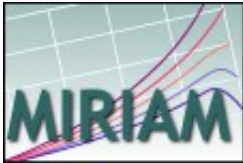
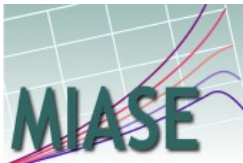
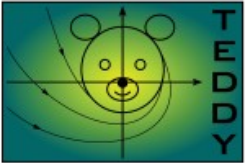
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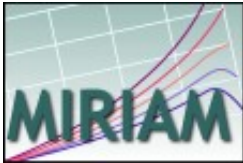
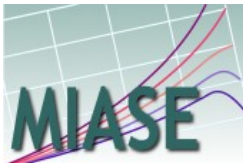
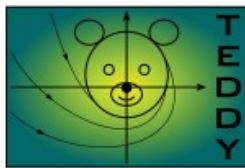
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→ **Standardisation is unavoidable!**

A “complete” (?) mosaic of standards for Computational Systems Biology models

	Models	Simulation	Results
Minimal requirements			
Data-models	 		SBRML
Ontologies			

Model description

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Welcome to the portal for the **Systems Biology Markup Language (SBML)**, a computer-readable format for representing models of biological processes. SBML is suitable for models of metabolism, cell signaling, and other processes, and has been evolving since 2000 thanks to an international community of researchers.



For the curious

What *is* SBML? Read our [introduction](#), then perhaps browse the [mailing lists](#) to get a sense for what's going on with SBML today.



For modelers

Looking for software that supports SBML? Our [software guide](#) lists over **180** systems today. Are you instead looking for models? Visit the [BioModels Database](#), where you can find hundreds!



For software developers

Interested in supporting SBML in your software? Read our [basic introduction](#) and then the [SBML specifications](#) to understand how to use SBML. After that, you may want to look at [libSBML](#).

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

SBML News

SBMLToolbox 3.1.2!

(27 Apr.'10) Another minor bug-fix release of our free MATLAB toolbox for SBML is now available.

SBMLToolbox 3.1.1!

(12 Apr.'10) A minor bug-fix release of our free MATLAB toolbox for SBML is now available.

[Older news ...](#)

Community News

Cain 1.4 released!

(31 May.'10) **Cain** is a stochastic simulator with highly efficient implementations of many methods.

SBW 2.8.0 released!

(10 May.'10) SBW is a component-based application framework. The update improves support for simulation of SBML models and Windows 7 support.

CBO workshop @ ICSB

(2 May.'10) There will be a



Hucka M., Bolouri H., Finney A., Sauro H.M., Doyle J.C., Kitano H., Arkin A.P., Bornstein B.J., Bray D., Cornish-Bowden A., Cuellar A.A., Dronov S., Ginkel M., Gor V., Goryanin I.I., Hedley W.J., Hodgman T.C., Hunter P.J., Juty N.S., Kasberger J.L., Kremling A., Kummer U., Le Novère N., Loew L.M., Lucio D., Mendes P., Mjolsness E.D., Nakayama Y., Nelson M.R., Nielsen P.F., Sakurada T., Schaff J.C., Shapiro B.E., Shimizu T.S., Spence H.D., Stelling J., Takahashi K., Tomita M., Wagner J., Wang J. et al (2003). The Systems Biology Markup Language (SBML): A Medium for Representation and Exchange of Biochemical Network Models. *Bioinformatics*, 19: 524-531.

What is SBML?

The Systems Biology Markup Language is a way to **exchange and reuse** (and hopefully **interface**) descriptions of quantitative models in “Systems Biology”, in fact mostly well-stirred chemical kinetics so far.



It is not a procedural language.

It is not a programming language.

It is not a format for specific software configuration files (only 3 of the 7 SBML founding software are still maintained today).

Development philosophy: Start small, get good support, extend.

SBML itself re-uses other standards: XML, MathML, XHTML, RDF, existing ontologies.

It is supported by a community large, diverse, active and **evolving**.

Global structure of a SBML file

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variables

relationships



A very simple SBML file

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              <ci>cell</ci>
            </apply>
          </math>
        </kineticLaw>
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    </listOfReactions>
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</sbml>
```


A very simple SBML file

```
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    <listOfCompartments>
      <compartment id="cell" />
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    <listOfSpecies>
      <species id="A" compartment="cell" initialConcentration="1"/>
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    </listOfSpecies>
    <listOfParameters>
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    </listOfParameters>
    <listOfReactions>
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      </reaction>
    </listOfReactions>
  </model>
</sbml>
```

MathML

A more realistic example ...

```
<species.  
  id="A".  
  name="a-tubulin"  
  compartment="cell"  
  initialAmount="1000"  
  substanceUnits="item"  
  hasOnlySubstanceUnits="true"  
  boundaryCondition="true"  
  constant="false"  
  charge="0"  
  metaid="PX"
```

```
sboTerm="SBO:0000245" >
```

biological semantics

```
<notes>
```

XHTML

```
<body xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">  
  <p>One of the components of a microtubule</p>  
</body>
```

```
</notes>
```

```
<annotation>
```

RDF

```
<rdf:RDF.  
  xmlns:bqbiol="http://biomodels.net/biology-qualifiers/"  
  xmlns:bqmodel="http://biomodels.net/model-qualifiers/"  
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#">  
  <rdf:Description rdf:about="#PX">  
    <bqbiol:is>  
      <rdf:Bag>  
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  </rdf:Description>  
</rdf:RDF>
```

```
</annotation>
```

```
</species>
```



SBML is not limited to biochemistry!

Rate Rules can describe the temporal evolution of any quantitative parameter, e.g. transmembrane voltage;

Events can describe any discontinuous change, e.g. neurotransmitter release or repolarisation;

A **species** is an entity participating to a reaction, **not always a chemical** entity:

- It can be a molecule

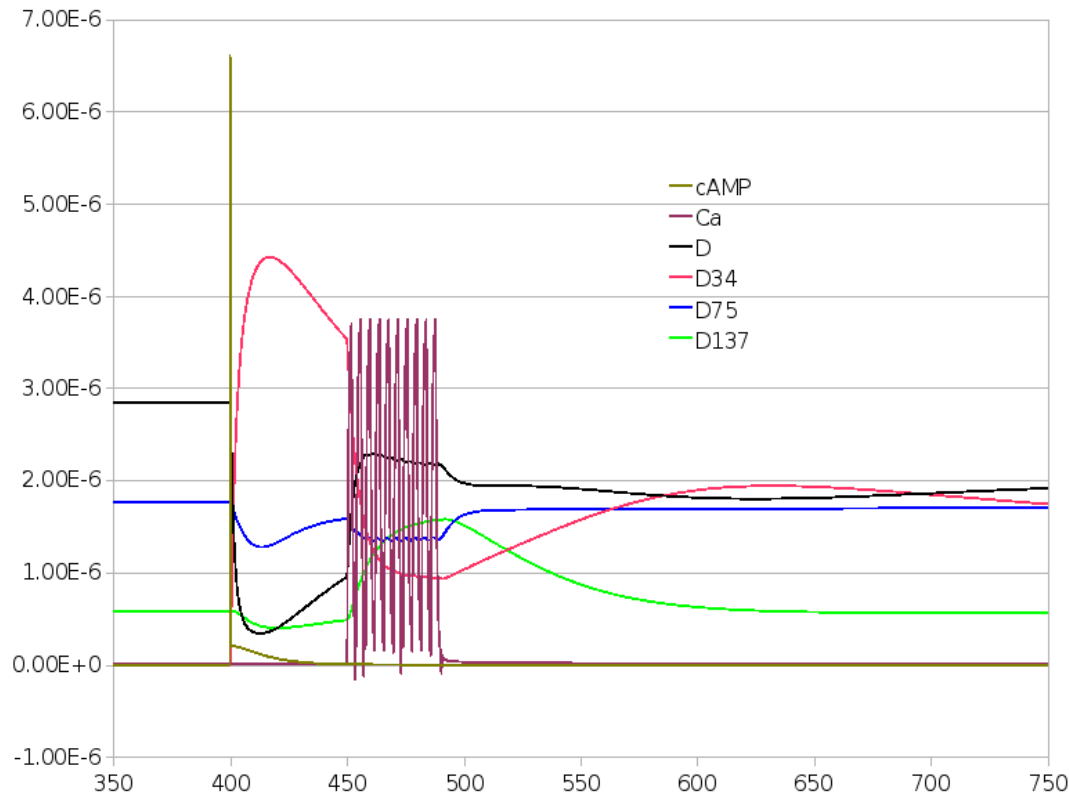
- It can be a cell

- It can be an organ

- It can be an organism

→ SBML is about process descriptions

Model of signalling pathways

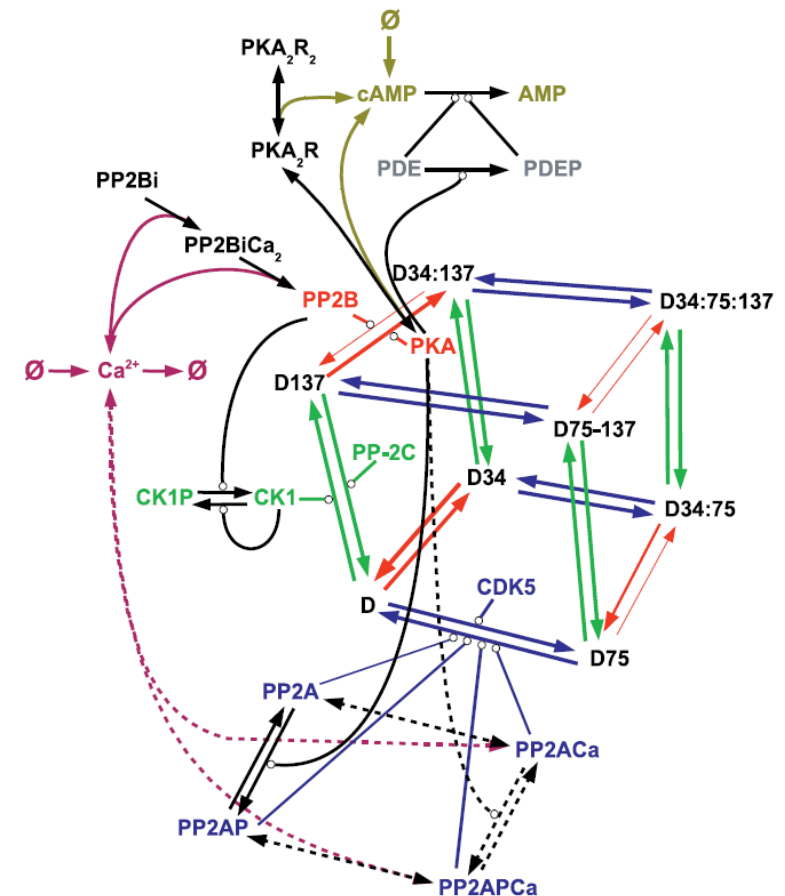


reaction:

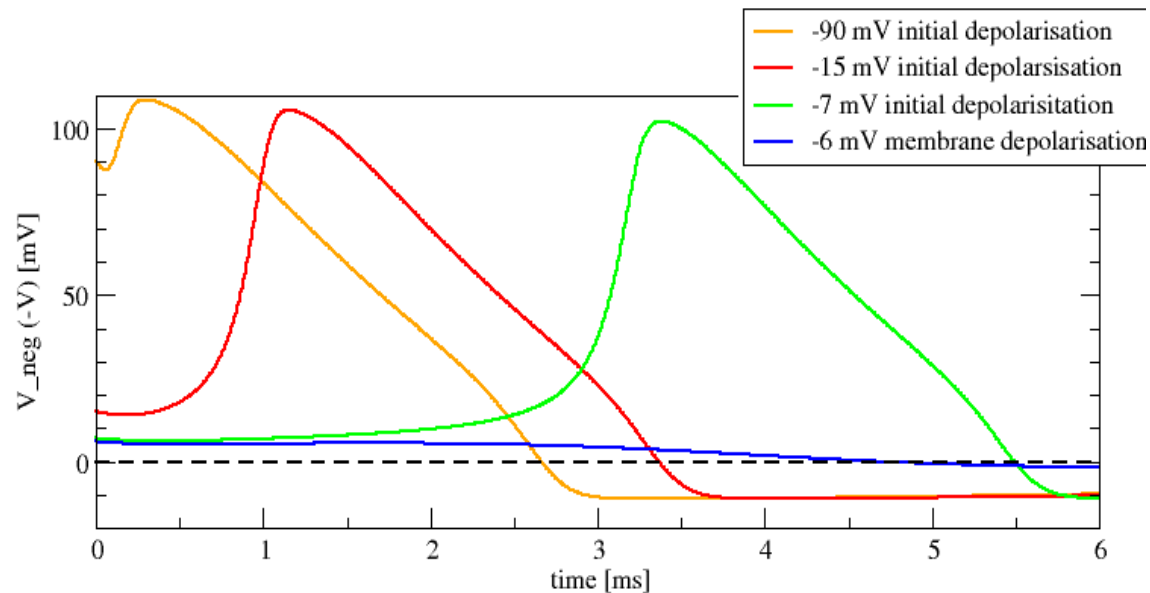
$$v_{on1} = k_{on1} \times [D] \times [CDK5] \times Vol$$

Fernandez et al. DARPP-32 is a robust integrator of dopamine and glutamate signals
PLoS Comput Biol (2006) 2: e176.

BIOMD0000000153



Conductance-based model



Hodgkin AL, Huxley AF.
A quantitative description of
membrane current and its
application to conduction
and excitation in nerve.
J Physiol (1952) 117:500-544.

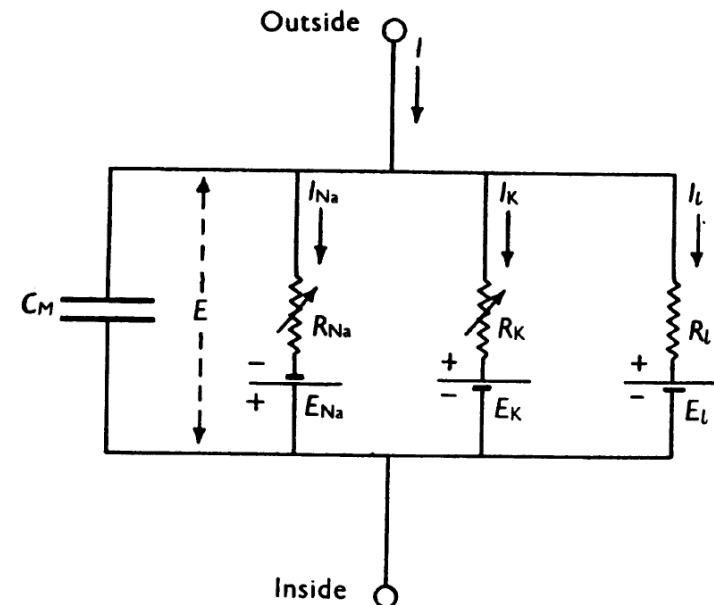
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rate rule:

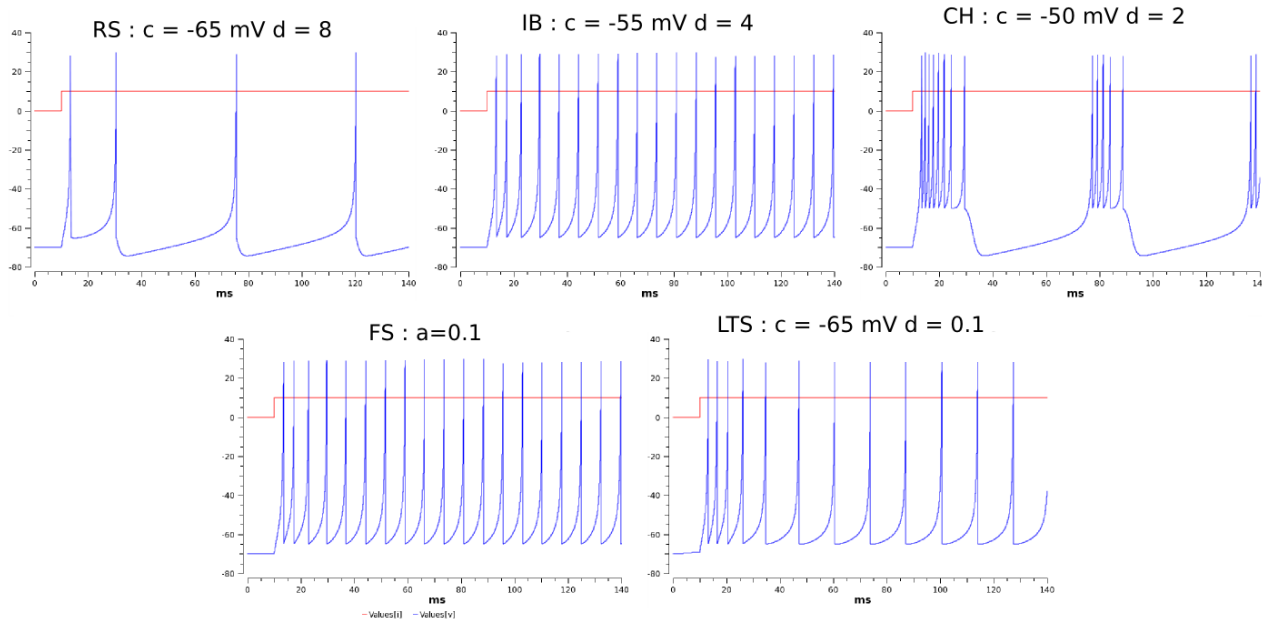
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{I - (i_{Na} + i_K + i_L)}{C_m}$$

assignment rule:

$$i_{Na} = g_{Na} \times m^3 \times h \times (V - E_{Na})$$



Single-compartment neurons



Izhikevich EM. Simple model of spiking neurons. *IEEE Trans Neural Netw* (2003) 14(6):1569-1572.

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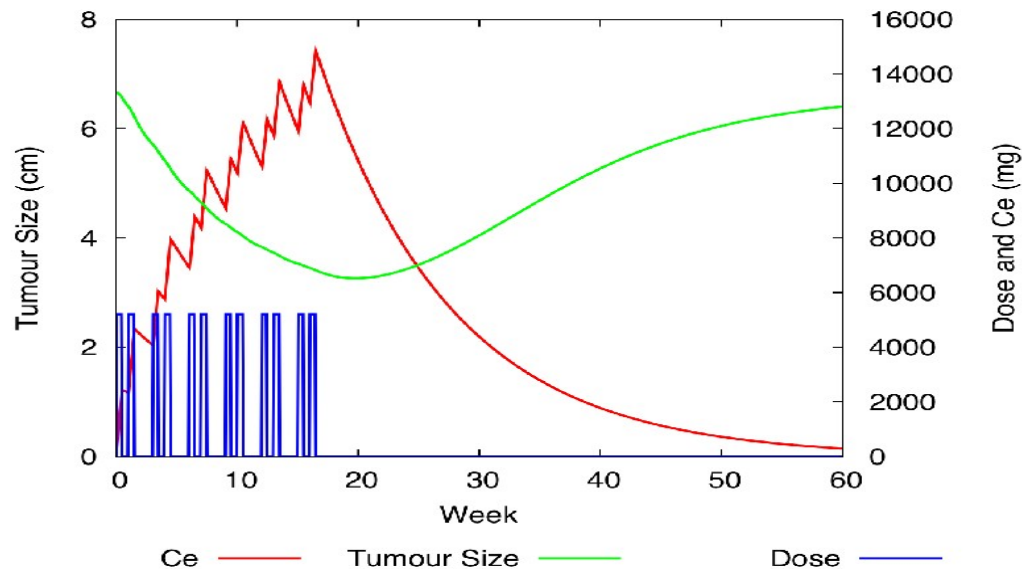
rate rule:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 0.04v^2 + 5 \times V + 140 - U + i$$

event:

$$\text{when } v > V_{thresh} \begin{cases} v = c \\ U = U + d \end{cases}$$

Pharmacokinetic/dynamic model



Tham et al (2008) A pharmacodynamic model for the time course of tumor shrinkage by gemcitabine + carboplatin in non-small cell lung cancer patients. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2008 14(13): 4213-8.

BIOMD0000000234

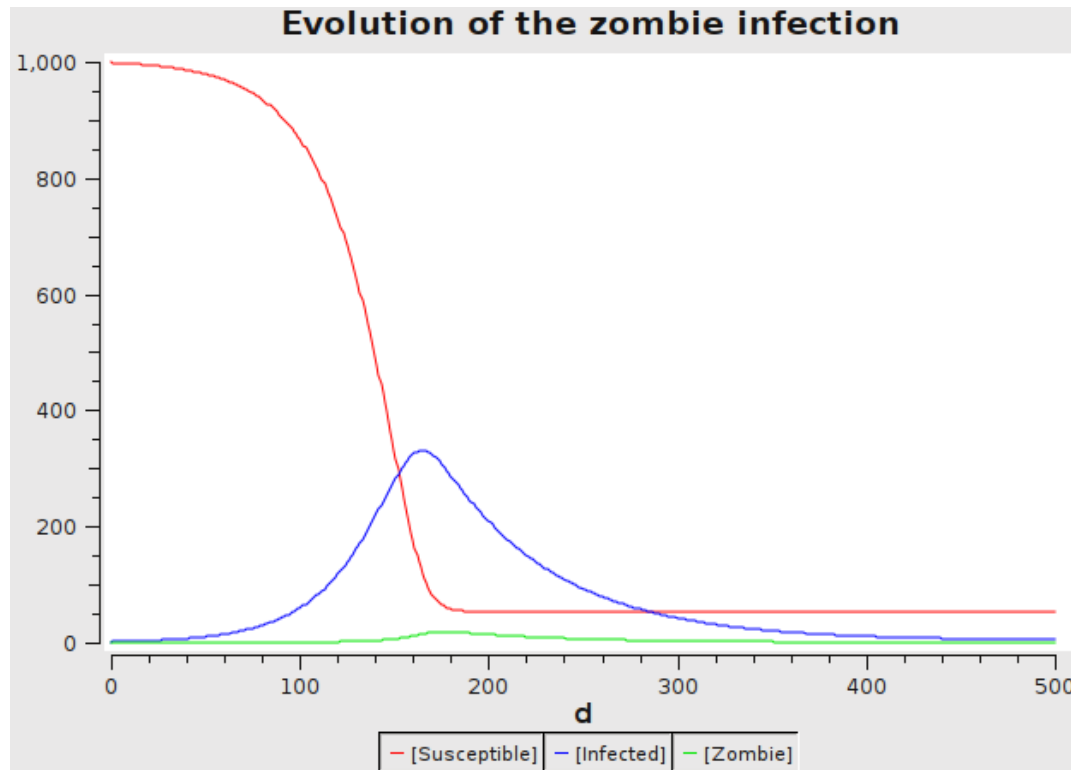
rate rule:

$$\frac{Size}{dt} = (Rate_{in} \times Effect - K_{over} \times Size) \times Size$$

assignment rule:

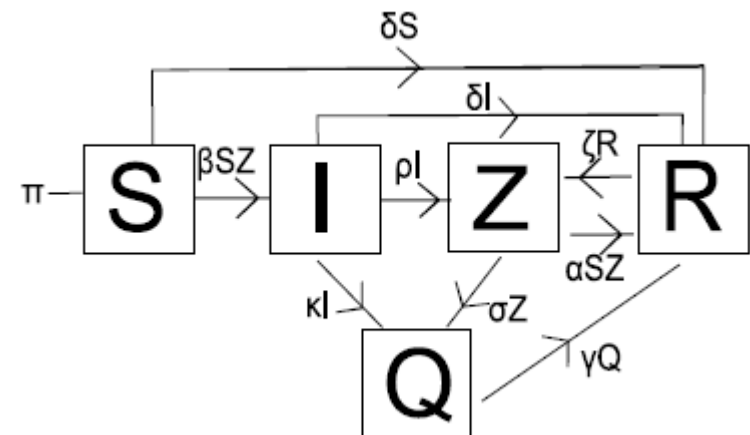
$$Effect = 1 - \frac{E_{max} - Ce}{Amt_{50} + Ce}$$

Spread of infection diseases ...



Munz P et al. When zombies attack!: Mathematical modelling of an outbreak of zombie infection. in "Infectious Disease Modelling Research Progress", (2009)133-150

MODEL1008060001





Difference between SBML L1, L2 and L3

L1

- predefined functions
- proprietary infix math notation
- reserved namespaces for annotation
- no controlled annotation
- no discrete events
- monolithic
- default values

L2

- function definitions
- all math in MathML
- no reserved namespaces for annotations
- controlled RDF annotation
- discrete events
- monolithic
- default values

L3

- function definitions
- all math in MathML
- no reserved namespaces for annotations
- controlled RDF annotation
- discrete events
- modular
- no default values

Progressive simplification, generalisation and externalisation



SBML Level 3 packages

- Core package – Release candidate
- Graph Layout – specification finalised
- Complex species – specification finalised
- Groups - specification finalised
- Model composition – specification under discussion
- Qualitative models – specification under discussion
- Distributions and ranges - specification under discussion
- Graph rendering – specification proposed
- Arrays and sets – specifications proposed
- Geometry - specification proposed
- Spatial diffusion – specification proposed
- Dynamic structures - needed

???

Number of software packages listed in the matrix today: **188**

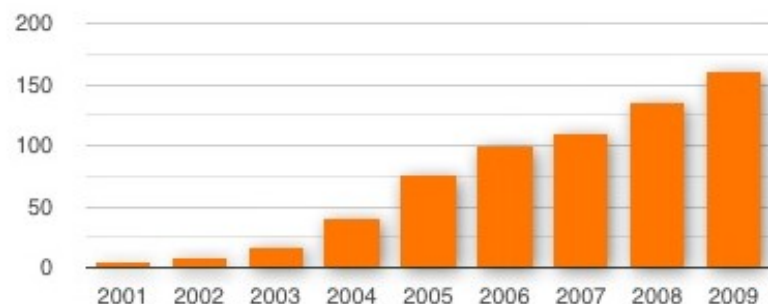
Please **use the survey form** [🔗](#) to notify us about additions and suggestions.

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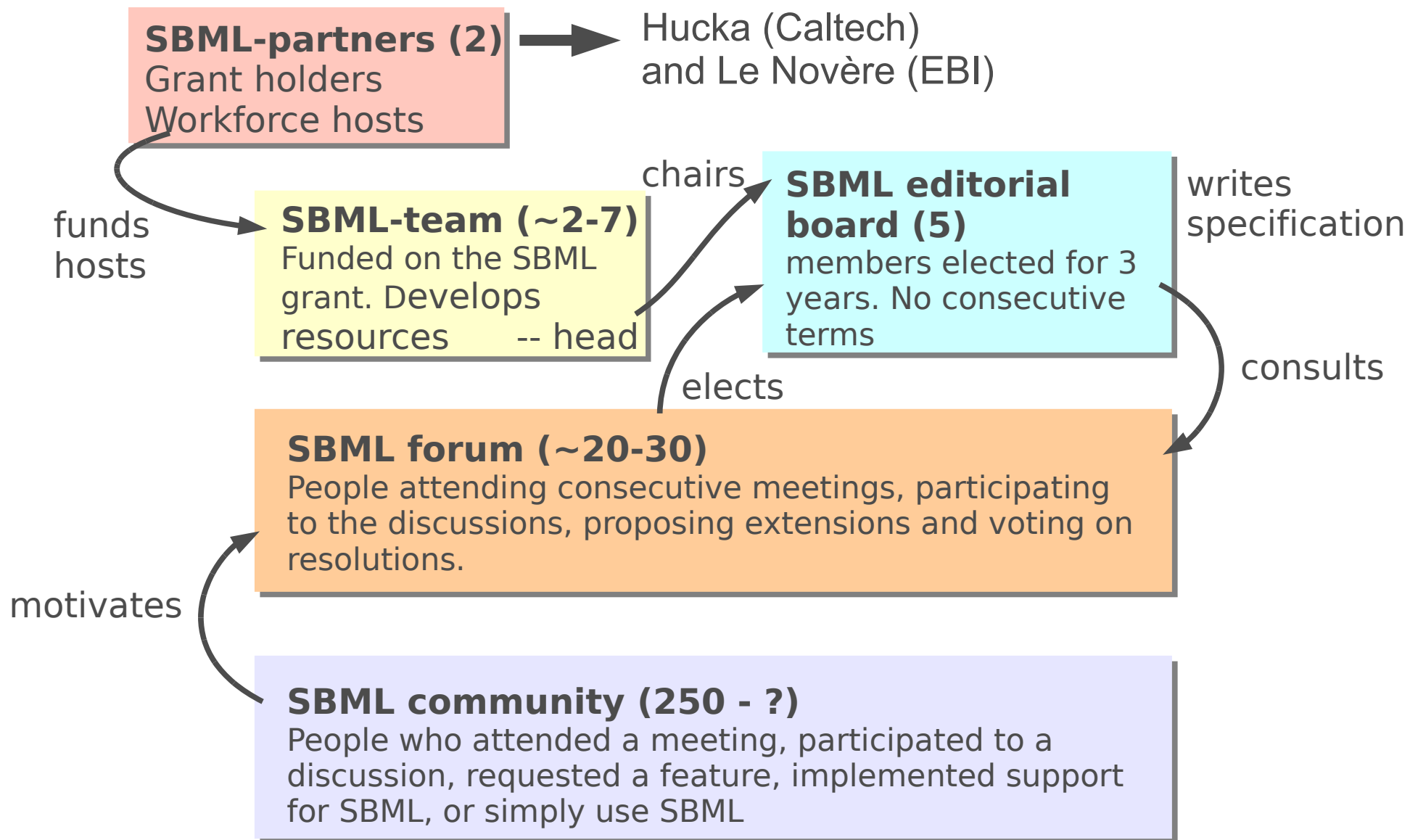
Historical trend

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.

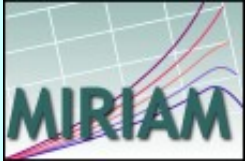
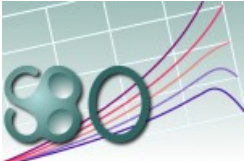


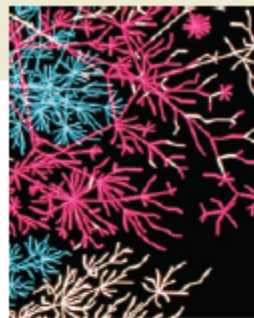
(Note: the flat period in 2007 is an artifact of inadequate record keeping rather than a lull in SBML software development.)

Current structure of the SBML community



Model semantics

	Models	Simulation	Results
Minimal requirements			
Data-models	 		SBRML
Ontologies			

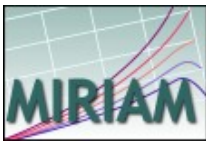


Minimum information requested in the annotation of biochemical models (MIRIAM)

Nicolas Le Novère^{1,15}, Andrew Finney^{2,15}, Michael Hucka³, Upinder S Bhalla⁴, Fabien Campagne⁵, Julio Collado-Vides⁶, Edmund J Crampin⁷, Matt Halstead⁷, Edda Klipp⁸, Pedro Mendes⁹, Poul Nielsen⁷, Herbert Sauro¹⁰, Bruce Shapiro¹¹, Jacky L Snoep¹², Hugh D Spence¹³ & Barry L Wanner¹⁴

Most of the published quantitative models in biology are lost for the community because they are either not made available or they are insufficiently characterized to allow them to be reused. The lack of a standard description format, lack of stringent reviewing and authors' carelessness are the main causes for incomplete model descriptions. With today's increased interest in detailed biochemical models, it is necessary to define a minimum quality standard for the encoding of those models. We propose a set of rules for curating quantitative models of biological systems. These rules define procedures for encoding and annotating models represented in machine-readable form. We believe their

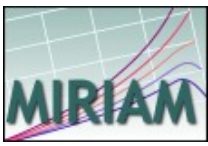
During the genomic era we have witnessed a vast increase in availability of large amounts of quantitative data. This is motivating a shift in the focus of molecular and cellular research from qualitative descriptions of biochemical interactions towards the quantification of such interactions and their dynamics. One of the tenets of systems biology is the use of quantitative models (see Box 1 for definitions) as a mechanism for capturing precise hypotheses and making predictions^{1,2}. Many specialized models exist that attempt to explain aspects of the cellular machinery. However, as has happened with other types of biological information, such as sequences, macromolecular structures or



MIRIAM compliance

Models must :

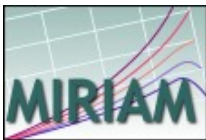
- be encoded in a public machine-readable format
- be clearly linked to a single reference description
- reflect the structure of the biological processes described in the reference paper (list of reactions etc.)
- be instantiable in a simulation (possess initial conditions etc.)
- be able to reproduce the results given in the reference paper
- contain creator's contact details
- annotation to unambiguously identify each model constituent



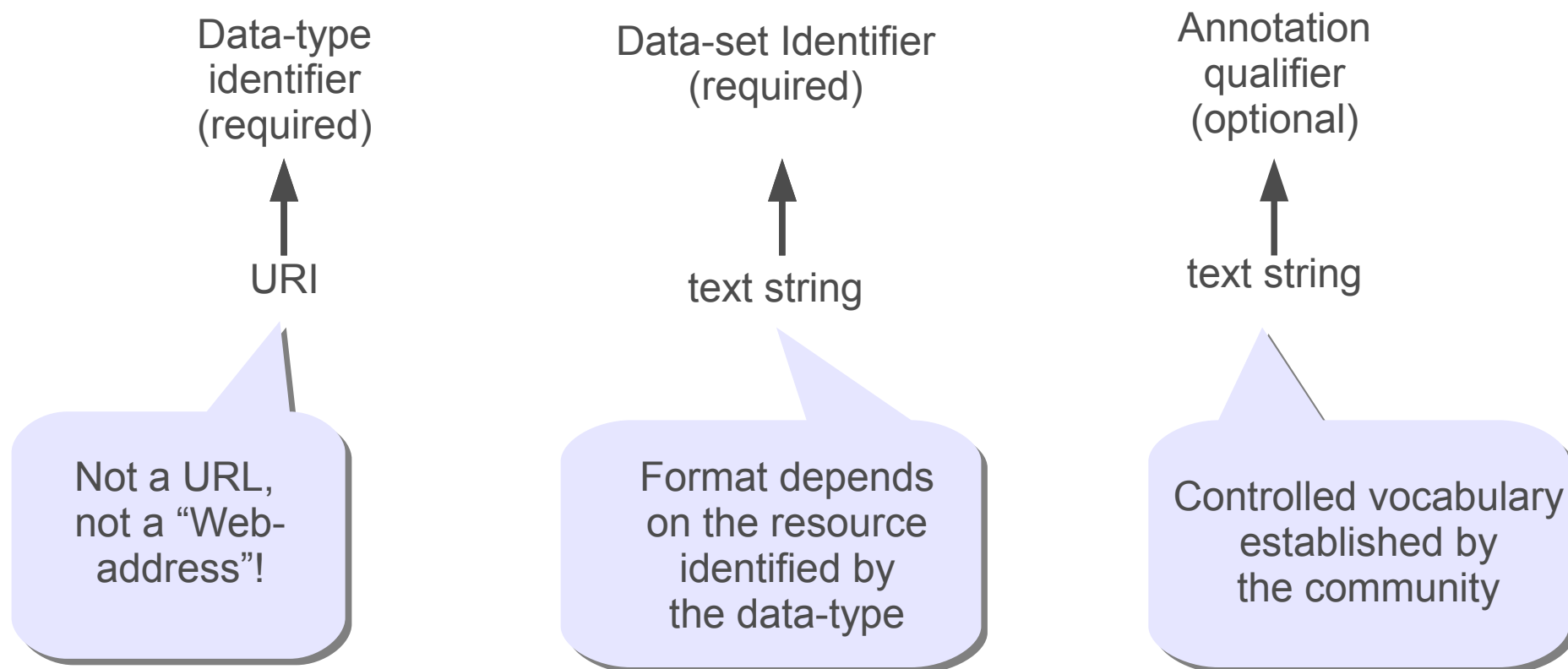
Why are annotations important?

Annotation of model components are essential to:

- allow efficient search strategies
- unambiguously identify model components
 - improve understanding the structure of the model
 - allow easier comparison of different models
 - ease the integration of models
- add a semantic layer to the model
 - improve understanding of the biology behind the model
 - allow conversion and reuse of the model
 - ease the integration of model and biological knowledge



MIRIAM cross-references



UniProt and P62158 (human calmodulin)

urn:miriam:uniprot:P62158

EC code and 1.1.1.1 (alcohol dehydrogenase)

urn:miriam:ec-code:1.1.1.1

Gene Ontology and GO:0000186 (activation of MAPKK activity)

urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0000186



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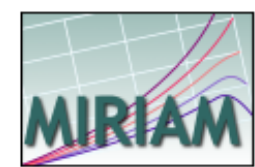


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MIRIAM Resources

MIRIAM Resources are a set of online services created to support [MIRIAM Standard](#).

The core of *MIRIAM Resources* is a catalogue of data types (these can be controlled vocabularies or databases), their URIs and the corresponding physical URLs or resources. Access to this data is made available via exports (XML) and Web Services (SOAP).



Quick links

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Resources

MIRIAM Resources are composed of four components: [a database](#), [some Web Services](#), [a Java library](#) and [this web application](#).

Database

The core of the system is a [MySQL](#) database. It allows us to store the data types (which can be controlled vocabularies or databases), their URIs and the corresponding physical URLs or resources.

Moreover,

Laibe C., Le Novère N. MIRIAM Resources: tools to generate and resolve robust cross-references in Systems Biology. BMC Systems Biology (2007), 1: 58.

...ve model annotations, but also to generate the correct URIs based on resource name and accession numbers. You have access to the [list of services available](#), an

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Data type: *Enzyme Nomenclature*

General

Tags

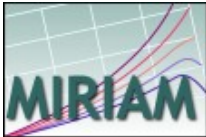
Annotation

General information about the data type

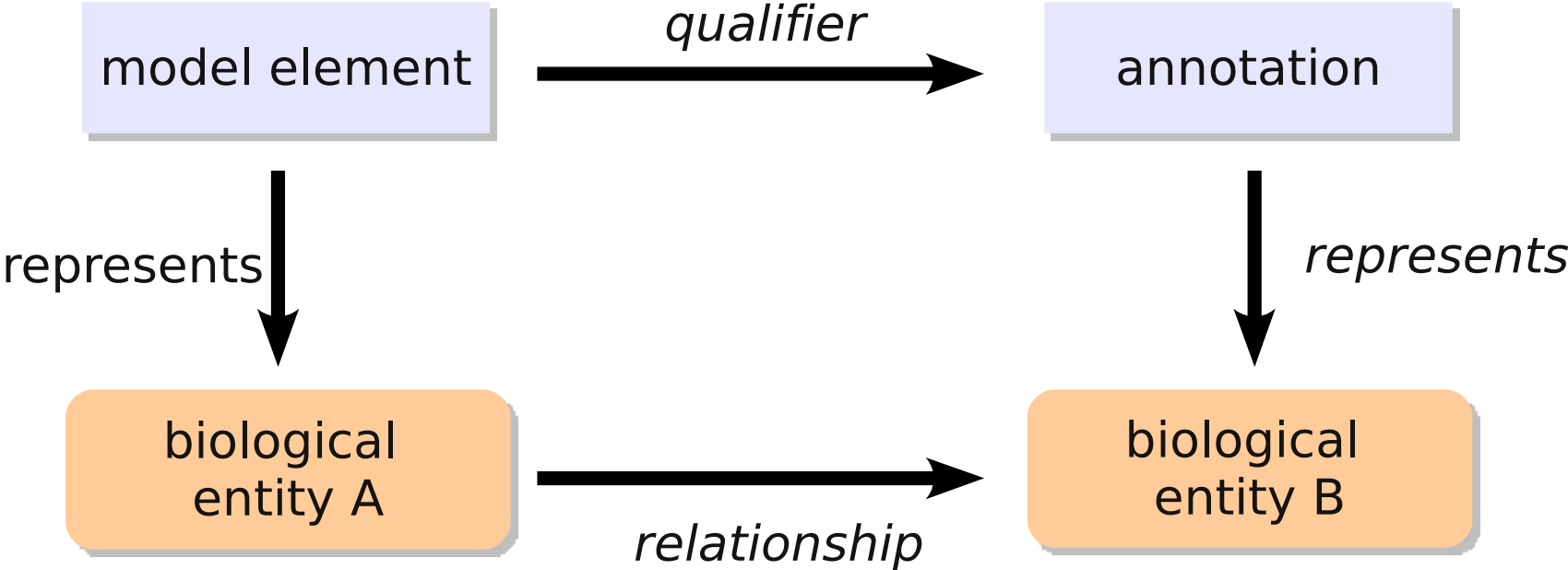
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Identifier	MIR:00000004	
Name	Enzyme Nomenclature	
Synonyms	EC code	
	Enzyme Classification	
	EC	
URLs		
Official URN	urn:miriam:ec-code	
Deprecated	http://www.ec-code.org/	
	urn:lsid:ec-code.org	
	http://www.ebi.ac.uk/IntEnz/	
Information		
Definition	The Enzyme Classification contains the recommendations of the Nomenclature Committee of the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology on the nomenclature and classification of enzyme-catalysed reactions.	
Identifier Pattern	^d+\\.\\-\\.\\-\\.\\d+\\.\\d+\\.\\-\\.\\d+\\.\\d+\\.\\d+\\.\\d+\\.\\d+\\.\\d+\\.\\d+\$	
Physical Locations		
Resource #1	Data Entry	http://www.ebi.ac.uk/intenz/query?cmd=SearchEC&ec=\$id [Example: 1.1.1.1 
	Data Resource	http://www.ebi.ac.uk/intenz/
	Information	IntEnZ (Integrated relational Enzyme database)
	Institution	European Bioinformatics Institute, United Kingdom
Resource #2	Data Entry	http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bget?ec:\$id [Example: 1.1.1.1 
	Data Resource	http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bfind?enzyme
	Information	KEGG Ligand Database for Enzyme Nomenclature
	Institution	Kyoto University Bioinformatics Center, Japan
Resource #3	Data Entry	http://us.expasy.org/cgi-bin/nicezyme.pl?\$id [Example: 1.1.1.1 
	Data Resource	http://us.expasy.org/enzyme/
	Information	Enzyme nomenclature database, ExPASy (Expert Protein Analysis System)
	Institution	Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Switzerland
Documentation		
URL(s)	http://www.chem.qmul.ac.uk/iubmb/enzyme/	
	 http://srs.ebi.ac.uk/srsbin/cgi-bin/wgetz?-view+MedlineFull+[medline-PMID:10812475]	
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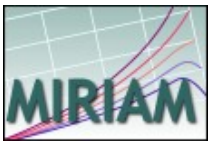
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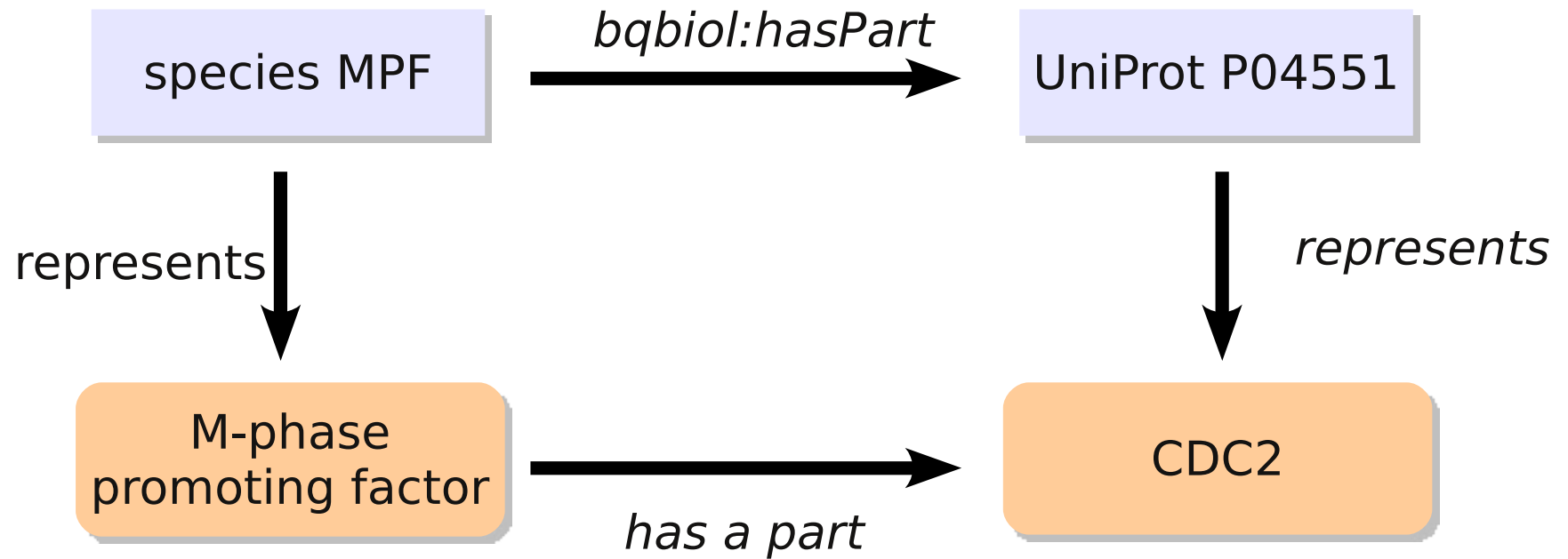


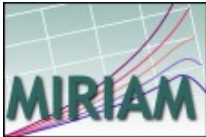
Qualification of annotation





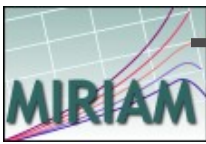
Qualification of annotation





SBML and MIRIAM cross-references

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</species>
```



Tools developing support for MIRIAM identifiers

- Data resources
 - BioModels Database (kinetic models)
 - PSI consortium (protein interactions)
 - Reactome (pathways)
 - Pathway commons (pathways)
 - SABIO-RK (reaction kinetics)
 - Yeast consensus model database
 - Human consensus model database
 - E-MeP (structural genomics)
- MIRIAM Resources statistics
 - ~5000 web page requests per month
 - ~550000 web service requests per month
- Application software
 - ARCADIA (graph editor)
 - BIOUML (modeling and simulation)
 - COPASI (Simulation)
 - libAnnotationSBML
 - libSBML
 - SAINT (semantic annotation)
 - SBML2BioPAX
 - SBML2LaTeX
 - SBMLEditor (model editor)
 - SemanticSBML (annotation and merging)
 - Snazer (Network analysis, Simulations)
 - Systems Biology Workbench (model design and simulation)
 - The Virtual Cell (Simulation)

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KEGG_Reaction:R01429
042 Nielsen1998 Glycolysis

015 Curto1998_purineMetabol
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051 Chassagnole2002_Carbon_Metabolism
088 Maeda2006_MyosinPhosphorylation
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063 Galazzo1990_pathway_kinetics
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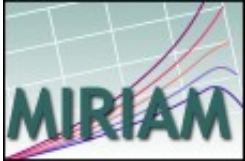
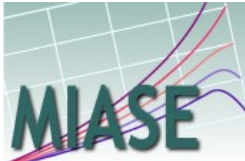
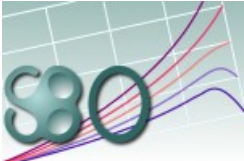
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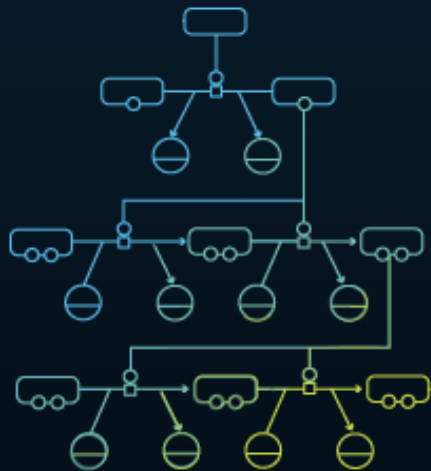
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Kholodenko2000_MAPK_feedback	BIOMD0000000010	0.816212542046	
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Markevich2004_MAPK_phosphoRandomElementary	BIOMD0000000028	0.68757623681	
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Visual representation of models

	Models	Simulation	Results
Minimal requirements			
Data-model	 	 ML	SBRML
Ontologies			



A Visual Notation for Network Diagrams in Biology

SBGN.org is the global portal for documentation, news, and other information about the Systems Biology Graphical Notation (SBGN) project, an effort to standardize the graphical notation used in maps of biochemical and cellular processes studied in systems biology.

Standardizing the visual representation is crucial for more efficient and accurate transmission of biological knowledge between different communities in research, education, publishing, and more. When biologists are as familiar with the notation as electronics engineers are familiar with the notation of circuit schematics, they can save the time and effort required to familiarize themselves with different notations, and instead spend more time thinking about the biology being depicted.

SBGN is made up of [three orthogonal languages](#), representing different visions of biological systems. Each language defines a comprehensive set of symbols with precise semantics, together with detailed syntactic rules how maps are to be interpreted.

On this site, you can browse some [example maps](#) to get a feeling for SBGN, read the SBGN [specification documents](#), [software supporting SBGN](#), get answers to [frequent questions about SBGN](#), access join [online discussions](#), see current working documents in the [SBGN wiki](#), and much more.

SBGN is the work of many people. It would not have been possible without the generous [support of multiple organizations](#) over the years, for which we are very thankful.

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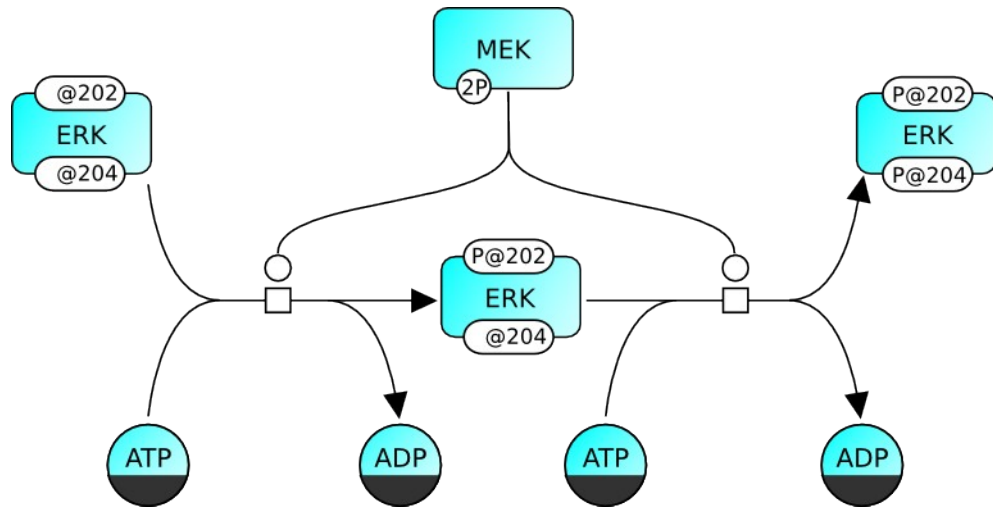
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What is SBGN?

- 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 and growing software support
 - Developed over four years by a diverse community, including biologists, modellers, computer scientists etc.

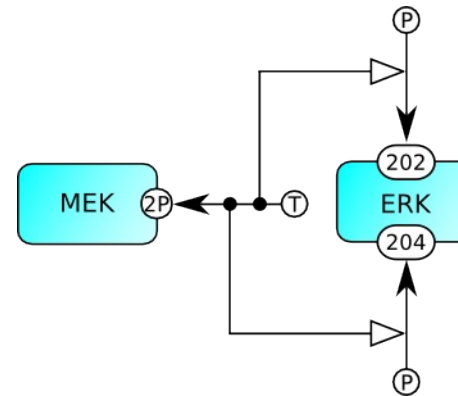
Graph trinity: three languages in one notation

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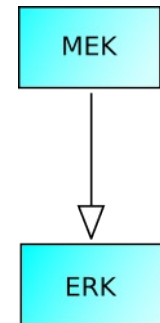
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- Sequential
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Entity Relationships



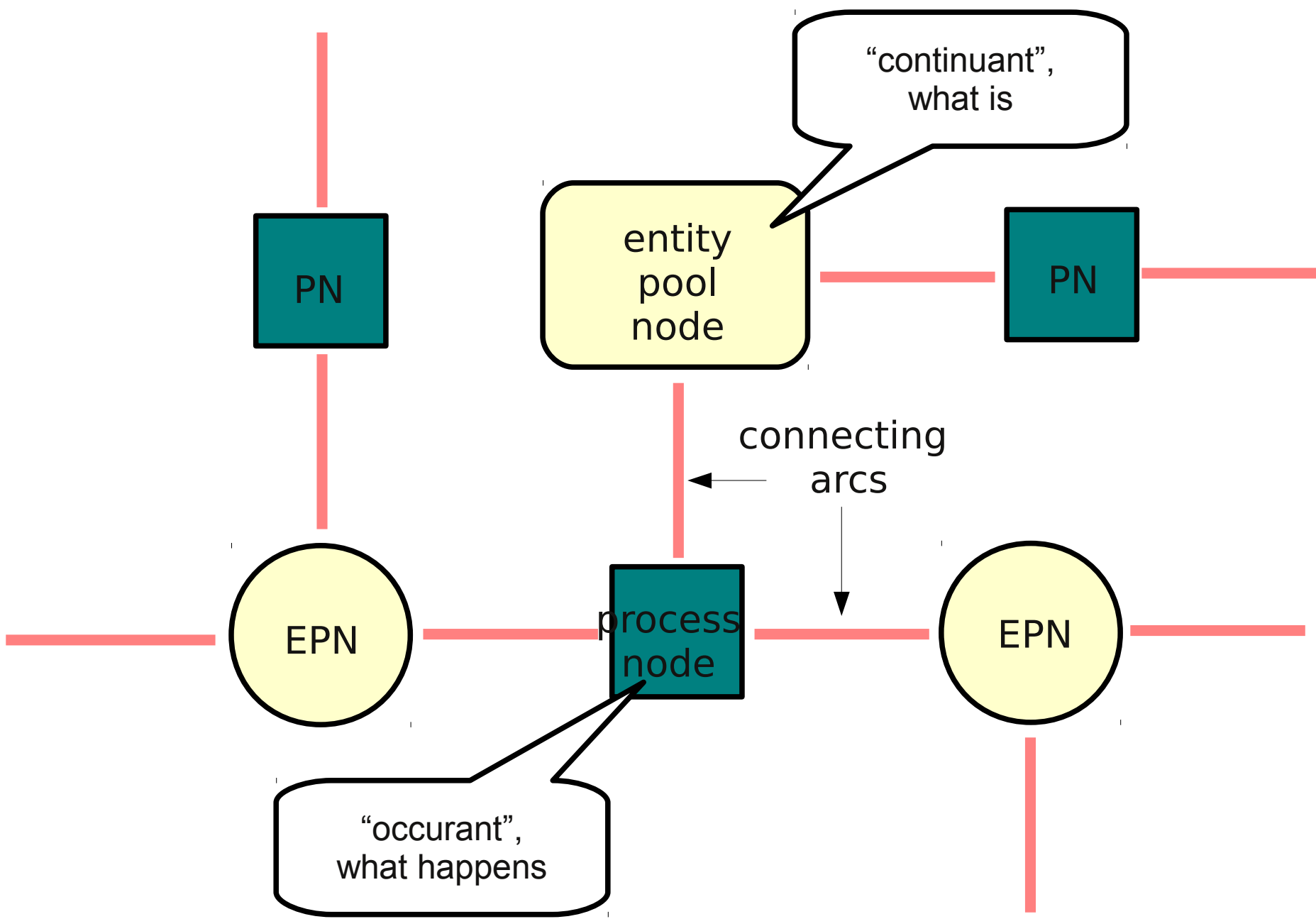
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- Non-sequential
- Independence of relationships

Activity Flows

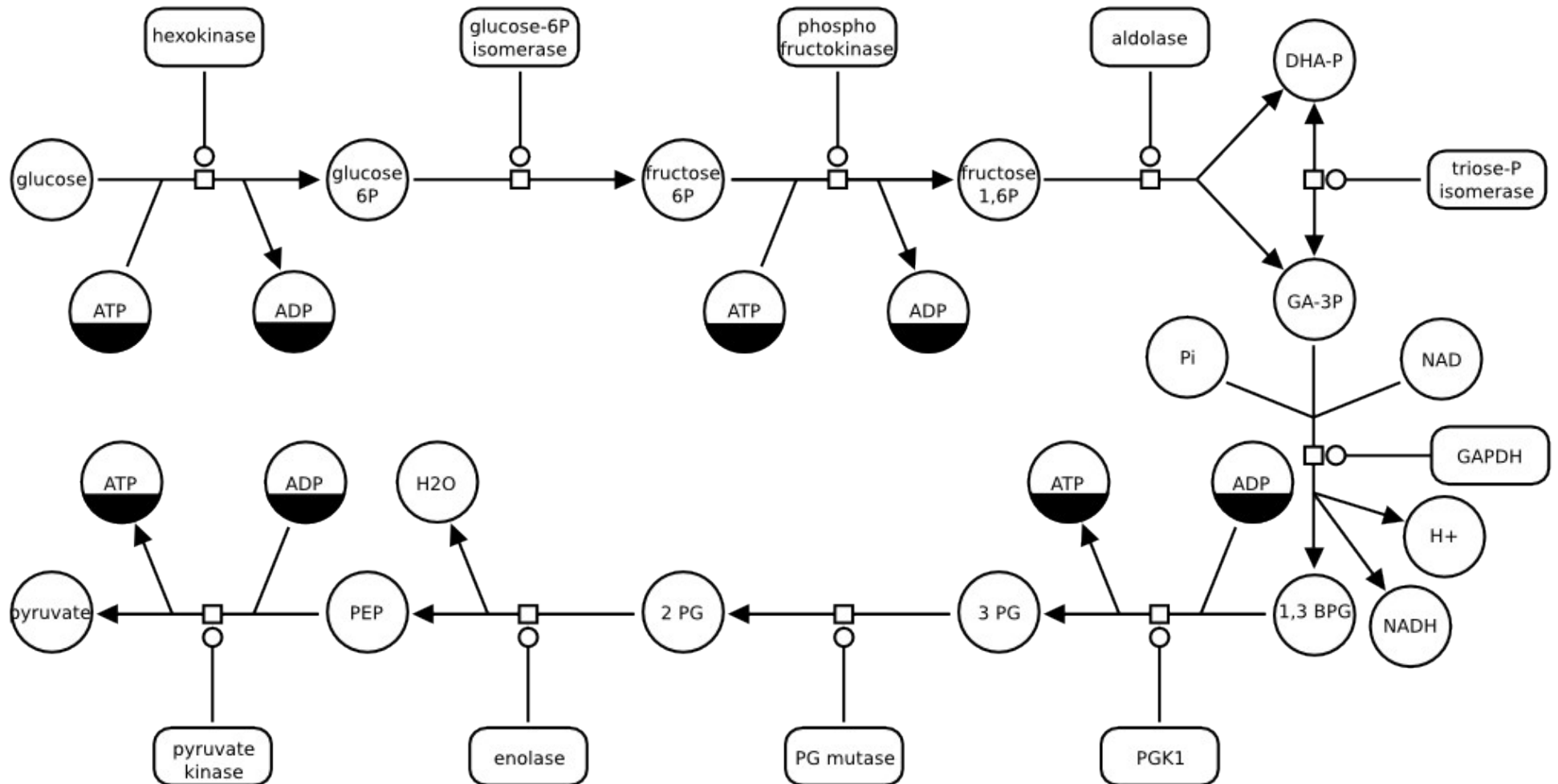


- Ambiguous
- Conceptual
- Sequential

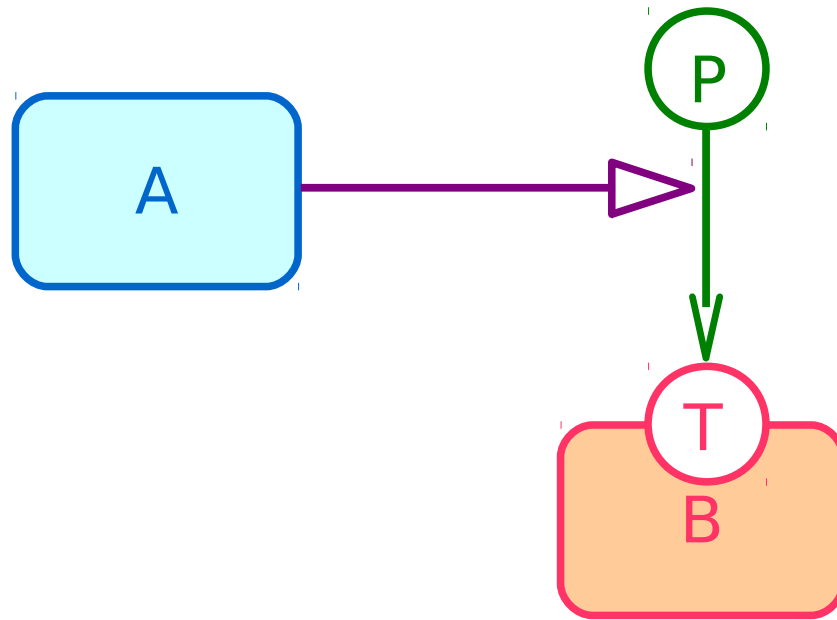
Process Descriptions are bipartite graphs



Metabolic network in Process Description Language



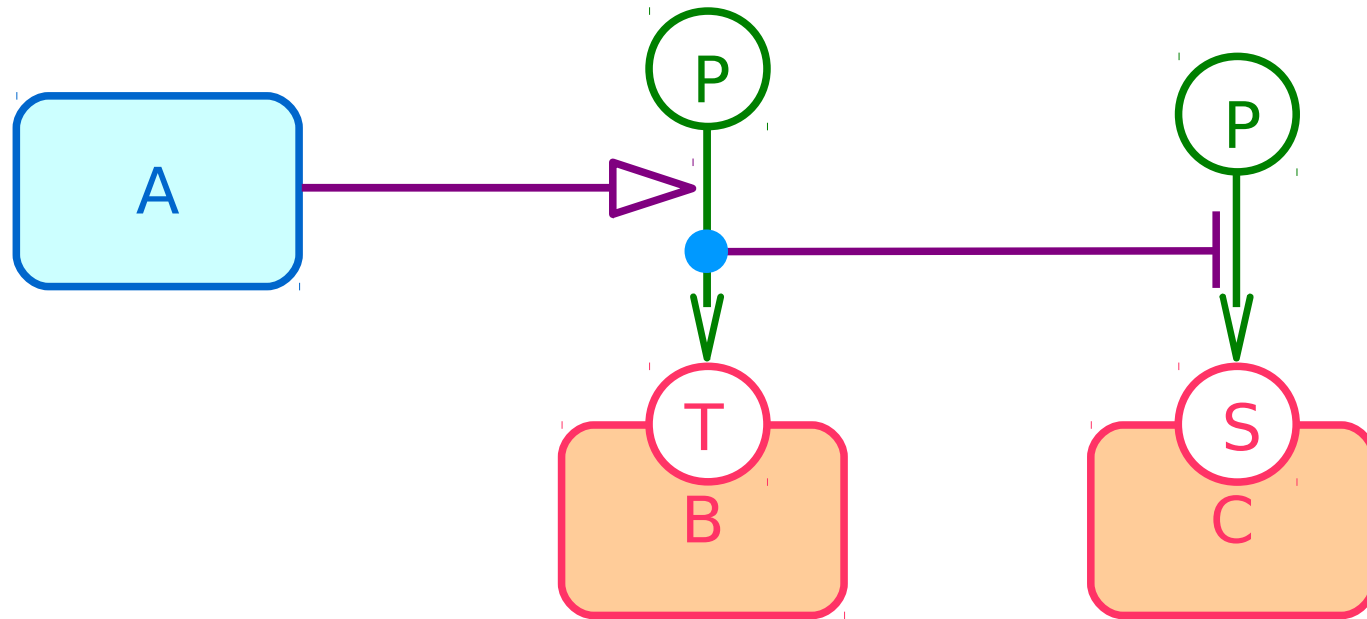
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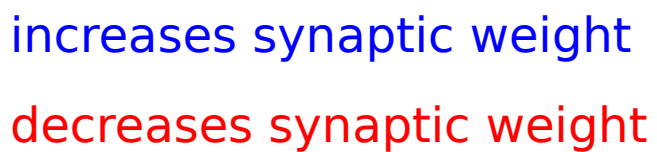
(**A stimulates** the **phosphorylation** of **B on the threonine**)

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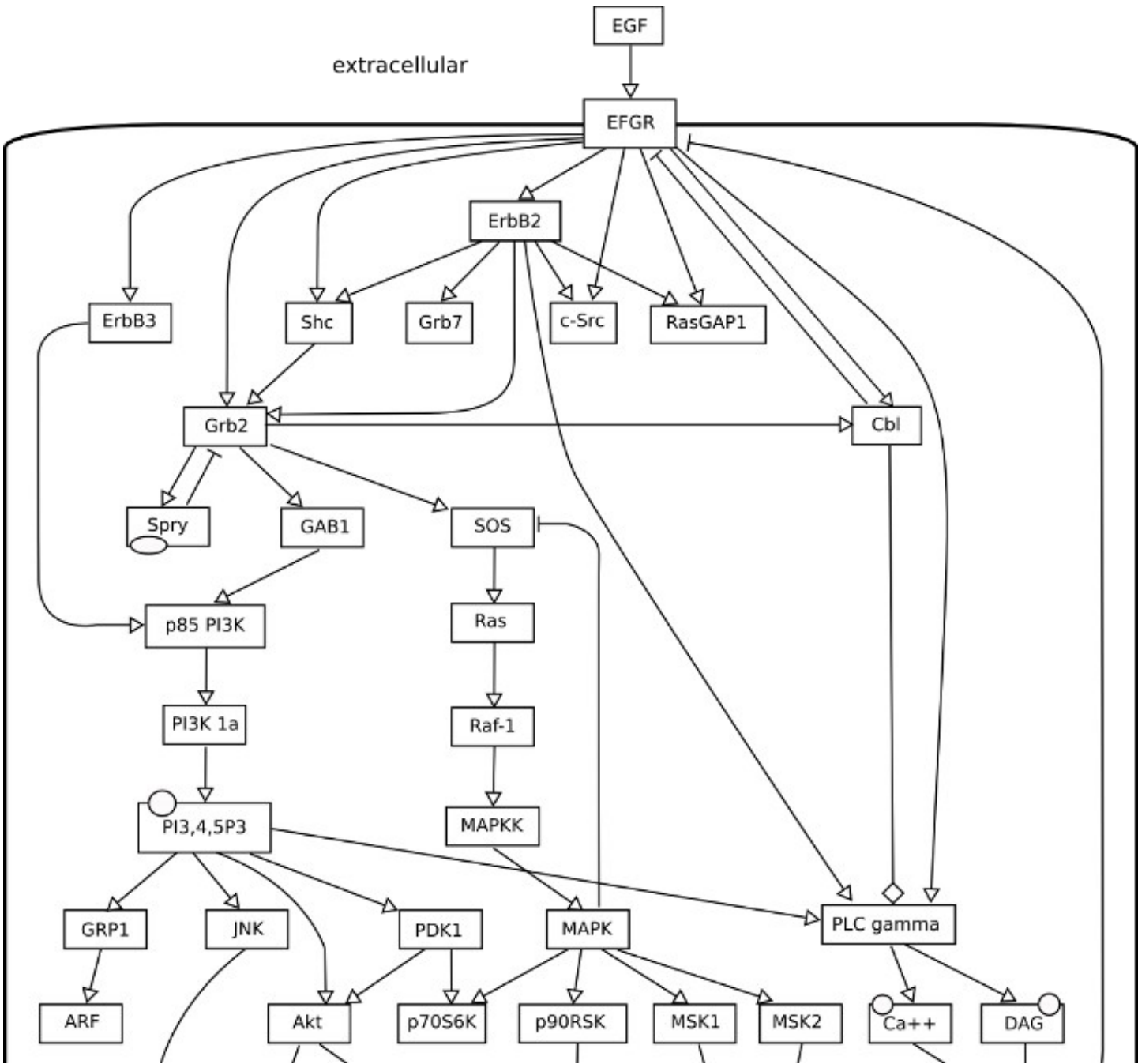
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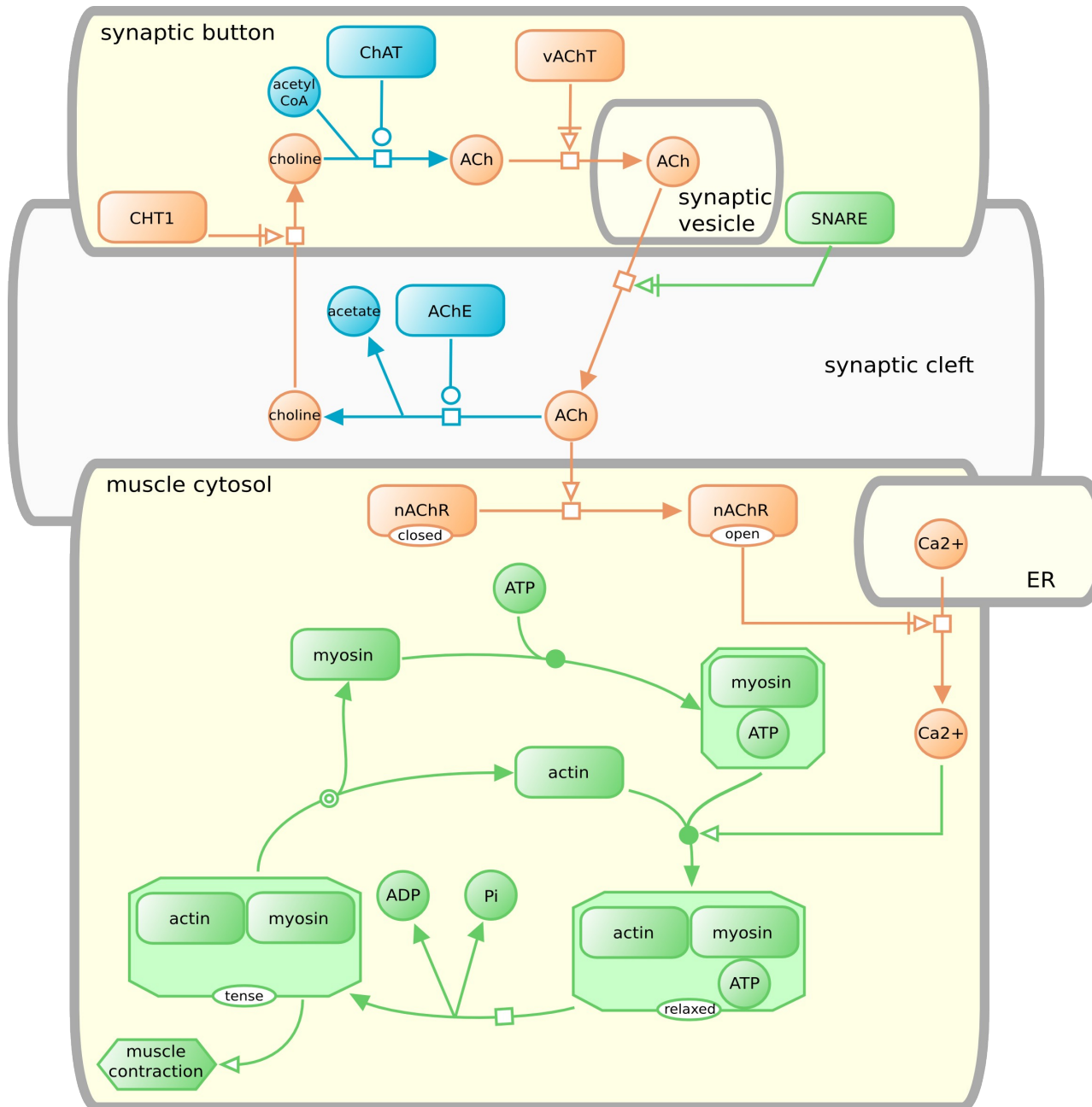


decreases synaptic weight

Example of Activity Flow map



Linking SBGN maps to external information

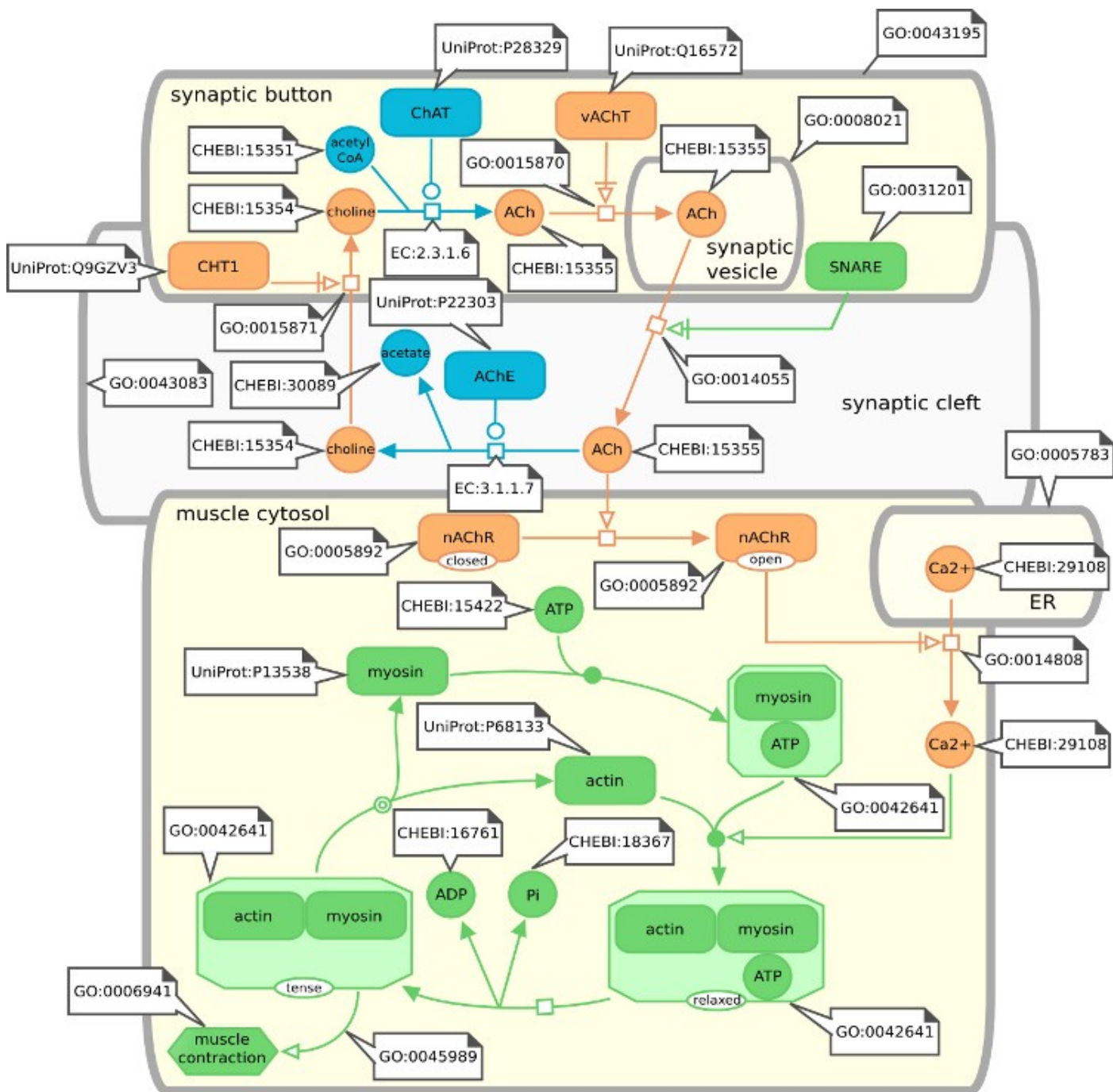


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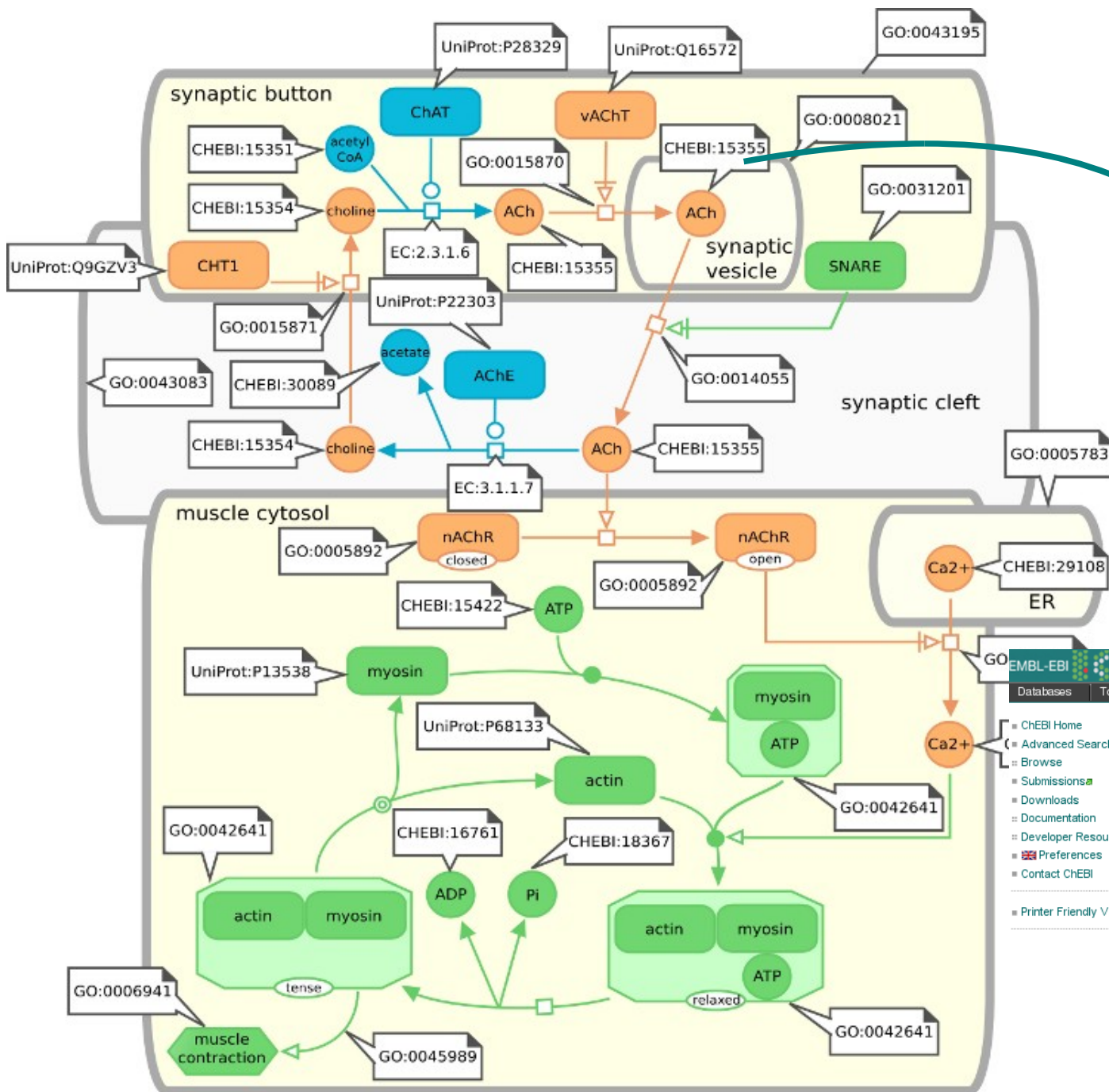
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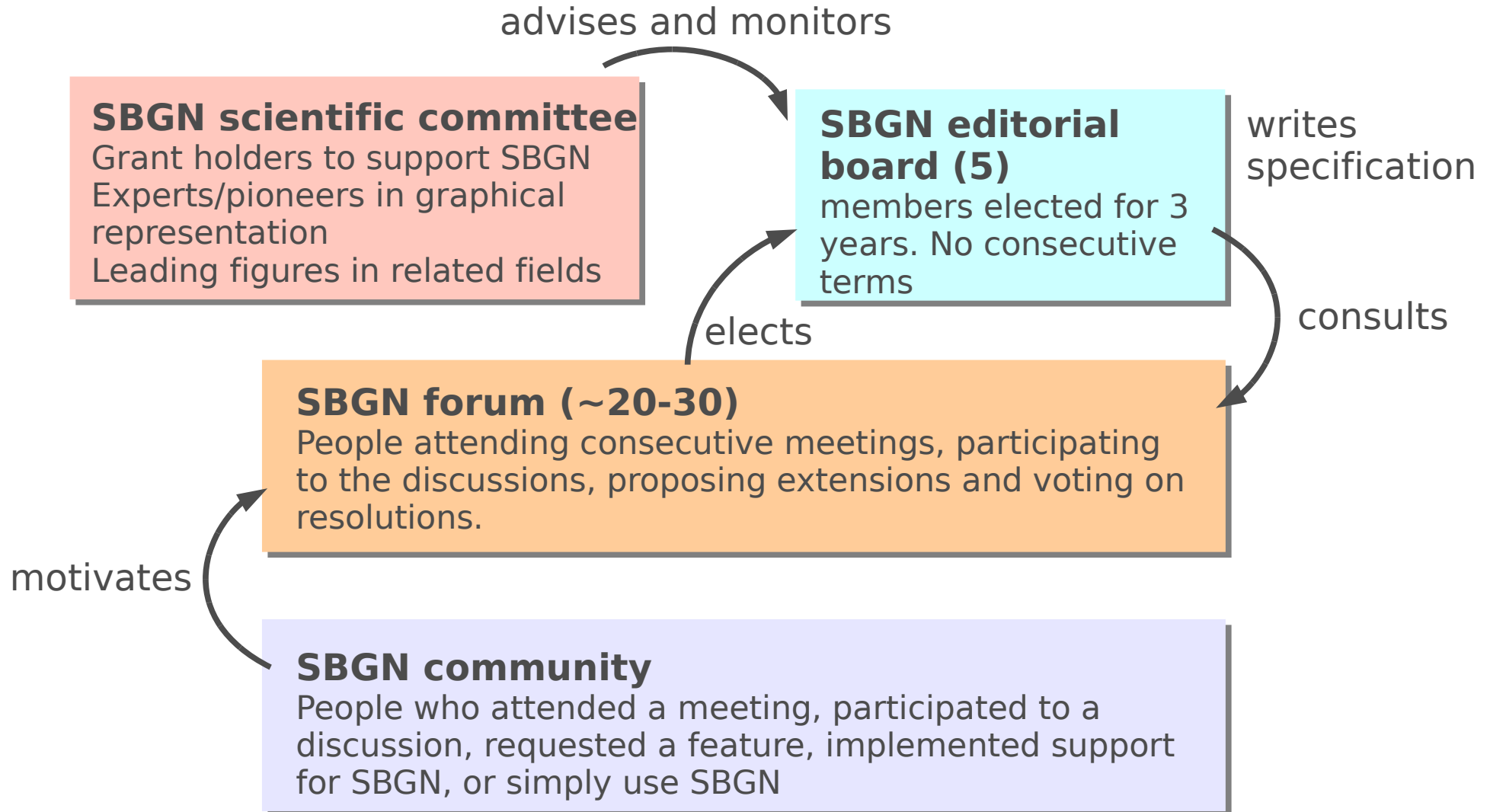
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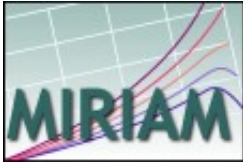
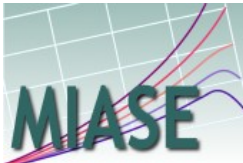
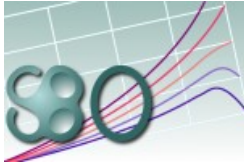
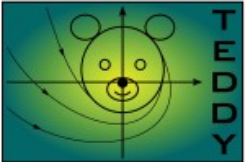
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Current structure of the SBGN community



Is the mosaic of standards complete?

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Disentangling the model life-cycle

PMML



SBRML

model generation

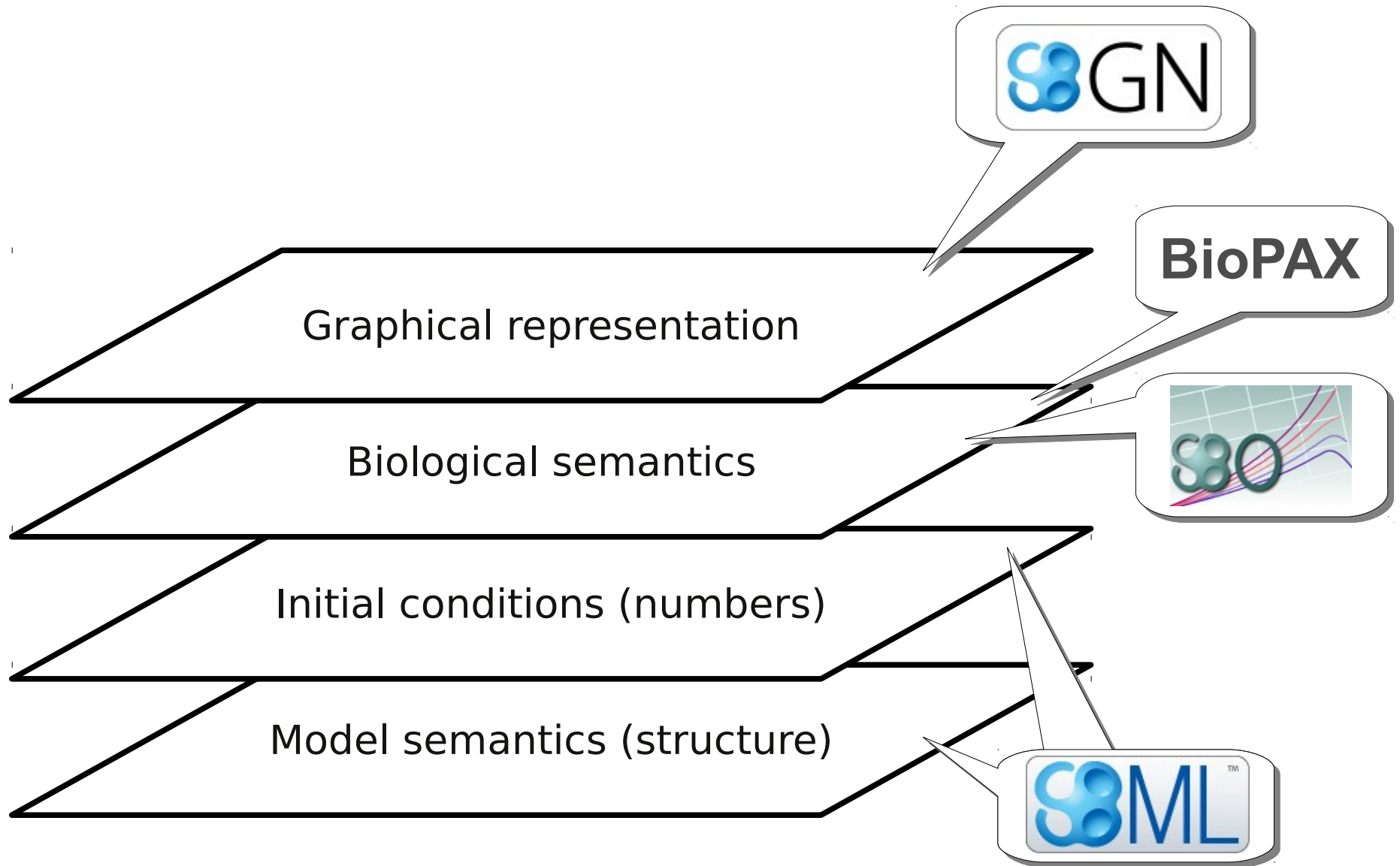
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Disentangling the level of discourse



Biological semantics

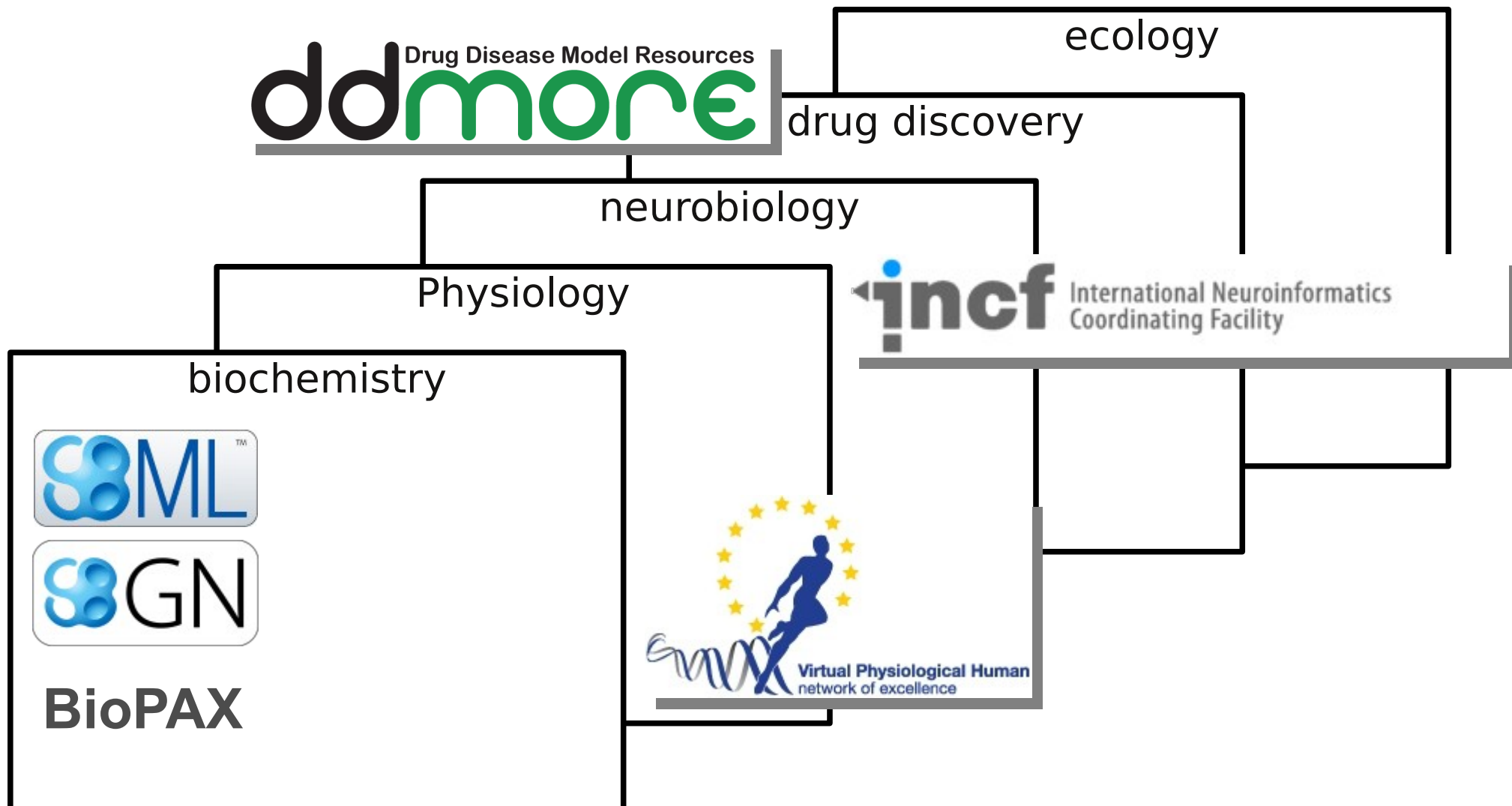
Systems Biology Ontology (SBO) Set of linked controlled vocabularies, defining and relating concepts used in computational modelling in biology. Used in SBML, SBN, NeuroML

Le Novère N., Courtot M., Laibe C. Adding semantics in kinetics models of biochemical pathways. *Proc 2nd Intl Symp on experimental standard conditions of enzyme characterizations* (2007), 137-153.

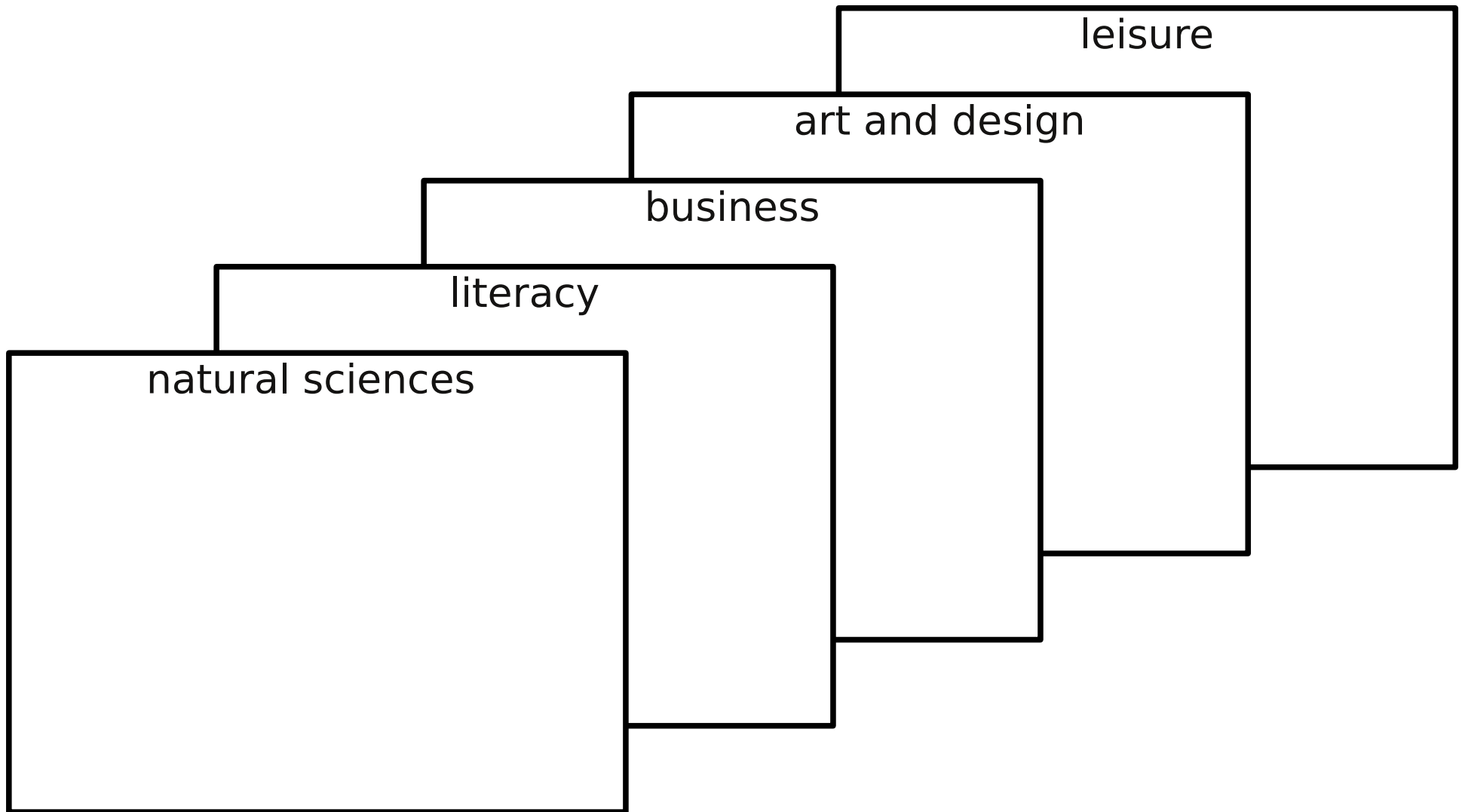
Biological Pathway Exchange (BioPAX) Standard language to represent biological pathways at the molecular and cellular level and to facilitate the exchange of pathway data. Used by most major pathways databases

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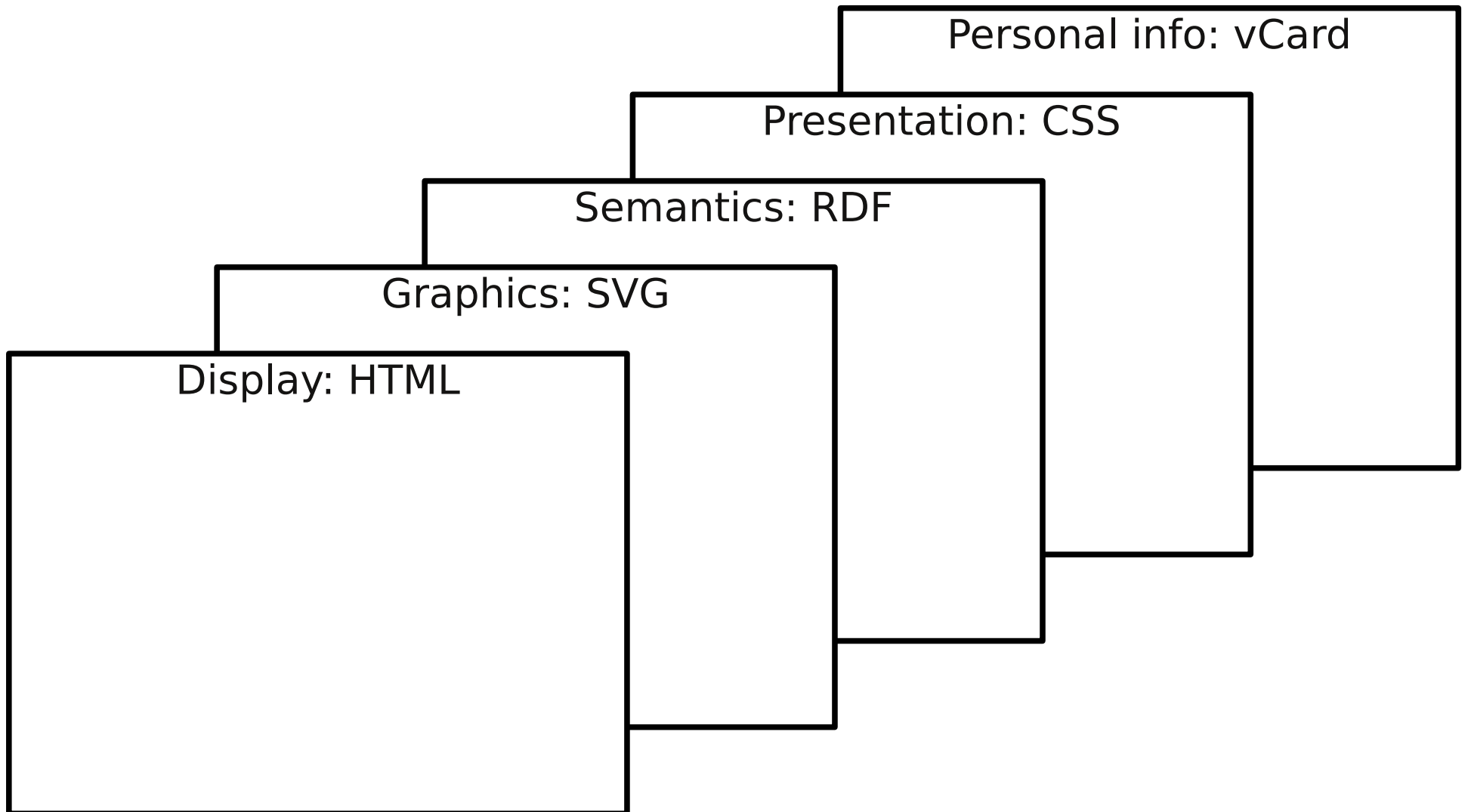
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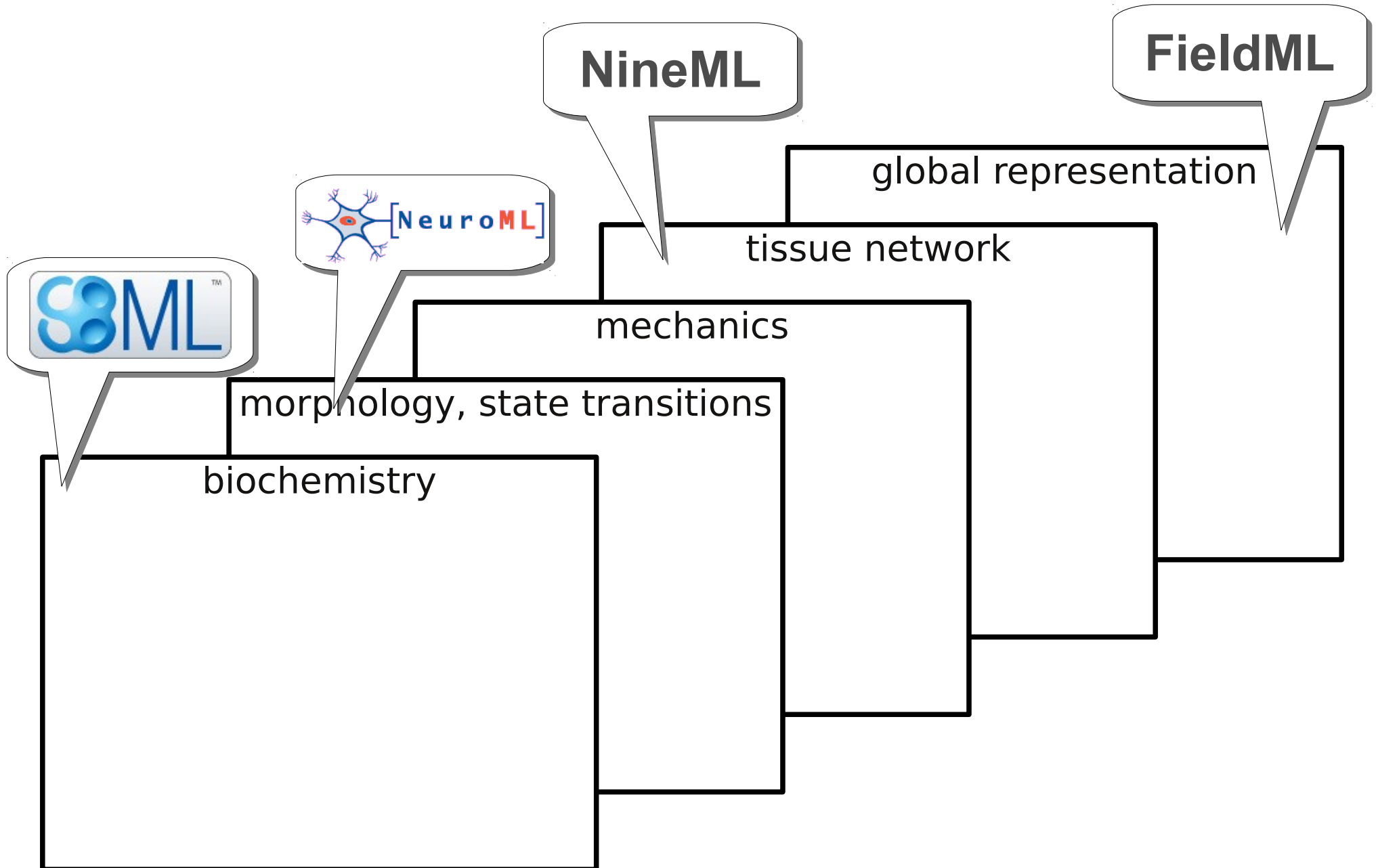
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The correct way to do it



Non-overlapping languages to cover all models



Standards interoperability along the 3 dimensions

- SBML to BioPAX: conversion using metadata (MIRIAM annotations and SBO terms), e.g.
 - mapping between Species and PhysicalEntity
 - mapping between Reactions and PhysicalInteraction
- Conversion of SBML or BioPAX descriptions to SBGN map
- Usage of SBML descriptions (or CellML or VCML) in SED-ML: Identification of variables using XPath
- Descriptions using SBML and NeuroML: Interface based on XPath

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Physiome standards

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Encoding graph layouts

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What is not covered yet

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Research perspectives

- Change of scale for the support of Systems Biology
 - Towards a coherent set of interoperable standards to represent models and simulations at all levels
 - Development of ontologies for model semantics in biology and their integration with experimental and clinical data
-  "W3C" for modelling in biology
 - Scaling up BioModels Database to cover all mathematical models in biology
- Multi-scale models of neuronal transmission in basal ganglia
 - 4D models of post-synaptic density
 - Forest of kinase signalling linked by phosphatases
 - Integration of biochemical cascades and electrophysiological behaviours
 - Mechanical models: spine volume, dendritic remodelling
 - Modelling the basic unit of basal ganglia

Multi-approach, multi-scale models in neuroscience

- Models and simulations in neuroscience cover all scales and approaches: Reaction-diffusion, biochemistry, electrophysiology (cable approximation), mechanical (neurite growth), networks, field approaches (EEG)
- Multi-scale biological problems are concrete:
Molecular basis of synaptic plasticity -> transmission of signal by neuron -> cognitive function
mutations -> molecular aggregates -> neuronal death -> behavioural pathologies
- Versatile simulation tools exist that cover all levels.
- An expertise is building up on hybrid models:
Biochemistry/electrophysiology; networks/fields
- There is a political will: role of the *International Neuroinformatics Coordination Facility*: Development of standards, ontologies and simulation tools.
- Neurobiology can make real the aims of the *Virtual Physiological Human* by developing integrated models from the molecule to the organ, and by using them to understand normal functions, emergence of pathologies, and to propose/test new treatments *in silico*.

Scientific environment in Bordeaux

- **Molecule-synapse:** CNRS UMR 5091 Physiologie cellulaire de la synapse (dir. Christophe Mulle), soon INES, on the Neurocampus, and in particular the group of Daniel Choquet for receptor dynamics
 - **Neuron:** INSERM U 862 - Physiopathologie de la plasticité neuronale, Neurocentre Magendie (dir. Pier Vincenzo Piazza), on the Neurocampus, for the dendritic remodelling
 - **Networks:** CNRS UMR 5228 - Centre de Neurosciences Intégratives et Cognitives (dir. Georges Di Scala), for the modelling of basal ganglia
 - **Tissue, organism, pathology:** CNRS UMR 5227 - Mouvement - Adaptation – Cognition (dir. Jean-Rene Cazalets), and in particular the group of Erwan Bezard/Bertrand Bloch, soon institute of neurodegenerative diseases on the Neurocampus
- **Computational resources for Systems Biology:** CBiB, Antoine de Daruvar and soon Macha Nikolskaia
 - **Data visualisation and manipulation:** MaBioVis/Gravite, Guy Melançon
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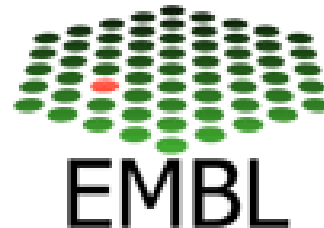
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