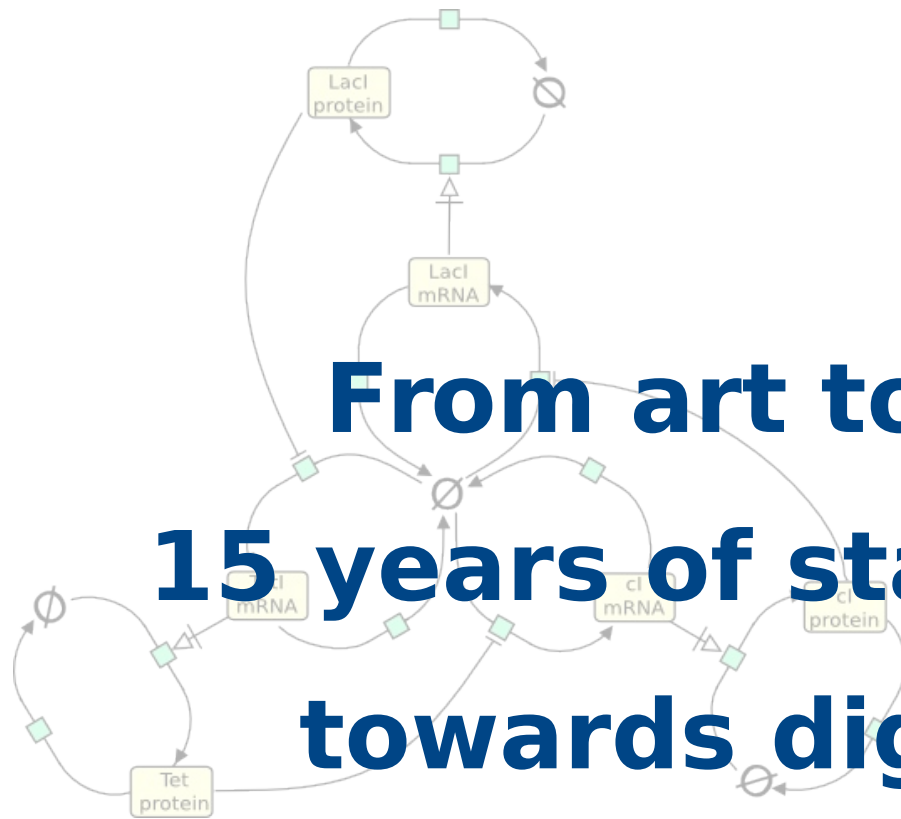


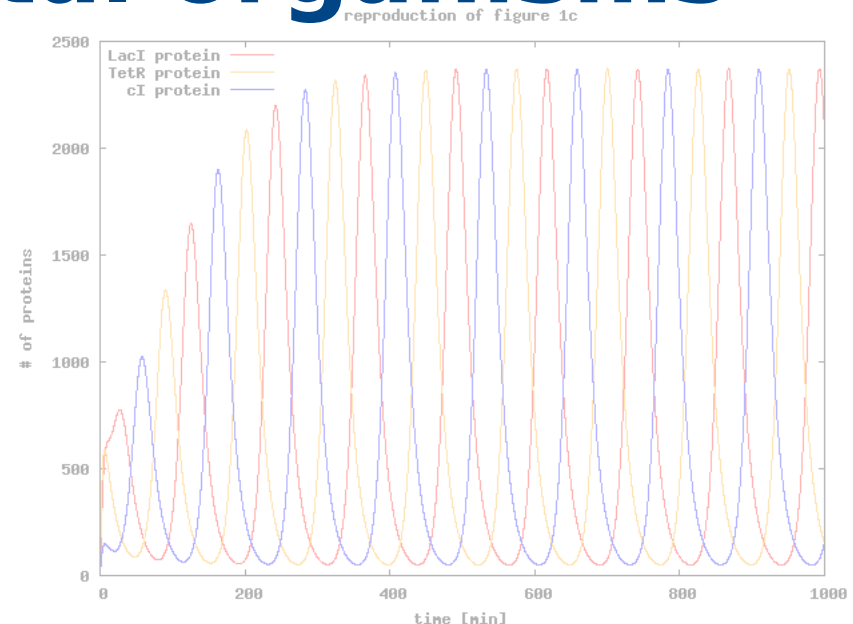


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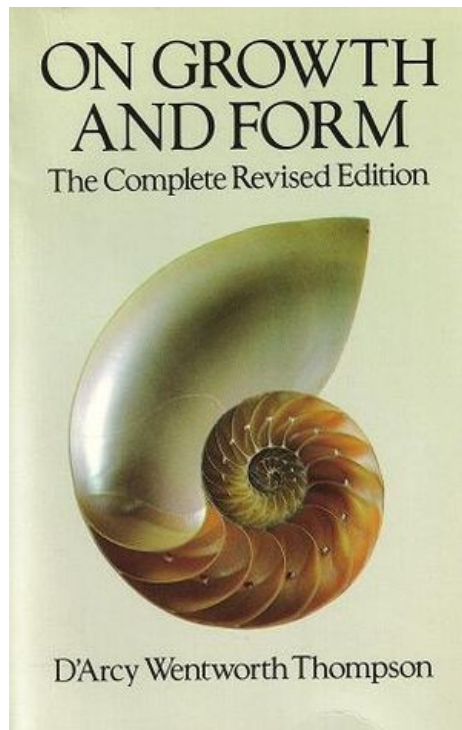
From art to engineering: 15 years of standards and tools towards digital organisms

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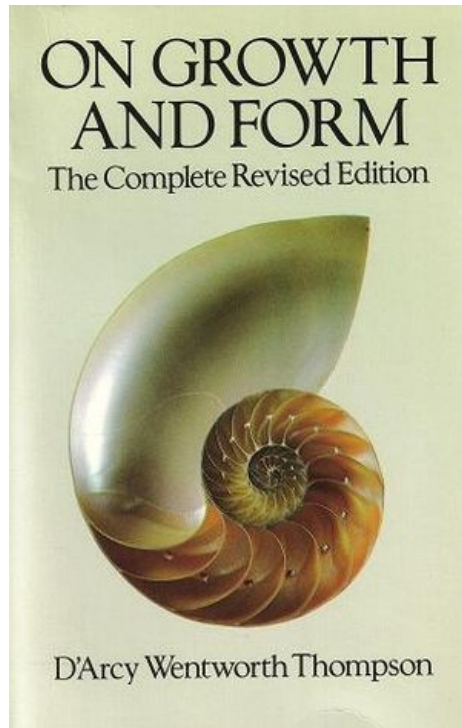


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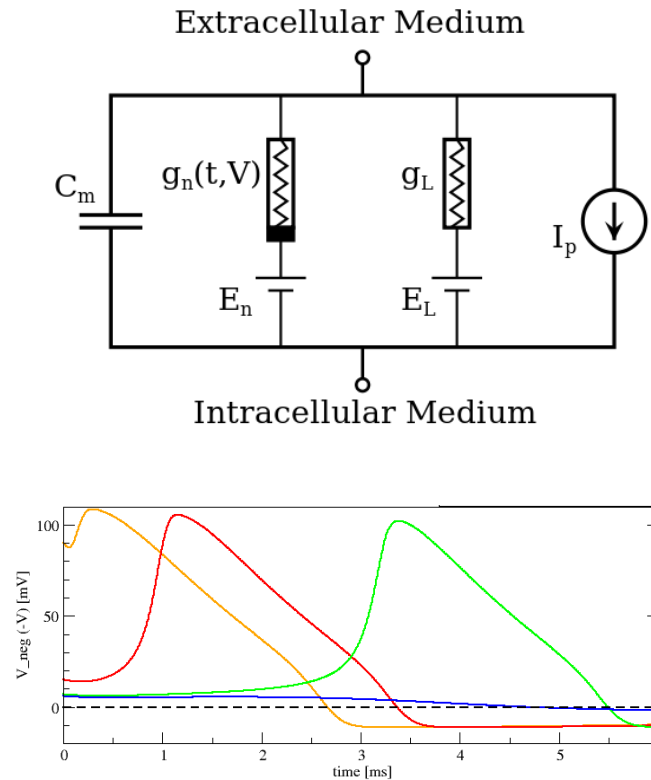
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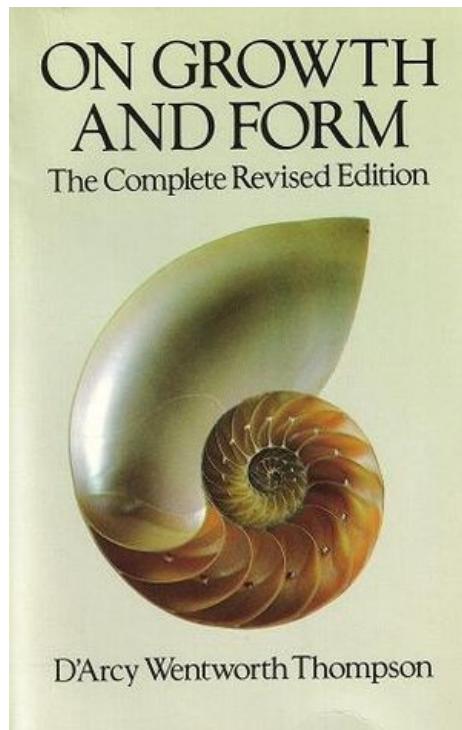
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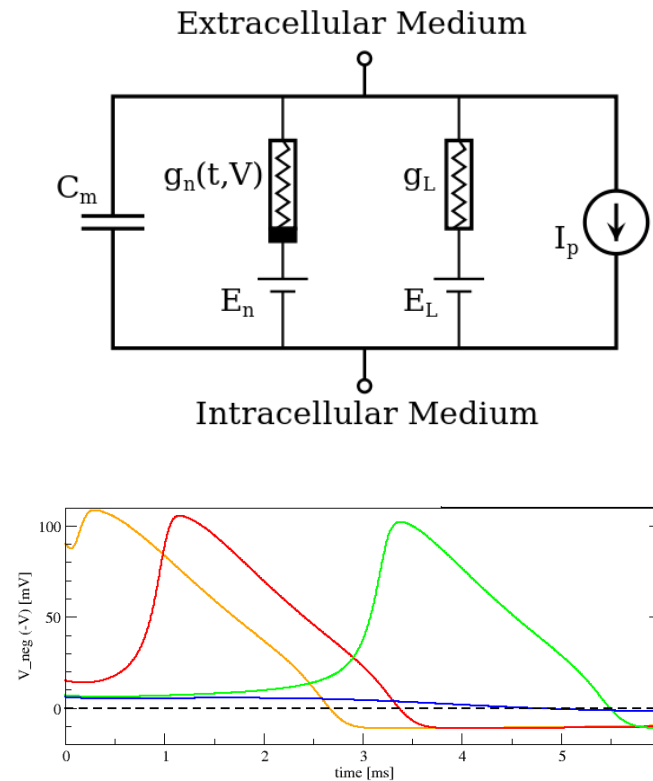
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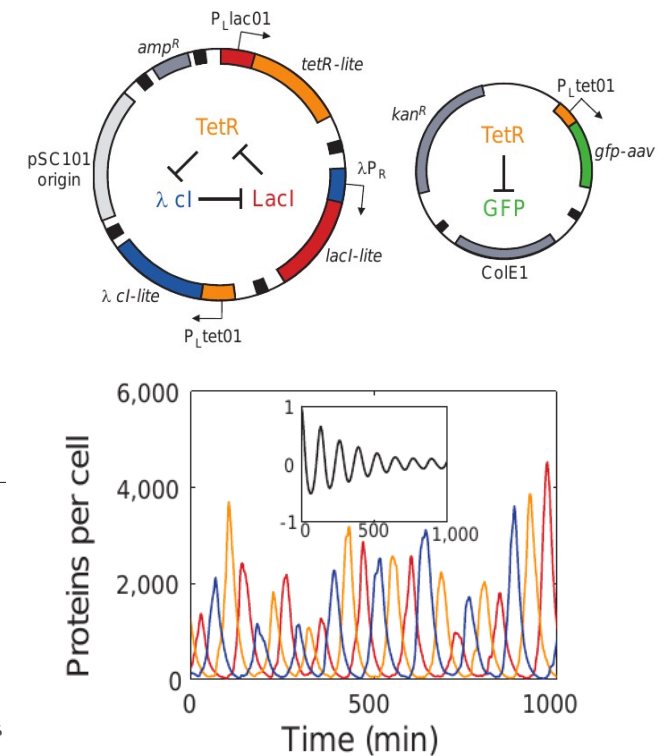
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$$d[X]/dt = k \cdot [Y]^2$$

$$\sum_i [X]_i - F(t) = 0$$

$$k(t) \sim N(k, \sigma^2)$$

If $\text{mass}_t > \text{threshold}$
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**What we already know
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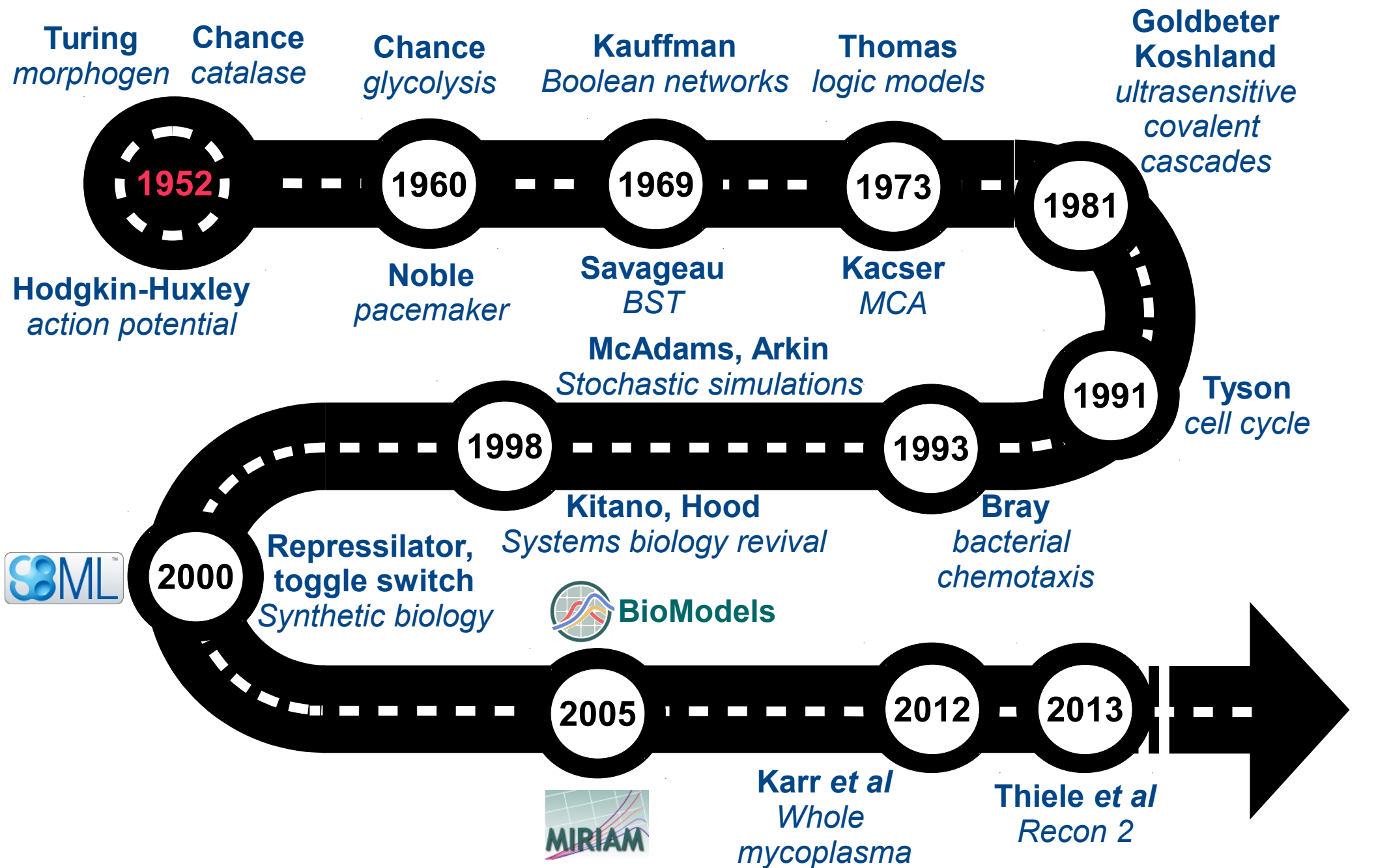
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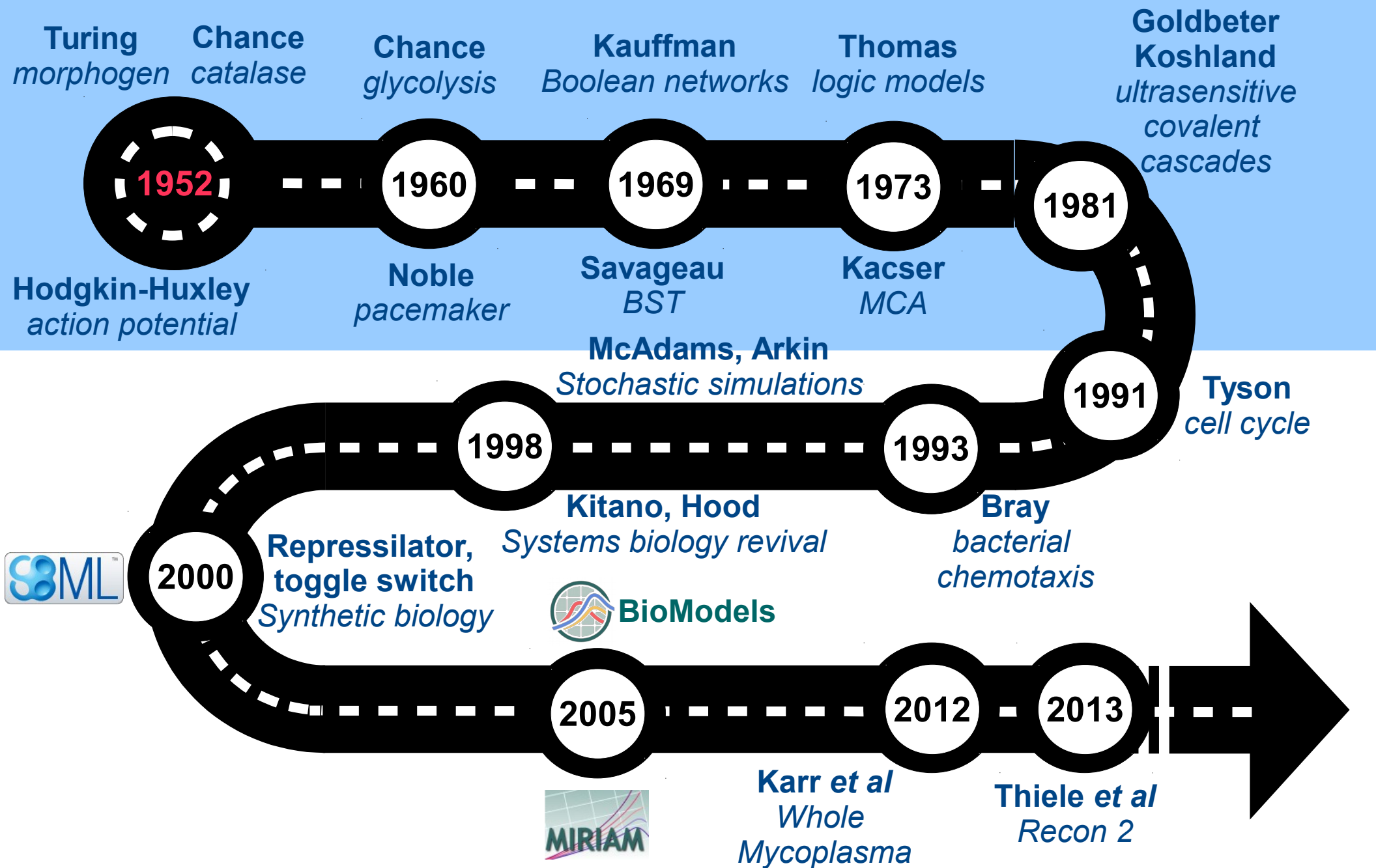
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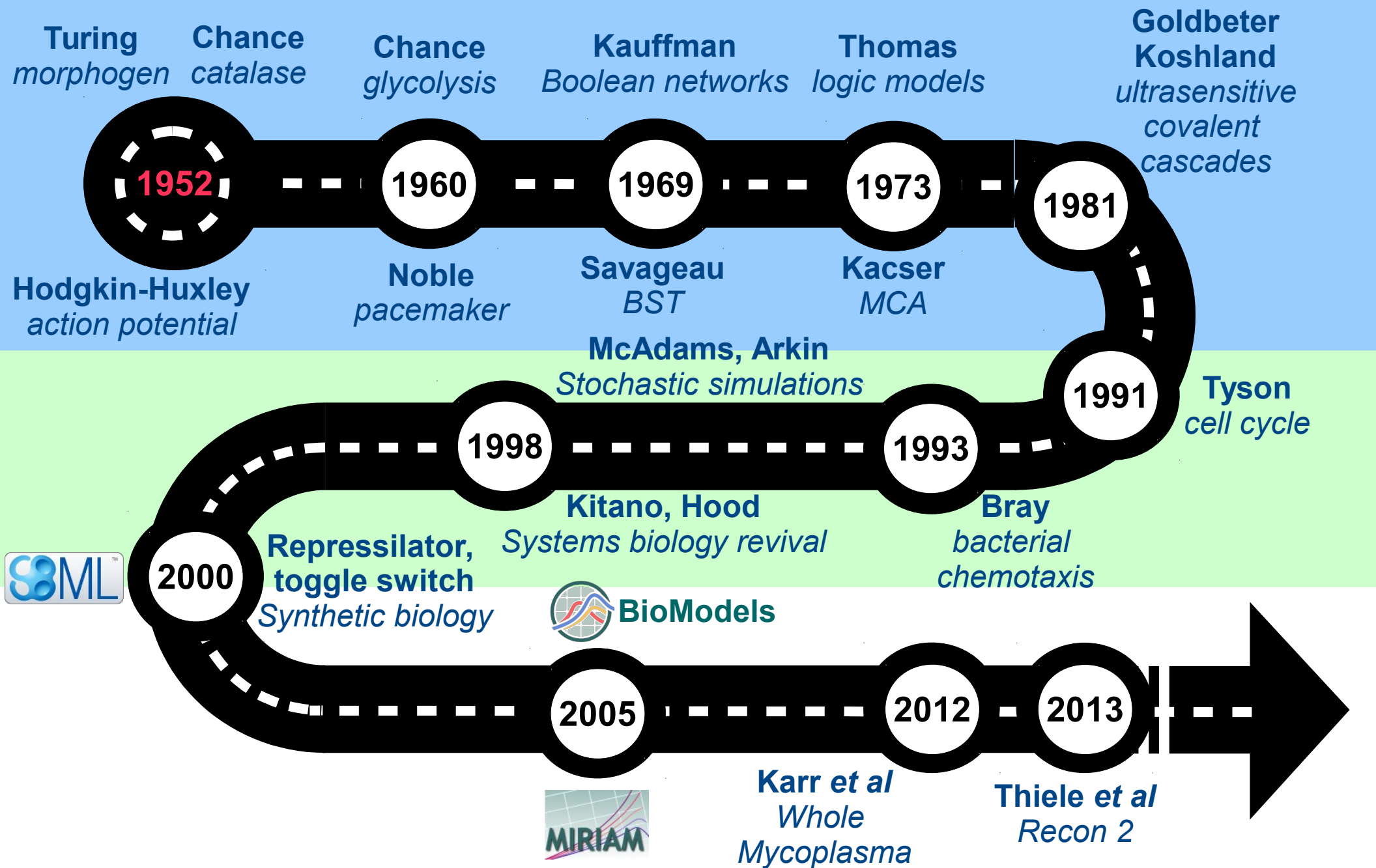
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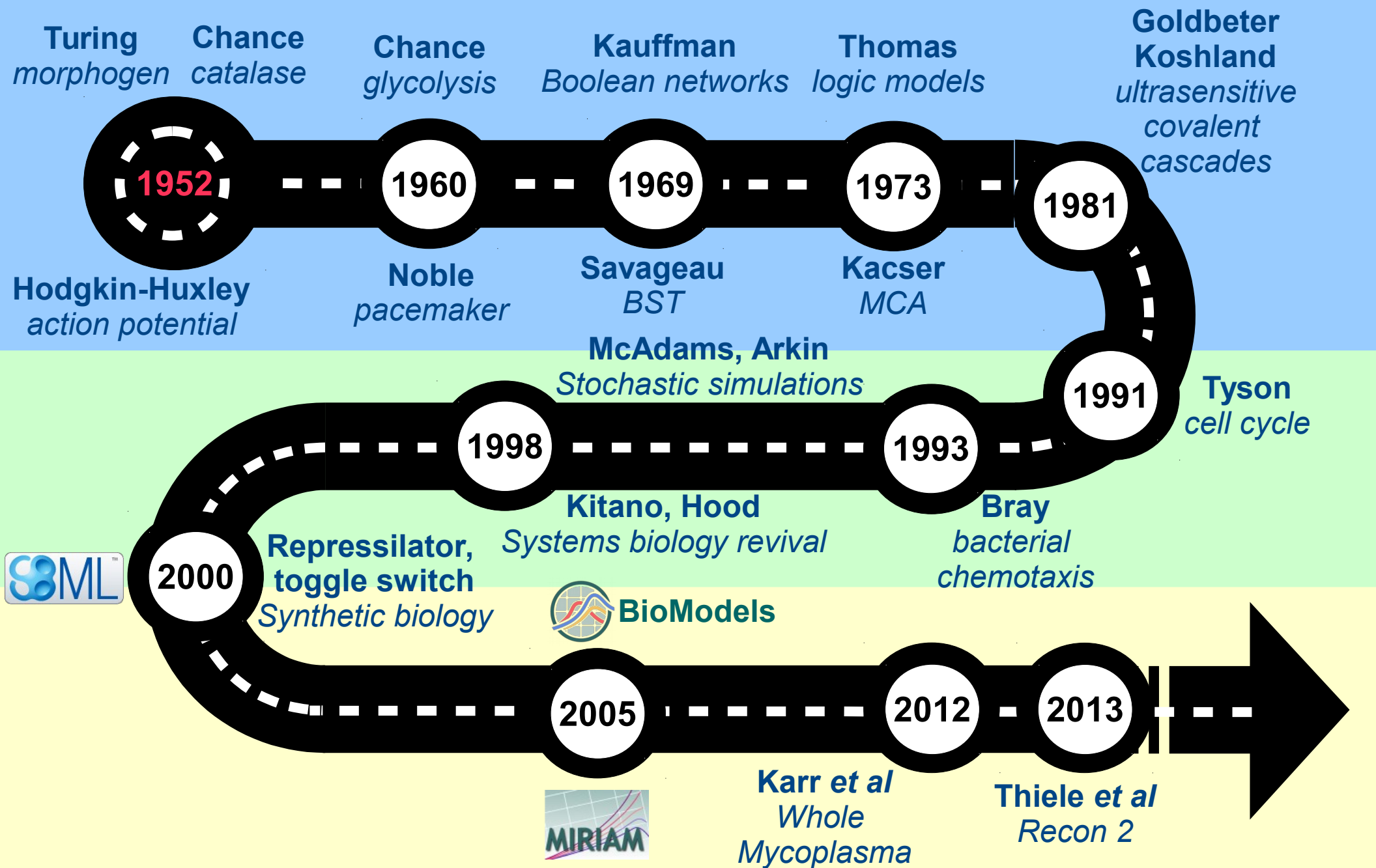
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Objective functions
(maximise ATP)
Initial conditions

**The context or what
we want to ignore**

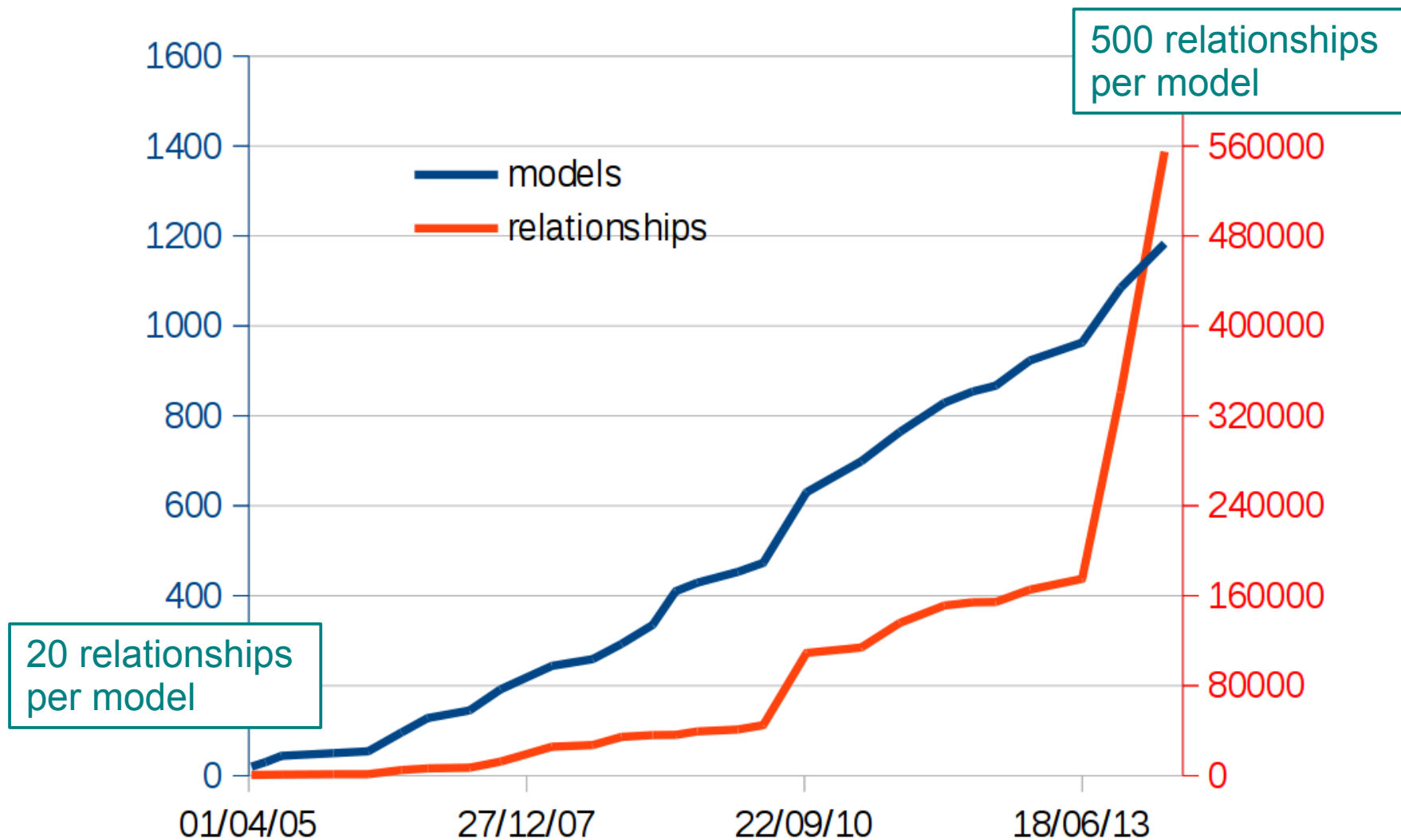








Computational models on the rise



BioModels Database growth (published models branch) since its creation



Improvised

One off

Unique

Manually produced

One or few artists

Produced in one go

Fragile

Art.



Designed

Many

Standard

Automated production

Collaboration

Workflow

Robust

Engineering



We need to

Verify

Re-use

Modify

Build upon

Integrate with

Therefore we need to share

Model descriptions

Simulation descriptions

Parametrisations

Biological meaning

Three types of standards

Minimal requirements WHAT	What to encode in order to share experiments and understand results 
Data-models HOW	How to encode the information defined above in a computer-readable manner 
Terminologies	Structured representation of knowledge, with concept definitions and their relationships 

A language to describe computational models in biology

	Model descriptions
Data-models	

Born in Caltech 2000

John Doyle



Hiroaki Kitano



Hamid Bolouri



Mike Hucka



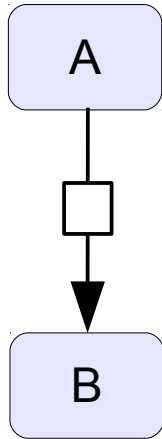
Andrew Finney



Herbert Sauro



Hucka et al. (2003)



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**A very simple
SBML file**

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} = k \times [A]$$

<http://sbml.org>



SimpleSBML - COPASI 4.6 (Build 32) /home/.../2011-03-ModelsIndustry/SimpleSBML.cps

File Tools Help

Concentrations

- Copasi
 - Model
 - Biochemical
 - Compartments
 - cell
 - Species
 - A
 - B
 - Reactions
 - r1
 - Global Quantities
 - Events
 - Parameter Overview
 - Mathematical
 - Differential Equations
 - Matrices
 - Diagrams
 - Tasks
 - Steady-State
 - Stoichiometric Analysis
 - Time Course
 - Metabolic Control Analysis
 - Lyapunov Exponents
 - Time Scale Separation Analysis
 - Parameter Scan
 - Optimization
 - Parameter Estimation
 - Sensitivities



$$\frac{d([A] \cdot V_{\text{cell}})}{dt} = -V_{\text{cell}} \cdot (k_1 \cdot [A])$$

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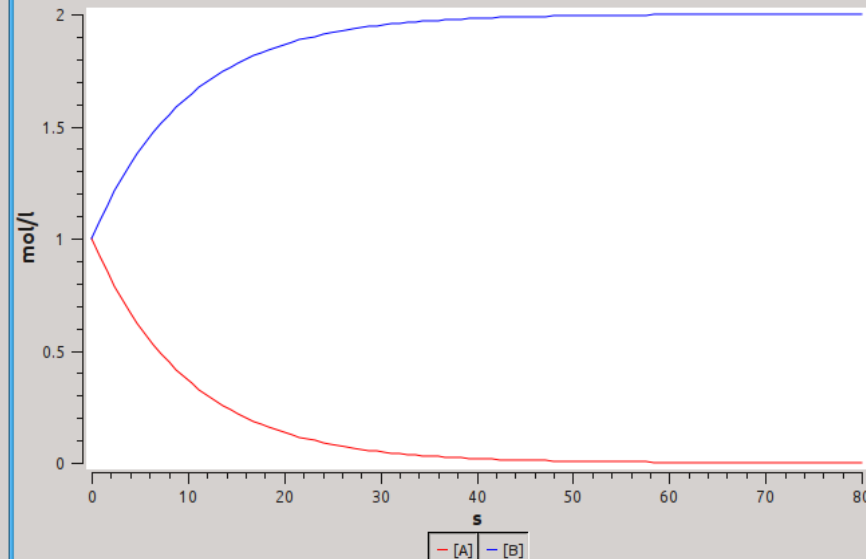
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Save Formula to Disk

Copasi Plot: Concentrations, Volumes, and Global Quantity Values

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Concentrations, Volumes, and Global Quantity Values



CellDesigner

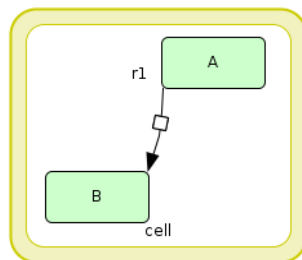
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CellDesigner.org

- Model
 - Compartments
 - Species
 - Reactions

Layer base

SimpleSBML.xml *



Species Proteins Genes RNAs asRNAs Reactions Compartments Par

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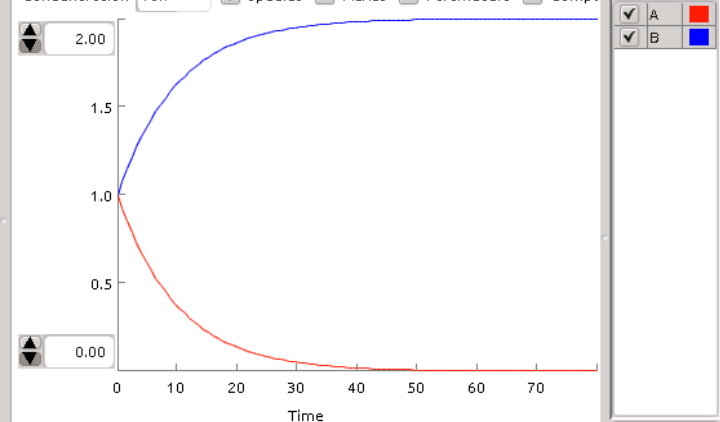
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B	B	cell	Concentra...	

Graph Table

Concentration raw Species Fluxes Parameters Compe



Initialize Save As Execute Close show scatter plot

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 ~2x more reactions and ~1.7x 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 exhibit¹. The metabolic-network reconstruction procedure

is now well-established² and has been applied to a growing number of model organisms³. 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 Software Guide

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

Number of software packages listed in the matrix today: **263**.

Go to the SBML
Software Matrix

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Software Summary

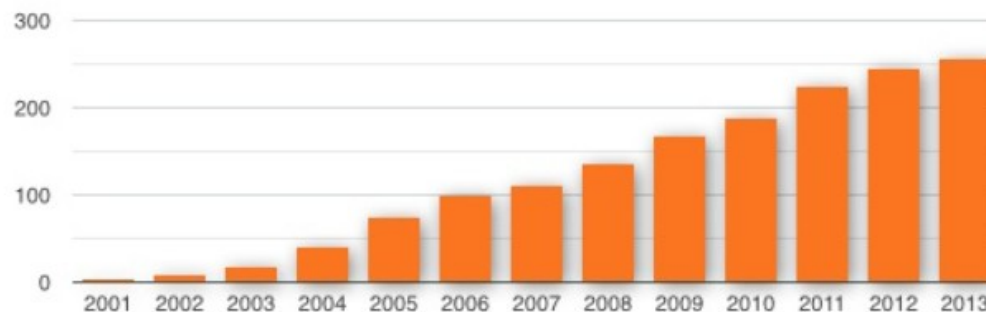
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Historical trend

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.



Adding the semantics to the syntax

	Model descriptions
Minimal requirements	
Data-models	
Terminologies	

Born in Heidelberg 2004



Le Novère *et al.* (2005), Courtot *et al.* (2011)

Minimal Information Required In the Annotation of Models

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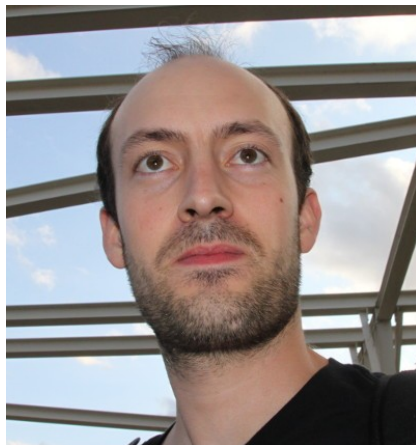
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protocol

type of URI

collection

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Camille Laibe



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Juty *et al.* (2012)

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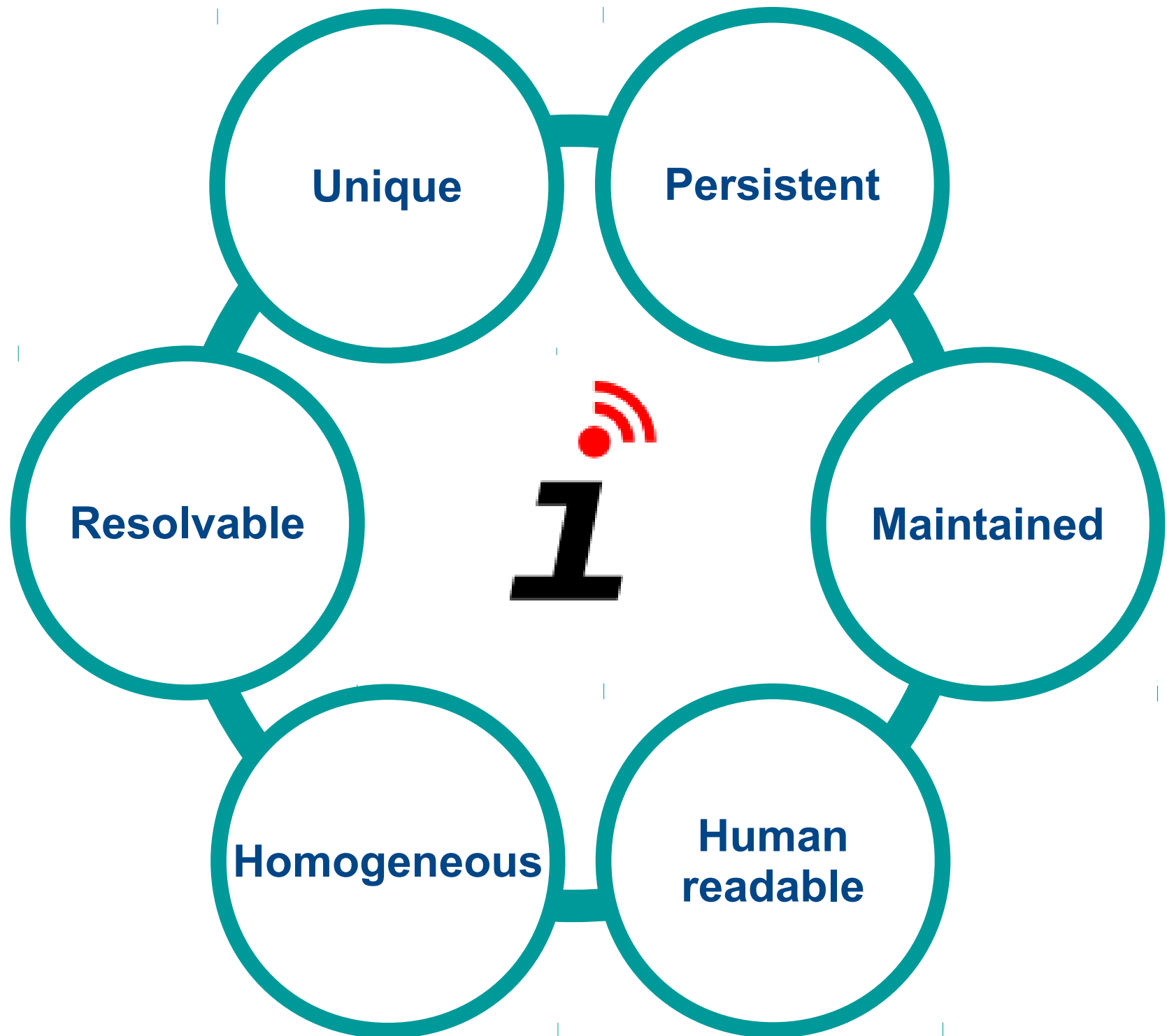
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Identifiers.org and MIRIAM Registry: community resources to provide persistent identification.

Juty N., Le Novère N., Laibe C.
Nucleic Acids Research. 2012; 40 (Database issue): D1-D6
[\[Europe PMC\]](#) [\[Oxford Journals\]](#)

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/miriam/>
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Laibe *et al.* (2007)

Registry statistics

Published

Data collections: 502 (508)
 Resources: 610 (649)
 Last update: Oct 29, 2013

Under curation

Data collections: 411
 Resources: 417
 Last update: Oct 28, 2013

News



[Dataset descriptor and RDF representations](#)

August 2013

The Registry now provides a dataset descriptor and RDF representations of the whole Registry and individual data collections (in RDF/XML and Turtle formats). [Read more...](#)

[Primary resources](#)

July 2013

Identifiers.org and its Registry now highlight the "primary resource" for data collections. [Read more...](#)

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Presentation "Identifiers.org: practical integration tool for heterogeneous datasets" at the [BioHackathon 2013](#) Symposium in Tokyo, Japan ([slides](#), [PDF](#))

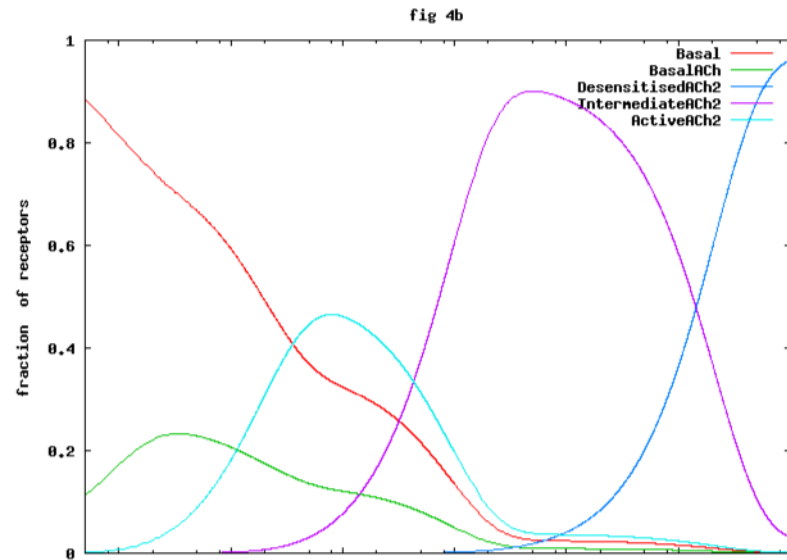


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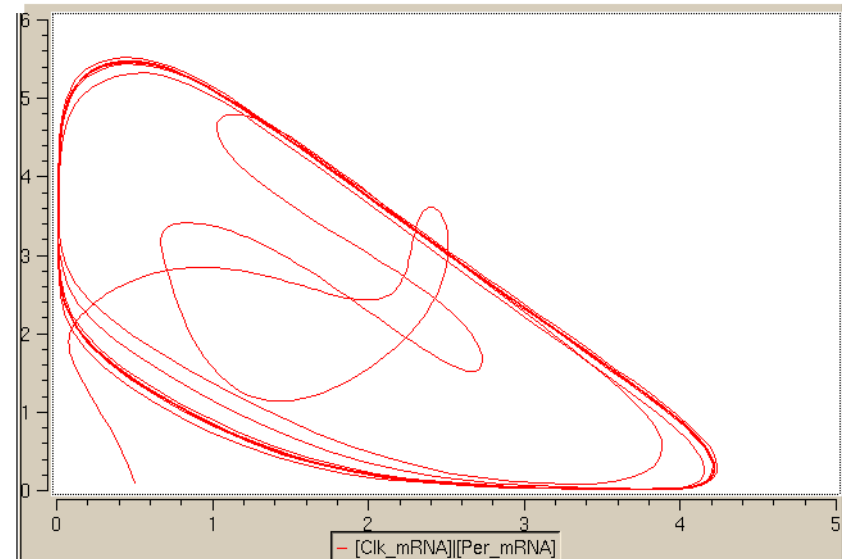
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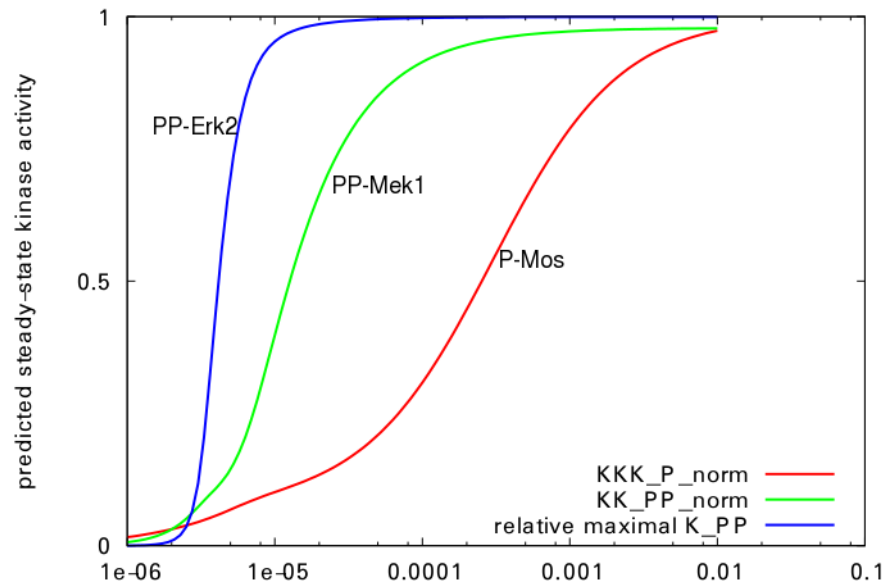
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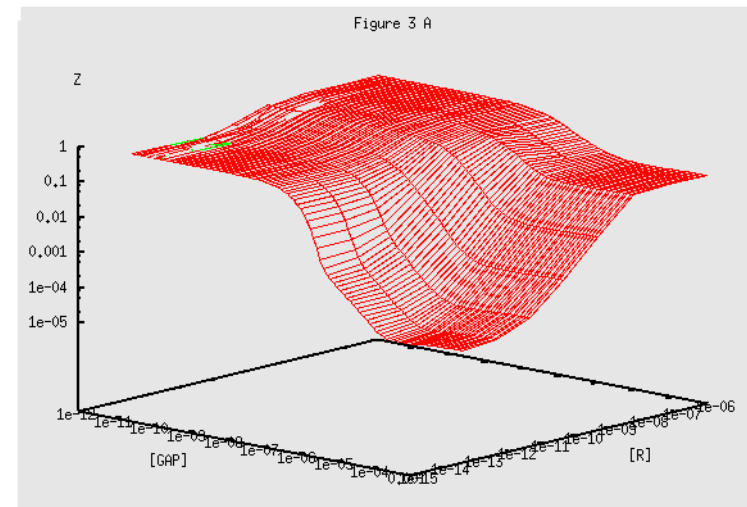
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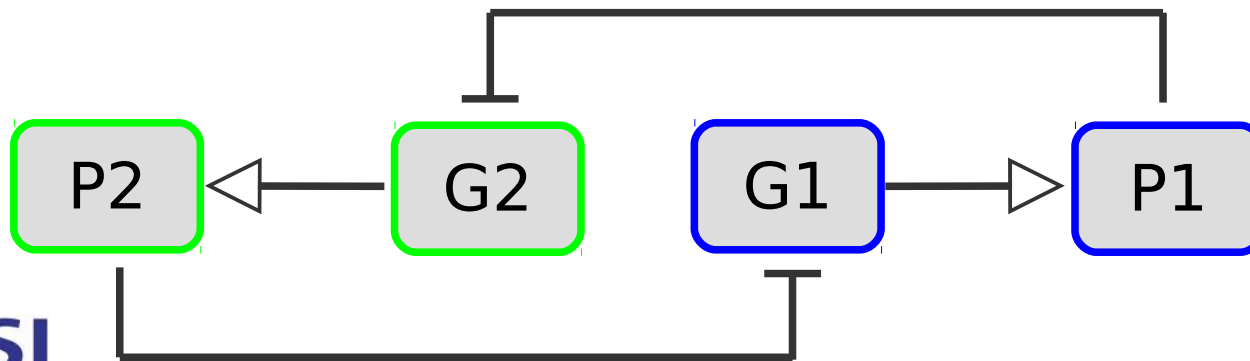
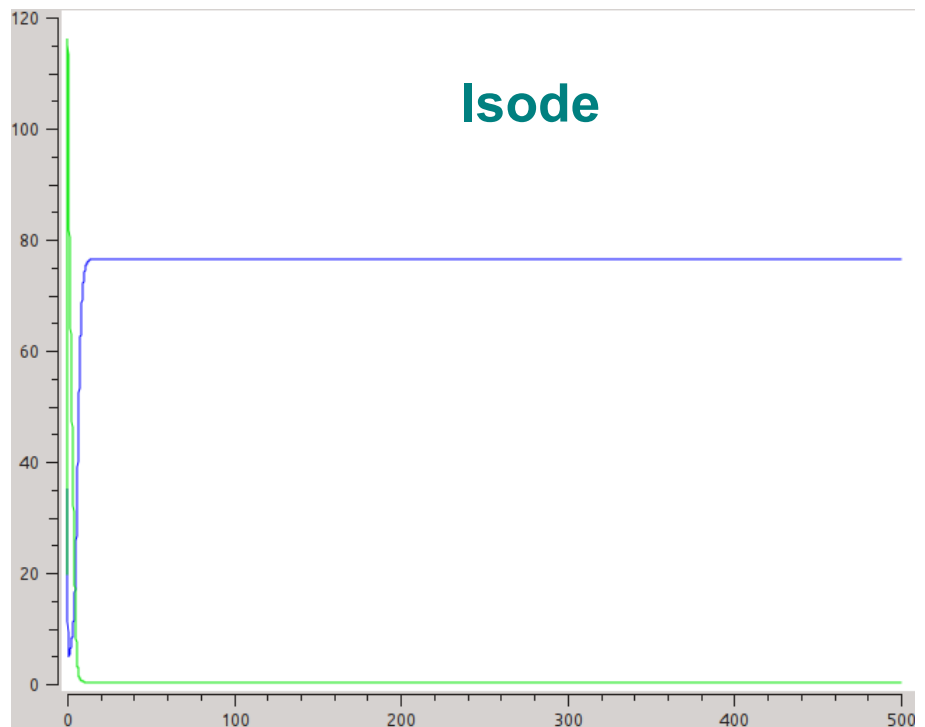
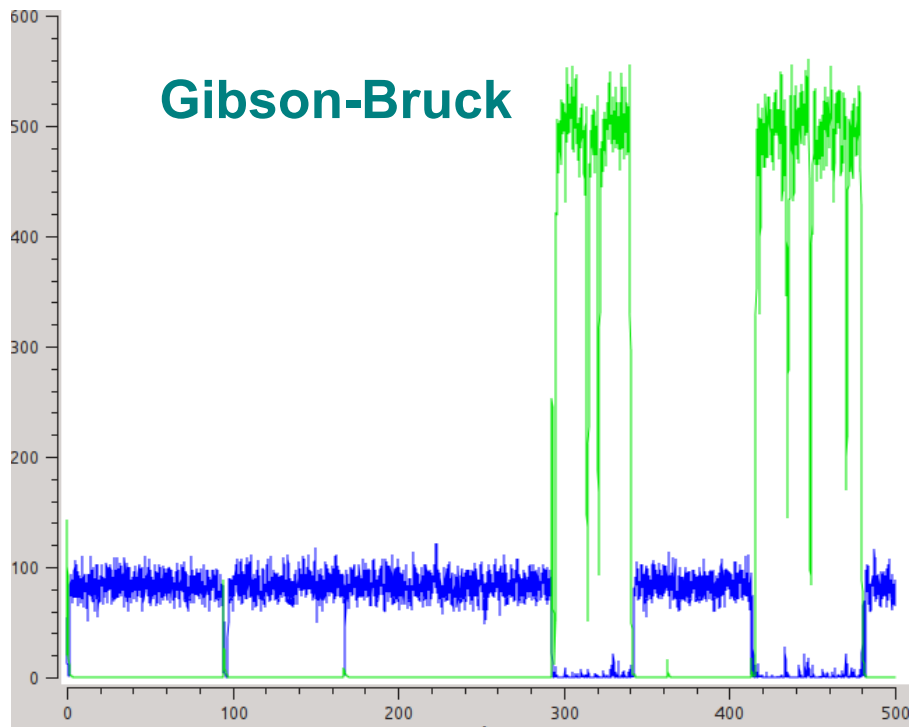


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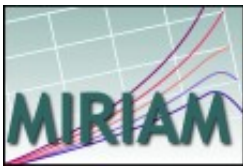


Bornheimer et al 2004 (BIOMD0000000086)

Algorithm choice affects behaviour



Description of simulations and analyses

	Model descriptions	Simulations and analysis
Minimal requirements		
Data-models	 	
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Born in Hinxton 2007

Waltemath *et al.* (2011, 2011), Courtot *et al* (2011)

Minimal Information About a Simulation Experiment

Models to use

1. Models provided, or precise mean of access
2. Model with all governing equations, parameter values and necessary conditions
3. Standard formats, otherwise code available. If not open code, full description provided
4. Description of modifications required before the execution of the simulation experiment

Simulation steps

1. Simulation steps described, with simulation algorithms, models, order of steps, data processing between steps
2. Information needed for correct implementation of necessary steps
3. If software source-code not available, information needed to reproduce the simulation, and not only repeat it, with algorithms and necessary info (e.g. discretization meth)
4. If divergence are known in different environments or platforms, explanation on how to be run with the specified environment/platform to achieve experiment's purpose

Output specification

1. Post-processing steps applied on the raw results to generate the final results, with identification of data to process, nature and order of changes to apply
2. If insights depend on relation between different results, (e.g. plot of one against another), the results to be compared must be specified.

<http://co.mbine.org/standards/miase>

Simulation Experiment Description Markup Language

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<http://sed-ml.org>

Flexible model use in SED-ML

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Any XML

Remote access

Modif before simulations



**That looks very useful.
Where can I find those?**



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 [programmable access](#) via web services, are provided.

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Models published in the literature

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

Path2Models

Submit a model

Links

- [Main instance at EMBL-EBI, UK](#)
- [Mirror at Caltech, USA](#)
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- [Web Services](#)
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Viji Chelliah



Marco Donizelli

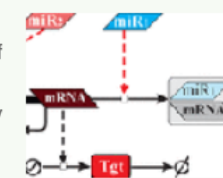


Camille Laibe

Model of the month

July, 2014

MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are an integral part of gene regulation at the post-transcriptional level. A pair of distinct miRNAs can mutually target a single mRNA, leading to the formation of RNA triplexes, which cooperatively regulates the target gene expression more effectively. Here, the mechanism of miRNA cooperativity has been studied using a mathematical model.



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News



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25 April 2014 **Our recent diabetes review most downloaded in April on CPT:PSP**

Our recent review "[The impact of mathematical modeling on the understanding of diabetes and related complications](#)" has been the most downloaded this month from the [CPT: Pharmacometrics & Systems Pharmacology](#) website!

24 April 2014 **Interview of Viji Chelliah, lead curator of BioModels Database, on PSPod**

The interview of Dr. Vijayalakshmi Chelliah, lead curator of BioModels Database, in the pharmacometrics and systems pharmacology podcast from the journal CPT: Pharmacometrics & Systems Pharmacology, produced in association with Nature Publishing Group ([PSPod](#)) is now online. [Listen it.](#)

11 April 2014 **27th release**

With the [27th release of BioModels Database](#), the resource now provides a total of 144,252 models, of which more than 500 are

>140 000 models

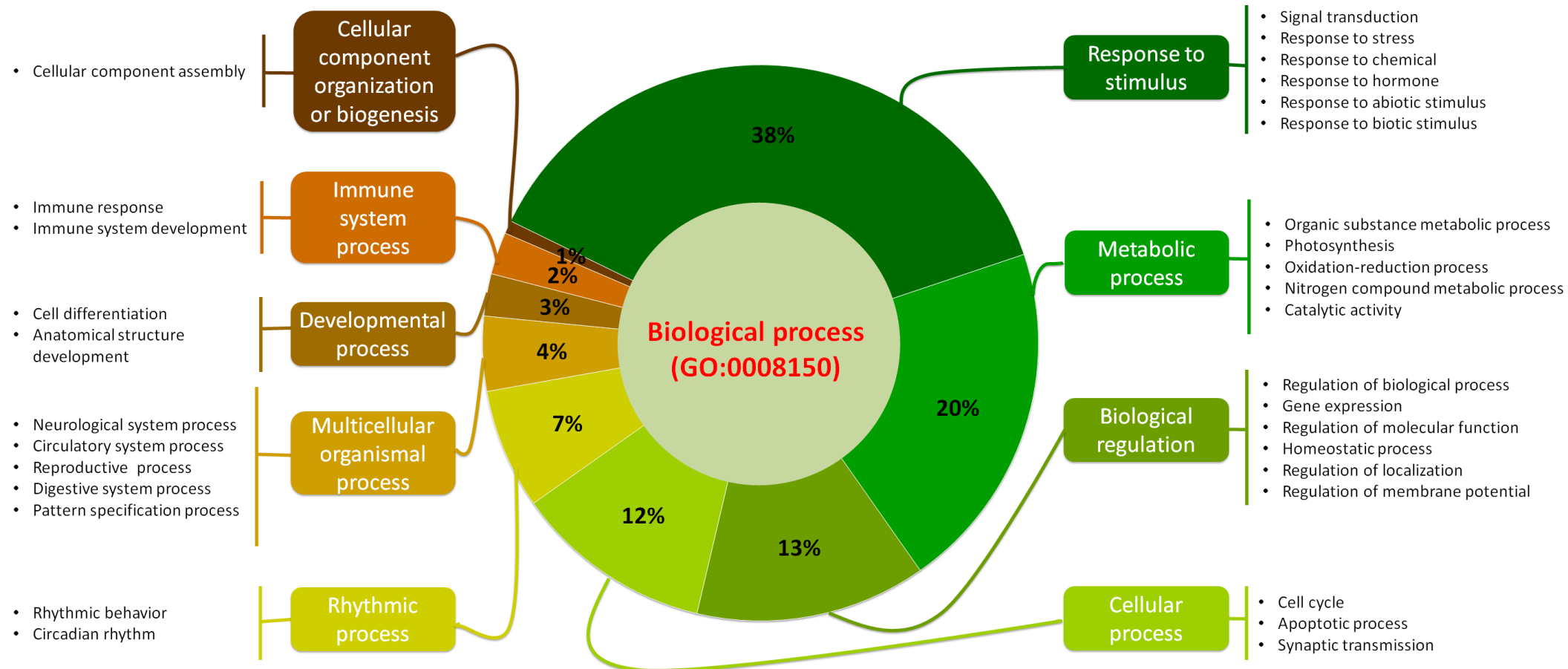
>10 millions math relations

~ 200 millions cross-refs

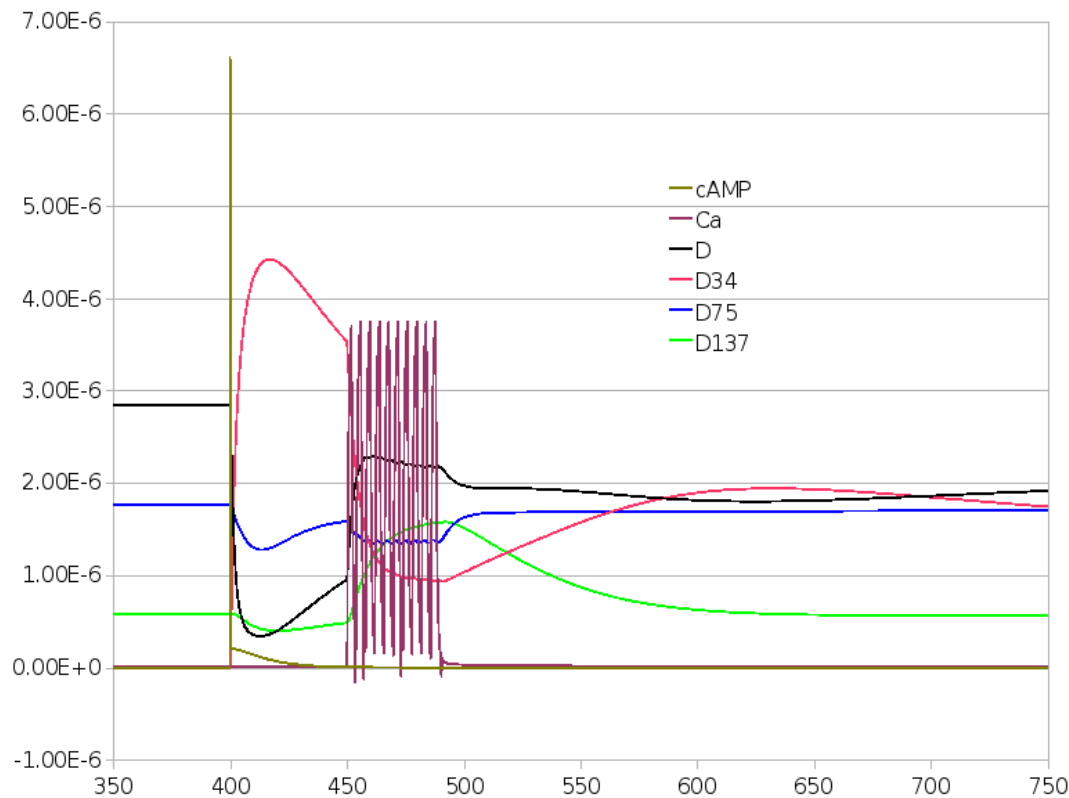
> 300 journals advise deposition

~ 1000 citations

1 million page requests per year



Biochemical models



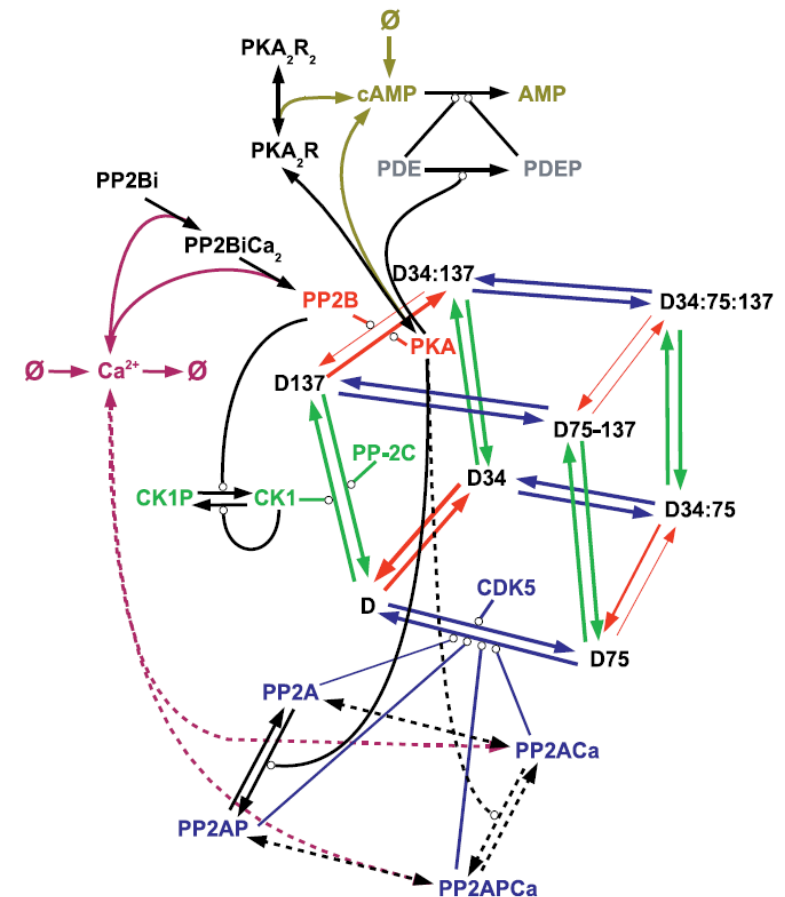
reaction:

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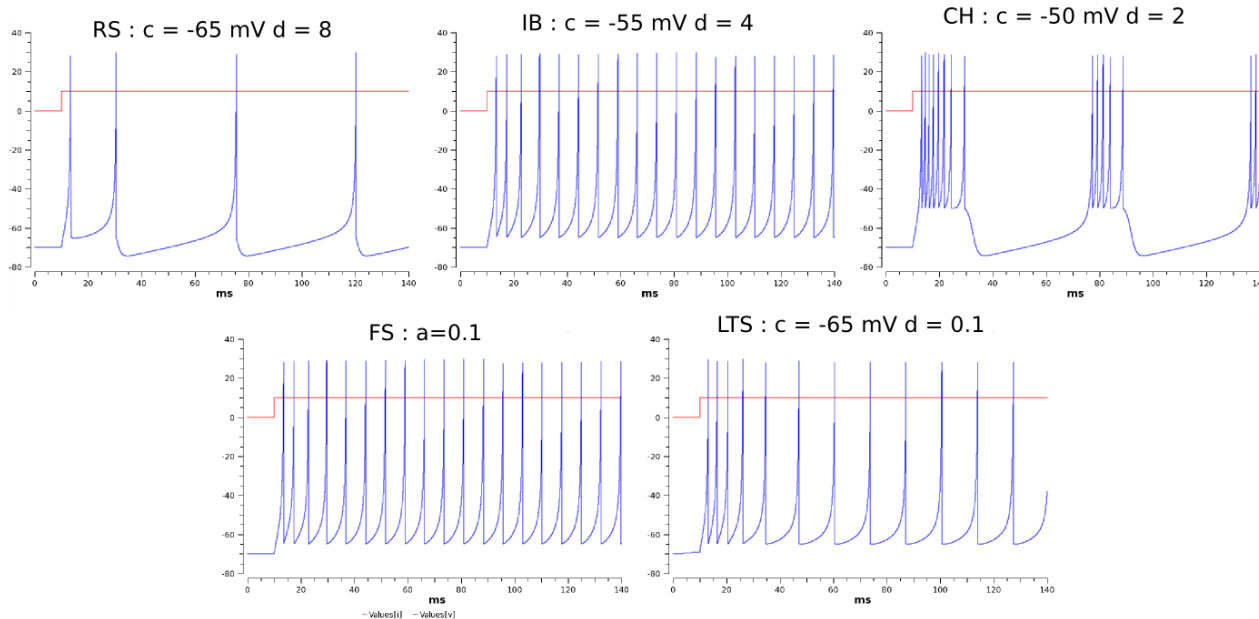
Fernandez et al. DARPP-32 is a robust integrator of dopamine and glutamate signals
PLoS Comput Biol (2006) 2: e176.



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Neuroscience models



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



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rate rule:

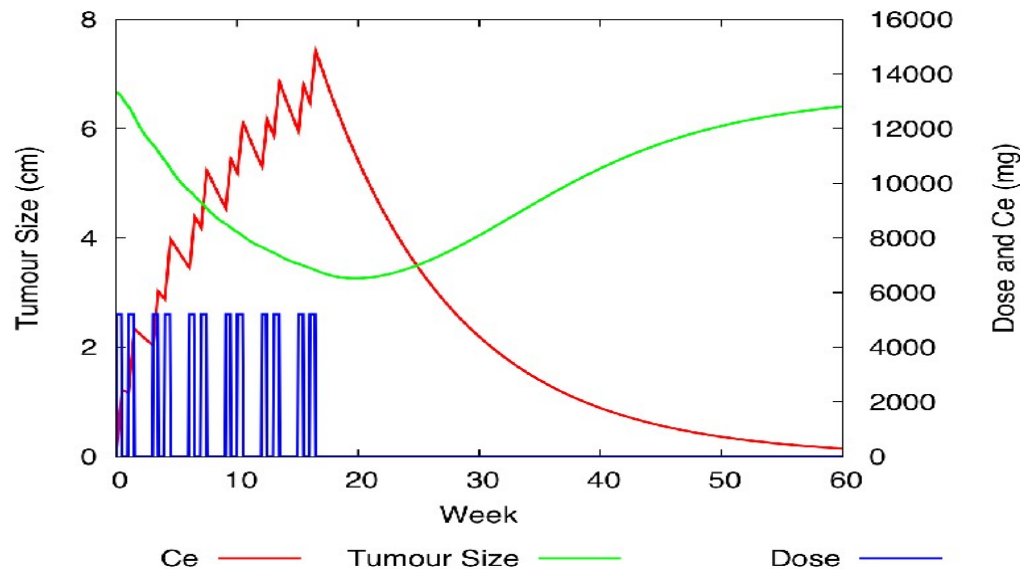
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 0.04v^2 + 5 \cdot I + 140 \cdot U + i$$

event:

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



Pharmacometrics models



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.



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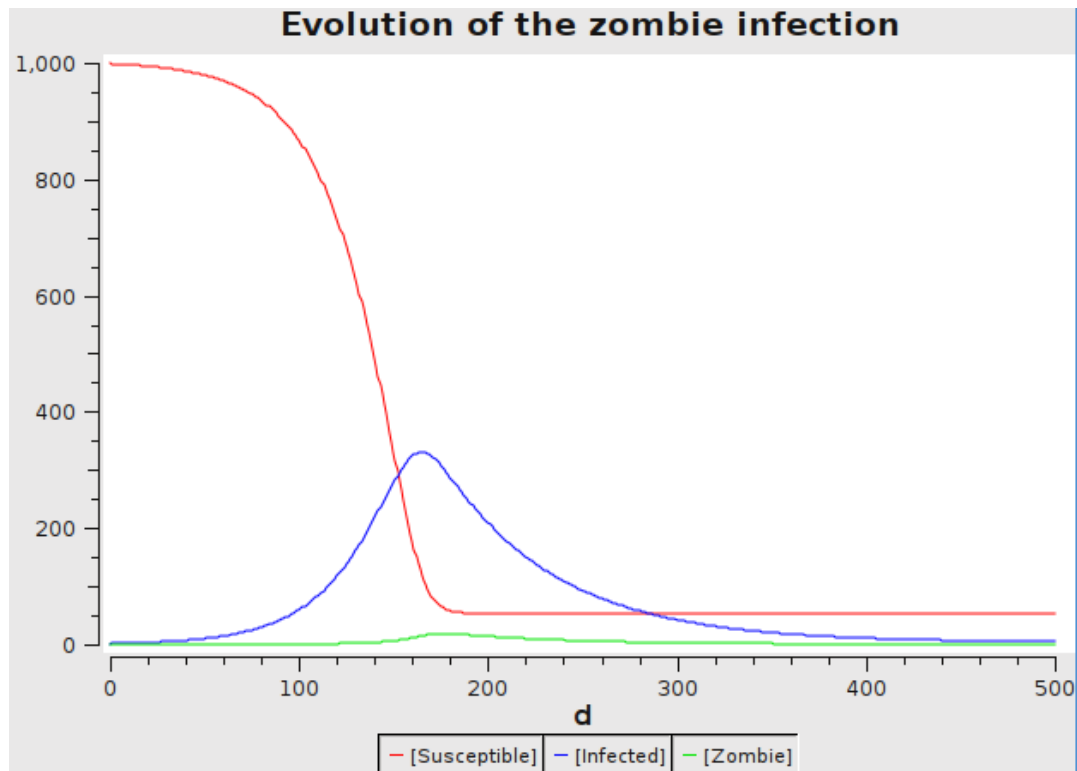
$$\frac{dSize}{dt} = (Rate_{in} \times Effect - K_{over} \times Size) \times Size$$

assignment rule:

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



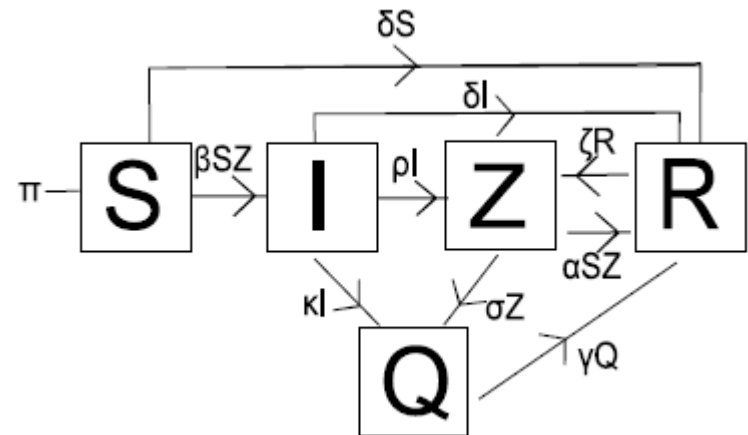
Epidemiology models



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



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Was it worth it?

“You should not develop standards and easy to use modelling software. This allows biologists to write models, and they don't know how to do it properly.”

Biomathematician, 2007

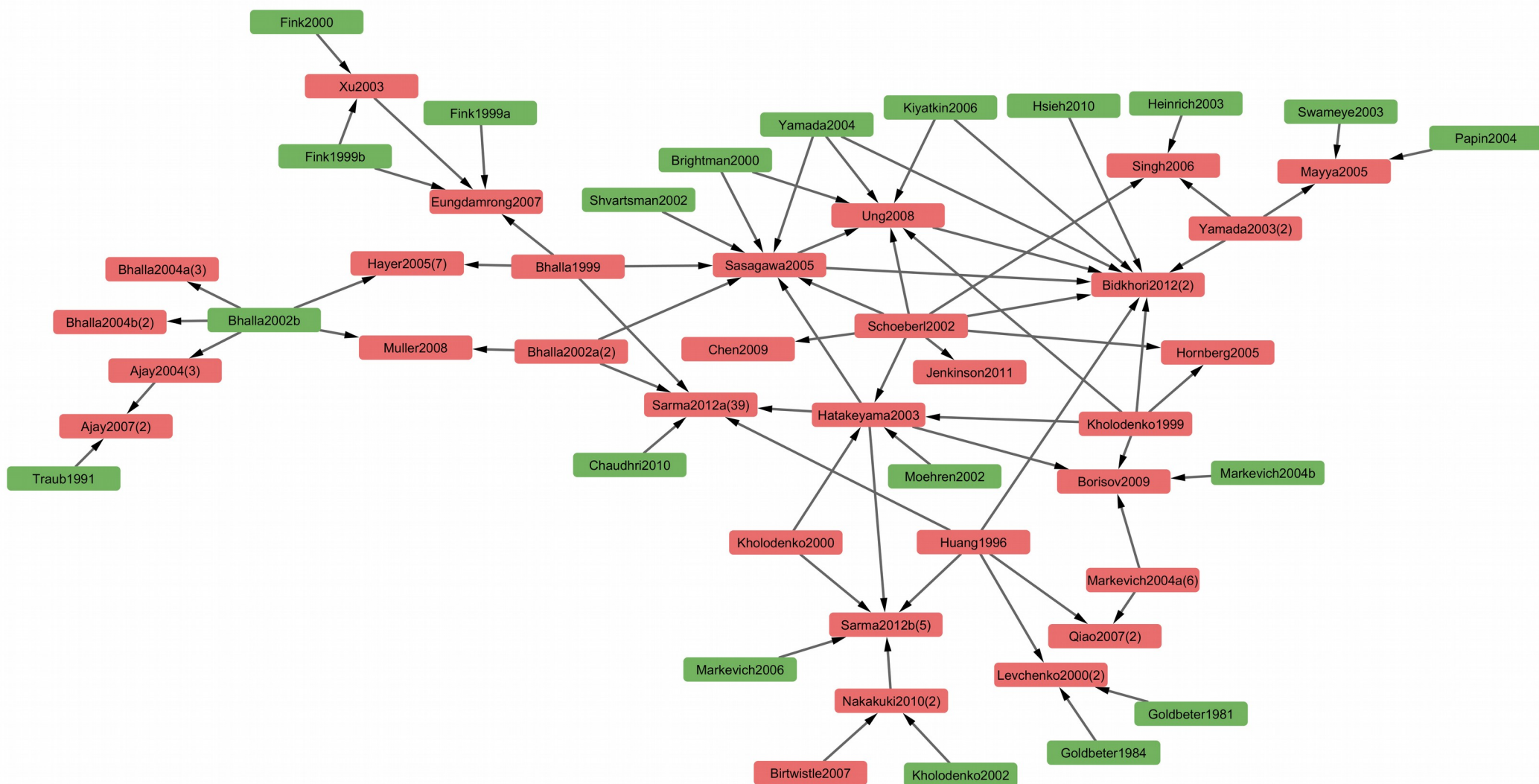
“By developing BioModels you harmed the cause of modelling in biology. My students do not learn how to make a model, they download it ready to use instead”

Theoretical biologist, 2006

REUSE



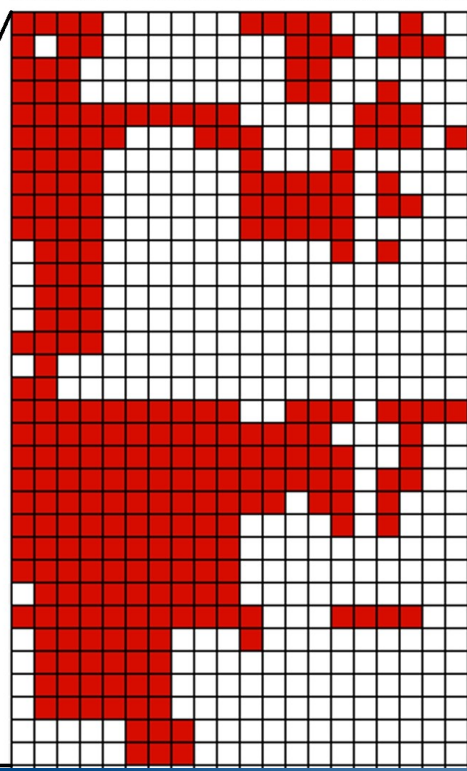
Erb receptor signalling



DISCOVER

Clustering models (and data) based on metadata

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 BIOMD000000000175_0 (Birnstiel2007_ErbB_Signalling)



ATP:protein_phosphotransferase_(non-specific)
 RAF_proto-oncogene_serine/threonine-protein_kinase
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 protein_amino_acid_dephosphorylation
 protein_amino_acid_phosphorylation
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Schulz *et al.* (2011)

Ranking and retrieval of models

Model	BioModel	Similarity	P-value	Overlap	P-value	
Huang1996_MAPK_ultrasens	BIOMD0000000009	1.000	$\leq 1e-3$	30	0.0e+00	
Levchenko2000_MAPK_noScaffold	BIOMD0000000011	0.930	$\leq 1e-3$	28	0.0e+00	
Levchenko2000_MAPK_Scaffold	BIOMD0000000014	0.874	$\leq 1e-3$	26	0.0e+00	
Kholodenko2000_MAPK_feedback	BIOMD0000000010	0.830	$\leq 1e-3$	20	0.0e+00	
Markevich2004_MAPK_orderedElementary	BIOMD0000000026	0.749	$\leq 1e-3$	16	2.9e-15	
Markevich2004_MAPK_phosphoRandomElementary	BIOMD0000000028	0.692	$\leq 1e-3$	15	9.1e-14	
Markevich2004_MAPK_AllRandomElementary	BIOMD0000000030	0.692	$\leq 1e-3$	15	9.1e-14	
Markevich2004_MAPK_orderedMM	BIOMD0000000027	0.691	$\leq 1e-3$	12	9.8e-10	
Markevich2004_MAPK_orderedMM2kinases	BIOMD0000000031	0.691	$\leq 1e-3$	12	9.8e-10	
Markevich2004_MAPK_phosphoRandomMM	BIOMD0000000029	0.626	$\leq 1e-3$	11	1.6e-08	
Hornberg2005_ERKcascade	BIOMD0000000084	0.523	$\leq 1e-3$	9	2.7e-06	
McClean2007_CrossTalk	BIOMD0000000116	0.453	$\leq 1e-3$	8	2.7e-05	
Kofahl2004_pheromone	BIOMD0000000032	0.441	$\leq 1e-3$	12	9.8e-10	
Goldbeter1991_MinMitOscil_ExplInact	BIOMD0000000004	0.389	$\leq 1e-3$	3	1.5e-01	
Brown2004_NGF_EGF_signaling	BIOMD0000000033	0.371	$\leq 1e-3$	9	2.7e-06	
Ung2008_EGFR_Endocytosis	BIOMD0000000205	0.363	$\leq 1e-3$	8	2.7e-05	
Kim2007_Wnt_ERK_Crosstalk	BIOMD0000000149	0.355	$\leq 1e-3$	10	2.2e-07	
Goldbeter1991_MinMitOscil	BIOMD0000000003	0.349	$\leq 1e-3$	3	1.5e-01	
Sasagawa2005_MAPK	BIOMD0000000049	0.339	$\leq 1e-3$	9	2.7e-06	
Swat2004_Mammalian_G1_S_Transition	BIOMD0000000228	0.317	$\leq 1e-3$	2	4.0e-01	
Tyson1991_CellCycle_6var	BIOMD0000000005	0.304	$\leq 1e-3$	4	4.2e-02	
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Novak1997_CellCycle	BIOMD0000000007	0.259	$\leq 1e-3$	1	7.6e-01	
Novak2001_FissionYeast_CellCycle	BIOMD0000000111	0.255	$\leq 1e-3$	2	4.0e-01	
Leloup1999_CircClock	BIOMD0000000021	0.246	$\leq 1e-3$	4	4.2e-02	
Birtwistle2007_ErbB_Signalling	BIOMD0000000175	0.236	$\leq 1e-3$	1	7.6e-01	
Neves2008_Cell_Shape	BIOMD0000000182	0.222	$\leq 1e-3$	6	1.6e-03	
Leloup1998_CircClock_LD	BIOMD0000000171	0.219	$\leq 1e-3$	4	4.2e-02	
Veening2008_DegU_Regulation	BIOMD0000000240	0.211	4.0e-03	2	4.0e-01	
Chen2004_CellCycle	BIOMD0000000056	0.209	4.0e-03	4	4.2e-02	
Fernandez2006_ModelA	BIOMD0000000152	0.207	5.0e-03	2	4.0e-01	
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MAPK

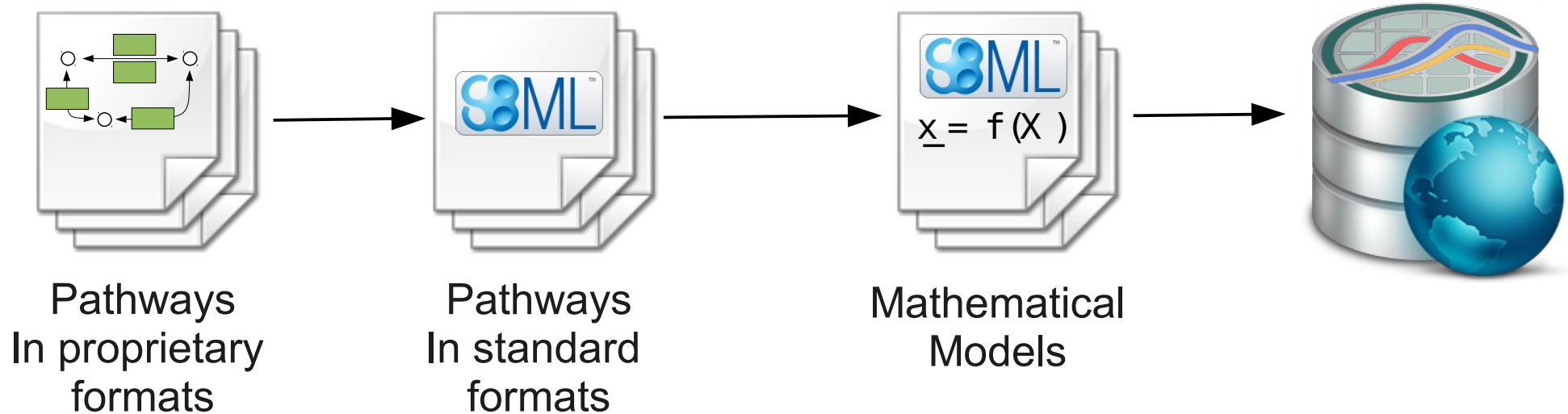
Retrieval of models using gene expression

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Wolf2001_respiratory_oscillations	BIOMD0000000090	0.207	$\leq 1e-3$	6	$6.6e-09$	
Chassagnole2001_Threonine_Synthesis	BIOMD0000000066	0.184	$\leq 1e-3$	4	$1.5e-05$	
Curien2009_Aspartate_Metabolism	BIOMD0000000212	0.170	$\leq 1e-3$	5	$3.6e-07$	
Curien2003_MetThr_synthesis	BIOMD0000000068	0.141	$\leq 1e-3$	2	$1.0e-02$	
Proctor2007_ubiquitine	BIOMD0000000105	0.098	$2.0e-03$	1	$1.4e-01$	
Curto1998_purineMetabol	BIOMD0000000015	0.063	$1.1e-02$	2	$1.0e-02$	
Ibrahim2008_Spindle_Assembly_Checkpoint_dissociation	BIOMD0000000186	0.057	$1.8e-02$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Ibrahim2008_Spindle_Assembly_Checkpoint_convey	BIOMD0000000187	0.057	$1.8e-02$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Rodriguez-Caso2006_Polyamine_Metabolism	BIOMD0000000190	0.040	$7.1e-02$	1	$1.4e-01$	
Nijhout2004_Folate_Cycle	BIOMD0000000213	0.032	$1.1e-01$	1	$1.4e-01$	
Morrison1989_FolateCycle	BIOMD0000000018	0.030	$1.3e-01$	1	$1.4e-01$	
Zatorsky2006_p53_Model3	BIOMD0000000154	0.023	$2.5e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Zatorsky2006_p53_Model6	BIOMD0000000155	0.023	$2.5e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Hunziker2010_p53_StressSpecificResponse	BIOMD0000000252	0.023	$2.5e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Zatorsky2006_p53_Model5	BIOMD0000000156	0.022	$2.7e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Zatorsky2006_p53_Model4	BIOMD0000000157	0.022	$2.7e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Zatorsky2006_p53_Model2	BIOMD0000000158	0.022	$2.7e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Zatorsky2006_p53_Model1	BIOMD0000000159	0.022	$2.7e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Proctor2008_p53_Mdm2_ATM	BIOMD0000000188	0.013	$4.3e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
McClean2007_CrossTalk	BIOMD0000000116	0.012	$4.7e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Proctor2008_p53_Mdm2_ARF	BIOMD0000000189	0.012	$4.9e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Haberichter2007_cellcycle	BIOMD0000000109	0.011	$5.0e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	
Sasagawa2005_MAPK	BIOMD0000000049	0.006	$5.5e-01$	0	$1.0e+00$	

BUILD

From pathways to models ... path2models

- Provide pathways in a standard format
- Re-use existing pathway data to generate biochemically based models
- Provide starting points to build more quantitative models



Büchel *et al.* (2013)



Signalling
Pathways



Logical models
of individual signalling pathways



Signalling
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Metabolic
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Chemical kinetics models
of individual metabolic pathways





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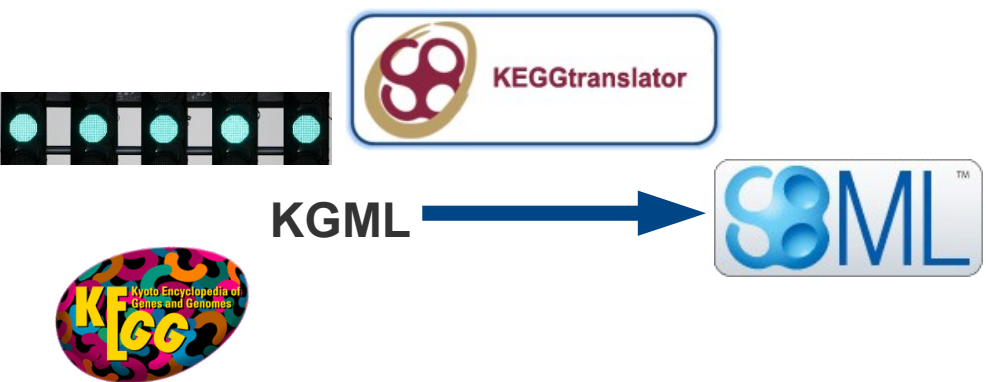


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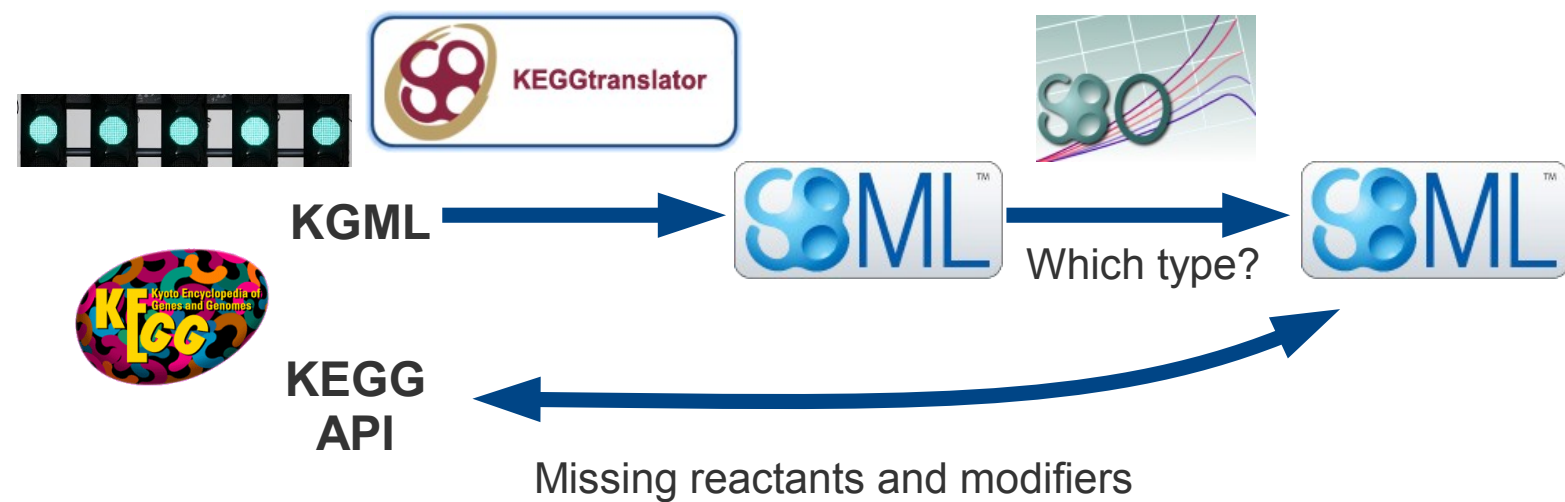


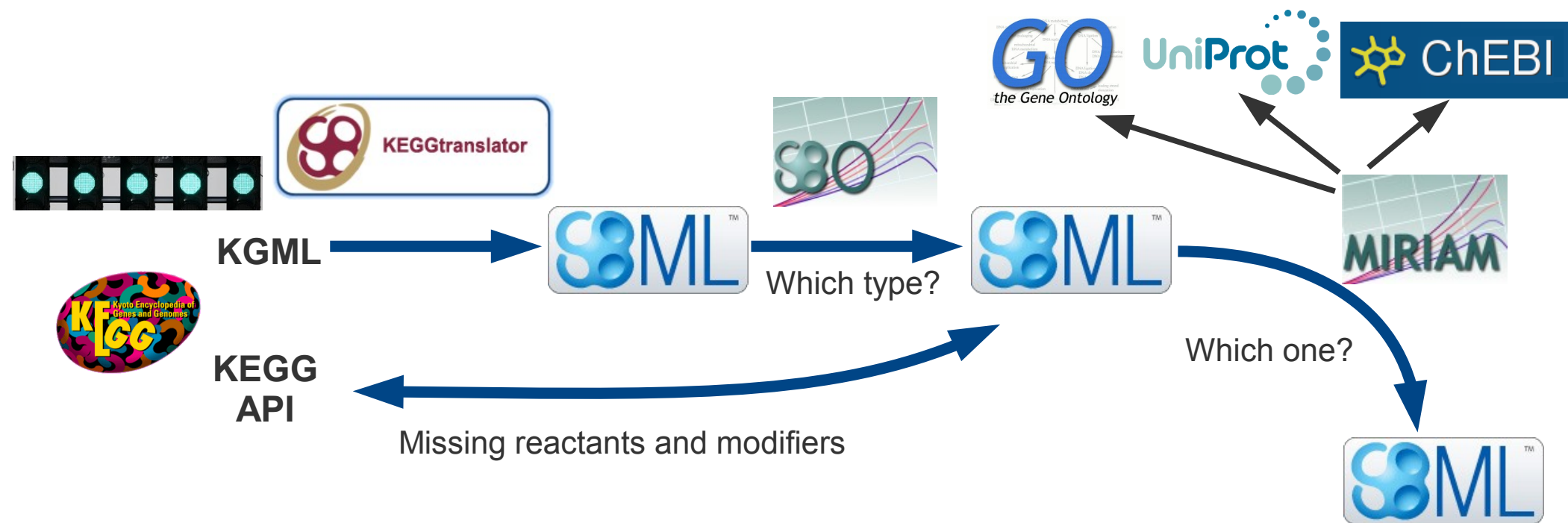
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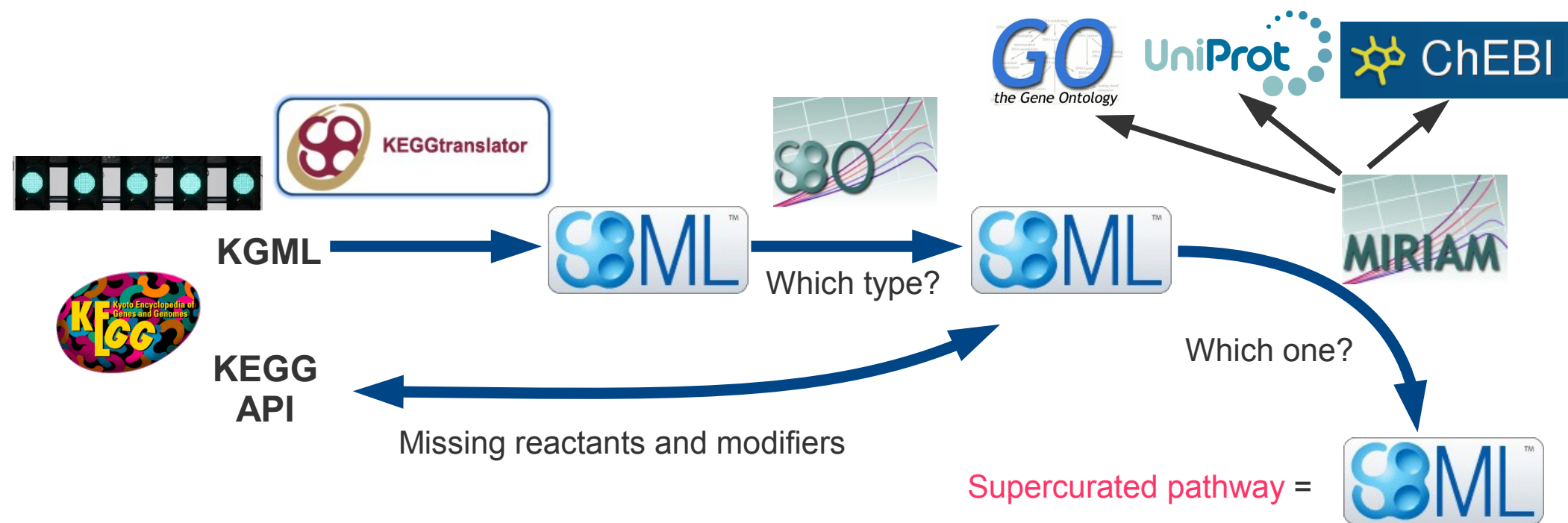


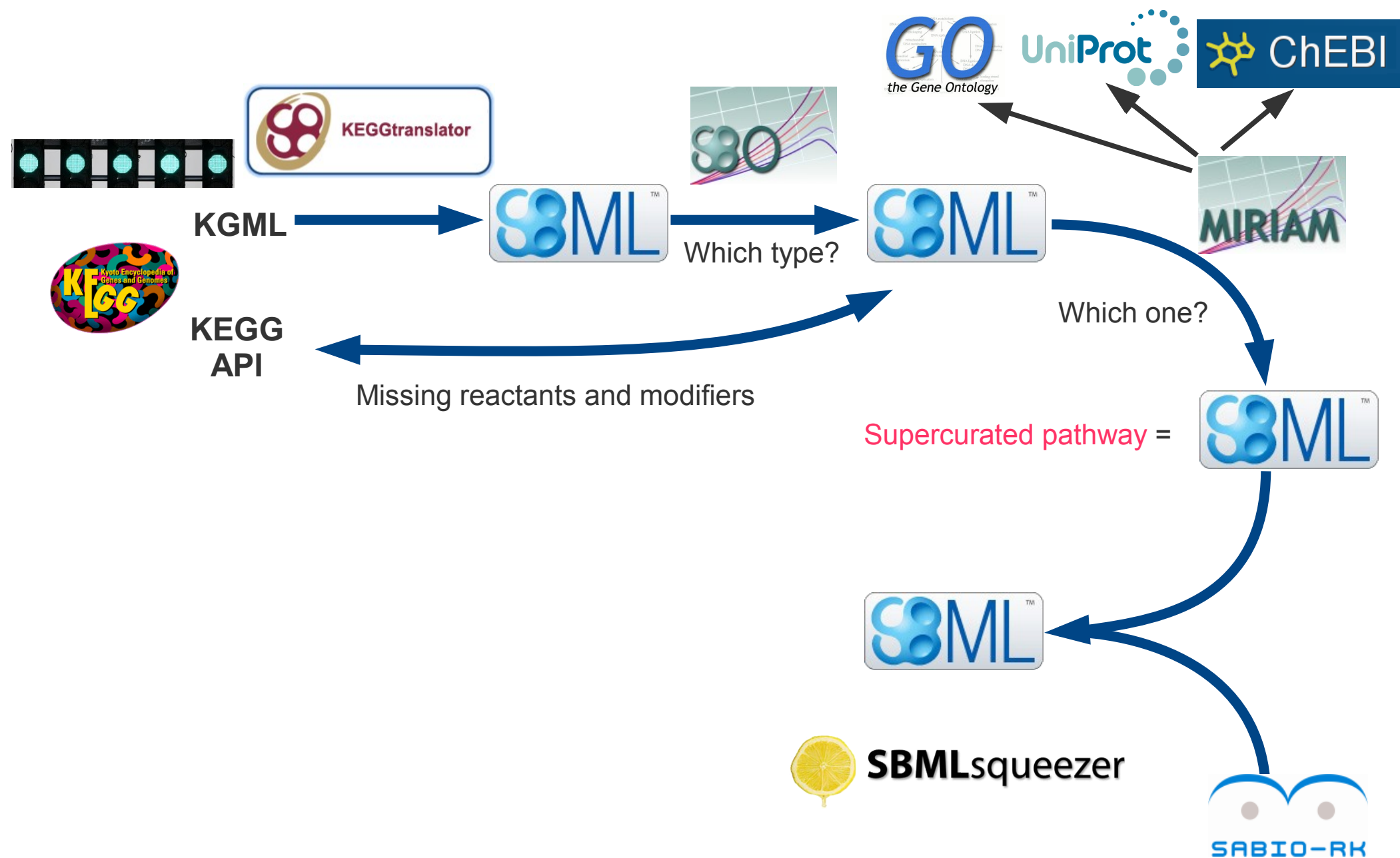


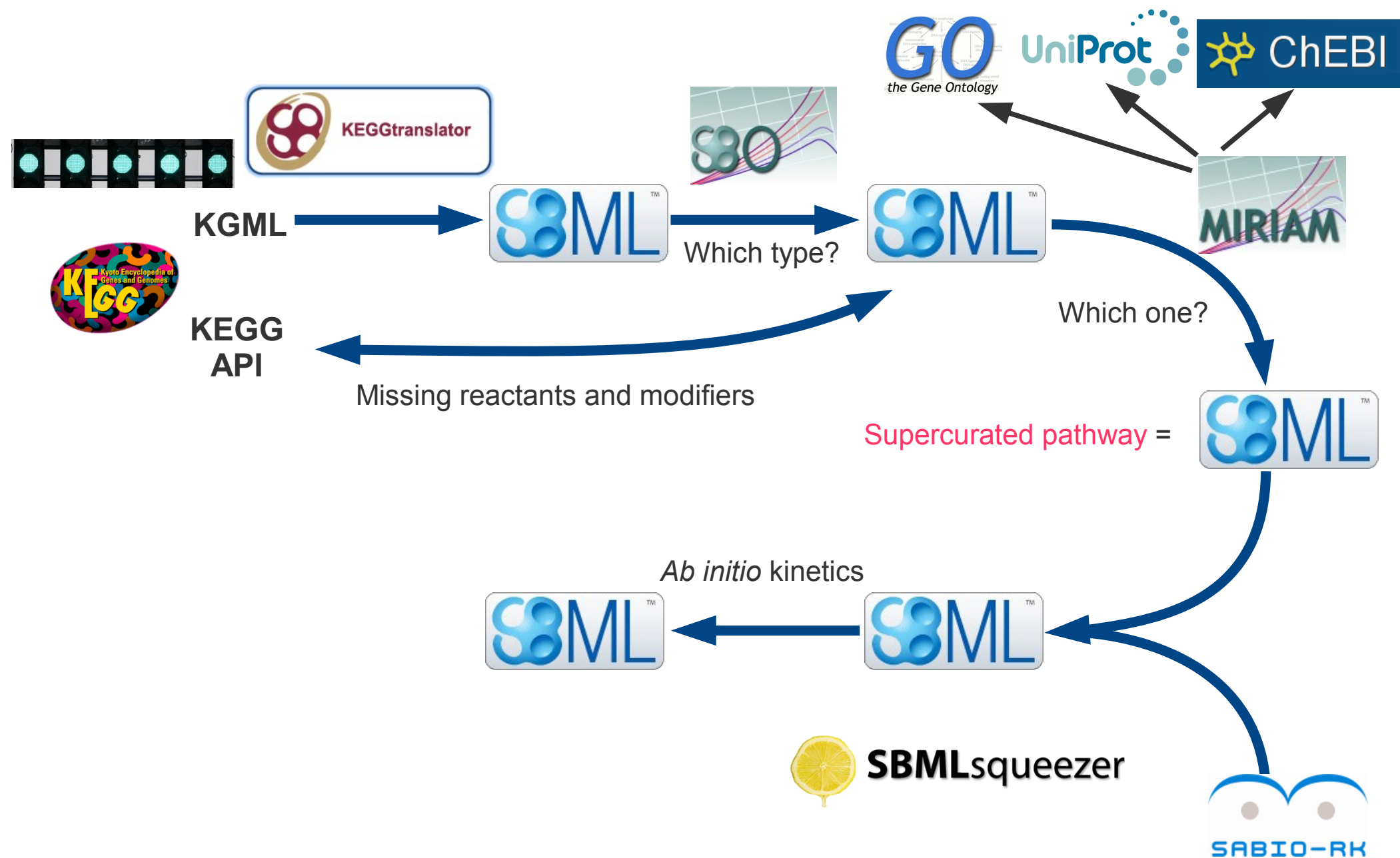


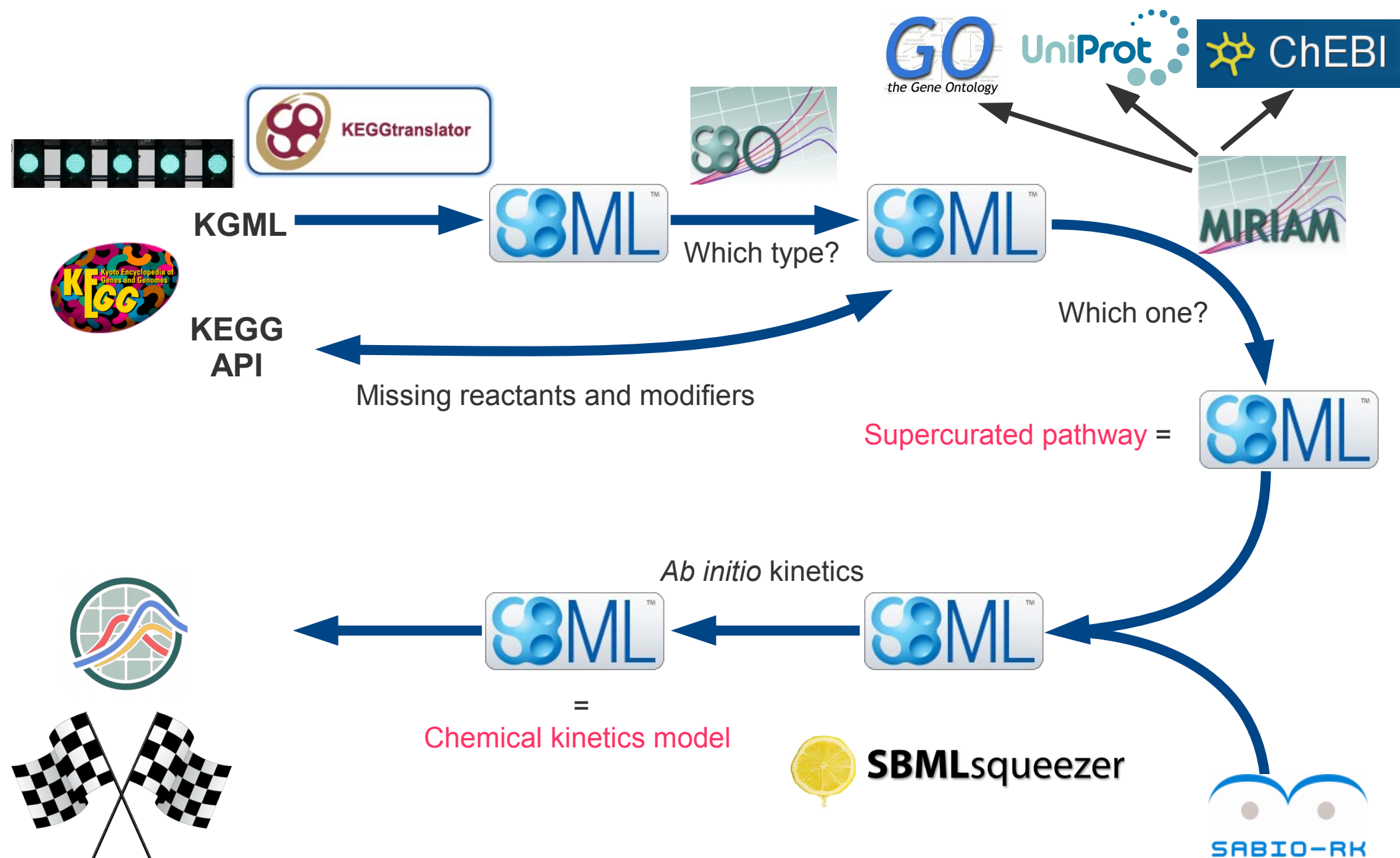












Are-we ready to develop comprehensive models of whole cells, organs and organisms?

A Whole-Cell Computational Model Predicts Phenotype from Genotype

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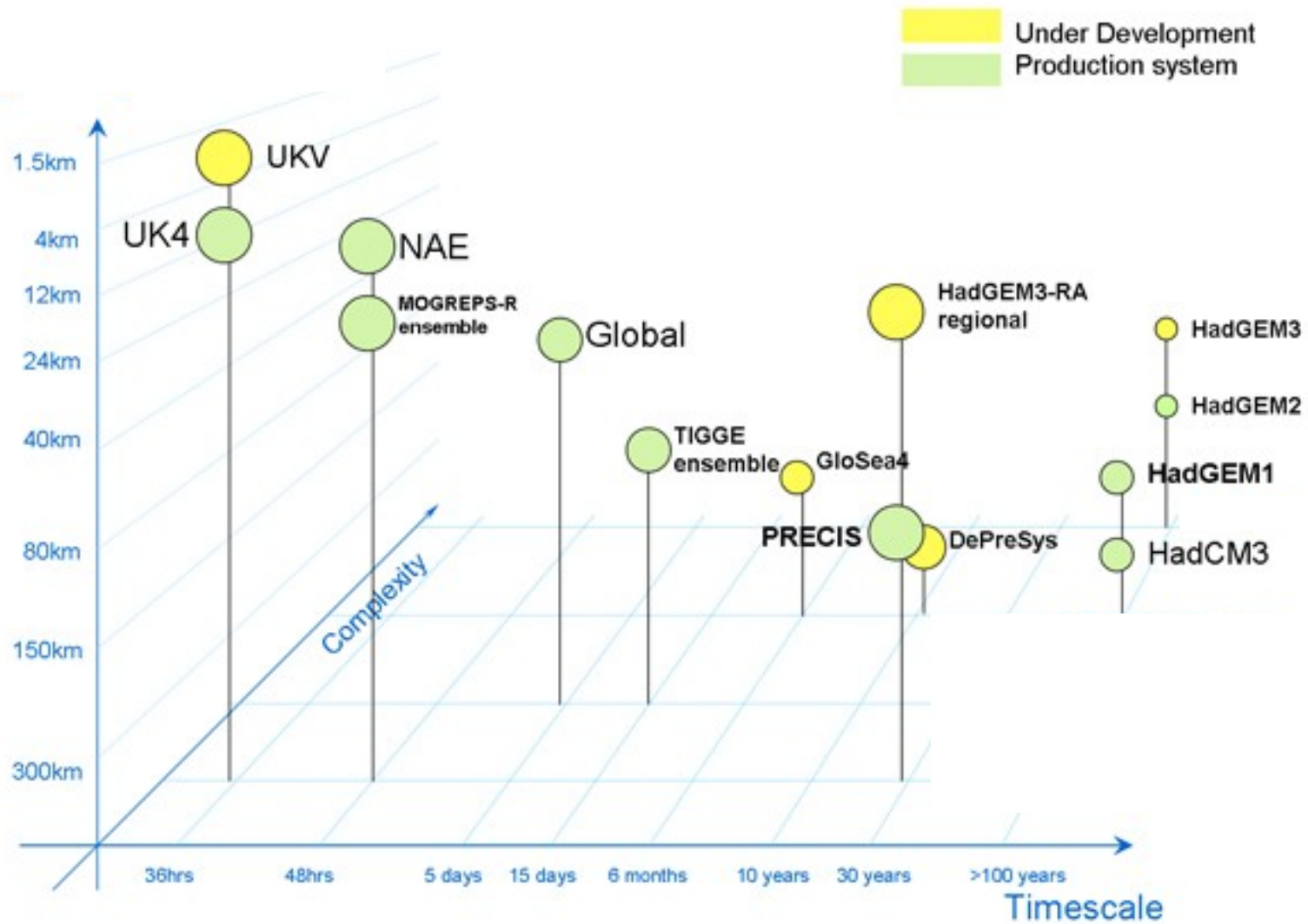
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SUMMARY

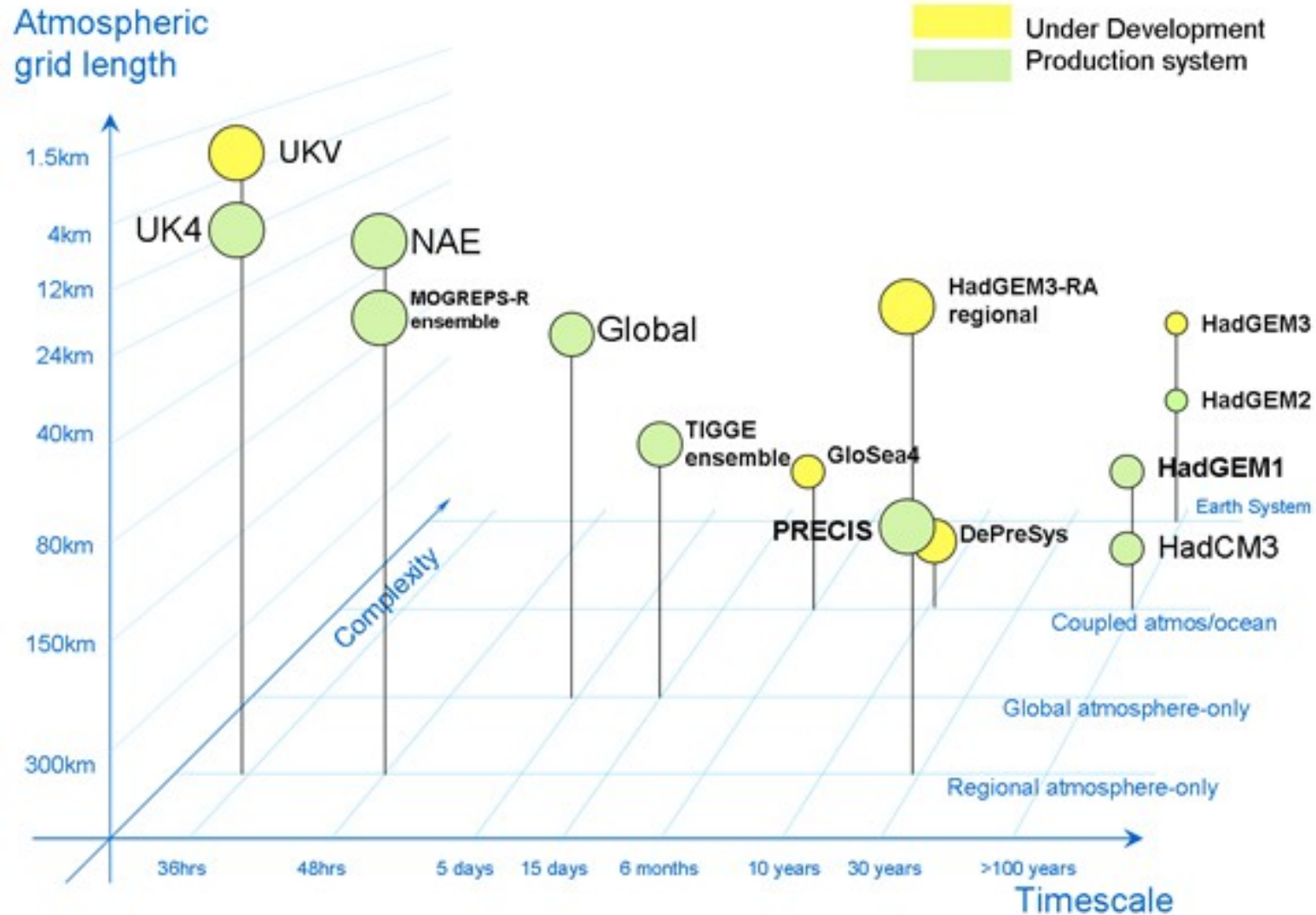
Understanding how complex phenotypes arise from individual molecules and their interactions is a primary challenge in biology that computational approaches are poised to tackle. We report a whole-cell computational model of the life cycle of the human pathogen *Mycoplasma genitalium* that includes all of its molecular components and their interactions. An integrative approach to modeling that combines diverse mathematics enabled the simultaneous inclusion of fundamentally different cellular processes and experimental measurements. Our whole-cell model accounts for all annotated gene functions and was validated against a broad range of data. The model provides insights into many previously unobserved cellular behaviors, including *in vivo* rates of protein-DNA association

First, until recently, not enough has been known about the individual molecules and their interactions to completely model any one organism. The advent of genomics and other high-throughput measurement techniques has accelerated the characterization of some organisms to the extent that comprehensive modeling is now possible. For example, the mycoplasmas, a genus of bacteria with relatively small genomes that includes several pathogens, have recently been the subject of an exhaustive experimental effort by a European consortium to determine the transcriptome (Güell et al., 2009), proteome (Kühner et al., 2009), and metabolome (Yus et al., 2009) of these organisms.

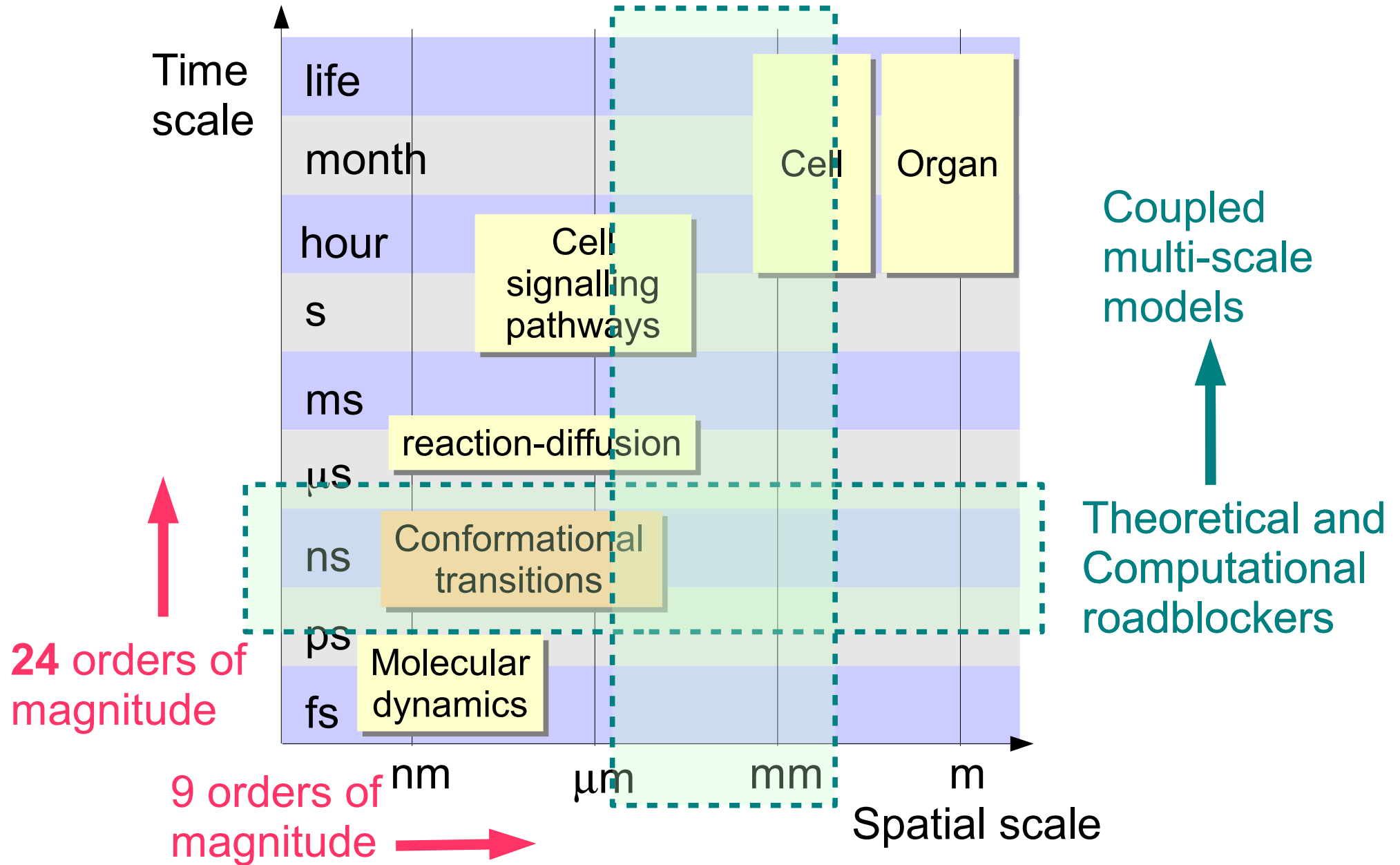
The second limiting factor has been that no single computational method is sufficient to explain complex phenotypes in terms of molecular components and their interactions. The first approaches to modeling cellular physiology, based on ordinary differential equations (ODEs) (Atlas et al., 2008; Browning et al., 2004; Castellanos et al., 2004, 2007; Domach et al., 1984; Tomita et al., 1999), were limited by the difficulty in obtaining the necessary model parameters. Subsequently, alternative



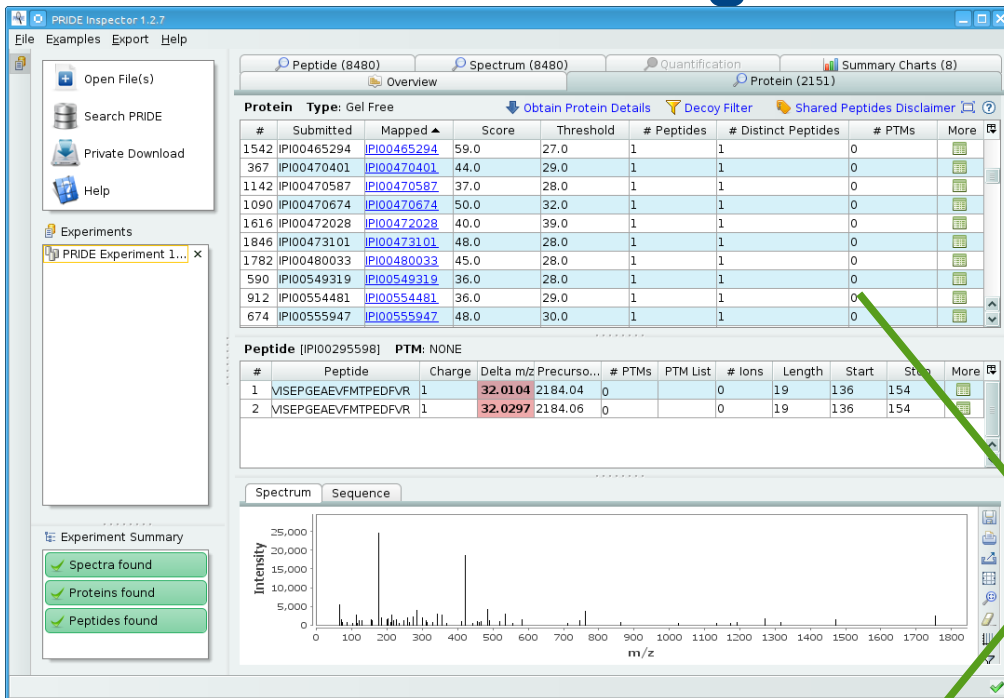
Met Office Seamless Unified Model



Challenge 1: scales



Challenge 2: automatic generation



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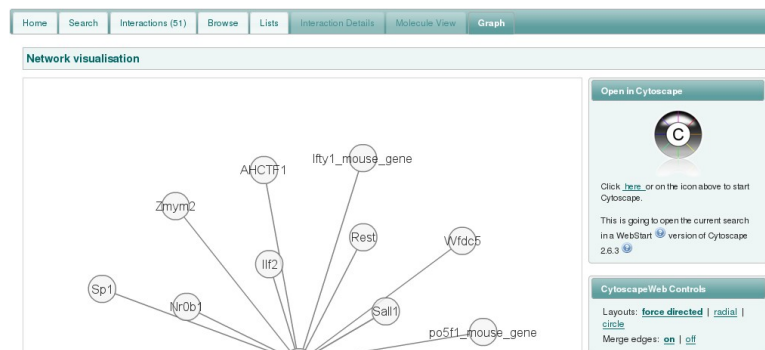


Need to **generate model automatically** based on omics datasets. Known on small scale. The larger, the more human intervention needed.

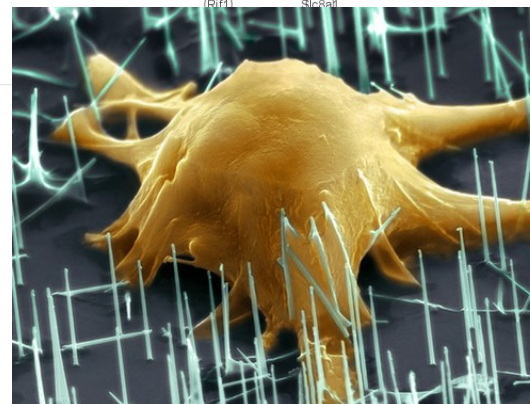


Challenge 3: data heterogeneity

Genomes
epigenomes



Interactomes



Imaging

Proteomes
metabolomes

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Peptide (8480) Overview

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1090	IP100470674	IP100470674	50.0	32.0	1	1	0	
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1782	IP100480033	IP100480033	45.0	28.0	1	1	0	
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m/z

Need **multiple types of datasets**. Current solutions either for small models (e.g. Karr et al.), or focused on one type of model and data (e.g. metabolic models)

Modularity is mandatory

Theory

A Whole-Cell Computational Model Predicts Phenotype from Genotype

Jonathan R. Karr,^{1,4} Jayodita C. Sanghvi,^{2,4} Derek N. Macklin,² Miriam V. Gutschow,² Jared M. Jacobs,² Benjamin Bolival, Jr.,² Nacyra Assad-Garcia,³ John I. Glass,³ and Markus W. Covert^{2,*}

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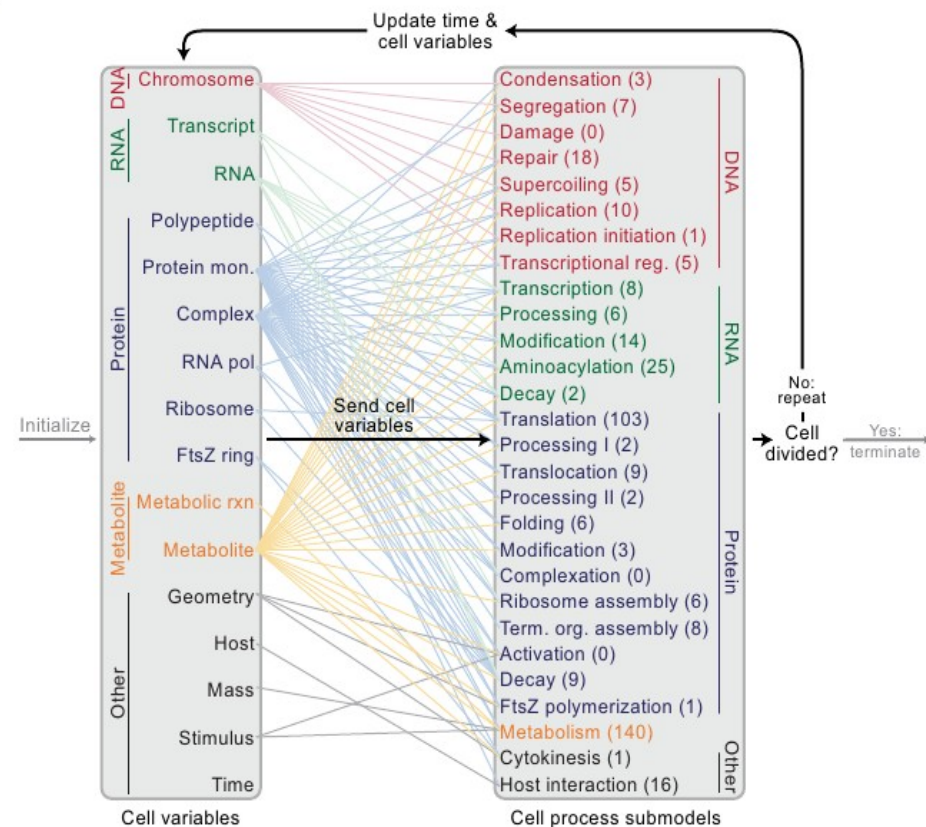
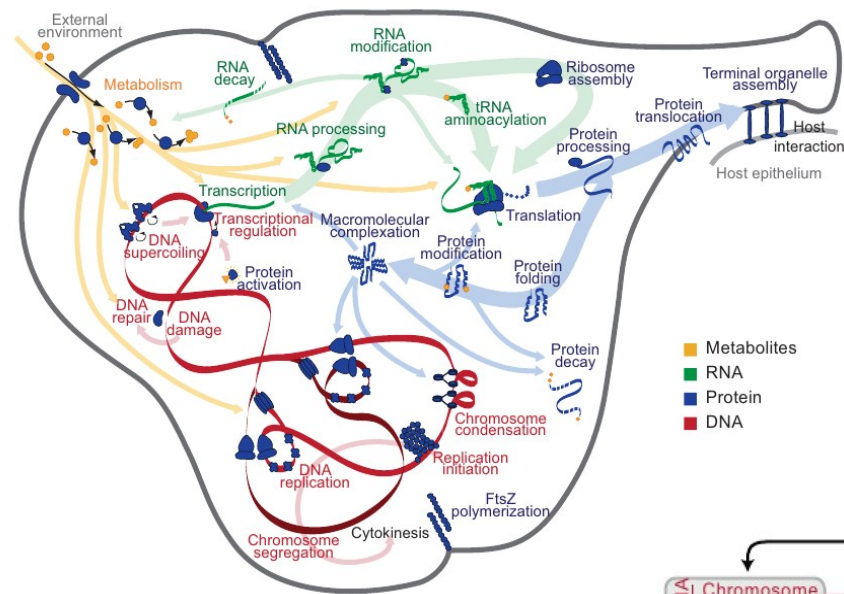
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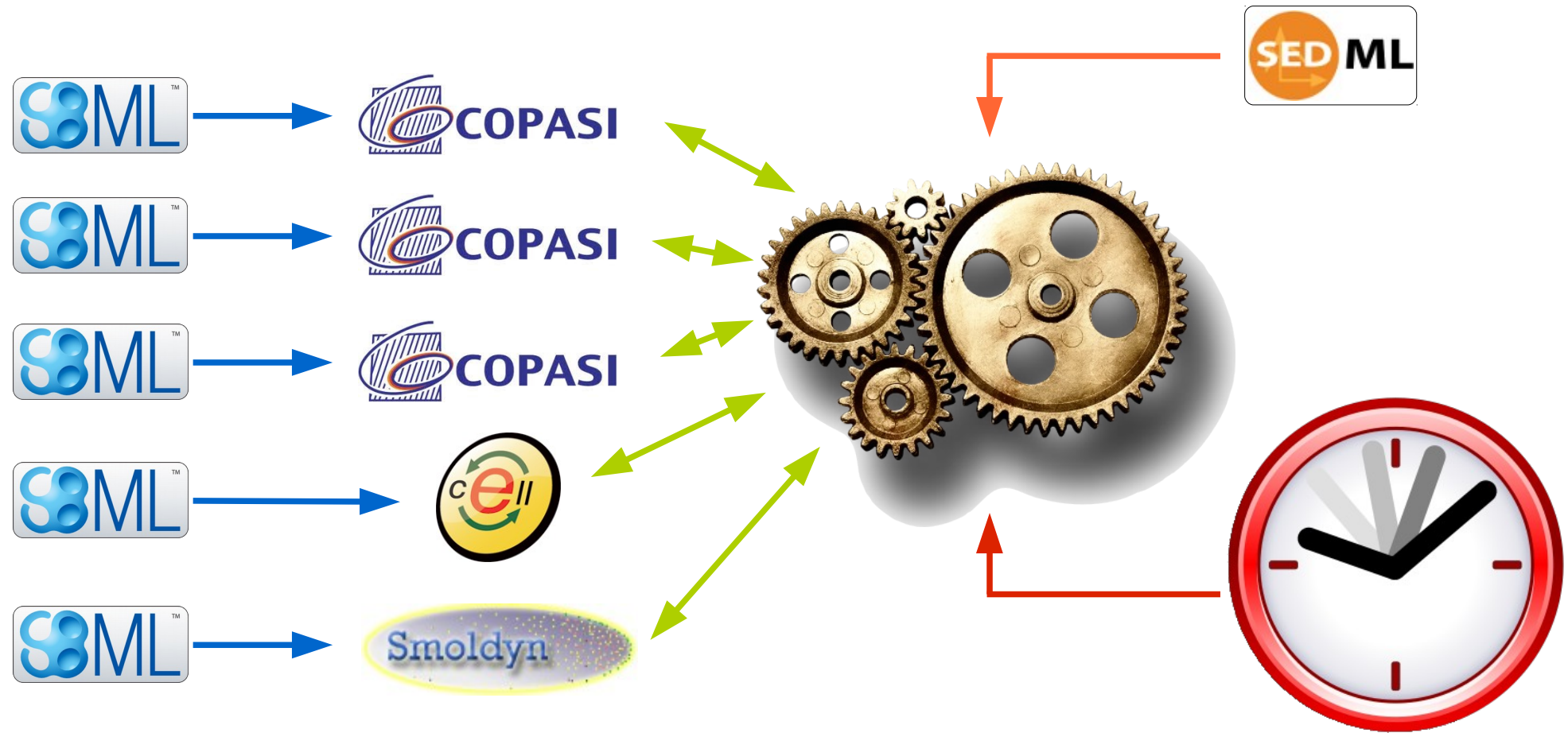
Understanding how complex phenotypes arise from individual molecules and their interactions is a primary challenge in biology that computational approaches are poised to tackle. We report a whole-cell computational model of the life cycle of the human pathogen *Mycoplasma genitalium* that includes all of its molecular components and their interactions. An integrative approach to modeling that combines diverse mathematics enabled the simultaneous inclusion of fundamentally different cellular processes and experimental measurements. Our whole-cell model accounts for all annotated gene functions and was validated against a broad range of data. The model provides insights into many previously unobserved cellular behaviors, including *in vivo* rates of protein-DNA association

First, until recently, not enough has been known about the individual molecules and their interactions to completely model any one organism. The advent of genomics and other high-throughput measurement techniques has accelerated the characterization of some organisms to the extent that comprehensive modeling is now possible. For example, the mycoplasmas, a genus of bacteria with relatively small genomes that includes several pathogens, have recently been the subject of an exhaustive experimental effort by a European consortium to determine the transcriptome (Güell et al., 2009), proteome (Kühner et al., 2009), and metabolome (Yus et al., 2009) of these organisms.

The second limiting factor has been that no single computational method is sufficient to explain complex phenotypes in terms of molecular components and their interactions. The first approaches to modeling cellular physiology, based on ordinary differential equations (ODEs) (Atlas et al., 2008; Browning et al., 2004; Castellanos et al., 2004, 2007; Domach et al., 1984; Tomita et al., 1999), were limited by the difficulty in obtaining the necessary model parameters. Subsequently, alternative

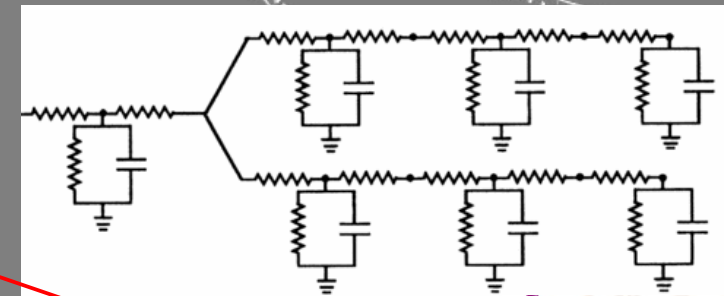
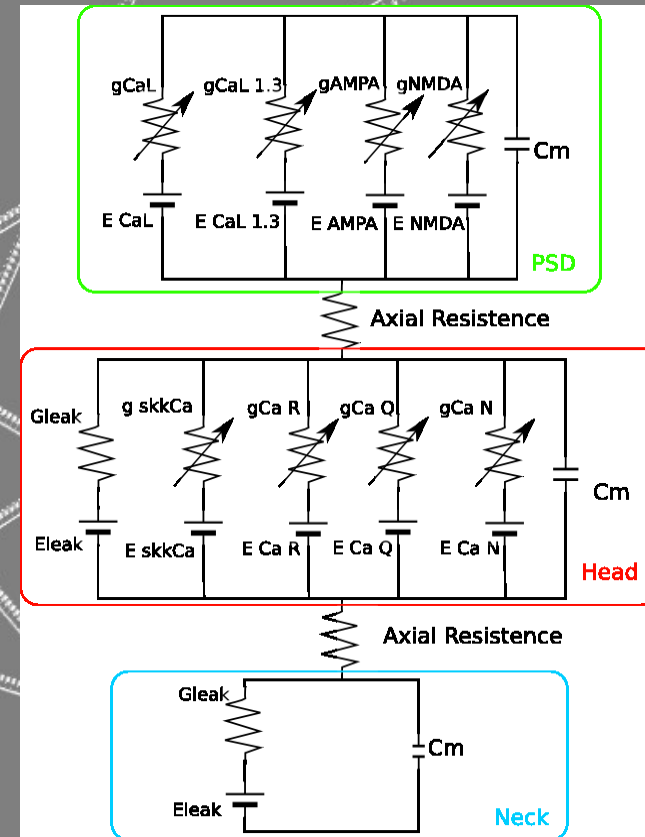
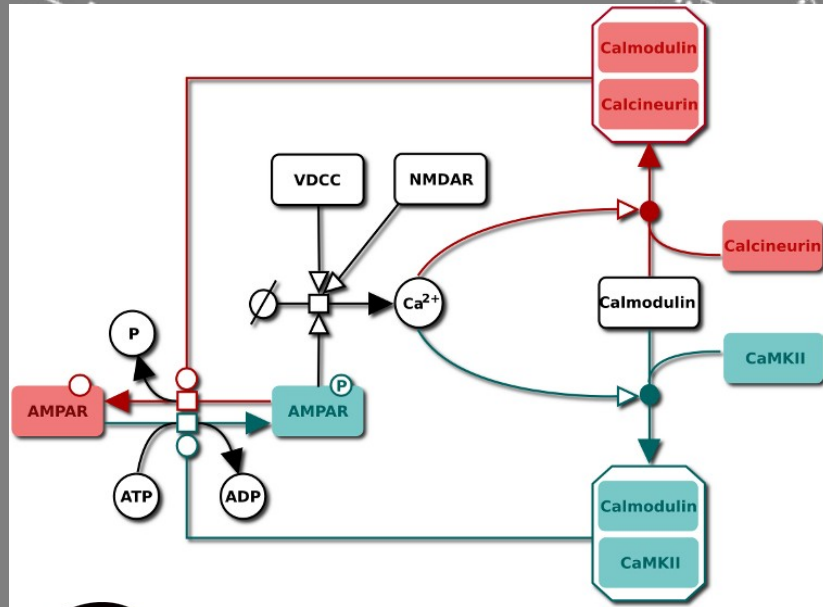


Challenge 4: Monolithic software not sufficient

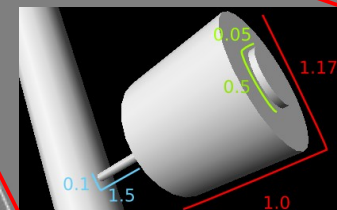


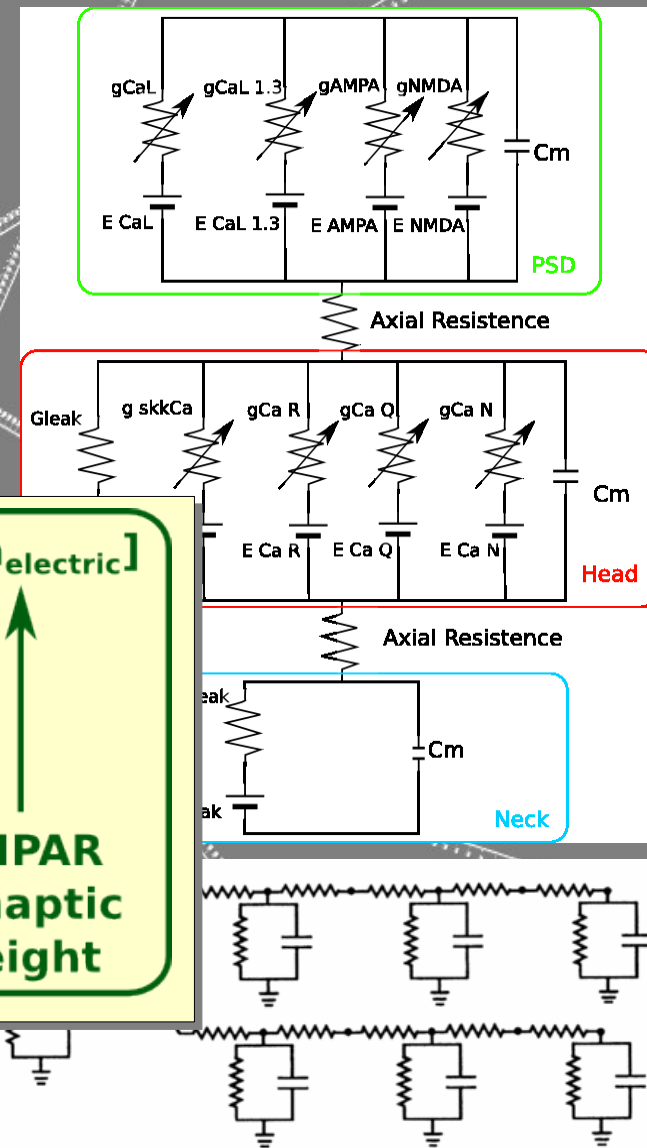
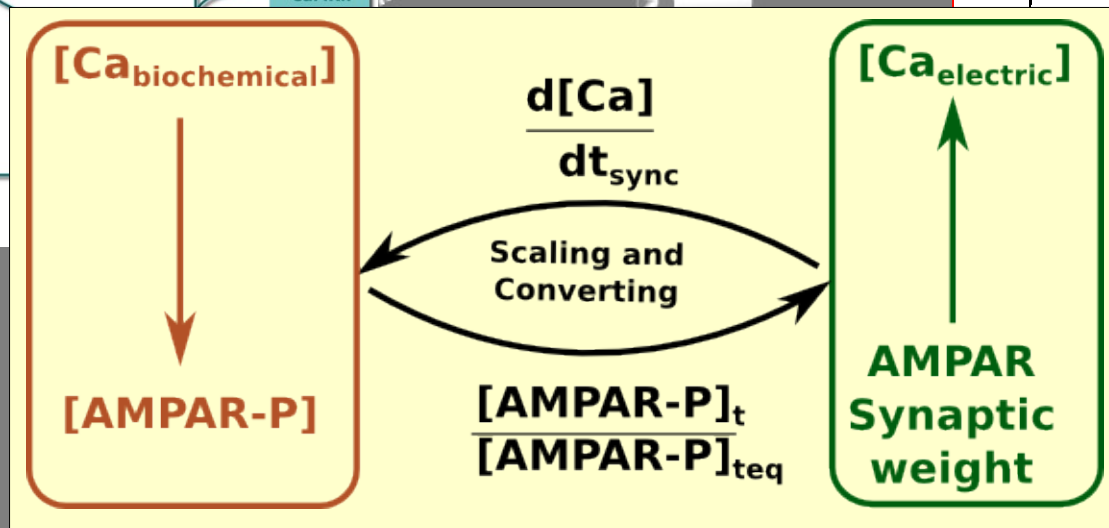
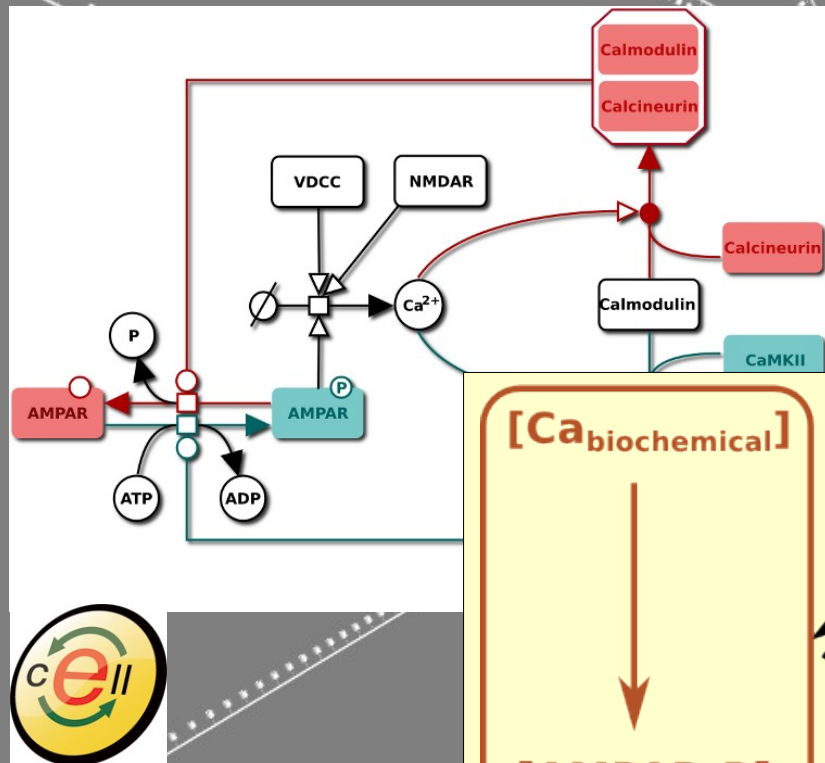
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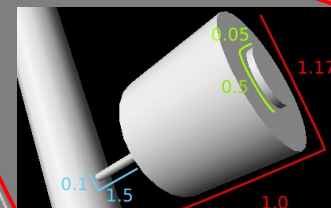


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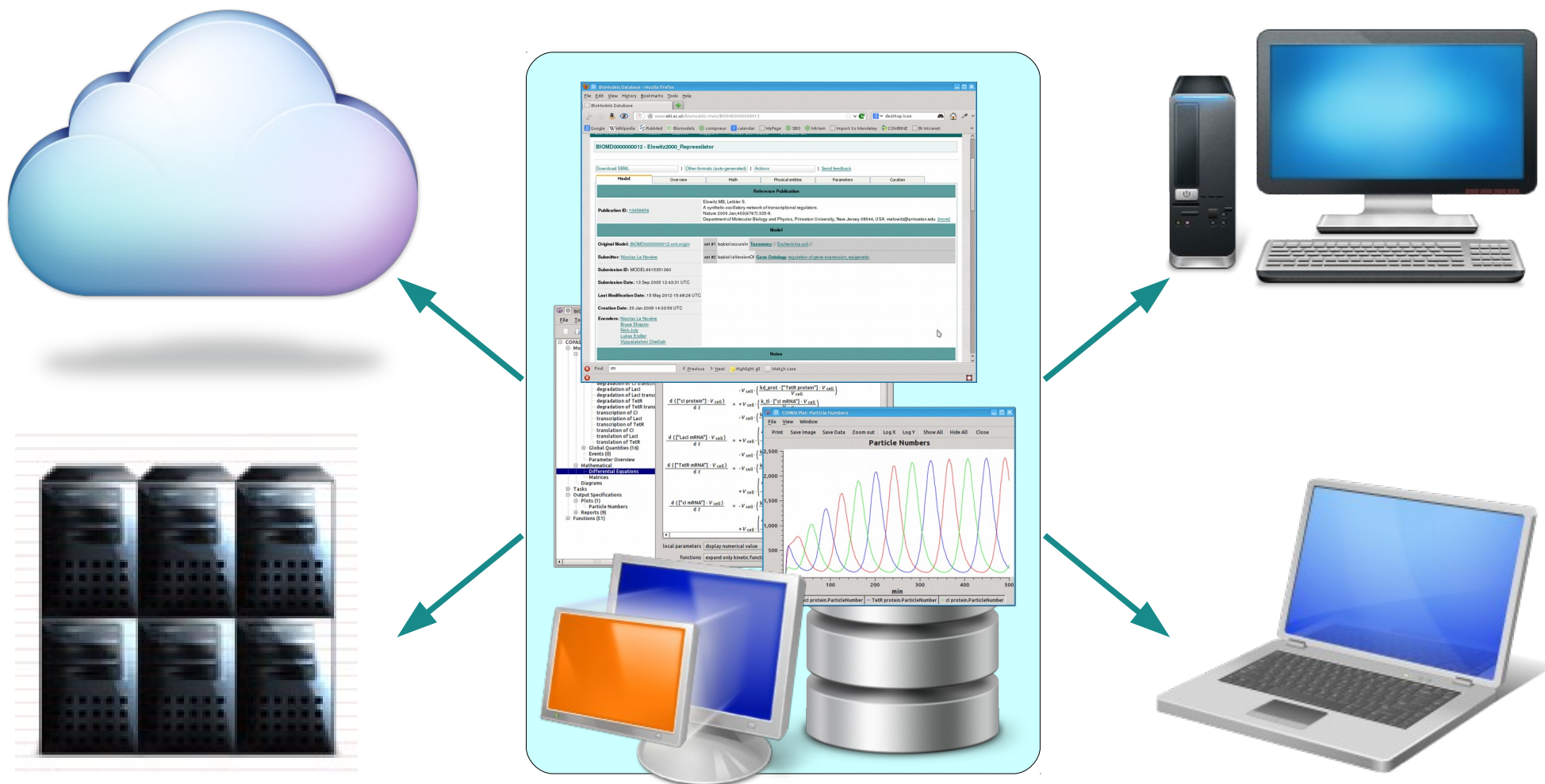




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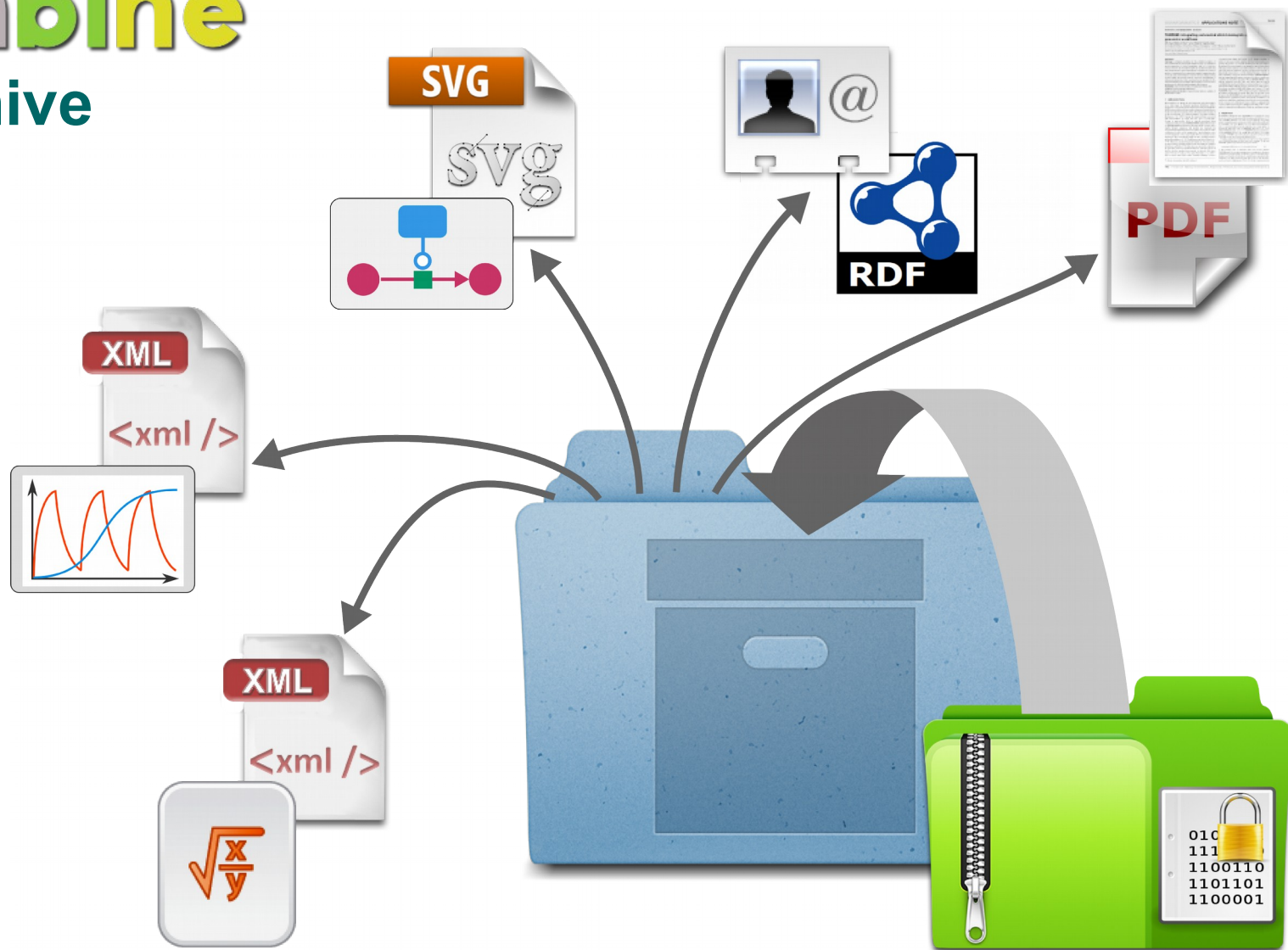


Challenge 5: virtualisation



Models must be **self-contained** and **portable** for everyone to reuse and customise → Virtual machines and modules (e.g. Rocks systems)





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Bergman *et al.* submitted

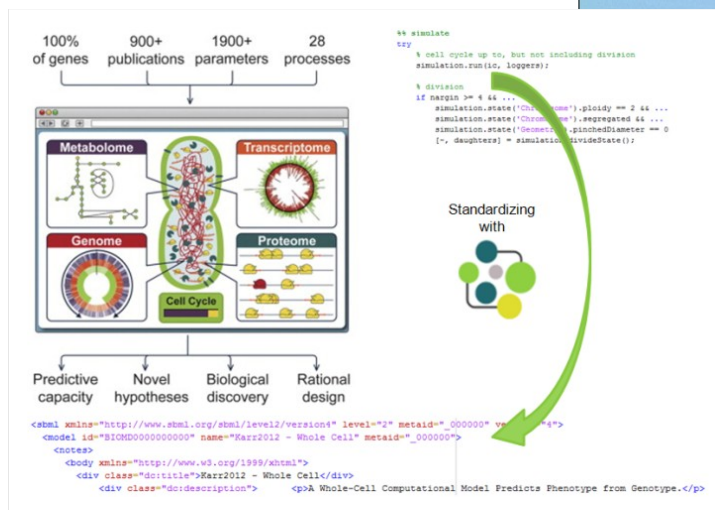
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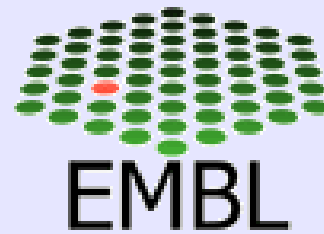
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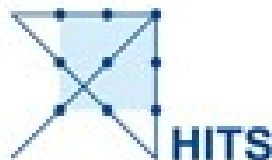


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