

# Standards and databases for sharing models in systems biology

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

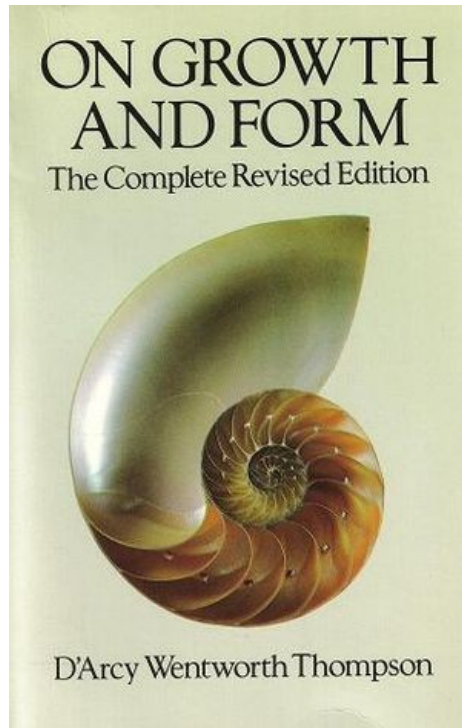
*influential British biomathematician, EU Syst Biol centres meeting, 2007*

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

*Famous theoretical biologist, BioScope 2006*

# Why using mathematical models?

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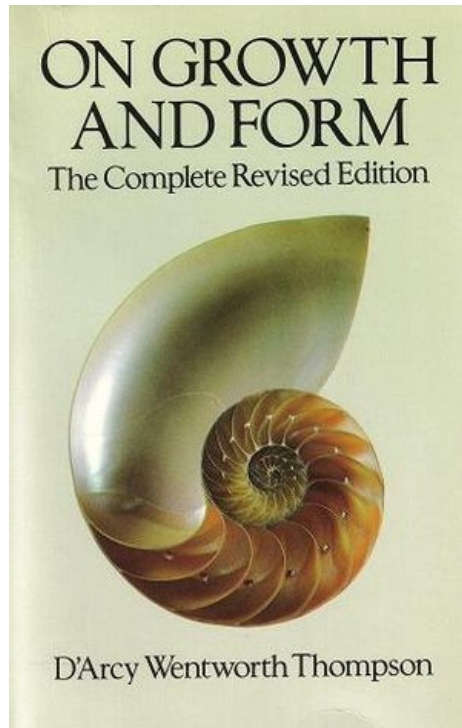


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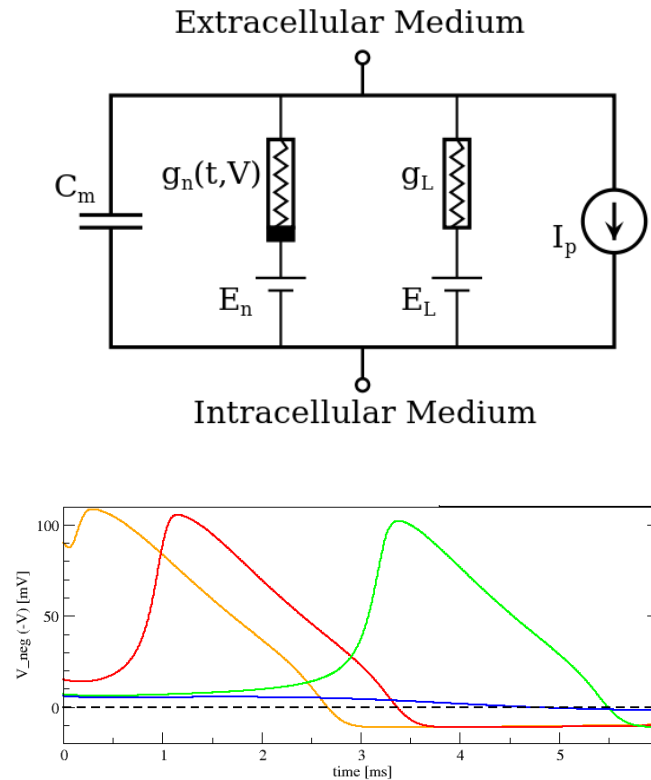
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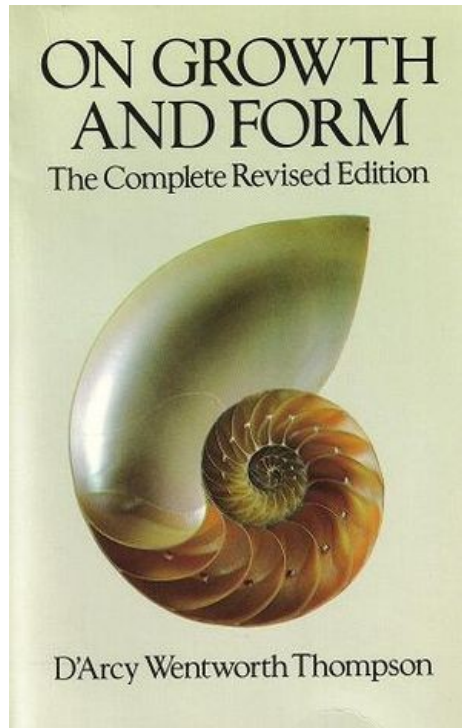
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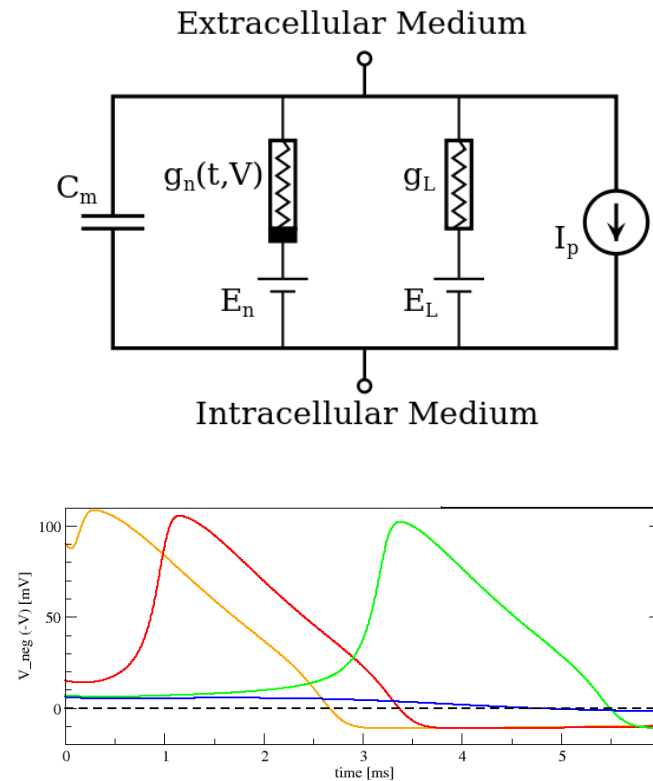
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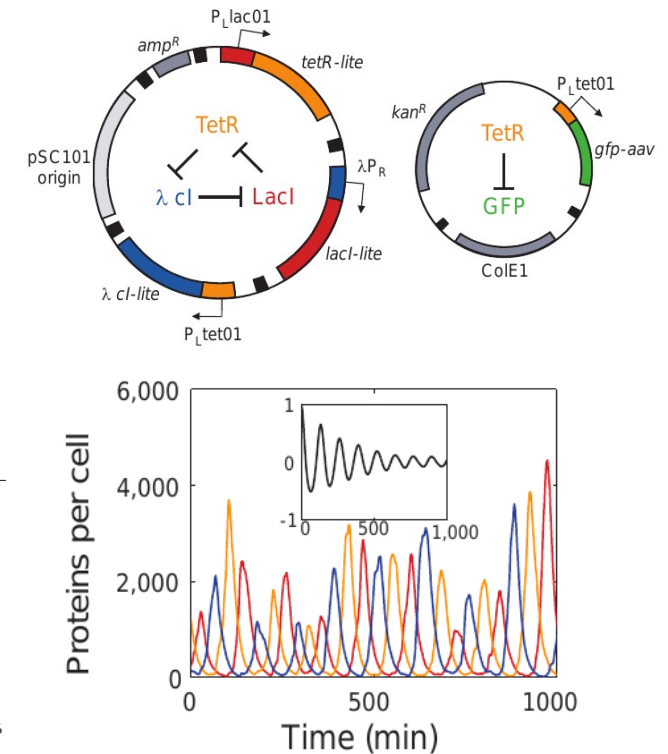
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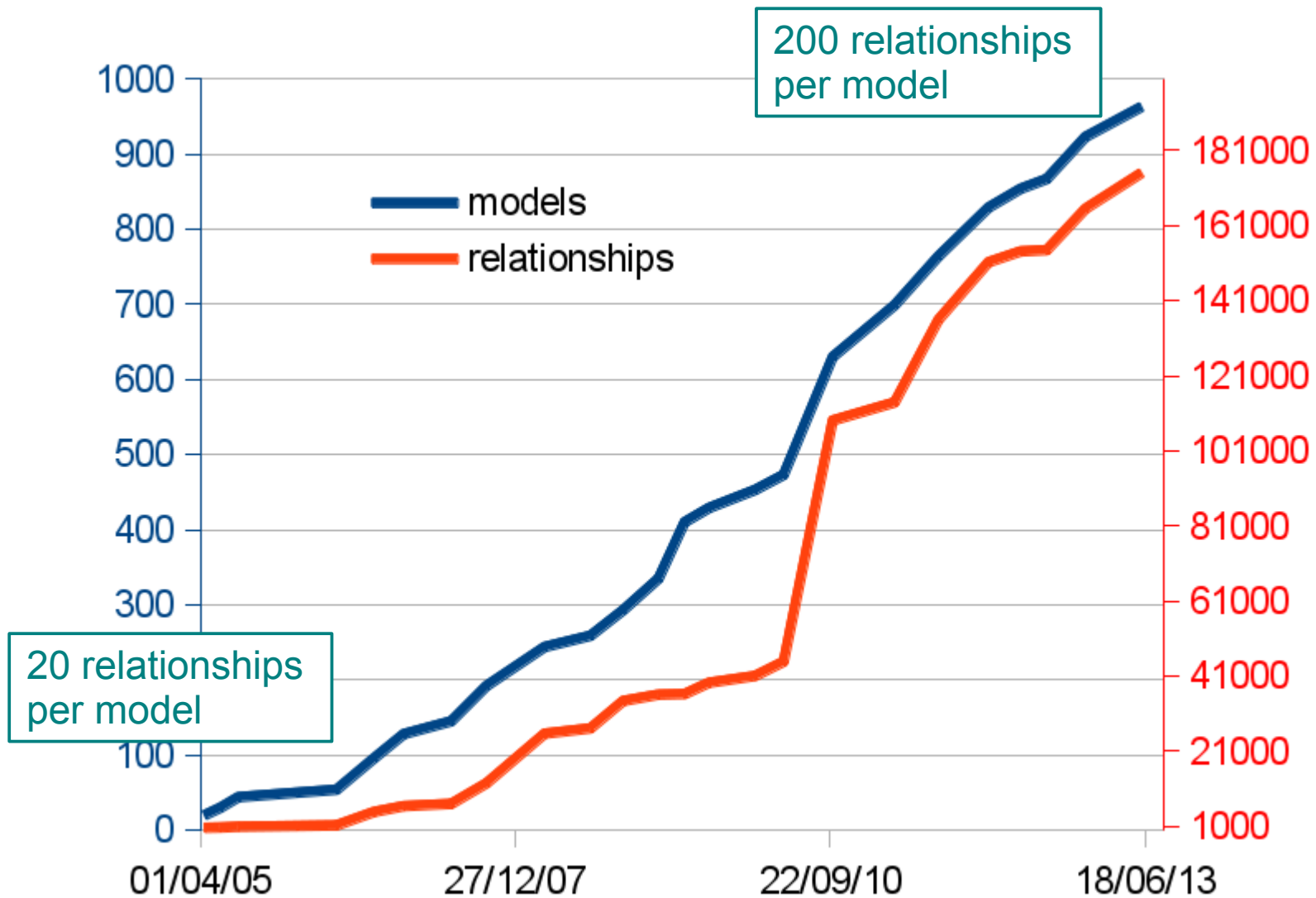
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## constraints

[x]>0  
Energy conservation  
Boundary conditions  
(v < upper limit)  
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

## We need to

**Verify**

**Re-use**

**Modify**

**Build upon**

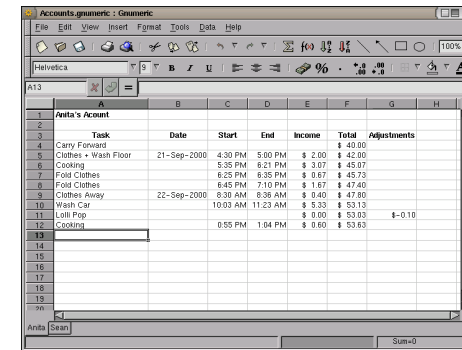
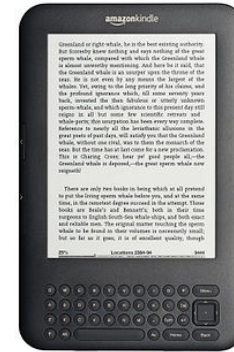
**Integrate with**

## Therefore we need to share

**Model descriptions**

**Parametrisations**

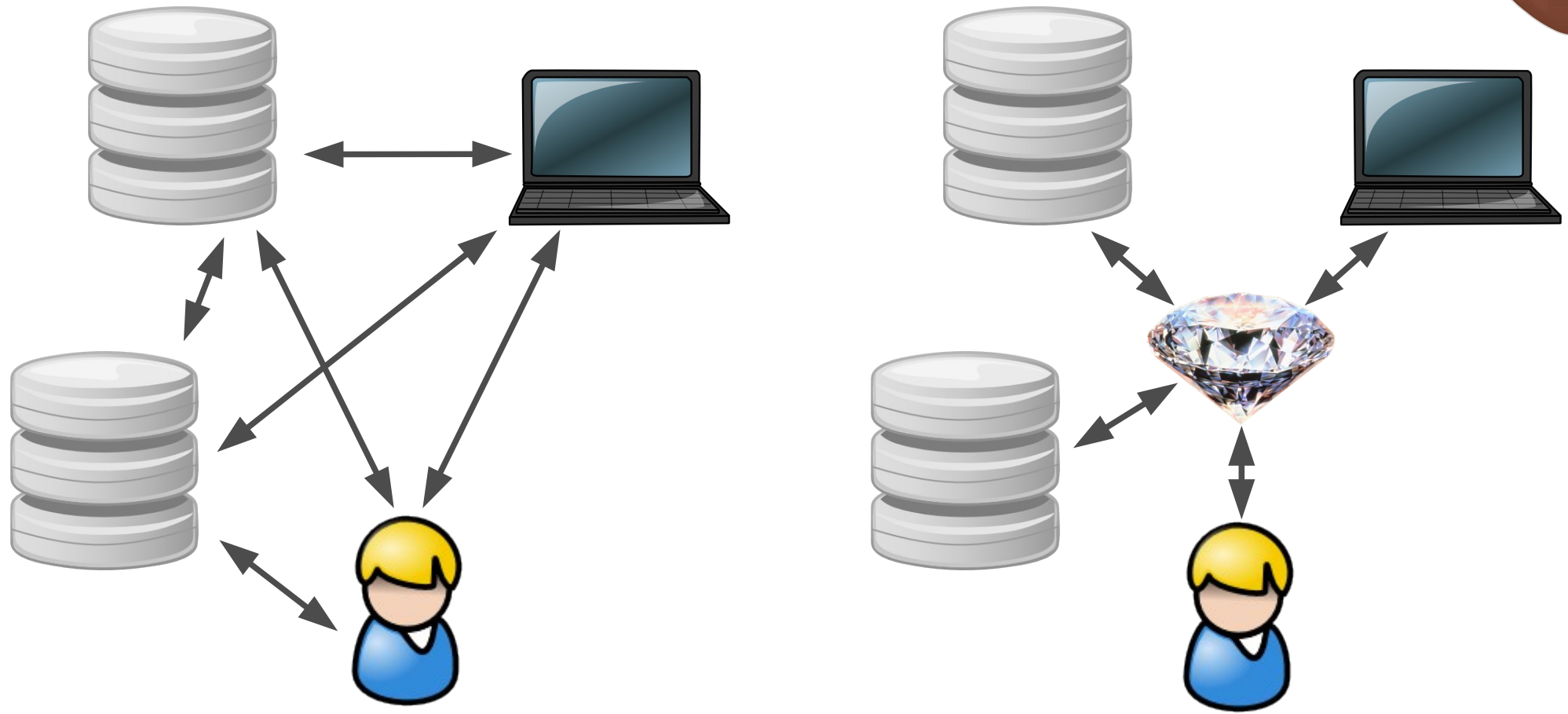
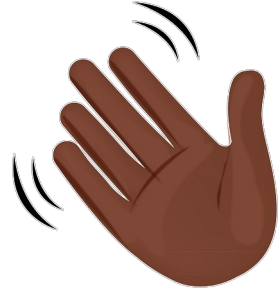
**Simulation descriptions**



$$\int_1^t \frac{dx}{x}$$

# Formal languages can be read and written by computers

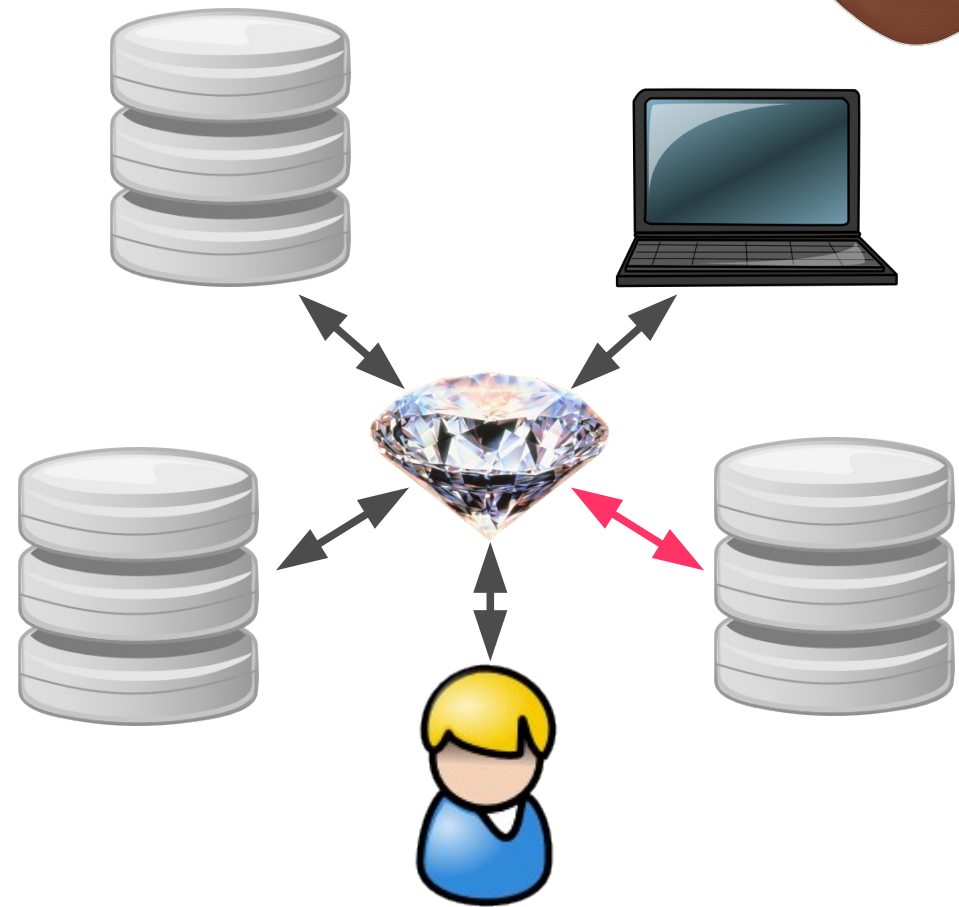
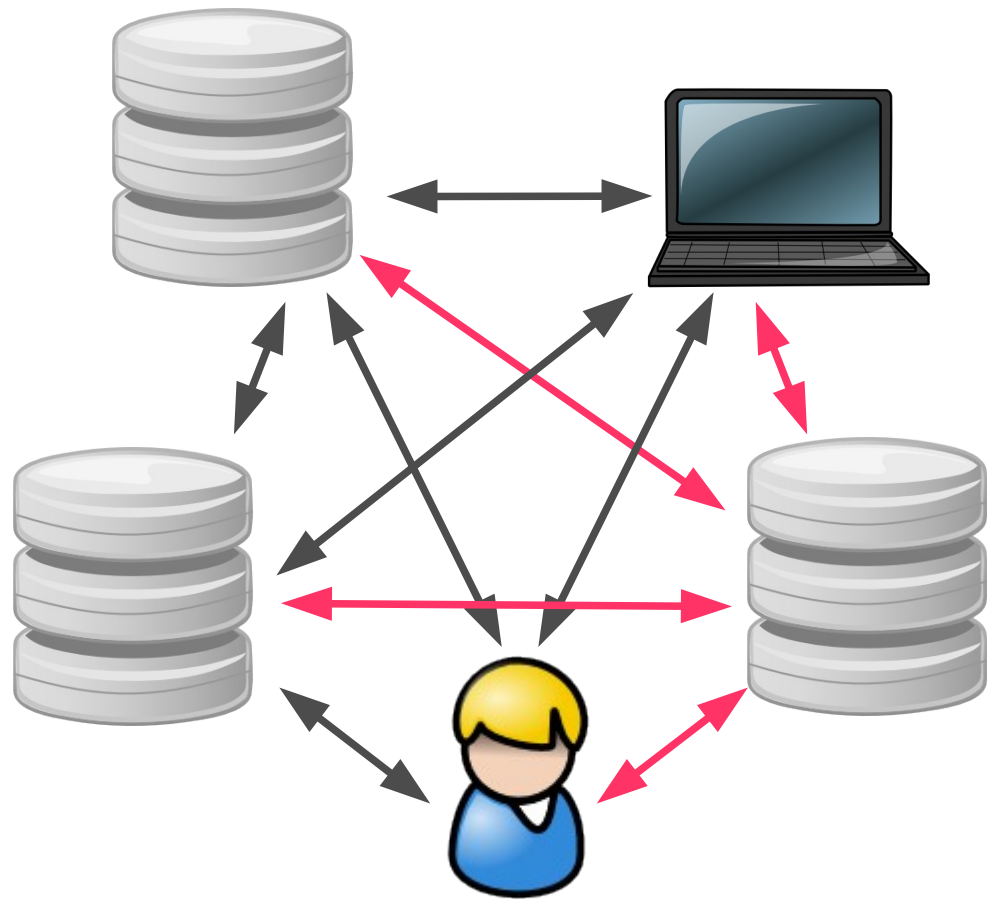
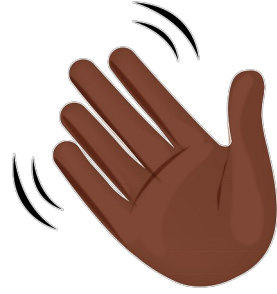
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N tools require N conversions for exchange and not  $N(N-1)/2$

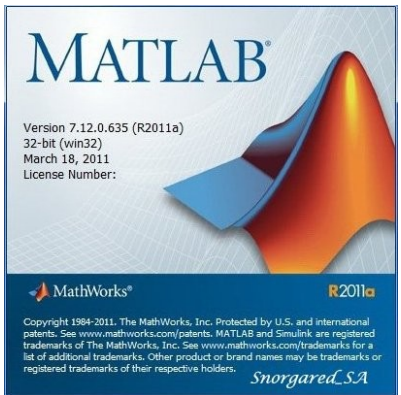
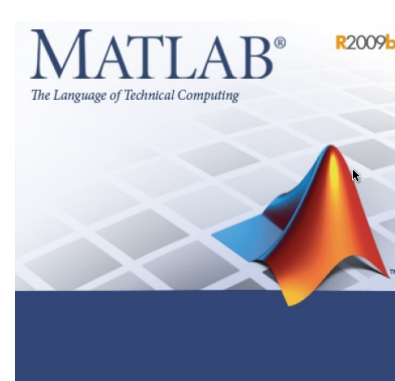
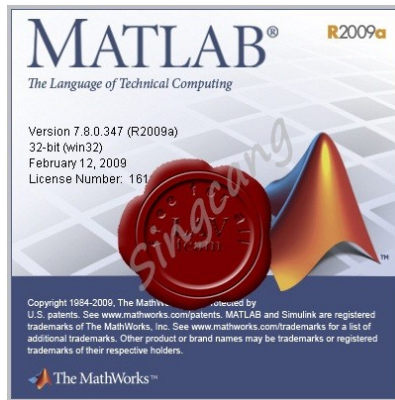
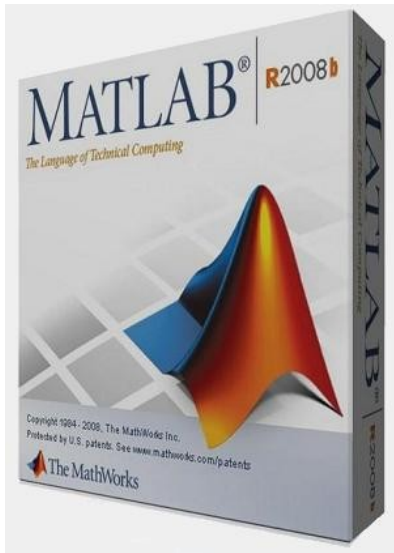
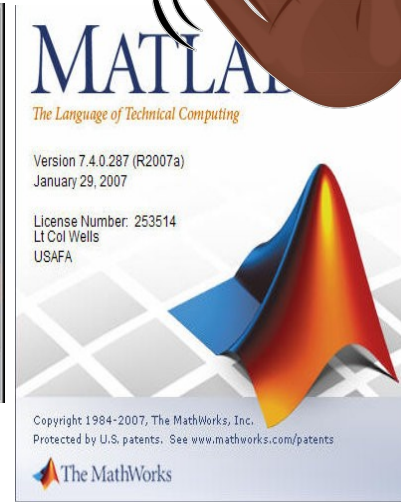
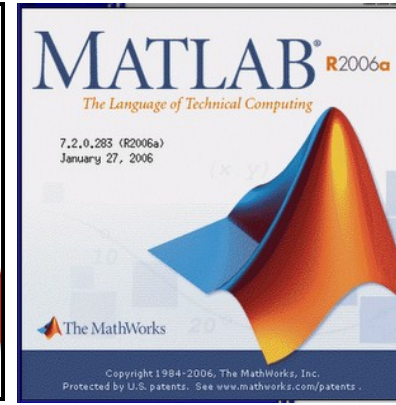
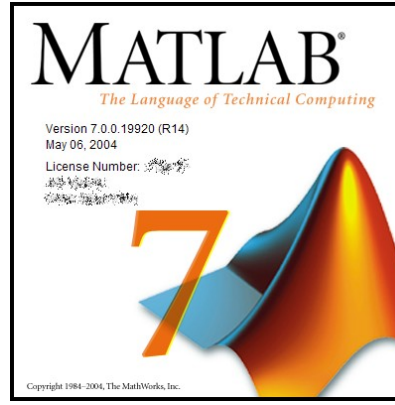
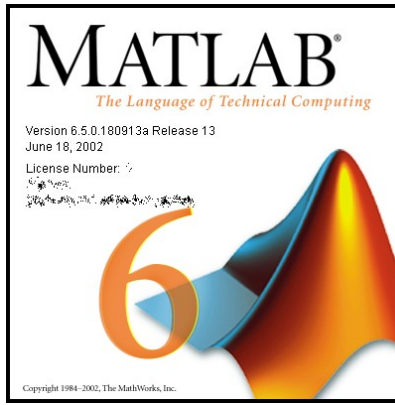
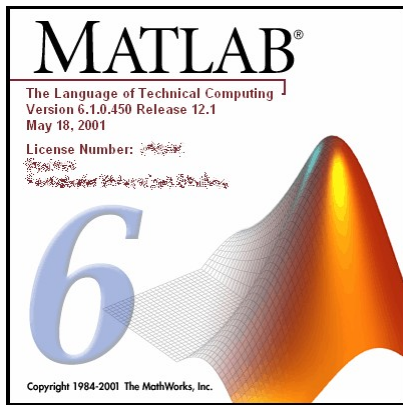


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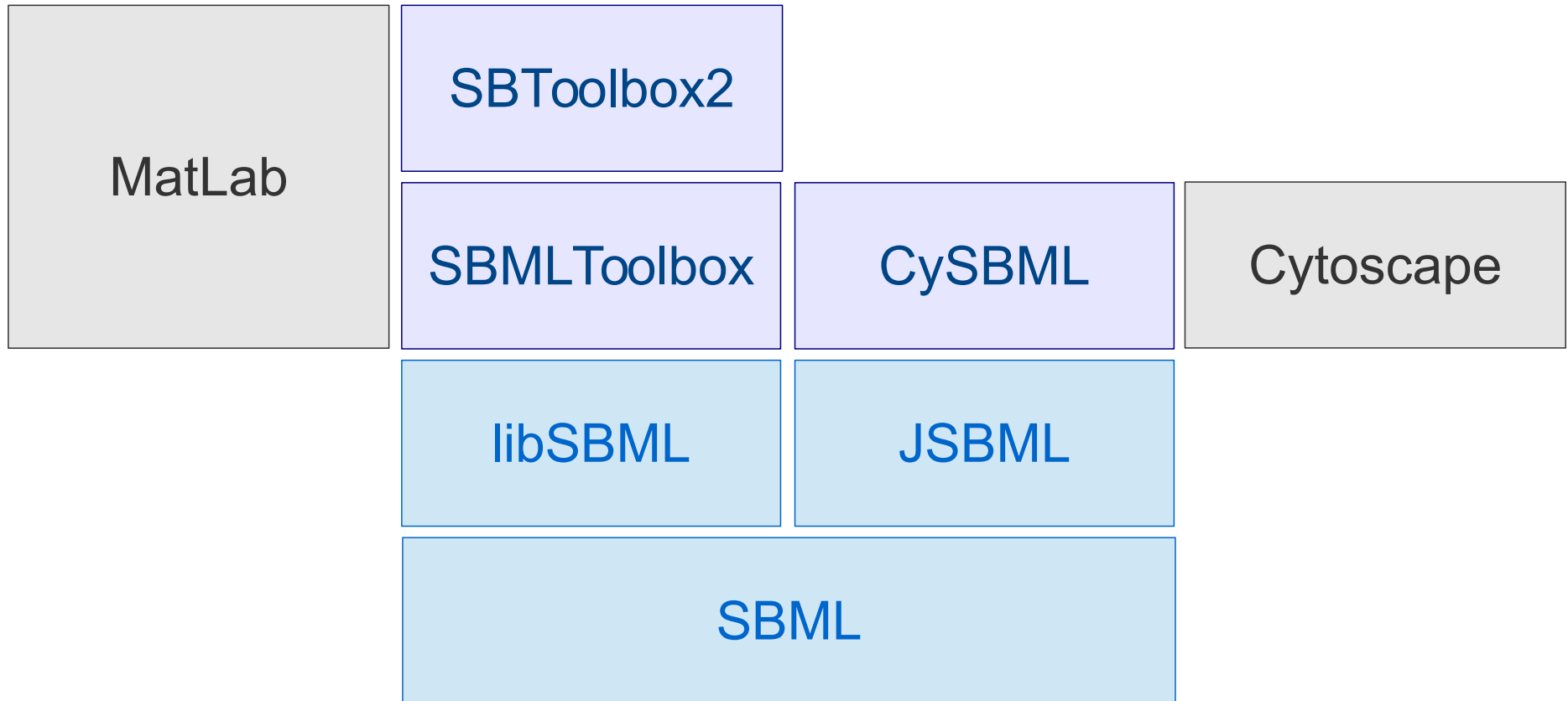
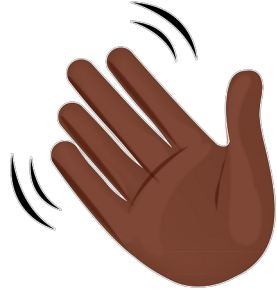
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# What are standards good for (3)?



Open standards are more stable than proprietary formats

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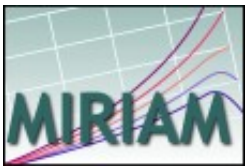
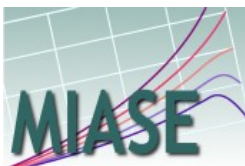
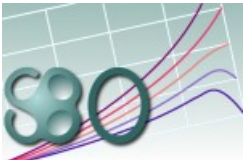
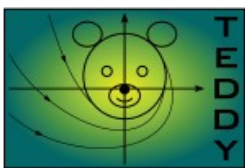


Open standards can be built on. They generate new science

# Three types of standards

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

# A matrix of standards

|                      | Model descriptions                                                                                                                                                       | Simulations and analysis                                                              | results                                                                               |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minimal requirements |                                                                                        |    |                                                                                       |
| Data-models          | <br> |    | NuML                                                                                  |
| Terminologies        |                                                                                      |  |  |

# 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



# 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: **262**.

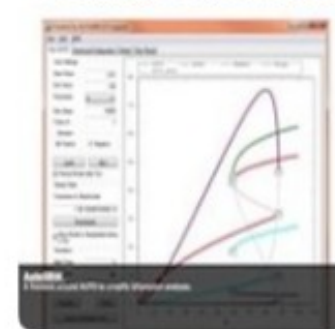
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Software Matrix



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Software Summary



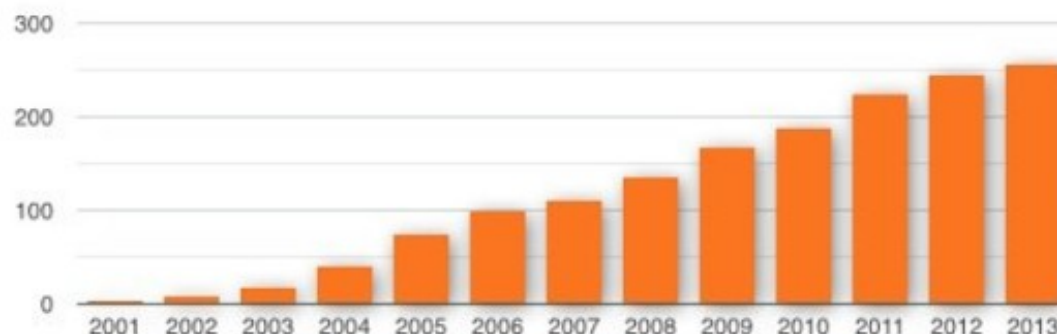
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Software Showcase



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

## Historical trend

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



**SBML.org**

## SBML conformance testing

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



# Why the Extensible Markup Language (XML)?

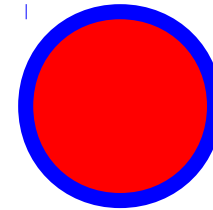
## ■ HTML

A `<strong>strong word</strong>` and an  
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A **strong word** and an [hyperlink](http://www.w3.org/)

## ■ SVG

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## ■ MathML

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$$\int_0^a f(x) dx$$

## ■ Excel

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# Why the Extensible Markup Language (XML)?

- Easy to define and validate
  - Rapid prototyping, processing tools can be generated and thrown away
- Existence of a very large toolkit
  - Libraries in every programming languages
  - A very large number of description formats in life sciences are in XML
- Associated technologies
  - Definition: XML Schema, Schematron (themselves XML)
  - Conversion: XSLT (using XSL in XML)
  - Linking: XPath and XQuery

# Structure of SBML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sbml level="3" version="1".
  xmlns="http://www.sbml.org/sbml/level3/version1/core">
  <model>
    <listOfFunctionDefinitions> <!-- --> </listOfFunctionDefinitions>
    <listOfUnitDefinitions> <!-- --> </listOfUnitDefinitions>
    <listOfCompartments> <!-- --> </listOfCompartments>
    <listOfSpecies> <!-- --> </listOfSpecies>
    <listOfParameters> <!-- --> </listOfParameters>
    <listOfInitialAssignments> <!-- --> </listOfInitialAssignments>
    <listOfRules> <!-- --> </listOfRules>
    <listOfConstraints> <!-- --> </listOfConstraints>
    <listOfReactions> <!-- --> </listOfReactions>
    <listOfEvents> <!-- --> </listOfEvents>
  </model>
</sbml>
```

variables

relationships

```
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<sbml xmlns="http://www.sbml.org/sbml/level2/version4" level="2" version="4">
  <model name="Simple Model">
    <listOfCompartments>
      <compartment id="cell" size="1" />
    </listOfCompartments>
    <listOfSpecies>
      <species id="A" compartment="cell" initialConcentration="1"/>
      <species id="B" compartment="cell" initialConcentration="1"/>
    </listOfSpecies>
    <listOfParameters>
      <parameter id="k1" value="0.1"/>
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    <listOfReactions>
      <reaction id="r1" reversible="false">
        <listOfReactants>
          <speciesReference species="A"/>
        </listOfReactants>
        <listOfProducts>
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        <kineticLaw>
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            <apply>
              <times/>
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        </kineticLaw>
      </reaction>
    </listOfReactions>
  </model>
</sbml>
```

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

MathML



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



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

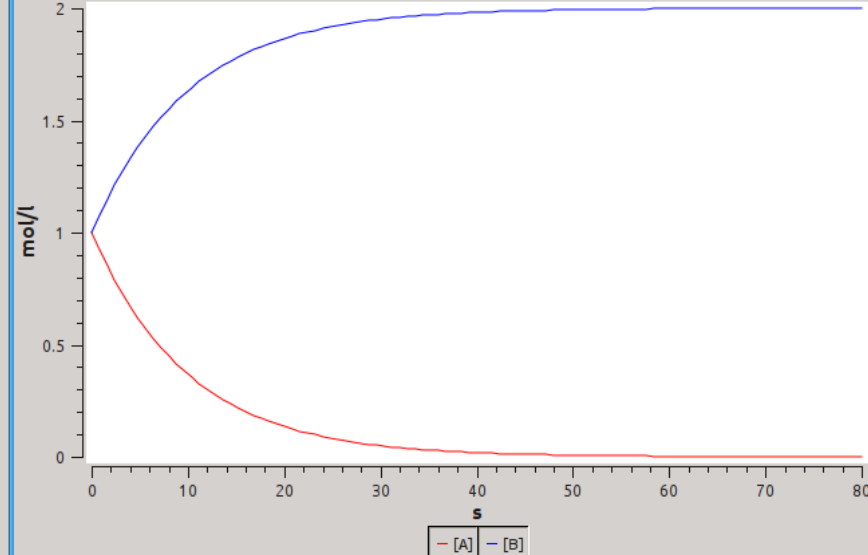
$$\frac{d([B] \cdot V_{\text{cell}})}{dt} = +V_{\text{cell}} \cdot (k_1 \cdot [A])$$

local parameters display numerical value Save Formula to Disk

Copasi Plot: Concentrations, Volumes, and Global Quantity Values

Print Save Image Save Data Zoom out Show All Hide All Close

Concentrations, Volumes, and Global Quantity Values



CellDesigner

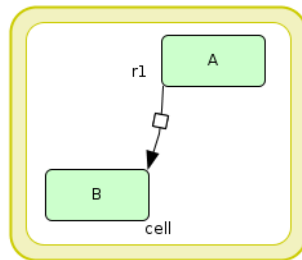
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CellDesigner.org

- Model
  - Compartments
  - Species
  - Reactions

Layer base

SimpleSBML.xml \*



Species Proteins Genes RNAs asRNAs Reactions Compartments Par

Edit Export

| class   | id | name | speciesType | compar... | positi... | included |
|---------|----|------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
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ControlPanel SimpleSBML.xml

File Edit Data Simulation

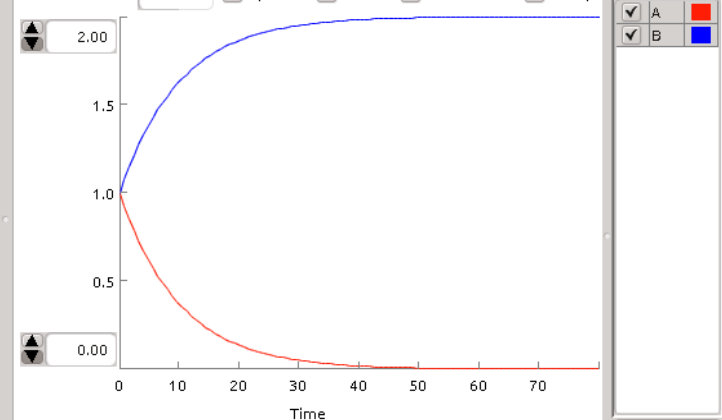
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Species Parameters Change amount Parameter Scan

| Id | Name | Compart... | Quantity ... | Initial |
|----|------|------------|--------------|---------|
| A  | A    | cell       | Concentra... |         |
| B  | B    | cell       | Concentra... |         |

Graph Table

Concentration raw Species Fluxes Parameters Compe



Initialize Save As Execute Close show scatter plot

# A more realistic example ...

```

<species
  id="A".
  name="a-tubulin"
  compartment="cell"
  initialAmount="1000"
  substanceUnits="item"
  hasOnlySubstanceUnits="true"
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  charge="0"
  metaid="PX"
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  <body xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
    <p>One of the components of a microtubule</p>
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<annotation>
  <rdf:RDF.
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biological semantics: macromolecule

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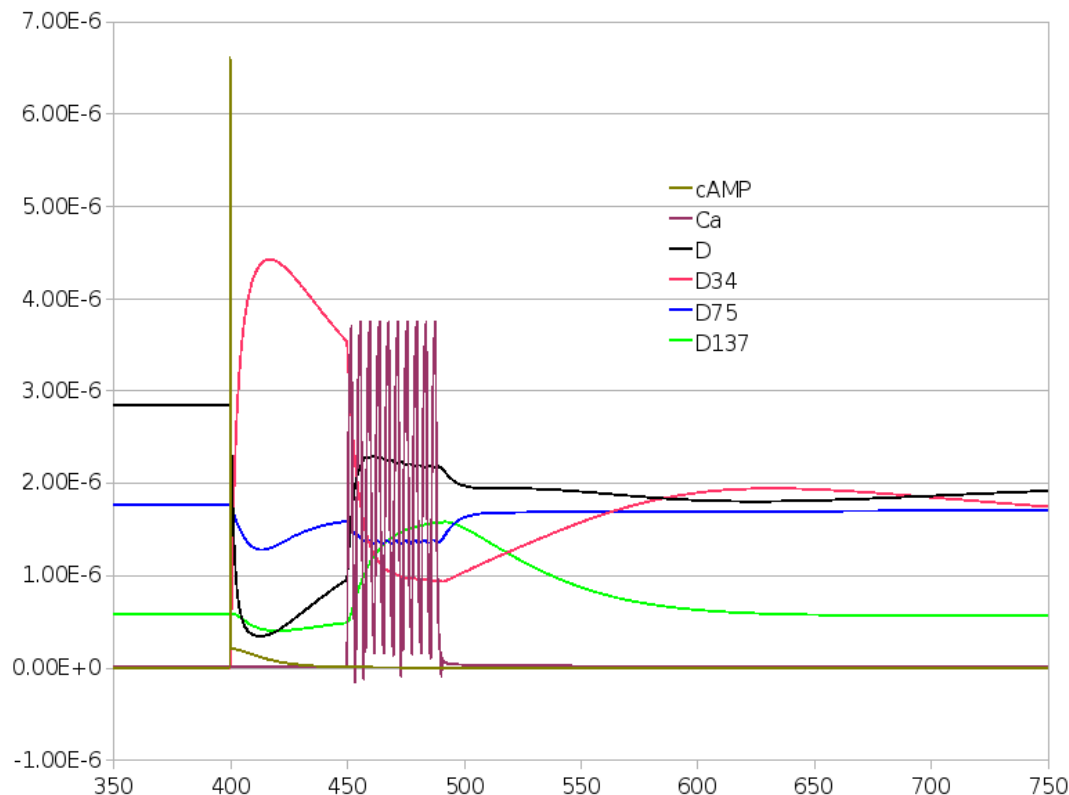
```
</species>
```

# SBML is not limited to biochemistry!

- A **species** is a pool of entities participating to a reaction, **not always a chemical** entity
  - It can be a pool of molecules
  - It can be a pool of cells
  - It can be a pool of organs
  - It can be a population of organism
- **Rate Rules** can describe the temporal evolution of any quantitative parameter, e.g. transmembrane voltage, tumour size etc.
- **Events** can describe any discontinuous change, e.g. neurotransmitter release, repolarisation, cell division etc.

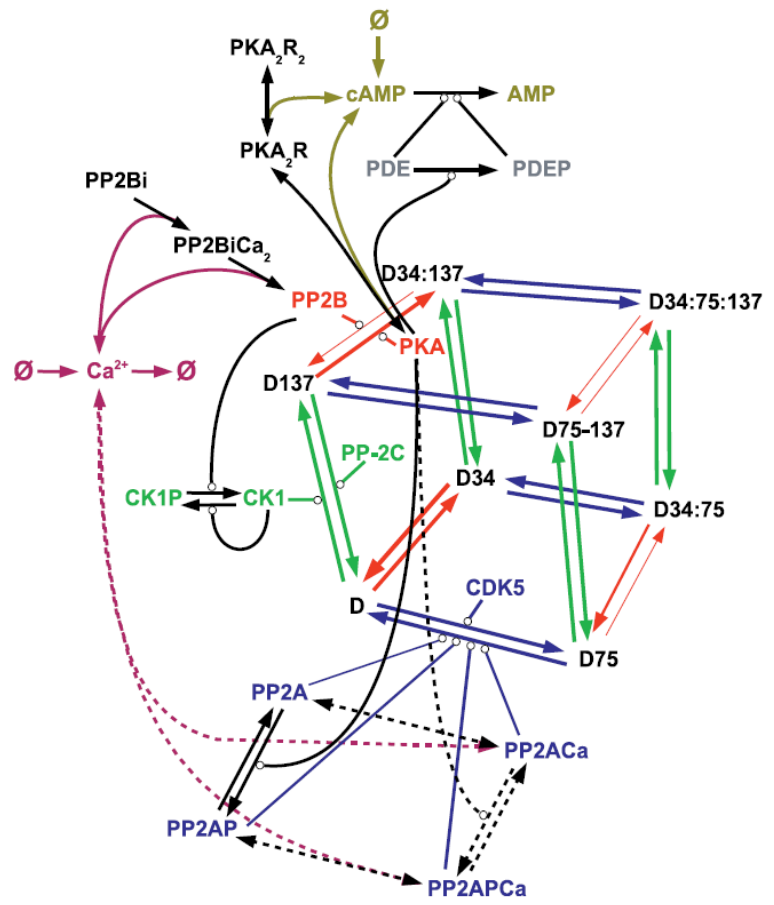
→ SBML (Core) is about process descriptions

# Biochemical models



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

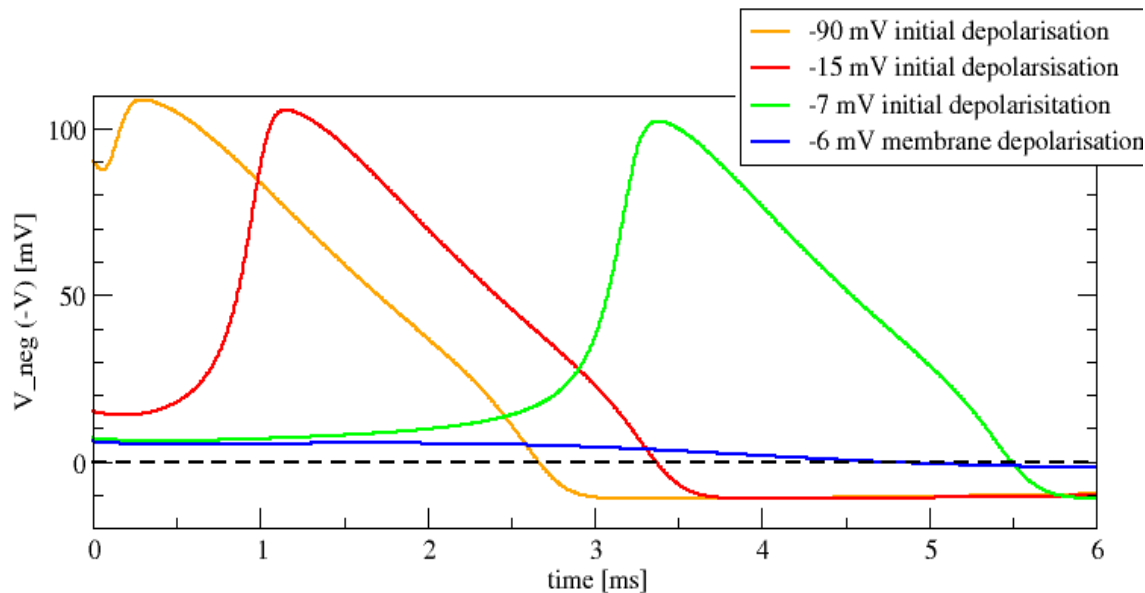
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reaction:

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

# 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.



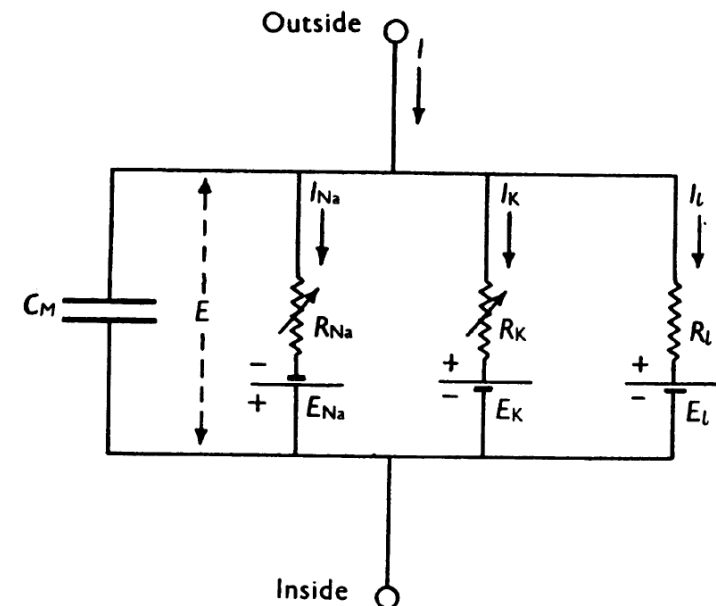
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rate rule:

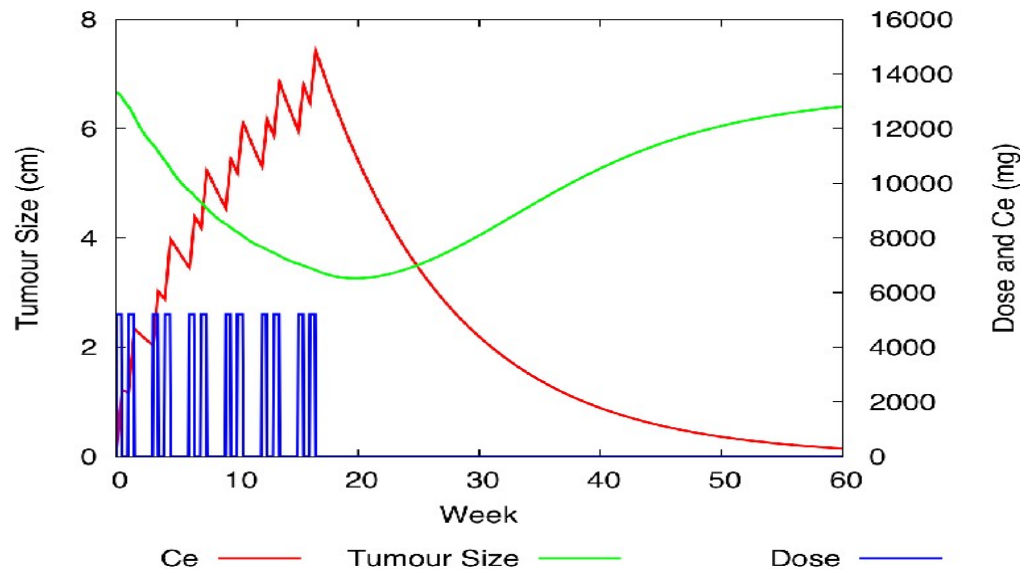
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{I - (i_{Na} + i_K + i_L)}{C_m}$$

assignment rule:

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



# 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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rate rule:

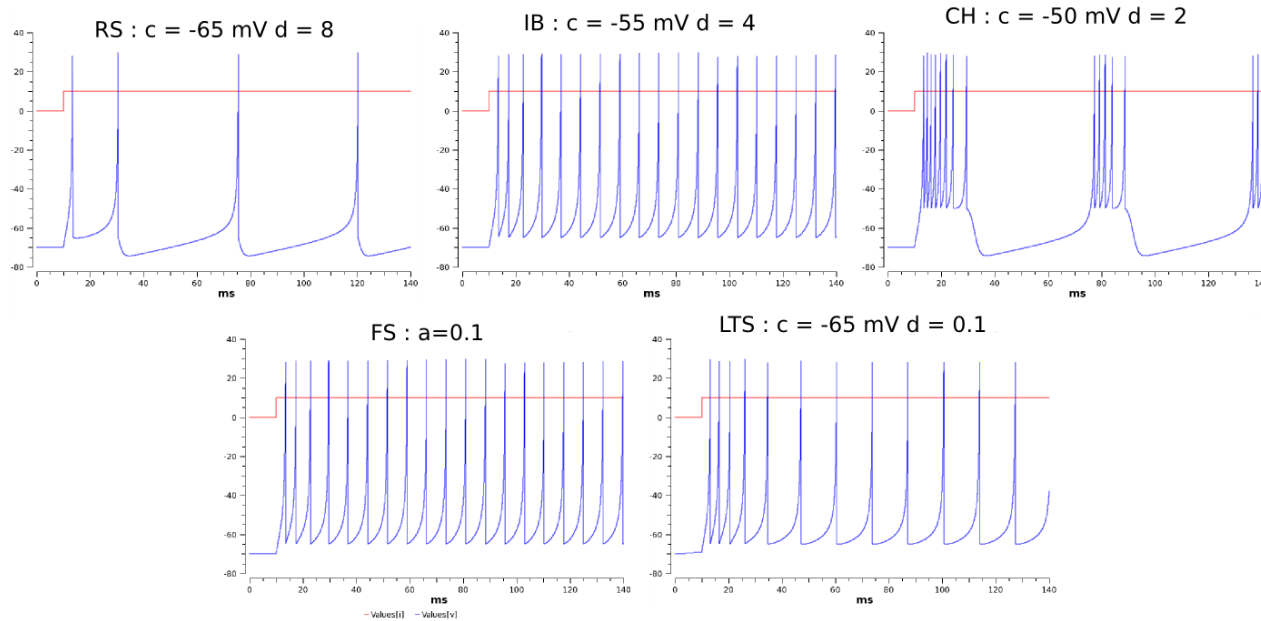
$$\frac{dSize}{dt} = (Rate_{in} \times Effect - K_{over} \times Size) \times Size$$

assignment rule:

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



# 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:

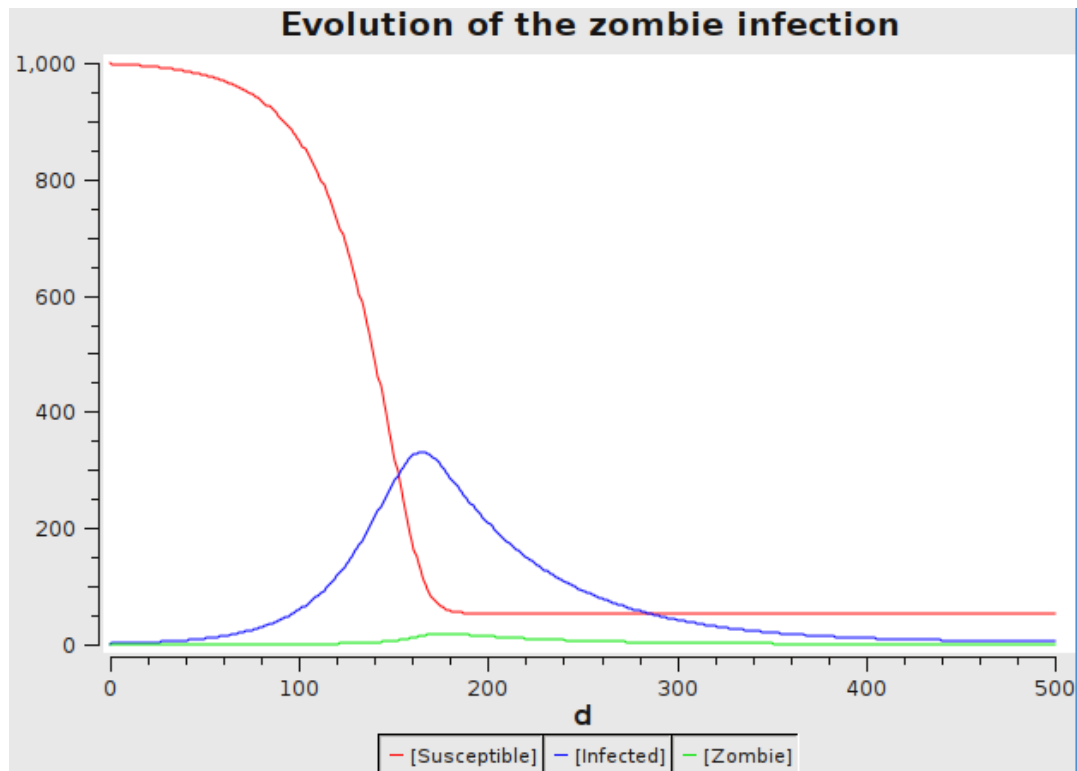
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 0.04^2 + 5 \times V + 140 - U + i$$

event:

**event:**

when  $v > V_{\text{thresh}}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v = c \\ U = U + d \end{array} \right.$

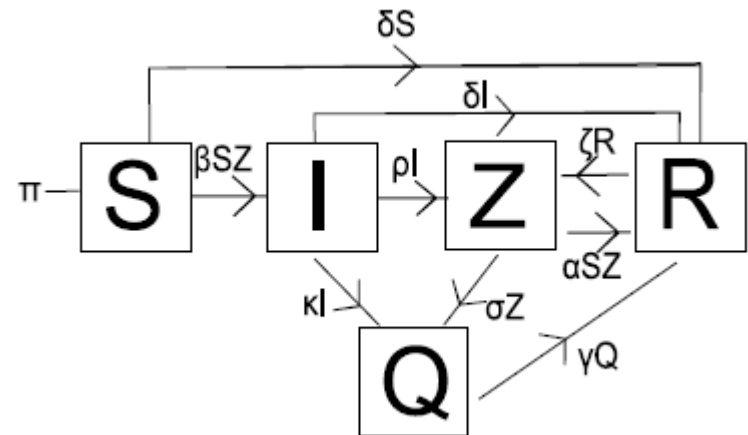
# Spread of infection diseases ...



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



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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<sup>1</sup>. The metabolic-network reconstruction procedure

is now well-established<sup>2</sup> and has been applied to a growing number of model organisms<sup>3</sup>. Metabolic reconstructions allow for the conversion of biological knowledge into a mathematical format and the subsequent computation of physiological states<sup>1,4,5</sup> to address a variety of scientific and applied questions<sup>3,6</sup>. Reconstructions enable network-wide mechanistic investigations of the genotype-phenotype relationship. A high-quality reconstruction of the metabolic network is thus

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## A not so simple SBML file (Recon2)

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

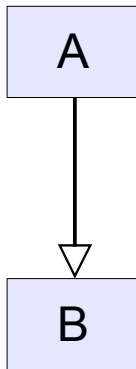


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- Core package – public specification
- Flux balance constraint – public specification
- Qualitative models – public specification
- Model composition – public specification
- Graph Layout – public specification
- Graph rendering – specification finalised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

**SBML Level 3  
is modular**



$$A \geq 1 \Rightarrow B = 1$$

## Logical model with SBML Qual

```

<?xmlversion="1.0" encoding="UTF8"?>
<sbml xmlns="http://www.sbml.org/sbml/level3/version1/core" level="3" version="1"
      xmlns:qual="http://www.sbml.org/sbml/level3/version1/qual/version1" qual:required="true":
  <model id="example">
    <listOfCompartments>
      <compartment id="cytosol" name="cytosol" constant="true"/>
    </listOfCompartments>
    <qual:listOfQualitativeSpecies>
      <qual:qualitativeSpecies qual:compartment="cytosol" qual:constant="false"
                              qual:id="A" qual:maxLevel="2"/>
      <qual:qualitativeSpecies qual:compartment="cytosol" qual:constant="false"
                              qual:id="B" qual:maxLevel="1"/>
    </qual:listOfQualitativeSpecies>
    <qual:listOfTransitions>
      <qual:transition qual:id="tr_B">
        <qual:listOfInputs>
          <qual:input qual:id="theta_B_A" qual:qualitativeSpecies="A" qual:sign="positive"
                     qual:thresholdLevel="1" qual:transitionEffect="none"/>
        </qual:listOfInputs>
        <qual:listOfOutputs>
          <qual:output qual:transitionEffect="assignmentLevel" qual:qualitativeSpecies="B"/>
        </qual:listOfOutputs>
        <qual:listOfFunctionTerms>
          <qual:functionTerm qual:resultLevel="1">
            <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
              <apply>
                <geq/>
                <ci>A</ci>
                <ci>theta_B_A</ci>
              </apply>
            </math>
          </qual:functionTerm>
          <qual:defaultTerm qual:resultLevel="0"/>
        </qual:listOfFunctionTerms>
      </qual:transition>
    </qual:listOfTransitions>
  </model>
</sbml>
  
```

Session: New Session

File Edit View Select Layout Apps Tools Help

Control Panel

Network Style Select Cytocopter

Network ToyModelPB

Data

Preprocess

Formalism boolean

Time point --

Optimise

# CytoCopter

Configurations

|               |        |            |       |
|---------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Size fac      | 1.0E-4 | NA fac     | 1.0   |
| Pop size      | 50.0   | P mutation | 50.0  |
| Max time      | 15.0   | Max gen    | 500.0 |
| Stall gen max | 100.0  | Sel press  | 1.2   |
| Elistism      | 5.0    | Rel tol    | 0.1   |

qual

```

graph TD
    A[A] --> B[B]
  
```

Table Panel

qual

| shared name | shared interaction | name    | interaction |
|-------------|--------------------|---------|-------------|
| A (1) B     | 1                  | A (1) B | 1           |

Node Table Edge Table Network Table Cytocopter

Memory: OK



# Adding the semantics to the syntax

|                      | Model descriptions                                                                   |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minimal requirements |    |
| Data-models          |    |
| Terminologies        |  |

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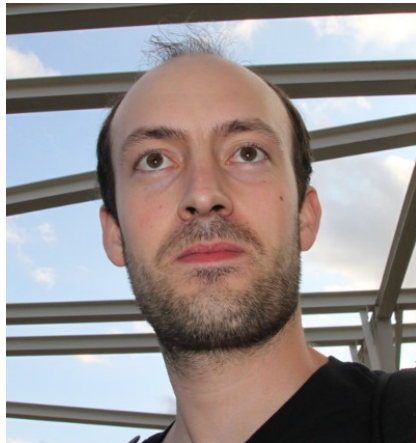
`http://identifiers.org/namespace/identifier`

protocol

type of URI

collection

record



Camille Laibe

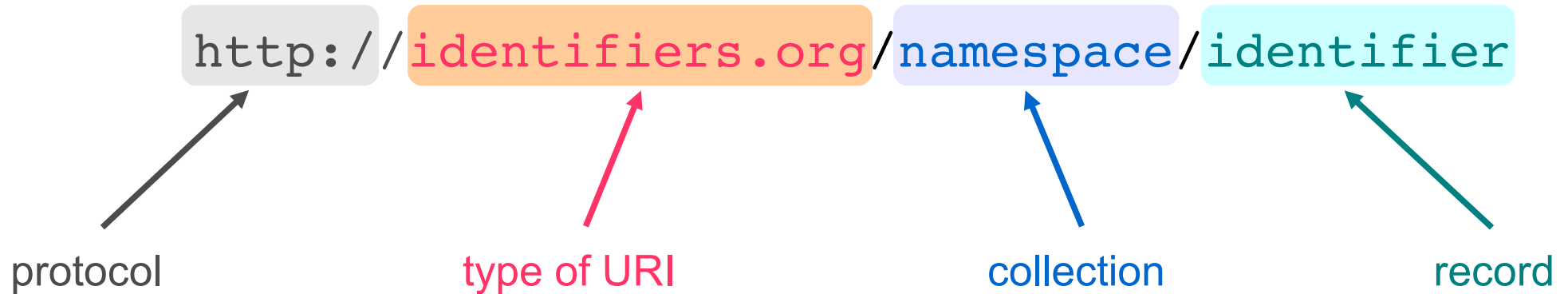


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# *identifiers* (aka new MIRIAM URIs)



http://identifiers.org/pubmed/22140103

http://identifiers.org/ec-code/1.1.1.1

http://identifiers.org/go/GO:0000186



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### Latest publication

**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-D10  
[\[Europe PMC\]](#) [\[Oxford Journals\]](#)

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/miriam/>  
<http://identifiers.org/registry>

### 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...](#)

#### [Presentation at BioHackathon 2013](#)

June 2013

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



# SBML and MIRIAM cross-references

```

<species id="ca_calmodulin" metaid="cacam">
  <annotation>
    <rdf:RDF
      »   xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
          xmlns:bqbiol="http://biomodels.net/biology-qualifiers/">
        <rdf:Description rdf:about="#cacam">
          »   <bqbiol:hadPart>
              <rdf:Bag>
                »   <rdf:li rdf:resource="http://identifiers.org/uniprot/62158"/>
                »   <rdf:li rdf:resource="http://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:29108"/>
              </rdf:Bag>
            </bqbiol:hadPart>
          </rdf:Description>
        </rdf:RDF>
      </annotation>
    </species>
  
```

## General information

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                         |                        |                                |                          |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Recommended name    | <b>Enzyme Nomenclature</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">protein</a> | <a href="#">enzyme</a> | <a href="#">classification</a> | <a href="#">taxonomy</a> |
| Alternative name(s) | Enzyme Classification<br>EC code<br>EC                                                                                                                                                                                      |                         |                        |                                |                          |
| Description         | 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  | <code>^\d+\. - \.\- \d+\.\d+\. - \d+\.\d+\.\d+\. - \d+\.\d+\.\d+\.(n)?\d+\$</code>                                                                                                                                          |                         |                        |                                |                          |
| Registry identifier | MIR:00000004                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                         |                        |                                |                          |

## Identification schemes

|           |                                                                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Namespace | ec-code                                                                       |
| Root URL  | <a href="http://identifiers.org/ec-code/">http://identifiers.org/ec-code/</a> |
| Root URN  | urn:miriam:ec-code:                                                           |

**Available as HTML or RDF,  
through browsers or Web Services**

Other root URI(s) 

## Physical locations (resources)

|                                                          |             |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div> <div>Resource</div> <div>MIR:00100308</div> </div> | Description | ExploreEnz at Trinity College                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                          | Access URL  | <a href="http://www.enzyme-database.org/query.php?ec=\$id">http://www.enzyme-database.org/query.php?ec=\$id</a> [Example: <a href="#">1.1.1.1</a> ]                     |
|                                                          | Institution | Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                          | Website     | <a href="http://www.enzyme-database.org/">http://www.enzyme-database.org/</a>                                                                                           |
| <div> <div>Resource</div> <div>MIR:00100002</div> </div> | Description | KEGG Ligand Database for Enzyme Nomenclature                                                                                                                            |
|                                                          | Access URL  | <a href="http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bget?ec:\$id">http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bget?ec:\$id</a> [Example: <a href="#">1.1.1.1</a> ]                       |
|                                                          | Institution | Kyoto University Bioinformatics Center, Japan                                                                                                                           |
|                                                          | Website     | <a href="http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bfind?enzyme">http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bfind?enzyme</a>                                                           |
| <div> <div>Resource</div> <div>MIR:00100003</div> </div> | Description | Enzyme nomenclature database, ExPASy (Expert Protein Analysis System)                                                                                                   |
|                                                          | Access URL  | <a href="http://enzyme.expasy.org/EC/\$id">http://enzyme.expasy.org/EC/\$id</a> [Example: <a href="#">1.1.1.1</a> ]                                                     |
|                                                          | Institution | Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Switzerland                                                                                                                          |
|                                                          | Website     | <a href="http://enzyme.expasy.org/">http://enzyme.expasy.org/</a>                                                                                                       |
| <div> <div>Resource</div> </div>                         | Description | IntEnZ (Integrated relational Enzyme database)                                                                                                                          |
|                                                          | Access URL  | <a href="http://www.ebi.ac.uk/intenz/query?cmd=SearchEC&amp;ec=\$id">http://www.ebi.ac.uk/intenz/query?cmd=SearchEC&amp;ec=\$id</a> [Example: <a href="#">1.1.1.1</a> ] |

## EC 1 - Oxidoreductases

### EC 1.1 - Acting on the CH-OH Group of Donors

#### EC 1.1.1 - With NAD<sup>+</sup> or NADP<sup>+</sup> as acceptor

## EC 1.1.1.1 - Alcohol dehydrogenase

IntEnz view

ENZYME view

XML

### IntEnz Enzyme Nomenclature

## EC 1.1.1.1

## Names

**Accepted name:** alcohol dehydrogenase

**Other names:** ADH

NAD-dependent alcohol dehydrogenase

NAD-specific aromatic alcohol dehydrogenase

NADH-alcohol dehydrogenase

NADH-aldehyde dehydrogenase

alcohol dehydrogenase (NAD)

Information about *1.1.1.1* from [Enzyme Nomenclature](#) can be accessed from any of the following locations:

**[KEGG Ligand Database for Enzyme Nomenclature](#)**  
[Kyoto University Bioinformatics Center](#)

*[Japan](#)*

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**[IntEnZ \(Integrated relational Enzyme database\)](#)**  
[European Bioinformatics Institute](#)

*[United Kingdom](#)*

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**[Enzyme nomenclature database, ExPASy \(Expert Protein Analysis System\)](#)**  
[Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics](#)

*[Switzerland](#)*

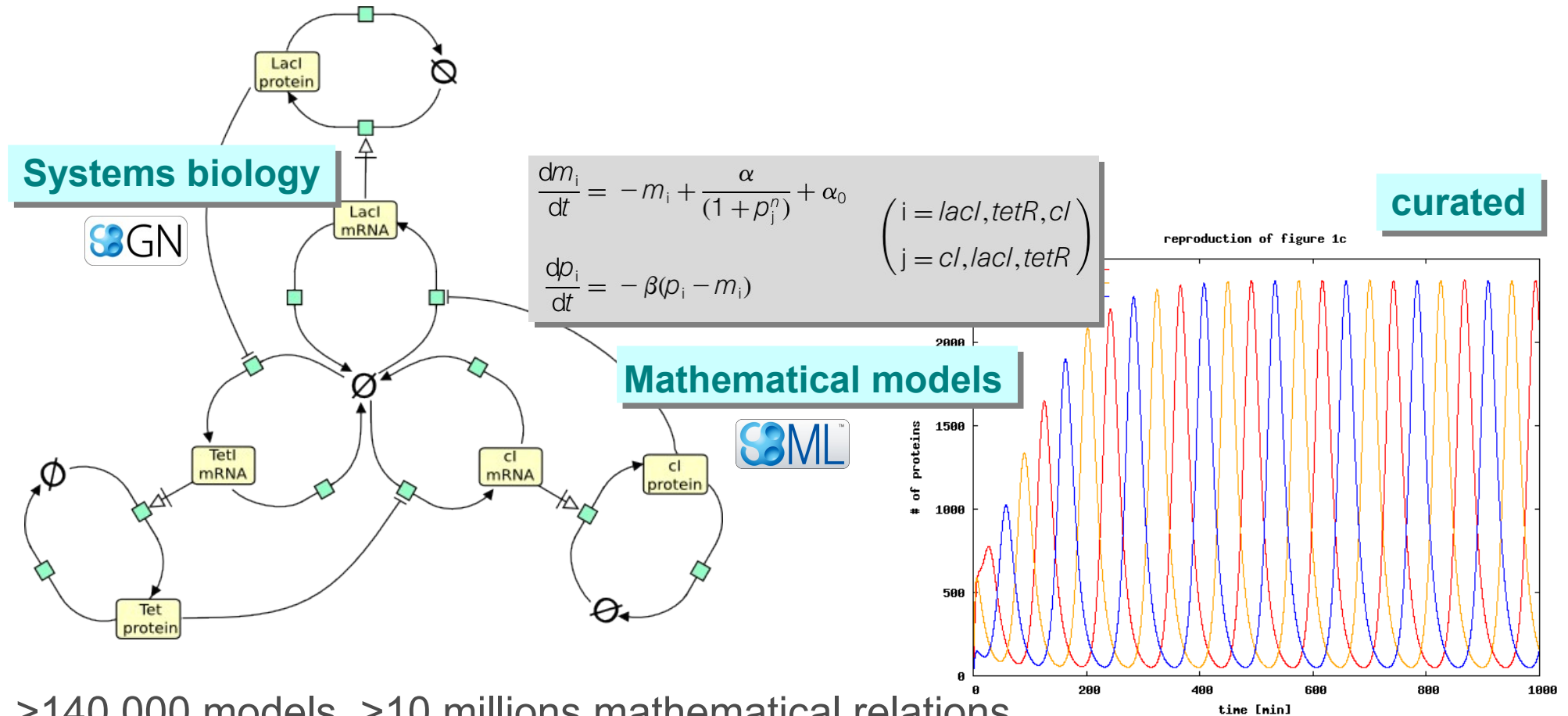
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# BioModels Database – <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels>



>140 000 models, >10 millions mathematical relations

Deposition advised by >300 journals, database ~1000 citations

1 million page requests per year

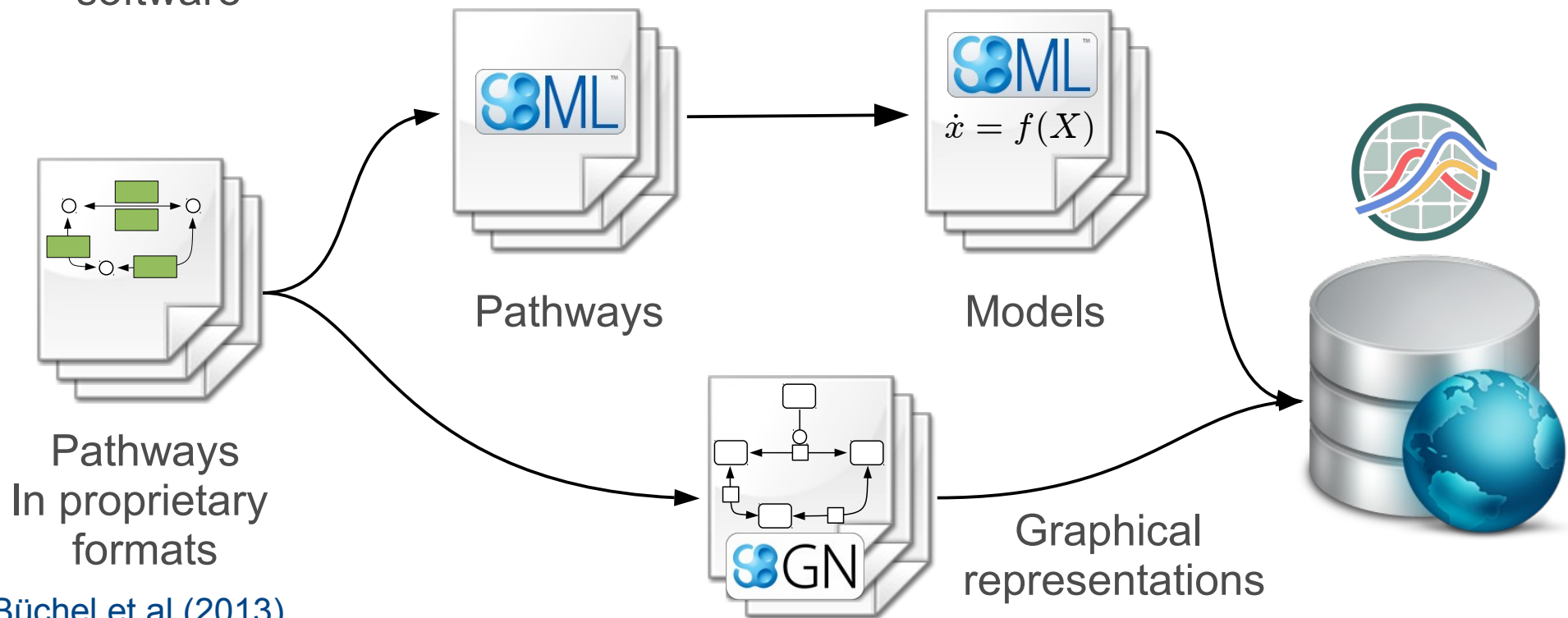
Submission in SBML and CellML; Export in SBML, CellML, XPP, SciLab, BioPAX, Octave, PDF, VCML, SBGN

# Live demo ...

**Was it worth it?**

# What interoperability can do: the Path2Models project

- To re-use existing pathway data to generate biochemically based models
- To provide a starting point to model as many biochemical pathways as possible in as many species as possible
- To provide models in a standard format readable by most systems biology software



Büchel et al (2013).

Path2Models: large-scale generation of computational models from biochemical pathway maps.

*BMC Systems Biology* (2013) 7: 116



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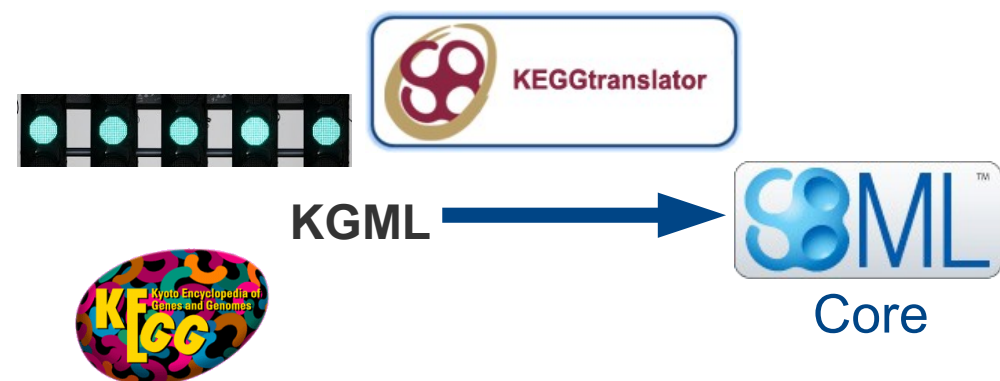


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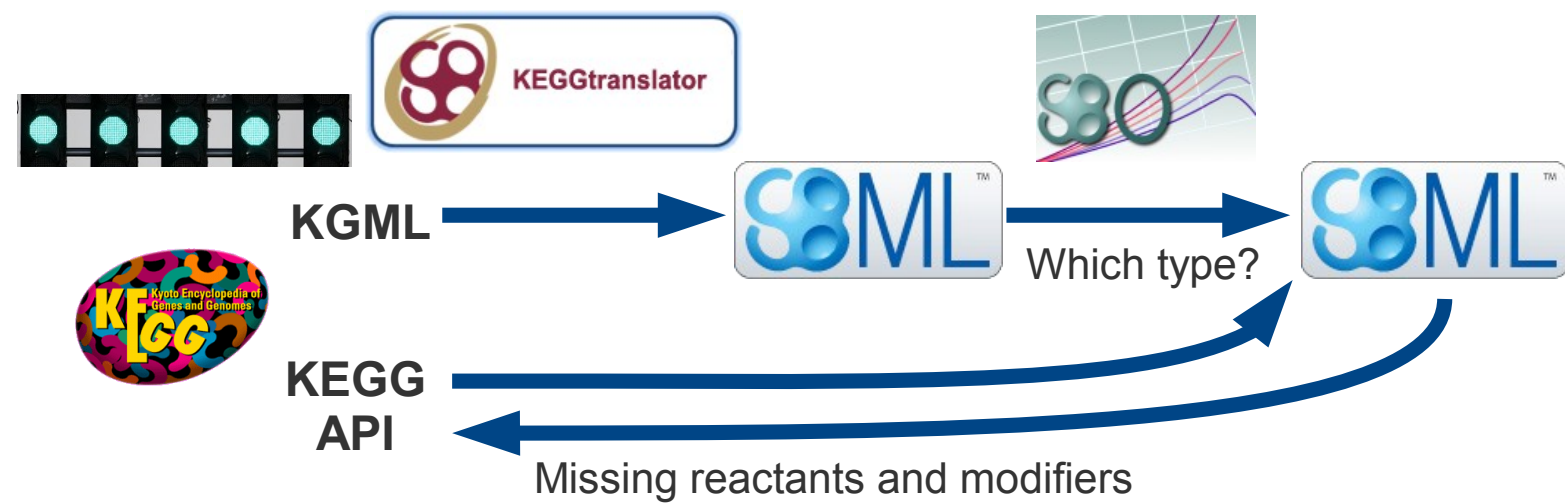


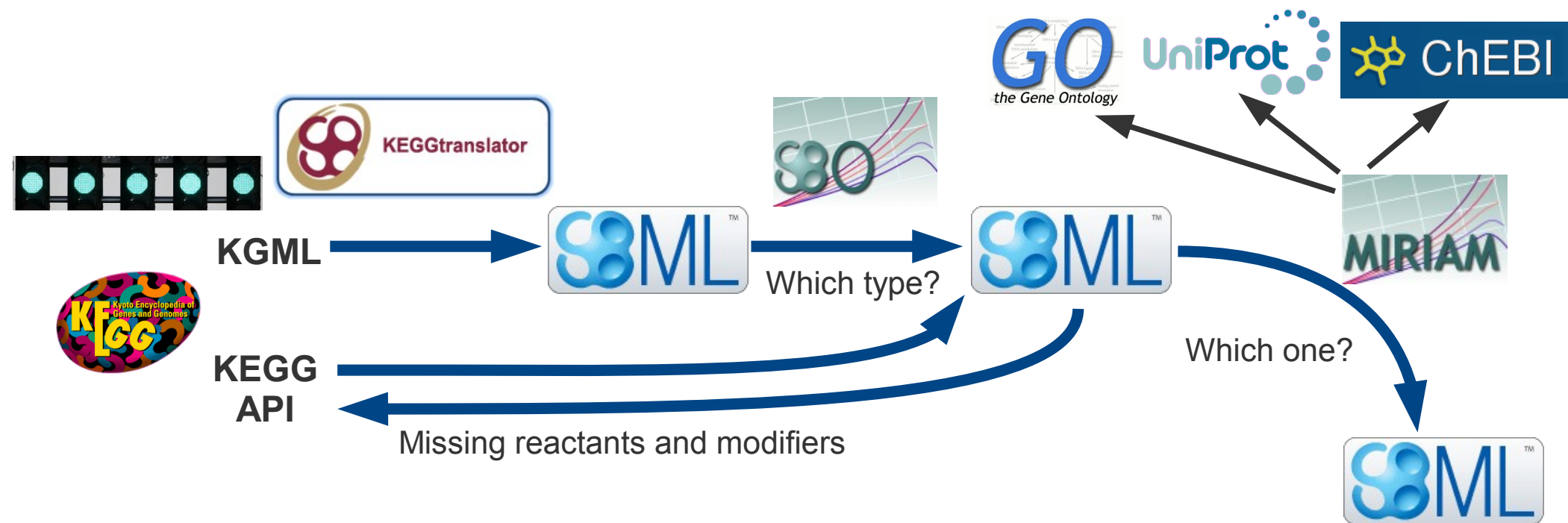
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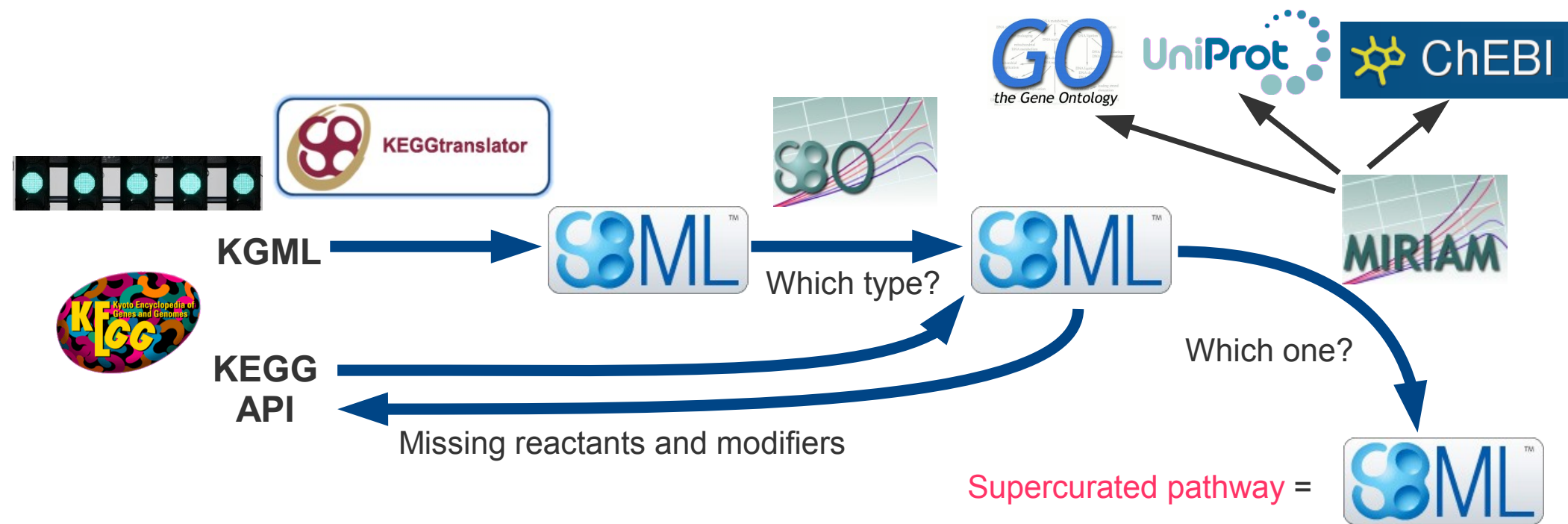


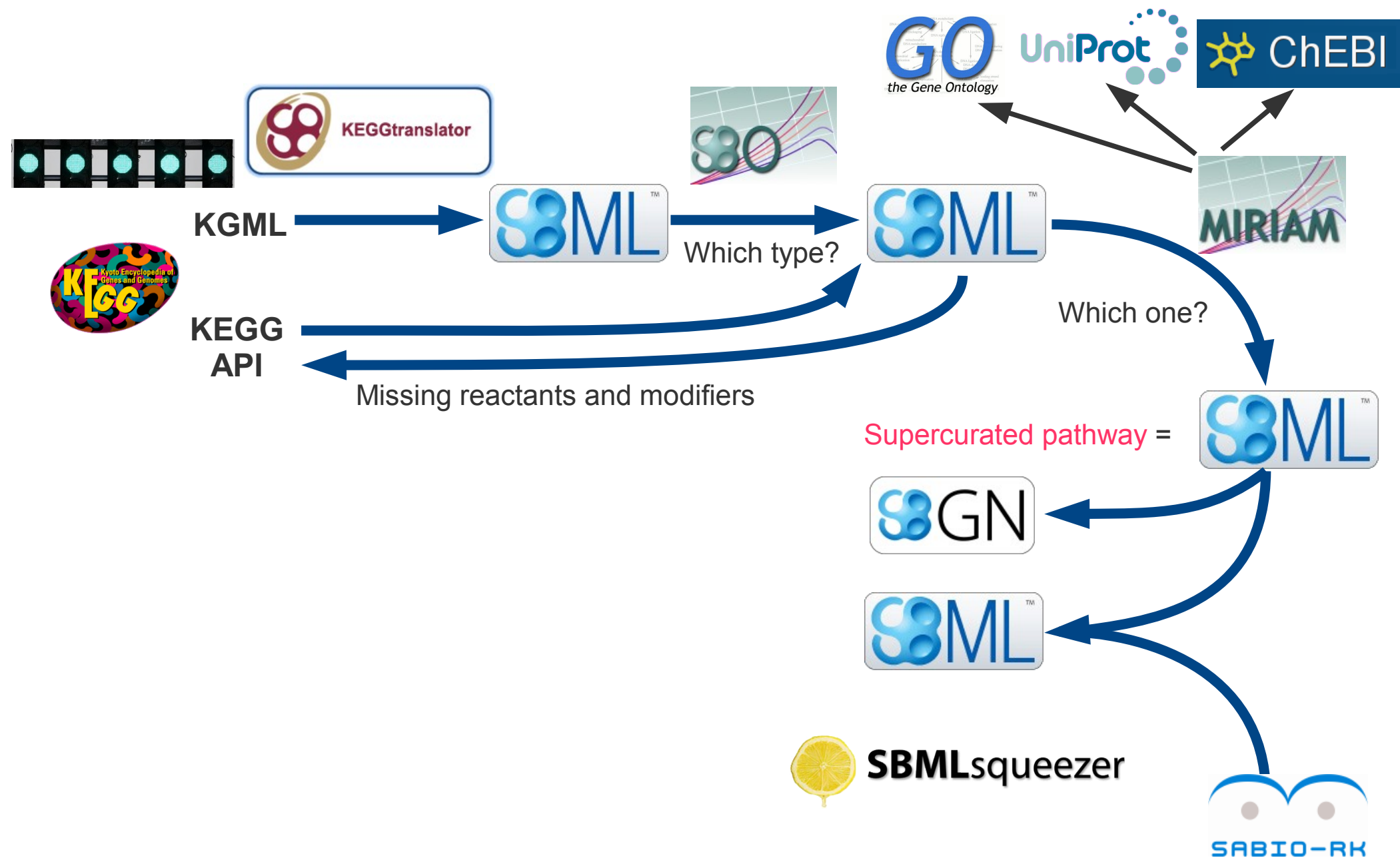


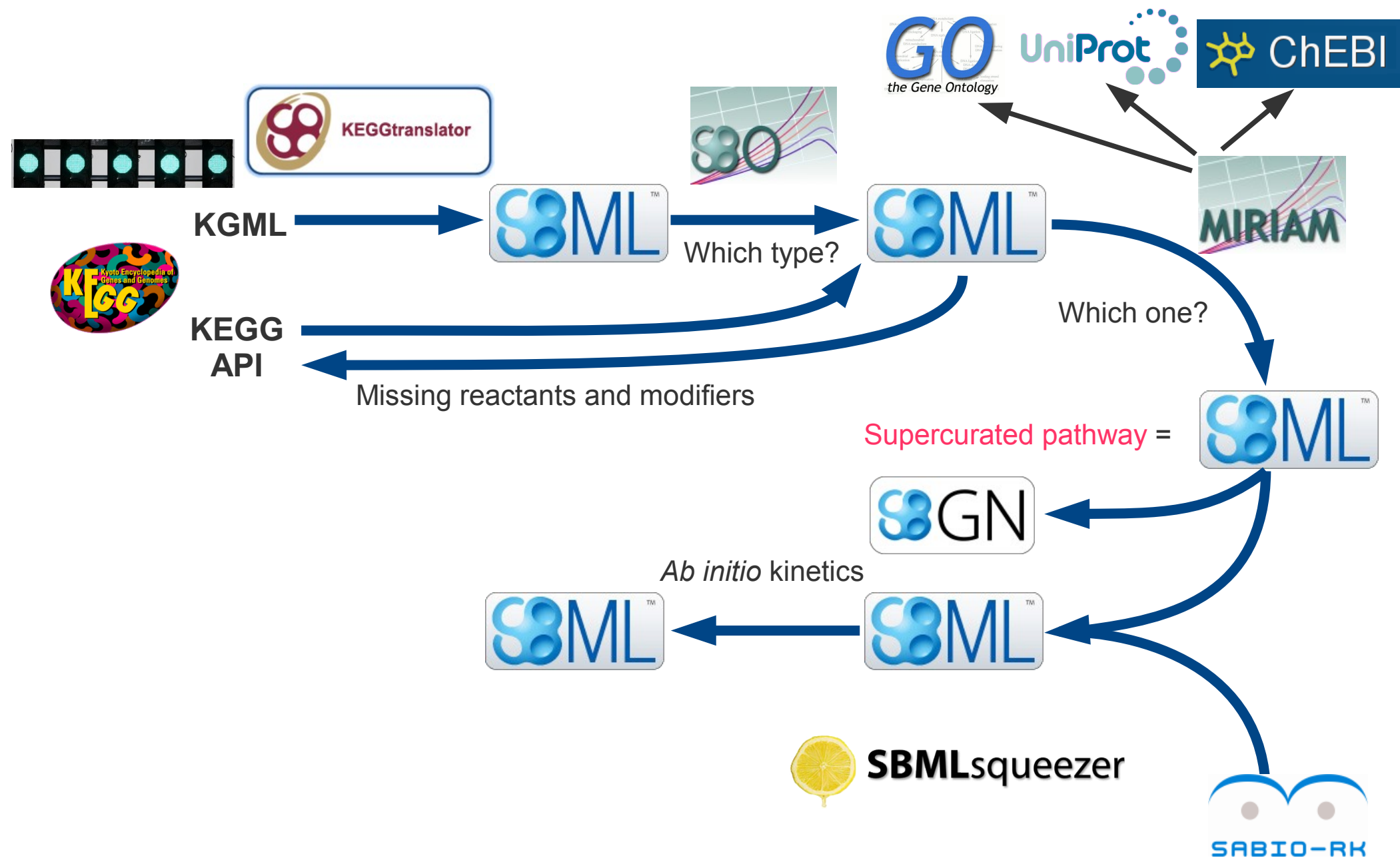


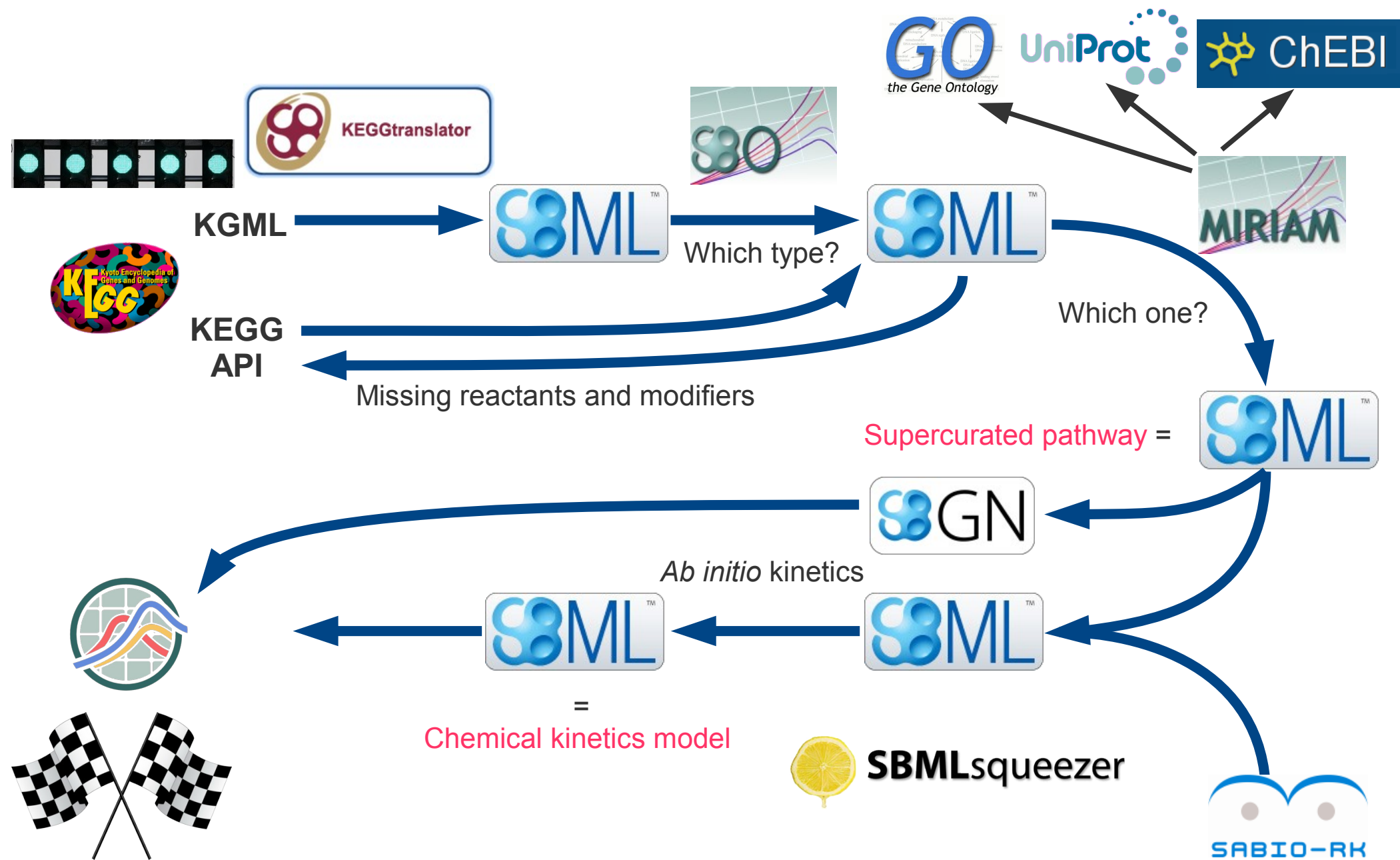












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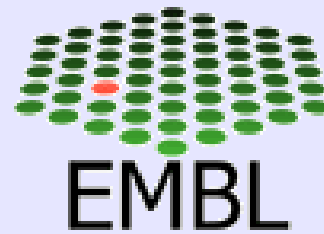
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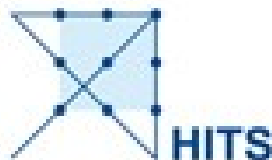
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