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**2nd Conference on Systems Biology and New Sequencing Techniques" (2-4 November), preceded by Introductory Lectures on "Quantitative Approaches to Biological Problems" (31 October - 1 November)'
*31 October - 4 November, 2011***

Introduction to Systems Biology

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Introduction to Systems Biology

Examples from the European Network of Excellence ENFIN

ENFIN

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A Network of 21 partners

9 Million Euros for 5 years



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Systems Biology

Function prediction, Network reconstruction, systems-level modeling

Computational integration

Genomics

Transcriptomics

Proteomics

Metabolomics

Cellular phenotypes



DNA

RNA

Proteins

Small molecules

Next Generation Sequencing

Functional Genomics

Hypothesis-driven research

Molecular Biology

- **Systems Biology** is the study of the **interactions** between the components of a biological system, and how these interactions give rise to the **function** and **behaviour** of that system (for example, the enzymes and metabolites in a metabolic pathway).

From Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Systems_biology

Systems Biology has a wide range of dimensions

STRUCTURE

Gene	Protein	Molecular network
Organelle	Cell	Cellular Network
Tissue	Organ	Organism

Ecosystem

FUNCTIONAL

Regulatory	Growth	Metabolic
Electrical	Mechanical	Transport

DATA TO THEORY

Empirical Data	Statistical Modeling	Predictive Modeling
Mathematical	Ontologies	Systems Analysis

EASE OF EXPERIMENTS, MODELS

Simple bacteria: *rapid reproduction*

Eukaryotes: *still relatively simple, rapid reproduction*

Single cells (cell lines, fertilized eggs): *simple system, more difficult to obtain, maintain, artificial environment*

In-vivo studies of model organisms: *complex, more relevant*

Primates, Humans: *highly complex and relevant*

NEED FOR APPROPRIATE TOOLS

High Throughput	Quantitative and Qualitative Results
Single cell data	Organ level data

Systems Biology has a wide range of dimensions

- It is impossible to fully model biological systems, even at a single level.
- It is possible to create useful reductionist models that improve understanding, at several levels:
 - Bioinformatics (*genotype-phenotype*)
 - Systematic biology (*pathways with linear linkage*)
 - Systems biology (*single or interlinked pathways with quantitative and dynamic calculations iterated with experiments*)
 - Physiology with key effects identified (*e.g. Oxford Prof. Noble – Heart modelling*)

Integrative Systems Biology

- Biological data
- Databases
- Analysis tools: Bioinformatics
- Integration into Systems Biology: ENFIN

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Data acquisition

Technology platforms

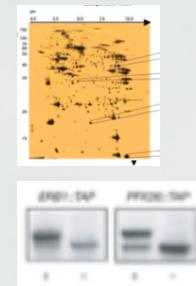
Gene expression

DNA microarrays
SAGE



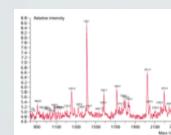
Protein levels

2-D gel electrophoresis
Mass spectrometry
Phosphoproteomics



Small molecule metabolites

Metabolomics



Sugars

Glycomics

Interactomes

Immunopurification
Yeast-2-Hybrids

Large-scale perturbation methods

RNAi screens

GFP-tagged recombinant protein expression

Chemicals screens

Data Collection

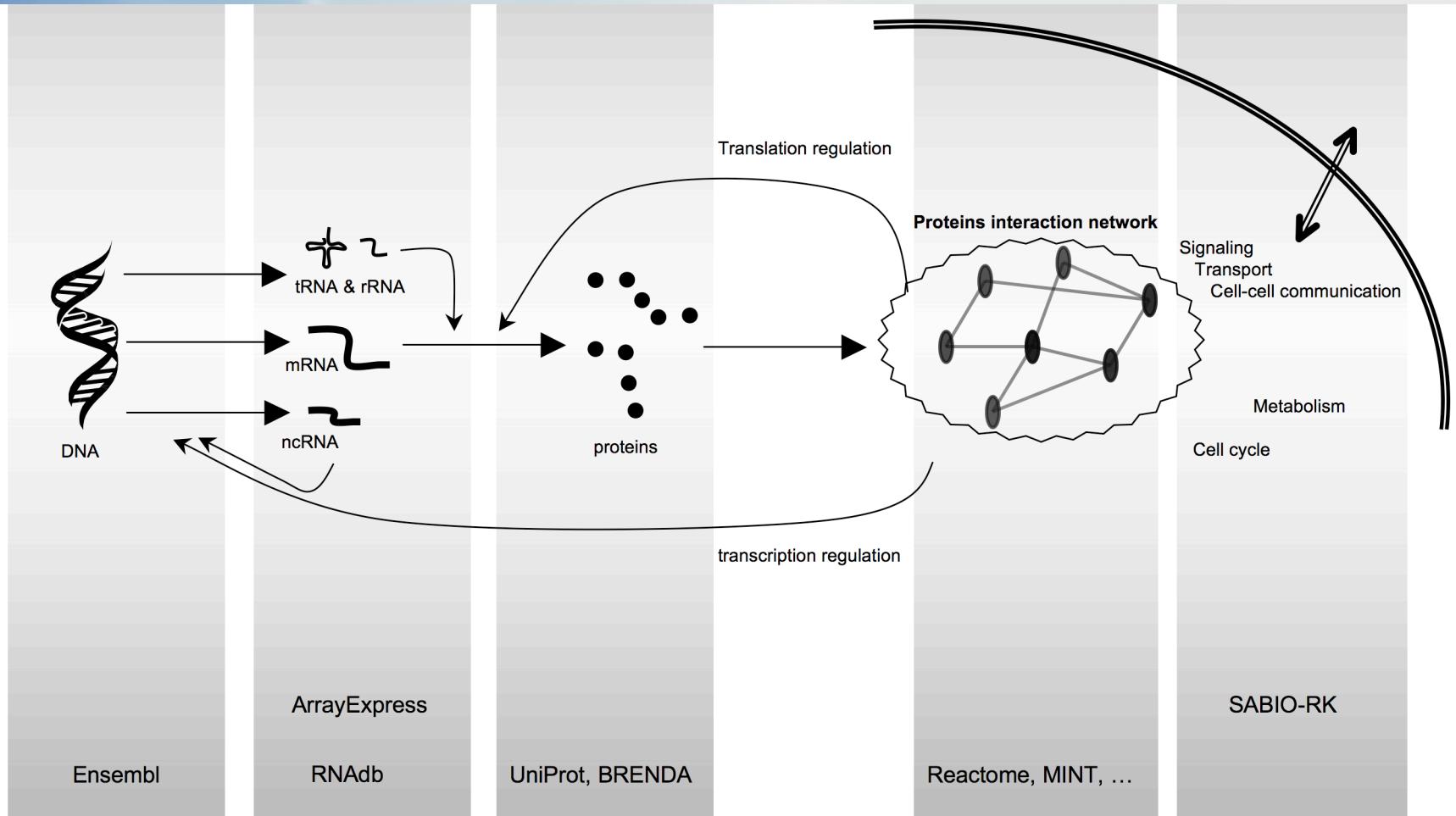
Qualitative Data

Biological Ontologies			
	Small chemical entities	ChEBI	www.ebi.ac.uk/chebi
	Gene Ontology	GO	www.geneontology.org
	Taxonomy	Newt	www.ebi.ac.uk/newt
Literature			
	Genetic diseases	OMIM	www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omim
	Literature	CiteXplore	www.ebi.ac.uk/citexplore
Nucleotides			
	Genomes	Ensembl	www.ensembl.org
	Nucleotide Sequences	EMBL-Bank	www.ebi.ac.uk/embl
Proteins			
	Proteins	UniProt	www.ebi.uniprot.org
	Enzymes	IntEnz	www.ebi.ac.uk/intenz
	Structure	MSD	www.ebi.ac.uk/msd
	Enzymes	BRENDA	www.brenda-enzymes.info
Pathways and Networks			
	Pathways	Reactome	www.reactome.org
	Biological Models	BioModels	www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels
	Pathways	KEGG	www.genome.jp/kegg
	Pathways	Chillibot	www.chillibot.net
	Pathways	iHOP	www.ihop-net.org/UniPub/iHOP
	Pathways	Panther	www.pantherdb.org/panther
	Pathways	Ingenuity	www.ingenuity.com
	Pathways	GeneGO	www.genego.com
	Pathways	BioCyc	www.biocyc.org
	Transporters	TransportDB	www.membranetransport.org
	Thermodynamics	NIST	xpdb.nist.gov/enzyme_thermodynamic

Quantitative Data

Gene expression	Array Express	www.ebi.ac.uk/aerep
Protein interaction	IntAct	www.ebi.ac.uk/intact
Reaction Kinetics	SABIO-RK	sabiork.villa-bosch.de
Cellular phenotypes	MitoCheck	www.mitocheck.org
Growth phenotypes	ASAP	asap.ahabs.wisc.edu/asap/home.php
Metabolite concentrations	Systomonas	www.systomonas.de
Metabolite concentrations	Escherichia coli Multi-omics Database	ecoli.iab.keio.ac.jp
Reaction fluxes	Escherichia coli Multi-omics Database	ecoli.iab.keio.ac.jp
Kinetic Parameters	KMedDB	sysbio.molgen.mpg.de/KMedDB

OVERVIEW

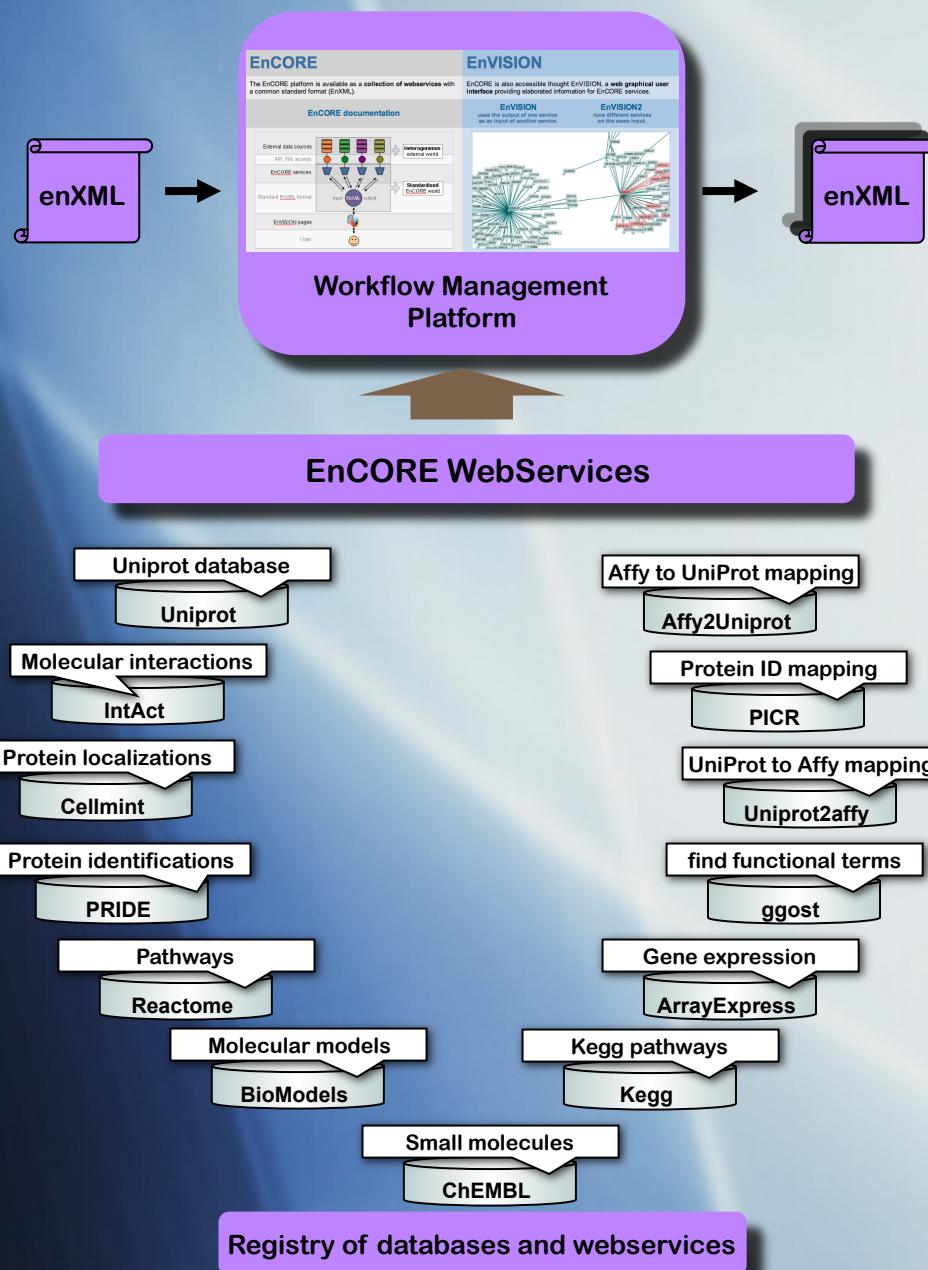


DATABASES

Data Integration

EnCORE - ENVISION

H. Hermjakob (EBI, UK)



Features:

- Open standards (SOAP, WSDL, XML, WS-I Basic Profile 1.0)
- Well-supported technologies (JAX-WS, AJAX)
- Enables data retrieval, analysis tools and algorithms
- Standard interface and data exchange format
- Support of set-based operations
- In-document audit trail
- Modular webservices

Standardization and inter-operability:

- Data standardization:
 - Cellular Assays (MIACA)
 - Microarray Experiment (MIAME)
 - Molecular Interactions (PSI-MI)
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- Standardization of experimental protocols
- Use of controlled vocabulary: Ontologies

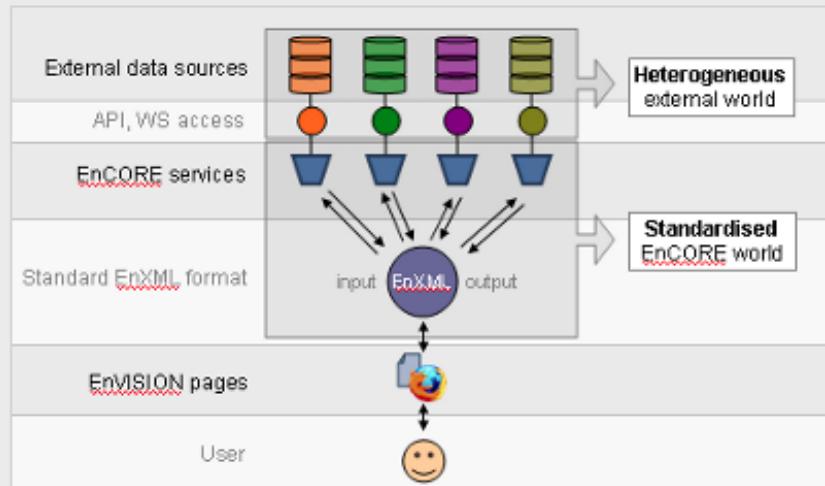
Data Integration

EnCORE - ENVISION

EnCORE

The EnCORE platform is available as a **collection of webservices** with a common standard format (EnXML).

EnCORE documentation



EnVISION

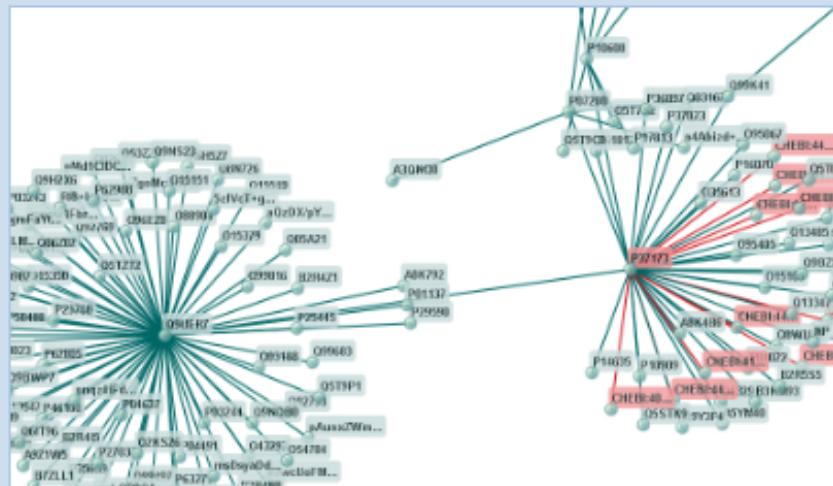
EnCORE is also accessible thought EnVISION, a **web graphical user interface** providing elaborated information for EnCORE services.

EnVISION

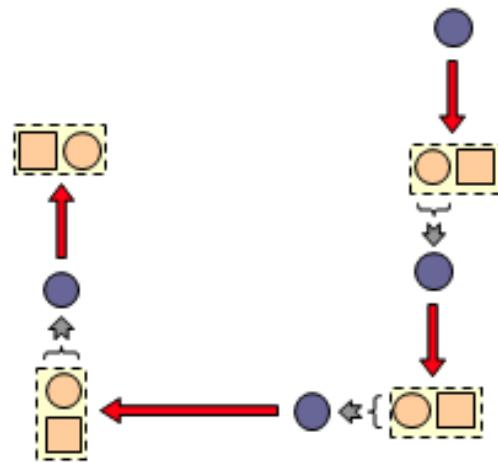
uses the output of one service as an input of another service.

EnVISION2

runs different services
on the same input.

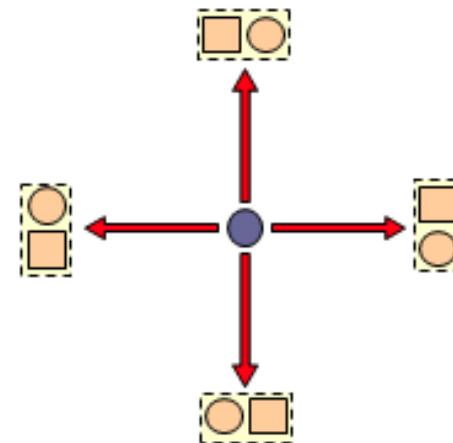


EnVISION



Use the output of one service as an input of another service

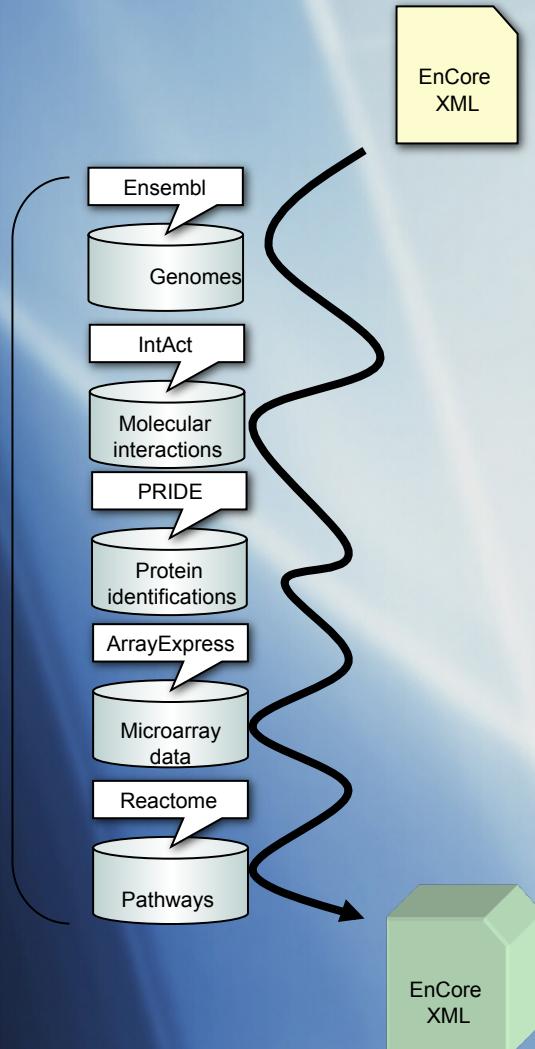
EnVISION2



Run different services on the same input

Workflow Management

EnVISION



EnVision

ENFIN Web Service Visualisation

Enter a comma-separated list of UniProt/Swiss-Prot protein identifiers, choose an ENFIN web service from the list and click **Go**. The resulting ENFIN XML document will be converted to a human-readable format and displayed below. For example, enter **P38398**, choose **IntAct** and click **Go** to see all interaction partners for **BRCA1_HUMAN**.

Proteins: P38398 **Service:** IntAct then PRIDE **Go**

Advanced options [show]

Experiment ID1

Input: Result: P38398

Experiment ID5 : Protein interaction partners

Input: P38398

Result: interaction: P38398_O75486
interaction: P38398_O75528
interaction: P38398_P03372

Experiment ID41 : PRIDE protein filter

Input: P38398_O75486_O75528_P03372_P16104_P43246_P52292_P52701_Q12962_Q13085_Q16594_Q5ST83_Q5VTD9_Q7Z569_Q92830_Q92878_Q9HAQ4_Q9Y4A5

Result: PRIDE-Non-Identified: P38398_O75486_O75528_P03372_Q12962_Q5ST83_Q5VTD9_Q7Z569_Q92830_Q9HAQ4
PRIDE-Identified: P16104_P43246_P52292_P52701_Q13085_Q16594_Q92878_Q9Y4A5

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Taverna

Taverna project website

myGrid

Welcome to Taverna 1.5.0.

The Taverna project aims to provide a language and software tools to facilitate easy use of workflow and distributed compute technology within the eScience community. As a component of the EPSRC funded myGrid project, Taverna is available freely under the terms of the GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL).

Latest news

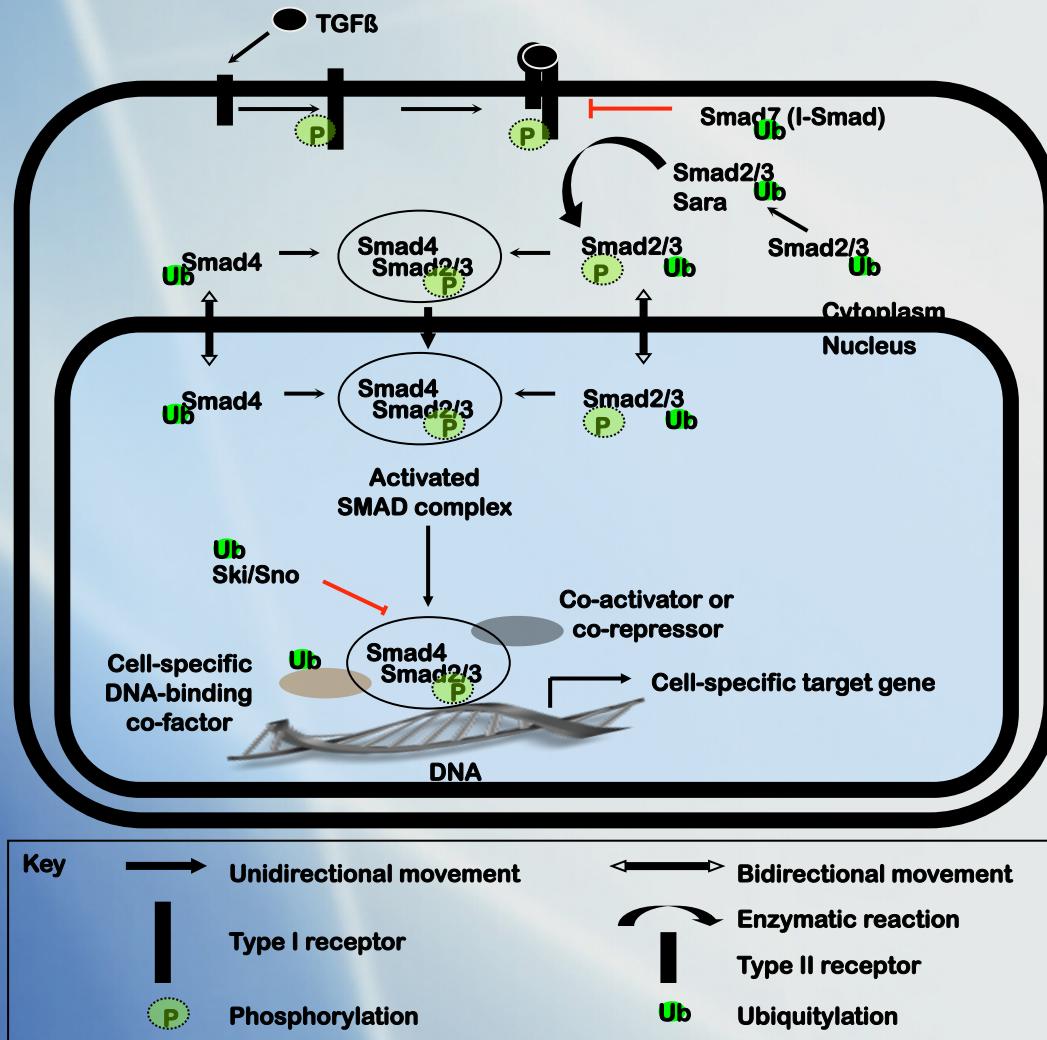
- myGrid at BioSysBio
- Taverna 1.5 released
- myGrid at the e-Science Conference 2006
- myGrid at ISWC
- myExperiment in New Scientist
- Taverna at Microsoft e-Science meeting
- Grid Today - feature article "Me-Sci - the New e-Science"
- Taverna 1.4 Release
- New website for 1.3.1
- Sourceforge MySQL migration
- Project statistics

Original myGrid Partners

- EPSRC-EBI
- University of Manchester
- University of Newcastle
- University of Nottingham
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- IT Innovation Centre

What is Taverna about?

Example: The TGF-beta pathway



ENFIN
Enabling Systems Biology

EnVISION

ENFIN Web Service Visualisation

Enter a comma-separated list of [UniProt/Swiss-Prot accession numbers](#) or [Affymetrix](#) identifiers in the **IDs** box, a hyphen-separated list of services in the **Services** box and click **Go**. The resulting [ENFIN XML](#) will be converted to a readable format and displayed below. Please read the [user guide](#) for further information.

Links:

- >> [encore-help@ebi.ac.uk](#)
- >> [Web services](#)
- Links:**
- >> [IntAct](#)
- >> [PRIDE](#)
- >> [Reactome](#)
- >> [UniProt](#)
- >> [BioSapiens](#)
- >> [EMBRACE](#)

IDs, comma separated (example: [P38398](#)):

Services (example: [intact-pride-reactome](#)): [<+]

Go

Advanced options [+]

Service:

Result:
[P37173](#)

No attributes specified.
No parameters specified.

Service: enfin-intact
enfin IntAct experiment, find interaction partners

Result:
positive result set: set of interaction sets
 Interaction between: [P37173 P10600](#) - IntAct interaction ID: [EBI-1033040](#)
 Interaction between: [P37173 Q9UER7](#) - IntAct interaction ID: [EBI-296166](#) (and more)
 Interaction between: [P37173 Q99K41](#) - IntAct interaction ID: [EBI-902913](#)
 Interaction between: [P37173 O35613](#) - IntAct interaction ID: [EBI-296235](#)
 Interaction between: [P37173 P07200](#) - IntAct interaction ID: [EBI-902913](#) (and more)

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No parameters specified.

Service: enfin-reactome
Reactome service: find Pathways from protein list

Result:
positive result set: Set of Reactome pathway sets
 Formation of Platelet plug ([details](#)) : [P10600](#)
 Platelet Activation ([details](#)) : [P10600](#)
 Response to elevated platelet cytosolic Ca++ ([details](#)) : [P10600](#)
 Hemostasis ([details](#)) : [P10600](#)
 Platelet degranulation ([details](#)) : [P10600](#)
 Exocytosis of Alpha granule ([details](#)) : [P10600](#)
 Elevation of cytosolic Ca++ levels ([details](#)) : [P10600](#)
 Signaling by TGF beta ([details](#)) : [P37173](#)

negative result set: Set of proteins that were not found in any pathway: [Q9UER7](#) [Q99K41](#) [O35613](#) [P07200](#)

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Service: enfin-biomodels
Enfin BioModels experiment

Result:
positive result set: Set of BioModel result sets
 Model: [Z12007_TGFbeta_signaling](#) - Participating proteins (from input set): [P37173](#)
 Model: [Clarke2006_Smad_signalling](#) - Participating proteins (from input set): [P37173](#)
 Model: [Schmierer_2008_Smad_Tgfb](#) - Participating proteins (from input set): [P10600](#) [P37173](#)
 Model: [Vilar2006_TGFbeta](#) - Participating proteins (from input set): [P37173](#)

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Workflow Management

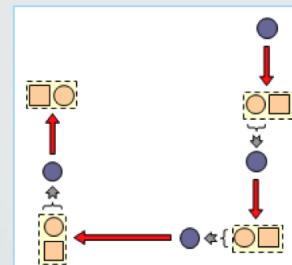
EnVISION

Example case:

Query with: **TGF-beta receptor type-2**

UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot P37173 (TGFR2_HUMAN)

Services (example: [intact-pride-reactome](#)): [-]
 affy2uniprot - Affy to UniProt mapping
 biomodels - find models from the BioModels database
 cellmint - groups proteins by localization
 ggost - find functional terms
 intact - protein interactions
 kegg - find KEGG pathways
 picr - protein identifier mapping
 pride - protein identifications
 reactome - find pathways
 uniprot2affy - UniProt to Affy mapping
 uniprot - retrieve information from UniProt



Workflow Management

EnVISION2

EBI > Databases > Proteomics

EnVision 2 Home

ABOUT EnVISION

INPUT

1 Select your Input TYPE

Protein Accessions EnQuant Protein Sequences Enfin XML Document

2 Provide your Input DATA

Direct Input File Upload URL Load

Please input or paste various Protein Accession Numbers

3 Choose a service workflow

Molecular Interactions

- User input -> Protein Mapping
 - Protein Mapping -> Molecular Interactions

Workflow options

Picr Options

Uniprot to Molecular Interactions

Molecular interaction sources:

10 Available sources

- BioGrid
- ChEMBL
- DIP
- IntAct
- iRefIndex
- MatrixDB
- MINT
- MPIDB
- Reactome
- Reactome-Functional-Interactions

Not available sources at the moment

STRING

If no sources are selected EnVISION will understand you want to use all the available sources.

MORE OPTIONS

Clear Submit

Molecular interaction(s) with at least one Protein from the query set:

Sel.	Interactor A	Interactor B	Interaction (Experiment) IDs	Interaction Database	Pubmed IDs
1	P37173	Q9UER7	EBI-296166 EBI-296246	INTACT	11483955
2	P37173	O35613	EBI-296235	INTACT	11483955
3	P37173	P07200	EBI-902937 EBI-902913	INTACT	16530041 IM-11825
4	P37173	Q99K41	EBI-902913	INTACT	16530041 IM-11825
5	P37173	P10600	EBI-1033040	INTACT	11850637

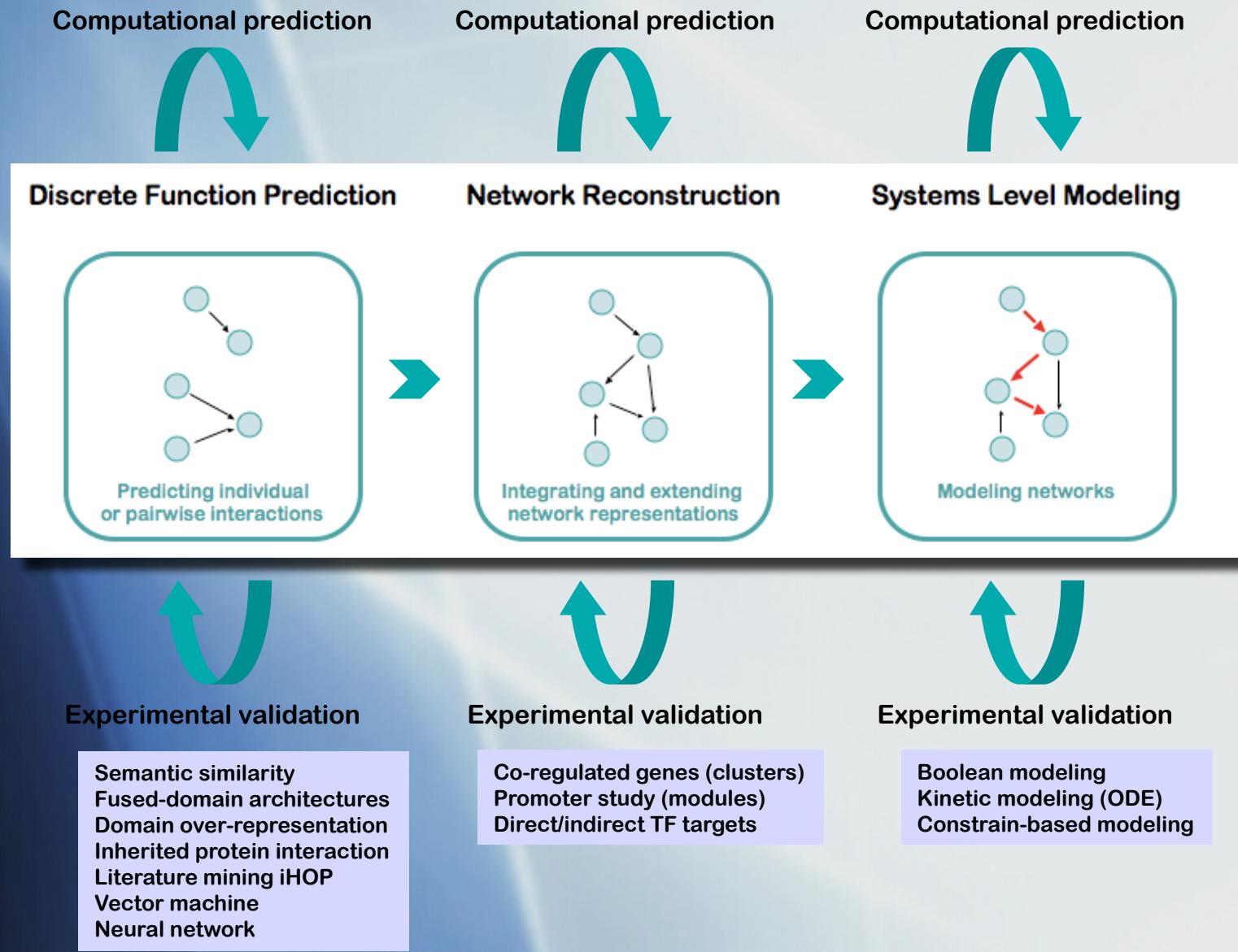
Legend: Link to the original database PSI-MI TAB Uniprot Dasty2 Link to the network view
 IntAct envision links PSICQUIC 3rd party information Additional protein sequence information

The diagram illustrates a network of molecular interactions. Nodes represent proteins: P37173, O35613, P07200, Q99K41, P10600, and Q9UER7. Edges represent interactions, with colors indicating the source: IntAct (green), PSI-MI TAB (blue), and Uniprot (red). P37173 is at the center, connected to O35613 (top), P07200 (bottom-left), Q99K41 (bottom), and P10600 (right). O35613 is also connected to P07200. Q9UER7 is connected to P10600.

Integrative Systems Biology

- Biological data
- Databases
- Analysis tools: Bioinformatics
- Integration into Systems Biology: ENFIN

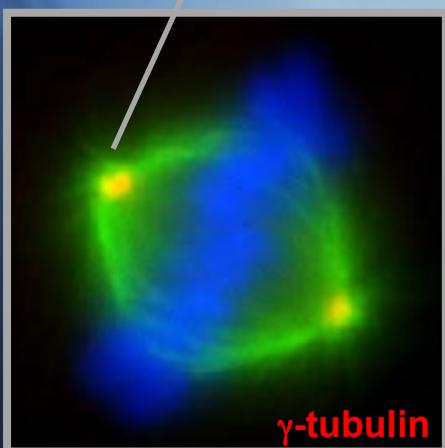
Analysis Platform





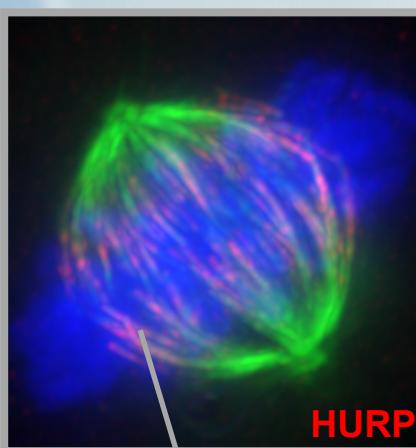
Example 1: Where do we expect a protein with a function in mitosis to localize?

Centrosomes
(SPINDLE POLES)



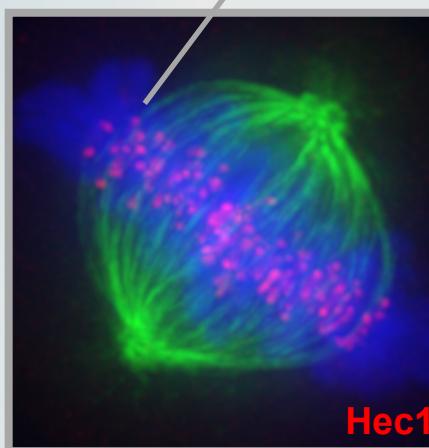
γ -tubulin

Microtubules
(SPINDLE)



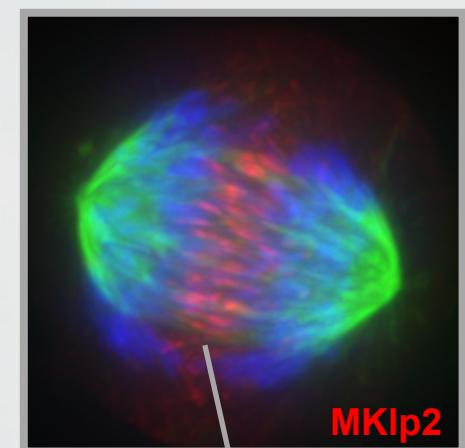
HURP

Kinetochores
(CHROMOSOMES)



Hec1

Microtubules
(CENTRAL SPINDLE)



MKlp2

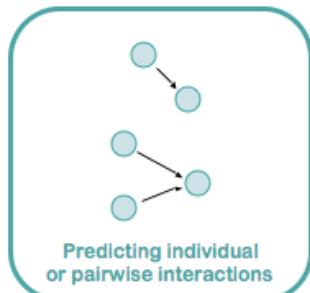
α -Tubulin → Microtubules

DAPI → DNA

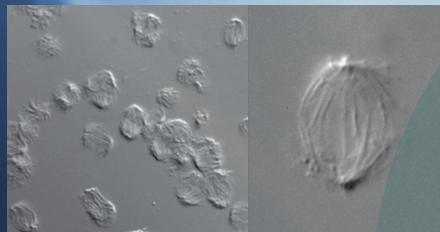


E. Nigg, MPIB, Munich

Discrete Function Prediction



Protein Purification



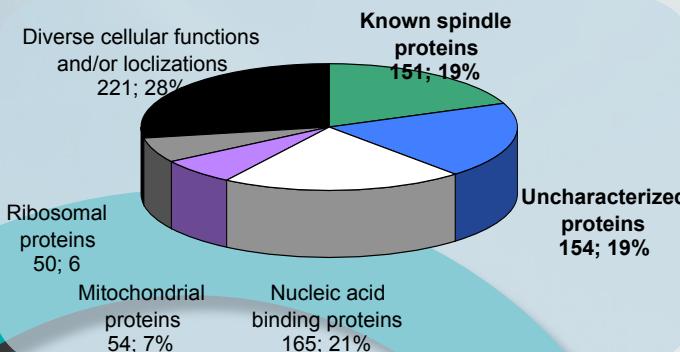
New Mitotic Spindle Proteins



Silljé and Nigg, Methods 2006
Sauer et al., Mol Cell Proteomics 2005
Santamaria et al., Current Biol. 2008

Data Analysis

Diverse cellular functions and/or localizations
221; 28%



Analysis Platform

Discrete Function Prediction

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A. Valencia (CNIO, Sp.)

C. Orengo (UCL, UK)

S. Brunak (DTU, Denmark)

Function Prediction

	Method I	Method II	Method III	Method IV	Method V	Method VI	Method VII	
	High Conf.	Medium	Low	Null				
Targ 1	7.7	4.2	8.3	X	X	X	X	***
Targ 2	6.2	8.4	-	X	-	X	X	***
Targ 3	3.5	-	6.2	X	-	Y	-	***
Targ 4	4.3	-	3.1	X	-	-	X	***
Targ 5	-	8.4	3.3	*	-	X	X	***
Targ 6	-	1.1	-	*	-	-	X	***
Targ 7	3.4	-	-	*	-	X	-	***
Targ 8	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	***

Semantic similarity

Fused Domain architectures

Domain over-representation

Inherited Protein Interaction

Literature mining iHOP

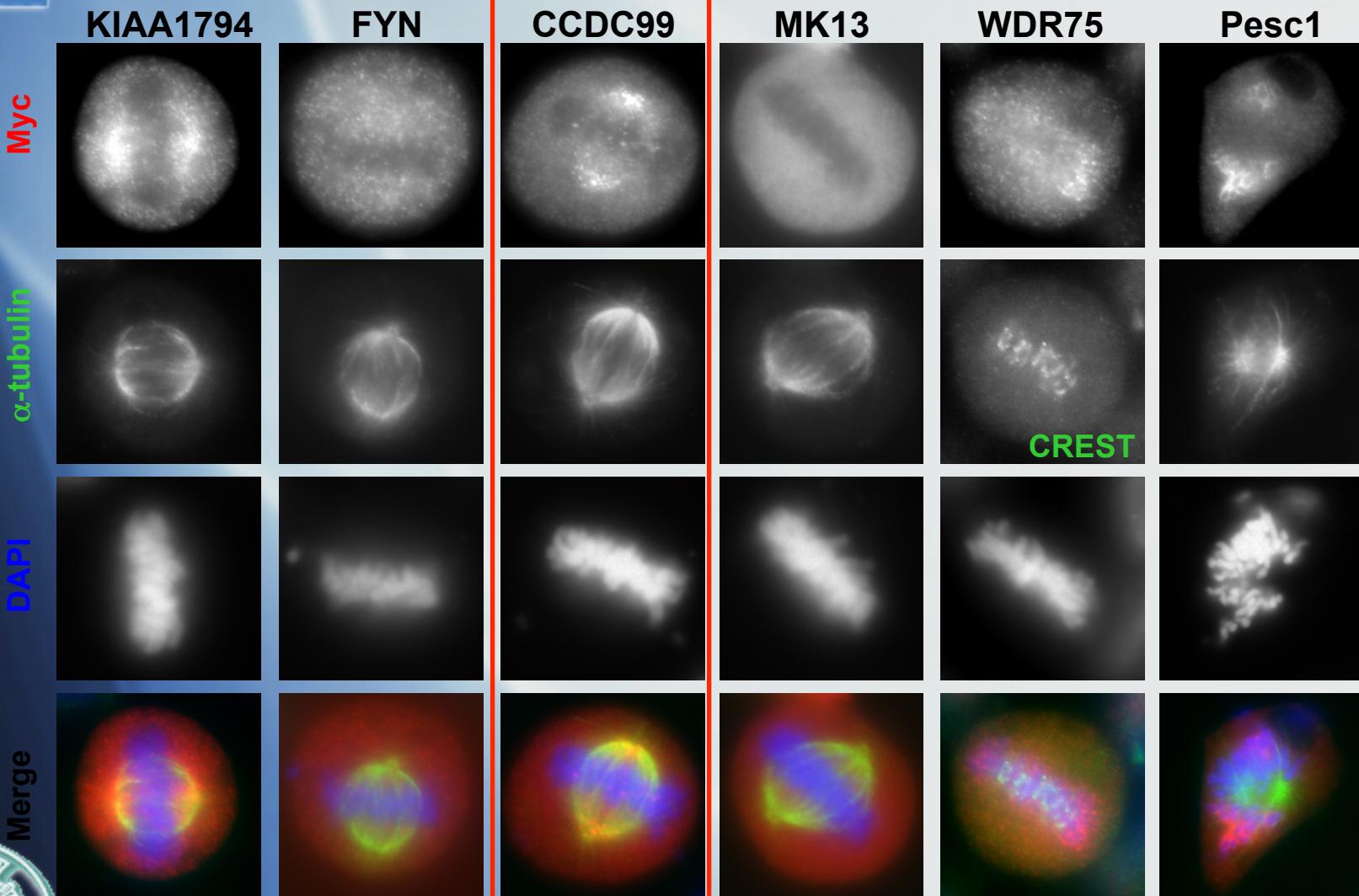
Vector Machine

Neural Networks

Validation of Candidates



Protein localization: Immunofluorescence Microscopy



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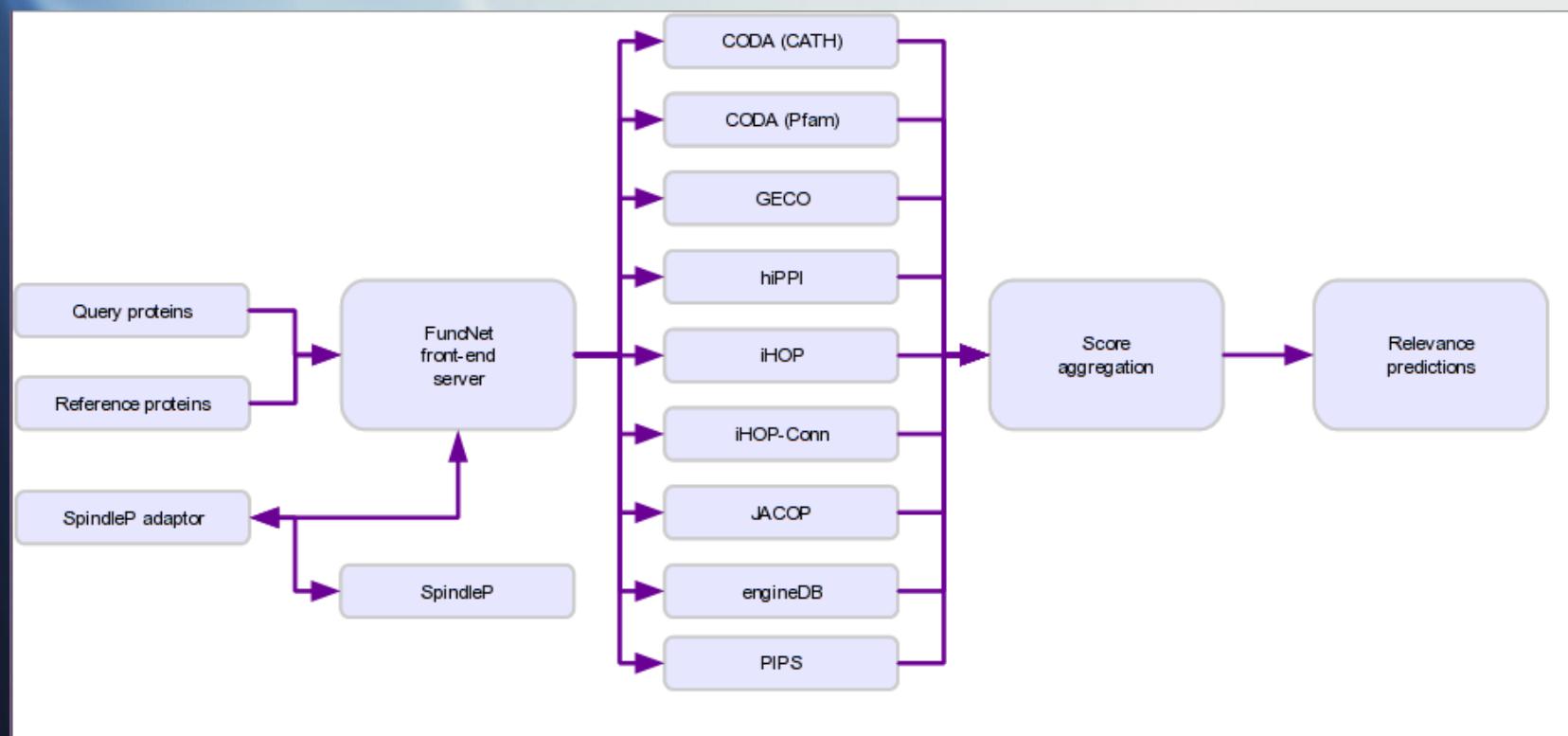
Analysis with Workflow

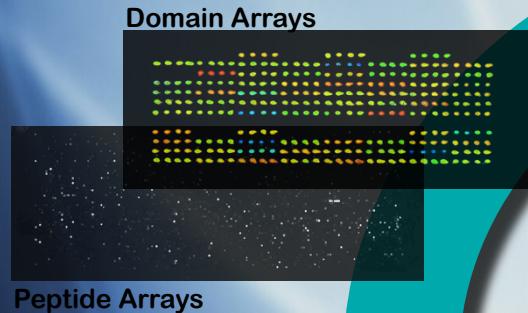
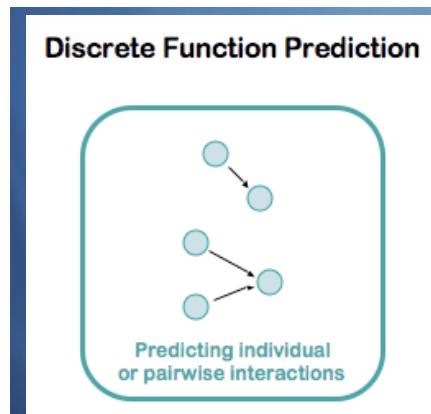
Discrete Function Prediction

C. Orengo (UCL)

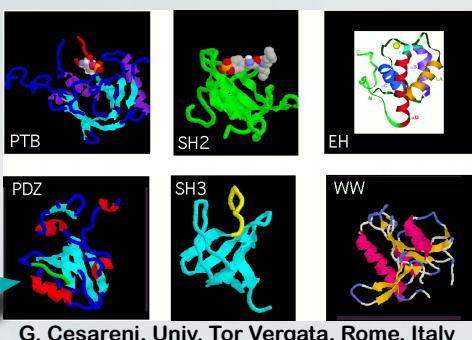


www.funcNet.eu





Peptide Arrays



Kiemer et al., Proteomics 2007



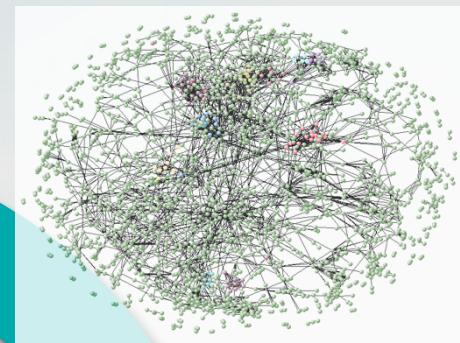
Validation of Candidates:
Pull-down Assay

Analysis Platform

Protein Interaction Networks

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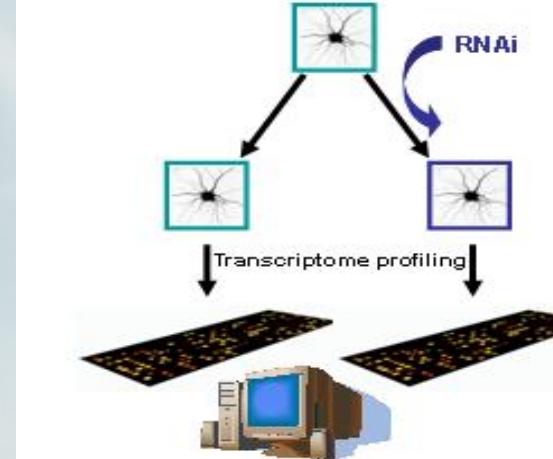
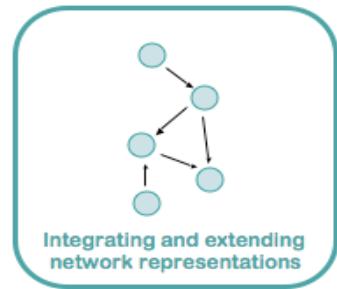


SH2 Domain Interaction Network

Prediction of new interactions



Network Reconstruction



Differential gene expression



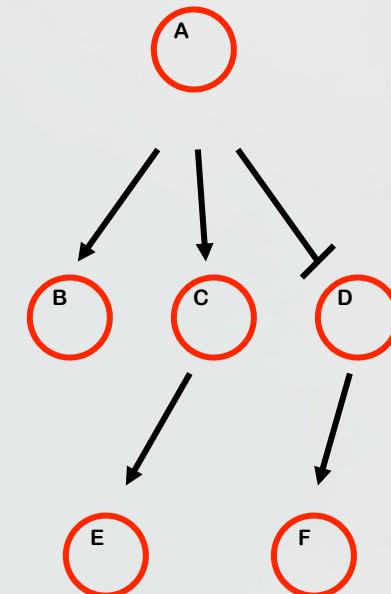
Prediction of regulatory networks

Unchanged expression

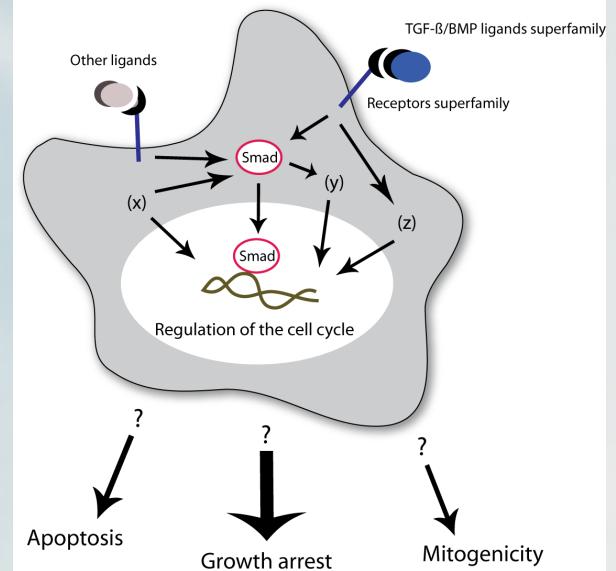
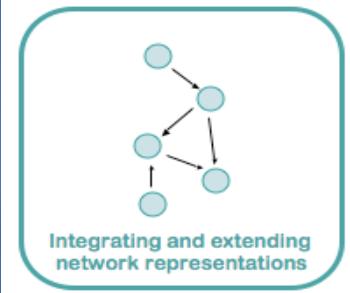
Set of down-regulated genes

Set of up-regulated genes

Unchanged expression



Network Reconstruction

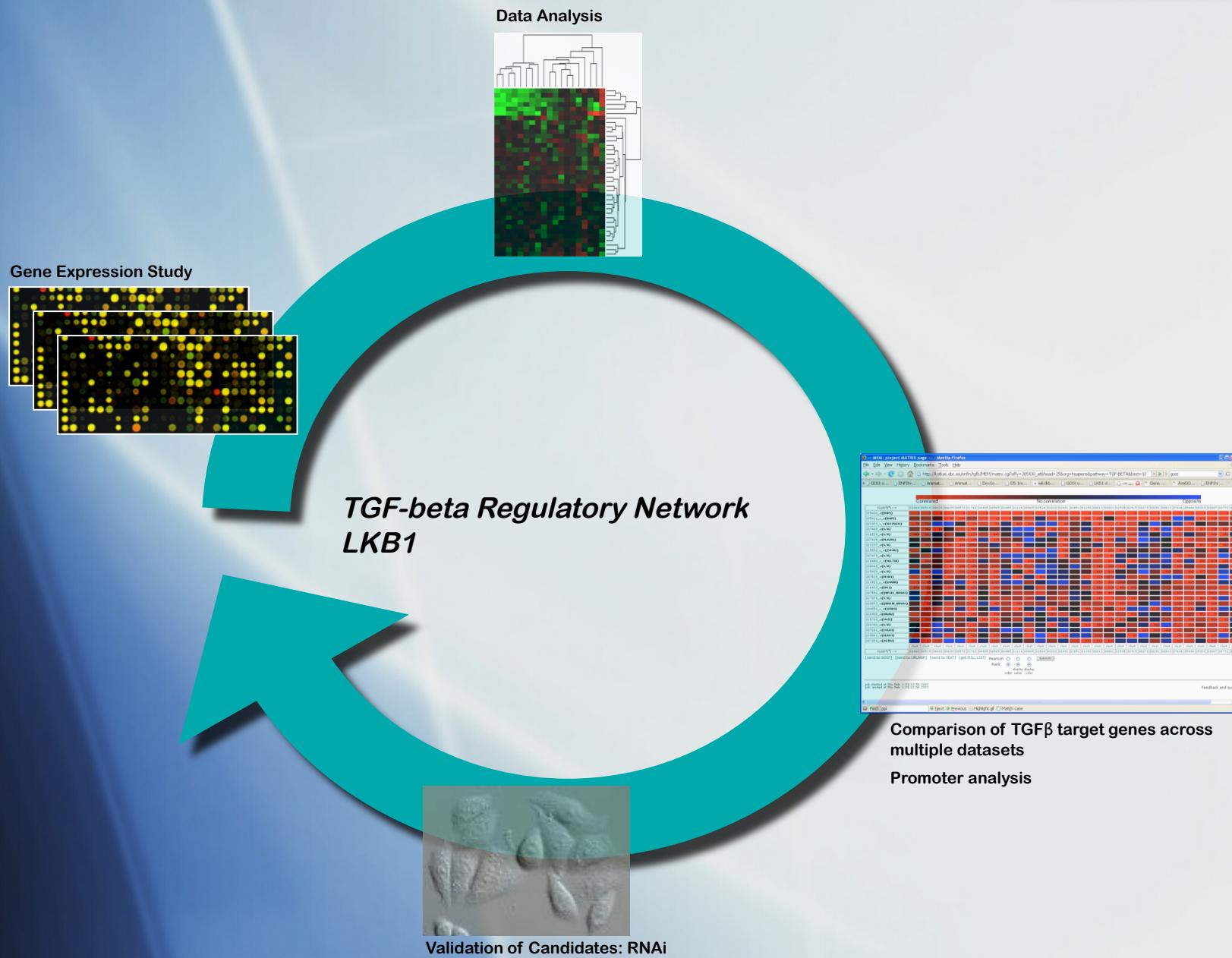


Co-expression of TGF β target gene(s)
across multiple datasets



Analysis Platform

Network Reconstruction



Analysis Platform

Network Reconstruction

J. Adjaye (MPI, Germany)

J. Vilo (QURETEC)

I. Xenarios (SIB, Switzl.)

ChIP-chip
KD - Gene Expression

Data Analysis

Identification of target genes of Oct4
Promoter analysis

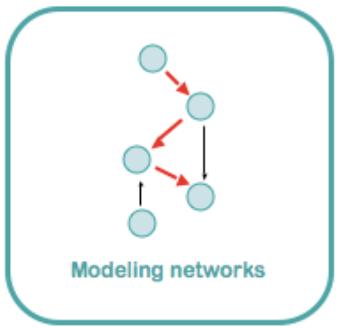
ES cells Regulatory Network

Validation of new targets

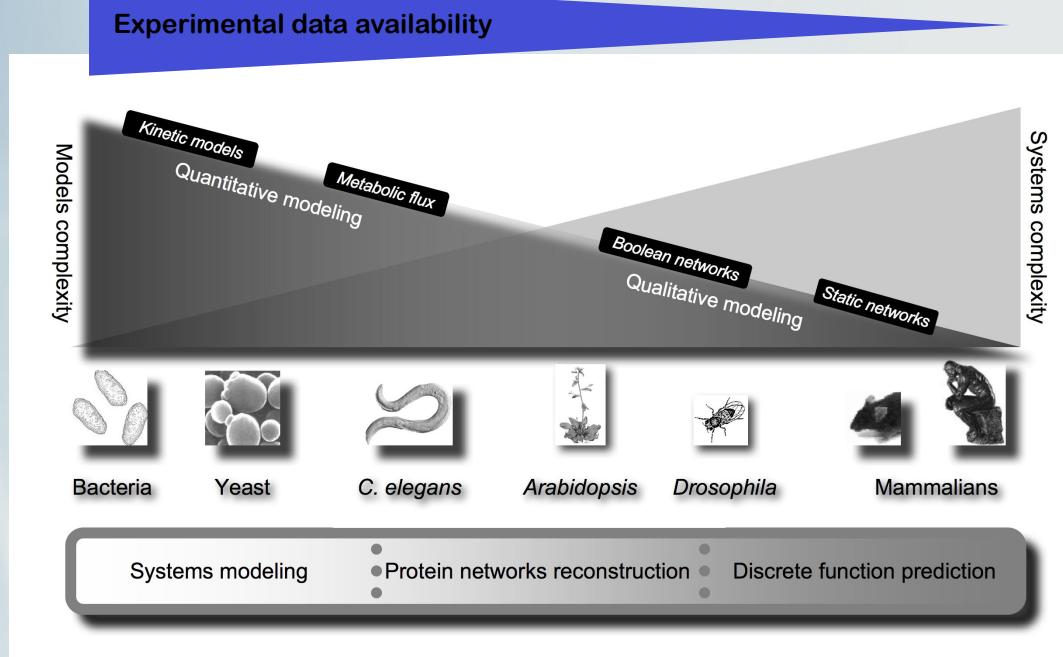
Modeling

Jung et al., PlosONE 2010

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Choice of the system



Modeling methods



A v1 B v2 C

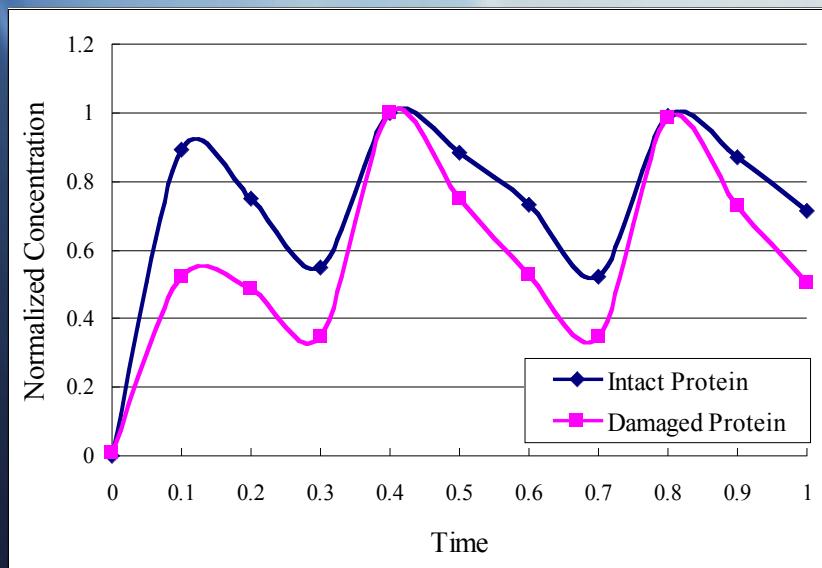
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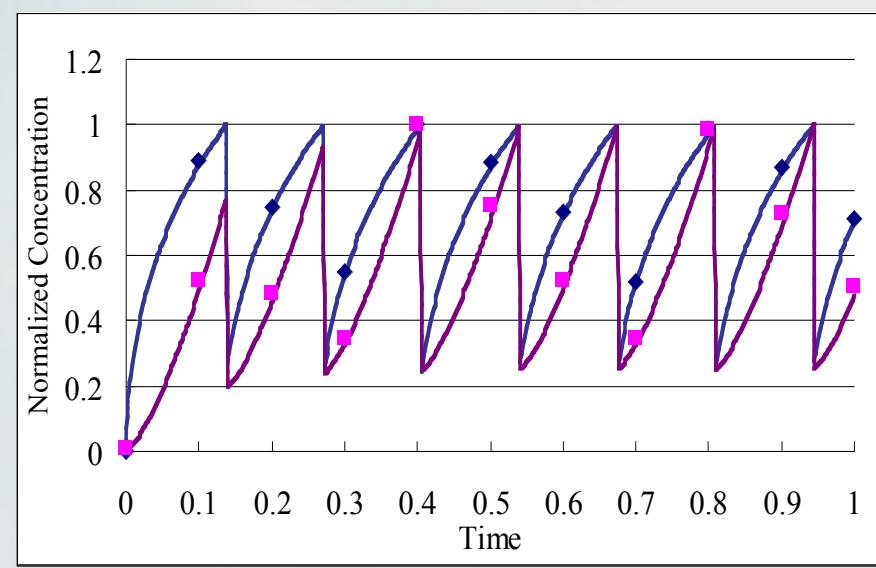
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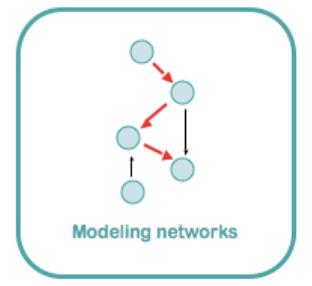
Wrong



Real

Constructing a mathematical model of a biological system

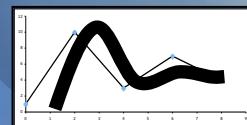
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Predicting
novel properties
of the system

Simulating
various versions
of the model

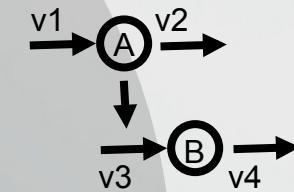
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Experiments
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Model topology

Size
Components
Reactions



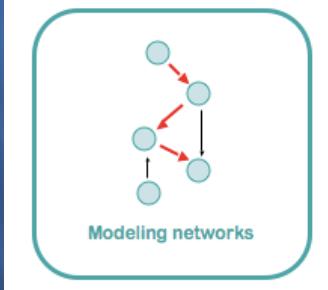
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system of
Ordinary Differential
Equations

$d[A]/dt=v1-v2$
 $d[B]/dt=v3-v4$
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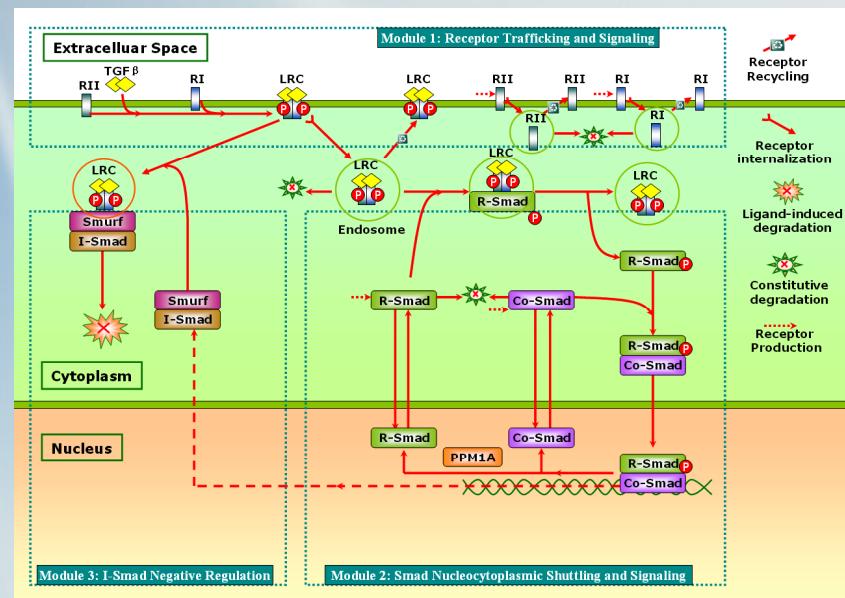
Implementing
experimental parameters
and initial concentrations

Kinetic modeling

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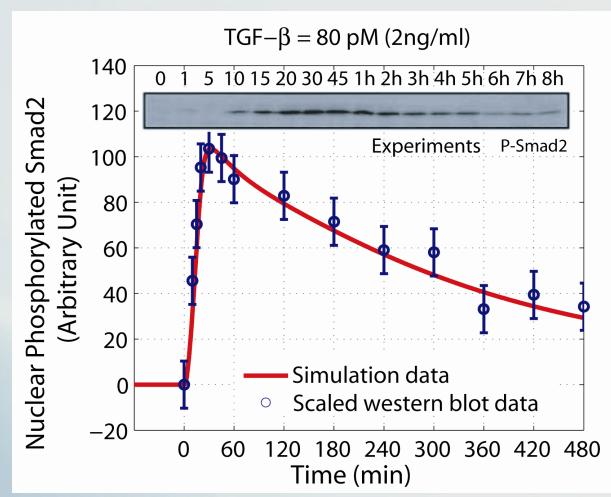
Modeling Signaling pathways: TGF-beta



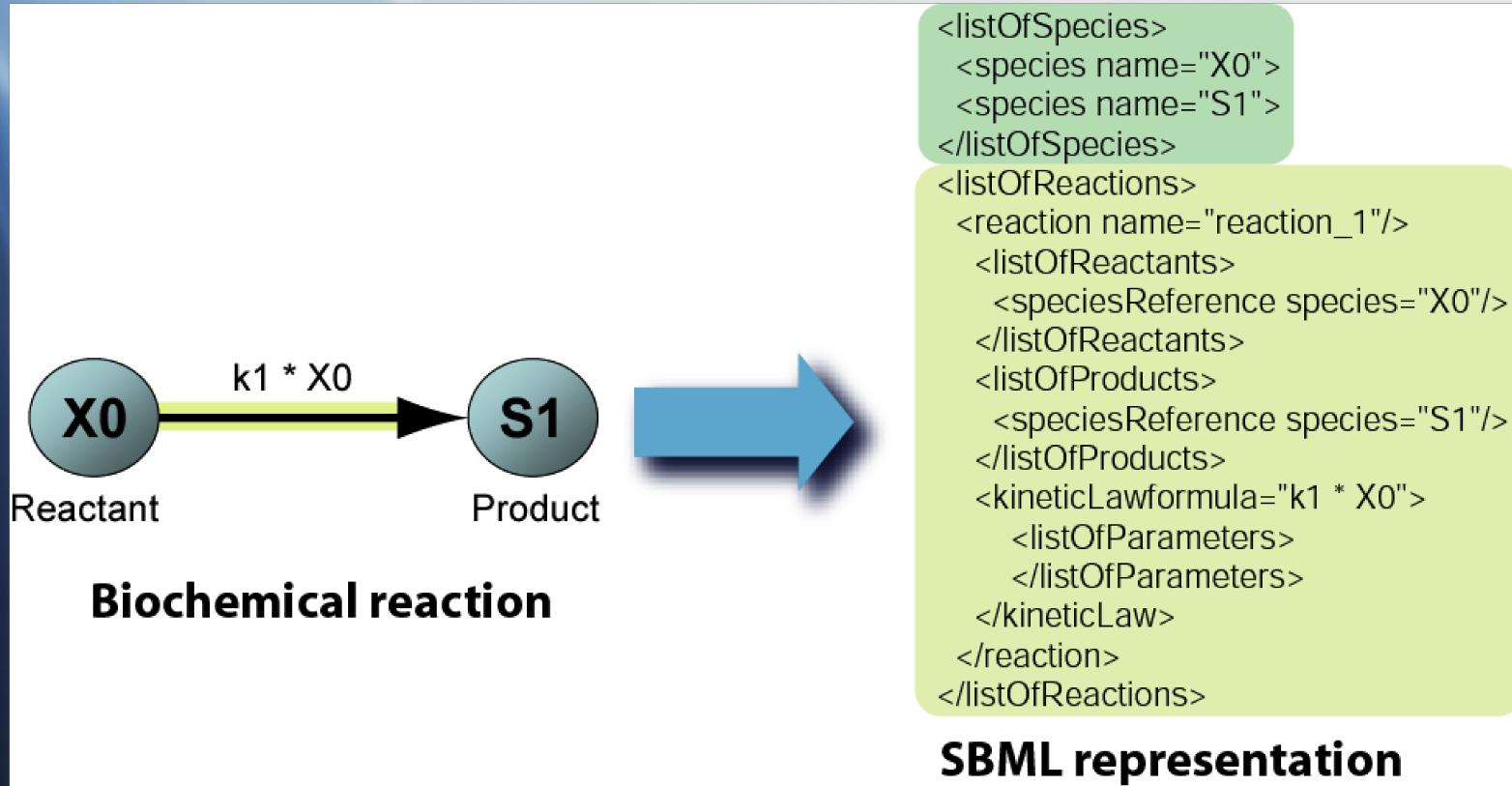
Differential equations

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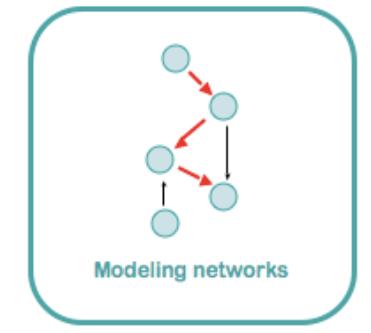
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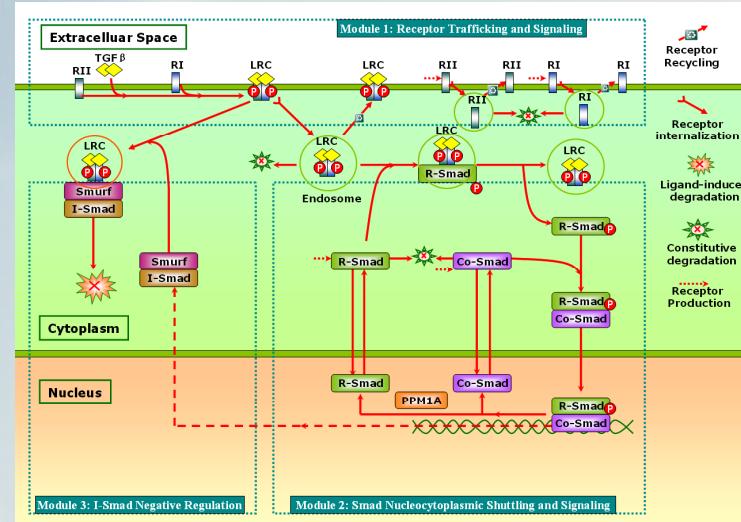
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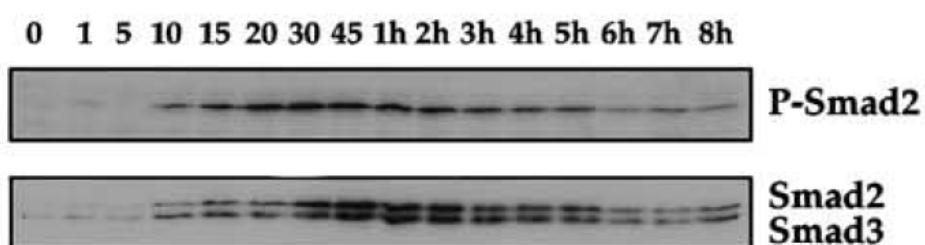
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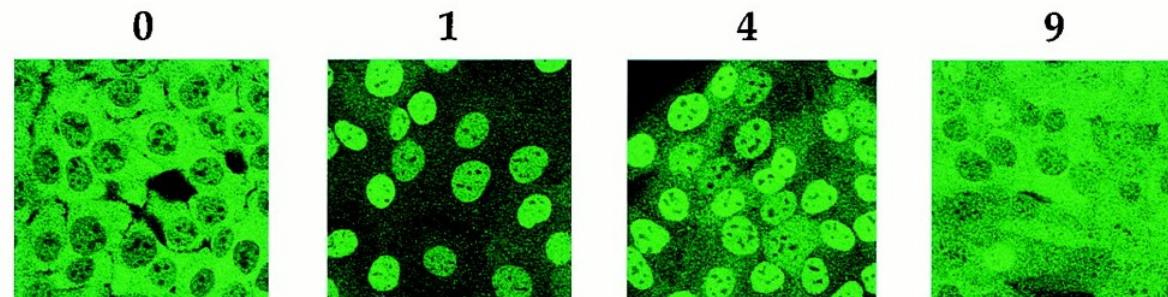


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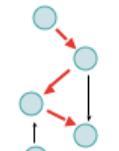
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Smad3



From Zi Z. MPIMG, Berlin, Germany

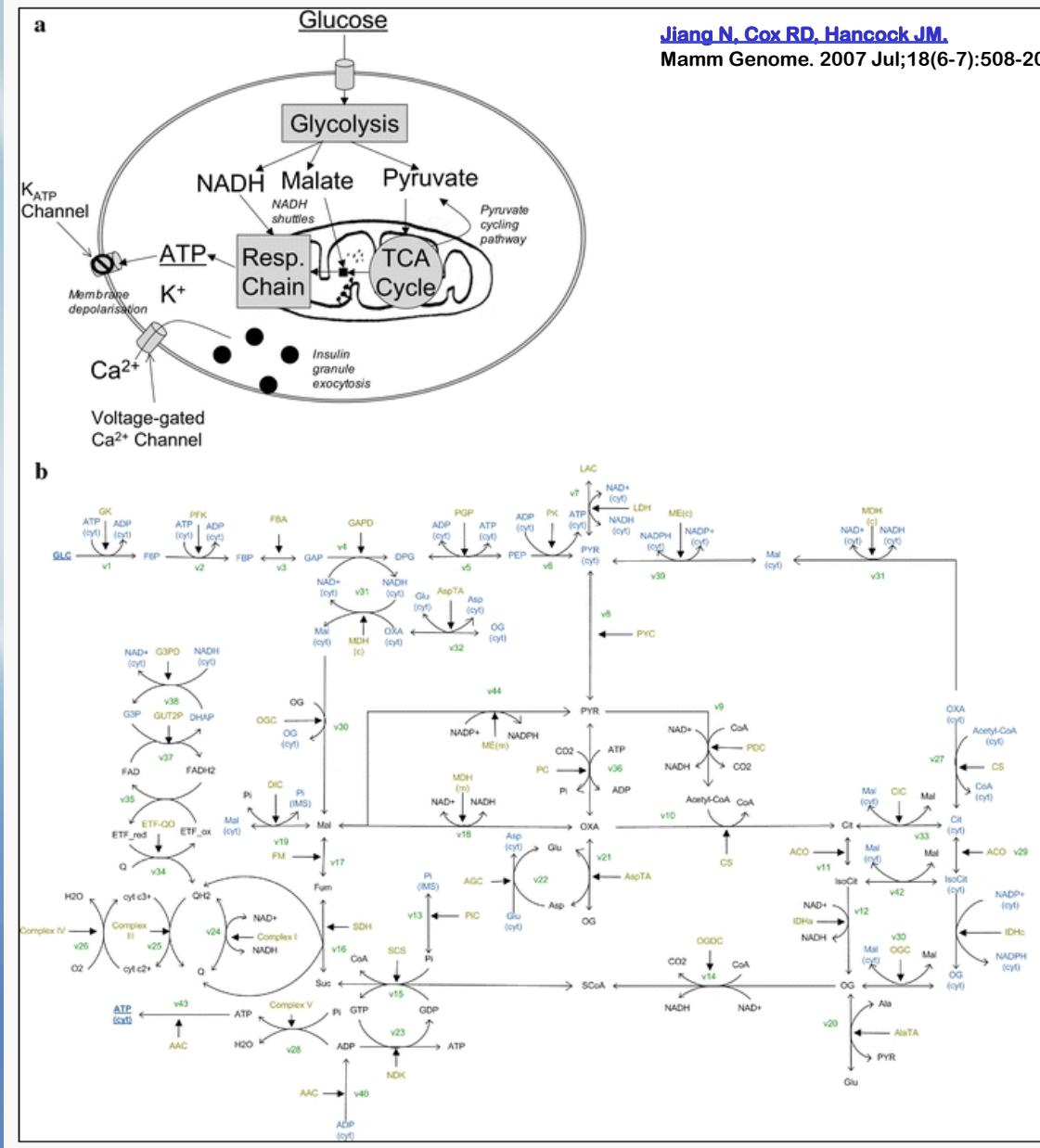
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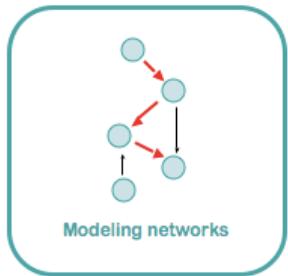
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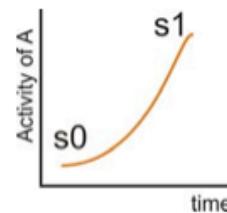
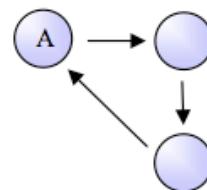
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Boolean modeling

Positive feed-back



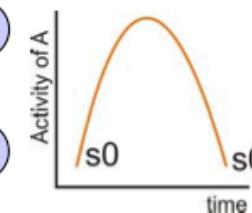
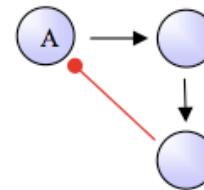
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Biological:

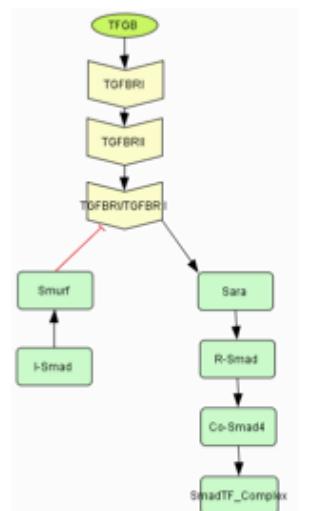
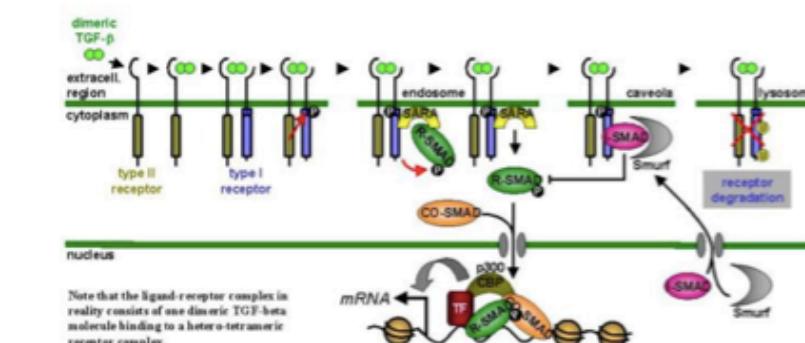
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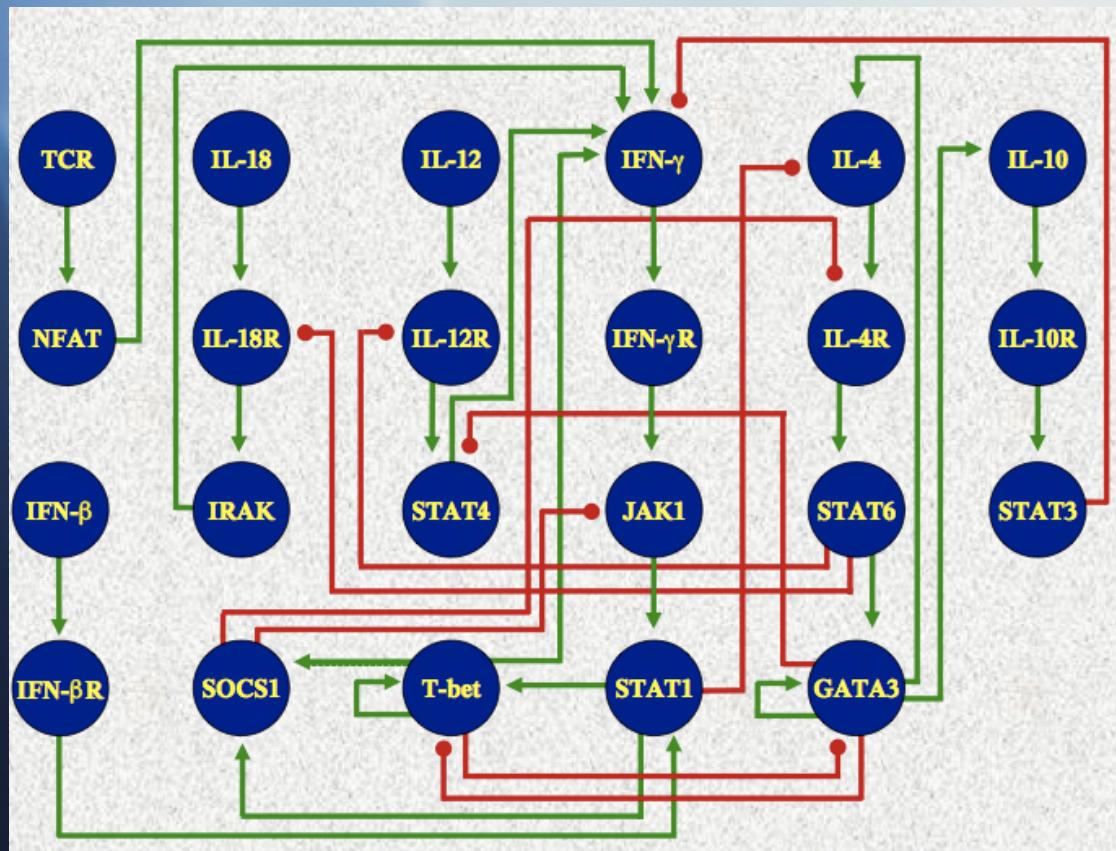
Transitory states, oscillations

Homeostasis



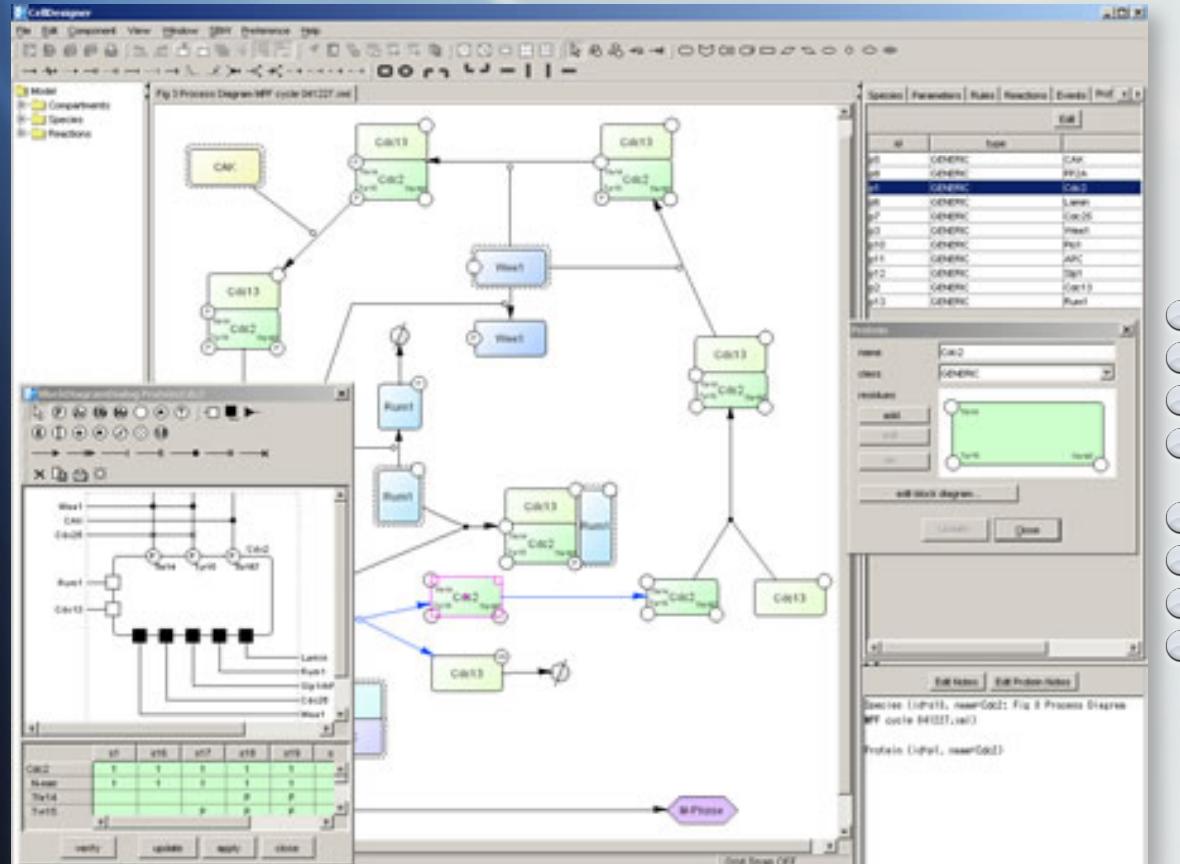
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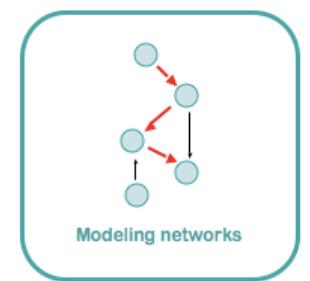
Model design tools



Full SBML support
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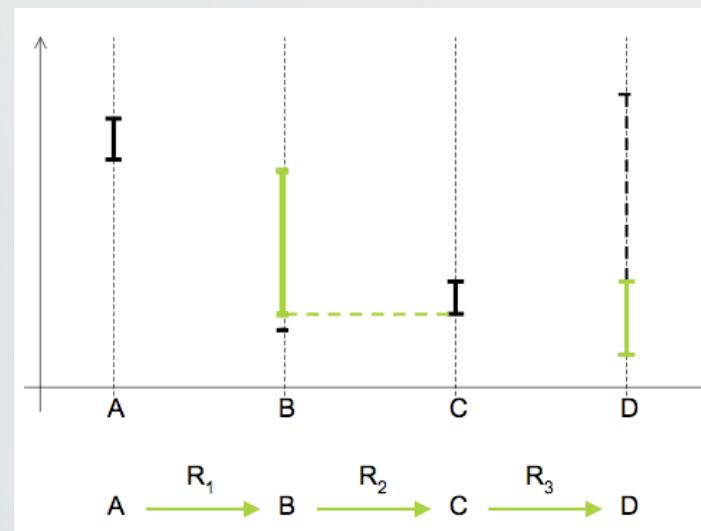
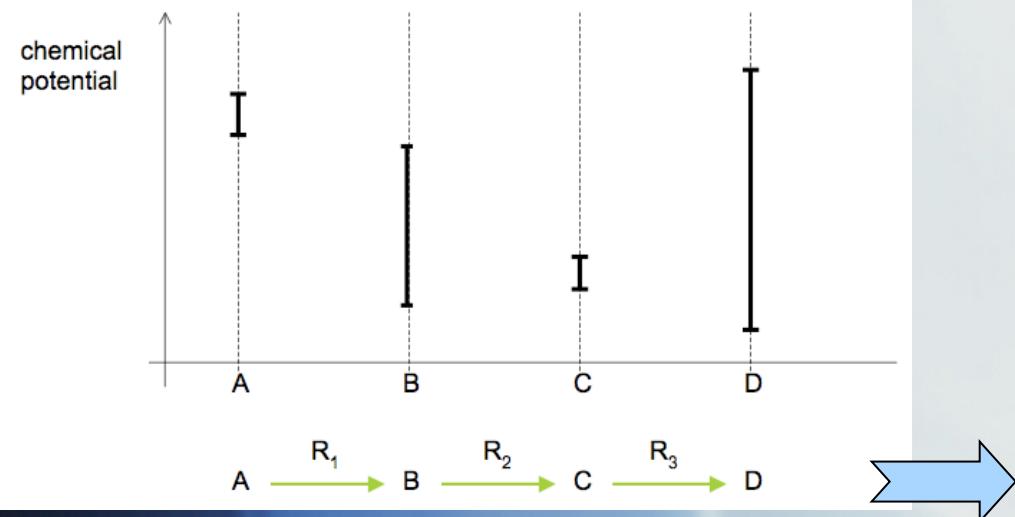
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Modeling metabolic networks: Central carbon metabolism in Yeast

Constrain-based modeling

Propagating the constraints



Models database



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The Next Step After Standard Formats

For computational modeling to become more widely used in biological research, researchers must be able to exchange and share their results. The development and broad acceptance of common model representation formats such as [SBML](#) is a crucial step in that direction, allowing researchers to exchange and build upon each other's work with greater ease and accuracy.

The BioModels.net project is another step: an international effort to (1) define agreed-upon standards for model curation, (2) define agreed-upon vocabularies for annotating models with connections to biological data resources, and (3) provide a free, centralized, publicly-accessible database of annotated, computational models in SBML and other structured formats.

Helping to Define Community Standards

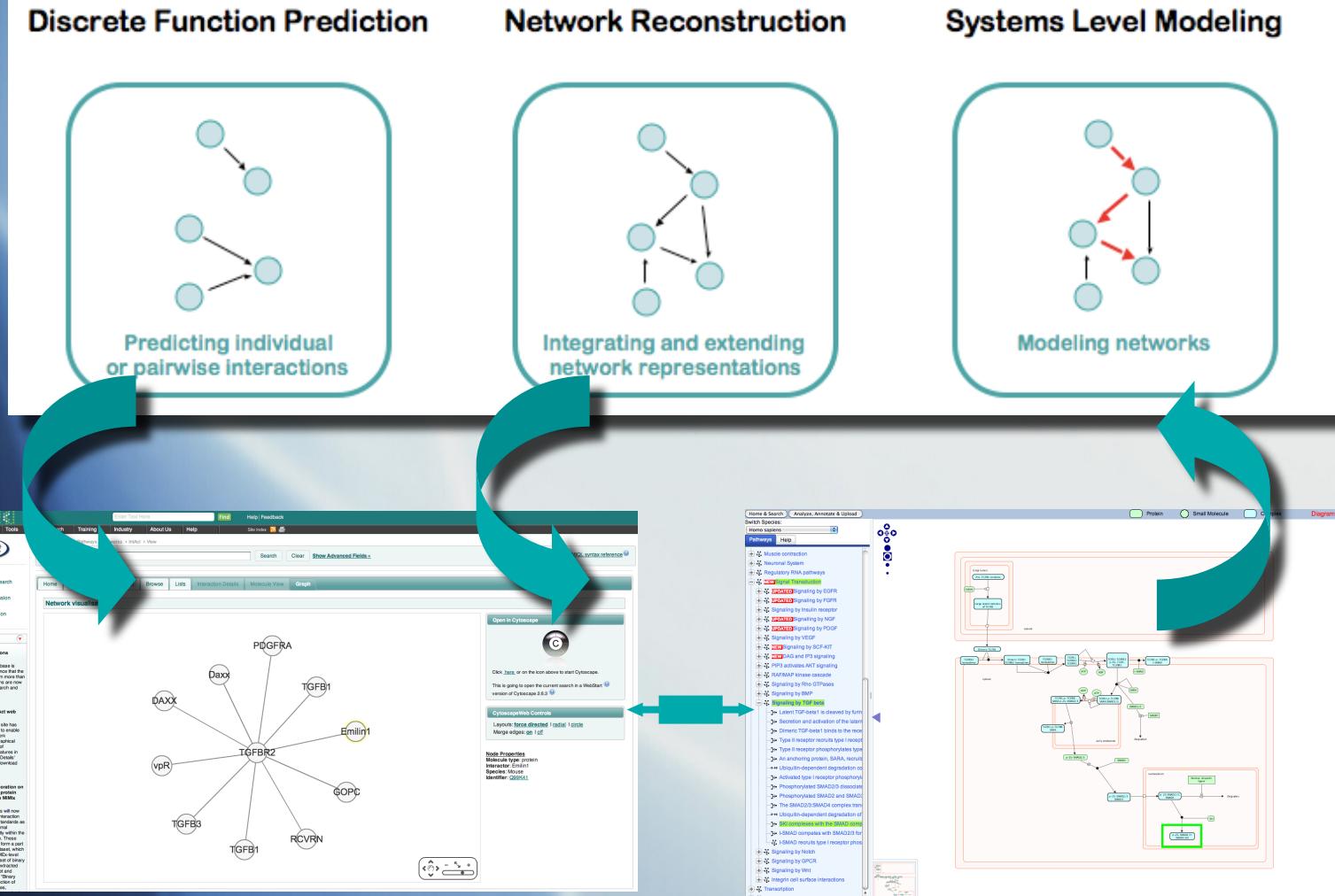
To facilitate assembling useful collections of quantitative models of biological phenomena, it is crucial to establish standards for the vocabularies used in model annotations as well as criteria for minimum quality levels of those models. The BioModels.net project aims to bring together a community of interested researchers to address these issues. We are working towards defining these standards through white papers and process definitions. All of the products of our efforts are open and freely available through this site.

Standards and Processes Developed Hand-in-Hand with a New Database

The database component of BioModels.net is especially designed for working with *annotated* computational models: each model is carefully reviewed and augmented by human annotators on the BioModels.net team to add metadata linking the model elements to other biological databases and resources. The [BioModels database at the EBI](#) system goes far beyond other collections of models by being a *true* database, featuring browsing, cross-referencing, searching, and facilities for visualization, exporting models in different formats, and remote API access.

Data Integration

Storage of Predicted Data



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Reactome - a curated knowledgebase of biological pathways

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Apoptosis	Axon guidance	Biological oxidations	Botulinum neurotoxicity
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Metabolism of nucleotides	Metabolism of porphyrins	Pyruvate metabolism and TCA cycle	Regulation of beta-cell development
Regulatory RNA pathways	Signaling by BMP	Signaling by EGFR	Signaling by FGFR
Signaling by GPCR	Signaling by PDGF	Signaling in Immune system	Signaling by Insulin receptor
Signalling by NGF	Signaling by Notch	Opioid Signalling	Signaling by Rho GTPases
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User Survey

Reactome is committed to providing access to high-quality pathway information and useful data analysis tools. With this in mind, we are actively soliciting comments from the research community in order to assess community needs. We are interested to hear about your experience with Reactome, and would like to know a bit about your background and research interests so that we can continue to improve the Reactome site and tools. You can access the survey [here](#). Thanks for taking part.

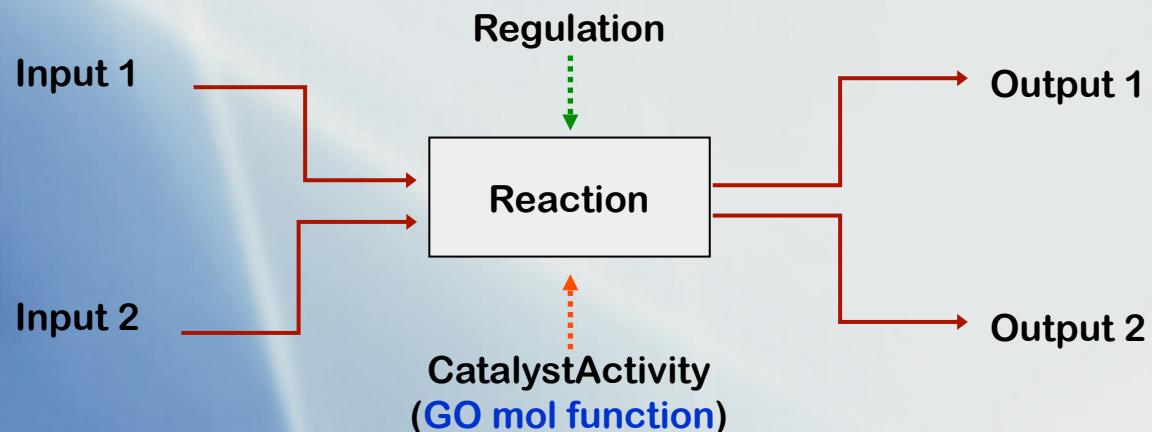
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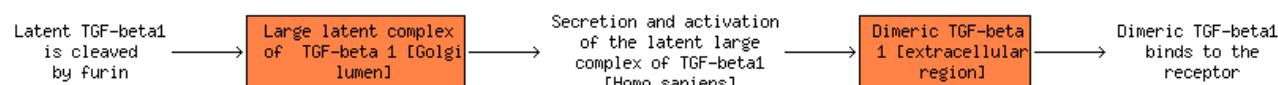
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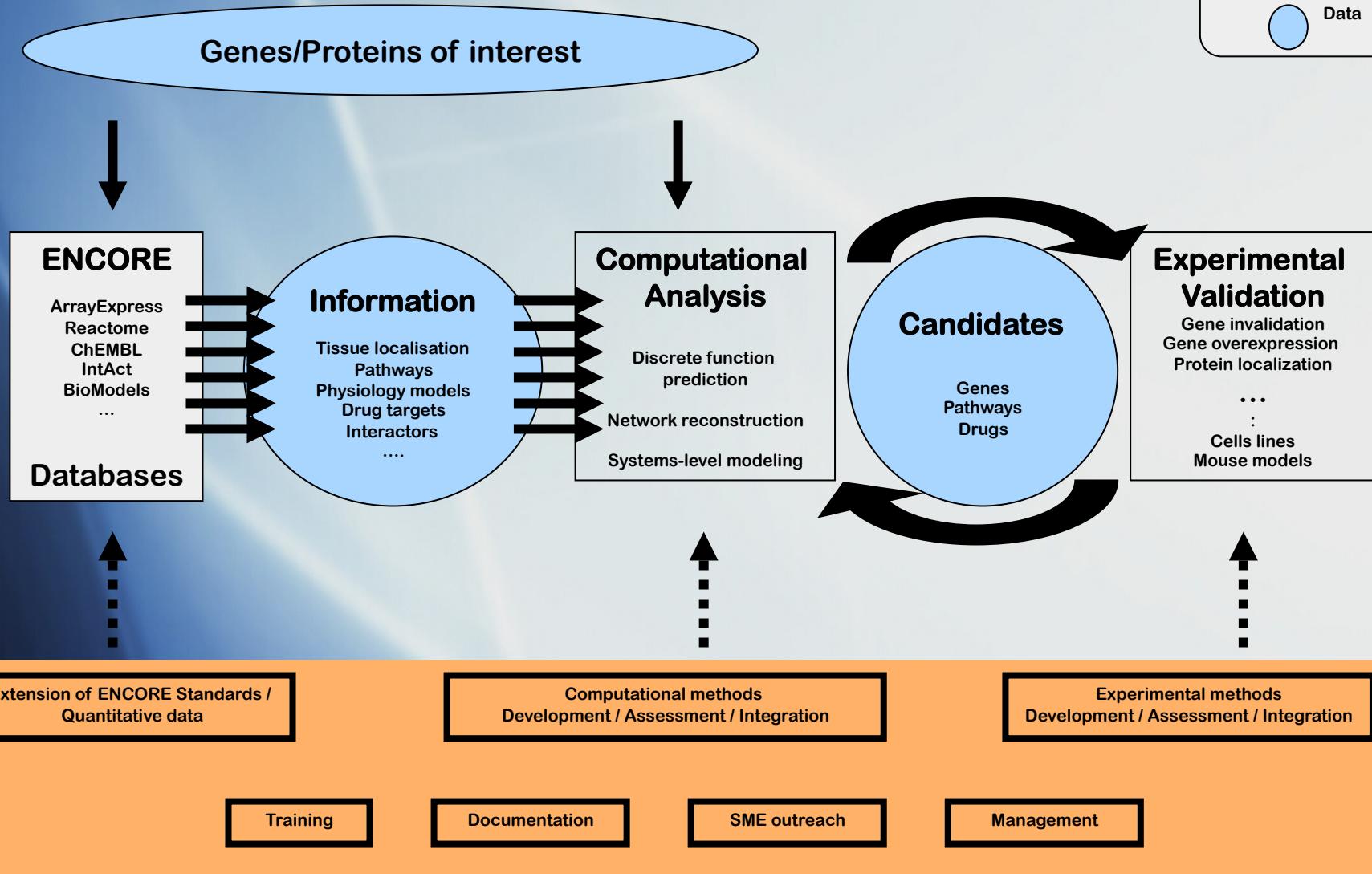
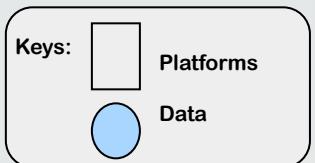
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↳ Secretion and activation of the latent large complex of TGF-beta1 [Homo sapiens]

- ↳ Dimeric TGF-beta1 binds to the receptor
- ↳ Type II receptor recruits type I receptor
- ↳ Type II receptor phosphorylates type I receptor
- ↳ An anchoring protein, SARA, recruits R-SMAD
- ↳ Ubiquitin-dependent degradation controls basal levels of R-SMAD
- ↳ Activated type I receptor phosphorylates R-SMAD directly
- ↳ Phospho-R-SMAD dissociates from the receptor complex
- ↳ Phospho-R-SMAD forms a complex with CO-SMAD
- ↳ The phospho-R-SMAD:CO-SMAD transfers to the nucleus
- ↳ Ubiquitin-dependent degradation of the SMAD complex terminates TGF-beta signaling
- ↳ SKI complexes with the SMAD complex, suppressing TGF-beta signaling
- ↳ I-SMAD competes with R-SMAD for type I receptor
- ↳ I-SMAD recruits type I receptor phosphatase and ubiquitin ligases to mediate receptor downregulation

Diagram

Details
Secretion and activation of the latent large complex of TGF-beta1

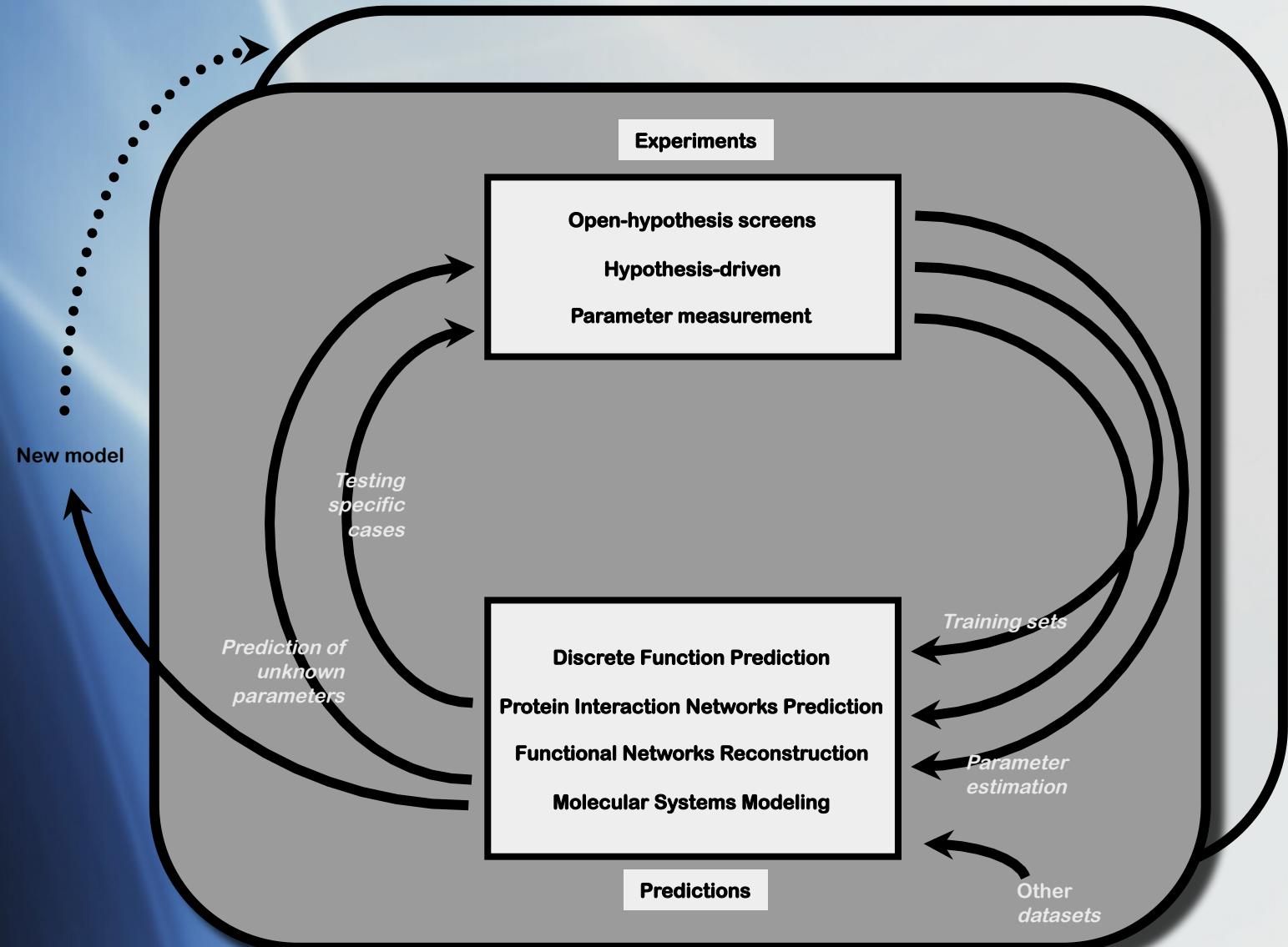
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<p>The large latent complex of TGF-beta1 is secreted by exocytosis to the extracellular region. TGF-beta 1 in the LLC cannot interact with the receptors and for this reason we say that it requires "activation". This means release from the LLC. This release is achieved by many mechanisms: proteolytic cleavage of the LTBP1, thrombospondin-1 binding to the LLC, integrin alphaV-beta6 binding to the LLC, reactive oxygen species and low pH. The release of mature dimeric TGF-beta1 is essentially a mechanical process that demands cleavage and opening of the LLC structure so that the caged mature C-terminal TGF-beta1 polypeptide is released to reach the receptor.</p>	
Input (present at start of reaction)	Large latent complex of TGF-beta 1 [Golgi lumen]
Output (present at end of reaction)	Dimeric TGF-beta 1 [extracellular region]
Preceding event(s)	Latent TGF-beta1 is cleaved by furin [Homo sapiens]
Following event(s)	Dimeric TGF-beta1 binds to the receptor [Homo sapiens]
Organism	Homo sapiens

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Discrete function prediction

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Network reconstruction

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