

# Thermodynamically constrain a metabolic model

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## INTRODUCTION

In flux balance analysis of genome scale stoichiometric models of metabolism, the principal constraints are uptake or secretion rates, the steady state mass conservation assumption and reaction directionality. Von Bertalanffy [1,4] is a set of methods for (i) quantitative estimation of thermochemical parameters for metabolites and reactions using the component contribution method [3], (ii) quantitative assignment of reaction directionality in a multi-compartmental genome scale model based on an application of the second law of thermodynamics to each reaction [2], (iii) analysis of thermochemical parameters in a network context, and (iv) thermodynamically constrained flux balance analysis. The theoretical basis for each of these methods is detailed within the cited papers.

## EQUIPMENT

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

Python 2.7

NumPy 1.11.1

ChemAxon MarvinBeans 16.9.5.0

OpenBabel 2.3

## EQUIPMENT SETUP

The following commands are entered in a terminal window (bash or similar shell).

### Python 2

OpenBabel only works with Python 2. Most distributions should already have this installed, but if this is not the case, the following lines will do it:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:fkruhl/deadsnakes
```

```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt-get install python2.7
```

### NumPy

NumPy can be installed using the following commands:

```
sudo apt-get install python-dev
```

```
sudo apt-get install python-setuptools
```

```
sudo wget http://downloads.sourceforge.net/project/numpy/NumPy/1.11.1/numpy-1.11.1.tar.gz
```

```
sudo tar -xzf numpy-1.11.1.tar.gz
```

```
sudo cd numpy-1.11.1
```

```
sudo python setup.py build -j 4 install
```

## ChemAxon Calculator Plugin

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Download the license and place it under (replace USER by your actual user account):

```
/home/USER/.chemaxon
```

Download MarvinBeans for Linux, navigate to the directory where it was saved and make it executable (here, we downloaded version 16.9.5.0 - use the appropriate filename for your version):

```
sudo chmod +x marvinbeans-16.9.5.0-linux_with_jre64.sh
```

Execute the installer (again, use the same filename as above):

```
sudo ./marvinbeans-16.9.5.0-linux_with_jre64.sh
```

When asked for an installation directory, make it:

```
/opt/ChemAxon/MarvinBeans
```

This is important, since this is the path used by COBRA Toolbox.

Finally, add the installation path to the PATH environment variable:

```
PATH=$PATH:/opt/ChemAxon/MarvinBeans/bin
```

```
sudo export PATH
```

## OpenBabel and Python bindings

Install the OpenBabel and Python 2 bindings by entering the following:

```
sudo apt-get install openbabel
```

```
sudo apt-get install python-openbabel
```

## PROCEDURE

### Configure the environment

With all dependencies installed correctly, we configure our environment, verify all dependencies, and add required fields and directories to the matlab path.

```
if 1
    initVonBertalanffy
end
```

## Select the model

This tutorial is tested for the E. coli model iAF1260 and the human metabolic model Recon3.0model. However, only the data for the former is provided within the COBRA Toolbox as it is used for testing von Bertalanffy, while Recon3D is not yet published and the data is not yet available. Having said this, the figures generated below are most suited to plotting results for Recon3Dmodel, so they may not be so useful for iAF1260. The Recon3Dmodel example uses values from literature for input variables where they are available.

```
if 0
    modelName='iAF1260';
else
    modelName='Recon3.0model';
end
```

## Load a model

Load a model, and save it as the original model in the workspace, unless it is already loaded into the workspace.

```
clear model
if ~exist('modelOrig','var')
    switch modelName
        case 'iAF1260'
            load('iAF1260.mat');
            if model.S(952, 350)==0
                model.S(952, 350)=1; % One reaction needing mass balancing in iAF1260
            end
            model.metCharges(strcmp('asntrna[c]', model.mets))=0; % One reaction needing charge
        case 'Recon3.0model'
            modelPath='~/work/sbgCloud/programReconstruction/projects/recon2models/data/recon3.0model';
            model = loadIdentifiedModel(modelName,modelPath);
            model.csense(1:size(model.S,1),1)='E';
            %Hack for thermodynamics
            model.metFormulas(strcmp(model.mets,'h[i]'))='H';
            model.metFormulas(cellfun('isempty',model.metFormulas)) = {'R'};
            if isfield(model,'metCharge')
                model.metCharges = double(model.metCharge);
                model=rmfield(model,'metCharge');
            end
            modelOrig = model;
        otherwise
            error('setup specific parameters for your model')
    end
else
    model=modelOrig;
end
```

## Set the directory containing the results

```
switch modelName
    case 'iAF1260'
        resultsPath=which('tutorial_vonBertalanffy.mlx');
        resultsPath=strrep(resultsPath,'/tutorial_vonBertalanffy.mlx','');
        resultsPath=[resultsPath filesep modelName '_results'];
        resultsBaseFileName=[resultsPath filesep modelName '_results'];
```

```

case 'Recon3.0model'
    basePath='~/work/sbgCloud';
    resultsPath=[basePath '/programReconstruction/projects/recon2models/results/thermo/' m
    resultsBaseFileName=[resultsPath filesep modelName '_' datestr(now,30) '_'];
otherwise
    error('setup specific parameters for your model')
end

```

## Set the directory containing molfiles

```

switch modelName
case 'iAF1260'
    molfileDir = 'iAF1260Molfiles';
case 'Recon3.0model'
    molfileDir = [basePath '/data/molFilesDatabases/explicitHMol'];
    %molfileDir = [basePath '/programModelling/projects/atomMapping/results/molFilesDataba
    %molfileDir = [basePath '/programModelling/projects/atomMapping/results/molFilesDataba
otherwise
    error('setup specific parameters for your model')
end

```

## Set the thermochemical parameters for the model

```

switch modelName
case 'iAF1260'
    T = 310.15; % Temperature in Kelvin
    compartments = ['c'; 'e'; 'p']; % Cell compartment identifiers
    ph = [7.7; 7.7; 7.7]; % Compartment specific pH
    is = [0.25; 0.25; 0.25]; % Compartment specific ionic strength in mol/L
    chi = [0; 90; 90]; % Compartment specific electrical potential relative to cytosol in
case 'Recon3.0model'
    % Temperature in Kelvin
    T = 310.15;
    % Cell compartment identifiers
    compartments = ['c'; 'e'; 'g'; 'l'; 'm'; 'n'; 'r'; 'x'; 'i'];
    % Compartment specific pH
    ph = [7.2; 7.4; 6.35; 5.5; 8; 7.2; 7.2; 7; 7.2];
    % Compartment specific ionic strength in mol/L
    is = 0.15*ones(length(compartments),1);
    % Compartment specific electrical potential relative to cytosol in mV
    chi = [0; 30; 0; 19; -155; 0; 0; -2.303*8.3144621e-3*T*(ph(compartments == 'x') - ph(c
otherwise
    error('setup specific parameters for your model')
end

```

## Set the default range of metabolite concentrations

```

switch modelName
case 'iAF1260'
    concMinDefault = 1e-5; % Lower bounds on metabolite concentrations in mol/L
    concMaxDefault = 0.02; % Upper bounds on metabolite concentrations in mol/L
    metBoundsFile=[];
case 'Recon3.0model'
    concMinDefault=1e-5; % Lower bounds on metabolite concentrations in mol/L
    concMaxDefault=1e-2; % Upper bounds on metabolite concentrations in mol/L

```

```

        metBoundsFile=which('HumanCofactorConcentrations.txt');%already in the COBRA toolbox
    otherwise
        error('setup specific parameters for your model')
end

```

## Set the desired confidence level for estimation of thermochemical parameters

The confidence level for estimated standard transformed reaction Gibbs energies is used to quantitatively assign reaction directionality.

```

switch modelName
    case 'iAF1260'
        confidenceLevel = 0.95;
        DrGt0_Uncertainty_Cutoff = 20; %KJ/KMol
    case 'Recon3.0model'
        confidenceLevel = 0.95;
        DrGt0_Uncertainty_Cutoff = 20; %KJ/KMol
    otherwise
        error('setup specific parameters for your model')
end

```

## Prepare folder for results

```

if ~exist(resultsPath,'dir')
    mkdir(resultsPath)
end
cd(resultsPath)

```

## Set the print level and decide to record a diary or not (helpful for debugging)

```

printLevel=2;
if 1
    diary([resultsPath filesep 'diary.txt'])
end

```

# Setup a thermodynamically constrained model

## Read in the metabolite bounds

```

if 1
    setDefaultConc=1;
    setDefaultFlux=0;
    rxnBoundsFile=[];
    model=readMetRxnBoundsFiles(model,setDefaultConc,setDefaultFlux,concMinDefault,concMaxDefault)
end

```

```

Reading metabolite conc bounds from: /home/rfleming/work/sbgCloud/code/fork-cobratoolbox/src/analysis/th
    adp[c]      1e-07      0.0019
    adp[m]      0.0026      0.0094
    amp[c]      1e-07      0.0012
    atp[c]      0.00129      0.0049
    atp[m]      0.0028      0.0204
    coa[c]      2.92e-05      0.0001168
    coa[m]      0.0022      0.0039

```

|          |            |            |
|----------|------------|------------|
| nal[c]   | 1e-07      | 0.025      |
| nal[e]   | 0.1326     | 0.1554     |
| nad[c]   | 0.00010546 | 0.0007572  |
| nad[m]   | 0.0005     | 0.0075     |
| nadh[c]  | 9.2574e-07 | 0.00038294 |
| nadh[m]  | 1e-07      | 0.0011     |
| nadp[c]  | 1e-07      | 5.8284e-06 |
| nadp[m]  | 1e-07      | 0.0015     |
| nadph[c] | 1e-07      | 0.00037523 |
| nadph[m] | 1e-07      | 0.0042     |
| nh4[c]   | 0.0007     | 0.0009     |
| pi[c]    | 0.001      | 0.0063     |
| ppi[c]   | 0.0021     | 0.0076     |
| udp[g]   | 1.4e-06    | 0.00014    |

## Check inputs

```
model = configureSetupThermoModelInputs(model,T,compartments,ph,is,chi,concMinDefault,concMaxD
```

```
Field metCompartments is missing from model structure. Attempting to create it.
Attempt to create field metCompartments successful.
```

```
Warning: Setting temperature to a value other than 298.15 K may introduce error, since enthalpies and he
```

## Check elemental balancing of metabolic reactions

```
ignoreBalancingOfSpecifiedInternalReactions=1;
if ~exist('massImbalance','var')
    if isfield(model,'Srecon')
        model.S=model.Srecon;
    end
    % Check for imbalanced reactions
    fprintf('\nChecking mass and charge balance.\n');
    %Heuristically identify exchange reactions and metabolites exclusively involved in exchange
    if ~isfield(model,'SIntMetBool') || ~isfield(model,'SIntRxnBool') || ignoreBalancingOfSp
        %finds the reactions in the model which export/import from the model
        %boundary i.e. mass unbalanced reactions
        %e.g. Exchange reactions
        %    Demand reactions
        %    Sink reactions
        model = findSExRxnInd(model,[],printLevel);
    end

    if ignoreBalancingOfSpecifiedInternalReactions
        [nMet,nRxn]=size(model.S);
        ignoreBalancingMetBool=false(nMet,1);
        for m=1:nMet
            % if strcmp(model.mets{m},'Rtotal3coa[m]')
            %     pause(0.1);
            % end
            if ~isempty(model.metFormulas{m})
                ignoreBalancingMetBool(m,1)=numAtomsOfElementInFormula(model.metFormulas{m},'P
            end
        end
        ignoreBalancingRxnBool=getCorrespondingCols(model.S,ignoreBalancingMetBool,model.SIntR
        SIntRxnBool=model.SIntRxnBool;
        model.SIntRxnBool=model.SIntRxnBool & ~ignoreBalancingRxnBool;
    end

    printLevelcheckMassChargeBalance=-1; % -1; % print problem reactions to a file
```

```

%mass and charge balance can be checked by looking at formulas
[massImbalance,imBalancedMass,imBalancedCharge,imBalancedRxnBool,Elements,missingFormulaeB
    = checkMassChargeBalance(model,printLevelcheckMassChargeBalance,resultsBaseFileName);
model.balancedRxnBool=~imBalancedRxnBool;
model.balancedMetBool=balancedMetBool;
model.Elements=Elements;
model.missingFormulaeBool=missingFormulaeBool;

%reset original boolean vector
if ignoreBalancingOfSpecifiedInternalReactions
    model.SIntRxnBool=SIntRxnBool;
end
end
end

```

Checking mass and charge balance.

Found biomass reaction: biomass\_reaction

Found biomass reaction: biomass\_maintenance

Found biomass reaction: biomass\_maintenance\_noTrTr

ATP demand reaction is not considered an exchange reaction by default. It should be mass balanced:

DM\_atp\_c\_h2o[c] + atp[c] -> h[c] + adp[c] + pi[c]

There are mass imbalanced reactions, see ~/work/sbgCloud/programReconstruction/projects/recon2models/res

There are charge imbalanced reactions, see ~/work/sbgCloud/programReconstruction/projects/recon2models/r

## Check that the input data necessary for the component contribution method is in place

```

if ~isfield(model,'pseudoisomers')
    model = setupComponentContribution(model,molfileDir);
end

```

Creating MetStructures.sdf from molfiles.

Percentage of metabolites without mol files: 10.7%

Converting SDF to InChI strings.

Estimating metabolite pKa values.

Warning: File not found or permission denied

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12ppd_S
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14hmdz  
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1513tacr  
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1531tacr  
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## Prepare the training data for the component contribution method

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if ~exist('training_data','var')
    training_data = prepareTrainingData(model,printLevel);
end
```

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Successfully added 3914 values from TECRDB
Successfully added 223 formation energies
Successfully added 13 redox potentials
Loading the InChIs for the training data from: /home/rfleming/work/sbgCloud/code/fork-cobratoobox/src/analysis/thermo/componentContribution/in
Successfully created balanced training-data structure: 672 compounds and 4138 reactions
Loading the pKa values for the training data from: cache/kegg_pkas.mat
Warning: Estimation inaccuracy may result from missing stereo in InChI for:
1. 2hydog
2. fum
3. mescon
4. retinal
5. retinal_11_cis
6. retinal_cis_13
7. retinal_cis_9
Mapping model metabolites to nist compounds
Creating group incidence matrix
python2 /home/rfleming/work/sbgCloud/code/fork-cobratoobox/src/analysis/thermo/componentContribution/in
Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C18H22O2/c1-18-9-8-14-13-5-3-12(19)10-11(1)
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Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C18H24O2/c1-18-9-8-14-13-5-3-12(19)10-11(1)
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Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C3H5N02/c1-2(4)3(5)6/h1,4H2,(H,5,6)/f/h4H
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Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C7H7N03/c8-6-4(7(10)11)2-1-3-5(6)9/h1-3,9H
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Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C7H7N05/c8-5(7(12)13)4(6(10)11)2-1-3-9/h1
python2 /home/rfleming/work/sbgCloud/code/fork-cobratoolbox/src/analysis/thermo/componentContribution/in
Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C39H49N11018/c40-20(33(59)60)5-9-24(51)19
python2 /home/rfleming/work/sbgCloud/code/fork-cobratoolbox/src/analysis/thermo/componentContribution/in
Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C17H19N304S/c1-10-15(18-7-11(8-21)16(10)24
python2 /home/rfleming/work/sbgCloud/code/fork-cobratoolbox/src/analysis/thermo/componentContribution/in
Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C39H51N11018/c40-20(33(59)60)5-9-24(51)19
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Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C44H56N12021/c45-21(36(66)67)5-10-26(57)43
python2 /home/rfleming/work/sbgCloud/code/fork-cobratoolbox/src/analysis/thermo/componentContribution/in
Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C44H58N12021/c45-21(36(66)67)5-10-26(57)43
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Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C49H63N13024/c50-22(39(71)72)5-11-28(63)34
python2 /home/rfleming/work/sbgCloud/code/fork-cobratoolbox/src/analysis/thermo/componentContribution/in
Warning: getGroupVectorFromInchi did not succeed for: InChI=1/C49H65N13024/c50-22(39(71)72)5-11-28(63)34
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## Call the component contribution method

```
if ~isfield(model,'DfG0')
    [model,~] = componentContribution(model,training_data);
end
```

Running Component Contribution method

## Setup a thermodynamically constrained model

```
if ~isfield(model,'DfGt0')
    model = setupThermoModel(model,confidenceLevel);
end
```

Estimating standard transformed Gibbs energies of formation.

Estimating bounds on transformed Gibbs energies.

Additional effect due to possible change in chemical potential of Hydrogen ions for transport reactions.

Additional effect due to possible change in electrical potential for transport reactions.

## Generate a model with reactants instead of major microspecies

```
if ~isfield(model,'Srecon')
    printLevel_pHbalanceProtons=-1;
    model=pHbalanceProtons(model,massImbalance,printLevel_pHbalanceProtons,resultsBaseFileName
end
```

Warning: vonBertalanffy:pHbalanceProtons 'Hydrogen unbalanced reconstruction reactions exist!

## Determine quantitative directionality assignments

```
if ~exist('directions','var')
    fprintf('Quantitatively assigning reaction directionality.\n');
    [modelThermo, directions] = thermoConstrainFluxBounds(model,confidenceLevel,DrGt0_Uncertain
end
```

Quantitatively assigning reaction directionality.  
 9/10600 reactions with DrGtMin=DrGtMax~0  
 4/10600 reactions with DrGtMin=DrGtMax=0  
 The following reactions have DrGtMax=DrGtMin=0:  
 H2Oter h2o[c] <=> h2o[r]  
 H2Otn h2o[n] <=> h2o[c]  
 Htr h[c] <=> h[r]  
 HMR\_1095 h[c] <=> h[n]  
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## Analyse thermodynamically constrained model

Choose the cutoff for probability that reaction is reversible

```
cumNormProbCutoff=0.2;
```

Build Boolean vectors with reaction directionality statistics

```
[modelThermo,directions]=directionalityStats(modelThermo,directions,cumNormProbCutoff,printLev
```

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9/10600 reactions with DrGtMin=DrGtMax~0
4/10600 reactions with DrGtMin=DrGtMax=0
Qualitative internal reaction directionality:
  8791 internal reconstruction reaction directions.
  5208 forward reconstruction assignment.
    4 reverse reconstruction assignment.
  3579 reversible reconstruction assignment.
```

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Quantitative internal reaction directionality:
  8791 internal reconstruction reaction directions.
  7215 of which have a thermodynamic assignment.
  1572 of which have no thermodynamic assignment.
    920 forward thermodynamic only assignment.
    360 reverse thermodynamic only assignment.
  5935 reversible thermodynamic only assignment.
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Qualitative vs Quantitative:
  3065 Reversible -> Reversible
    162 Reversible -> Forward
    162 Reversible -> Reverse
    186 Reversible -> Uncertain
    758 Forward -> Forward
    198 Forward -> Reverse
  2868 Forward -> Reversible
  1384 Forward -> Uncertain
    2 Reverse -> Reverse
    0 Reverse -> Forward
    2 Reverse -> Reversible
    2 Reversible -> Uncertain
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Breakdown of relaxation of reaction directionality, Qualitative vs Quantitative:
  2868 qualitatively forward reactions that are quantitatively reversible (total).
  1419 of which are quantitatively reversible by range of dGt0.  $P(\Delta_r G^{\prime} < 0) > 0.7$ 
    97 of which are quantitatively reversible by range of dGt0.  $0.3 < P(\Delta_r G^{\prime} < 0) < 0.7$ 
  1352 of which are quantitatively reversible by range of dGt0.  $P(\Delta_r G^{\prime} < 0) < 0.3$ 
    73 of which are quantitatively forward by fixed dGr0t, but reversible by concentration alone ( $\Delta_r G^{\prime} < 0$ )
    0 of which are quantitatively reverse by dGr0t, but reversible by concentration (negative fixed dGr0t)
    0 of which are quantitatively forward by dGr0t, but reversible by concentration (positive fixed dGr0t)
    364 of which are quantitatively reverse by dGr0t, but reversible by concentration (uncertain negative dGr0t)
    891 of which are quantitatively forward by dGr0t, but reversible by concentration (uncertain positive dGr0t)
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% directions      a structue of boolean vectors with different directionality
%                  assignments where some vectors contain subsets of others
%
% qualtiative -> quantiative changed reaction directions
%   .forward2Forward
%   .forward2Reverse
%   .forward2Reversible
%   .forward2Uncertain
%   .reversible2Forward
%   .reversible2Reverse
%   .reversible2Reversible
%   .reversible2Uncertain
%   .reverse2Forward
%   .reverse2Reverse
%   .reverse2Reversible
%   .reverse2Uncertain
%   .tightened
%
% subsets of qualtiatively forward -> quantiatively reversible
%   .forward2Reversible_bydGt0
%   .forward2Reversible_bydGt0LHS
%   .forward2Reversible_bydGt0Mid
%   .forward2Reversible_bydGt0RHS
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%   .forward2Reversible_byConc_zero_fixed_DrG0
%   .forward2Reversible_byConc_negative_fixed_DrG0
%   .forward2Reversible_byConc_positive_fixed_DrG0
%   .forward2Reversible_byConc_negative_uncertain_DrG0
%   .forward2Reversible_byConc_positive_uncertain_DrG0

```

Write out reports on directionality changes for individual reactions to the results folder.

```

if 1
    fprintf('%s\n','directionalityChangeReport...');
    directionalityChangeReport(modelThermo,directions,cumNormProbCutoff,printLevel,resultsBase)
end

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directionalityChangeReport...

Generate pie charts with proportions of reaction directionalities and changes in directionality

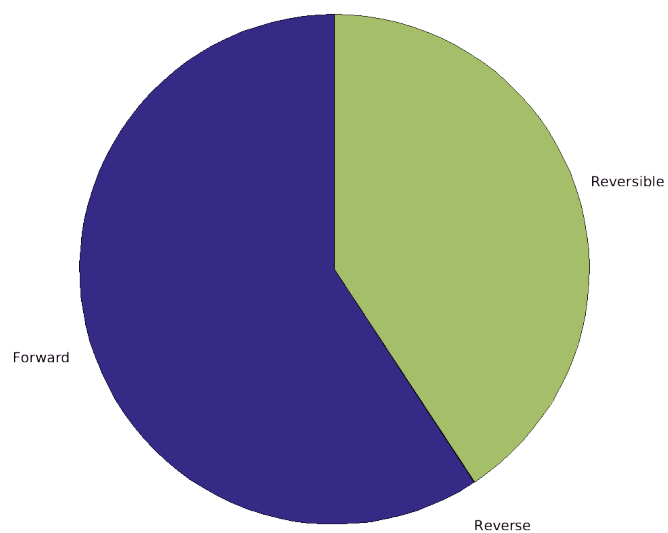
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if 1
    fprintf('%s\n','directionalityStatFigures...');
    directionalityStatsFigures(directions,resultsBaseFileName)
end

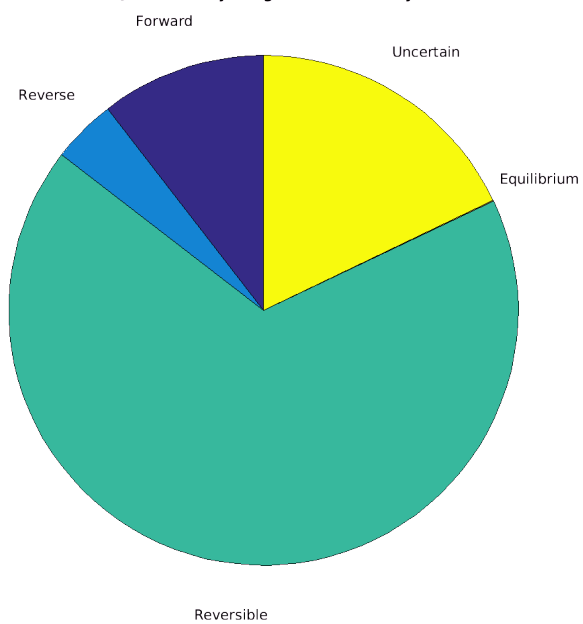
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directionalityStatFigures...

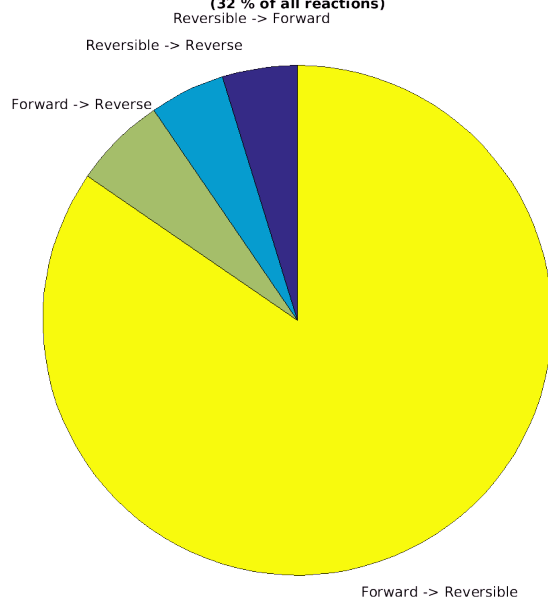
**Qualitatively assigned directionality**



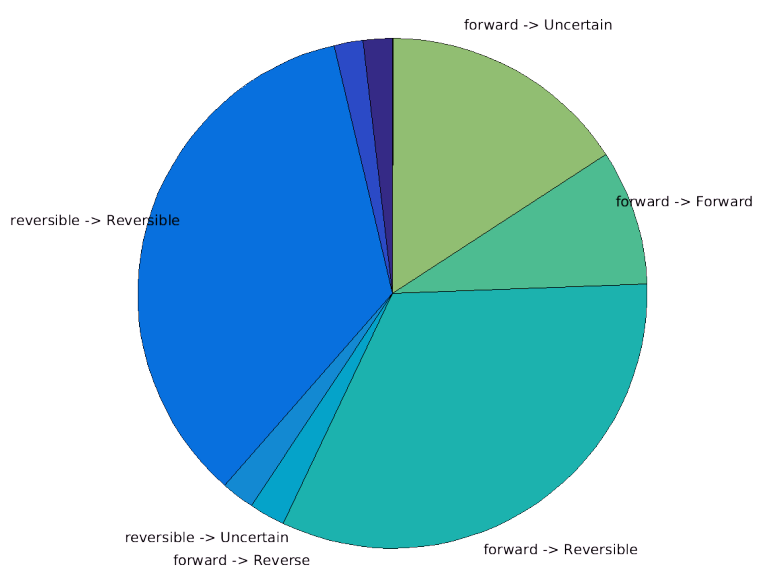
**Quantitatively assigned directionality**



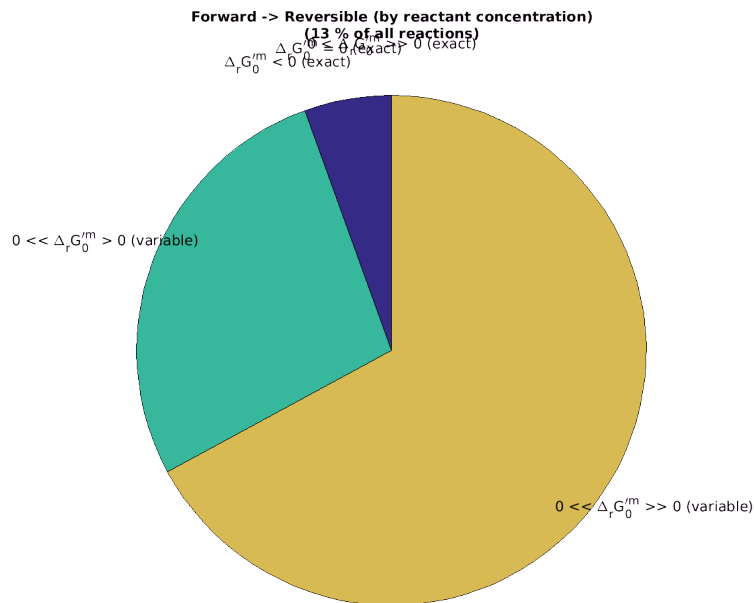
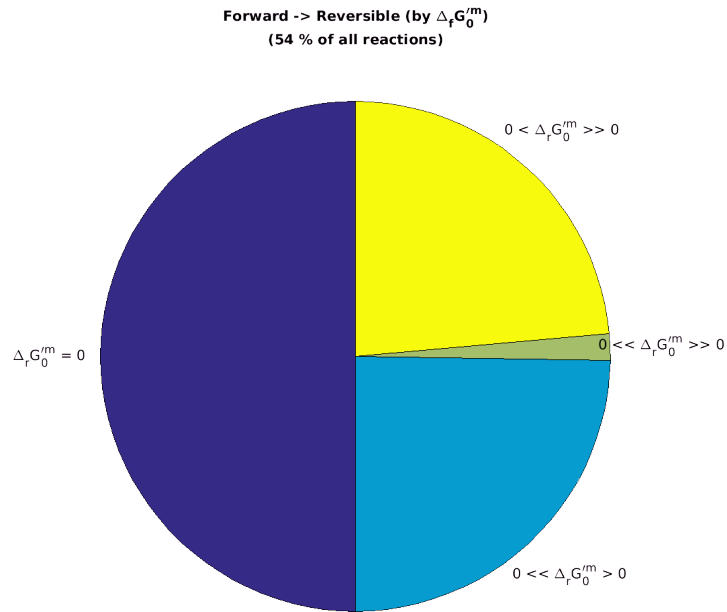
**Qualitative -> quantitative changed reaction directions  
(32 % of all reactions)**



**Qualitative -> quantitative reaction directions**



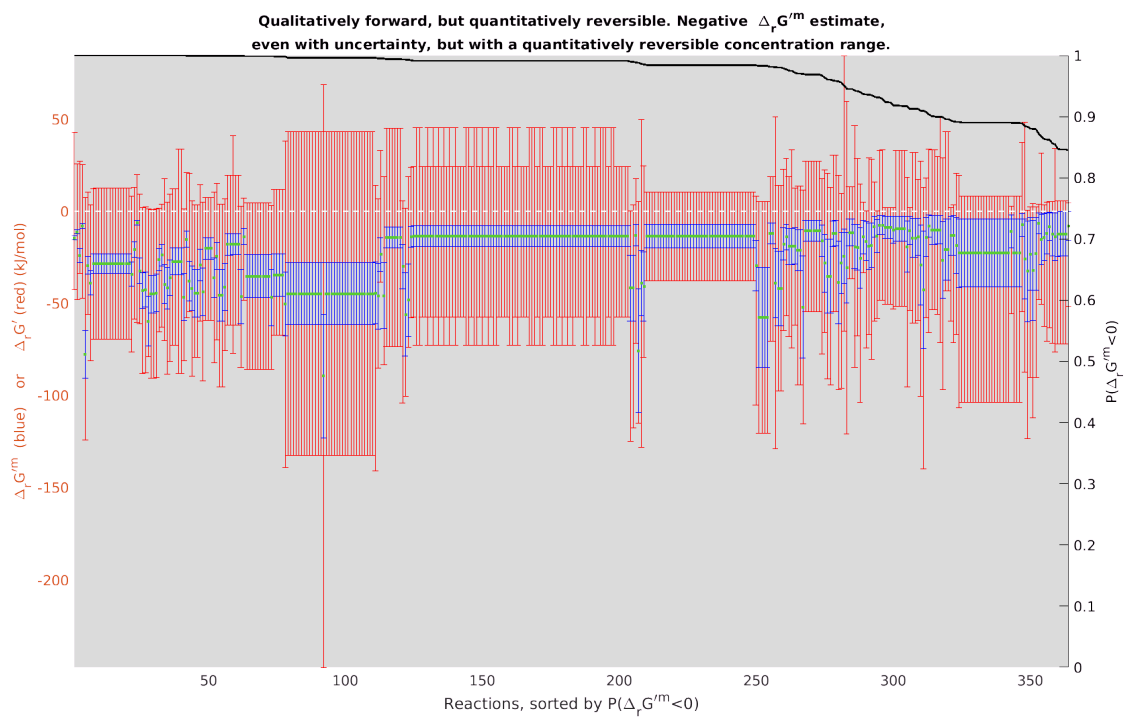
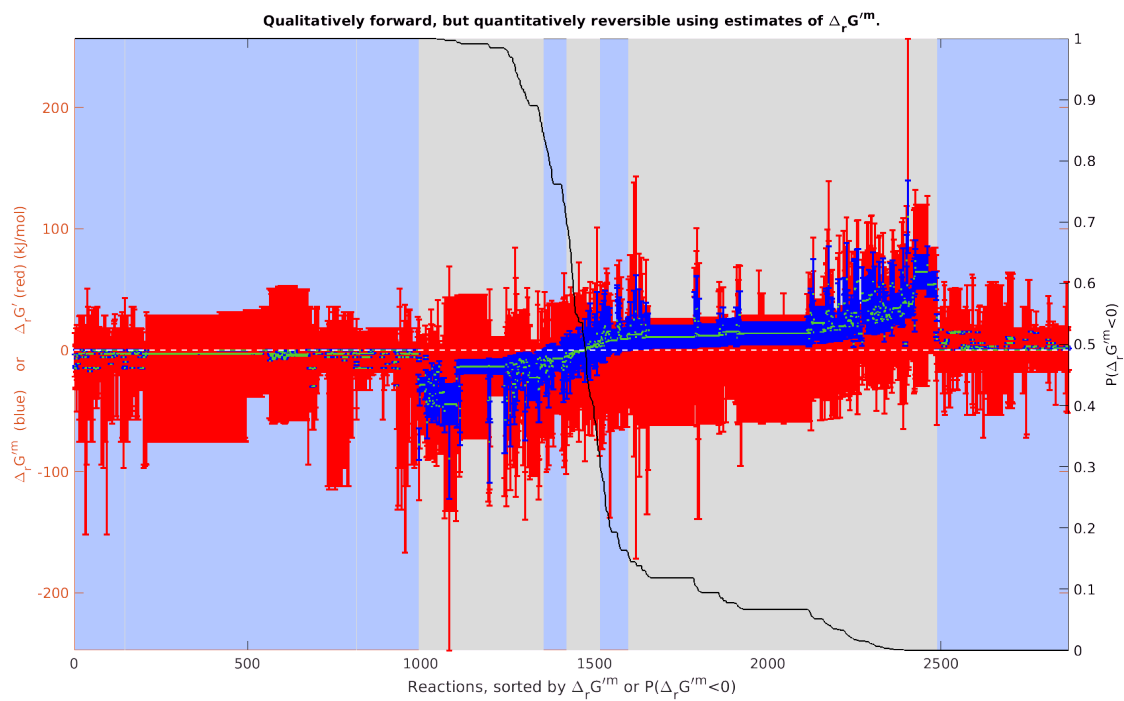


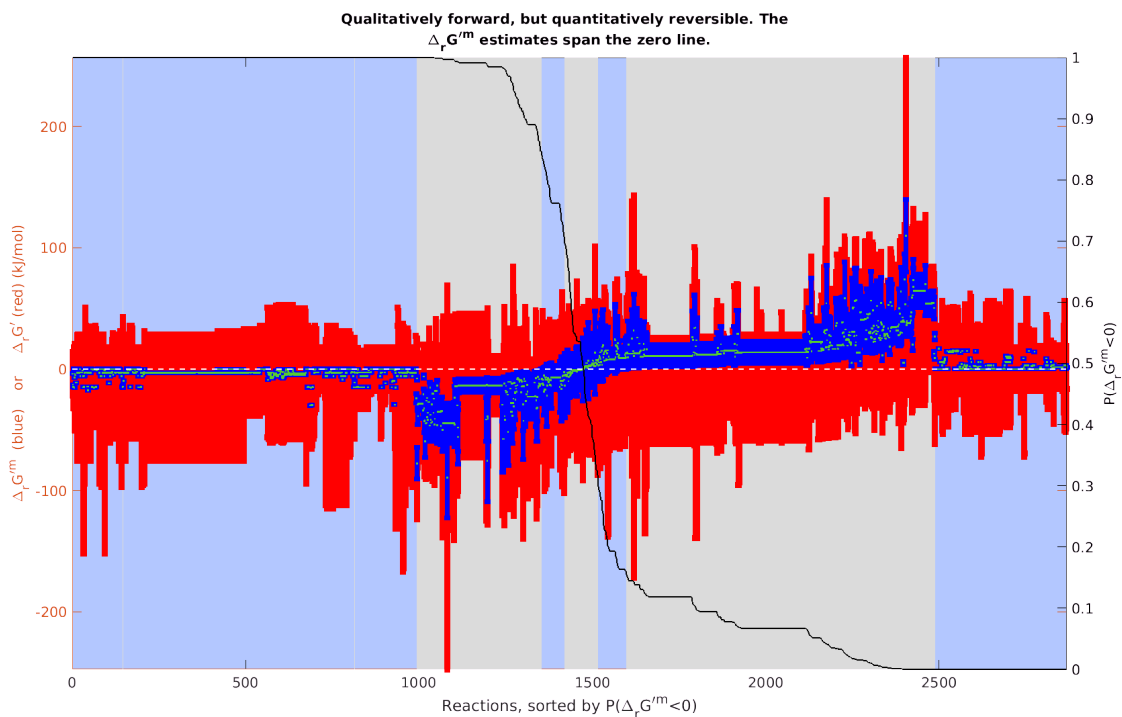
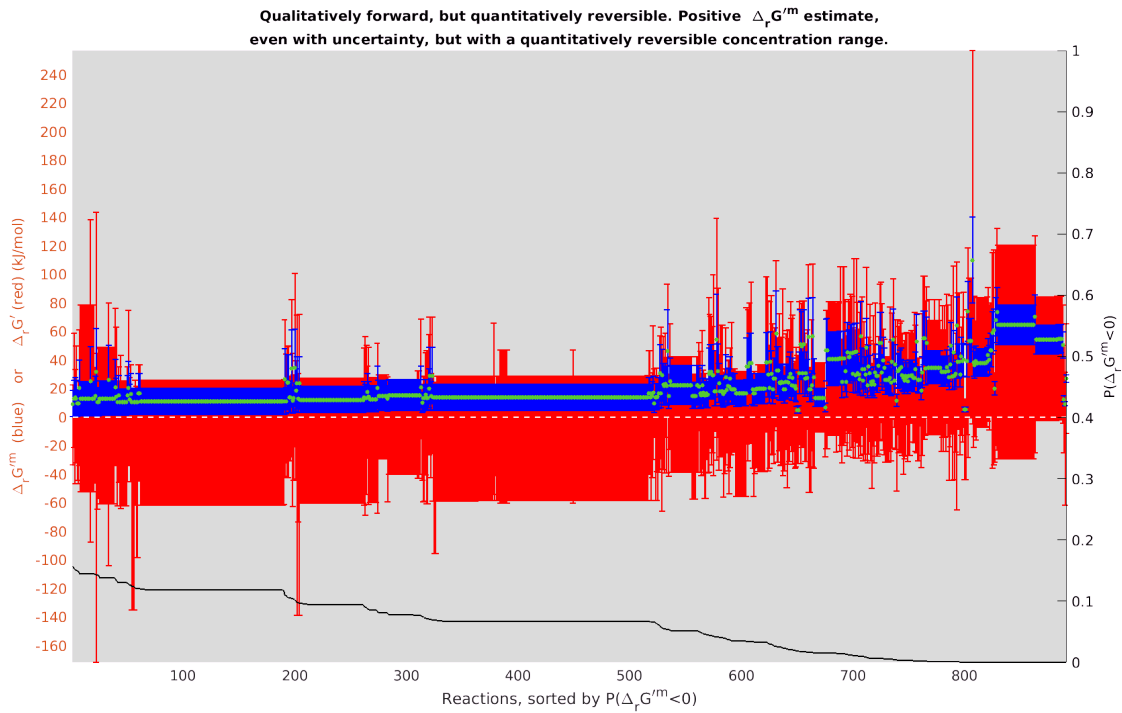


Generate figures to interpret the overall reasons for reaction directionality changes for the qualitatively forward now quantitatively reversible reactions

```
if any(directions.forward2Reversible)
    fprintf('%s\n', 'forwardReversibleFigures...');
    forwardReversibleFigures(modelThermo, directions, confidenceLevel)
end
```

forwardReversibleFigures...





Write out tables of experimental and estimated thermochemical parameters for the model

```
generateThermodynamicTables(modelThermo, resultsBaseFileName);
```

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