

Ondex – Data integration and visualisation

The Ondex project

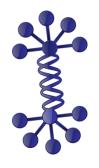
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BBSRC defines Systems Biology

"Systems biology depends on high-powered computation to construct predictive models."

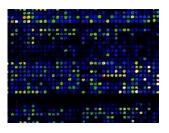
Typically these draw upon the large amounts of quantitative data generated by high-throughput techniques such as genomics (DNA content of cells), transcriptomics (the messenger RNA produced from active genes), proteomics (the proteins produced from the messenger RNA) and metabolomics (small compounds in cells).

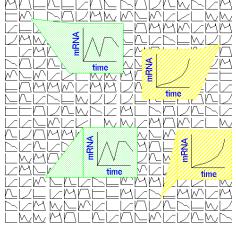
The models relate these data to research on metabolic and other functions in cells and tissues, and to the physiology and behaviour of whole organisms."

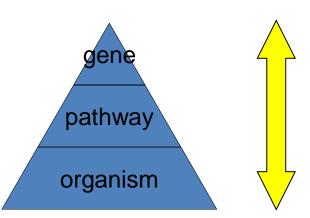




Opportunities and challenges for modelling







- Large amounts of multi-'omics data
 - Genome, microarray, metabolomics, PPI

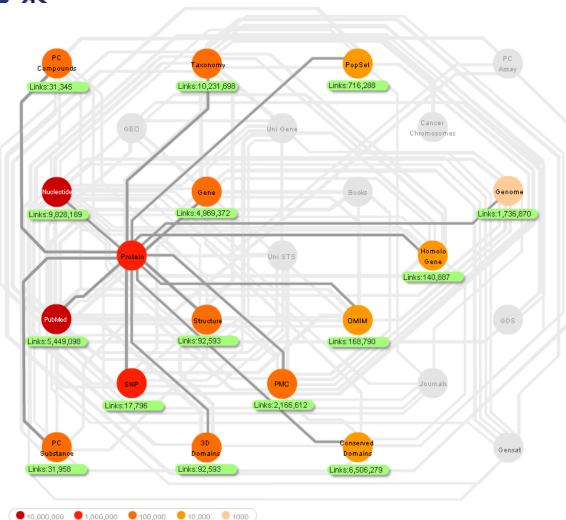
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- The biological systems span multiple levels of biological organisation
- Non-trivial to integrate the data





Syntactic integration challenge



Over 1000 databases freely available to public

Over **60 million sequences** in GenBank

Over **870 complete** genomes and many ongoing projects

Over 17 million citations in PubMed

PubMed growth by 600,000 publications each year

Integration of Life Science data sources is essential for Systems Biology research





Semantic Integration challenge

- Same concept different names
 - synonyms
 - ontologies
- Same name different concepts
 - homographs

DATABASE: PO 0205

inflorescence

Accession: PO:0009049 Aspect: plant structure

Synonyms:

cob (sensu sorghum)

corymb cyme

dichasium

drepanium

helicoid cyme

monochasium

panicle

raceme

rhipidium

scorpioid cyme

spike (sensu Triticeae)

umbel

verticillaster

Definition:

That part of the axial system of plants above the uppermost foliage leaf/pair of foliage leaves that bears flowers

Some plants have only solitary flowers, e.g. Magnolia

Far







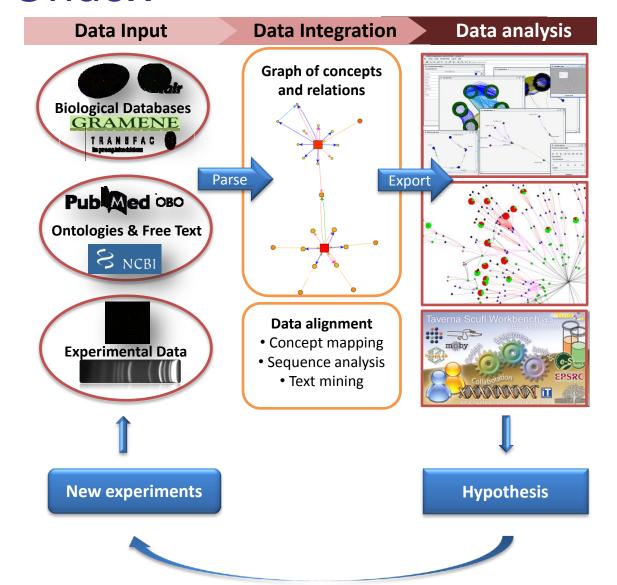


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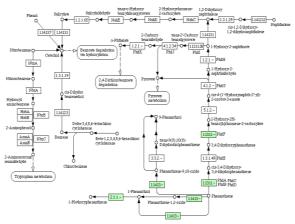
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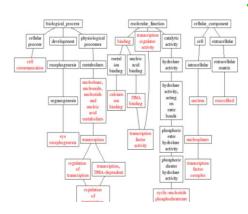


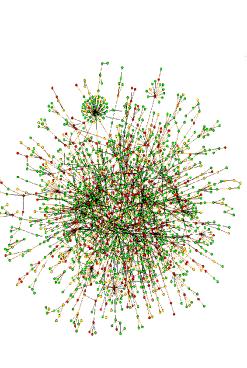


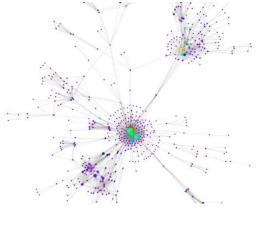
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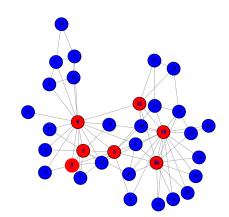
Everything is a network







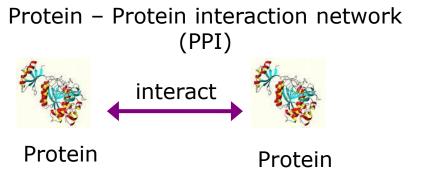


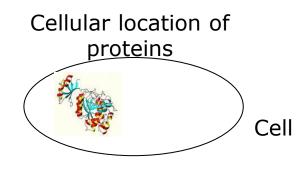




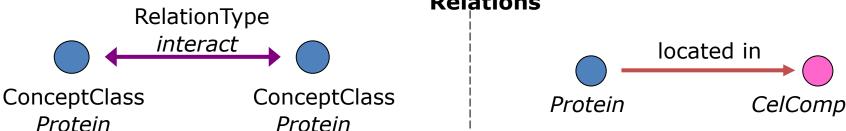
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Semantic networks in Ondex





Ondex: Network of Concepts and Relations

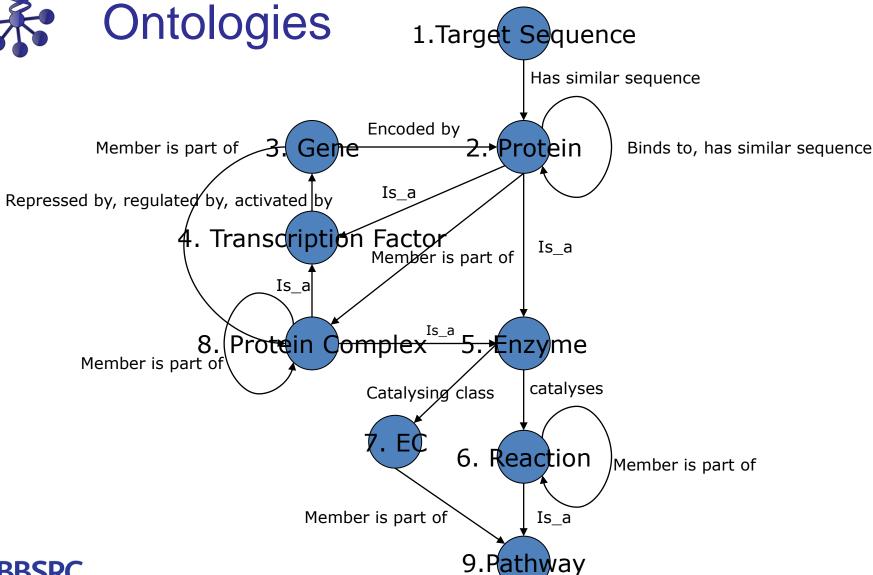


Properties: compound name, protein sequence, protein structure, cellular component, KM-value, PH optimum ...

Ontology of Concept Classes, Relation Types and additional Properties



Metagraph – based on upper level Ontologies

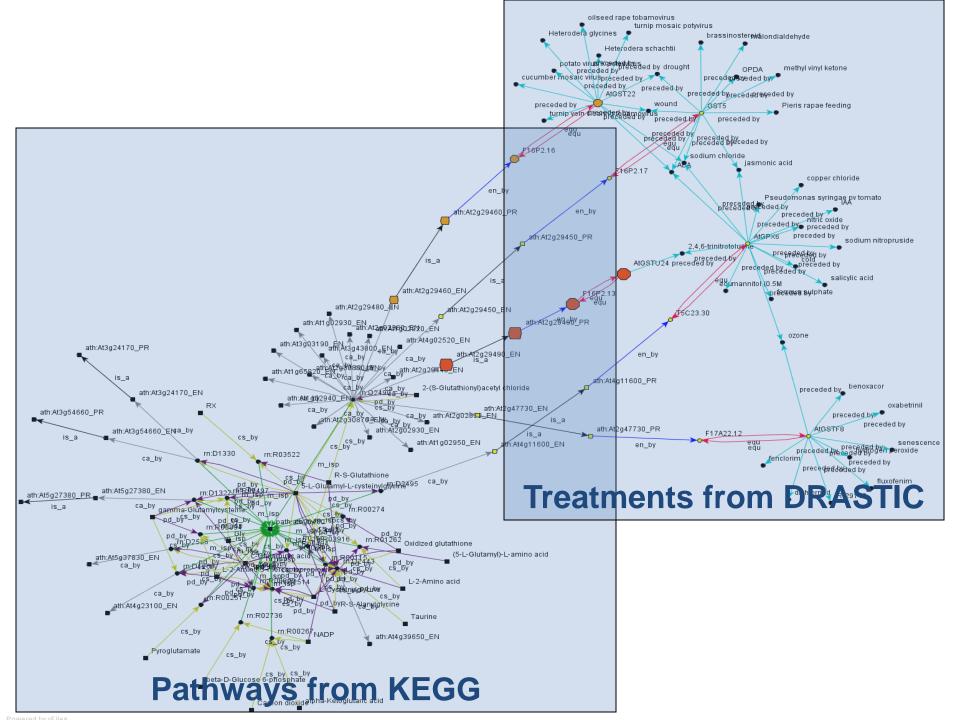




Ondex Data Integration Scheme

Data input Data integration Visualisation & transformation Heterogeneous Ondex Integration Clients/Tools graph Methods data sources warehouse Ondex Visualization Accession Generalized Object Data Model UniProt Parser Tool Kit Name based Web Client Database Layer Parser AraCyc Transitive Taverna **KEGG** Parser **Blast Protein Family** Data Exchange Parser Transfac Pfam2GO OXL/RDF Lucene Parser Web Microarray Text mining Service

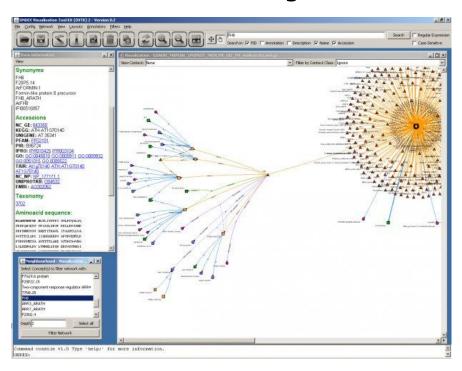






From data integration to data visualisation

- Addressed issue of interrelatedness of databases
 - Syntactic integration
 - Semantic integration

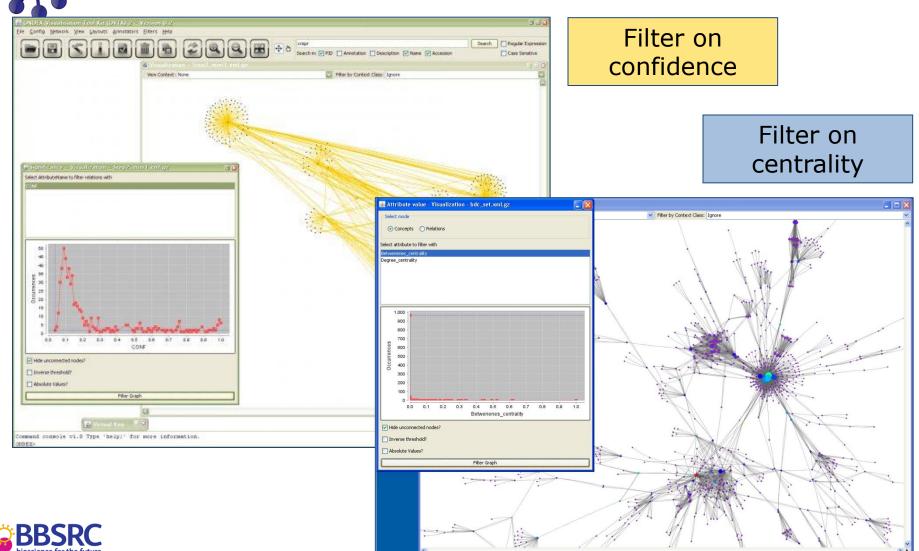


- Complexity of interactions
 - PPI, co-expression, co-citation, ...
- Bring together data, exploit graph structure
 - Candidate gene prioritisation and pathway discovery





Filter on network properties

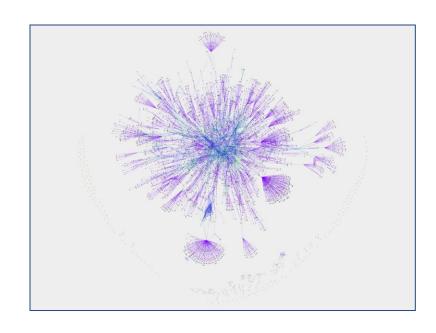






Exploiting network representations

- The network is more than a visual dump of the database
- Can it be used predictively?
- Can we combine different types of information (evidence) with a network-based approach?



What are the important regions in the network?

Can we use graph theoretical techniques to identify nodes / regions of the network?





Technical Philosophy

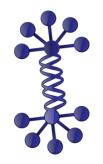
- Domain independent approach to semantic data integration
 - Focussed on biological problems
- Open source
- Open standards where available
 - SBML, BioPAX, PSI-MI, OBO
- Open interfaces for data exchange
 - Web services
 - Data export





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