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Introduction to Bioinformatics

Differentiation

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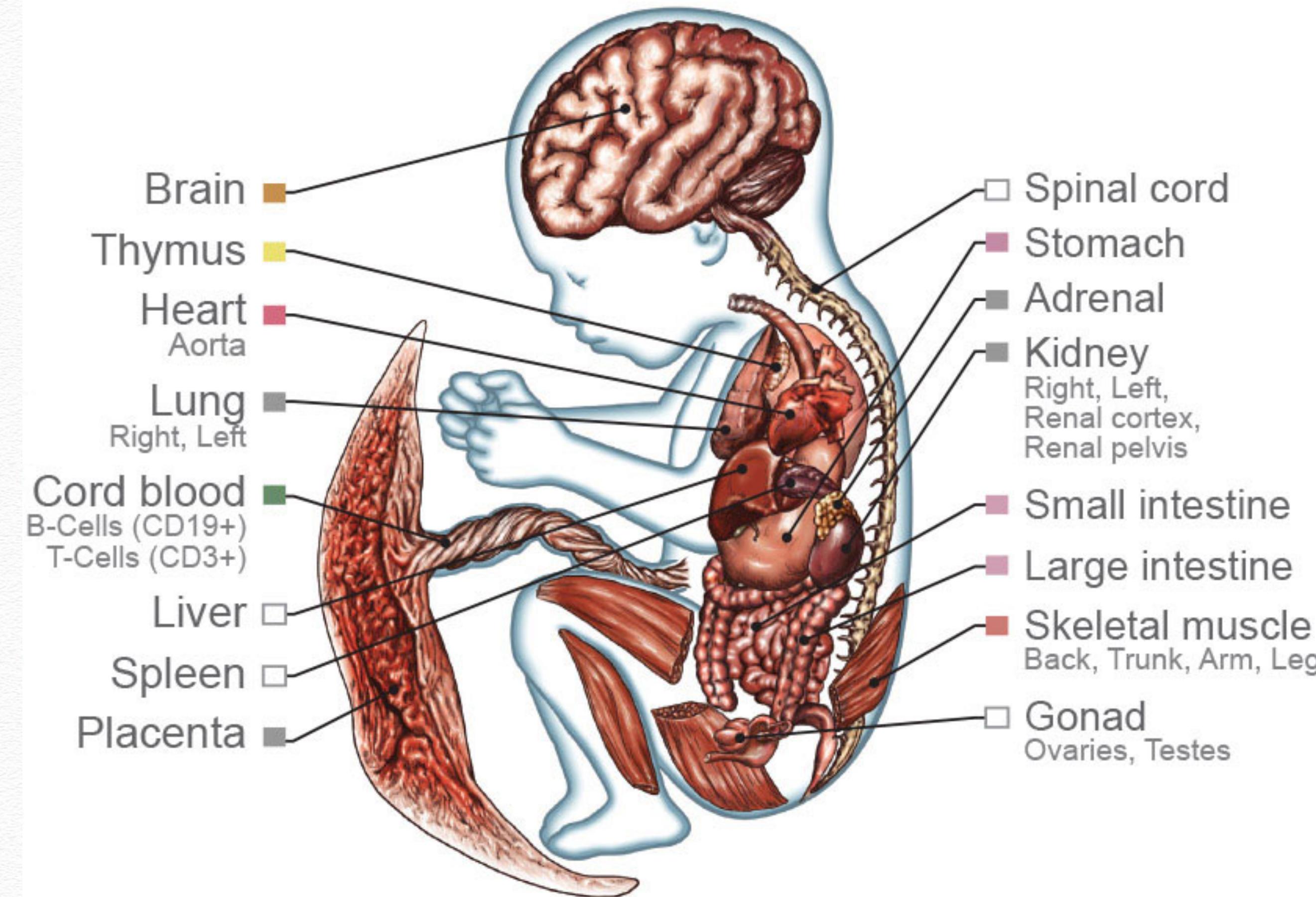
The Secret of Cellular Diversity

Biological Diversity

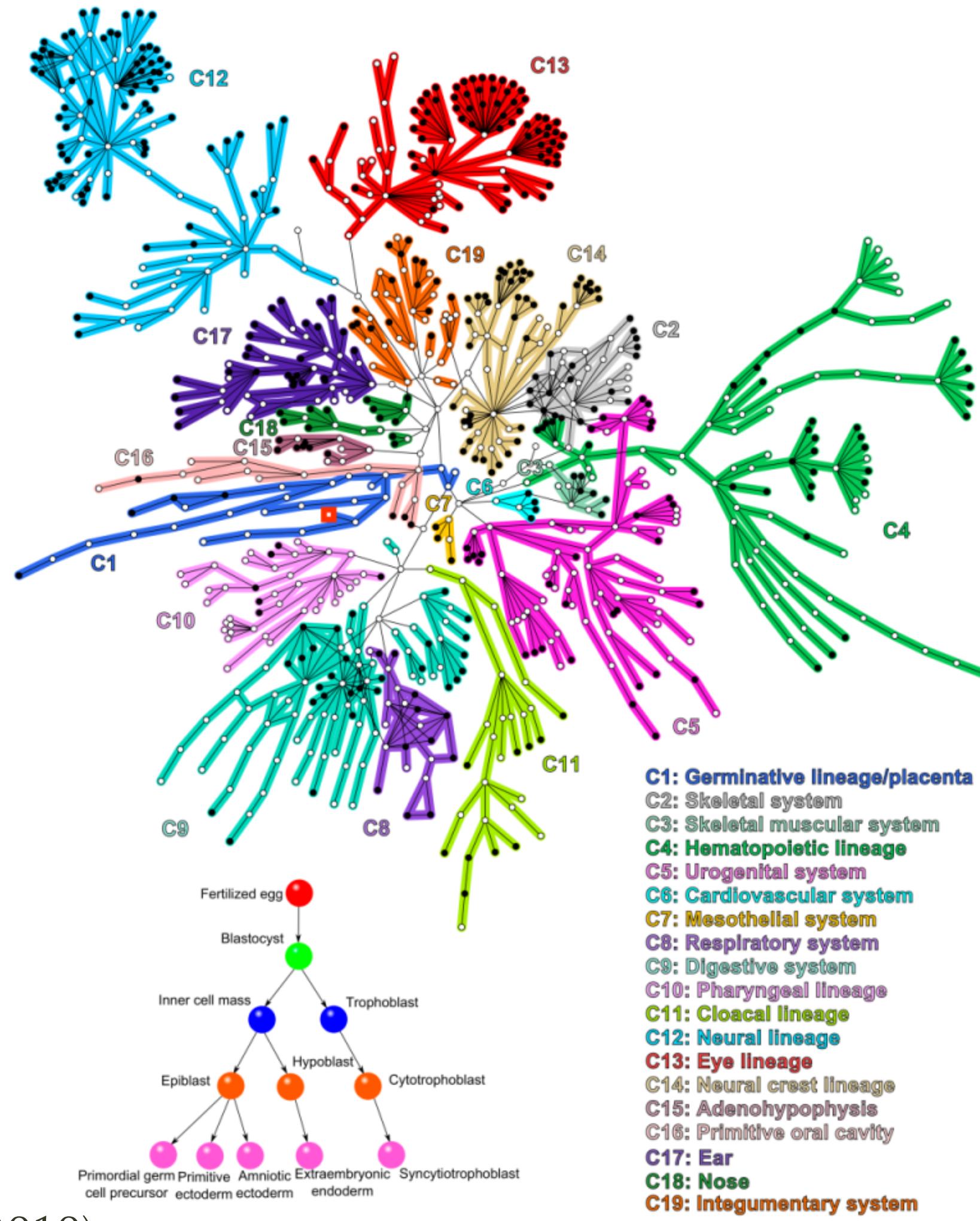


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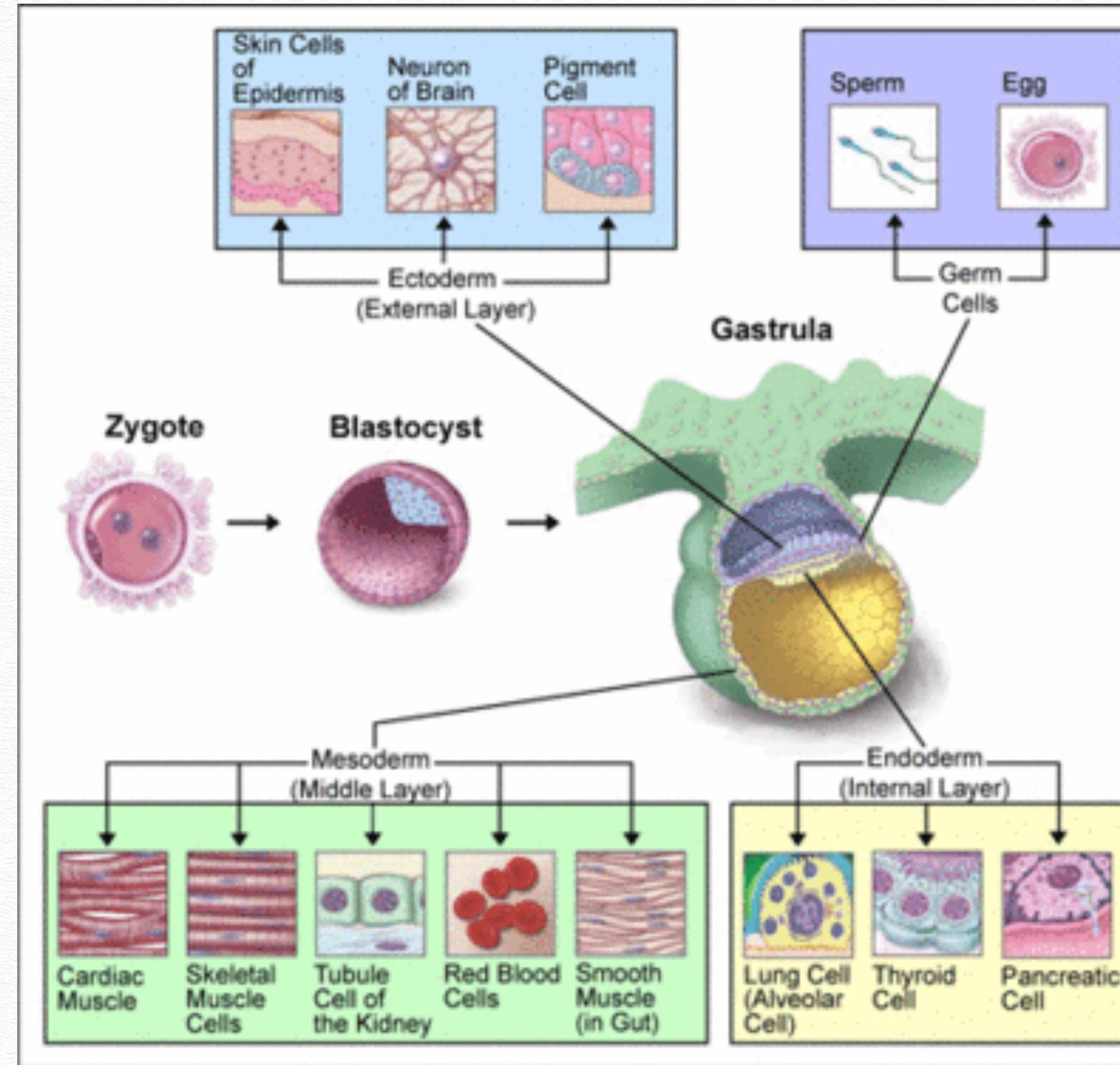
Diversity in Our Body



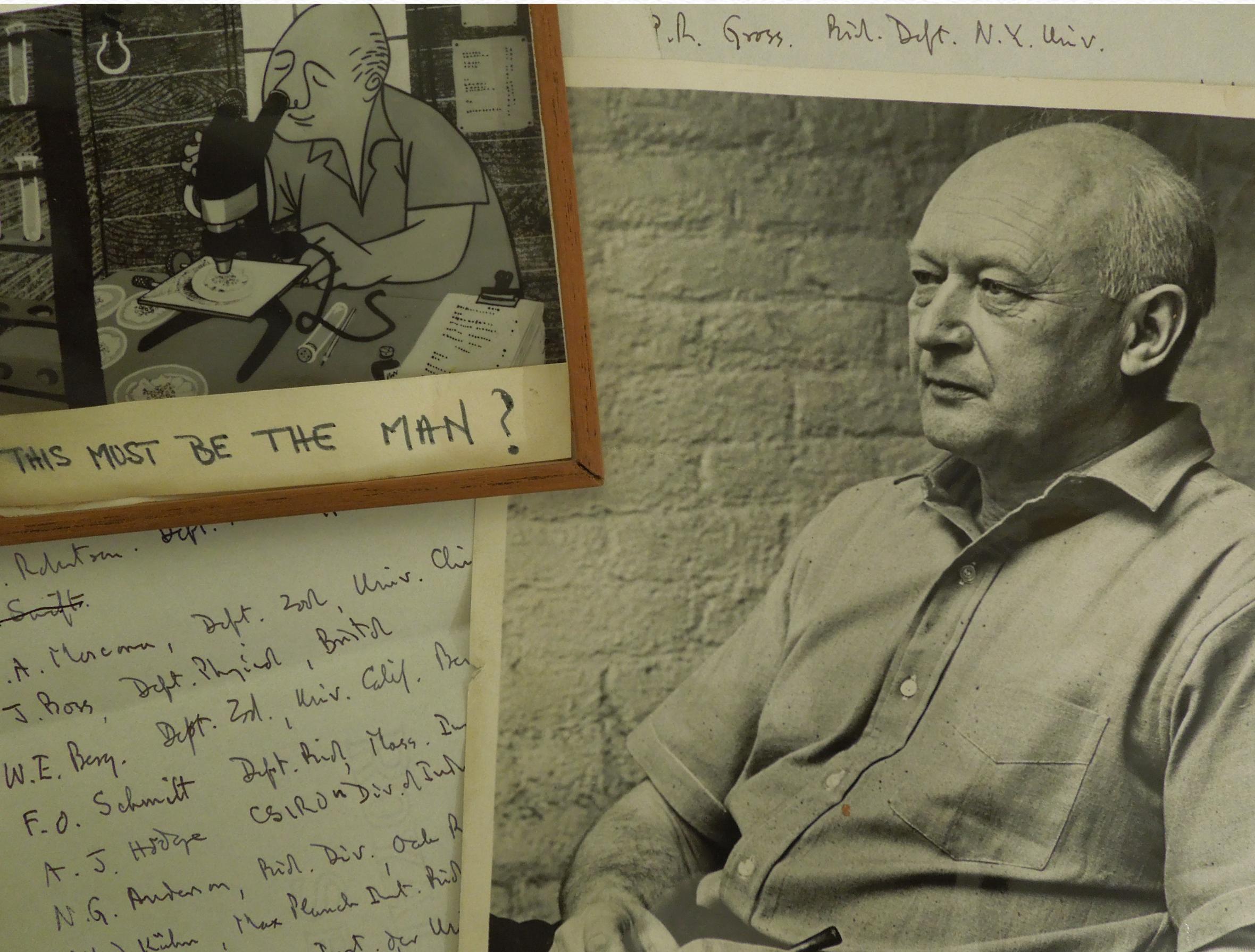
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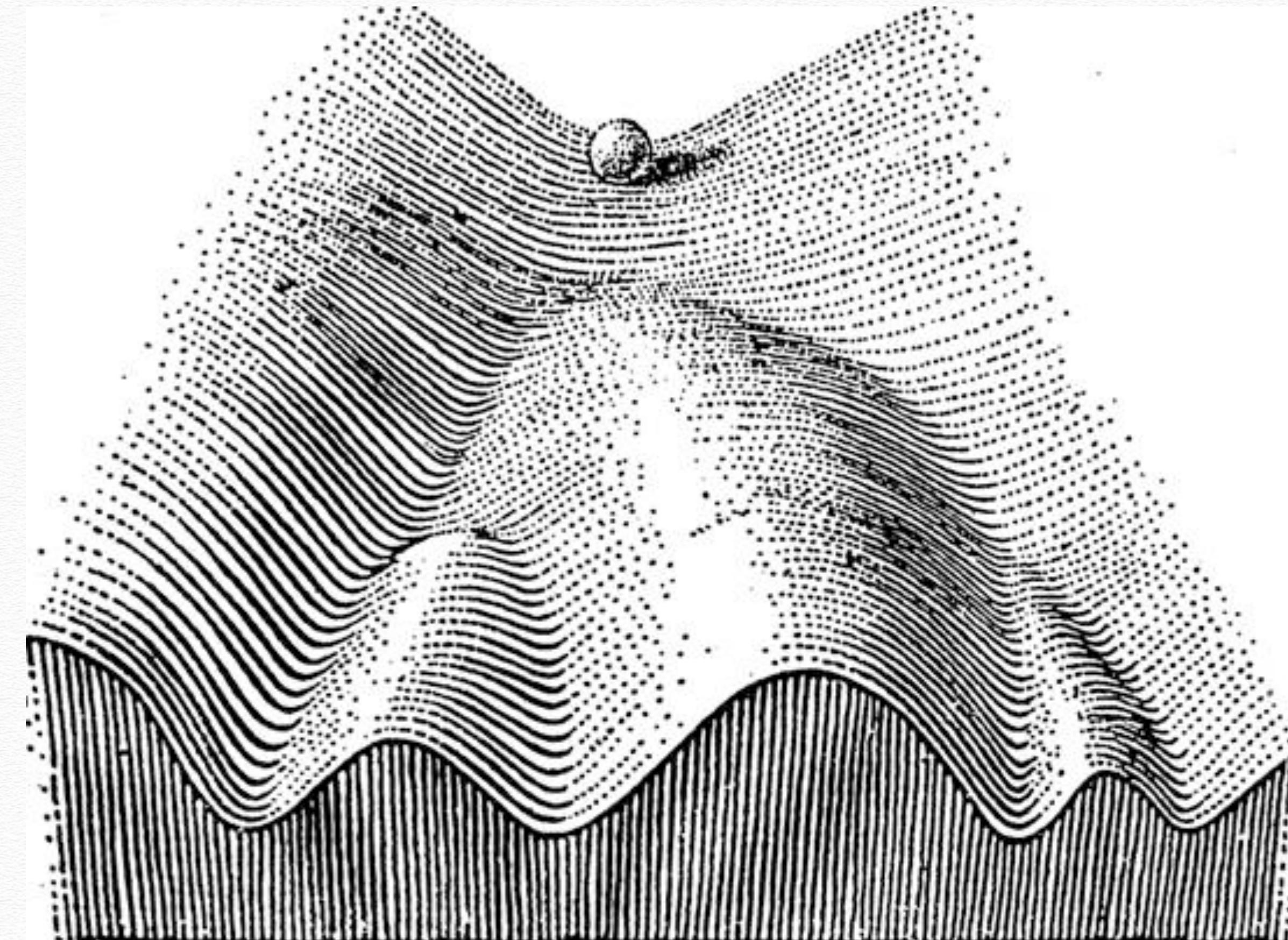
Human Development



Conrad H. Waddington

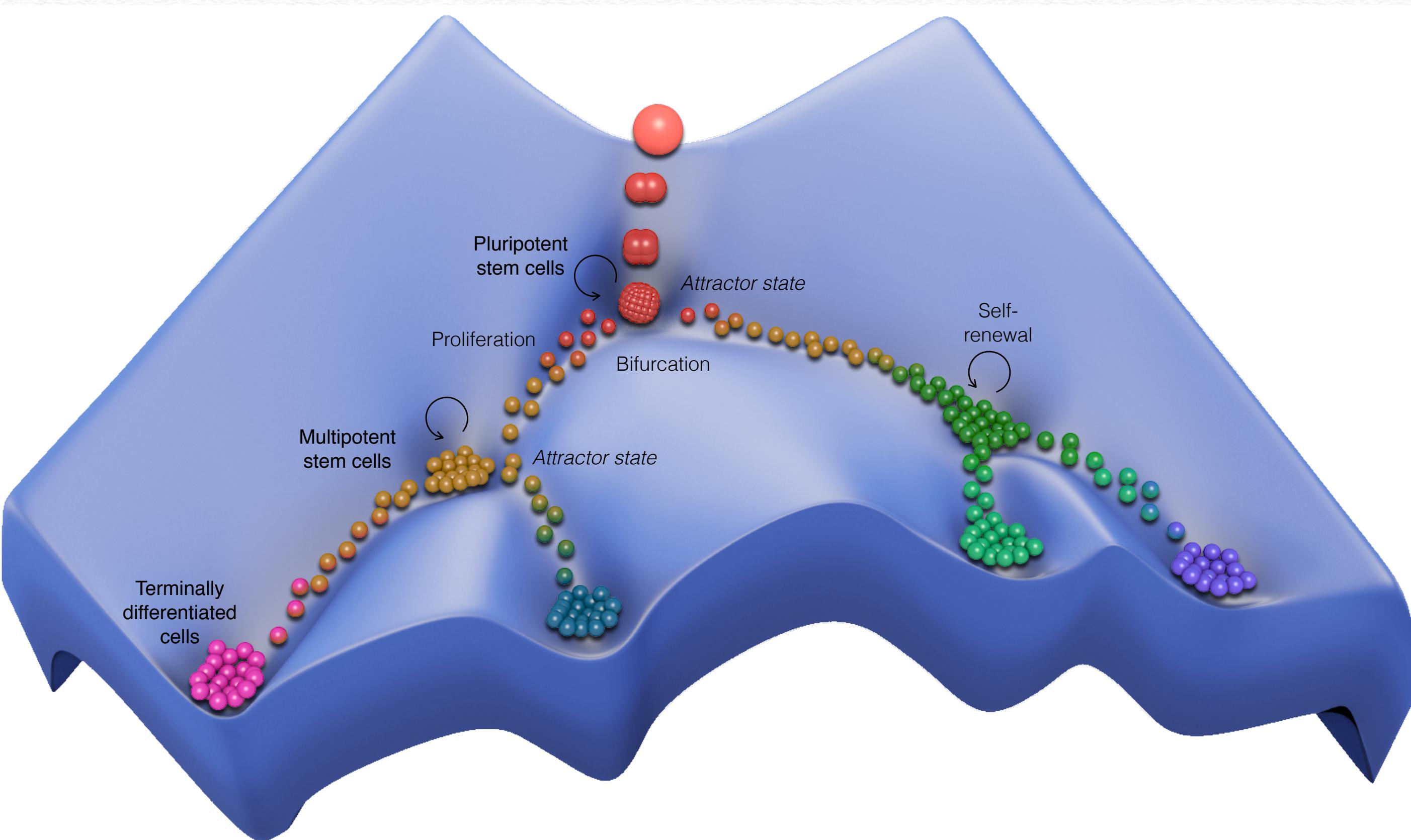


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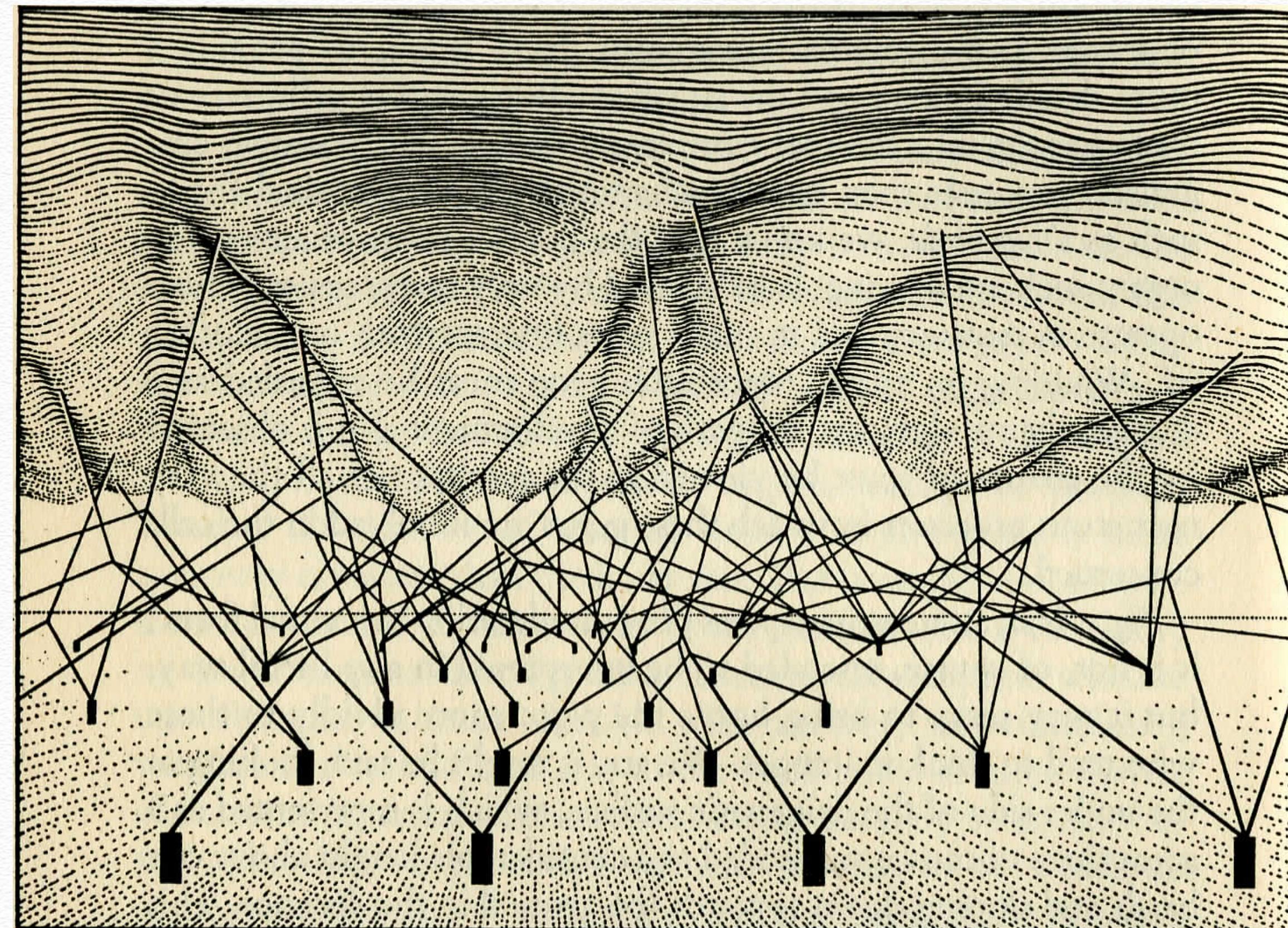
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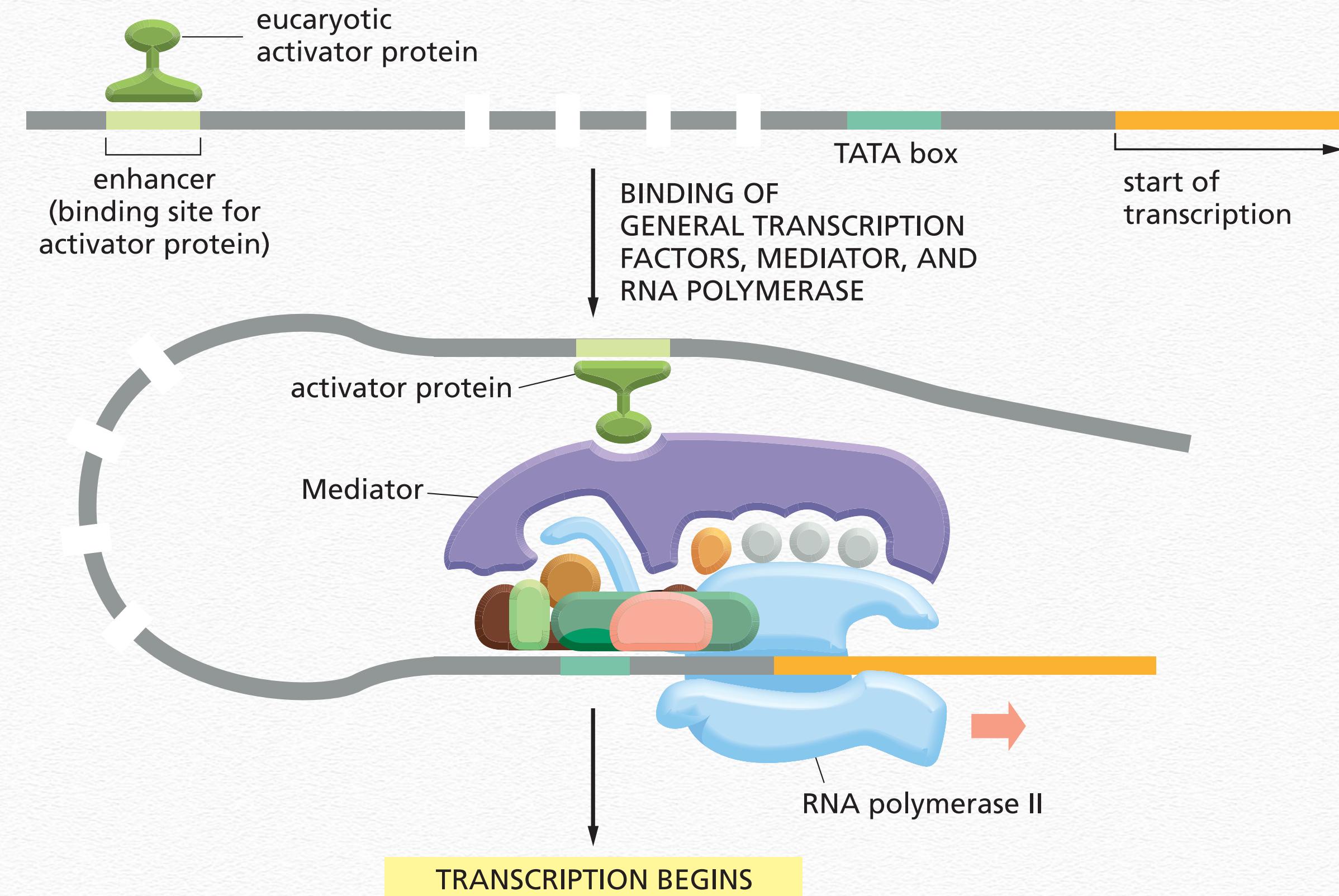
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The Landscape Backstage

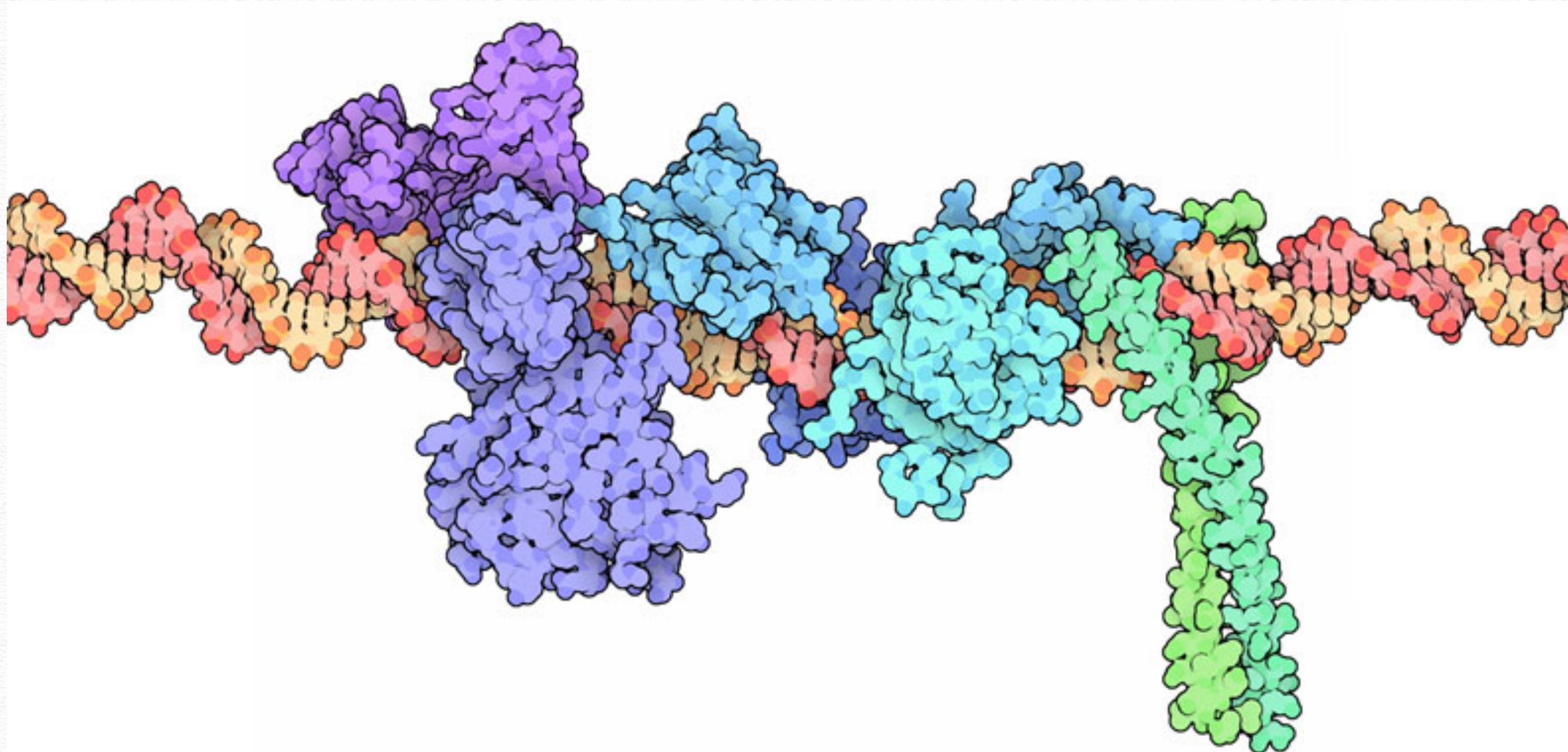


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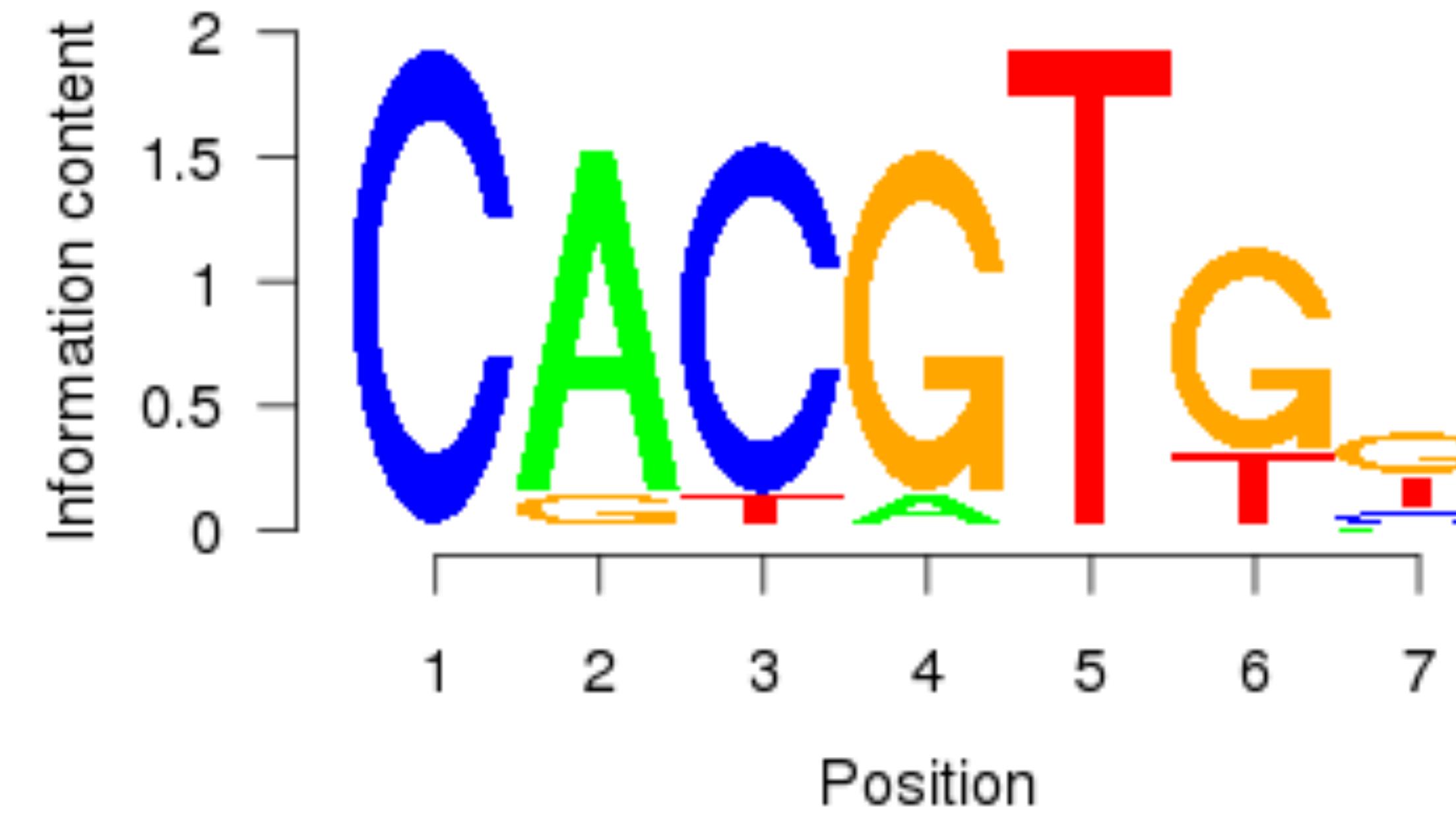
How do Genes Interact?



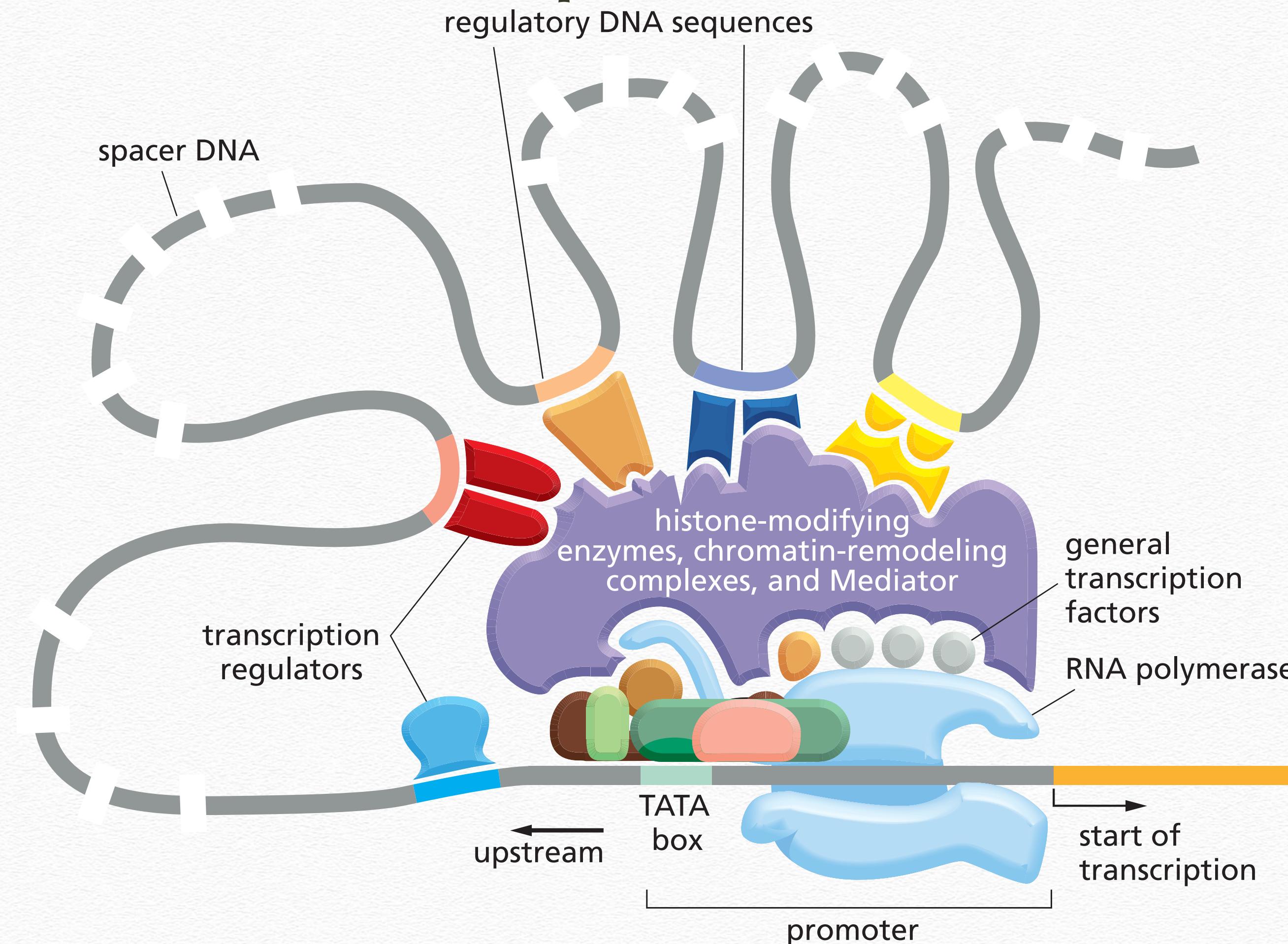
Transcription Factor Bound to Enhancer



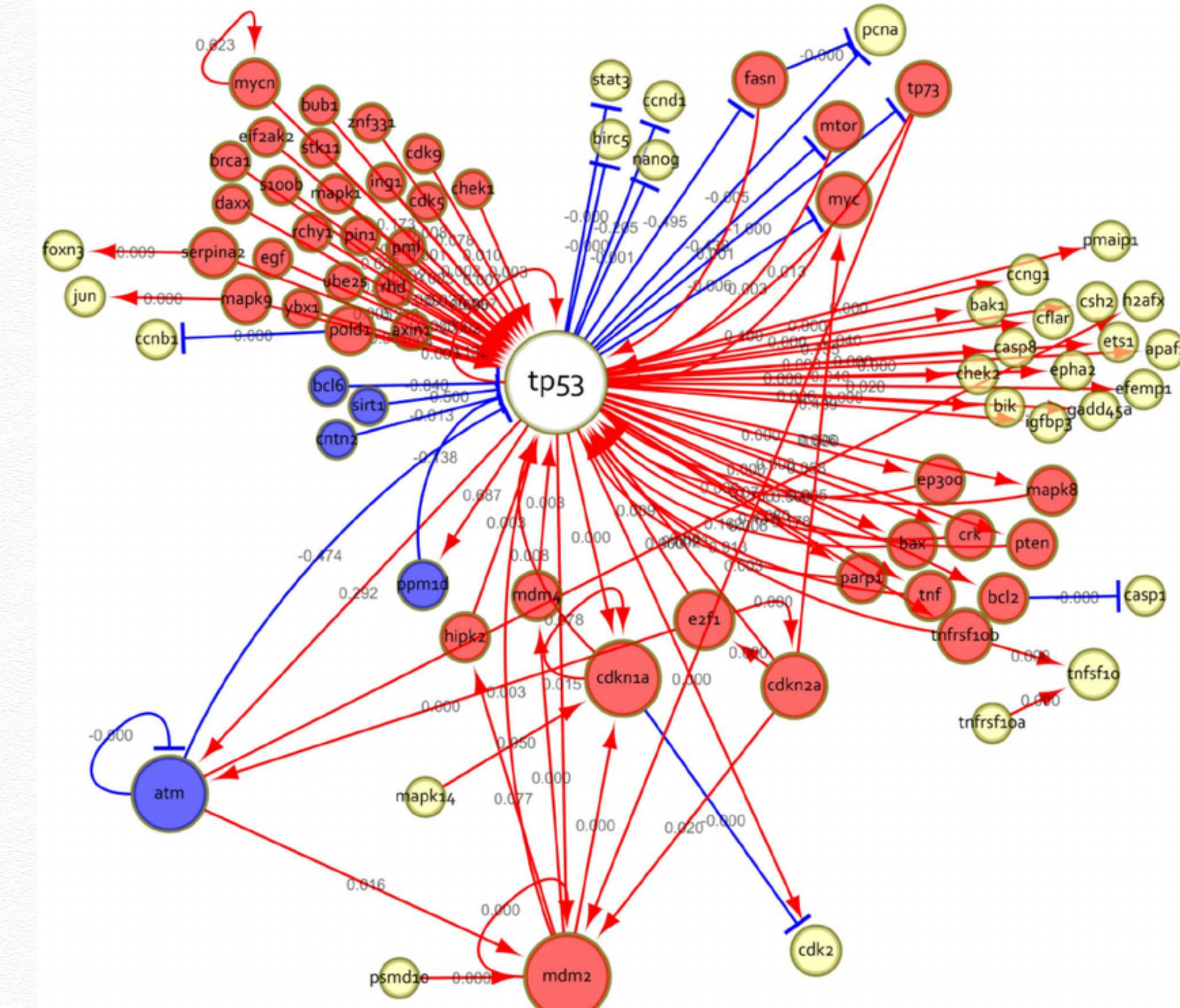
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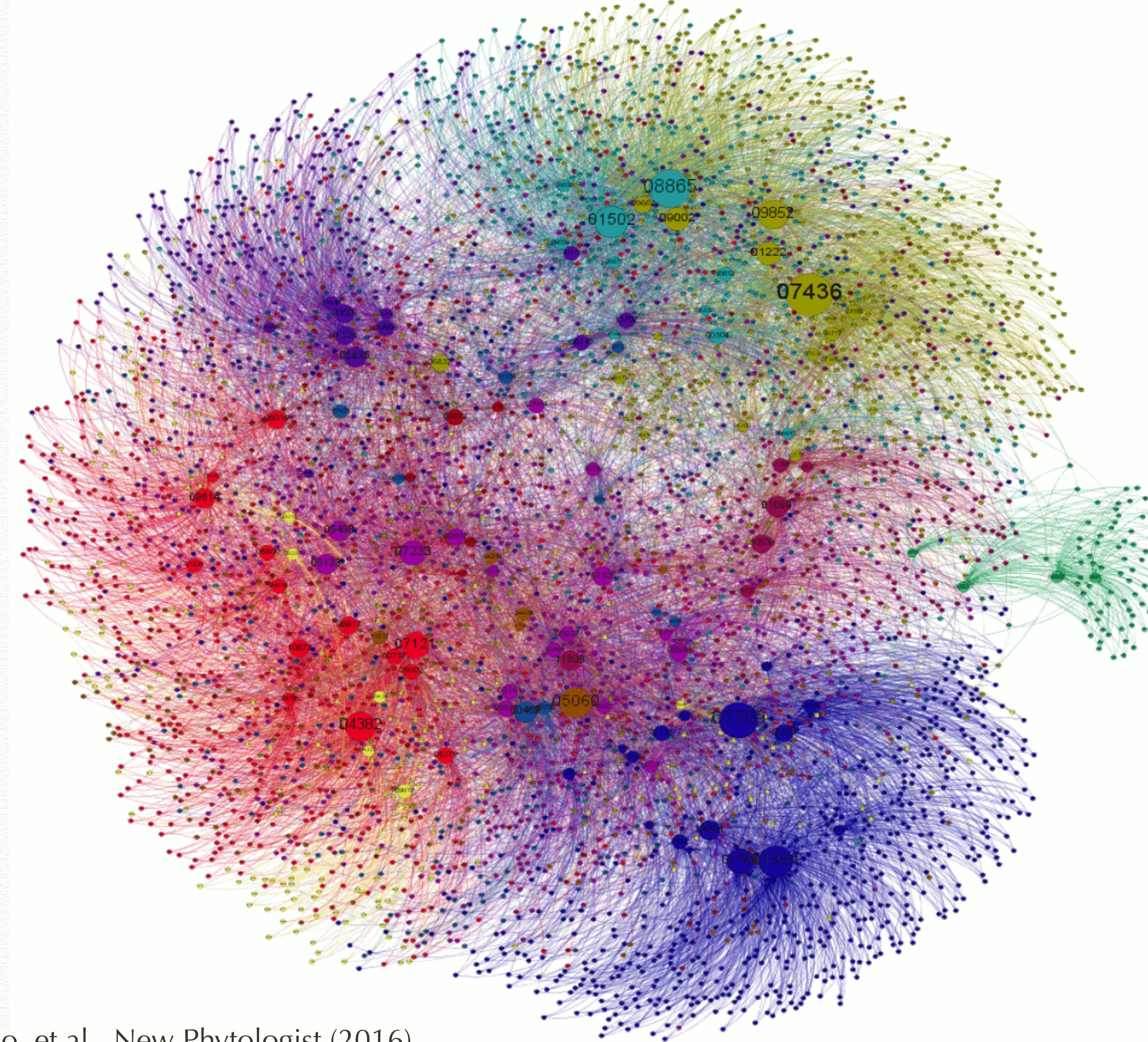


Can be More Complicated

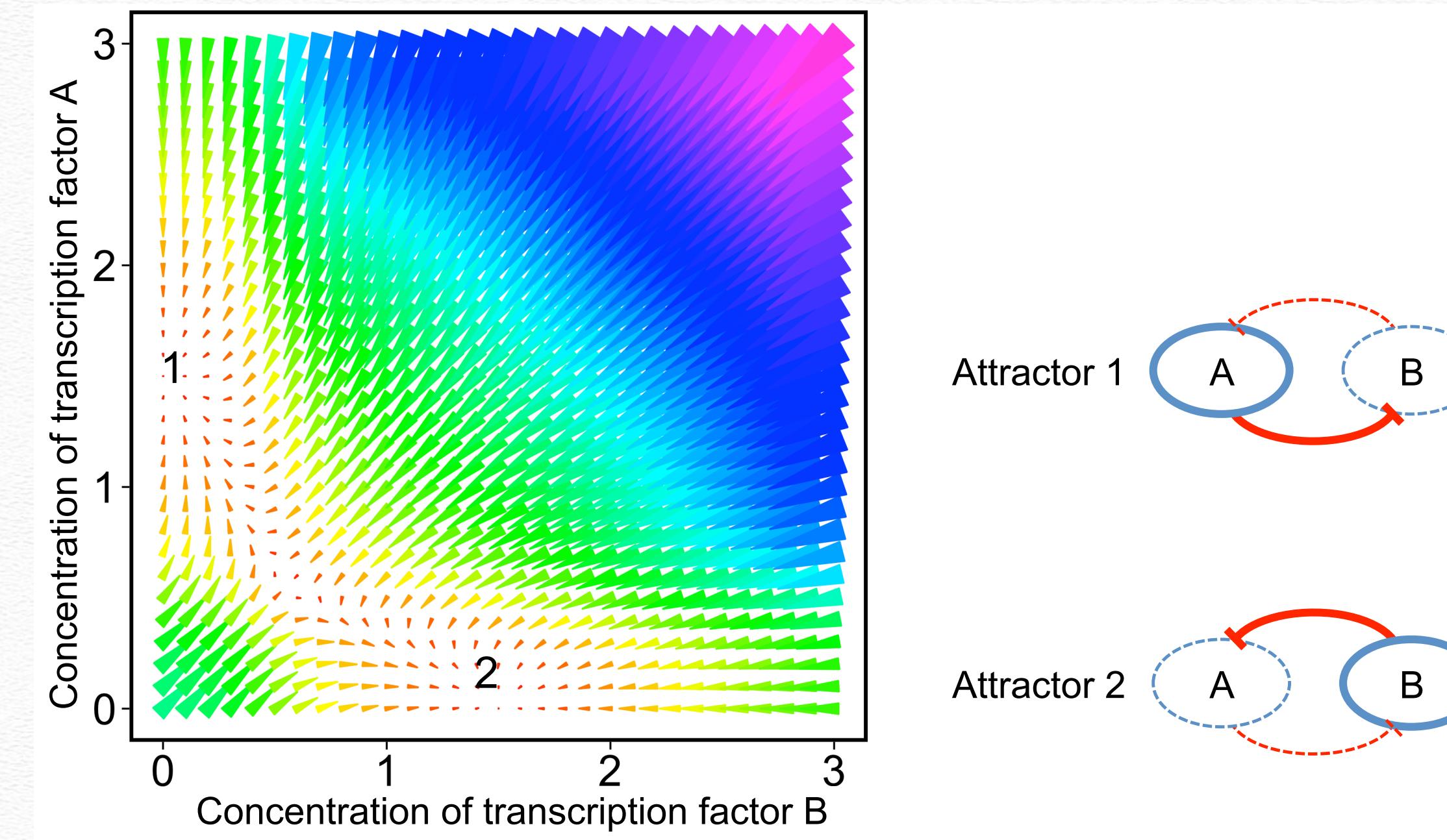
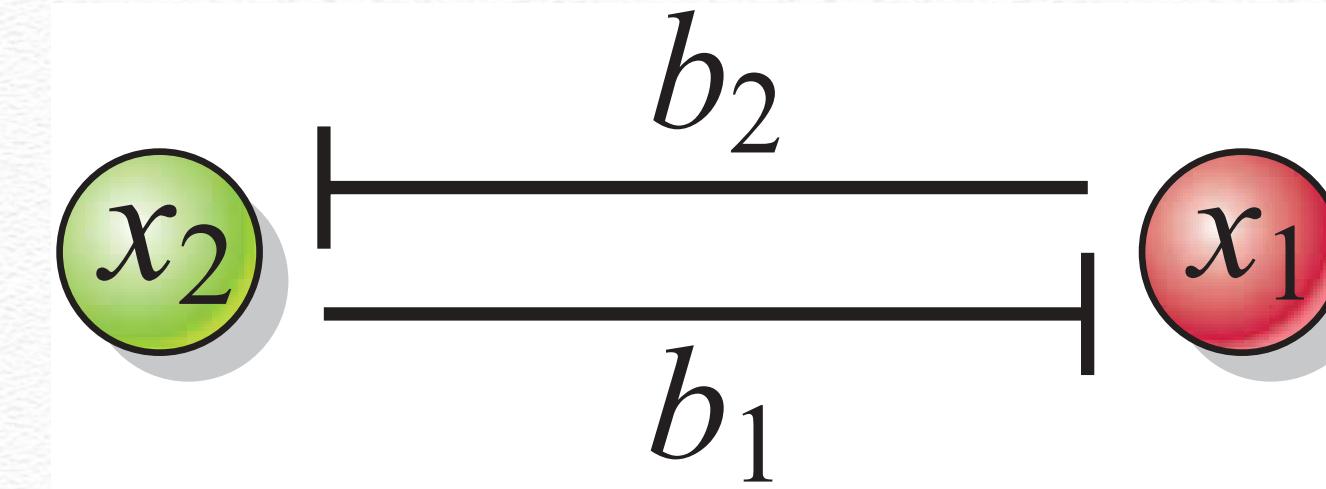


Gene Regulatory Networks (GRN)

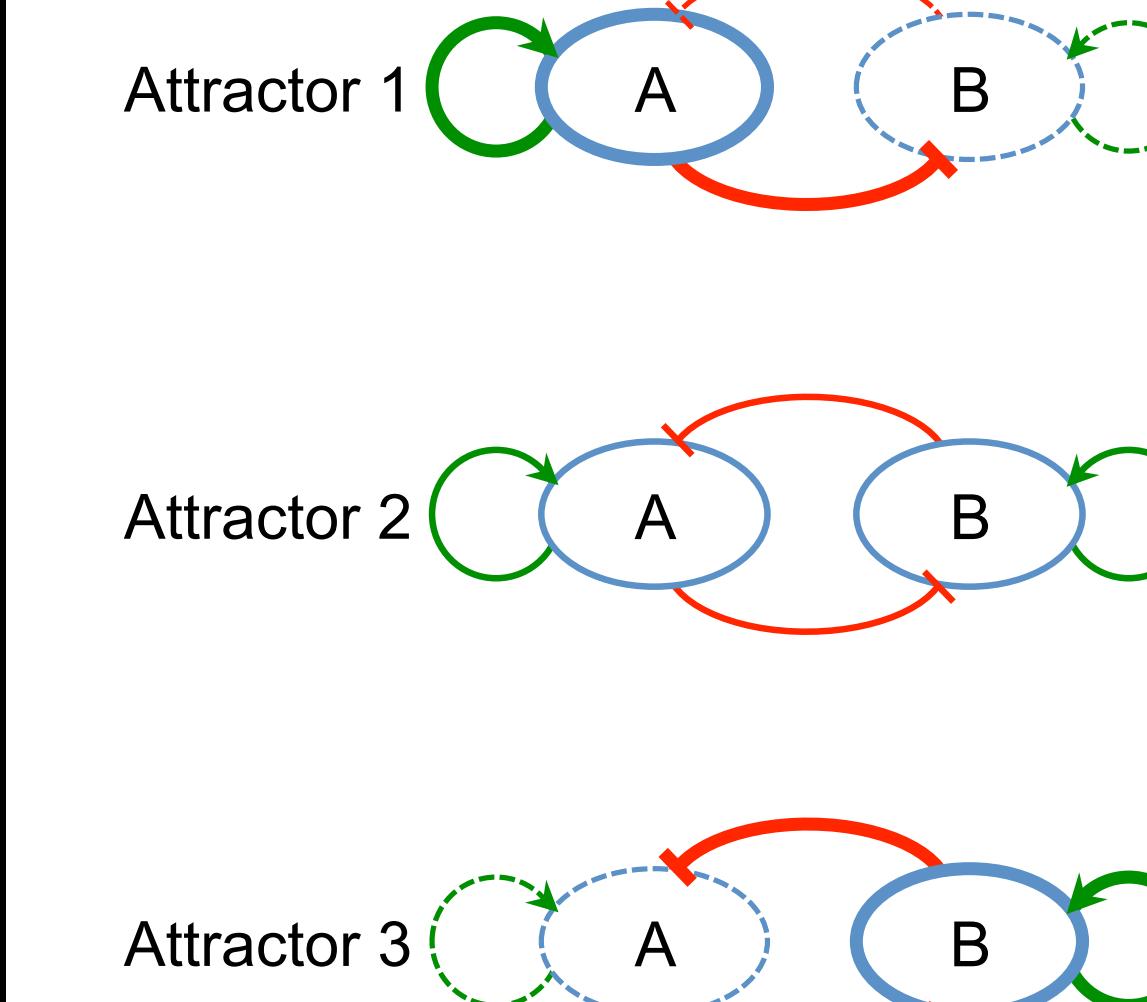
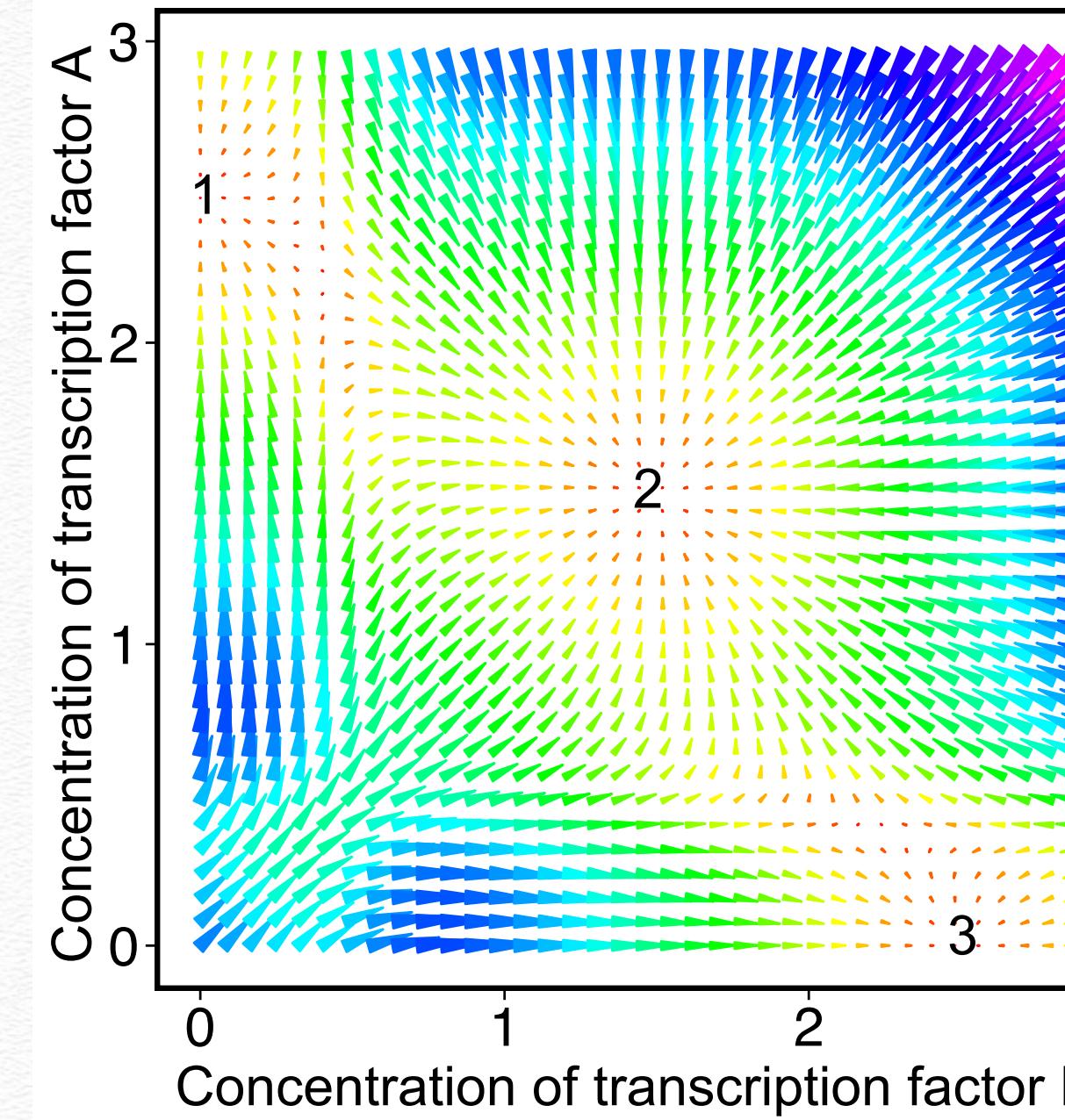
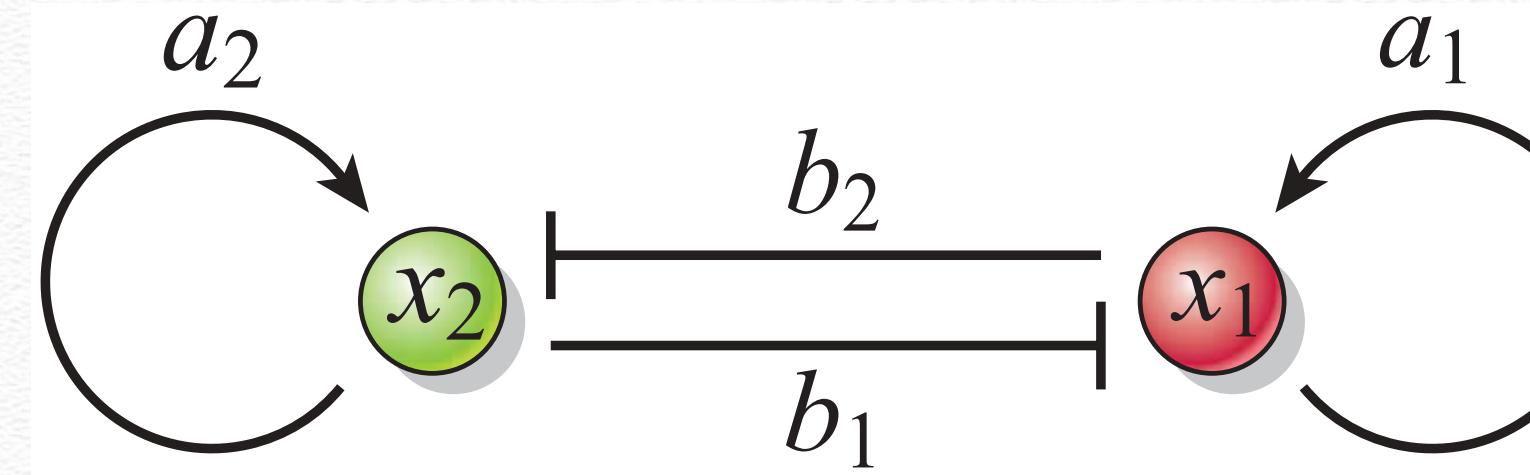




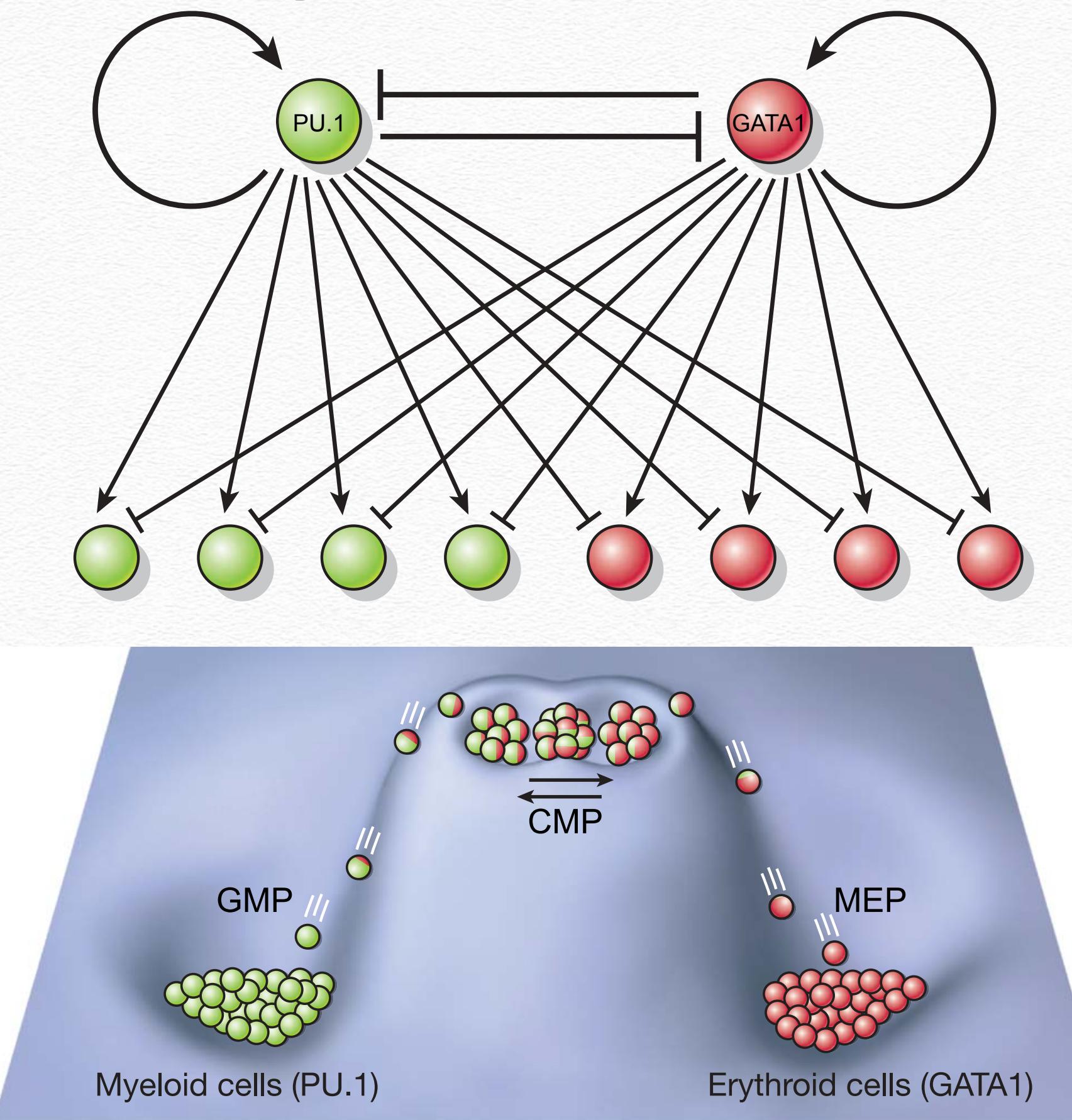
Bistable Switch



Tristable Switch



Lineage Bifurcation



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Human Development

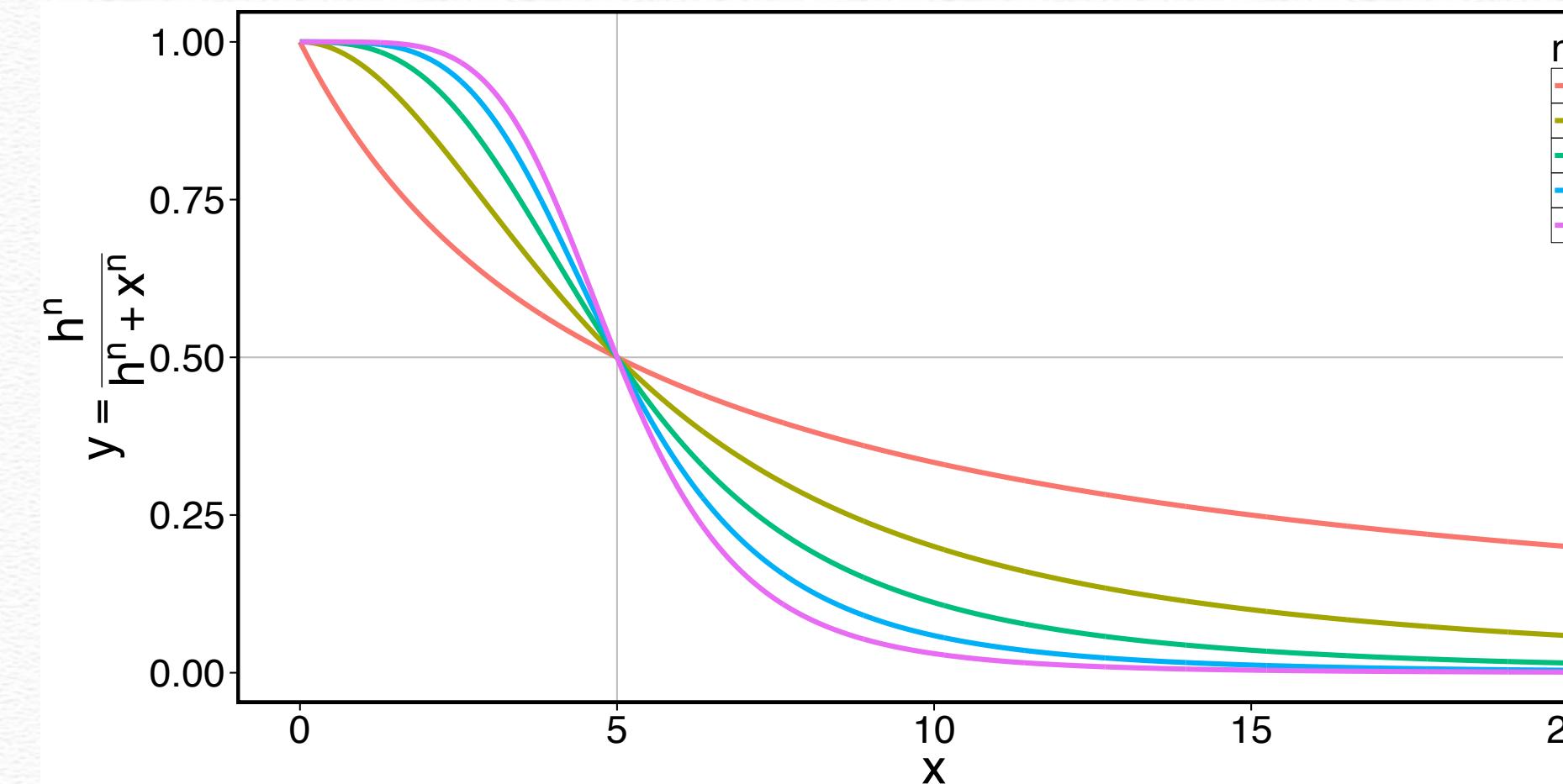


How to Model a Switch?

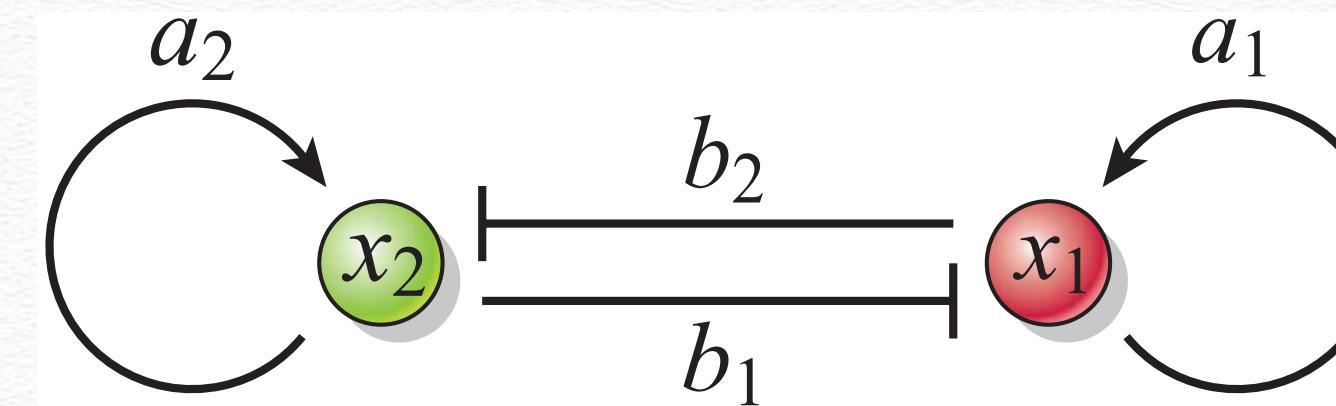
Mutual Inhibition



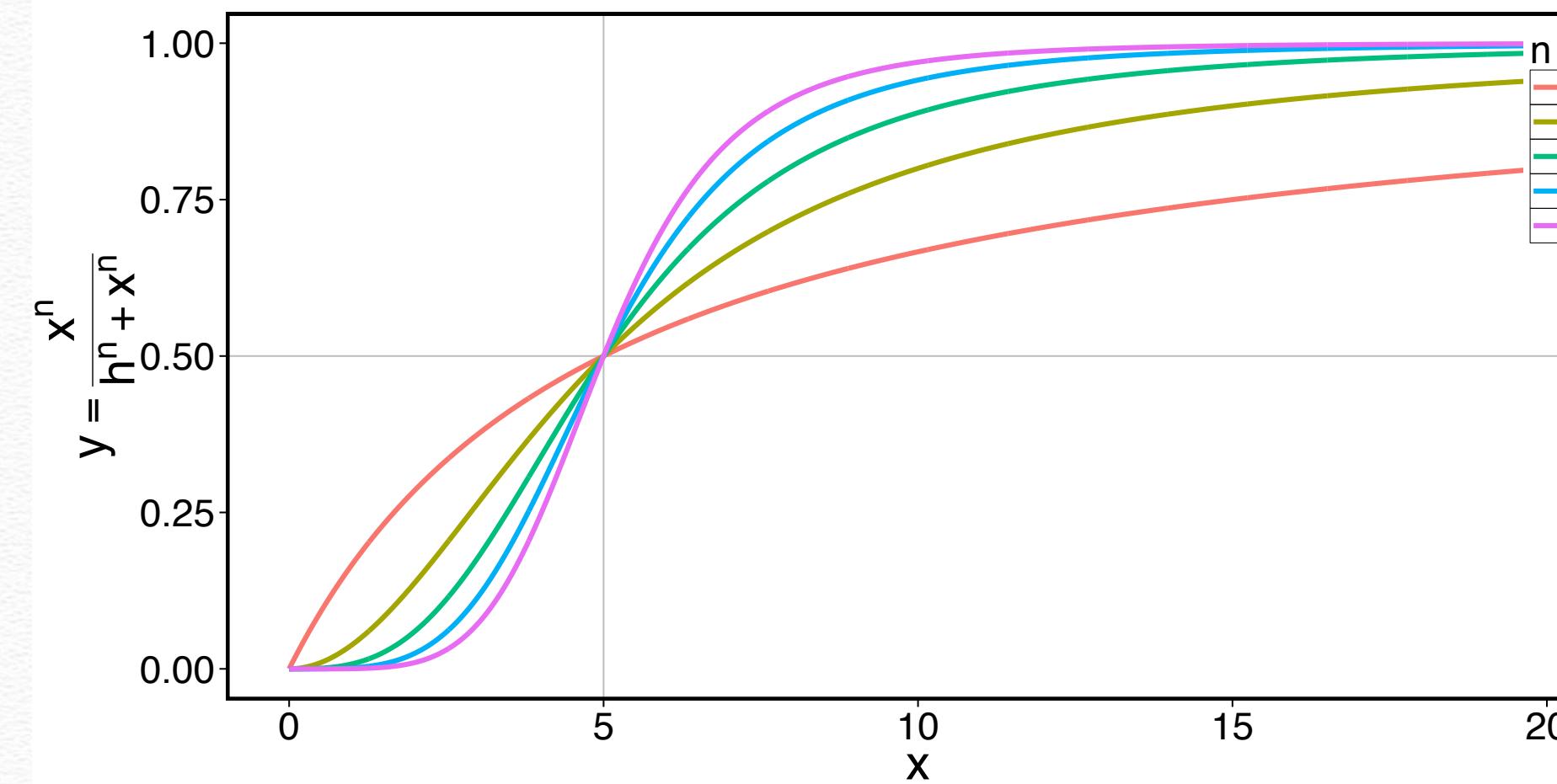
$$y = \frac{h^n}{h^n + x^n}$$



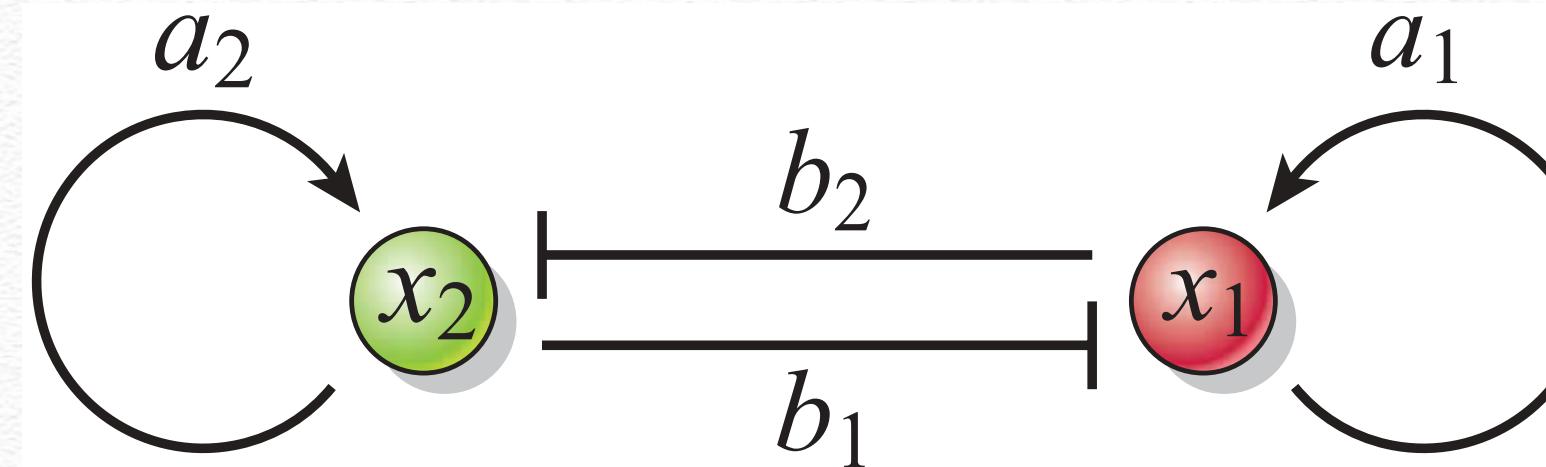
Self Activation



$$y = \frac{h^n}{h^n + x^n} \rightarrow y = \frac{x^n}{h^n + x^n}$$



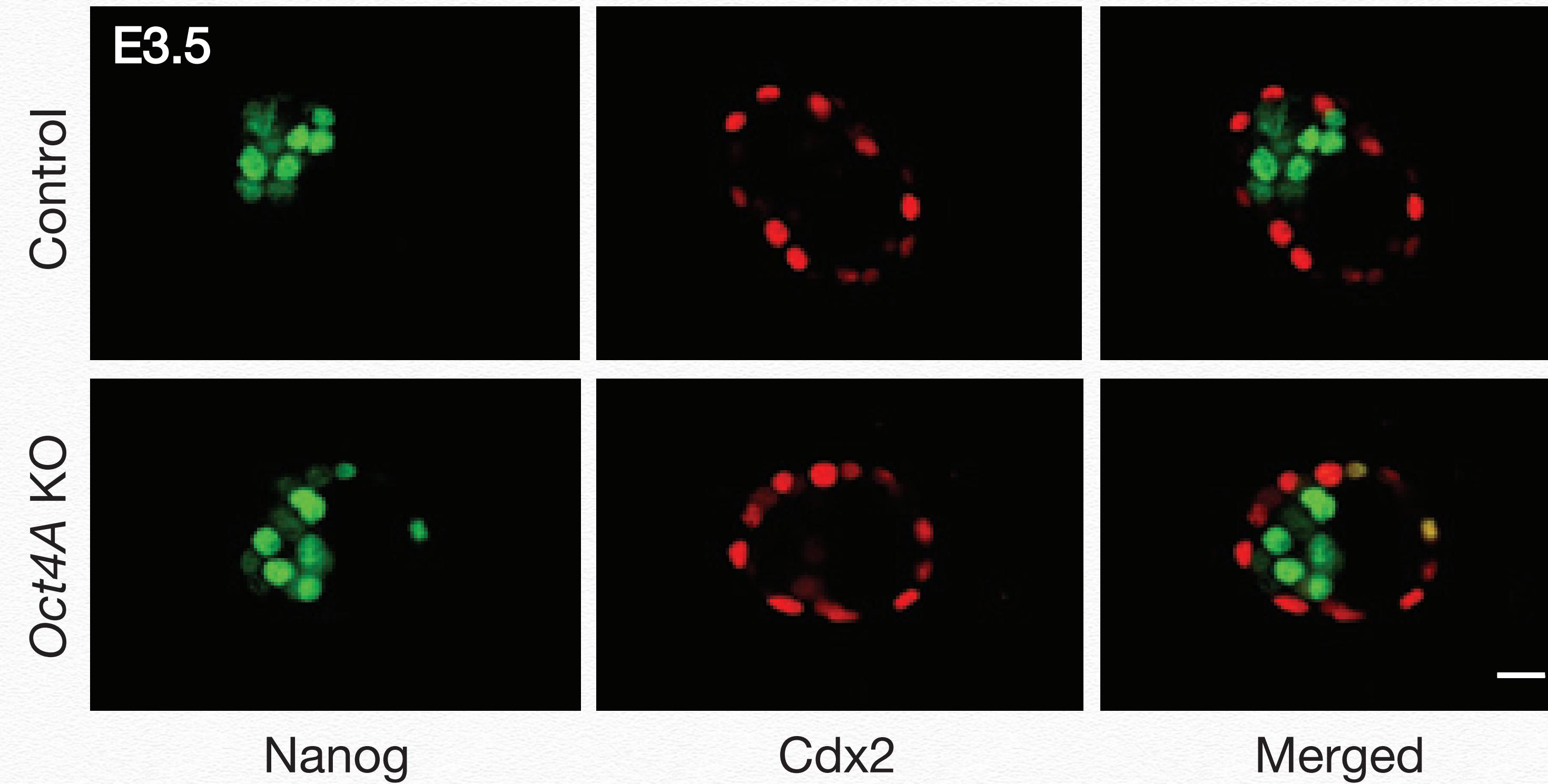
Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)



$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = a_1 \frac{x_1^n}{h^n + x_1^n} + b_1 \frac{h^n}{h^n + x_2^n} - cx_1$$

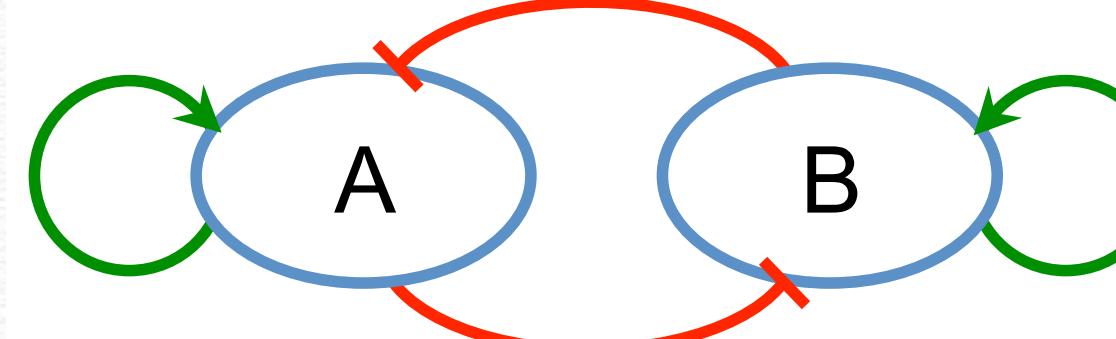
$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = a_2 \frac{x_2^n}{h^n + x_2^n} + b_2 \frac{h^n}{h^n + x_1^n} - cx_2$$

Controversy



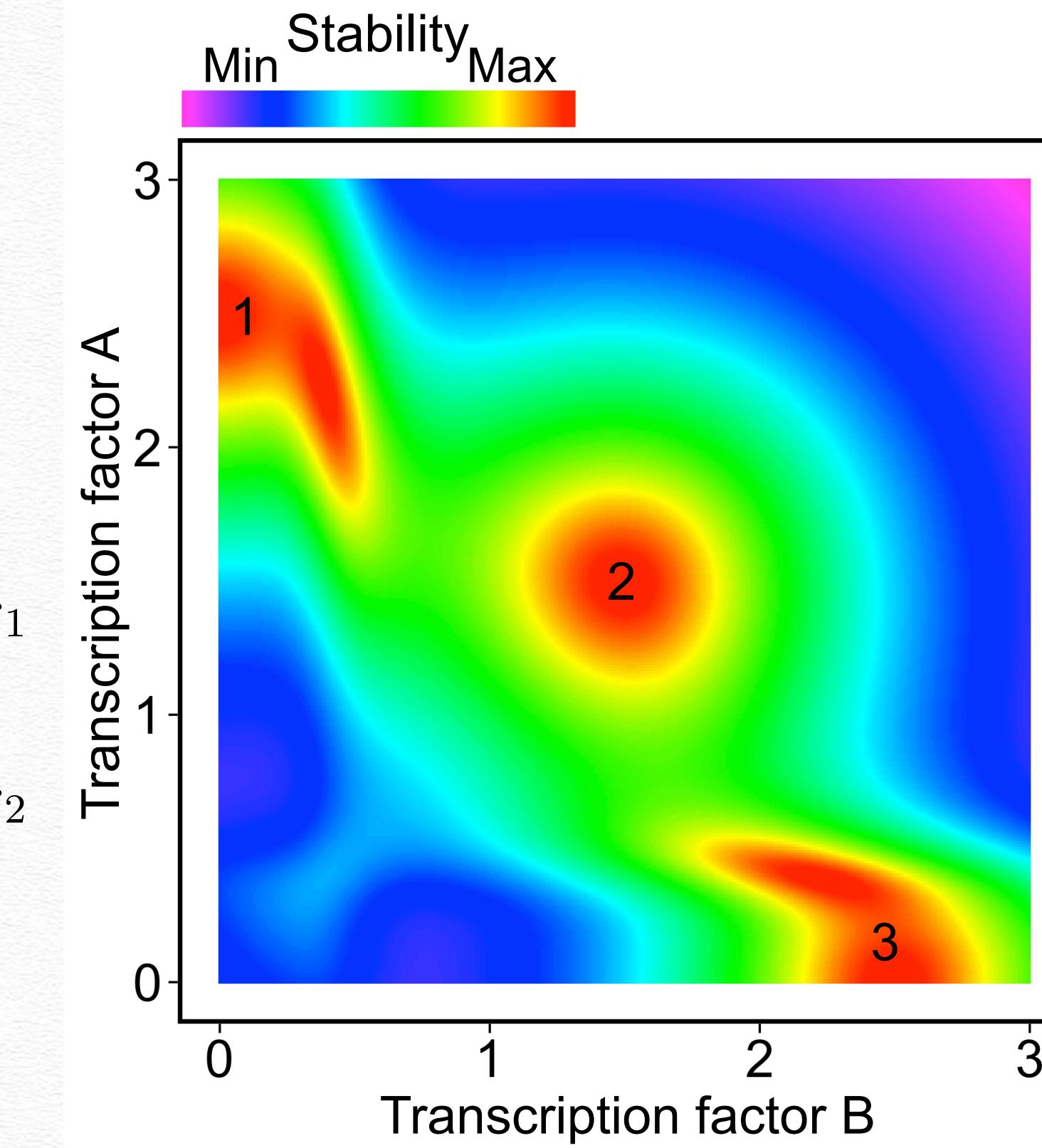
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Two-Factor Circuit

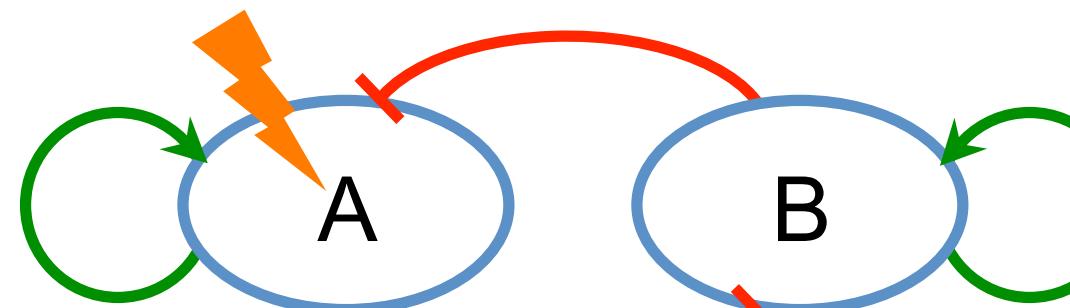


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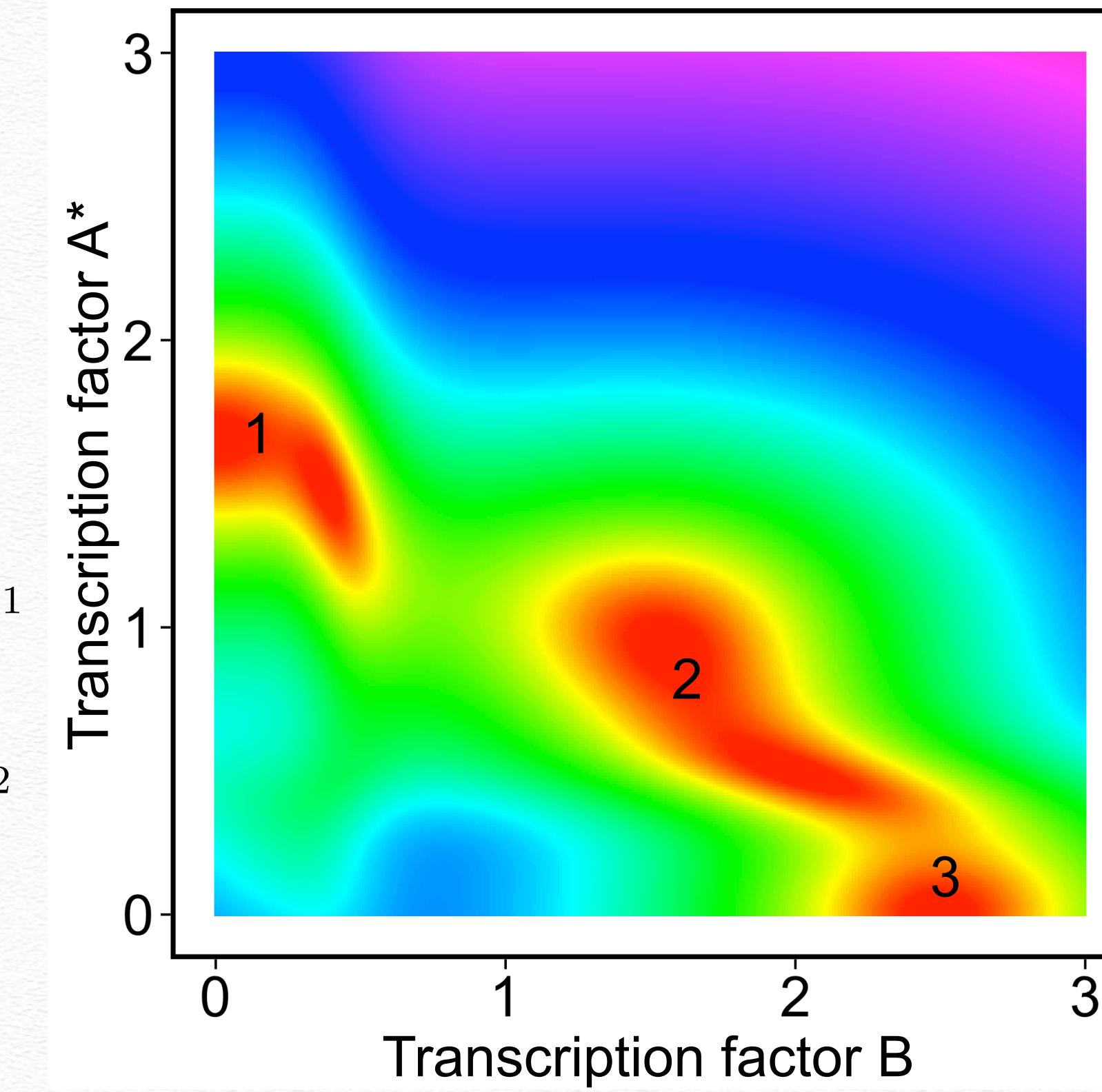


Perturbation

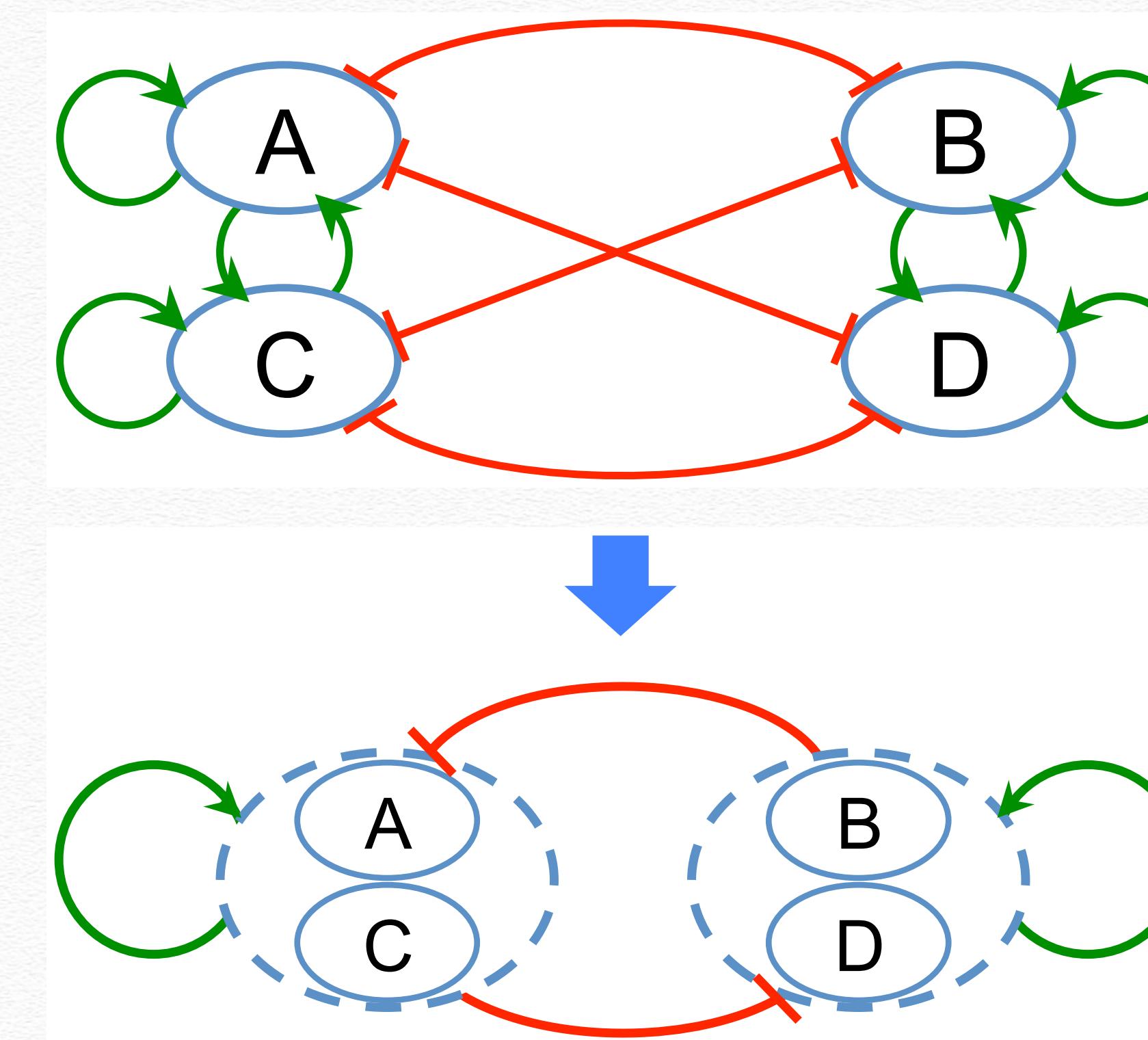


$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = a_1 \frac{x_1^n}{h^n + x_1^n} + b_1 \frac{h^n}{h^n + x_2^n} - c^* x_1$$

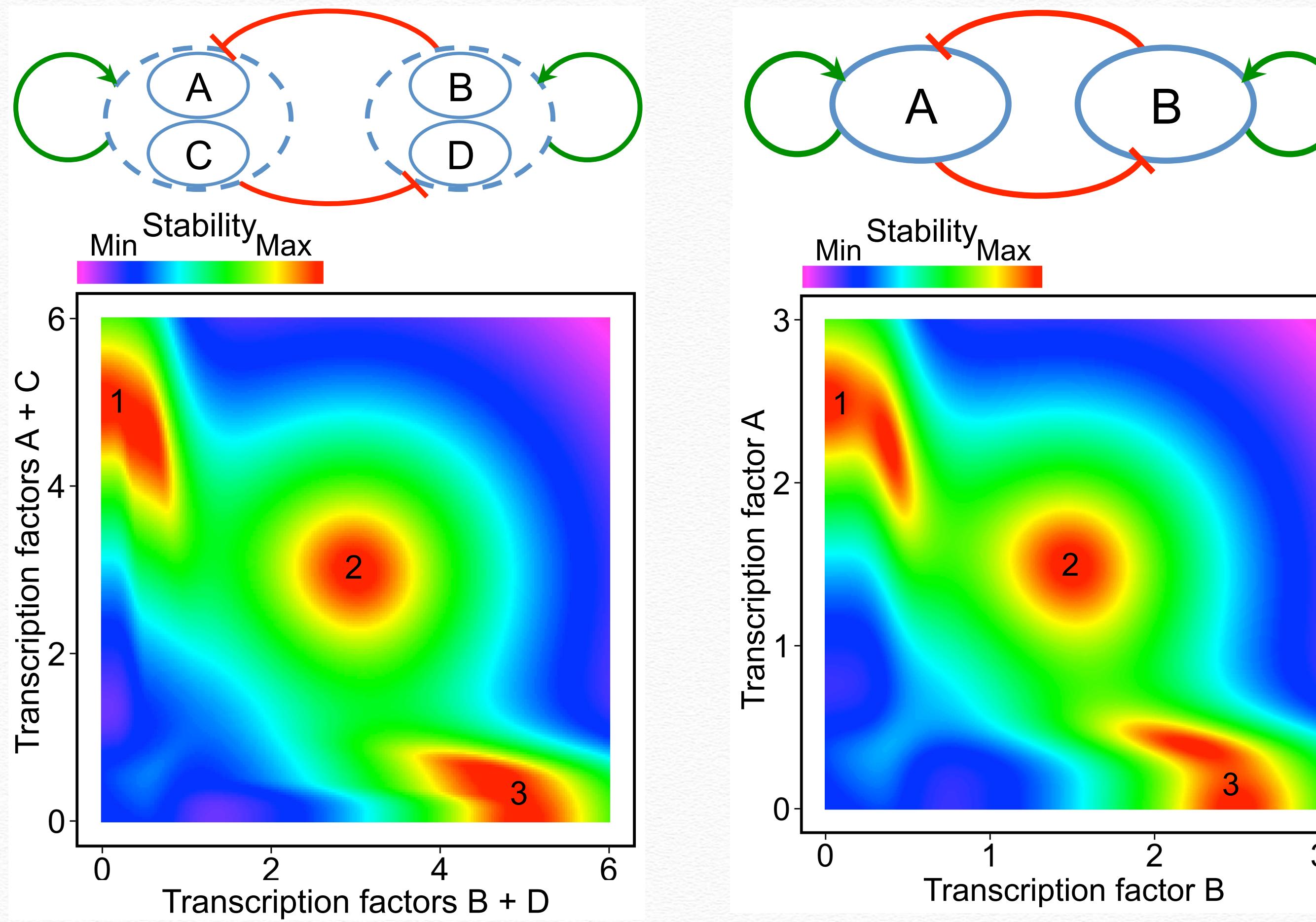
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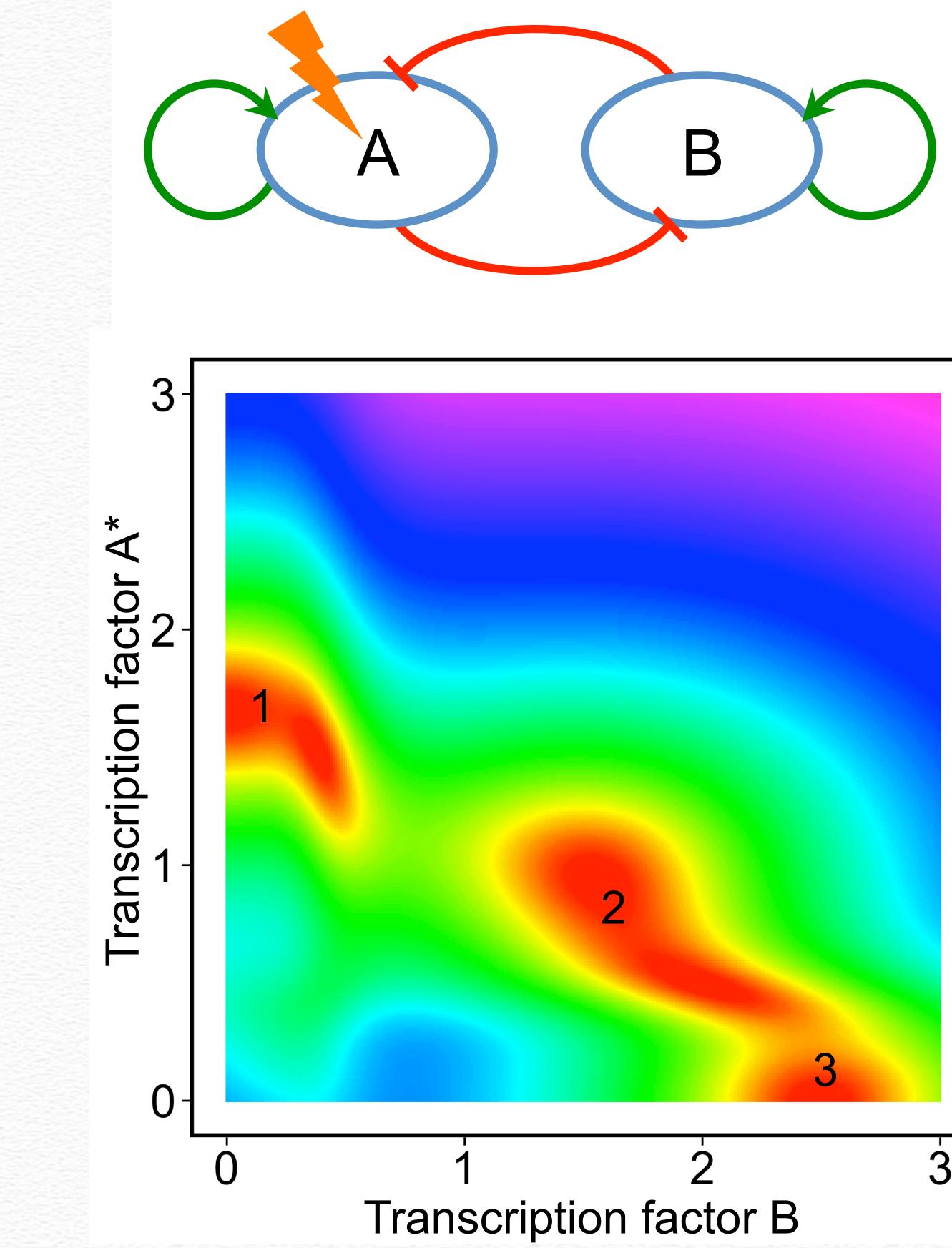
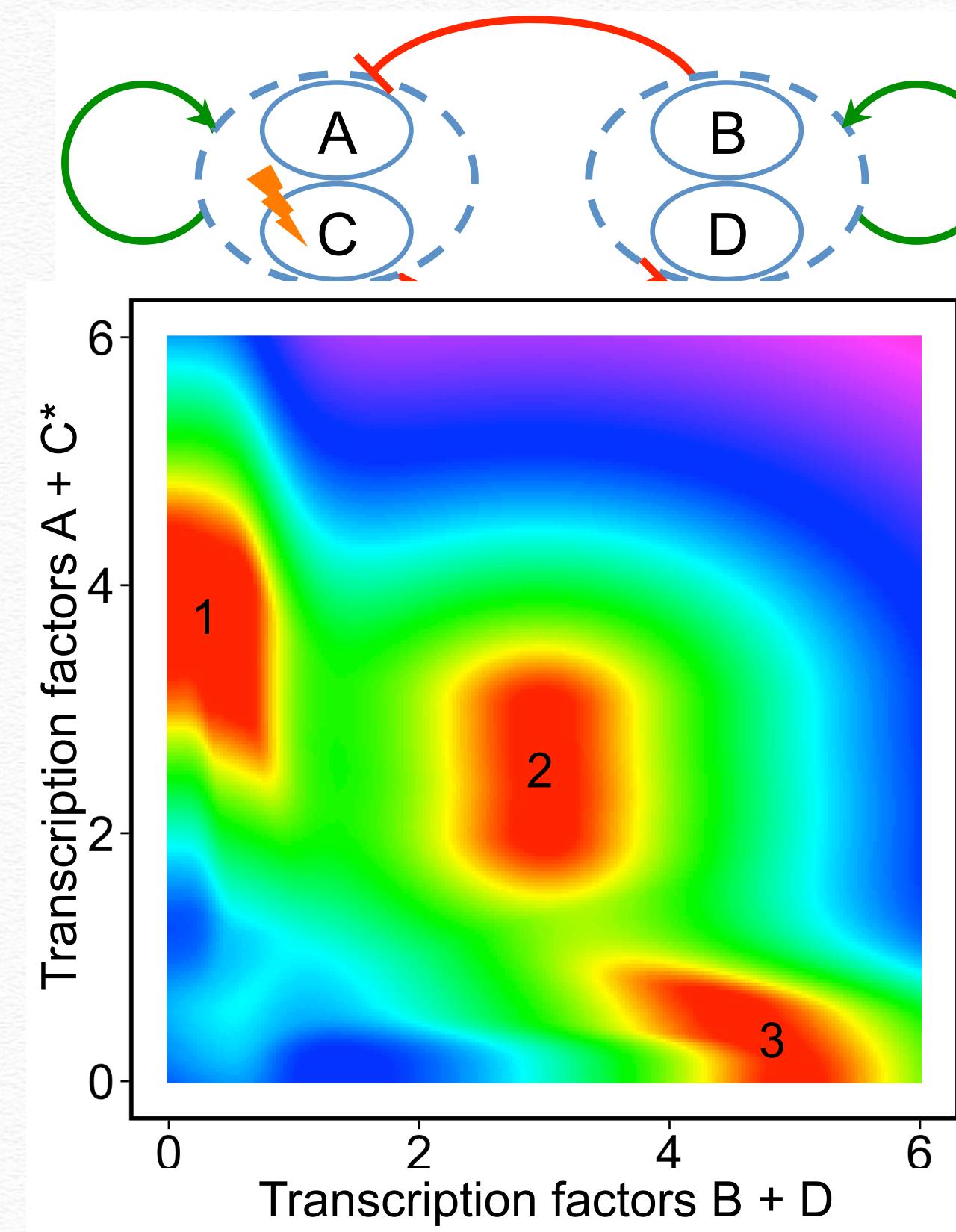
Two-Cluster Circuit



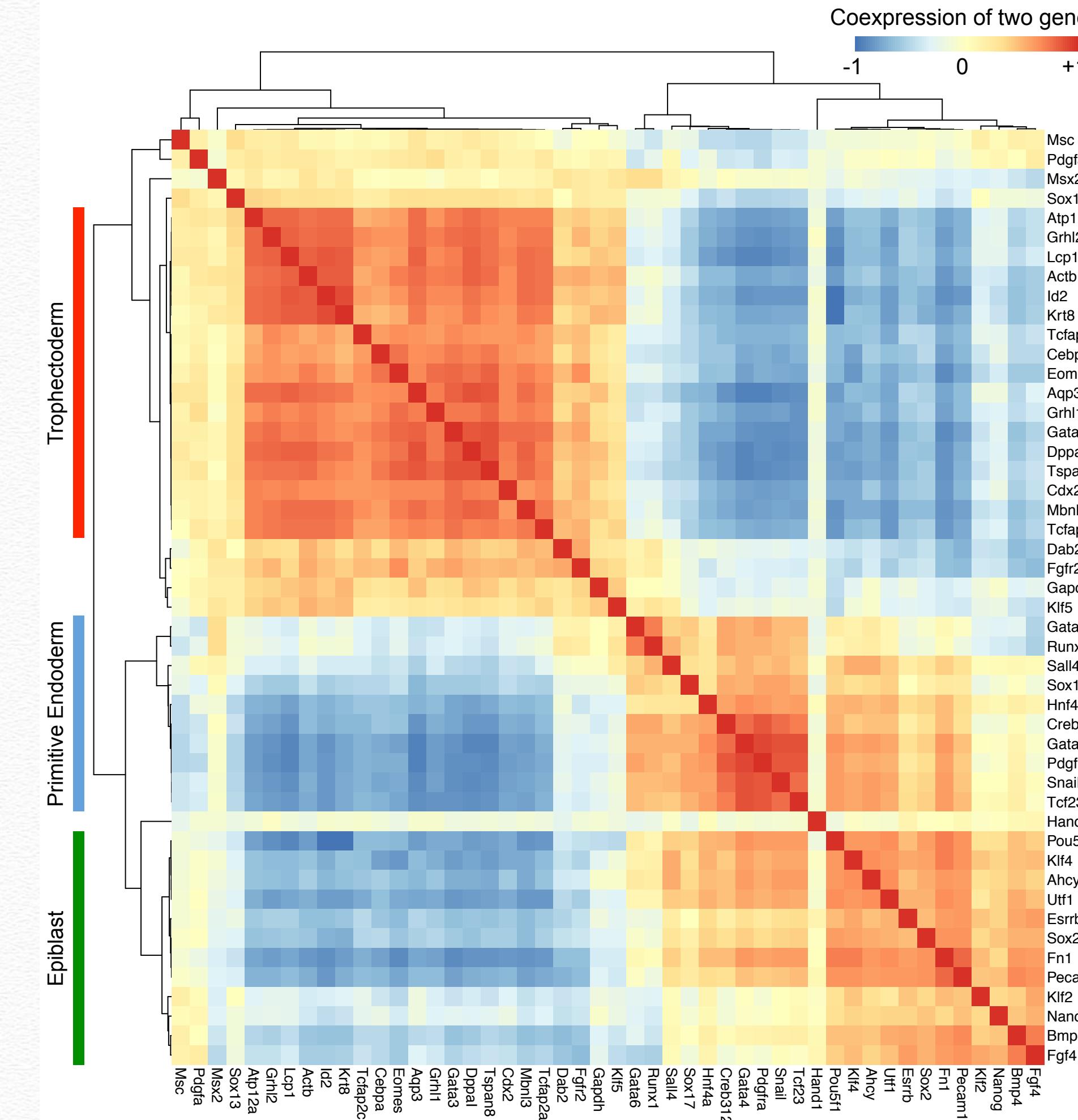
Two-Cluster Attractors



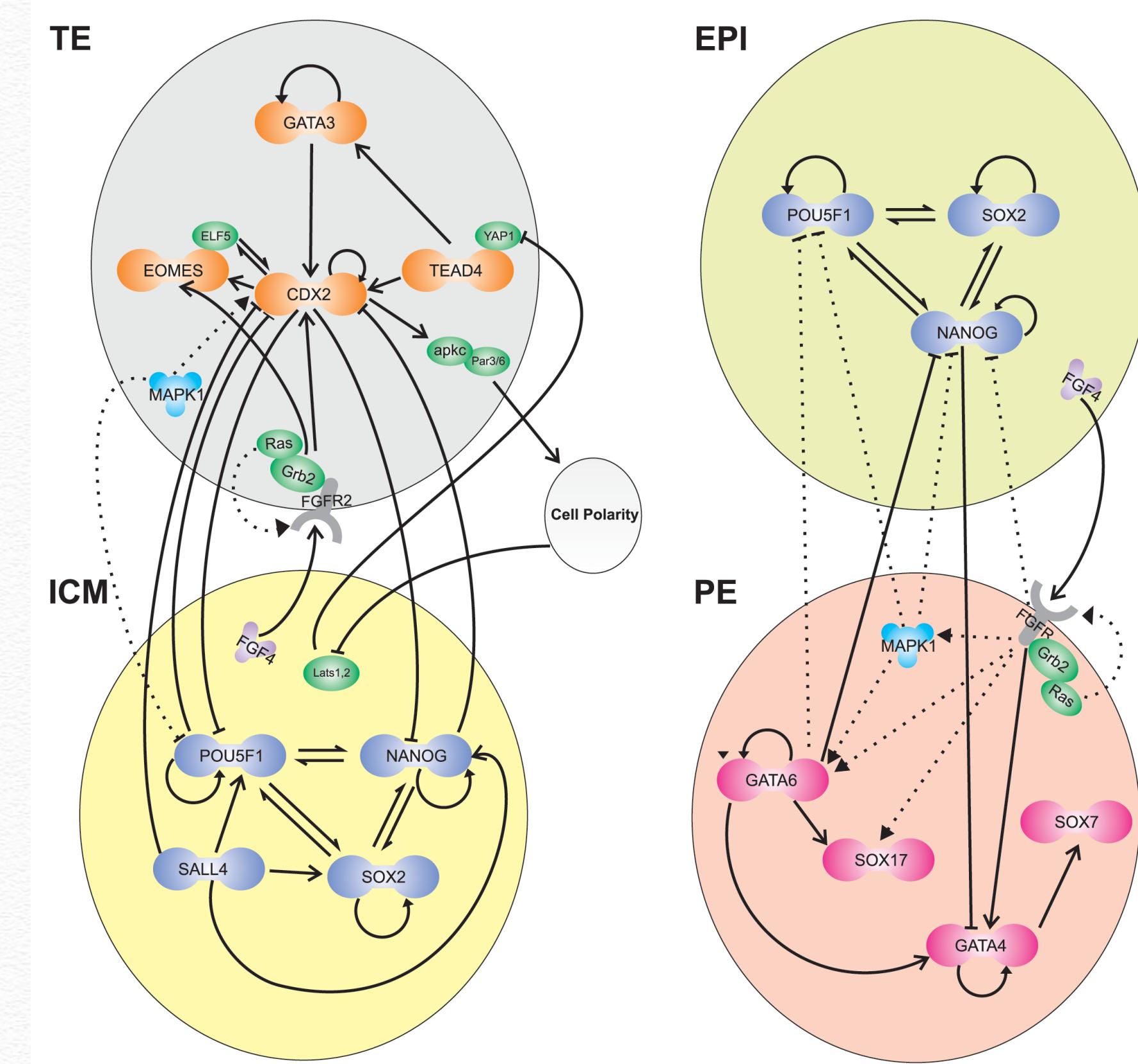
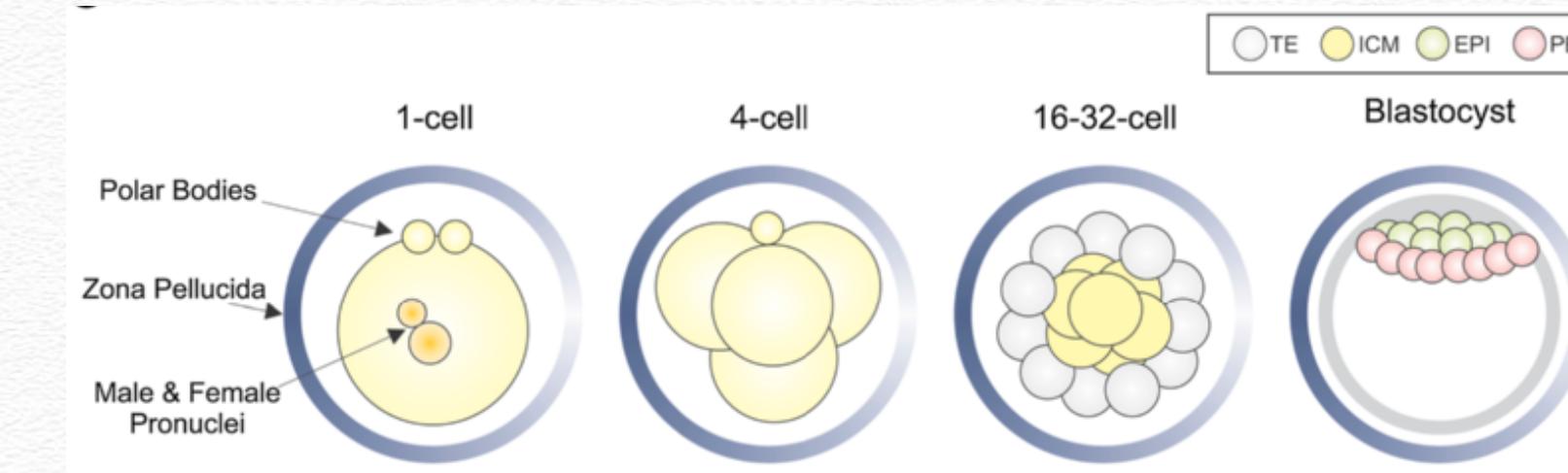
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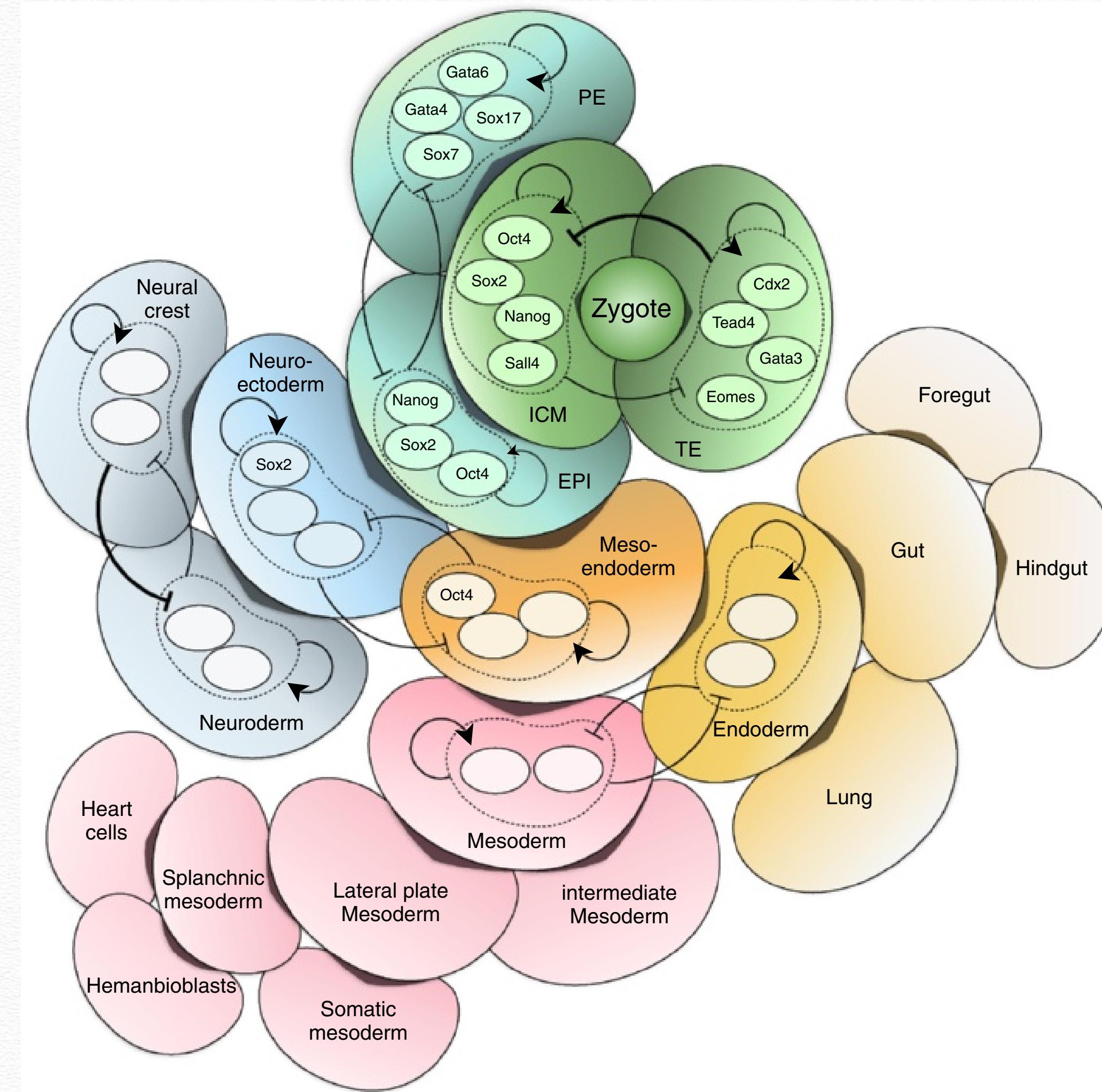
Clusters



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Two-Cluster Model



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