Accessible and Reproducible Analyses with the CoLoMoTo notebook

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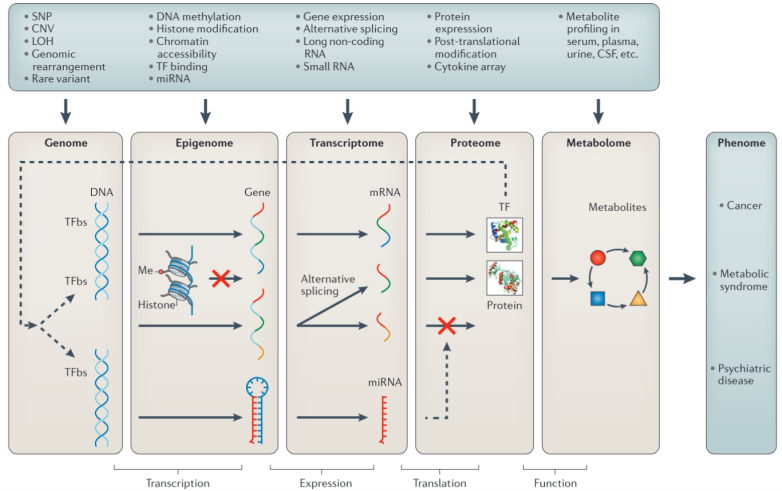
Cell is tightly **regulated** at several levels



(Ritchie *et al.*, *Nat. Rev. Gen.* 2015)

Methods of integrating data to uncover genotype–phenotype interactions

Marylyn D. Ritchie ✉, Emily R. Holzinger, Ruowang Li, Sarah A. Pendergrass & Dokyoon Kim

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Key Points

- Technological advances have vastly expanded the amount of omic data currently available. Historically, each type of data was analysed separately, although approaches to integrate omic data sets to predict complex phenotypic traits are now emerging.
- Such systems genomics approaches to combine multiple data types provide a more comprehensive understanding of complex genotype–phenotype associations than analysis of one data set.
- Data from multiple sources that point to the association of the same gene or pathway are less likely to result in false positives.
- There are various strengths and weaknesses of the available strategies. The approach used needs to be selected according to specific types of data, different types of scientific questions or different types of underlying genomic models.

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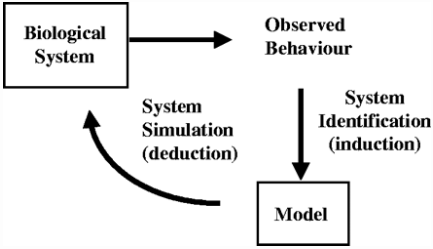
Rely on models to analyse networks

- Understand of the way in which particular molecular mechanisms control a cellular process
- Predict novel phenomena that can be confronted with experimental data



(King, Garrett and Coghill, *Bioinformatics* 2005)

Formalisms

A variety of physical and mathematical approaches are used:

- Non-linear
- Piecewise-linear
- Logical (Boolean networks)
- Petri nets
- Statistical-mechanical
- Stochastic

Hierarchy of modeling formalisms

Describe the system at different levels of detail (e.g. continuous vs qualitative)

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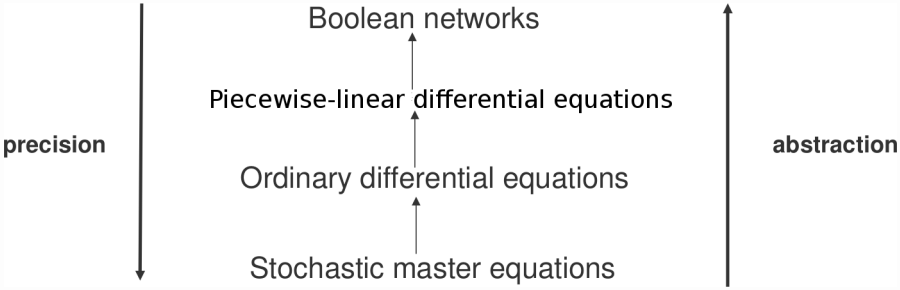

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Implicit assumptions

- Ignore intermediate gene products (mRNA)
- Ignore gene expression machinery (RNA polymerase, ribosome)
- Simplification of complex interactions of regulators with DNA to single response function

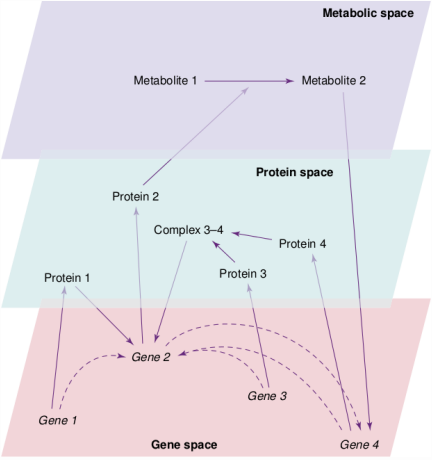
Gene regulatory networks

- consist of genes, gene products (RNA, proteins), and the regulatory effect of the latter on the expression of other genes

  (Bolouri *et al.*, *Computational Modeling of Gene Regulatory Networks* 2008)

- cannot be reduced to direct interactions (transcriptional regulation), but also include indirect interactions (mediated by metabolism)

  (Brazhnik *et al.*, *Trends Biotechnol* 2002)



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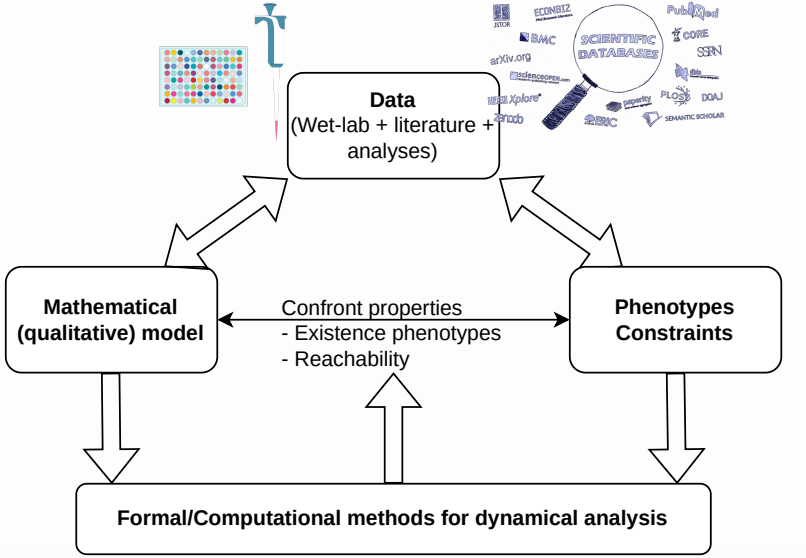
Data
(Wet-lab + literature + analyses)
SCIENTIFIC DATABASES
Mathematical (qualitative) model
Confront properties
- Existence phenotypes
- Reachability
Phenotypes Constraints
Formal/Computational methods for dynamical analysis

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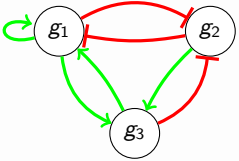
The (reproducibility) devil is in the details!

Regulatory graph

- Is a tuple (G, E) where G denotes a set of nodes/vertices (eg. gene expression) and E a set of edges
- An edge $(i, j) \in E$ indicates that i regulates the expression of j
- Edges can have sign information about interactions:
  - $(i, j, +)$ for "i activates j"
  - $(i, j, -)$ for "i inhibits j"



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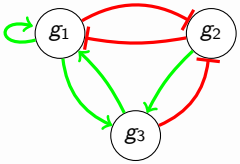

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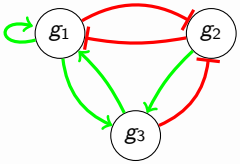

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No quantitative parameters but requires a precise description of competing effects
(rates, updating scheme, etc.)

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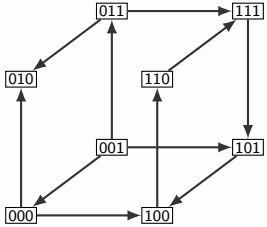

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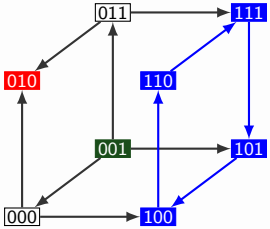

Attractors

Correspond to (biologically relevant) asymptotic behaviours

- **Stable state**: all gene levels are maintained
  e.g., differentiated states, death, ...
- **Complex attractor**: long-lasting oscillatory behaviour
  e.g., cell cycle, ...

Interesting properties

- What are the attractors of the system? (stable states, complex attractors)
  Is there multistability?
- Are these attractors reachable from initial conditions?
- Are these attractors maintained under input variations?
- What is the likelihood of reaching an attractor from a given portion of the state space?
- ...

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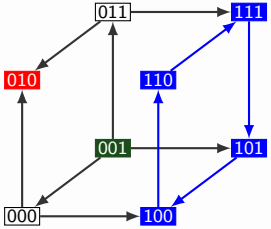
- **Logical models enable efficient analytical methods**

Asyncronous updating (non-deterministic)



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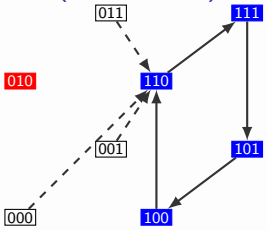

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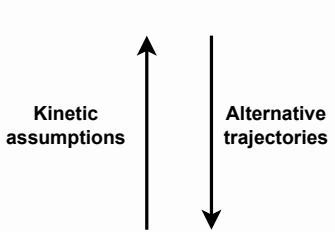

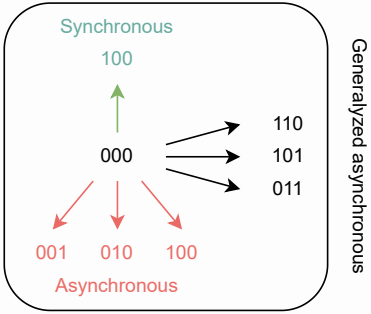

In absence of kinetic knowledge, many alternative trajectories are possible

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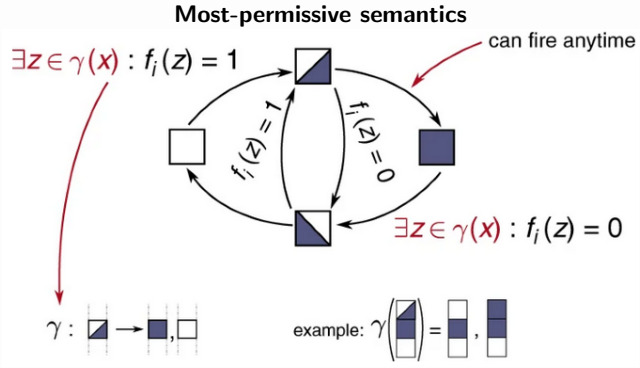
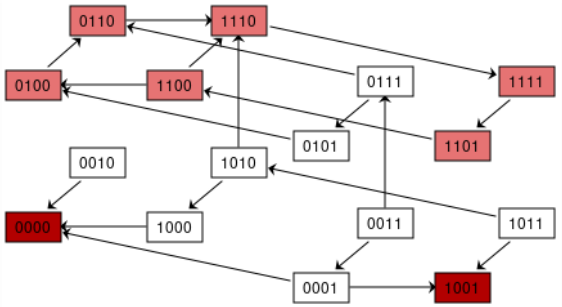


(Pauleve et al., *Nat. Comm.* 2020)

Useful to compute over-approximations of reachability properties



Methods

- Stable states: fixed points of the dynamics
  Constraint solving $\exists x : f(x) = x$ (Naldi et al., *CMSB* 2007)
- Complex attractors: cycles of the dynamics
  Symbolic exploration $\exists C : \forall x \in C : F(x) = C$ (Garg et al., *Bioinformatics* 2008)
- Trap spaces: stable patterns of the dynamics
  Constraint solving $\exists C : \forall x \in C : f(x) \in C$ (Klarner et al., *Nat Comput* 2015)

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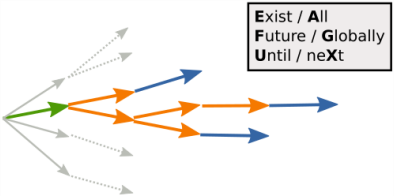

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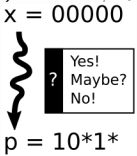

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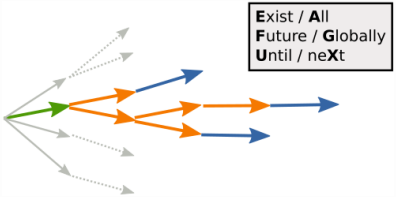

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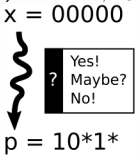

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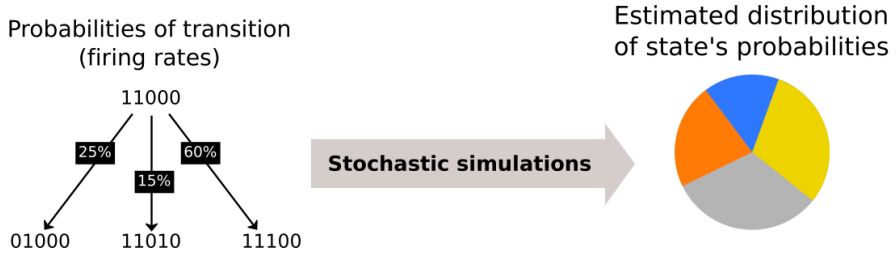

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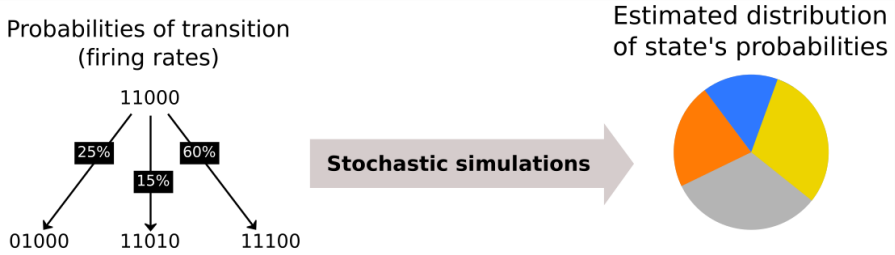

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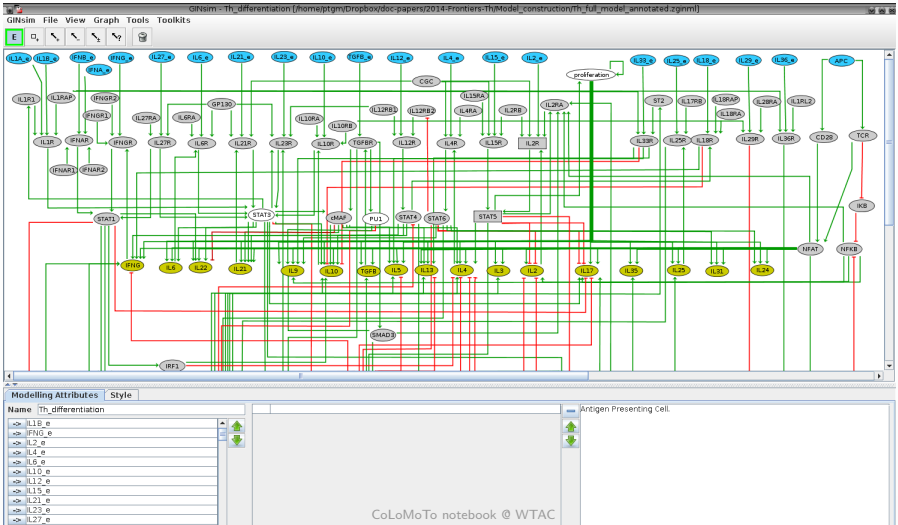

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Software tools

Trajectory analysis
NuSMV

Network editor
Cell Designer

Model building
CaSQ

Knowledge base
Simulations
The Cell Collective

Attractors
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Pint

Modification
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GINsim

Exchange format


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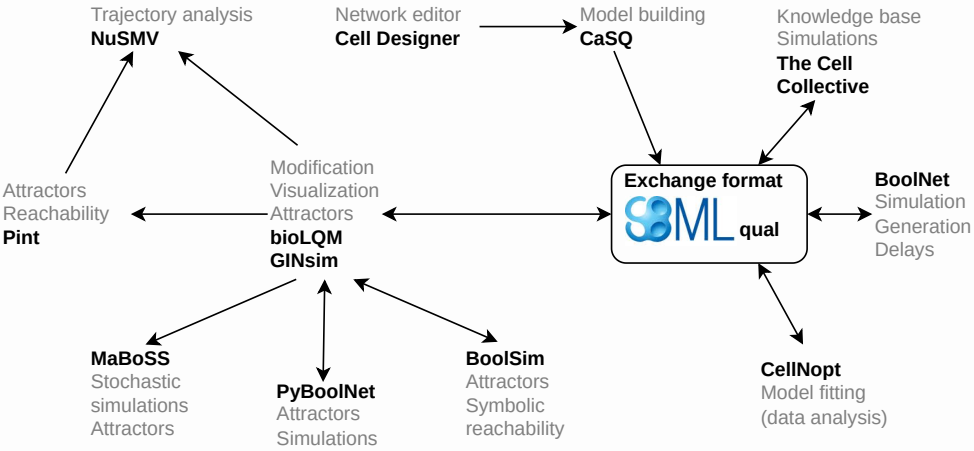

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Install

Conda packages, Docker image

Perform analysis

Python API for all tools
Jupyter: semi-interactive interface

Share

Analysis: Jupyter notebooks
Models: SBML qual exchange format

(Naldi *et al.*, *Bioinformatics* 2015)

Try it online (No installation)
Limited resources, download to save

tmpnb.colomoto.org
binder

colomoto-docker (requires docker and Python)
Python wrapper hiding complex docker commands

Pure Docker
Raw Docker commands

Conda packages
Linux only, less reproducible

(Naldi *et al.*, *Frontiers in Physiology* 2018)

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CoLoMoTo software tools - https://colomoto.github.io/colomoto-docker/

BoNesis	https://github.com/bnediction/bonesis	Synthesis of Boolean Networks from architecture and dynamical properties	Python module `bonesis`
BooleanNet	https://github.com/ialbert/booleannet	Simulation of Boolean regulatory networks	Python module `boolean2`
boolSim	https://www.vital-it.ch/research/software/boolSim	Attractors and reachable sets in synchronous and asynchronous Boolean networks	Python module `boolsim`
CABEAN	https://satoss.uni.lu/software/CABEAN/	A Software Tool for the Control of Asynchronous Boolean Networks	Python module `cabean`
Caspo	https://bioasp.github.io/caspo/	Reasoning on the response of logical signaling networks with Answer Set Programming	Python module `caspo_control`
CaSQ	https://github.com/soli/casq	Convert static interaction maps into executable models	Python module `casq`
CellCollective	https://cellcollective.org	Model repository and knowledge base	Python module `cellcollective`
ERODE	https://github.com/colomoto/ERODE-CoLoMoTo	Backward Boolean Equivalence of Boolean networks	Python module `erode`
GINsim	http://ginsim.org	Boolean and multi-valued network modelling	Python module `ginsim`
MaBoSS	http://maboss.curie.fr	Markovian Boolean Stochastic Simulator	Python module `maboss`
mpbn	https://github.com/pauleve/mpbn	Most Permissive Boolean Networks	Python module `mpbn`
NORDic	https://github.com/clreda/NORDic	Network Oriented Repurposing of Drugs	Python module `NORDic`

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CoLoMoTo docker/notebook

- Integrated access to (pre-installed) tools
- Interoperability between tools
- Reproducibility of analyses

https://github.com/colomoto/colomoto-docker

Support: Linux, MacOS, Windows

Requirements: Docker, Python

Installation (or update)

```
pip install -U colomoto-docker
```

Usage (start the notebook)

```
colomoto-docker                          uses the most recently fetched image
colomoto-docker -V latest                  fetches the latest published image
colomoto-docker -V 2018-05-29                        fetches a specific image
```

Load model

```
[1]: 1 import ginsim
     2 # Model URL: http://ginsim.org/node/4
     3 lrg = ginsim.load("http://ginsim.org/sites/default/files/boolean_cell_cycle.zginml")
```

This notebook has been executed using the docker image `colomoto/colomoto-docker:2024-04-01`

Downloading http://ginsim.org/sites/default/files/boolean_cell_cycle.zginml

```
Do not forget attaching "boolean_cell_cycle.zginml" file with your notebook
```

Using local file boolean_cell_cycle.zginml

(model is saved in a local directory)

```
colomoto-docker --bind .                    the notebook uses the current directory
```

Show LRG

[2]:
```
1 ginsim.show(lrg)
```

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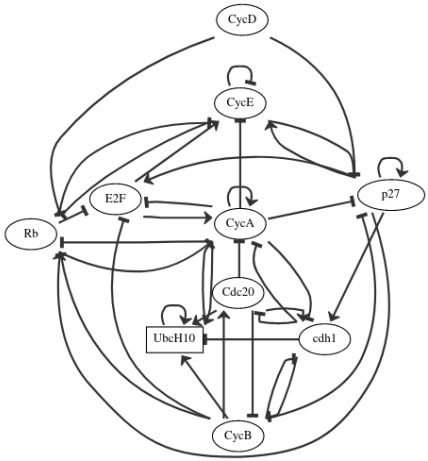

Attractor identification

bioLQM

[9]:
```
from colomoto_jupyter import tabulate
import biolqm
lqm = ginsim.to_biolqm(lrg)
lqm_fixpoints = biolqm.fixpoints(lqm)
tabulate(lqm_fixpoints)
```

[9]:

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Pint

[11]:
```
from colomoto_jupyter import tabulate
import pypint
pm = ginsim.to_pint(lrg)
pm_fixpoints = pm.fixpoints()
tabulate(pm_fixpoints)
```

[11]:

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0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

Attractor identification (trapspaces)

bioLQM

[12]:
```
1 trapspaces = biolqm.trapspaces(lqm)
2 tabulate(trapspaces)
```

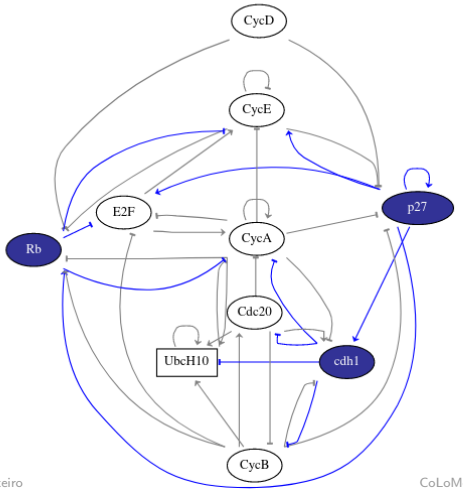
[12]:

	CycD	Rb	E2F	CycE	CycA	p27	Cdc20	cdh1	UbcH10	CycB
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	254	254	254	0	254	254	254	254

Map attractors on model LRG (stable states)

[14]:
```
1 ginsim.show(lrg, lqm_fixpoints[0])
```

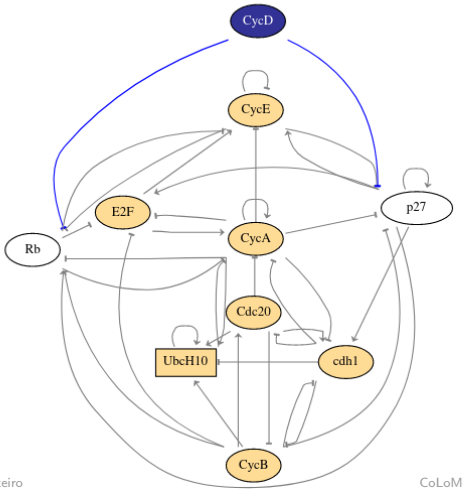
[14]:



Map attractors on model LRG (trap spaces)

[15]:
```
1 ginsim.show(lrg, trapspaces[1])
```

[15]:



Model perturbations

bioLQM

[18]:
```
lqm_p27_KO = biolqm.perturbation(lqm, "p27%0")
# lqm_p27_range = biolqm.perturbation(lqm, "p27%1:2")
lqm_CycD_p27 = biolqm.perturbation(lqm, "CycD:p27%0")
```

Pint

[20]:
```
pm_p27_KO = pm.lock(p27=0)
```

MaBoSS

[21]:
```
mb_p27_KO = mb.mutate("p27", "OFF")
```

Model reduction

bioLQM

[24]:
```
1 lqm_reduced = biolqm.reduce(lqm, "fixed,outputs")
2 tabulate(biolqm.fixpoints(lqm_reduced))
```

(Naldi et al., *TCS* 2011)

(Naldi et al., *CMSB* 2012)

Formal reachability analysis

Pint

```
an = biolqm.to_pint(lqm)
target_state = {"Apoptosis":1}
an.reachability(goal=target_state)
```

```
True
```

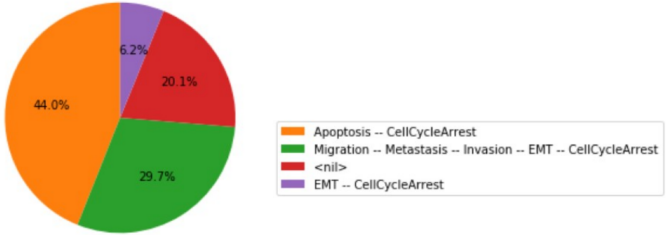
NuSMV model checker

```
smv = an.to_nusmv()
ctl_specs = {
    "stable-apoptosis": EF(AG(S(Apoptosis=1)))
}
smv.add_ctls(ctl_specs)
smv.verify()
```

```
{'stable-apoptosis': False}
```

Estimation of reachability probabilities

```
1 masim = biolqm.to_maboss(lqm)
2 mares = masim.run()
3 mares.plot_piechart()
```



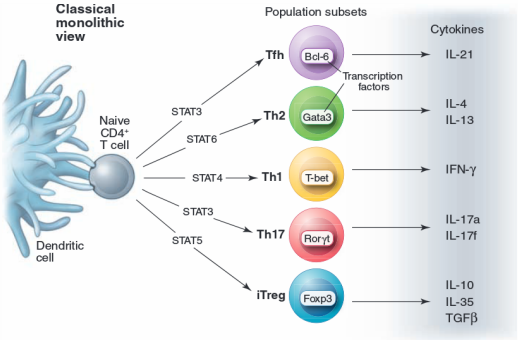
Break....

Mechanisms Underlying Lineage Commitment and Plasticity of Helper CD4$^+$ T Cells

John J. O'Shea* and William E. Paul

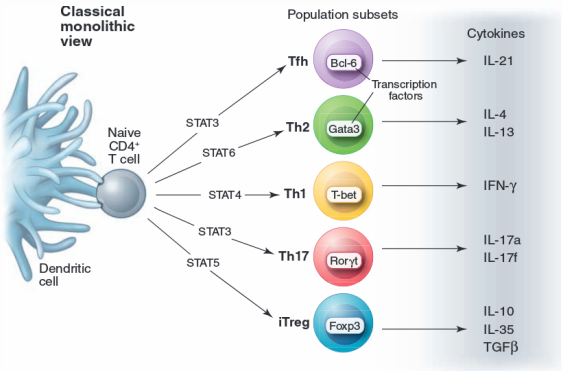
CD4$^+$ T cells are critical for host defense but are also major drivers of immune-mediated disease. These T cells specialize to become distinct subsets and produce restricted patterns of cytokines, which are tailored to combat various microbial pathogens. Although classically viewed as distinct lineages, recent work calls into question whether helper CD4$^+$ T cell subsets are more appropriately viewed as terminally differentiated cells or works in progress. Herein, we review recent advances that pertain to this topic and the mechanisms that contribute to helper CD4$^+$ T cell commitment and plasticity. The therapeutic implications of these new findings are also considered.

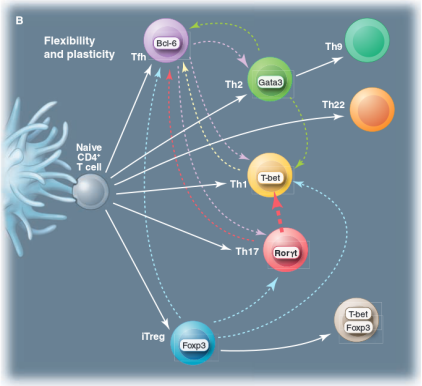
(O'Shea and Paul, *Science* 2010)



- T-helper (CD4+) lymphocytes play a role in the regulation of immune responses
- Faced with pathogens, naive CD4+ T cells differentiate into distinct Th cell populations expressing distinct cytokine profiles
- Polarization into cell types is governed by transcription factors

(O'Shea and Paul, *Science* 2010)





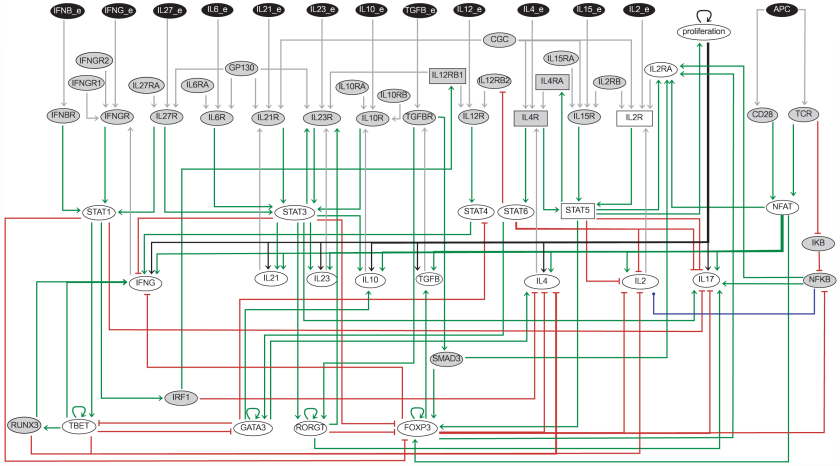
Objective

- Model capable of reproducing Th cell differentiation

  (Naldi *et al.*, *PLoS Comput. Biol.* 2010)

- Capable of exhibiting plasticity behaviours

Logical modelling of the Th network



(Naldi et al., *PLoS Comp Biol* 2010)

Model size: 64 components (13 inputs + 51 internal) and 138 interactions

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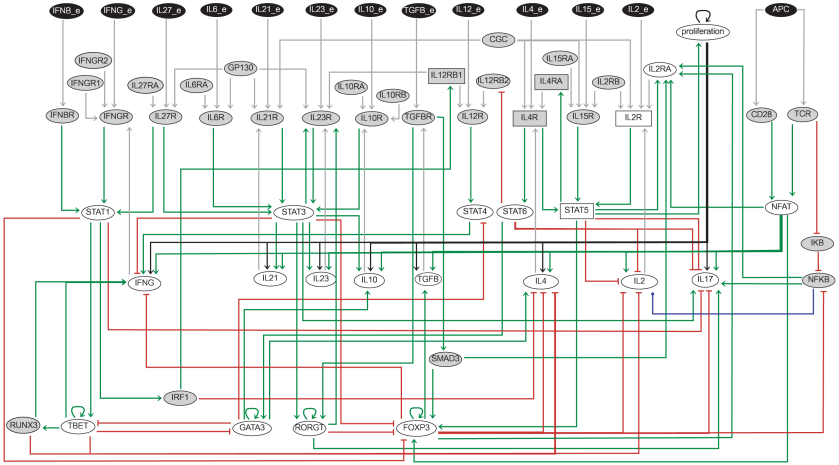

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STG size: 2^{64} states!!

$\Rightarrow$ **Too large to perform meaningful simulations!**

Approach to analyse the T-helper cell differentiation model:

- Identify the biologically relevant **states** corresponding to **Th cell subtypes**
- Compute the **reprogramming and plasticity** between **Th cell subtypes**

Start by computing the set of biologically relevant **Th cell subtypes**

Cell lineage	Master regulators			
	TBET	GATA3	RORGT	FOXP3
Th0	0	0	0	0
Th1	**1**	0	0	0
Th17	0	0	**1**	0
Th2	0	**1**	0	0
Treg	0	0	0	**1**
Th1 Foxp3+	**1**	0	0	**1**
Th2 Foxp3+	0	**1**	0	**1**
Treg RORγt+	0	0	**1**	**1**
Th1 Foxp3+ RORγt+	**1**	0	**1**	**1**
Th2 Foxp3+ RORγt+	0	**1**	**1**	**1**
Th1 RORγt+	**1**	0	**1**	0
Th2 RORγt+	0	**1**	**1**	0

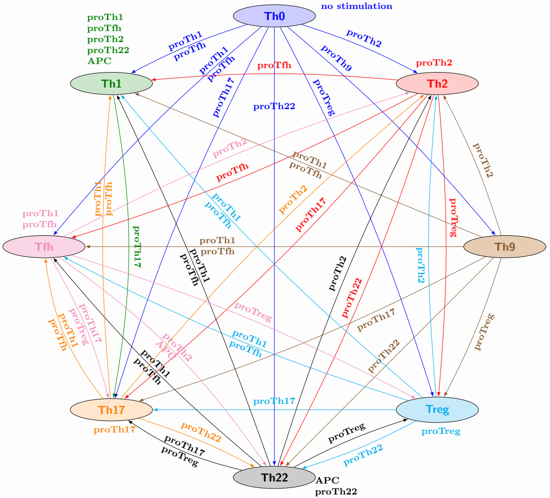
(Naldi et al., *PLoS Comp Biol* 2010)

Then characterize the set of prototypic **environmental conditions**

Tile code	description	Inputs: APC	IL2_e	IL4_e	IL6_e	IL10_e	IL12_e	TGFB_e	IFNG_e
□	no stimulation								
■	APC only	■							
■	pro-Th1 (i)	■	■						■
■	pro-Th1 (ii)	■					■		
■	pro-Th2	■		■	■				
■	pro-Th17	■			■			■	
■	pro-Treg (i)	■	■					■	
■	pro-Treg (ii)	■				■			

(Naldi et al., *PLoS Comp Biol* 2010)

Use **model checking** to systematically explore the reachability of all **Th cell subtypes** under all **environmental/input conditions**. Obtaining a "reprogramming map" between Th cell subtypes.



(Abou-Jaoude et al., *Frontiers Bioeng Biotech* 2015)

Model repository

http://ginsim.org/models_repository

Title	Taxon - All terms	Process - All terms
Asymmetric Cell Division in Caulobacter Crescentus	Bacterium, C. Crescentus	Cell cycle, Asymmetric cell division
Boolean model of geroconversion	Mammal	Senescence
Budding yeast cell cycle (adapted from Irons, 2009)	Budding yeast, Yeast	Cell cycle
Budding yeast cell cycle (Fauré et al. 2009)	Budding yeast, Yeast	Cell cycle
Budding yeast cell cycle (Orlando et al. 2008)	Budding yeast, Yeast	Cell cycle
Budding yeast exit module	Budding yeast, Yeast	Cell cycle, Mitosis exit control
Cell fate decision network in the AGS gastric cancer cell line (Flobak et al 2015)	Mammal	Cancer
Cell-Fate Decision in Response to Death Receptor Engagement	Mammal	Cell fate decision
Contribution of ROS and metabolic status to neonatal and adult CD8+ T cell activation	Mammal, Human	T-cell activation
Control of proliferation by oncogenes and tumor suppressors	Mammal	Cell fate decision
Control of Th1/Th2 cell differentiation	Mammal	Differentiation
Control of Th1/Th2/Th17/Treg cells differentiation	Mammal	Differentiation

- Load the Th model from GINsim model repository
  `http://ginsim.org/sites/default/files/Frontiers-Th-Full-model-annotated.zginml`
  but for pratical reasons (time/memory) we'll use the older/simpler model
  `http://ginsim.org/sites/default/files/Th_17.zginml` (Mendoza 2006)
  `http://ginsim.org/sites/default/files/Th_differentiation_reduced_model.zginml` (Naldi 2010)

- Display the regulatory graph

- Compute all stable states using the `biolqm` (and then `Pint`) python modules

- Visualise attractor on LRG

- Perform reachability analysis using `boolsim`, `NuSMV`, `Pint`, ...

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