

Standards for logical models: current status of SBML qual & SED-ML

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Standard formats for logical models

Motivation

- Ease model storing, exchange, maintenance, extension, etc.
- Ensure result reproducibility
- Strengthen the community, increase awareness

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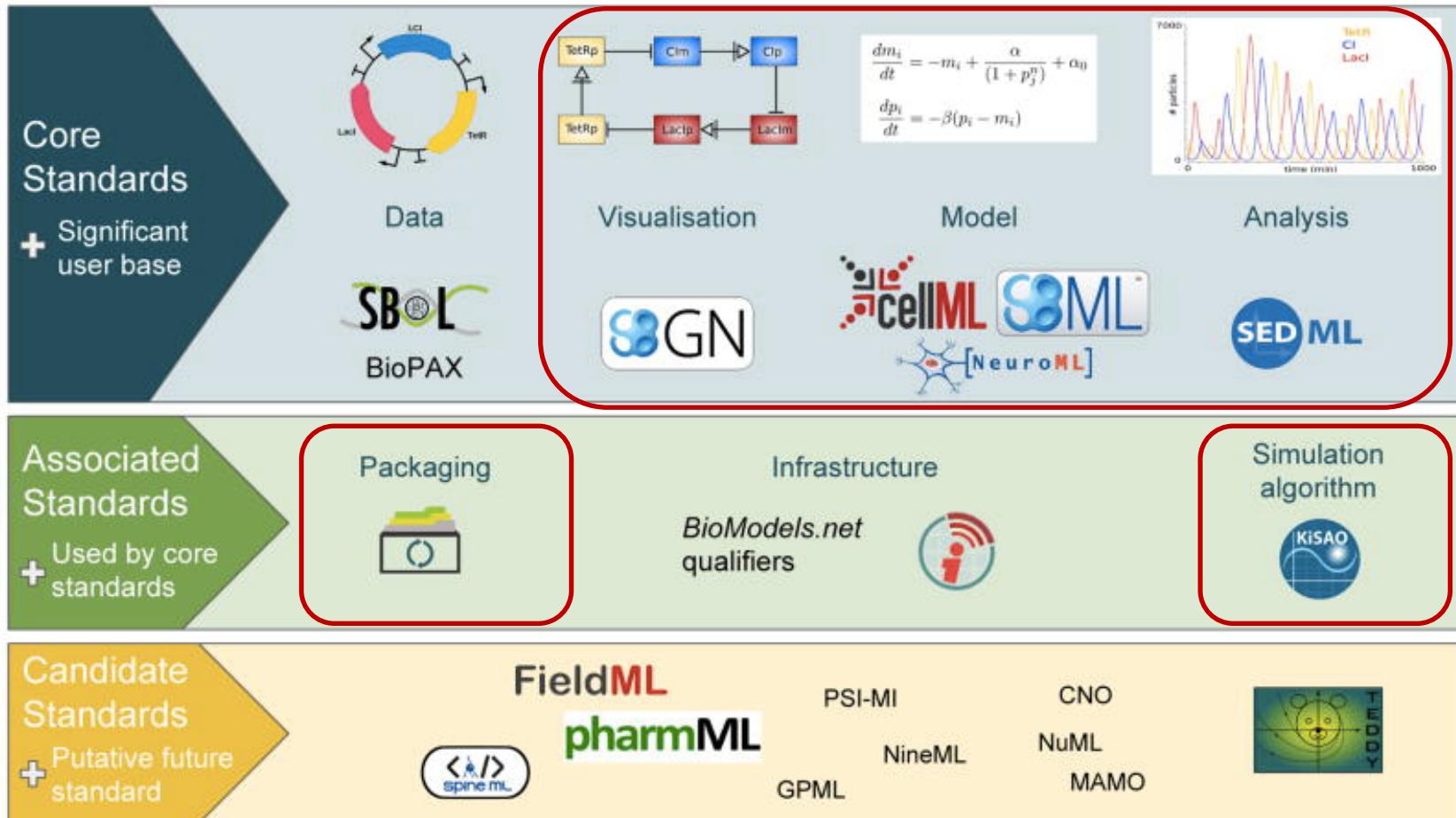
Systems biology

Cooperative development of logical modelling standards and tools with CoLoMoTo

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COMBINE standards and associated standardisation efforts

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SBML qual, standard for model exchange



The Systems Biology Markup Language

Qualitative Models (qual)

SBML Level 3 Package Activity Status Page

Package name: Qualitative Models

Package label: qual

Package purpose: Support for models wherein species do not represent quantity of matter & processes are not reactions per se.

Package Working Group mailing list: [sbml-qual](mailto:sbml-qual@lists.sourceforge.net) ↗

Contact address (where to ask questions): sbml-qual@lists.sourceforge.net

Specification status: Final specification approved and two independent implementations are available.

Latest specification document: [Version of 17 May 2013](#) ↗

SBML Editor acting as liaison: [Claudine Chaouyia](#) ↗

METHODOLOGY ARTICLE

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SBML qualitative models: a model representation format and infrastructure to foster interactions between qualitative modelling formalisms and tools

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SBML qual, standard for model exchange

Supports the definition of

- Boolean & multi-valued models
- Input components (constant values?)
- One initial state

Supported by

- JSBML, Java API library for parsing and writing SBML files and for in-memory manipulation of SBML data structures
- **bioLQM**, interoperability between logical modeling tools
- BoolNet, BoolSim, GINsim, the Cell Collective, EpiLog
- Model repositories: BioModels, Cell Collective, GINsim

Need f/
update

Future extensions

- Incomplete models (rules not (all) instantiated),
- Timing constraints (priorities or rates) → see SED-ML?
- Probabilistic models (\neq variants)

Consideration of other SBML packages (e.g. layout, comp & dyn)

SBML qual, standard for model exchange

Layout (layout)

SBML Level 3 Package Activity Status Page

Package name: Layout

Package label: layout

Package purpose: Support for storing the spatial topology of a network diagram; adjunct to the render package.

Package Working Group mailing list: [sbml-layout](#)

Contact address (where to ask questions):

Specification status:

Latest specification document:

SBML Editor acting as liaison:

Hierarchical Model Composition (comp)

SBML Level 3 Package Activity Status Page

Package name: Hierarchical Model Composition

Package label: comp

Package purpose: A means for defining how a model is composed from other models.

Package Working Group mailing list: [sbml-comp](#)

Contact address (where to ask questions): sbml-comp@lists.sourceforge.net

Dynamic Structures (dyn)

SBML Level 3 Package Activity Status Page

Package name: Dynamic Structures

Package label: dyn

Package purpose: Support for creating and destroying entities during a simulation.

Package Working Group mailing list: [sbml-dynamic](#)

Contact address (where to ask questions): sbml-dynamic@lists.sourceforge.net

Specification status: Draft specification and/or implementations are in development.

Latest specification document: [Version of 1 October 2014](#)

SBML Editor acting as liaison: [Chris Myers](#)

and two independent implementations are

2013

Proposal for an extension of SED-ML



Simulation Experiment Description Markup Language

→ Draft version 2 (June 2016)

- Definition of simulation settings for logical models, using the SED-ML
- Adoption of the kinetic simulation algorithm ontology (KiSAO) to describe the algorithms, their parameters and relationships

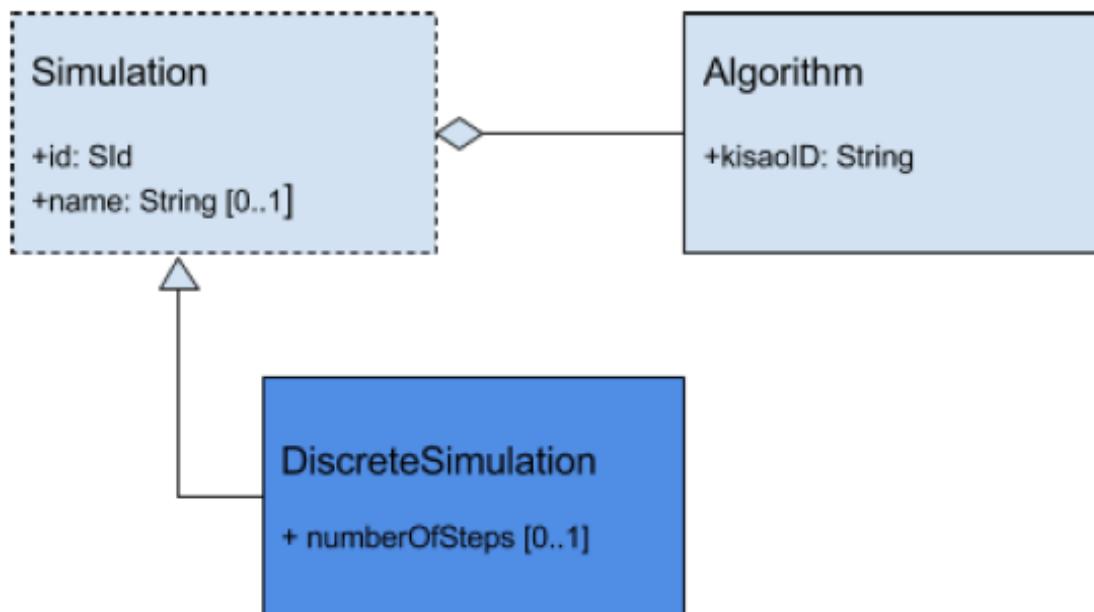


Figure 1: DiscreteSimulation as a specialisation of the abstract Simulation class.

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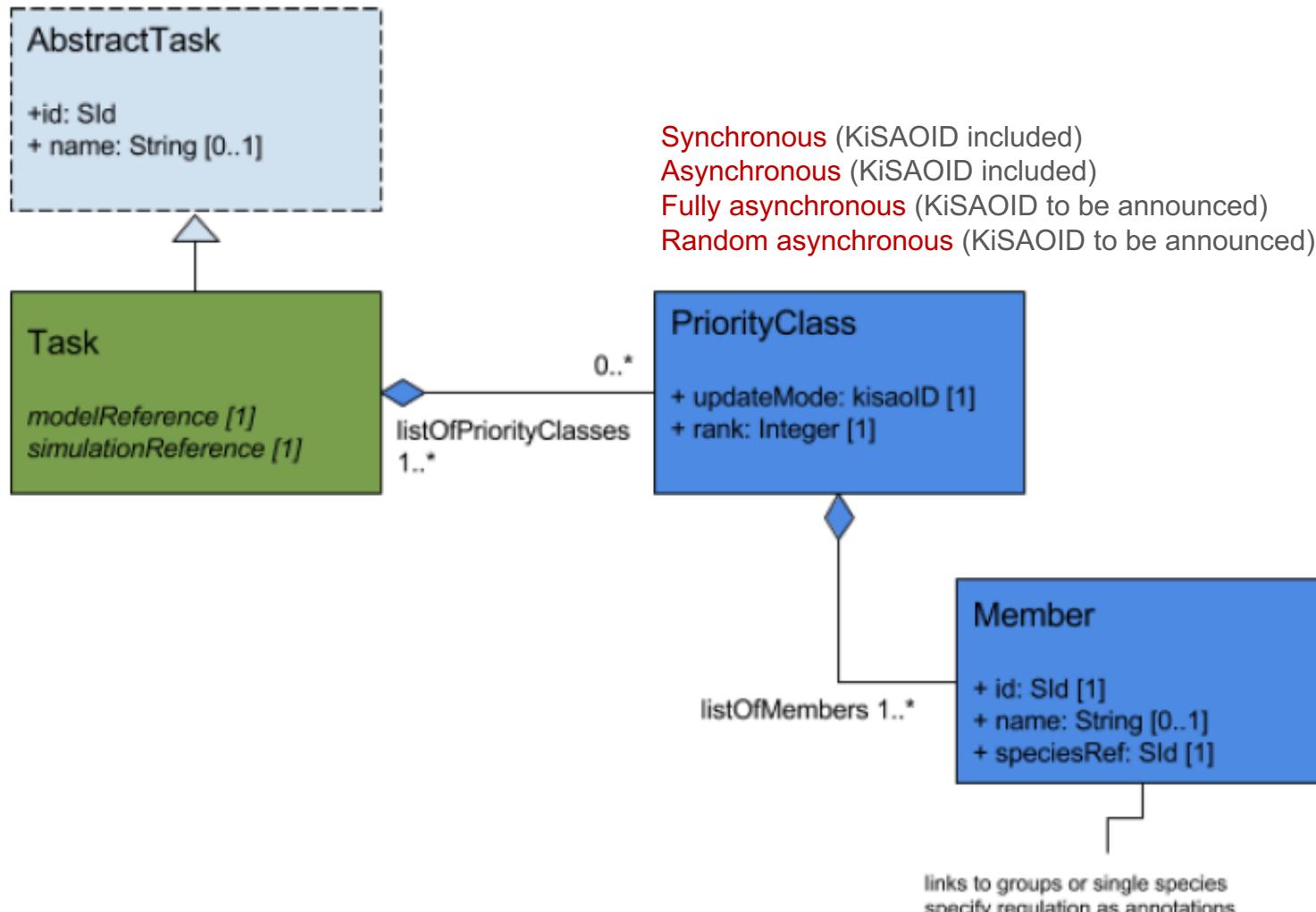
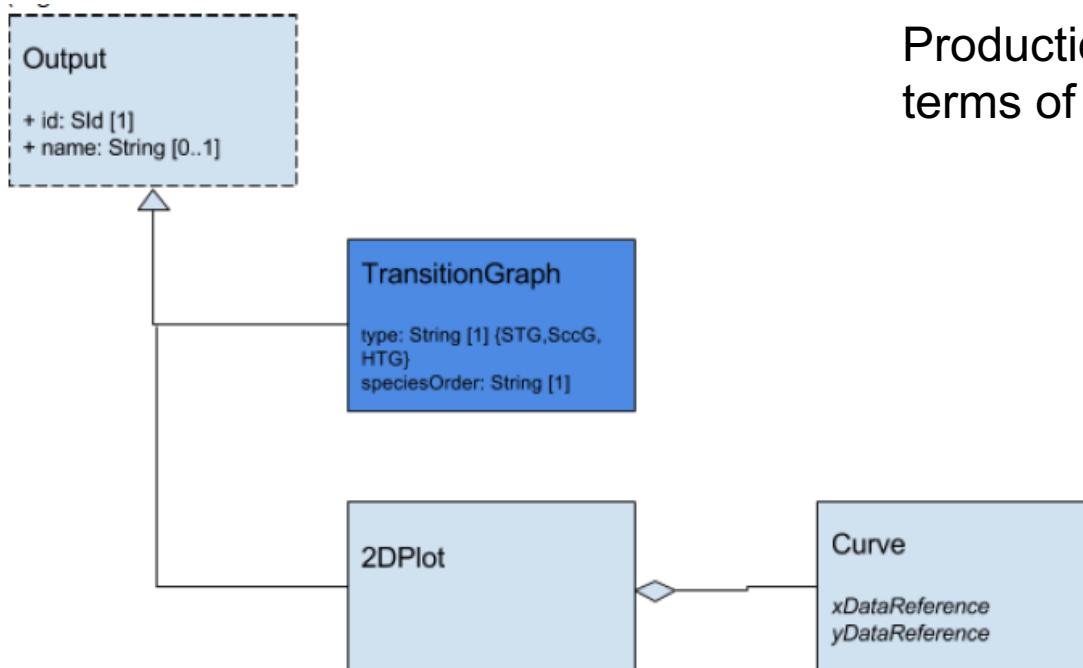


Figure 2: PriorityClass class and Member class

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Production of the results in terms of STG

Figure 3: DynamicProfile and TransitionGraph classes

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Use of existing SEDML concepts for

1. Changes to the model (preprocessing)

Initial state(s)
Mutants

2. Output types

Dynamic profiles (tabular displays of species behaviours, e.g.
lists of values of the (selected) species over time)
Curves (2D plots)

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The screenshot shows the BioPortal interface with the following details:

- BioPortal** logo and text.
- Kinetic Simulation Algorithm Ontology** title.
- Navigation menu:** Summary, Classes, Properties, Notes, Mappings, Widgets.
- Jump To:** search bar.
- Details tab:** Active tab, showing information for the selected term.
- Definitions:** Preferred Name: logical model simulation method; Definitions: Qualitative (logical) models specify the evolution rules of their components. In each state a number of transitions are enabled. A 'logical model simulation method' guides the choice of the transitions processed at each step.
- ID:** http://www.biomodels.net/kisao/KISAO#KISAO_0000448
- created:** 2013-01-28
- creator:** AZ
- definition:** Qualitative (logical) models specify the evolution rules of their components. In each state a number of transitions are enabled. A 'logical model simulation method' guides the choice of the transitions processed at each step.
- label:** logical model simulation method

The sidebar on the left lists various simulation methods, with **logical model simulation method** currently selected.

→ Inclusion of new terms in KiSAO

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Points to be discussed, e.g.

Status of time (SBML?)

- Iterations / discrete time / continuous time

Scope of the simulation(SED-ML)

- Number of steps, of visited states?
- Exploration breadth / depth?

Update modes (SED-ML)

- Synchronous / asynchronous and its variants
- Priorities (SBML?)
- Rates or probabilities (SBML?)
- Variations of input components (à la Cell Collective)

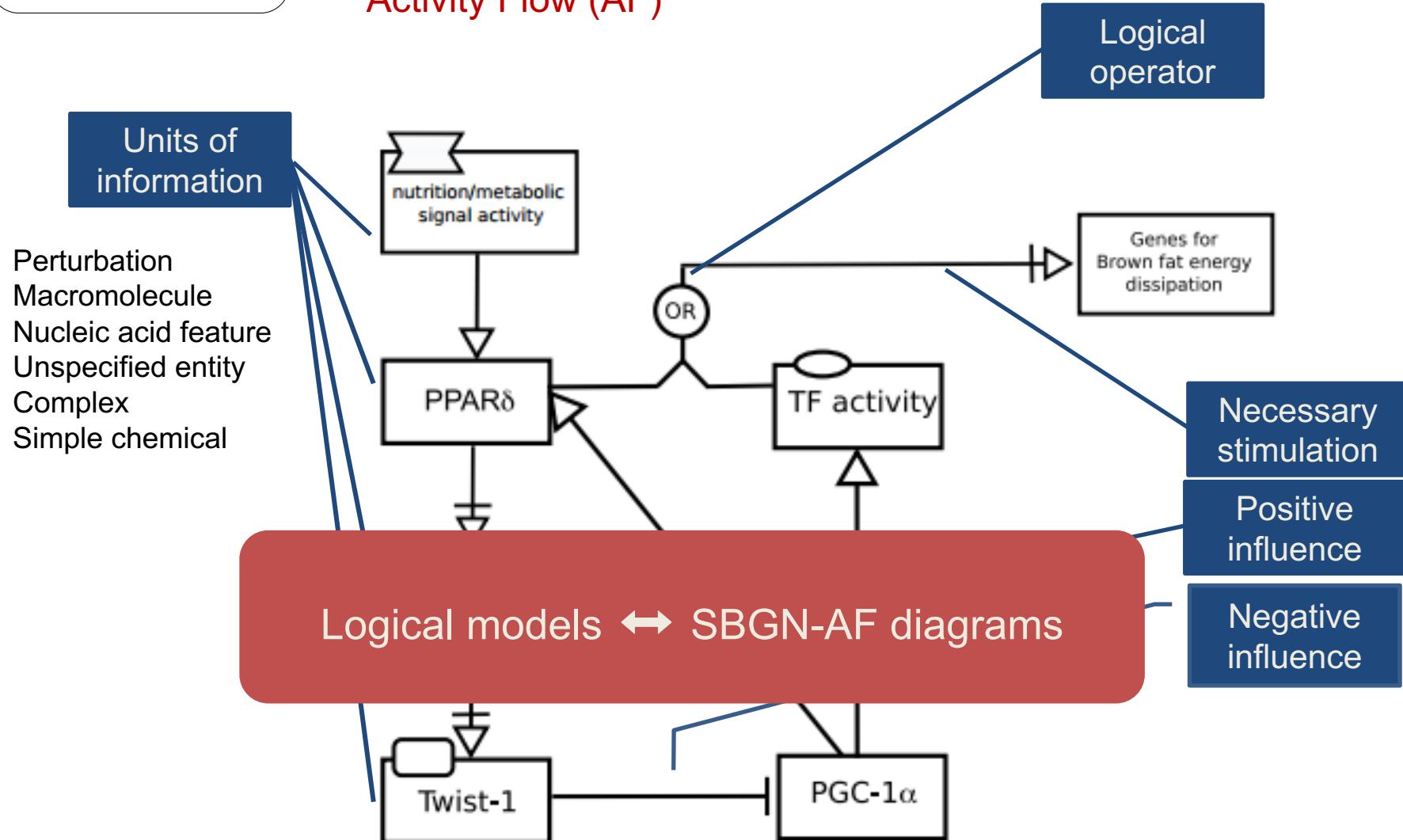
Outputs and reports

- Other types of display?
- Labels on transitions?
- At least two implementations in applications (to demonstrate interoperability)
- updated examples
- A written description of the proposal

Systems Biology Graphical Notation



Process Description (PD),
Entity Relationship (ER),
Activity Flow (AF)



COMBINE archive format



A *COMBINE archive* is a single file containing the various documents (and in the future, references to documents), necessary for the description of a model and all associated data and procedure, e.g.

- simulation experiment descriptions
- all models needed to run the simulations
- associated data files

The archive is encoded using the Open Modeling EXchange format (OMEX).

Discussion

- Extended scope of logical modelling (e.g. model families, fuzzy logic, etc.)
- Are timing constraints (delays, rates, probabilities, priorities, etc.) part of a model?
- Are specifications of input behaviours part of a model?
- What types of model perturbations may be considered?

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Dates: **9-13 October 2017**
Location: **Milan, ITALY**

The COMBINE 2017 Meeting will take place in Milan, Italy, from October 9th to October 13th at the Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca.

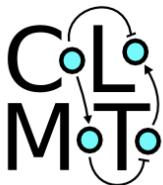
Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

The "Computational Modeling in Biology" Network (COMBINE) is an initiative to coordinate the development of the various community standards and formats in systems biology and related fields. COMBINE 2017 will be a workshop-style event with oral presentations, posters, and breakout sessions. The five meeting days will include talks about the COMBINE standards and associated or related standardization efforts, as well as presentations of tools using these standards. Oral presentations will be selected from the submitted abstracts. In addition, poster sessions will allow people to inform each other about their software and other projects in a setting that fosters interaction and in-depth discussion.

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