

SBOL Visual: Standard for synthetic biology diagrams

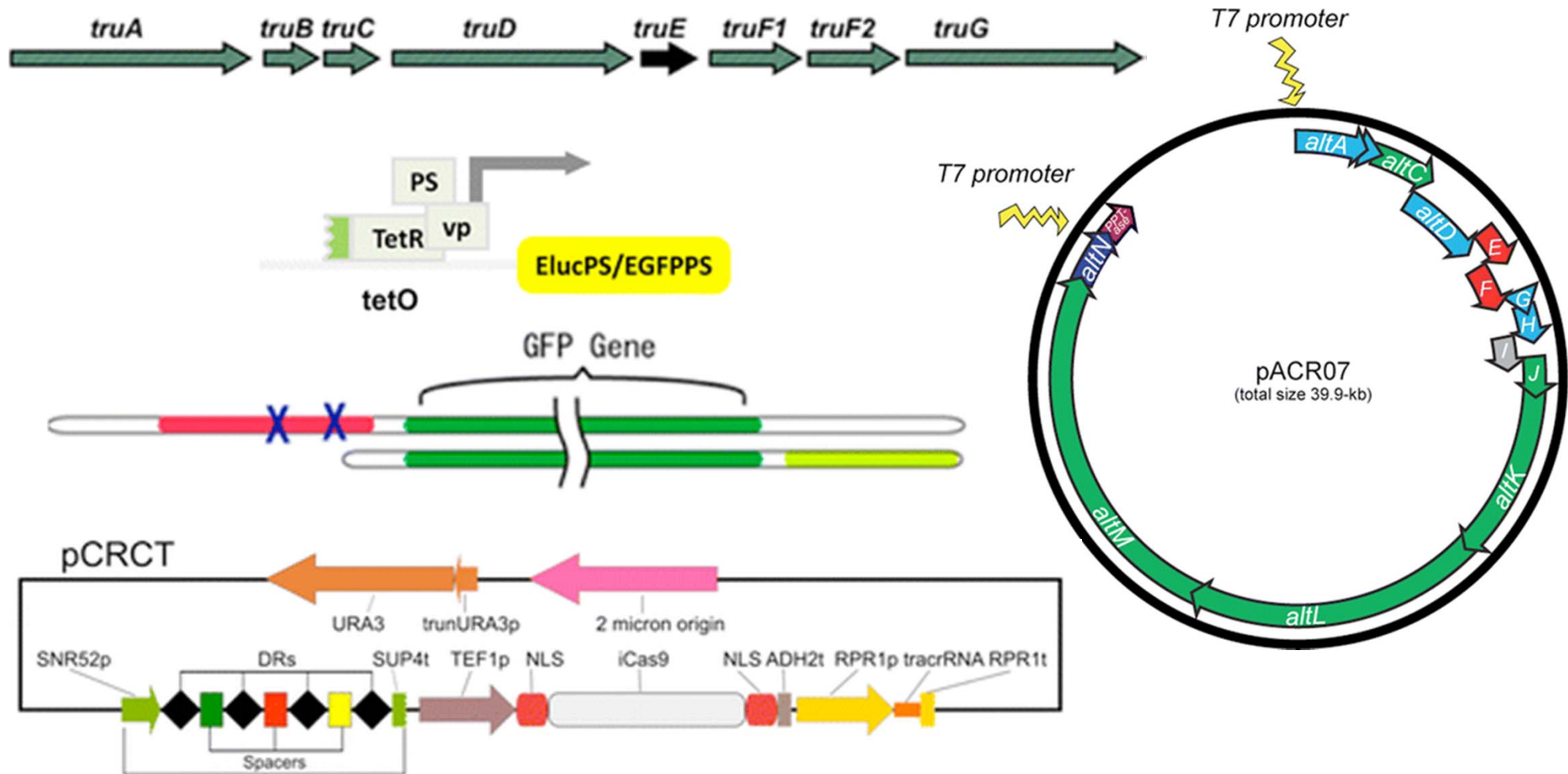
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Problem: Communicating Gene Constructs

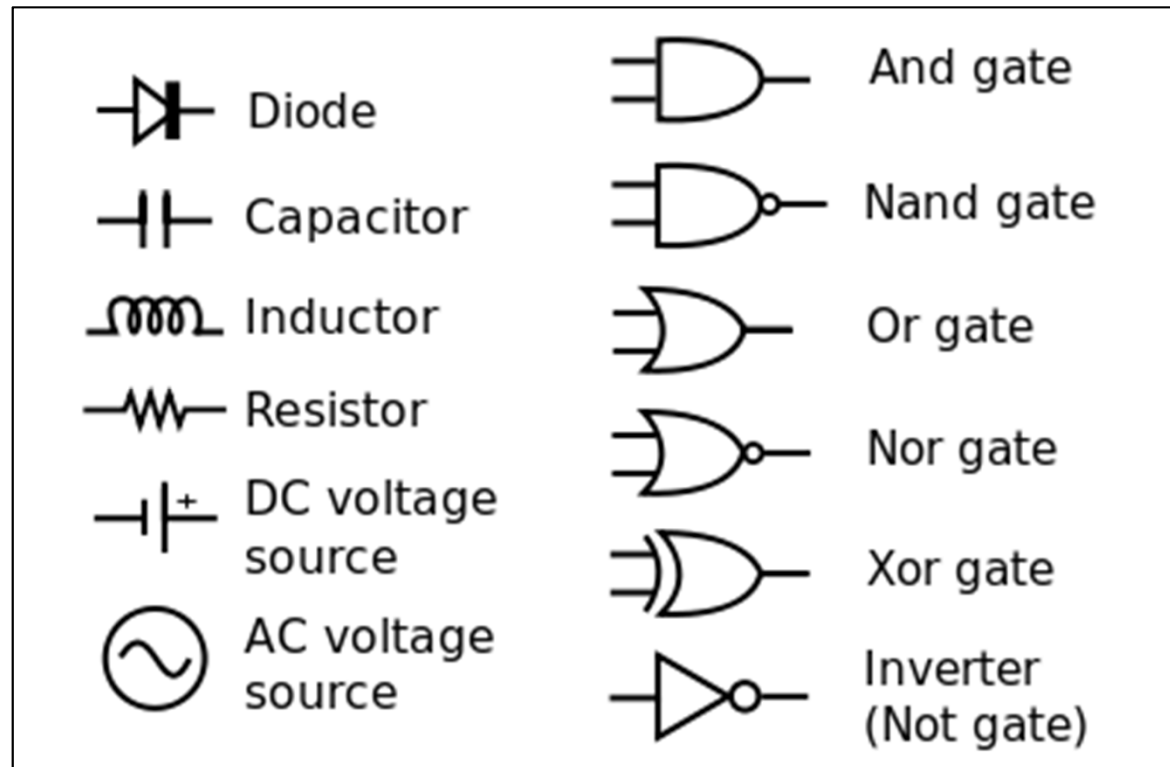
Construct diagrams from recent ACS Syn.Bio. papers:



Well, they're sort of similar...

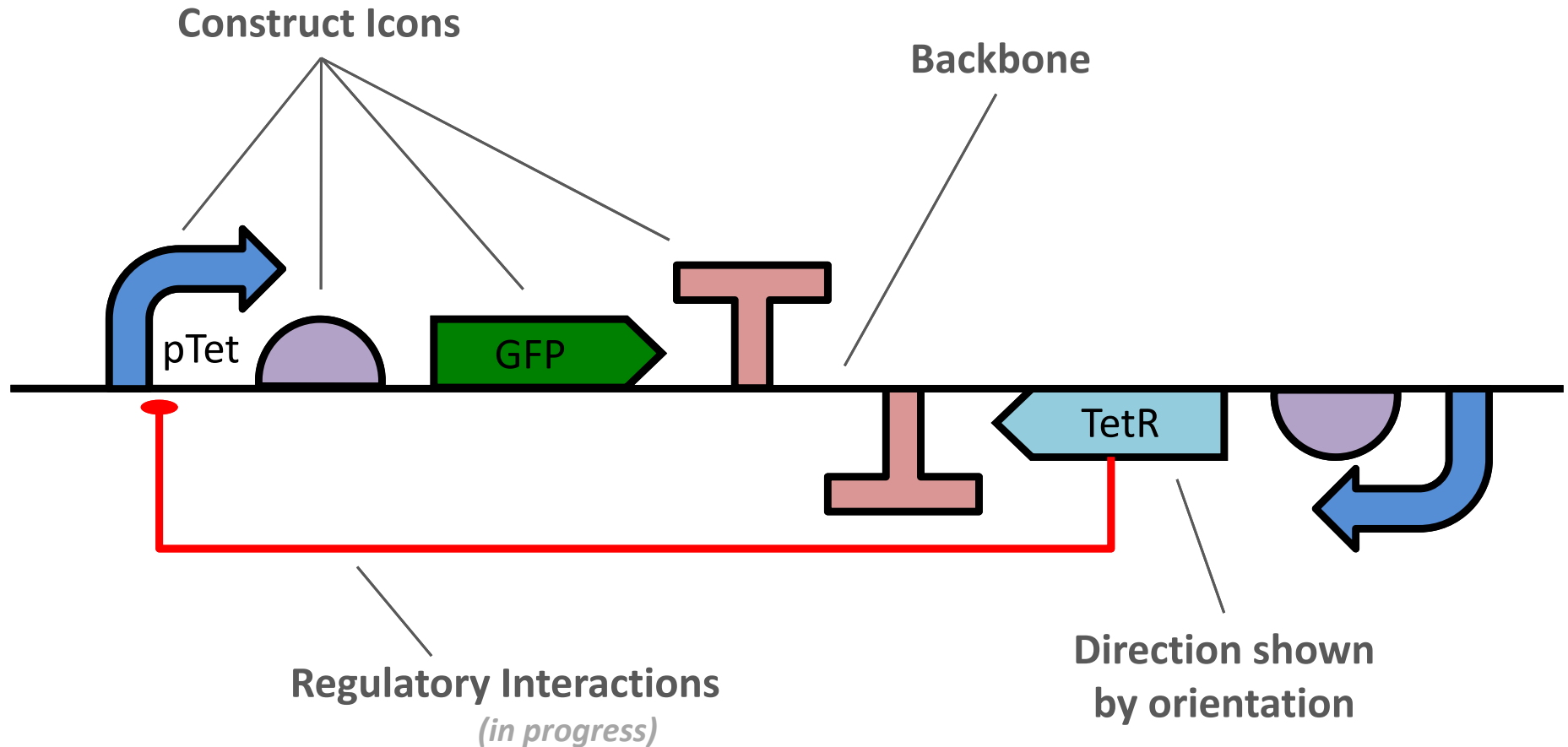
Standards simplify communication

Inspiration: Standard Electronic Symbols:
























... and many others in IEEE Std. 91/91a; IEEE Std. 315

What is the equivalent for synthetic biology?



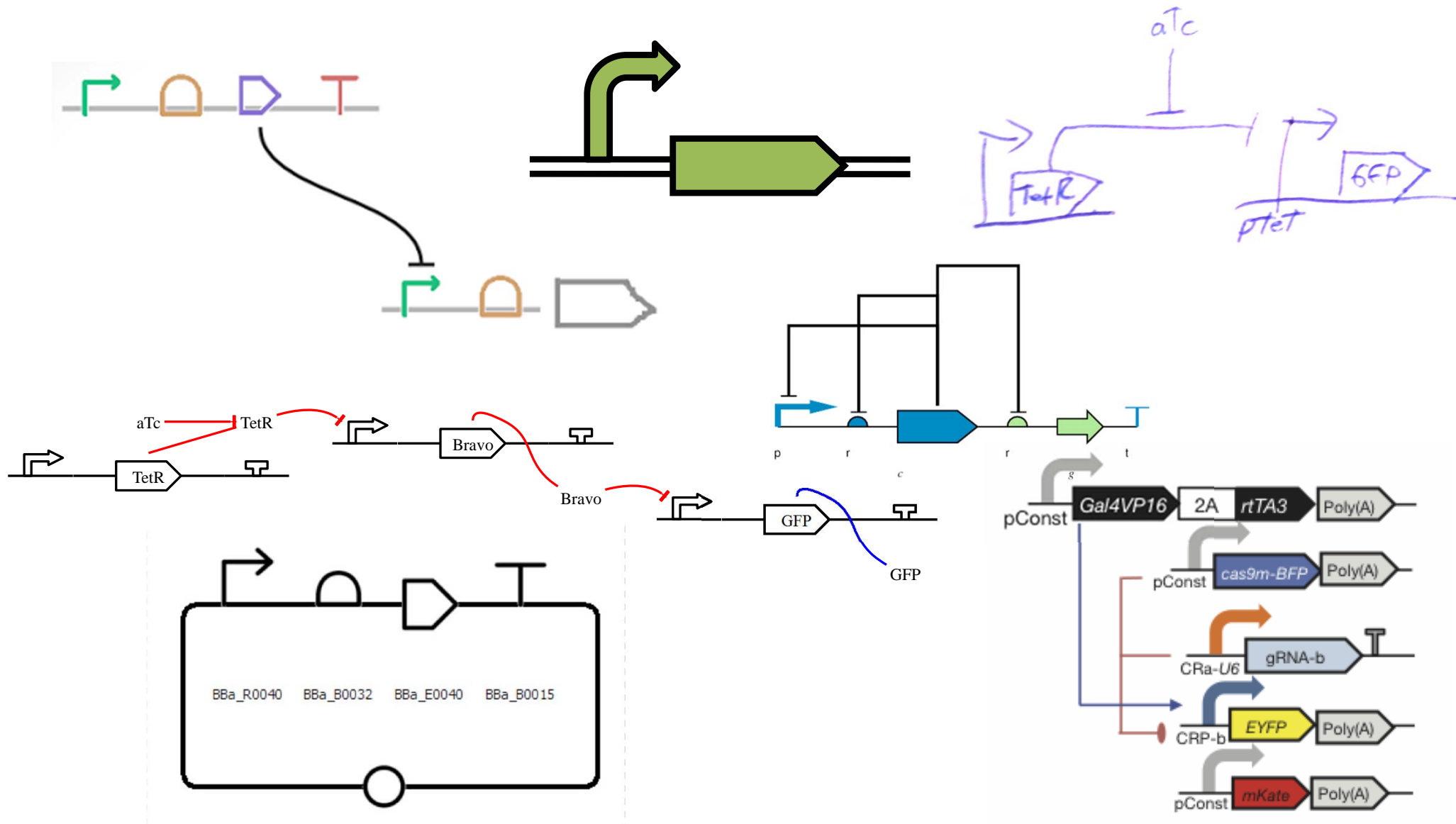
Synthetic Biology Open Language - Visual
Community standards in development since 2008
SBOL Visual 1.0: BBF RFC #93 [doi: 1721.1/78249](https://doi.org/10.17211/78249)
(Prior versions: BBF RFC #68, #16)

Current SBOlv Symbols:

 promoter	 primer binding site
 cds	 restriction site
 ribosome entry site	 blunt restriction site
 terminator	 5' sticky restriction site
 operator	 3' sticky restriction site
 insulator	 5' overhang
 ribonuclease site	 3' overhang
 rna stability element	 assembly scar
 protease site	 signature
 protein stability element	 user defined
 origin of replication	

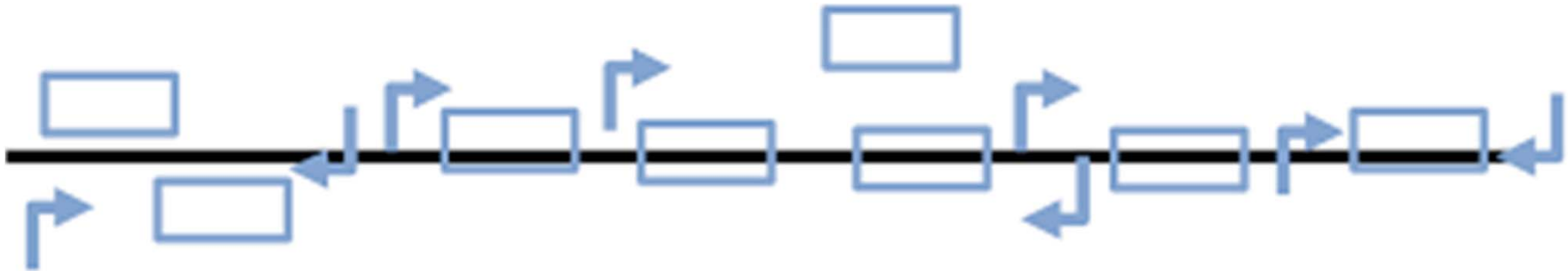
New symbols added by community consensus

Flexibility of Style



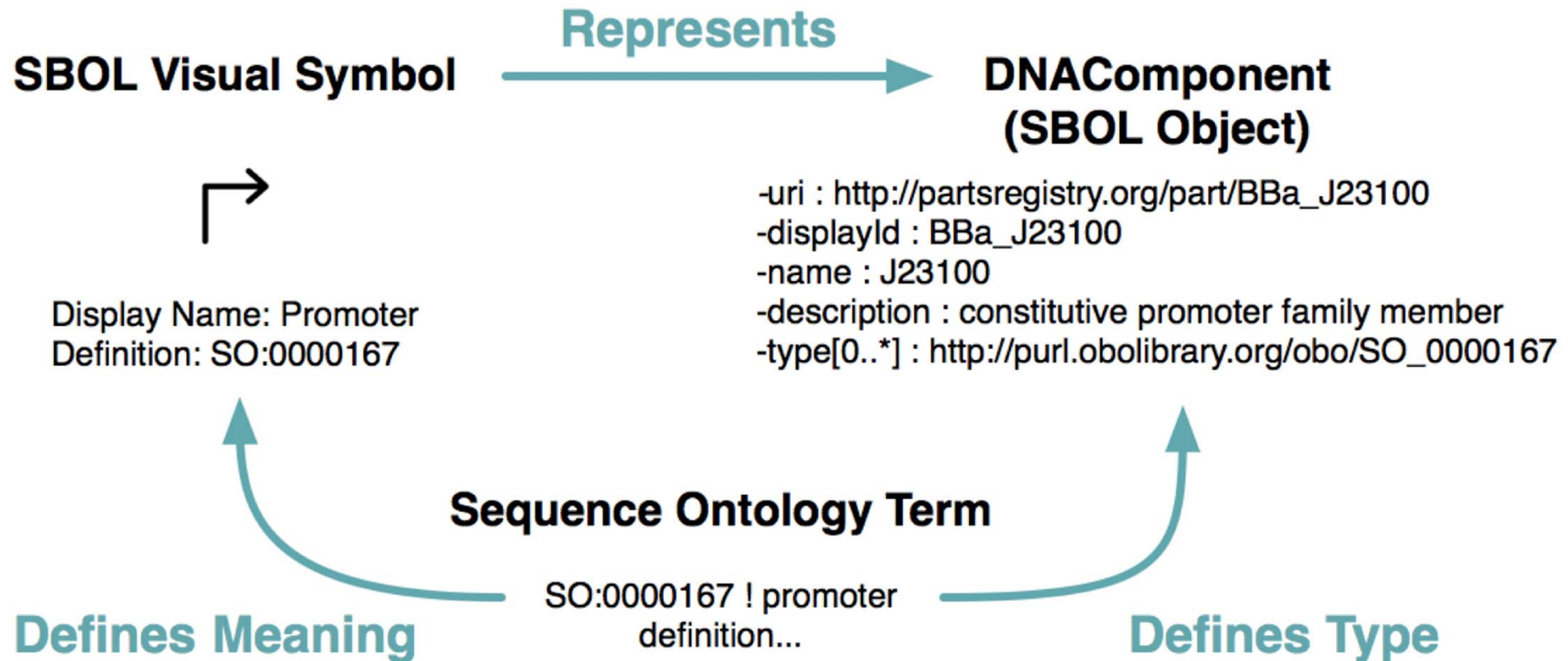
Color, Text, Scaling, Strands: all your choice

Is anything prohibited?



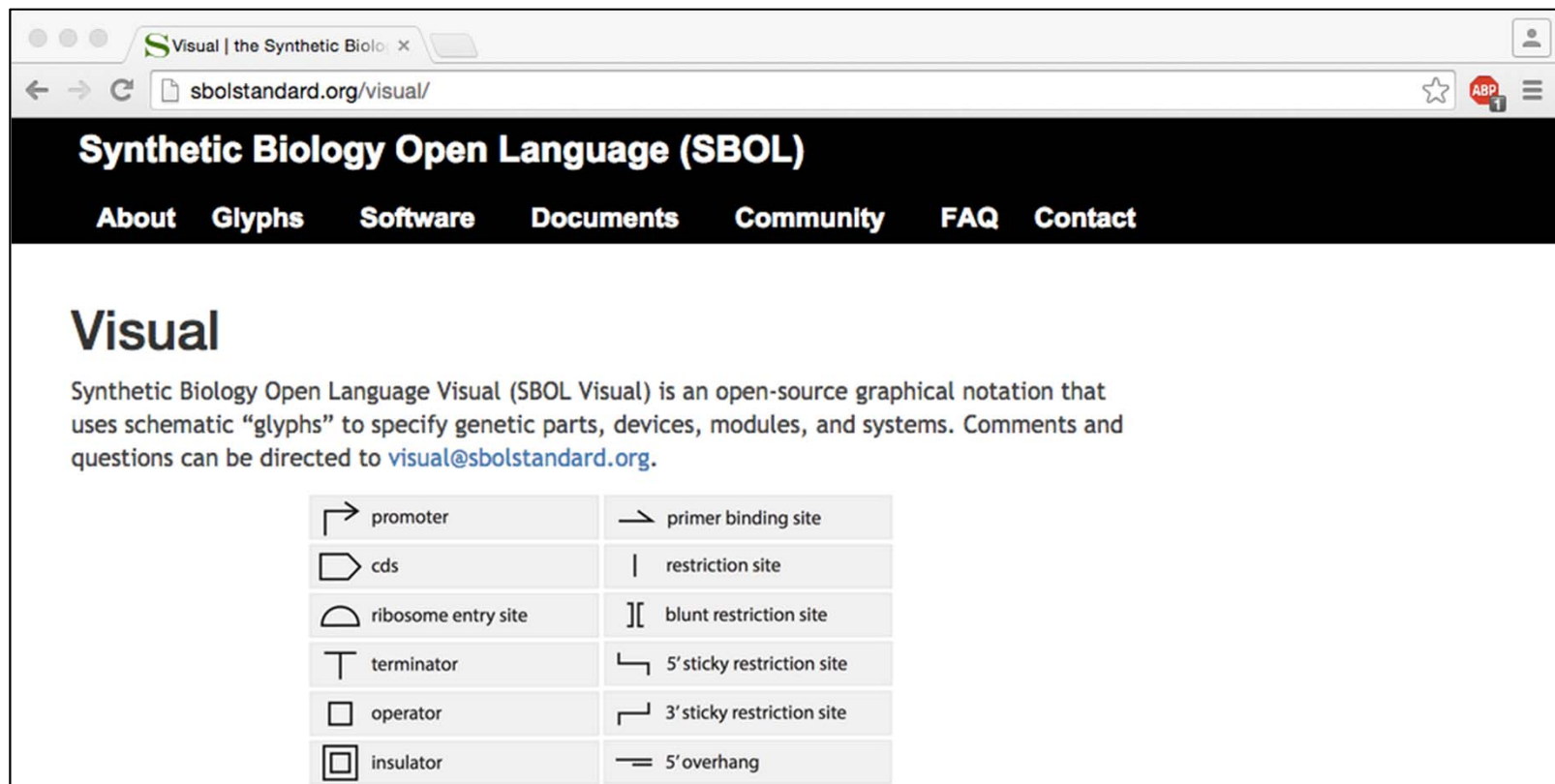
Yes.

Backing by Formal Semantics



<http://sbolstandard.org>

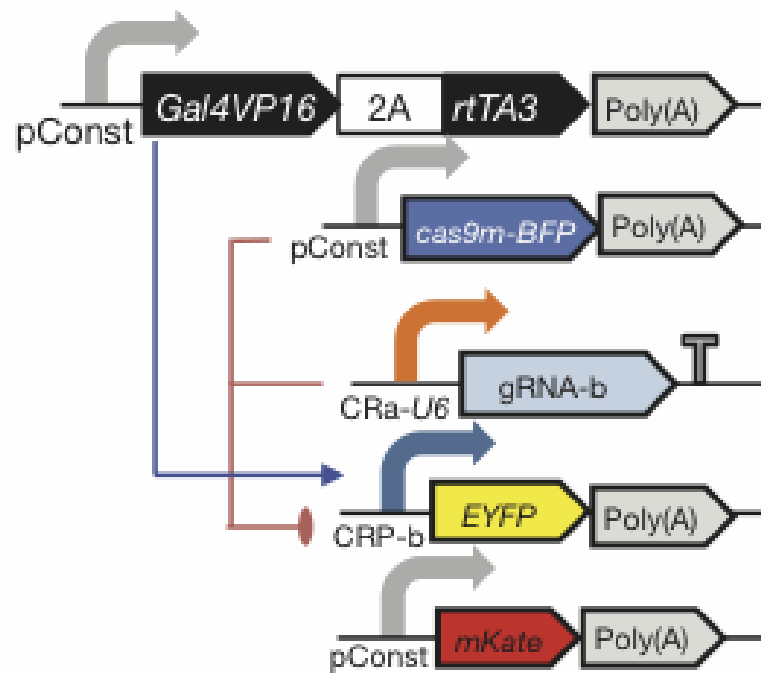
- Use the symbols in your papers & talks
- Contribute opinions, use cases, new symbols



- Community is open for anyone to join

Next key challenge: SBOLv 1.0 → 2.0

- Modules, interactions, models, partial locations



Strategy: Harmonization with SBGN