

# Sampling the flux space of microbial metabolic networks

the example of SARS-CoV-2 on the human alveolar macrophage metabolic network

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#### Genome-scale metabolic reconstruction

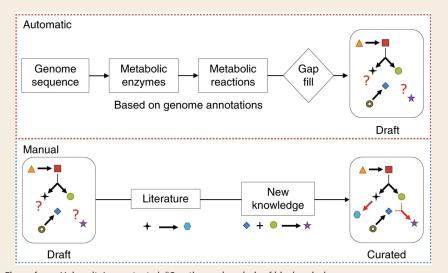
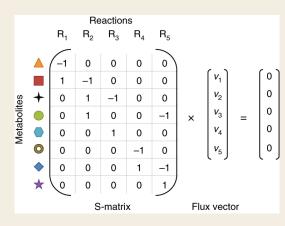


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#### From a stoichiometric matrix

to a constraint-based model



#### Flux Balance Analysis

Maximize minimize an objective function:

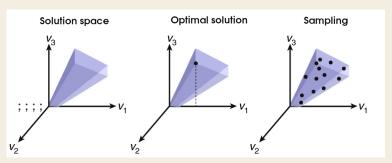
$$\psi = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + ... + c_5v_5$$
such that:
$$S * v = O$$
and for each reaction *i*:

 $lb_i \le v_i \le ub_i$ 

where *lb*: lower bound, *ub*: upper bound and S: the stoichiometric matrix

## Flux sampling

an alternative approach



#### Allows for:

analysis of GSMMs without the need of an objective function

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### Thank you for your attention

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