

Synthetic Biology and Biosystems Control Lab  
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# Modeling: Modeling circuits with ODEs and experimental data

## Section 1: Composing circuit models from Hill Functions

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# Today Webinar's Topics

- ⚠ Section 1: **Composing circuit models from Hill functions** (15 min)
- ⚠ Section 2: Relating parameters and data (15 min)
- ⚠ Section 3: Example: Incoherent feed-forward loop (model & data) (15 min)
- ⚠ Q&A – (at the end of each 15 minutes block, total 15 min)

# Remember our journey: but now going directly to reduced models

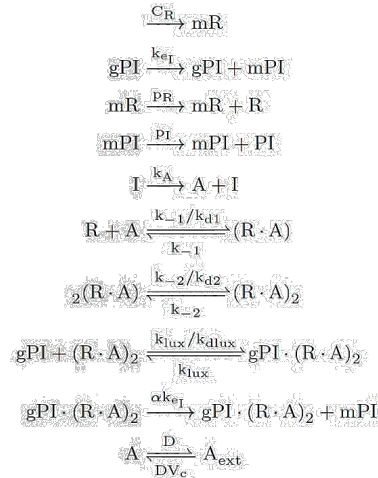
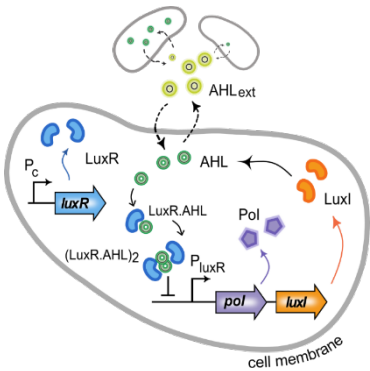
Schematic



Biochemical Reactions



Reduced Mathematical Model



$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{n}_1^i &= \frac{C_I PI}{d_{mI}} \left( \frac{k_{dlux} + a n_3^i}{k_{dlux} + n_3^i} \right) - d_I n_1^i \\
 \dot{n}_2^i &= \frac{C_R p_R}{d_{mR}} + k_{-1} n_6^i - \left( \frac{k_{-1}}{k_{d1}} n_4^i + d_R \right) n_2^i \\
 \dot{n}_3^i &= \frac{k_{-2}}{k_{d2}} (n_6^i)^2 - (k_{-2} + d_{RA2}) n_3^i \\
 \dot{n}_4^i &= k_{-1} n_6^i + k_A n_1^i + D \left( \frac{n_5}{V_c} - n_4^i \right) - \left( \frac{k_{-1}}{k_{d1}} n_2^i + d_A \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Modeling a genetic circuit: What do you want to do?



- Biosensor
- Promoter

- Logic (Inverter)
- Memory
- Level detection

- Reporter
- Enzyme
- SM Signal
- Therapeutic

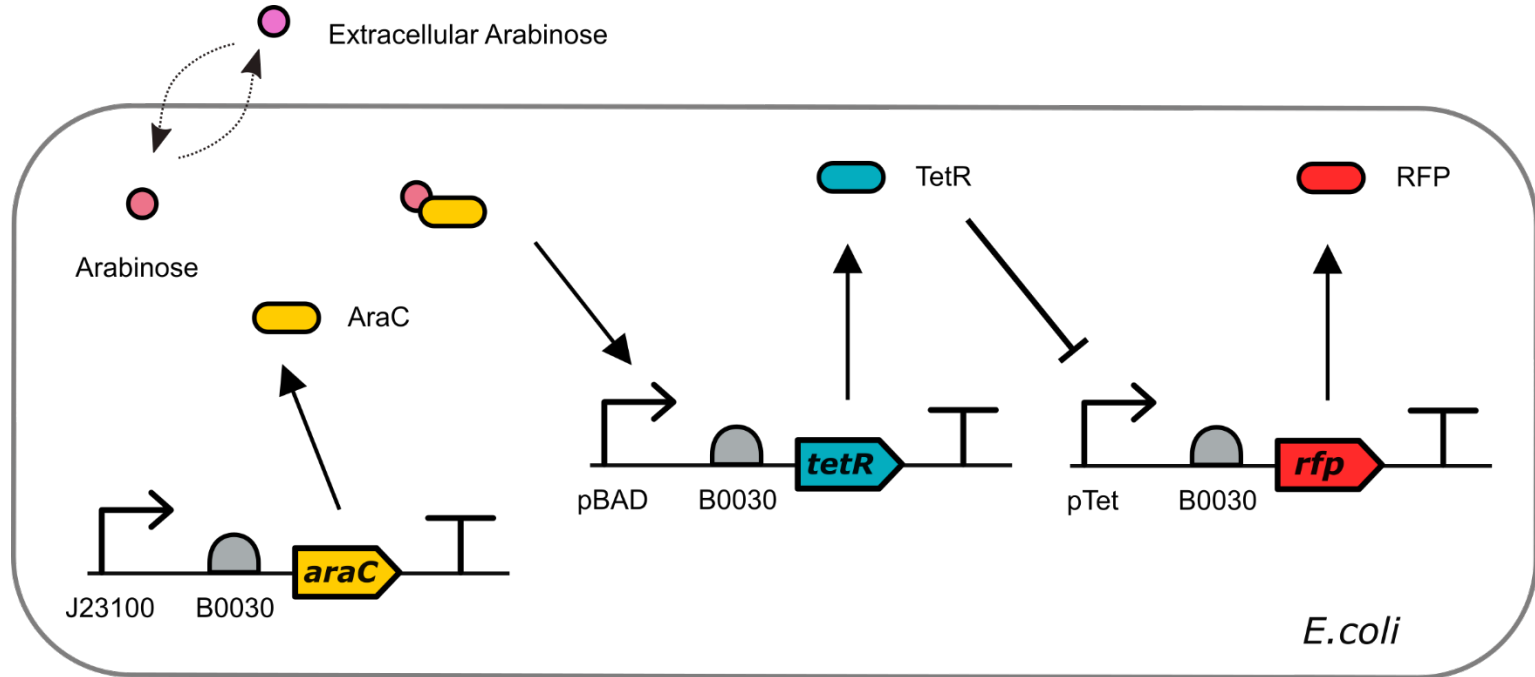
Example: Detect Arabinose

Inverter (TetR)

Fluorescence  
Protein (RFP)

# Modeling a genetic circuit

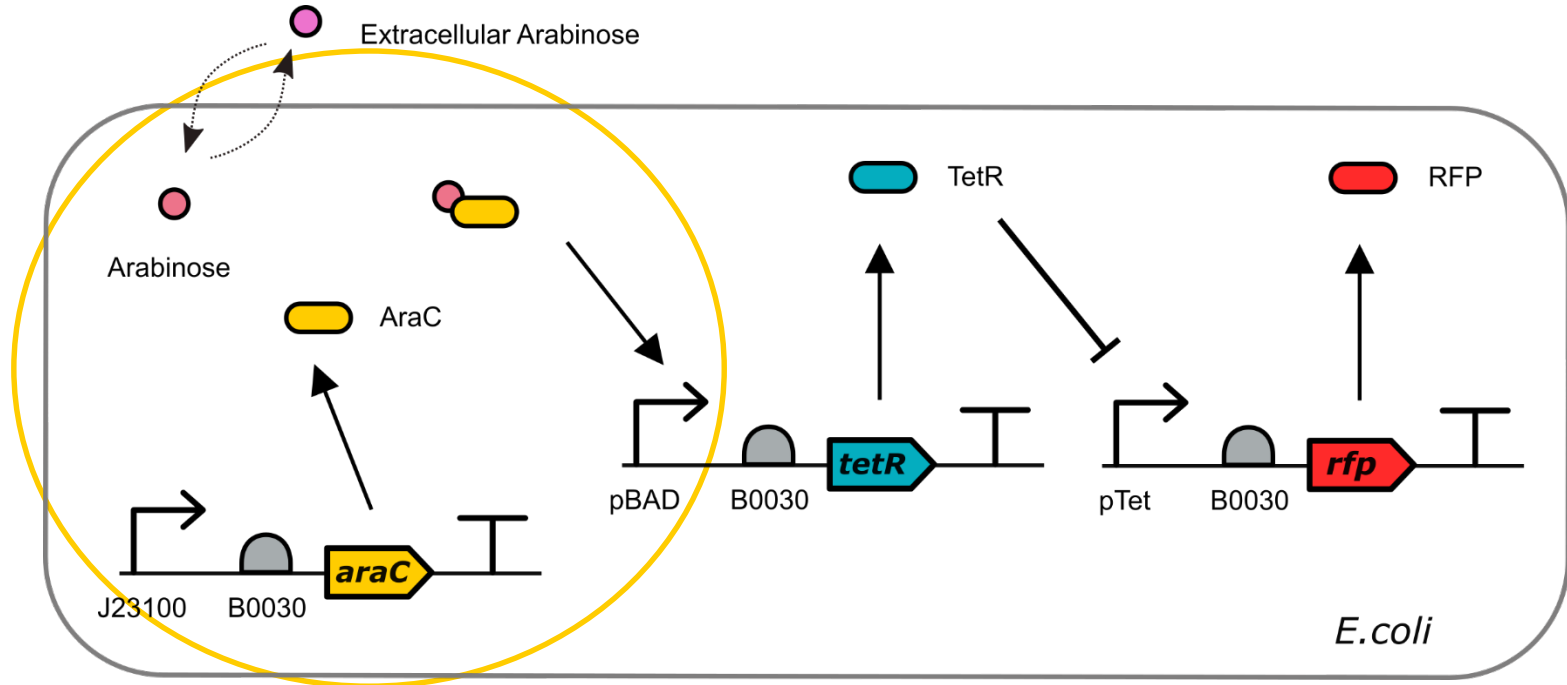
## Example Sense-Compute-Act



# Modeling a genetic circuit

## Example Sense-Compute-Act

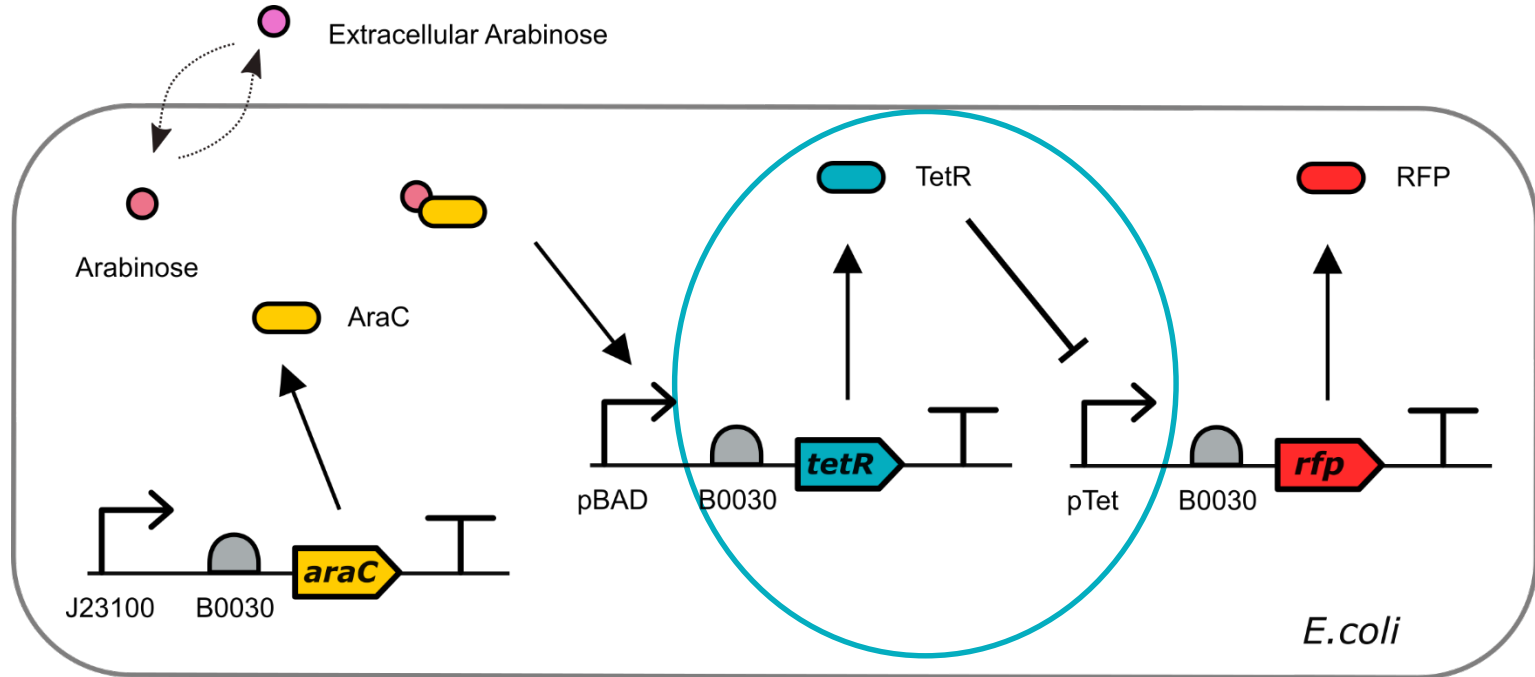
### SENSE



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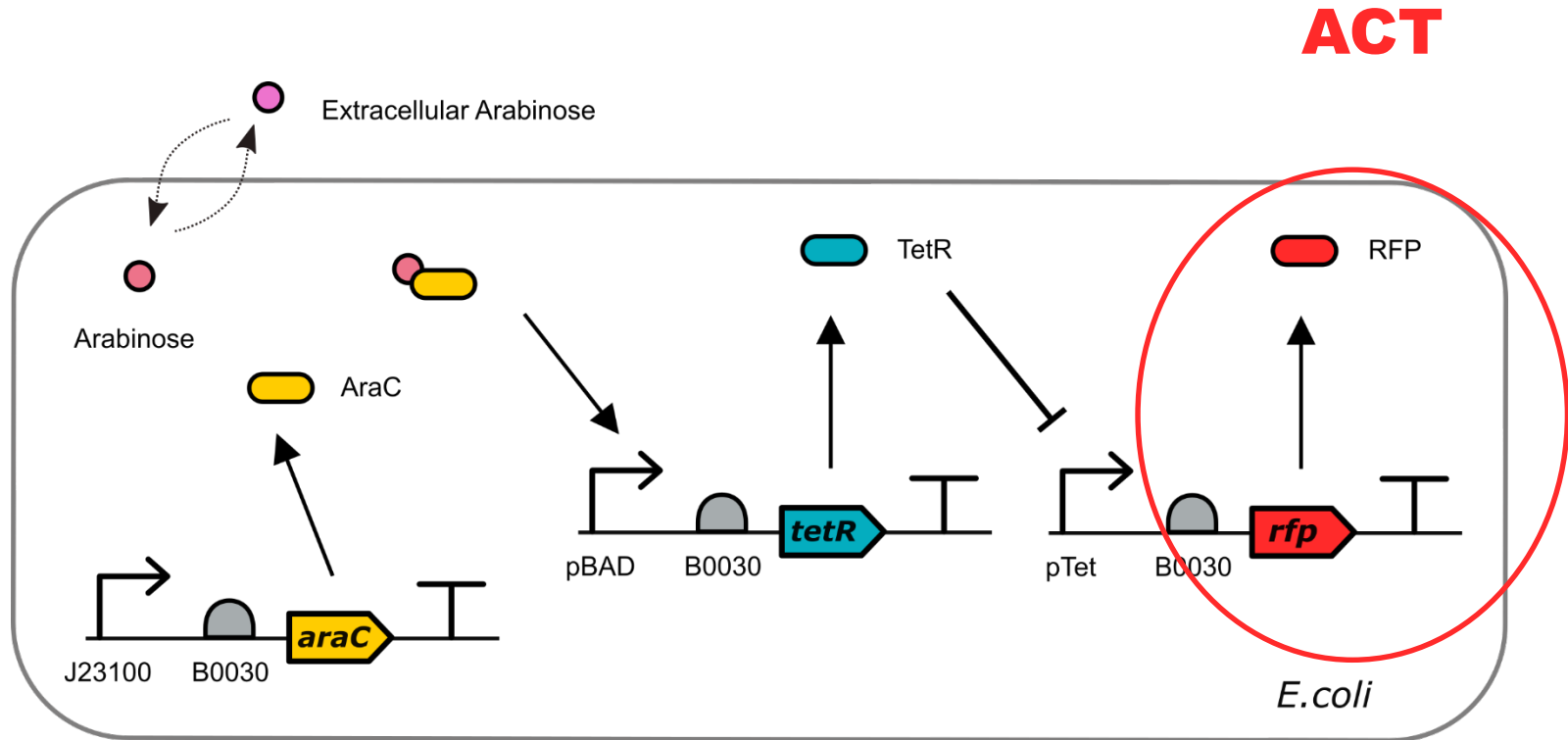
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### COMPUTE



# Modeling a genetic circuit

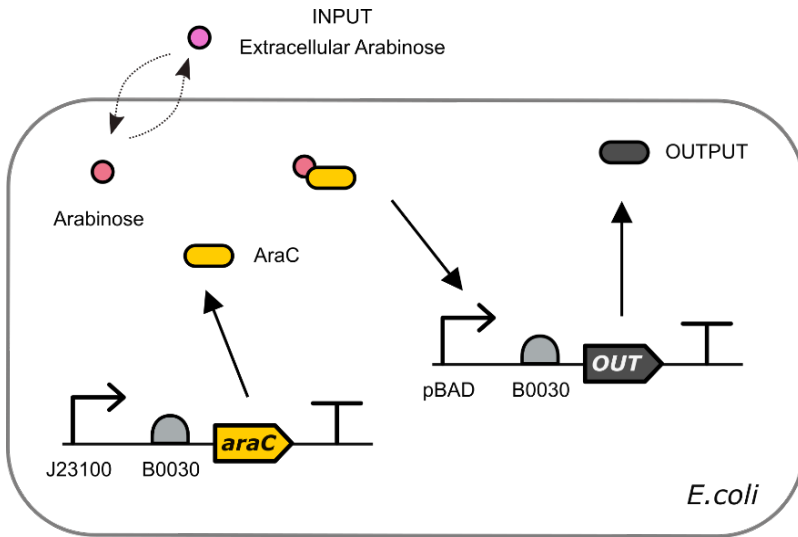
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# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

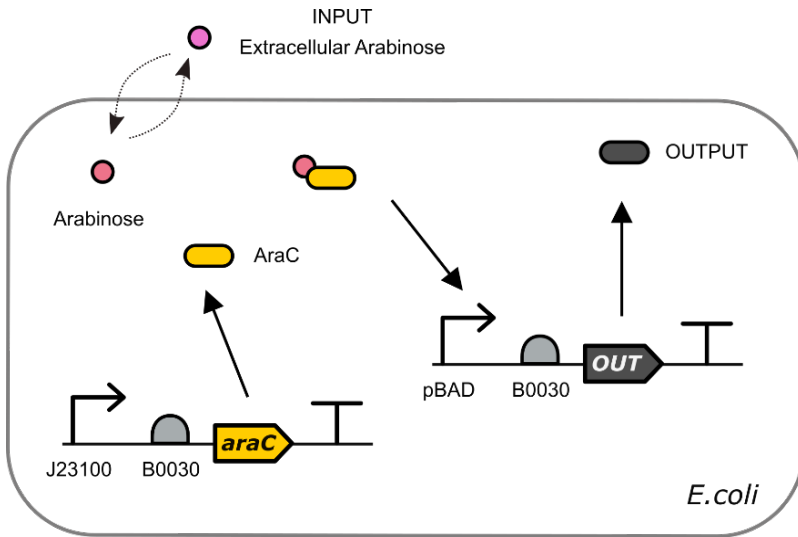
## SENSE



$$[\text{OUTPUT}] = \frac{\alpha_{\text{pBAD}}}{d_{\text{OUT}}} \left( \beta_{o_{\text{pBAD}}} + \frac{(1 - \beta_{o_{\text{pBAD}}}) [\text{Arab}]^{n_a}}{(K_{d_{\text{pBAD}}})^{n_a} + [\text{Arab}]^{n_a}} \right)$$

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE



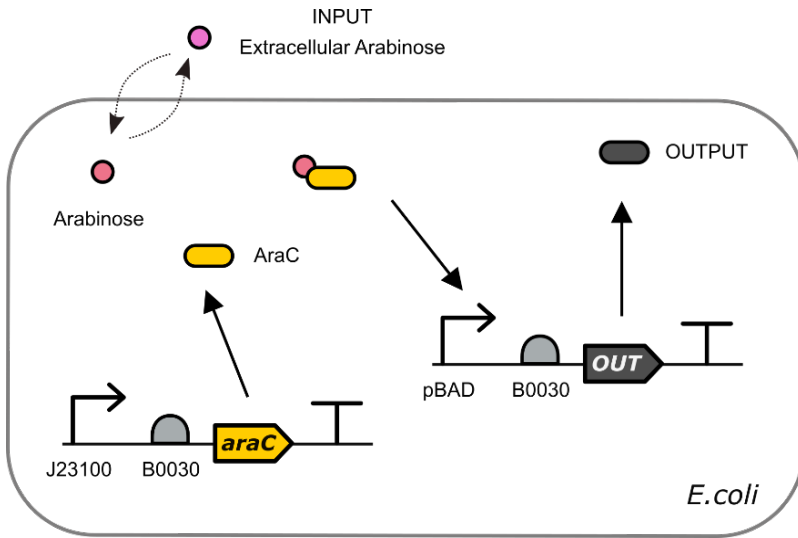
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# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE



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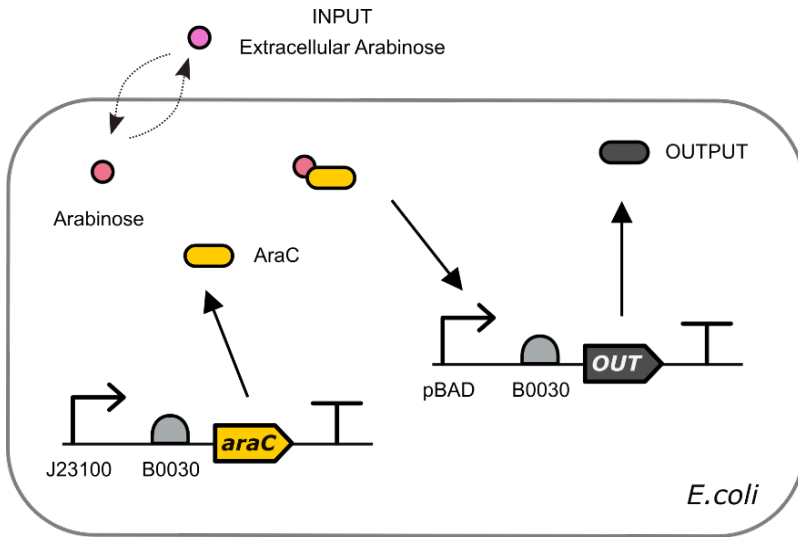
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**pBAD**  
**AraC**

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE



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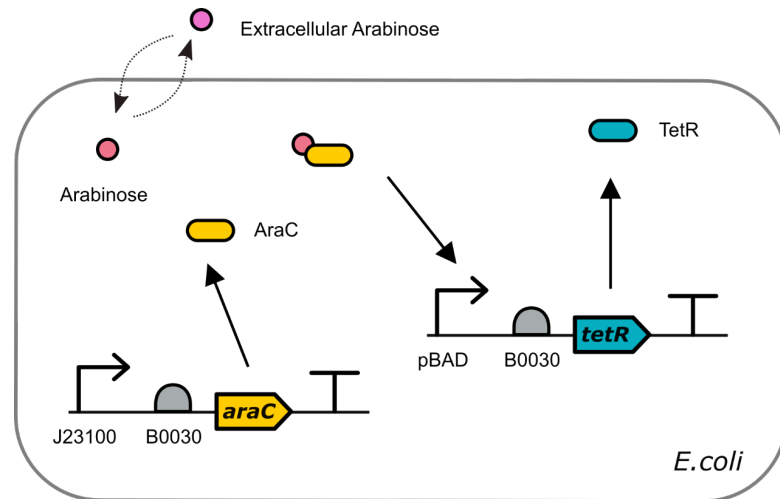
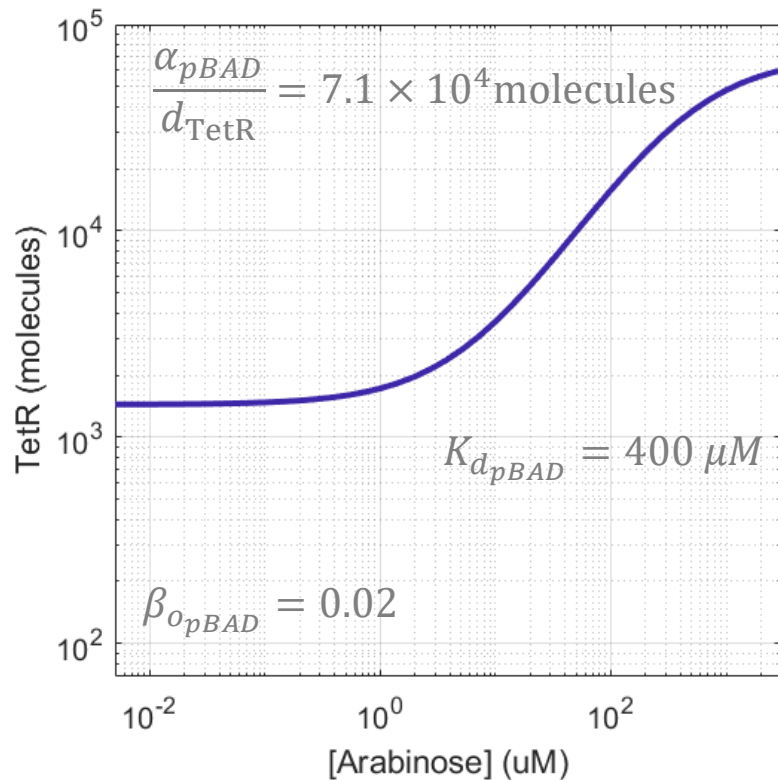
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**OUTPUT**

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

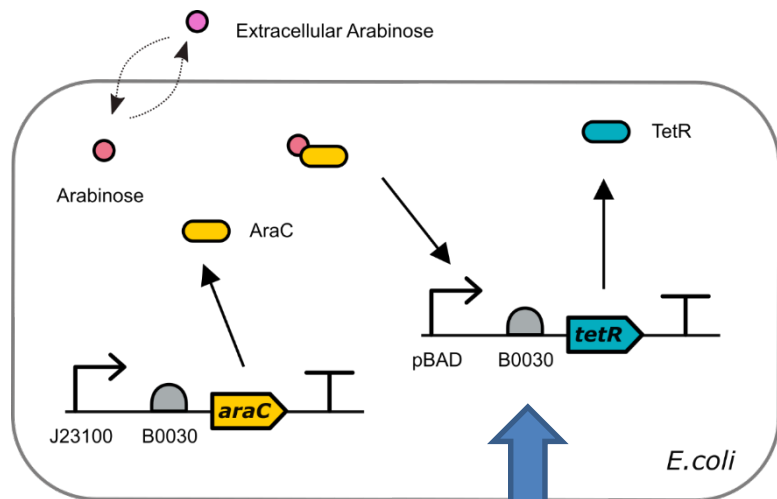
## SENSE



$$[TetR] = \frac{\alpha_{pBAD}}{d_{TetR}} \left( \beta_{o_{pBAD}} + \frac{(1 - \beta_{o_{pBAD}}) [Arab]^{n_a}}{(K_{d_{pBAD}})^{n_a} + [Arab]^{n_a}} \right)$$

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE



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$$\alpha_{pBAD} = k_{2_{\text{TetR}}} \frac{k_{1_{m\text{TetR}}}}{d_{m\text{TetR}}} C_N$$

Let us try with different RBS

B0030

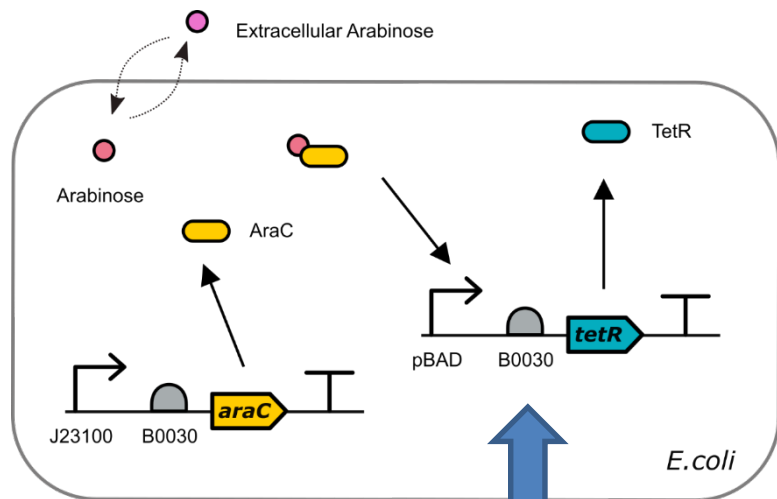
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B0032

What effect does it have in the hill function?

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE



Let us try with different RBS

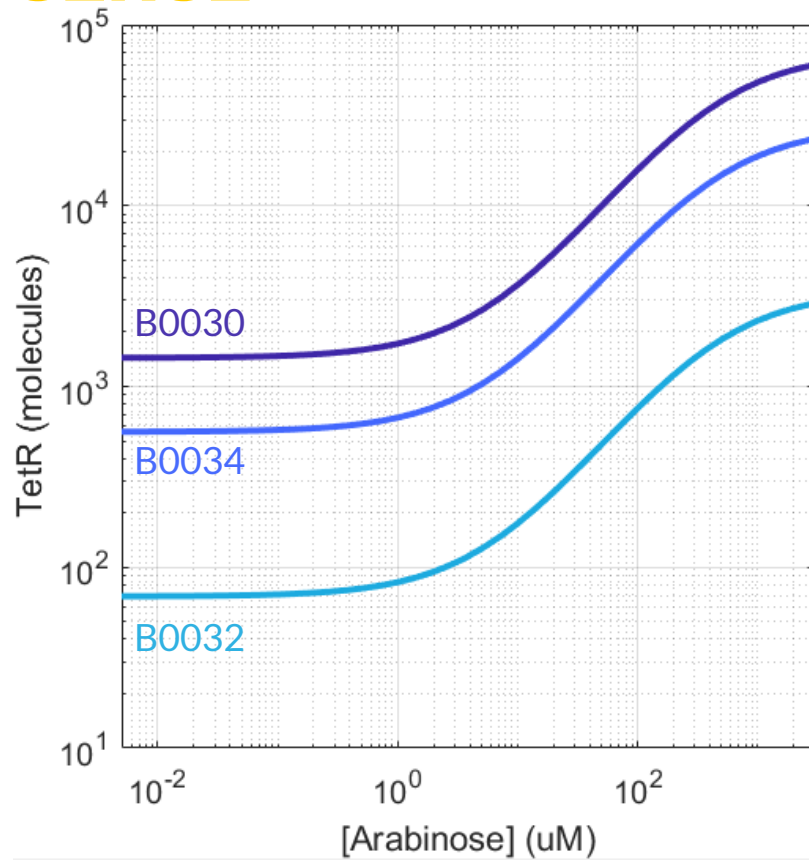
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# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE



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$$\alpha_{pBAD} = k_{2_{\text{TetR}}} \frac{k_{1_{m\text{TetR}}} C_N}{d_{m_{\text{TetR}}}$$

$$\text{B0030: } \alpha_{pBAD} \approx 7.1 \times 10^4 \text{ molecules}$$

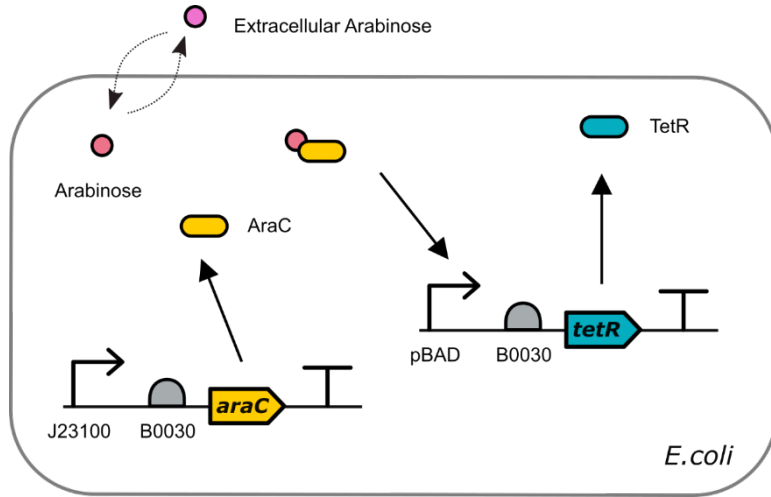
$$\text{B0034: } \alpha_{pBAD} \approx 2.5 \times 10^4 \text{ molecules}$$

$$\text{B0032: } \alpha_{pBAD} \approx 3.3 \times 10^3 \text{ molecules}$$



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## SENSE



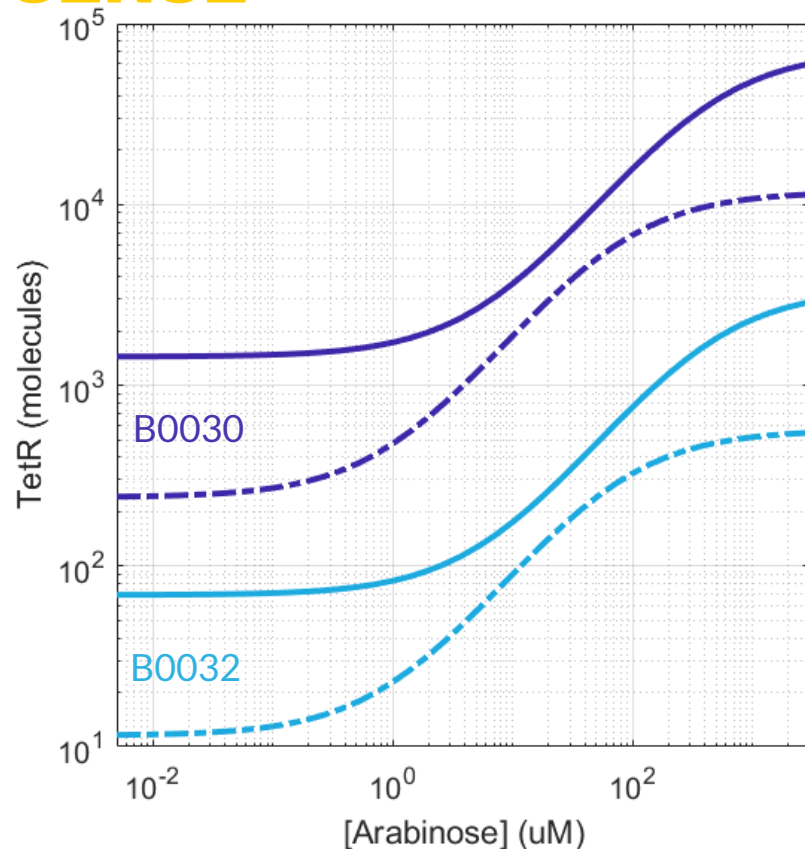
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$$\alpha_{pBAD} = k_{2_{\text{TetR}}} \frac{k_{1_{m_{\text{TetR}}}}{d_{m_{\text{TetR}}}} C_N$$

Now let us try with different Plasmid Copy Number (High/Medium)

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE



High Copy (300)

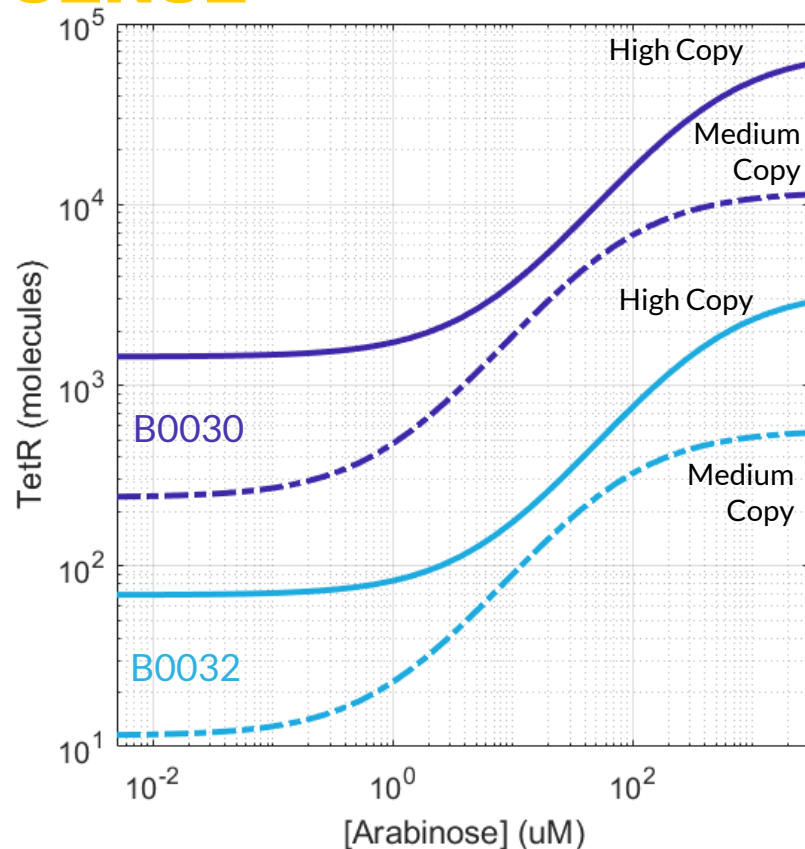
Medium Copy (50)

$$\alpha_{pBAD} = k_{2_{\text{TetR}}} \frac{k_{1_{\text{mTetR}}}}{d_{m_{\text{TetR}}}} C_N, \quad K_{d_{pBAD}} = \frac{K_d K_{dis} C_N}{[\text{AraC}]^{n_A}}$$

Changing from a High Copy (300) to a Medium Copy (50) not only moves the curve down ( $\alpha$ ), but also to the left ( $K_d$ ).

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE



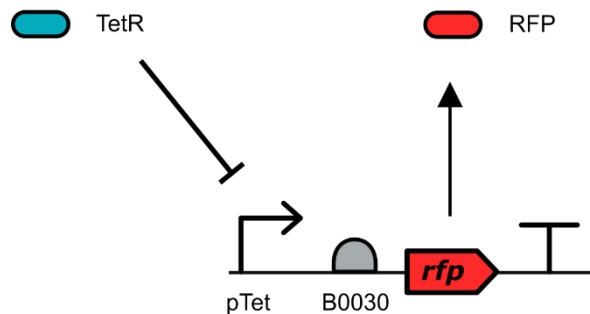
$\alpha_{pBAD}$	High Copy	Medium Copy
B0030	$7.1 \times 10^4$ molecules	$1.2 \times 10^4$ molecules
B0032	3300 molecules	560 molecules

	High Copy	Medium Copy
$K_{d_{pBAD}}$	440 $\mu\text{M}$	14 $\mu\text{M}$

Changing from a High Copy (300) to a Medium Copy (50) not only moves the curve down ( $\alpha$ ), but also to the left ( $K_d$ ).

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## COMPUTE - ACT



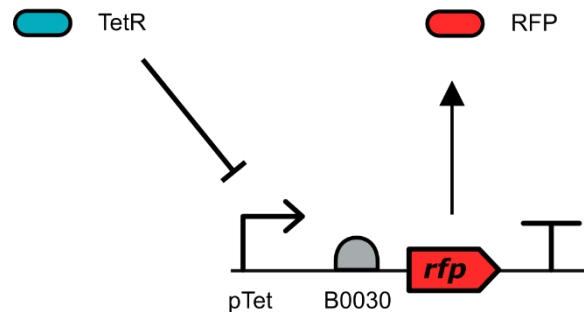
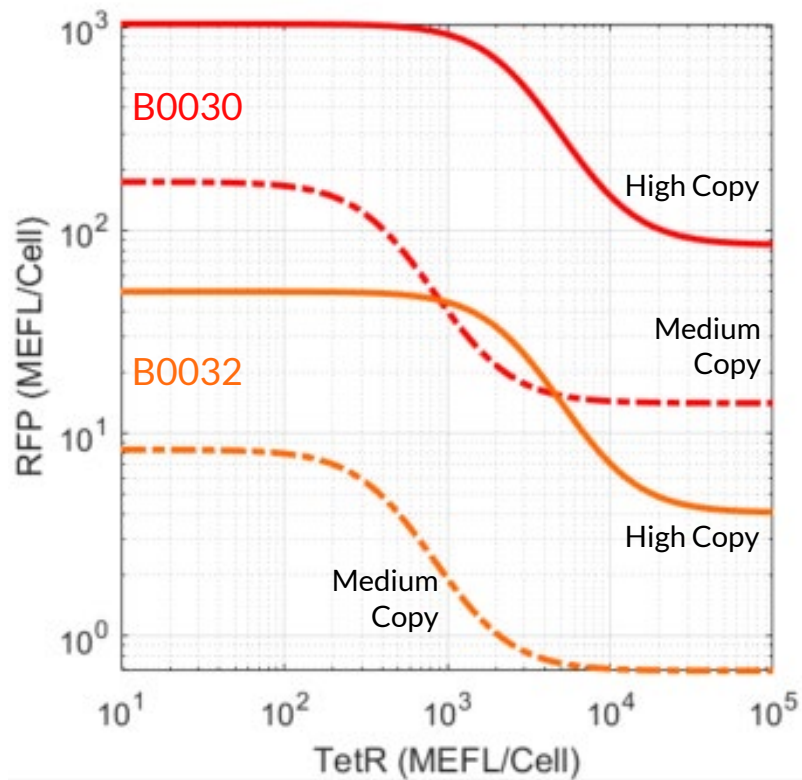
$$[RFP] = \frac{\alpha_{pTet}}{d_{RFP}} \left( \beta_{o_{pTet}} + \frac{(1 - \beta_{o_{pTet}}) (K_{d_{pTet}})^{n_t}}{(K_{d_{pTet}})^{n_t} + [TetR]^{n_t}} \right)$$

$$\alpha_{pTet} = k_{2_{RFP}} \frac{k_{1_{mRFP}}}{d_{mRFP}} C_N$$

$$K_{d_{pTet}} = K_d C_N$$

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## COMPUTE - ACT

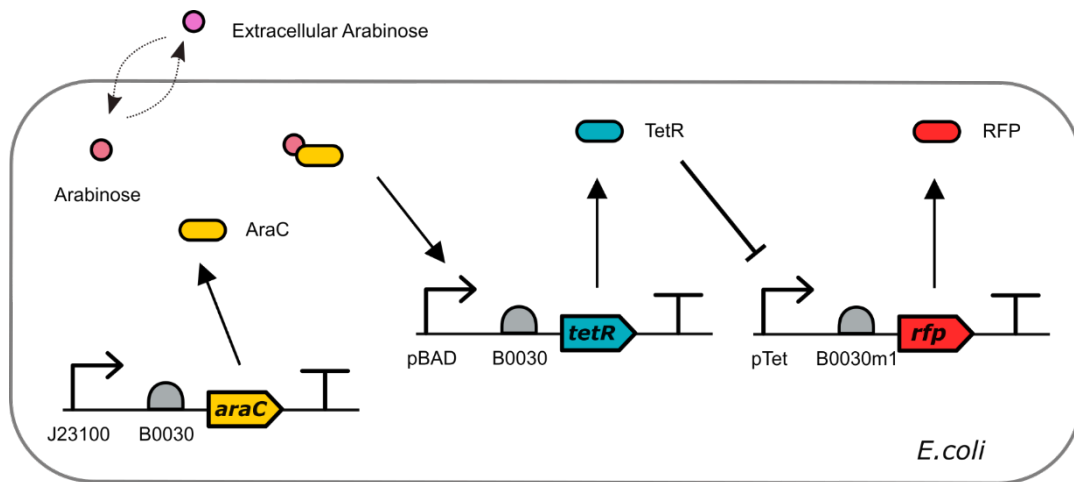


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Let us try with different RBS and Plasmid Copy Numbers

# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## SENSE - COMPUTE - ACT

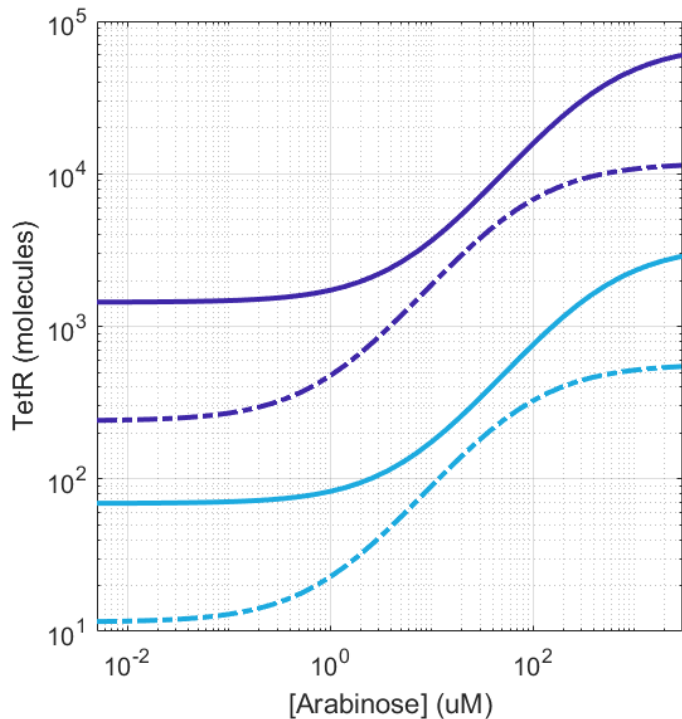


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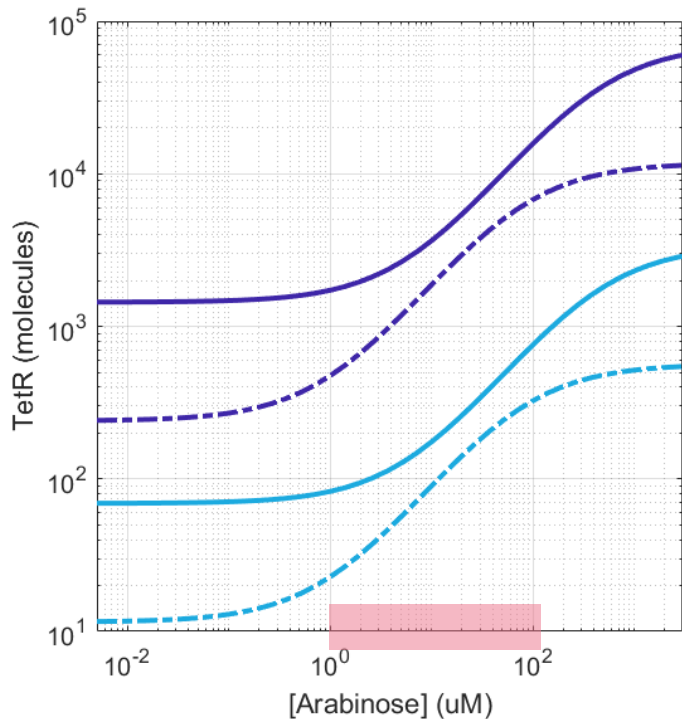
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## SENSE - COMPUTE



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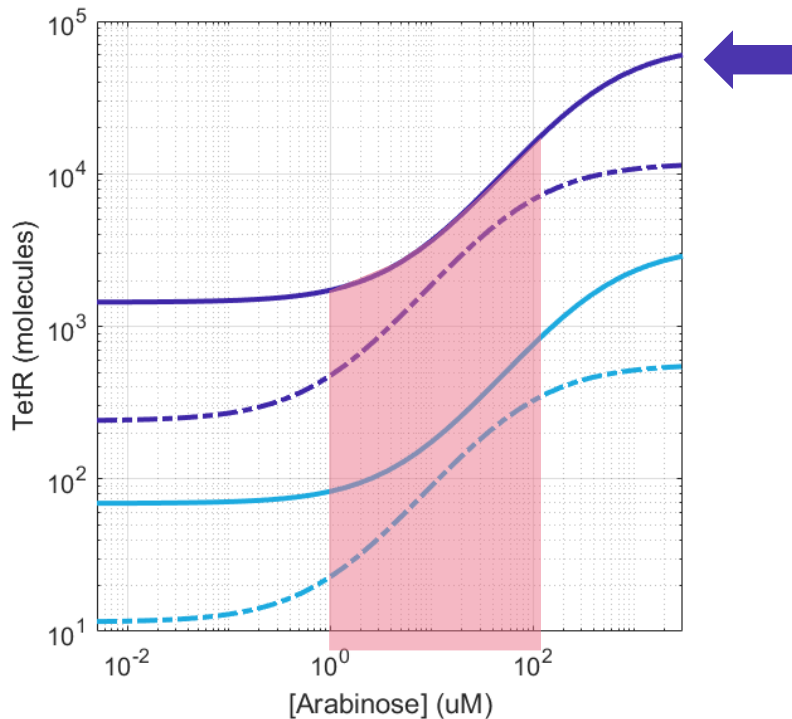
## SENSE - COMPUTE





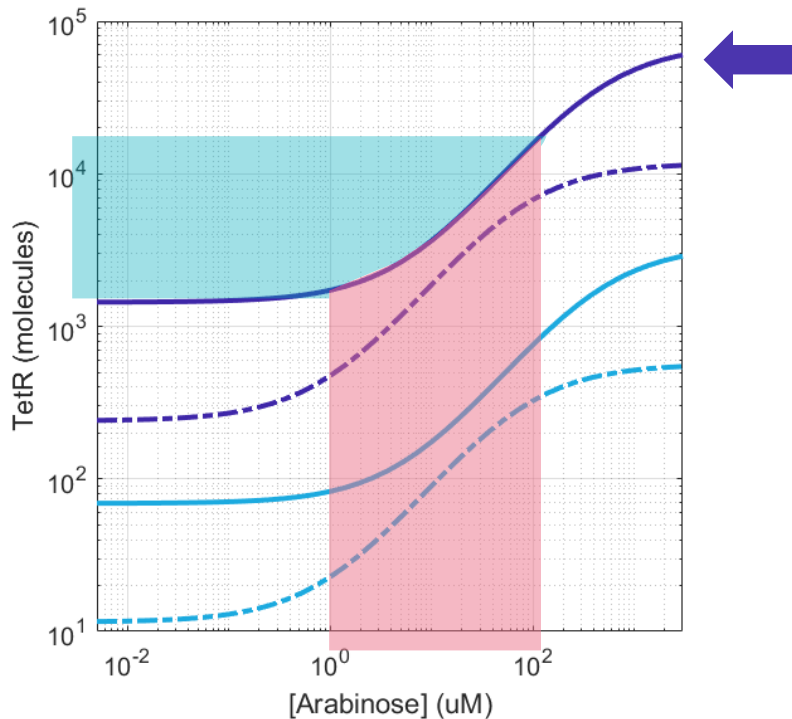
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## SENSE - COMPUTE



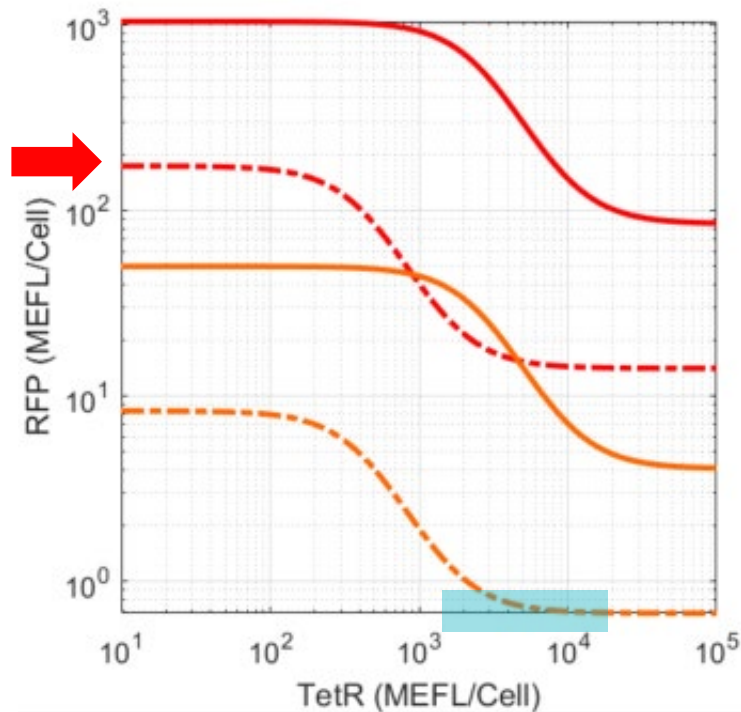
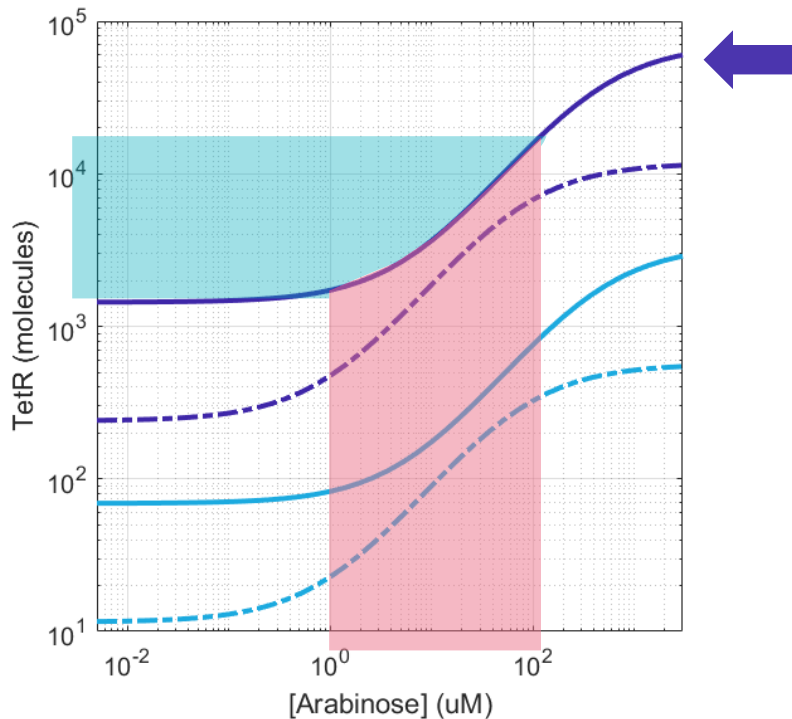
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## SENSE - COMPUTE



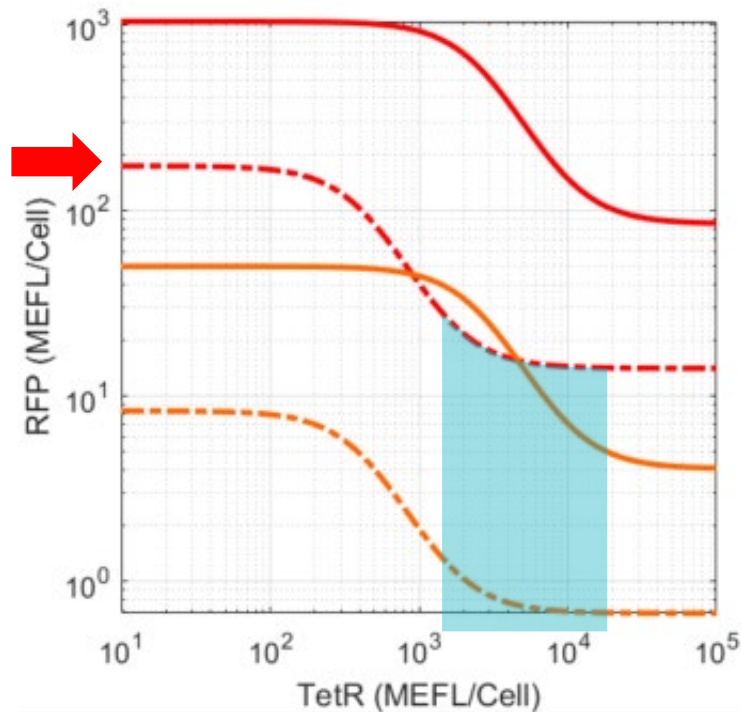
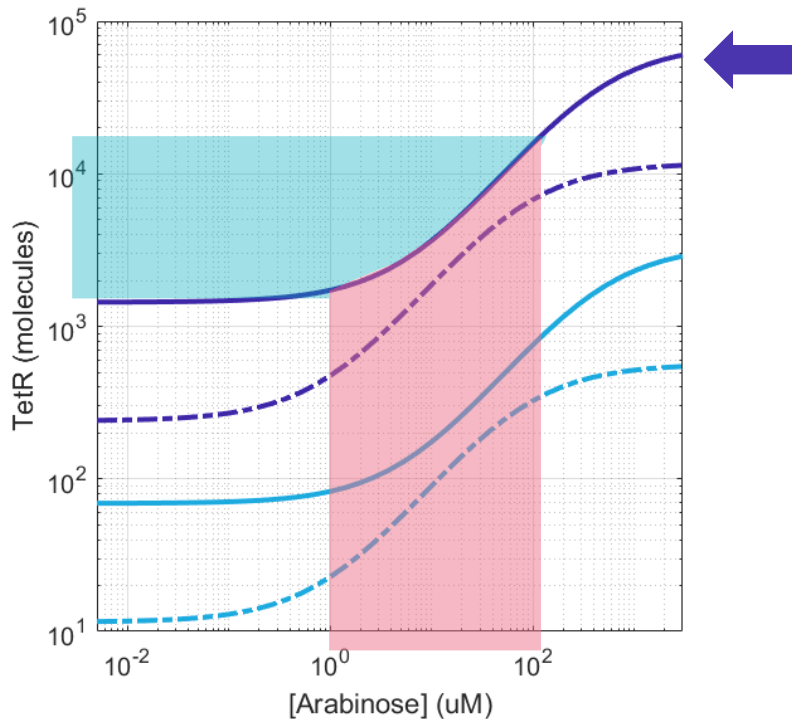
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**SENSE** - **COMPUTE** - **ACT**



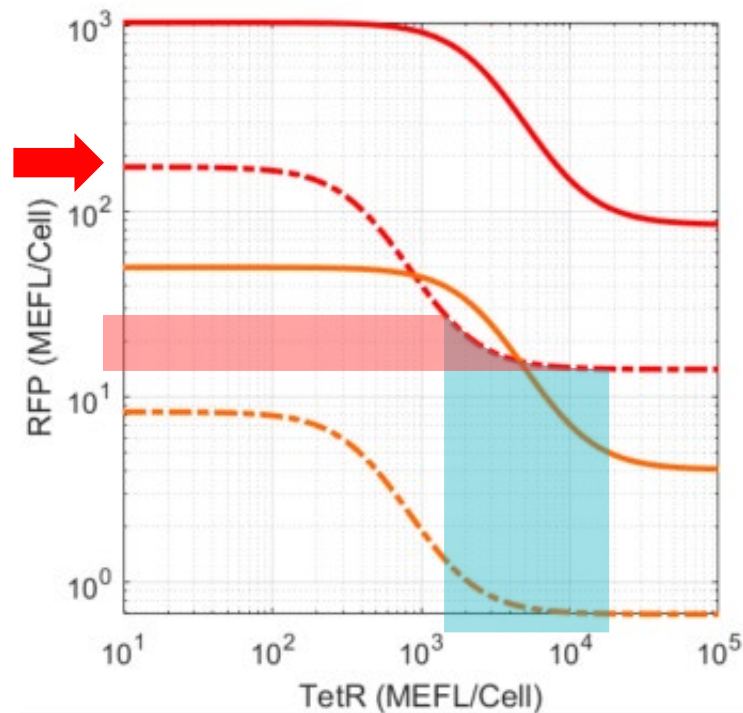
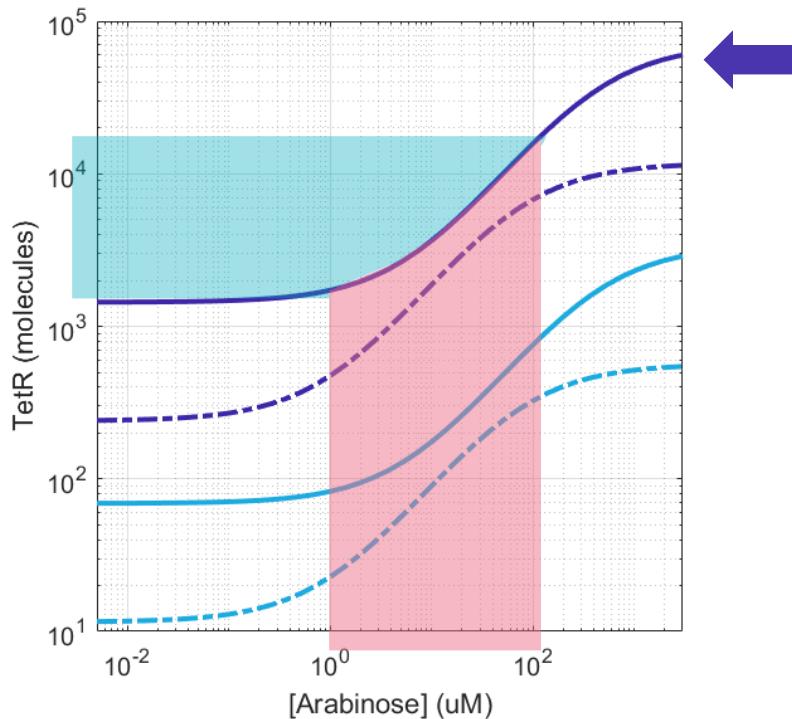
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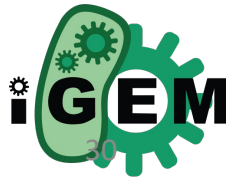


# Questions?

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Stay tuned, next Section 2:

Relating parameters and data



# Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

## Basal Expression

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$$[\text{TetR}] = \beta_{o_{pBAD}}^* + \frac{\alpha_{pBAD}^*}{d_{\text{TetR}}} \frac{[\text{Arab}]^{n_a}}{(K_{d_{pBAD}})^{n_a} + [\text{Arab}]^{n_a}}$$

$$\beta_{o_{pBAD}}^* = \beta_{o_{pBAD}} \frac{\alpha_{pBAD}}{d_{\text{TetR}}}$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{pBAD}^*}{d_{\text{TetR}}} = (1 - \beta_{o_{pBAD}}) \frac{\alpha_{pBAD}}{d_{\text{TetR}}}$$

