

# Approche hybride de modélisation explicable du métabolisme des écosystèmes microbiens

Hybrid approach for explainable metabolic modelling of microbial ecosystems'

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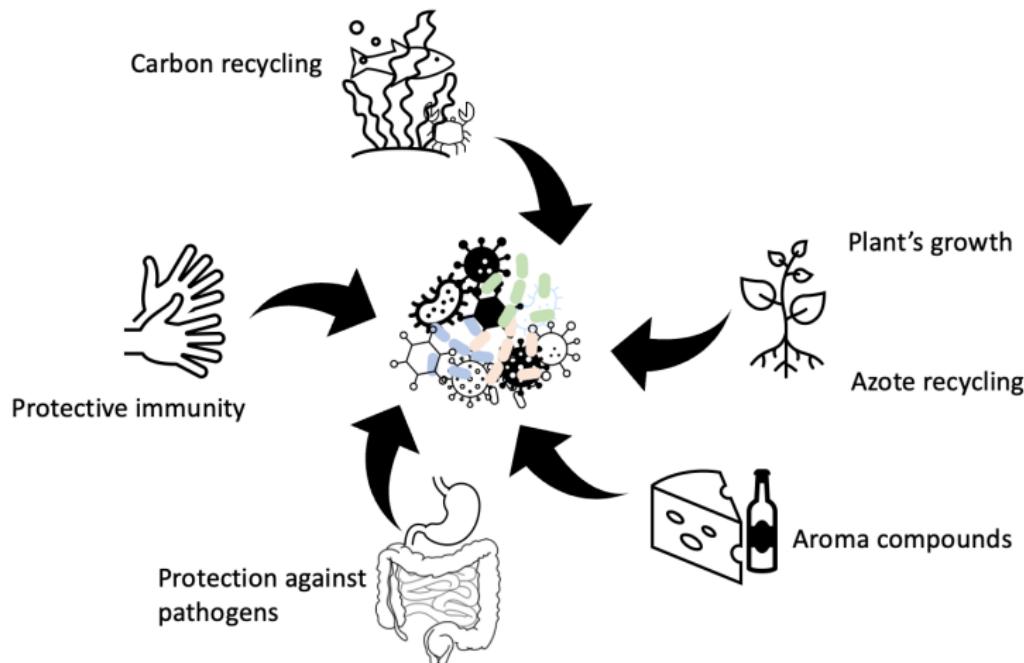
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# Why the study of microorganisms is relevant ?



- High diversity of microorganisms
- Microorganisms roles specific to the environment (Royet and Plailly, 2004; Belkaid and Hand, 2014; Zhang et al., 2015; Hoorman, 2011; McSweeney and Sousa, 2000)

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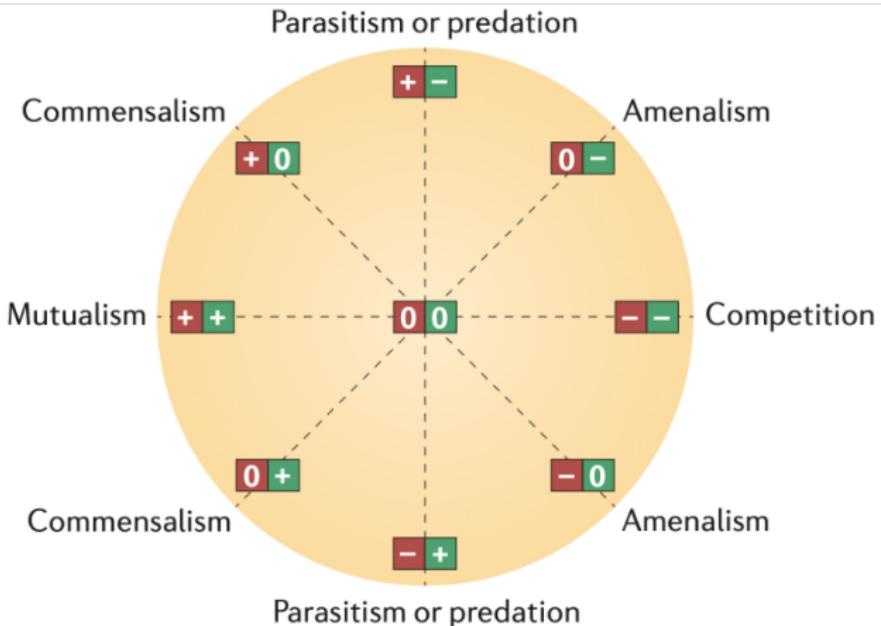
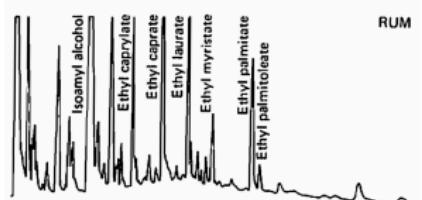


Figure 1: List of different types of bacterial interactions (Faust and Raes, 2012)

Easy to distinguish bacterial interactions effects within two species

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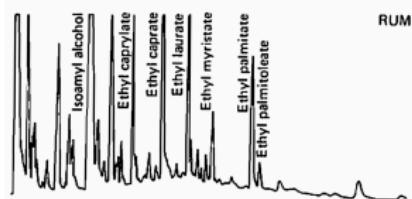
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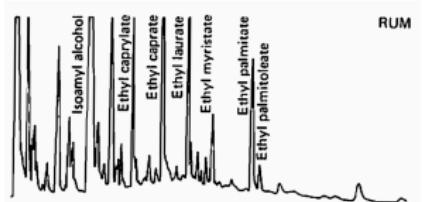
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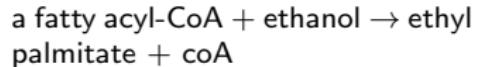
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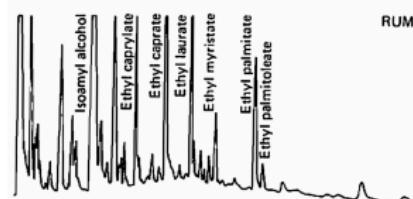
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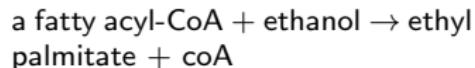
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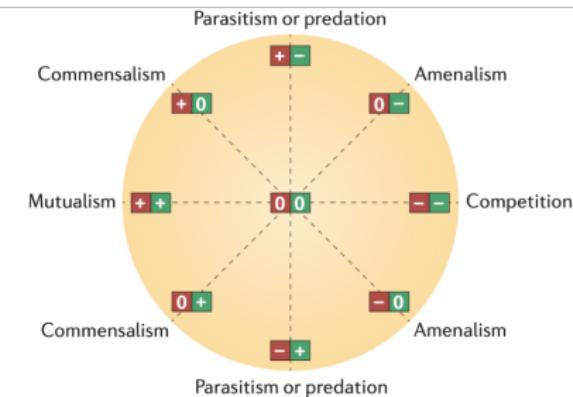
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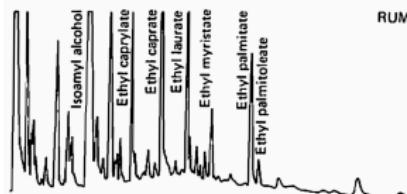


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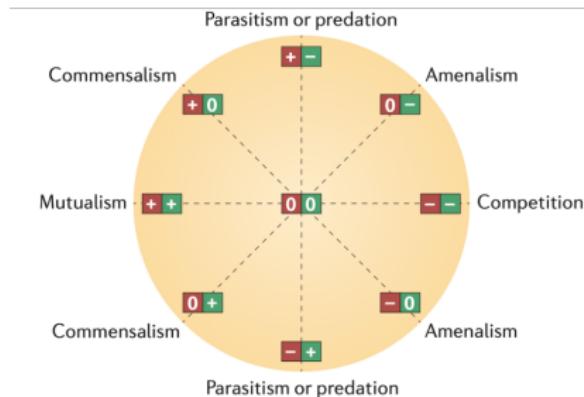
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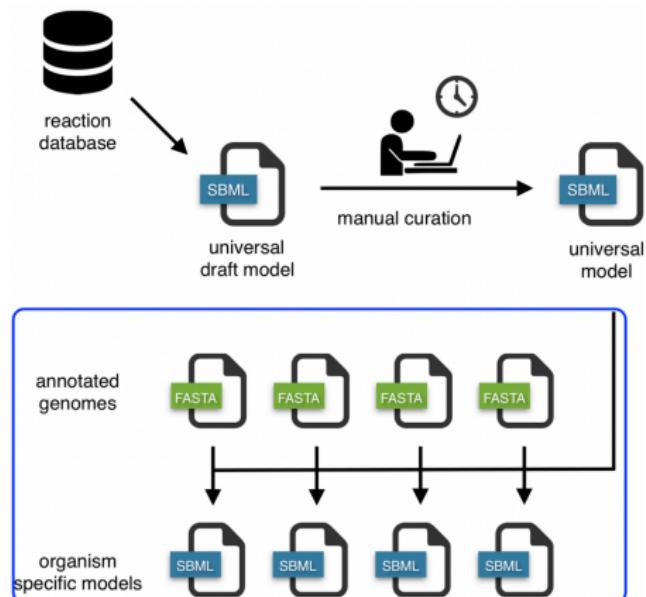


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Genome-scale metabolic network (GEMs) reconstruction



**Figure 4:** Top down genome-scale metabolic network reconstruction approach (modified from Machado et al., 2018)

- For bacteria: average of 1500 reactions, 1000 genes, 800 metabolites
- Informatic can help to resolve combinatorial problem

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Systems biology

## System biology

Associate an organism to a system and study the all system (Kitano, 2002)

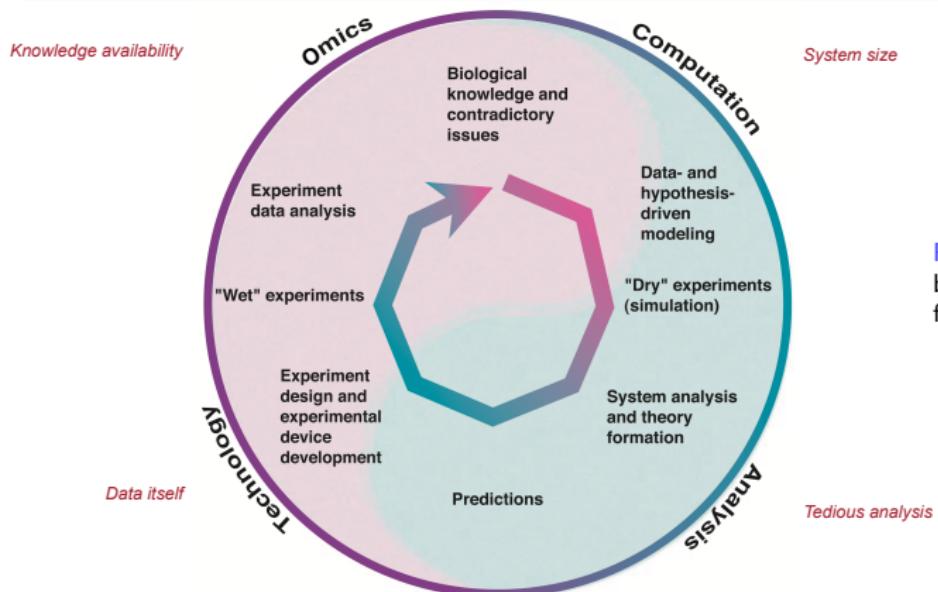
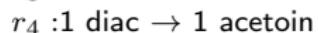
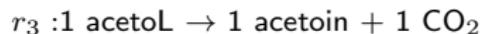
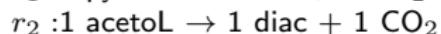


Figure 5: System biology modified from Kitano, 2002

- System biology combines biology and informatic analysis for studying bacterial behavior

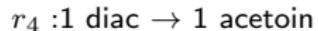
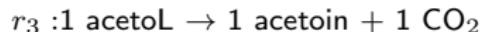
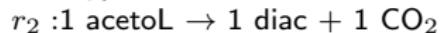
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pyr	-2	0	0	0	0
acetoL	1	-1	-1	0	0
diac	0	1	0	-1	0
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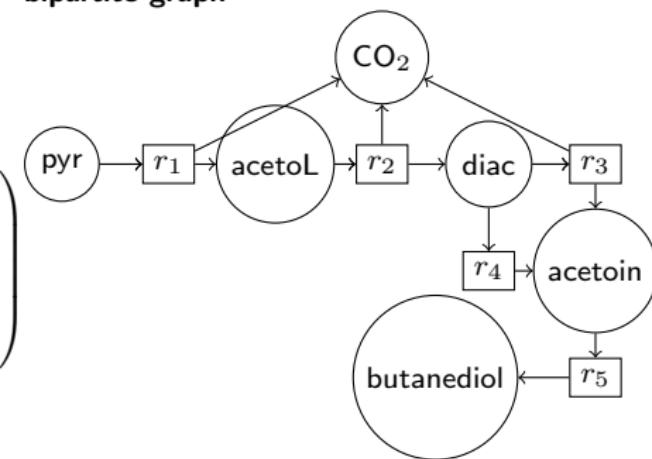
## Metabolic network representation

- $r_1 : 2 \text{ pyr} \rightarrow 1 \text{ acetoL} + 1 \text{ CO}_2$
- $r_2 : 1 \text{ acetoL} \rightarrow 1 \text{ diac} + 1 \text{ CO}_2$
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**Stoichiometry matrix** is commonly used for quantitative analysis instead of **graph**, more focused on topology analysis

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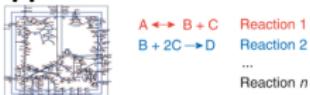
Build a metabolic model

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### Constraint-based approaches

a Genome-scale metabolic reconstruction



b Mathematically represent metabolic reactions and constraints

A diagram illustrating the mathematical representation of metabolic reactions and constraints. It shows the stoichiometric matrix  $S$  with rows for metabolites (A, B, C, O) and columns for reactions (1, 2, ..., n). The matrix is defined as follows:

1	2	...	n
-1	1	-1	
1	-1	-2	
0	1		
m			

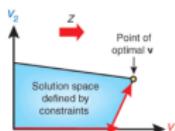
The matrix is multiplied by the vector of fluxes  $v$  to yield the equation  $S \cdot v = 0$ .

c Mass balance defines a system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} -v_1 + \dots &= 0 \\ v_1 - v_2 + \dots &= 0 \\ v_1 - 2v_2 + \dots &= 0 \\ v_2 + \dots &= 0 \\ \text{etc.} & \end{aligned}$$

d Define objective function ( $Z = c_1 \cdot v_1 + c_2 \cdot v_2 + \dots$ )

To predict growth,  $Z = v_{\text{biomass}}$



e Calculate fluxes that maximize  $Z$

Figure 6: Illustration of the Flux balance analysis (Orth, Thiele, and Palsson, 2010)

- Topology and stoichiometry of metabolic goods
- Can explain metabolic observations through reaction fluxes
- difficult to apply in larger scale

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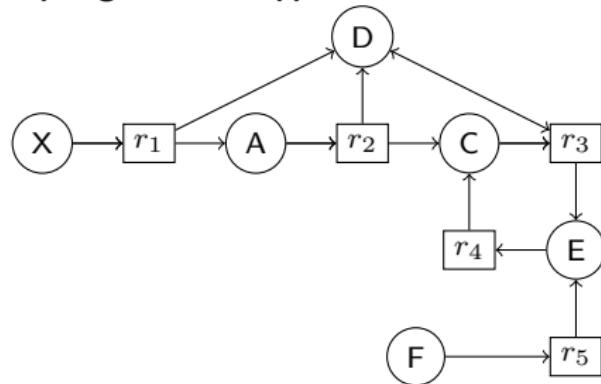
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How to compute metabolic capability ?

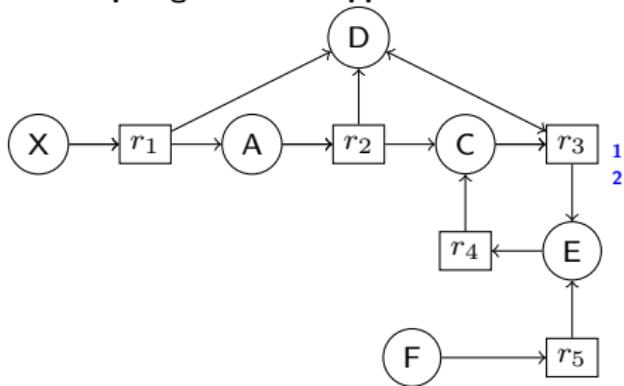
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scope(M) :- seed(M).  
scope(M) :- bacteria(B), product(M,R,B),  
reaction(R,B), scope(M2) : reactant(M  
2,R,B).
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Logical rules using Answer set programming describe scope a network (Ebenhöh, Handorf, and Heinrich, 2004)

# Why using Answer Set Programming

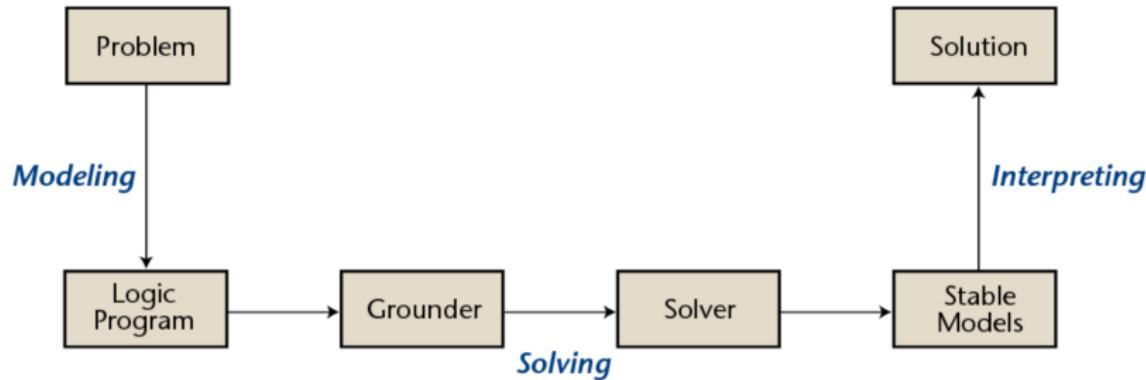


Figure 7: The workflow of Answer set programming (ASP) (Kaufmann et al., 2016)

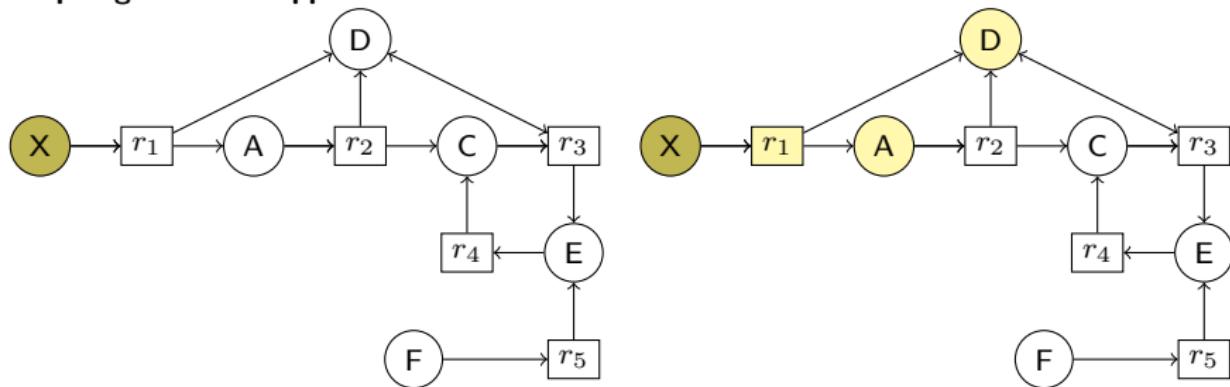
- Explainable model
- Solve combinatorial problem

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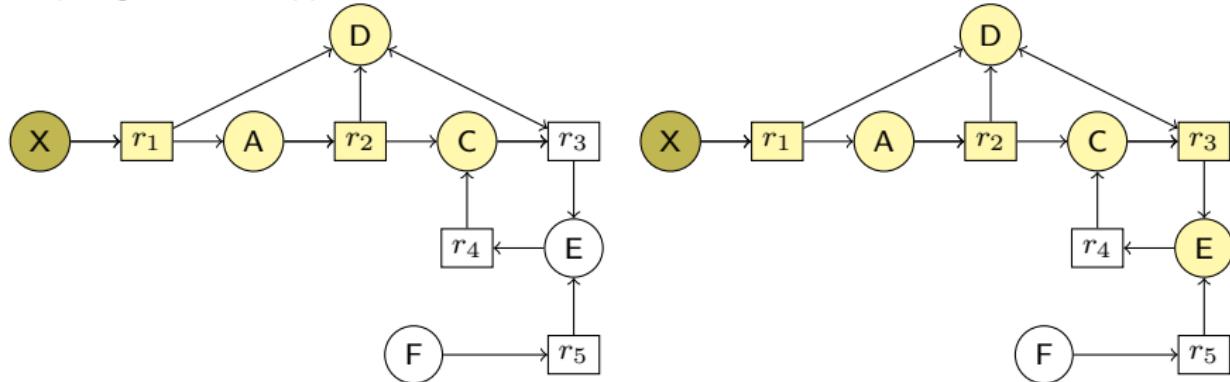


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- The potential metabolic capability and topology dependant
- Scale to large community (Belcour et al., 2020; Frioux et al., 2018)
- Assessment of objective function ?

# Contributions and objective

## Objective

Contribute to analyzing metabolic interactions of bacterial communities associated to two use cases: controlled and uncontrolled environment

- Revealing the dynamics and mechanisms of bacterial interactions in cheese production with metabolic modelling (*submitted article*)
  - Highlight pathway of interest
  - Generate mechanistic hypothesis
  - Integrate heterogeneous data
  - Generate robust GSMN
- Reasoning-based metabolic modelling of cooperation and competition potentials in large-scale microbial communities (*in preparation*)
  - Generate mechanistic hypothesis
  - Bacterial interaction rules
  - Generic approach
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