

Approche hybride de modélisation explicable du métabolisme des écosystèmes microbiens

Hybrid approach for explainable metabolic modelling of microbial ecosystems'

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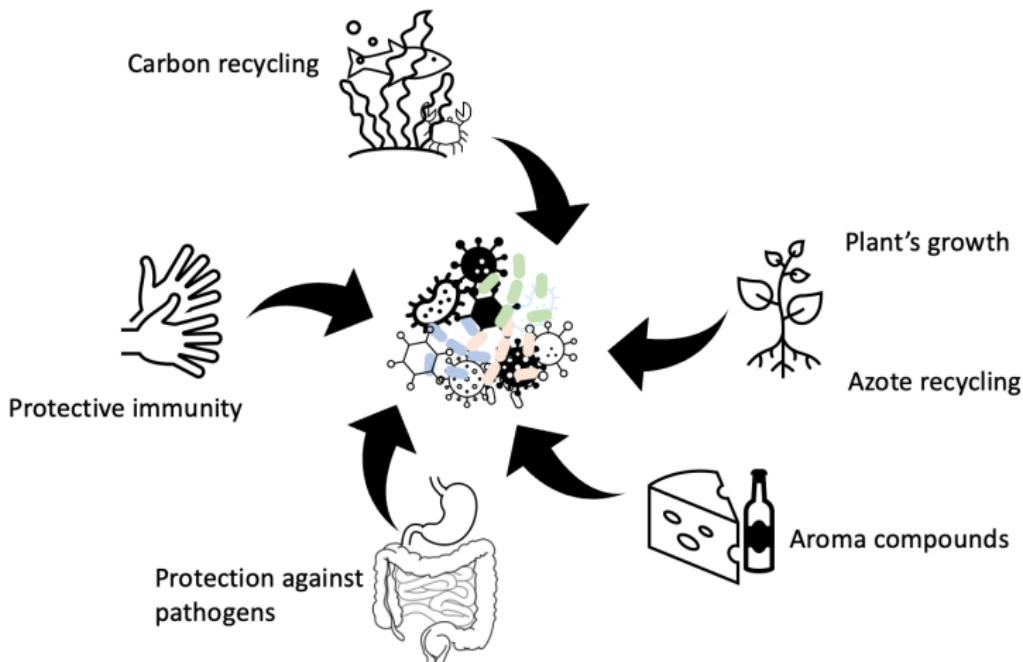
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Why the study of microorganisms is relevant ?



- 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)

Bacterial interaction are responsible of the observed roles

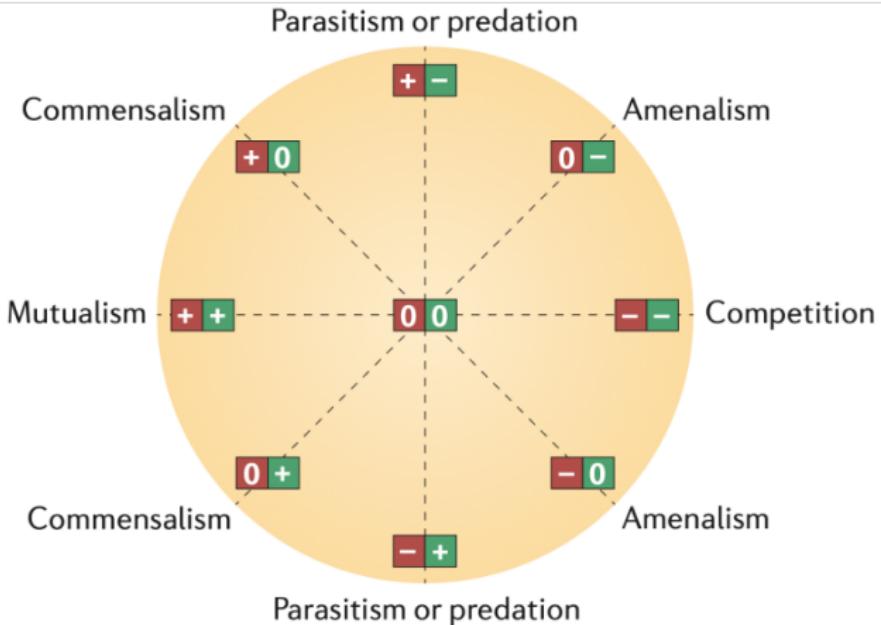


Figure 1: List of different types of bacterial interactions (Faust and Raes, 2012)

- Bacterial interactions are distinguishable within two species
- And within ecosystems composed of thousand of species ? → need of informatic

How can we combine biological knowledge and infomatic program ?

Systems biology

System biology

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

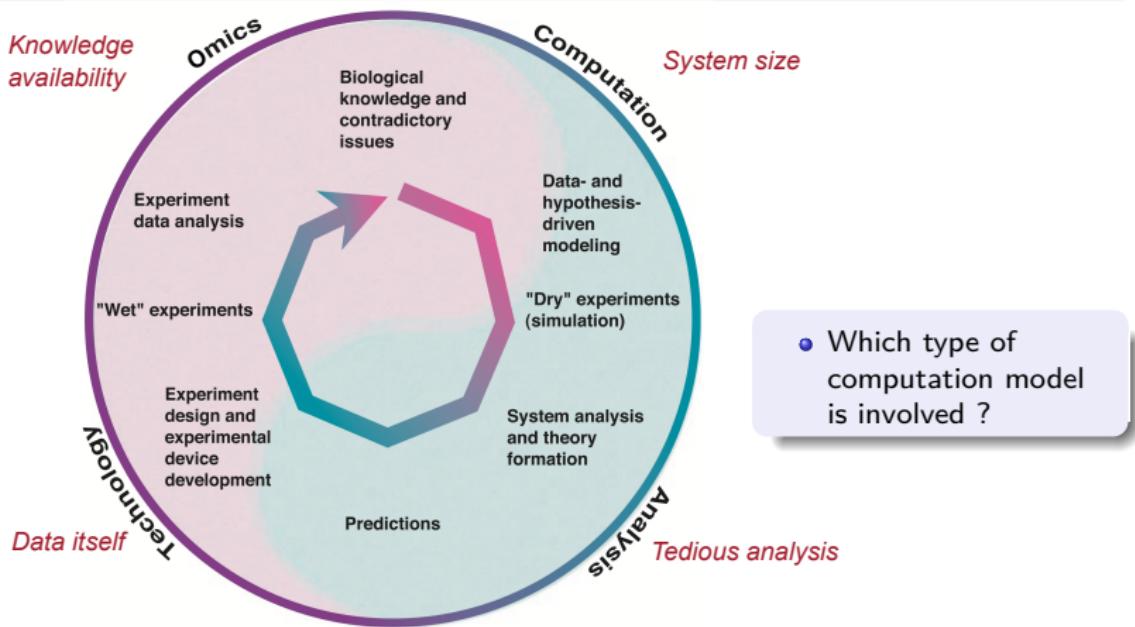


Figure 2: System biology modified from Kitano, 2002

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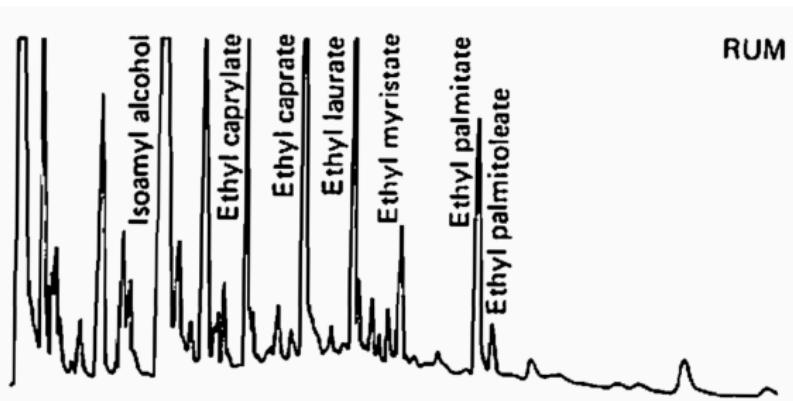


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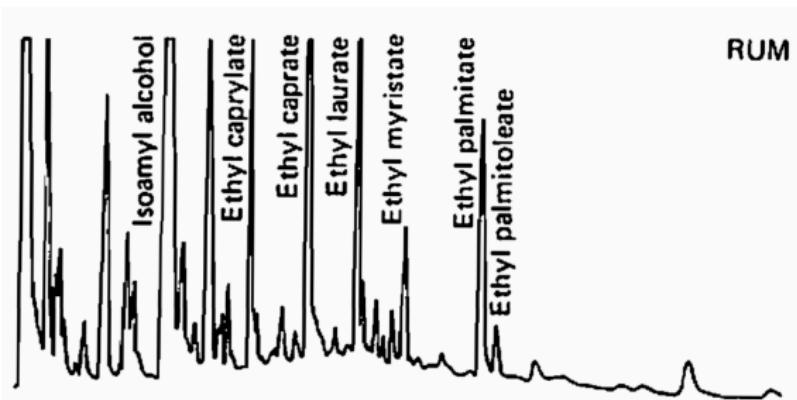


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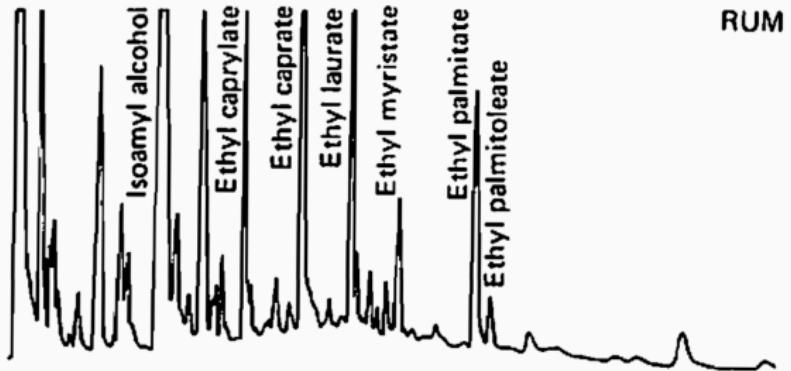


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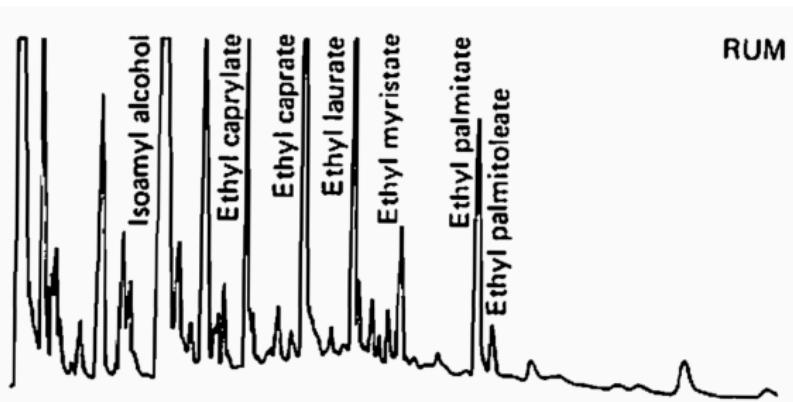


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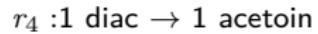
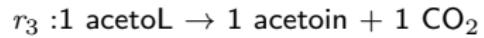
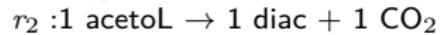
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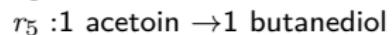
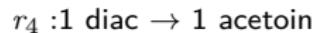
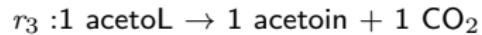
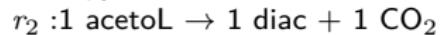
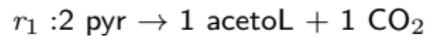


- Metabolism of an organism explain observable phenotype
- Is impacted by bacterial interactions

How is the metabolism represented?



How is the metabolism represented?



Stoichiometry matrix

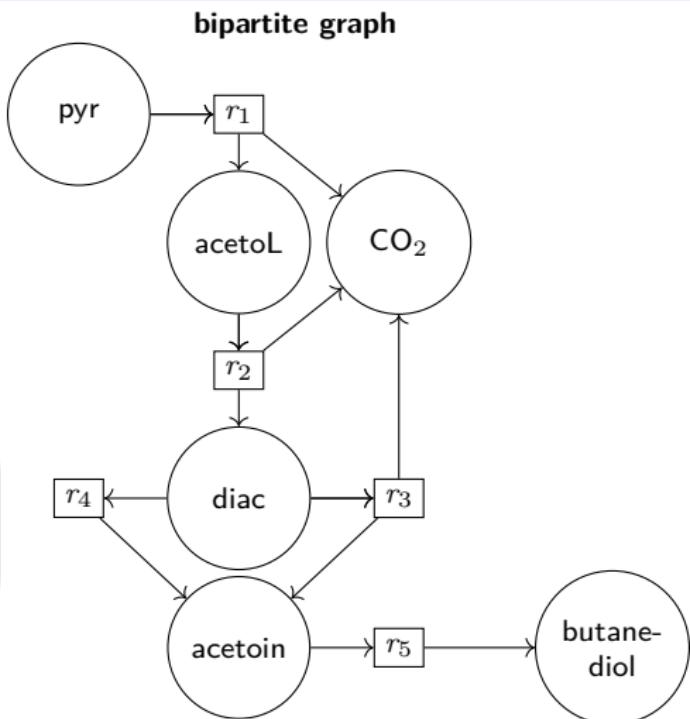
$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} & r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & r_4 & r_5 \\ \text{pyr} & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{acetoL} & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{diac} & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ \text{CO}_2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{acetoin} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ \text{butanediol} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

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

How is the metabolism reconstructed?

Genome-scale metabolic network (GEMs) reconstruction

Genome-scale metabolic network (GSMNs)

Contain metabolic reactions predicted from the entire genomic content through gene-protein-reaction (GPR) relationships (Thiele and Palsson, 2010)

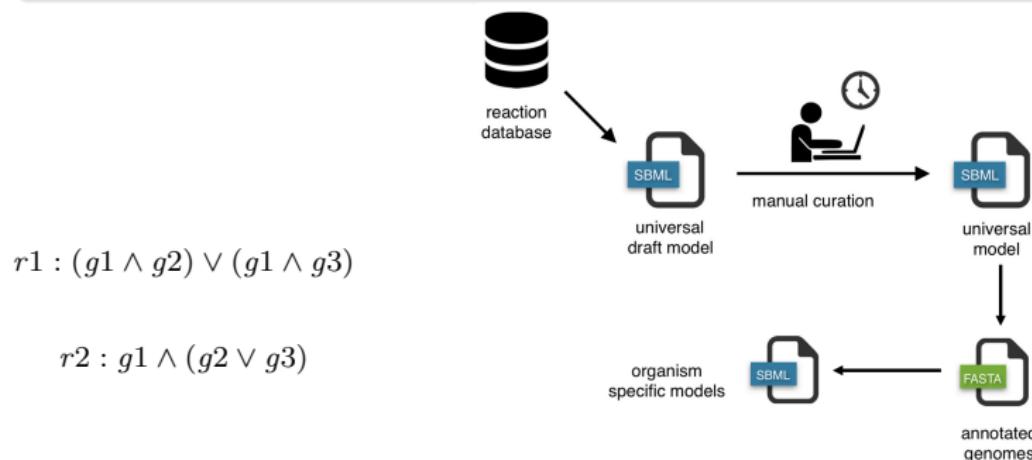


Figure 4: Top down genome-scale metabolic network reconstruction approach (modified from Machado et al., 2018)

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

Reasoning-based metabolic analysis

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Allow us to infer qualitative models from logical rules based on biological knowledge

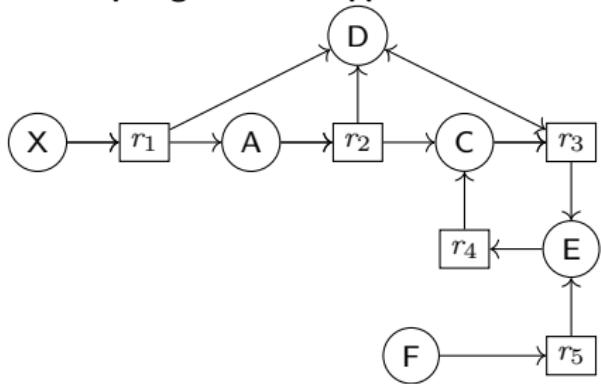
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How to compute metabolic capability ?

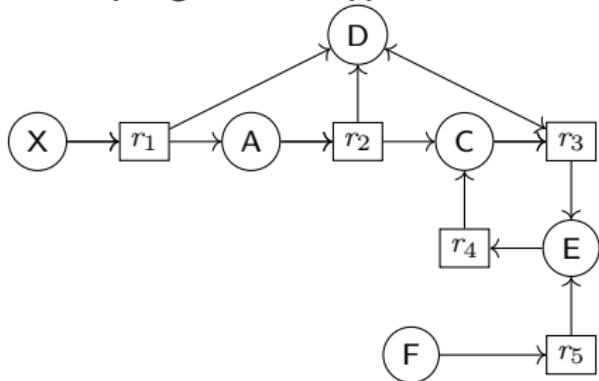
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- Producibility is initiated by the presence of nutrients,
- The products of a reactions are producible if all reactants of this reaction are themselves producible

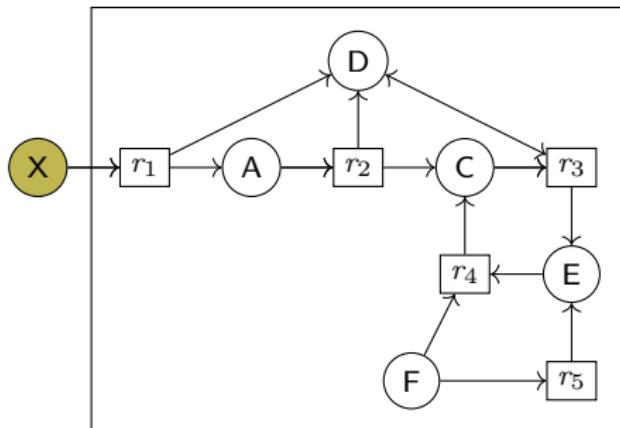
The scope, i.e. the metabolic capacity, a network is reached in 2 logical rules (Ebenhöh, Handorf, and Heinrich, 2004)

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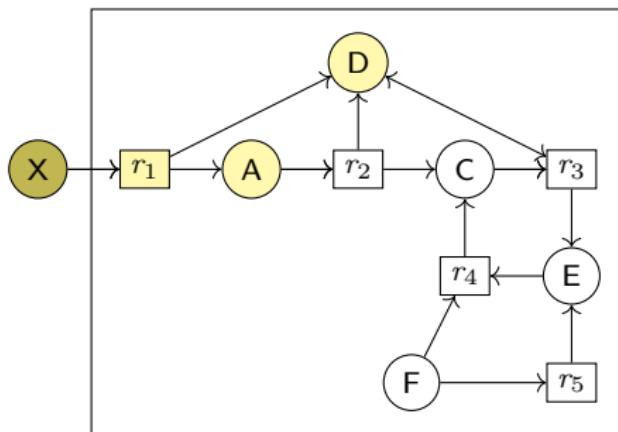
X is a seed

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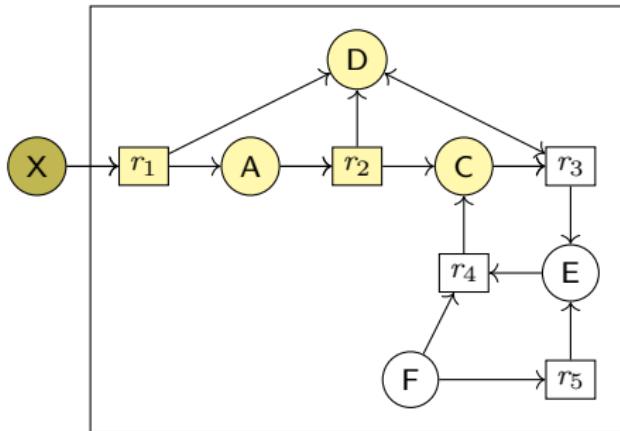
X is available; r_1 is activated and A,D are producible

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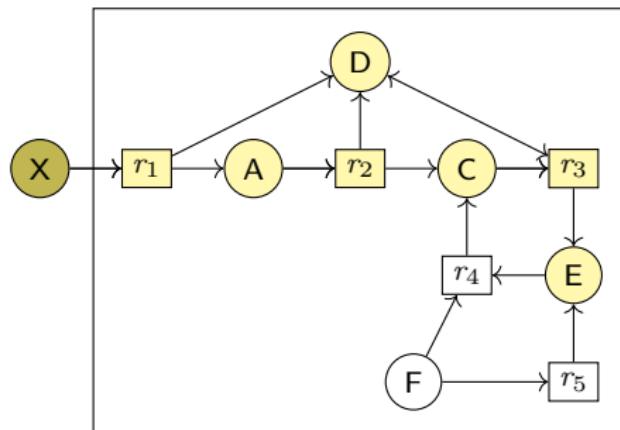
A,D are available; r_2 is activated and C is producible

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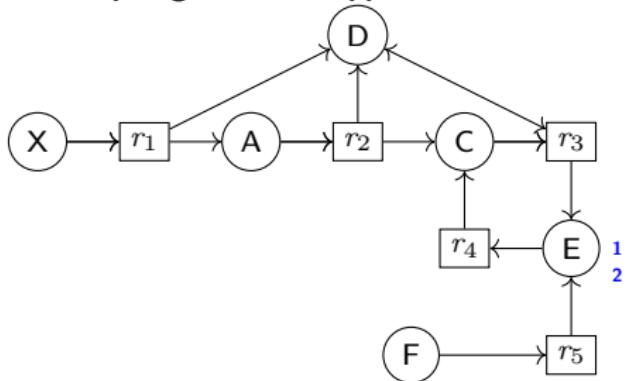
- The potential metabolic capability and topology dependant

Logical rules implementation

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scope(M) :- seed(M).  
scope(M) :- bacteria(B), product(M,R,B),  
reaction(R,B), scope(M2) : reactant(M2,R,  
B).
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Logical rules are embedded using Answer Set Programming (Lifschitz2008)

Why using Answer Set Programming

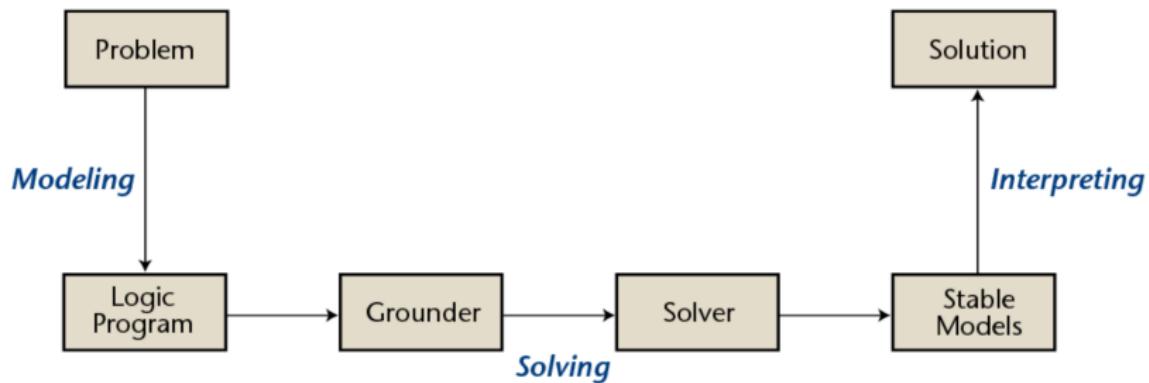


Figure 5: The workflow of Answer set programming (ASP) (Kaufmann et al., 2016)

- Close assumption
- Explainable model
- Solve combinatorial problems

Numerical metabolic model of the metabolism

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From a GEM, a model metabolic has the capacity to simulate and to predict on the metabolic content

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Flux Balance Analysis (Orth, Thiele, and Palsson, 2010)

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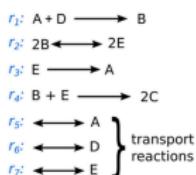
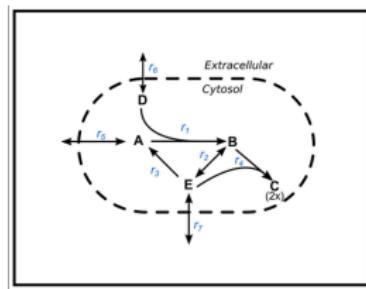
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C	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
D	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0
E	0	2	-1	-1	0	0	1

(Stoichiometric values)

$$\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v_7 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Metabolic flux values)

Figure 7: Stoichiometry matrix representation and the flux vector v

Figure 6: Example of metabolic network

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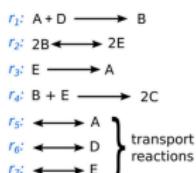
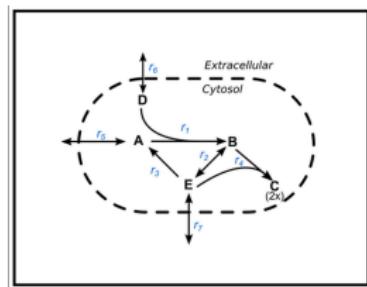
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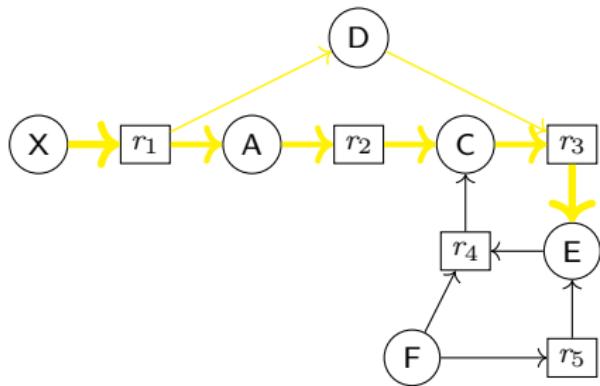
$$S\vec{v} = \vec{0} = \begin{cases} \frac{dA}{dt} = -v_1 + v_3 + v_5 & 0 \leq v_1 < \infty \\ \frac{dB}{dt} = v_1 - 2v_2 - v_4 & -\infty < v_2 < \infty \\ \frac{dC}{dt} = 2v_4 & 0 \leq v_3 < \infty \\ \frac{dD}{dt} = -v_1 + v_6 & 0 \leq v_4 \leq \infty \\ \frac{dE}{dt} = 2v_2 - v_3 - v_4 + v_7 & -\infty < v_5 < \infty \\ & 0 \leq v_6 \leq \infty \\ & 0 \leq v_7 \leq \infty \end{cases}$$

(Steady state system) (Reaction bounds)

Figure 7: Linear programming problem.

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Flux application



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

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
- Enrichment of discrete models
 - Highlight pathway
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 - Integrate heterogeneous constraints
 - Generate logical rules

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