

# Approche hybride de modélisation explicable du métabolisme des écosystèmes microbiens

Hybrid approach for explainable metabolic modelling of microbial ecosystems'

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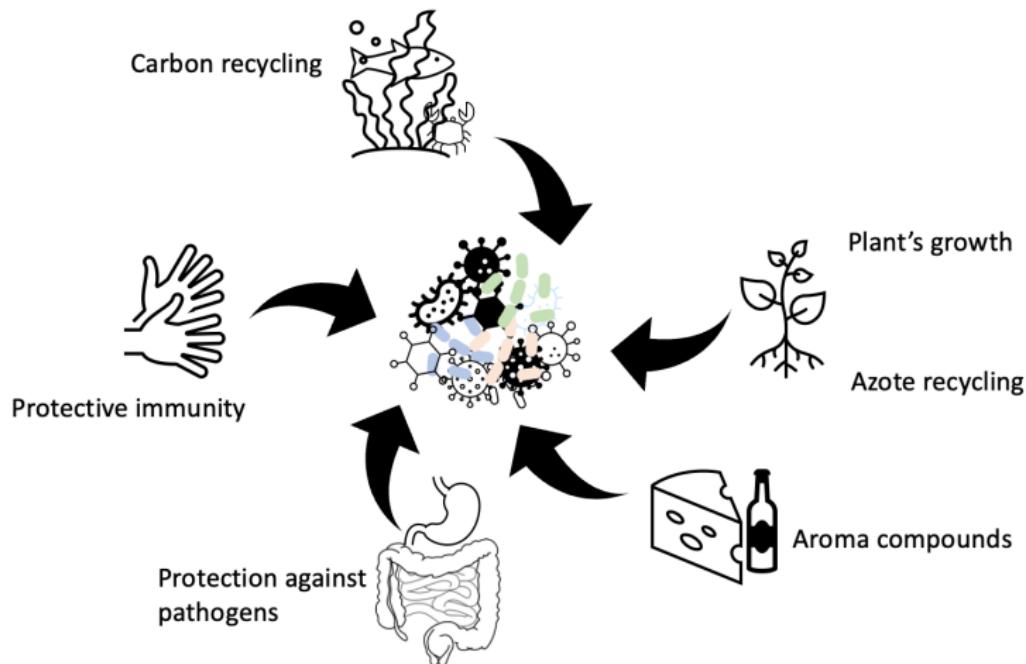
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# Why the study of microorganisms is relevant ?



- 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

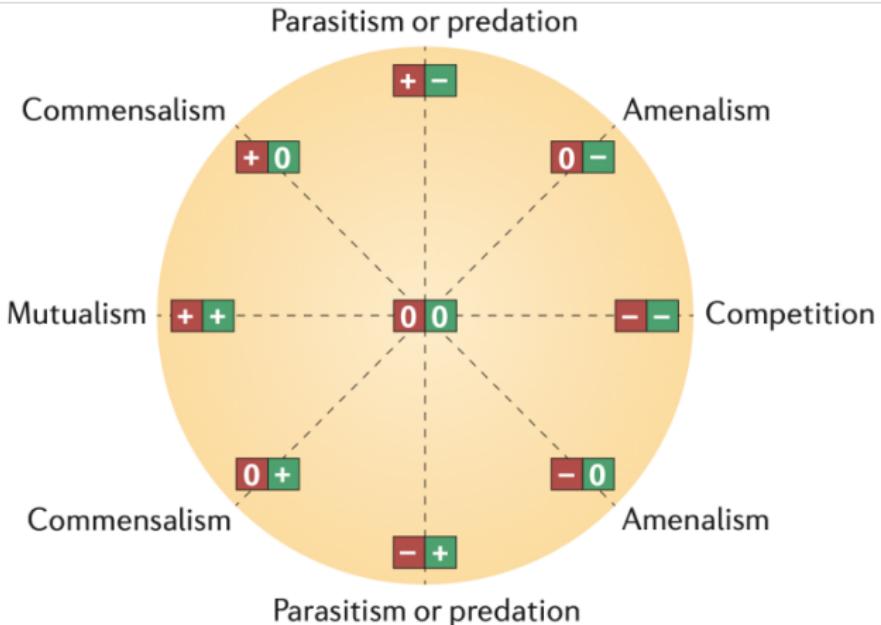


Figure 1: List of different types of bacterial interactions (Faust and Raes, 2012)

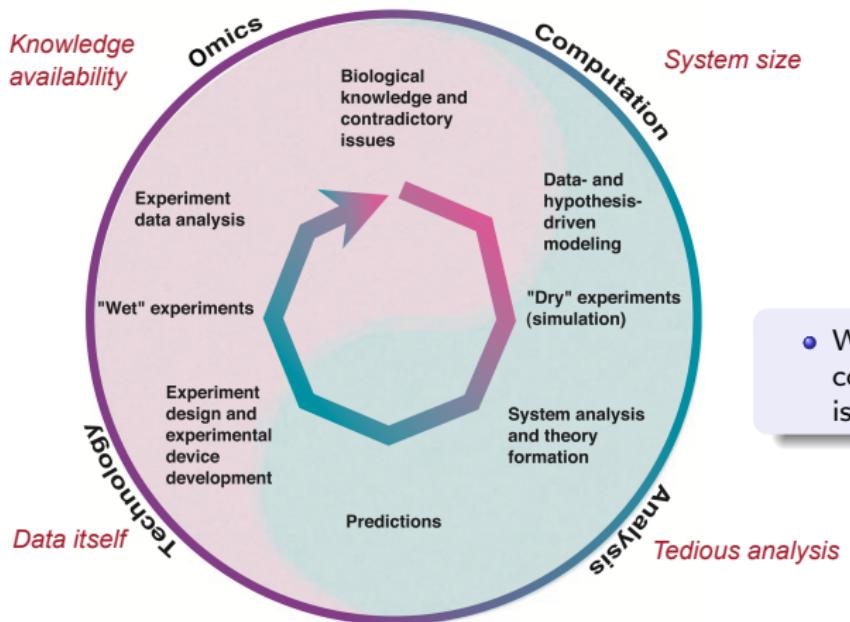
- Bacterial interactions are distinguishable within two species
- And within ecosystems composed of thousand of species ? → need of informatic

# 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)

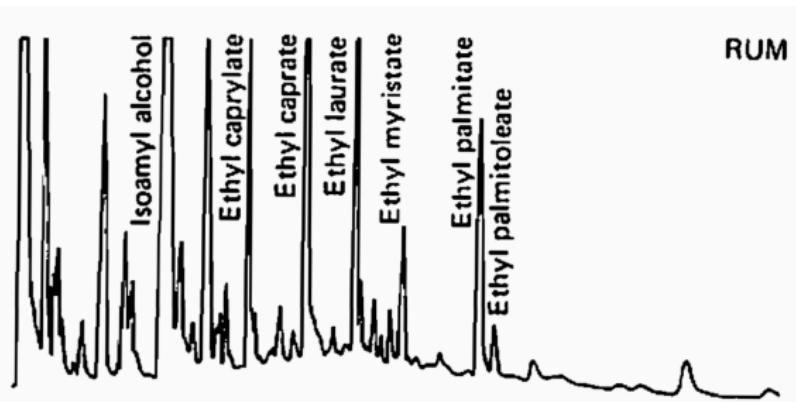


- Which type of computation model is involved ?

Figure 2: System biology modified from Kitano, 2002

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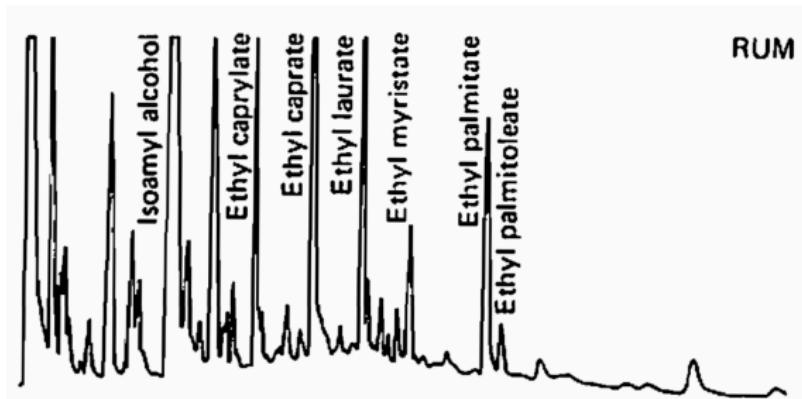
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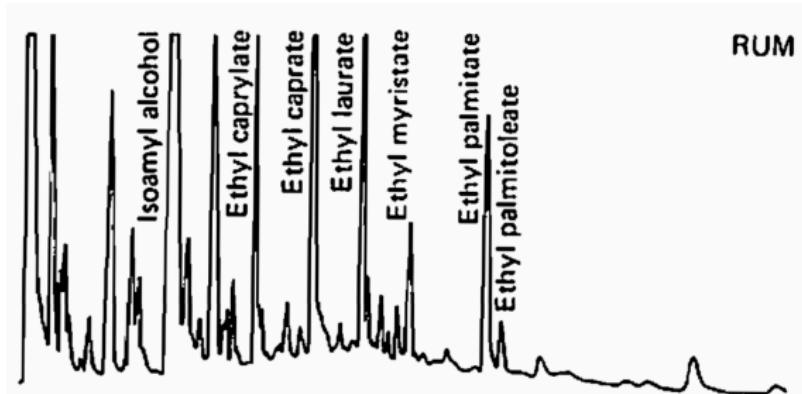
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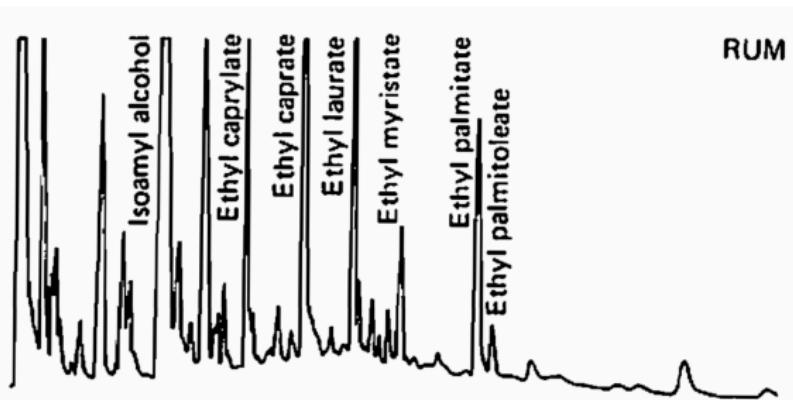
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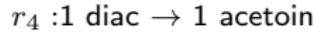
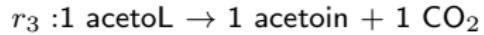
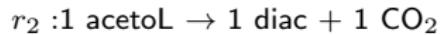
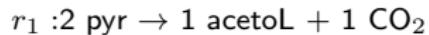
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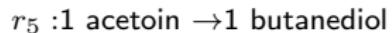
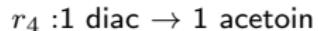
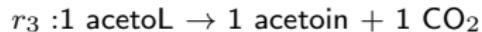
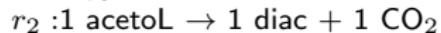


- Metabolism of an organism explain observable phenotype
- Is impacted by bacterial interactions

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## Stoichiometry matrix

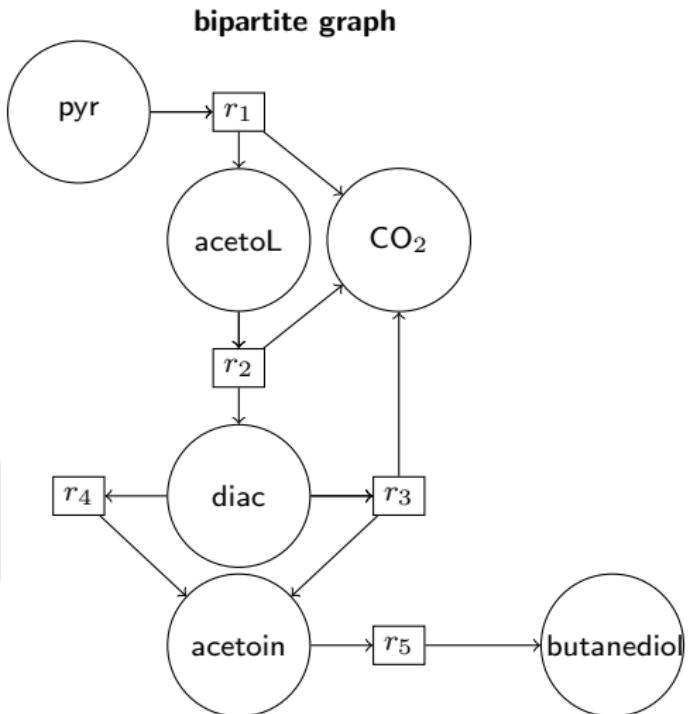
$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} & r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & r_4 & r_5 \\ \text{pyr} & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{acetoL} & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{diac} & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ \text{CO}_2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{acetoin} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ \text{butanediol} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

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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)

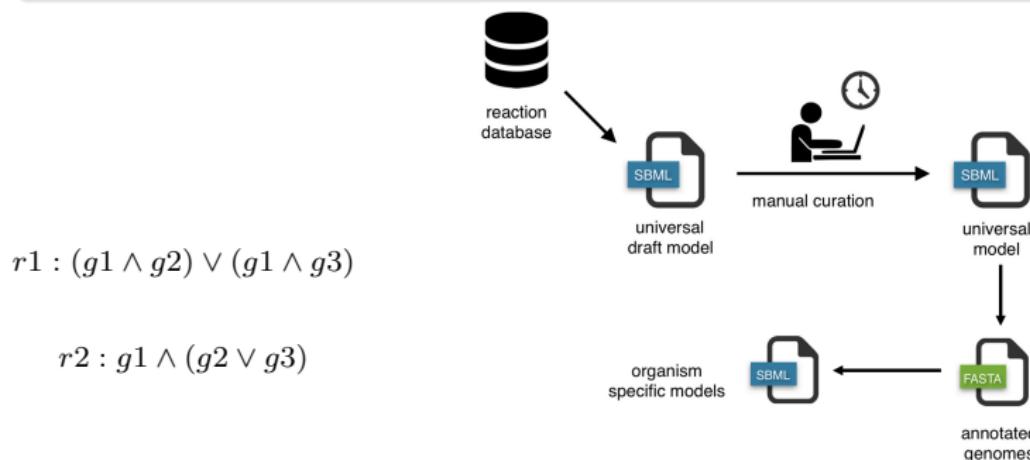


Figure 4: Top down genome-scale metabolic network reconstruction approach (modified from Machado et al., 2018)

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

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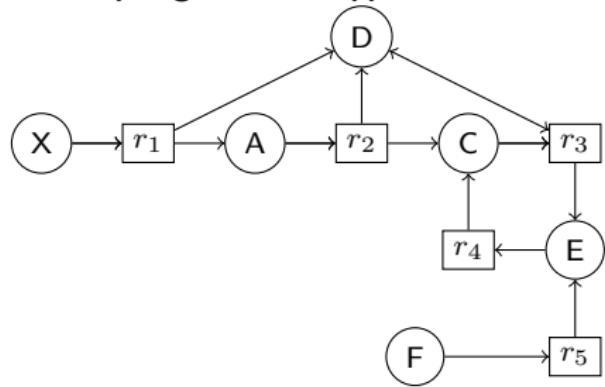
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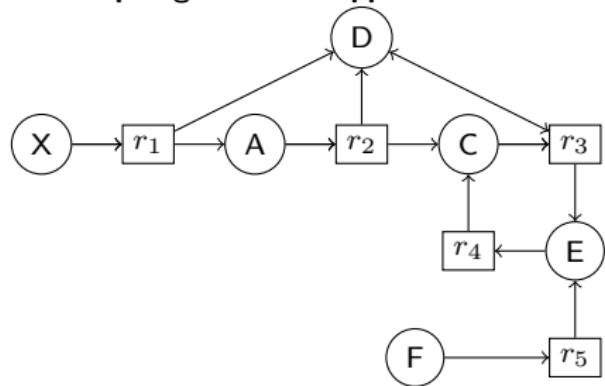
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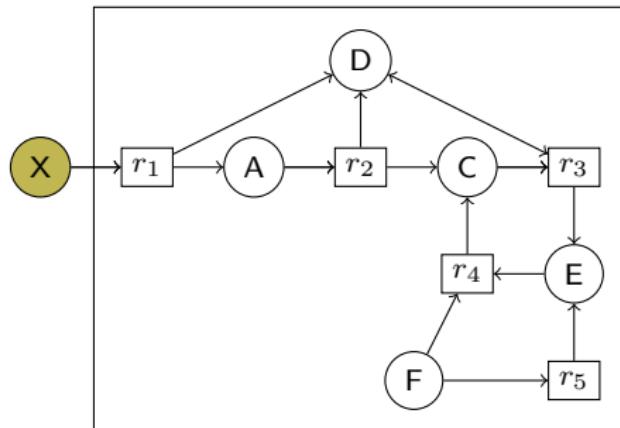
The scope, i.e. the metabolic capacity, a network is reached in 2 logical rules (Ebenhöh, Handorf, and Heinrich, 2004)

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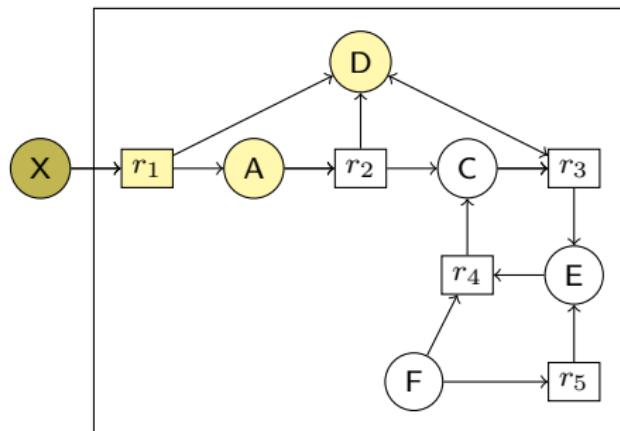
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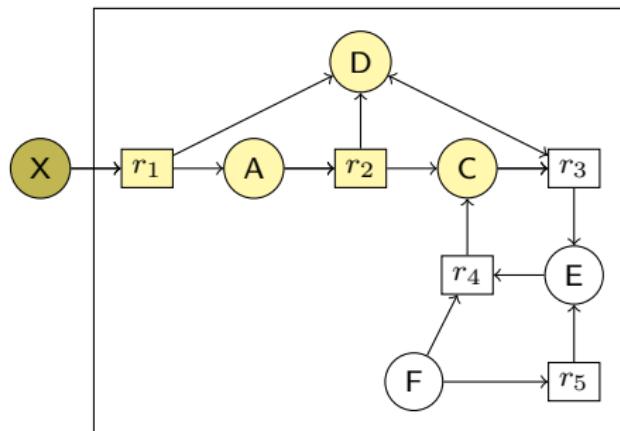


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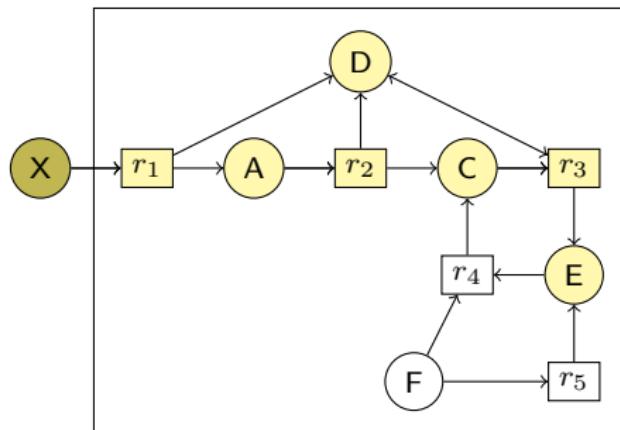


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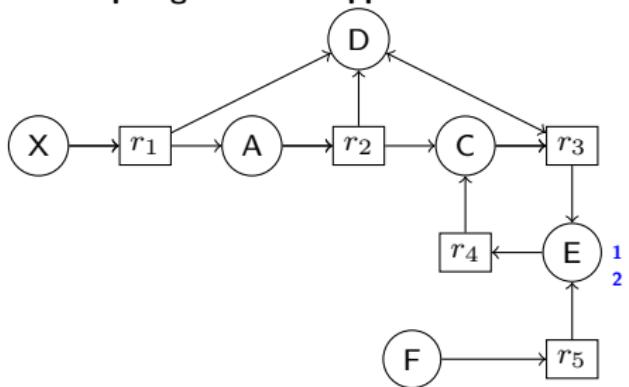
- The potential metabolic capability and topology dependant

# 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(M  
2,R,B).
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Logical rules are embedded using Answer Set Programming (Lifschitz2008)

# Why using Answer Set Programming

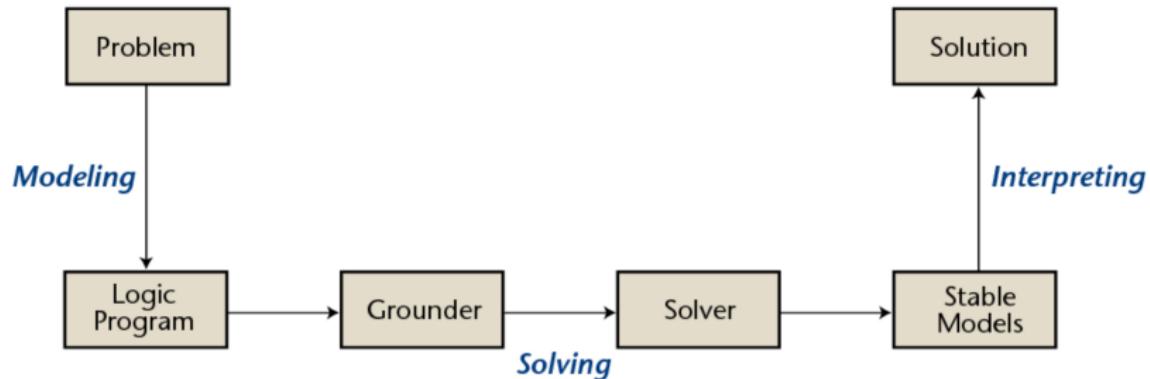


Figure 5: The workflow of Answer set programming (ASP) (Kaufmann et al., 2016)

- Close assumption
- Explainable model
- Solve combinatorial problems

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## Build a metabolic model

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### Constraint-based approaches

maximiser/minimiser  $f_{obj}$

tel que  $(S.v)_{int} = 0$  mass balanced

et  $v_{i_{min}} \leq v_i \leq v_{i_{max}}$

- 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
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Motivation  
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Background  
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