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DrugLogics project: causality, modelling, drug predictions

PhD project and research stay at ENS

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The DrugLogics Initiative

Towards the development of precision and personalised medicine

Crossover Research

Structured Knowledge Commons resource

DbTF curation

Scicura

DrugLogics

Drug development of anti-cancer combinations

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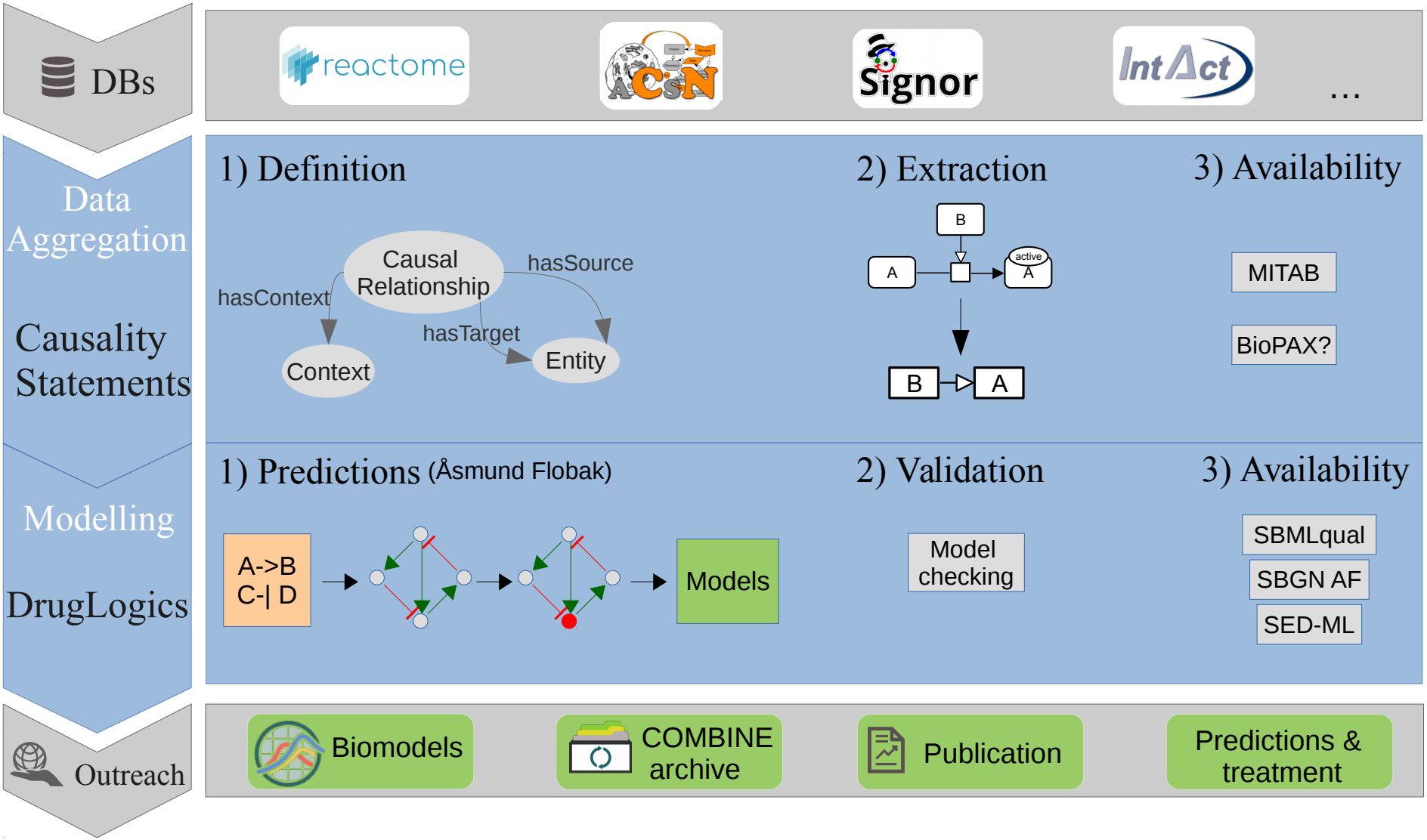
Drug resistance prediction in colon cancer via computer models

Overview of the PhD project



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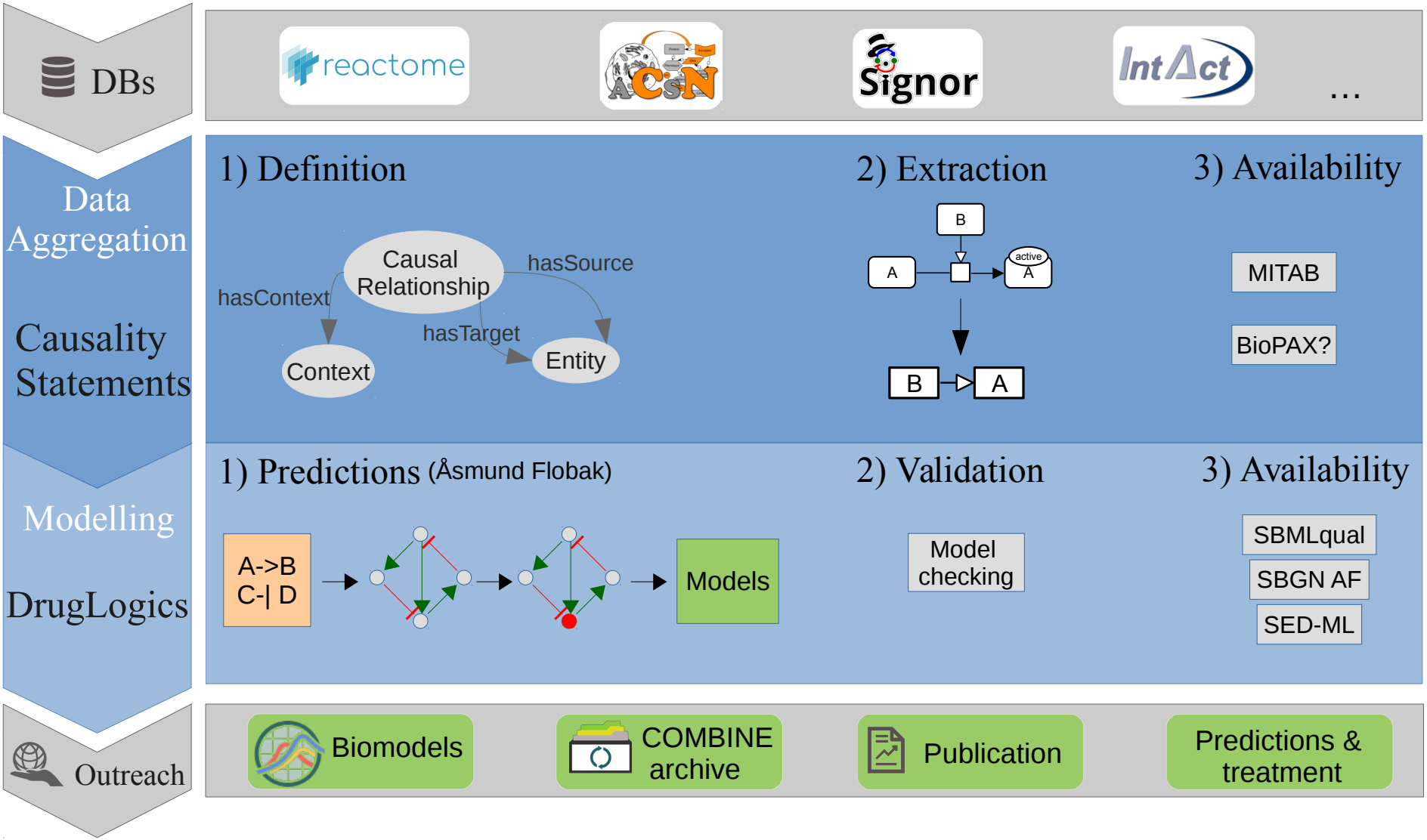
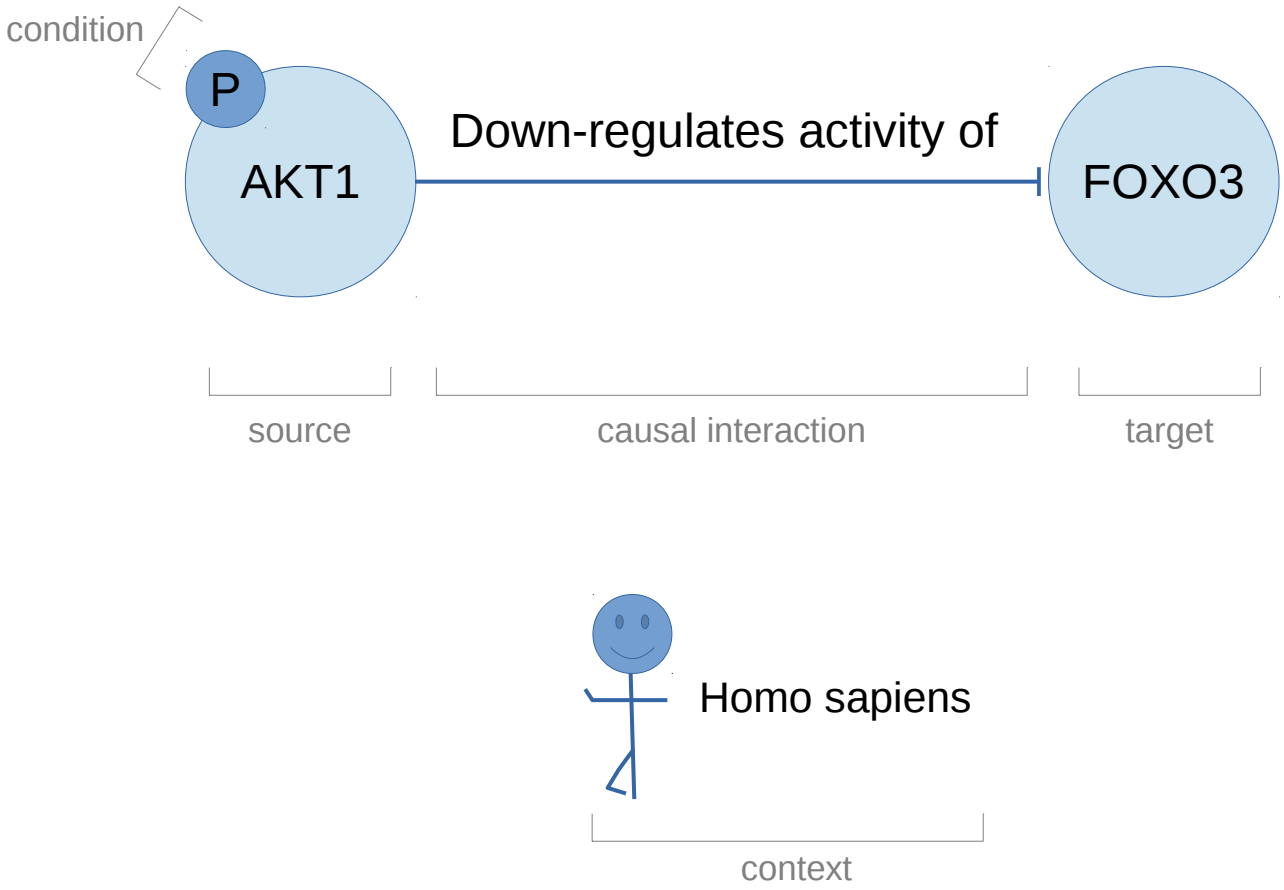


What is a causal statement?

Causal interaction between biological entities (gene, RNA, protein, etc…)

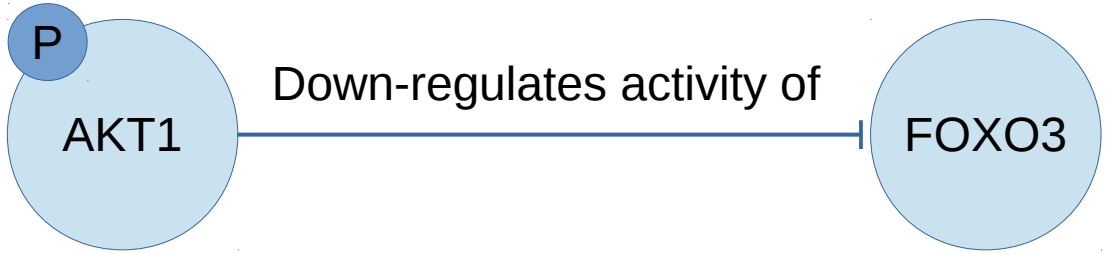


How to encode meaningful causal statements?

What is FOXO3's state?

When and where does this interaction occurs?

Which molecular function is down-regulated?



What is the regulation type?

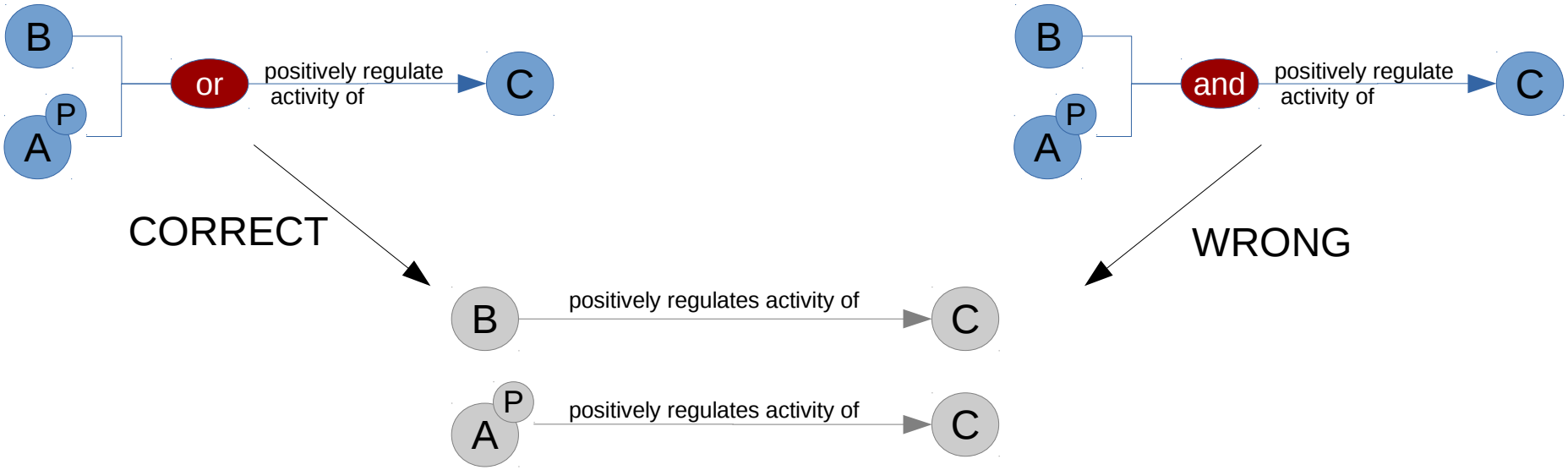
Is it a direct or indirect Interaction?

Representation of causality: current state

	Entities Identifiers	Directed	Causality annotation	Evidence	Format
MITAB2.7	Entrez gene/Ensembl embl/ddbj/genbank UniProtKB/RefSeq ChEBI	no	Free text: “causality statement:...”	PUBMED	tabular
Causaltab	Embl/ddbj/genbank UniprotKB/RefSeq ChEBI/PubChem ComplexPortal Signor_ID	yes	MI – causal interaction	PUBMED	tabular
GO-CAM	Gene symbols UniprotKB ChEBI	yes	Relation Ontology	PUBMED ECO	OWL
BEL	Mainly HGNC but flexible	yes	Own representation	Text with ontologies	BEL script, JSON

Representation of causality: what is missing?

1) Multi-regulated causal interaction



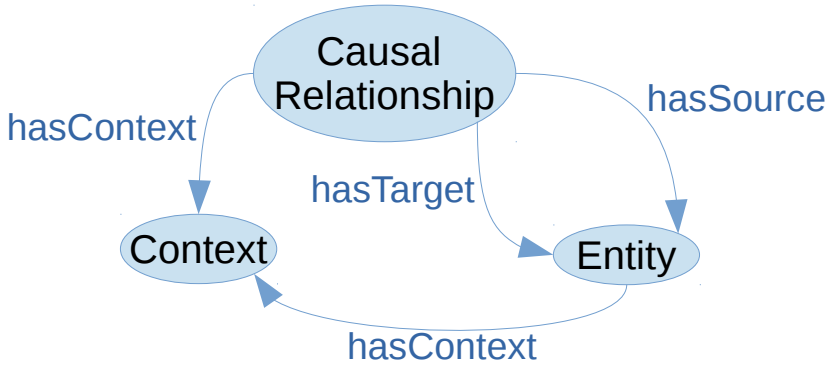
→ introduce logics in formats

2) Common structure for representing causality

→ Guideline for representing causality (MICAST)

Frame for defining context

Ontologies recommendation



Extraction from prior knowledge

Aggregation of causal data from several existing resources

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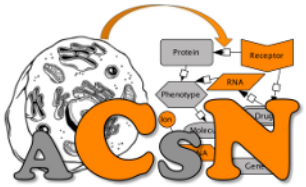
Pathways, reactions

~ 6 000 interactions



Pathways of cancer related signaling networks

~ 2 500 interactions

Signor

DB of causal interactions

~ 20 000 interactions

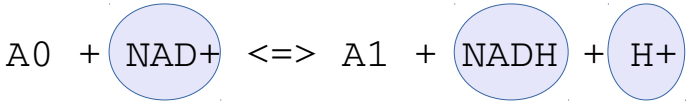
IntAct

DB of molecular interactions

~ 800 interactions

Questions / challenges raised

- Exclude trivial molecules

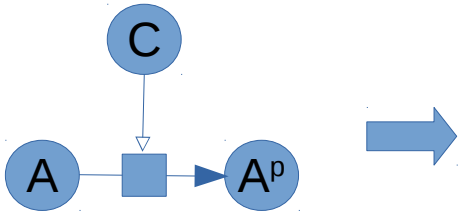


- Missing information

  ex: IDs for the modified mechanism type

  Transfers
  Translocates from … to
  Transports
  Exchanges … for …
  Cotransports
  Regulates

- Inference of causal interactions from reaction networks



C -| A
C -> A^p
A -| A^p
A^p -| A

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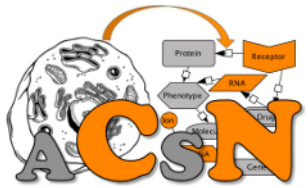

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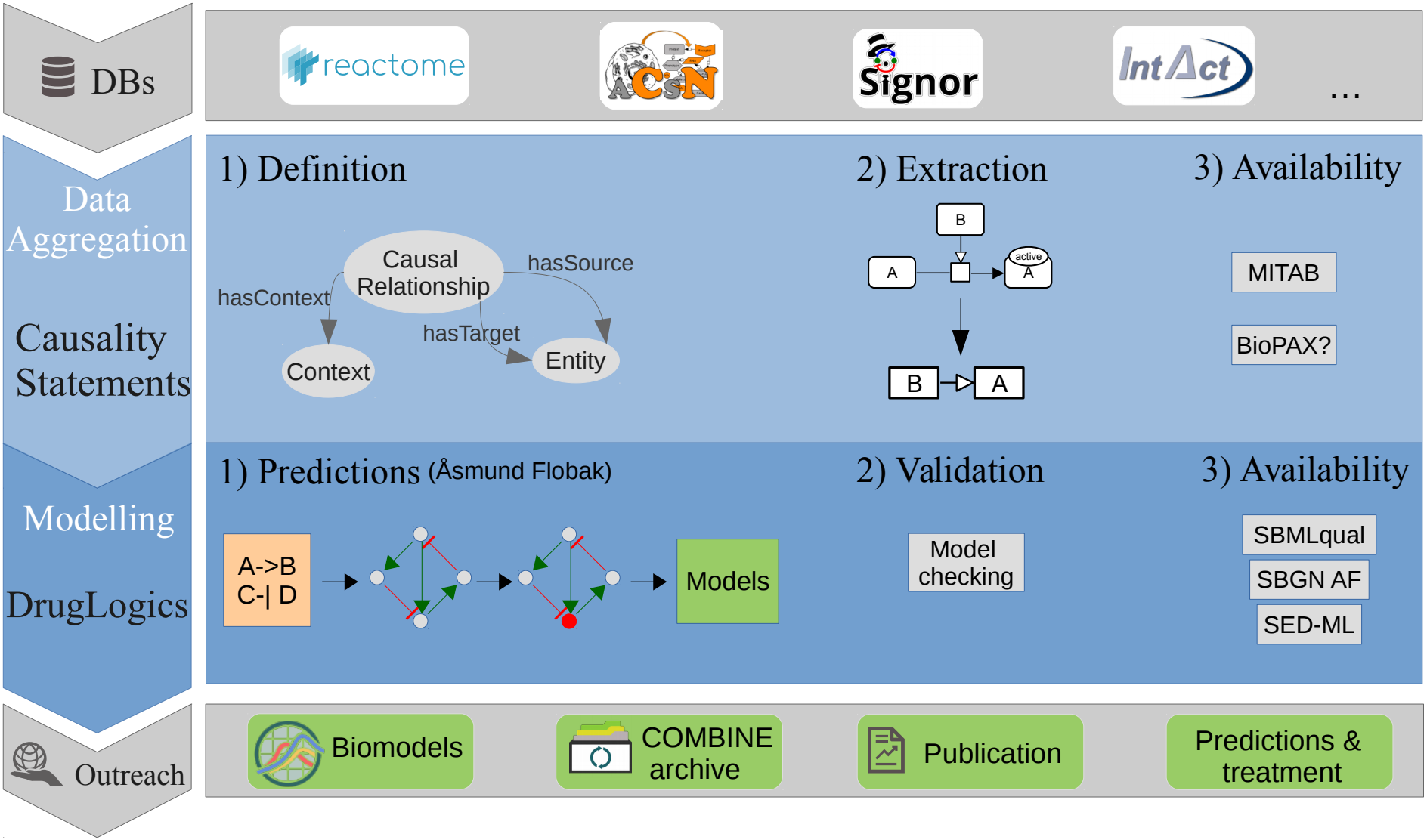
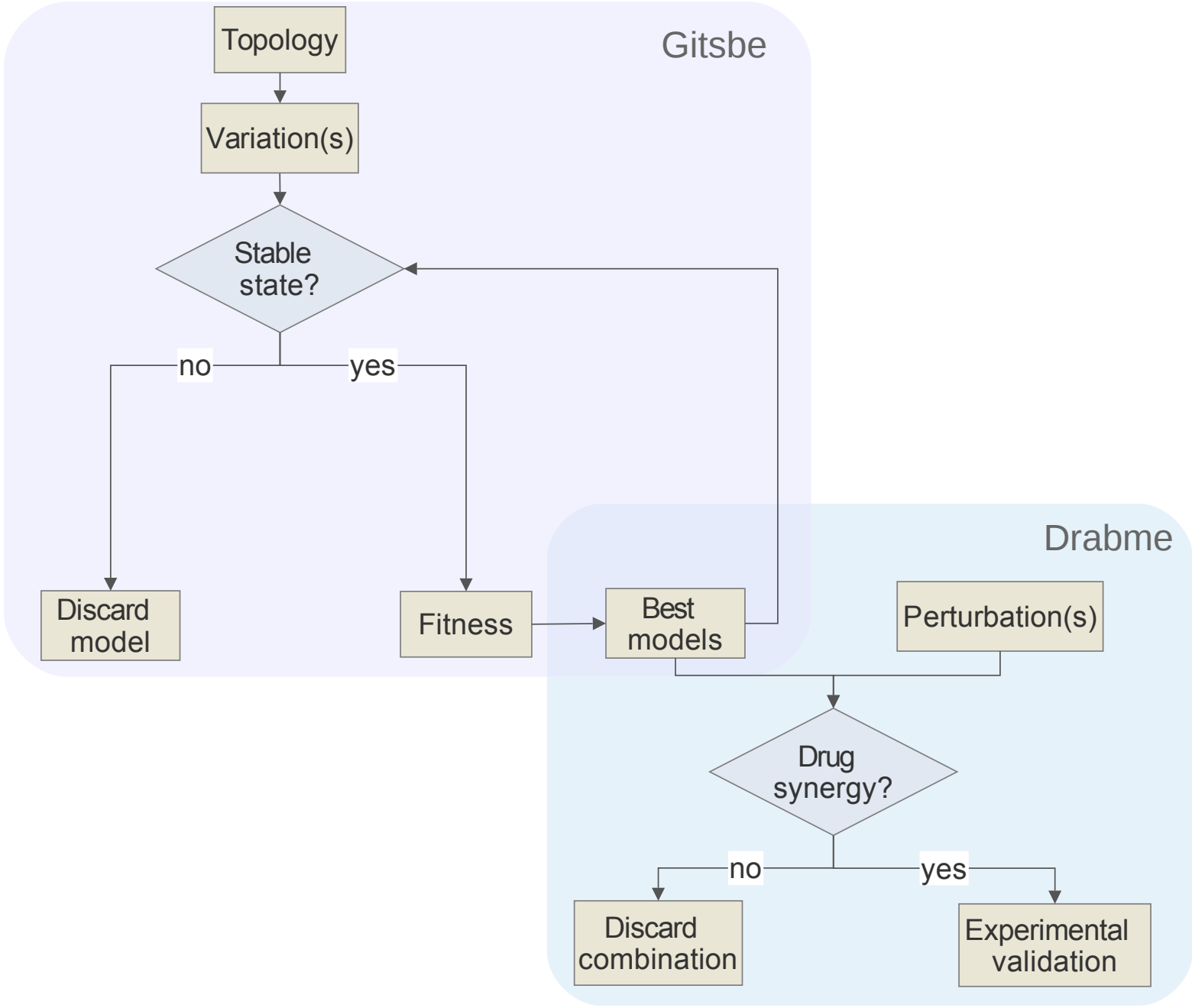
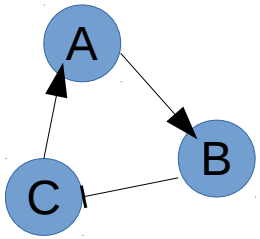


The DrugLogics' modelling pipeline



Stable states identification

- BNReduction algorithm (Veliz-cuba)
- Combination of network reduction and computational algebra
- Works fine up to 1000 nodes



A B C
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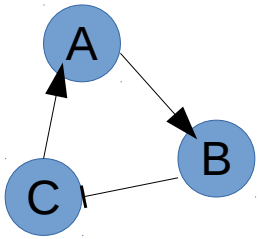
Trap space identification

- “Symbolic steady states”
- Highlight potential existence of complex attractors

→ Use of bioLQM library



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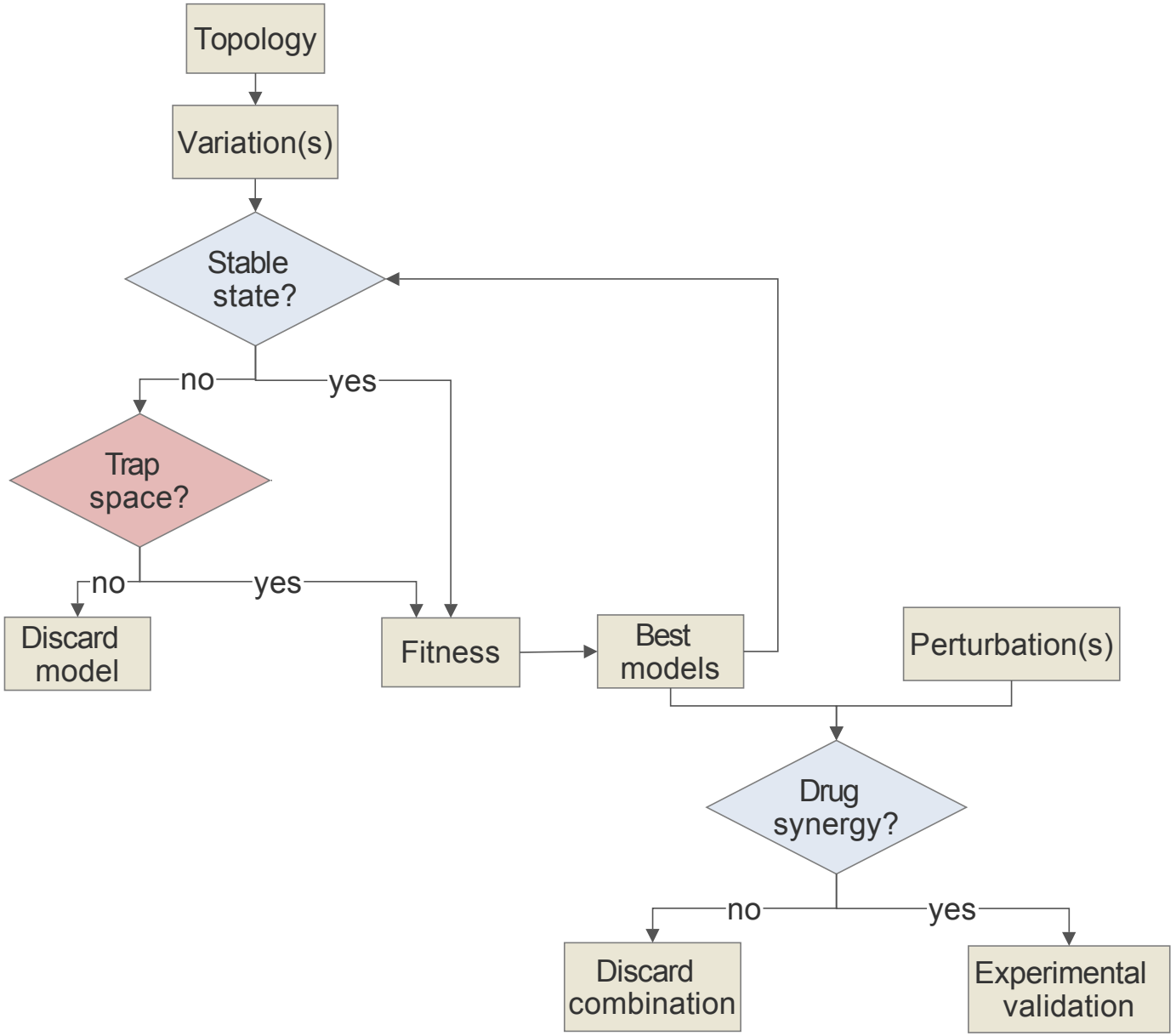
Scripting with GINsim and bioLQM

- Compute trap spaces



Scripting with GINsim and bioLQM

- Compute stable states for multiple combinations of perturbation

  → automation

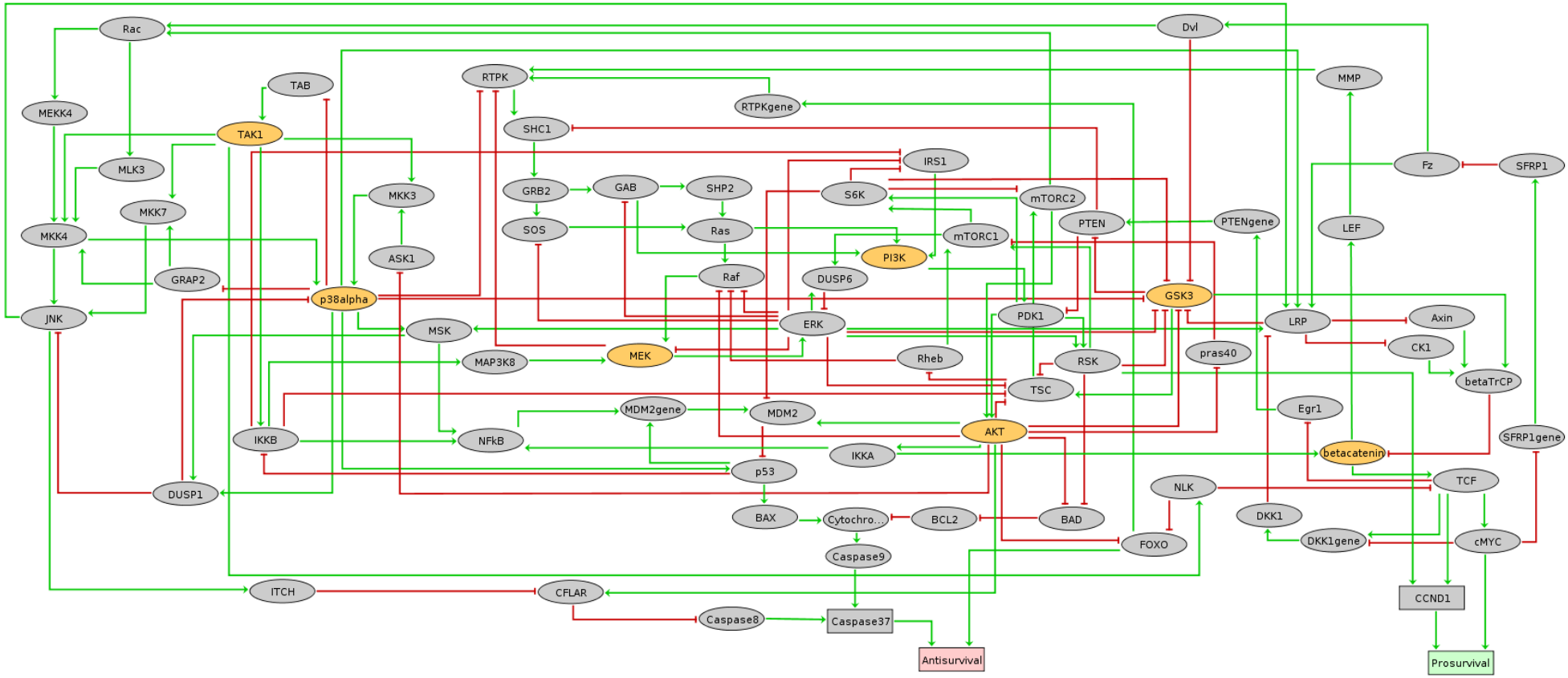
- Export into SBMLqual, ginml, bnet

  → standardardisation

Model Checking: validating our models

- NuSMV + temporal logic formulas
- Trap space reachability
- Findings on drug synergies?

Case study: gastric adenocarcinoma cells



- 77 nodes & 149 interactions
- 7 drugs
- 2 outputs: Prosurvival & Antisurvival

Thank you for your attention!

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