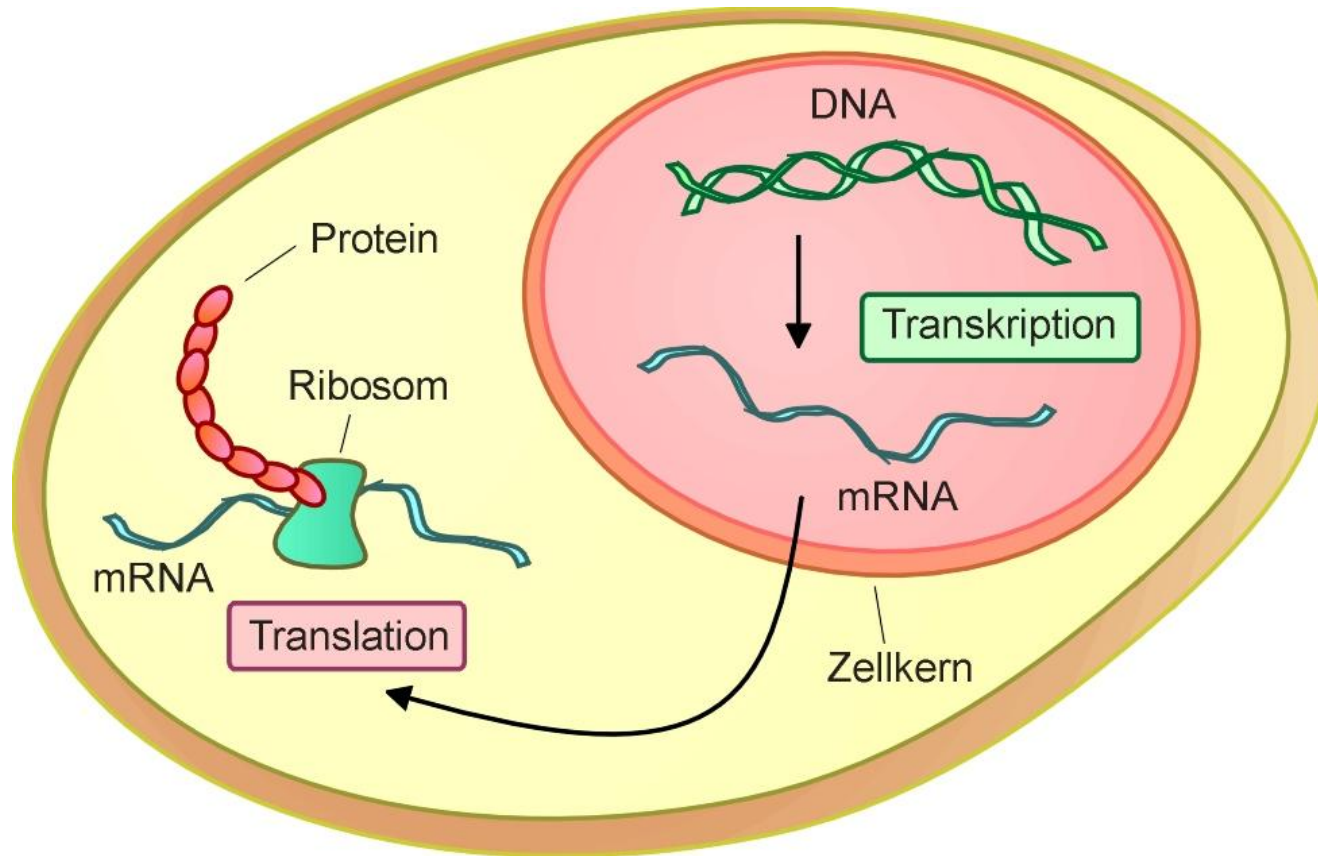


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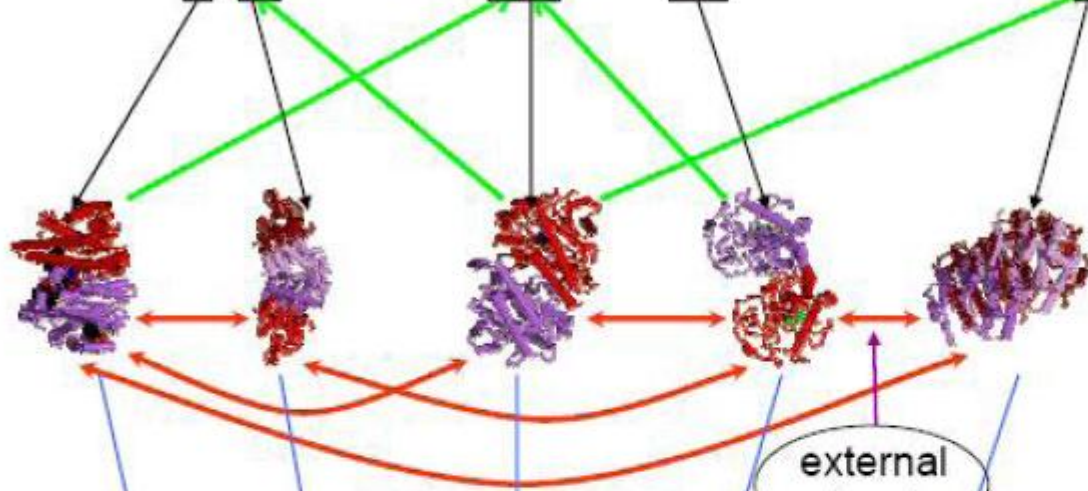


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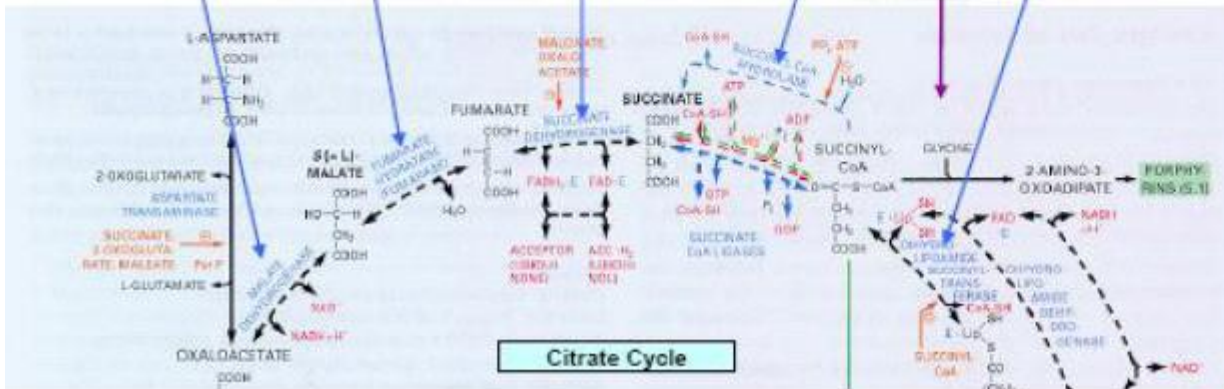


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gene regulation



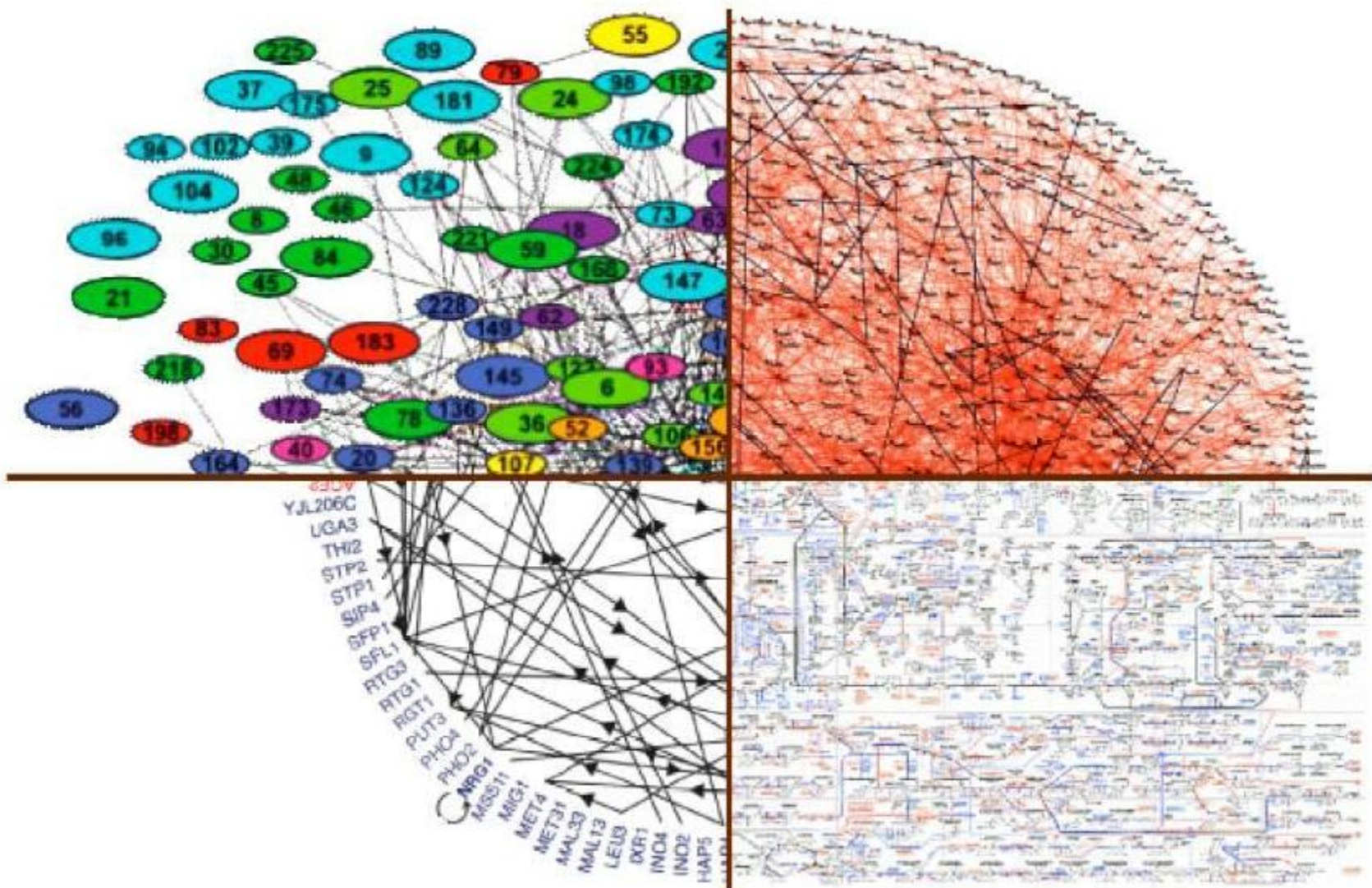
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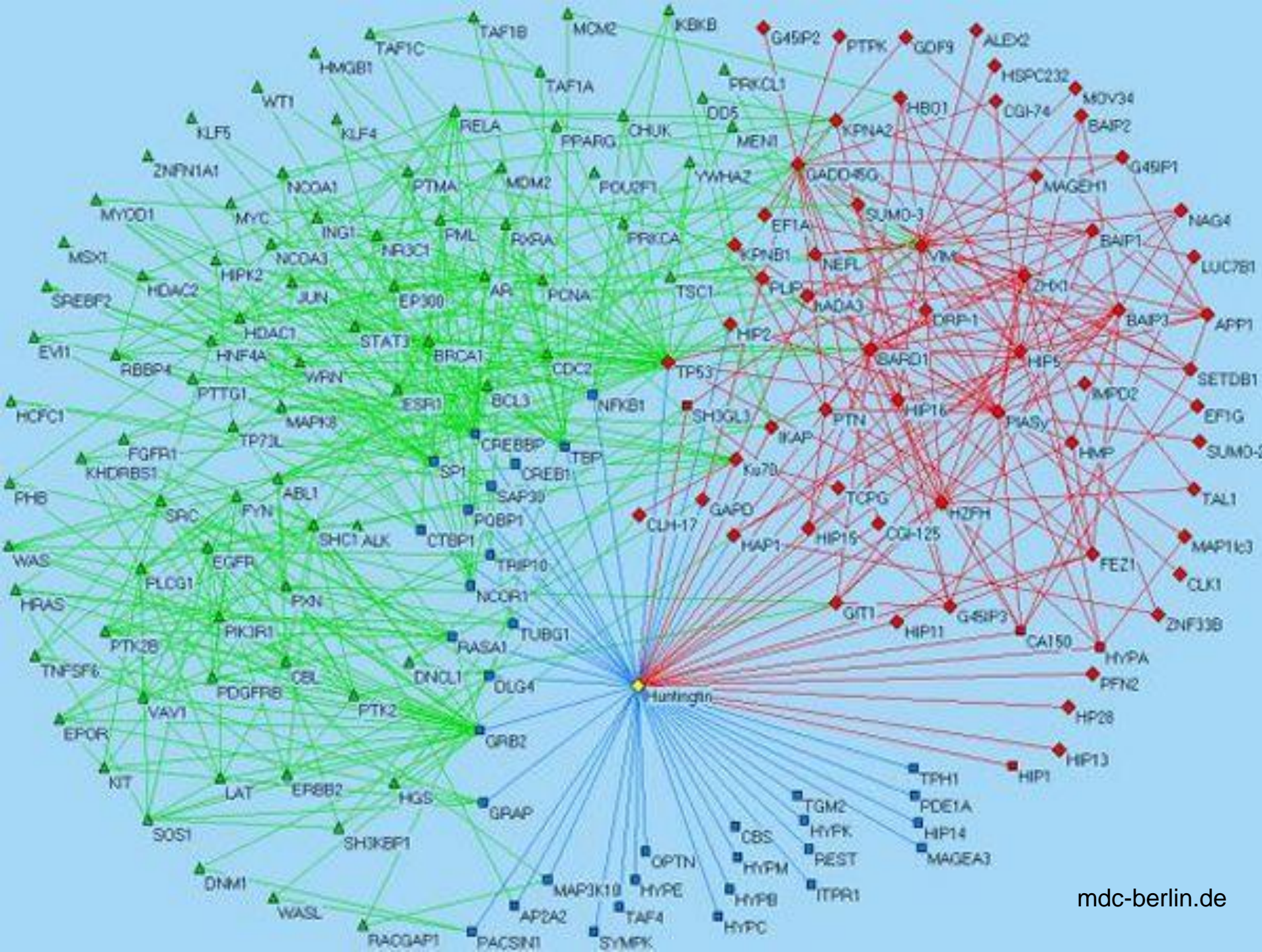
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METABOLISM

Bio-chemical reactions



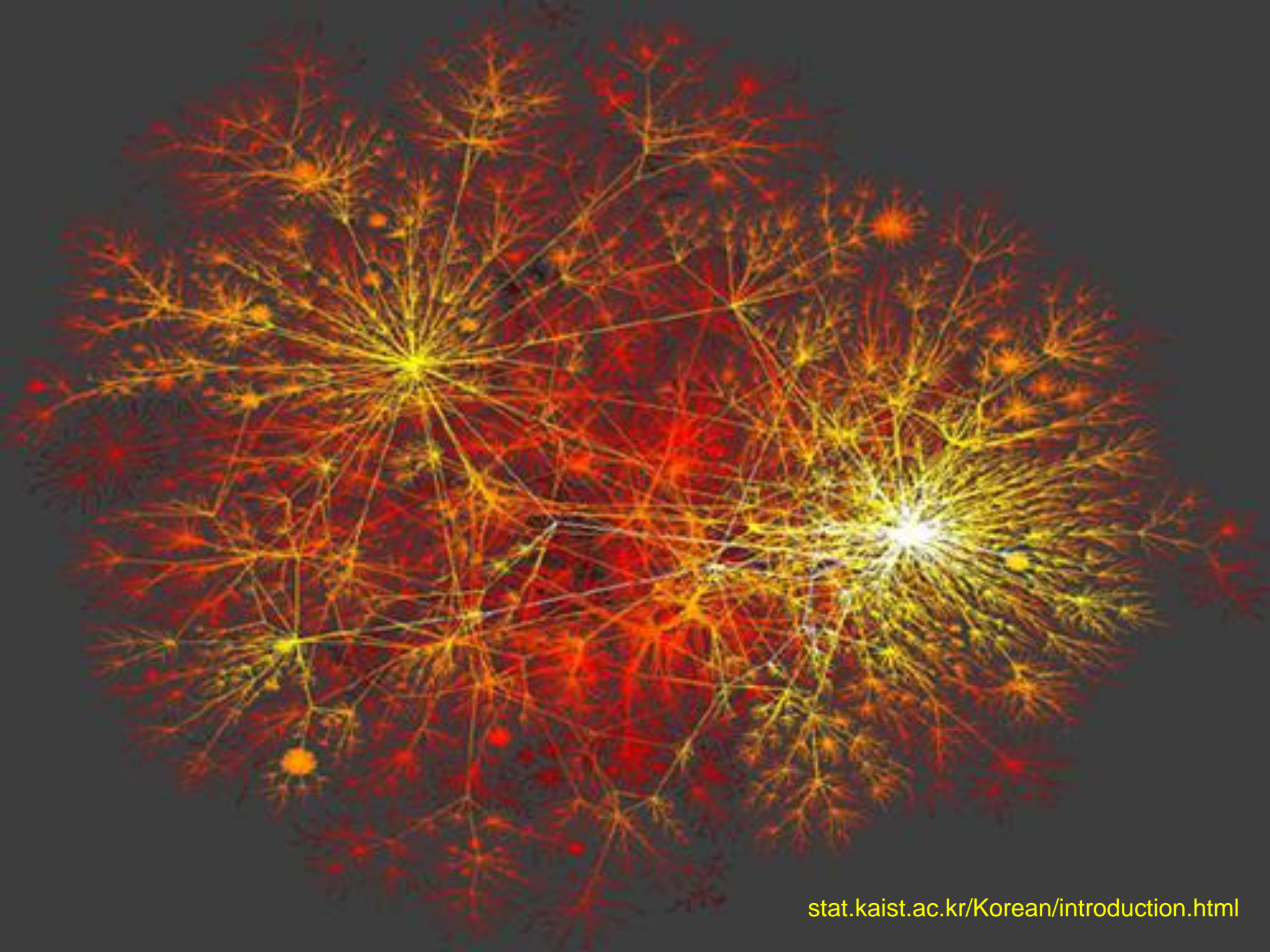


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- Network characterization
- Active pathways
- Network reconstruction

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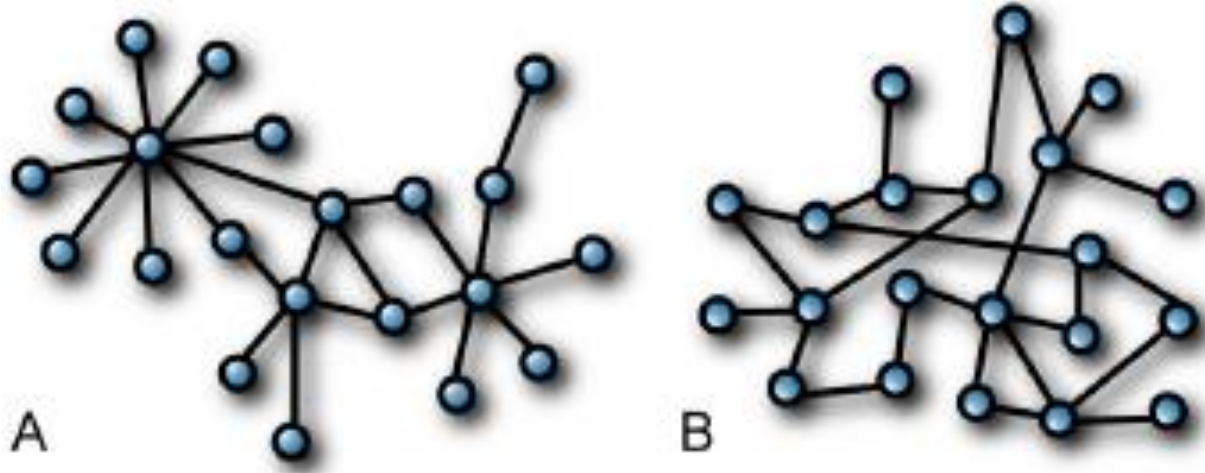
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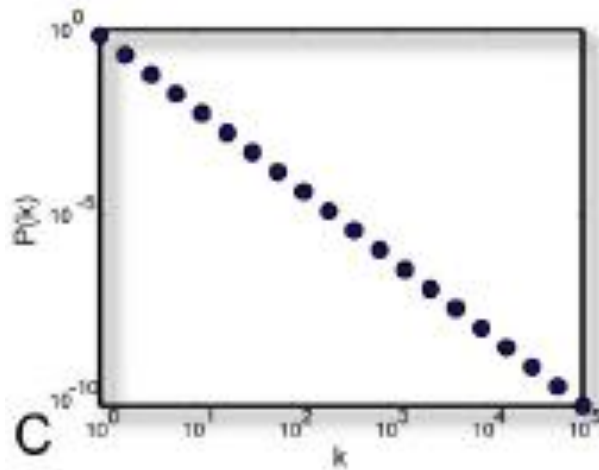
Network statistics

- **Degree of a node:** The number of edges attached to it.
- **Degree distribution:** Distribution of the individual node degrees for the entire network.
- **Power law degree distribution:** $P(k) \sim k^{-\alpha}$
- **Clustering coefficient:** Measure of the average neighbourhood of a graph. Probability that two nodes that are connected to a third node are themselves connected.
- **Network diameter:** Mean shortest path between all nodes in the network.

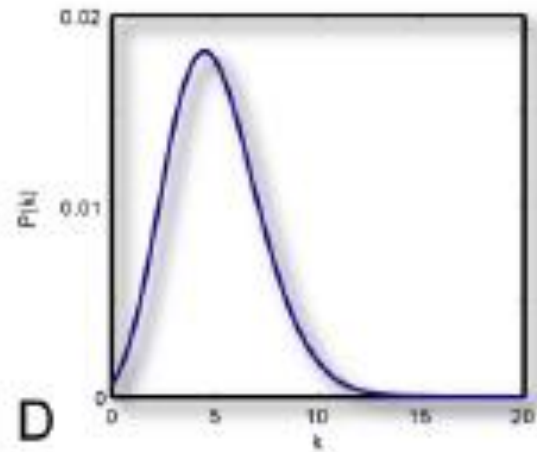
Degree distribution and power law



Log P(k)



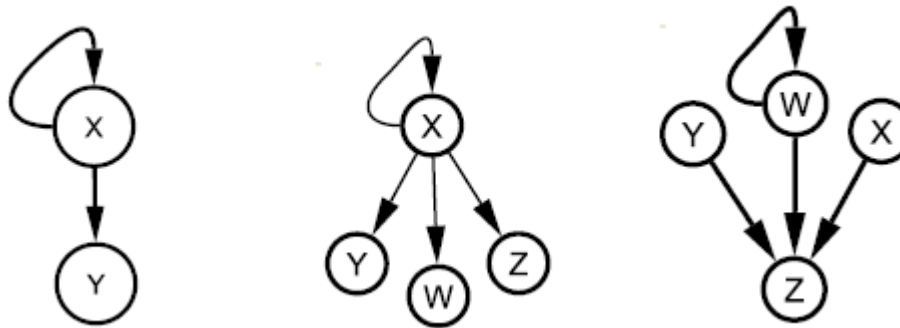
Log k



P(k)

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Network motifs



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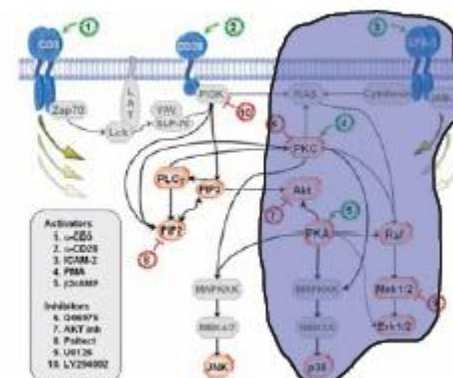
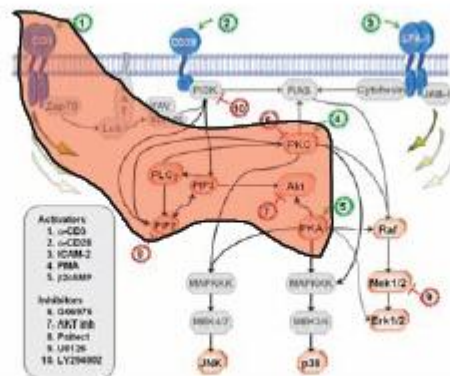
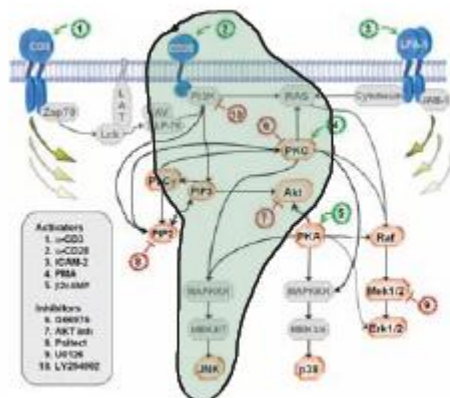
Network motifs in the transcriptional regulation network of *Escherichia coli*

Shai S. Shen-Orr¹, Ron Milo², Shmoolik Mangan¹ & Uri Alon^{1,2}

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Systems biology

MMG: a probabilistic tool to identify submodules of metabolic pathways

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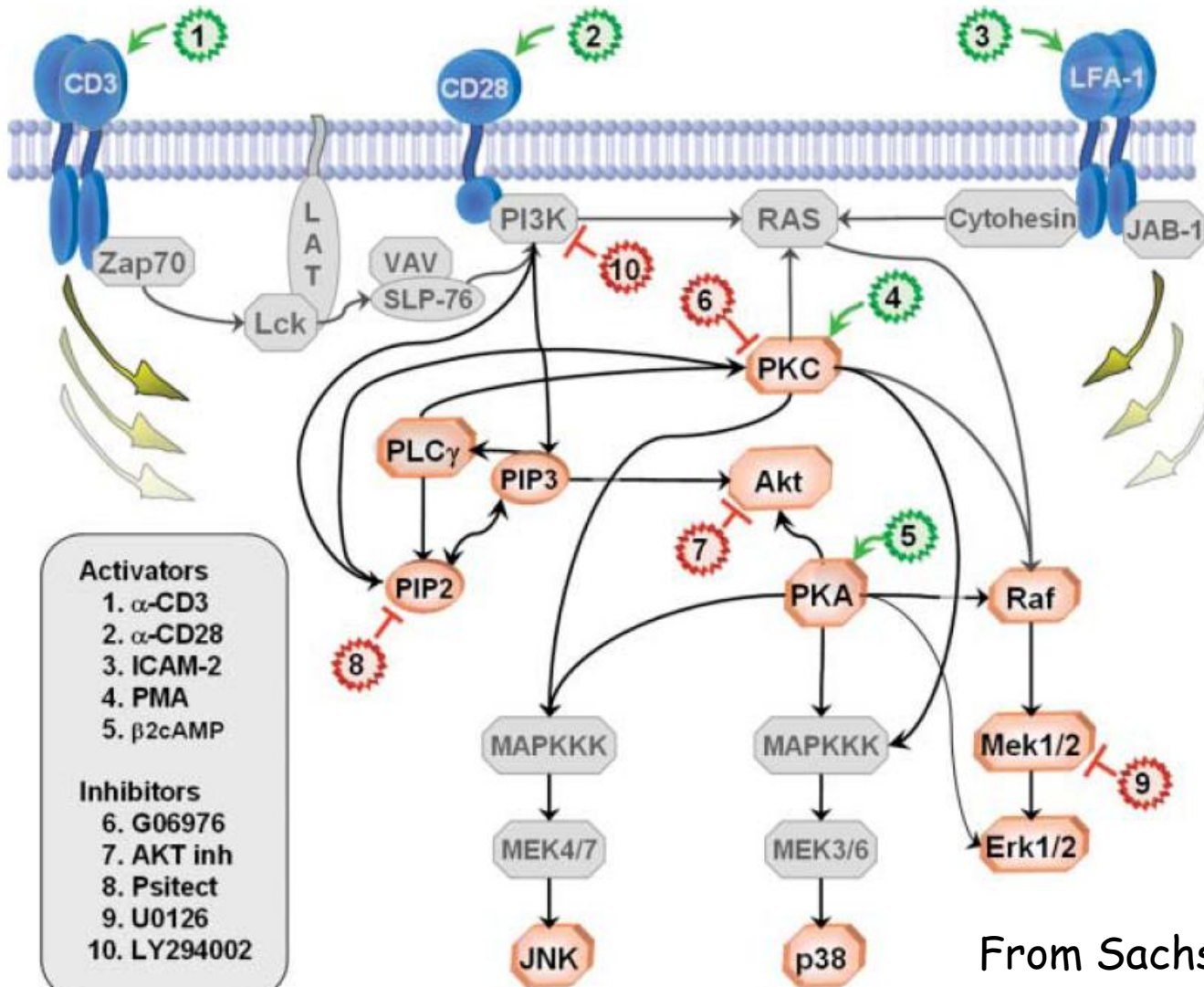
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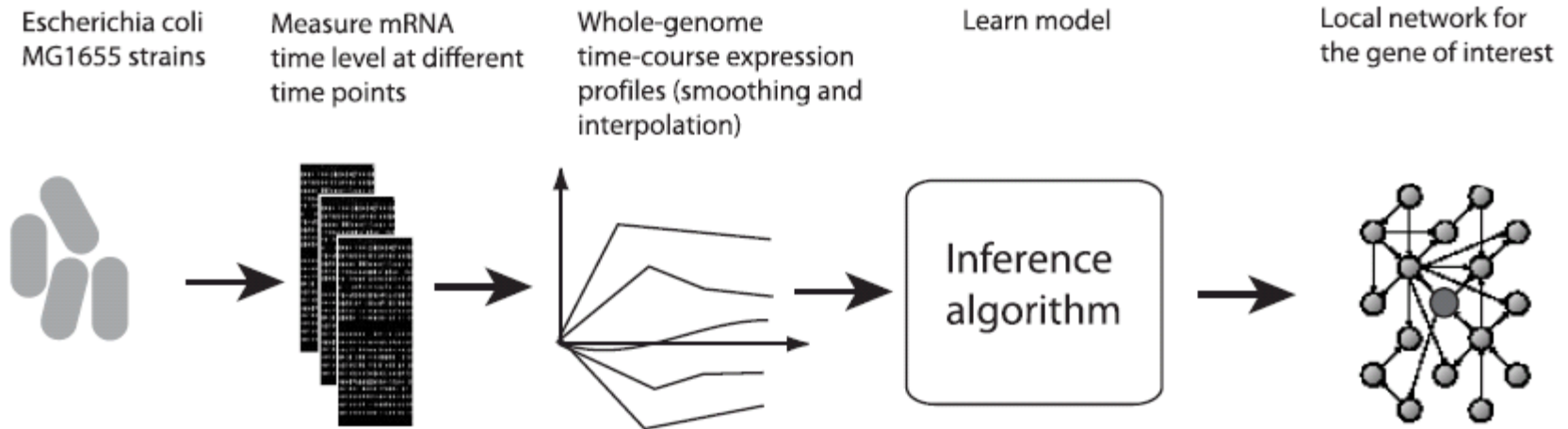
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- **Network reconstruction**

Can we learn the signalling pathway from data?



From Sachs et al Science 2005

Network reconstruction from postgenomic data

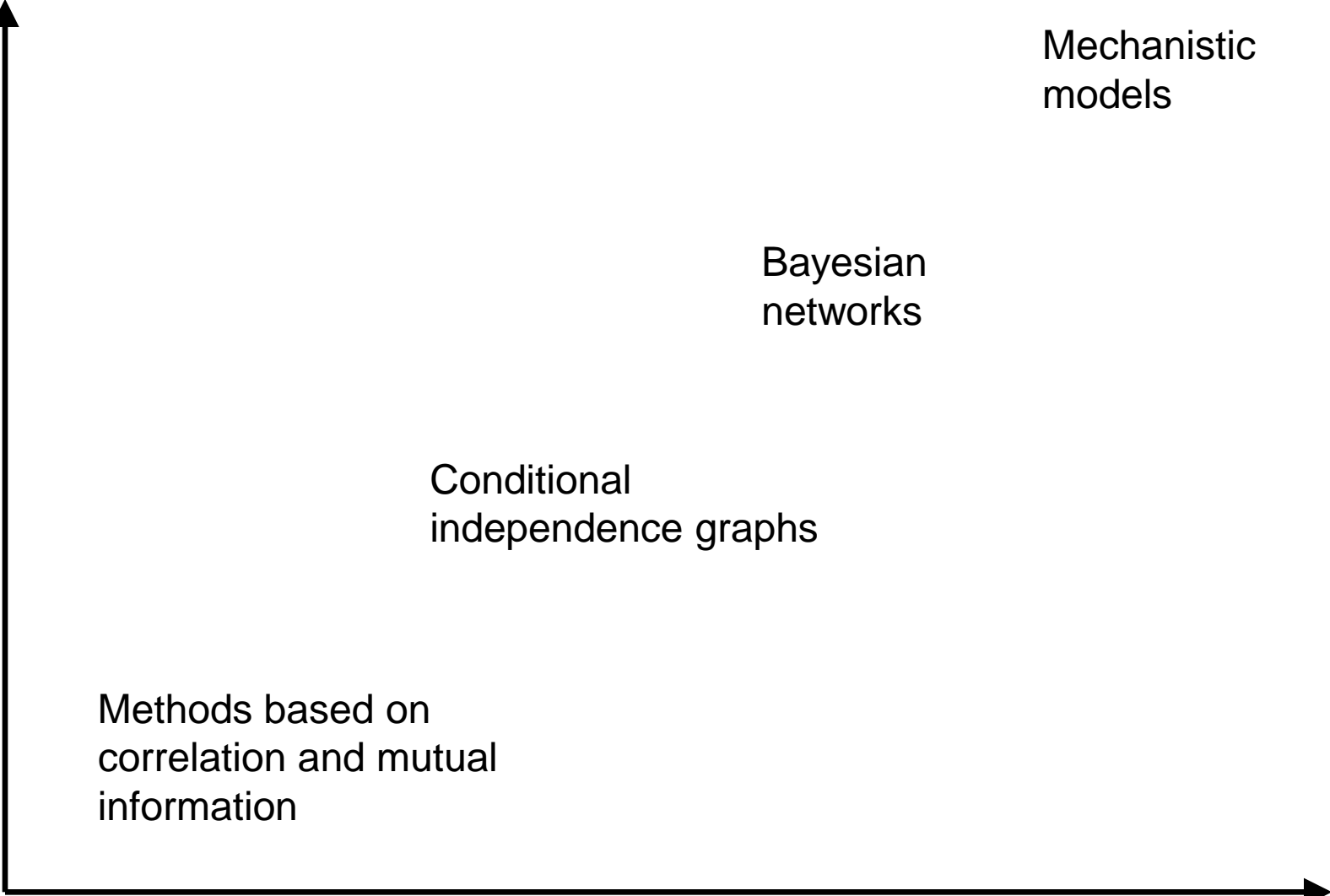


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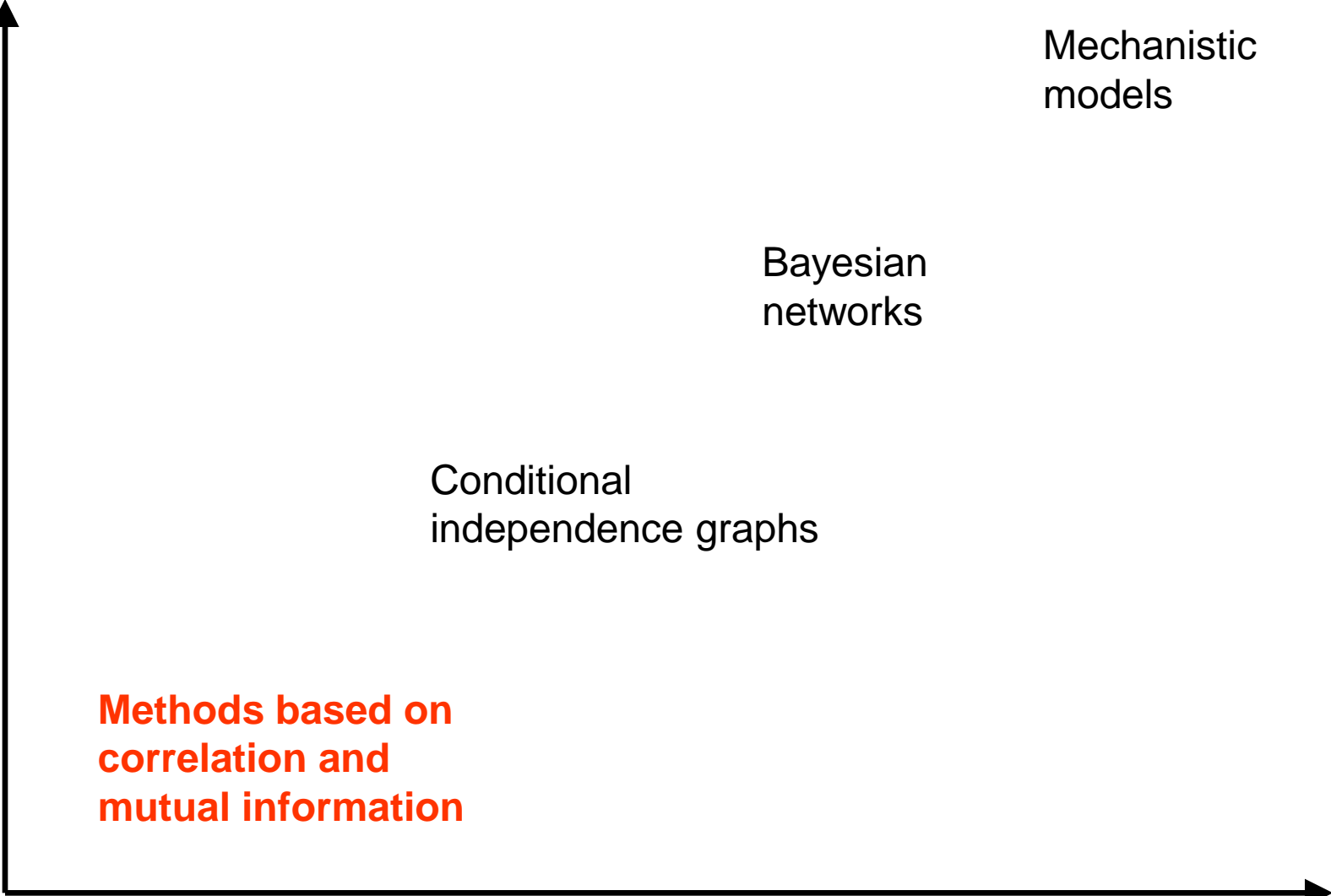
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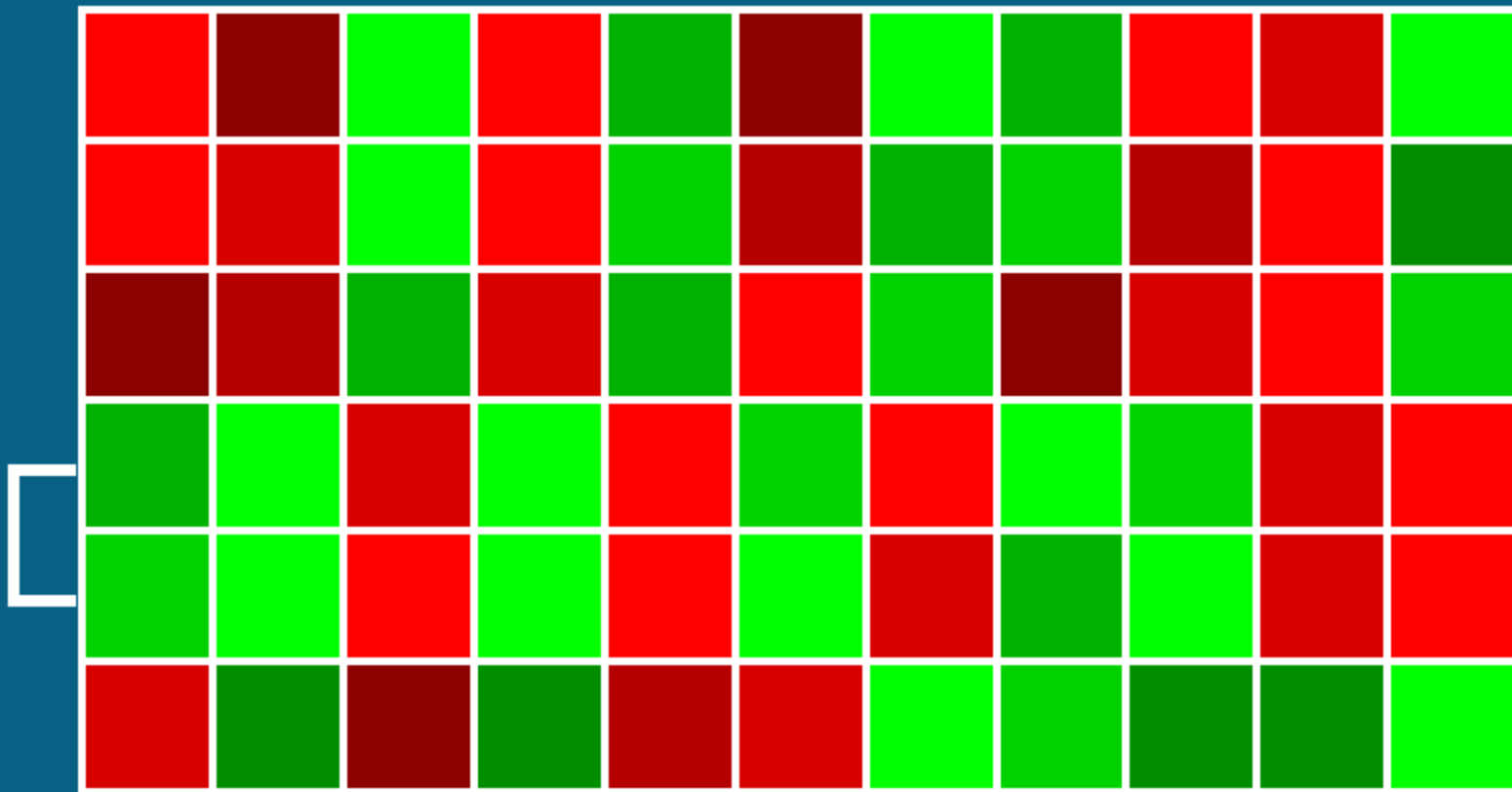
**MUTUAL INFORMATION RELEVANCE NETWORKS:
FUNCTIONAL GENOMIC CLUSTERING USING
PAIRWISE ENTROPY MEASUREMENTS**

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Relevance networks

(Butte and Kohane, 2000)

1. Choose a measure of association $A(.,.)$
2. Define a threshold value t_A
3. For all pairs of domain variables (X, Y) compute their association $A(X, Y)$
4. Connect those variables (X, Y) by an undirected edge whose association $A(X, Y)$ exceeds the predefined threshold value t_A



Experiments

GENES

Association scores

$$\text{corr}(x, y) = \frac{\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right) \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \right)}$$

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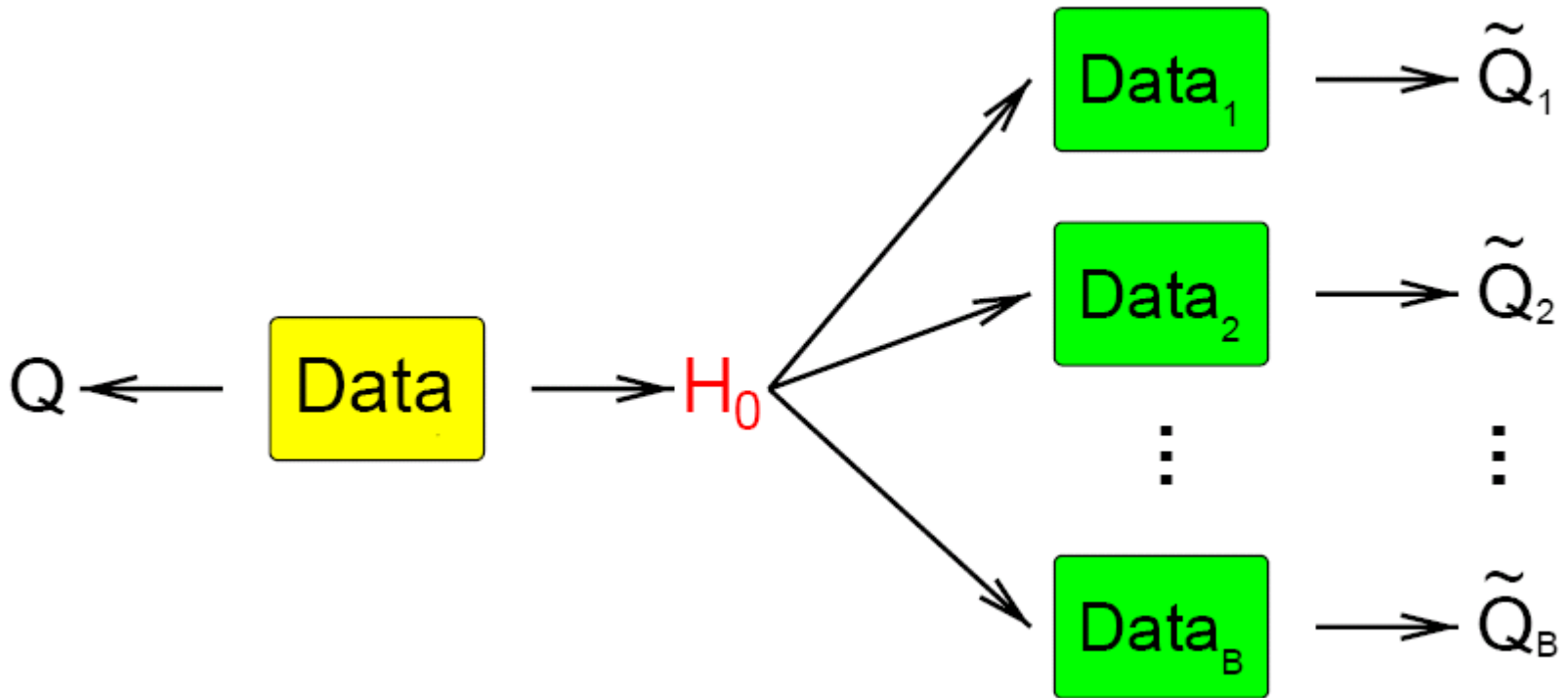
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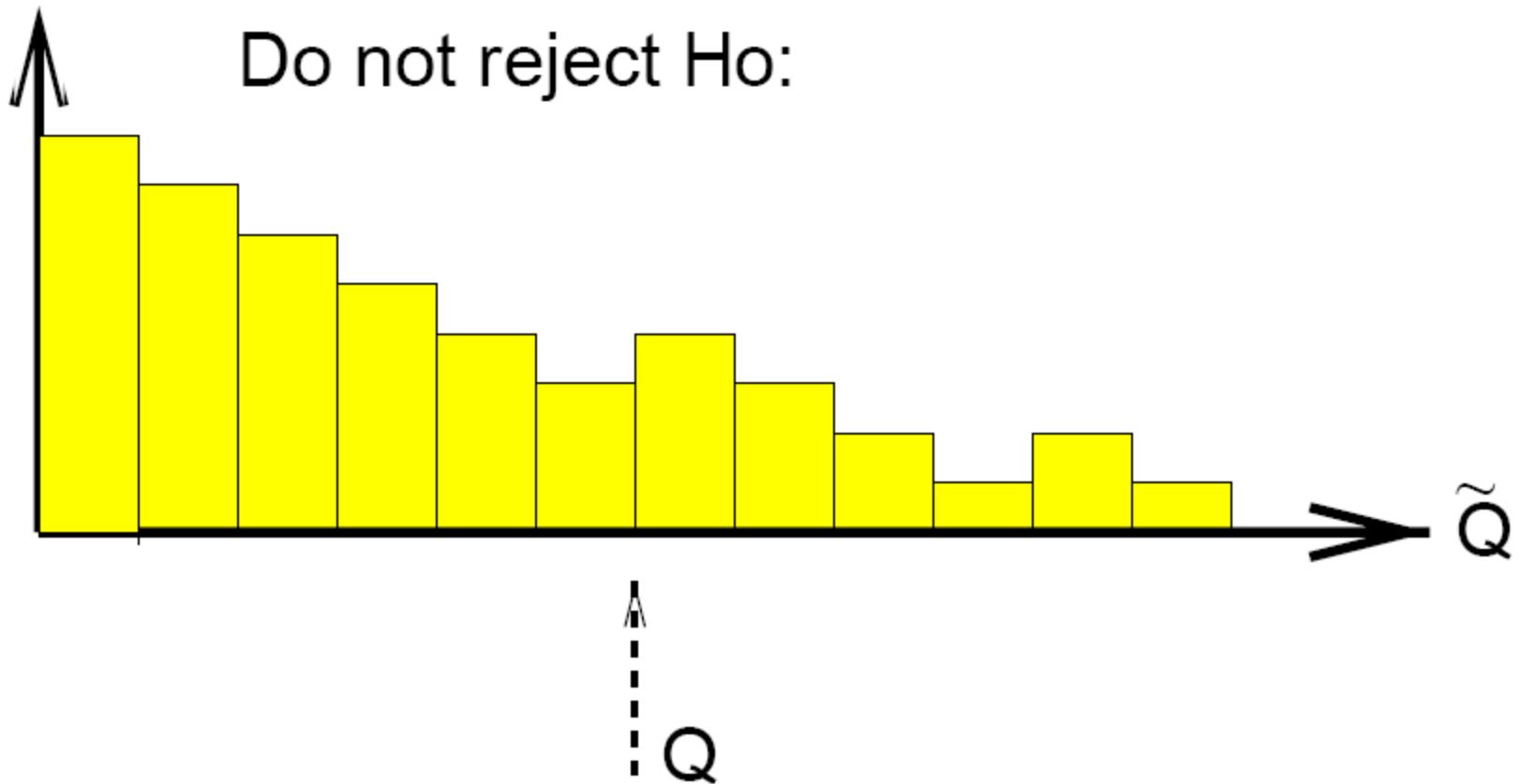
How to choose the threshold ?

→ Bootstrapping or randomization test

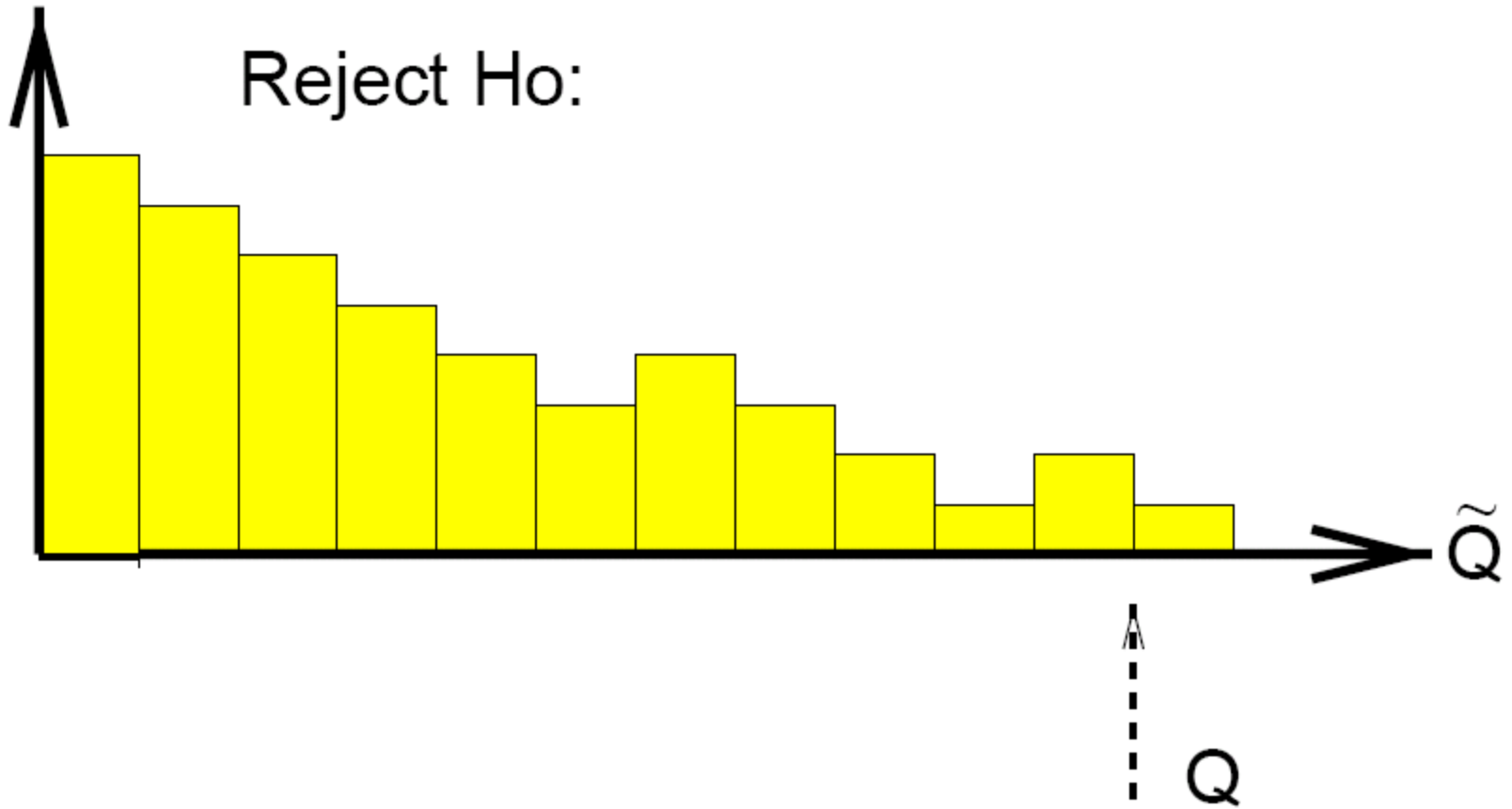
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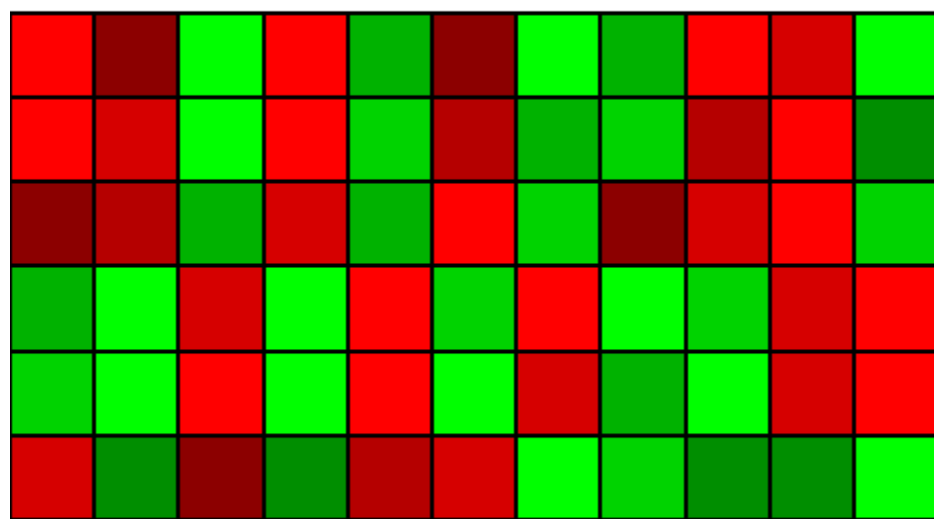


Result not significant: no interaction



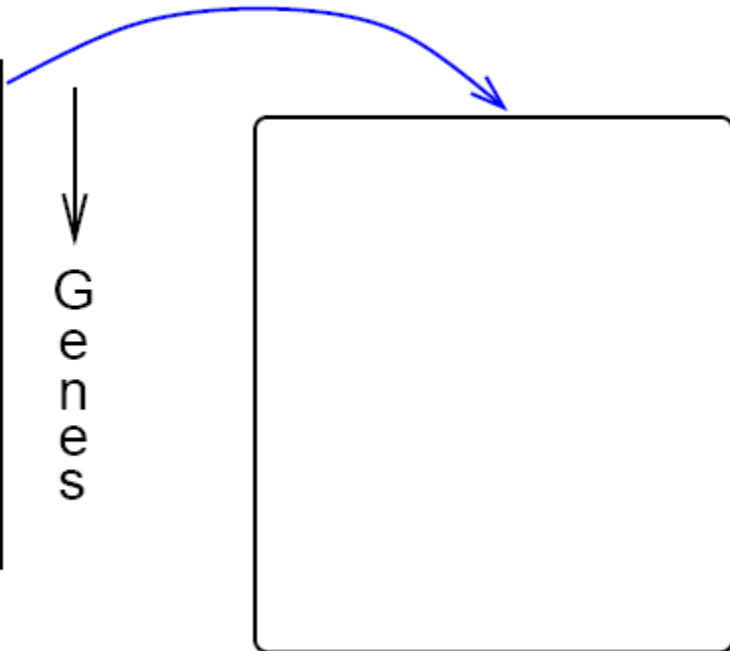
Significant interaction

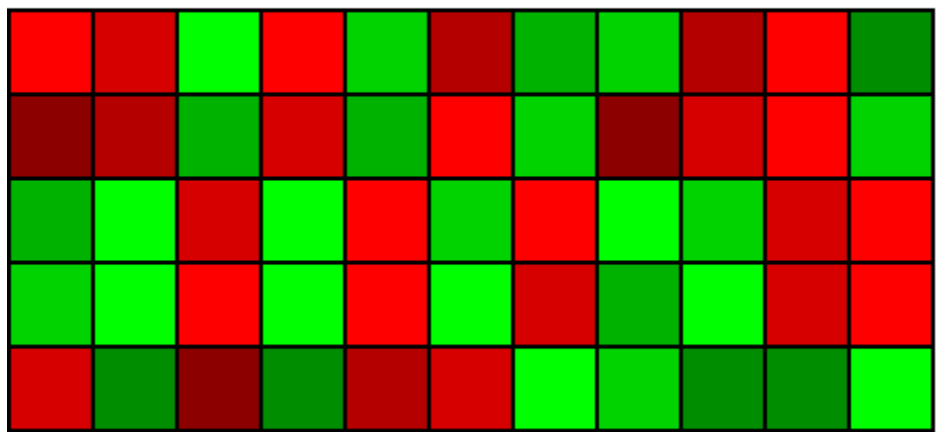




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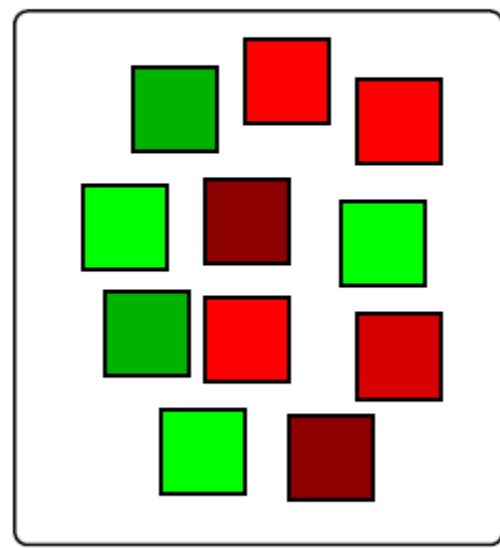


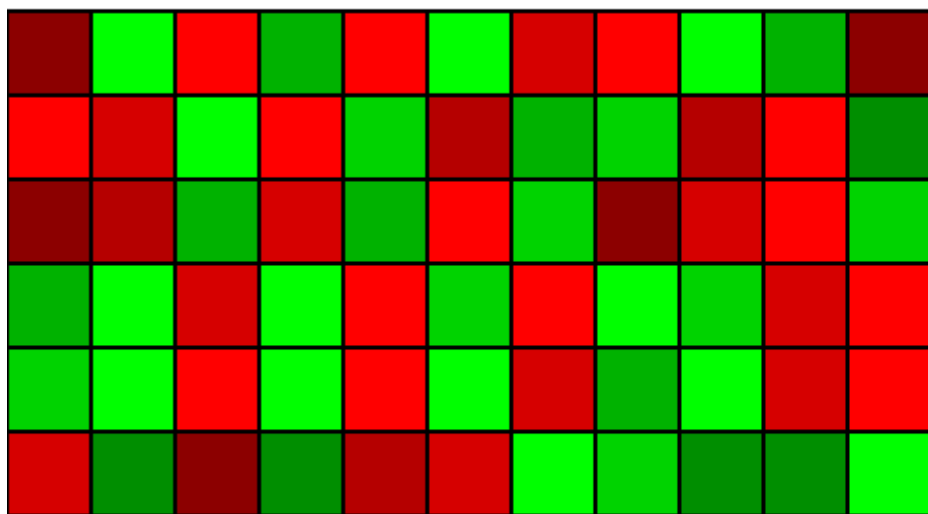


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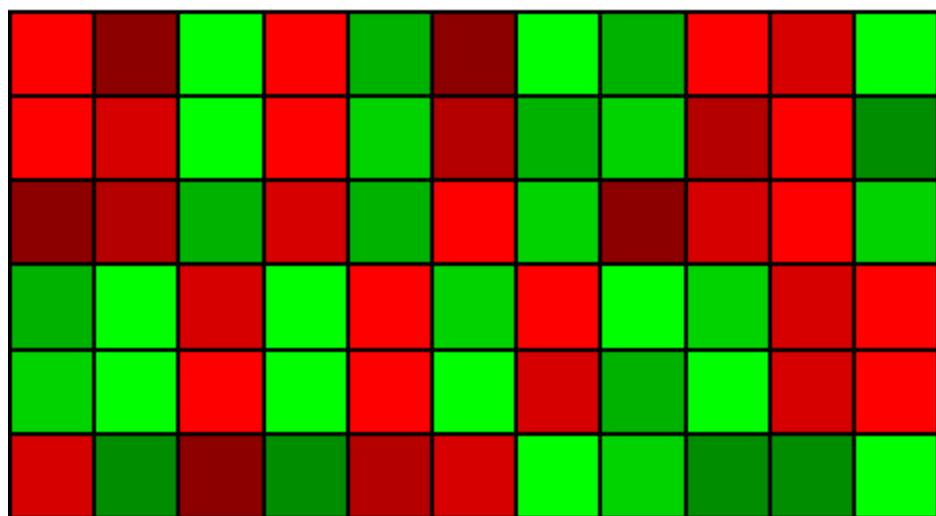




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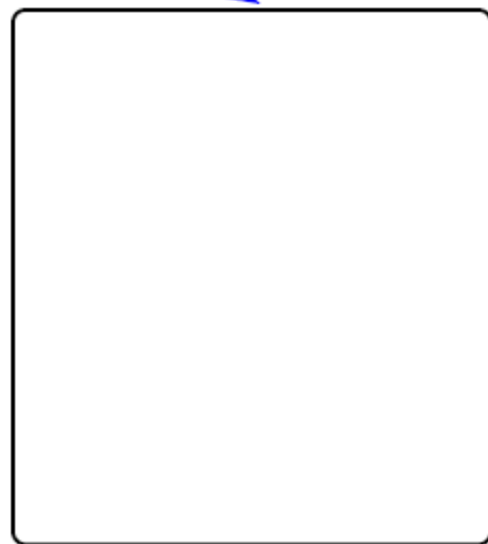
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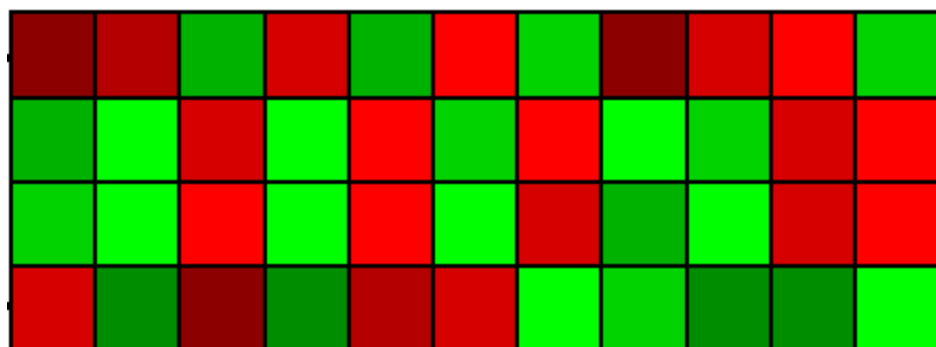




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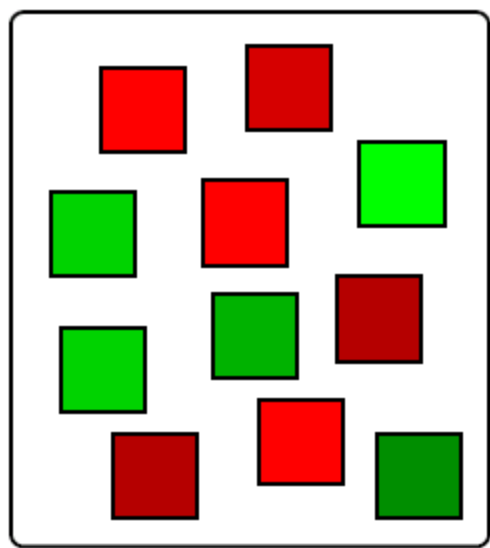


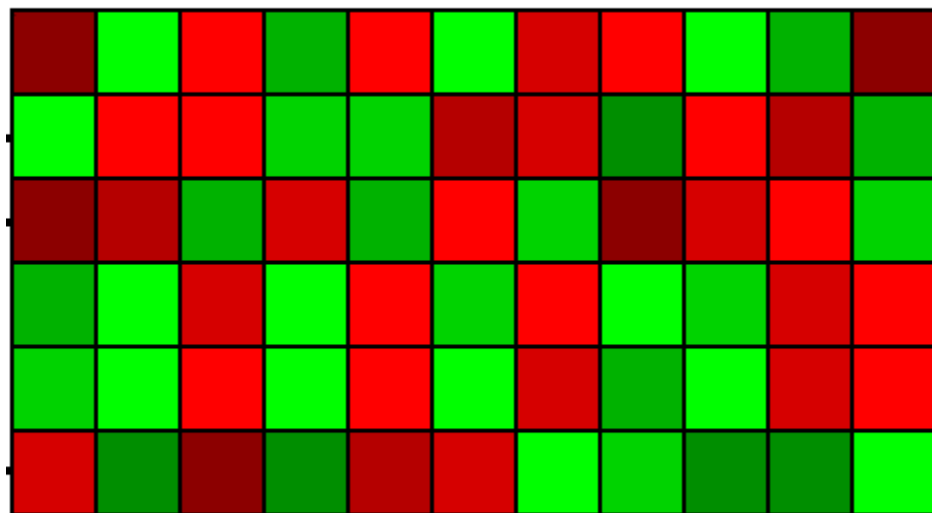


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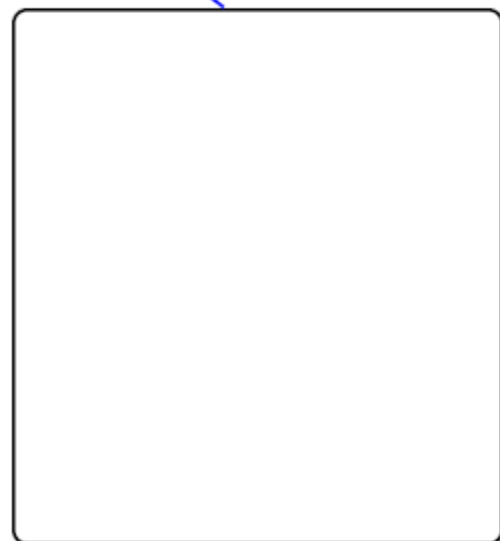
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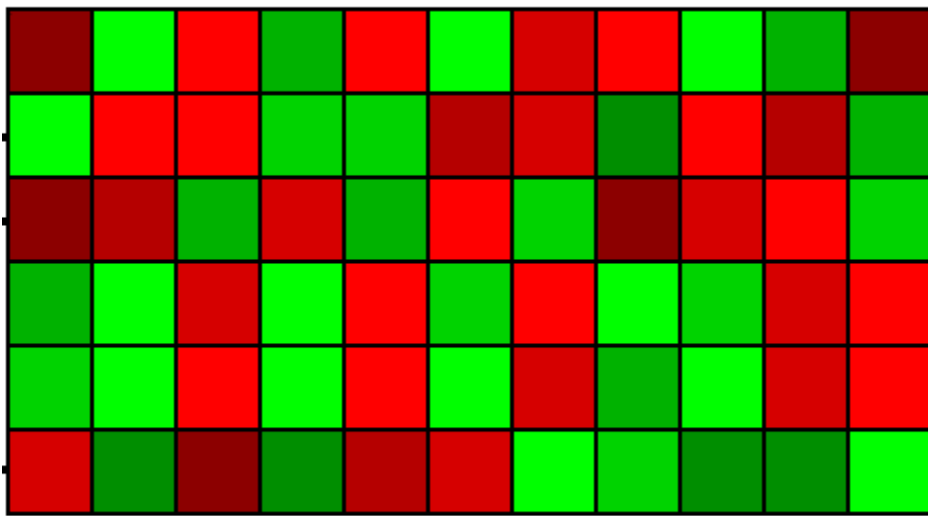




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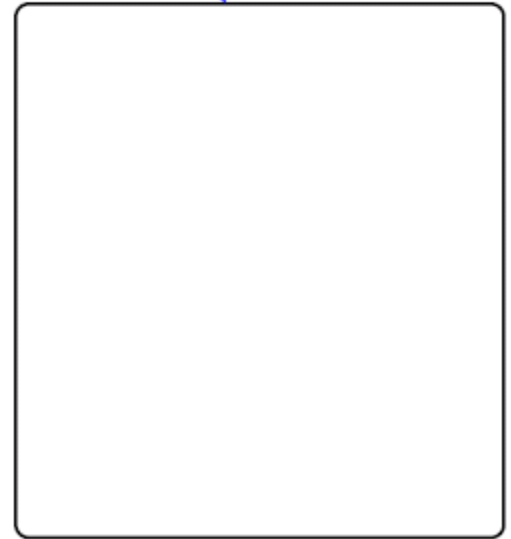
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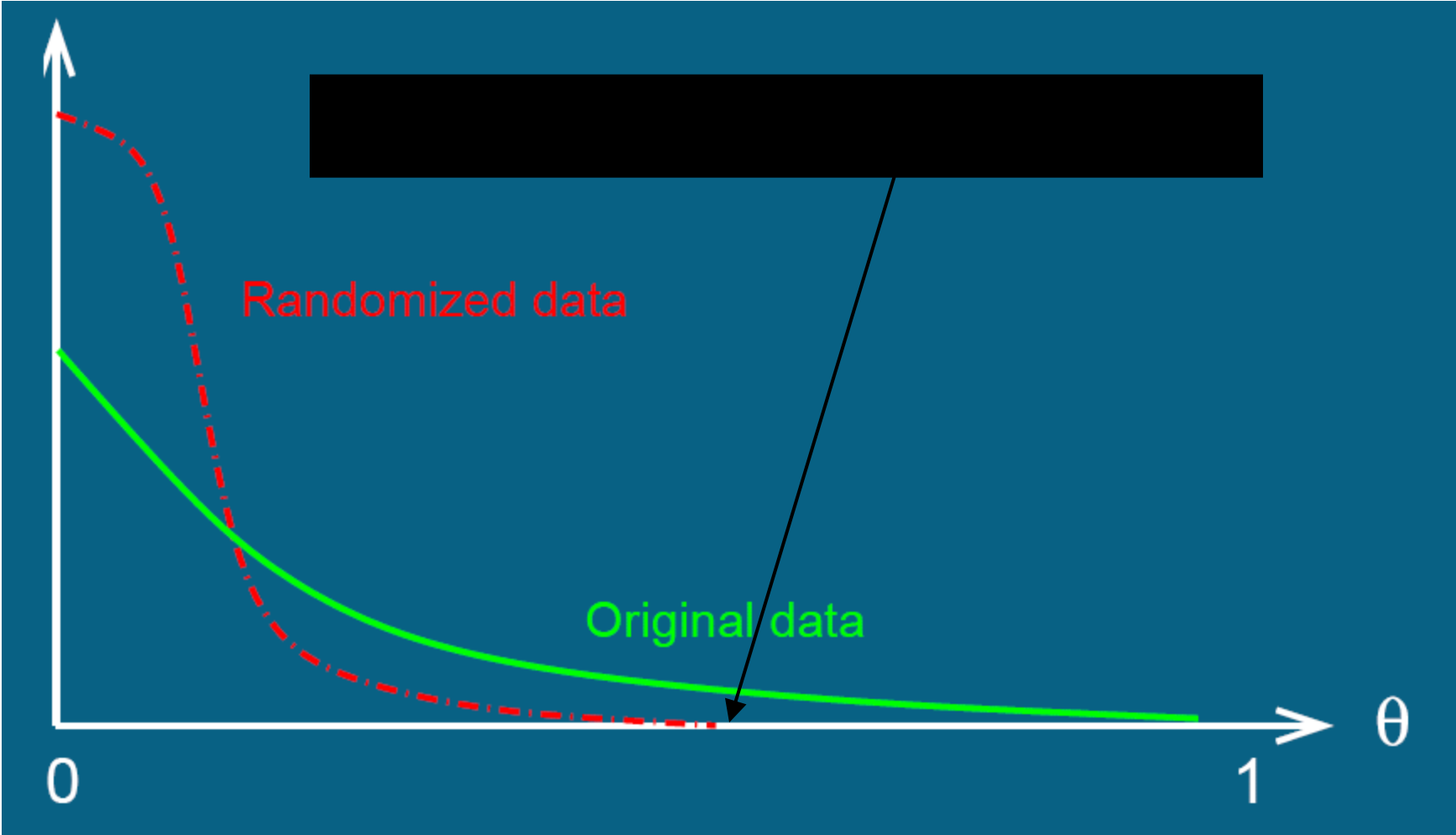
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and so on ...

Number of edges with association score greater than θ

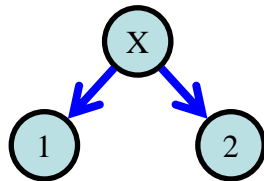
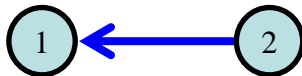


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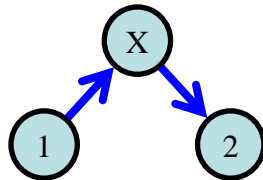
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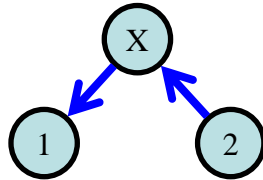
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common regulator



indirect interaction



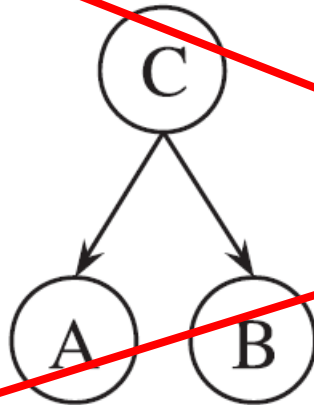
Shortcomings

Pairwise associations do not take the context of the system into consideration

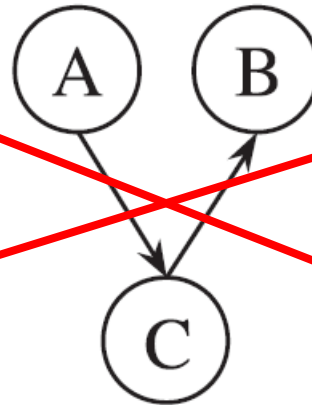
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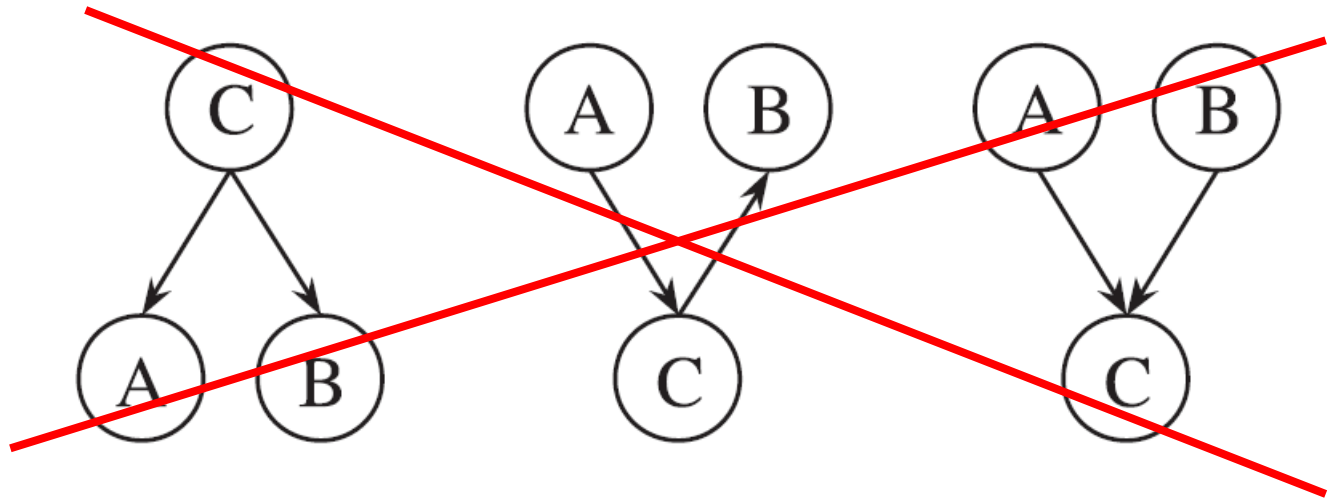
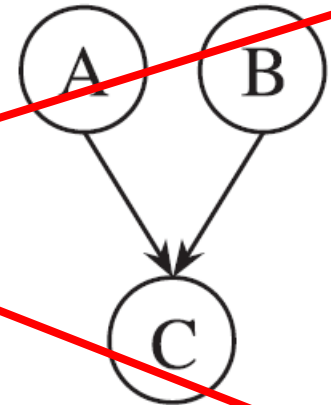
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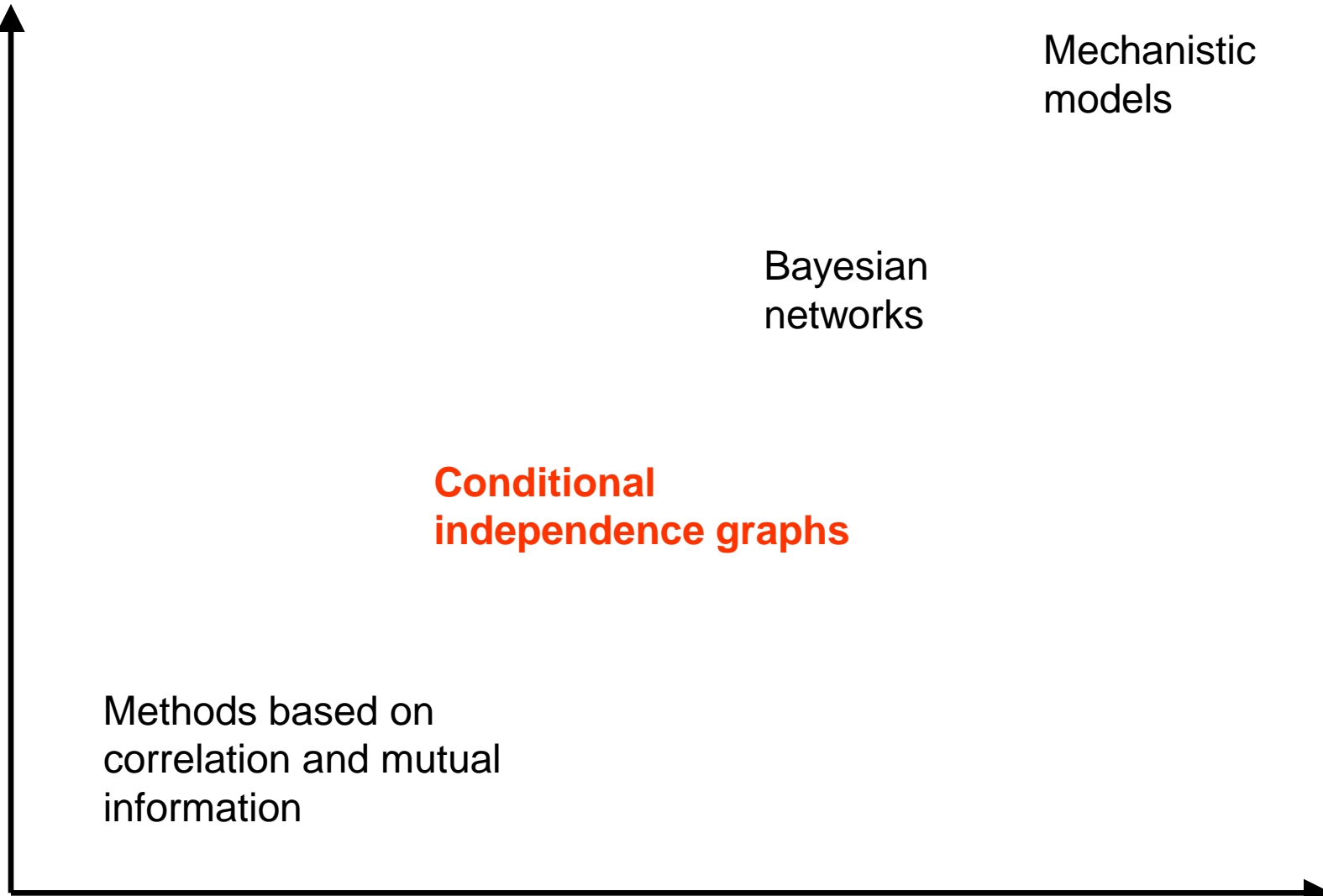
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Multivariate Gaussian distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Inverse of the co-variance matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \equiv \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = & \\
-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) & \\
-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b). &
\end{aligned}$$

the exponent in a general Gaussian distribution can be written

$$-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \text{const}$$

pick out all terms that are second order in \mathbf{x}_a

$$-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}_a^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}\mathbf{x}_a$$

from which we can immediately conclude that the covariance $p(\mathbf{x}_a|\mathbf{x}_b)$ is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b} = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}^{-1}.$$

Graphical Gaussian Models (GGMs)

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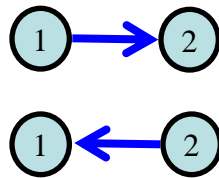
$$\pi_{ij} = \frac{-1 \cdot (\Sigma^{-1})_{ij}}{\sqrt{(\Sigma^{-1})_{ii} \cdot (\Sigma^{-1})_{jj}}}$$

← Inverse of the covariance matrix

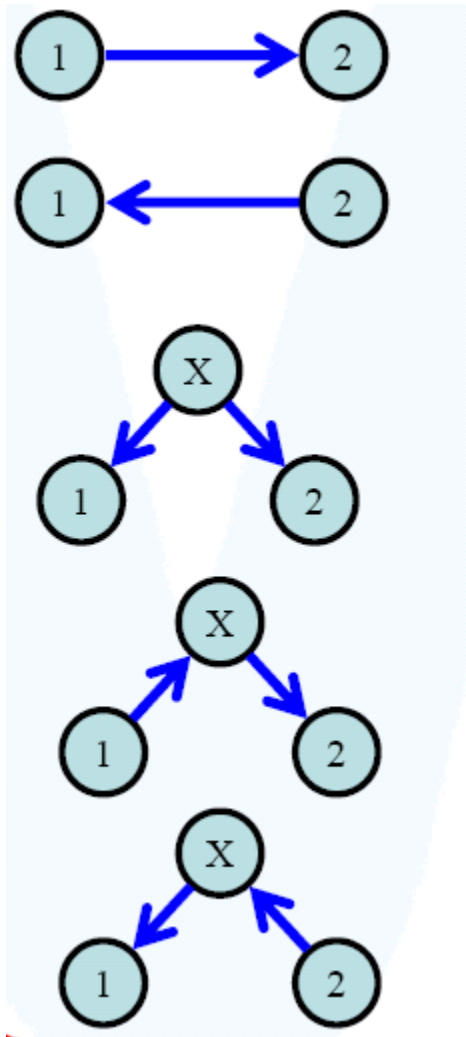
strong partial correlation π_{12}

Partial correlation, i.e. correlation **conditional on** all other domain variables

$$\text{Corr}(X_1, X_2 | X_3, \dots, X_n)$$



Direct interaction



Correlation	Partial correlation
high	high
high	high
high	low
high	low
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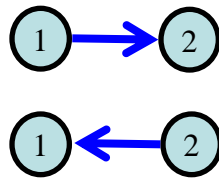
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Direct interaction

Problem: #observations < #variables

→ Covariance matrix is singular

Systems biology

An empirical Bayes approach to inferring large-scale gene association networks

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A Shrinkage Approach to Large-Scale Covariance Matrix Estimation and Implications for Functional Genomics

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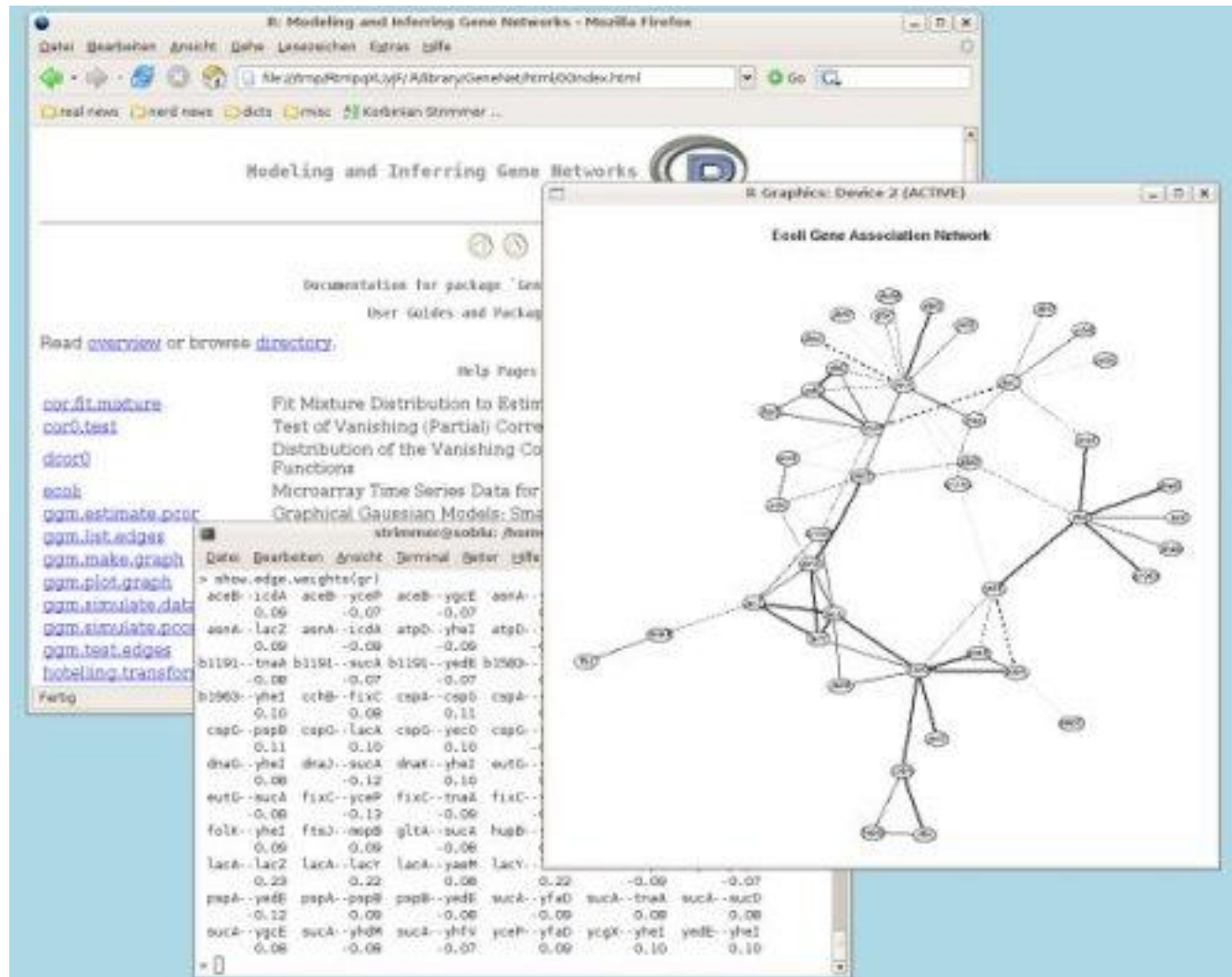
Summary of the GGM algorithm, part 1

- **Partial correlations**, as opposed to standard correlations, capture the influence of the whole system. Mathematically, this is the correlation between two nodes conditional on the rest of the system.
- The partial correlations can be computed from the **inverse** of the **covariance matrix**.
- The true covariance matrix is usually unknown → **approximated** by the **empirical covariance matrix**, estimated from the data.
- Empirical covariance matrix → over-fitting problem, can be ill-conditioned or **rank-deficient** (singular) → inversion impossible.
- **Regularization**: add the identity matrix, weighted by some constant, to the empirical covariance matrix → matrix non-singular. Possible problem: bias.

Summary of the GGM algorithm, part 2

- Set the **trade-off parameter** so as to minimize the expected difference between the (unknown) true covariance matrix and the estimated matrix.
- Statistical decision theory: **closed-form expression** for the optimal trade-off parameter (Ledoit-Wolf lemma).
- Catch: this expression depends on expectation values with respect to other data sets generated from the same processes. **Cannot be computed in practice.**
- **Heuristics:** replace expectation values by the actually observed values.

GeneNet (Strimmer et al.)



Available from <http://strimmerlab.org/software/genenet/>

Application in Schaefer & Strimmer (text copied from their paper)

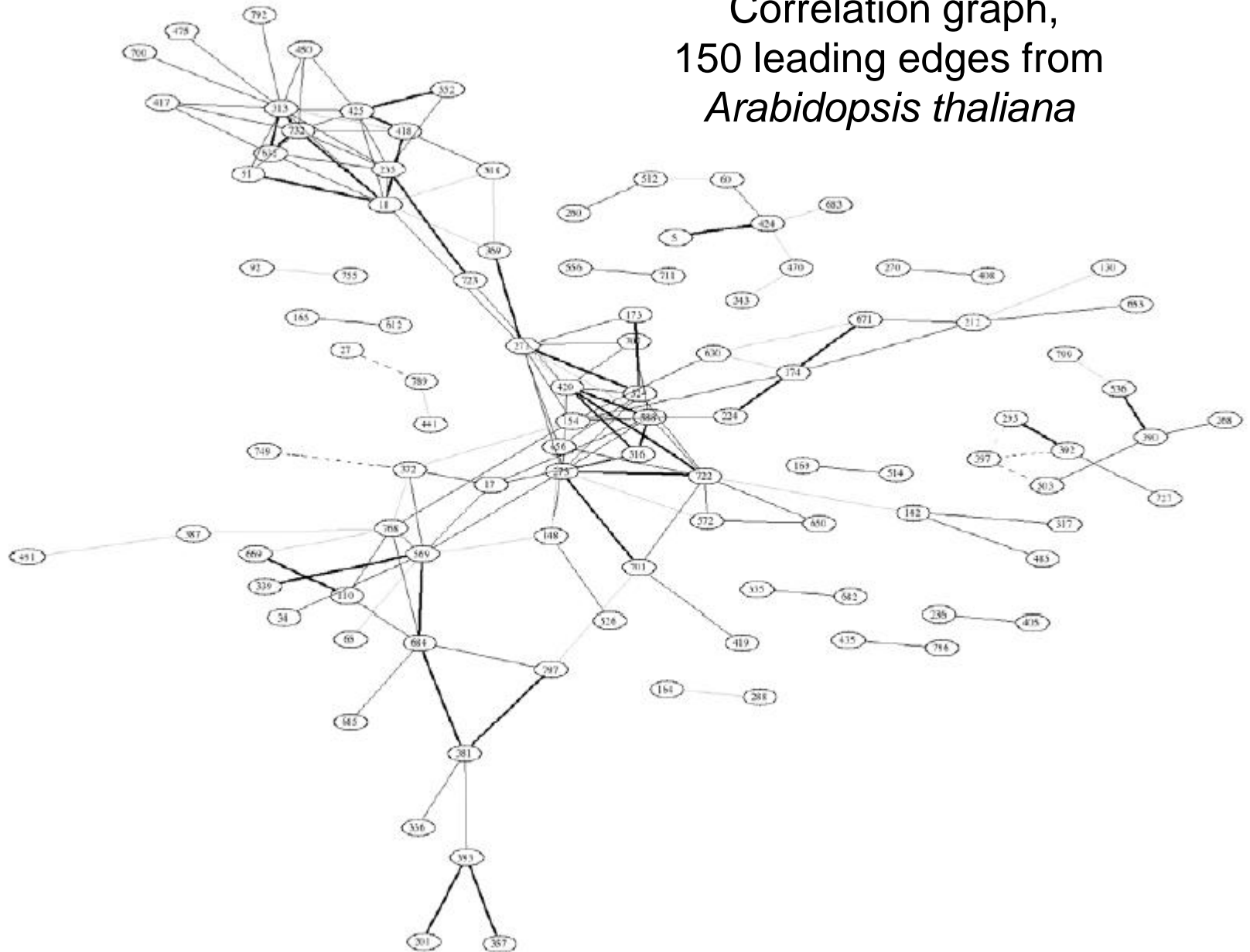
Analysis of a plant expression data set

Specifically, we reanalyzed expression time series resulting from an experiment investigating the impact of the diurnal cycle on the starch metabolism of *Arabidopsis thaliana*

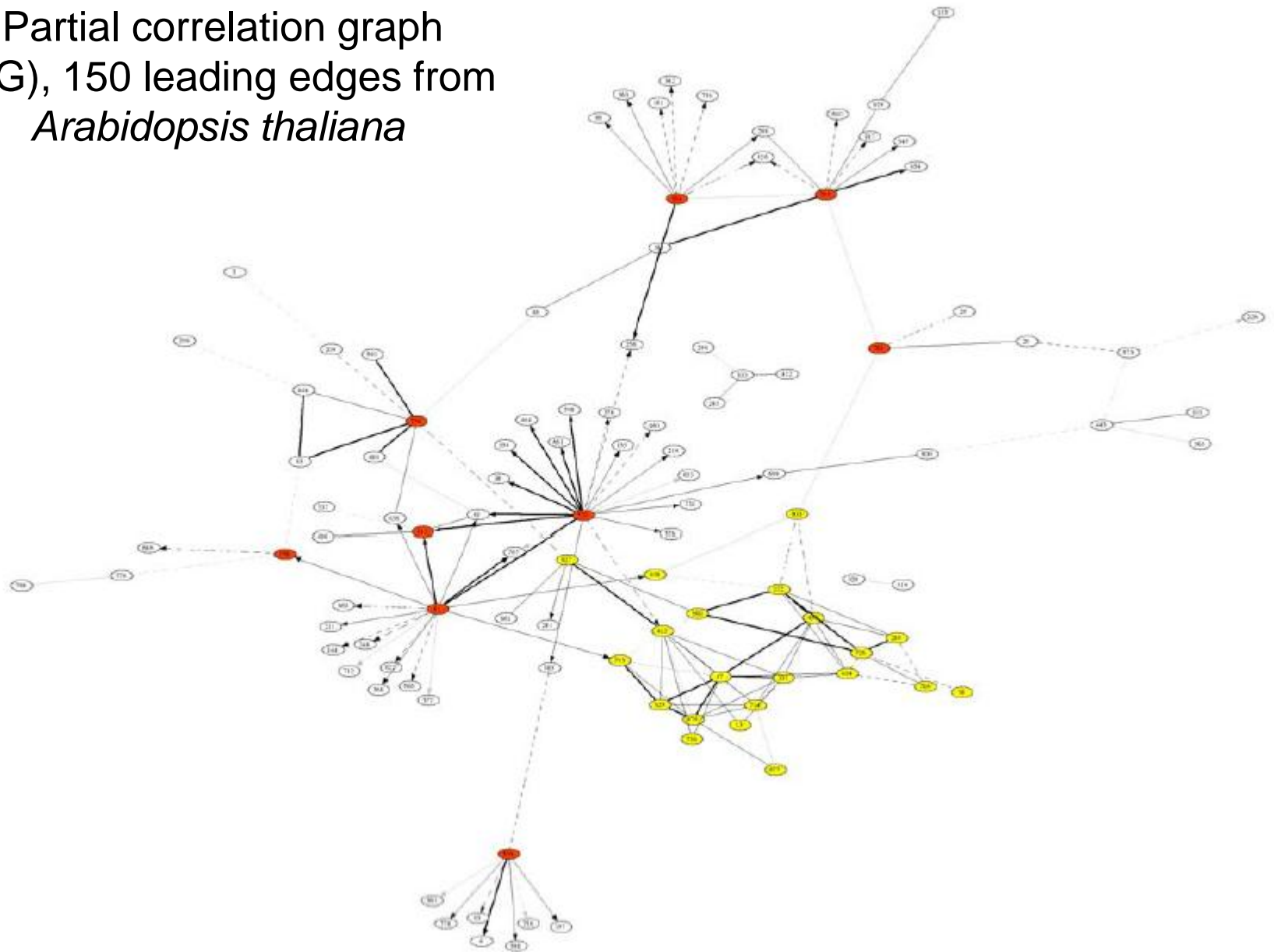
The data are gene expression time series measurements collected at **11 different time points** (0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, and 24 hours after the start of the experiment).

After log-transforming the data we filtered out all genes containing missing values and whose maximum signal intensity value was lower than 5 on a log-base 2 scale. Subsequently, we applied the periodicity test of [38] to identify the probes associated with the day-night cycle. As a result, a subset of **800 genes** remained for further analysis.

Correlation graph,
150 leading edges from
Arabidopsis thaliana



Partial correlation graph
(CIG), 150 leading edges from
Arabidopsis thaliana

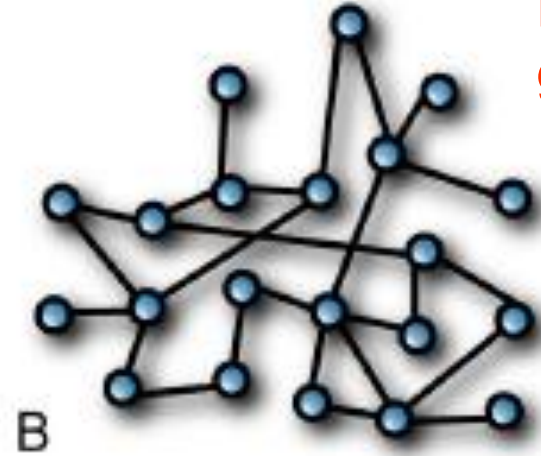


Degree distribution and power law

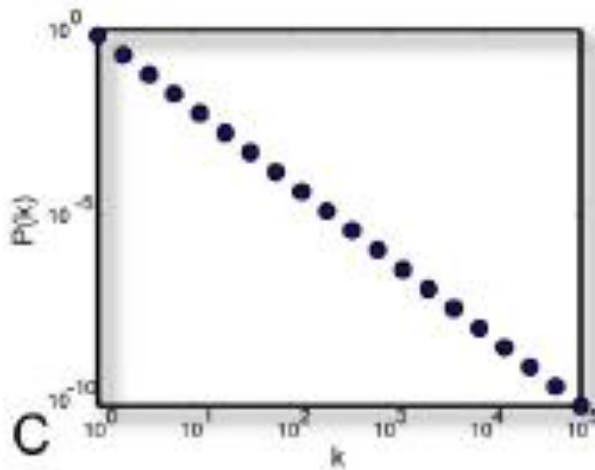
Power law



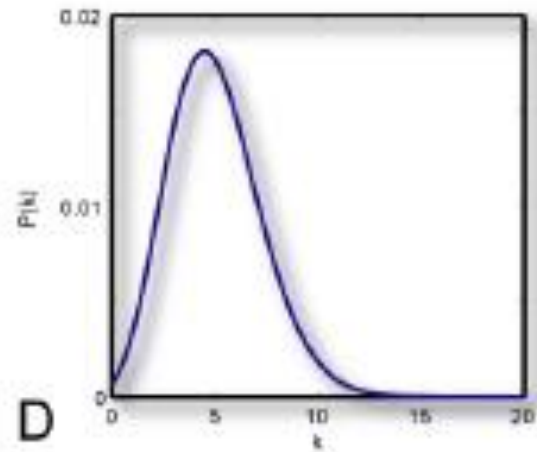
Random graph



Log P(k)



Log k



P(k)

k

Method

Sparse graphical Gaussian modeling of the isoprenoid gene network in *Arabidopsis thaliana*

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Crosstalk between two metabolic pathways, from microarray data

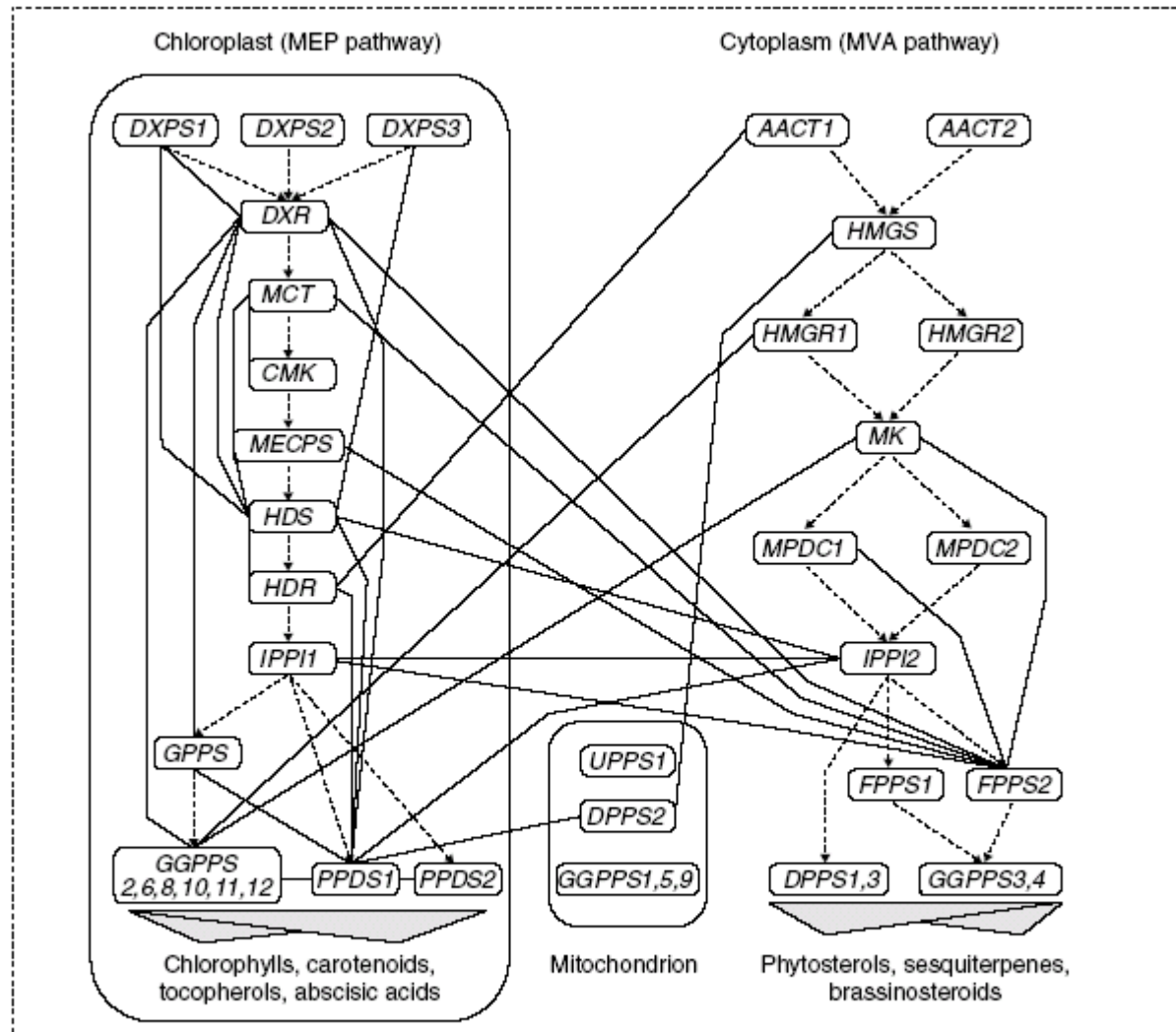
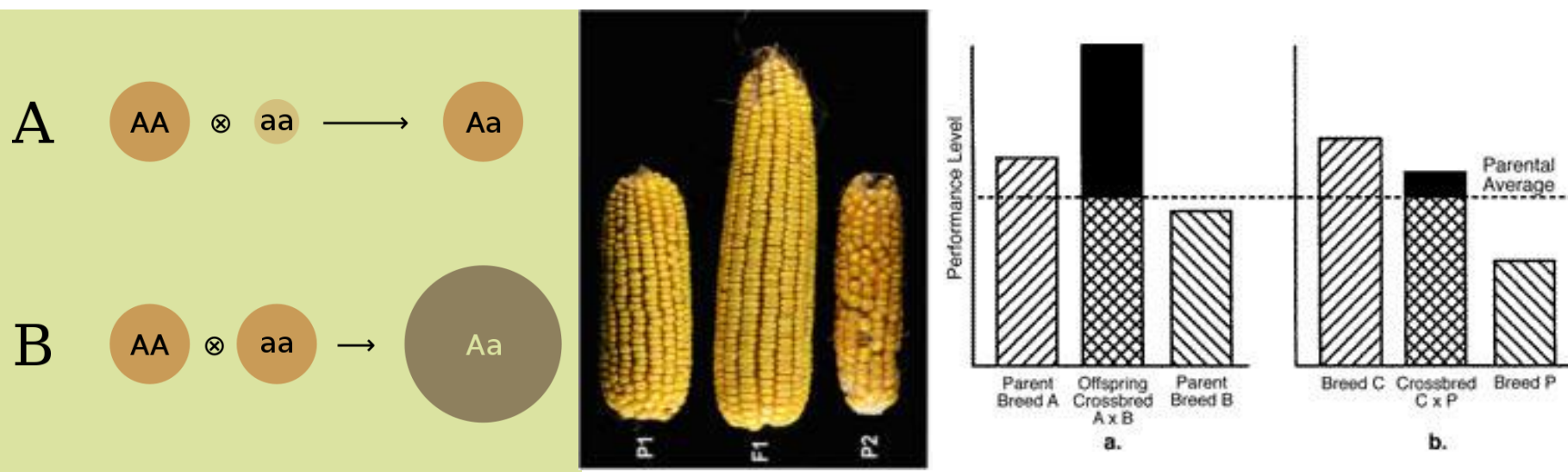


Figure 2

Bootstrapped GGM of the isoprenoid pathway with a cutoff at 0.8. The solid undirected edges connecting individual genes (in boxes) represent the GGM. Dotted directed edges mark the metabolic network, and are not part of the GGM. The grey shading indicates metabolic links to downstream pathways.

Enriched partial correlations in genome-wide gene expression profiles of hybrids (*A. thaliana*): a systems biological approach towards the molecular basis of heterosis

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Network hypothesis of heterosis: additional alleles → additional regulatory interactions in the molecular network

Gene expression data were measured using Agilent's *Arabidopsis thaliana* Microarray. The RNA was obtained from seedlings of *A. thaliana* of two homozygous lines C24 and Columbia (Col-0; depicted as Col in the following) and the reciprocal crosses C24 × Col and Col × C24. Gene expression profiles were measured during early development at seven time points [4, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 days after sowing (DAS)].

GGMs applied to 1000 genes

Problem: short time series

Modify the research question

Rather than asking:

“How does the network structure change as a consequence of additional alleles at the heterozygous loci?”

which could not be answered with the given amount of data – the authors asked the question:

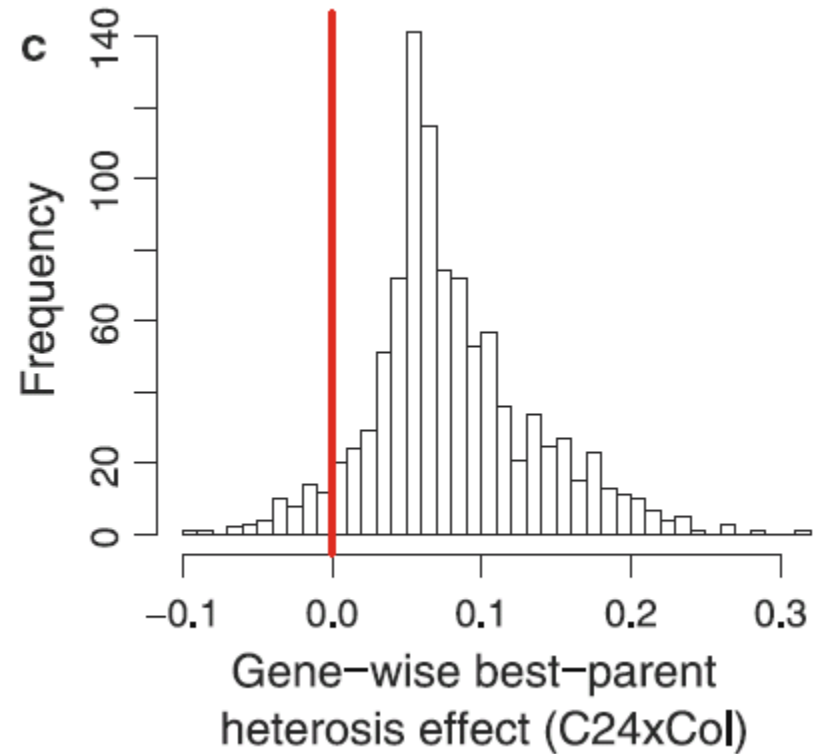
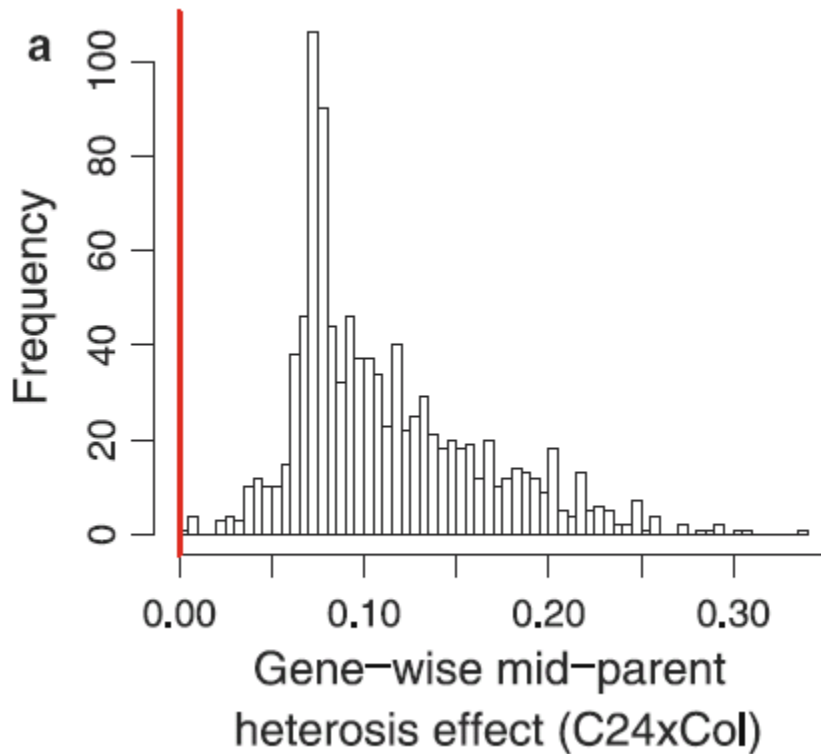
“What is the impact of heterozygosity on the overall connectivity of the molecular regulatory network?”

Spectrum of partial correlation coefficients

heterozygous homozygous

$$h_{w,f}^{\text{mid-heterosis}} = h_{w,f} - h_f^{\text{mid-parent}}$$

$$h_{w,f}^{\text{best-heterosis}} = h_{w,f} - h_f^{\text{best-parent}}$$



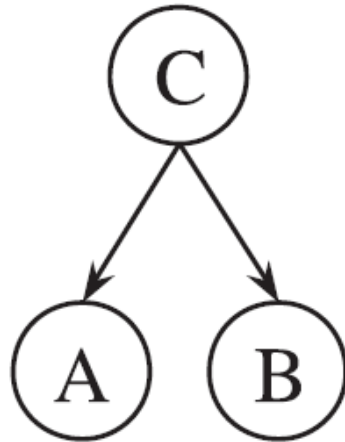
Shortcomings of GGMs

Pairwise interactions conditional on the whole systems, but:
no proper scoring of the whole network

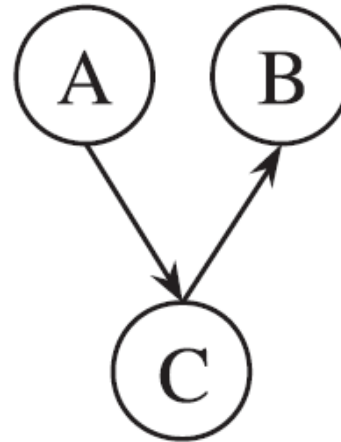
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interaction



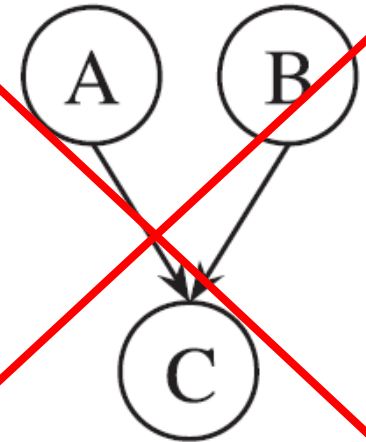
common
regulator



indirect
interaction



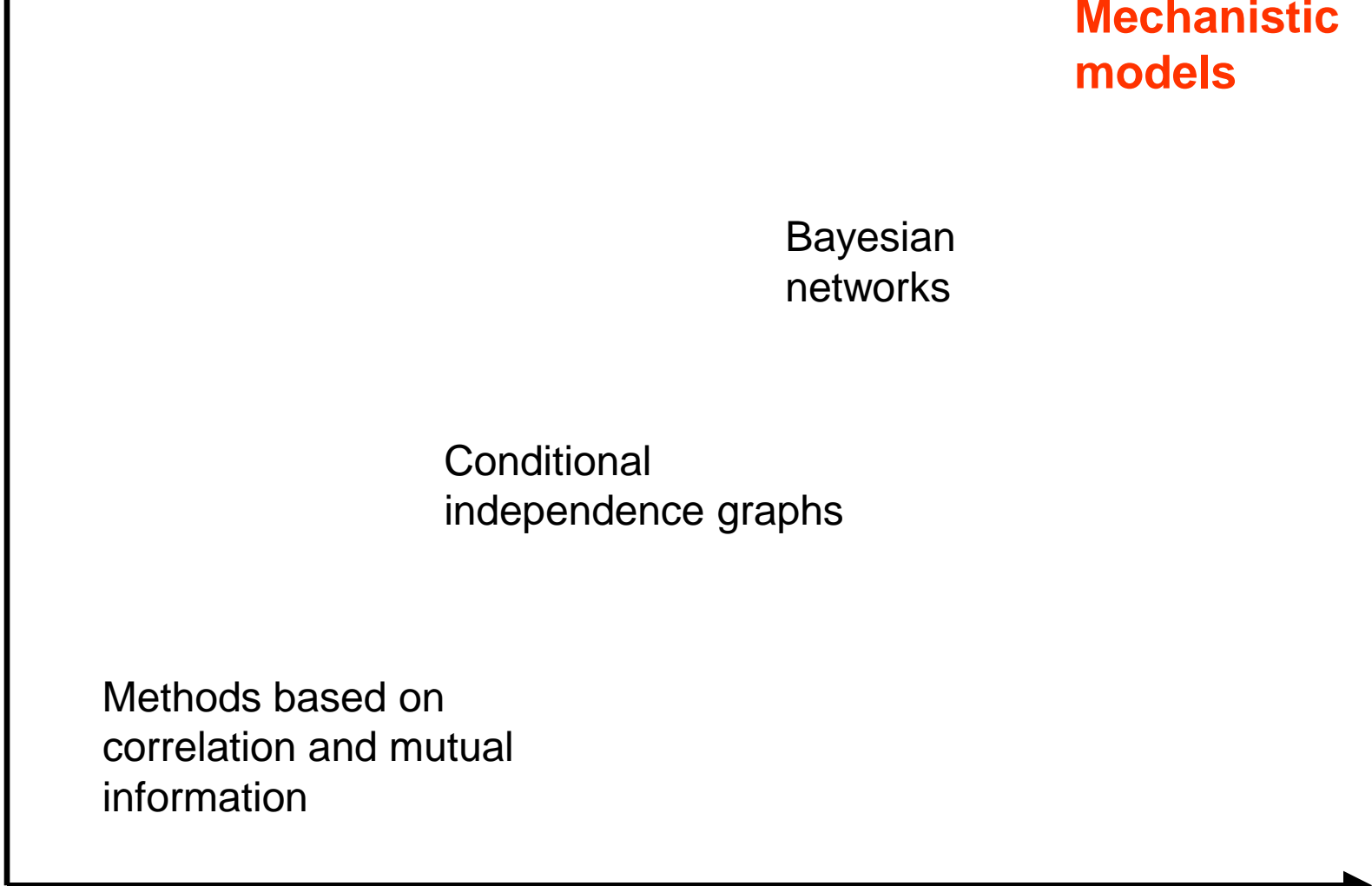
co-regulation



$$P(A,B)=P(A)\cdot P(B)$$

But: $P(A,B|C)\neq P(A|C)\cdot P(B|C)$

Accuracy



Mechanistic models

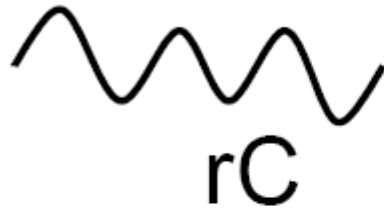
Bayesian networks

Conditional independence graphs

Methods based on correlation and mutual information

Computational complexity

Elementary molecular components



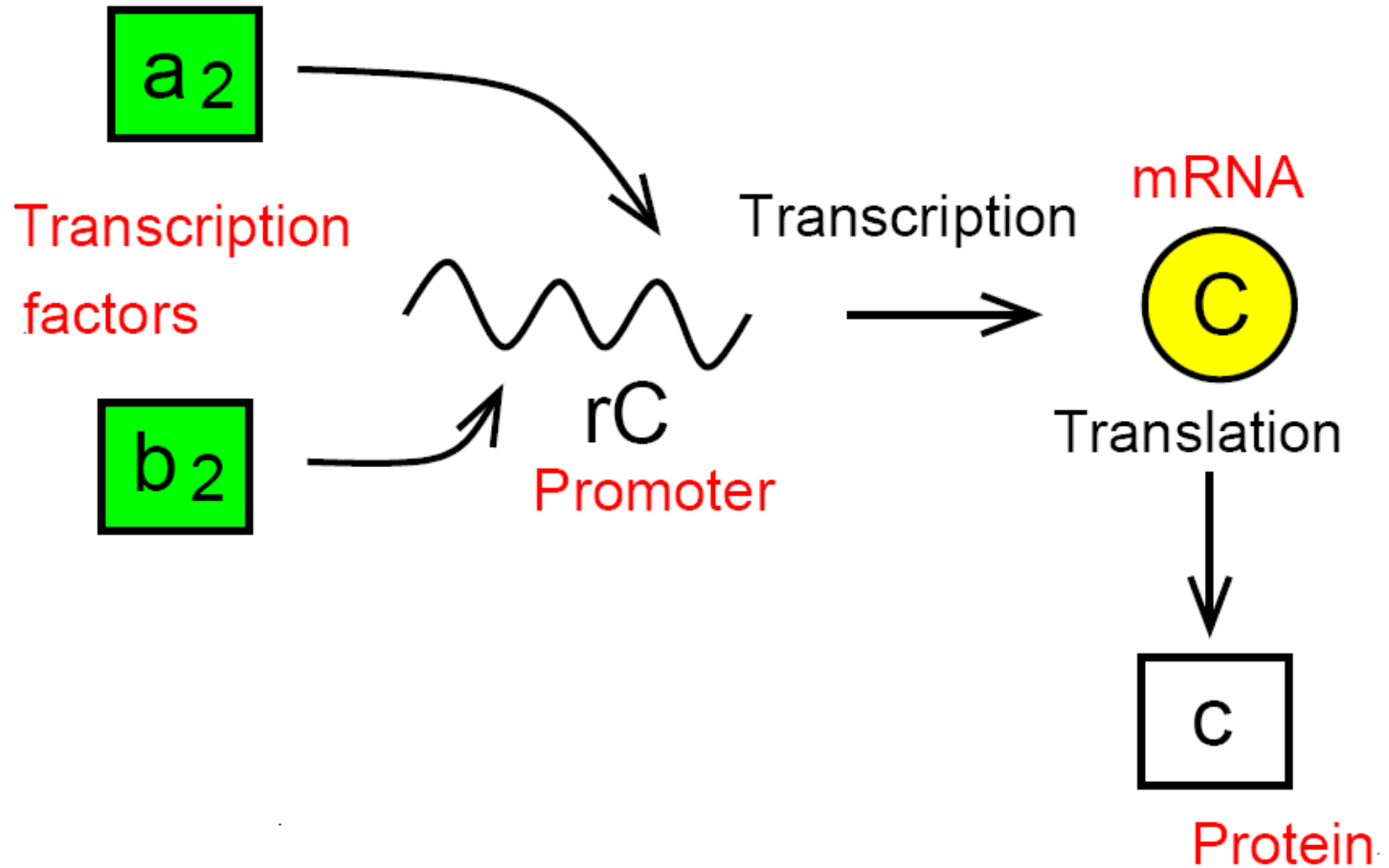
DNA: Promoter

mRNA

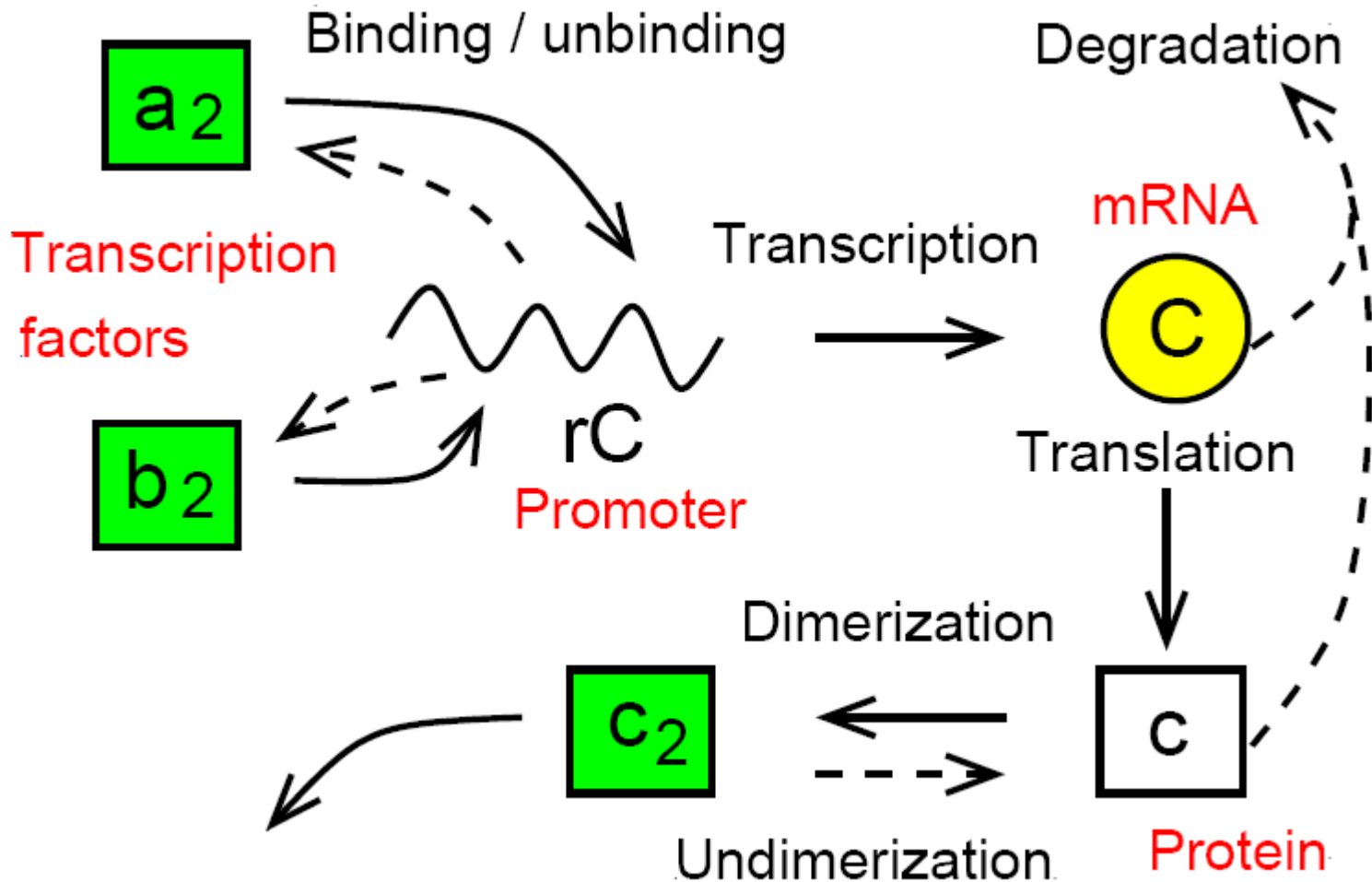


Protein

Elementary molecular biological processes



Elementary molecular biological processes



Description with differential equations

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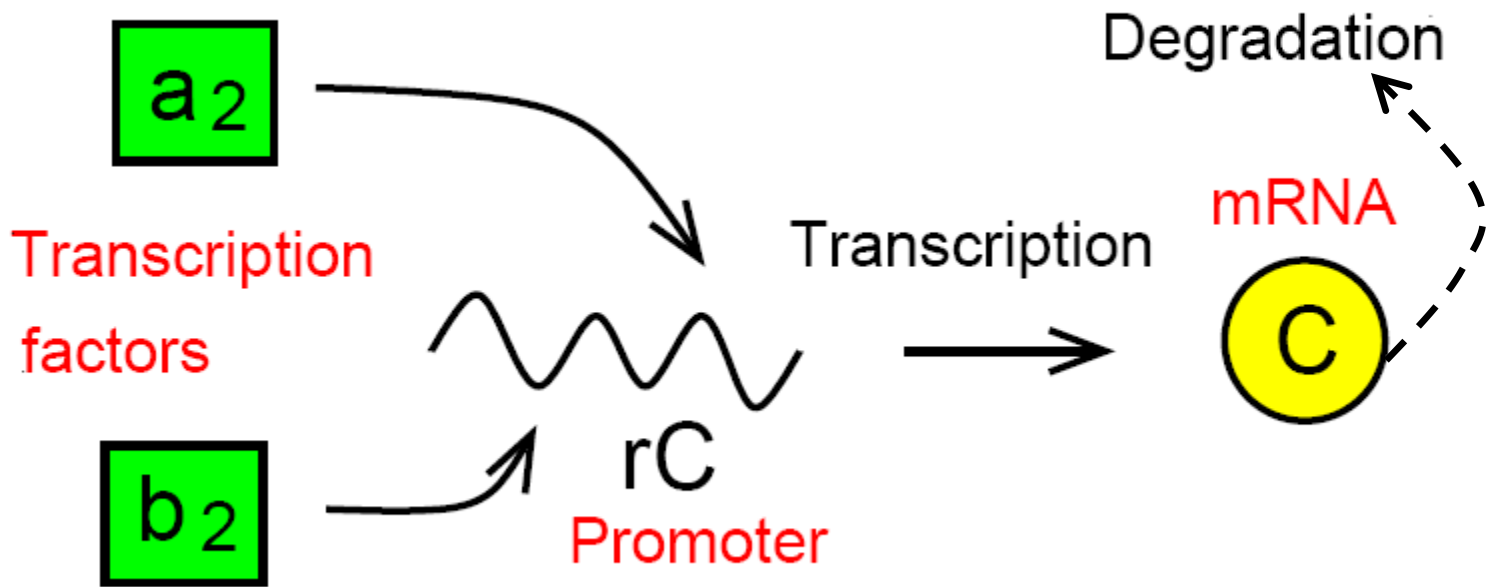
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Rates

Kinetic parameters \mathbf{q}

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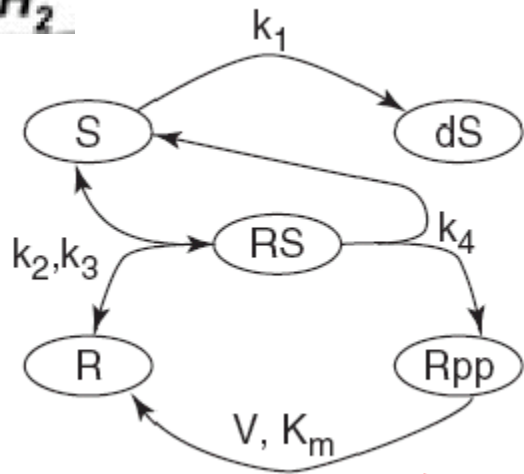
Kinetic parameters \mathbf{q}



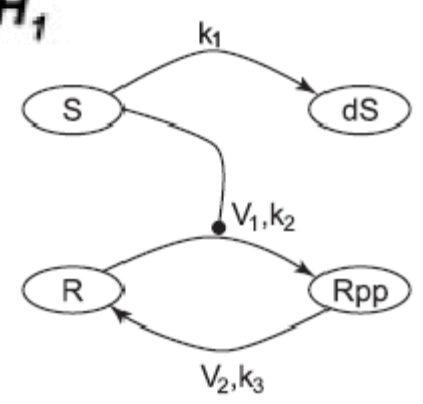
Rates

Parameters \mathbf{q} known: Numerically integrate the differential equations for different hypothetical networks

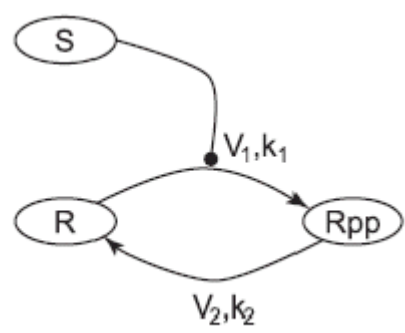
H_2



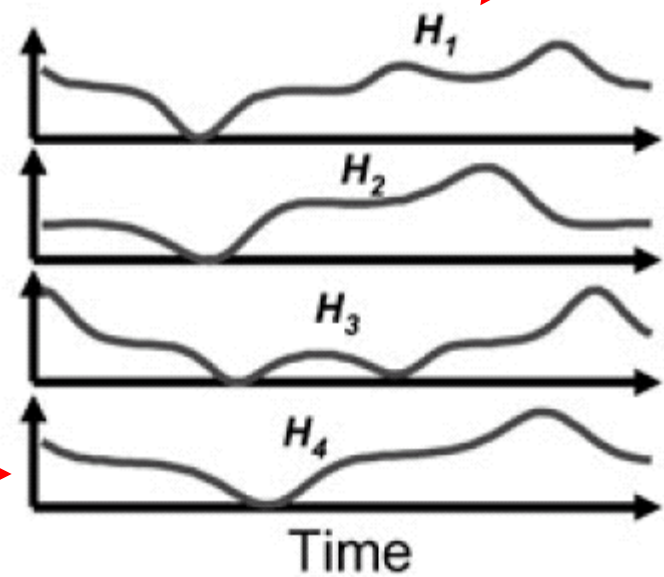
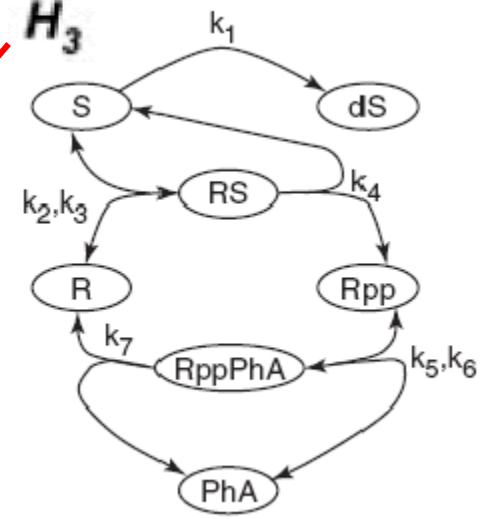
H_1



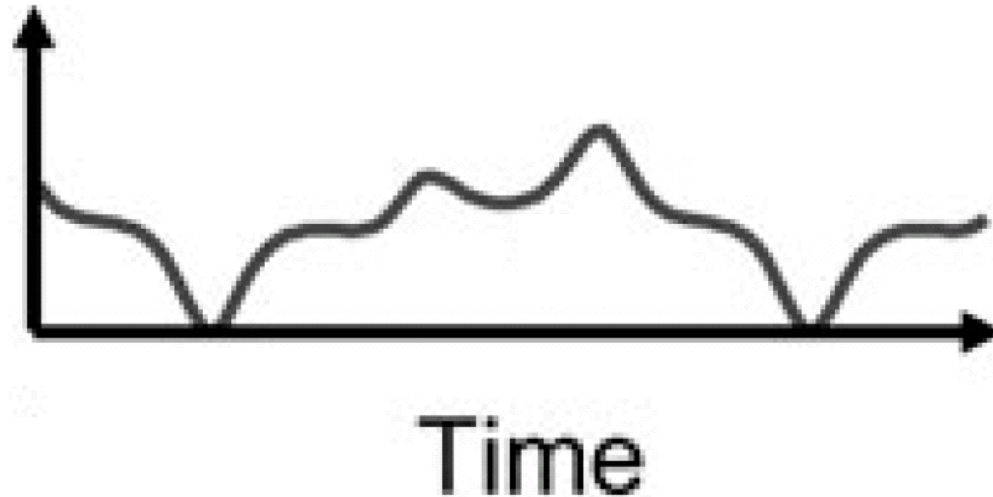
H_4



H_3



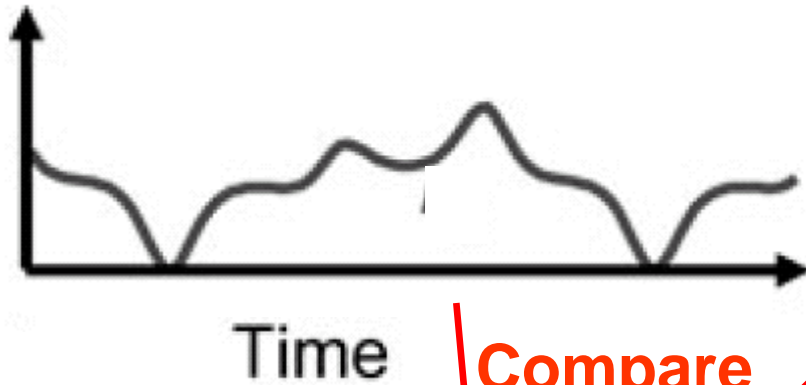
Experiment: Gene expression time series



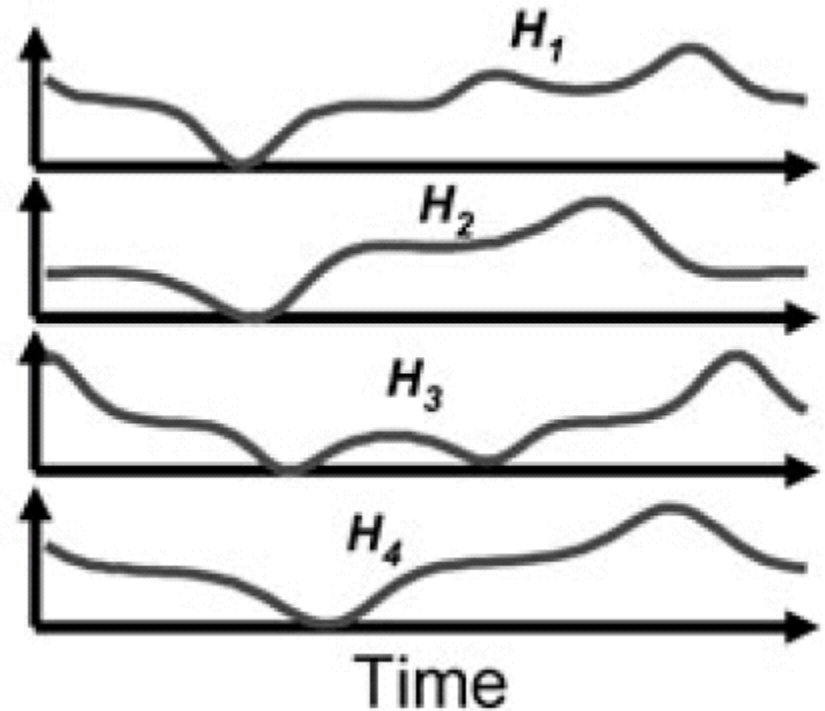
Can we infer the correct gene
regulatory network?

Model selection for known parameters \mathbf{q}

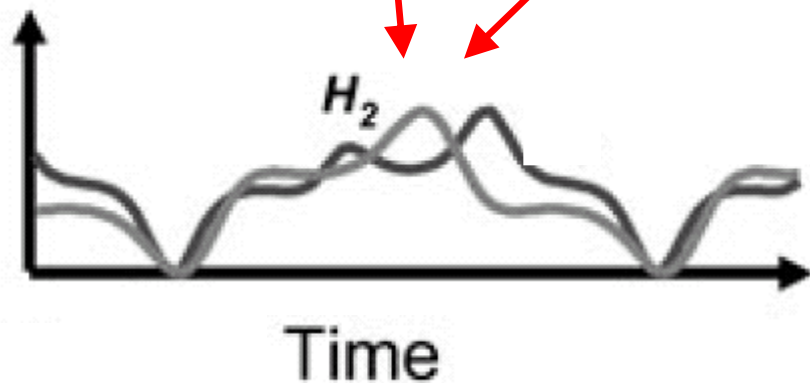
Measured gene expression time series



Gene expression time series predicted with different models



Compare



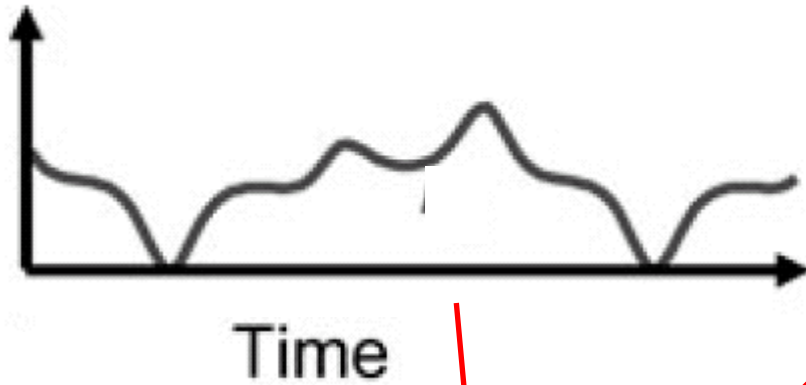
Highest likelihood: best model

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{q}, \mathcal{M})$$

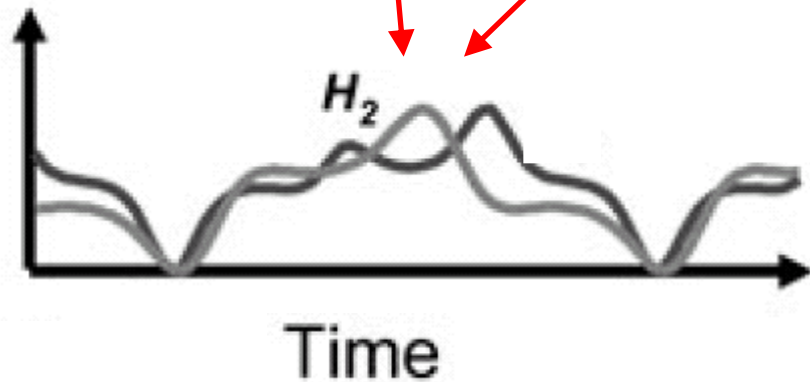
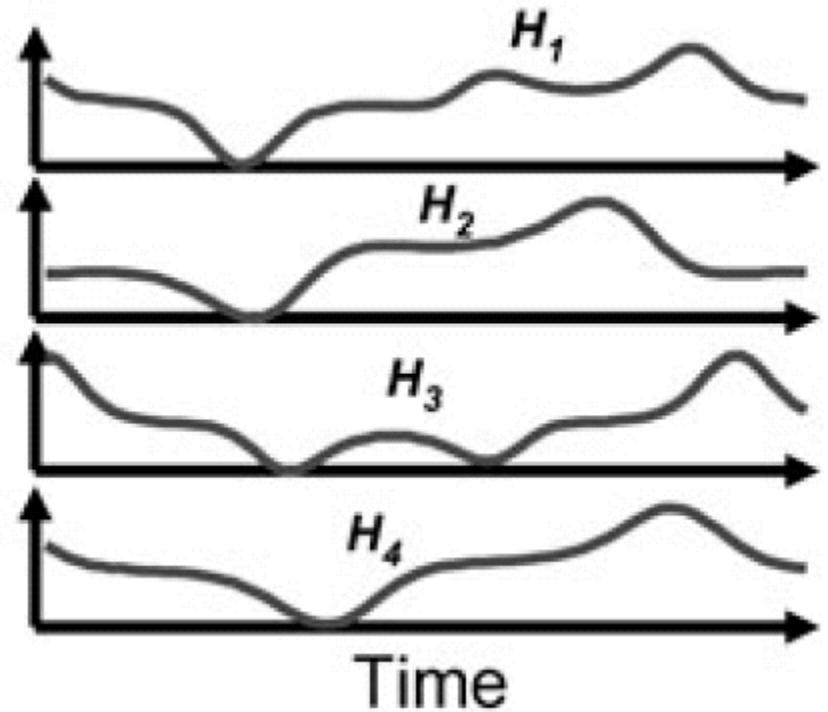


Model selection for **unknown** parameters \mathbf{q}

Measured gene expression time series



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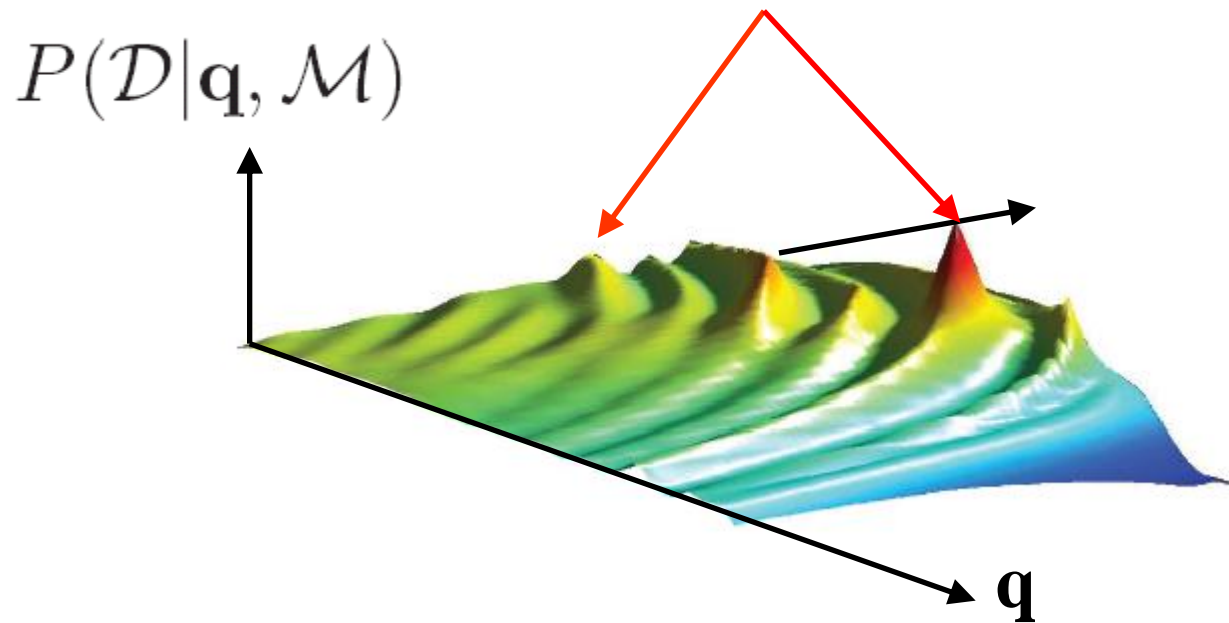


Joint maximum likelihood:

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{q}, \mathcal{M})$$

Two red arrows point upwards from the \mathbf{q} and \mathcal{M} terms in the equation above.

1) Practical problem: numerical optimization

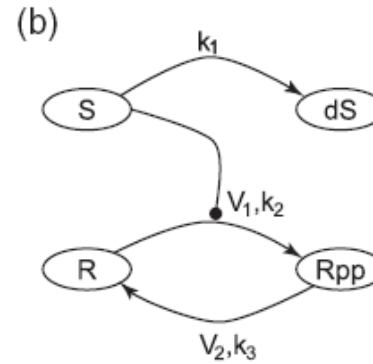
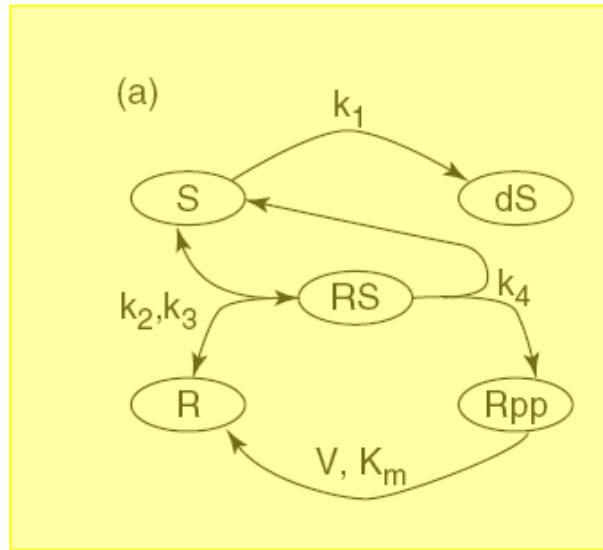


2) Conceptual problem: overfitting

ML estimate increases on increasing the network complexity

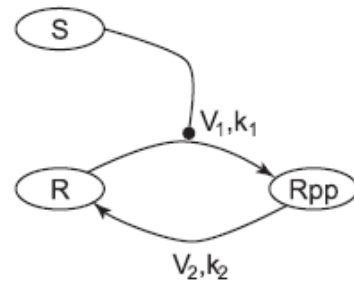
Overfitting problem

True pathway

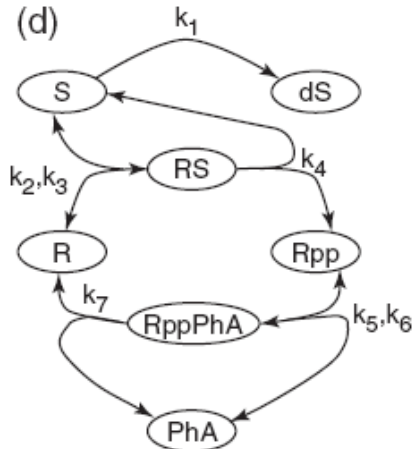


Poorer fit to the data

(c)



Poorer fit to the data



Equal or better fit to the data

Regularization

E.g.: BIC

Data misfit term

Regularization term

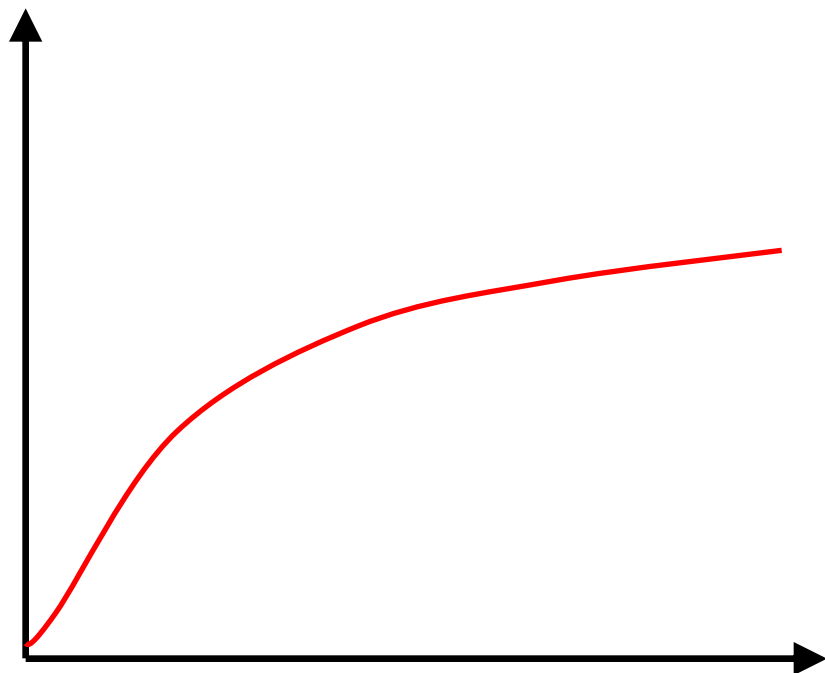
$$\log P(\mathcal{D} | \hat{\mathbf{q}}, \mathcal{M}) - \frac{k}{2} \log N$$

Maximum likelihood
parameters

Number of
parameters

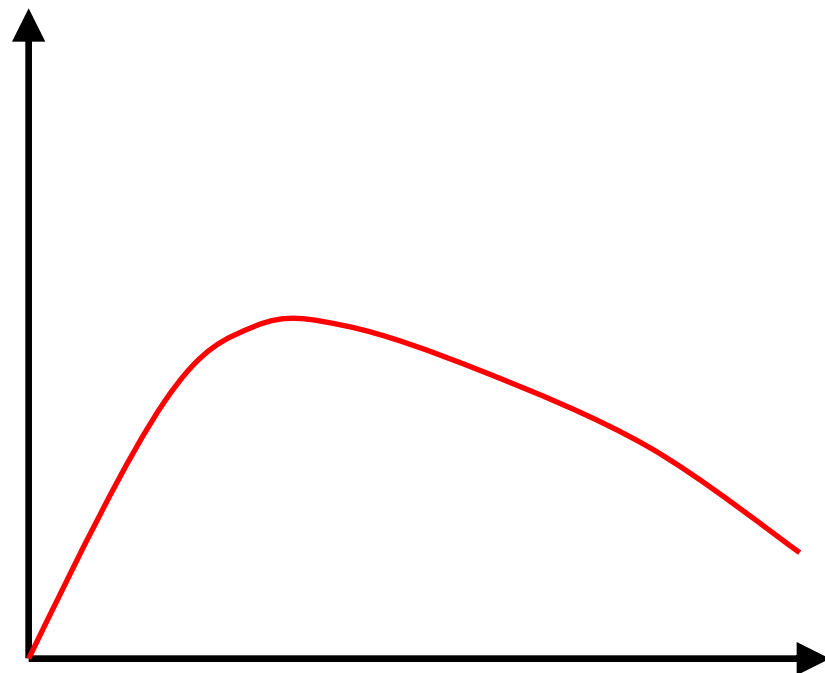
Number of
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Likelihood



Complexity

BIC



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$$= P(\mathcal{D}|\hat{\mathbf{q}}, \mathcal{M}) \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^k}{\det \mathbf{H}}}$$

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BIC approximation

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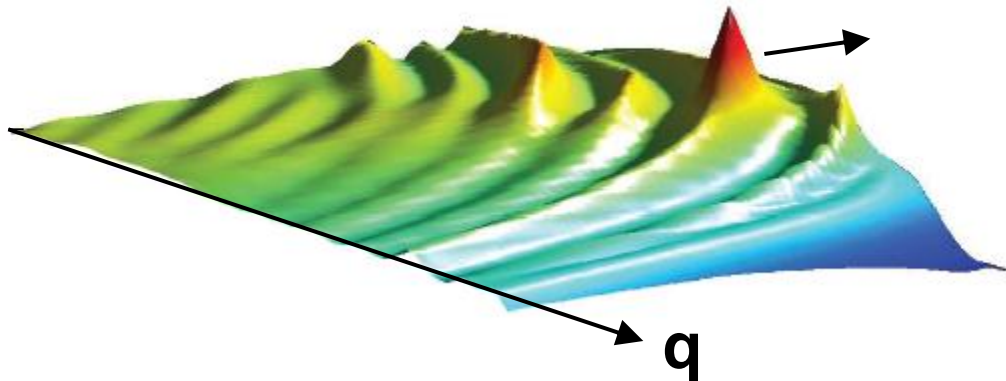
$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}) = \int P(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{q}, \mathcal{M})P(\mathbf{q}|\mathcal{M})d\mathbf{q}$$

This **integral** is usually analytically **intractable**

Complexity problem

This requires an integration over the whole parameter space:

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}) = \int P(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{q}, \mathcal{M})P(\mathbf{q}|\mathcal{M})d\mathbf{q}$$



The numerical approximation is highly non-trivial

Systems biology

Bayesian ranking of biochemical system models

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Numerical integration by sampling from the prior

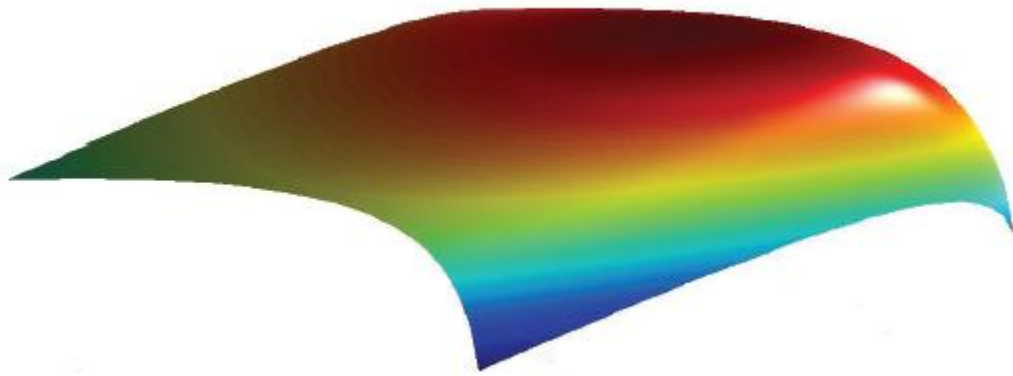
Model: S Parameters: ϕ

$$P(\mathcal{D}|S) = \int P(\mathcal{D}|\phi, S)P(\phi|S)d\phi$$

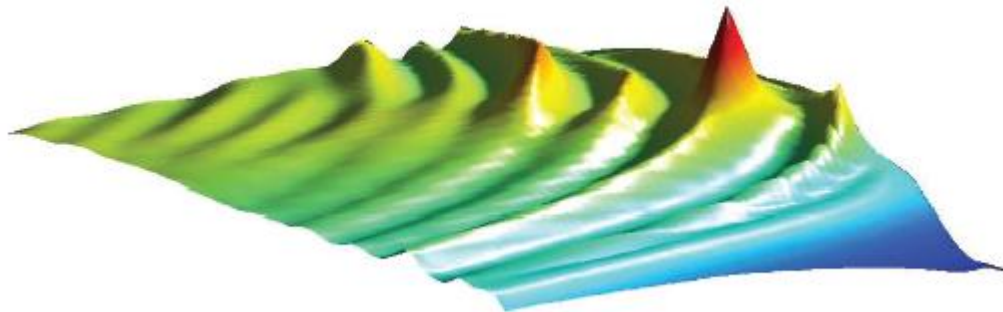
$$P(\mathcal{D}|S) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N P(\mathcal{D}|\phi_t, S)$$

where $\{\phi_t\}$ is a sample from
the prior distribution $P(\phi|S)$

Problem: Extremely poor convergence in high dimensions



Prior distribution
 $P(\phi|S)$



Likelihood function
 $P(\mathcal{D}|\phi, S)$.

Numerical integration by sampling from the posterior

Model: S Parameters: ϕ

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\phi, S)P(\phi|S) = P(\phi|\mathcal{D}, S)P(\mathcal{D}|S)$$

$$\int \frac{P(\phi|S)}{P(\mathcal{D}|S)} d\phi = \int \frac{P(\phi|\mathcal{D}, S)}{P(\mathcal{D}|\phi, S)} d\phi$$

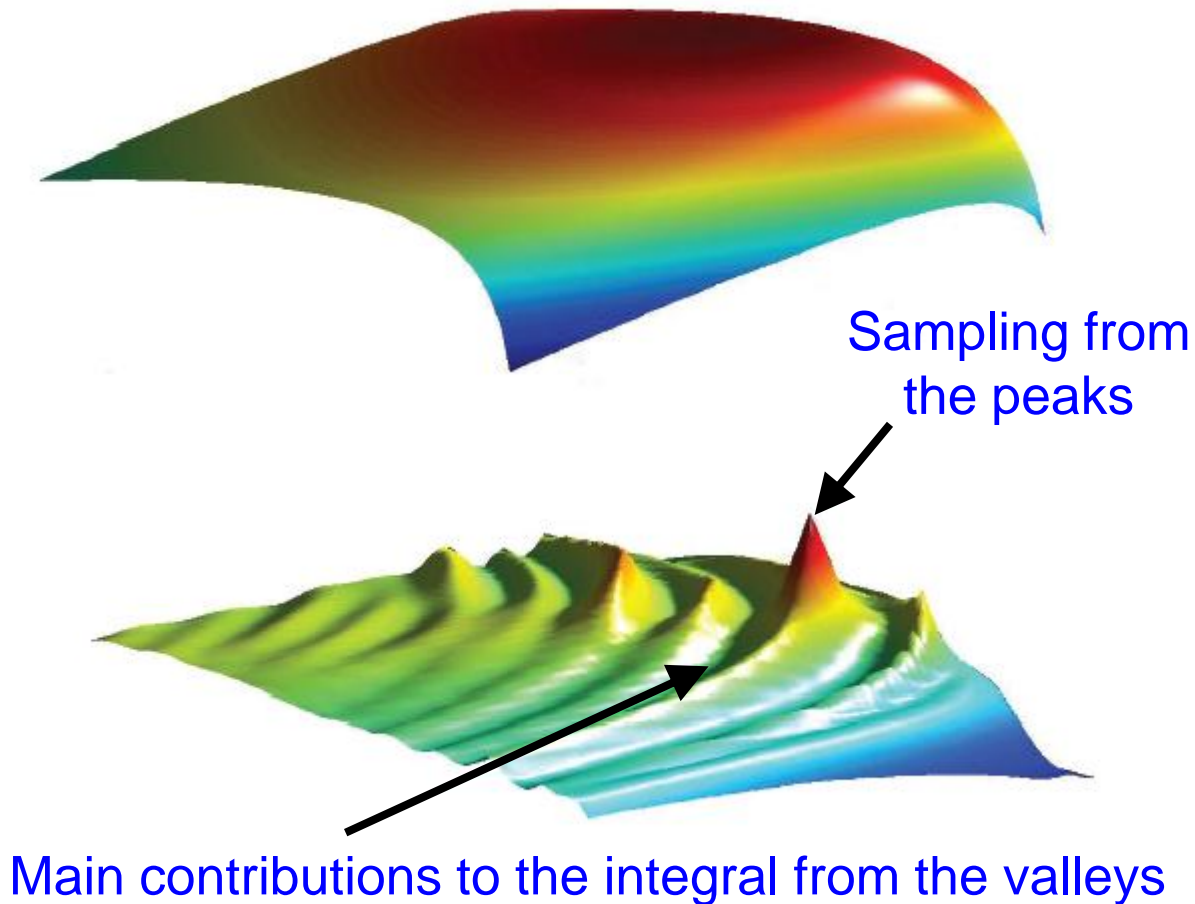
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where $\{\phi_t\}$ is a sample from
the posterior distribution $P(\phi|\mathcal{D}, S)$

Problem: Poor convergence in high dimensions and instability

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Prior distribution
 $P(\phi|S)$

Likelihood function
 $P(\mathcal{D}|\phi, S)$.

\approx

Posterior distribution
 $P(\phi|\mathcal{D}, S)$

Importance sampling

$$P(\mathcal{D}|S) = \int P(\mathcal{D}|\phi, S)P(\phi|S)d\phi$$

Arbitrary (possibly unnormalized) distribution $Q(\phi)$

$$\frac{P(\mathcal{D}|S)}{Z_Q} = \int \frac{P(\mathcal{D}|\phi, S)P(\phi|S)}{Q(\phi)} \boxed{\frac{Q(\phi)}{Z_Q}} d\phi$$

$$\frac{P(\mathcal{D}|S)}{Z_Q} \longleftarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N c_t$$

$$c_t = \frac{P(\mathcal{D}|\phi_t, S)P(\phi_t|S)}{Q(\phi_t)}$$

sampled from

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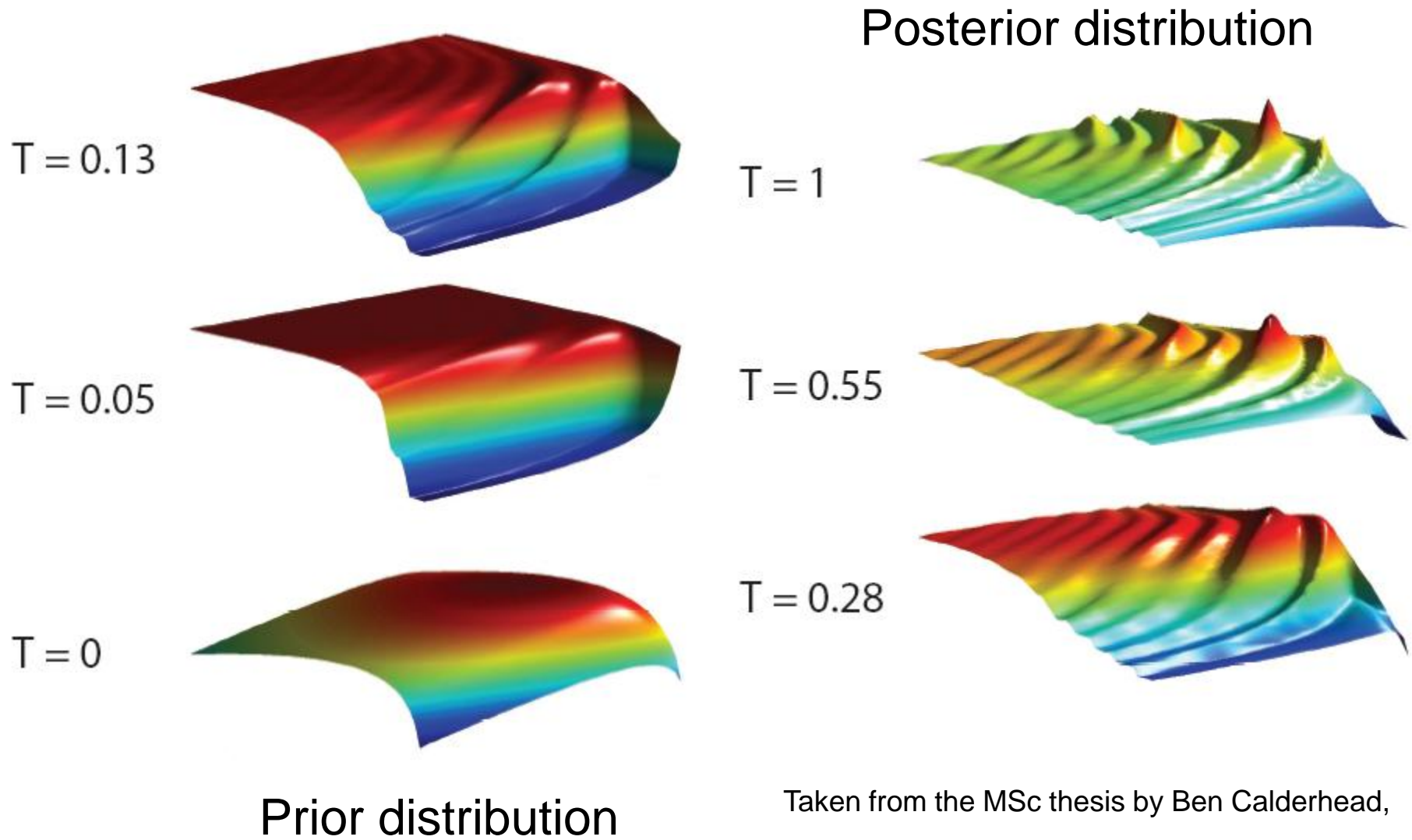
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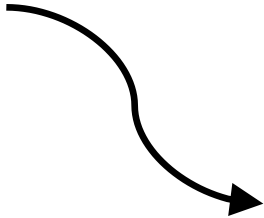
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Illustration of annealed importance sampling

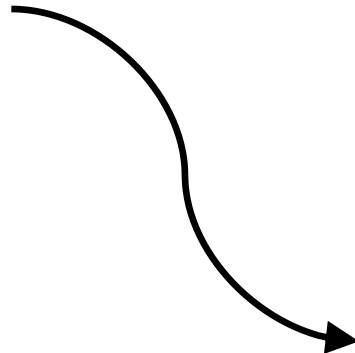


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Annealing scheme



Centre loop:
MCMC



Inner loop:
Numerical solution of
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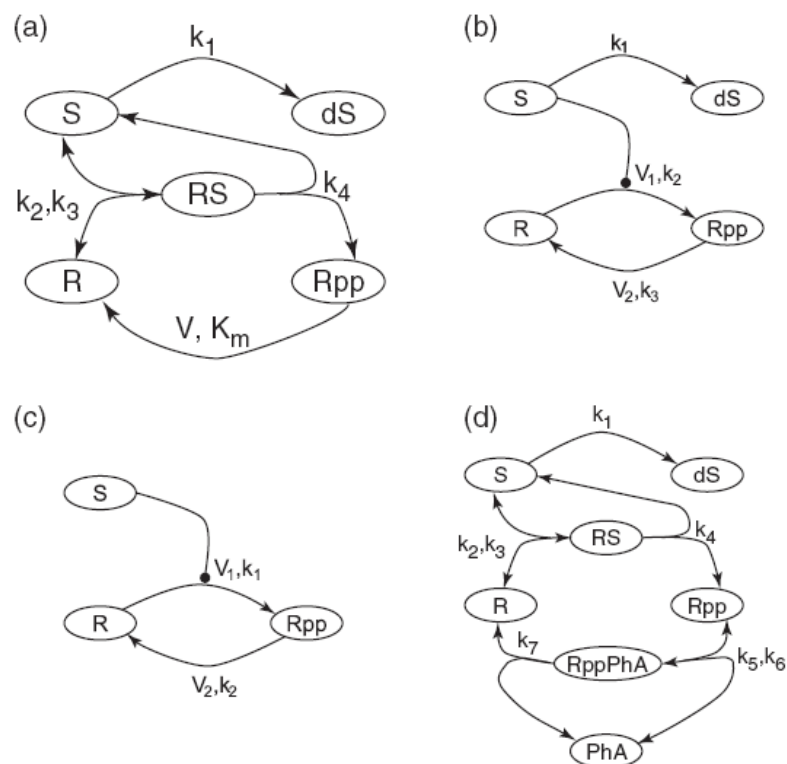
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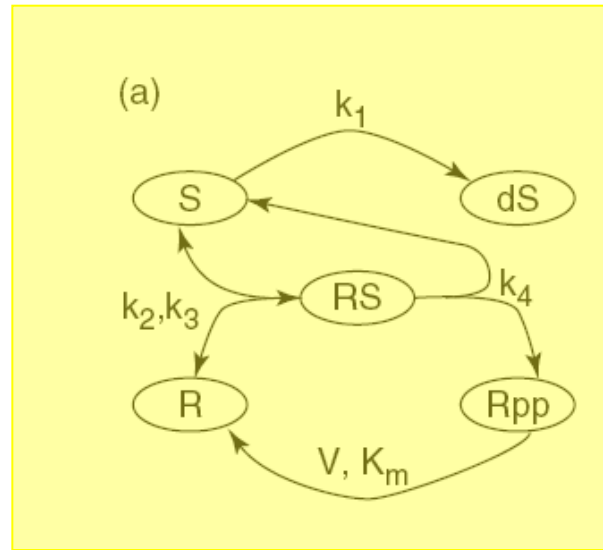
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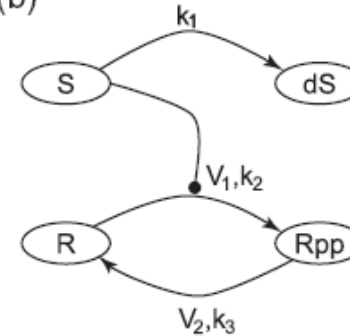


Marginal likelihoods for the alternative pathways

44.6 ± 0.8

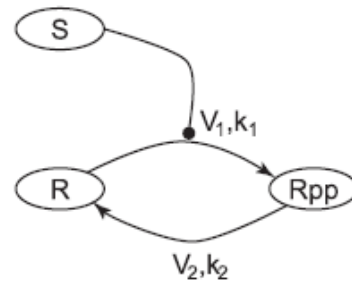


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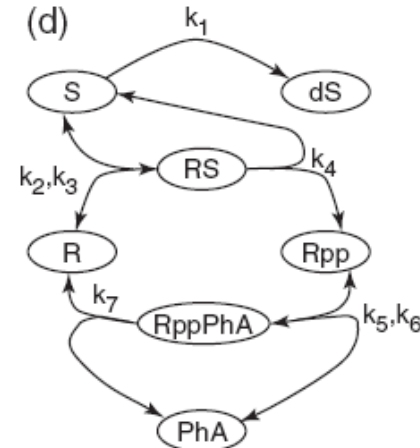
28.9 ± 0.3

(c)



-1.1 ± 0.1

(d)



35.0 ± 0.7

Computational expensive, network reconstruction *ab initio* unfeasible

Objective: Reconstruction of regulatory networks *ab initio*

Higher level of abstraction:

Bayesian networks

Education

A Primer on Learning in Bayesian Networks for Computational Biology

Chris J. Needham*, James R. Bradford, Andrew J. Bulpitt, David R. Westhead

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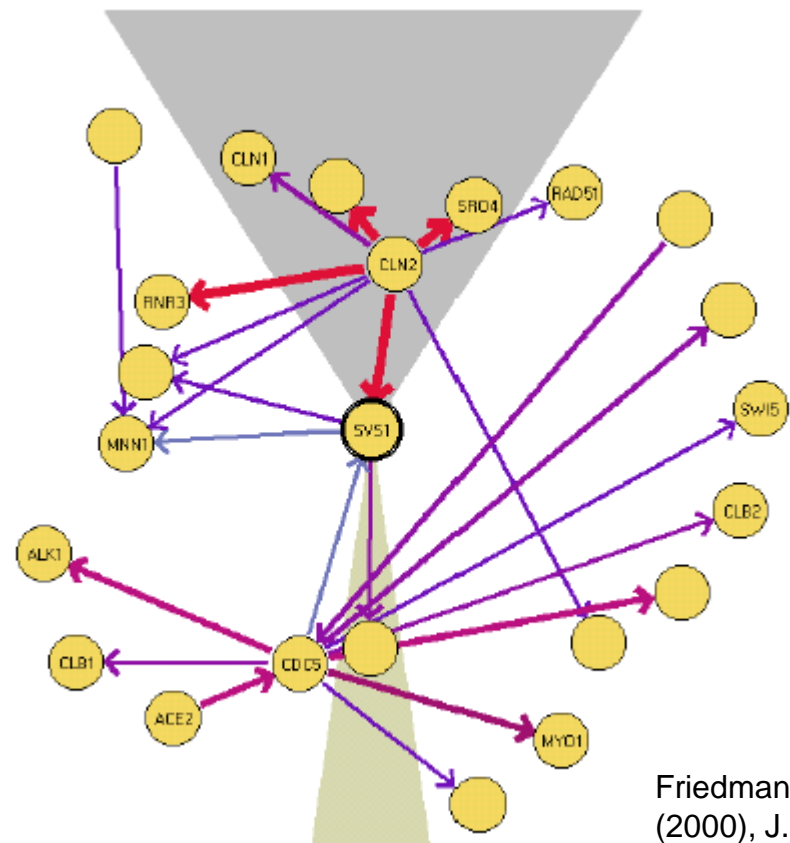
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Marriage between

graph theory

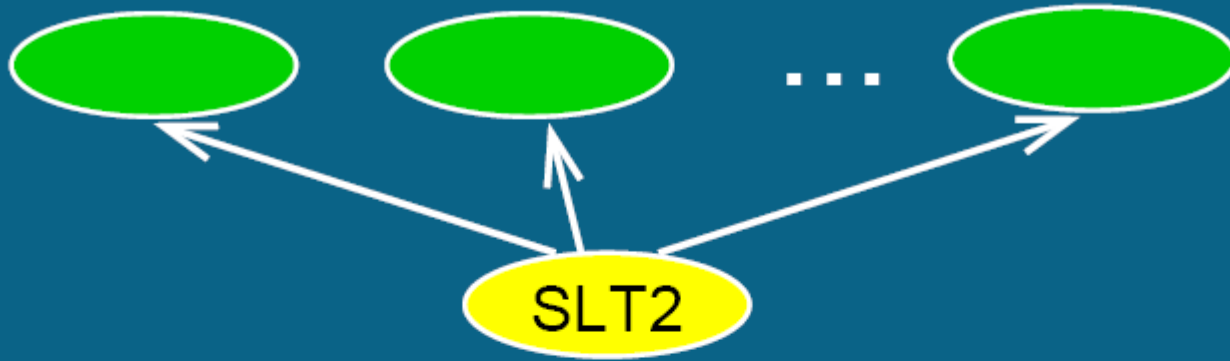
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probability theory

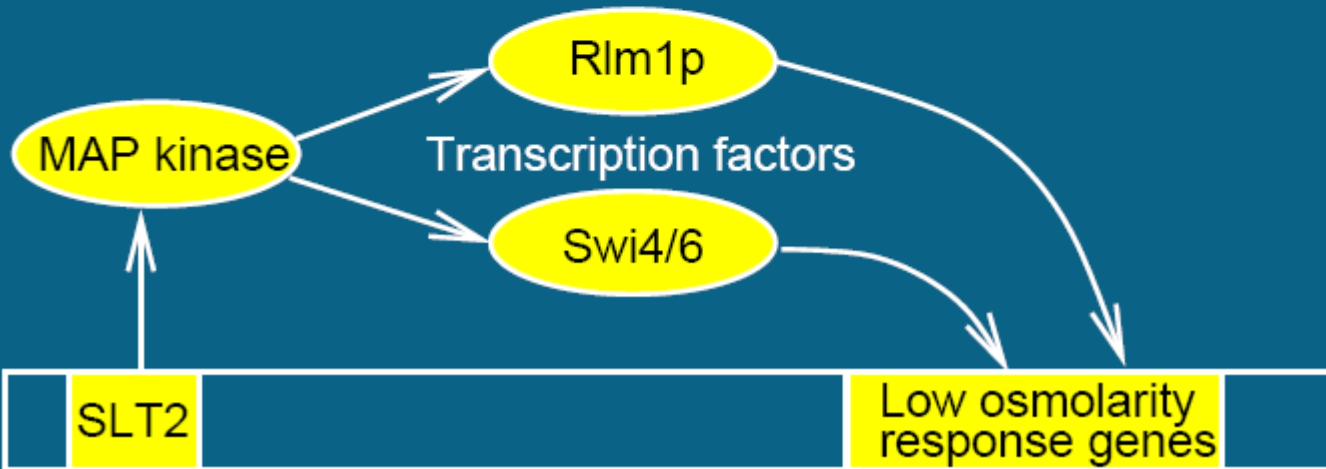


Friedman et al. (2000), J. Comp. Biol. 7, 601-620

Low osmolarity response genes

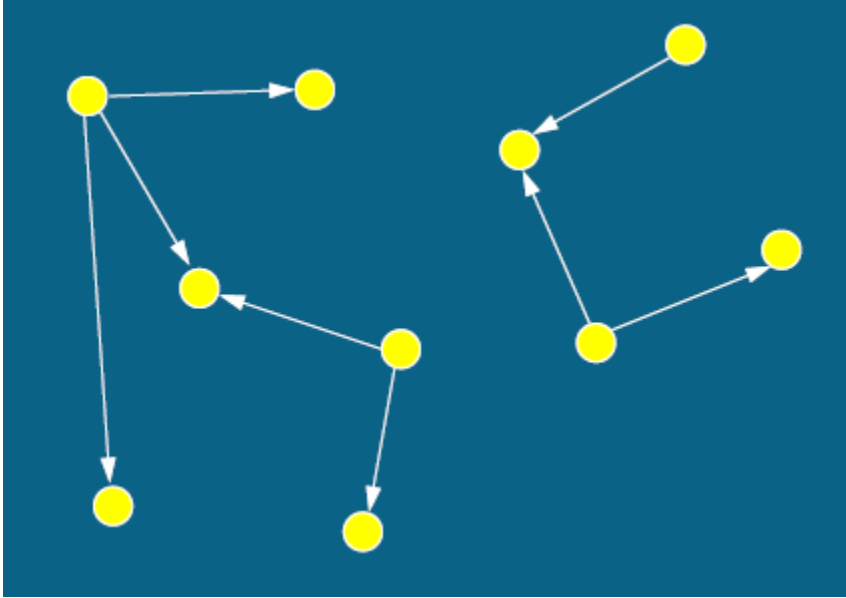


Bayes net

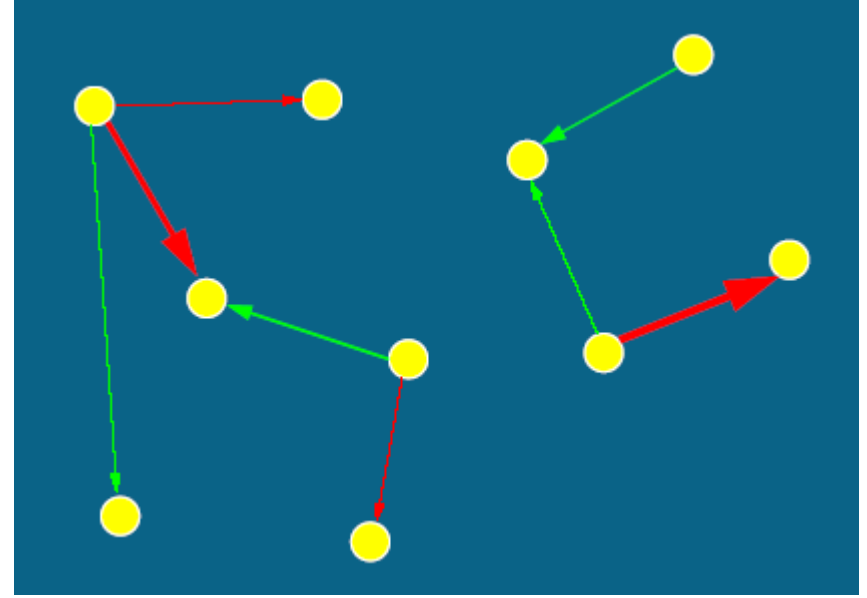


ODE model

Model \mathcal{M}



Parameters \mathbf{q}

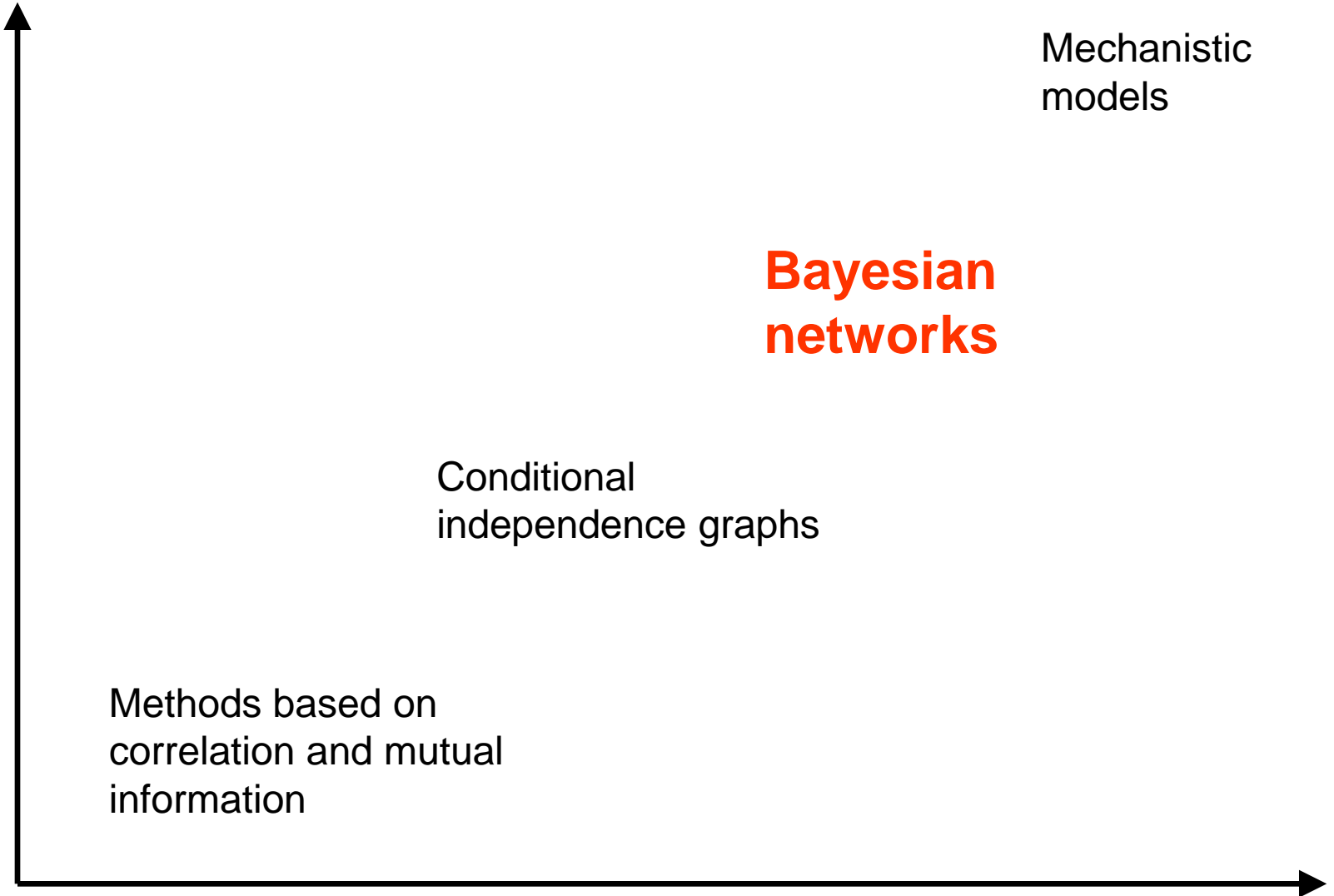


$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}) = \int P(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{q}, \mathcal{M})P(\mathbf{q}|\mathcal{M})d\mathbf{q}$$

Under certain regularity conditions:

Integral analytically tractable!

Accuracy



Mechanistic
models

**Bayesian
networks**

Conditional
independence graphs

Methods based on
correlation and mutual
information

Computational complexity