

Belief Propagation in Genotype-Phenotype Networks

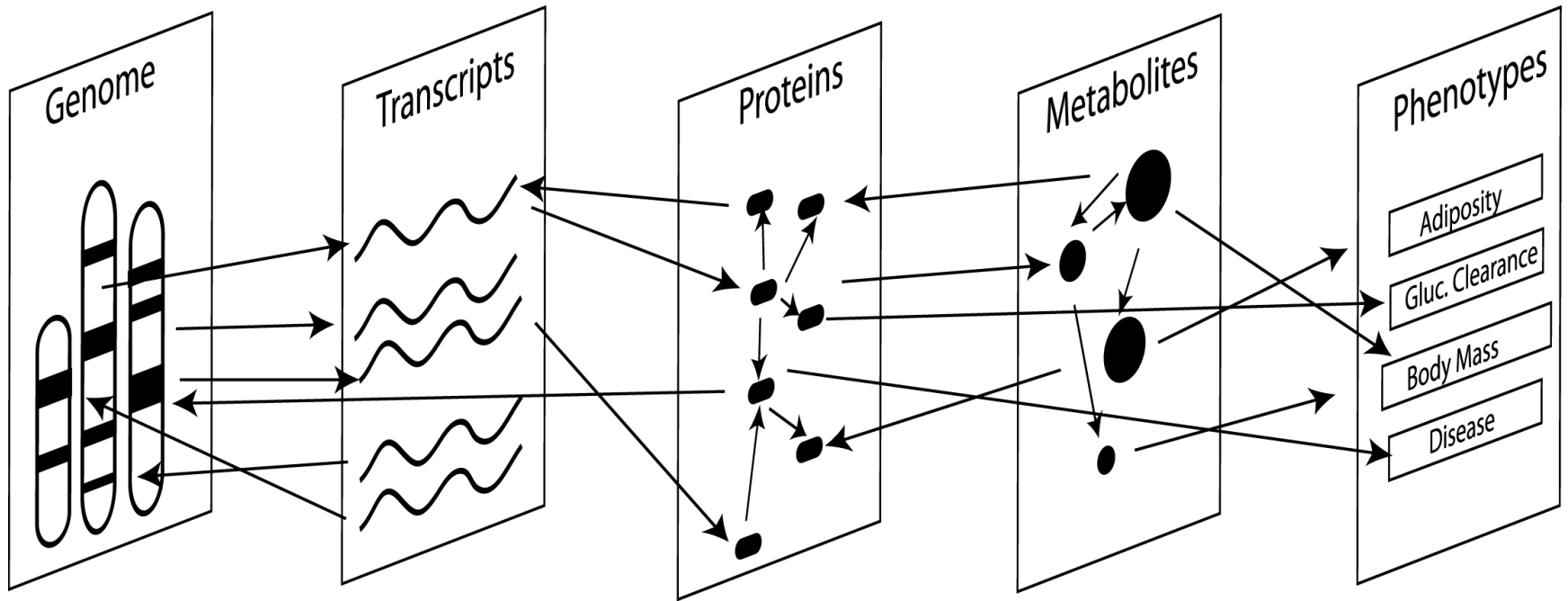
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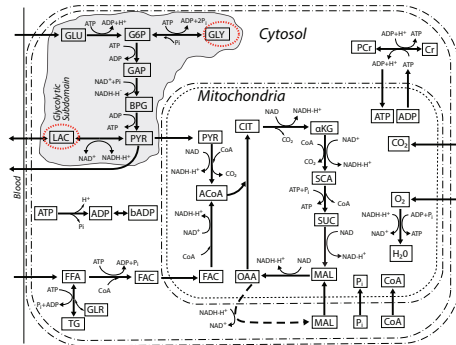


“If you want truly to understand something, try to change it”
-Kurt Lewin 1947 (Social psychology pioneer)

Outline

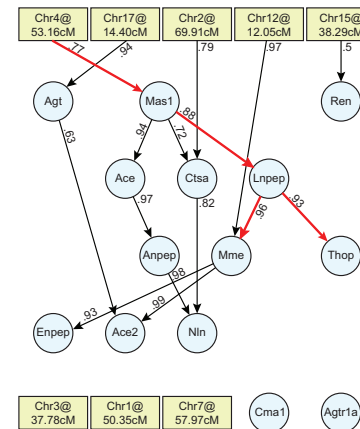
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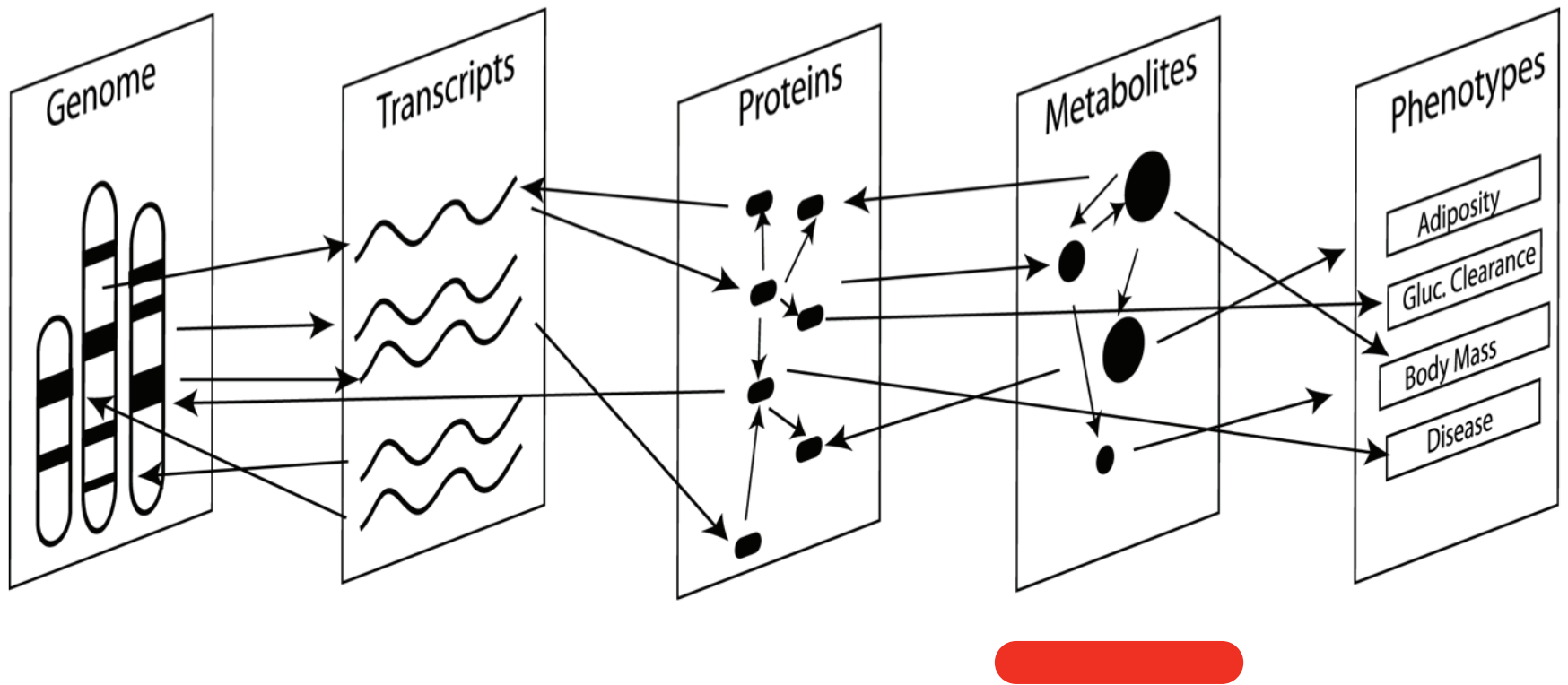
- Preliminaries: data, QTL
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- The modeling
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I. Deterministic Metabolic Models



Modeling Metabolic Systems

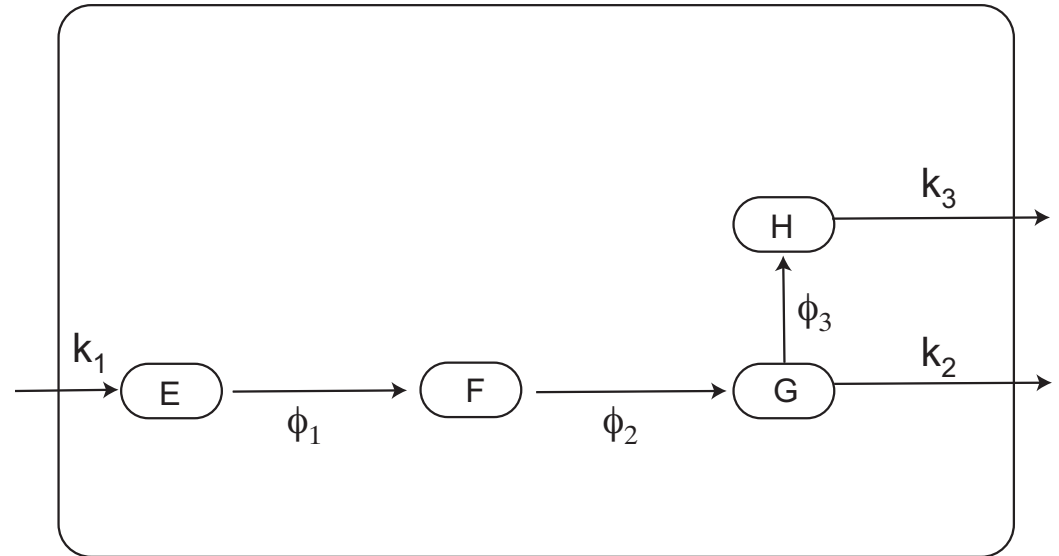
$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \text{Production} - \text{Utilization}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = k_1 - \phi_1$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = \phi_2 - \phi_3 - k_2$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \phi_3 - k_3$$



Parameter Estimation

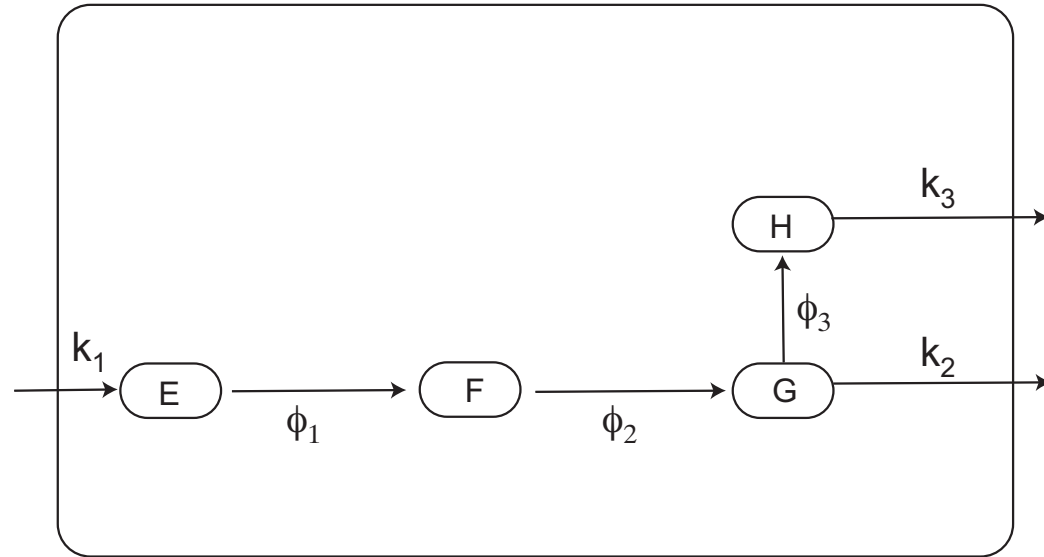
$$\phi_1 : A \rightarrow B, \quad \phi_1 = V_{\max,1} \frac{C_A}{K_1 + C_A}$$

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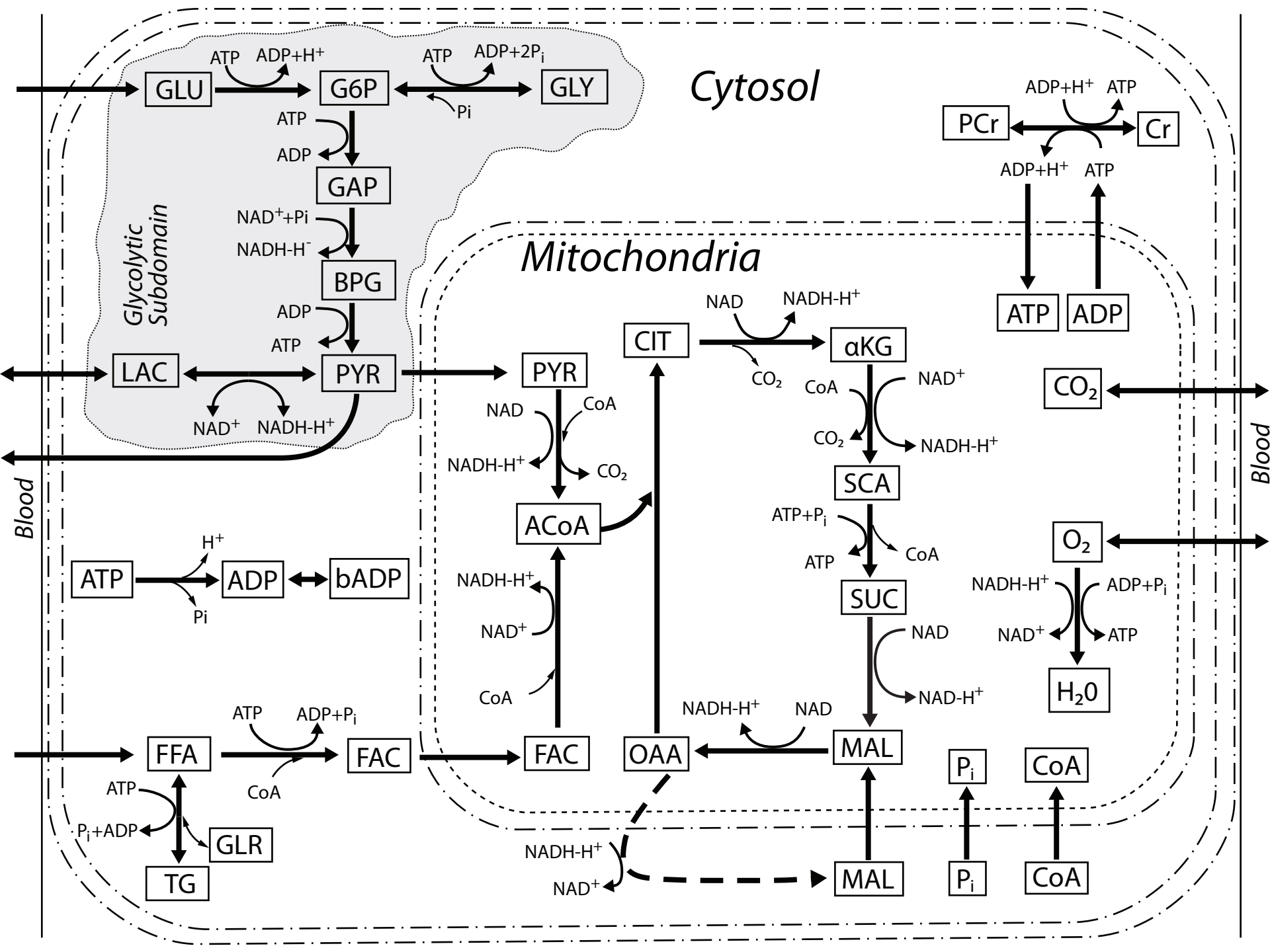
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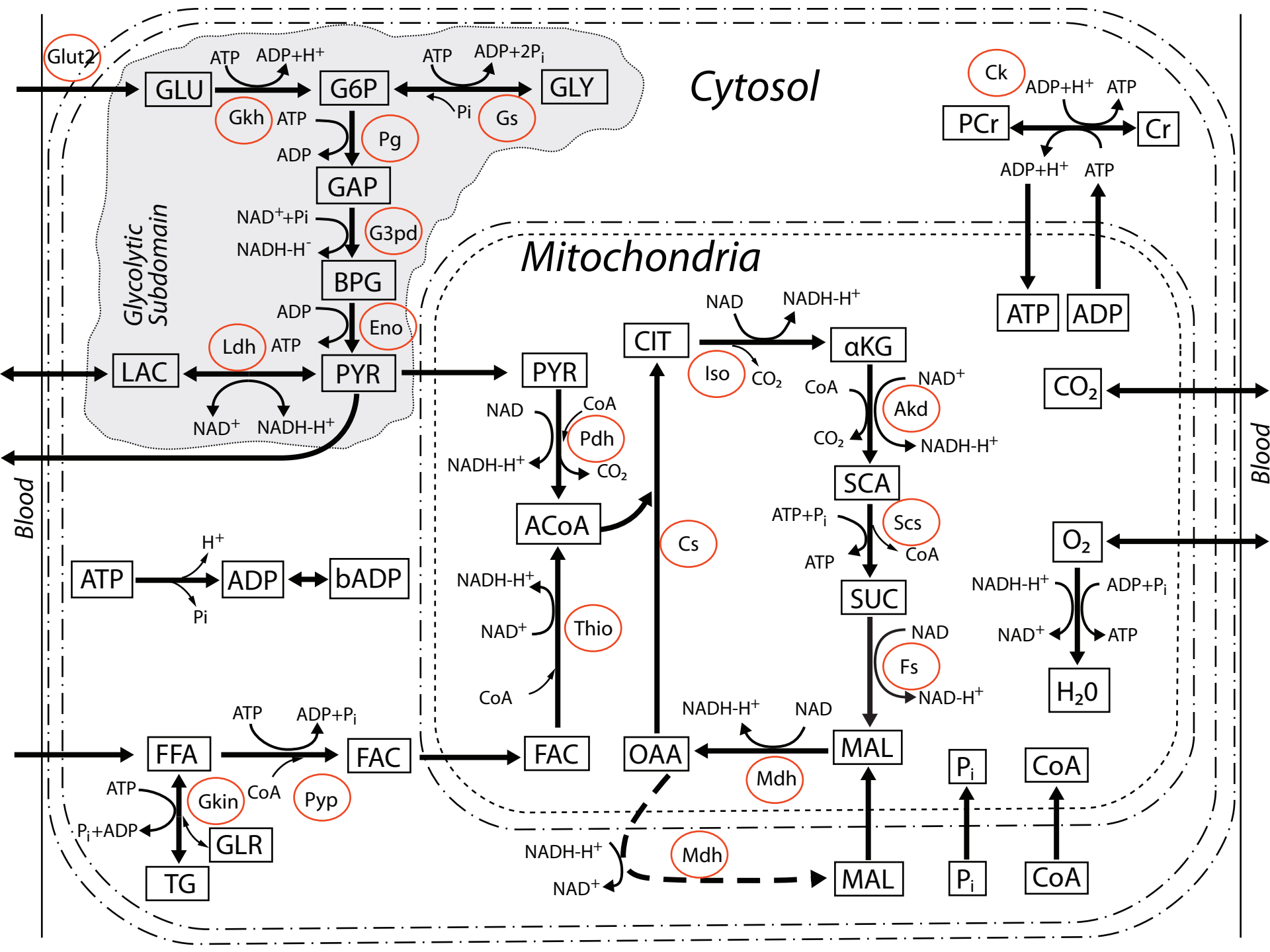
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Underdetermined Parameter Estimation Problem!

At steady state → Linear System





Glut2

Ck

Gkh

Pg

Gs

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Ldh

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Scs

Cs

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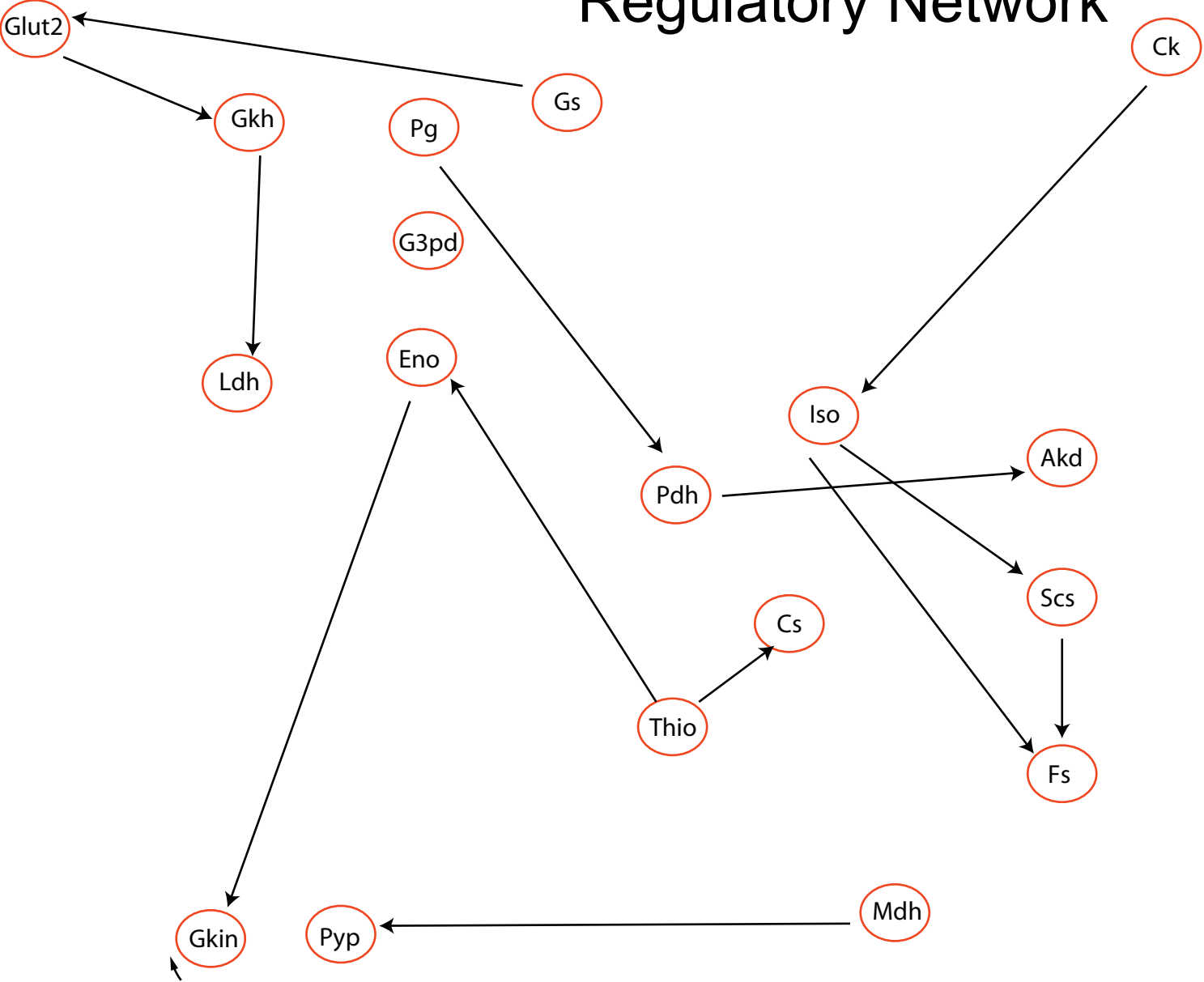
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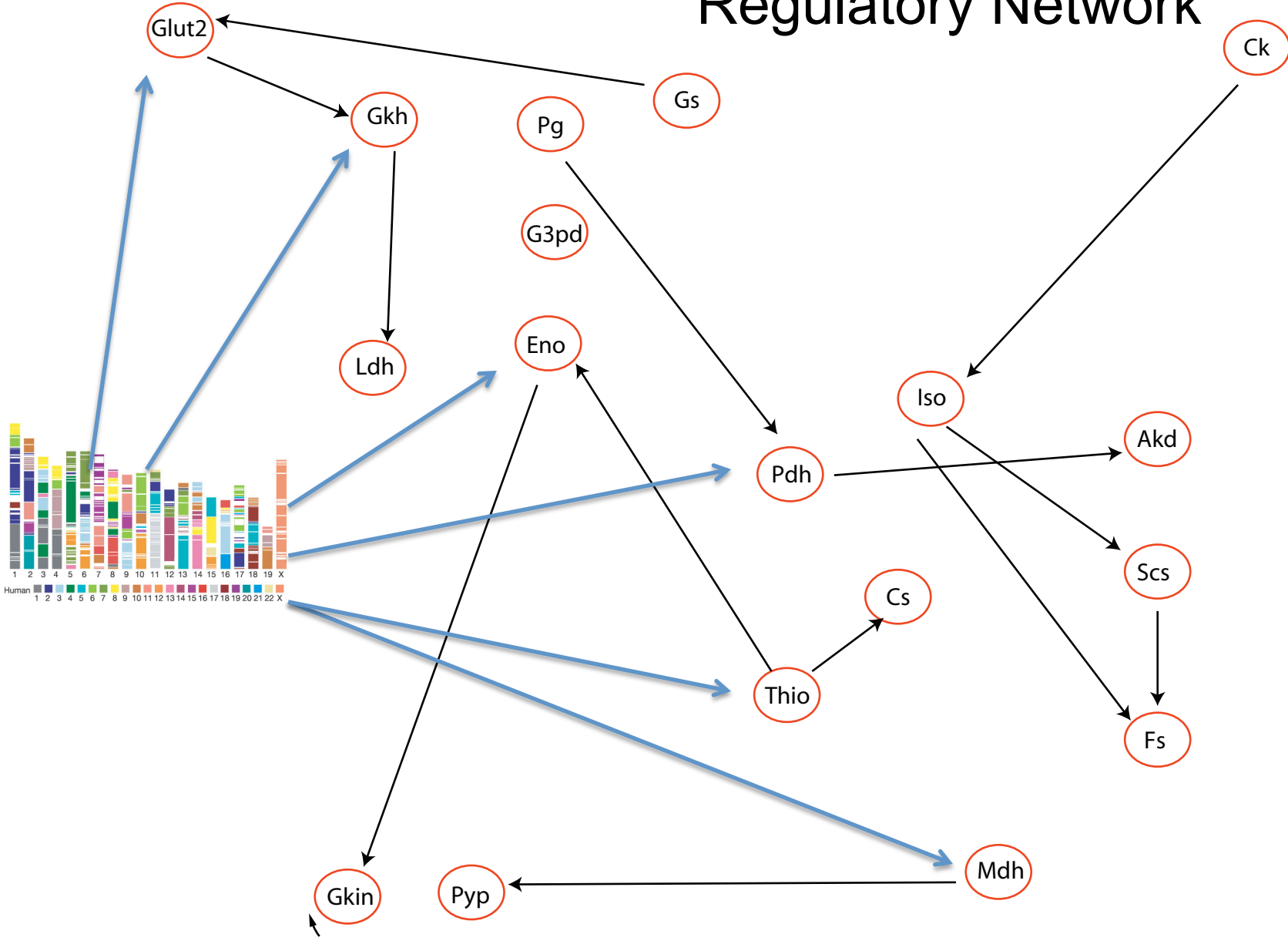
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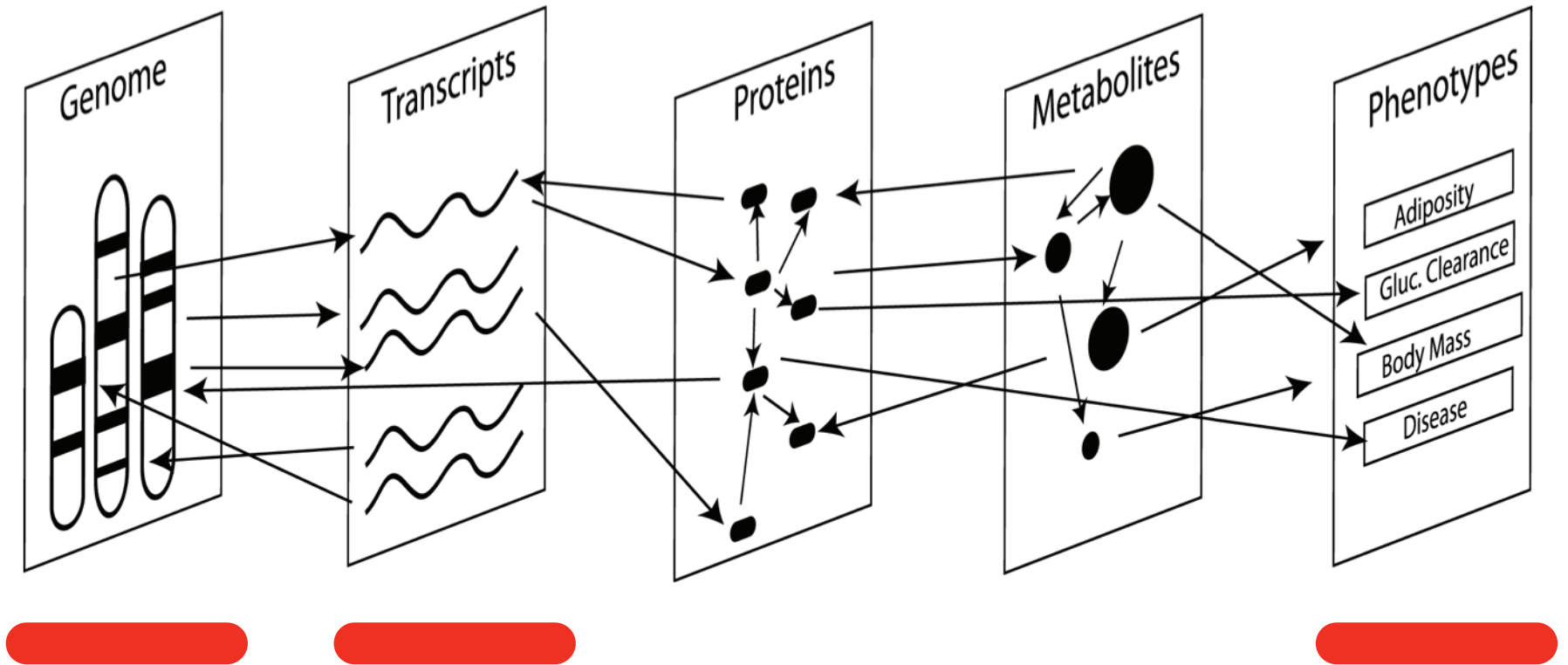
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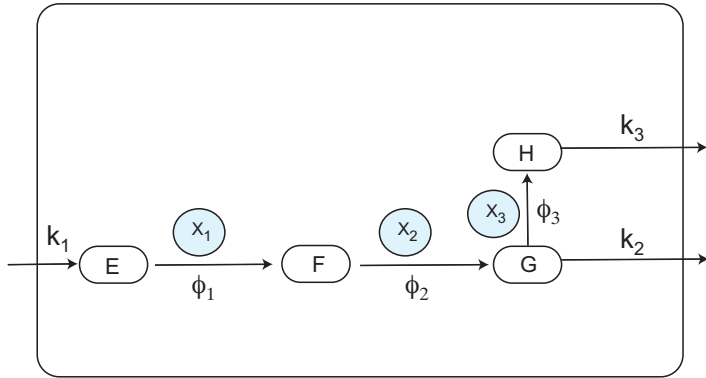


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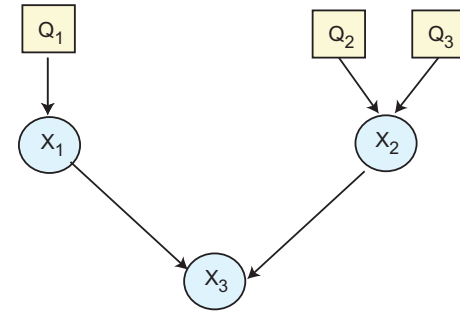



Merging Model Systems

Metabolic Model




Causal Graphical Model



 - Genotypes at QTL

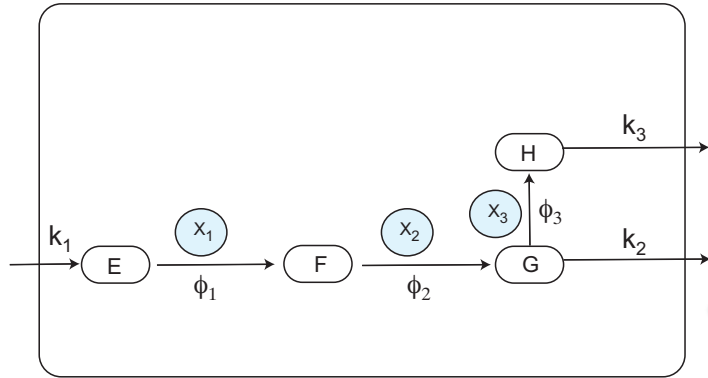
 - Genes

 - Metabolite

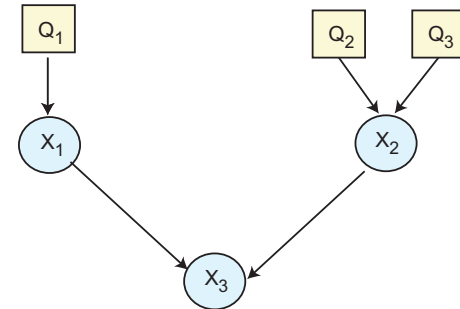
ϕ - Flux

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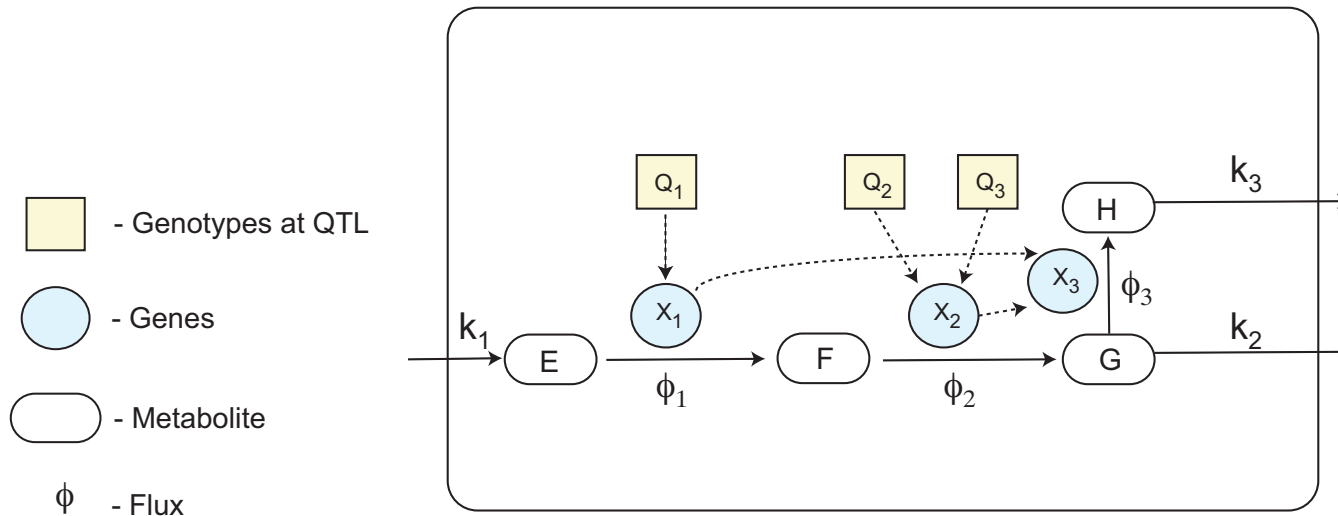
Metabolic Model



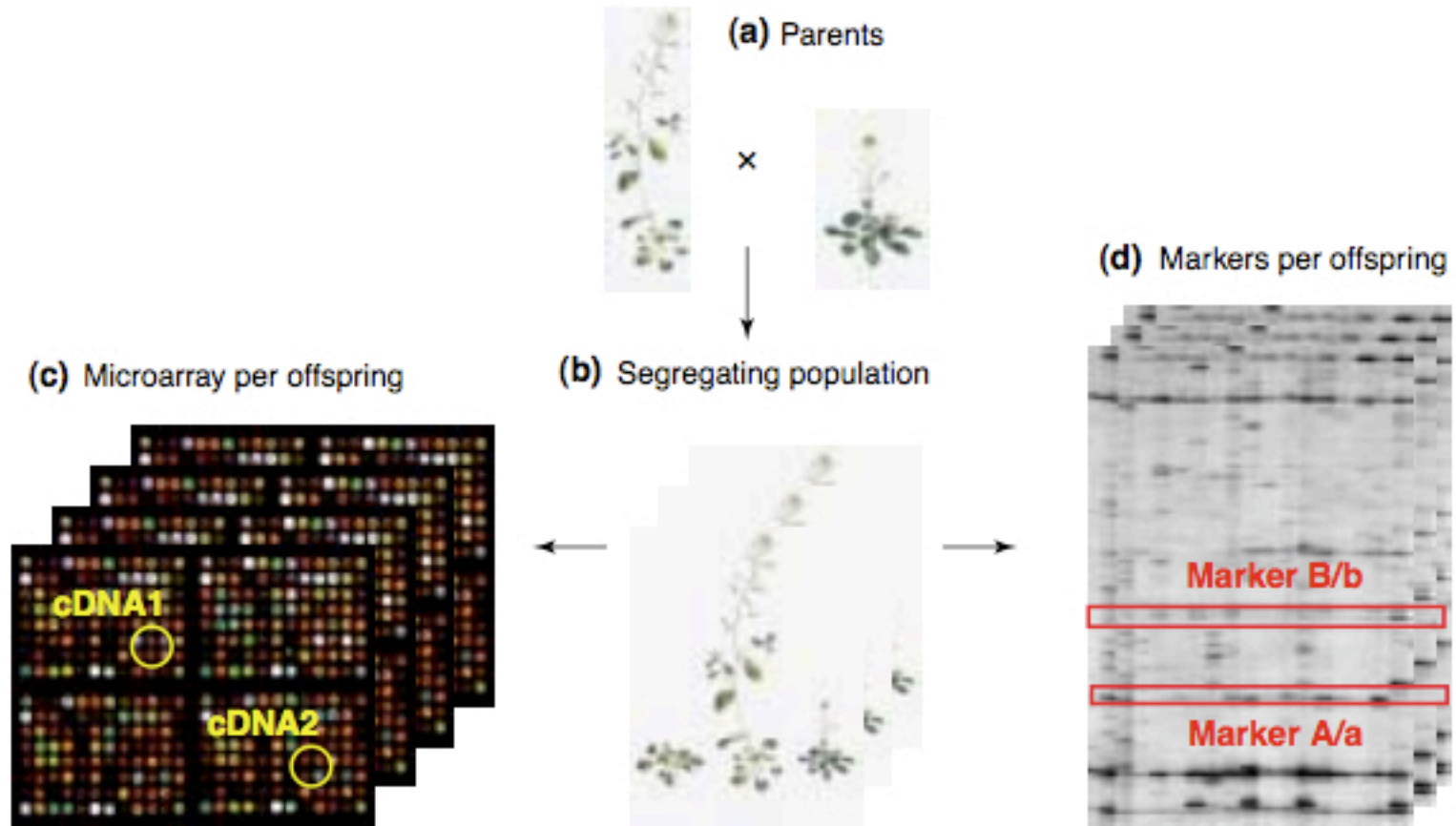
Causal Graphical Model



Metabolic Model with Causal Genetic Connections



Genetical Genomics



TRENDS in Genetics

Preliminaries

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Gene Expression (~40,000 transcript) and other clinical measurements.

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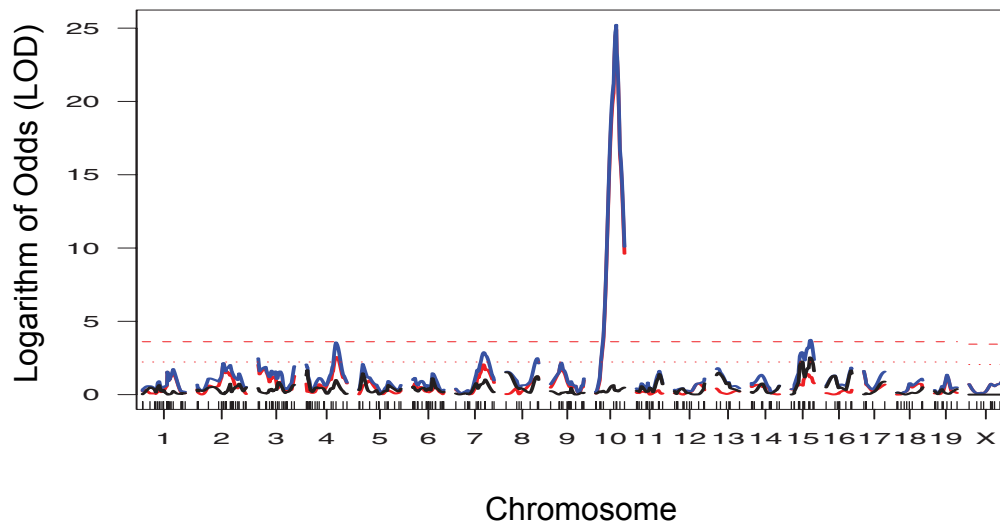
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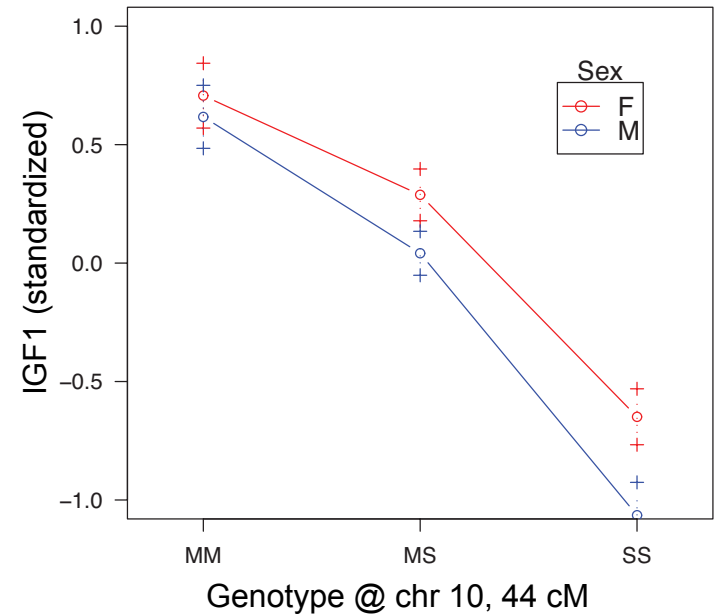
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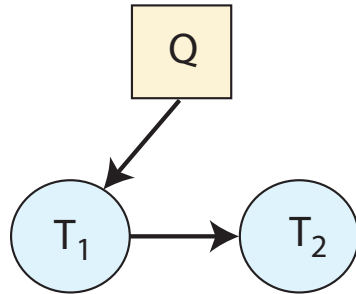


Effect Plot



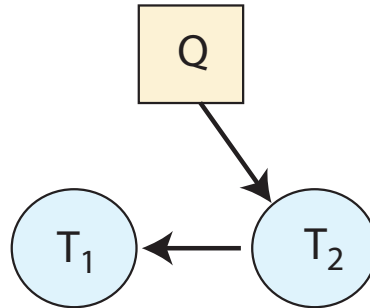
Local Approaches

Causal



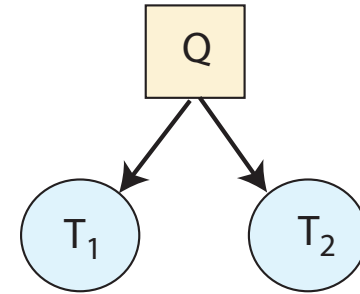
$$P(T_2 | T_1, Q) = P(T_2 | T_1)$$

Reactive



$$P(T_1 | T_2, Q) = P(T_1 | T_2)$$

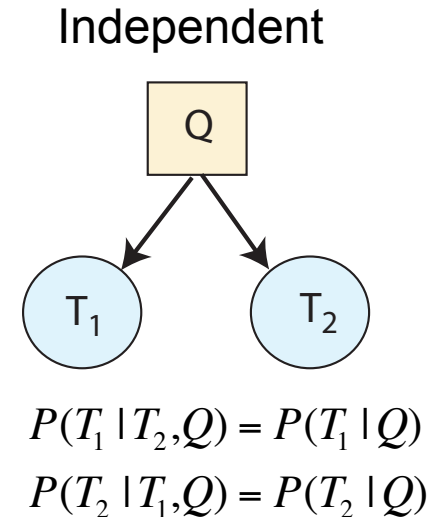
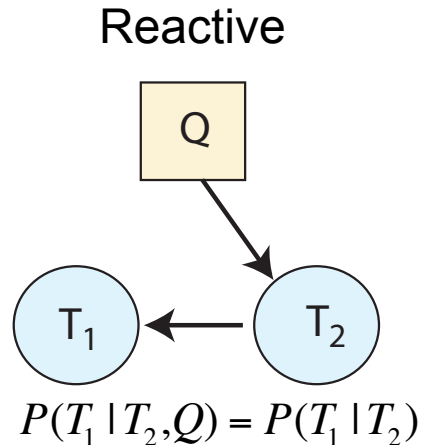
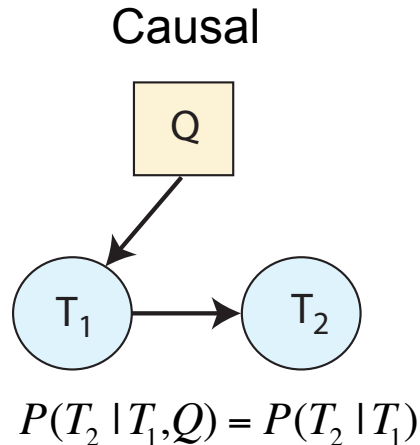
Independent



$$P(T_1 | T_2, Q) = P(T_1 | Q)$$

$$P(T_2 | T_1, Q) = P(T_2 | Q)$$

Local Approaches



Limitations (the trouble with triplets):

- Identifies primary and secondary regulators – misses hierarchy of interactions.
- Local models pinned together = ‘hairball of traits’ -> over-fitting.

Local Approaches

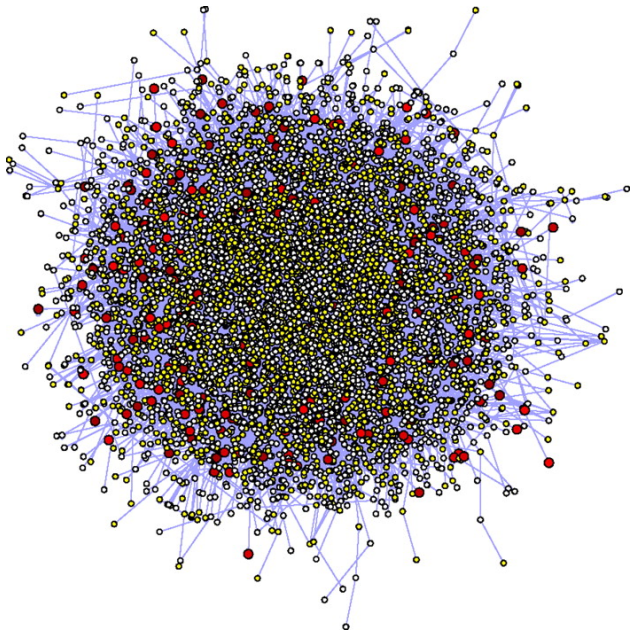


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Global Approaches

Rooted (loosely) in Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGMs):

- Homogeneous Conditional Gaussian Models
- Bayesian Networks
- Estimation of UDG, then directed.

Additional features (via priors):

- Penalty on graph density.
- Restrictions on the number of parent nodes (fan-in).

Structural learning: greedy or MCMC-based.

Bayesian Networks

The Data: phenotypes (X) and genotypes (Q):

$$D = \left\{ \underbrace{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}_{\text{phenotypes}}, \dots, \underbrace{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_m}_{\text{genotypes}} \right\}.$$

The Assumption: The graph (G) is a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG).

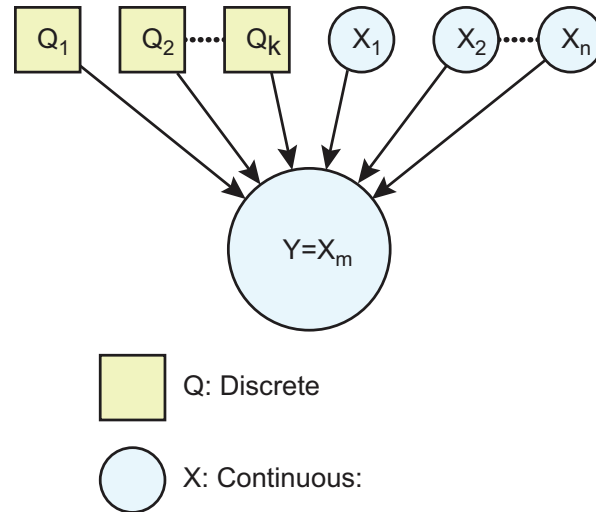
$$P(D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{n+m}) = \prod_{i=1}^k P(D_i | \pi_G(D_i))$$

The Posterior Probability:

$$P(G | D) \propto \prod_{i=1}^k \underbrace{P(D | G)}_{\text{likelihood}} \underbrace{P(G)}_{\text{structural prior}},$$

$$\text{where } P(D | G) \propto \int P(D | \theta, G) P(\theta | G) d\theta.$$

Local Families



The model:

A continuous child $y = X_m$ with parents $\pi_G(y) = \{Q_1, \dots, Q_k, X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ is modeled as:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Q_{A,i} + \beta_2 Q_{B,i} + \beta_3 Q_{H,i} + \dots + \beta_{s-2} Q_{A,k} + \beta_{s-1} Q_{B,k} + \beta_s Q_{H,k} + \beta_{s+1} X_1 + \dots + \beta_t X_n + \varepsilon,$$

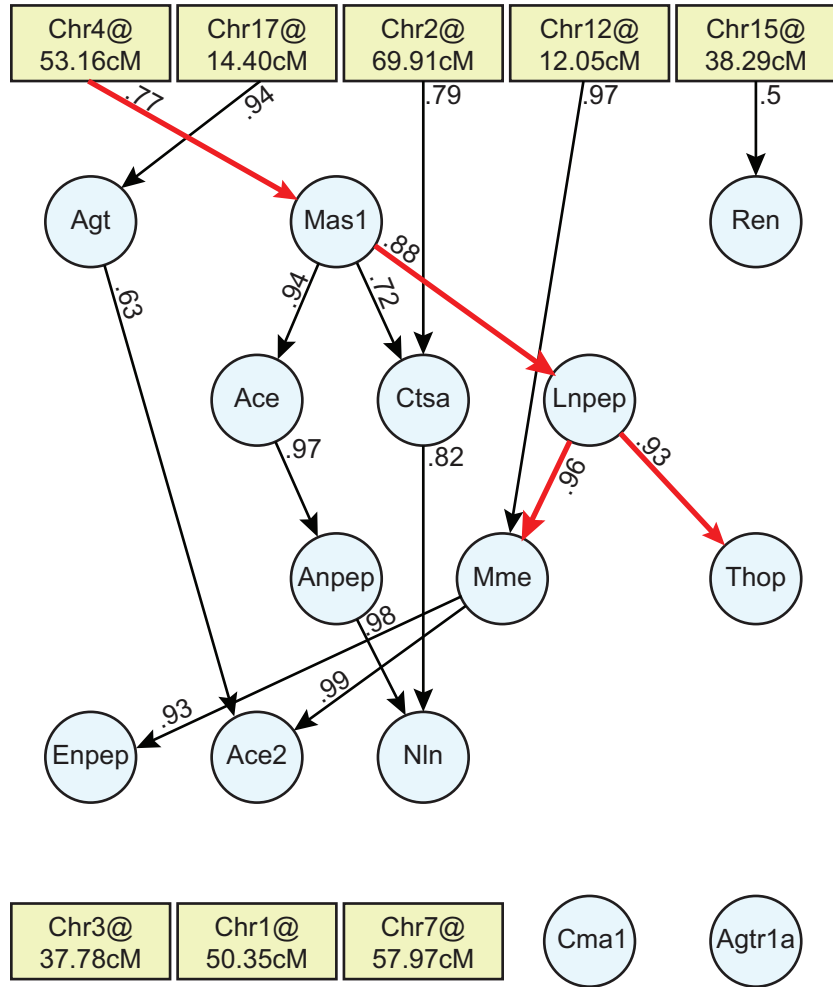
where $\beta_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$.

Assumption:

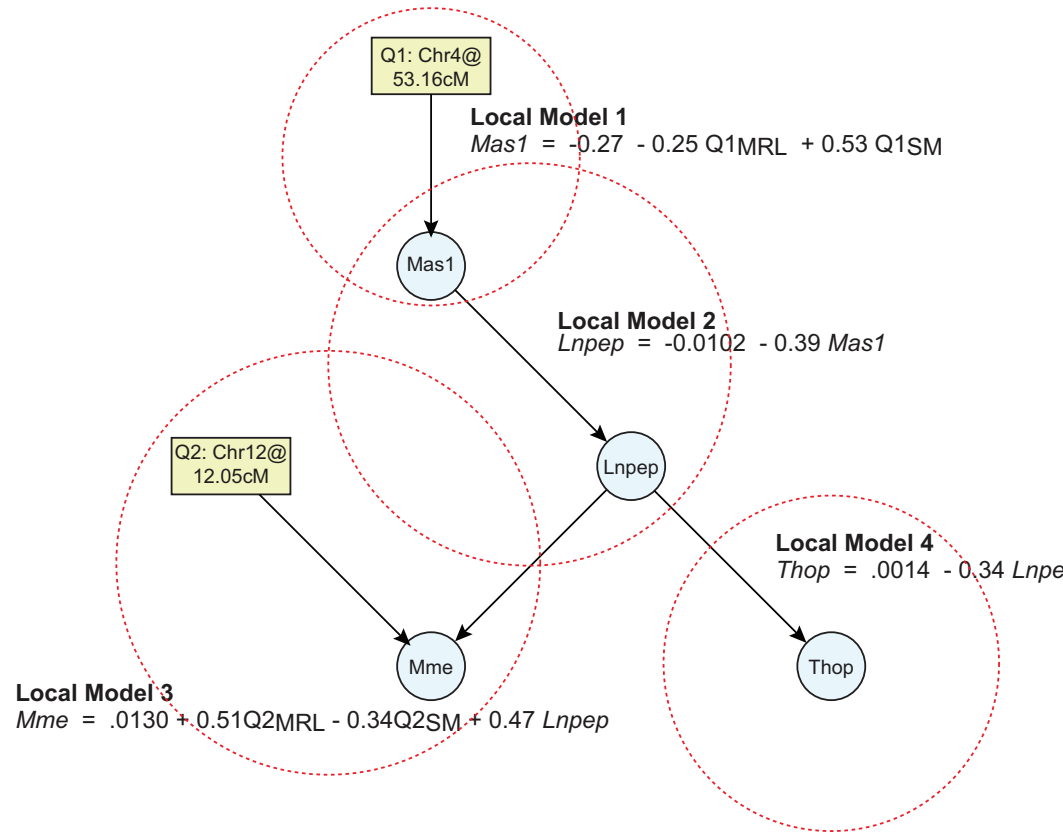
Each child can have at most k parents.

Sample Output

Marginal Summary

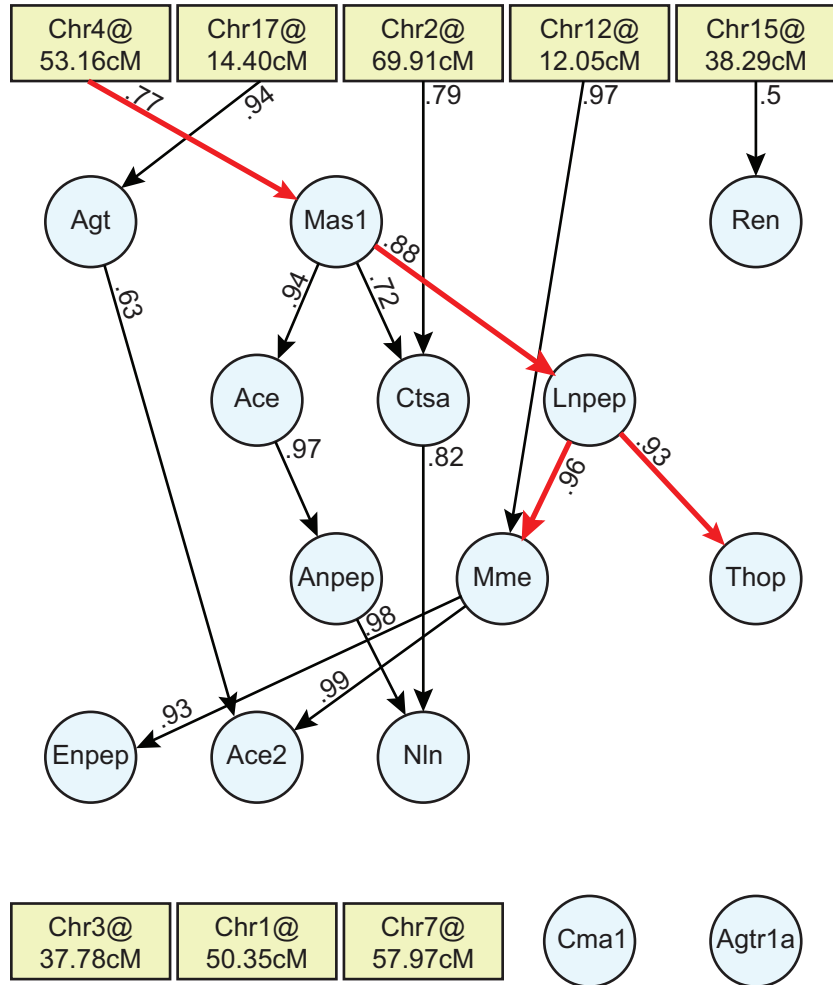


Local Models

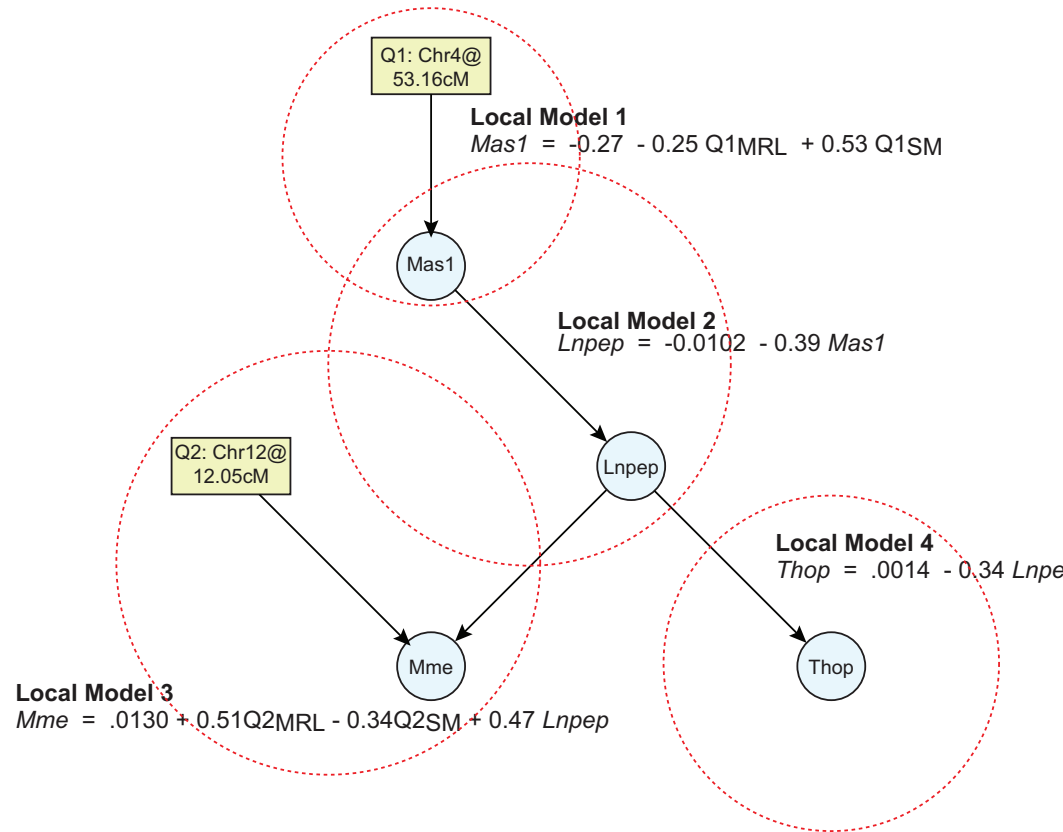


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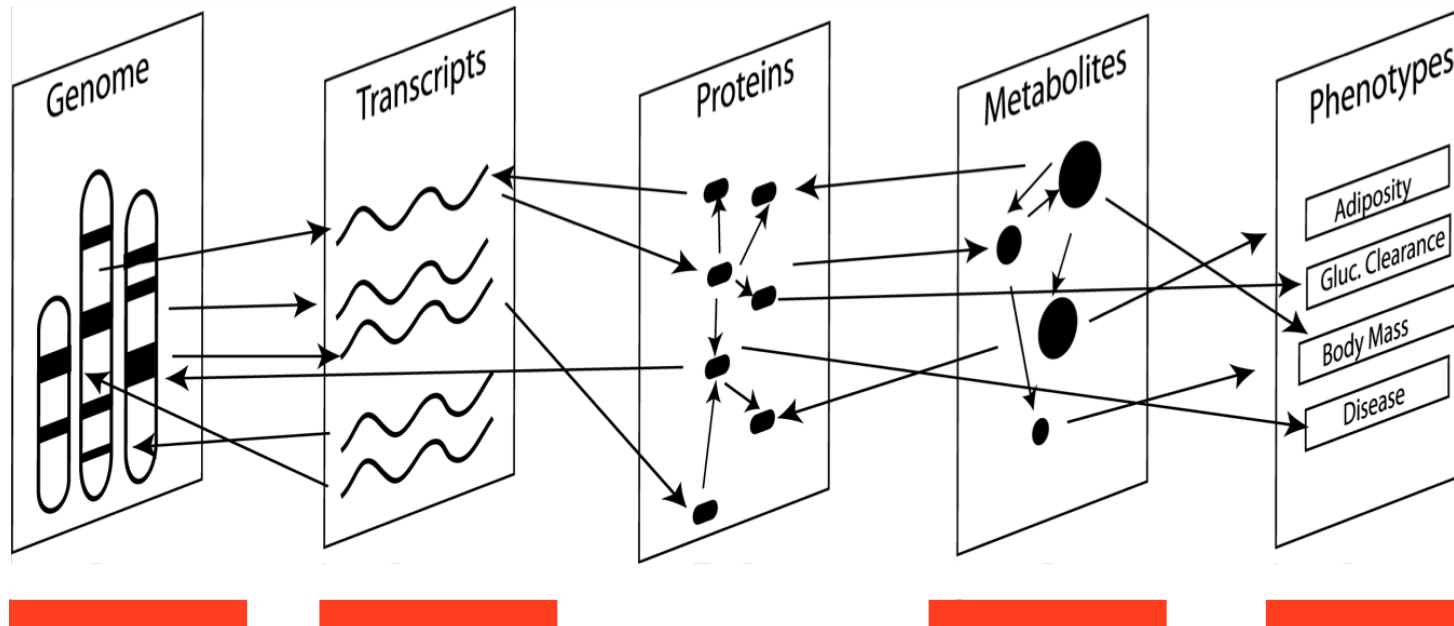


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Belief Propagation: Motivation

Question: Suppose we have “new information” about the system (e.g., a knock-out of a gene, a genotype of an individual, or a phenotype value). Can we understand the system-wide response to this “new information”?

Changing our way of thinking:

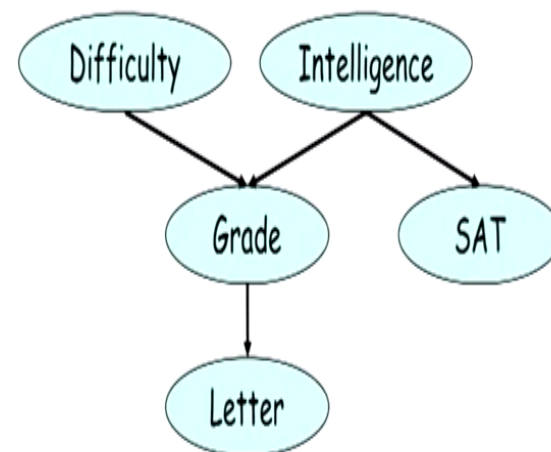
Before: knock out gene A -> everything downstream is effected (unclear how exactly).

Now: : knock out gene A -> all nodes that are d-connected to A will be effected (Causal reasoning, Evidential Reasoning, Inter-causal reasoning).

Belief Propagation: Background

When can X influence Y?

- $X \rightarrow Y$ - yes, straight downward path
- $X \leftarrow Y$ - yes, evidential reasoning
- $X \rightarrow W \rightarrow Y$ - yes
- $X \leftarrow W \leftarrow Y$ - yes
- $X \leftarrow W \rightarrow Y$ - yes
- $X \rightarrow W \leftarrow Y$ - no V-structure/collider model



Belief Propagation: Background

A trail $X_1 - X_2 - \dots - X_k$ is **active** if it has no v-structures:

$$X_{i-1} \rightarrow X_i \leftarrow X_{i+1}.$$

General edge type up/down

A block in the trail

Therefore, information can flow freely through the network, in the “active” sense, unless a v-structure arises.

**Lets think about additional evidence*

Belief Propagation: Background

When can X influence Y given evidence about Z?:

- $X \rightarrow Y$
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Case 1:

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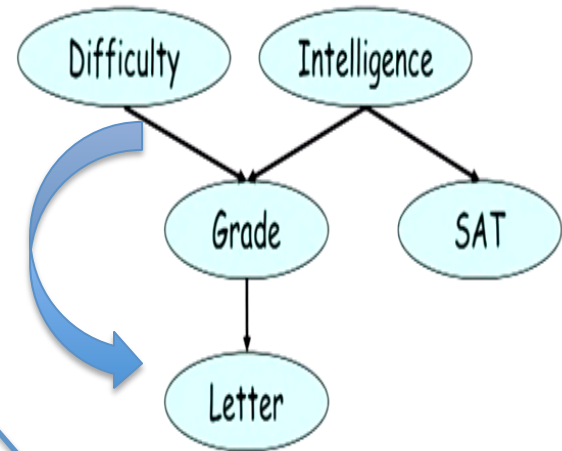
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Case 2:

$W \in Z$



Influence can't flow through grade
If grade is observed!



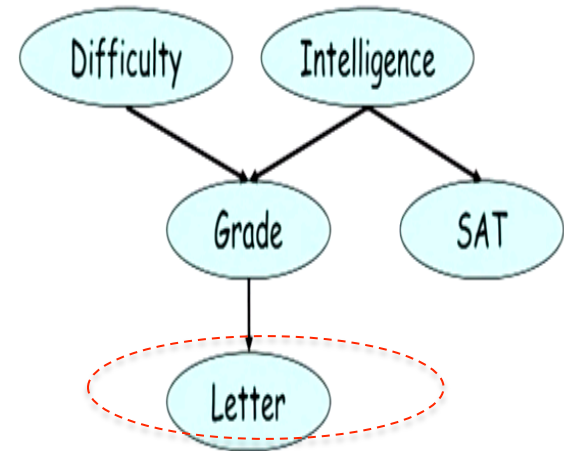
If you know grade, this is a case of Inter causal reasoning.

If I tell you the student is intelligent
The SAT will have no influence on Grade.

Belief Propagation: Background

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$X \leftarrow Y$		
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If you know don't observe grade directly, but you observe letter?

- ⊘ if W and all of its descendants are not observed.
- ☺ if W or one of its descendants is observed.

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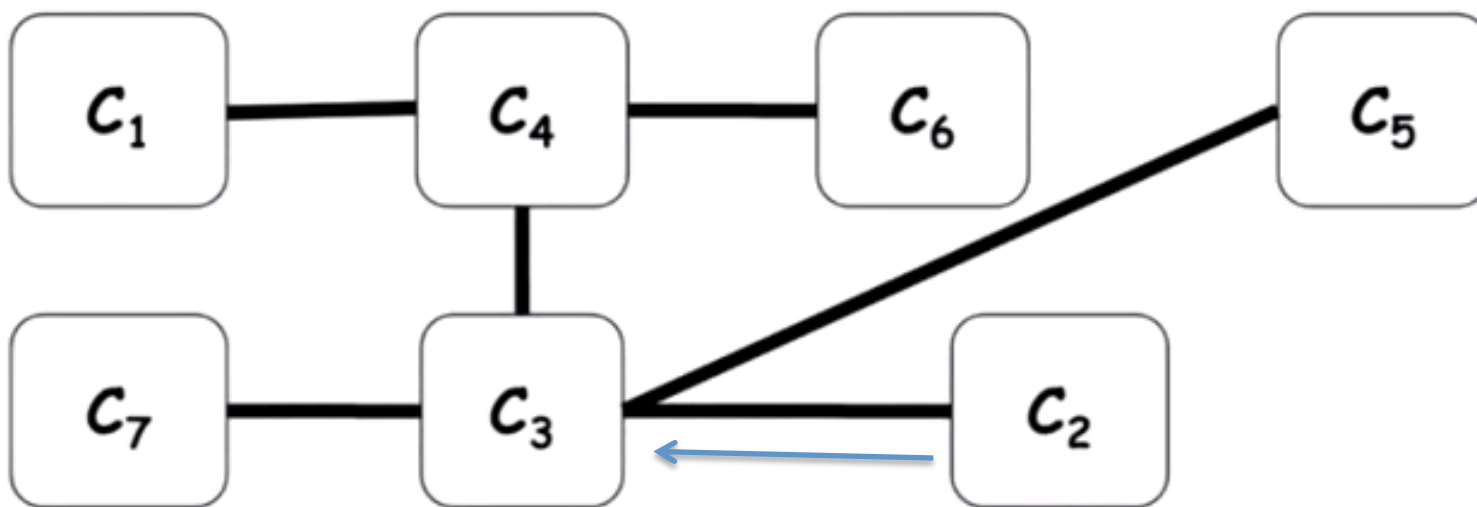
Definition: X and Y are d-separated in G given Z if there is no active trail in G between X and Y given Z

Notation:

$$\text{d-sep}_G(X, Y \mid Z)$$

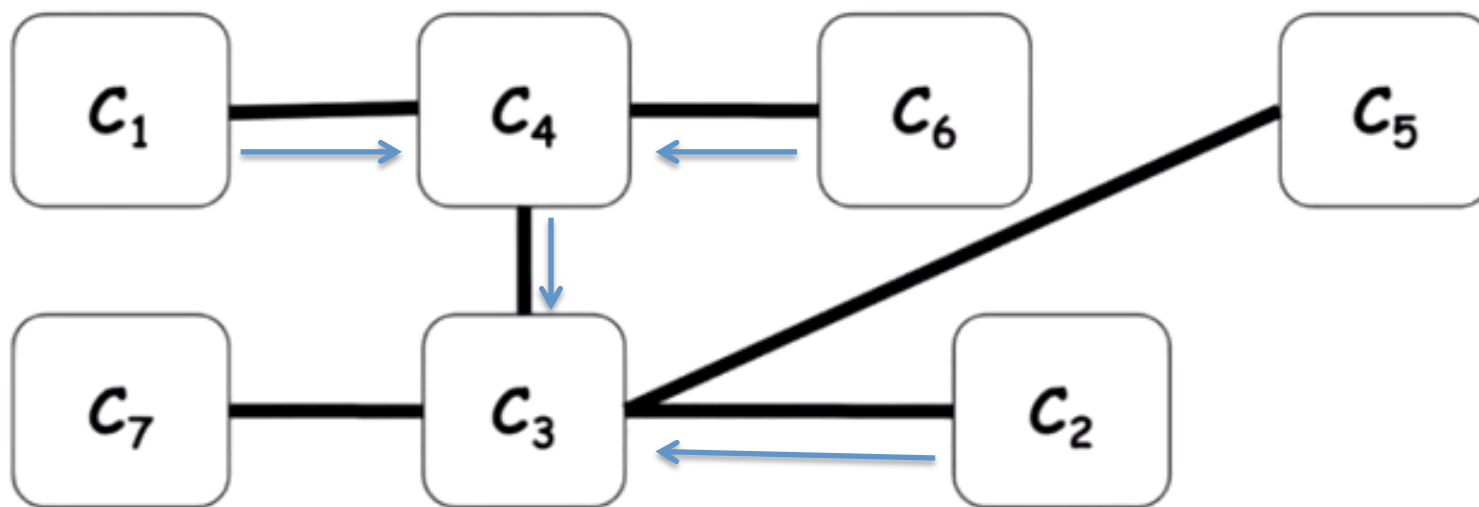
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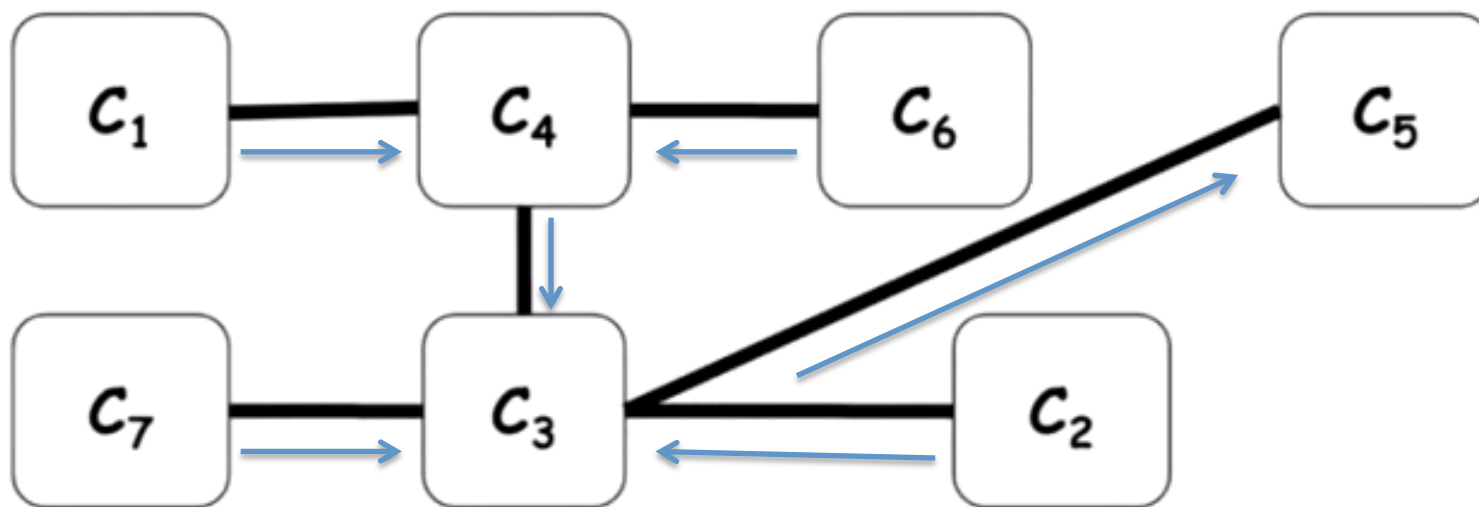
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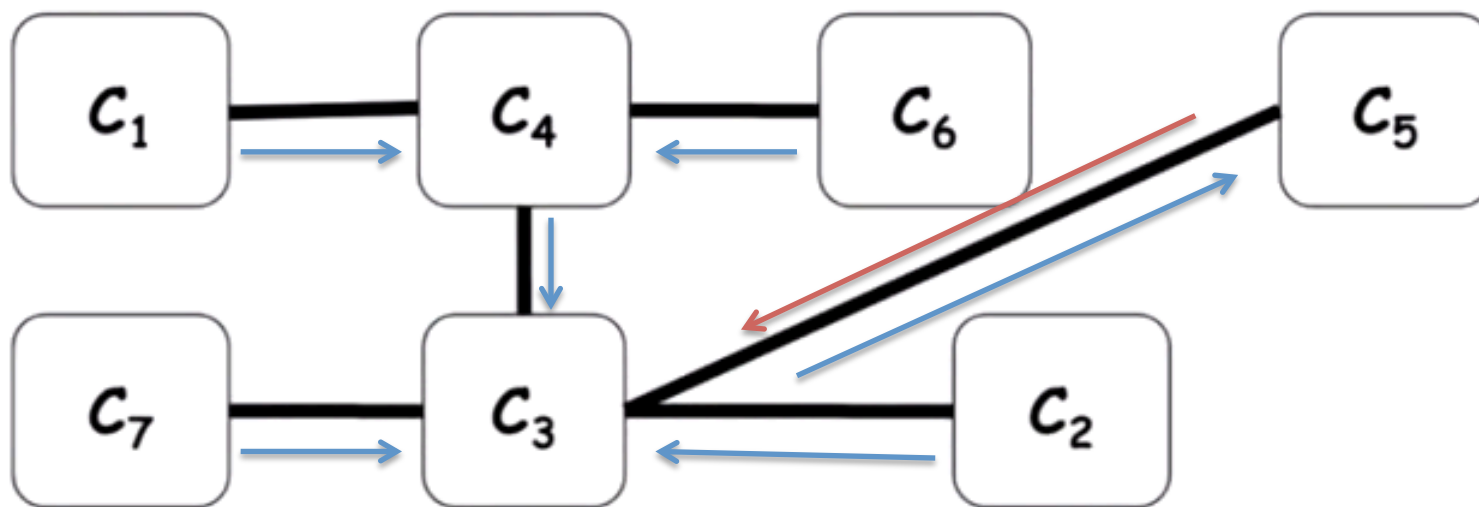
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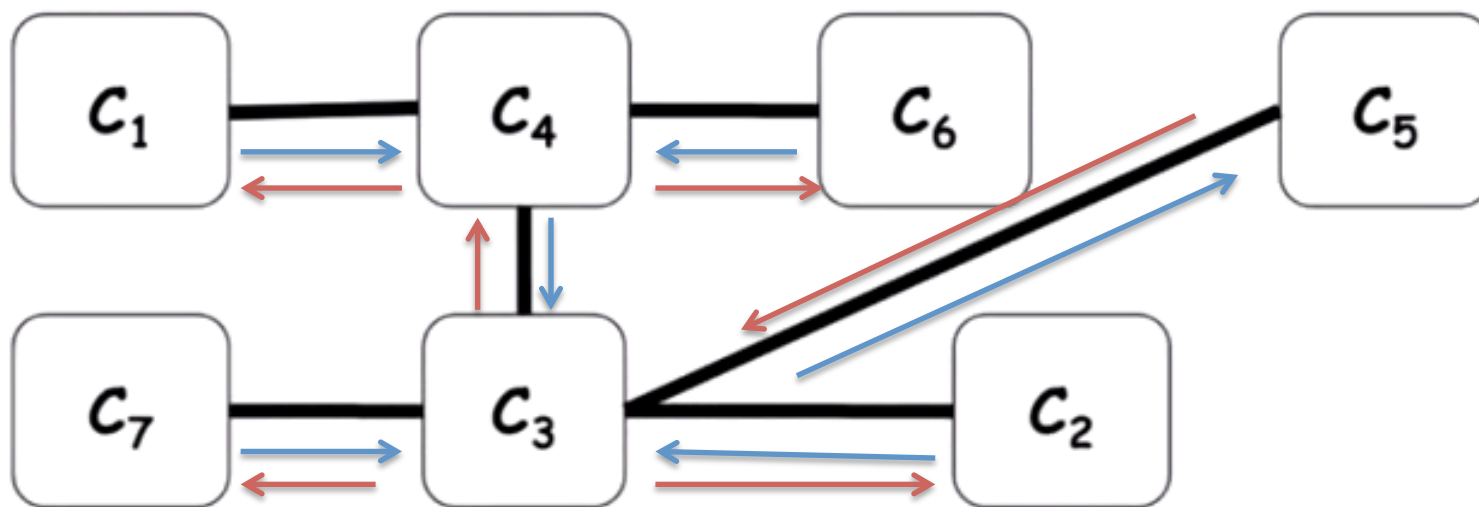
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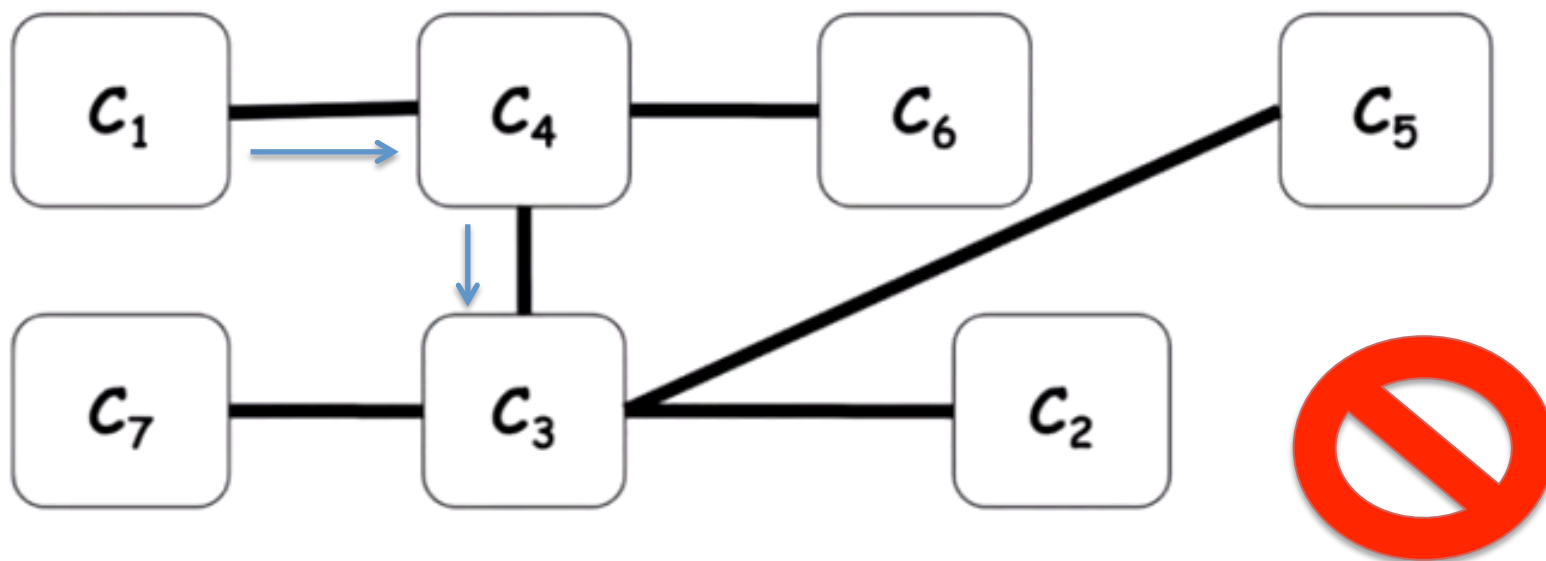


→ Everyone has received a message!

→ Everyone has passed a message!

Belief Propagation: Background

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Illegal! C_4 has to wait to gather
All of its information before talking.

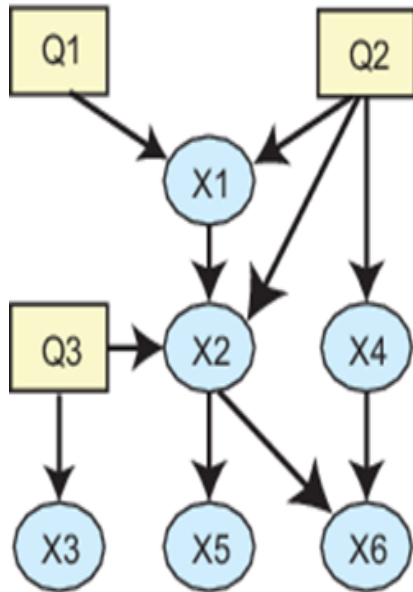
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Introducing new evidence $Z=z$, and querying X .

- **Case 1**: If X appears in clique with Z .
Multiply clique that contains X and Z with indicator function $1(Z=z)$. (Reduce evidence).
To get posterior, sum out irrelevant variables and renormalize.
- **Case 2**: If X does not appear in clique with Z .
Multiply clique that contains X and Z with indicator function $1(Z=z)$. (Reduce evidence).
Change the messages.... And pass on!

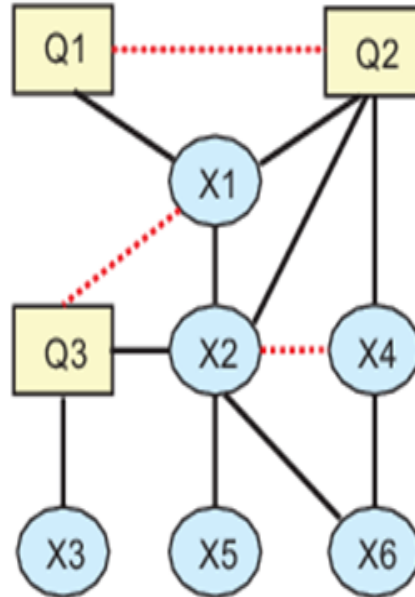
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A) Initial CG-BN (Input)



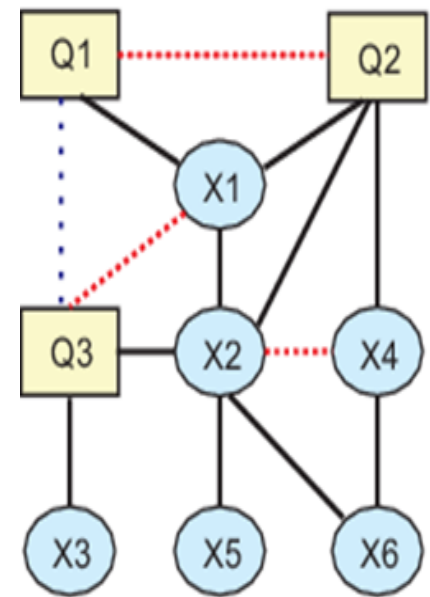
Start with a known network structure

B) Triangulated



Marry the parents and drop directionality

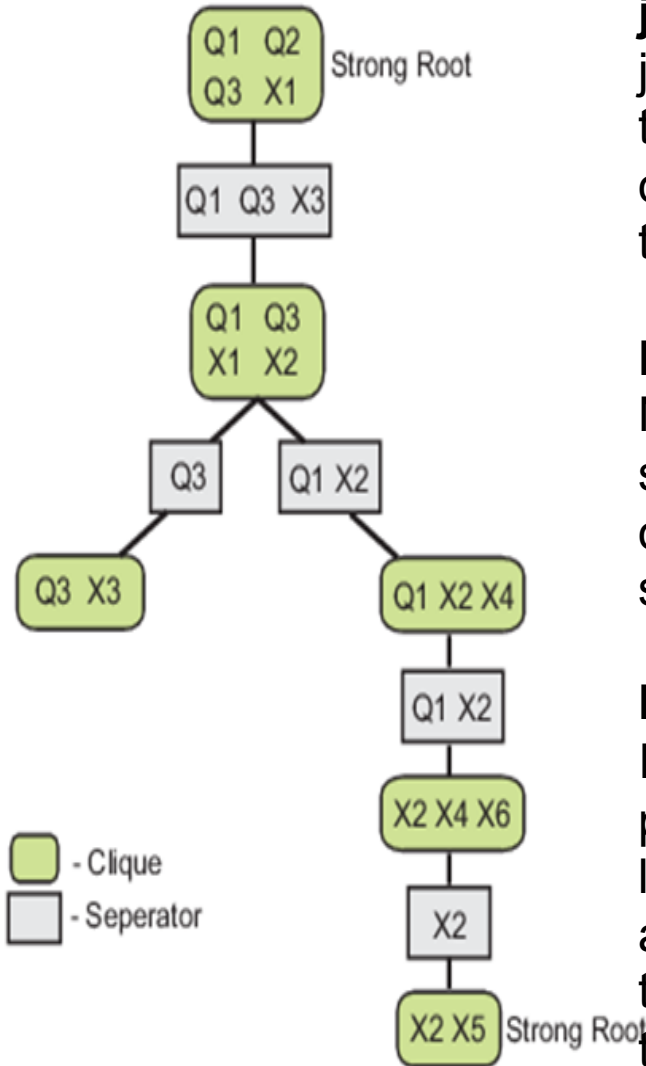
C) Strongly Decomposable



No two discrete nodes be connected by a path that passes only through continuous nodes

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D) Junction Tree with a Strong Root

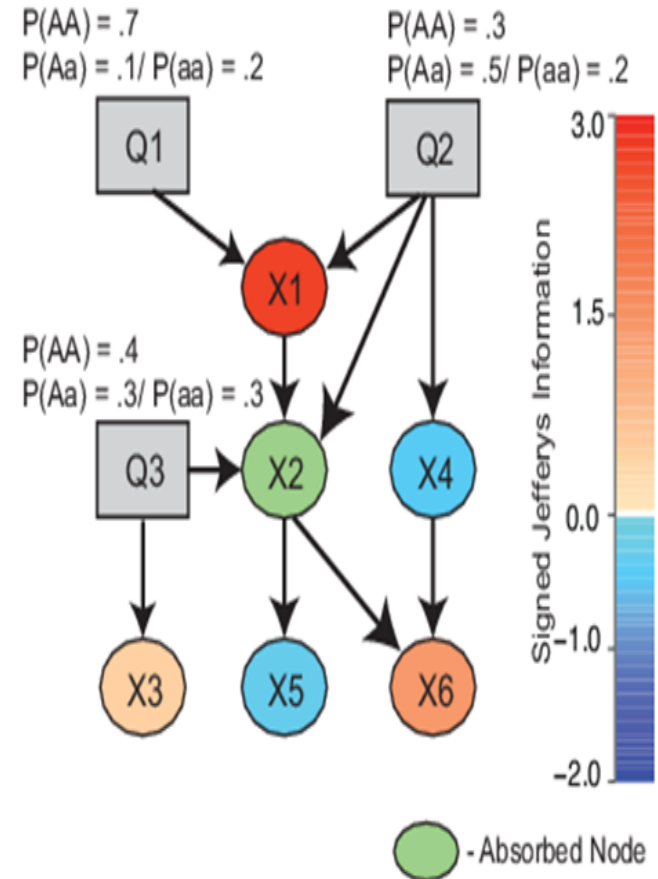


Initialization of the junction tree: The junction tree is initialized through the assignment of each node, X_i and Q_i , to a universe, V

Evidence Absorption: New evidence entered by setting phenotype $X_i = x_i^*$ or setting a genotype state $Q_i = g^*$

Message Passing: Information is rest propagated from the leaves to the strong root, and then distributed from the strong root back out to the leaves of the tree

E) Absorbed CG-BN (Output)



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- Predicting the how the network changes under new lines of evidence(s).
- **Initial State:** network with no absorbed evidence.
Absorbed State: network after absorbed evidence is propagated.

Distance between initial and absorbed states: measured via signed Jeffery's Information (symmetric version of Kullbeck Lieber distance):

Jeffrey's information, which is computed for all continuous unabsorbed nodes in the network, is given as:

$$J(X_i^0, X_i^{\text{abs}}) = I^{\text{KL}}(X_i^0, X_i^{\text{abs}}) + I^{\text{KL}}(X_i^{\text{abs}}, X_i^0)$$

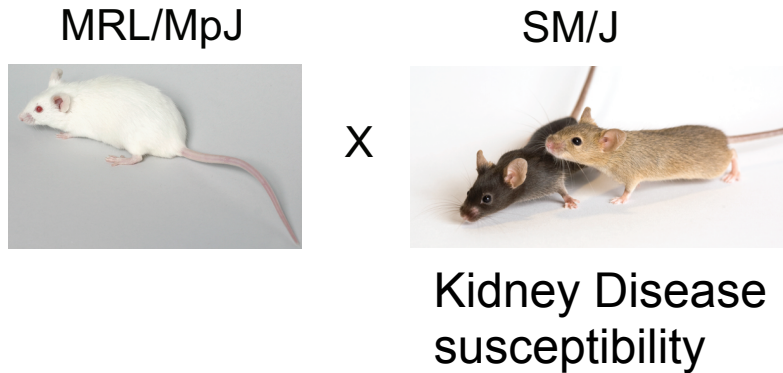
where

$$I^{\text{KL}}(X_i^0, X_i^{\text{abs}}) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{(\mu_0 - \mu_{\text{abs}})^2}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_{\text{abs}}^2} - \log \left(\frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_{\text{abs}}^2} \right) - 1 \right\}.$$

For ease of interpretation, the signed Jeffrey's information:

$$\text{sign}(\mu_0 - \mu_{\text{abs}}) \cdot J(X_i^0, X_i^{\text{abs}})$$

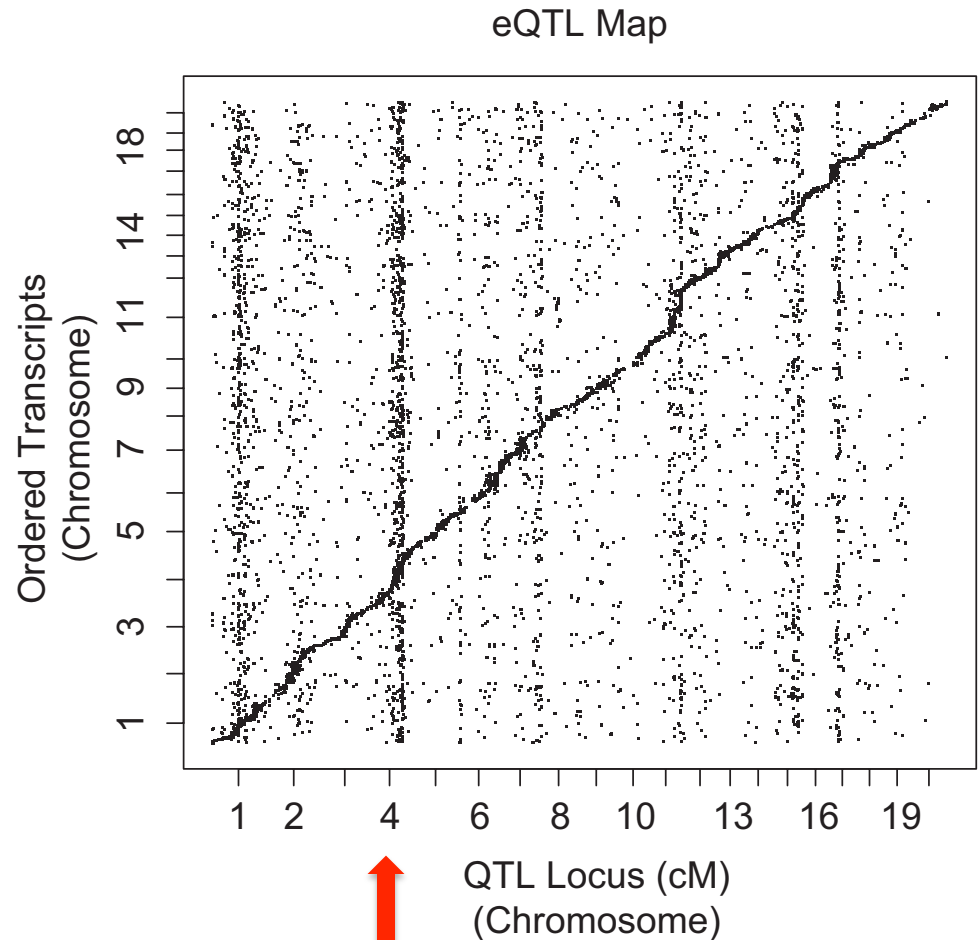
Application



173 Male Kidneys

Measurements:

- ~ 35,000 gene expression traits
- ~ 15 clinical traits
- ~ genotypes at 256 SNP markers

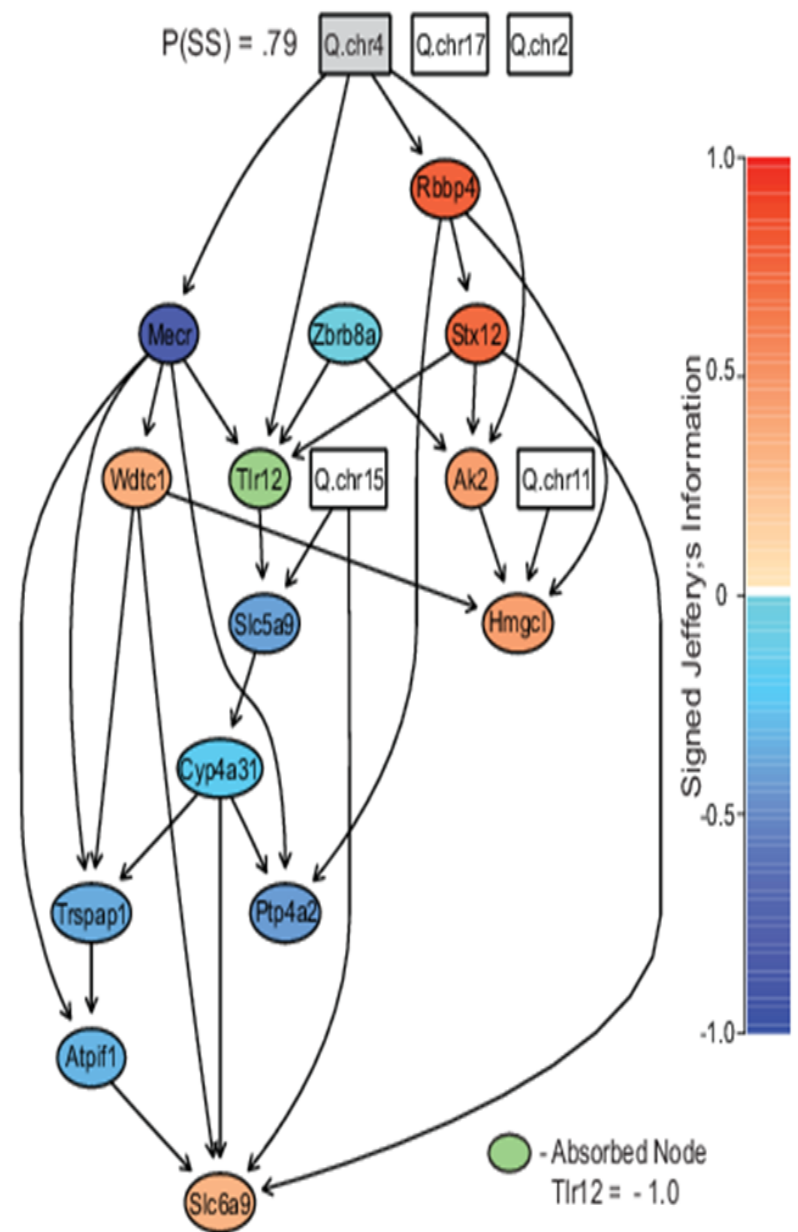
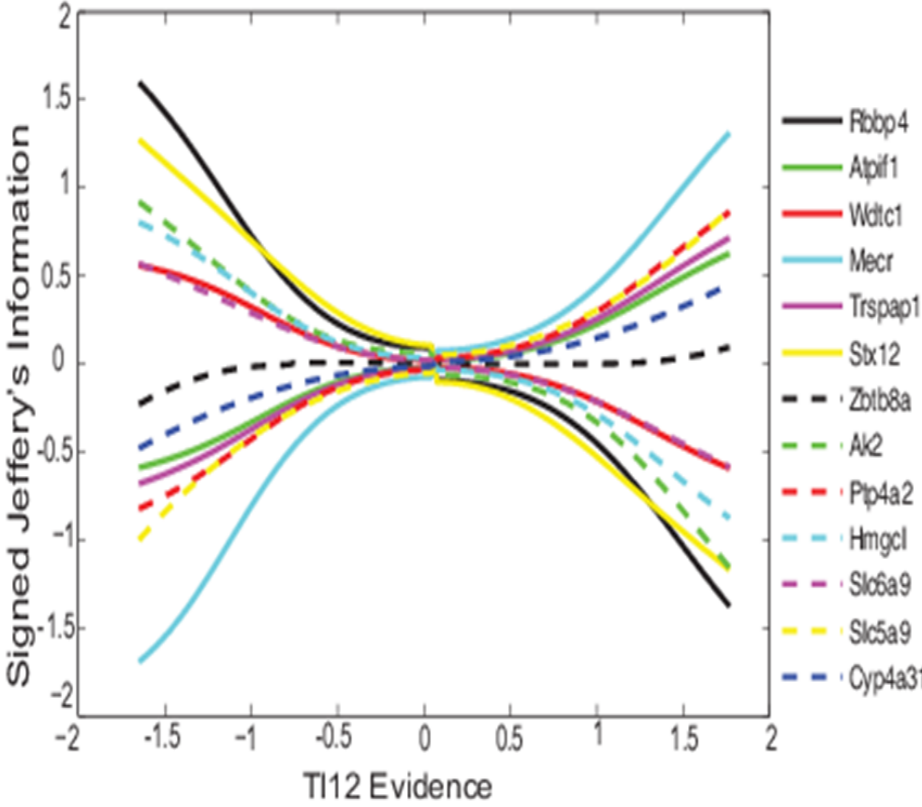


Trans-band on Chr 4
Enriched for Renin-Angiotensin System (RAS)

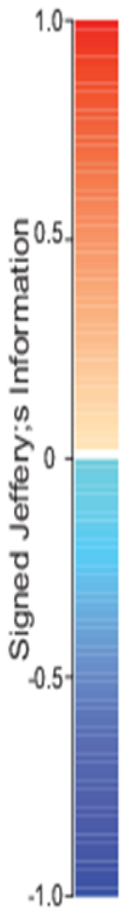
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- Mus musculus Kidney eQTL Data:
 - 173 males, F2 inter-cross between inbred MRL/MpJ and SM/J strains of mice.
- Pre-processing
 - Variable selection performed by filtering on significance and location of QTL, followed by a cross-validated elastic net procedure, with *Tlr12* as the response.
 - The 14 genes and their SNP markers corresponding to their QTL were included as variables for the graphical model.
- Structure Learning
 - PC-algorithm using *RHugin* package for the R programming language (α incremented from 0 to 0.1)
 - QTLnet method (Markov chain of 20000 iterations, burn-in rate 10%, model averaged network structure constructed from causal relationships with posterior probability of 0.5 or higher)

Results: A single line of evidence



P(SS) = .79 Q.chr4 Q.chr17 Q.chr2



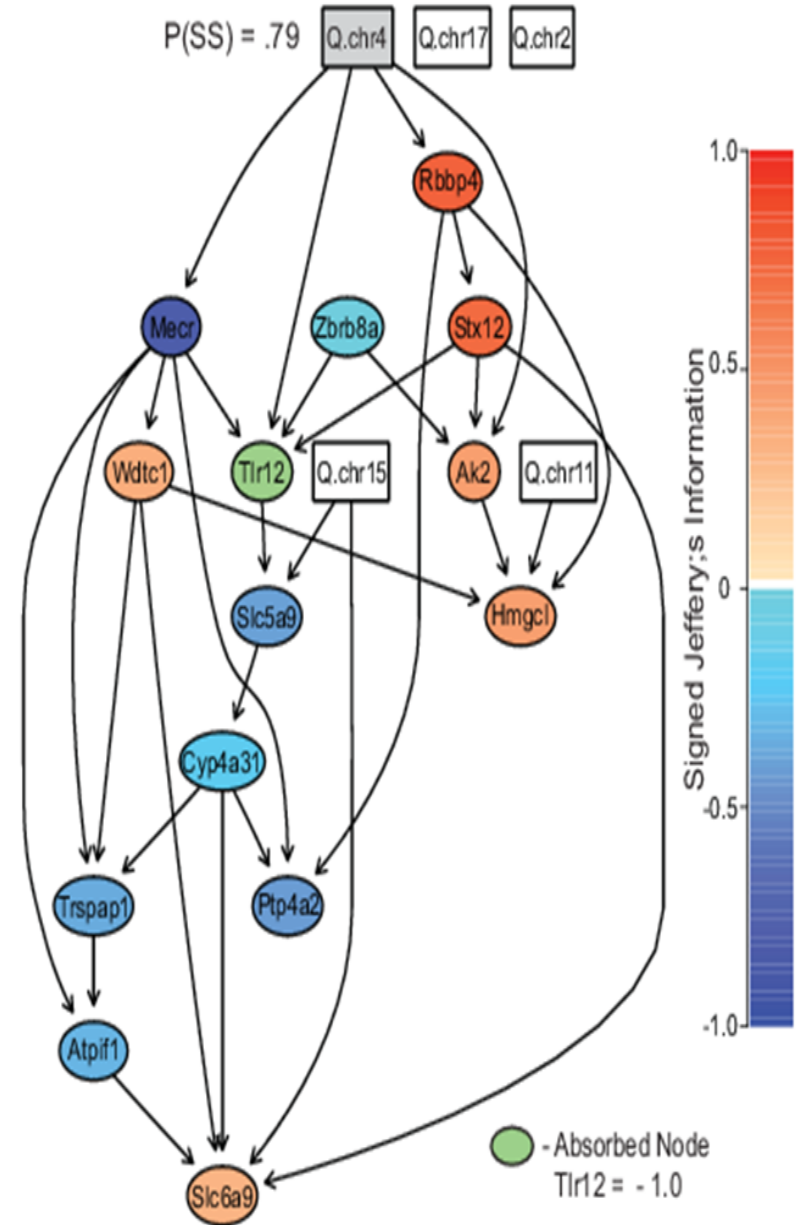
Results: A single line of evidence

Coordination and co-regulation are suggested in the direction of effect observed in the different regions of the pathway

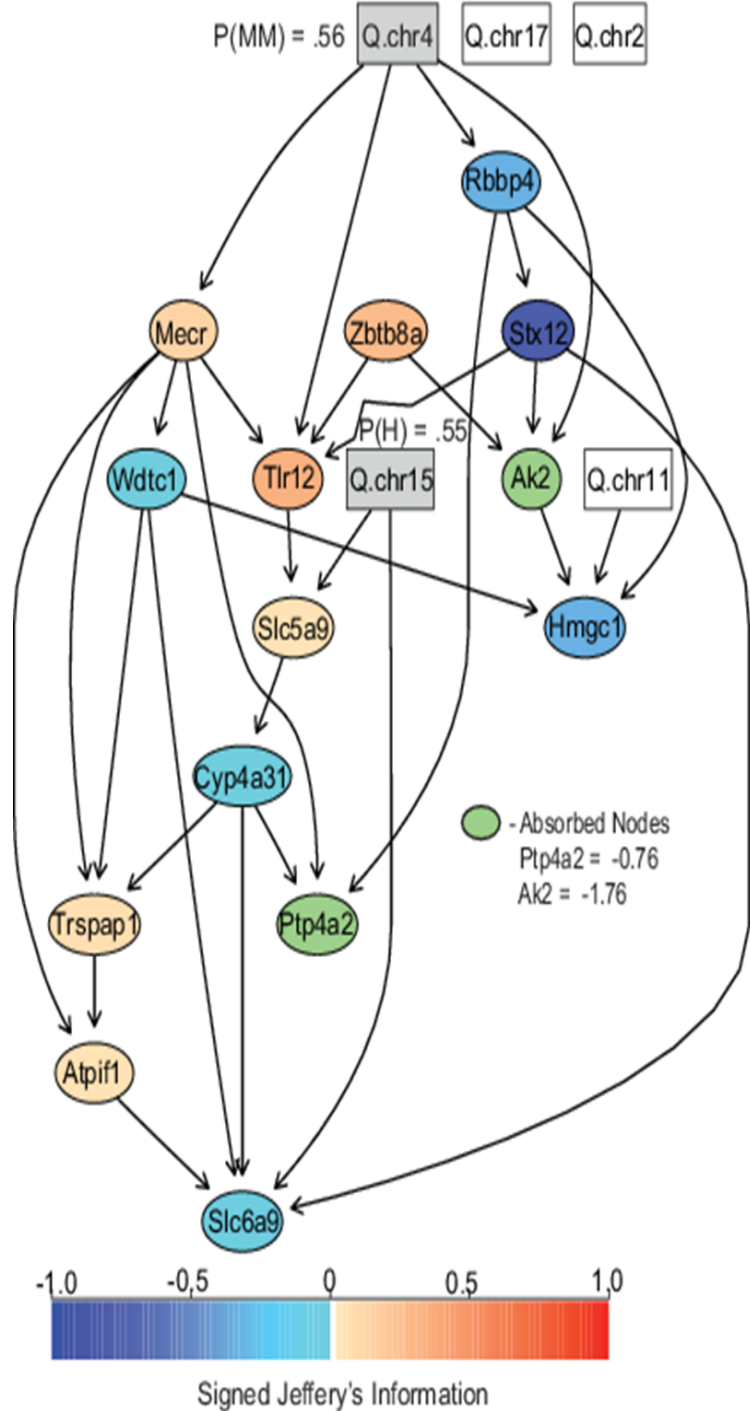
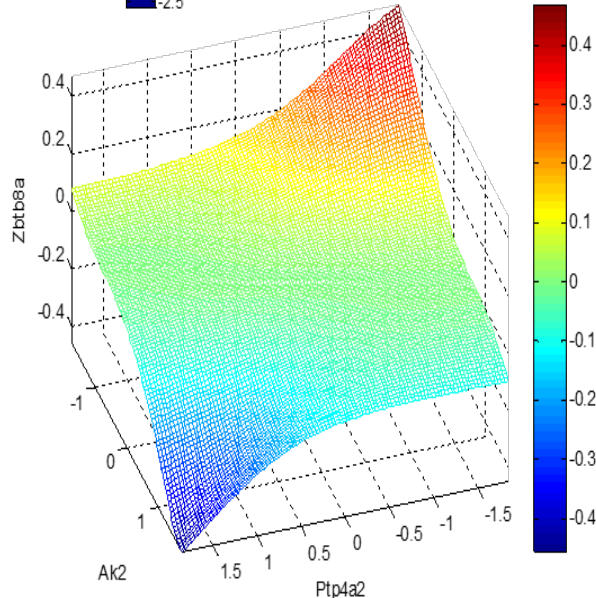
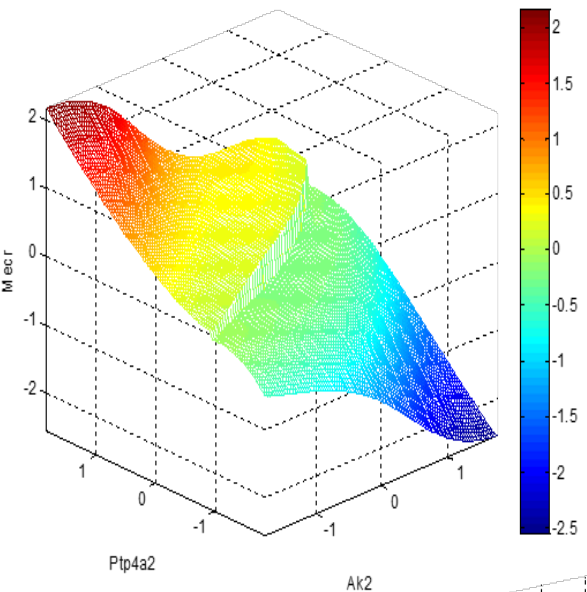
- **Activation** of {*Rbbp4*, *Stx12*, *Ak2*, *Hmgcl*} genes involved either in AMP/ADP/ATP metabolism or protein biosynthesis/transport
- **Repression** {*Mecr*, *Zbtb8a*, *Slc5a9*, *Cyp4a31*, *Ptp4a2*, *Trspap1*, *Atpif1*}

Absorbing evidence in *Tlr12* < 0 leads to:

- **Decrease** in the marginal mean of *Mecr* indicating inhibition of fatty acid synthesis
- **Increase** in the marginal mean of *Wdtd1* which plays a role in negative regulation of fatty acid biosynthesis.
- **Inhibition** of sodium dependent glucose transport f *Slc5a9*
- **Activation** of sodium and chloride dependent glycine transport *Slc6a9*



Results: Two lines of evidence



Conclusions

- Belief propagation, which enables computational *in silico* predictions of the system-wide response inhibition or activation of phenotypes (perturbation(s)).
- Applications reveal coordination and co-regulation between sub-pathways in response to perturbation(s) of phenotypes in the network. This information is not revealed through network topology alone.
- A first step toward alleviating longstanding issues associated with model interpretation of genotype-phenotype networks.
- Insights provide a new layer of information, which may drive hypotheses generation, and the development of new experiments.
- Promising avenue for integration of probabilistic constraints into a deterministic steady-state cellular model.

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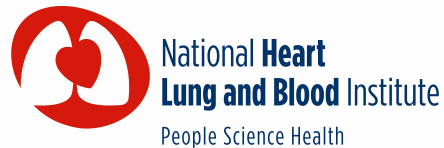
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