A logic modelling workflow for systems pharmacology



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 TUTORIAL
 Logic Modeling in Quantitative Systems Pharmacology

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- Systems Biology examines how cell components interact and form networks and how the networks generate whole cell functions corresponding to observable phenotypes (Palsson, 2006)
- Systems Biomedicine addresses the challenge of translating insights in biological systems to clinical application





- Systems Pharmacology is the application of the concepts of systems biomedicine to pharmacology in order to understand the full effect of a drug
- Personalised medicine aims to match each patient with their most beneficial treatment





- Identifying key drivers of a disease helps us to design targeted therapies
- Drug combinations may help in diseases driven by several altered proteins
- In diseases like cancer, we also have to address development of resistance to the applied therapy
- Not all the targets are actionable
- Not all the therapies need to target the diseased cell: immunotherapy





Melanoma patients with BRAF mutation show response to BRAF inhibitors



Importance of signalling networks

 But resistance to treatment eventually develops, leading to relapse

Figure 2 in Wagle et al. (2011) shows BRAF-mutant melanoma patient (A) before treatment, (B) after 15 weeks of therapy, and (C) after relapse, after 23 weeks of therapy.

Wagle et al., J Clin Inv, 29:22, 2011

Importance of signalling networks

 Colon cancer patients with the same mutation show resistance to treatment because of EGFR feedback loop



• Biomedical research faces different challenges:

- Noise
- Batch effects
- Small sample size
- Difficult / Expensive experiments
- Possible ways of dealing with these:
 - Well thought and designed experiments
 - Pool information from different studies
 - Use of prior knowledge
 - Development of mathematical models











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 The first step of modelling is to start with a biological question of interest



 Example: what are the changes in the phosphoproteomic response to the PI3K pathway when a prostate cancer cell goes from being castration sensitive to castration resistant







Lescarbeau and Kaplan *BMC Cancer* 2014, **14**:325 http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/14/325







Türei et al. Nature Methods 2016



http://omnipathdb.org



Türei, Korcsmáros & Saez-Rodriguez (2016). Nat Methods, 13(12)966-967.



- OmniPath is a comprehensive collection of literature curated human signaling pathways
- Why Omnipath?





http://omnipathdb.org/

Türei, Korcsmáros & Saez-Rodriguez (2016)

 Available via a webservice or using pypath, a Python module for molecular networks and pathways analysis



OmniPath



Türei, Korcsmáros & Saez-Rodriguez (2016)





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Choice of modelling formalism



The amount of details to include in the model and the **mathematical formalism** used to describe the process should be **lead by the biological question** (and by available data).



Variety of formalisms

- Boolean simulation with synchronous updates
- Constrained fuzzy logic
- Simulations with multiple time-scales
- Logic based ODEs

Phys. Biol. 9 (2012) 045003 (16pp)	doi:10.1088/1478-3975/9/4/045003
State_time spectrum of signal	
State-time spectrum of signal	
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Based on ordinary differential equations derived from logic models using a continuous update function

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{A} \\ \downarrow \\ \mathsf{B} \end{array} \quad \frac{dx_B}{dt} = \tau_B [f(x_A) - x_B] \\ \end{array}$$





DM Wittmann, et al., 2009, BMC Systems Biology F Eduati, 2017, Cancer Research

Using logic ODE as modelling formalism

- Easily interpretable parameters
 - is the life-time of species i=0 node not functional >0 higher functionality

 $\begin{array}{ll} & \text{strength of regulation j} \rightarrow \text{i} \\ \text{=0 no edge} \\ \text{>0 stronger interaction} \end{array}$

• Direct derivation from logic rules

x_1	x_2	$B(f(x_1), f(x_2)) = \dots$	
0	0	$0(1 - f(x_1))(1 - f(x_2)) +$	
0	1	$(1 - f(x_1))f(x_2) +$	
1	0	$f(x_1)(1 - f(x_2)) +$	
1	1	$f(x_1)f(x_2)$	

Generalisation for OR gates





- Objective: obtain data for training logic models
- Priority: high number of perturbations

Phospho-proteomics to look at signal transduction



Terfve C, Saez-Rodriguez J, Adv. Syst. Biol., 2012 Saez-Rodriguez J, et al. Annual Rev Biomed Eng, 2015



Image showing mass-spectrometry protocol (<u>https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/1f/</u> <u>Mass_spectrometry_protocol.png</u>)	

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https://pharmchem.ucsf.edu/research/physbio/proteomics



Normalisation challenges

- Boolean logic works with binary values, but measurements are continuous values
- CellNOpt ODE works with values between 0 and 1
- Coverage challenges
 - Not all the nodes in the model may be covered by the measurements
- Use of derived measurements
 - e.g. Kinase activities

Use data for training models





www.cellnopt.org

A flexible pipeline to model protein signalling networks trained to data using various logic formalisms.







CellNOpt packages

Documentation (model and data sets)

Publications



For Developers

(SVN, etc.)





Downloads

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OVERVIEW

CellNOpt (from CellNetOptimizer; a.k.a. CNO) is a software used for creating logicbased models of signal transduction networks using different logic formalisms (Boolean, Fuzzy, or differential equations). CellNOpt uses information on signaling pathways encoded as a Prior Knowledge Network, and trains it against high-throughput biochemical data to create cell-specific models.

CellNOpt is freely available under GPL license in R and Matlab languages. It can be also accessed through a python wrapper, and a Cytoscape plugin called CytoCopter provides a graphical user interface.

CellNOpt is mainly developed at the Saez-Rodriguez group at the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI). The project started at the groups of Peter Sorger

(Harvard Medical School) and Doug Lauffenburger (M.I.T.). There is a group of CellNOpt developers at different locations.



Broad spectrum of modelling formalism with different level of detail



Terfve C Cokelaer T MacNamara A Henriques D Gonçalves E Morris MK van Iersel M Lauffenburger DA Saez-Rodriguez J *BMC Syst Biol, 6:*133, 2012



PHONEMeS

- PHONEMeS (PHOsphorylation NEtworks for Mass Spectrometry) is a method to model signalling networks based on untargeted phosphoproteomics mass spectrometry data and kinase/phosphatasesubstrate interactions (Terfve et al. 2015 Nature communications)
- We can use it to combine high-throughput data (SWATH phospho-proteomics) with a large scale background network (e.g. Omnipath)











Assessing fitted networks



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How to deal with incomplete prior knowledge?



Assessing fitted networks



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- MaBoSS is a C++ software for simulating continuous/ discrete time Markov processes, applied on a Boolean network
- Given some initial conditions, MaBoSS applies Monte-Carlo kinetic algorithm (or Gillespie algorithm) to the network to produce time trajectories. Time evolution of probabilities are estimated









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Example in colorectal cancer

 Can we use logic models of signalling networks to understand and target drug resistance?





Dynamic logic models provide mechanistic insight and novel biomarkers



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Model-based biomarkers of drug efficacy and resistance



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synergistic combo when GSK3 is functional



no improved sensitivity when GSK3 is not functional





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