Human Regulatory Networks

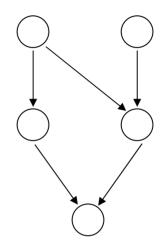
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(Q1) How can we explain complex experimental data with models?

The Model Spectrum

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Detailed	Coarse
Fragile	Robust

Alternative data representations

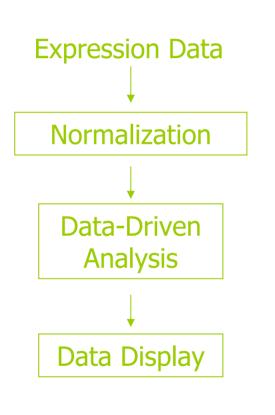
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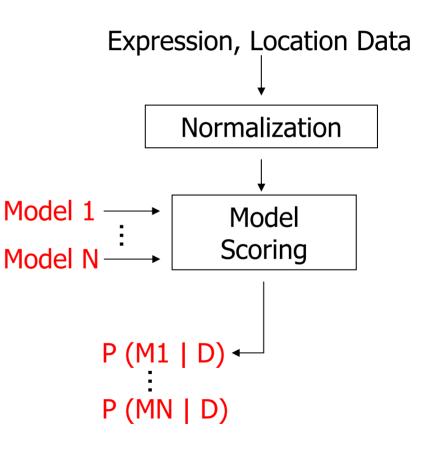
Why graphical models?

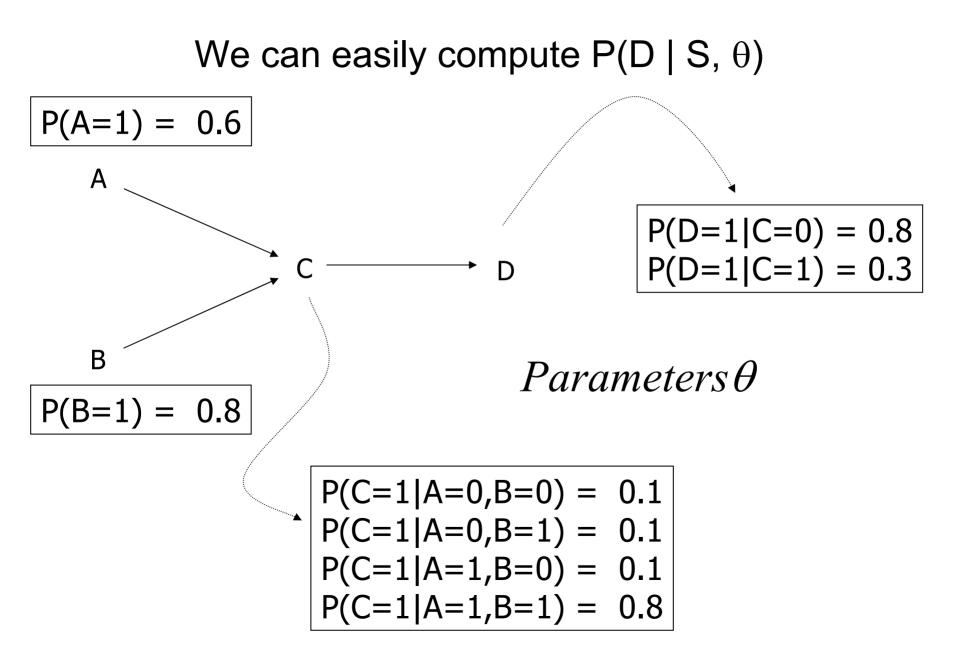
- Handle imperfect data and imperfect theory robustly
- Biologically interpretable and familiar
- Permit arbitrary (more than pair-wise) interactions
- Produce results with statistical significance
- Remain methodologically principled
- Combinable for network reassembly

(Q2) How can we judge the significance of models?

Comparing alternative network structures







How can we score models without parameters?

•
$$P(S \mid D) P(D) = P(D \mid S) P(S)$$

 $Score = \log P(S \mid D)$
 $= \log P(D \mid S) + \log P(S) + c$

• Likelihood term is computed as an average with a distribution over parameter settings θ :

$$P(D \mid S) = \int P(D \mid \theta, S) P(\theta \mid S) d\theta$$

Scores need to be interpreted properly

- Scores are not absolute, relative comparisons are needed
- May not have informative data to distinguish models
- Relevant variables may not be represented
- It's just science... an iterative process

Human Regulatory Pathways

Human Biology

- The organism and its components
- Motivation: improved understanding of health and disease

Gene Expression Regulatory Pathways

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What are the big problems, key questions and challenges?

Human Tissues

Brain and Spinal Cord

Cerebrum Cerebellum Ganglia & nerves

Circulatory System

Heart Vascular system

Digestive System

Esophagus Stomach Intestines Liver Pancreas Urinary System

Kidney Urinary tract

Respiratory System

Airways Lungs

Reproductive Organs

Ovary Uterus Breast Testis

Skeletal and Muscular

Bone Muscle Cartilage Hematopoietic System

Bone marrow Blood Embryonic Liver

Immune System

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Sensory Organs

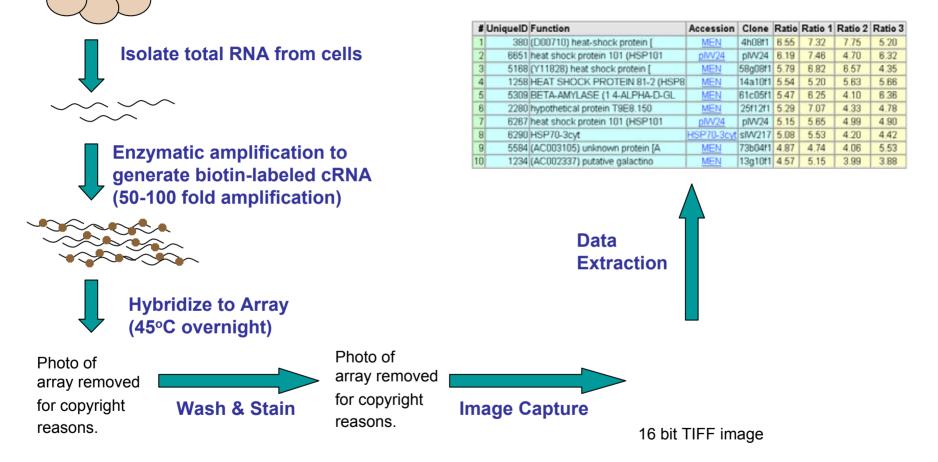
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Transcription Factors Implicated in Disease

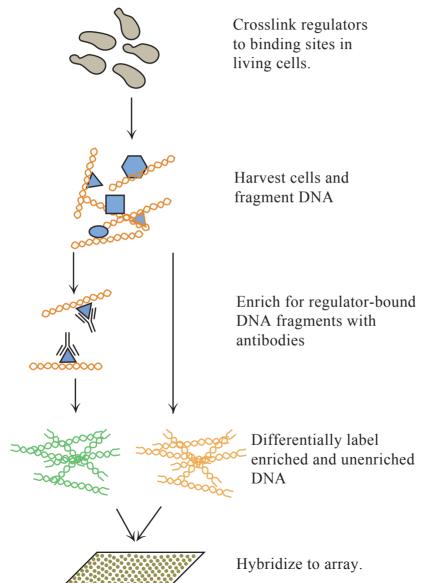
Diabetes Hnf1 α , Hnf1 β , Hnf4 α , Pdx1, NeuroD1 **Obesity** PPAR γ , SIM1 **Hypertension** NR3C2, GCCR Cancer AML1, p53, PLZF, PML, Rb, WT1 **Developmental Defects** GATA1, VDR, CRX, CBP, MeCP2 Immunological Defects RFX5, WHN

<u>CNS Disorders</u> PAX3, EGR-1, EGR-2, OCT6, SOX family

Genome-wide Expression Analysis Reveals Changes in Global Gene Expression



Genome-wide Location Analysis Reveals Physical Interactions Between Regulators and DNA



Bing Ren, Francois Robert, John Wyrick Science 290: 2306 (2000)

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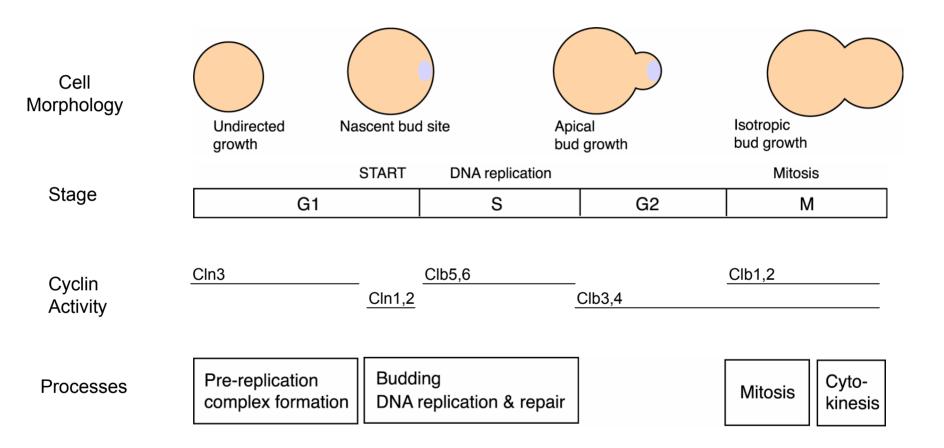
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Major Events in Yeast Cell Cycle

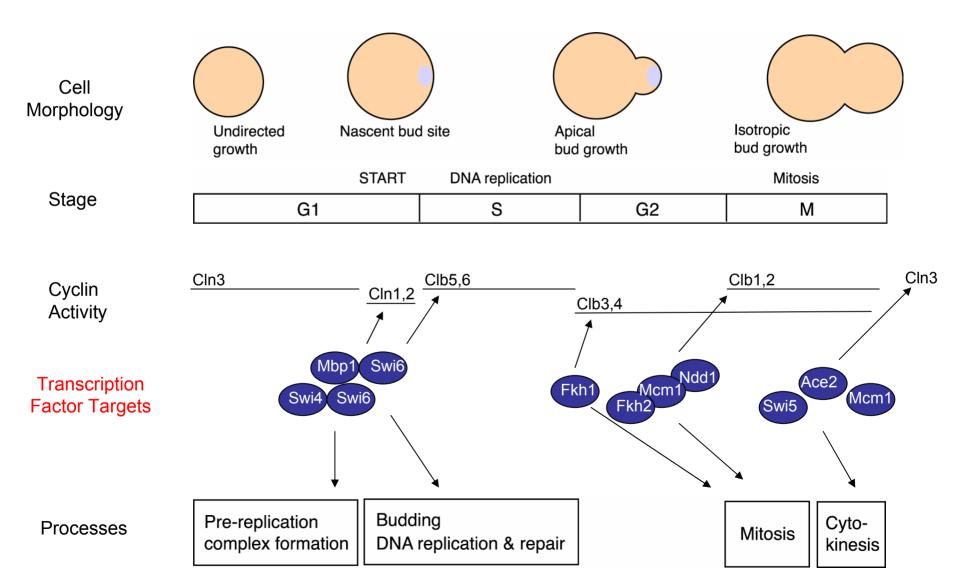


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Transcriptional Regulation of Yeast Cell Cycle

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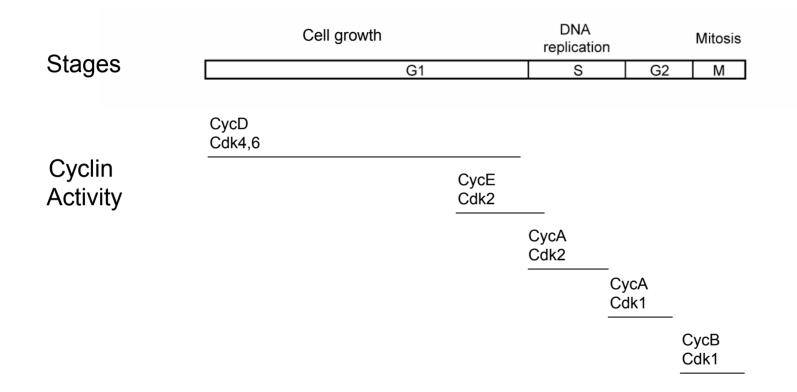
Transcriptional Regulation of Cyclins and Cell Cycle Processes



Cell Cycle Transcriptional Regulatory Network

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Human Cell Cycle Regulation



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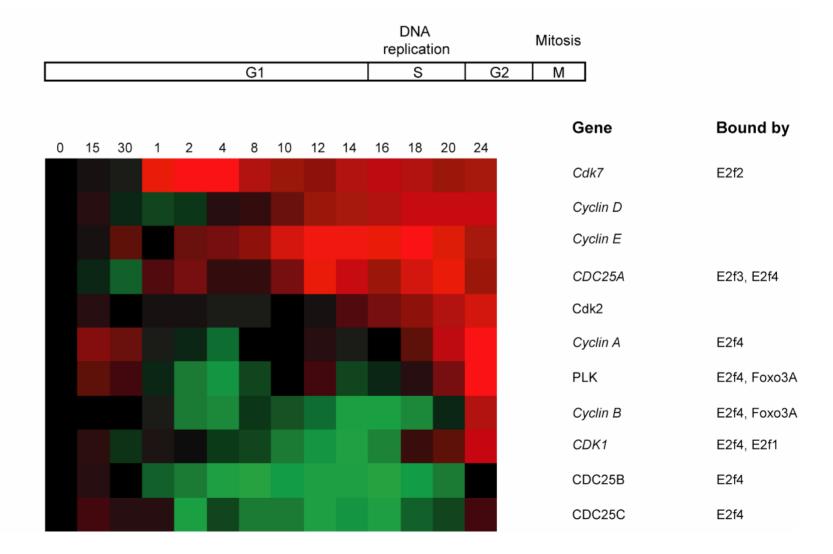
Human Cell Cycle Transcriptional Regulation



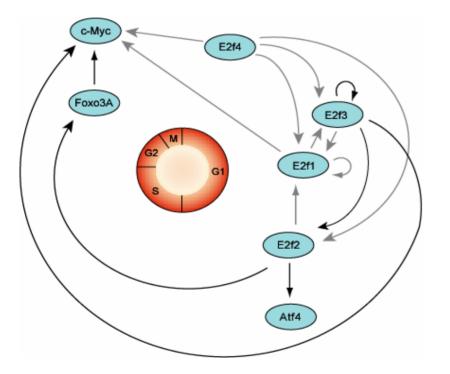
Challenges:

- 1) Few cell cycle transcriptional regulators known (E2F1,2,3,4,5, Fox03A).
- 2) What cells should be used? (most normal cells exist in G0)
- 3) Genome sequence not fully annotated.

Transcriptional Regulation of Key CDKs and Their Regulators



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What genes are expressed and what are silent in each cell type? How are all these genes regulated?

Master Regulators of Human Transcription

Misregulation results in developmental problems and/or adult disease

Brain and Spinal Cord SOX1-18, OCT6, MeCP2 CBP, NGN, NEUROD

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<u>Circulatory System</u> Myocardin, GATA4, TBX5, NKX2.5, MEF2, HAND Heart Vascular system

Digestive System HNF1, HNF4, HNF6, CBP, PGC1, FOXA, PDX1, GATA, MAFA, NKX2.2 Esophagus Stomach Intestines

Liver Pancreas Urinary System HNF1B, HNF4, CDX, FTF C/EBP, FOXA, GATA Kidney Urinary tract

Respiratory System HNF-3, NKX2.1 and GATA6 Airways Lungs

Reproductive Organs ESR1, SERM, C/EBPβ

Ovary Uterus Breast Testis

<u>Skeletal and Muscular</u> MYOD, MEF2, MRF4, MYF5 Bone Muscle Cartilage Hematopoietic System TAL1, LMO1, LMO2, E2A, XBP1, AFT6, PAX5, BCL6 Bone marrow Blood Embryonic Liver

Immune System AML1, MLL1, HP1, HOXA7, HOXA9, HOXC8, C/EBPA, NFkB family

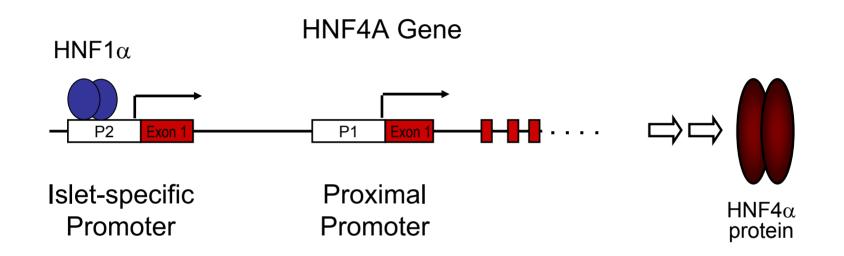
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Sensory Organs SOX1-18, OCT6, PAX3, PAX6, NGN, SKIN1 Eye Ear Olfactory Skin Tongue

Maturity Onset Diabetes of the Young

MODY type	<u>Causative Gene</u>	Protein Class	<u>% Cases</u>
MODY 1	HNF-4 α	Orphan nuclear receptor protein	1
MODY 2	Glucokinase	Key enzyme in glucose sensing	20
MODY 3	ΗΝF-1 α	POU-homeodomain protein	60
MODY 4	IPF1/PDX1	Homeodomain protein	1
MODY 5	ΗΝF-1 β	POU-homeodomain protein	1
MODY 6	NeuroD1	Basic helix-loop-helix protein	1

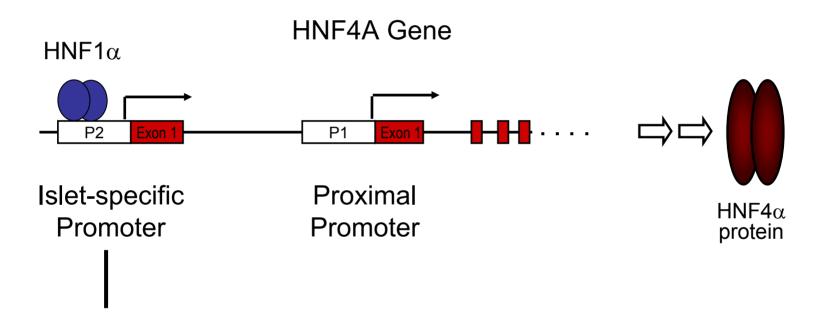
New Insights into Pancreatic Gene Regulation and MODY Diabetes



 $\text{HNF1}\alpha$ regulates the HNF4A gene

Odom et al. Science 2004

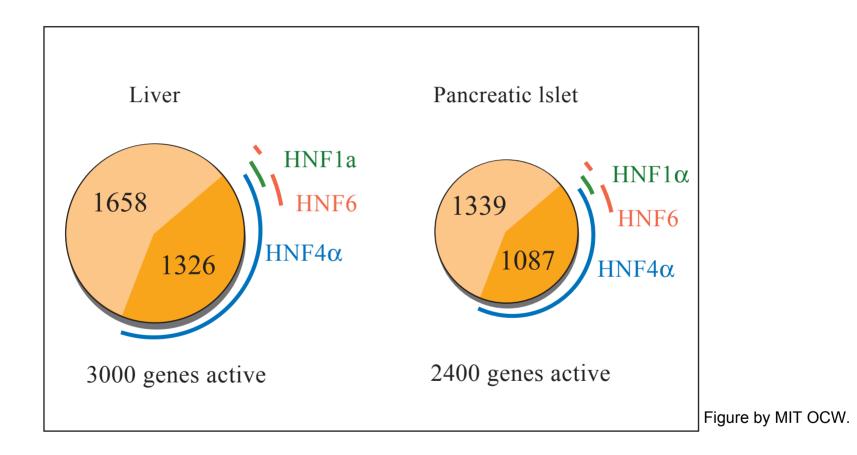
New Insights into Type II Adult-Onset Diabetes



Polymorphisms in the P2 promoter region are associated with susceptibility to type II diabetes in diverse human populations.

Love-Gregory et al. Diabetes 2004 Silander et al. Diabetes 2004

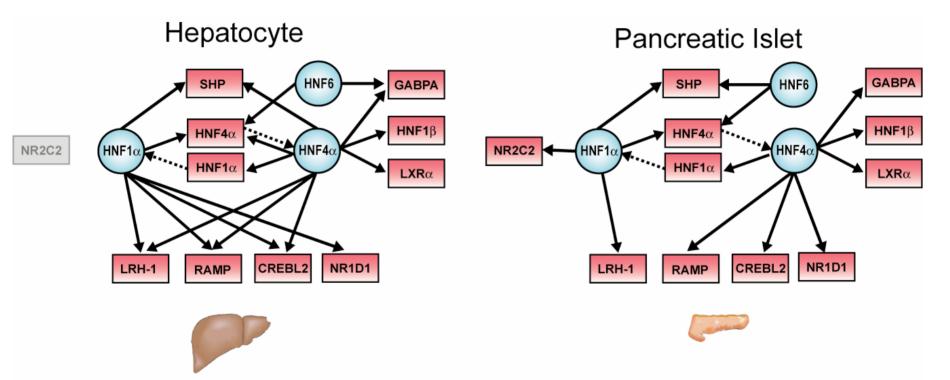
Surprise: Large-scale Role for HNF4 α in Liver and Pancreatic Islets



HNF4 α occupies over 40% of the genes expressed in these tissues. Abnormal levels of HNF4 α may cause MODY by destabilizing transcriptome.

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Transcriptional Regulatory Networks Controlled by HNF1 α and HNF4 α



- Identification of downstream transcriptional regulators reveals factors for further profiling of tissues
- Challenge: cell type hererogeneity

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