XomicsToModel: Multi-omics data integration and generation of thermodynamically consistent metabolic models.

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c) Flux balance analysis







**NUI Galway** XomicsToModel: constraint-based models from multi-omic data





Protocol paper + COBRA Toolbox extension + executable tutorials and examples: <u>https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.11.08.467803v2</u> <u>https://github.com/opencobra/COBRA.tutorials/tree/master/dataIntegration/XomicsToModel</u> <u>https://github.com/opencobra/cobratoolbox/tree/master/src/dataIntegration/XomicsToModel</u> <u>https://github.com/opencobra/COBRA.papers/tree/master/2023</u> iDopaNeuro

### Generic model + specific data + XomicsToModel → Specific model







### Generic network reconstruction





### NUI Galway Recon3D: atomically resolved generic reconstruction of metabolism

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### Biochemical network reconstruction versus model

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### Metabolic reconstruction versus metabolic model



Schematic stoichiometric matrix









Recon1.0





Human1.0



(a) reconstruction

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- (b) stoichiometrically consistent subset
- (c, d) + flux consistent
- (e, f, g, h) + thermodynamically flux consistent

Fleming et. al. Cardinality optimisation in constraintbased modelling: Application human metabolism (submitted)



Recon3.01model



### Acquisition of specific omics data









### 74 Amines: Targeted LC-MS/MS after AccQ-Tag derivatization

Marek J. Noga, et al. Metabolomics of cerebrospinal fluid reveals changes in the central nervous system metabolism in a rat model of multiple sclerosis. 8(2):253-263, 2012.

### 24 Organic acids: an established GC-MS method

Rodrigo D. A. M. Alves, et. al. Global profiling of the muscle metabolome: method optimization, validation and application to determine exercise-induced metabolic effects. 11(2):271-285, 2015.





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### Conversion of extracellular concentration to exchange reaction rate



Time



### Extraction of a specific model





### thermoKernel: a novel thermodynamically consistent model extraction algorithm

- New options for input data
  - presence/absence of metabolites (not just reactions or genes) to be specified
  - weights on metabolite/reaction/genes
    - e.g. transcript abundance
- Improved context-specific model output
  - all reactions are thermodynamically flux consistent
    - admits a flux satisfying energy conservation
    - admits a flux satisfying 2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics
    - internal reaction rates can be predicted (no artefactual flux around cycles)
  - admits reconstruction directionality constraints
  - minimal sized model
  - scalable: algorithm based on a sequence of linear optimization problems







Leave one (metabolite) out cross validation (LOOCV)

### Human dopaminergic neuronal metabolic model validation







# Human dopaminergic neuronal metabolic model validation

- In vitro complex I inhibition (rotenone) of iPSC derived dopaminergic neuronal culture from normal control subjects.
- In silico complex I inhibition (reduced upper bound on complex 1 metabolic reaction)
- Prediction of metabolite exchange
  - high qualitative accuracy
    - (correct/total = 0.78, n = 9)
  - moderate semi-quantitative accuracy (Spearman rho = 0.48, *pval* = 0.018).

Preciat et. al. Mechanistic model-driven exometabolomic characterisation of human dopaminergic neuronal metabolism (submitted)



# NUI Galway Exploration of many different metabolic objectives



# Maximum entropy: least biased prediction given the data



- Thermodynamically feasible model
  - admits at least one flux vector that satisfies energy conservation and the second law of thermodynamics

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$$v_f^T \ln v_f + v_r^T \ln v_r$$

Maximisation of unidirectional flux entropy

 predicts a particular type o thermodynamically feasible flux vector

#### Identification of robust metabolic biomarkers for Parkinson's Disease diagnosis based on meta-analysis of clinical data and computational modelling



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### Open challenges

### Which one of the 3 next research proposals should be funded?

### Semi-automated generation of specific metabolic models





### Growing size of constraint-based models

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2. Highperformance optimisation for molecular systems biology (OptSys, 1.5 Million) Existing approach to diagnosis of inherited metabolic diseases



3. Reconstruction and Computational Modelling for Inherited Metabolic Diseases (Recon4IMD, € 11 Million)







1. €4 Million for "Automated in vitro metabolic phenotypic characterisation and optimisation" (AutoMetabo)

or

2. €1.5 Million for "High-performance optimisation for molecular systems biology" (OptSys)

or

3. €11 Million for "Reconstruction and Computational Modelling for Inherited Metabolic Diseases" (Recon4IMD)









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WP8 Stakeholder Exploitation assessment

Propose a European foundation to aid diagnosis and stratification of IMDs





### Thanks for your attention







$ {\bf minimise}  \psi(v_f,v_r,w) \coloneqq \dots \\$		Objective function	
$q^T \left\  v_f - v_r \right\ _p + \dots$		Weighted p-norm	(6)
$a^T(v_f-v_r)+\ldots$		Linear objective on net flux	(7)
$2v_f^T \ln v_f + \dots$	$\diamond$	Forward flux entropy maximisation	(8)
$2v_r^T \ln v_r + \dots$	$\diamond$	Reverse flux entropy maximisation	(9)

subject to $\Omega \coloneqq$
$N(v_f-v_r)+Bw=0$
$C(v_f-v_r) \leq d$
$l_v \leq v_f - v_r \leq u_v$
$l_w \leq w \leq u_w$
$0 \leq v_f \leq u_f$
$0 \leq v_r \leq u_r$

### Constraint set

Stoichiometric mass balance	(10)
Flux coupling constraints	(11)
Net internal flux bounds	(12)
Net external flux bounds	(13)
Forward internal flux bounds	(14)
Reverse internal flux bounds	(15)

## Neural stem cell metabolism: control vs Idiopathic Parkinson's disease



- In vitro cell culture of iPSC-derived neural stem cells from idiopathic Parkinson's disease versus controls
- Comparison of XomicsToModel generated control and idiopathic metabolic models
- Treatment with NAD precursors quinolinic acid (QA, 20nM) and nicotinic acid (NA, 5mM)
- Recovery of intracellular ATP levels measured in relative light units (RLU), normalized to the cell number in samples treated with vehicle
- Significance asterisks represents P<0.05 \* or P<0.001 \*\*.</li>

Constraint-based modelling and data integration identifies a specific idiopathic Parkinson's disease metabolic signature, A. Zagare et al (submitted)