





## Colloquium Jacques Morgenstern SysDiag, Montpellier, France

Biological Complex system modeling and engineering for diagnosis

Ingénierie des systèmes biologiques synthétiques : applications au diagnostic médical







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## SysDiag's missions are :

• to understand the bases of chronic and multifactorial diseases (neurodegenerative and cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes...)

 to identify new biomarkers associated with these pathological conditions

• to provide innovative solutions for clinicians that will contribute to improve the health and quality of life of their patients.











Diagnostic tests represent *less than 5%* of hospital cost and about *1.6 % of all* health cost. Their results influence up to *60-70% medical decision*"









## Interdisciplinarity : The SysDiag model



Combining experimental biology and complex systems modelling approaches

• 70% experimentalists and 30% theoreticians



Cell culture automation



Bioinformatic & modelling



Experimentation







## Various axes of development



## **Biomarkers**

Parameters objectively measured (precise and reproductible), as an indicator of a biological process (physiological or pathological) or of a drug action.



#### Kinds of biomarkers :

Molecular (gene, RNA, Proteine, Chemical compound) Physical Imaging others

#### Diagnostic biomarkers

Early detection biomarkers Disease classification **Predictive biomarkers** 

Predict the response to a specific agent Predict a particular adverse reaction

#### Metabolism biomarkers

Biomarkers that guide drug doses

#### Outcome biomarkers

Those that predict response Those that predict progression Those that forecast recurrence









## Engineered biology will transform diagnostic practices

From bioelectronics

to artificial biological systems



Biosensor > Point of care and home testing



synthetic biology Artificial biological systems



POC and futur patient wiring

Futur in vivo diagnostics







## Systems Biology and Synthetic Biology

## to address complexity









## Synthetic Biology

#### **Abstraction :**

Different hierarchical levels to manage complexity

'Parts'=Basic Biological Functions
'Devices'= Combination of parts to perform a desired function
'Systems'= Combination of 'Devices'

#### **Standardization :**

Concentrating information : description and characterization of components and conditions makes it easier for the user

#### **Decoupling and Modularity :**

A complex problem is a set of tasks A complex biological system is a set of separate devices







Catalog of parts & devices partsregistry.org/



Designing biological systems: Systems Engineering meets Synthetic Biology, Sascha Rollie, Michael Mangold, Kai Sundmacher



## Various strategies in synthetic biology





Refactoring bacteriophage T7

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Design of a lentivirus able to target breast cancer intra-cellular biomarkers RNAi networks Steem cell reprogramming by bact. for tissus reconstruction

PL Luizi, Roma autocatalytic vesicules constructions, minimal cells.

J. Stelling ETHZ, Zurich Electronic-like circuit design with composable parts (Bact.) DNA mole

V. Dos santos, Helmotz Inst. Germany reprogrammed bact. to target cancer cell both data Departments of \*Computer Sc Pseudomonas putida. Edited by Peter B. Dervan, Cal

Jim Haseloff, Univ Cambridge UK, Plant reprogramming





Yaakov Ben



## Synthetic Biology and Health : Proof of concept and applications

#### Drug production : metabolic engineering

Various "devices" have begun to emerge from Synthetic biology

- -Orthogonal inducible promoters
- -RBS libraries
- -State sensors
- -Spatiotemporal controllers... Synthetic biology devices as tools for metabolic engineering Eric Shiue

#### Engineering of "smart" cell for therapeutic purpose

- -Bacteria invading cancer cells in vitro
- -Delivering a functional RNAi
- -Control the virulence of pathogens

-Eliminate cancer cells based on their expression pattern of micro-RNAs

#### Medical diagnostics :

Limited number of project





Synthetic Biology Moving into the Clinic

Warren C. Ruder,\* Ting Lu,\* James J. Collins†

Ruder et al Science 2011



No current clinical practice based on synthetic biology





### What synthetic biology can bring to clinical diagnostic?

Possibility for local molecular measurments

high sensibility, Early diagnosis Accessibility to difficult region, less invasive Perturbations from local environment Specificity, accessibility issues

Capabilities for integrated processing

Reduce need of heavy technology **Composability issues** low cost compatible to systematic screening, **Control and robustness problems** personnalized medicine etc. **Complex experimental and Clinical validation** Ability for sophisticated assays Supported by Modelling

**Biocompatibility** 

can be disposable human compatible

Stability issues, Human and environmental interaction issues

Can be interfaced with other supports

**Electronics**, physics, chemistry, automation, etc. CINIS

Linearity, Kinetics, normalization, etc.

BIO-RAD Adrianantoandro et al. EMBO 2006





## Design synthetic biological system based on functional parts







## SysDiag Biological processes are made by combination of a limited number of elementary actions















#### С Intramolecular modifications **a** Isomerors *a* chirality **b** cis/trans *c* bond moves **d** others

#### B

**Transferts a** Transferors a acting on C-C **b** acting on C-O c acting on C-N d acting on C-S e others **b** Oxidoreductors a acting on C-C **b** acting on C-O c acting on C-N d acting on C-S e acting on S f acting on N-O g acting on S-O **h** others

#### Classification of 97 basic elements of actions BEA(for all known processes)

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Non covalent interactions **a** Binding: a Protein-Protein **b** Protein-Nucleic Acid *c Protein-Other* d Nucleic Acids-Nucleic Acids e Nucleic Acid-Others **b** Transport: **a** Tunnel **b** Cargo





Maziere, Granier and Molina J. Mol. Biol. 2004





#### Formal structure-function description based on elementary actions

- Enzymatic activity on metabolites relies on chemical processes.
- New BioΨ formalism allows describing detailed elementary actions
   (BEA) at the chemical level



#### A functional unit has a sequence of BEA





Bio  $\Psi$  better describes functions than GO, EC Bio  $\Psi$  formalism allows calulating on functions

S. Pérès, F. Molina et al. Bioinformatics 2010





## Paradigm shift for network modeling

Molecule based network





Functional unit based network

Functional units are defined by 3D fold and BEA sequences



Pérès et al Bioinformatics 2010, Buesher, et al. Science 2012



## Sys Diag New paradigm for functional network representation

#### **Consequences on :**

Network topology analyzes Dynamic network simulation **Functional interpretation** 



Network CCM B. subtilis







## Design a cell-free synthetic biological system

## based on functional parts :

## The composability issue









### Synthetic Biology and Whole-Cell Biosensors

Whole-cell biosensors are intrinsically modular : consisting of a recognition element coupled to an arbitrarily chosen reporter



#### Advantages:

-Simple use -Cost-effective -Self-replication -Fast, short analysis time -Disposable -High sensibility (signal amplification) and selectivity -No need for sample preparation -Multiplexing



Bacterial or artificial cell-free "computers" that can perform medical diagnostics







# Our Strategy

Simulation

## Design – Simulation/modélisation –



# Experimental validation



Biotechnology

Auto-organisation/ Robustness

Validation in vitro

#### BioNetCAD network Computer Assisted Design

Rialle, S., Felicori, L., Dias-Lopes, C., Peres, S., El Atia, S., Thierry, A. R., Molina, F. (2010). BioNetCAD: Design, simulation and experimental validation of synthetic biochemical networks. *Bioinformatics,* 26(18):2298-304







# Standardized catalog of functional biological compounds:

#### Reusable, non toxic

 Processes are formalized (ready for modelling)
 Biological behavior characterized experimentaly (ready to use in a synthetic system)
 \* compound » properties
 \* robustness
 \* stability
 \* « composability » score

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Biological Roles description		
BREnzyne-linkedTransmenbraneConditio	malTest:"	
BFTransmembraneReceptor (Li	gand) IN transmembrane	
BFLigand (Transmembrane)	teceptor) IN extracel1.	
IIFTransmembraneReceptor/Lig	and (Substrate) IN transmembrane	
BFSubstrate (Transmembra	neReceptor/Ligand) IN cytosol,	
BFProduct IN cytosol		
Biological Functionalities description		
BFTranseebraneReceptor (Ligand) :=		
DA Dinding (Ligand)		
IN extracel1		
BFTransmenbraneReceptor/Ligand (Suba	strate) :=	
BA_ConformationalChan	ge,	
BA_EnzymaticActivity()	Substrate) -> Product	
IN cytosol		
BFLigand (TransmembraneReceptor	-1 (-	
BA ProteinBinding (Tran	issembraneReceptor)	
IN extracel1		
BFSubstrate (TransmembraneRecep)	tor/Ligand) :=	
BA ProteinBinging(Tra	nsmembraneReceptor)	
IN cytozol		
BFFroduct		
D& ProteinBinding <sup>-1</sup> (Tr	ansmembraneRecentor)	







Molecular, modular compounds Identification, characterization

Modules with defined role

Redox conditions monitoring pH conditions monitoring Temperature conditions monitoring

- **Conditional Sensor** Ż **Timekeeper** (Time counter) Amplifier A C Switch On/Off Inhibitor **Killer (destruction** Distributor component) Revealing Scaffold controller **S**IN Cargo 0 Fuel Conductor
- Proteins and small molecules useful for synthetic biology
  - Ex : Peroxidase + substrat
  - Ex : Glucose oxydase + glucose

- Revealing role
  - Switch on role, Conditional sensor role







## Oscillator

## Type 1: Circadian oscillation

Implementation 1: Cyanobacterial KaiC phosphorylation

- 3 protéines : KaiA, KaiB, KaiC
- Phosphorylation de KaiC oscillante (période = 24h)









### Rewritable digital data storage in live cells via engineered control of recombination directionality

Jerome Bonnet, Pakpoom Subsoontorn, and Drew Endy<sup>1</sup>

Department of Bioengineering, Room 269B, Y2E2 Building, 473 Via Ortega, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305

#### First reliable and rewritable DNA inversion-based data storage system that works in vivo



Recombinase Logic gates memory offers multiples advantages :

- i. Transient signals of low intensity can be stored
- ii. Able to perfom sequential logic
- iii. The result of the diagnostic test may be stored in ADN and read by different methods

Control plasmids expressing two serine integrases adapted from bacteriophage TP901 and Bxb1 under the control of exogenous according (ara) and anhydrotetracycline (aTc) Plasmids encoding AND, OR, XOR, NAND, NOR, and XNOR logic elements placed between a standardized strong prokaryotic promoter and a GFP expression casetterad



### Biosensor in clinical context : testing function in samples





### **Biological logic gates identification (AND, OR, XOR, etc.)** In cell-free biological nextworks

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dépasser les frontières

It is possible, Willner et al. 2006, 2009



Scheme 1. A) Logic gates based on two coupled enzymes. B) Halfadder based on four coupled biocatalysts.





## Rules for Bio-logic gates devoted to diagnosis use

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1	0	0	
0	1	0	
1	1	1	( )
			(A)

1	M1	M2	M3	(B)
	0	0	0	
	1	0	1	
	0	1	1	
	1	1	1	

(C)

С



M1----

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M1	M3
0	1
1	0

Schematic representation corresponding to the different ways of obtaining each type of logic gate in a biochemical reaction.

> An enzymatic AND can be defined as two necessary and different metabolites (the inputs) lead to a product (the output) through one or several enzymatic reactions.

An enzymatic OR gate could be defined by two different metabolites (inputs) that can individually produce (through one or several enzymatic reactions) the same metabolite (output) in identical external conditions.

An enzymatic NOT could be defined by a metabolite (input, an inhibitor typically) that prevents the production of another metabolite (the output).







#### Large scale Bio-logic gate identification

#### Natural biological network

Felicori et al in preparation









































Rules, method and tool to bio-logic gates identification in existing networks
 Study of logic properties of natural networks
 Experimental Validation

Felicori et al in preparation





### General principles for a simlpe biomarker sensing systems

Conditional sensing Receptors, biosensors etc.

#### Signal transduction

Integration/Control Logical processing Algoritms Amplification, normalization, etc.

#### Signal transduction

Revelation Coloration, fluorescence, contrast, etc.





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## ab initio Artificial network design

## from abstract network to implemented network







System design using our compound catalog SBGN and *Celldesigner* 

Bio¥ modelling Formal description Simulation : Stochastic Cell automaton and multi-agent

#### Experimental validation

☑ Stable Vesicules construction (liposomes) ~100nm

☑ Introduction of chosen functional compounds

□ Opérational assays of full synthetic system (*in vitro*)











#### HSIM: Méthodes de calcul

- 1. Molécules individualisées
  - Localisation spatiale
  - Assemblages
  - Géométrie
- 2. Simulation Stochastique
  - Efficacité du calcul
- 3. Hybride: calcul individualisé/global
- 4. Equations différentielles ordinaires
  - Comportement moyen





#### Caractéristiques

- 1. Multi compartiments
- Diffusion passive a travers la membrane
- 2. Interactif : affichage graphique temps réel
  - 3. Batch : sortie dans un fichier CSV



P. Amar et al. 2012 Hsim: an hybrid stochastic simulation system for systems biology, Third International Workshop on Static Analysis ans Systems Biology (SASB 2012)





## **Bio-Logic gate design**





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## Simulation vs experimentation



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## Etude de la porte bGal-GOD-POD (2) Robustesse

 Etude de la résistance de la porte face à la perturbation : ajout d'albumine et variation du pH



Après 1h de réaction



### Implementation form ND/diabetis biomarker detection

« Close to the patient » simple assay

Multi-parametric measure

Sophisticated signal integration (qualitative, quantitative, temporal, spacia

Result return in a simple way (local dyi



Application to diabetic nephropathy and colo-rectal cancer











## Vesicule building, film rehydratation, Microfluics etc.











#### Ex Vivo synthetic biochemical Network : clinical relevant AND gate

Transfer functions Sensitivity to enzyme (G1DH/NR) concentration ratio?







## **Challenges for Synthetic biology clinical applications**

#### -Technical issues:

Robustness and reliability, comparison with current performances of clinical application

The set of				
Design challenge	Engineering solution	Natural organism	Synthetic biology solution	
Scalability	Modularity	Motifs	Modularity	
		Modularity?	Well-characterized modules	
Retroactivity/ cross-talk	Insulation and feedback	Feedback	Orthogonal design	
Robustness	Feedback	Feedback	Feedback	
Complexity	Hierarchical design	?	Hierarchical design	
Evolution/ mutation	?	Efficiency/robustness trade-off	?	

Table 1 | Engineering, natural and synthetic solutions for designing complex systems

#### -Production and Cost issues

-Regulatory and Safety issues (Objective demonstration of composition, behavior, etc.)

-Ethics and social issues

-Misuse use (terrorism, etc.)









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#### Modèle HSIM

E (s -> p) Km = 0.25 mM; Kcat=337;

init (E, 0.1 uM); init (s, 100 uM);



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$\frac{d[E]}{dt} = -k1 \cdot [E] \cdot [s] + k2 \cdot [Es] + k3 \cdot [Es]$	
$\frac{d[s]}{dt} = -k1 \cdot [E] \cdot [s] + k2 \cdot [Es]$	
$\frac{d[p]}{dt} = k3 \cdot [Es]$	
$\frac{d[Es]}{dt} = k1 \cdot [E] \cdot [s] - k2 \cdot [Es] - k3 \cdot [Es]$	

