



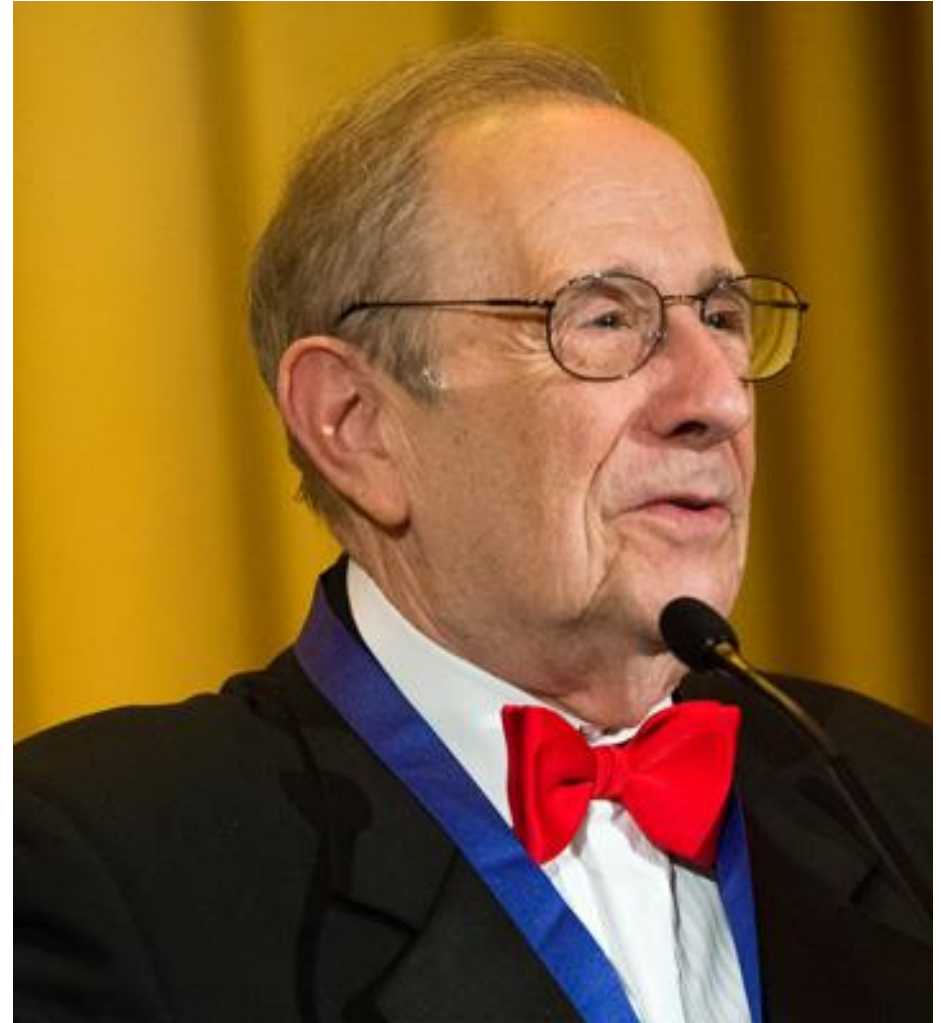
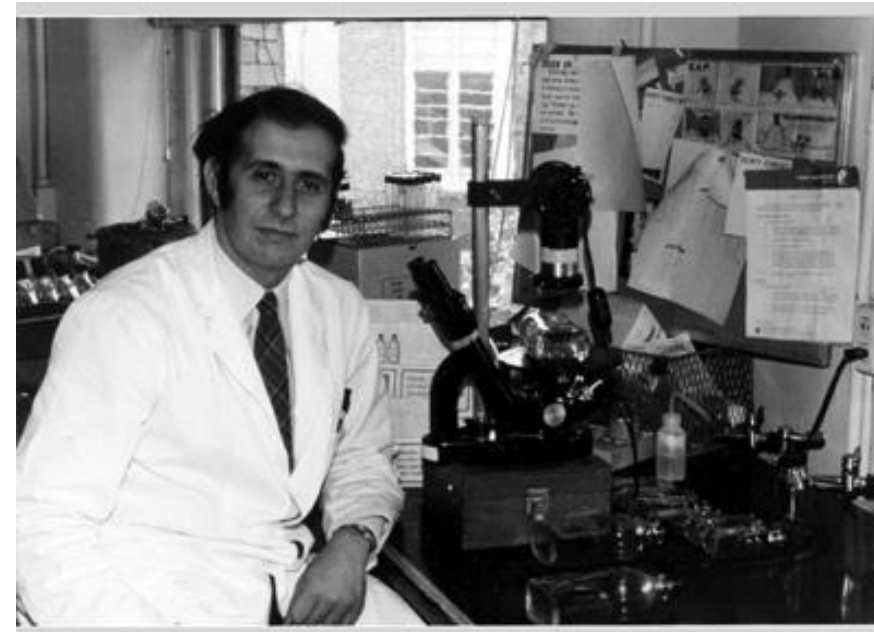
Application of Systems Biology to enable Rational Vaccine Design

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May 21st, 2014

In honor of Stanley Plotkin





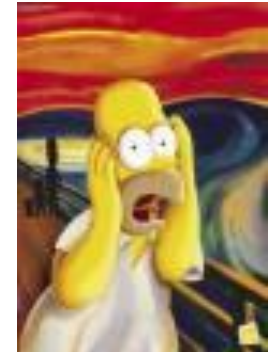
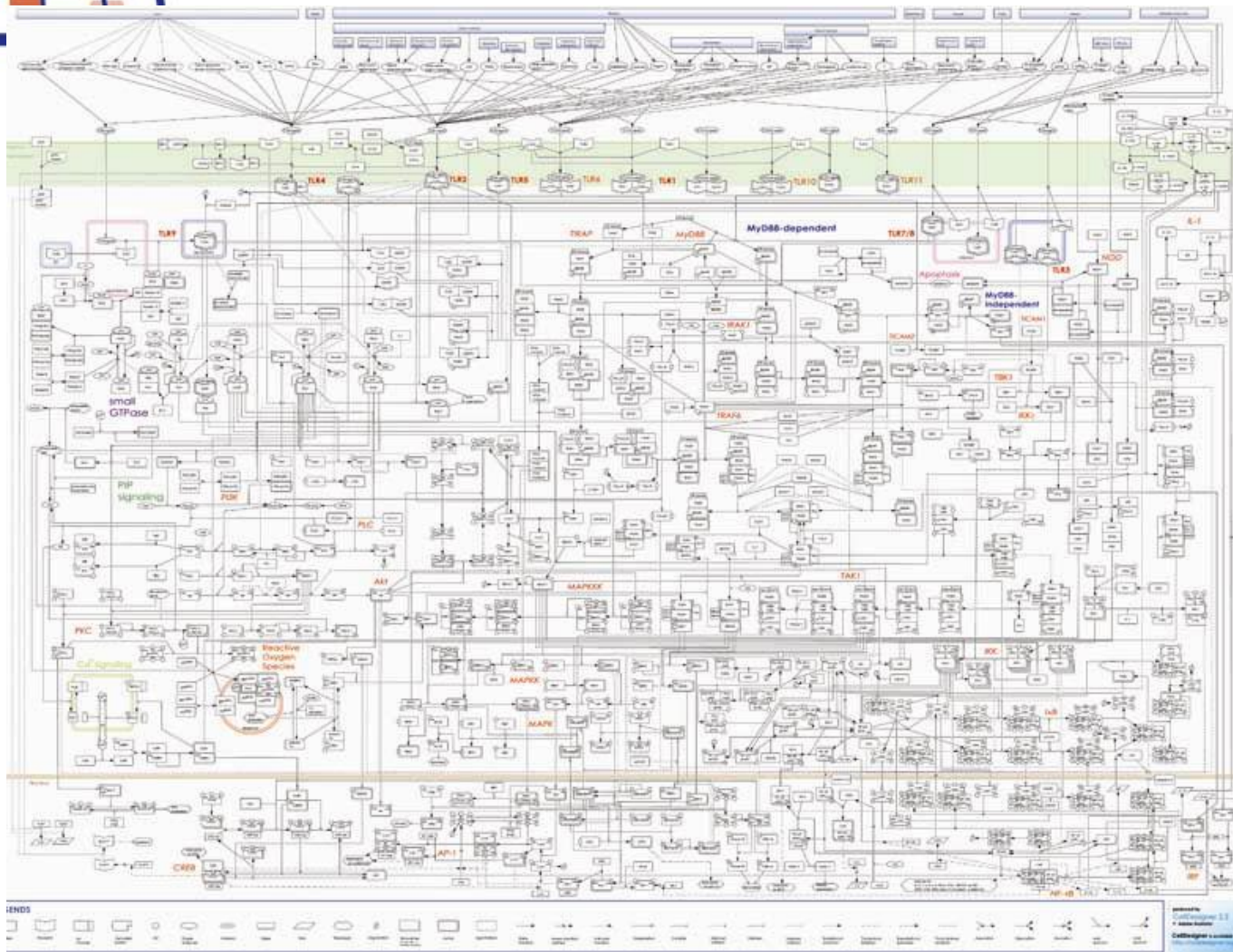
Simple System



Complex System



Partial Network of adjuvant signaling pathways



Lets not forget about cytokine feedback loops, NLRs, and the like!



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Systems level perspectives are necessary to understand emergence and to predict outcomes

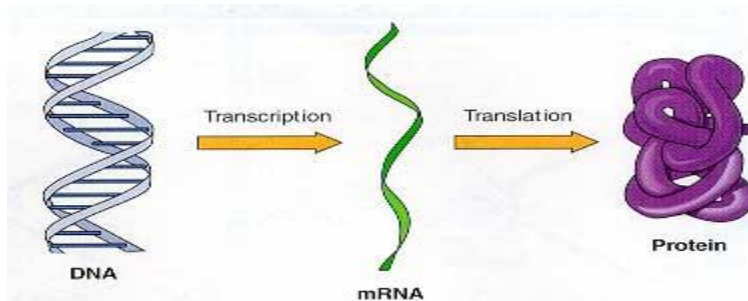


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Traditional approaches study a single
gene/RNA/protein at a time

DNA → RNA → Protein



But there are tens of thousands of genes/RNA/proteins

Systems Biology

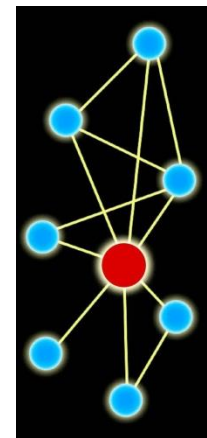
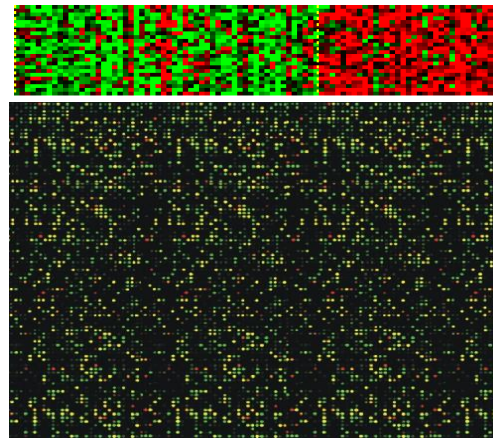
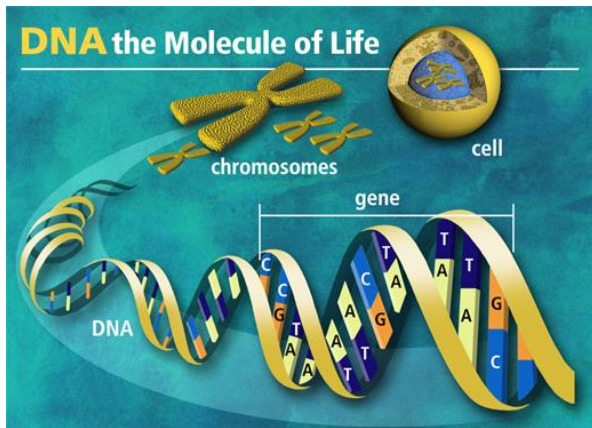
DNA



RNA



Protein



A holistic view

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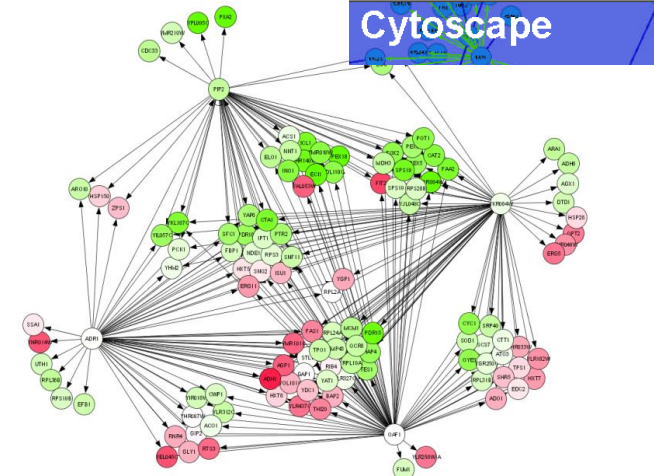
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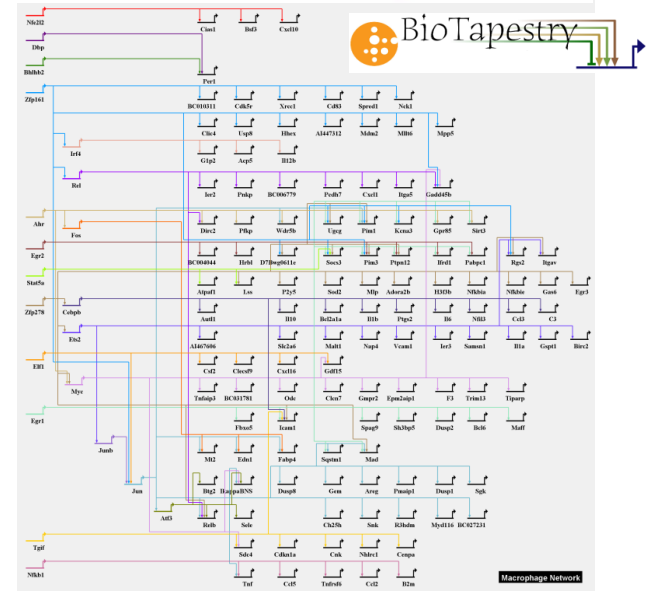
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Cytoscape



BioTapestry



Macrophage Network

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- **Mathematically model biological systems**
 - to predict outcomes for perturbations

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$$\frac{dG_4}{dt} = k_{ip,gal4}R_4 - k_{dp,gal4}G_4 - 2k_{f_d}G_4^2 + 2k_{r_d}G_{4d} \quad (10)$$

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$$\frac{dC_{3i,80}}{dt} = k_{f_d}G_{80Cd}G_{3i} - k_{r_{d,3i,80}}C_{3i,80} - 0.5k_{dp,gal3}C_{3i,80} \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{dG_{ic}}{dt} = v_{TR} - v_{CK} - k_{f_1}G_3G_{ic} + k_{r_1}G_{3i} \quad (18)$$

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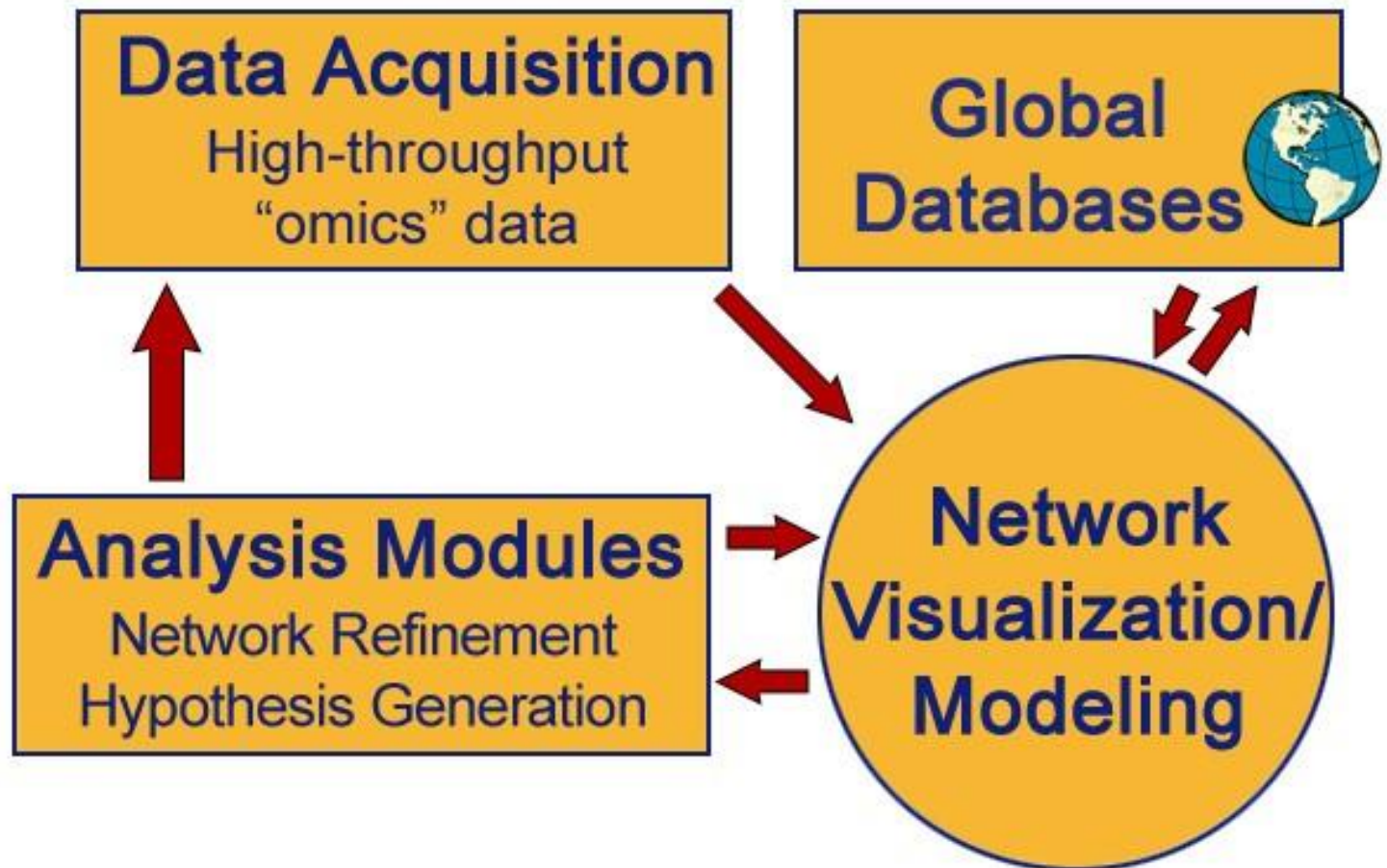
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Network modeling by iterative refinement





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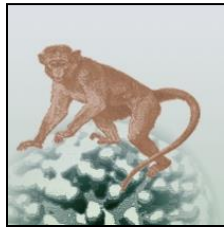


Predict SIV immunogenicity and viral load from innate immune signatures

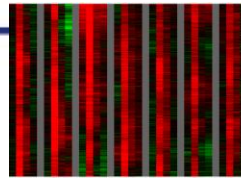
Systems Approach to SIV immunogenicity



SIV gag protein + Montanide
TLR ligand adjuvants

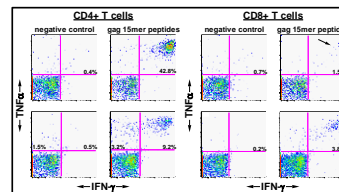


Innate response profile (hours, days)



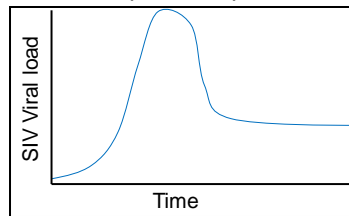
RNA seq: PBMC, LN

Adaptive response profile (weeks, months)

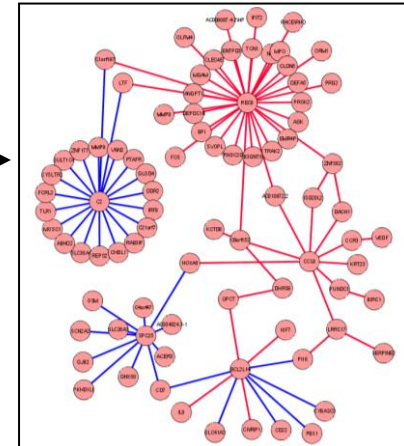


ICS: CD4+ & CD8+ T cells

Response to SIV challenge (months)



Computational integration (Discriminant analysis, Elastic Net)



Innate networks predictive of immunogenicity & protection

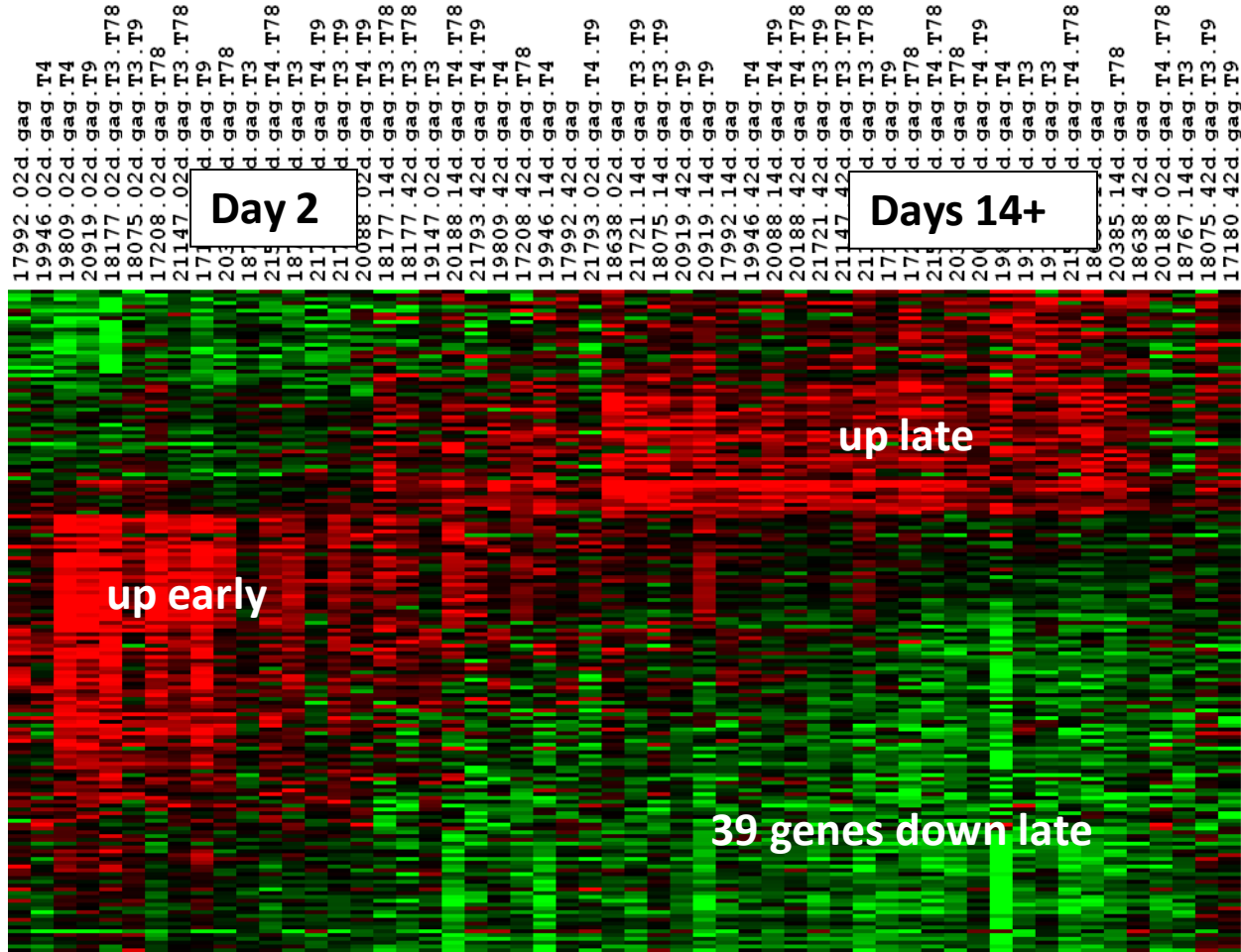
With Louis Picker and Bob Seder

Enhanced vaccine designed to target specific networks



Can innate gene expression predict the adaptive immune phenotype?

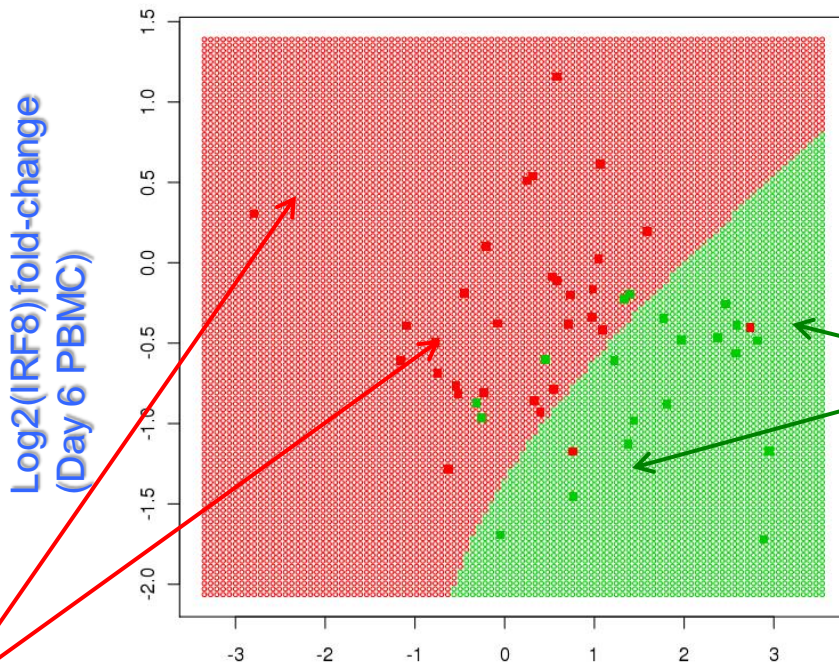
Global transcriptome response (LN)



Classify animals as “High” or “Low” CD4⁺ responders based on pairwise comparison of gene expression in PBMCs (day 6)

Each point represents a different animal, either a “High” or “Low” responder

QDA: Fitting a model that will predict the CD4 response based on the expression of pairs of genes



Red points:
“Low CD4⁺ responders”

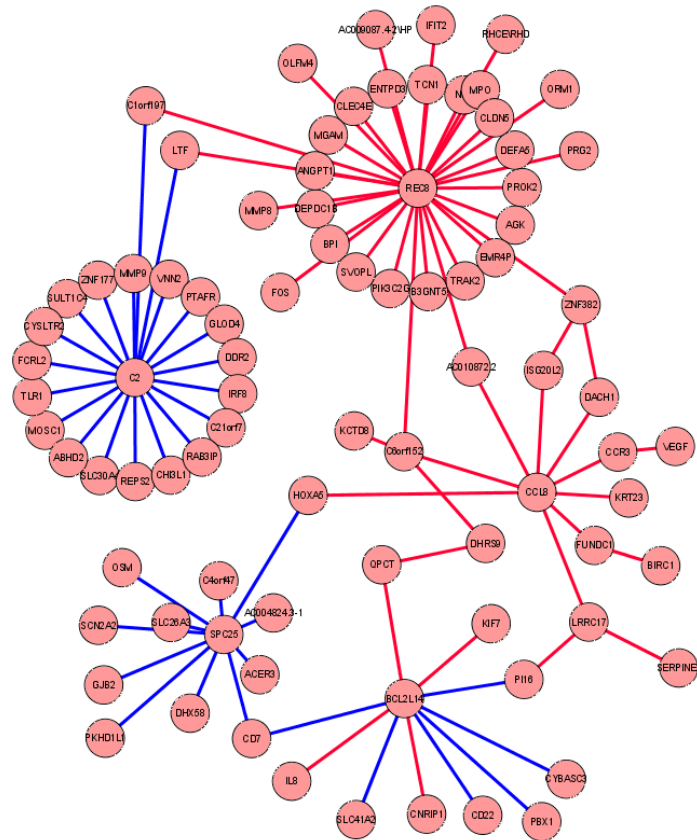
Log2(C2) fold-change
(Day 6 PBMC)

Green points:
“High CD4⁺ responders”

56 monkeys

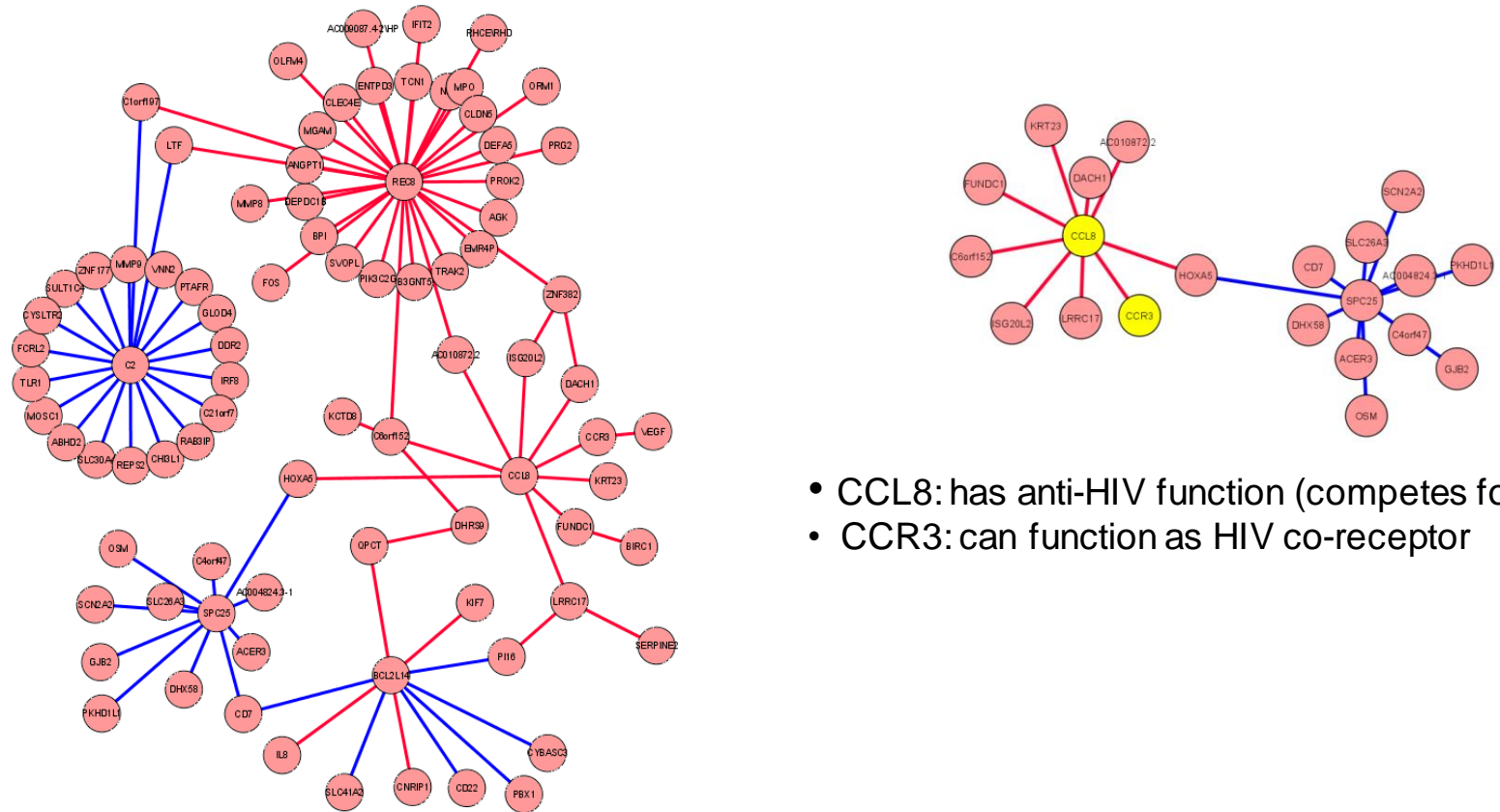
Logistical regression with the elastic net penalty is used for feature selection prior to pair wise analysis

Network of gene expression signatures associated with CD4⁺ responses and SIV load



- Blue edges: gene pairs associated with enhanced CD4⁺ response
- Red edges: gene pairs associated with decreased viral load
- All pair-wise signatures achieved classification for at least 83% of animals in each individual cohort and 86% of animals overall.

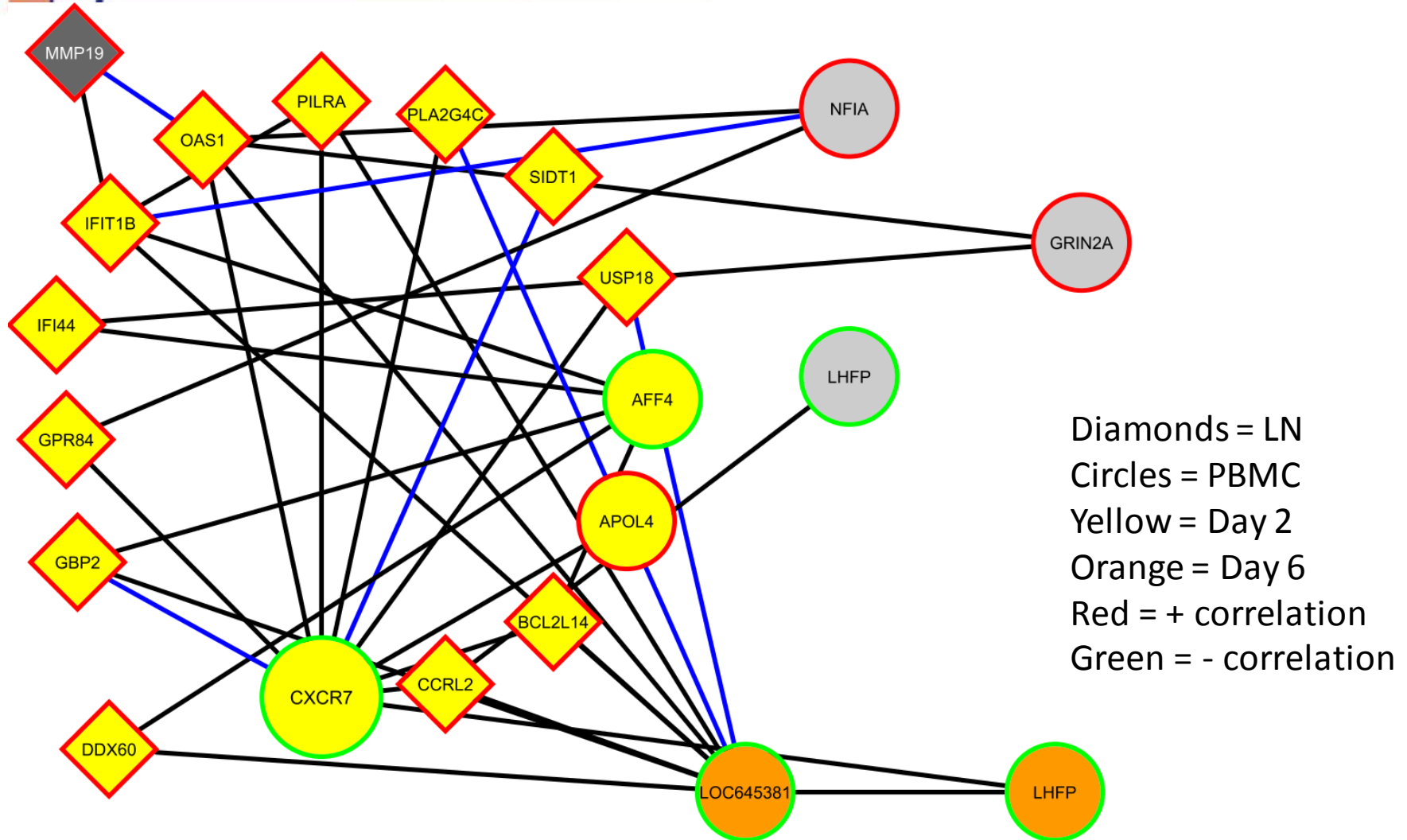
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- CCR3: can function as HIV co-receptor

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Adding additional parameters increases the accuracy of prediction. For example: Predicting CD8+ magnitude



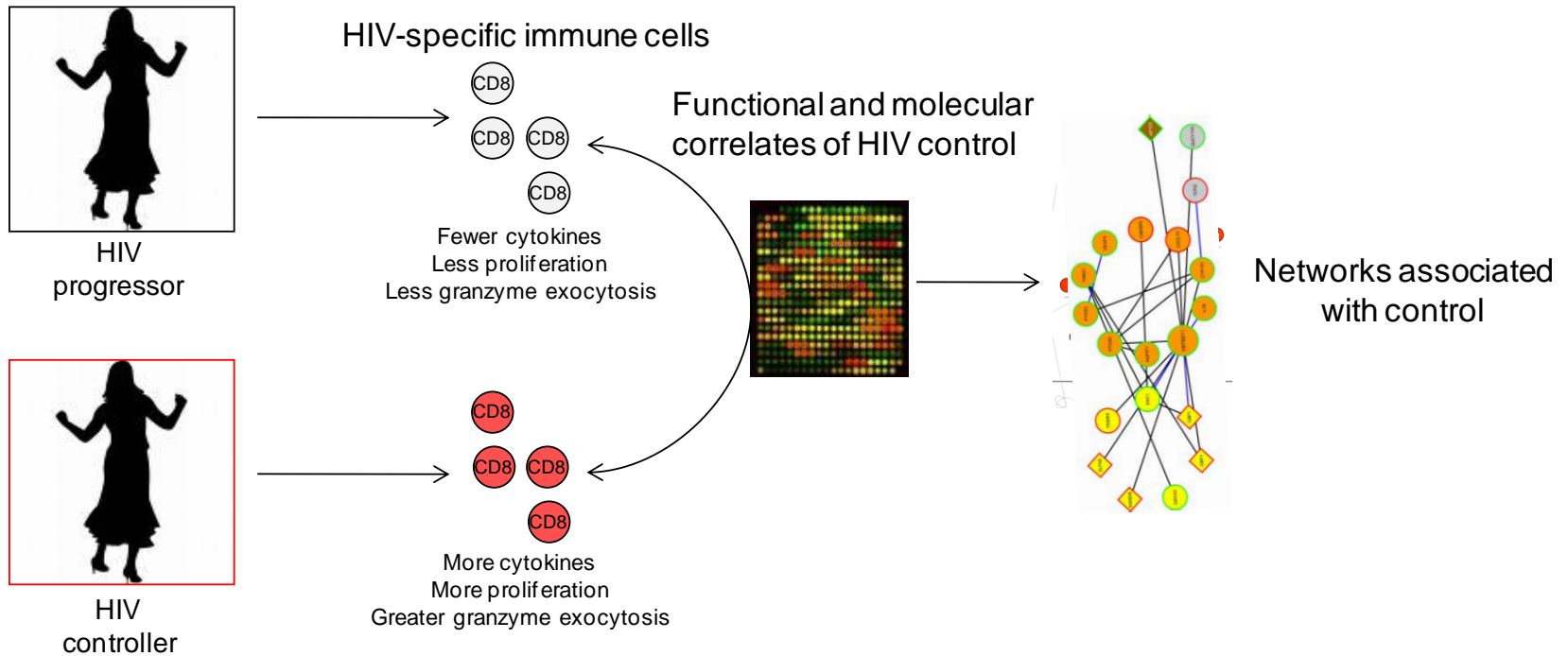
Diamonds = LN
 Circles = PBMC
 Yellow = Day 2
 Orange = Day 6
 Red = + correlation
 Green = - correlation

Displayed pair-wise signatures have > 90% predictive accuracy (blue edges were most robust)



Identifying novel immune correlates from human controller/progressor populations

HIV-infected populations with differing abilities to control virus



Rappuoli and Aderem, Nature 2012

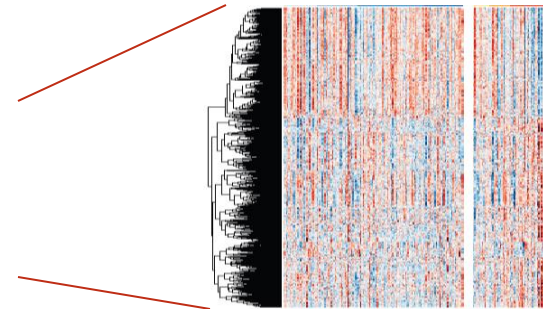
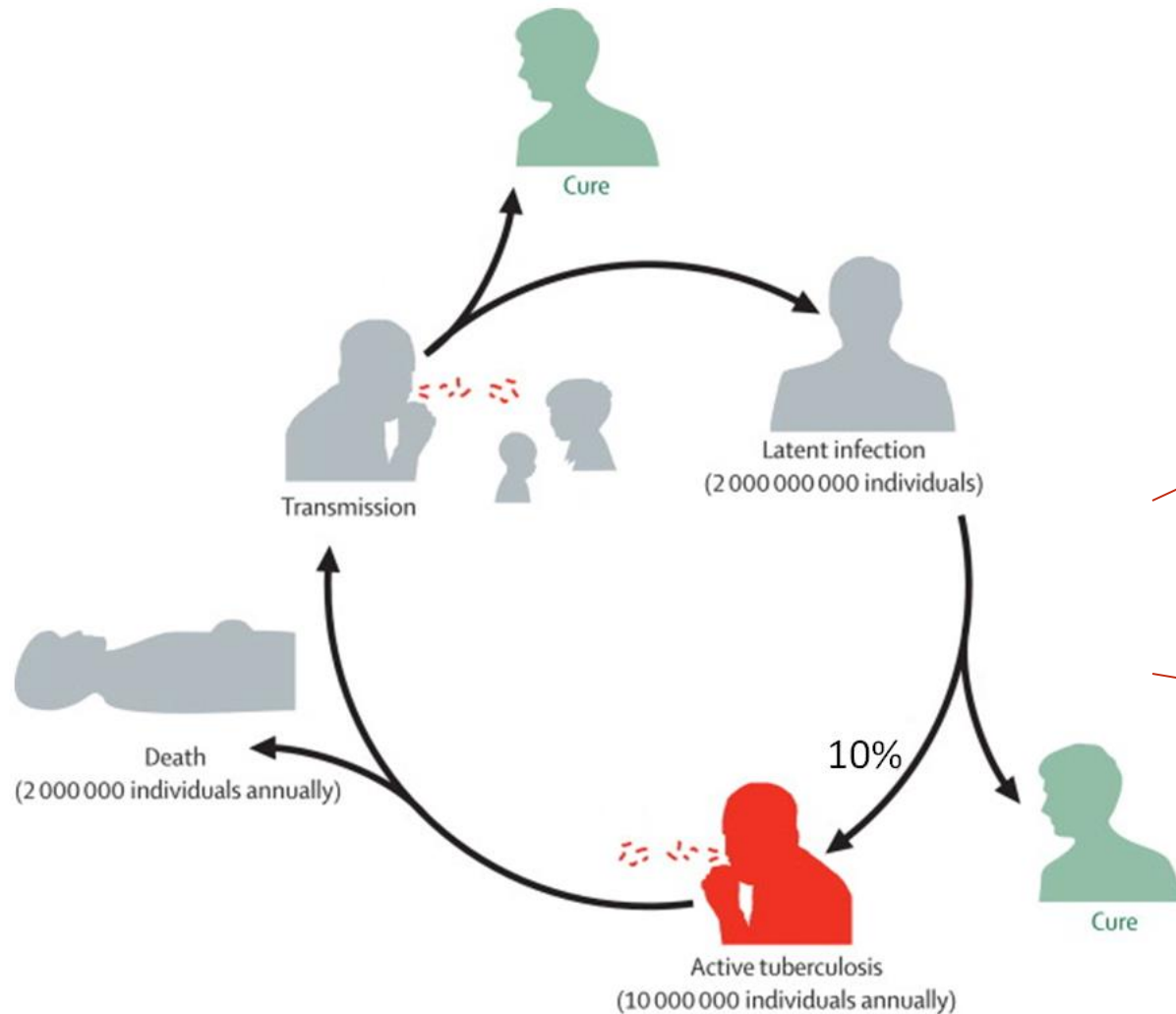


Field study



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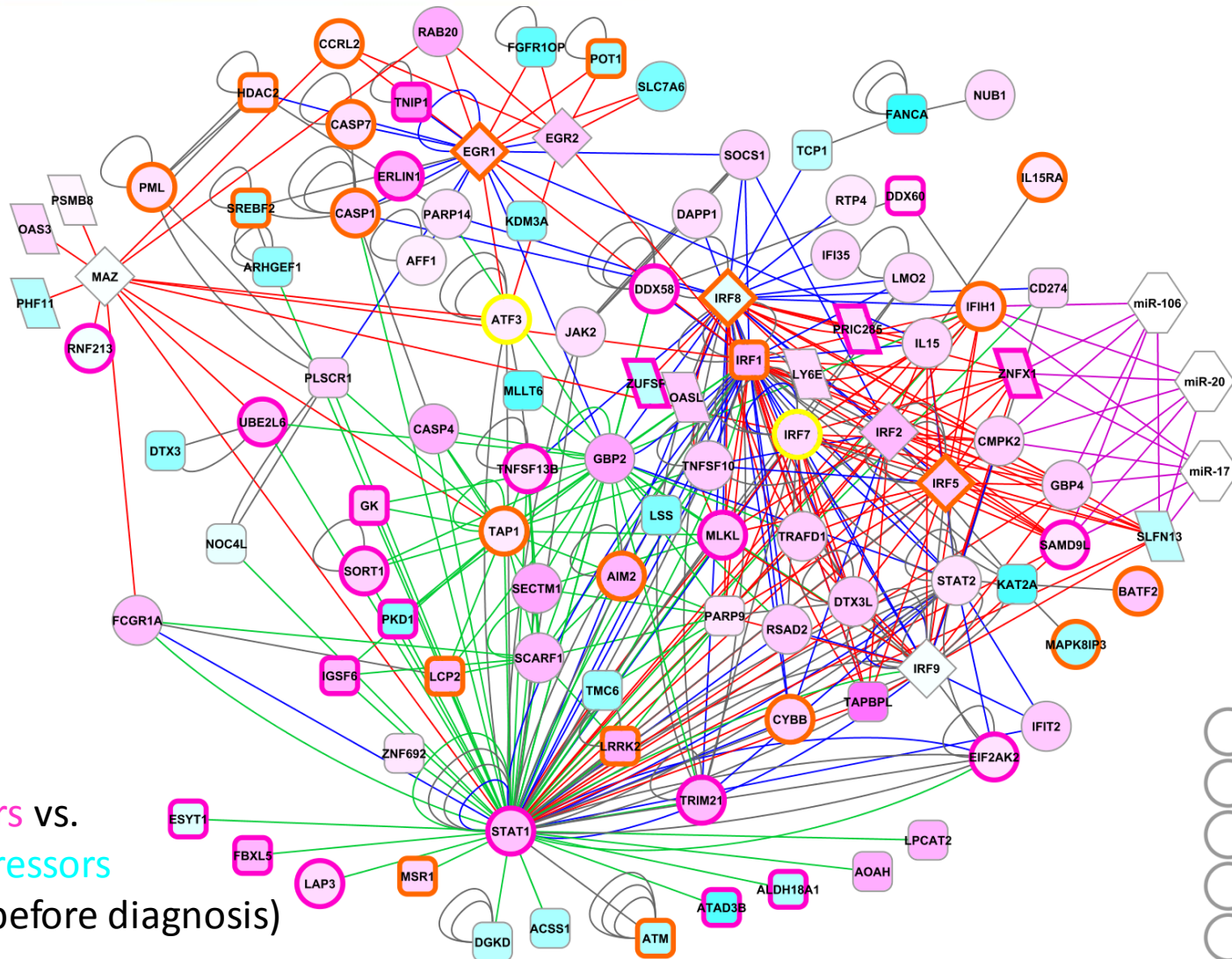




Correlates of TB disease risk in adolescents

- Collaboration with SATVI / University of Cape Town : Willem Hanekom & Tom Scriba
- **Goal:** Predict which *M.tb* infected adolescents will progress to TB disease
- **Samples:**
 - Selected from a population of 6,363 *M.tb* infected adolescents
 - 44 TB cases: developed TB 6 months or more after enrollment
 - 90 controls: matched to cases by age, sex, ethnicity, school
 - 1-4 time points at 6 month intervals
- **Analysis:** Whole blood transcriptome profiling with RNA-Seq
Training set for biomarker discovery

Predicted innate immune response network associated with TB disease progression

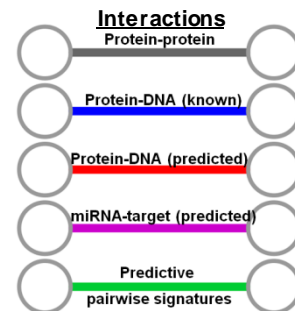


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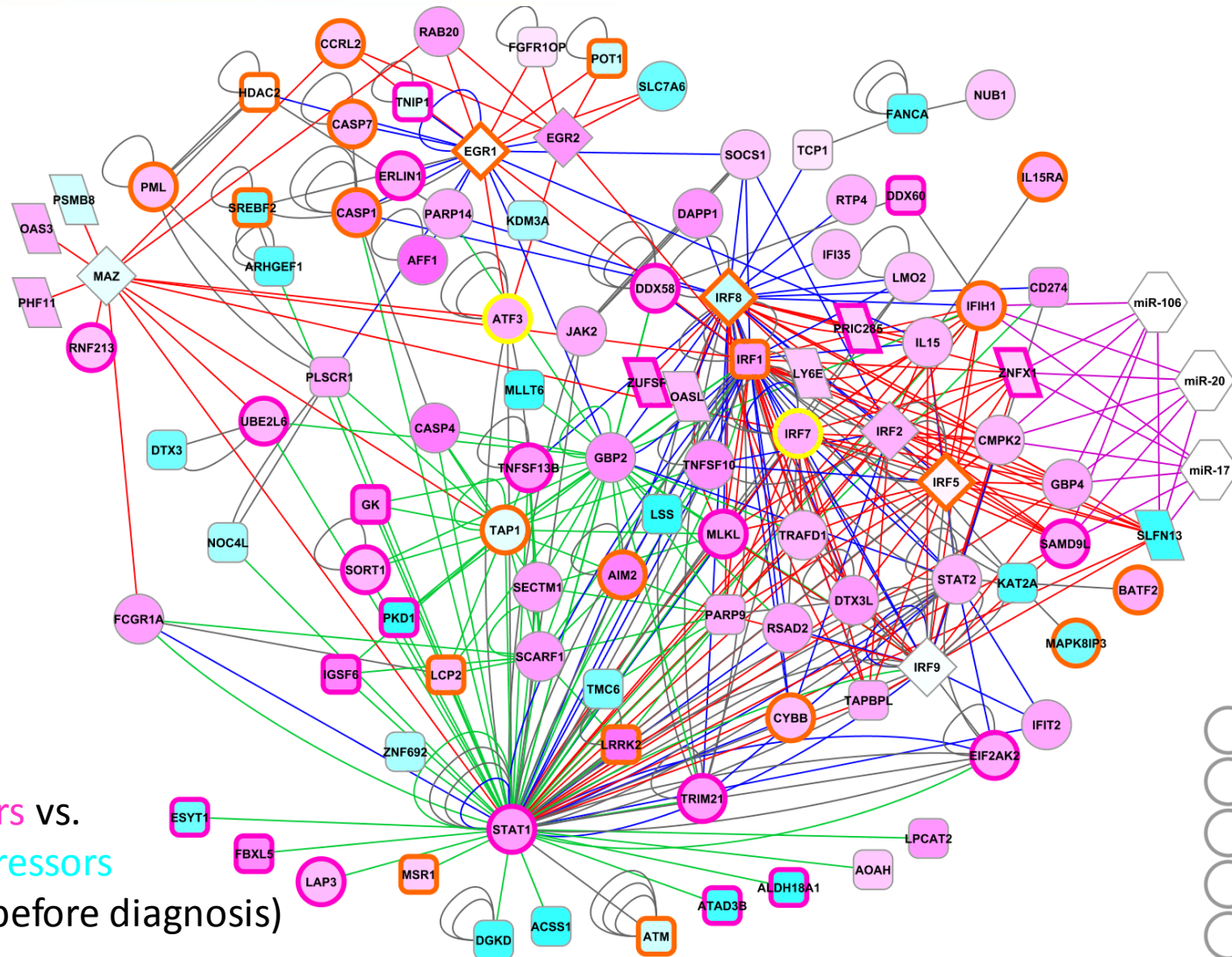
Progressors VS.

Non-progressors

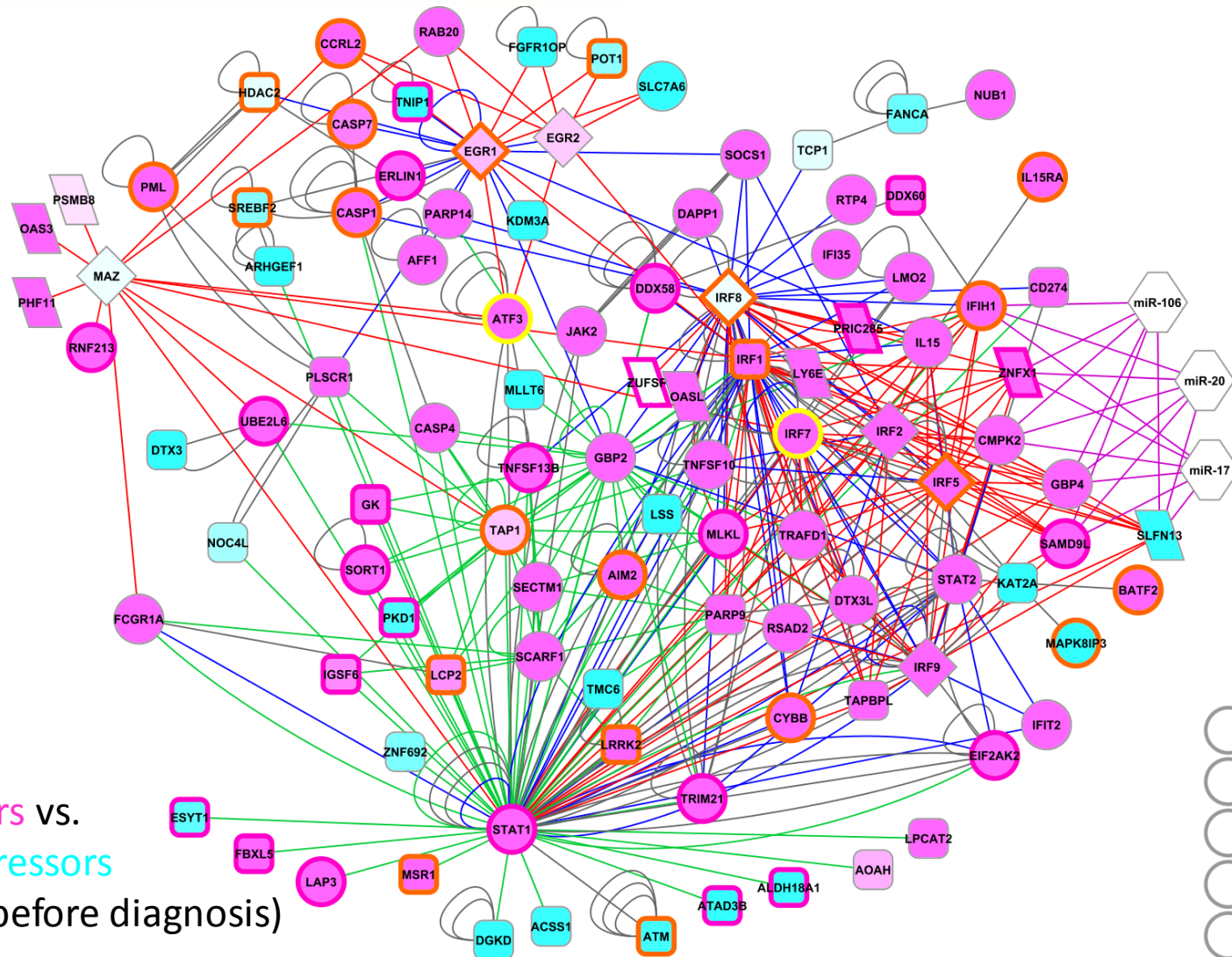
(1.5-1yrs before diagnosis)



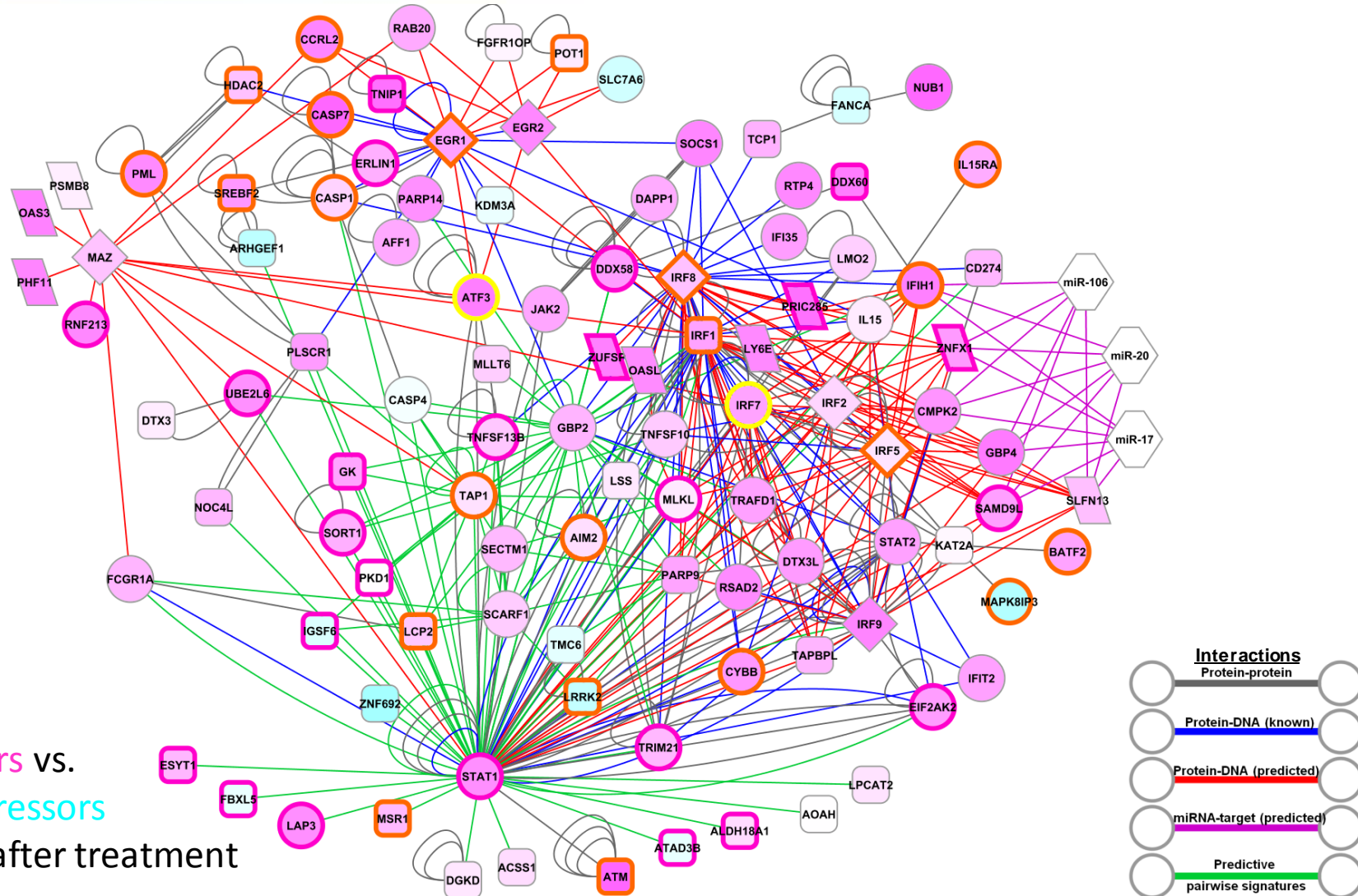
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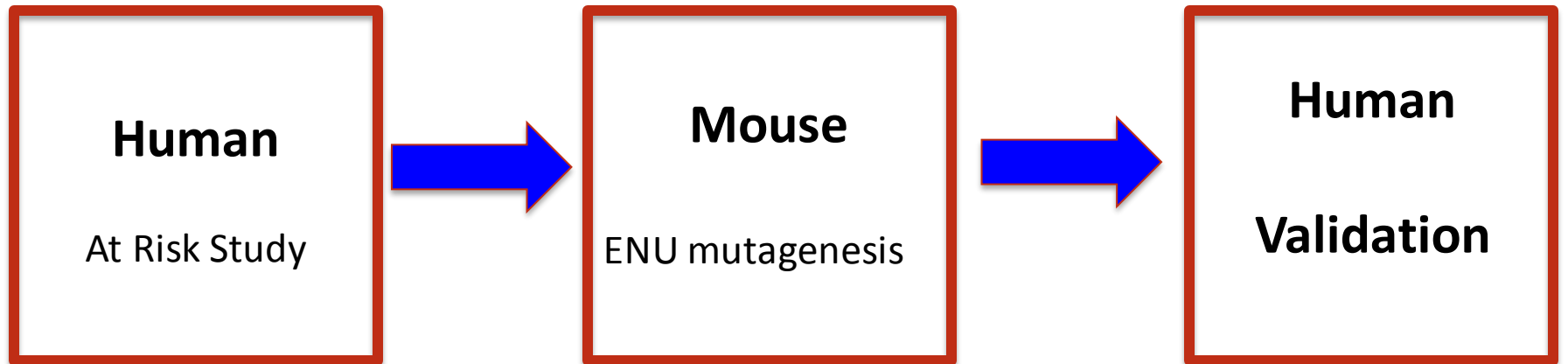


The whole network is coordinately relaxed after treatment





Identification of networks underlying the latent to active switch



RNA knockdowns
CRISPR genome-editing
Human Genetics

A Common Dominant TLR5 Stop Codon Polymorphism Abolishes Flagellin Signaling and Is Associated with Susceptibility to Legionnaires' Disease

Polymorphisms in *TLR2* Are Associated with Increased Viral Shedding and Lesional Rate in Patients with Genital Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 Infection

BRIEF REPORT

Review

THE LANCET Infectious Diseases

Innate immunogenetics: a tool for exploring new frontiers of host defence



Pyogenic Bacterial Infections in Humans with IRAK-4 Deficiency

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Toll-like Receptor 4 Polymorphisms and Aspergillosis in Stem-Cell Transplantation

Polymorphisms in Toll-like receptor 9 influence the clinical course of HIV-1 infection

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PLoS PATHOGENS

Identification of Tuberculosis Susceptibility Genes with Human Macrophage Gene Expression Profiles

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The Influence of Host and Bacterial Genotype on the Development of Disseminated Disease with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

MAJOR ARTICLE

A Polymorphism in Toll-Interleukin 1 Receptor Domain Containing Adaptor Protein Is Associated with Susceptibility to Meningeal Tuberculosis

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Human TLR1 Deficiency Is Associated with Impaired Mycobacterial Signaling and Protection from Leprosy Reversal Reaction



Genes and Immunity (2007) 8, 422-428
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A polymorphism in human *TLR2* is associated with increased susceptibility to tuberculous meningitis

European Journal of Immunology

A common human TLR1 polymorphism regulates the innate immune response to lipopeptides

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PNAS

Toll-like receptor 4 polymorphisms are associated with resistance to Legionnaires' disease

JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY

CUTTING EDGE

Cutting Edge: A Toll-Like Receptor 2 Polymorphism That Is Associated with Lepromatous Leprosy Is Unable to Mediate Mycobacterial Signaling¹



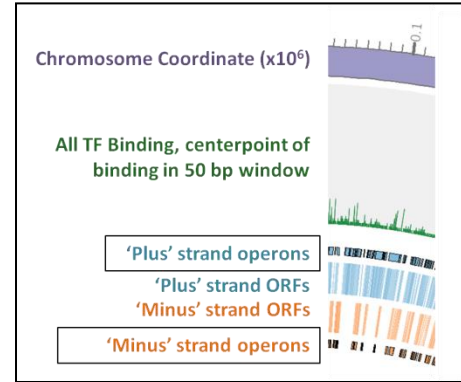
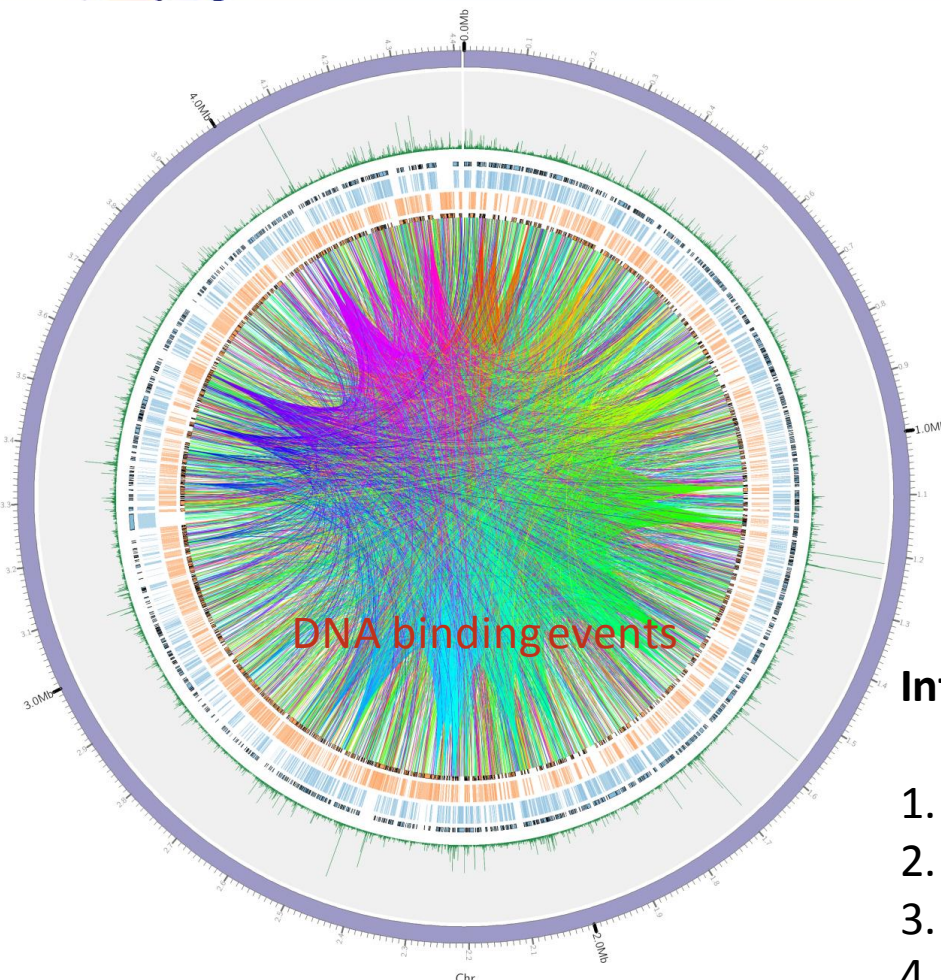
Omics of TB Disease Progression

Map the regulatory networks within the host and the mycobacterium during TB disease containment or progression

Project One:
Host Determinants

Project Two:
Bacterial Determinants

Mapping transcriptional and signaling networks within MTB that undermine host responses



~7100 sites
207 TFs
P<0.001

Integrate Host and Bacterial Networks to Identify:

1. which networks regulate latency,
2. which render MTB most susceptible to the host
3. which host networks lead to protection
4. can we reprogram the host response to elicit protection

With David Sherman



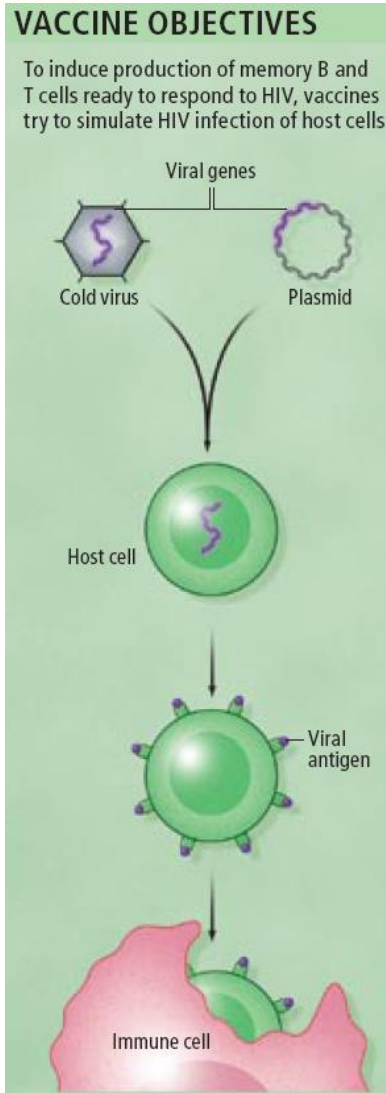
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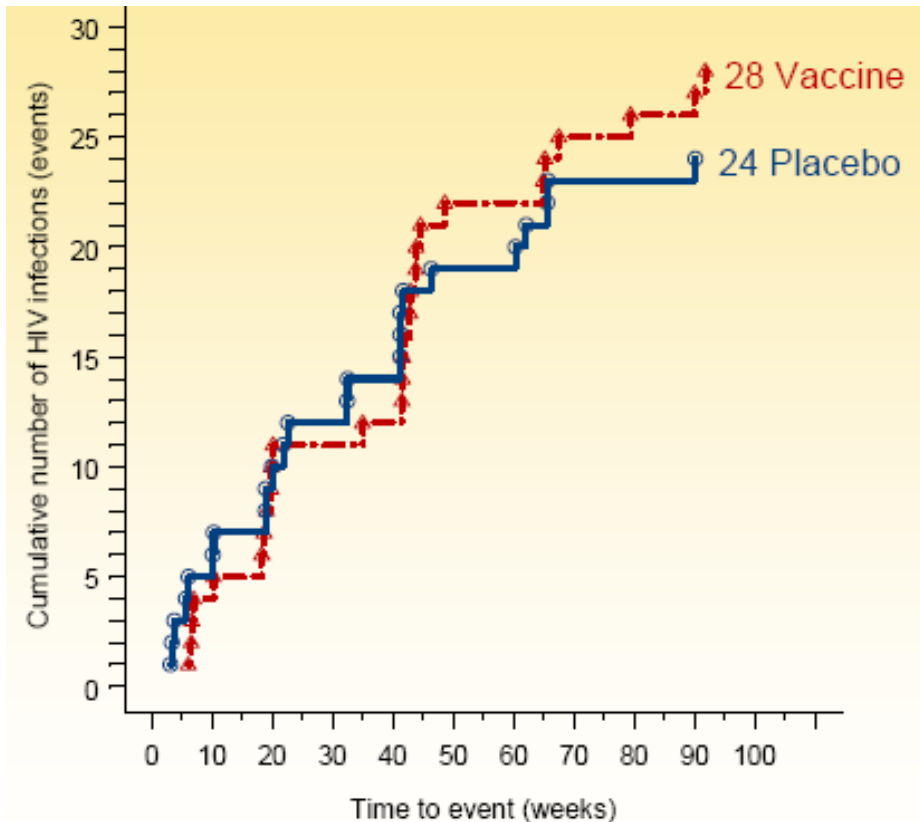
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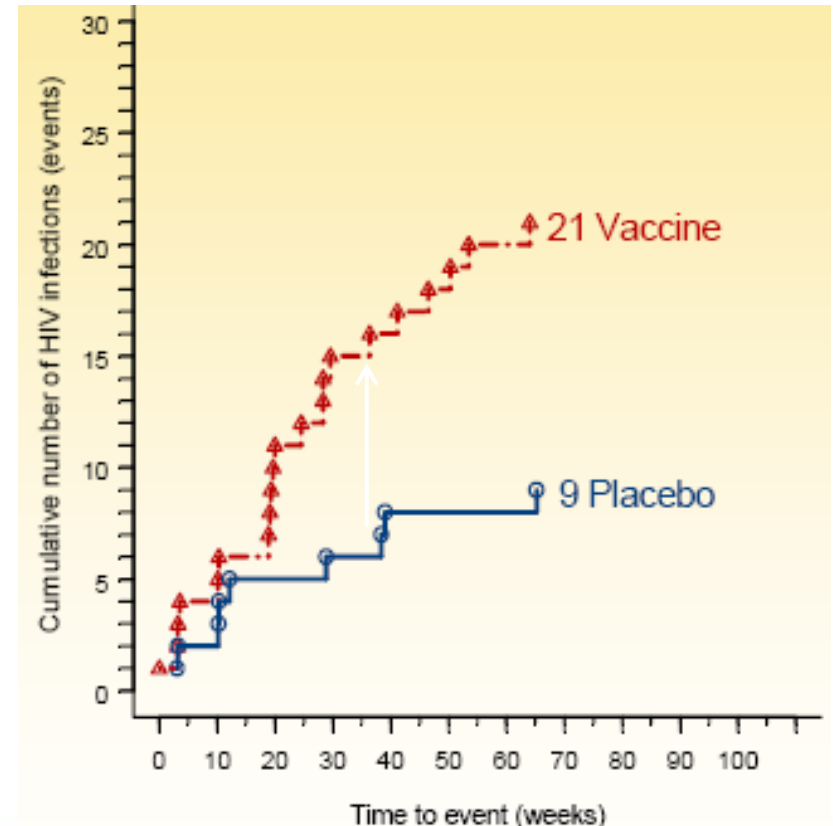
Trivalent MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag/pol/nef
from the Step Trial

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People without pre-existing antibodies to the viral vector (“Seronegative”)



People with pre-existing antibodies to the viral vector (“Seropositive”)





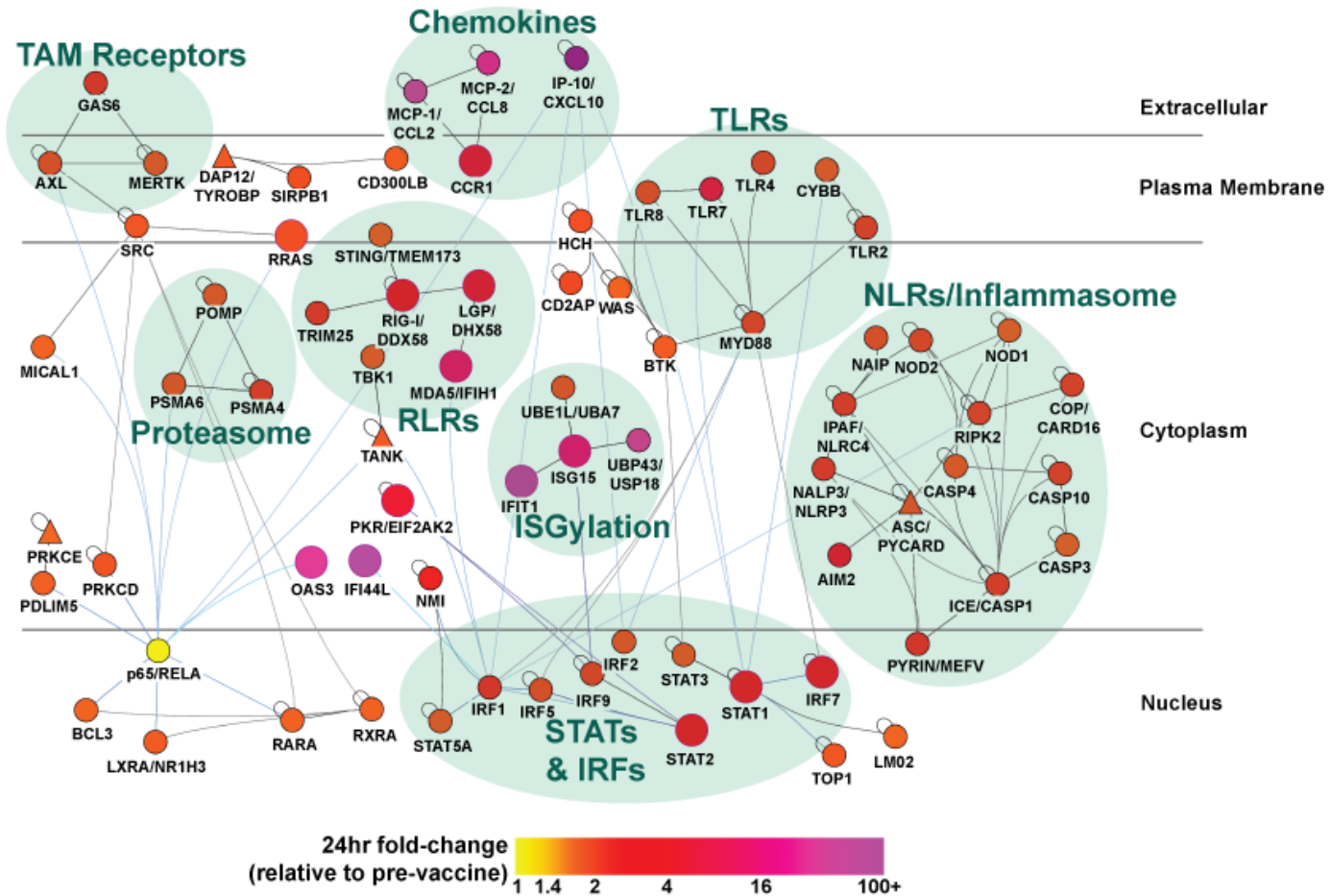
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- Seattle subjects vaccinated with trivalent MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag/pol/nef from the Step trial
- Subjects had varying pre-vaccination immunity to vaccine vector (Ad5+)
- Microarray profiling of PBMC innate immune responses 6, 24, 72, and 168hr after primary vaccination
- Intracellular Cytokine Staining (ICS) used to profile HIV-specific T cell responses

With Julie
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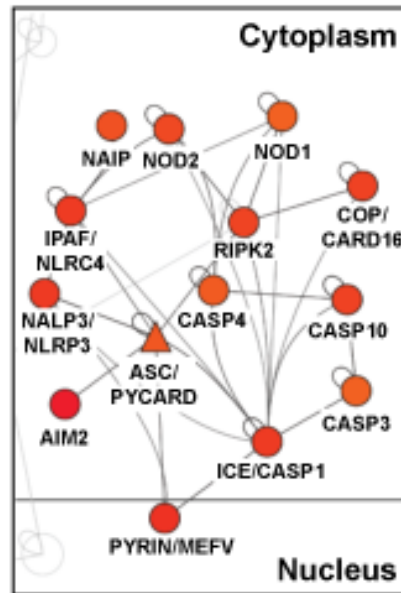
Functional networks regulated by MRKAd5 vaccination



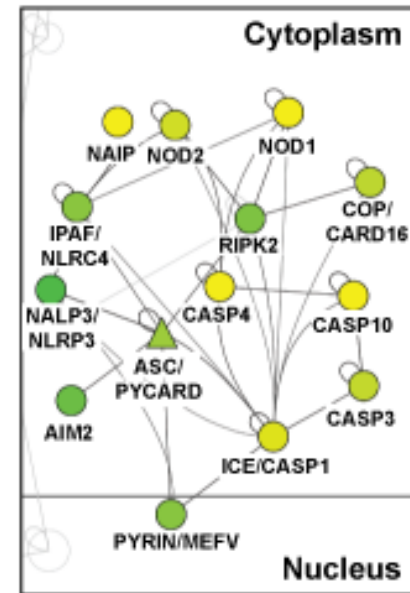
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Inflammasome Network



Ad5 Negative

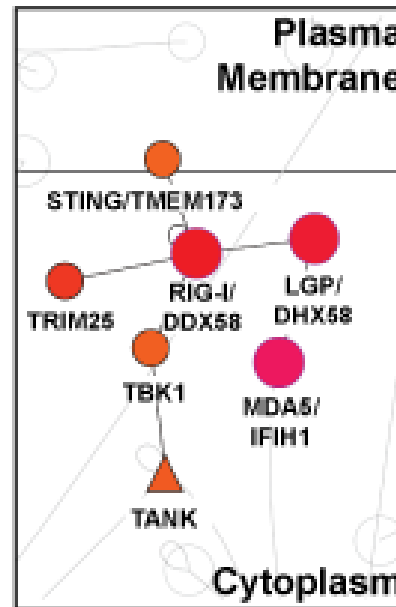


Ad5 Positive

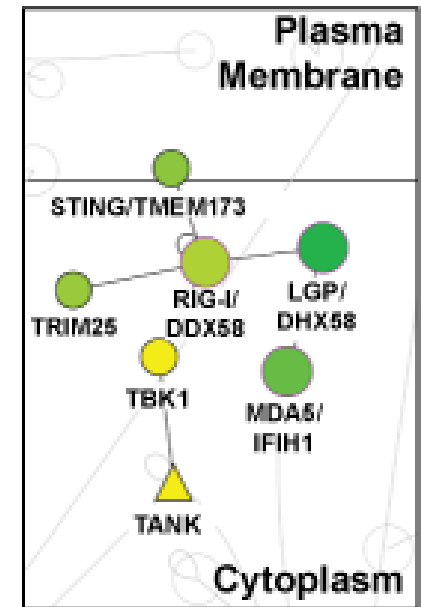
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RIG-I Network



Ad5 Negative



Ad5 Positive

Zak et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 2012



Virus responsive innate immune networks appear to be attenuated in Ad5 positive vaccinees



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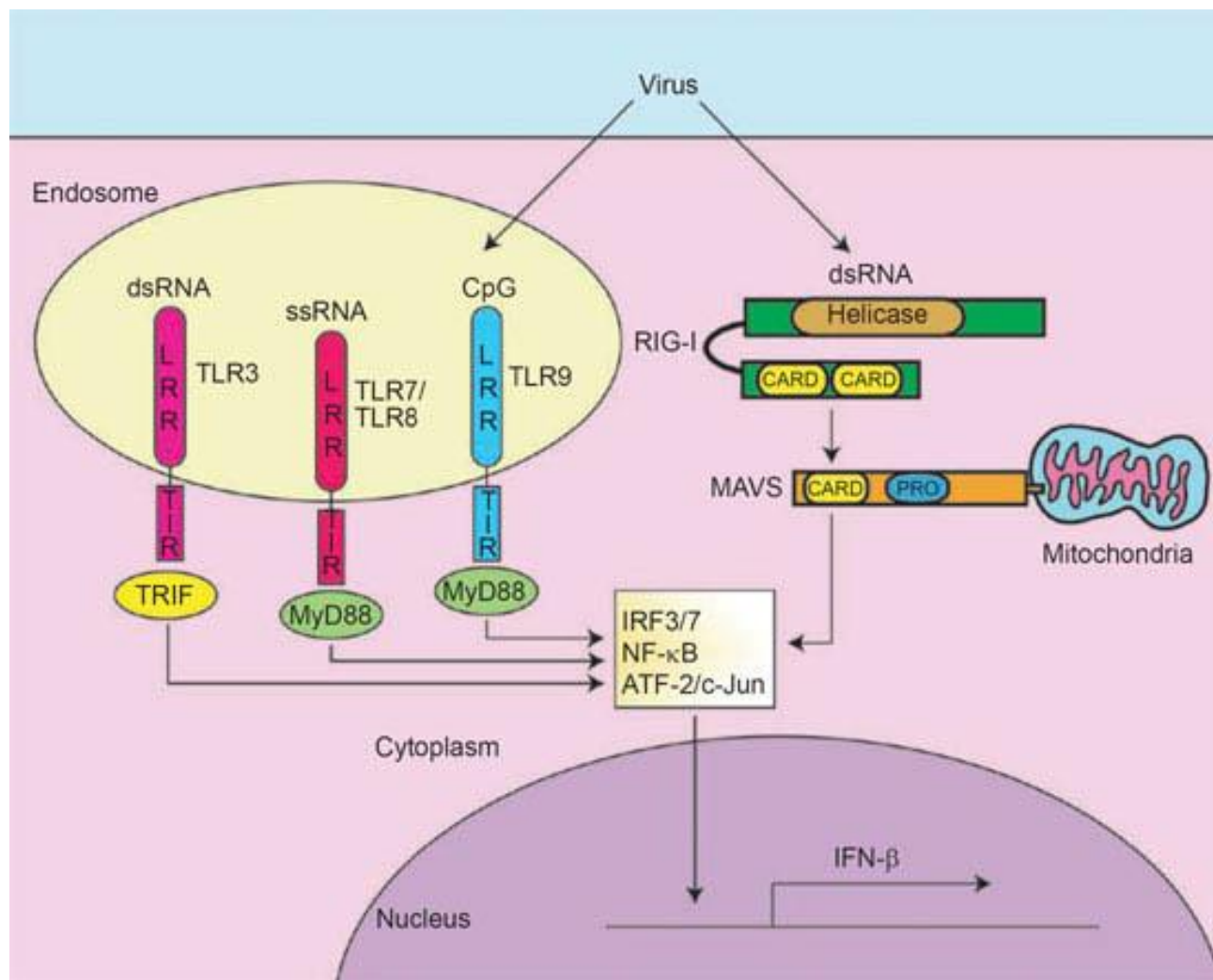
• 5 examples



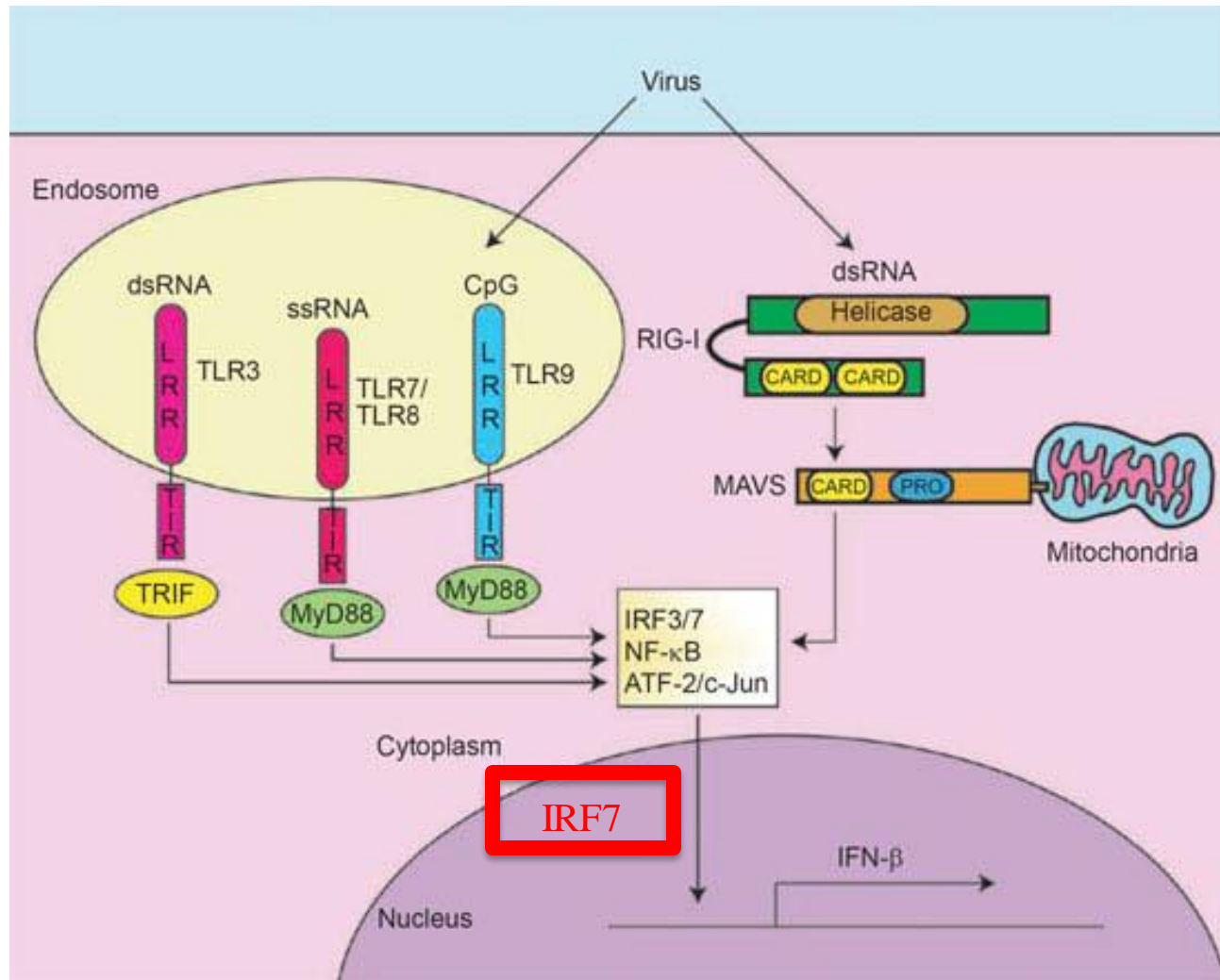
Regulation of the IRF7 pathway

- A Foxo3 - IRF7 anti-viral regulatory circuit
- An IRF7 - microRNA-144 anti-viral regulatory circuit

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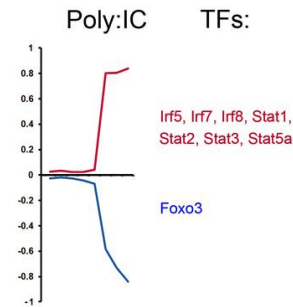
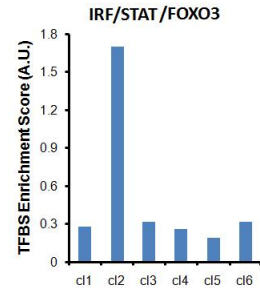
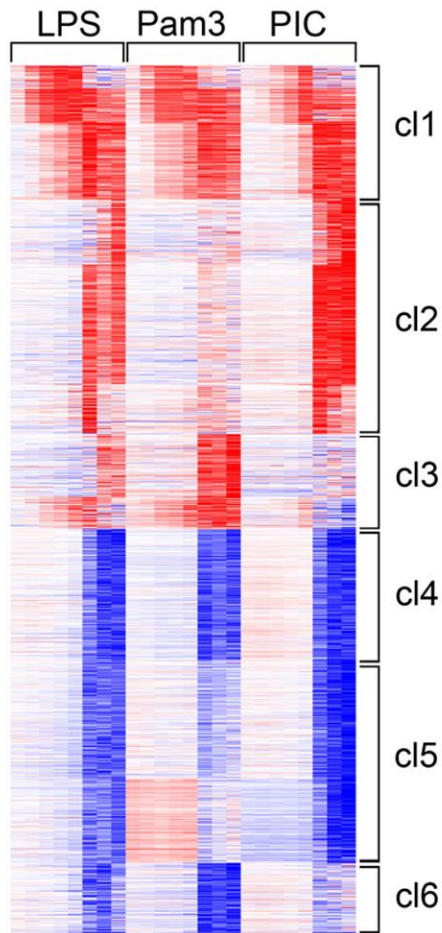




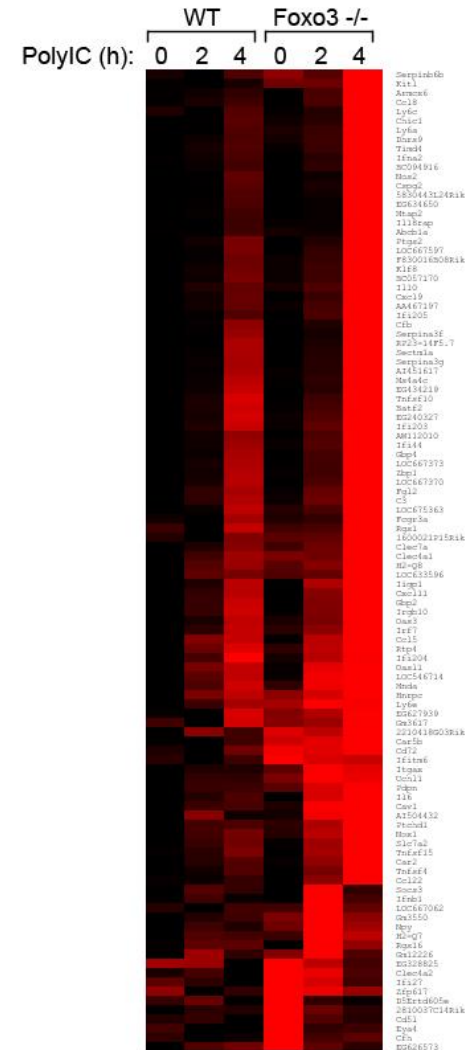
Regulation of the IRF7 pathway

- A Foxo3 - IRF7 anti-viral regulatory circuit
- An IRF7 - microRNA-144 anti-viral regulatory circuit

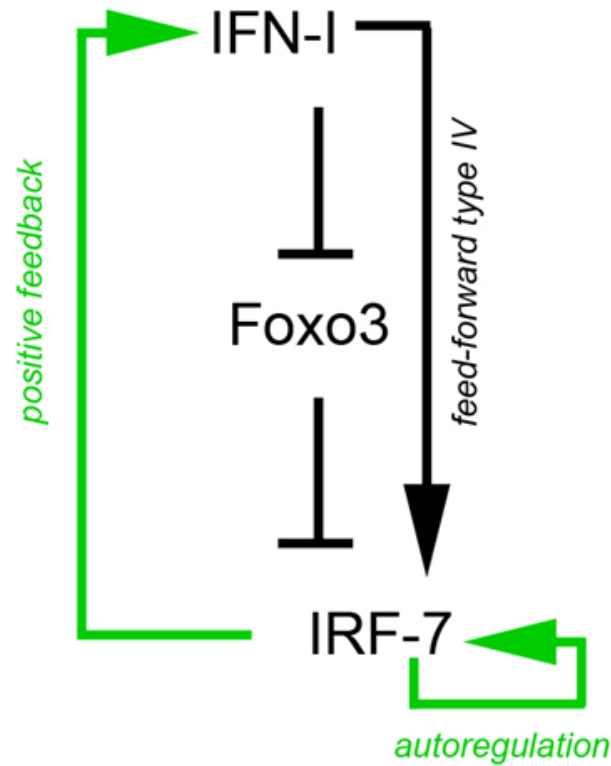
Predicting regulatory circuits controlling TLR-induced responses



Further computational analysis suggested that Foxo3 is a negative regulator of a subset of PIC-induced genes



Foxo3 restrains the IFN-I/IRF7 positive feedback circuit



Litvak et al, Nature 2012

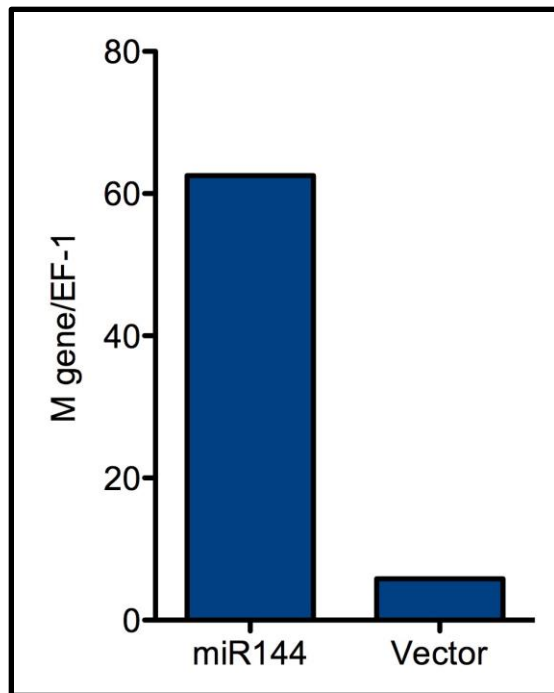
- Foxo3 keeps basal levels of IRF7 in check (prevents leakage and IRF7 auto-amplification)
- IFN-I represses Foxo3 thereby relieving restraint
- Dynamic interplay between IFN-I/Foxo3/IRF7 constrain rampant IFN-I production



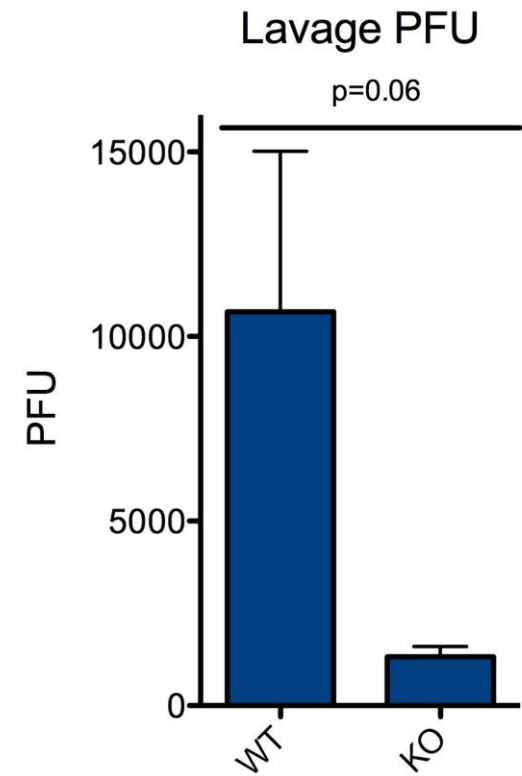
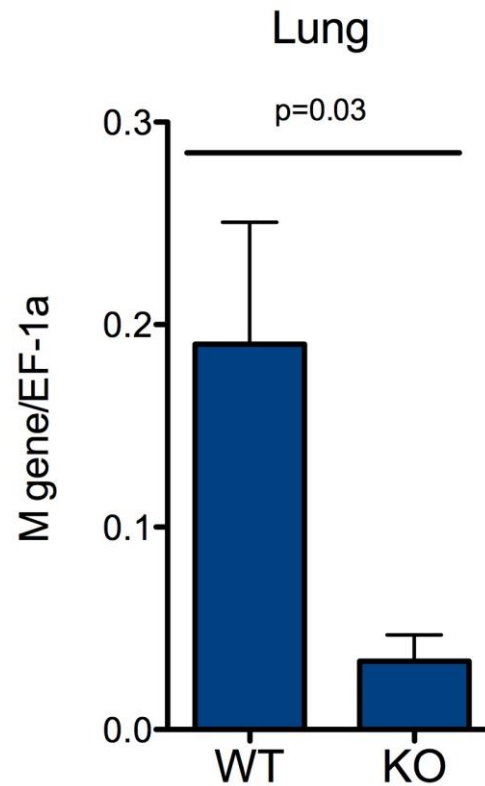
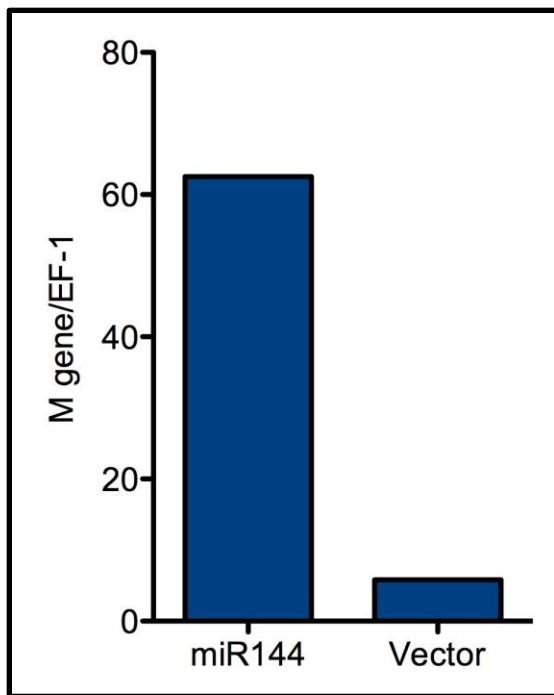
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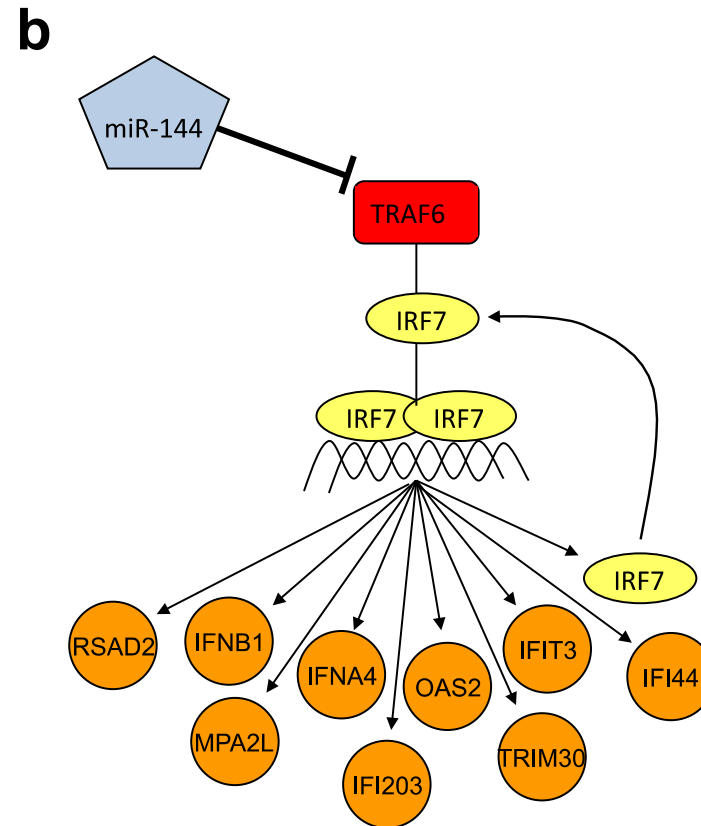
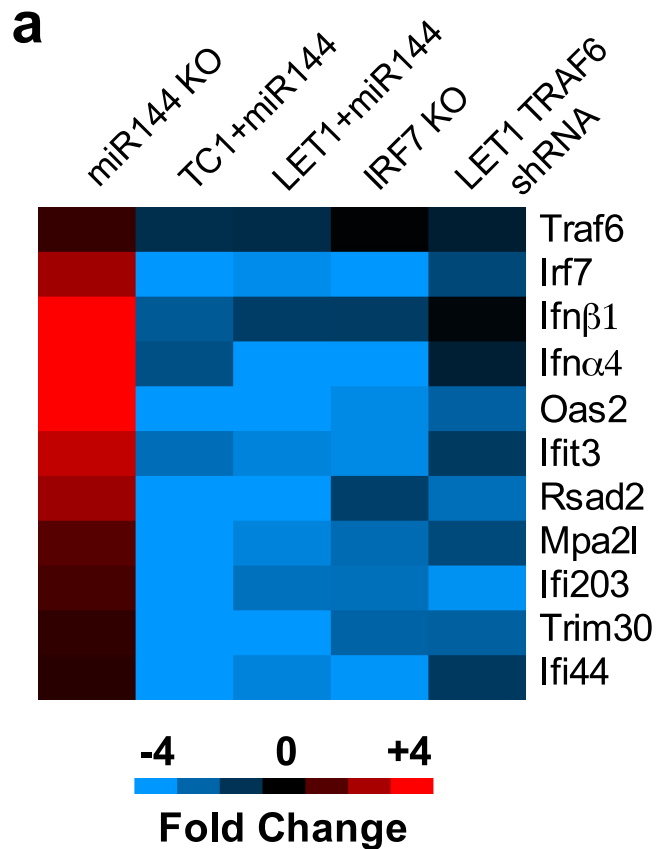
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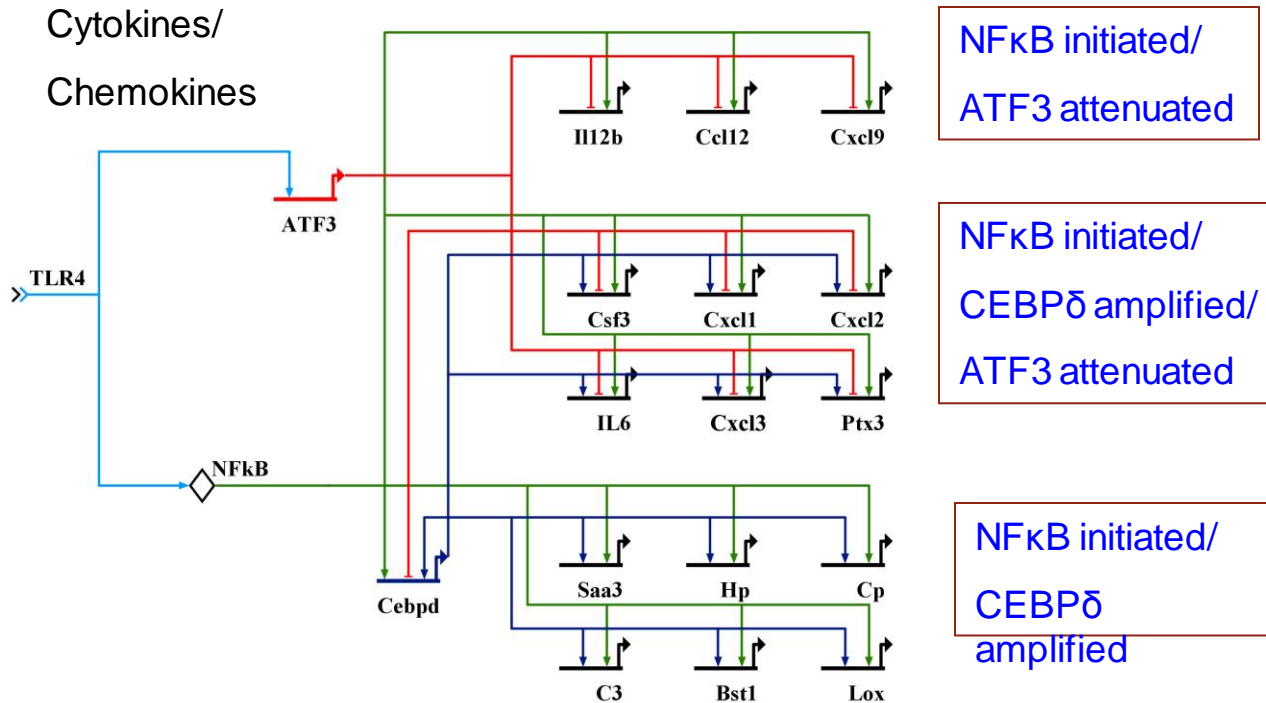


Model for Regulation of a TRAF6-IRF7-Antiviral Gene Expression Network by miR-144



Reciprocal phenotypes in knockout and gain-of-function studies.

Characterization of an NFκB, CEBPδ, and ATF3 transcriptional sub-network that regulates cytokine production



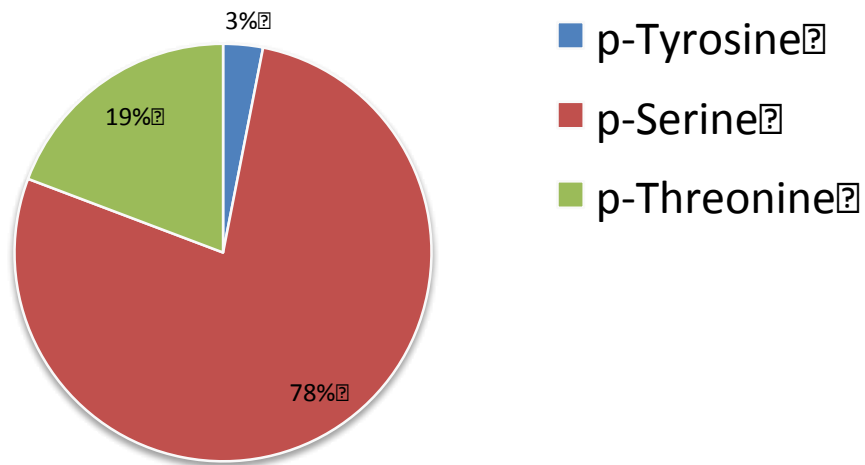
Gilchrist et al., Nature 2006
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Cellular Signaling Networks

Benchmarking phospho-peptide identification

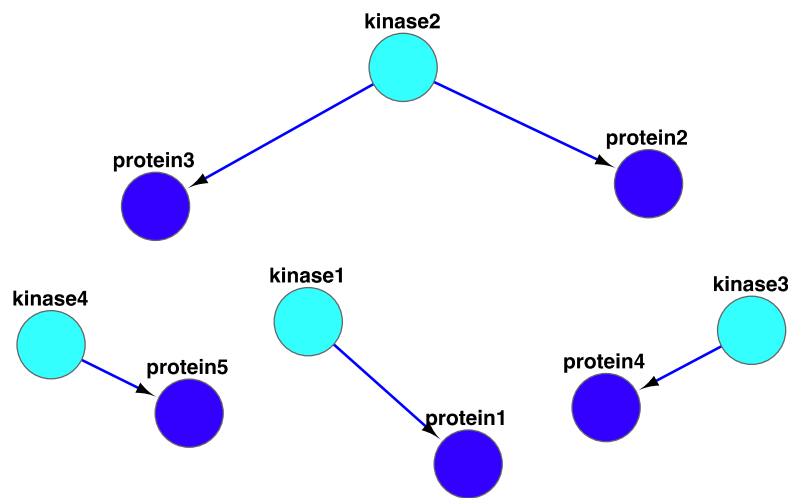
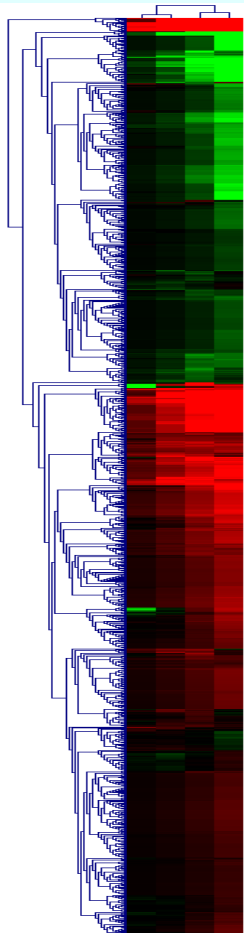
BMDM stimulated for 15 min with LPS
14,499 p-Sites in 4250 proteins



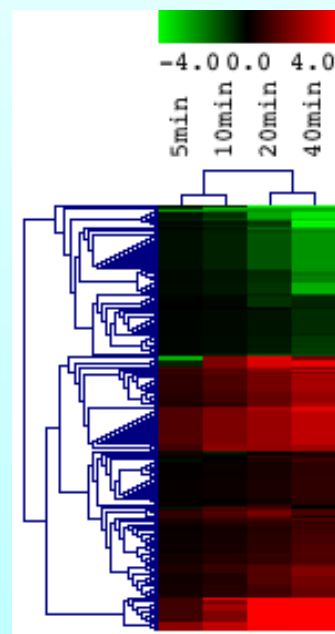
7,000 of the phospho-sites have
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Inferring kinase networks

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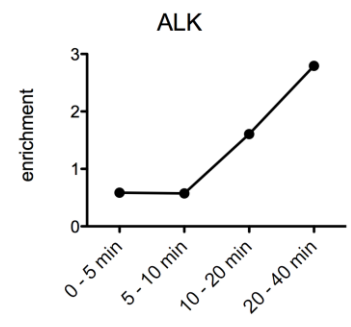
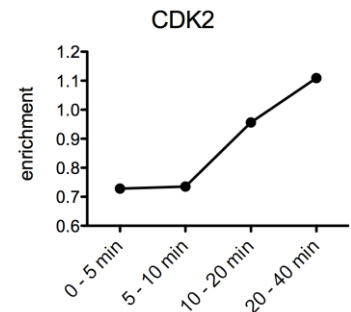
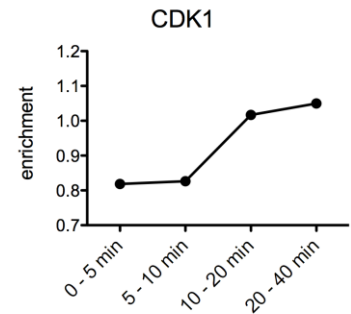
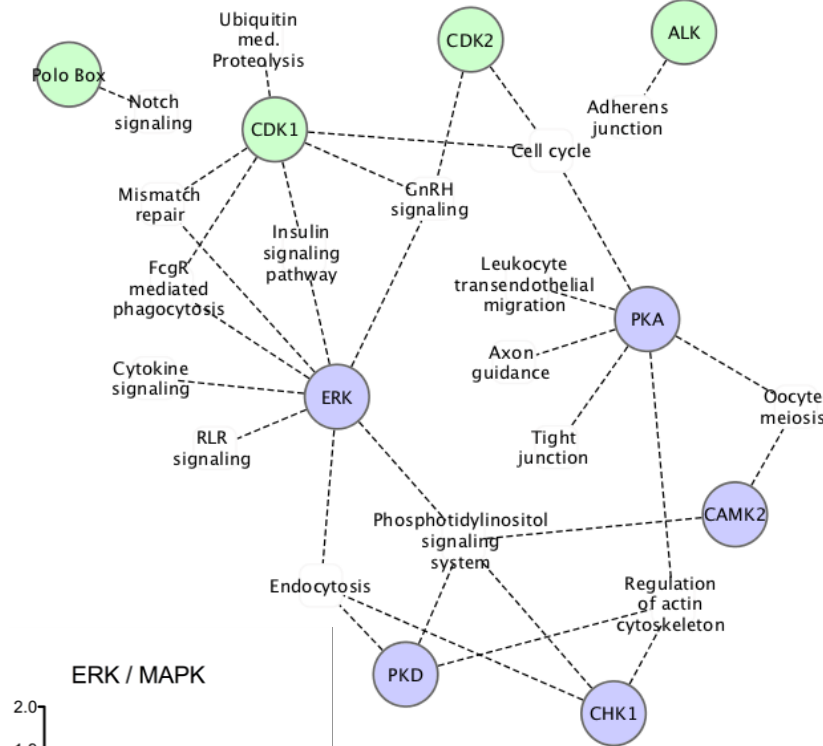
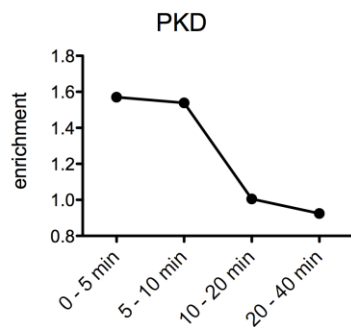
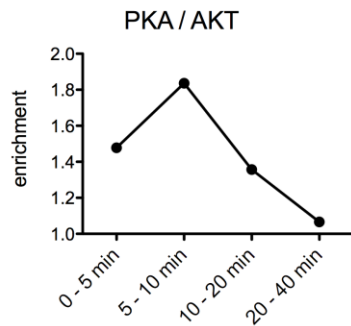
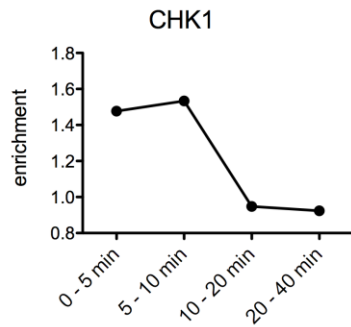


kinase activity



Infer kinase activity using protein-protein interaction data, phosphorylation motifs, and phosphorylation data

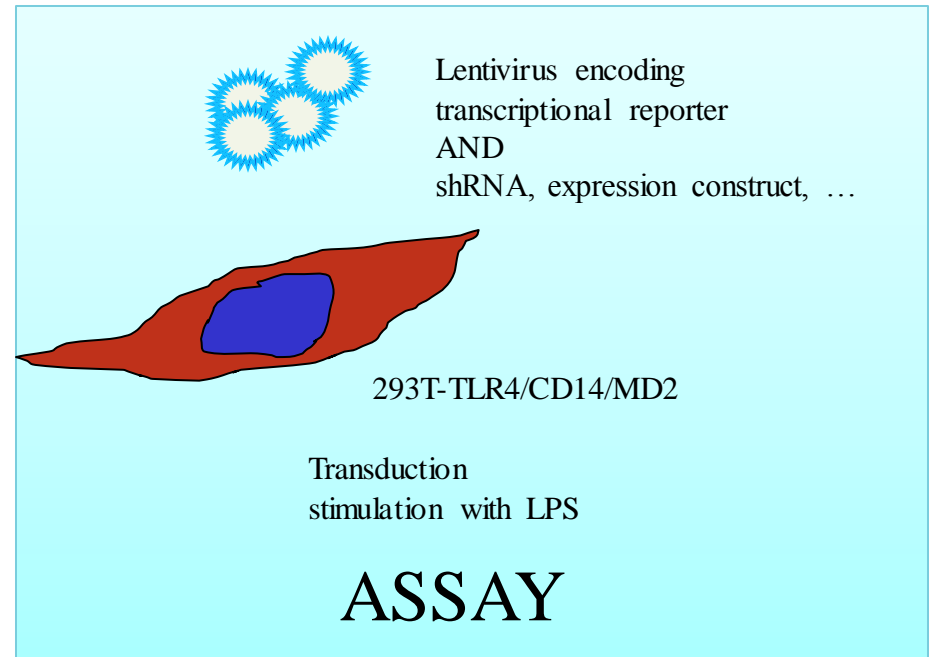
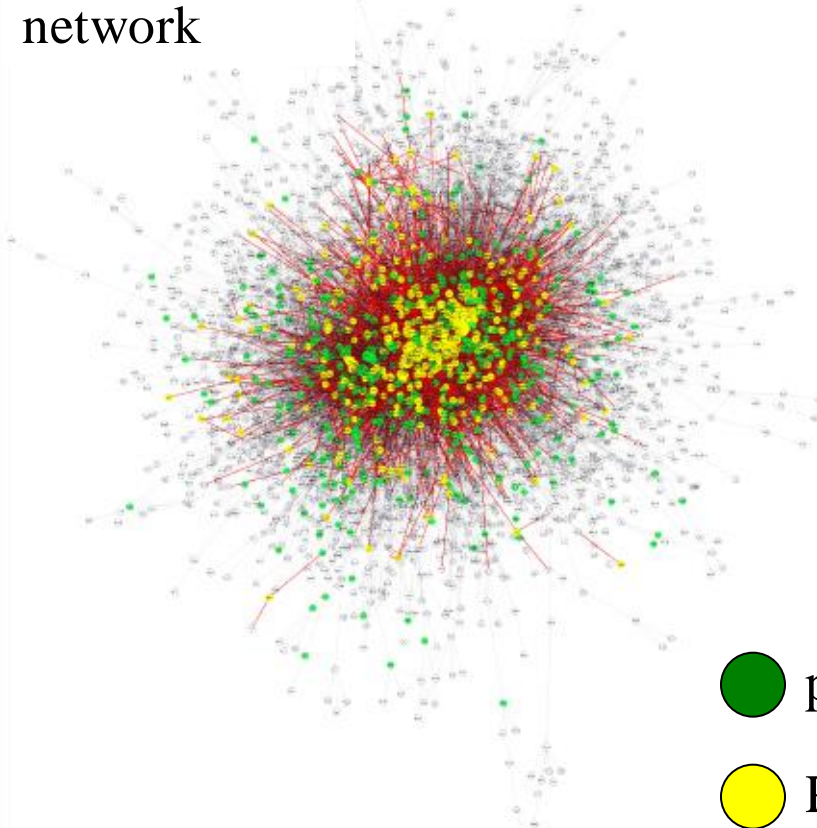
Unbiased prediction of kinase-regulated cellular functions from global phosphorylation measurements



● motifs enriched early
● motifs enriched late

High throughput analysis of phosphorylation events in TLR mediated transcription

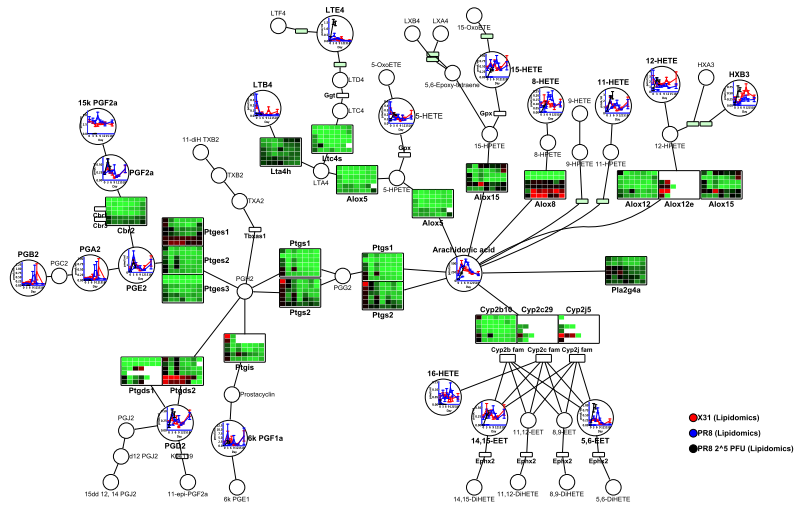
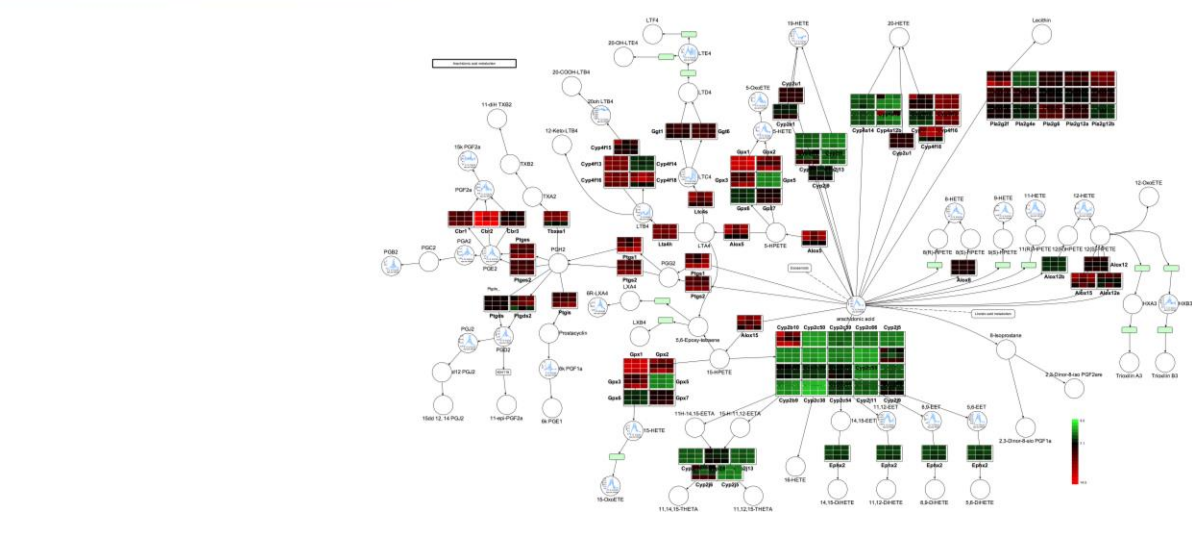
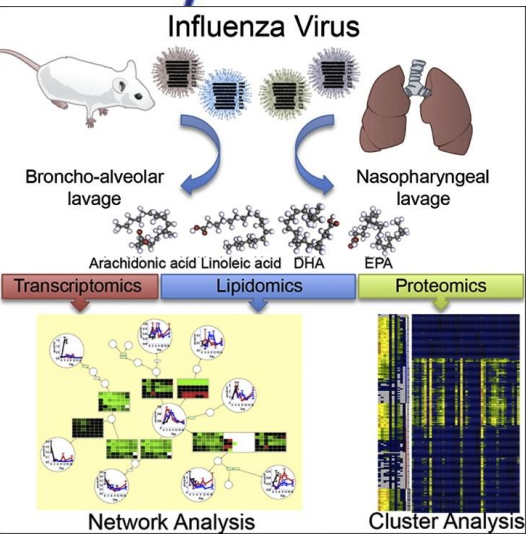
Macrophage network



- phosphorylation detected by MS
- Proteins with kinase activity

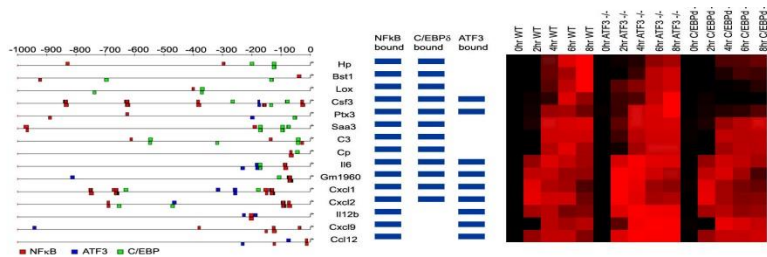
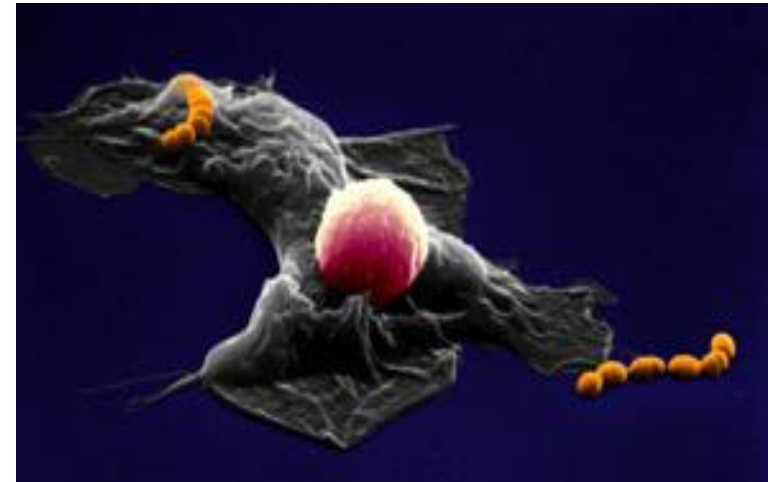
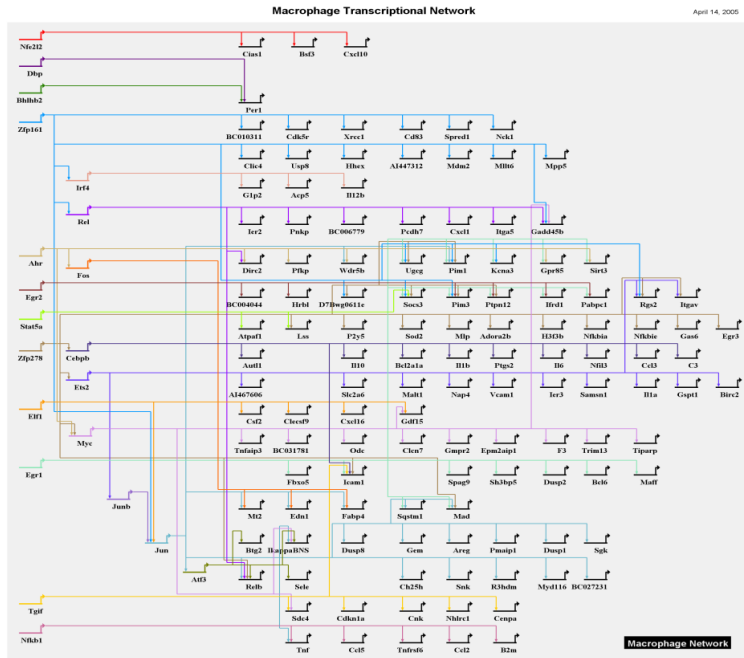
Zak and Aderem, Nat. Biotech., 2009

Lipidomic profiling of Influenza Infected lungs Identifies a network of lipid mediators that induce/resolve Inflammation



Tam et al, Cell, 2013

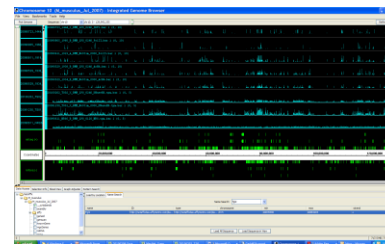
Transcriptional networks leading to dendritic cell activation



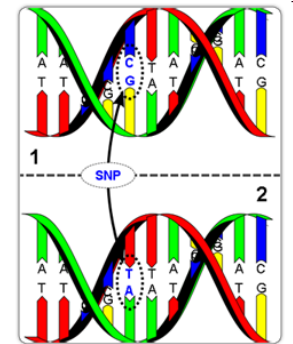
Motif scanning

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Transcriptionomics

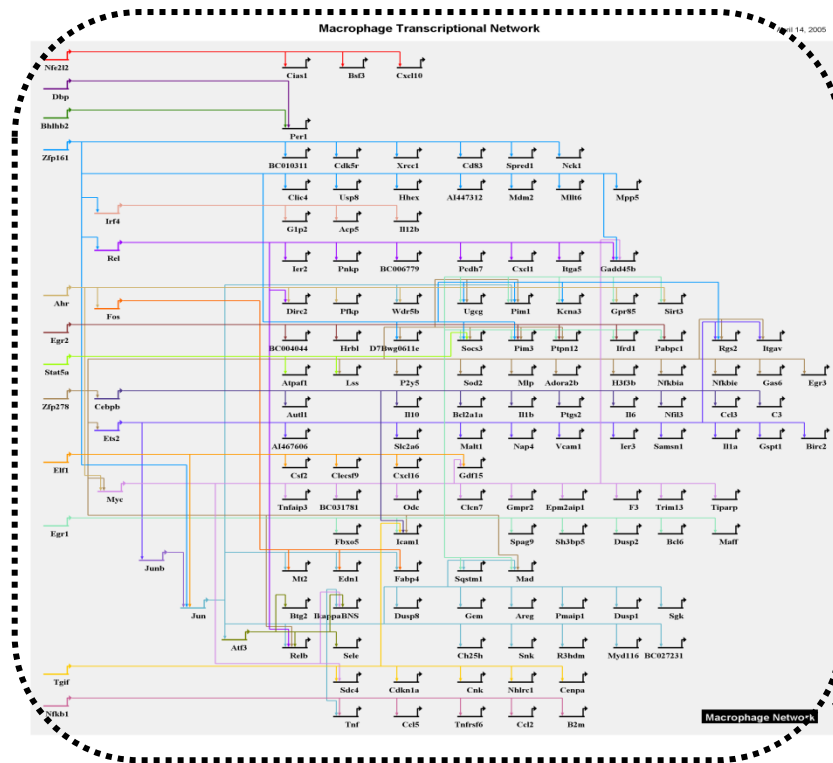


epigenetic profiling



genotyping

Signaling and regulatory networks within Dendritic cells that instruct Th1 responses



Transcriptome and miRNA profiling combined with ChIP-seq, phospho-proteomics and protein-protein interaction network

Task: Reengineer the innate immune networks within dendritic cells so that they shape an appropriate adaptive immune response



Application of systems biology to rational vaccine design

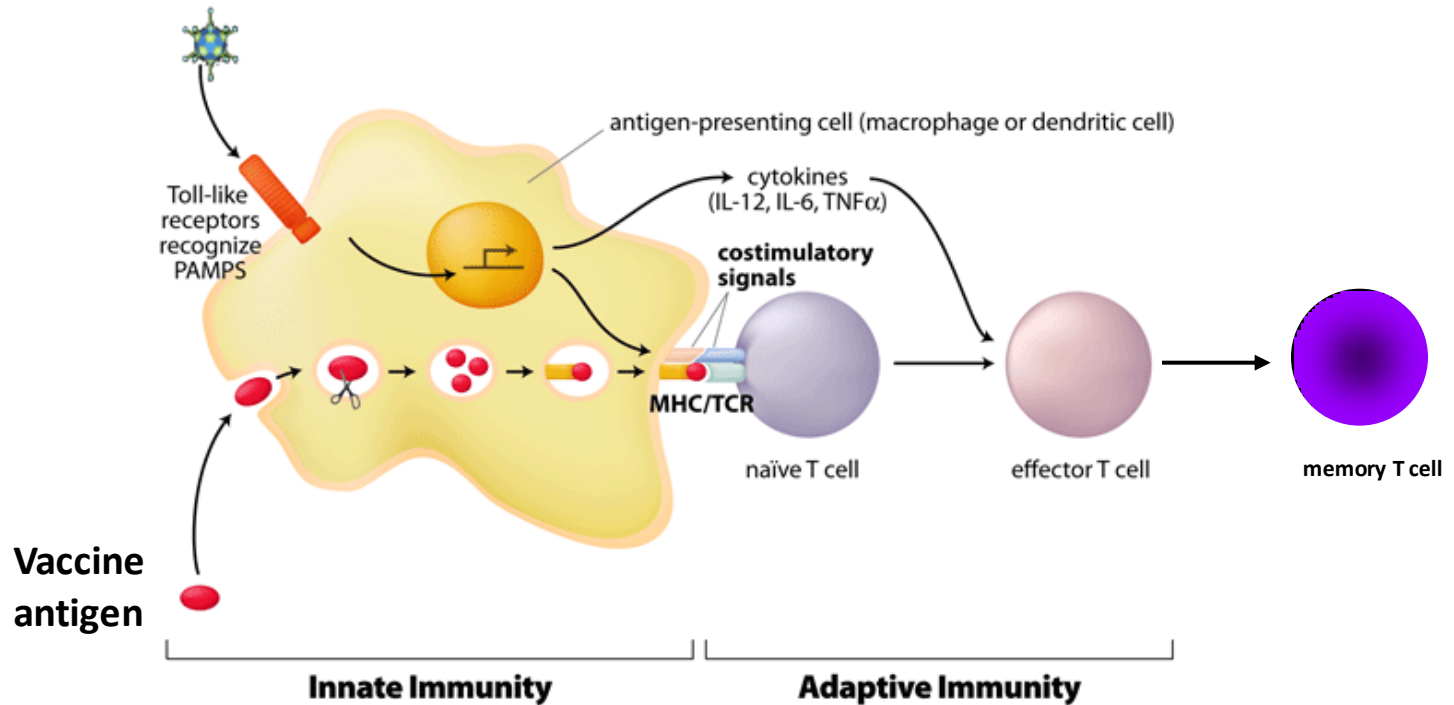
- Identify signatures of vaccine immunogenicity and protection
- To evaluate vaccine trials
- To understand the molecular networks leading to a protective response



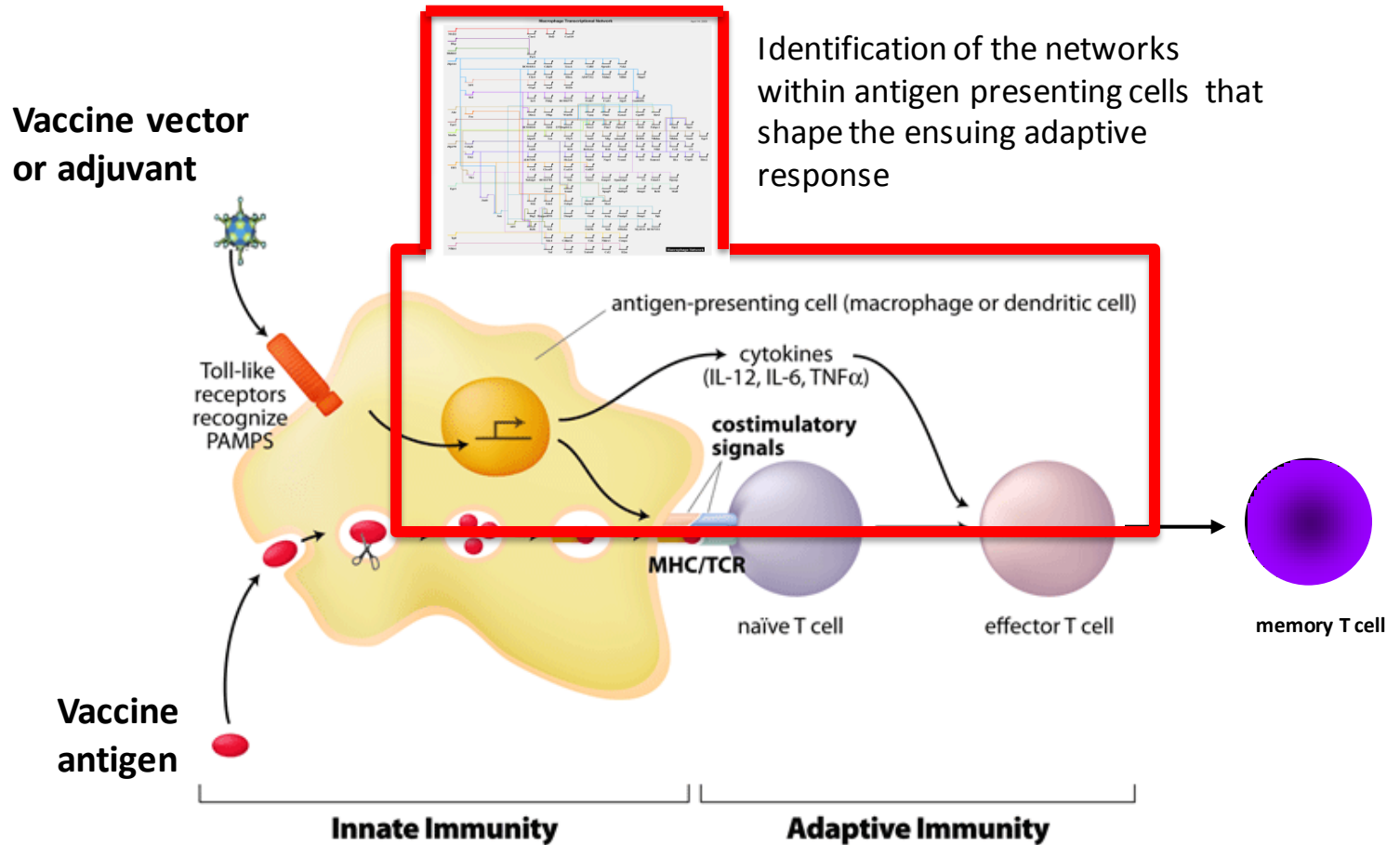
To reprogram the immune response to favor protection

Innate immune responses shape the quantity, quality and longevity of the adaptive response

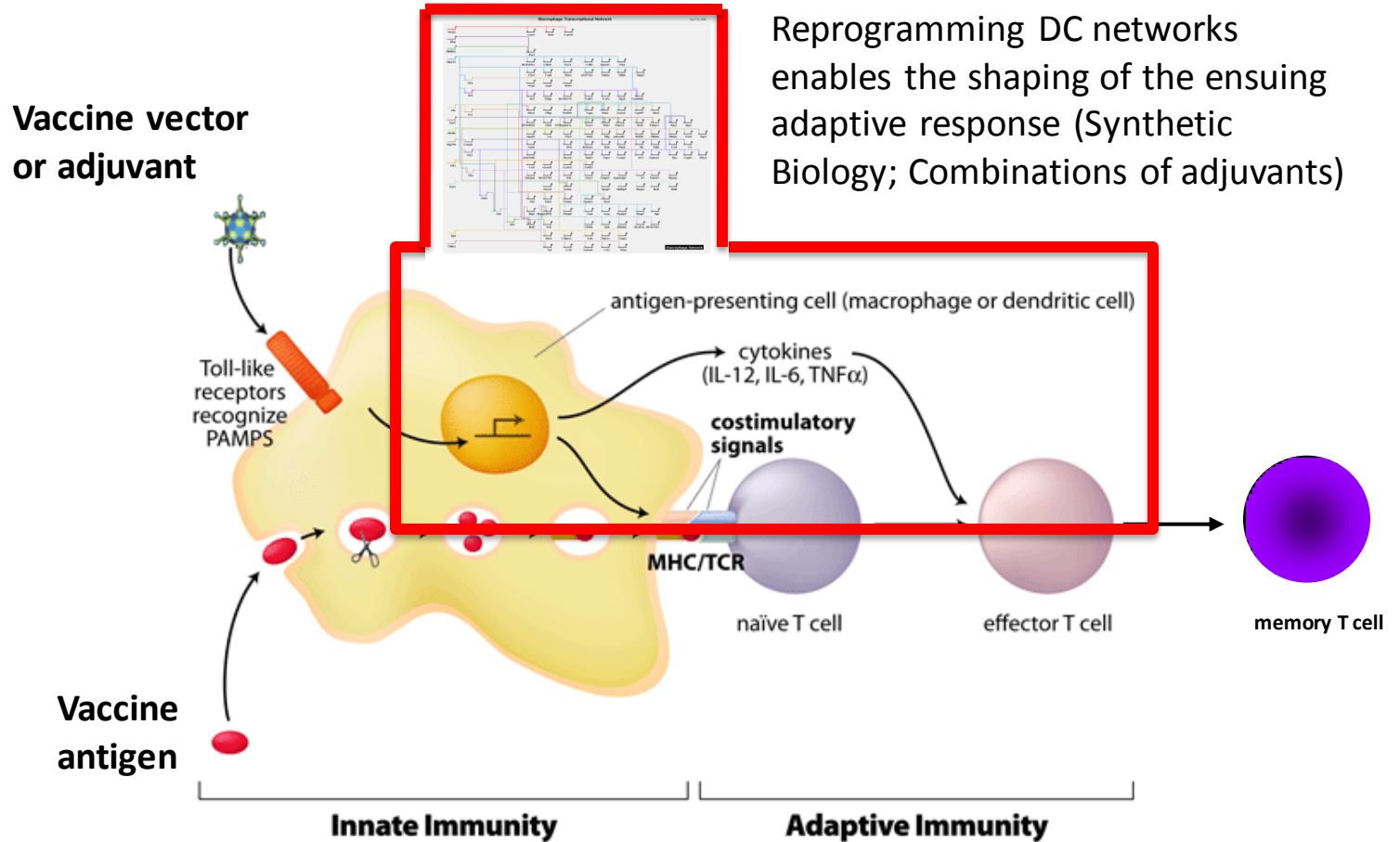
Vaccine vector or adjuvant



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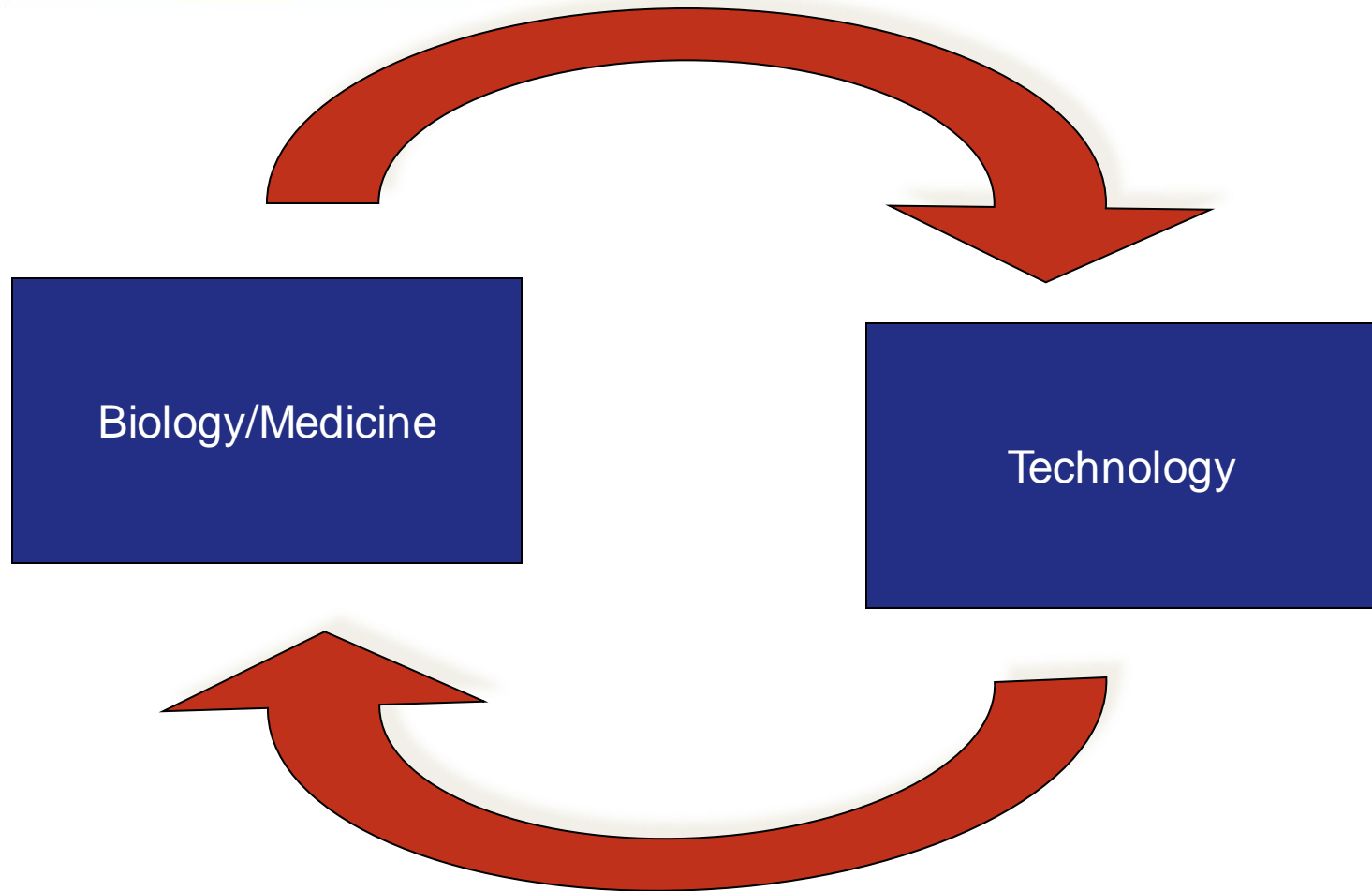


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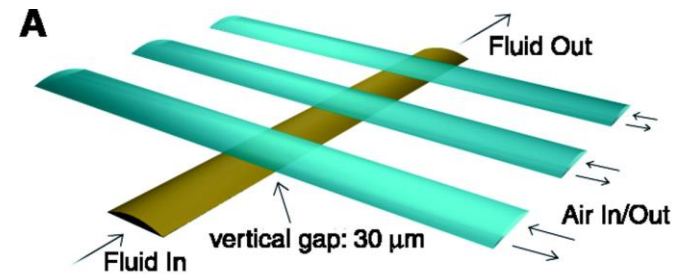
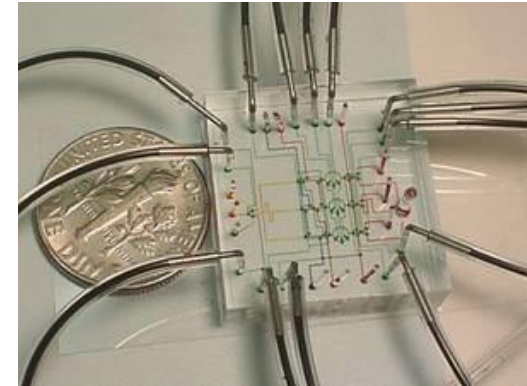
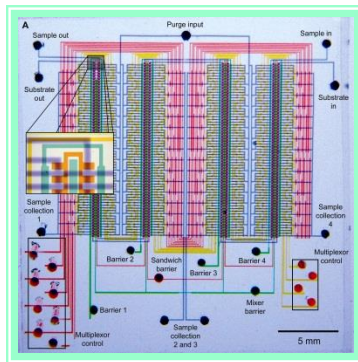
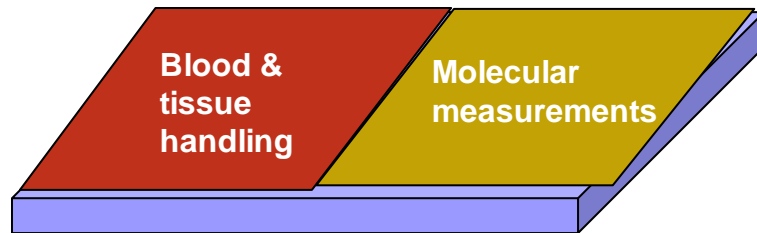
Rappuoli and Aderem, Nature 2012

The Systems Biology Paradigm



Biology dictates what new technology should be developed; technology opens new frontiers in biology for exploration.

Measurement of molecular pathways and signatures in rare cells



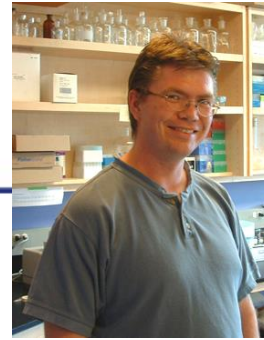
- Molecular signatures will define:
- The nature of the pathogen
- The nature of the host response
- Correlates of Immunity

With Steve Quake



The diagnostic device will be:

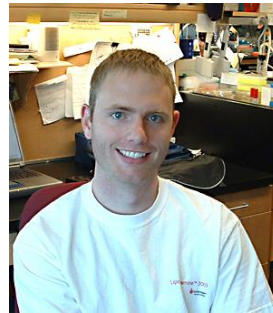
- Portable
- Inexpensive
- Data obtained in real time
- Use cell phones to communicate with central computers



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