

Data Integration In Network Medicine

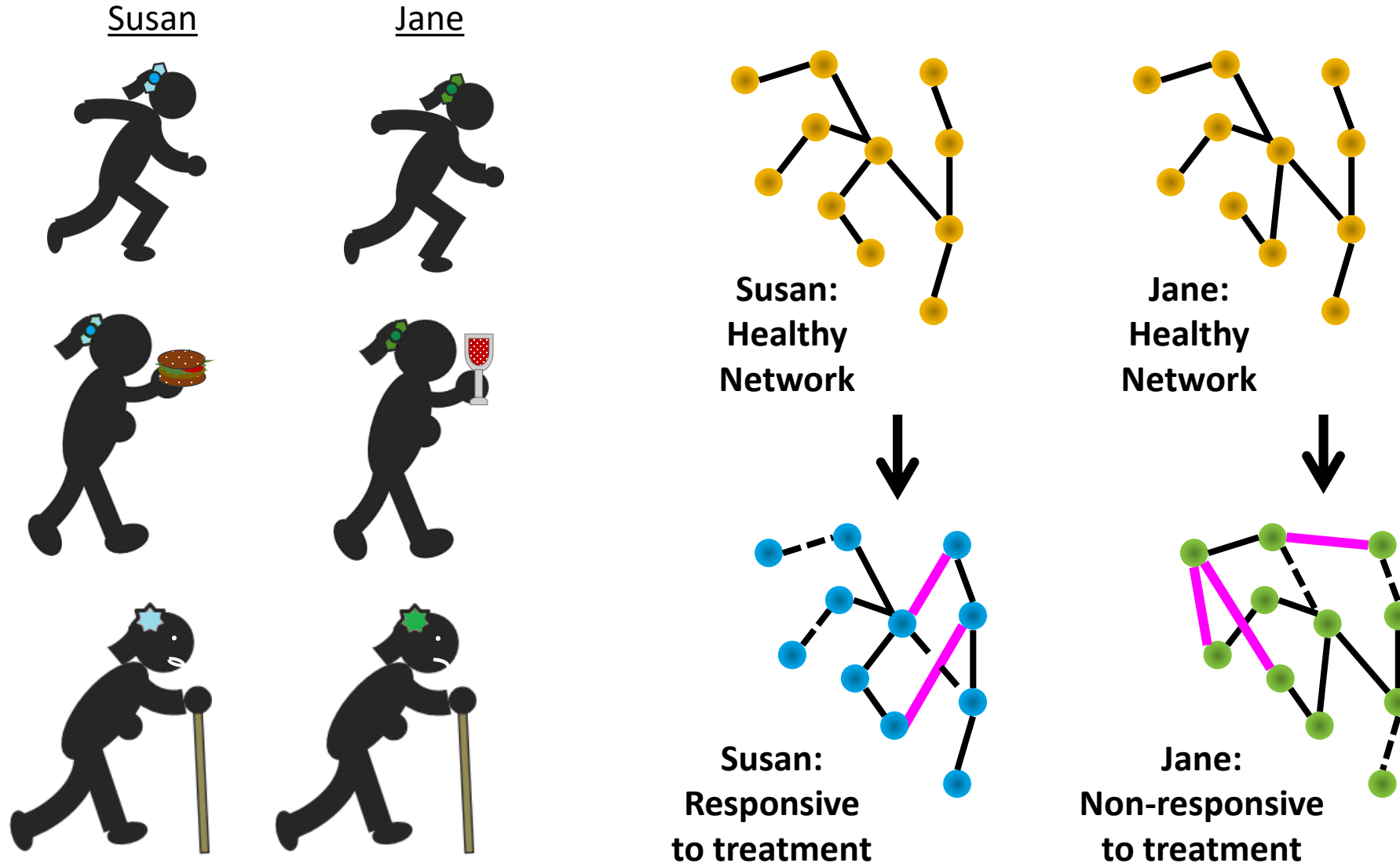
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What can networks teach us about medicine?



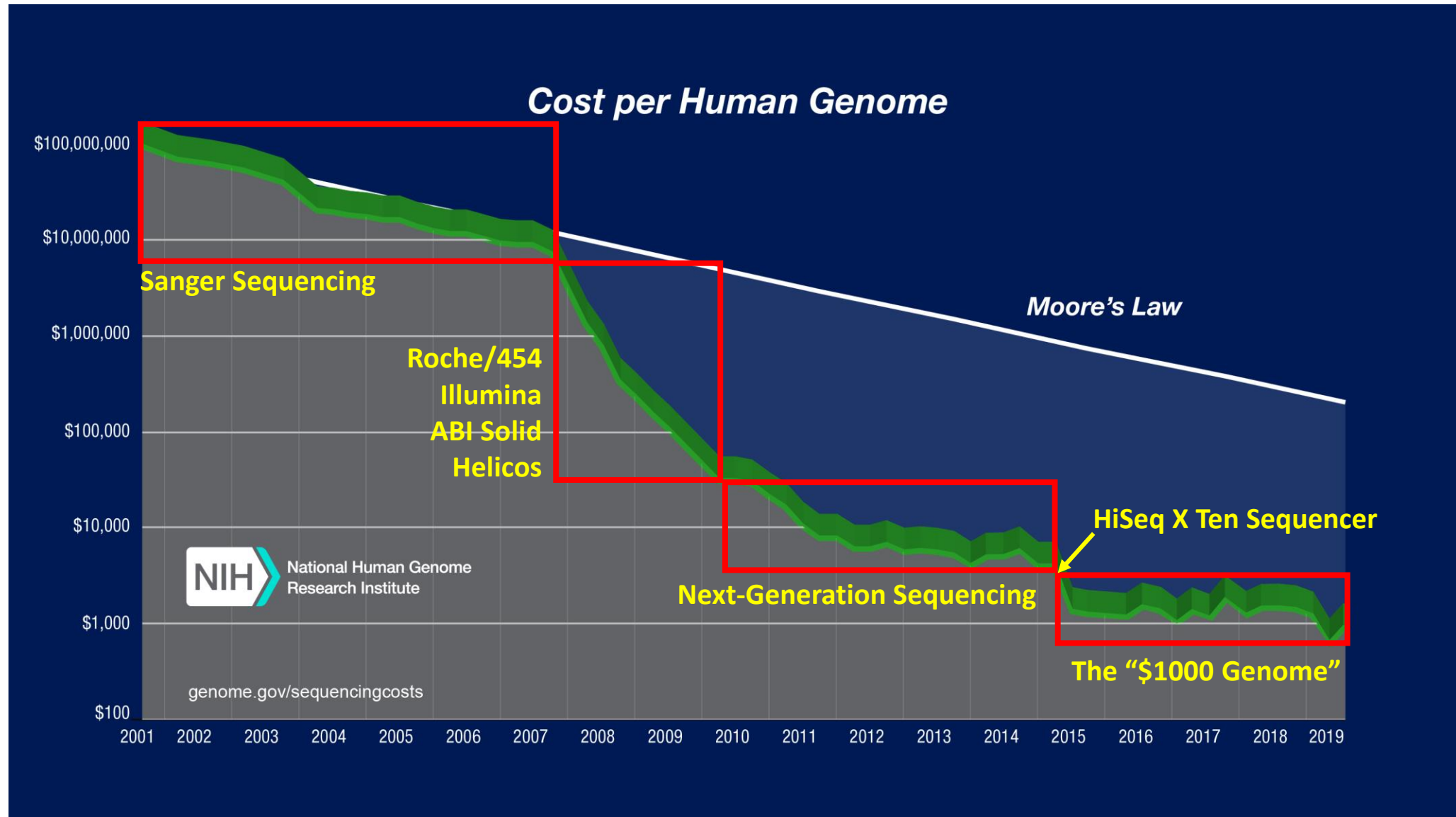
What Is Network Medicine?

The study of cellular, disease, and social networks which aims to quantify the complex interlinked factors contributing to individual diseases. (Adapted from Barabasi, NEJM 2007; 357:404)

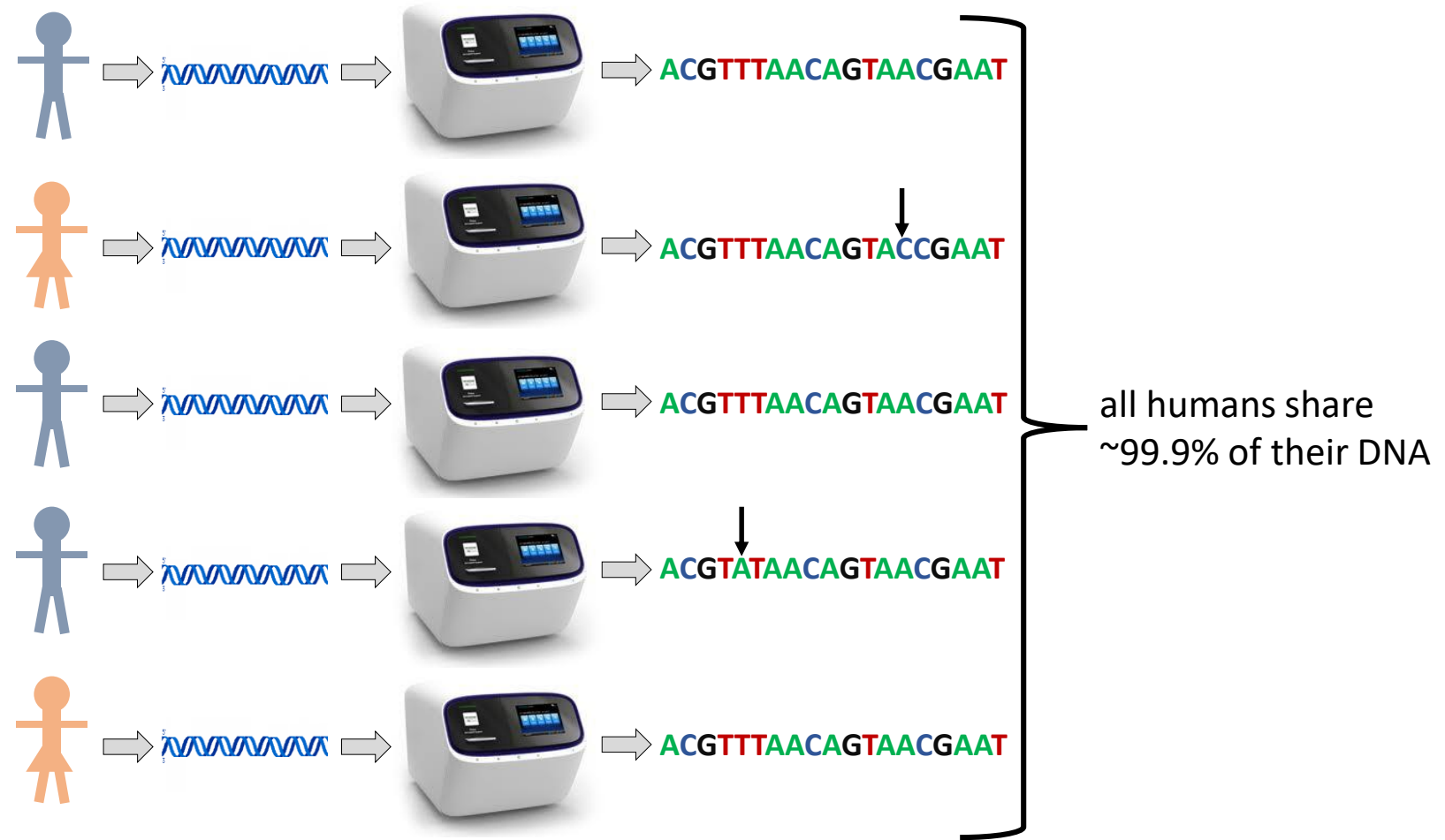
Key components of Network Medicine:

- Holistic rather than reductionist approach
- Emergent properties from entire network
- Employs systems biology methods
- Construction of molecular networks

Falling Costs of Sequencing Data



The Human Genetic Code

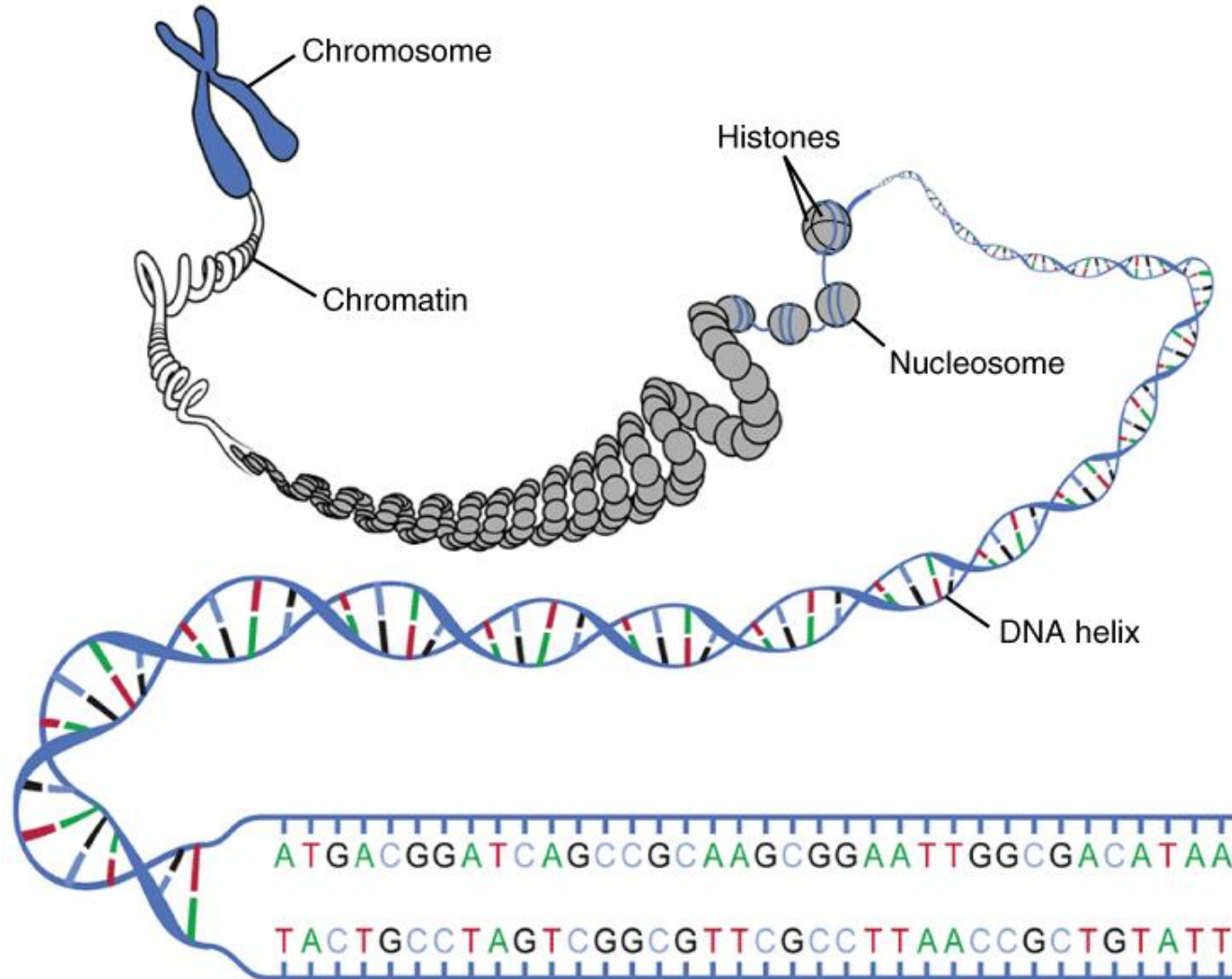


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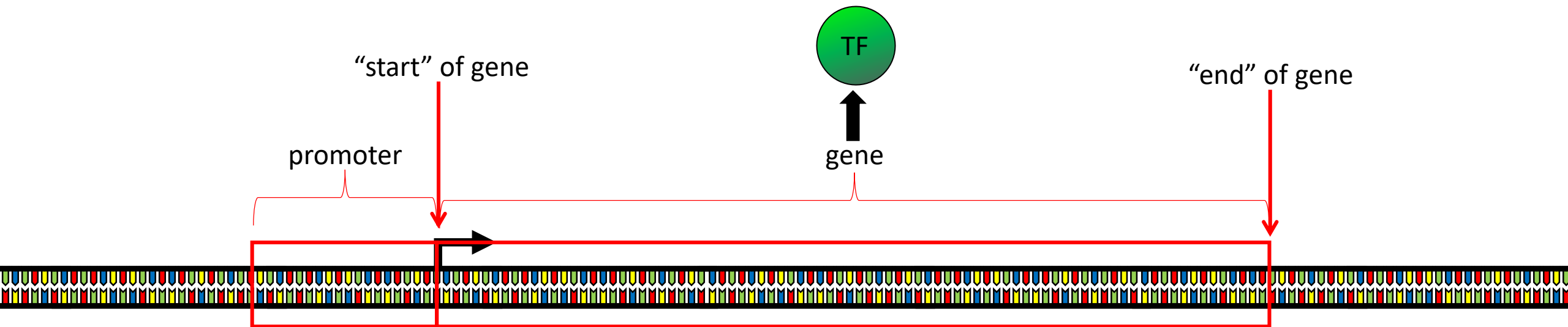
Where do the differences come from?

The Physical Structure of DNA



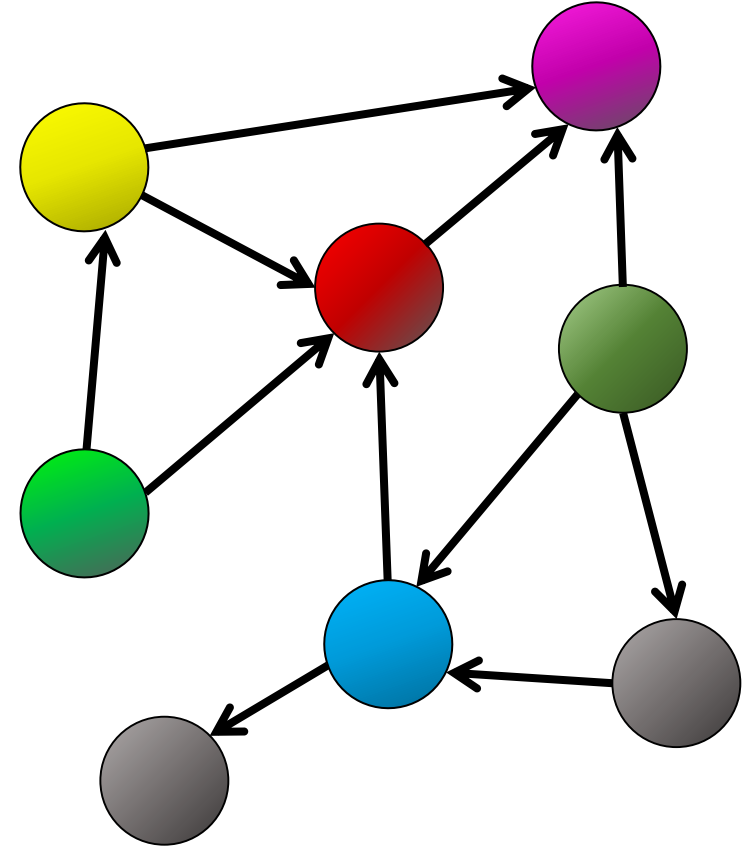
Biological Function is Encoded in Genes

- Human DNA contains approximately 25000 (protein-coding) genes.
- Some genes contain the information for how to make a particular type of protein, called a transcription factor.
- Right before a gene is a special region of DNA, called a promoter, that enables transcription factors to control (regulate) the behavior of a gene.



Why Study Gene Regulation?

- Biological processes are driven by multiple connections linking together genes, proteins, and other molecules.
- One way to model these processes is through gene regulatory networks.
- By comparing regulatory networks we can gain insights into alterations in biological processes that may underlie differences in various diseases and/or phenotypic states.

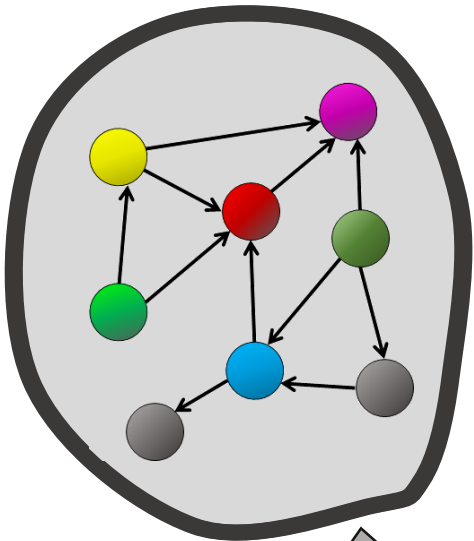


Gene Regulatory Network

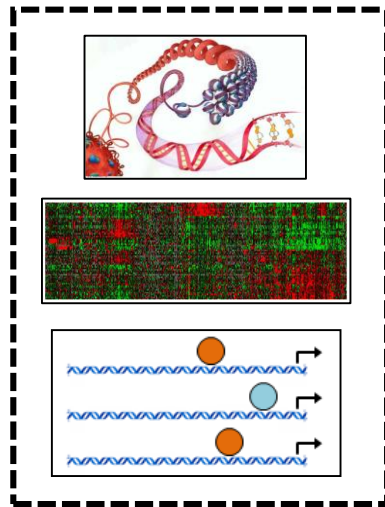
- Nodes are genes.
- Edges are relationships between genes.
- Edges are directed to indicate causality.

Modeling Gene Regulatory Networks

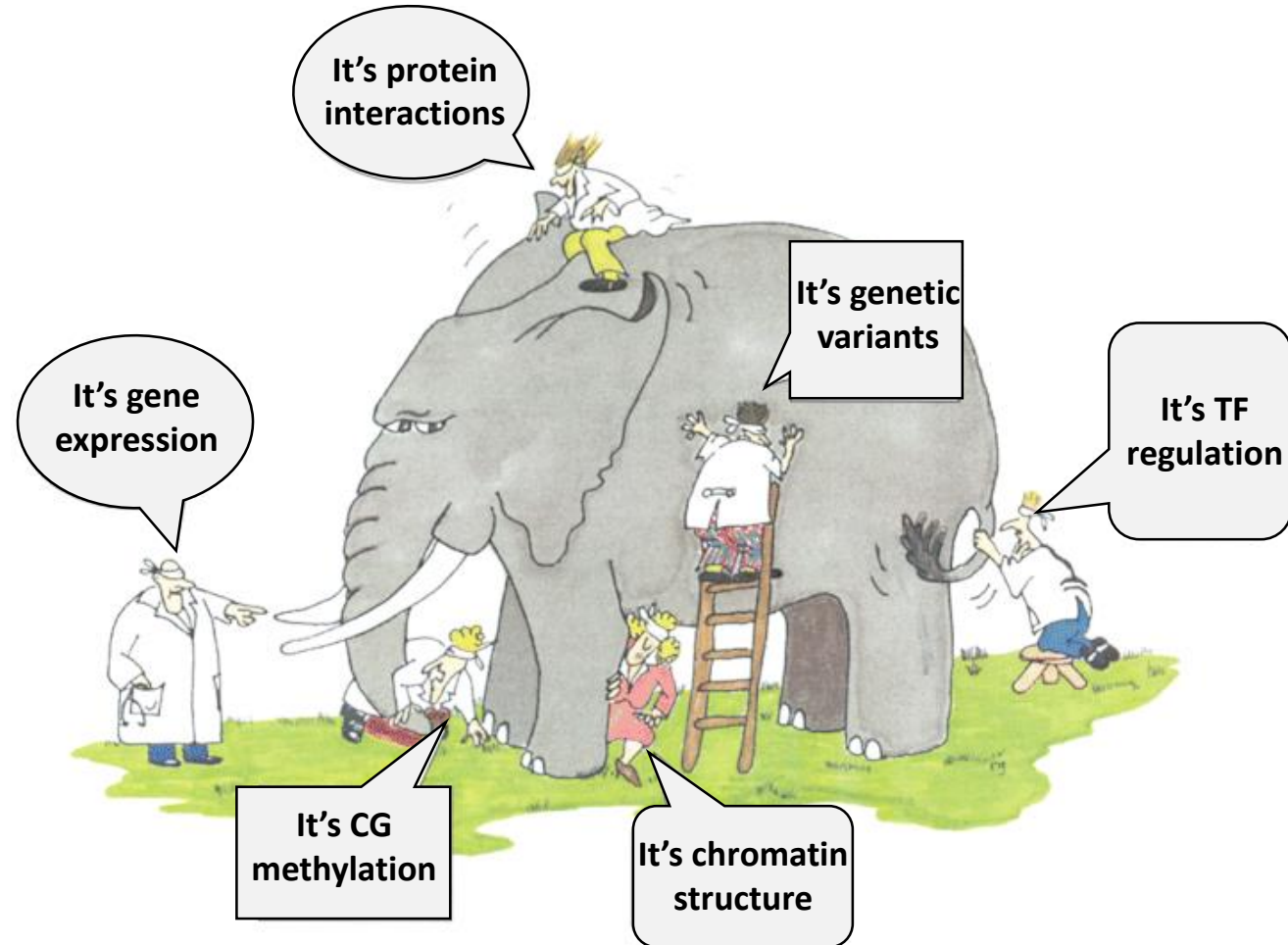
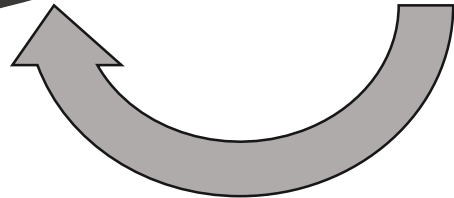
Regulatory Network



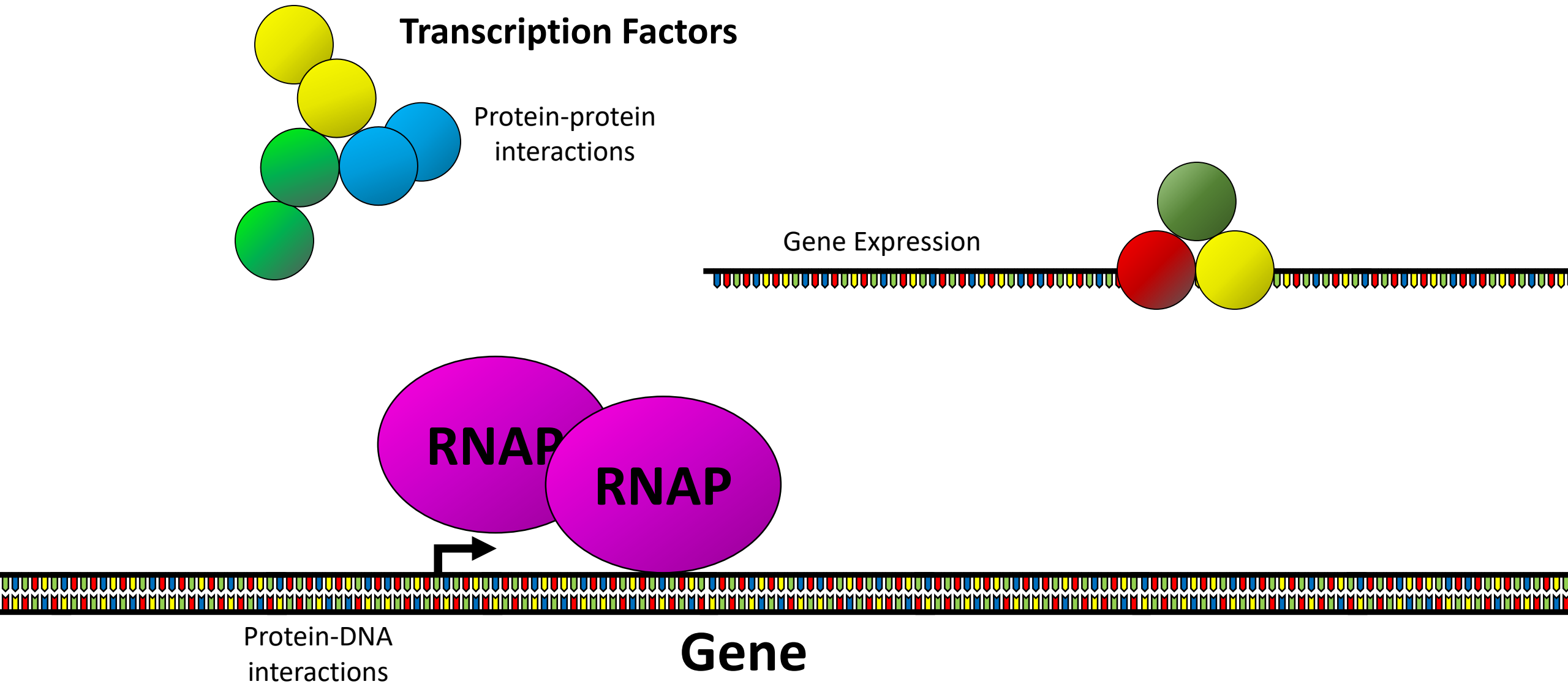
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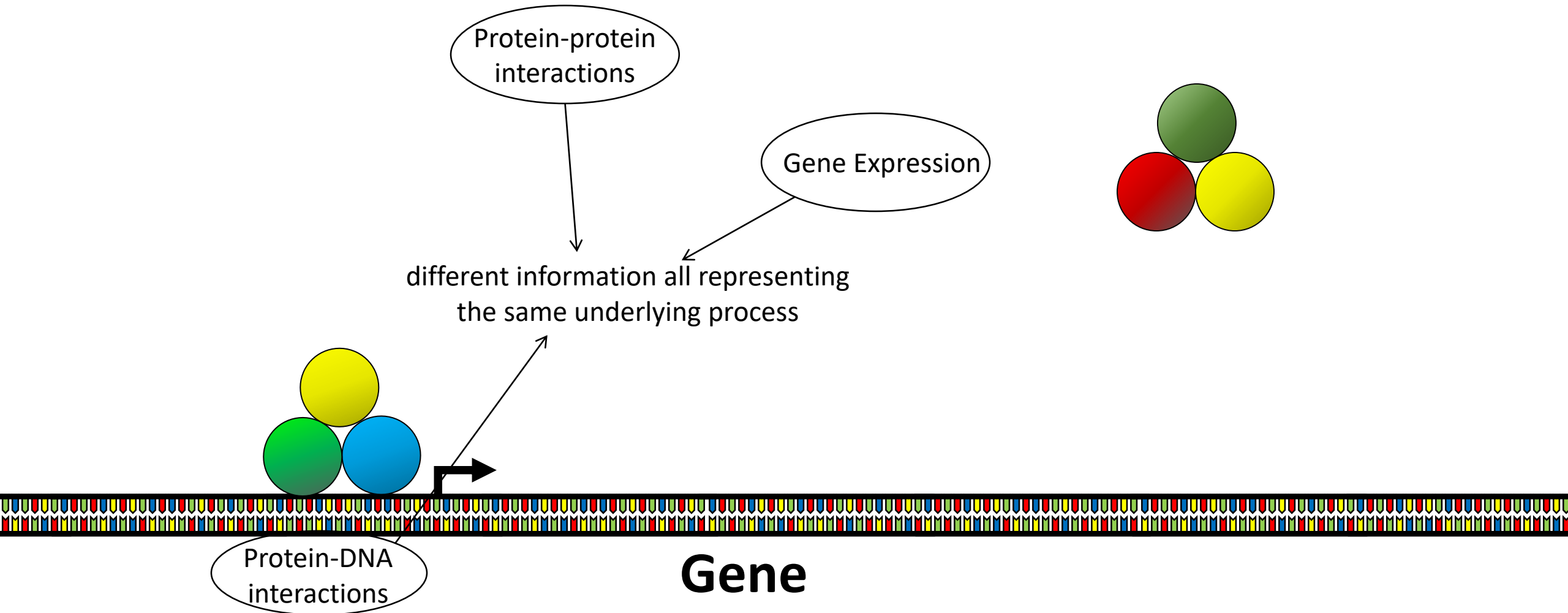
Network Inference



Basic Mechanics of Gene Regulation

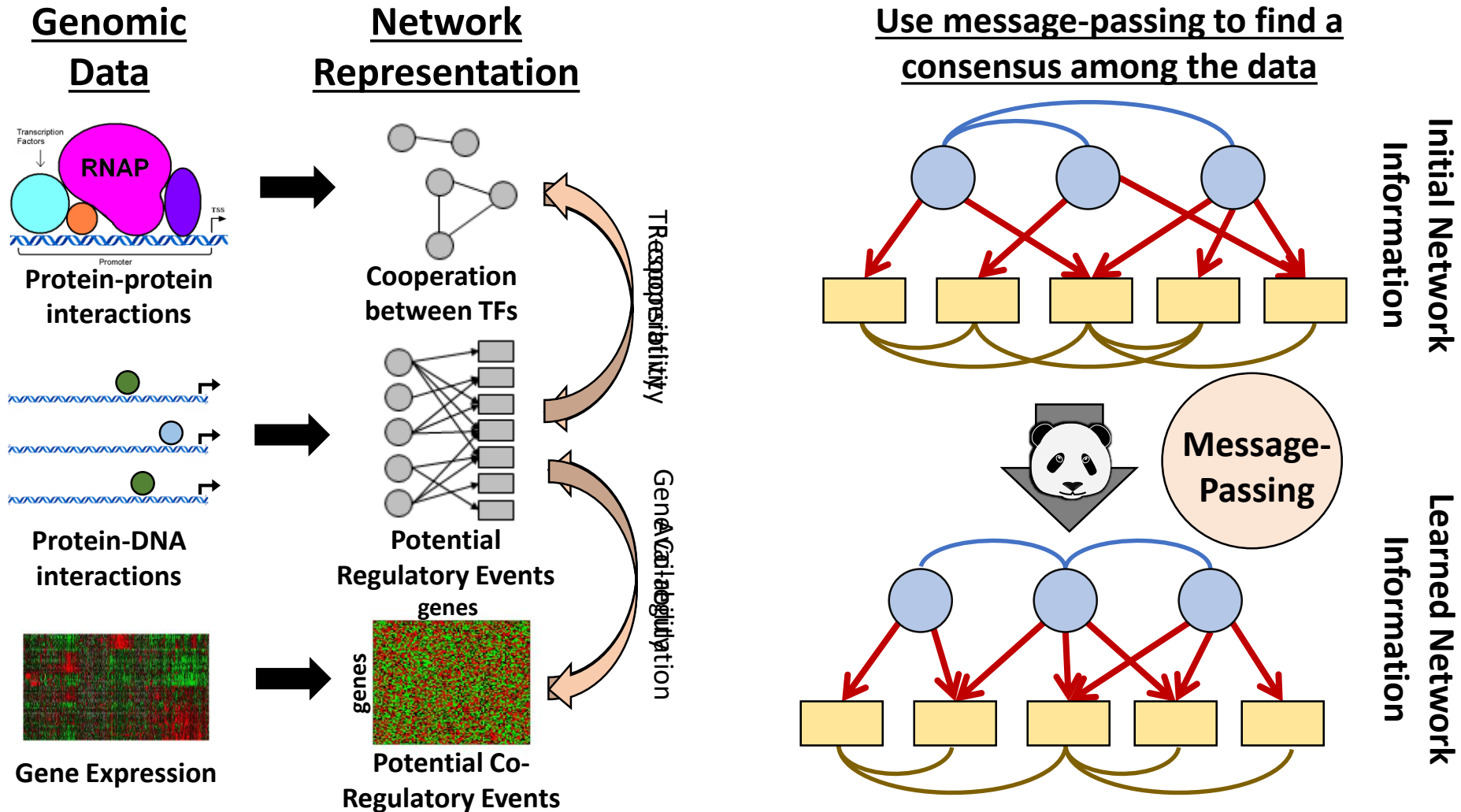


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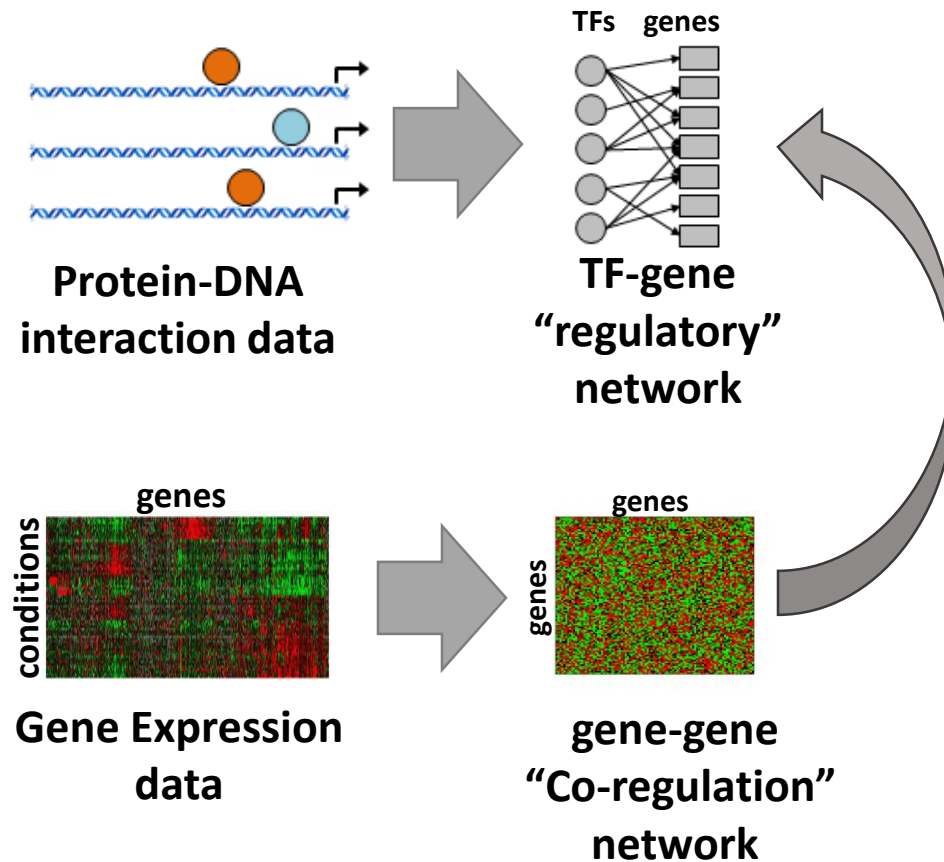


Message-Passing Networks: PANDA

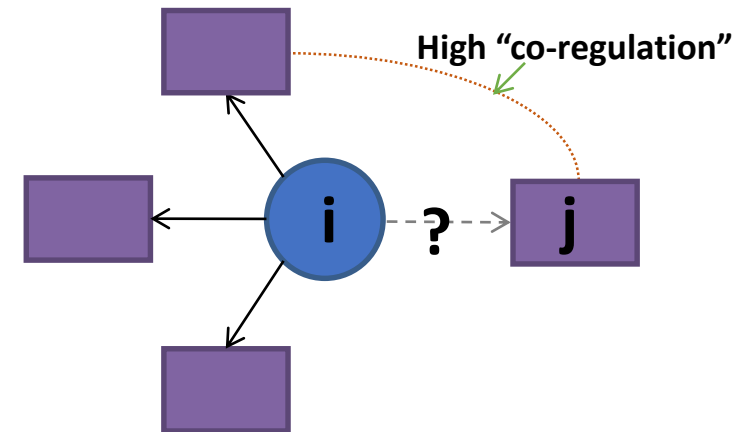
(Passing Atributes between Networks for Data Assimilation)



Estimating Availability by comparing gene expression data and regulatory information



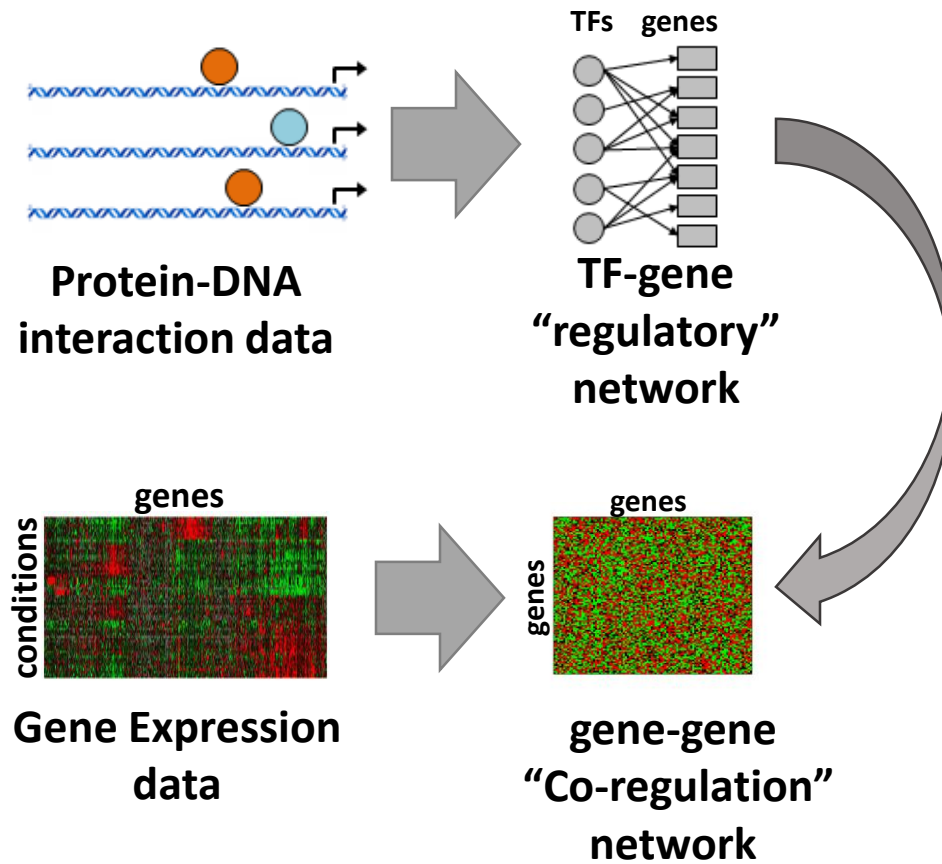
Passing message from the co-regulation to the regulatory network



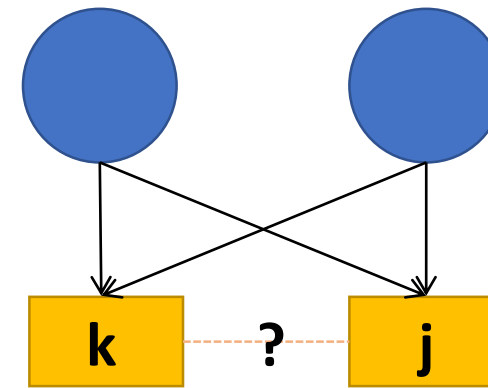
Gene j may be regulated by TF i if it is co-regulated with the other targets of TF i .

Integrating expression data with regulation data lets us estimate the **availability**.

Estimating Availability by comparing gene expression data and regulatory information



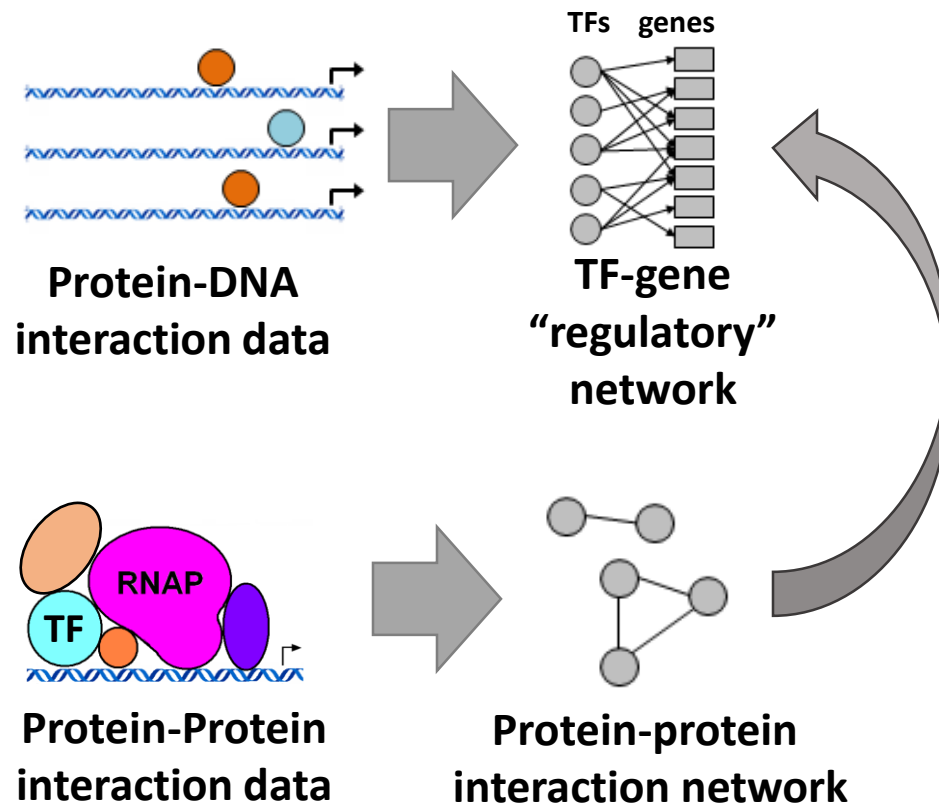
Passing message from the regulatory to the co-regulation network



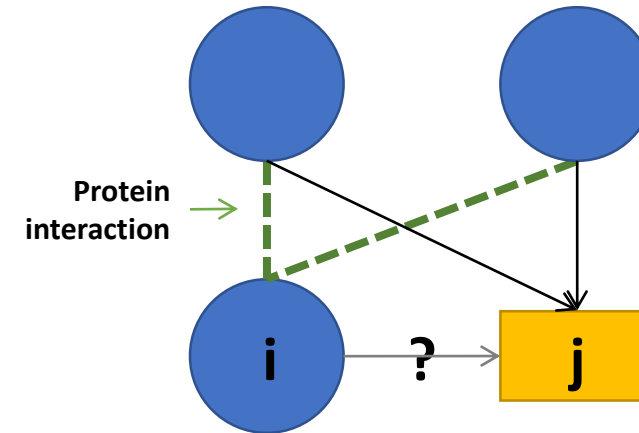
Genes j and k may be co-regulated if they are both targeted by the same TFs.

Integrating expression data with regulation data lets us estimate the **availability**.

Estimating Responsibility by comparing PPI data and regulatory information



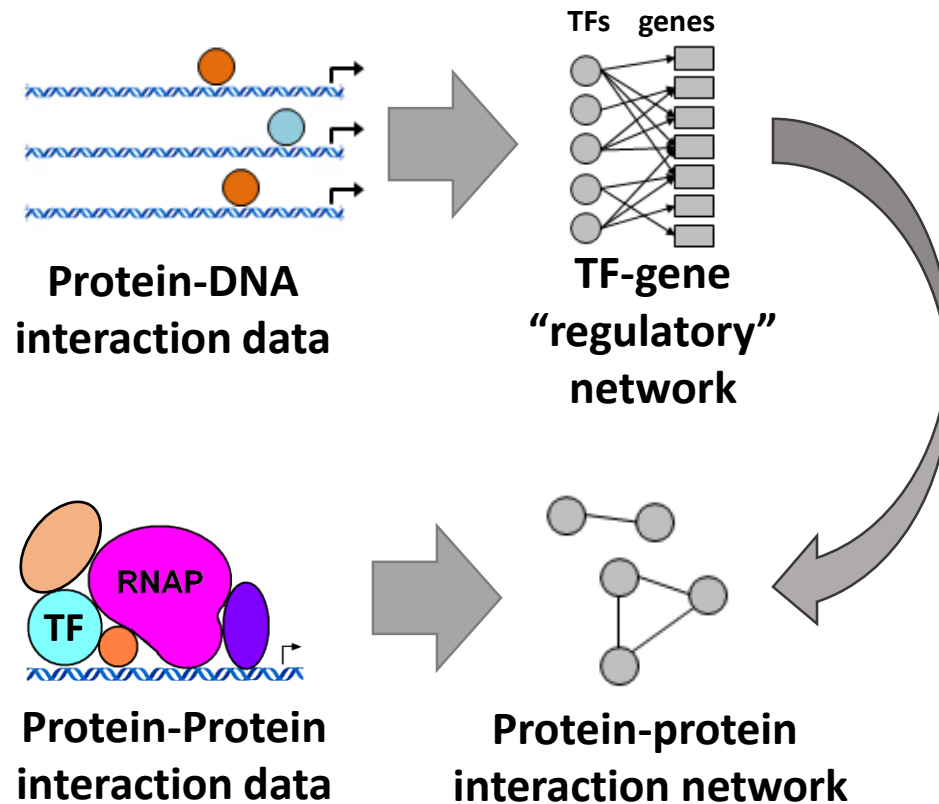
Passing message from the PPI to the regulatory network



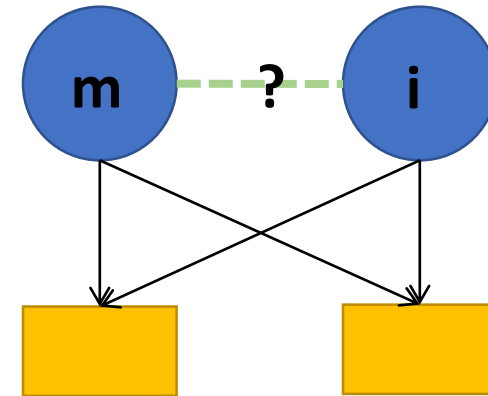
TF i may regulate gene j if TF i interacts with many of the TFs targeting gene j .

Integrating PPI data with regulation data lets us estimate the **responsibility**.

Estimating Responsibility by comparing PPI data and regulatory information



Passing message from the regulatory to the PPI network



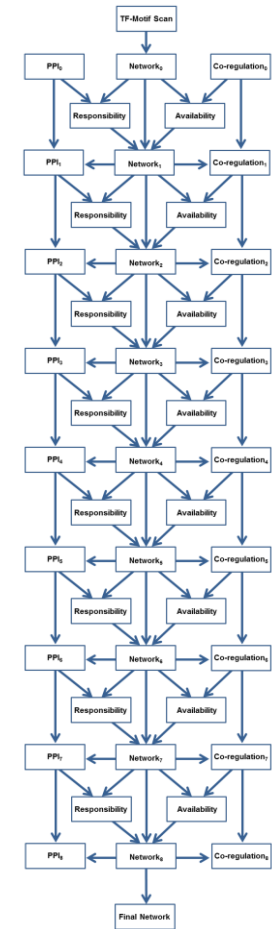
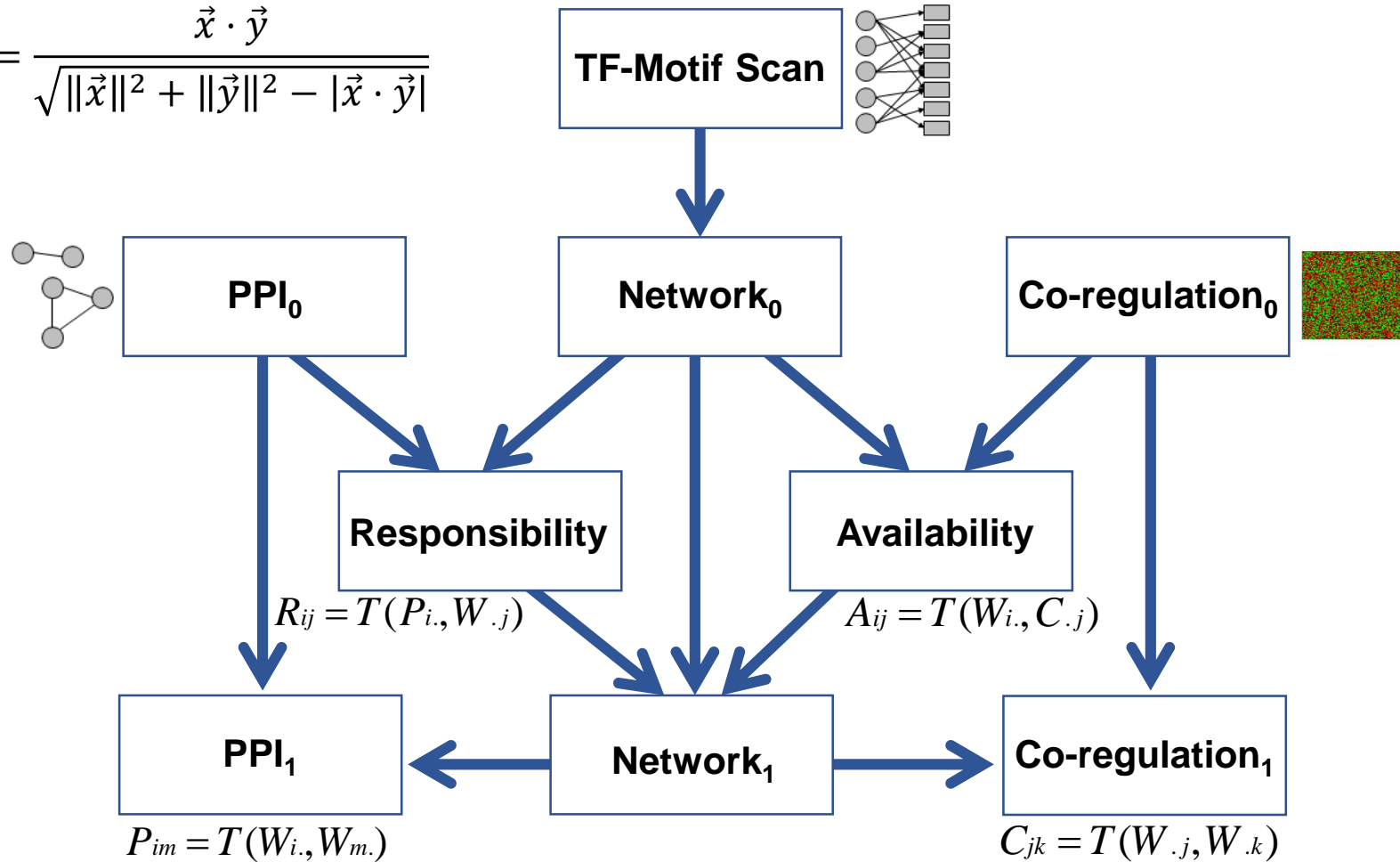
TFs *i* and *m* may interact if they both target many of the same genes

Integrating PPI data with regulation data lets us estimate the **responsibility**.

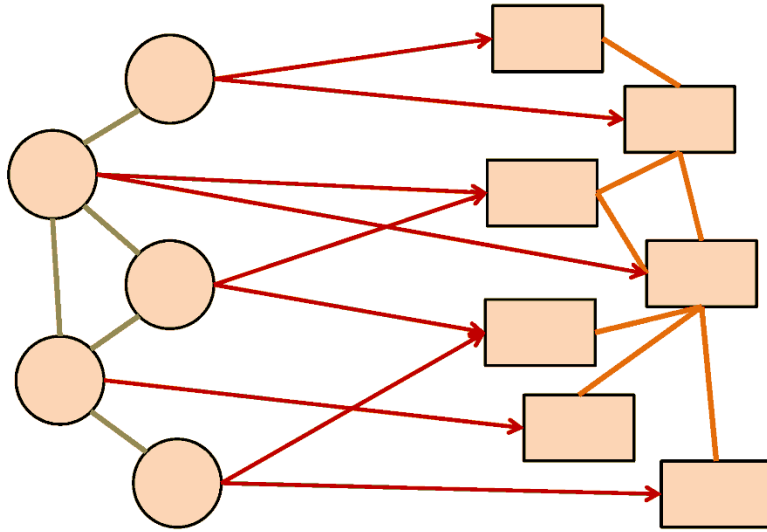
Passing Messages Between Networks



$$T(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\sqrt{\|\vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{y}\|^2 - |\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}|}}$$



Conceptual Framework of PANDA



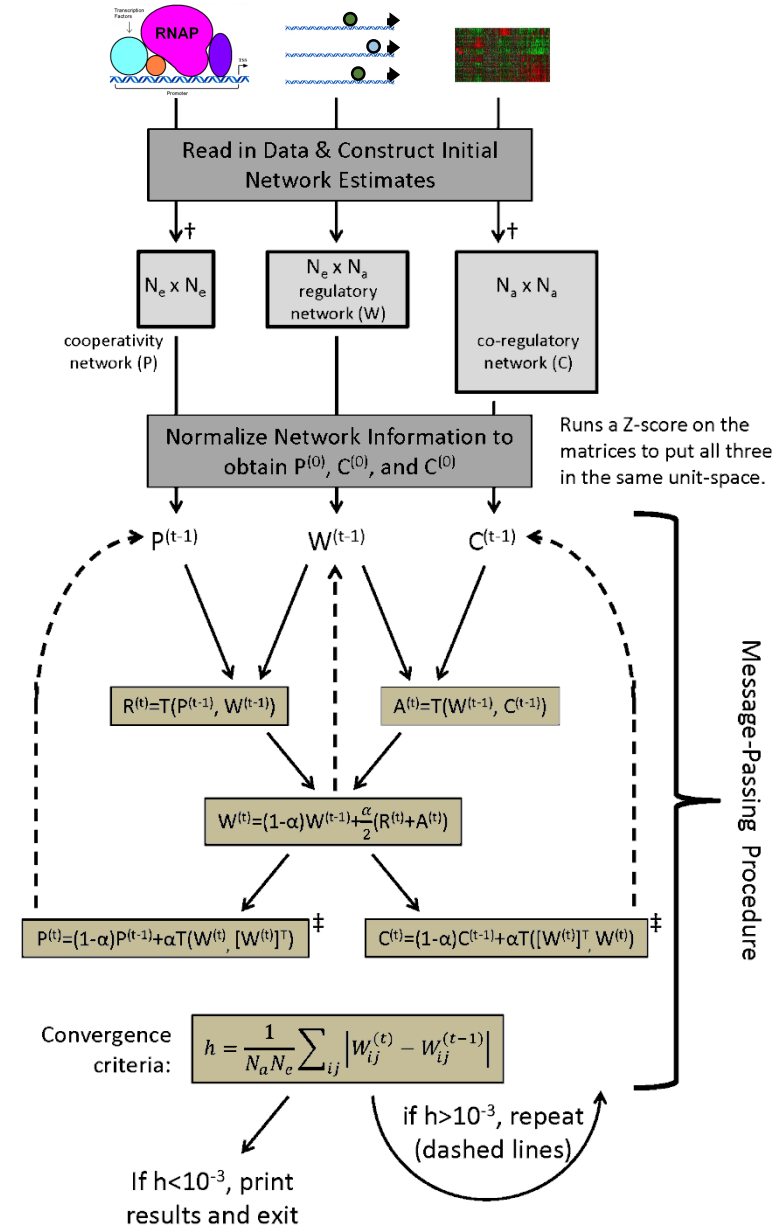
PANDA considers:

Two types of nodes

Three types of edges

In practice we have used PANDA to construct regulatory networks.

In principle it can be used to integrate any network data that follows this framework.



PANDA Applications

Haploinsufficiency of Hedgehog interacting protein causes increased emphysema induced by cigarette smoke through network rewiring

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A network model for angiogenesis in ovarian cancer

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Sexually-dimorphic targeting of functionally-related genes in COPD

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Diet-induced weight loss leads to a switch in gene regulatory network control in the rectal mucosa

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Understanding Tissue-Specific Gene Regulation

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ABSTRACT

Background: Weight loss may decrease risk of colorectal cancer in obese individuals, yet its effects on gene regulatory networks are unclear. We used a network model to understand the changes in gene regulatory networks between cell lines and their tissues of origin.

Differential connectivity of gene regulatory networks distinguishes corticosteroid response in asthma

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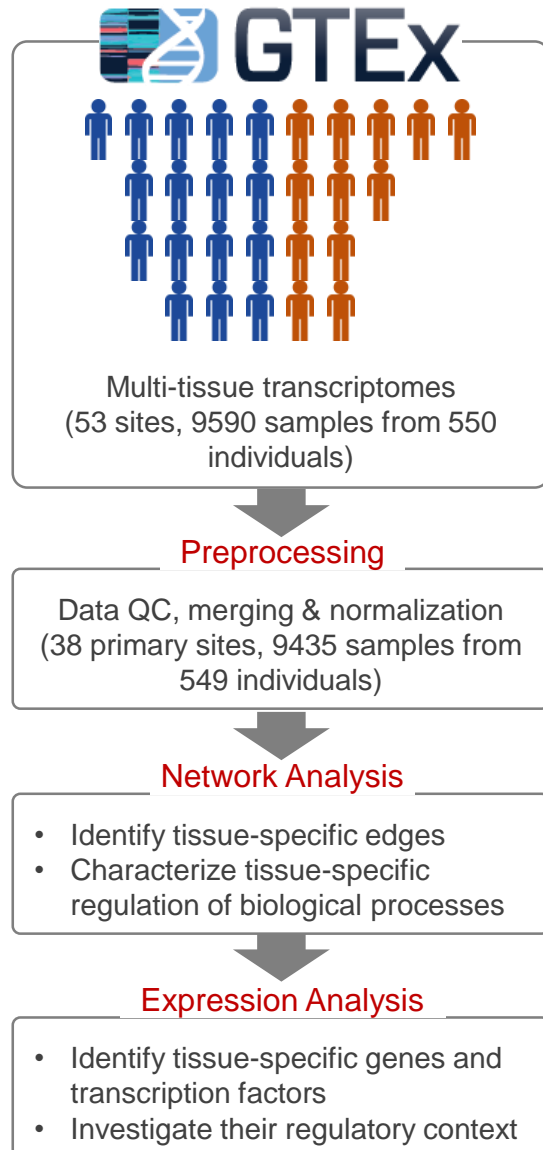
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Regulatory network changes between cell lines and their tissues of origin

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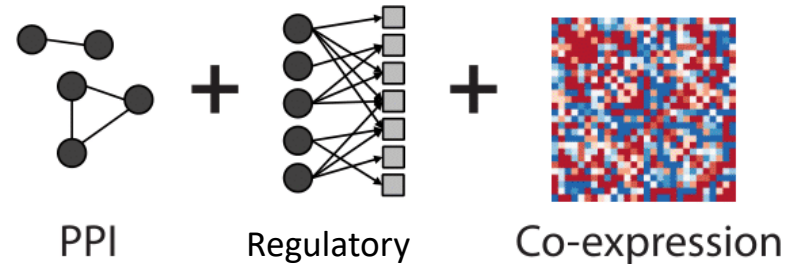
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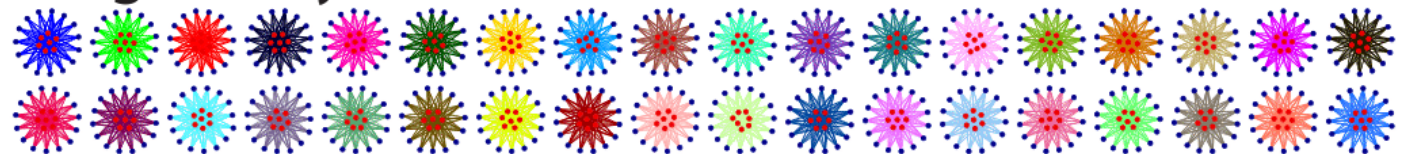
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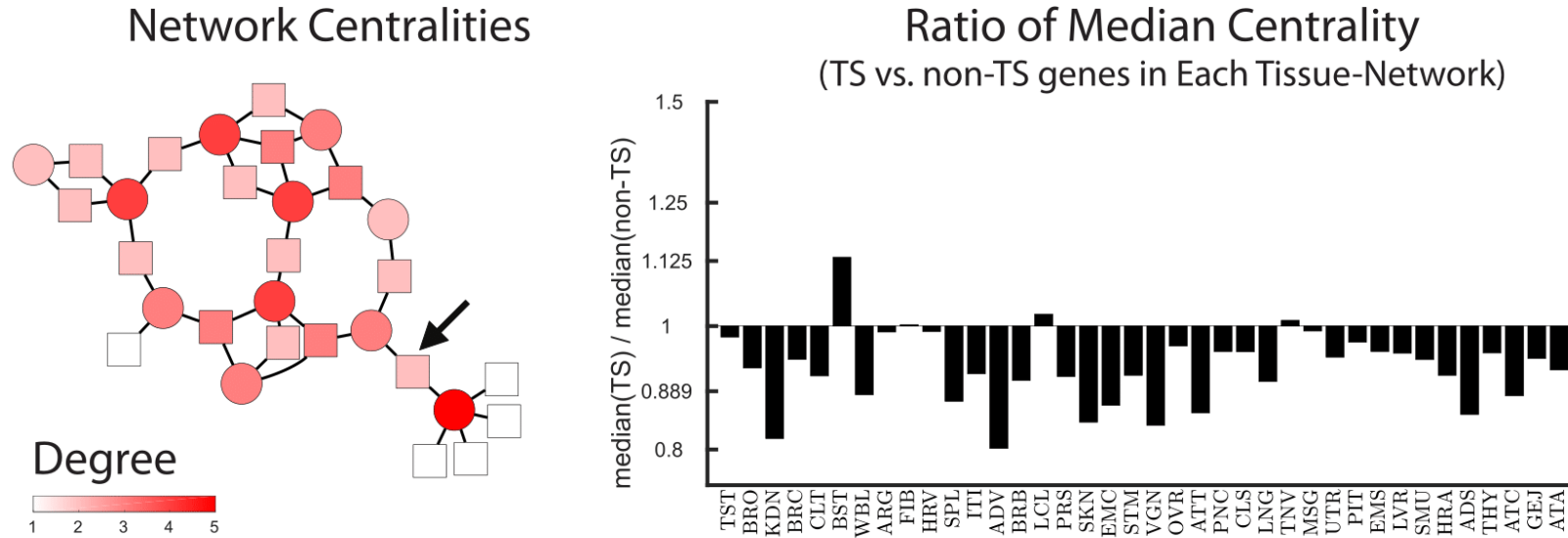
(1) Integrate Regulatory Information (PANDA)



Regulatory Networks for 38 Tissues/Tissue-Sites

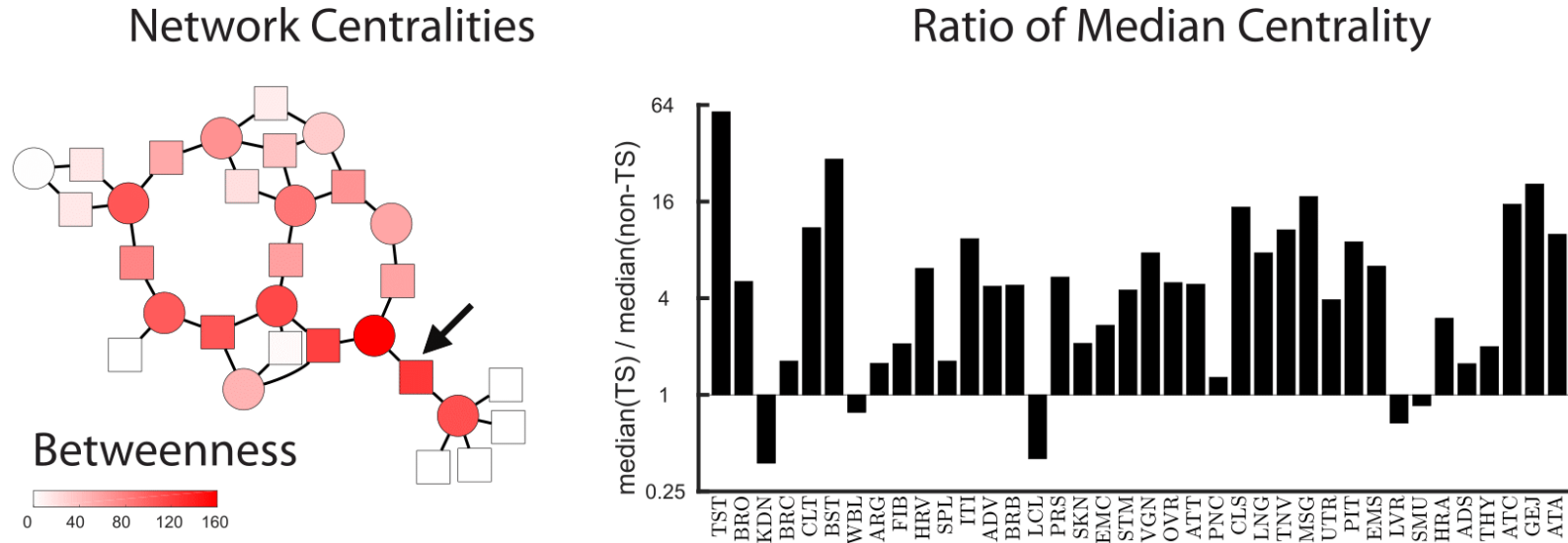


Degree of Tissue-Specific Genes



- Calculated the degree of genes in each of the 38 PANDA-predicted network.
- Compared the degree of tissue-specific genes to the degree of non-tissue-specific genes in each of these networks.
- Tissue-specific genes are depleted for regulatory edges.

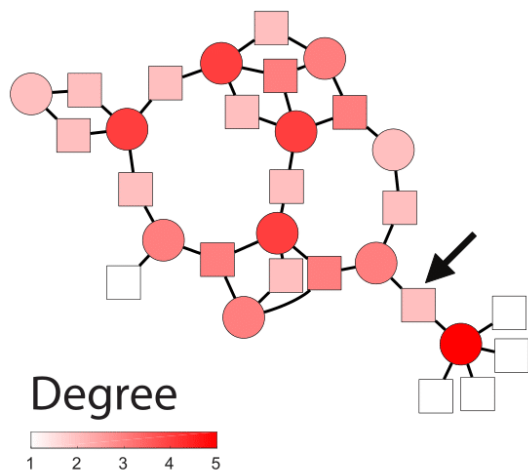
Betweenness of Tissue-Specific Genes



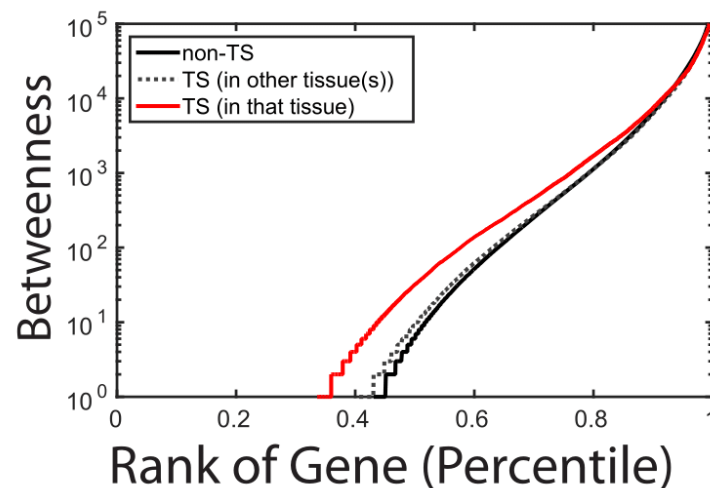
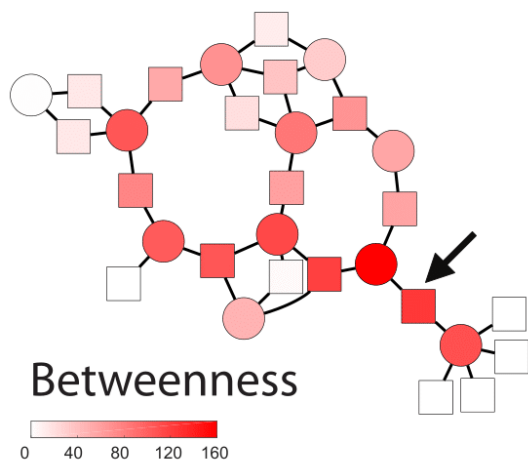
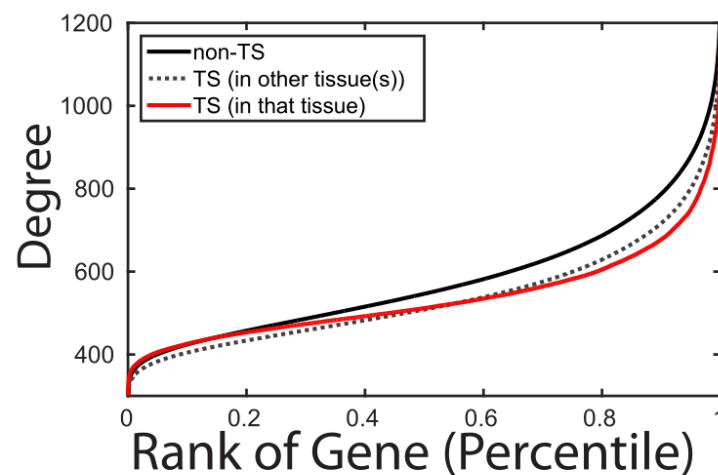
- Calculated the betweenness of genes in each of the 38 PANDA-predicted network.
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- Tissue-specific genes are enriched for regulatory paths.

Centrality of Tissue-Specific Genes

Network Centralities

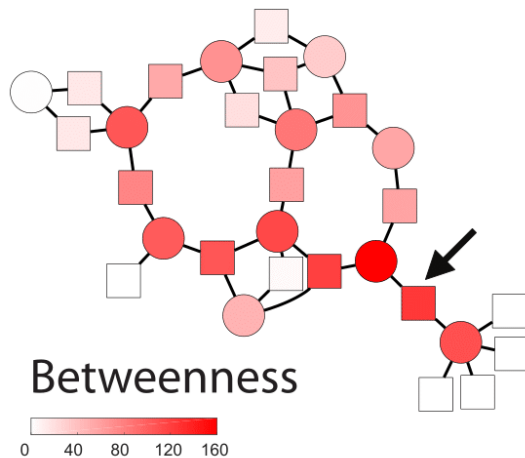
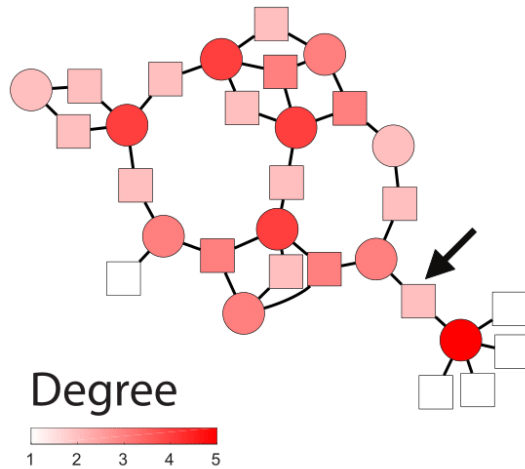


Distribution of Centrality Values
(Across All Tissue-Networks)

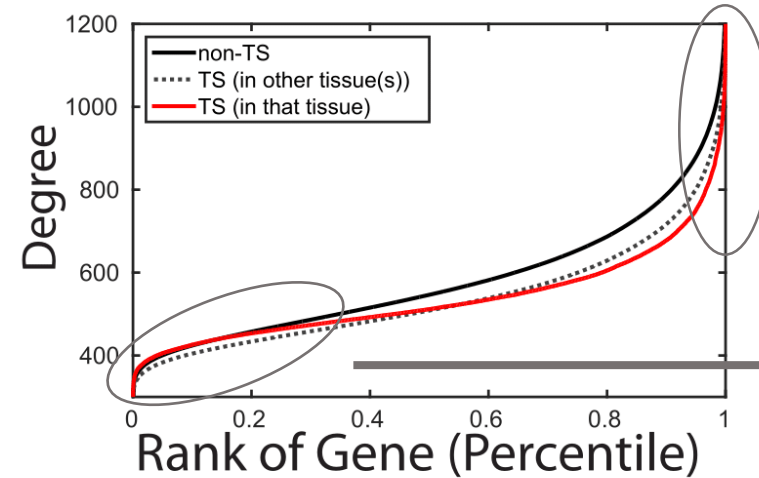


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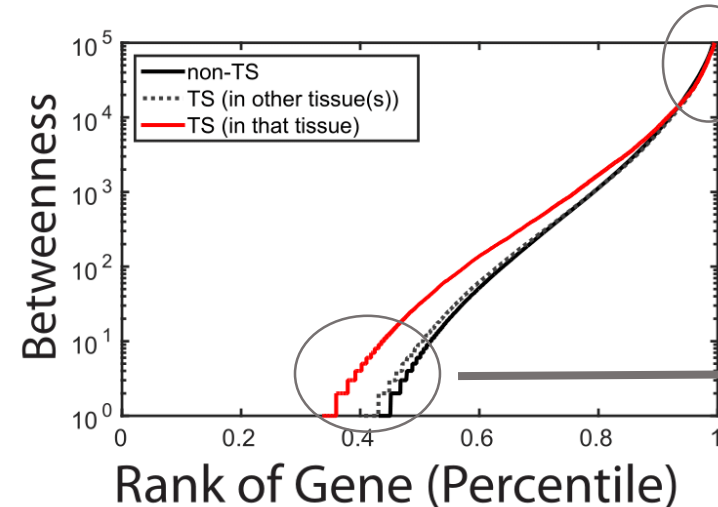


Distribution of Centrality Values
(Across All Tissue-Networks)



TS-genes are depleted among network hubs

Low-degree genes are just as likely to be TS as non-TS



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Non-TS genes are more likely to have no paths (betweenness=0)

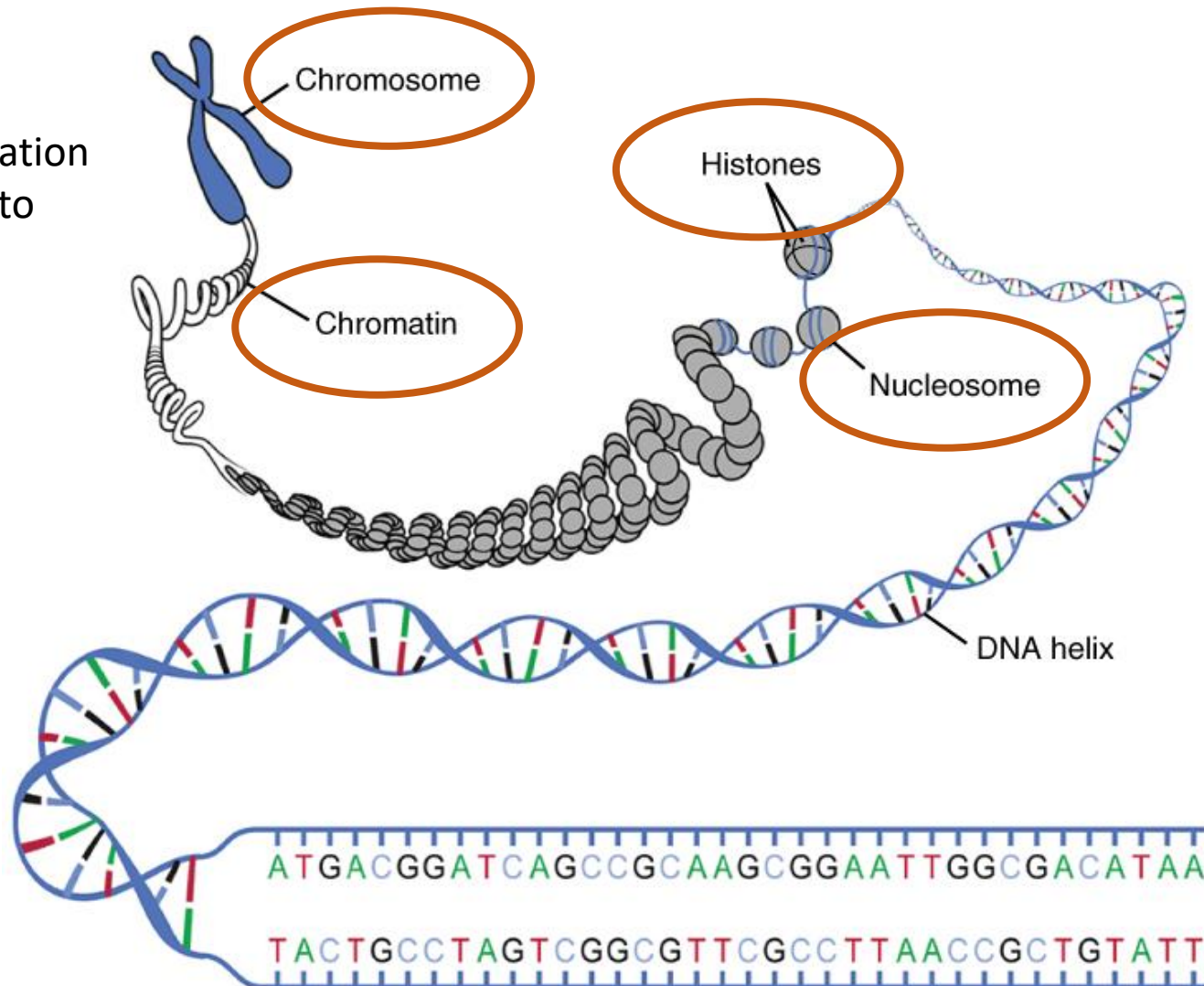
What does this mean?

- Tissue-specific regulation does not occur in dense portions of the regulatory network, or by the formation of tissue-specific hubs.
- Tissue-specific genes are central to the regulatory network on an intermediate scale due to the influence of tissue-specific regulatory paths.
- Taken together these results suggest that tissue-specific edges build on an existing regulatory network structure in a way that allows tissue-specific regulatory access to certain genes.

The Physical Structure of DNA

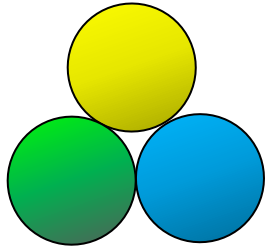
Epigenetics:

Elements of genetic information that don't involve changes to the DNA sequence



Impact of DNA Structure on Gene Regulation

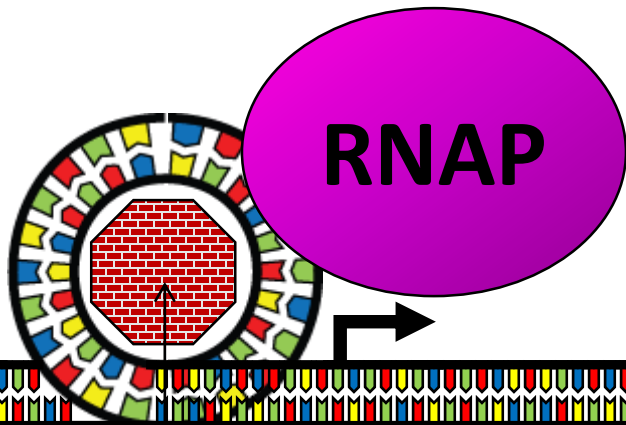
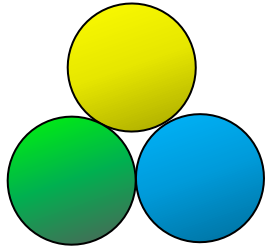
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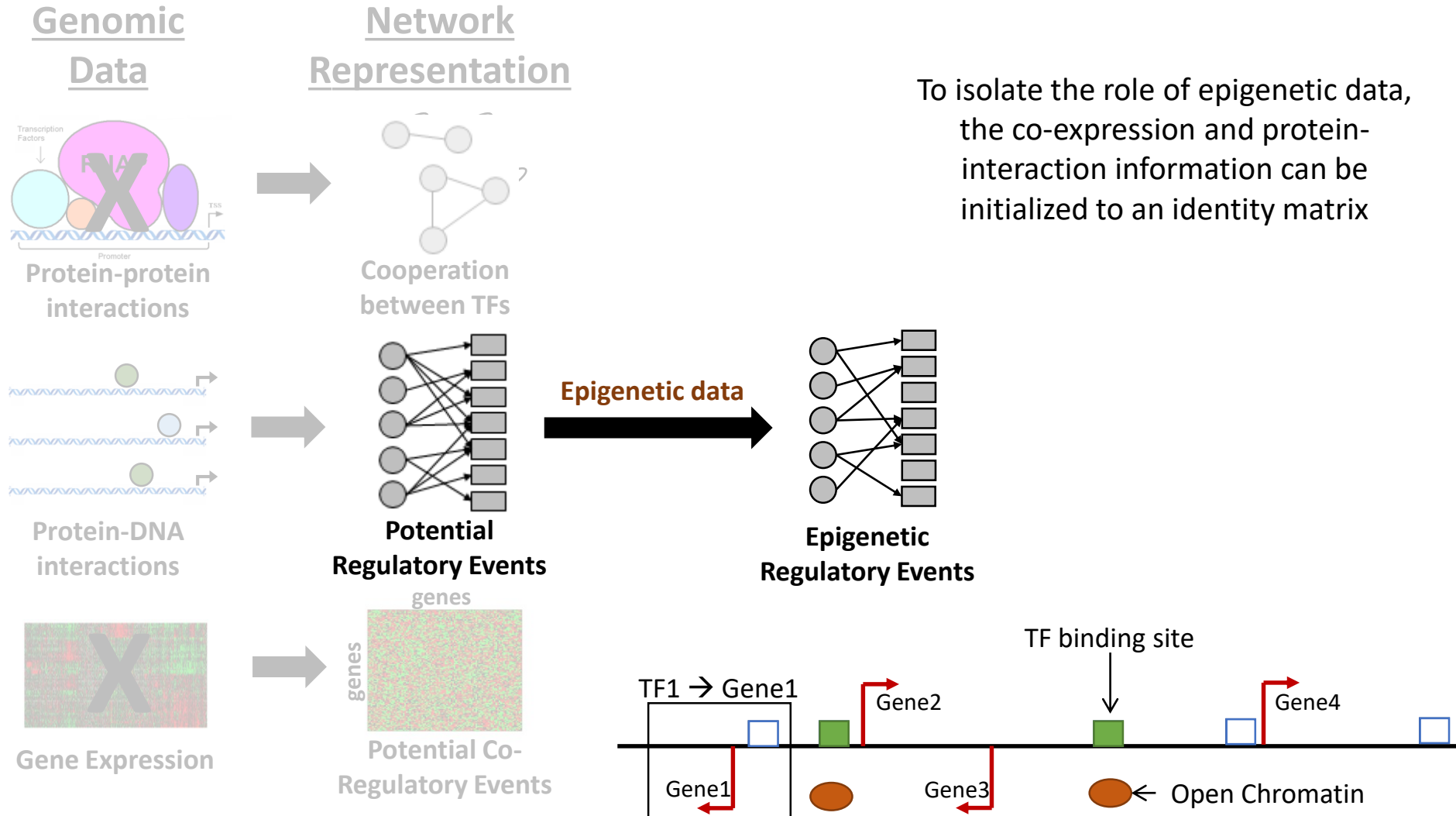
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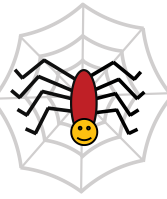


nucleosome

Gene

Incorporating Epigenetic Data

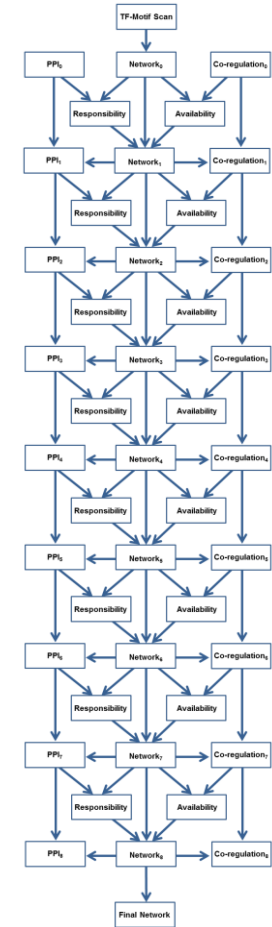
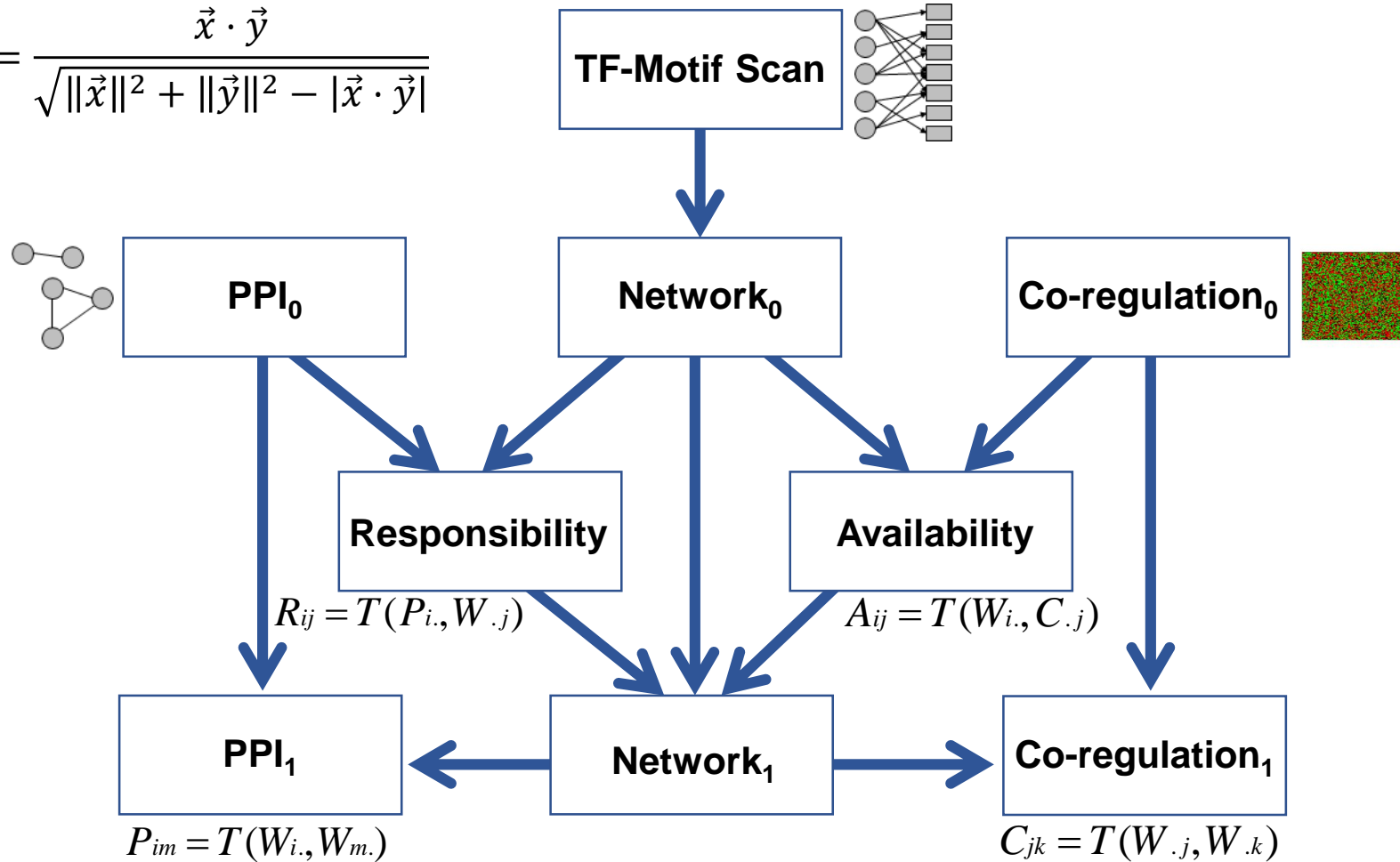




Incorporating Epigenetics with SPIDER

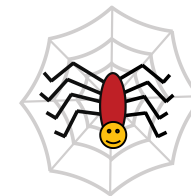
(Seeding PANDA Interactions to Derive Epigenetic Regulation)

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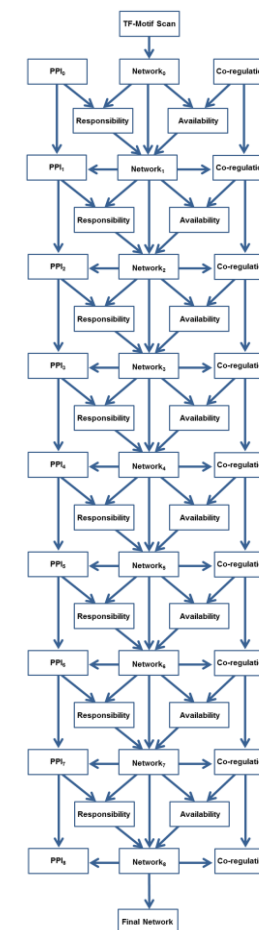
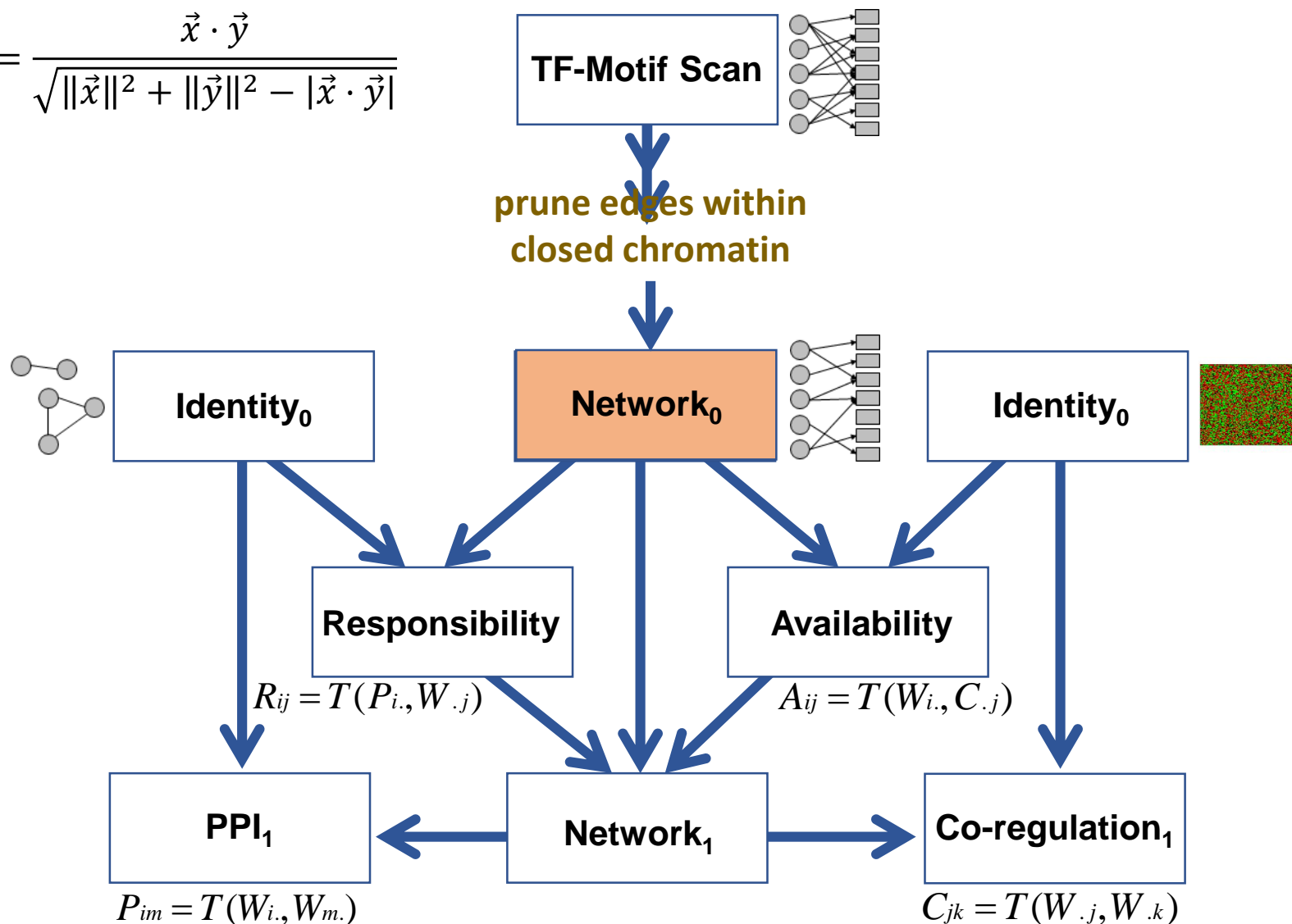


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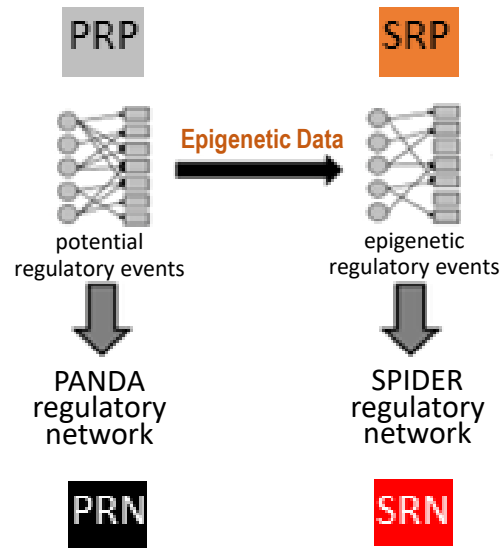


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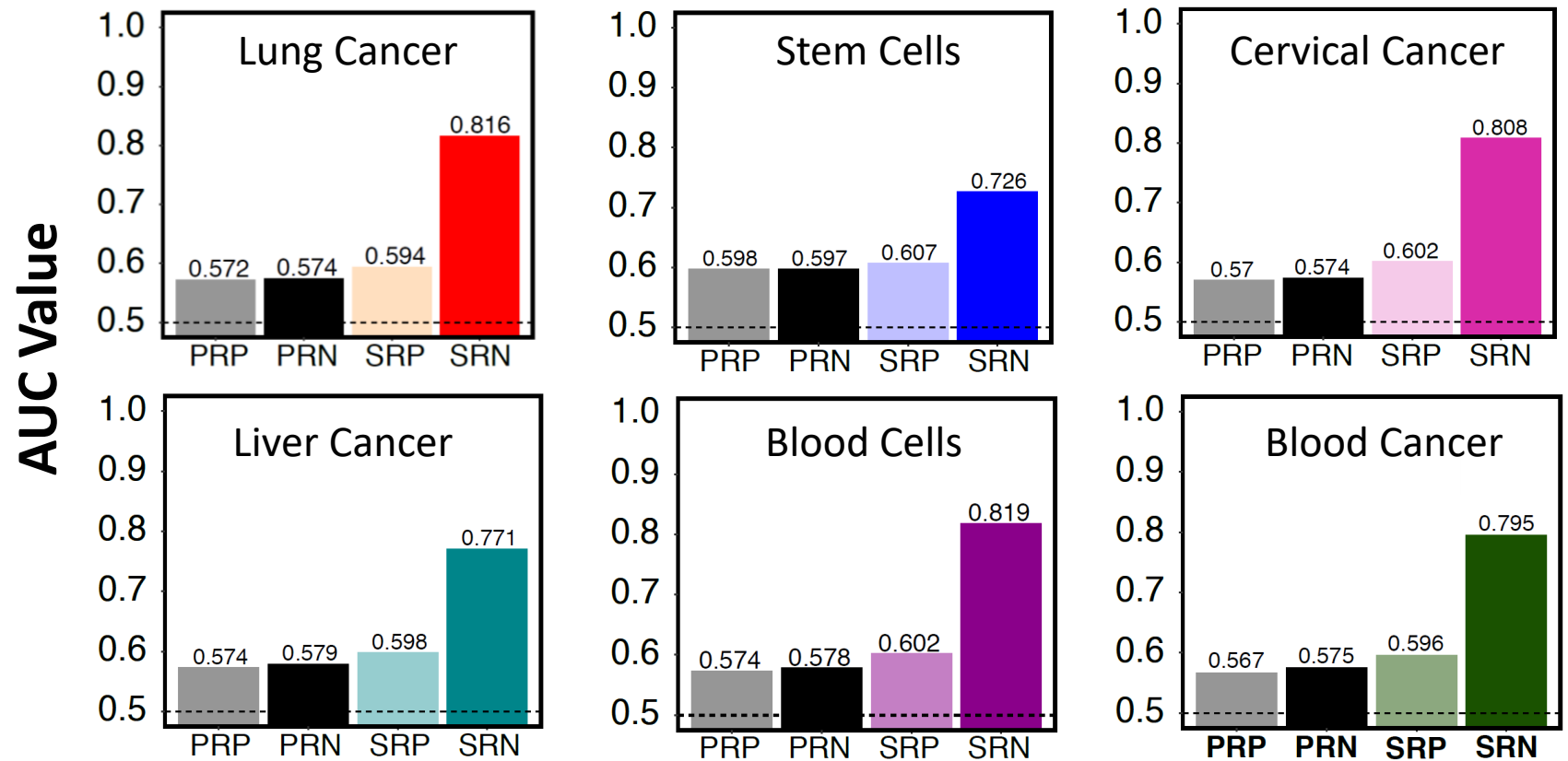


SPIDER predicts accurate networks

LEGEND

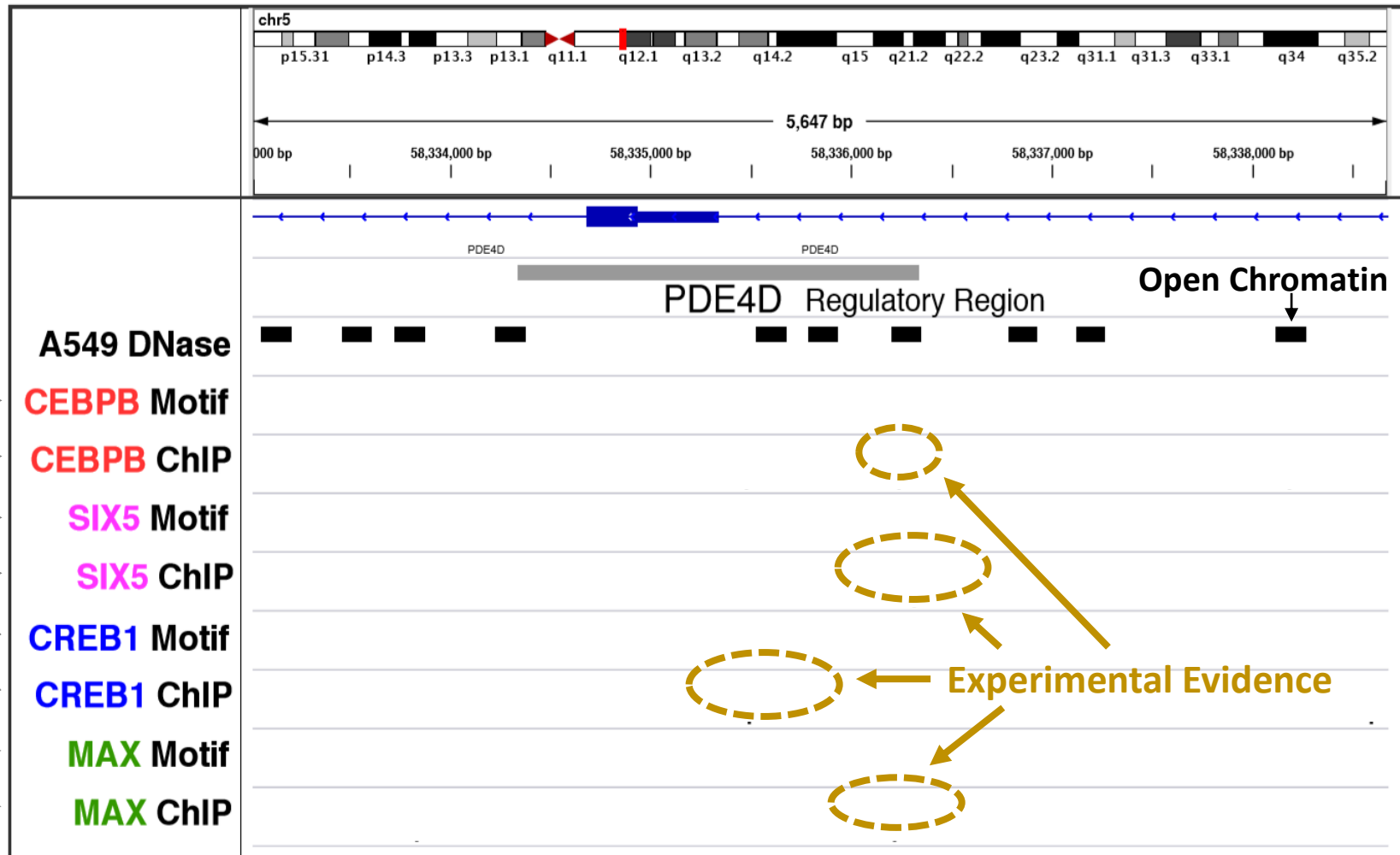


PRP = PANDA regulatory prior
PRN = PANDA regulatory network
SRP = SPIDER regulatory prior
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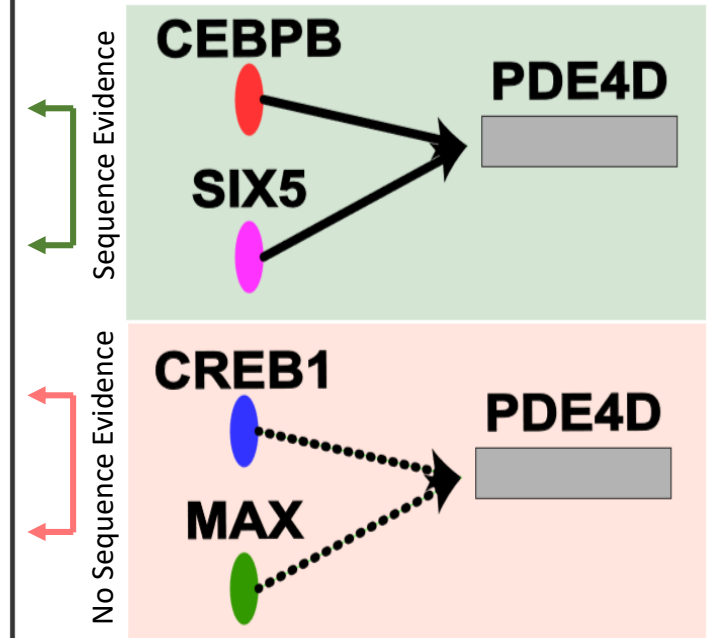


SPIDER recovers “missing links”

Is the experimental evidence sufficient to identify DNA?

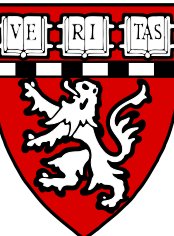
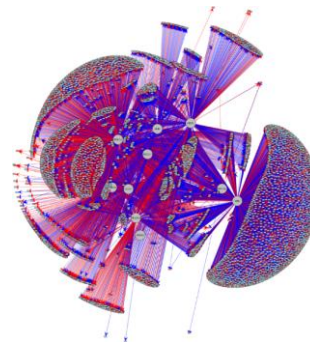
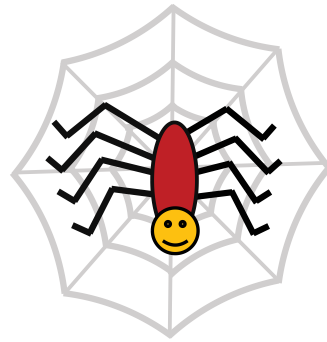
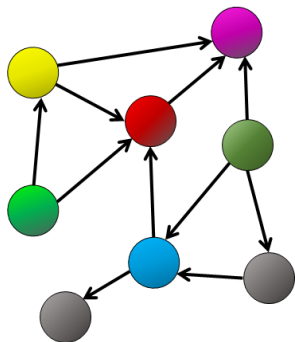


Top-weight edges predicted by SPIDER (Lung Cancer):



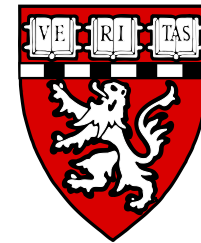
Summary

- Gene regulatory networks provide a framework for modeling and analyzing biological processes
- Effectively integrating multi-Omics data is important in developing a holistic model of biological systems
- Analyzing gene regulatory networks can lead to novel insights into how biological systems function.





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Why is this important for disease?

- Identified genes that:
 - Have a significant cis-eQTL in a tissue.
 - Have a significant cis-eQTL with a GWAS SNP in a tissue.
- Determined the median rank of those genes (compared to all other genes) based on their:
 - Degree
 - Betweenness
- Genes associated with GWAS SNPs, although depleted for tissue-specific genes, also are “bottlenecks” (comparatively lower degree, higher betweenness)

