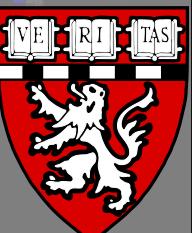


# Data Integration In Network Medicine

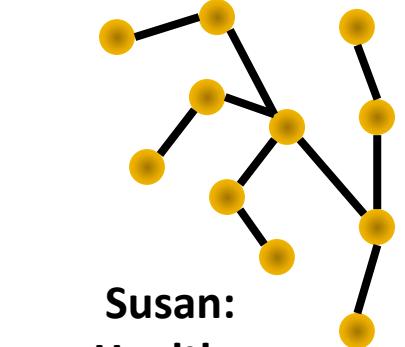
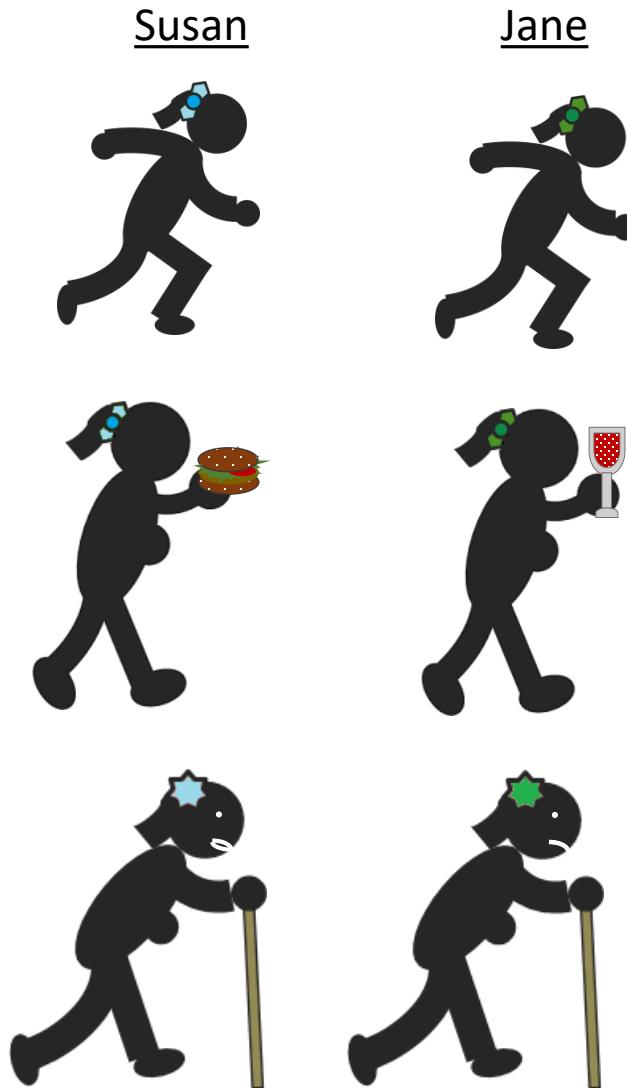
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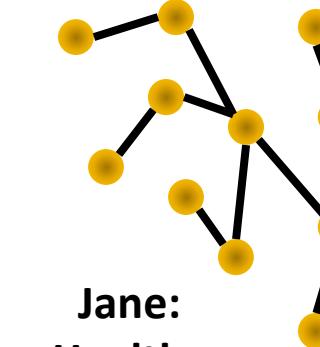
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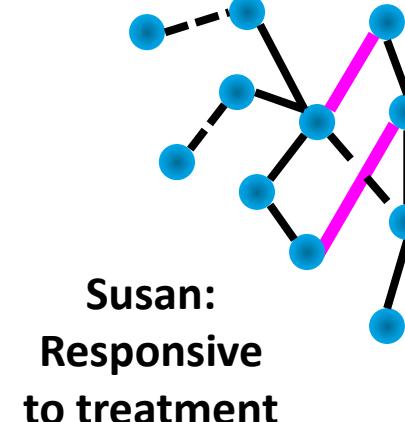
# What can networks teach us about medicine?



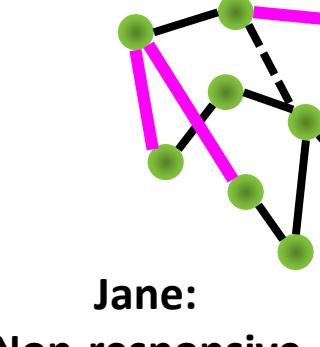
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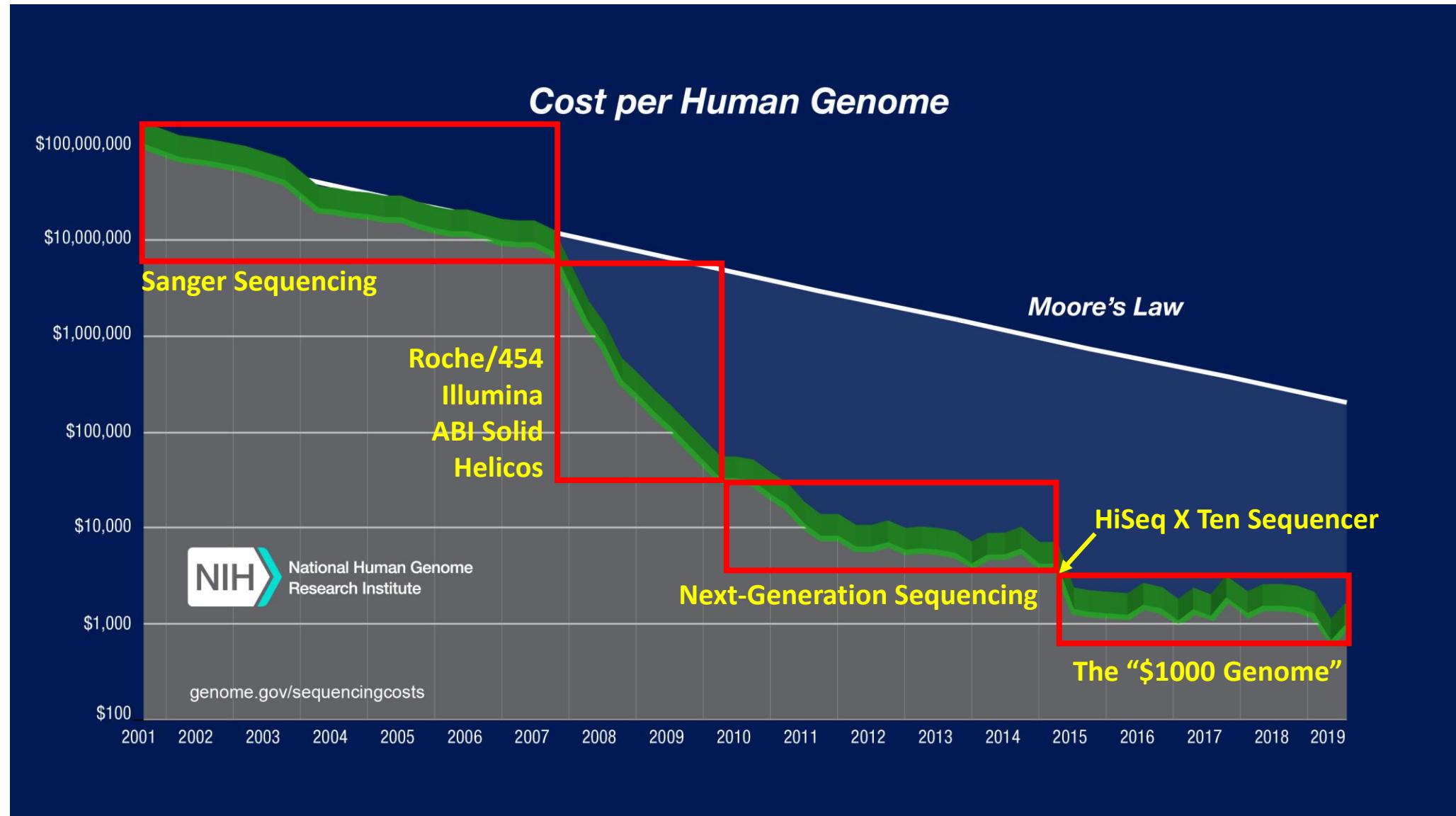
# What Is Network Medicine?

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)

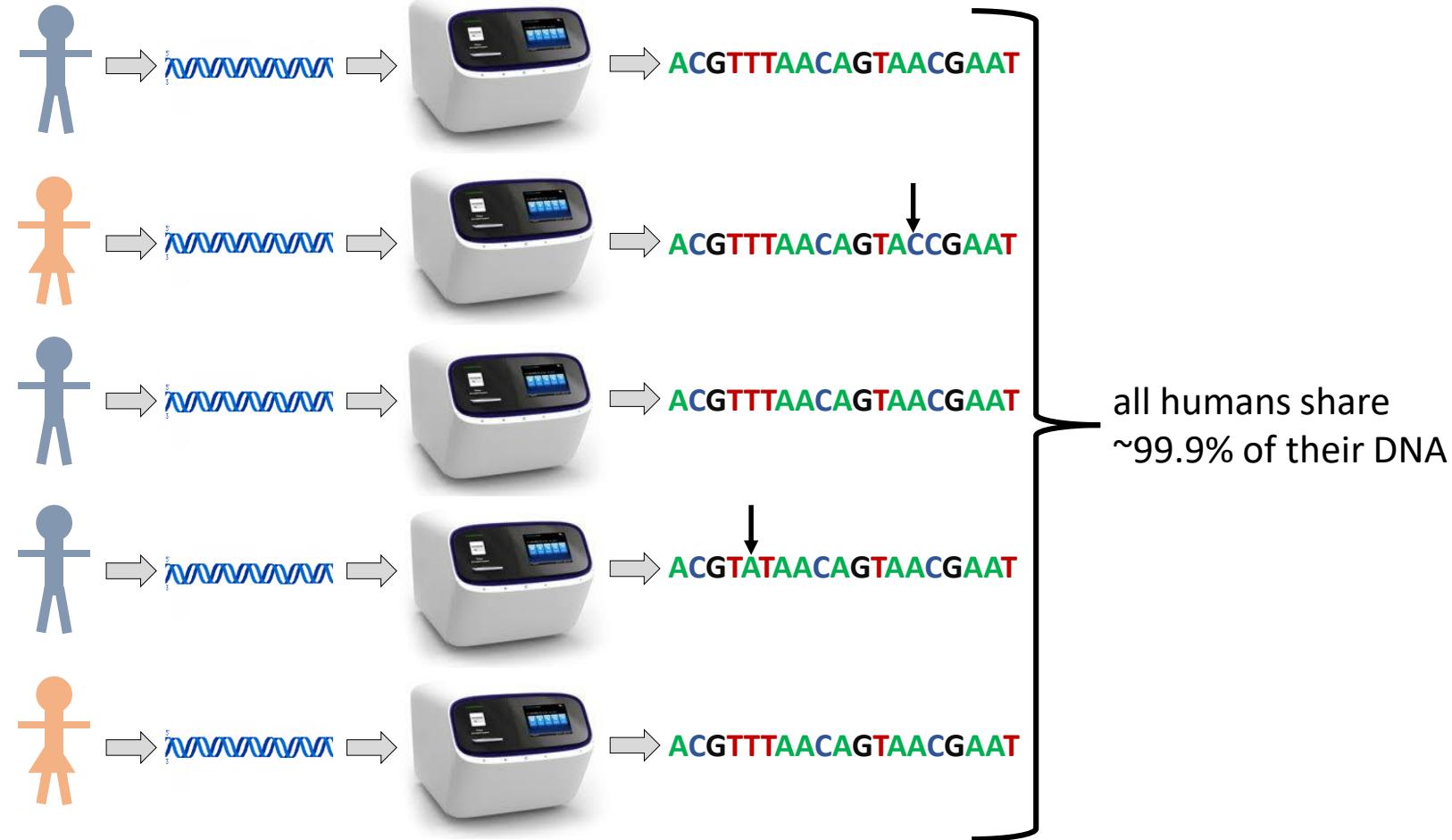
## **Key components of Network Medicine:**

- 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

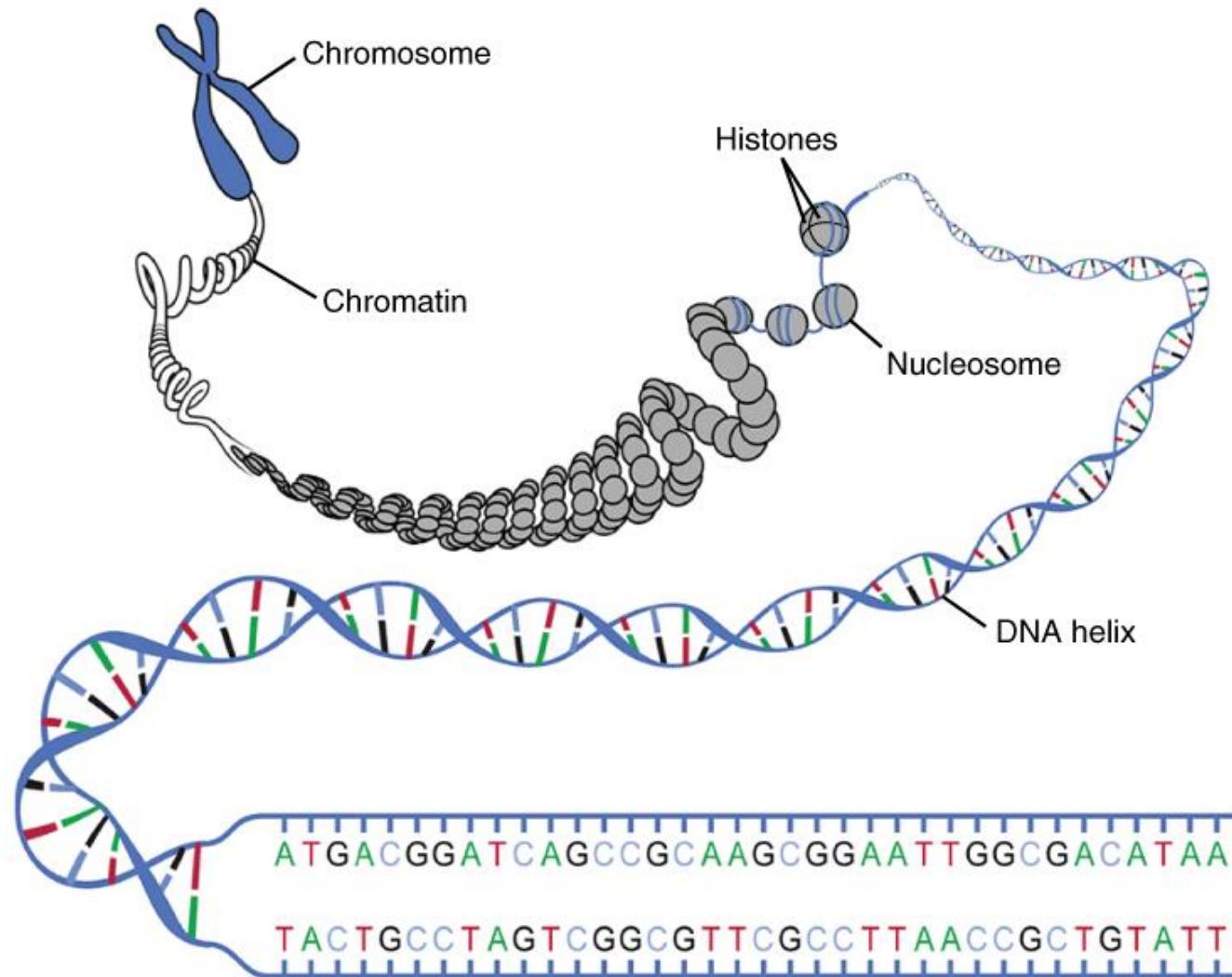


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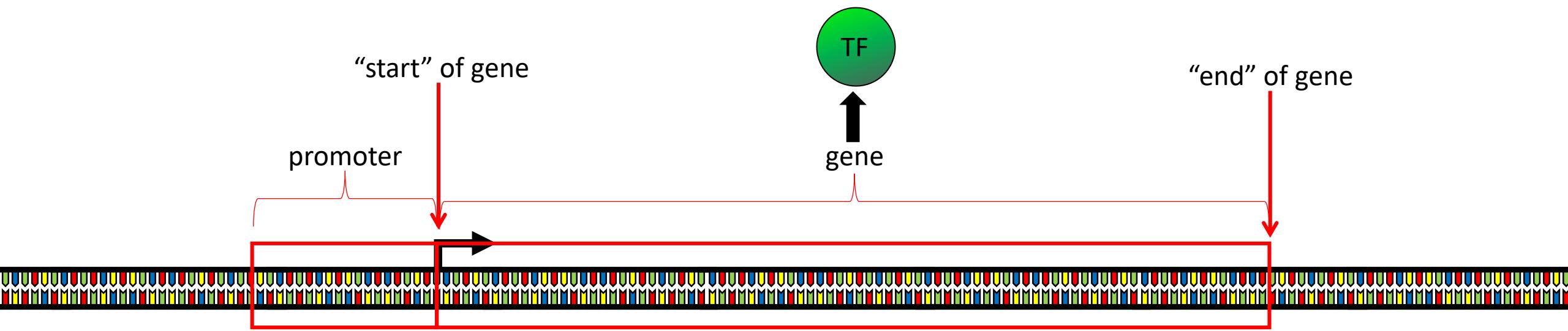
Where do the differences come from?

# The Physical Structure of DNA



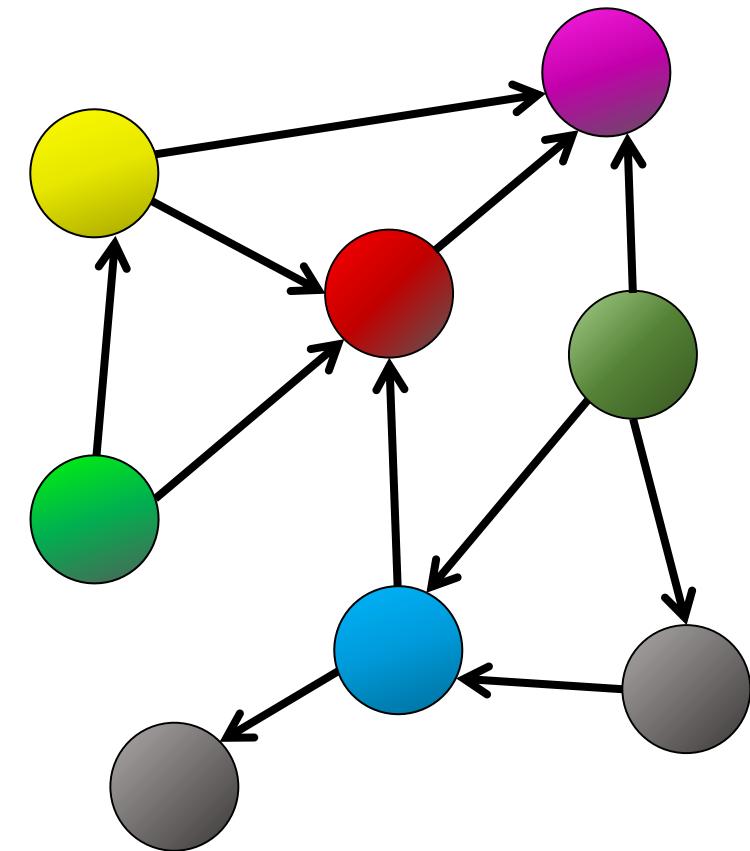
# Biological Function is Encoded in Genes

- 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.

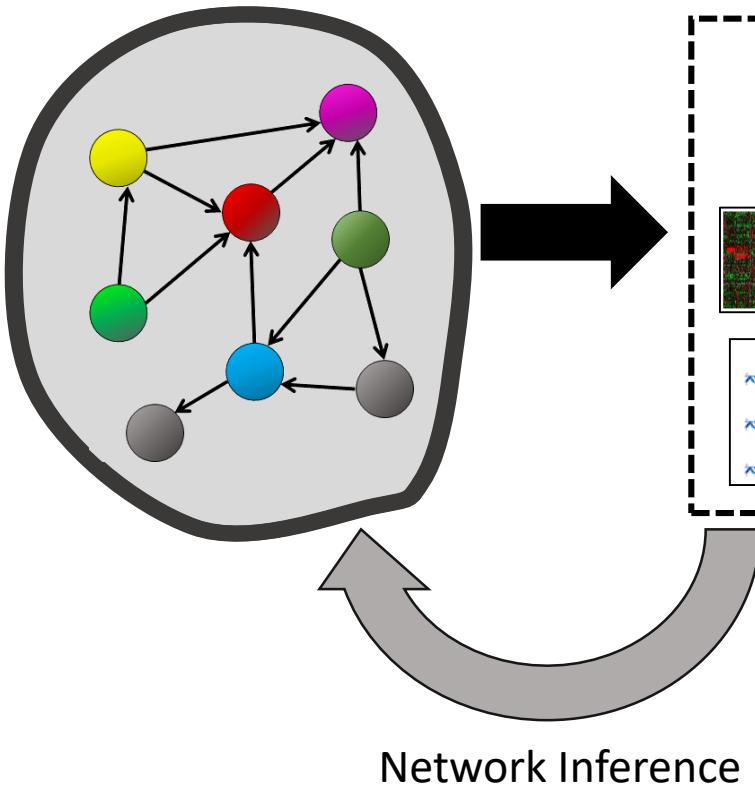


## Gene Regulatory Network

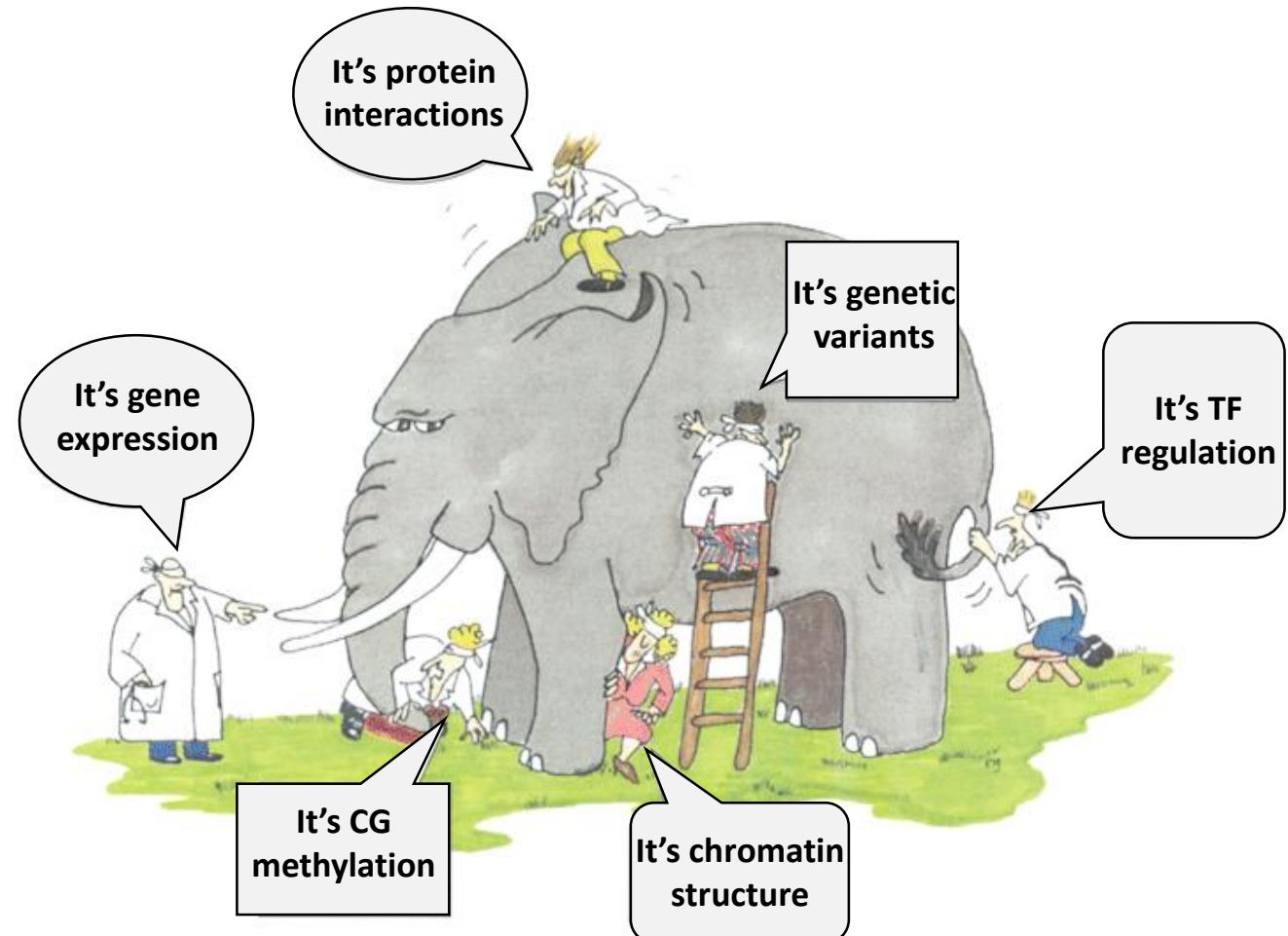
- Nodes are genes.
- Edges are relationships between genes.
- Edges are directed to indicate causality.

# Modeling Gene Regulatory Networks

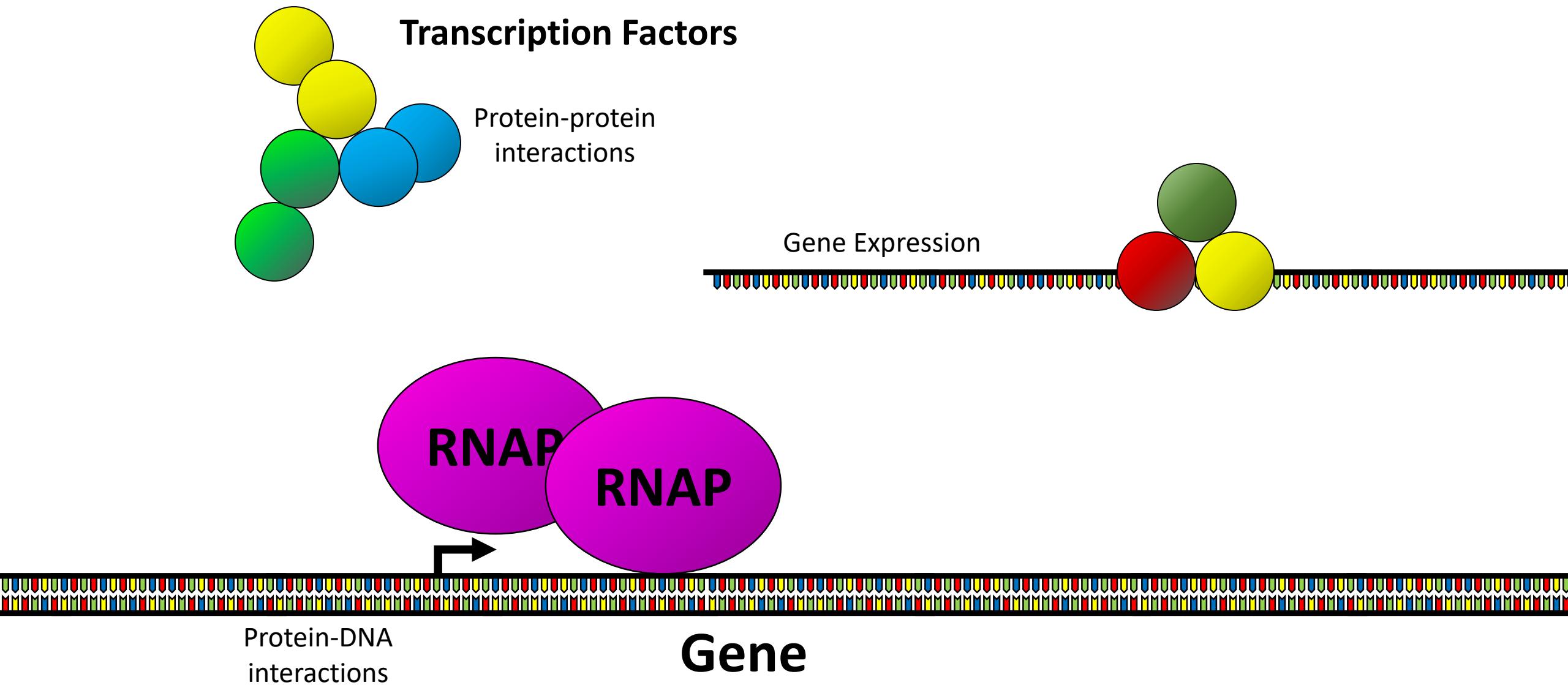
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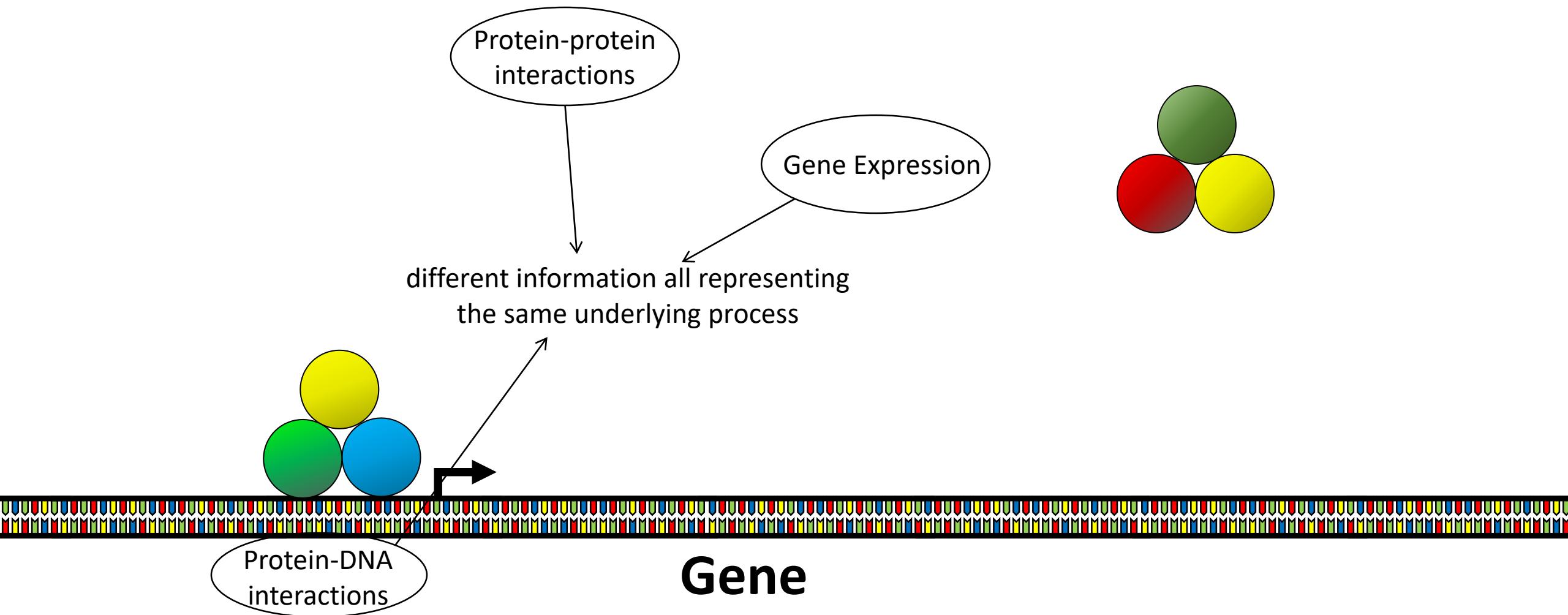
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# Basic Mechanics of Gene Regulation

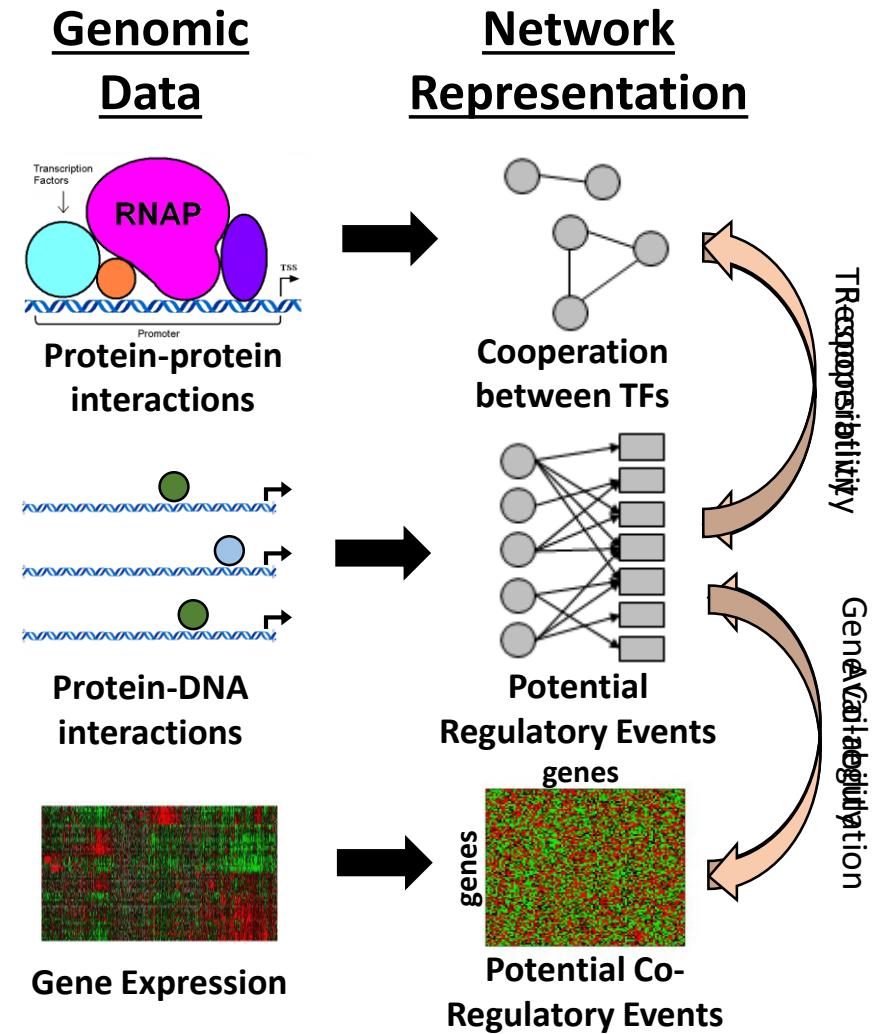


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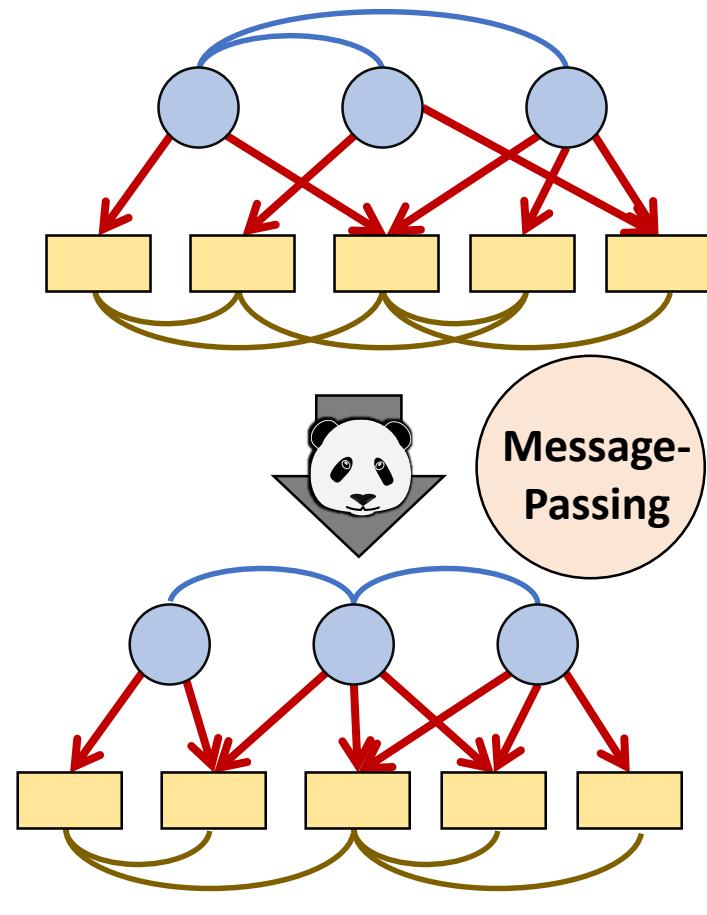


# Message-Passing Networks: PANDA

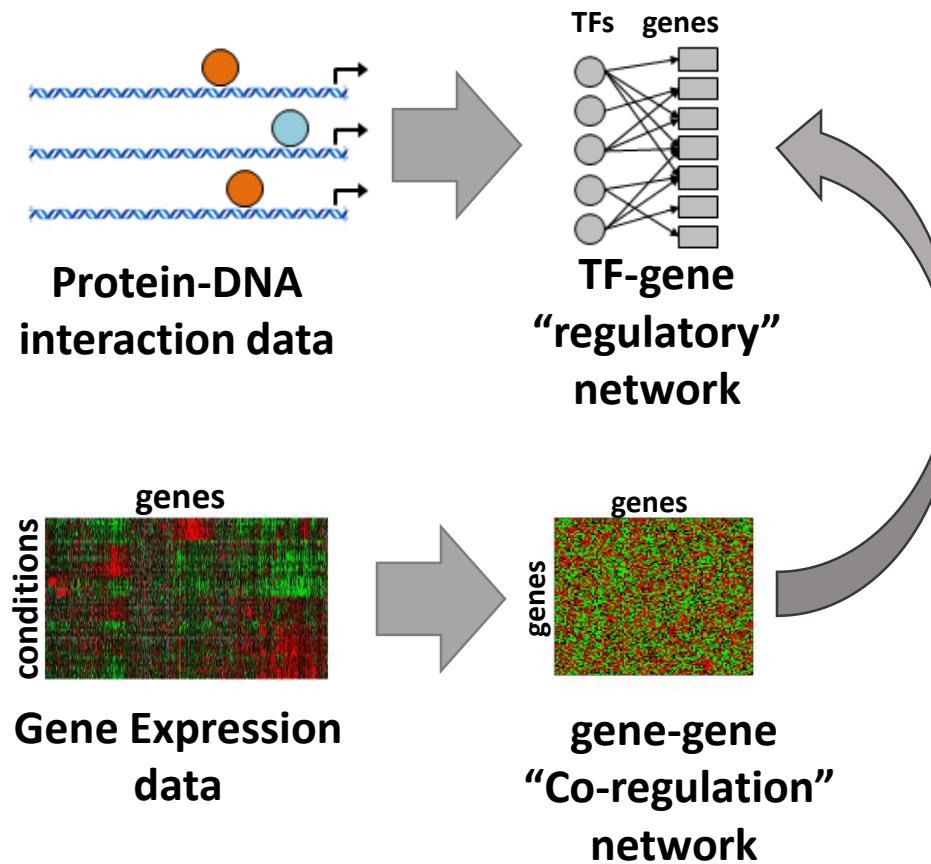
(Passing Attributes between Networks for Data Assimilation)



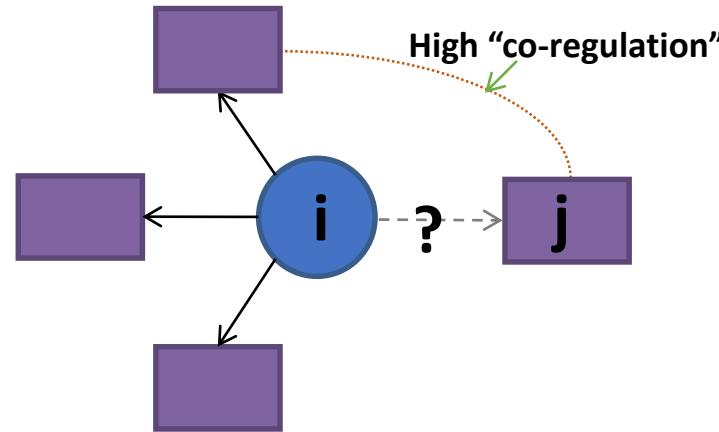
Use message-passing to find a consensus among the data



# Estimating Availability by comparing gene expression data and regulatory information



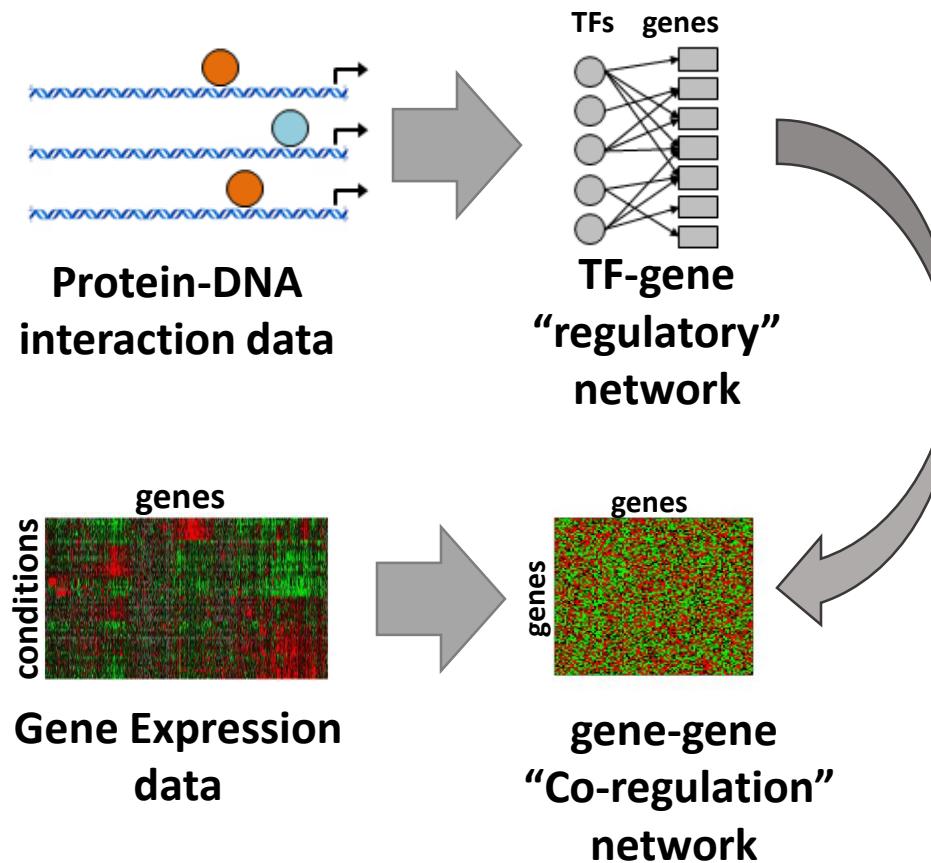
Passing message from the co-regulation to the regulatory network



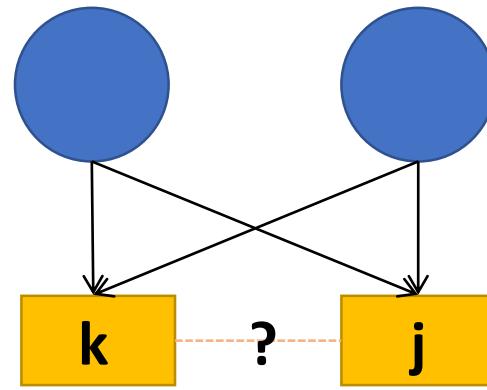
Gene  $j$  may be regulated by TF  $i$  if it is co-regulated with the other targets of TF  $i$ .

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

# Estimating Availability by comparing gene expression data and regulatory information



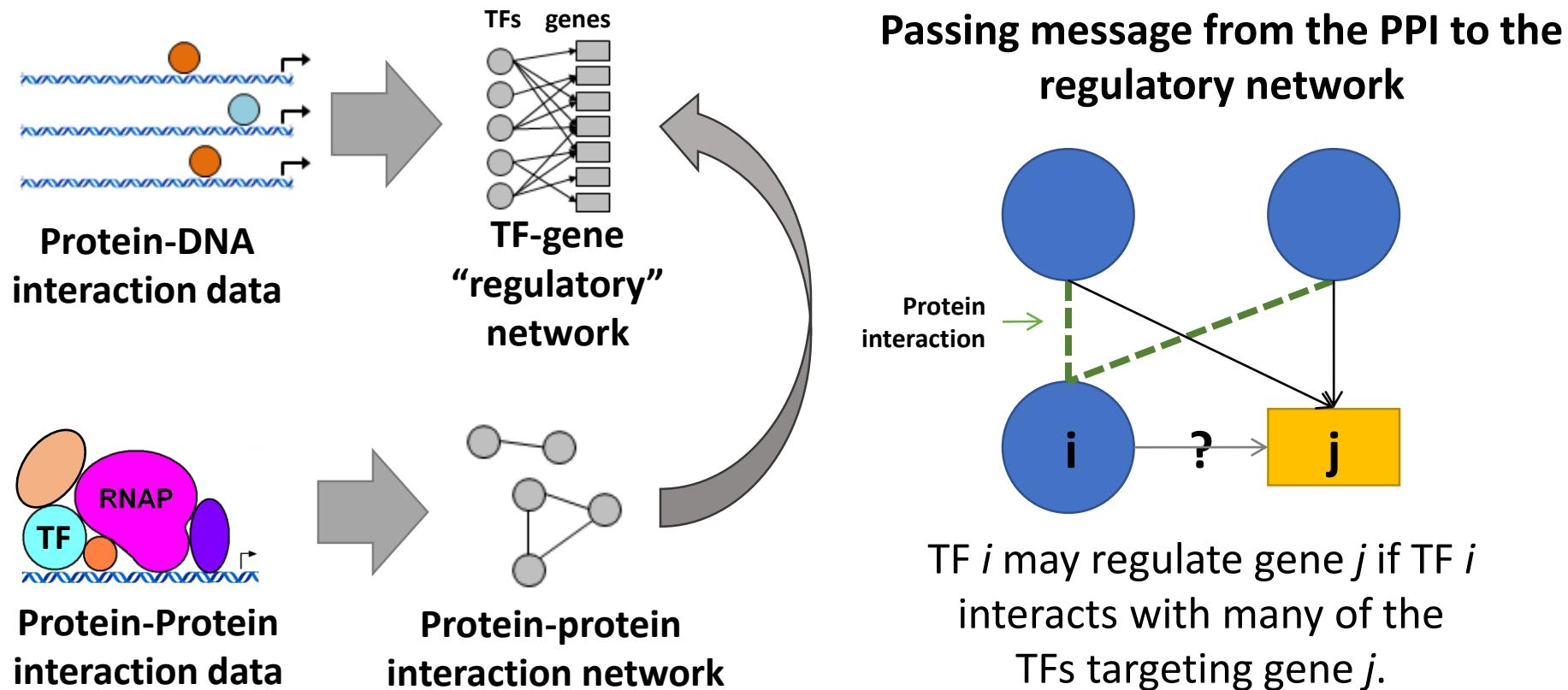
Passing message from the regulatory to the co-regulation network



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

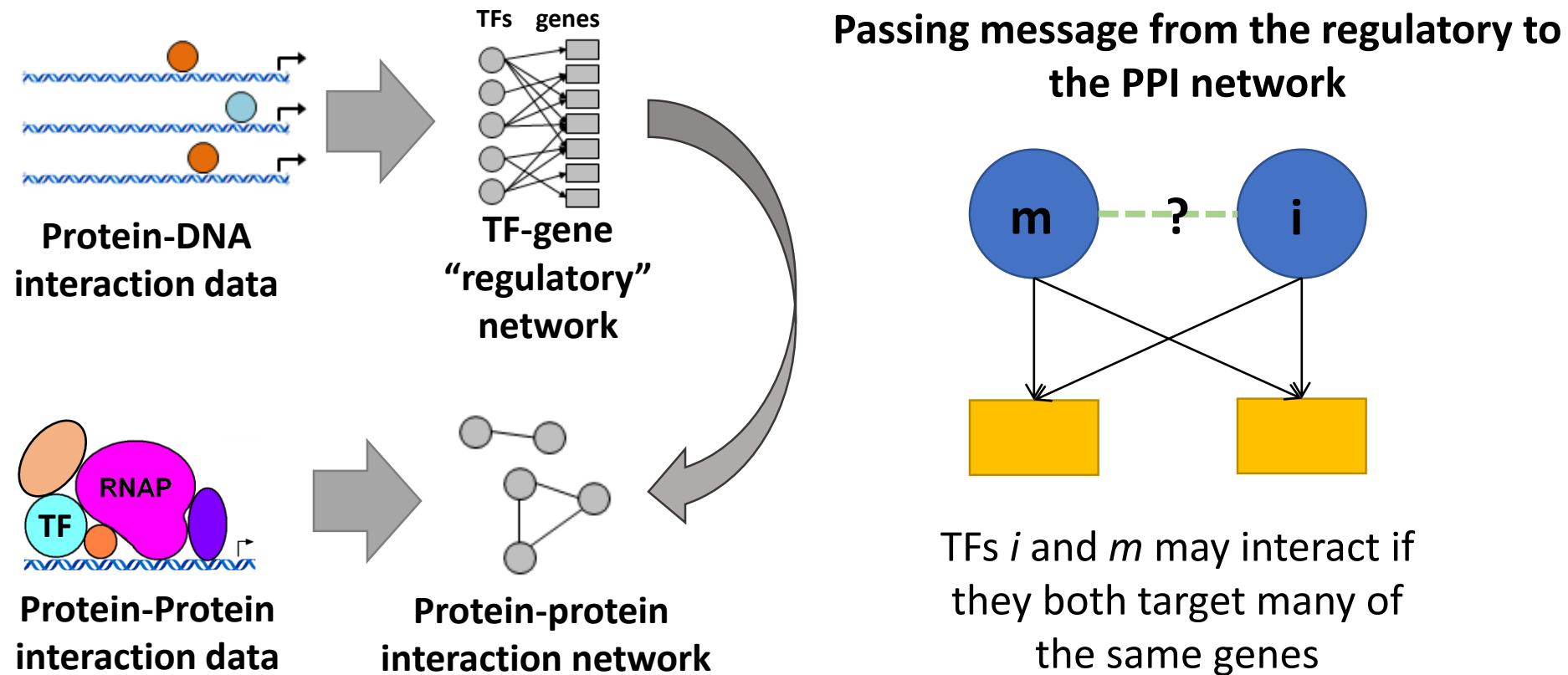
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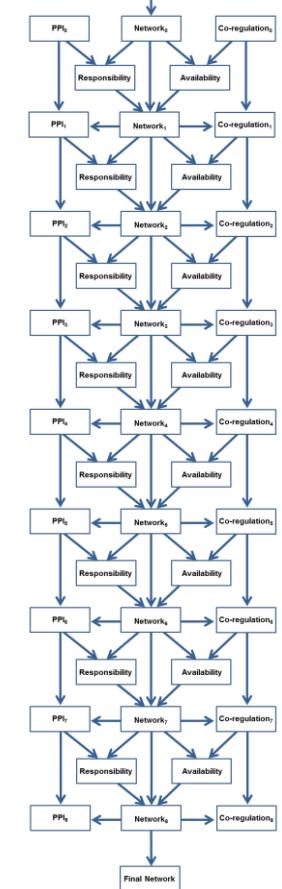
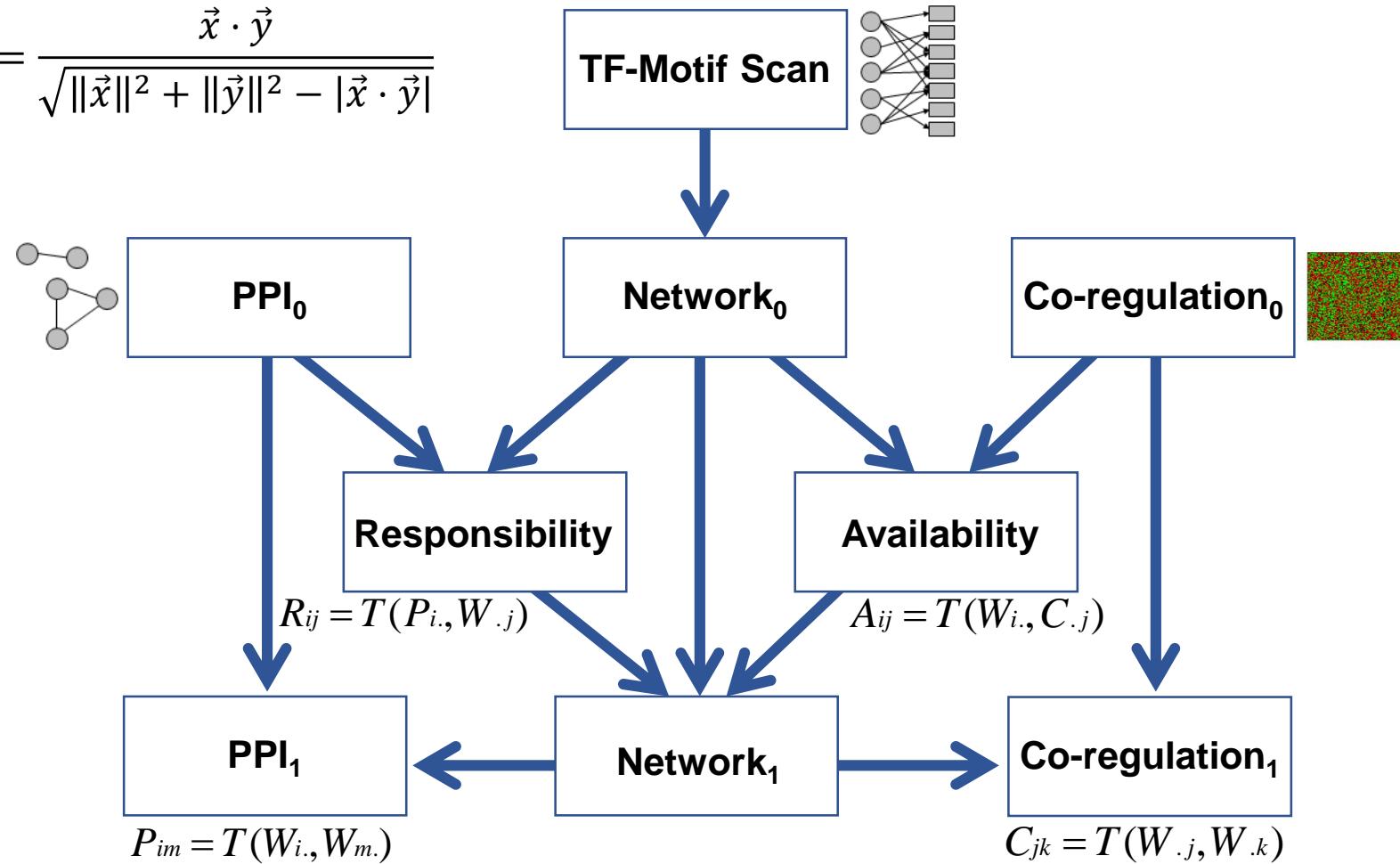


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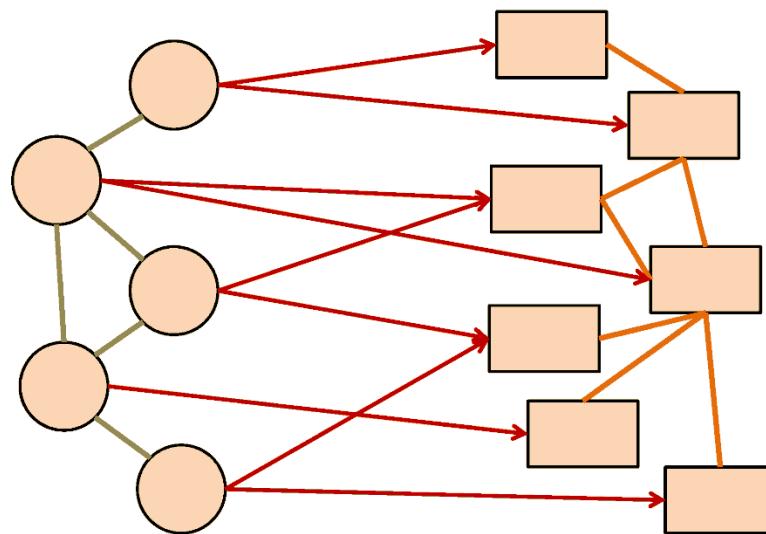
# Passing Messages Between Networks



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



# Conceptual Framework of PANDA



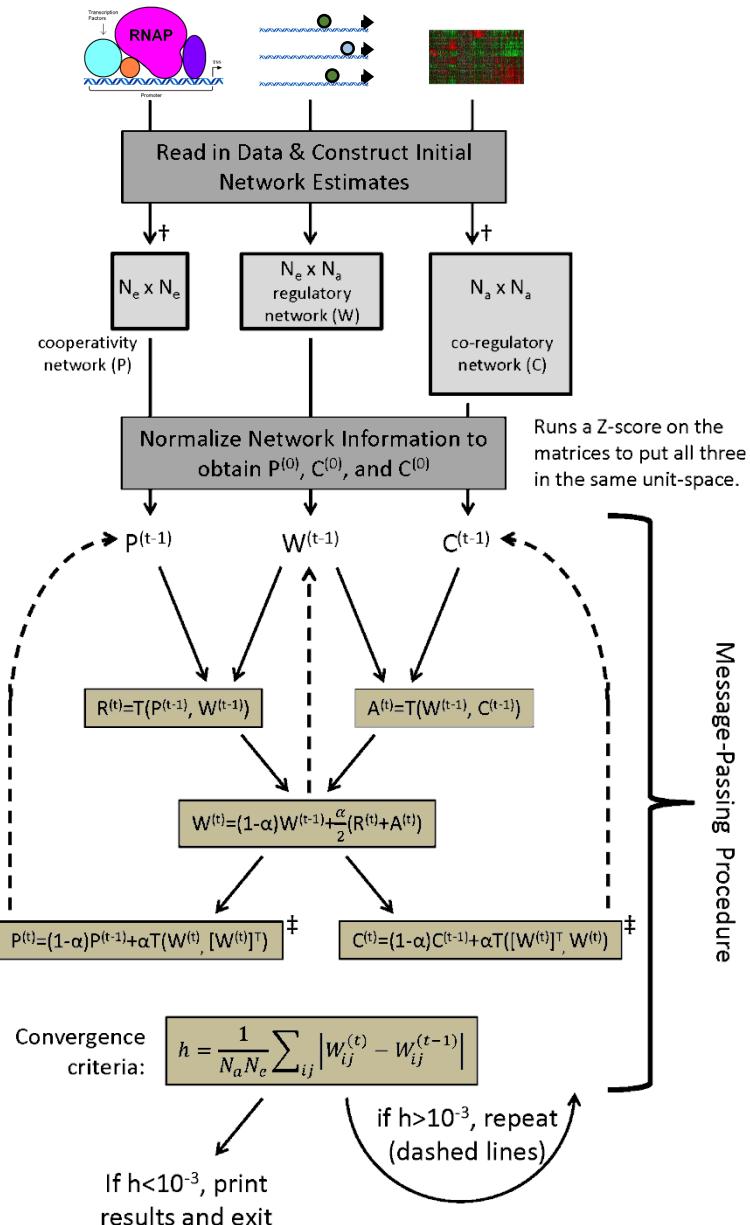
## **PANDA considers:**

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

Taotao Lao<sup>1</sup>, Kimberly Glass<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Weiliang Qiu<sup>1</sup>, Francesca Polverino<sup>4,5,6</sup>, Kushagra Gupta<sup>4</sup>, Jarrett Morris<sup>1</sup>, John Dominic Mancini<sup>1</sup>, Linh Vuong<sup>1</sup>, Mark A Perrella<sup>4,7</sup>, Craig P Hersh<sup>1,4</sup>, Caroline A Owen<sup>4,5</sup>, John Quackenbush<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Guo-Cheng Yuan<sup>2,3</sup>, Edwin K Silverman<sup>1,4\*</sup> and Xiaobo Zhou<sup>1,4\*</sup>

## A network model for angiogenesis in ovarian cancer

Kimberly Glass<sup>1,2,3</sup>, John Quackenbush<sup>1,2</sup>, Dimitrios Spentzos<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin Haibe-Kains<sup>5</sup> and Guo-Cheng Yuan<sup>1,2\*</sup>

## 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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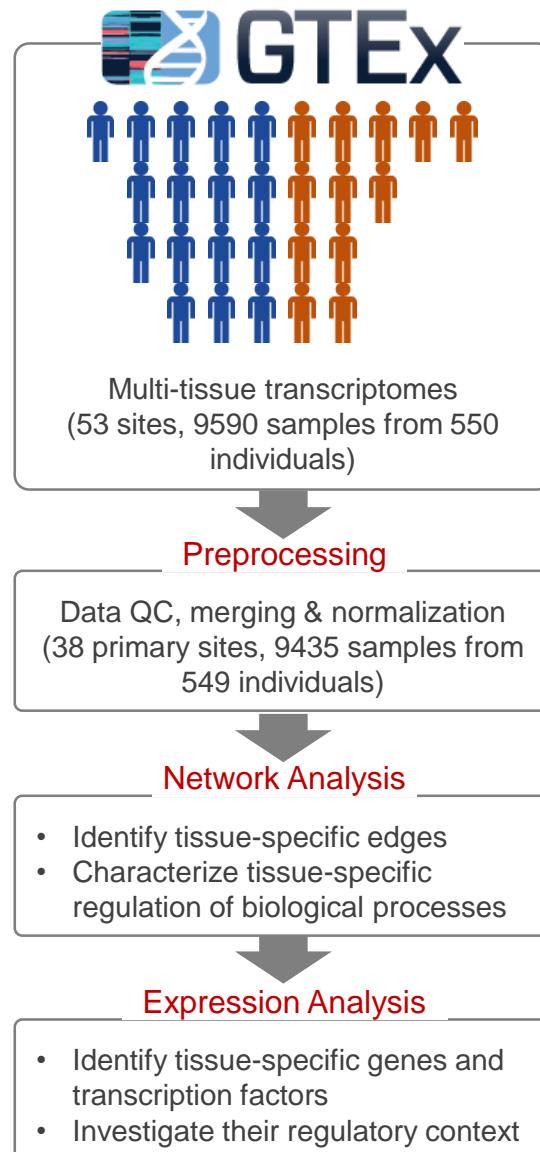
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## Regulatory network changes between cell lines and their tissues of origin

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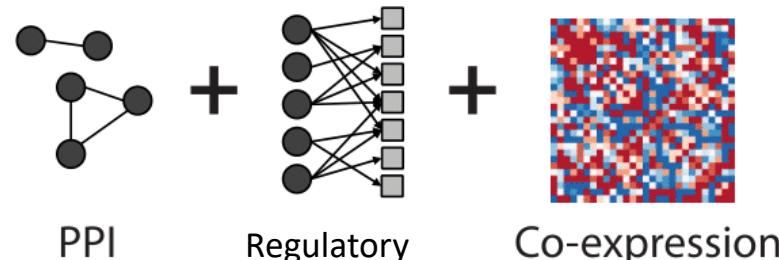
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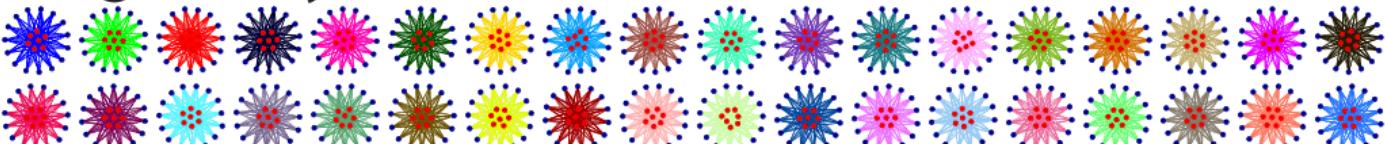
GTEx Expression Data from 38 Tissues/Tissue-Sites



## (1) Integrate Regulatory Information (PANDA)

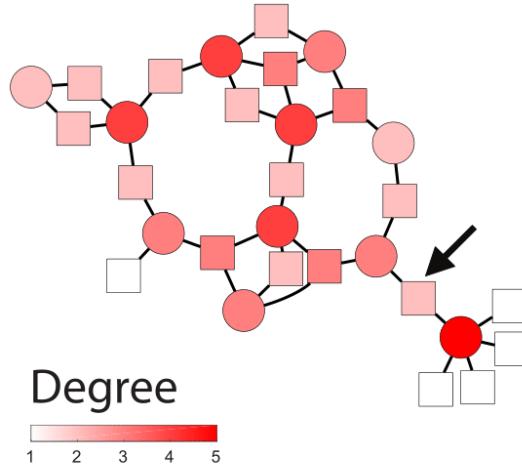


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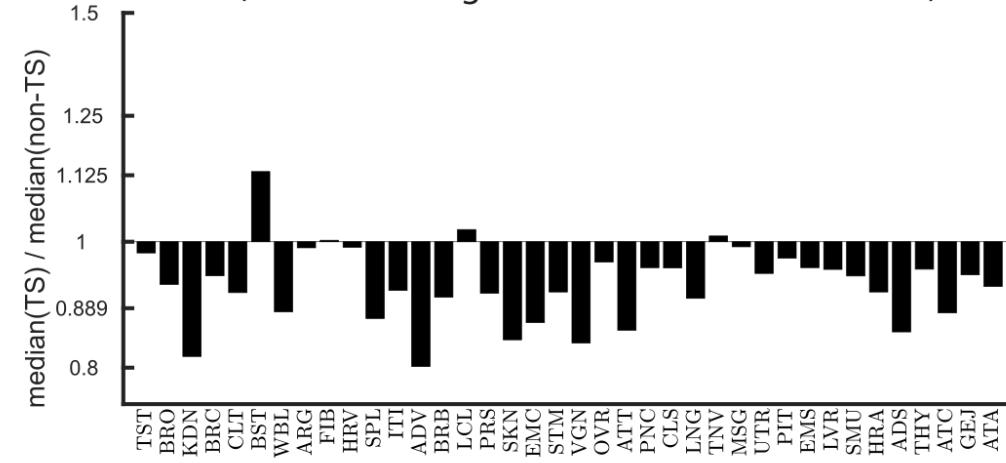


# Degree of Tissue-Specific Genes

Network Centralities



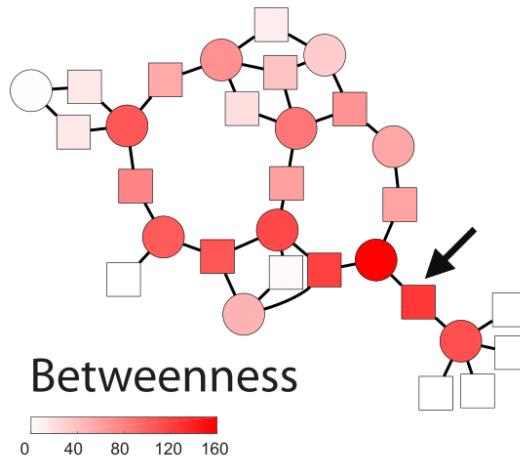
Ratio of Median Centrality  
(TS vs. non-TS genes in Each Tissue-Network)



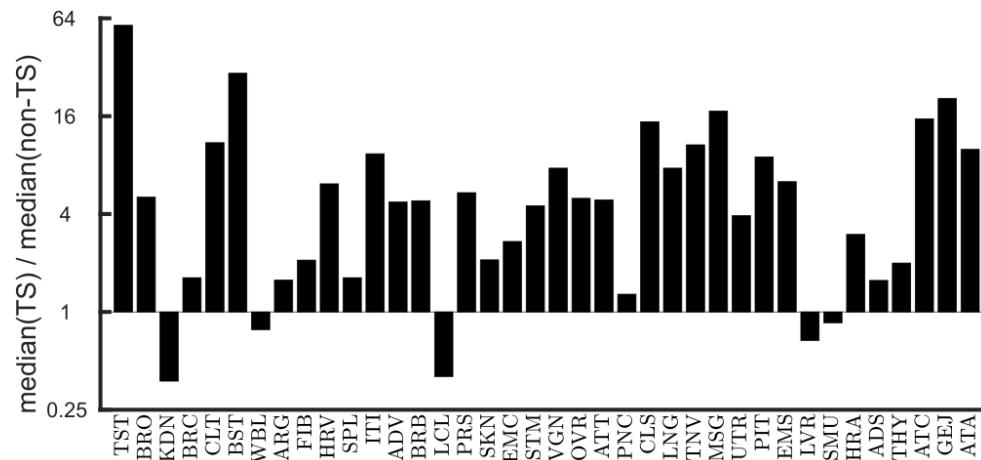
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- Tissue-specific genes are depleted for regulatory edges.

# Betweenness of Tissue-Specific Genes

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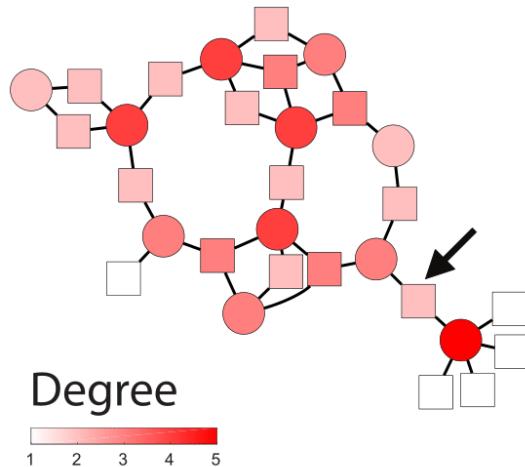
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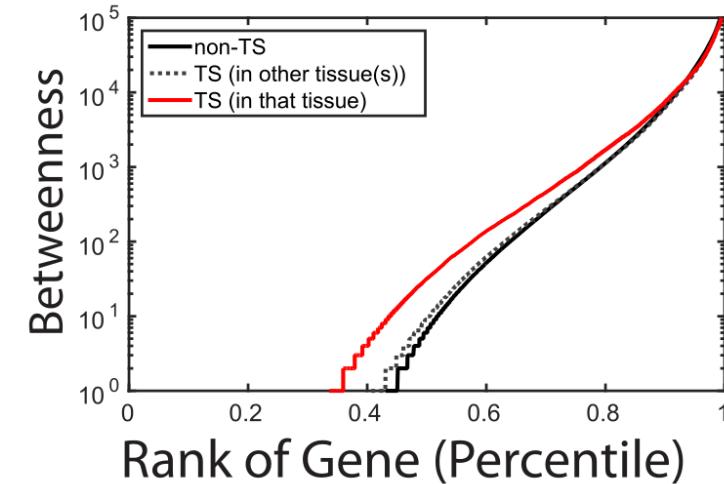
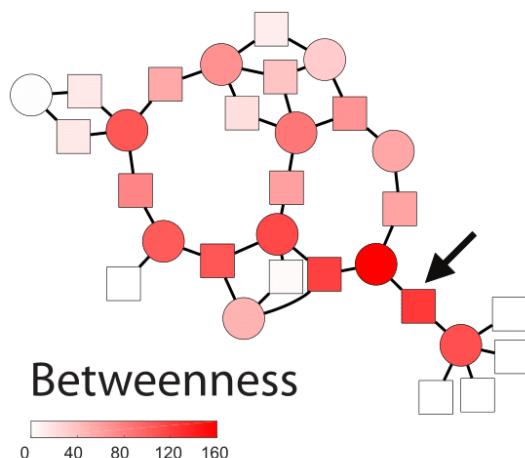
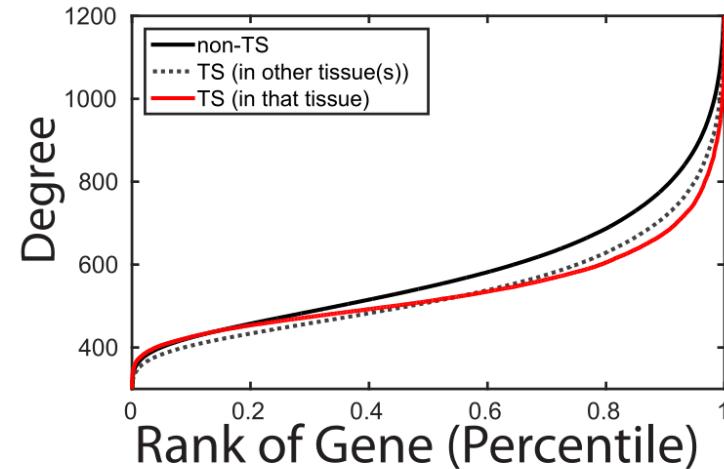
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- Tissue-specific genes are enriched for regulatory paths.

# Centrality of Tissue-Specific Genes

Network Centralities

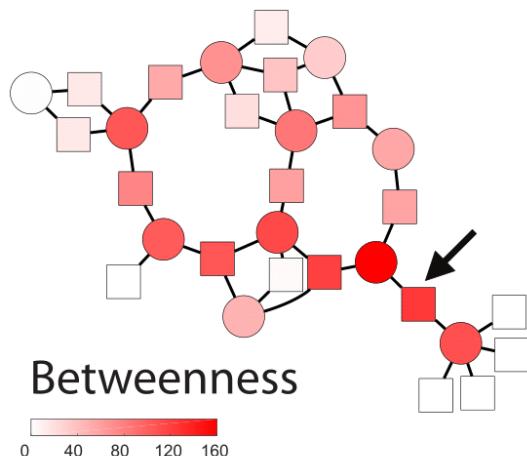
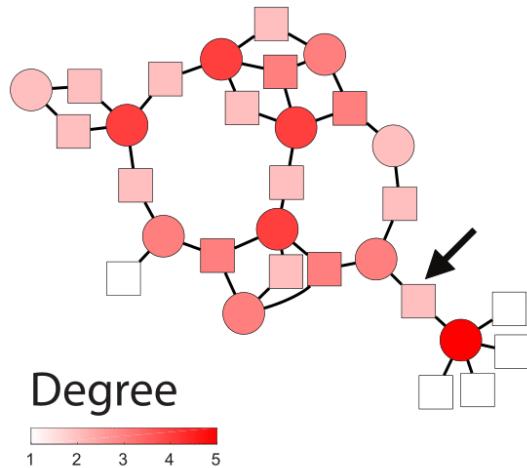


Distribution of Centrality Values  
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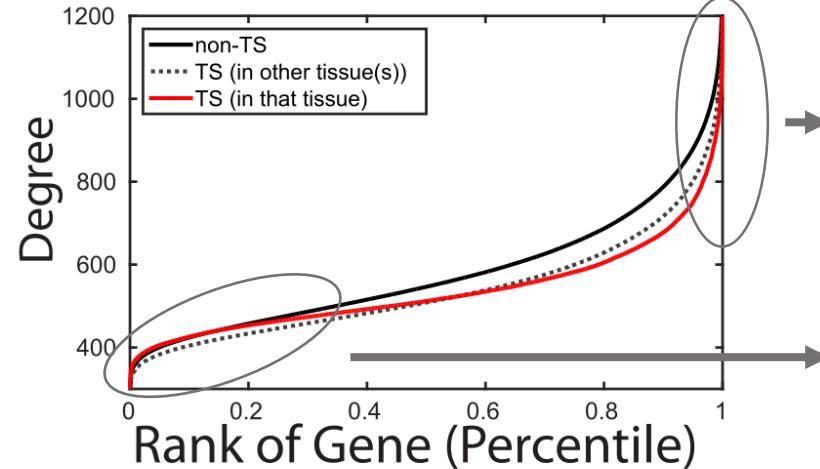


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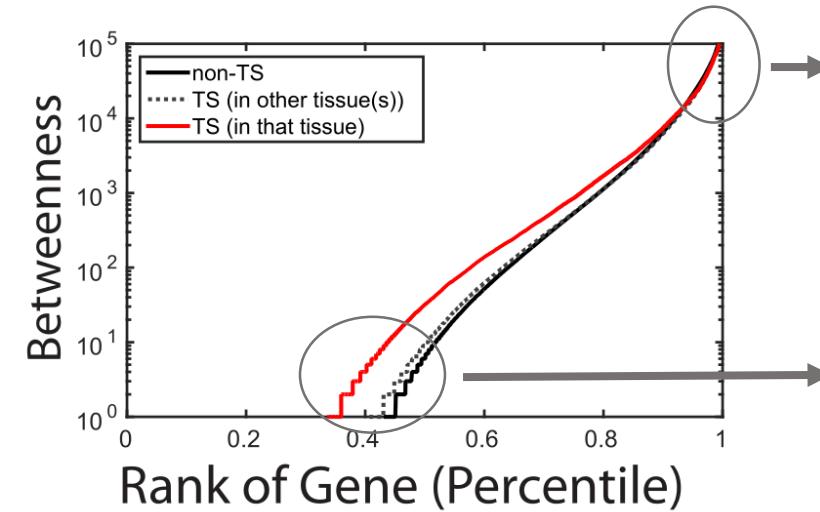
Distribution of Centrality Values  
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TS-genes are depleted among network hubs

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

High-betweenness genes are just as likely to be TS as non-TS



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

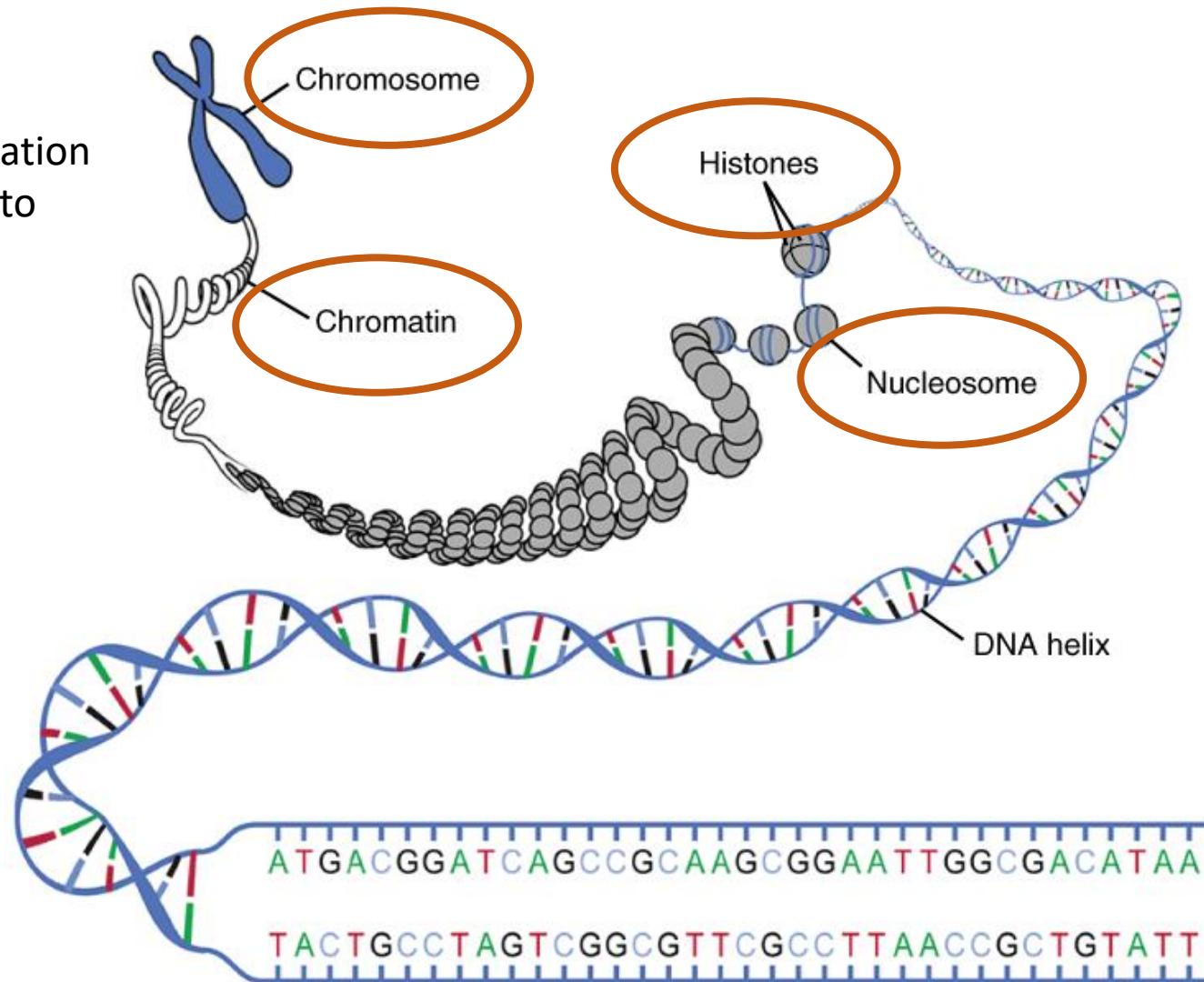
# What does this mean?

- 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

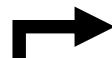
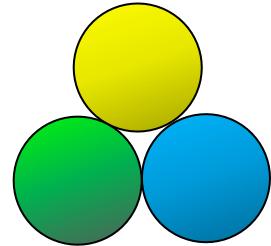
## Epigenetics:

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



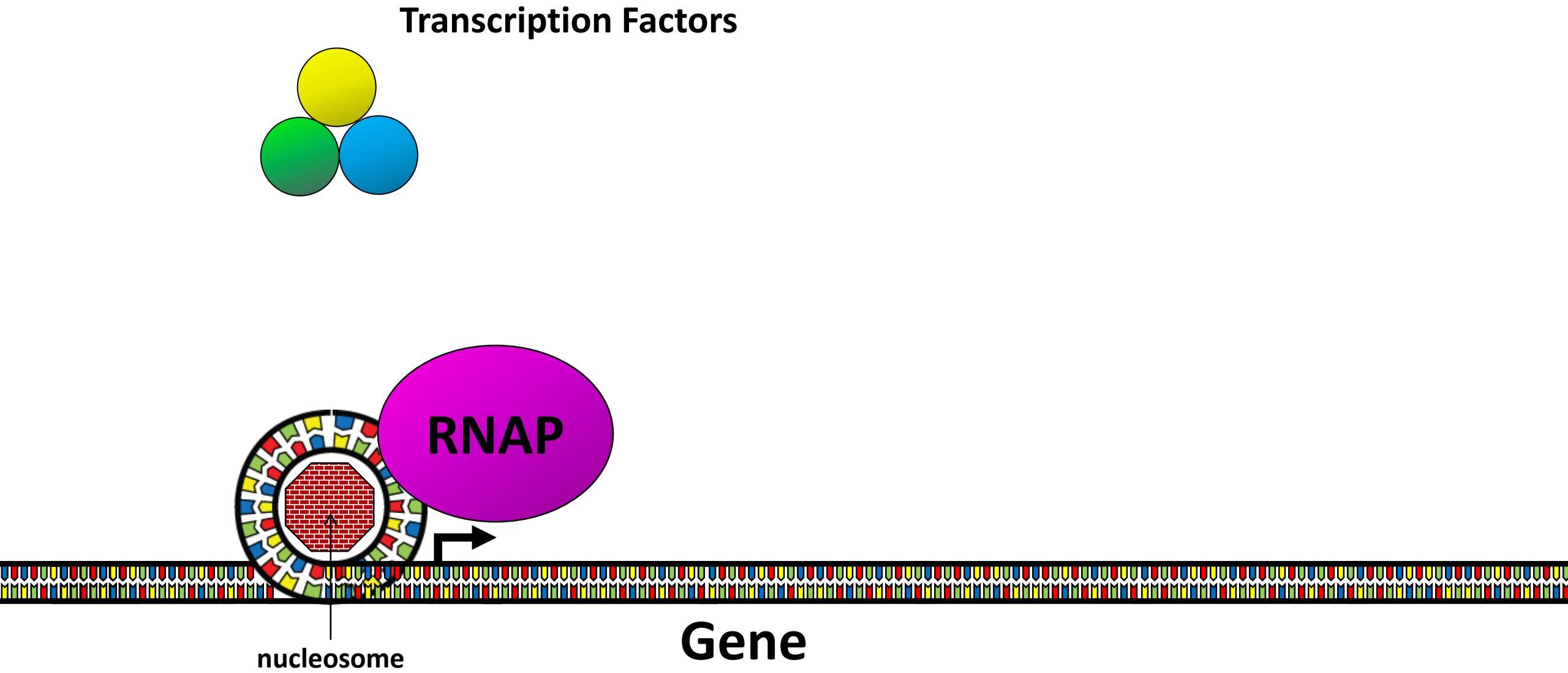
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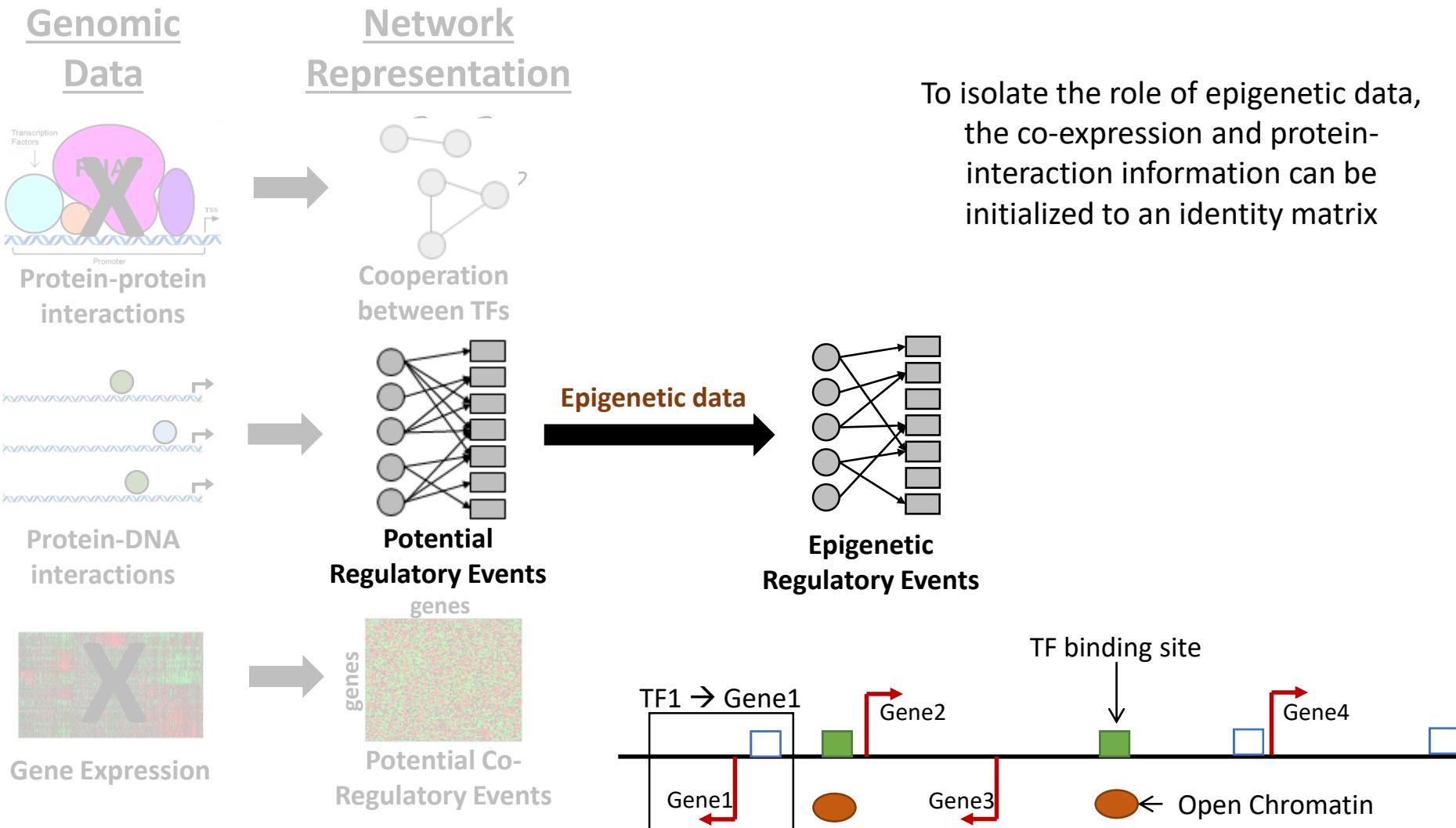


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# Incorporating Epigenetic Data

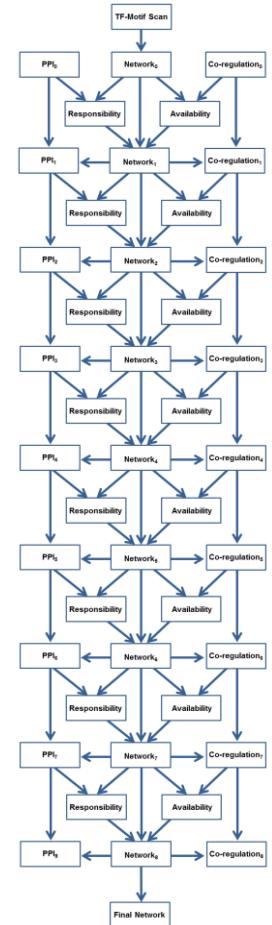
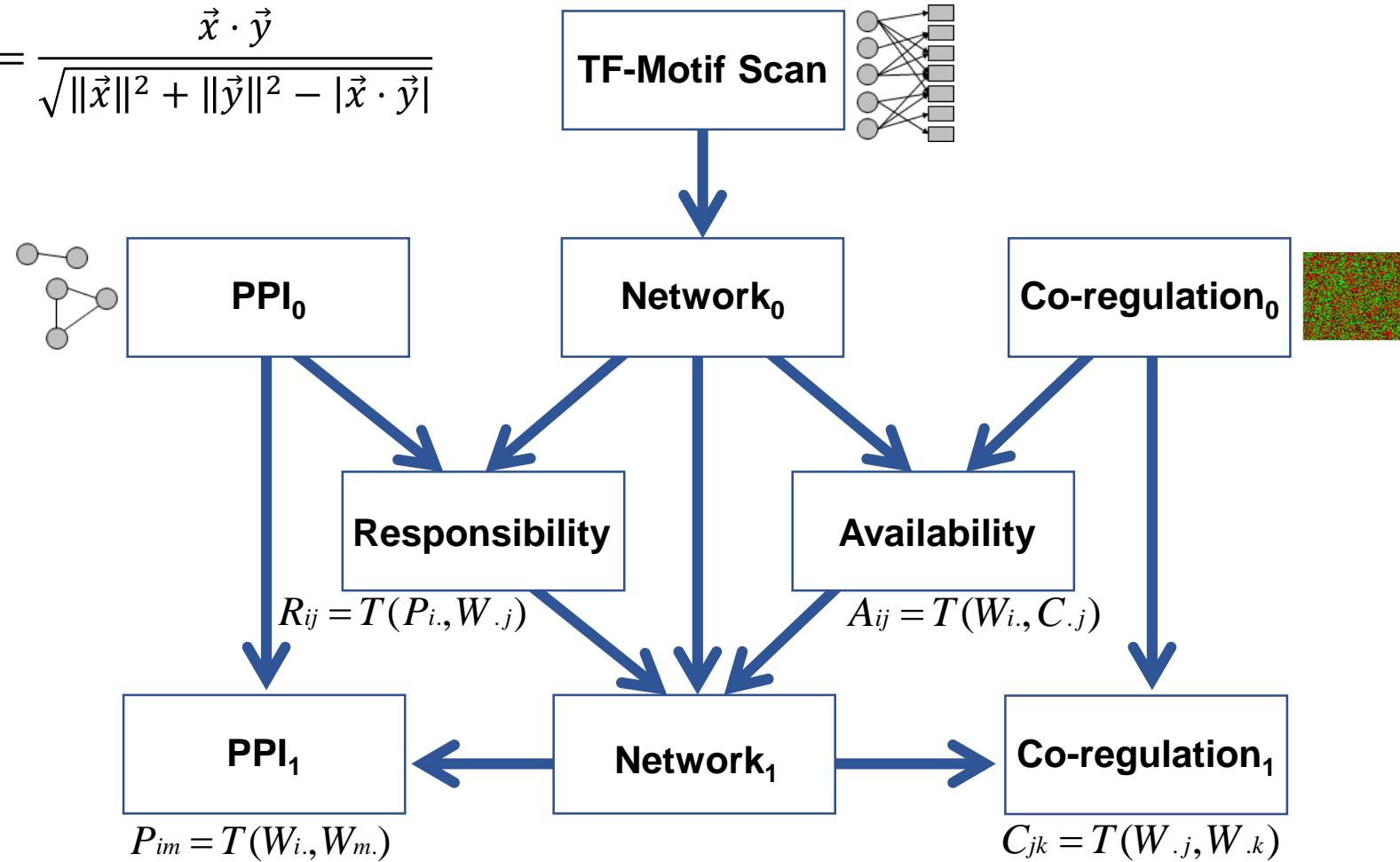




# Incorporating Epigenetics with SPIDER

(Seeding PANDA Interactions to Derive Epigenetic Regulation)

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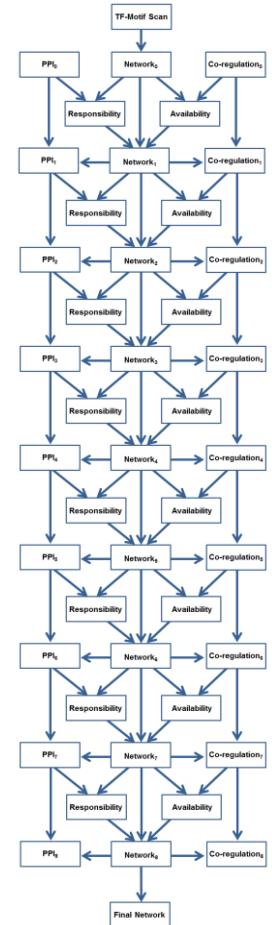
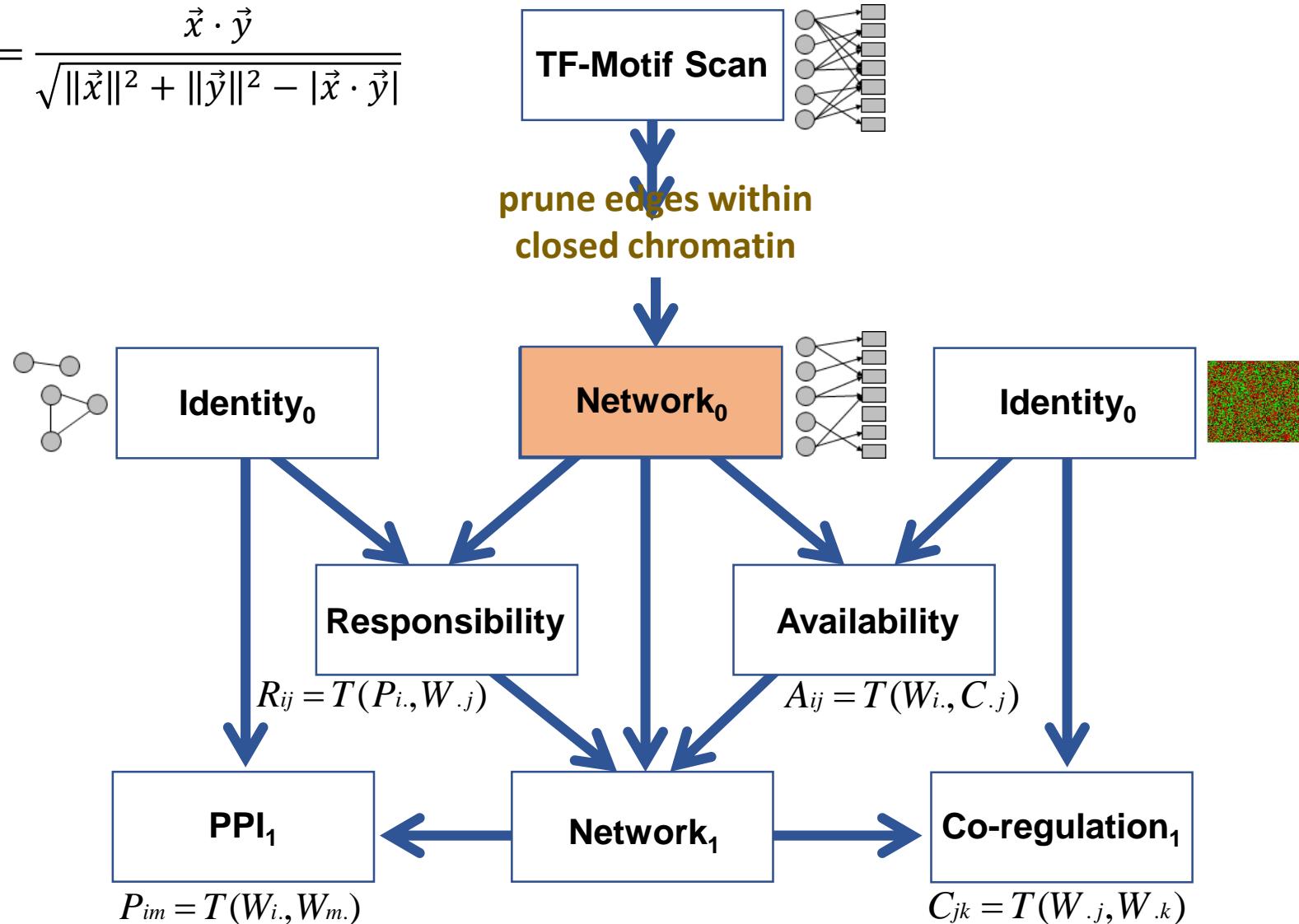




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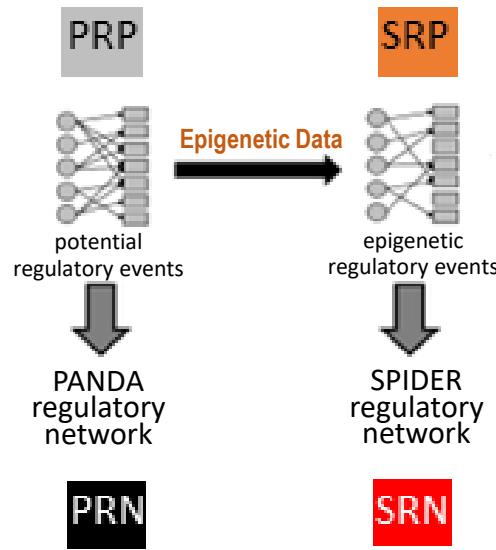
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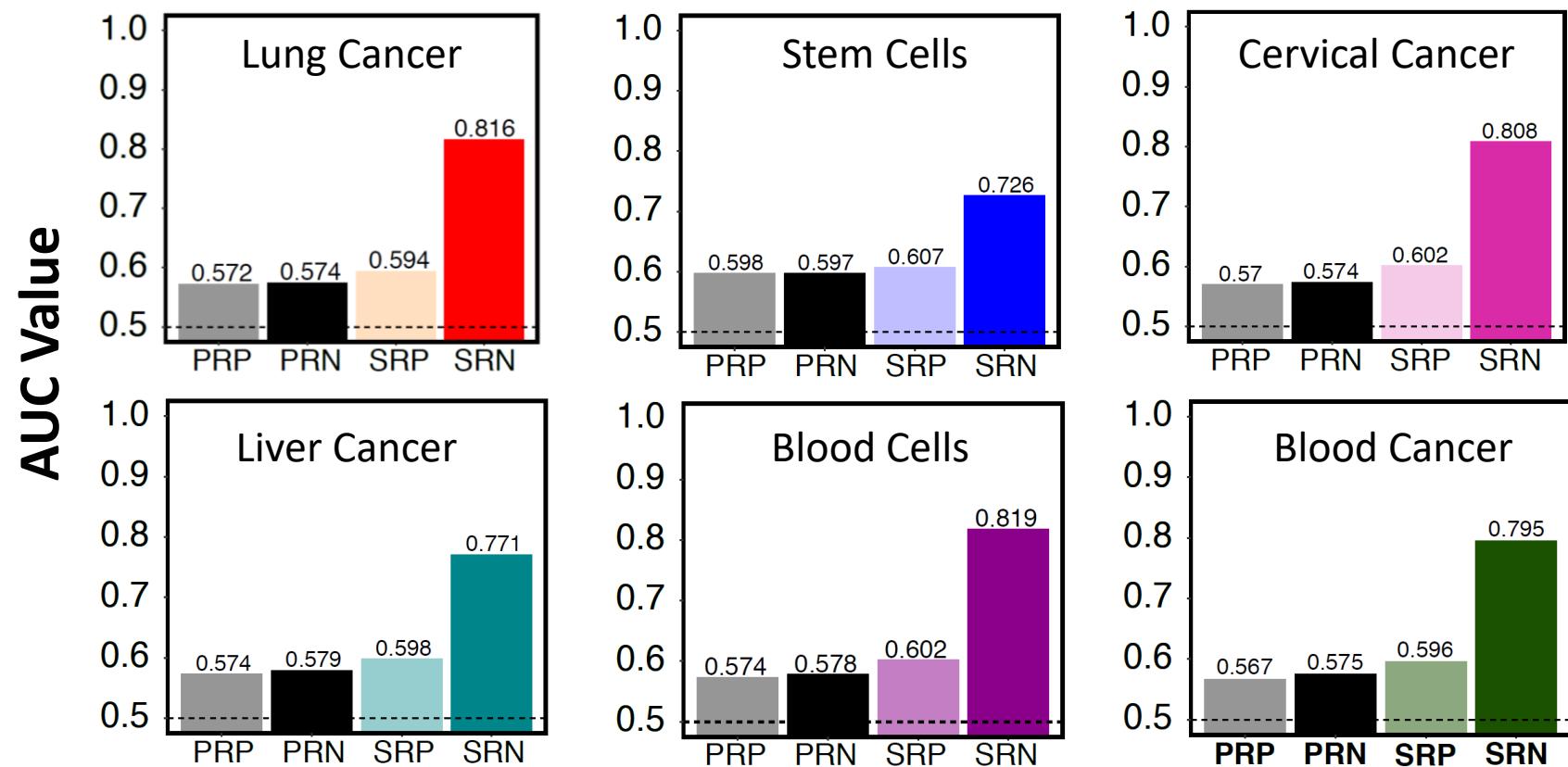


# SPIDER predicts accurate networks

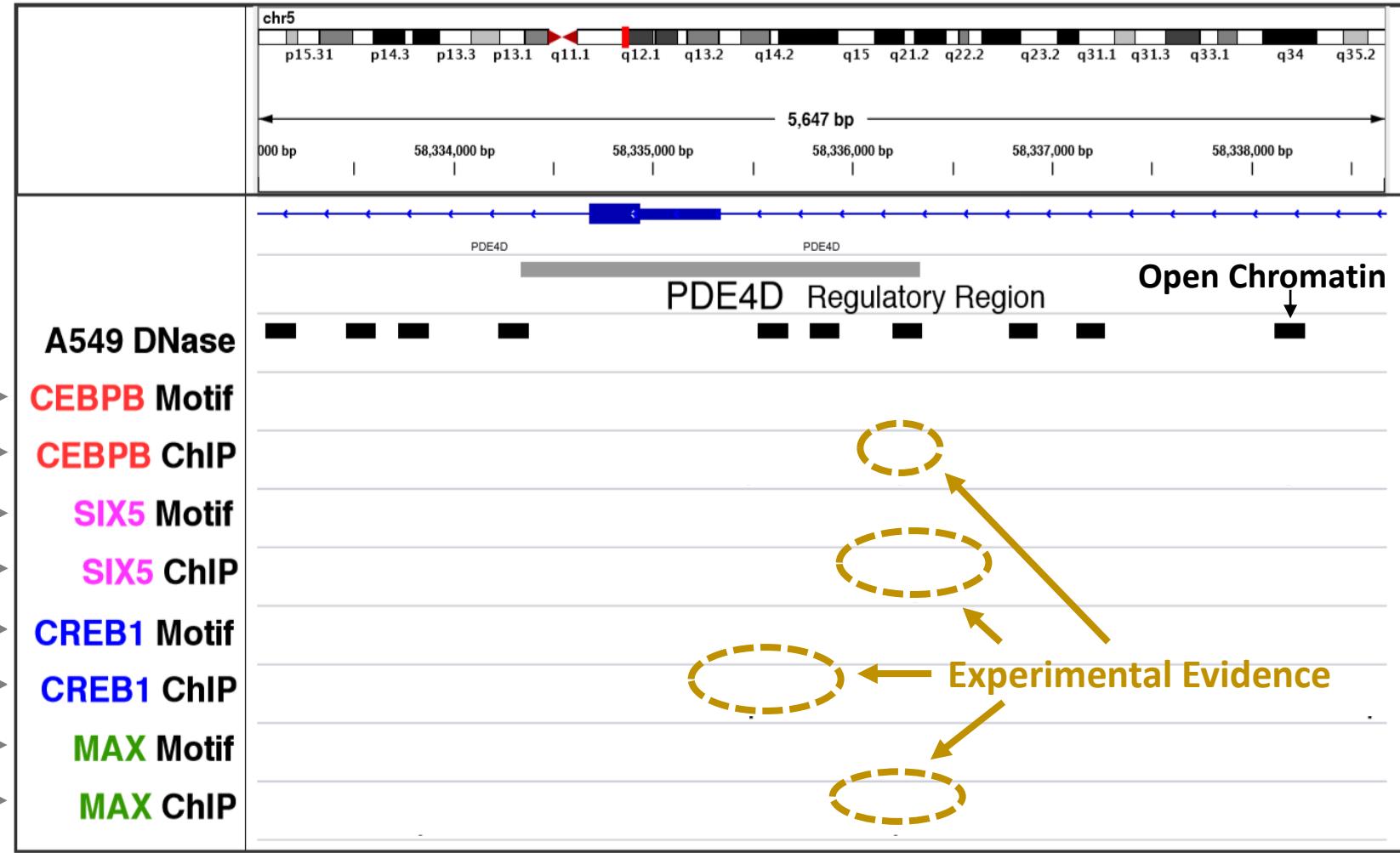
## LEGEND



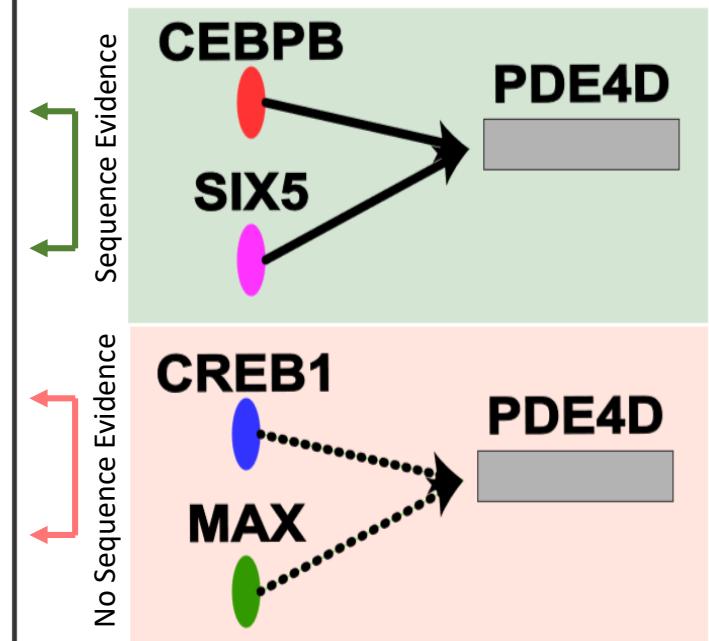
PRP = PANDA regulatory prior  
PRN = PANDA regulatory network  
SRP = SPIDER regulatory prior  
SRN = SPIDER regulatory network



# SPIDER recovers “missing links”

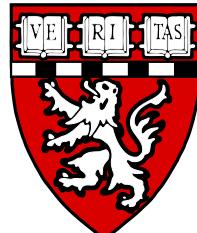
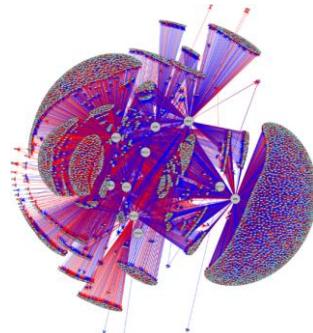
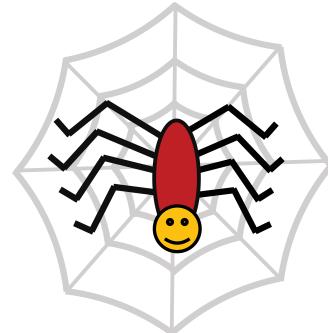
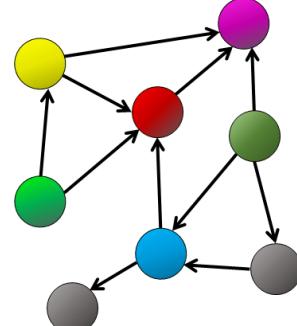


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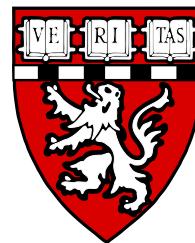
# Summary

- 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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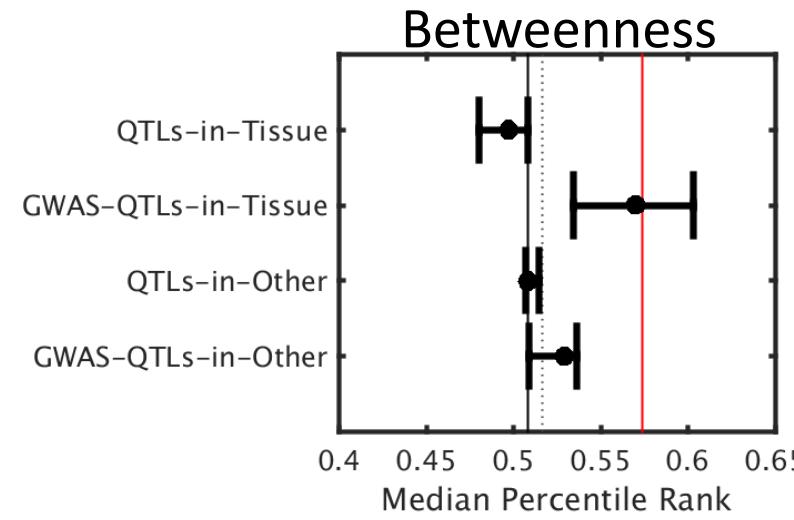
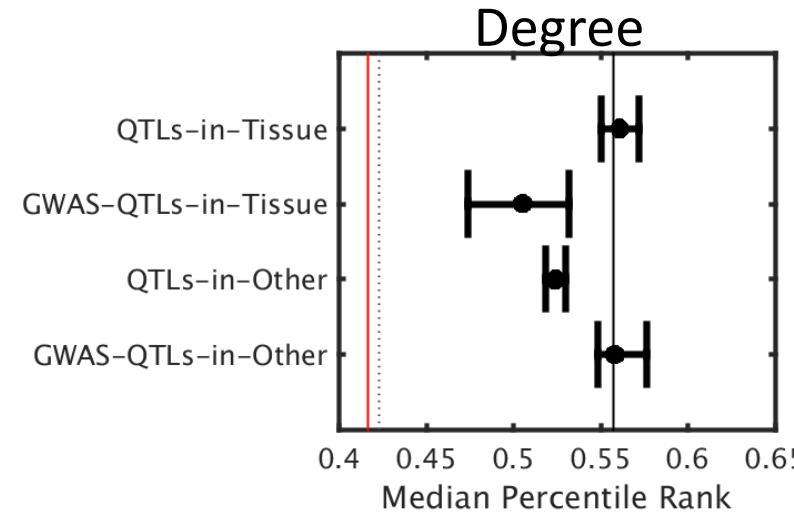
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# Why is this important for disease?

- 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)



— Tissue-specific genes  
— Non-tissue-specific genes