

# Modeling and Inference of Transcriptional Regulatory Networks

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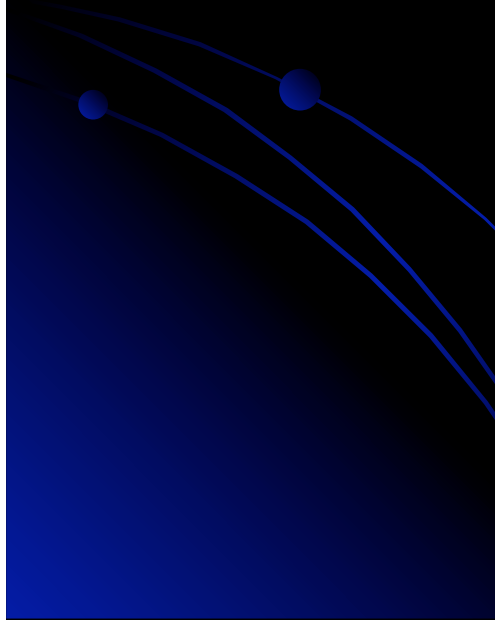




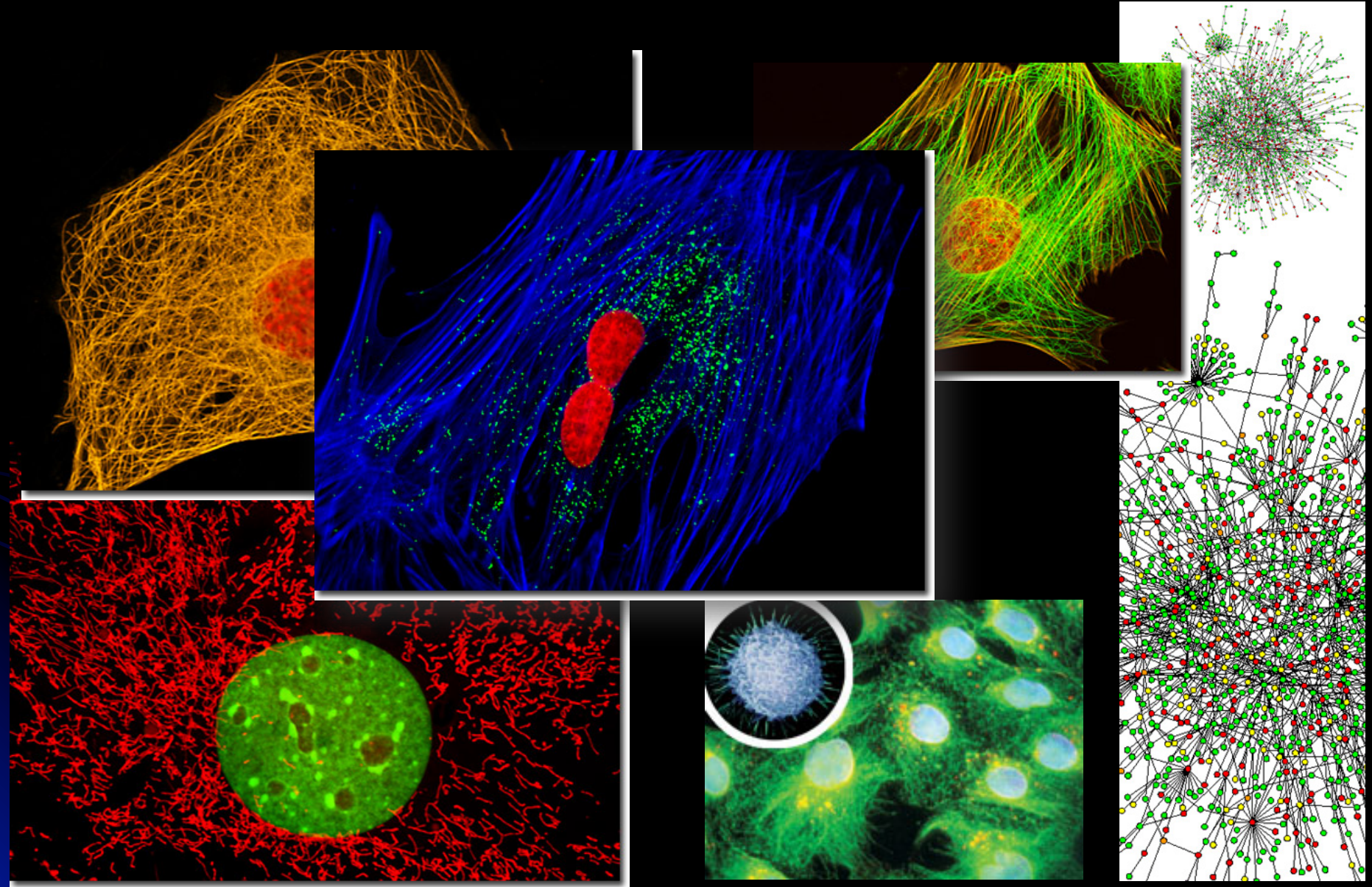
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# cells are complex dynamical systems of interacting molecules





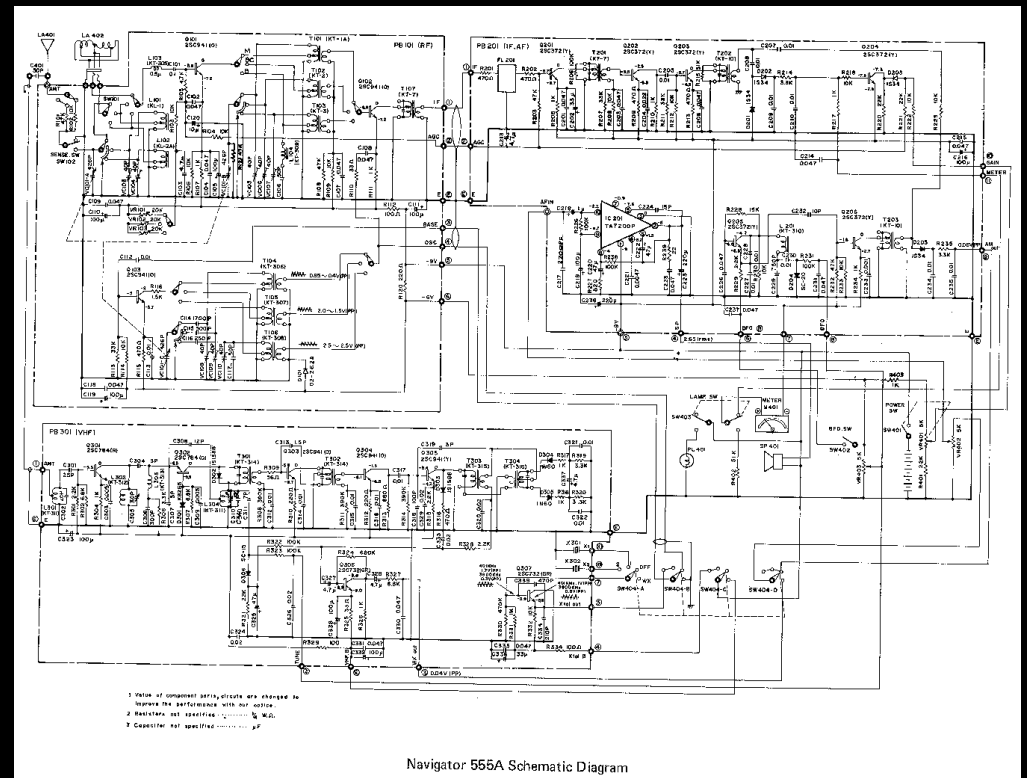
# organisms are complex dynamical systems of interacting cells

how can we understand the emergent macroscopic properties of the system from its parts and their interactions?

# genetic networks

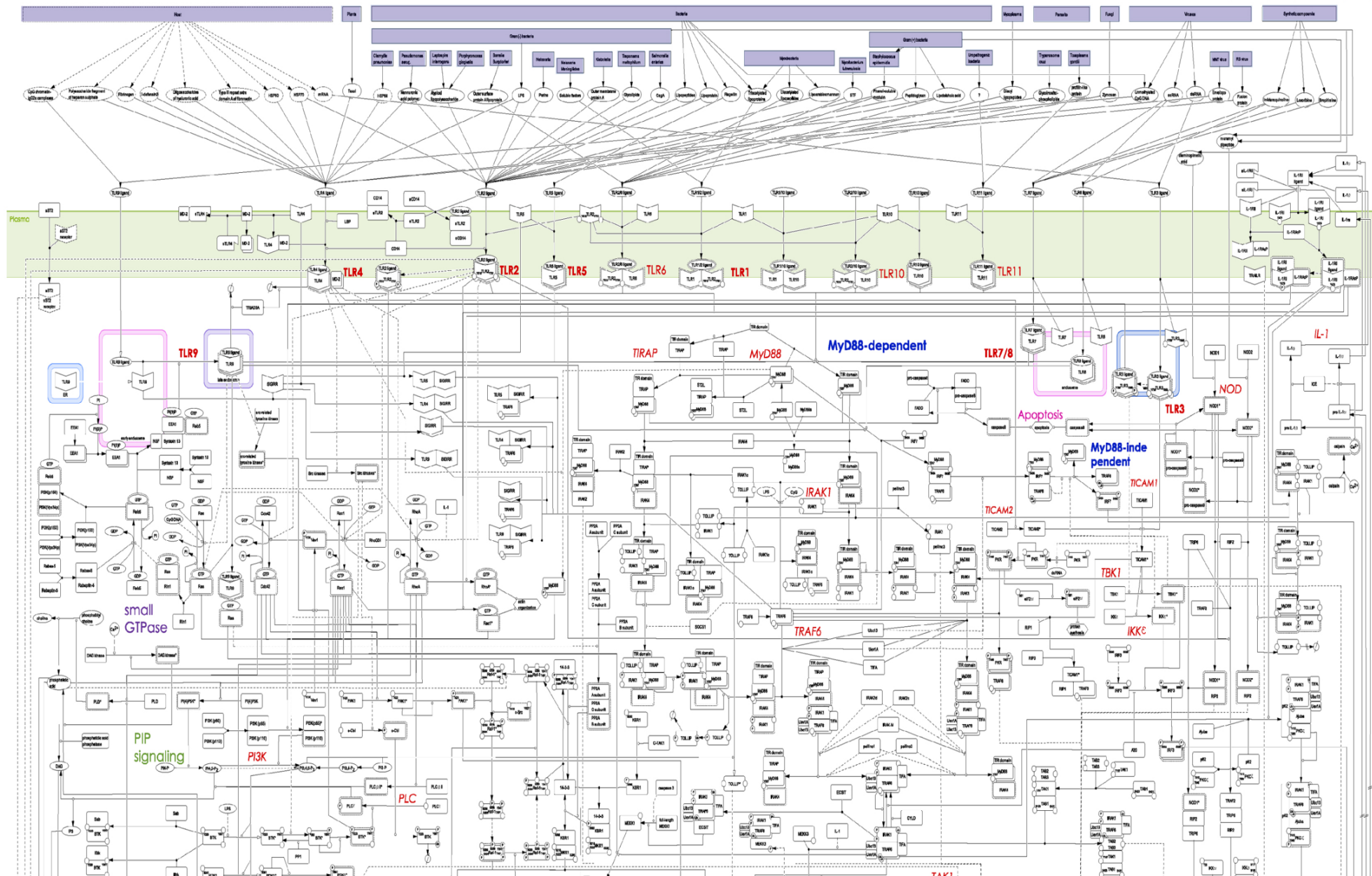
Complex dynamical regulatory networks among genes and their products control cell behaviors such as:

- cell cycle
- apoptosis
- cell differentiation
- communication between cells in tissues

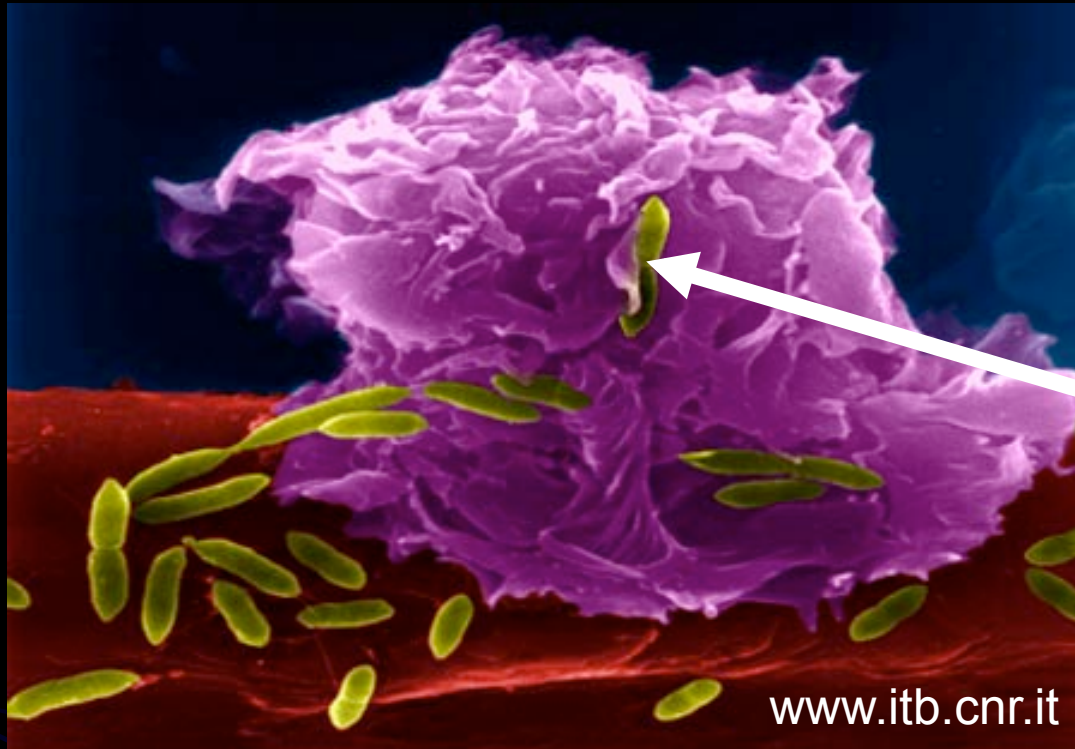


Analogy: circuit diagram

# Map of the TLR signaling pathway in the macrophage

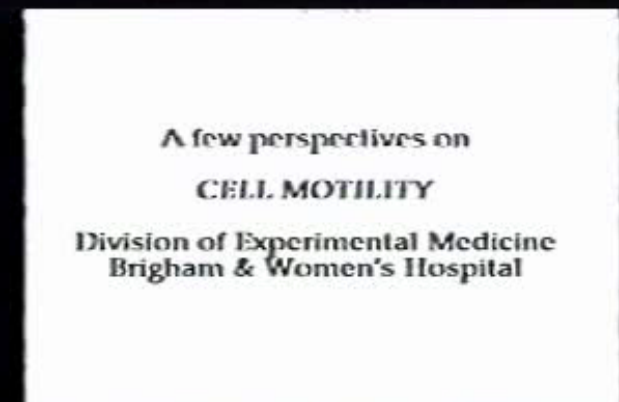


# Macrophages are key immune cells



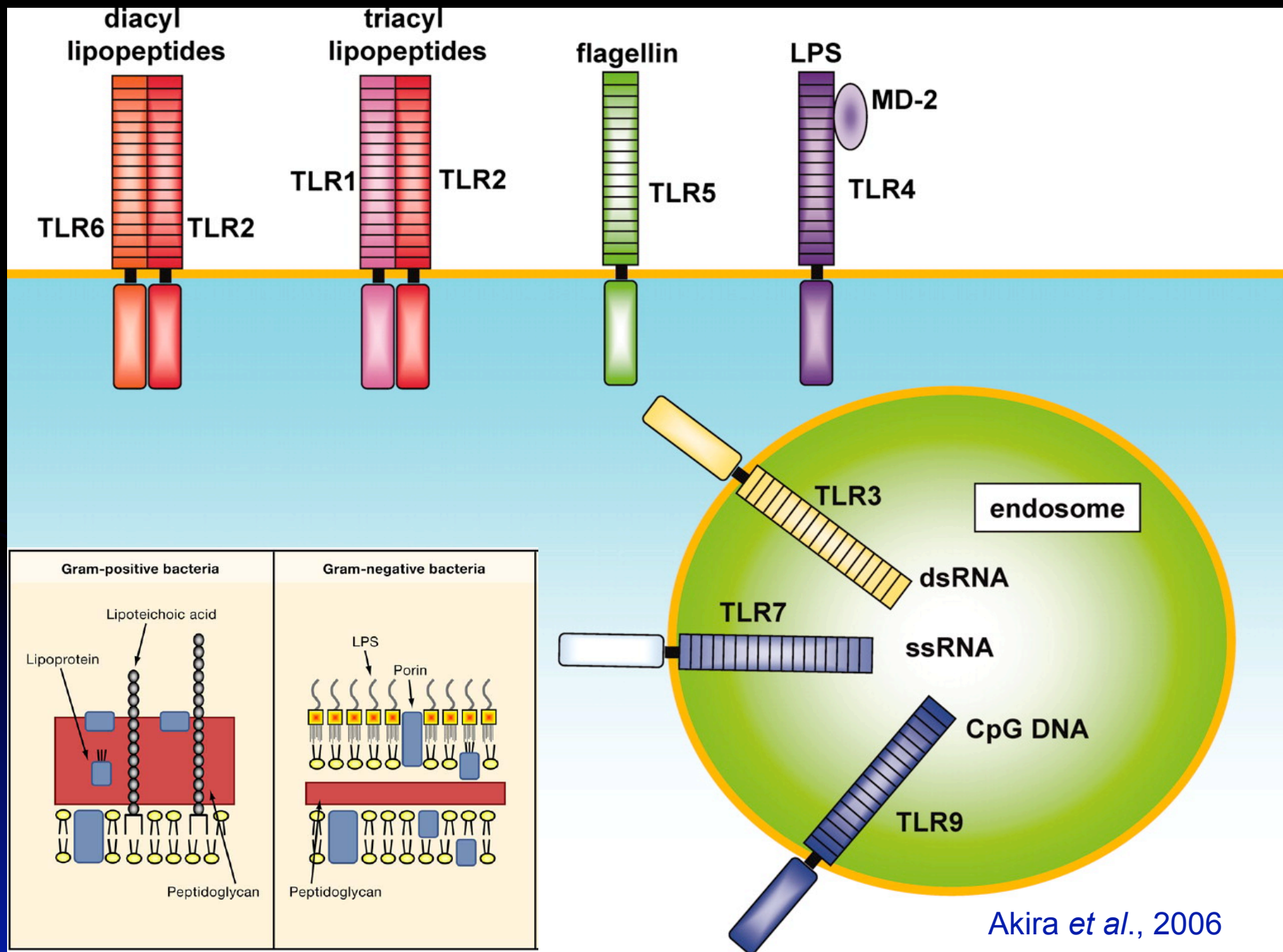
bacterium  
being engulfed

- Phagocytosis
- Antigen presentation
- Secretion of proinflammatory cytokines
- Wound healing



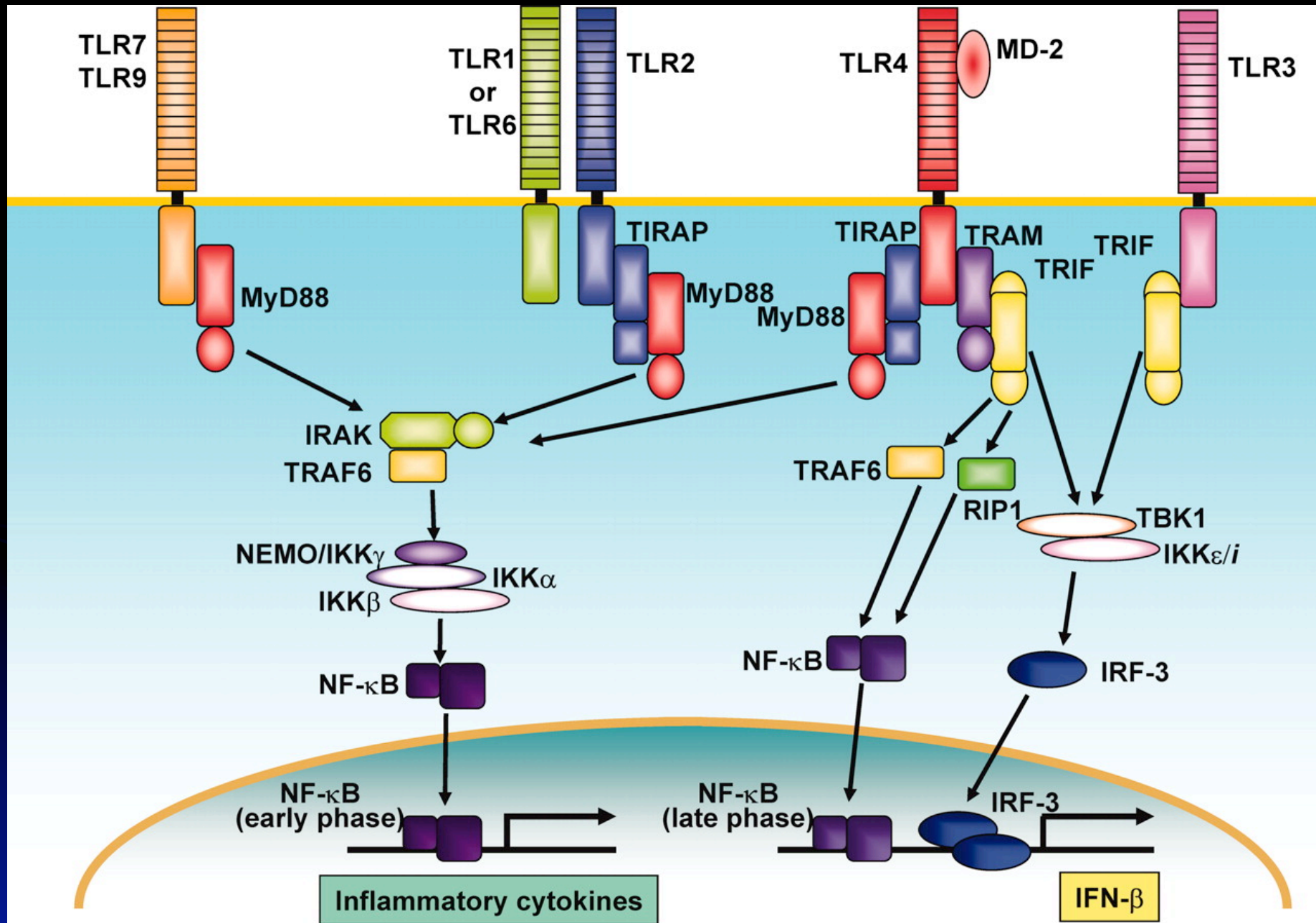
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# TLRs and their associated PAMPs

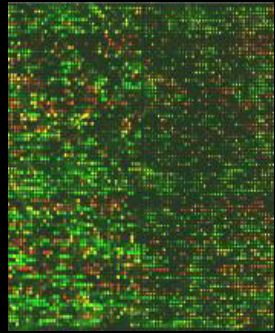




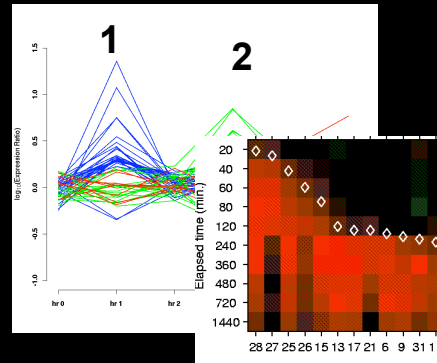
# TLR signaling pathway



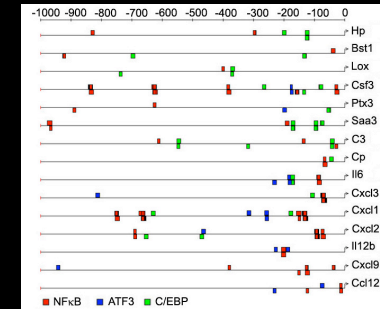
# Transcriptional Networks: Strategy



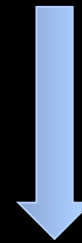
Expression data



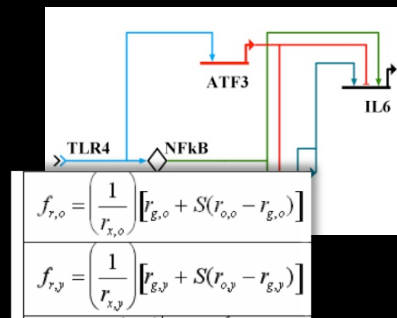
Temporal Analysis of Expression Data



Promoter analysis of binding sites



ChIP to validate targets



Modeling to predict function

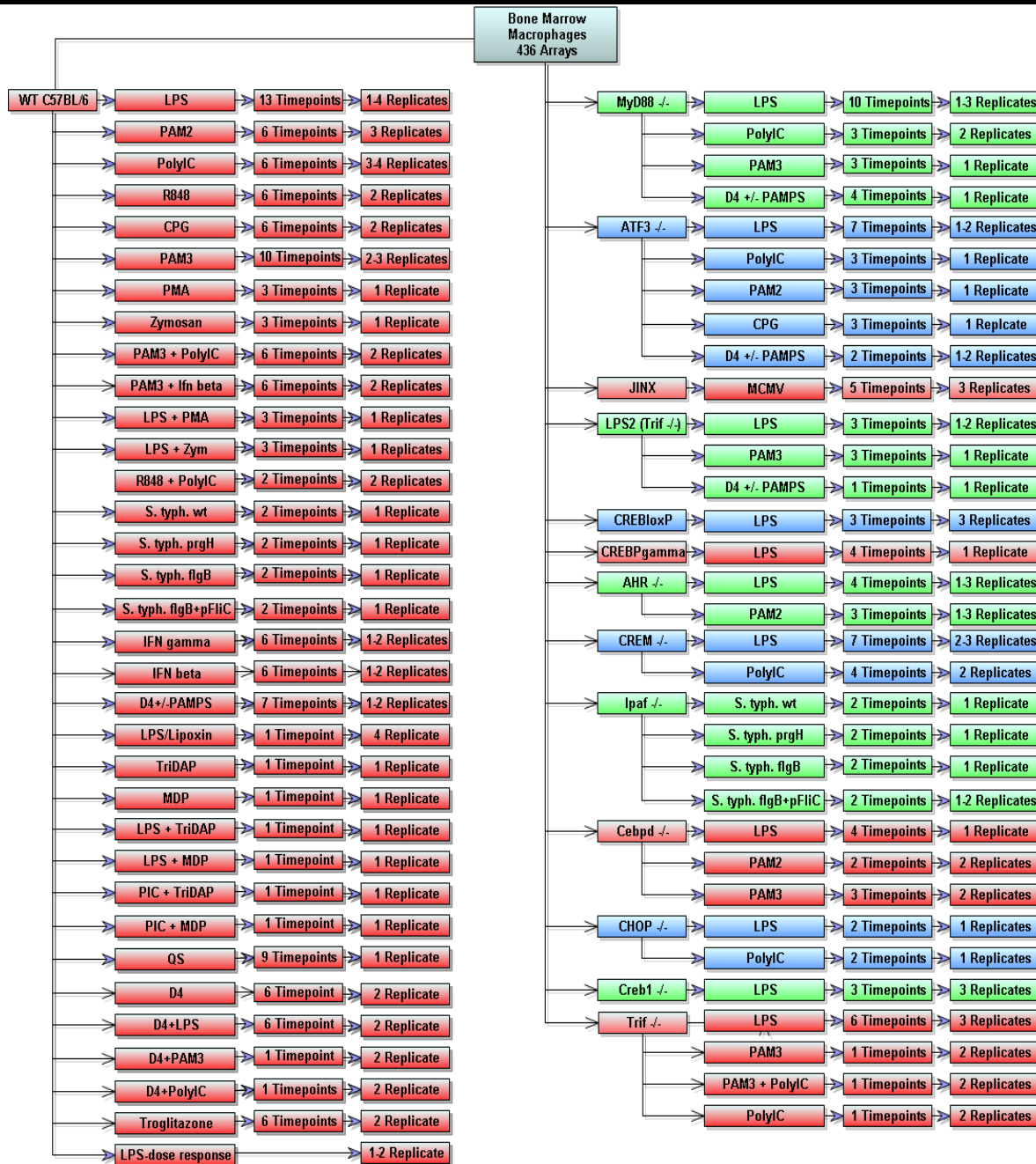


Biological Validation



in vivo

# The ingredients



130 microarray experiments  
(253 arrays)

Time courses out to 8 hours (24 for LPS)

Seven mouse strains:

WT, *Ahr*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Atf3*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Crem*<sup>-/-</sup>,  
*Cebpd*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Myd88*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Ticam1*<sup>(Lps2/Lps2)</sup>

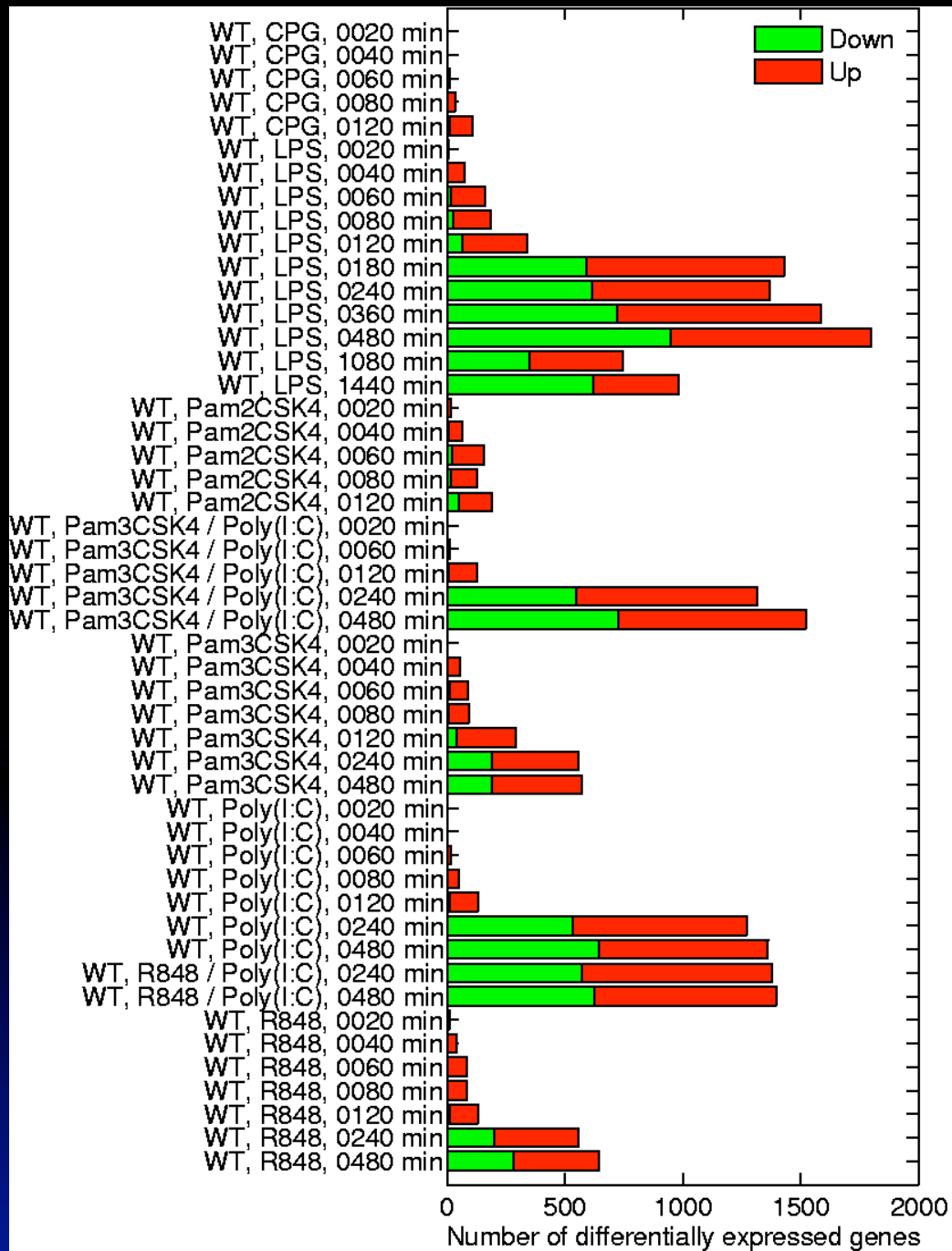
Combinations of six stimuli

LPS, Pam<sub>3</sub>CSK<sub>4</sub>, Pam<sub>2</sub>CSK<sub>4</sub>,  
poly I:C, CpG, R848, T091317

Mouse genome promoters  
(UCSC)

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Professional 10.3

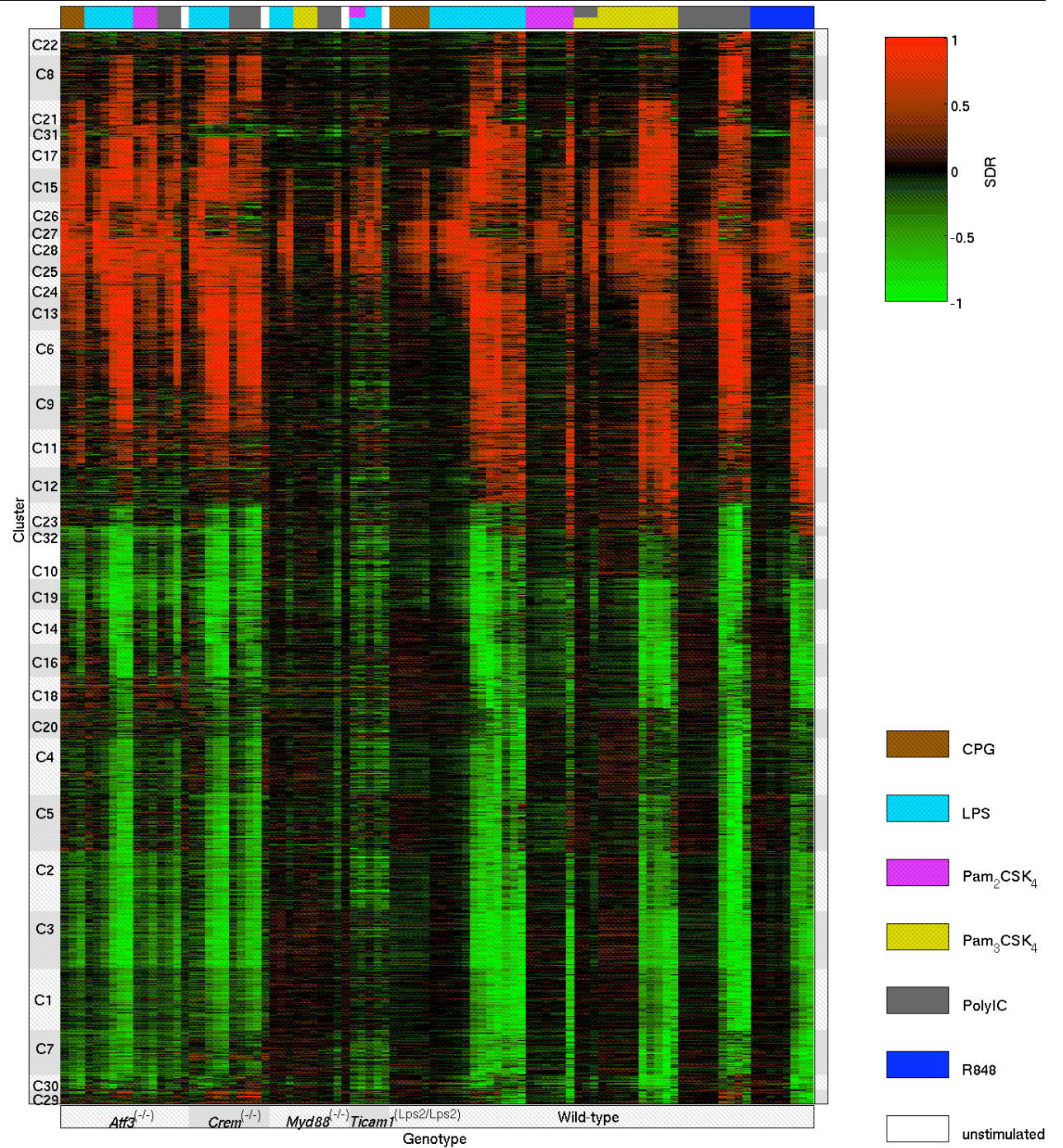
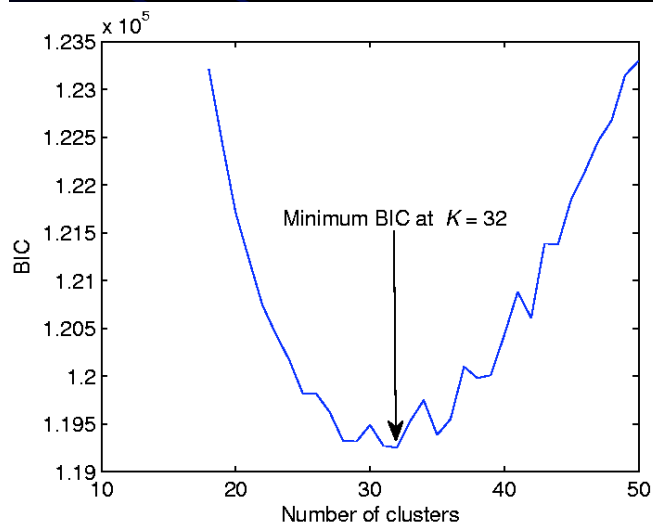
Curated list of  
~1800 human TFs



Number of differentially expressed genes vs. elapsed time (by stimulus)

Total number: 2,562

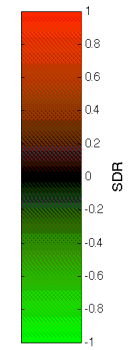
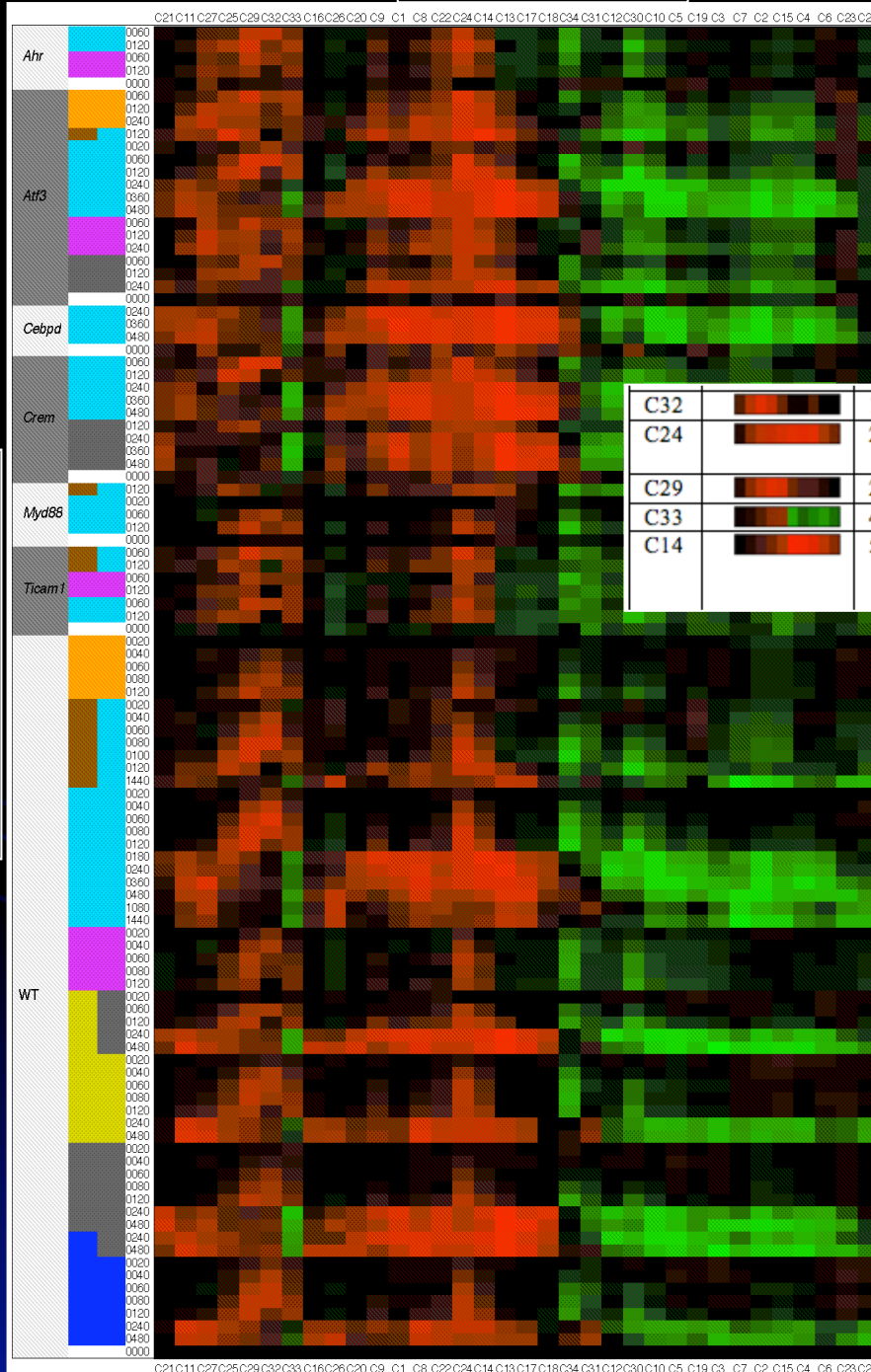
# clustering of gene expression profiles



# 32 Clusters

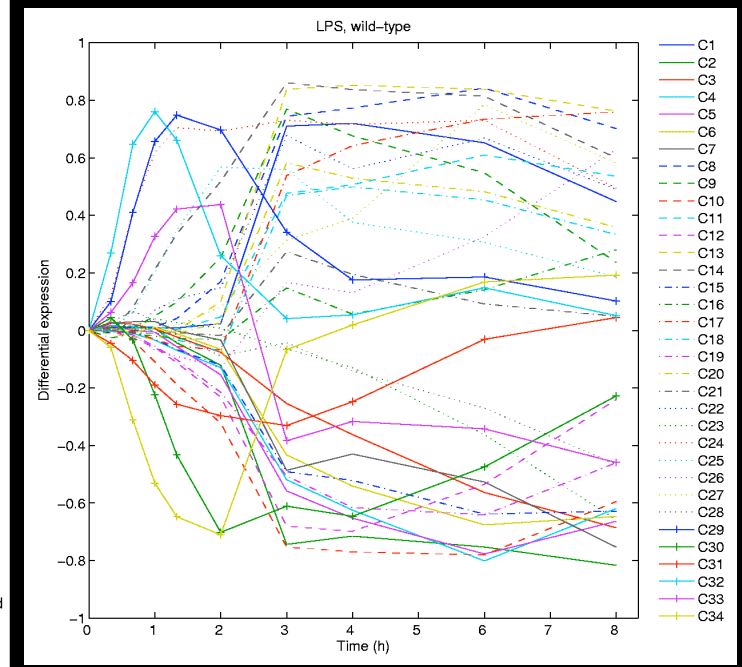
# Cluster summarized expression profiles

130 Experiments

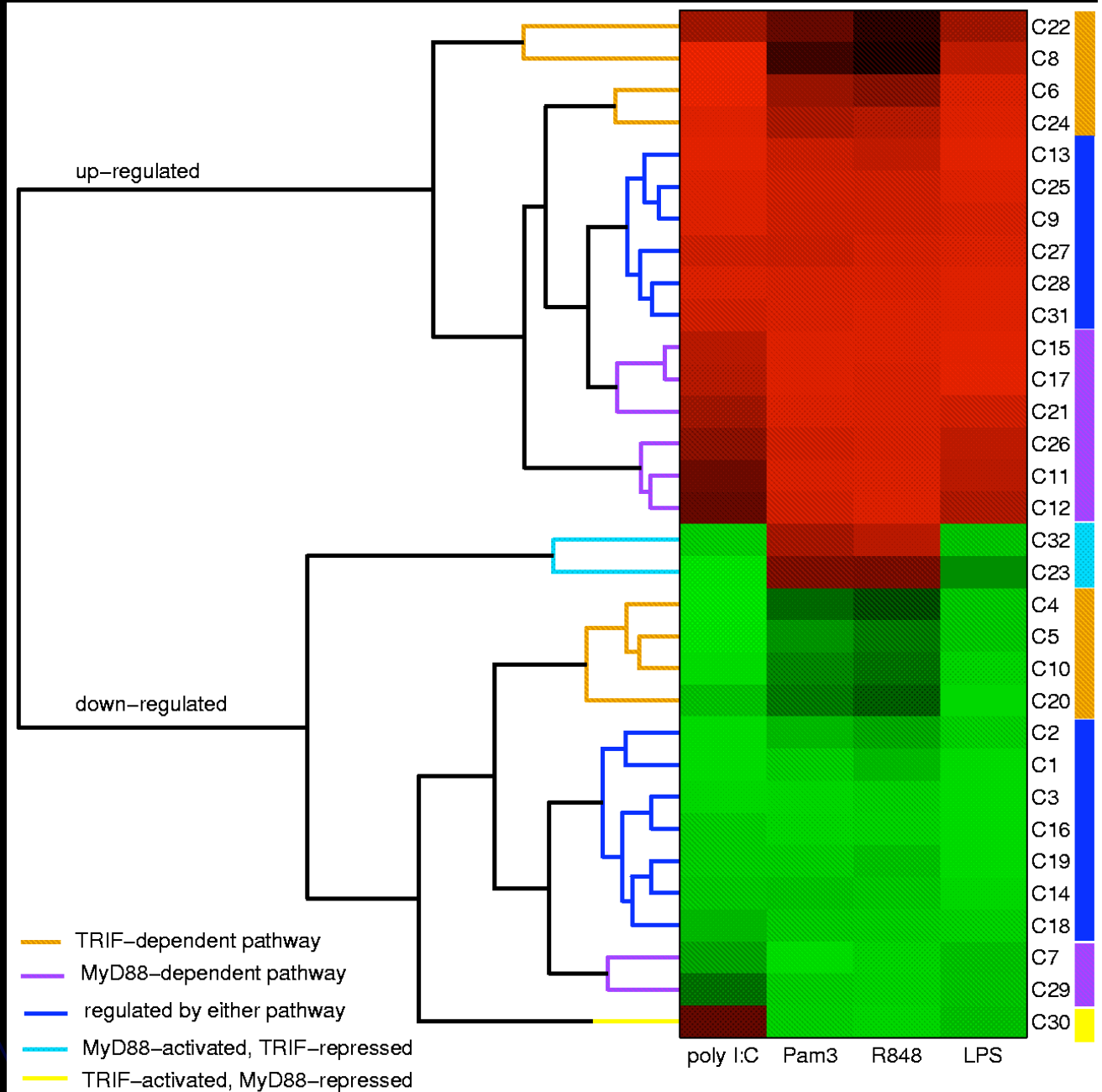
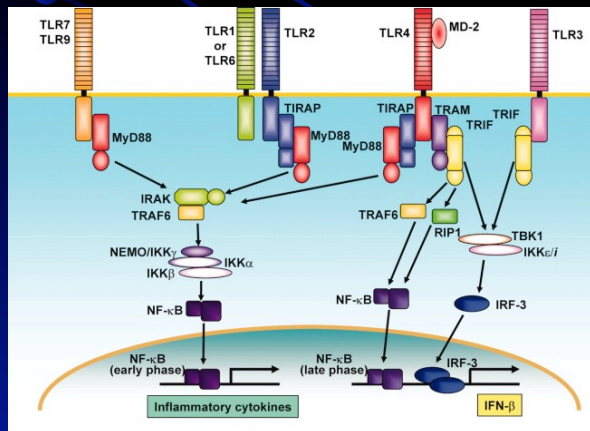


C32		15	regulation of transcription; response to stress	Btg2, Ewsrc1, Fos, Hipk1, Tgif
C24		26	signal transduction; regulation of transcription; cell differentiation; apoptosis; cytokine activity	Atf3, Ccm41, Etv3, Irf1, Junb, Klf6, Nfkbiz, Prdm1
C29		27	zinc ion binding; regulation of transcription	Egr1, Egr2, Egr3, Maff
C33		45	endomembrane system	Id2, Phf19
C14		59	metabolism; regulation of transcription; cytokine activity	Arid5a, Bcl3, Hivep1, Hivep2, Klf7, Lass6, Nfil3, Nfkb1, Nfkb2, Nfkbie, Rel, Zfp263

- CPG
- T091317
- LPS
- Pam<sub>2</sub>CSK<sub>4</sub>
- Pam<sub>3</sub>CSK<sub>4</sub>
- PolyIC
- R848
- unstimulated

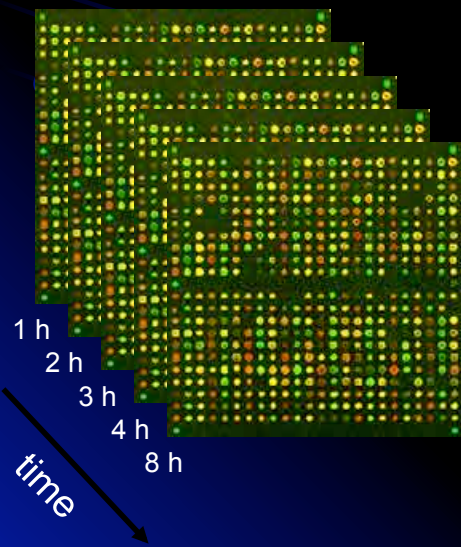


# Stimulus-specific cluster responses



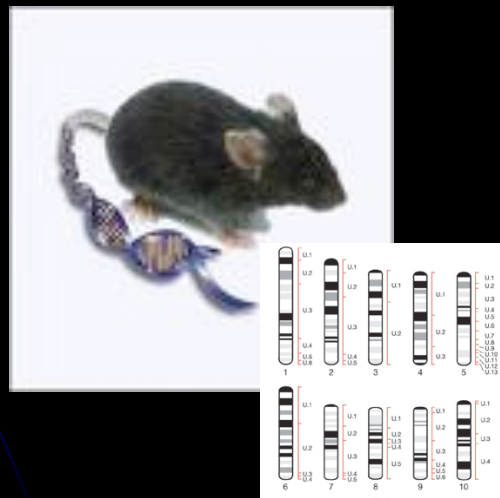
In conjunction with transcription factor binding site prediction, we can use the *timing* of expression to identify induced transcription factors that are associated with downstream groups of genes that they regulate.

Expression *dynamics*



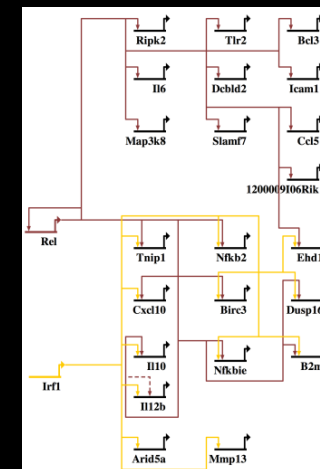
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Genomic sequence data



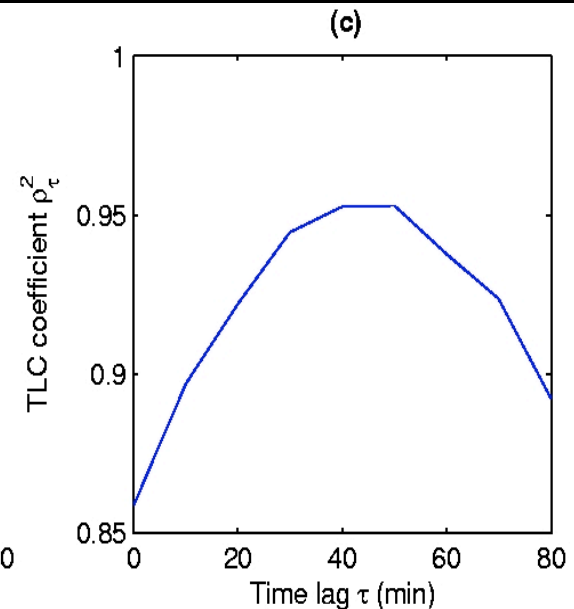
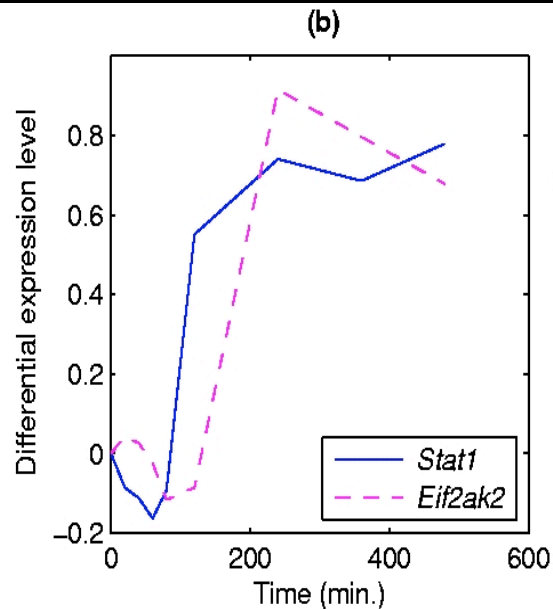
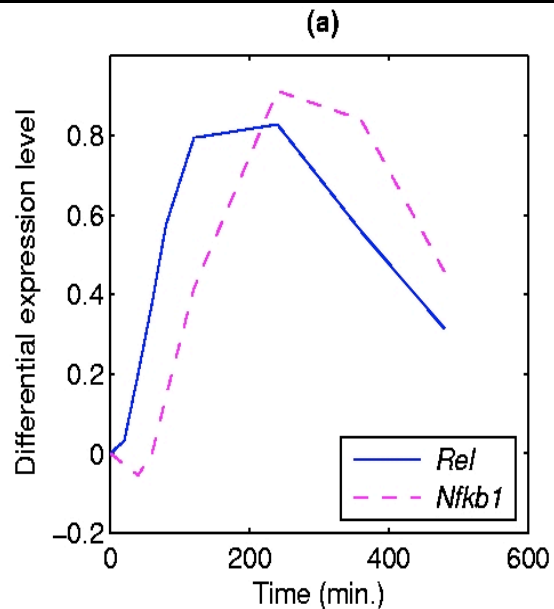
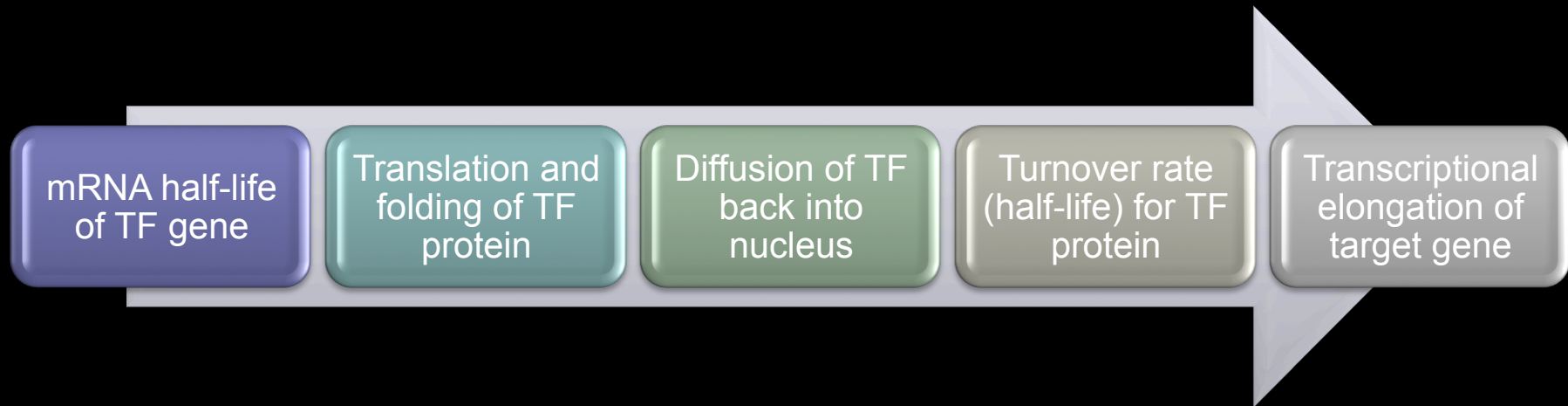
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Transcriptional network





# Components of the gene-gene transcriptional time delay





# Probabilistic Framework for Transcription Factor Binding Site Prediction

ProbTF

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Upload **sequence in FASTA** format

Limit: 5K base pairs

Upload **evidence scores** [Optional]

The number of evidence scores MUST be the same length as the number of basepairs in the uploaded sequence file

Select the **order of background model** to use

0  1  2  3

Select transcription factor matrices to scan with

Up to 10 may be selected. [Hold down the Ctrl key to select multiple factors]

Ahr  
Ap1  
Ap2a  
Arnt  
Atf2  
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Bach2  
Cart1  
Cebpa  
Cebp  
Chx10  
Creb1  
Ddit3  
E2f  
E2f1

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motif model  $\theta^{(\pi_i)}$  at location  $a_i$

ground model

## Data Fusion

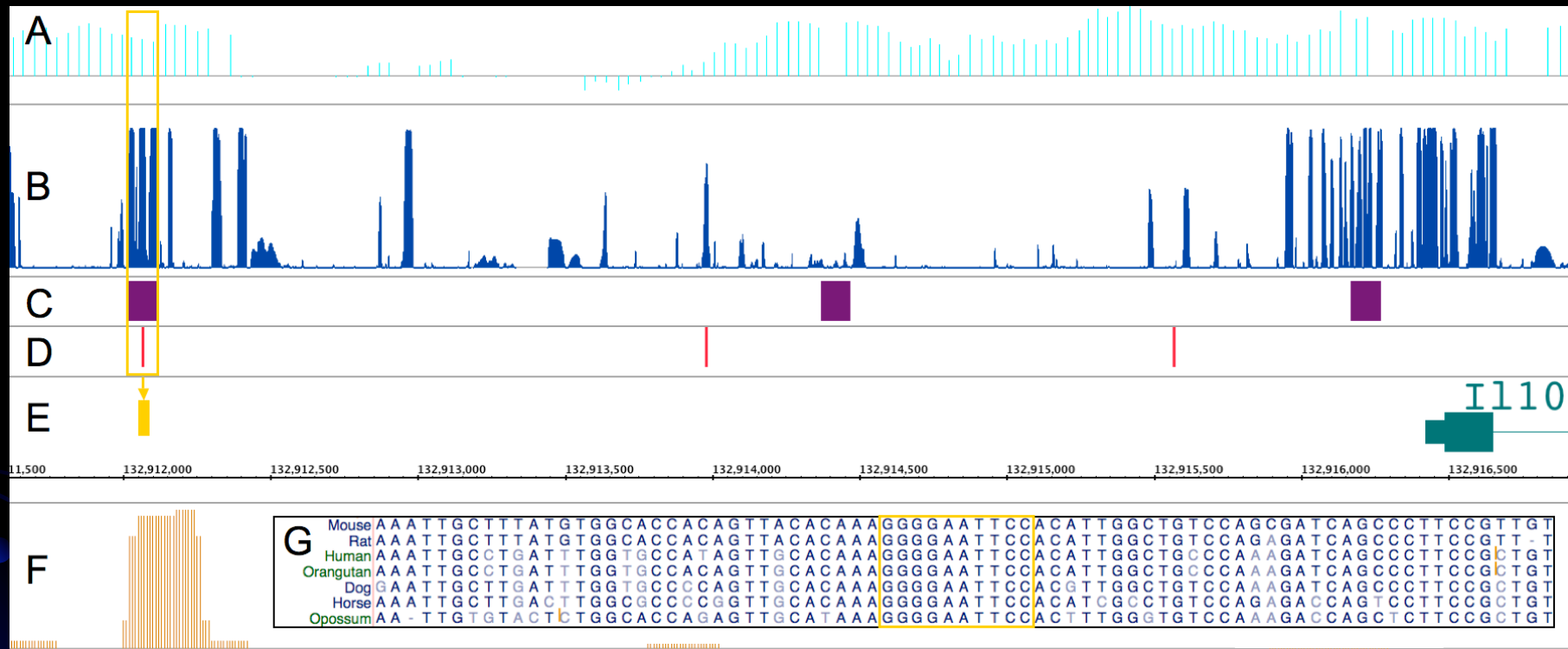
$$P(A, \pi, \Theta, \phi) = P(S|A, \pi, \Theta, \phi)P(\mathcal{D}|A, \pi)$$

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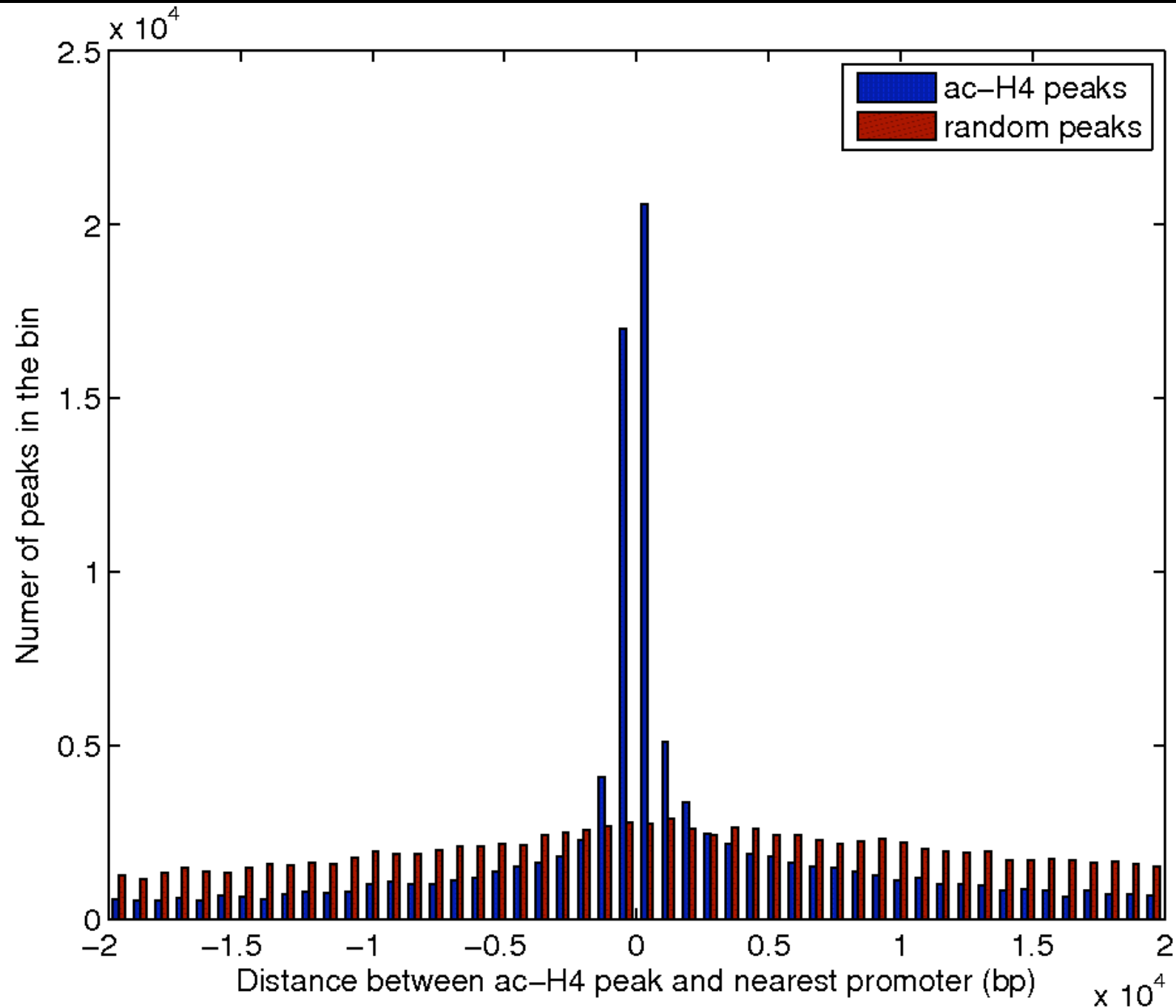
$$= \frac{P(S|A, \pi)P(\mathcal{D}|A, \pi)P(A, \pi)}{P(S, \mathcal{D})}$$

Lähdesmäki *et al* PLoS ONE, 3:3, e1820, 2008.

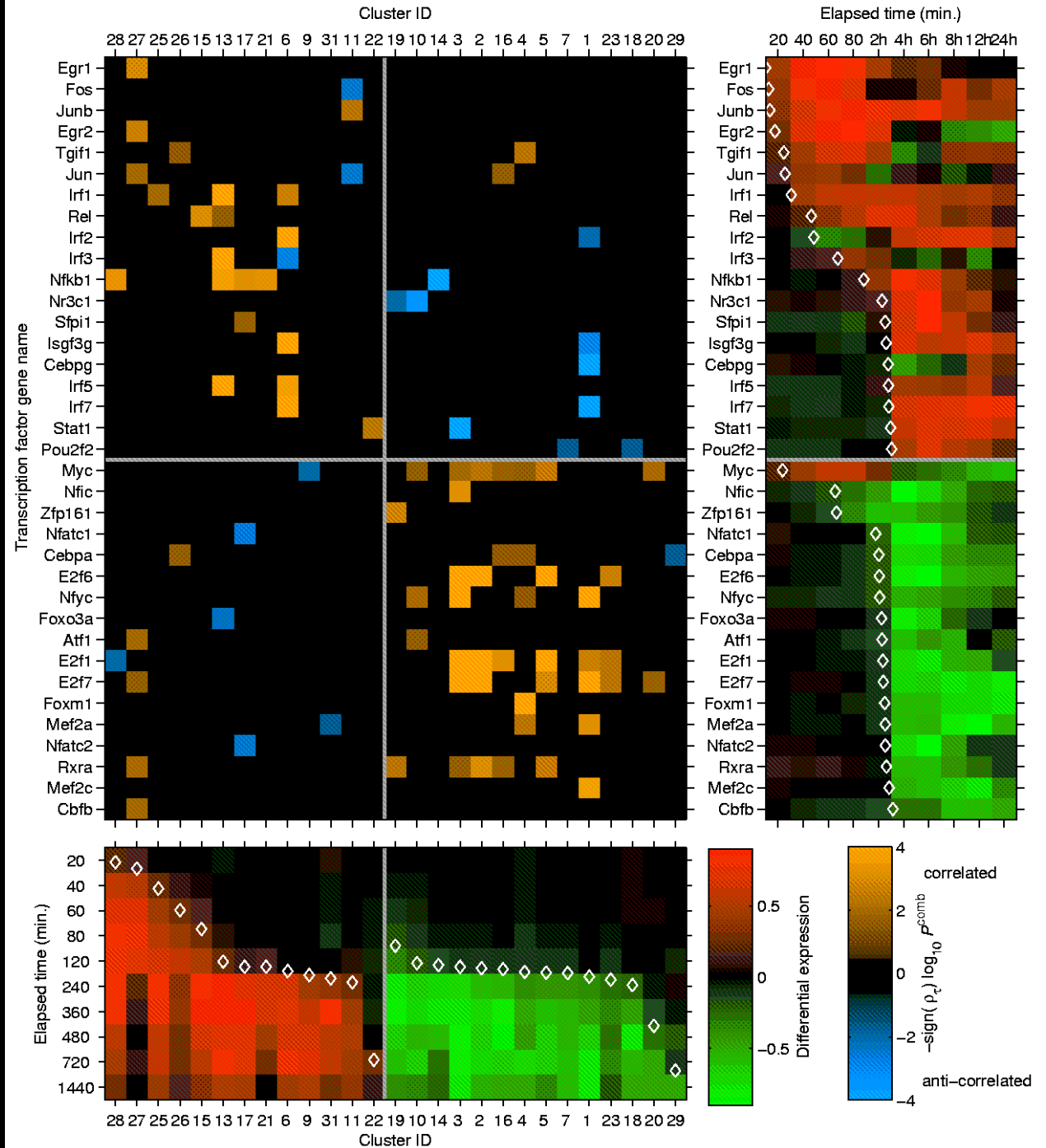
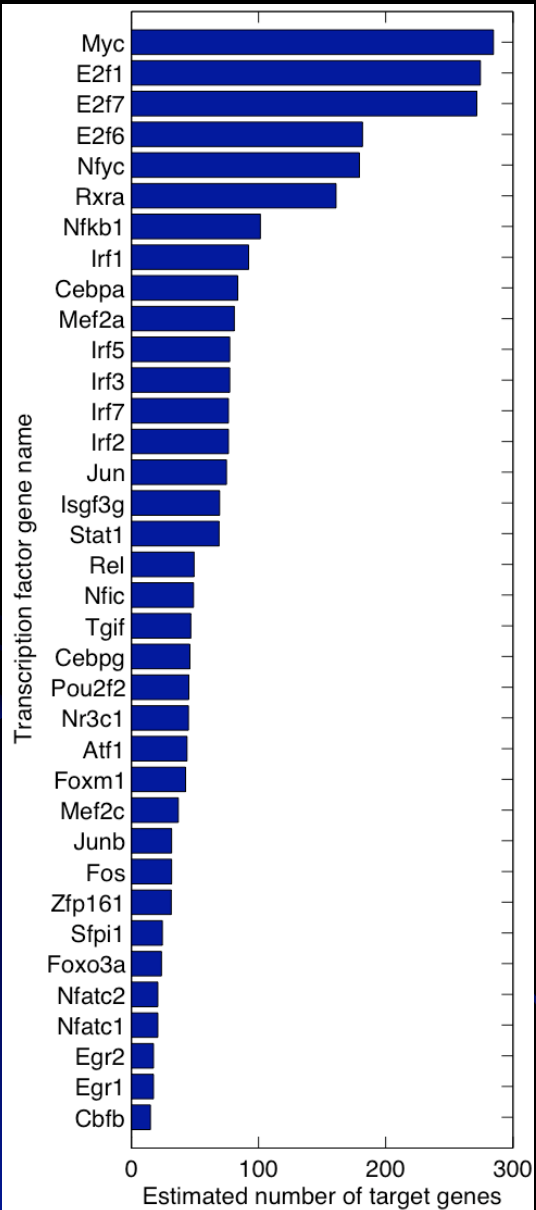
# ChIP-seq binding event correlated with sequence-based and epigenetic evidence for cis-regulatory function



# ac-H4 peaks are associated with transcription start sites



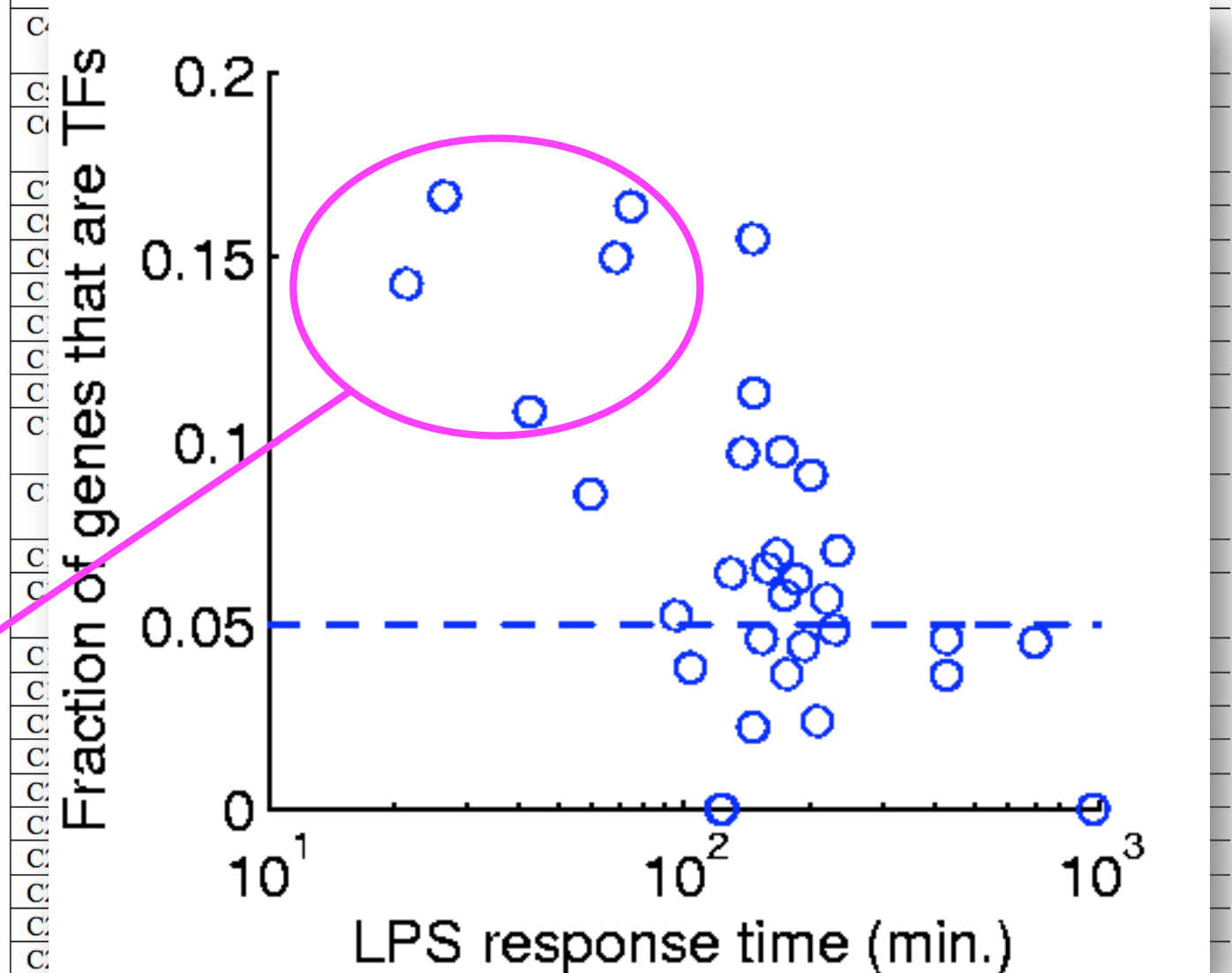
# Map network



TF genes  
and  
cytokines  
within the  
clusters

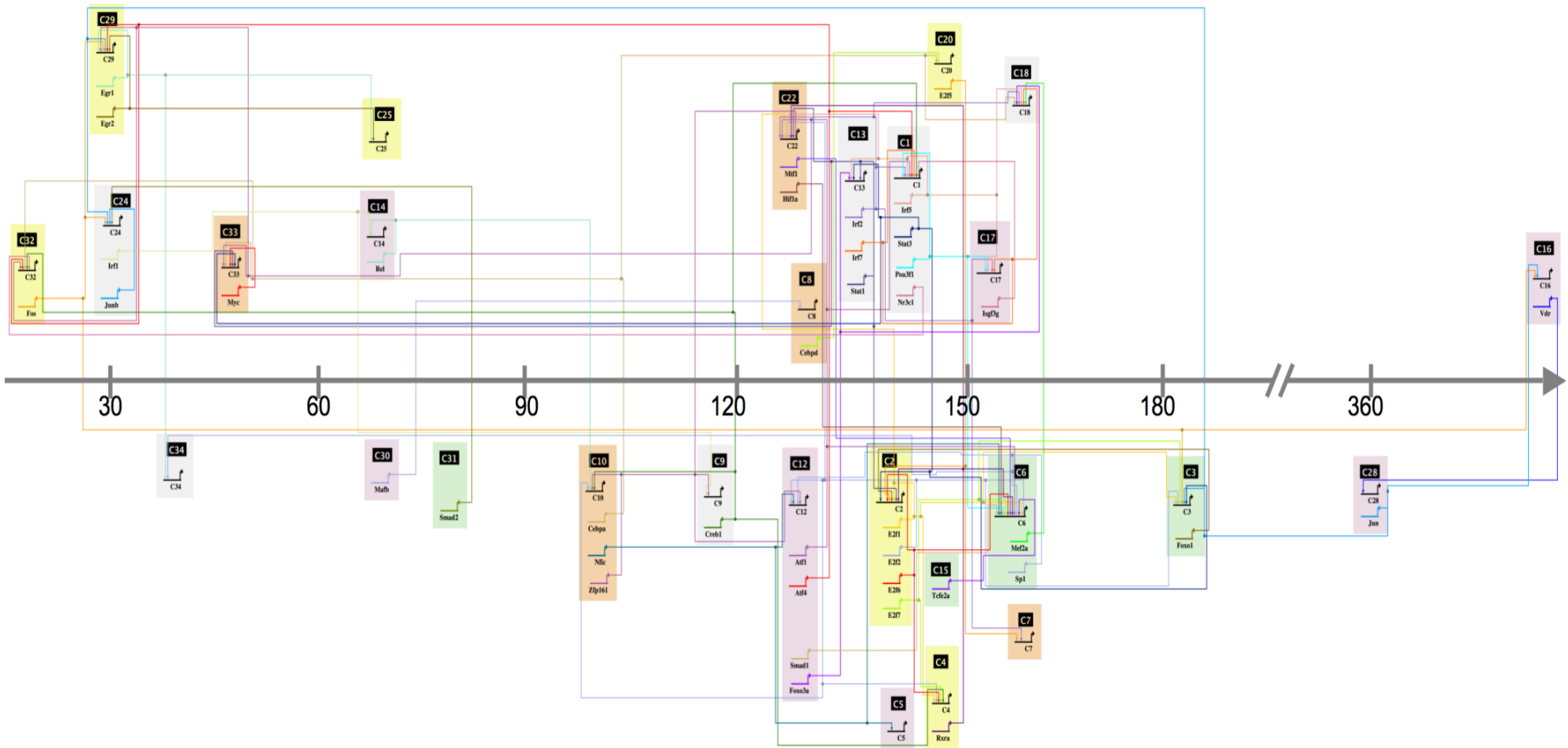
Suggests  
early-induced  
TF genes  
may be  
regulating  
later genes

C1	113		194	<i>Ezh2, Hmgb2, Hmgn1, Hmgn2, Phf19</i>	
C2	108		154	<i>Bin1, Etv5, Gtf3a, Mef2a, Taf9</i>	
C3	106		148	<i>Brca2, E2f7, Foxm1, Tcf19, Tfdp1, Tfdp2, Tie3, Uhrf1</i>	



C28	28		22	<i>Ccrn4l, Junb, Klf6</i>	<i>Ccl3, Ccl4, Cxcl1, Cxcl2, Tnf</i>
C29	27		963		
C30	26		104	<i>Hhex</i>	
C31	22		202	<i>Bbx, Rest</i>	
C32	18		124		

# Temporal representation of the TF-cluster association network



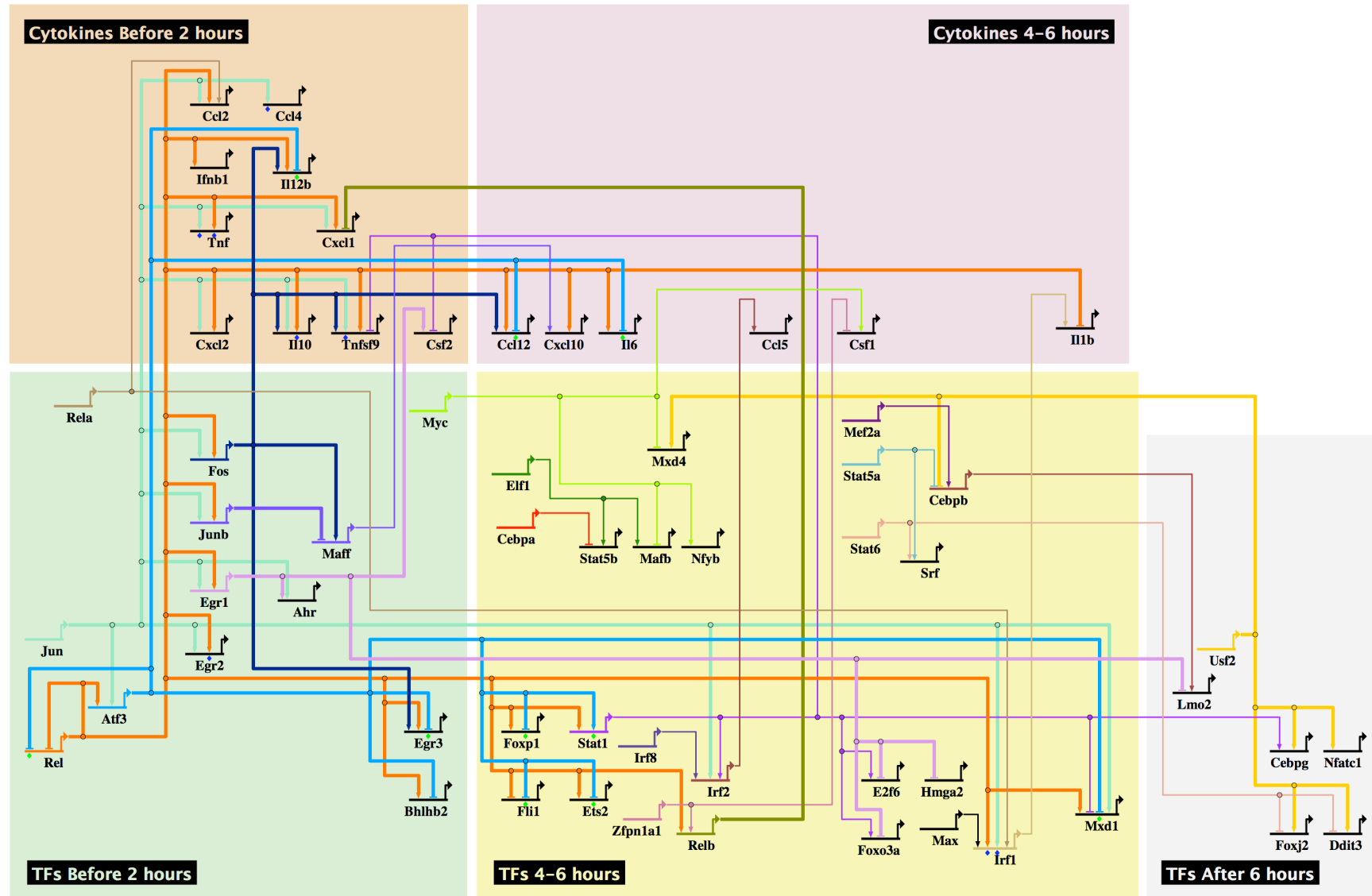


# ChIP-on-chip validation

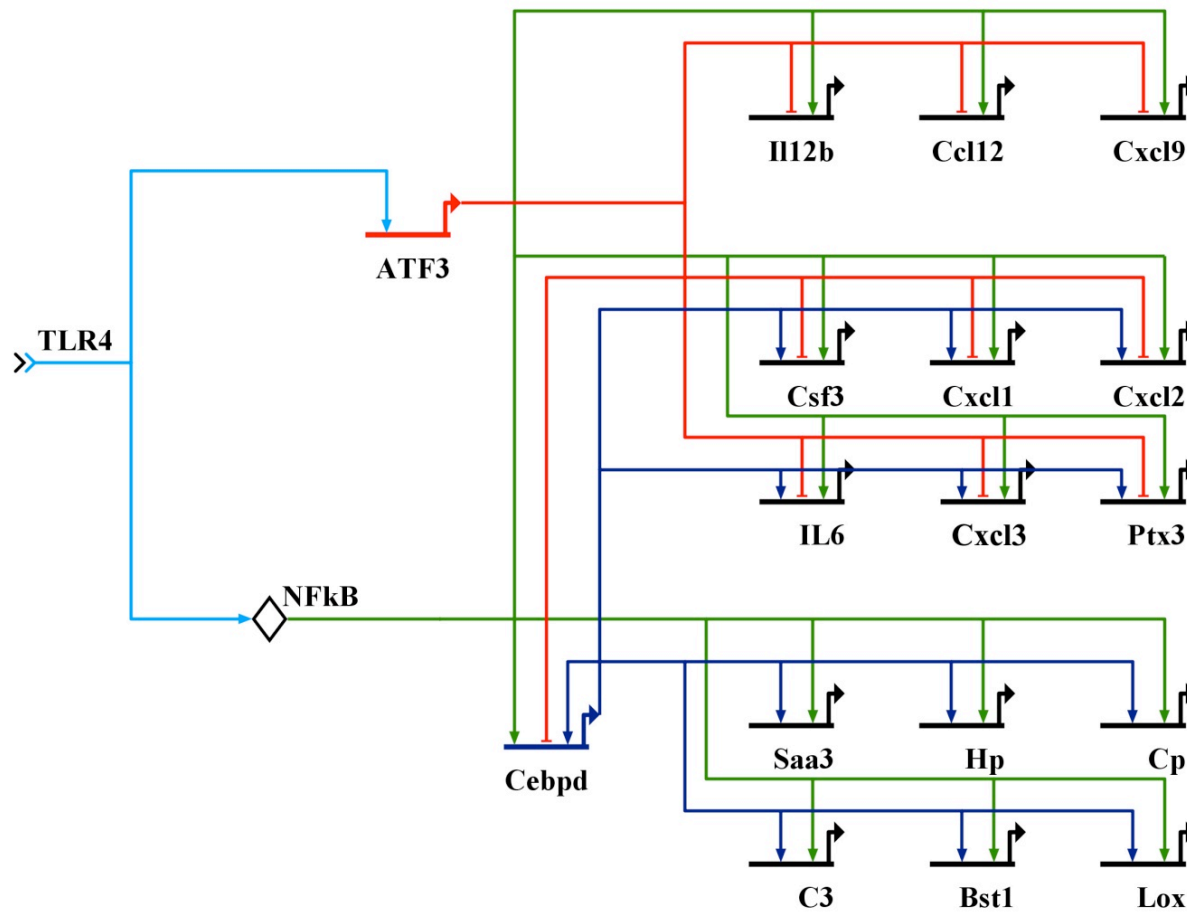
**Table 2.** Validation of transcription factor-to-cluster associations using ChIP-on-chip

TF	Matrix	Stim.	Clust	Time Points	In Clust	On Chip	Bound	P-Value
NFκB/p50	NFKB_Q6	LPS	C13	1 h, 2 h	64	23	18	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$
NFκB/p50	NFKB_Q6	LPS	C17	1 h, 2 h	58	20	11	$2.5 \times 10^{-1}$
NFκB/p50	NFKAPPAB_01	LPS	C28	1 h, 2 h	28	21	20	$1.1 \times 10^{-6}$
IRF1	IRF_Q6_01	LPS	C13	1 h, 2 h, 4 h	64	23	18	$2.3 \times 10^{-3}$
IRF1	IRF_Q6_01	LPS	C25	1 h, 2 h, 4 h	37	22	18	$8.8 \times 10^{-4}$

# Predicted Regulation of Cytokines and Transcription Factors



# Characterization of an NFκB, CEBPδ, and ATF3 transcriptional sub-network

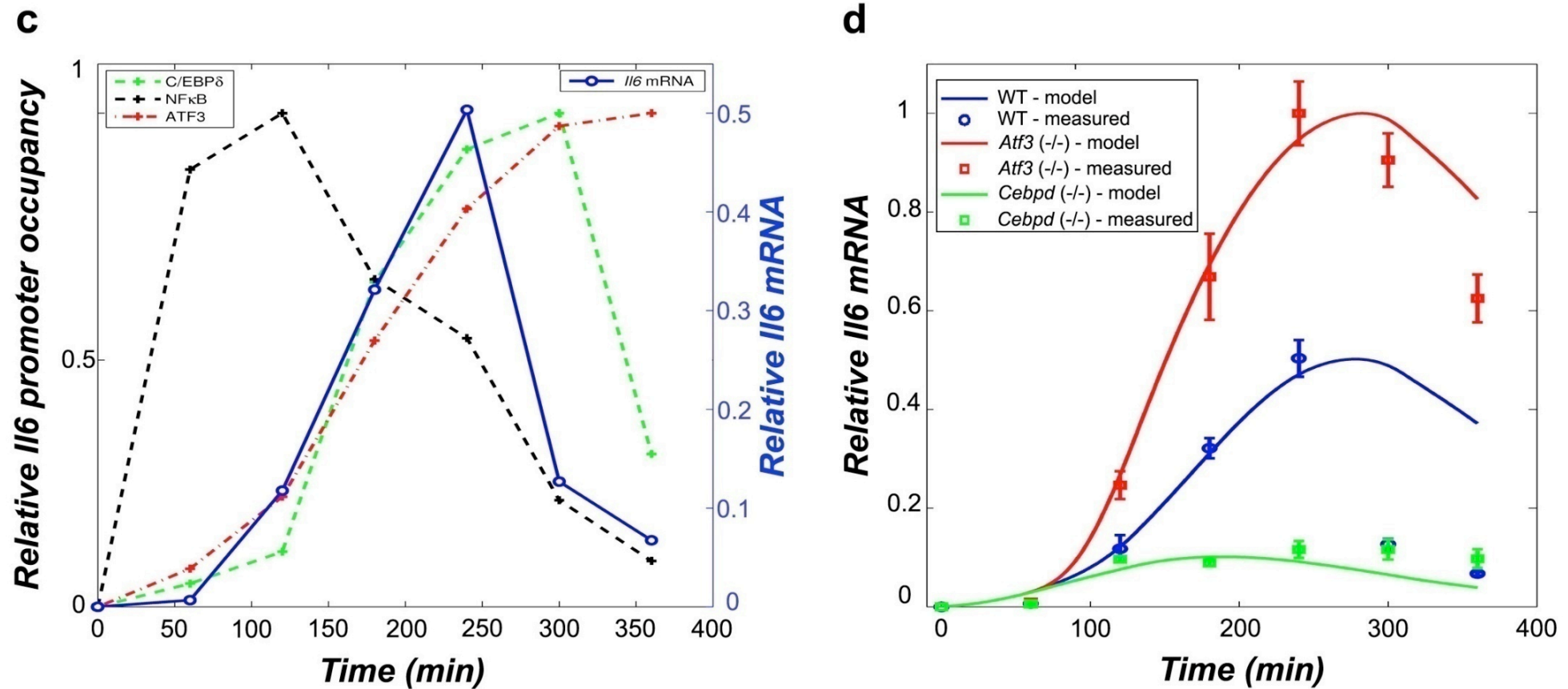


NFκB initiated  
ATF3 attenuated

NFκB initiated  
CEBPδ amplified  
ATF3 attenuated

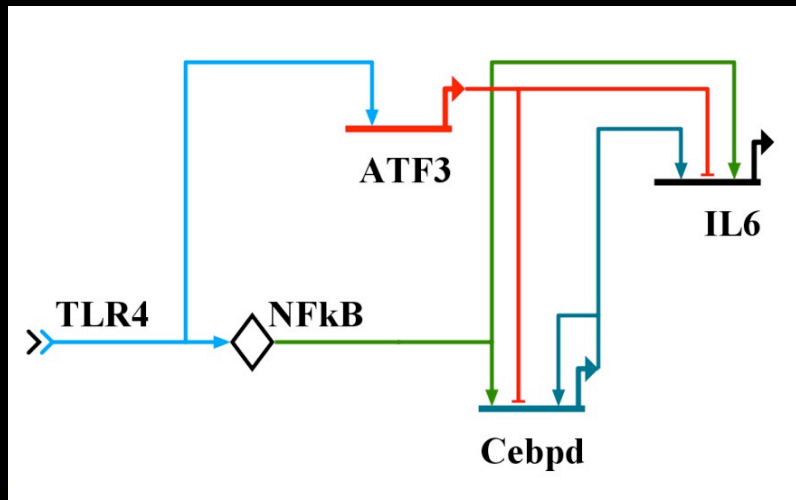
NFκB initiated  
CEBPδ amplified

# A model of the regulation of IL6 transcription by NFκB, ATF3 and CEBPδ



$$\tau \frac{d[Il6]}{dt} = -[Il6] + \frac{k_1 [NF\kappa B]^n + k_2 [NF\kappa B][CEBP]}{1 + k_1 [NF\kappa B]^n + k_2 [NF\kappa B][CEBP] + k_3 [ATF3]}$$

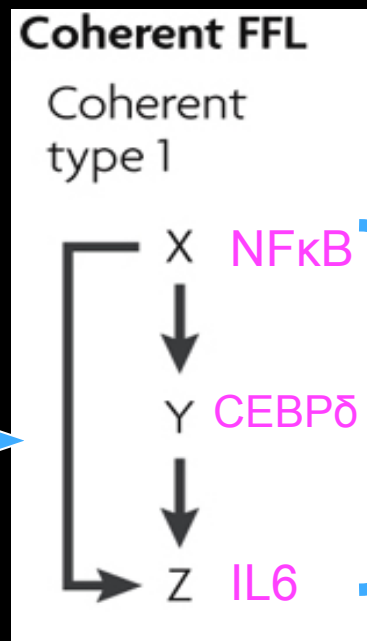
# NFκB and CEBPδ represent a Feed Forward Loop for the regulation of IL6 transcription



It is possible that CEBPδ acts as a check point to ensure that the system responds only to persistent inflammatory signals

A coherent FFL filters fluctuations in the environment; only persistent signals are able to activate the pathway

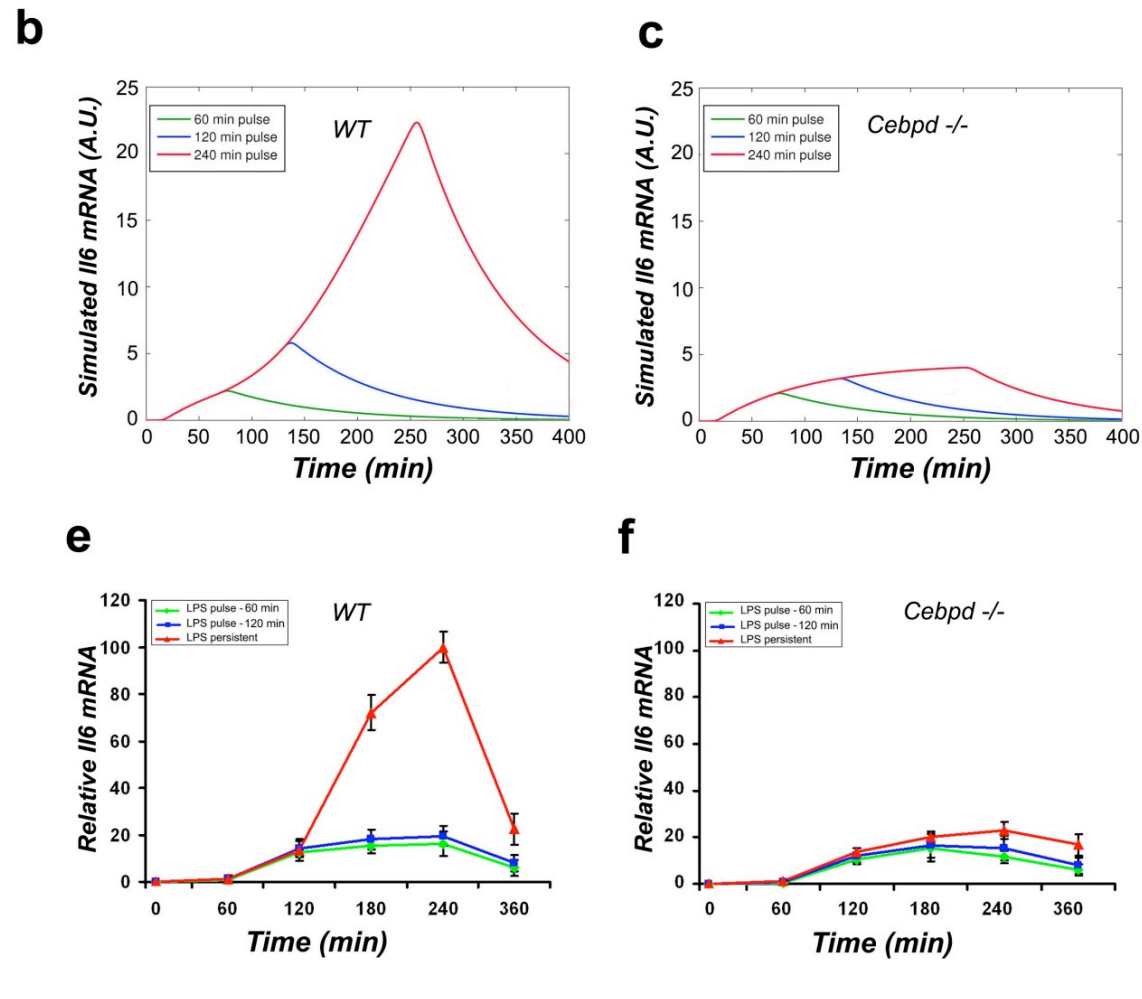
NFκB only  
Low level  
production



NFκB and CEBPδ  
Amplified  
production

# Computational simulation of NFκB pulses

$$\tau \frac{d[Il6]}{dt} = -[Il6] + \frac{k_1 [NF\kappa B]^{n_1} + k_2 [NF\kappa B] [CEBP\delta]}{1 + k_1 [NF\kappa B]^{n_1} + k_2 [NF\kappa B] [CEBP\delta] + k_3 [ATF3]}$$



# Innate Immune Database (IIDB)

- Genomic annotations and *cis*-regulatory element predictions for immune-related genes.
- Web-based software tool for querying and visualization.
- Display expression time-course data (and clusters)
- Graphical visualization of genomic annotations combining many different data types

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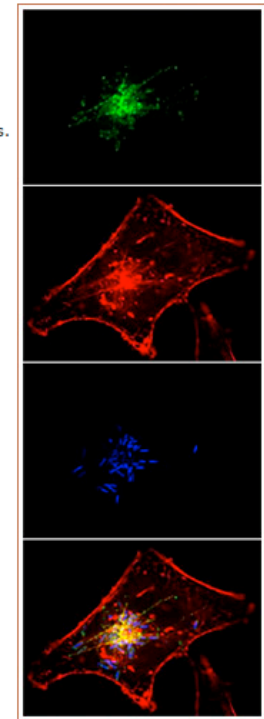
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### Gene Summary

#### Il6

**Entrez Gene 16193**

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Id	Description
<a href="#">MGI:96559</a>	Interleukin 6

Id	Description
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### Gene Expression Studies

#### Il6

**Entrez Gene 16193**

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 BMDM\_ATF3-null\_PAM2  
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 BMDM\_Bi6\_LPS\_Tri-DAP  
 BMDM\_Bi6\_MDP  
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 BMDM\_Bi6\_Poly-I:C  
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 BMDM\_Bi6\_Unstimulated

#### Gene Expression

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2 BMDM_ATF3-null_LPS		3.772		8.415		11.884	13.06	12.256	12.029				
3 BMDM_ATF3-null_PAM2				4.884		8.324	11.138						
4 BMDM_ATF3-null_Poly-I:C				7.291		9.121	11.349						
5 BMDM_ATF3-null_Unstimulated	3.095												
6 BMDM_Bi6_CpG		2.796	2.922	3.072	2.96	3.575							
7 BMDM_Bi6_LPS		3.032	3.175	3.592	5.973	9.161	12.07	11.204	9.666	9.024	4.147	4.977	5.205
8 BMDM_Bi6_LPS_MDP									3.361				
9 BMDM_Bi6_LPS_Tri-DAP									3.694				

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# Cytoscape

Visually Integrate  
gene expression,  
protein state, protein  
interactions, and  
protein class (ontology)

Analysis plug-in  
modules

Implemented in Java

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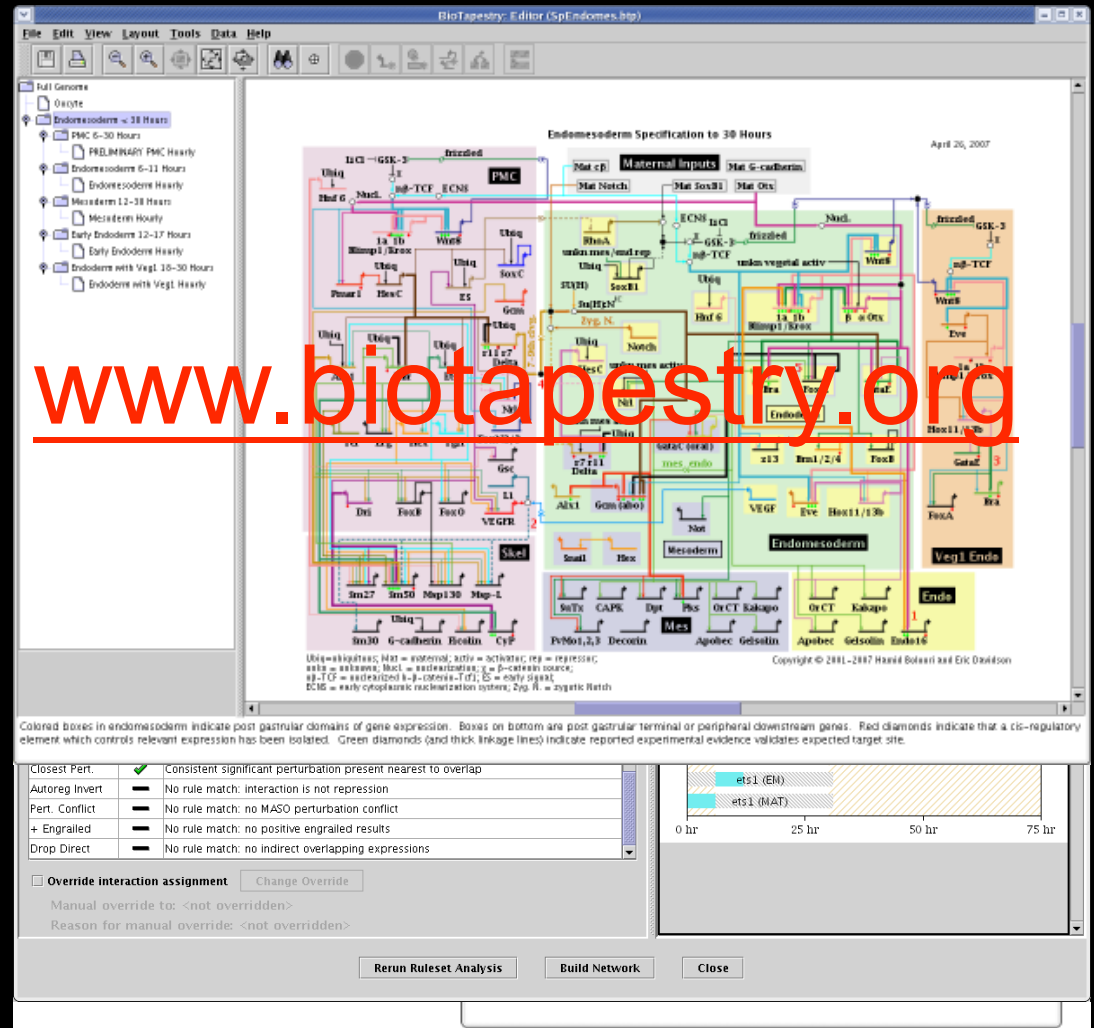
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Graphical application for building & visualising gene regulatory networks

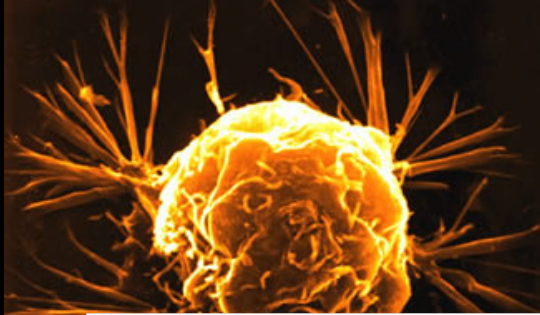
Hierarchical network model for spatially and temporally complex network activation programs

View network activity over time, based on time-course expression

- Build networks from high-throughput data using worksheet feature (under development)

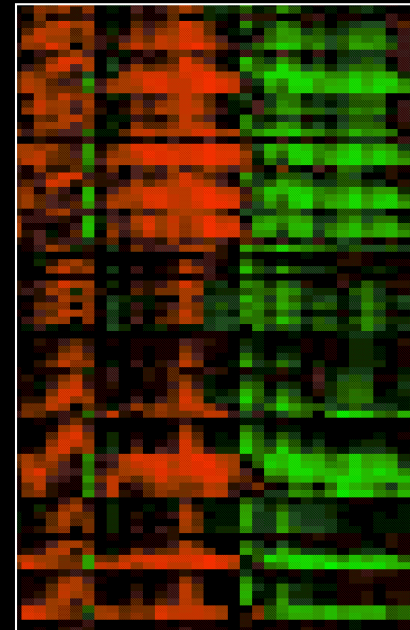


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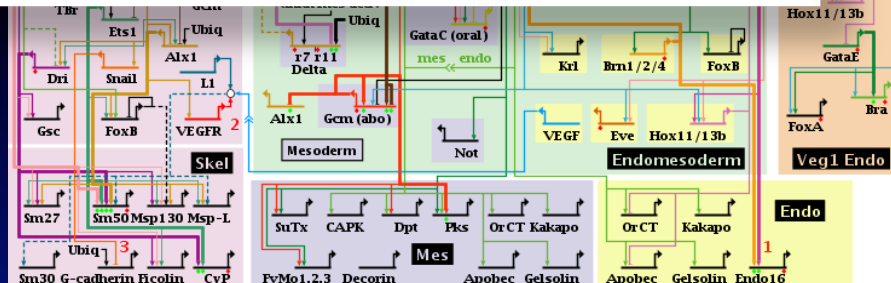


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 &\times \cdots \times \underbrace{\prod_{j_c=a_c}^{a_c+l-1} \theta(s_{j_c}, j_c - a_c + 1)}_{\text{motif instance } c} \underbrace{\prod_{i_{c+1}=a_{c+1}}^L \phi(s_{i_{c+1}})}_{\text{background } c+1}
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