

- Introduction to 'Omics' and Systems Biology
- Demonstration of on-line 'Omics' resources
- Lab demonstration of modern Proteomics

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Central Dogma of Molecular Genetics

(The guiding principle that controls trait expression)



Traits and Phenotypes are Controlled by Molecular Networks



Trying to understand life without knowledge of biochemical network would be like trying to understand Shakespeare without knowledge of English grammar. • That one gene encodes one protein, which catalyzes one reaction and determines one phenotype is no longer the case.

• Manipulating one gene can cause pleiotropic effects ?

• How to capture all molecules and their interactions, dynamics, regulations and turnover ... ?

• How to determine the rate-limiting molecule and step ? How to predict ?

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'Omics' and Systems Biology

- "Omics"
 - Genomics the comprehensive study of whole sets of genes & their interactions (DNA microarrays)
 - Proteomics the study of the full set of proteins encoded by a genome
 - Metabolomics the comprehensive study of the small molecules or metabolites
 - Bioinformatics the application of computer & statistical techniques to the management of biological information

Systems Biology-

"An interdisciplinary approach for integrating experimental data with mathematical modeling tools to analyze & predict the behavior of biological systems." (Henson, 2005)



Starvation: Importance of Cassava

Cassava (Manihot esculenta) - yucca, manihot, tapioca

- cultivated in tropics and sub-tropics for its edible storage root
- a major source of dietary energy for more than 700 million people
- source for a variety of food stuffs, animal feed and industrial products
- major component in micro-economies of more than 150 countries



Cassava tuberous roots developed from fibrous roots

- Tuberous roots develop form fibrous roots through massive cell division and differentiation of parenchyma cell of the secondary xylem
- Not all fibrous roots are designated for tuberous root formation



Proteomics is the approach



3D view of Fibrous Gel



3D view of Tuberous Gel



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Novel Targets for Biotechnological Application



BioCassava Plus project: it is proposed to **increase the yield and protein content** of cassava storage roots **by four-fold**



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Galactose utilization in yeast

Strategy

• For each gene or condition change (*i.e.* delete the gene) and measure the global effect on both mRNA and protein levels.

• Integrate mRNA and protein responses with the pathway model and with global network of protein interactions.

• Formulate new hypotheses to explain novel observations and refine models.

 Science 292: 929-934 (galactose utilization)
Combines: literature knowledge, microarray, proteomics, visualization, and network techniques to refine what is known about galactose utilization in yeast.

- Genome Res. 13: 244-253 (Genome scale network reconstruction)

Galactose metabolism



- Science 292: 929-934

Expression measurements



Expression measurements

Microarray:

- a perturbed stain vs. wt + gal, 4 replicates
- statistics: maximumlikelihood estimation →
 997 significant genes → 16 clusters by self-organizing maps, each cluster contains genes with similar responses over all perturbations.



Expression measurements



Visualizing the data



- Blue line (p-p); Yellow line (p-d); node diameter scales with the magnitude of cha

More Systems Biology to follow...



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Analysis of cellular components at multiple levels of biological information can provide valuable functional insights. We performed multiple high-throughput measurements to study the response of *Escherichia coli* cells to genetic and environmental perturbations. Analysis of metabolic enzyme gene disruptants revealed unexpectedly small changes in messenger RNA and proteins for most disruptants. Overall, metabolite levels were also stable, reflecting the rerouting of fluxes in the metabolic network. In contrast, *E. coli* actively regulated enzyme levels to maintain a stable metabolic state in response to changes in growth rate. *E. coli* thus seems to use complementary strategies that result in a metabolic network robust against perturbations.

Systems Biology Scheme



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Plants Produce Many Chemicals That Are Related to Our Life

I. Glucosinolates derived from methionine

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glucosinolate

Sinigrin	Allylglucosinolate	
Gluconapin	But-3-enylglucosinolate	
Glucobrassicanapin	Pent-4-enylglucosinolate	
Progoitrin	(2R)-2-Hydroxybut-3-enylglucosinolate	
Epiprogoitrin	(2S)-2-Hydroxybut-3-enylglucosinolate	
Napoleiferin	(2R)-2-Hvdroxvpent-4-envlalucosinolate	
Glucoibervirin	3-Methylthiopropylglucosinolate	
Glucoerucin	4-Methylthiobutylglucosinolate	F
Glucoberteroin	5-Methylthiopentylglucosinolate	F
Glucoiberin	3-Methvlsulphinvlpropvlqlucosinolate	
Glucoraphanin	4-Methylsulphinylbutylglucosinolate	
Glucoalvssin	5-Methvlsulphinvlpentvlqlucosinolate	F
Glucoraphenin	4-Methylsulphinylbut-3-enylglucosinolate	
Glucocheirolin	3-Methylsulphonylpropylglucosinolate	
Glucoerysolin	4-Methylsulphonylbutylglucosinolate	

II. Glucosinolates derived from phenylalanine

Gluconasturtiin	Phenethvlalucosinolate
Glucobarbarin	2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethylglucosinolate
Glucolepigramin	<i>m</i> -Hydroxybenzylglucosinolate
Sinalbin	p-Hydroxybenzylglucosinolate
Glucolimnanthin	<i>m</i> -Methoxybenzylglucosinolate
Glucoaubrietin	p-Methoxybenzylglucosinolate

III. Glucosinolates derived from tryptophan

Glucobrassicin Neoglucobrassicin Sulphoglucobrassicin Indole-3-ylmethylglucosinolate n-Methoxyindole-3-ylmethylglucosinolate *n*-Sulphoindole-3-ylmethylglucosinolate







4-Methoxyglucobrassicin 4-Methoxyindole-3-ylmethylglucosinolate





Plant-insect

Defense



Anticarcinogenic activities





N/S nutrition Growth (IAA) Biofumigation

" I do not like broccoli. And I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm President of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli." – George Bush



Goitrogenic property

Genetic Engineering Problem: Modulation of glucosinolates affects normal plant growth and development







Proteomics: large scale analysis of proteins



Control



Metabolomics: large-scale analysis of metabolites



Statistical Analysis, Network and Modeling



Validation of targets and rational engineering.



Over 120 million children worldwide are deficient in vitamin A. Rice has been engineered to accumulate **β-carotene**, Incorporation of this trait into rice cultivars and widespread distribution could prevent 1 to 2 million deaths each year.

Vitamin A deficiency is a serious problem

- Causes blindness
- Influences severity of diarrhea, measles



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