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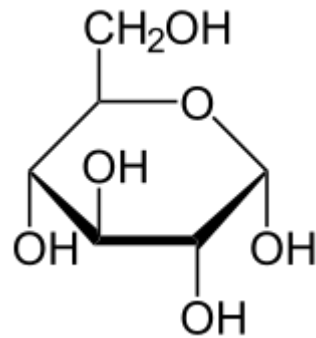
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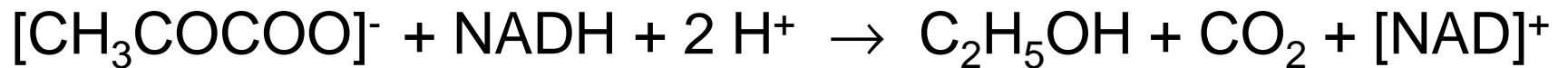
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What means complexity and where does it come from?

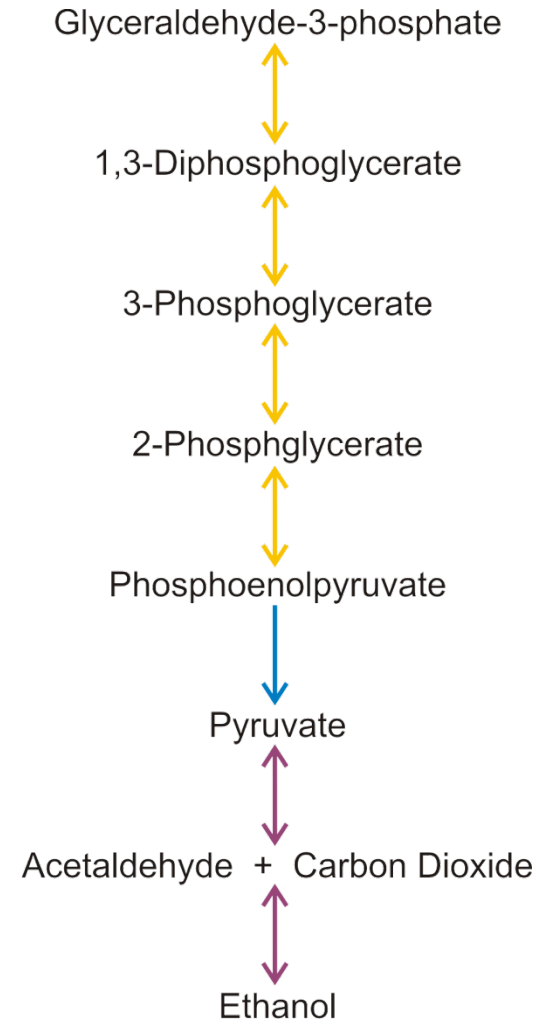
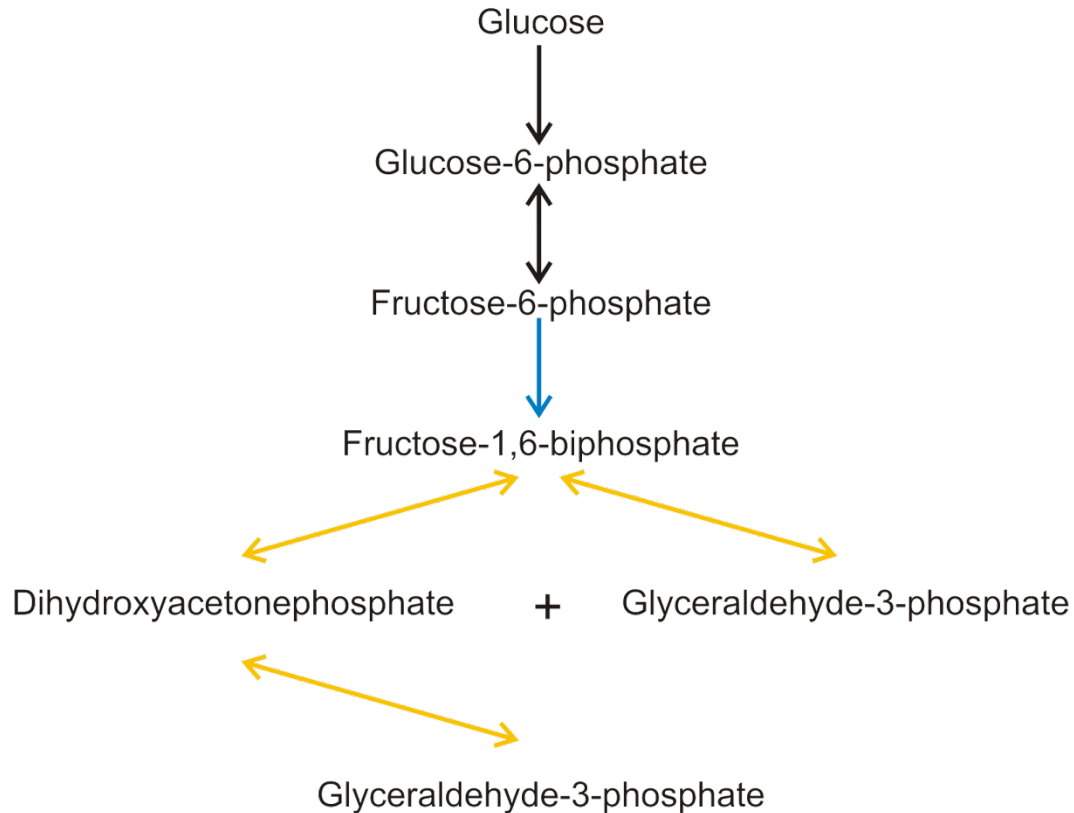
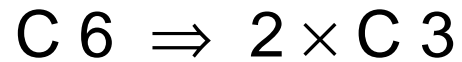


glucose \rightarrow 2 pyruvate + 2 reduction equivalents + energy

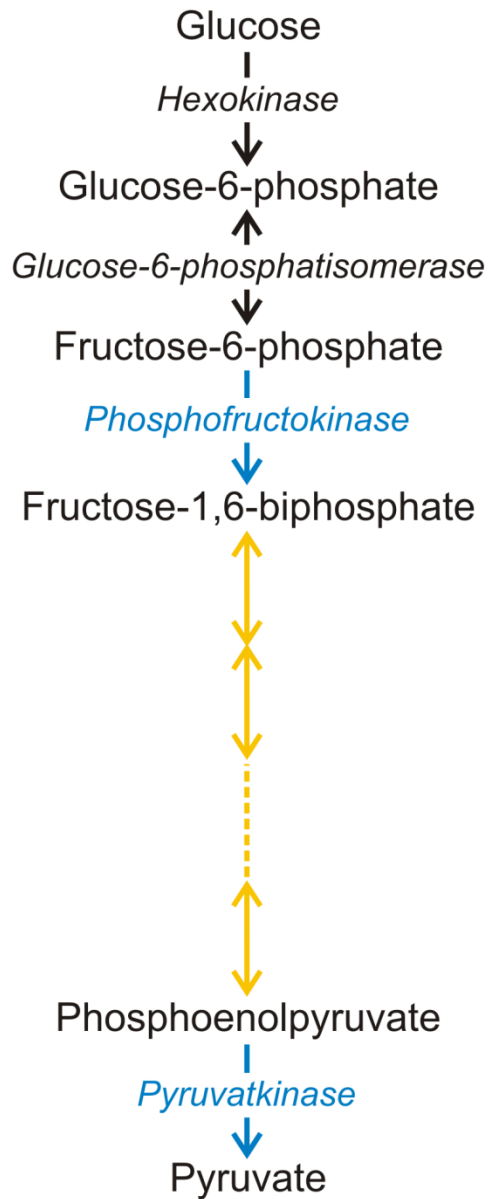


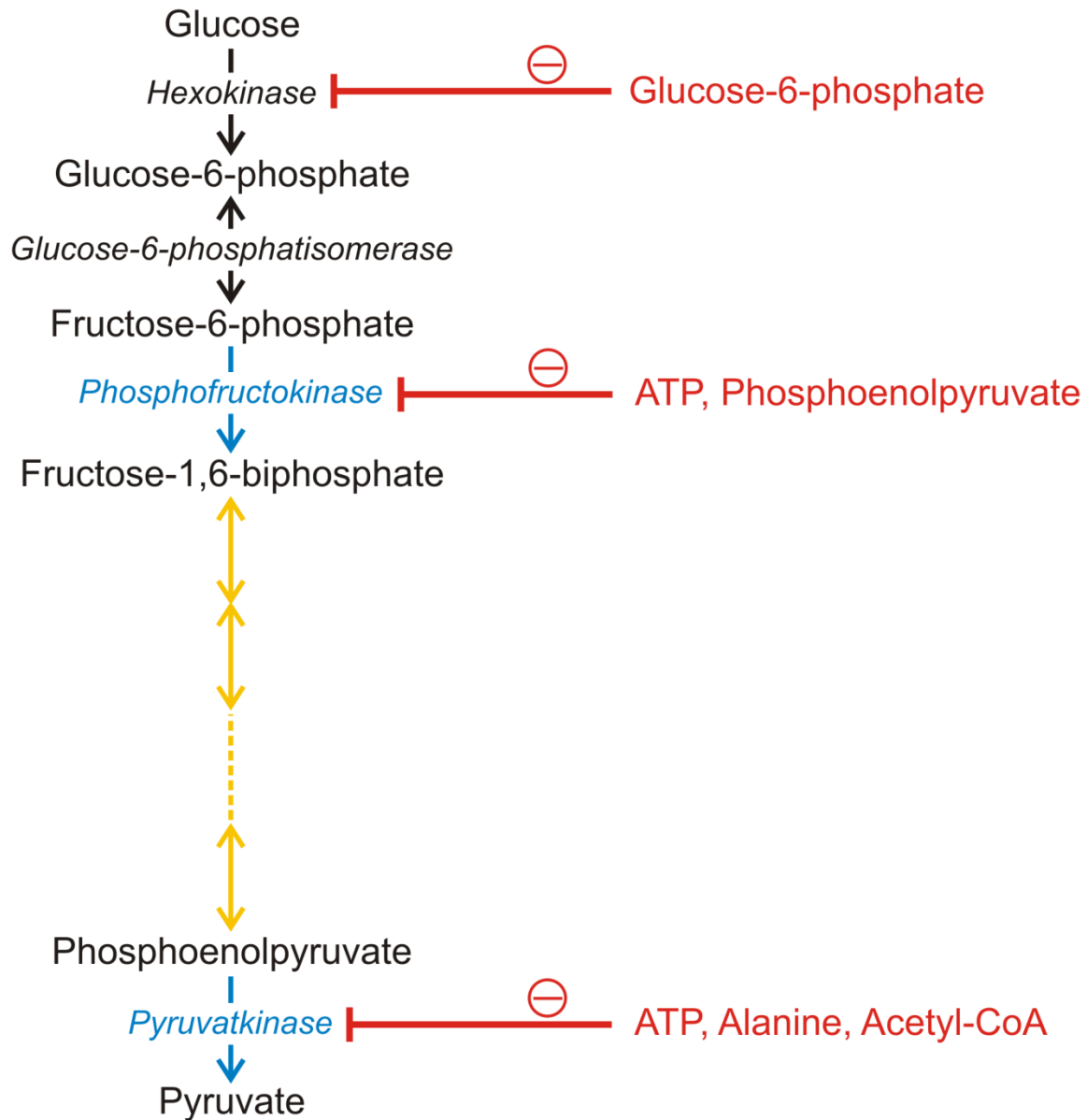
pyruvate + reduction equivalent \rightarrow ethanol + carbon dioxide

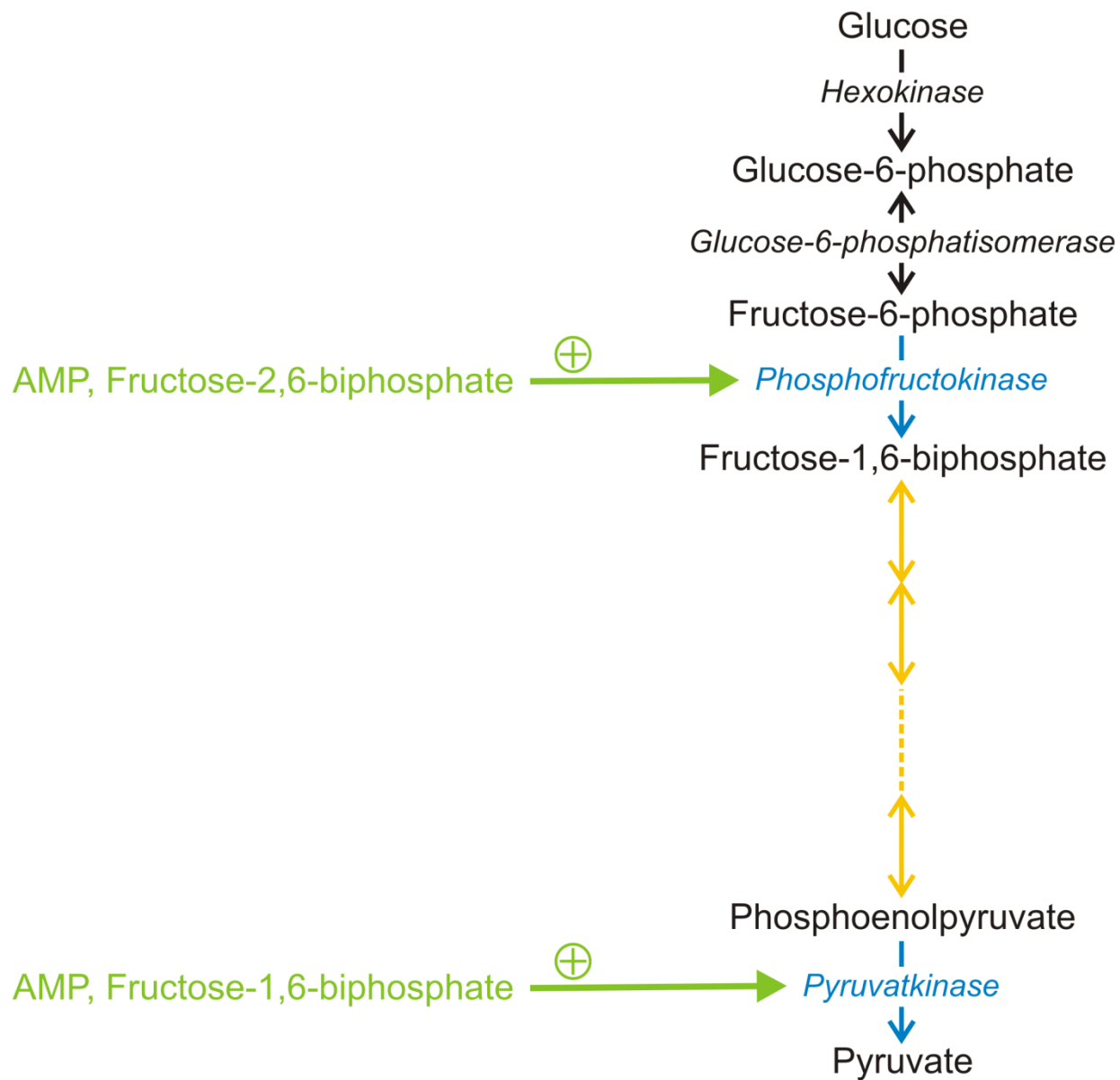
Reaction equation of **glycolysis** and **ethanol** fermentation

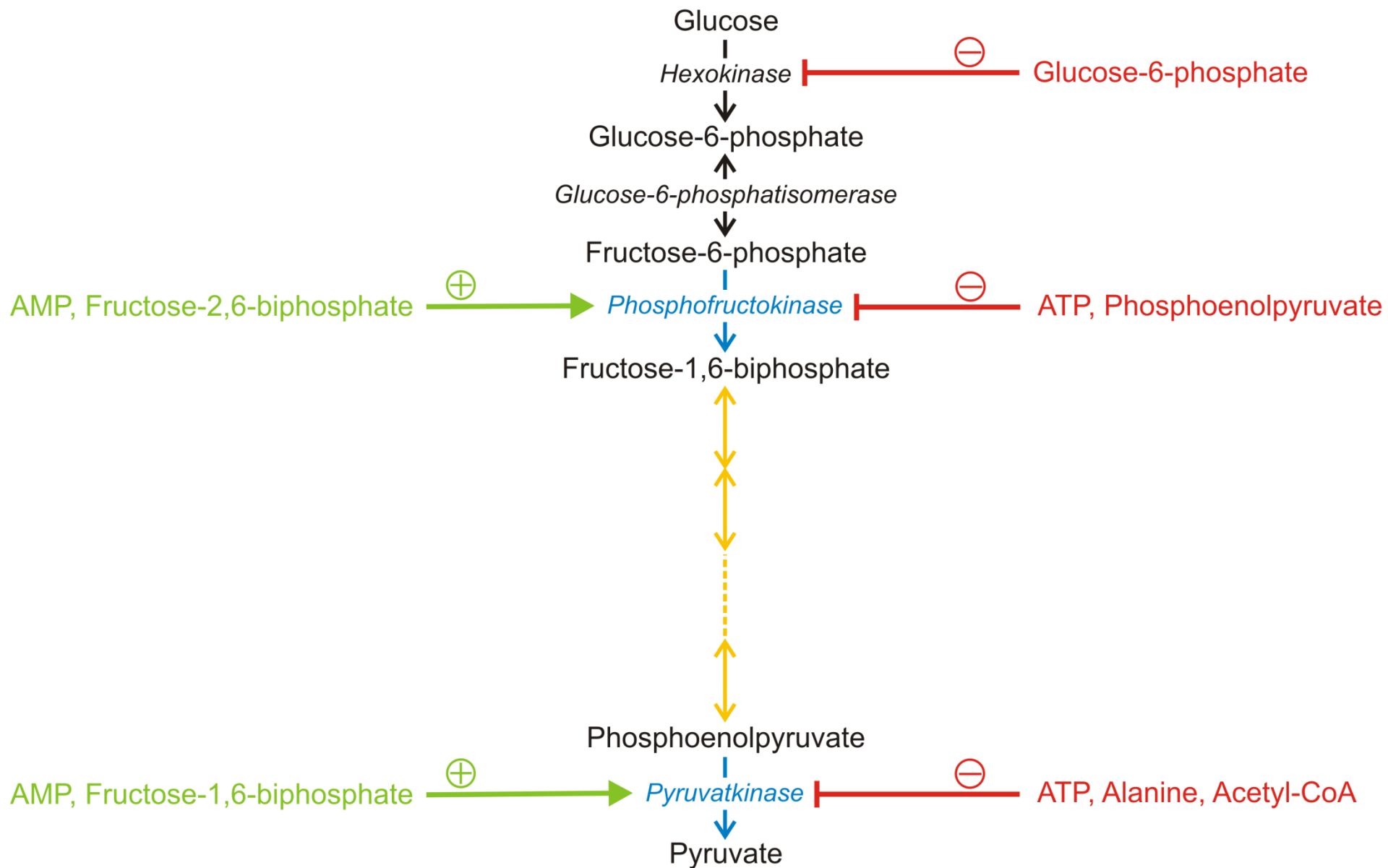


Reaction chain of glycolysis and ethanol fermentation: 12 steps



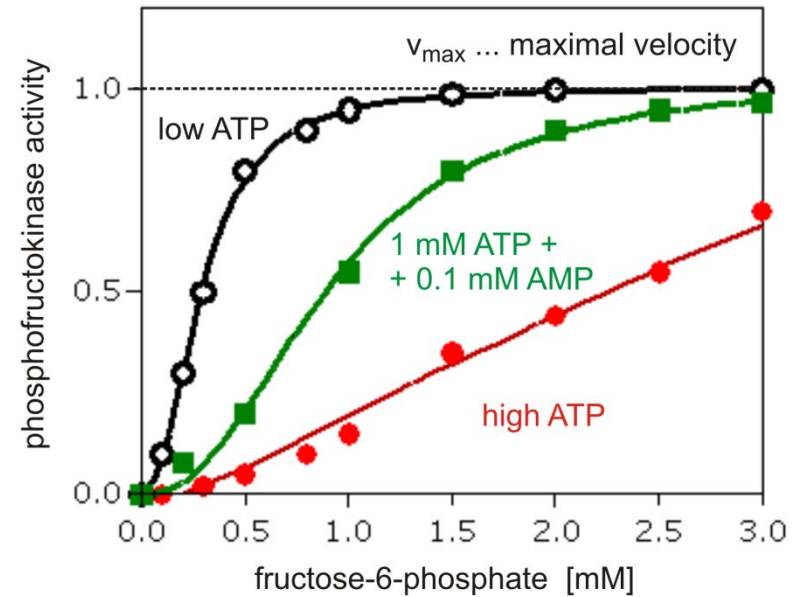
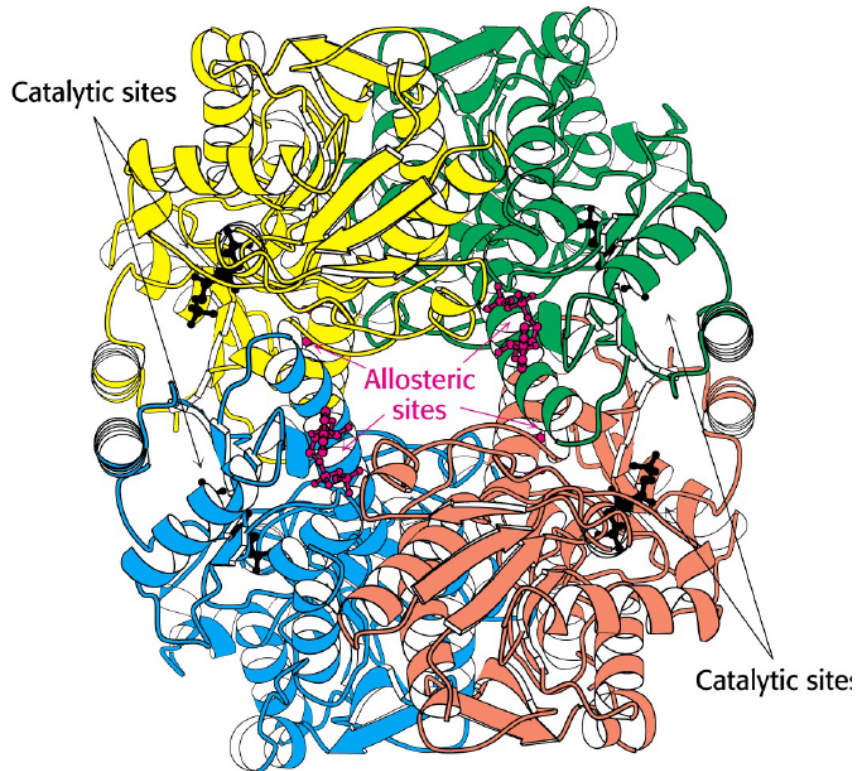






$$v(s) = \frac{s^n}{K + s^n}$$

$n = 1$: linear response
 $n > 1$: cooperativity

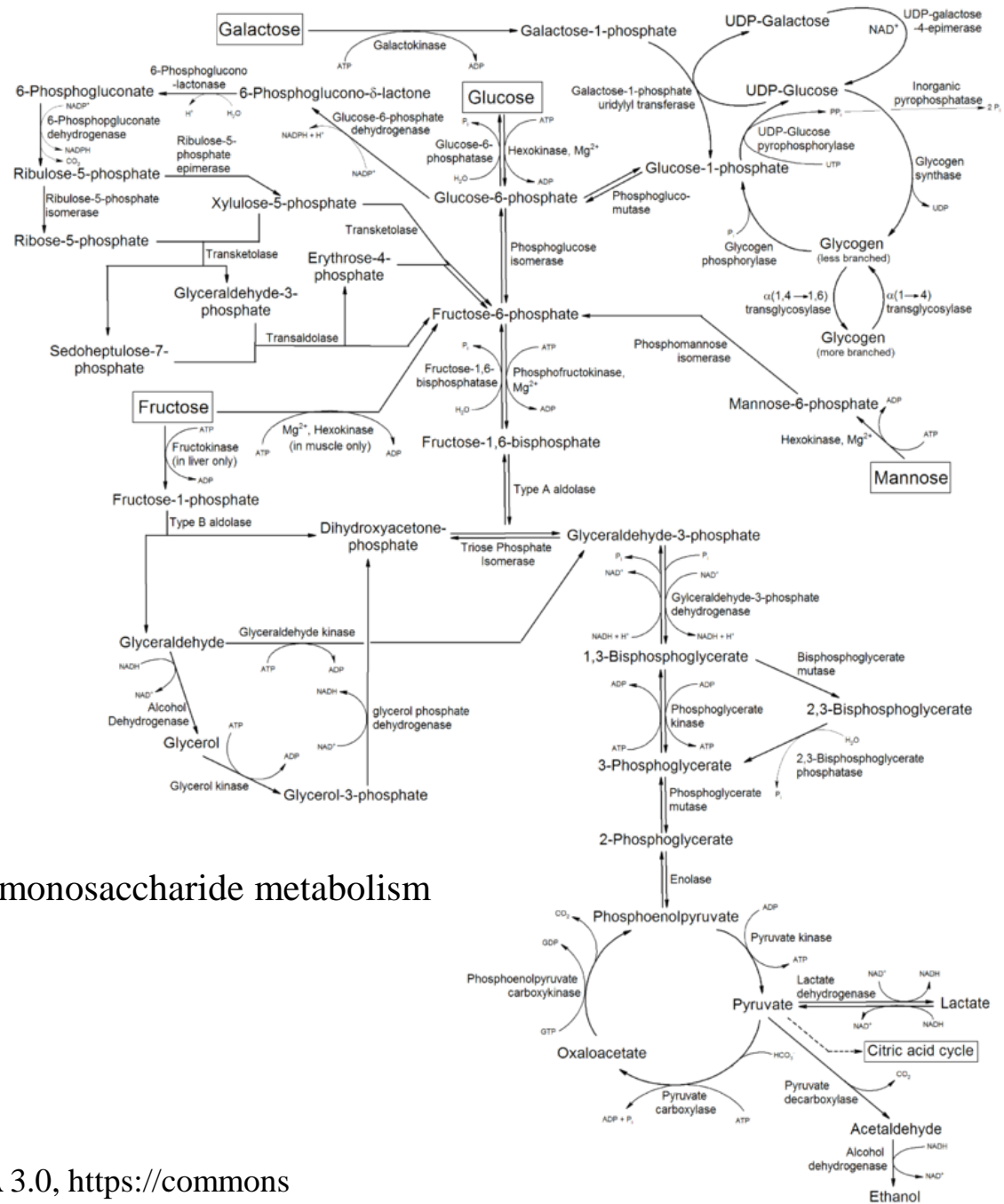


[fructose-6-phosphate] = 1 mM

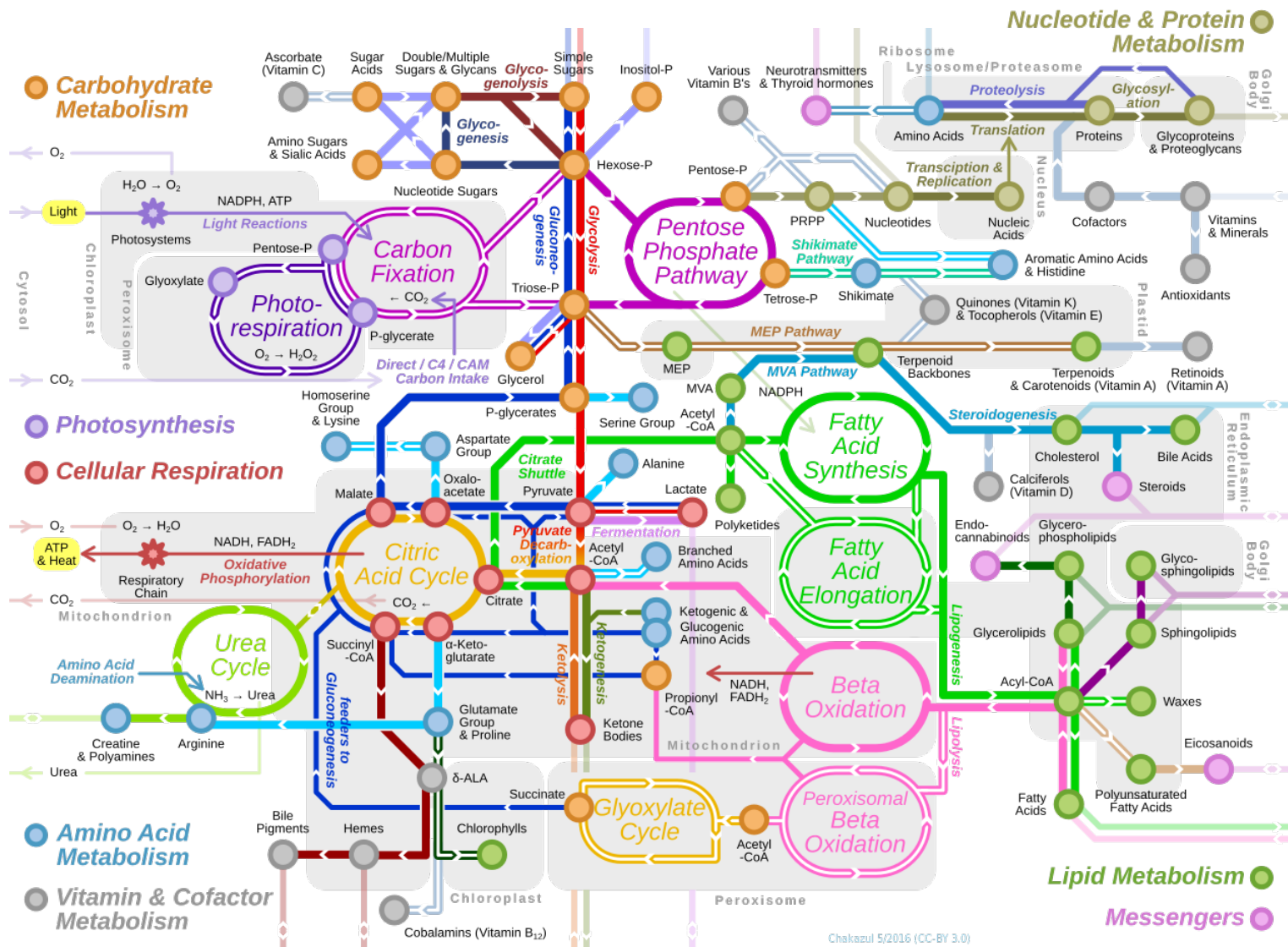
0.1 mM ATP:	0.96 v_{\max}
1 mM ATP + 0.1 mM AMP:	0.54 v_{\max}
1 mM ATP:	0.15 v_{\max}

Regulation of phosphofructokinase (PFK-1)

Complexity may result from embedding in
complex environment


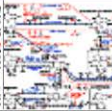

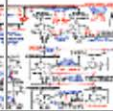
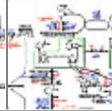
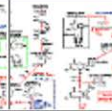
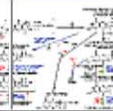
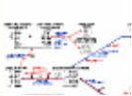



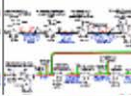



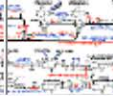

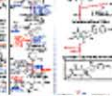
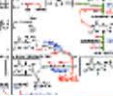





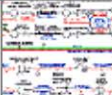





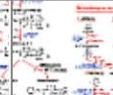
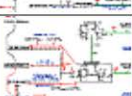


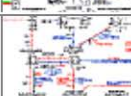

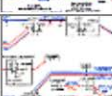


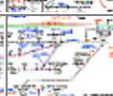
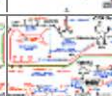
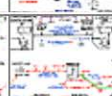

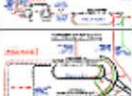


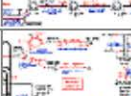
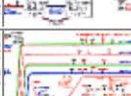
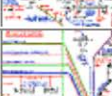
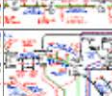

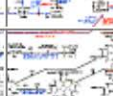
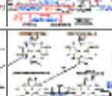
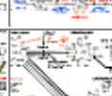
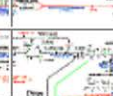
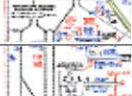


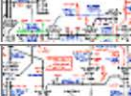



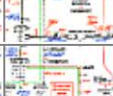

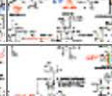
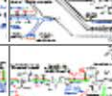
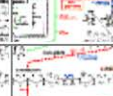

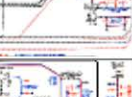
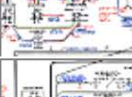


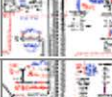



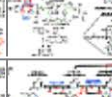

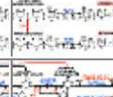




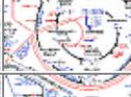
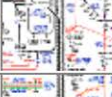



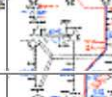
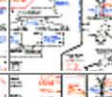
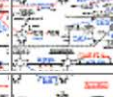

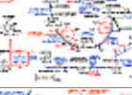
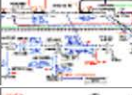
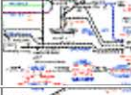

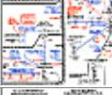

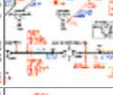


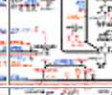
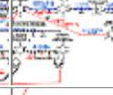


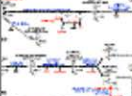



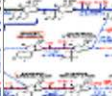
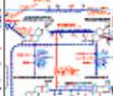



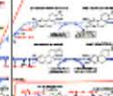


Embedding of glycolysis in the monosaccharide metabolism



Bert Chan, Hong Kong: Metro map of metabolism

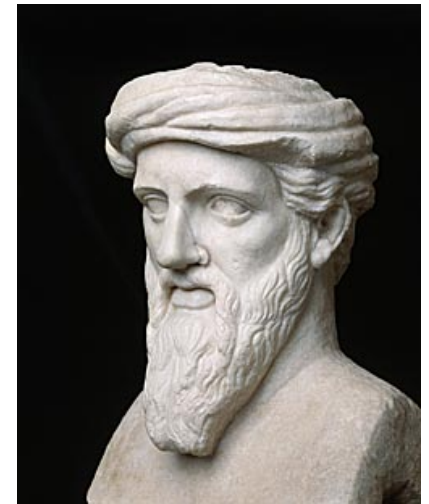
Glycolysis embedded in the cellular metabolism

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The reaction network of cellular metabolism published by Boehringer-Mannheim.

Complexity may result from lack of insight

Sacrobosco's Tractatus de Sphaera, 1230



Pythagoras, 575 – 495 BC

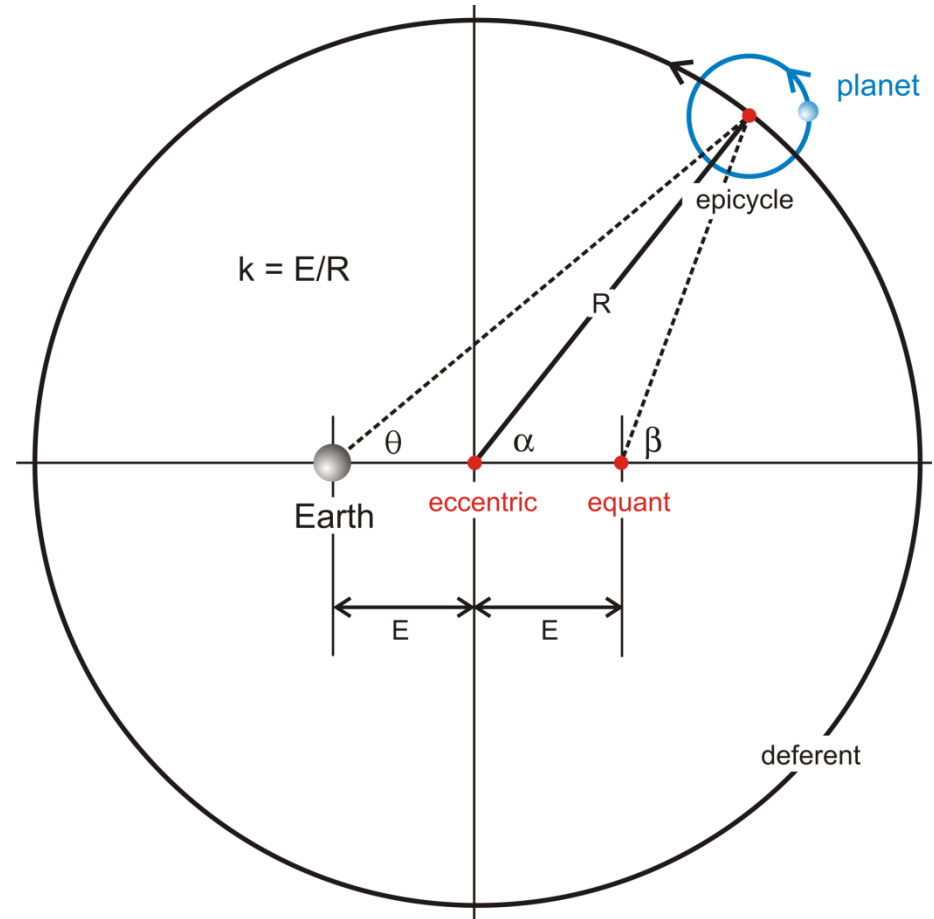
Celestial spheres and epicycles

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Ptolemy's planetary motion

James Evans. On the function and the probable origin of Ptolemy's equant.
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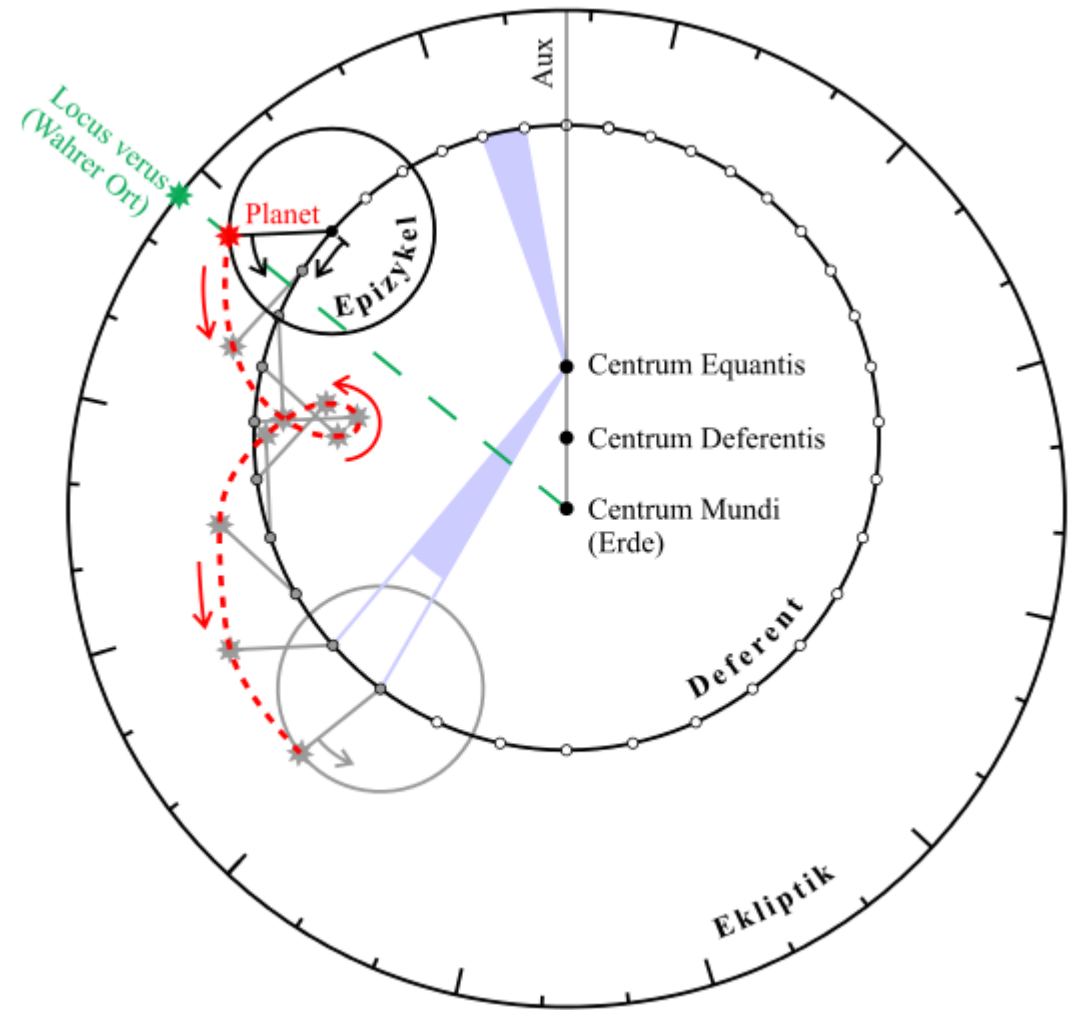
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The geocentric system in Ptolemy's astronomy

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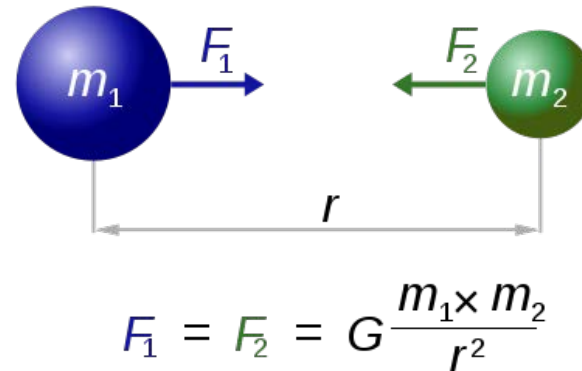
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law of universal gravity



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1. straight and uniform motion,
2. $F = m \times a$, and
3. actio equals reactio

laws of motion

Complexity may result from lack of methods



Henri Poincaré,
1854 -1912

In 1889 the Swedish King Oscar II donated a prize for a proof that the Solar system is stable.

Poincaré (1899) was able to show that three-body motion – Earth-Sun-Planet – need not be stable and can be very sensitive to parameters and initial conditions.

The proof is rather complex and the result is not easy to illustrate.

Sensitivity to parameters and initial conditions



Henri Poincaré,
1854 -1912

“If we knew exactly the laws of nature and the situation of the universe at the initial moment, we could predict exactly the situation of that same universe at a succeeding moment. but even if it were the case that the natural laws had no longer any secret for us, we could still only know the initial situation approximately. If that enabled us to predict the succeeding situation with the same approximation, that is all we require, and we should say that the phenomenon had been predicted, that it is governed by laws. But it is not always so; **it may happen that small differences in the initial conditions produce very great ones in the final phenomena. A small error in the former will produce an enormous error in the latter. Prediction becomes impossible, and we have the fortuitous phenomenon.**

Poincaré in a 1903 essay on "Science and Method“.

The visionary of deterministisches chaos

Sensitivity to parameters and initial conditions



Alan Turing, 1912 - 1954

mathematics of chemical
pattern formation 1952

1899 – 1900 oscillating
chemical reactions



Wilhelm Ostwald, 1853-1932

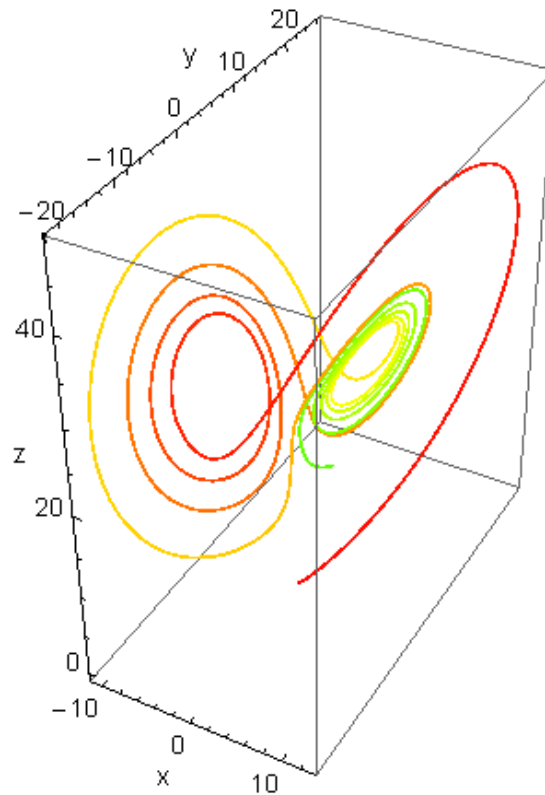
Combination of rigorous mathematical analysis and computer
simulation in the analysis of complex systems since 1980

Pioneers in spatio-temporal chemical pattern formation

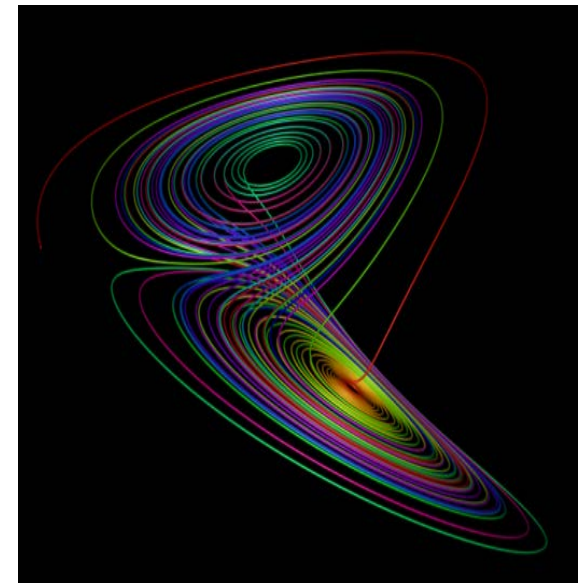


Edward N. Lorenz,
1917-2008

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= a(y - x) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= x(b - z) - y \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= xy - cz\end{aligned}$$

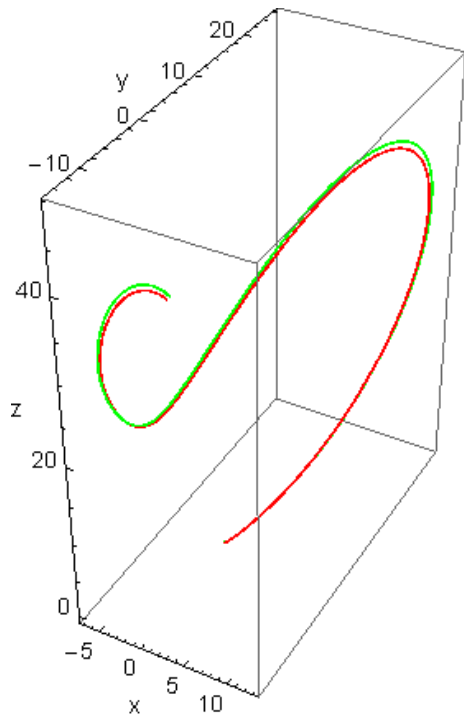


$$a = 3, b = 28, c = 1$$

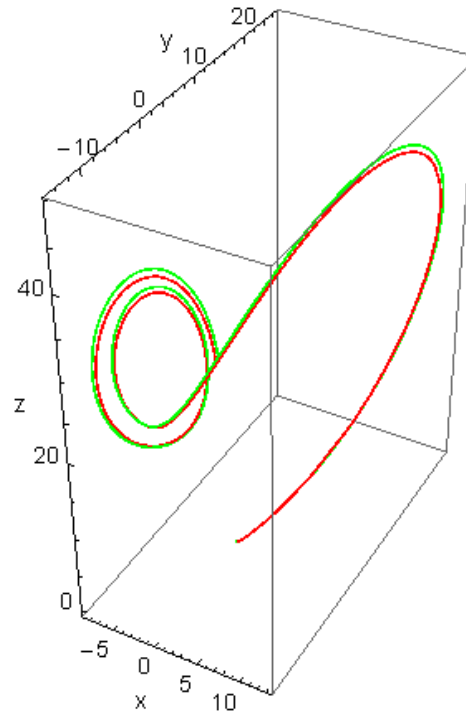


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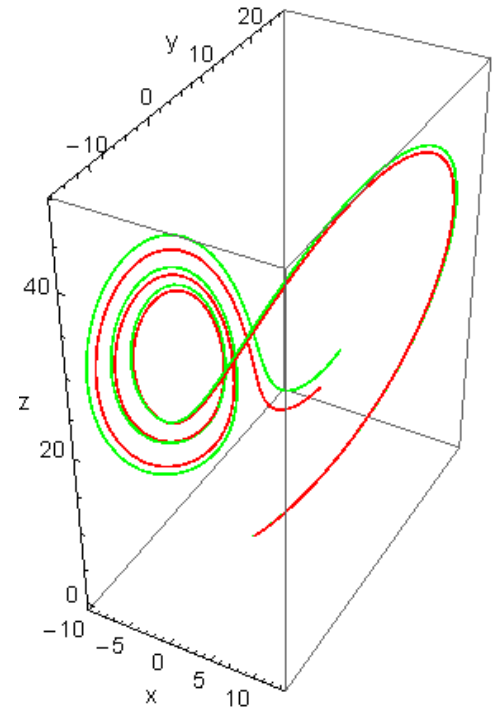
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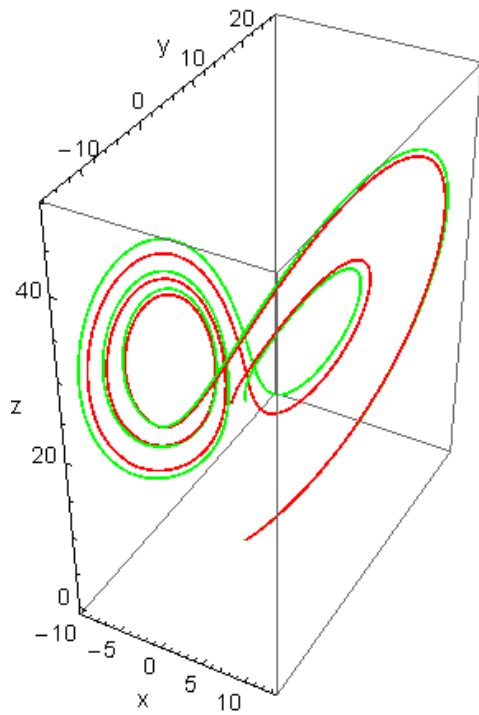
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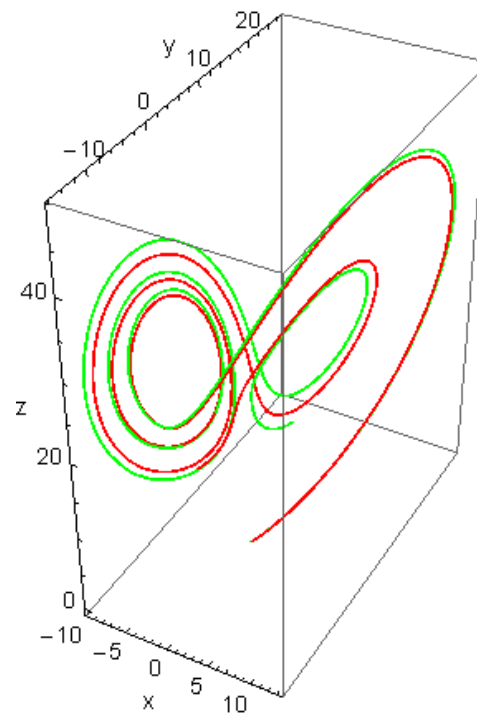
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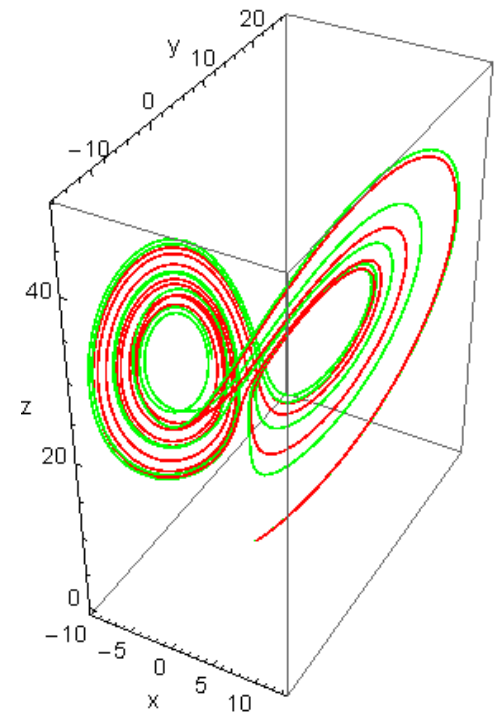
Sensitivity to parameters in deterministic chaos



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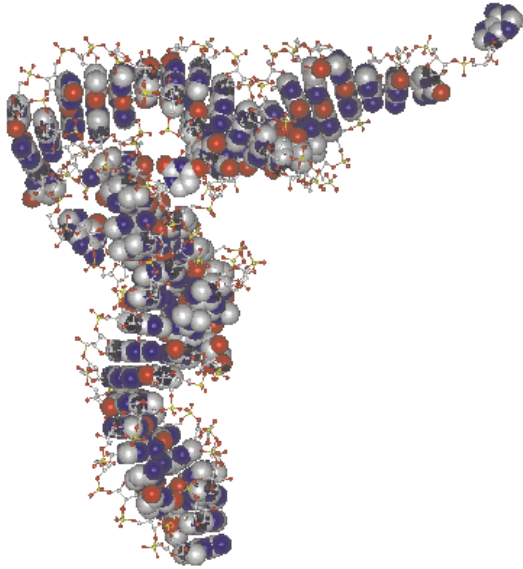


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Sensitivity to parameters in deterministic chaos

Complexity created by intrinsic diversity



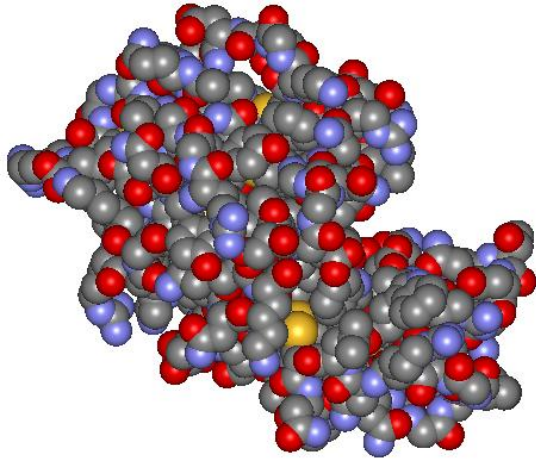
phenylalanyl-transfer-RNA – a small RNA with a sequence of **76** nucleotide residues

How many different RNA sequences of chain length **76** are possible ?

$$4^{76} = 5.7 \times 10^{45}$$

A relatively large sample of small RNA molecules contains about 10^{15} molecules

Diversity in biology – sequence space of RNA molecules



lysozyme – a small protein with a sequence of **129** amino acid residues

How many different protein sequences of chain length **129** are possible ?

$$20^{129} = 6.8 \times 10^{167}$$

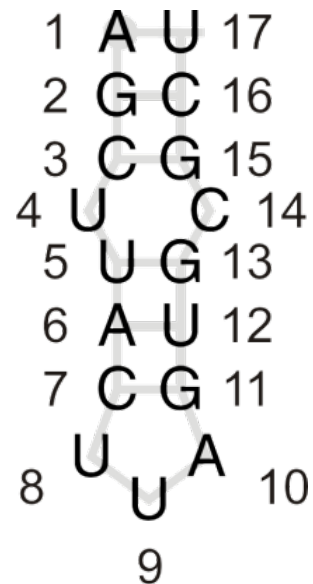
The distribution of suitable structures and the mutation determined move sets in sequence space decide about the success of searches

Diversity in biology – sequence space of proteins

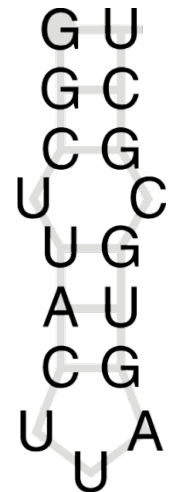
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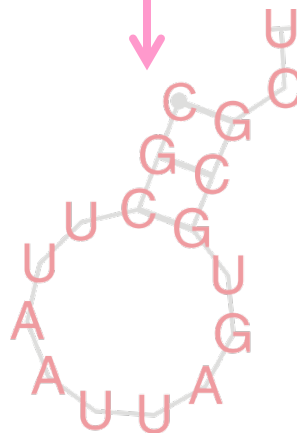
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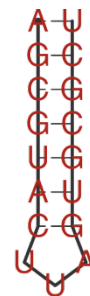
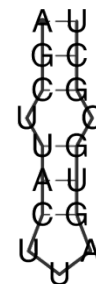
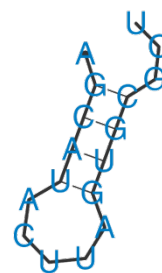
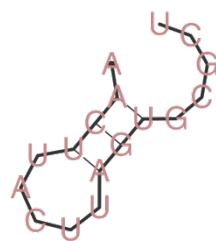
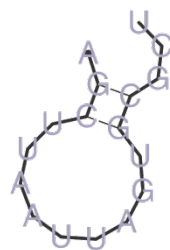
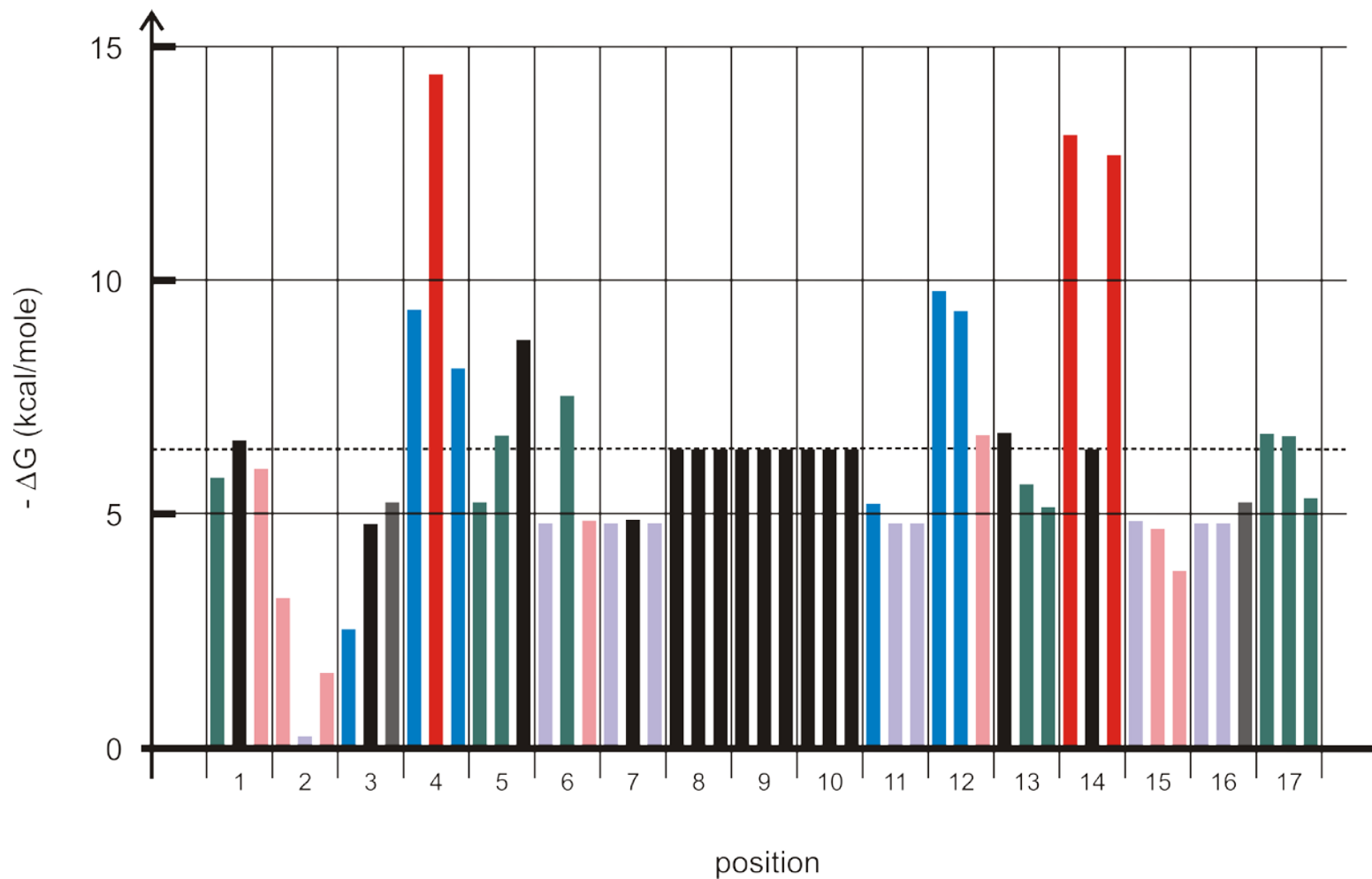
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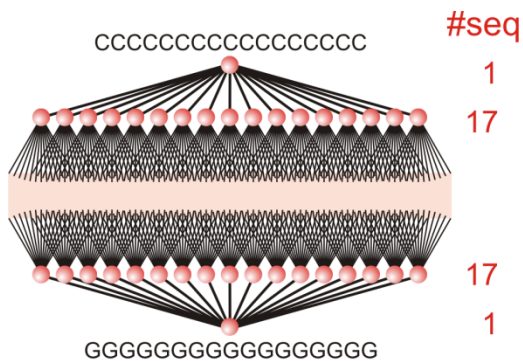


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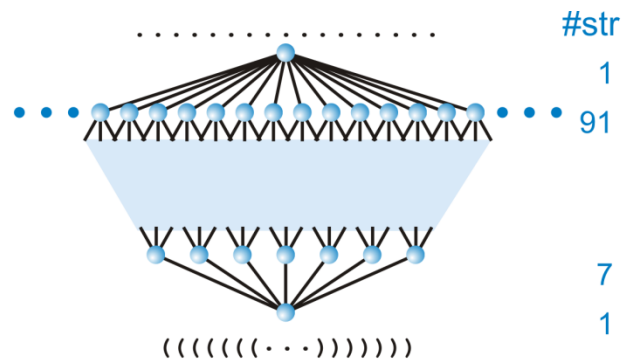


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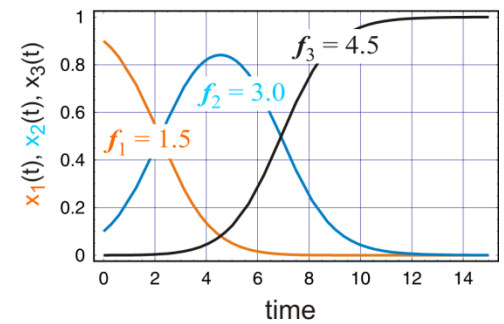




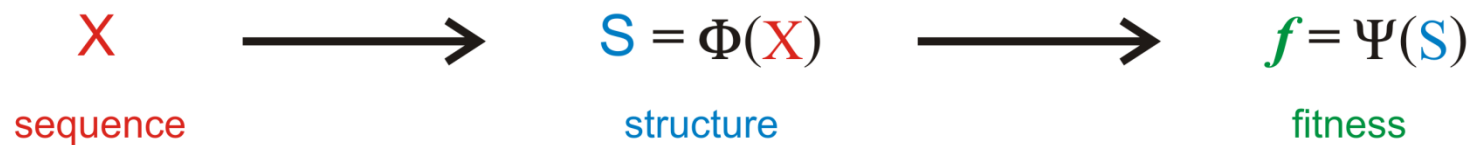
sequence space 1.7×10^{10}



shape space 731



parameter space



Evolutionary searches in sequence space

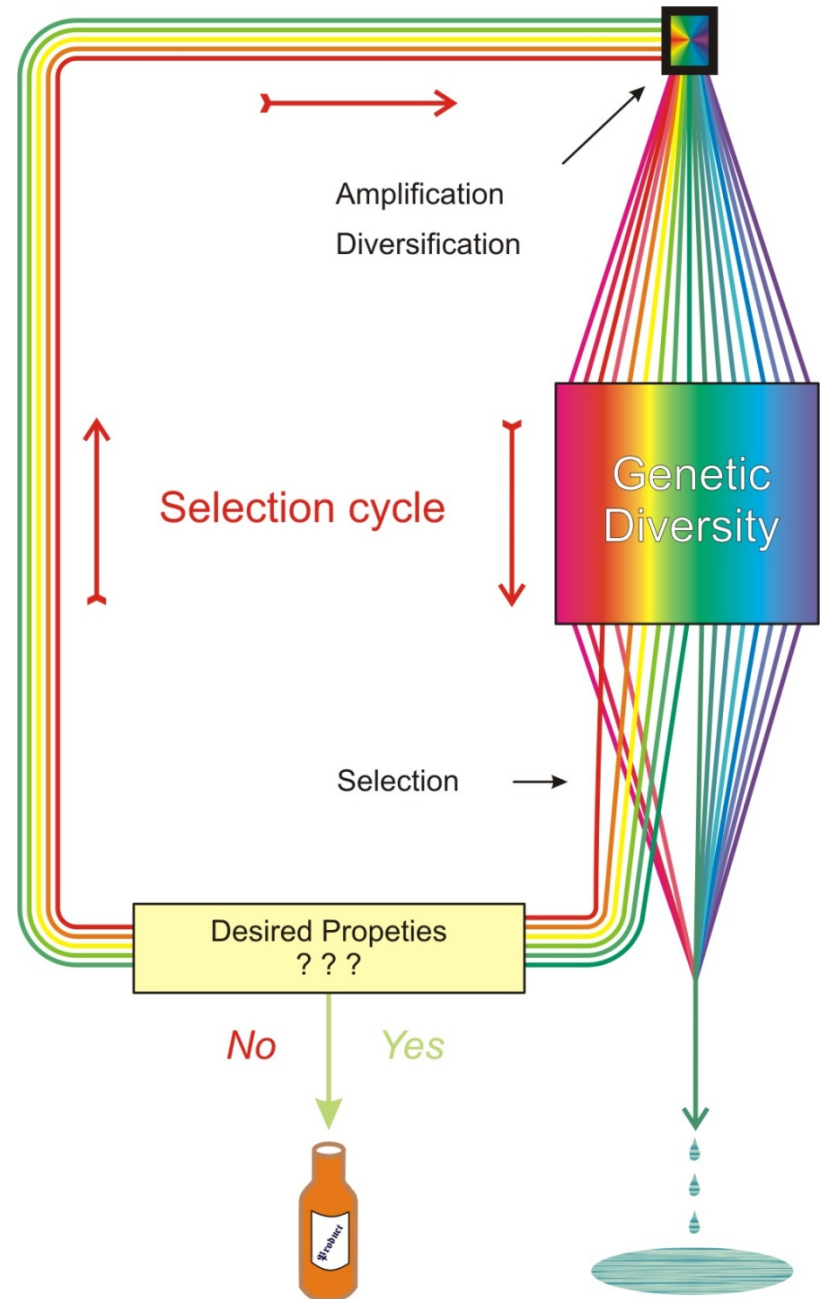
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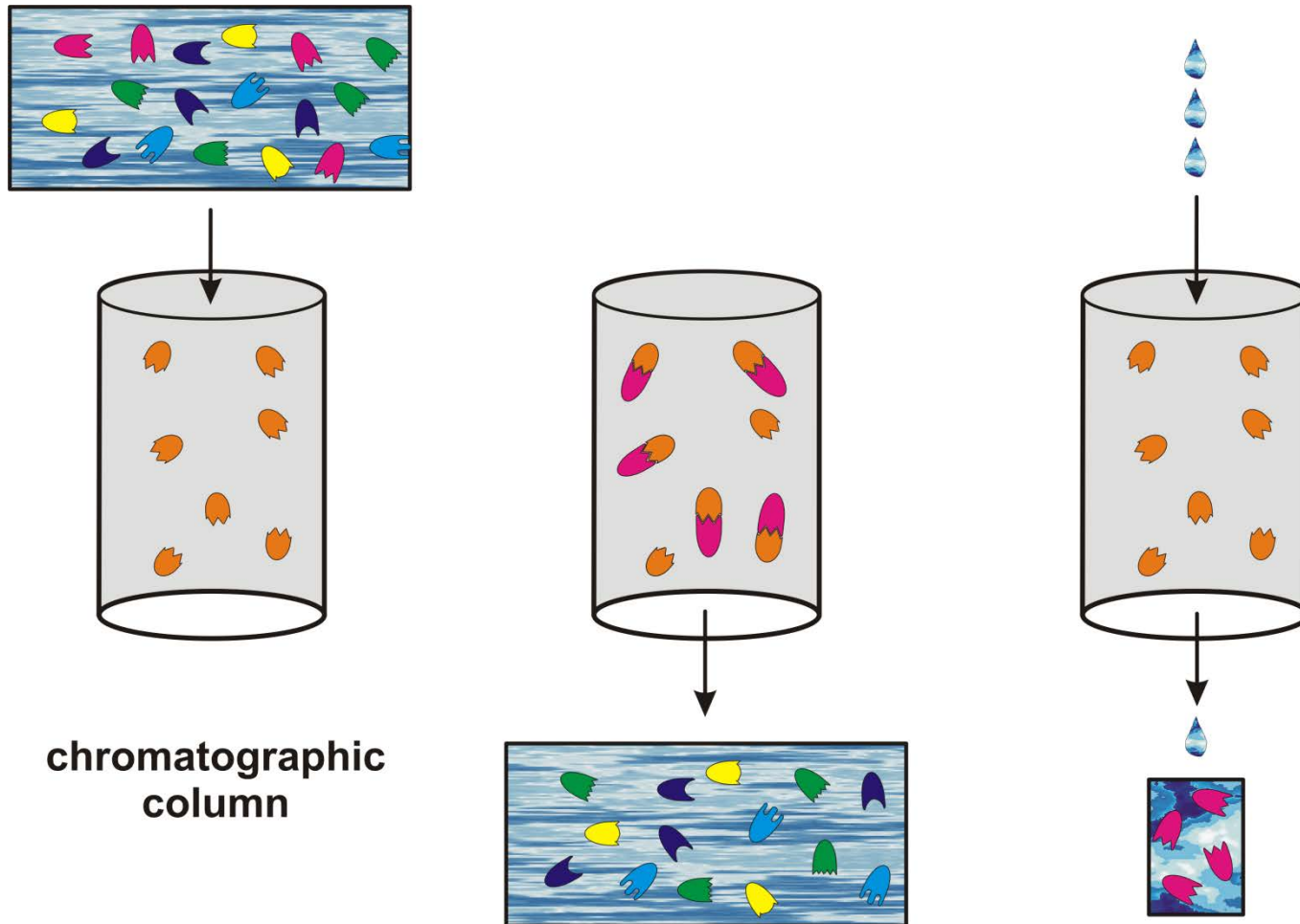
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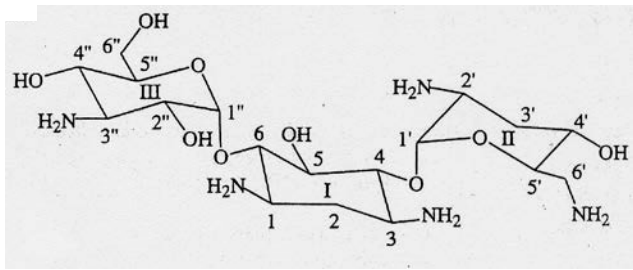
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An example of ‘artificial selection’
with RNA molecules also called
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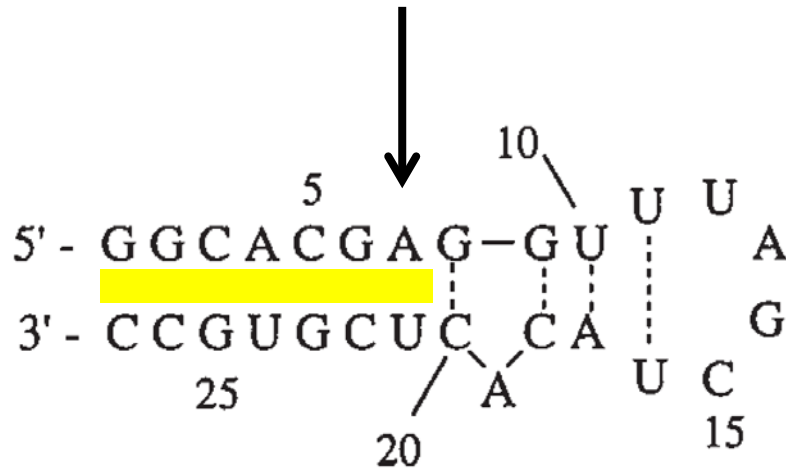


The SELEX-technique for evolutionary design of strongly binding molecules called aptamers



tobramycin

GGCACGAGGUUUAGCUACACUCGUGCC



$$27^4 = 1.8 \times 10^{16}$$

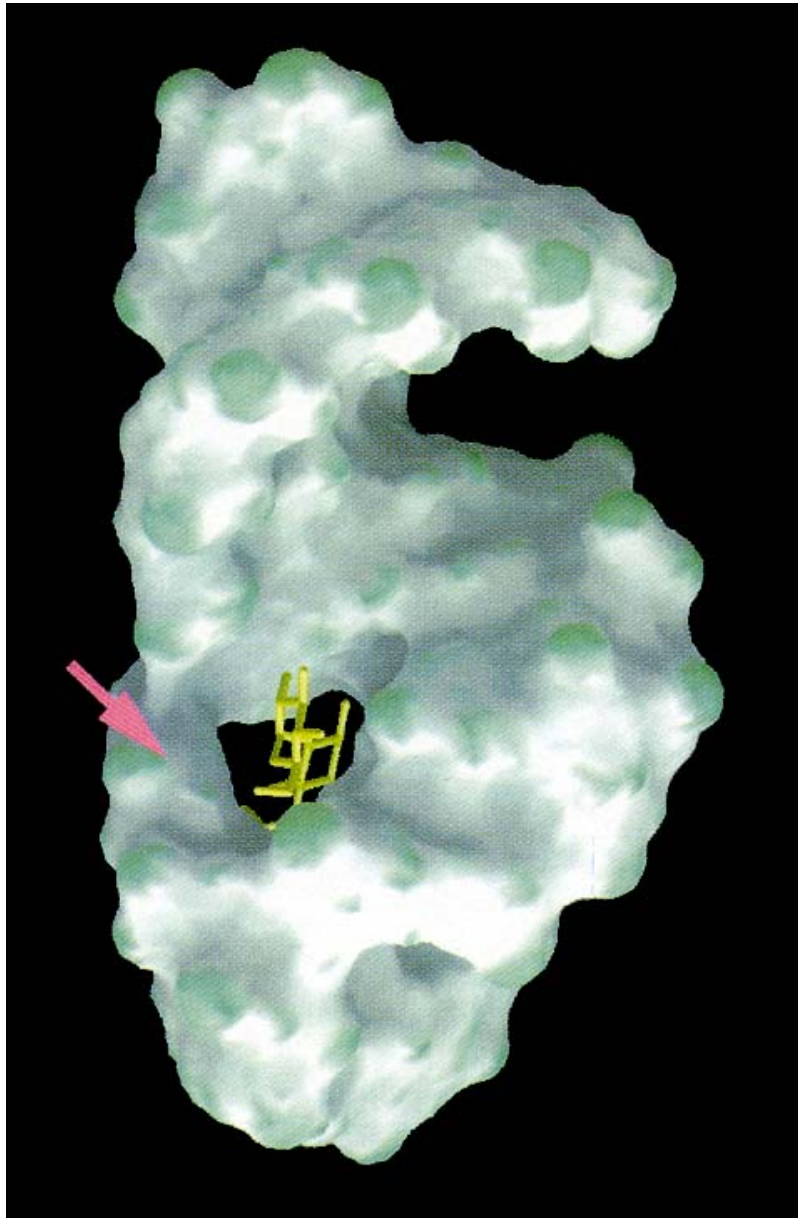
different RNA sequences

RNA aptamer, $n = 27$

Formation of secondary structure of the tobramycin binding RNA aptamer with $K_D = 9 \text{ nM}$

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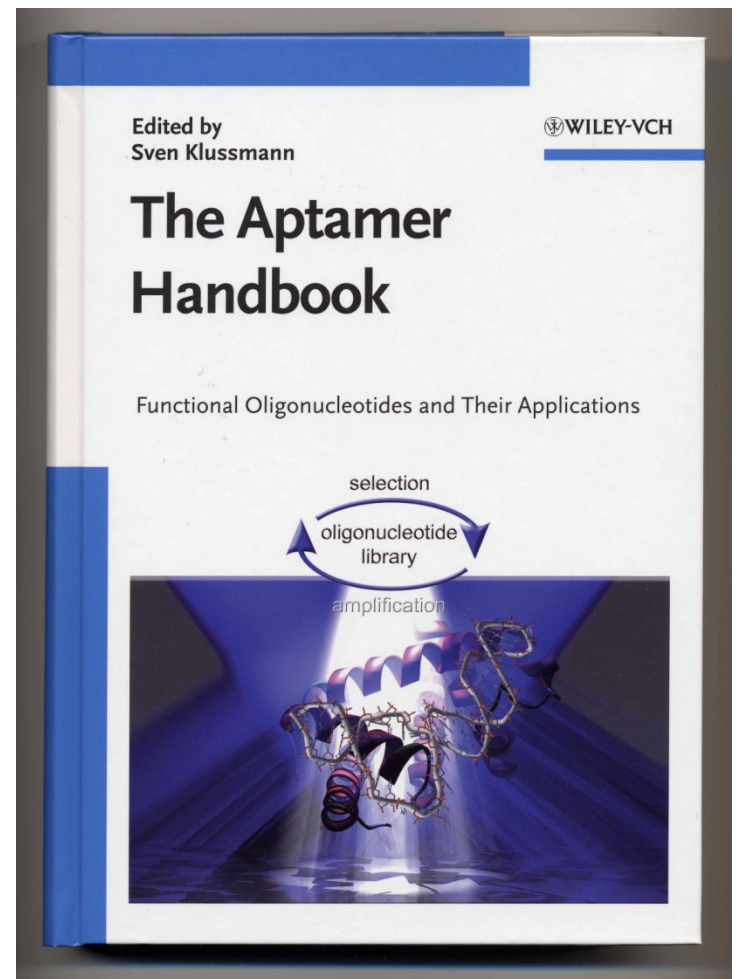
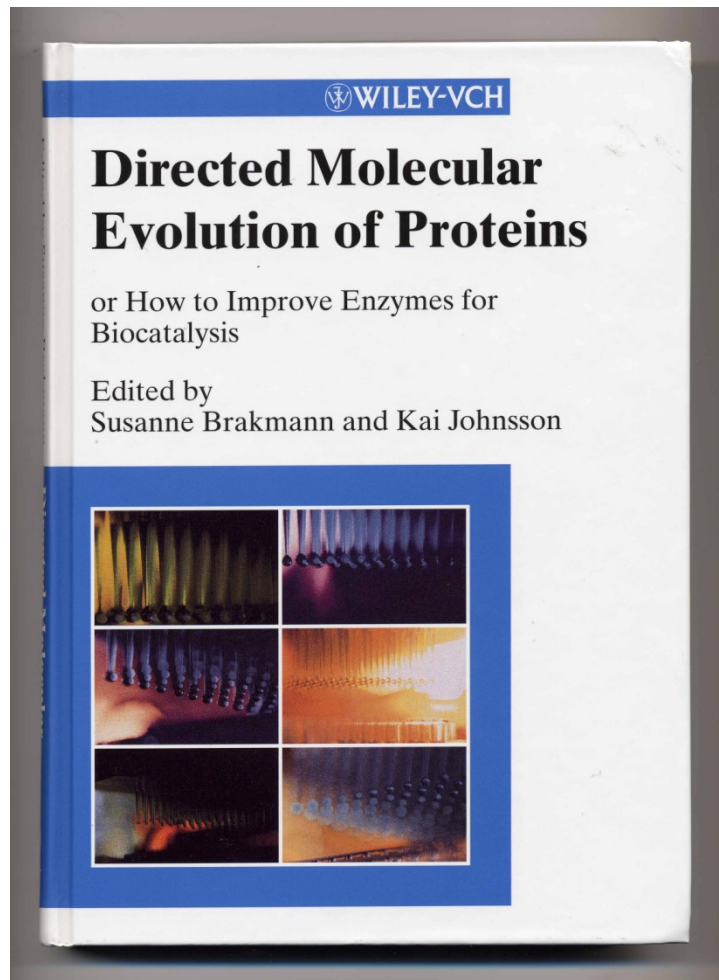


The three-dimensional structure of the tobramycin aptamer complex

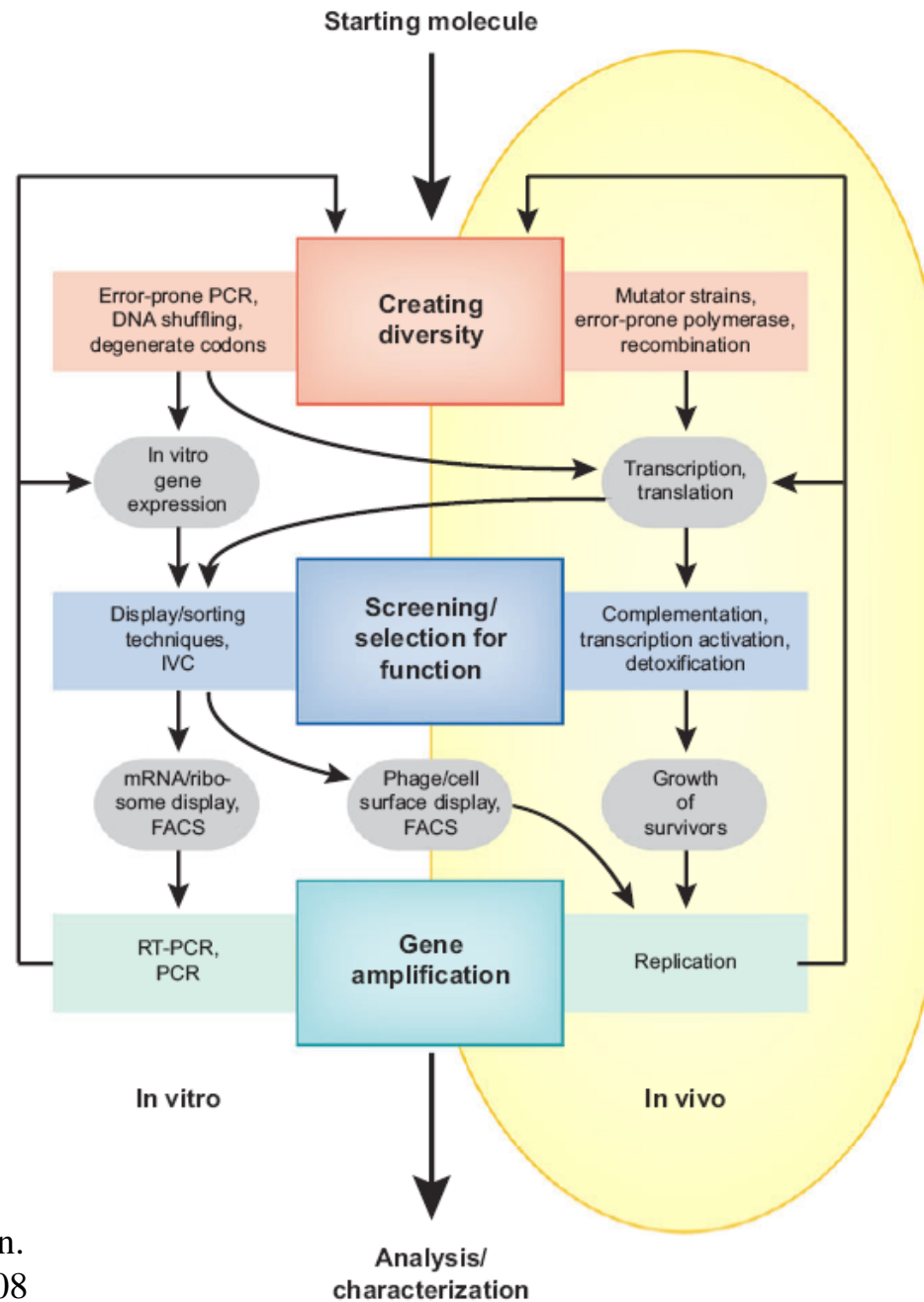
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Application of molecular evolution based on replication, mutation and selection to problems in biotechnology



Schematic overview of the principal processes, strategies, and techniques of directed evolution. Today, numerous experimental methods are available to perform the fundamental processes of true Darwinian evolution (*central boxes*) in the laboratory, either in vivo within microorganisms or entirely in vitro in the test tube. Arrows indicate possible routes for connecting individual evolutionary steps. Abbreviations: PCR, polymerase chain reaction; RT-PCR, reverse transcription PCR; IVC, in vitro compartmentalization; FACS, fluorescence-activated cell sorting.

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Protein design by directed evolution.
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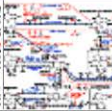

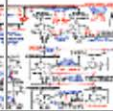
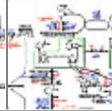
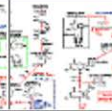
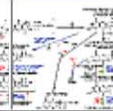
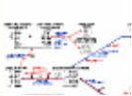



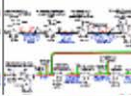



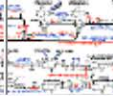

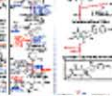
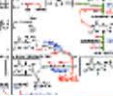





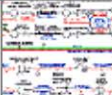





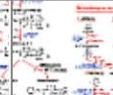
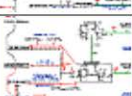


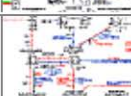

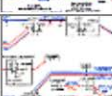


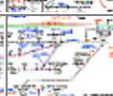
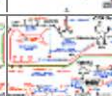
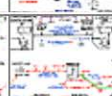

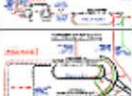


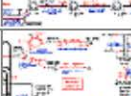
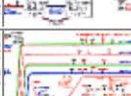
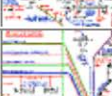
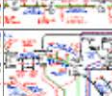

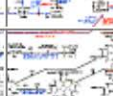
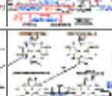
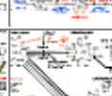
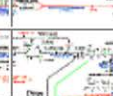
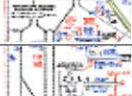


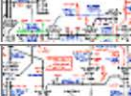



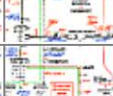

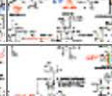
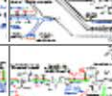
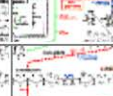

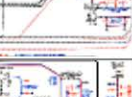
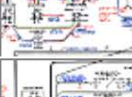


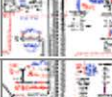



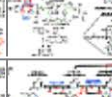

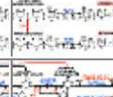




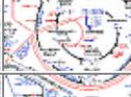
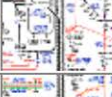



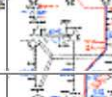
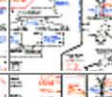
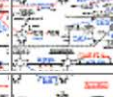

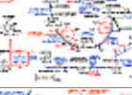
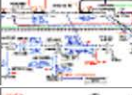
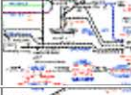

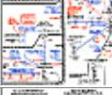

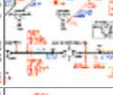


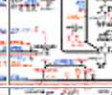
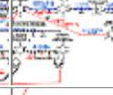


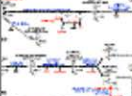



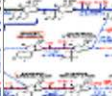
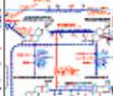



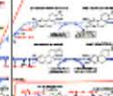
SUMMARY POINTS

1. Natural Darwinian evolution can be effectively imitated in the laboratory toward tailoring protein properties for diverse applications, including catalysis.
2. Many experimental technologies exist to produce large and diverse protein libraries and for screening or selecting folded, functional variants.
3. Folded proteins arise surprisingly frequently in random sequence space, an occurrence exploitable in evolving selective binders and catalysts.
4. While more conservative than direct selection from deep sequence space, redesign of existing proteins by random mutagenesis and selection/screening is a particularly robust method for optimizing or altering extant properties. It also represents an excellent starting point for achieving more ambitious engineering goals.
5. Allying experimental evolution with modern computational methods is likely the broadest, most fruitful strategy for generating functional macromolecules unknown in nature.

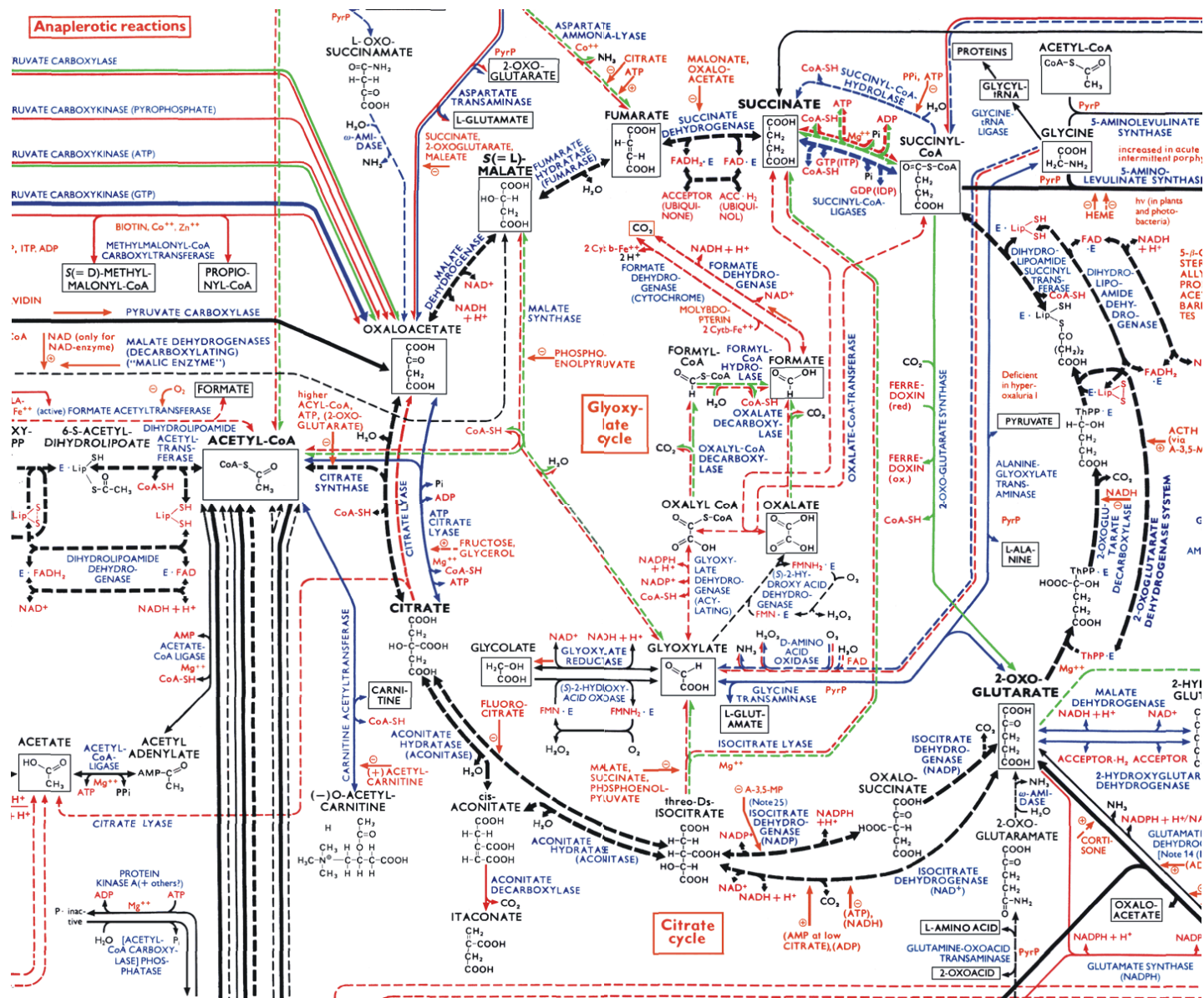
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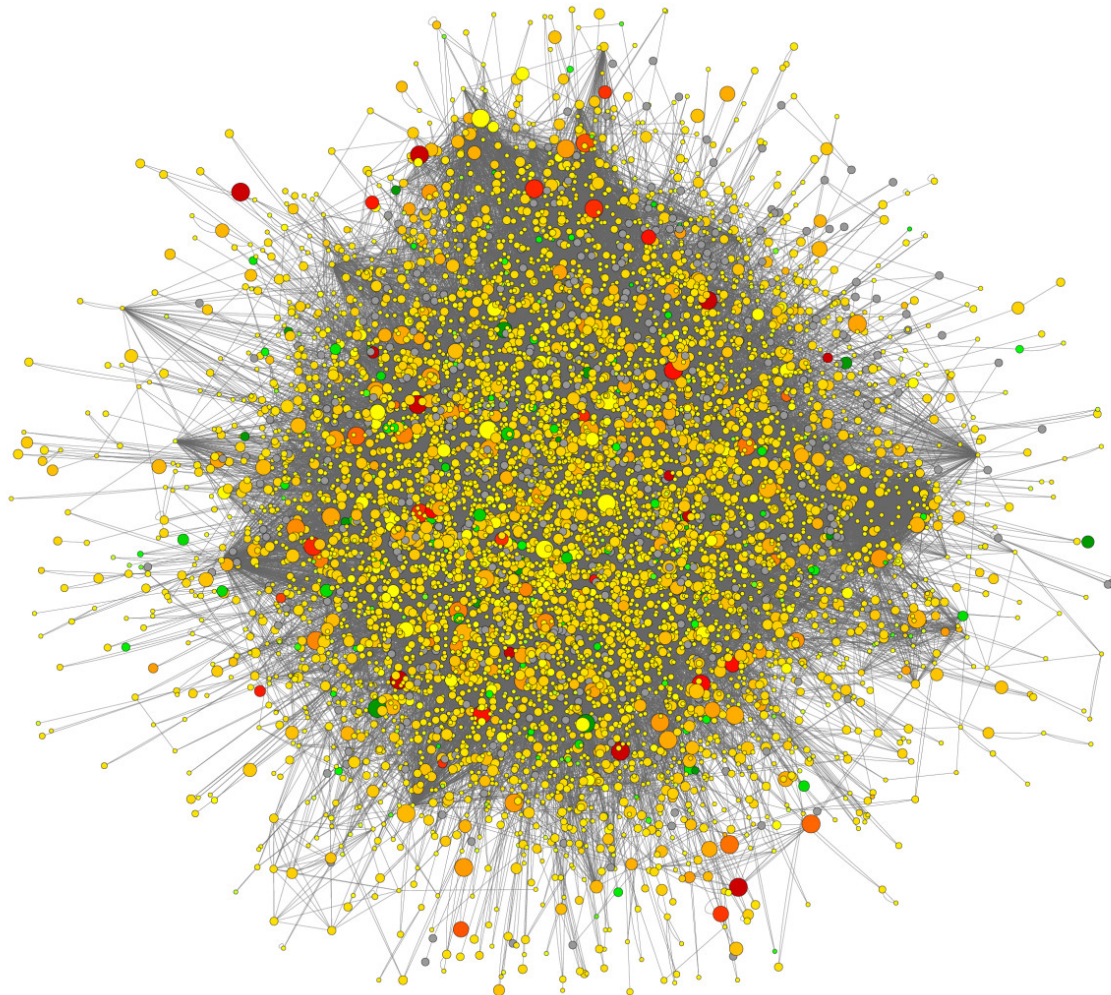
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Reduction of inherent complexity

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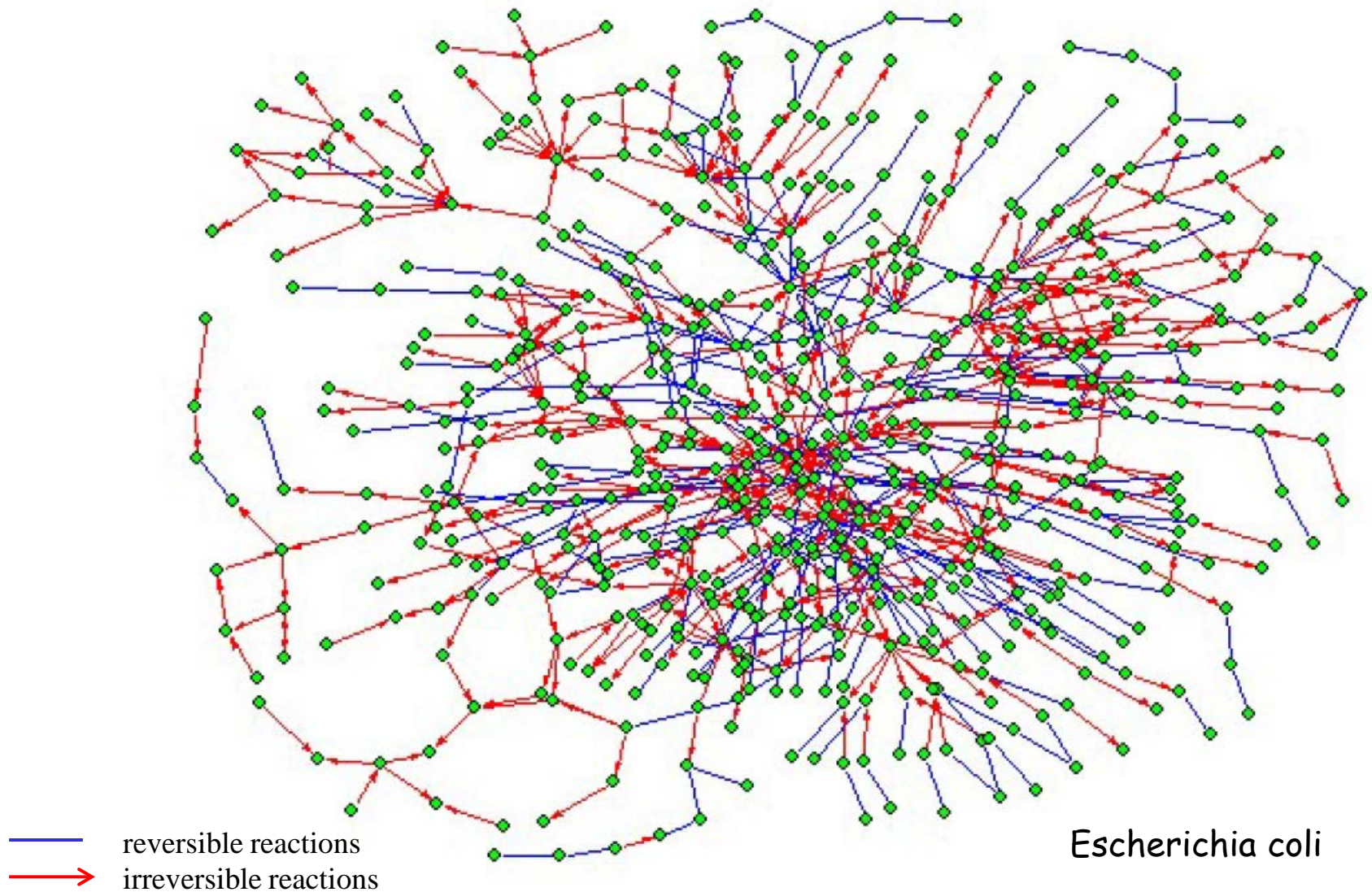
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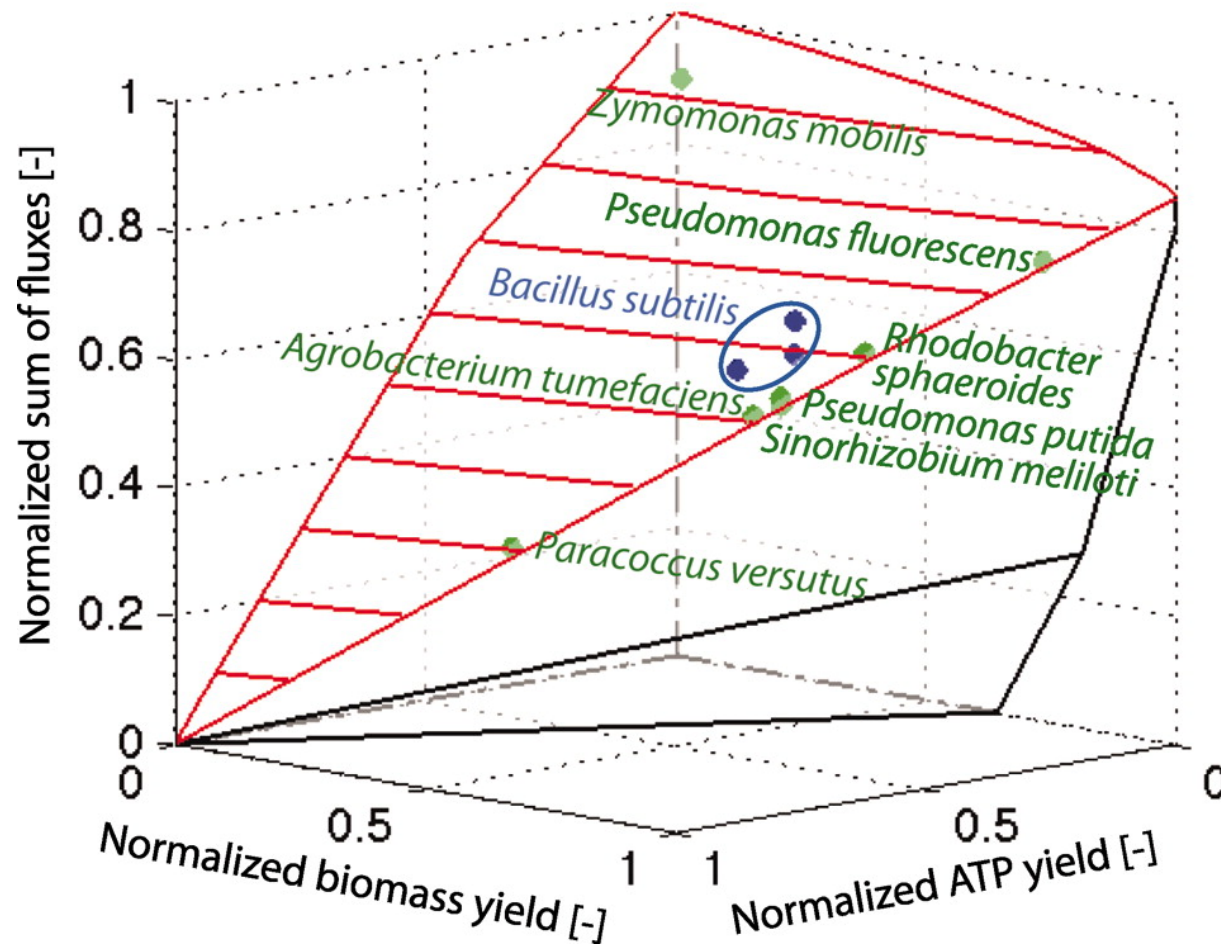


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The open ended increase in complexity

1. Complexity of interacting biopolymers
2. Complexity of cellular metabolism
3. Complexity and diversity of individuals
4. Complexity of multicellular organisms
5. Complexity of development
6. Complexity in ecosystems
7. Complexity of interactions in populations
8. Complexity of interactions in societies
9. Complexity of human societies

The complexity of life

Complexity will be manageable in the future only
by the right combination of **rigorous mathematical analysis**,
„big data“, and **computer simulation**

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