



# Abordagens ômicas integrativas em uma perspectiva de biologia de sistemas

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# Art, system theory and biochemistry



Julian Trevelyan, 1936. A Symposium.

# Biological functions are the translation of the inter relationships between molecules



# How cells control the composition of their biomass?





### **Integrative approach in a Systems Biology framework**

"Systems biology is the science of discovering, modeling, understanding and ultimately engineering at the molecular level the **dynamic relationships** between the biological molecules that define living organisms. "

(Leroy Hood PhD, MD. President of Institute for Systems Biology, Seatle U.S.A.)

#### Systems biology (my view)

Holistic approach for studying biological systems with the aim of identifying and understanding systems level features through the integrative analysis of different layers of biological information.

# System theory has long been discussed

"The physical world is not simply a sum of spatial and temporal single worlds running one besides the others, and many phenomena escape [entziehen sich] the understanding when one does not consider a physical object [Gebilde] as a whole" (Max Planck 1929:17).

Bertalanffy (1928:69–70) characterized a systemic state ("Gestalt") as comprising properties that cannot be found by simple addition of the components' properties and that furthermore disappear when the "Gestalt" is destroyed [Systemzustand] (Bertalanffy 1929c:89).

### "Systems biology" articles in a decade



Chuang et al., Ann. Rev. Cell. Dev. Biol. 2010. 26:721-44.



### Wholeness behaviour

How to identify the laws concerning the relationships among ALL parts of the biological system?



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Relationship among ALL parts

Relationship among parts

# **Complex systems**



### **Complementary approaches**



#### Figure 2

Overview of the experimental process in classical biology (*top*) versus systems biology (*bottom*).

# **Complex systems and emergent properties**



Identification and quantification of pools of biomolecules – the "Omics" approaches



# Integrative OMICS analysis is on the horizon

We define *data integration* as the use of multiple sources of information (or data) to provide a better understanding of a system/situation/association/etc. (Gomez-Cabrero et al\_2014, **DOI:** 10.1186/1752-0509-

8-S2-I1)



# Different OMICS datasets are not always directly correlated

Figure 2: Factors influencing the correlation between mRNA-protein quantities.



# Systems biology approach (one of many)





Chlamydomonas reinhardtii

Experimental datasets: transcriptomics, translatomics, proteomics, metabolomics, physiological and biochemical parameters (gas exchange, chlorophyll fluorescence, enzyme activities, ...)

Generation of models of biological systems from systematic measurements, not necessarily "omics" data.

### **Overview of our scientific and experimental approaches**



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### Microalgae can contribute to sustainable applications



Winck et al, 2013. J. Proteomics



# **Microalgae diversity: uni and multicellularity**



the scale bar shown represents 50 µm in each case

Bruce Alberts, Dennis Bray, Julian Lewis, Martin Raff, Keith Roberts, and James D Watson; http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK28332/figure/A66/

# **Distribution on supergroups**



The five eukaryotic supergroups that have been identified using molecular data.

# Microalgae in the oceans, rivers and soil



**Figure 1:** Few commercially important microalgal strains. (a) *Arthrospira* maxima (b) *Botryococcus brauanii* (c) *Scenedesmus quadricauda* (d) *Chlorella vulgaris* (e) *Dunaliella salina* (f) *Chaetoceros muelleri.* 

Raja et al., Oceanography 2014, 2:1

http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=87083&src=ve

NASA Earth Observatory image by Joshua Stevens, using Landsat data from the U.S. Geological Survey. Caption by Adam Voiland.



# Microalgae biomass production in scale



Figure 2: (a) Culture scale-up for open raceway ponds (b) A typical lab-scale photobioreactor (c) French press (side view) (d) Open raceway pond (e) Flocculated culture shows algal clumping (f) CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder (g) Culture storage tank (h) French press (front view) (i) Wet algal biomass collected from French press (j) Hot air dryer (Courtesy: Aquatic Energy LLC, Louisiana).



# Microalgae cultivation

#### Bioreactors



#### Microalgae biomass in a sustainable scenario



Strong development is needed in the field of microalgae biomass production in order to make it economically competitive. Further research is needed.

# Microalgae adjust and optimize carbon accumulation for proper biomass production and growth





# **Environmental factors affect biomass production**



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# Complex mechanisms control biomass accumulation and composition



Winck, F.V., et al (2013). J Proteomics, 94C, 207-218.

Limited uptake on high carbon dioxide



Páez Melo, et al. (2014) Advances in Computational Biology

#### Nutrient stress-induced cellular responses



Siaut et al., 2011 BMC Biotechnology.



### **Transcriptional control influences cellular responses**

Exogenous and endogenous stimuli (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>, light, temperature, hormones)

**Regulatory mechanisms (epigenetic and genetic)** 





# Regulatory proteins modulate gene transcription by multi-combinatorial mechanisms



TF = Transcription factor



# The combination of different layers of information can help us to understand the transcriptional control of biomass accumulation



Transcriptomics (Activation of transcription)

# Experimental analysis of microalgae cellular responses under carbon dioxide limitation



Chlamydomonas reinhardtii

### **Expression profiles of transcription factors were identified**



Vischi Winck F, Arvidsson S, Riaño-Pachón DM, Hempel S, et al. (2013) Genome-Wide Identification of Regulatory Elements and Reconstruction of Gene Regulatory Networks of the Green Alga Chlamydomonas reinhardtii under Carbon Deprivation. PLoS ONE 8(11): e79909.



#### **Time-series analysis of cellular responses**





# Transcript profiling: the abundance of gene transcripts in one specific moment





# Transcript profiling revealed transcripts responsive to reduced CO<sub>2</sub> concentration



Directed gene regulatory network was inferred based on experimental data and mathematical modeling



\* Hempel S, Koseska A, Kurths J, Nikoloski Z. Inner composition alignment for inferring directed networks from short time series. Phys Rev Lett. 2011 Jul 29;107(5):054101.



# Permutation-based reconstruction of gene regulatory networks


## **Networks in biology**

Complex biological systems may be represented and analyzed as computable networks

#### **Examples of networks**

- Protein–protein interaction networks
- Gene regulatory networks (molecular regulators networks)
- Gene co-expression networks (transcript–transcript association networks)
- Metabolic networks (reactions and enzymes networks)
- Signaling networks (usually integrate protein–protein interaction networks, gene regulatory networks, and metabolic networks)
- Neuronal networks
- Between-species interaction networks
- Within-species interaction networks

## Systems biology and biological networks

Biological networks are one of the many forms of modeling and representing relationships between biological components, which are dynamical units of the system (e.g., genes, proteins, metabolites, etc.).



Networks used for visualization and modeling purposes

# Systems biology and the prediction of biological networks



# **Expected and unexpected correlations in biological** states



#### **Correlation of expression values**



Figure 4. (A) Gene 2 and gene 7 correlate with each other in both normal and disease conditions, but the signs of the correlation coefficient are opposite. (B) In normal condition, there is no correlation between gene 4 and gene 5, but they gain positive correlation when the biological system transitioned to disease. (C) Example of visualization of a network transitioning between normal and disease conditions. Red lines represent positive correlation, blue line represent negative correlation, and dotted gray lines represent nonexisting correlations in one condition that strongly appear in the other condition (on this case, becomes positively correlated).

## **Correlation to causation in reconstructing biological networks**





## **Directionality in biological networks**



Fidelity and dynamics (Time-series)



### Gene promoter motifs were predicted for expressed genes

DNA sequence of the promoter regions of TFs showing alteration on transcript level



MAST-Specificity analysis of overrepresented motifs against the whole set of promoter sequences (14,598)



Time after shift to low CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (min)



Genes regulated by a common set of TFs may have similar regulatory regions in their promoters



#### **Co-occurred motifs in co-regulated genes**











## Early-responsive genes may have a role in chromatin remodeling



PIC = Pre-initiation complex



## Late responsive TF gene products may modulate important CCM-related genes





#### **Identification of regulatory elements**





#### Nucleosome-depletion is correlated with transcription





#### Formaldehyde-Assisted Isolation of Regulatory Elements (FAIRE)



Modified from Giresi *et al.,* 2007 *Genome Res.* 

# Regulatory regions of the genome were isolated from cells under carbon dioxide limitation





#### There are two candidate regulatory regions in the *Cah1* locus



## FAIRE-seq: Enriched FAIRE fragments were identified in a genome-wide manner

50 bp paired-end reads (Illumina Hiseq 2000) Detection of enriched fragments using the MACS tool



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#### **Regulatory regions were identified using FAIRE-seq**



http://tartarus.uniandes.edu.co/cgi-bin/gbrowse/Chlamydomonas\_v4/



#### FAIRE peaks of regulatory genes responsive to carbon deprivation





#### FAIRE summits tend to appear close to coding sequences



~ 70 % of the FAIRE summits are located within 1500 bp from 5' or 3' end

### FAIRE peaks identified are genome-wide distributed



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## Integration of gene expression data with regulatory genomics data



### **Different OMICS data can give us better insights**



Inference of timeline for cellular responses (Early-responsive genes and late-responsive genes)





# Proteome analysis of regulatory regions revealed the identity of annotated regulatory proteins



# FAIRE shotgun proteomics revealed identity of regulatory proteins responsive to variations in the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration



#### Control

Proteins found in chromatin fraction without formaldehyde crosslinking

141 "unspecific" DNA-binding proteins

- HSP70
- Ribosomal L19,L7Ae,S9,L17
- Nucleosome assembly protein (NAP)
- Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase
- Histone core
- Calcium-binding EF-hand
- Prefoldin
- Helicase superfamily 1 and 2
- Translation elongation factor P



# Specific regulatory proteins were identified under low CO2 concentration condition



- 39 Transcription factors/regulators (SNFs, bZIP, Jumonji)
- Initiation factor eIF-4 gamma;
- Argonaute and Dicer proteins;
- Zinc finger;
- GATA-type;
- Ankyrin;
- Tetrapyrrole biosynthesis,
- hydroxymethylbilane synthase

Integration of gene expression information, regulatory genomics and proteomics data of carbon limitation





### Integrative analysis gave us testable hypothesis



# Gene expression network and proteome analysis revealed

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				cr stra	cr_193280 cr	153832 cr_6823
Transcripts	and prot	eins associatior	ı			cr_177618 cr_174408
Identifier	gene family	Fold change 1h	Fold change 2h	Fold change 3h	FAIRE peak	126345
6783	SNF2	0.845556467199114	5.89144285360181	0.71443470567		cr_113031
34069	FHA	1.93629295615854	0.985677031777896	0.6502876073		cr_108444
101275	CCAAT	0.585306980608999	0.786567180219919	0.34460629804		
126810	CSD	6.85803552567784	11.127986144712	3.1816773588		
129649	MYB	1.33362368604303	1.11777881115331	1.0558646708		
135484	SNF2	0.616329401178817	1.50848377331645	0.82714320871		WW /
145251	HMG	0.76076099161463	0.50358781730018	1.3640979323		111.
146239	C3H	1.13833479961758	0.930144334461022	0.57714902489		
149734	C2H2	0.887126470785533	0.754275300871498	1.0465798934		
187531	bZIP	0.586500467357807	1.17644290555762	0.46354668714		

Integrative analysis can give us better insights on gene regulatory networks



Carnielli, C.M., Winck, F.V., Paes Leme, A.F. (2015) Functional annotation and biological interpretation of proteomics data. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* 1854, 46–54.



Melo D., Moncada R.-P., **Winck F.** and Gonzalez Barrios, A.F. (2014) In Silico Analysis for Biomass Synthesis under Different CO2 Levels for *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* Utilizing a Flux Balance Analysis Approach. In Castillo, L.F., *et al.* (eds), *Advances in Computational Biology*. Springer International Publishing, pp. 279-285.

## Information that the integrative analysis provided

Which TFs may play a role in biomass accumulation When TFs exert regulatory role Where TFs interact with chromatin Gene expression Further analysis performed What effects TFs generate on the metabolism How TFs affect metabolic sensitive genes

Integrative analysis helped us to reduce the number of possible candidate subnetworks that may control biomass accumulation



Input: levels of CO2 (Low/High) Regulatory regions: TF-DNA interactions Regulatory genes: Modulated regulators Target genes: Metabolic targets (sensitive genes) Output: High biomass/Lipids/Pigments

## **Relevance of integration schemes**

	RNA-Seq	ncRNA	ChIP-Seq Histone	ChIP-Seq TF	CpG DNA Methylation	DNase-Seq	Complete DNA sequencing	Exome sequencing	Proteomics	Metabolomics	Chromatin Conformation	Clinical Data	Co-morbidities	Other
RNA-Seq		29.6%	24.8%	29.6%	32.8%	16.0%	21.6%	22.4%	36.8%	21.6%	14.4%	28.0%	10.4%	0.0%
ncRNA	6.4%		8.0%	7.2%	10.4%	4.0%	6.4%	8.0%	5.6%	4.0%	1.6%	10.4%	4.0%	0.0%
ChIP-Seq Histone	6.4%	0.8%		16.0%	16.0%	11.2%	3.2%	4.8%	7.2%	4.0%	8.8%	5.6%	2.4%	0.0%
ChIP-Seq TF	6.4%	0.8%	0.8%		12.0%	16.0%	5.6%	7.2%	9.6%	4.0%	10.4%	7.2%	2.4%	0.0%
CpG DNA Methylation	11.2%	2.4%	3.2%	2.4%		8.8%	9.6%	7.2%	6.4%	4.0%	9.6%	12.0%	4.8%	0.0%
DNase-Seq	4.0%	0.8%	1.6%	2.4%	4.8%		4.0%	5.6%	4.8%	4.0%	10.4%	9.6%	2.4%	0.0%
Complete DNA sequencing	8.8%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	2.4%	4.0%		10.4%	13.6%	10.4%	2.4%	20.0%	5.6%	0.0%
Exome sequencing	17.6%	0.8%	1.6%	0.8%	2.4%	0.8%	6.4%		12.0%	8.8%	0.0%	20.0%	7.2%	0.0%
Proteomics	15.2%	1.6%	0.8%	0.8%	1.6%	2.4%	4.8%	8.0%		27.2%	5.6%	16.8%	5.6%	1.6%
Metabolomics	16.8%	2.4%	2.4%	1.6%	3.2%	2.4%	6.4%	4.8%	10.4%		2.4%	17.6%	6.4%	0.8%
Chromatin Conformation	0.8%	0.0%	2.4%	2.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%		4.0%	2.4%	0.0%
Clinical Data	31.2%	8.0%	7.2%	9.6%	15.2%	9.6%	20.0%	21.6%	16.8%	20.0%	4.0%		14.4%	3.2%
Co-morbidities	8.8%	4.0%	3.2%	5.6%	6.4%	4.8%	7.2%	5.6%	2.4%	5.6%	0.8%	16.0%		1.6%
Other	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.8%	
Same data Type in Basic Science	14.4%	6.4%	5.6%	6.4%	4.8%	3.2%	5.6%	4.0%	7.2%	4.8%	2.4%	4.0%	3.2%	1.6%
Same data type in Clinical Environment	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	1.6%	4.0%	0.0%	5.6%	0.8%	0.0%

(N=125 participants)

Gomez-Cabrero et al. BMC Systems Biology 2014, 8(Suppl 2):I1

## Integrative approaches may give us broader insights



Models of biological systems from systematic measurements

Winck, F.V., Paez Melo, D.O. and Gonzalez Barrios, A.F. (2013) Carbon acquisition and accumulation in microalgae Chlamydomonas: Insights from 72 "omics" approaches, *J Proteomics*, 94C, 207-218
Cellular responses to varying CO<sub>2</sub> may reveal pathways for improving biomass accumulation



# Higher CO<sub>2</sub> concentration lead to enhanced biomass accumulation in microalgae



### More carbon dioxide is not always better



Winck, F.V., Páez Melo, D.O., Riaño-Pachón<sup>,</sup> D.M., Caldana, C., Martins, M., González Barrios, A.F. (2015) Analysis of sensitive CO<sub>2</sub> pathways and 75 genes related to carbon uptake in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* through genomic scale modeling and experimental validation (Unpublished data)

## Chlamydomonas under high availability of carbon dioxide suppress biomass accumulation



#### **Metabolic network models**



Allison Yaguchi, 21:54, 3 November 2012

No. Reaction	Equation	LB	UB KEGG RxnNum	Observation
2894	[c] : gdpmann + h2o + (2) nad> gdpdm + (2) nadh + (2) h	-1000	1000 R00880	Found by homology
2895	[c] : gdpdm + (2) nadh + (2) h> gdpmann + h2o + (2) nad	-1000	1000 R00880	Found by homology
2896	[c] : h + nadh + ru5p-D> nad + dr5p	-1000	0 1000 R01524	Found by homology
2897	[h] : h + nadh + ru5p-D> nad + dr5p	-1000	0 1000 R01524	Found by homology
2898	[c] : nad + dr5p> h + nadh + ru5p-D	-1000	0 1000 R01524	Found by homology
2899	[h] : nad + dr5p> h + nadh + ru5p-D	-1000	0 1000 R01524	Found by homology
2900	[c] : h + nadph + ru5p-D> nadp + dr5p	-1000	0 1000 R01525	Found by homology

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## Understanding biomass accumulation by integrating experimental data into metabolic network models



Modified from Mol.BioSyst., 2009, 5, 1889-1903.

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### Sensitive genes and reactions were identified based on In silico simulations which integrated experimental data



Total biomass

## Detection of sensitive genes and pathways may indicate essential routes for biomass accumulation

Biological processes	Sensitive genes *
	MITC14/ MITC28 / PTB8 / PTB7 / PRB1/ PRB12 / PTB4 / PTB2 /
Transport, mitochondria	CRv4_Au5.213.g4507.t1
Phenylalanine tyrosine	
and tryptophan	AST4 / HIS5
TCA cycle/ CO2 fixation	ACH1/ IDH3 / SDH1 / SDH2 / OGD1
Valine, Leucine and	CRv4_Au5.s4.g11844.t1/Crv4_Au5.s12.g3863.t1/
isoleucine degradation	CRv4_Au5.s6.g13618.t1 / CRv4_Au5.s12.g3863.t1 / g1910.t1
Pyruvate metabolism;	HYDA1/MFDX/HYDA2/PFL1/ACK2/AACK1/ACK1/PAT1/PAT2/
Glyoxylate metabolism	CRv4_Au5.s6.g13230.t1/ CRv4_Au5.s2.g9723.t1
Alanine and aspartate	
metabolism; Glycerine, Serine	
and Threonine	AST3 / AST1
Carbon Fixation	AAT1 / AAT2 / MME3 / MME6 / MDH5 / MME2
Glycolisis,	
Gluconeogenesis, Valine,	
Leucine and isoleucine	DLDH1 / PDC2 / PDH2 / ALSS1 / ALSL1 / PYK1 / PYK5 / PHG1 / GAP3/
degradation	GAP1 / PGM2 / PGM5 / PGM1B / PGK1 / TPIC / FBA1 / FBA2 / PGI1 / GPM2
Transport, Extracellular	NAR1.6 / NAR1.3 / NAR1.4
Pentose Phosphate	
Pathway	TAL1 / TRK1/ RPE1/ RPI1
Glycine, Serine and	
Threonine metabolism	Crv4_Au5.s10.g124.t2 / THD1 / SHMT3
	AOC6 / AOC5 / AOT7 / DAT1 / OMT1 / AOT5 / FBB13 / NAR1.5 / NAR1.2
	/NAR1.1/AAA3/AAA1/CRv4_Au5.s14.g5515.t1/
Transport, Chloroplast	CRv4_Au5.s15.g5921.t1 / CRv4_Au5.g14736.t1 / MOT20 / MIP1 / MIP2
Dutana ta Mataka kaliana	
Butanoate Metabolism	CRV4_AU5.57.814479.017 CRV4_AU5.516.86952.01
	NUA3 / NUU11 / NUU10 / NUU13 / NUU21 / NUU3 / NUU5 / NUU6 /
Oxidative Phosphorylation	
Propanoate Metabolism	
Nitrogen Metabolism	CGL///IBA5//GCST



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### Gene expression analysis of sensitive genes validated candidates



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### High carbon dioxide availability affected the metabolome



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### Inferring correlation between OMICS data





#### Methods and tools for integration of multi-omics data



#### **Integrative OMICS helps to improve genome annotation**

Figure 1: Integrating the mRNA sequencing and peptide sequencing for proteogenomic discovery and genome annotation.



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## Design of proper devices for accelerating microalgae synthetic biology



Nature 474, S15–S16 (23 June 2011) doi:10.1038/474S015a

### International PhD in Bioenergy (USP, UNESP, UNICAMP)



#### http://genfis40.esalq.usp.br/pg\_bio/

USP/ESALQ - PIR

# More info about microalgae biology and sustainable applications is freely available



http://journal.frontiersin.org/researchtopic/3405/advances-in-microalgae-biology-and-sustainable-applications

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