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## Pain Signaling - A Case Study of the Modular Petri Net Modeling Concept with Prospect to a Protein-Oriented Modeling Platform

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# Motivations



#### Motivation

- Monolithic pathway models are not always easy to handle
  - Hard to maintain, update and curate
  - Coupling of different pathway models is far from trivial



"And that's why we need a computer."

⇒ Our Idea: Modular representation of proteins with a defined connection interface



#### **Motivation**

- ODEs are not always the best choice (see also Ref. [2])
  - Difficult analysis of topological network properties
  - Mathematical structure hides biological information
  - Transformation into a reaction network is not unique
  - Difficult to understand for "wet-

lab" biologists





# Modular Petri net Modeling Concept



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A module is a comprehensive "review article" about a protein in the form of a Petri net Uterature Research is in the form of a Petri net 2.) Translation into a PN

Module

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⇒Validation of each module by topological Properties of a Petri net and simulation studies



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#### Properties

PUR	ORD	НОМ	NBM	CSV	SCF	FTO	TFO	<b>FPO</b>	PFO	CON	SC
Ν	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Ν	Y	Y	Y	N
DTP	CPI	СТІ	SCTI	SB	k-B	1-B	DCF	DSt	DTr	LIV	REV
N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N

<u>Covered with P-INV:</u>
Set of all possible states of a domain of the module-protein, an interactive protein or of the non-protein



- Stochastic simulation studies
  - Dynamic behavior of the modules has to reflect the assigned function of the protein



#### Generation of a Modular Network

- Generation of a modular network from a set of modules
- Identical copies of subnets and places of non-proteins build the connection interface among the modules





## **Properties of the Modular Network**

#### Modules:

PUR	ORD	НОМ	NBM	CSV	SCF	FT0	TFO	<b>FPO</b>	PFO	CON	SC
Ν	Y	Y	N	N	Ν	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
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Ν	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N

# TRANSFER

Modular network:

PUR	ORD	НОМ	NBM	CSV	SCF	FTO	TFO	<b>FPO</b>	PFO	CON	SC
Ν	Y	Y	N	Ν	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
DTP	CPI	СТІ	SCTI	SB	k-B	1-B	DCF	DSt	DTr	LIV	REV
Ν	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N



must not be fulfilled  $\Rightarrow$  1:1 Transfer

variable  $\Rightarrow$  Determined by the intersection of the modules

must be fulfilled  $\Rightarrow$  1:1 Transfer



# Case Study - Pain Signaling



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## Modules

- 38 Modules based on literature
  - Enzymes (PKA, PKC, AC etc.)
  - Receptors (GPCRs)
  - Ca(2+)-Channels
  - Etc.
- Validated by:
  - Structural analysis
  - Simulation studies
- All modules are valid !

## 320 scientific articles





#### Example : mueOR + Gi-Protein



muOR Gi a BS Gi a GPCR BS



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#### Other Examples: Protein kinase A

Module 9.1 - Regulation of Protein Kinase A (Rbetal)





#### Other Examples: TRPV1- Ion-Channel





#### **Top-Level of the Nociceptive Network**





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# **Conclusion and Outlook**



#### Advantages

- Modules are...
  - interactive reviews of spread information about a protein
  - easy to update, to extend,
  - to couple by identical matching subnets => straight forward generation of modular networks
  - reusable in other networks
- Extend the modular core network with gene expression, degradation, translocation modules...







#### **Outlook: "Pain Model"**

- Identification of possible targets for therapeutic intervention strategies
  - Completion
  - Parameterization and Validation
  - Stochastic Simulation studies
  - Extension to colored Petri nets to represent multiple copies of Proteins and DRG neuron populations





## Outlook: Modular Modeling Concept

- Network reconstruction coupled with modular modeling concept
- Advanced analysis of structural motifs
- Other case studies: pain signaling, EGF pathway...





## Outlook: Modular Modeling Concept Modeling platform for protein modules:



- Organization of the modules
- Module + data set offering detailed information
- Strict naming convention
- Automatic generation of modular networks from a set of approved curated modules
  - Iterative search of coupling partners
  - Pathway oriented suggestion using tags



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2011: 14.30 - 19.00 H - FOUNDATIONS OF ADVANCED PETRI NETS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011: 9.00 - 13.30 H - FURTHER ADVANCED PETRI NET TECHNIQUES AND APPLICATIONS

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#### **Interaction Matrix**



#### Interaction Matrix in the Background of the Database

	ADCY5	GNAI1	GNAS1	OPRD1	OPRK1	OPRM1	PRKACA	PRKCA	PRKCZ	TRPV1
ADCY5	-									
GNAI1		-								
GNAS1			-							
OPRD1				-						
OPRK1					-					
OPRM1						-				
PRKACA							-			
PRKCA								-		
PRKCZ									-	
TRPV1										-



### **Iterative Search of Coupling Partners**

#### 1.) Search Interacting Proteins



#### 2.) List of Interacting Proteins