



# Inference of Drug/Disease targets

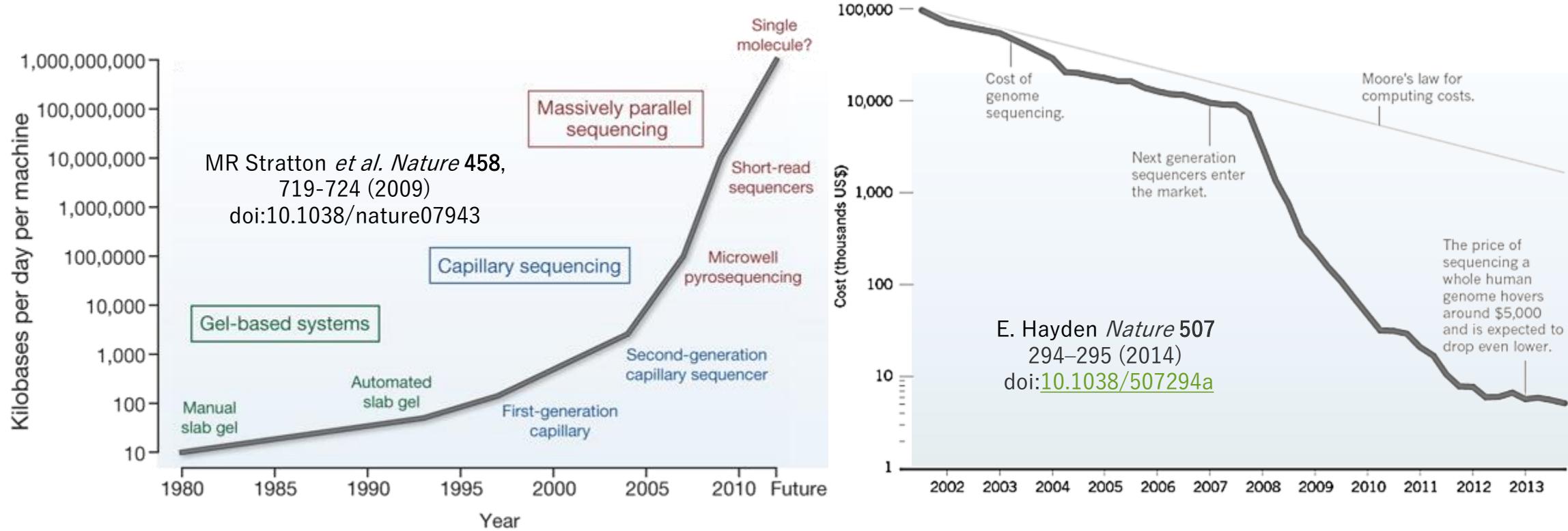
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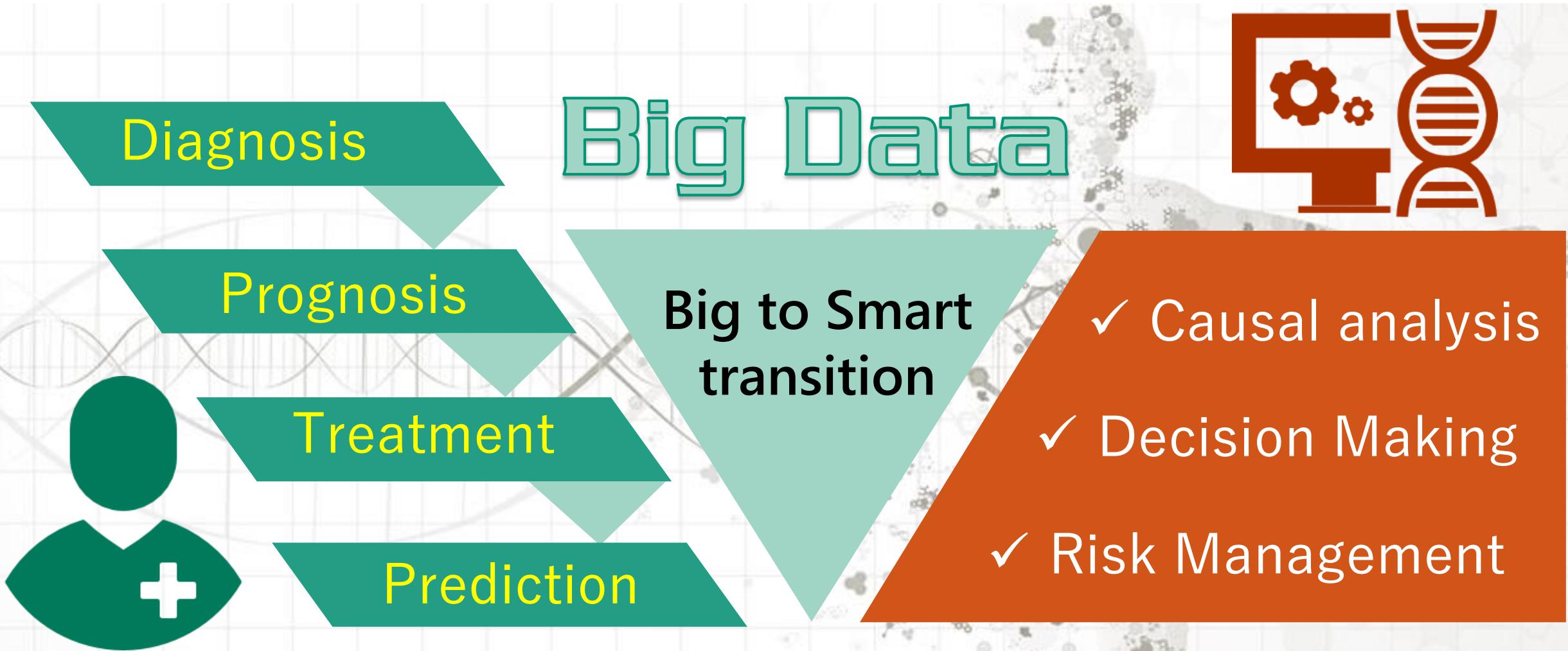
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# Medicine in the Age of Omics Era



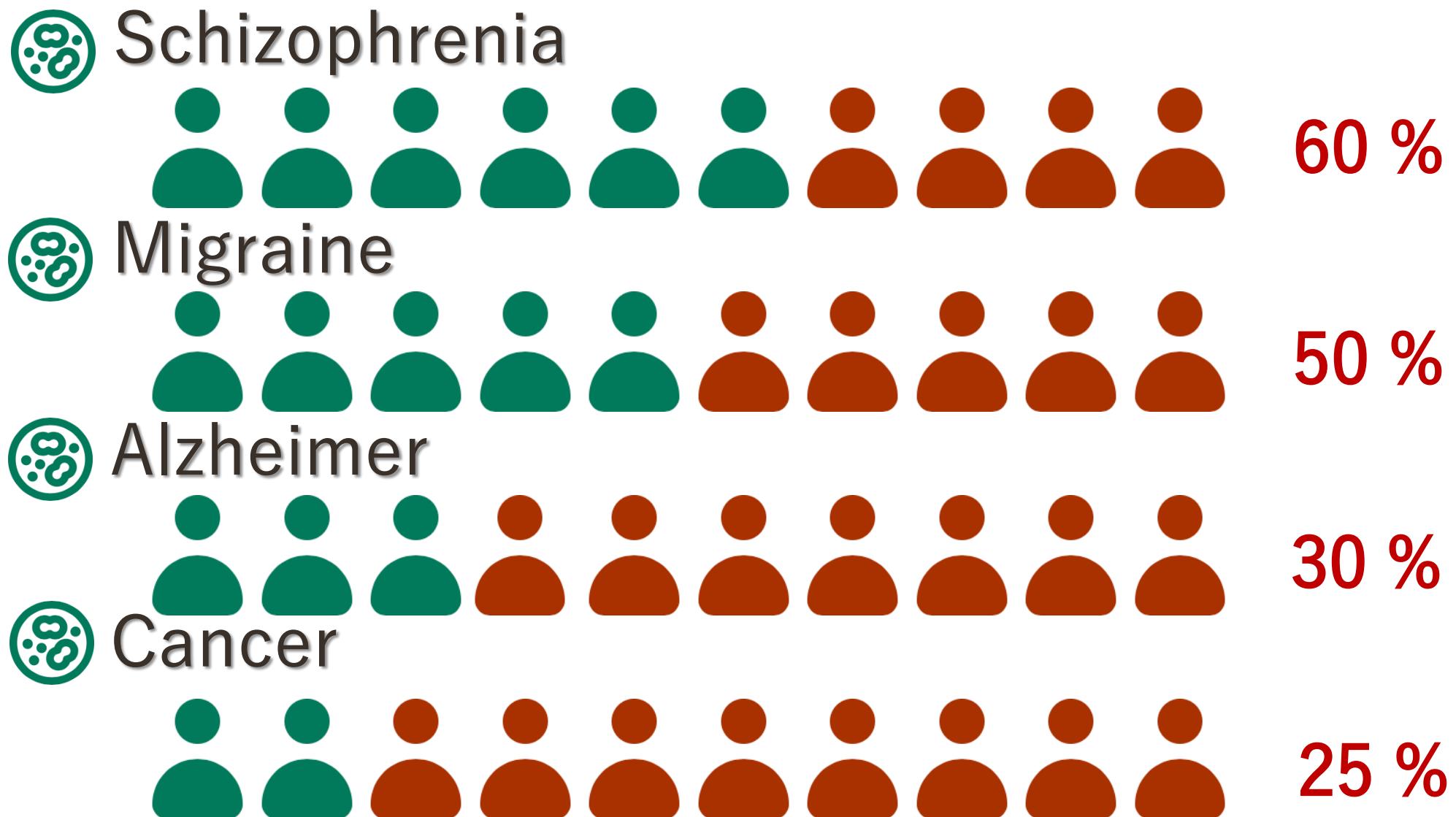
- ❖ Law of accelerating returns
- ❖ Opening avenues to a predictive personalized & precision Medicine
- ❖ Based on Omics Big Data : Genomics, Proteomics, Transcriptomics, Epigenomics, ...

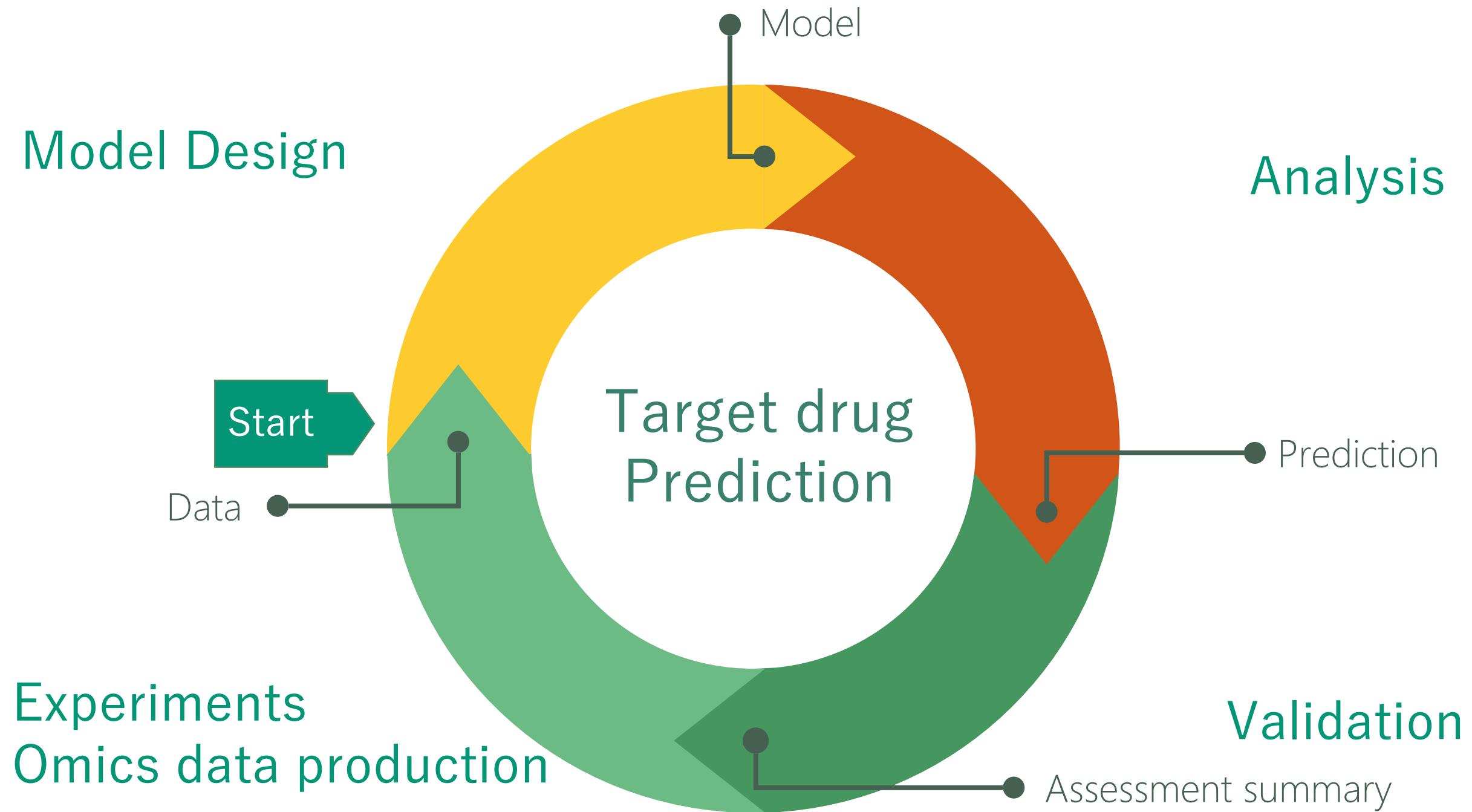
# Omics Analysis in the Age of Precision & Personalized Medicine



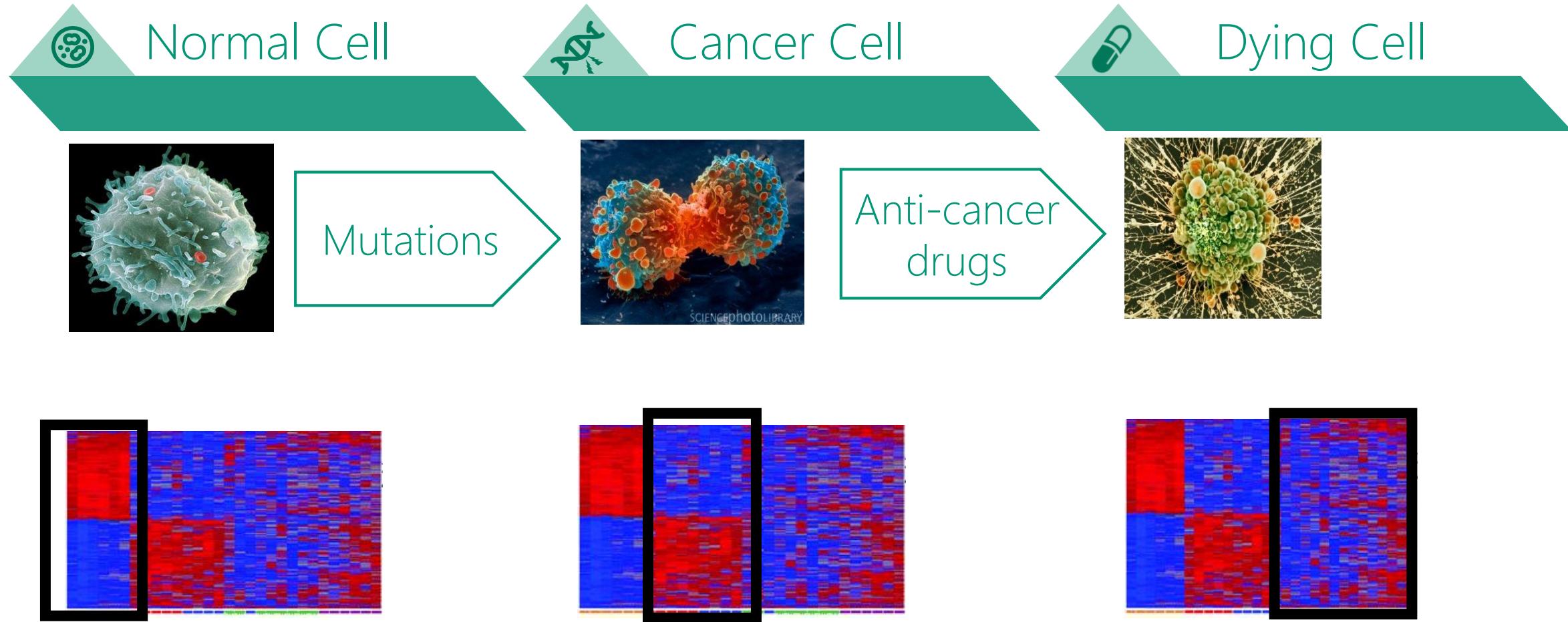
# Drug efficiency

Spear, Brian B., Margo Heath-Chiozzi, and Jeffrey Huff. "Clinical application of pharmacogenetics." *Trends in molecular medicine* 7.5 (2001): 201-204.





# Scenario: Phenotype shift/cell reprogramming

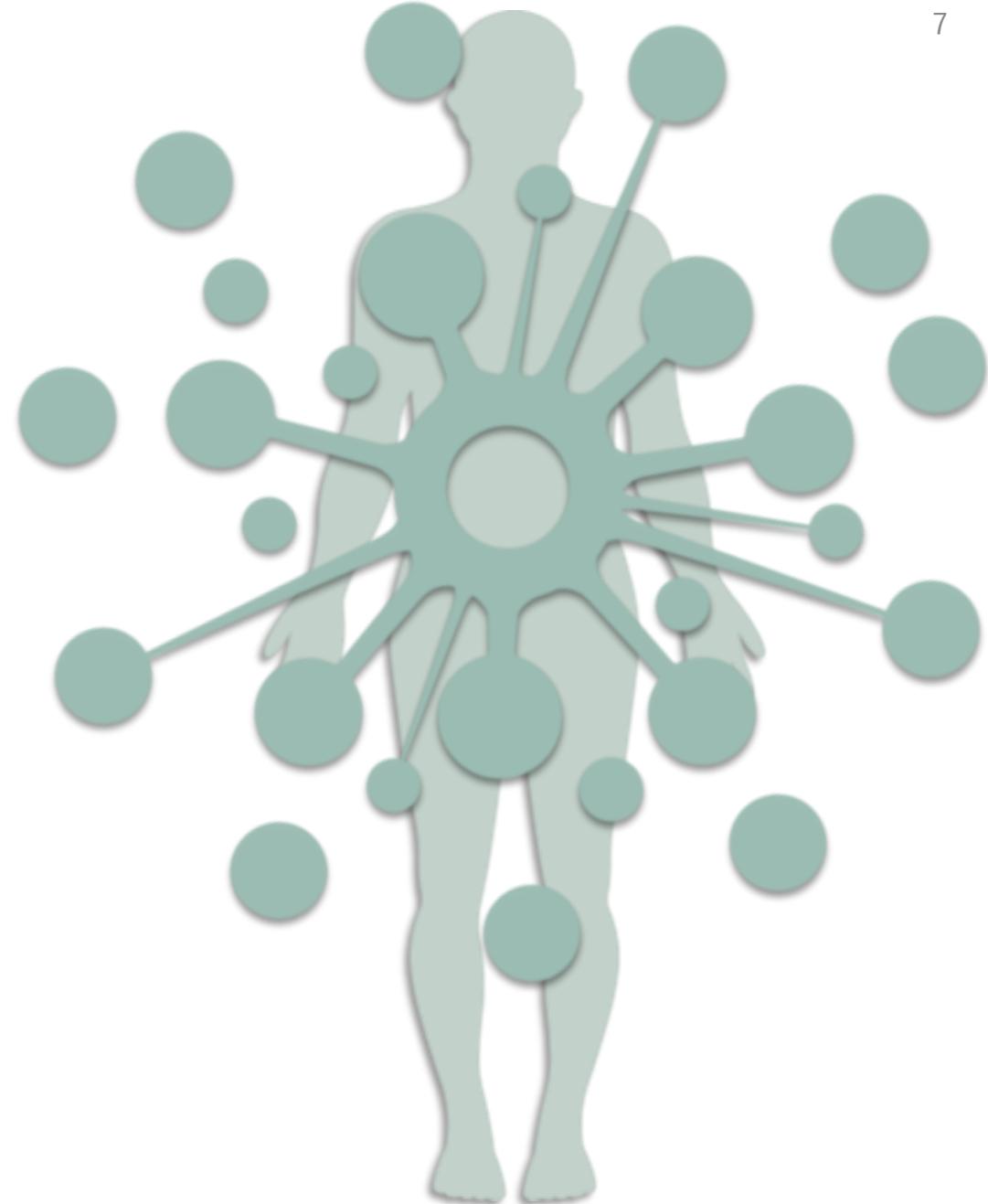


Phenotypic Switch = Observable Biomarker Shift

# Modeling analogy

What is a disease model ?

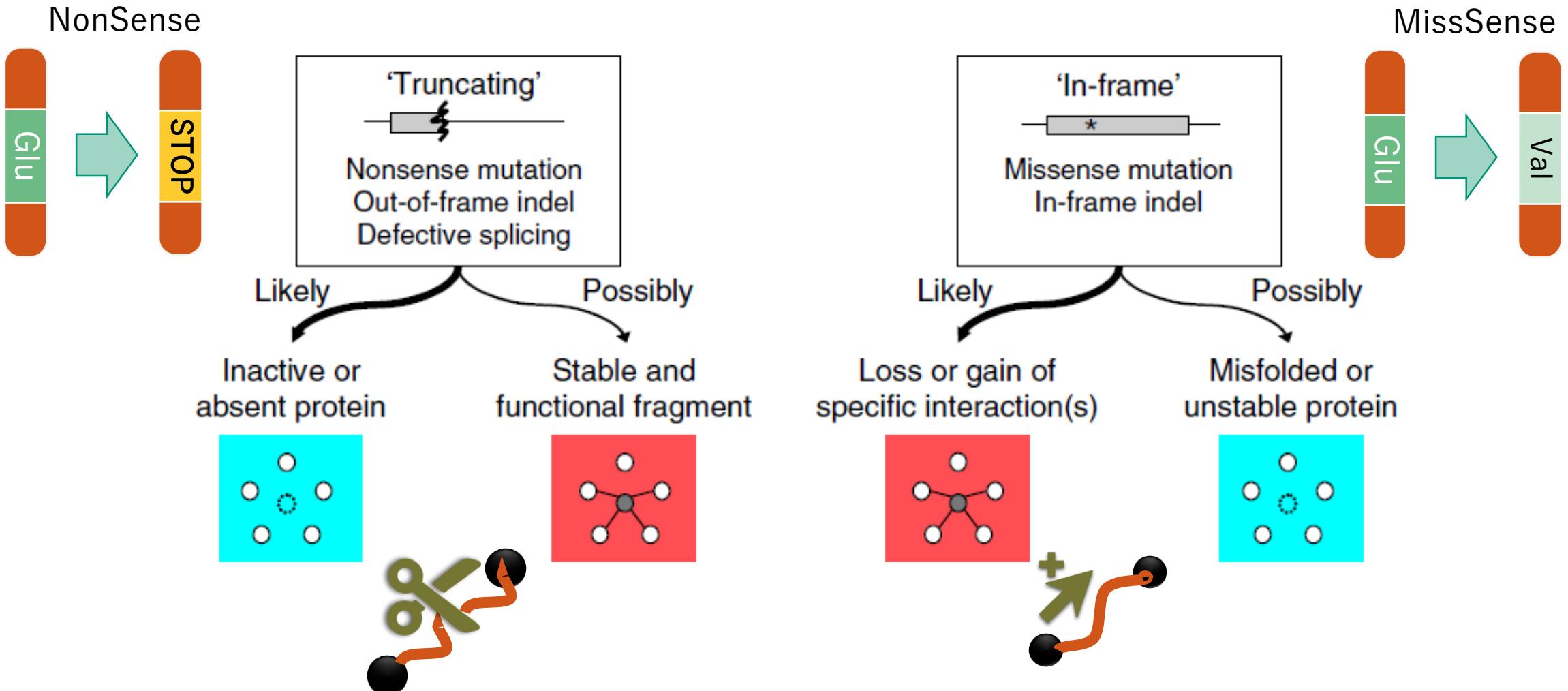
What is a diseased model ?



# Disease ► Interactome perturbation

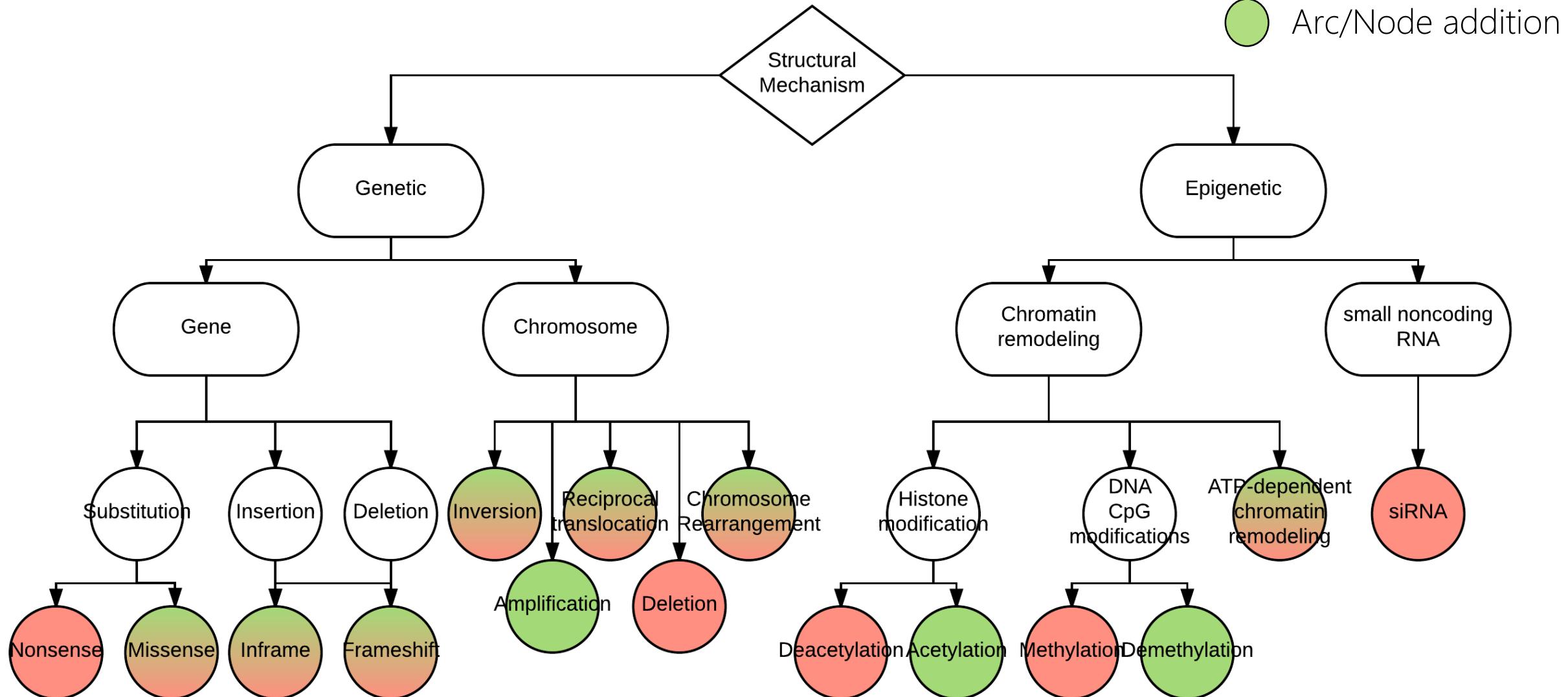
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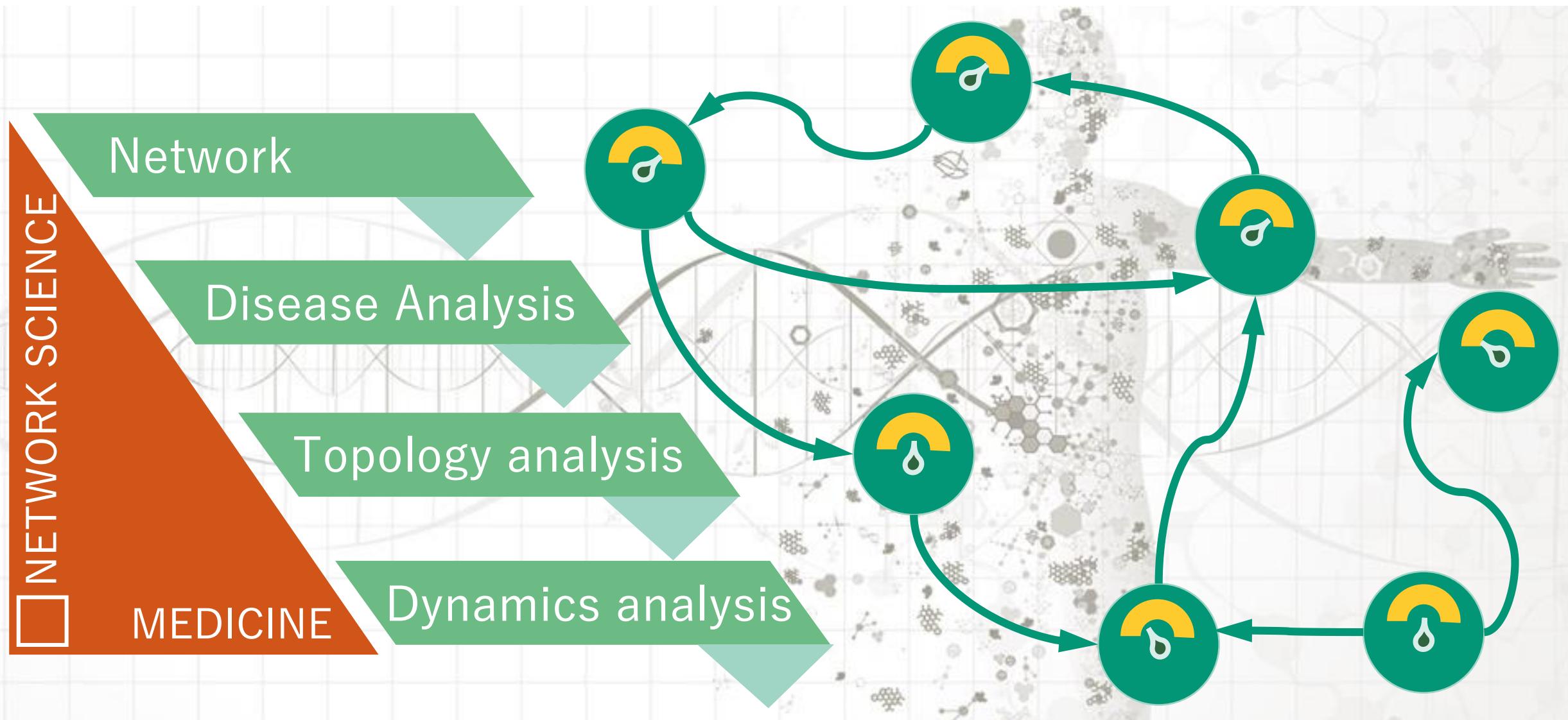


Addition & Deletion of arcs and nodes

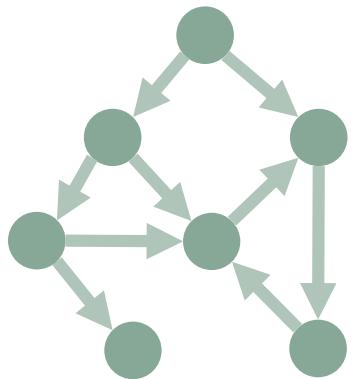
# Causes of Cancer as network actions



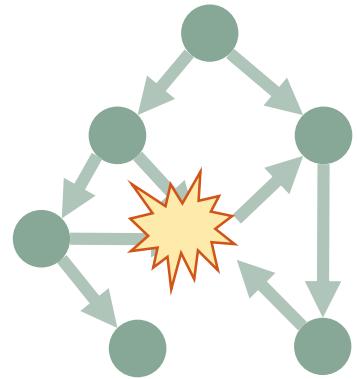
# Network Medicine



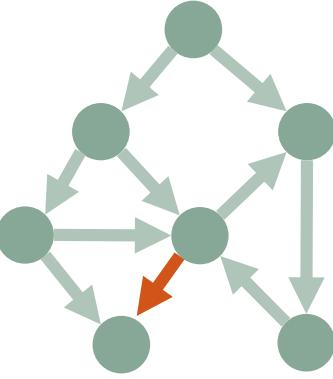
# Revisiting Genotype-to-Phenotype Relation



Phenotype  
1



Phenotype  
2

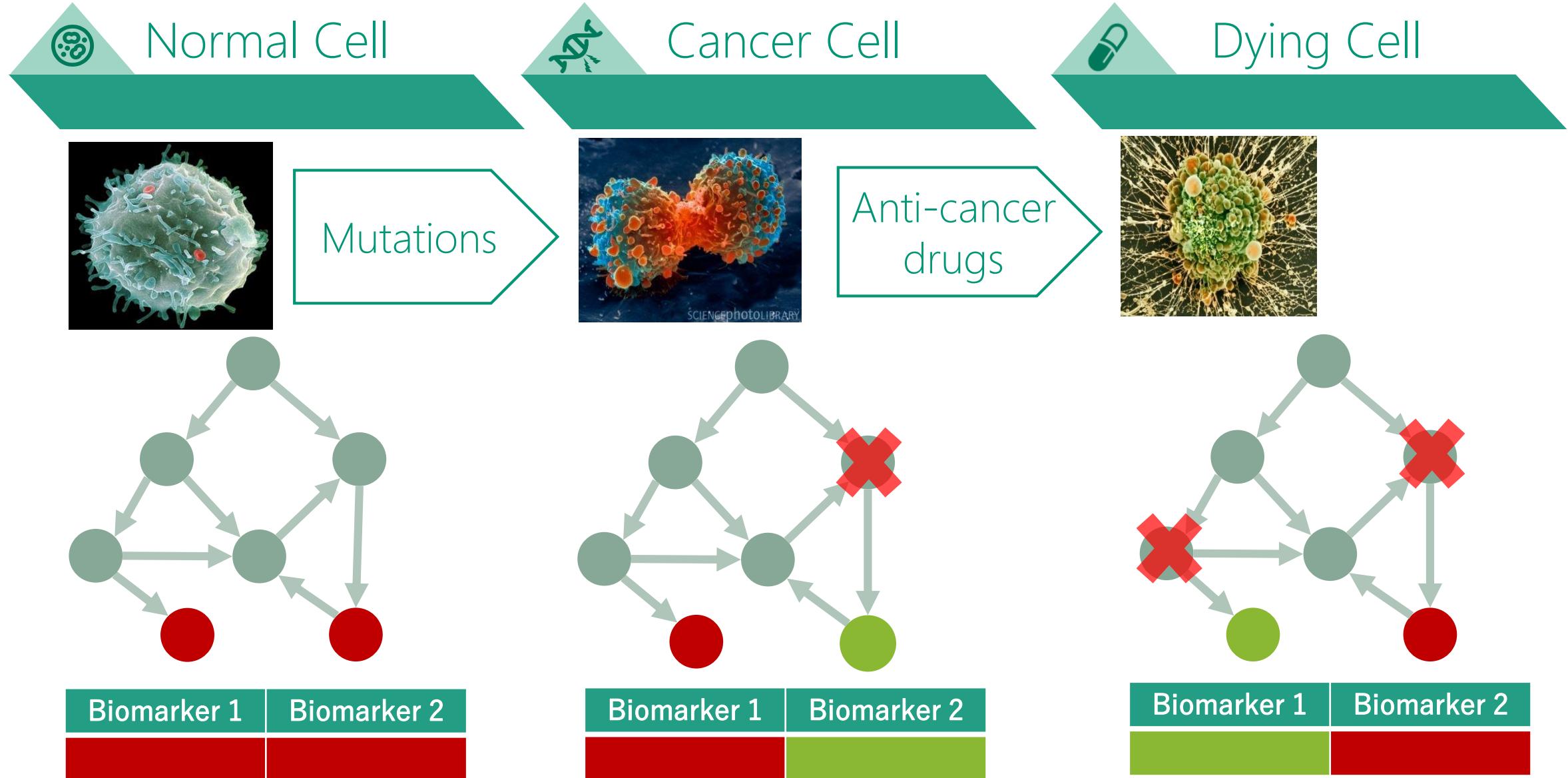


Phenotype  
3

≠ Network Topologies →  
≠ Phenotypes

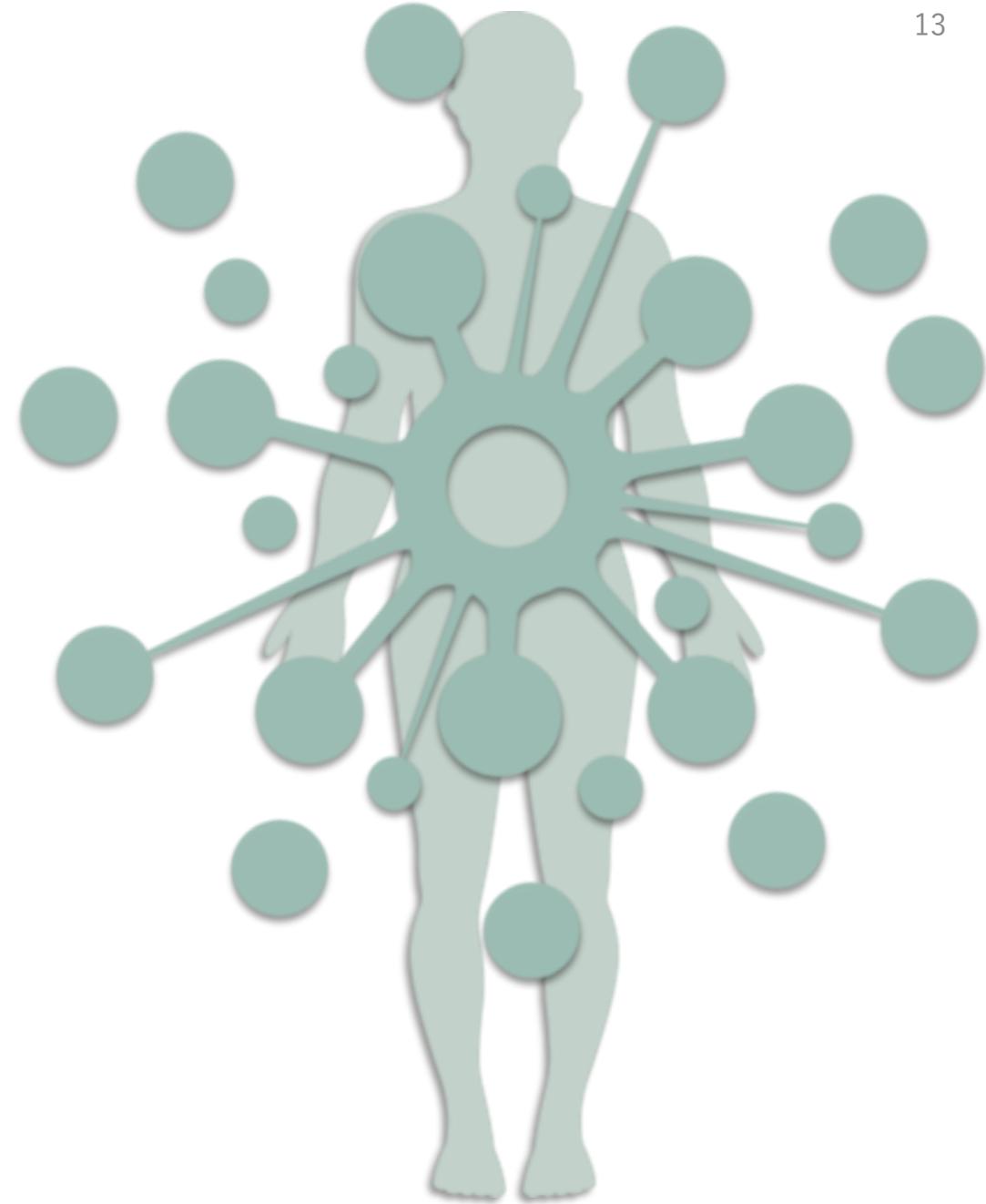
Causes of diseases & Therapy prediction based on network actions

# Scenario: action network = perturbation

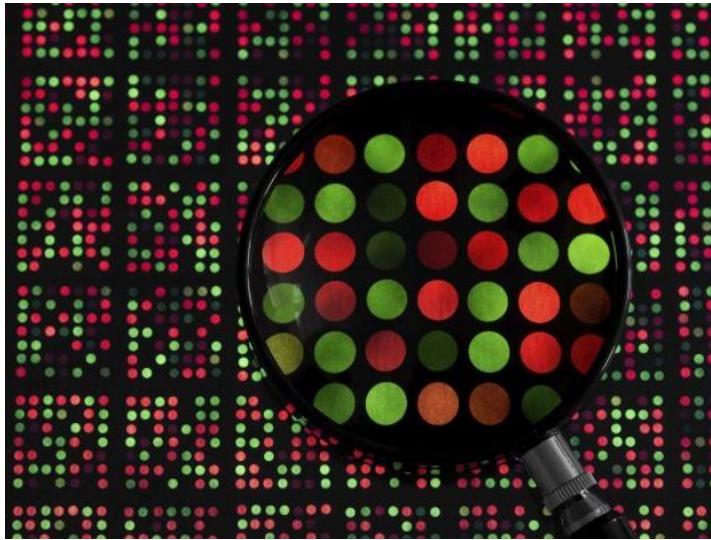


# Network Action Modelling framework

Theoretical framework

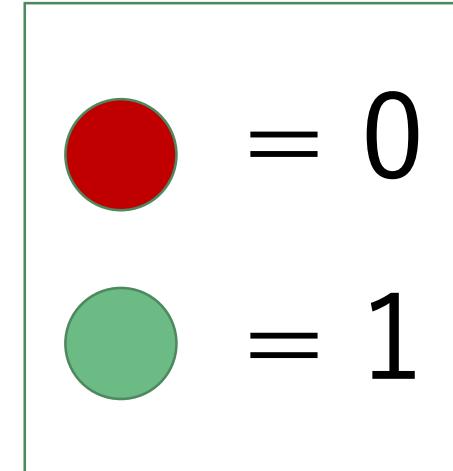


# Boolean Network



$G_1$	$G_2$	$G$
Red	Red	Red
Red	Green	Red
Green	Red	Red
Green	Green	Green

$$G_1 \wedge G_2 = G$$



# Fundamental operators

$$y = x_1 \wedge x_2$$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$y$

Logical AND

$$y = x_1 \vee x_2$$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$y$

Logical OR

$$y = \neg x_1$$

$x_1$	$y$

$= 0$   
 $= 1$

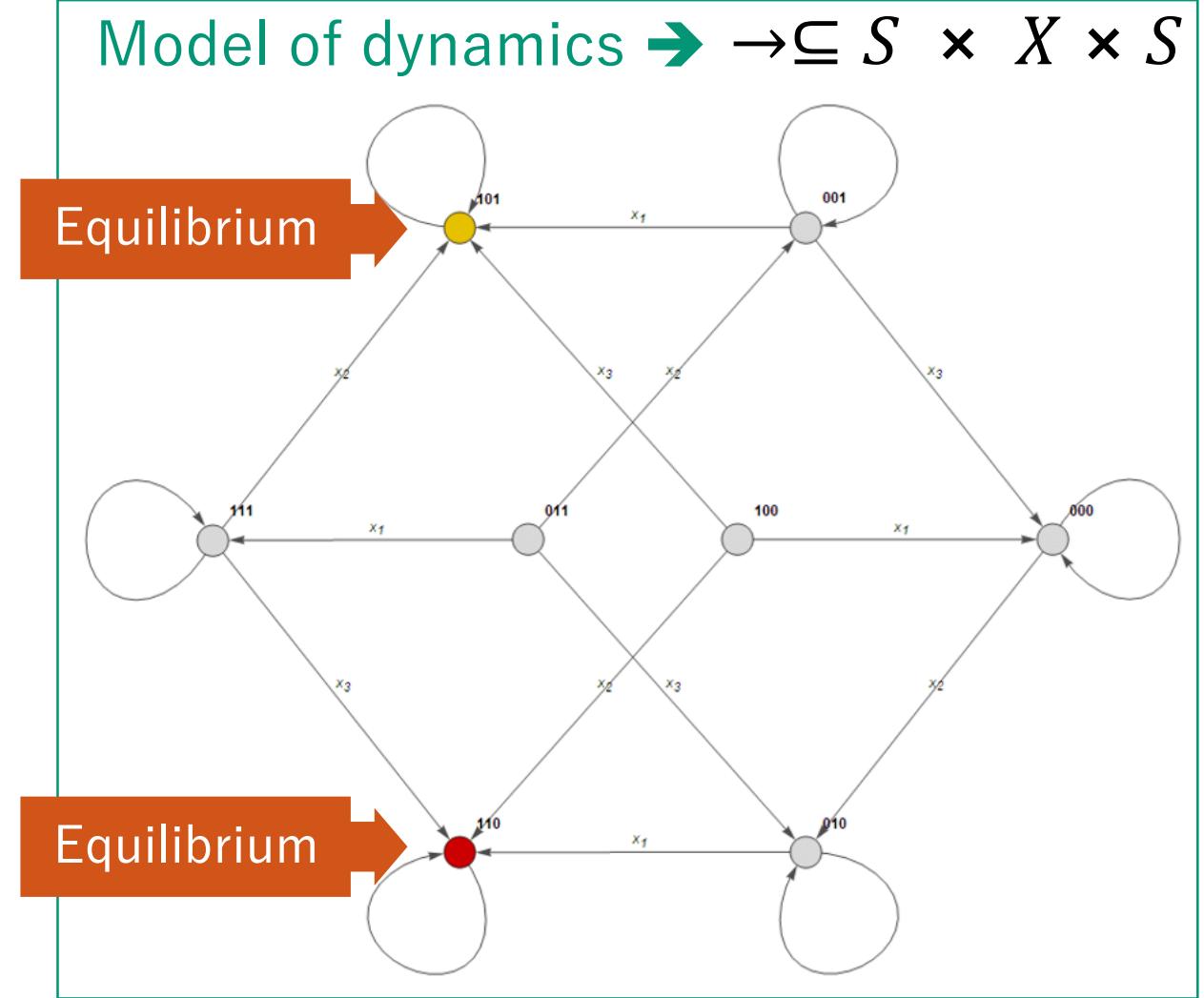
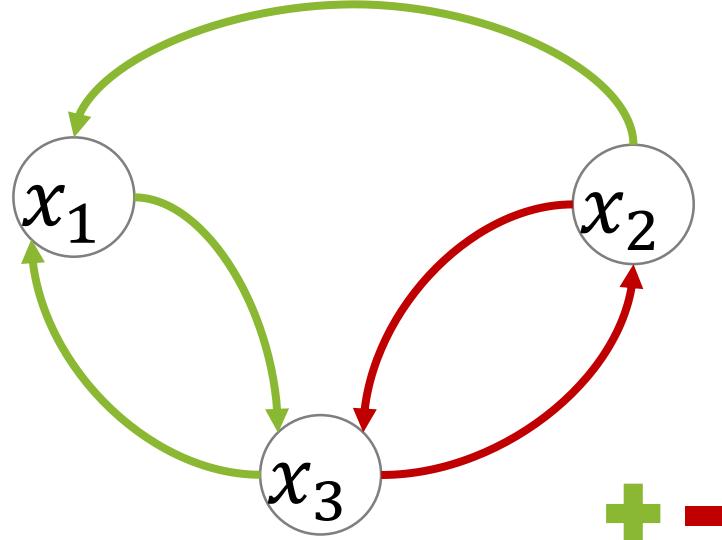
Negation

# Boolean Networks – Definition

Network = Boolean Dynamical system

$$F = \begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 \vee x_3 \\ x_2 = \neg x_3 \\ x_3 = \neg x_2 \wedge x_1 \end{cases}$$

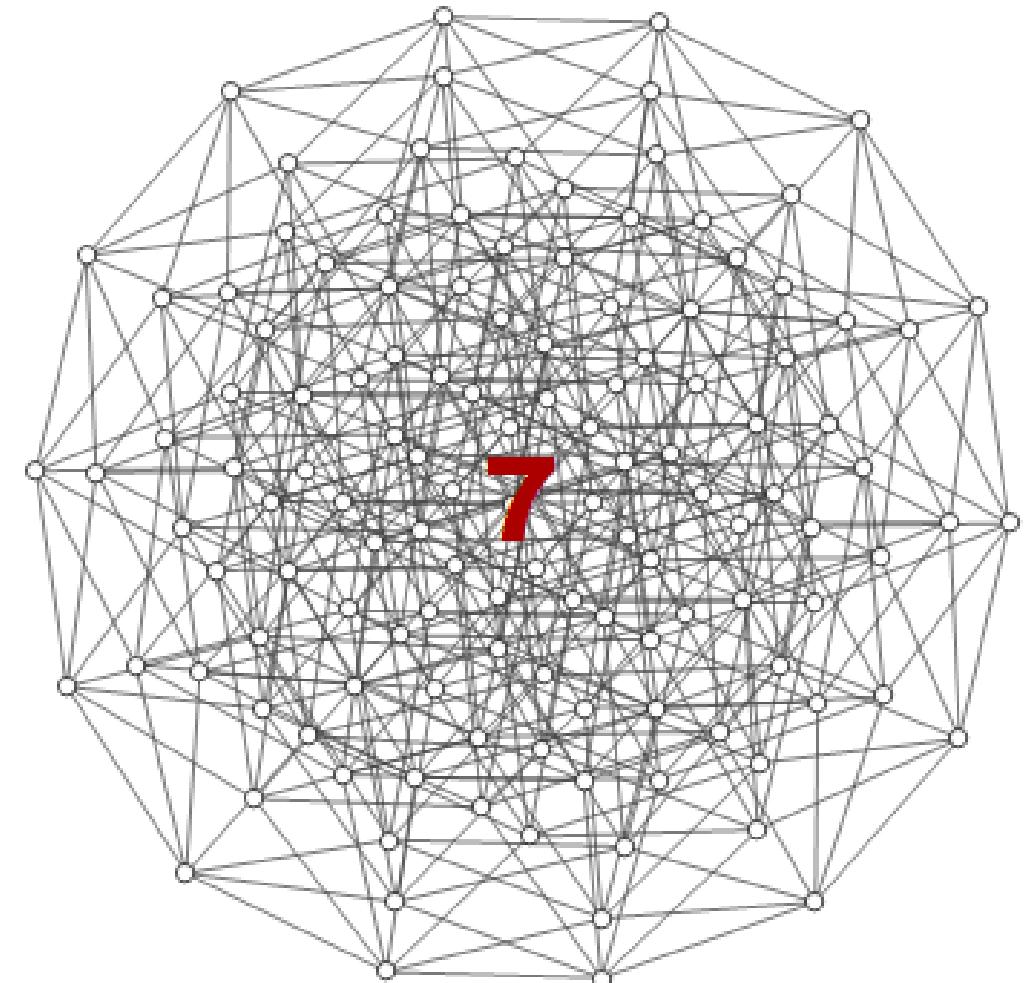
Interaction graph



# Exponential size of space state

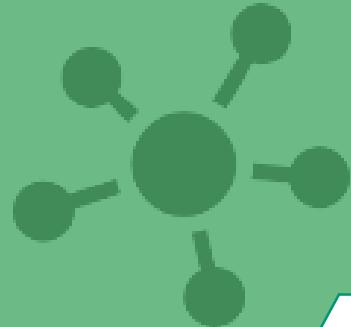
Hypercube  $H_7$  = “roads” of trajectories

- ❖  $2^n$  states  
 $n$ = number of variables
- ❖ Reachability problem limitation
  - ❖ Cyclic attractor computation
- ❖ Require symbolic methods to overcome the state space explosion



# On Boolean Network

## A “classical” modeling framework in system biology



Easy to understand, reliable model,  
Integration from ≠ scales & sources

Interaction can be modeled by  
3 operators

Any formula expressed as a combination of  
OR, AND, NOT operators (DNF)

Extension to multi – valued network  
Integer states

Conversion: Multivalued → Boolean.  
Discrete model – Boolean = basic model

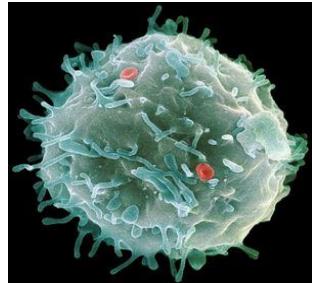
Extension of the updating policy

Updating controlled by a mode defined as a  
set of variables set

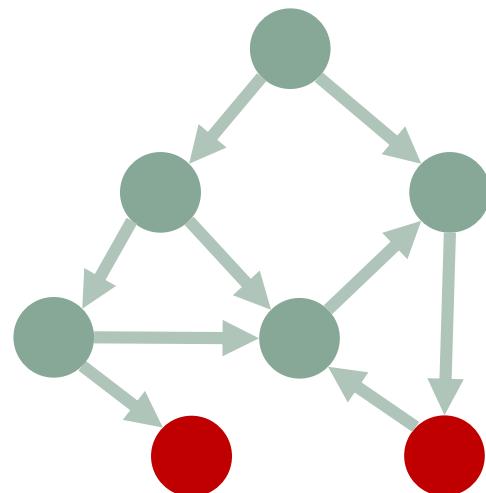
Network  
action  
On  
Boolean Network



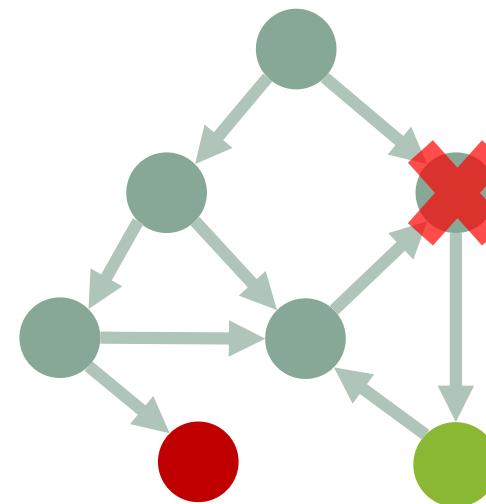
# Scenario:Dynamical system reprogramming



Mutations



$$F = \begin{cases} x_1 = f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \dots \\ x_i = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \dots \\ x_n = f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}$$



$$G = \begin{cases} x_1 = g_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \dots \\ x_i = g_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \dots \\ x_n = g_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}$$

Computability ?

# Reprogramming ▶ Boolean control network

$U = \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ : Control parameters

$$F_U = \begin{cases} x_1 = f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m) \\ \dots \\ x_i = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m) \\ \dots \\ x_n = f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m) \end{cases}$$

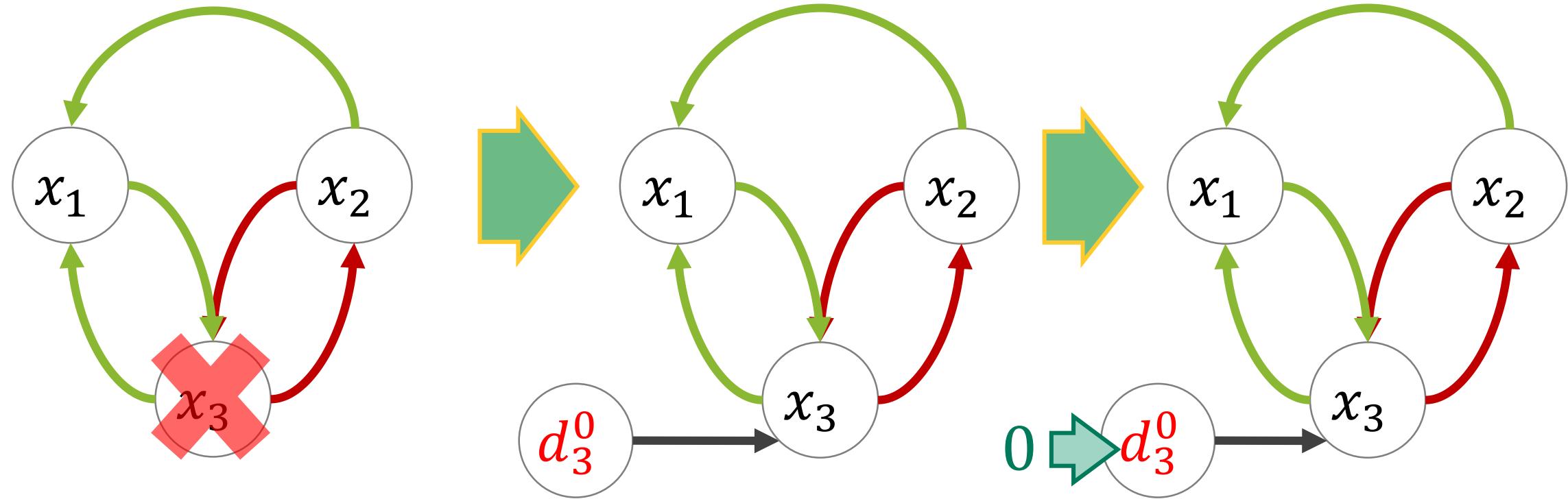
Control  
input  
 $\mu: U \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

A general framework for Boolean system reprogramming

$$f \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad g$$

$$\equiv F_u = (u \wedge f) \vee (\neg u \wedge g)$$

# Network Action Category = Freezing Control



$$x_3 = (\neg x_2 \wedge x_1)$$

$$x_3 = (\neg x_2 \wedge x_1) \wedge d_3^0$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

# Freezing Control Action



Definition

Freeze=0, Idle =1



Example

Freeze to 1 & 0



Action impact

Control Acts on Dynamics

Node: DEFINITION freezing

Action    Definition

**✗ 0**       $x_i = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \wedge d_i^0$

**+ 1**       $x_i = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \vee \neg d_i^1$

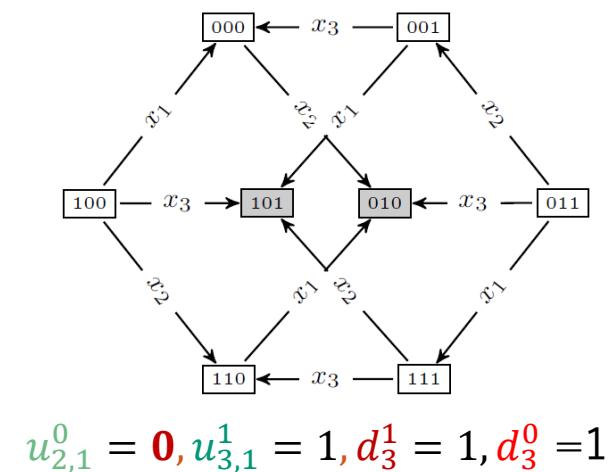
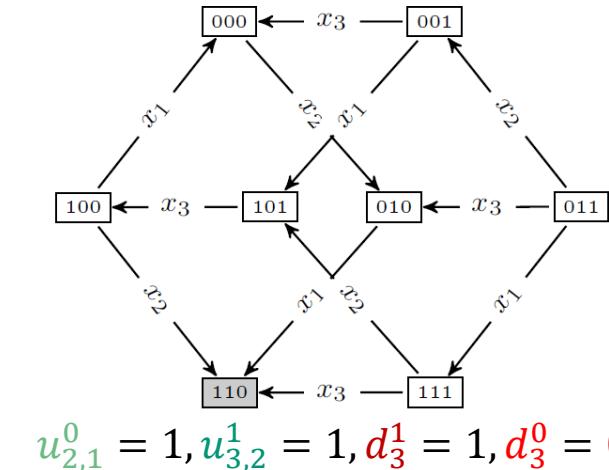
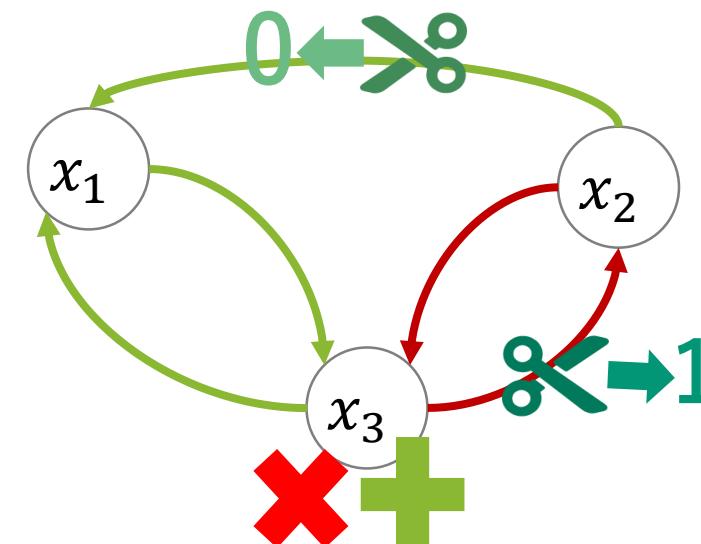
Arc: USE freezing

Action    Definition

**✗ 0**       $x_j = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_i \wedge u_{i,j}^0, \dots, x_n)$

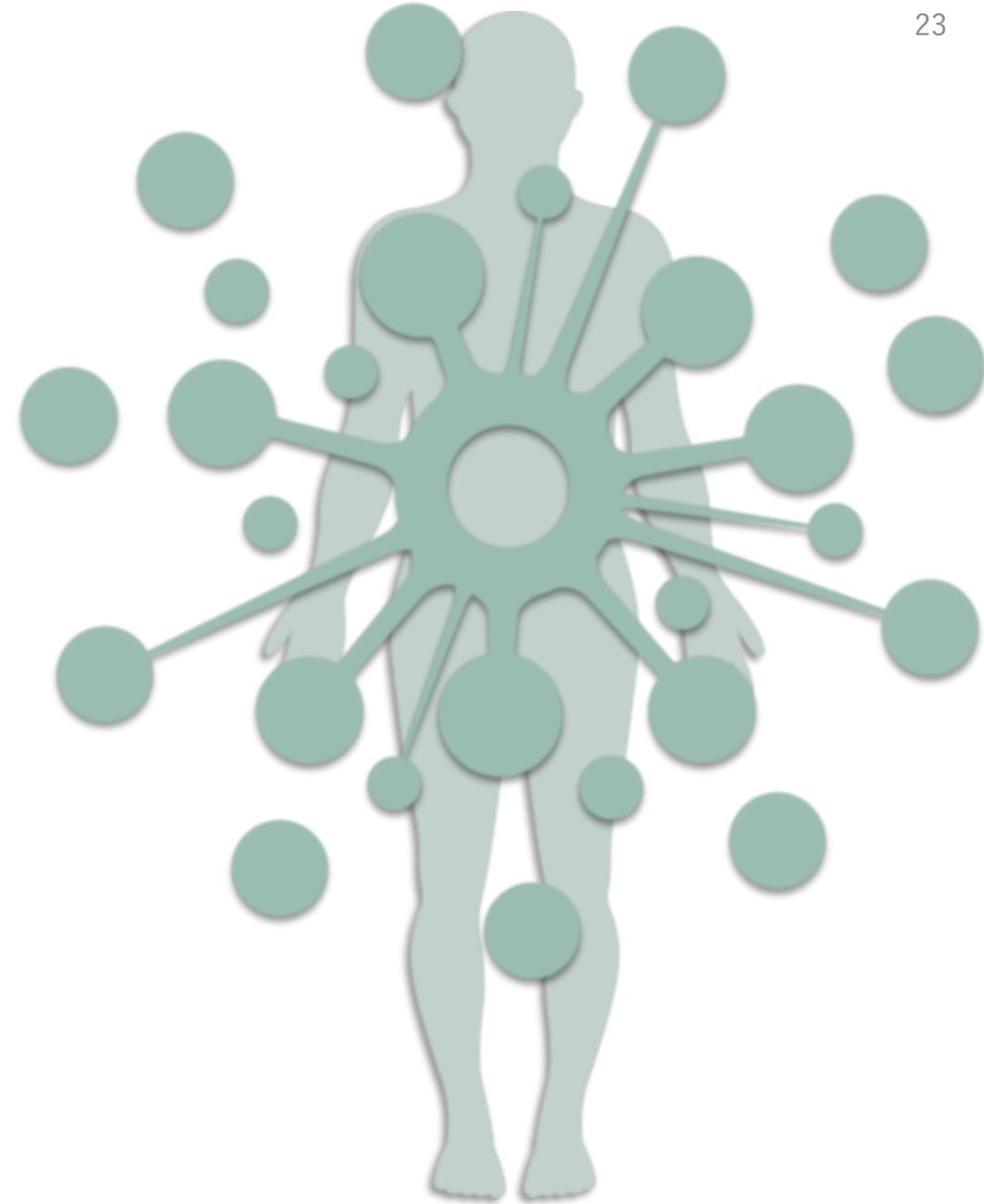
**✗ 1**       $x_j = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_i \vee \neg u_{i,j}^1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = (x_2 \wedge u_{2,1}^0) \vee x_3 \\ x_2 = \neg(x_3 \vee \neg u_{3,2}^1) \\ x_3 = ((\neg x_2 \wedge x_1) \vee \neg d_3^1) \wedge d_3^0 \end{cases}$$



# Boolean Network Action Discovery

Computational Method Principles



# Network action discovery



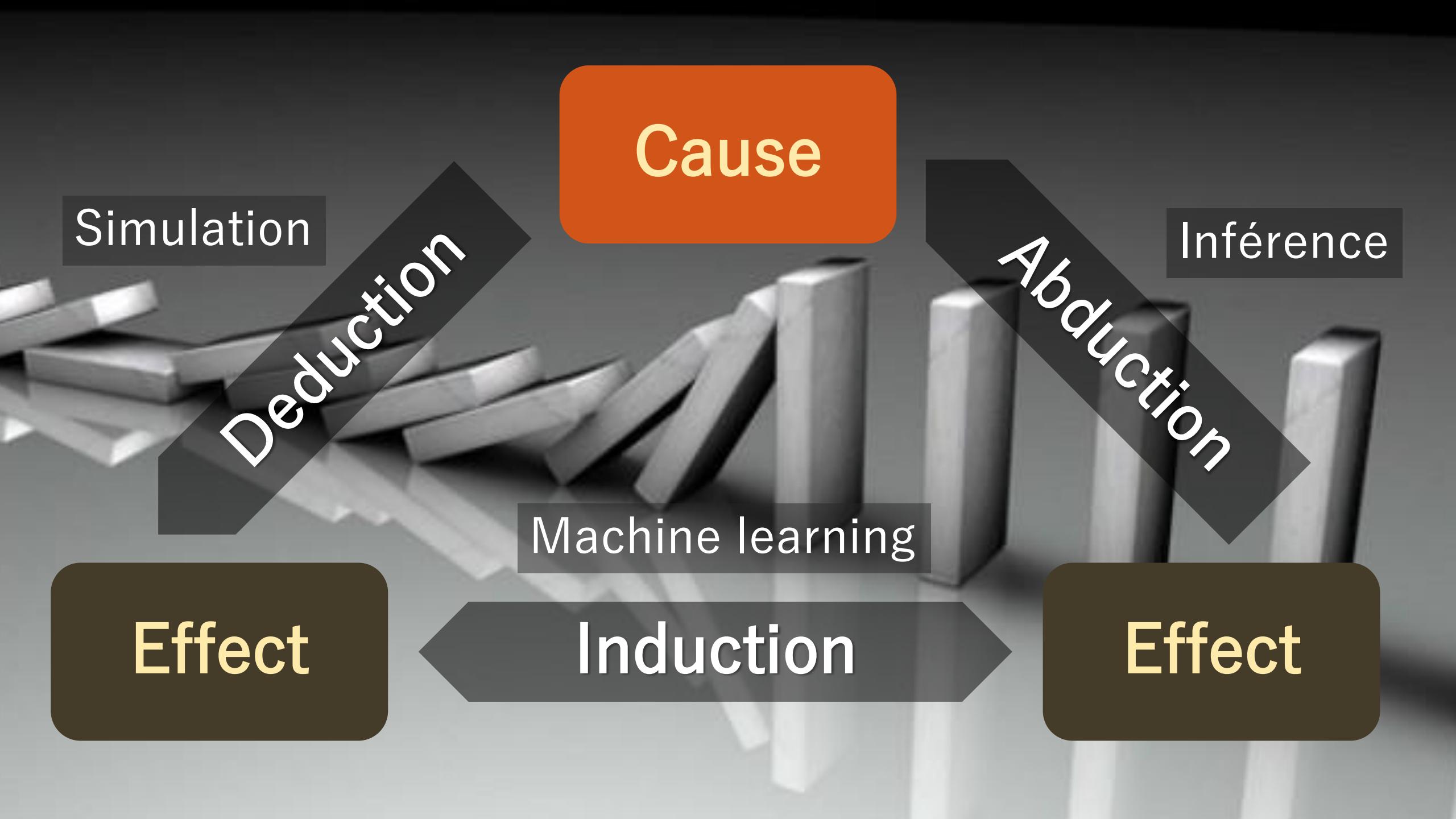
Network actions inducing biomarker profile switch

Control parameters to freeze inducing equilibrium profile switch



Control discovery

Freezing control as causes.



# Exhaustive Simulation by Generate-and-test ?

- Network of 100 genes
- Inhibit 10% of genes at most (0-Freeze)
- Objective: a “healthy” Biomarker profile
- Find the target candidates
- Number of simulation trials ?



## Problem statement

### Discrete Inverse Problem Category



1 effect  $\rightarrow \neq$  causes : Parsimony

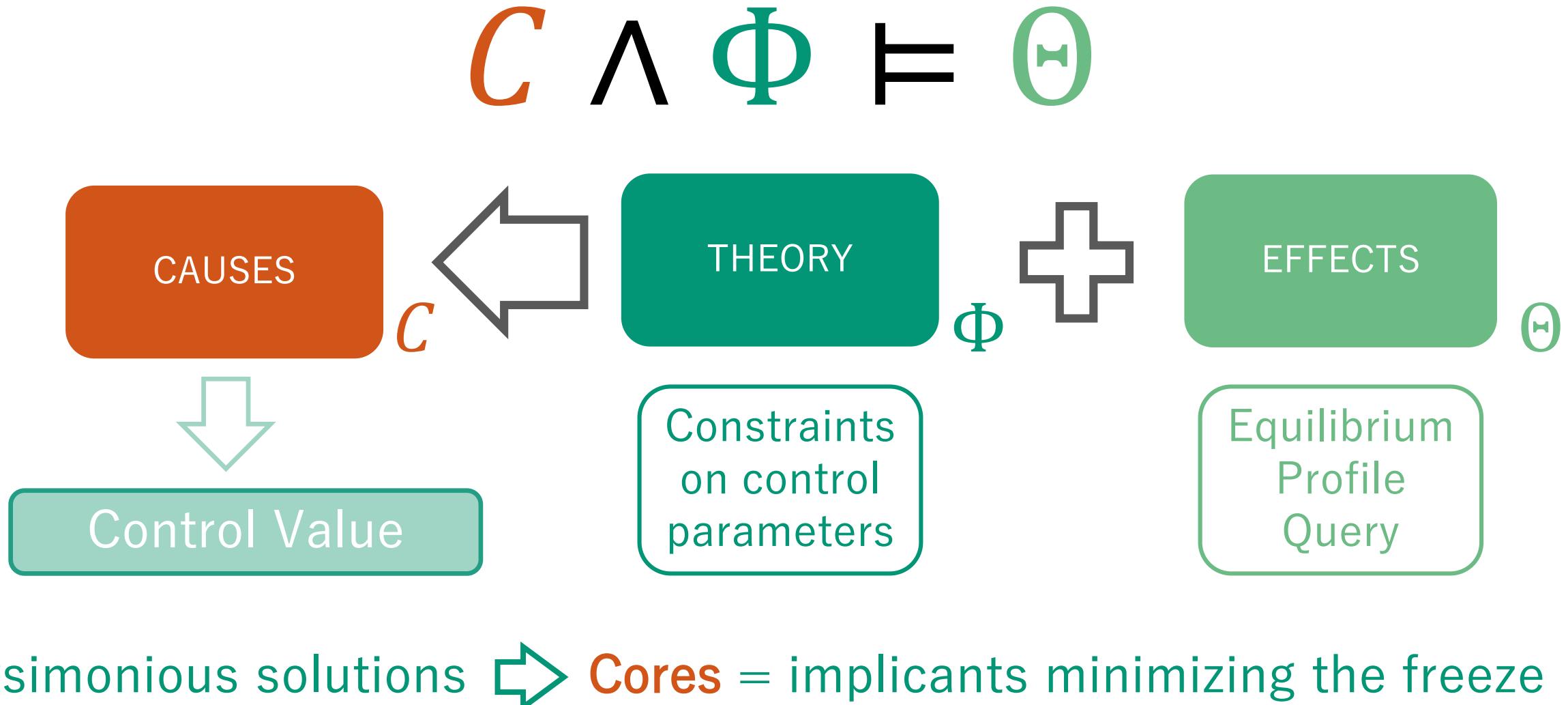
Feed back  $\rightarrow$  Circular causes

Formal approach of cause discovery

Inference  
Principles  
Discovery



# Inference principle = Abduction



# Biological queries formalization



In Some Contexts or Situations

**Possibility** to meet a property on states at equilibrium

$$\diamond p = \exists s \in S : Stable_{F_\mu}(s) \wedge p(s)$$

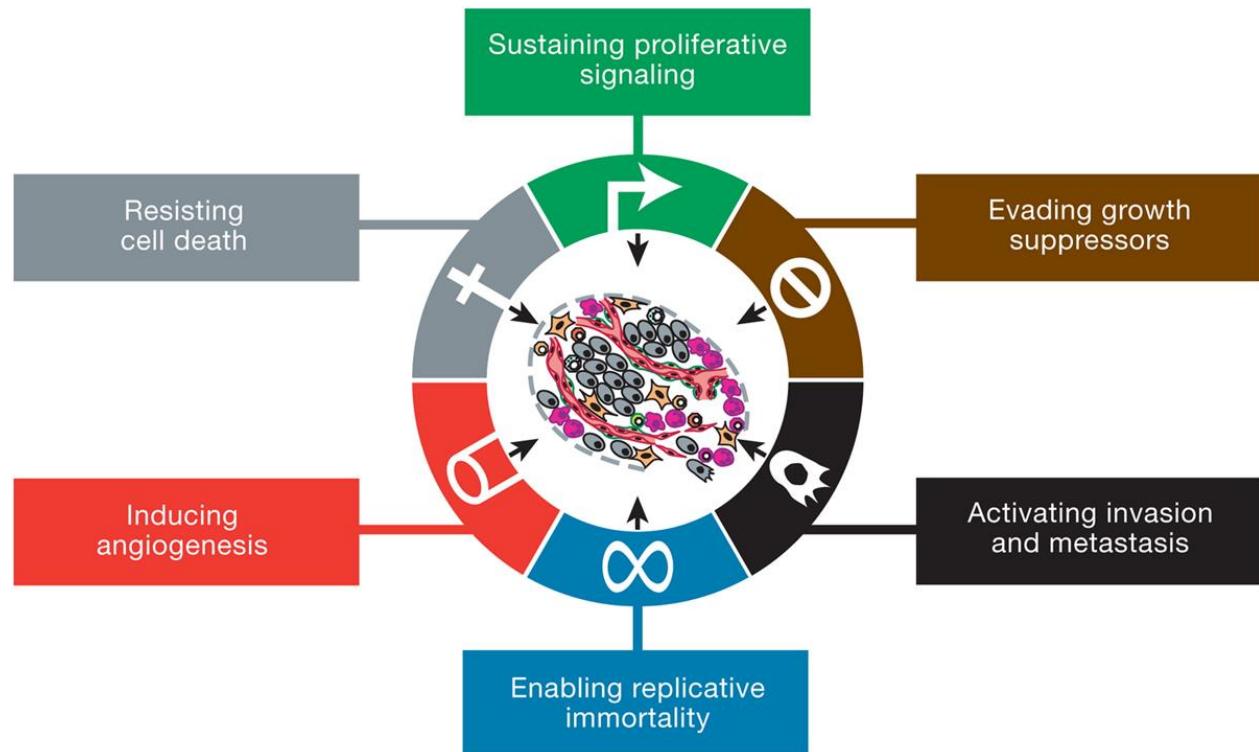


In All Contexts or Situations

**Necessity** to meet a property on states at equilibrium

$$\square p = \forall s \in S : Stable_{F_\mu}(s) \Rightarrow p(s)$$

# Biological Query Examples : Cancer

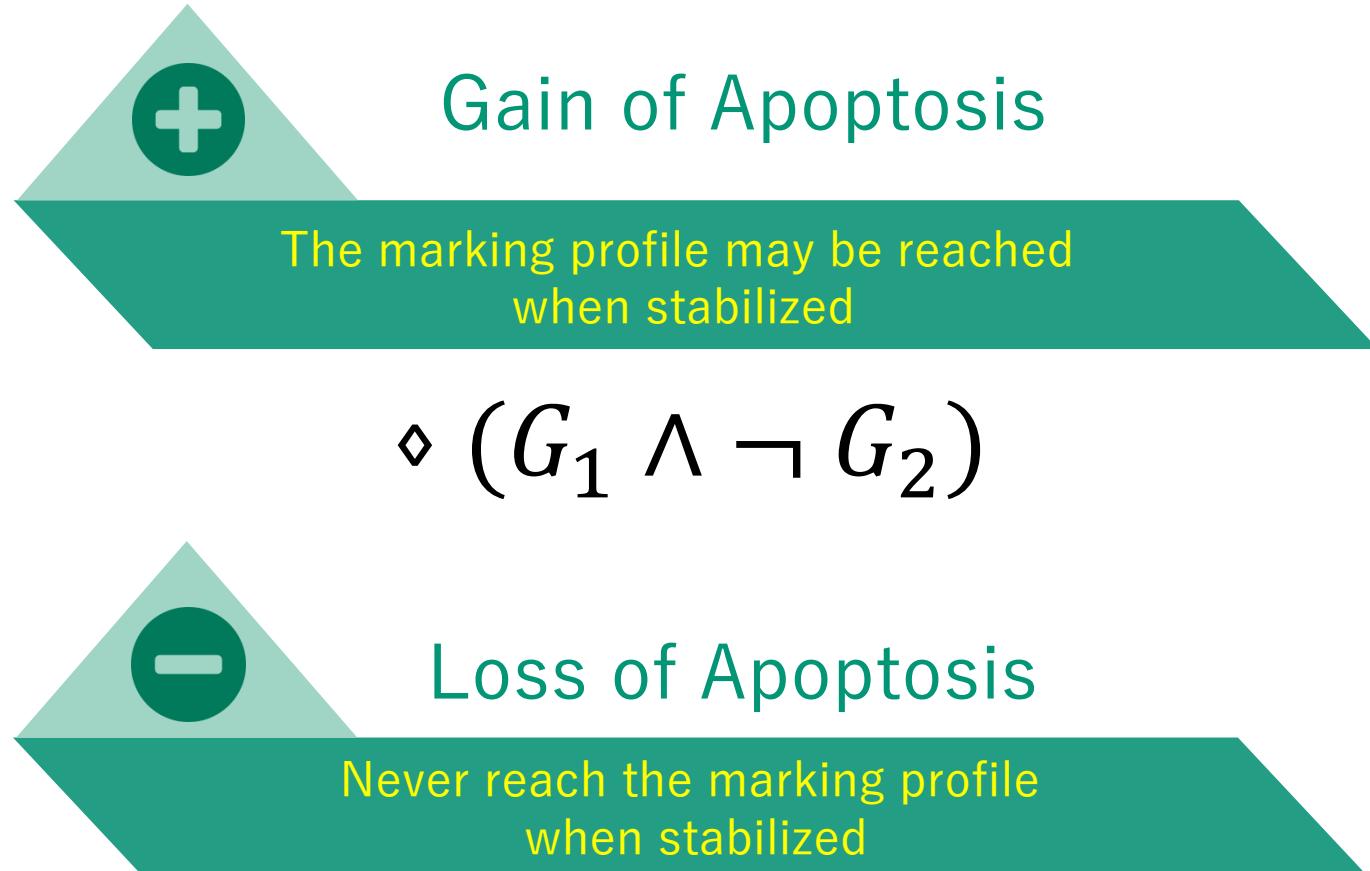


Hanahan, D., & Weinberg, R. A. (2011). Hallmarks of cancer: the next generation. *cell*, 144(5), 646-674.

## Apoptosis

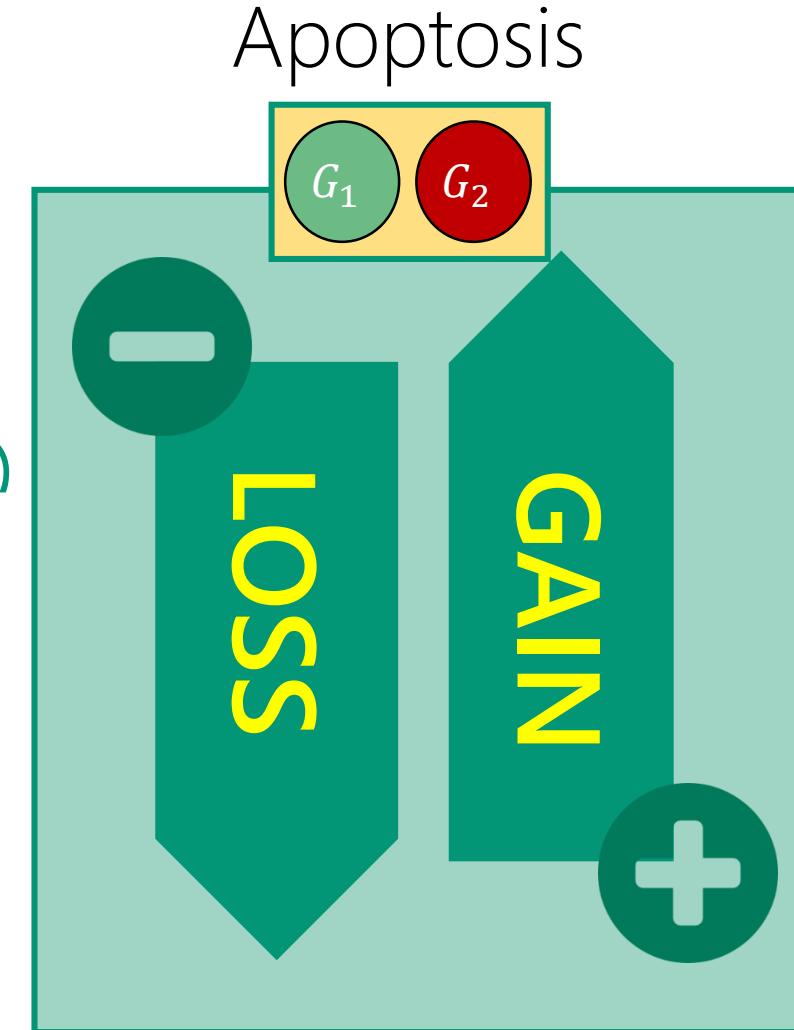


# Biological Query Examples



$$\square \neg (G_1 \wedge \neg G_2)$$

Cancer



# Inference solver of cores

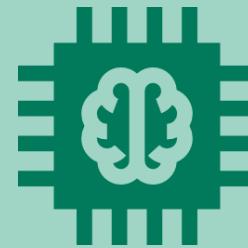
Boolean Network

$$F = \begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 \wedge \neg x_3 \\ x_2 = \neg x_3 \\ x_3 = \neg x_2 \wedge x_1 \end{cases}$$

Reprogramming query

**Possibly**  
 $x_1 = 0$

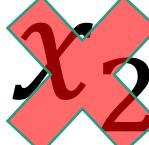
Abductive Solver



Core

$$d_2^0 = 0$$

Action



Result

Parsimonious cause =  
Minimal control parameter sets to freeze  
under the inclusion



Method

Derived from prime implicant computation



Software

Library developed in Mathematica  
ActONetLib

# Steps of the method (1) : Specification

$$F = \begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 \wedge \neg x_3 \\ x_2 = \neg x_3 \\ x_3 = \neg x_2 \wedge x_1 \end{cases}$$

Control  
Decoration

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 \wedge \neg x_3 \\ x_2 = (\neg x_3) \vee \neg d_{x_2}^1 \wedge d_{x_2}^0 \\ x_3 = (\neg x_2 \wedge x_1) \vee \neg d_{x_3}^1 \wedge d_{x_2}^0 \end{cases}$$

$$\diamond (x_1 = 0)$$

Query  
Specification

$$(x_1 \Leftrightarrow x_2 \wedge \neg x_3) \wedge (x_2 \Leftrightarrow \neg x_3 \vee \neg d_{x_2}^1 \wedge d_{x_2}^0) \wedge (x_3 \Leftrightarrow \neg x_2 \wedge x_1 \vee \neg d_{x_3}^1 \wedge d_{x_2}^0)$$

Stability

Marking

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg x_1) \wedge \\ & (d_{x_2}^1 \vee d_{x_2}^0) \wedge (d_{x_3}^1 \vee d_{x_3}^0) \end{aligned}$$

Control  
Parcimony

# Steps of the method (2): 0-1 ILP

ILP : Minimize  $v.w$  subject to  $M.v \geq k$  with  $v_i \in \{0,1\}$

## CNF Form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \neg x_1 \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee \neg d_{x_2}^1) \\
& \wedge (x_2 \vee d_{x_2}^1) \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee d_{x_3}^0) \\
& \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee \neg d_{x_3}^1) \wedge (x_3 \vee \neg d_{x_2}^0) \\
& \wedge (x_3 \vee d_{x_3}^1) \wedge (d_{x_2}^0 \vee d_{x_2}^1)
\end{aligned}$$

# ILP-based CNF SAT

## Terms = Variables

$$\sum_{l_{v_i} \in T_{CNF}} M_{i,*} \cdot l_{v_i} \geq 1$$

Core  
Objective Function  
Negative control  
terms =1

$$\min\left(\sum_{l_{v_i} \in T_{ctrl}} l_{v_i} \cdot w_i\right)$$

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$$l_{\neg d_{x_2}^0} = 1 \quad l_{\neg d_{x_3}^1} = 1$$

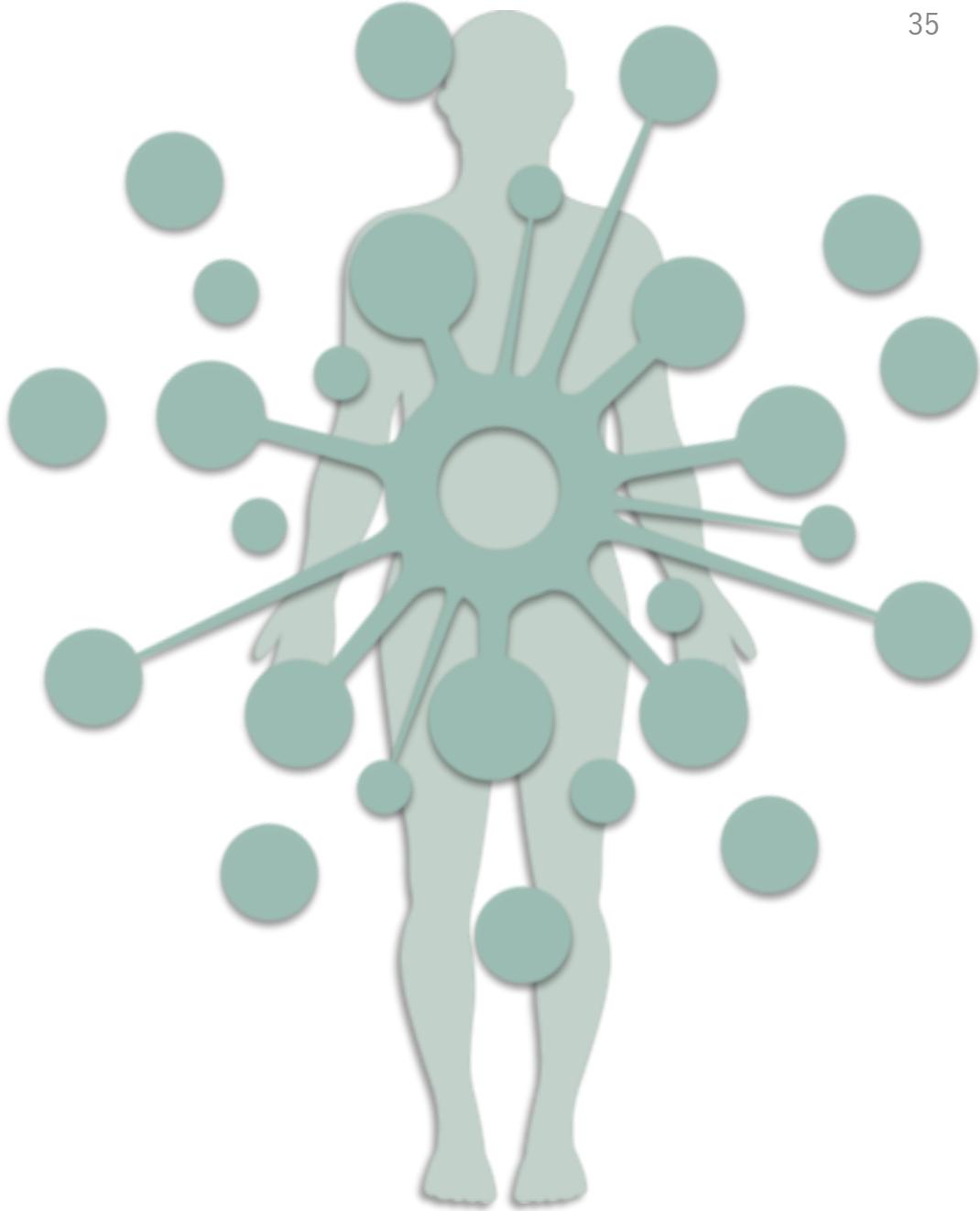
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W

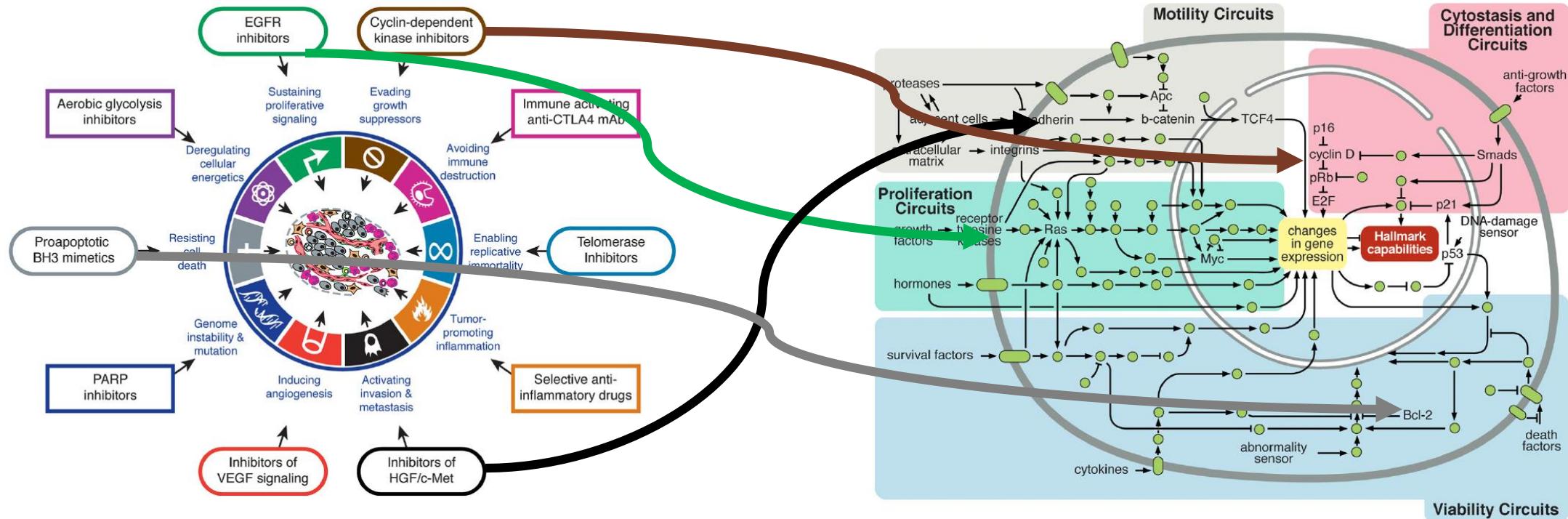
# Application

Proof of concepts  
application to Breast cancer  
Inference of  

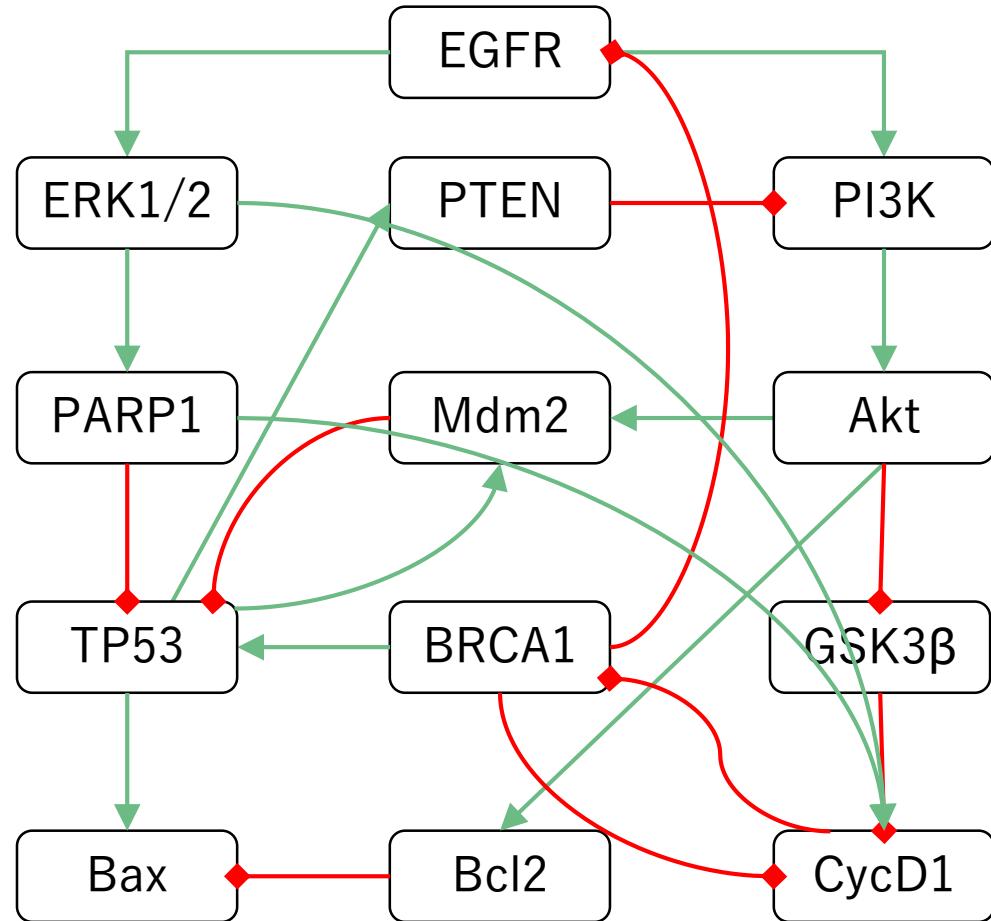
- Drivers
- Drug target



# Drug Actions Inference



# A Boolean network of apoptosis/proliferation



$EGFR = \neg BRCA1$   
 $ERK1/2 = EGFR$   
 $PI3K = \neg PTEN \wedge EGFR$   
 $Akt = PI3K$   
 $GSK3\beta = \neg Akt,$   
 $MDM2 = Akt \wedge TP53,$   
 $TP53 = \neg MDM2 \wedge (BRCA1 \vee \neg PARP1)$   
 $PTEN = TP53$   
 $PARP1 = ERK1/2$   
 $BRCA1 = \neg CycD1$   
 $Bcl2 = Akt$   
 $Bax = \neg Bcl2 \wedge TP53,$   
 $CycD1 = \neg GSK3\beta \vee (\neg BRCA1 \wedge PARP)$

EGFR	ERK1/2	PI3K	Akt	GSK3β	Mdm2	TP53	PTEN	PARP1	BRCA1	Bcl2	Bax	CycD1	Phenotype
Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Division
Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red	Apoptosis

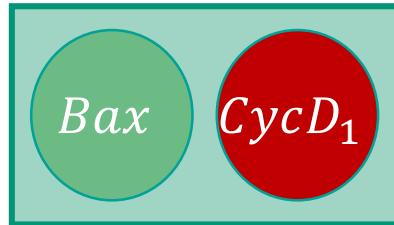
# Inference of Driver Mutation



## Problem statement

Freeze nodes to 0 or 1 except markers  
 Loss of apoptosis - *Bax* & *CycD1* as markers

## Apoptosis signature



## Query

$$\square \neg(Bax \wedge \neg CycD_1)$$



## Result

1D & 2D-Freezing

## Single Frozen Molecule

<b>0</b>	BRCA1
	TP53

Akt
Bcl2
Mdm2
PI3K

Tumor suppressors

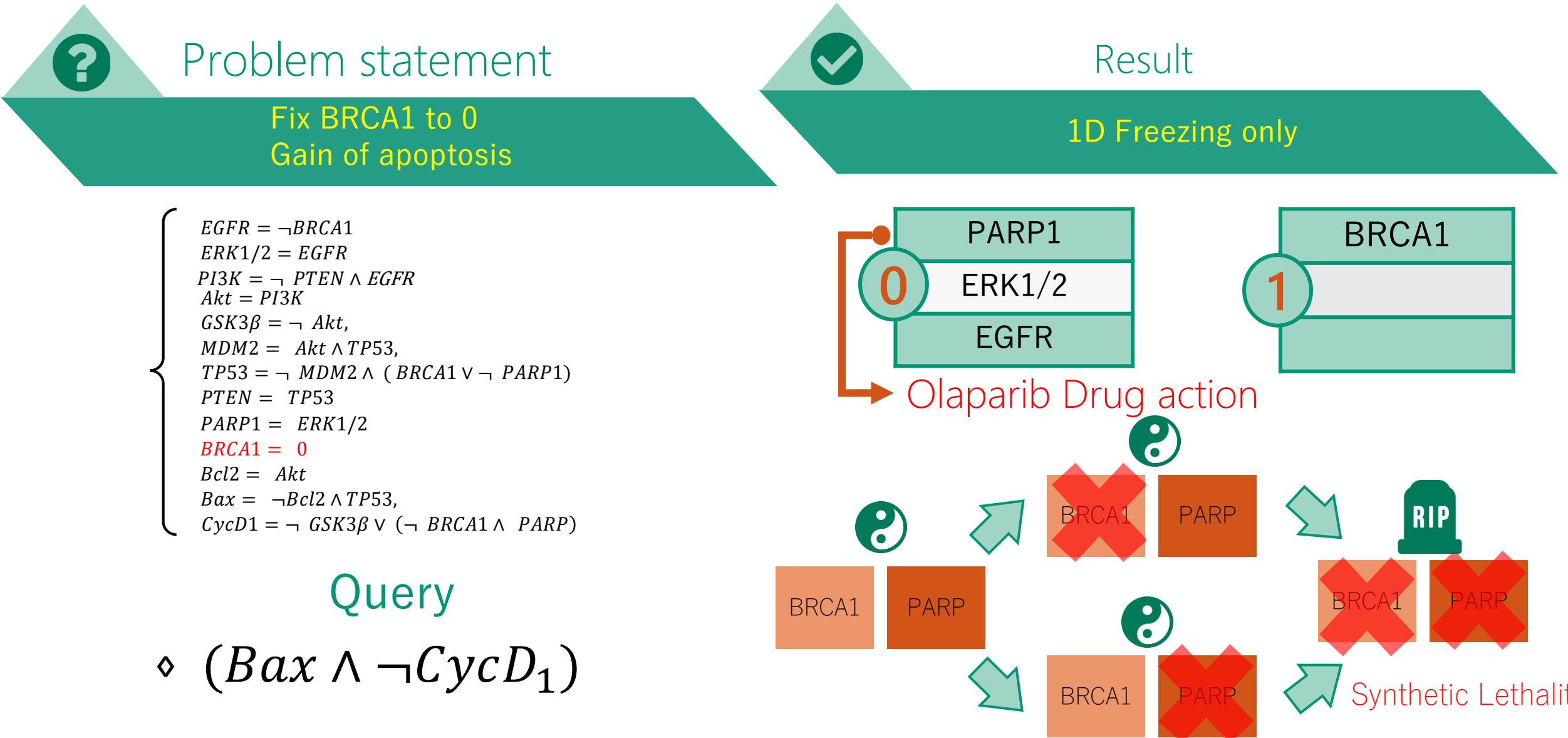
Oncogenes

## Pair of Frozen Molecules

GSK3 $\beta$	EGFR
<b>0</b>	PTEN
GSK3 $\beta$	ERK1/2

EGFR inhibitors  
 Resistance

# Inference of targets in BRCA1-deficient cells



## \* Boolean Network Definition

```
F = {EGFR → ! BRCA1, ERK12 → EGFR, PIK3CA → ! PTEN&& EGFR, Akt → PIK3CA, GSK3 → ! Akt, MDM2 → Akt && p53, p53 → ! MDM2 && (BRCA1 || ! PARP1), PTEN → p53, PARP1 → ERK12, BRCA1 → ~ CycD1, Bcl2 → Akt, Bax → ! Bcl2&& p53, CycD1 → (! GSK3 && ERK12) || (! BRCA1 && PARP1)};
```

```
In[30]:= Fact = ActNet[F, {BRCA1 → False}];
```

```
In[31]:= AttractorToTable@First@StableStates[Fact]
```

Akt	Bax	Bcl2	BRCA1	CycD1	EGFR	ERK12	GSK3	MDM2	p53	PARP1	PIK3CA	PTEN
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●



## ★ Marking definition and satisfiability test

```
In[32]:= markers = {CycD1, Bax}
```

```
Out[32]:= {CycD1, Bax}
```

```
In[33]:= marking = {CycD1 → False, Bax → True}
```

```
Out[33]:= {CycD1 → False, Bax → True}
```

## ★ List of variables that are allowed to be frozen either True or False

```
In[34]:= frozenfalse = Complement[Agents[Fact], markers]
```

```
Out[34]:= {Akt, Bcl2, BRCA1, EGFR, ERK12, GSK3, MDM2, p53, PARP1, PIK3CA, PTEN}
```

```
In[35]:= frozentru = Complement[Agents[Fact], markers]
```

```
Out[35]:= {Akt, Bcl2, BRCA1, EGFR, ERK12, GSK3, MDM2, p53, PARP1, PIK3CA, PTEN}
```

## Core

```
In[36]:= Highlighted[TableForm[Timing[TableForm@CoreForm[cores = Destify[Fact, Nothing, MarkingToFormula[marking], frozenfalse, frozentru, ControlType → controltype]]]], Frame → True]
```

0.03125
EGFR
PARP1
ERK12
BRCA1



# Notebook Example

## Validation

```
In[41]:= Fcure = ActNet[Fact, {PARP1 → False}]
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```

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In[40]:= AttractorToTable@First@StableStates[Fcure]
```

Akt	Bax	Bcl2	BRCA1	CycD1	EGFR	ERK12	GSK3	MDM2	p53	PARP1	PIK3CA	PTEN
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●



# Conclusion & Perspective



## Conclusion

- Network based analysis: symmetrical analysis for disease & therapy
- Boolean control network to model cell reprogramming
- Biological validation provides seemingly **promising outcome**
- Dynamics analysis enlarges target inference ability → Synthetic lethal partner discovery
- Computational method improvement : **BDD based Core inference**



## Perspective

- Application to prediction of targets – DMD - ISTEM
- Extensions to other disease process
- Design of models for therapeutic prediction

# Thank You

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