

MORE ON DEVELOPMENTAL GENE REGULATORY NETWORKS

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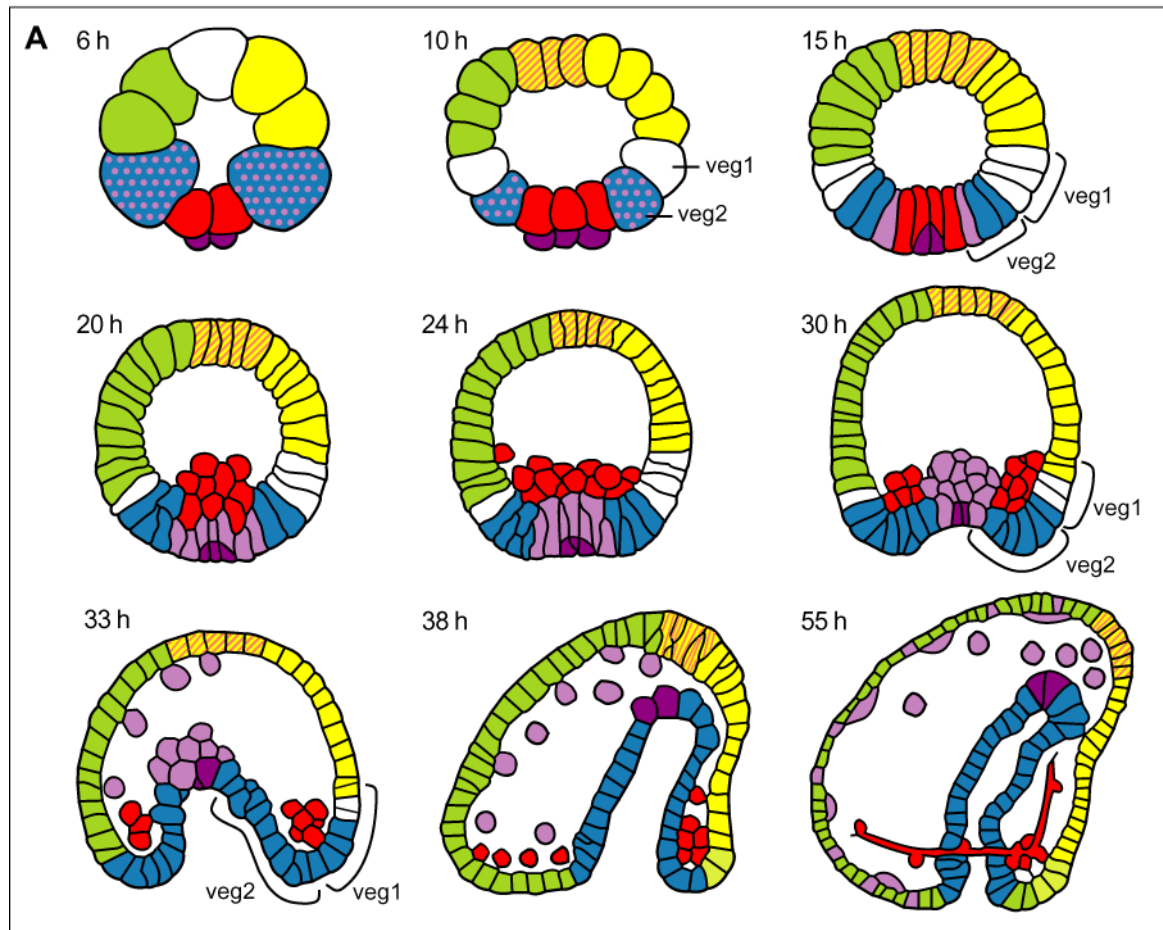
THE SEA URCHIN EMBRYO GRN'S

INCLUDES > 80 REGULATORY GENES IN VARIOUS EMBRYONIC TERRITORIES

EXPERIMENTALLY BASED ON: (1) SPATIAL & TEMPORAL EXPRESSION DATA; (2) VERY LARGE SCALE MATRIX OF PERTURBATION RESULTS; (3) CIS-REGULATORY ANALYSES

GRN BUILT IN COMPUTATIONAL PLATFORM "BIOTAPESTRY"

COMPUTATIONAL BOOLEAN MODEL CAPTURES GENOMIC REGULATORY LOGIC AND PREDICTS SPATIAL OUTPUT FROM GRN TOPOLOGY

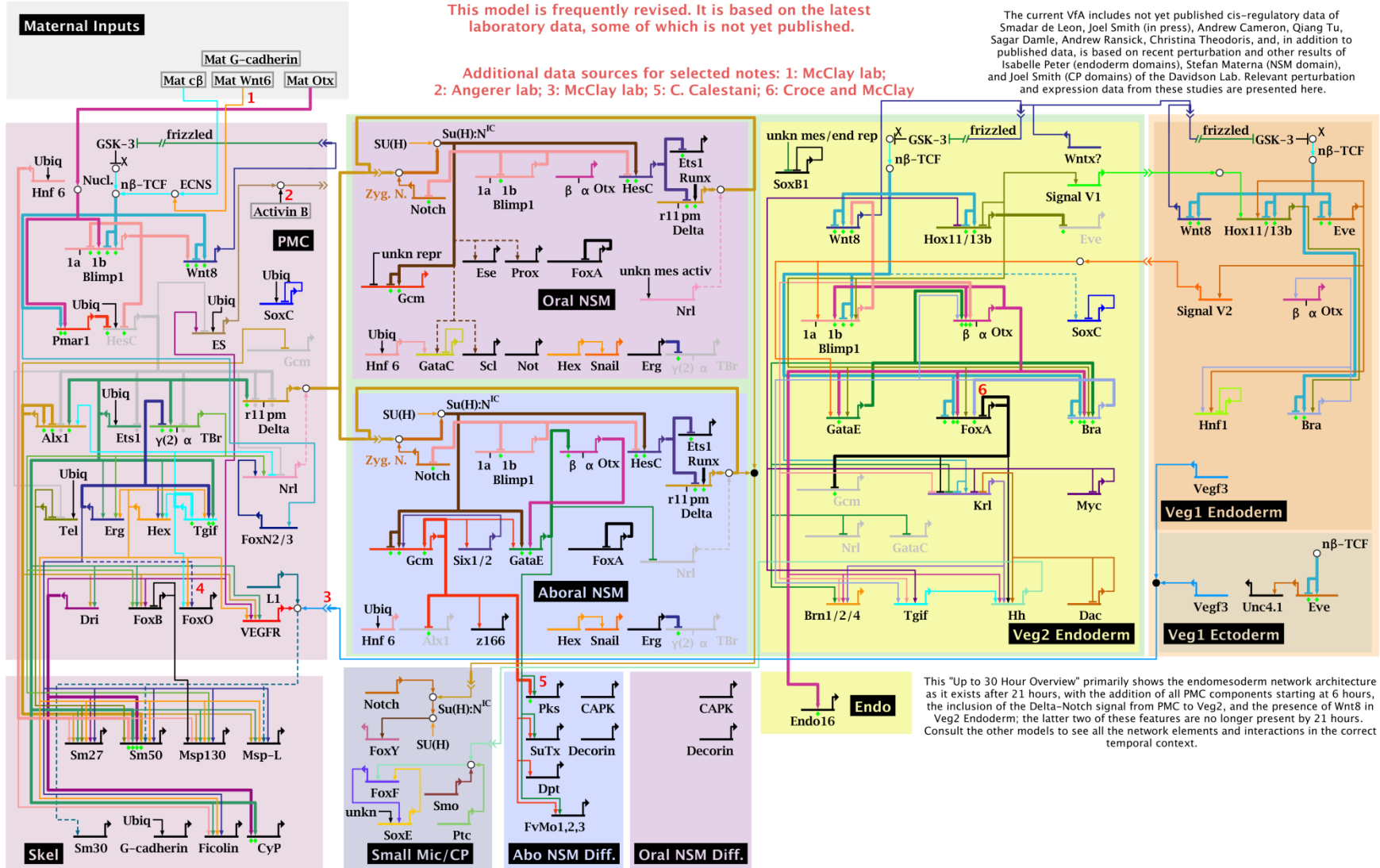


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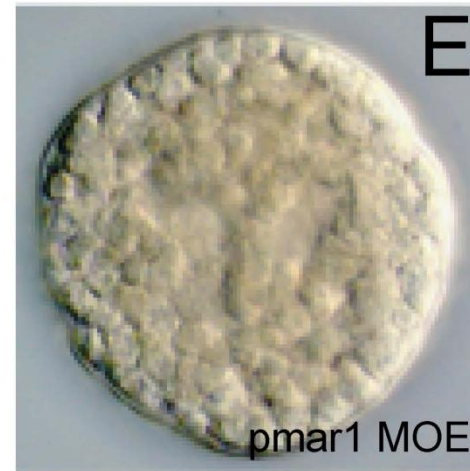
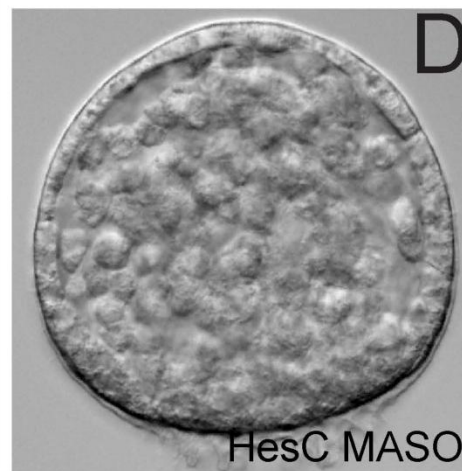
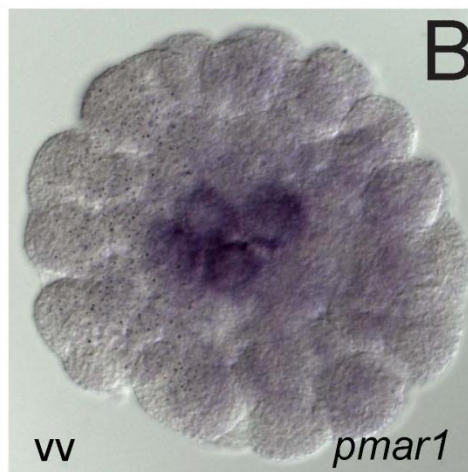
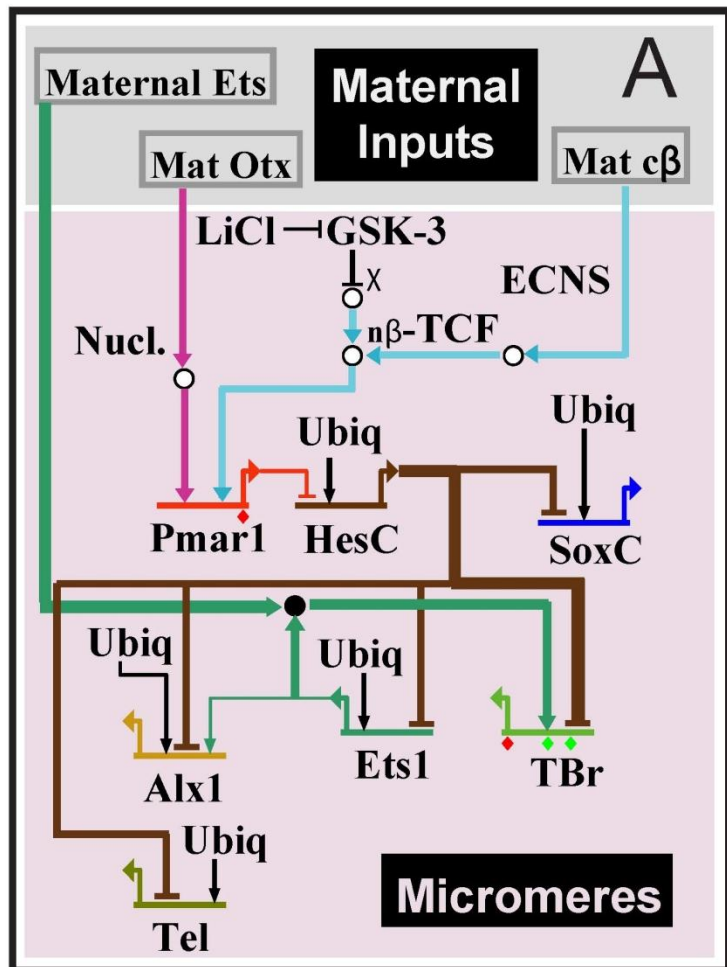
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HOW DEVELOPMENT IS ENCODED: EXAMPLE 1

SPECIFICATION OF SKELETOGENIC CELL LINEAGE



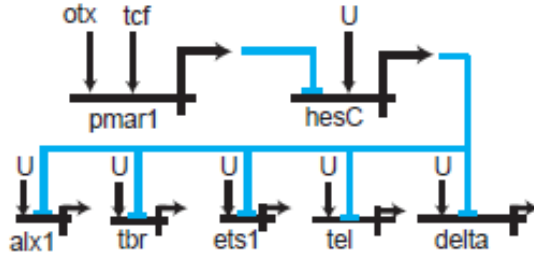


THE DOUBLE NEGATIVE GATE SUBCIRCUIT

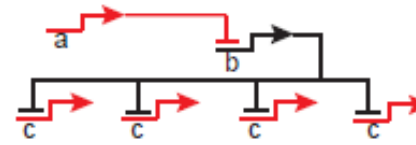
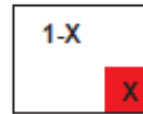
A **Job:** X, 1-X spatial specification function

A1 **Subcircuit:** double negative gate

From GRN:



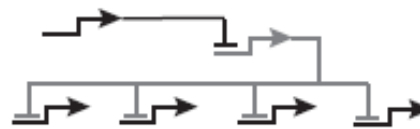
a: Repressor1
b: Repressor2
c: Target genes



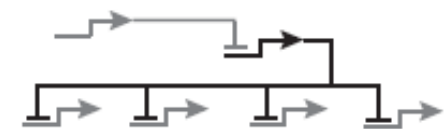
Subcircuit output

	a	b	c
X	1	0	1
1-X	0	1	0

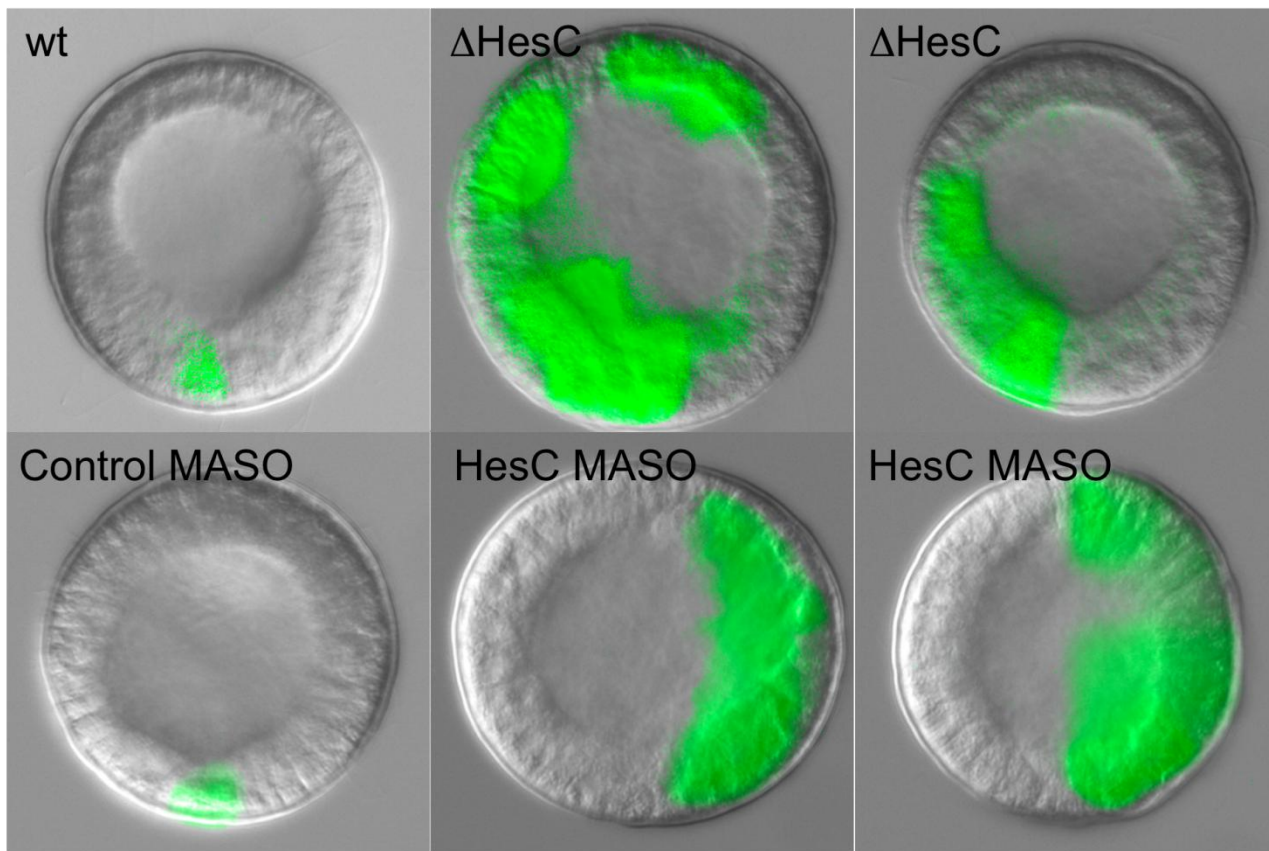
In X



In 1-X

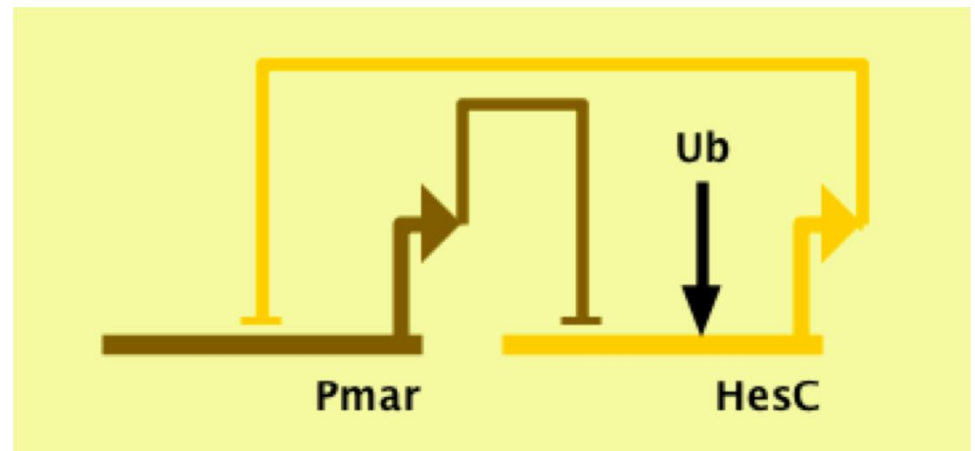


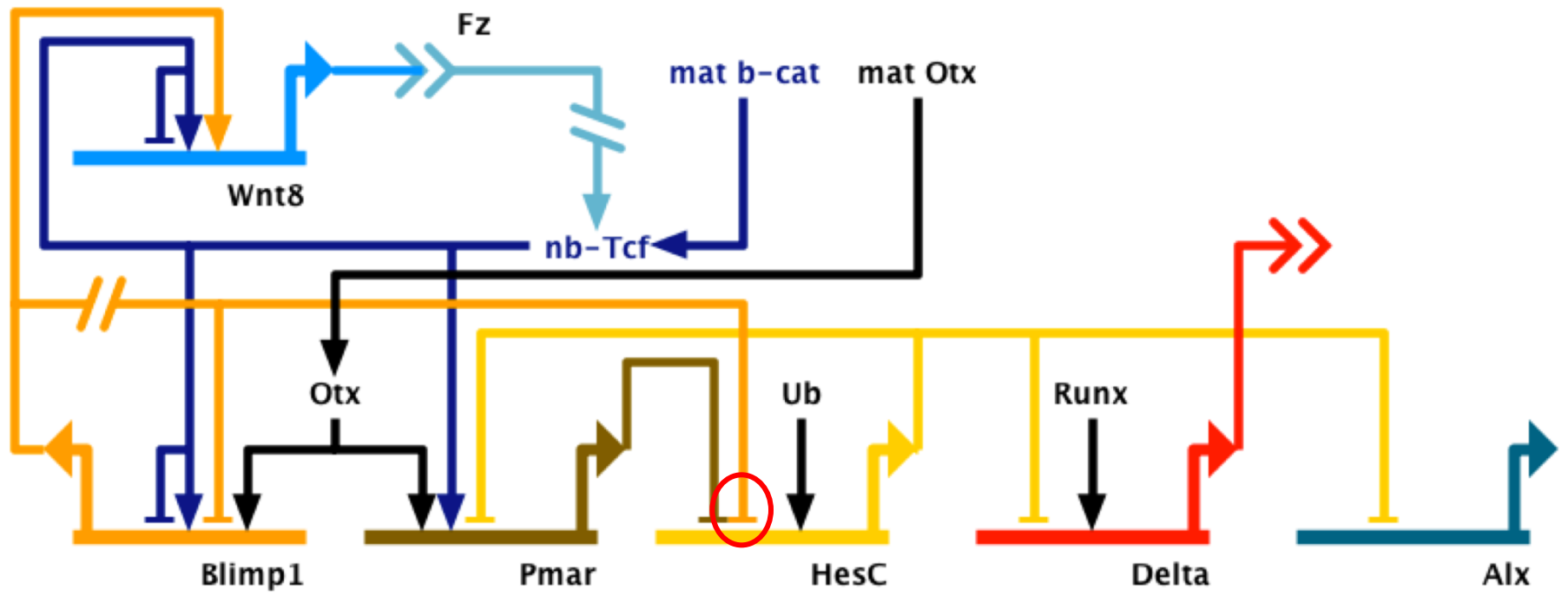
GENE REGULATORY NETWORKS FOR EMBRYONIC DEVELOPMENT ARE NOT “PARSIMONIOUSLY” WIRED: MULTIPLE SUBCIRCUITS OPERATE TO ENSURE THE RIGHT OUTCOME...



**DESPITE APPEARANCES, NOT A
"BISTABLE SWITCH" !**

**TEMPORALLY AND SPATIALLY NON-
COINCIDENT; SEQUENTIAL AND NON-
OVERLAPPING; ENTIRELY
DETERMINISTIC**





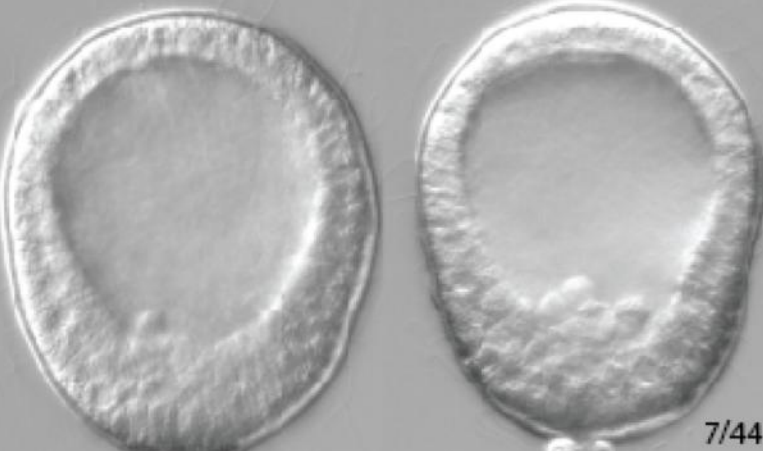
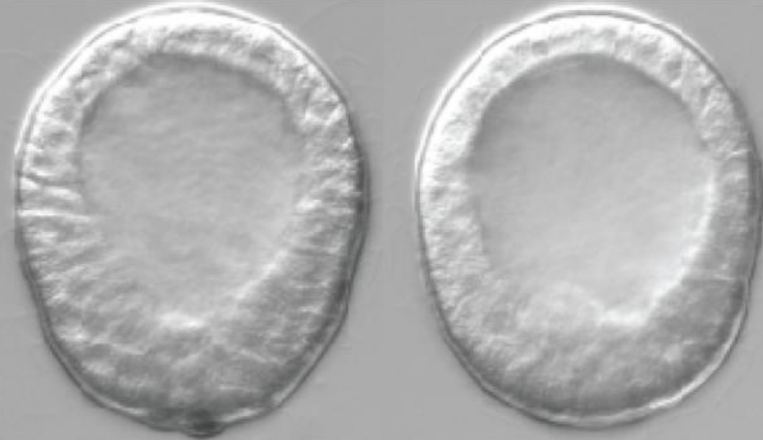
N MASO



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**EFFECT OF BLOCKING PMAR1
WITH MORPHOLINO
ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
(MASO):
NO SKELETOGENIC CELLS IN
BLASTOCOEL**

P MASO



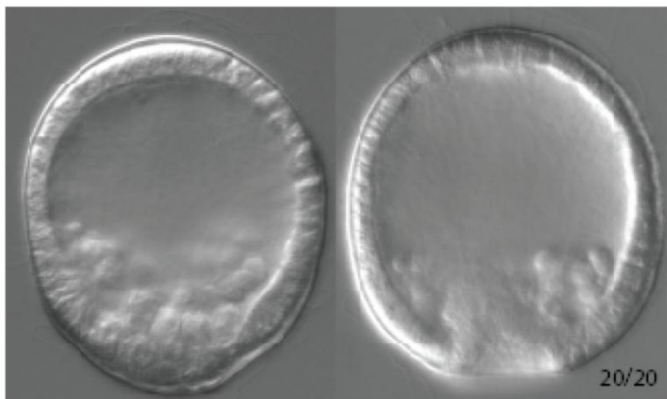
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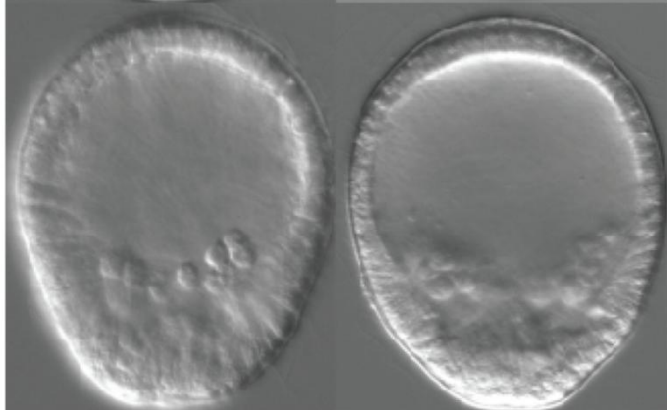
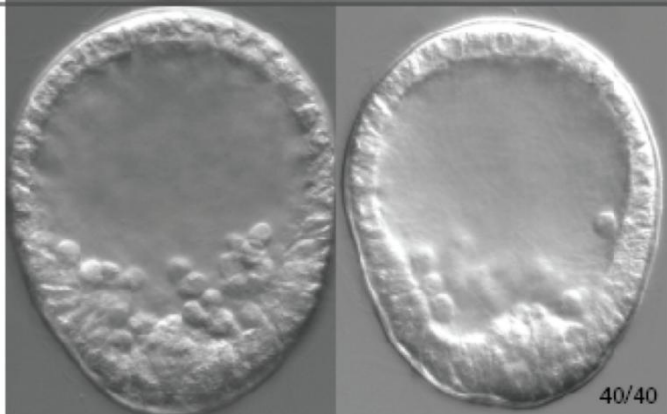
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30 h

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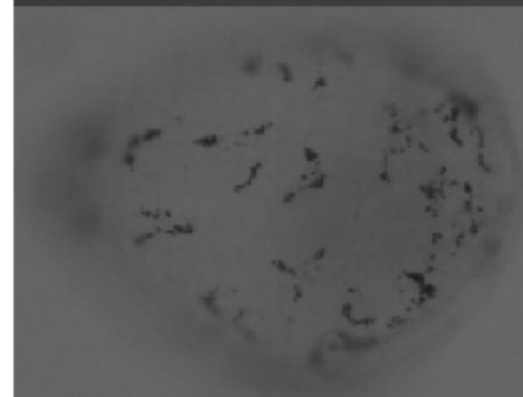
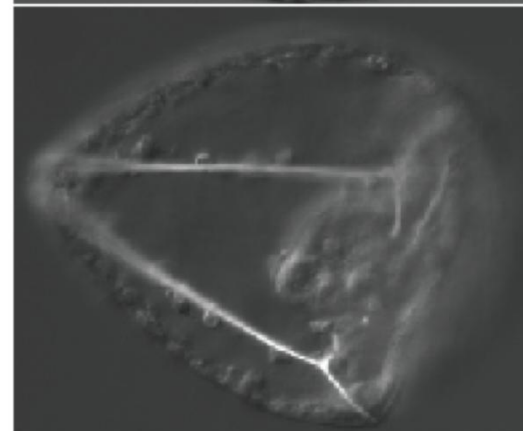
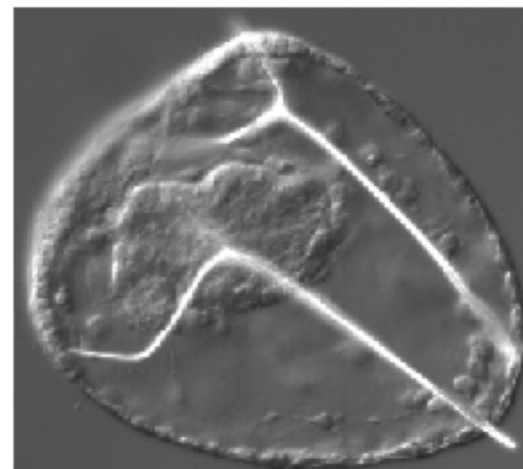


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**REGULATIVE
RECOVERY!**

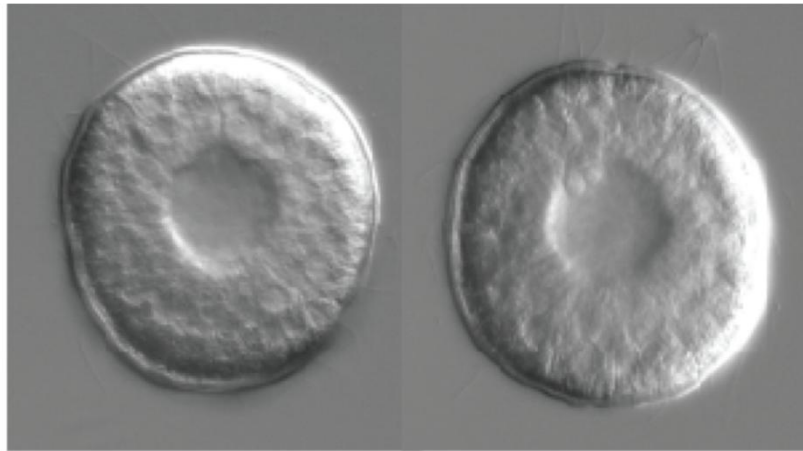
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72 h



24 h

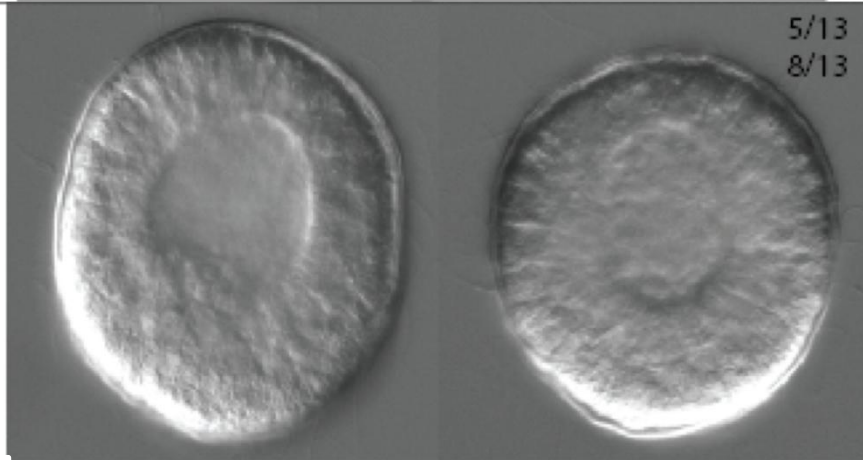
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**MINUS FAIL-SAFE
LINKAGE:
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISASTER**

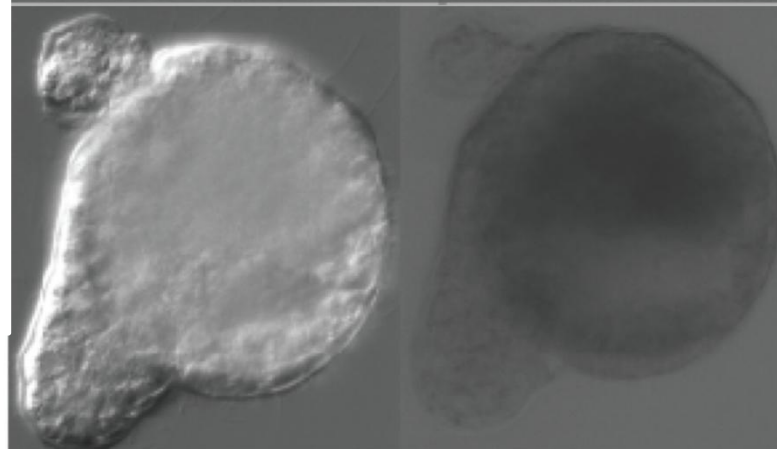
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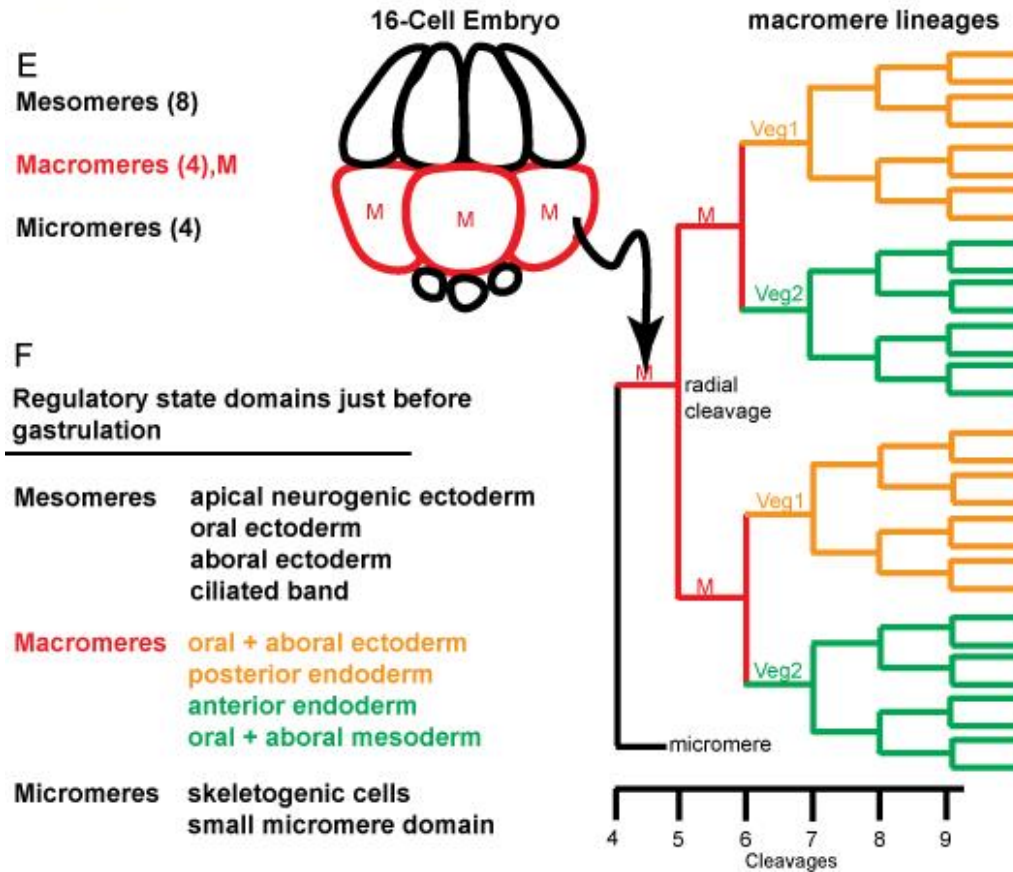
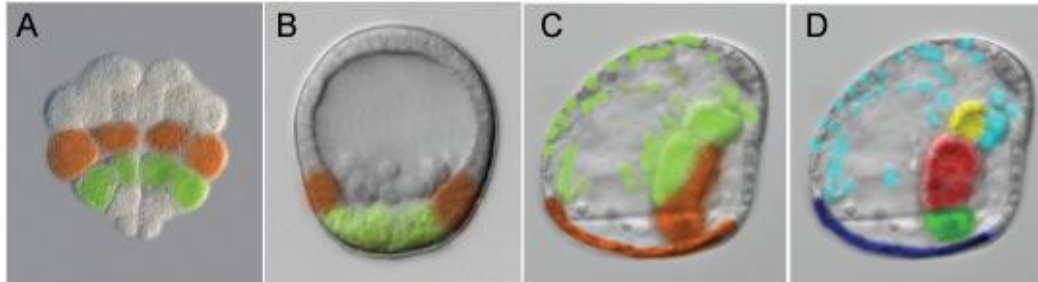


HOW DEVELOPMENT IS ENCODED: EXAMPLE 2

DYNAMIC SEPARATION OF FATES:

ENDODERM VS MESODERM REGULATORY
STATE SPECIFICATION

ANTERIOR ENDODERM (FUTURE FOREGUT &
MIDGUT) VS POSTERIOR ENDODERM
(FUTURE HINDGUT) REGULATORY STATE
SPECIFICATION



Endomesoderm Specification up to 30 Hours

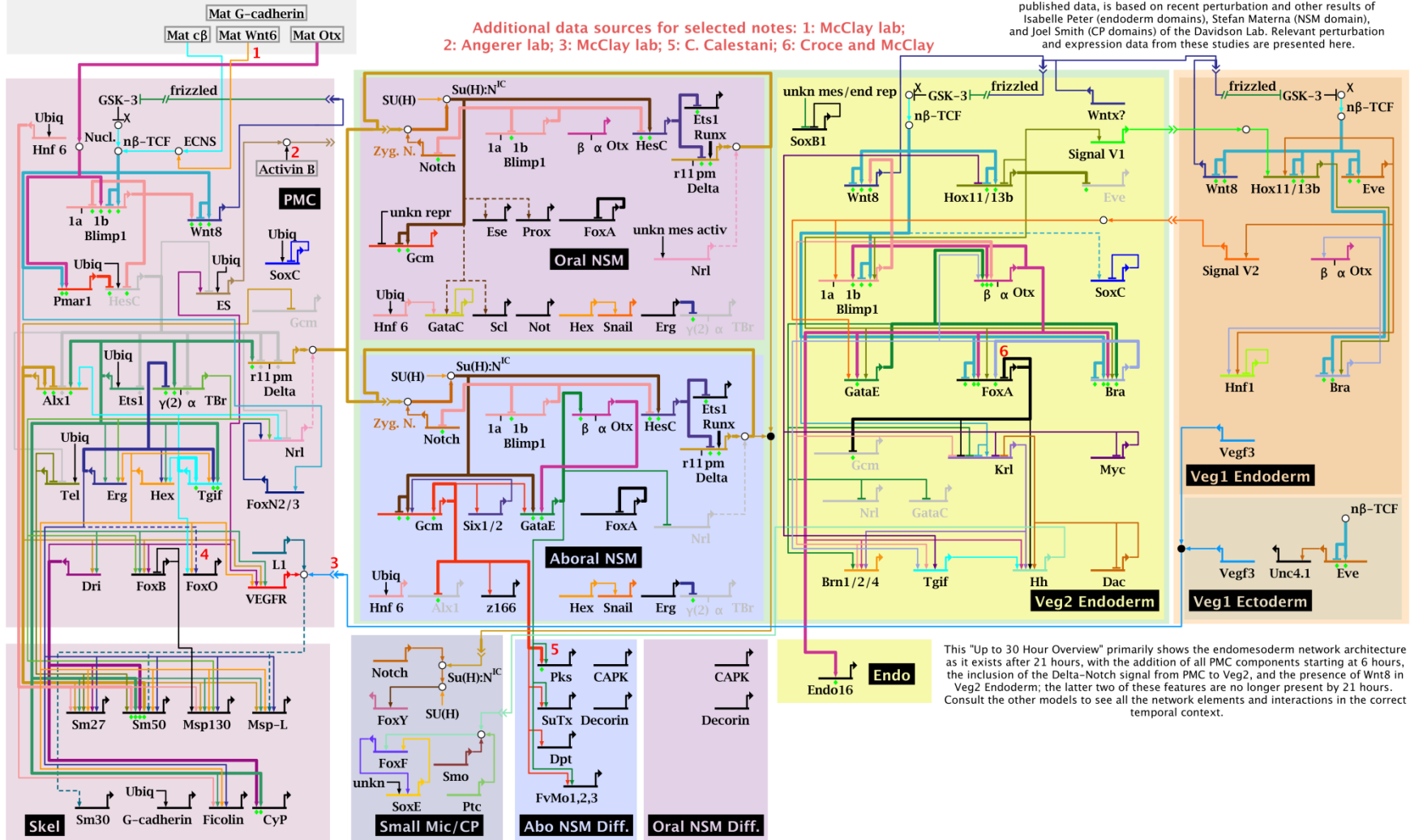
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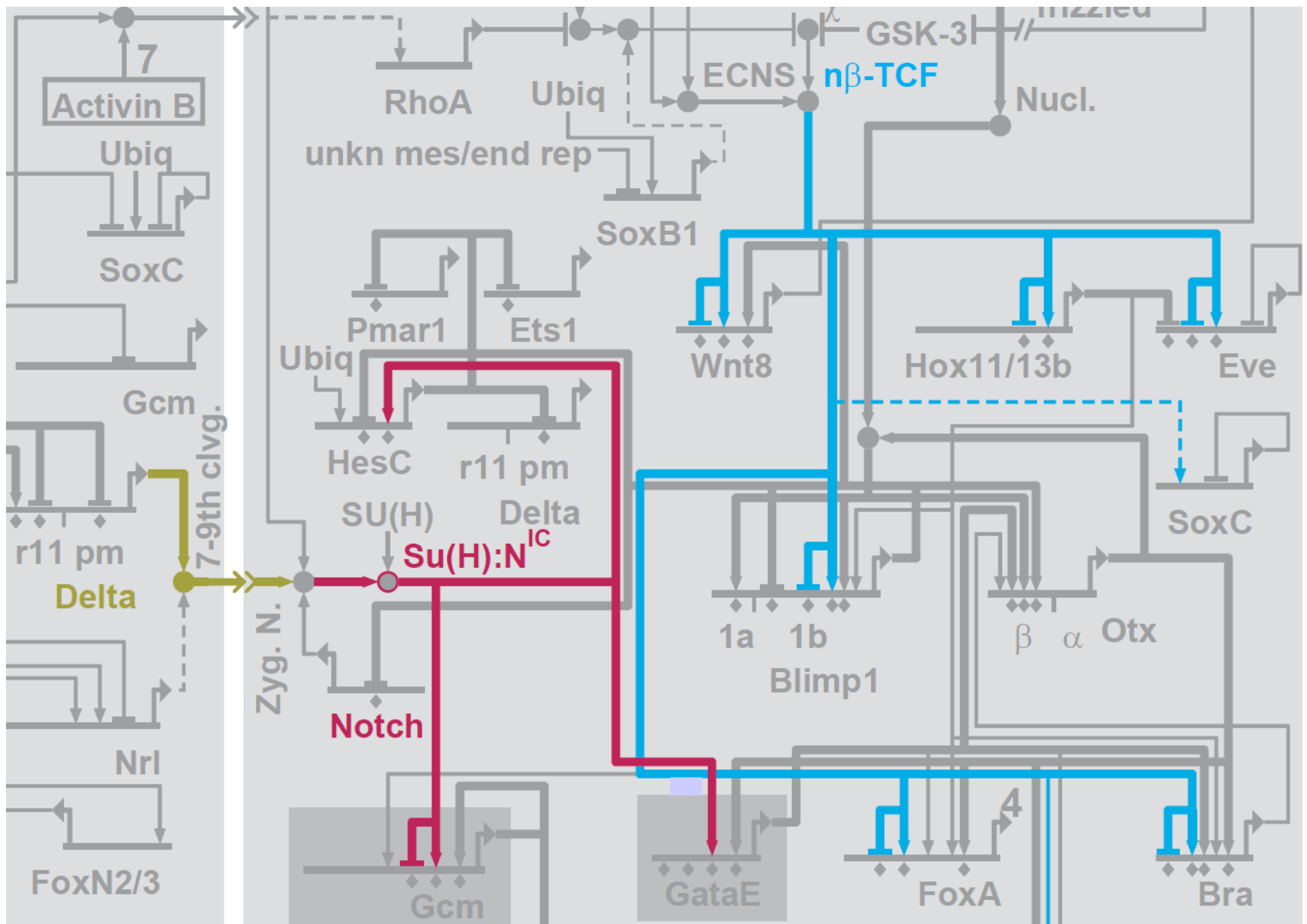


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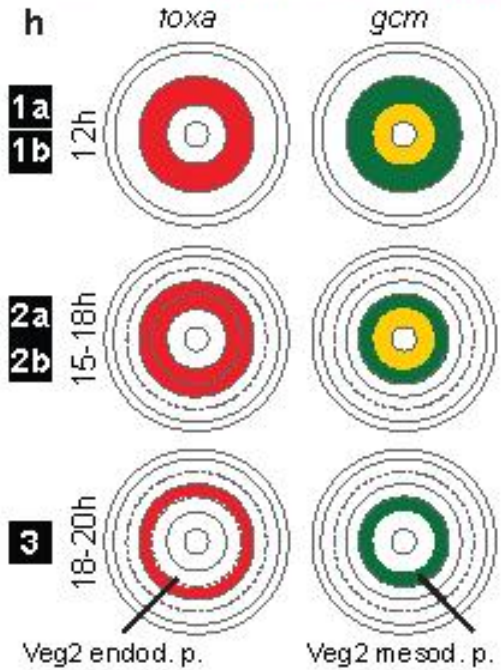
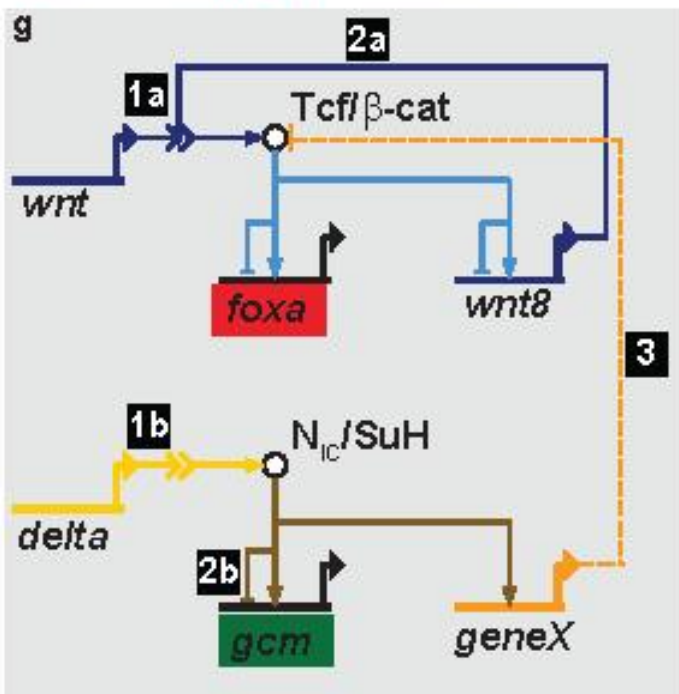
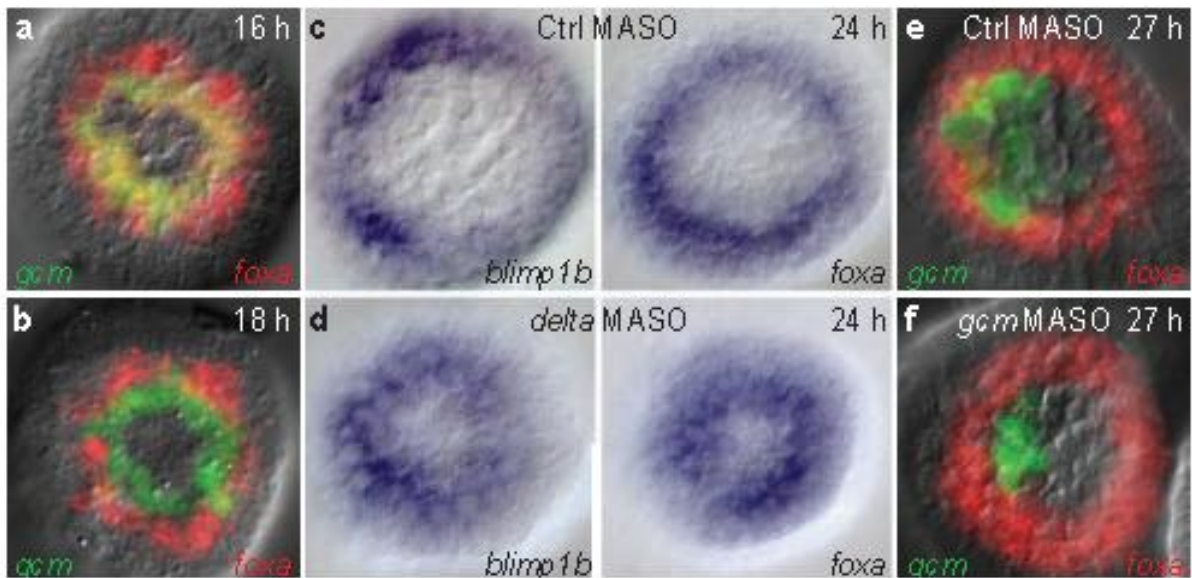
ENDODERM VS MESODERM

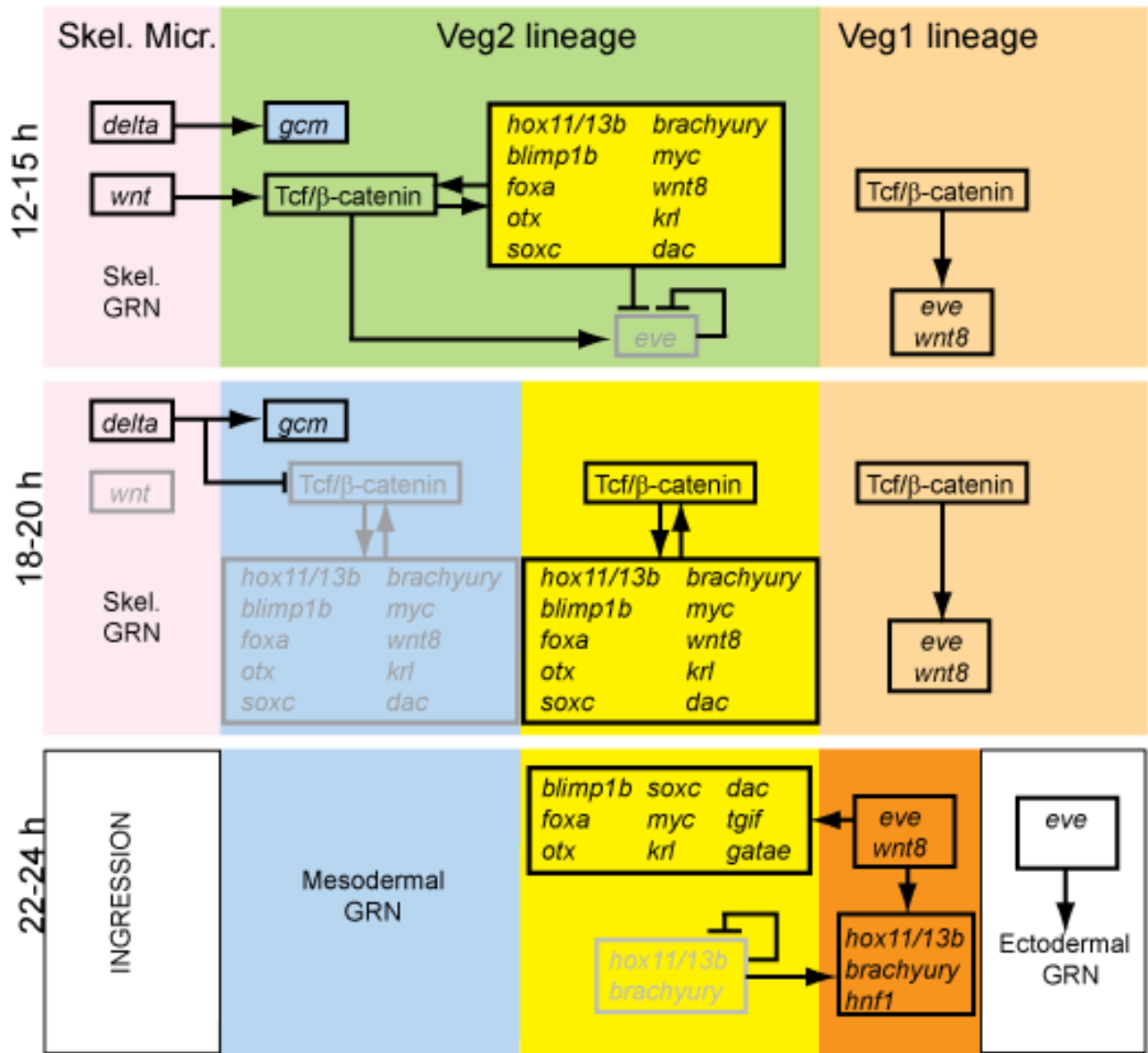
**NON-INTERACTING GRNS OPERATING IN SAME CELLS:
VEG2 MESODERM AND VEG2 ENDODERM SPECIFICATION**



**CLEARANCE OF ENDODERM GENE EXPRESSION
FROM MESODERM FOLLOWS:**

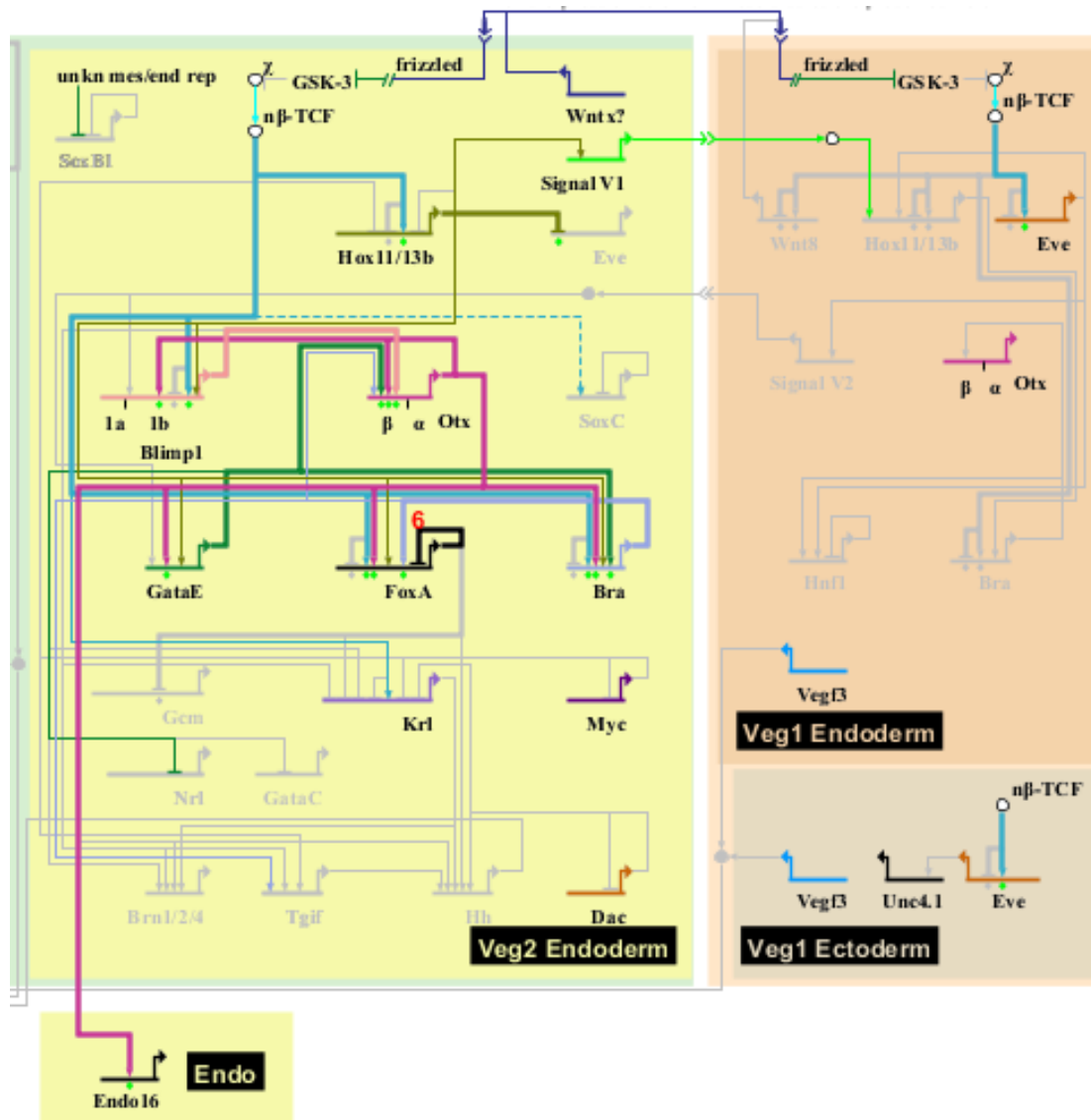
**DEPENDS ON SAME NOTCH SIGNALING AS IS USED
TO SPECIFY MESODERM ORIGINALLY**



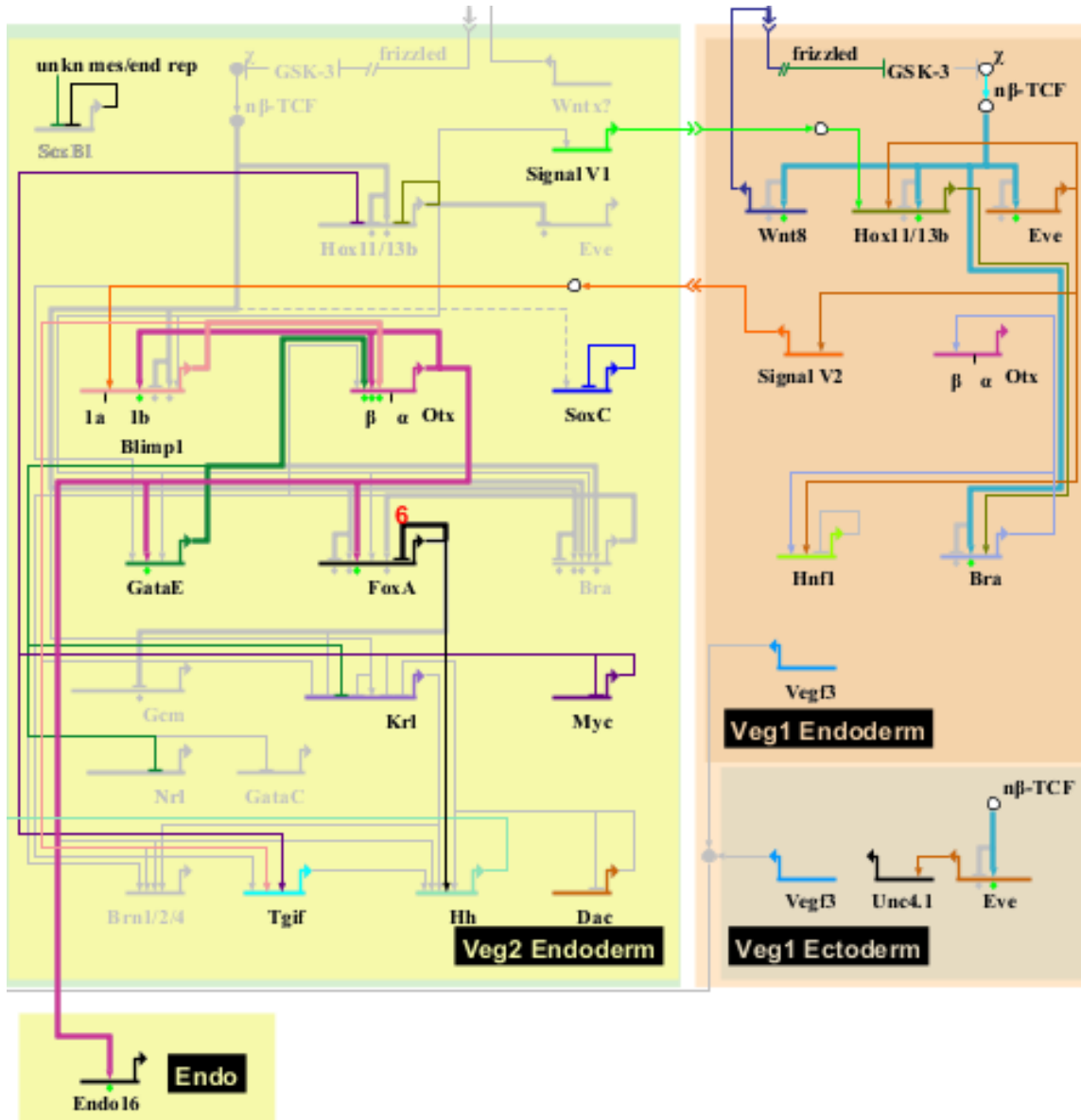


**ANTERIOR ENDODERM VS POSTERIOIR
ENDODERM (different regulatory state
in veg2 from that in veg1)**

21h



24h

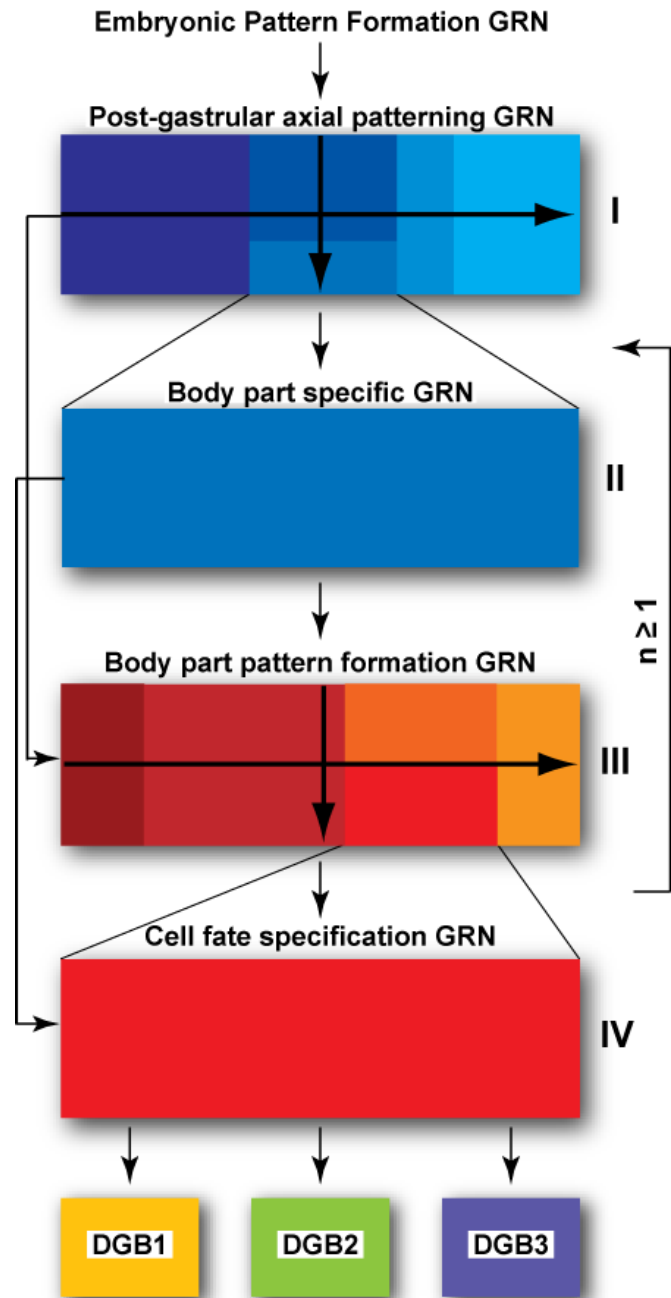


UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM IN GRN'S

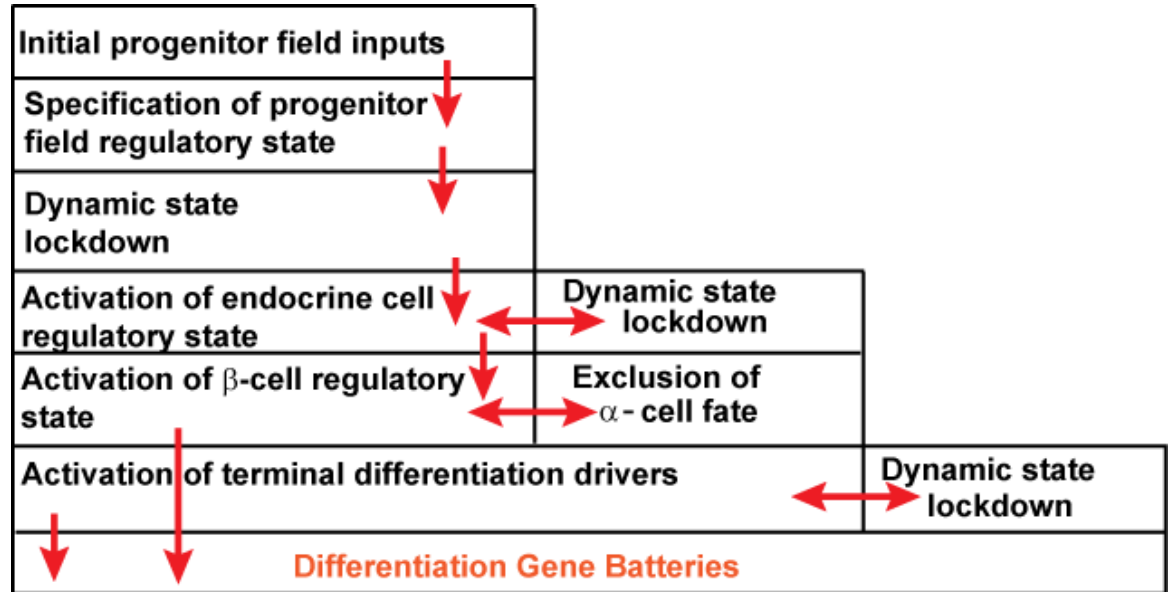
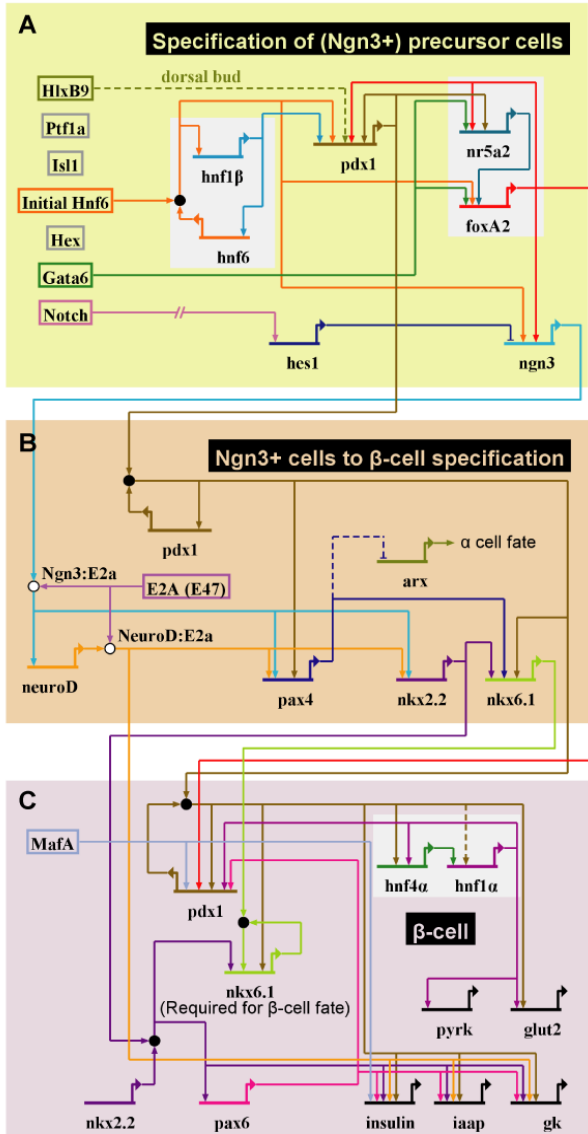
HIERARCHY

TERMINAL/PERIPHERAL CIRCUITRY

**A DIAGRAM
OF GRN
HIERARCHY**



PANCREATIC β - CELL DEVELOPMENT



TYPES OF DOWNSTREAM GRN MODULES, THE STRUCTURE OF WHICH IS ENCODED IN THE GENOME:

DEVELOPMENTAL REGULATORY MODULES:

- DIFFERENTIATION GENE BATTERIES**
- CELL BIOLOGY CASSETTES**
- MORPHOGENESIS CASSETTES**

PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSE MODULES:

- PATHOGEN RESPONSES**
- STRESS RESPONSES**
- NUTRIENT FLUCTUATION RESPONSES, ETC**

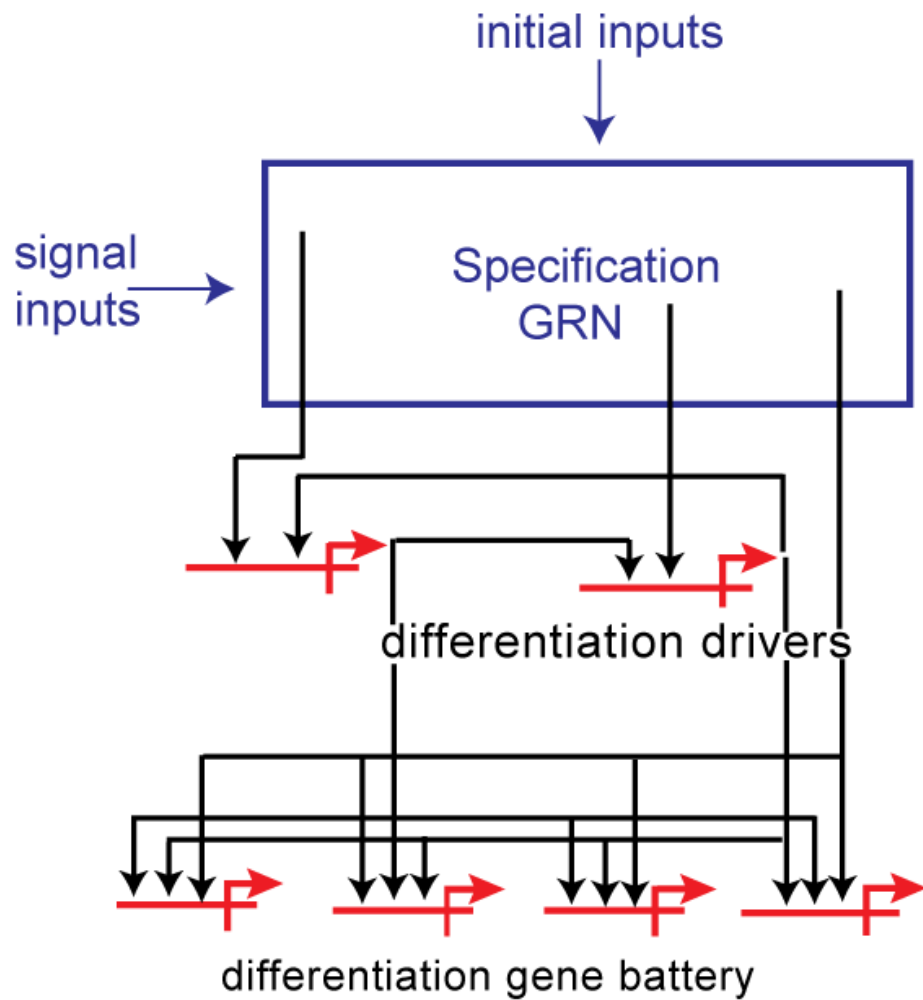
GLOBAL GRN: UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM LINKED!

DIFFERENTIATION GENE BATTERIES

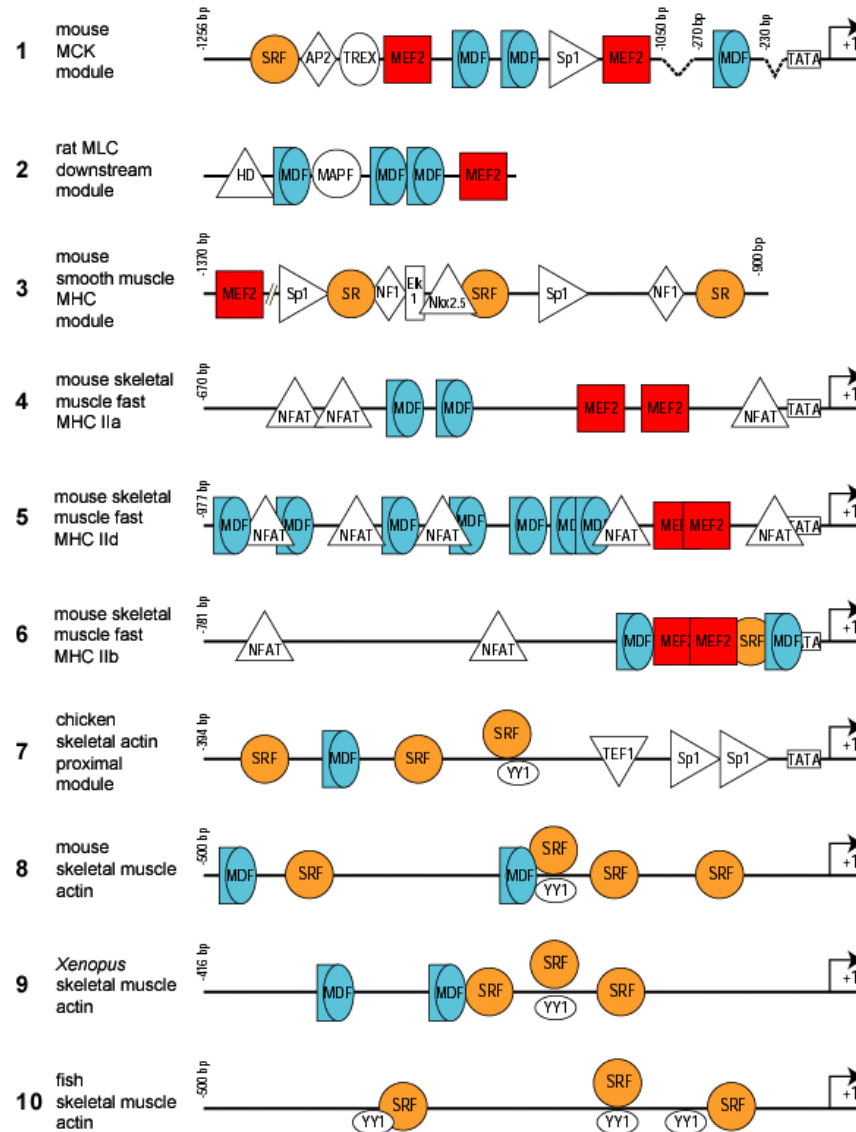
Differentiation genes are always controlled by MULTIPLE REGULATORY GENES, which themselves cross-regulate, directly or indirectly

Differentiation gene batteries are at the periphery of GRNs

They are large but repetitively organised subcircuits



A. MUSCLE CONTRACTILE PROTEIN GENES



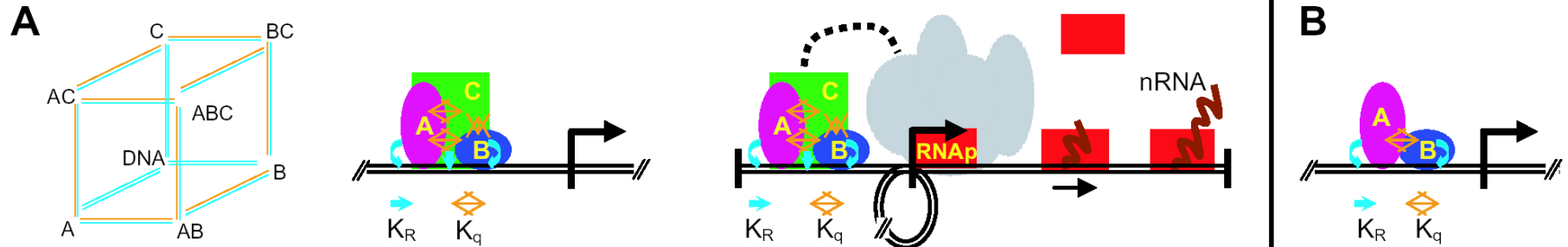
THE OUTPUT OF EMBRYONIC SPECIFICATION GRNS IS A BOOLEAN CHECKERBOARD OF SPATIAL REGULATORY STATES

KINETIC O.D.E. MODELS ARE A SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE FOR THIS PROBLEM:

- **FAR TOO MANY PARAMETERS FOR LARGE SYSTEMS**
- **ALSO ILL SUITED FOR PRIMARILY SPATIAL TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO EMBRYO GEOMETRY**
- **ALSO BOUNDARIES ARE ALL CLIFF-LIKE**

YET TO CAPTURE THE LOGIC AND TO COMPARE OBSERVED AND PREDICTED GRN SPATIAL REGULATORY STATES, A FORMAL SPECIFIC COMPUTATIONAL MODEL OF SOME KIND IS CLEARLY REQUIRED...

TIME HAS ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED: WE APPLIED RESULTS OF AN EARLIER O.D.E. ANALYSIS OF SEA URCHIN CASCADE DYNAMICS (BOLOURI AND DAVIDSON, 2003)



$$(1) \quad Y_{AB} = \frac{A \cdot K_{RA} \cdot B \cdot K_{RB} \cdot K_q}{D_N^2 + A \cdot D_N + B \cdot D_N + A \cdot K_{RA} \cdot D_N + B \cdot K_{RB} \cdot D_N + A \cdot K_{RA} \cdot B \cdot K_{RB} \cdot K_q}$$

$$(2) \quad I = M \cdot (1 - e^{-k_b \cdot Y_{AB} / M})$$

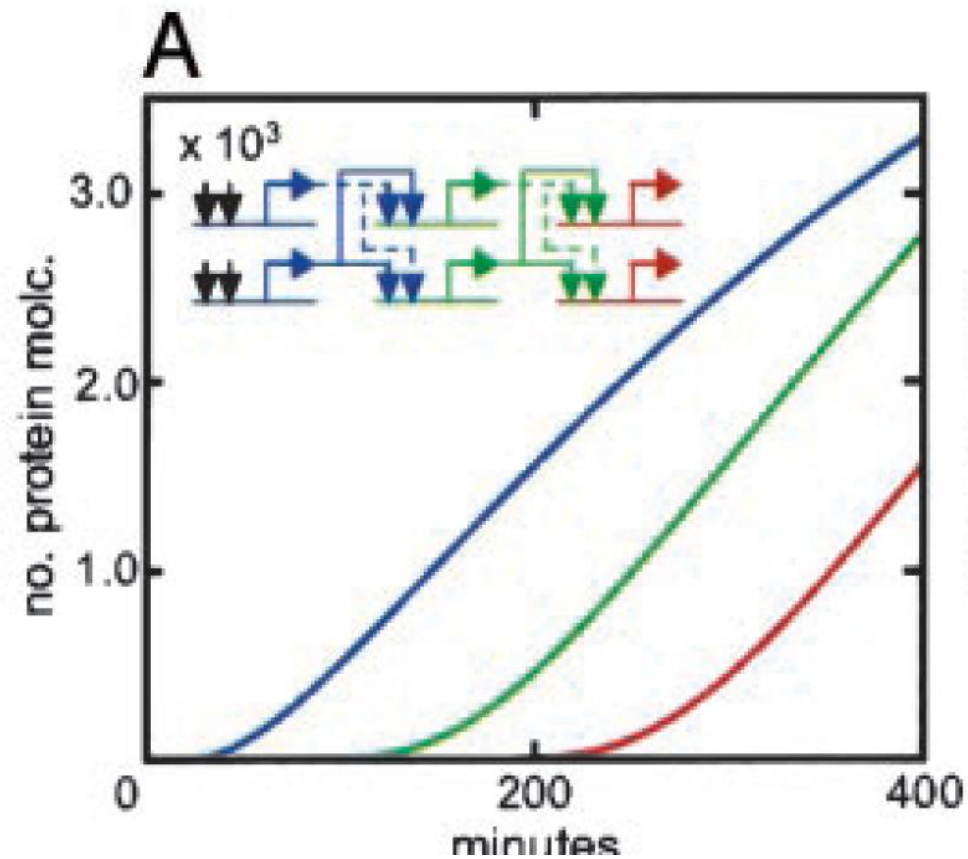
$$(3) \quad \frac{d(nRNA)}{dt} = I - k_{dn} \cdot nRNA$$

$$(4) \quad \frac{d(mRNA)}{dt} = I_{t+\Delta t1} - k_{dm} \cdot mRNA$$

$$(5) \quad \frac{d(P)}{dt} = k_t \cdot mRNA_{t+\Delta t2} - k_{dP} \cdot P$$

K_R	= relative equilibrium constant
K_q	= coefficient of cooperativity
k_b	= CRM activating strength
Y_{AB}	= DNA occupancy by A & B
I	= no. of transcription initiations per minute
M	= max. no. of initiations per minute
$I_{t+\Delta t1}$	= initiations per minute, $\Delta t1$ mins delayed
$mRNA_{t+\Delta t2}$	= mRNA molecules, $\Delta t2$ mins after transcription
k_t	= rate of mRNA translation
k_d 's	= rates of degradation

Cascade behavior



BASIC STRUCTURE OF MODEL-1:

IN LIFE THE REGULATORY GENOME CONSISTS OF AN UNORDERED, LINEAR ARRAY OF INFORMATION PROCESSING CIS-REGULATORY MODULES

WE CAPTURED THIS BY CONSTRUCTING FOR EACH GENE A BOOLEAN EQUATION STATING THE INPUTS AND HOW THESE INPUTS ARE PROCESSED BY CIS-REGULATORY LOGIC FUNCTIONS; THESE EQUATIONS NEVER CHANGE, LIKE THE DNA SEQUENCE

BUT THE INPUTS TO WHICH THEY MAY RESPOND CHANGE SPATIALLY AND TEMPORALLY, LIKE THE REGULATORY STATES IN LIFE

THE INPUTS WERE DERIVED FROM THE STRUCTURE OF THE GRNS, WHICH PREDICTS THEM (IN MANY CASES VALIDATED)

CONCLUSIONS

-REMARKABLE CONVERGENCE OF COMPUTED AND OBSERVED RESULTS

-ALL OBSERVED DIFFERENTIALLY EXPRESSED GENES ARE EXPRESSED IN THE CORRECT DOMAIN IN COMPUTED MODEL

-SUFFICIENT CAUSALITY OF GENOMICALLY ENCODED LOGIC TRANSACTIONS TO EXPLAIN SPATIAL SPECIFICATION

-INFORMATIONAL CONTENT OF GRN IS NEARLY SUFFICIENT (AND WE SEE EXACTLY WHAT WE DON'T YET KNOW)

-SHOWS WHY SYSTEM LEVEL EXPLANATION IS THE ONLY WAY TO SOLVE PROBLEM, SINGLE GENE FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS WILL NEVER BE SUFFICIENT

-PROVIDES APPROACH TO RE-ENGINEERING REGULATORY SYSTEM IN SILICO

SUMMARY: A CHAIN OF VERTICAL CAUSAL LINKS EXTENDS COMMUTATIVELY BETWEEN THE EMBRYO AND THE GENOME

- EMBRYOGENESIS IS CAUSALLY DEPENDENT ON TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL EXPRESSION OF LARGE SETS OF GENES
- **GENE EXPRESSION DEPENDS CAUSALLY ON REGULATORY STATE IN EACH TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL ELEMENT OF THE EMBRYO**
- REGULATORY STATE IS PRODUCED BY NETWORKS OF INTERACTING REGULATORY GENES (GRNS)
- **WHAT GRNS DO, WHAT REGULATORY GENES THEY INCLUDE, HOW THEY ENCODE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESSION, ARE CAUSALLY DEPENDENT ON THEIR CIRCUITRY**
- GRN CIRCUITRY IS CAUSALLY DEPENDENT ON THE INHERITED GENOMIC REGULATORY SEQUENCE

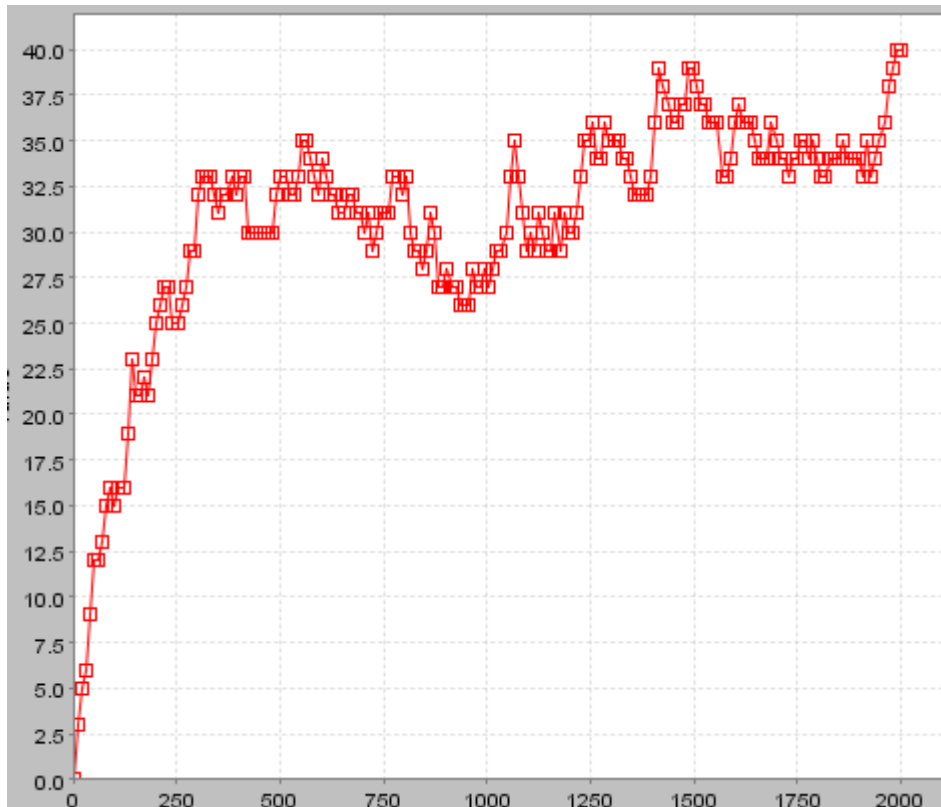
THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE DISCOVERIES

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- **ISABELLE PETER: Spatially dynamic Endoderm/Mesoderm specification GRNs; The sox21 project; Evolution of gene regulatory networks, Boolean logic model**
- **EMMANUEL FAURE: Boolean logic model; computational virtual embryo**
- **PAOLA OLIVERI and ROGER REVILLA, The skeletogenic double negative gate**
- **QIANG TU: Feedback circuitry in skeletogenic GRN**
- **ANDY RANSICK: Gcm cis-reg, N signaling pathway**
- **JOEL SMITH: delta, hesC, Pmar1 cis-reg, non-parsimonious design**
- **FENG GAO: Hijacking skeletogenesis; Cis-reg basis of cooption; The sox21 project**
- **SMADAR DE LEON: FoxA cis-reg; Kinetic modeling**
- **JONGMIN NAM: Revolutionizing cis-reg analysis**
- **ENHU LI: The new Oral/Aboral Ectoderm GRN**
- **JULIUS BARSÍ: The ciliated band GRN; late gene expression blockade**
- **SAGAR DAMLE: Lineage fate transformation; Alx cis-reg**
- **STEFAN MATERNA: Expanding the Mesoderm GRN**
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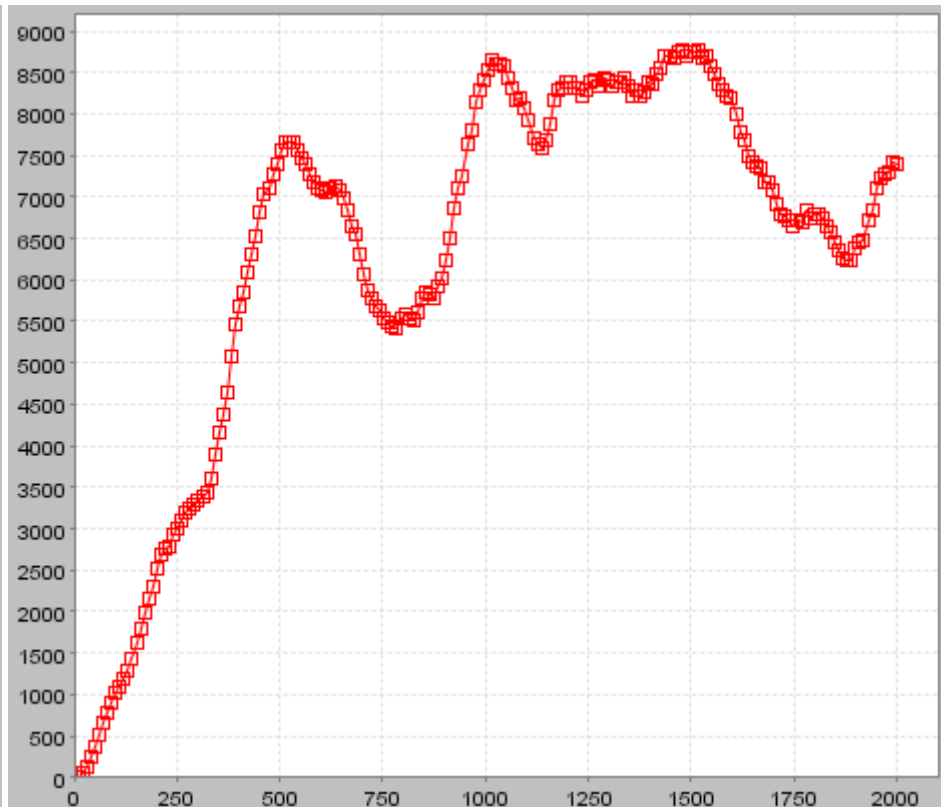
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mRNA molecules in a single cell



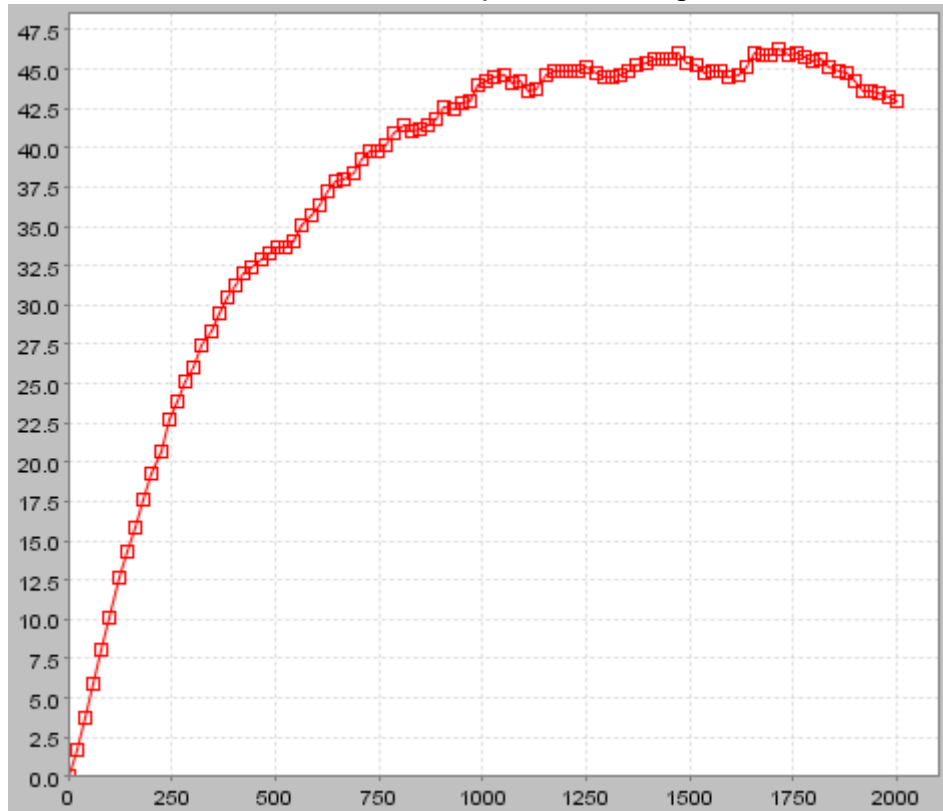
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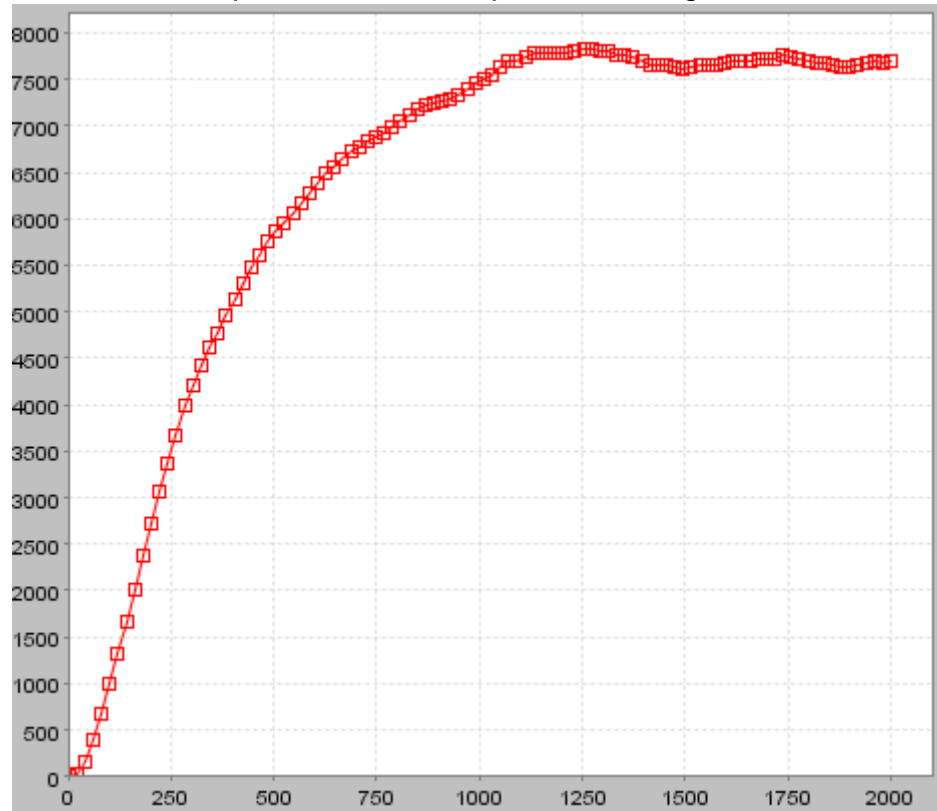
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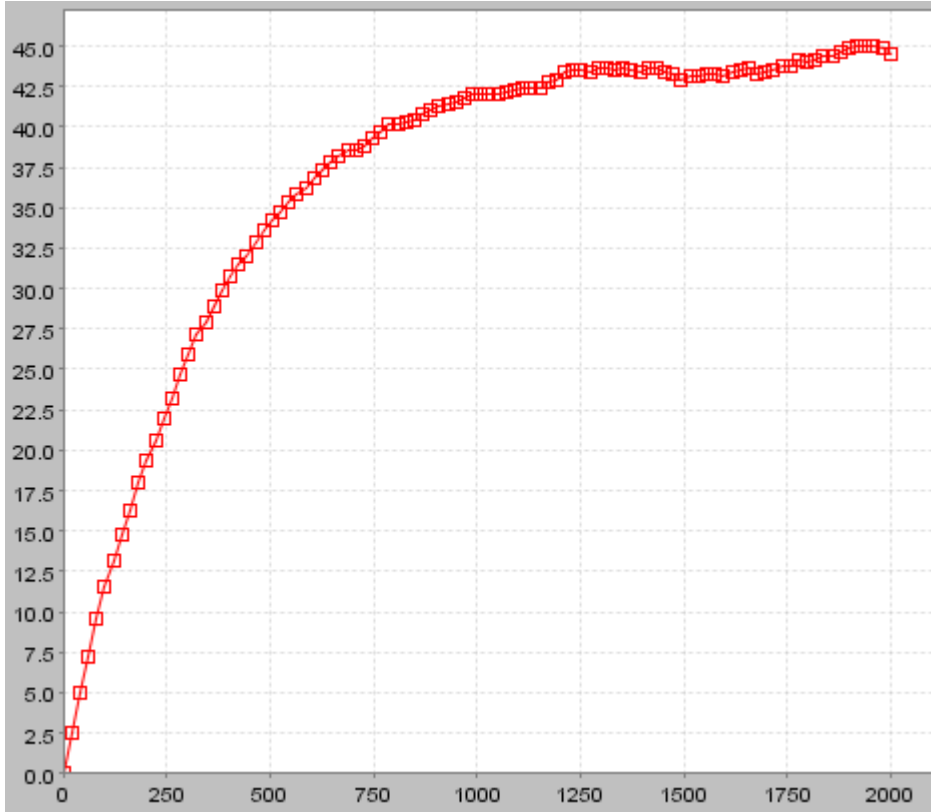
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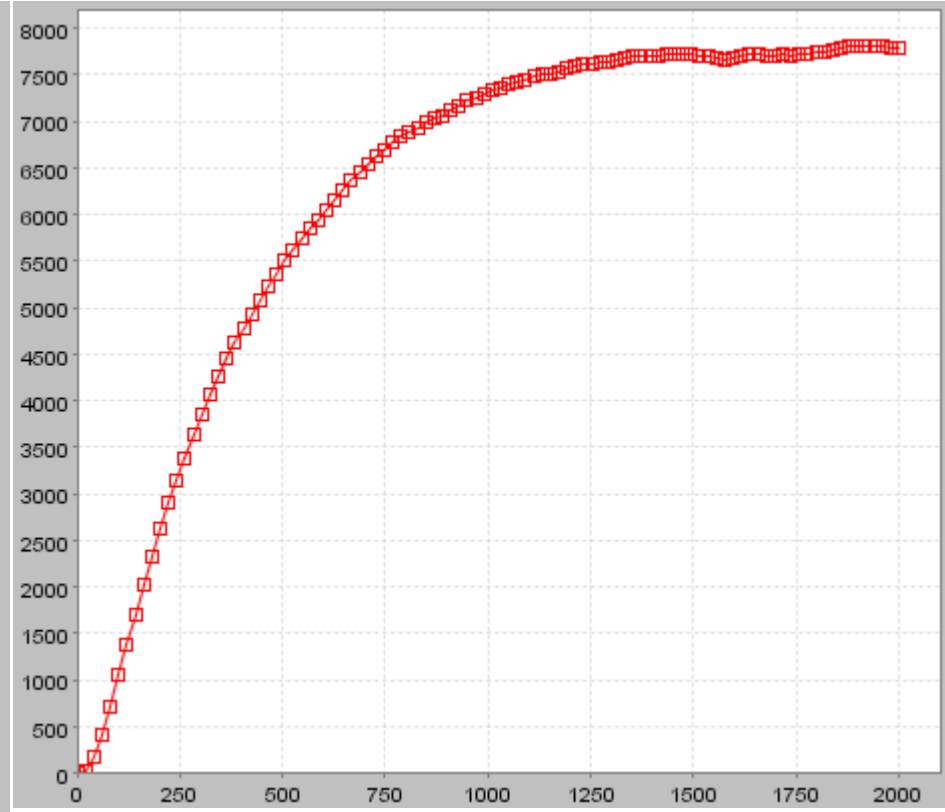
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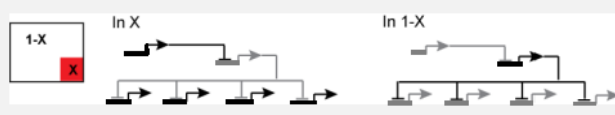
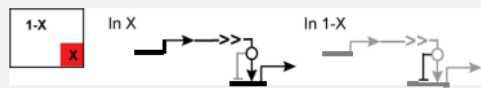


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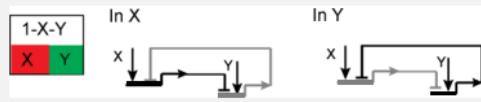
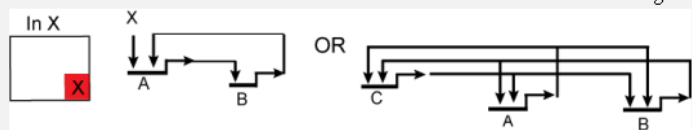
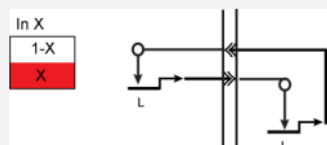
Number of protein molecules per cell averaged over 200 cells



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Alx1		if AT-2 Ets1=1 AND AT-2 NOT HesC=1 then=1 else=0
Blimp1b	Mod1	if [AT-0 J(Tcf):ModH=1 OR AT-0 J(Tcf):ModL=1] AND PERM-0 J(Tcf):ModH=0 AND AT-2 Otx=1 then=1 else=0
	Mod2	if AT-2 Hox11/13b:ModH=1 AND AT-0 J(Tcf):ModH=1 AND PERM-0 J(Tcf):ModH=0 then=1 else=0
	Mod3	if AT-0 J(V2)=1 then=1 else=0
		if Mod1=1 OR Mod2=1 OR Mod3=1 then=1 else=0
Bra		if AT-3 Hox11/13b=1 AND AT-0 J(Tcf)=1 AND PERM-0 J(Tcf):ModH=0 AND AT-3 Otx=1 AND [AT-3 GataE=1 OR AT-3 GataE=0] then=1 else=0
Brn1/2/4		if AT-3 Otx=1 AND AT-3 Blimp1b=1 AND AT-3 GataE=1 AND [AT-3 z13/Krl=1 OR AT-3 z13/Krl=0] then=1 else=0
Dac		if >17 AND IN V2.Endoderm then=1 else=0
Delta	ModA	if AT-2 Runx=1 AND AT-2 NOT HesC=1 then=1 else=0
	ModR11	if AT-3 Ets1=1 then=1 else=0
		if [ModA=1 OR ModR11=1] AND AT-2 NOT HesC=1 then=1 else=0
Dri		if AT-3 Alx1=1 AND AT-3 Ets1=1 then=1 else=0
Erg		if AT-3 Ets1=1 AND AT-3 Tbr=1 OR AT-3 Hex=1 then=1 else=0
Ets1		if AT-0 U1=1 AND AT-2 NOT HesC=1 then=1 else=0
Eve		if AT-2 J(Tcf)=1 AND PERM-0 J(Tcf):ModH=0 AND PERM-3 [Hox11/13b:ModH=1 AND Eve=1] then=1 else=0
FoxA	Mod1	if [AT-0 J(Tcf):ModH=1 OR AT-0 J(SuH)=1] AND PERM-0 J(Tcf):ModH=0 then=1 else=0
	Mod2	if AT-0 J(Tcf):ModH=1 AND AT-3 Hox11/13b:ModH=1 AND AT-3 Otx=1 AND [AT-3 Bra=1 OR AT-3 Bra=0] AND PERM-0 J(Tcf):ModH=0 then=1 else=0
		if Mod1=1 OR Mod2=1 OR Mod3=1 then=1 else=0
	Mod3	if IN V2.Endoderm AND >23 then=1 else=0
FoxB		if AT-3 Alx1=1 AND AT-3 Dri=1 AND AT-3 Ets1=1 AND AT-3 Tbr=1 then=1 else=0
FoxN2/3		if AT-3 Tbr=1 then=1 else=0
FoxO		if AT-3 Tgif=1 AND AT-3 Erg=1 then=1 else=0
GataE		if [AT-3 Otx=1 AND AT-0 J(SuH)=1 AND AT-3 Gcm=1] OR [AFTER-3 Hox11/13b:ModH=1 AND AT-0 J(V2)=1 AND AT-3 Otx=1] then=1 else=0
Gcm	ModE	if AT-0 J(SuH)=1 AND PERM-0 J(SuH)=0 then=1 else=0
	ModG	if AT-2 Gcm=1 AND AT-2 NOT FoxA=1 then=1 else=0
		if ModE=1 OR ModG=1 then=1 else=0
GeneX		if >15 AND AT-0 J(SuH)=1 then=1 else=0
HesC		if [AT-0 U1=1 OR AT-0 J(SuH)=1] AND PERM-0 Pmar1=1 then=1 else=0
Hex		if AT-2 Erg=1 AND [AT-2 Ets1=1 OR AT-2 Tgif=1] then=1 else=0
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Hnfl		if AT-2 Bra=1 AND AT-2 Eve=1 then=1 else=0
Hox11/13b	ModE	if AT-0 J(Tcf):ModH=1 AND NOT [AT-3 J(Wnt16)=1 AND AT-3 Hox11/13b:ModH=1] AND PERM-0 Hox11/13b:ModH=0 AND [AT-2 Myc=1 OR AT-2 Myc=0] then=1 else=0
	ModH	if ModE=1 AND PERM-0 J(Tcf):ModH=0 then=1 else=0
	ModW	if AT-2 Eve=1 AND AT-0 J(Wnt16)=1 then=1 else=0
		if ModH=1 OR ModW=1 then=1 else=0
J(SuH)		if AT-1 Delta=1 IN CC R then=1 else=0
J(Tcf)	ModH	if AT-0 N_b-cat:ModH=1 OR AT-1 N_b-cat:ModH=1 then=1 else=0
	ModL	if AT-0 N_b-cat:ModL=1 OR AT-1 N_b-cat:ModL=1 then=1 else=0
	ModV1	if AT-0 N_b-cat:ModV1=1 OR AT-1 N_b-cat:ModV1=1 then=1 else=0
		if ModH=1 OR ModL=1 OR ModV1=1 then=1 else=0
J(V2)		if AT-0 SignalV2=1 IN CC R then=1 else=0
J(Wnt16)		if AT-3 Wnt16=1 IN CC R OR AT-3 Wnt16=1 IN R then=1 else=0
Mat-n_b-cat	ModSkel	if >4 AND <10 AND IN Skel.Micromere then=1 else=0
	ModV2	if >5 AND <13 AND IN V2.Endoderm then=1 else=0
	ModV1	if [IN V1.Endoderm.A OR IN V1.Endoderm.O] AND >12 AND <10 then=1 else=0
	ModMeso	if [IN Oral.Mesoderm OR IN Aboral.Mesoderm] AND >5 AND <13 then=1 else=0
		if ModSkel=1 OR ModV2=1 OR ModV1=1 OR ModMeso=1 then=1 else=0

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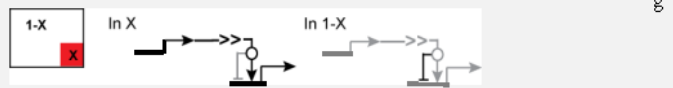
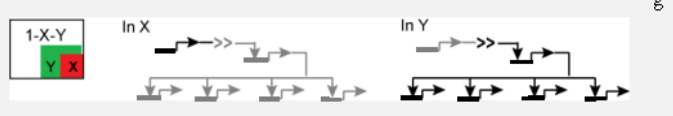

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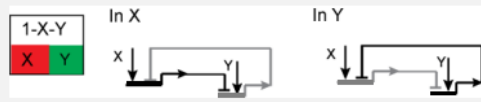
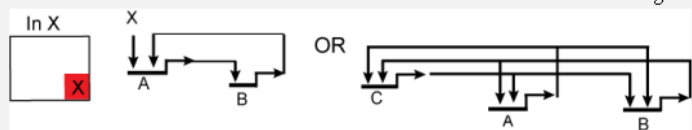
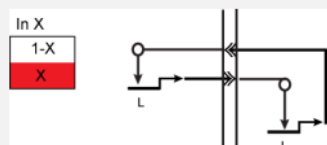
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