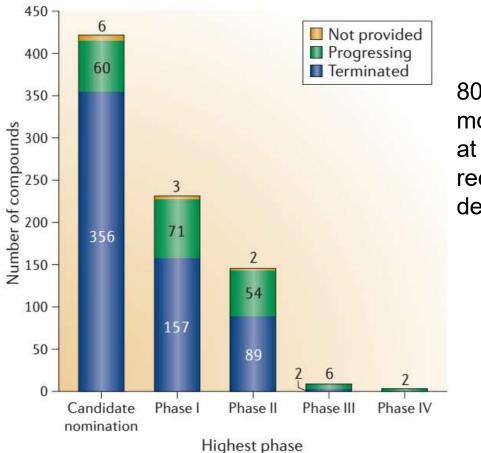


## Snapshot of Attrition During Drug Development



808 oral smallmolecule compounds at their highest recorded phase of development

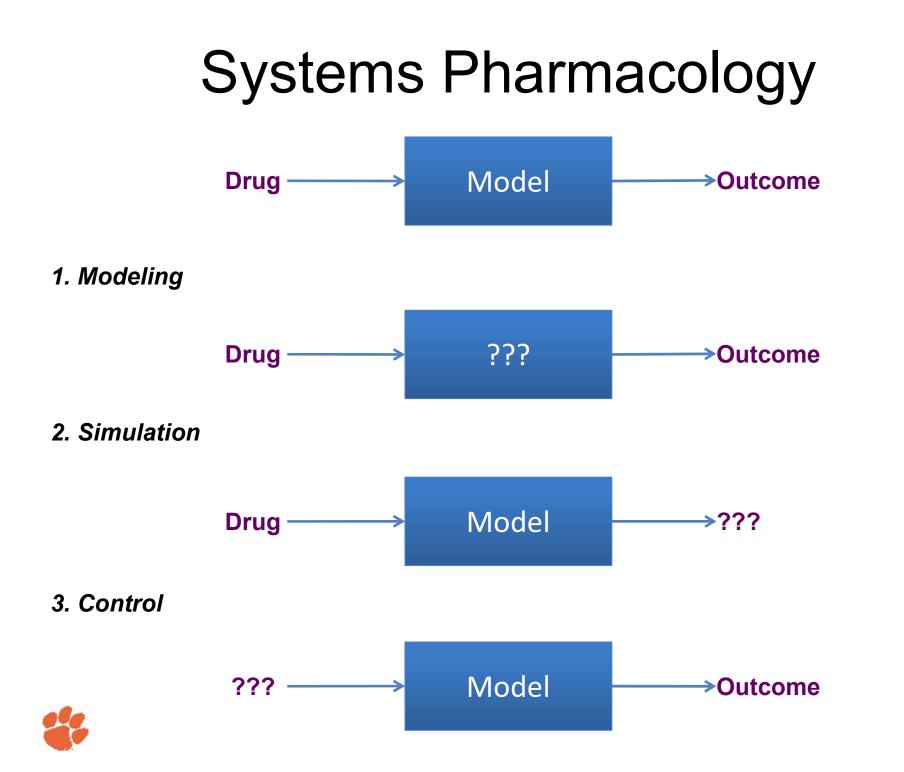
Waring et al., Nat Rev Drug Discovery, 2015



## Simulation is Typically an Integral Component of Design

- Example of airplane building
  - Build many airplanes, see which ones don't crash?
  - No!
  - Sufficient understanding of fluid dynamics and physics allows simulation to screen design ideas
- Human biology is far more complex and less
   understood—even in how to simulate it
  - Need more basic research
    - Physiological and pathophysiological mechanisms
    - Modeling and simulation methods to capture said mechanisms





PRECISION MEDICINE OUTLOOK

#### PERSPECTIVE

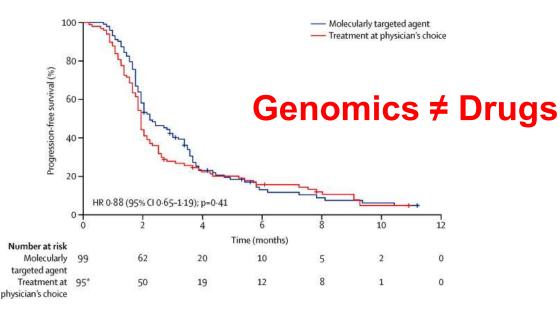


### The precision-oncology illusion

Precision oncology has not been shown to work, and perhaps it never will, says **Vinay Prasad**.

Precision oncology promises to pair individuals with cancer with drugs that target the specific mutations in their tumour, in the hope of producing long-lasting remission and extending their

> Targeted Therapy was found not to outperform Physician's Choice



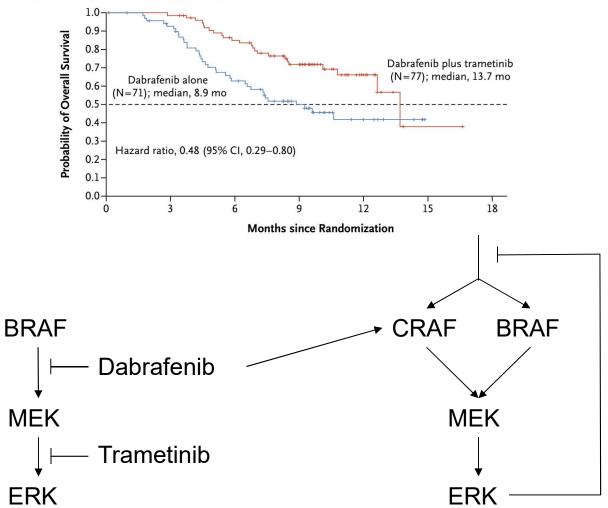


#### The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

**ORIGINAL ARTICLE** 

#### Combined BRAF and MEK Inhibition versus BRAF Inhibition Alone in Melanoma

Overall Survival, Patients with Elevated LDH at Baseline



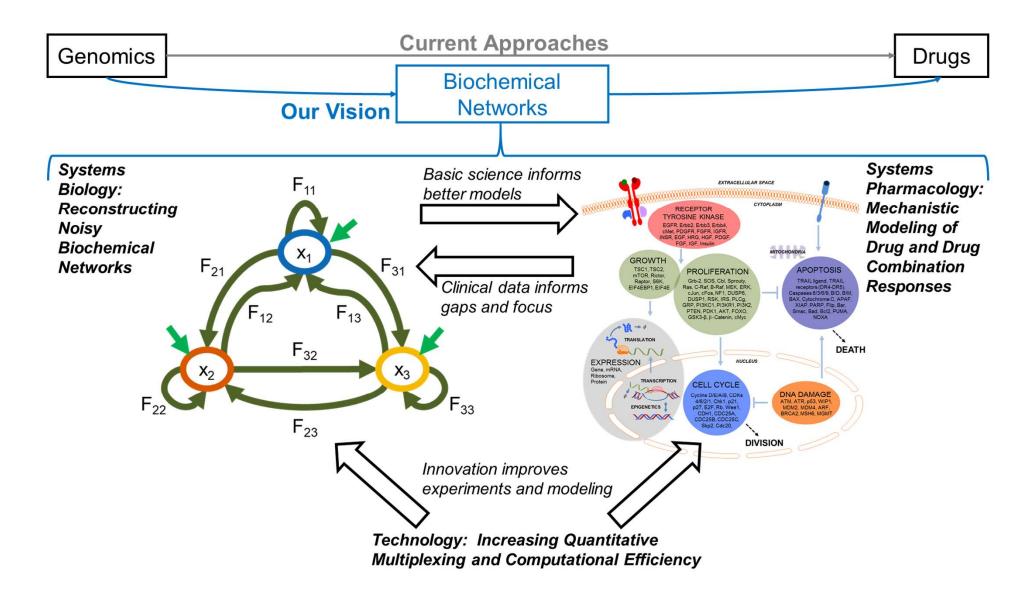


## What More Does Cancer Precision Medicine Need to Consider?

### One Driver→One Target→One Drug

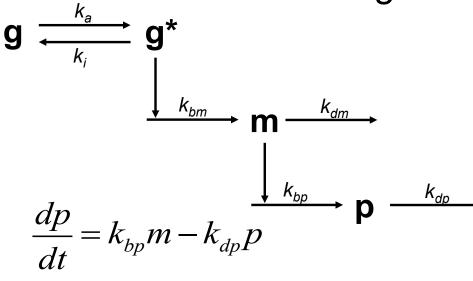
- 1. Systems
  - Driver may not be a good direct drug target
  - Drivers interact; 4-7 drivers per tumor (maybe more)
- 2. Polypharmacology
  - Multiple drivers→multiple targets→multiple drugs
  - Most targeted drugs are promiscuous
- 3. Dynamics
  - Tumors adapt and evolve on multiple time scales
- 4. Heterogeneity
  - Clonal cells show transient resistance
  - Cancers comprise multiple subclones with different drivers and microenvironments

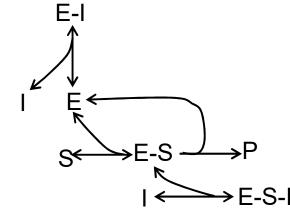






# Quantitative Systems Pharmacology: Mechanistic Kinetic Modeling of Biochemical Networks





Stochastic Gene Expression

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = k_{bm}g * -k_{dm}m$$

$$\frac{dg^*}{dt} = k_a g - k_i g^*$$

$$\frac{dg}{dt} = k_i g * -k_a g$$

180 20 160 14 Active Genes mRNAs Proteins 0.8 0.6 80 0.4 60 0.2 40L 20 44 Time (hr) 20 40 Time (hr) 60 60 40 60 40 40 Time (hr)

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Check for updates RESEARCH ARTICLE

A mechanistic pan-cancer pathway model informed by multi-omics data interprets stochastic cell fate responses to drugs and mitogens

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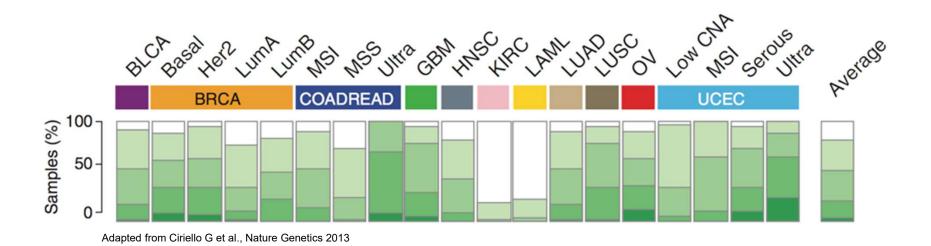
## **Defining Model Scope**

Pathways:

- RTK-RAS-RAF-MAPK
- PI3K-AKT-mTOR
- Cell Cycle
- p53-DNA Damage

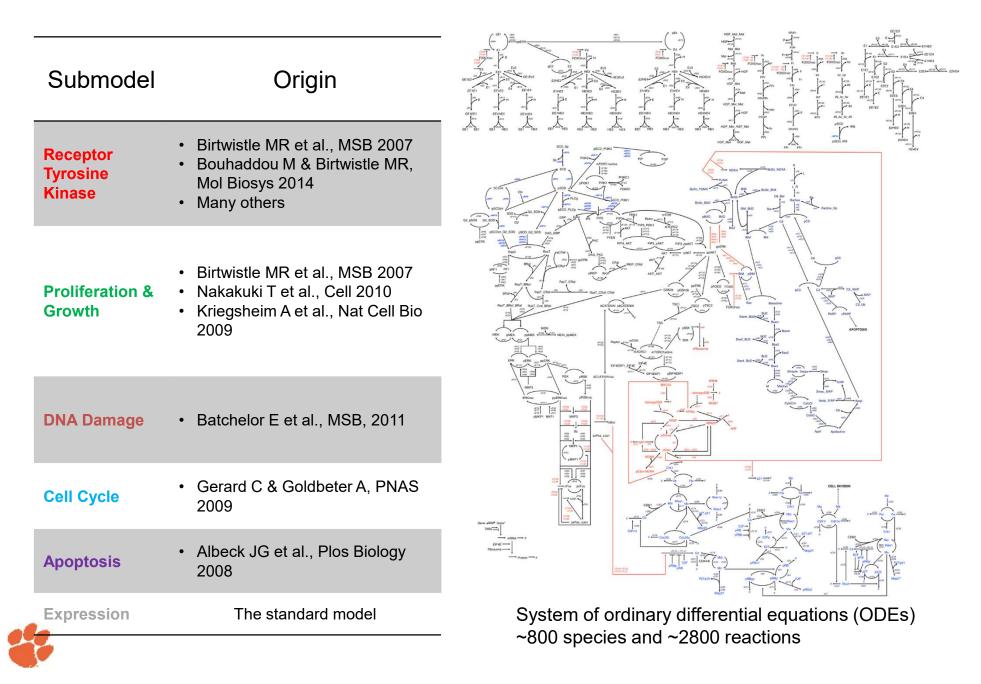


Number of pathways altered

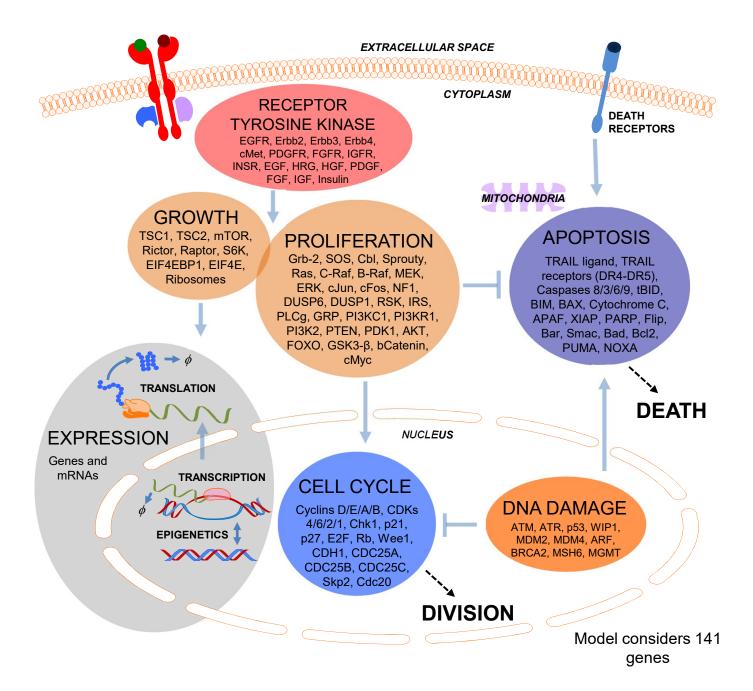




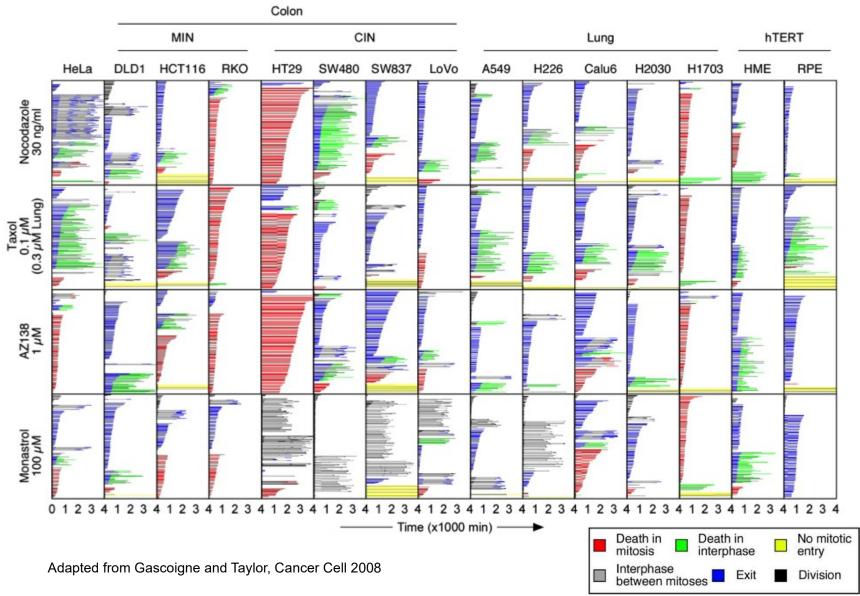
#### Model is Composed of Pathway-Specific Models from the Literature



#### **A Prettier Picture**

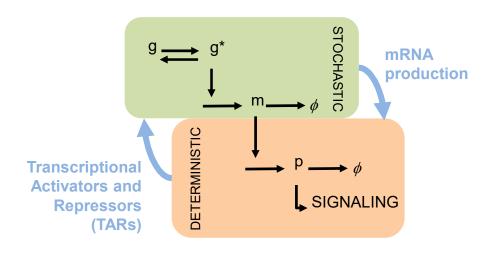


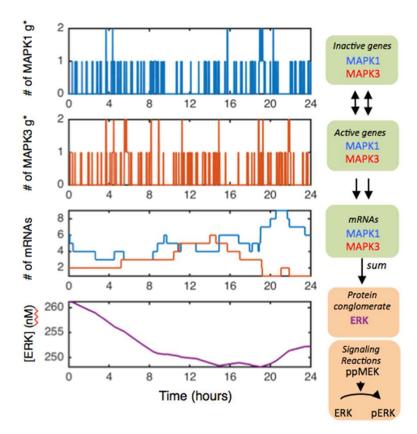
#### **Single Cells Have Stochastic Response to Drugs**





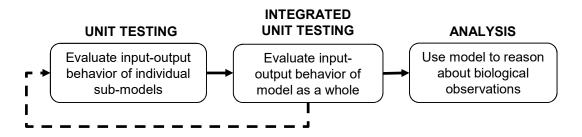
#### Cell-to-cell variability: Simulating Stochastic Gene Expression







## **Increasing Confidence in Models**



Cell context: Start with non-transformed MCF10A

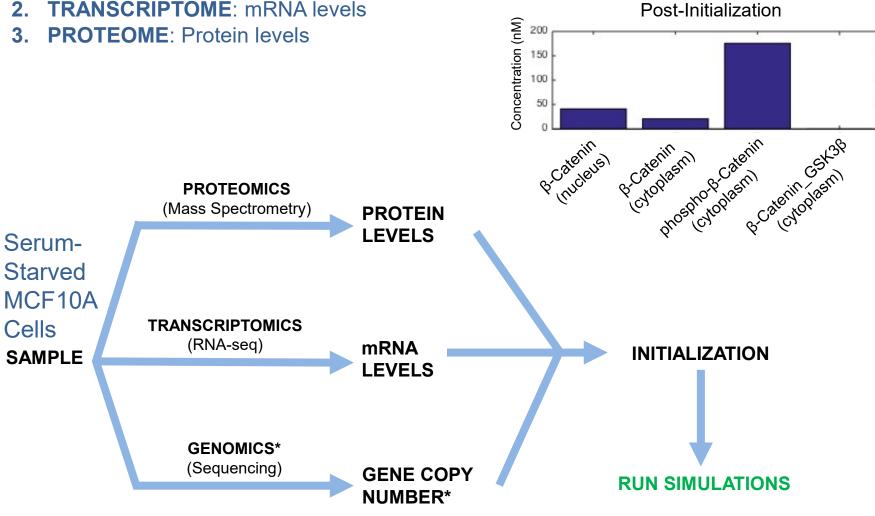
- Predictable phenotypic behaviors
- Few alterations
- Extensive literature data and widely studied

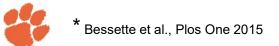


### Unit Testing—Expression: Tailoring Model to Quantitative **Expression Context**

Define "expression context":

- **GENOME**: Gene copy number 1.
- 2. TRANSCRIPTOME: mRNA levels
- 3.



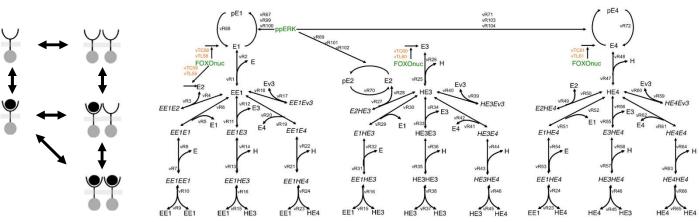


### **Unit Testing** – Receptor Tyrosine Kinase (RTK)

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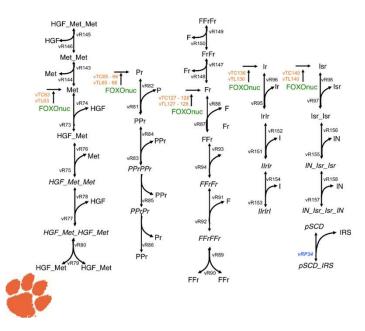
EGFR

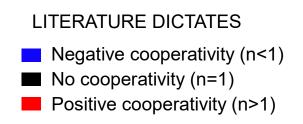
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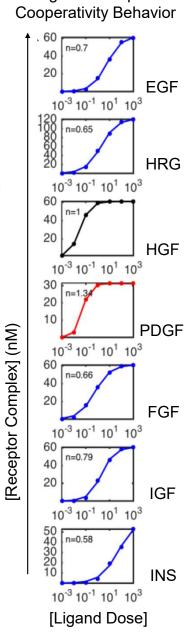


ErbB2

#### cMET PDGFR FGFR IGFR INSR

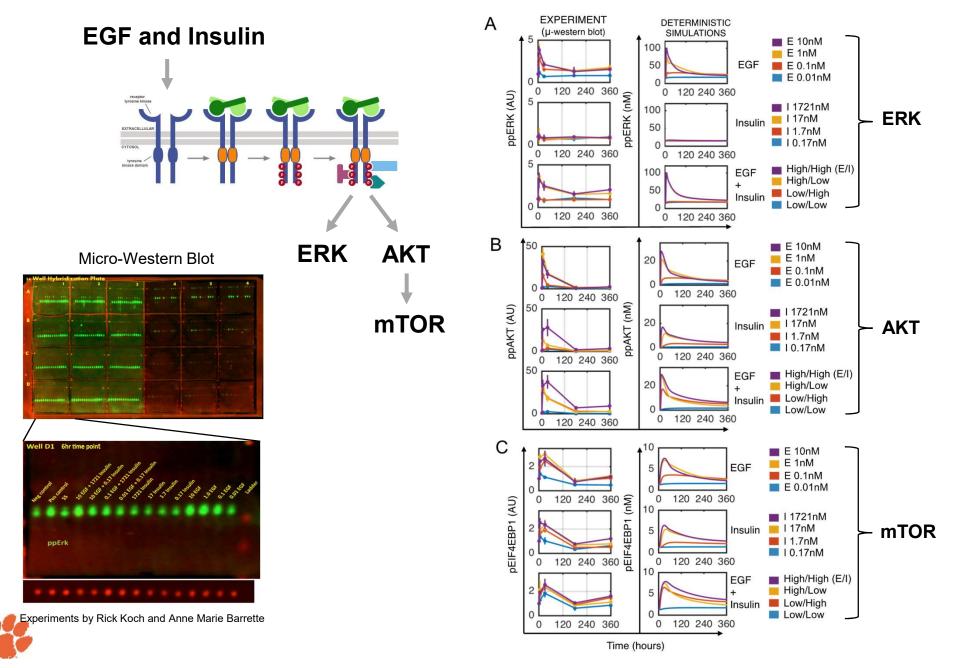






Ligand-Receptor

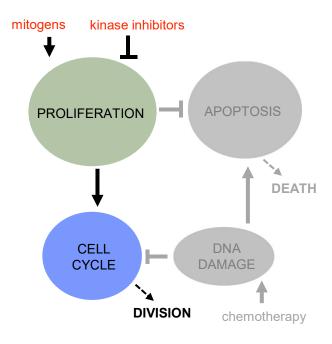
## **Unit Testing** – Proliferation & Growth



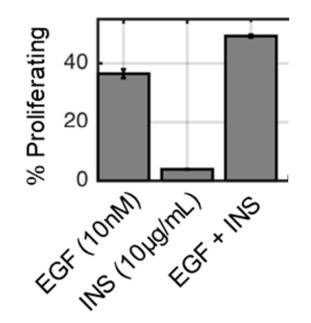
## **Unit Testing**

| Submodel                    | Required Properties for Each Submodel   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Receptor<br>Tyrosine Kinase | <ul> <li>Ligand-receptor cooperativity matches experimental observations.</li> <li>Receptor trafficking kinetics reflects experimental observations.</li> </ul>   |
| Proliferation & Growth      | <ul> <li>Receptor pathway preferences match experimental observations.</li> <li>Basal activity fluxes through ERK and AKT pathways exist, tailored to the serum-starved state.</li> <li>Dynamic dose responses of ERK, AKT, and mTOR signaling matches experimental western blot data.</li> </ul>   |
| Cell Cycle                  | <ul> <li>Cell cycle entry is driven by induction of cyclin D mRNA.</li> <li>Order and timing of cyclin/cdk complexes matches established observations.</li> <li>Cell cycle duration matches that in MCF10A cells.</li> <li>Upregulation of p21 arrests the cell cycle.</li> </ul>   |
| Apoptosis                   | <ul> <li>Robustness against small death signals.</li> <li>Model exhibits all-or-nothing death response when apoptosis signaling surpasses threshold.</li> <li>Dose and dynamics of TRAIL-induced extrinsic apoptosis matches experimental observations.</li> <li>Intrinsic apoptosis signaling responds to interrupted survival signaling and DNA damage induced upregulation of pro-apoptotic proteins.</li> </ul>   |
| DNA Damage                  | <ul> <li>Convert original delayed differential equations into ordinary differential equations.</li> <li>p53 dynamics corresponding to single- and double-stranded DNA breaks matches experimental observations.</li> <li>Rate of DNA damage repair is dependent on levels of repair enzymes.</li> <li>p53 activation dynamics exhibit "digital" and not "analog" behavior, whereby the number of p53 pulses, but not pulse height or width, scales to magnitude of DNA damage.</li> <li>Etoposide-induced DNA damage is dependent on the cell cycle stage (S-phase).</li> </ul> |
| Expression                  | <ul> <li>Model is tailored to genomic, transcriptomic, and proteomic context of MCF10A cells.</li> <li>Stochastic gene expression is simulated with a computationally efficient algorithm.</li> <li>Cell-to-cell variability in mRNA and protein levels matches experimental observations.</li> <li>EIF4E levels possess extrinsic control over the translation rate.</li> <li>Ribosomes double during the course of one cell cycle.</li> </ul>   |

### Integrated Unit Testing – Cell Cycle How are synergistic EGF and Insulin signals integrated by the cell?

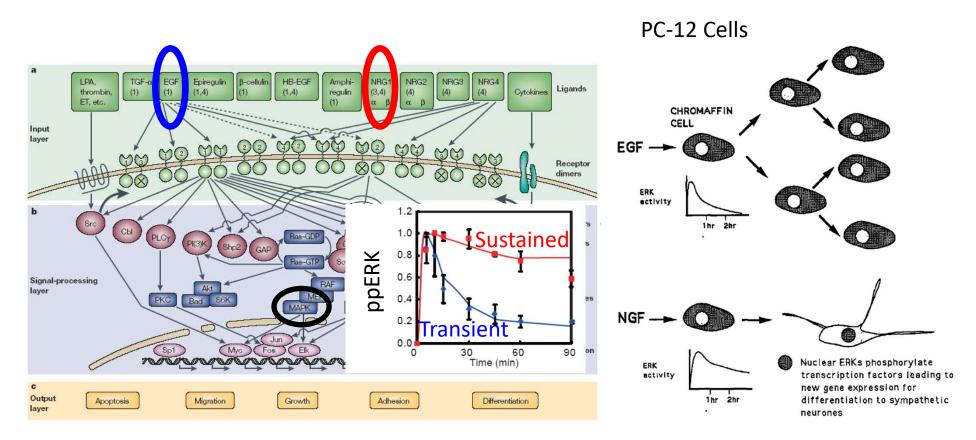


#### EXPERIMENT (BrdU incorporation/ Flow cytometry)





## **Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Signaling?**



Adapted from Marshall, Cell, 1995

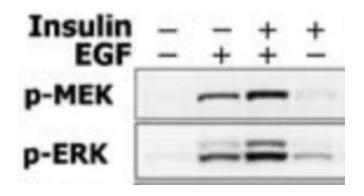


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## Systems-level interactions between insulin–EGF networks amplify mitogenic signaling

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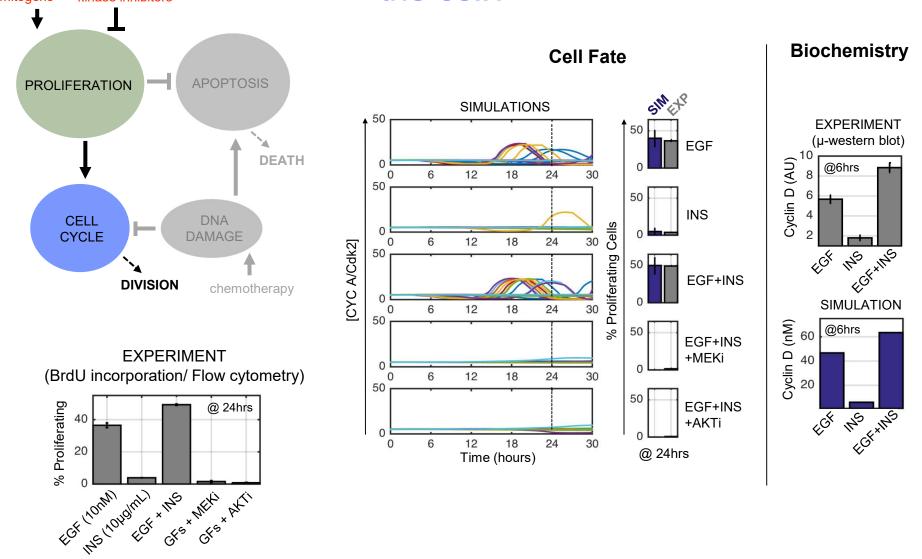


HEK293 cells

Short times (under 15 min)

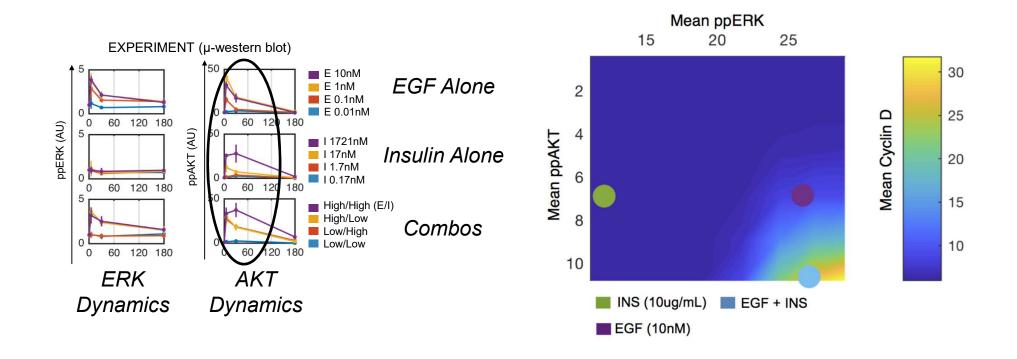


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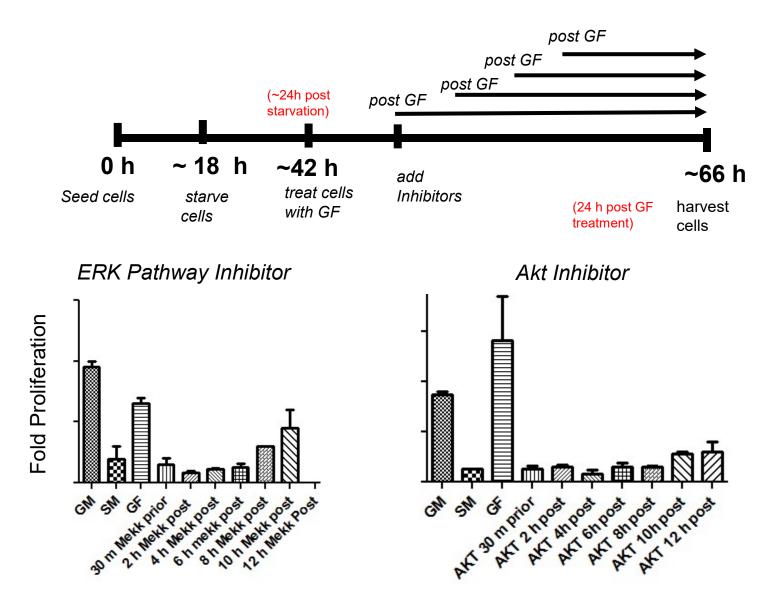
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# Analysis: Prolonged AKT Activation Explains EGF and Insulin S-Phase Synergy



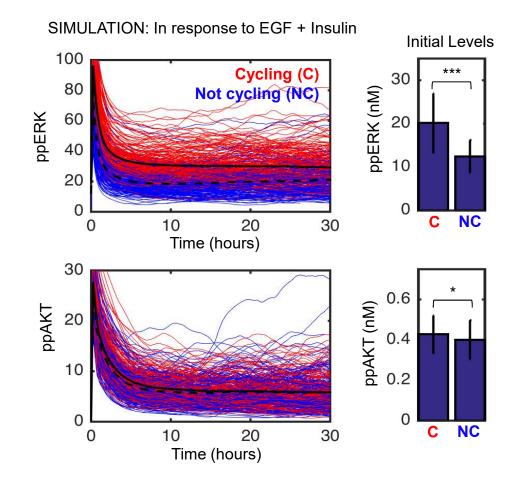


## **Inhibitor Time Course Experiments**



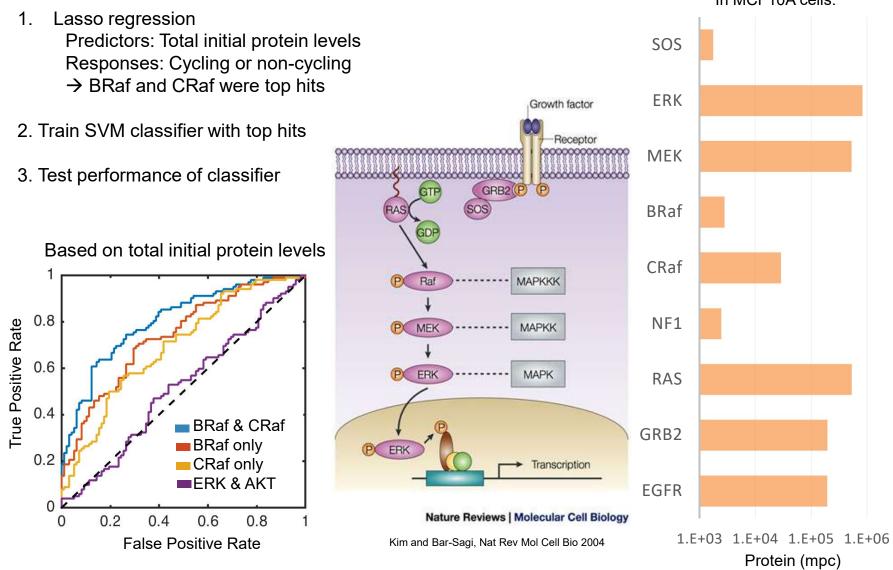


#### **Analysis** – Cell Cycle: Phospho-ERK levels dictate stochastic cell cycle entry





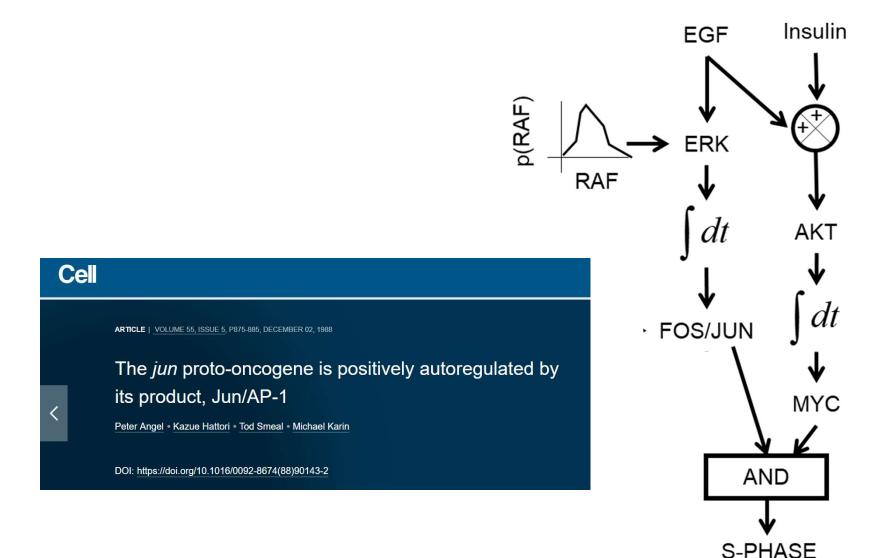
#### Analysis – Cell Cycle: Can Stochastic Cell Cycle Response Be Predicted?



In MCF10A cells:

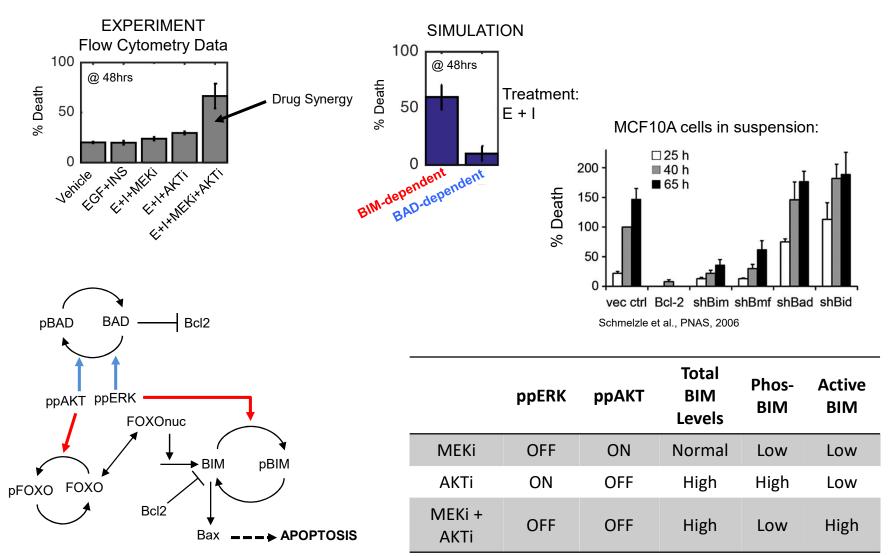


### **Emerging logic of integrative S-phase entry control**



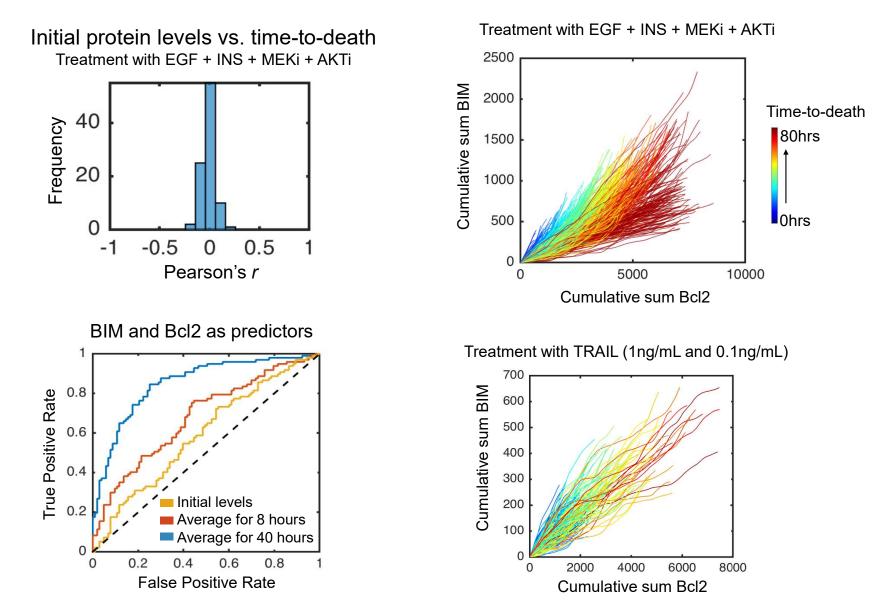


### **Analysis** – Apoptosis: Mechanistic Insight into Drug Synergy





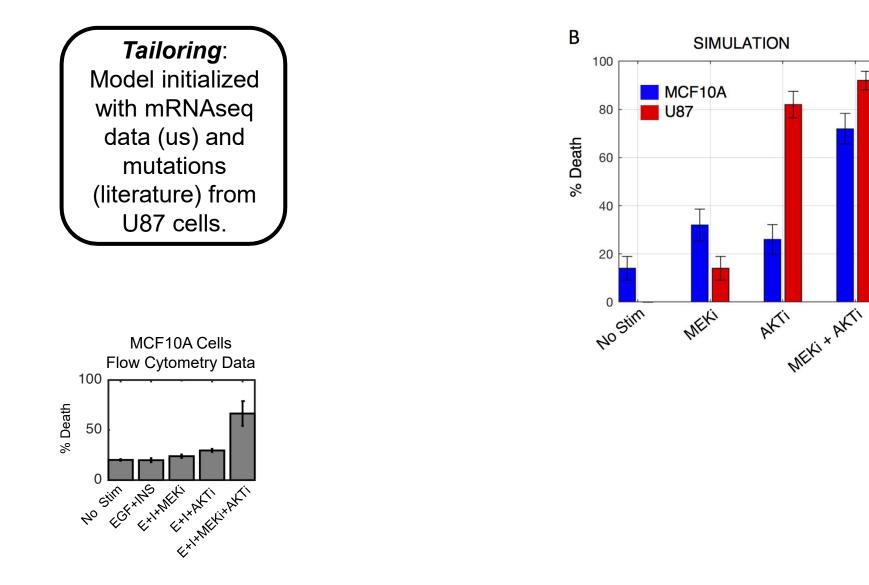
## Balance between BIM and Bcl2 levels over time predict the induction of intrinsic apoptosis





#### Is the Model Predictive in Different Contexts?

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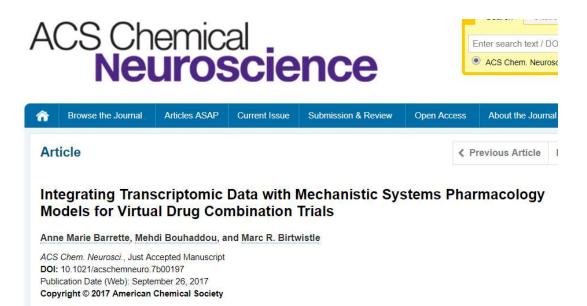
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## Vision for Such Models

- Given a patient, what drug(s) to use?
  - Precision medicine
  - Dose and scheduling optimization
- Given a drug, what patient(s) will respond?
  - Inclusion in or exclusion from clinical trials
  - What drugs to combine





Tailoring the Model to 14 Glioblastoma (GBM) Patients from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)

Three Promiscuous Kinase Inhibitors or Their Combinations for a Heterogeneous Tumor

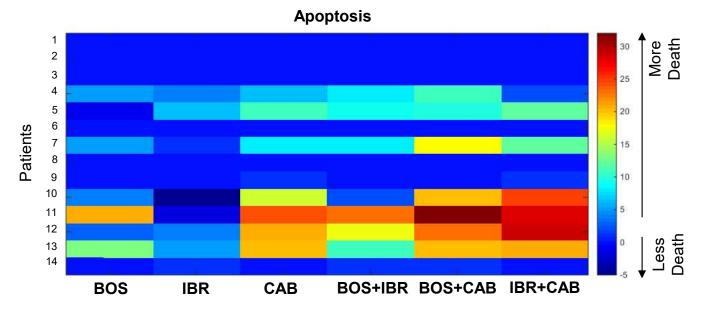


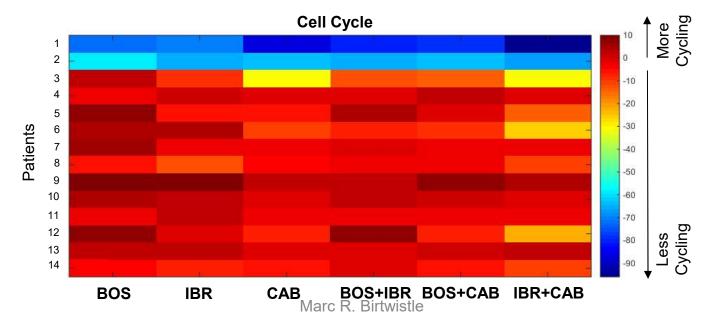
## Modeling Three Promiscuous, Brain-Penetrant Kinase Inhibitors

| Drug         | Gene Targets                | Model Targets | k_on (1/s/nM) | k_off (1/s) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Bosutinib    | MAP2K1/MAP2K2               | MEK           | 1             | 288         |
|              | RPS6KA1/RPS6KA3             | RSK           | 1             | 1115        |
|              | PRKCA/PRKCG                 | PKC           | 1             | 1567        |
|              | CHEK1                       | Chk1          | 1             | 1168        |
|              | FGFR1                       | Fr            | 1             | 2206        |
|              | IGF1R                       | lr            | 1             | 2285        |
|              | INSR                        | lsr           | 1             | 669         |
|              | PDGFRA                      | Pr            | 1             | 3081        |
| lbrutinib    | BRAF                        | Braf          | 1             | 1128        |
|              | EGFR                        | E1            | 1             | 18          |
|              | ERBB3                       | E3            | 1             | 1           |
|              | FGFR1/FGFR2                 | Fr            | 1             | 707         |
|              | GSK3B                       | GSK3b         | 1             | 2571        |
|              | IGF1R                       | lr            | 1             | 4882        |
|              | INSR                        | lsr           | 1             | 1326        |
|              | MTOR                        | mTOR          | 1             | 8091        |
|              | PDPK1                       | PDK1          | 1             | 2448        |
|              | PIK3CA/PIK3CB/PIK3CD/PIK3CG | PI3KC1        | 1             | 2039        |
|              | RAF1                        | Craf          | 1             | 2333        |
|              | RPS6KA1/RPS6KA3/RPS6KA2     | RSK           | 1             | 6447        |
| Cabozantinib | BRAF                        | Braf          | 1             | 2961        |
|              | EGFR                        | E1            | 1             | 864         |
|              | FGFR1/FGFR2                 | Fr            | 1             | 2153        |
|              | IGF1R                       | lr            | 1             | 8236        |
|              | INSR                        | lsr           | 1             | 1880        |
|              | MAP2K1                      | MEK           | 1             | 214         |
|              | MET                         | MET           | 1             | 1           |
|              | PDGFRA                      | Pr            | 1             | 1           |
|              | PIK3CA                      | PI3KC1        | 1             | 1084        |
|              | PIK3R1                      | PI3KR1        | 1             | 1084        |
|              | RAF1                        | Craf          | 1             | 1078        |



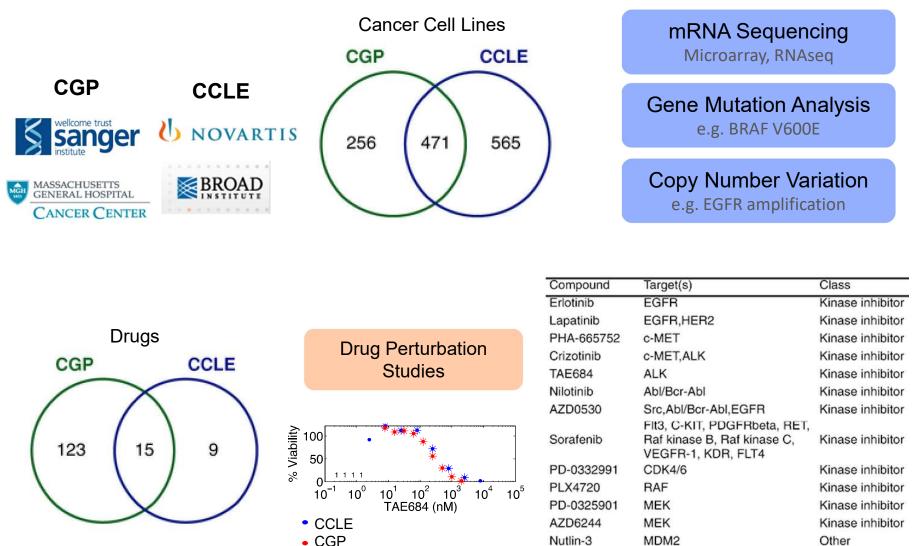
### **Results Across Drugs and Patients**





#### The Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia (CCLE) and the Cancer Genome Project (CGP) Contain Pharmacogenomic Profiles of Cancer Cell

Lines



17-AAG

Paclitaxel

HSP90

beta-tubulin

Other

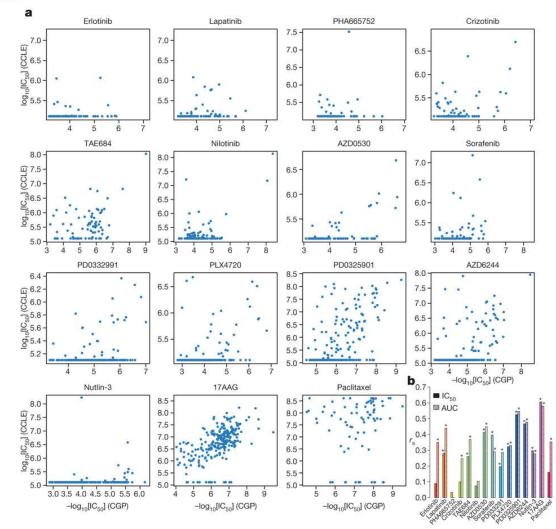
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#### ANALYSIS

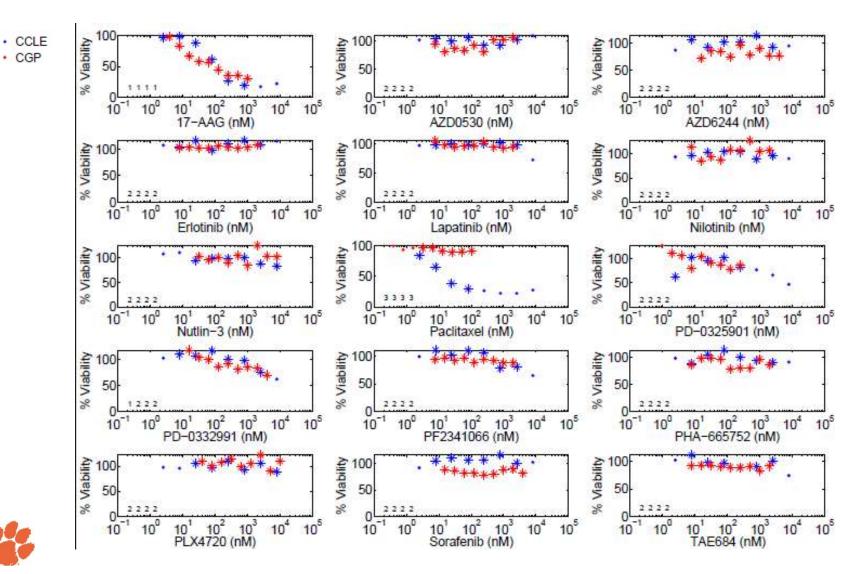
## Inconsistency in large pharmacogenomic studies

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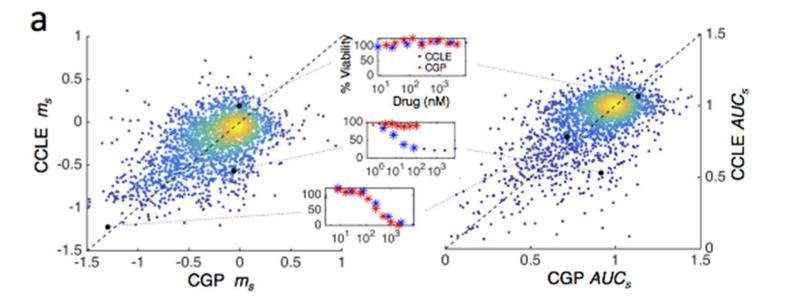


## Comparing CCLE and CGP— Manual Look at U87 Responses



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### Slope and Area Under Curve Within Shared Dose Range Demonstrate Reasonable Quantitative Agreement

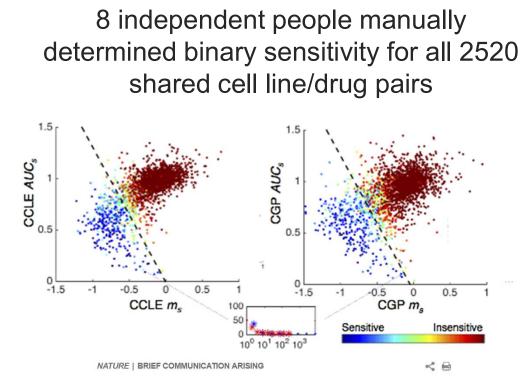


Many cell lines are insensitive to most drugs—IC50 is undefined and not expected to be consistent

Bouhaddou et al., Nature, 2016



### Manual Curation of Binary Sensitivity Suggests Consistency

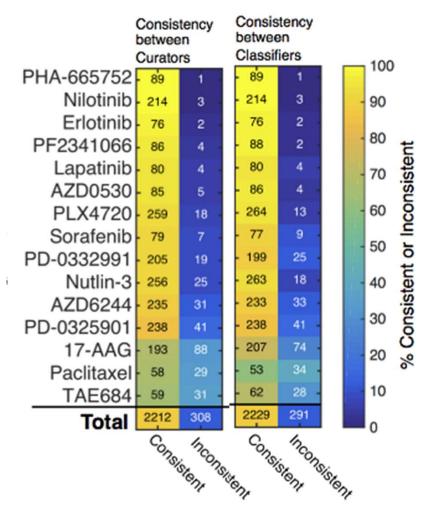


#### Drug response consistency in CCLE and CGP

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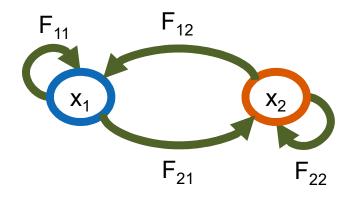
#### **Network Reconstruction from Perturbation Time Course Data**

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## Identifying Uncertain or Context-Specific Structural Aspects of Signaling Networks



Chicken and egg problem  $\rightarrow$  causality when loops are present?

What experimental designs are sufficient to uniquely identify all such edges, their directionality, and some information about their magnitude?



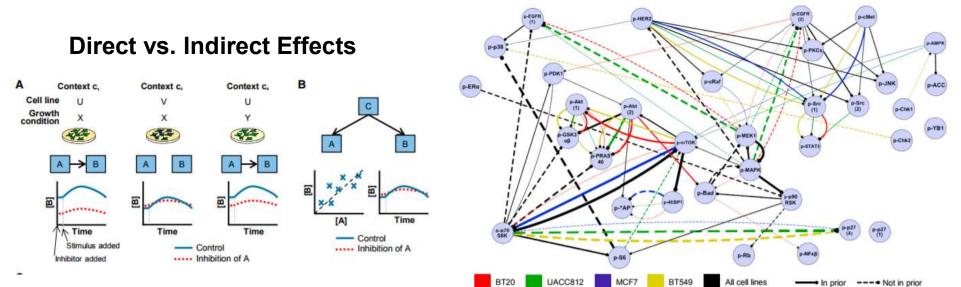
### Perturbation Time Courses Can Help

Cell Systems Article

#### Context Specificity in Causal Signaling Networks Revealed by Phosphoprotein Profiling

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**Context-Specific Edges** 



What perturbation time courses are sufficient to uniquely identify all such edges, their directionality, and (perhaps) some information about their magnitude?



Can we infer loops, including self-regulation?

# Dynamic Modular Response Analysis

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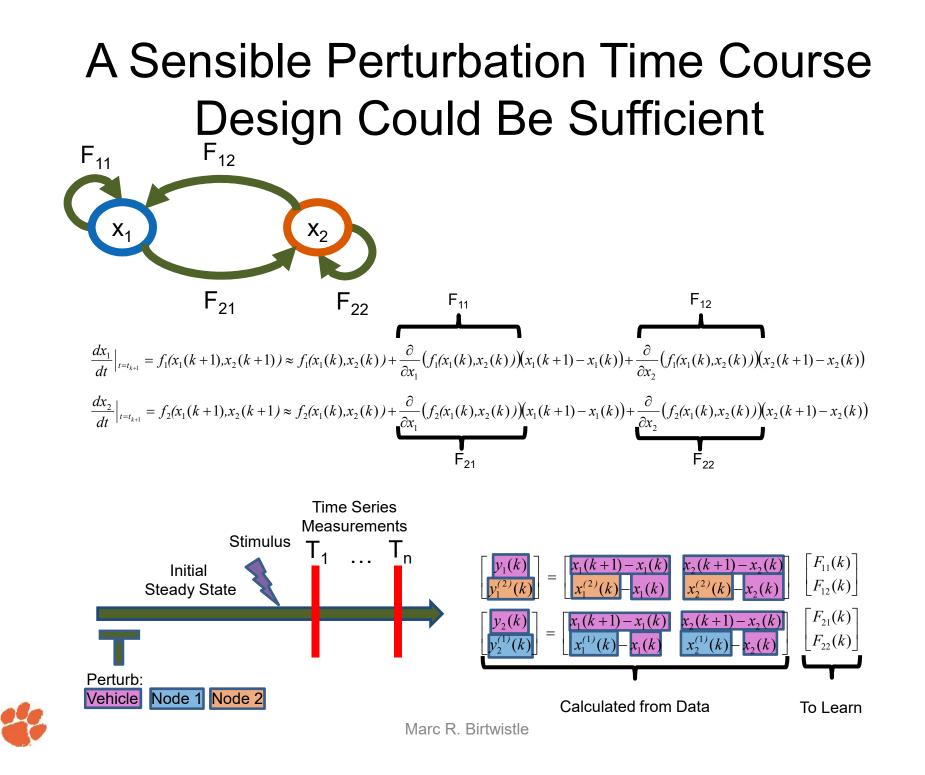


Inferring dynamic architecture of cellular networks using time series of gene expression, protein and metabolite data

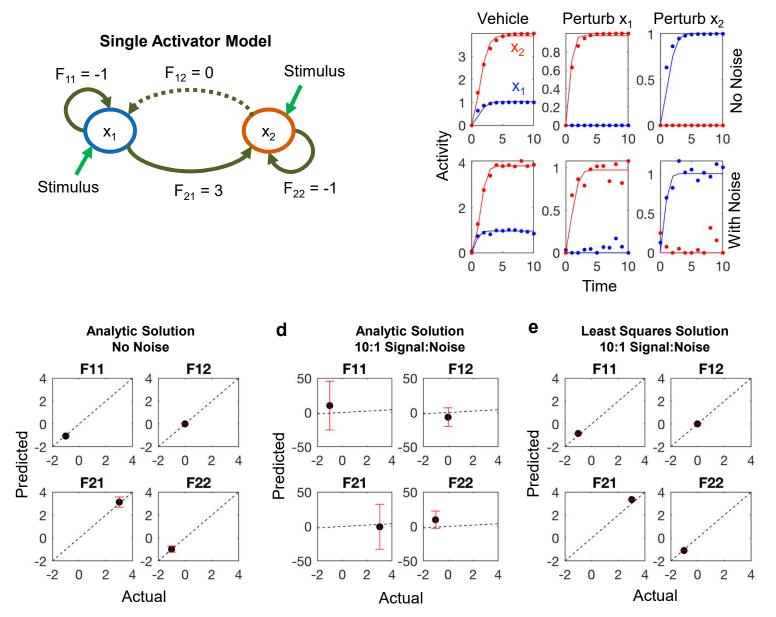
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- Requires two perturbations per node (e.g. production and consumption)
- Requires estimates of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time derivatives



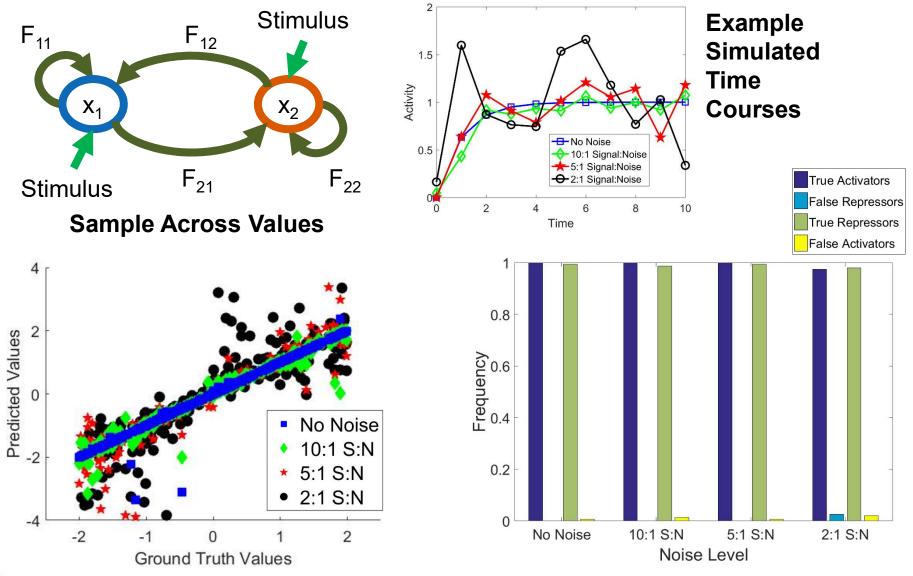


## **Practical Implementation**





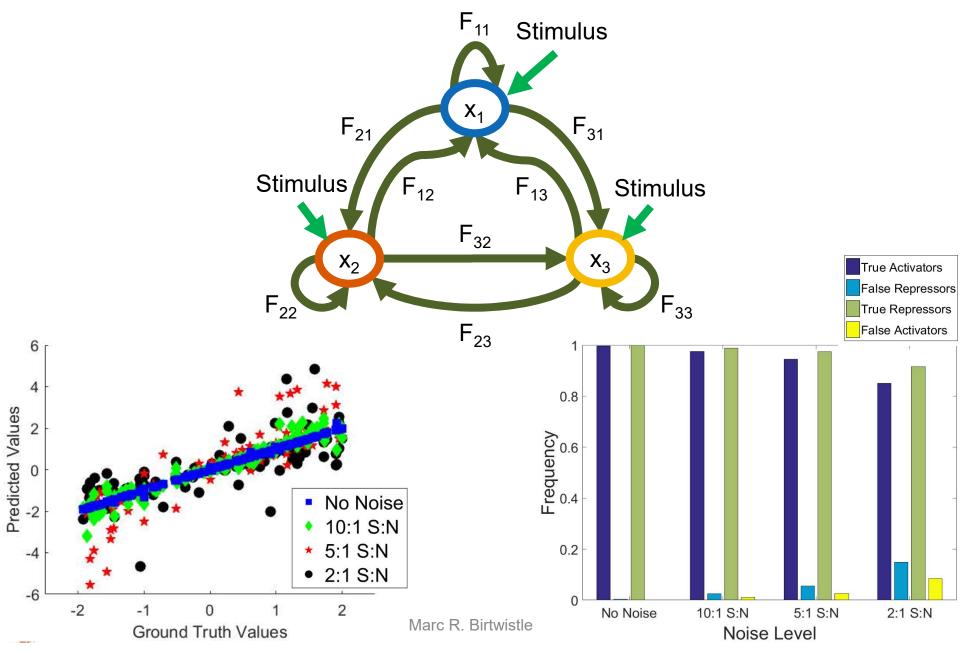
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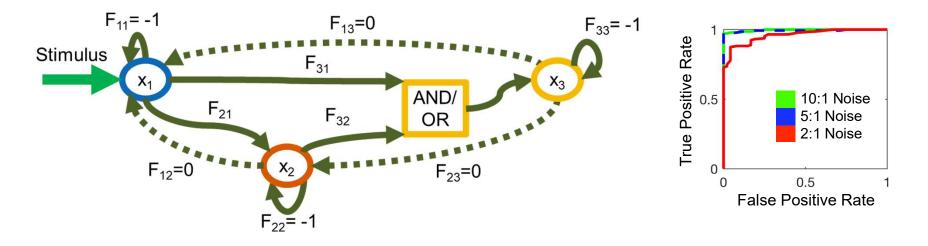


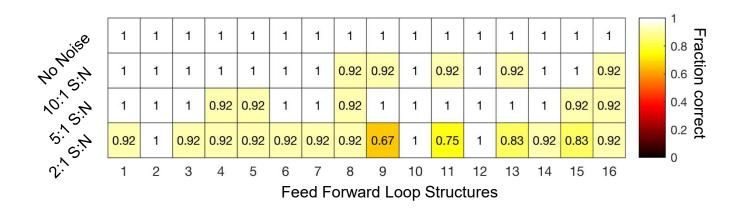
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#### Sixteen Different Feedforward Loop Models



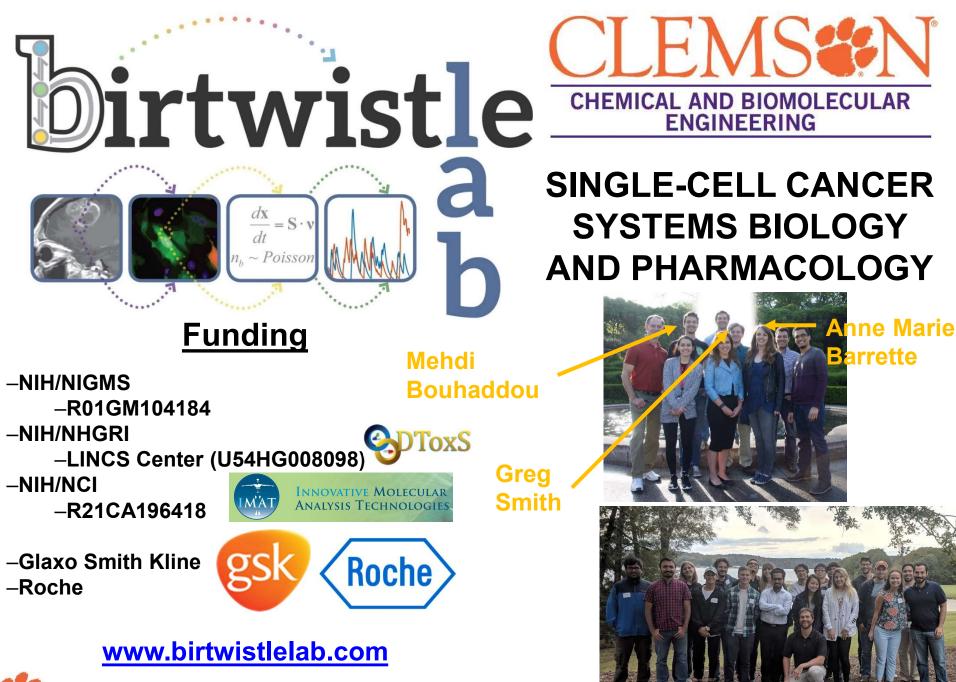




## **Remaining Questions**

- How does performance scale to larger networks?
- How can we effectively incorporate prior knowledge?
- What about "dirty" perturbations?

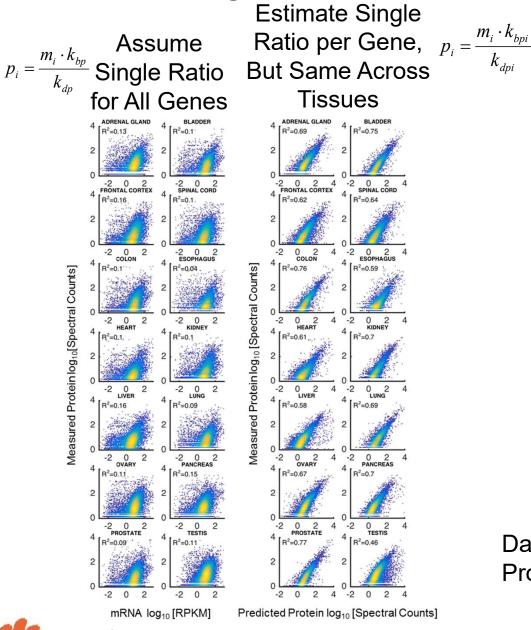


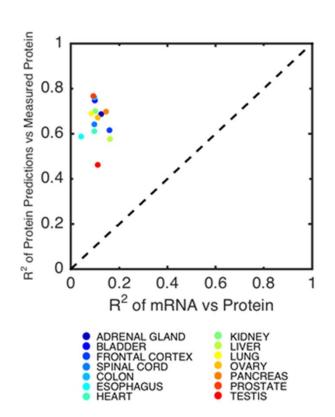


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