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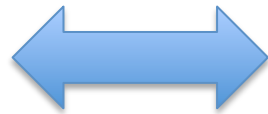
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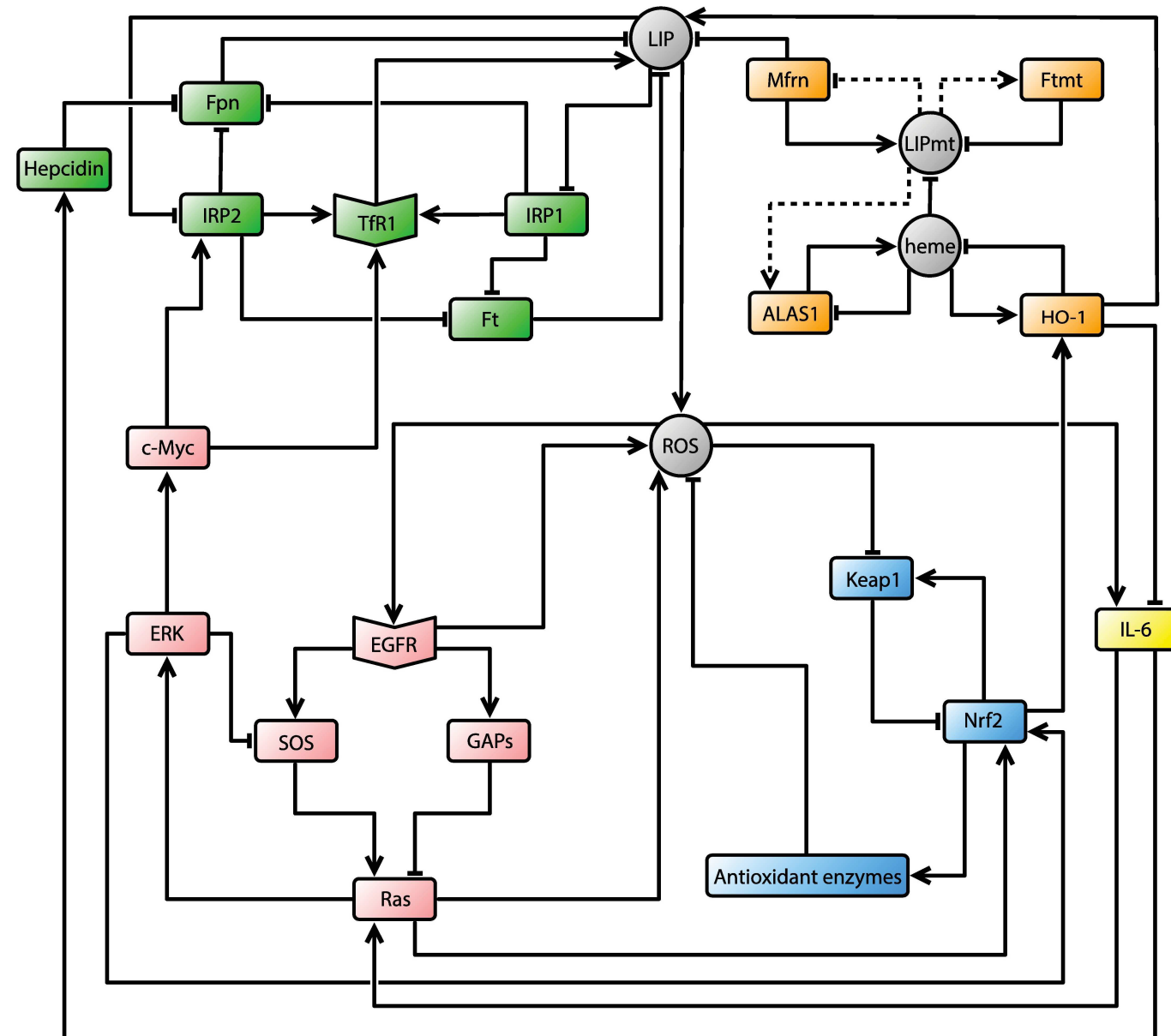
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How is this property reflected in mathematical models of these systems?

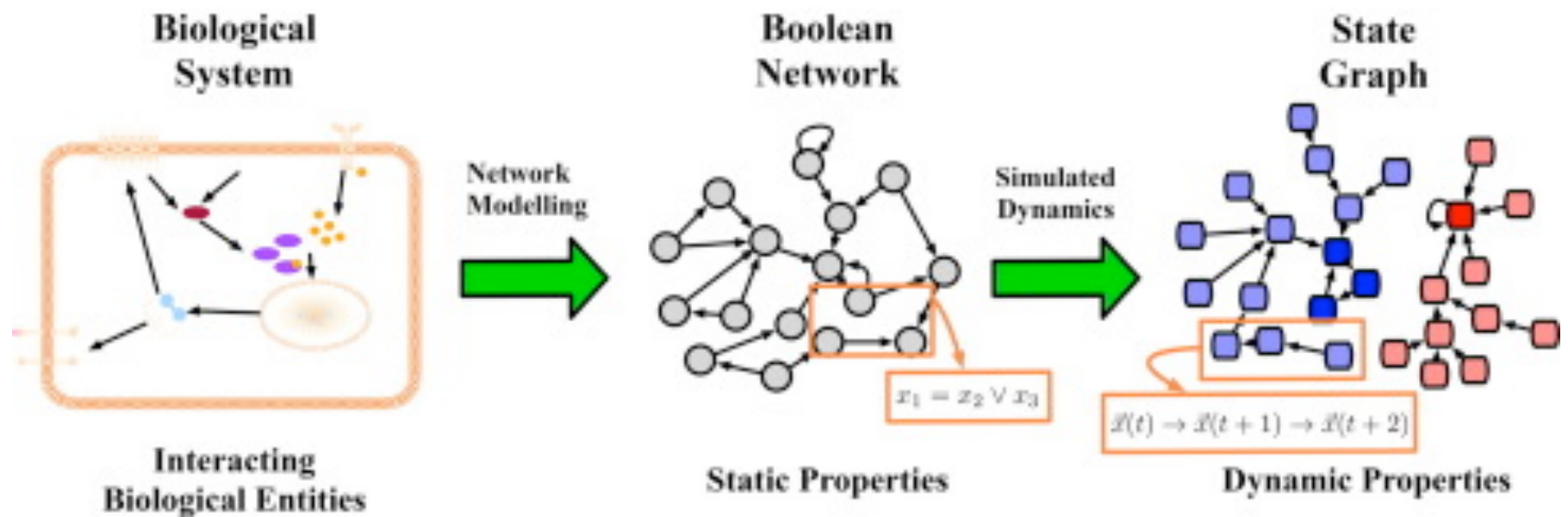
Iron Homeostasis Pathway

Iron Utilization Pathway



Oncogenic Pathway

Oxidative Stress Response Pathway



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A modularity theory for dynamical systems

- What are the characteristics of models that describe molecular systems?
- What is the mathematical analog of a biological module, and how can one describe its dynamics?
- How can one decompose a given system?
- How can one parameterize all the systems one can construct from a given set of modules?

The Dynamics of Conjunctive and Disjunctive Boolean Network Models

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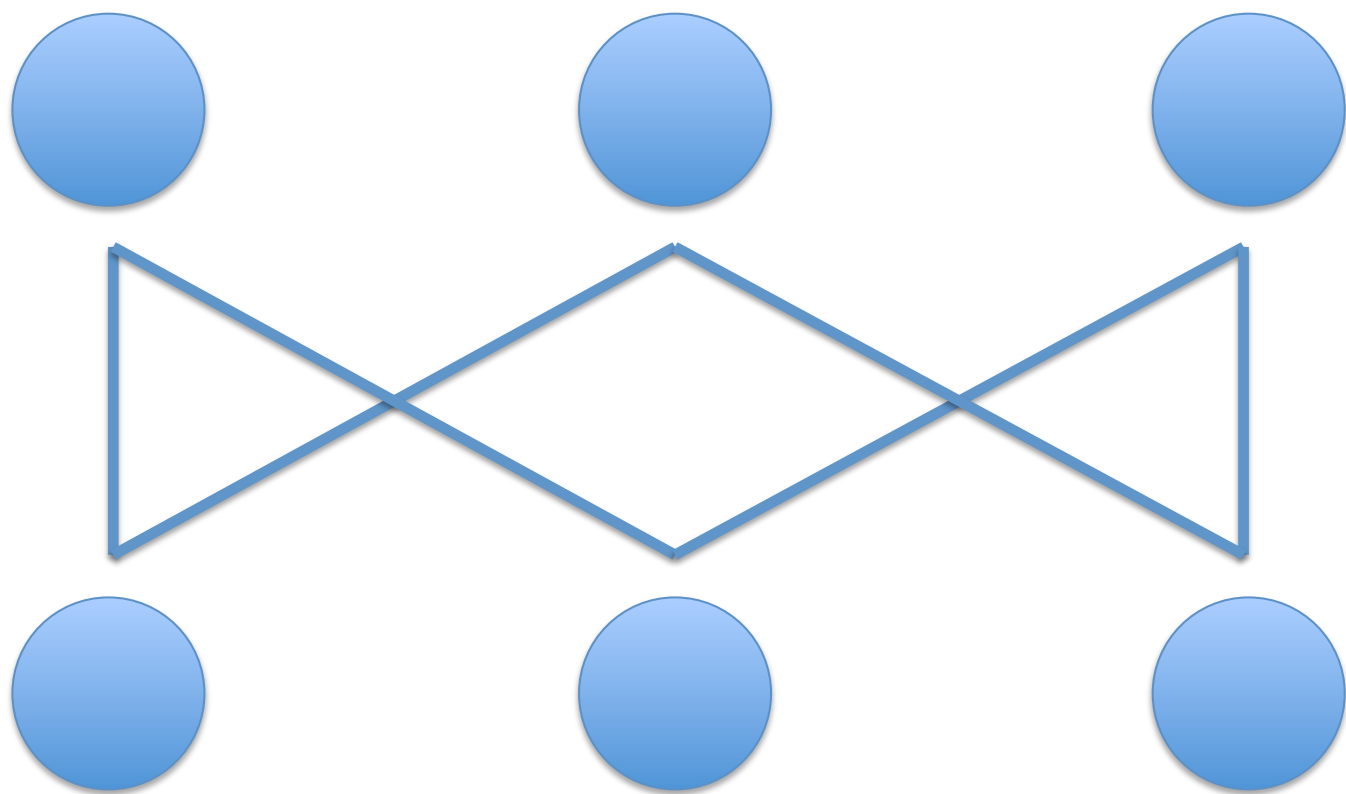
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The number of periodic points

Theorem 3 *Let f be a conjunctive Boolean network whose dependency graph is strongly connected and has loop number c . If $c = 1$, then f has the two fixed points $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ and $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ and no other limit cycles of any length. If $c > 1$ and m is a divisor of c , then the number of periodic states of period m is*

$$|A(m)| = \sum_{i_1=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{i_r=0}^1 (-1)^{i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_r} 2^{p_1^{k_1-i_1} p_2^{k_2-i_2} \cdots p_r^{k_r-i_r}},$$

where $m = \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{k_i}$ is the prime factorization of m , that is p_1, \dots, p_r are distinct primes and $k_i \geq 1$ for all i .



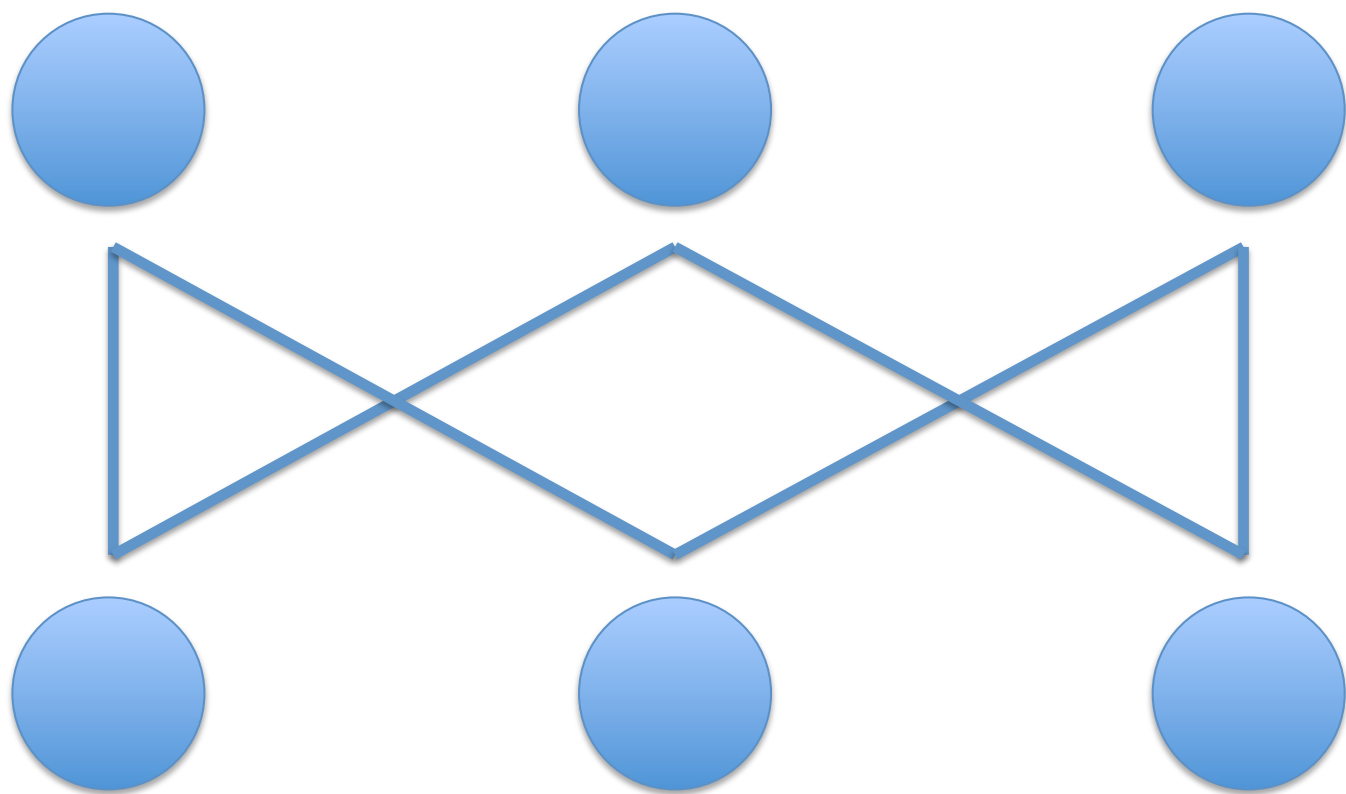
Theorem 6.2. *Consider the function*

$$\mathcal{L}(z_1, \dots, z_t) := \sum_{\mathcal{J} \subseteq \Omega} (-1)^{|\mathcal{J}|+1} \prod_{j \in \bigcap_{J \in \mathcal{J}} J} z_j.$$

Then for any conjunctive Boolean network f with subnetworks h_1, \dots, h_t and Ω its set of maximal antichains in the poset of f , we have

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{C}(h_1), \dots, \mathcal{C}(h_t)) \leq \mathcal{C}(f). \tag{9}$$

Here, the function \mathcal{L} is evaluated using the “multiplication” described in Corollary 3.5. This inequality provides a sharp lower bound on the number of limit cycles of f of a given length.



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Hölder Program: Classify all simple groups and parameterize all extensions of a group by a simple group. This provides a classification of all finite groups.

A Hölder Program For Boolean Networks:

- Determine a class of BNs that is “sufficiently rich.”
- Determine an analog of simple groups and their dynamics.
- Prove an analog of the JH Theorem.
- Parameterize extensions of BNs.

(And show relevance to the biological concept.)

A meta-analysis of Boolean network models reveals design principles of gene regulatory networks

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Collectively canalizing Boolean functions

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The Dynamics of Canalizing Boolean Networks

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Dynamics of semilattice networks with strongly connected dependency graph[☆]

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Decomposition and simulation of sequential dynamical systems

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Study modularity of nested canalizing
polynomial dynamical systems
over finite fields.

The New York Times

DEADLY GERMS, LOST CURES

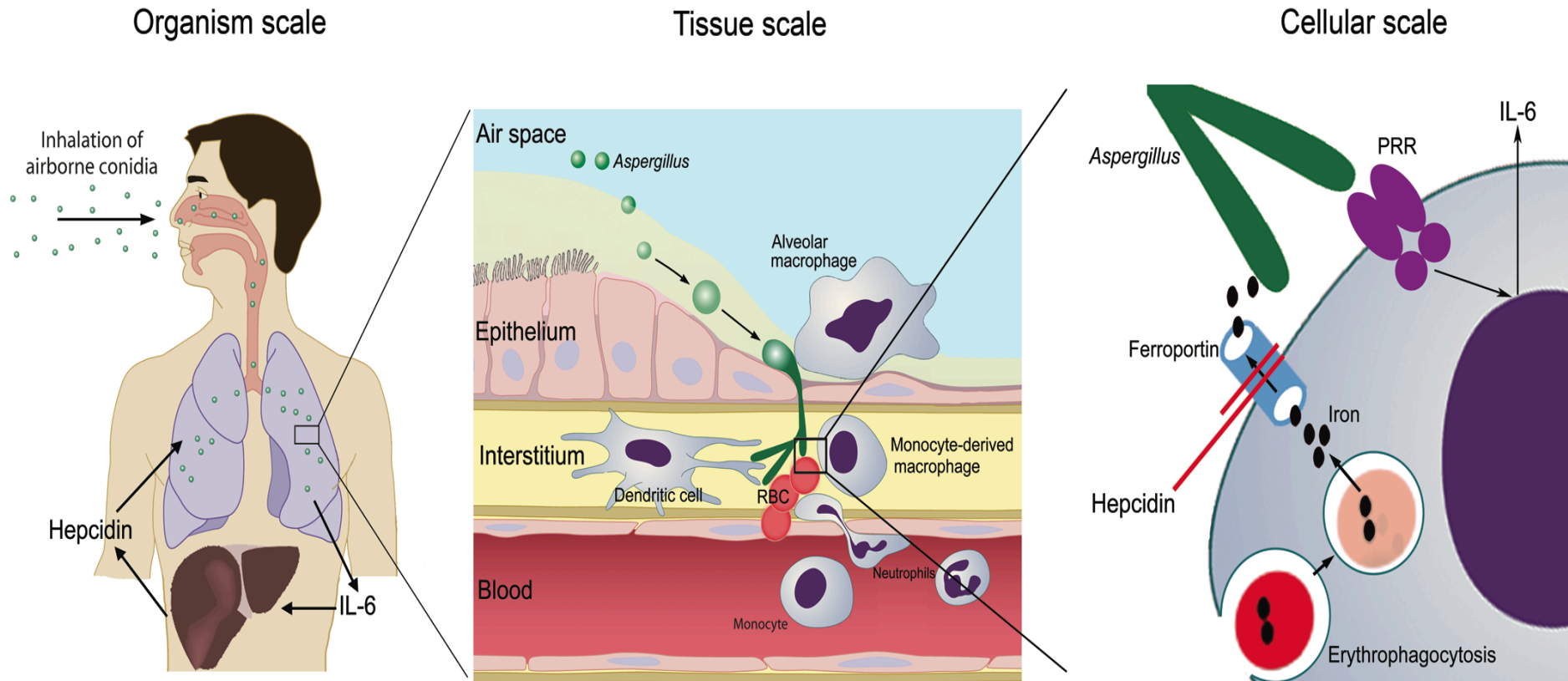
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By Matt Richtel and Andrew Jacobs

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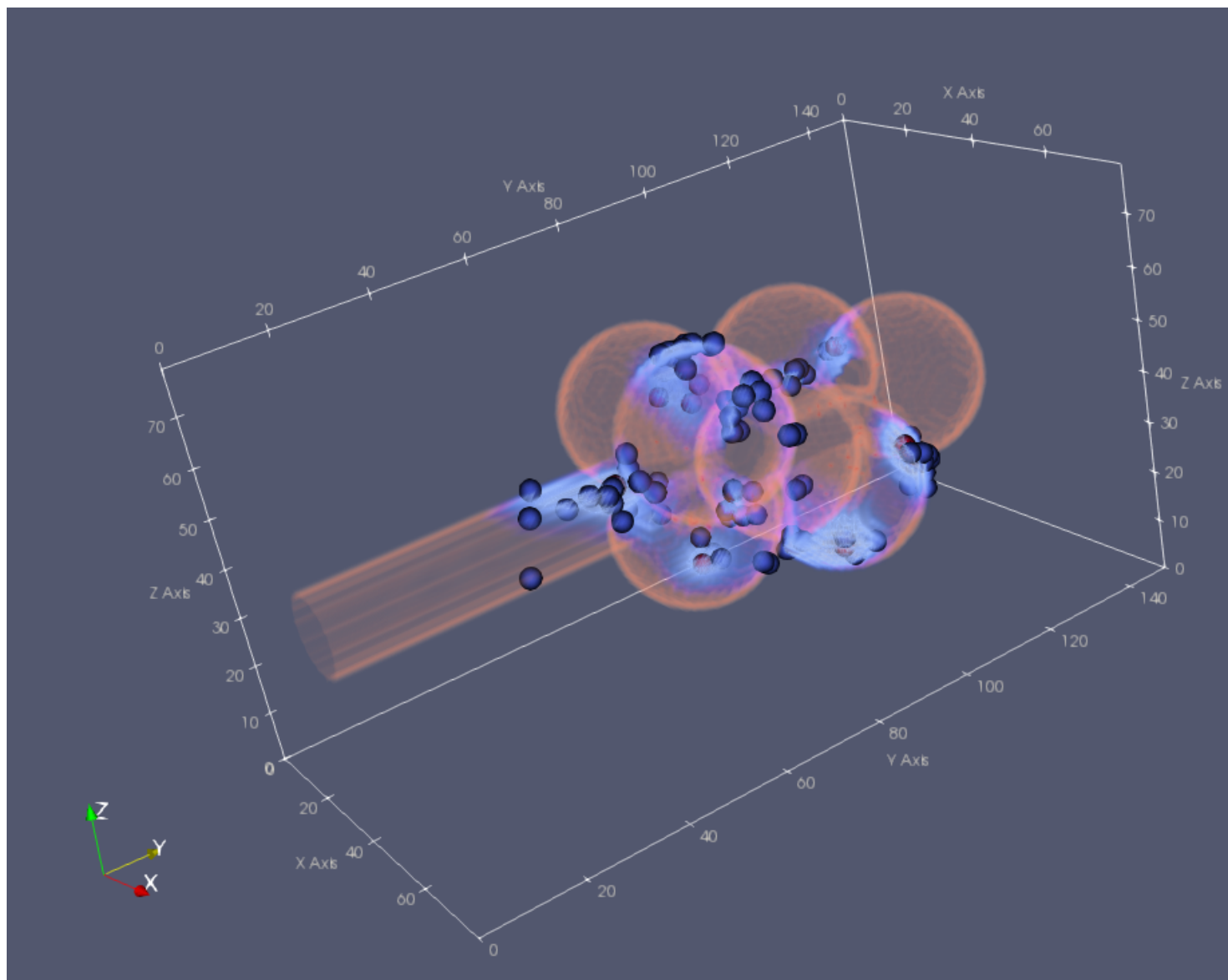
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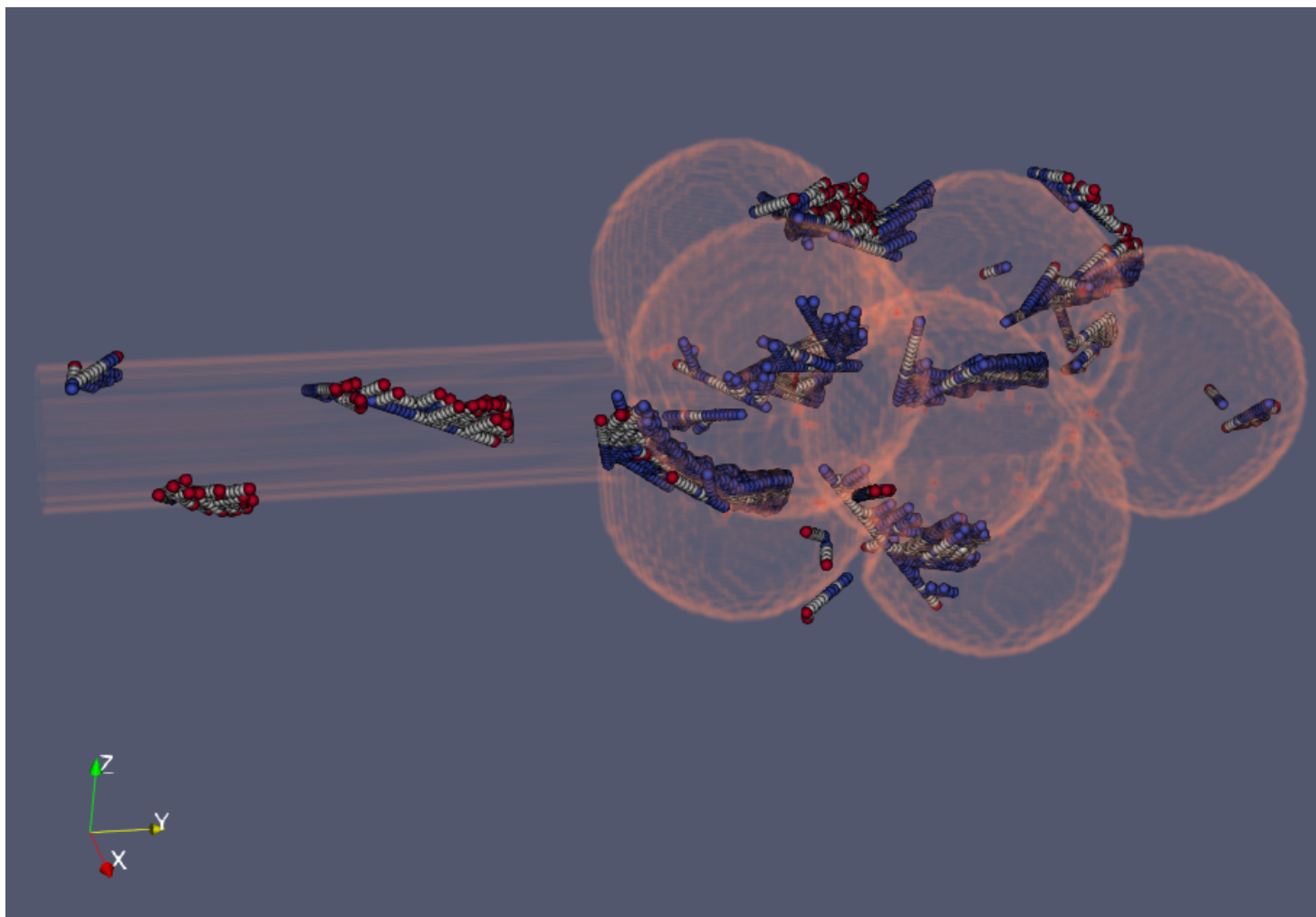


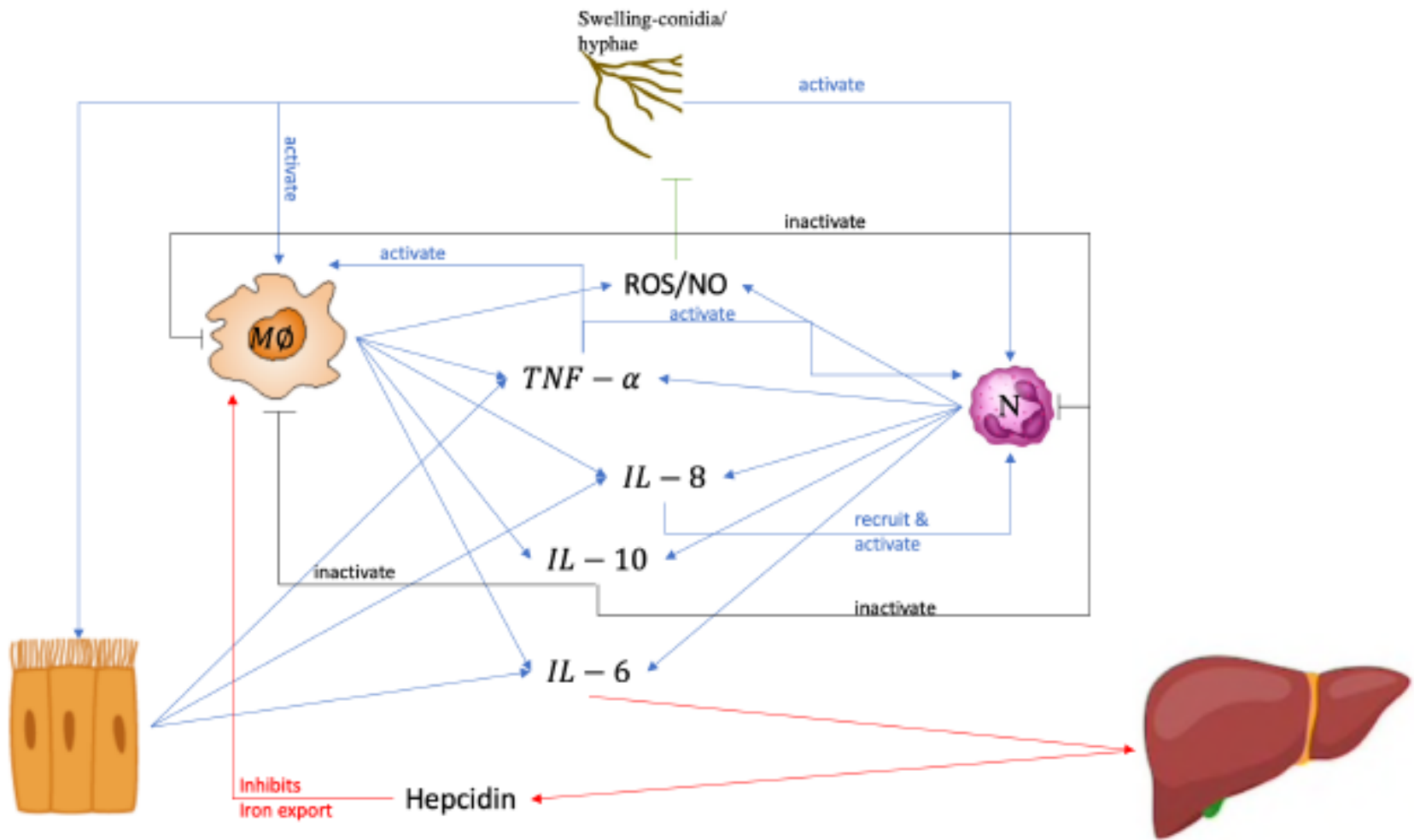
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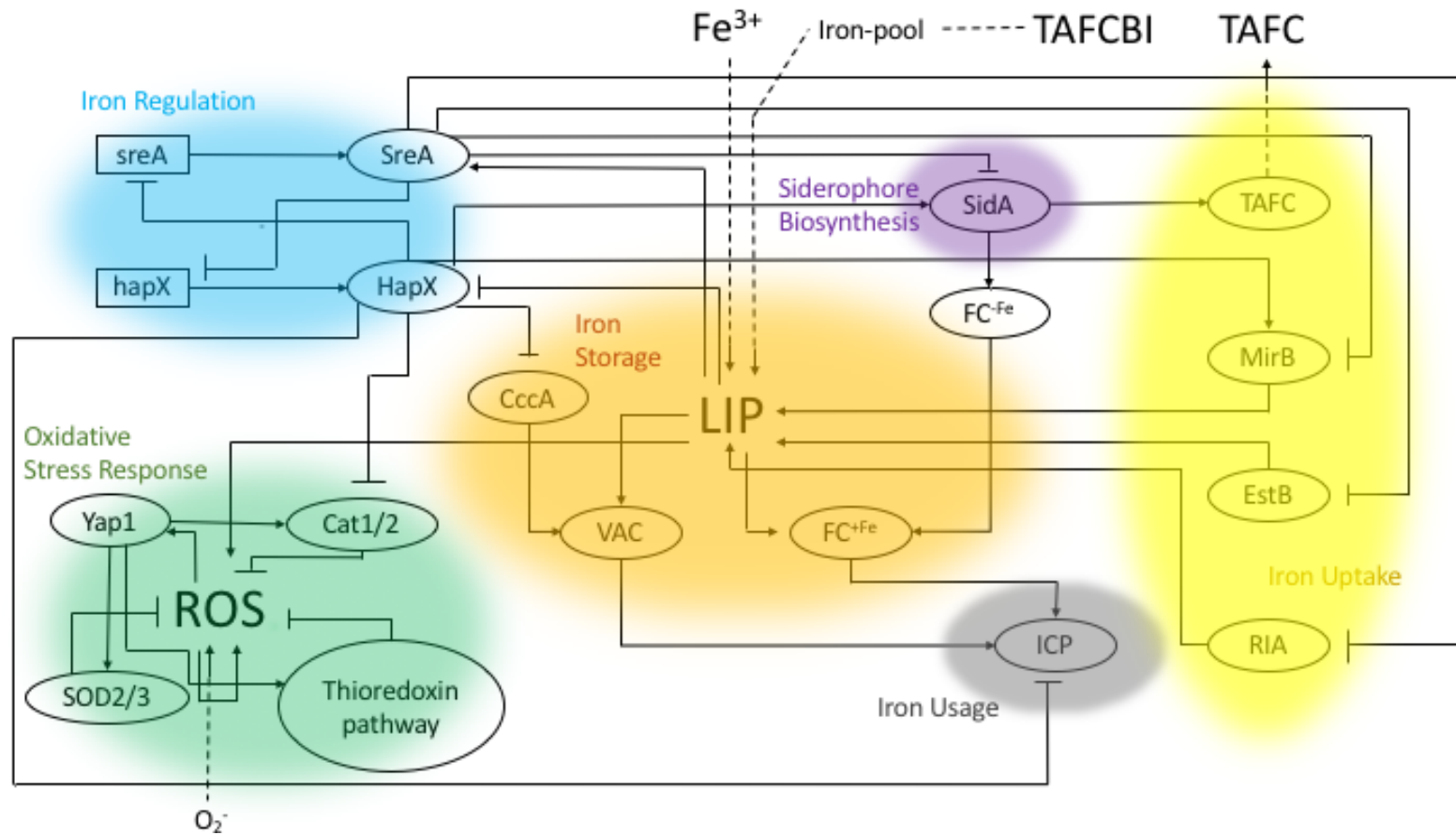






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Some Mathematical Challenges:

- Integration of time scales
- Update schemes for components and overall model
- Model analysis
- Control

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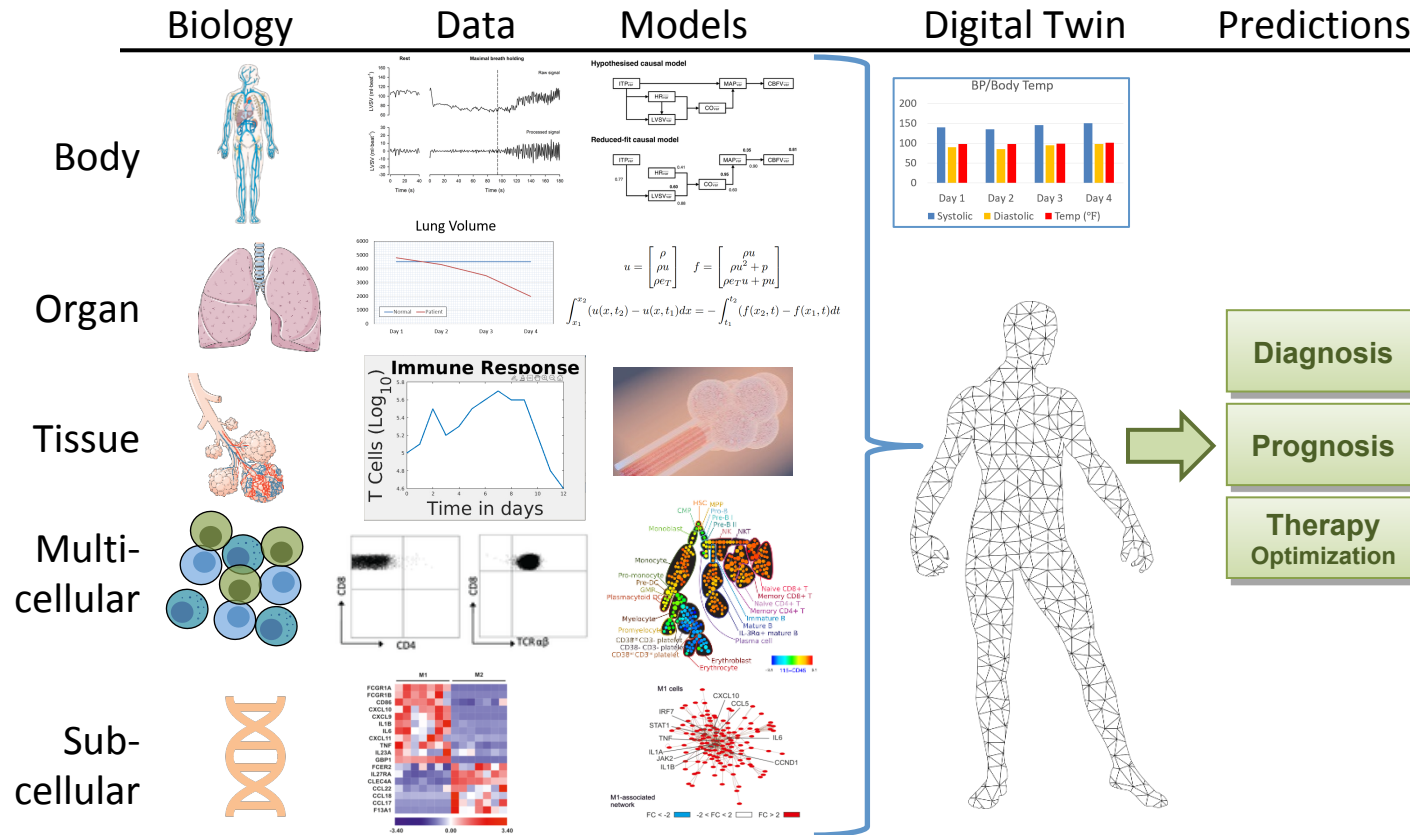
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