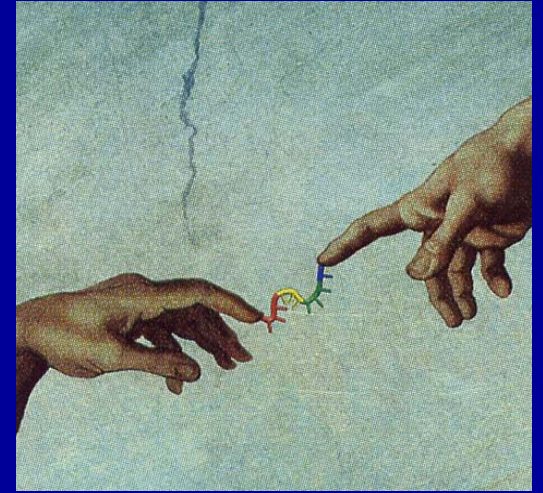


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# Synthetic Biology – State, Importance and Development

**Professor Richard I Kitney**

Chairman - The Institute of Systems and Synthetic Biology

Co-director – Centre for Synthetic Biology and Innovation



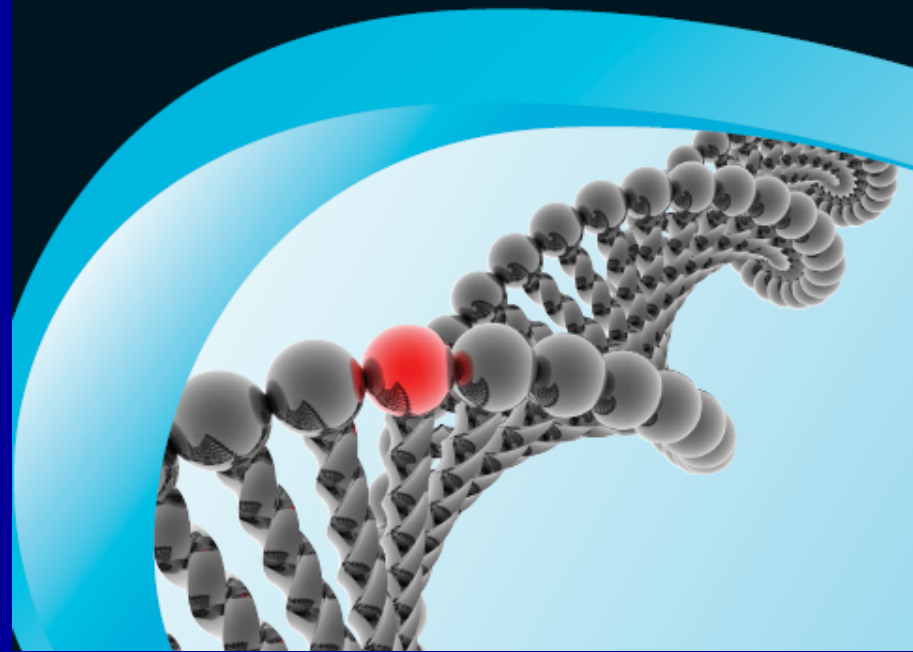
## Systems Biology: a vision for engineering and medicine

A report from the Academy of Medical Sciences  
and The Royal Academy of Engineering

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## **Synthetic Biology:** scope, applications and implications



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# Synthetic Biology

# What is Synthetic Biology?

- Designing and making biological parts and systems that do not exist in the natural world using engineering principles
- Re-designing existing biological systems, again using engineering principles

Why now?

# Why now?

- High speed DNA sequencing
- DNA synthesis
- Powerful computers
- Broadband networks
- The Internet
- The confluence of biology, engineering and physical science

# Key Points

The endpoint of Synthetic Biology is industrialisation

The endpoint of analysing biological systems is Systems Biology



# Synthetic Biology

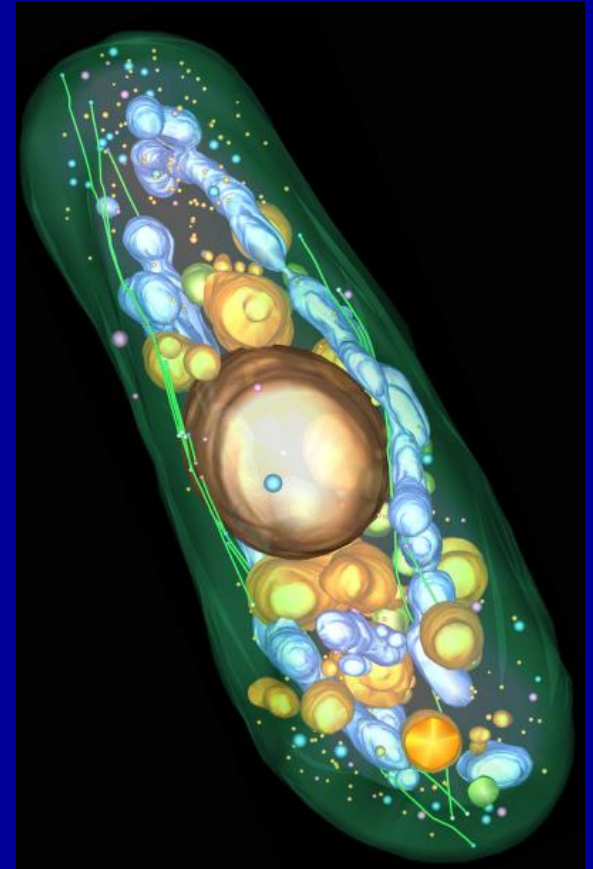
## A Broad Church

- Bio nanotechnology
- Synthetic genomics
- Engineering

With Social Science and Ethics  
integrated part of the field

# Four Approaches to Synthetic Biology

- Bottom Up
- Metabolic Engineering
- Chassis
- Parts, Devices and Systems



# 1. Bottom Up

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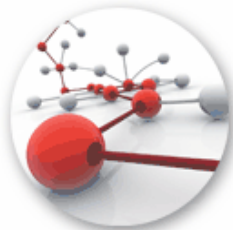
## RESEARCH ARTICLES

**Complete Chemical Synthesis, Assembly, and Cloning of a *Mycoplasma genitalium* Genome**

Daniel G. Gibson, Gwynedd A. Benders, Cynthia Andrews-Pfannkoch, Evgeniya A. Denisova, Holly Baden-Tillson, Jayshree Zaveri, Timothy B. Stockwell, Anushka Brownley, David W. Thomas, Mikkel A. Algire, Chuck Merryman, Lei Young, Vladimir N. Noskov, John I. Glass, J. Craig Venter, Clyde A. Hutchison, III, Hamilton O. Smith\*

We have synthesized a 582,970–base pair *Mycoplasma genitalium* genome. This synthetic genome, named *M. genitalium* JCVI-1.0, contains all the genes of wild-type *M. genitalium* G37 except MG408, which was disrupted by an antibiotic marker to block pathogenicity and to allow for selection. To identify the genome as synthetic, we inserted "watermarks" at intergenic sites known to tolerate transposon insertions. Overlapping "cassettes" of 5 to 7 kilobases (kb), assembled from chemically synthesized oligonucleotides, were joined by in

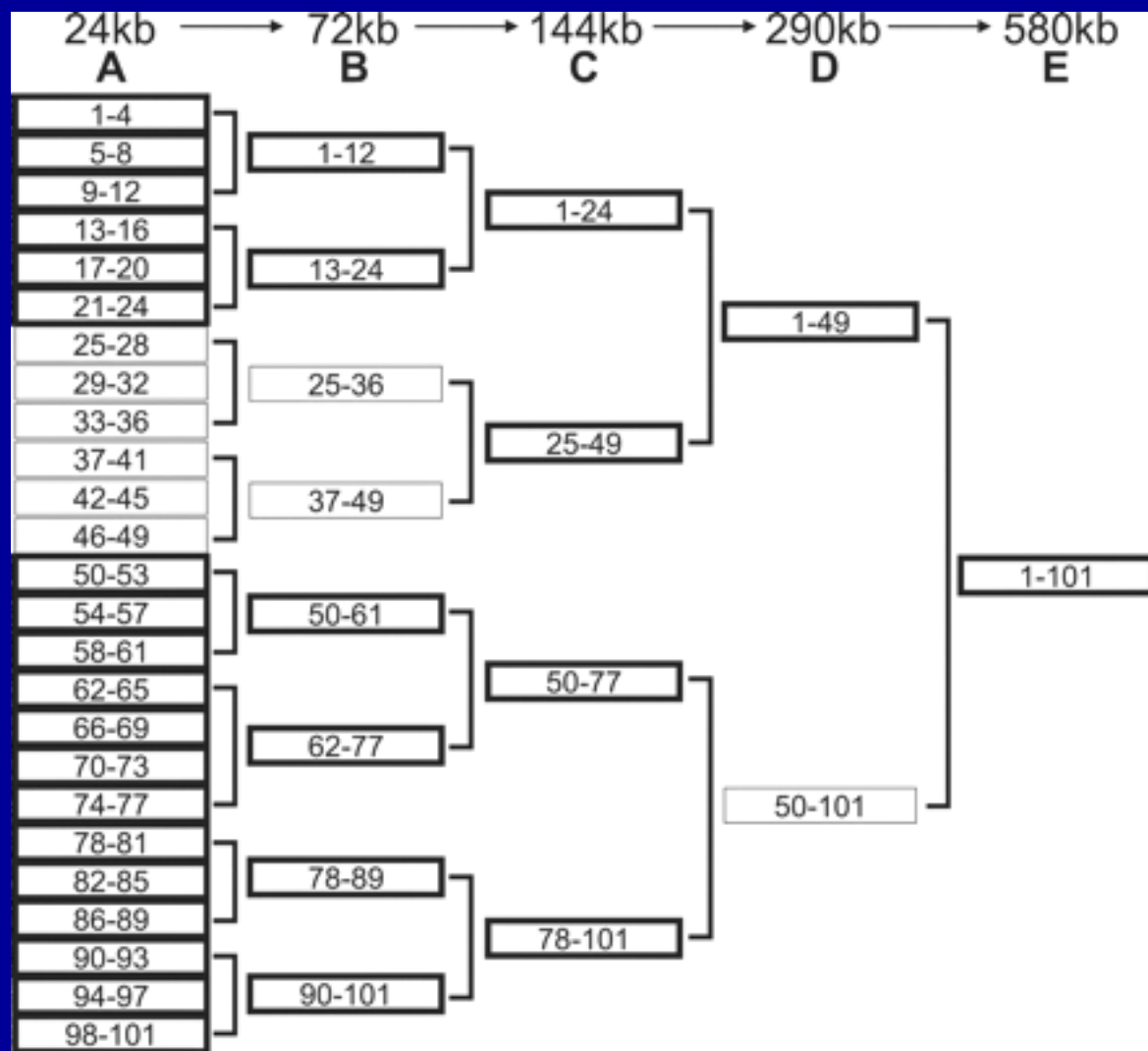
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# Steps in the synthesis of a 583kbp *M. Genitalium* Genome

1. Overlapping “cassettes” of 5 to 7 kb were assembled from chemically synthesised oligonucleotides
2. Joined *in vitro* to produce intermediate assemblies of approximately 24kb, 72kb (1/8 genome) and 148kb (1/4 genome) – all cloned as bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs) in *E. coli*
3. The complete synthetic genome was assembled using transformation associated recombination (TAR) cloning in yeast



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## 2. Metabolic Engineering

# Malaria





# Artemisia

- Used by Chinese herbalists for more than 1000 years to treat Malaria
- 1972 - Tu Youyou discovered artemisinin in the leaves of the Artemisia Annua (annual wormwood)

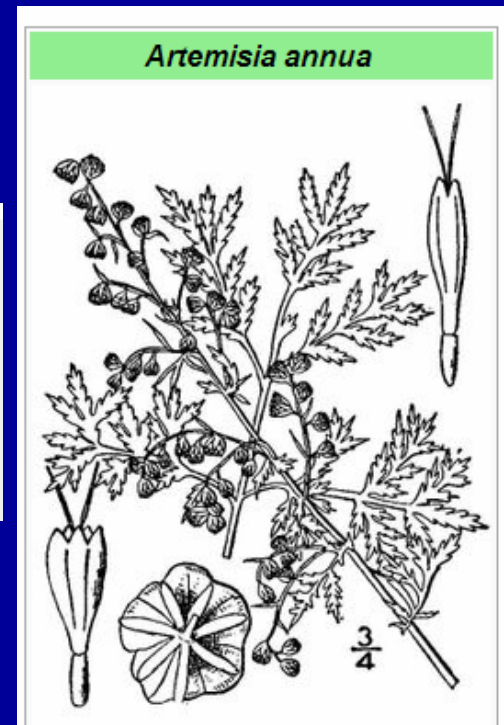


**Tu Youyou** 屠呦呦

Chief Research Fellow of the Institute of Chinese Traditional Medicines at the Chinese Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine

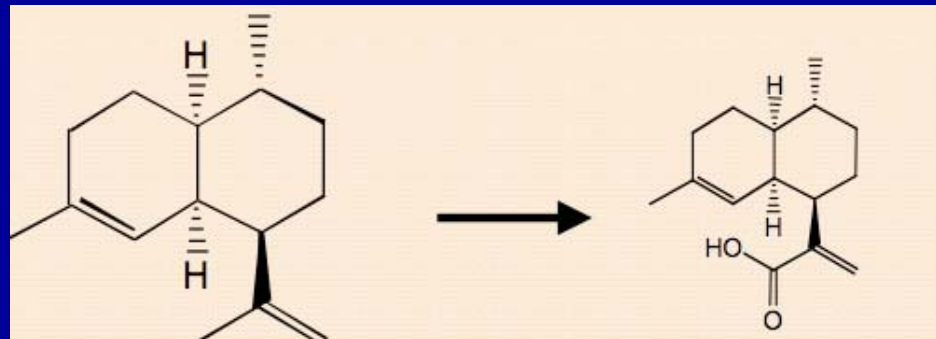
Born: 1930

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# Making Complex Drugs

## Anti-malarial drug Artemisinin



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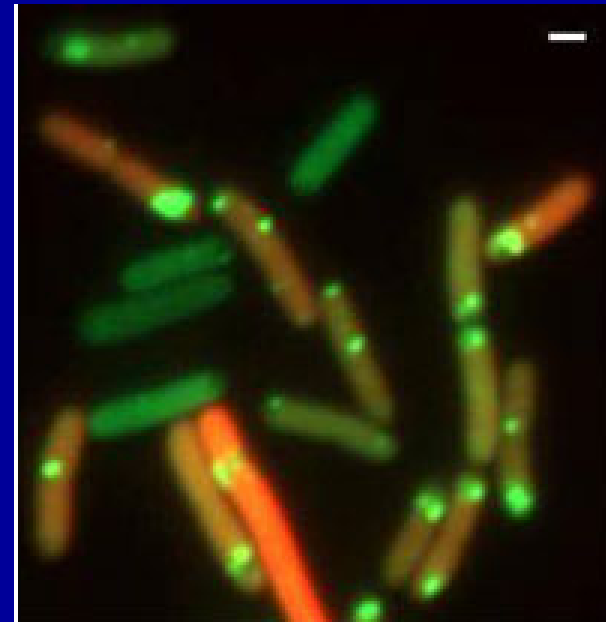


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# 3. Chassis

# Chassis

- Natural Chassis
  - E. Coli
  - B. Subtilis
  - Mycoplasma
  - Yeast
  - P. putida
- Minimal Cells
  - achieving control



Developing chassis that are  
fit for purpose

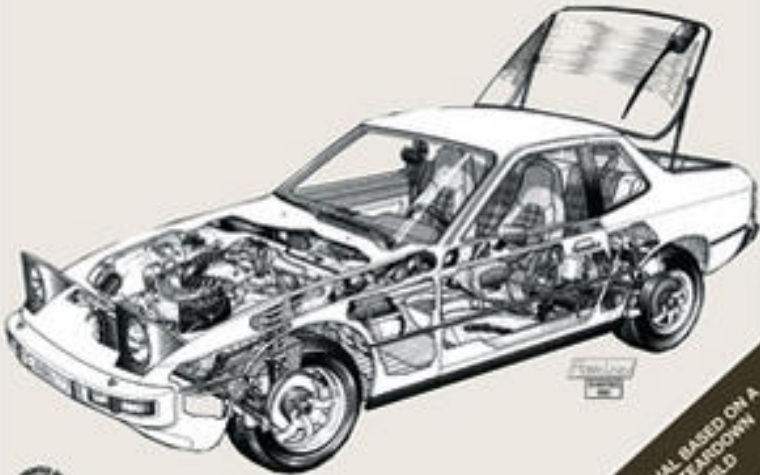
# Chassis for Synthetic Biology

**PORSCHE**  
**924** and Turbo

1976 thru 1982  
All models □ 121 cu in (1984 cc)

80030  
Haynes

**Automotive Repair Manual**



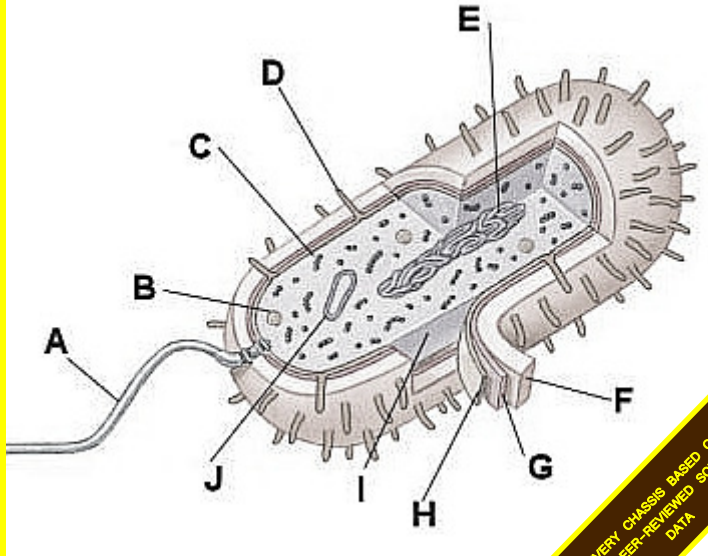
EVERY MANUAL BASED ON A COMPLETE TEARDOWN AND REBUILD

**E.COLI**  
**MG1655** and TOP10

1999 thru 2010  
Minimal media ○ Growth Phase

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**Synthetic Biology Chassis**



EVERY CHASSIS BASED ON REAL PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC DATA

# 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Synthetic Biology

**E.COLI**

**MG1655** and TOP10

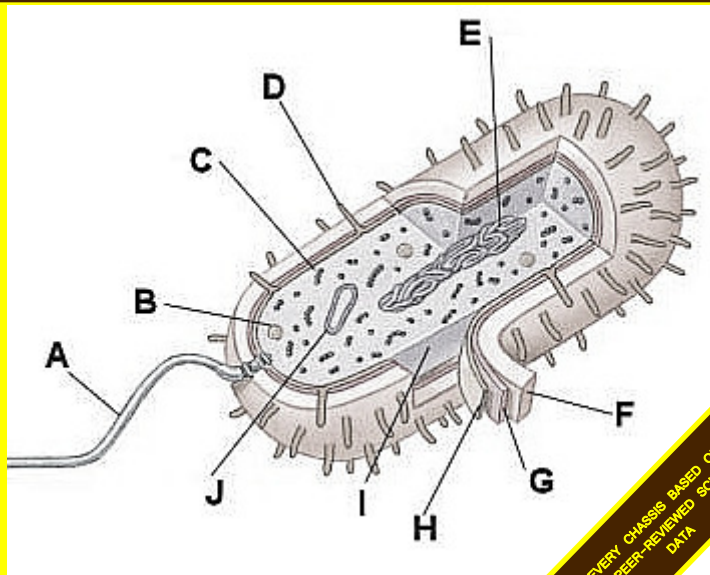
1999 thru 2010

Minimal media o Growth Phase

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**YEAST**  
**S.CEREVISIAE**

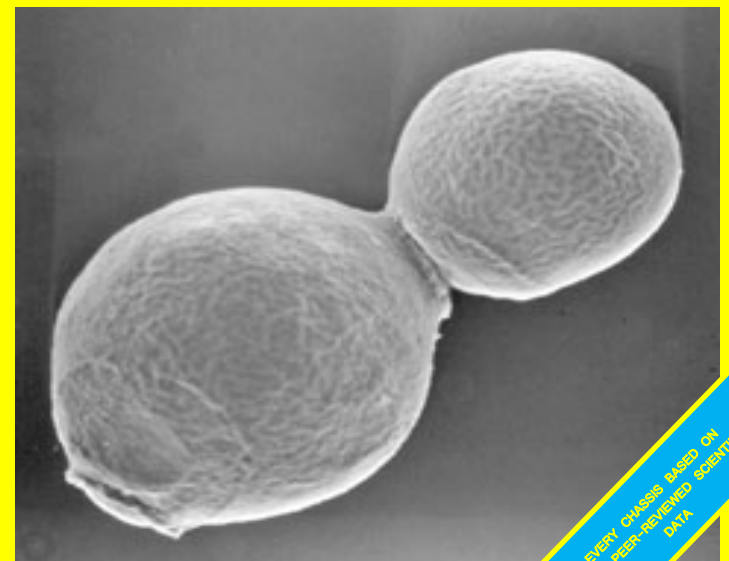
2002 thru 2010

Synthetic Defined Media o Growth Phase

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Synthetic Biology

**B.SUBTILIS**  
Gram Positive

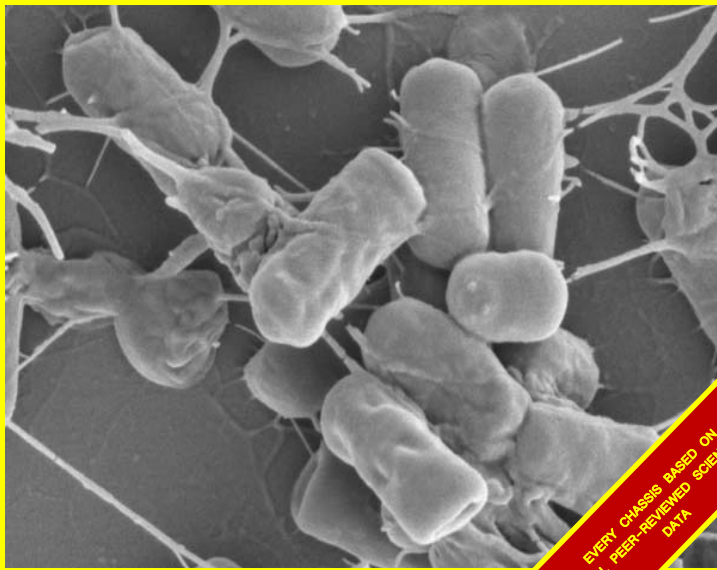
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Sporulation-capable    o    Growth Phase

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**CHO-K1**  
Mammalian

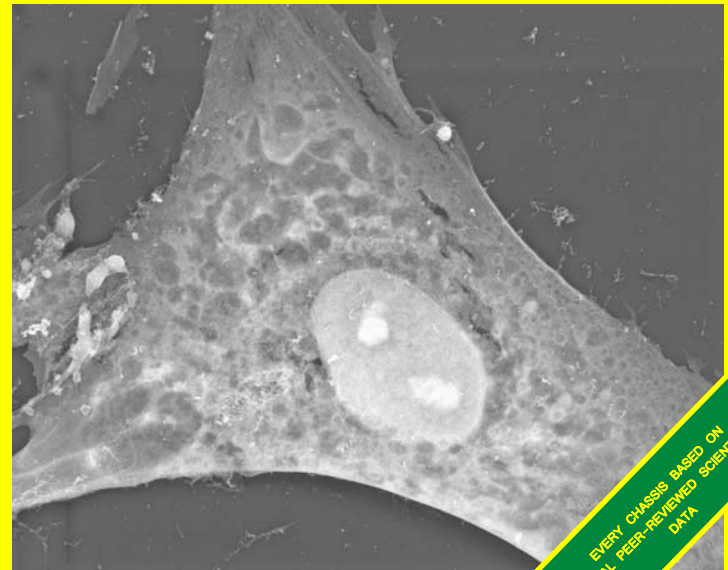
2004 thru 2010

Immortal Cell Line    o    DMEM Media

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# Relevance of Current Chassis

*E.coli*

Advanced molecular cloning  
Industrial-scale application

*B.subtilis*

Commonly used in industry  
Well-understood genetic regulation

*S.cerevisiae*

Major industrial organism  
Extensively characterised

CHO-K1 cells  
(+ others)

Easy to use immortal mammalian cell line  
Good transfection efficiency

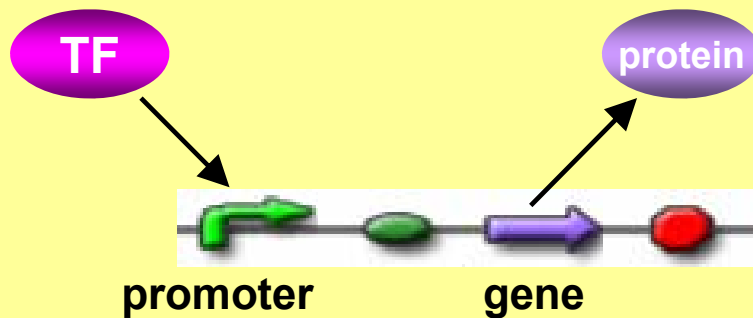
Industrial-scale biosynthesis

Ease of re-engineering





# 4. Parts, Devices and Systems

# Engineering v Biology

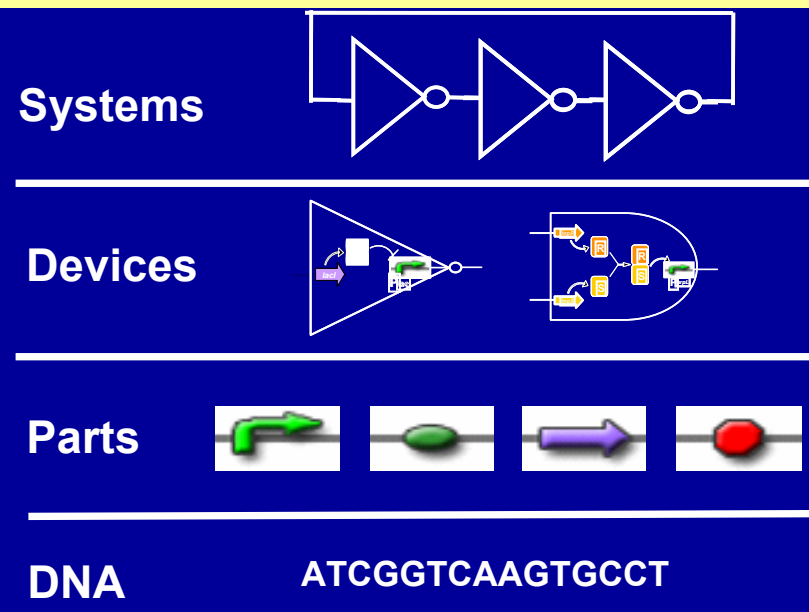
## Modularity, Characterisation, Standardisation



Typical gene transcription module

-  Ribosome binding site
-  Protein coding sequence
-  Terminator
-  Transcription factor

## A hierarchy for synthetic biology



# Systematic Design

The basis of all engineering - parts,  
devices and systems

# The Engineering Approach to Design

- Abstraction
- Decoupling
- Standardisation



# The Engineering Approach to Design in Synthetic Biology

Engineering systems are built from a hierarchy

- Parts
- Devices
- System



- At each level the characteristics of the Part, Device or System are well defined and reproducible
- In engineering the aim is to build a system on the basis of devices which comprise standard parts

# Synthetic Biology: aims to build applications from Biobricks

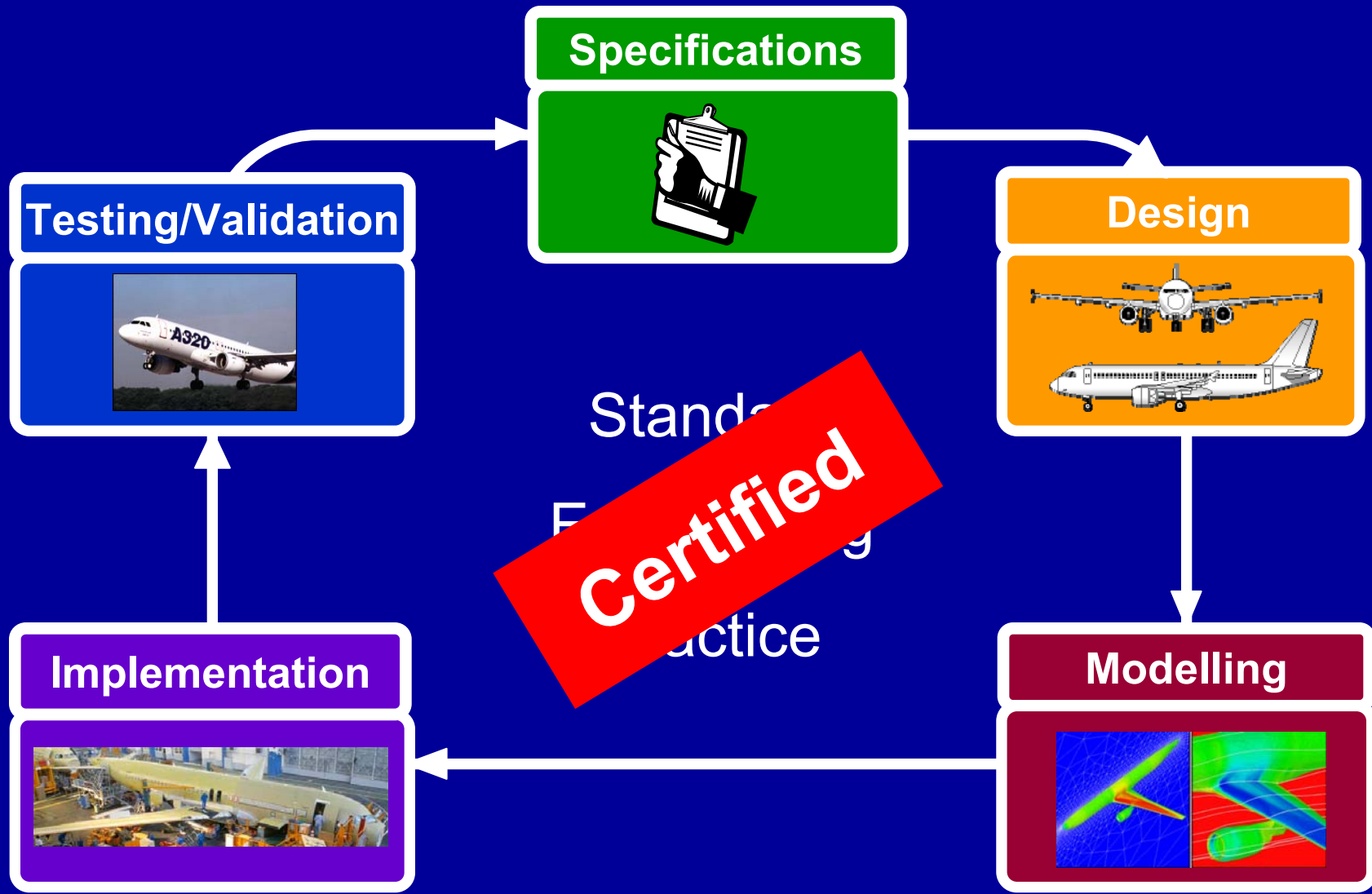
- **Parts** – encode biological functions (ie often modified DNA)
- **Devices** – made from a collection of parts and encode human-defined functions (eg logic gates)
- **Systems** – perform tasks, eg counting

# Engineering Biology

To engineer biology it needs to be broken down into parts

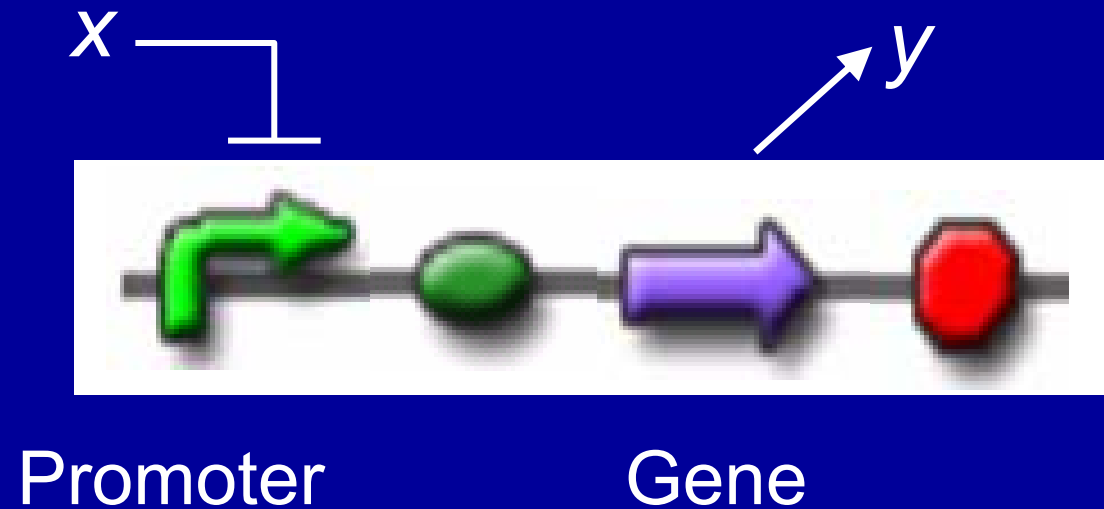


# The Engineering Approach



*Modelling*

# An inverter described using BioBrick icons



$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\beta x^n}{K^n + x^n} - \gamma y$$

$\gamma$  Protein degradation rate

$x$  Input repressor protein

$n$  Hill constant

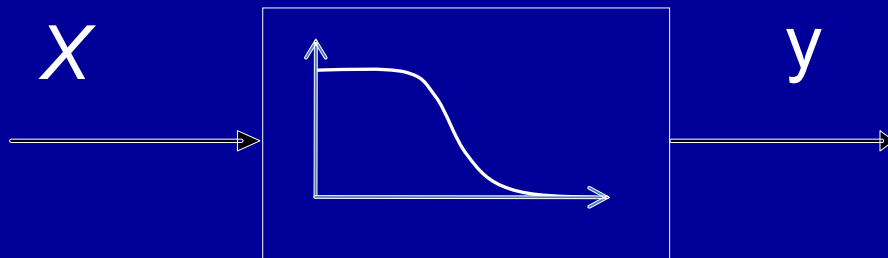
$\beta$  Protein synthesis rate

# Inverter



Promoter

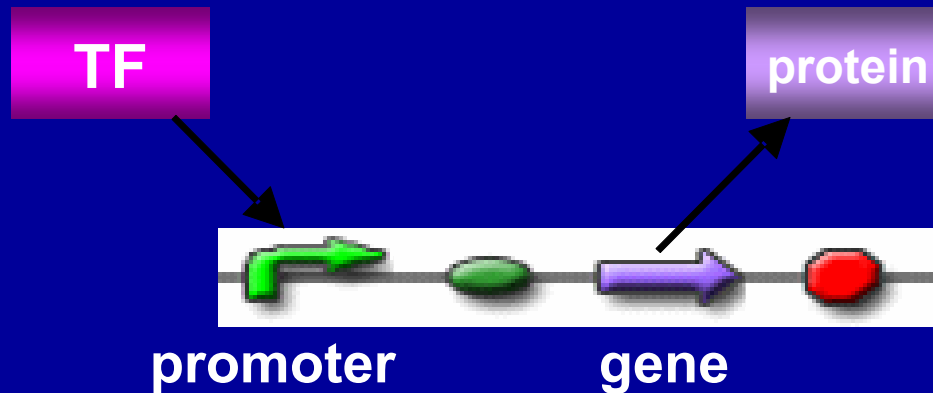
Gene



| X (Input Repressor) | Y (Output Protein) |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1                   | 0                  |
| 0                   | 1                  |

1: High Concentration  
0: Low Concentration

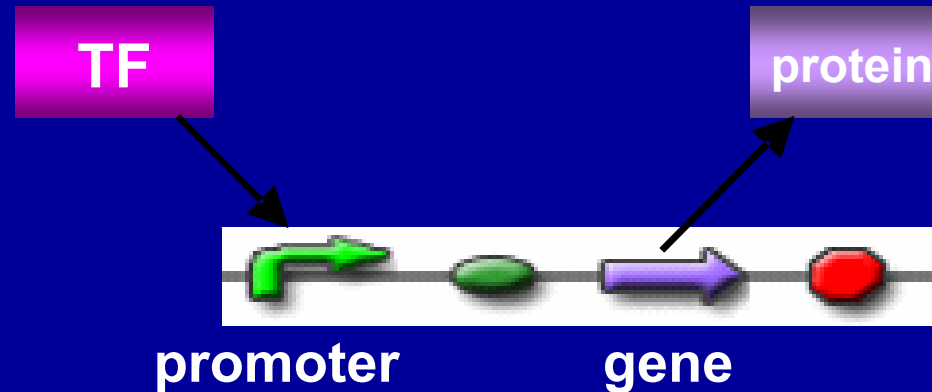
# A typical transcriptional regulatory device



$$\frac{d[mRNA]}{dt} = \frac{k_{tr} \cdot \left(\frac{W^n}{K^n}\right)^\mu}{1 + \left(\frac{W^n}{K^n}\right)} - d_m \cdot [mRNA]$$

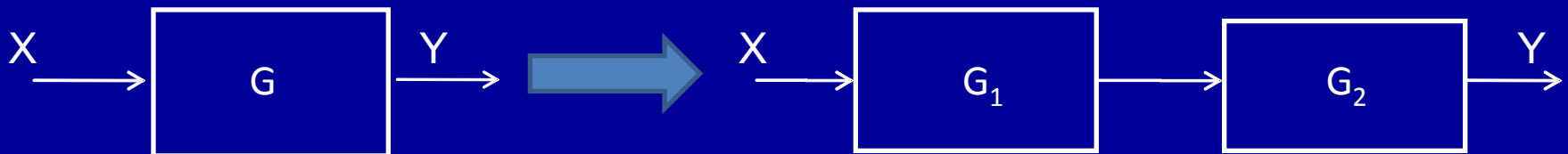
Currently ODEs are mainly used for modelling in Synthetic Biology

This becomes cumbersome as the complexity of the systems increases



What is required is the application of Systems Theory

Modularisation

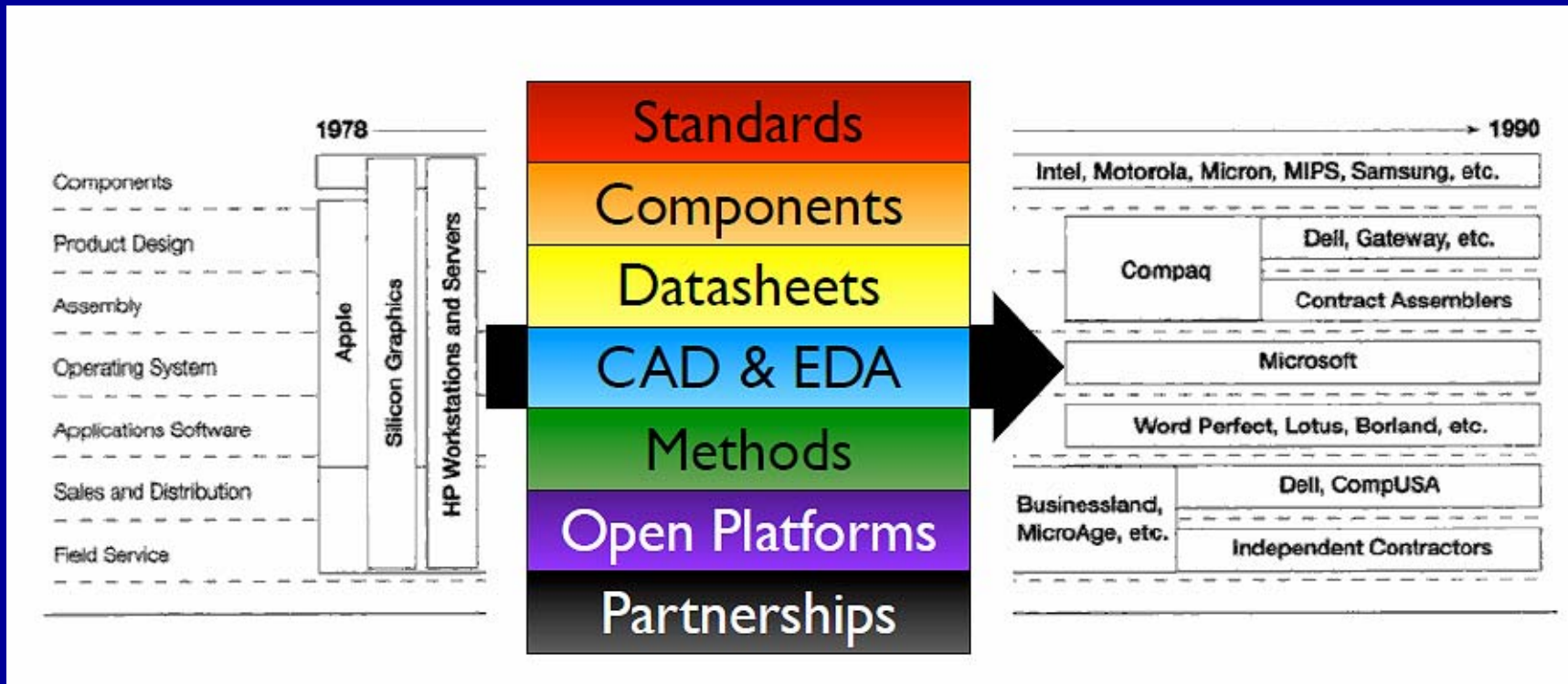


and, the application of Transform Methods

# The Evolution of Industrial Approaches



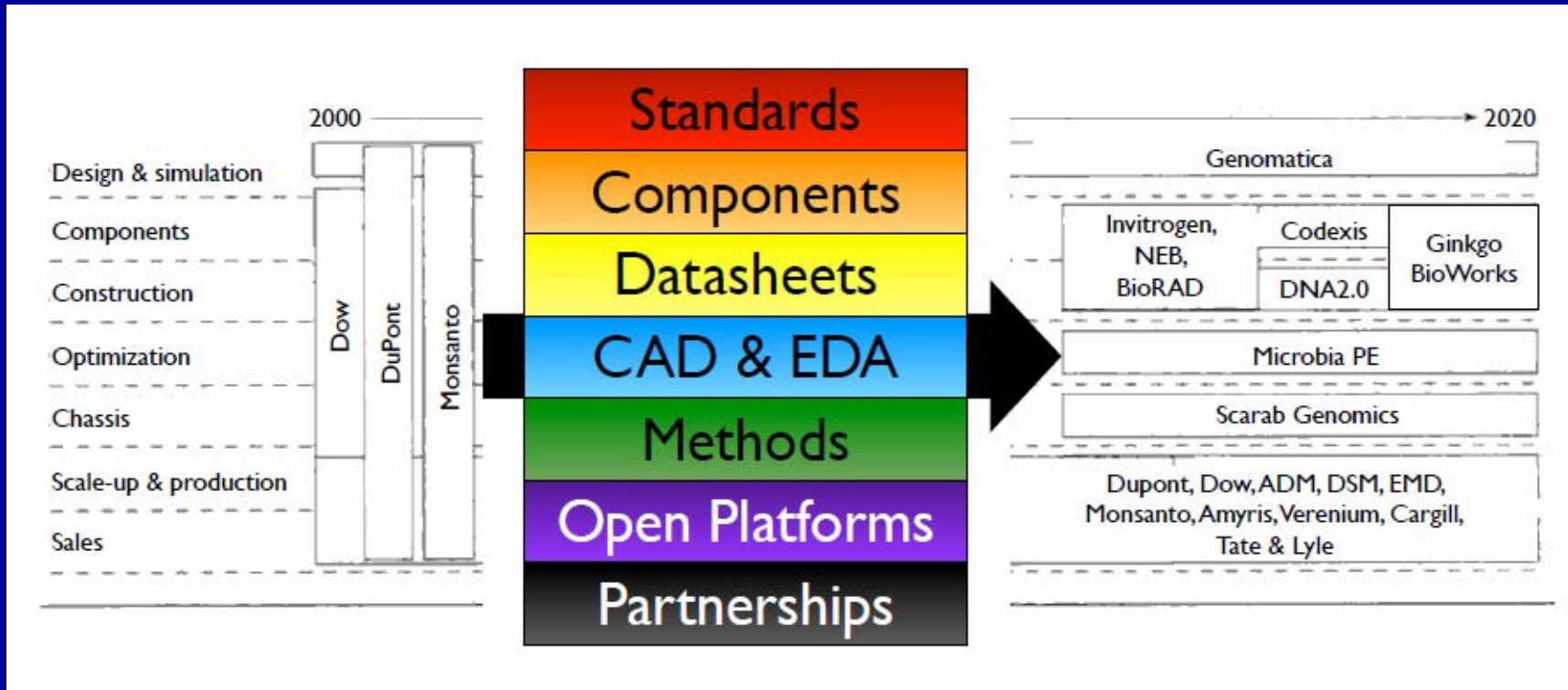
# Computing - circa 1980



New foundational tools catalysed revolutionary transitions in computer technology, creating new industries and huge opportunities

The Innovator's Solution - CM Christensen and M E Raynor – HBSP - 2003

# Biotech is Next



Poised for similar revolutionary reorientation from few successful vertical organisations to many partnered and enabling industries

## Specification

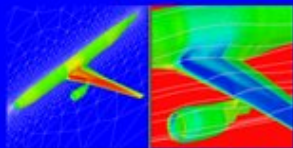
Part and  
Device  
Specification



## Design

Part and Device  
Characterisation,  
and Design

## Modelling



Implementation,  
Testing and  
Validation

Small Scale  
Assembly of Parts  
and Devices  
**in House**

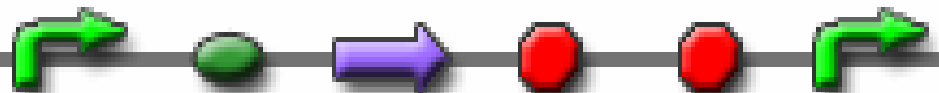
Large Scale  
Assembly of Parts  
and Devices within  
Gene Synthesis  
Companies

Applications  
Companies

- Healthcare
- Pharma
- Biofuels
- Agrosience

# Biobrick BBa\_F2620

tetR R0040      luxr C0062      lux pR R0062



## BBa\_F2620



3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL → PoPS Receiver

[http://parts.mit.edu/registry/index.php/Part:BBa\\_F2620](http://parts.mit.edu/registry/index.php/Part:BBa_F2620)

Authors:  
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Anna Labno [labnoa@mit.edu]

Last Update: 5 October 2006

### Description

A transcription factor (LuxR, BBa\_C0062) that is active in the presence of cell-cell signaling molecule 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL is controlled by a TetR-regulated operator (BBa\_R0040). Device input is 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL. Device output is PoPS from a LuxR-regulated operator. If used in a cell containing TetR then a second input signal such as aTc can be used to produce a Boolean AND function.

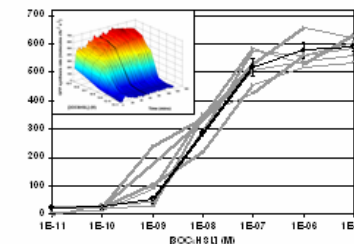
### Characteristics

**Input Swing:** 0.1 to 1000 nM 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL, exogenous  
**Output Swing:** 21±3 to 590±9 GFP molecules cfu<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>  
**Switch Point:** 10 nM 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL, exogenous  
**LH Response:** 9.7 min (t<sub>50%</sub>), 17 min (t<sub>90%</sub>)

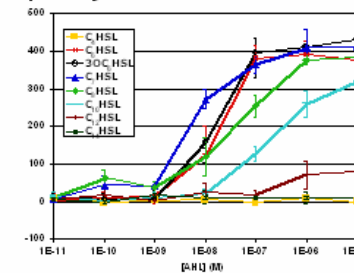
### Key Components

BBa\_R0040: TetR-regulated operator  
BBa\_C0062: luxR ORF  
BBa\_R0062: LuxR-regulated operator

### Transfer Function<sup>a</sup>



### Specificity<sup>a</sup>



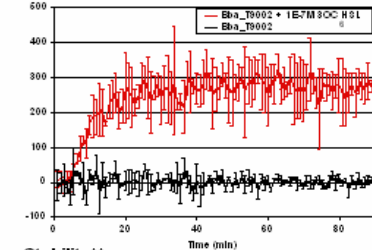
### Demand (low/high input)

**Translational:** 336/9449 ribosomes cfu<sup>-1</sup>  
5040/141600 charged tRNA cfu<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

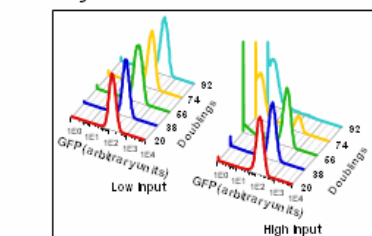
### Compatibility

**Chassis:** Compatible with MC4100, MG1655, and DH5α.  
**Plasmids:** Compatible with pSB3K3 and pSB1A2  
**Devices:** Compatible with E0240, E0430 and E0434  
Crosstalk with systems containing TetR (C0040)  
**Signaling:** Crosstalk with input molecules similar to 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL

### Response Time<sup>a</sup>



### Stability<sup>a,†</sup>



### Stability (low/high input)

**Genetic:** >92/74 replication events\*  
**Performance:** >92/74 replication events\*\*

### Conditions (abridged)

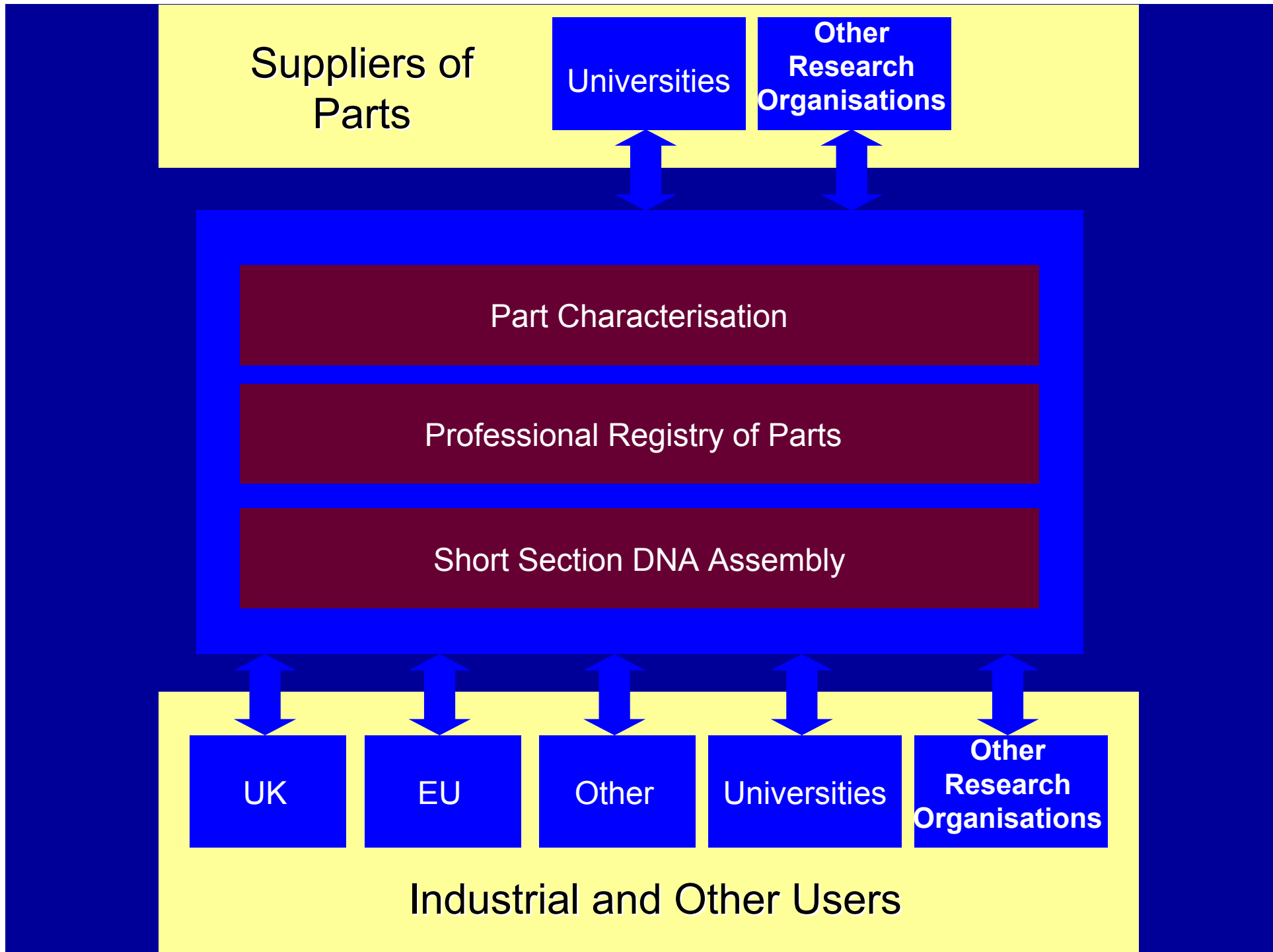
**Output:** Indirect via BBa\_E0240  
**Vector:** pSB3K3  
**Chassis:** MG1655  
**Culture:** Supplemented M9, 37°C  
**\*Equipment:** PE Victor3 plate reader  
**\*\*Equipment:** BD FACScan cytometer

Registry of Standard Biological Parts

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Signaling Devices



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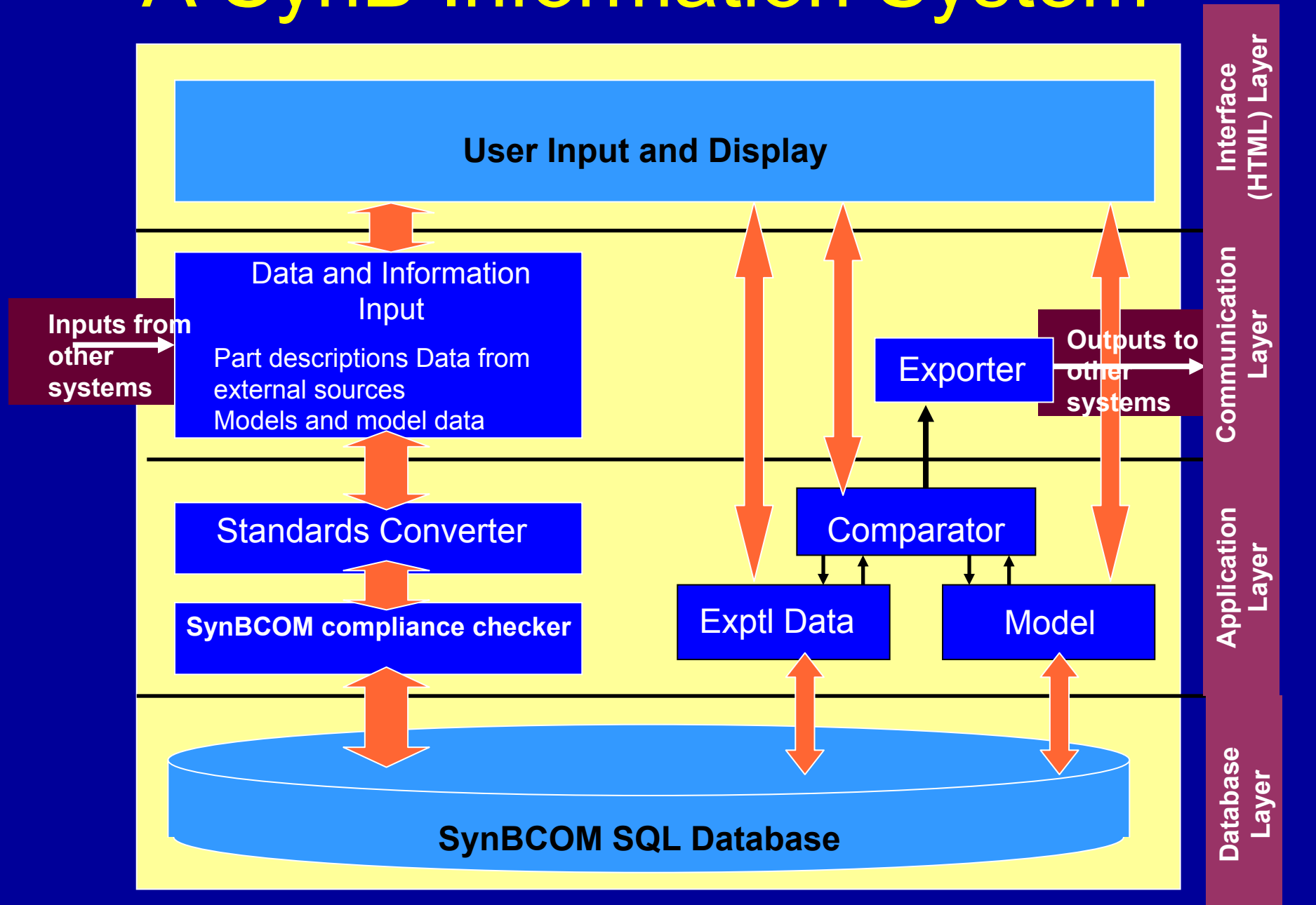
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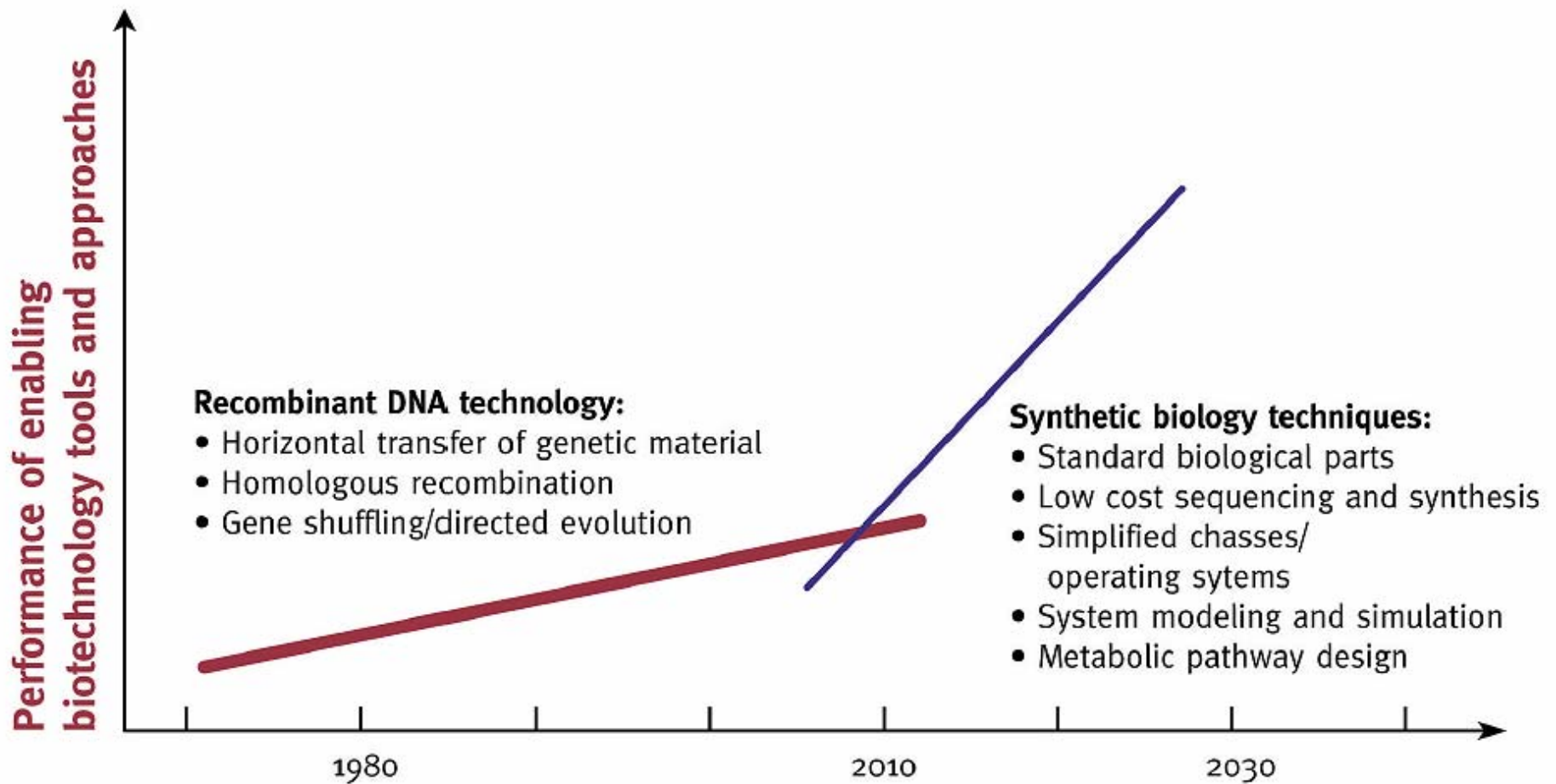
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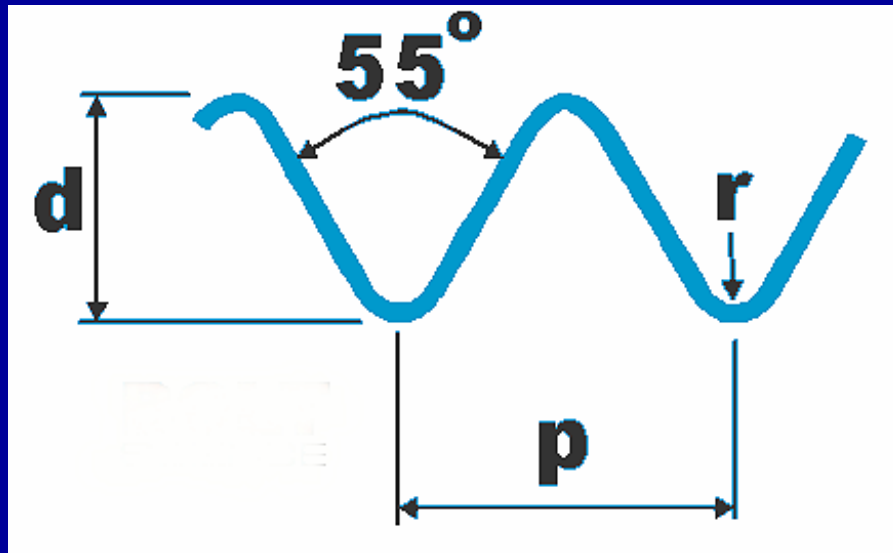




Standards



# The Whitworth Thread



The first standard thread – Sir Joseph Whitworth 1841

**Biological Continuum**

**Modalities**

**Repositories**

**Ontologies**

Body

Systems

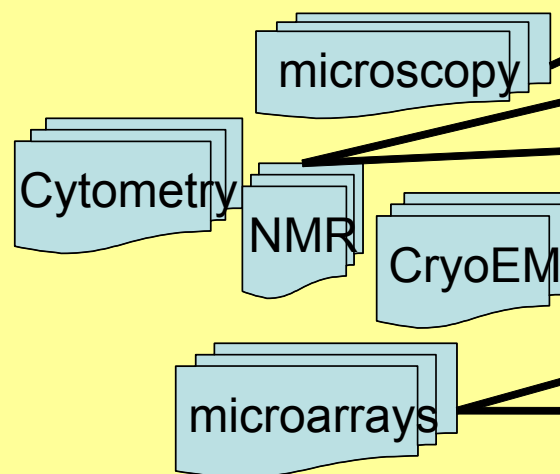
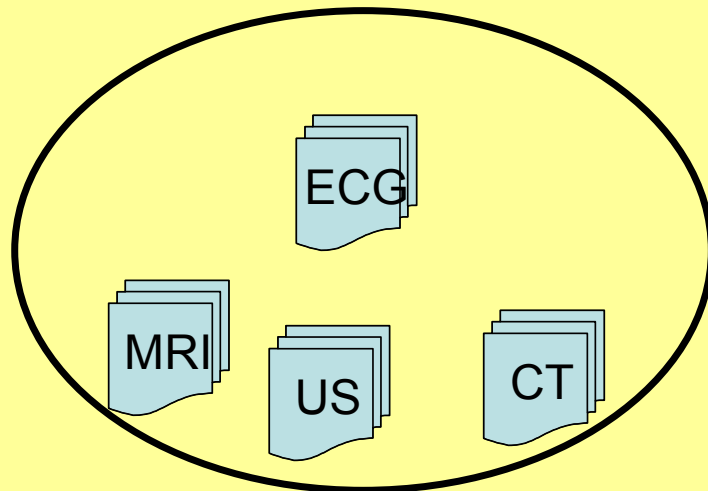
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Body Ontology

System Ontology

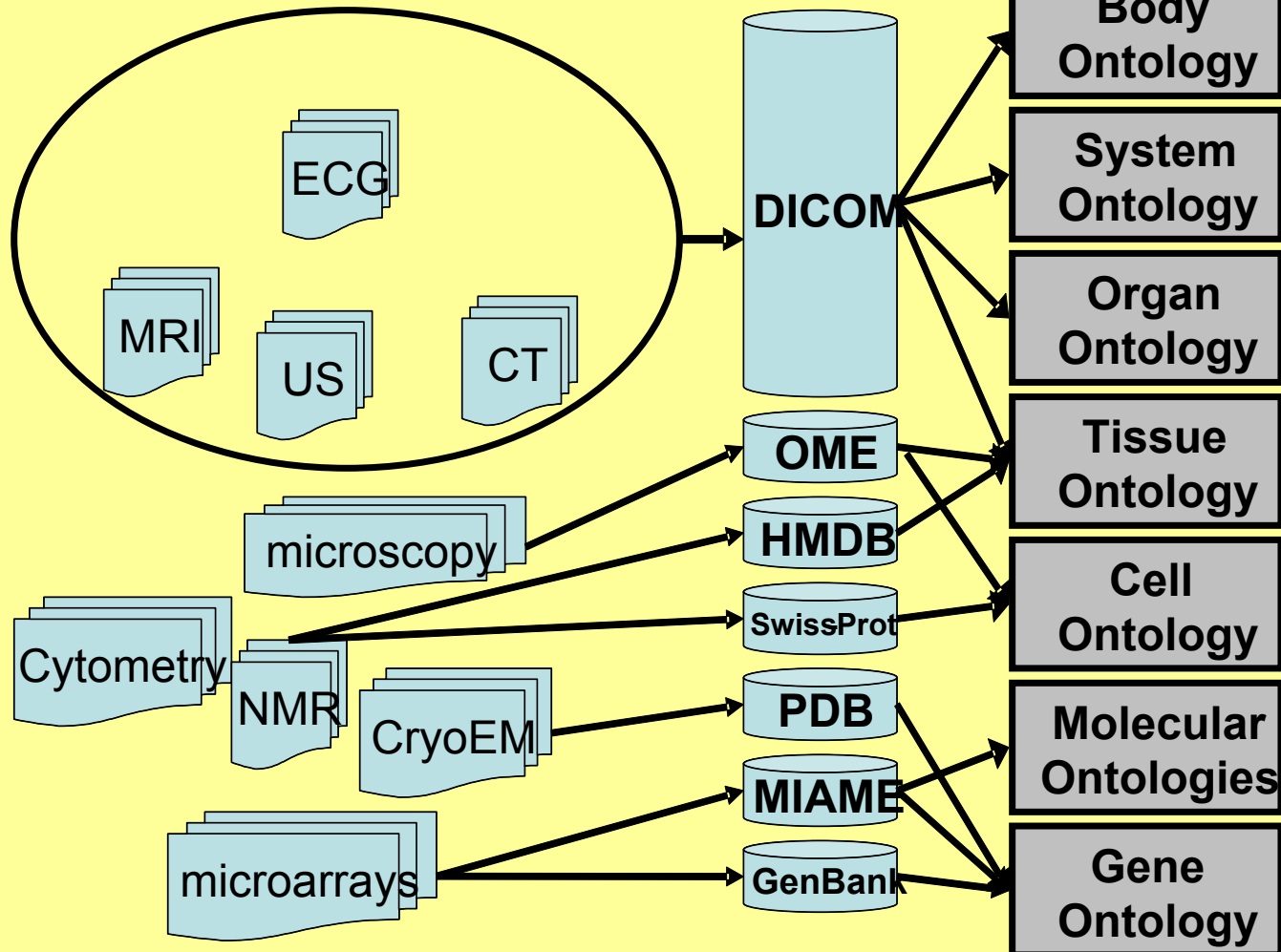
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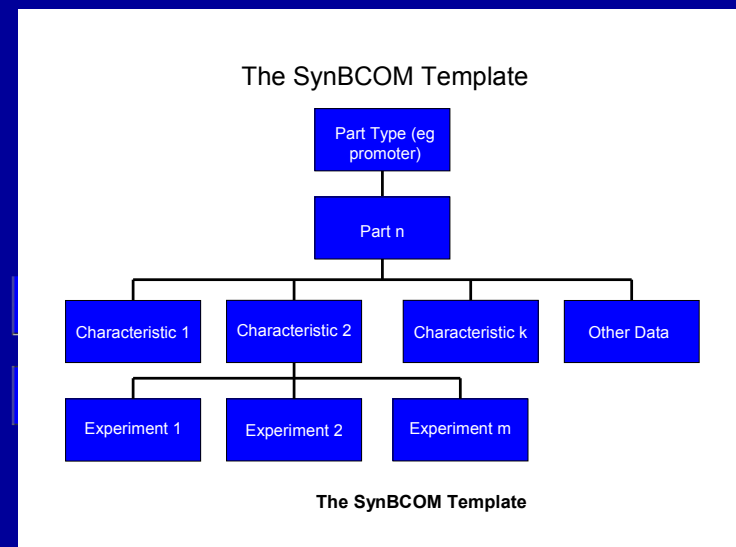
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Machine readable to allow programmes to collate, search and update the information contained where appropriate

Parts will be ontologically organised to aid design

Parts will be defined by their characteristics, which are determined by experiments and data which will be associated with the part



# Synthetic Biology's Engineering Principles

## Characterisation, Standardisation and Automation

### Characterisation:

- Of parts and their parameters and characteristics
- To produce models and improve understanding
- To aid design and prediction

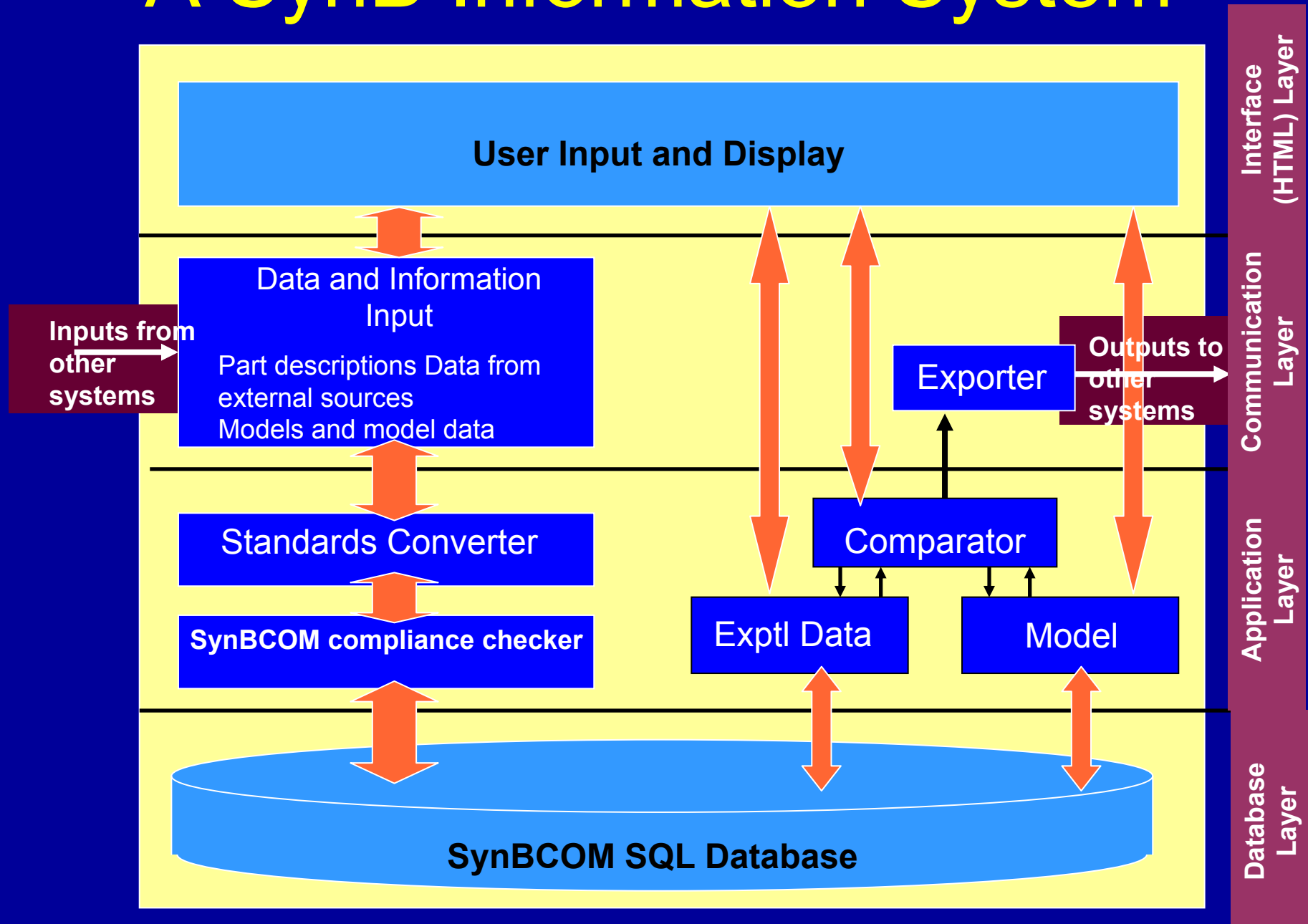
### Standardisation

- Of many part types to ensure correct part inter-connectivity, function and insulation
- Of part ontology and documentation

### Automation

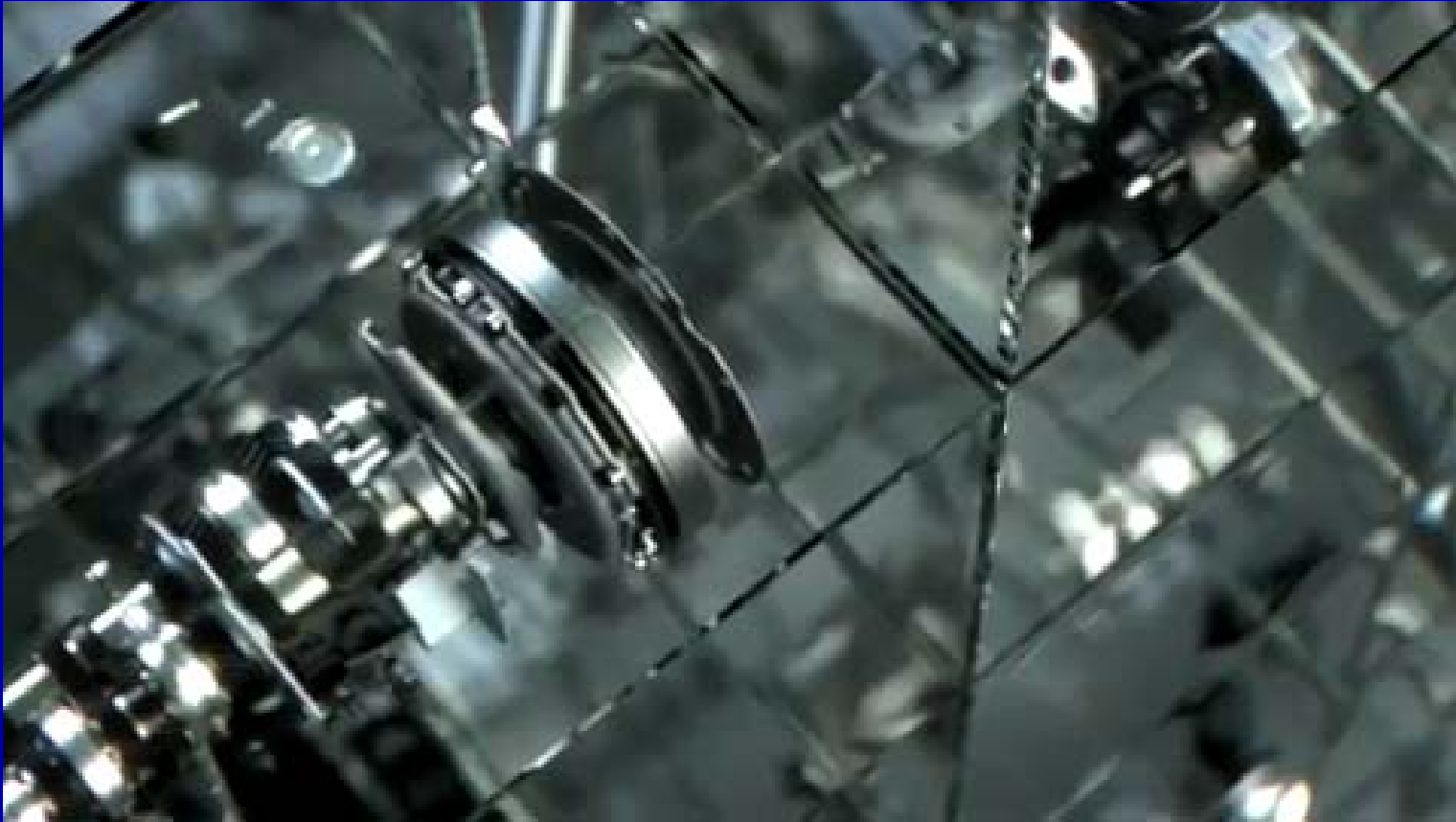
- Increase throughput
- Reduce researcher 'waiting' time
- Use of tools to speed up both design and lab processes

# A SynB Information System



Developing a Registry of  
standard, composable models

# Combining parts

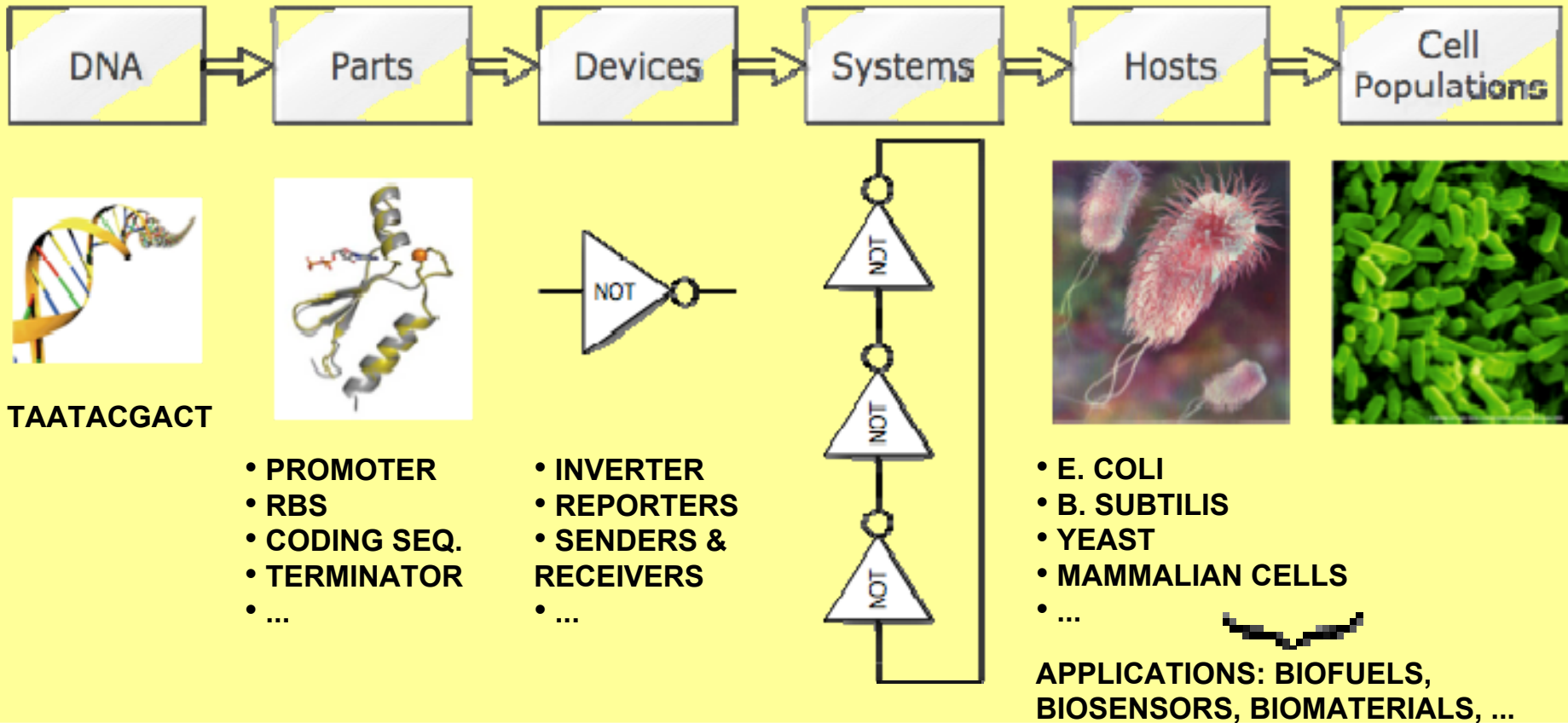


To predict the behaviour of complex systems built from many parts, we need to have:

1. *mechanisms to compose part models into a system model*
2. *predictive, composable models for the parts*



# Complex Systems & Abstractions

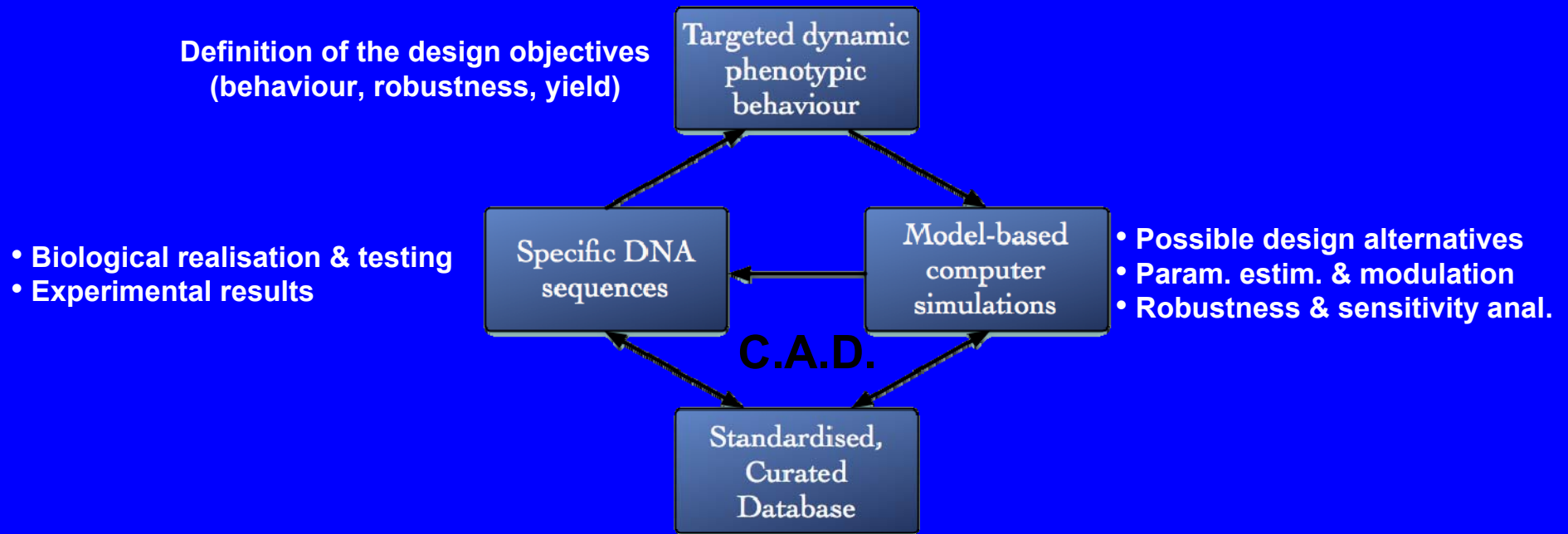


To predict the behaviour of complex systems built from many parts, we need to have: predictive, composable models for the parts mechanisms to compose part models into a system model

# Current tools

- There are already many *systems biology model repositories* (e.g., Biocompare, CellML model repository, Open Wetware repository, Java web simulation online, ModelDB, etc.) and *model analysis and design tools* available.
- However, these repositories and tools lack some of the important features of a *proper SynB C.A.D. framework*
- They hardly support the modular building process used to create complex systems from the interconnection of parts and forming an integral part of the engineering cycle
- They do not provide a unified C.A.D. environment with access to composable and reusable mathematical models

# What is needed ?

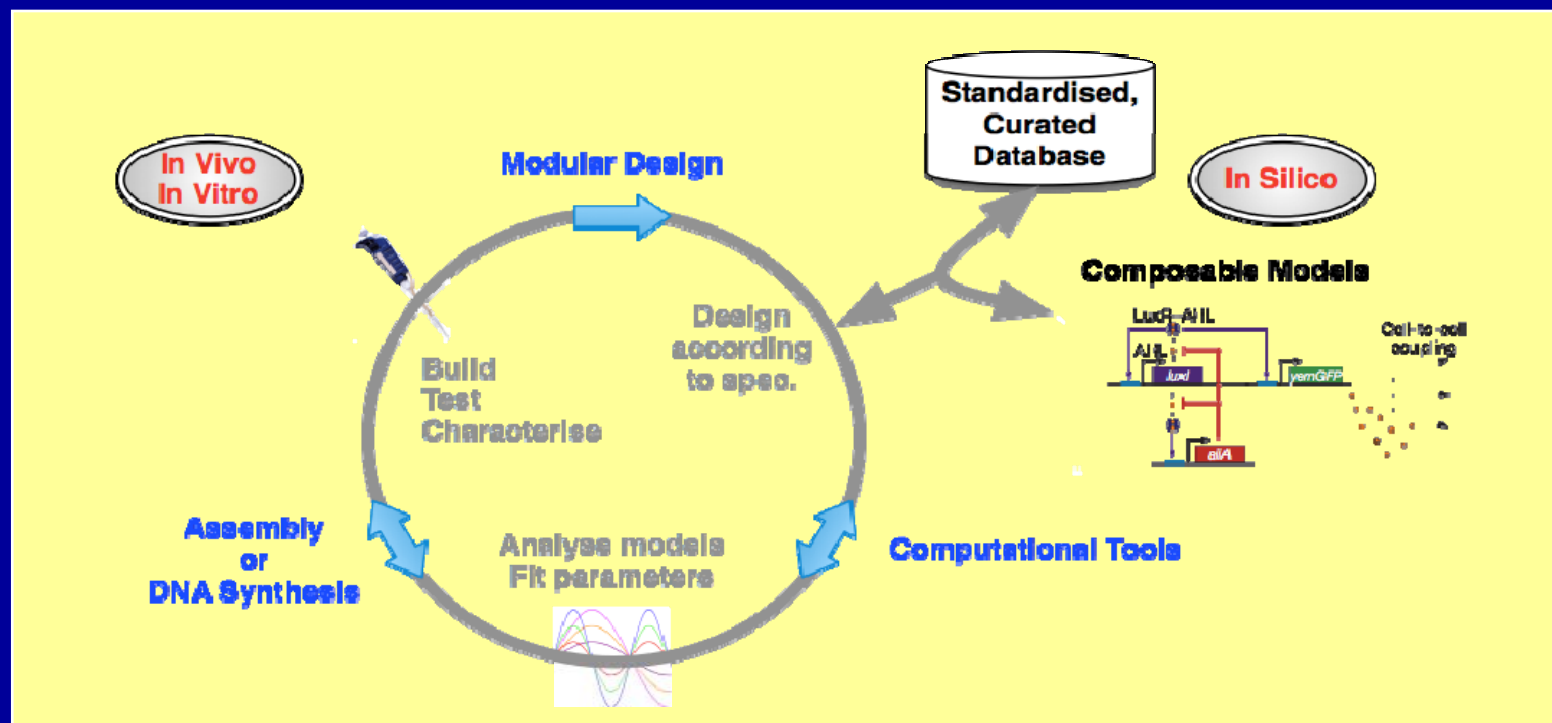


- A *modular in silico* C.A.D. framework allowing:
- Easy design, simulation, and *composition* of *SynB* models
- Direct robustness and sensitivity analysis of models
- Seamless integration with a standardised & curated database:
  - search & annotation of part models based on design spec
  - search & modulation of model parameters
  - automated DNA sequence prediction & *de novo* synthesis

# CAD and Professional Model Registry

In parallel with increasing the number of available parts and characterising them professionally, a logical extension would be to build a registry of standard, composable models together with an appropriate synthetic biology C.A.D. environment

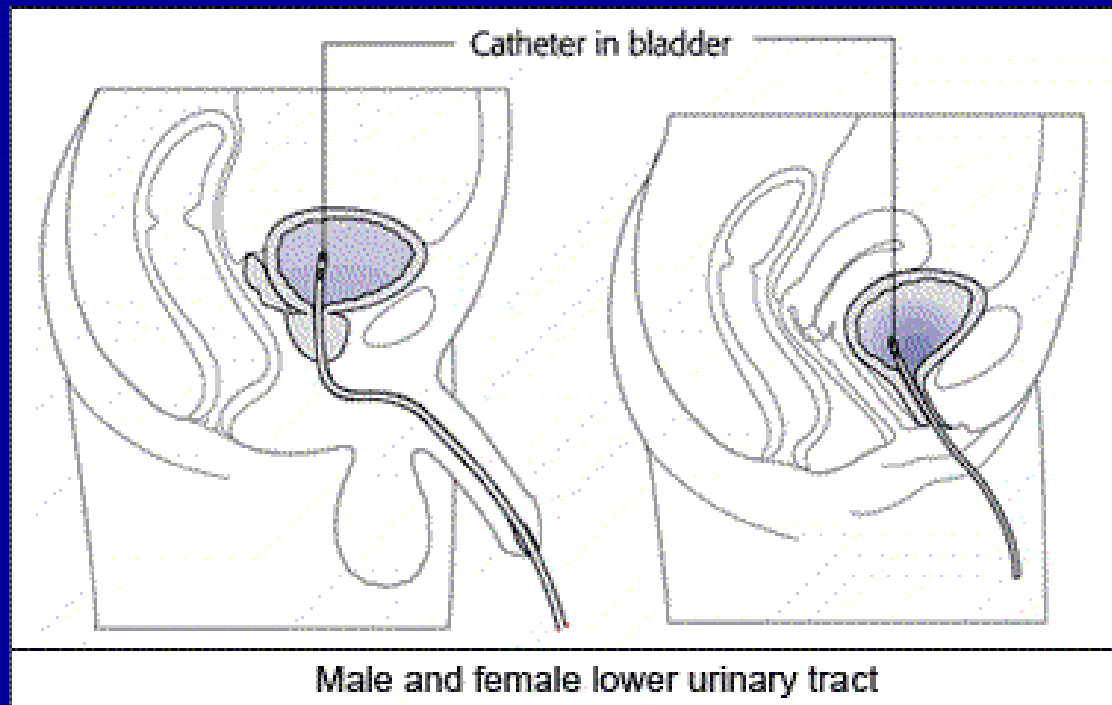
## *Engineering design cycle*



# Example 1 – Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

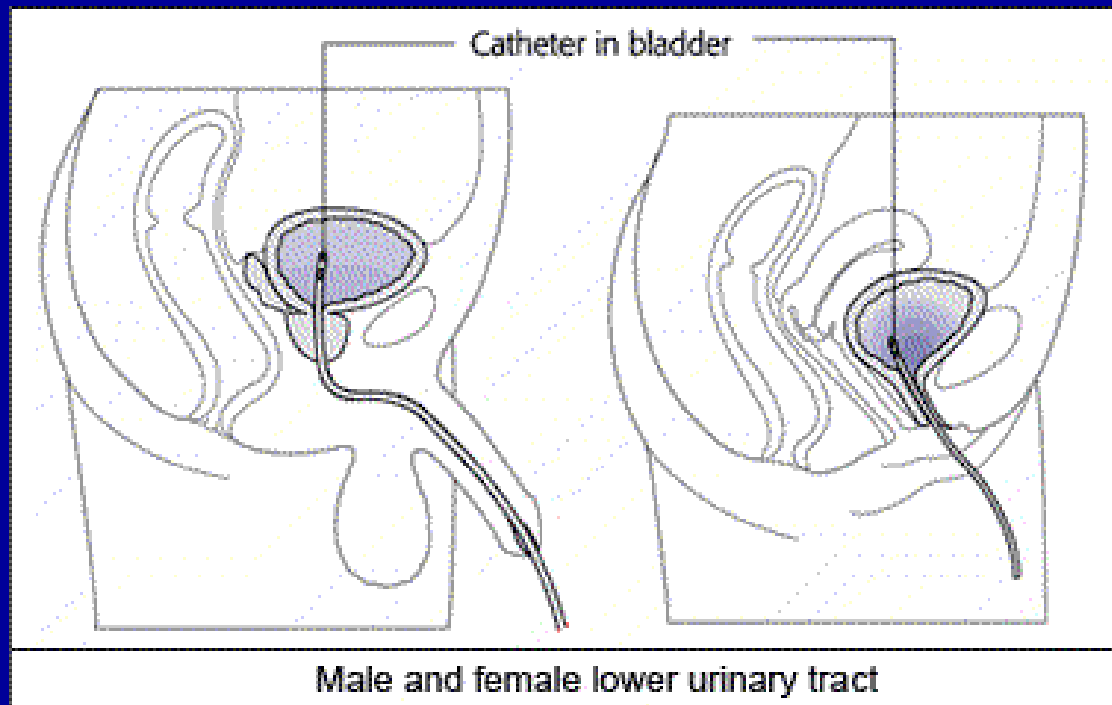
# The Problem

Infections take the form of a biofilm that creeps up the catheter into the urethra

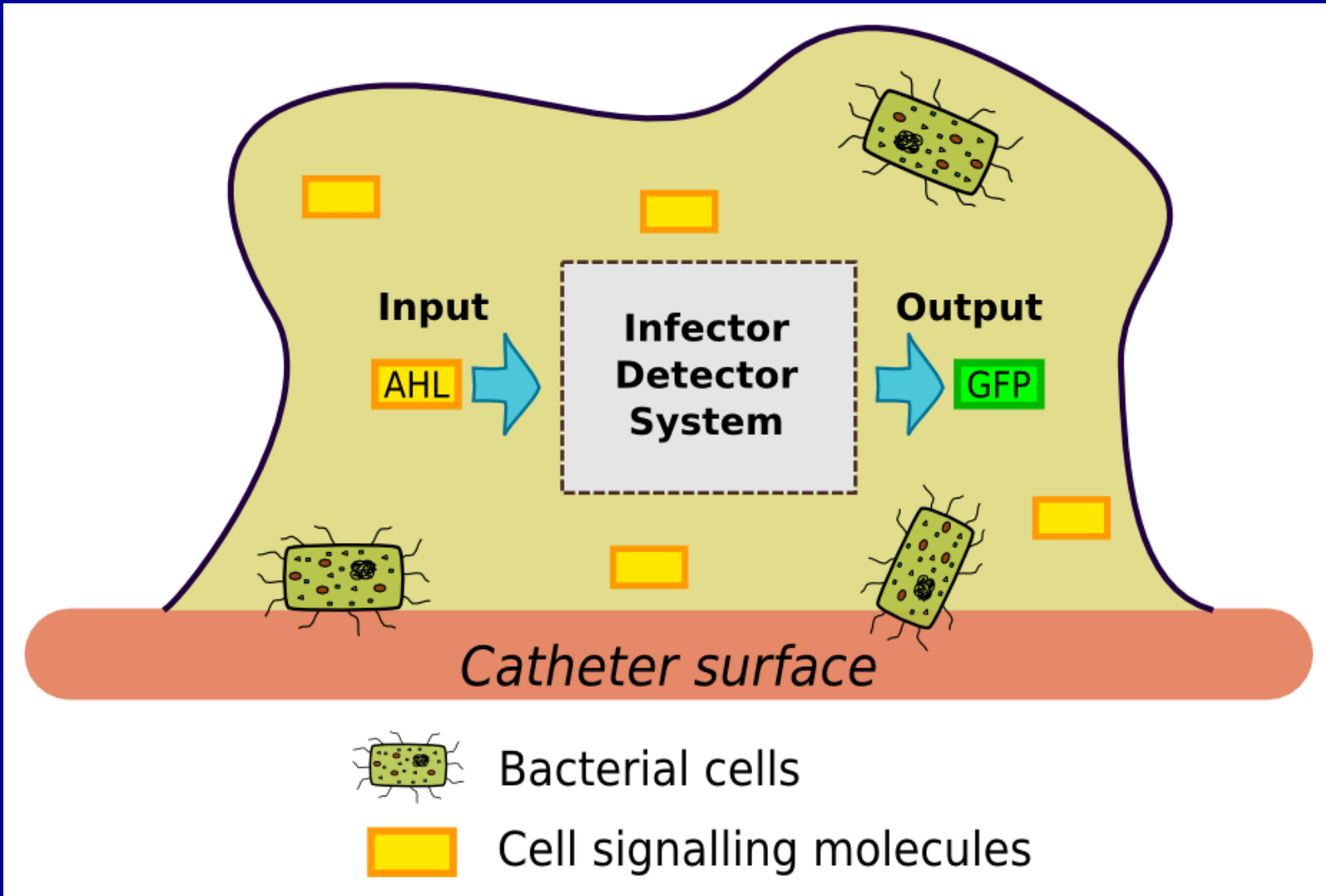


# Our Aim

To design a genetically engineered machine which detects the presence of biofilm infection on urinary catheters



# Our Detection Strategy



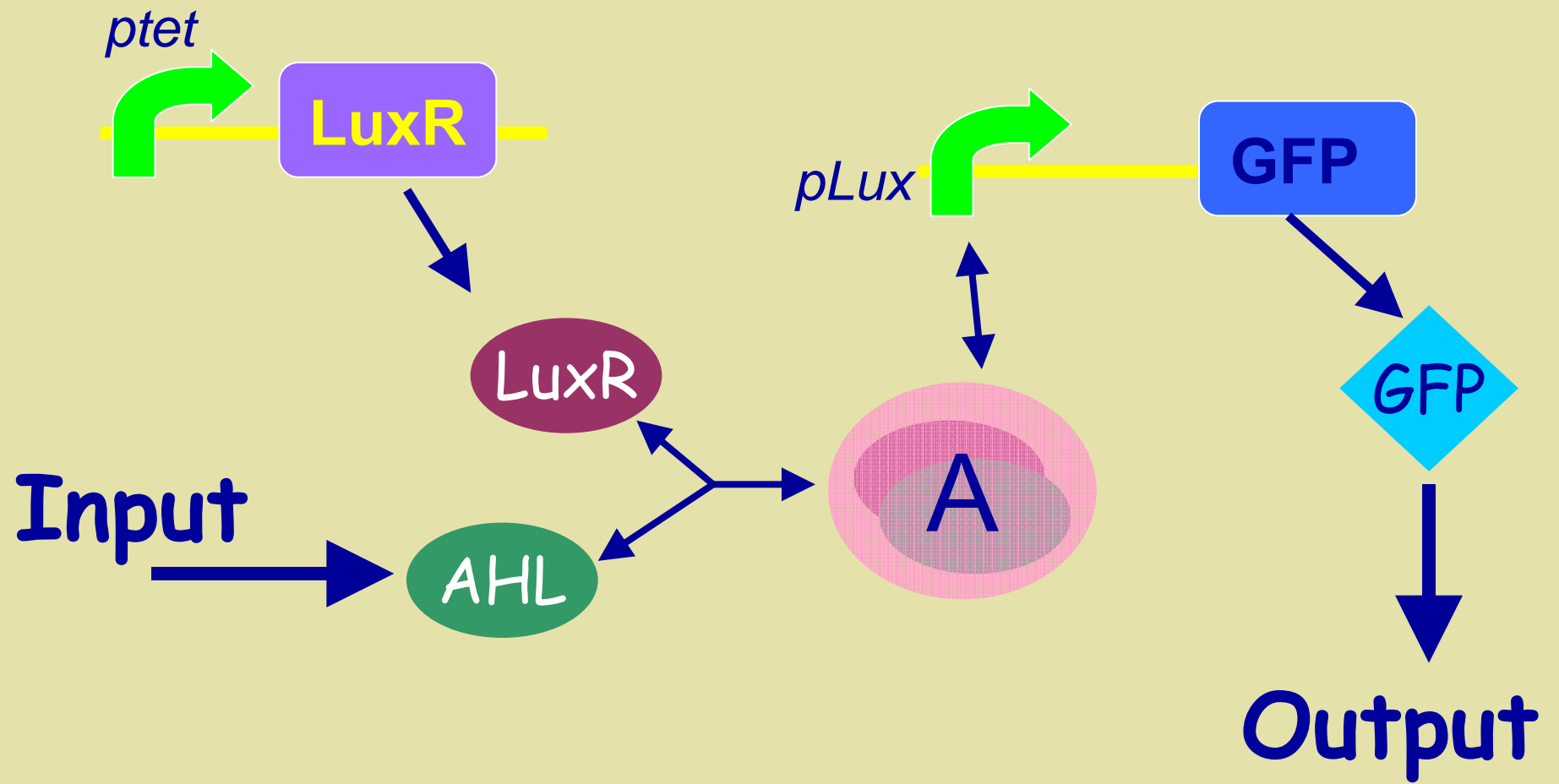


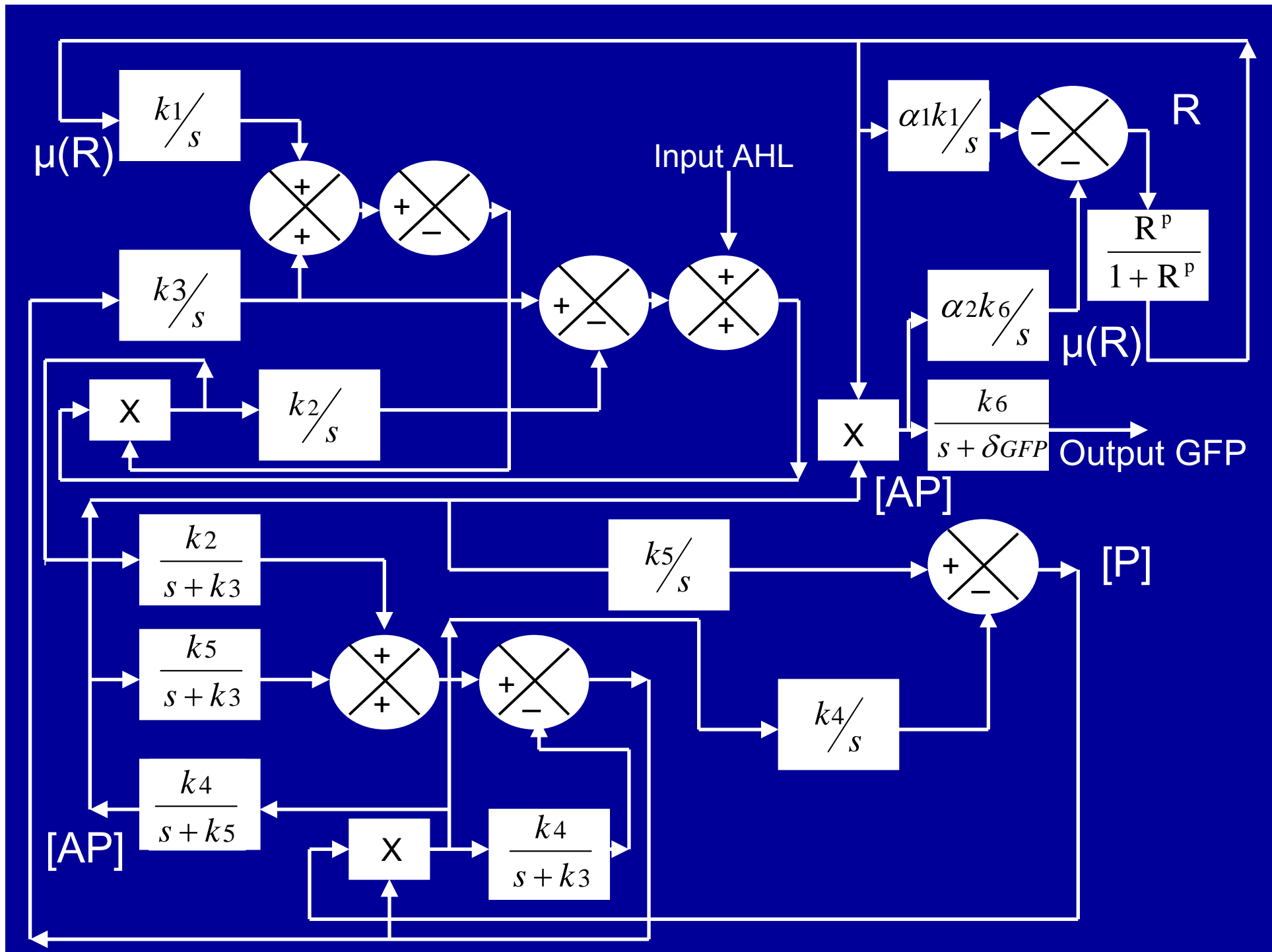
# Urinary Tract Infection Detector – a three stage device



# The Biochemical Network – the basis of Infector Detector



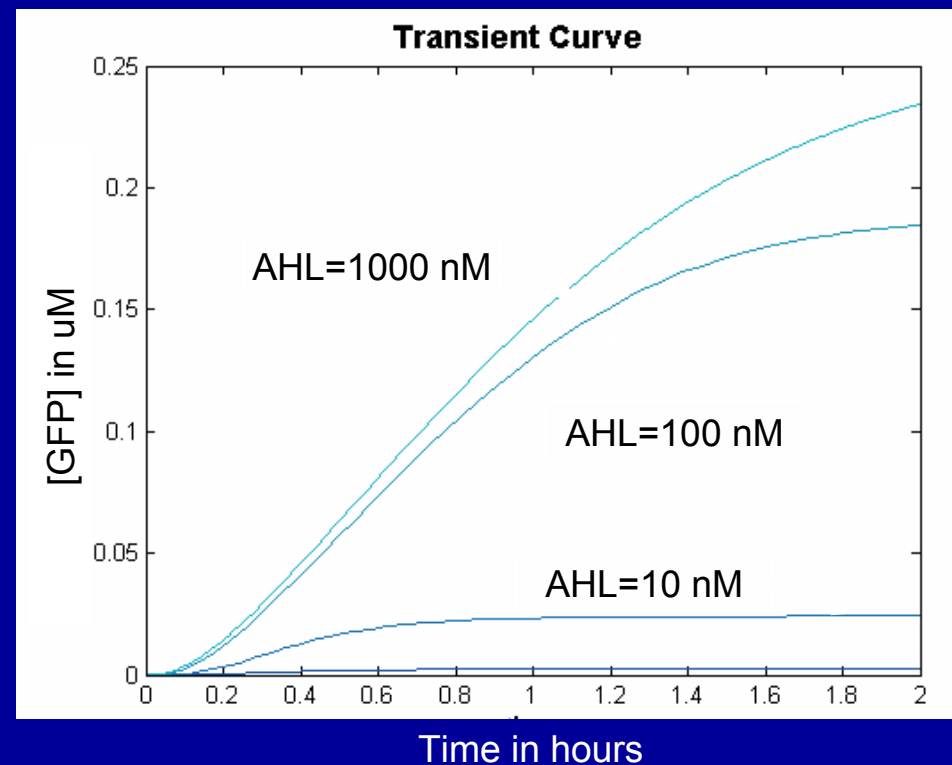




# Typical Simulations

## General Behaviour:

- Slow uptake
- Saturation after few hours (Resources exhausted)
- The higher the input (AHL) , the higher the output ( GFP)

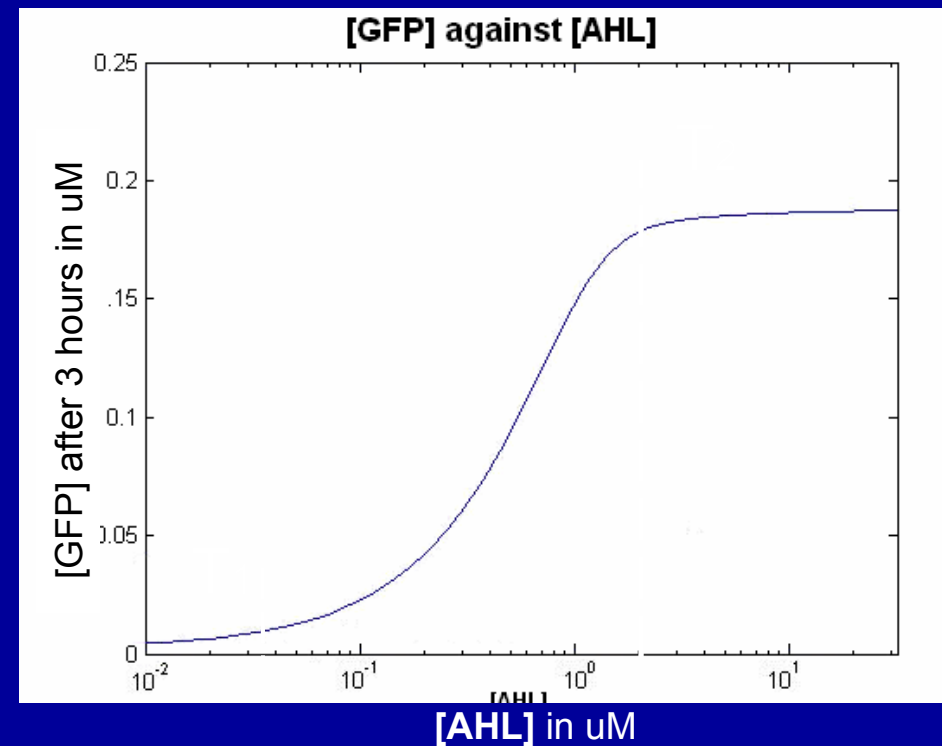


# Transfer Function

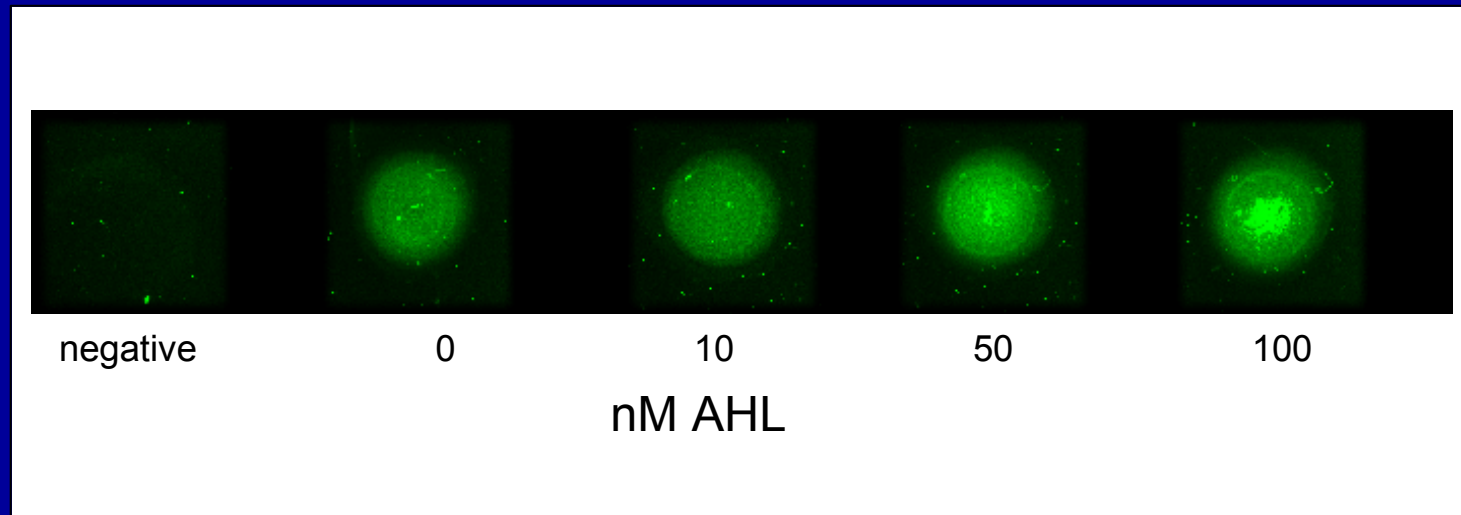


## GFP vs AHL

- Similar to F2620 in vivo
- Below  $T_1$  : No detection
- Above  $T_2$ : Saturation

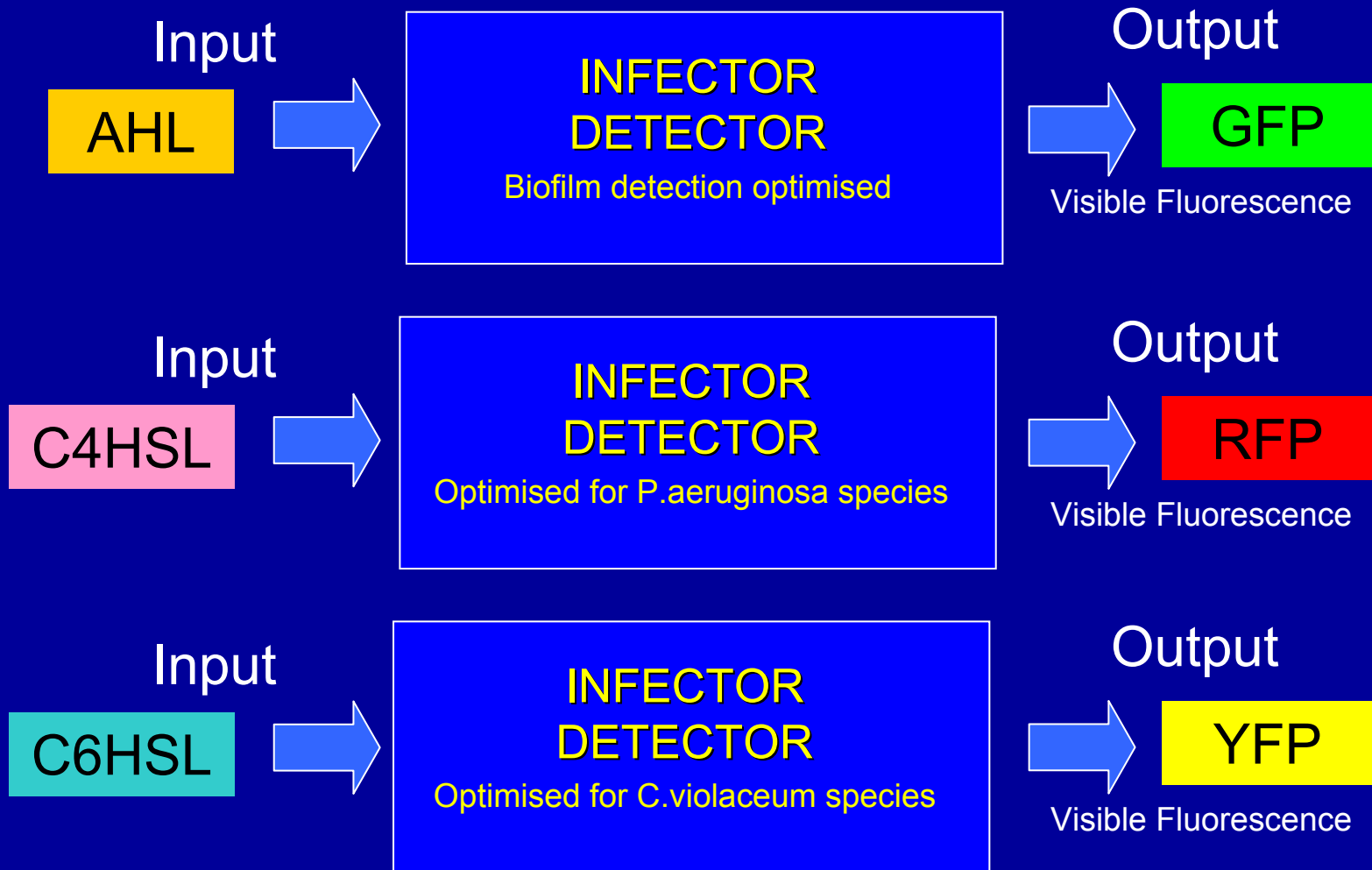


# Testing Infector Detector on Agarose



Agarose drops with Infector Detector detecting different concentrations of AHL

# Ongoing Work: Customisation

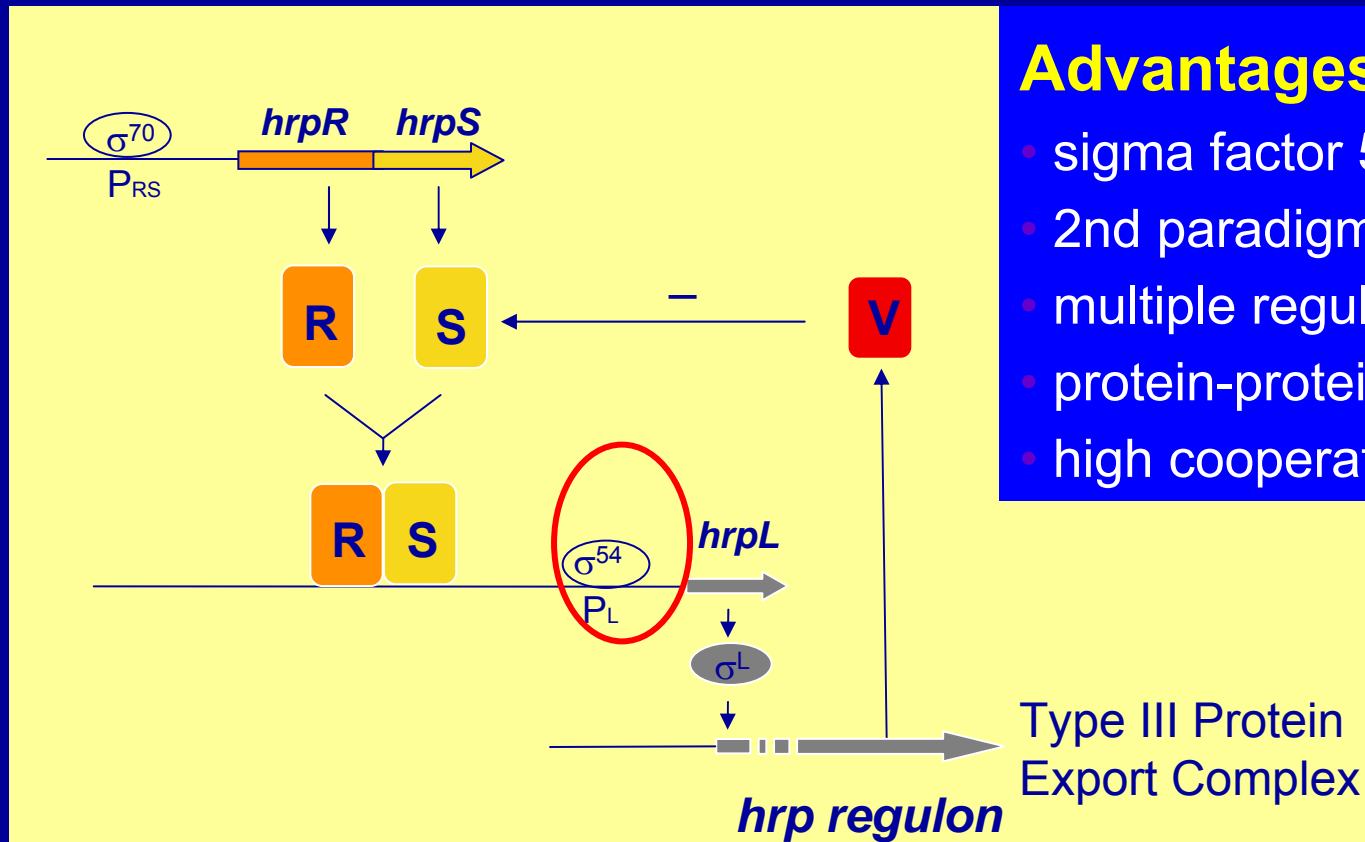




# Example 2 – Logic Gates

# The *hrp* gene regulation system – a great system for modular biologically-based logical devices

- *hrp* (hypersensitive response and pathogenicity)



## Advantages

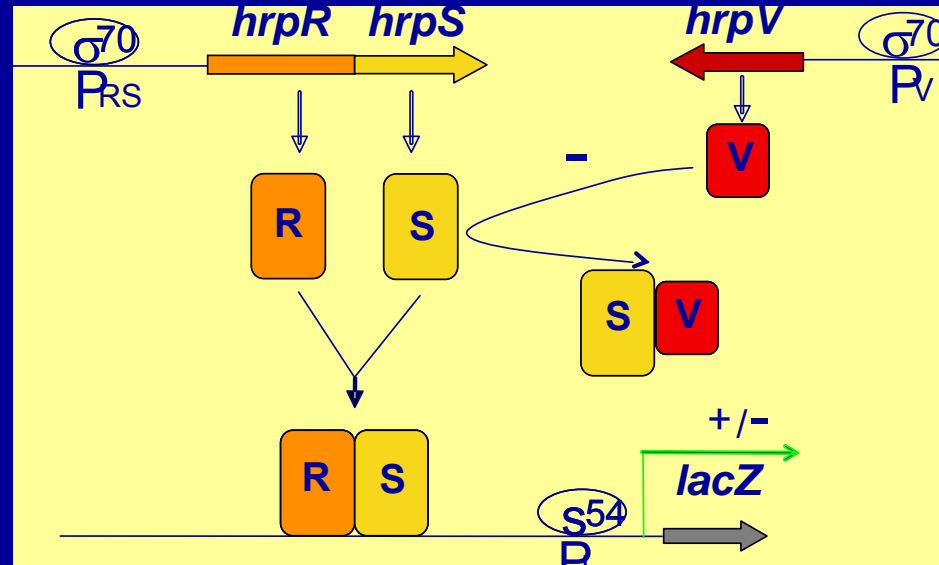
- sigma factor 54
- 2nd paradigm of gene activation
- multiple regulation factors
- protein-protein interactions
- high cooperatively



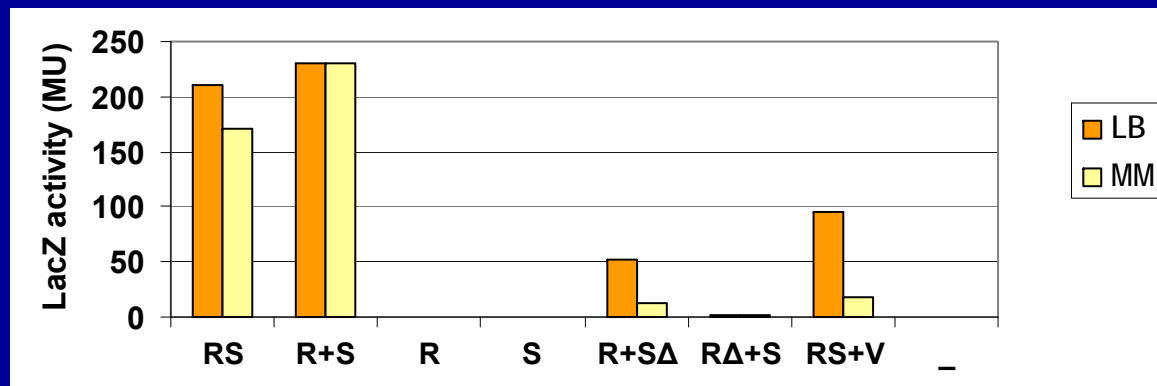
*Pseudomonas syringae* *hrp* regulatory system

# Biological Experimental Results

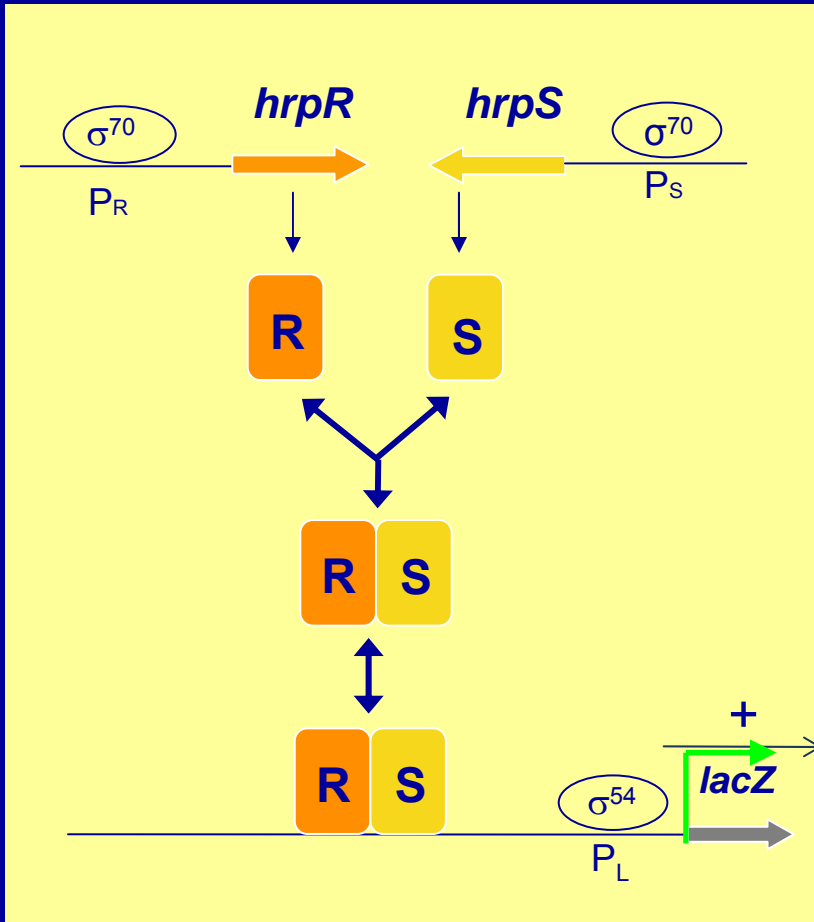
Identifying regulation mechanism for *hrpL* promoter activity



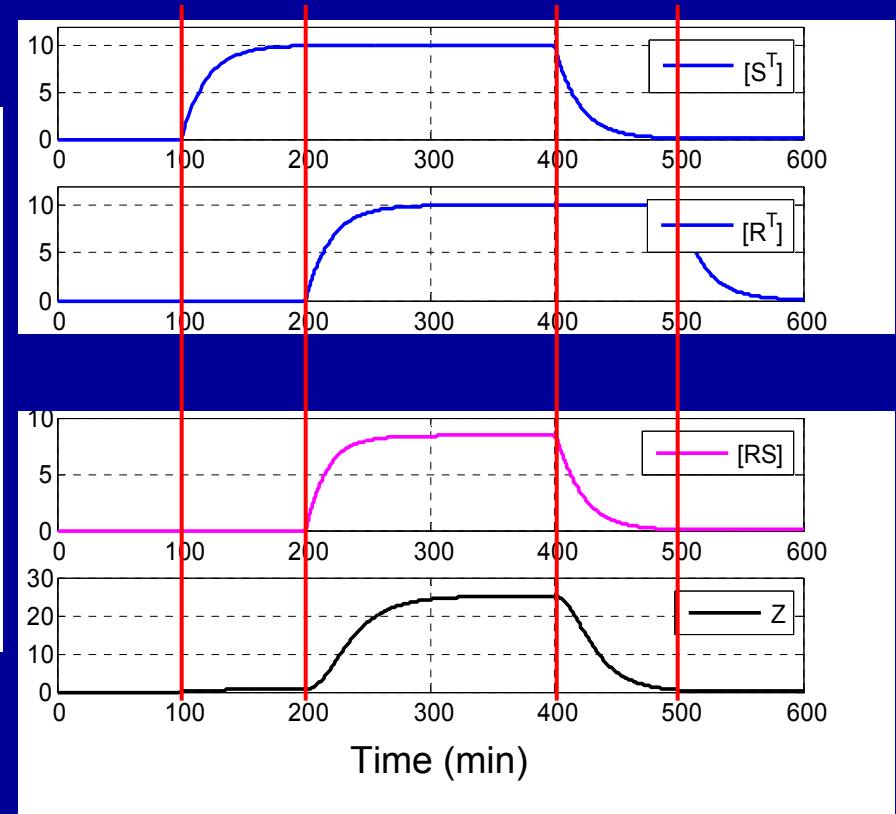
*In vivo* expression in *E. Coli* (MC4100  $\Delta$ *hrpL-lacZ*) of various *hrp* constructs in *cis* (RS) or *trans* (R+S) or individually (R, S).



# Modelling Case1: *hrpL* regulated by 2 factors

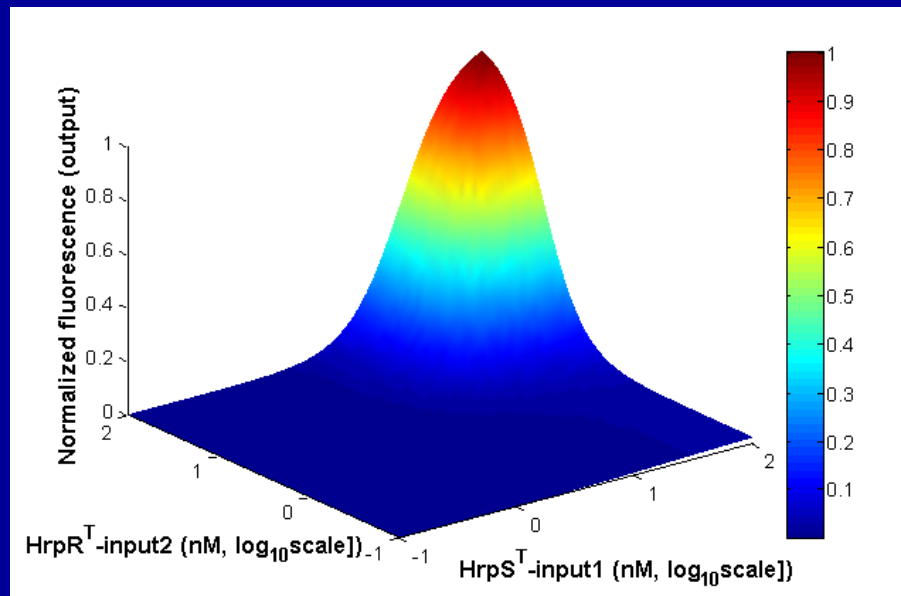
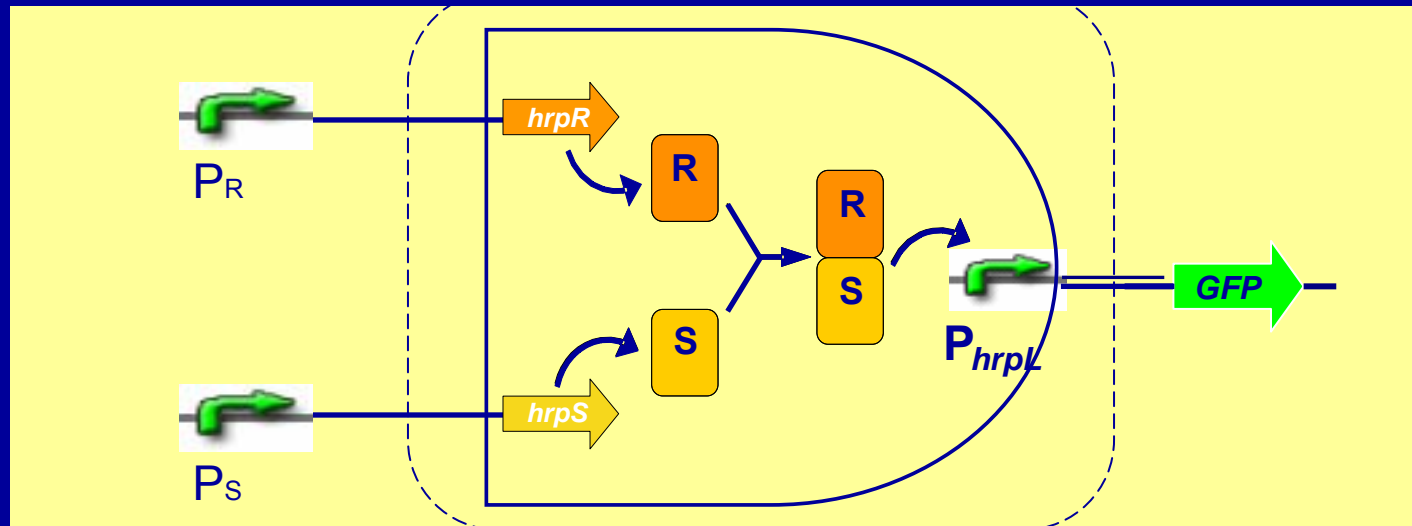


protein concentration - nM



Simulation results: the dynamic evolution of protein concentrations

# A Modular AND Gate



| $P_R$ | $P_S$ | $pHrpL$ |
|-------|-------|---------|
| 0     | 0     | 0       |
| 0     | 1     | 0       |
| 1     | 0     | 0       |
| 1     | 1     | 1       |

Logic Gates are the basic building blocks of all digital devices - counters, microprocessors, computers

There are strong parallels with Synthetic  
Chemistry in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century



Modern examples of natural dyes in the Mysore market in India





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Dyeing Fabrics.

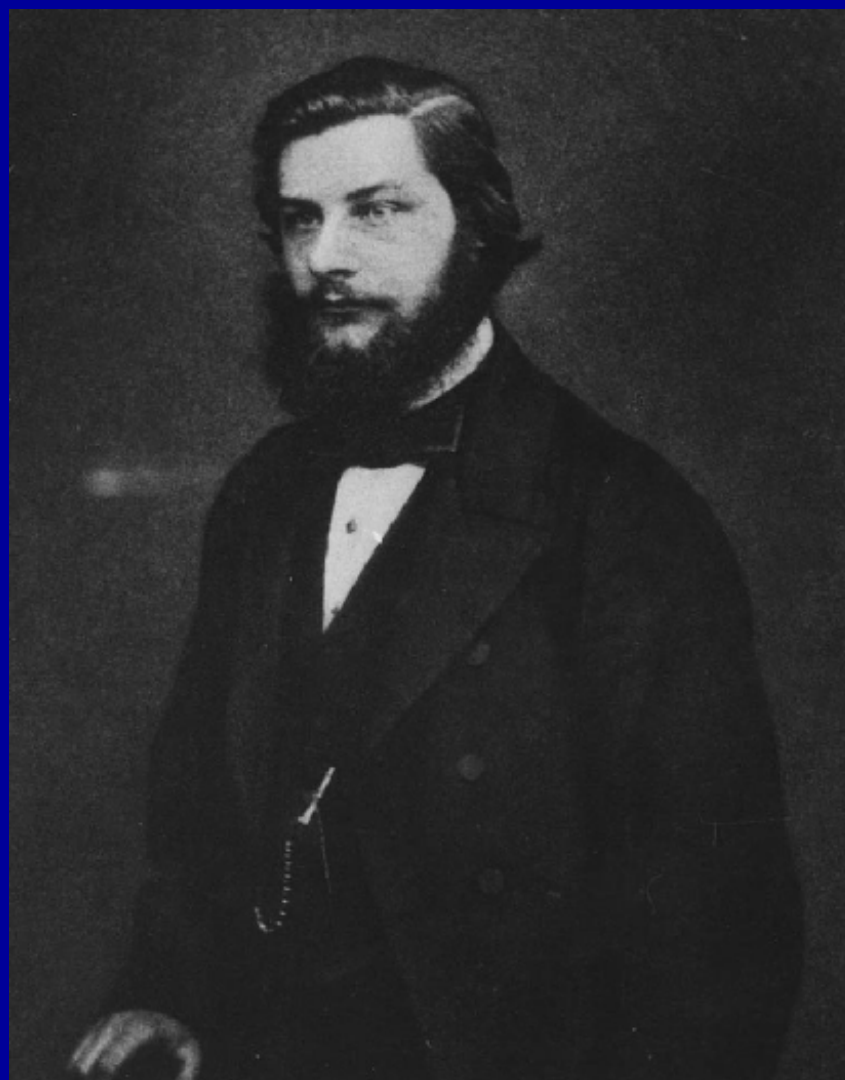
LETTERS PATENT to William Henry Perkin, of King David Fort, in the Parish of Saint George in the East, in the County of Middlesex, Chemist, for the Invention of "PRODUCING A NEW COLORING MATTER FOR DYING WITH A LILAC OR PURPLE COLOR STUFFS OF SILK, COTTON, WOOL, OR OTHER MATERIALS."

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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by the said William Henry Perkin at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 26th August 1856.

I, WILLIAM HENRY PERKIN, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "PRODUCING A NEW COLORING MATTER FOR DYING WITH A LILAC OR PURPLE COLOR STUFFS OF SILK, COTTON, WOOL, OR OTHER MATERIALS," to be as follows:—

Equivalent proportions of sulphate of aniline and bichromate of potassa are to be dissolved in separate portions of hot water, and, when dissolved, they are to be mixed and stirred, which causes a black precipitate to form. After this mixture has stood for a few hours it is to be thrown on a filter, and the precipitate to be well washed with water, to free it from sulphate of potassa, and then dried. When dry it is to be boiled in coal-tar naphtha, to extract a brown



William Henry Perkin -1856, the production of synthetic quinine from benzene

# Aspirin 1897



Chemist Felix Hoffmann, at Bayer in Germany



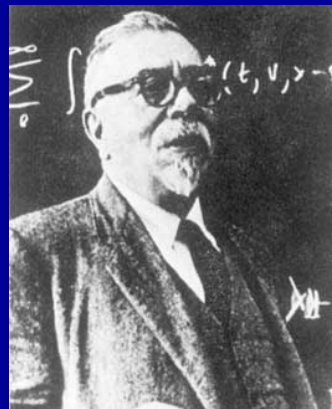
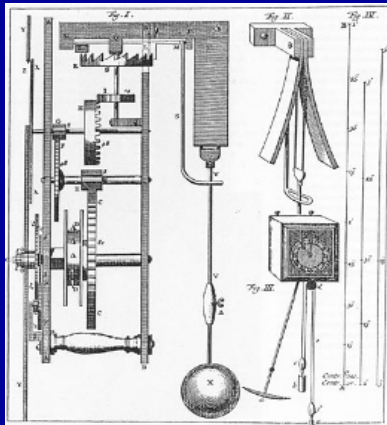
Synthetic Rubber

## Analogue Age

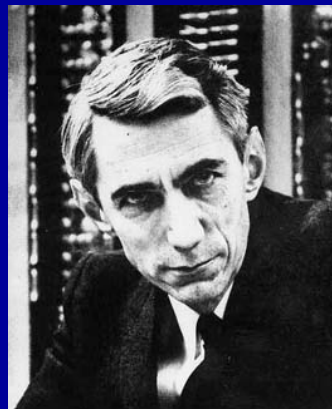
## Digital Age

## Biological Age

Huygens  
Pendulum Clock  
1656. Accurate to  
better than 1  
minute per day



Norbert Wiener



Claude Shannon



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**Initial sequencing and analysis  
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The human genome holds an extraordinary  
trove of information about human  
development, physiology, medicine and  
evolution. Here we report the results of an  
international collaboration to produce and  
make freely available a draft sequence of the  
human genome. We also present an initial  
analysis of the data, describing some of the  
insights that can be gleaned from the  
sequence.



# A New Industrial Revolution in the Making (?)

Synthetic Biology promises a shift comparable in importance to the ICT revolution with the power to revolutionise many sectors of the economy including:

- Biofuels
- Biomaterials
- Medicines/Drugs/Vaccines
- Biosensors

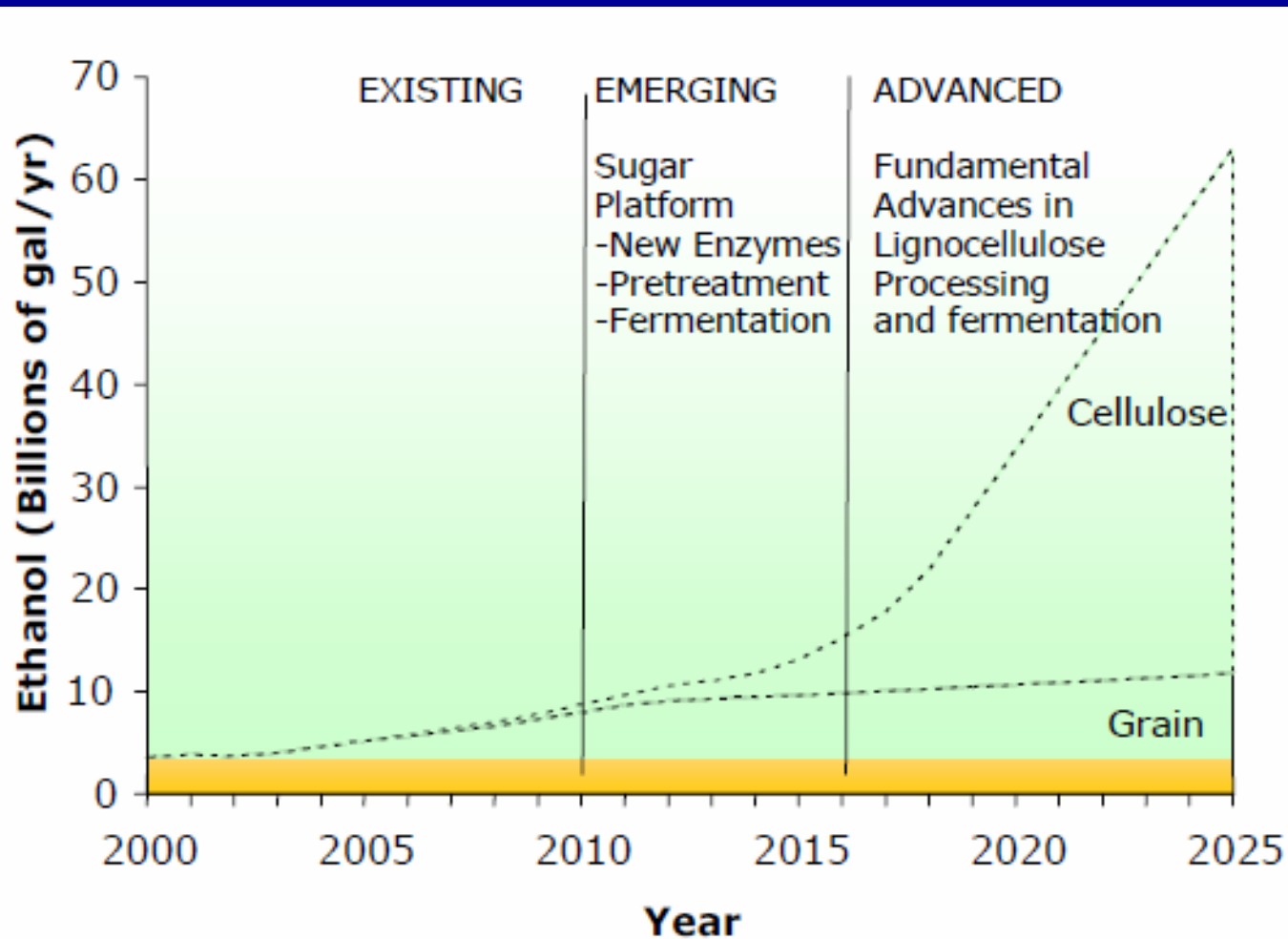
# Some Industrial Examples

The objective of synthetic biology is the industrialisation of biology

Engineering micro-organisms to make Bio-diesel



# A DoE (US) Ethanol Vision



Modified from Richard Bain, NREL



# Example: Halophile energy from desalination



*Halobacterium halobium*

Thrives in waste brine from desalination

Engineered to produce isobutanol biopetrol from sunlight and CO<sub>2</sub>

Provides an local source of energy for desalination

# Example: Heavy-metal biosensors for water



Arsenic, Antimony, Lead

Small molecules that are expensive to detect

Natural proteins can bind these

Microbial two-component signalling systems are modular

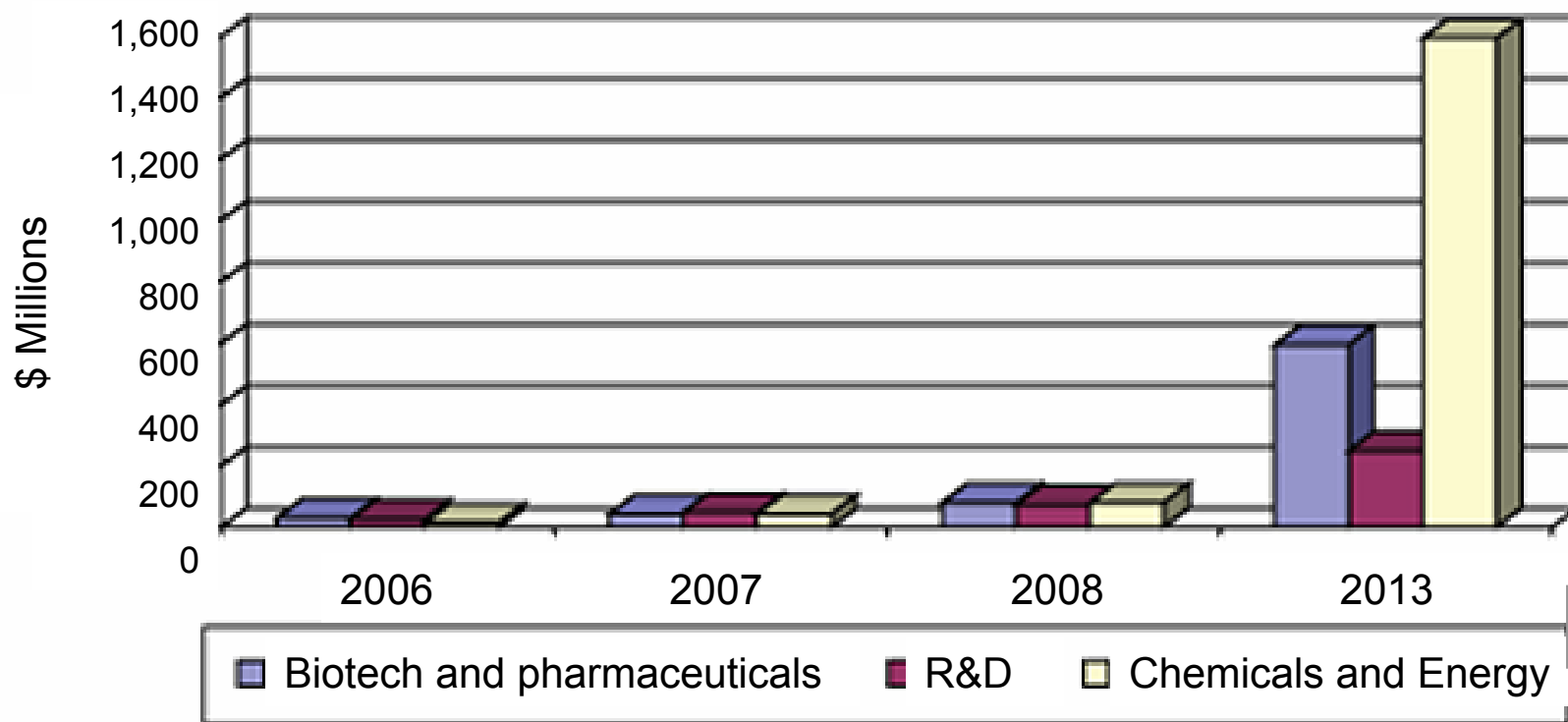
Bind – Detect – Signal

What microbes /organisms can be safely added to points in the water supply?

- Coliform bacteria – *E.coli*, *Citrobacter*
- Algae, pond weed plants

| <b>Market</b>   | <b>Segment</b>  | <b>Associated Products and Areas</b> |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Medical devices | Tissue Engineering/Biomaterials                         | Medical Devices/implants             |
| Pharmaceutical  | Diagnostics/Biomarkers                                  | Pharmaceutical                       |
|                 | Molecular imaging                                       | Medical Contrast agents/imaging      |
|                 | DNA Vaccines  | Infectious diseases                  |
|                 | Drug synthesis (Improving synthesis of existing agents) | Pharma/ Bioprocessing /Biosynthesis  |
|                 | Pharma-Cosmetic   | Biosynthesis                         |
| Agroscience     | Pesticide/Toxicity testing                              |                                      |
|                 | Plant Breeding/Crop Yield                               |                                      |
|                 | Food Quality Monitoring                                 | Food Packaging                       |
|                 | Nutrition   | Biosynthesis                         |
| Utilities       | Environmental Monitoring                                | Water Supply/Bioterrorism etc        |

## SUMMARY FIGURE GLOBAL VALUE OF SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY MARKET BY INDUSTRY 2006-2013 (\$ MILLIONS)



Source: BCC Research

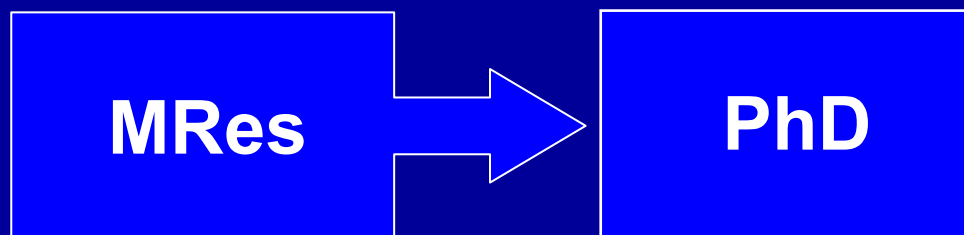
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# Education and Training

# Undergraduate Training

- Final Year course in Synthetic Biology typically 15 students from engineering + 15 from biology
- iGEM (the international Genetically Engineered Machines Competition) – run by MIT

# Graduate Training



- The Imperial College (IoSSB) MRes started October 2008
- Ongoing PhD Programme



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The Need for European Funding

# Establishing European Collaboration in Synthetic Biology

- What is required is leading European academic groups to work with industry
- Establishing a European Consortium
- Hub

# ECSynB - European Consortium for Synthetic Biology

Phase 1. Undertake an audit of European Research Activity (academic and industrial) – 6 months

Phase 2. Undertake a more general audit to develop a strategic plan for Europe (use Tessy and other reports)

Phase 3. Identify Grand Challenges

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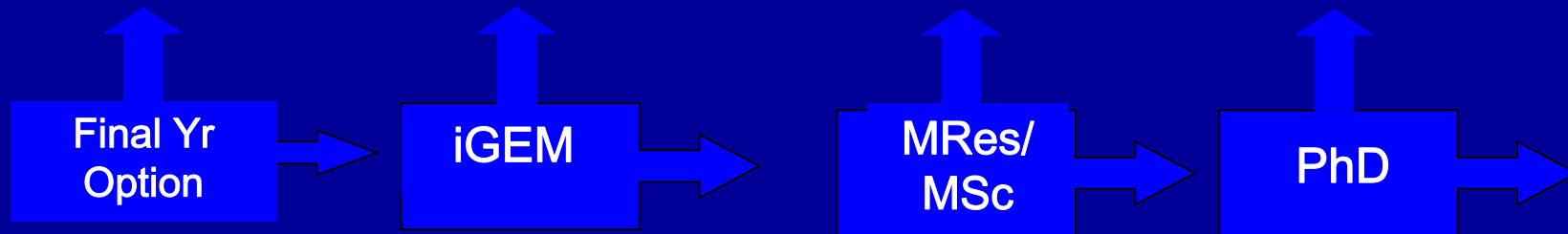
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# The Education Pipeline

Undergraduate

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# The End



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