

Visualizing metabolomics data in directed biological networks

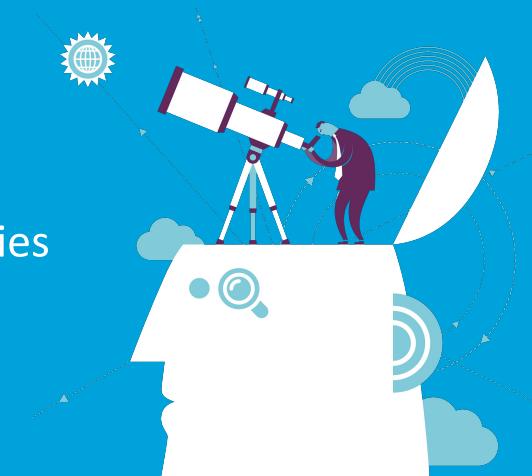
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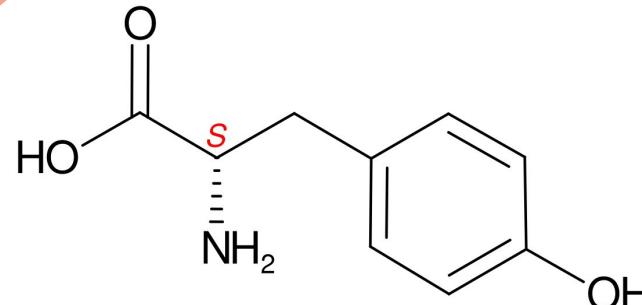
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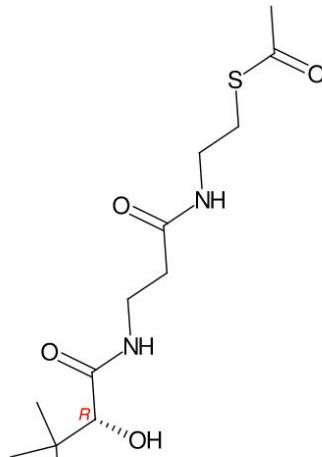
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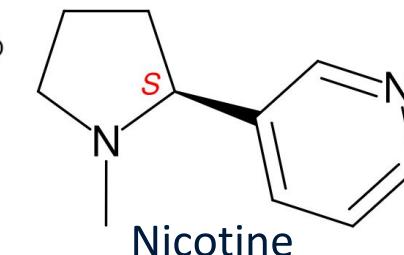
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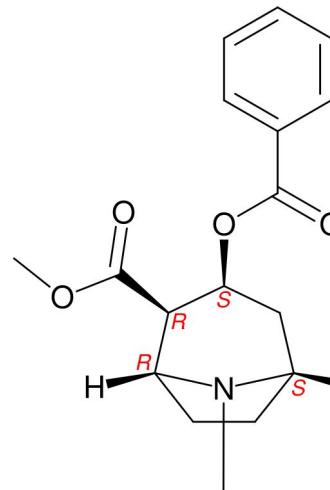
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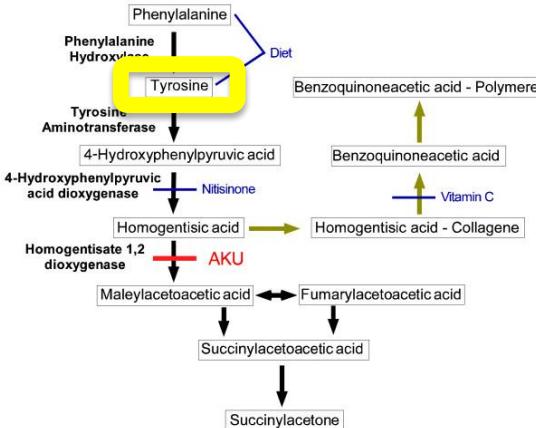
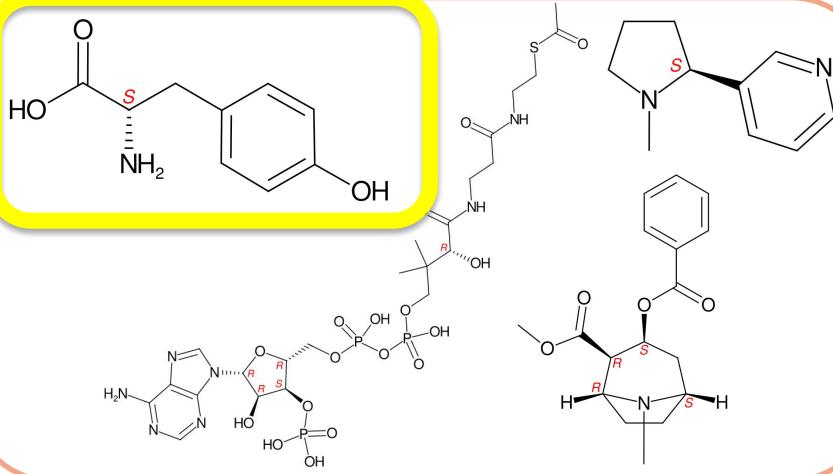
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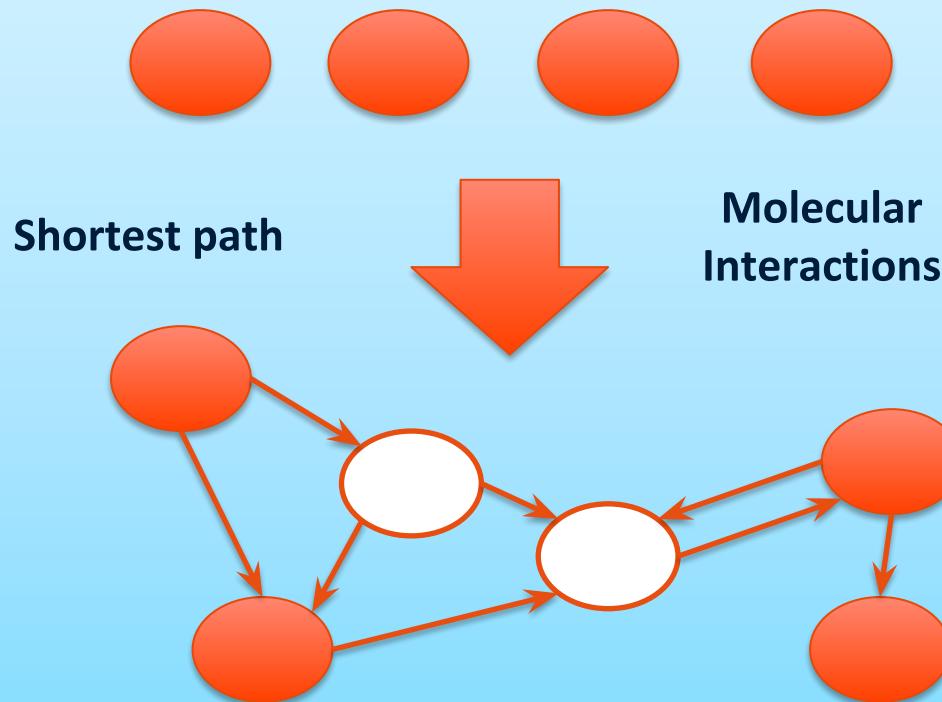


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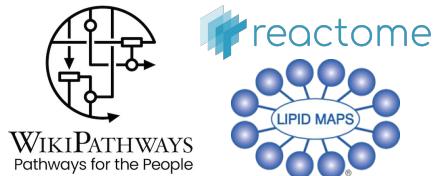
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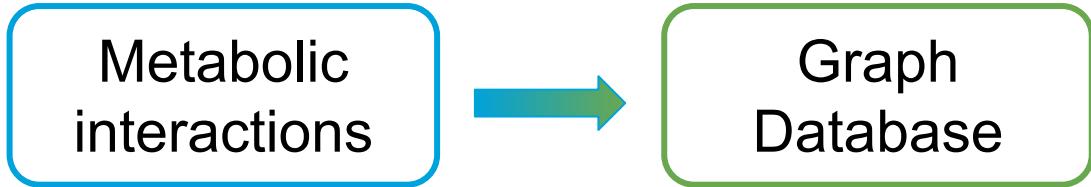
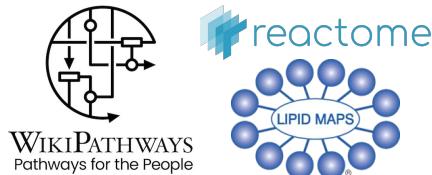
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[1] WikiPathways: <https://www.wikipathways.org>, Slenter *et al.* (2018), DOI: [10.1093/nar/gkx1064](https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkx1064)

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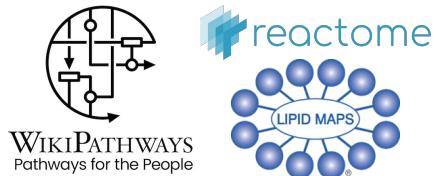
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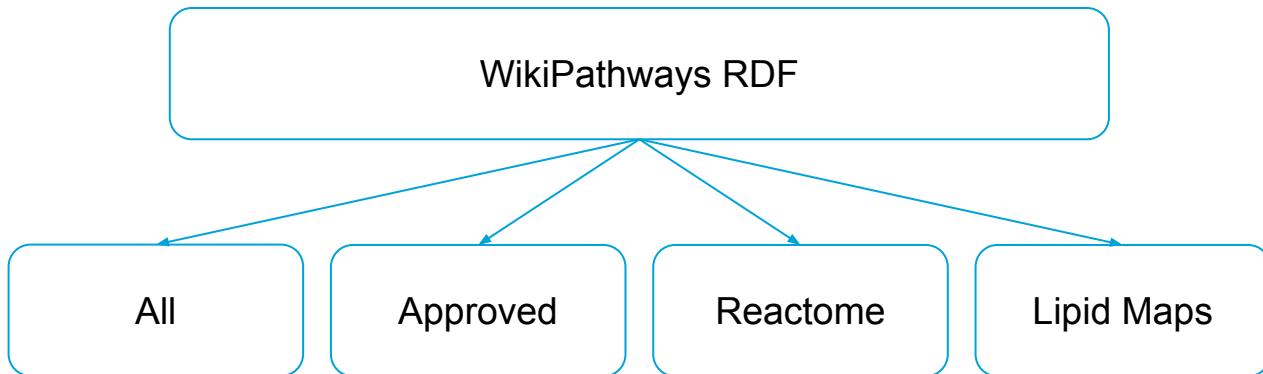
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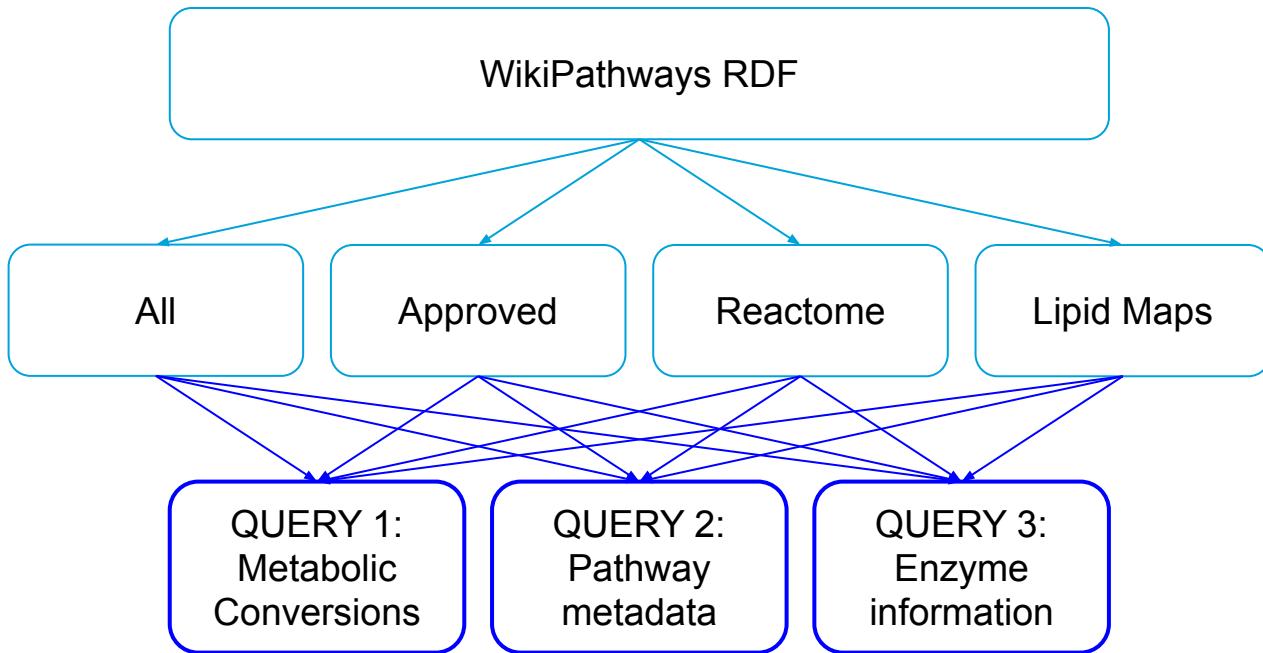
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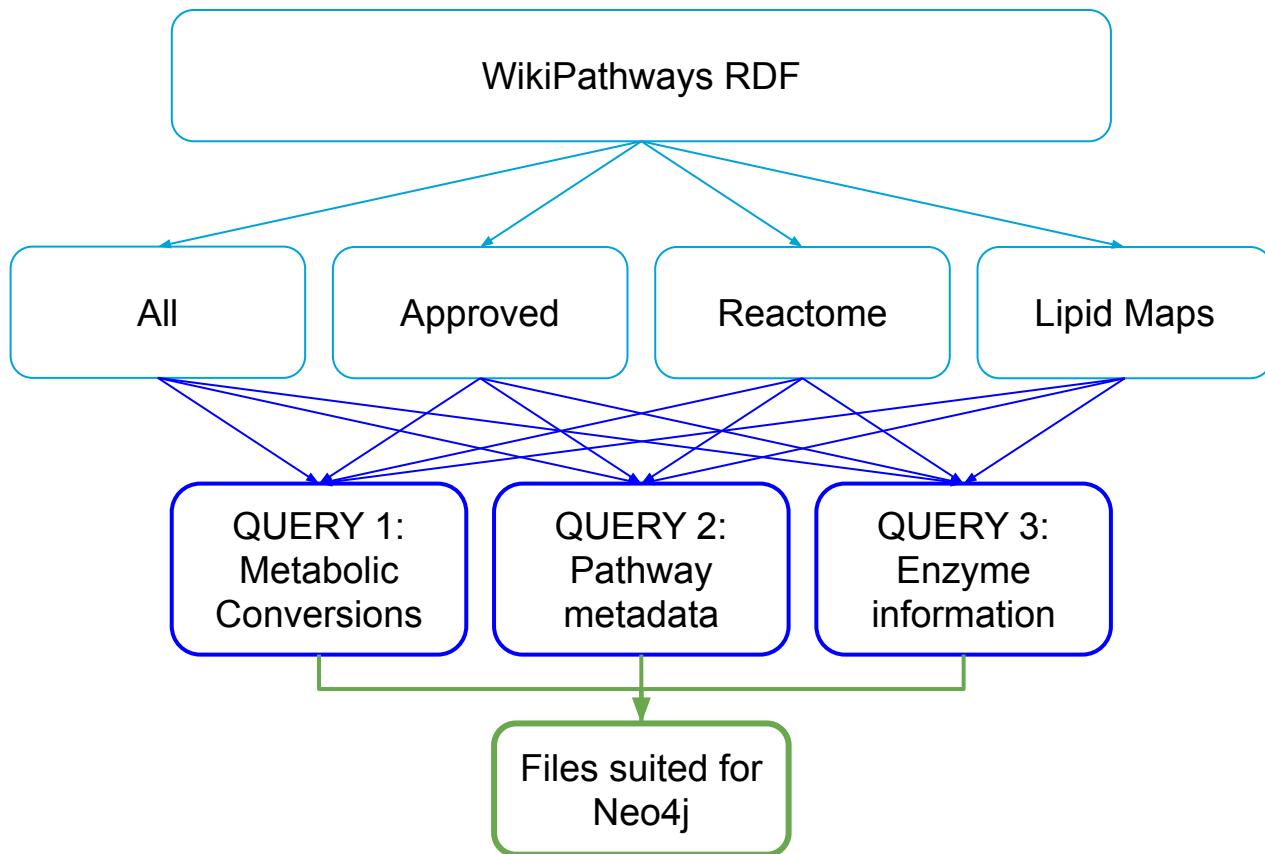
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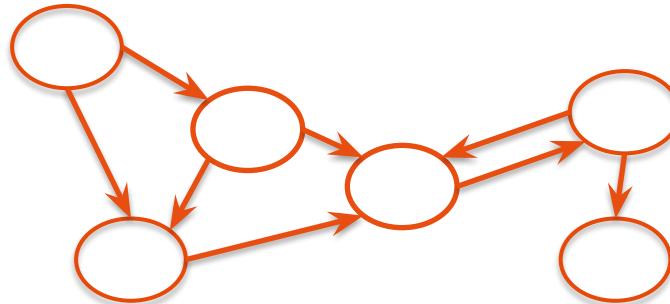
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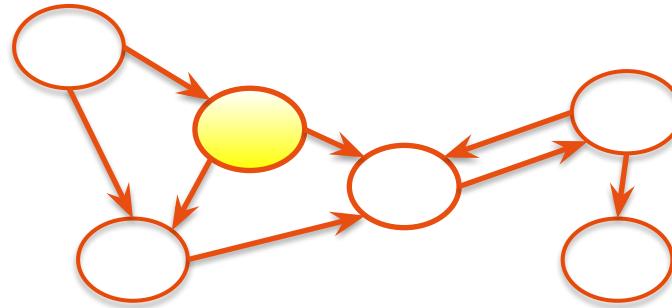
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Property	Value	Identifier
Source	L-Tyrosine	Q188017 (Wikidata)
Target	L-Dopa	Q300989 (Wikidata)
Occurrence	2	WP4220, WP4156
Enzyme	Tyrosine 3-mono oxygenase	P07101 (Uniprot-TrEMBL)

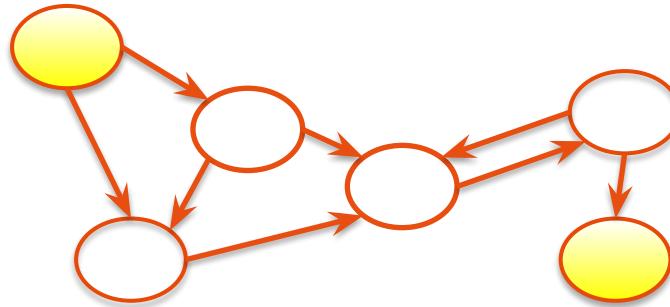
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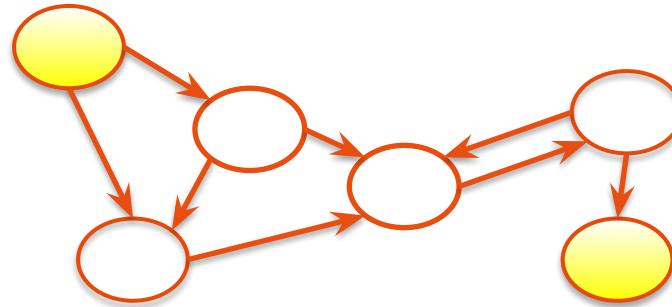
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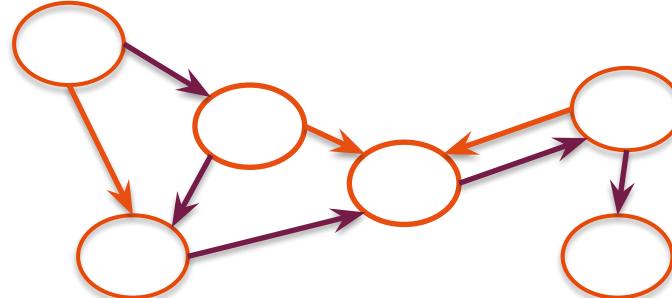
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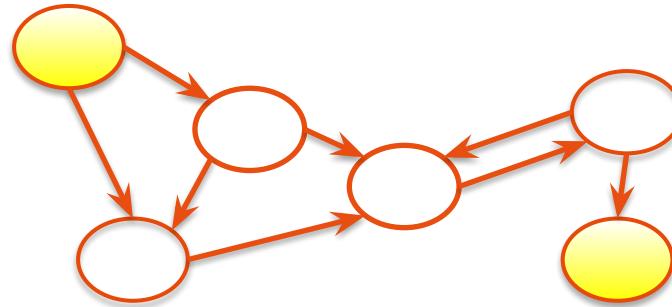
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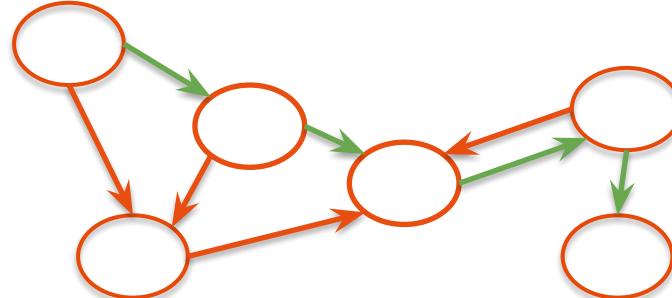
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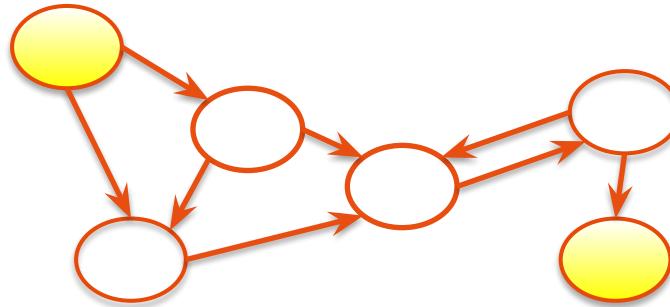
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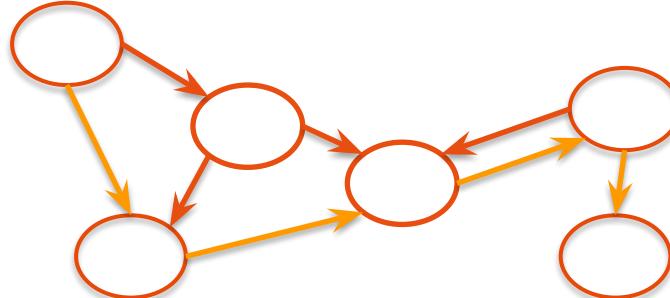
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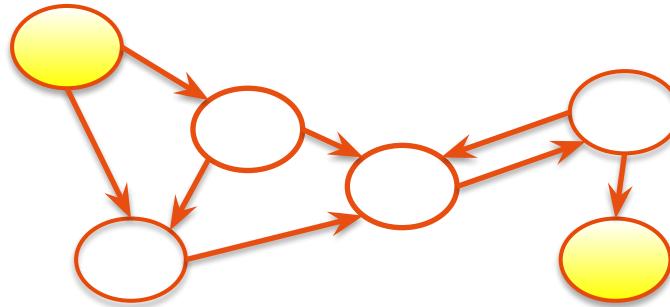
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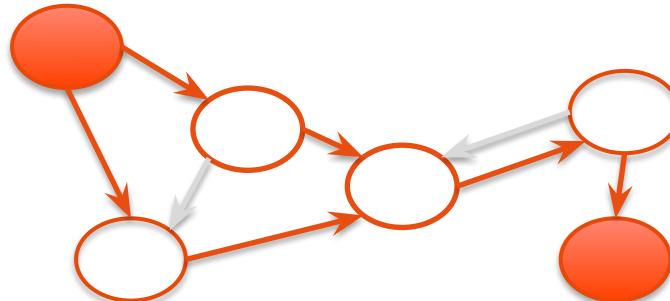
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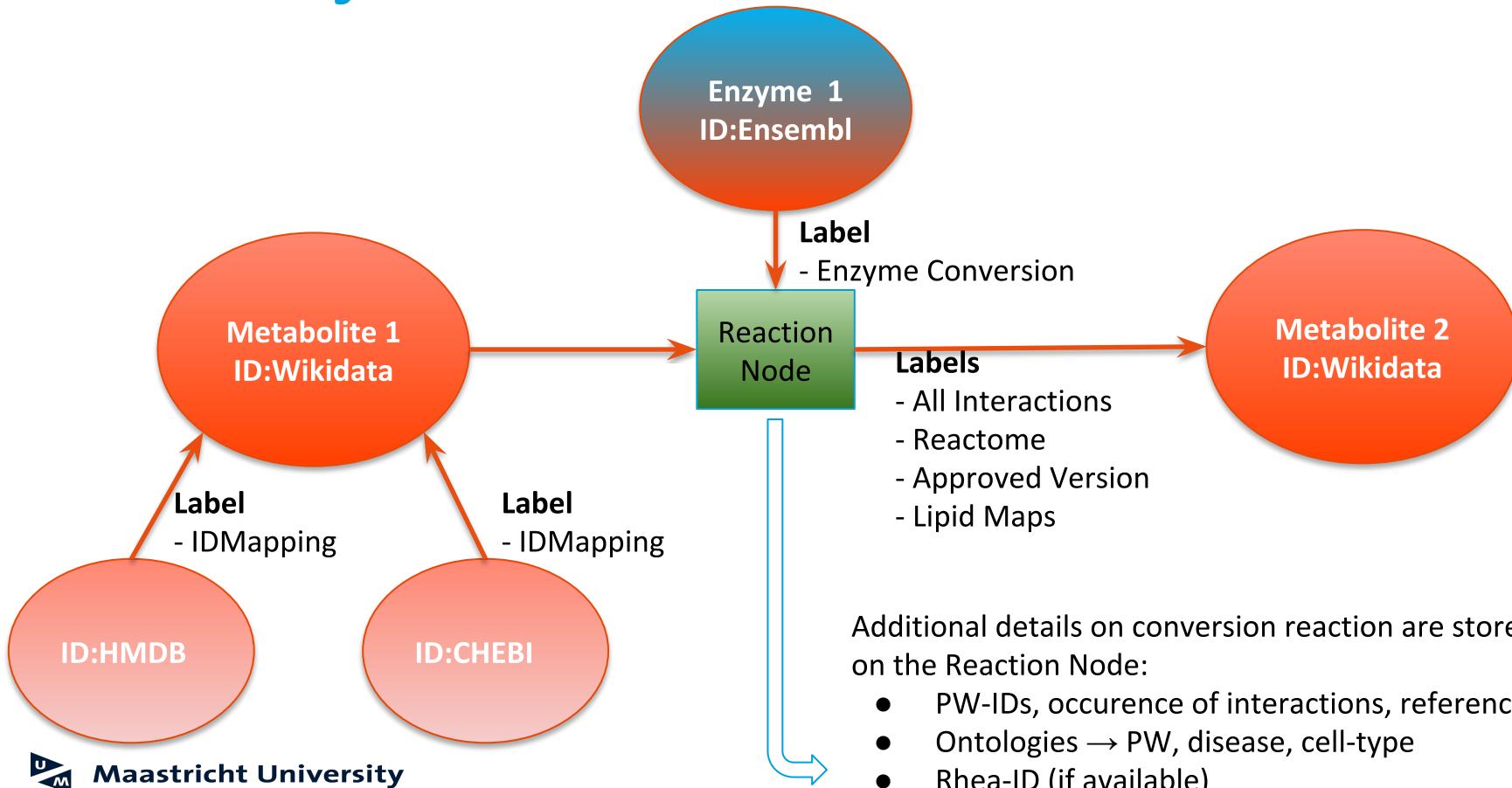
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Neo4j database details: “final” model



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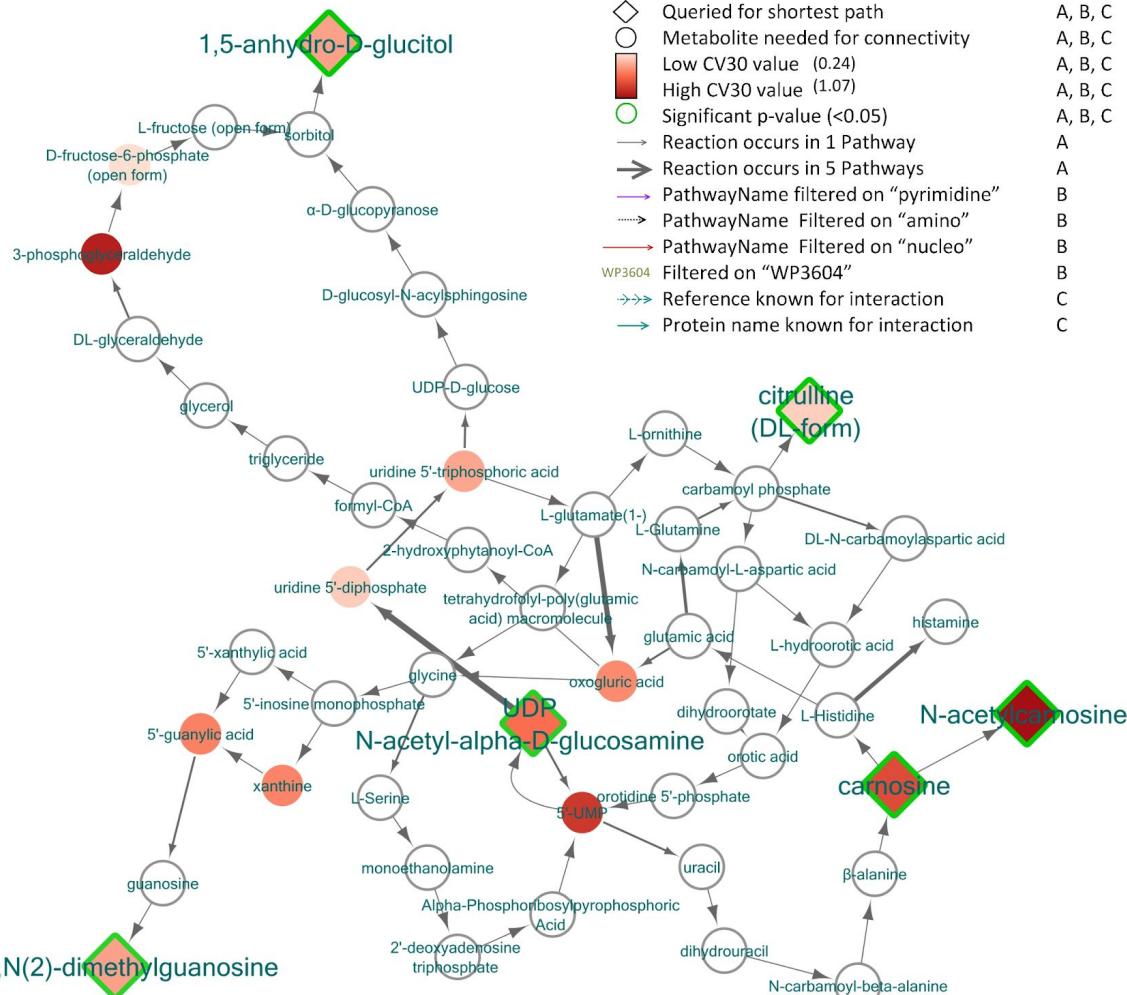
1. Used in biological network community
2. Free to use, source code available online
3. Connectable through CyNeo4j app
4. Automatisable through REST-API, from R and Python
5. Possibility to integrate OMICS data
6. Extendable with CyTargetLinker app (TF, drug-target, SNPs)

Datasets used to test visualisation

Name	Technique	Matrix	Metabolites of interest detected with:
MTBLS265 [1]	LC-MS	Blood	CV-30, p-value
MTBLS404 [2]	LC-HRMS	Urine	Spearman rank correlation test, Orthogonal partial least-squares (OPLS)
Rist <i>et al.</i> [3]	(GCxGC)-MS, targeted GC-MS and LC-MS/MS, 1H-NMR	Blood & Urine	Support Vector Machines (SVM, linear kernel), generalized linear model net (glmnet), Partial least squares (PLS)

Name	Male/Female	Age range (y)	# Identified metabolites	# age related	Compounds linked through shortest path
MTBLS265	14/16	Young: 29 ± 4 Old: 81 ± 7	126	14	6
MTBLS404	100/83	40.9 ± 10.3	120	30	14
Rist <i>et al.</i>	172/129	47.5 ± 17.1	400 (plasma), >500 (urine)	8 + 6	6 + 4

A



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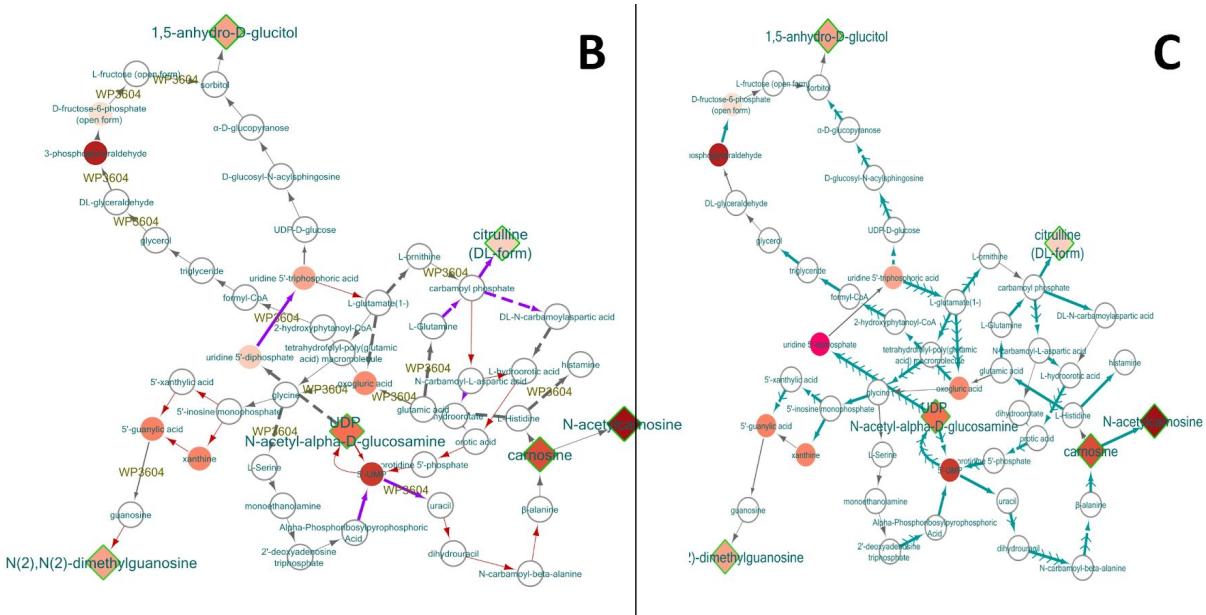
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- A
- B
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MTBLS265



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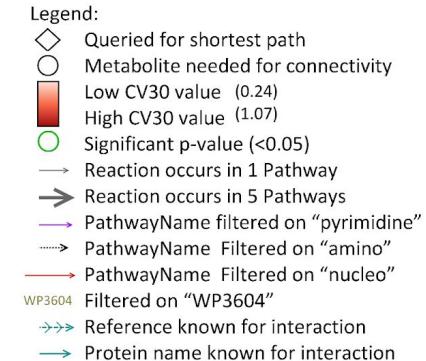
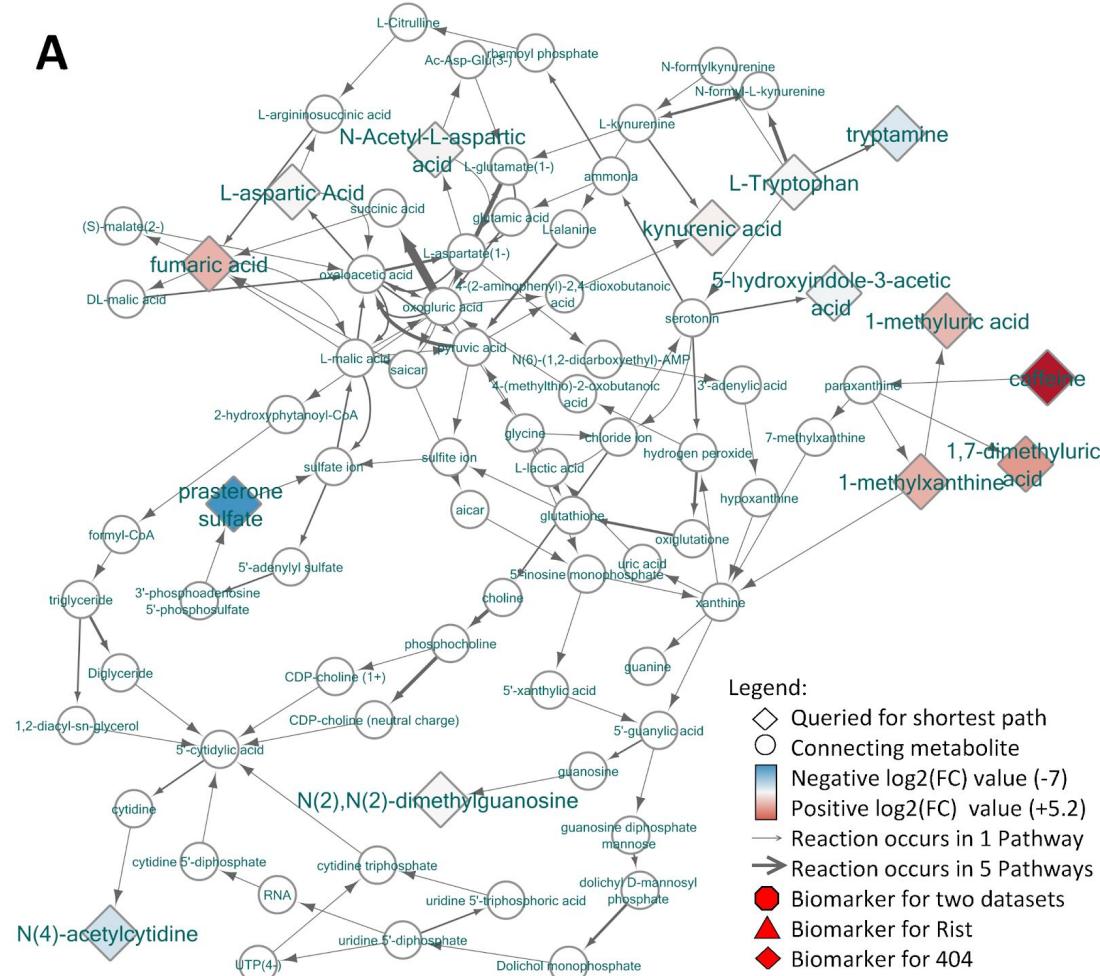


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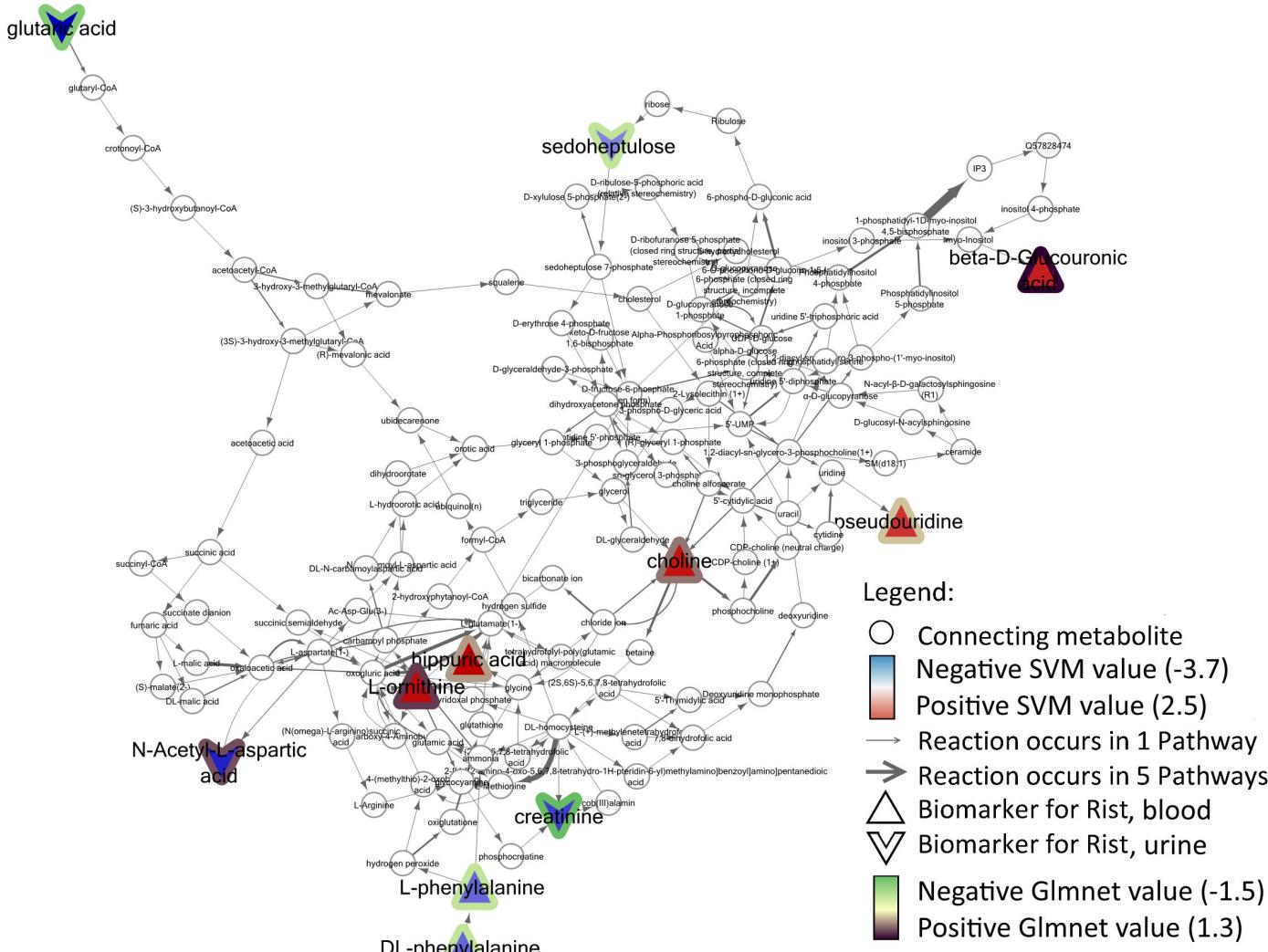
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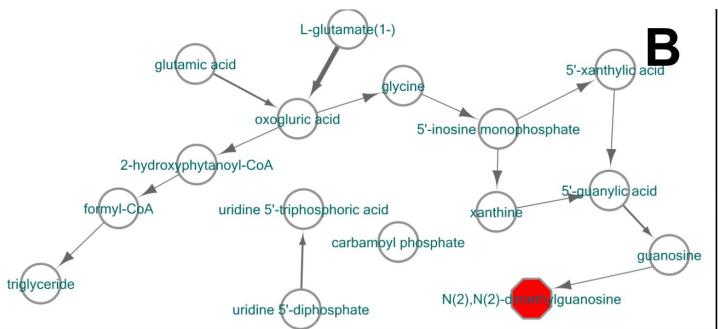
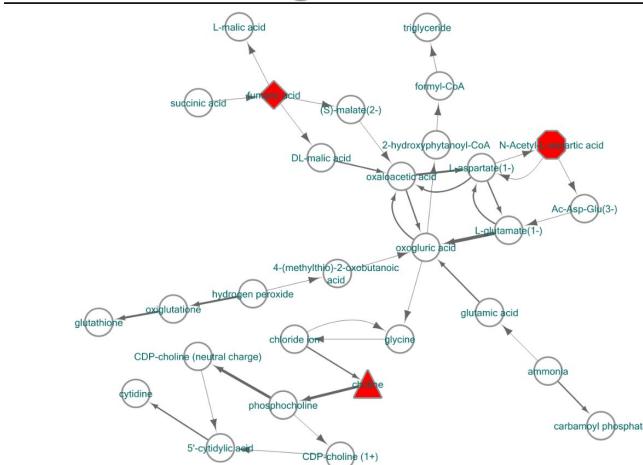
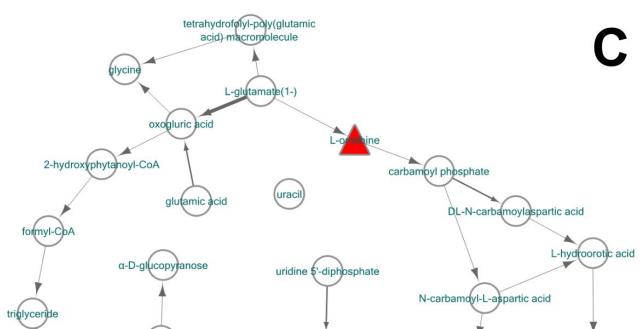
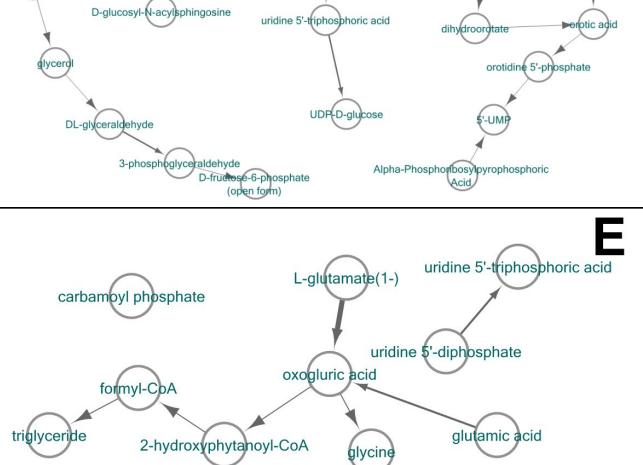
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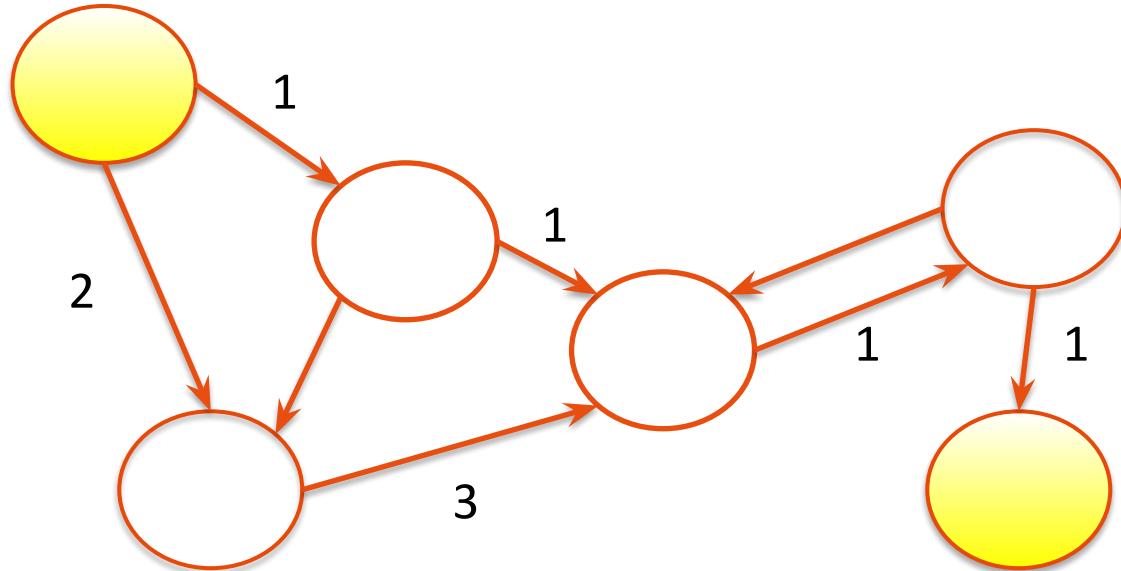
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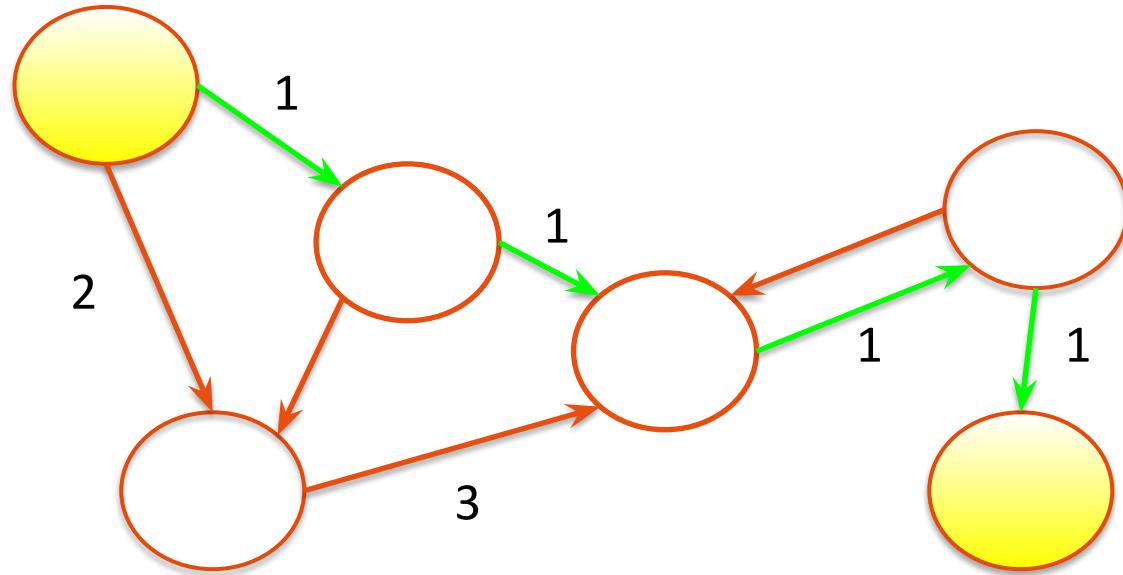
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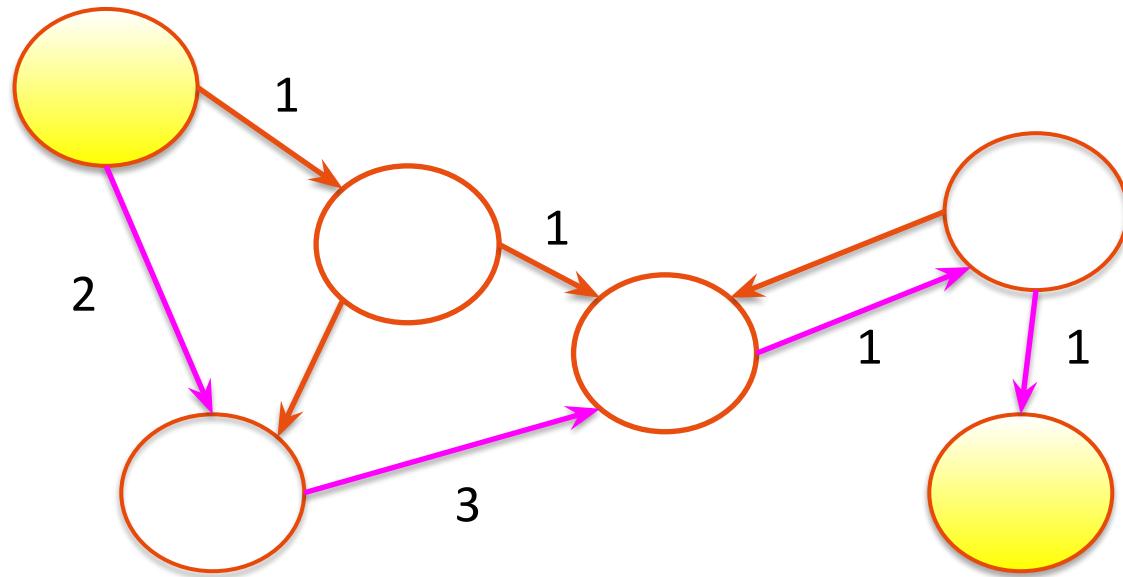
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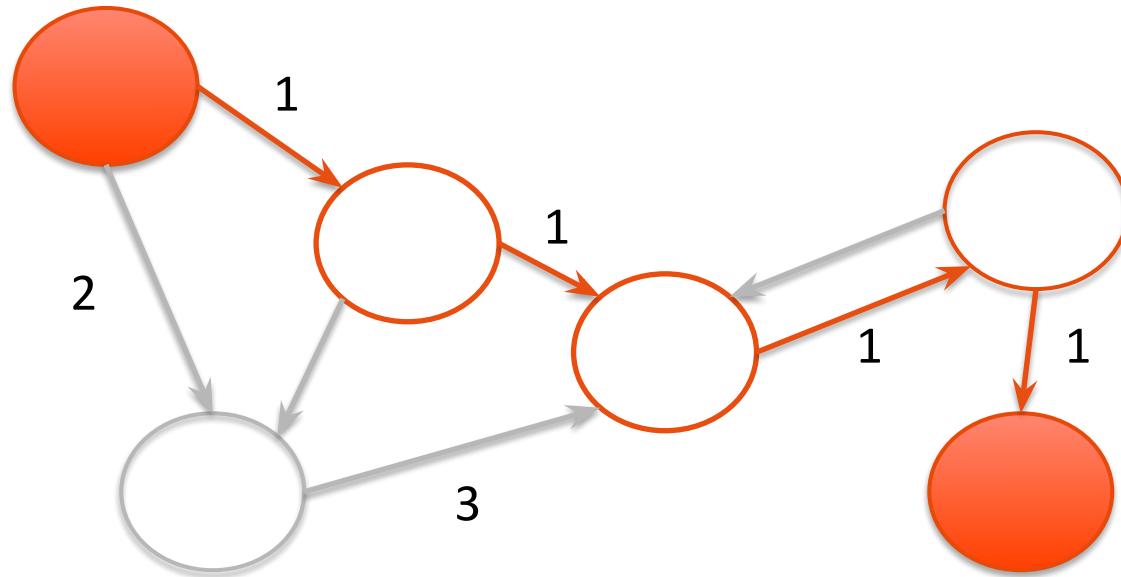
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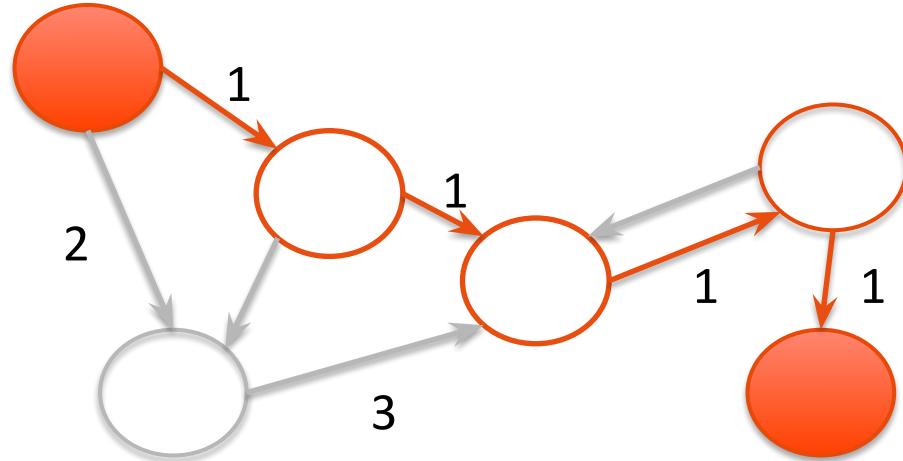
- Green:
- $1+1+1+1 = 4$
- Purple:
- $2+3+1+1 = 7$
- Green path is shorter than purple path

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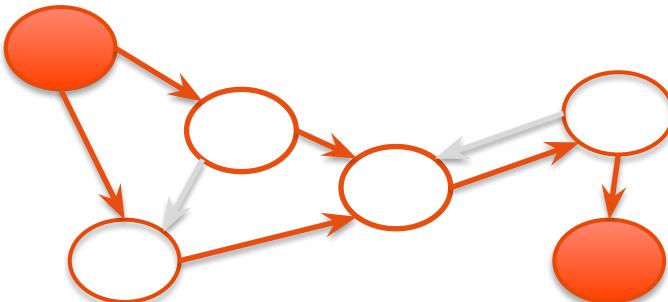


- Green path is actual shortest path
- More interactions are left from final model
- Metabolite bottom left is also not present in final model

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Take home messages

Calculation of directed subnetwork connecting active metabolites is possible with presented workflow

Pathway analysis of (untargeted) metabolomics data becomes easier, if you use network approaches and graph databases

Workflow is easy for novel users, and adaptable for skilled users, integratable with the data you have and customizable for the analysis you need

Work ahead

Add more pathway knowledge bases → larger coverage of metabolic reactions

Test app in larger audience → first tests have been run

Create complete R-Markdown script for bulk approach

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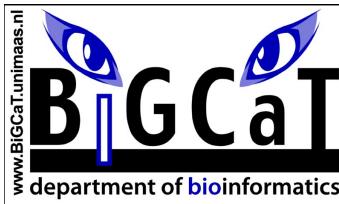
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2nd UM Metabolomics Meeting

Date: 12-12-2019

- Labtour
- Talks by Nightingale and BioCrates
- Talks by several researchers from UM

More details coming soon through
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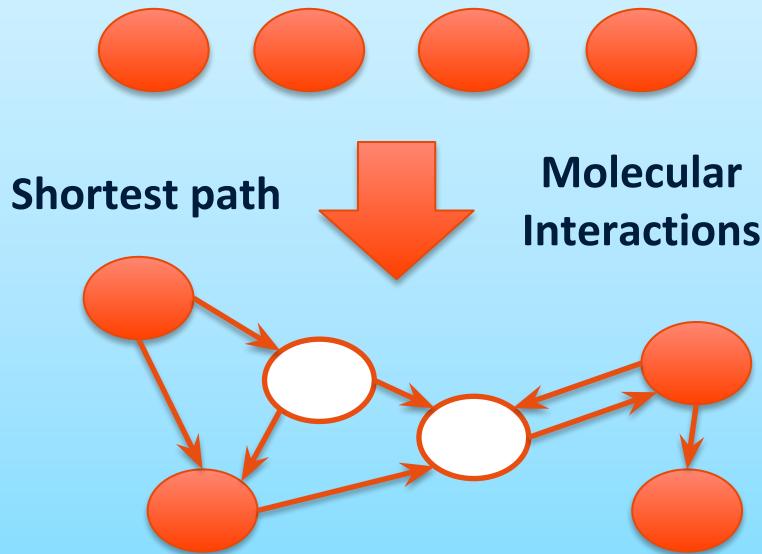
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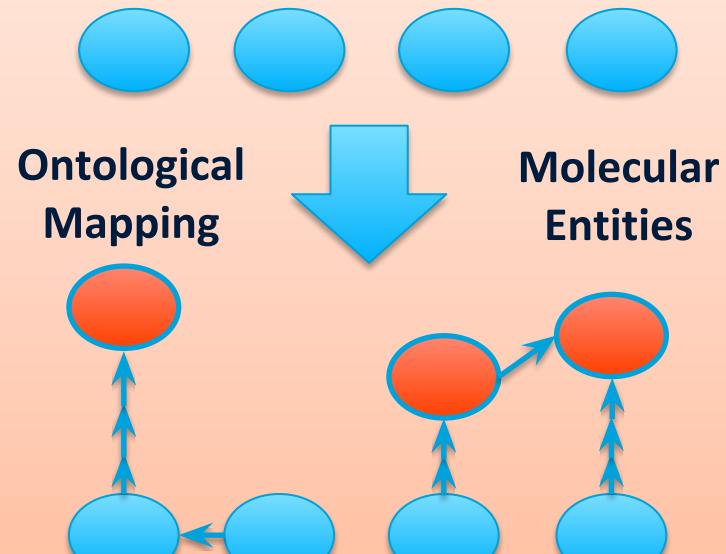
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Two approaches

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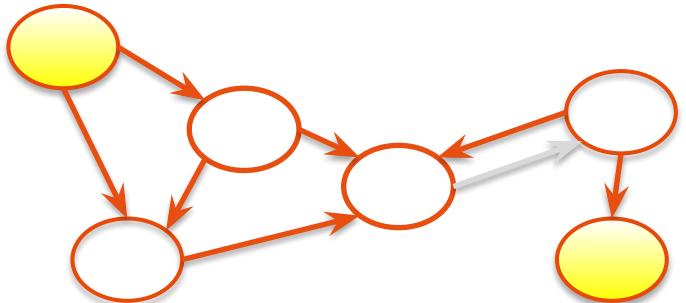


Biological role					
Electron donor/receiver.		Energy donor/receiver.		Miscellaneous, relevant for various metabolic reactions.	
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Q20856948	Na+ (redirected to Q3154110)	Q318369	AMP	Q407635	Coenzyme-A
Q3154110	Na+	Q422582	GDP	Q715317	Acetyl coenzyme a
Q283	H2O	Q392227	GTP		
Q1997	CO2	Q26987754	NADP+		
Q177811	PO4 3-	Q26841327	NADPH		
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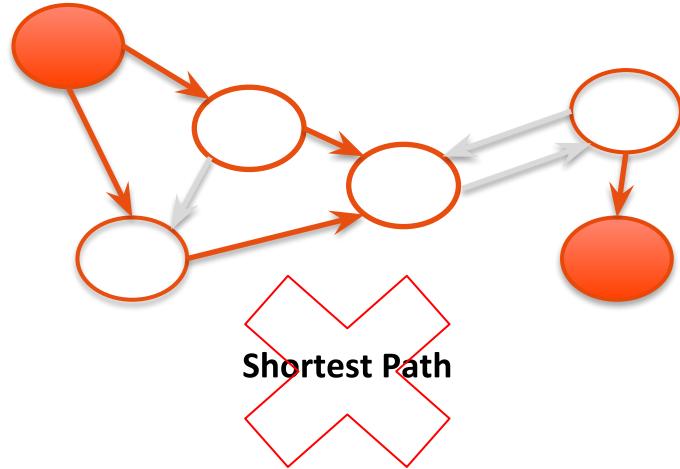
Side
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Additional algorithms



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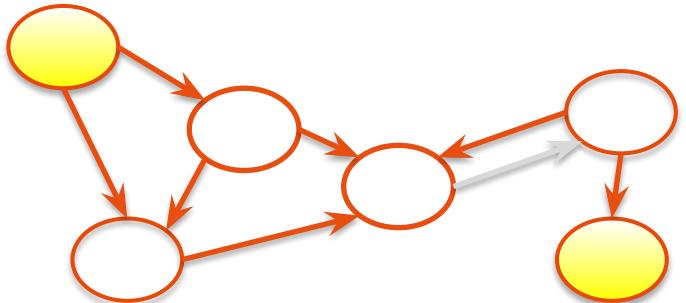


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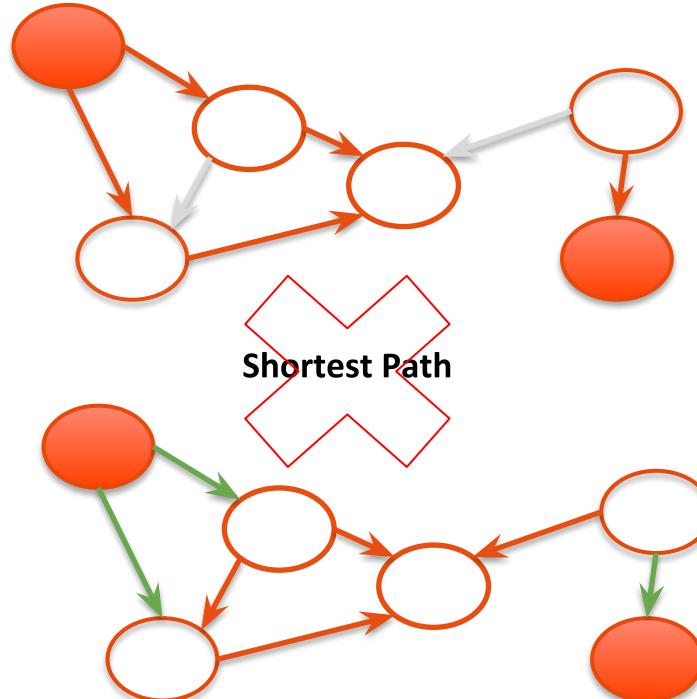
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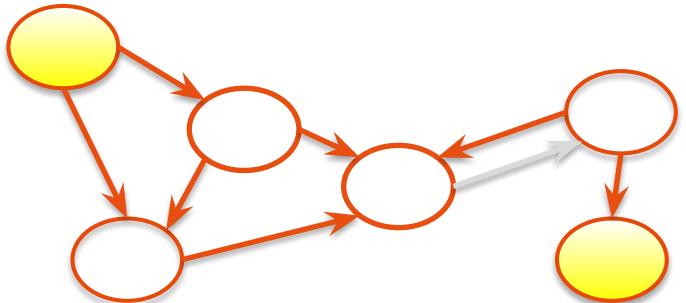
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