

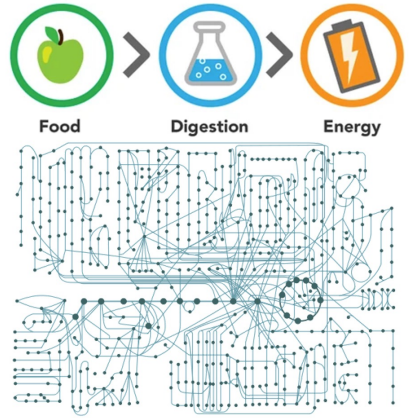
# Artificial Metabolic Networks for neural computations with metabolism

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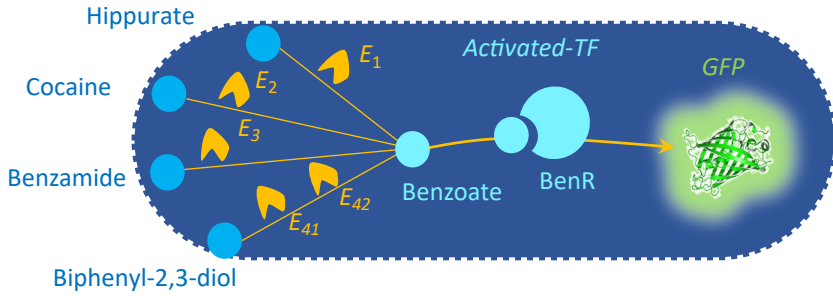
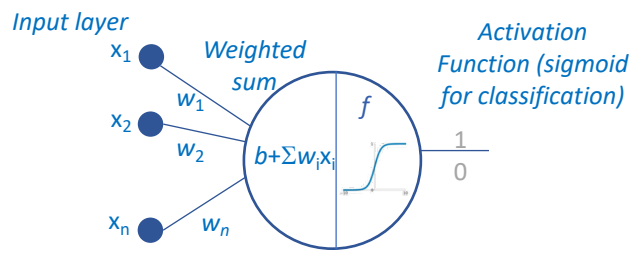
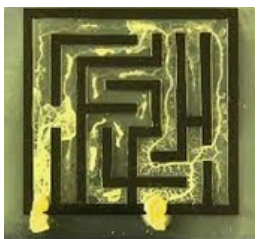


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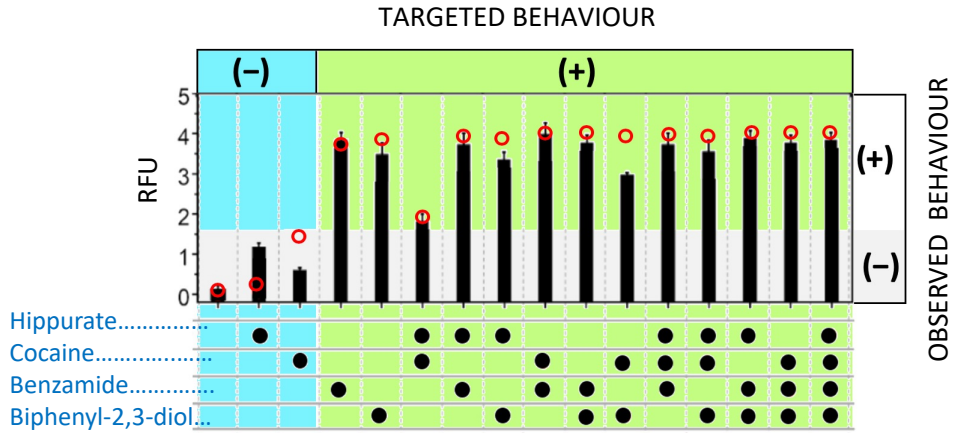
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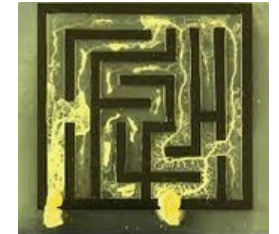
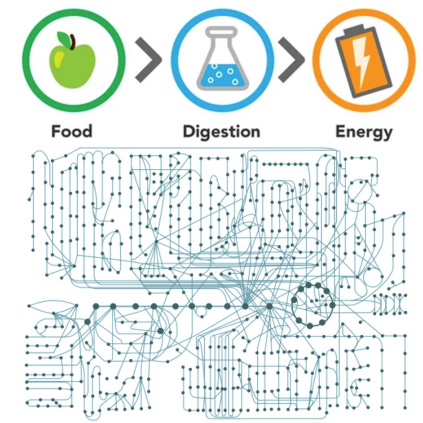
weight instantiated by DNA enzyme concentration



○ Kinetics model predictions also used to estimate DNA enzyme concentrations

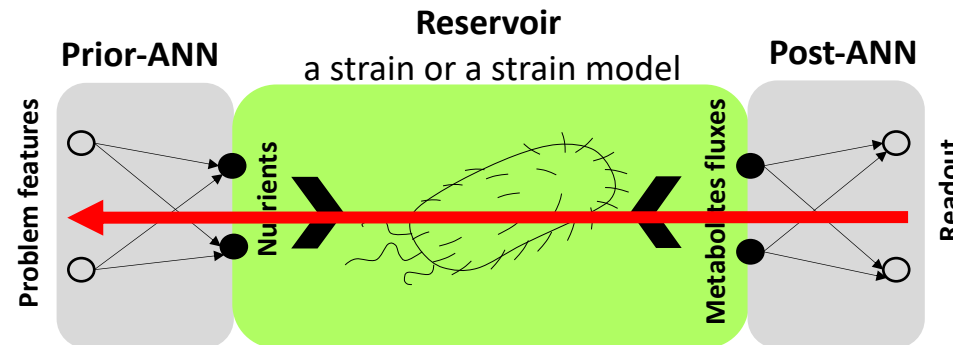
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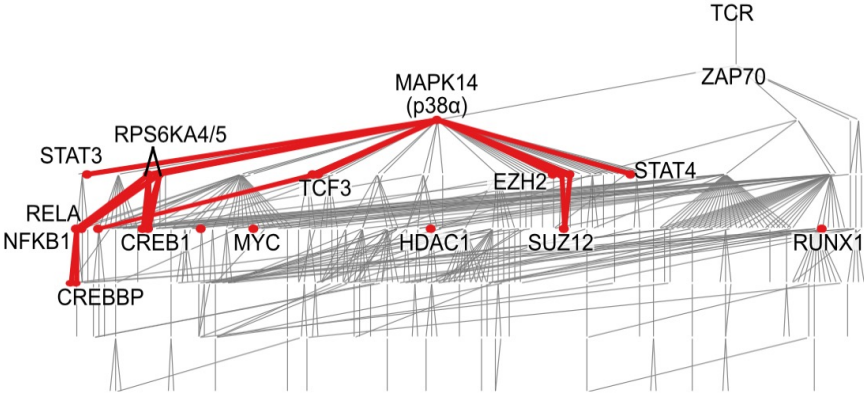
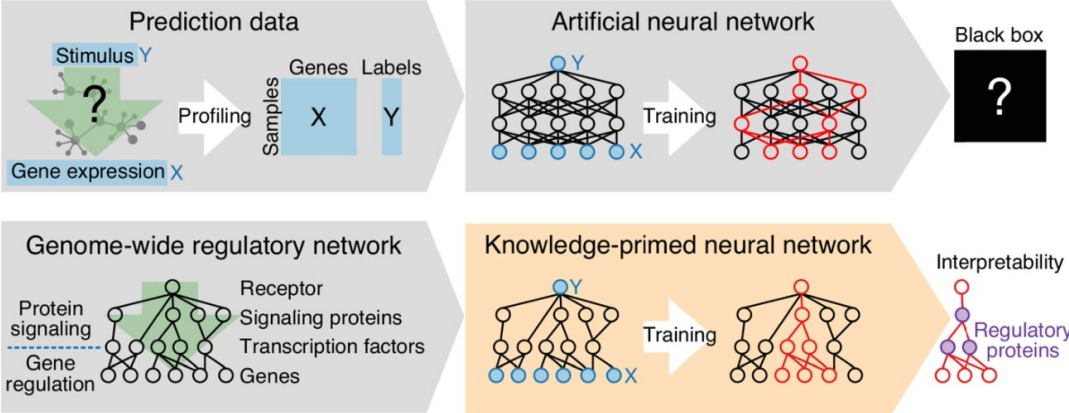
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- ***Can we do this in vivo to probe if species metabolism can be diverted to tackle problems that are typically solved in silico ?***

*gradient backpropagation*

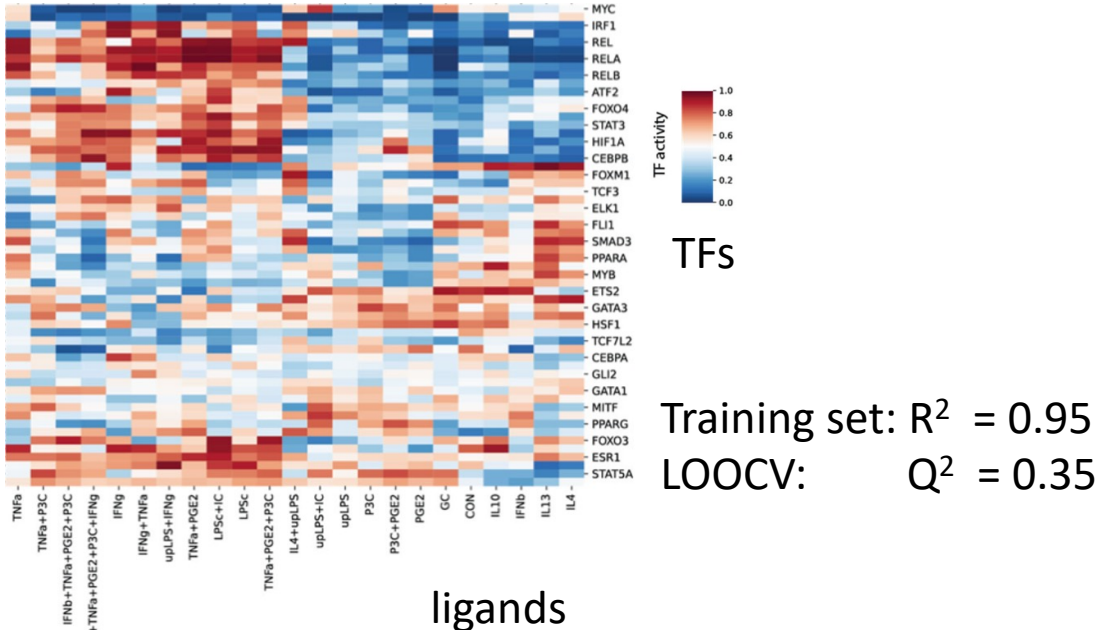
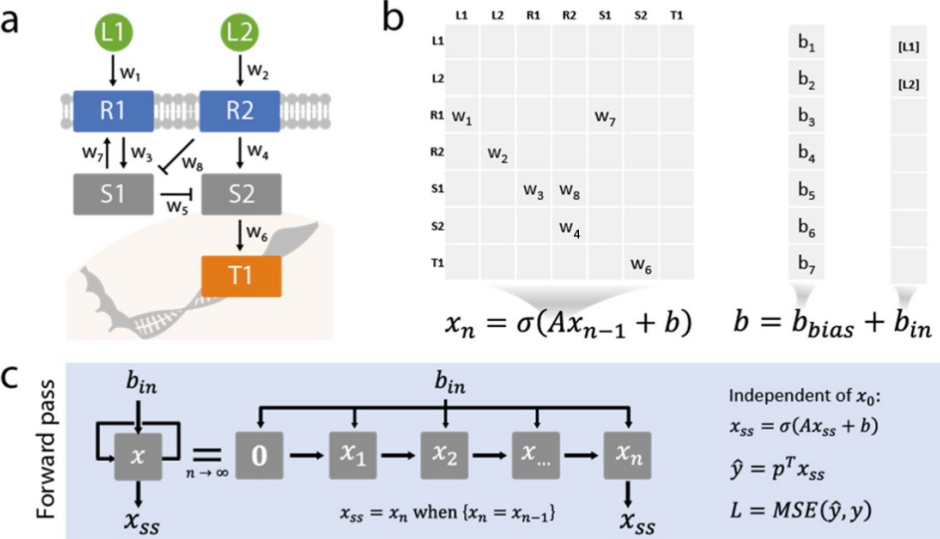


*a model that allow gradient backpropagation and accurately reproduce phenotype for different media composition*

# State-of-the-art (for signaling and regulatory networks): Knowledge-primed neural networks (KPNN)



• Fortelny N., Bock C. *Genome Biol.* 2020 Aug 3;21(1):190. doi: 10.1186/s13059-020-02100-5



• Nilsson A. et al. *bioRxiv* 2021.09.24.461703

# Encoding metabolic network into neural network: KPNN solution

Let  $V = (v_1, \dots, v_5)^T$  and  $c = (0, 0, 1, 0, 0)^T$

Solve Linear Program (simplex algorithm):

Max  $(c^T V)$

Subjected to:

$$S V = 0$$

$$0 \leq V \leq V^0$$

where  $V^0 = (0.1, \infty, \infty, \infty, \infty)^T$

and

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -0.13 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -0.07 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -0.36 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Steady state solution:

$$V^{sst} = (0.10, 0.18, 0.50, 0.15, 0.15)^T$$

$$V2M = \text{ReLU}(S)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M2V = \text{ReLU}([-1/s_{j,i}])$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 7.75 & 14.10 & 2.77 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

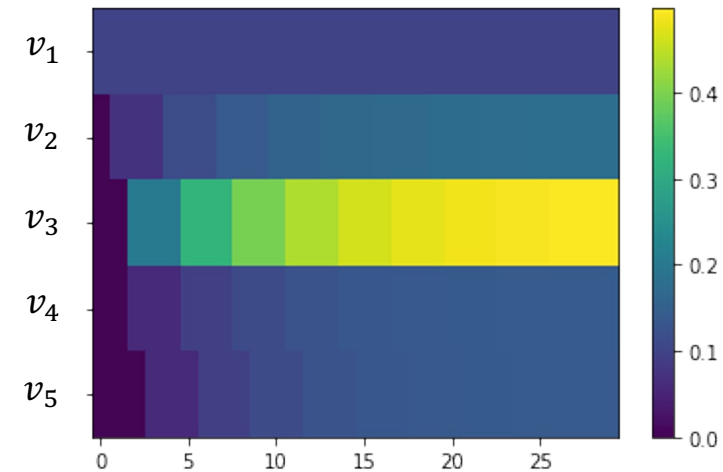
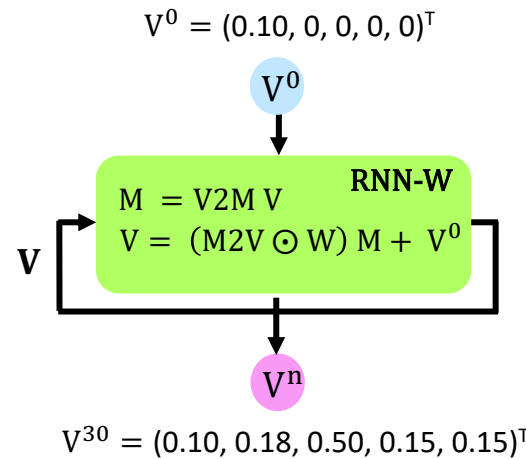
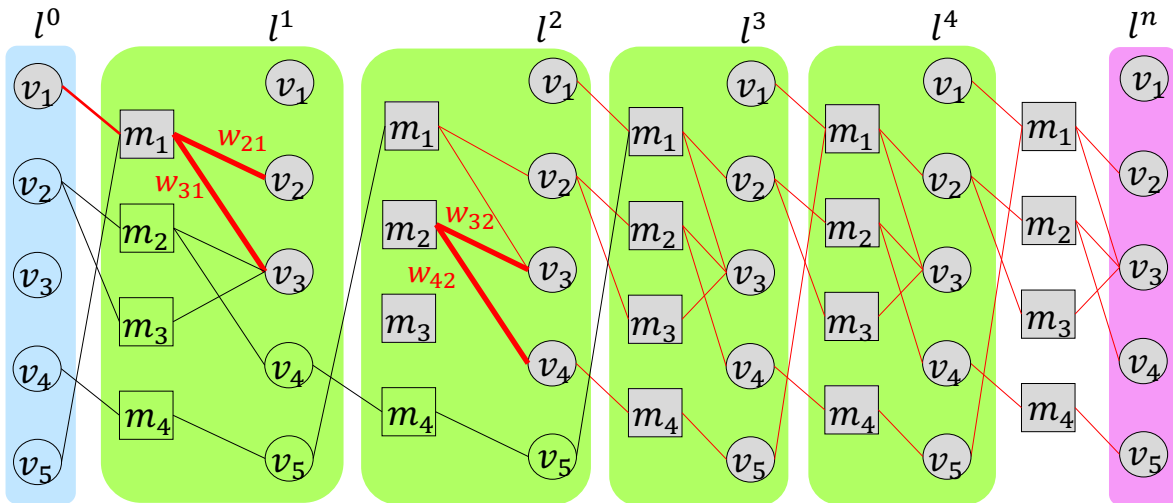
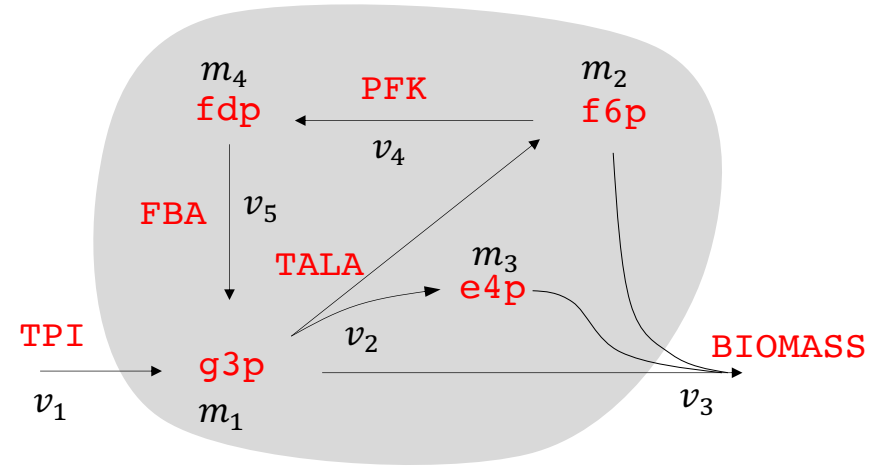
$$W^{sst} = \text{ReLU}([s_{j,i} v_i^{sst} / m_j^{sst}])$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.74 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.26 & 0.20 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.80 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

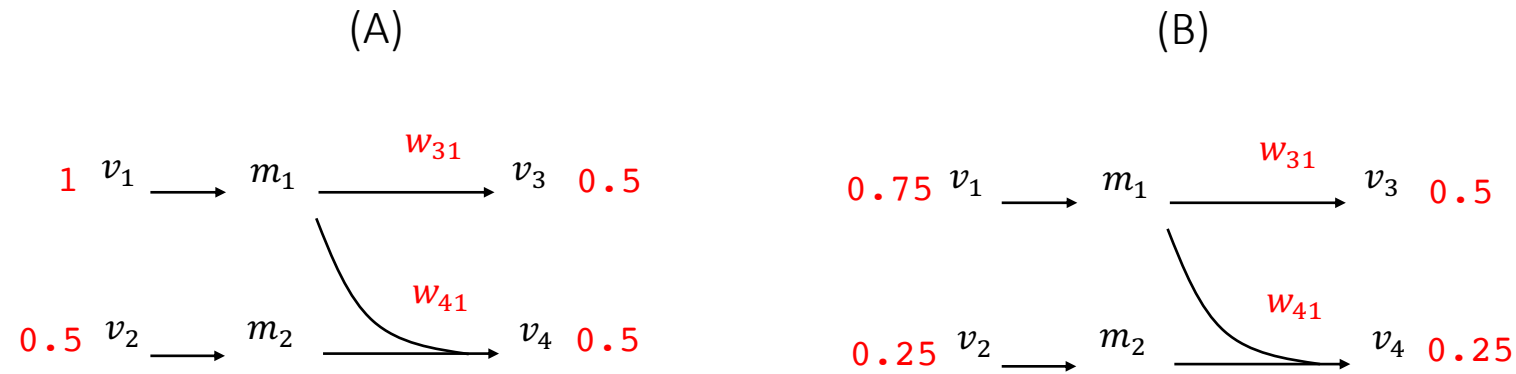
At steady state:

$$M^{sst} = V2M V^{sst} = (0.25, 0.18, 0.18, 0.15)^T$$

$$V^{sst} = (M2V \odot W^{sst}) M^{sst} + V^0$$



# Encoding metabolic network into neural network: some issues



*In the two cases all flux values ( $v_i$ ) satisfy the steady state constraints ( $SV = 0$ ).*

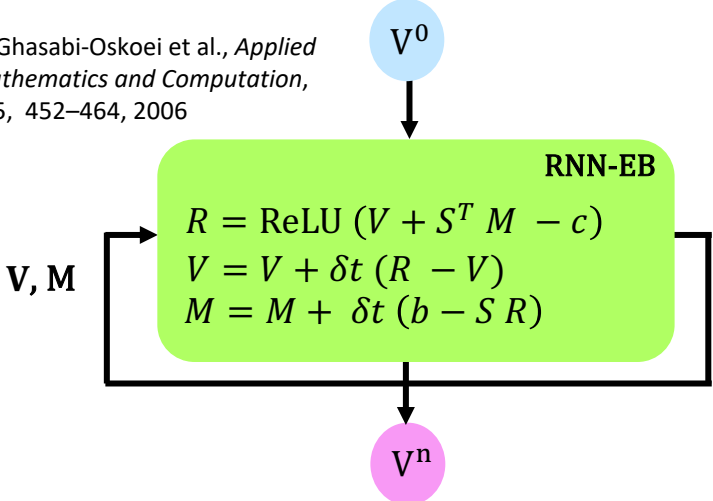
*The weights are different in panel (A) and (B) as they depend on the intake flux values.*

$$w_{31} = 1/2 \quad w_{41} = 1/2$$

$$w_{31} = 2/3 \quad w_{41} = 1/3$$

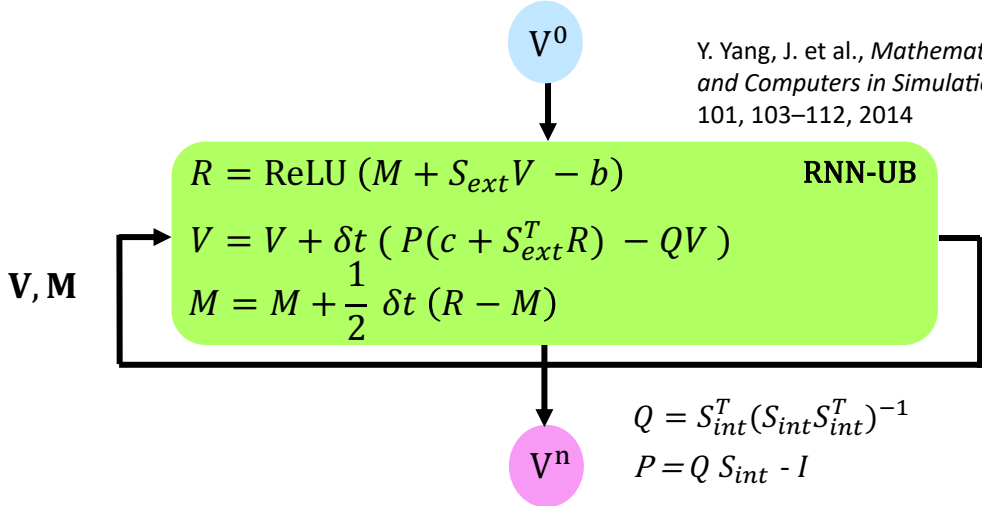
# Encoding metabolic network into neural network: RNN cells solving LP

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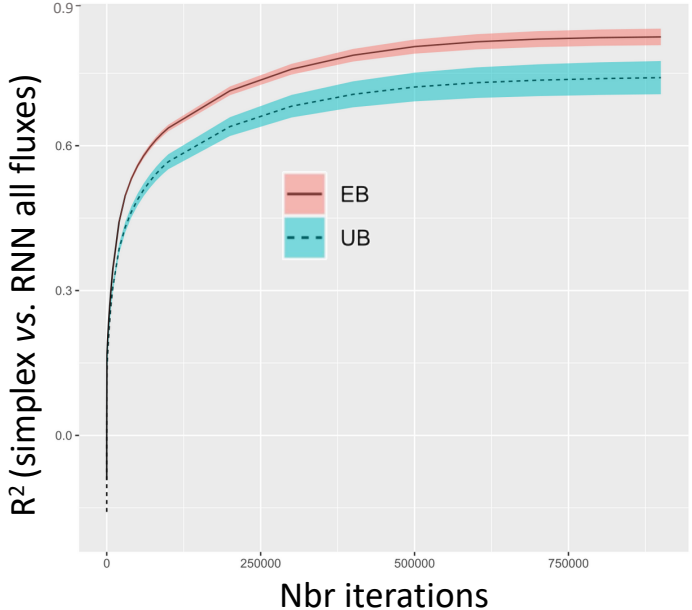
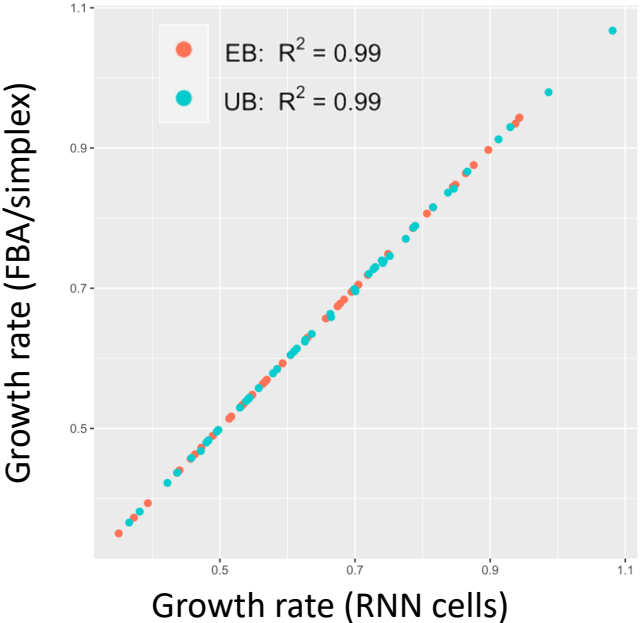
$c$ : objective function  
 $S$ : stoichiometric matrix  
 $V$ : flux vector  
 $M$ : shadow price vector  
 $\delta t$ : time step  
 $b = V^2 M V^0$

Y. Yang, J. et al., *Mathematics and Computers in Simulation*, 101, 103–112, 2014



$Q = S_{int}^T (S_{int} S_{int}^T)^{-1}$   
 $P = Q S_{int} - I$

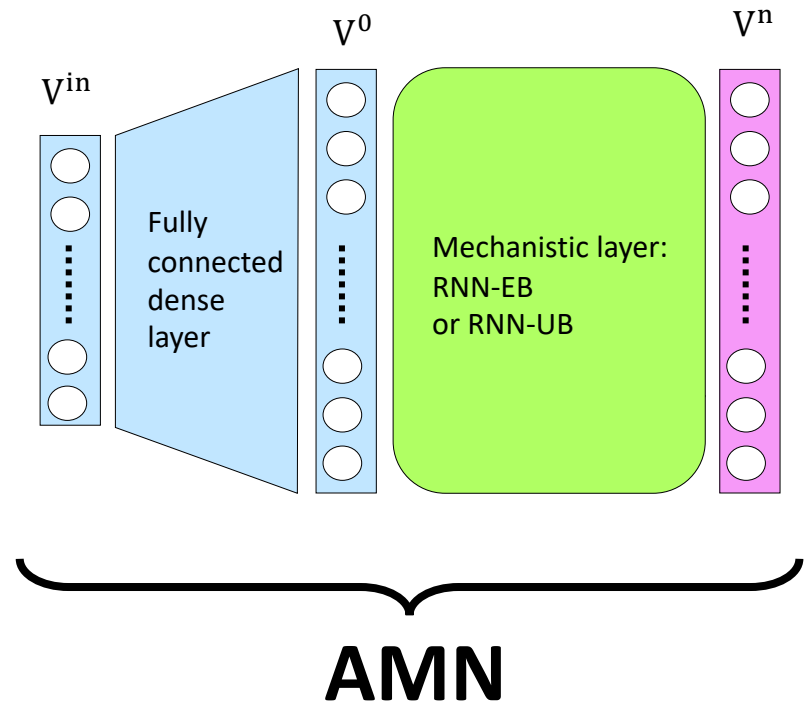
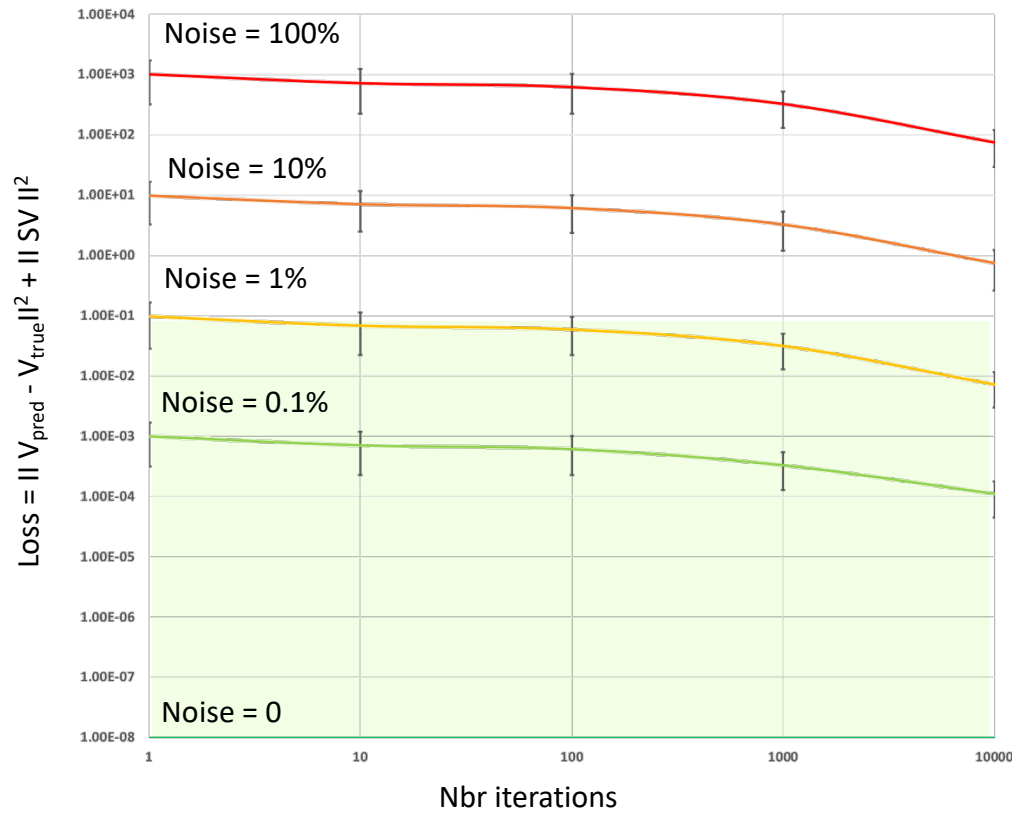
100 different growth rate generated by CobraPy for *E. coli core* model varying the concentrations of 13 different medium metabolites (mostly sugars)



# Encoding metabolic network into neural network: Artificial Metabolic Network (AMN)

RNN cells loss get to acceptable values quickly when initial vector is close to optimum

$$V_{init} = \mathcal{N}(\mu = V_{sol}, \sigma = V_{sol} \times \text{Noise})$$





# Training AMN with simulated data

Training set generated by COBRApy on *E. coli core* and *iML1514* models. ANN and AMN are fitted for growth rate

SMBL strain	Size Avr. nbr. variable met. drawn	NN type Architecture Timestep	Nbr Param Nbr epoch	R <sup>2</sup> Train	Q <sup>2</sup> (5-fold validation set) IISVII <sup>2</sup>
Ecoli_core	10000	ANN Dense	3.61k	0.96 ± 0.02	0.95 ± 0.02
	6 [1-13]	n/a	500		n/a
Ecoli_core	10000	AMN RNN-EB	4.74k	1.00 ± 0.00	1.00 ± 0.00
	6 [1-13]	5	500		0.03 ± 0.02
iML1515	10000	AMN RNN-EB	289.43k	1.00 ± 0.00	1.00 ± 0.00
	5 [1-27]	5	500		0.06 ± 0.02

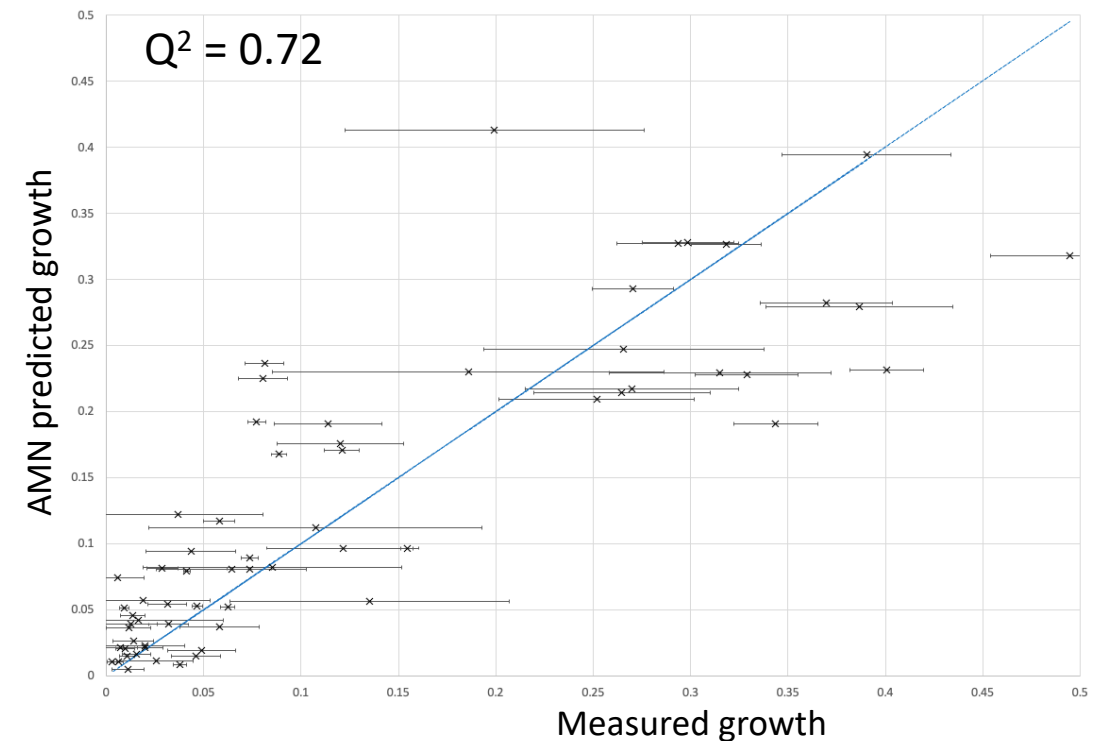
# Training AMN with experimental data

73 different media composed of M9+glycerol and 27 extra variable metabolites. 1 to 5 variable metabolites are randomly drawn in each medium. All variable metabolites are added with the same concentration

EX_his_L_e_i	EX_leu_L_e_i	EX_phe_L_e_i	EX_lys_L_e_i	EX_tyr_L_e_i
EX_val_L_e_i	EX_asp_L_e_i	EX_met_L_e_i	EX_ile_L_e_i	EX_gln_L_e_i
EX_cys_L_e_i	EX_ser_L_e_i	EX_ala_L_e_i	EX_trp_L_e_i	EX_asn_L_e_i
EX_pro_L_e_i	EX_thr_L_e_i	EX_gly_e_i	EX_arg_L_e_i	EX_glu_L_e_i
EX_melib_e_i	EX_sucr_e_i	EX_tre_e_i	EX_lcts_e_i	EX_ac_e_i
EX_pyr_e_i	EX_cit_e_i			

SMBL strain	Size Method	NN type Architecture	Nbr Param Nbr epoch	R <sup>2</sup> Train	Q <sup>2</sup> (10-fold)
iML1515	73 EXP	ANN Dense	8.11k 1000	0.98	0.71
iML1515	73 EXP	AMN RNN-UB	289.43k 1000	0.89	0.72

## CV predictions with AMN



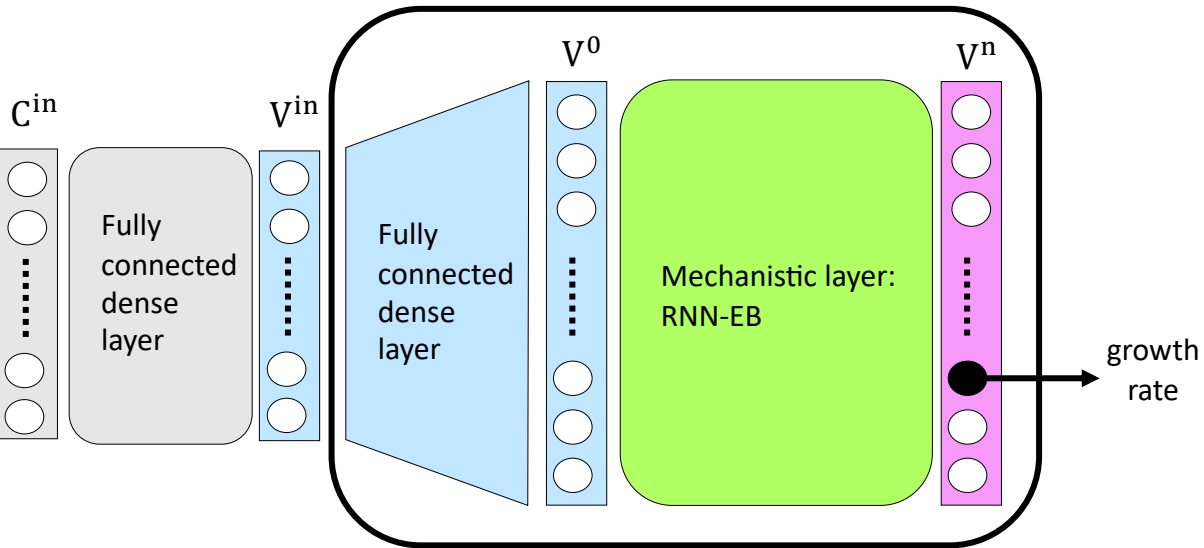
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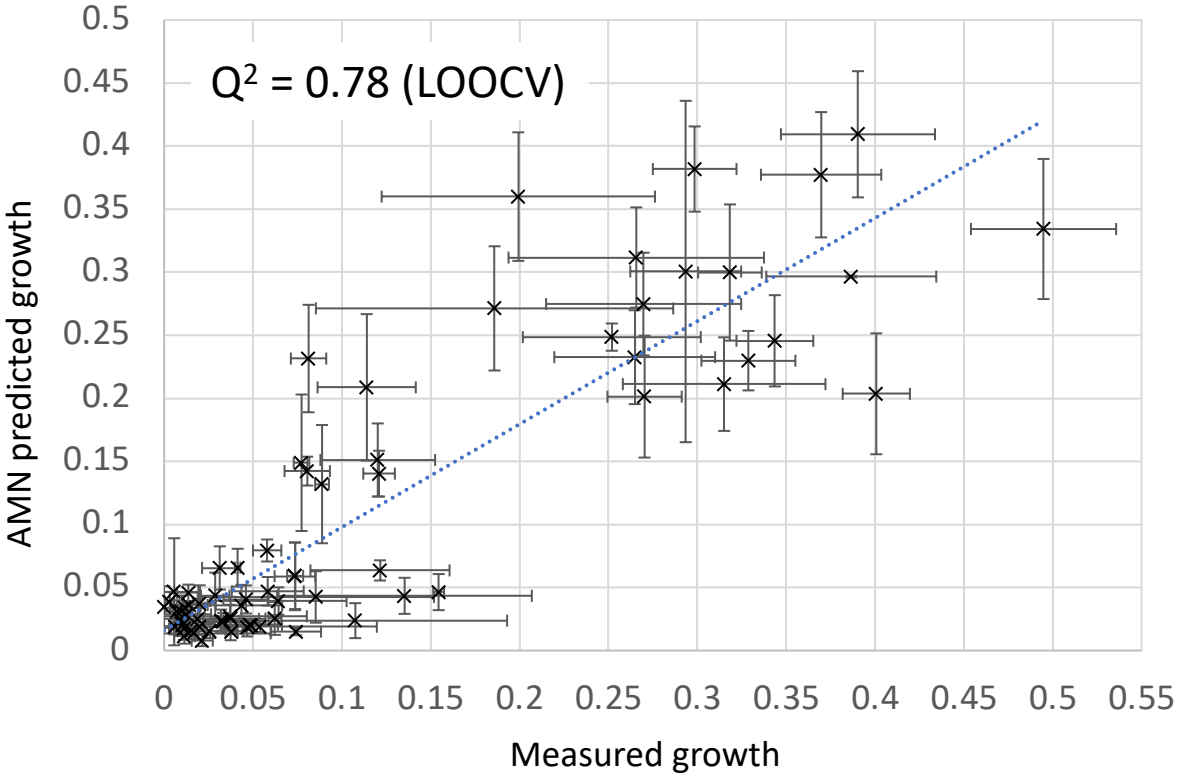
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EX_cys_L_e_i	EX_ser_L_e_i	EX_ala_L_e_i	EX_trp_L_e_i	EX_asn_L_e_i
EX_pro_L_e_i	EX_thr_L_e_i	EX_gly_e_i	EX_arg_L_e_i	EX_glu_L_e_i
EX_melib_e_i	EX_sucr_e_i	EX_tre_e_i	EX_lcts_e_i	EX_ac_e_i
EX_pyr_e_i	EX_cit_e_i			

SMBL strain	R <sup>2</sup> (5-fold)	Q <sup>2</sup> (5-fold) IISVII <sup>2</sup>
iML1515	1.00 ± 0.00	1.00 ± 0.00 0.06 ± 0.02

Non-trainable AMN-reservoir



R<sup>2</sup> = 0.98



# Matching FBA/simplex calculations with experimental data

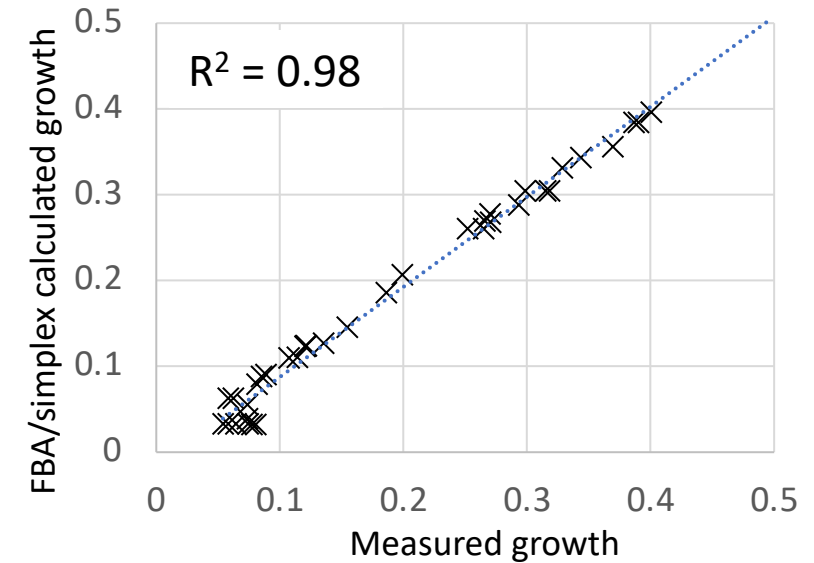
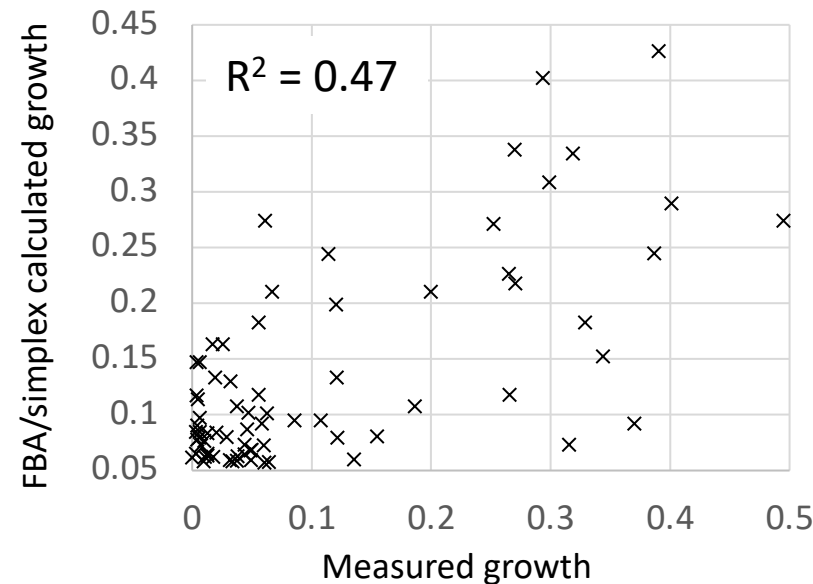
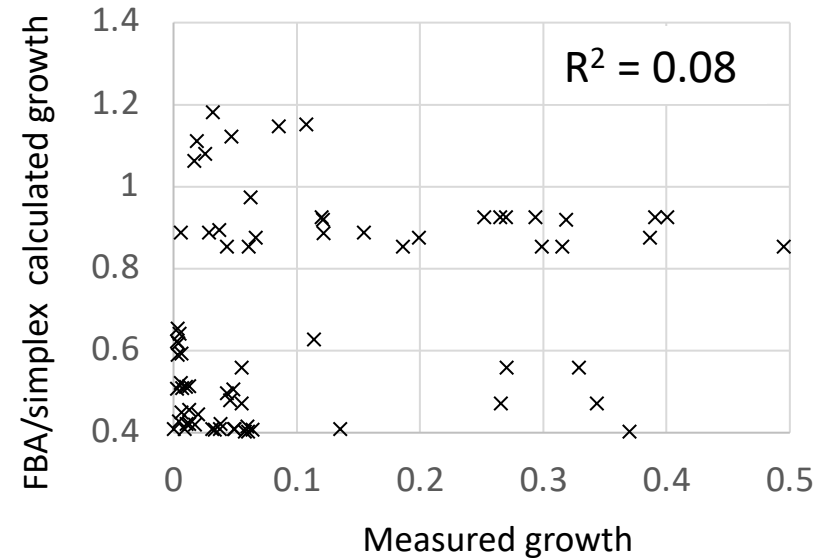
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EX_pro_L_e_i	EX_thr_L_e_i	EX_gly_e_i	EX_arg_L_e_i	EX_glu_L_e_i
EX_melib_e_i	EX_sucr_e_i	EX_tre_e_i	EX_lcts_e_i	EX_ac_e_i
EX_pyr_e_i	EX_cit_e_i			

Upper bound = 10 when metabolite is present in medium, 0 otherwise

Upper bound optimized to minimize MSE between calculated and measured growth

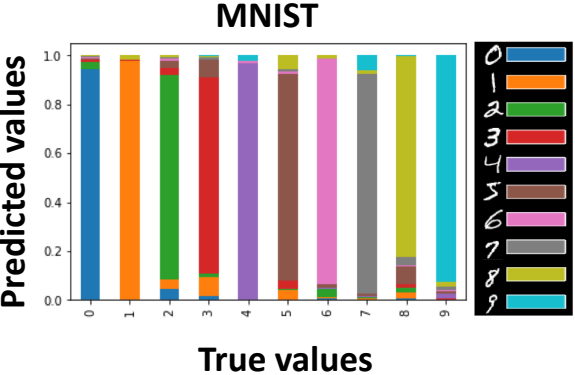
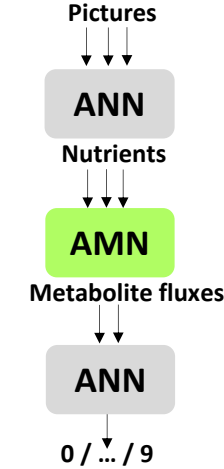
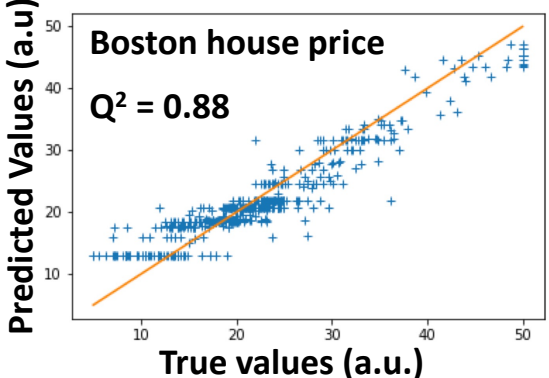
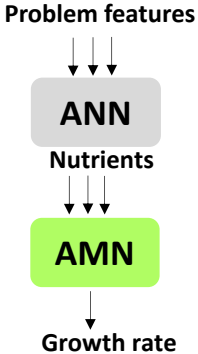
Extract bound = calculated by ANN+AMN-reservoir



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