

# **Modelling dynamic networks**

## **Regularization of non-homogeneous dynamic Bayesian network models by coupling interaction parameters**

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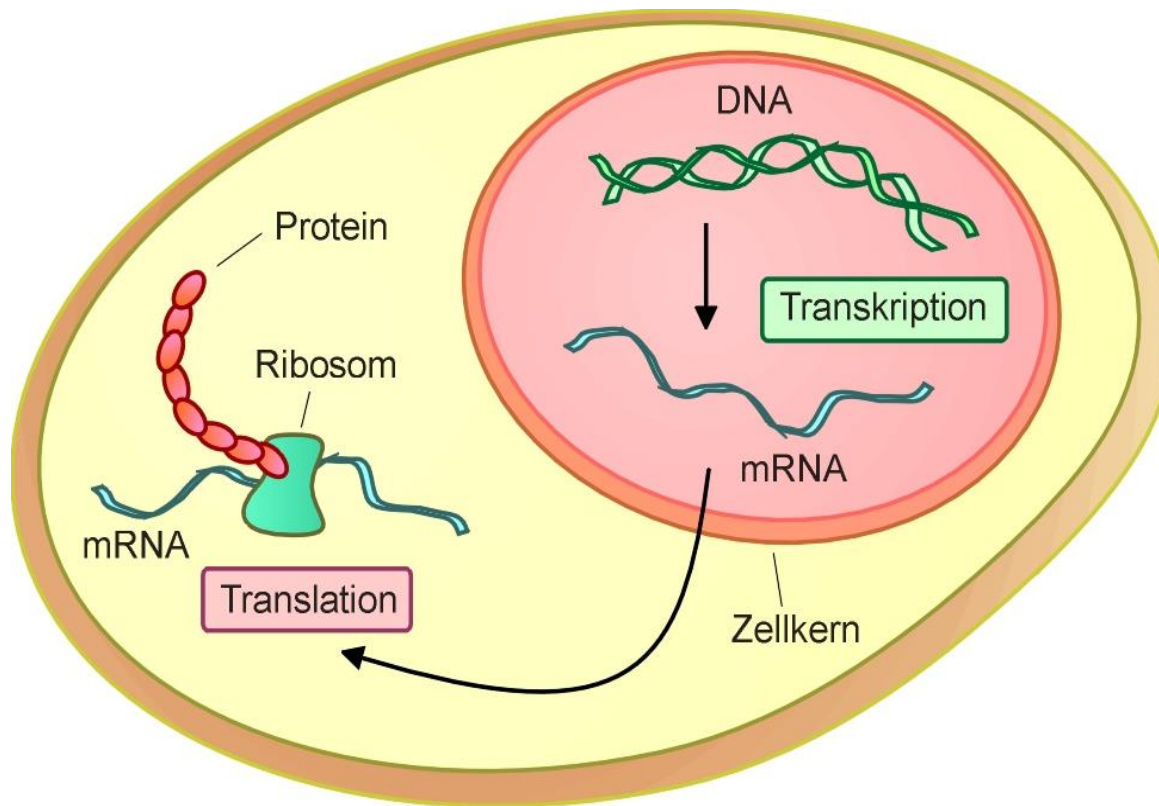
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# Cell Biology



## Very brief introduction:

Each gene is the code for the synthesis of a specific protein.

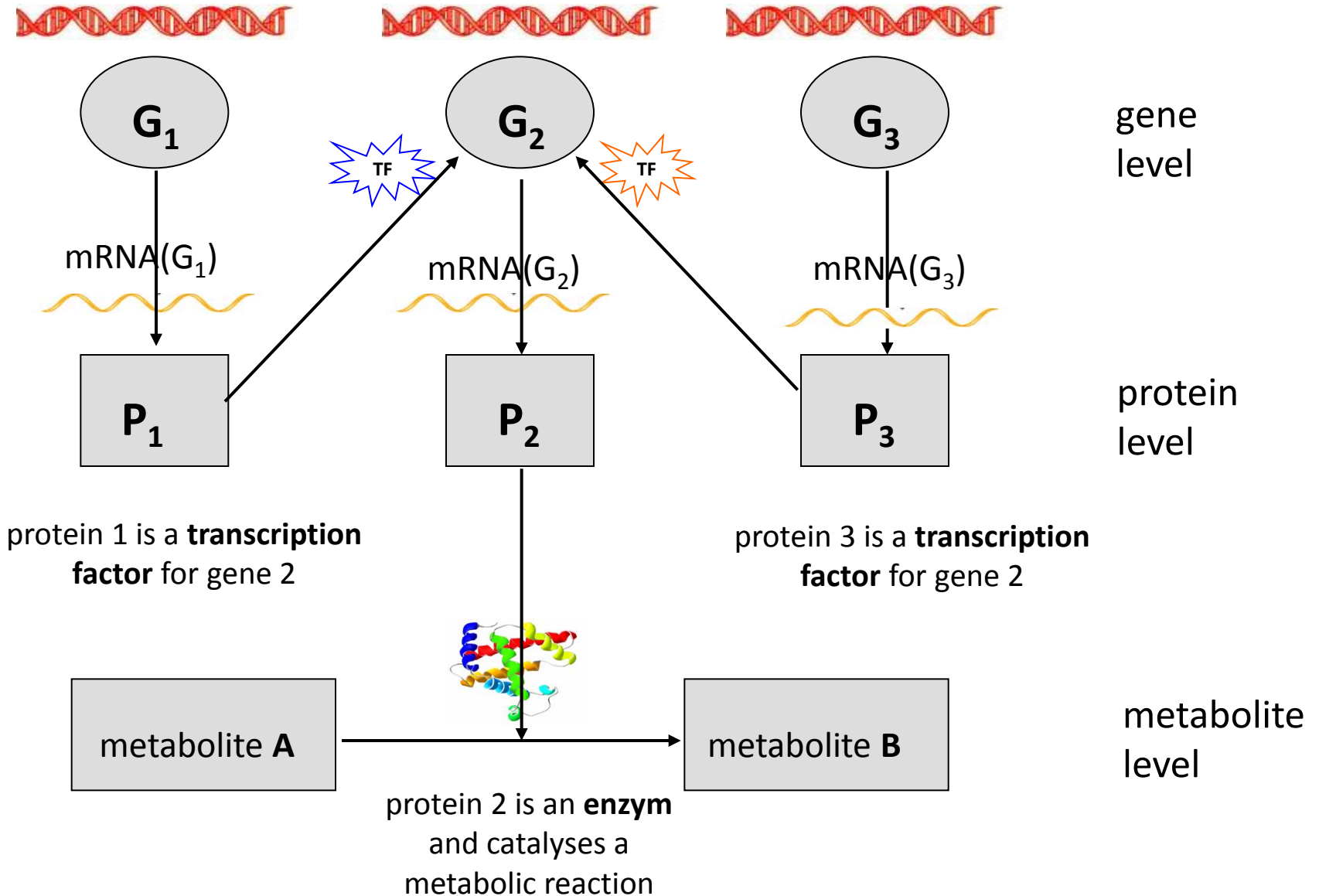
**Transcription:** gene  $\rightarrow$  mRNA.

**Translation:** mRNA  $\rightarrow$  protein.

Proteins are the „**functional units**“ of the cell.

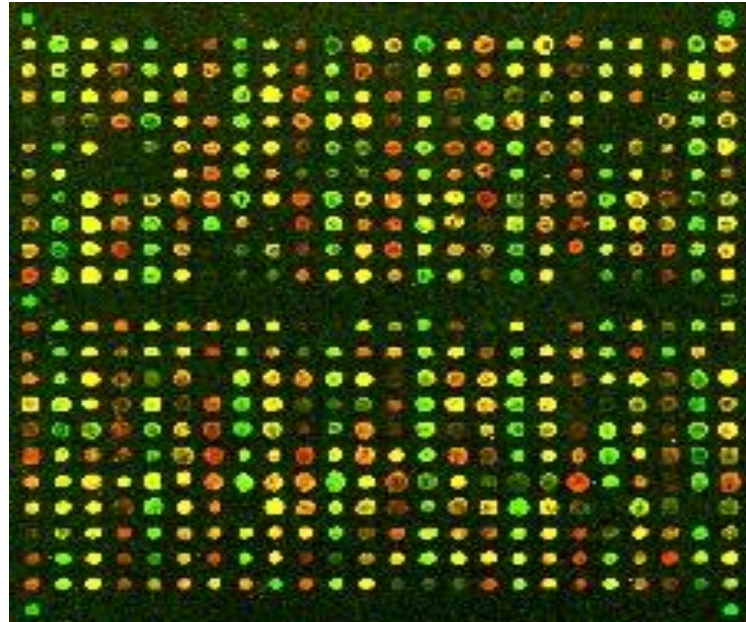
Proteins are enzymes, transcription factors, etc.

# Regulatory Network

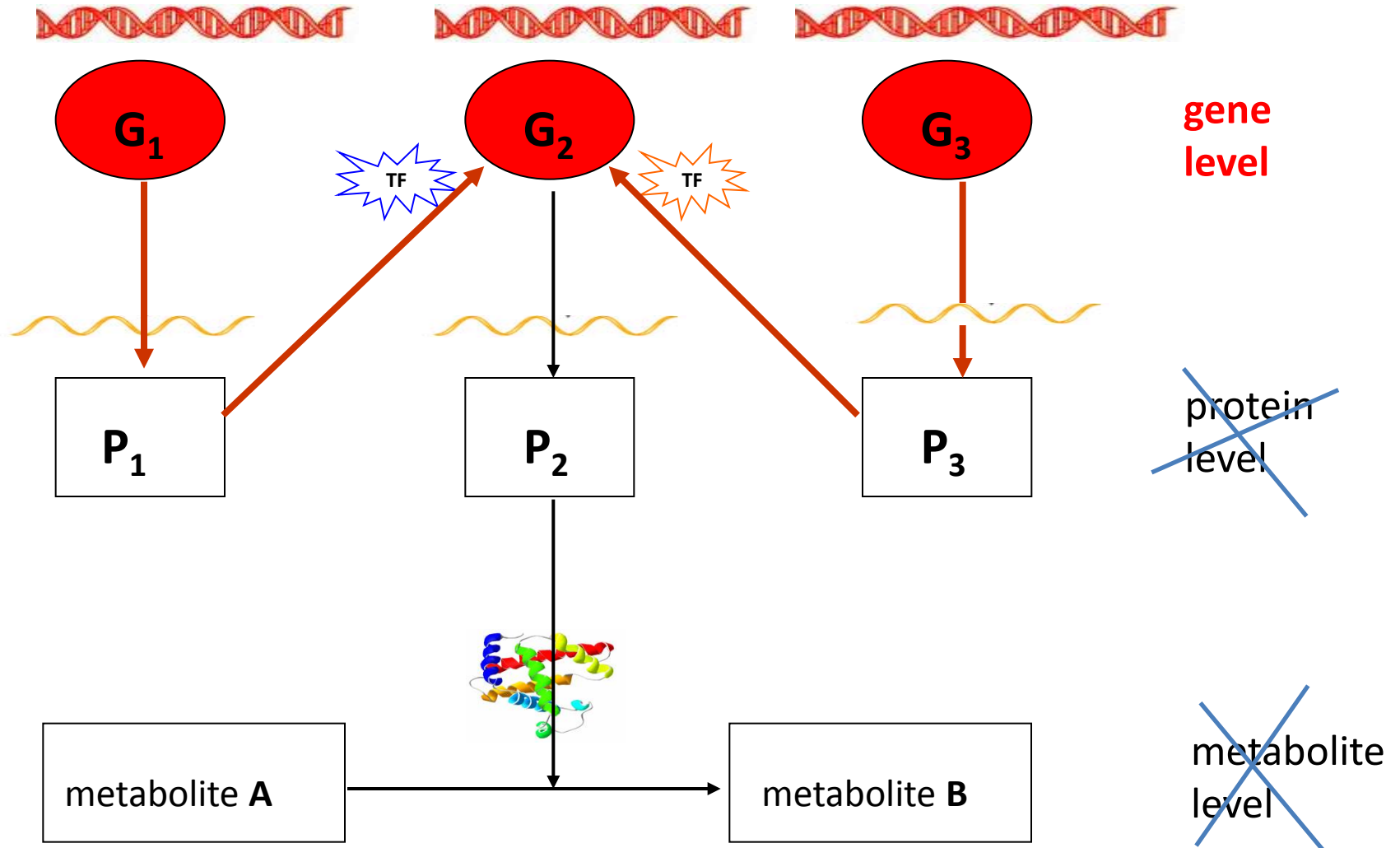


# Microarray Chips

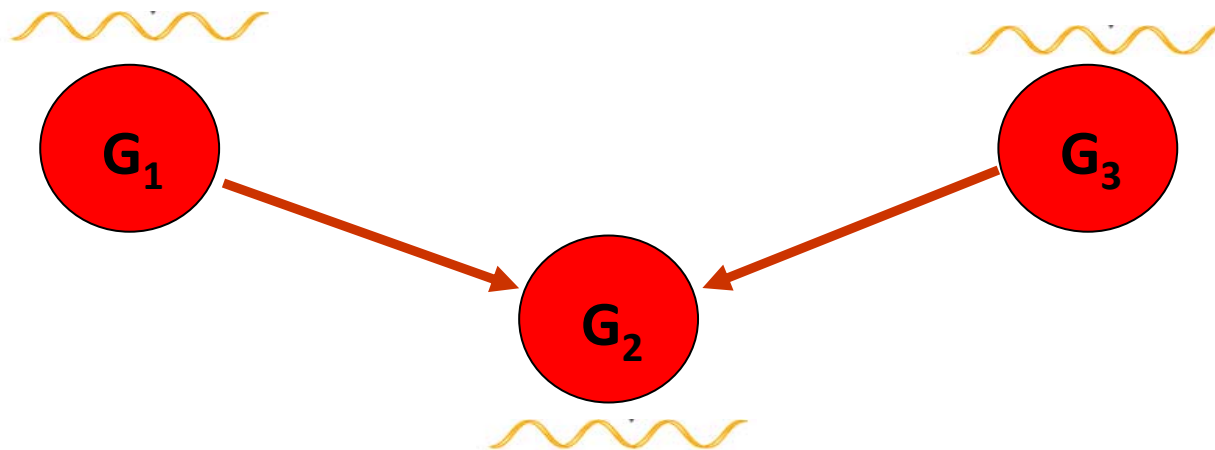
Expressions (activities) of thousands of genes in an experimental cell can be measured with Microarray Chips.



# (Gen-)Regulatory Network



# Gen-Regulatory Network

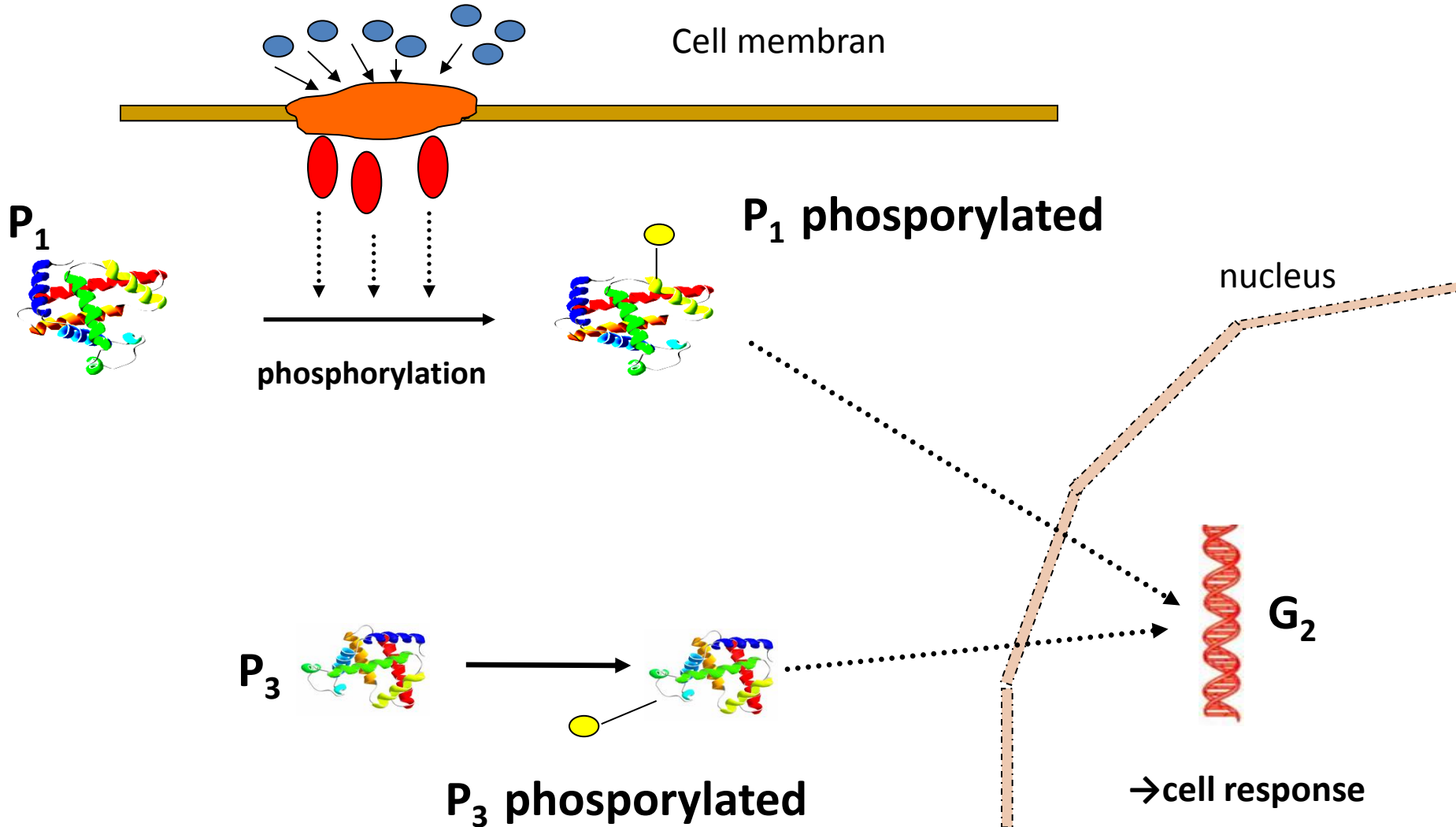


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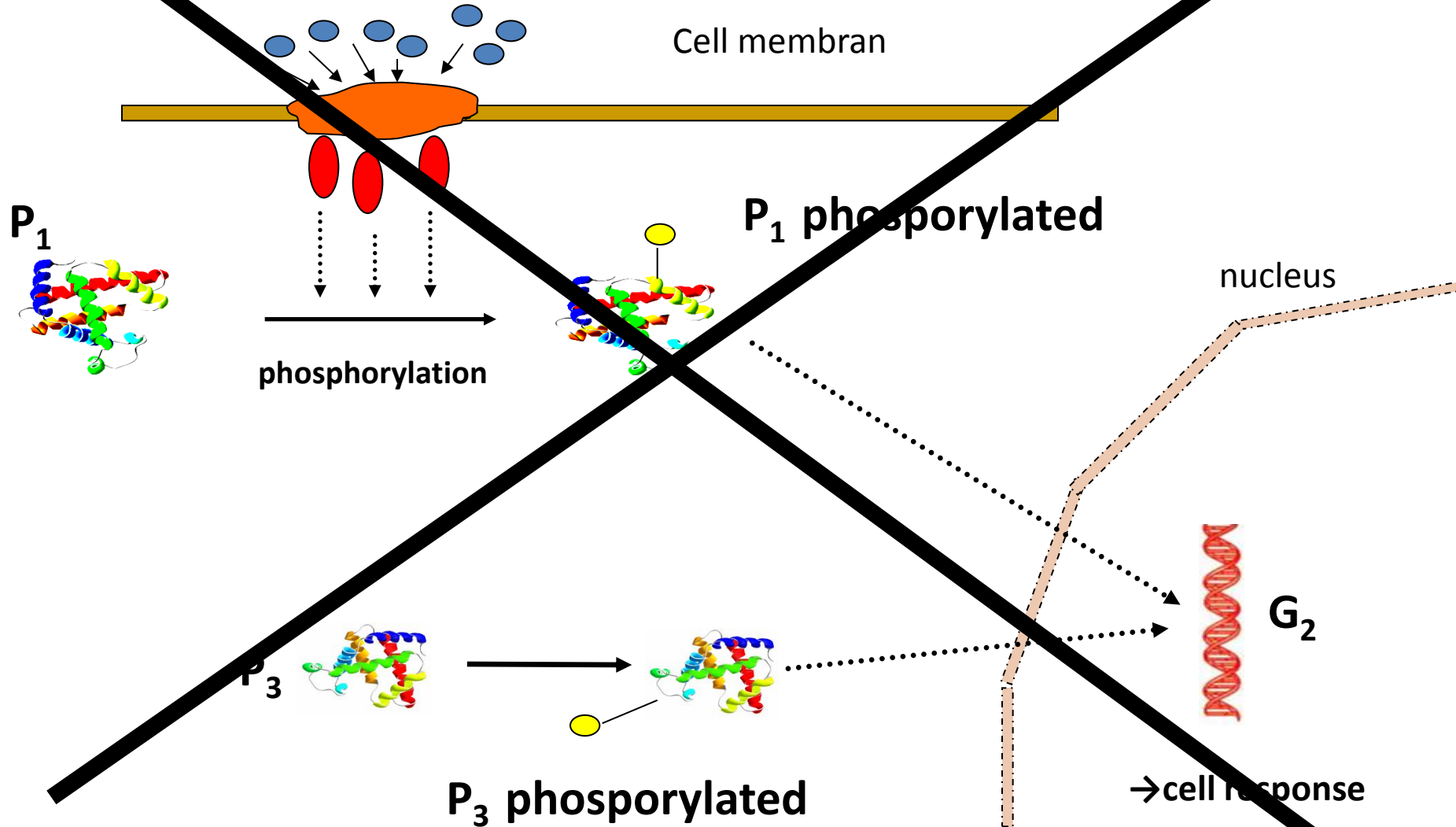
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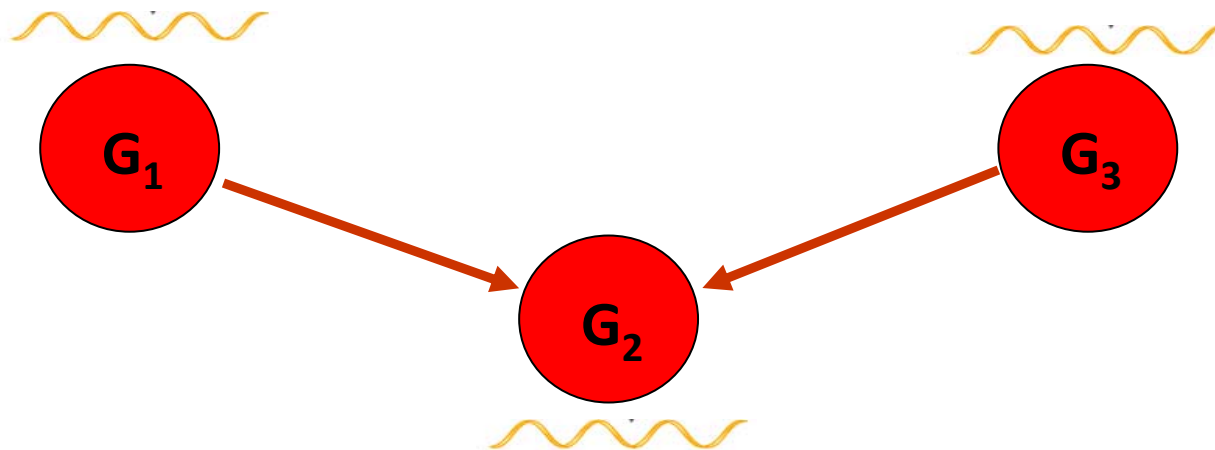


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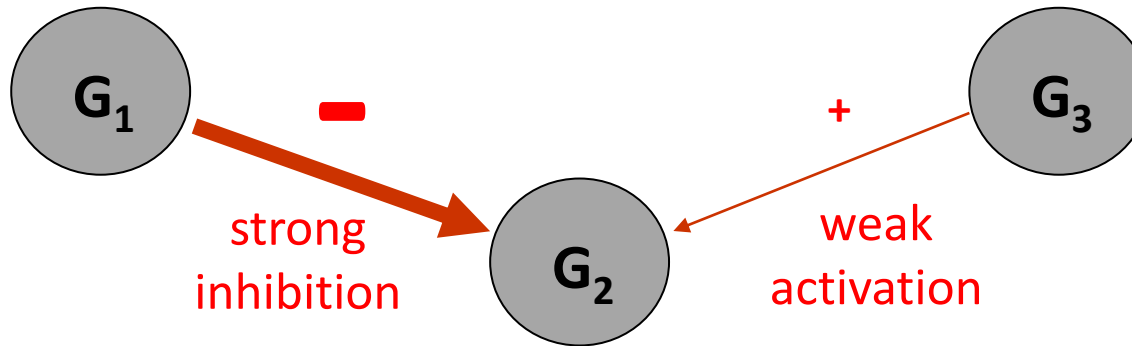
# Medical relevance

## e.g. for tumour development

### -- simplified example --

gene1 may be a  
tumour suppressor gene

gene 3 may be an  
oncogene



gene 2 may cause  
cell growth  
and cell division

Healthy  
condition



cell division is under control

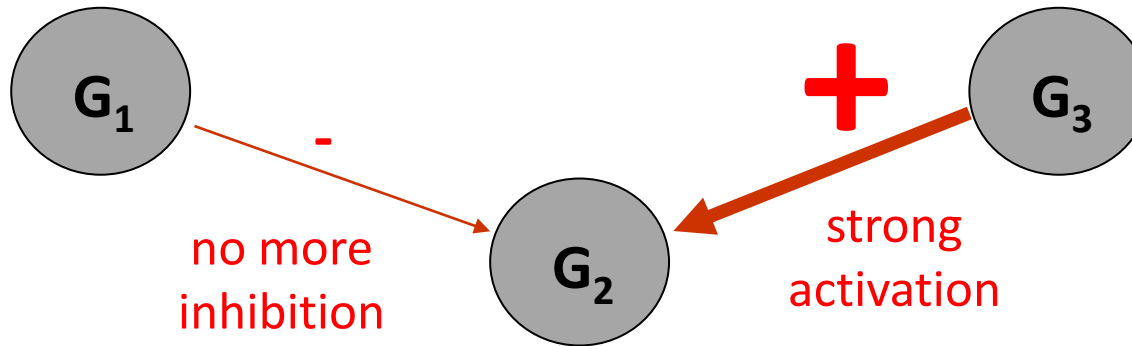
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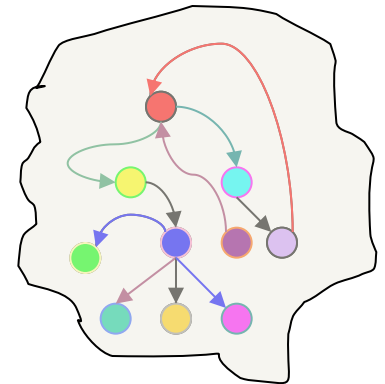
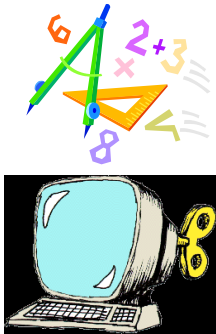
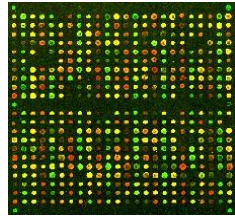
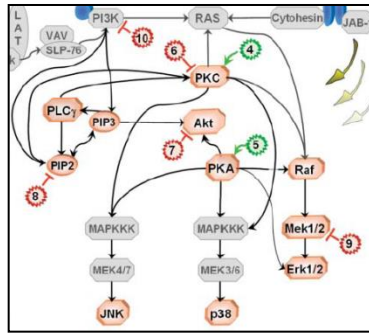
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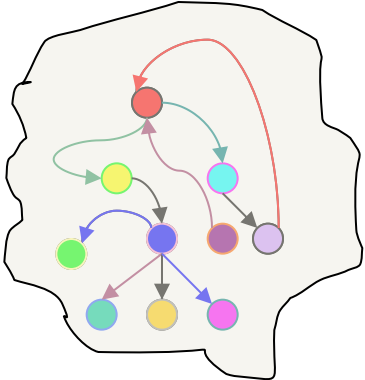
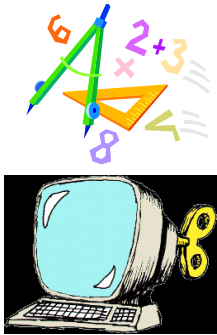
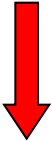
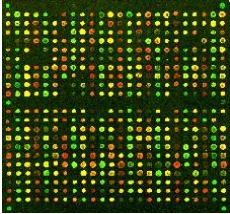
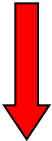
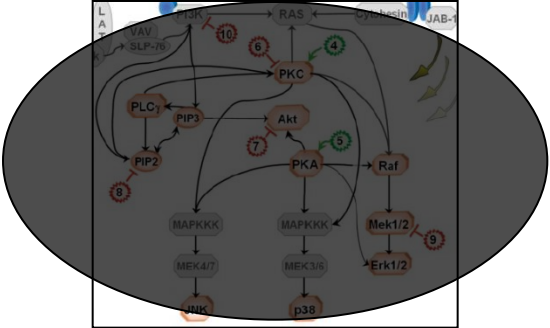


gene 2 may cause  
cell growth  
and cell division

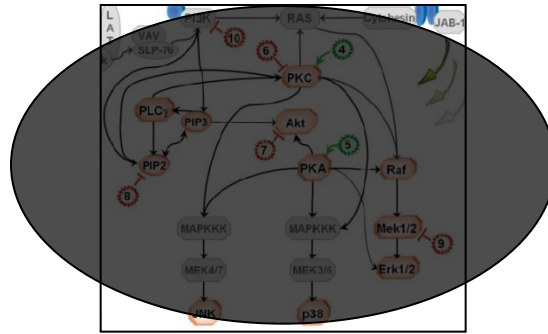
**Tumour cell**  **Altered pathway leads to uncontrolled cell division**



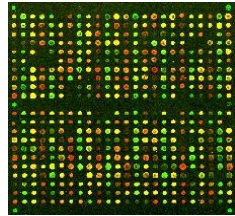
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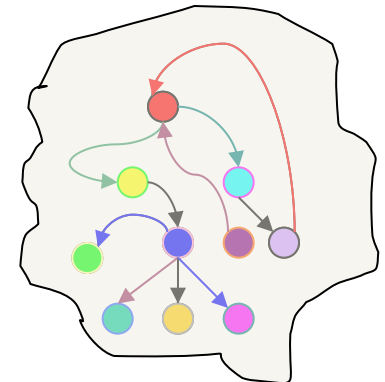
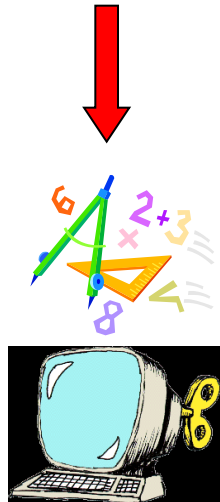
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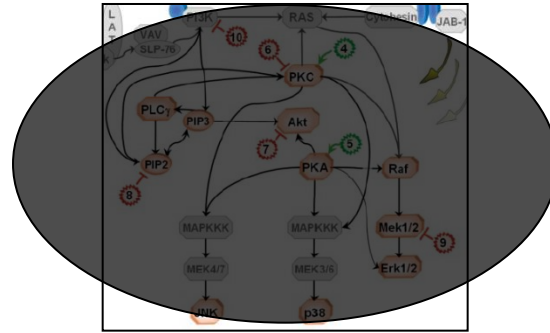
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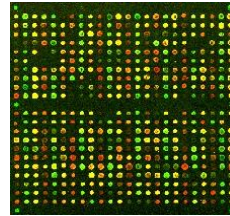
data  
(expressions of genes)



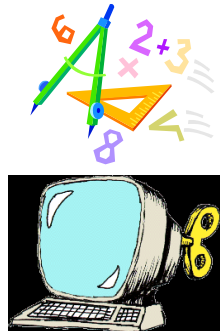
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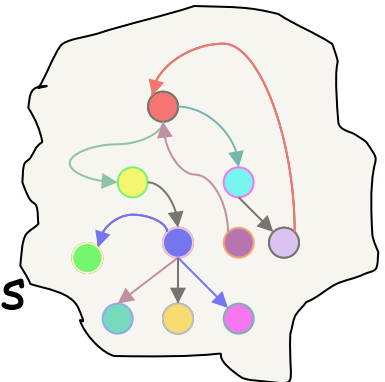


data ↓ data



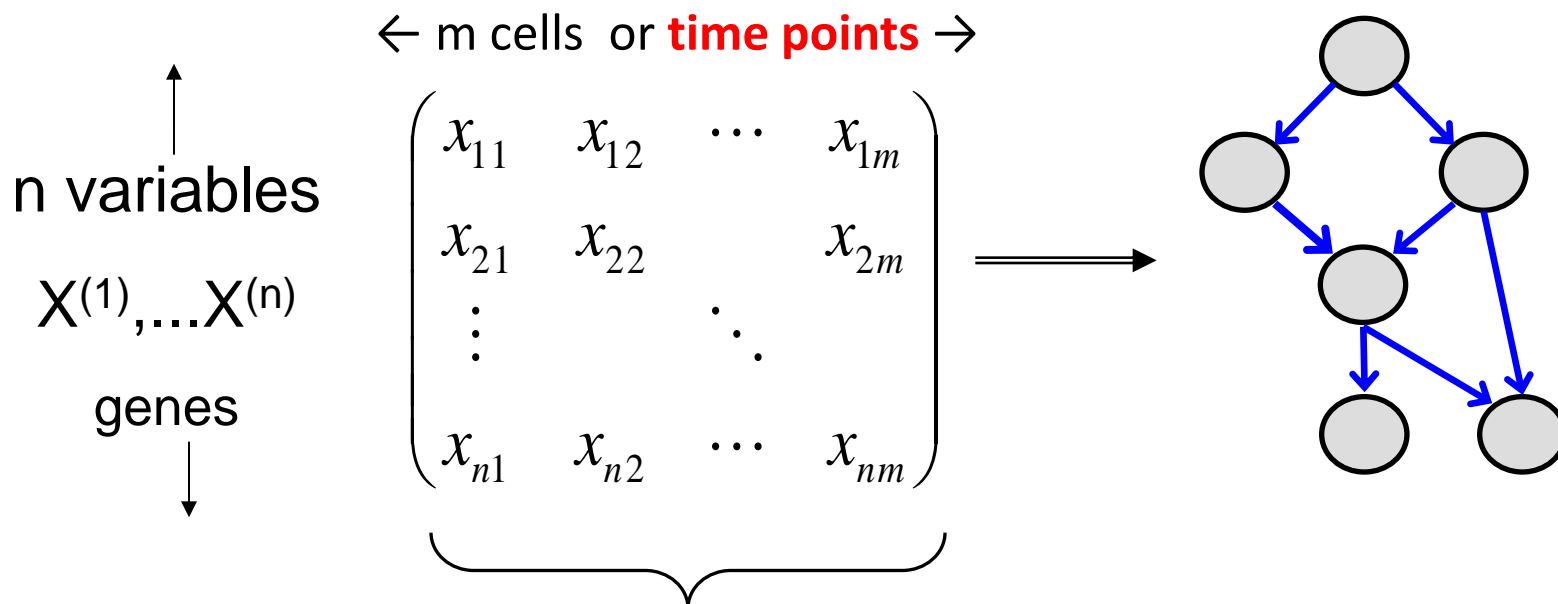
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statistical methods



# Statistical Task

Extract a network from an n-by-m data matrix



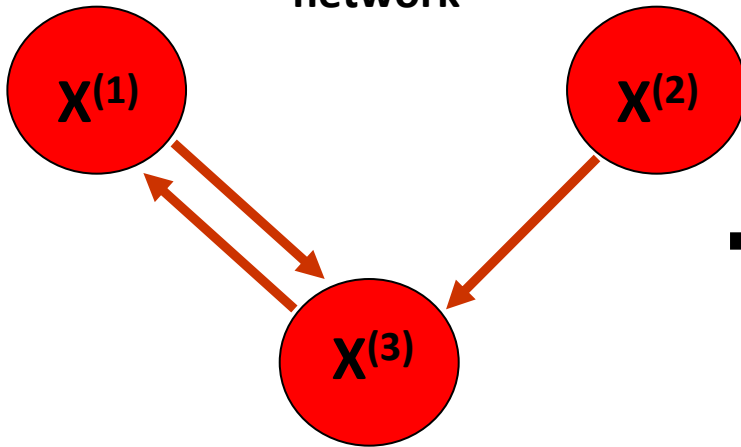
Either  $m$  independent (steady-state) observations of the system  $X^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(n)}$

Or **time series** of the system of length  $m$ :  $(X^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(n)})_{t=1, \dots, m}$

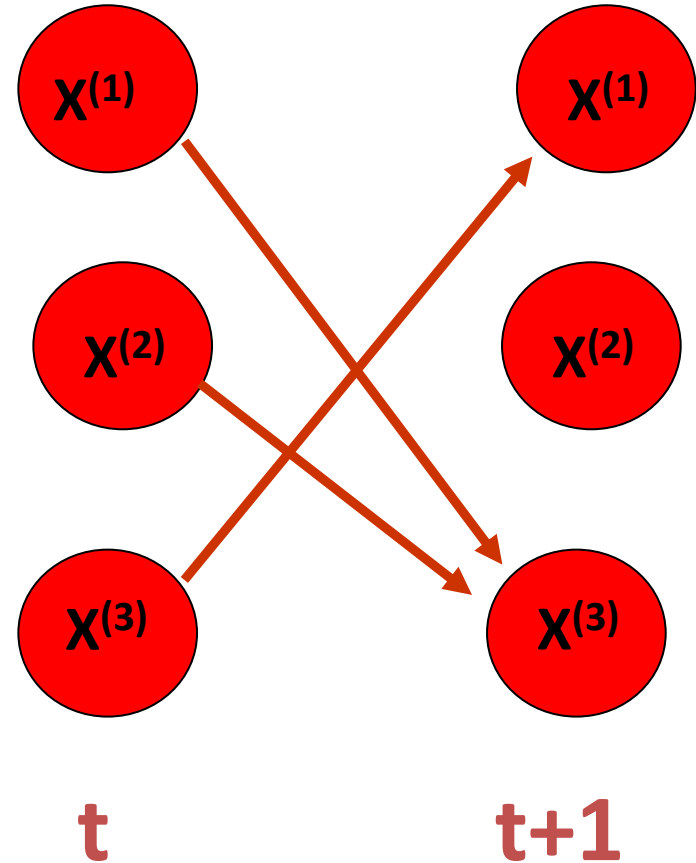


# Dynamic Bayesian networks

recurrent  
network



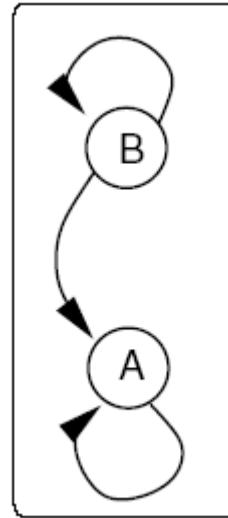
No need for the  
acyclicity constraint!



unfolded dynamic network

**Illustration:** Simple dynamic Bayesian network (DBN) with three nodes.  
All interactions are subject to a time delay.

# Static/dynamic Bayesian networks



## Static Bayesian networks

Important feature: Network has to be acyclic

Implied factorisation:

$$P(A,B) = P(B|B) \cdot P(A|A,B)$$

→ cycles cannot make sense

## Dynamic Bayesian networks

Network does not have to be acyclic

Implied factorisation:

$$P(A(t), B(t) | A(t-1), B(t-1)) = P(B(t) | B(t-1)) \cdot P(A(t) | A(t-1), B(t-1))$$

( $t=2, \dots, m$ )

# Model assumption: **Homogeneous** Markov chain

Example: 4 genes, 10 time points

	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$	$t_4$	$t_5$	$t_6$	$t_7$	$t_8$	$t_9$	$t_{10}$
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# Impose changepoints to model non-homogeneous processes

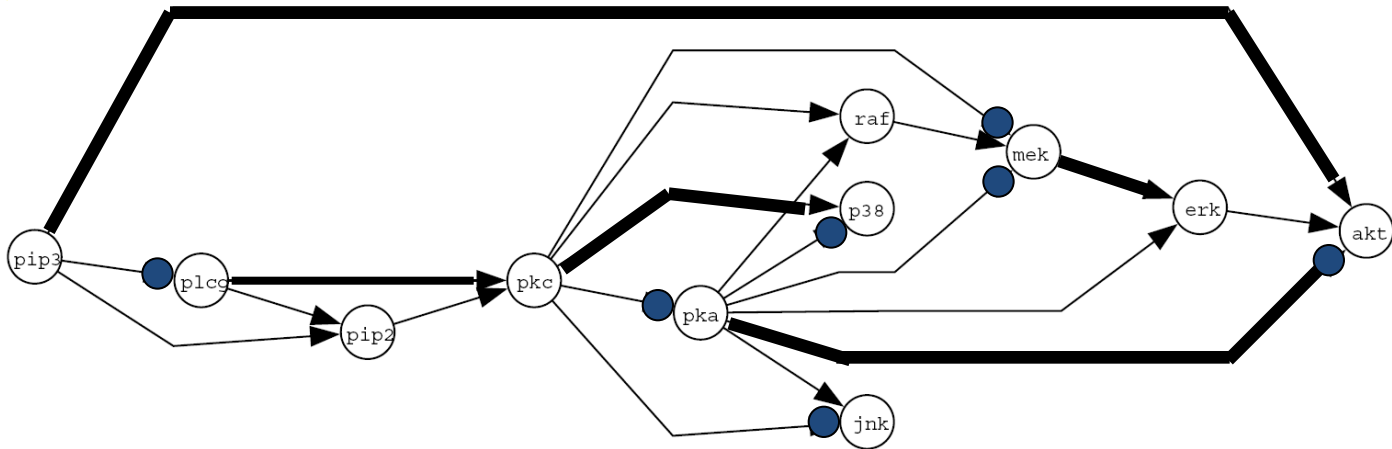
changepoint



		FIRST SEGMENT					SECOND SEGMENT			
$X^{(1)}$	$X_{1,1}$	$X_{1,2}$	$X_{1,3}$	$X_{1,4}$	$X_{1,5}$	$X_{1,6}$	$X_{1,7}$	$X_{1,8}$	$X_{1,9}$	$X_{1,10}$
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# Changepoint model

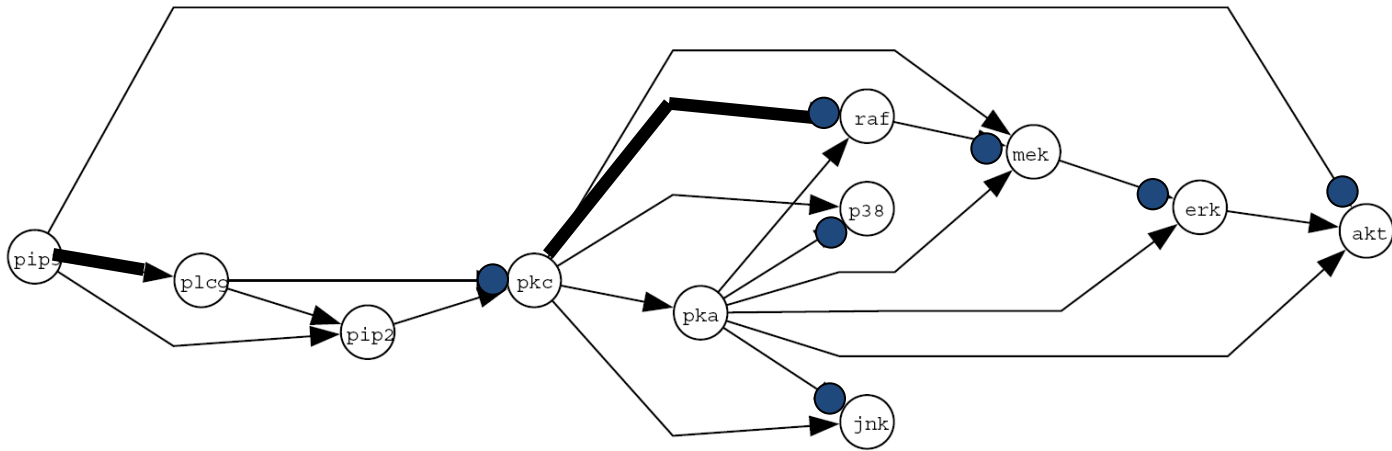
**Our paradigm:** Keep the **network topology fixed** but the **interaction parameters can change** with time.



Interaction parameters in the **first** segment

# Changepoint model

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interaction parameters in the **second** segment

# Introduce gene-specific changepoints to increase flexibility of the models

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# Non-Homogeneous Dynamic Bayesian Networks (NH-DBN)

**Idea**: Combine a standard DBN with a node-specific multiple changepoint process.

**Lèbre, Becq, Devaux, Lelandais, Stumpf (2010)**

Statistical inference of the time-varying structure of gene regulation networks

***BMC Systems Biology***

**Robinson & Hartemink (2010)**

Learning non-stationary dynamic Bayesian networks

***Journal of Machine Learning Research***



**What is the problem  
with these approaches?**



# Practical problem: inference uncertainty in short time series segments

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# Shortcomings

## 1. Practical problem

Short time series  
inference uncertainty

## 2. Methodological problem

Prior independence is  
biologically implausible

Is it plausible to assume a priori that the segment-specific interaction parameters are independent?

**Idea:** Information coupling among segments

# Non-homogeneous DBN

## (uncoupled NH-DBN)

Information coupling with respect to the interaction parameters (**coupled NH-DBN**)

### Grzegorzcyk and Husmeier (2012a)

A non-homogeneous dynamic Bayesian network model with **sequentially** coupled interaction parameters for applications in systems and synthetic biology.

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### Grzegorzcyk and Husmeier (2012b)

Bayesian regularization of non-homogeneous dynamic Bayesian networks by **globally** coupling interaction parameters.

**AISTATS**

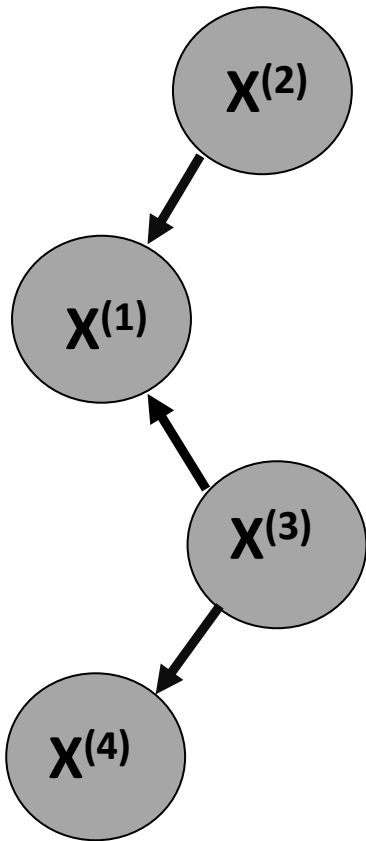
### Grzegorzcyk and Husmeier (2013)

Regularization of Non-Homogeneous Dynamic Bayesian Networks with **Global** Information-Coupling based on Hierarchical Bayesian models.

**Machine Learning**

# Bayesian regression models

complete network

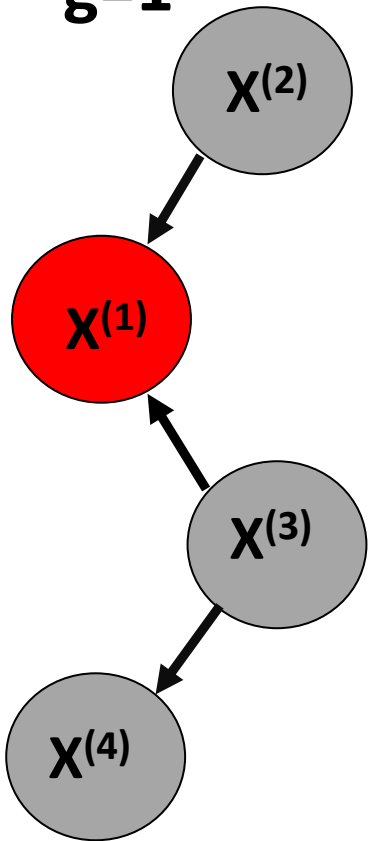


complete segmentation matrix

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# Bayesian regression models

first gene  
g=1

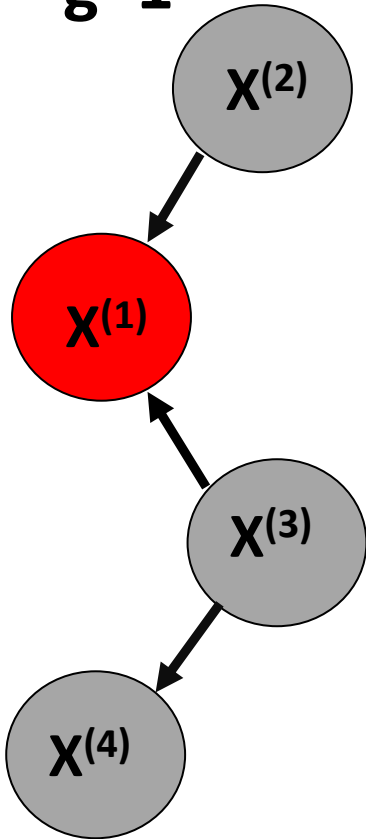


segmentation of node g=1

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# Bayesian regression models

first gene  
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$$y_{g=1,h=1} = (X_{1,2}, \dots, X_{1,6})$$

$$y_{g=1,h=2} = (X_{1,7}, \dots, X_{1,10})$$

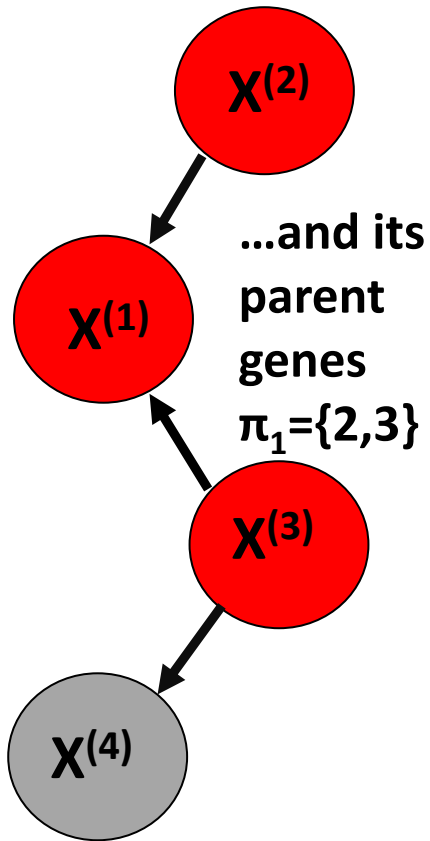
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change point  $\tau_{g=1,1} = 6$

This change point divides the observations of node  $X^{(1)}$  into  $K_{g=1} = 2$  disjunct segments.

# Bayesian regression models

first gene  
g=1



$$y_{g=1,h=1} = (X_{1,2}, \dots, X_{1,6})^T \quad y_{g=1,h=2} = (X_{1,7}, \dots, X_{1,10})^T$$

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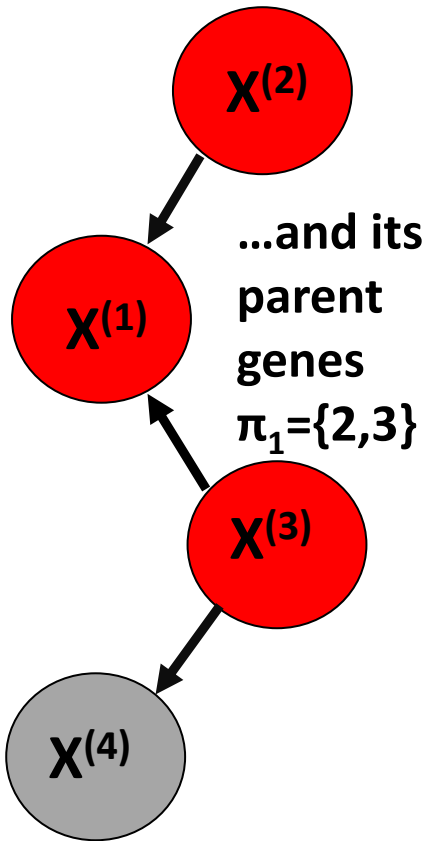
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# Bayesian regression models

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g=1



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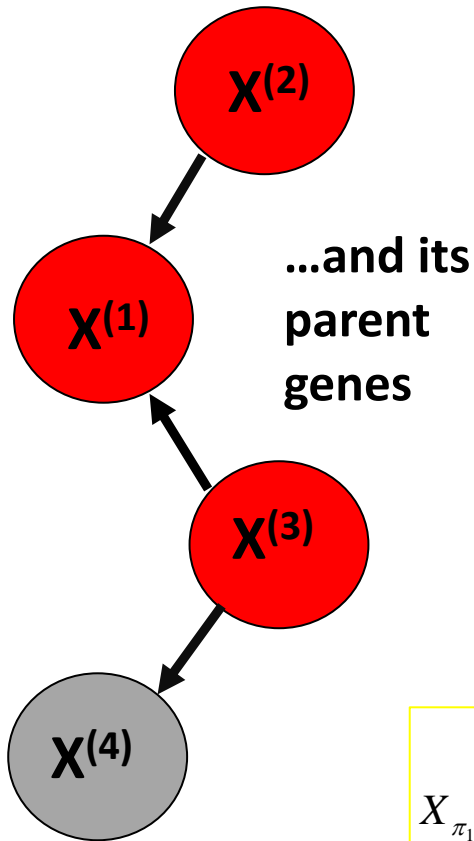
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# Bayesian regression models

first gene  
g=1...



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For each gene  $g=1,\dots,G$   
and each gene-specific segment  $h=1,\dots,K_g$ :

### Likelihood model:

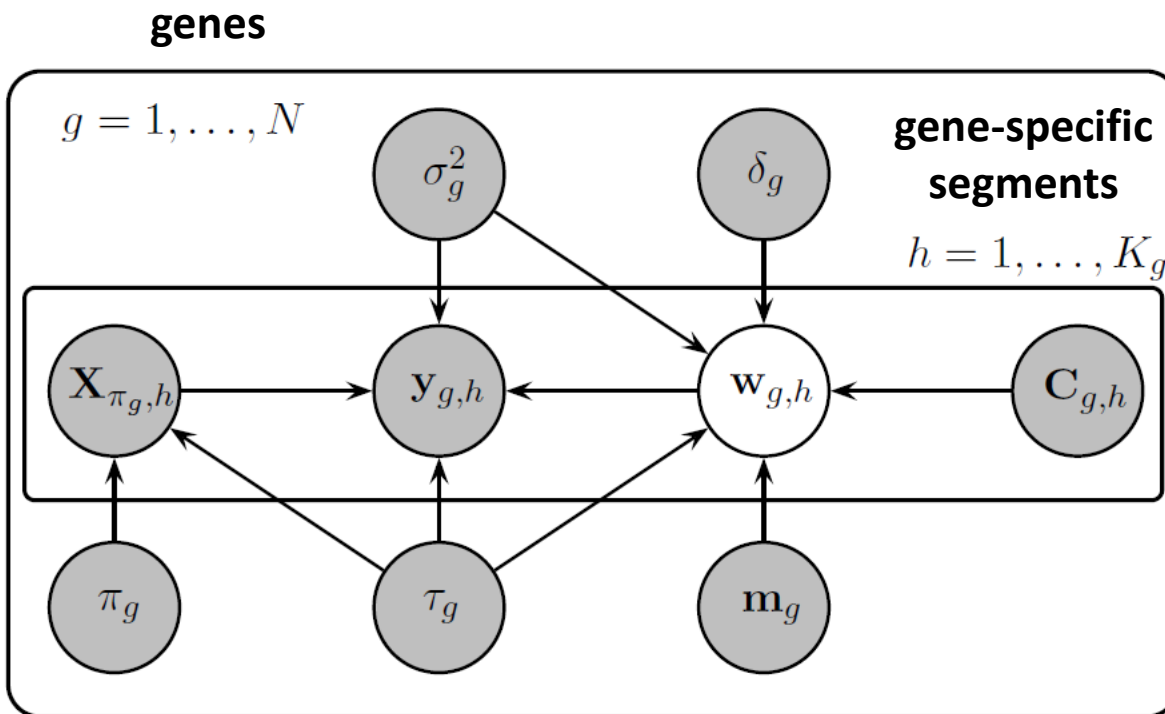
$$\underbrace{\mathbf{y}_{g,h}}_{\text{target observations}} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\underbrace{\mathbf{X}_{\pi_{g,h}}^T}_{\text{regressor matrix}} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}_{g,h}}_{\text{regression coefficients}}, \underbrace{\sigma_g^2 \mathbf{I}}_{\text{noise variance}}\right)$$

### Prior on the regression coefficients $\mathbf{w}_{g,h}$ :

$$\mathbf{w}_{g,h} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{m}_g, \underbrace{\sigma_g^2}_{\text{noise variance}} \underbrace{\delta_g}_{\text{SNR hyperparameter}} \mathbf{C}_{g,h}\right)$$

Note that the explicit dependence on the noise variance leads to a fully conjugate prior.

# Graphical representation of the regression models



For  $g = 1, \dots, N$ :

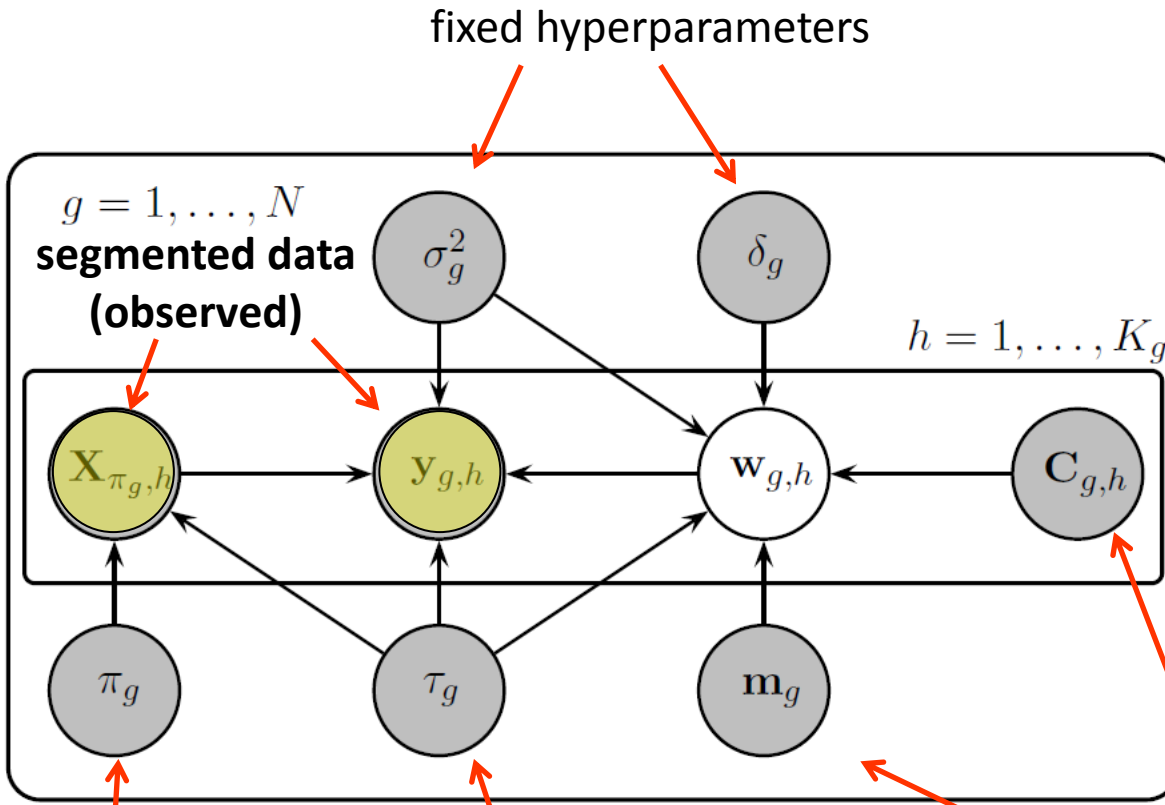
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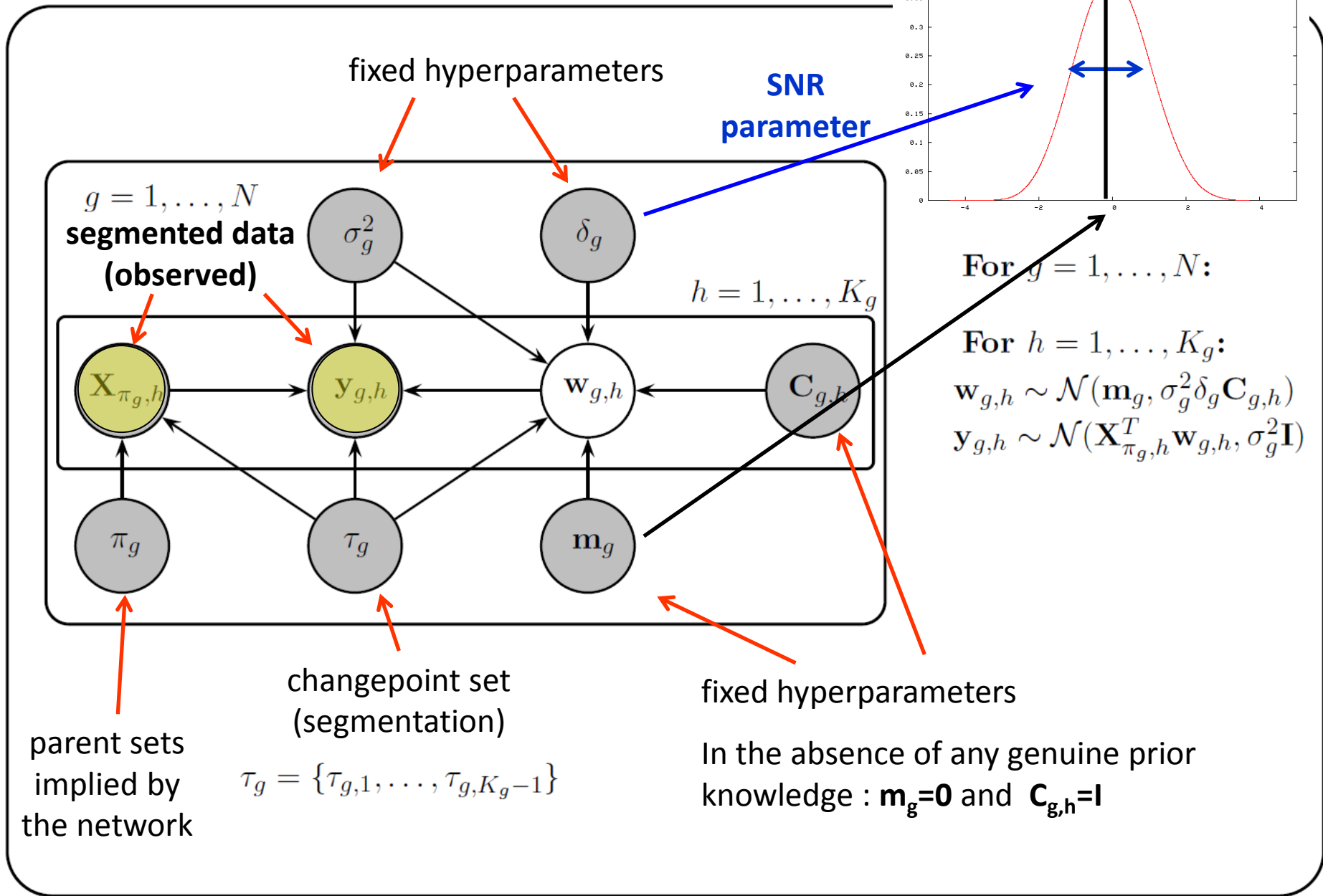
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implied by  
the network

changepoint set  
(segmentation)

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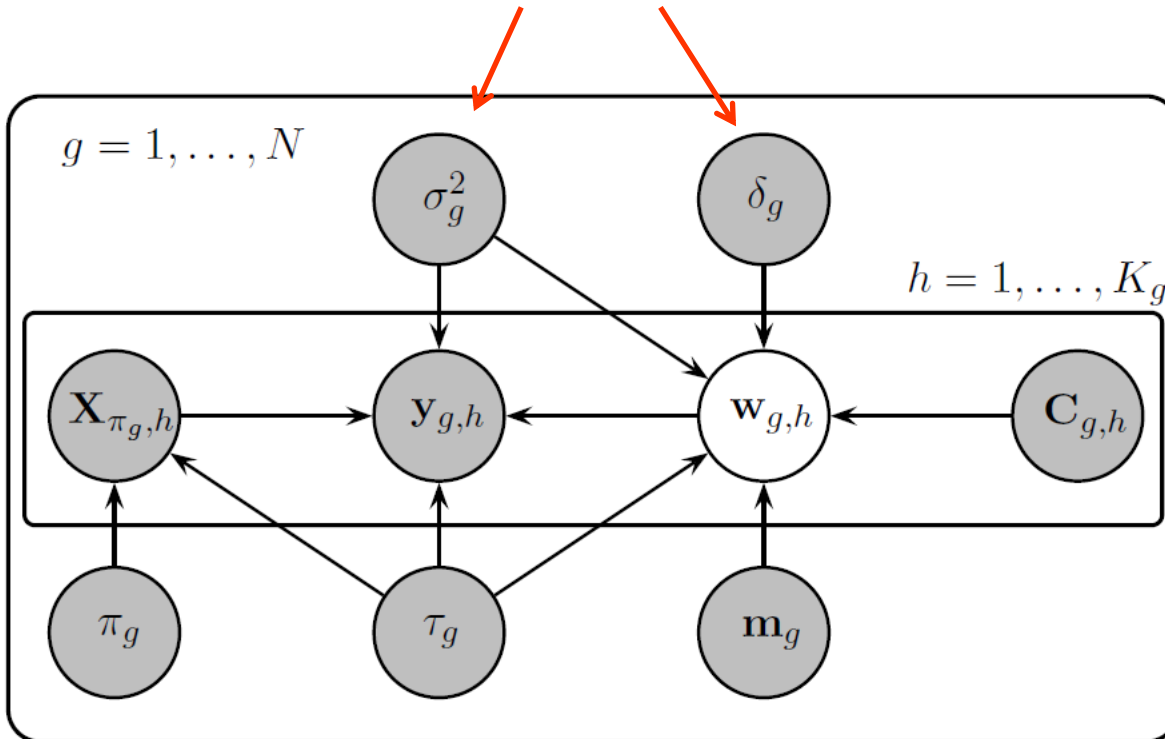
fixed hyperparameters

In the absence of any genuine prior  
knowledge :  $\mathbf{m}_g = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{C}_{g,h} = \mathbf{I}$



# Graphical representation of the regression models

Are these hyperparameters actually known?



For  $g = 1, \dots, N$ :

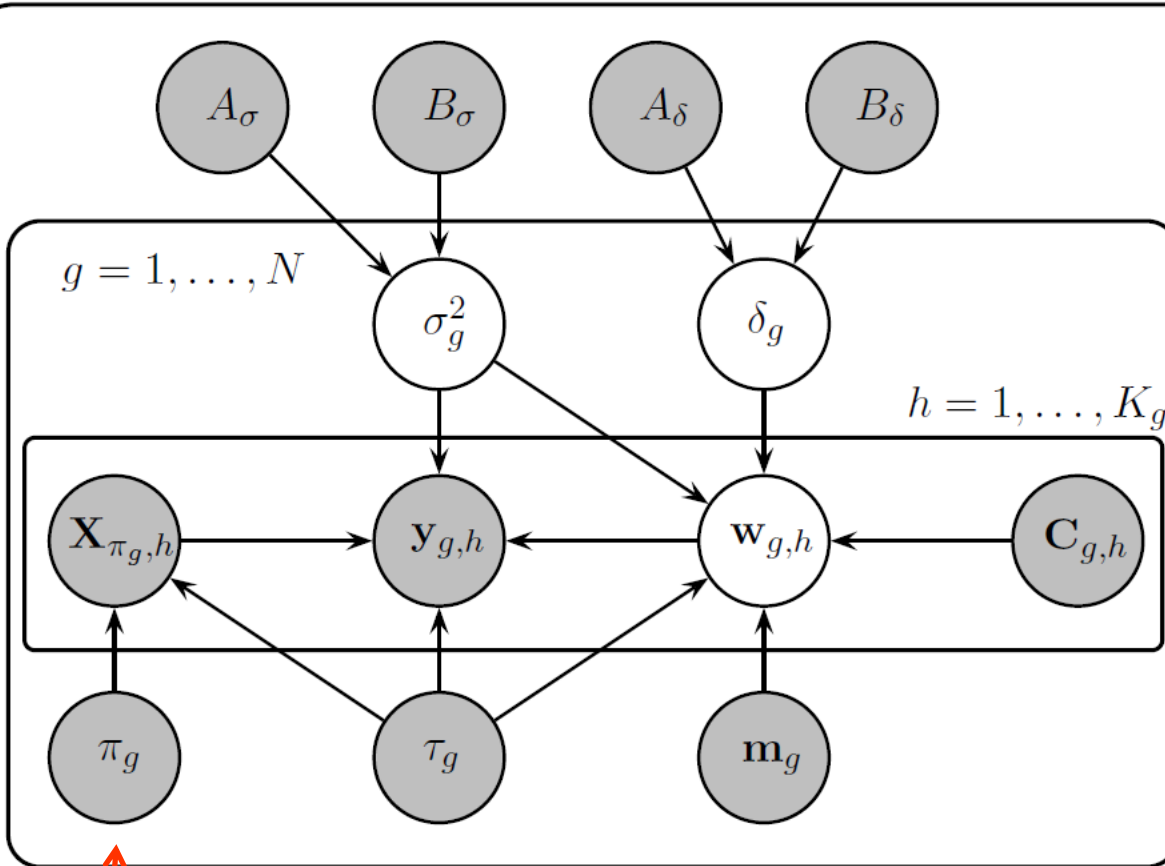
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# Graphical representation of the regression models



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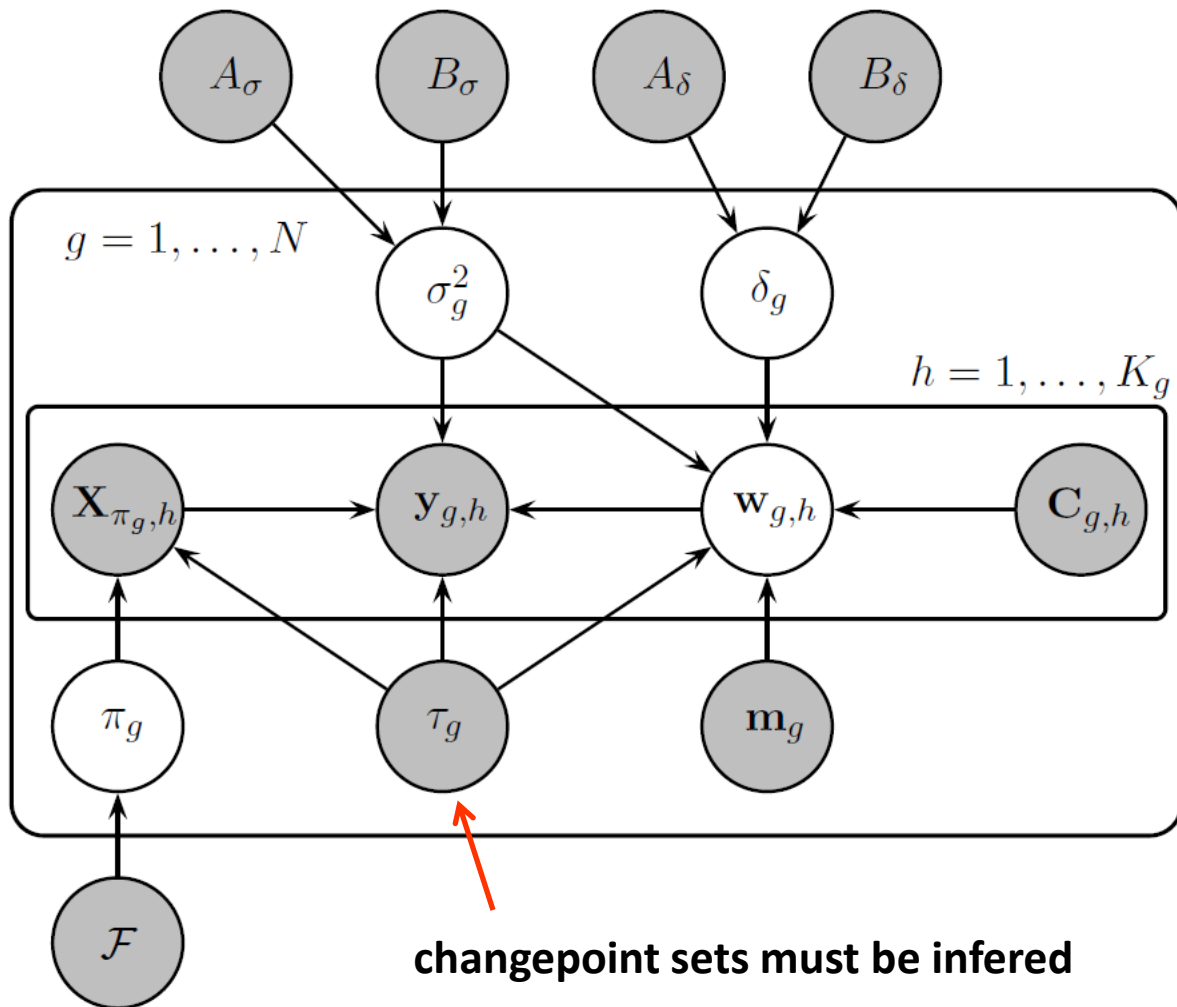
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parent sets  
(networks)  
must be  
inferred

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# Graphical model representation



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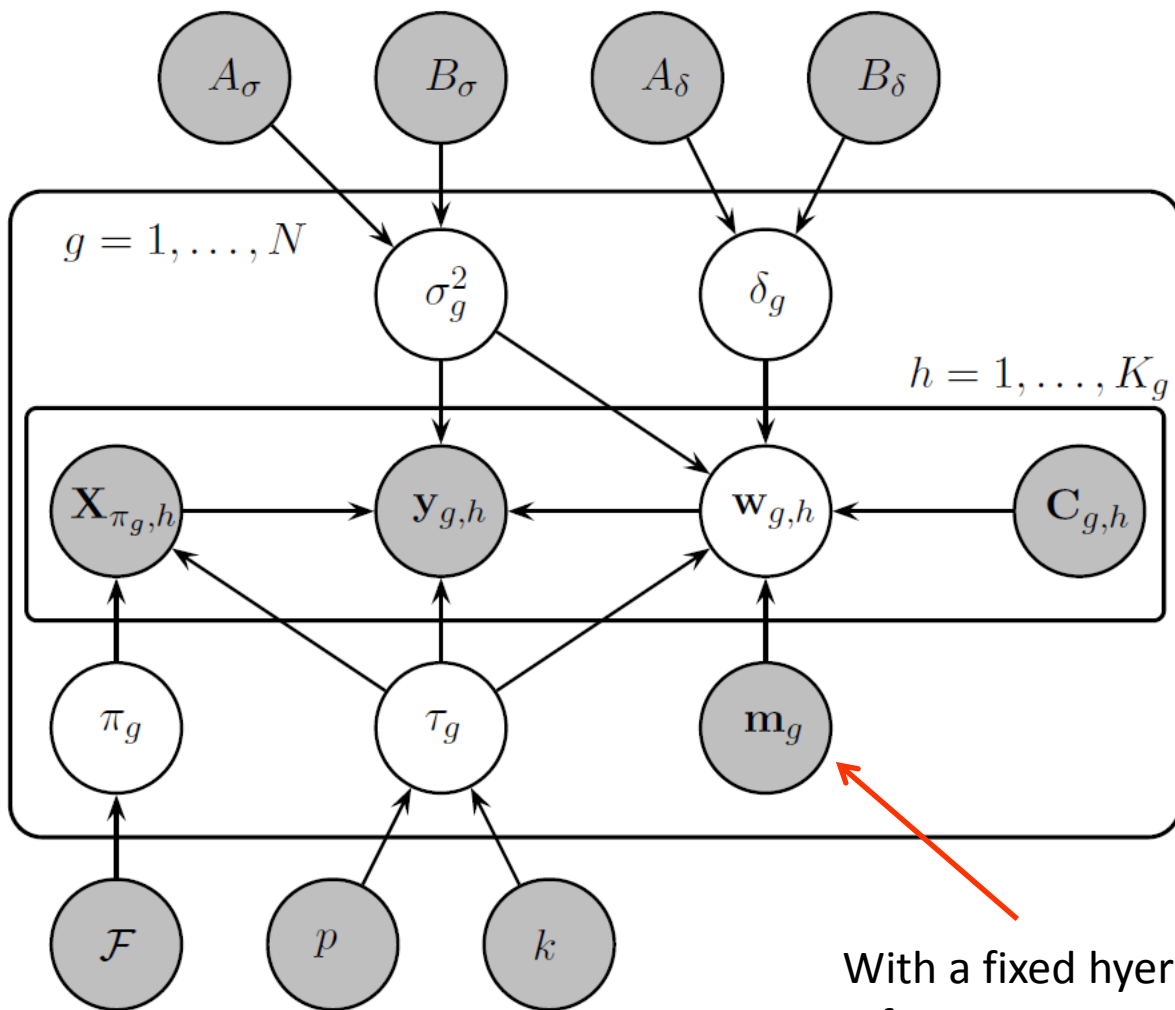
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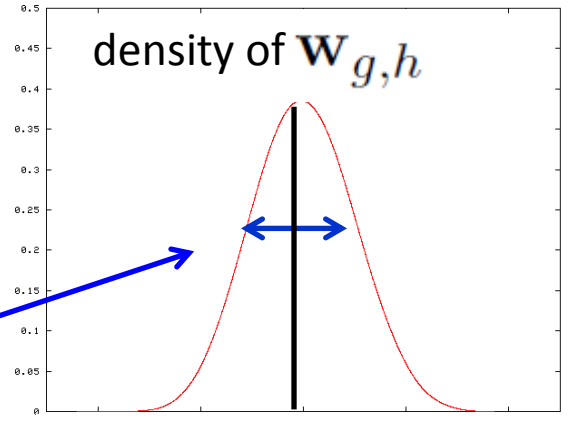
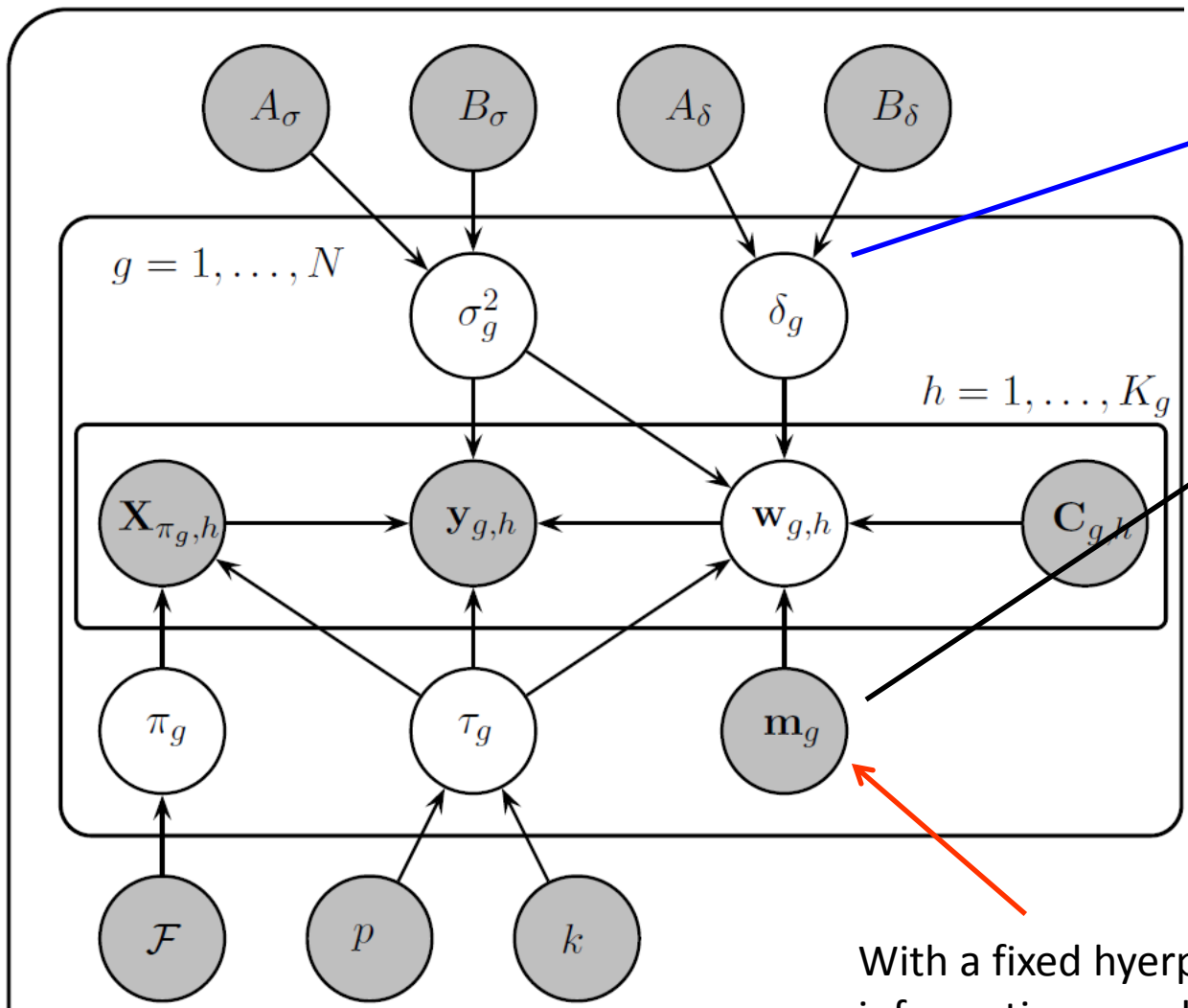
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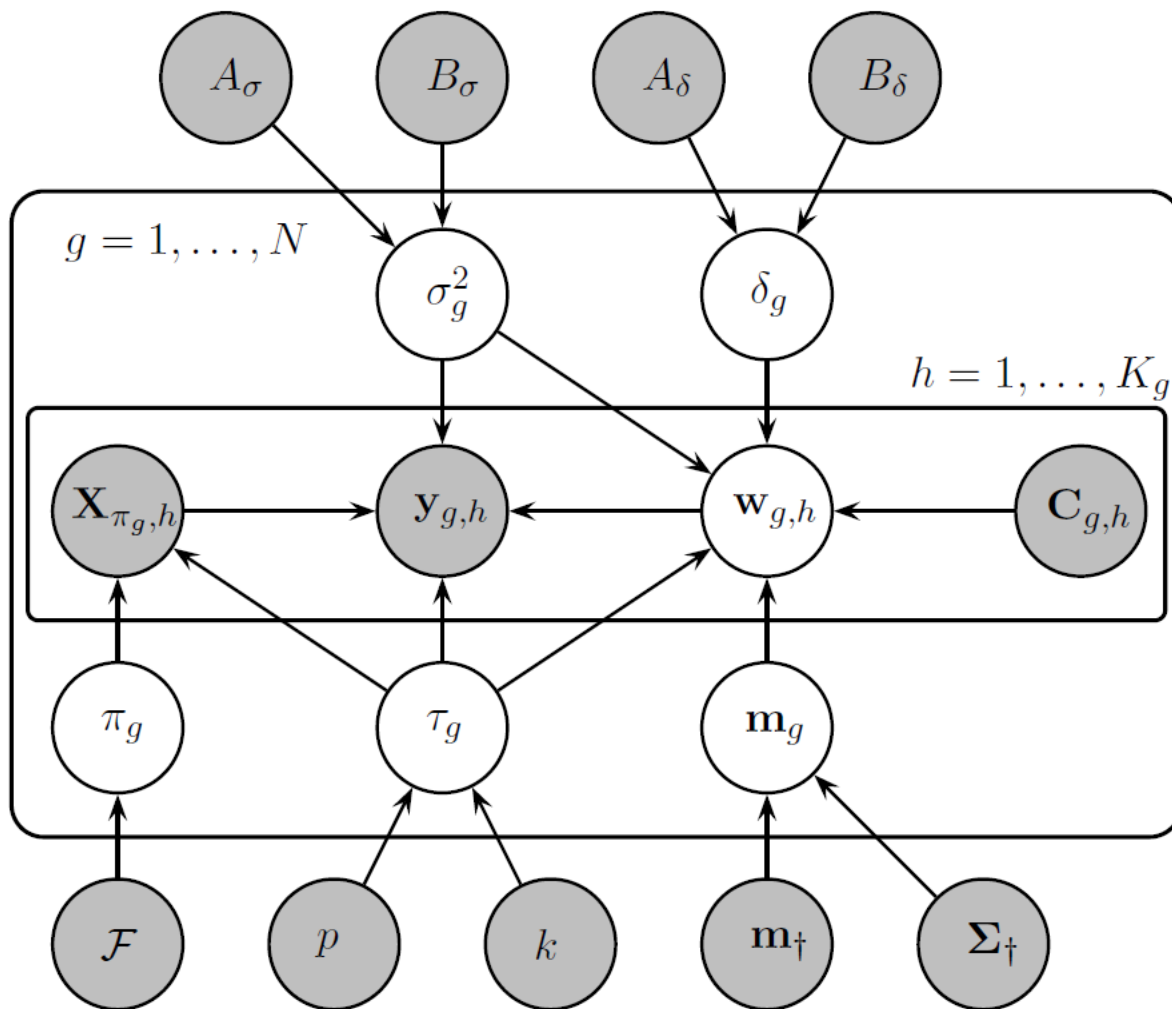


$\mathbf{m}_g$  fixed

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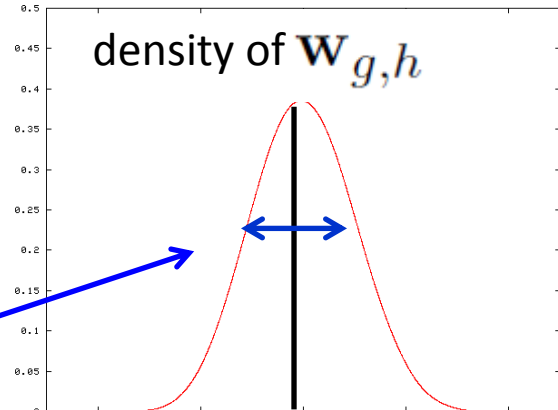
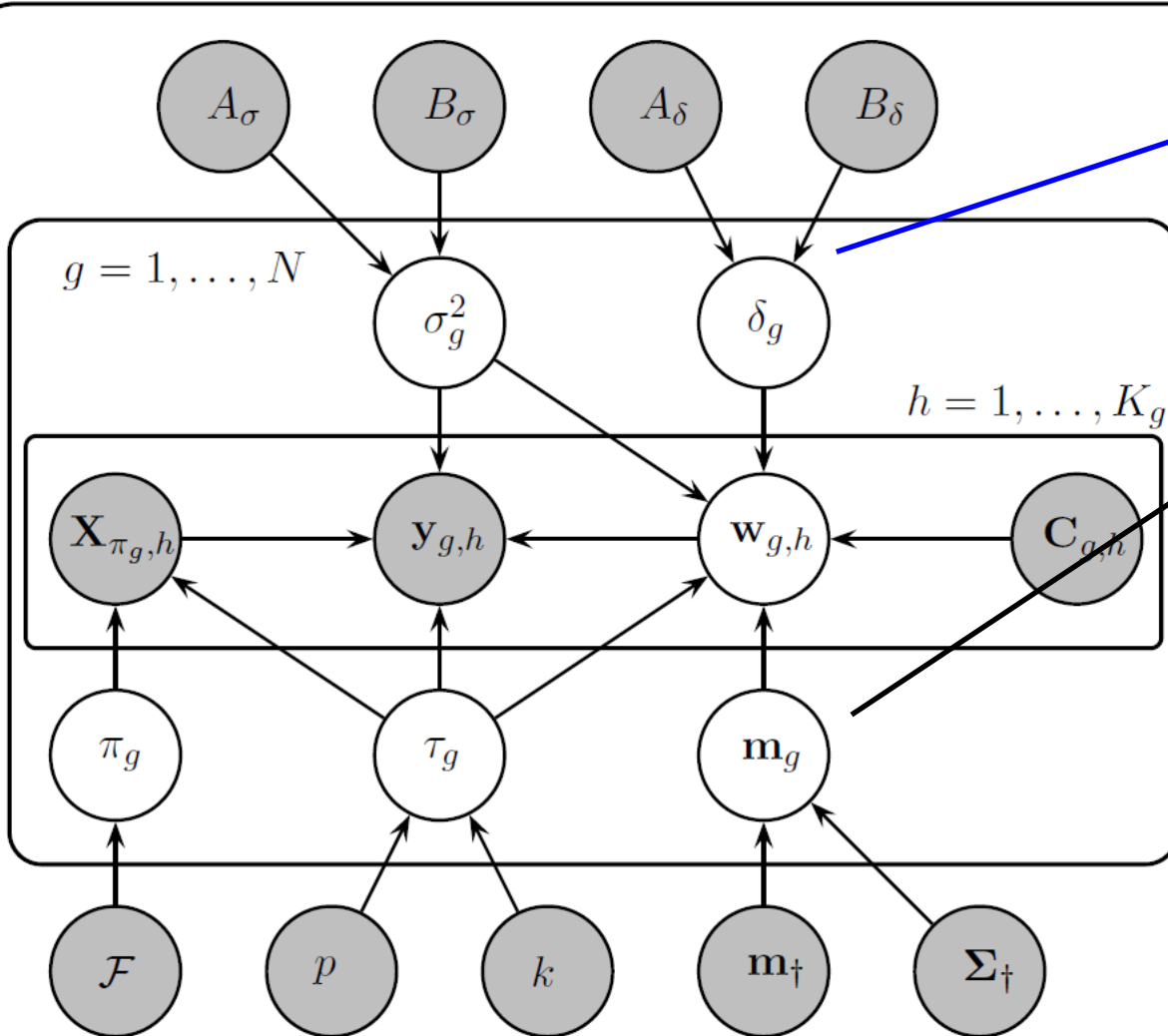
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# Graphical model represen



$\leftarrow m_g \text{ variable} \rightarrow$

so that  
the segment-specific  
regression coefficients  
are coupled

$\rightarrow$  information exchange  
among segments

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# RJMCMC inference Part 1 of 3

1. Noise variances:

$$\sigma_g^{-2} | (\mathbf{y}_{g,..}, \mathbf{X}_{\pi_{g,..}}, \delta_g)$$

2. Regression coefficients:

$$P(\mathbf{w}_{g,h} | \mathbf{y}_{g,h}, \mathbf{X}_{\pi_{g,h}}, \sigma_g)$$

3. Coupling hyperparameters:

$$P(\delta_g^{-1} | \mathbf{y}_{g,..}, \mathbf{w}_{g,..}, \sigma_{g,..}^2, \mathbf{X}_{\pi_{g,..}})$$

can be sampled  
with standard  
collapsed and  
uncollapsed  
Gibbs sampling  
steps

That is, sample each variable from the **conditional distribution**, conditional on its **Markov blanket**.

**Conjugate prior distributions**: sampling from standard distributions

**Collapsing**: integrate some variables in the Markov blanket out analytically

# RJMCMC inference Part 2 of 3

4. **Network inference** by a Metropolis Hastings sampling scheme, which changes the network by **adding** and **removing** individual edges:

$$P(\mathcal{M}|\mathcal{D}, \{\tau_g\}, \delta) \propto \underbrace{P(\mathcal{M})}_{\text{network prior}} \prod_g \prod_h \underbrace{P(y_{g,h}|\mathbf{X}_{\pi_{g,h}}, \delta_g)}_{\text{marginal likelihoods}}$$

can be computed in closed form:

5. **Changepoint inference** by a Metropolis Hastings sampling scheme, which changes the segmentation by **adding** and **removing** gene-specific **changepoints**:

$$P(\{\tau_g\}|\mathcal{D}, \delta, \mathcal{M}) \propto \underbrace{\prod_g P(\tau_g)}_{\text{changepoint prior}} \prod_h \underbrace{P(y_{g,h}|\mathbf{X}_{\pi_{g,h}}, \delta_g)}_{\text{marginal likelihoods}}$$

can be computed in closed form:

# RJMCMC inference Part 3 of 3

6. The global mean vector  $\mathbf{m}_g$  can be sampled with a collapsed Gibbs sampling steps:

$$\mathbf{m}_g | (\mathbf{w}_{g,1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{g,K_g}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_{\star,g}, \Sigma_{\star,g})$$

with the sufficient statistics:

$$\Sigma_{\star,g} := (\Sigma_{\dagger}^{-1} + K_g \Sigma_0^{-1})^{-1}$$

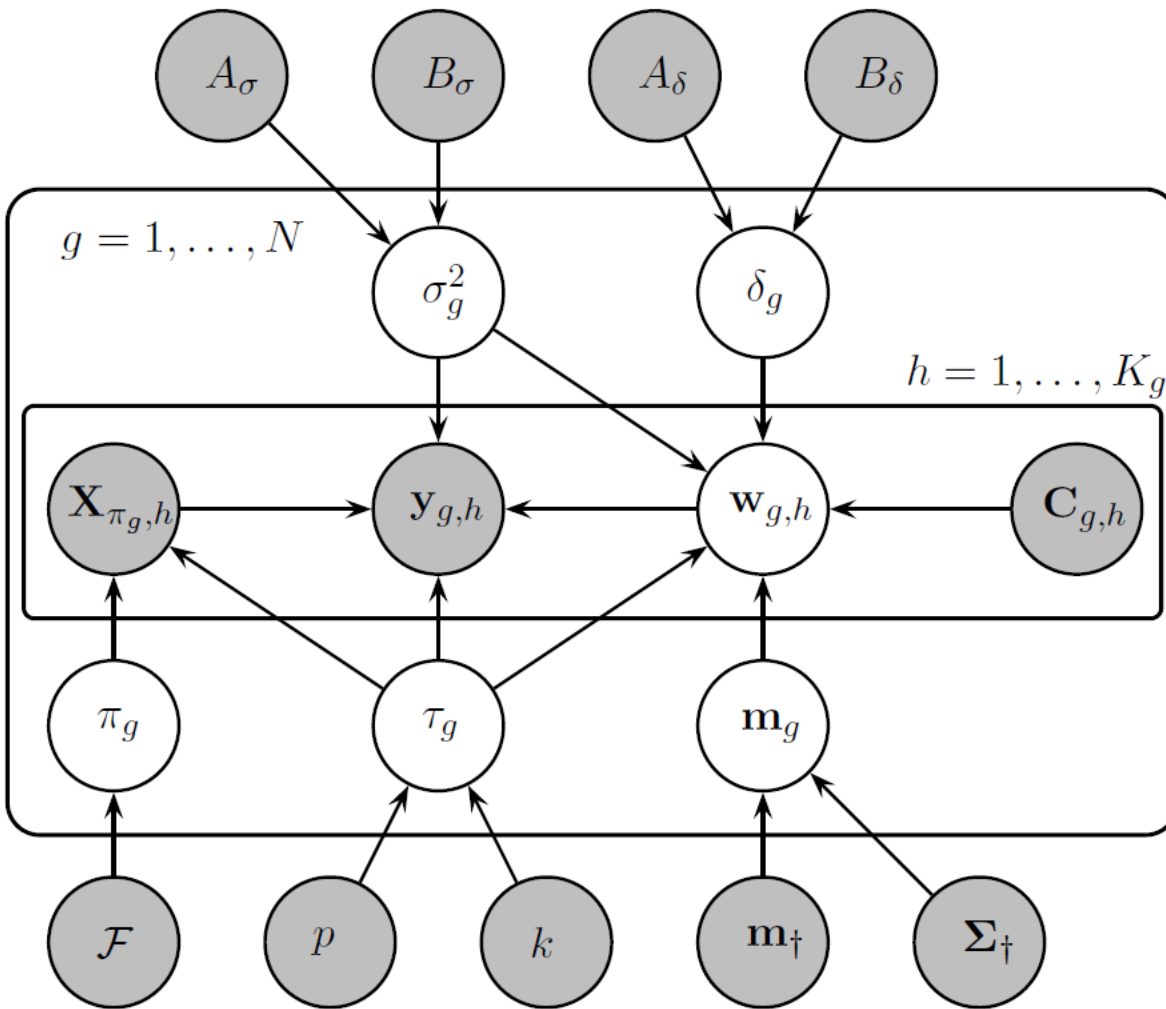
$$\mathbf{m}_{\star,g} := \Sigma_{\star,g} (\Sigma_{\dagger}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{\dagger} + \Sigma_0^{-1} [\sum_{h=1}^{K_g} \mathbf{w}_{g,h}])$$

Overall sampling scheme:

“Metropolis-Hastings-RJMCMC scheme within a partially collapsed Gibbs sampler”



# Empirical comparison: (1) globally coupled NH-DBN



For  $g = 1, \dots, N$ :

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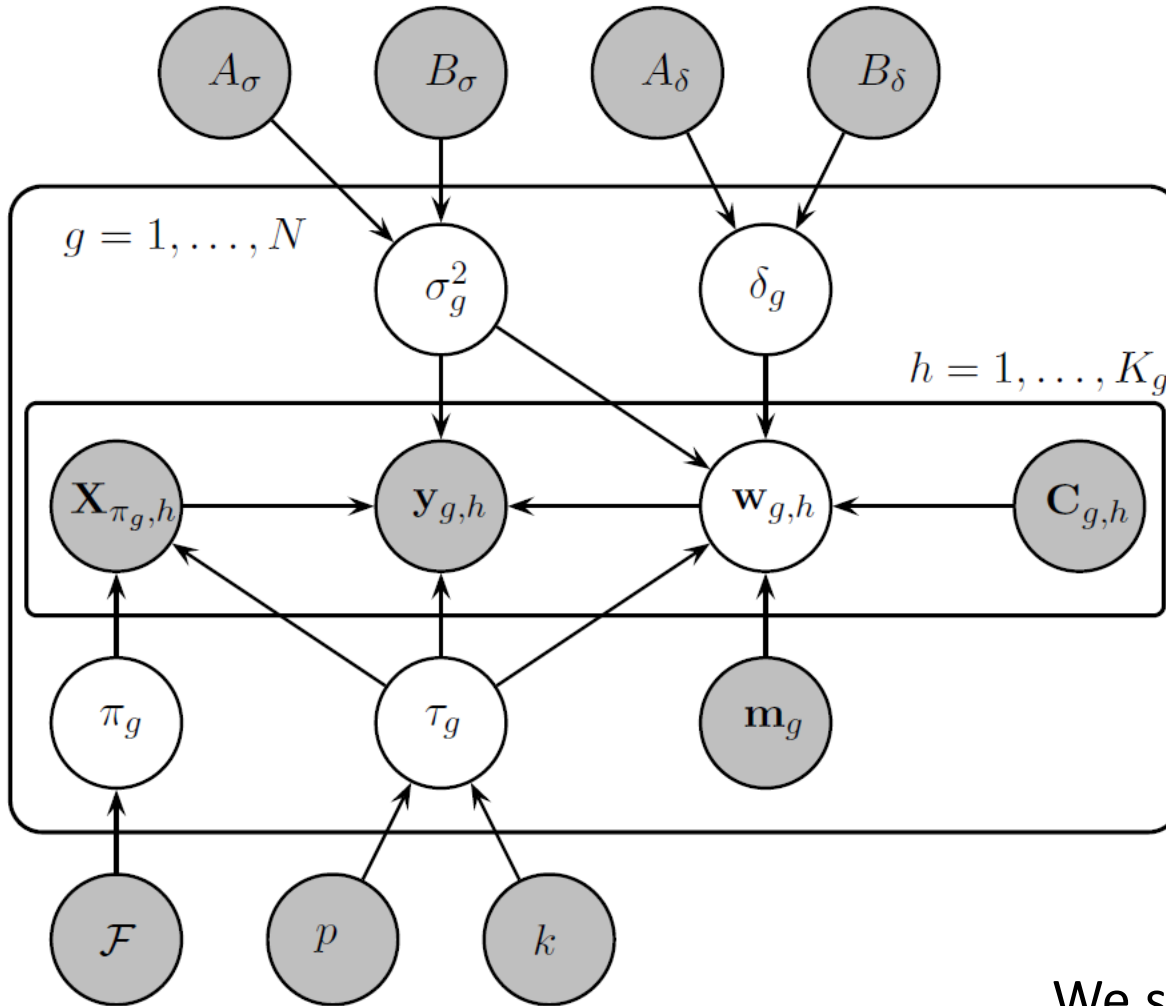
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# Empirical comparison: (2) uncoupled NH-DBN



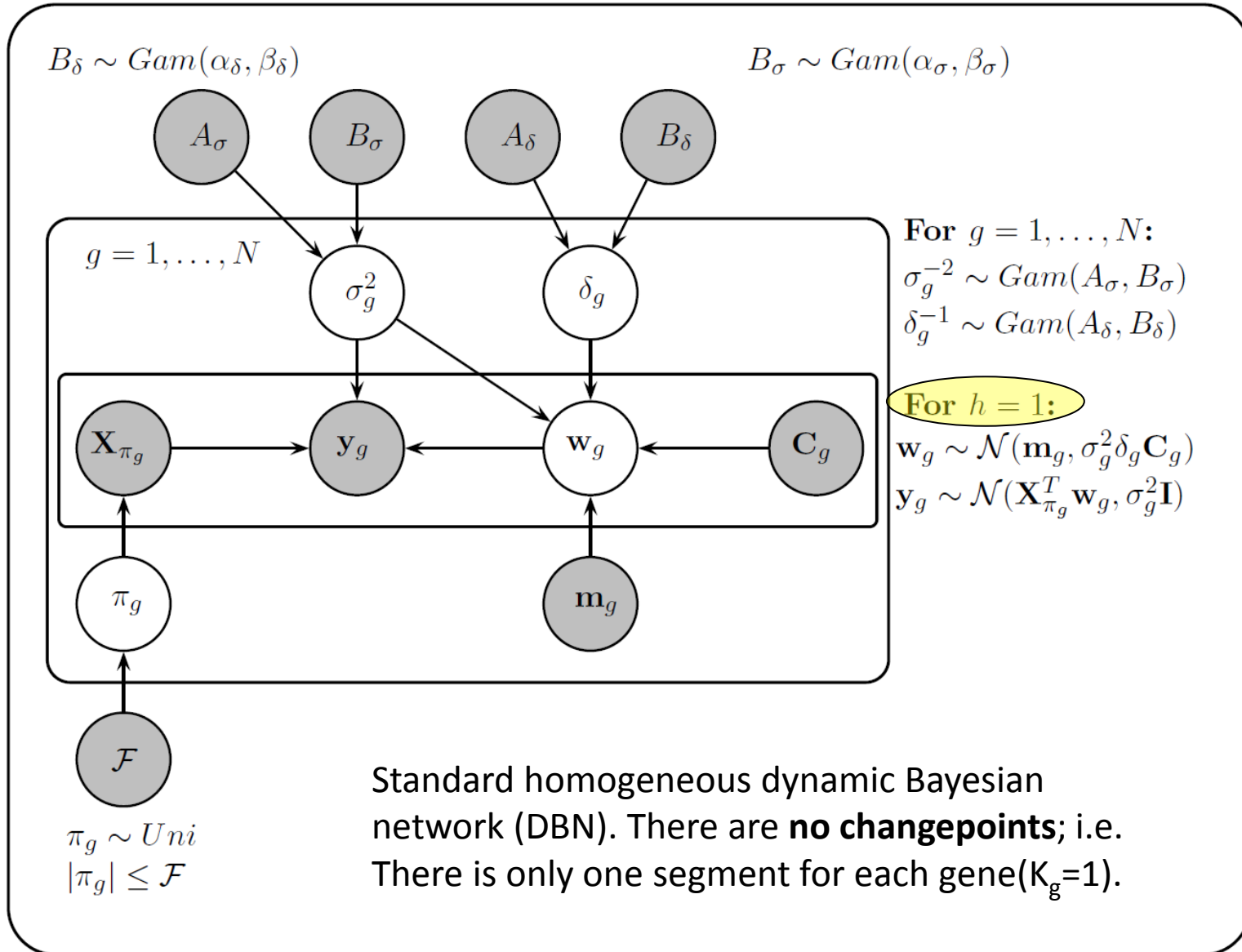
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For  $h = 1, \dots, K_g$ :  
 $\mathbf{w}_{g,h} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_g, \sigma_g^2 \delta_g \mathbf{C}_{g,h})$   
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We set:  $\mathbf{m}_g = \mathbf{0}$ .

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# Empirical comparison: (3) Homogeneous DBN



# Empirical comparison: (4) Sequentially coupled NH-DBN

$$P(\mathbf{w}_{g,h} | \mathbf{m}_{g,h-1}, \sigma_{g,h}^2, \delta_g, \lambda_g) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_{g,1} | \mathbf{m}_{g,0} = \mathbf{0}, \delta_g \sigma_{g,h}^2 \mathbf{C}_{g,h}), & h = 1 \\ \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_{g,h} | \mathbf{m}_{g,h-1}, \lambda_g \sigma_{g,h}^2 \mathbf{C}_{g,h}), & h \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{m}_{g,h-1}$  ( $h \geq 2$ ) depends on the preceding segment:

$$\mathbf{m}_{g,h} = \Sigma_{g,h}([\lambda_g \mathbf{C}_{g,h}]^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{g,(h-1)} + \mathbf{X}_{\pi_{g,h}} \mathbf{y}_{g,h}) \quad (2)$$

For  $h \geq 2$ :

The prior expectation of the regression coefficients for segment  $h+1$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_{g,h}$ , depends on the posterior distribution of the regression coefficients  $\mathbf{w}_{g,h}$  for segment  $h$ .

The coupling strength depends on the hyperparameter  $\lambda_g$ .

**Main idea from:** [Grzegorzczuk and Husmeier \(2012a\)](#)

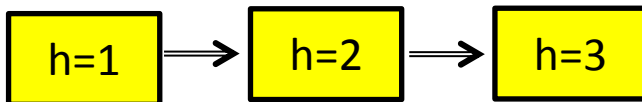
A non-homogeneous dynamic Bayesian network model with **sequentially** coupled interaction parameters for applications in systems and synthetic biology.

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# Information coupling

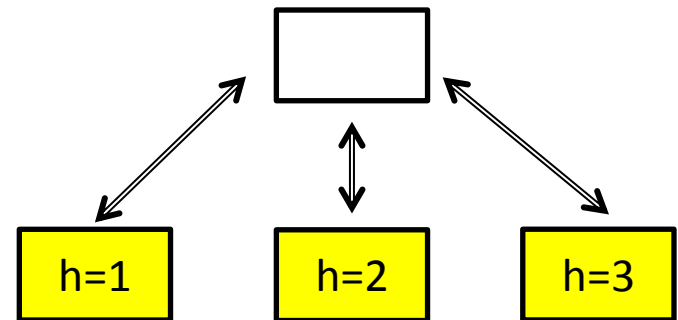
## Sequential coupling

- Information is shared between neighbouring segments
- **For example:** morphogenesis



## Global coupling

- Segments are treated as interchangeable and information is shared globally
- **For example:** different experimental scenarios or environmental conditions



# **Empirical evaluation**

**1. Simulated data**

**2. Data from synthetic biology**

**3. Data from a real application**

# Empirical evaluation

## 1. Simulated data

Known gold standard 

Simulation process does not reflect real biology 

## 2. Data from synthetic biology

Known gold standard 

Real wet lab data 

Regulatory network small 

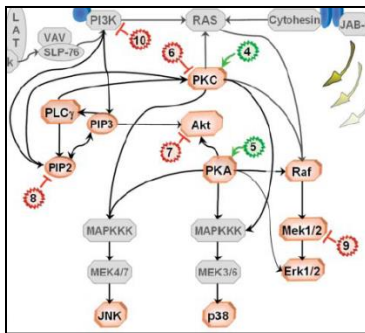
## 3. Data from a real application

Real wet lab data 

No gold standard 

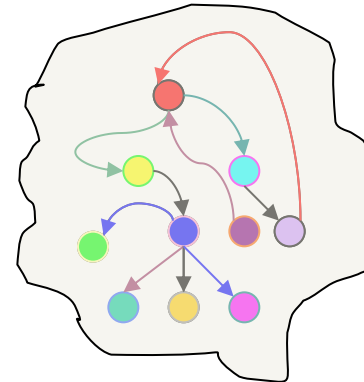
# Reconstruction Accuracy

true network



↑  
biological knowledge  
(gold standard network)

extracted network

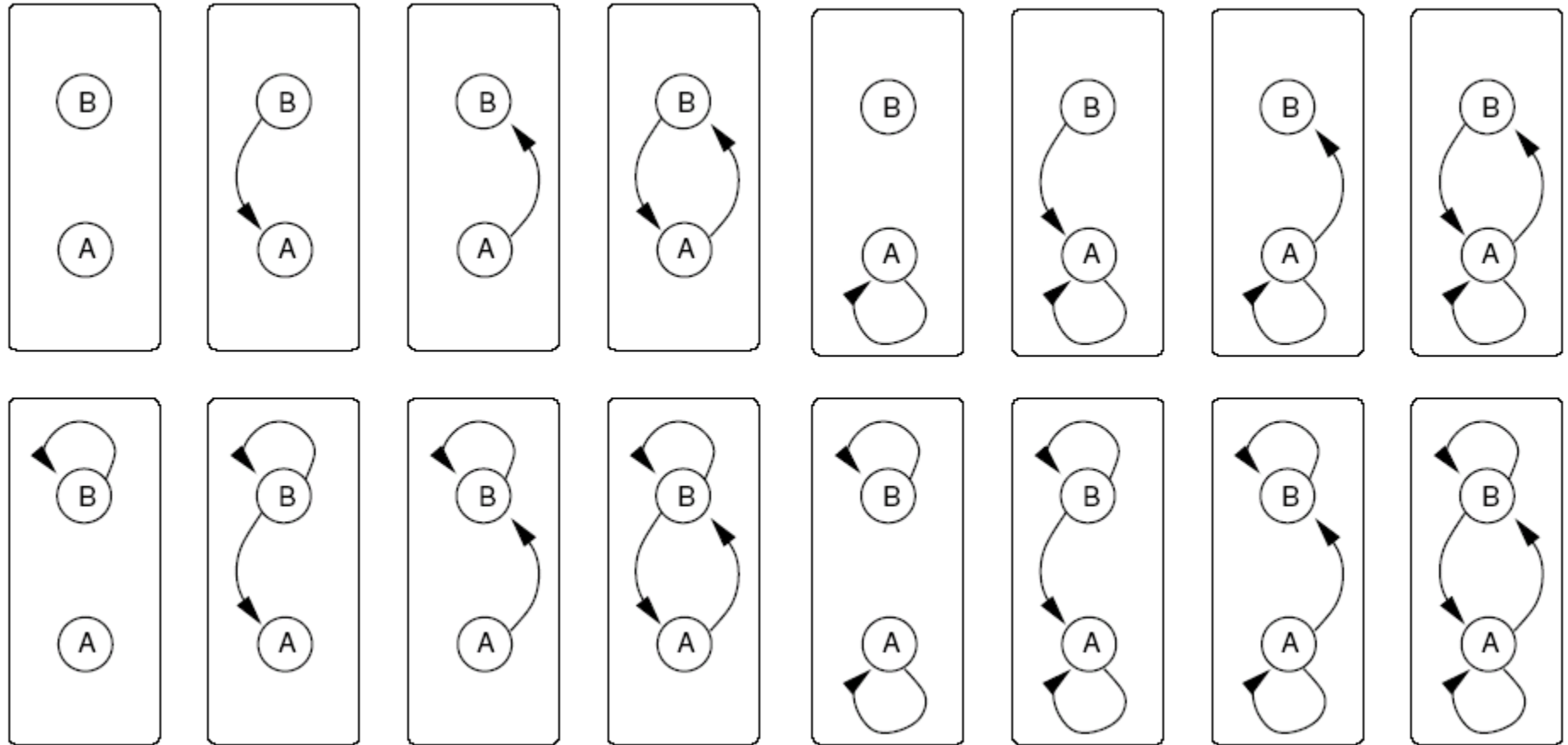


Evaluation of  
learning  
performance





**Example: 2 genes  $\rightarrow$  16 different (dynamic) network structures**

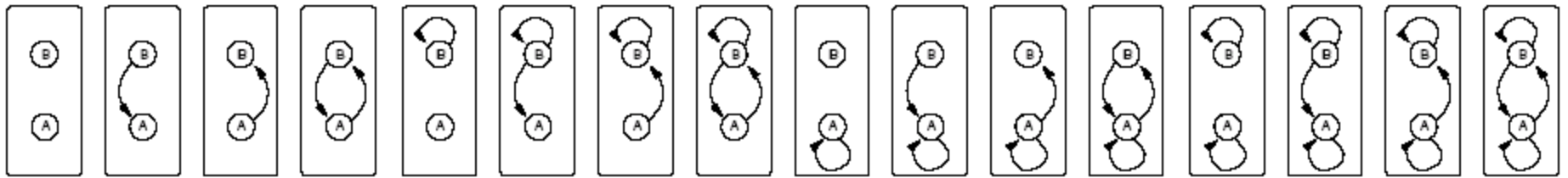
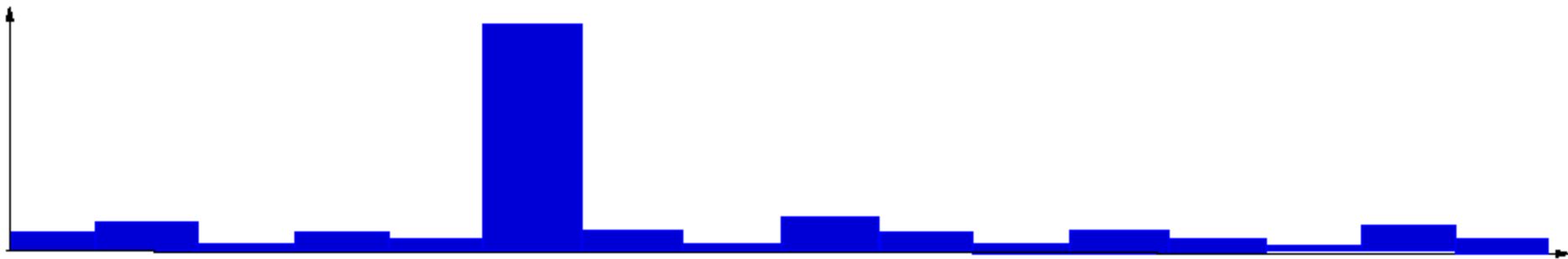


Best network: maximum score  $P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M})$

# Ideal scenario: Large data sets, low noise

Identify the best network structure

$P(\text{graph}|\text{data})$

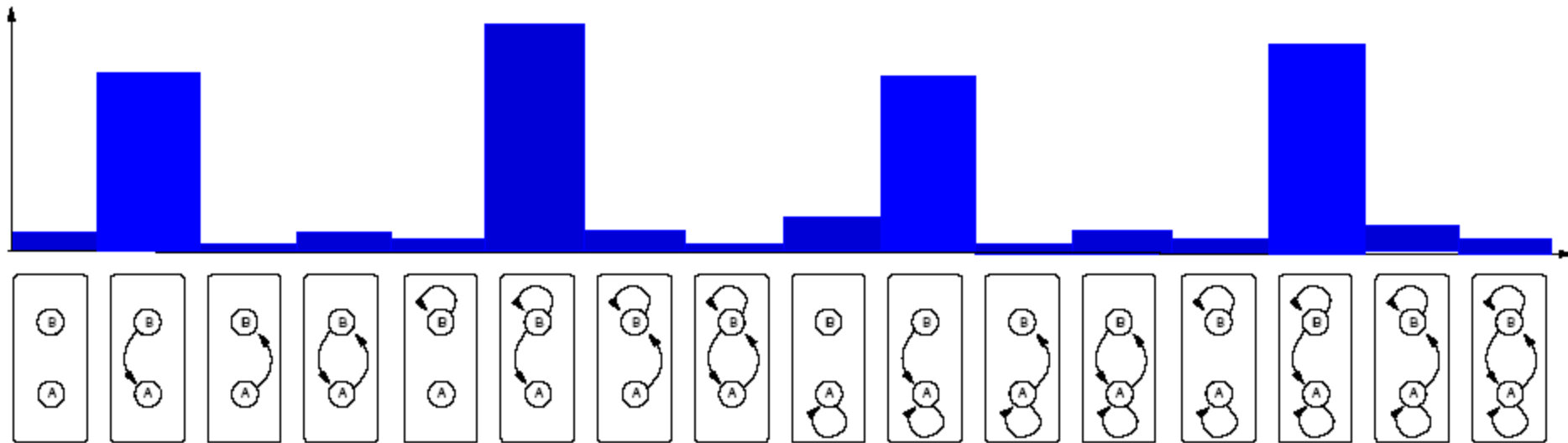


$M^*$

**Realistic: Limited number of experimental replications, high noise**

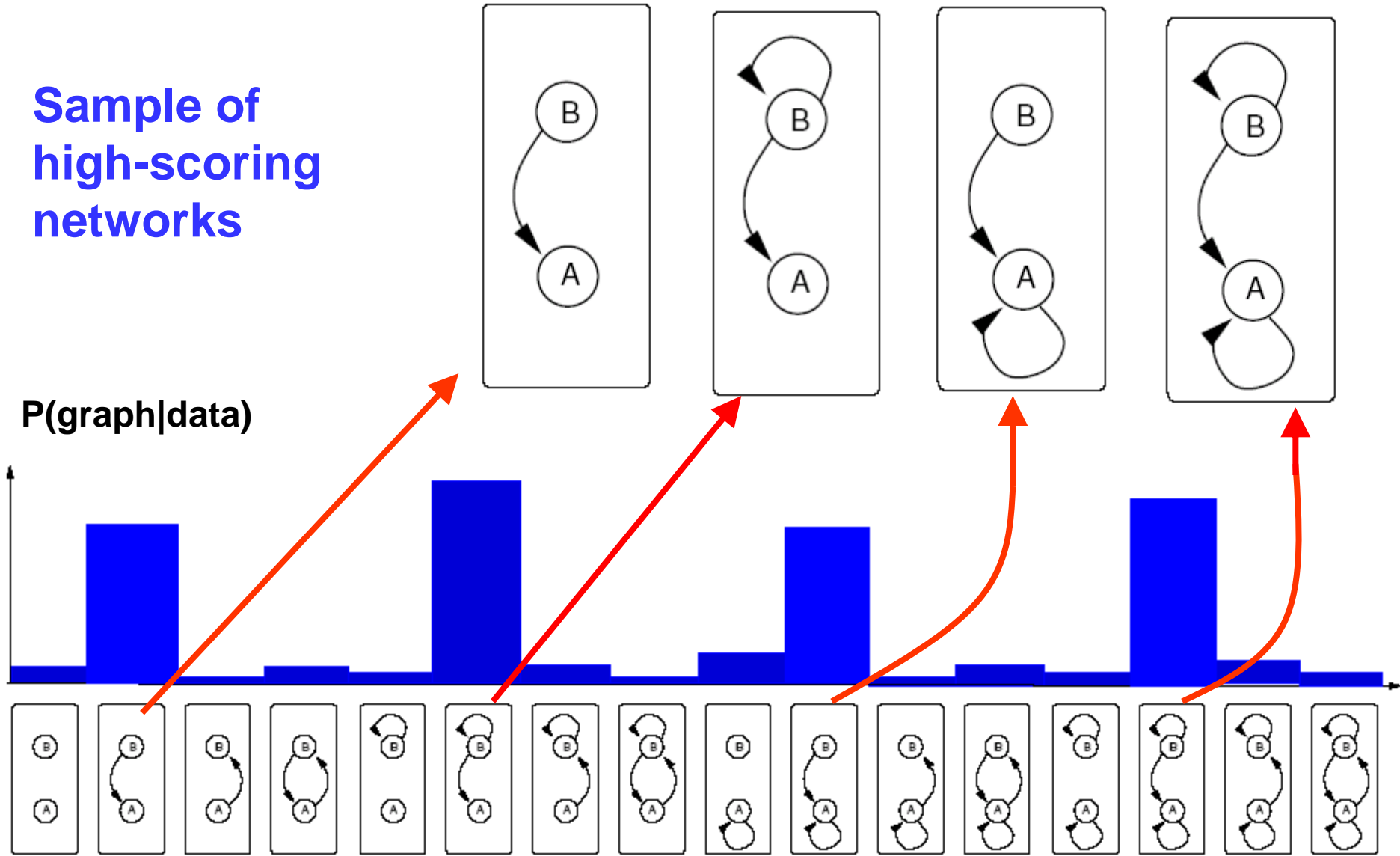
**Uncertainty about the best network**

$P(\text{graph}|\text{data})$

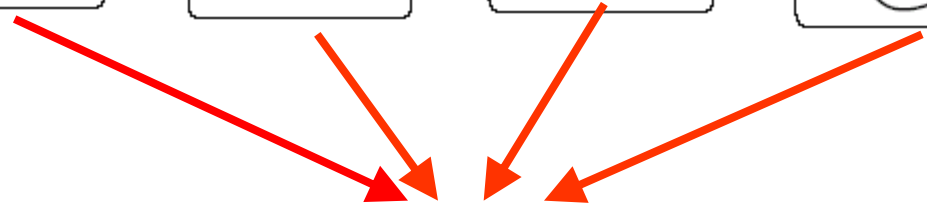
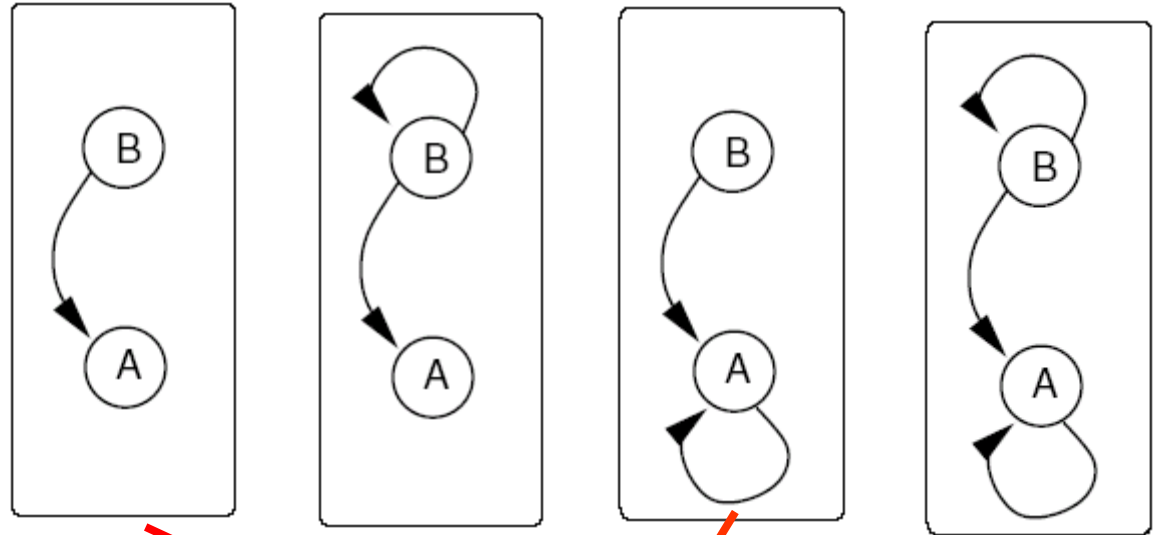


# Sample of high-scoring networks

$P(\text{graph}|\text{data})$

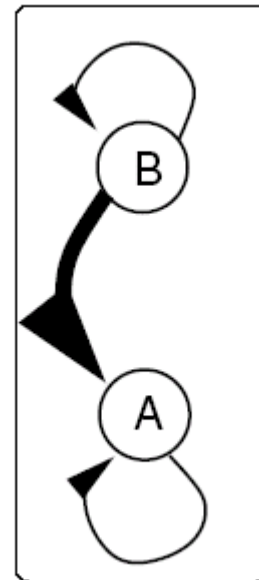


**MCMC sample  
of high-scoring  
networks**

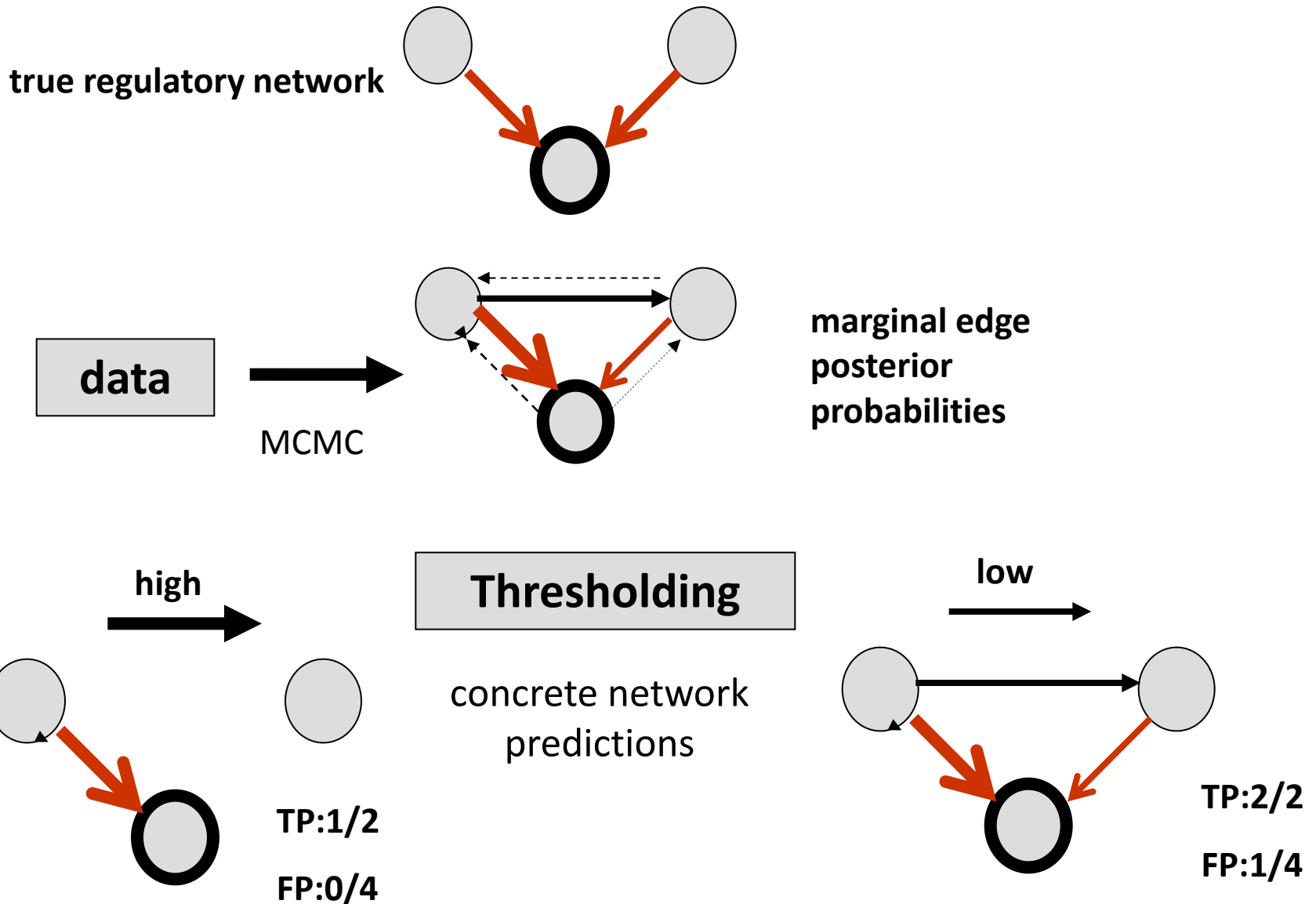


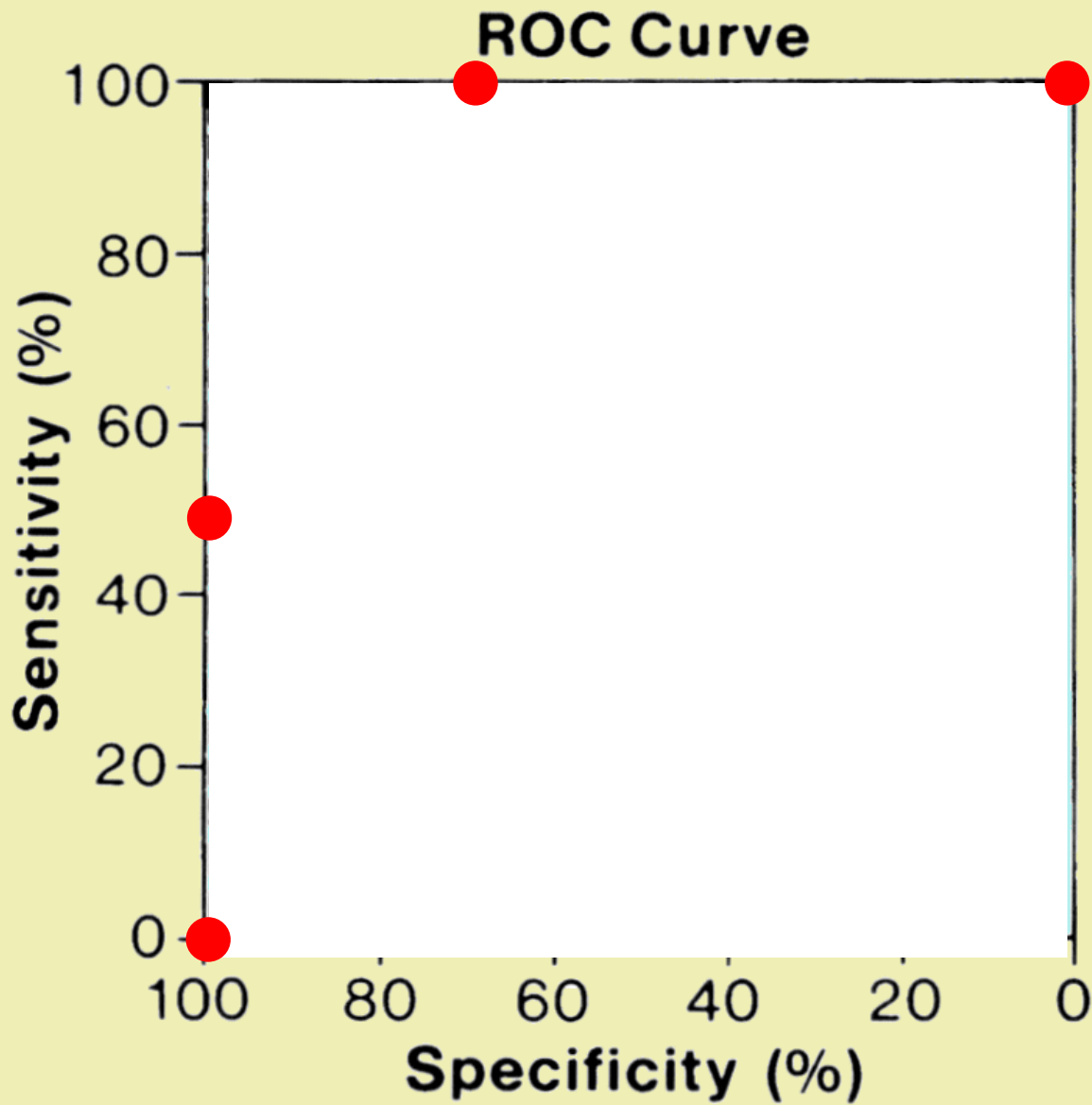
**Idea: Model Averaging**

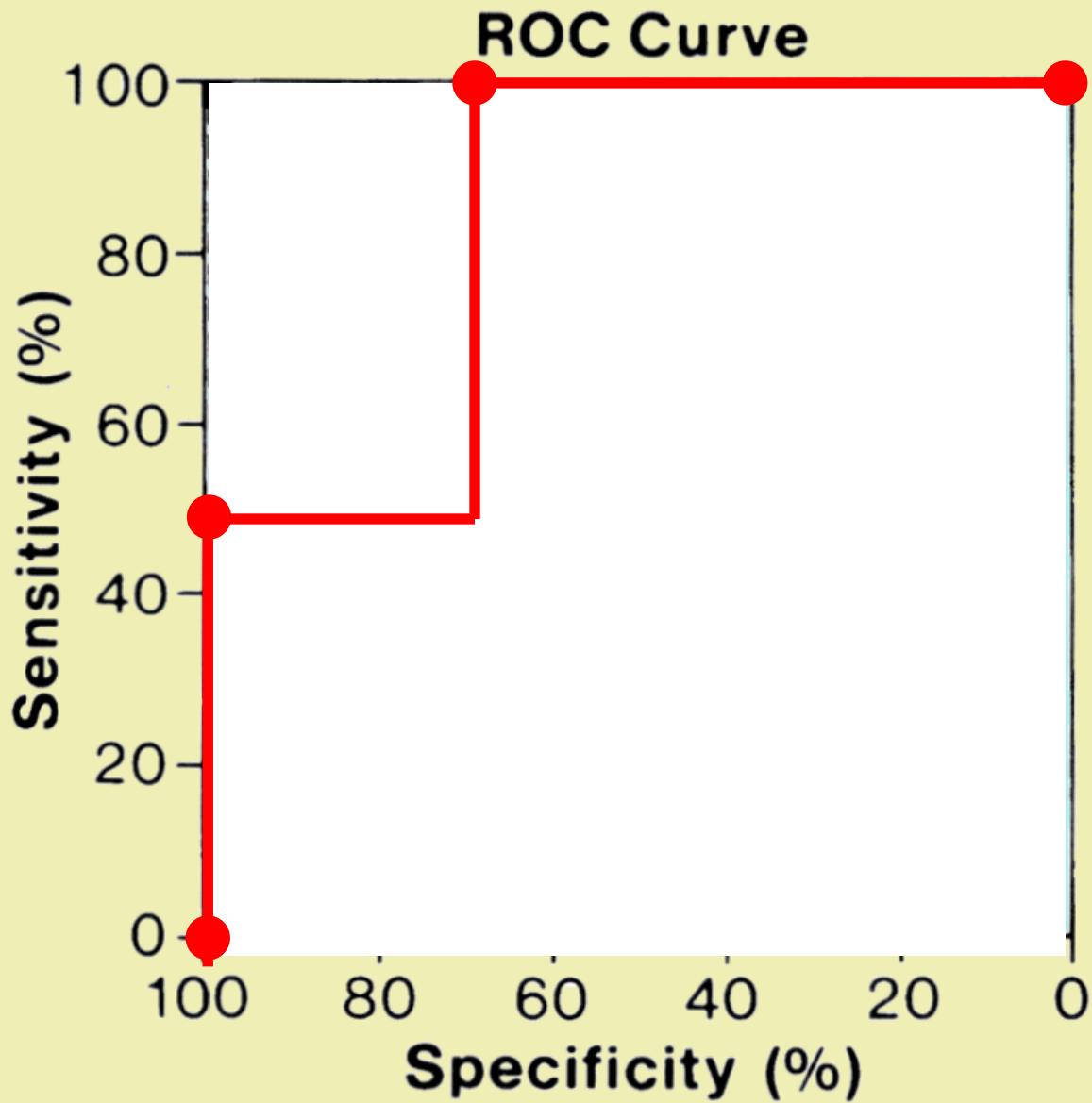
**Compute marginal  
posterior probabilities of  
the edges**



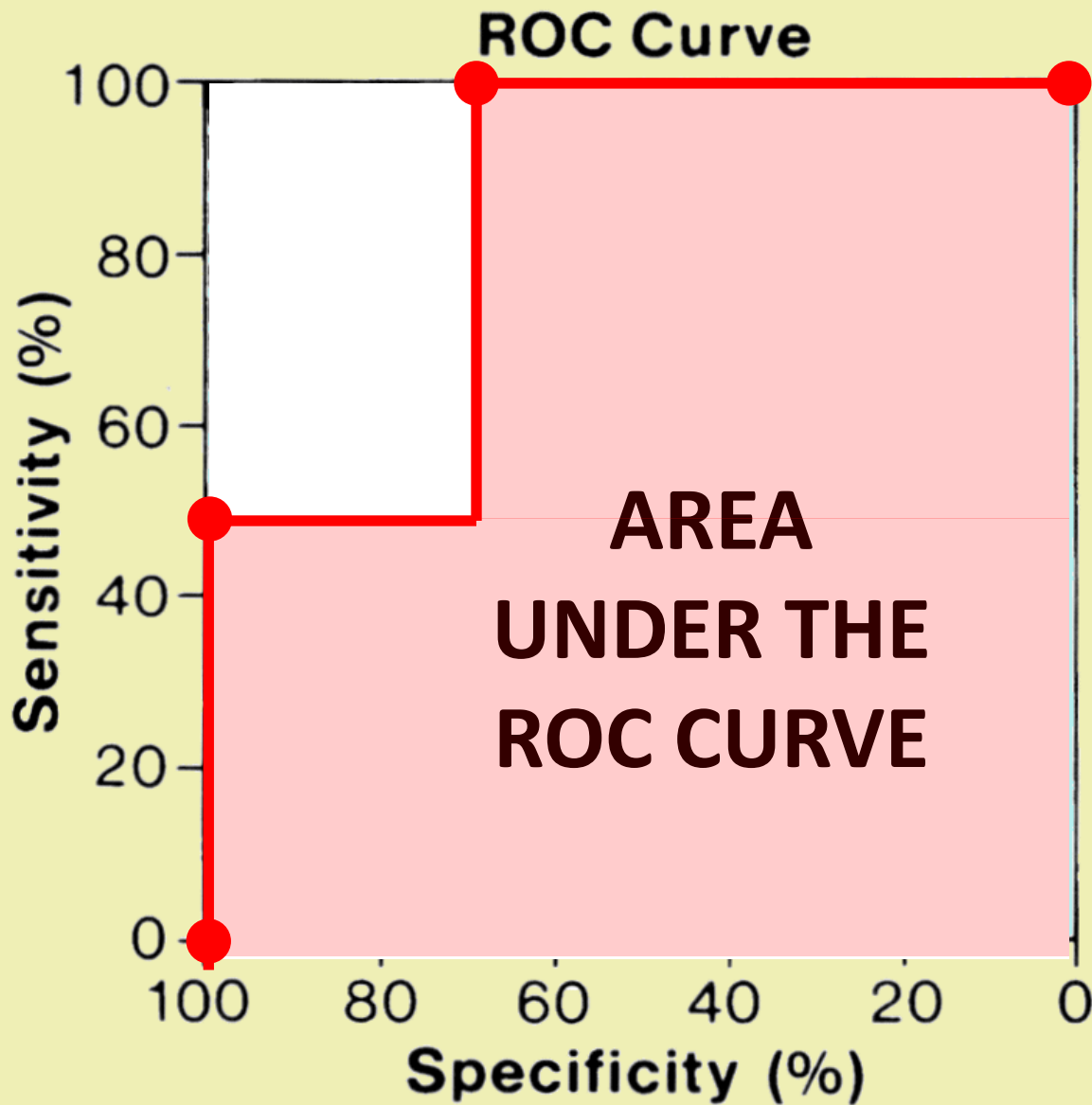
# Probabilistic inference



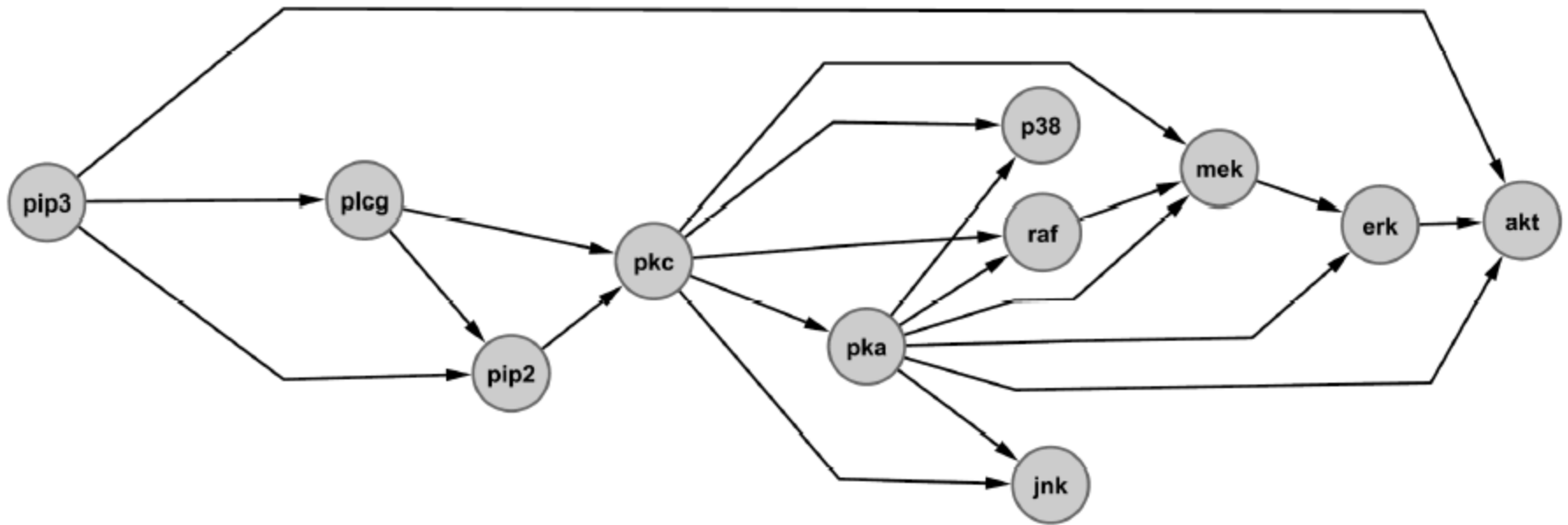






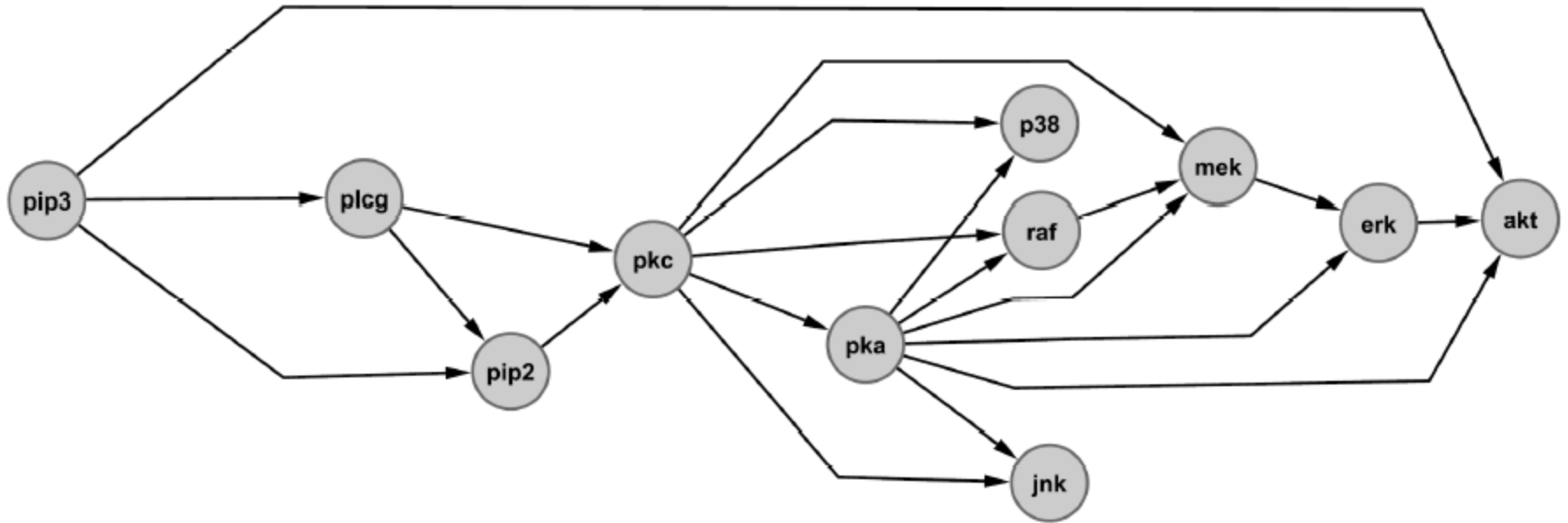


# 1. Simulated data



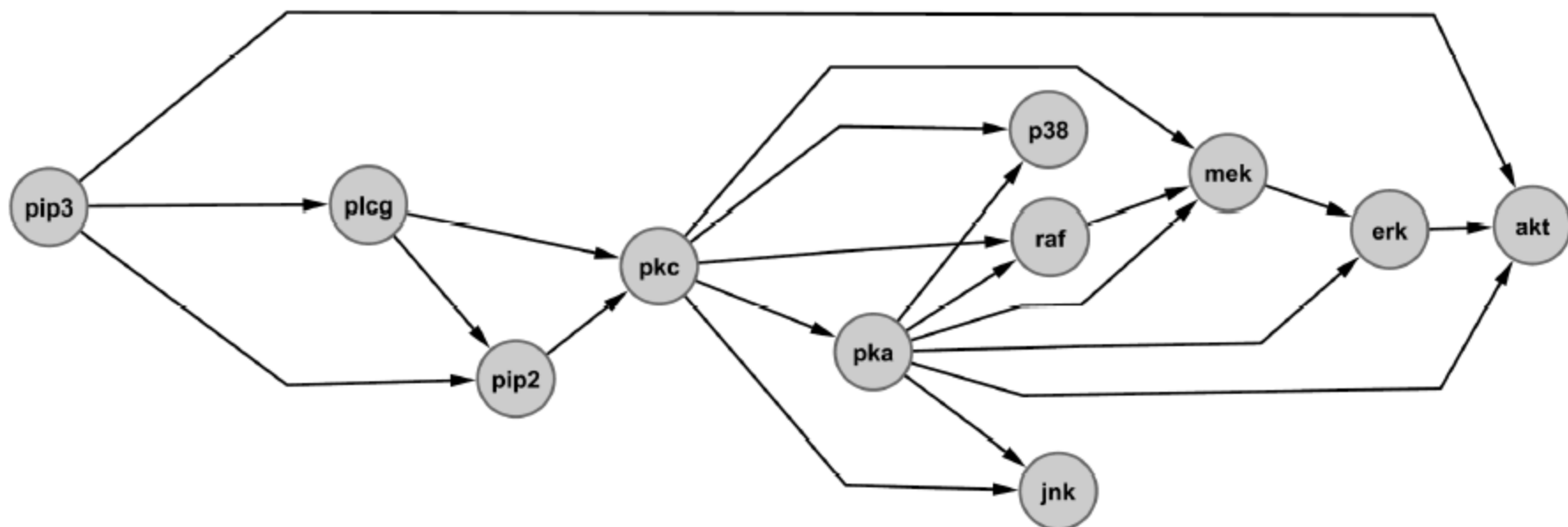
**Figure:** The RAF protein signalling pathway as reported in Sachs et al. (Science, 2005). The RAF network consists of 11 nodes (proteins) and 20 directed edges.

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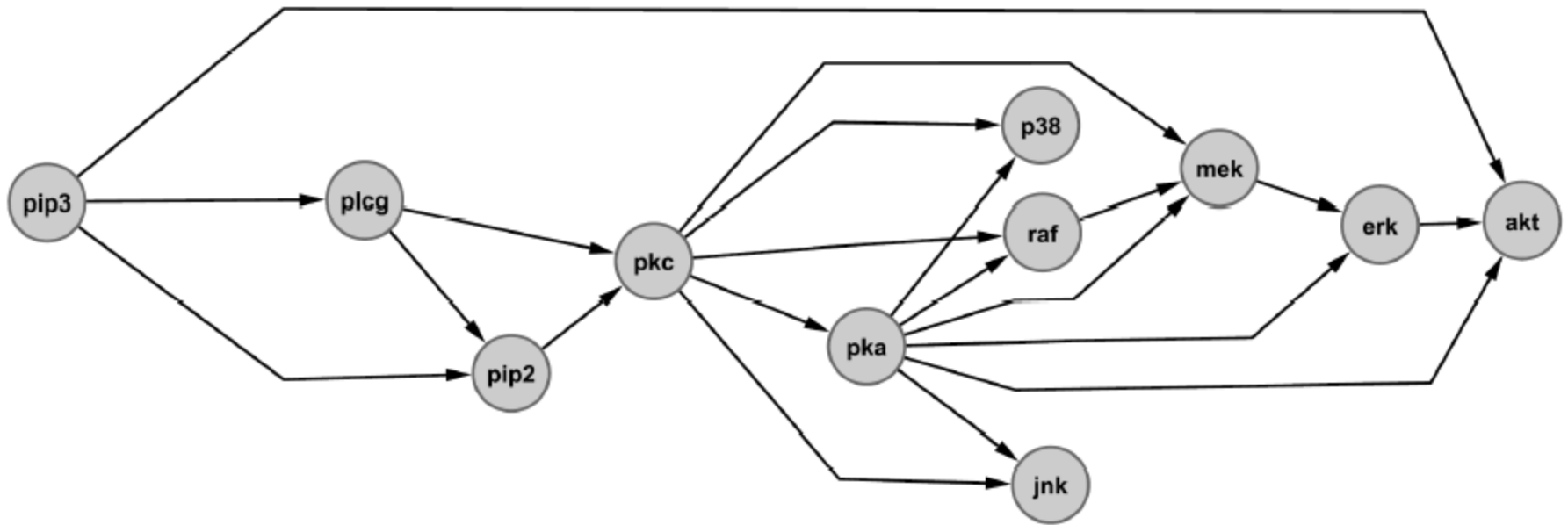


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$$\mathbf{w}_{g,\star} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \quad \tilde{\mathbf{w}}_{g,h} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1),$$

$$\mathbf{w}_{g,h} = \frac{\frac{\mathbf{w}_{g,\star}}{|\mathbf{w}_{g,\star}|_2} + \varepsilon \frac{\mathbf{w}_{g,h}}{|\mathbf{w}_{g,h}|_2}}{\left| \frac{\mathbf{w}_{g,\star}}{|\mathbf{w}_{g,\star}|_2} + \varepsilon \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{w}}_{g,h}}{|\mathbf{w}_{g,h}|_2} \right|_2}$$

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Generate data sets with **4 segments**  $h=1, \dots, 4$  and **10 observations** per segment.

Use **three noise levels** (SNR=10, 3, and 1)

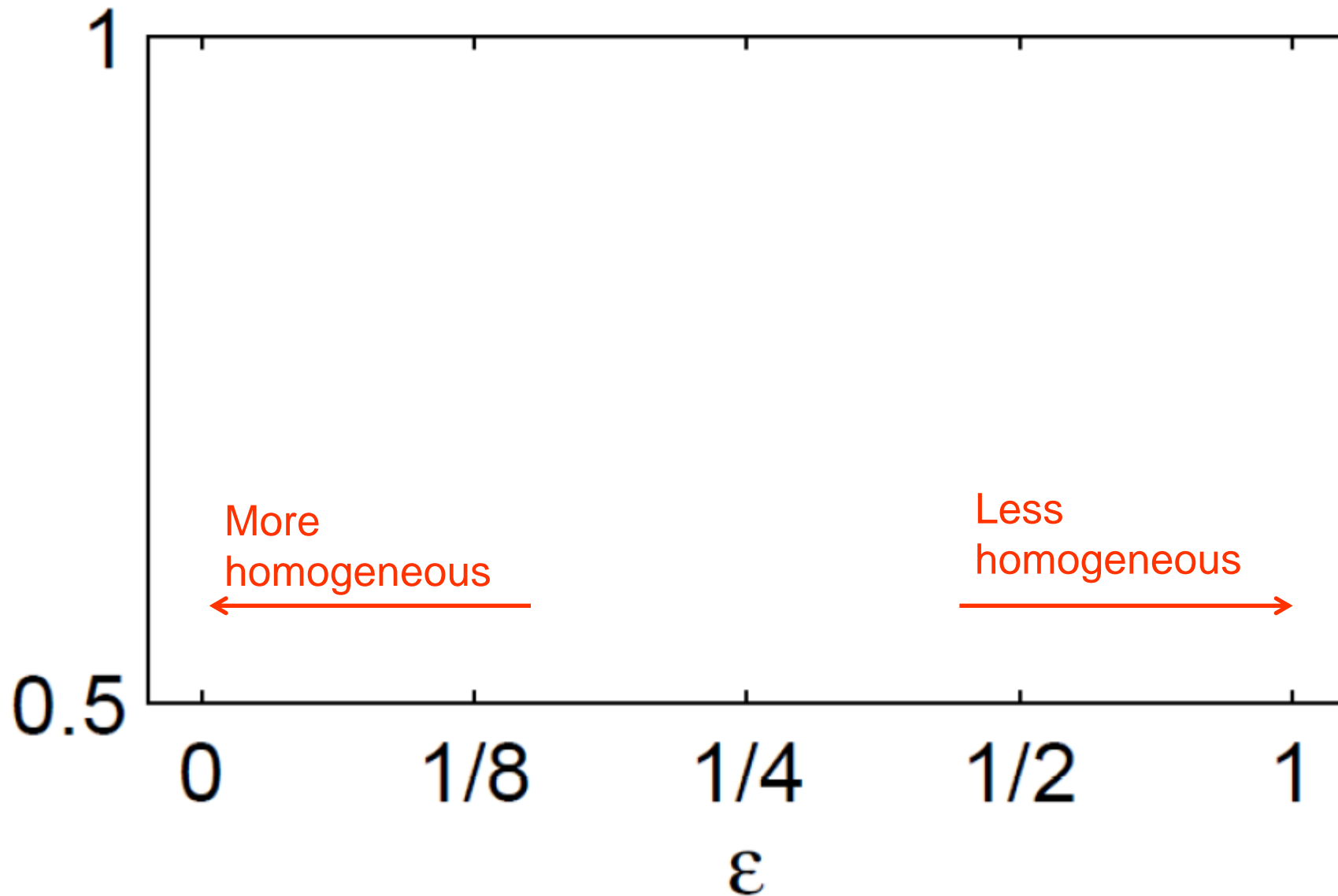
Use the parameter  $\epsilon$  to **vary the similarity** of the segment-specific interaction parameters.

$\epsilon=0$  -> homogeneous data

...

$\epsilon=1$  -> non-homogeneous data

# AUC for SNR=3

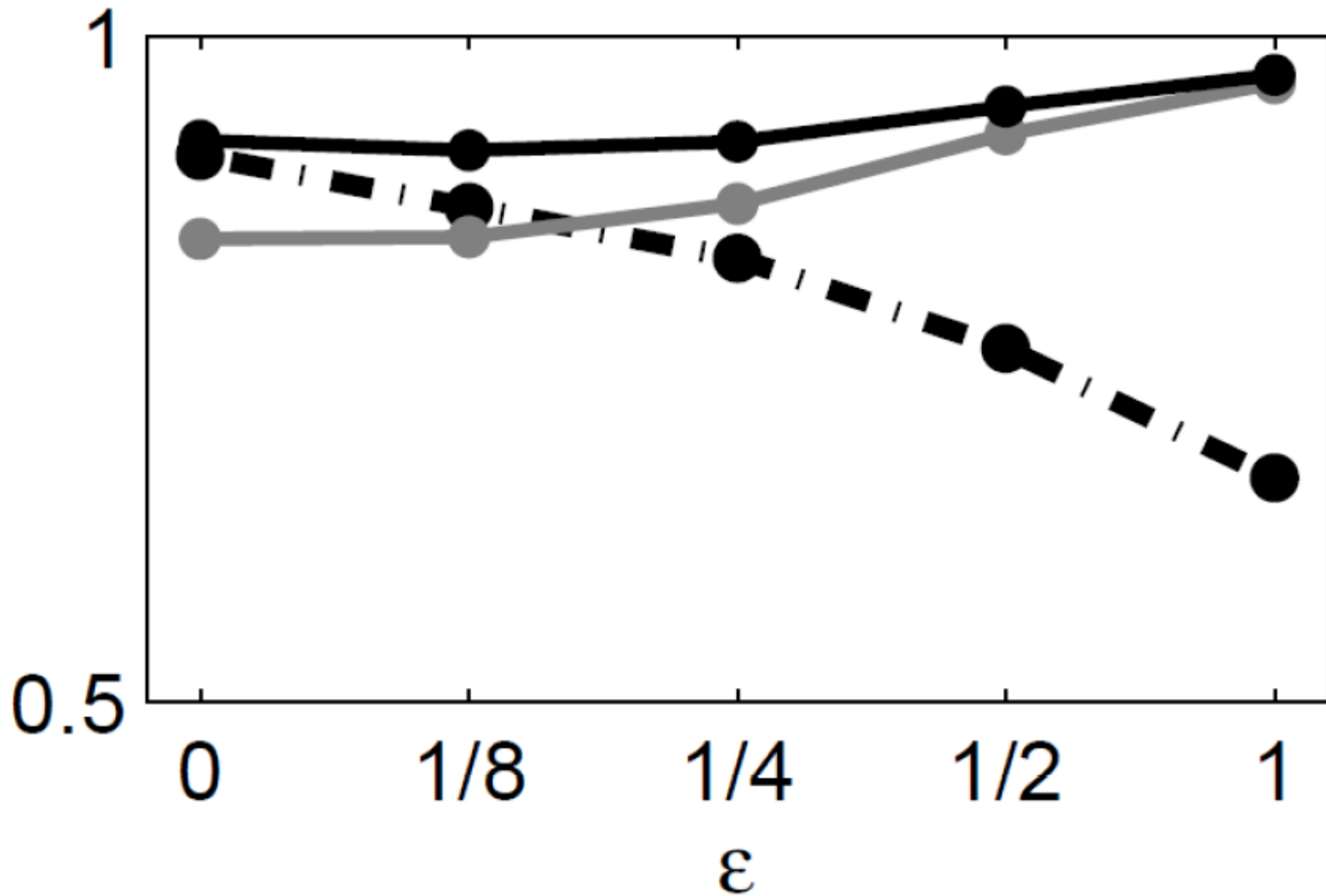


---●--- homogeneous DBN

—●— uncoupled NH-DBN

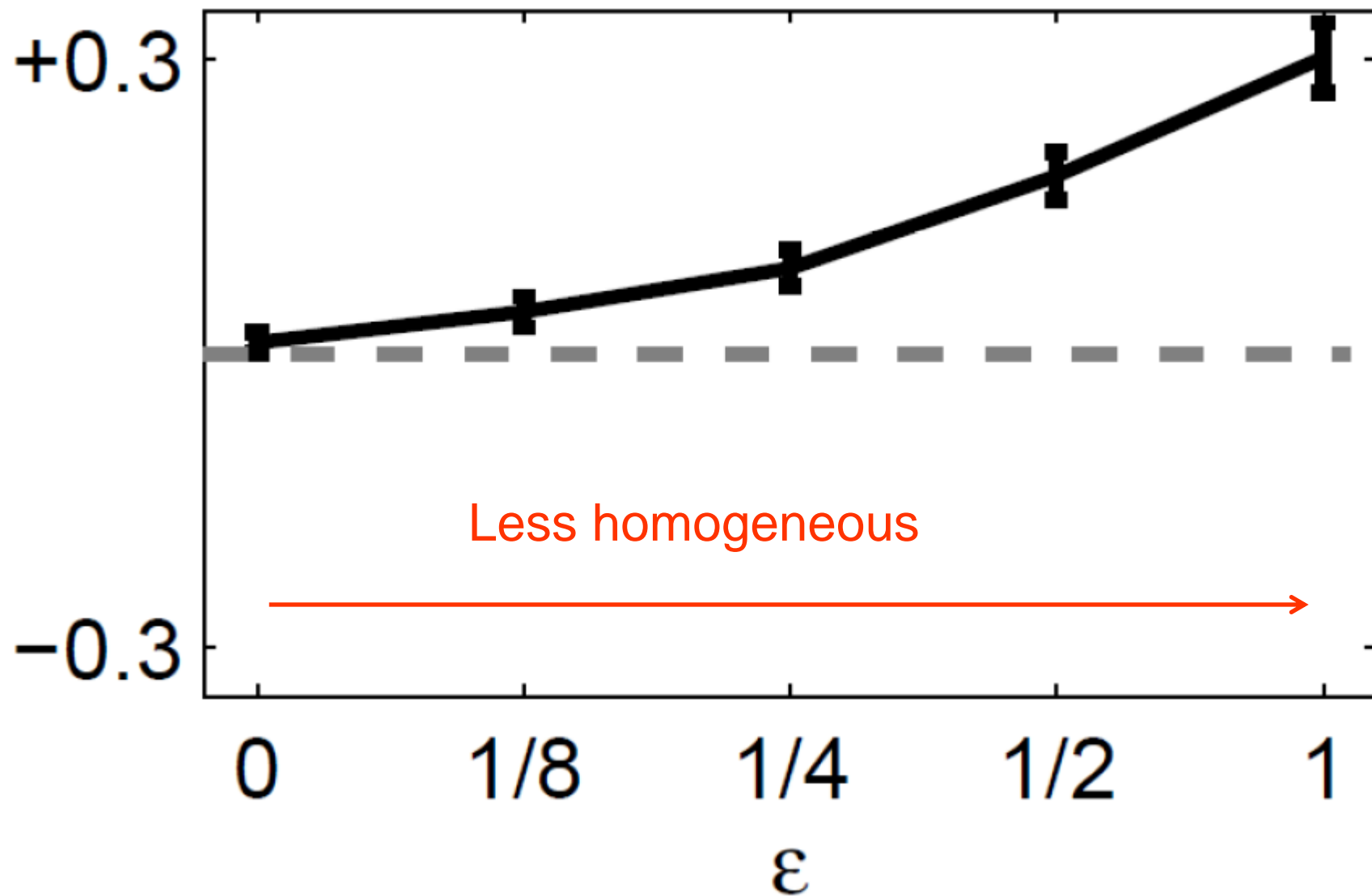
—●— coupled NH-DBN

AUC for SNR=3



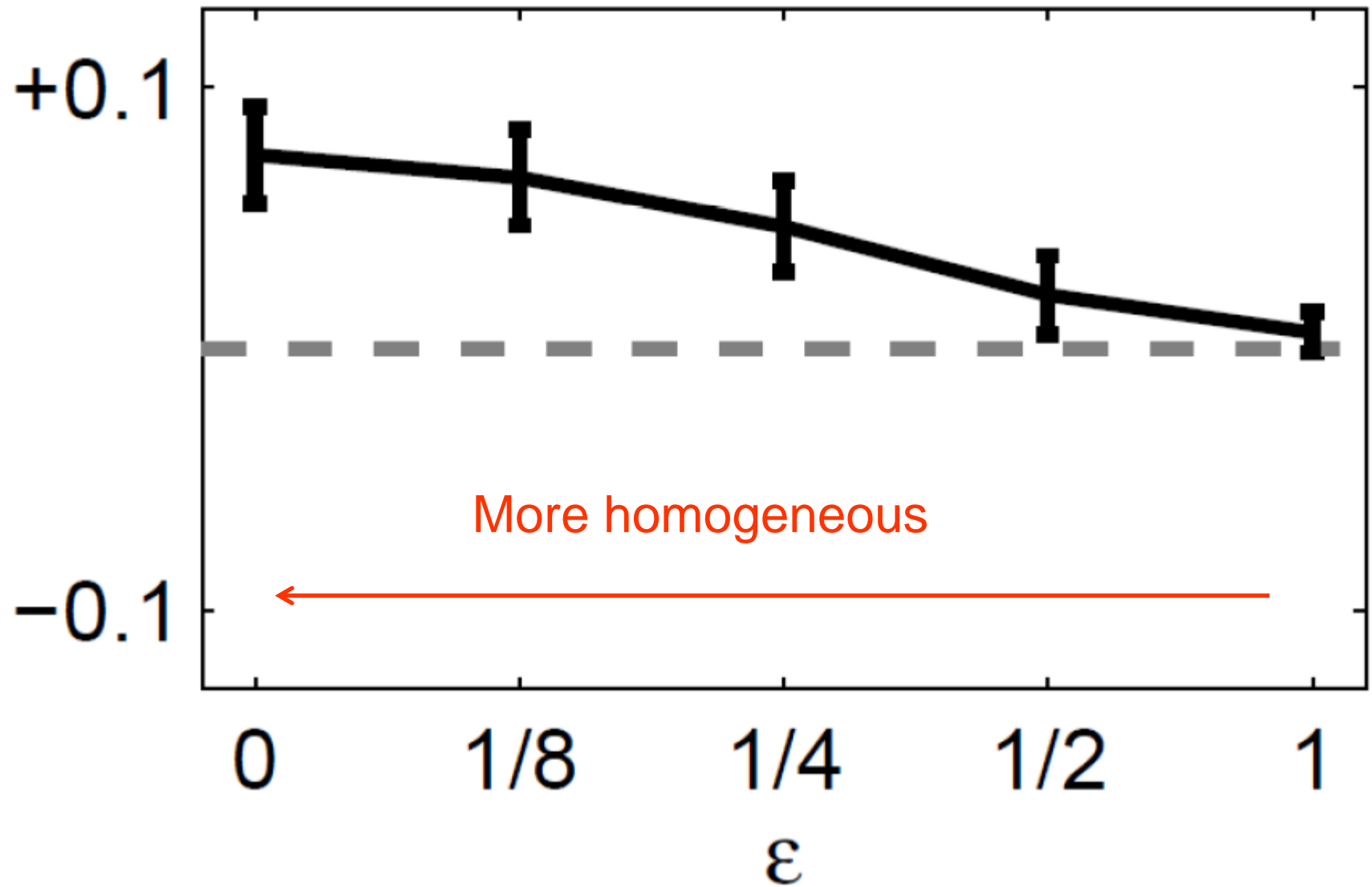
---●--- homogeneous DBN      —●— uncoupled NH-DBN      —●— coupled NH-DBN

# AUC difference: coupled NH-DBN – homogeneous DBN





# AUC difference: coupled NH-DBN – uncoupled NH-DBN



SNR=10

SNR=3

SNR=1

mean AUC-ROC  
total

AUC-ROC difference  
coupled - homogeneous

AUC-ROC difference  
coupled - uncoupled

0 1/8 1/4 1/2 1  
 $\epsilon$

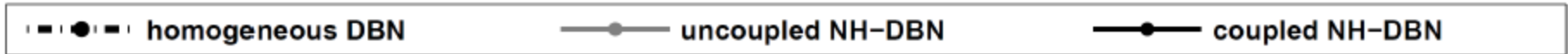
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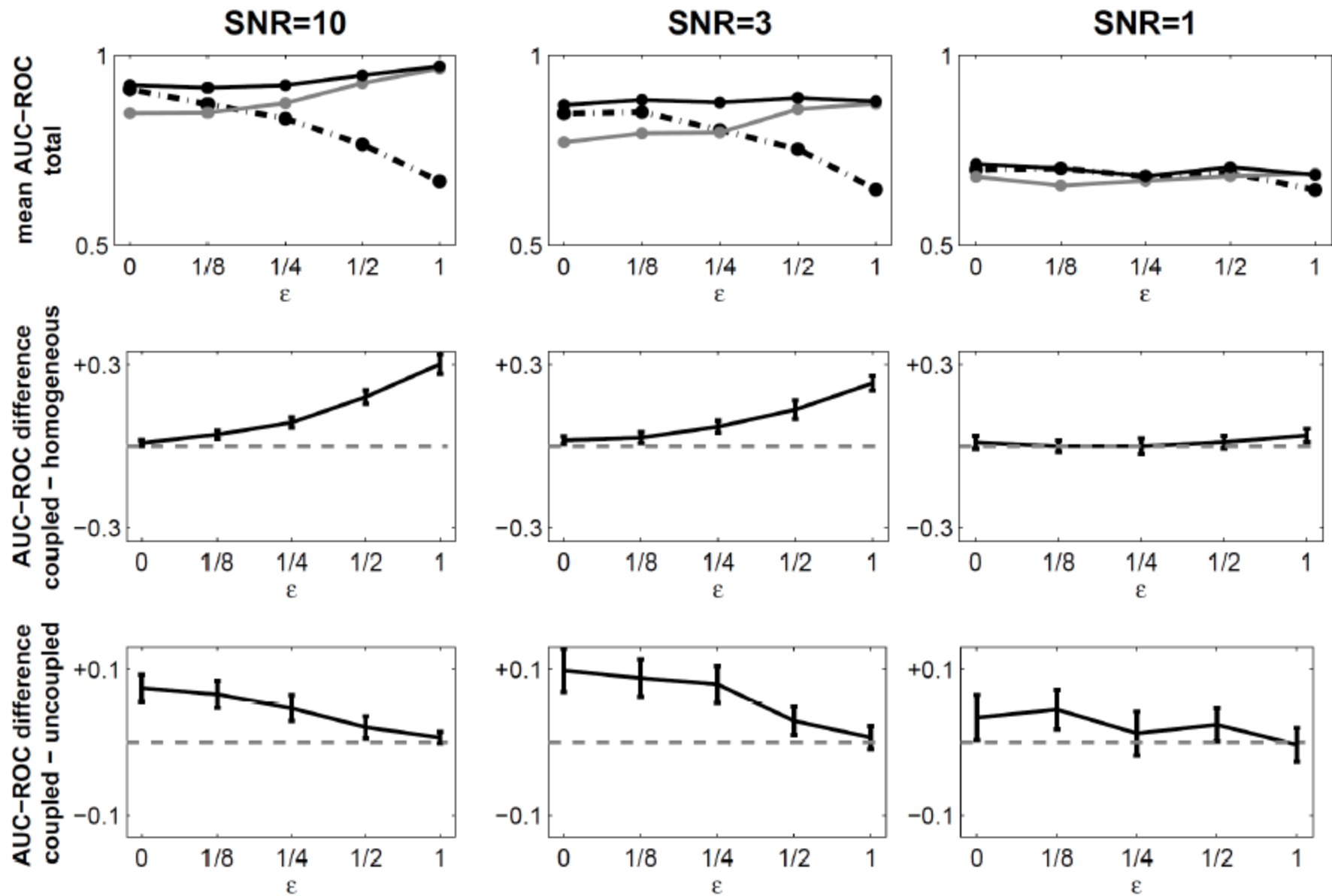
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■ ● ■ homogeneous DBN

— ● — uncoupled NH-DBN

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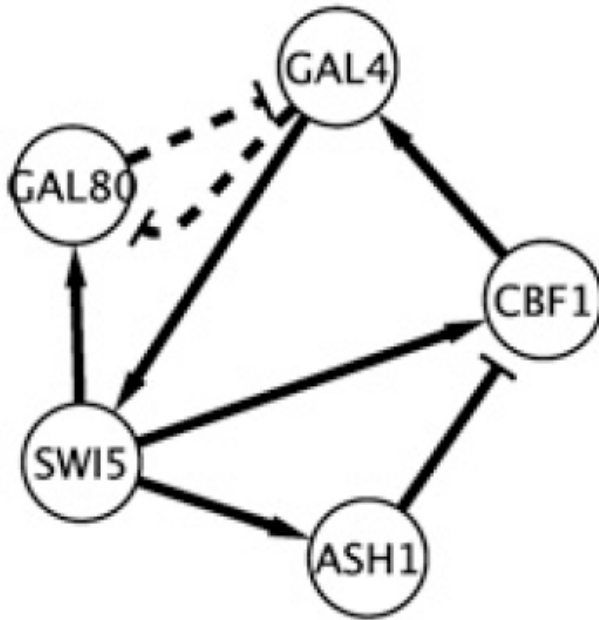


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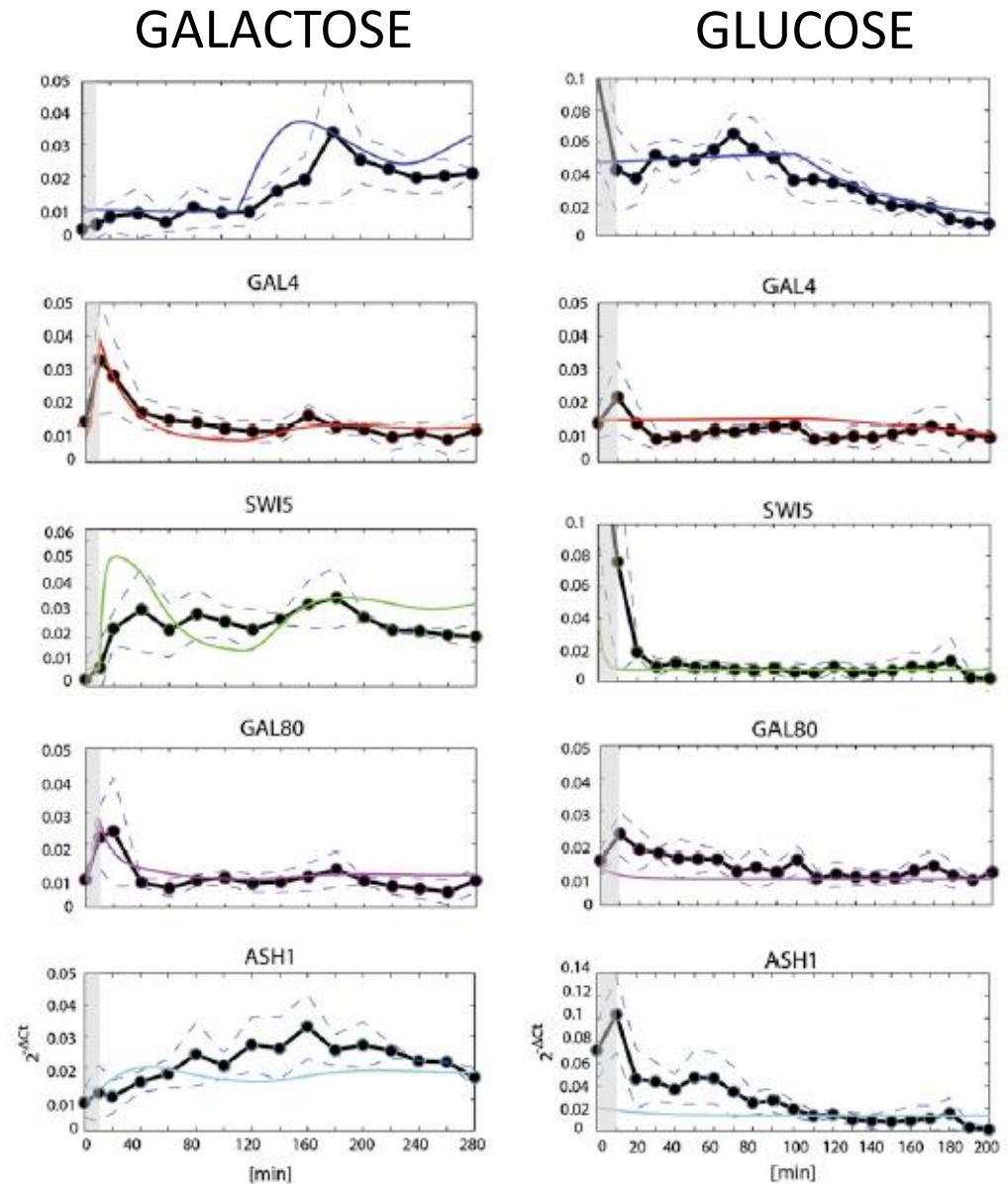
—●— coupled NH-DBN

## 2. Data from synthetic biology



Synthetic network in yeast,  
as designed in Cantone et al. (2009)

**Carbon-source switch**  
from galactose to glucose



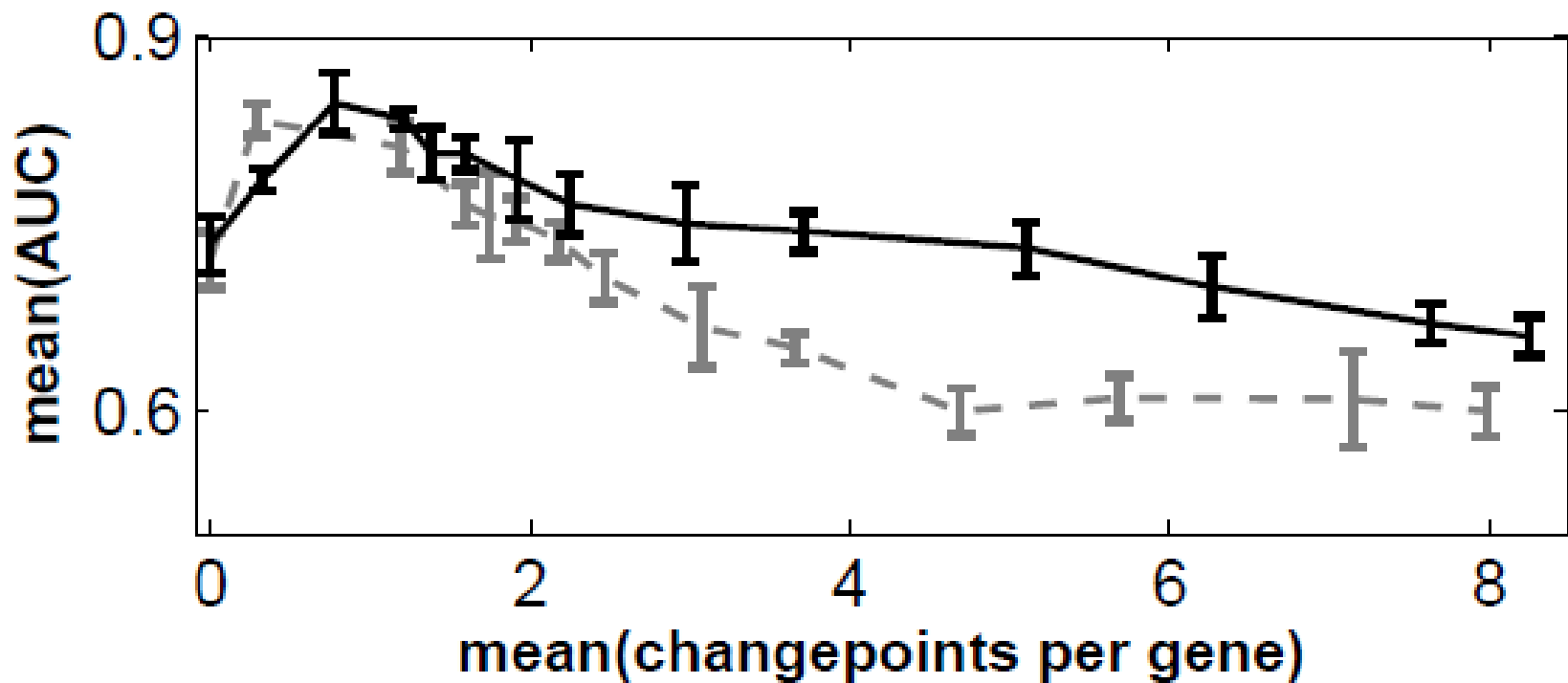
in vivo gene expression levels measured with RT-PCR at 37 time points (in two mediums)

## AUC score comparison

**sequentially** coupled NH-DBN versus

uncoupled NH-DBN

for different changepoint prior hyperparameters  
(different numbers of changepoints per gene)

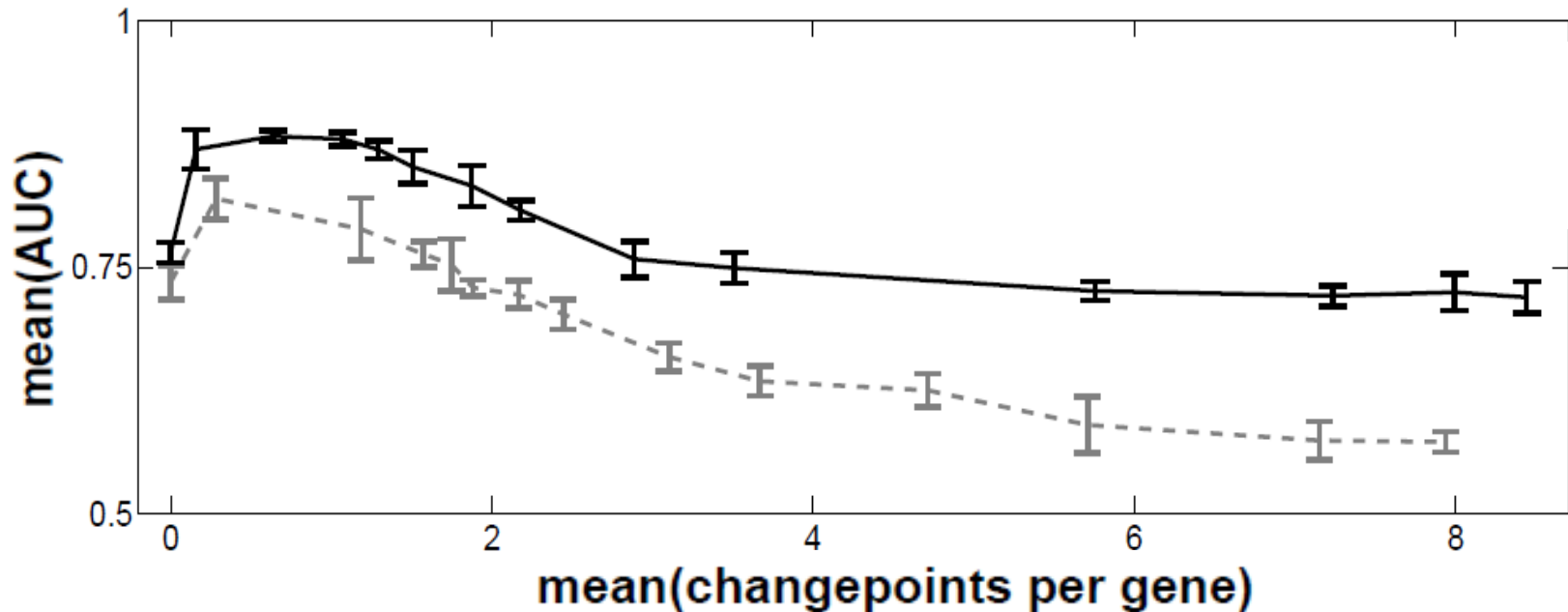


## AUC score comparison

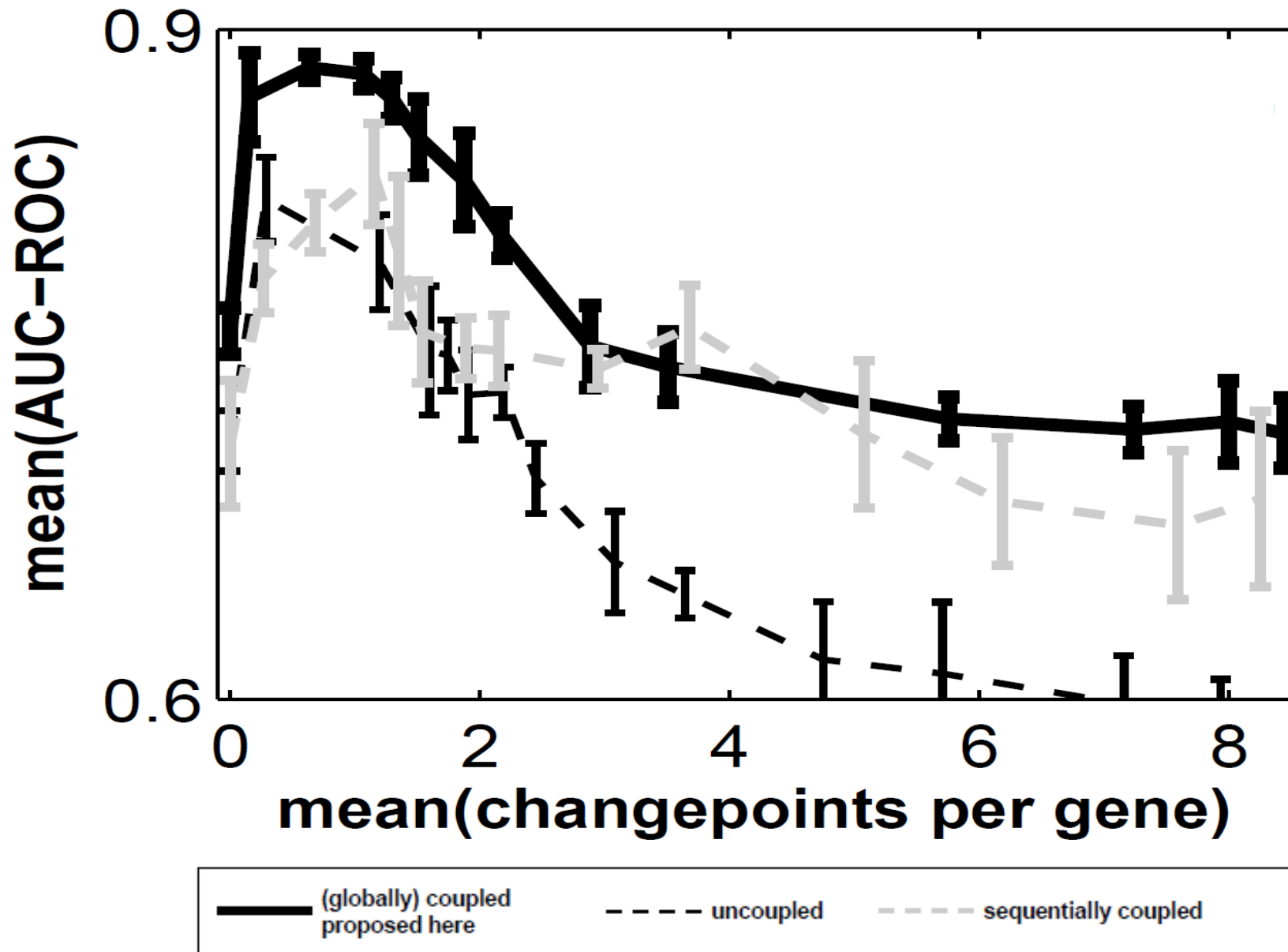
**globally** coupled NH-DBN versus

uncoupled NH-DBN

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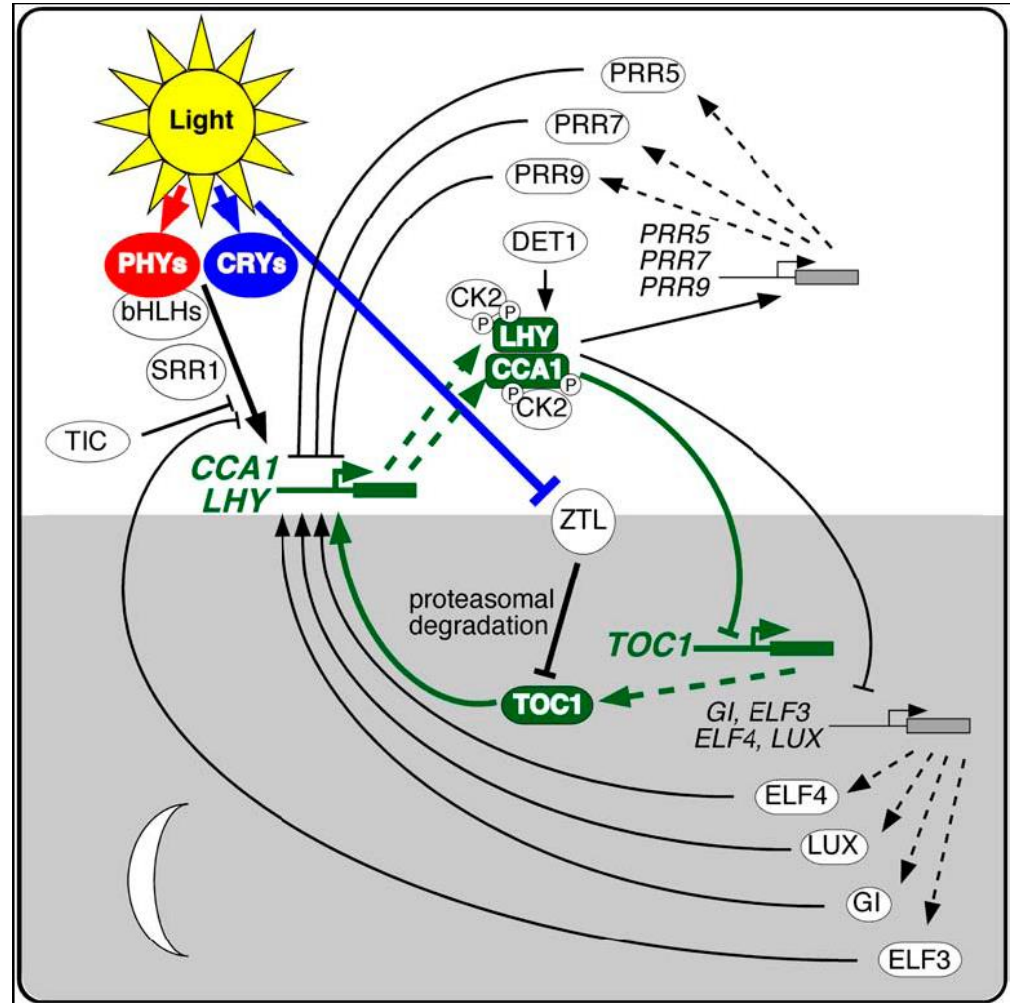


## AUC score comparison of all three NH-DBNs



# 3. Data from a real application

Circadian regulation  
in Arabidopsis





# Circadian rhythms in *Arabidopsis thaliana*

Collaboration with the Institute of Molecular Plant Sciences at Edinburgh University

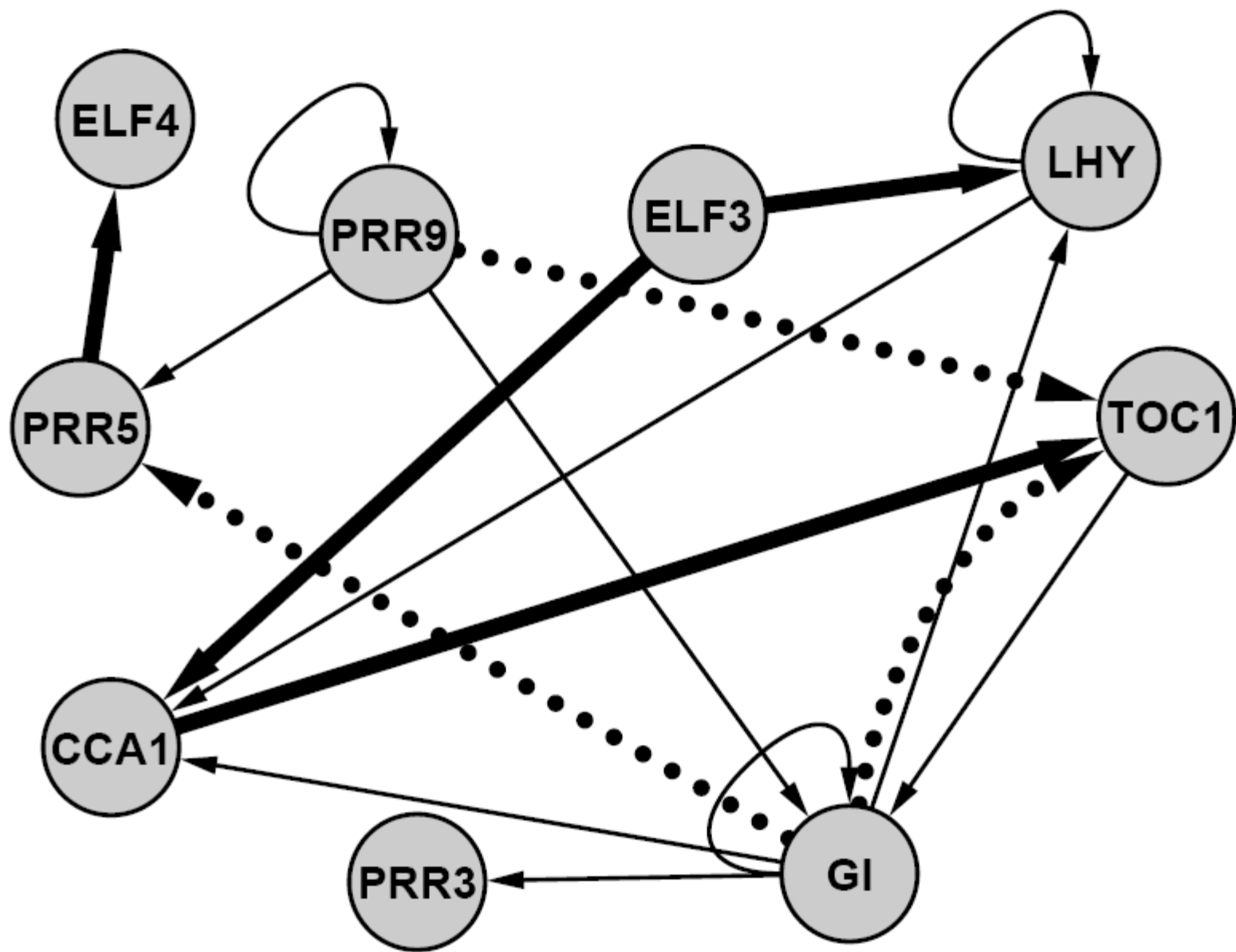
4 time series of microarray gene expression data from *Arabidopsis thaliana*.

- Focus on: 9 circadian genes:

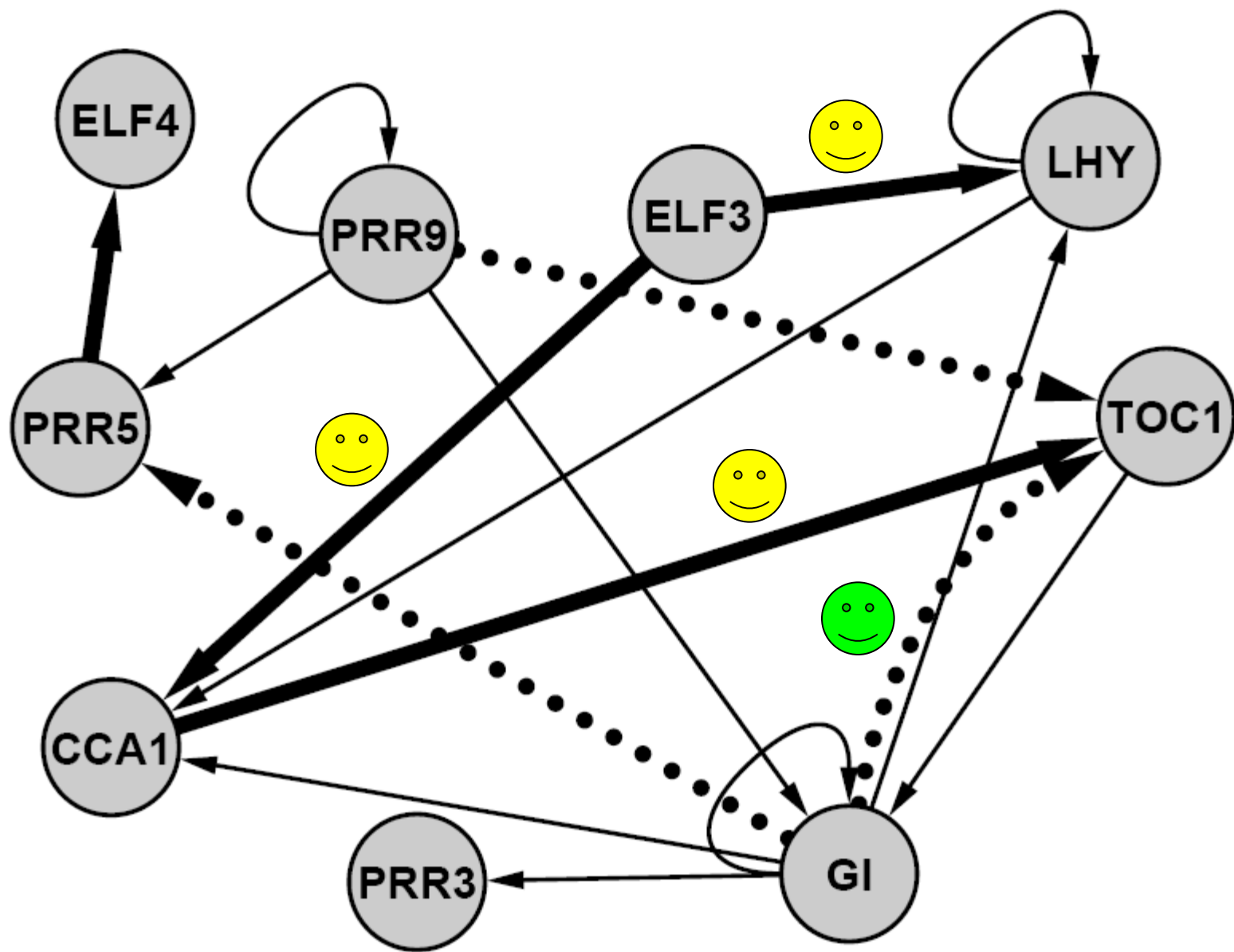
LHY, CCA1, TOC1, ELF4, ELF3, GI, PRR9, PRR5, and PRR3

- The four **time series** were measured under **constant light condition** at **13 time points**: 0h, 2h,..., 24h, 26h

- Seedlings entrained with **light:dark** cycles of different periods



Thin black edges indicate interactions that are inferred with both NH-DBNs. Three edges (dotted) are inferred with the uncoupled NH-DBN only while four edges (bold) are inferred with the coupled NH-DBN only.



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Thank you  
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attention!



Any  
questions?