

Synthetic Biology and Biosystems Control Lab
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Modeling: Modeling circuits with ODEs and experimental data

Section 1: Composing circuit models from Hill Functions

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An iGEM Measurement Committee Webinar
Week 3a, June 30th, 2020

Today Webinar's Topics

- ⚠ Section 1: **Composing circuit models from Hill functions** (15 min)
- ⚠ Section 2: Relating parameters and data (15 min)
- ⚠ Section 3: Example: Incoherent feed-forward loop (model & data) (15 min)
- ⚠ Q&A – (at the end of each 15 minutes block, total 15 min)

Remember our journey: but now going directly to reduced models

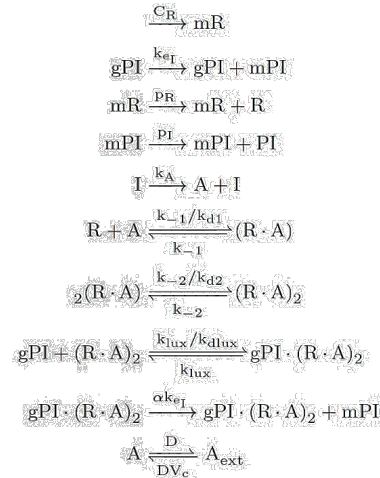
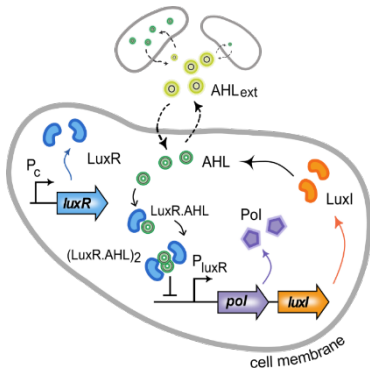
Schematic



Biochemical Reactions



Reduced Mathematical Model



$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{n}_1^i &= \frac{C_I PI}{d_{mI}} \left(\frac{k_{dlux} + a n_3^i}{k_{dlux} + n_3^i} \right) - d_I n_1^i \\
 \dot{n}_2^i &= \frac{C_R p_R}{d_{mR}} + k_{-1} n_6^i - \left(\frac{k_{-1}}{k_{d1}} n_4^i + d_R \right) n_2^i \\
 \dot{n}_3^i &= \frac{k_{-2}}{k_{d2}} (n_6^i)^2 - (k_{-2} + d_{RA2}) n_3^i \\
 \dot{n}_4^i &= k_{-1} n_6^i + k_A n_1^i + D \left(\frac{n_5}{V_c} - n_4^i \right) - \left(\frac{k_{-1}}{k_{d1}} n_2^i + d_A \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Modeling a genetic circuit: What do you want to do?



- Biosensor
- Promoter

- Logic (Inverter)
- Memory
- Level detection

- Reporter
- Enzyme
- SM Signal
- Therapeutic

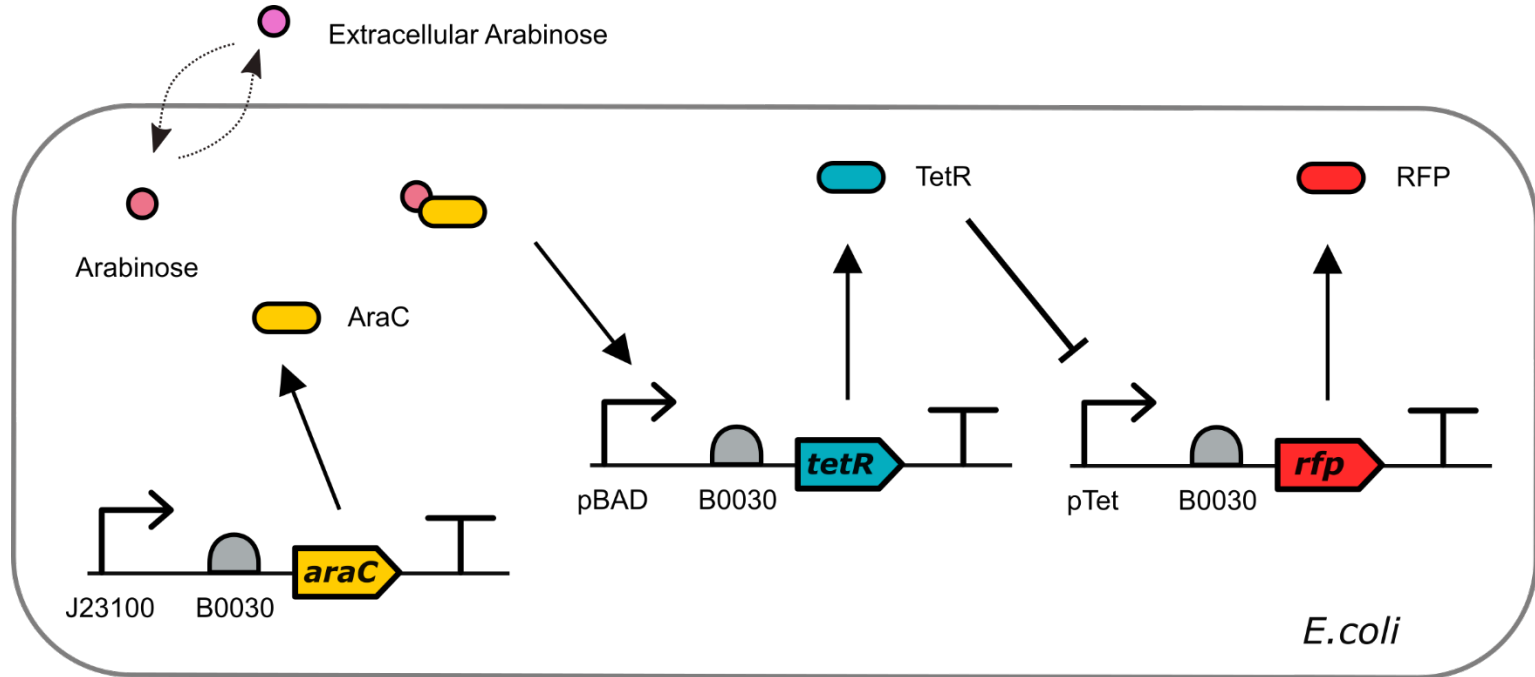
Example: Detect Arabinose

Inverter (TetR)

Fluorescence
Protein (RFP)

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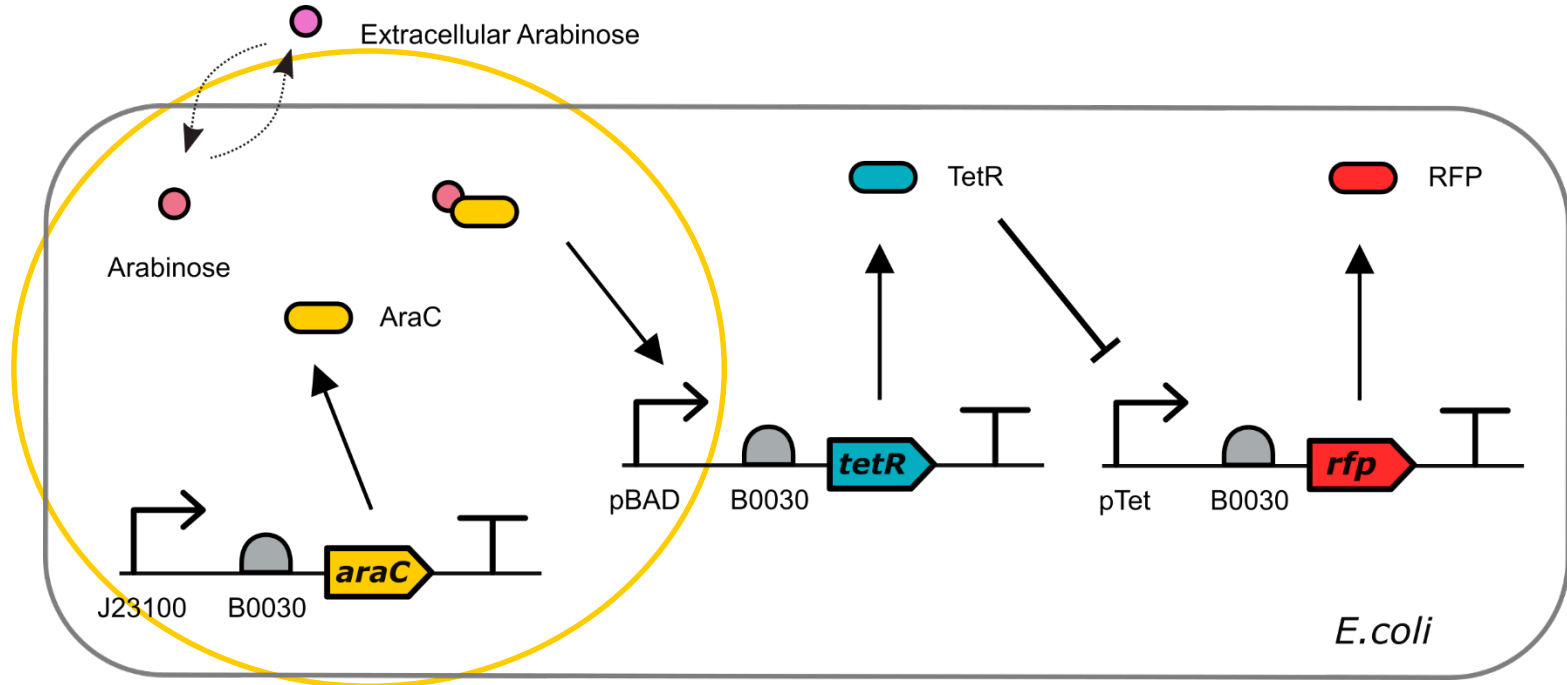
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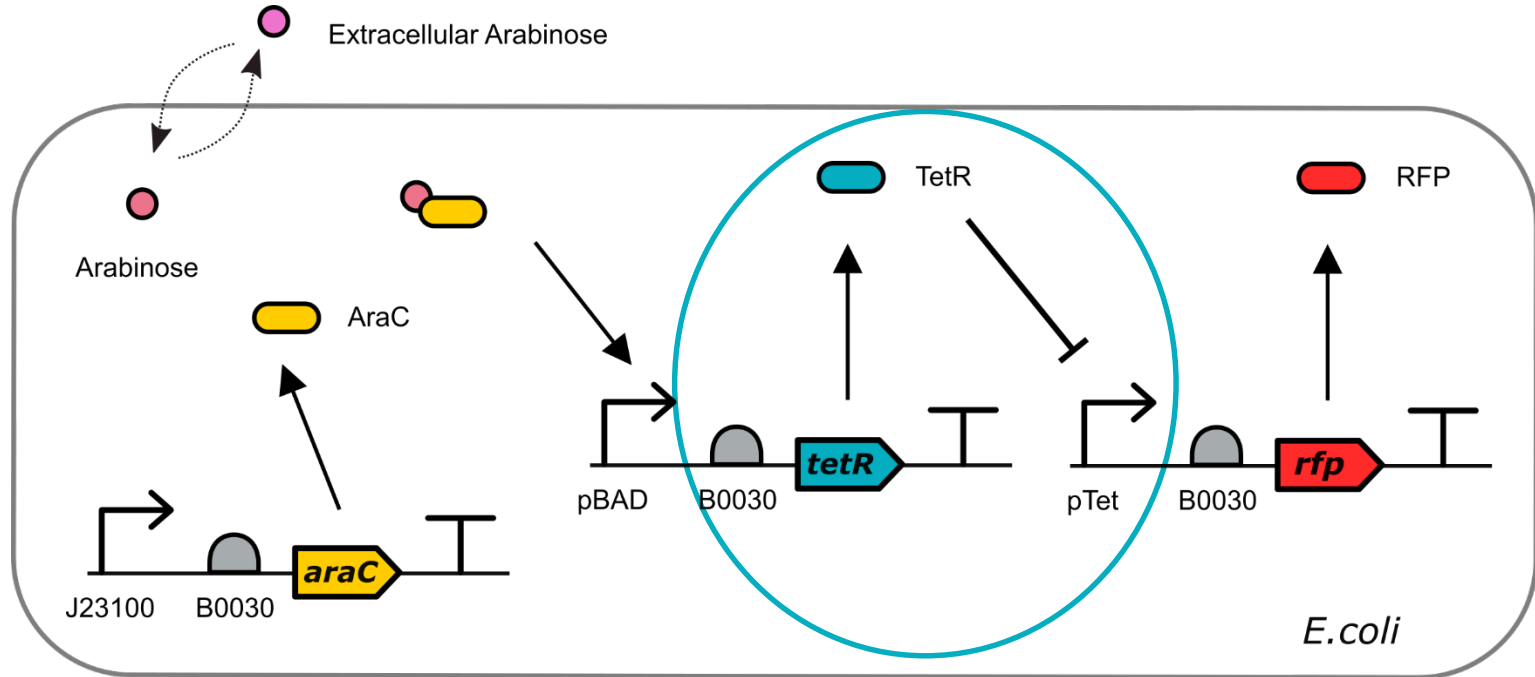
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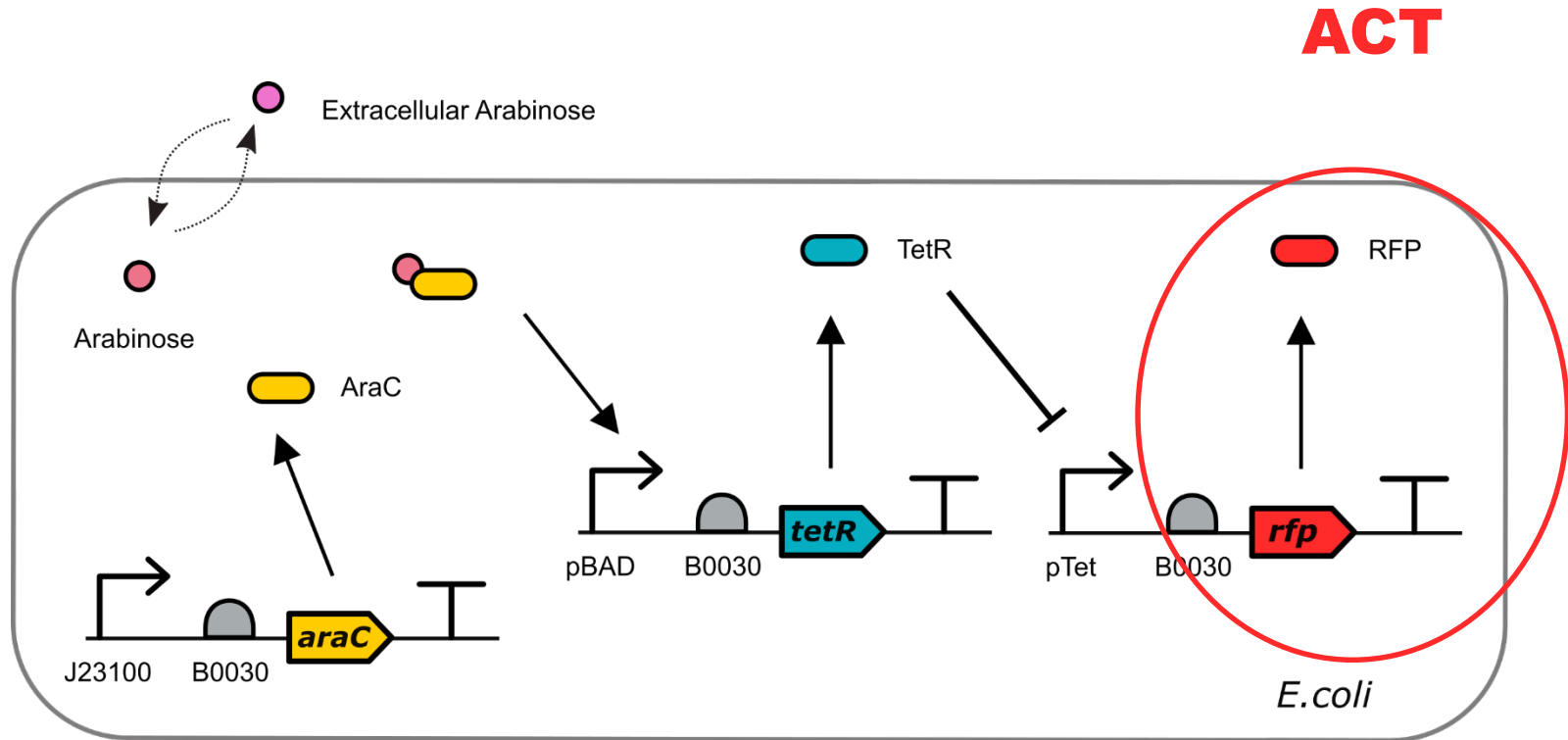
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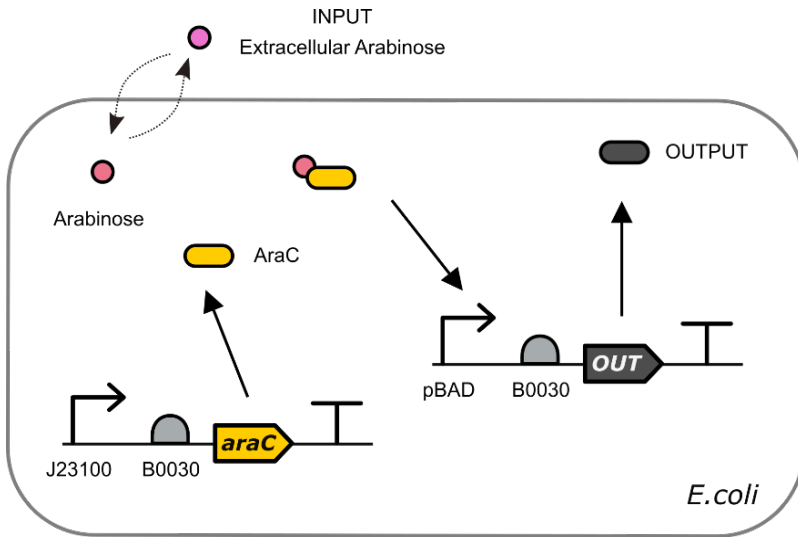
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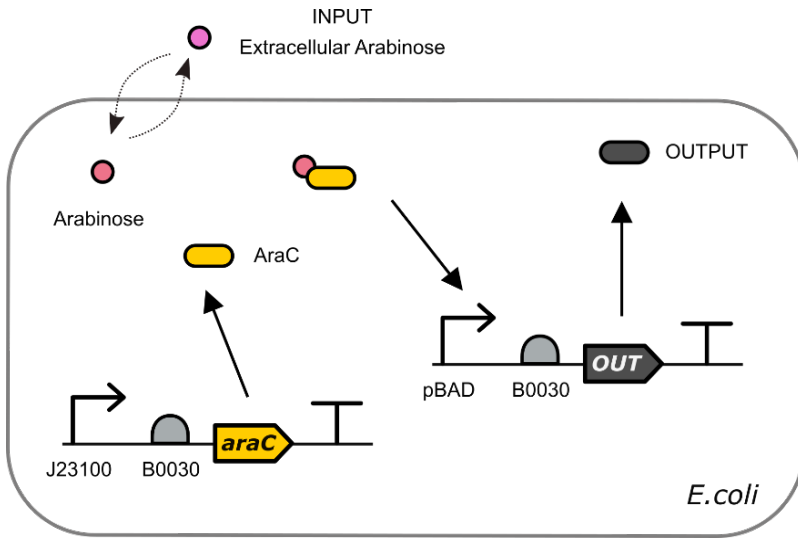
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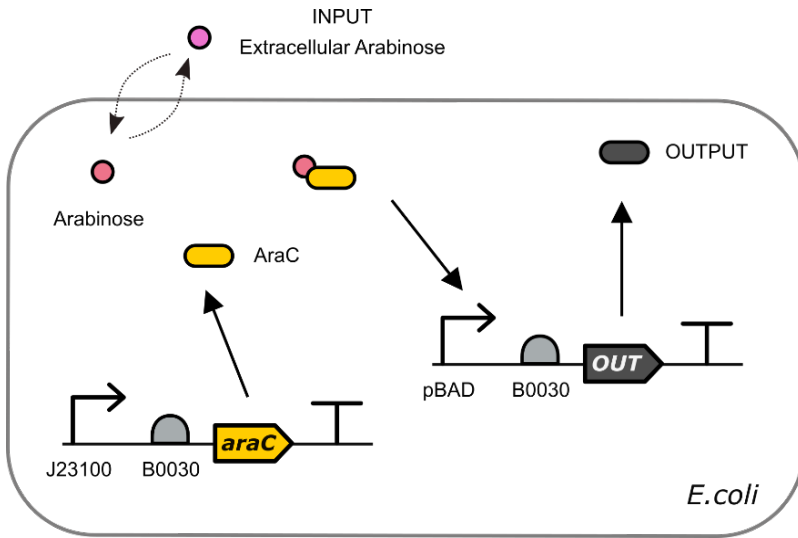
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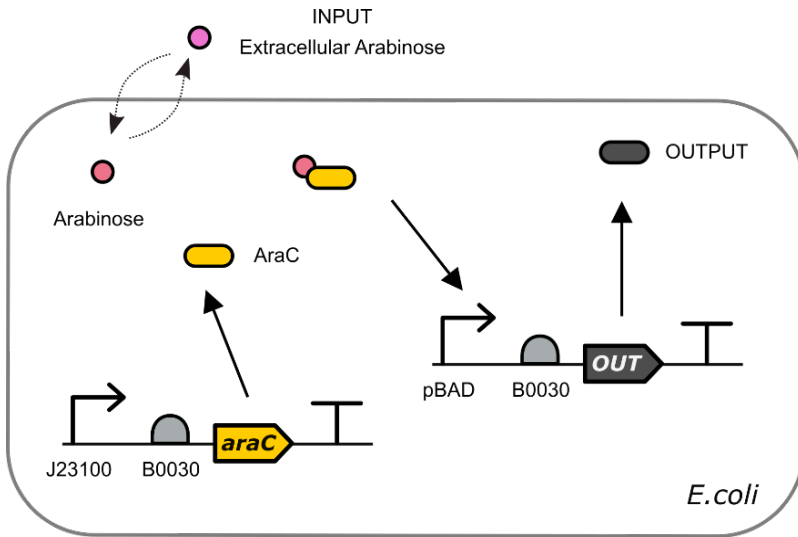
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pBAD
AraC

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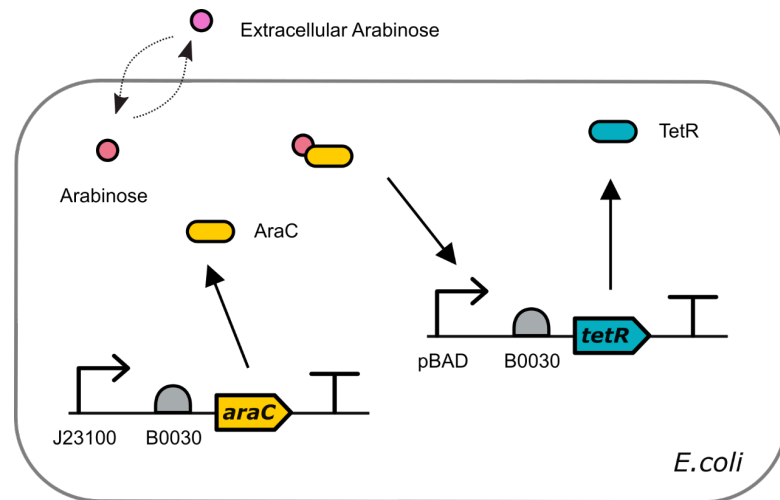
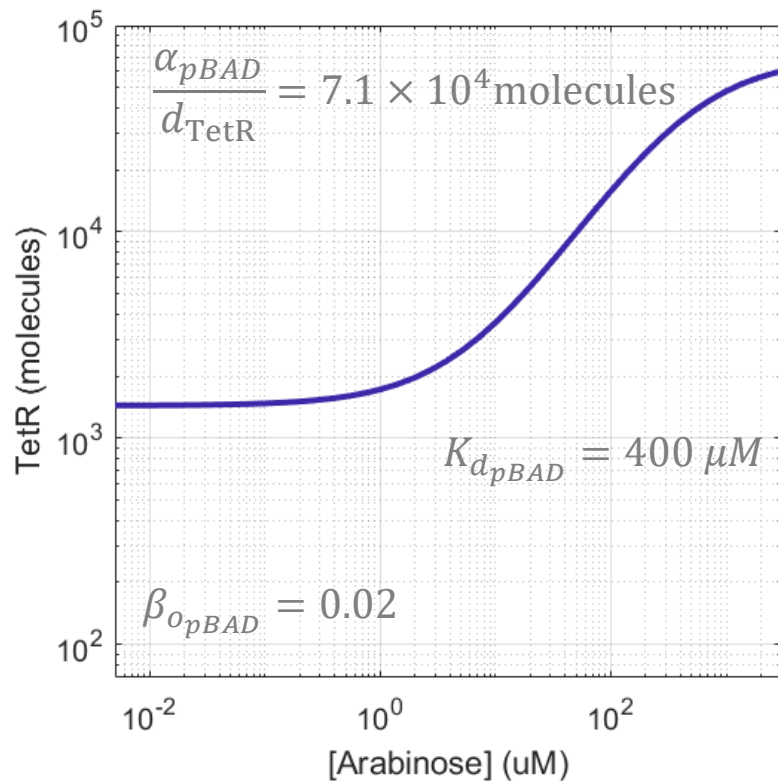
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OUTPUT

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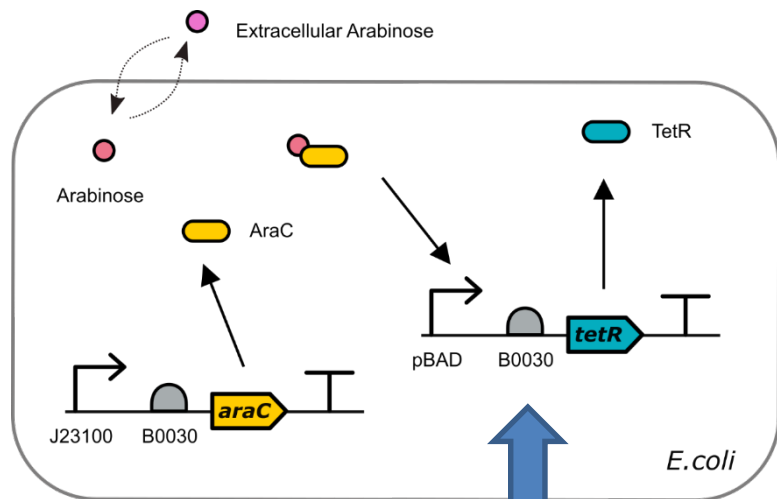
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$$[TetR] = \frac{\alpha_{pBAD}}{d_{TetR}} \left(\beta_{o_{pBAD}} + \frac{(1 - \beta_{o_{pBAD}}) [Arab]^{n_a}}{(K_{d_{pBAD}})^{n_a} + [Arab]^{n_a}} \right)$$

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Let us try with different RBS

B0030

B0034

B0032

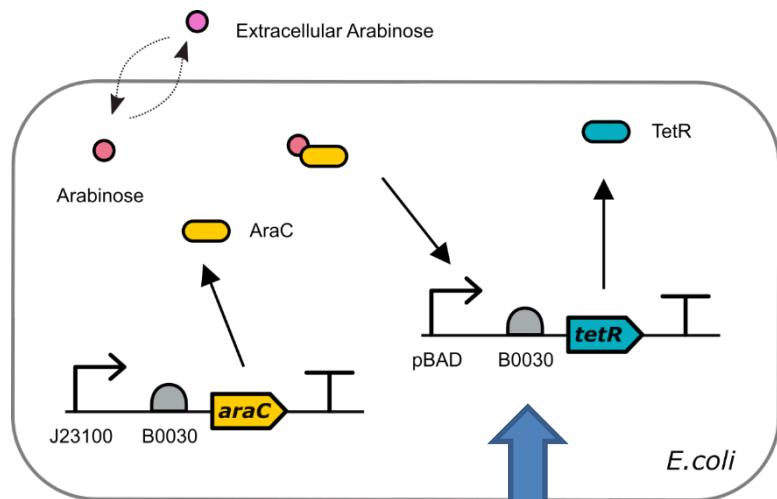
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What effect does it have in the hill function?

Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

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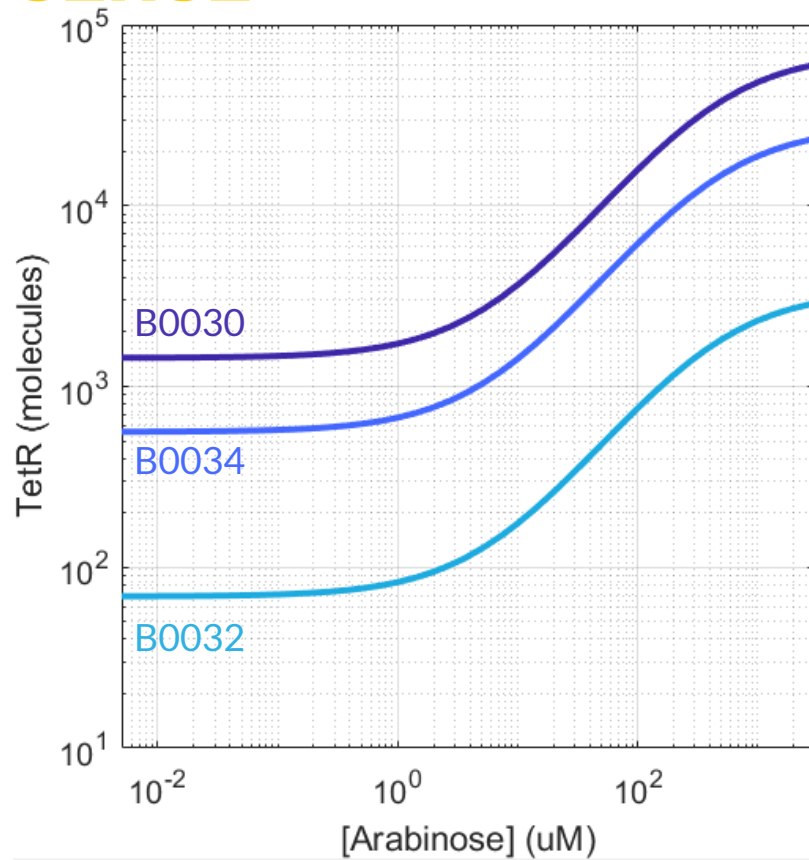
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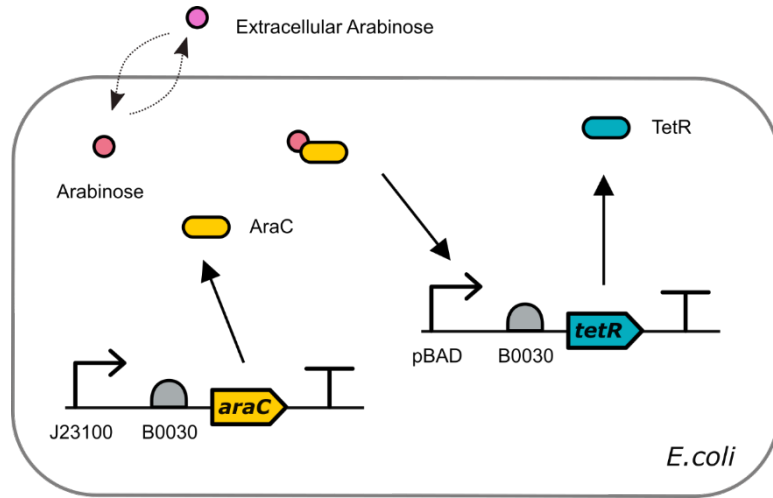
$$\text{B0030: } \alpha_{pBAD} \approx 7.1 \times 10^4 \text{ molecules}$$

$$\text{B0034: } \alpha_{pBAD} \approx 2.5 \times 10^4 \text{ molecules}$$

$$\text{B0032: } \alpha_{pBAD} \approx 3.3 \times 10^3 \text{ molecules}$$

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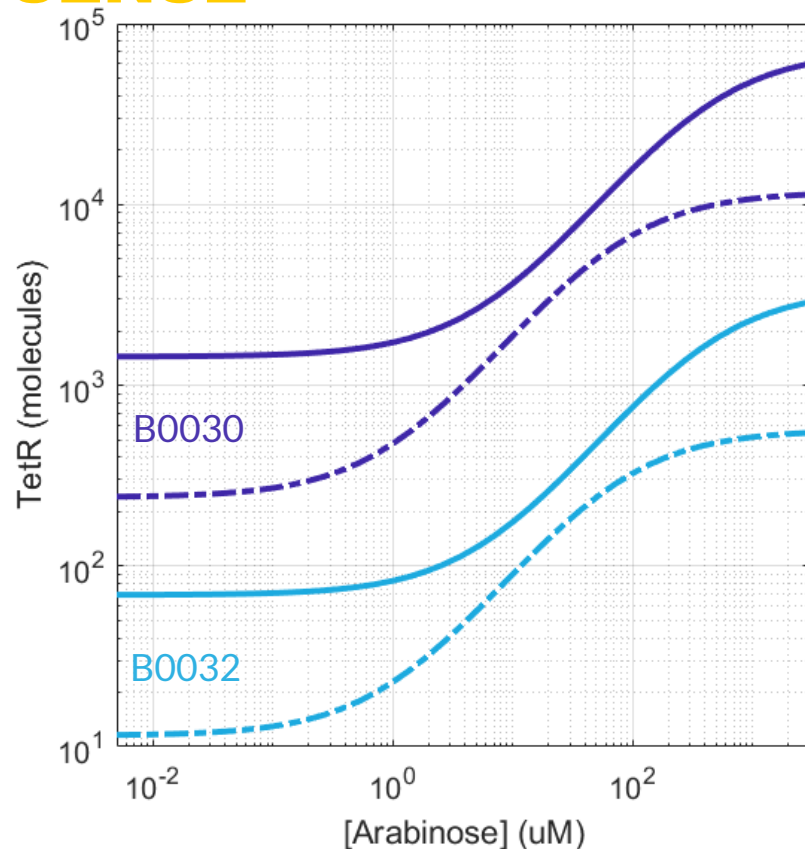
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Now let us try with different Plasmid Copy Number (High/Medium)

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High Copy (300)

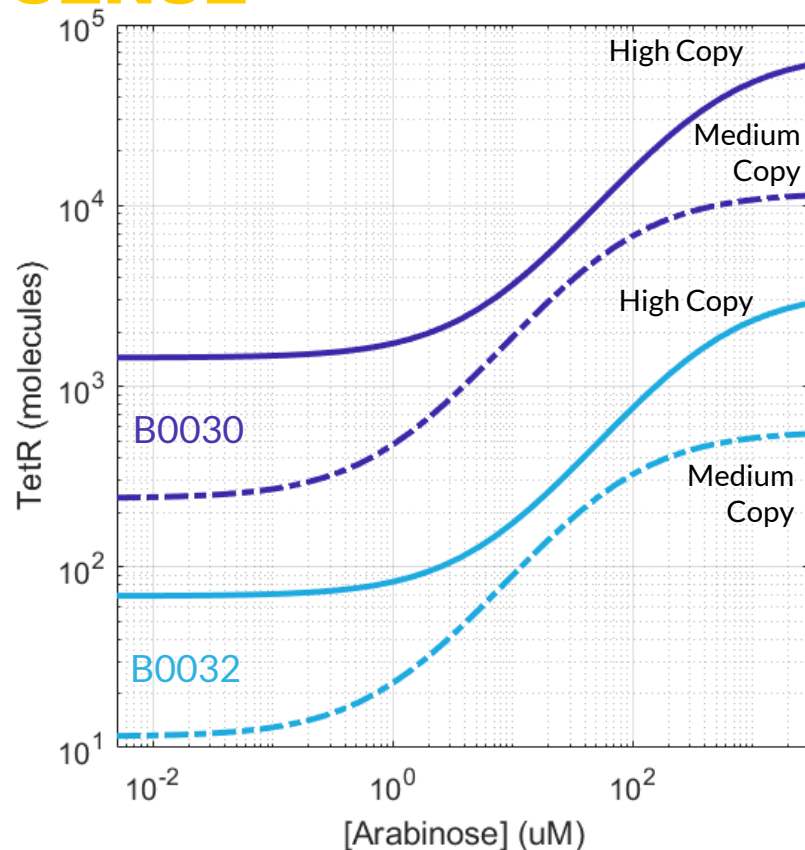
Medium Copy (50)

$$\alpha_{pBAD} = k_{2_{\text{TetR}}} \frac{k_{1_{\text{mTetR}}}}{d_{\text{mTetR}}} C_N, \quad K_{d_{pBAD}} = \frac{K_d K_{dis} C_N}{[\text{AraC}]^{n_A}}$$

Changing from a High Copy (300) to a Medium Copy (50) not only moves the curve down (α), but also to the left (K_d).

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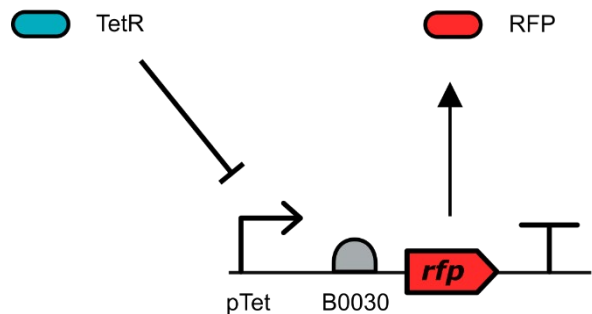
α_{pBAD}	High Copy	Medium Copy
B0030	7.1×10^4 molecules	1.2×10^4 molecules
B0032	3300 molecules	560 molecules

	High Copy	Medium Copy
$K_{d_{pBAD}}$	440 μM	14 μM

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COMPUTE - ACT



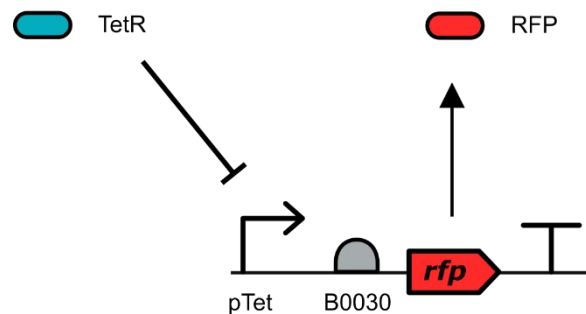
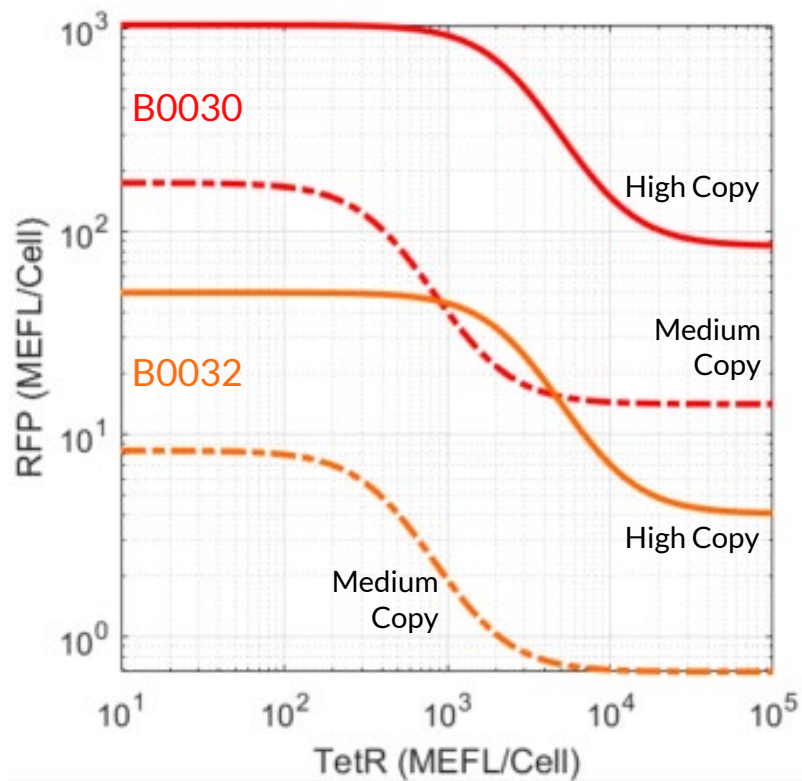
$$[RFP] = \frac{\alpha_{pTet}}{d_{RFP}} \left(\beta_{o_{pTet}} + \frac{(1 - \beta_{o_{pTet}}) (K_{d_{pTet}})^{n_t}}{(K_{d_{pTet}})^{n_t} + [TetR]^{n_t}} \right)$$

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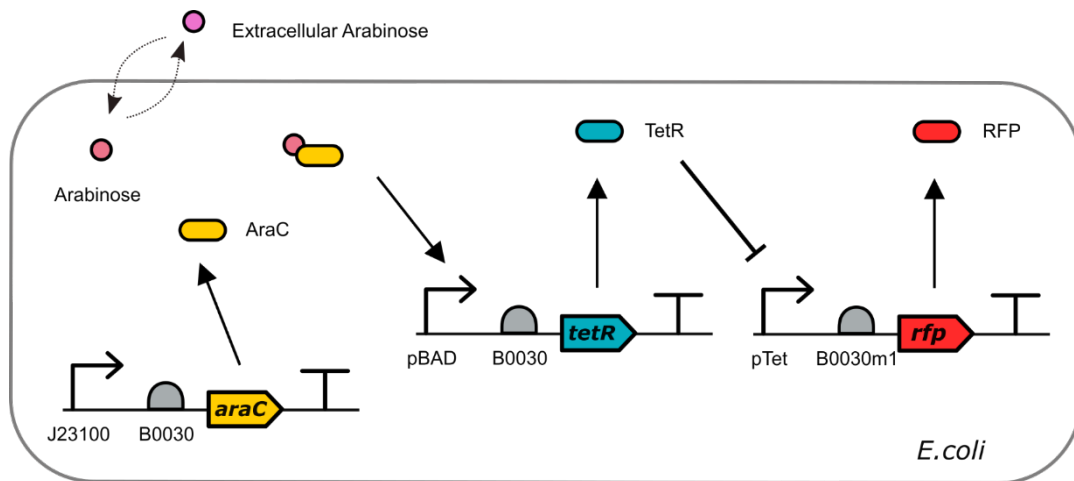


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Let us try with different RBS and Plasmid Copy Numbers

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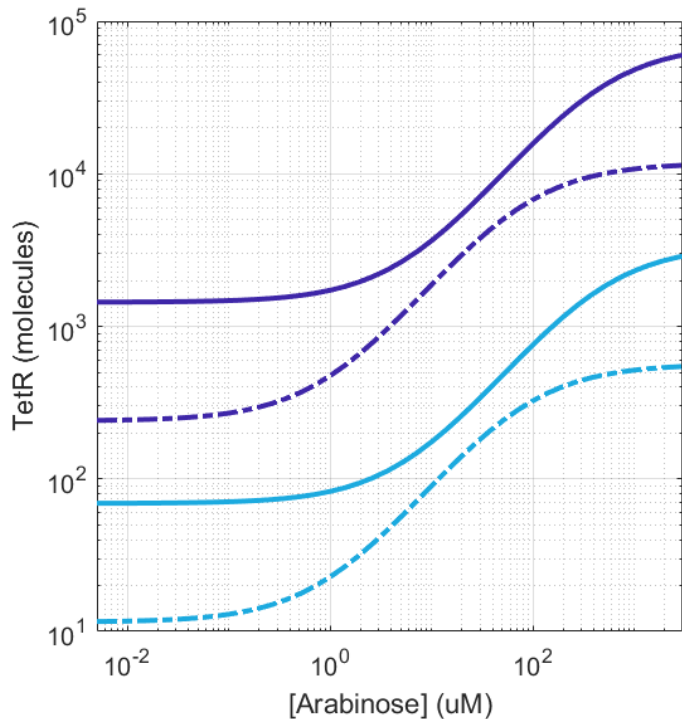


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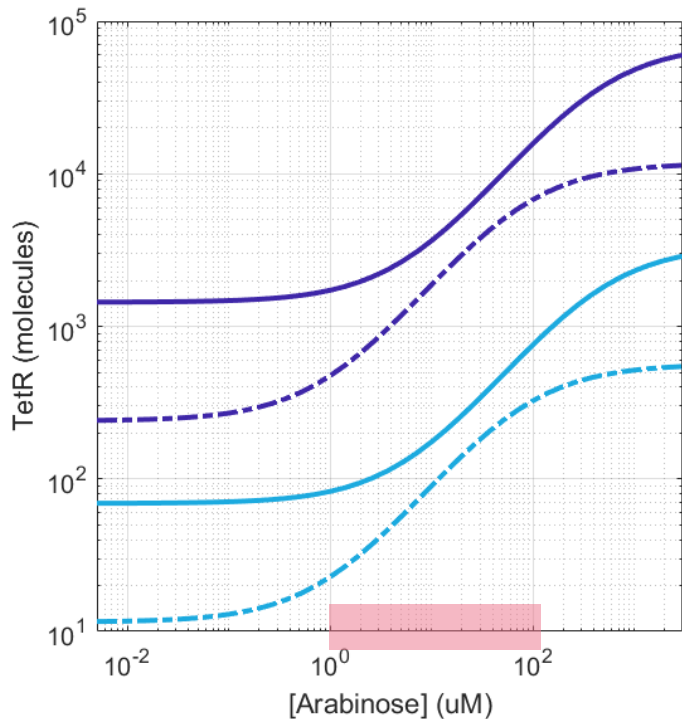
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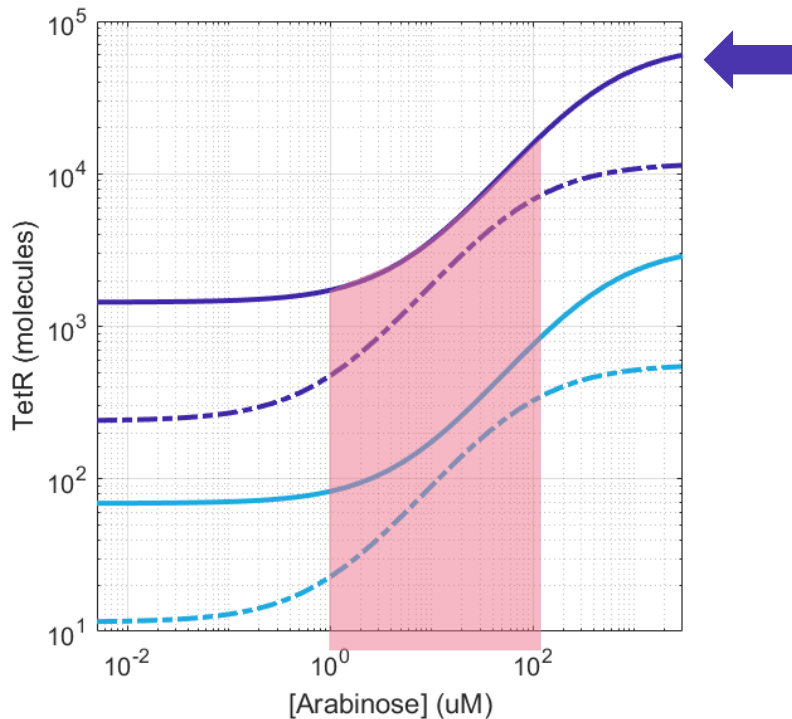
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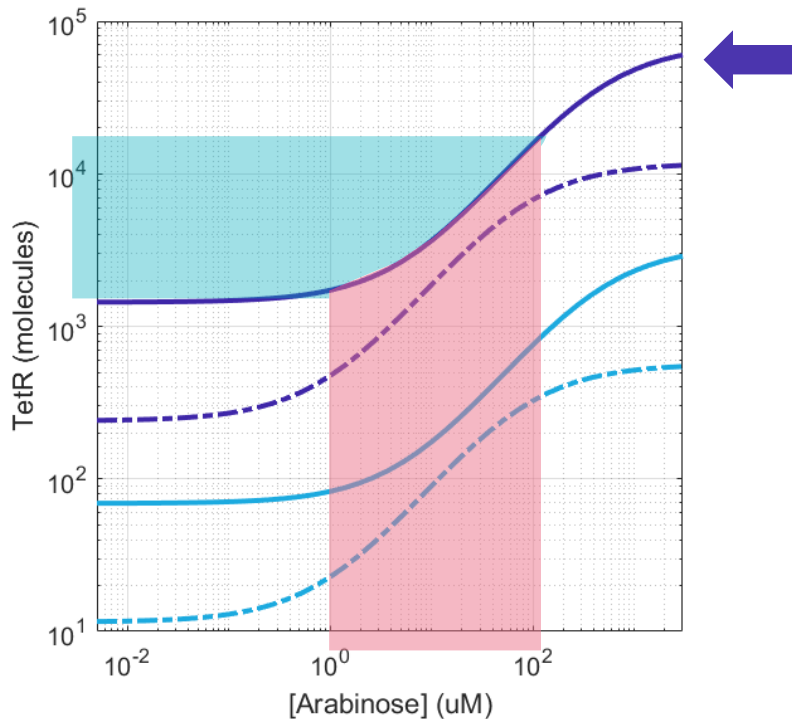
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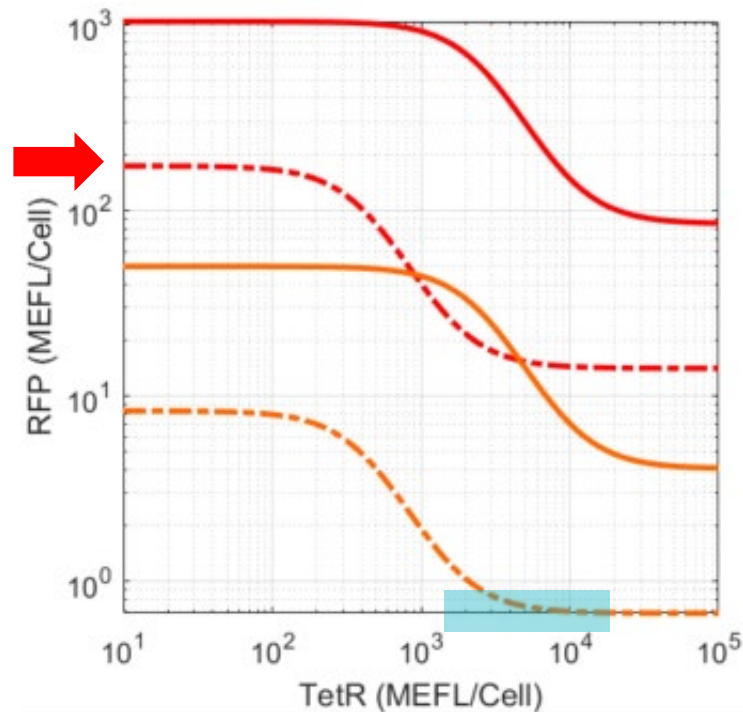
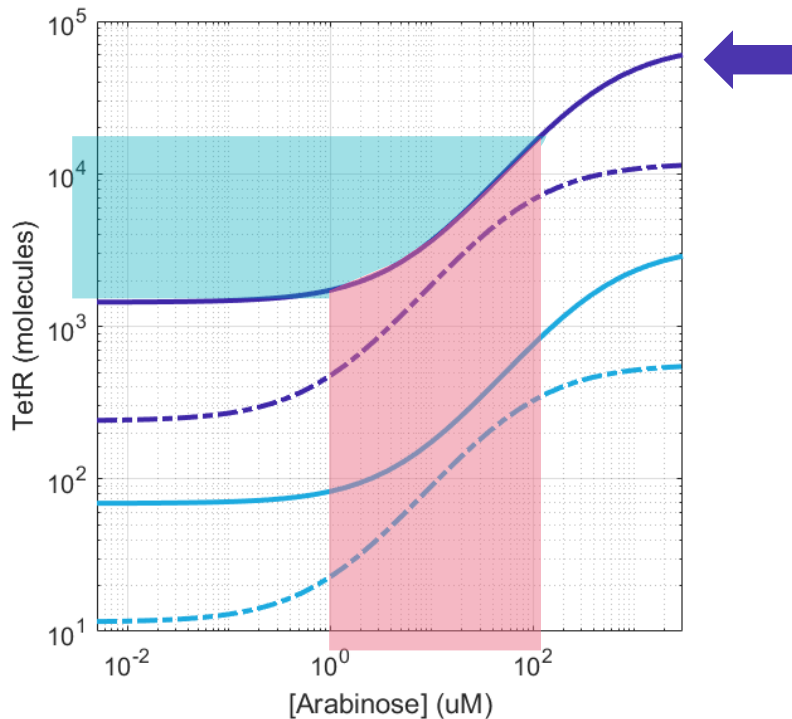
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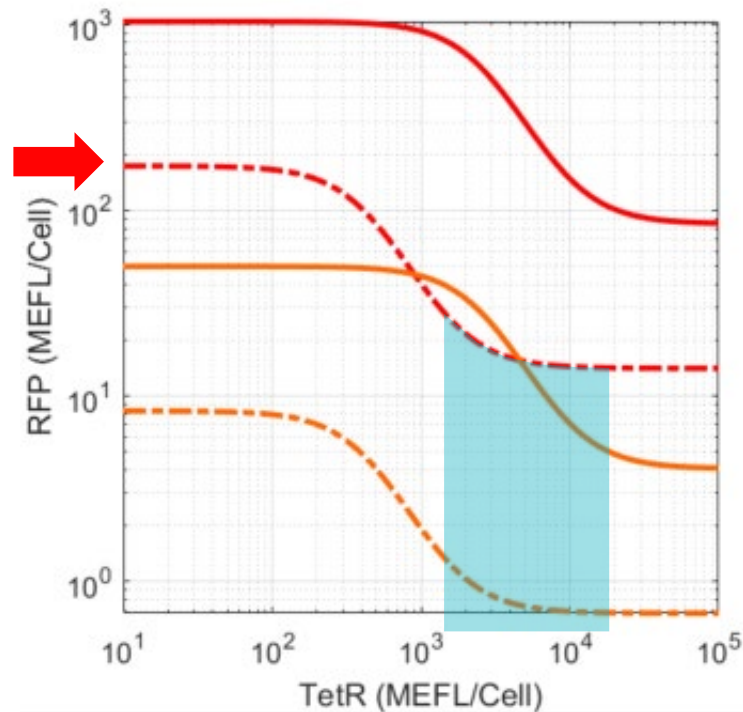
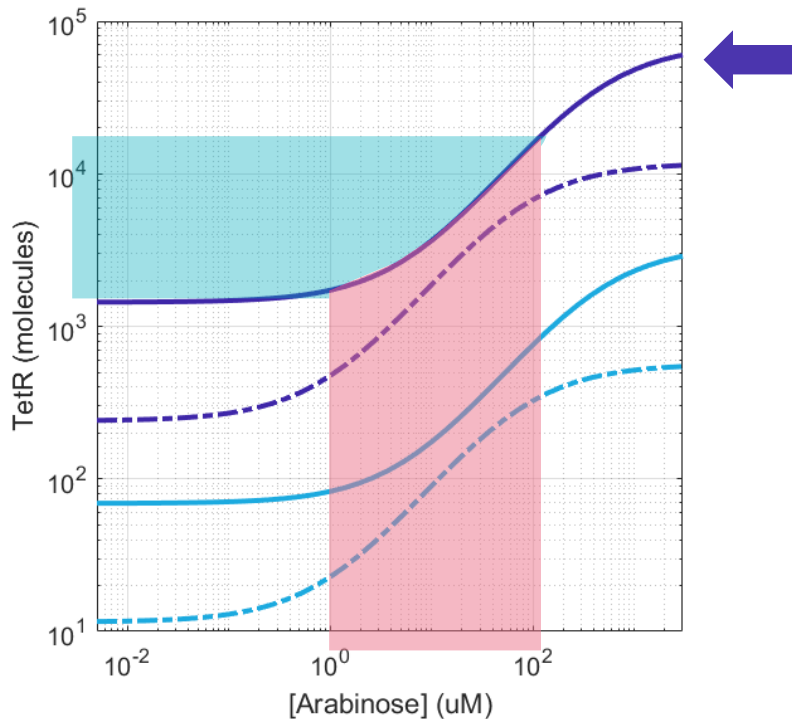
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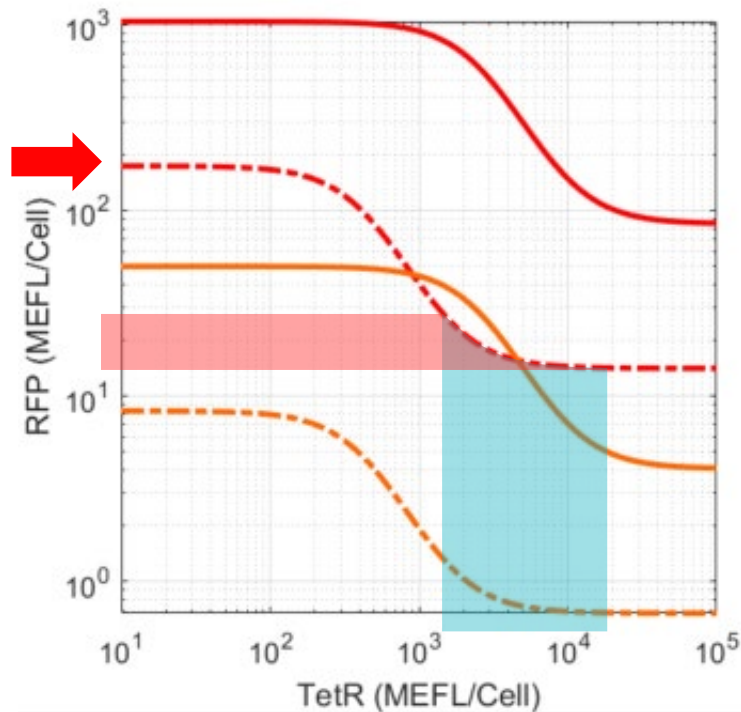
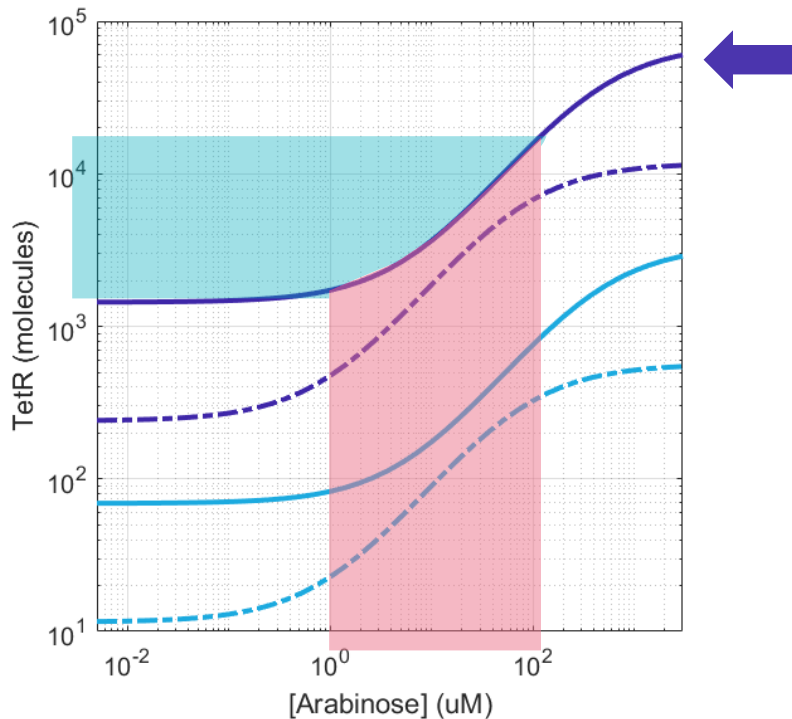
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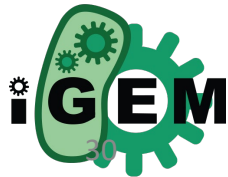


Questions?

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Stay tuned, next Section 2:

Relating parameters and data



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Basal Expression

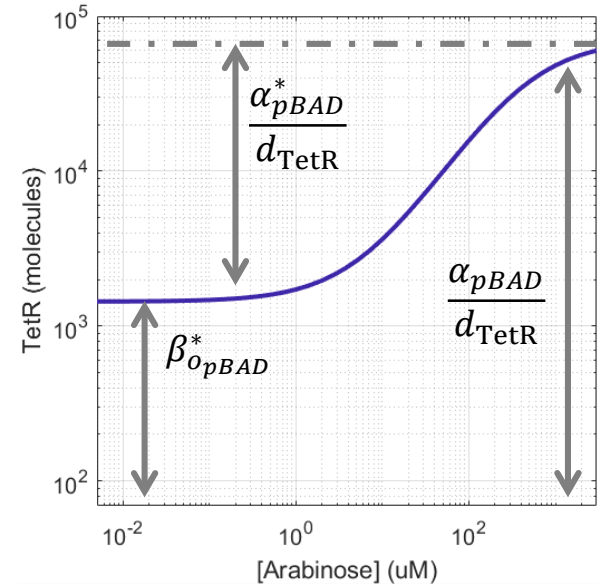
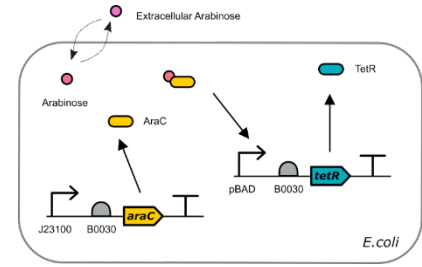
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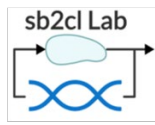
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$$\frac{\alpha_{pBAD}^*}{d_{\text{TetR}}} = (1 - \beta_{o_{pBAD}}) \frac{\alpha_{pBAD}}{d_{\text{TetR}}}$$





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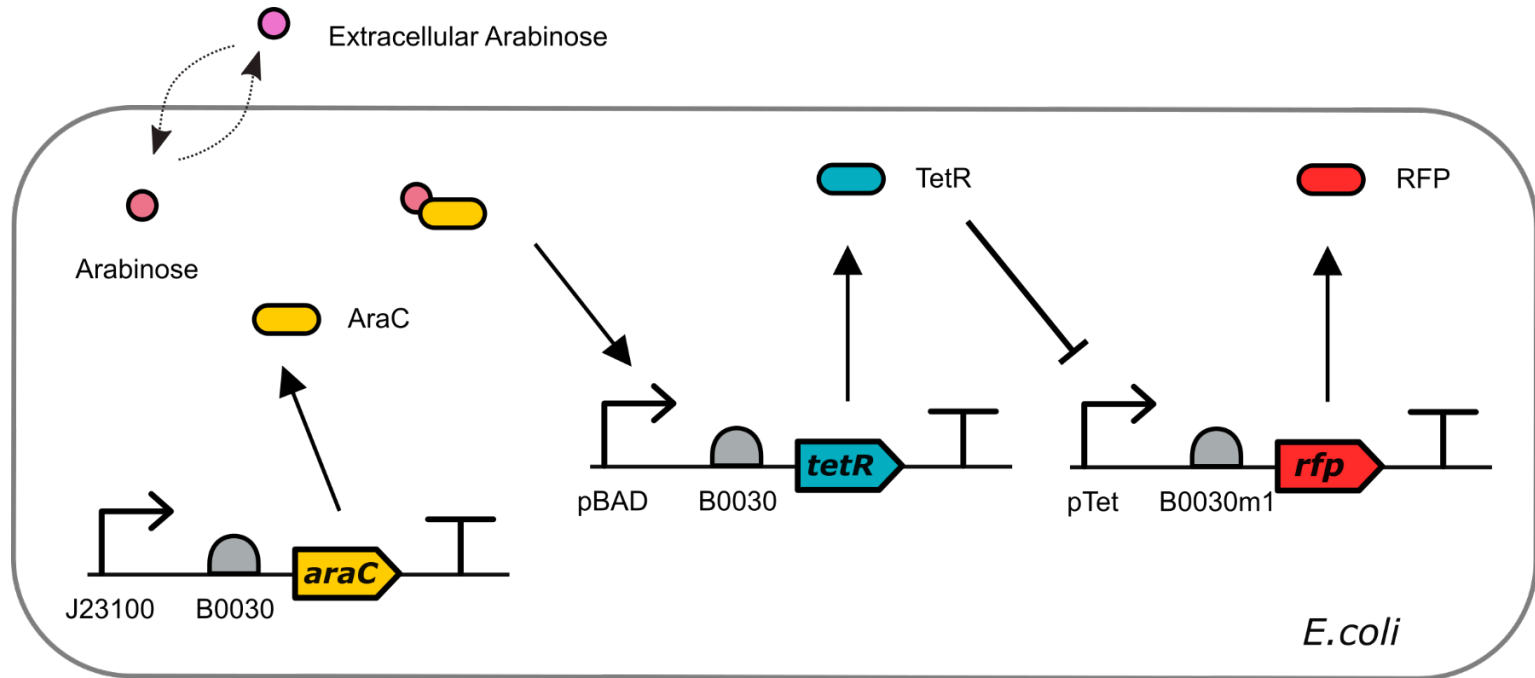
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Relating model parameters and data

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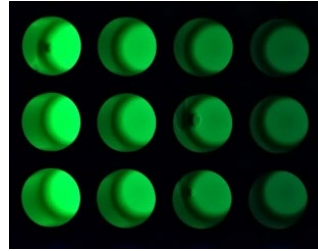


But first we need to get experimental data:
Measurement -> Calibrated measurement

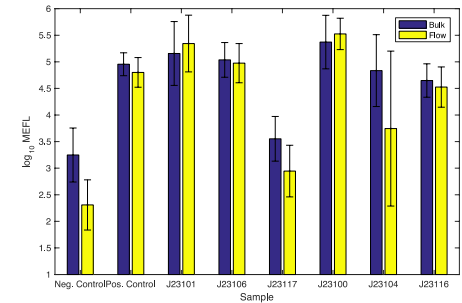
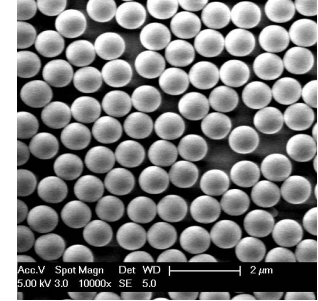
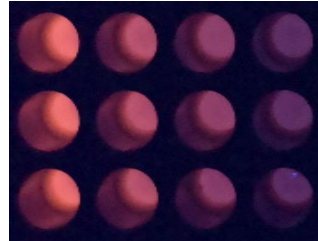
Plate Reader



Fluorescein

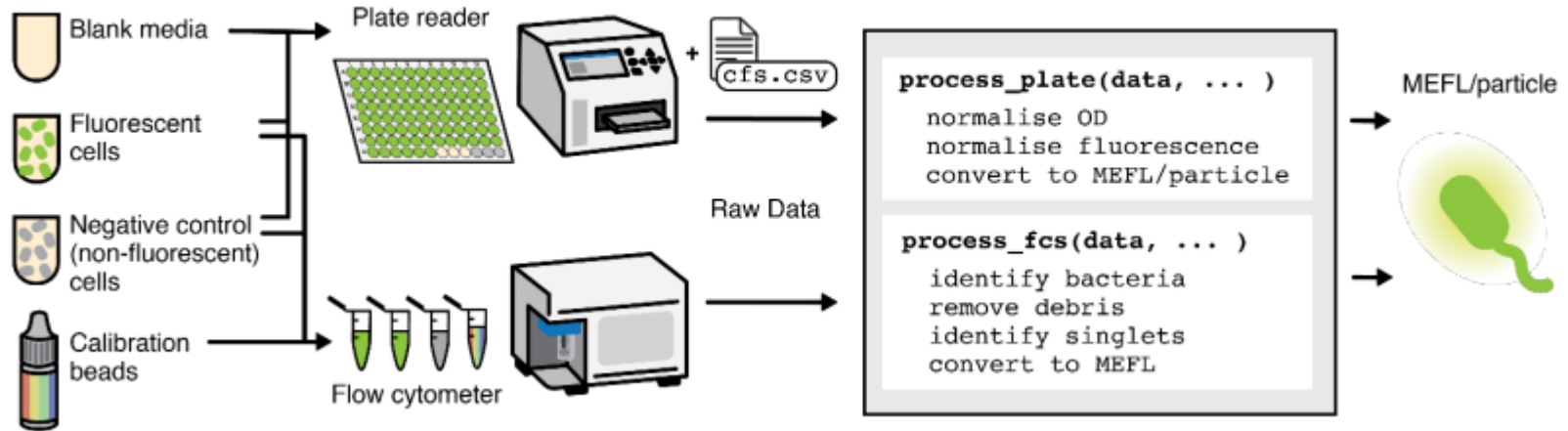


Texas Red



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Measurement Calibration

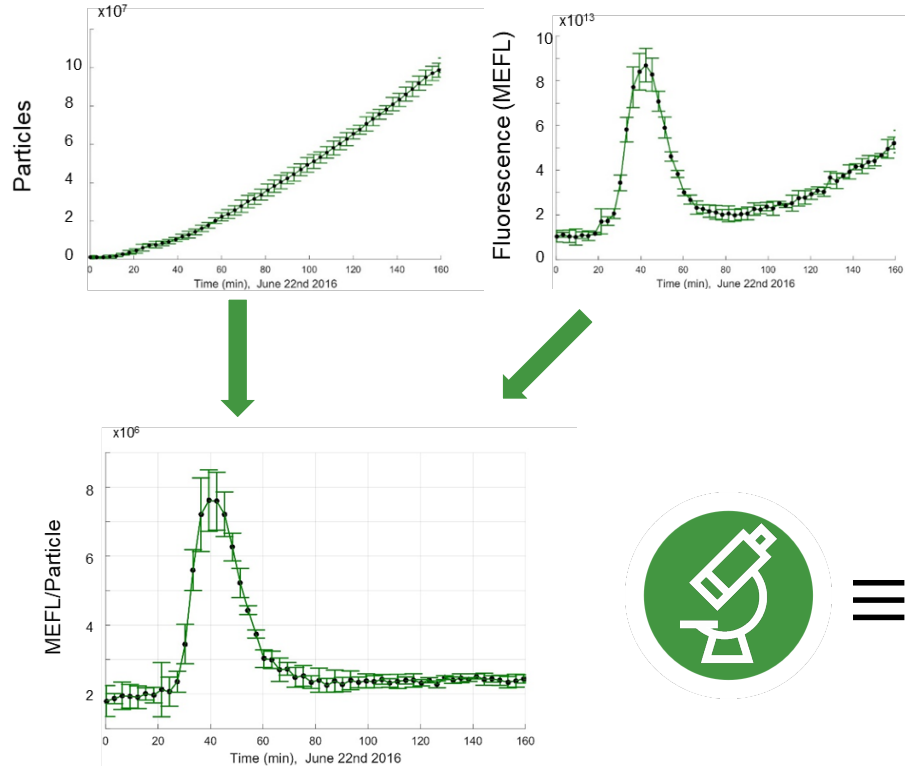


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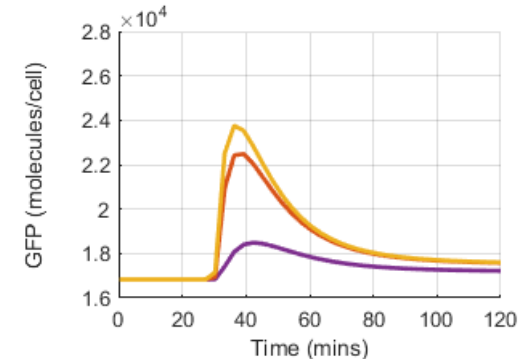
Week 5 - Tuesday July 14th - 7am EDT - Quantifying fluorescence and cell count with plate readers

Week 6 - Tuesday July 23rd - 7am EDT - Quantifying fluorescence and cell phenotypes with flow cytometry

Why? Because it is exactly what we get from the model



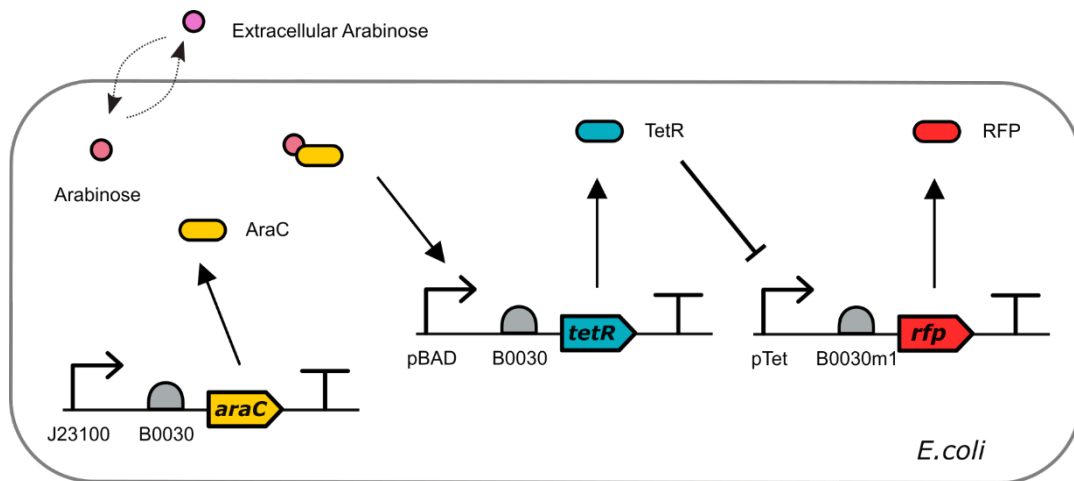
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[R]}{dt} &= \frac{p_R C_N k_R}{d_{mR} + \mu} - (d_R + \mu) [R] \\ \frac{d[cI]}{dt} &= \frac{p_{cI} C_N k_{cI}}{d_{m_{cI}} + \mu} \left(\alpha + (1 - \alpha) \frac{\frac{1}{k_{d1ux}} \left(\frac{[R][A]}{k_{d2} C_N} \right)^2}{1 + \frac{1}{k_{d1ux}} \left(\frac{[R][A]}{k_{d2} C_N} \right)^2} \right) - (d_{cI} + \mu) [cI] \\ \frac{d[GFP]}{dt} &= \frac{p_G C_N k_G}{d_{m_G} + \mu} \left(\alpha + (1 - \alpha) \frac{\frac{1}{k_{d1ux}} \left(\frac{[R][A]}{k_{d2} C_N} \right)^2}{1 + \frac{1}{k_{d1ux}} \left(\frac{[R][A]}{k_{d2} C_N} \right)^2} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{[cI]^2}{k_{d1} C_N}} \right) - (d_G + \mu) [G] \\ \frac{dN}{dt} &= \mu N \left(1 - \frac{N}{N_{max}} \right) \end{aligned}$$



MEFL/Particle unit is equivalent to number of molecules/cell from the mathematical model

Measuring a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

SENSE - COMPUTE - ACT

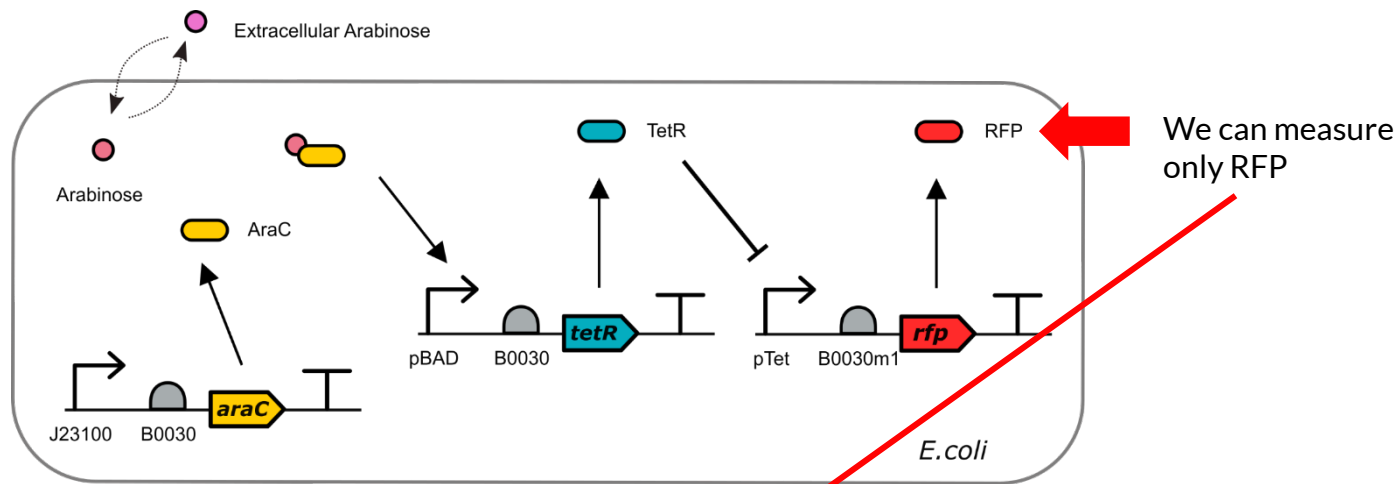


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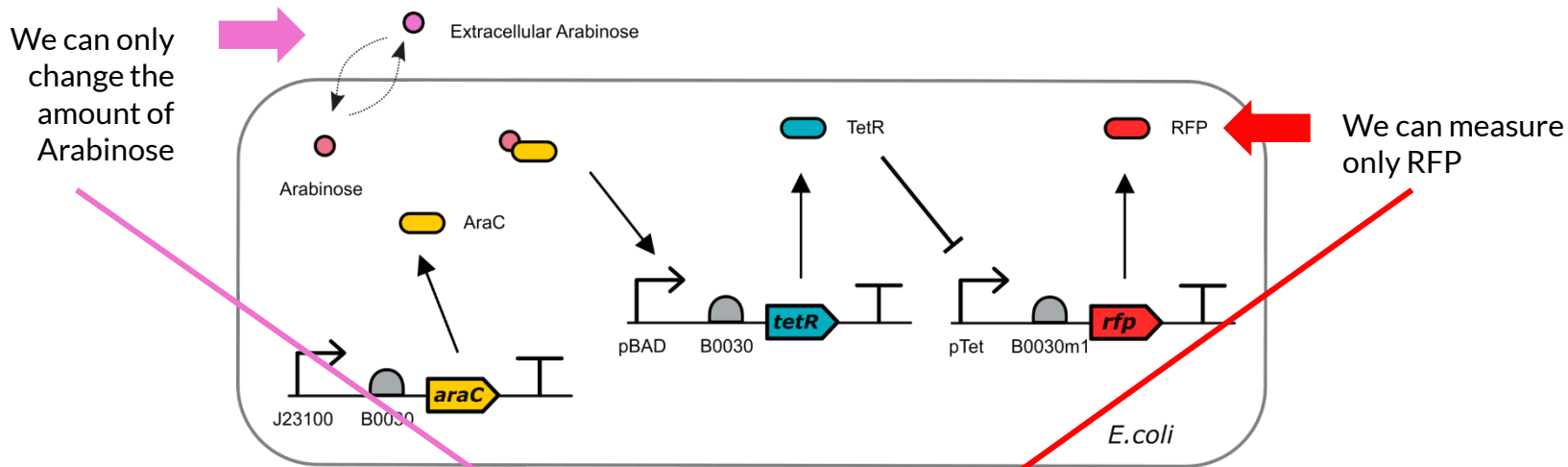


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We can only
change the
amount of
Arabinose

We need more!!

We can measure
only RFP

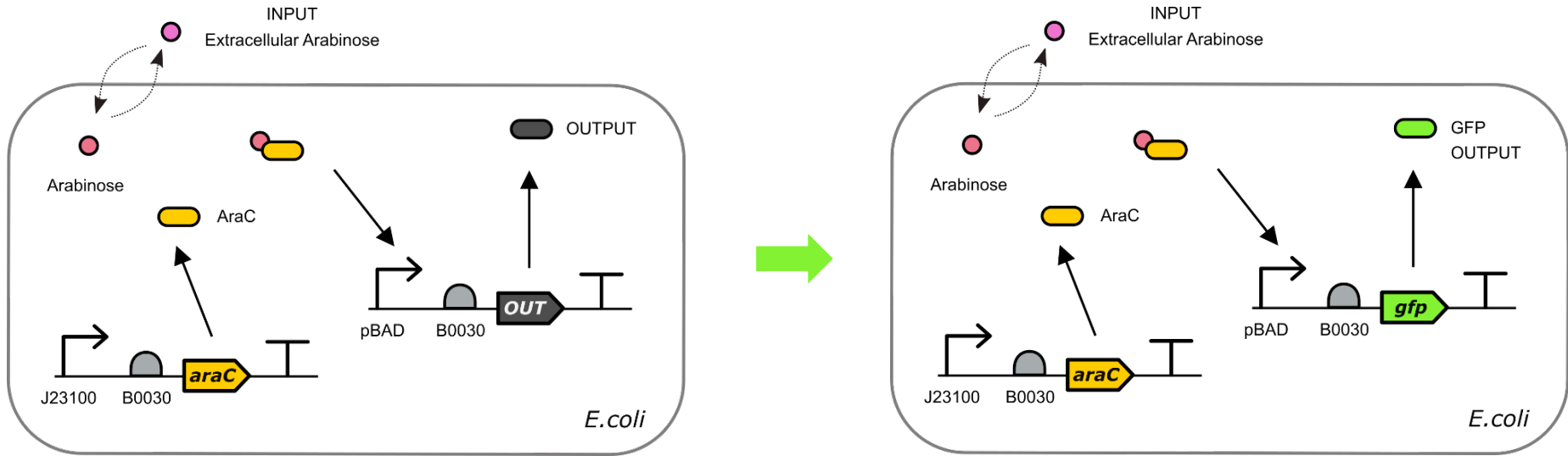
What can we do?

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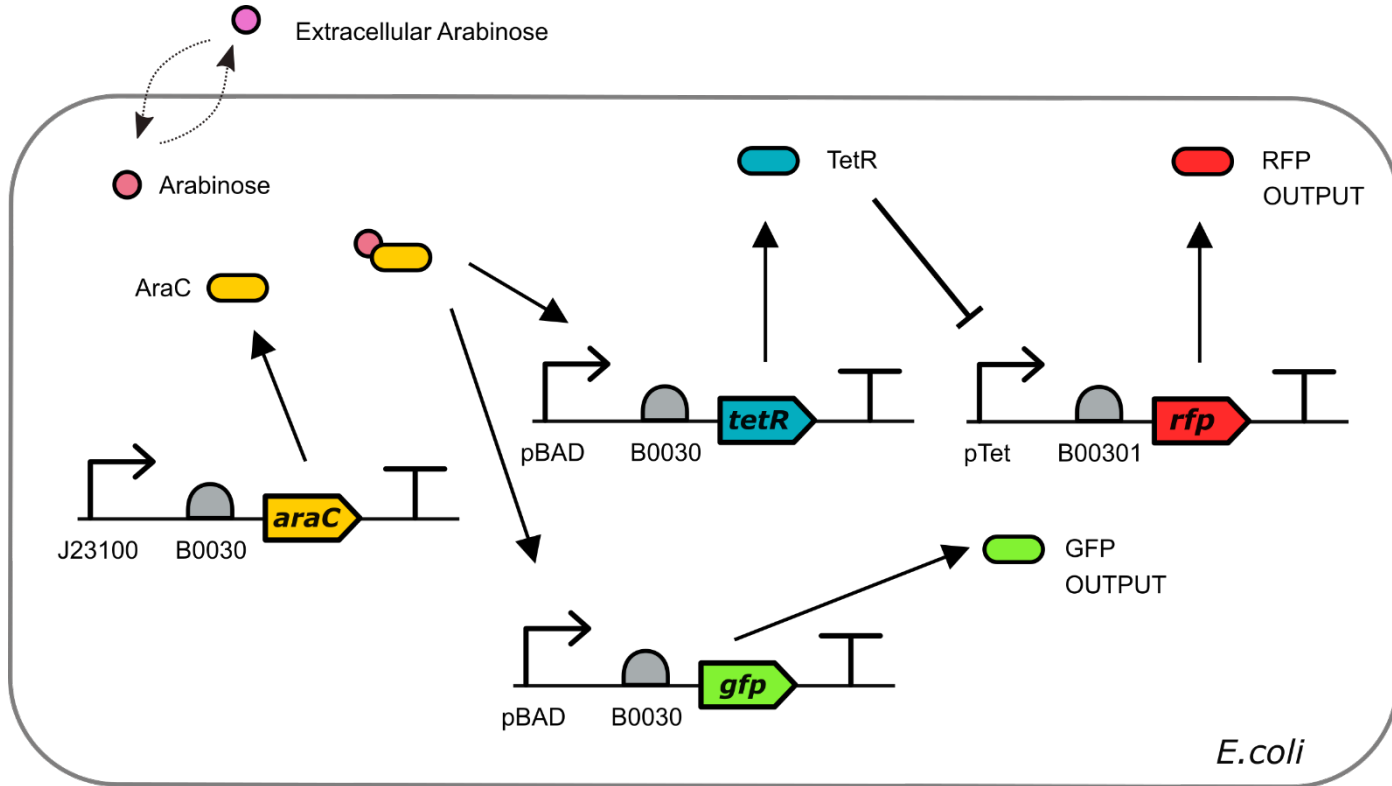
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We can make another construct, with GFP as OUTPUT.

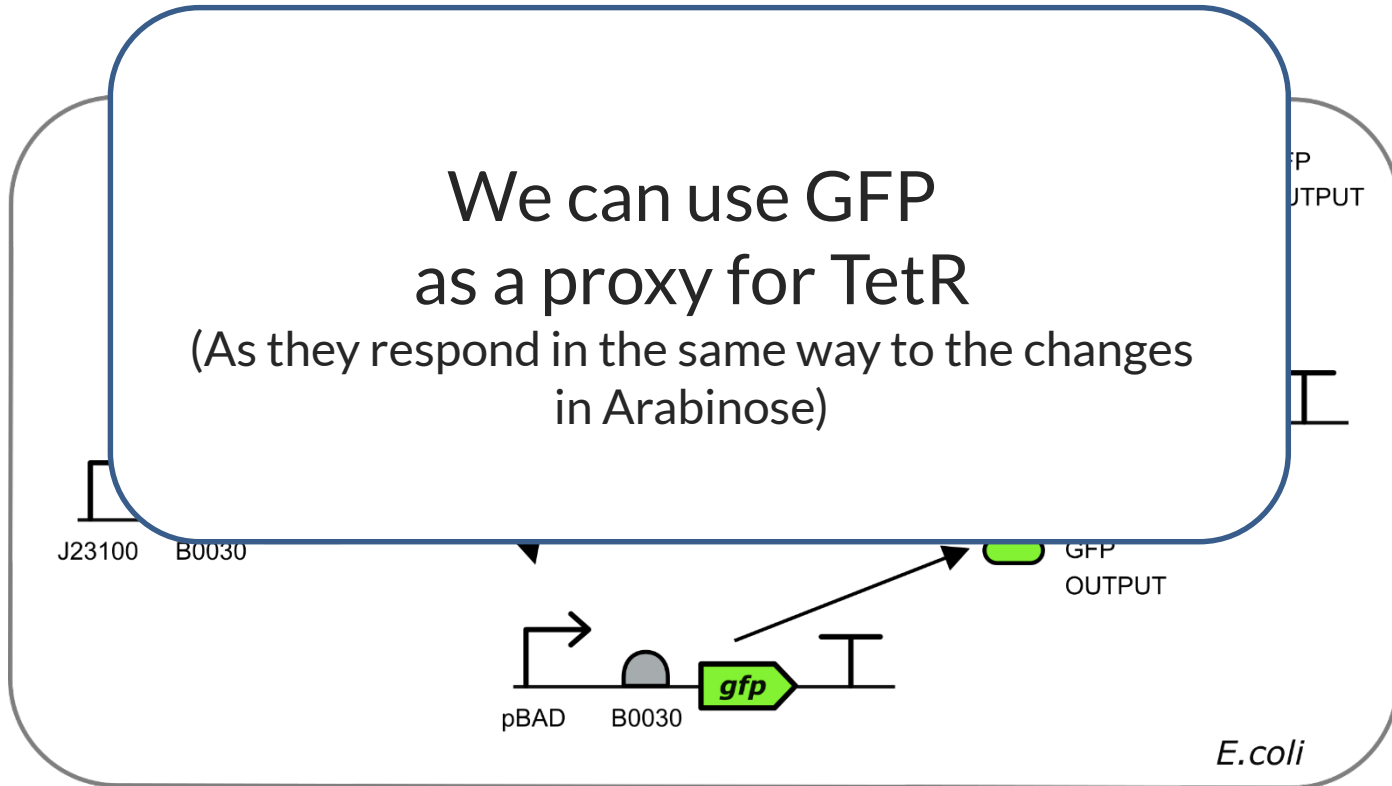
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SENSE - **COMPUTE** - **ACT** for measurement

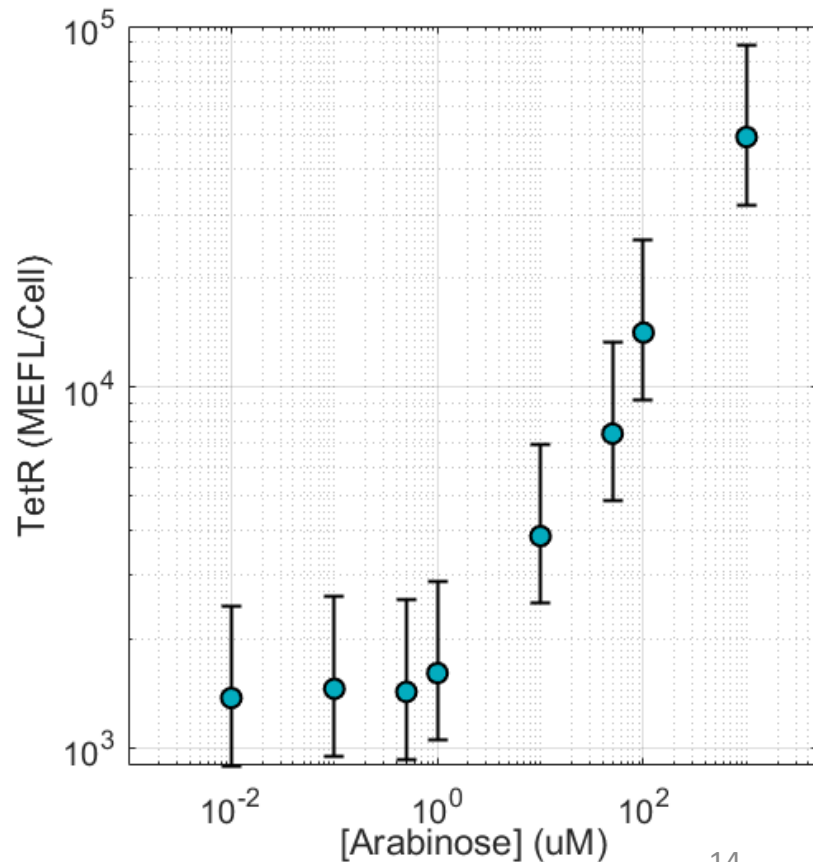
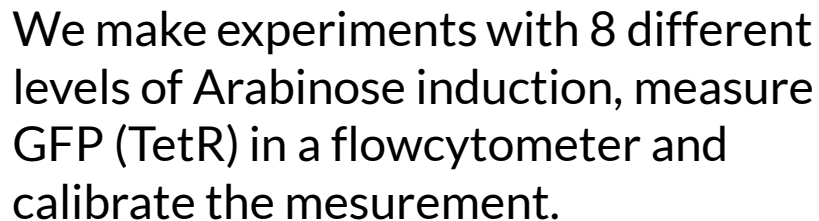


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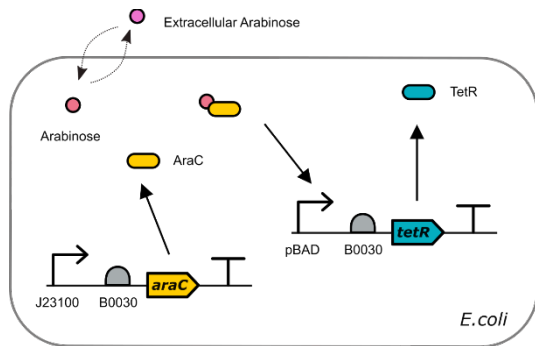


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Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

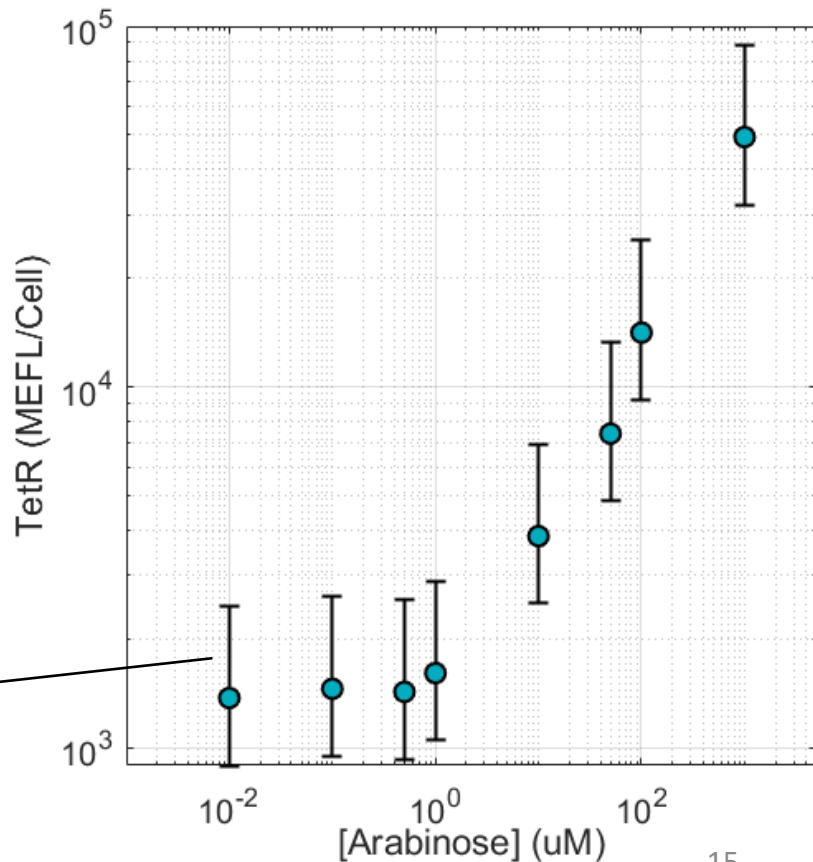
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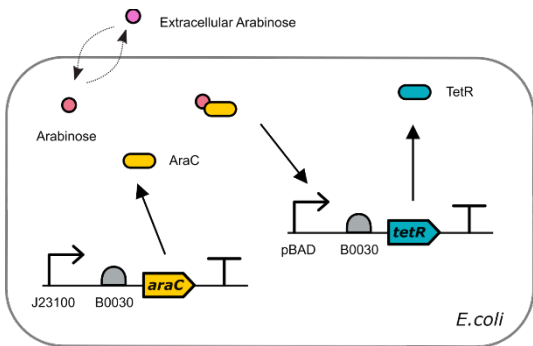
$$\text{Error} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_i^m ([TetR]_{model,i} - [TetR]_{measured,i})^2$$

For the m different concentrations of Arabinose.
Then we minimize the error...



Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

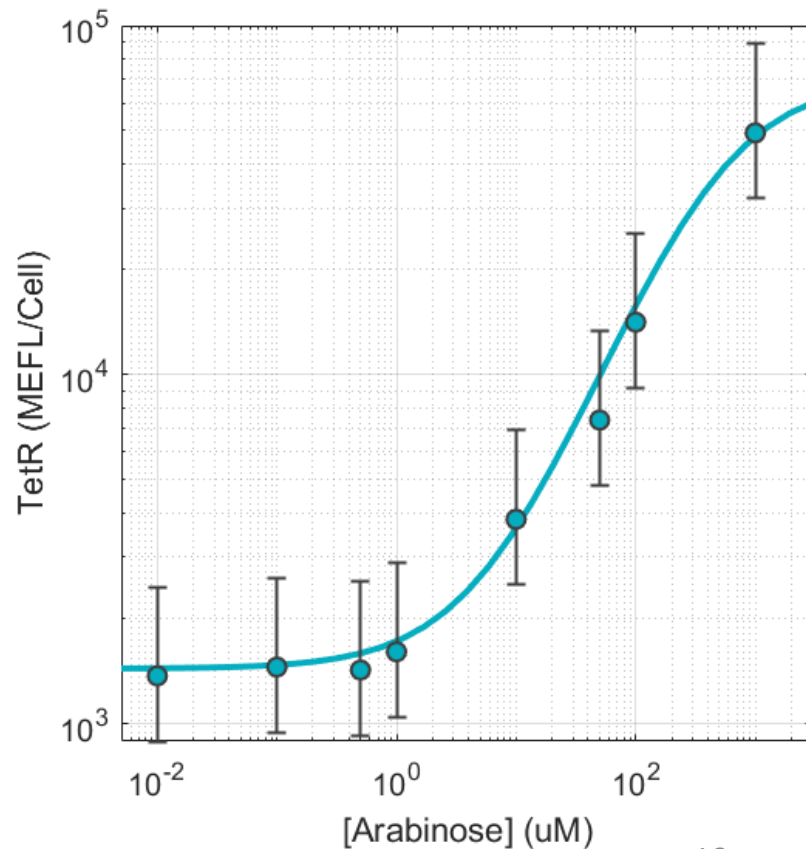
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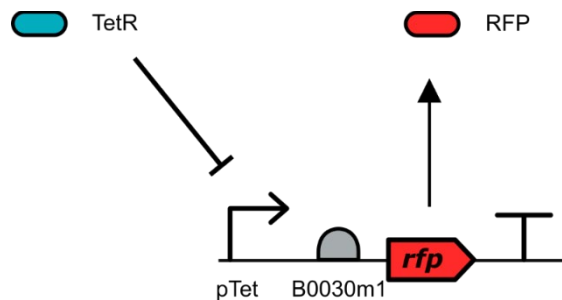
$$\frac{\alpha_{pBAD}}{d_{\text{TetR}}} = 7.056 \times 10^4 \text{ molecules}$$

$$K_{d_{pBAD}} = 444.5 \mu\text{M} \quad \beta_{o_{pBAD}} = 0.02 \quad n_a = 1$$



Modeling a genetic circuit Example Sense-Compute-Act

COMPUTE - ACT



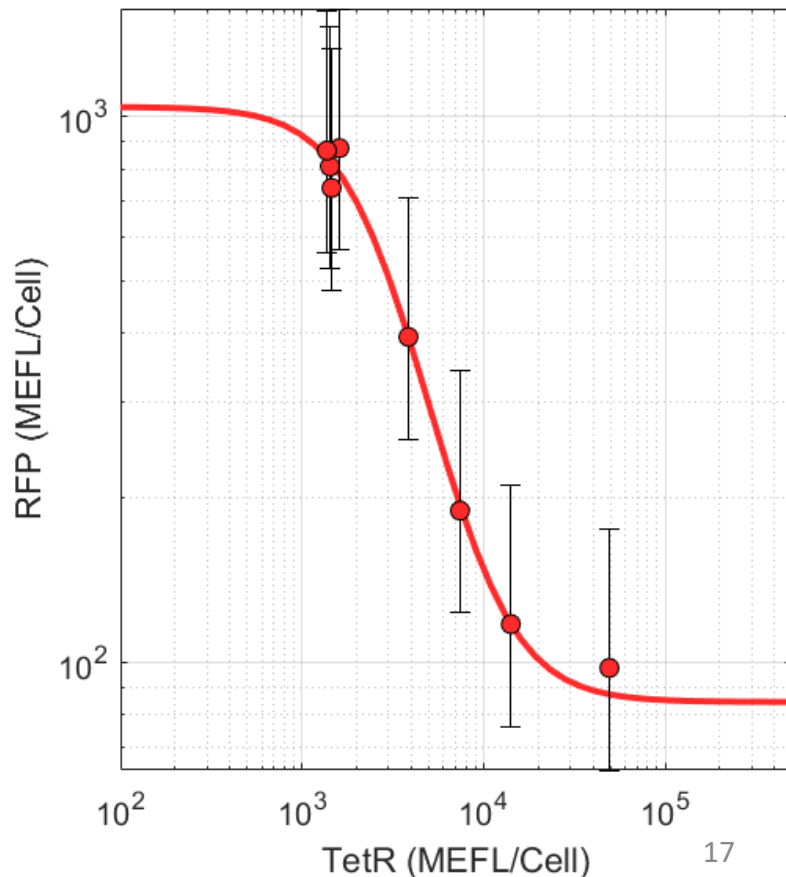
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$$\frac{\alpha_{pTet}}{d_{RFP}} = 1039 \text{ molecules}$$

$$\beta_{opBAD} = 0.08$$

$$K_{d_{pTet}} = 2668 \text{ molecules}$$

$$n_t = 2$$

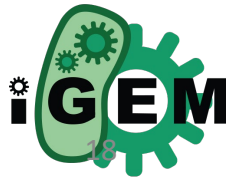


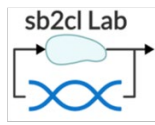
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Stay tuned, next Section 3:

Example: Incoherent feed-forward loop (model & data)





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Modeling: Modeling circuits with ODEs and experimental data

Section 3 Example: Incoherent feed-forward loop (model & data)

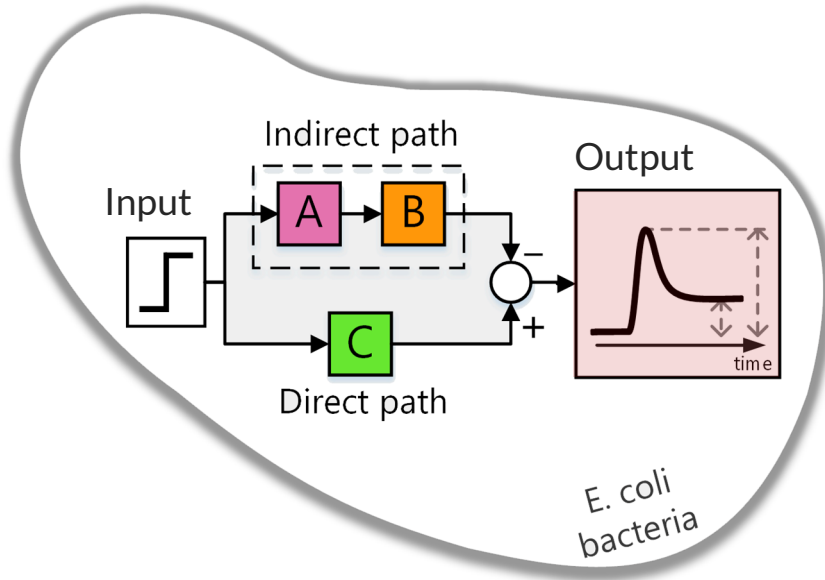
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Week 3a, June 30th, 2020

Today Webinar's Topics

- ⚠ Section 1: Composing circuit models from Hill functions (15 min)
- ⚠ Section 2: Relating parameters and data (15 min)
- ⚠ Section 3: **Example: Incoherent feed-forward loop (model & data)** (15 min)
- ⚠ Q&A – (at the end of each 15 minutes block, total 15 min)

Incoherent type1 feedforward circuit (I1-FFL)

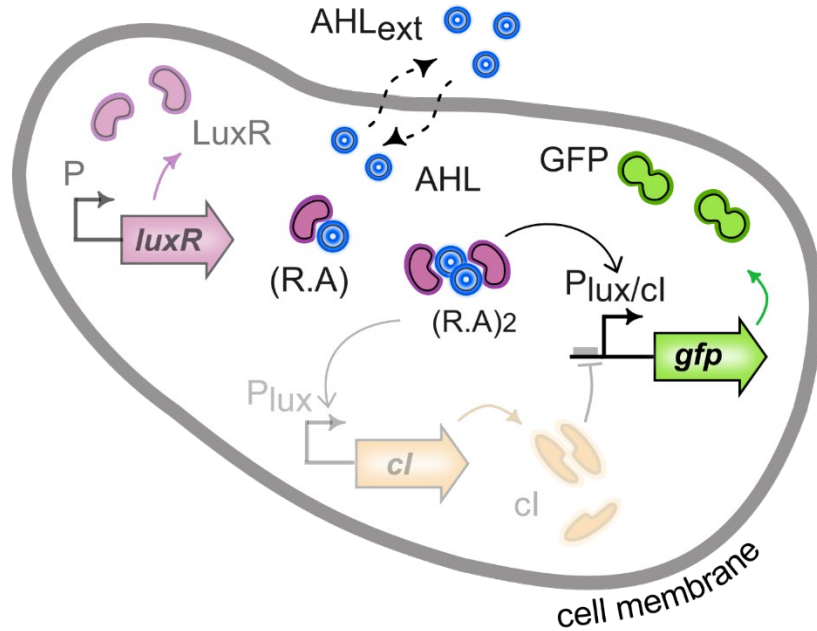


Change-fold detector

Responds to a change in its input and returns to the value it had prior to the stimulus.

In biology, this behavior is called *adaptation*

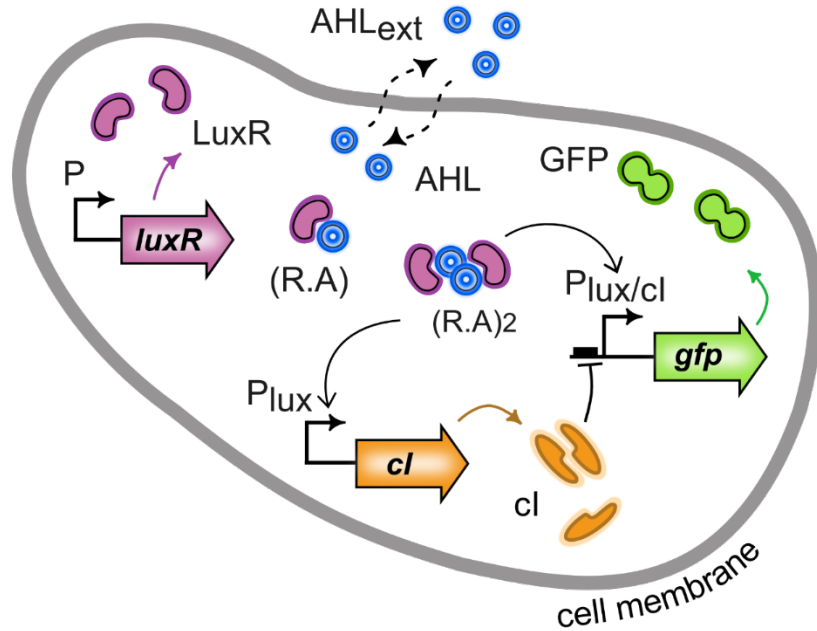
Structure of a design for the I1-FFL gene circuit



Direct path

Input AHL_{ext} diffuses across the cell membrane. AHL together with LuxR protein activates the output protein GFP .

Structure of the I1-FFL gene circuit



Direct path

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Indirect path

AHL together with LuxR proteins also activate cl protein. After some time, cl represses the output protein GFP.

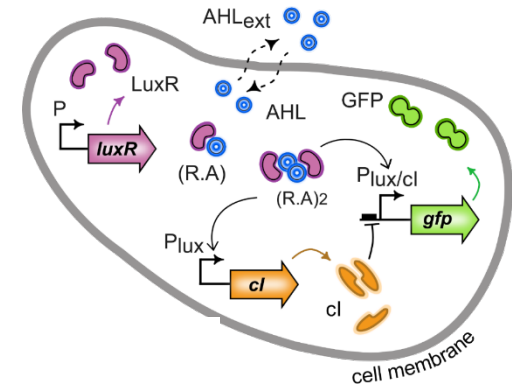
Model of the I1-FFL gene circuit

$$\frac{d[R]}{dt} = \frac{p_R C_N k_R}{d m_R + \mu} - (d_R + \mu) [R]$$

$$\frac{d[cI]}{dt} = \frac{p_{cI} C_N k_{cI}}{d m_{cI} + \mu} \left(\alpha + (1 - \alpha) \frac{\frac{1}{k_{d \text{lux}}} \left(\frac{[R][A]}{k_{d2} C_N} \right)^2}{1 + \frac{1}{k_{d \text{lux}}} \left(\frac{[R][A]}{k_{d2} C_N} \right)^2} \right) - (d_{cI} + \mu) [cI]$$

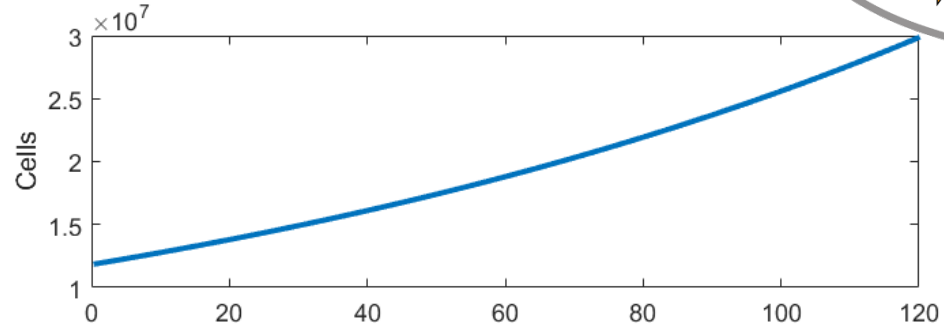
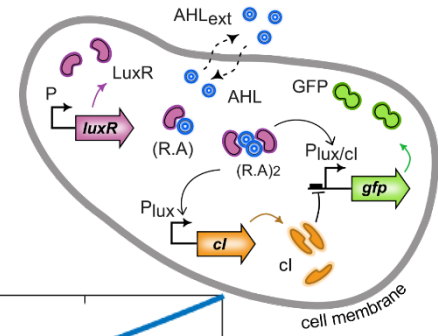
$$\frac{d[GFP]}{dt} = \frac{p_G C_N k_G}{d m_G + \mu} \left(\alpha + (1 - \alpha) \frac{\frac{1}{k_{d \text{lux}}} \left(\frac{[R][A]}{k_{d2} C_N} \right)^2}{1 + \frac{1}{k_{d \text{lux}}} \left(\frac{[R][A]}{k_{d2} C_N} \right)^2} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{[cI]^2}{k_{dcI} C_N}} \right) - (d_G + \mu) [G]$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \mu N \left(1 - \frac{N}{N_{\max}} \right)$$



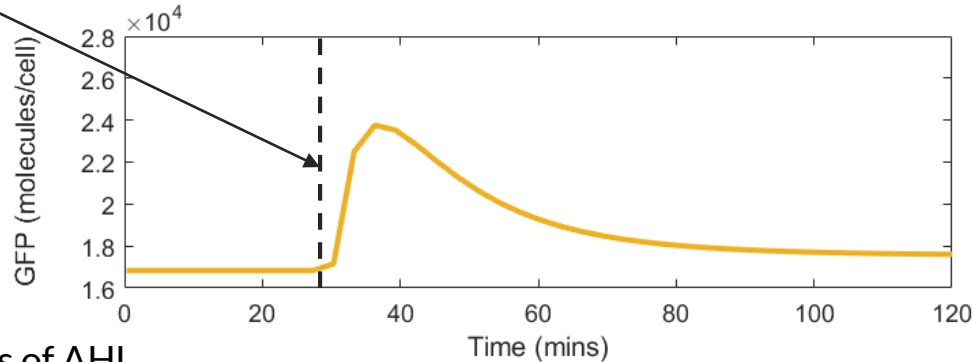
Model of the I1-FFL gene circuit

Simulation of a construct



Different induction levels

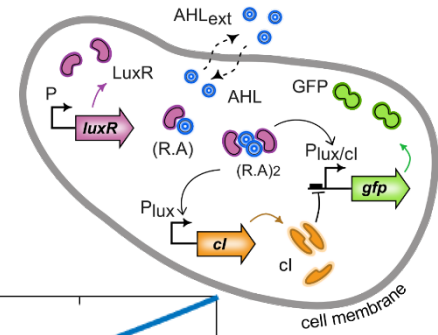
But only one peak!



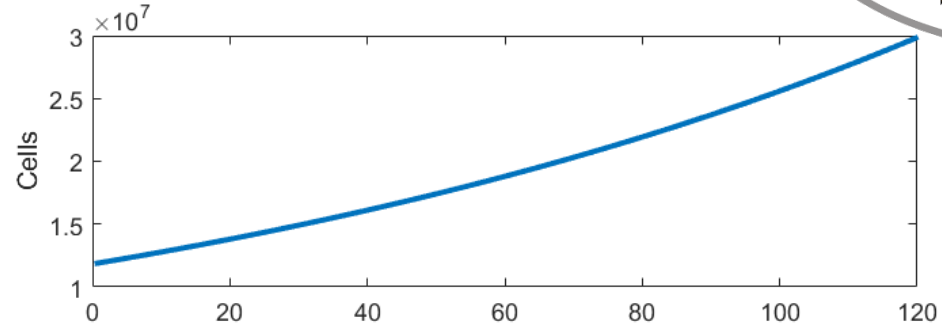
The system responds,
but is insensitive to the different levels of AHL.

Model of the I1-FFL gene circuit

Simulation of another construct



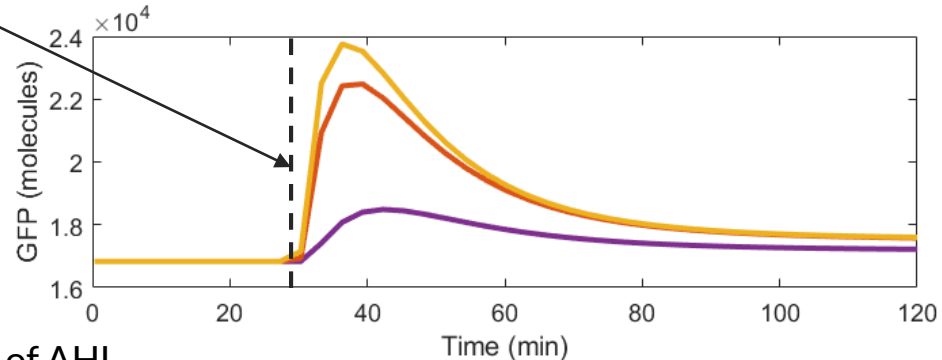
Increasing the C_N of the Hybrid promoter (to increase the K_d)



Different induction levels

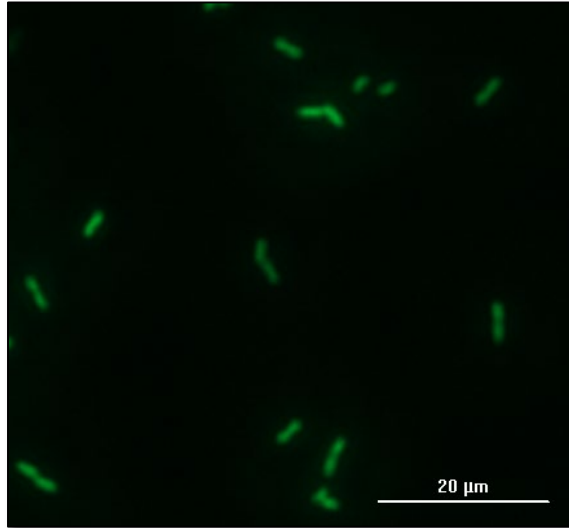
Different peaks maxima!

Now the system responds and changes the peak maximum with different levels of AHL.

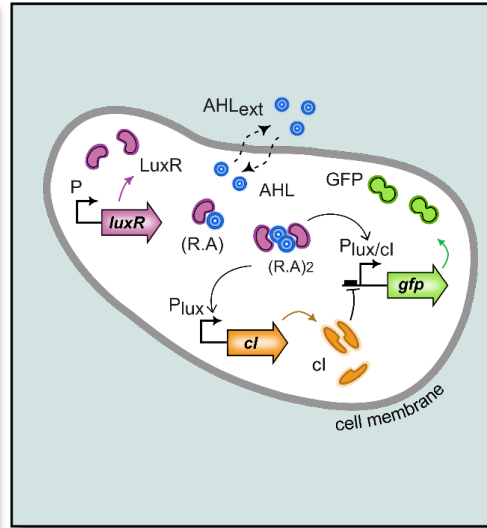


In vivo implementation of one version of I1-FFL circuit

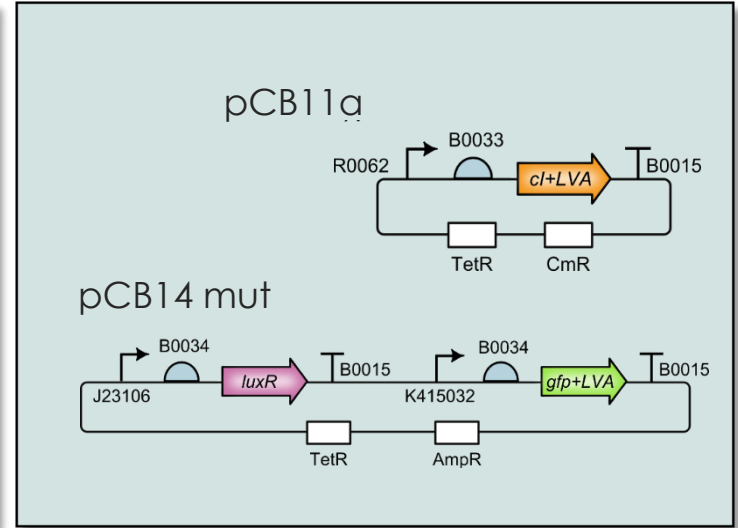
E. coli bacteria



GFP protein after AHL_{ext} induction.

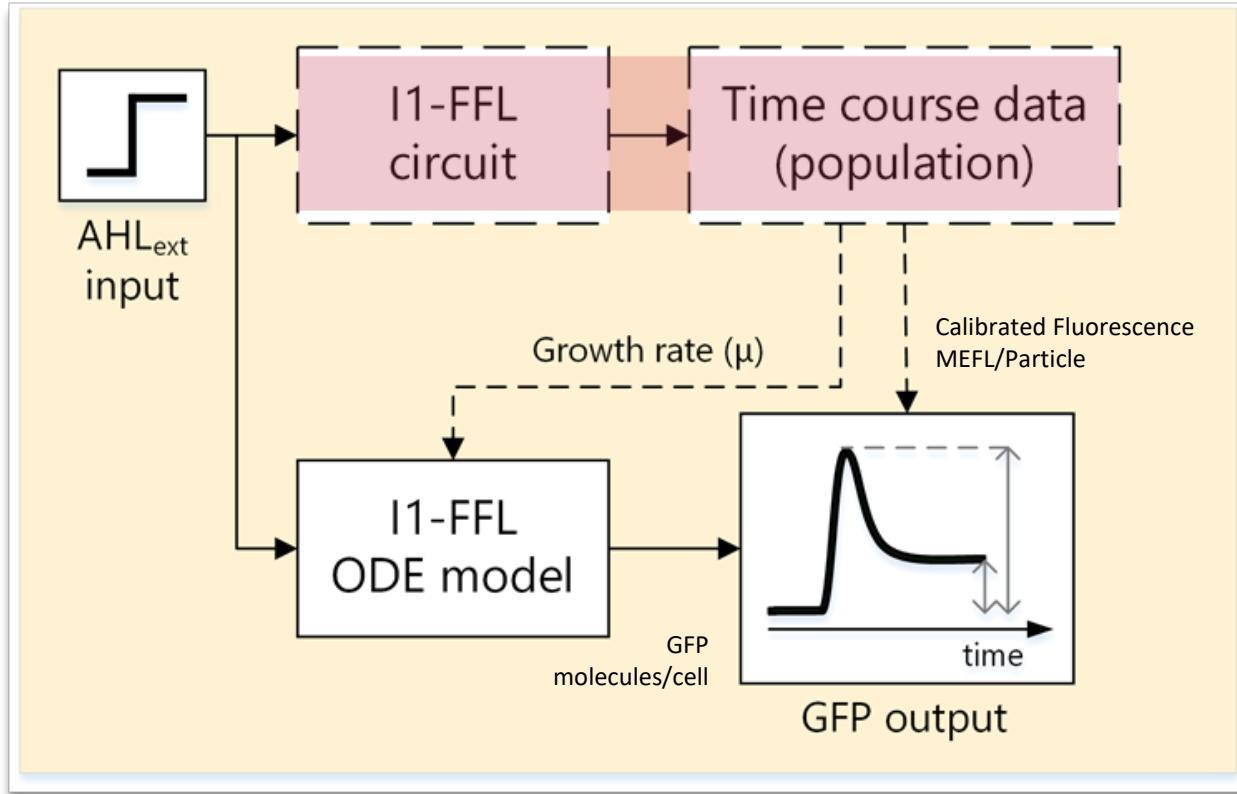


I1-FFL circuit with its biochemical reactions.



DNA sequences of the three gene circuits cl , $luxR$ and gfp .

Model parameter estimation of the I1-FFL circuit



Cost function of the I1-FFL circuit

5 experimental scenarios

Mean squared error (MSE)

$$J_{[i=1,\dots,5]}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^n \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \left(x_{10_{iq}}^m(k) - x_{10_{iq}}(kT) \right)^2$$

$$\min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{17}} J(\theta) = [J_1(\theta), \dots, J_5(\theta)] \in \mathbb{R}^5$$

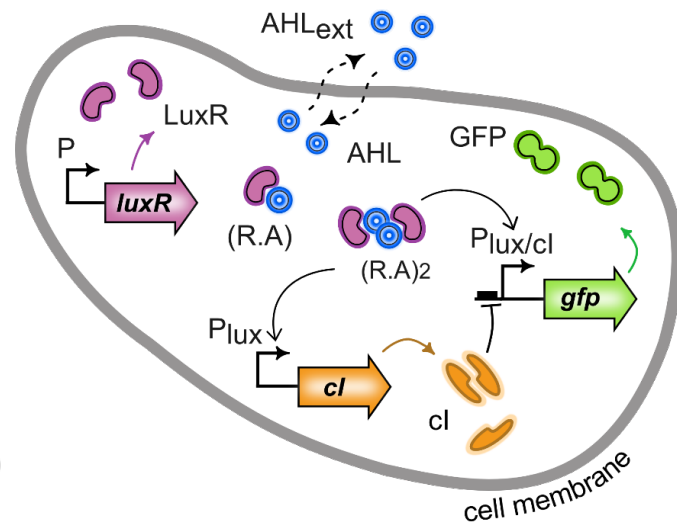
subject to: I1-FFL model (5.1)

17 decision variables $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{17}$

Unknown Parameter	Description	Range of values
d_{cl}, d_{GFP}	cl, GFP degradation rate	$[0.01 \ 0.3] \text{ min}^{-1}$
γ_1	pLux Promoter Hill constant	$[50 \ 100] \text{ nM}$
γ_3	Hybrid pLuxR/cl promoter coefficient	$[0.0001 \ 0.5]$
γ_4	Hybrid pLuxR/cl promoter coefficient	$[0.0005 \ 5]$
γ_5	Hybrid pLuxR/cl promoter coefficient	$[1 \ 100]$
$k_{p_{cl}}, k_{p_{gfp}}$	cl, GFP translation rate	$[1 \ 60], [1 \ 100] \text{ min}^{-1}$
β_1	Hybrid promoter basal expression	$[0 \ 0.01]$
β_2	Hybrid promoter leakiness	$[0 \ 0.01]$
$k_{m_{cl}}, k_{m_{gfp}}$	cl, gfp transcription rate	$[0.1 \ 75], [0.1 \ 25] \text{ min}^{-1}$
k_{-2}, k_{-3}	Monomer and dimer dissociation rate	$[0.05 \ 0.3], [0.1 \ 1] \text{ min}^{-1}$
k_2, k_3	Monomer and dimer association rate	$[0.0006 \ 0.06] \text{ min}^{-1}$
k_{mat}	GFP maturation time	$[20 \ 120] \text{ min}$

Parameter estimation based on MOOD

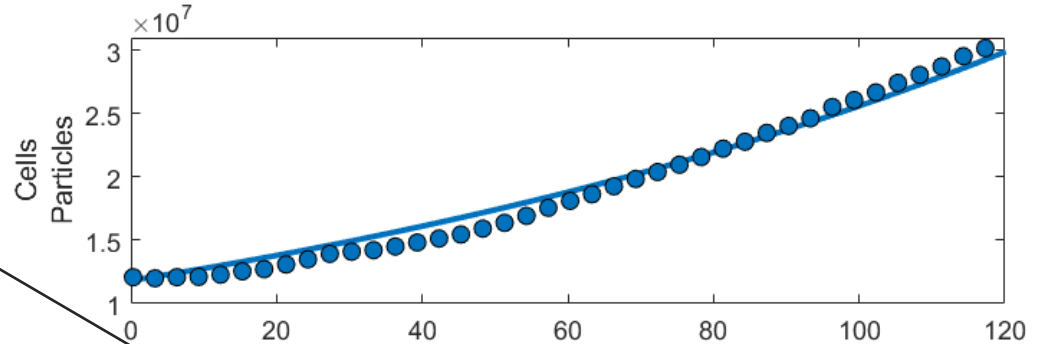
spMODE algorithm (<http://matlabcentral/fileexchange/39215>)



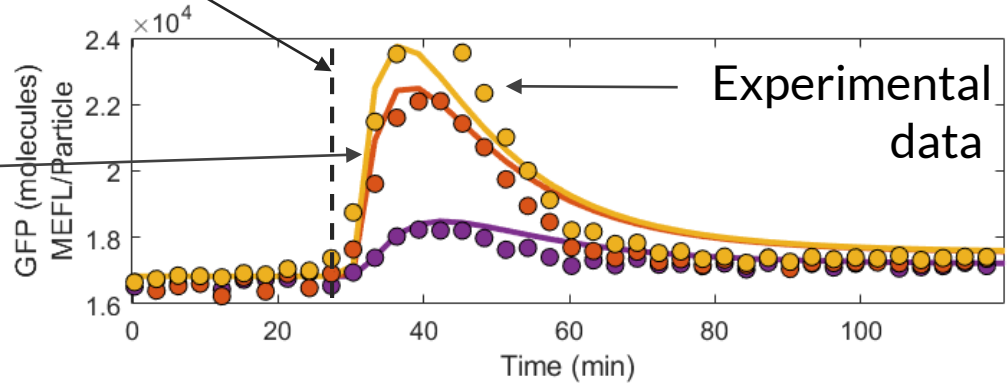
Comparison between model and data for the I1-FFL circuit

Parameter estimation

AHL Induction



Simulation



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Scripts and files in the Git Repository

<https://github.com/iGEM-Measurement-Tools/Modeling-Tutorials>

