

# **Applications of Text and Data Mining of biomedical databases**

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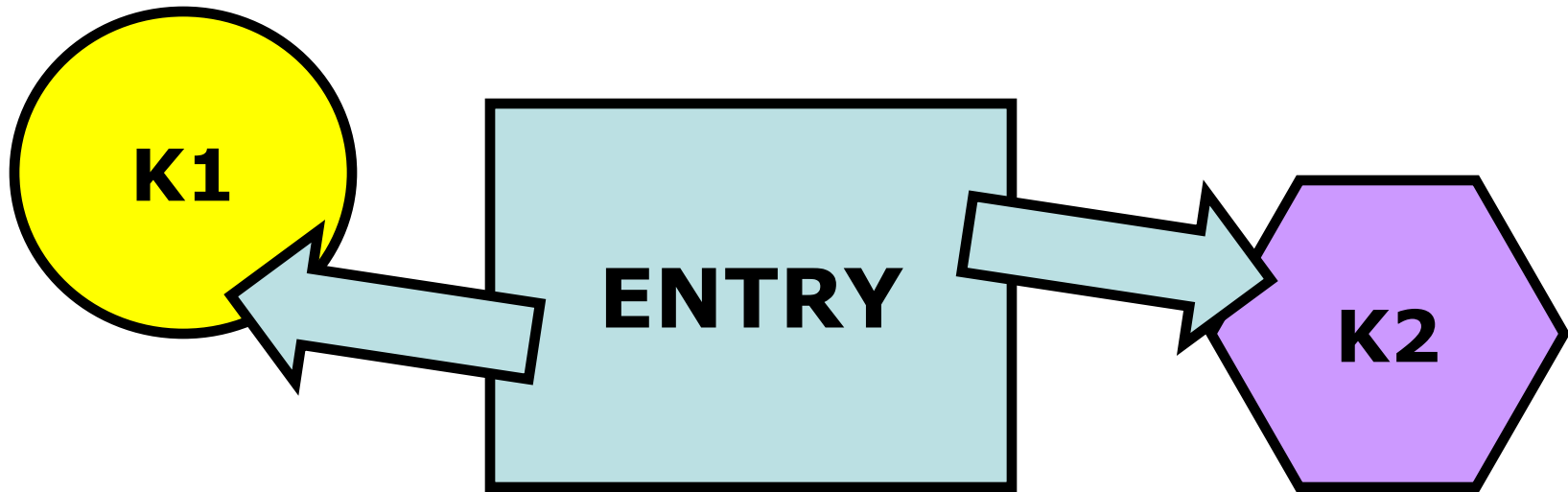
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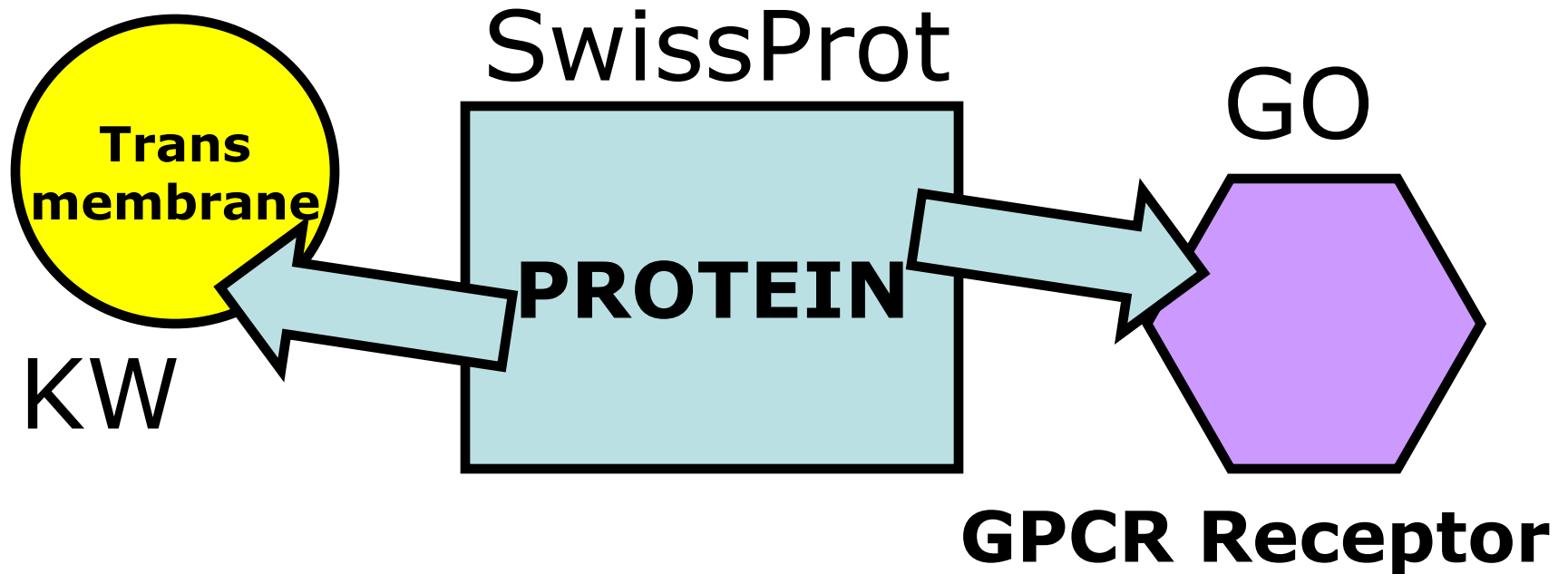
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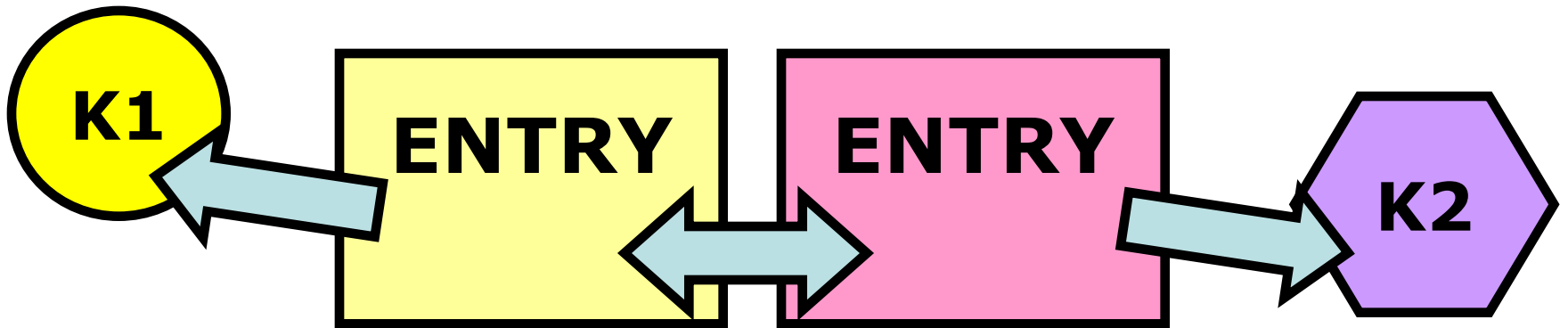
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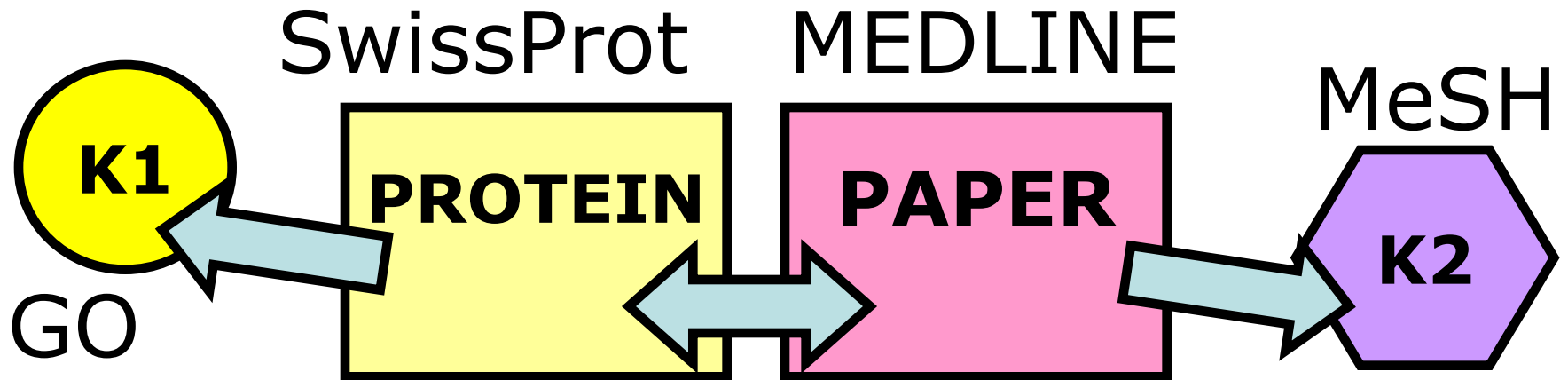


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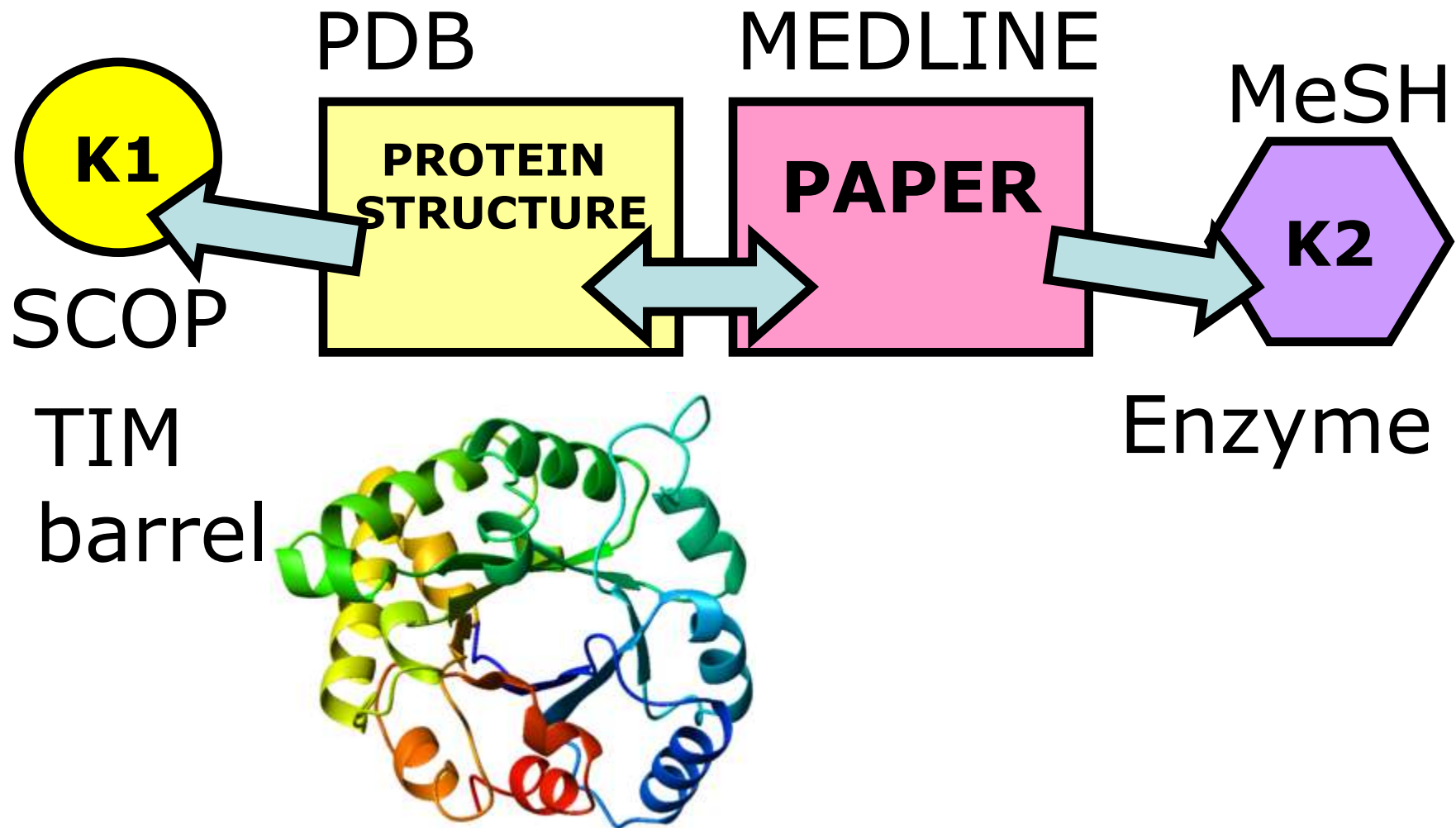




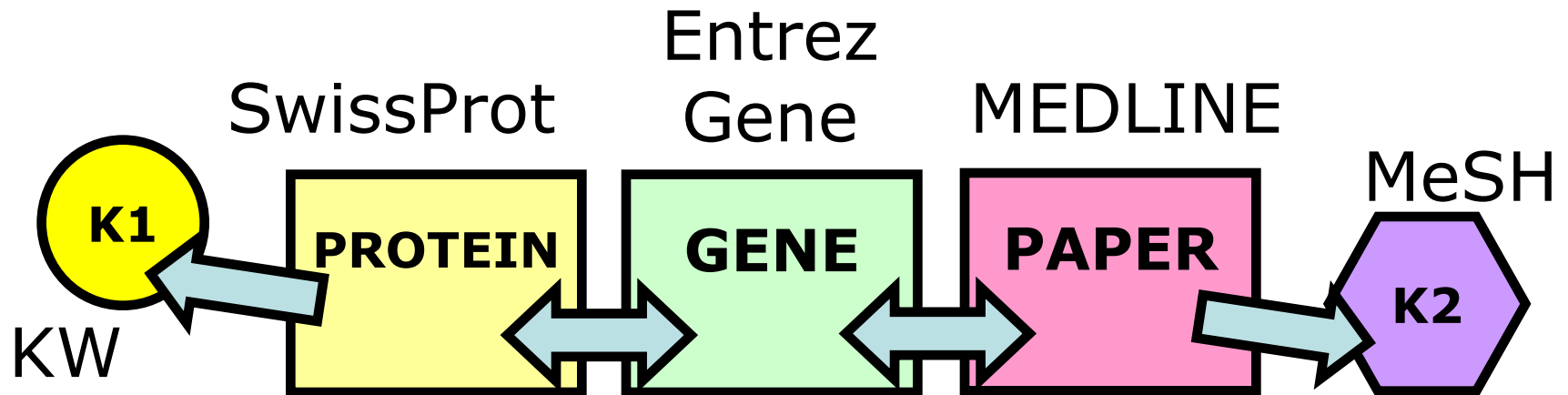
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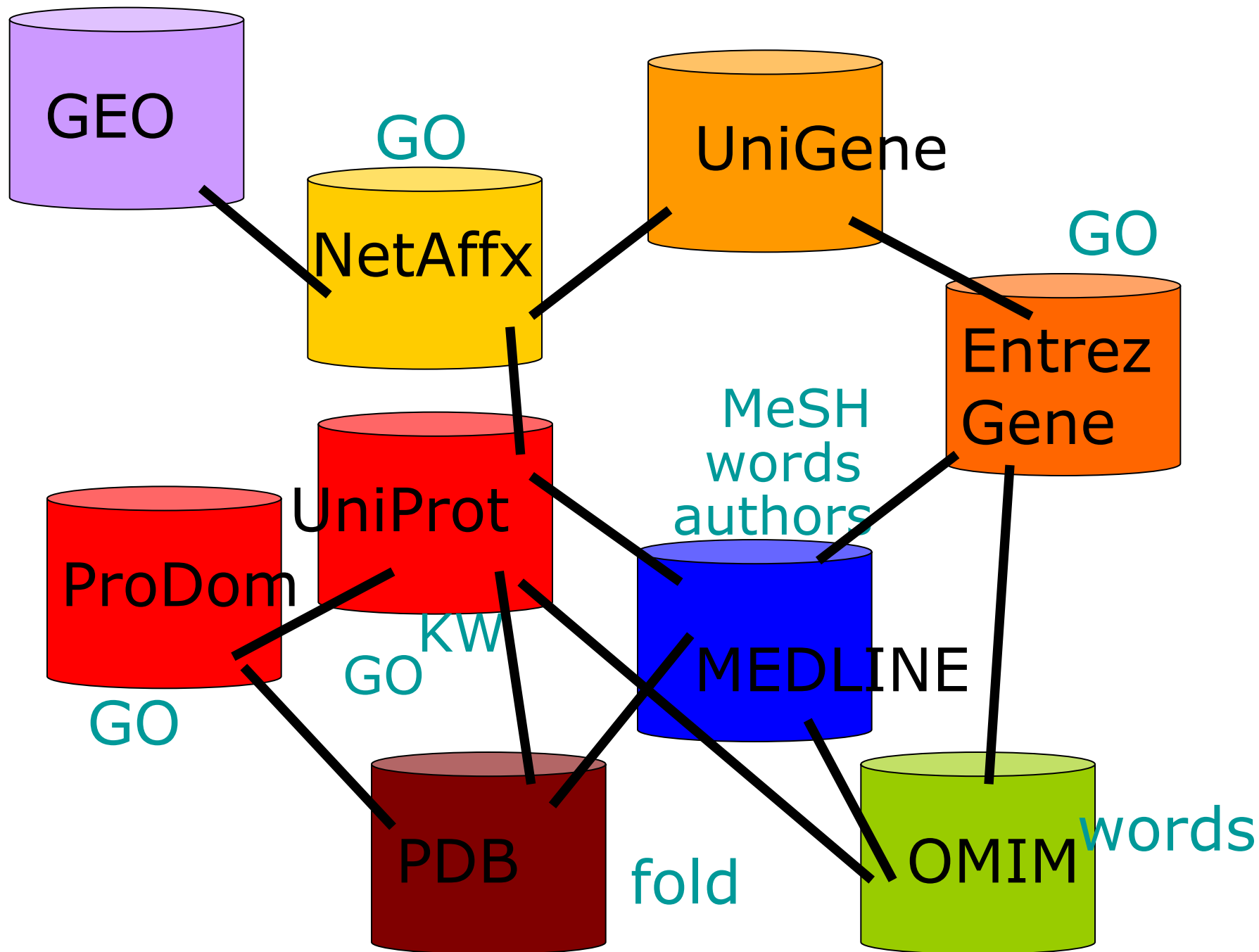


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## **Breast cancer genome-wide association studies: there is strength in numbers.**

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Department of Surgical and Oncological Sciences, Section of Medical Oncology, University of Palermo, Palermo, Italy.

[PLoS One](#), 2011;6(10):e25984. Epub 2011 Oct 6.

## **Membrane-bound steel factor maintains a high local concentration for mouse primordial germ cell motility, and defines the region of their migration.**

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Division of Developmental Biology, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, United States of America.

### **Abstract**

Steel factor, the protein product of the Steel locus in the mouse, is a multifunctional signal for the primordial germ cell population. We have shown previously that its expression accompanies the germ cells during migration to the gonads, forming a "travelling niche" that controls their survival, motility, and proliferation. Here we show that these functions are distributed between the alternatively spliced membrane-bound and soluble forms of Steel factor. The germ cells normally migrate as individuals from E7.5 to E11.5, when they aggregate together in the embryonic gonads. Movie analysis of Steel-dickie mutant embryos, which make only the soluble form, at E7.5, showed that the germ cells fail to migrate normally, and undergo "premature aggregation" in the base of the allantois. Survival and directionality of movement is not affected. Addition of excess soluble Steel factor to Steel-dickie embryos rescued germ cell motility, and addition of Steel factor to germ cells in vitro showed that a fourfold higher dose was required to increase motility, compared to survival. These data show that soluble Steel factor is sufficient for germ cell survival, and suggest that the membrane-bound form provides a higher local concentration of Steel factor that controls the balance between germ cell motility and aggregation. This hypothesis was tested by addition of excess soluble Steel factor to slice cultures of E11.5 embryos, when migration usually ceases, and the germ cells aggregate. This reversed the aggregation process, and caused increased motility of the germ cells. We conclude that the two forms of Steel factor control different aspects of germ cell behavior, and that membrane-bound Steel factor controls germ cell motility within a "motility niche" that moves through the embryo with the germ cells. Escape from this niche causes cessation of motility and death by apoptosis of the ectopic germ cells.

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4		The Role of $\alpha$ -Synuclein in Neurodegenerative Diseases : From Molecular Pathways in Disease to Therapeutic Approaches.	7.09e-05
5			7.45e-05
6			7.48e-05
8	net	Parkinson disease (PD) is the second most prevalent neurodegenerative disorder after Alzheimer's disease (AD). The formation of the cytoplasmic inclusions named "Lewy bodies" in the brain, considered to be a marker for neuronal degeneration in PD and dementia with Lewy bodies. However, Lewy bodies (LBs) are also observed in approximately 60 percent of both sporadic and familial cases with AD. LBs consist of fibrils mainly formed by post-translational modified $\alpha$ -synuclein ( $\alpha$ -syn) protein. The modifications can be truncation, phosphorylation, nitration and mono-, di-, or tri-ubiquitination. Development of disease seems to be linked to events that increase the concentration of $\alpha$ -syn or cause its chemical modification, either of which can accelerate $\alpha$ -syn aggregation. Examples of such events include increased copy number of genes, decreased rate of degradation via the proteasome or other proteases, or modified forms of $\alpha$ -syn. As the aggregation of $\alpha$ -syn in the brain has been strongly implicated as a critical step in the development of several neurodegenerative diseases, the current search for disease-modifying drugs is focused on modification of the process of $\alpha$ -syn deposition in the brain. Recently researchers have screened and designed various molecules that are selectively focused on inhibiting or preventing $\alpha$ -syn aggregation and toxicity. Another strategy that has emerged is to target $\alpha$ -syn expression as a potential therapy for neurodegenerative diseases associated with LBs.	7.52e-05
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			Induction of intracellular tau aggregation is promoted by $\alpha$ -synuclein seeds and provides novel insights into the hyperphosphorylation of tau .				
2	351	APP	<p>Intracytoplasmic proteinaceous inclusions , primarily composed of tau or <math>\alpha</math>-synuclein (<math>\alpha</math>-syn), are predominant pathological features of Alzheimer 's disease (AD ) and Parkinson 's disease (PD ), respectively. However, the coexistence of these pathological aggregates is identified in many neurodegenerative disorders , including spectrum disorders of AD and PD . Whereas <math>\alpha</math>-syn can spontaneously polymerize into amyloidogenic fibrils , in vitro, tau polymerization requires an inducing agent. The current study presents a human-derived cellular model , in which recombinant, preformed <math>\alpha</math>-syn fibrils cross-seed intracellular tau to promote the formation of neurofibrillary tangle -like aggregates . These aggregates were hyperphosphorylated, Triton insoluble, and thioflavin-S positive, either comingling with endogenously expressed <math>\alpha</math>-syn aggregates or induced by only exogenously applied recombinant <math>\alpha</math>-syn fibrils . Furthermore, filamentous, amyloidogenic tau took over the cellular soma, displacing the nucleus and isolating or displacing organelles, likely preventing cellular function . Although a significant proportion of wild-type tau formed these cellular inclusions , the P301L mutation in tau increased aggregation propensity resulting from <math>\alpha</math>-syn seeds to over 50% of total tau protein . The role of phosphorylation on the development of these tau aggregates was investigated by coexpressing glycogen synthase kinase 3 <math>\beta</math> or microtubule-associated protein /microtubule affinity-regulating kinase 2. Expression of either kinase inhibited the formation of <math>\alpha</math>-syn-induced tau aggregates . Analyses of phosphorylation sites suggest that multiple complex factors may be associated with this effect and that Triton-soluble versus Triton-insoluble tau may be independently targeted by kinases . The current work not only provides an exceptional cellular model of tau pathology , but also examines <math>\alpha</math>-syn-induced tau inclusion formation and provides novel insights into hyperphosphorylation observed in disease .</p>				
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**Sentence 1:** Microtubule-associated protein 1B is a component of cortical Lewy bodies and binds alpha-synuclein filaments.

**Sentence 2:** Lewy bodies, neuropathological hallmarks of Parkinson's disease and dementia with Lewy bodies, comprise alpha-synuclein filaments and other less defined proteins.

**Sentence 3:** Characterization of Lewy body proteins that interact with alpha-synuclein may provide insight into the mechanism of Lewy body formation.

**Sentence 4:** Double immunofluorescence labeling and confocal microscopy revealed approximately 80% of cortical Lewy bodies contained microtubule-associated protein 1B (MAP-1B) that overlapped with alpha-synuclein.

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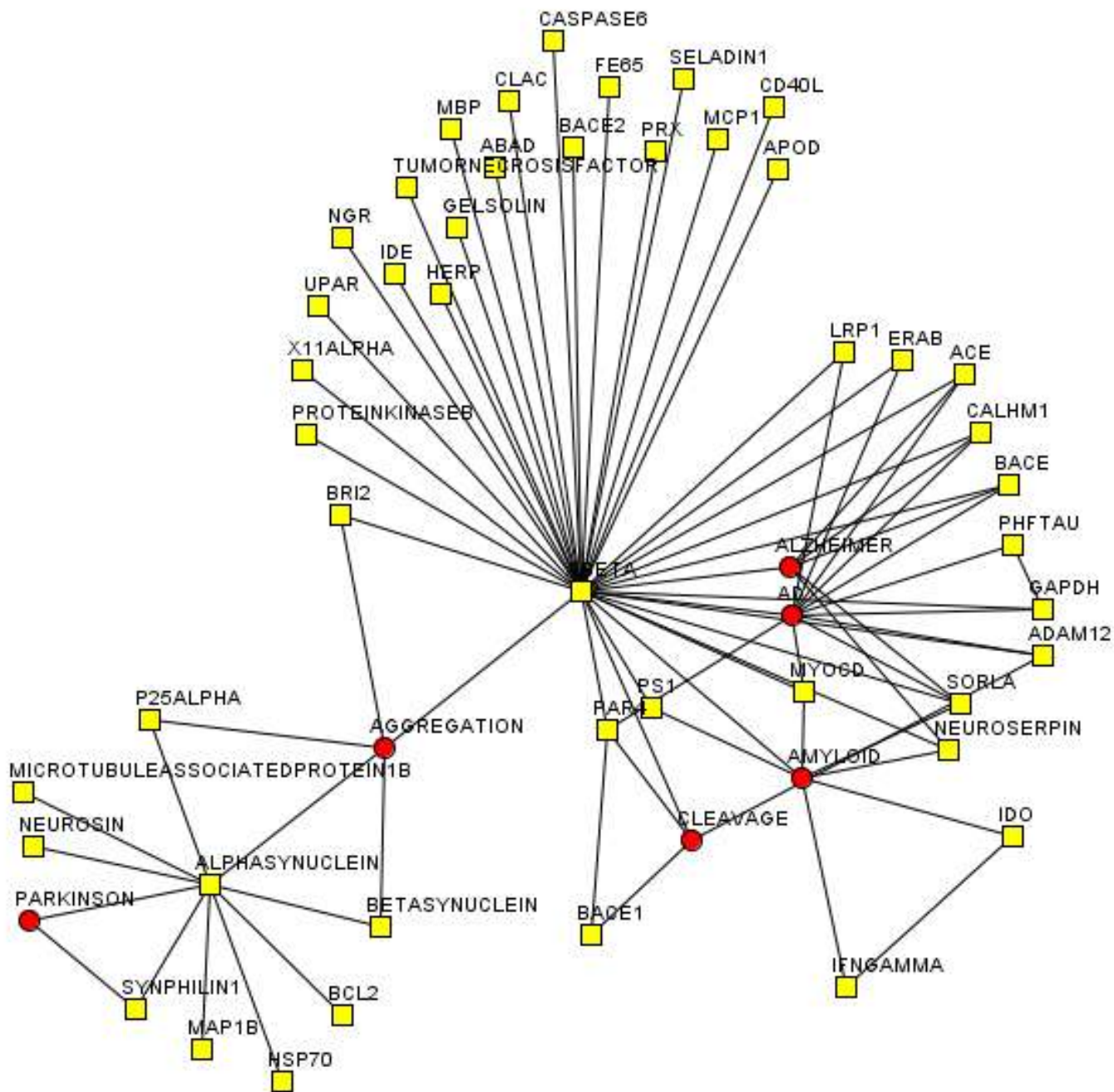
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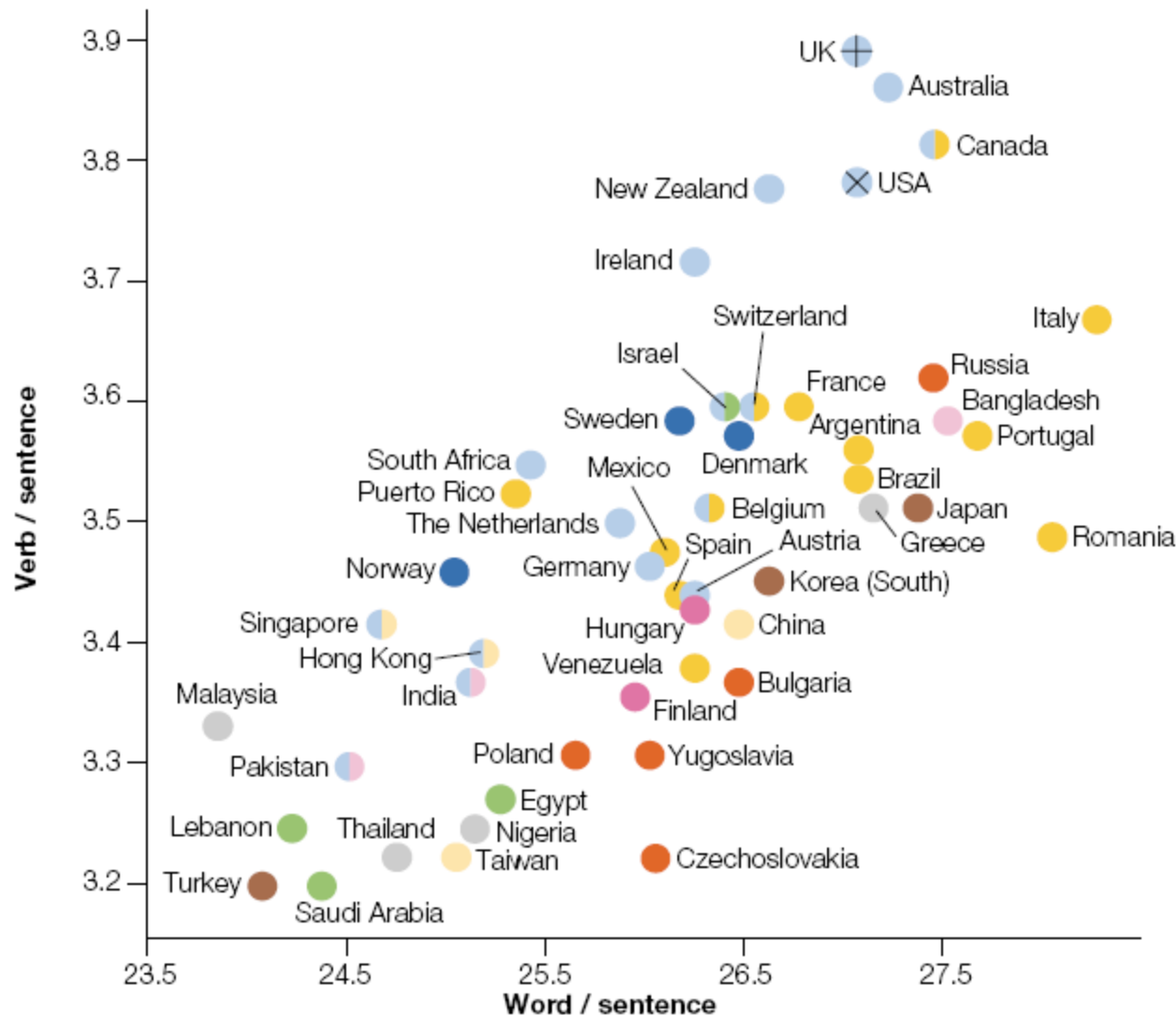
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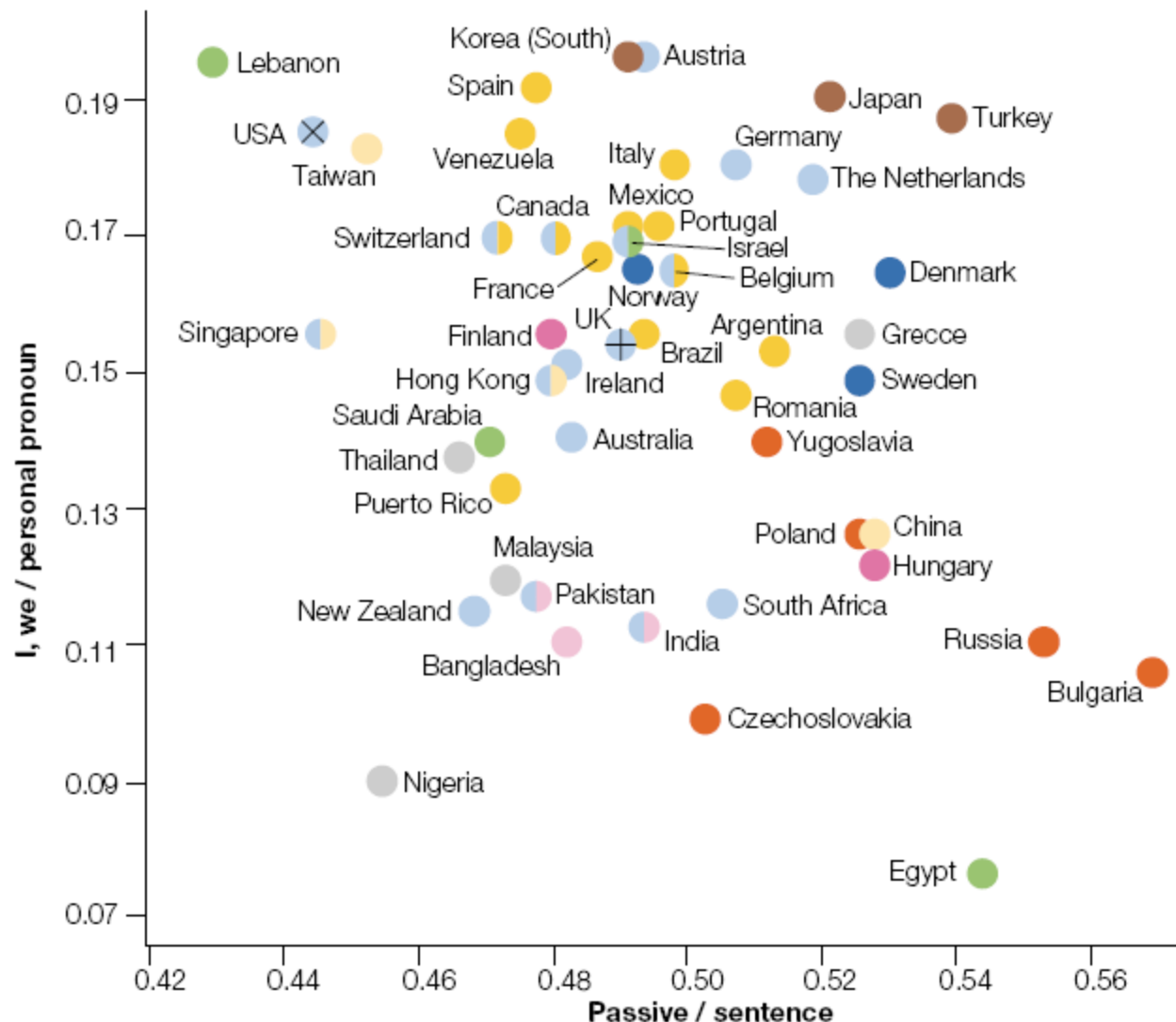
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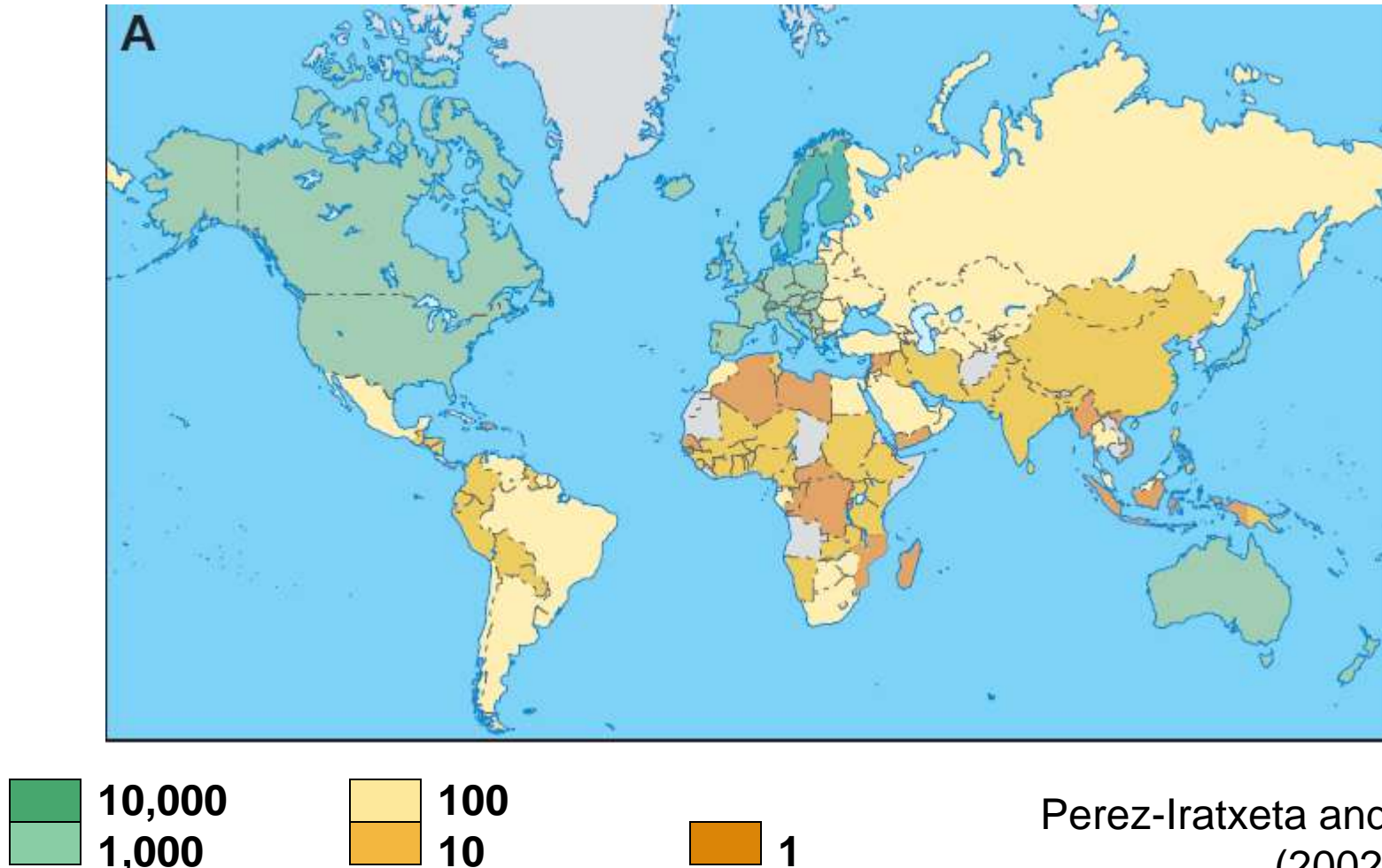
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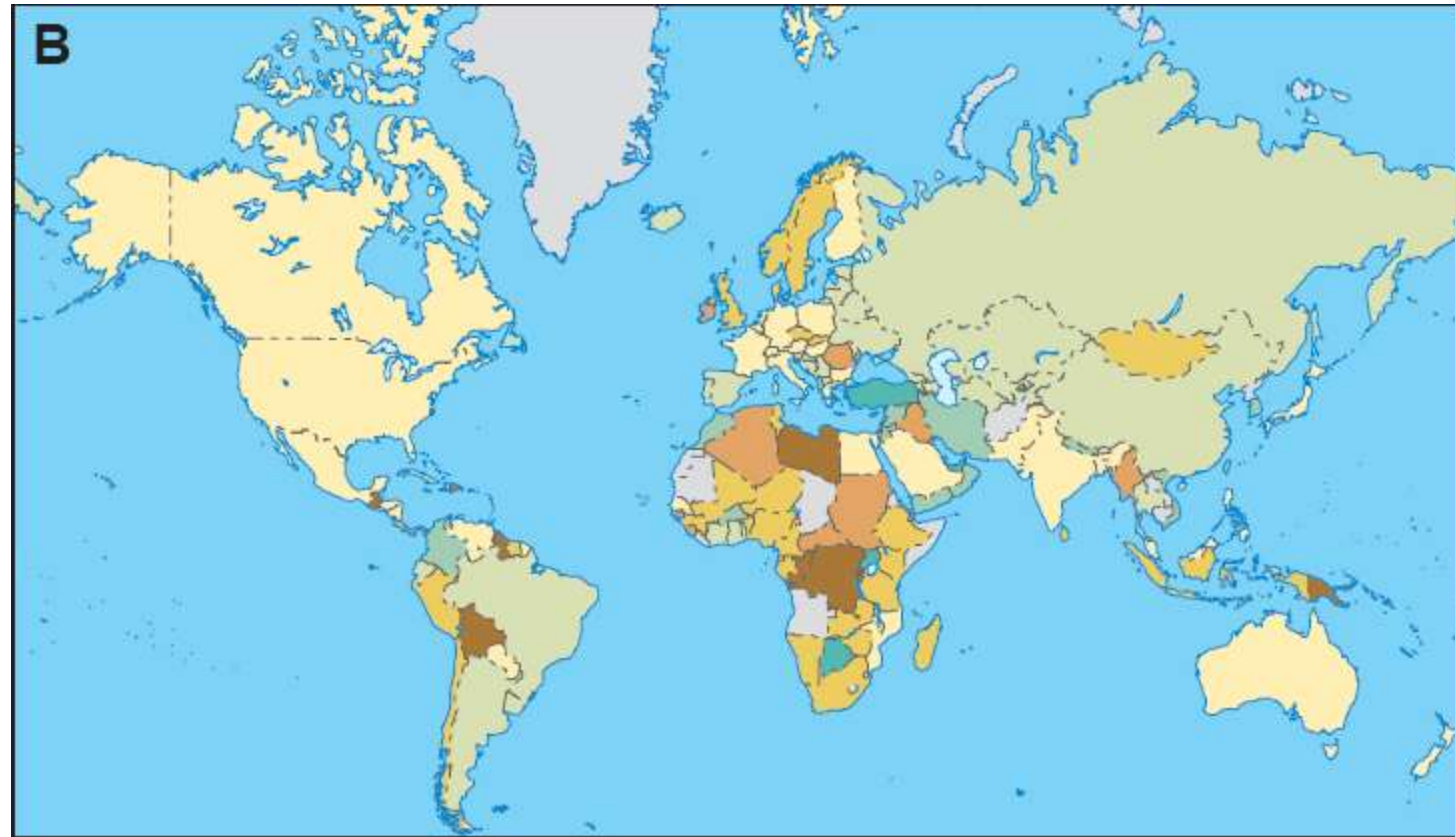
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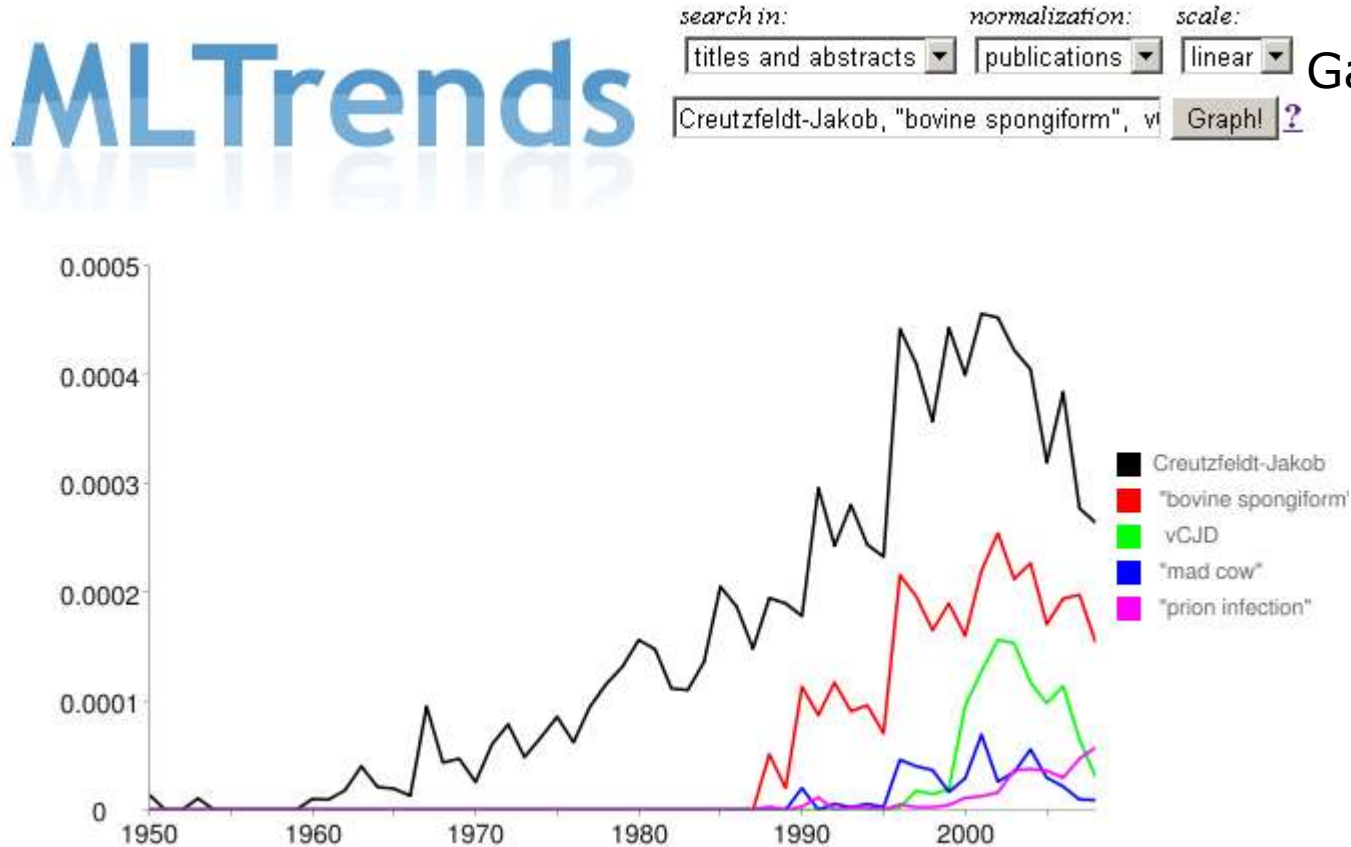
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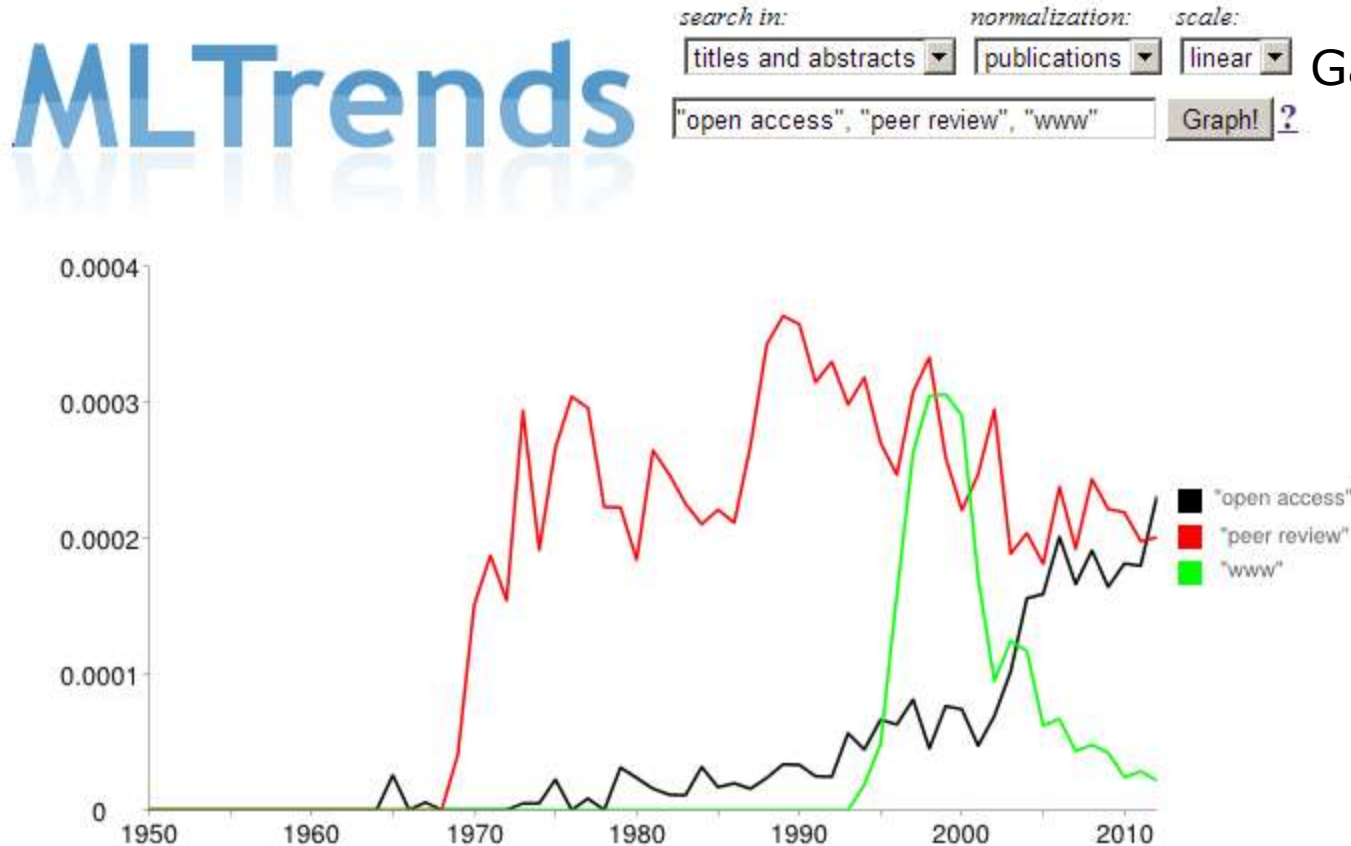
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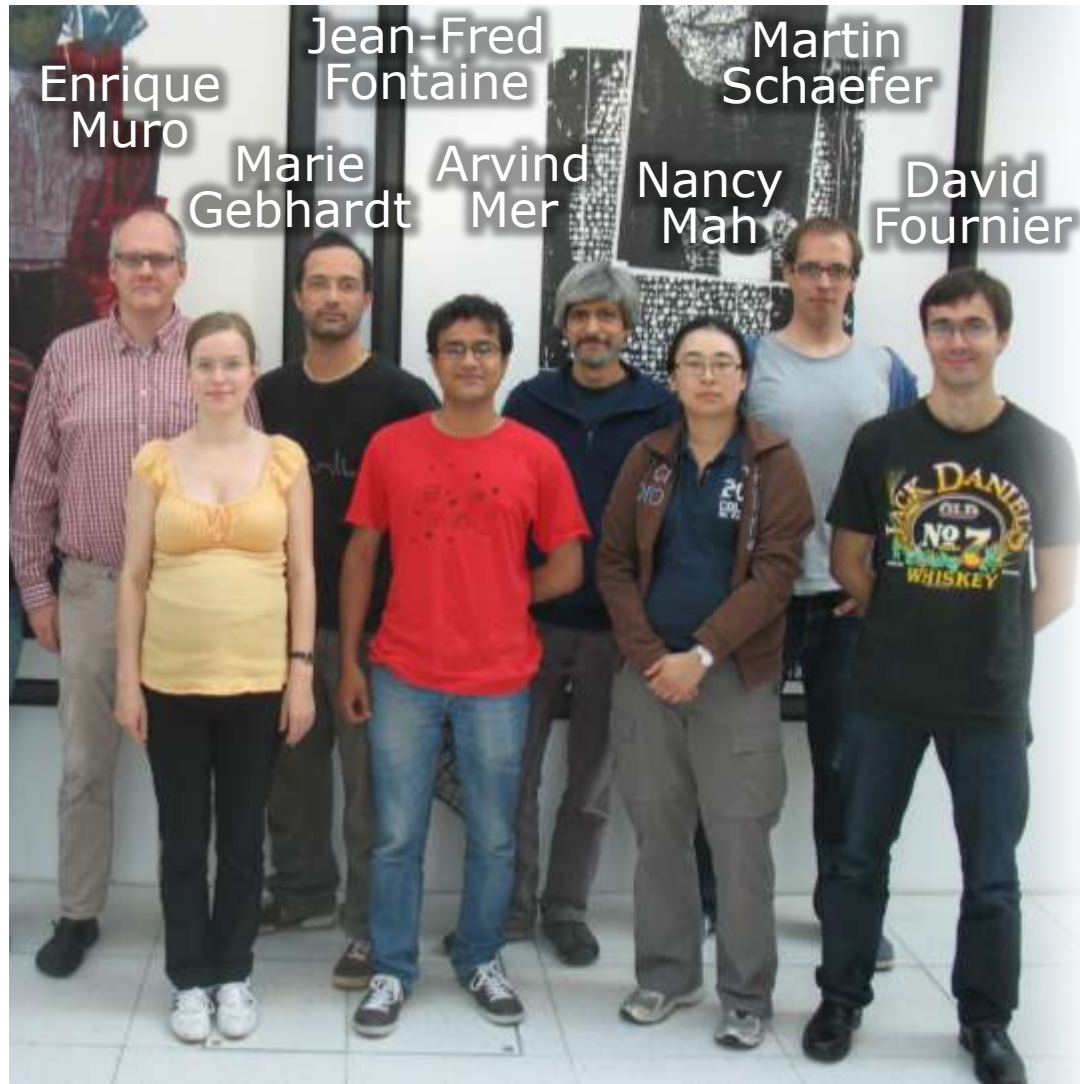
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