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# Systems Biology at the NCI

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- 1. Systems Biology & Data Science at NCI
- 2. Overview of the CSBC Science
- **3**. Examples (3) of pathway-based systems biology approaches in the CSBC
- 4. DREAM / Next generation CSB

#### The NCI supports a full spectrum of cancer research



#### Multi-pronged approach to cancer data science at NCI:

- The Cancer Genome Atlas (<u>TCGA</u>)
- Clinical Proteomics Tumor Analysis Consortium (<u>CPTAC</u>)
- The Cancer Imaging Archive (TCIA)
- Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program (<u>SEER</u>)
- Cancer Target Discovery and Development (<u>CTD<sup>2</sup></u>)
- Informatics Technology for Cancer Research (ITCR)
- Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (<u>CISNET</u>)
- Physical Science in Oncology Network (<u>PS-ON</u>)
- Cancer Systems Biology Consortium (<u>CSBC</u>)

## NCI, Division of Cancer Biology

Our Mission:

 To ensure continuity and stability in basic cancer research while encouraging and facilitating the emergence of new ideas, concepts, technologies and possibilities through a broad portfolio of Investigator initiated research and specialized NCI programs.





The CSBC is a community of systems biologists who aim to integrate experimental biology and computational models across multiple temporal and spatial scales towards a better understanding of cancer.

In the CSBC we define systems biology as the **explicit integration of experimental biology and computational or mathematical modeling** to build, test and/or validate hypotheses or ideas.

#### The CSBC defines systems biology by its iterative approach



Figure from systemsbiology.org 7

## Structure of the Cancer Systems Biology Consortium Initiative



**Collaborative Projects Working Groups Annual Meetings Site Visits Outreach (Summer Program)** 

CSBC U01s: PAR-16-131 (next receipt date Nov 24, 2017) CSBC U54s: RFA-CA-15-014 (closed as of April 21, 2017) CSBC U24: RFA-CA-15-015 (closed) 8

#### Summary of Research Themes and Systems Biology Approaches



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#### A recurrent regulatory architecture?

- Why are transcriptional profiles similar despite a huge variety of somatic mutations?
- Small groups of proteins (master regulators) that form highly interconnected modules (tumor checkpoints) control cell state
- Could failing to account for these modules explain unpredictable MOA or drug failure?

Califano & Alvarez, Nature Reviews Cancer, 2017



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## We know that the transcriptome isn't everything....

- But what if it's all you've got?
- VIPER and related algorithms predict protein activity through inferring protein-protein interaction and activation/suppression of downstream targets



Califano & Alvarez, Nature Reviews Cancer, 2017 13

#### Hierarchical pathway models allow multi-scale predictions



Krogan et al., Molecular Cell 58, May 21, 2015





Yu et al., Cell Systems, 2016, 77–88

#### Using systems approaches to understand why drugs fail



#### Miller, Oudin et al, Cancer Discovery 2016 15



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## DREAM Challenges now facilitate "private" data sharing



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#### Association of Early Career Cancer Systems Biologists (AECCSB)



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#### Thank you!

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