

# SBML Level 3 Package Flux Balance Constraints

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- Assumes a steady state
- Optimise a specific property (e.g. biomass)

**Maximize**  
biomass

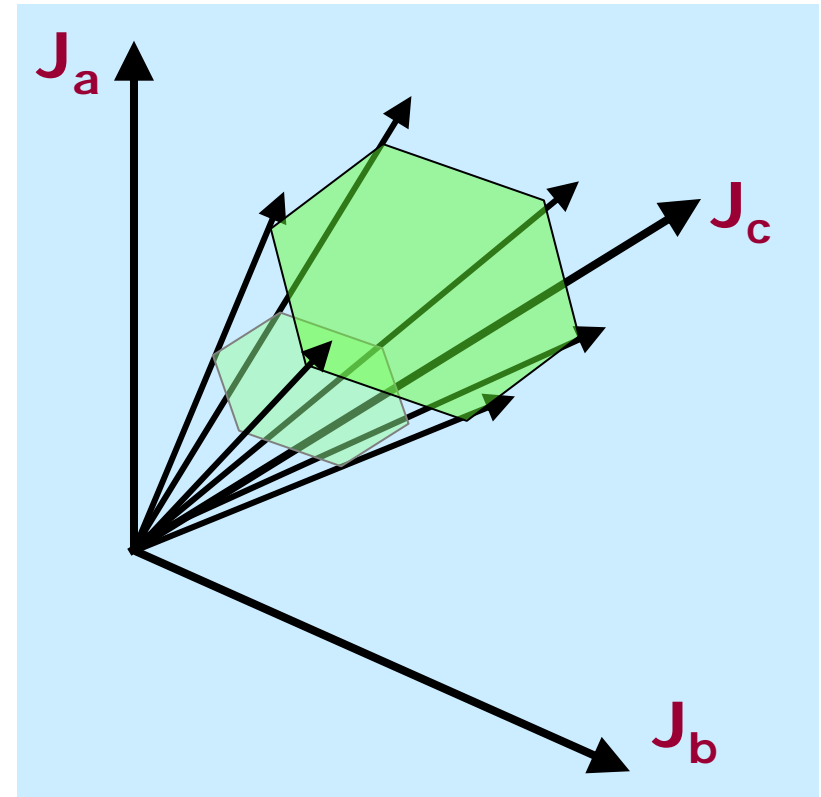
**Subject to**  
 $NJ = 0$

**Bounds**

$$0 \leq J_{\text{irrev}} \leq \text{inf}$$

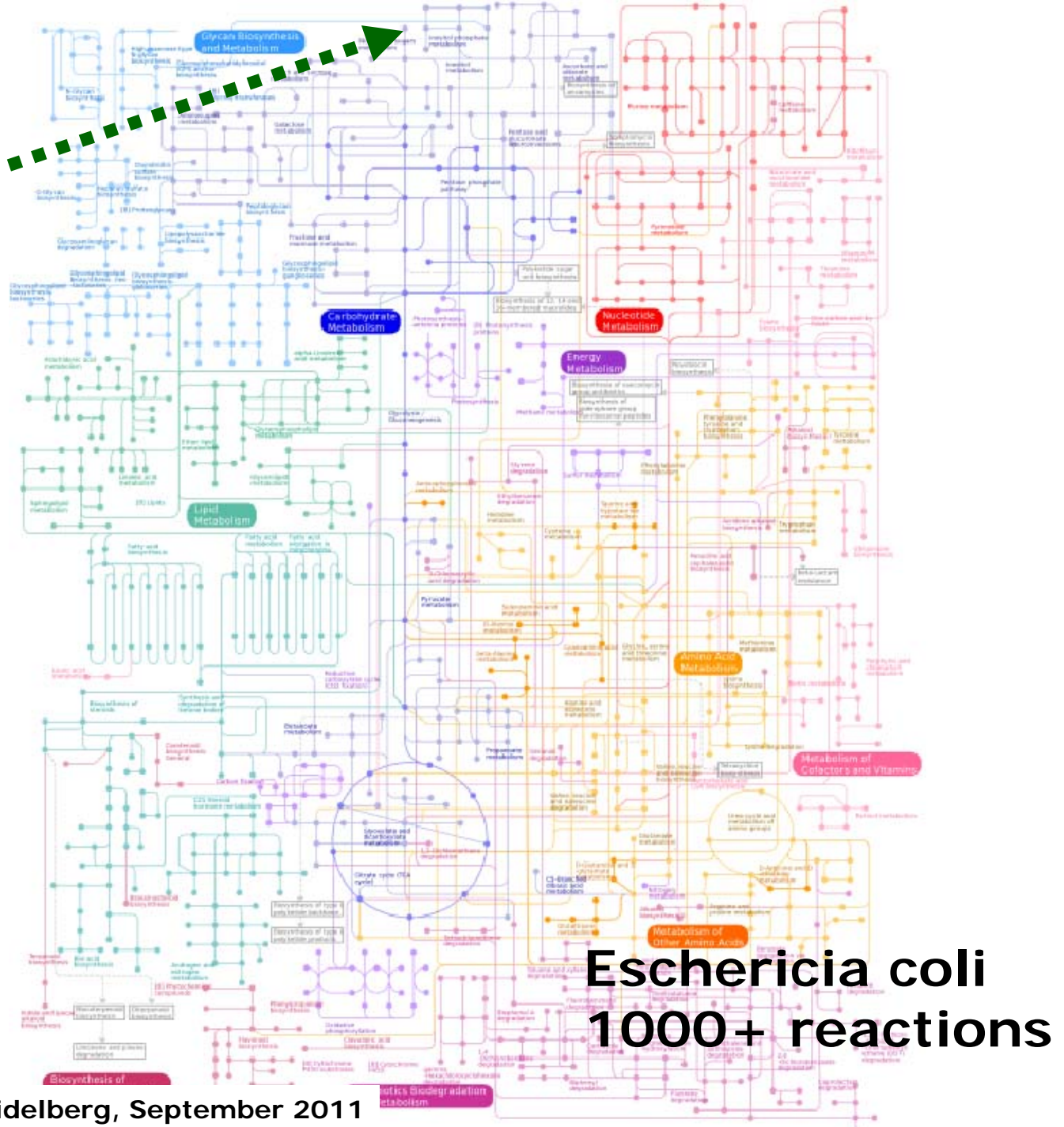
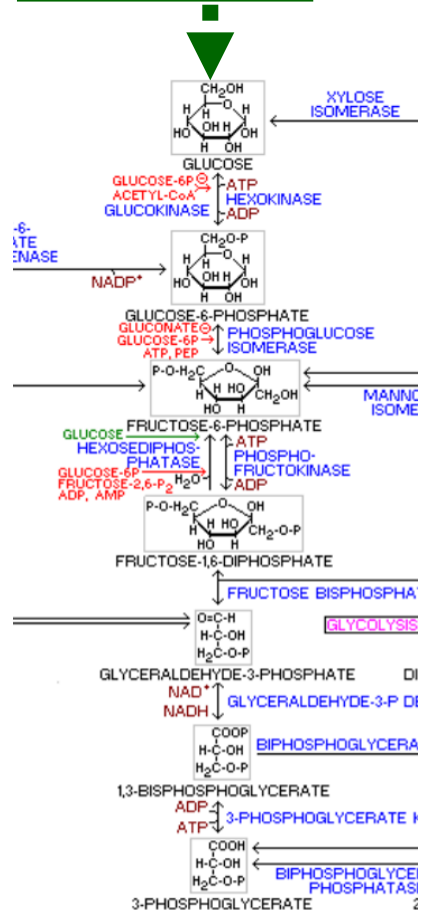
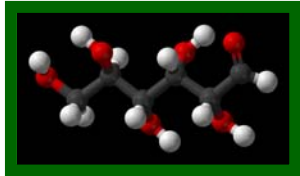
$$-\text{inf} \leq J_{\text{rev}} \leq \text{inf}$$

$$\text{l.b} \leq J_n \leq \text{u.b}$$



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## Glucose



# Escherichia coli 1000+ reactions

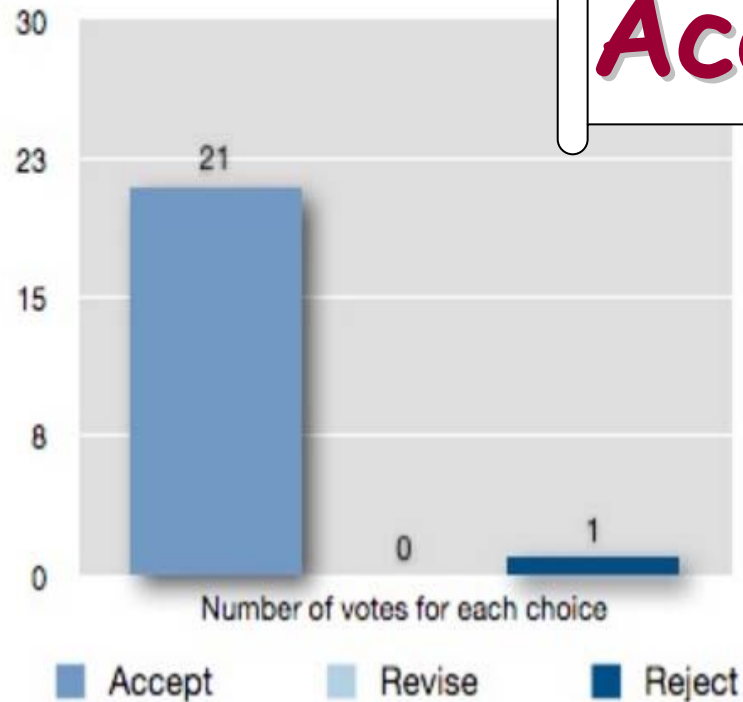


**BiGG/COBRA/SEED**

- tool specific **SBML** L2 dialects

## Flux Balance Constraints proposal

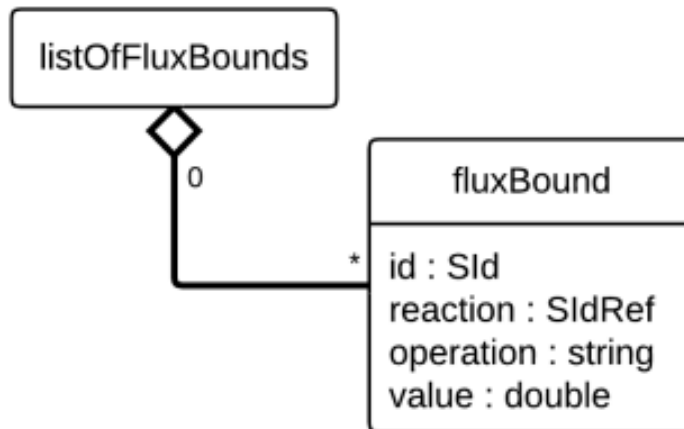
The outcome of this vote is accept because more than 50% of the votes cast were cast for 'accept'. The following graph presents the results:



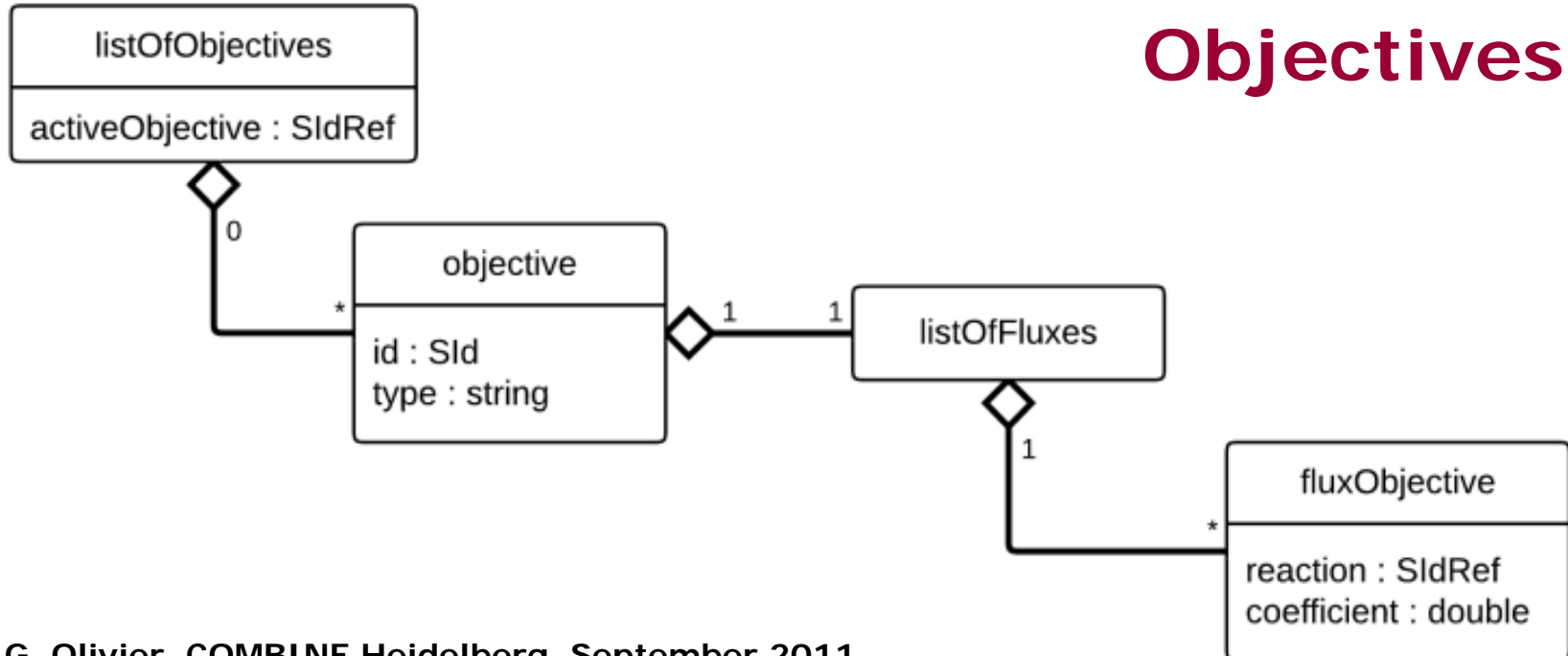
Olivier & Bergmann (2011) SBML Level 3 Package Proposal: Flux

[http://sbml.org/Community/Wiki/SBML\\_Level\\_3\\_Proposals/Flux\\_Constraints](http://sbml.org/Community/Wiki/SBML_Level_3_Proposals/Flux_Constraints)

## Flux Bounds



## Objectives



```
<fbc:listOfObjectives
  fbc:activeObjective="ObjFun1">
  <fbc:objective fbc:id="ObjFun1"
    fbc:type="maximize">
    <fbc:listOfFluxes>
      <fbc:fluxObjective fbc:reaction="PFK"
        fbc:coefficient="1"/>
    </fbc:listOfFluxes>
  </fbc:objective>
</fbc:listOfObjectives>
```

```
<fbc:listOfFluxBounds>
```

```
<fbc:fluxBound fbc:id="fb1" fbc:reaction="Glc_i"  
  fbc:operation="lessEqual" fbc:value="10"/>
```

```
</fbc:listOfFluxBounds>
```

## Implementation

Operations

lessEqual, greaterEqual, less, greater, equal

Undefined upper or lower flux bounds

Assumed to be unbound, (i.e. infinite bounds)

Explicit  $\infty$

"Infinity"



```
<species id="glc" name="D-Glucose"
  compartment="Cytosol"
  fbc:chemicalFormula="??????"
  fbc:charge="0" />
```

## Chemical Formula

### Molecular Formula

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

### SMILES

C([C@@H]1[C@H]([C@@H]([C@H]([C@H](O1)O)O)O)O)O

### InChI

1S/C6H12O6/c7-1-2-3(8)4(9)5(10)6(11)12-2/h2-  
11H,1H2/t2-,3-,4+,5-,6+/m1/m-1

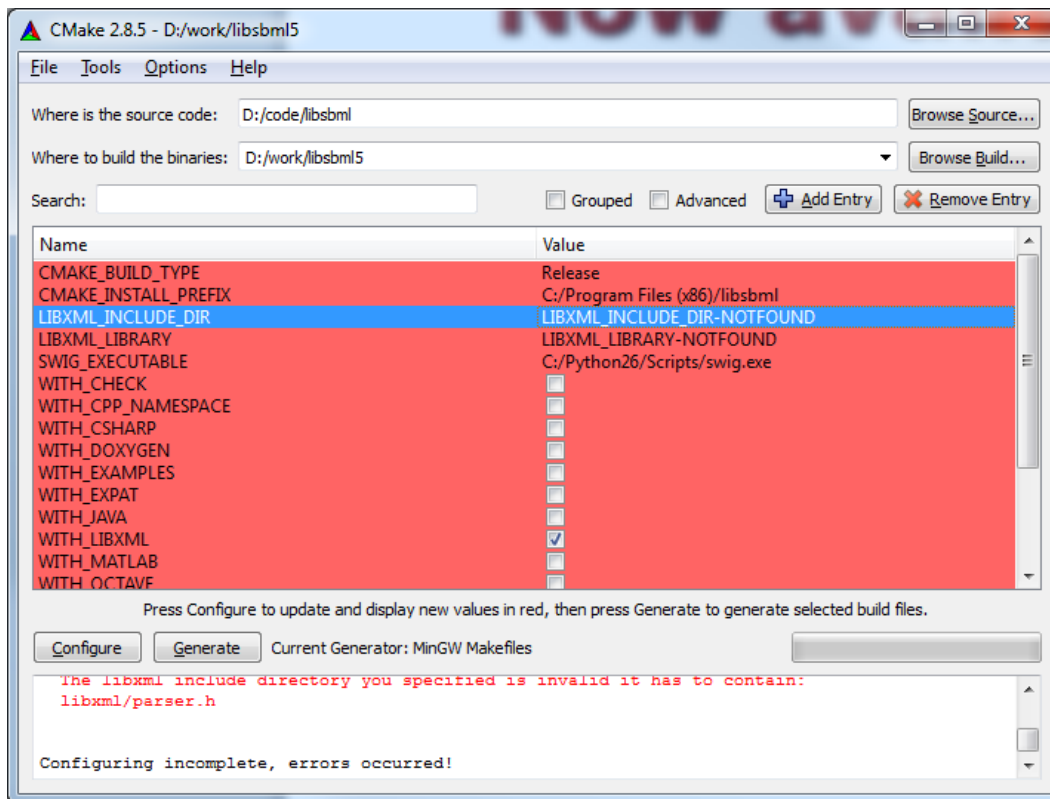
- Chemical Formula is for balancing, **not a full annotation!**
- Existing standard: **the Hill system**
  - write **c**arbon and **h**ydrogen atoms first then all remaining atoms in alphabetical order
  - if there is **no carbon**, write all atoms in alphabetical order
- Pairs of **atom** and optional **number**
- **C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, BrH, BrI, CH<sub>3</sub>I, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Br, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S, CsS**

```
<ListOfGeneAssociations>  
  <geneAssociation id="ga3" reaction="R_PFK">  
    <association>  
      <and>  
        <gene>b3916</gene>  
        <gene>b1723</gene>  
      </and>  
    </association>  
  </geneAssociation>  
</ListOfGeneAssociations>
```

Not part of this proposal, some form of annotation ...

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# Available as a libSBML 5 module



Easy to **incorporate** into the libSBML 5 source tree using **CMAKE**

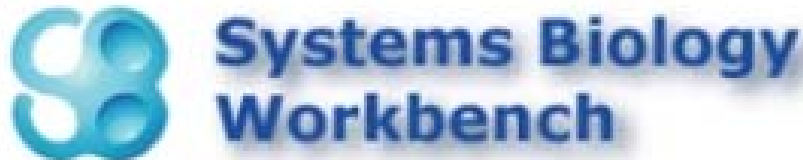
For more information about the Flux Balance Constraints package, please have a look at the [proposal page](#). On that page you find a detailed description about the current proposal, as well as links to [examples](#).

Below you find full installers (including C#, Java, Perl and Python bindings) as well as python bindings for specific versions of Python.

- [libSBML 5.0.0 + FBC full installer \(Win32\)](#)
- [libSBML 5.0.0 + FBC full installer \(Win64\)](#)
- [libSBML 5.0.0 + FBC python 2.5 \(Win32\)](#)
- [libSBML 5.0.0 + FBC python 2.6 \(Win64\)](#)

<http://frank-fbergmann.blogspot.com/2011/04/flux-balance-constraints-for-libsml.html>

Systems Biology WorkBench ([www.sys-bio.org](http://www.sys-bio.org))



- PySCeS-CBM ([pysces.sourceforge.net/cbm](http://pysces.sourceforge.net/cbm))



Python Simulator for Cellular Systems













- FAME ([f-a-m-e.org](http://f-a-m-e.org))



FAME



Available soon, online converters:  
COBRA, SEED → SBML L3 FBC

Name	Label	Description	PWG list	Prop. Stat.	Spec. Stat.	libSBML
Level 3 Core	core	The core portion of SBML Level 3.	<a href="#">sbml-discuss</a> 			
Layout	layout	Support for storing the spatial topology of a model's network diagram. Adjunct to the <i>render</i> package, below.	<a href="#">sbml-layout</a> 			
Flux Balance Constraints	fbc	Support for constraint-based (a.k.a. steady-state) models.	<a href="#">sbml-flux</a> 			

## Join the FBC Package Working Group!

<http://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/sbml-flux>

### Issues that require attention:

- Implementation & adoption
- Annotation (e.g. using "annot")

## SBML community

- Frank Bergmann
- Herbert Sauro
- Neil Swainston
- Kieran Smallbone
- Mike Hucka
- Nicolas Le Novère
- and others ...



## CWI/VU

- Joost Boele
- Frank Bruggeman
- Bas Teusink

