

# SBML Level 3 Package Flux Balance Constraints

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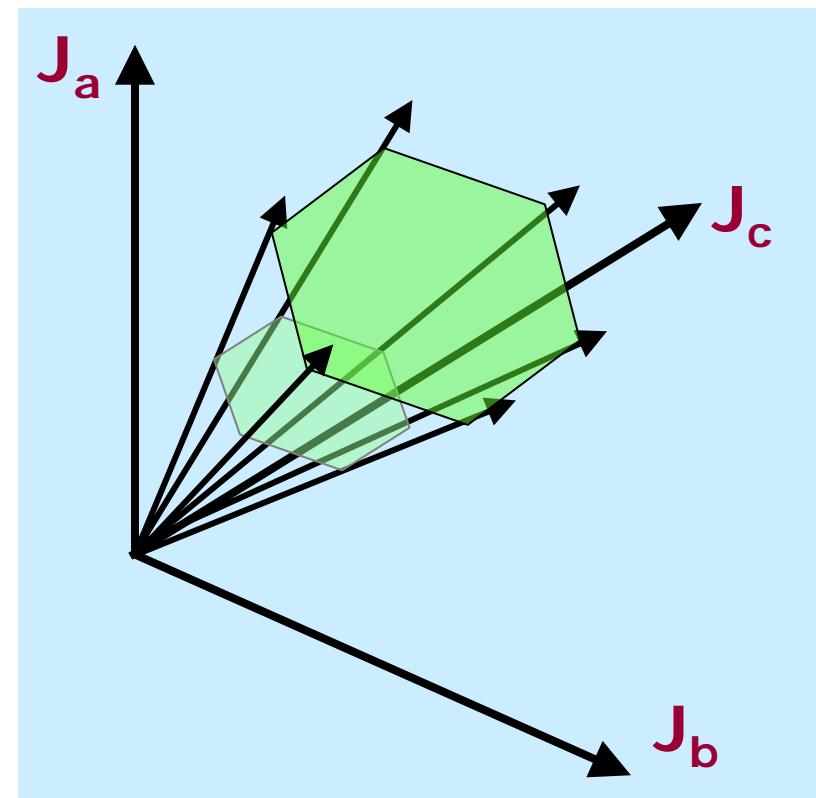
- Assumes a steady state
- Optimise a specific property (e.g. biomass)

**Maximize**  
biomass

**Subject to**  
 $NJ = 0$

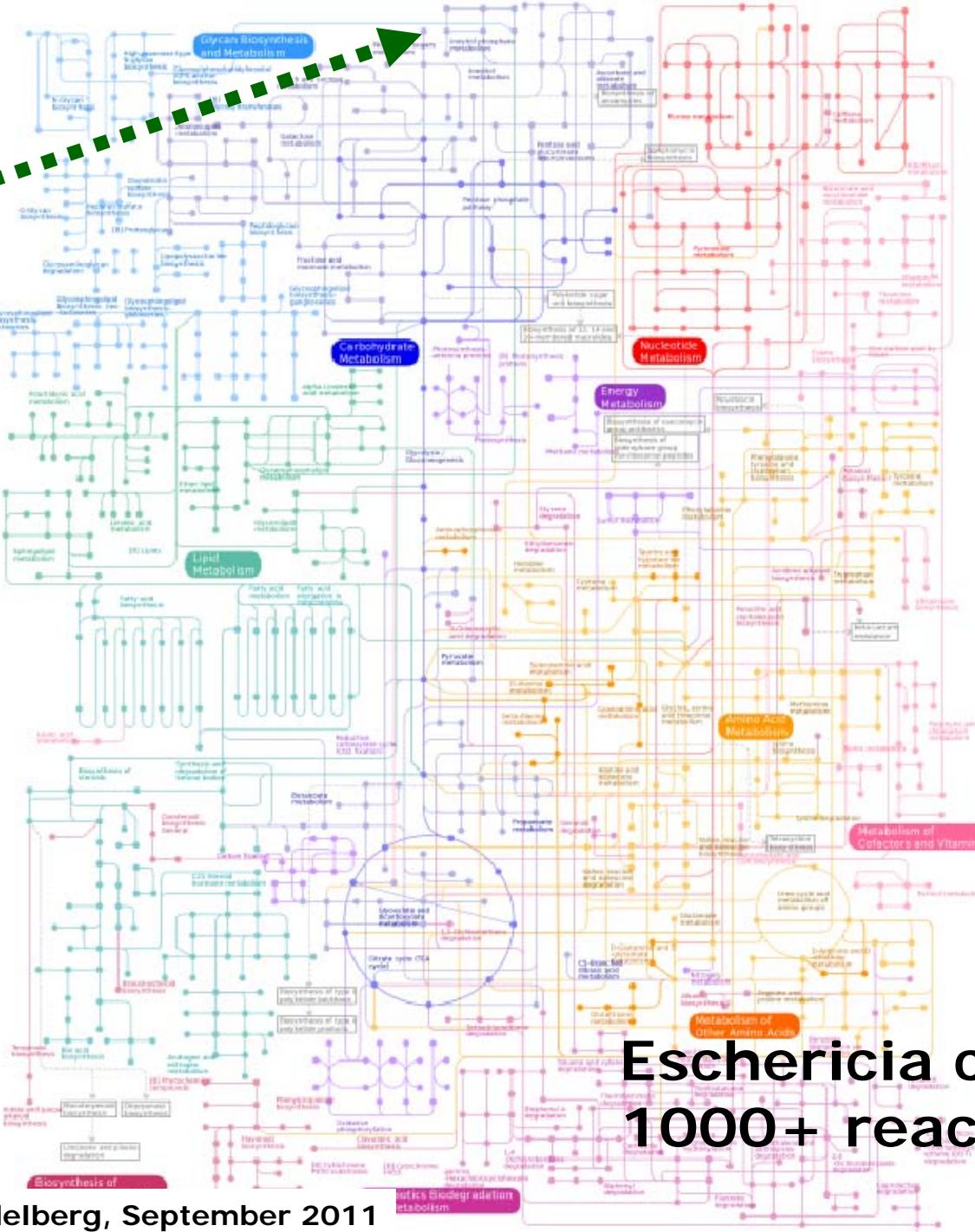
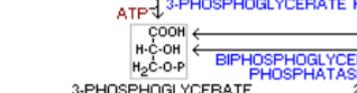
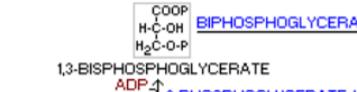
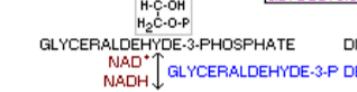
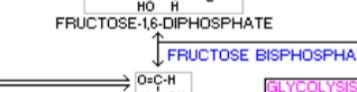
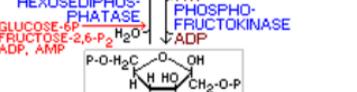
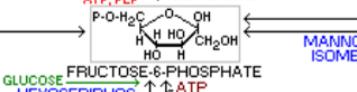
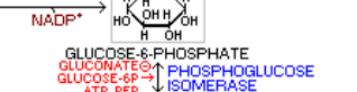
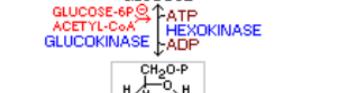
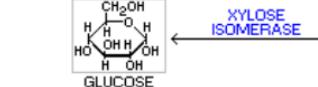
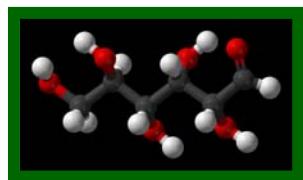
**Bounds**

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq J_{\text{irrev}} \leq \infty \\ -\infty &\leq J_{\text{rev}} \leq \infty \\ l.b &\leq J_n \leq u.b \end{aligned}$$



## Glucose

Nature Precedings : doi:10.1038/npre.2011.6352.1 : Posted 6 Sep 2011



# Escherichia coli 1000+ reactions

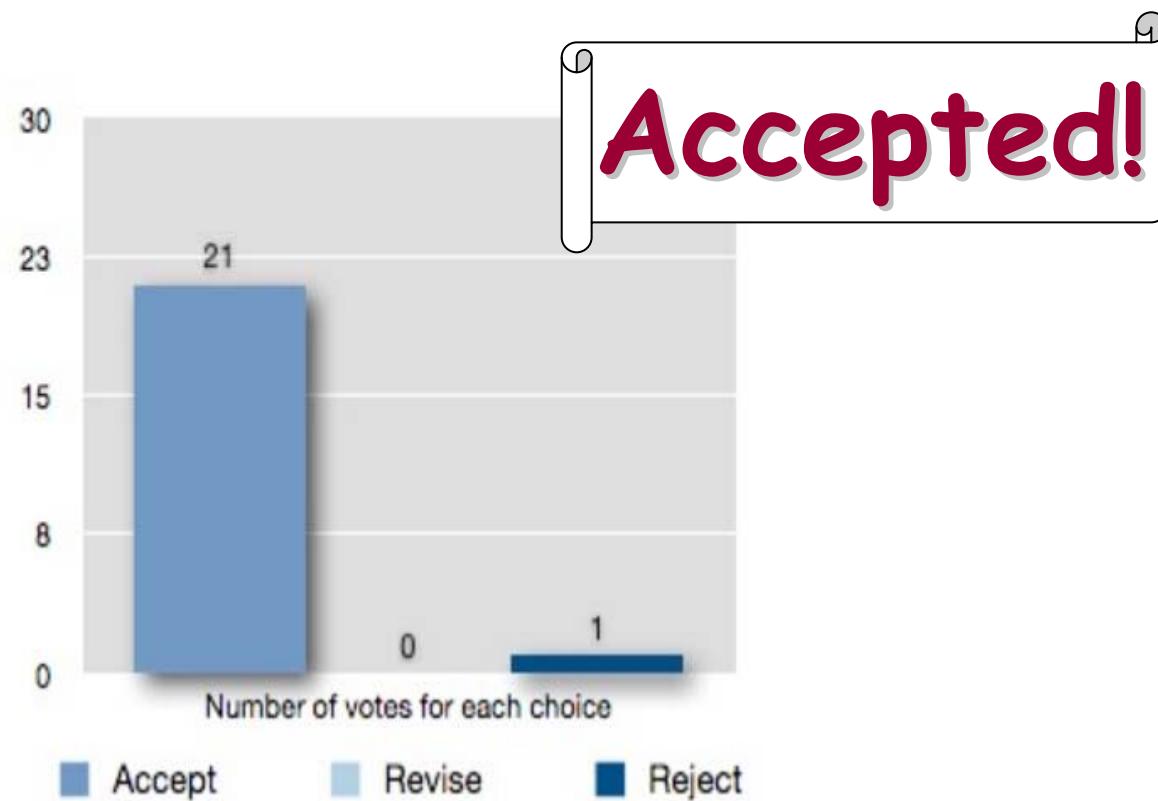


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- tool specific SBML L2 dialects

## Flux Balance Constraints proposal

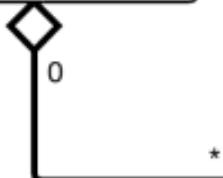
The outcome of this vote is accept because more than 50% of the votes cast were cast for 'accept'. The following graph presents the results:



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)

listOfFluxBounds



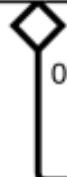
fluxBound

id : SId  
reaction : SIdRef  
operation : string  
value : double

## Flux Bounds

listOfObjectives

activeObjective : SIdRef



objective

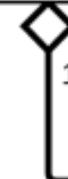
id : SId  
type : string

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## Objectives

listOfFluxes



fluxObjective

reaction : SIdRef  
coefficient : double

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

```
<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"  
compartiment="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+/-

- Chemical Formula is for balancing, not a full annotation!
- Existing standard: the Hill system
  - write carbon and hydrogen 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

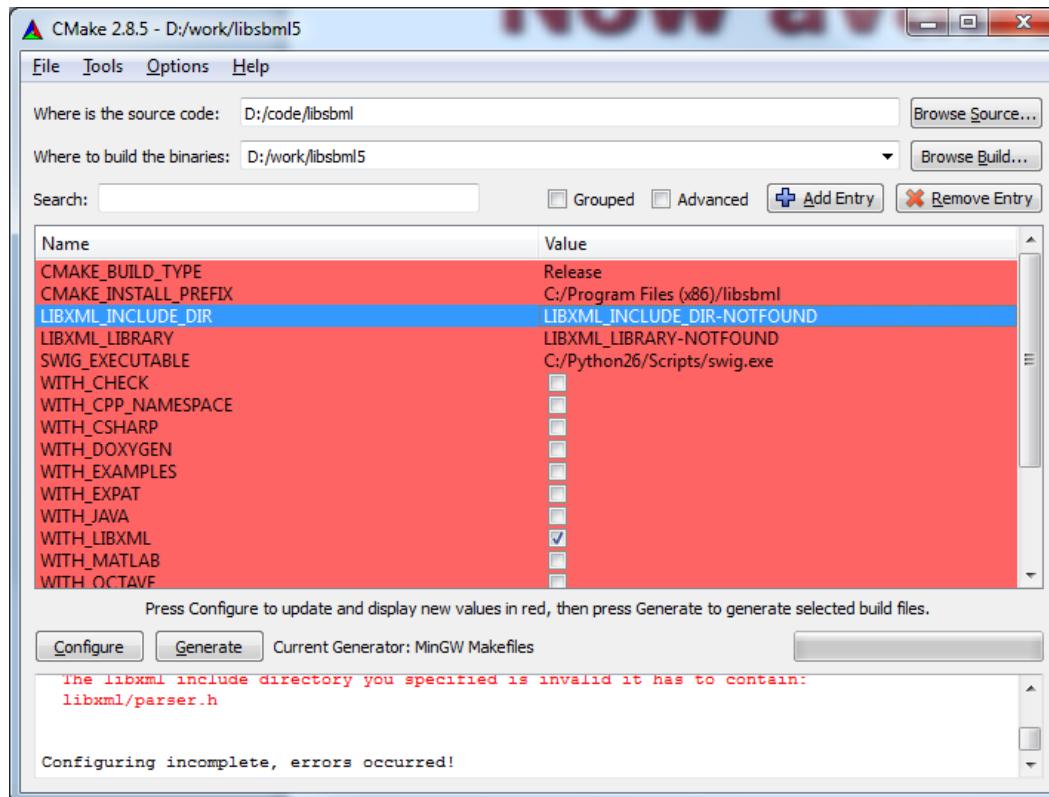
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<ListOfGeneAssociations>

<geneAssociation id="ga3" reaction="R_PFK">
  <association>
    <and>
      <gene>b3S16</gene>
      <gene>b1723</gene>
    </and>
  </association>
</geneAssociation>

</ListOfGeneAssociations>
```

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

# 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-lsbsml.html>

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



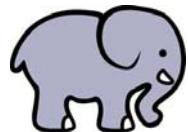
- PySCeS-CBM ([pysces.sourceforge.net/cbm](http://pysces.sourceforge.net/cbm))



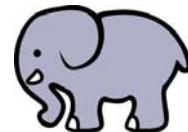
PySCeS

Python Simulator for Cellular Systems

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



FAME



Name	Label	Description	PWG list	Prop. Stat.	Spec. Stat.	libSBML
<b>Level 3 Core</b>	core	The core portion of SBML Level 3.	<a href="#">sbml-discuss</a>			
<b>Layout</b>	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>			
<b>Flux Balance Constraints</b>	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 Novere
- and others ...

## CWI/VU

- Joost Boele
- Frank Bruggeman
- Bas Teusink

