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Using protege to build a molecular network ontology

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Presentation overview

- Introduction
- Motivation
- Domain analysis
- Using Protege to build MONET
- Ontology population
- Conclusions

Introduction

- Area of molecular biology
  - Great amount of data to deal with
- Different data bases with different management systems
- Useful information: through data modelling and integration
- Ontologies: enable an integrated view of these data

Motivation

- Ontologies in molecular biology
  - many are controlled vocabularies
  - many consider one specific area of knowledge
- Monet: Integrated topological model of
  - metabolism
  - regulation
  - protein interactions

Domain analysis

- GO Gene Ontology
- SO Sequence Ontology
- PSI Proteomics Standards Initiative
- Mark up languages
  - SBML
  - MAGE ML
- OBO Open biological ontologies

OBO

- Open Biological Ontologies
- Sharing of ontologies from different biological domains

OBO

Domain	Prefix
Arabidopsis gross anatomy	TAIR
Biochemical substance	CO
Cell type	CL
Cereal plant gross anatomy	GRO
Protein-protein Interaction	MI
Drosophila gross anatomy	FBbt
Human anatomy and development	EV
Fungal gross anatomy	FAO
Molecular function	GO
Mouse pathology	MPATH
Plasmodium development	PLO
Sequence types and features	SO
C. elegans development	WBls
Zebrafish anatomy and development	ZDB

generic ontologies
(substance, cell type, …)

organism specific
(arabidopsis, drosophila, …)

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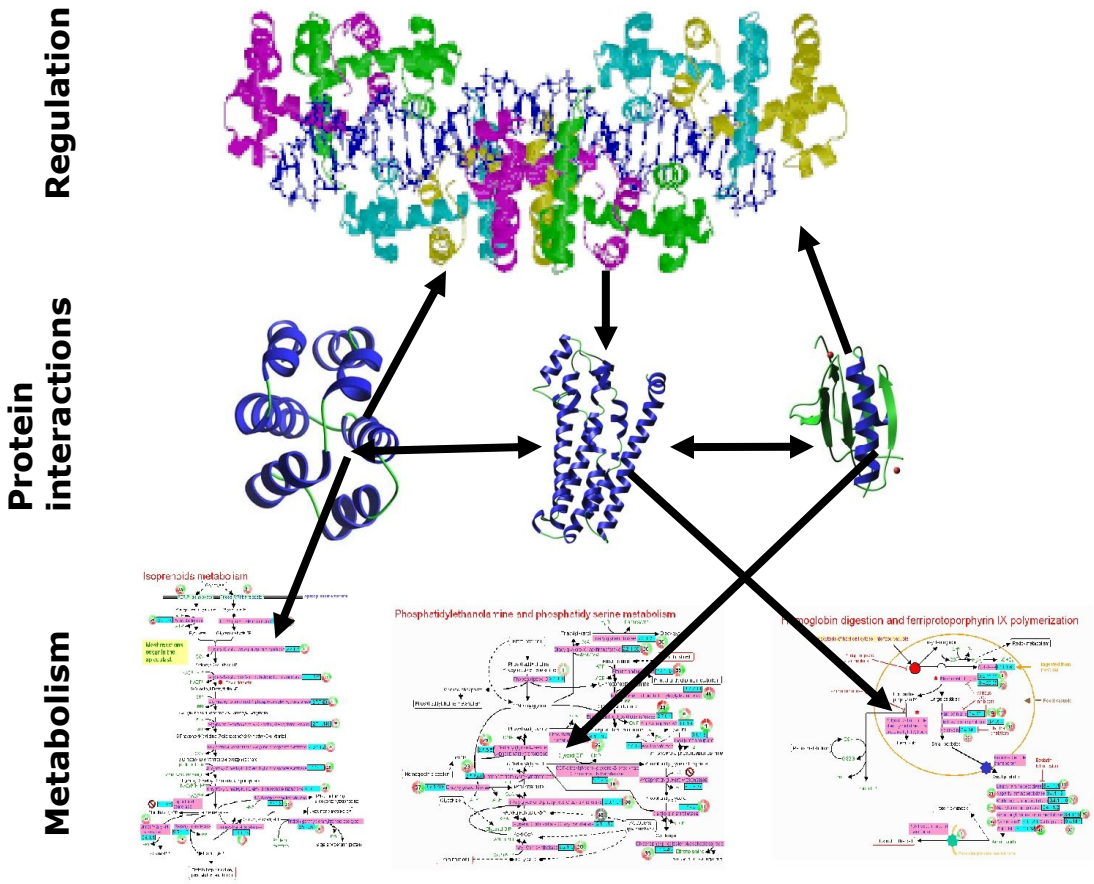
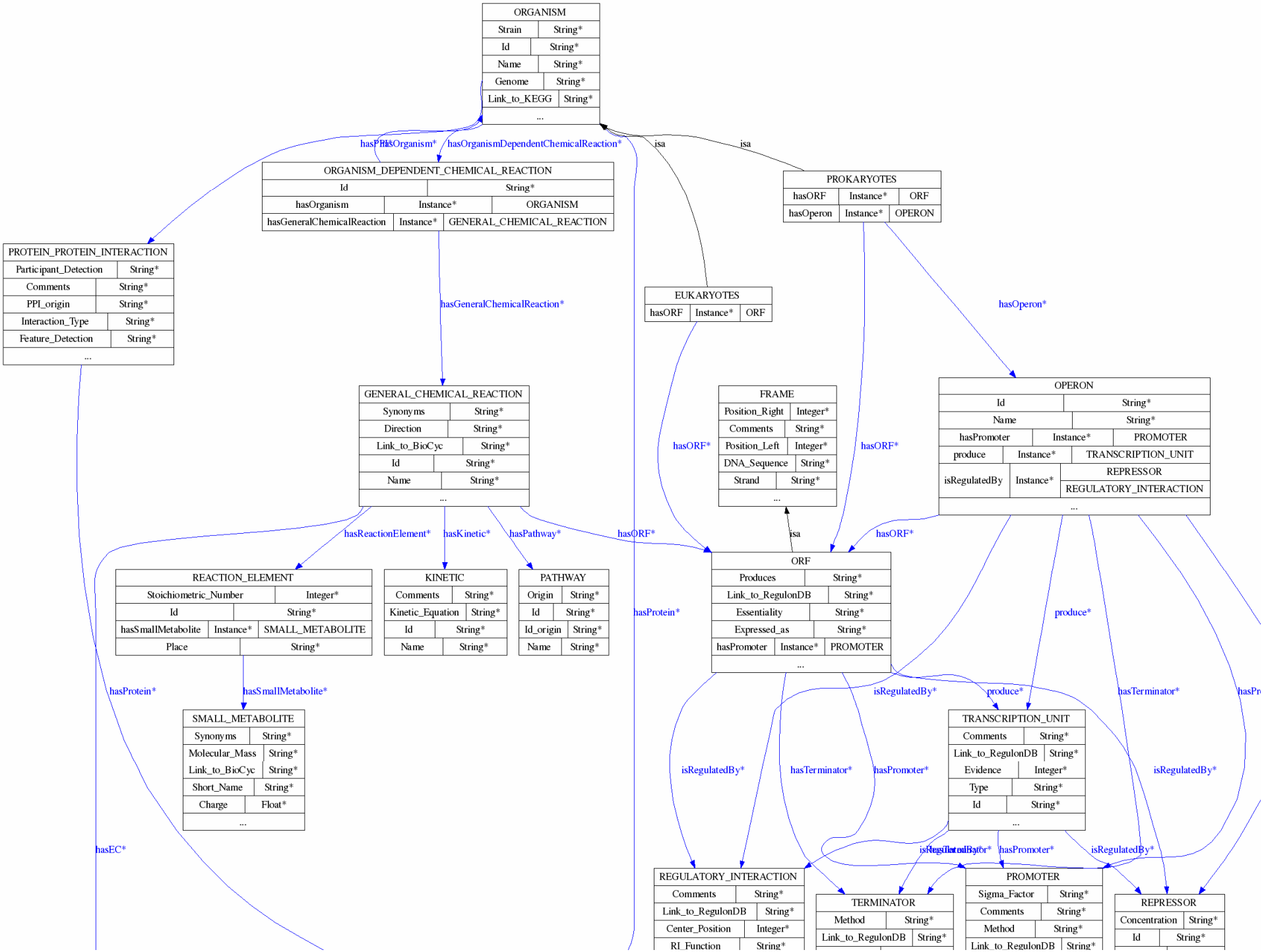
Using Protege to build MONET

- Molecular Network Ontology
- Integrated topological models including
  - metabolism
  - regulation
  - protein interactions



Using Protege to build MONET

- Ontology model
  - Definition of needed data according to the group research interests
    - Classes and properties
- Instantiation: automated process
- Data compiled from different databases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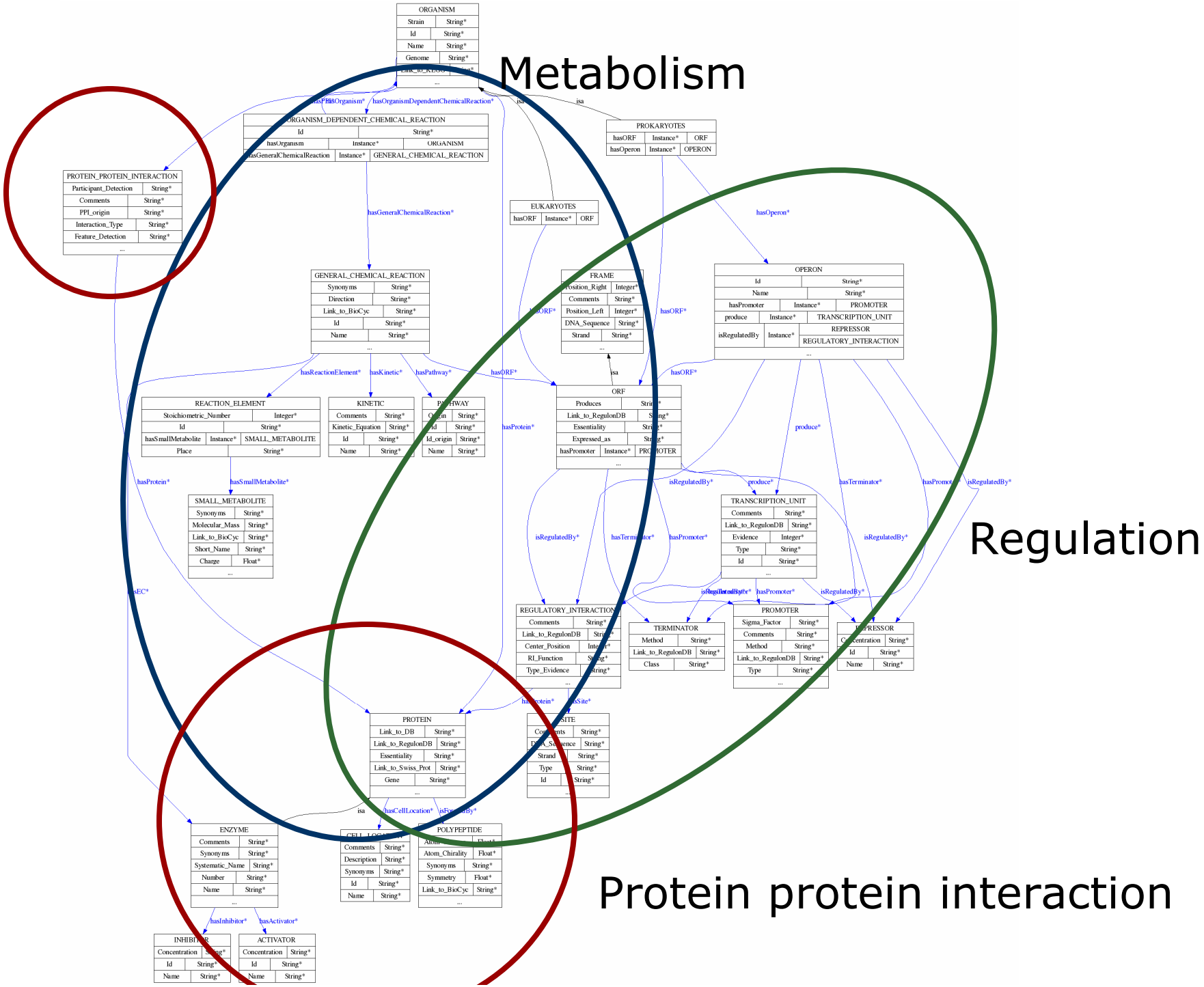
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Monet: Ontology population

- Data from:
  Palsson (Reactions, Small Metabolites, Enzymes, Genes/ORF)
  Brite (Protein-Protein Interaction)
  KEGG (Reactions, Small Metabolites, Enzymes, Pathways, Organisms, Reaction Element, Proteins)
  RegulonDB (ORF, Promoters, Terminators, Transcription Unit, Site, Operon)
  NCBI (Proteins, Genes/ORF)
  PECDatabase (Enzymes Essentiality)
  Expasy (Enzymes).

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Data from KEGG

KEGG (Reaction)

```
ENTRY       R00001
NAME        Polyphosphate polyphosphohydrolase
DEFINITION  Polyphosphate + H2O <=> Oligophosphate
EQUATION    C00890 + C00001 <=> C02174
RPAIR       A02844
ENZYME      3.6.1.10
```

KEGG (Compound)

```
ENTRY       C00001
NAME        H2O;
            Water;
            Water (JP14)
FORMULA     H2O
MASS        18.0106
REMARK      Drug: 7131
REACTION    R00001 R00002 R00004 R00005 R00009 R00010 R00011 R00017
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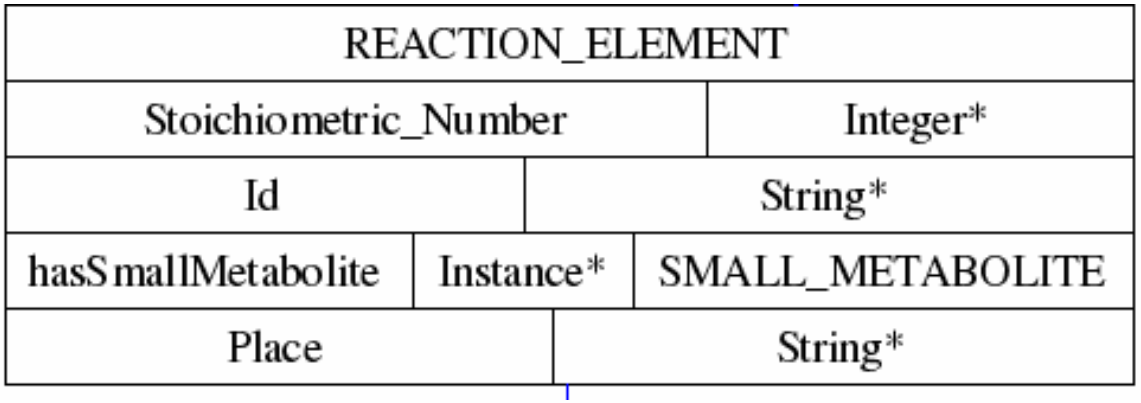
Monet: Ontology population

Data reorganization according to monet concepts



REACTION ELEMENT

Id	monet_id	st_n	small_metabolite_instance	place
MREE00001	1	1	MSMM00001	L
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Generating owl and owl instances

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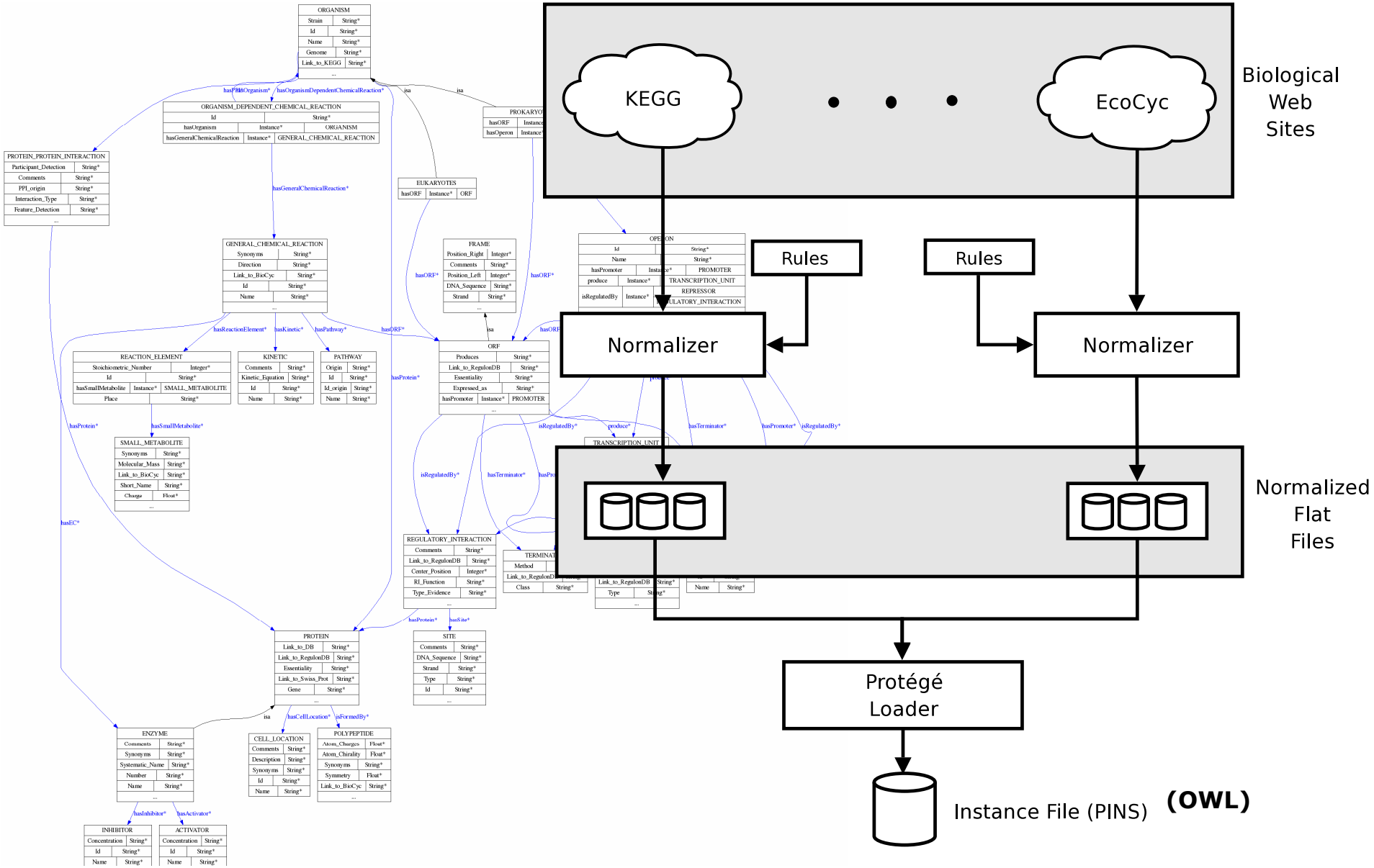
Automated instance generation



Instances overview

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General Chemical Reaction	4496	Enzyme	3407	Operon	785
Organsim Dependent Chemical Reaction	3228	ORF	4410	Organism	3
Small Metabolite	3361	Product	8990	Promoter	973
Protein-Protein Interaction	12248	Reaction Element	17757	Protein	10201
Regulatory Interaction	1376	Site	1216	Pathway	126
Transcription Unit	833	Substrate	8767	Terminator	137
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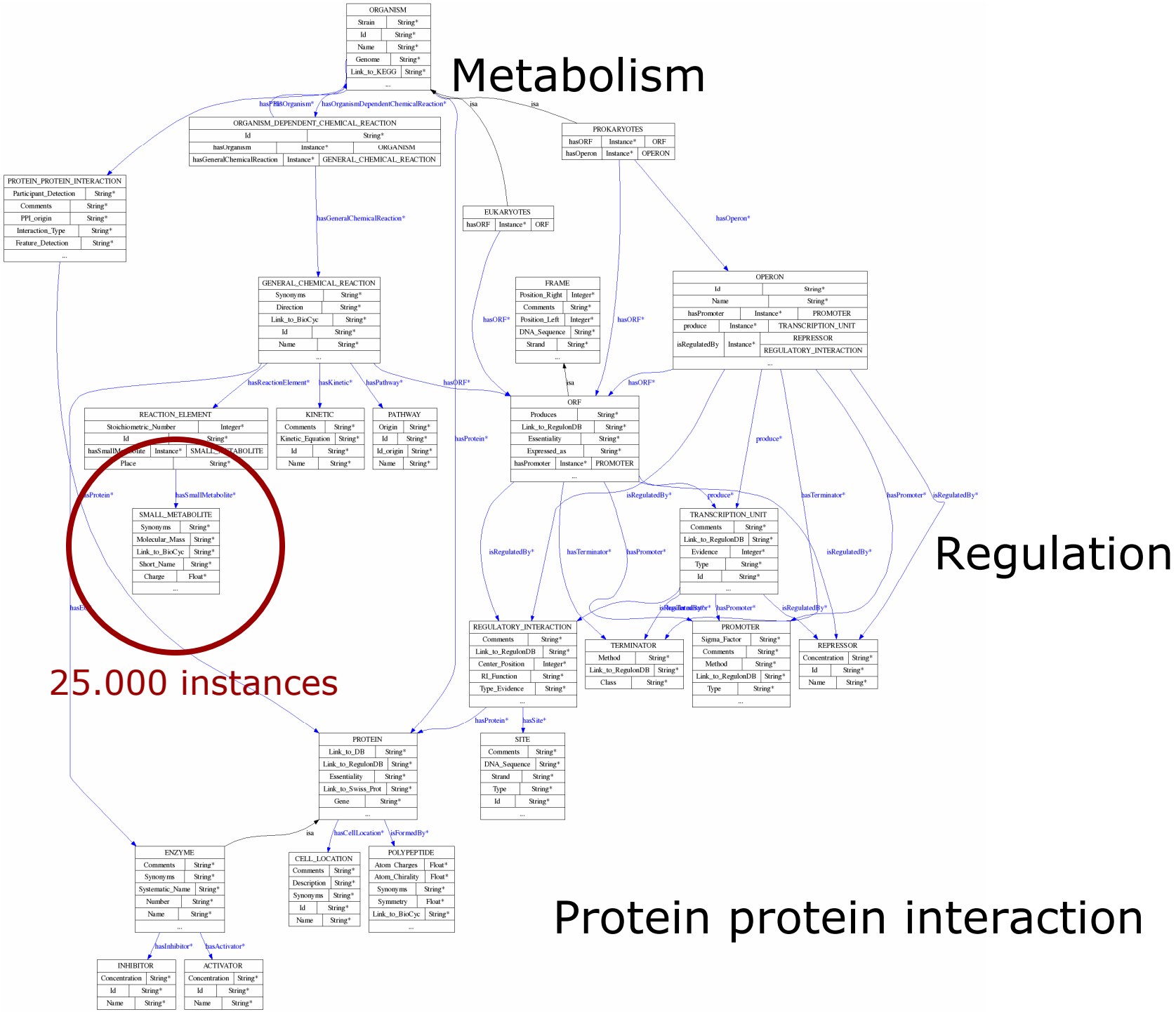
Table 1. Number of instances for each concept of Monet Ontology

Conclusions

- Ongoing future work
  - Monet: integrated model of regulation, protein interaction and metabolism
    - Ontology model (constantly updated)
    - Adapting to OWL-DL
      - Still mainly based on properties specification
      - We have to think about logical conditions
    - Ontology population (growing data availability)
      - Small metabolites: now 25.000 instances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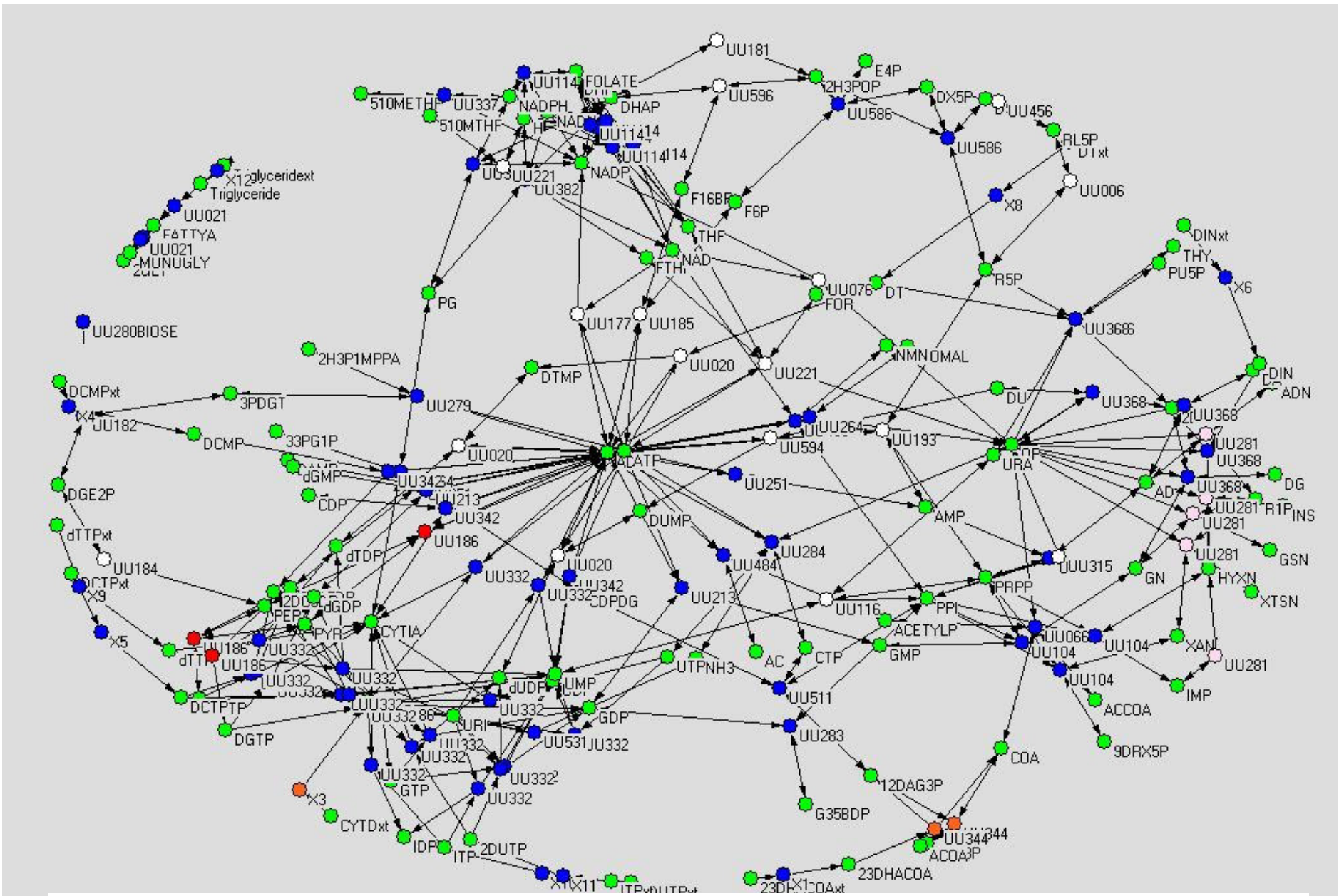
Conclusions

- Problems
  - Data intensive ontology
  - Generating owl instances
    - Small metabolites data only
      - From 2mb .txt data to 20 mb .owl data
  - OWL Databases ??

Conclusions

- Advantages
  - Group communication (biologists, computer scientists, computer engineers)
  - Partial use of data for protein essentiality prediction



Bipartite graph of the metabolic network of Ureaplasma urealyticum. Green nodes metabolites, other nodes represent enzymes

Conclusions

- Plans for the future
  - Use of collected data for other tasks
  - See for the data intensive problem
  - Explore data query
    - Jena
  - Knowledge discovery in structured data (owl)

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