

# Ontology of Physics for Biology (OPB): Annotation of biological data and models

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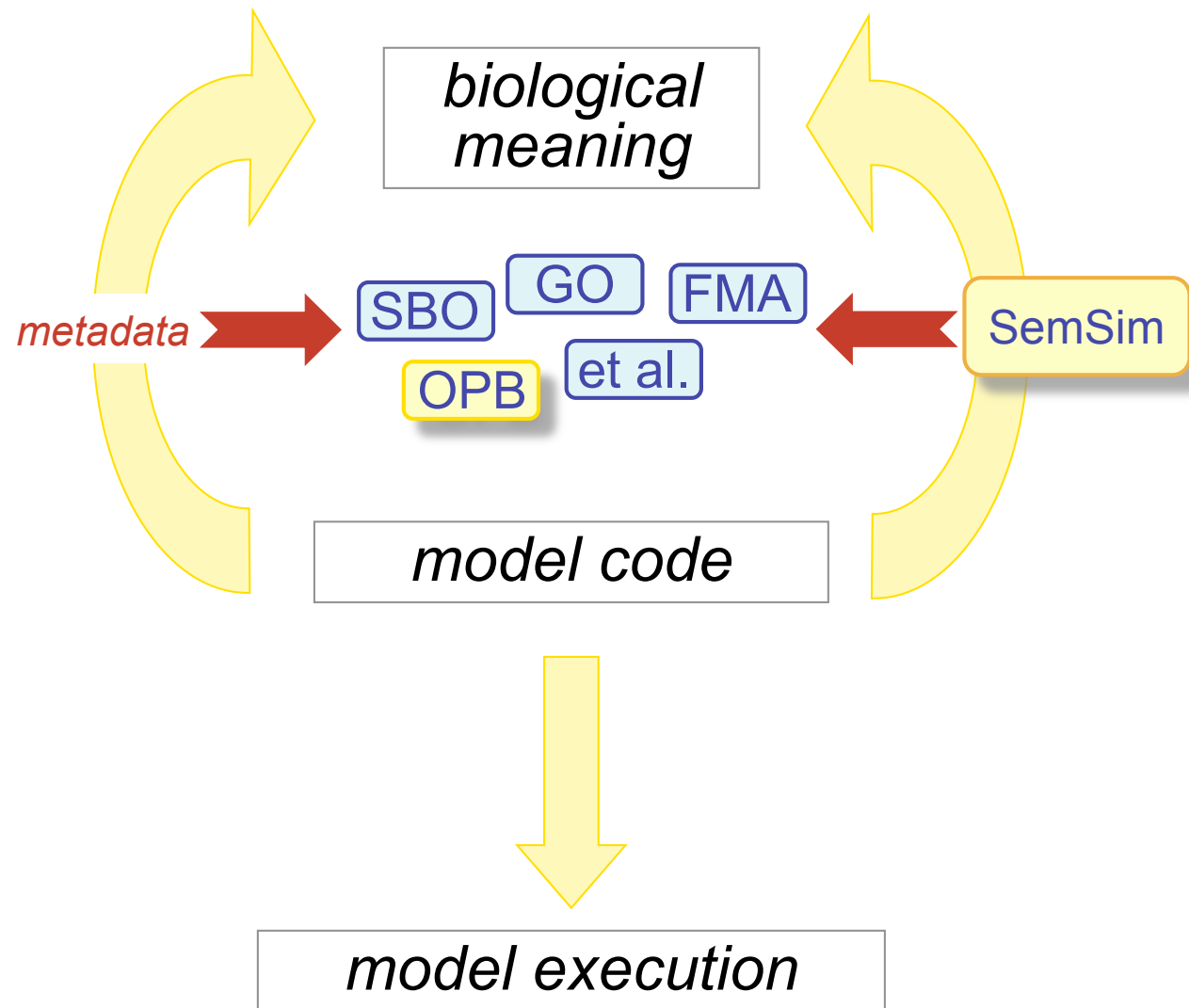
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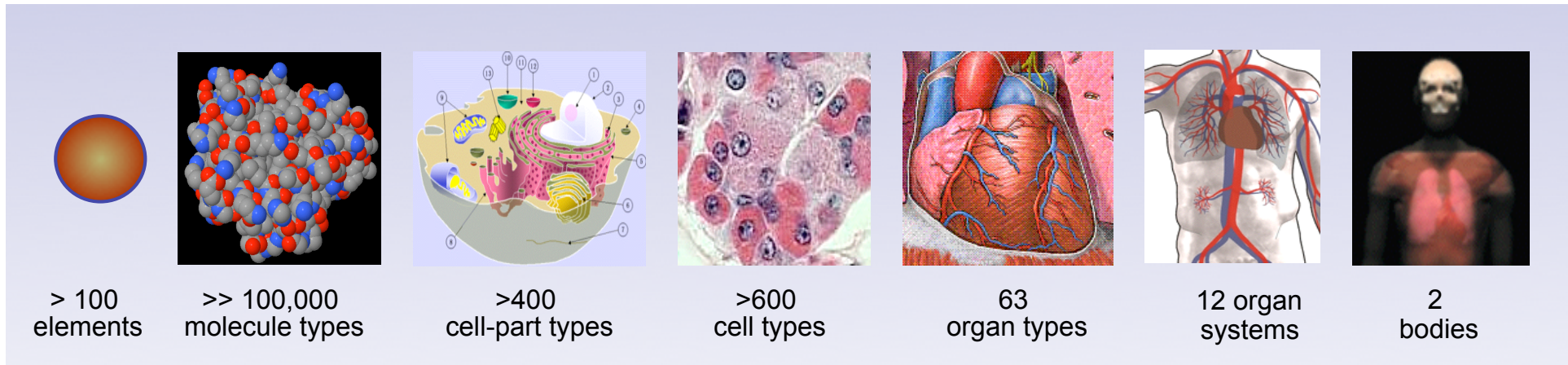
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# Overview:



# Ontologies for multidomain physics



## Foundational Model of Anatomy

Gene Ontology

Cell Type

ChEBI

OPB

SBO

### Domain

**fluids**

**solids**

**chemical kinetics**

**electrochemistry**

**diffusion**

**heat transfer**

### Process

blood flow, respiratory gas flow...

myocardial contraction, leg motion...

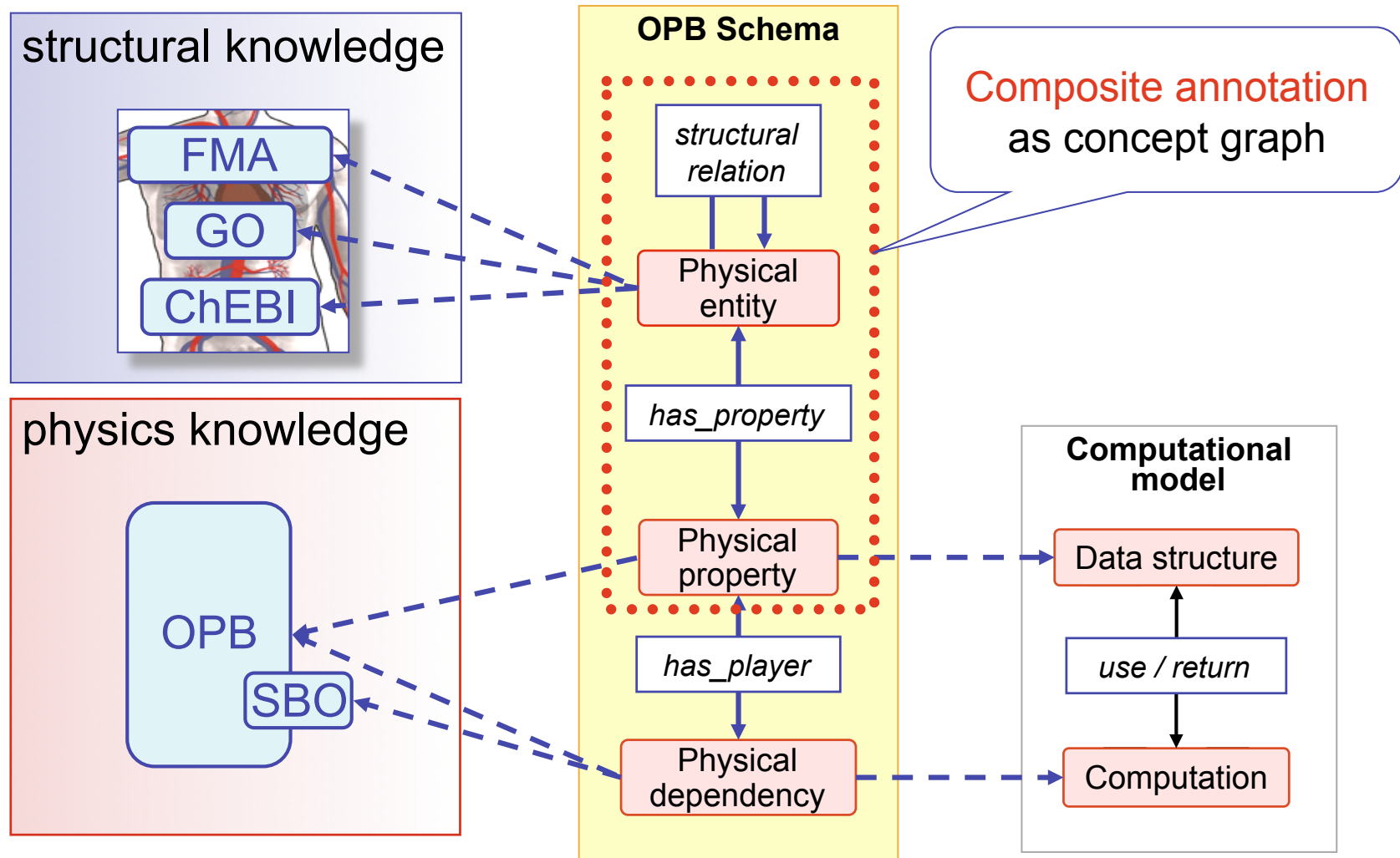
**metabolism, gene expression, cell signaling...**

transmembrane potential, action potential...

intracellular calcium dynamics...

body temperature regulation...

# OPB/SemSim schema: “composite annotation”



# OPB foundational theory — system dynamics

## Engineering system dynamics

- **Bond graph theory**  
Karnopp, Margolis, Rosenberg (1968)
- **EngMath - Ontology for Engineering Mathematics**  
Gruber, Olsen (1994)
- **PHYSYS - Physical Systems Ontology**  
Borst, Top, Akkermans (1994)

## Biochemical system dynamics

- **Network thermodynamics**  
Oster, Perelson, Katchalsky (1971)  
Mickulecky (1983)  
Beard, Qian (2008)

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  - ▼ ● Energetic\_physical\_entity
    - ▶ ● Immaterial\_energetic\_entity
    - ▶ ● Material\_energetic\_entity
  - ▶ ● Set\_of\_physical\_entities
  - ▶ ● Spatial\_entity
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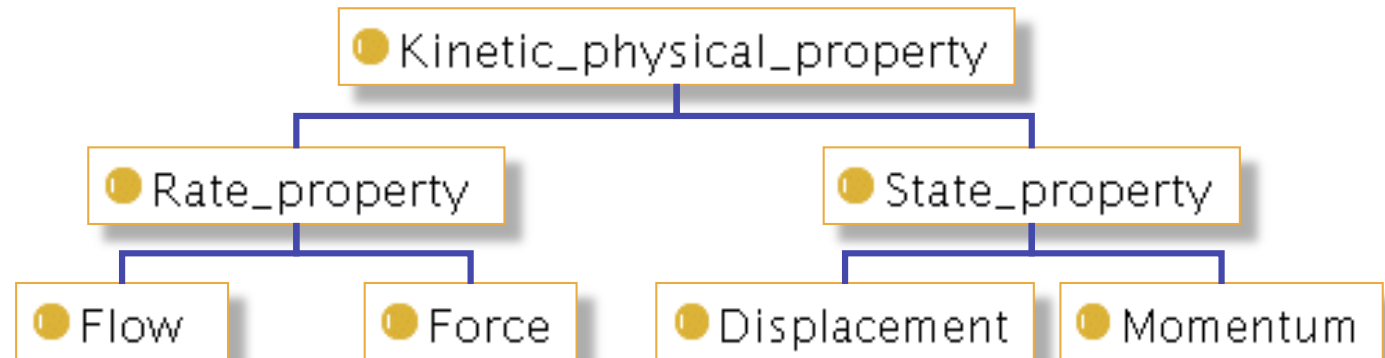
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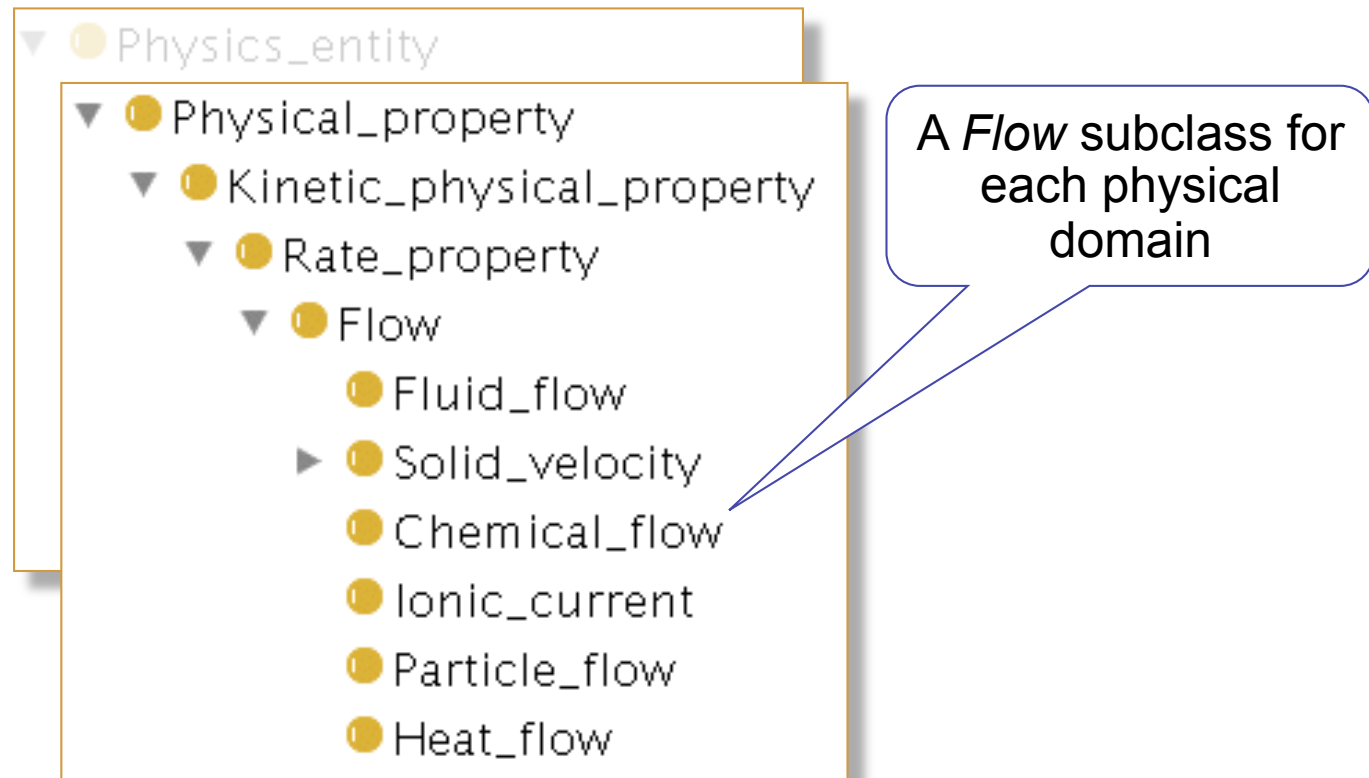
# Kinetic physical property class taxonomy



## Physical domain

<b>fluids</b>	volume flow	pressure	volume	pressure momentum
<b>solids</b>	velocity	force	displacement	solid momentum
<b>chemical kinetics</b>	molar flow	chemical potential	chemical amount	----
<b>electrophysiology</b>	ionic current	voltage	charge	----
<b>diffusion</b>	particle flow	chemical potential	particle number	----
<b>heat transfer</b>	heat flow	temperature	heat amount	----

# *Kinetic physical property* by domain



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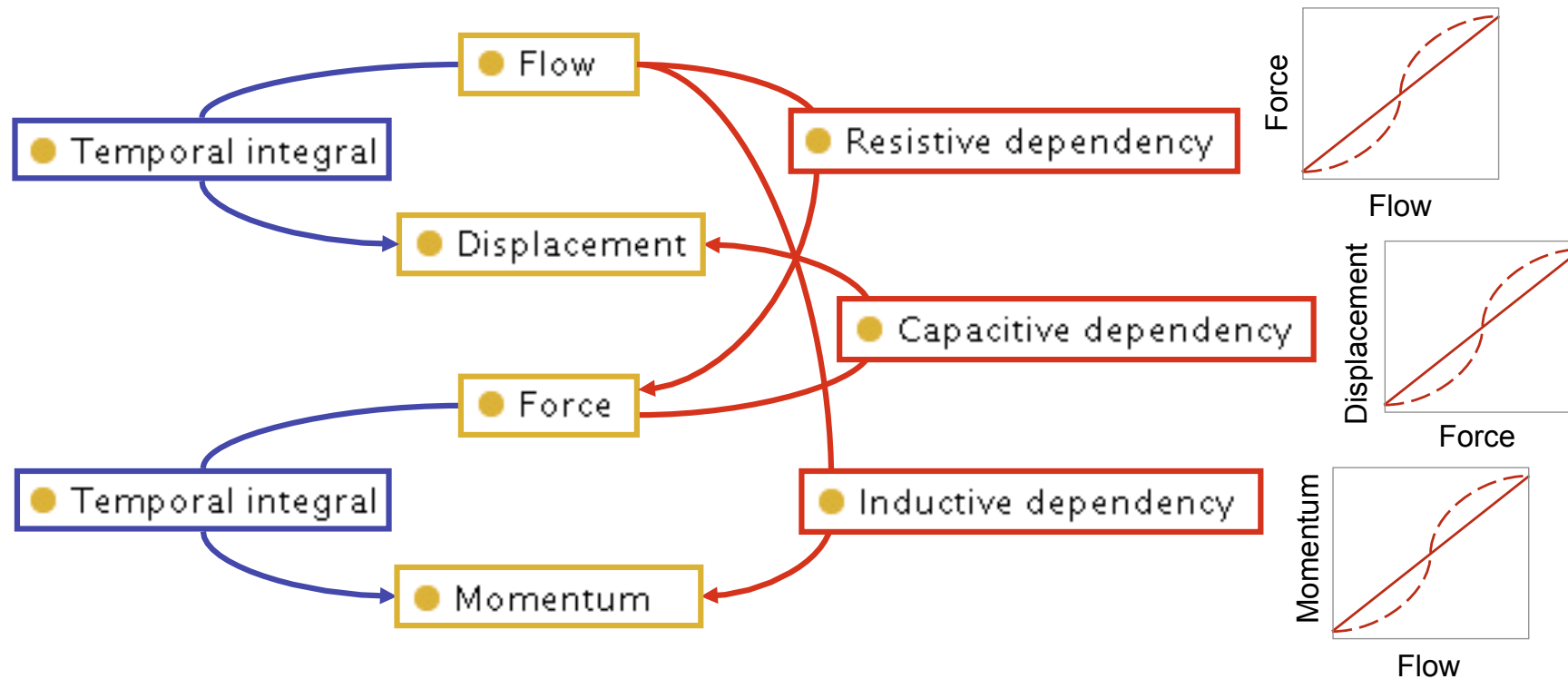
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A ***Physical dependency*** is a dependency between the magnitudes of *Physical properties* according to an axiom or empirical law of physics.

# OPB: *Constitutive dependency*



# *Physical dependency class hierarchy*

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      - ▶ ● Capacitive\_dependency
      - ▶ ● Inductive\_dependency
      - ▶ ● Rate\_control\_dependency
      - ▶ ● Transformer\_dependency
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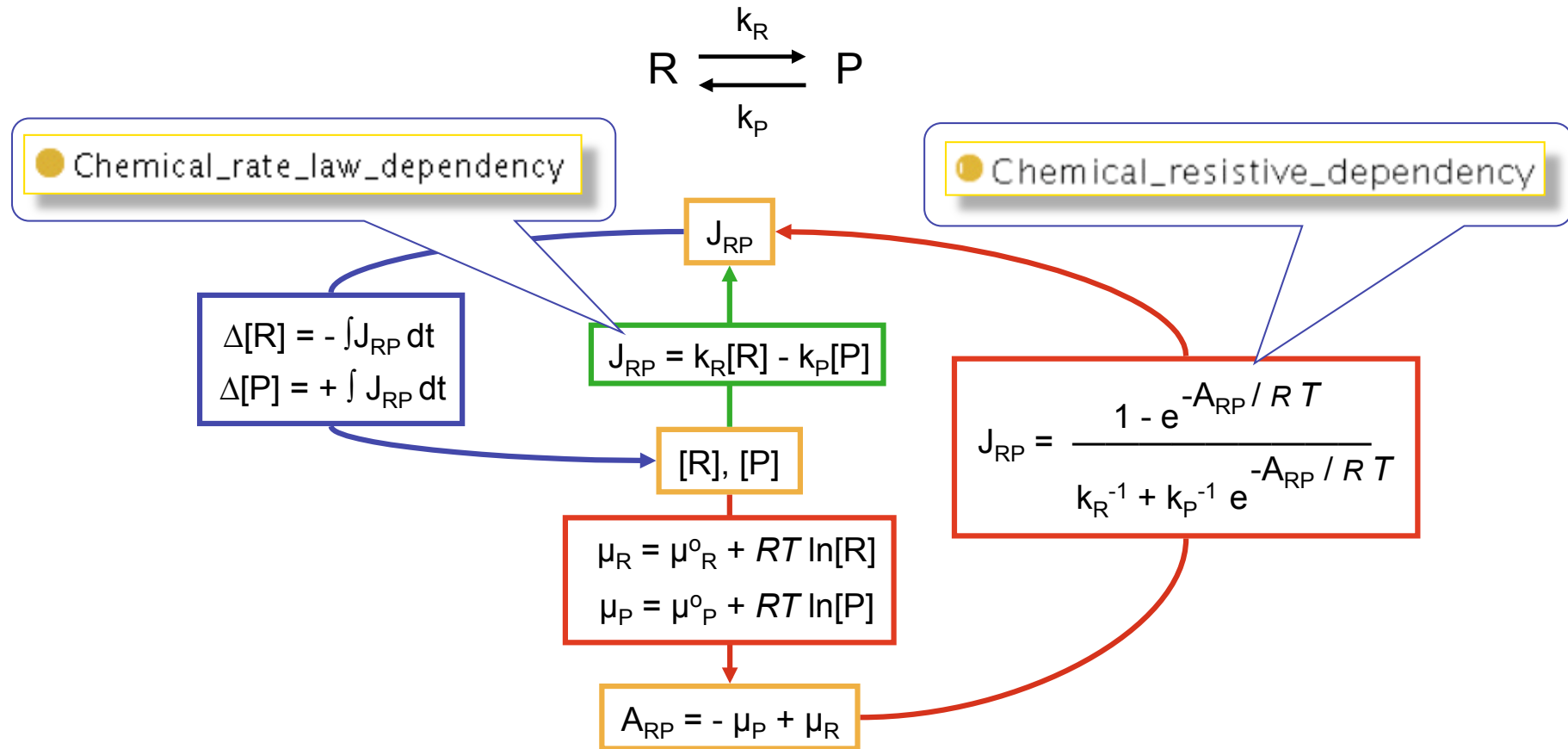
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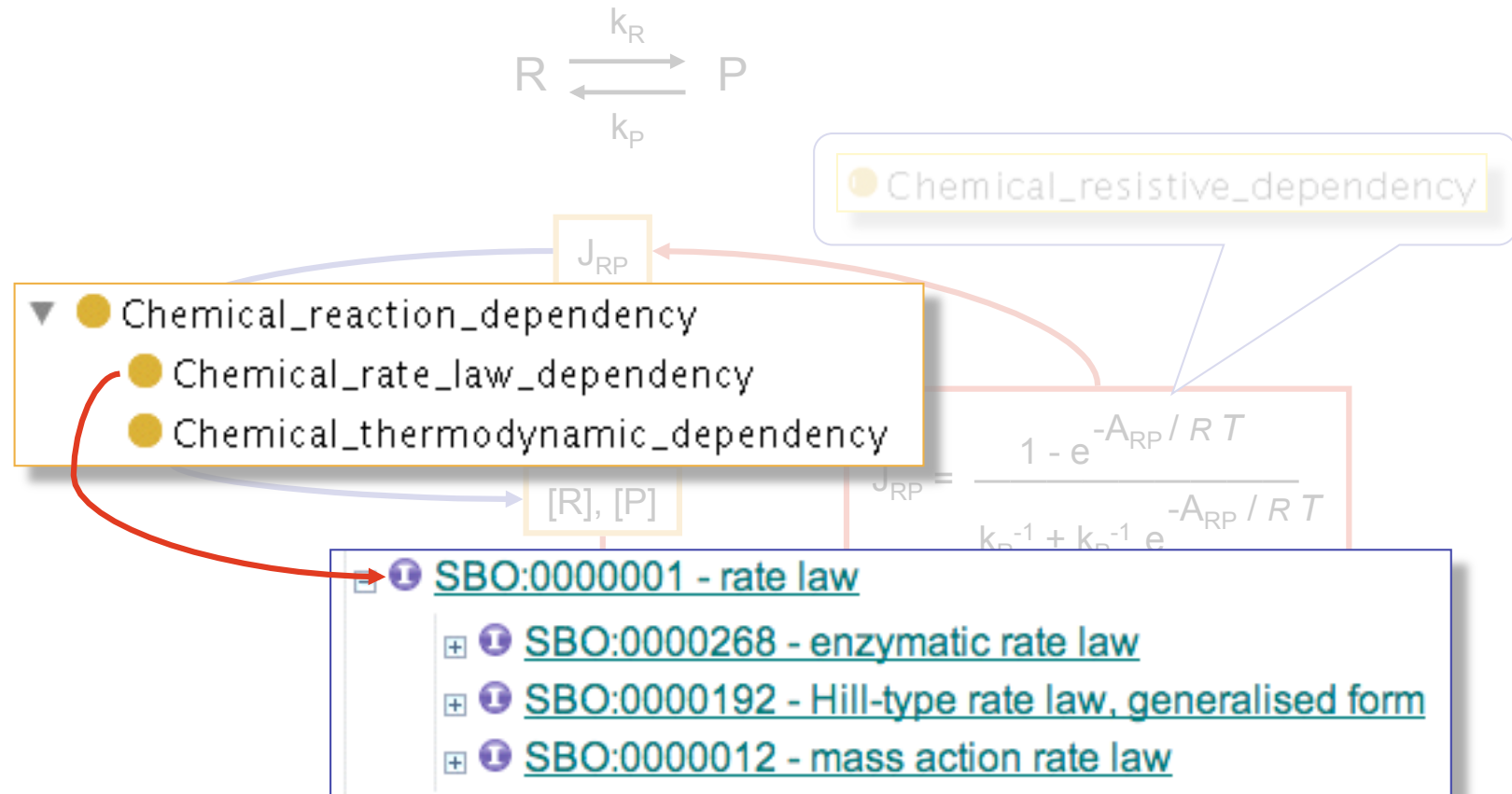
# OPB: *Chemical kinetic domain dependencies*



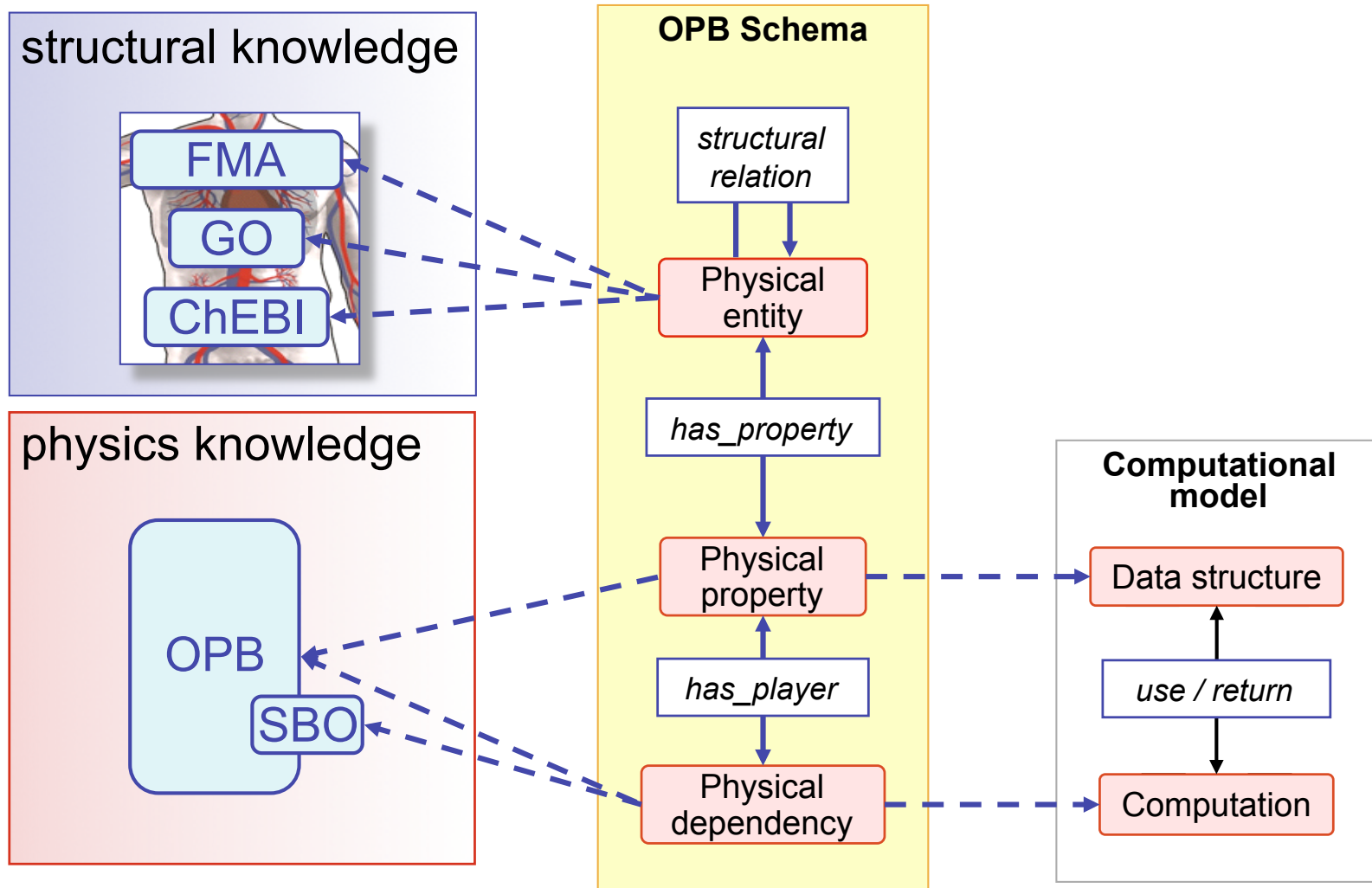
see: Beard & Qian (2008)

$R$  = molar gas constant  
 $T$  = temperature  
 $\mu_P$  = chemical potential  
 $A_{RP}$  = affinity

# OPB-to-SBO mappings?



# OPB/SemSim schema: models to ontologies



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