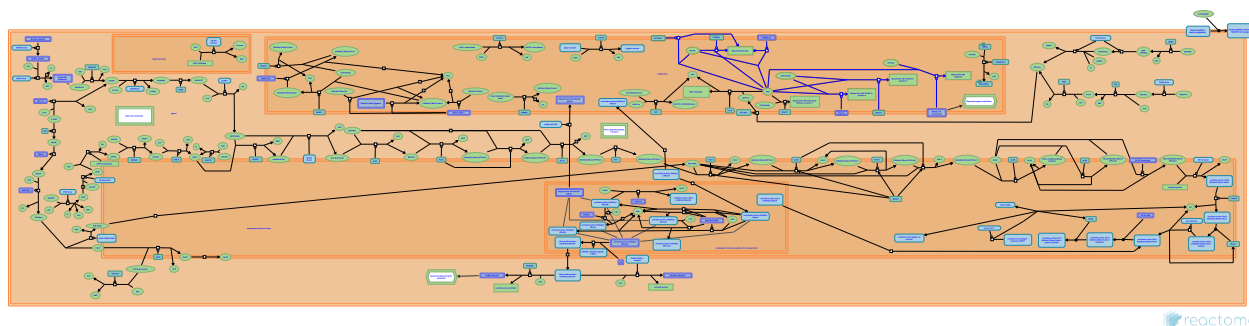


N-Glycan antennae elongation



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Introduction

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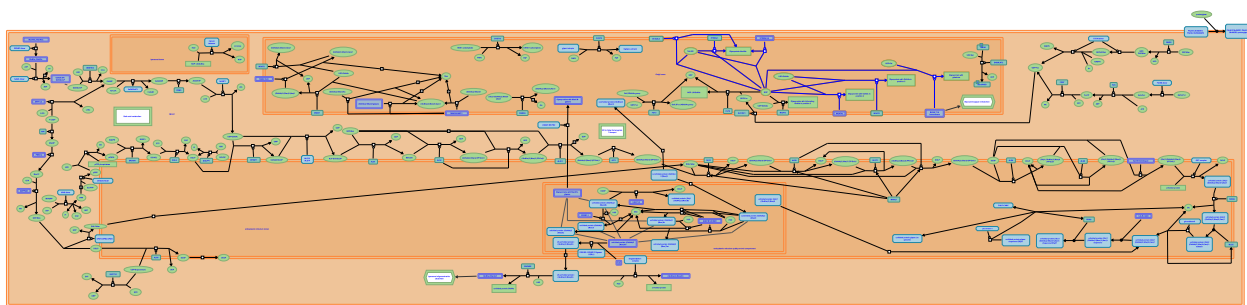
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N-glycans are further modified after the commitment to Complex or Hybrid N-glycans. The exact structure of the network of metabolic reactions involved is complex and not yet validated experimentally. Here we will show a generic reaction for each of the genes known to be involved in N-Glycosylation.

For a better annotation of the reactions and genes involved in the synthesis of Complex and Hybrid N-glycans we recommend the GlycoGene Database (Ito H. et al, 2010) (<http://riodb.ibase.aist.go.jp/rcmg/ggdb/textsearch.jsp>) for annotations of genes, and the Consortium for Functional Genomics (<http://riodb.ibase.aist.go.jp/rcmg/ggdb/textsearch.jsp>) for annotation of Glycan structures and reactions. Moreover, a computationally inferred prediction for the structure of this network is available through the software GlycoVis (Hossler P. et. al. 2006).

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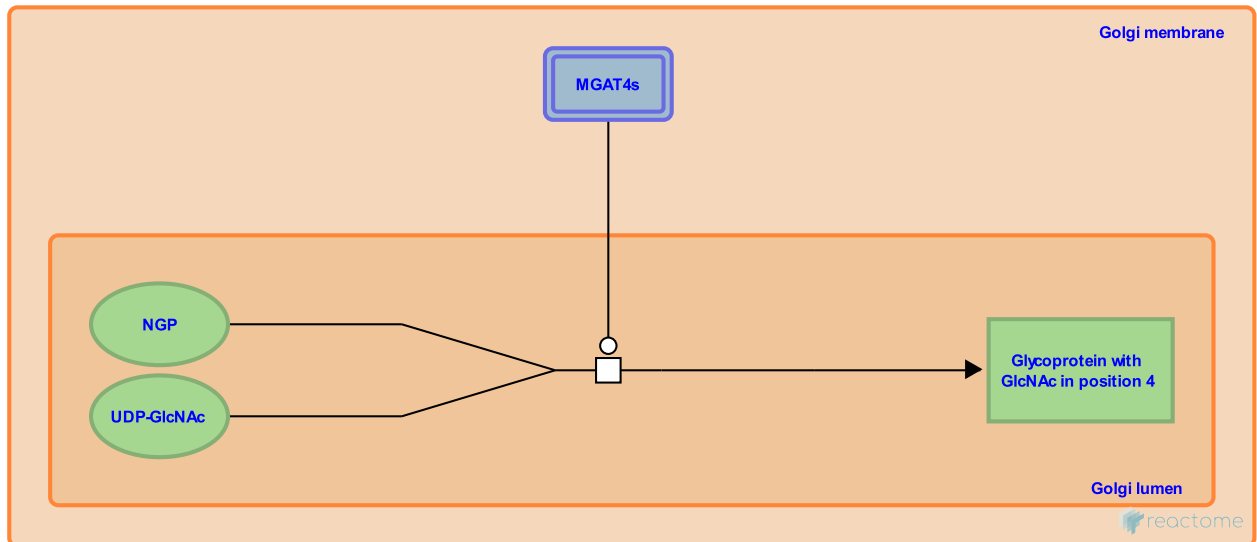
Addition of GlcNAc to position 4 by N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase (GnT)-IV [↗](#)

Location: N-Glycan antennae elongation

Stable identifier: R-HSA-975903

Type: transition

Compartments: Golgi lumen, Golgi membrane



N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase (GnT)-IV catalyzes the addition of GlcNAc beta,1,4 on the GlcNAc beta1,2 Man,alpha1,3 arm of both complex and hybrid N-glycans (Oguri S et al, 2006). Two human GnT-IV isozymes have been characterized (MGAT4A, MGAT4B) , plus a putative MGAT4C on chromosome 2 (Furukawa T et al, 1999). Aberrant expression of MGAT4A or MGAT4B is associated with pancreatic cancer (Ide Y et al, 2006; Kudo T et al , 2007)

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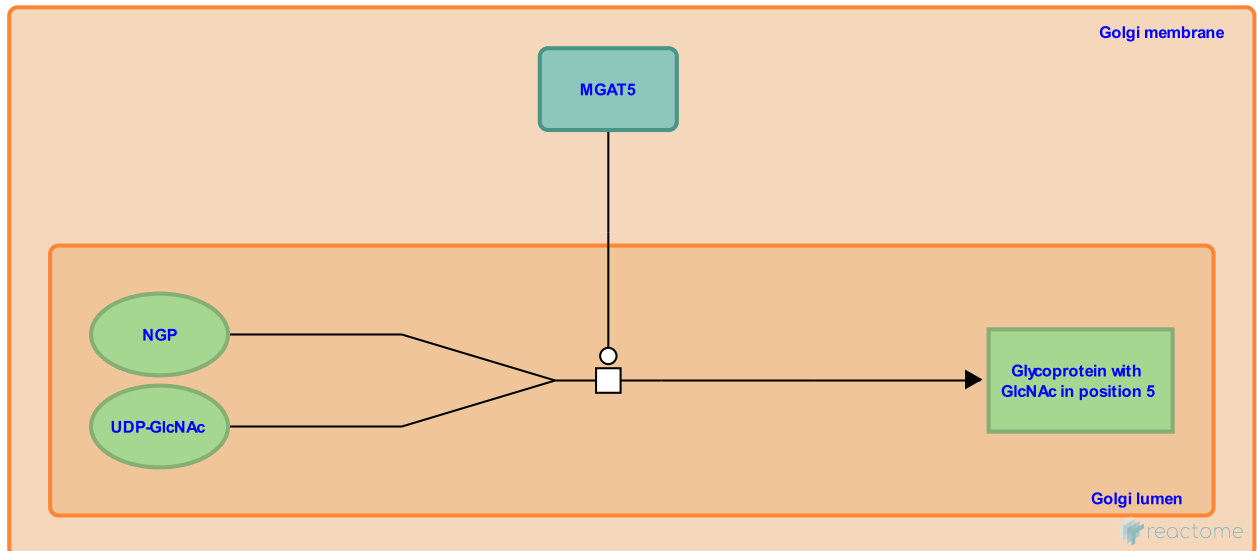
Addition of GlcNAc to position 5 by MGAT5 [↗](#)

Location: [N-Glycan antennae elongation](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-975916

Type: transition

Compartments: Golgi lumen, Golgi membrane



N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase (GnT)-V catalyzes the addition of GlcNAc beta 1,4 on the GlcNAc beta1,2 Man,alpha1,6 arm of complex type N-Glycans (Park C et al, 1999; Granowski M et al, 2000; Wang L et al, 2007). The activity of MGAT5 competes with MGAT3 (Pinho SS et al, 2009) and is associated with gastric cancer (Tian H et al, 2008) and multiple sclerosis (Brynedal B et al, 2010).

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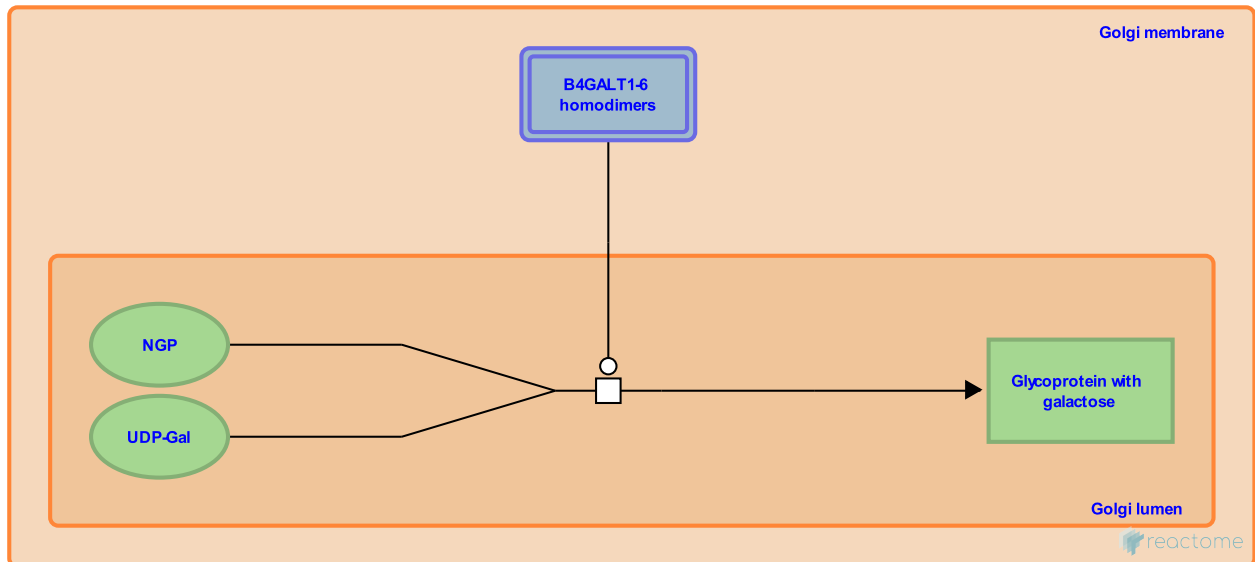
Addition of galactose by beta 4-galactosyltransferases ↗

Location: N-Glycan antennae elongation

Stable identifier: R-HSA-975919

Type: transition

Compartments: Golgi lumen, Golgi membrane



Addition of a galactose residue on N-acetylglucosamine. The family of beta 4-galactosyltransferases is composed by at least six known members with different K(m) and acceptor specificities (Guo S et al, 2001) and probably originated by duplication (Lo NW et al, 1998). B4GALT1 is associated with Congenital Disorder of Glycosylation of type IId (Hansske B et al, 2002), and is expressed as two splicing isoforms of which only one is localized in the Golgi system (Lopez LC et al, 1991; Schaub BE et al, 2006). B4GALT2 is key in the regulation of proteins involved in neuronal development (Sasaki N et al, 2005).

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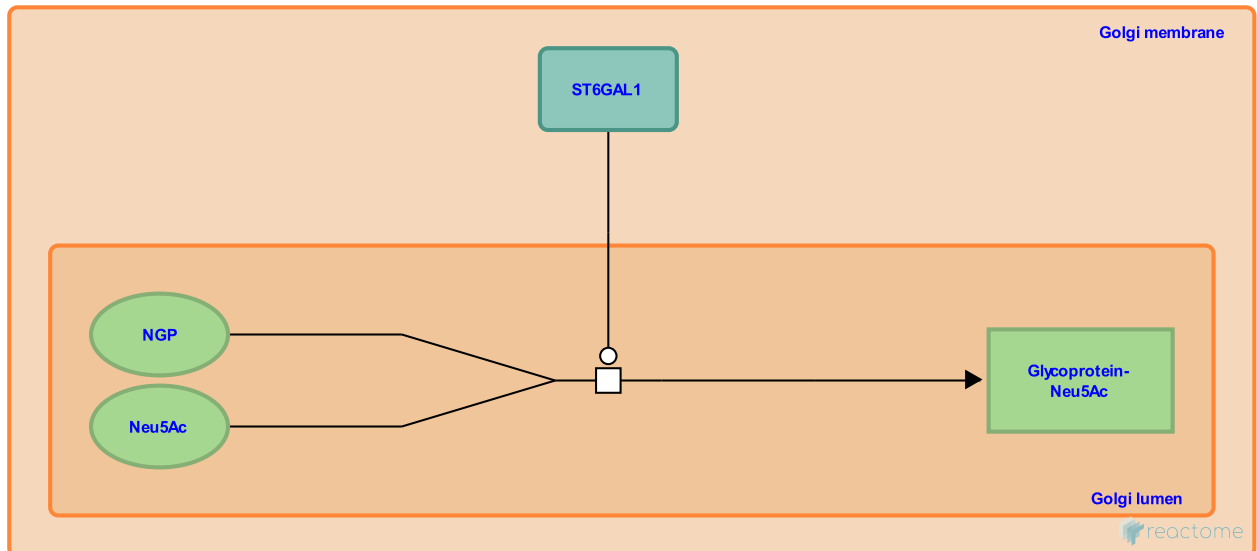
ST6GAL1 transfers Neu5Ac to terminal Gal of N-glycans ↗

Location: N-Glycan antennae elongation

Stable identifier: R-HSA-975902

Type: transition

Compartments: Golgi lumen, Golgi membrane



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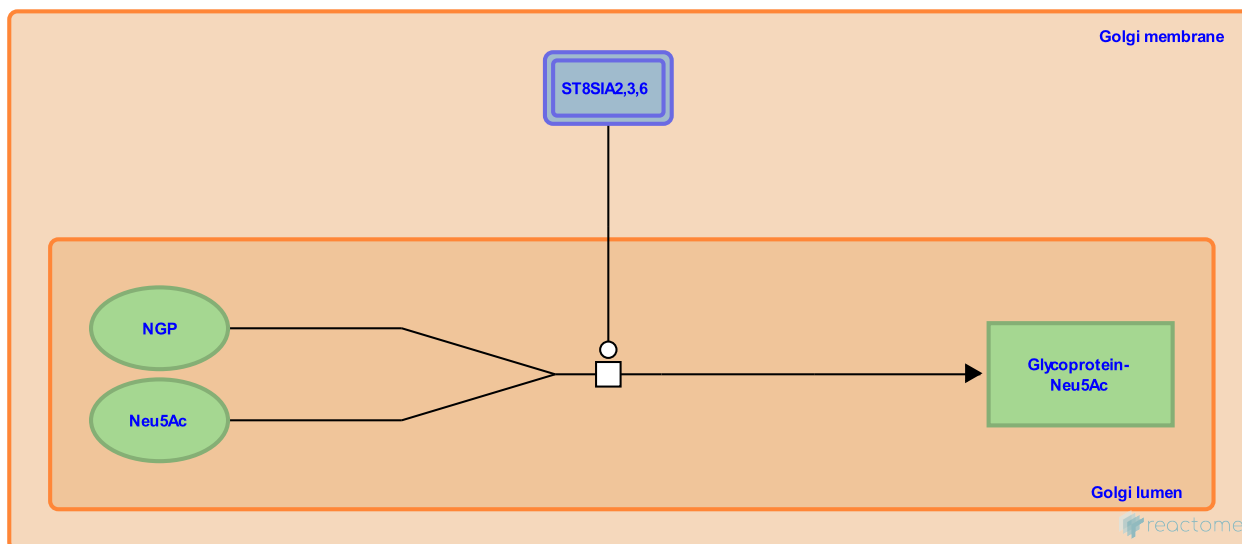
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Type: transition

Compartments: Golgi lumen, Golgi membrane



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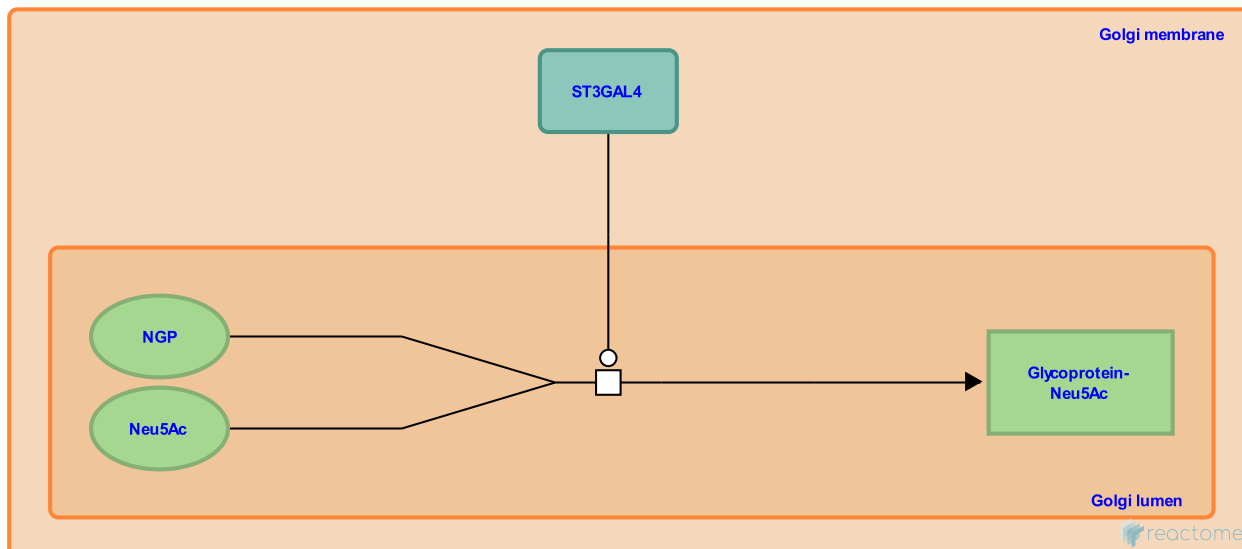
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Type: transition

Compartments: Golgi lumen, Golgi membrane



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