



BioDynaMo: Current Status and Future Outlook

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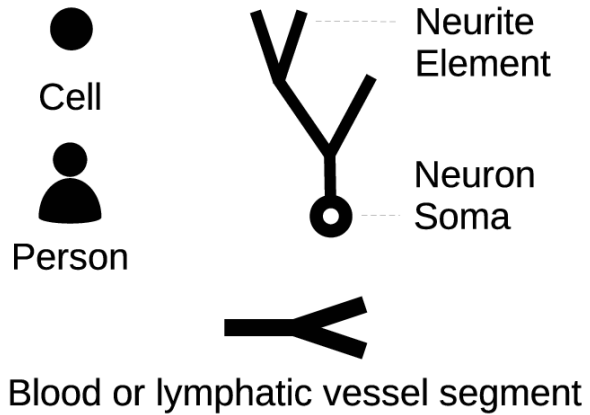
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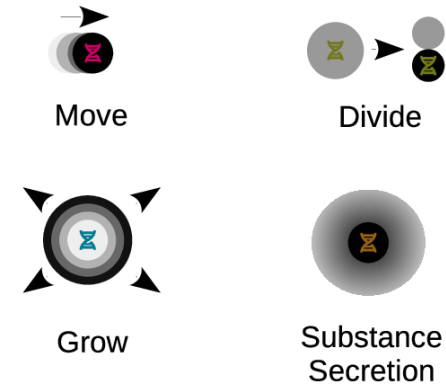
BioDYNAMO
BIOLOGY DYNAMICS MODELLER

Agent-based Simulation

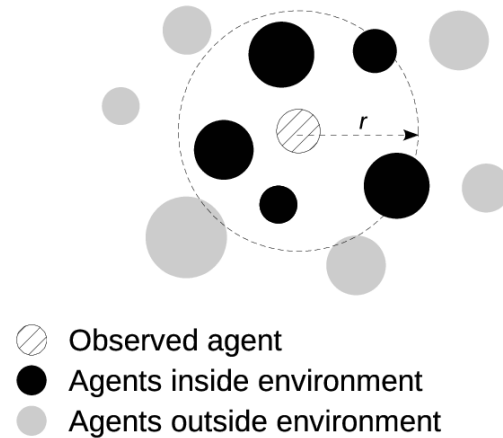
A Agents



B Behavior



C Environment

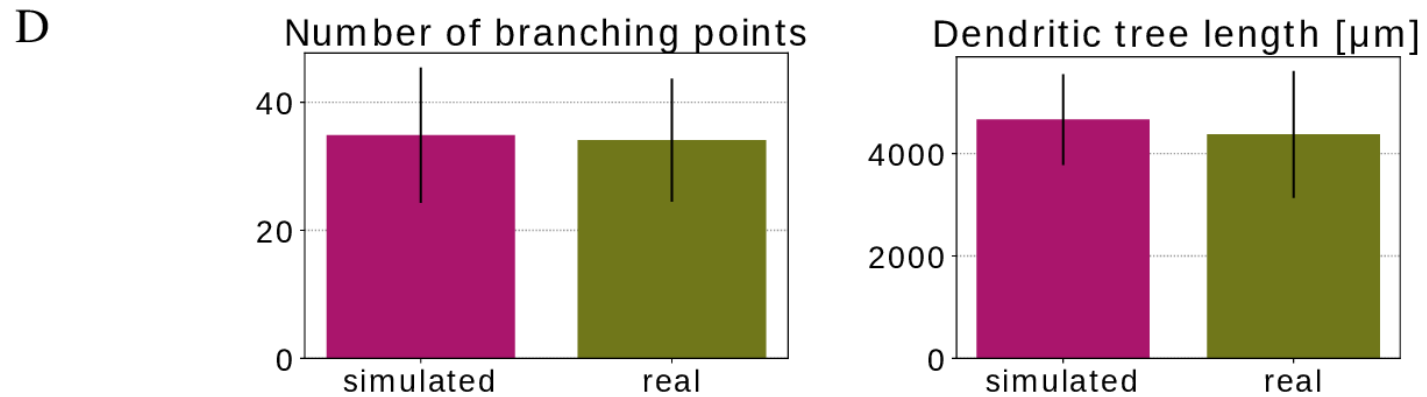
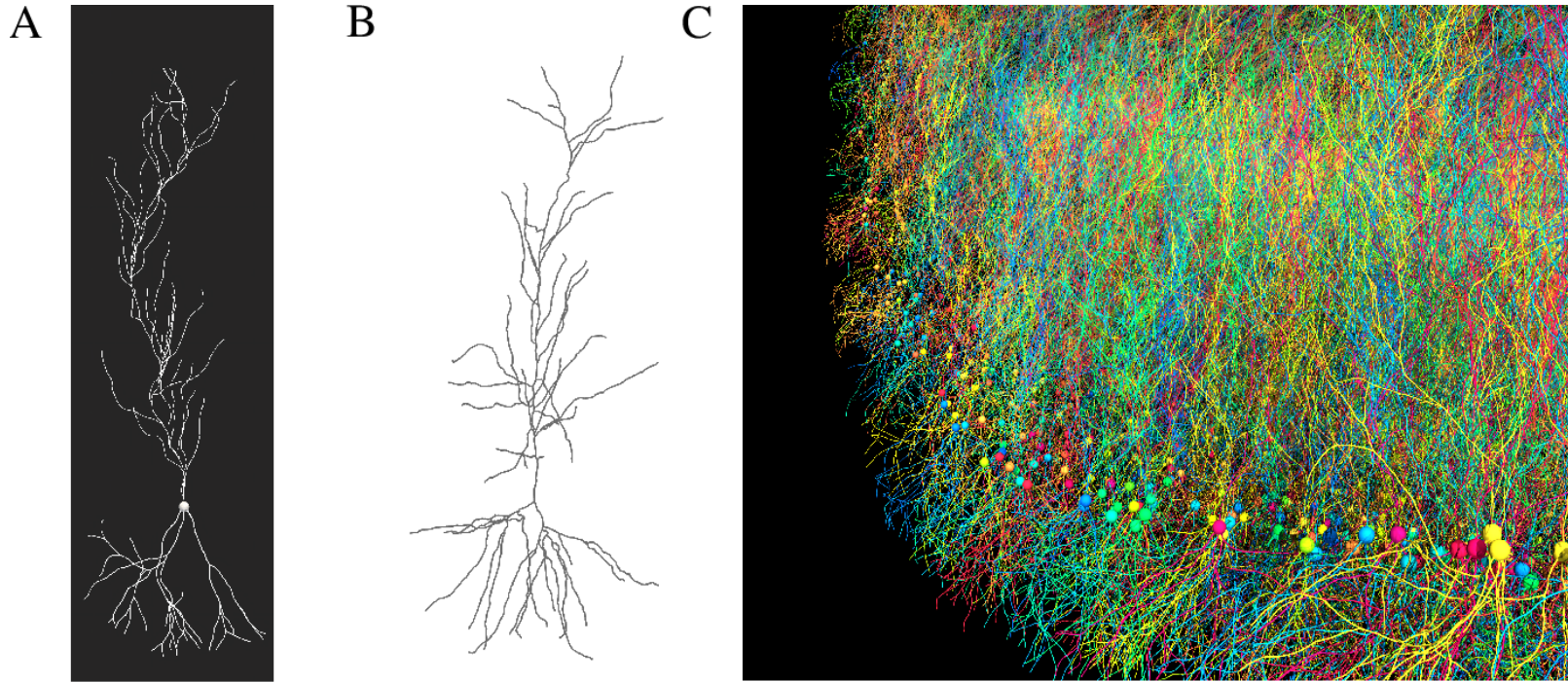


D Simulation Algorithm

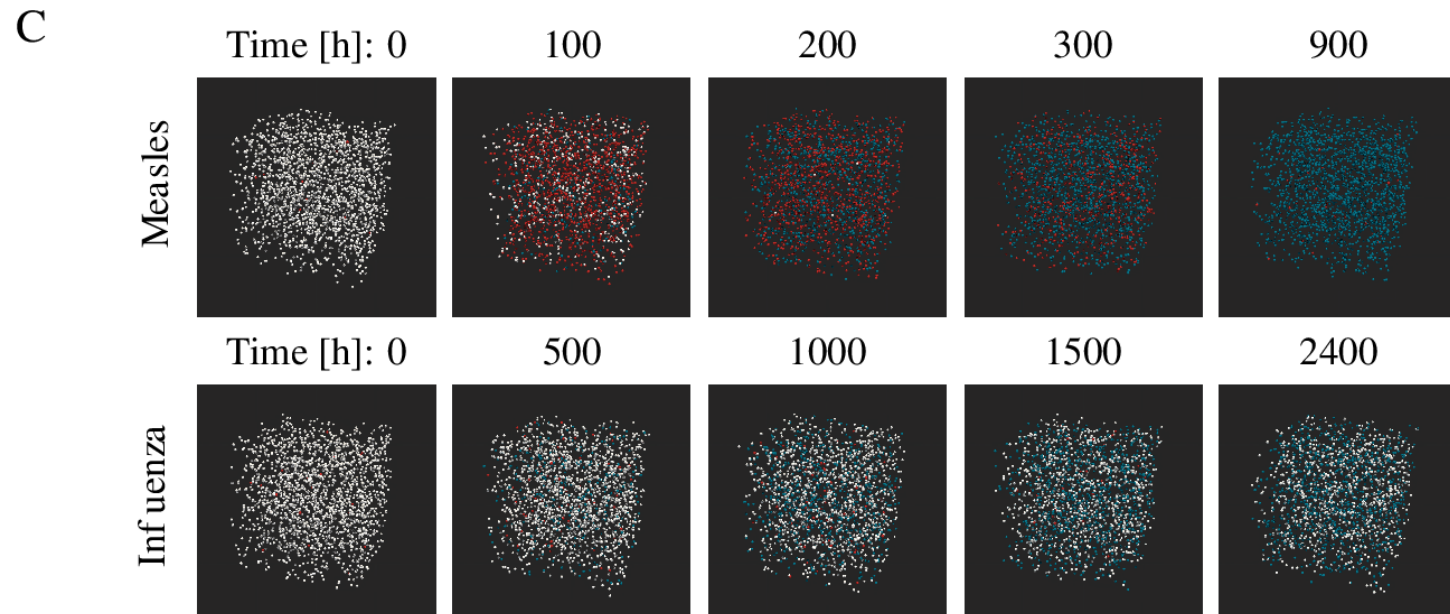
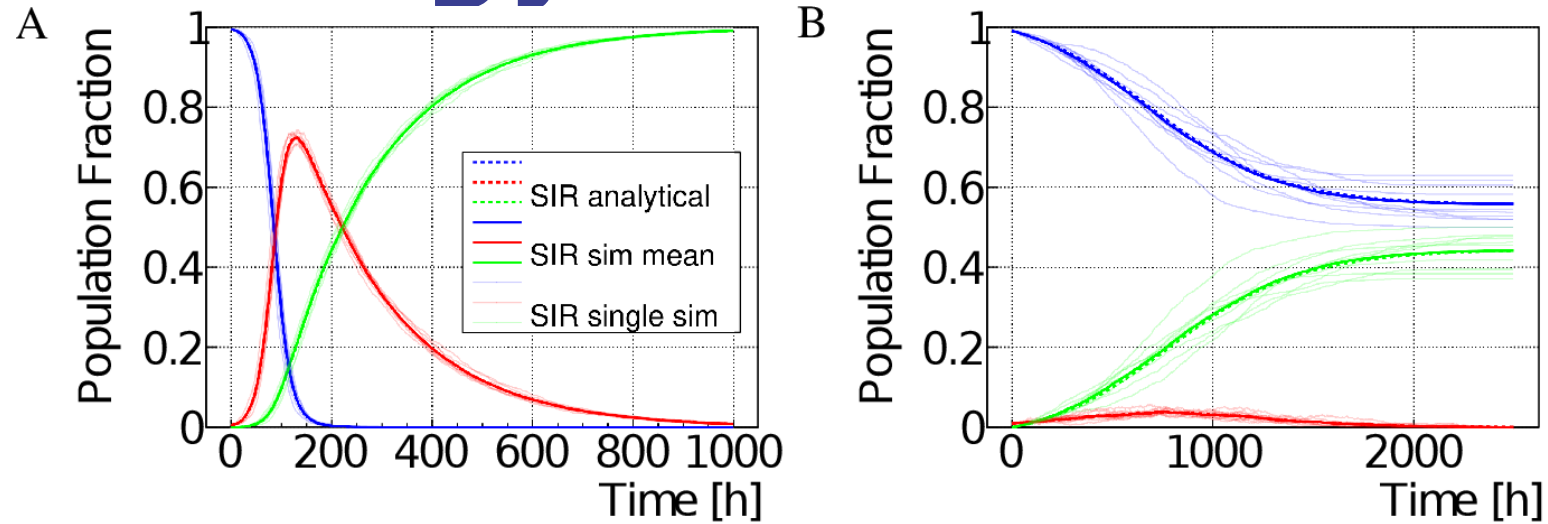
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// Define initial model
Place simulation objects in space
Set their attributes
Define behavior

// Run simulation
for each simulation step
  Update environment
  for each agent
    for each agent operation
      Run agent_operation(agent)
  for each standalone operation
    Run standalone_operation()
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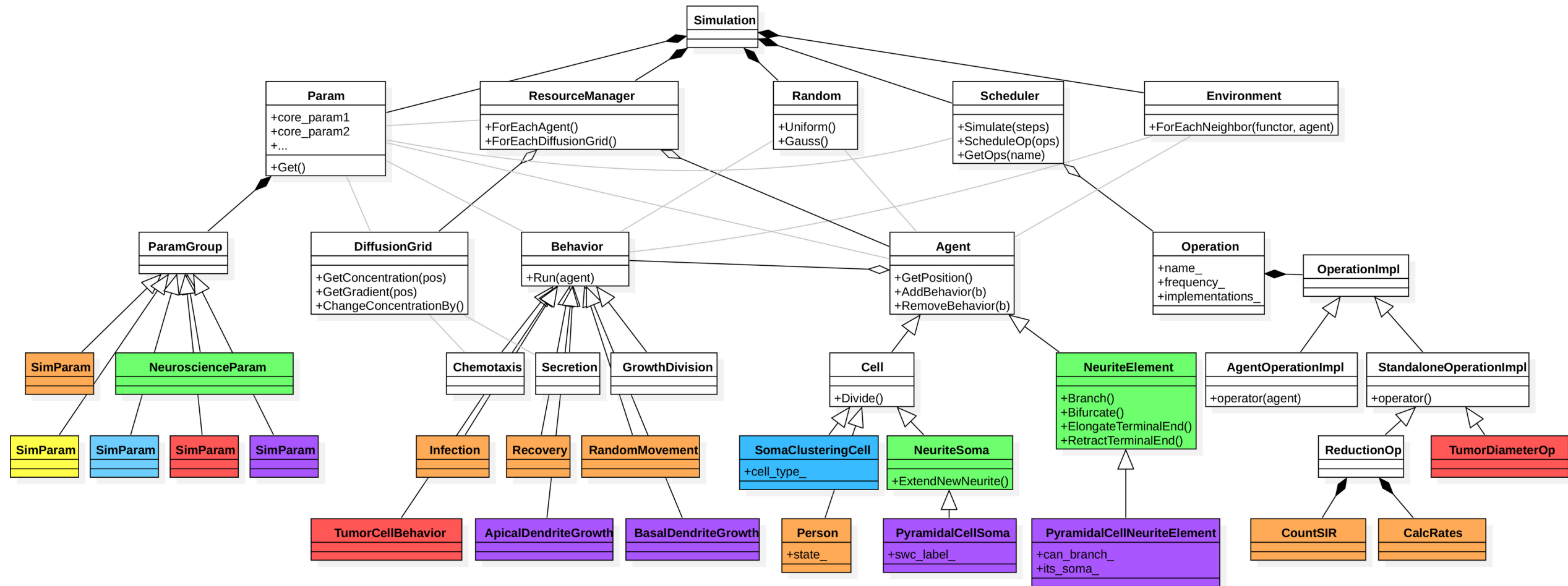
Neuroscience Use Case



Epidemiology Use Case

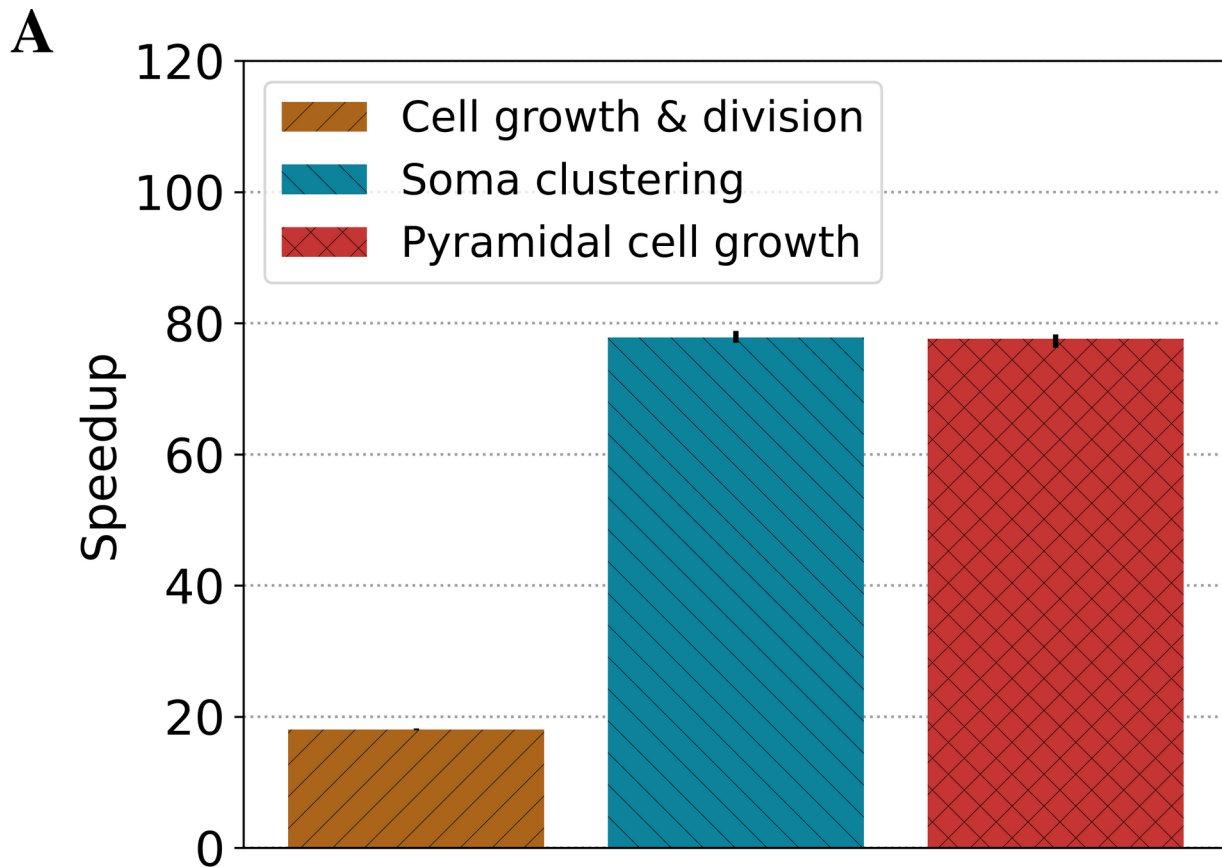


Modular Software Architecture

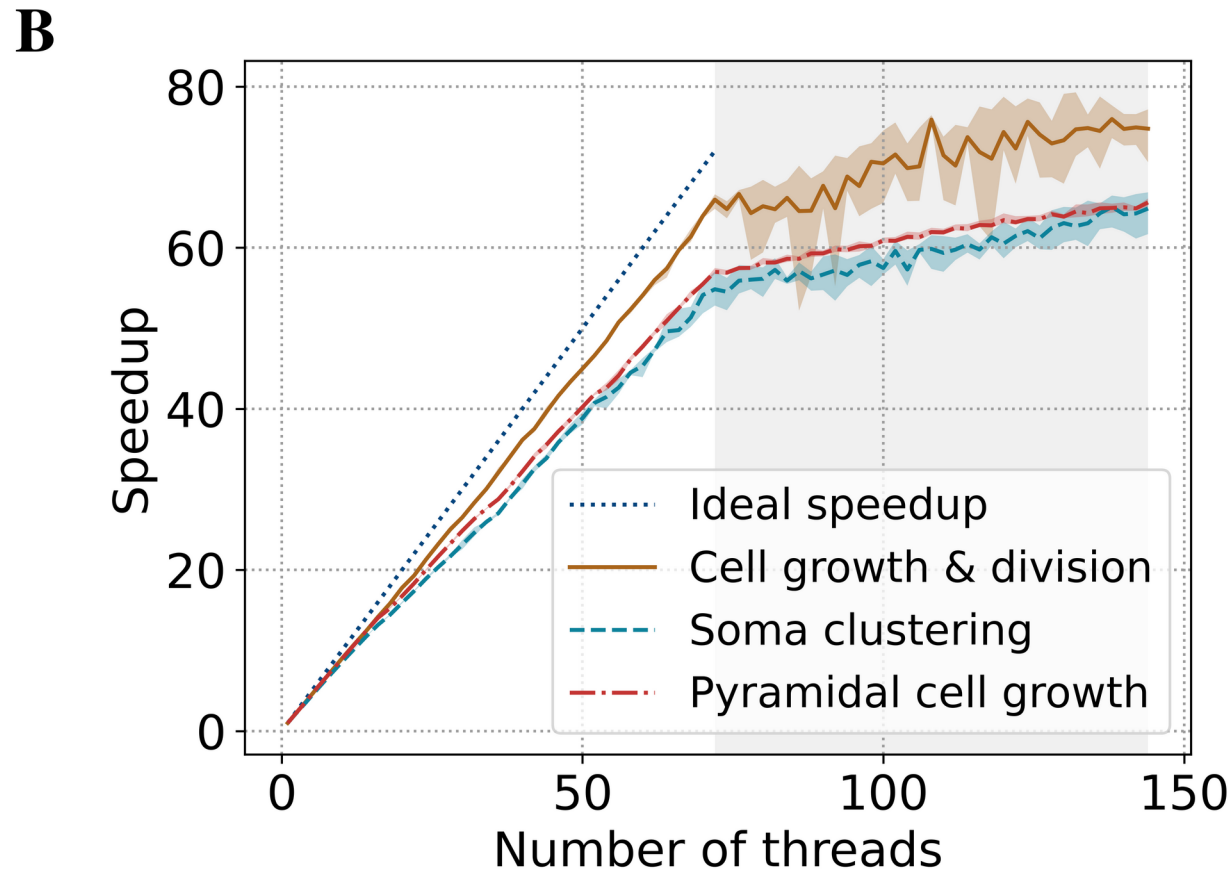


High-Performance Simulation Engine 1/2

Comparison between BioDynaMo and Cortex3D



Strong scaling analysis of BioDynaMo



High-Performance Simulation Engine 2/2

Simulation	Agents	Diffusion volumes	Iterations	System (Table 4)	Physical CPUs	Runtime	Memory
Neuroscience use case							
Single (Figure 3A in the main manuscript)	1 494	250	500	A	1	0.16 s	375 MB
				D	1	0.13 s	471 MB
Large-scale (Figure 3C in the main manuscript)	9 041 632	65 536	500	A	72	45 s	6 GB
				D	2	10 min 53 s	5.3 GB
Very-large-scale	1 018 280 997	5 606 442	500	B	72	1 h 37 min	507 GB
Oncology use case (Figure 4 in the main manuscript)							
2000 initial cells	4 169	0	312	A	1	1.24 s	378 MB
				D	1	0.98 s	475 MB
4000 initial cells	5 241	0	312	A	1	2.09 s	380 MB
				D	1	1.62 s	477 MB
8000 initial cells	8 225	0	288	A	1	4.16 s	381 MB
				D	1	3.39 s	477 MB
Large-scale	10 123 903	0	288	A	72	2 min 20 s	9.02 GB
				D	2	53 min 31 s	5.94 MB
Very-large-scale	1 012 302 977	0	288	B	72	6 h 49 min	639 GB
Epidemiology use case (Figure 5C in the main manuscript)							
Measles	2 010	0	1000	A	1	0.59 s	372 MB
Seasonal Influenza	2 020	0	2500	A	1	1.59 s	373 MB
Large-scale (measles)	10 050 000	0	1000	A	72	1 min 25 s	6.02 GB
				D	2	54 min 22 s	3.61 GB
Very-large-scale (measles)	1 005 000 000	0	1000	B	72	3 h 54 min	326 GB

Ongoing Projects

Modelling COVID-19 Spreading in Closed Environments

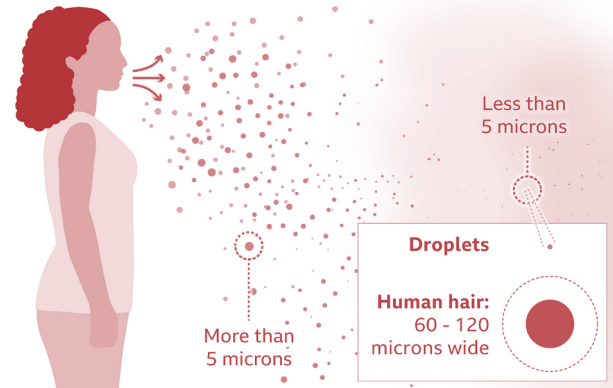
The difference between droplet and airborne transmission

Droplet transmission

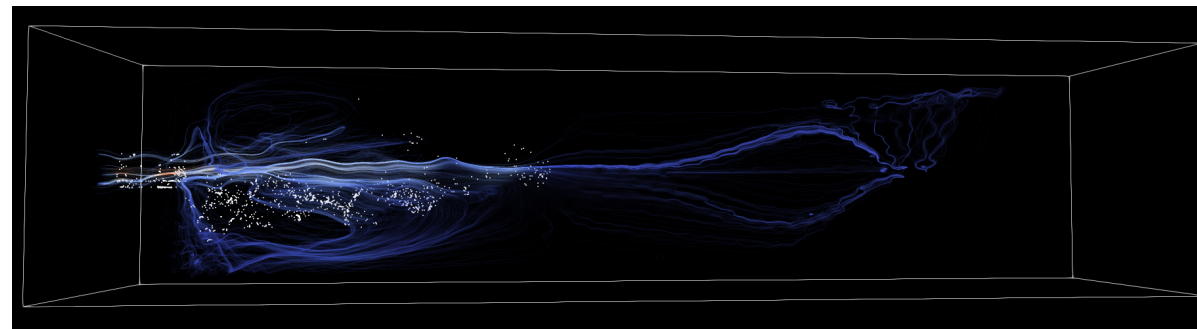
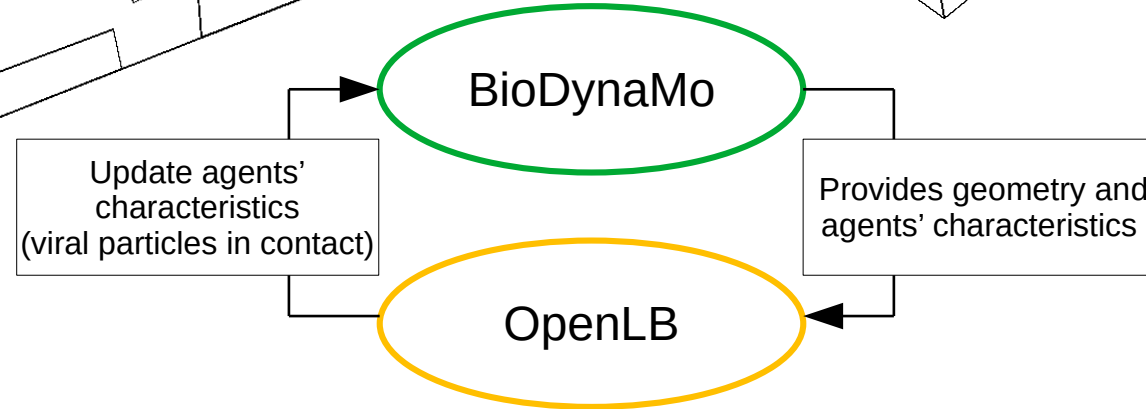
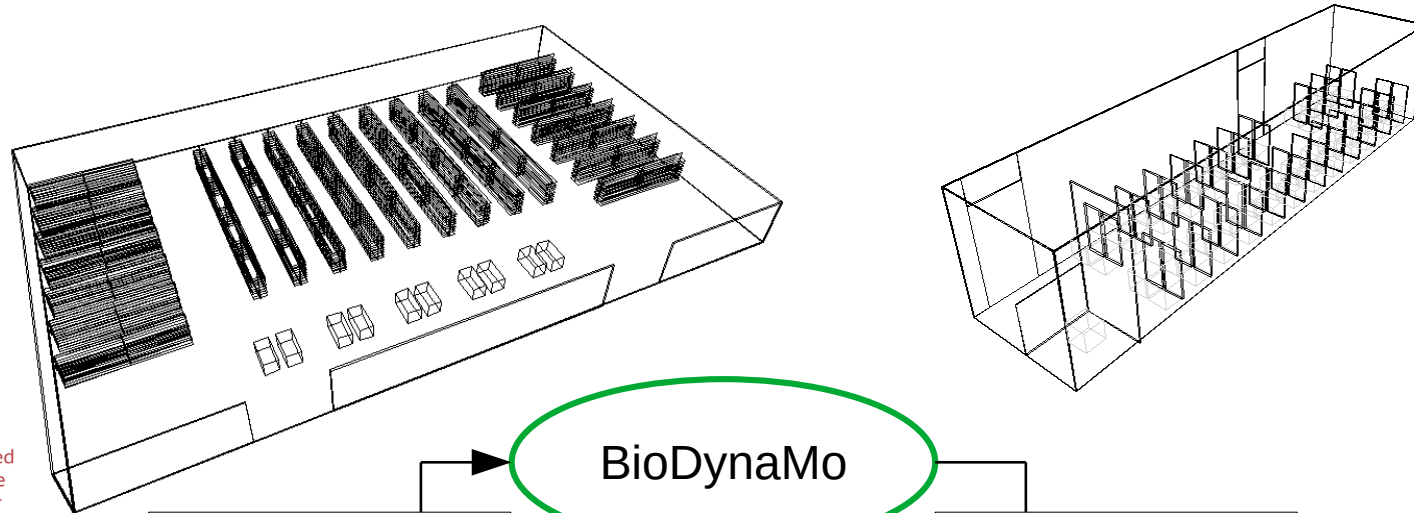
Coughs and sneezes can spread droplets of saliva and mucus

Airborne transmission

Tiny particles, possibly produced by talking, are suspended in the air for longer and travel further



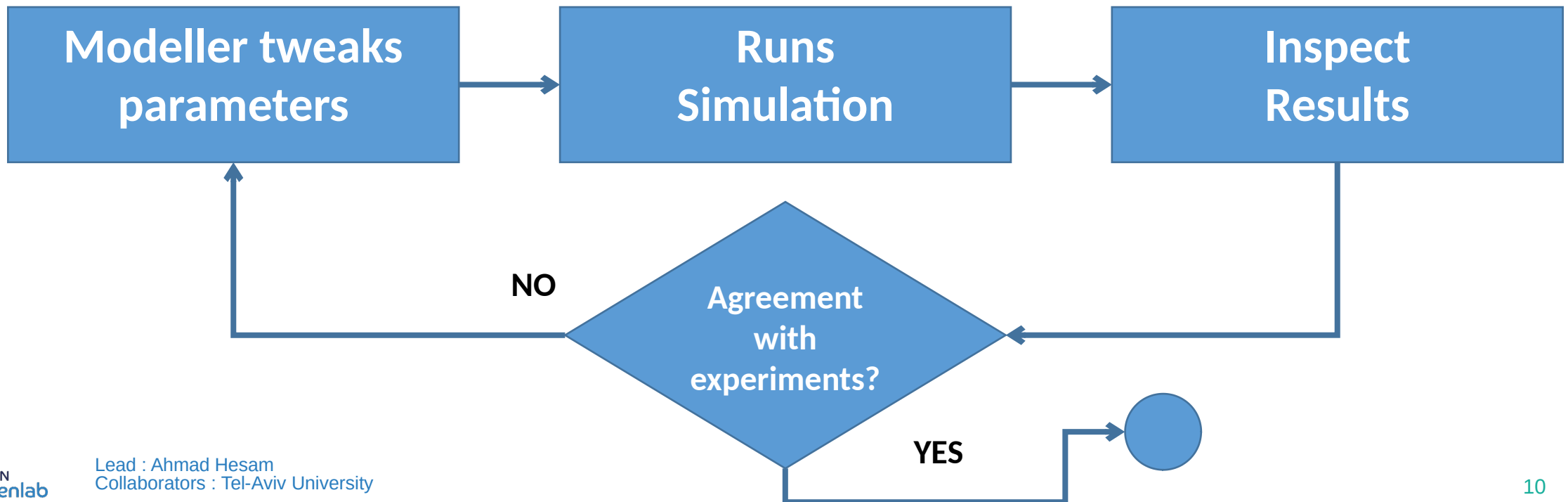
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Data-Driven Model Optimization

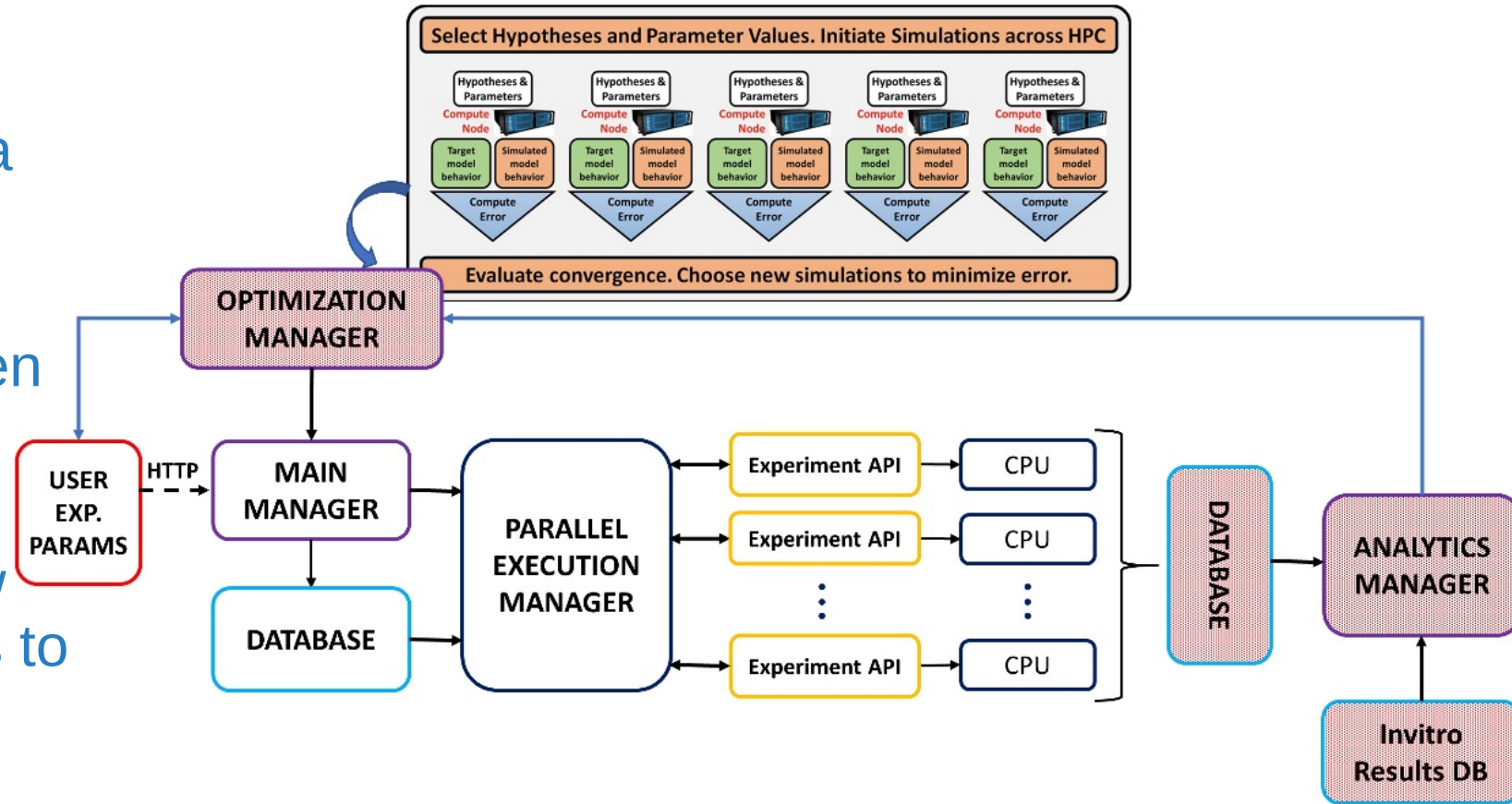
Common issue: how to tune model-parameters to match experimental / analytical data?

Current approach:



Data-Driven Model Optimization

- Use experimental data for optimizing model parameters
- Compute error between experimental and simulated data
- Iteratively choose new simulation parameters to minimize error
- Explore parameter space rapidly on HPC cluster



Further Ongoing Projects Using BioDynaMo

- Distributed runtime to support simulations on multiple servers
- Retinal mosaic development
- Cryopreservation
- Multiscale (organ-to-cell) cancer modelling
- Radiation-induced tissue damage
- Simulations in the socio-economic field

Summary

BioDynaMo enables scientists to :

- develop models in various computational biology fields in a modular fashion
- obtain results rapidly with the high-performance execution engine
- scale up the model to billions of agents on a single server, and
- produce results that are in agreement with validated experimental data

Questions?

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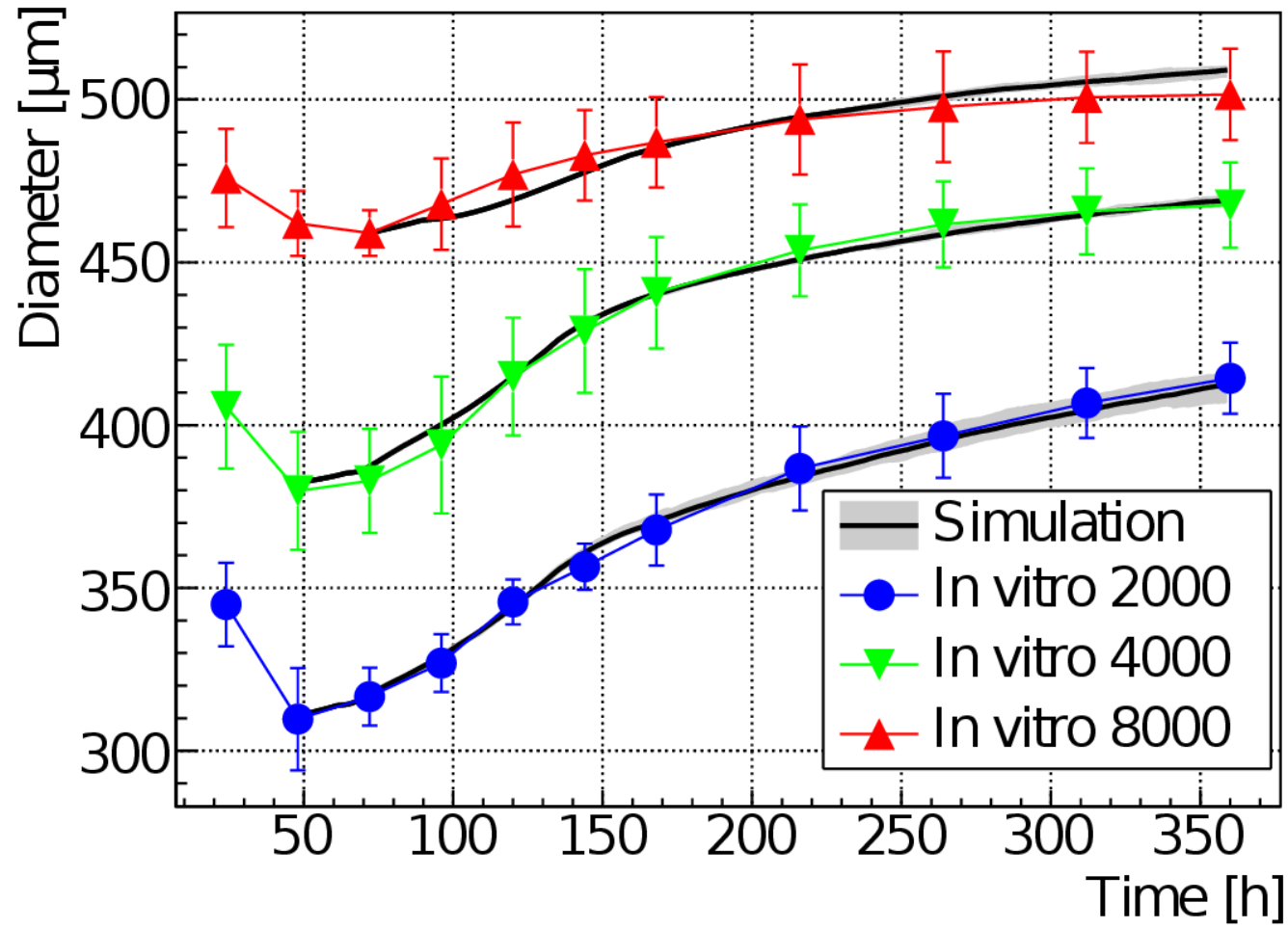
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<https://biodynamo.org/>
- Source Code
<https://github.com/BioDynaMo/biodynamo>
- Single-pyramidal cell simulation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taWMFs5D5Pg>
- Large-scale pyramidal cell simulation :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MA74wZbhO7w>
- Tumor spheroid simulation :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9UkpLuLnkU>

Appendix

Oncology Use Case

A



B

