

# Multi-Agents Systems and environment modelling...

**NetBioDyn,  
an easy to use multi-agents engine  
for ecosystems simulation**

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# Road map

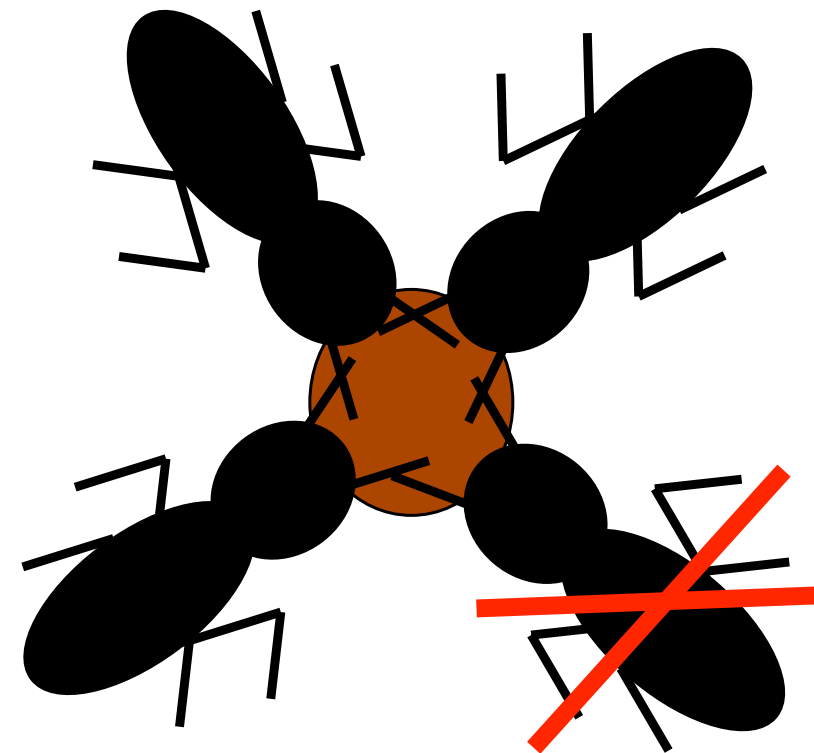
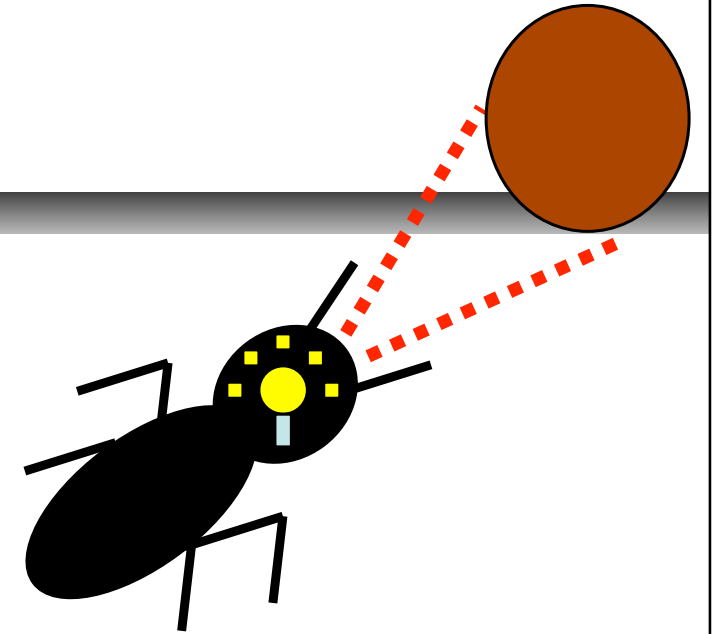
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# Multi-Agents systems properties

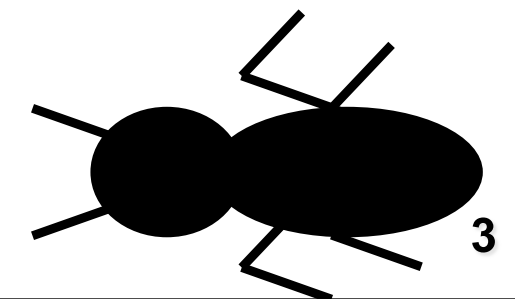
**Agent : perception-decision-action**

**Multi-agents System :**

- auto-organisation
- emergence
- robustness
- adaptability



# Models' autonomy



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# Multi-Agent Systems and Biological modelling & simulation

**From cell-agent  
To systemic approach**

**Interaction-agent**

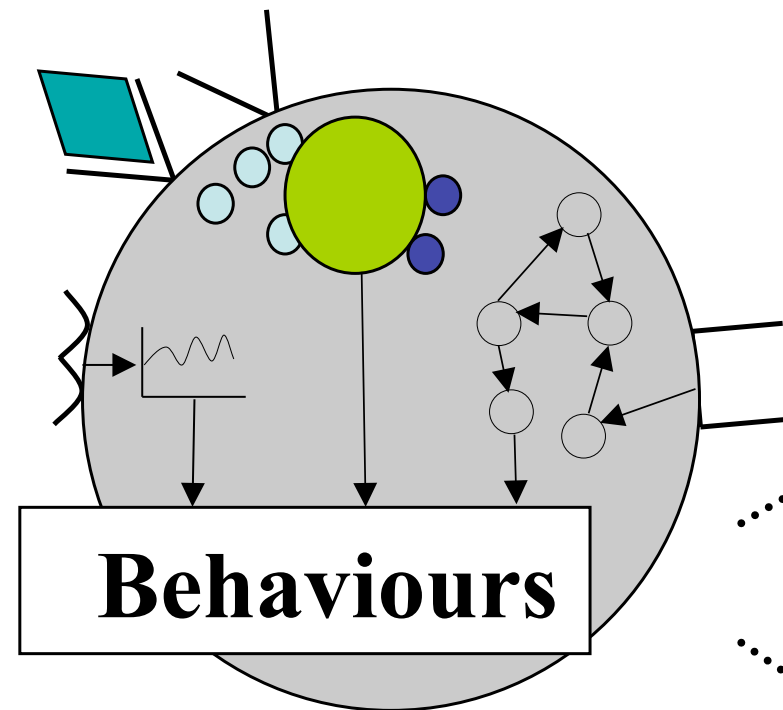
**Interface-Agent**

**Reaction-agent**

**Cell-agent**



# Cell-agent model



## Basic behaviours

- Mitosis
- Activation
- Internalisation
- Expression of receptor
- Apoptose

Model of **located agents** with complex behaviors

# Cell-agent model: An exemple of application

## Simulation of physiologic coagulation: *Cell*

*Fibroblasts cells, endothelial cells, platelet*

*Procoagulant factors*

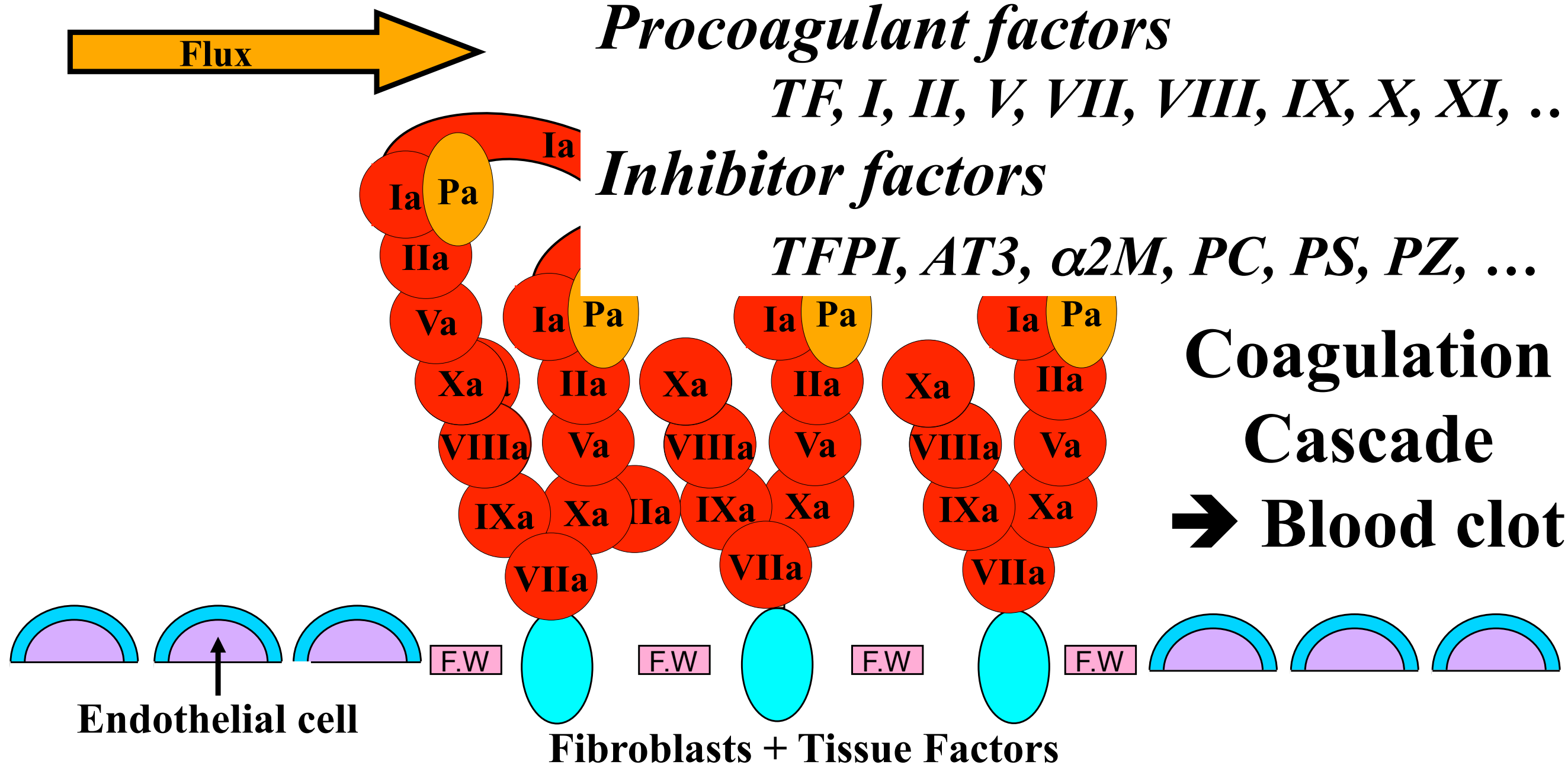
*TF, I, II, V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, ...*

*Inhibitor factors*

*TFPI, AT3,  $\alpha$ 2M, PC, PS, PZ, ...*

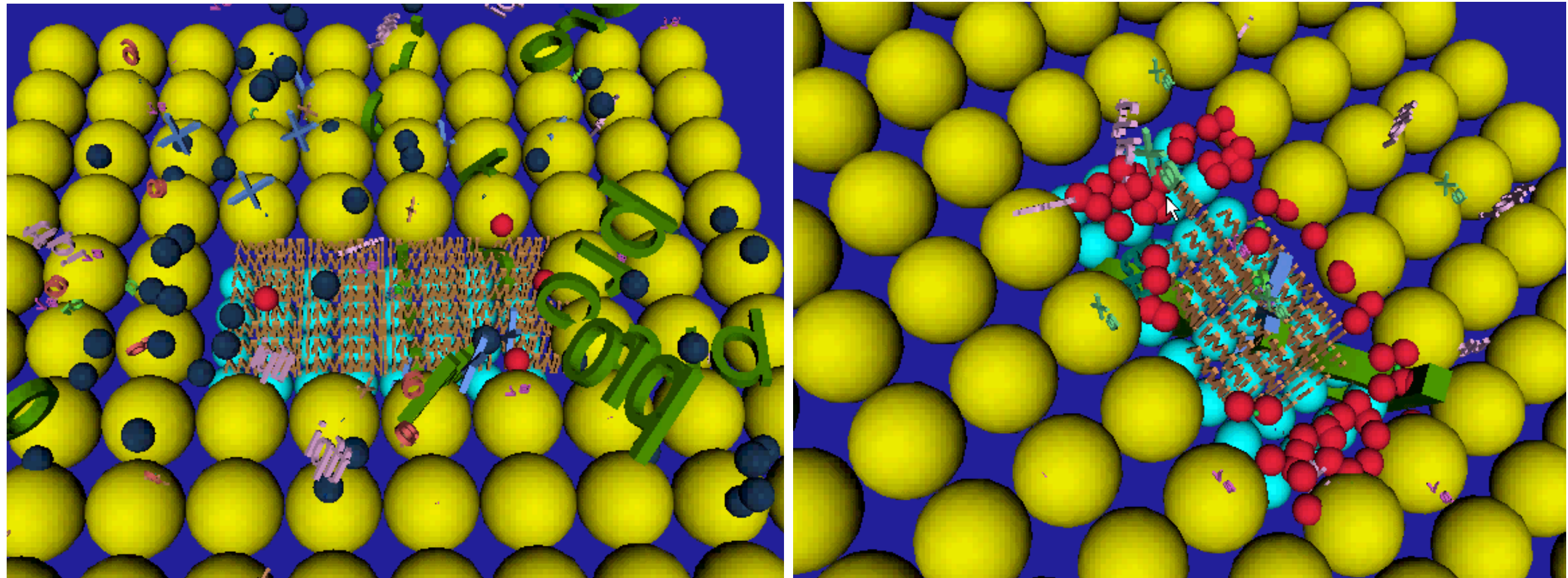
**Coagulation  
Cascade**

**→ Blood clot**



# Cell-agent model: An exemple of application

**Simulation of physiologic coagulation: → blood clot...**

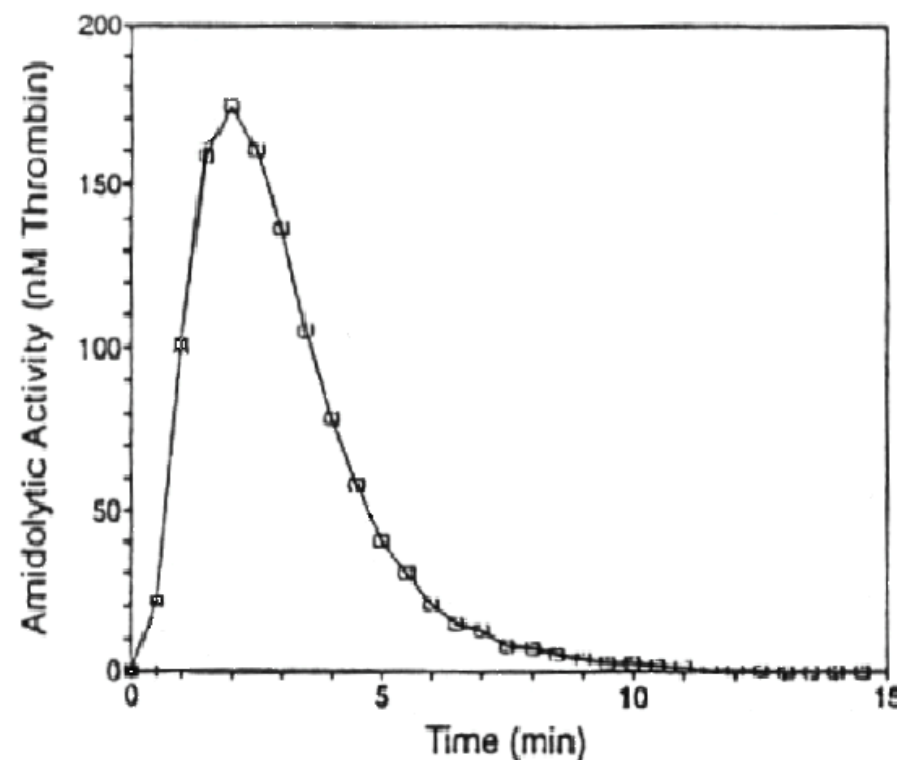




# Cell-agent model: An exemple of application

## Elements of validation of the coagulation multiagents model :

- **Comparison with Biological experiment**



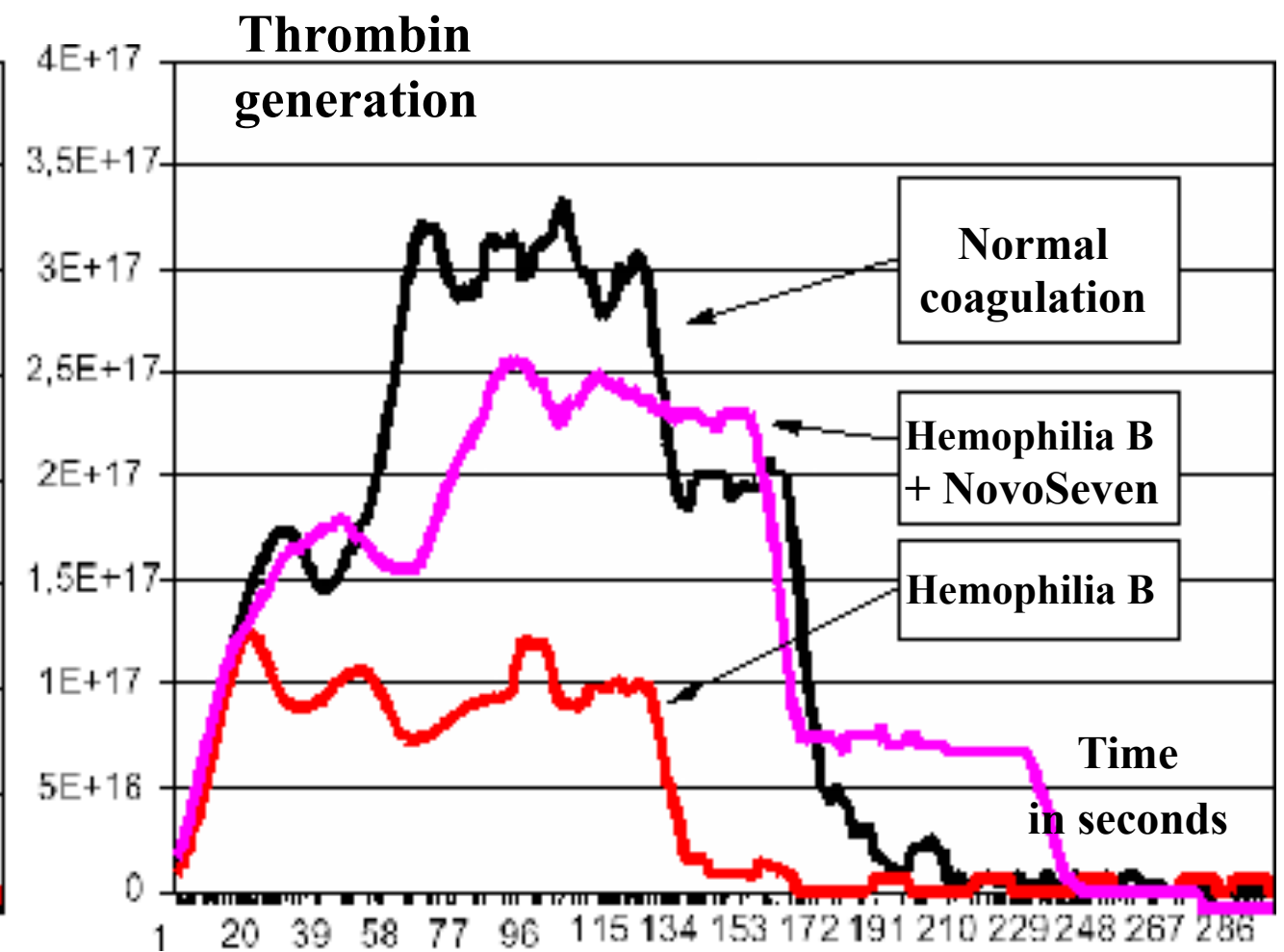
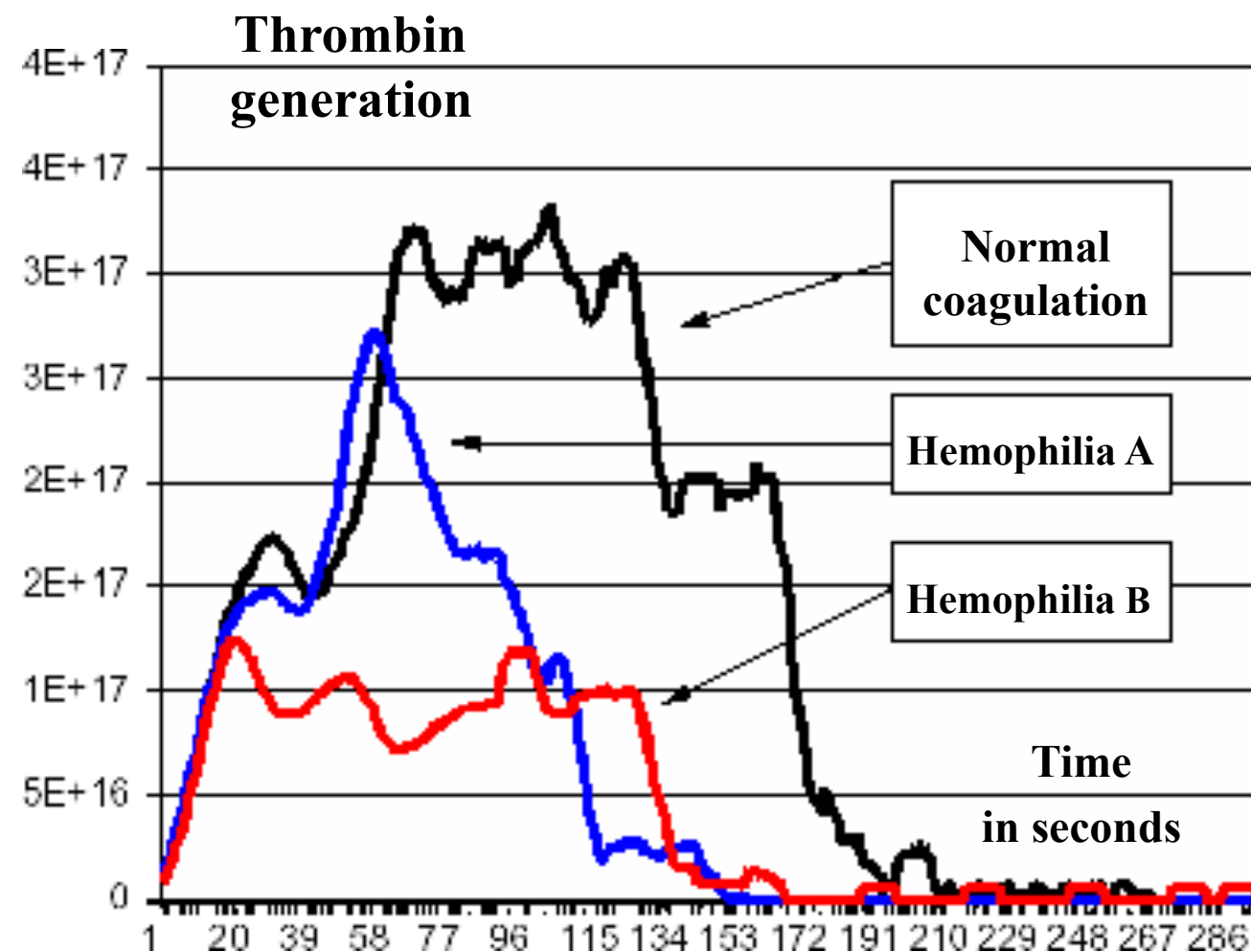
**Curve of thrombin  
Generation  
[Hemker, 1995]**

- **Coherence with respect to pathologies**

# Cell-agent model: An exemple of application

## Simulation of physiologic coagulation:

**Healthy patient, hemophiliac,  
 hemophiliac with treatment**



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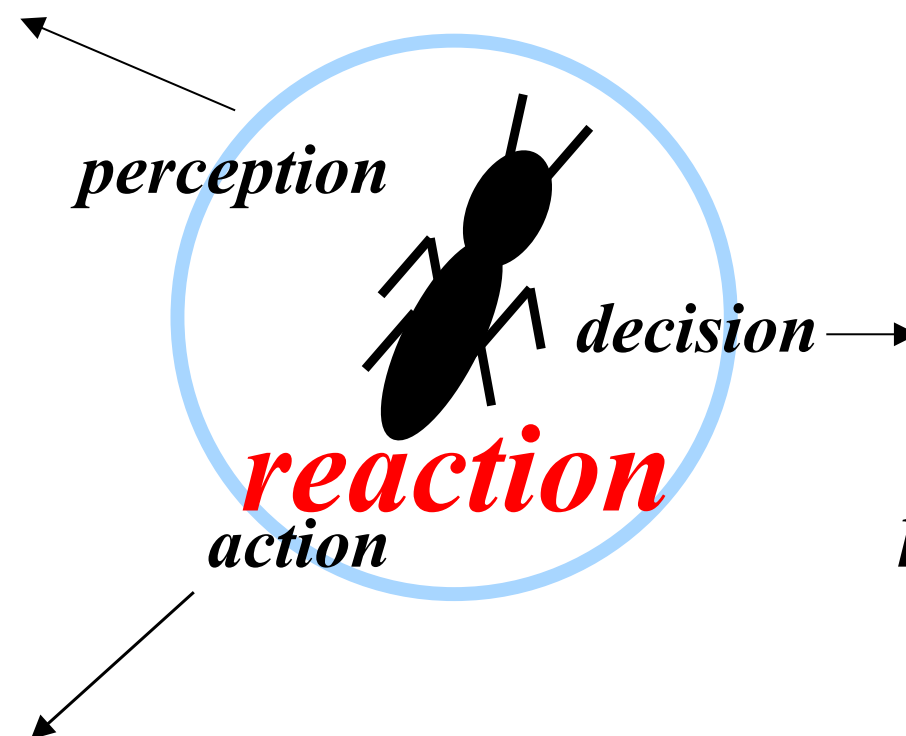
Cell-agent

located agent

# Reaction-agent model

- ❑ « microscopic » level : *agent = cell/molecule*
- ❑ « macroscopic » level : *agent = reaction*

***1: reading of the concentrations  
in reactants***



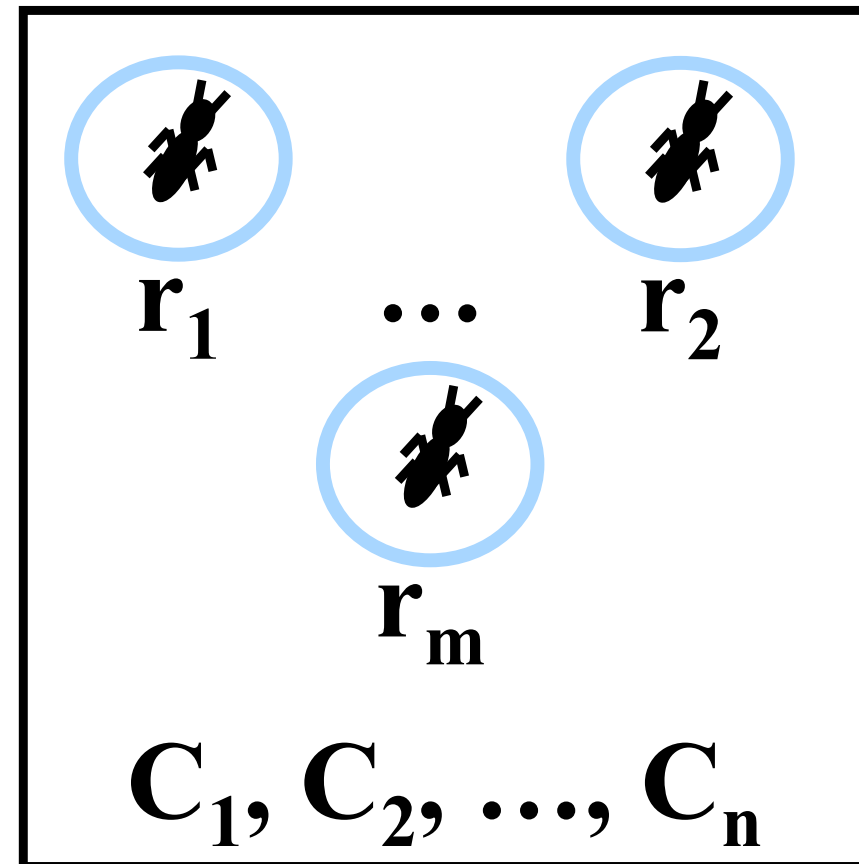
***2: calculation the  
reaction speed and  
then the quantity of  
reactant to be reacted***

***3: consequently, modification of the  
concentrations in reactants and products***

# Reaction-agent model

**Spatial  
indiscernibility**

**Non located agents**



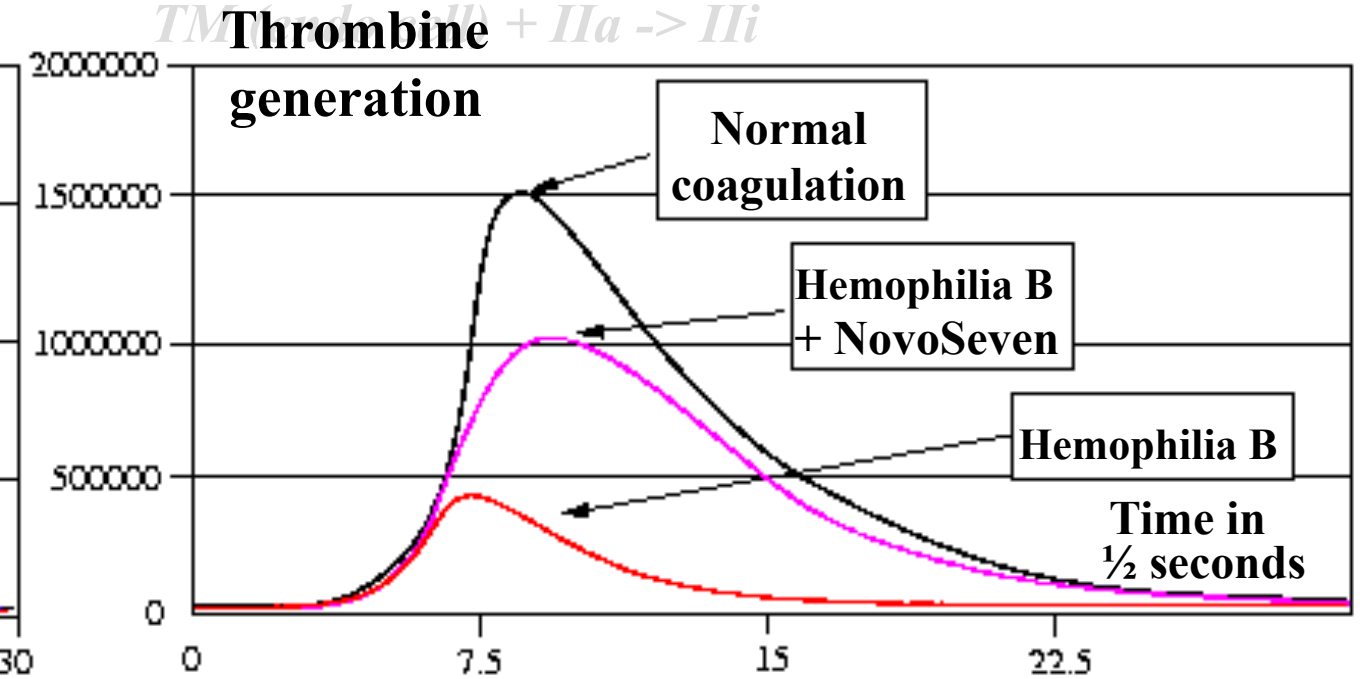
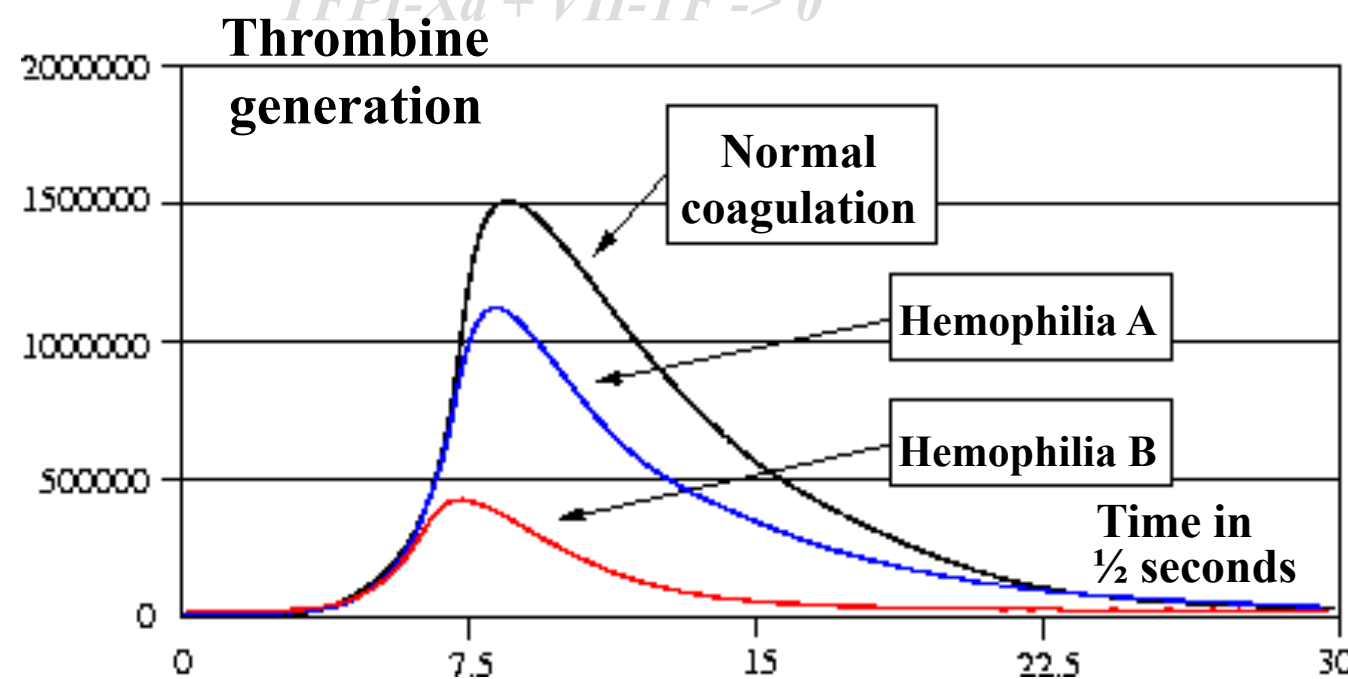
**Chemical reactor**

- **Asynchronous phenomena and chaotic order**
- **No Ordinary Differential Equation**

# Reaction-agent model: An exemple of application

## Simulation of physiologic coagulation:

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42 reactions

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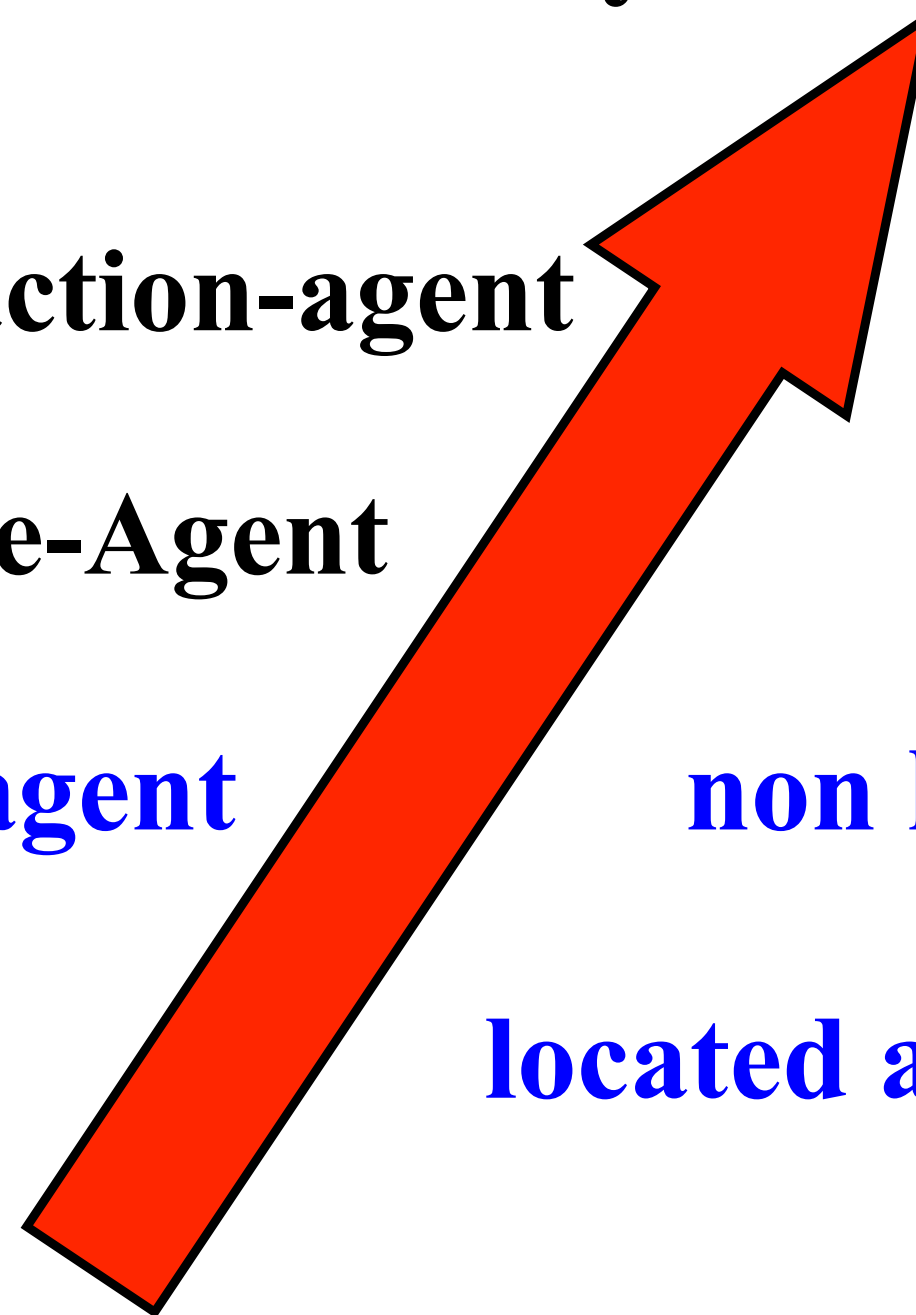
Interface-Agent

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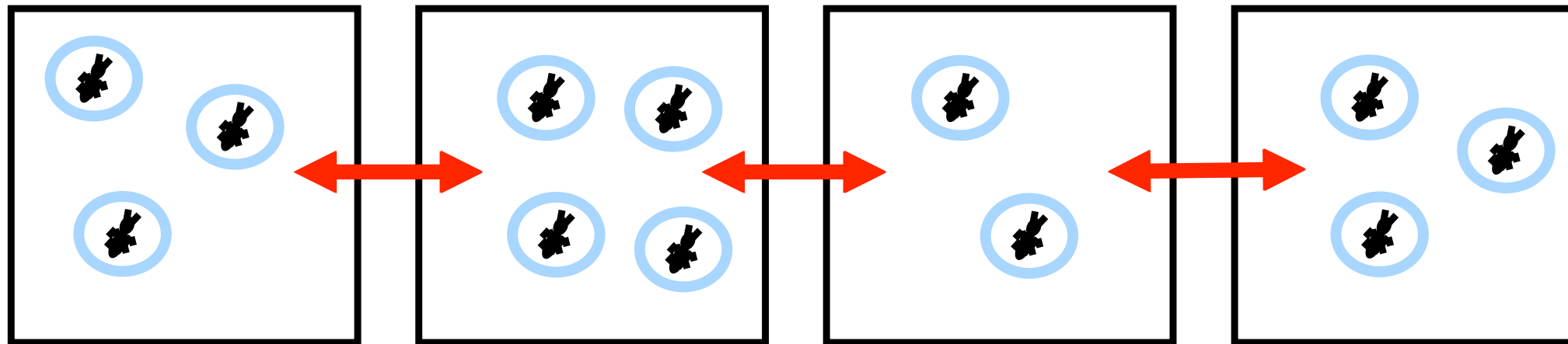
non located agent

located agent



# Interface-agent model

## An « agent » point of view:

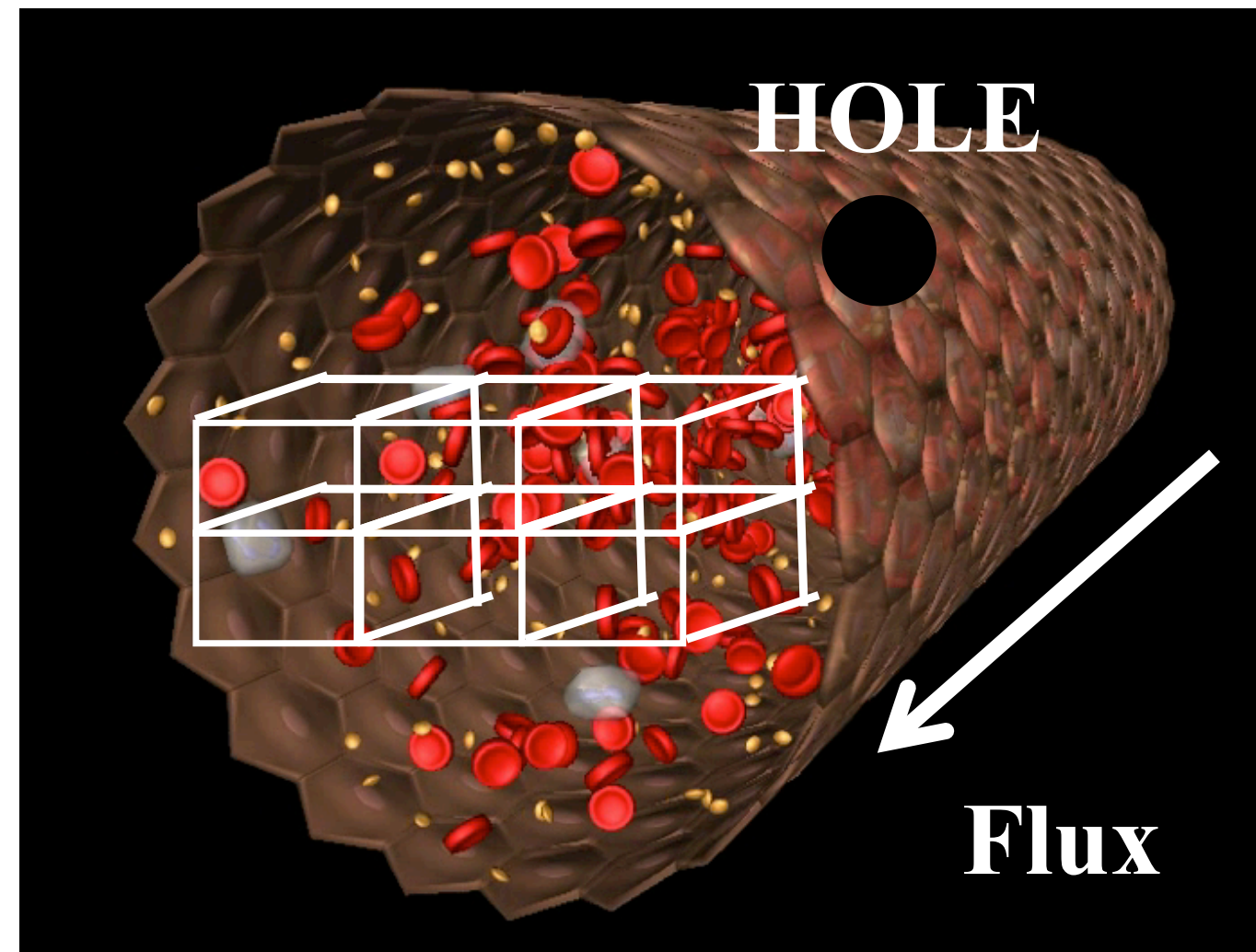


- **Interface-agent**  
➔ **interaction between the mediums**
- **Asynchronous phenomena and chaotic order**
- **No Partial Differential Equation**

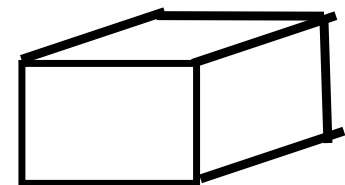


# Interface-agent model: An exemple of application

**Coagulation :**



**3D Vessel**



**Chemical Reactors : 42 reactions (coagulation)**

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To systemic approach

Interaction-agent

Interface-agent

transport agent

Reaction-agent

non located agent

Cell-agent

located agent

# Generic model of interaction-agent

**Main principle :  
Models' autonomy**

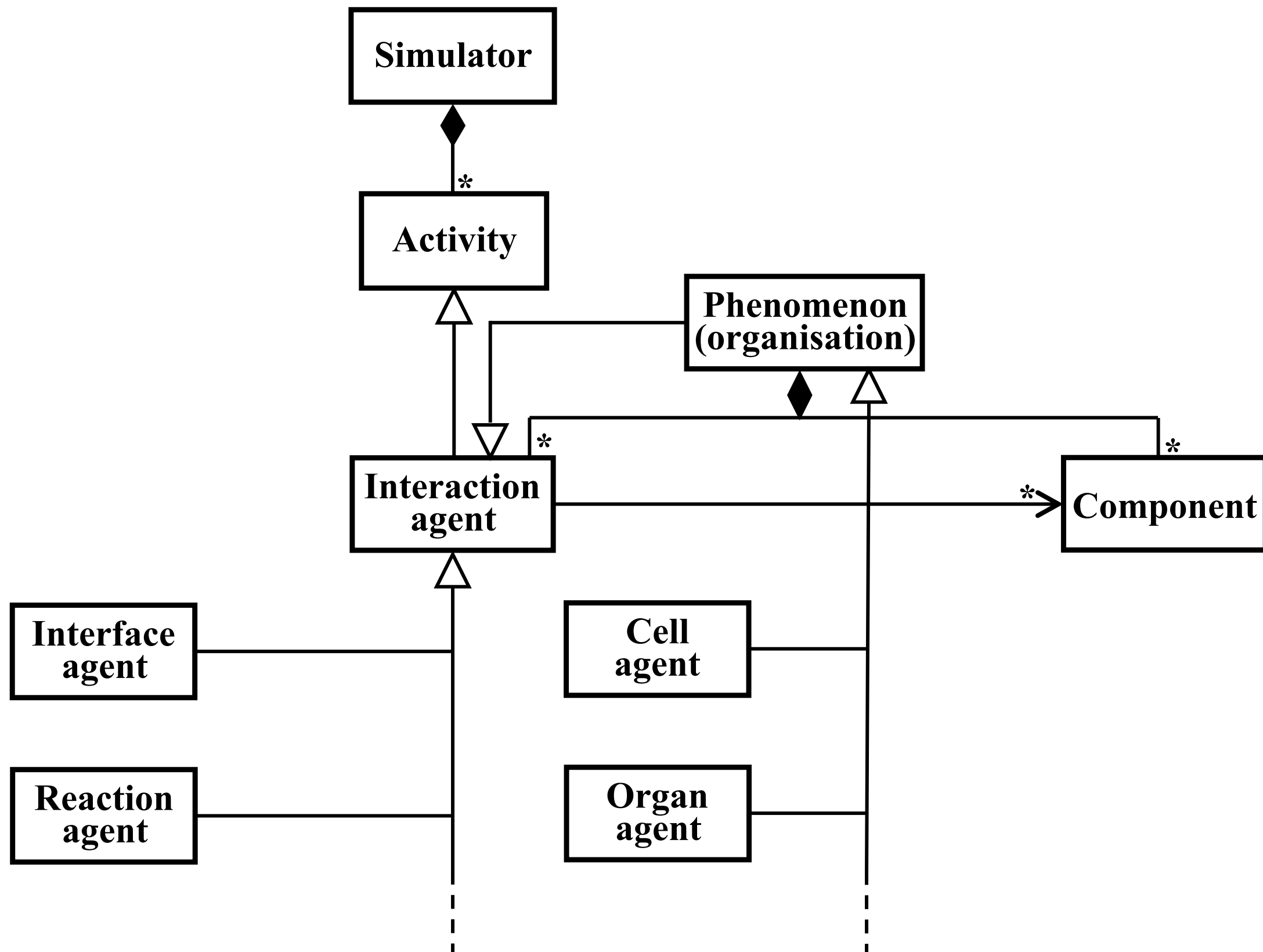
 **Interaction between models  
of different natures**

 **Multi-modeling Simulation**

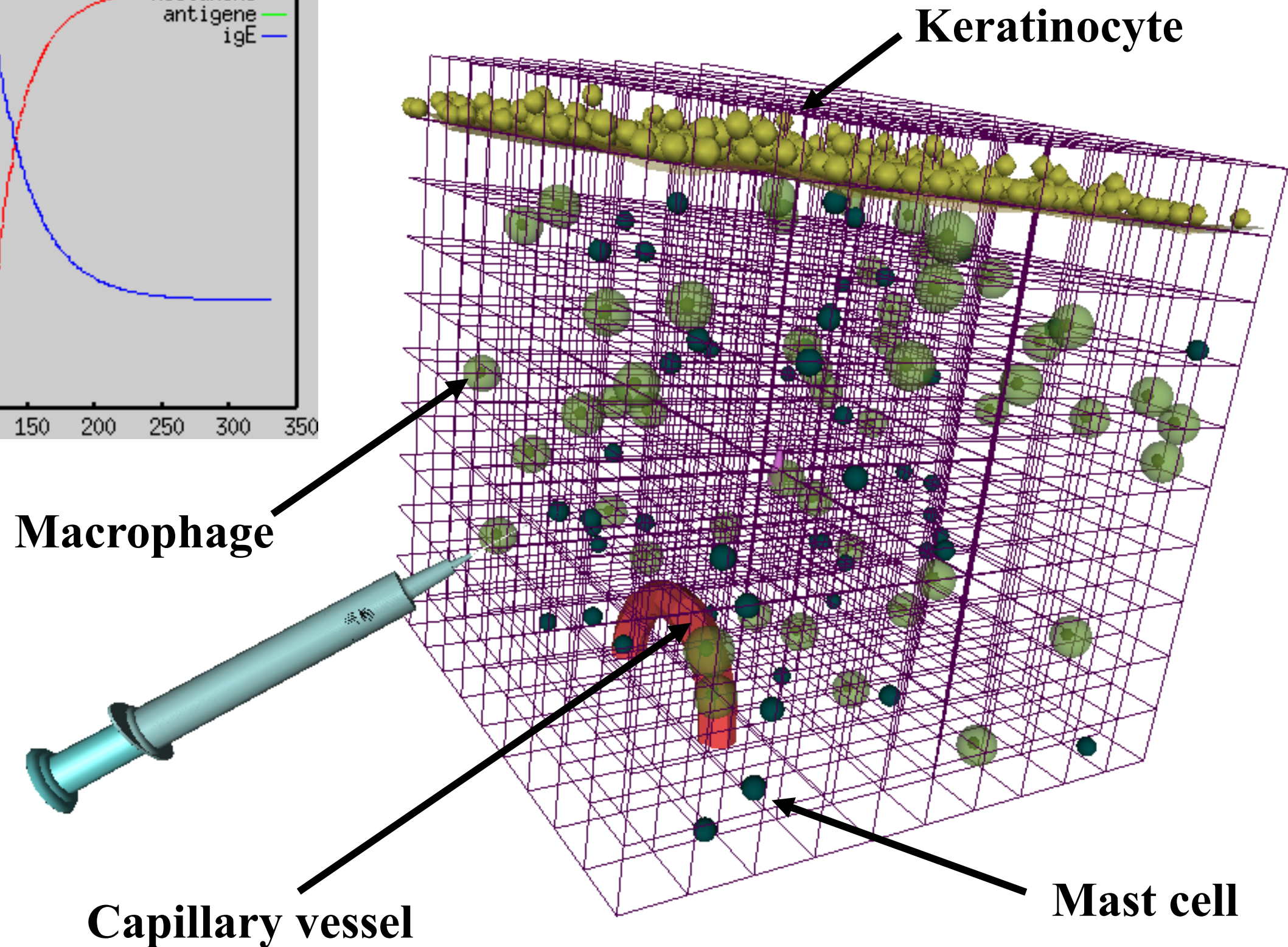
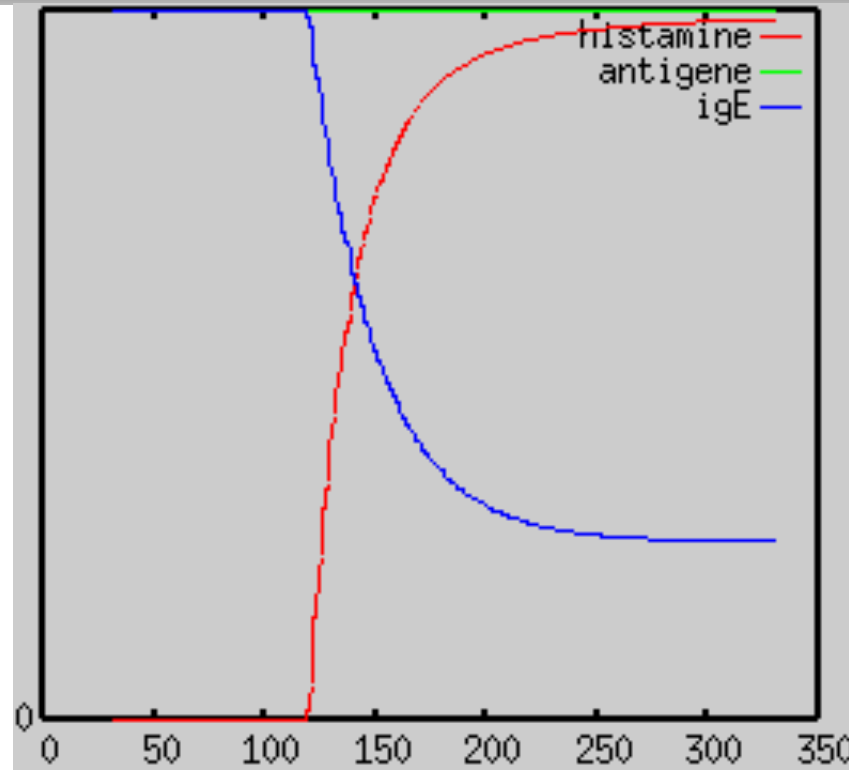
 **Systemic paradigm**

 **Data Matter exchange  
between organisations**

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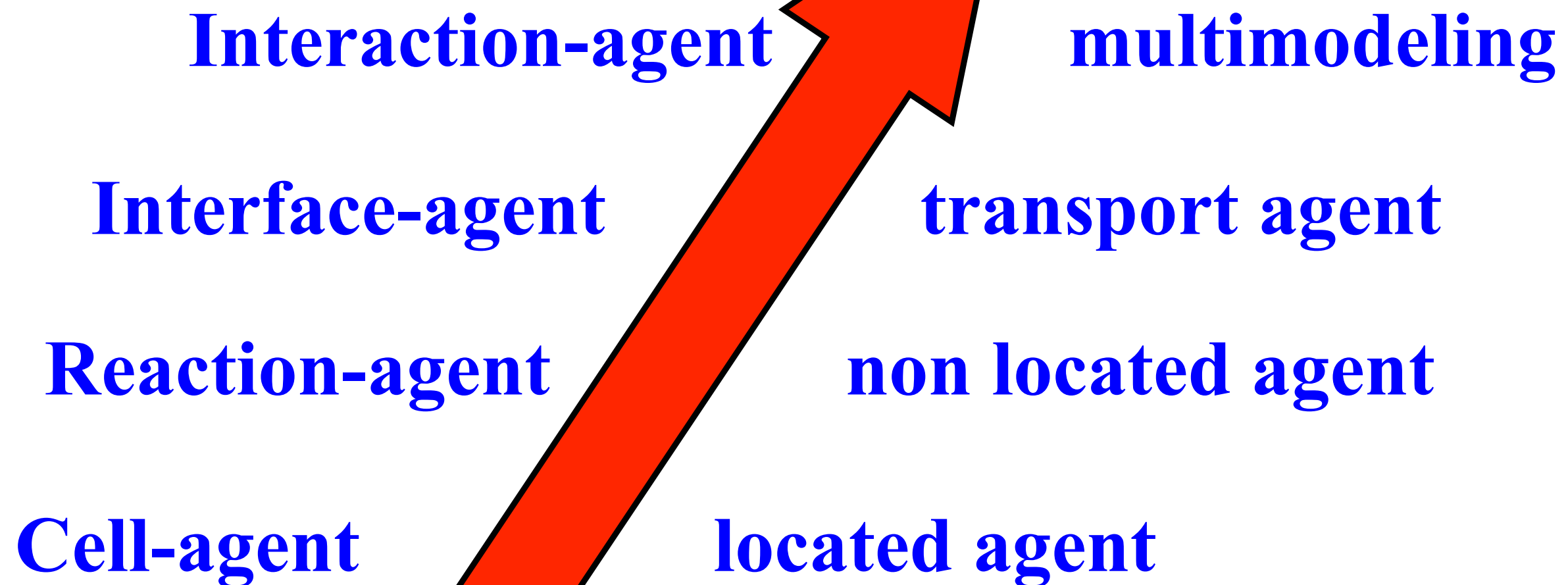


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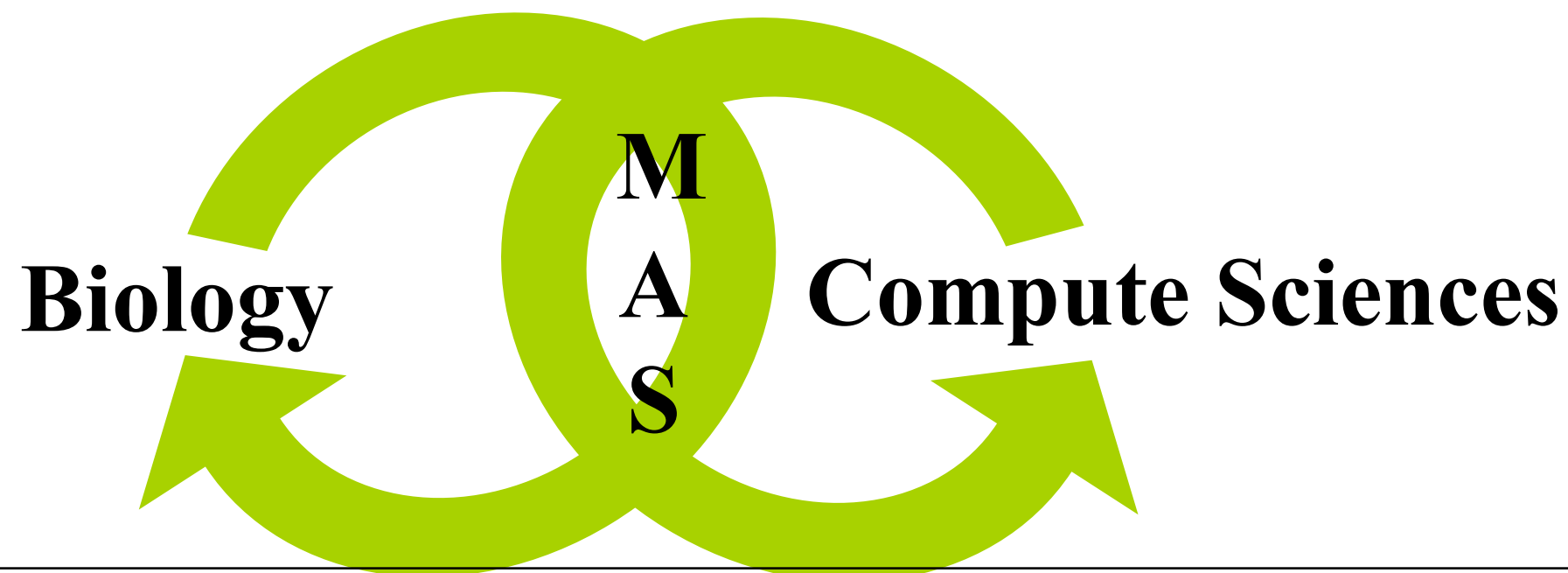
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# Interests in the field of biology

- **To help the reflection**
  - ▶ Test and validate hypotheses
  - ▶ Analyse parameters influence
  - ▶ Understand complex phenomena
- **To prepare experiments**
- **To accelerate the drug discovery**



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# Towards Ecosystems simulation

**Cells → Entities (insects, etc.)  
&  
Low level interaction**

**Reaction → High level interaction  
between entities**

**Interface/Interaction → Physical environment**

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# NetBioDyn software : an easy to use multi-agents engine

**Goal:**  
**Rapid prototyping of  
biological & ecosystem simulations**

***<http://virtulab.univ-brest.fr/netbiodyn.html>***

***<http://virtulab.univ-brest.fr/netbiodyn3D.html>***

# **NetBioDyn software : an easy to use multi-agents engine**

## **Key concepts:**

**→ Environment: a grid**

**→ Entities: colored squares**

**→ Interaction with environment : simple rules**

**→ Interaction between entities : simple rules**

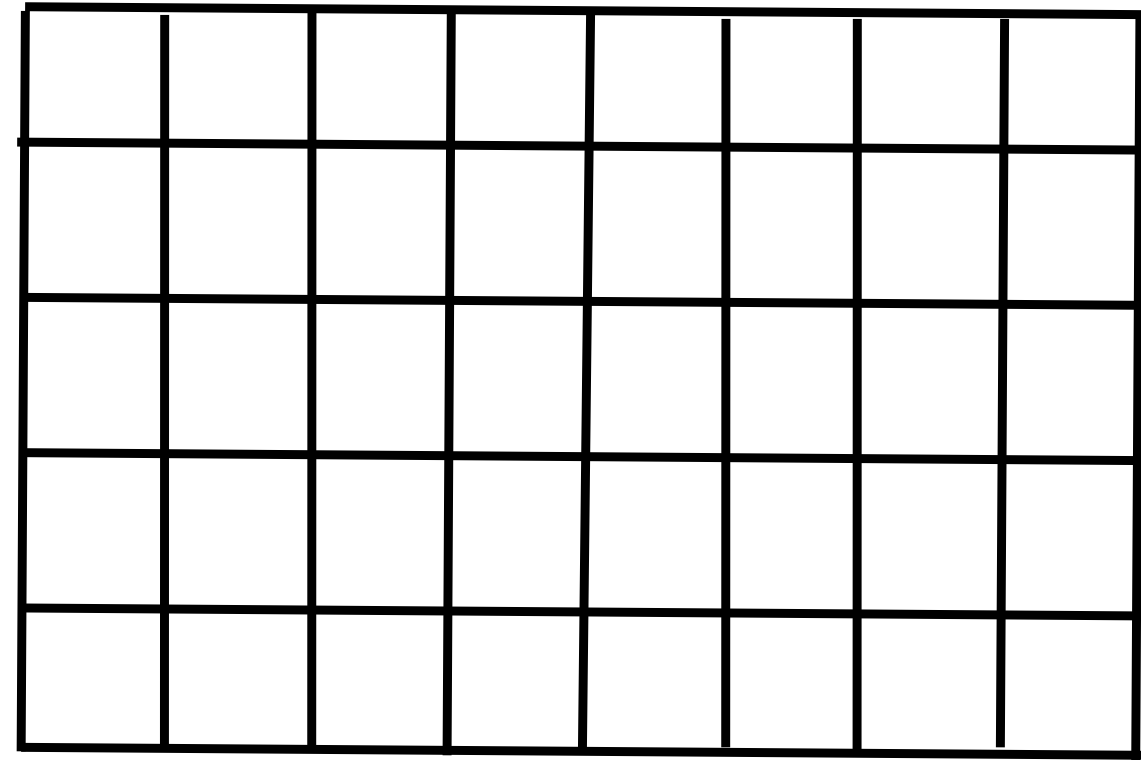
**Easy to use... No programming skill requires !!!!**

# NetBioDyn software :

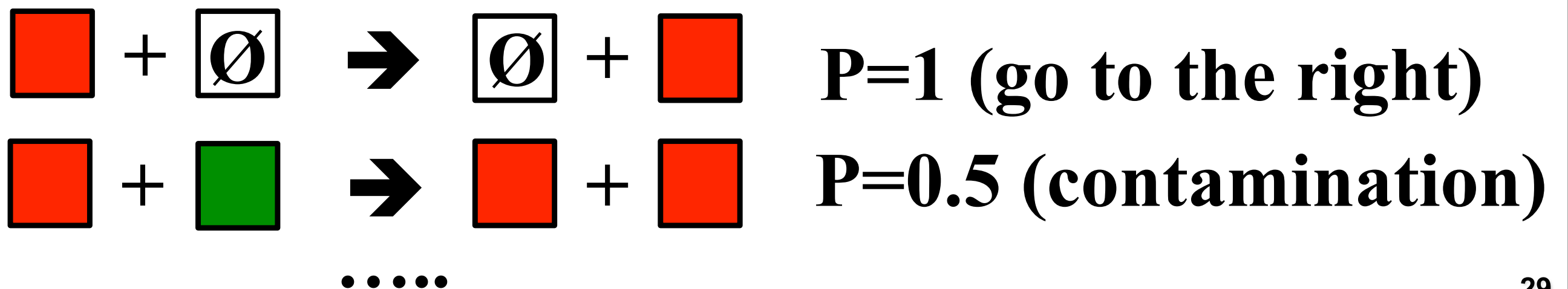
## How to model...?

1st : take a grid

2nd : decide which entities to use



3rd : define rules (with a probability of activation) to give entities movements and interactions

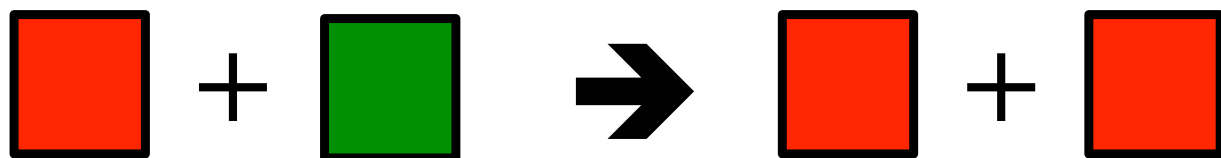
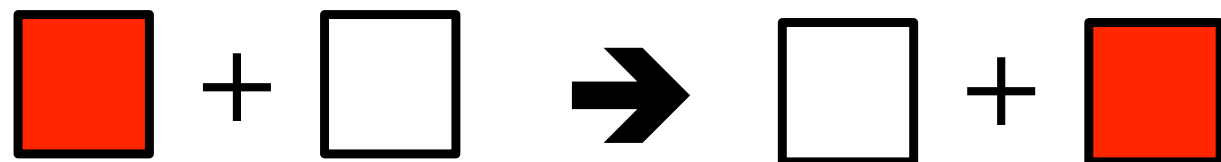
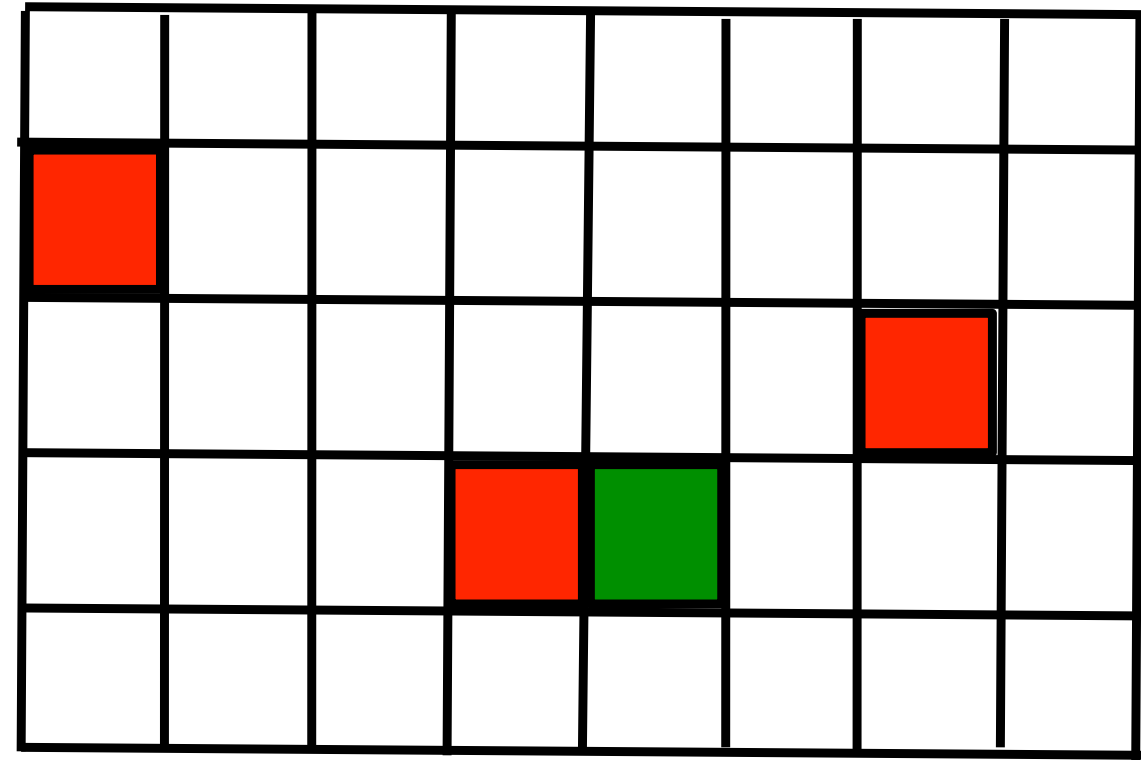


# NetBioDyn software :

## How to model...?

4th : place entities

and : run 



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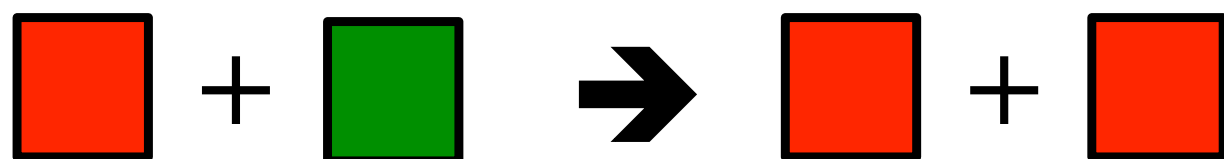
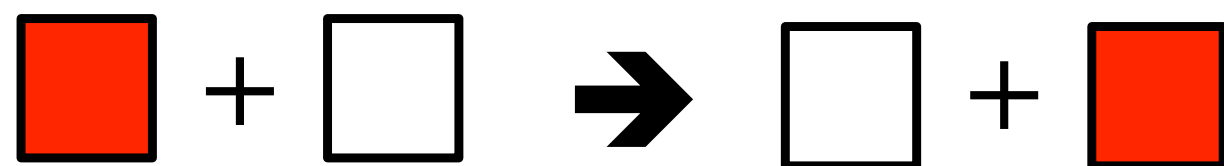
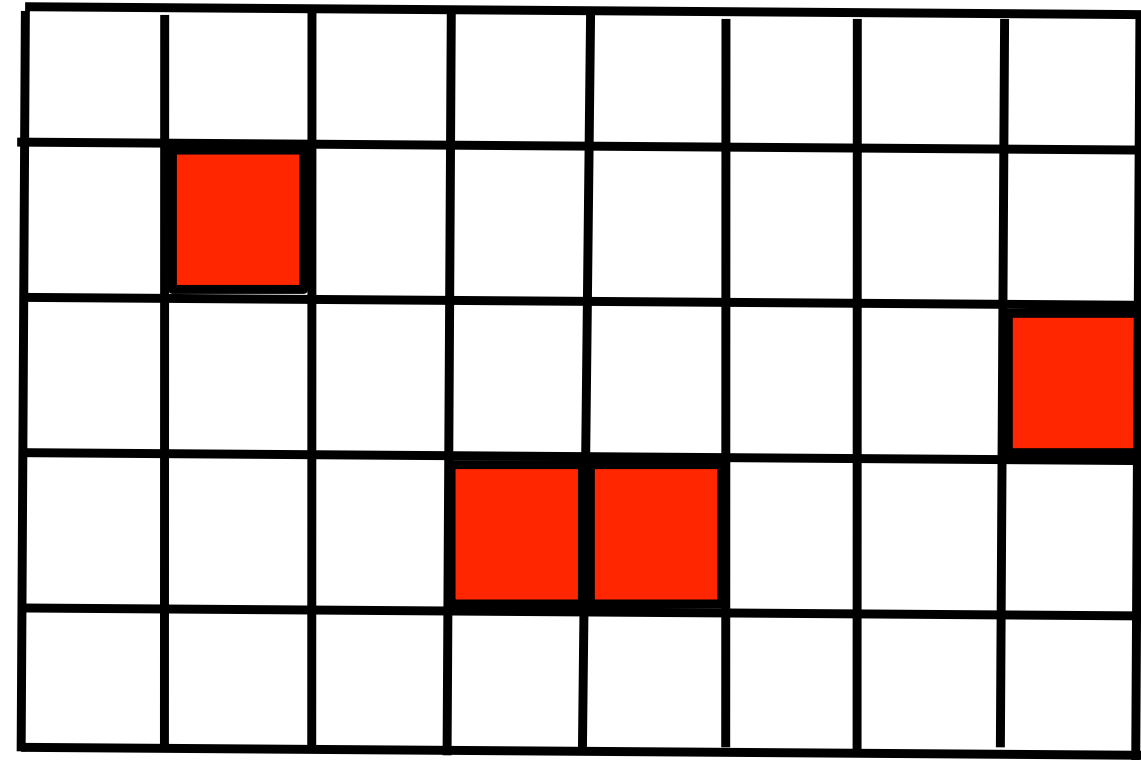
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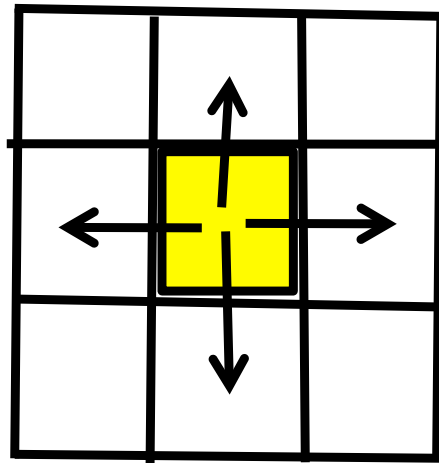
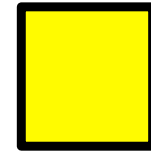
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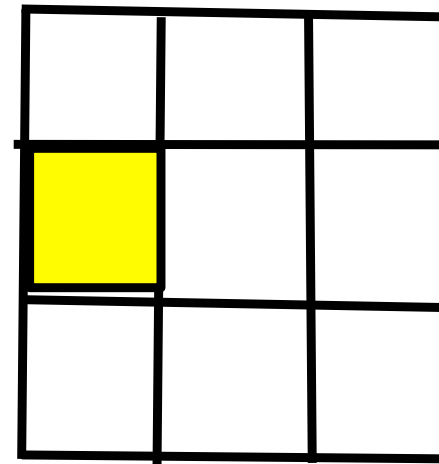
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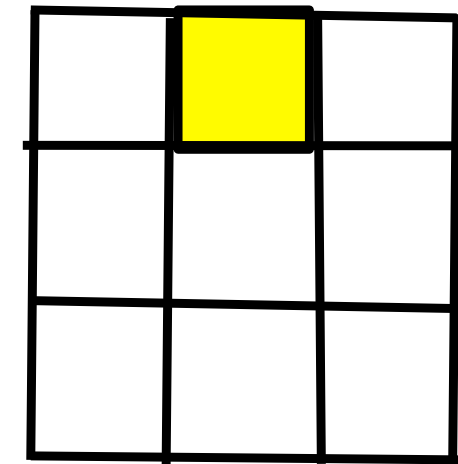
→ Entities:



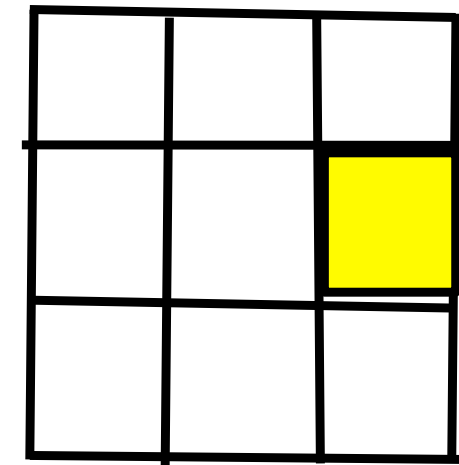
Rd\_Walk  
→  
P=1



or



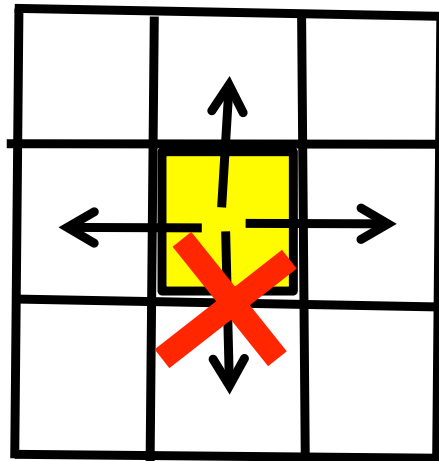
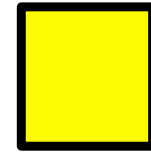
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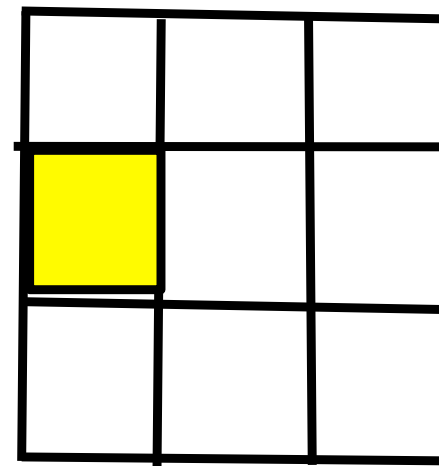
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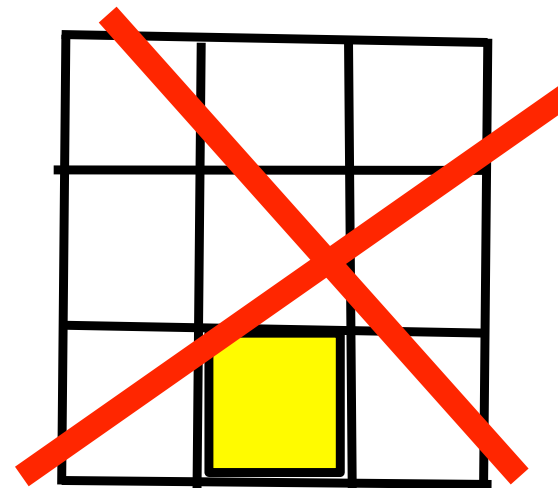
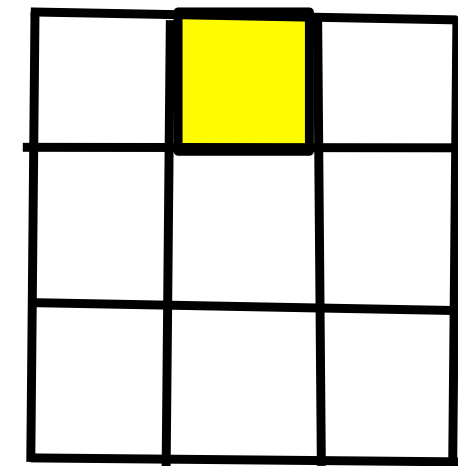


Rd\_Walk

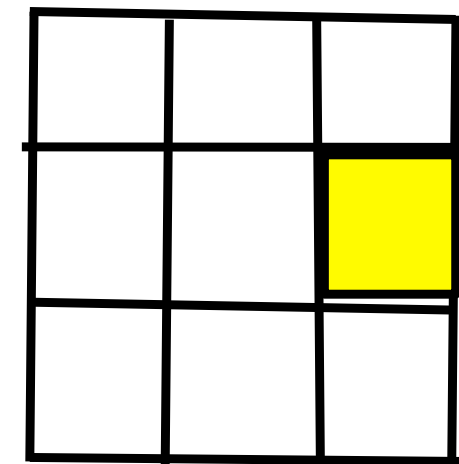
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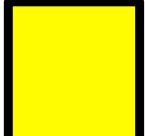

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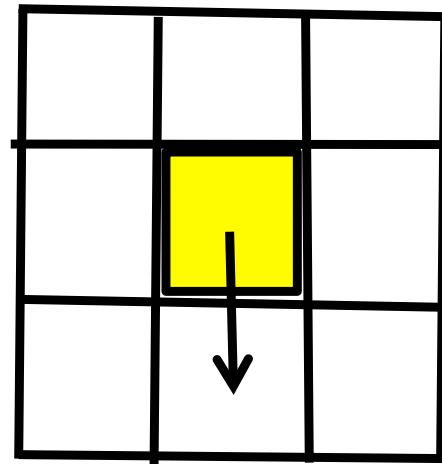


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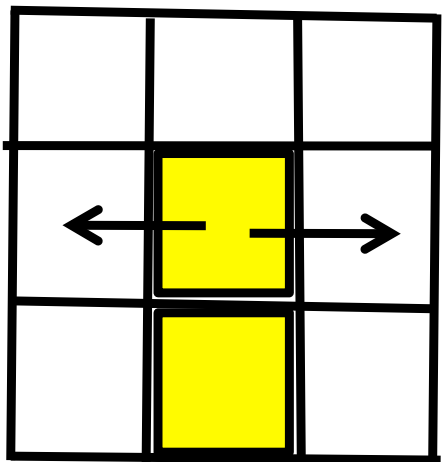
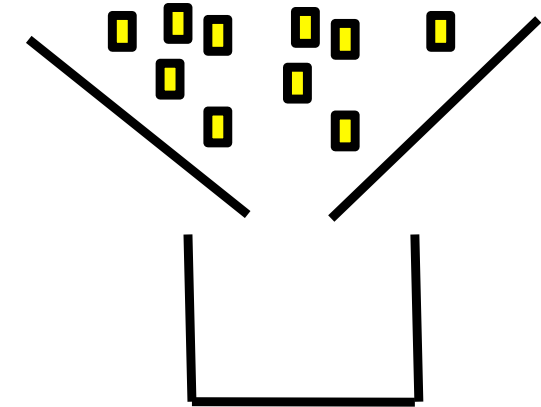
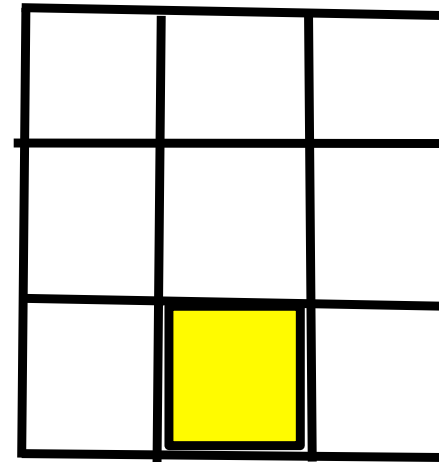


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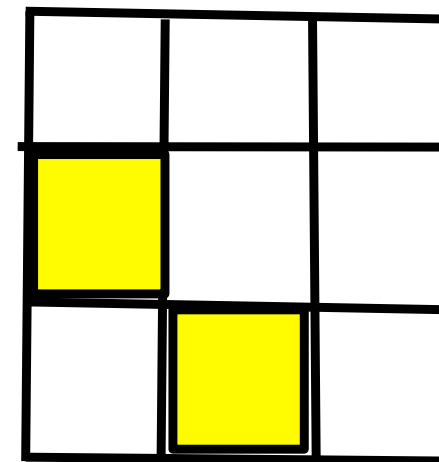
→ Entities: grain  and border 



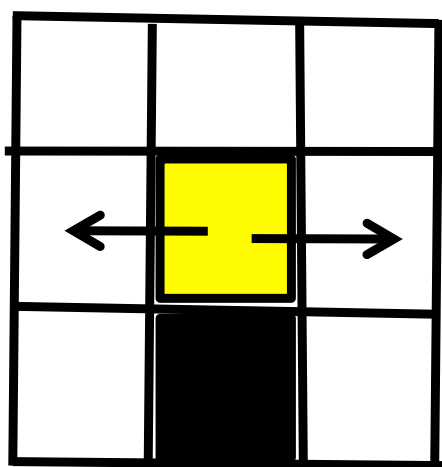
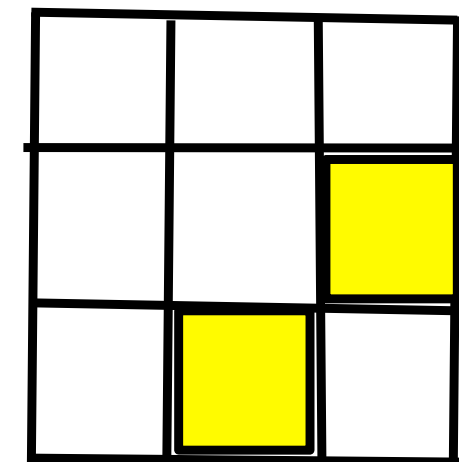
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P=1



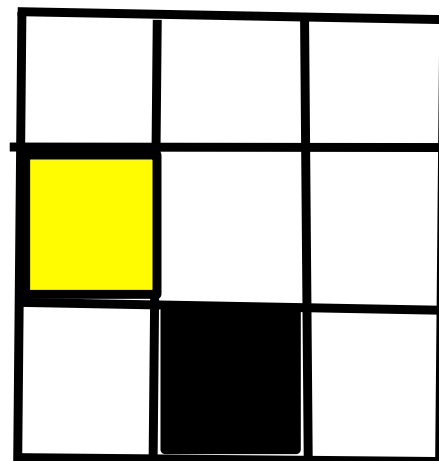
Go\_LeftRight  
→  
P=0.5



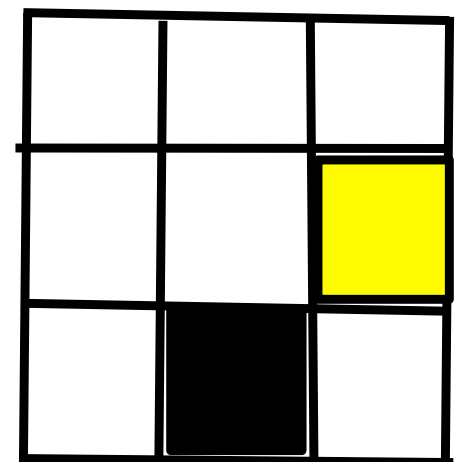
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Go\_Border  
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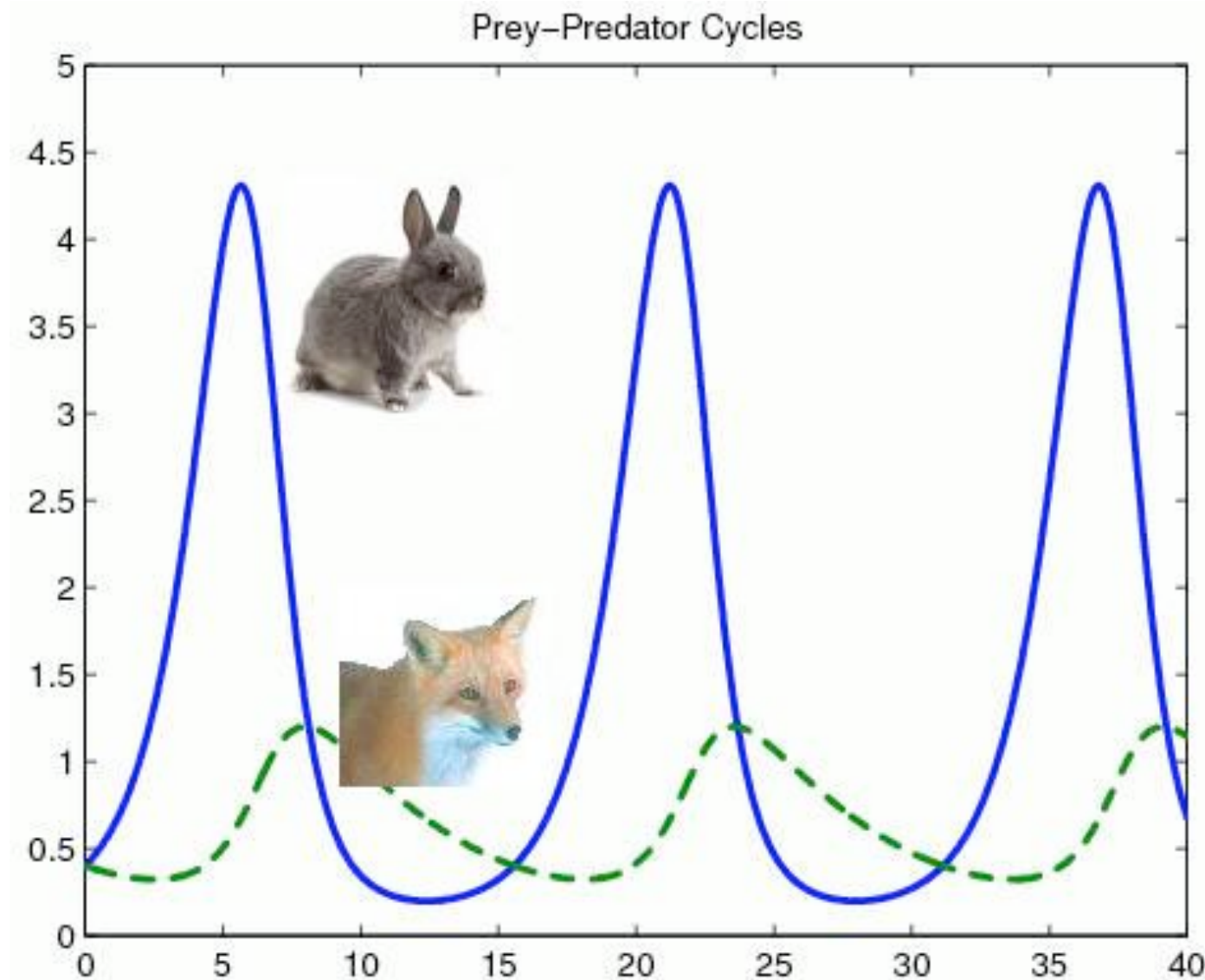


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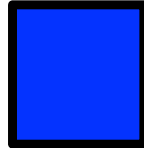
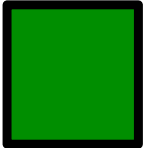
→ Entities: prey ■ and predator ■

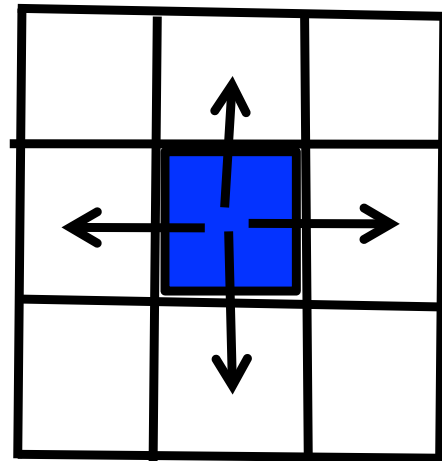
Prey ■  $\frac{1}{2}$  life time : 2000 cycles + **Rd\_Walk**

Predator ■  $\frac{1}{2}$  life time : 200 cycles + **Rd\_Walk**

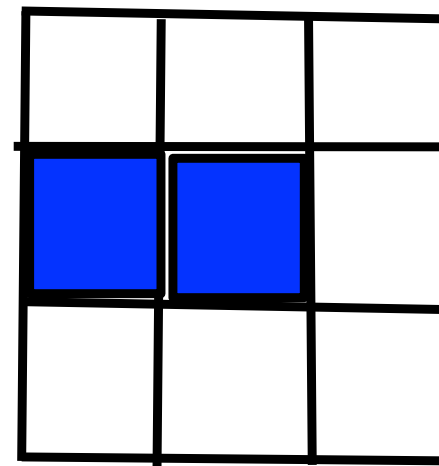


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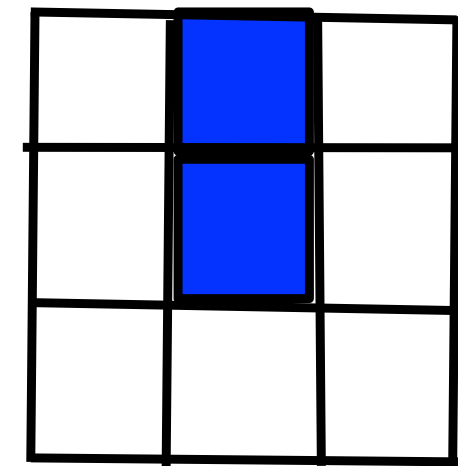
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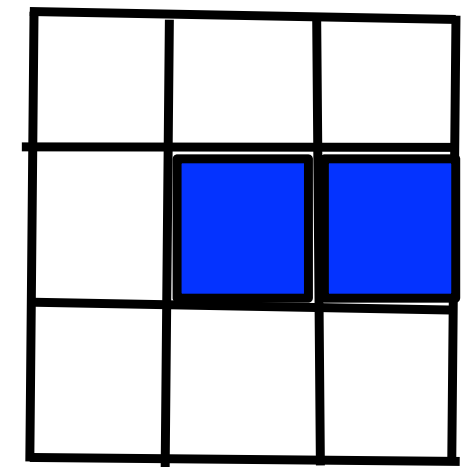
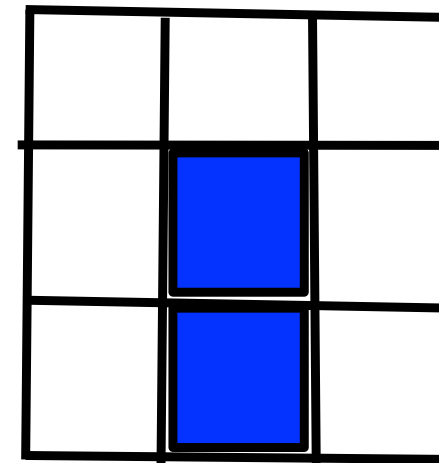
**Prey\_Birth**  
→  
**P=0.01**



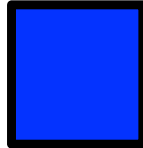
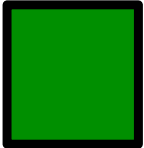
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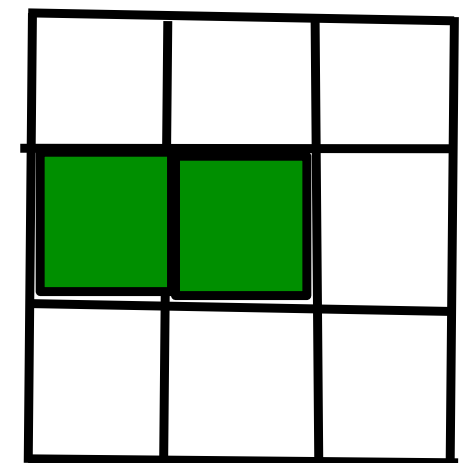
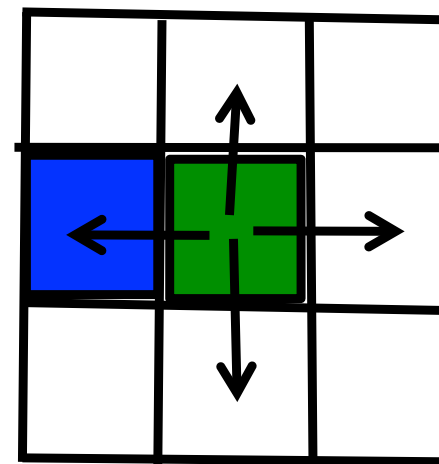
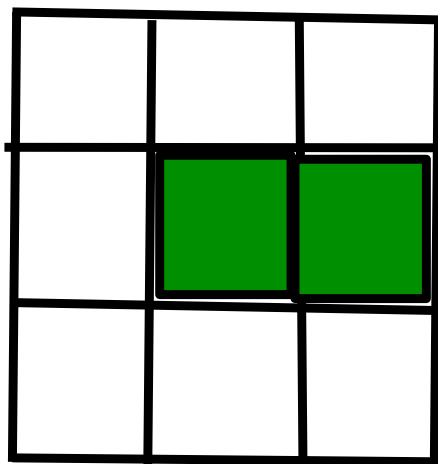
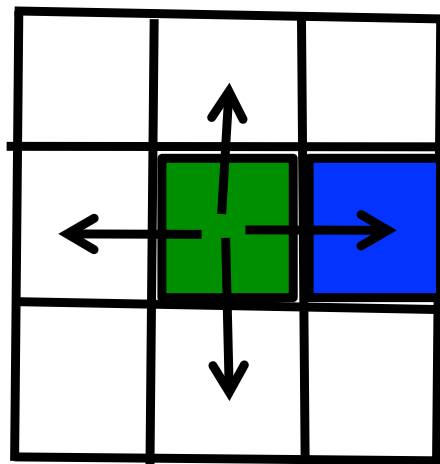
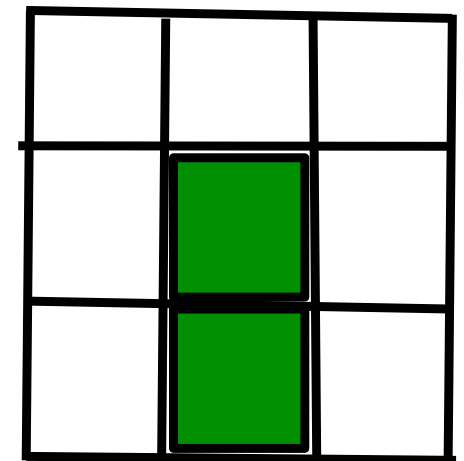
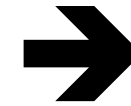
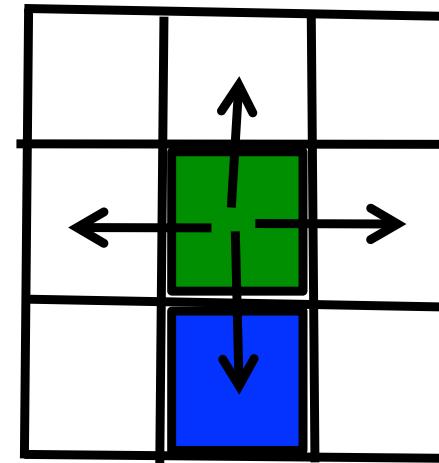
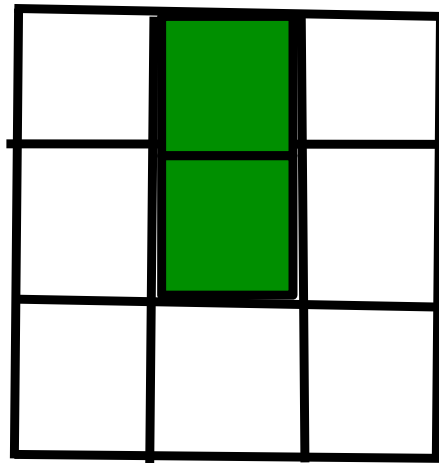
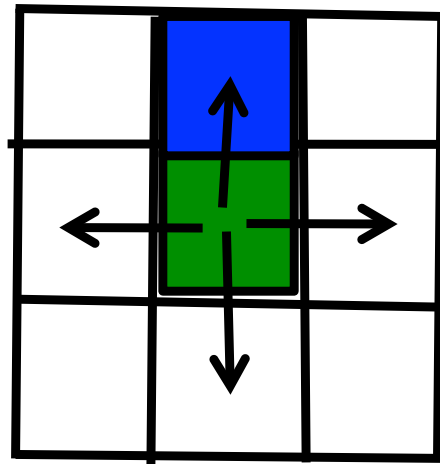


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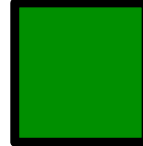
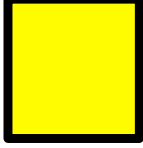

→ Entities: prey  and predator 

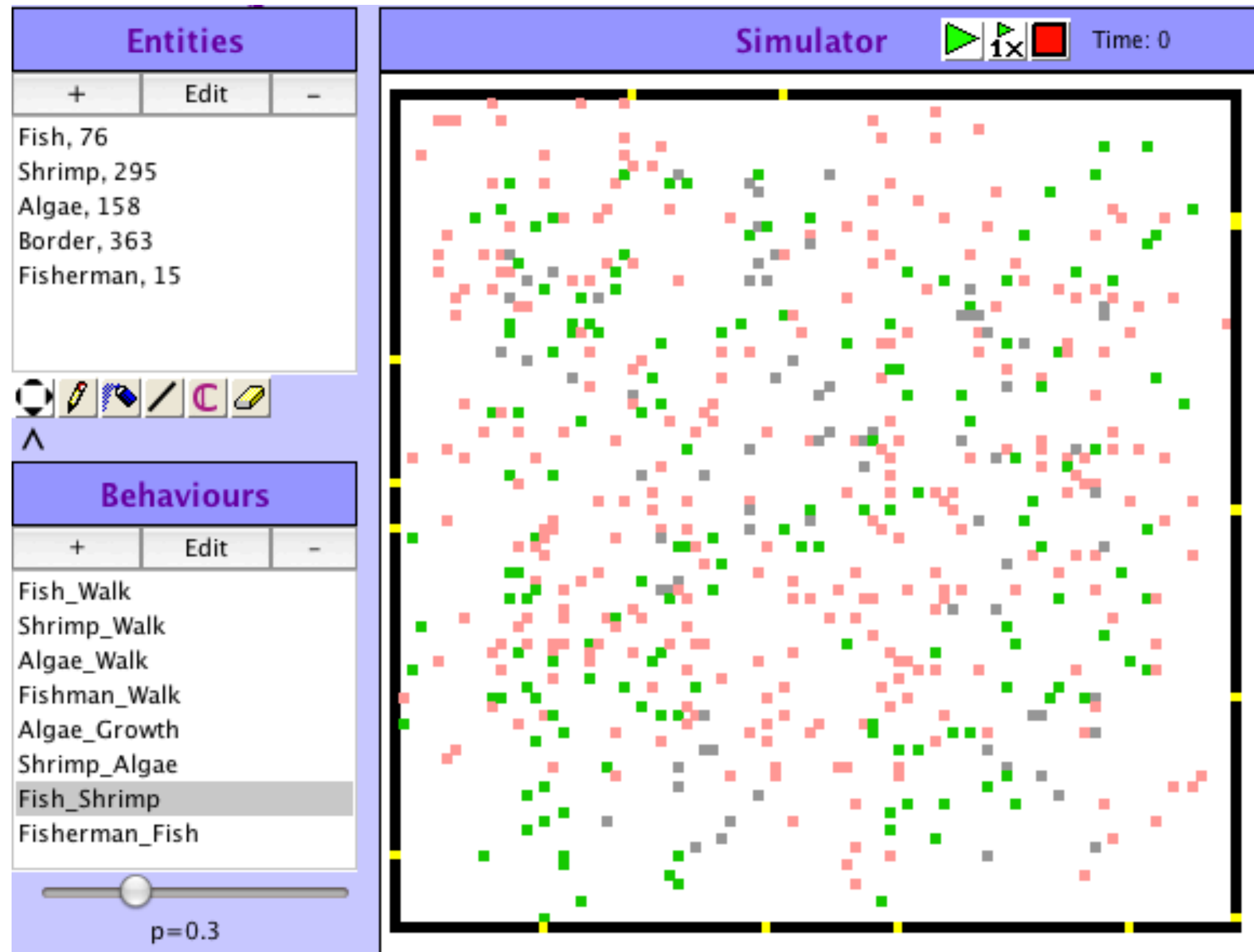
## Predator\_Prey

→  
P=0.6



# NetBioDyn : 4th example, fish farm

→ Entities: fish , shrimp , algae ,  
fisherman , border 



**Entities**

+	Edit	-
Fish, 76		
Shrimp, 295		
Algae, 158		
Border, 363		
Fisherman, 15		



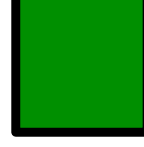
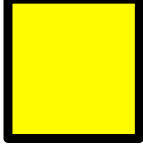

**Behaviours**

+	Edit	-
Fish_Walk		
Shrimp_Walk		
Algae_Walk		
Fishman_Walk		
Algae_Growth		
Shrimp_Algae		
Fish_Shrimp		
Fisherman_Fish		

p=0.3

**Simulator** Time: 0

# NetBioDyn : 4th example, fish farm

→ **Entities:** fish , shrimp , algae ,  
 fisherman , border 

## Entities :

Fish: 1/2 Life = 150.0  
 Shrimp: 1/2 Life = 200.0  
 Algae: 1/2 Life = infinite  
 Border: 1/2 Life = infinite  
 Fisherman: 1/2 Life = infinite

## Behaviors :

Fish_Walk :	p=1.0, Fish + 0 + *	→ 0 + Fish + *
Shrimp_Walk :	p=1.0, Shrimp + 0 + *	→ 0 + Shrimp + *
Algae_Walk :	p=0.3, Algae + 0 + *	→ 0 + Algae + *
Fishman_Walk :	p=0.1, Fisherman + Border + *	→ Border + Fisherman + *
Algae_Growth :	p=0.02, Algae + 0 + *	→ Algae + Algae + *
Shrimp_Algaes :	p=0.6, Shrimp + Algae + *	→ Shrimp + Shrimp + *
Fish_Shrimp :	p=0.3, Fish + Shrimp + *	→ Fish + Fish + *
Fisherman_Fish :	p=1.0, Fisherman + Fish + *	→ Fisherman + + *

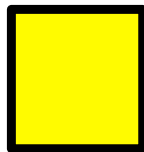
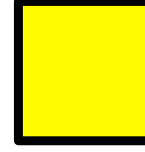
# Road map

- Multi-Agents Systems (MAS)**
- From Biological environment simulation**
- Towards Ecosystems simulation**
- NetBioDyn software**
- Conclusions and futur works**

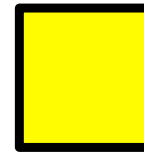
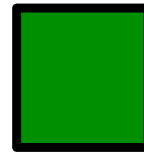


# NetBioDyn : Conclusion

- **Advantage:**
  - ➔ very simple (entities, rules)
  - ➔ no programming !

**Example:**  +  $\emptyset$  ➔  $\emptyset$  +  (movement)  
 .....

- **Drawback:**
  - ➔ very simple (entities, rules)
  - ➔ no entity's state !

**Example:**  + \* ➔  + \* (new entity's state)  
 ..... ➔ new entity !

# NetBioDyn : futur works

- **Self-adjusting parameters...**
  - ➔ **a great challenge !**
- **Entity's state (simply an integer)...**
  - ➔ **Building a model would be simpler by minimizing the nb of « different » entities**