

Multi-Agents Systems and environment modelling...

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

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Road map

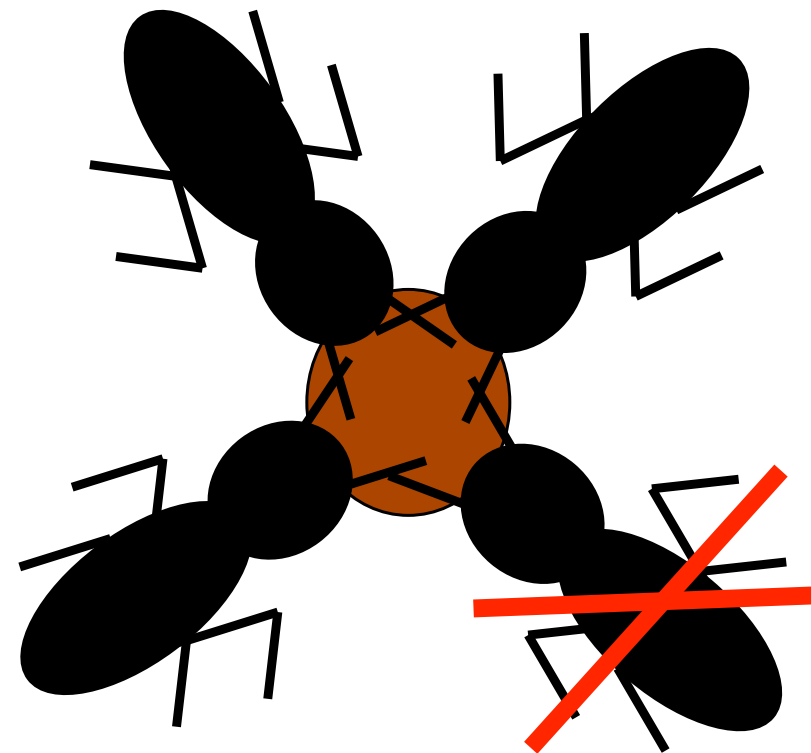
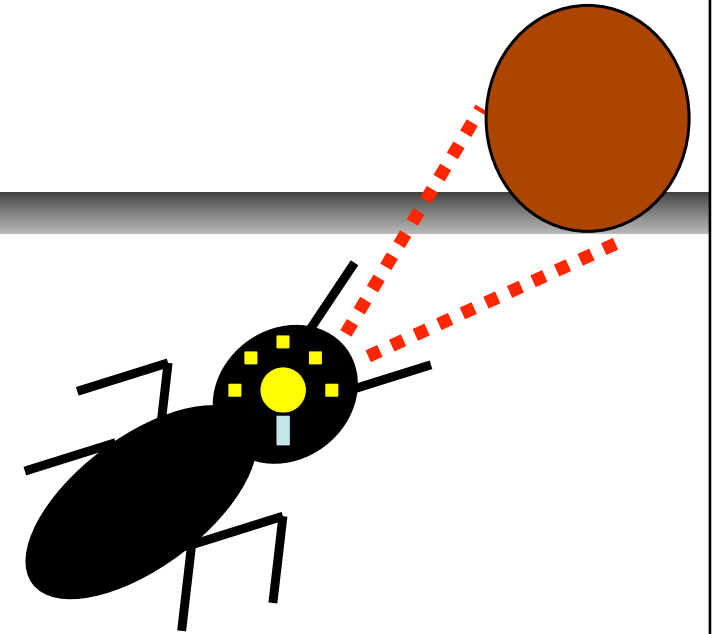
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Multi-Agents systems properties

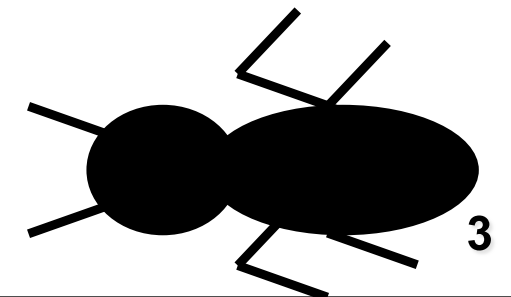
Agent : perception-decision-action

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

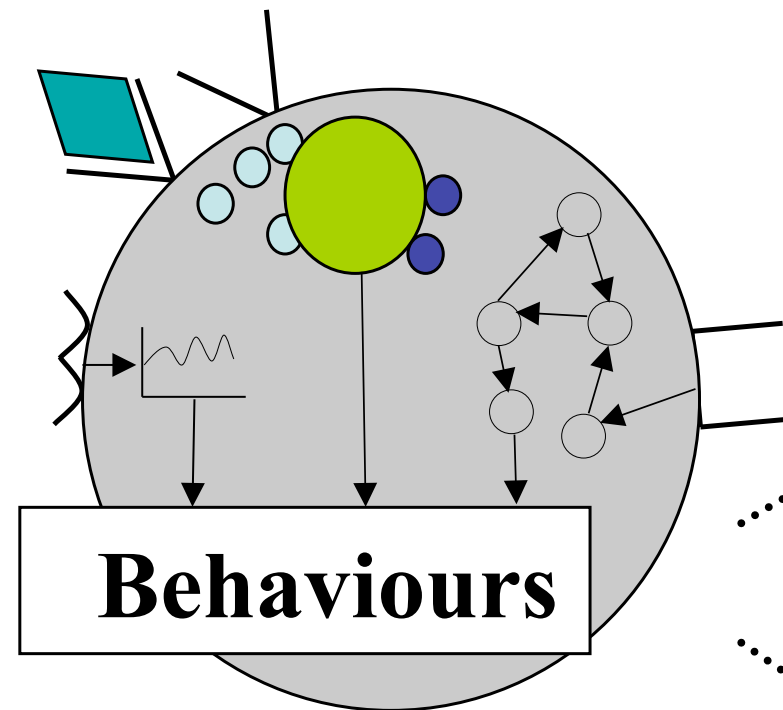
Interface-Agent

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

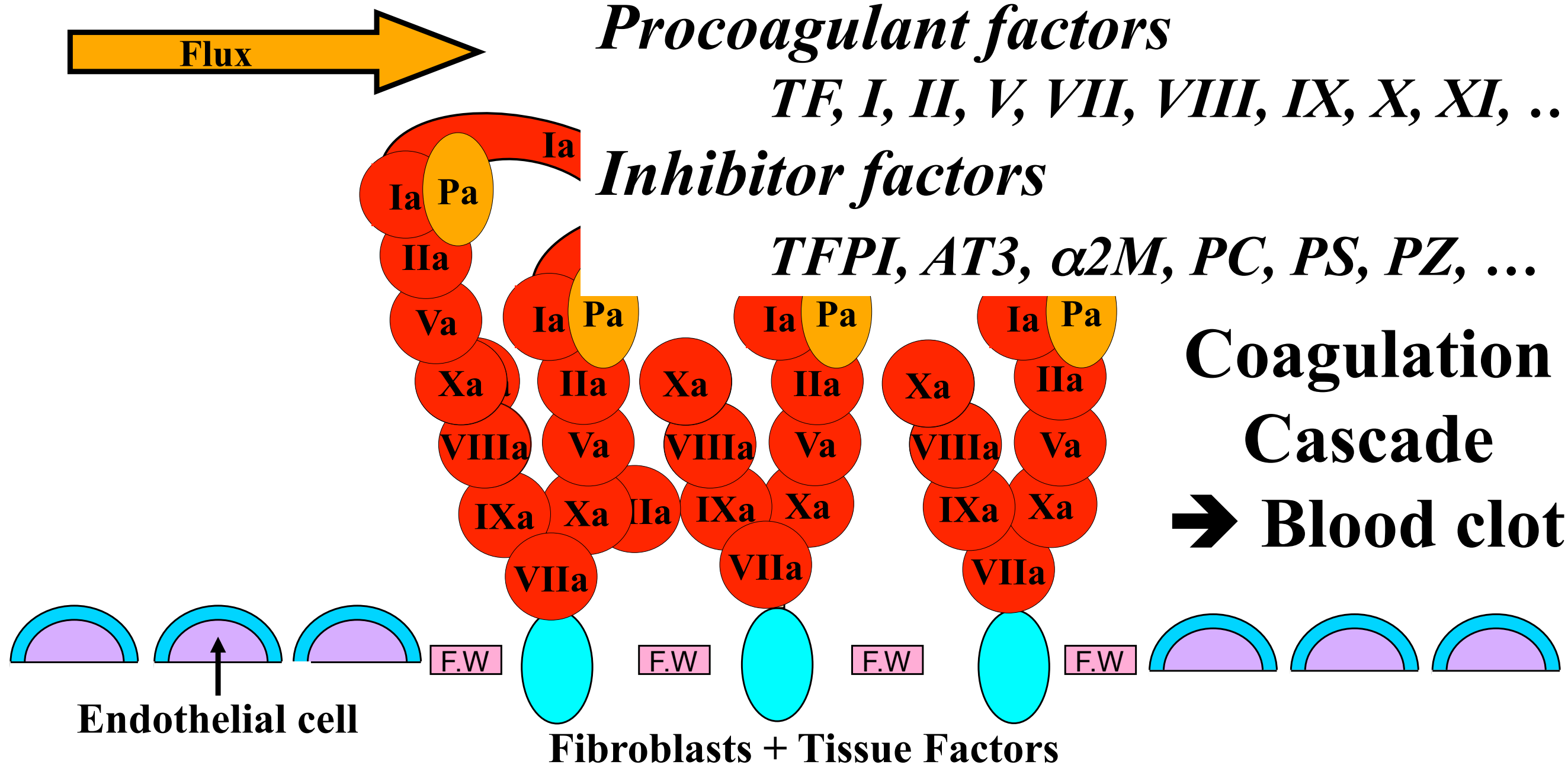
Procoagulant factors

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

Inhibitor factors

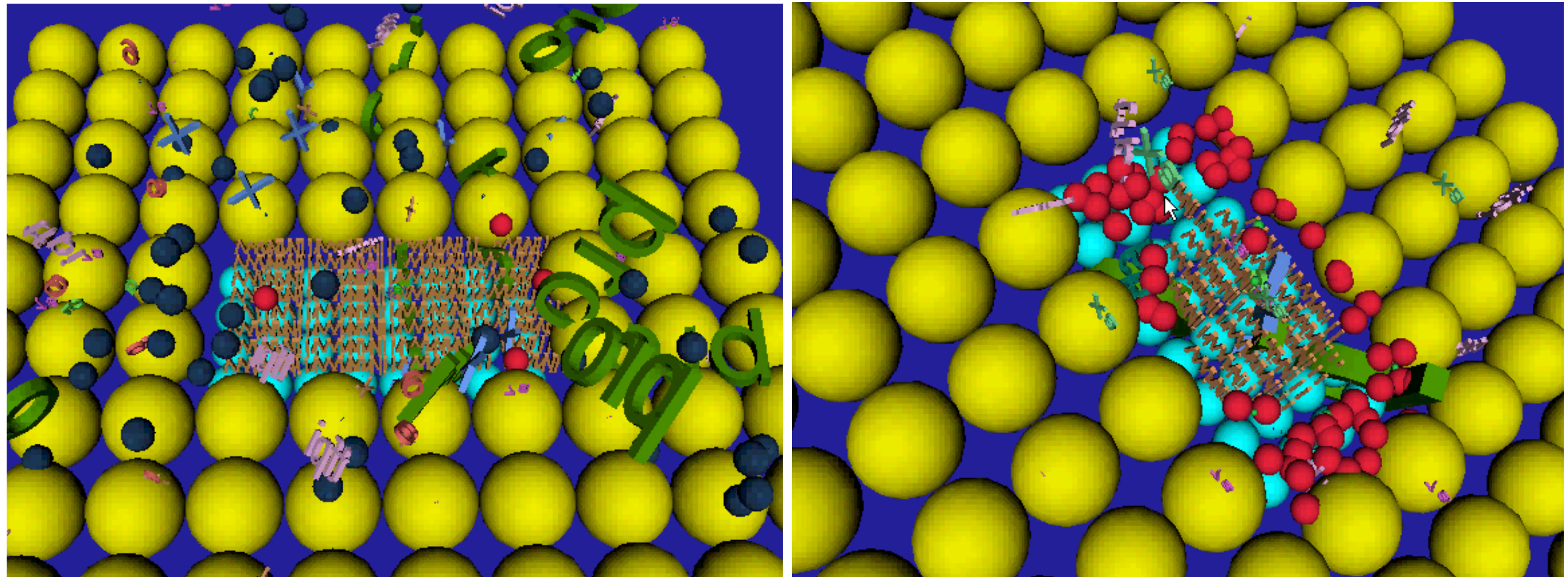
TFPI, AT3, α 2M, PC, PS, PZ, ...

**Coagulation
Cascade
→ Blood clot**



Cell-agent model: An exemple of application

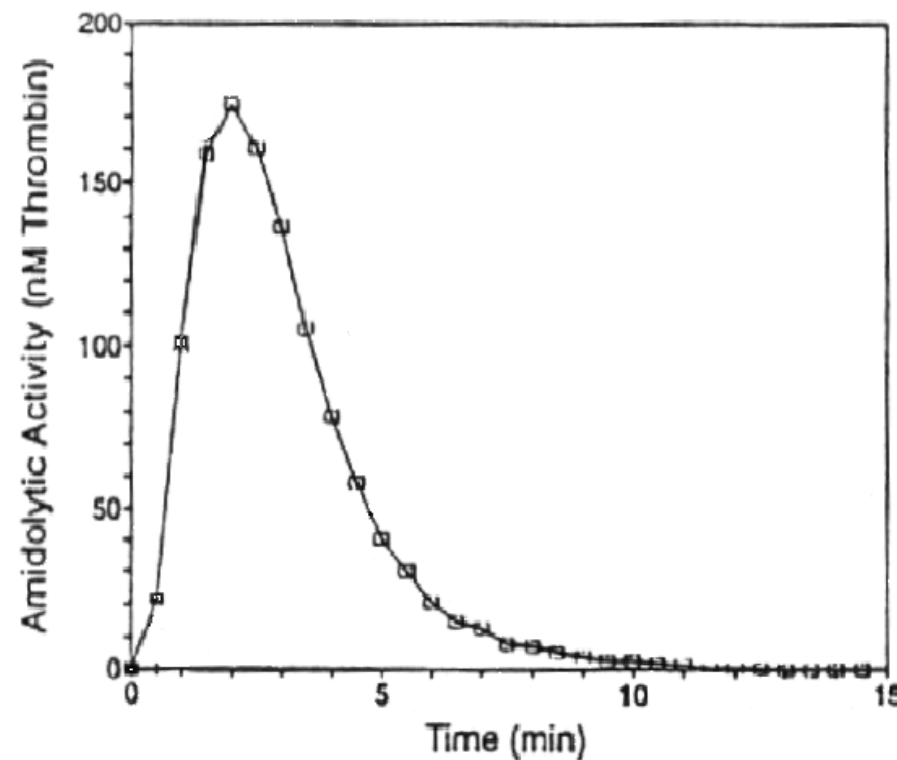
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Cell-agent model: An exemple of application

Elements of validation of the coagulation multiagents model :

- **Comparison with Biological experiment**



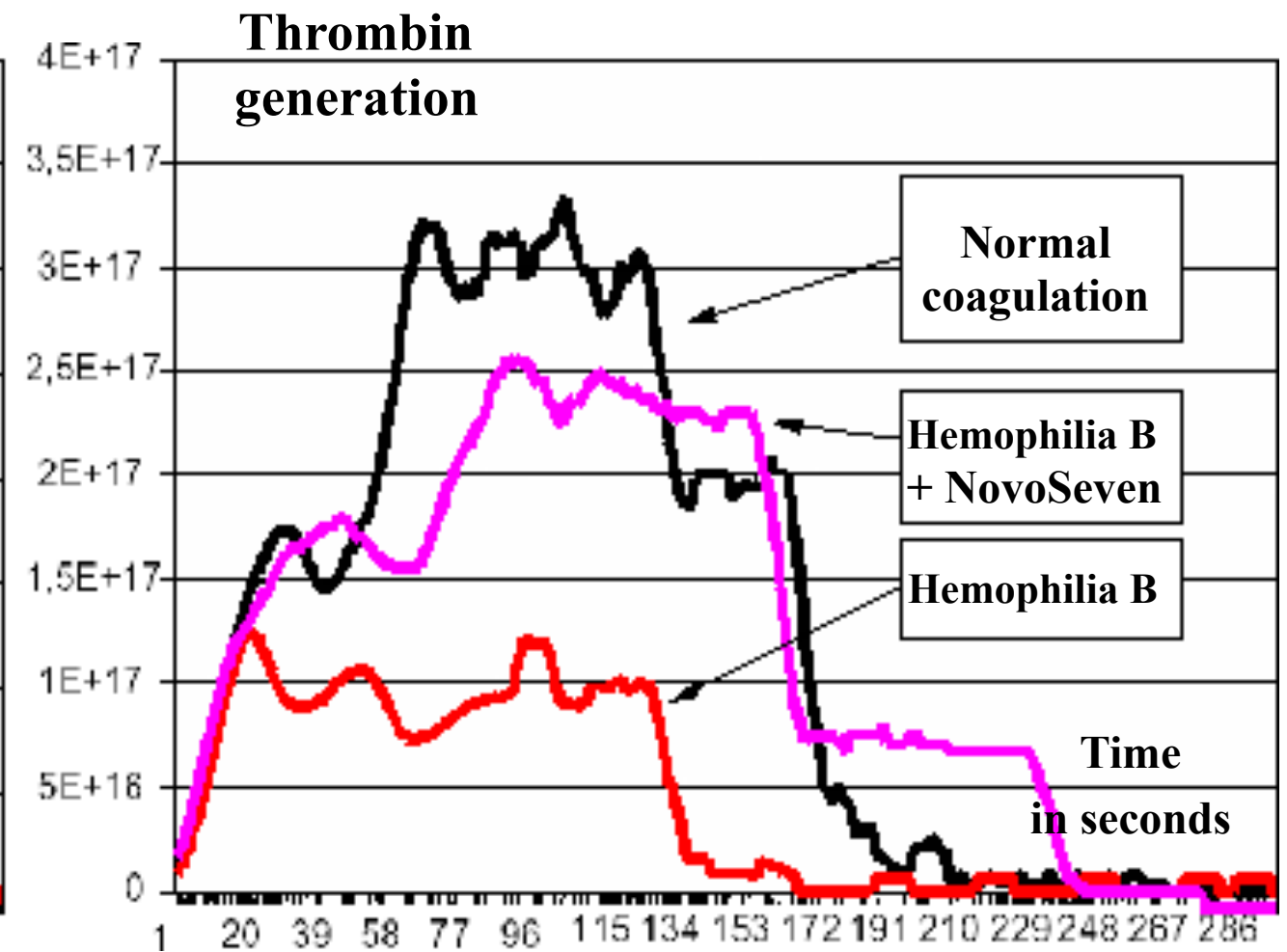
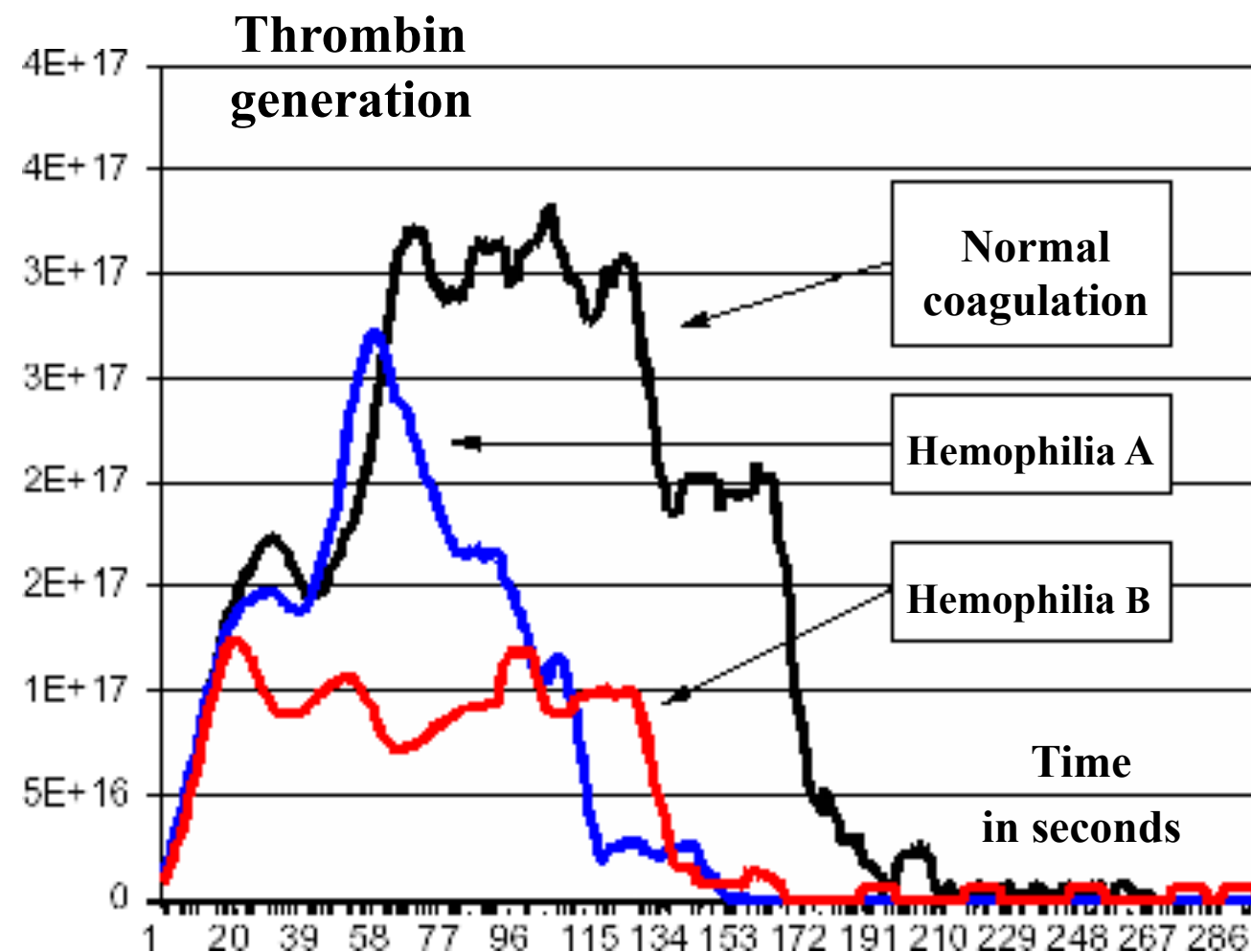
**Curve of thrombin
Generation
[Hemker, 1995]**

- **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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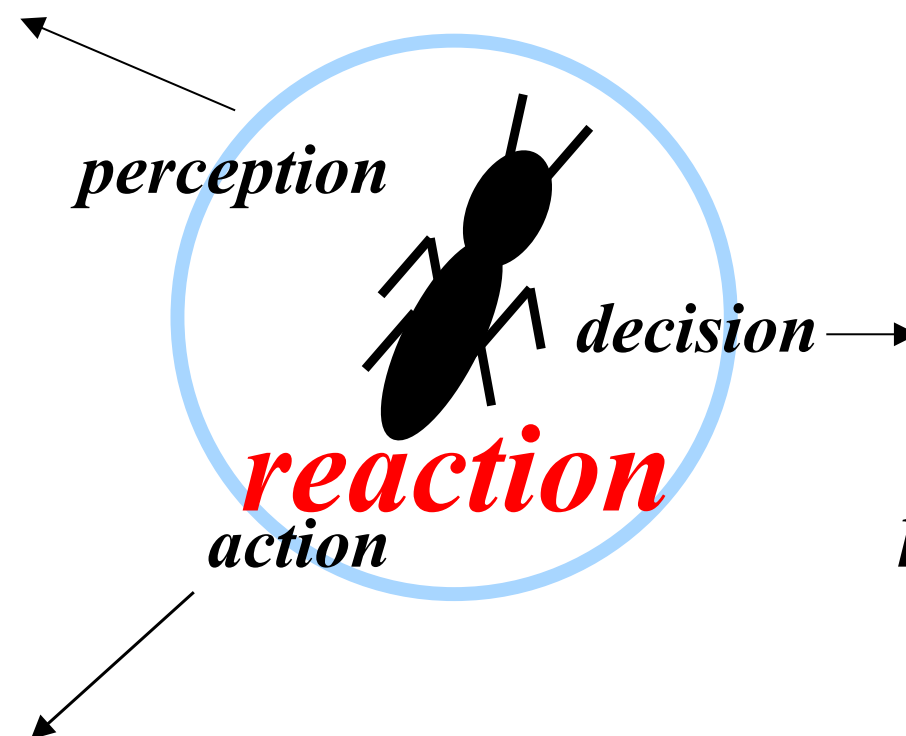
Cell-agent

located agent

Reaction-agent model

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

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



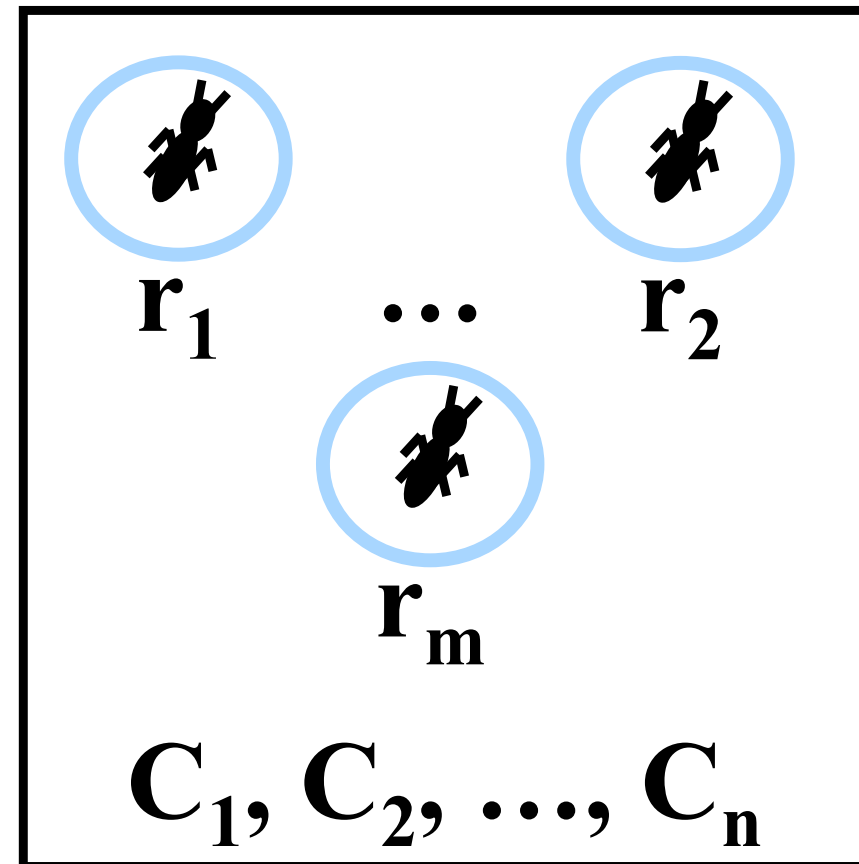
**2: calculation the
reaction speed and
then the quantity of
reactant to be reacted**

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

Reaction-agent model

**Spatial
indiscernibility**

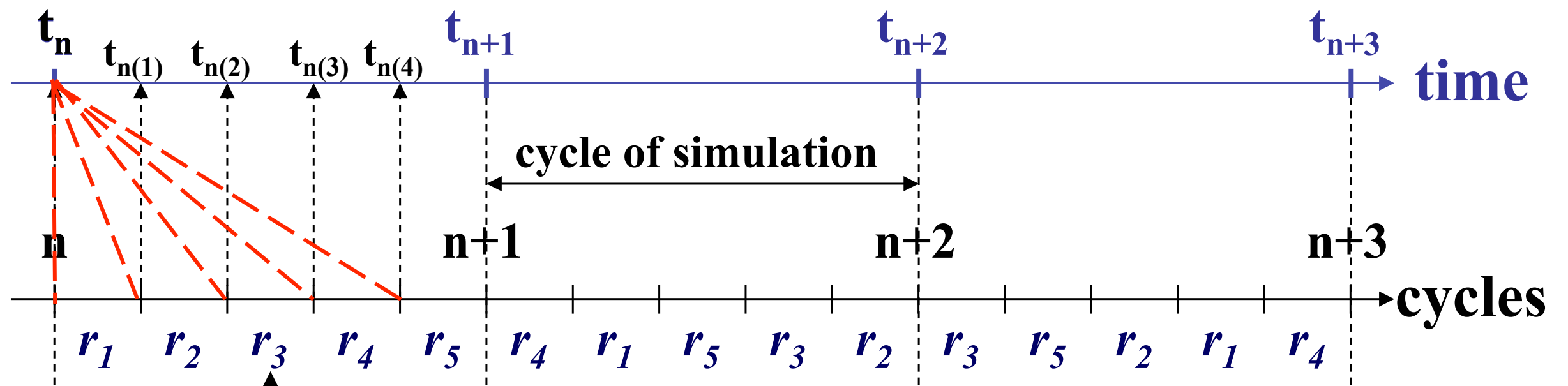
Non located agents



Chemical reactor

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

Reaction-agent model



Asynchrony of MAS \longrightarrow *Random permutation*

Traditional approaches
Asynchronous and chaotic iterations

Reaction-agent model

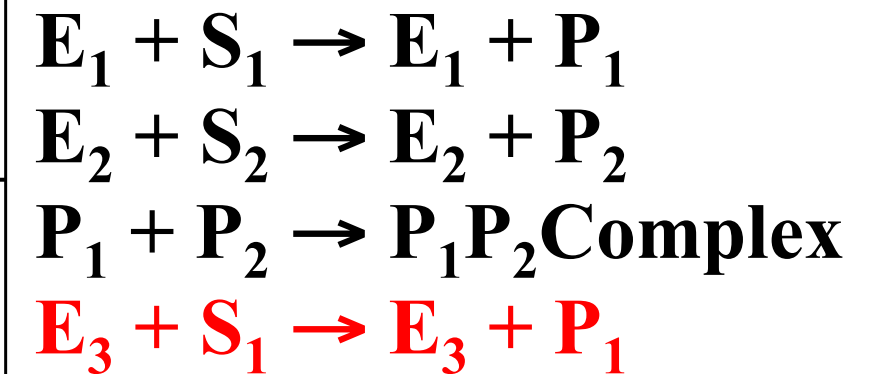
$$d[S_1]/dt = - kcat_1[E_1][S_1]/(Km_1+[S_1]) - kcat_3[E_1][S_1]/(Km_3+[S_1])$$

$$d[S_2]/dt = + kcat_2[E_2][S_2]/(Km_2+[S_2])$$

$$d[P_1]/dt = - kcat_1[E_1][S_1]/(Km_1+[S_1]) - kon_3[P_1][P_2] + kcat_3[E_1][S_1]/(Km_3+[S_1])$$

$$d[P_2]/dt = + kcat_2[E_2][S_2]/(Km_2+[S_2]) - kon_3[P_1][P_2]$$

$$d[P_1P_2Complex]/dt = kon_3[P_1][P_2]$$

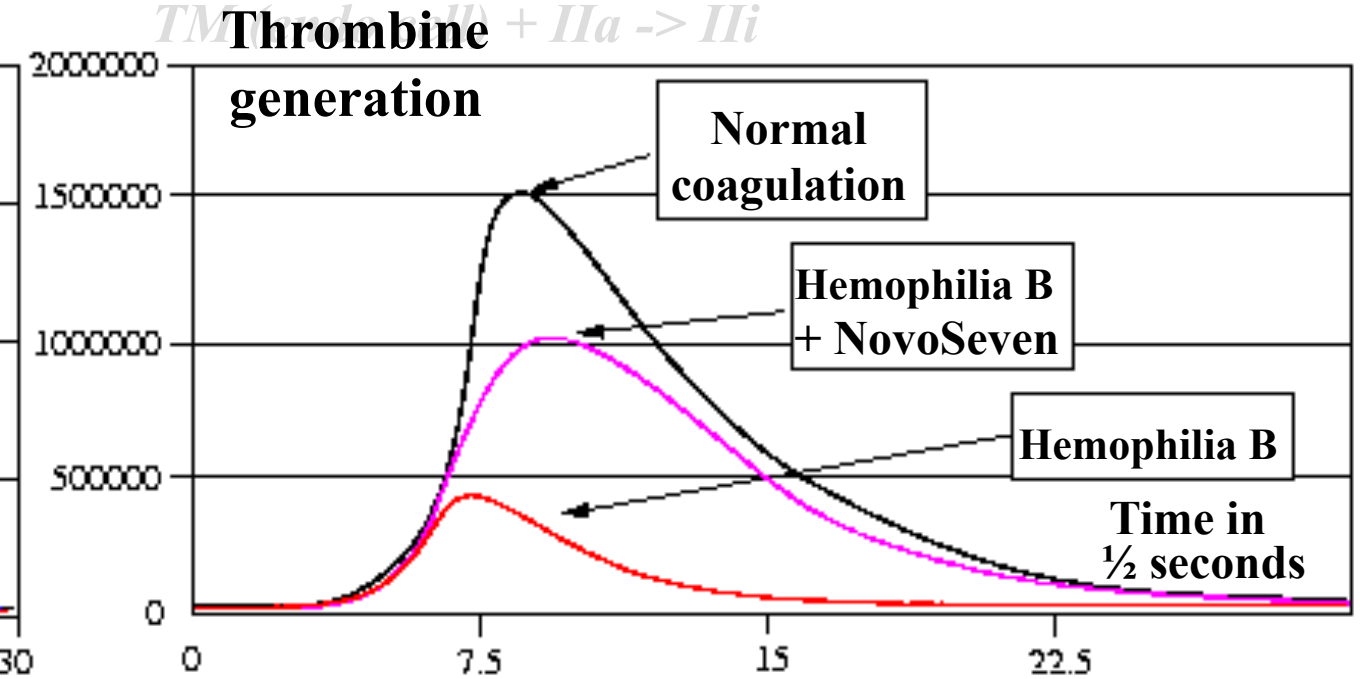
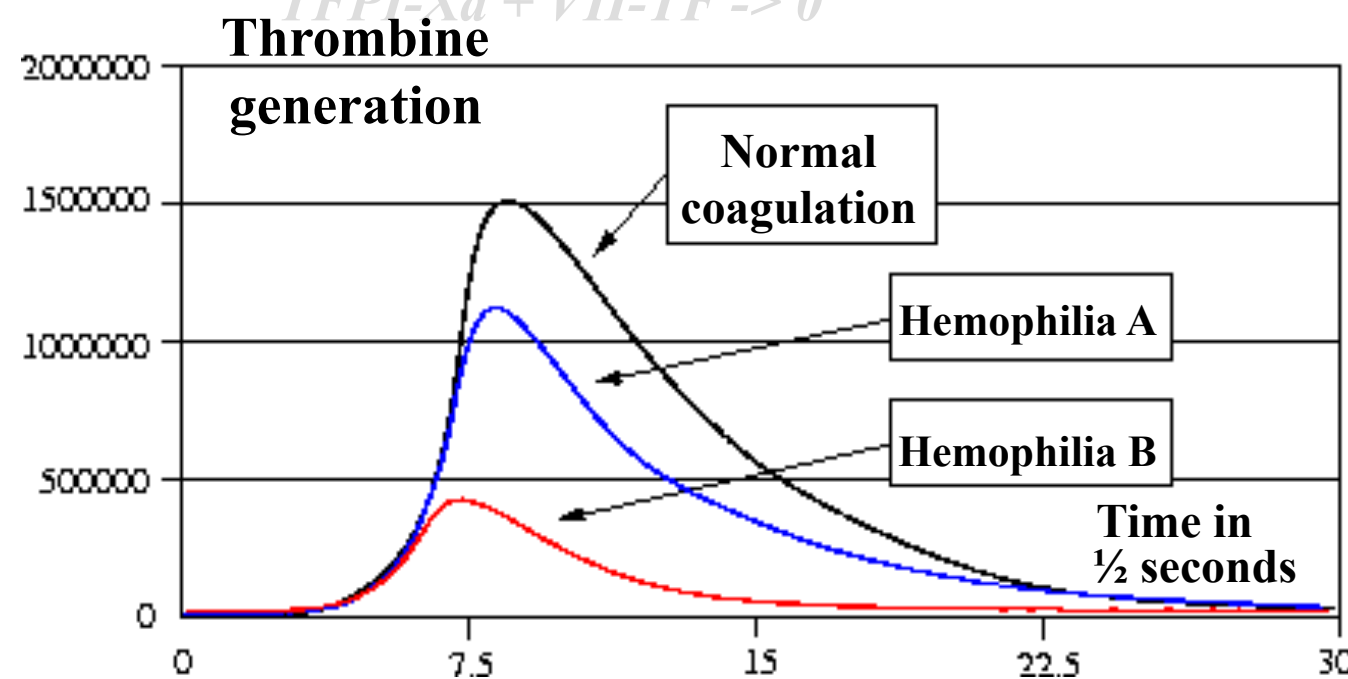


new EnzymaticReaction(plasma, E₁, S₁, P₁, kcat₁, Km₁);
 new EnzymaticReaction(plasma, E₂, S₂, P₂, kcat₂, Km₂);
 new ComplexFormationReaction(plasma, P₁, P₂, P₁ P₂Complex, kon₃);
new EnzymaticReaction(plasma, E₃, S₁, P₁, kcat₃, Km₃);

Reaction-agent model: An exemple of application

Simulation of physiologic coagulation:

Healthy patient, hemophiliac, hemophiliac with treatment



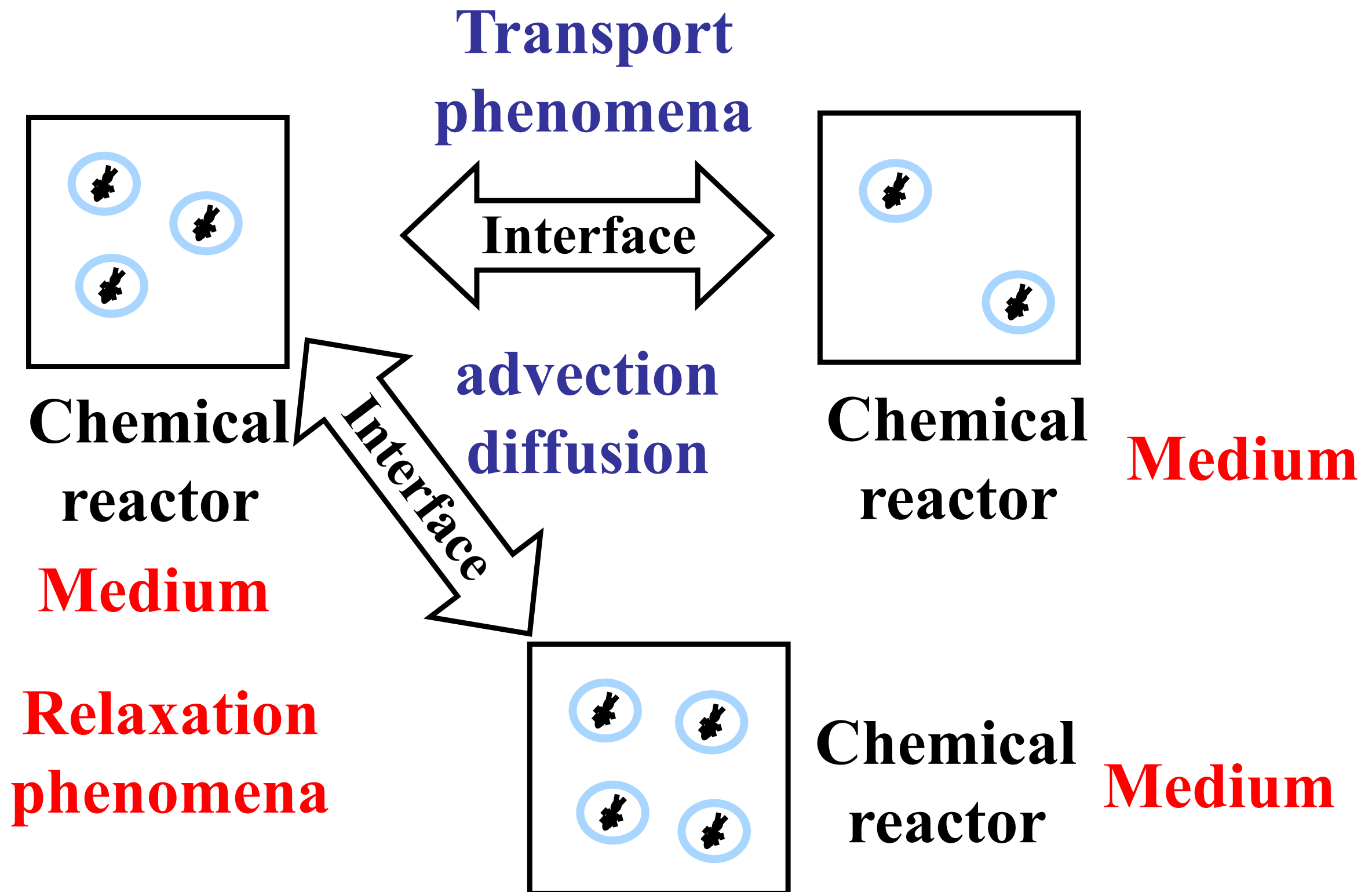
42 reactions

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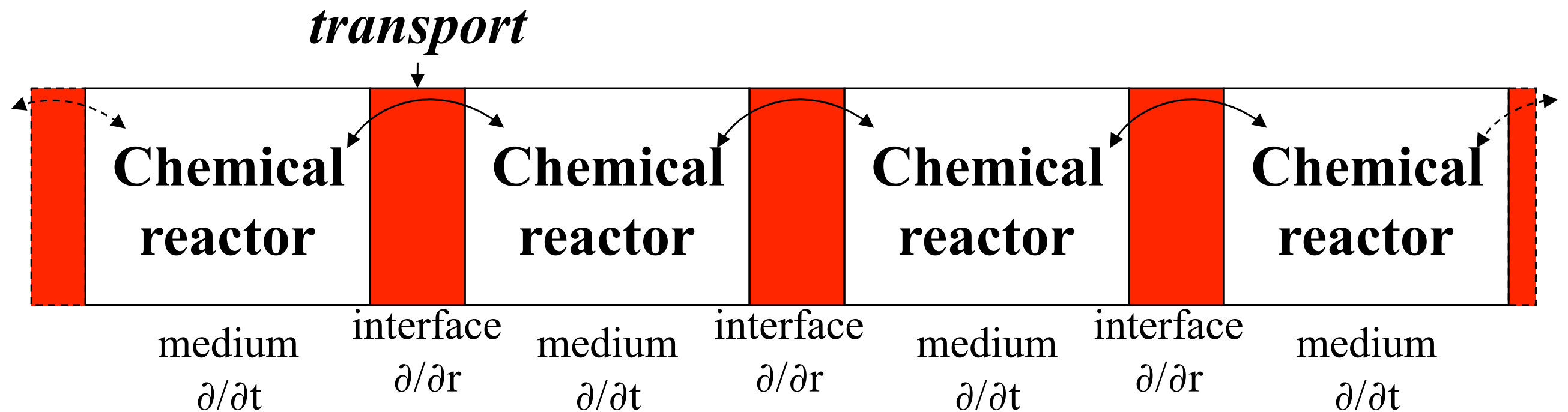


Interface-agent model



Interface-agent model

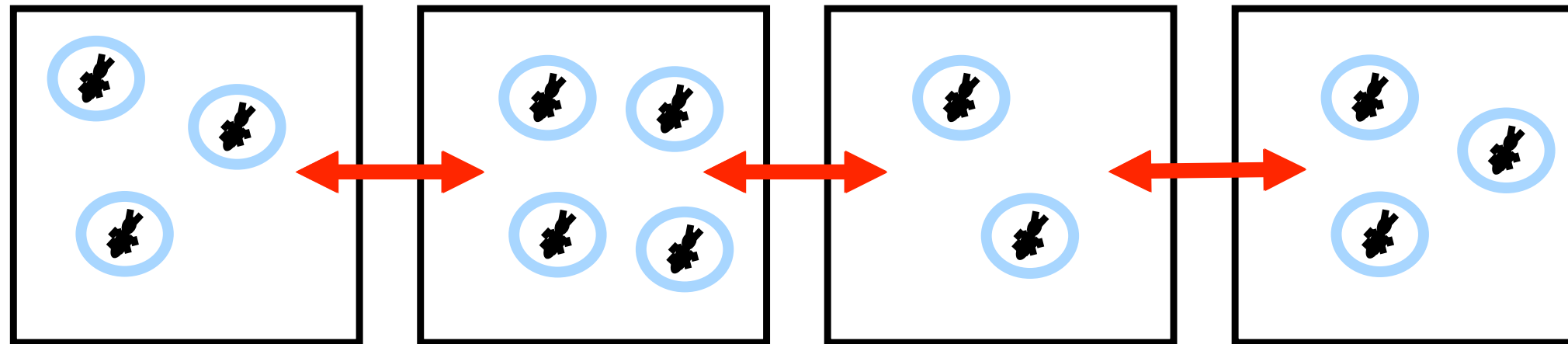
« Classical » point of view:



- Variables = concentrations in reactants in each chemical reactor (mesh of the medium)
- All the phenomena are supposed simultaneous
- Resolution of partial differential equations

Interface-agent model

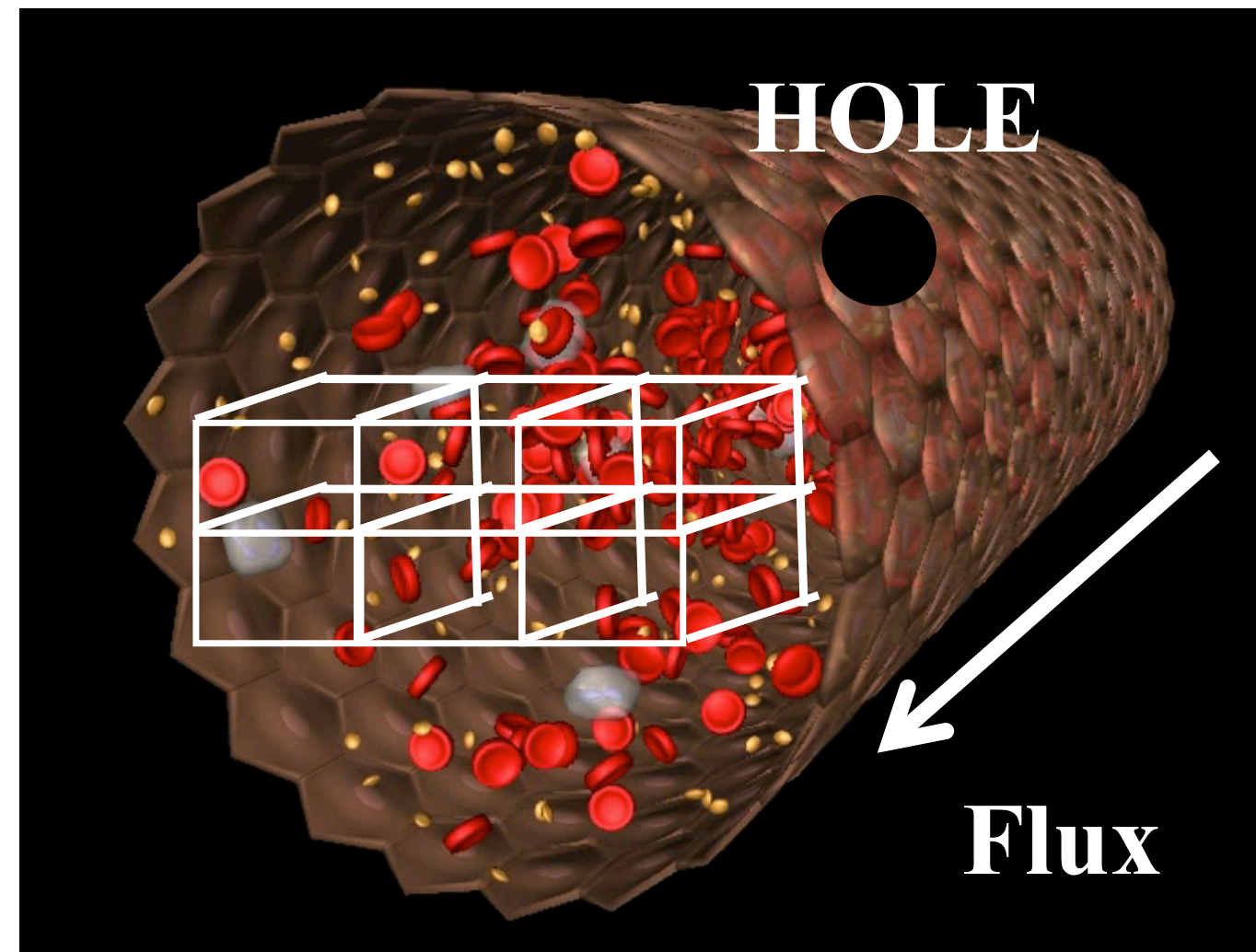
An « agent » point of view:



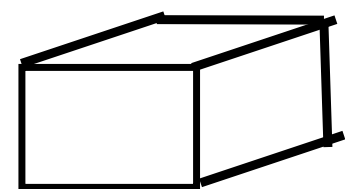
- **Interface-agent**
➔ **interaction between the mediums**
- **Asynchronous phenomena and chaotic order**
- **No Partial Differential Equation**

Interface-agent model: An exemple of application

Coagulation :



3D Vessel



Chemical Reactors : 42 reactions (coagulation)

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Interaction-agent

Interface-agent

transport agent

Reaction-agent

non located agent

Cell-agent

located agent

Generic model of interaction-agent

**Main principle :
Models' autonomy**

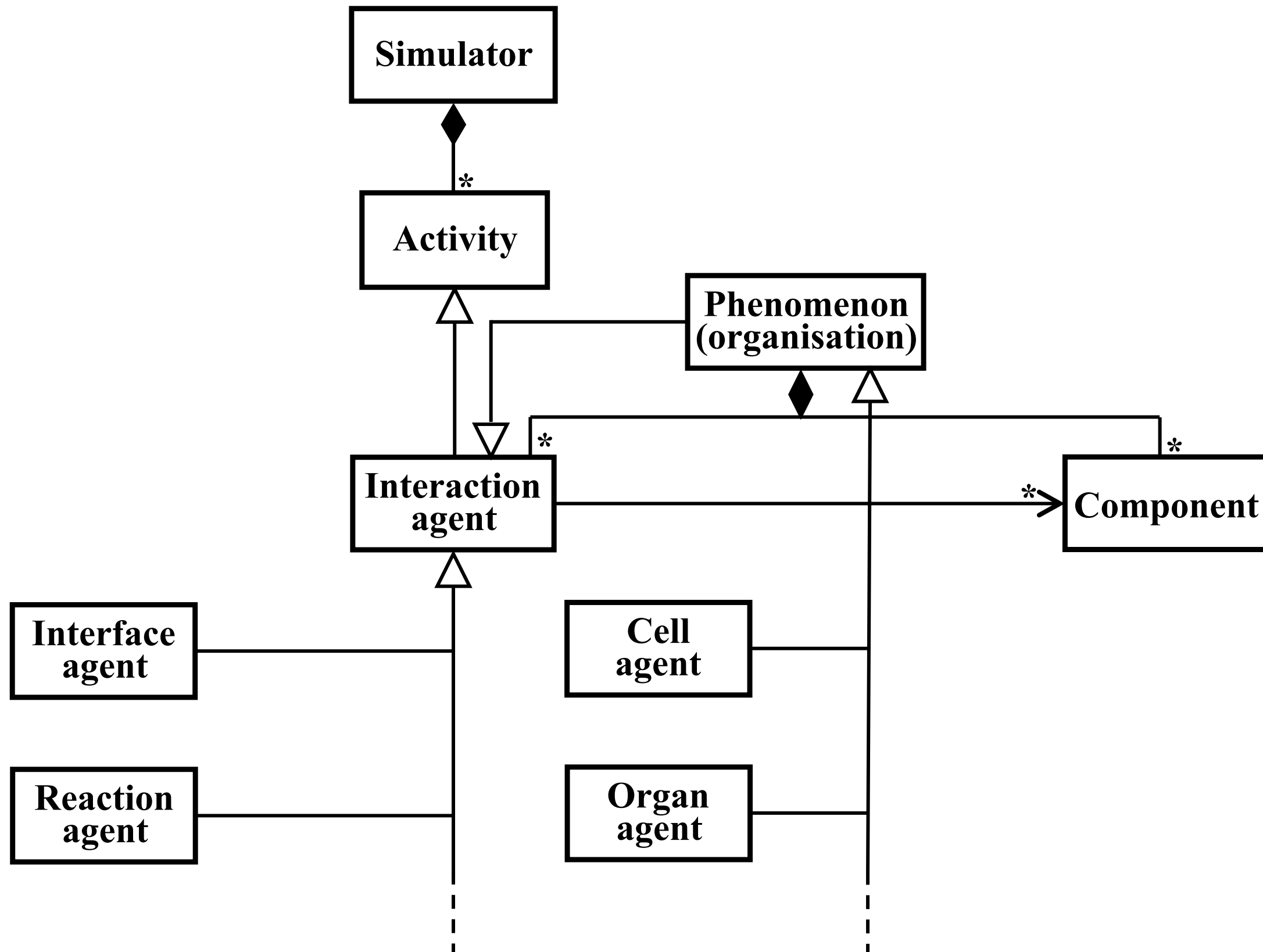
 **Interaction between models
of different natures**

 **Multi-modeling Simulation**

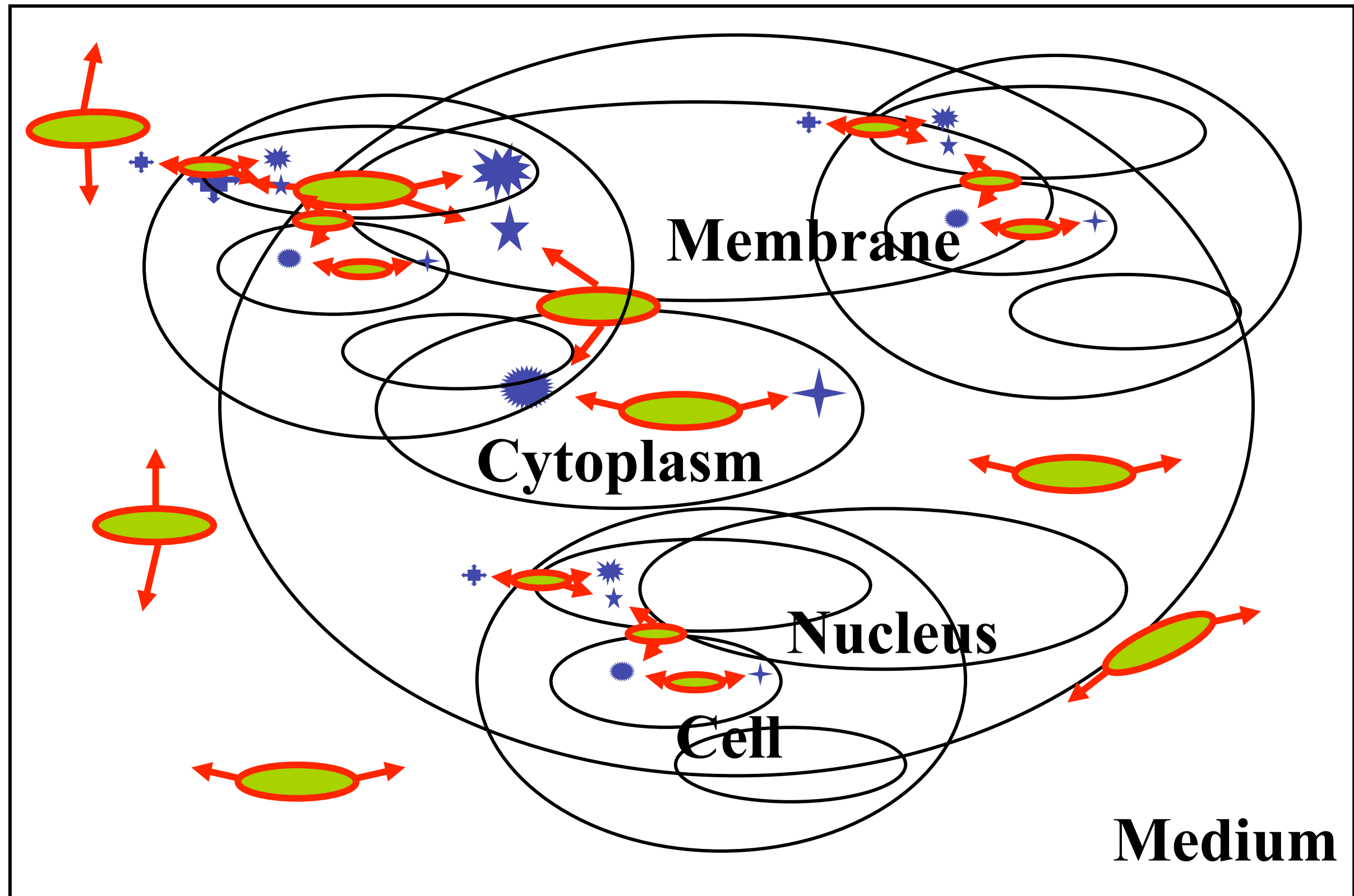
 **Systemic paradigm**

 **Data Matter exchange
between organisations**

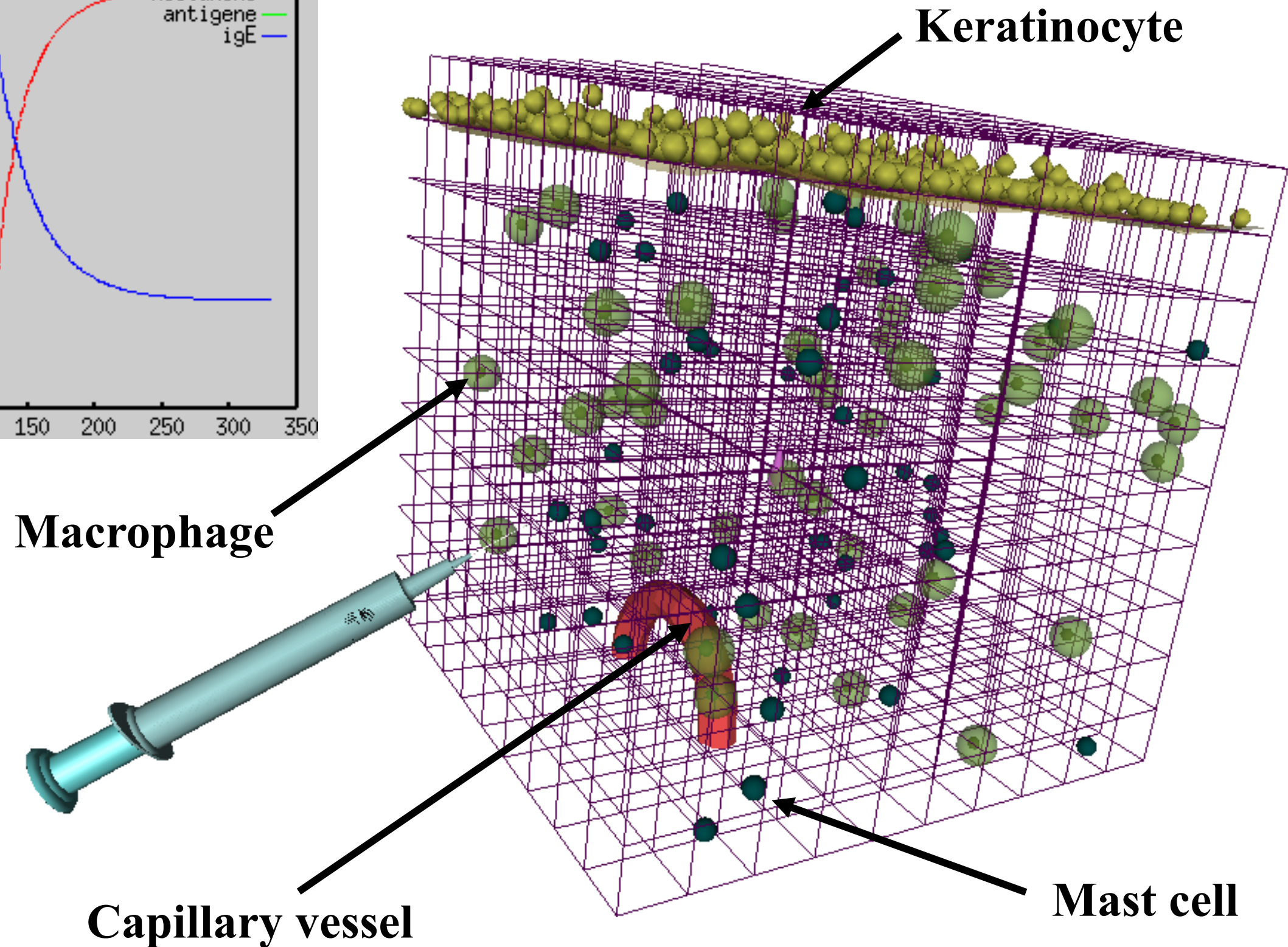
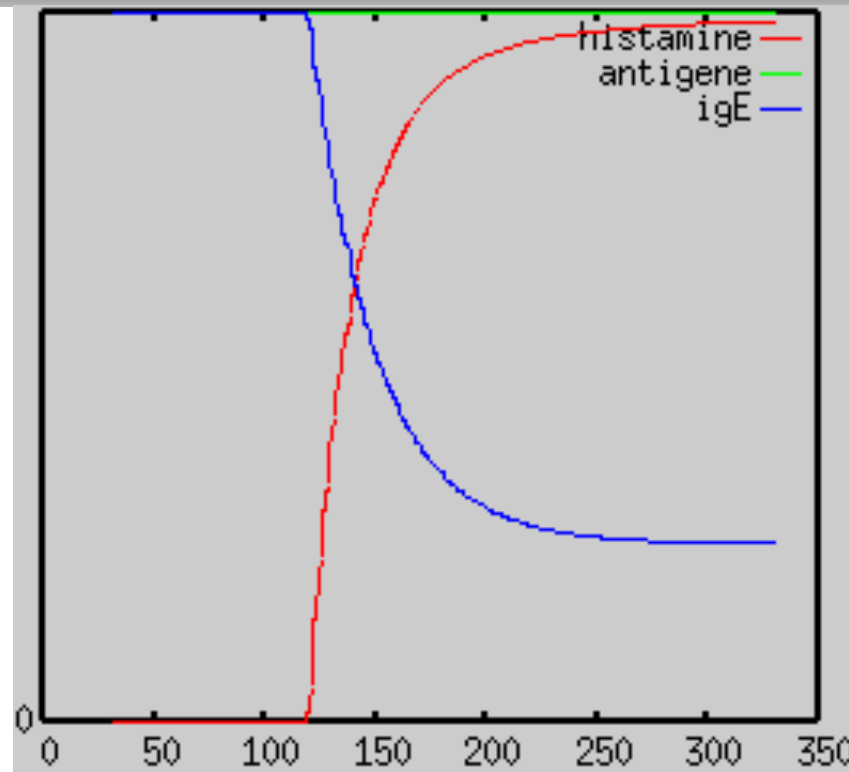
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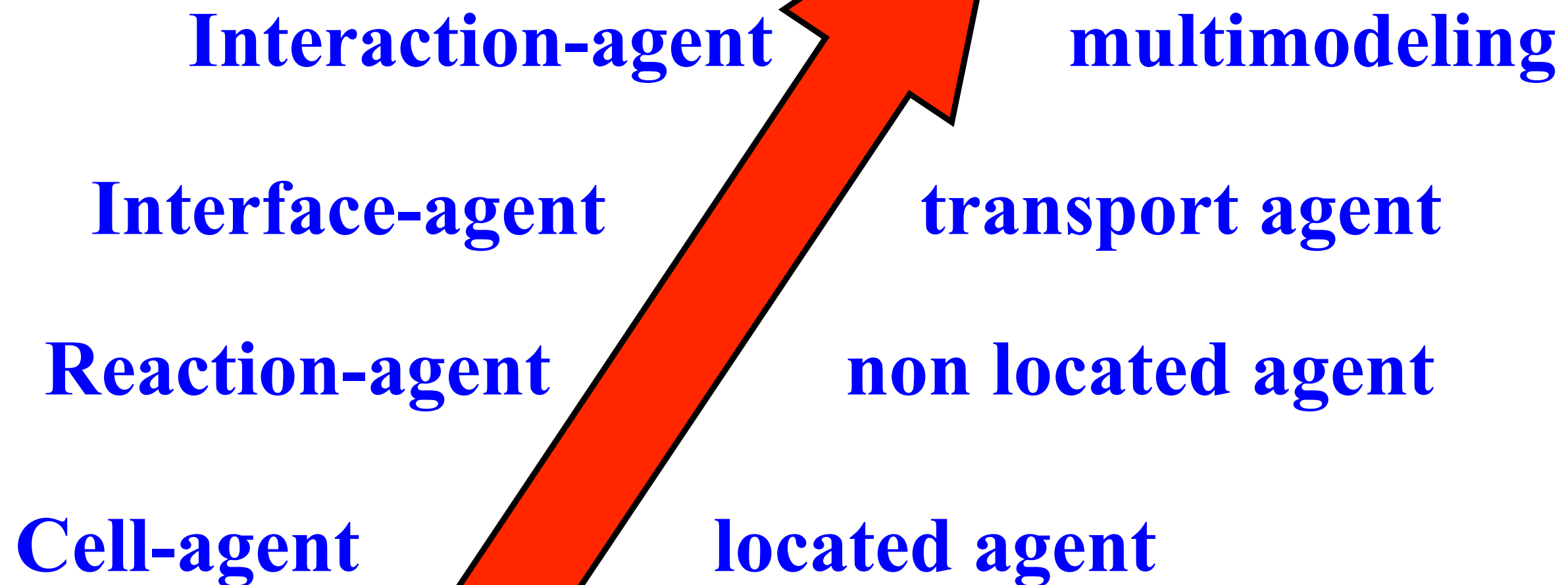


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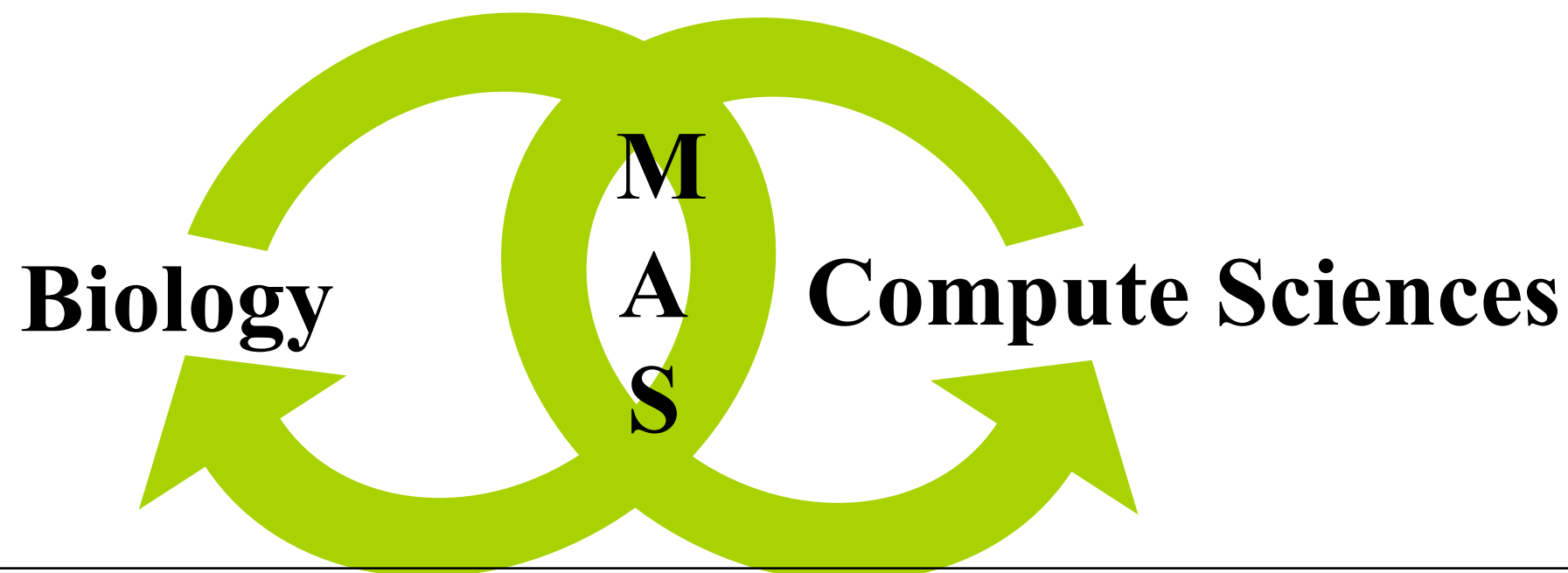
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Interests in the field of biology

- **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**

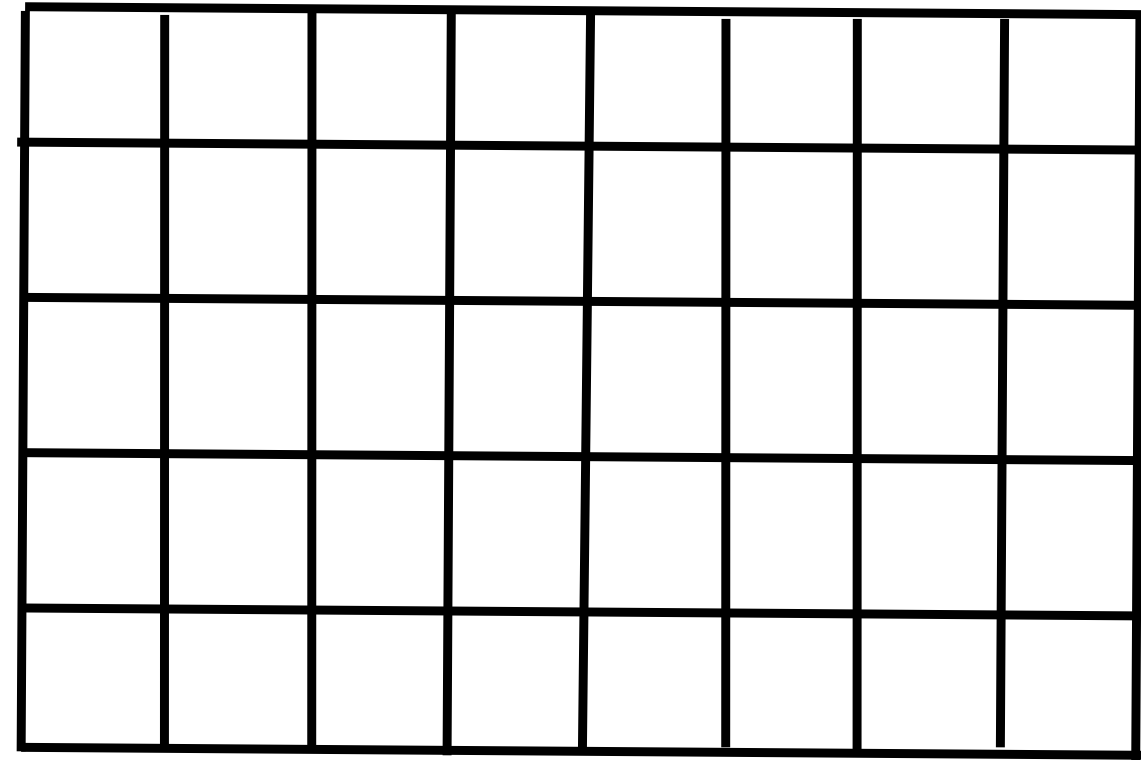
Easy to use... No programming skill requires !!!!

NetBioDyn software :

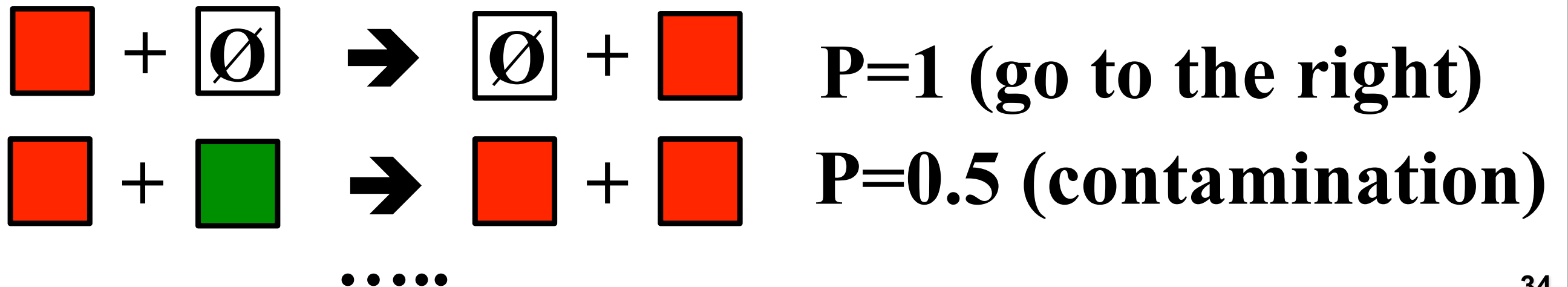
How to model...?

1st : take a grid

2nd : decide which entities to use



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

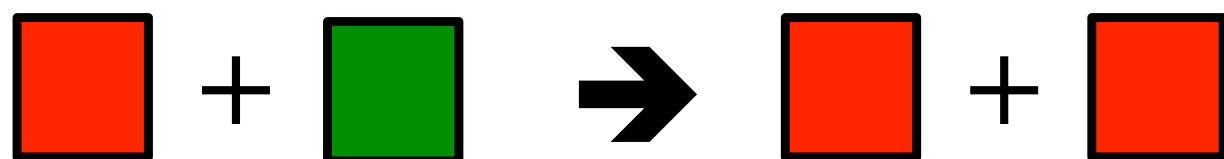
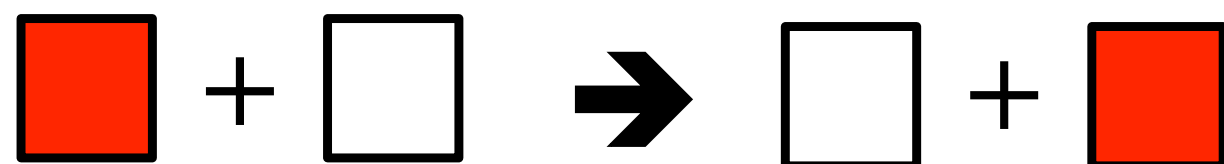
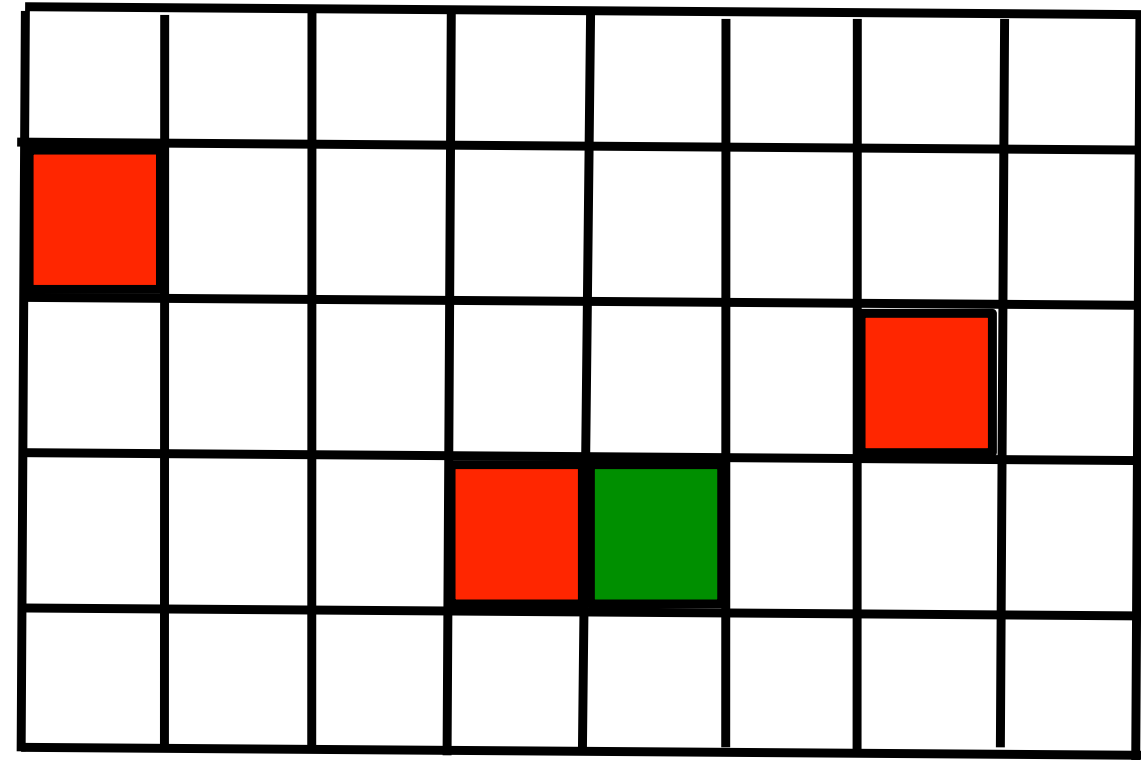


NetBioDyn software :

How to model...?

4th : place entities

and : run 



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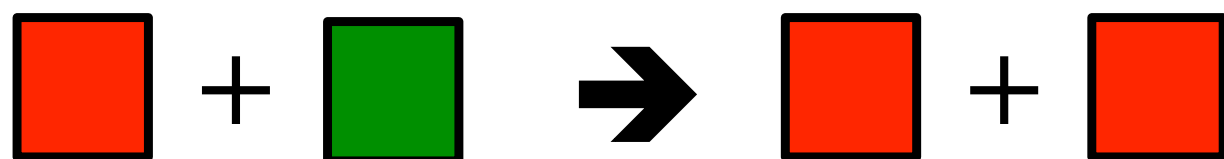
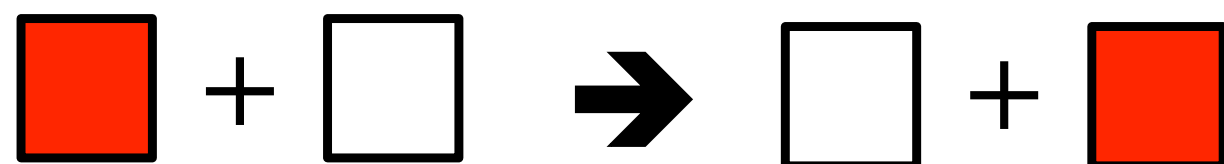
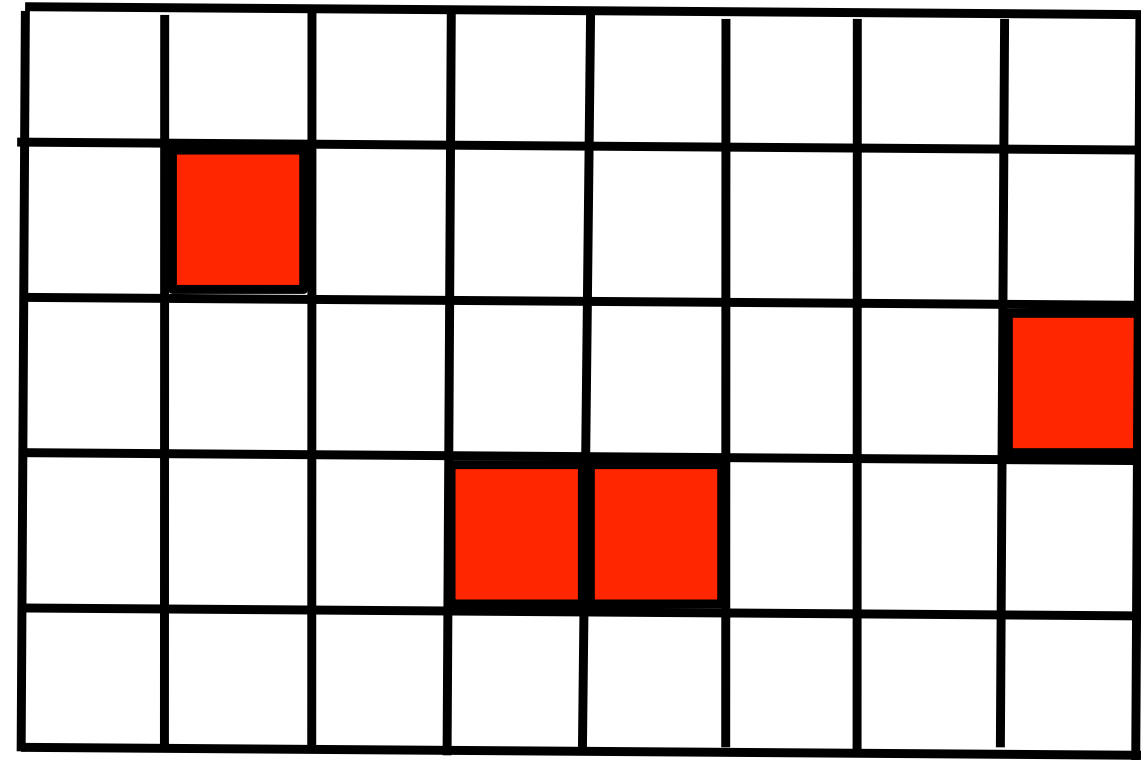
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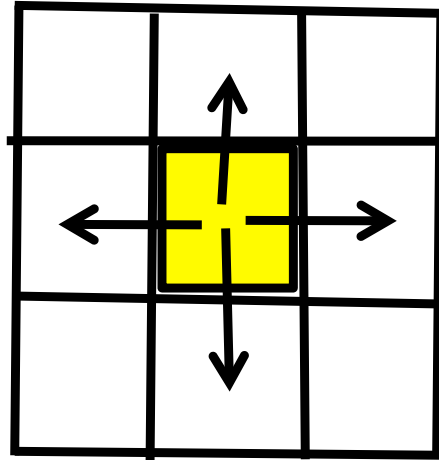
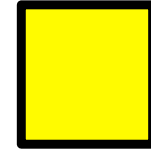
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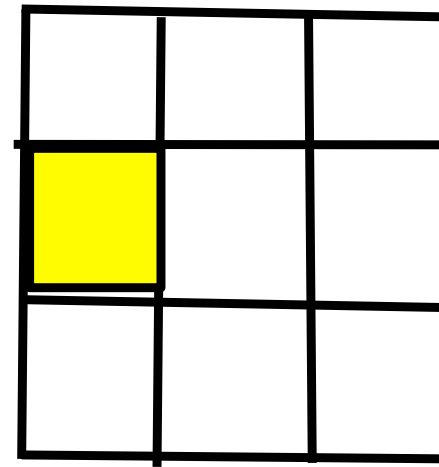
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NetBioDyn : 1st example, randomwalk

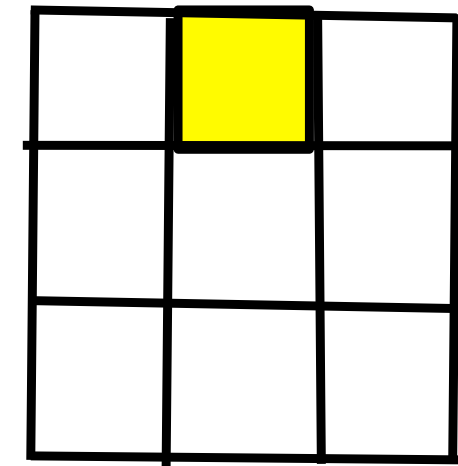
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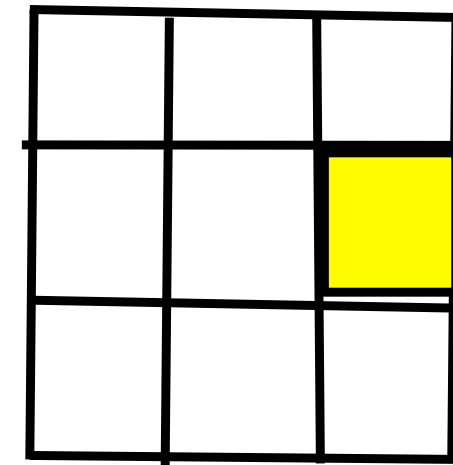
Rd_Walk
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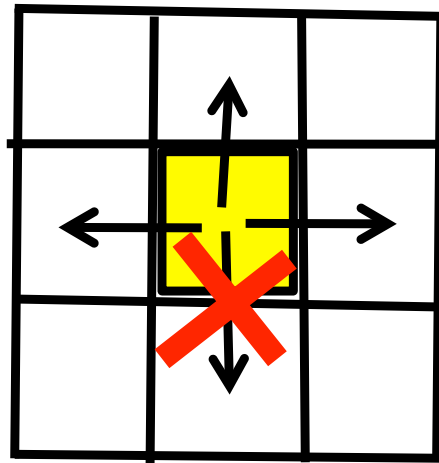
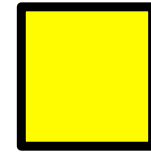


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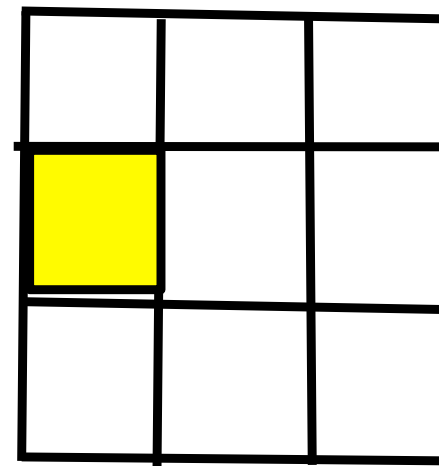
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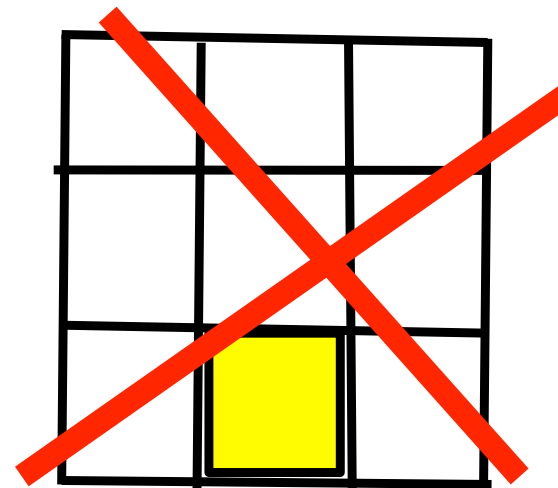
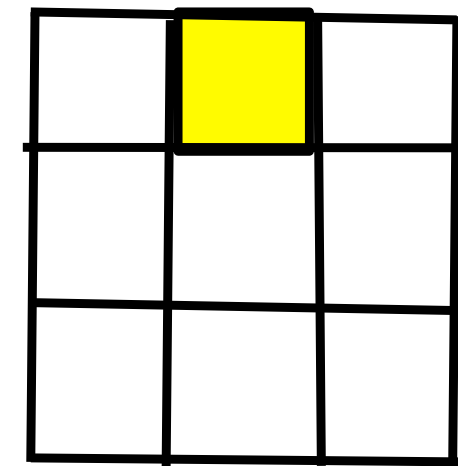


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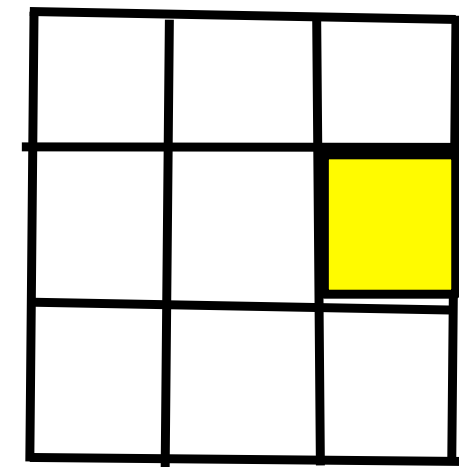
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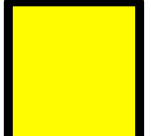
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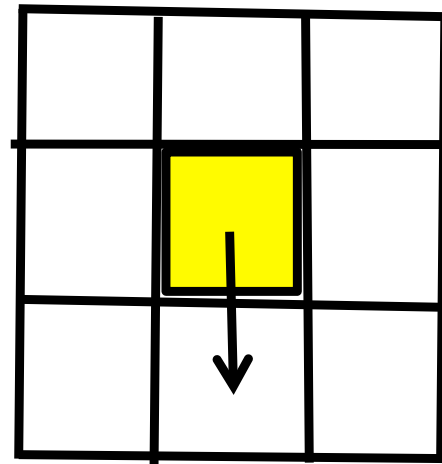


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NetBioDyn : 2nd example, sandglass

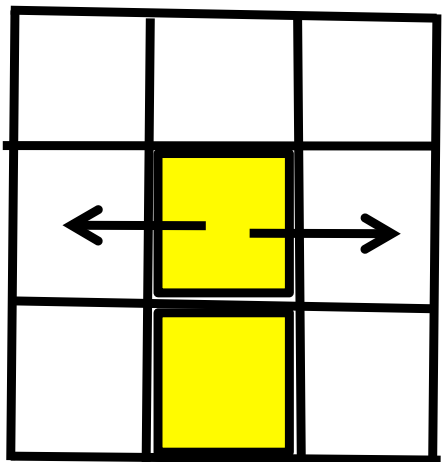
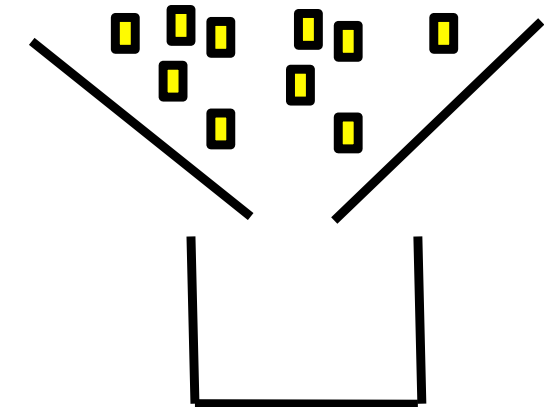
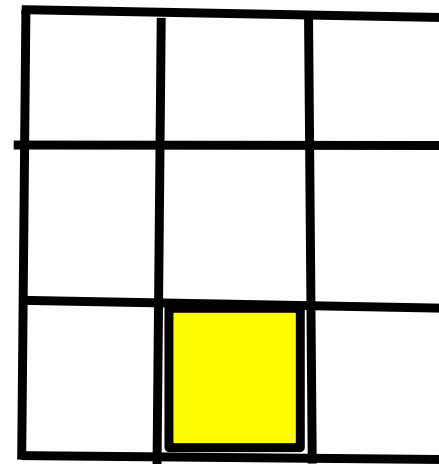
→ Entities: grain  and border 



Go_Down



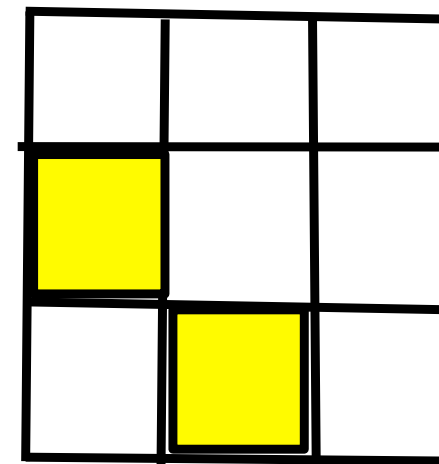
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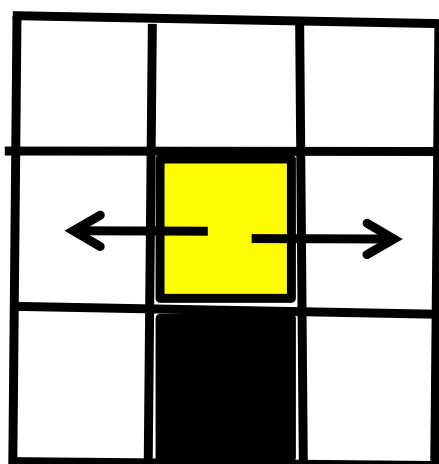
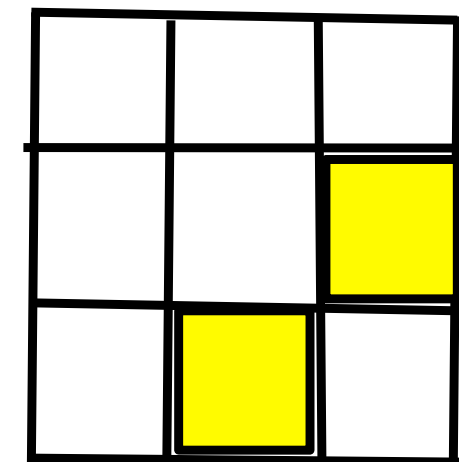
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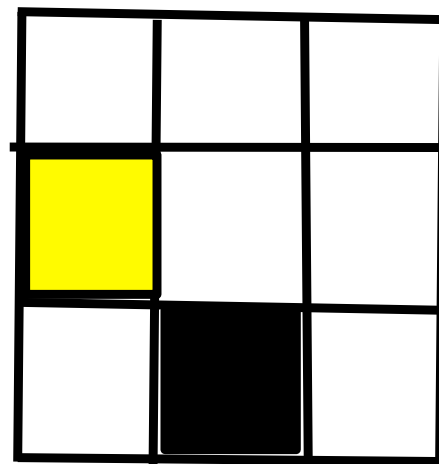
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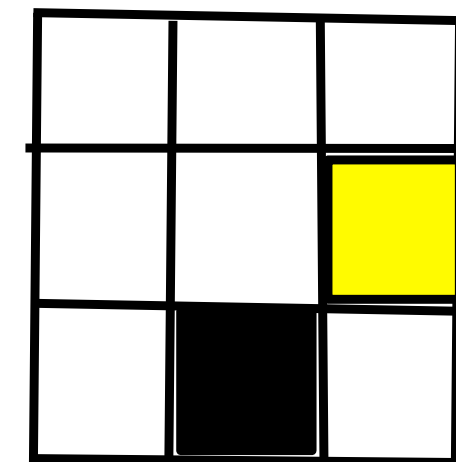
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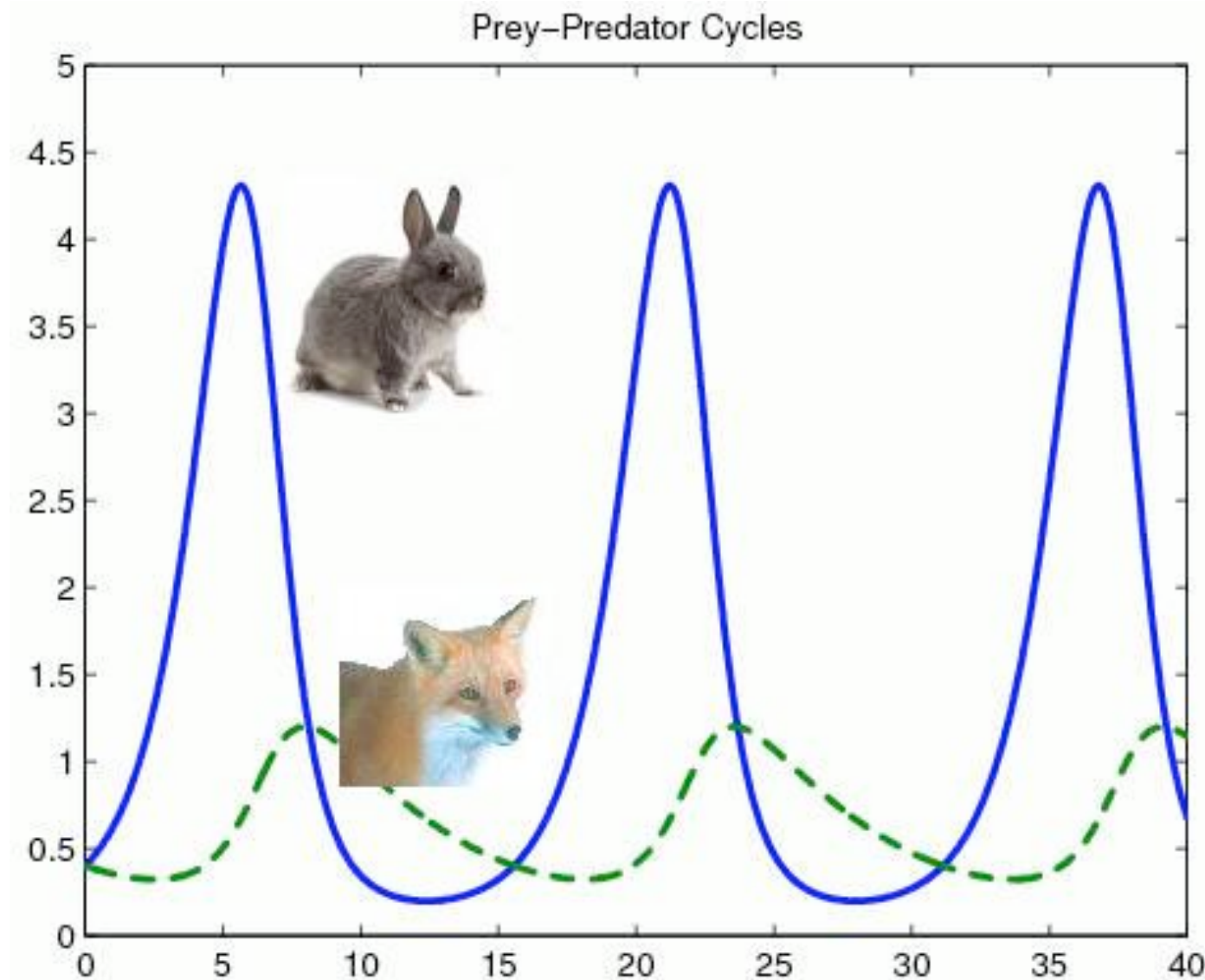


NetBioDyn : 3rd example, prey-predator

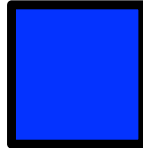
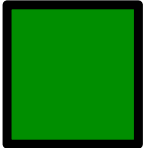
→ Entities: prey ■ and predator ■

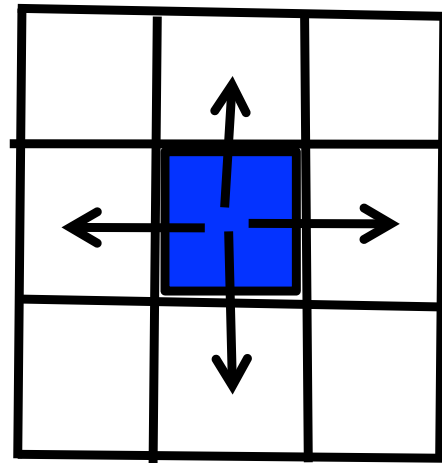
Prey ■ $\frac{1}{2}$ life time : 2000 cycles + **Rd_Walk**

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

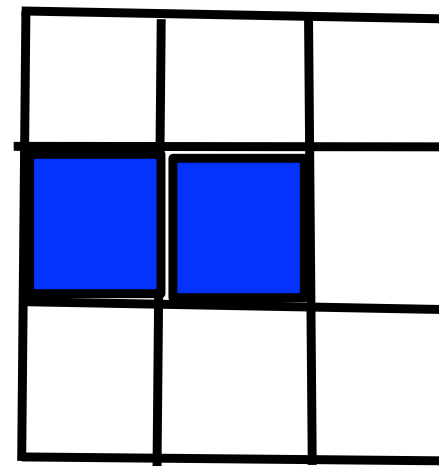


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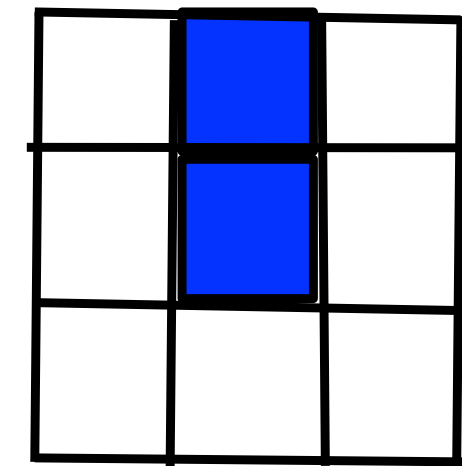
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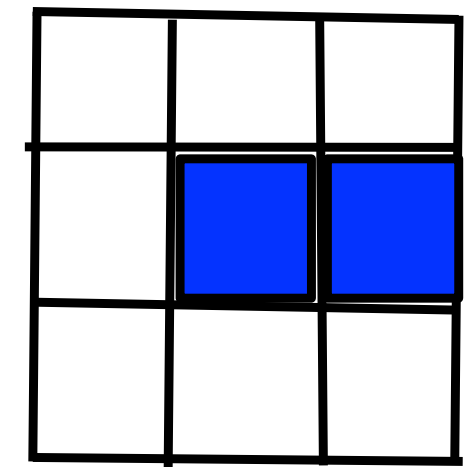
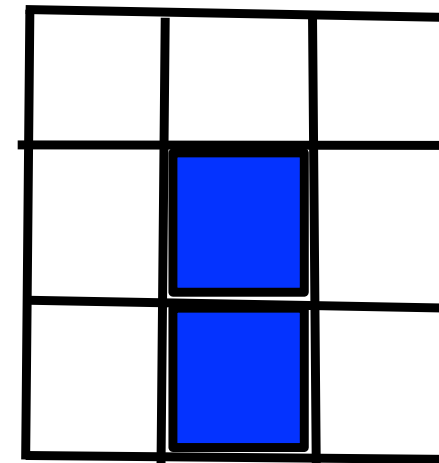
Prey_Birth
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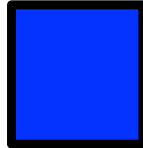
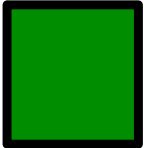
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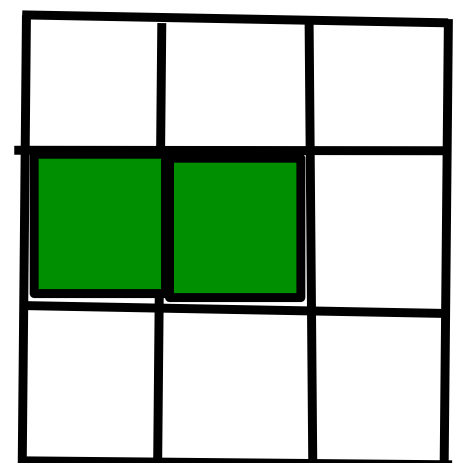
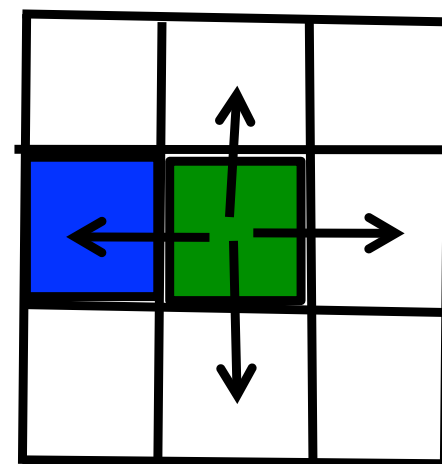
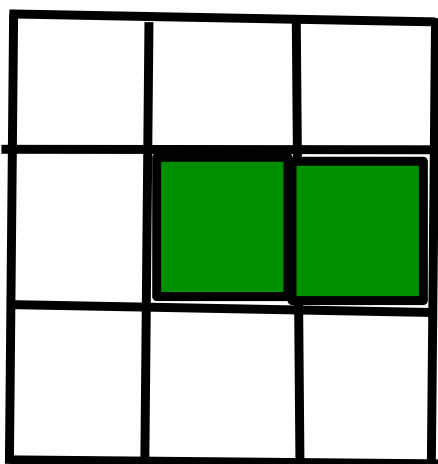
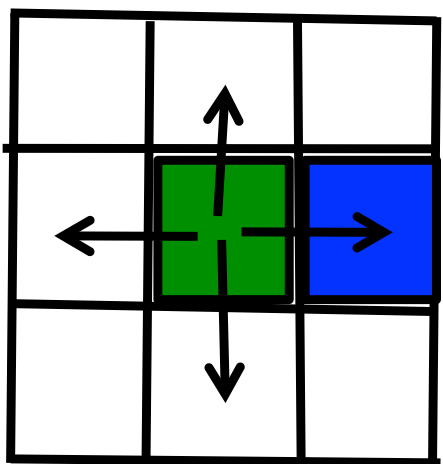
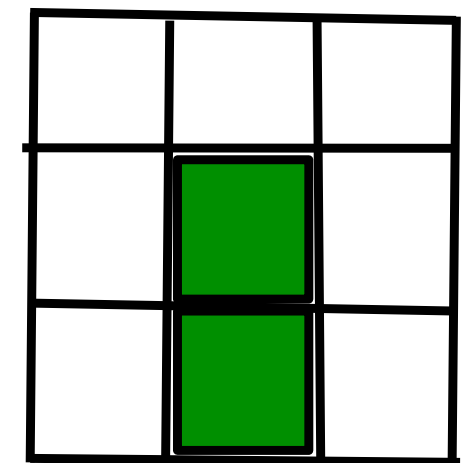
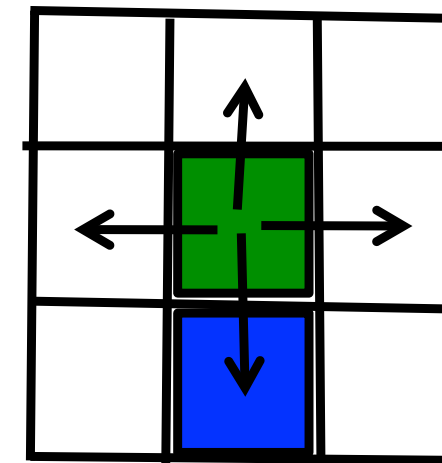
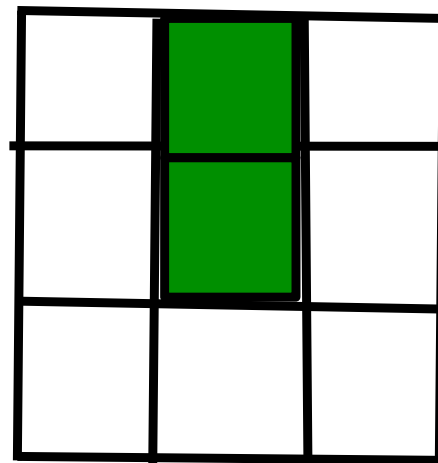
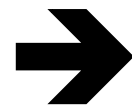
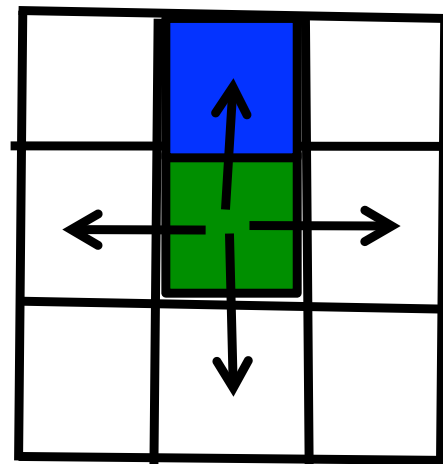


NetBioDyn : 3rd example, prey-predator



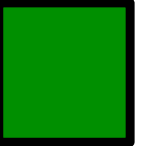
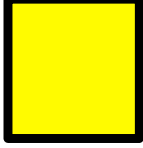

→ Entities: prey  and predator 

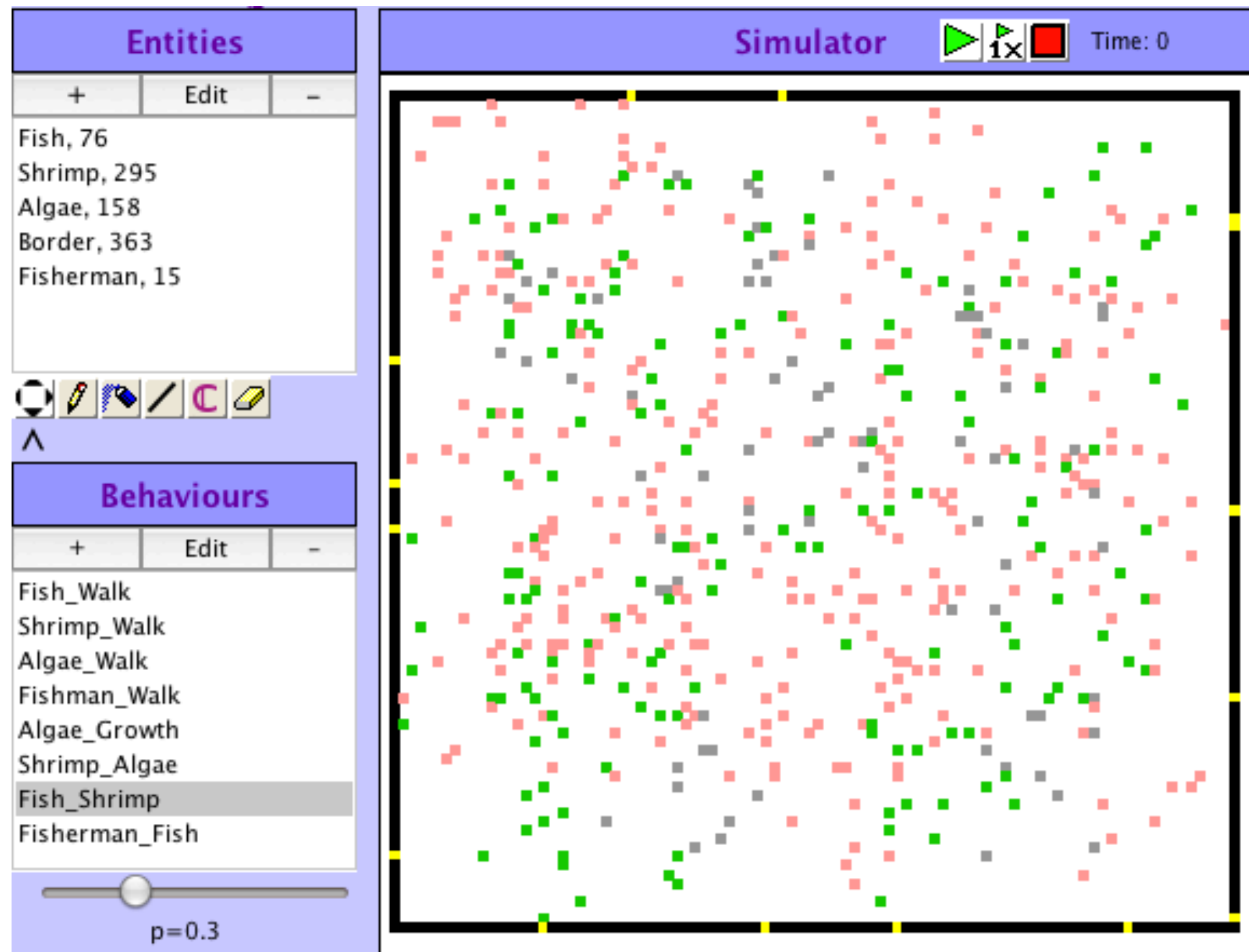
Predator_Prey

→
 $P=0.6$



NetBioDyn : 4th example, fish farm

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






Entities

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



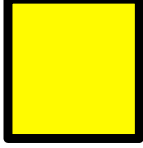

Behaviours

	+	Edit	-
Fish_Walk			
Shrimp_Walk			
Algae_Walk			
Fishman_Walk			
Algae_Growth			
Shrimp_Algaie			
Fish_Shrimp			
Fisherman_Fish			

Simulator    Time: 0

p=0.3

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 :

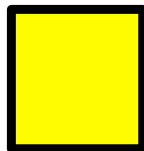
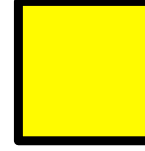
Fish_Walk :	p=1.0, Fish + 0 + *	→ 0 + Fish + *
Shrimp_Walk :	p=1.0, Shrimp + 0 + *	→ 0 + Shrimp + *
Algae_Walk :	p=0.3, Algae + 0 + *	→ 0 + Algae + *
Fishman_Walk :	p=0.1, Fisherman + Border + *	→ Border + Fisherman + *
Algae_Growth :	p=0.02, Algae + 0 + *	→ Algae + Algae + *
Shrimp_Algae :	p=0.6, Shrimp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

Road map

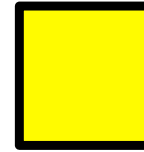
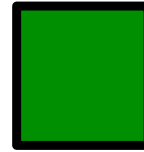
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NetBioDyn : Conclusion

- **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**

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