

Preliminaries for Distributed Natural Computing Inspired by the Slime Mold *Physarum Polycephalum*

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Part II: Studying the networks formed by *P. polycephalum*

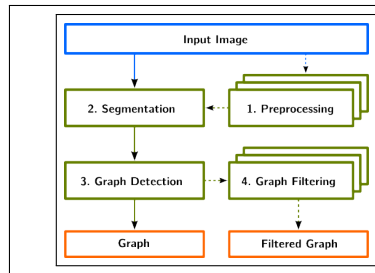
Network Extraction From Images

NEFI:

- ▶ Input: High quality image of a network
- ▶ Output: Graph representation of depicted structure

Design goals:

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- ▶ Make it such that non-experts can use it.



Analysis of *P. polycephalum* networks

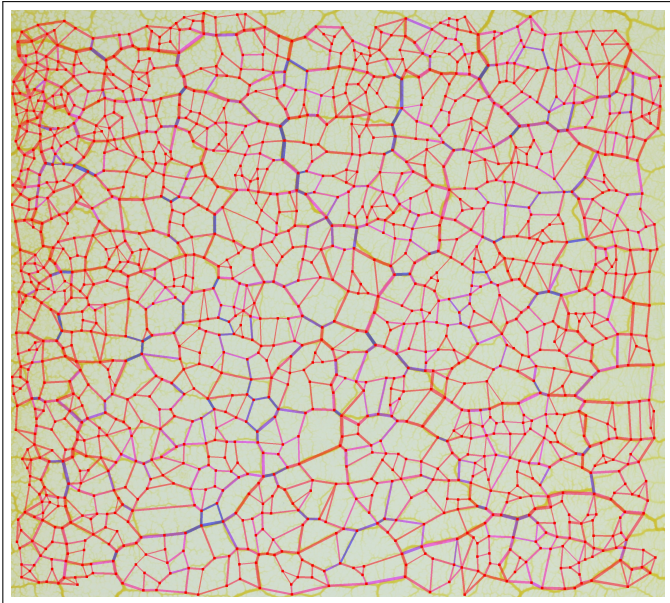
Dataset: Ca. 38 time series of graphs. A total of 1998 weighted cubic planar graphs.

Goal: Obtain a catalogue of Observables that describes various aspects of *P. polycephalum* networks.

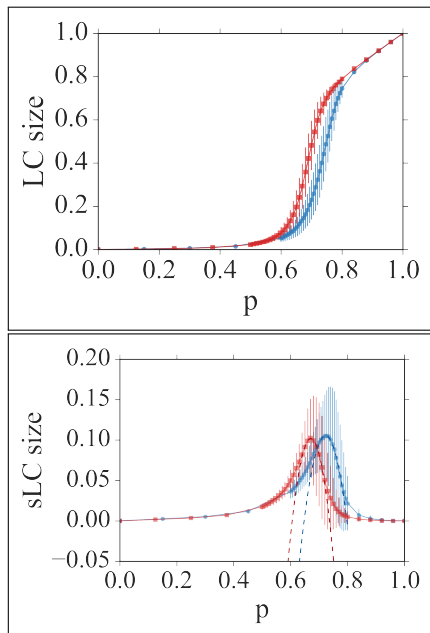
Key components:

- ▶ Distributions of observables and their time development.
- ▶ Examples: Edge lengths/widths, Face area/circumference and various other properties

Robustness of *P. polycephalum* networks

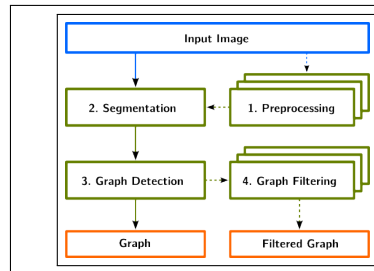


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SMGR: Sharing is caring Slime Mold Graph Repository:

- ▶ Contains raw experimental data, graphs and useful tools
- ▶ Facilitates exchange and reuse of data
- ▶ Makes data available to everyone



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