

# Model Meta-Information

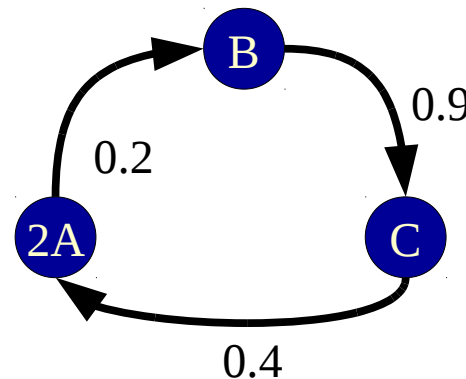
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Workshop on  
**Ontology in Modeling and Simulation  
of Neuronal Systems**

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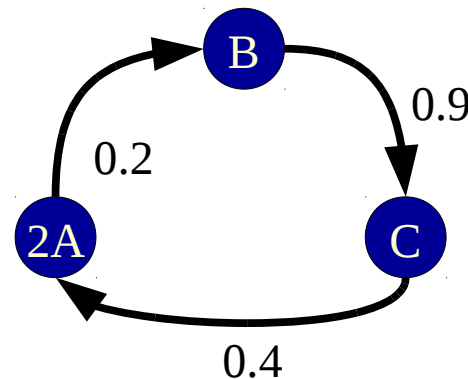
# Part 1: Meta-Information and annotations

## Model structure vs meta-information



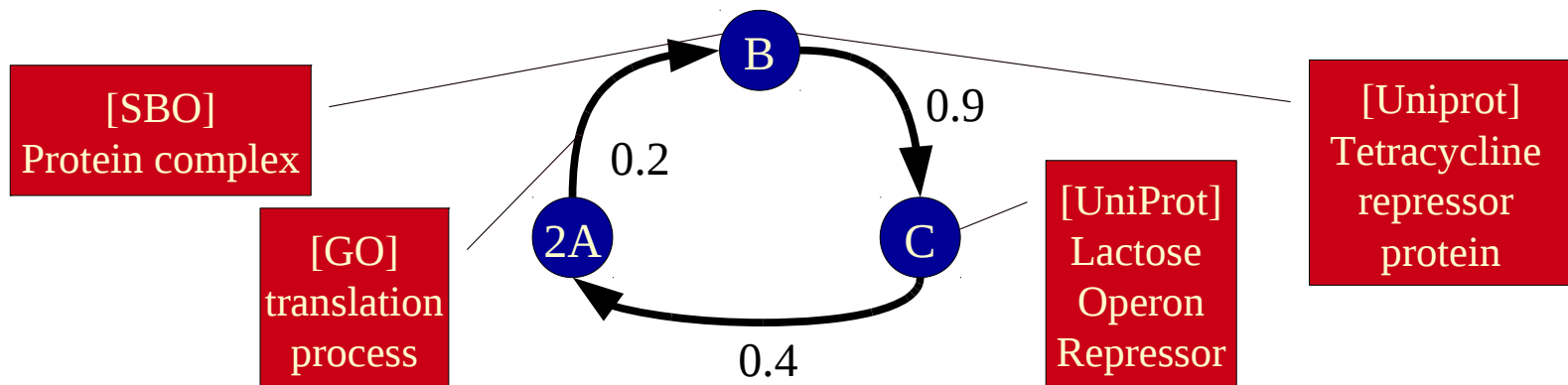
- Model **structure**, e.g. SBML, CellML
  - Encodes the network, e.g. of biochemical reactions
  - Necessary mathematical information for simulation/execution of a model

## Model structure vs meta-information



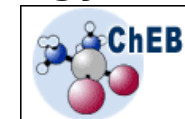
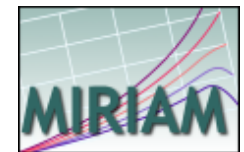
- Models not only are one-time encodings of the mathematics of a biological system
  - \_ Model reuse (expansion, teaching, collaborations ...)
  - \_ Model search & browsing
  - \_ Model visualisation
  - \_ Model merging ...

## Model structure vs meta-information

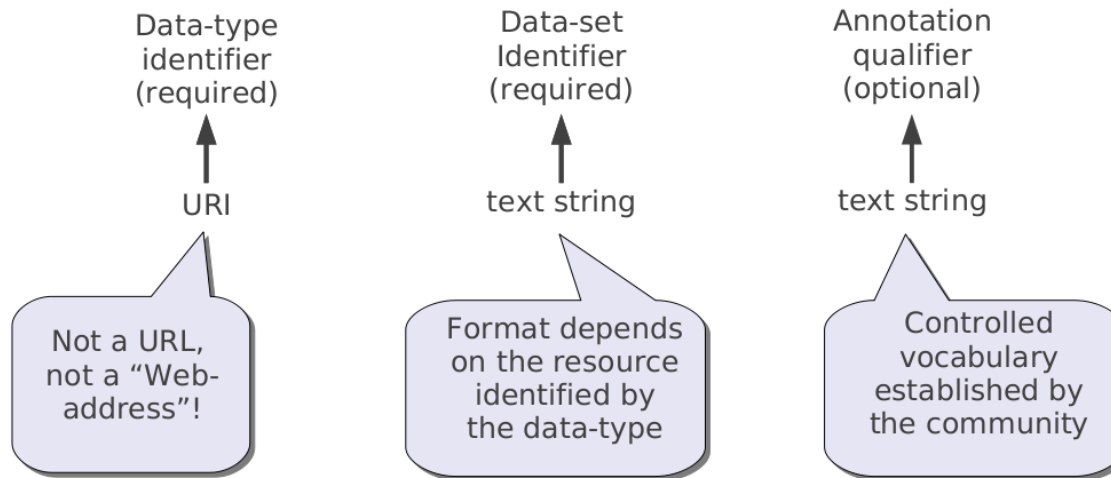


- Model **meta-information** helps “understanding” the model

- MIRIAM (Minimum Information Requested in the Annotation of Models)
- Use of controlled annotation, particularly ontologies, including Gene Ontology, Systems Biology Ontology, UniProt, ChEBI ...



# Model meta-information encoding



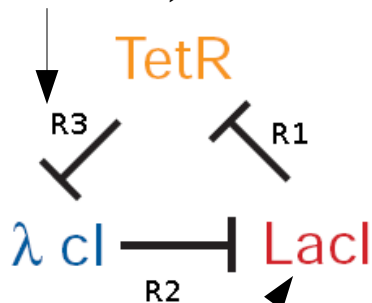
UniProt and P62158 (human calmodulin)  

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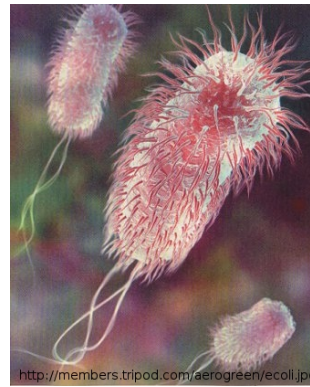
- **MIRIAM standard** on MIRIAM resources
  - Makes meta-information computer-processable
  - Ensures permanent links to information and knowledge
- <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/miriam/main/> and <http://www.biomodels.net/qualifiers/>

## Possible types of meta-information

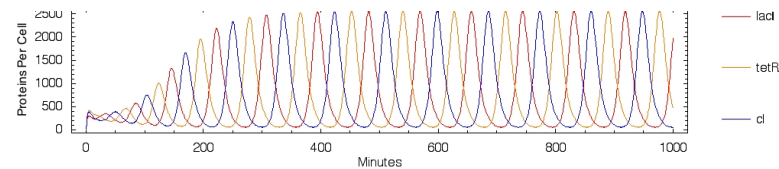
Reaction:  
degradation of TetR transcripts  
(GO:0006402)



Species:  
transcript Lactose operon  
repressor (UniProtKB:P03023),  
is versionOf  
mRNA (CHEBI:33699),  
located in the cell (GO:0005623)



Organism:  
E-Coli (UniProt:562)  
Compartment:  
Cell (GO:0005623)  
Publication:  
[pubmed:10659856](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/10659856/)  
Format: SBML  
(SED-ML:type="SBML")



<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/compneur-srv/biomodels-main/publ-model.do?mid=BIOMD0000000012>

Behavior: Oscillation (TEDDY\_0000006)  
SimulationAlgorithm: Gillespie (KiSAO:000029)

# Biomodels.net initiative

## BioModels.Net

Home Database MIRIAM SBO MIASE SED-ML Qualifiers Events Contact

### BioModels.net

#### The Next Step After Standard Formats

For computational modeling to become more widely used in biological research, researchers must be able to exchange and share their results. The development and broad acceptance of common model representation formats such as **SBML** is a crucial step in that direction, allowing researchers to exchange and build upon each other's work with greater ease and accuracy.

The BioModels.net project is another step: an international effort to:

1. define agreed-upon standards for model curation
2. define agreed-upon vocabularies for annotating models with connections to biological data resources
3. provide a free, centralized, publicly-accessible database of annotated, computational models in SBML and other structured formats

#### Helping to Define Community Standards

To facilitate assembling useful collections of quantitative models of biological phenomena, it is crucial to establish standards for the vocabularies used in model annotations as well as criteria for minimum quality levels of those models. The BioModels.net project aims to bring together a community of interested researchers to address these issues. We are working towards defining these standards through white papers and process definitions. All of the products of our efforts are open and freely available through this site.

#### Standards and Processes Developed Hand-in-Hand with a New Database

The database component of BioModels.net is especially designed for working with annotated computational models: each model is carefully reviewed and augmented by human annotators on the BioModels.net team to add metadata linking the model elements to other biological databases and resources. The **BioModels Database** at the **EBI** system goes far beyond other collections of models by being a true database, featuring browsing, cross-referencing, searching, and facilities for visualization, exporting models in different formats, and remote API access.

#### Projects

The projects we are currently coordinating are:

- **BioModels Database**
- **MIRIAM** and the associated **set of qualifiers** and **MIRIAM Resources**
- **SBO**
- **MIASE**
- **SED-ML**
- **KISAQ**
- **TEDDY**

- Minimum Information Requested In the Annotation of Models (**MIRIAM**)
- Systems Biology Ontology (**SBO**)
- Minimum Information About a Simulation
- Experiment (**MIASE**)
- Simulation Experiment Description Markup Language (**SED-ML**)
- Kinetic Simulation Algorithm Ontology (**KISAQ**)
- Terminology for the Description of Dynamics (**TEDDY**)
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<http://www.biomodels.net>



## Summary

- Use cases and software for model annotation  
→ follow-up presentation Ron Henkel
- Further information on model meta-information
  - \_ Metadata For Systems Biology, Juty (2009)  
[http://videlectures.net/mlsb09\\_juty\\_mfsb/](http://videlectures.net/mlsb09_juty_mfsb/)
  - \_ Minimum information requested in the annotation of biochemical models (MIRIAM), *Le Novère, Finney, Hucka et al. , Nature (2006)*  
<http://www.nature.com/nbt/journal/v23/n12/abs/nbt1156.html>

## Part 2: Simulation experiment descriptions

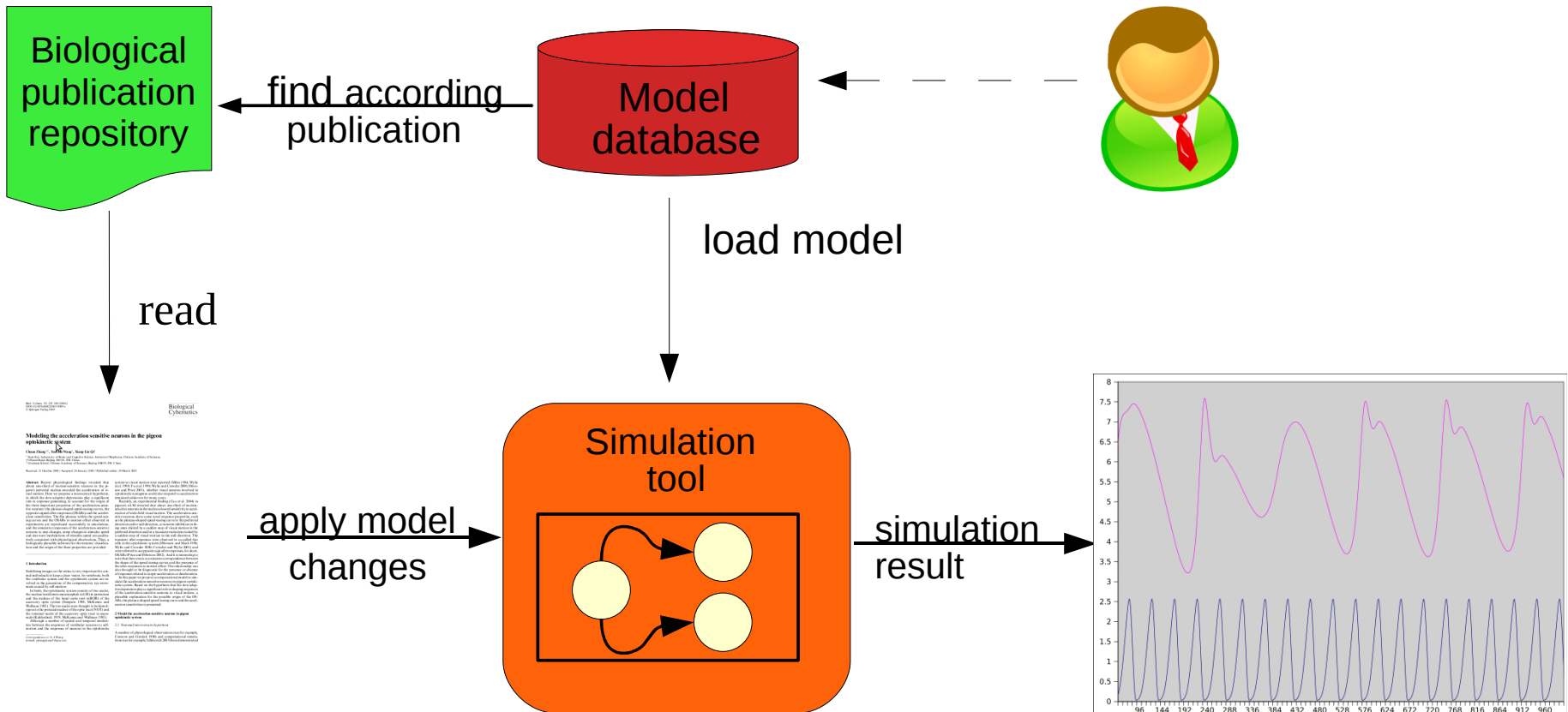
## Part 2: Simulation experiment descriptions



**SED-ML: A format proposal for the  
storage and exchange of  
simulation experiments**

(as one particular type of meta-information)

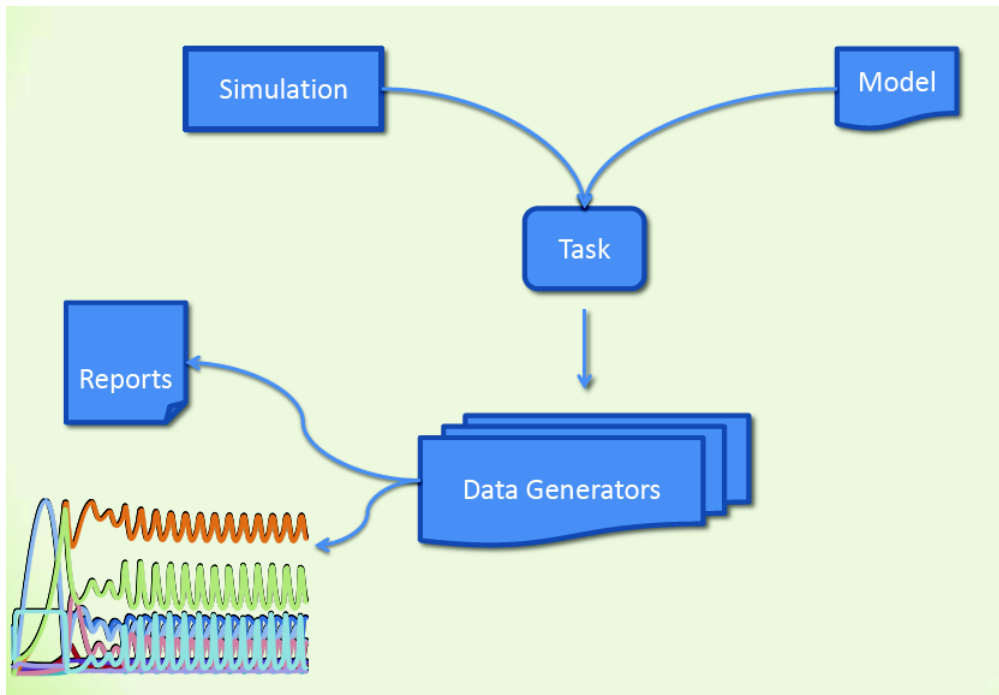
# Motivation



## SED-ML

- Simulation Experiment Description Markup Language
  - Community project since 2007
  - XML Format / XML Schema / UML Object model
  - Main parts:
    - Pre-processing
    - Model references
    - Simulation settings
    - Post-processing

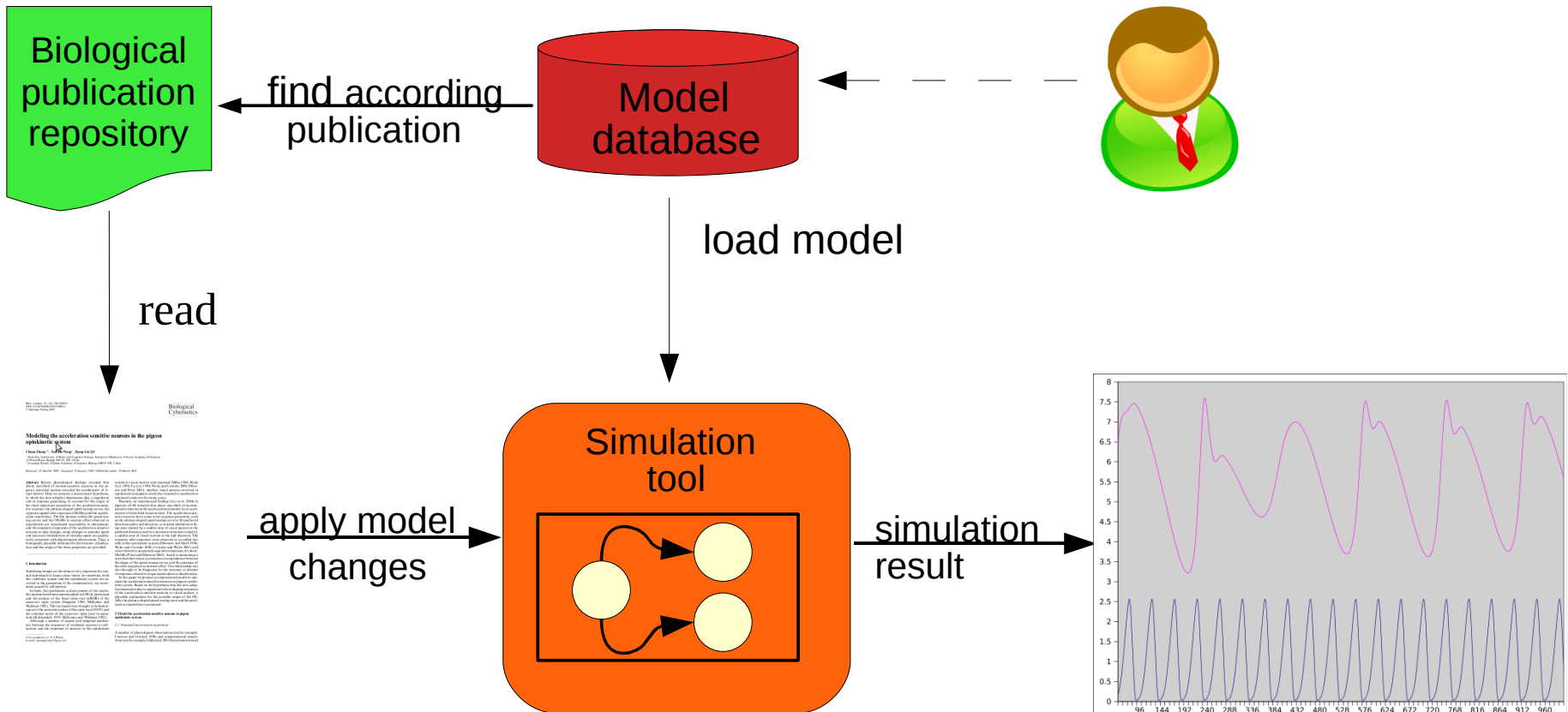
## SED-ML



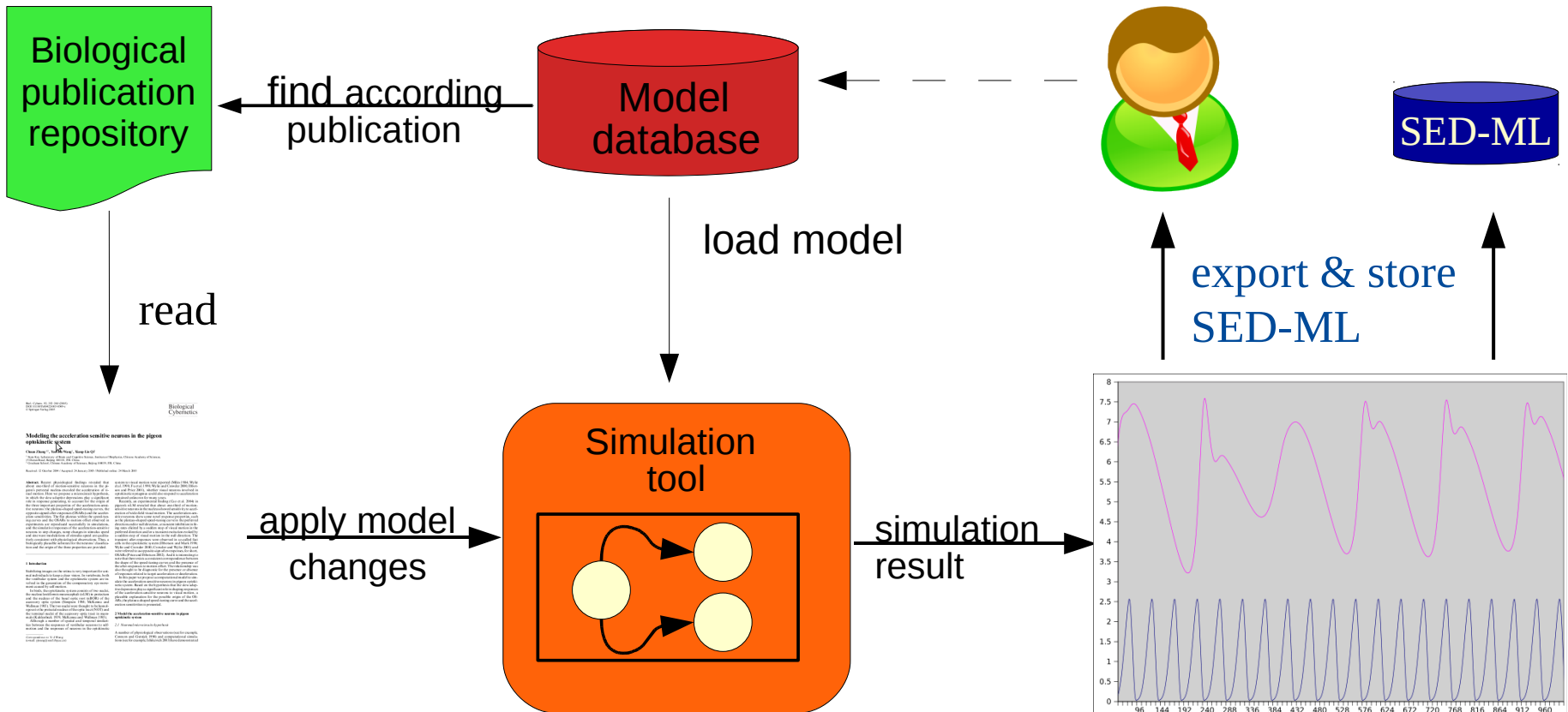
(Figure by Frank Bergmann, biomodels.net 2010)

- Model
- Simulation
- Task
- DataGenerator
- Output

# SED-ML

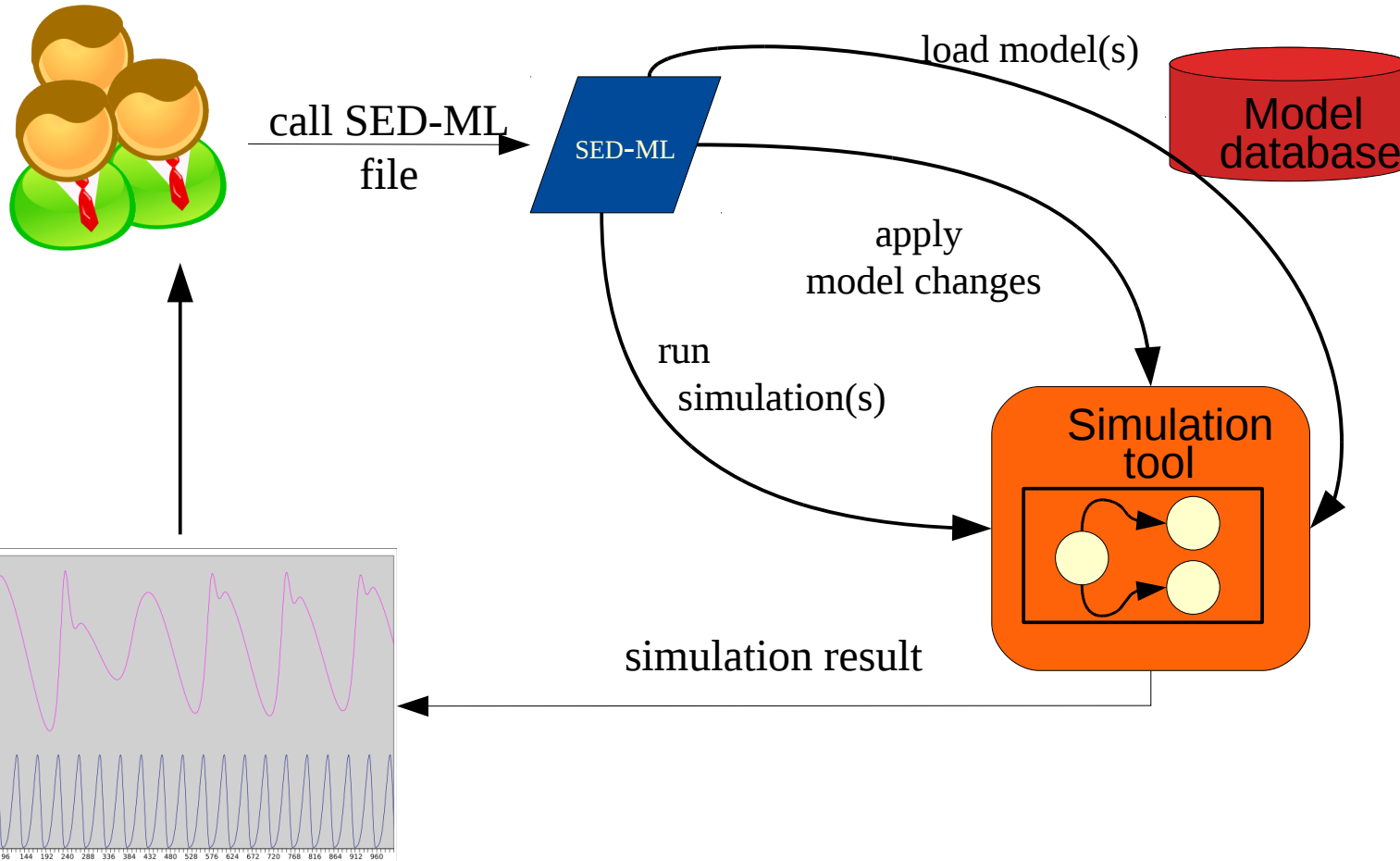


# SED-ML





## SED-ML



# SED-ML Specification & Implementation

- SED-ML L1 V1 Specification
  - \_ under development
  - \_ preliminary version available from Sourceforge
- SED-ML Implementation
  - \_ Libsedml & examples
  - \_ Jlibsedml
  - \_ SED-ML validator

Simulation Experiment Description Markup  
Language (SED-ML) :  
Level 1 Version 1

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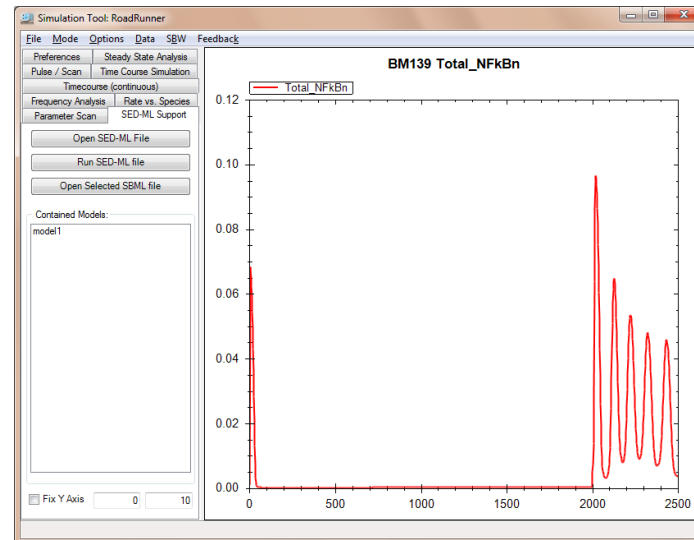
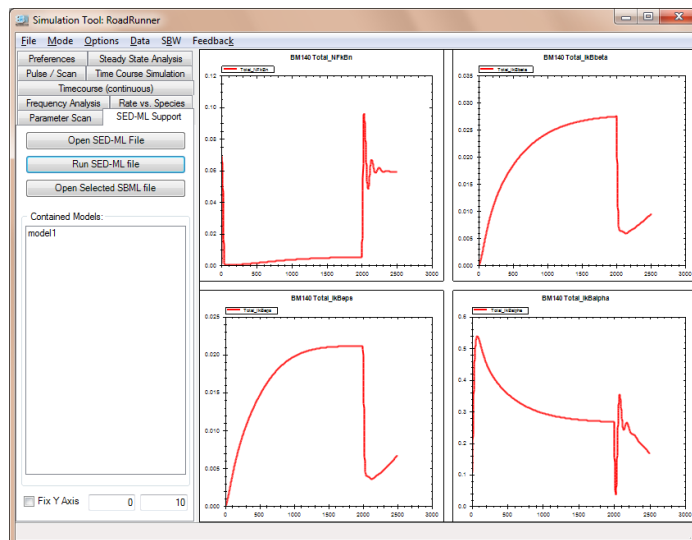


## Use Cases

- Storage simulation experiment
  - \_ independently from a simulation tool
  - \_ in a reusable and exchangeable manner
- Import simulation experiment
  - \_ collaborative work
  - \_ teaching
  - \_ curation
- Simulation using several models
  - \_ in different formats → coupling?
- Simulation experiment using different settings

## Example

“I normally use Copasi but most of the time it shows errors and/or warnings when I tried to import SBML models in it. For an example in Biomodel database the model BIOMD0000000139 and BIOMD0000000140 are *two different models* and they are *supposed to show different results*. Unfortunately simulating them in Copasi gives *same result for both the models*. Moreover different versions and curated model also cause problem. “ (arvin mer on sbml-discuss)



(Figures produced by Frank Bergmann in SBW Workbench)

## Summary

- Community
  - \_ **Nicolas Le Novère** (EBI)
  - \_ **Frank Bergmann** (SBW Workbench, libsedml)
  - \_ Richard Adams (SED-ML validator, jlibsedml)
  - \_ Ion Moraru (Virtual Cell)
  - \_ ...
- Further Information
  - \_ <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sed-ml/>
  - \_ <http://biomodels.net/sed-ml>
- Getting involved
  - \_ [sed-ml-discuss@lists.sourceforge.net](mailto:sed-ml-discuss@lists.sourceforge.net)



# Example: What we learn from meta-information and simulation descriptions ...

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NEURAL NETWORKS, VOL. 14, NO. 6, NOVEMBER 2003

## Simple Model of Spiking Neurons

Eugene M. Izhikevich

**Abstract**—A model is presented that reproduces spiking and bursting behavior of known types of cortical neurons. The model combines the biologically plausibility of Hodgkin–Huxley-type dynamics and the computational efficiency of integrate-and-fire neurons. Using this model, one can simulate tens of thousands of spiking cortical neurons in real time (1 ms resolution) using a desktop PC.

**Index Terms**—Bursting, cortex, Hodgkin–Huxley, PCNN, quadratic integrate-and-fire, spiking, thalamus.

BIOMD0000000127 - Izhikevich2003\_SpikingNeuron

SBML formats | Other formats | Actions | Submit Model Comment

Model Overview Math Physical entities Parar

### Reference Publication

**Publication ID:** [18244602](#) IEEE Trans Neural Netw 2003;14(6):1569-72.  
Simple model of spiking neurons.  
Izhikevich EM.  
The Neurosciences Inst., San Diego, CA, USA. [\[more\]](#)

### Model

<b>Original Model:</b> <a href="#">BIOMD0000000127.xml.origin</a>	set #1 bqbiol:isVersionOf	<a href="#">Gene Ontology regulation of action potential</a> <a href="#">Gene Ontology regulation of membrane pote</a> <a href="#">Gene Ontology regulation of action potential</a>
<b>Submitter:</b> <a href="#">Enuo He</a>	set #2 bqmodel:isDescribedBy	<a href="#">DOI 10.1109/TNN.2003.820440</a>
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<b>Last Modification Date:</b> 22 Apr 2009 00:46:12 UTC		
<b>Creation Date:</b> 16 Jul 2007 17:41:14 UTC		
<b>Encoders:</b> <a href="#">Enuo He</a>		

### Notes

The model is according to the paper *Simple Model of Spiking Neurons* In this paper, a simple spiking model is preser yet as computationally efficient as the integrate-and-fire model. Known types of neurons correspond to different value Figure2RS,IB,CH,FS,LTS have been simulated by MathSBML.

RS: a=0.02, b=0.2, c=-65, d=8.

IB: a=0.02, b=0.2, c=-55, d=4

CH: a=0.02, b=0.2, c=-50, d=2

FS: a=0.1b=0.2c=-65, d=2

LTS: a=0.02, b=0.25, c=-65, d=2

## Information in the SBML model

- 1 compartment
- 1 standard species
- No reactions
- 8 global quantities (parameters)
- 2 rate rules
- 2 events

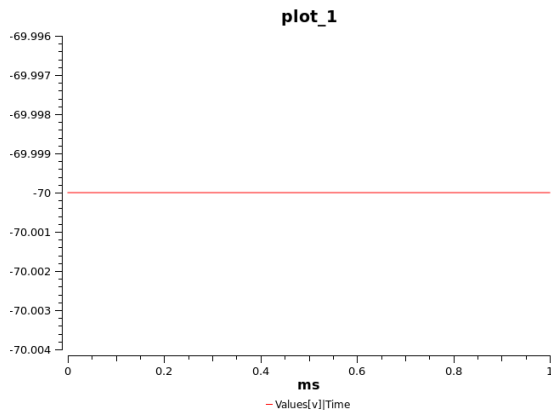
## Information in the model annotation

- **Model** reference [urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD0000000127](https://identifiers.org/urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD0000000127)
- **Publication** reference [urn:miriam:pubmed:18244602](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18244602/)
- Model is on **organism** mammals [urn:miriam:taxonomy:40674](https://identifiers.org/urn:miriam:taxonomy:40674)
- **Compartment** is version of a cellular compartment [urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0005623](https://identifiers.org/urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0005623)
- Has a standard **species** *not annotated in the model*
- Encodes 2 rate rules: the regulation of membrane potential (variable **v**) [urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0042391](https://identifiers.org/urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0042391), the positive regulation of potassium ion transport (variable **U**) [urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0043268](https://identifiers.org/urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0043268)
- No **reactions**
- 8 global quantities (**parameters**) *not annotated in the SBML model*
- Has 2 **events**: a version of the stabilization of membrane potential (event **event\_0000001**) [urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0030322](https://identifiers.org/urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0030322), and the detection of electrical stimulus (event **Stimulus**) [urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0050981](https://identifiers.org/urn:miriam:obo.go:GO%3A0050981)

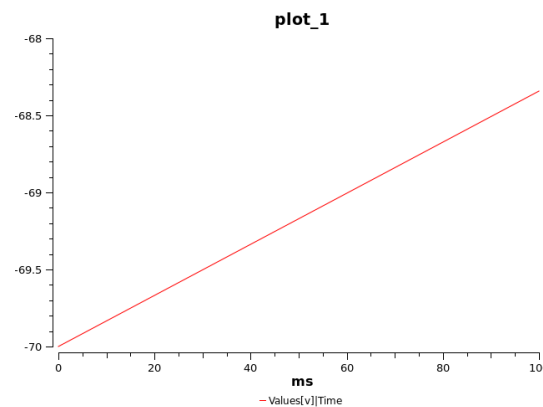


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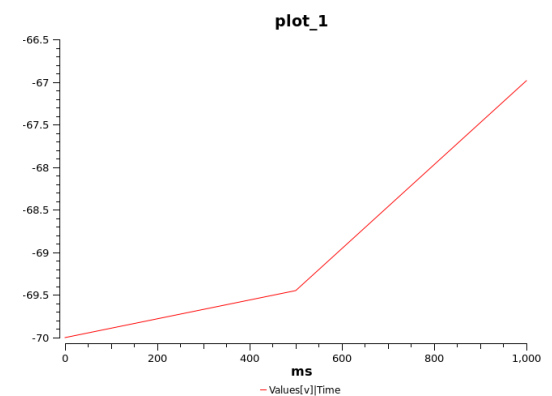
- First tries (COPASI, time course on  $\mathbf{v}$ , initial parametrisation)



1 ms



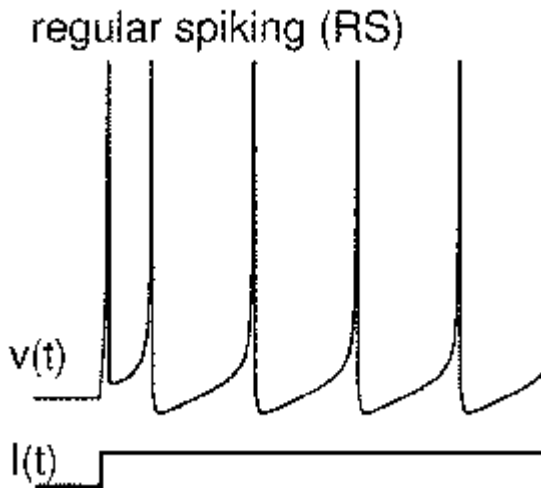
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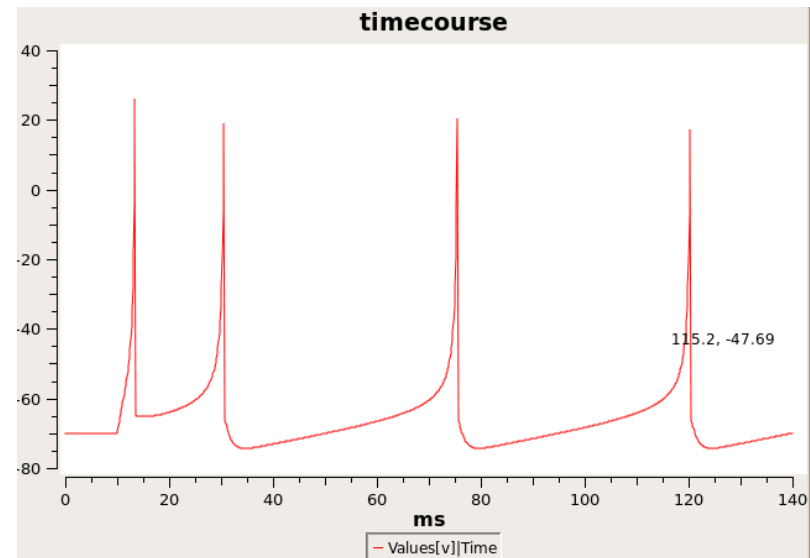
1000ms

## Information in the SED-ML file

- Adjusting simulation step size and duration



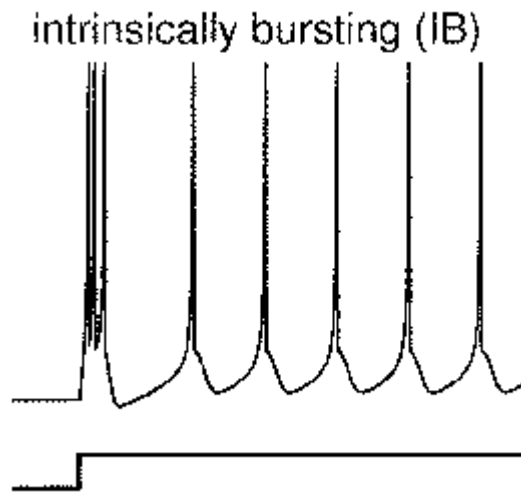
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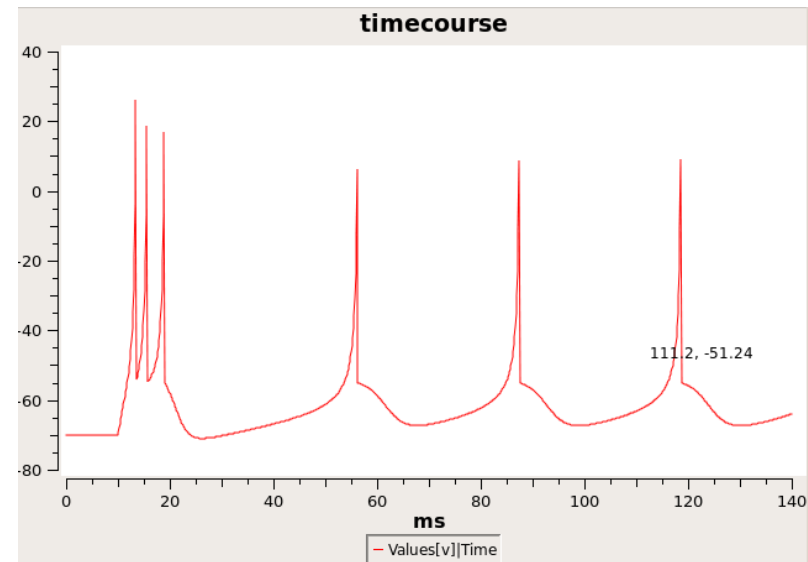
COPASI, duration: 140ms, step size: 0.14

## Information in the SED-ML file

- Updating initial model parameters



Publication



COPASI, adjusted parameter values  
( $a=0.02$ ,  $b=0.2$   $c=-55$ ,  $d=4$ )

Thank you for your attention!

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