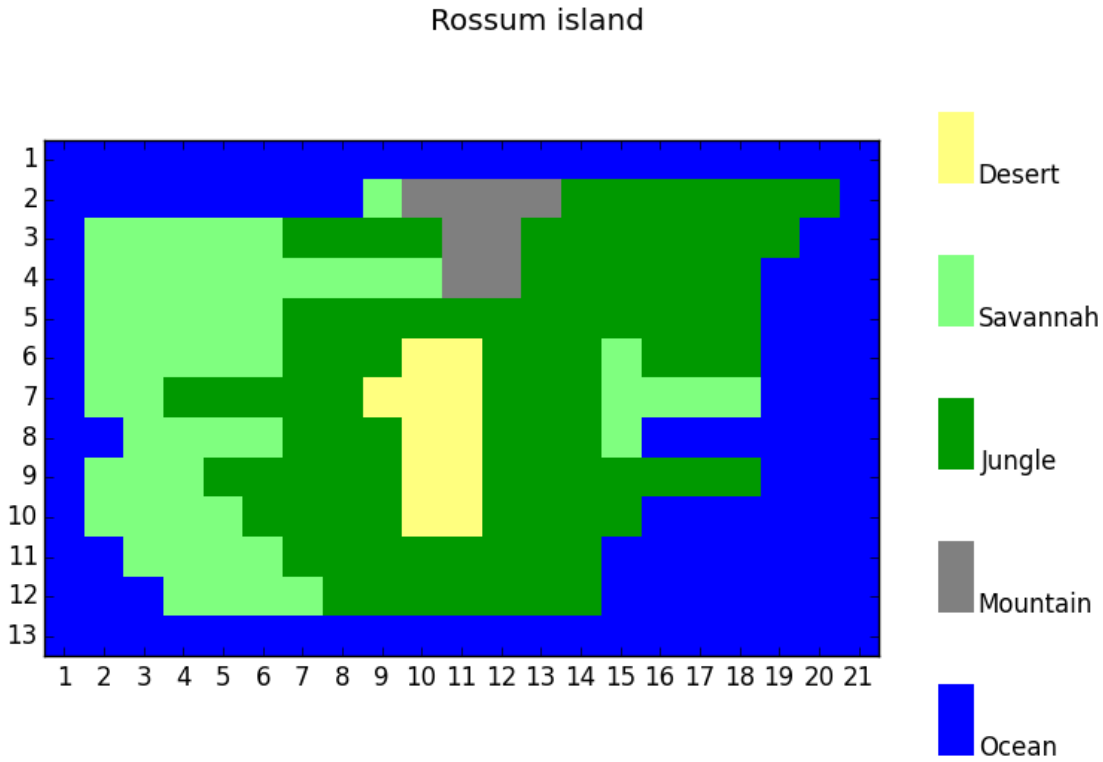
BioSim

Ecological simulation tool

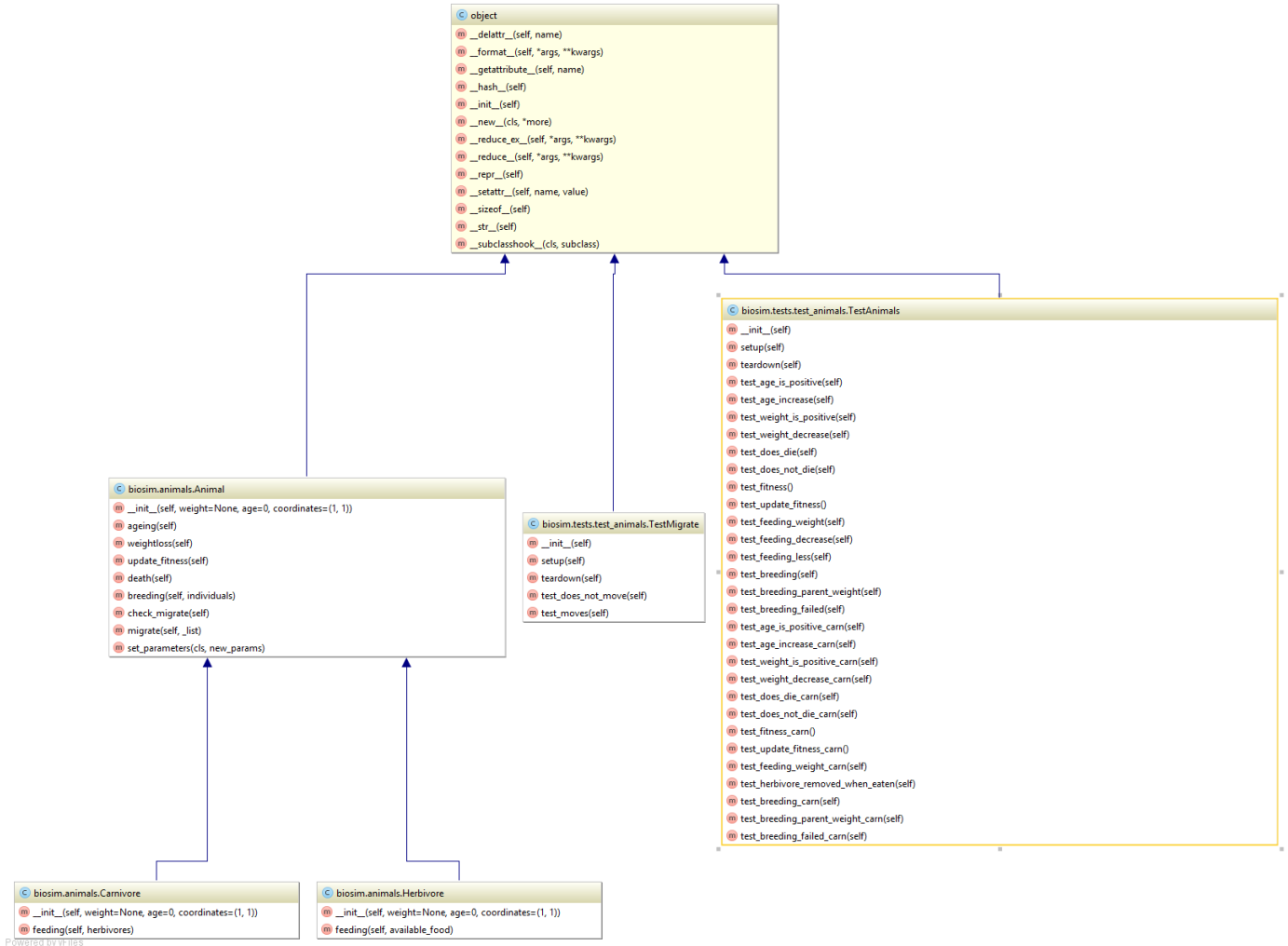
Project overview

- Create a simplified simulation.
- Two species
  - Customizable parameters
- Four biomes
  - Custom growth rates
- Plot results



Development stages

- Simple models
- Testing done in parallel
- Optimization



Problems

- Combination of Herbivore and Carnivore
  - Superclass
- Implementation of migration method
  - Implemented late in development
  - Dependent on all other classes/files
- Translating written equations

From formula to code

An animal moves with probability $\mu\Phi$.

Then, the *propensity* to move from i to $j \in \mathcal{C}^{(i)}$ is given by

$$\pi_{i\to j} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j \text{ is Mountain or Ocean} \\ e^{\lambda \epsilon_j} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

and the corresponding *probability* to move from i to j is given by

$$p_{i\to j} = \frac{\pi_{i\to j}}{\sum_{j\in\mathcal{C}^{(i)}} \pi_{i\to j}} \,. \tag{7}$$

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```python
def check_migrate(self):
    """
    Check if the animal wants to migrate based on set parameters

    :return: True if animal will migrate
    """
    return self.params["mu"] * self.fitness > np.random.random()

def migrate(self, _list):
    """
    Calculates if the herbivore will migrate and returns either the new
    coordinates or the current coordinates.

    :param _list: Nested list of tuples with surrounding positions as first
    element and relative food as second element.
    :return: New coordinates for the animal if it migrates or the old
    if it does not.
    """
    p = 0
    random = np.random.random()
    _sum = 0
    for cell in _list:
        _sum += math.exp(self.params["lambda"] * cell[1])
    for cell in _list:
        dp = math.exp(self.params["lambda"] * cell[1])/_sum
        p += dp
        if p > random:
            self.coordinates = cell[0]
            return cell[0]
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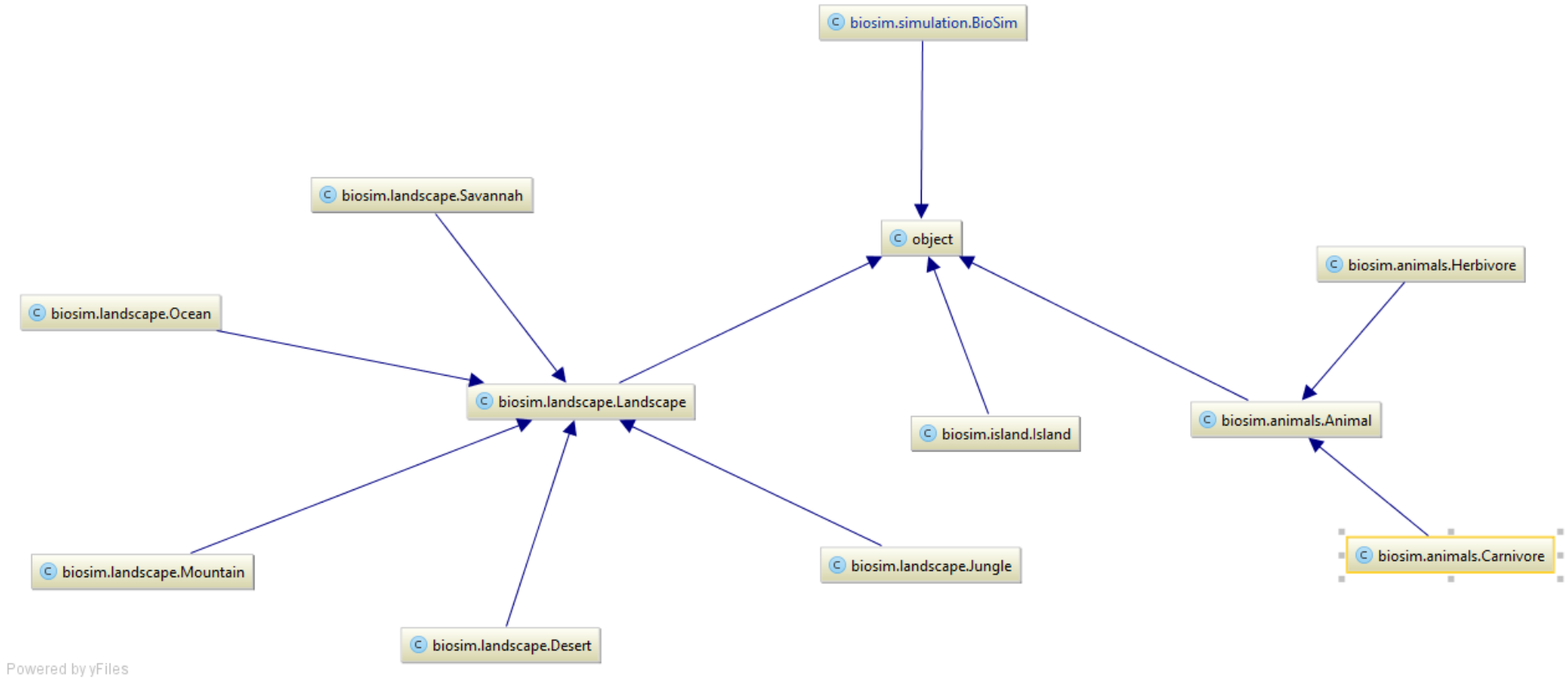
Code structure



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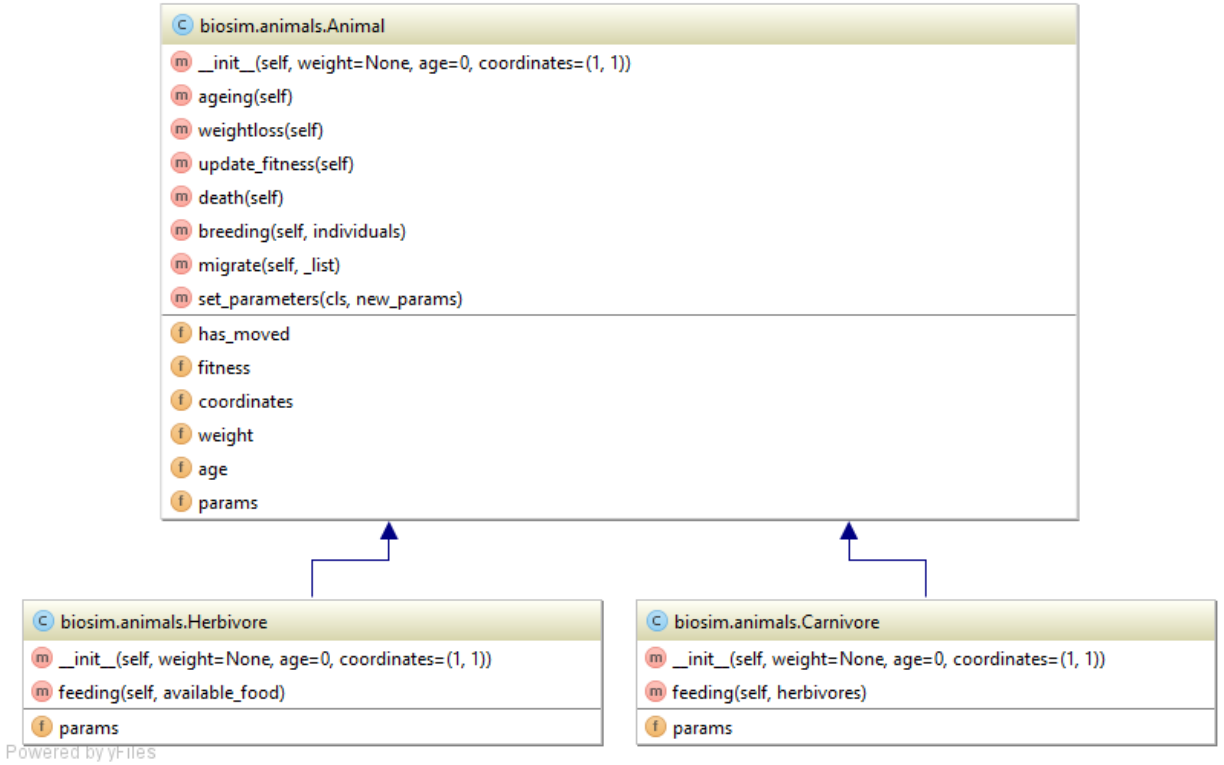
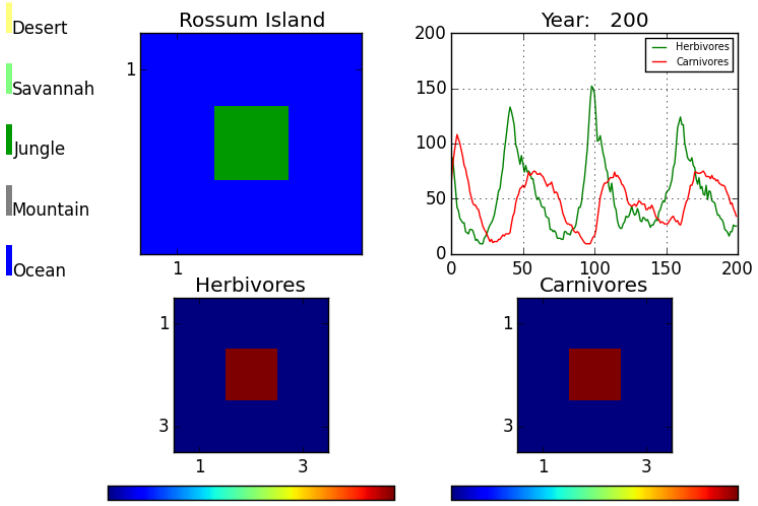
- Performance
- Included example scripts
- Redistribution of zip/tar.giz files
  - Complete package with documentation and example files



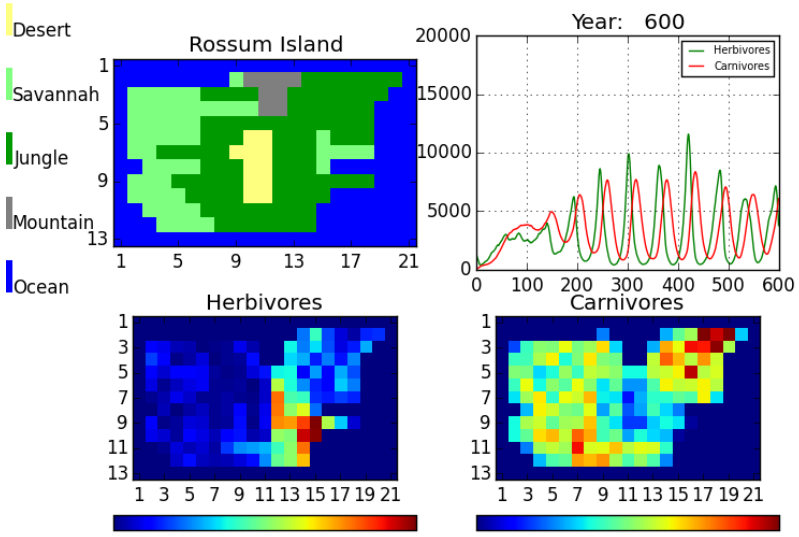
Example: Superclass «Animal»

Functionality and results

- Single cell average herbivores:
  - 250-300 Herbivores
- Single cell average herb & carn:
  - 50-120 Herbivores
  - 40-70 Carnivores
- Different re-growth rates and animal params



Single cell simulation, default params



Custom animal and island parameters

Documentation

- Documentation for use of BioSim generated using sphinx
- Explains all classes and methods in BioSim
- Further instructions in README

CHAPTER
TWO

LANDSCAPE

2.1 The landscape module

class biosim.landscape.**Desert** (*carnivores=None, herbivores=None*)
Landscape subclass Desert Inhabitable for herbivores, but carnivores can feed on herbivores in desert

class biosim.landscape.**Jungle** (*carnivores=None, herbivores=None*)
Landscape subclass Jungle. Habitable and food is replenished to maximum level each year

grow_food ()
Replenishes the amount of food in the jungle cell to f_max

class biosim.landscape.**Landscape** (*carnivores=None, herbivores=None*)
Superclass Landscape

Constructor for Landscape.

Parameters **carnivores** – Instances of carnivores as list of

"Carnivore()" instances :param herbivores: Instances of herbivores as list of "Herbivore()" instances

age_cycle ()
Each animals age is incremented by one year

avg_age ()
Returns the average age of population

Returns ("herbivores age", "carnivores age")

avg_fitness ()
Method used for testing Returns the average fitness of the population

Returns ("herbivores fitness", "carnivores fitness")

breeding_cycle ()
Starts the breeding cycle for both species in a single cell If breeding is successful, the method appends a new animal of the same species to the list of animals

static calc_fitness (*animals*)
Makes a sorted list for animal fitness of the input list of animal instances. Highest fitness first.

Parameters **animals** – List of animal instances

Returns Sorted list of animal instances with fitness values in a

tuple consisting of (<class instance>, "fitness value")

death_cycle ()
Starts the death-function for each animal. Removes animals who are "dead" (Animal death method returns "True")

feeding_cycle ()
Starts the feeding cycle for herbivores in a single cell. Highest fitness first.

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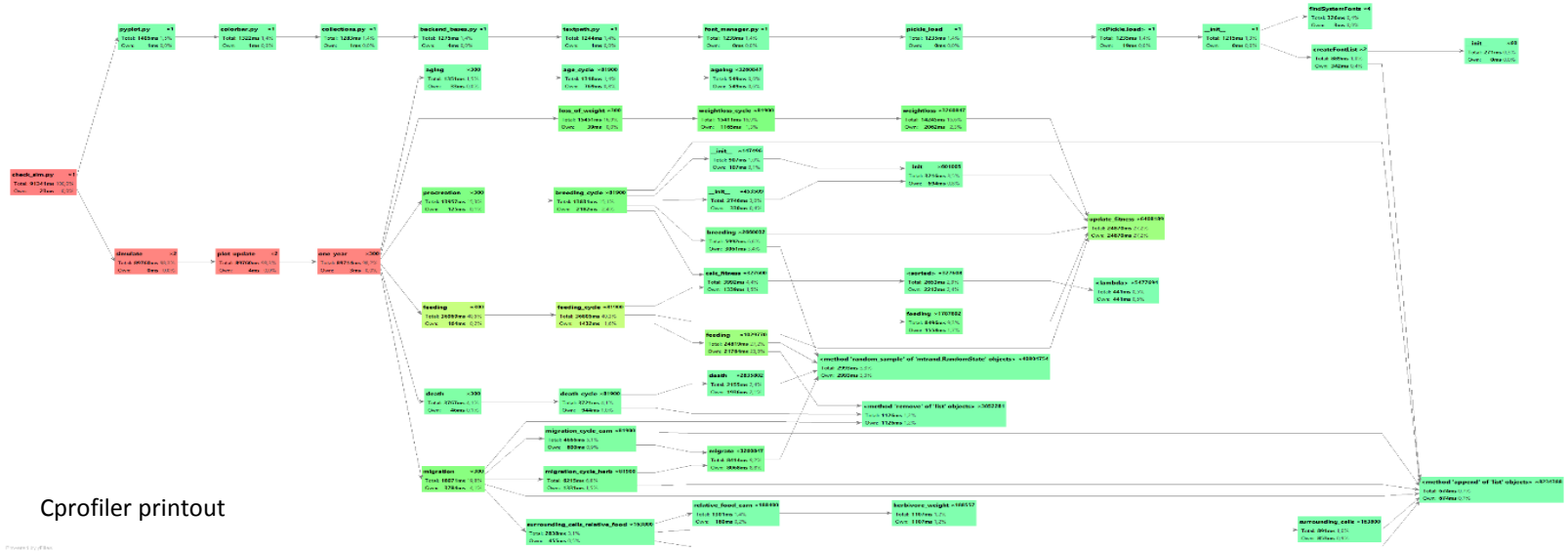
Further developments

- Revision II
  - With better class structure and more flexible code
  - Update fitness and carnivore feeding bottleneck
  - Use of comprehensions in list and dictionary generation
  - Implement use of cython-compiled code to speed up code execution



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