



TUMOURS ARE COMING

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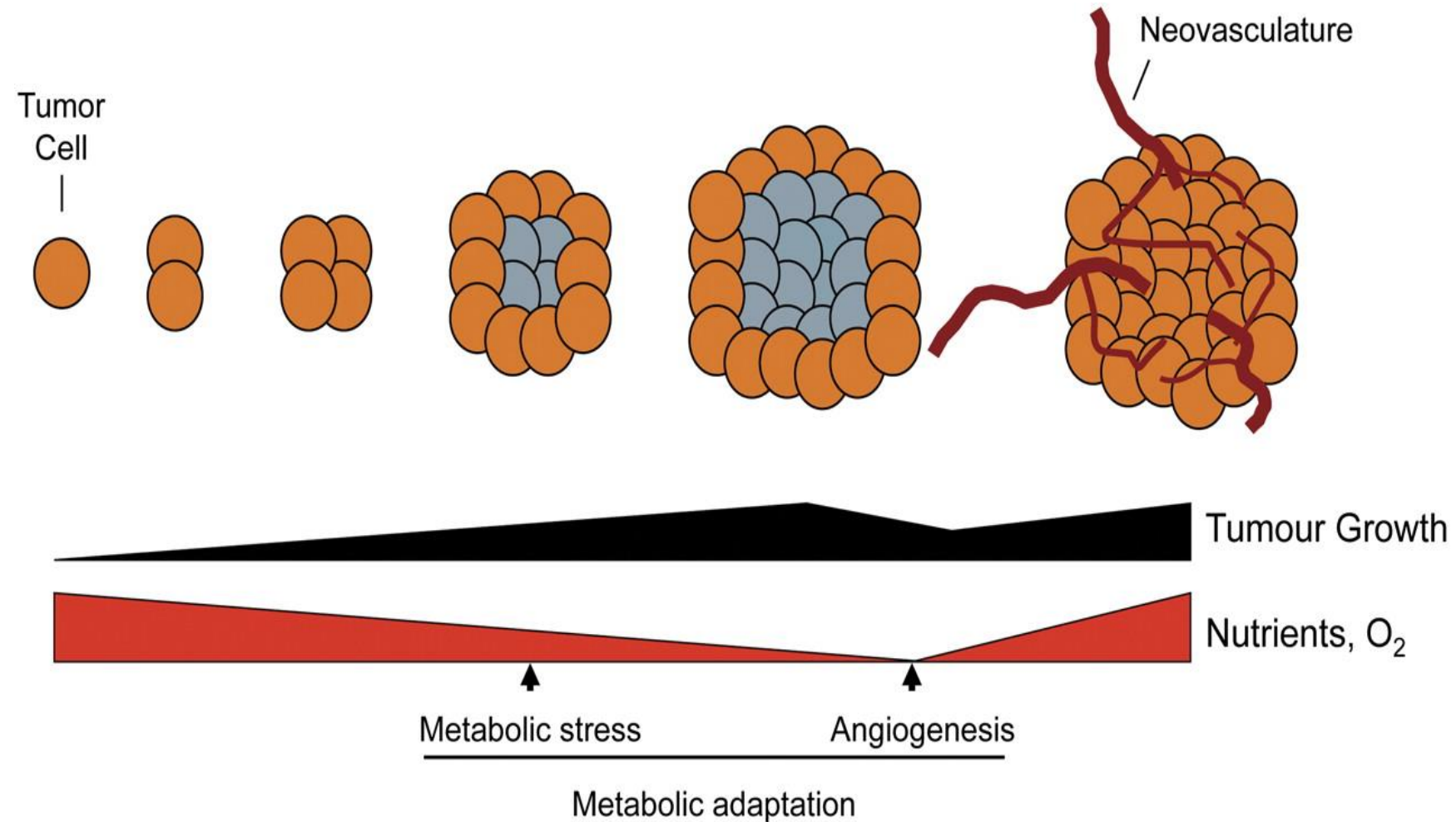
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Lesson Plan

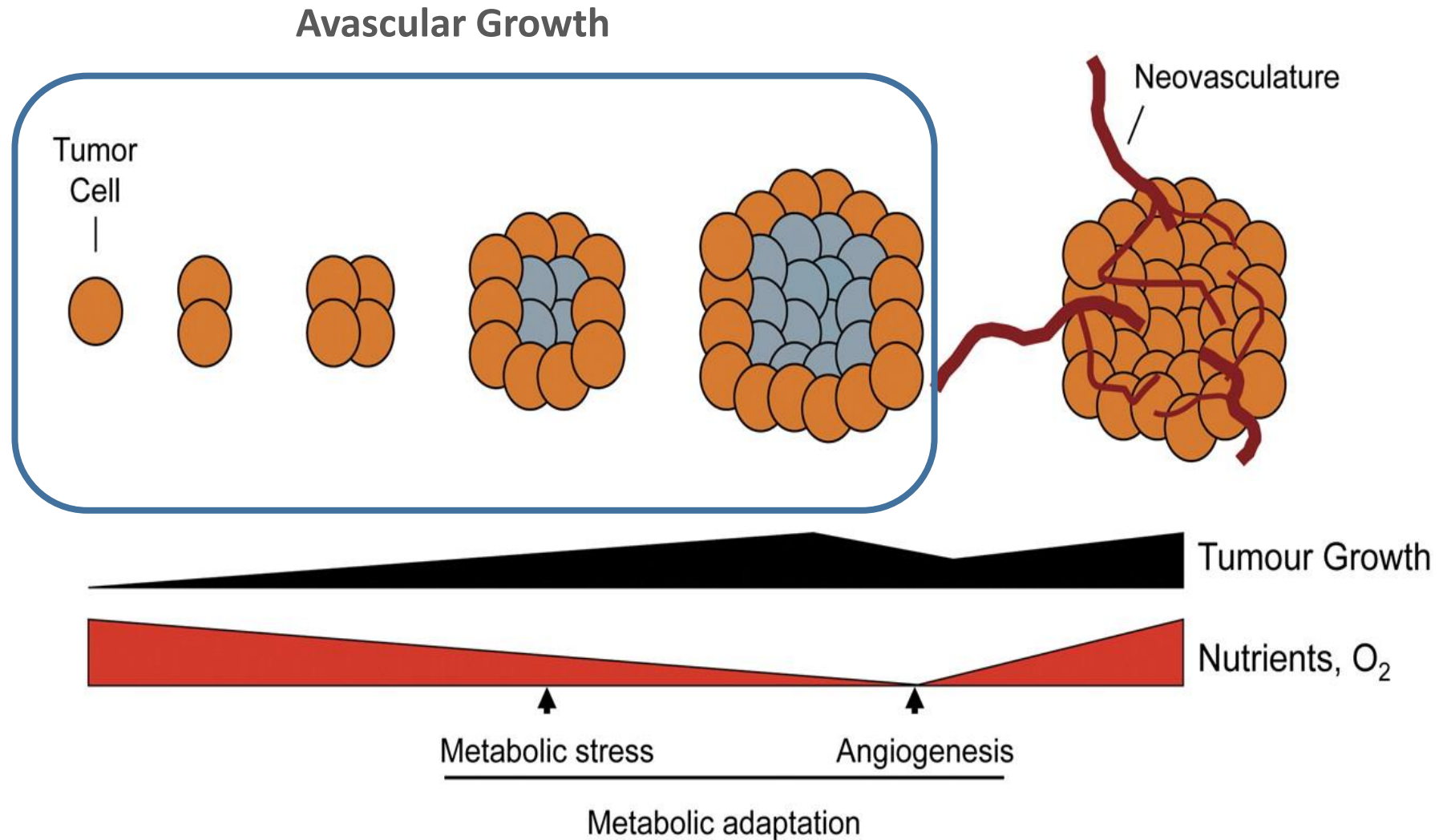
- Recap
 - How does a tumour grow?
 - What are the scales involved?
- What does the simulation setup look like?
- A look at two scales in detail
- Run your simulations
- An in depth look at the volume-adhesion trade-off
- The limitations of our pseudo-diffusion

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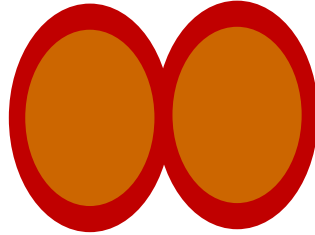
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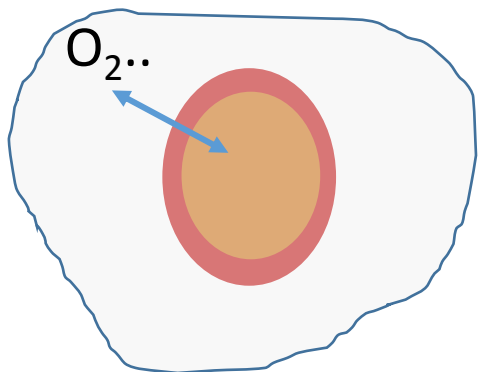
Cellular



- Cells compete for space
- Minimize volume + adhesive energy
- **Monte Carlo**

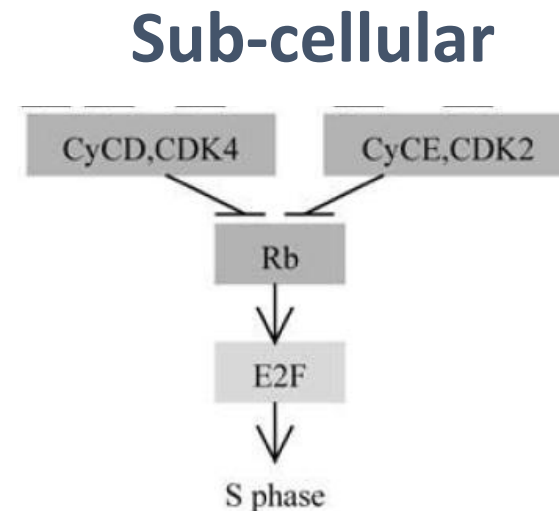
Scales involved

Extra-cellular

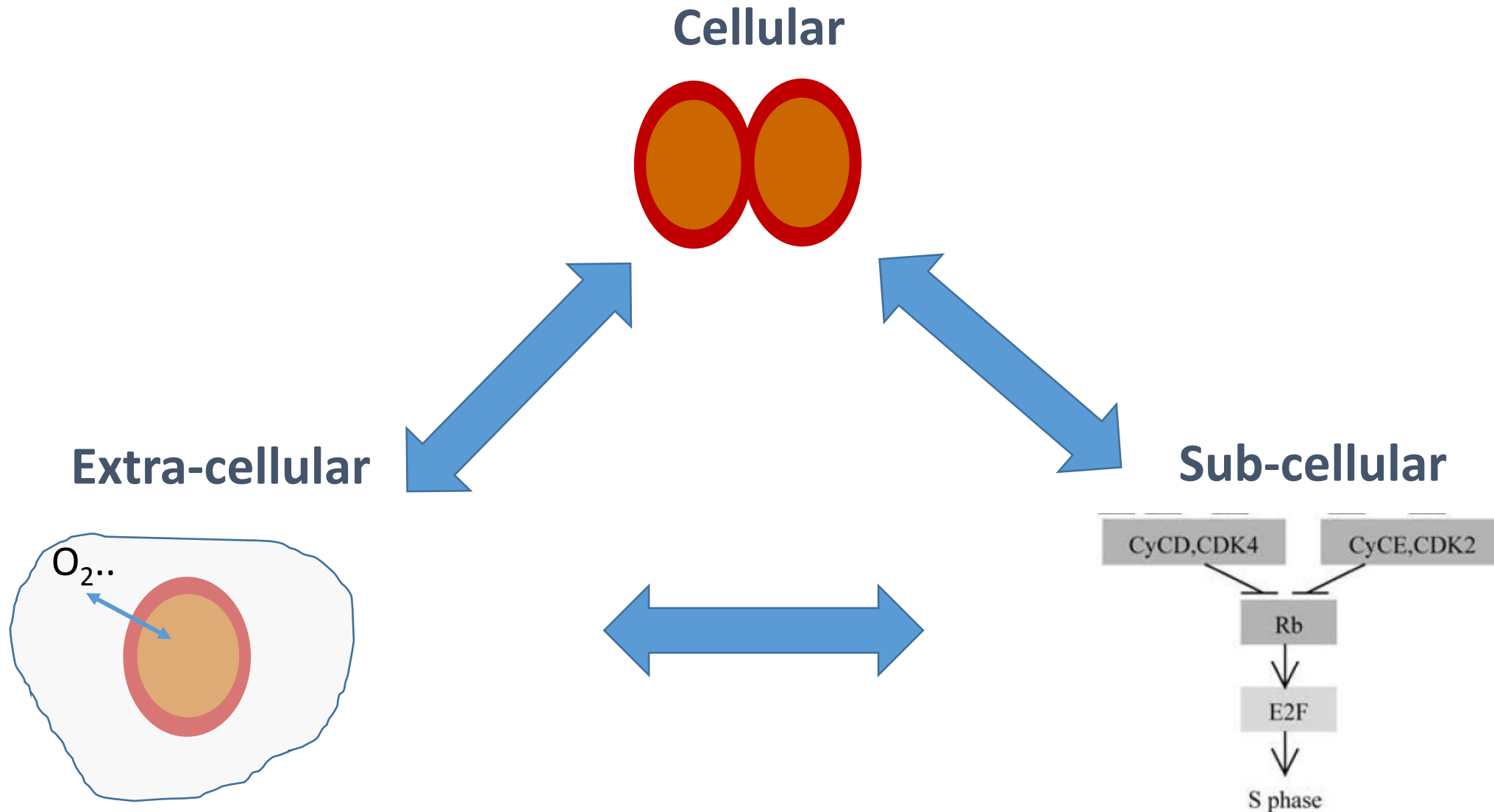


- Diffusion of nutrients
- In our case just oxygen
- Oxygen level determines cell type

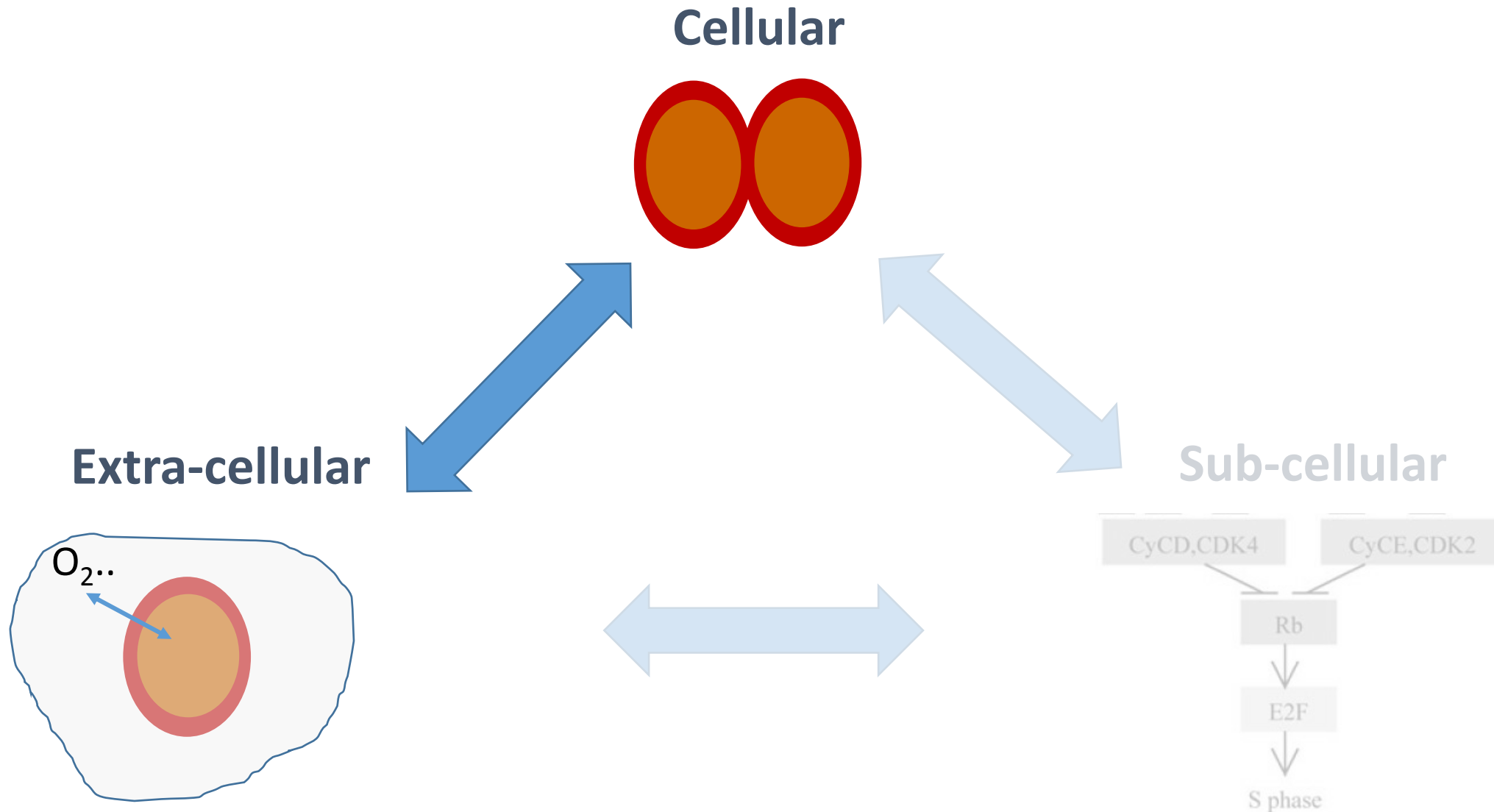
- Boolean sequence of proteins
- Takes the cell through its lifecycle



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Modelling tumour growth

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• Medium (M)

- Represent cells outside of the tumour
- Oxygen rich
- ID = 0

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Basic setup

- 2D Lattice discretization
- A cell occupies *more* than one site
- Start off with a single ‘proliferating cell’
- Start with a base level of oxygen everywhere

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Cell Evolution

Growth

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Division

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Death

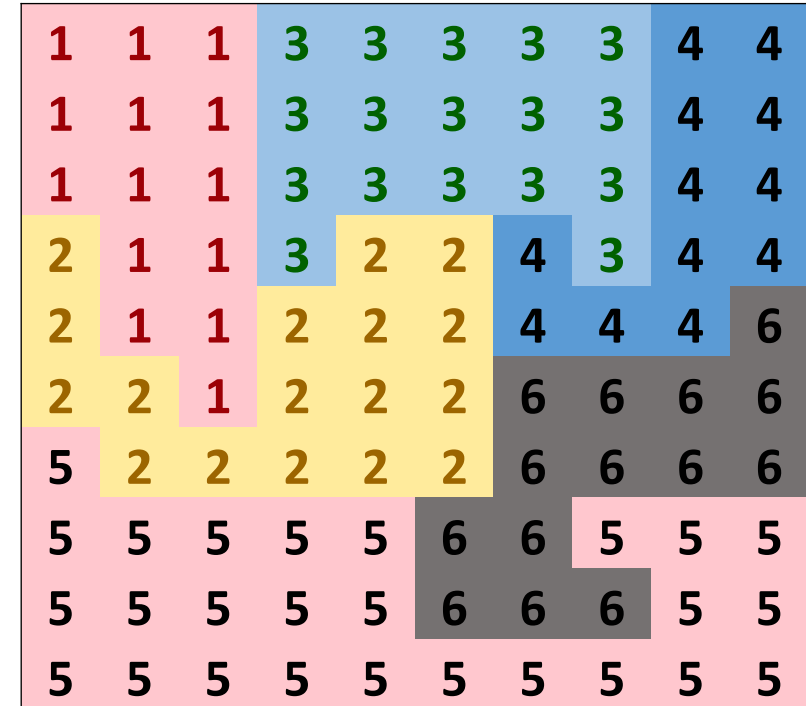
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Activity at two different scales

- $$H = \sum_{\text{lattice sites}} J_{\tau(S_1)\tau(S_2)} [1 - \delta(S_1, S_2)] + \sum_{\text{cells}} \gamma (v - V^T)^2$$



- ## Adhesive energy term

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Volume energy term



Cellular level

- **Hamiltonian operator** definition:

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Adhesive energy term

Volume energy term

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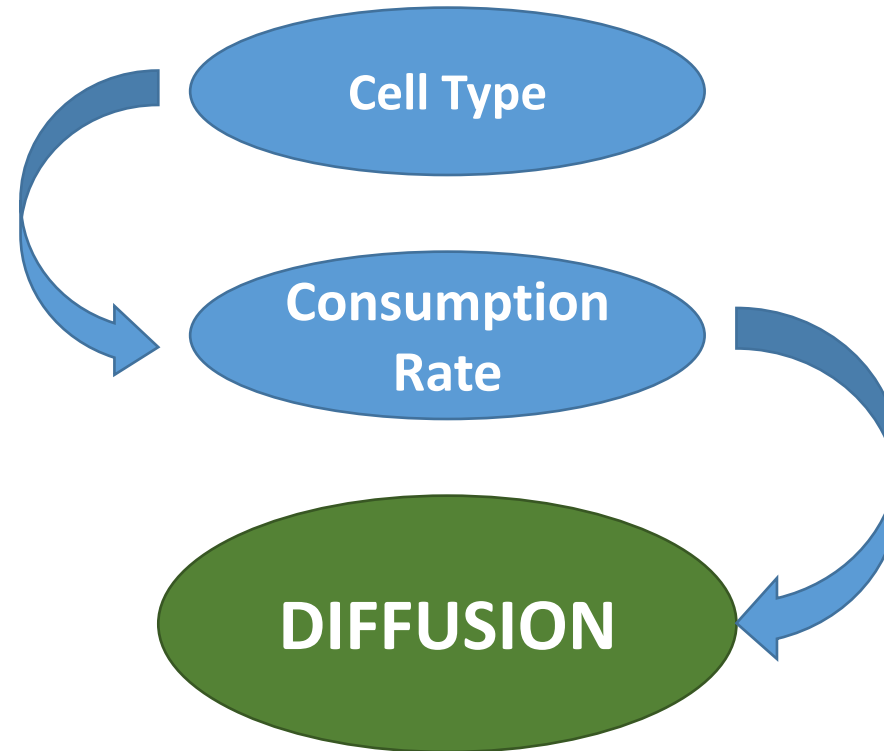
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- The diagram shows the energy function H with two terms. The first term, labeled "Adhesive energy term" in red, is enclosed in a red box and contains the expression $\sum_{\text{lattice sites}} J_{\tau(S_1)\tau(S_2)} [1 - \delta(S_1, S_2)]$. A red oval highlights $\tau(S_1)$ in the subscript, with a red arrow pointing to the text " $\tau(S_1)$: cell type of cell 'S1'". The second term, labeled "Volume energy term" in blue, is enclosed in a blue box and contains the expression $\sum_{\text{cells}} \gamma (v - V^T)^2$. A blue oval highlights γ , with a blue arrow pointing to the word "volume" above the box.
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Extracellular level - Diffusion

- What matters in the diffusion?



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Consumption of oxygen at each lattice site.

0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.7	0	0.3	0.2	0.7
0	0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.2
0.9	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
0.1	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.1
0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.7
0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
0.4	0.5	0	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.2
0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5
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0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.7
0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
0.4	0.5	0	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.2
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In this lattice, *oxygen concentration* is shown at each site

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Oxygen consumption depends on cell type

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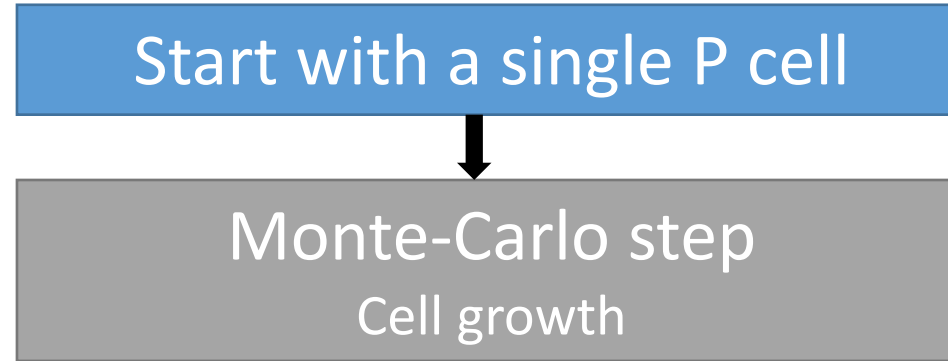
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Simulation Flowchart

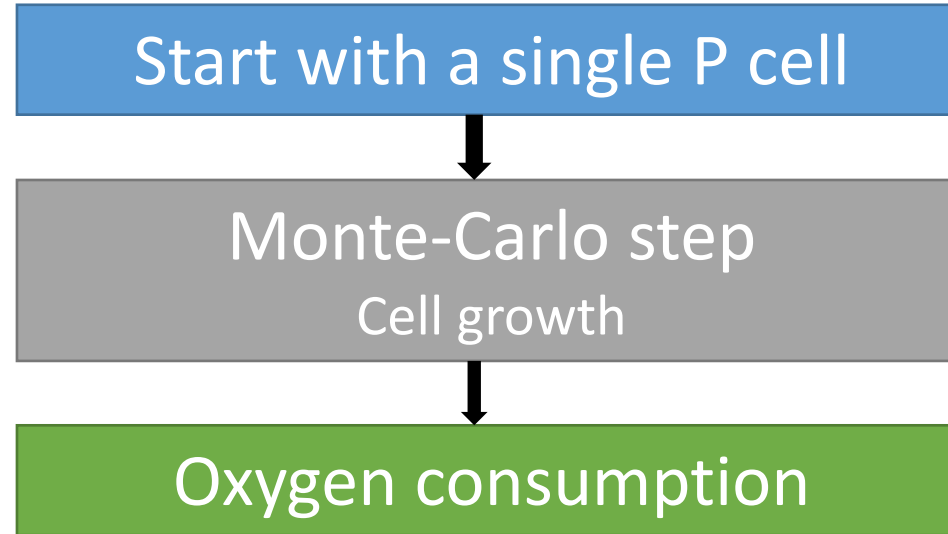
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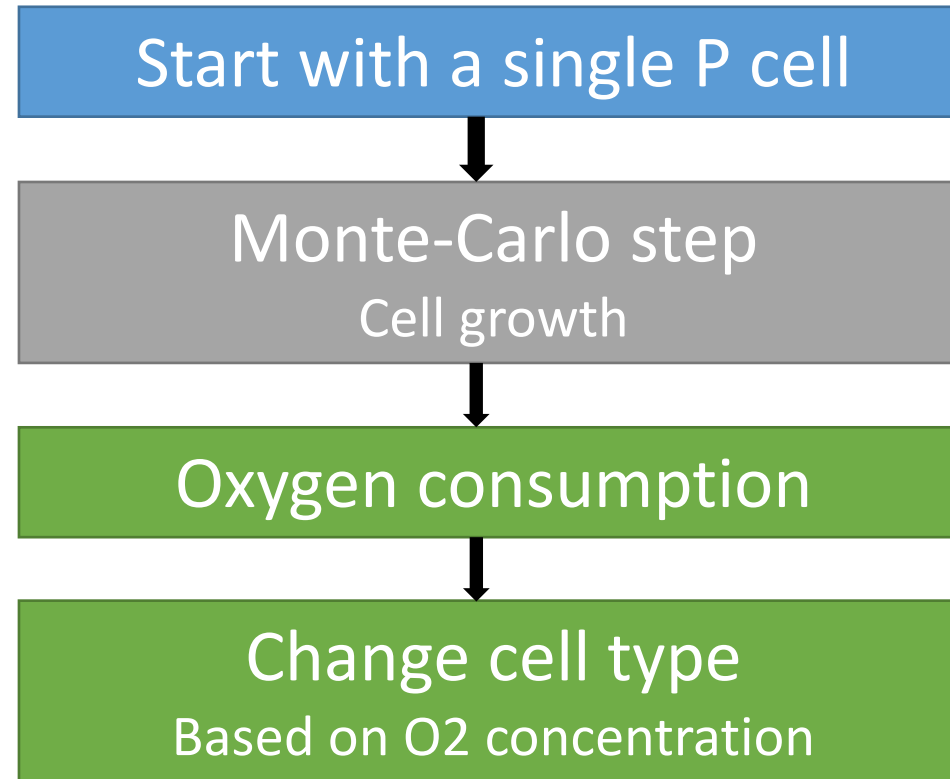
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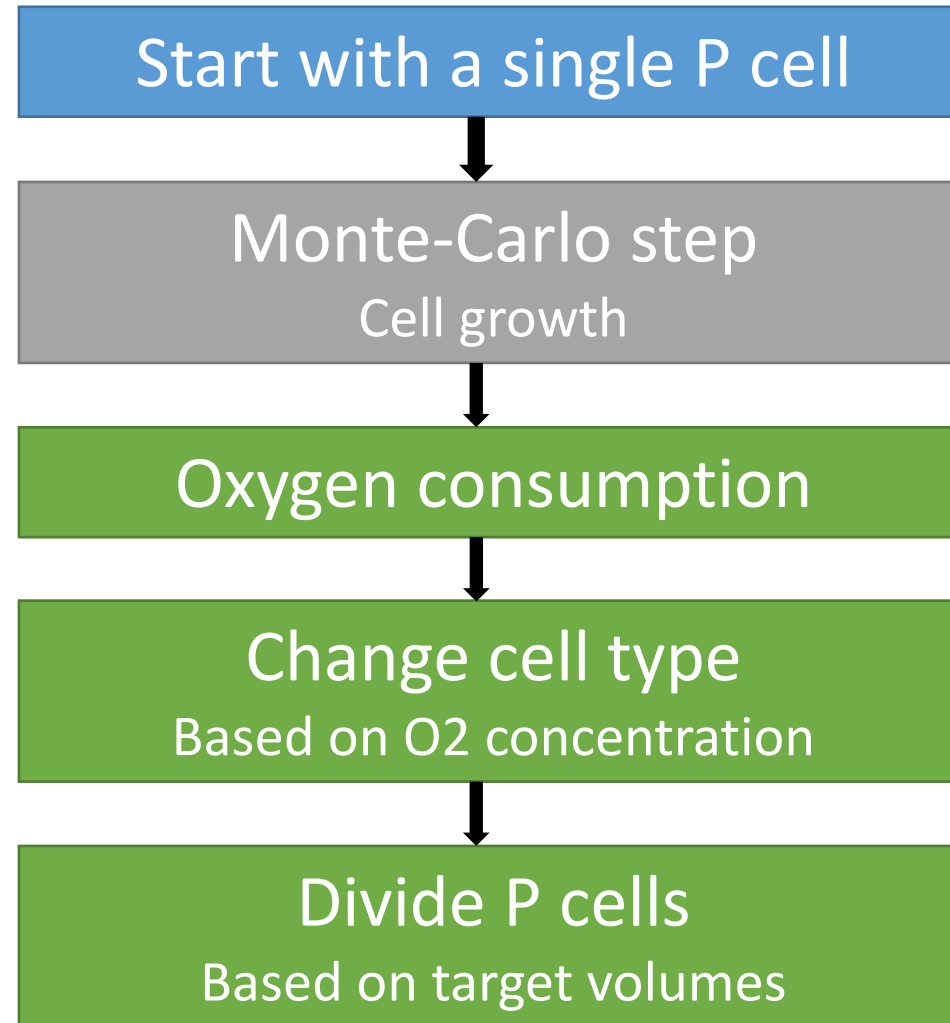
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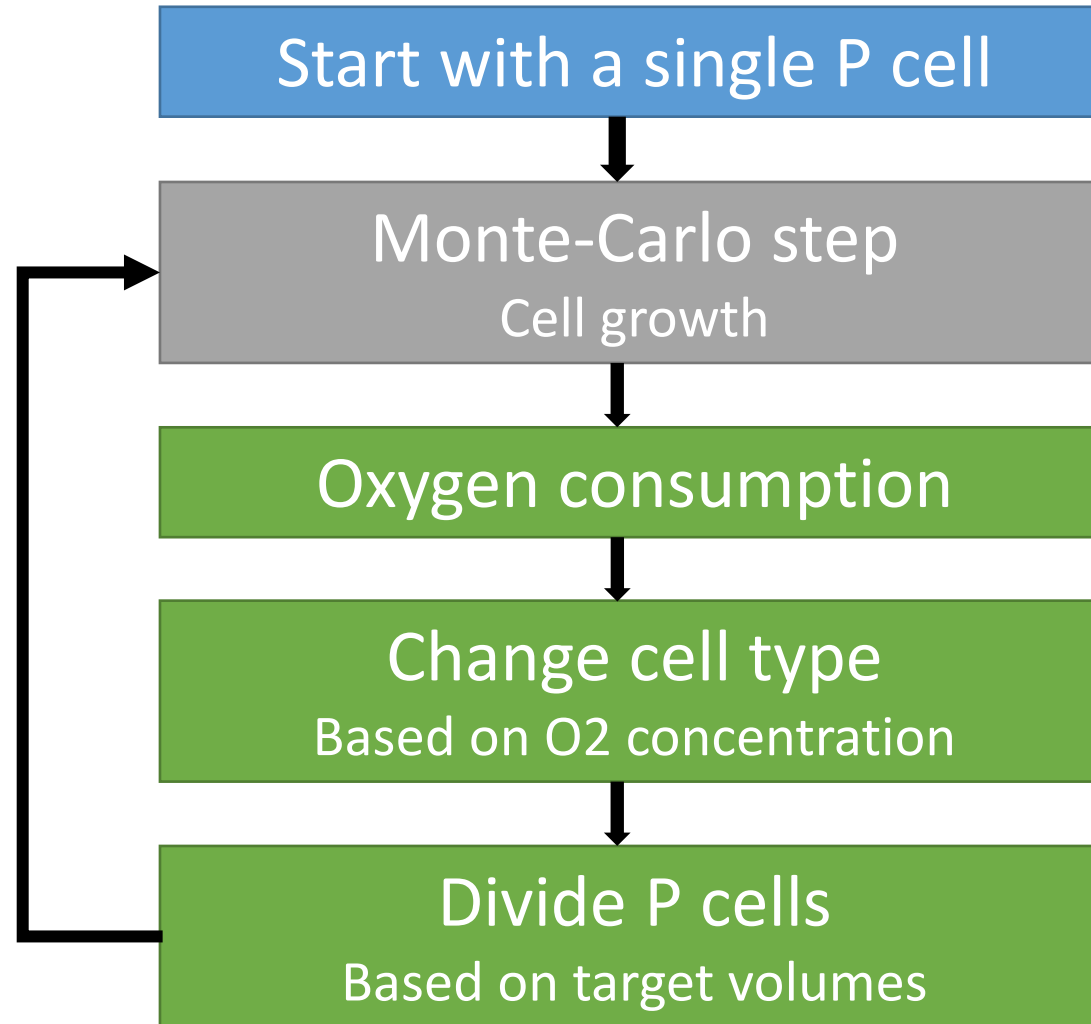
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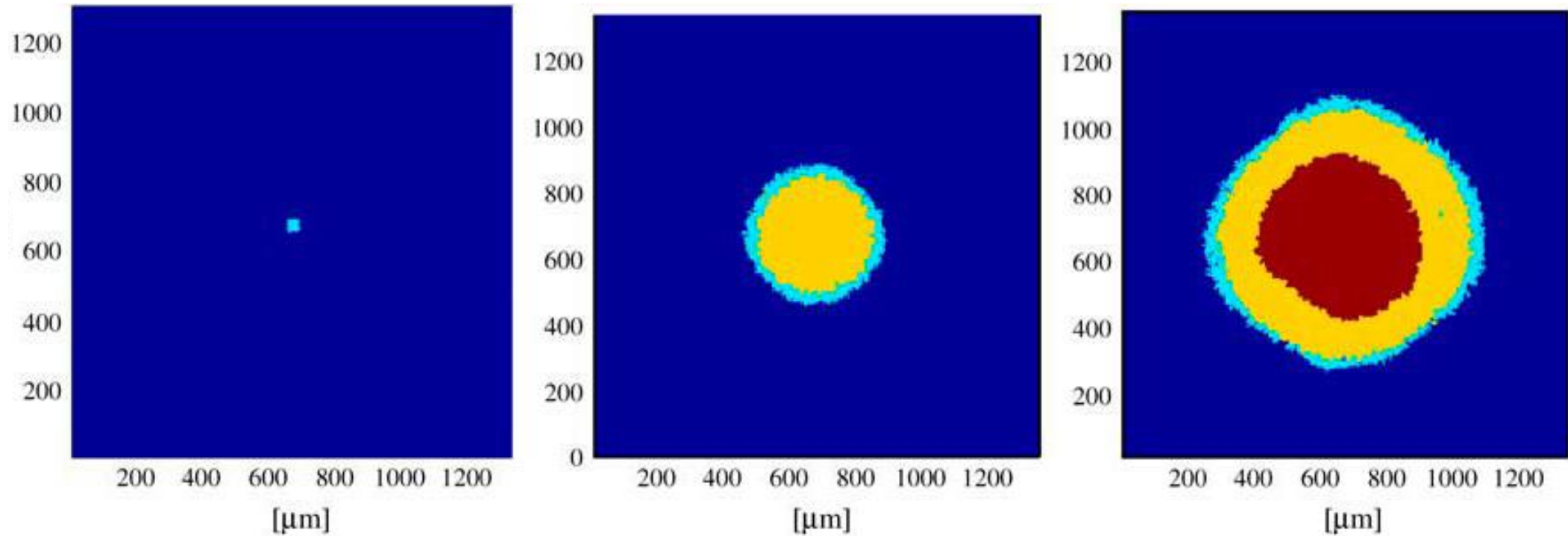
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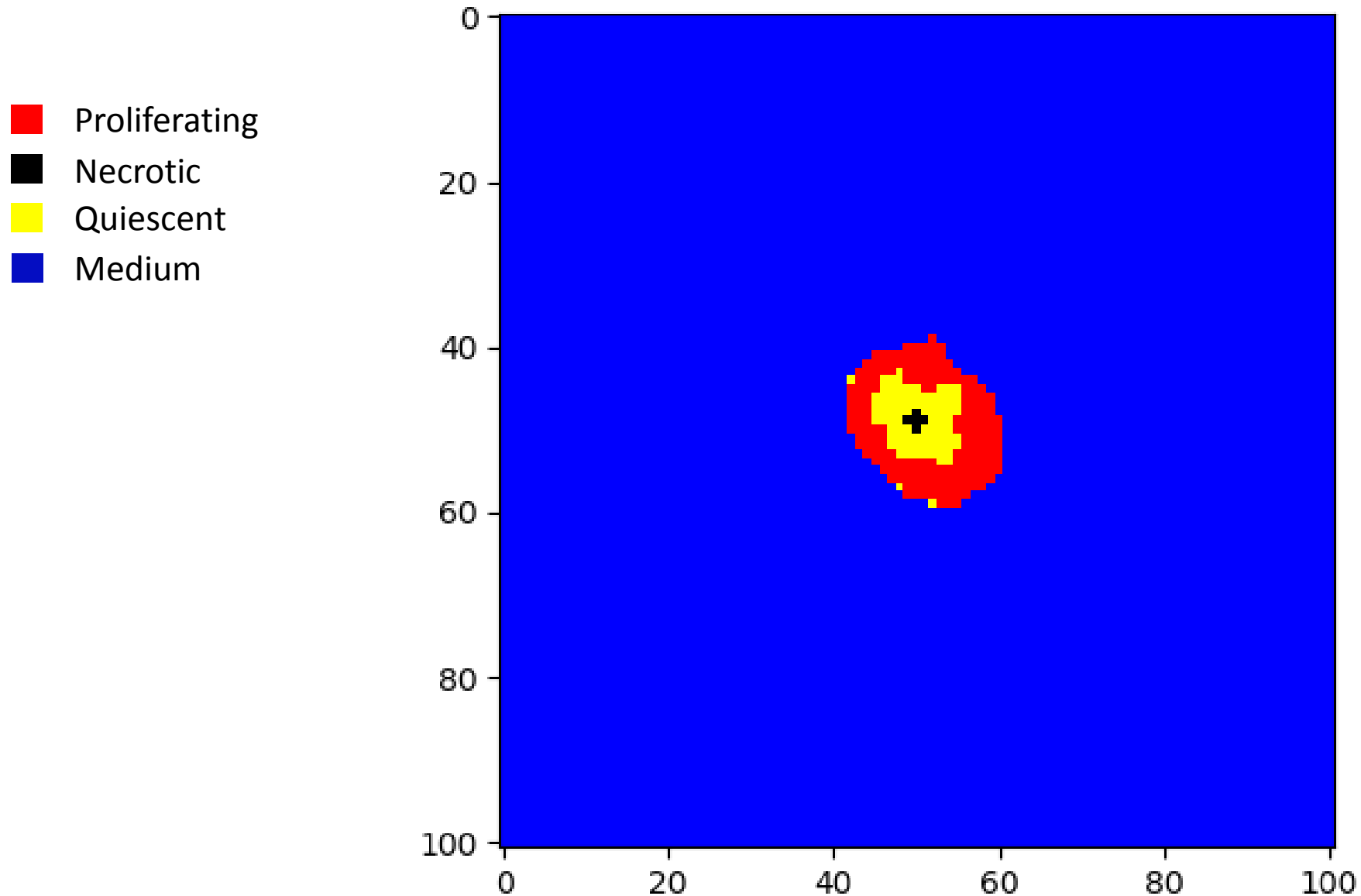
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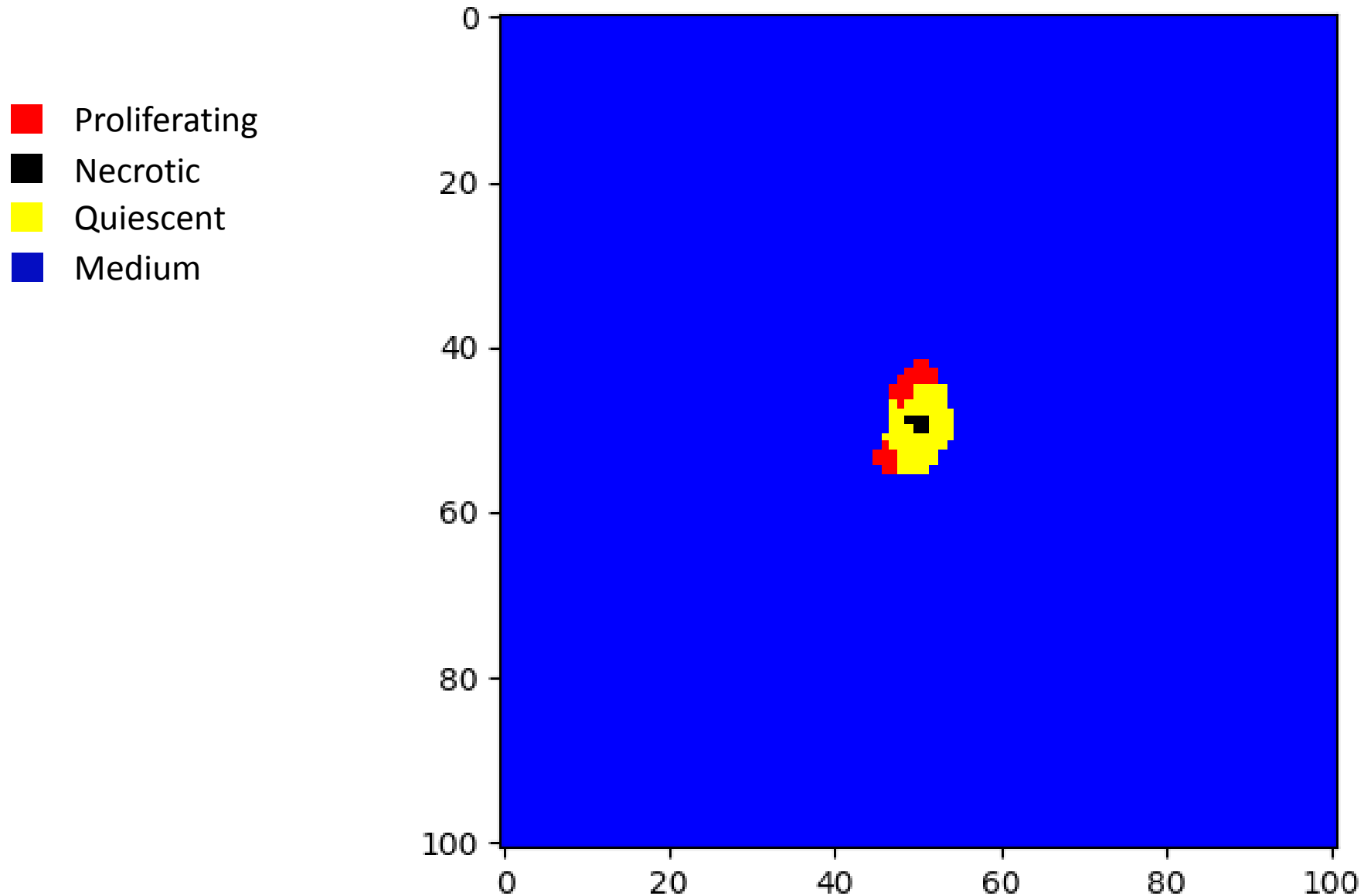
Results



Results – high oxygen

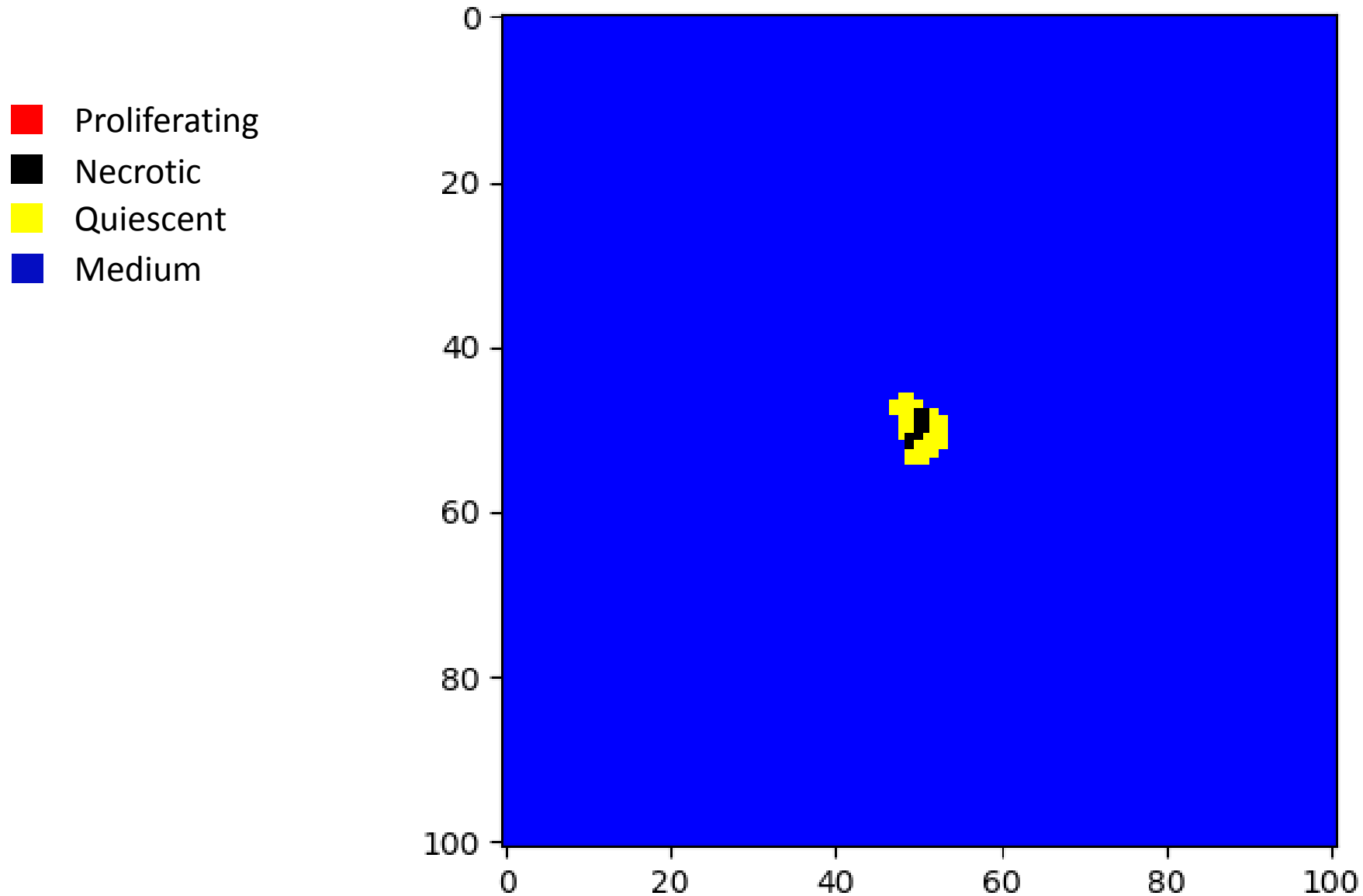


Results – medium oxygen



Initial Oxygen = 0.075

Results – low oxygen



Initial Oxygen = 0.072

Volume-Adhesion Tradeoff

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Volume-Adhesion Tradeoff

- What happens if we prioritise volume energy?

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- The primary aim is to achieve the target volume.
- Sacrifices keeping a cell together.

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- After six iterations, the cell still doesn't grow.
- Adding a single new lattice site to the cell increases adhesion energy a lot more than it decreases the volume energy.

Pseudo-Diffusion

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- Differences with the paper:
 - We only use oxygen
 - We only consume oxygen
 - No REAL diffusion

$$\frac{\partial u_{O_2}}{\partial t} = D_{O_2} \nabla^2 u_{O_2} + a(x, y, z)$$

- Our rate of diffusion is infinitesimally small.
- Question : What would happen in case we used the real diffusion equations?

Appendix

- ## Adhesive energy term

$\tau(S1)$: cell type
of cell “S1”

Volume energy
term

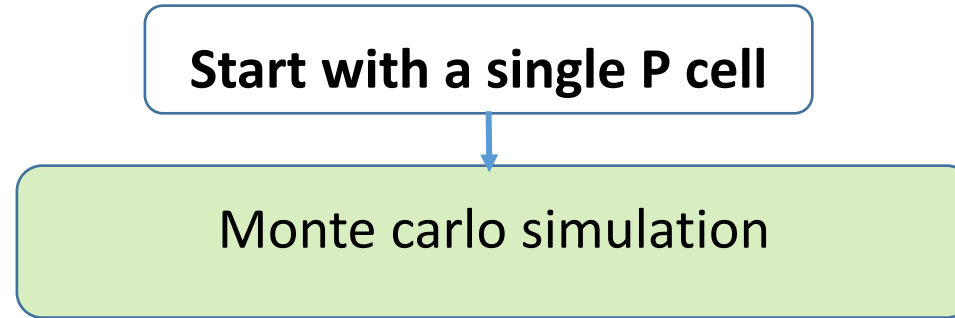
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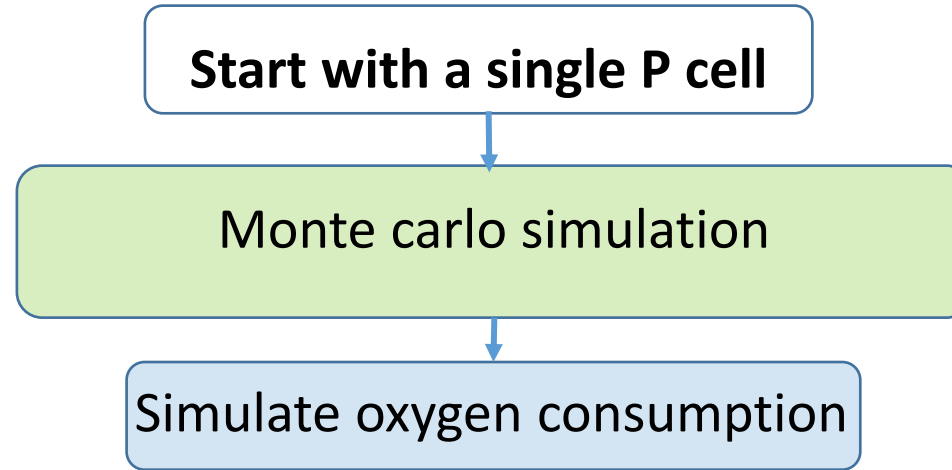
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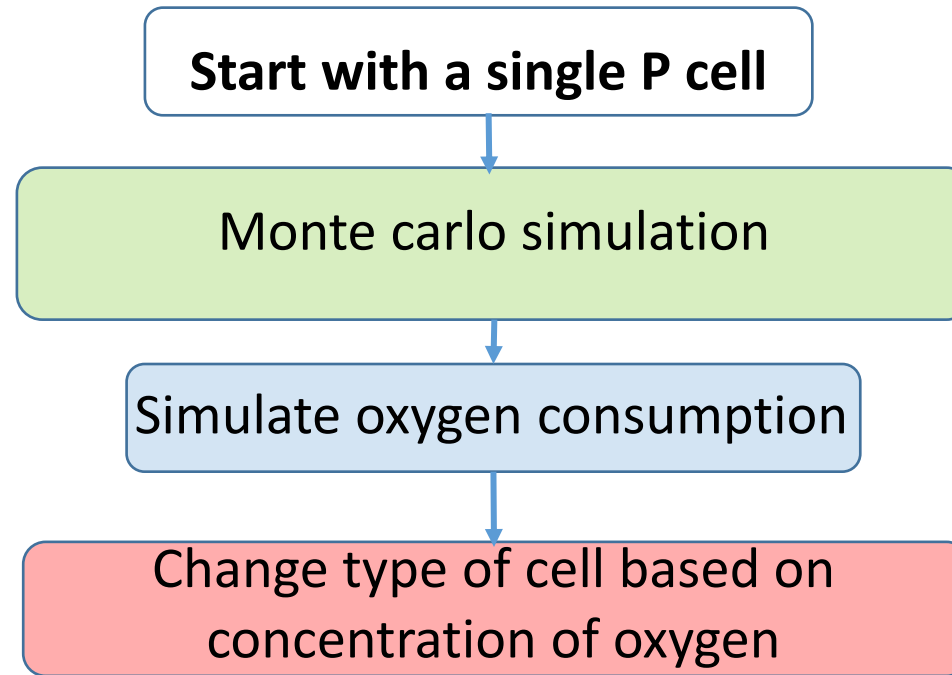
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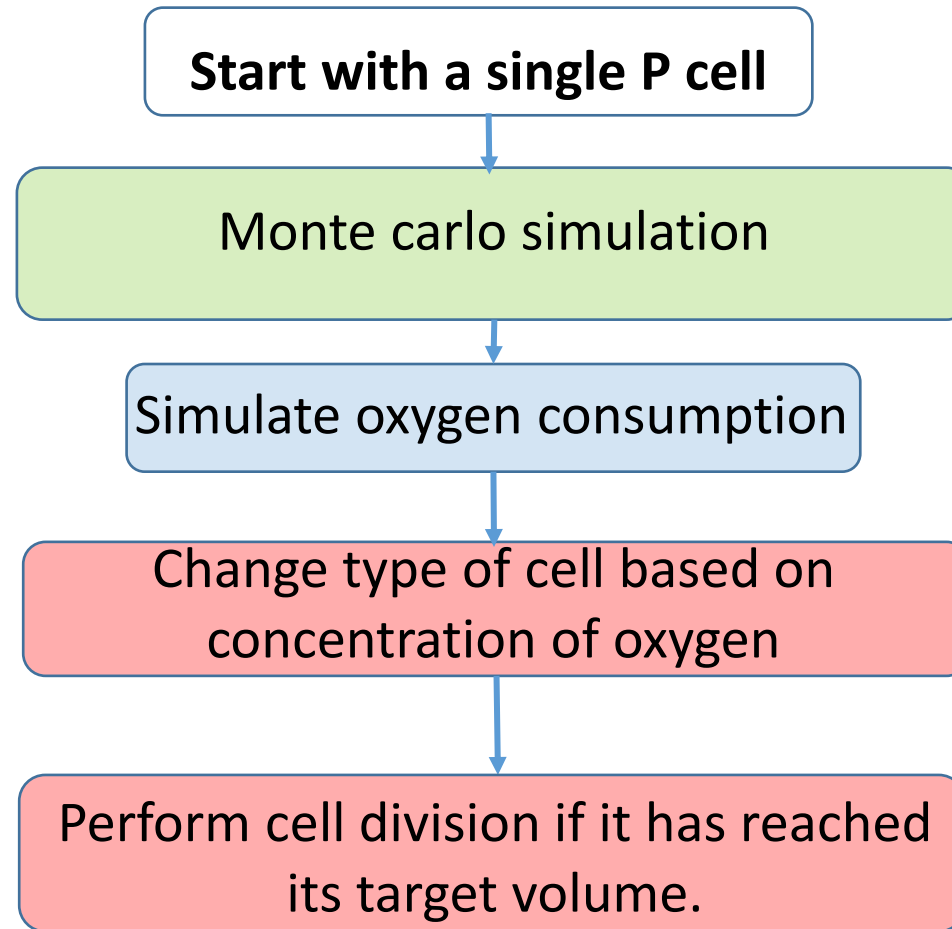
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