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**BioSim Talk #13**  
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Institute for Protein Science, Osaka U. (Suita Campus)  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room (large)

**Hands-on tutorial**

**Computational Biology Across Scales: From Pathway  
Modelling Tools to Cell-Level Simulations**

Understanding biological systems, particularly complex diseases like cancer, requires integrating multiple levels of description, from intracellular signaling pathways to multicellular interactions. The dynamic feedback between cells and their microenvironment plays a crucial role in shaping cellular behavior. Chemical and mechanical perturbations can activate intracellular signaling cascades, leading to phenotypic switches that influence cell-cell interactions and tissue dynamics. These processes unfold across different spatial and temporal scales, making multiscale modeling essential.

In this hands-on session, participants will learn how to construct and simulate multiscale models using NeKo (<https://github.com/sysbio-curie/Neko>), MaBoSS (<https://github.com/sysbio-curie/MaBoSS>), and PhysiCell (<https://github.com/MathCancer/PhysiCell>). They will gain practical experience in building protein-protein interaction networks, converting them into Boolean models for stochastic simulations with MaBoSS, and integrating them into PhysiCell, a physics-based multicellular simulator. Through guided exercises in Jupyter Notebooks, attendees will explore how to bridge intracellular and multicellular modeling, leveraging the new PhysiCell graphical interface to conduct *in silico* experiments in their own virtual laboratory.

**\* Please refer to the attached document for software installation instructions and install in advance**

Link for online participation via Zoom:

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