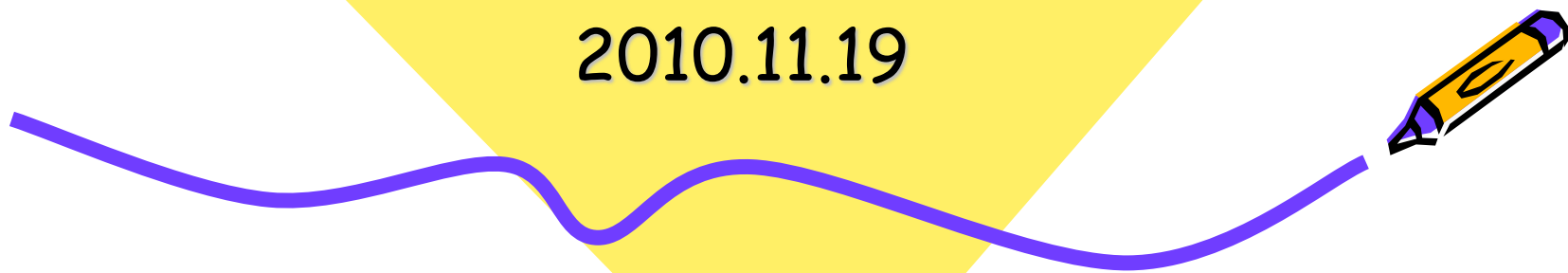




Virtual Cell

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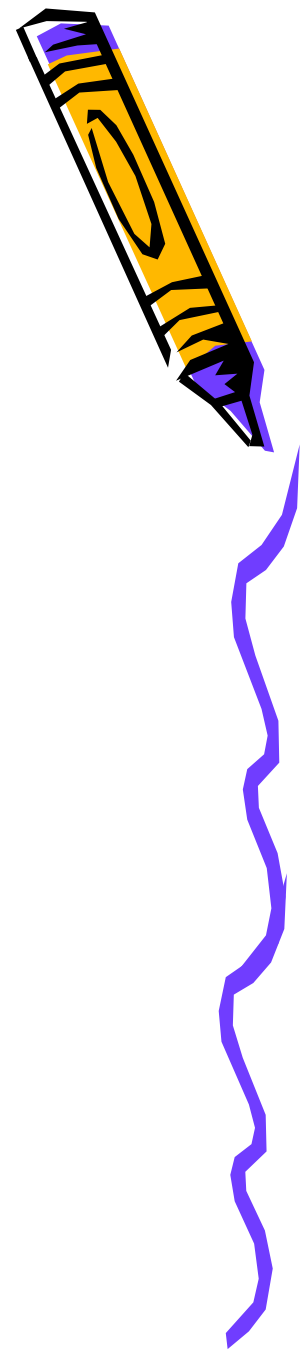


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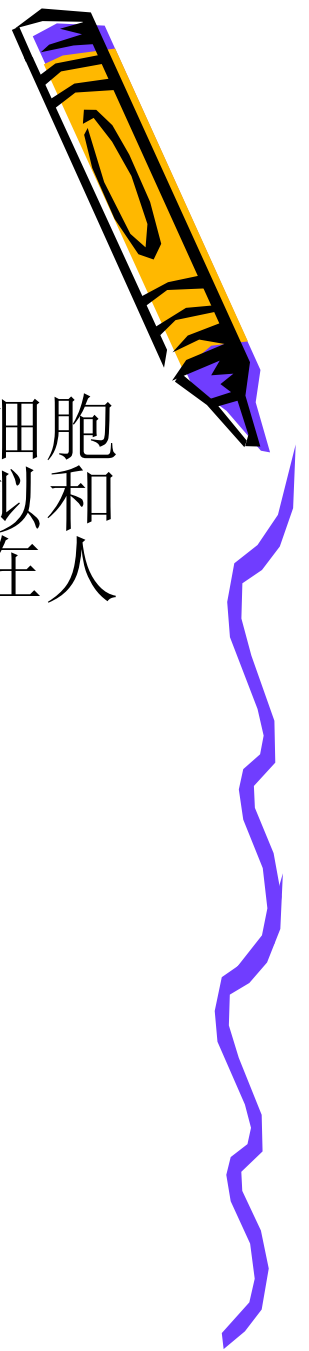
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虚拟细胞简介



- 虚拟细胞即通过信息学和数学的原理，对细胞的结构和功能进行分析、整合和应用，模拟和再现细胞的生命现象，从而使生物学实验在人工环境里运行。
- 常用的软件：ECell, VCell, JSim
- 网站：<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels-main/>，<http://www.e-cell.org/ecell/>，<http://www.nrcam.uchc.edu/>，<http://nsr.bioeng.washington.edu/jsim/>



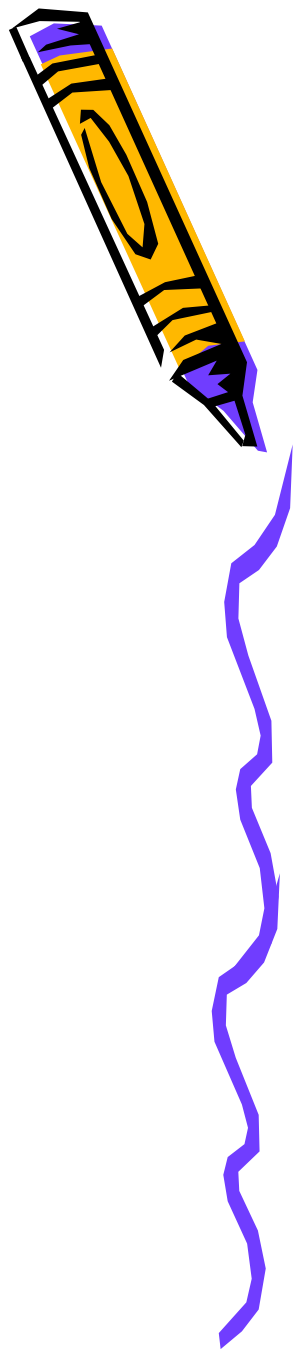
虚拟细胞发展

- 细胞生化和遗传机制的模拟: **Mendes P; Meyers S**
- 第一个虚拟细胞模型: 原核细胞能量代谢模型 (1997)
- 第二个: 美国的真核细胞钙转运模型 (1999)
- 美国的基于猪蛔虫精子游动细胞模型 (2004)

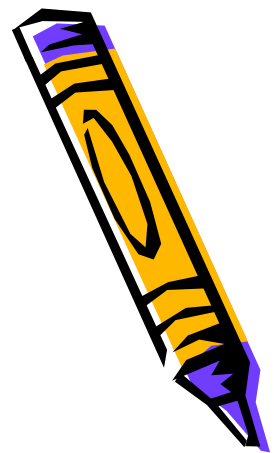


虚拟细胞研究意义

- 辅助科学实验
- 疾病诊断与防治
- 应用于教学及社会生活方面



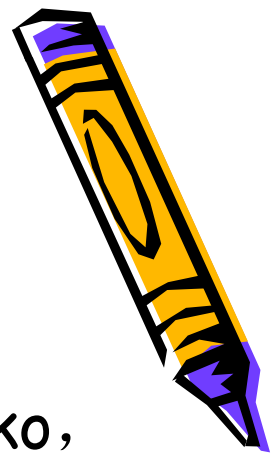
What is Virtual cell?



- The **Virtual cell** (or **Vcell**) is a software developed by **NRCAM**.
- This software platform has been designed to model cell biological processes.
- Vcell consists of a **biological** and **mathematical** framework. Scientists can create biological models from which the software will automatically generate mathematical code needed to run simulation.
- This software consists of **3 key components**, named **BioModel**, **Geometry** and **Math Model** documents, each of which is saved independently, although they do reference each other.
- Models can be reused, updated and published so they are available to the scientific community or they can be shared privately amongst collaborating groups.



产生背景及发展

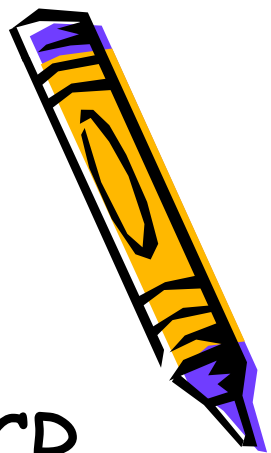


- (1) 1997年12月, James Schaff, Boris Slepchenko, Loew等人在“*A General Computational Framework for Modeling Cellular Structure and Function*”中提到了“*Virtual Cell*”的概念, 并用*Virtual Cell*模拟了IP3对钙离子的调控作用, 这是第一个用*Virtual Cell*做的虚拟细胞模型
- (2) 1999年James等人发表第一个公开的虚拟细胞模型, 2000与2001年各有两个公开模型发表, 后面发表的模型越来越多, 现在已有数十个公开模型发表

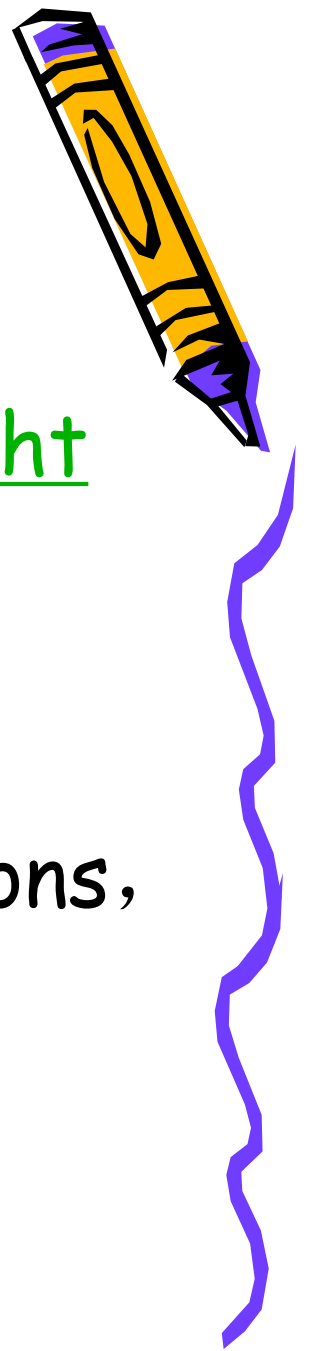


Virtual Cell现状

- 它作为 **NRCAM** 在 **NIH** 中接受 **NNCR** 的资助
- **Virtual Cell**团队的名字为**CCAM**，坐落在康涅狄格健康研究中心大学
- 团队拥有一系列先进的显微成像设备



网站的相关介绍



- <http://www.nrcam.uchc.edu/index.html>
- 七个模块: Home, Run VCell Software, Technical Documents, Software Architecture, Publications, Calendar, CCAM



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软件下载与安装



- 软件运行需要 **java Runtime Enviroment (JRE1.5 or later)**, in Technical Documents
- 注册，使用 **Virtual Cell** 必须进行注册
- 安装 **JRE** 后，在 **Run VCell Software** 中点击 **Run VCell 4.7** 或 **Run VCell 4.8 Beta** 可以下载并直接运行，输入用户名之后即可运行



文件格式



- 输入输出格式支持XML, level1和level2的SBML, VCML; 其中level1的SBML不支持随机模拟过程
- 另外支持Matlab中的m文件的输入和输出, m文件只支持确定性模拟过程, 不支持随机模拟过程



Creating Biomodel

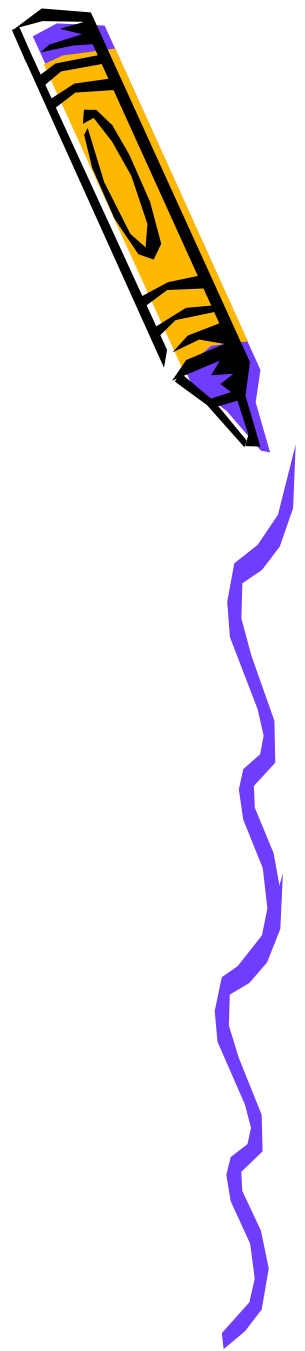
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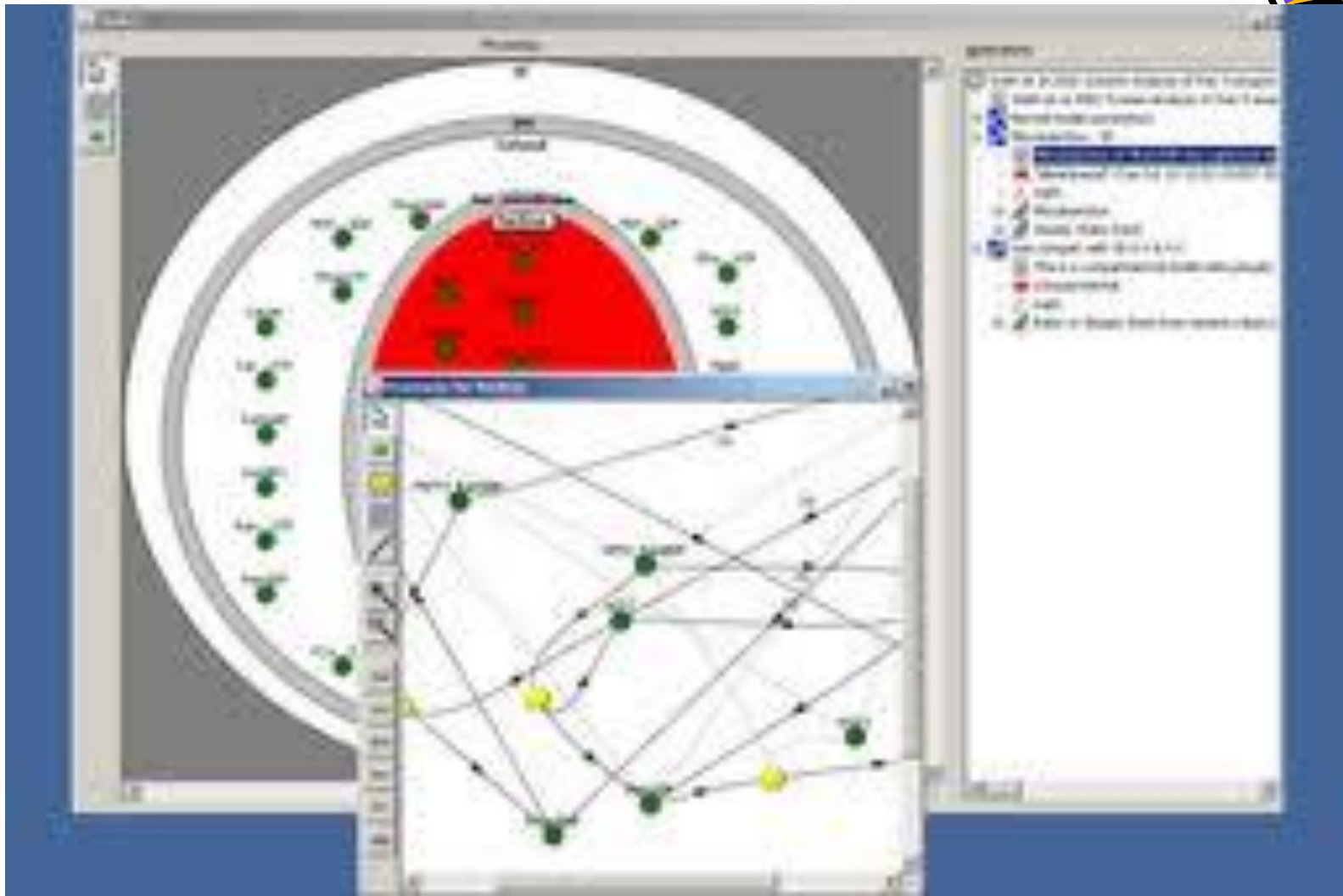


Creating Species

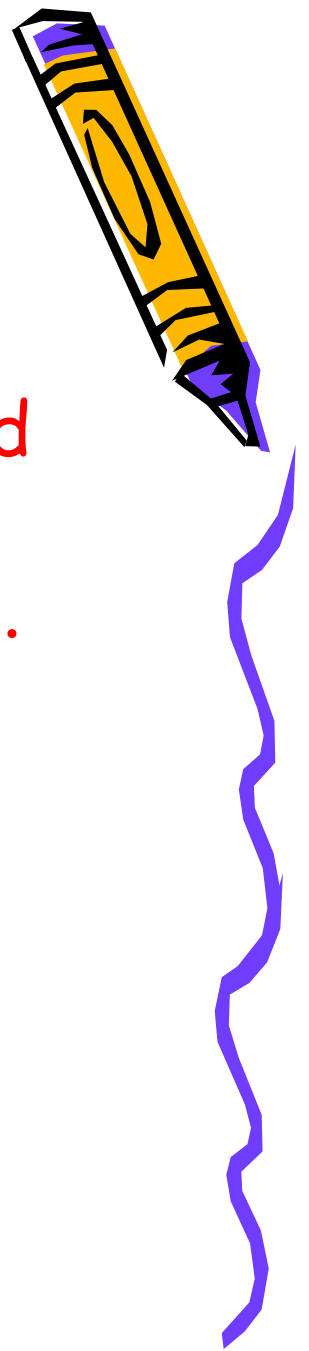


Defining Reactions





Creating Application



- Structure Mapping between Model and Geometry.
- Define Initial condition of the system.
- Reaction Mapping.
- We can view the software generated math code describing our model and equations used in simulations.
- Simulation results.



How to View Virtual Cell Published Models



- Login to the Virtual Cell.
- Go to File>Open>BioModel>Shared Models
- In the 'BioModel Database' pane, find the name of the VC User published model account you are looking for; expand that User's set of public models (see screenshot).
- Double click the model you are interested in viewing.
- If you wish to modify the model or run new simulations, you may copy it into your VC Workspace under your own User account.



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