

# **Development of a multiscale skin barrier model for de novo, in silico prediction**

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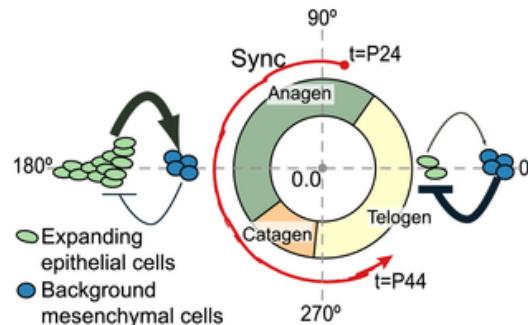
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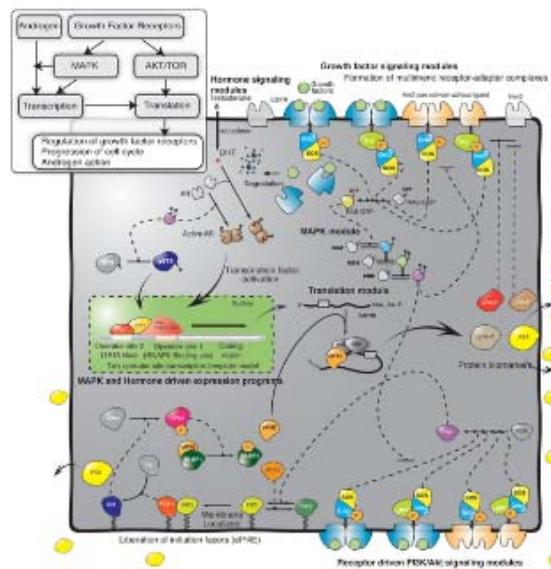
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# Life and Work...



Chem Plant Ops Thu 8/1/02 - Sun 8/1/04	Molecular Dynamics Mon 8/2/04 - Tue 8/1/06	Intracellular kinetic networks Wed 8/2/06 - Tue 8/4/09	NLD, biological oscillators Wed 2/2/11 - Mon 8/4/14	Data Scientist Wed 8/5/15 - Thu 9/7/17
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experimental cell biology  
Sat 8/2/08 - Mon 8/1/11

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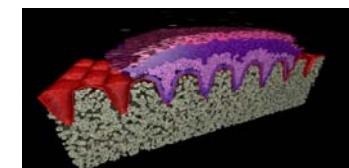
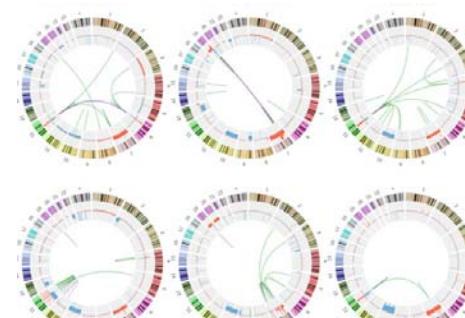
clinical -omics  
Fri 8/2/13 - Tue 8/4/15

integrative/multiscale/multicellular modeling  
Thu 8/2/12 - Wed 8/2/17

Skin Grant  
Thu 8/2/12 - Sat

Microfluidic Design  
Sun 1/26/14 - Sun

Product-Skin Interaction  
Wed 8/5/15 - Thu 9/7/17



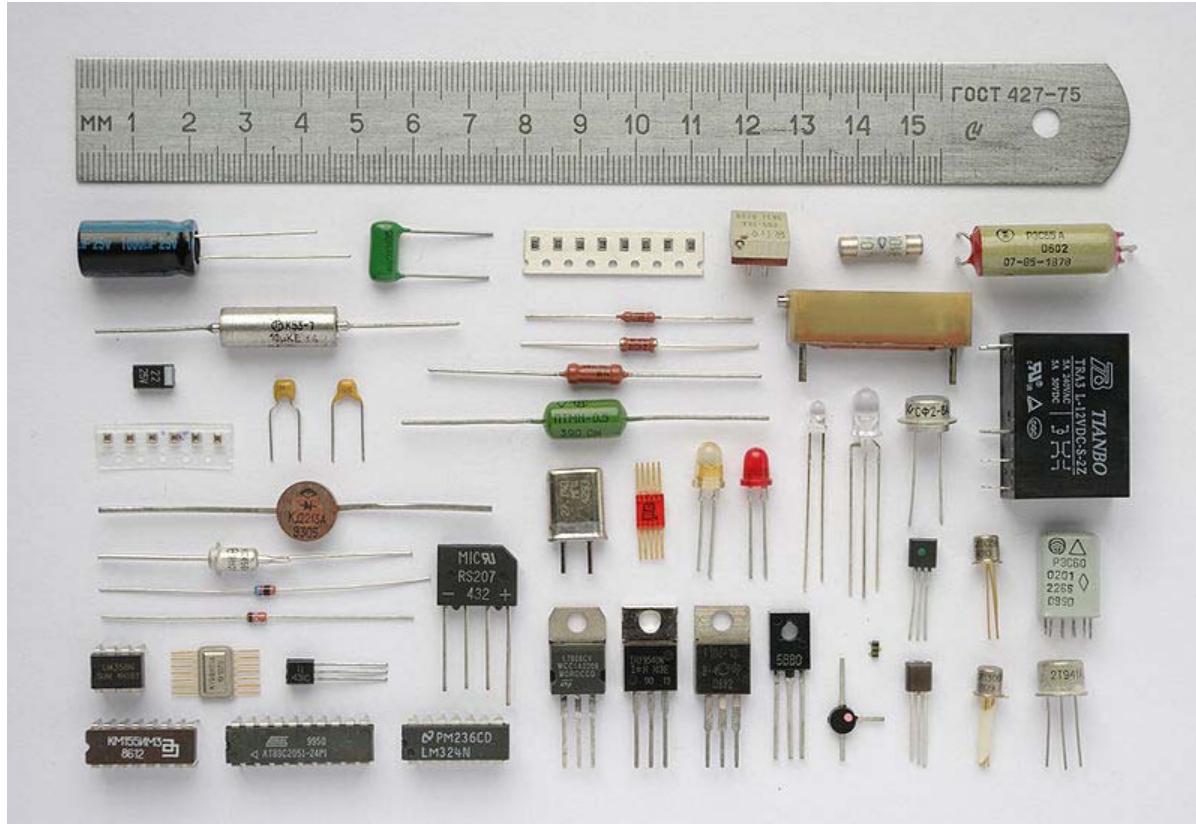
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# Three goals of *in silico modeling*

- Forecasting results with minimal resources
  - Optimal design of otherwise complex experiments (clinical studies)
  - Filter and focus screening results for priority
  - Suggest novel transformative materials
- Formalize understanding
  - Drives technical model development
  - More efficient interpretation of data, focuses exploratory investigations
- Communicating
  - Internally – Efficient archiving of institutional knowledge
  - Externally – The science behind how products work

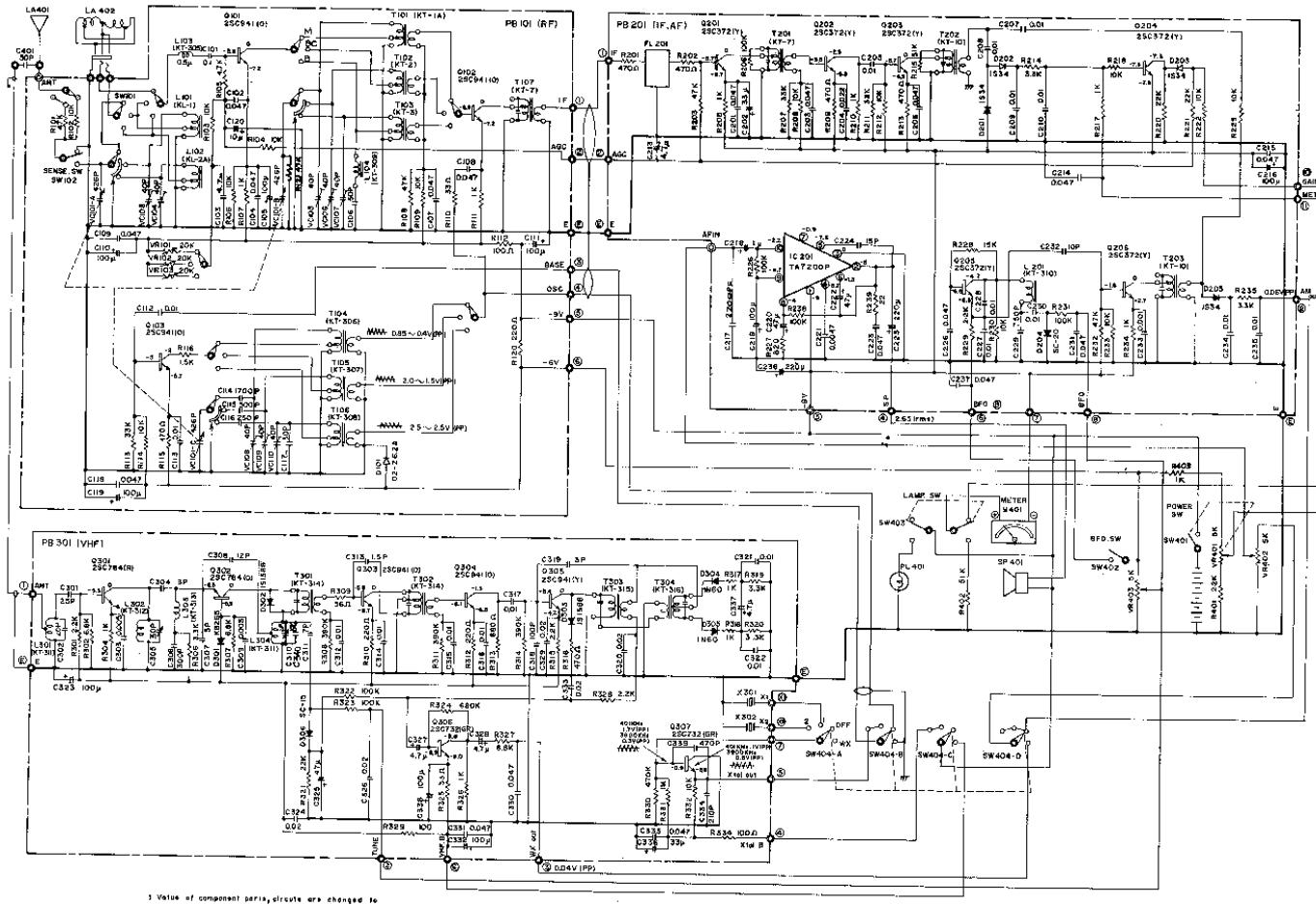
Start with parts list...



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Define the relationships objectively *in silico*.



Done well in physics, chemistry and engineering:

- Safety assessment alternatives
- Test manufacturing processes
- Facilitates rapid package design
- Chemical hit expansion
- Predict mechanical (like pressure points) product-body interactions

But capabilities underdeveloped in Biology.

We have the parts; still developing and formalizing the qualitative and quantitative relationships between the parts.

# THOUGHTS

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Nearly all P&G products interact with skin.

*Procter&Gamble*

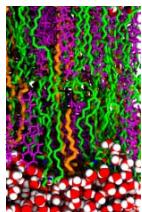


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# In Silico - skin modeling should be holistic.

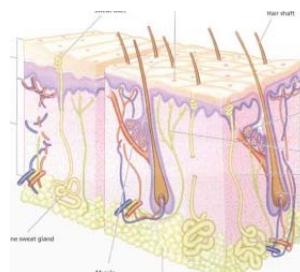
Molecule



Cell



Tissue



Individual



Populations

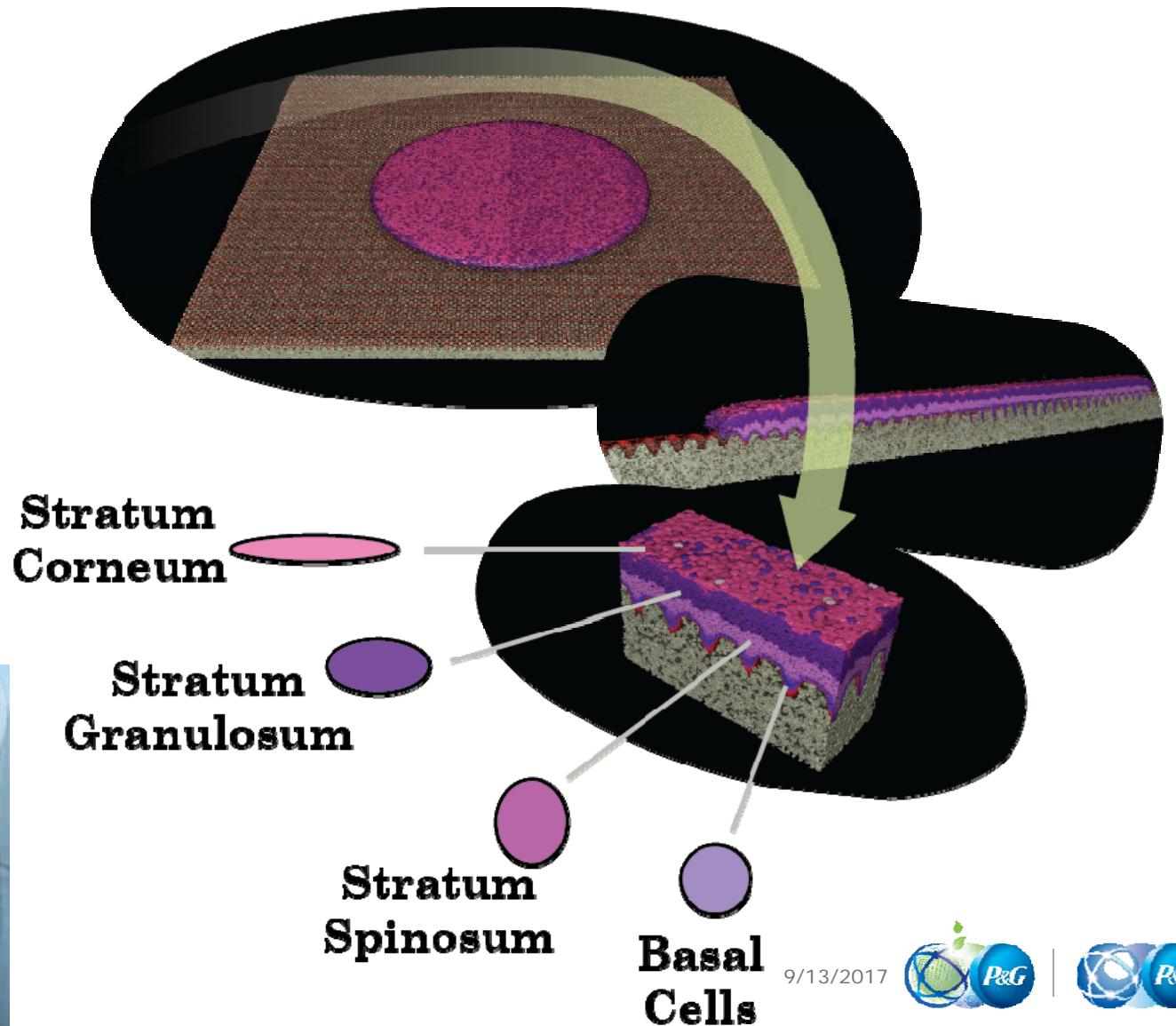


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## The Multi-Cell Skin Model:

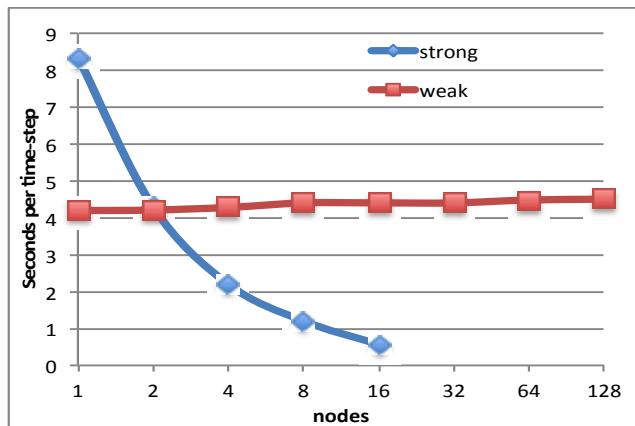
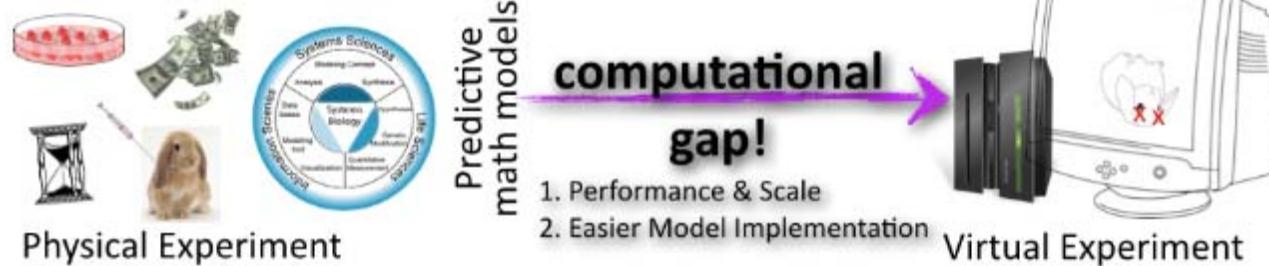
Tissue scale.  
Cell resolution.



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# biocellion



Biocellion (blue) strong scaling: time to sort 26.8 million cells; (red) weak scaling: time if simulating 13.4 million cells

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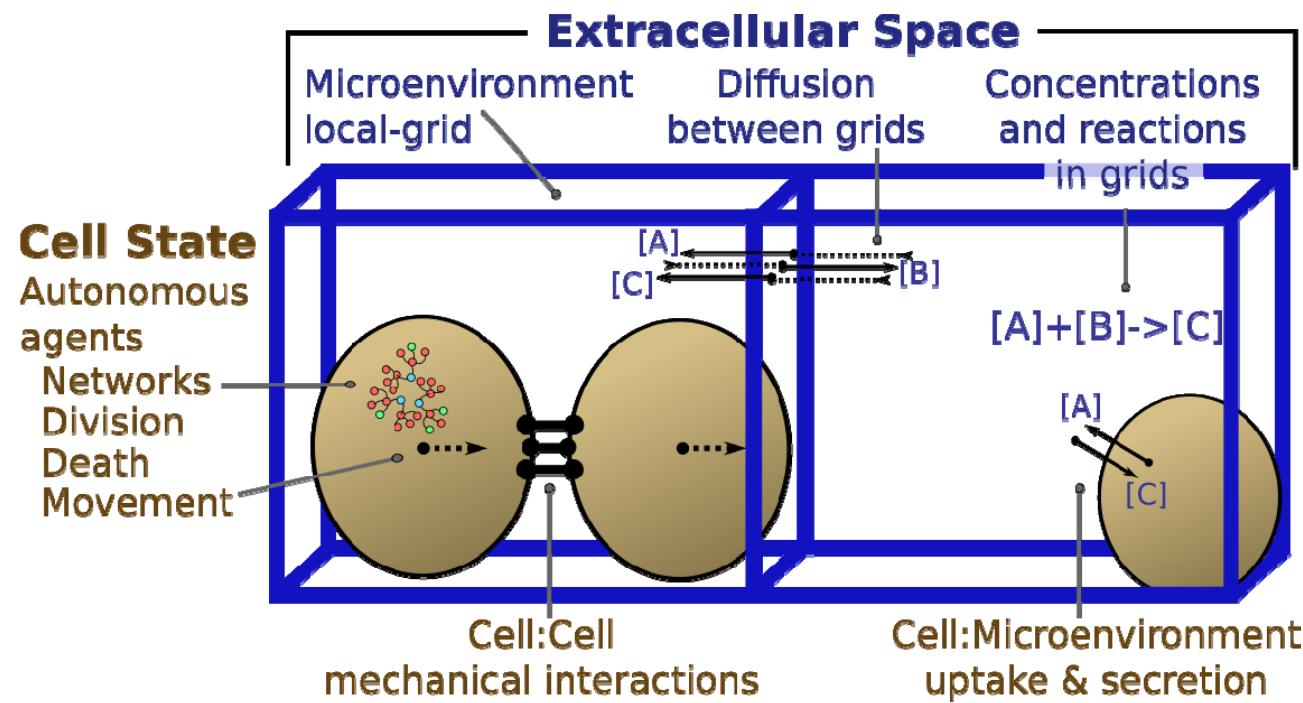
- Spinout of Pacific Northwest National Lab
- Developed in association with the Institute for Systems Biology
- Special Purpose Corporation: reduce and eliminate animal testing via comp. modeling

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# Foundation in Agent-Based Modeling...

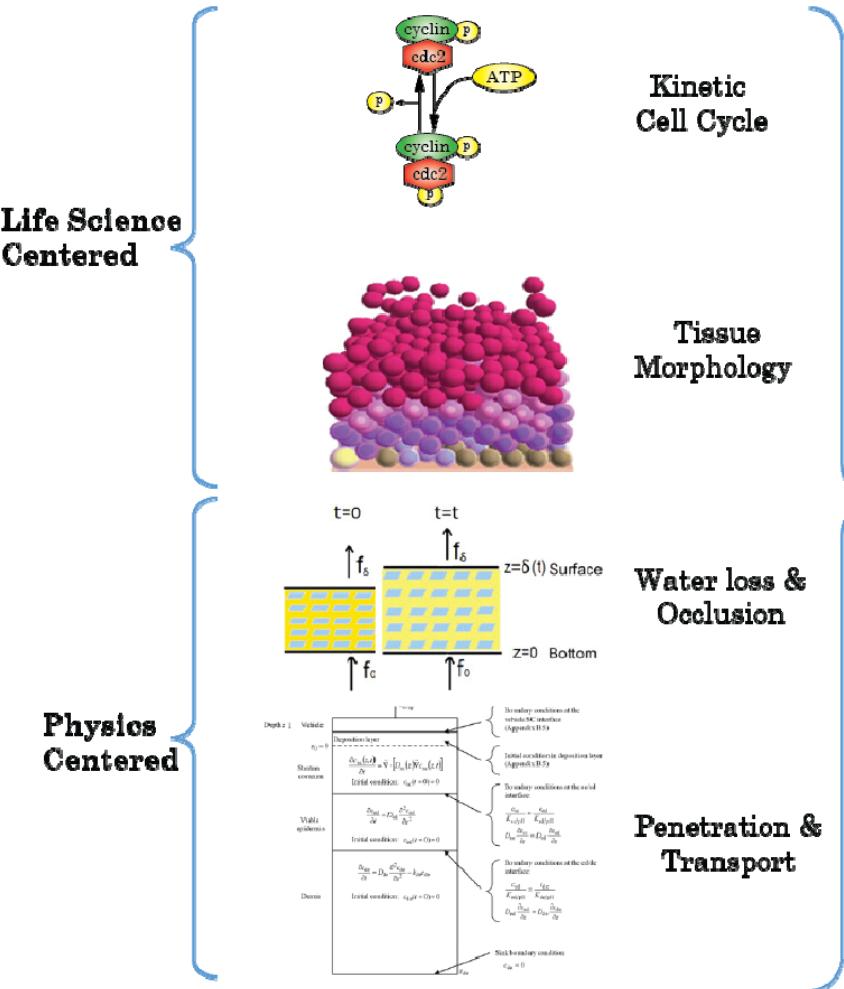
- Cells as agents (spheres, ellipsoids, potentially multi point agents)
- Intracellular logic and ODE solver
- Paired and non-paired mechanical interactions
- extracellular space with PDE solvers for reaction diffusion systems



# QUESTIONS ON PLATFORM DETAILS

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# Strategy:

## Model Integration

**Single integrated, multiscale  
model on the Biocellion HPC  
platform**

**High  
Performance  
Computing**

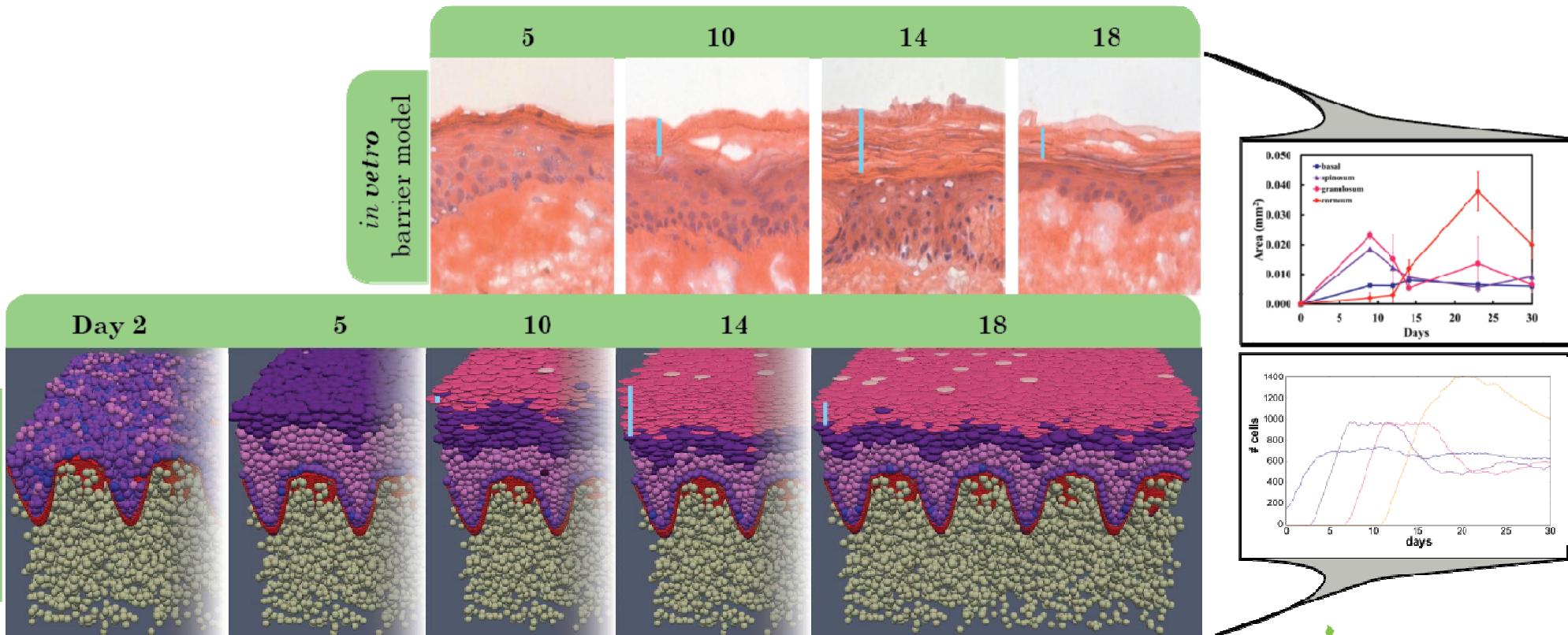
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# Simulating barrier formation:



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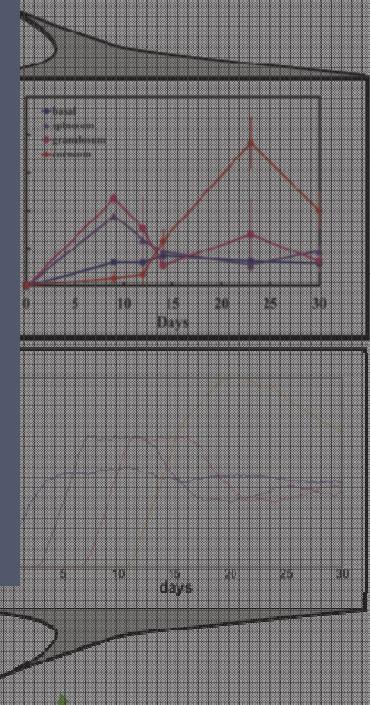
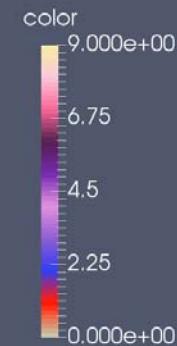
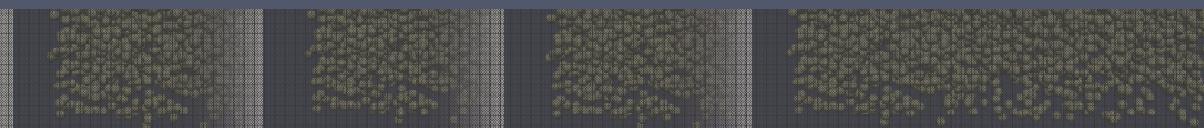
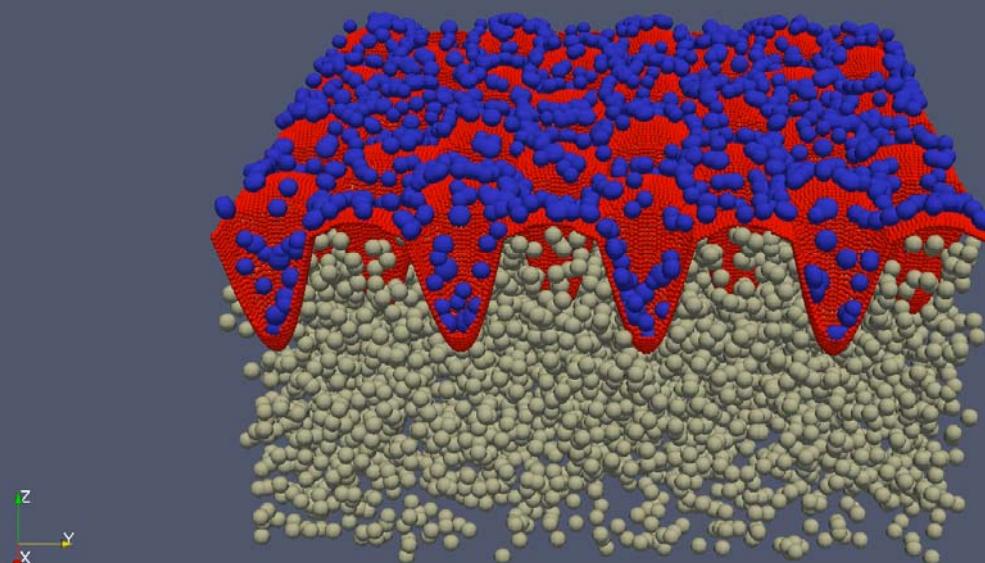
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# Simulating barrier formation:

*in silico*  
barrier model

Day 2



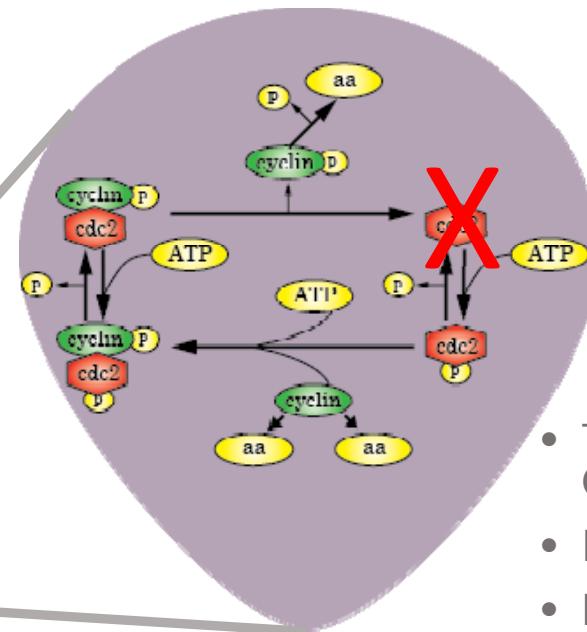
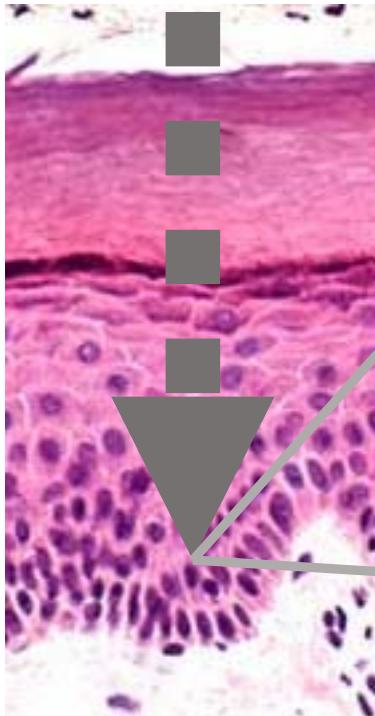
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# Proof of Concept – CDK1 CD22 inhibitor.

- Topical application
- Transport through skin
- Permeates basal cells

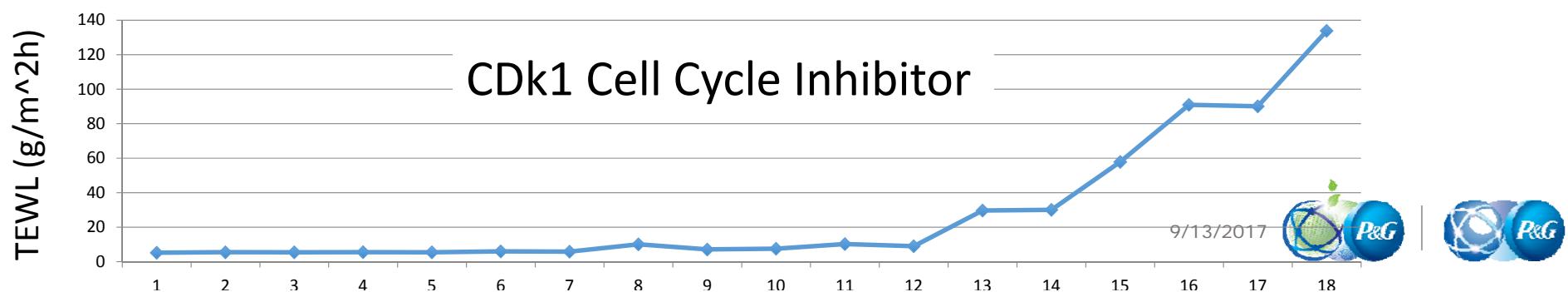
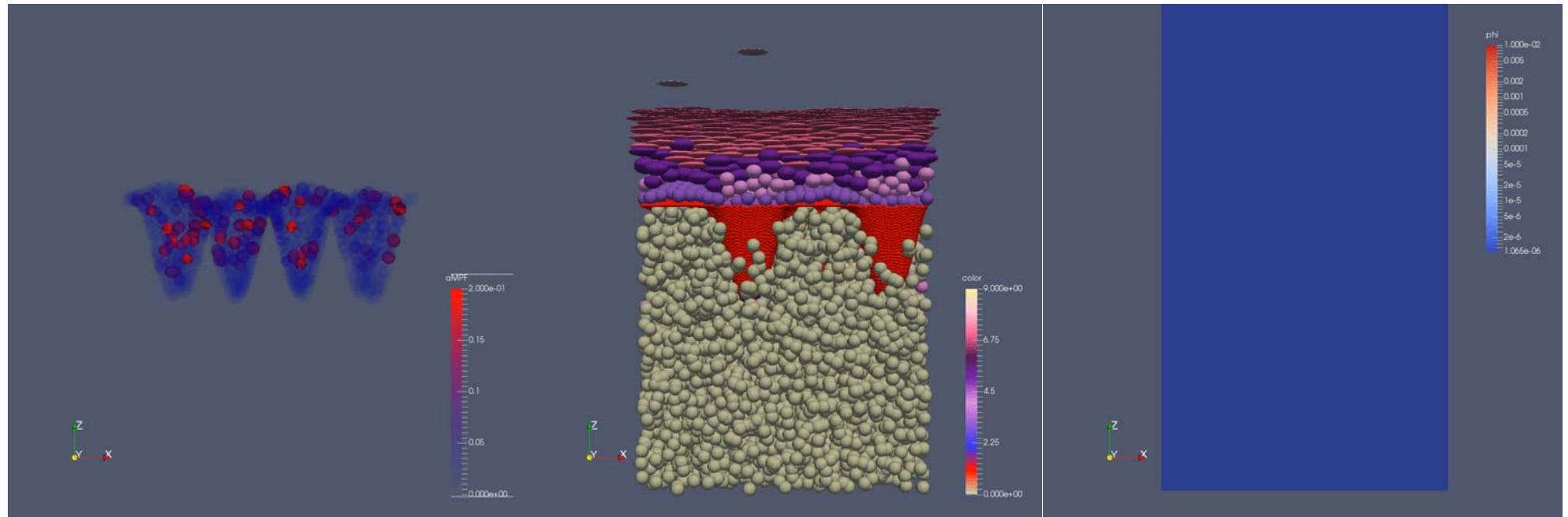


- Terminates Cell Cycle
- Disrupts Barrier
- Feedback

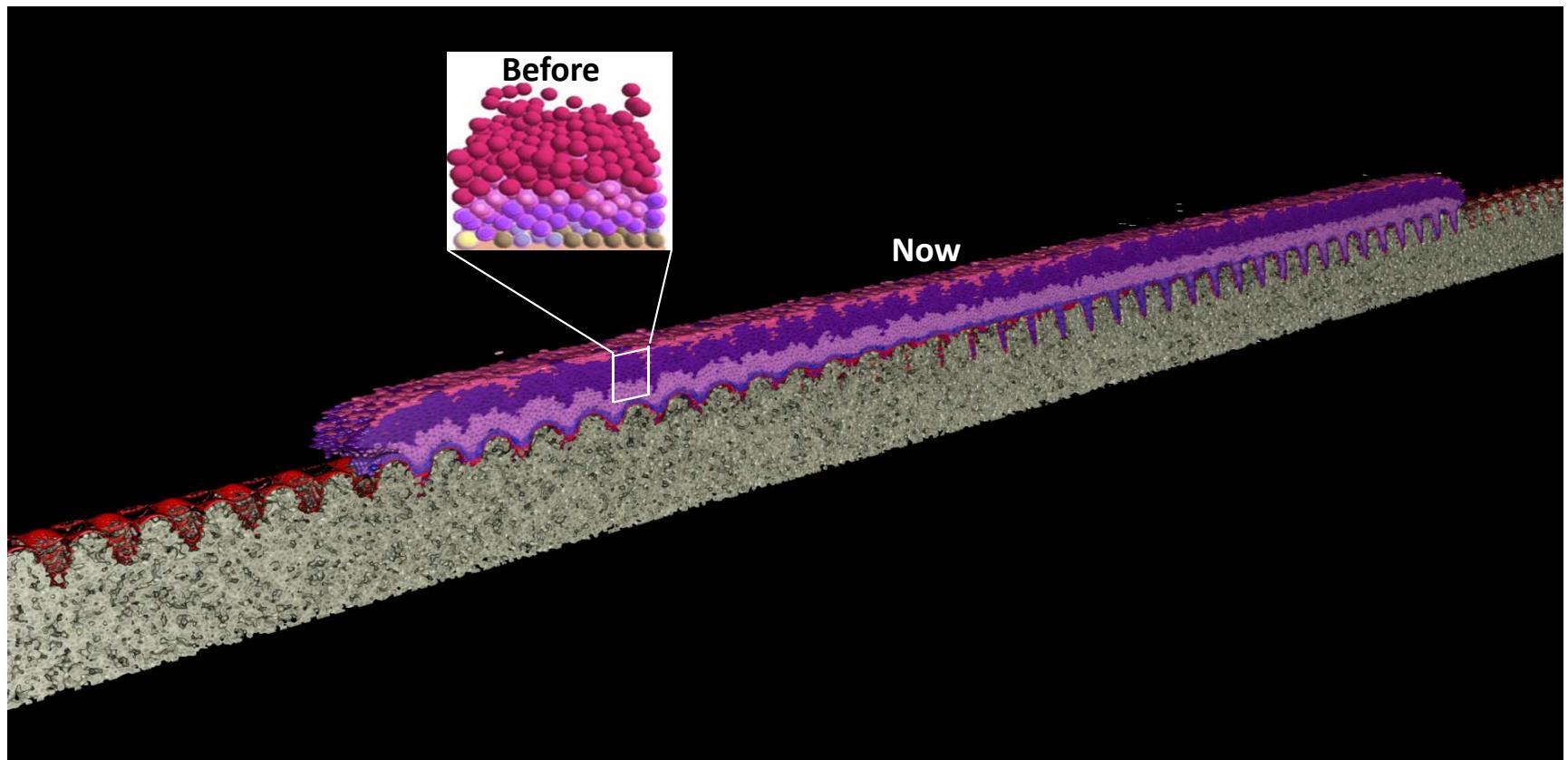
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# Model approximated material response – de novo.



High-performance computing allows scalability.

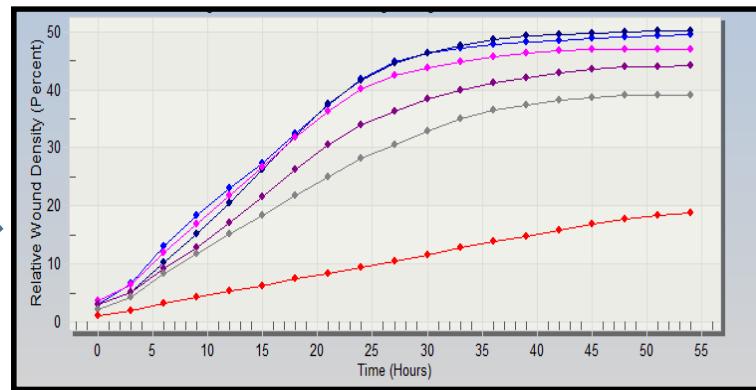
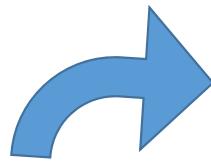
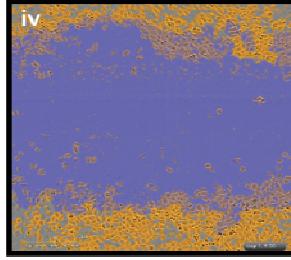
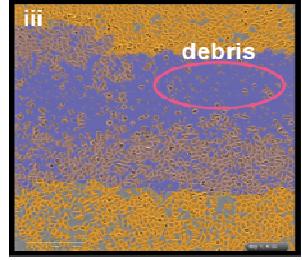
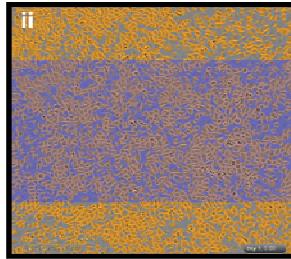
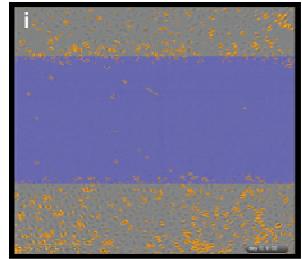


# Into the Future, Image analysis...

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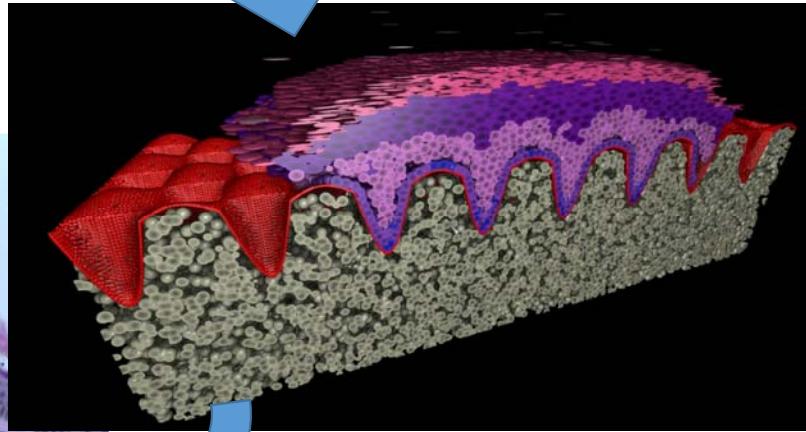
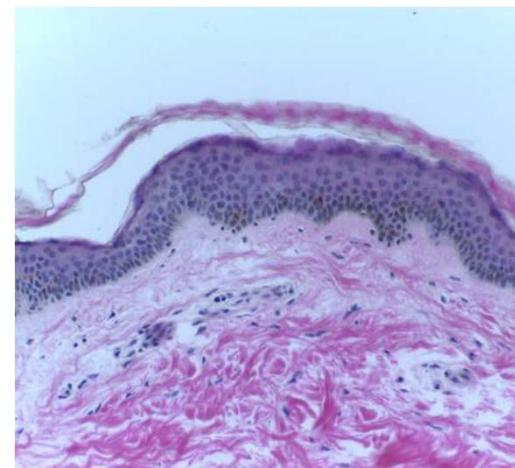


**Learn *in vitro***

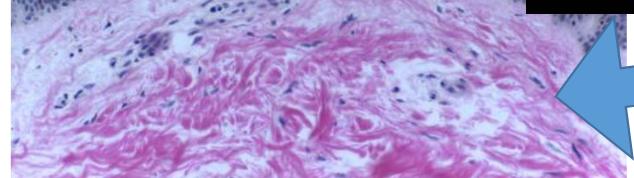


**Model *in silico***

**Innovation**



**Predict Clinical**



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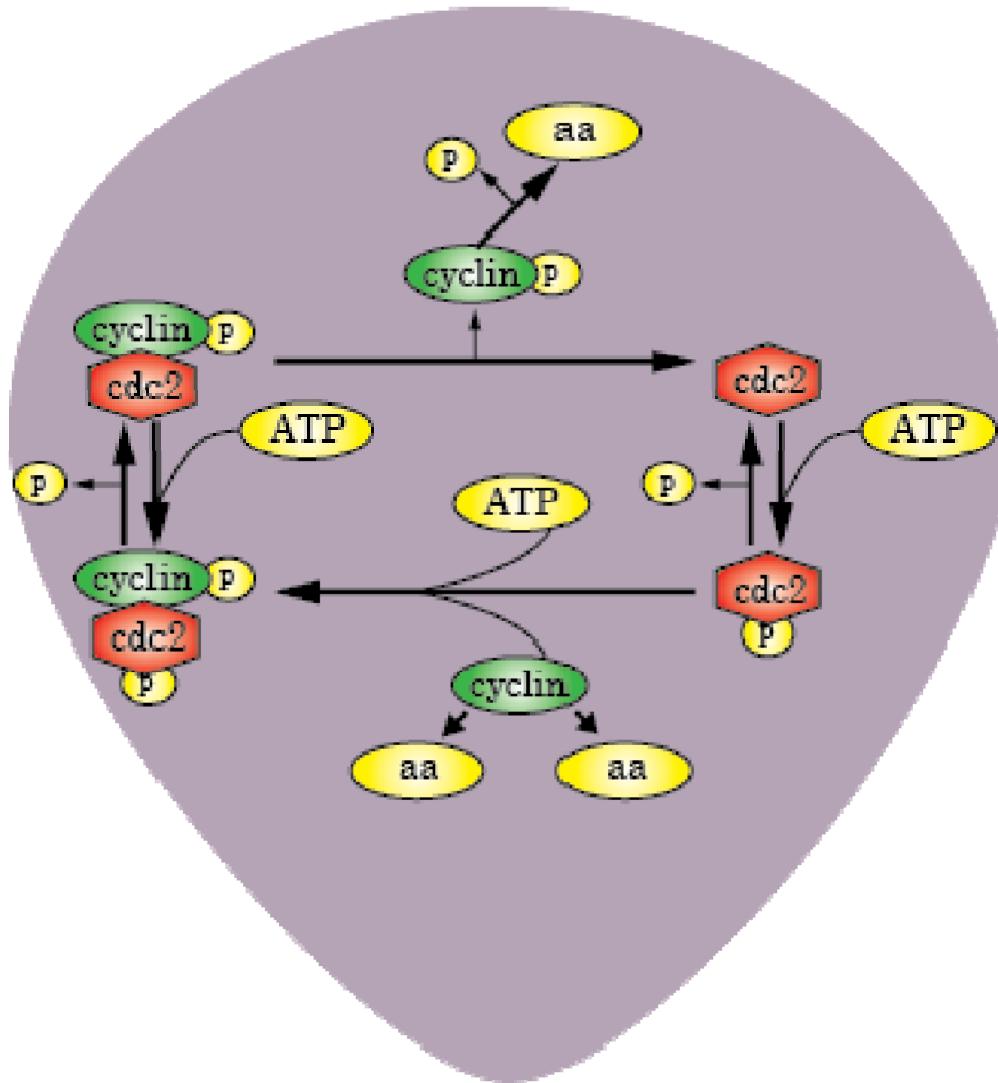


# Questions, comments, concerns?

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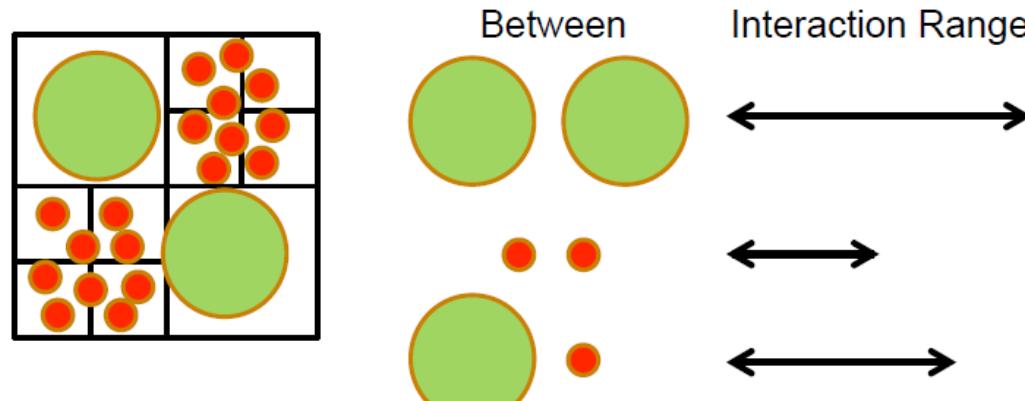
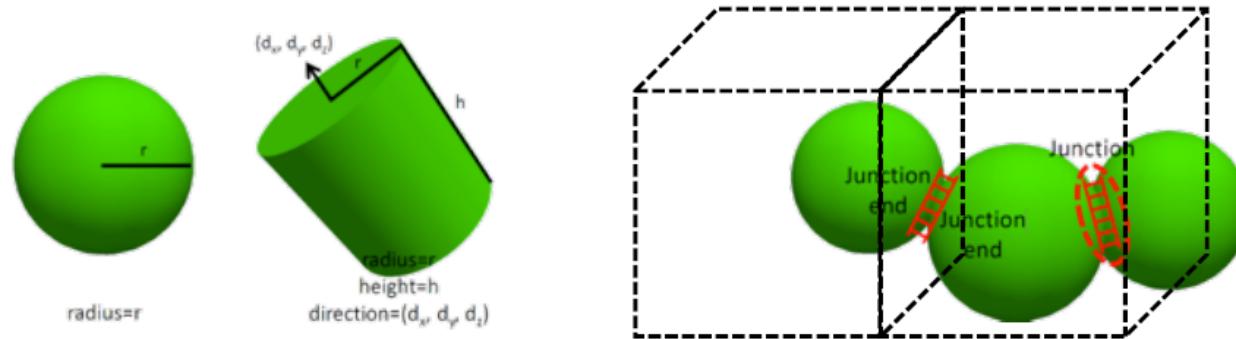
# Cell Cycle



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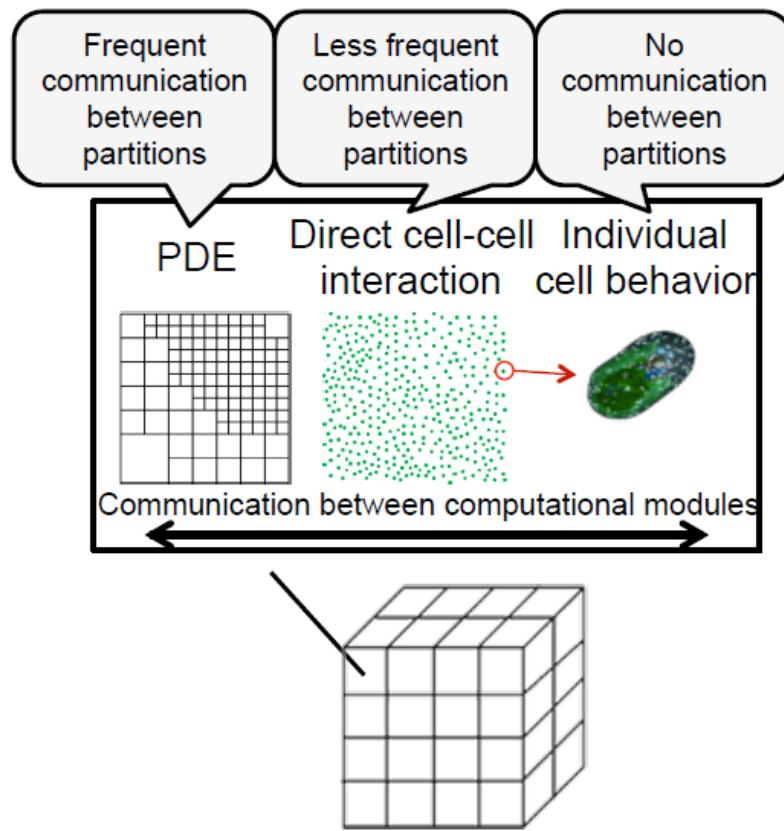


# Limited interaction ranges allow spatial partitioning



# Different time scales allow temporal partitioning

- Baseline Time Step
  - Direct cell-cell interaction via physical contact
  - Couple all three computational modules
- State-and-grid time step
  - Couple the cell state update module and the grid update module
- PDE time step
  - Solve PDEs CHOMBO
  - Adaptive Mesh Refinement
- ODE's can also have different time steps
  - Intel's ODE solver
- Users set time step sizes, software manages parallelism & data movement
  - MPI for shared memory balancing
  - PNNL Global arrays across nodes

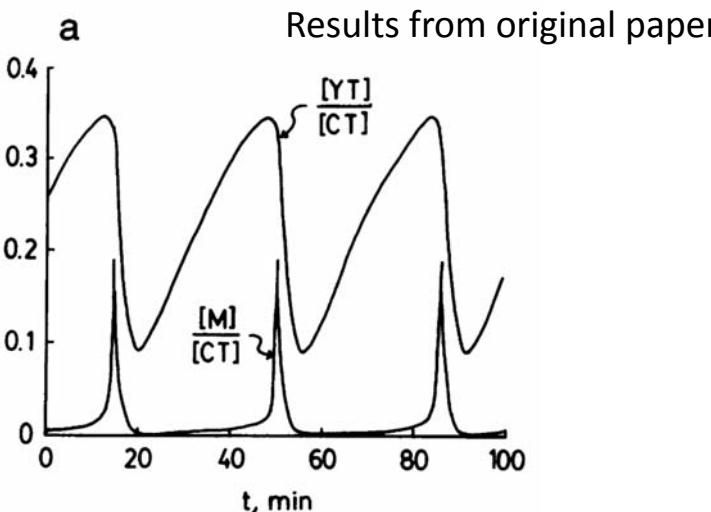


# Validation studies

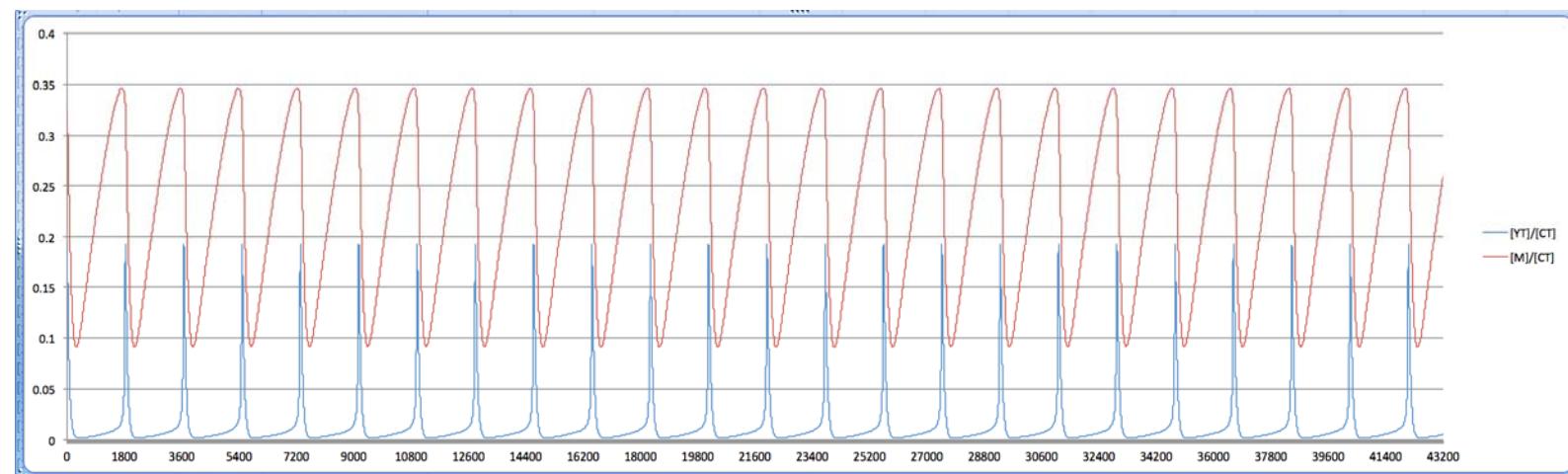
- We present validation results over several modules.
- Not all modules are integrated on a single platform.
- This work is meant to be a qualitative validation.
  - More quantitative validation will be made a priority only when specific endpoints are chosen and appropriate resources, technologies, and/or knowledge sources are identified for determining parameter values, training and validation data.

# Biomolecular cell cycle module

- Tyson 1991 Modeling the cell division cycle: cdc2 and cyclin interactions
- Implemented in individual cells
- Tyson: 35 min interval
- Biocellion: 30 hours interval for stem cells and 15 hours interval for progenitor cells
- Scale  $d[\text{var}]/dt$  in ODEs by  $35.0 / (30.0 * 60.0)$
- Halt the cell cycle ( $d[\text{var}]/dt = 0$ ) to model slower proliferation due to contact inhibition and barrier formation (low TEWL).



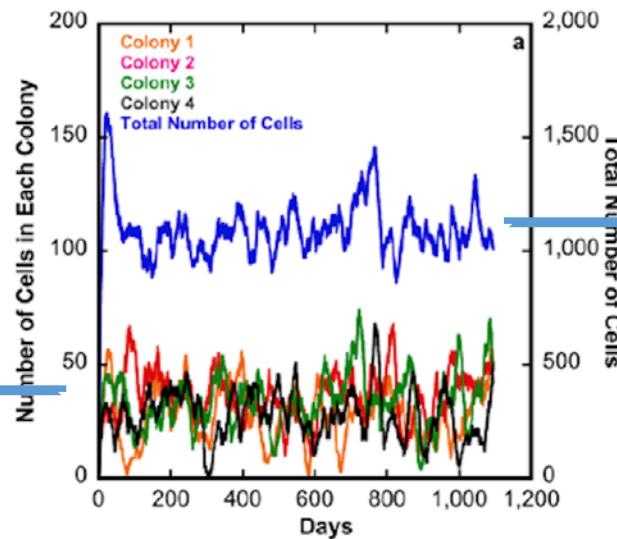
Results from current platform (period: 30 hours == 1800 min)



## Agent-Based Barrier formation module

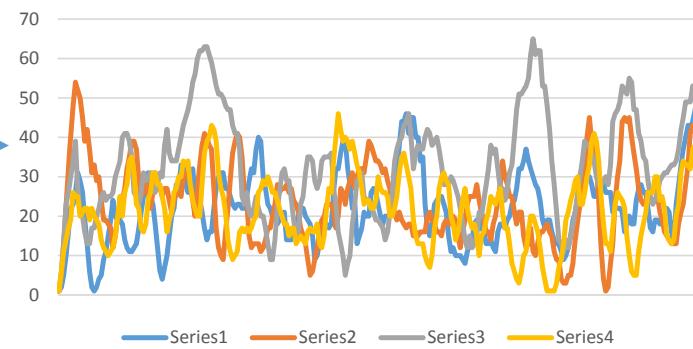
- Li 2013 Skin stem cell hypothesis and long term clone survival – explored using agent-based modeling
- Li2013: 100um by 100 um domain size, spheres
- Biocellion: 200um by 200um domain size, ellipsoids

## Results from original paper

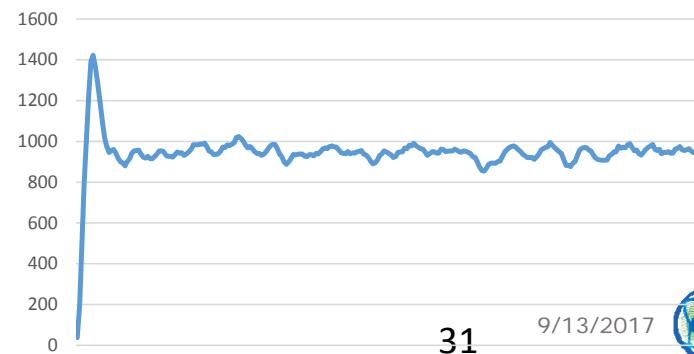


Results from current platform  
(total number of cells divided by 4 considering that the simulation domain size is 4x larger)

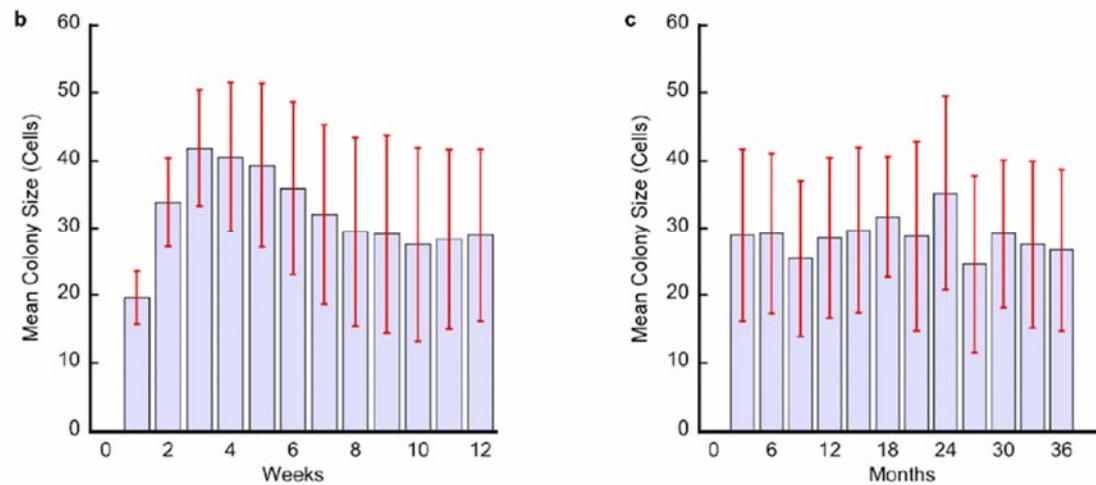
Number of cells in each colony



(Total number of cells / 4) over 3 years

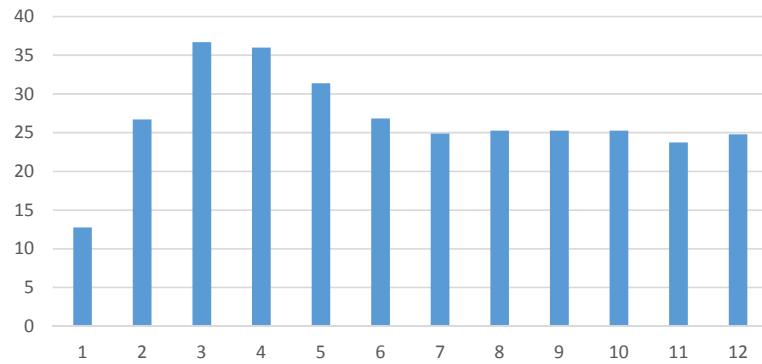


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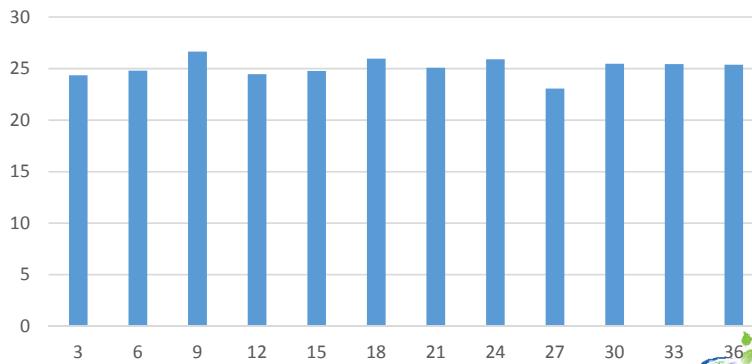


Results from current platform

Mean colony size (# cells) over 12 weeks

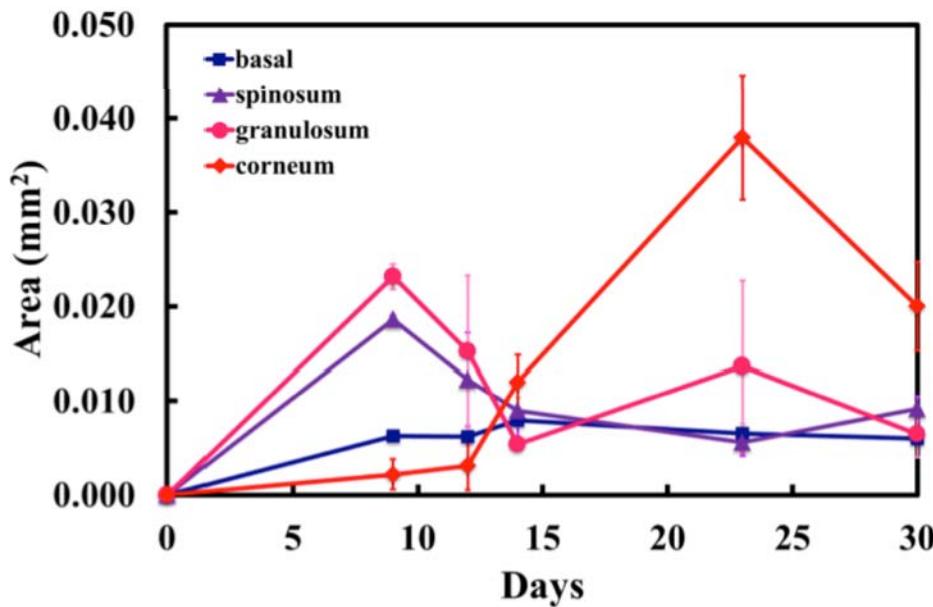


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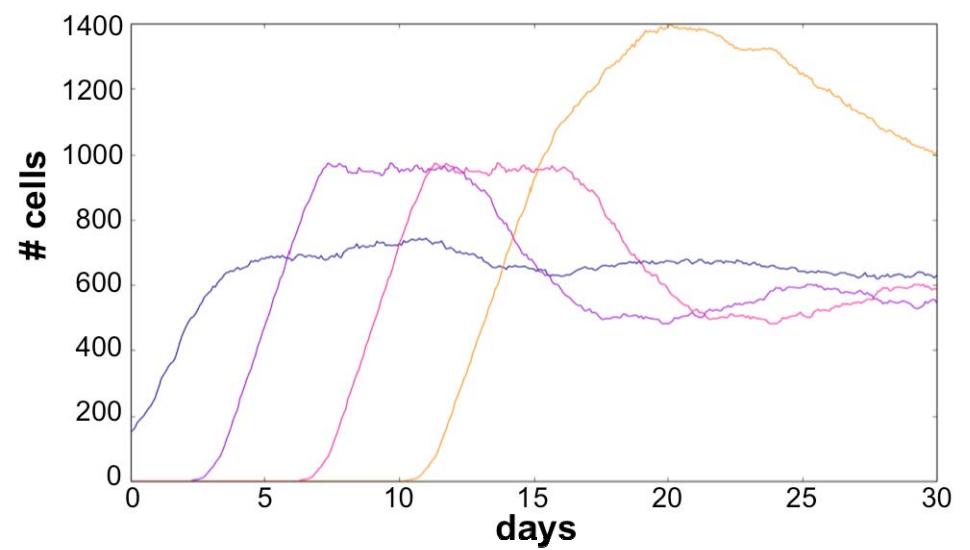


# Dynamics of RE model (*in vitro*) Barrier formation comparable to simulation

*In vitro, in house* experimental results



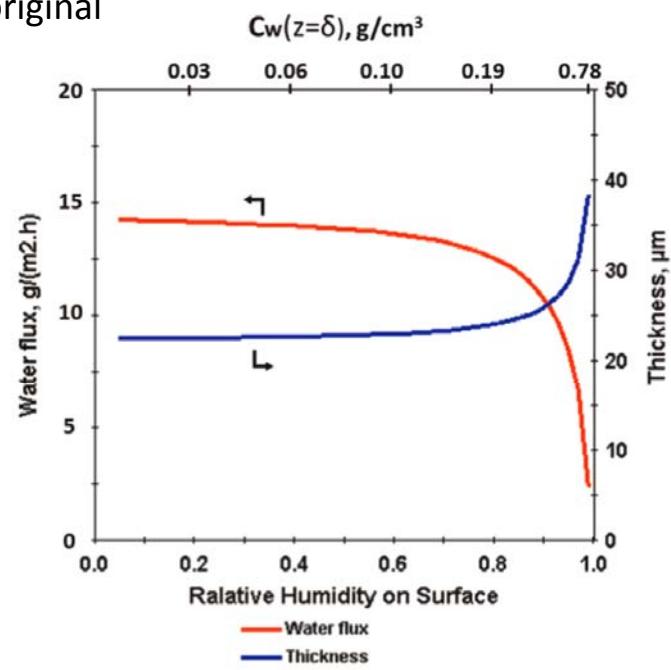
model results



## Slab style occlusion module

- Kasting 2015 Dynamics of water transport and swelling in human stratum corneum
- Different stratum corneum (approx. 40um at 0.05 RH) heights produced by the skin model on Biocellion, so the experimental setup is not identical
- Rough comparison (see the trends)

## Results from original paper



## Current platform

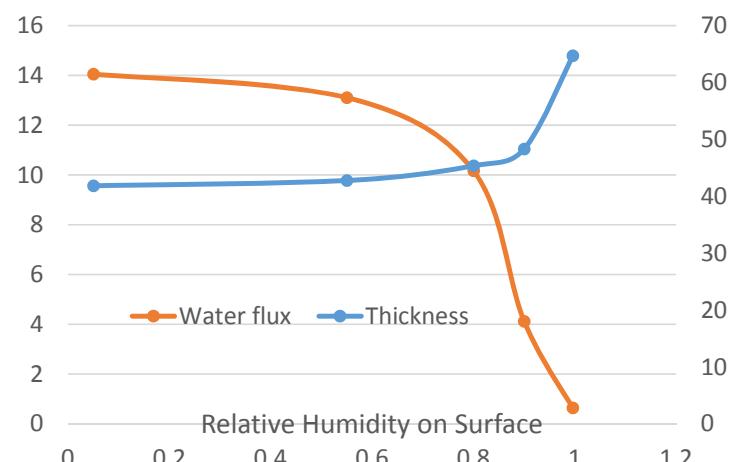


Fig. 3. Calculated water flux (TEWL) through SC and SC thickness at different relative humidities (RH) at steady state. The upper horizontal axis is  $C_w(z=\delta)$ , calculated from RH (or  $a_w$ ) according to Eqs. (10) and (11).

## Slab style skin pen module

- Kasting 2012 Design and performance of a spreadsheet-based model for estimating bioavailability of chemicals from dermal exposure
- Different stratum corneum (approx. 40um), viable epidermis (with rete pegs), and dermis heights produced by the skin model on Biocellion, so the experimental setup is not identical
- Rough comparison

## Current platform Simulation ( $J_{\max}$ ):

- DPGME: 139.8 (close)
- Ibuprofen: 1.76913 (underestimates)
- Triclosan: 1.374 (overestimates)

## Experimental measurements in original paper

**Table 4c**

Experimental values of the cumulative amount measured at the end of the experiment ( $Q_{\text{abs}}$ ) and maximum flux ( $J_{\max}$ ) to evaluate the large dose simulations. Values are obtained directly from the references or calculated as noted.

Compound	$Q_{\text{abs}} [\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2]$	$J_{\max} [\mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}]^{\text{b}}$	Reference
2-Ethoxyethanol	27,231 <sup>a</sup>	1135	[33]
2-Butoxyethanol	24,211 <sup>a</sup>	1009	
1-Methoxy-2-propanol	14,325 <sup>a</sup>	597	
Malathion	1.89	0.546 <sup>b</sup>	[72]
Ibuprofen	590	20	[34]
Flurbiprofen	74	17	
DPGME	609	106	[73]
EGnPE	2830	394	
EGiPE	1643	240	
EGMEA	6546	831	
DEGBEA	6546	59	
Triclosan	0.48	0.043	[74]

