# Describing the whole life-cycle of modelling in neuroscience

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→ Standardisation is unavoidable!

# A "complete" (?) mosaic of standards for Computational Systems Biology models

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# **Model description**

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#### What is SBML?

The Systems Biology Markup Language is a way to **exchange and reuse** (and hopefully **interface**) descriptions of quantitative models in "Systems Biology", in fact mostly well-stirred chemical kinetics so far.



It is not a procedural language.

It is not a programming language.

It is not a format for specific software configuration files (only 3 of the 7 SBML founding software still in operation).

Tools are supposed to understand the whole of SBML but not obligatory make use of everything (will not be true for Level 3).

Development philosophy: Start small, get good support, extend.

SBML itself re-uses other standards: MathML, XHTML, RDF, existing ontologies.

It is supported by a community large, diverse, active and evolving.



#### Global structure of an SBML file

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sbml level="3" version="1".</pre>
      xmlns="http://www.sbml.org/sbml/level3/version1/core">
  <model>
    <listOfFunctionDefinitions> </-- --> </listOfFunctionDefinitions>
    <listOfUnitDefinitions> </-- --> </listOfUnitDefinitions>
    <list0fCompartments> <!-- --> </list0fCompartments>
    <list0fSpecies> </-- --> </list0fSpecies>
    <listOfParameters> </-- --> </listOfParameters>
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    <list0fRules> </-- --> </list0fRules>
    <list0fConstraints> </-- --> </list0fConstraints>
    <listOfReactions> </-- --> </listOfReactions>
    <list0fEvents> </-- --> </list0fEvents>
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    <listOfReactions> </-- --> </listOfReactions>
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  </model>
</sbml>
```



#### A very simple SBML file

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sbml level="2" version="4" xmlns="http://www.sbml.org/sbml/level2/version4">
 <model>
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   </list0fCompartments>
   <species id="A" compartment="cell" initialConcentration="1"/>
    <species id="B" compartment="cell" initialConcentration="0"/>
   </listOfSpecies>
   <parameter id="kon" value="1"/>
   <reaction>
      <speciesReference species="A" />
      Ist0fProducts>
        <speciesReference species="B" />
      <kineticlaw>
        <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
         <apply>
           <times />
           <ci>kon</ci>
           <ci>A</ci>
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</sbml>
```



### Reusing existing standards

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
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               <apply>
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                <ci>ci>cell</ci>
               </apply>
             </kineticLaw>
          </reaction>
         </model>
      </sbml>
```



#### A more realistic example ...

```
<species.</pre>
    id="A".
   name="a-tubulin"
    compartment="cell"
    initial Amount="1000"
    substanceUnits="item"
   hasOnlySubstanceUnits="true"
    boundaryCondition="true"
    constant="false"
    charge="0"
   metaid="PX"
    sboTerm="SB0:0000245" >
  <notes>
    <body xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
      One of the components of a microtubule
    </body>
  </notes>
  <annotation>
    <rdf:RDF.
        xmlns:bqbiol="http://biomodels.net/biology-qualifiers/".
        xmlns:bqmodel="http://biomodels.net/model-qualifiers/"
        xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#">
      <rdf:Description rdf:about="#PX">
        <br/>dpiol:is>
          <rdf:Bag>
            <rdf:li rdf:resource="urn:miriam:uniprot:P68370"/>
            <rdf:li rdf:resource="urn:miriam:obo.go:G0%3A0045298"/>
          </rdf:Bag>
        </bqbiol:is>
      </rdf:Description>
    </rdf:RDF>
  </annotation>
</species>
```



### Reusing existing standards again

```
<species ·</pre>
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             name="a-tubulin"
             compartment="cell"
             initial Amount="1000"
             substanceUnits="item"
             hasOnlySubstanceUnits="true"
             boundaryCondition="true"
             constant="false"
             charge="0"
             metaid="PX"
             sboTerm="SB0:0000245" >
           <notes>
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XHTML
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             </body>
           </notes>
           <annotation>
             <rdf:RDF.
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             </rdf:RDF>
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         </species>
```



#### SBML is not limited to biochemistry!

Rate Rules can describe the temporal evolution of <u>any quantitative</u> <u>parameter</u>, e.g. transmembrane voltage;

Events can describe any discontinuous change, e.g. neurotransmitter release or repolarisation;

A species is an entity participating to a reaction, **not always** a **chemical** entity:

It can be a molecule

It can be a cell

It can be an organ

It can be an organism

→ SBML is about process descriptions

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#### http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels/

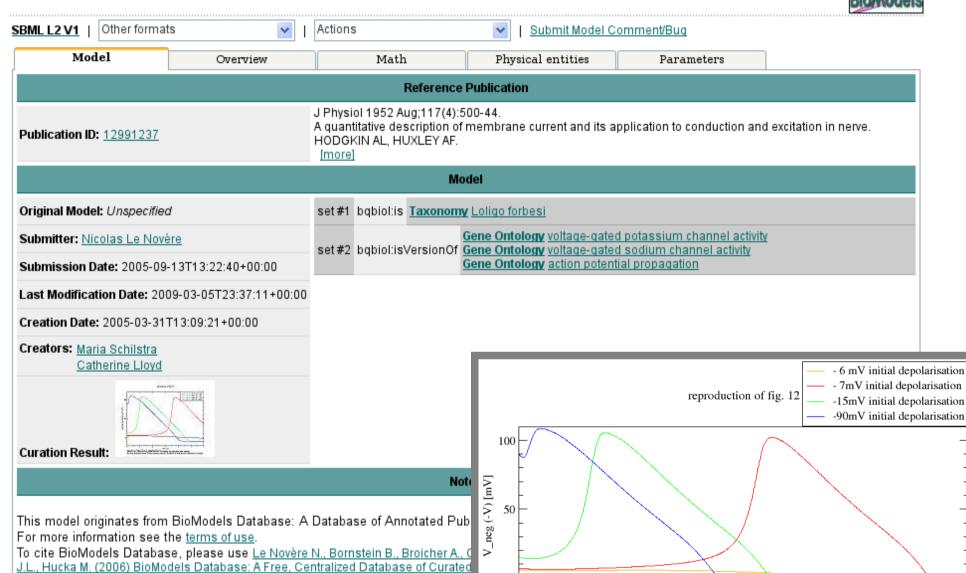
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time [ms]

simulation performed with SBML ODESolver (cvs 102008), 1e3 printsteps



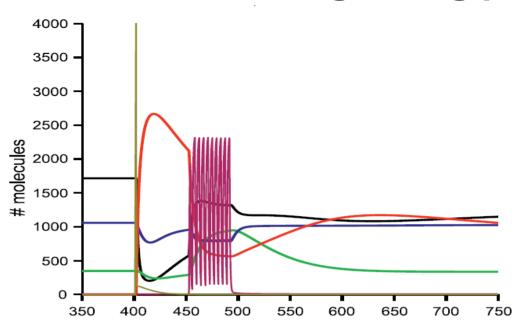


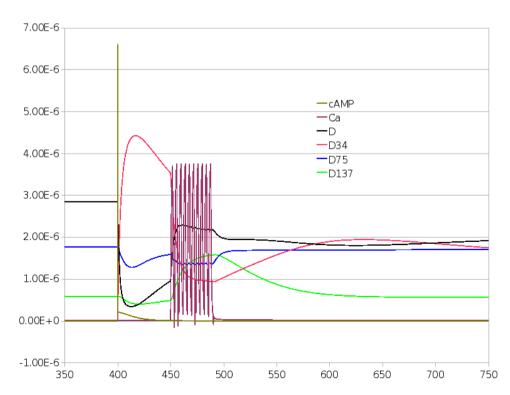


Developed by BioModels Team of Computational Neurobiology Group in European Bi

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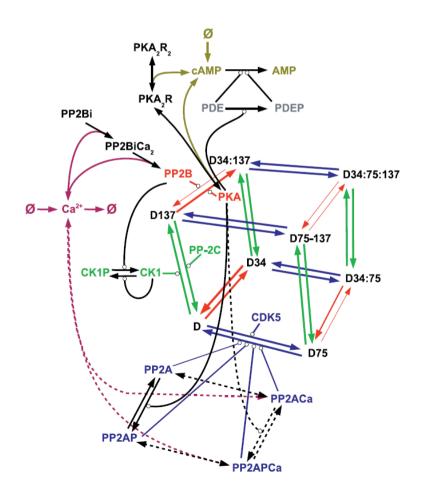
### Signalling pathways





Fernandez et al. PLoS Comput Biol (2006) 2: e176.

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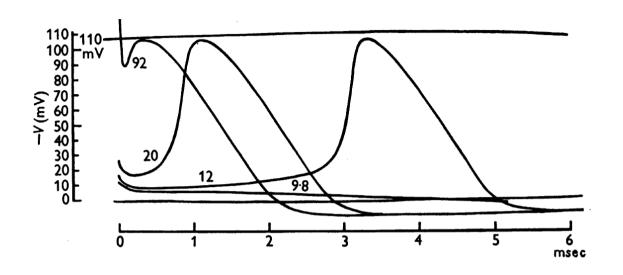




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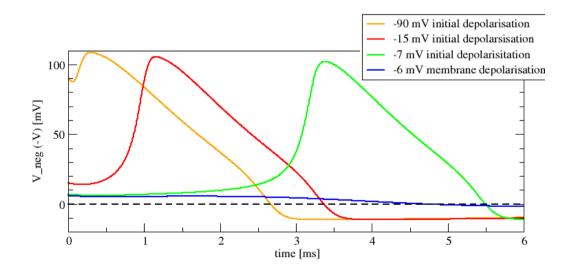
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   <speciesReference species="CDK5"/>
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   <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
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       <ci> kon1 </ci>
       <ci>D </ci>
       <ci> CDK5 </ci>
     </apply>
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</reaction>
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```

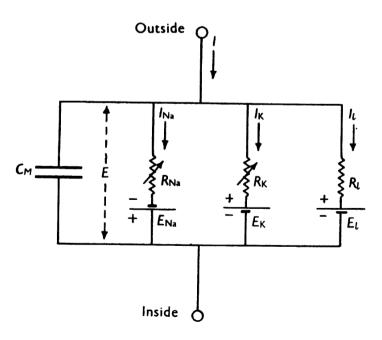
#### Conductance-based



Hodgkin AL, Huxley AF. J Physiol (1952) 117:500-544.

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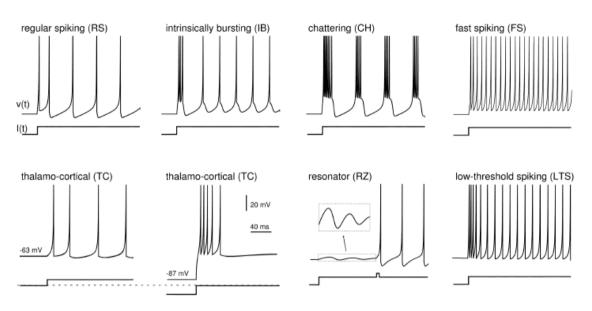


</assignmentRule>

#### Conductance-based

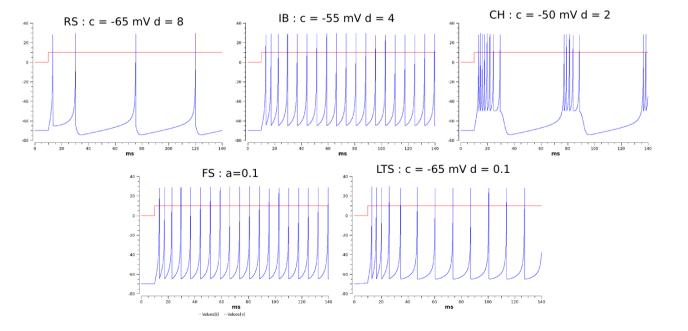
```
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                                                               rate rule:
    <apply>
                                                                \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{I - (i_{Na} + i_K + i_L)}{C_m}
      <divide/>
      <apply>
        <minus/>
        <ci> I </ci>
        <apply>
          <plus/><ci> i Na </ci><ci> i K </ci><ci> i L </ci>
        </apply>
      </apply>
      <ci> Cm </ci>
    </apply>
  </rateRule>.
<assignmentRule metaid="metaid 0000042" variable="i Na">
  <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
    <apply>
      <times/>
      <ci> g Na </ci>
                                                       assignment rule:
                                                       i_{Na} = g_{Na} \times m^3 \times h \times (V - E_{Na})
      <apply>
        <power/><ci> m </ci><cn> 3.0 </cn>
      </apply>
      <ci> h </ci>
      <apply>
        <minus/><ci> V </ci><ci> E Na </ci>
      </apply>
    </apply>
```

### Single-compartment neurons



Izhikevich EM. IEEE Trans Neural Netw (2003) 14(6):1569-1572.

Fig. 2. Known types of neurons correspond to different values of the parameters a,b,c,d in the model described by the (1), (2). RS, IB, and CH are cortical excitatory neurons. FS and LTS are cortical inhibitory interneurons. Each inset shows a voltage response of the model neuron to a step of dc-current I=10 (bottom). Time resolution is 0.1 ms. This figure is reproduced with permission from www.izhikevich.com. (Electronic version of the figure and reproduction permissions are freely available at www.izhikevich.com.)



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```
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              <power/>
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          </apply>
          <cn type="integer"> 140 </cn>
       </apply>
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      </apply>
      <ci> i </ci>
    </apply>
  </rateRule>
 rate rule:
    = 0.04^2 + 5 \times V + 140 - U + i
```

```
<event metaid="metaid 0000012" id="event 0000001">
  <trigger>
   <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
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       <ci> Vthresh </ci>
     </apply>
   </trigger>
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       <ci> c </ci>
     </eventAssignment>
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       <apply>
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         <ci> d </ci>
       </apply>
     </eventAssignment>
  </listOfEventAssignments>
</event>
```

```
event: v=c when v>V_{thresh} U=U+d
```



#### Difference between SBML L1, L2 and L3

function definitions function definitions predefined functions all math in MathML proprietary infix all math in MathMI math notation ■ no reserved namespaces for ■ no reserved namespaces for reserved namespaces for annotations annotation annotations controlled no controlled controlled RDF annotation annotation RDF annotation discrete events no discrete events discrete events monolithic monolithic modular default values default values no default values

Progressive simplification, generalisation and externalisation



#### SBML Level 3 packages

- Core package Release candidate
- Graph Layout specification finalised
- Complex species specification finalised
- Groups specification finalised
- Model composition specification under discussion
- Qualitative models specification under discussion
- Distributions and ranges specification under discussion
- Graph rendering specification proposed
- Arrays and sets specifications proposed
- Geometry specification proposed
- Spatial diffusion specification proposed
- Dynamic structures needed

# **Simulation description**

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# Minimum information requested in the annotation of biochemical models (MIRIAM)

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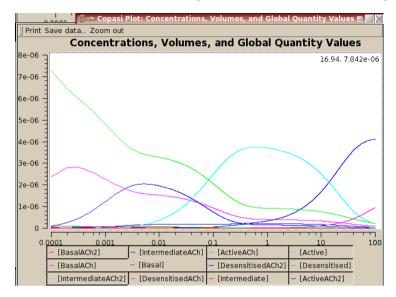
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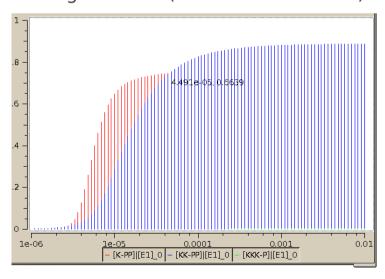
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## Reproduction of published simulation results

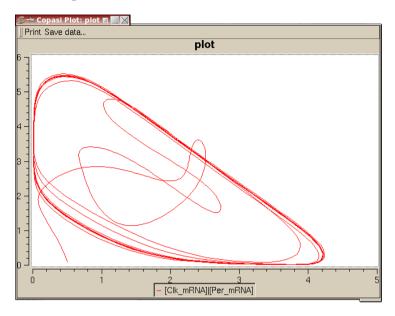
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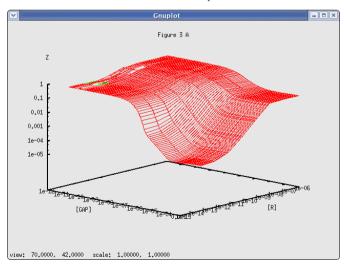
Huang & Ferrell (BIOMD000000009)



Ueda, Hagiwara, Kitanol 2001 (BIOMD000000022)



Bornheimer et al 2004 (BIOMD000000086)





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Minimum Information About a Simulation Experiment (MIASE) In Revision

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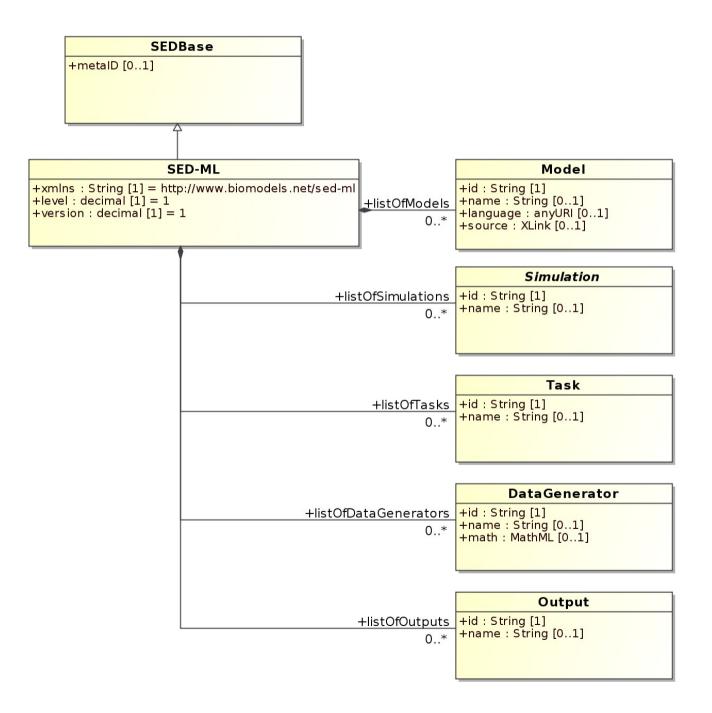
An XML Format for the Implementation of the MIASE Guidelines.

Proc 6th Conf Comput Meth Syst Biol (2008), Heiner M and Uhrmacher AM eds, *Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics*, 5307: 176-190.

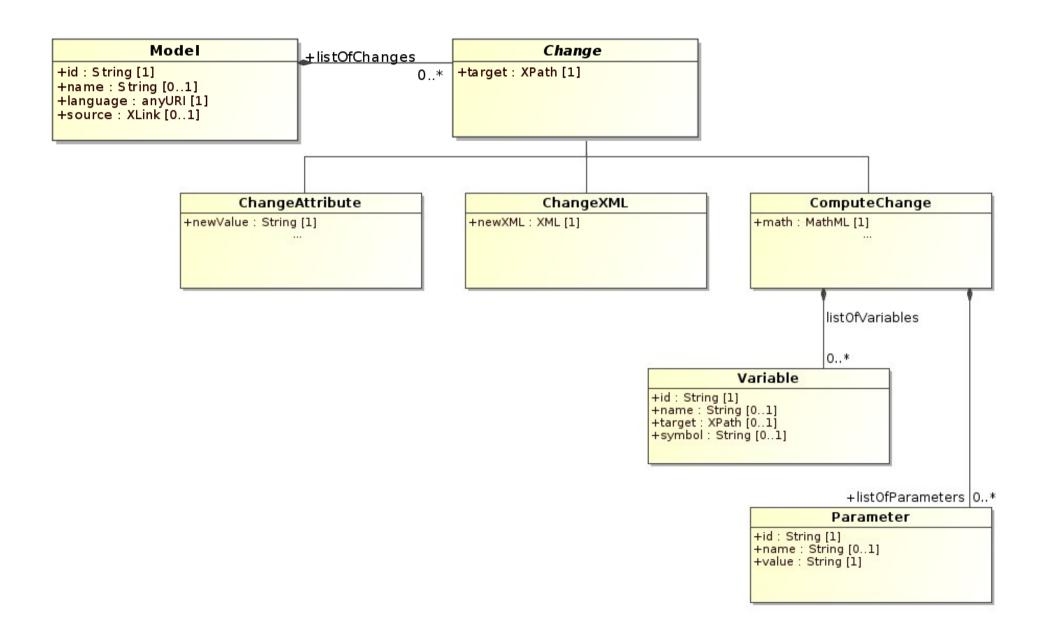




#### **General structure of SED-ML**









```
st0fModels>
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         language="urn:sedml:language:sbml"
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  <model id="model2"
         name="chattering"
         source="model1">
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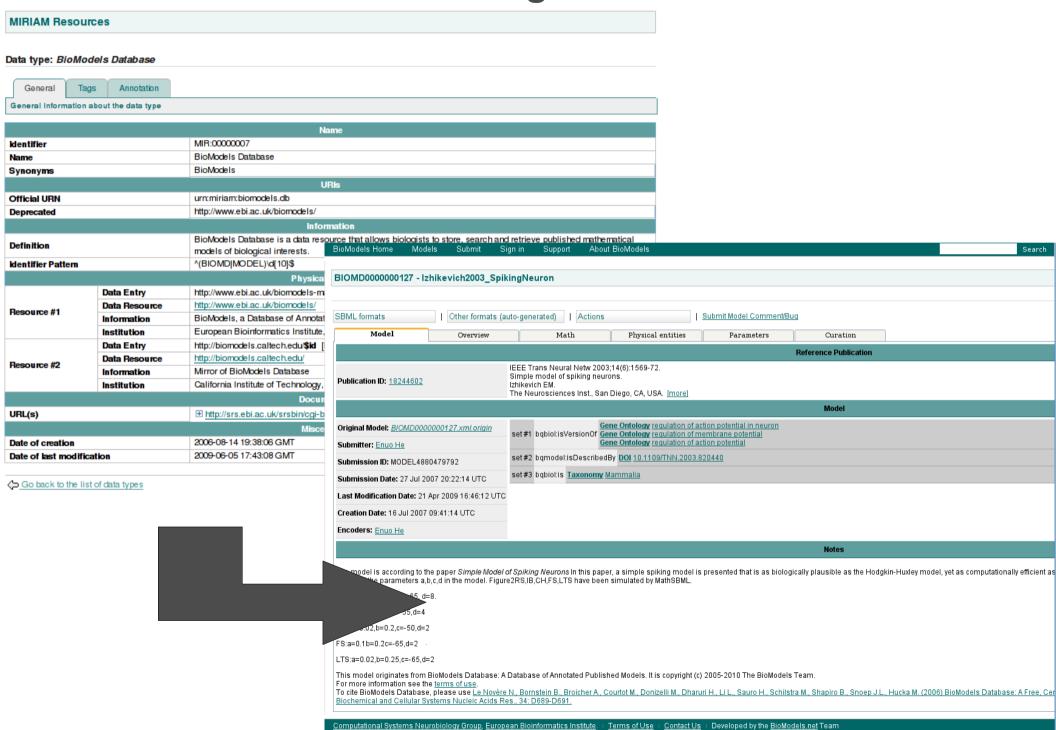


```
Any model description
st0fModels>
                                                in XML such as SBML, CellML,
 <model id="model1"
        name="Regular Spiking"
                                                NeuroML, VCML, NineML etc.
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```

### Retrieving models





### **Modifying models**

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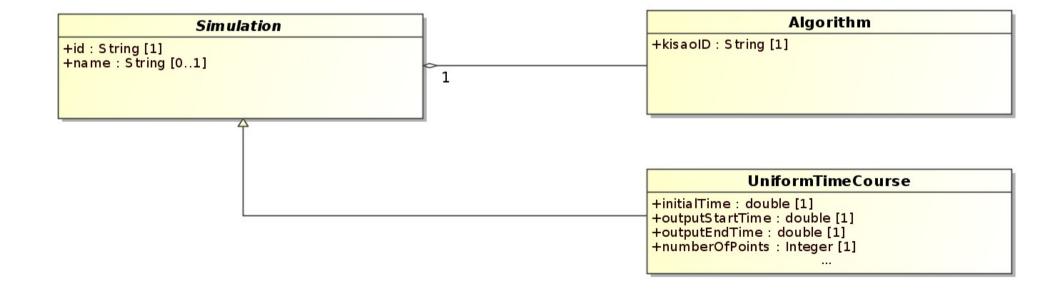


#### **Modifying models**

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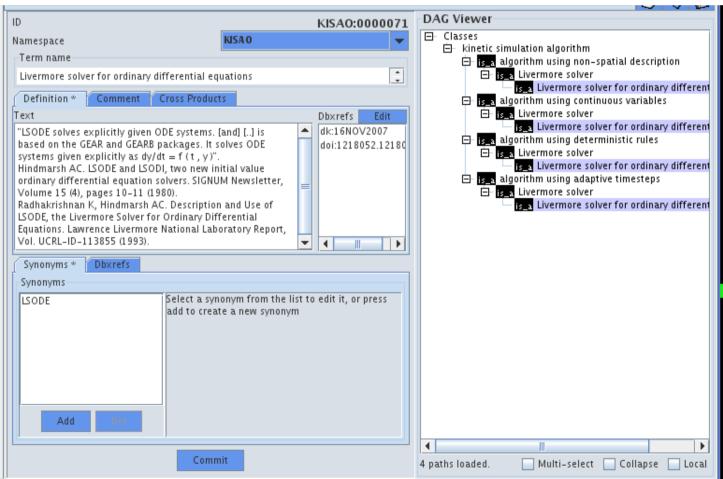
### Simulation approach





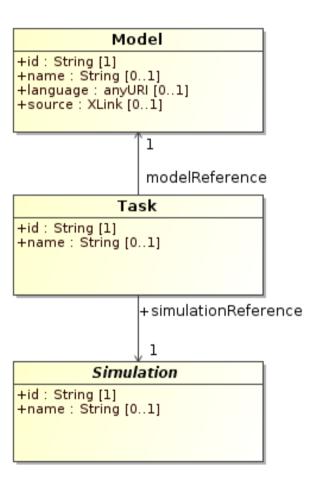
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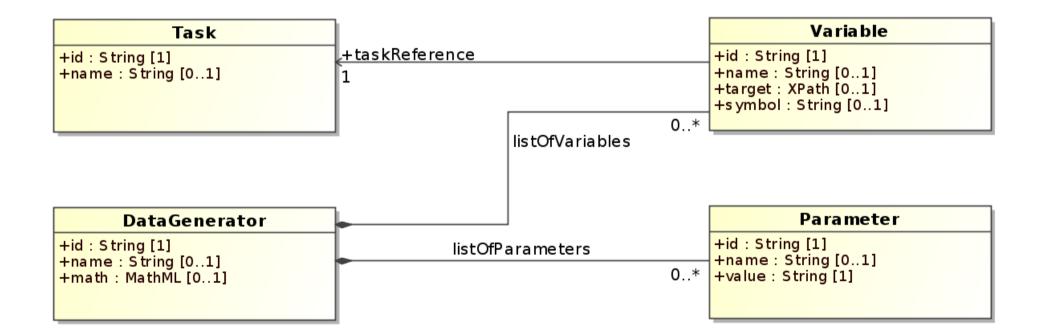


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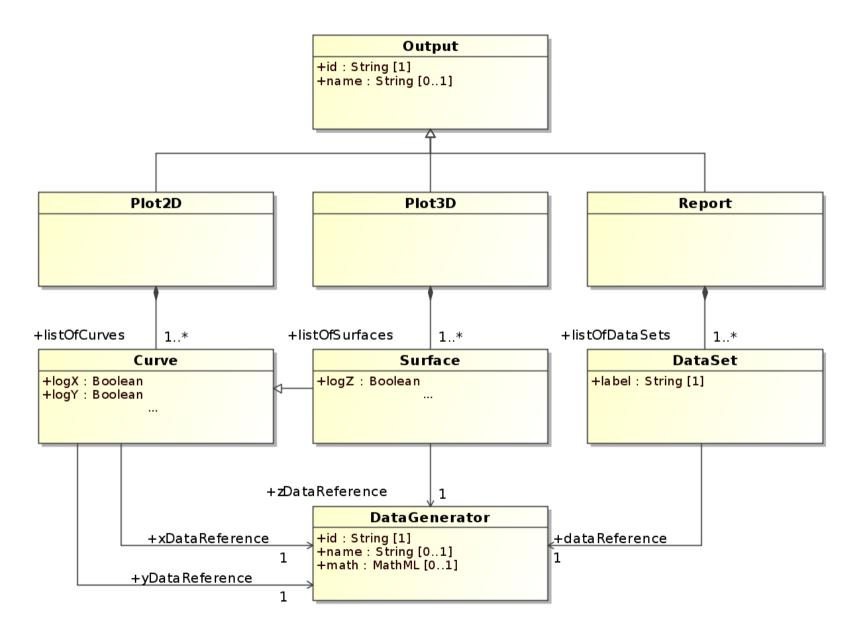


### **Data generation**

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     <ci> time </ci>
   </dataGenerator>
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   <listOfVariables>
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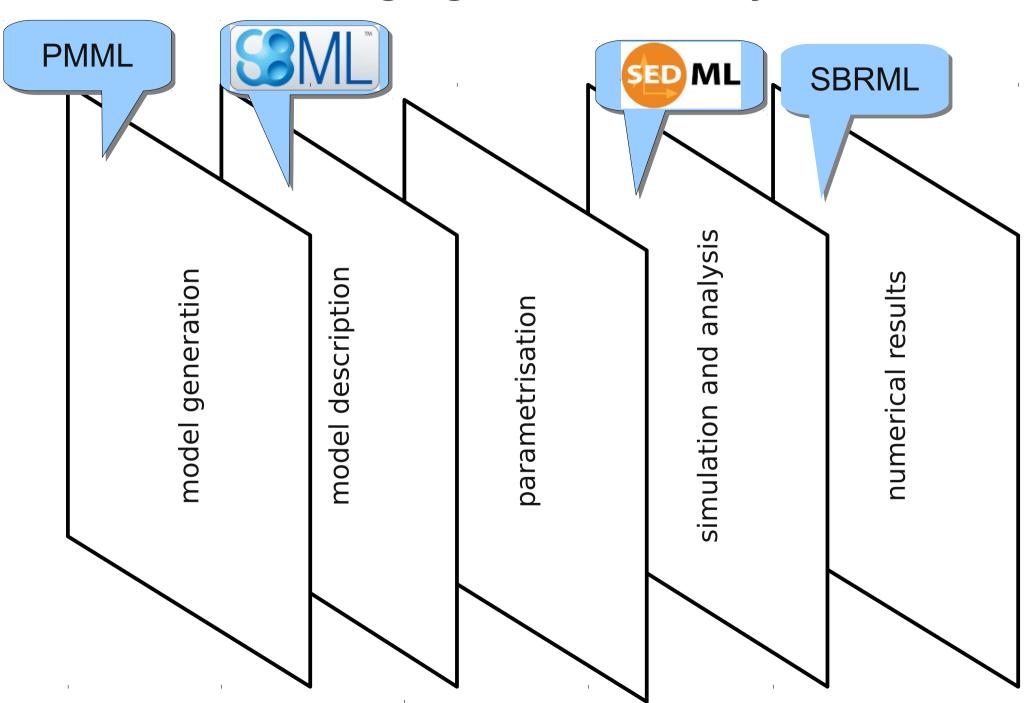
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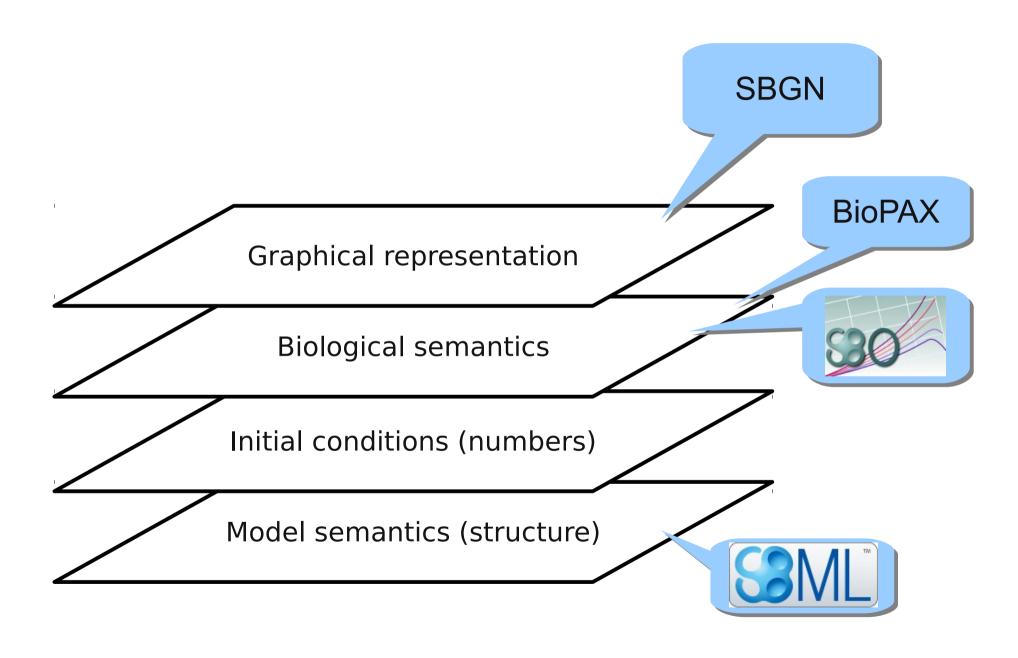
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Data-models	SML SGN	SED ML	SBRML
Ontologies	<b>S30</b>	KISAO	Y E D D Y

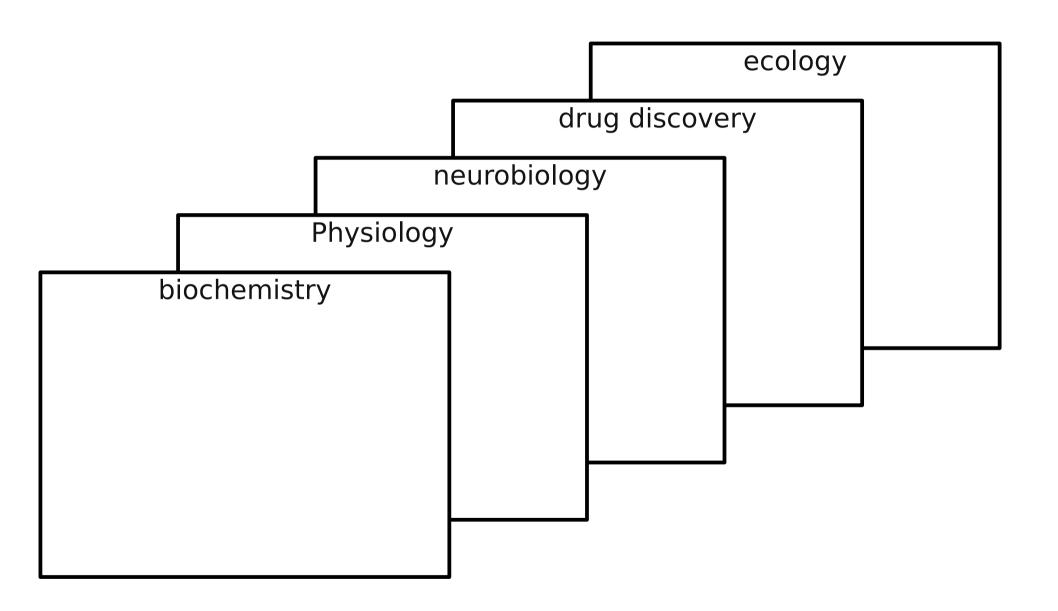
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#### Parallel and redundant efforts



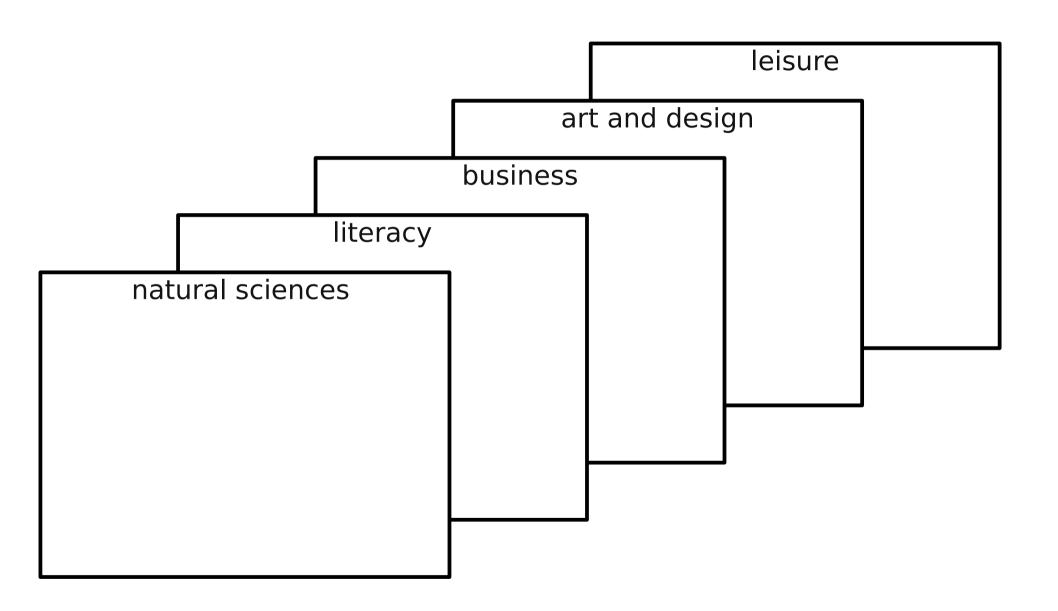
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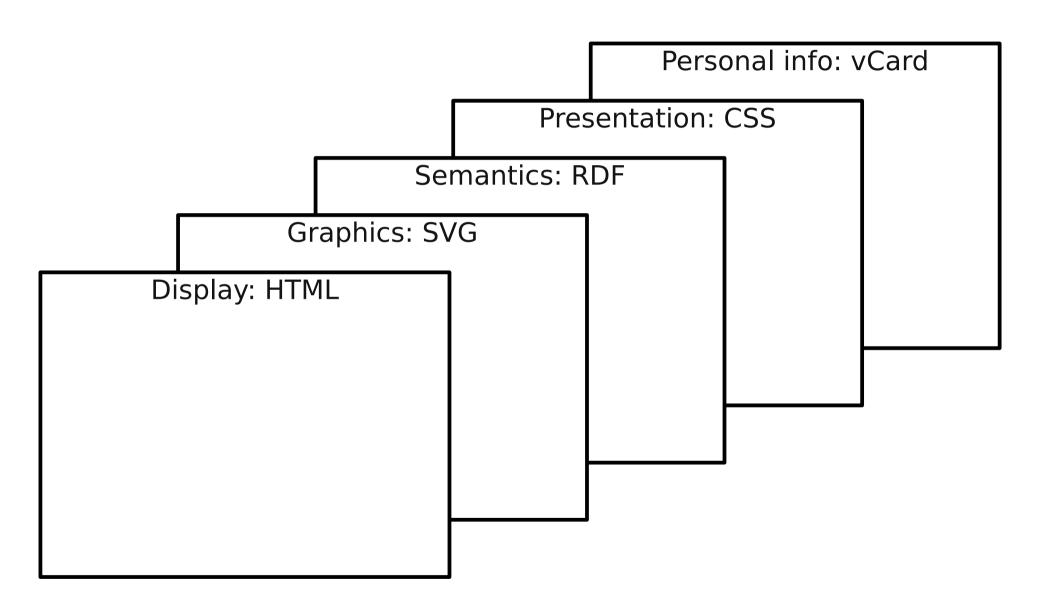




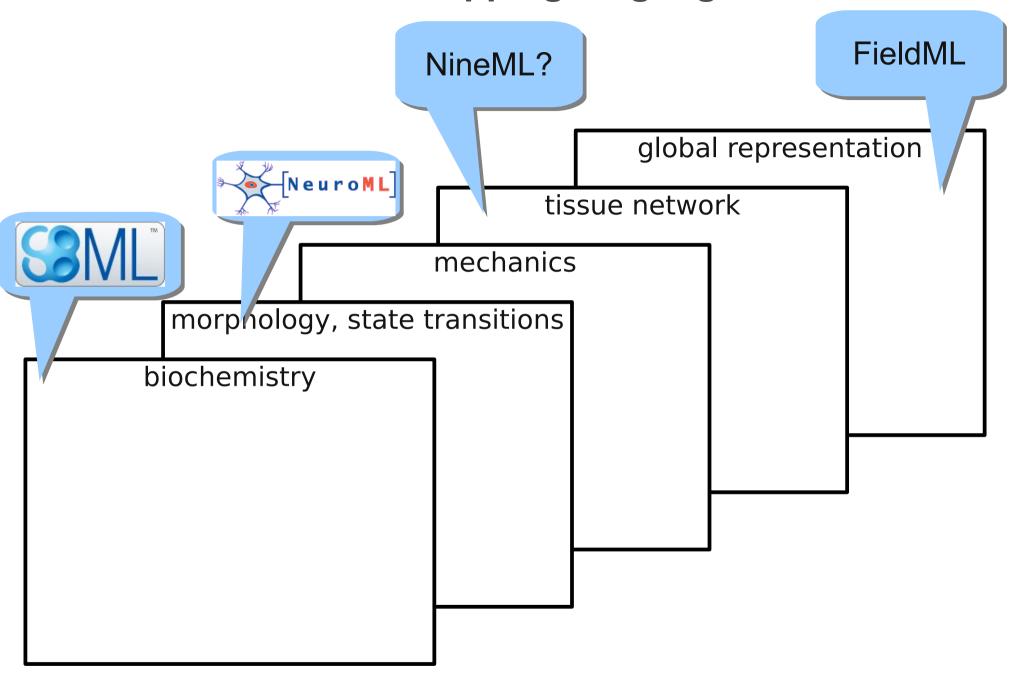
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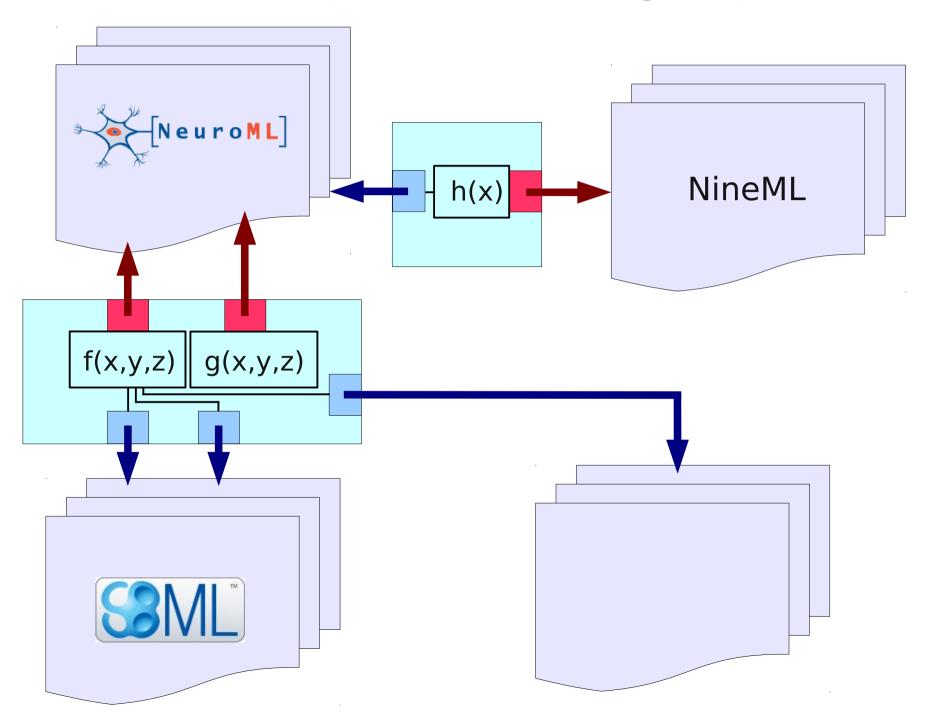
## The correct way to do it



## Non-overlapping languages



## Multi-scale representation using adapters



## Standards interoperability along the three dimensions

- SBML to BioPAX: conversion using metadata (MIRIAM annotations and SBO terms), e.g.
  - mapping between Species and PhysicalEntity
  - mapping between Reactions and PhysicalInteraction
- Conversion of SBML or BioPAX descriptions to SBGN map
- Usage of SBML descriptions (or CellML or VCML) in SED-ML: Identification of variables using XPath
- Descriptions using SBML and NeuroML: Interface based on XPath

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## A first step: common meetings

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- May 2010: SBML hackathon; BioModels DB; MIRIAM; SBO; SED-ML
- October 2010: 1st COMBINE MEETING with SBML; SBGN; BioPAX, CellML
- From now on, two grouped annual meetings
  - **COMBINE** forum: presentation of support, discussion about future developments and collaboration etc.
  - HARMONY hackathon: developing support, writing specifications, tinkering with interoperability etc.

#### **COMBINE 2010**

- 6 to 9 October 2010, Edinburgh, before the ICSB
- 75 registrations so far (forecast was 50 max ...)
- 14 sessions, plus breakouts, 42 presentations, 30 posters

Physiome standards
SED-ML
SBGN languages
libSBGN and SBGN support

Encoding graph layouts
Interactions and reactions
Semantics and metadata resources
Encoding and using semantics

Format conversion
Software support
BioPAX levels
What is not covered yet

SBML Level 3 libSBML and SBML support

followed by:

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