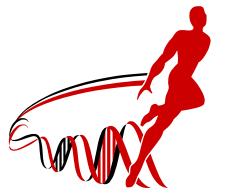
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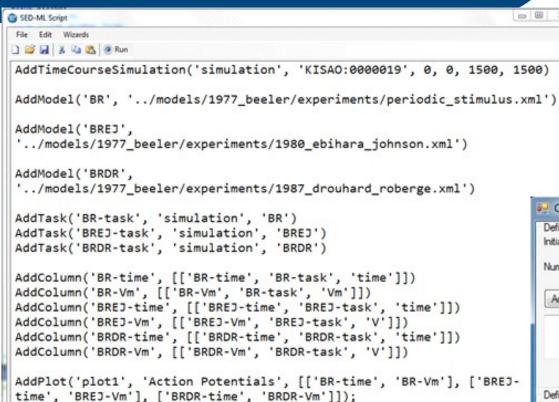
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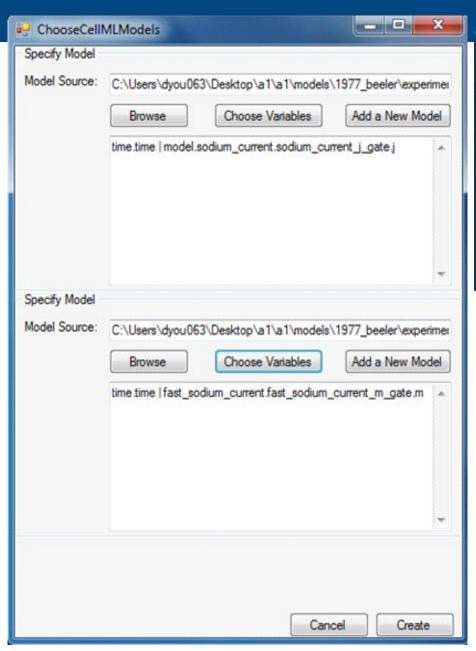


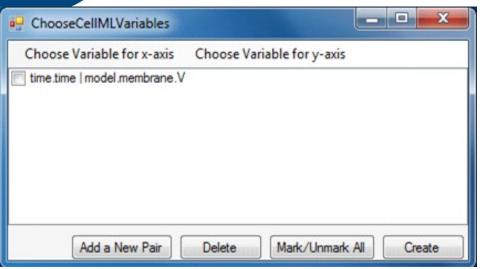


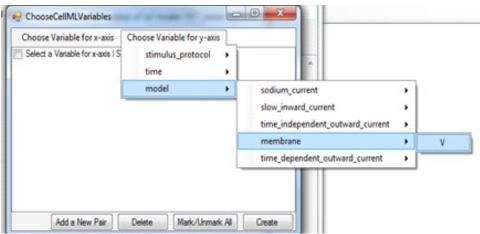
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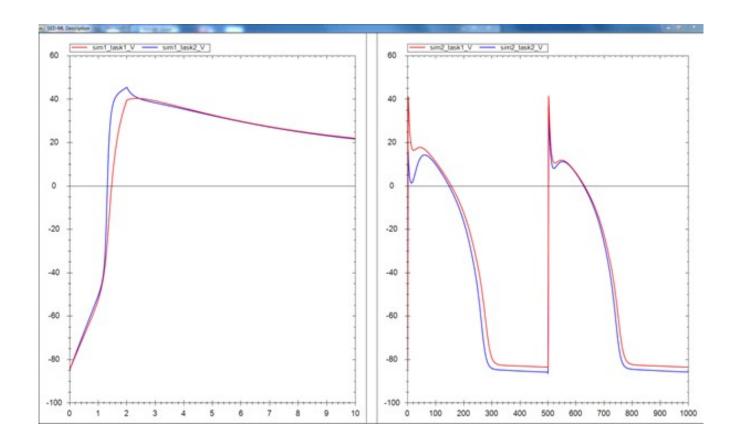


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An actual use-case

- Need to run simulations of models in which there are one or more "random" variables.
- Not really part of the model description (?)
 - But maybe should be achieved using

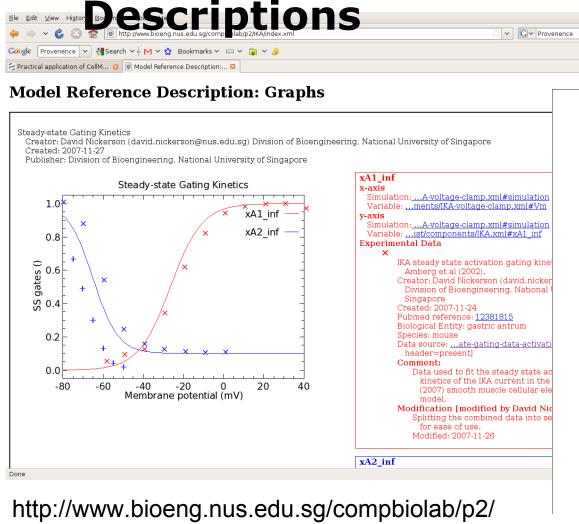


- Led to SProS (SED-ML Processing Service)
 - SED-ML object model interface specified in IDL
 - Transformed into C++ (and other language bindings)
 - Implemented as a CellML API service

SProS status

- IDL file exists
- C++ implementation with unit tests covering the complete object model
- Currently sitting on the implement-xpath branch http://cellml-api.hg.sourceforge.net/hgweb/cellml-api/cellml-api/file/8cb195c32157
- Uses the CellML API DOM implementation
- Requires an XPath implementation which also uses this DOM implementation...
- Implementation progress currently stopped until after the next release of the CellML API.

CellMLSimulator & Reference



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Systems biology

Reference descriptions of cellular electrophysiology models

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ABSTRAC

Summary: In recent years there has been much development of the fundamental ideas underlying mathematical model curation in regard to models of biology. While much has been achieved in the realms of systems biology and bioinformatics, little progress has been made in relation to cellular electrophysiology modeling. The primary reason for slow progress in this field is the lack of a consistent and machine-readable reference description for a given model. Cellifful has been widely used to describe mathematical models of cellular electrophysiology in an unambiguous, machine-readable format. Through the use of well-annotated Cellifful. models we propose a standard by which reference descriptions of cellular electrophysiology models can be similarly defined in an unambiguous, software independent, and machine-readable format. Adoption of this standard will provide a consistent technology by which cellular electrophysiology models can be curated.

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Supplementary information: Example reference descriptions are available at http://www.bioeng.nus.edu.sg/compbiolab/p2/

1 INTRODUCTION

There is a long history of publication of mathematical models of cellular electrophysiology, daining back to the seminal work of Hodgkin and Husley (1952). Historically, cellular electrophysiology model developments and justifications are well specified in the model's original journal publication whereas the mathematical model itself is not always specified in such great detail. Additionally, complete parametrization and specification of required boundary conditions for particular numerical simulations using the models are not always present—often due to requirements to provide a concise description of the model in traditional journal publication formats. Furthermore, the actual numerical and computational methods used to perform simulations are generally even less well defined in the original model publication. These factors make it very difficult for

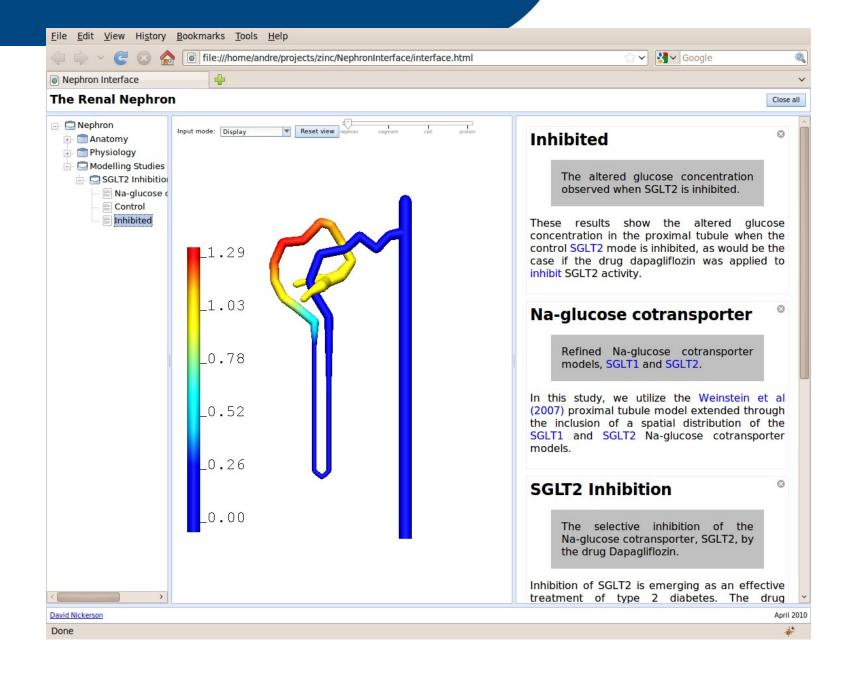
As an aid to overcome these shortcomings, model authors often use the Internet to distribute computer code for their own implementation of their model(s). A good example of this is the Rudy lab (http://rudylab.wustl.edu/), which provides source code for the widely used LRd-based model series. While useful as an aid to enable scientists to utilize mathematical models, there is usually no direct relationship between a model's publication and any provided code. As such, there is still no easy way to check a new implementation of the model or quantitatively compare the model's implementation with results from the model's original publication. An example of this is when such models must be re-implemented in a specific format for inclusion in other tools, such as the use of LRd models in whole heart electrophysiology modeling.

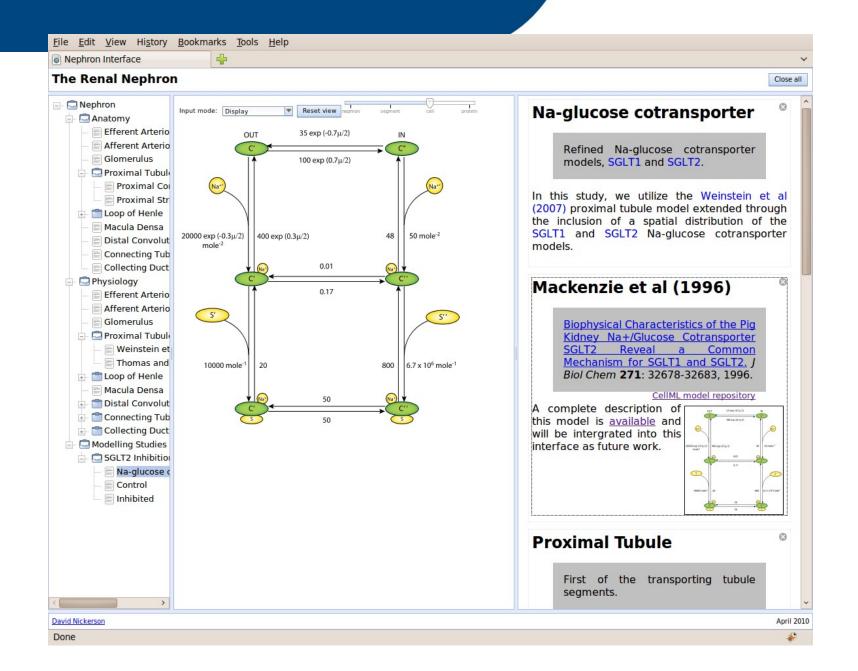
In the field of systems biology, much effort has been invested in creating validated and curated models, such that models can be reused and combined in new ways (see, for example, http://www.biomodels.net). The MIRIAM standard (Le Novère et al., 2005) has been established to guide such curation and is equally applicable to whole-cell electrophysiology models but has not yet been widely applied in this area. In order to be able to curate an implementation of an electrophysiology model it is essential to have an authoritative version of the model against which the implementation can be critically evaluated. In the MIRIAM standard this is referred to as the model's reference description and here we put forward a standard suitable for defining reference descriptions of cellular electrophysiology models.

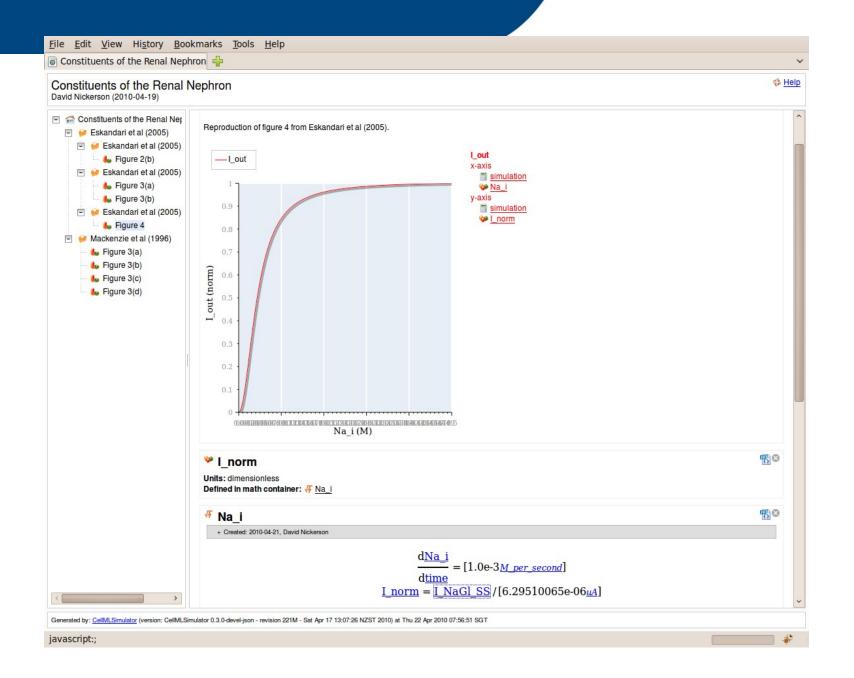
2 APPROACH

CellML (http://www.cellml.org) has previously been shown as a versatile tool for the definition (Nickerson and Hunter, 2006) and utilization (Nickerson et al., 2006) of cellular electrophysiology models. As such, we use CellML for the base definition of the mathematical model and use CellML related technology in the definition of a reference description. The same technology could, however, be applied equally well to mathematical models specified in other standard formats.

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CellMLSimulator plans

- Migrate from CellML simulation and graphing metadata (plus custom annotations) to SED-ML
- SED-ML for multiscale models?
- libSedML vs jlibSedML vs Andre's C++ libSedML vs SProS...