## NoPain – Meeting

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# Work Packages









## Efficient simulation of $\mathcal{HPN}^{\mathcal{C}}$

- a. Predecessor WPs: BTU-WP1, OvGUM-WP1
- b. Successor WPs: BTU-WP4
  - Examination of the Petri net models with regard to parallelisation potential
  - Investigation of optimisation possibilities and performance comparisons with alternative tools, i.e. StochKit2, Cain...



- Starting point: The Signaling Petri Net-Based Simulator: A Non-Parametric Strategy for Characterizing the Dynamics of Cell-Specific Signaling Networks
  D. Ruths, M. Muller, Jen-Te Tseng, L. Nakhleh, P. T. Ram Published: February 29, 2008; DOI: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1000005
- "The key insight behind our approach is the assumption that, while all network parameters determine the actual signal propagation to some extent, the network connectivity is the most significant single determinant. While this is clearly a gross simplification, several researchers have observed that the connectivity of a biological network dictates, to a great extent, the network's dynamics."



- . "Simulation of timed Petri nets with variable auto-concurrency".
- The least possible time step is 1 time unit.
- All enabled transitions that are not mutually exclusive, are forced to fire within a time-step, something like *maximum step*.
- When the net is filled up with tokens, every transition will fire.



## Transition firing

- Generate a random sequence of all transitions  $t \in \mathcal{PN}$ .
- No extra conflict resolution needed, because of serial firing.
- Maximum step ⊆ random sequences

## Example

Random sequences:

- $1 (T_1, T_3, T_2, T_4) \to \{1, 1, 1, 0\}$
- **2**  $(T_1, T_2, T_4, T_3) \rightarrow \{1, 1, 1, 1\}$
- 3  $(T_3, T_4, T_2, T_1) \rightarrow \{1, 1, 0, 0\}$

Maximum step:

 $1 \ \{T_1\} \to \{1, 1, 0, 0\}$ 





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- How often a transition concurrently fires depends on its enabledness degree and is randomly determined.
- firing rate = random[0, enablness degree]
- This approximates the stochastic behaviour of mass-action kinetics.

- $(T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4) \to \{1, 5, 10, 0\}$
- $T_1 = 1 \to 0 \to \{1, 5, 6, 2\}$
- $T_2 = 5 \to 4 \to \{1, 5, 10, 2\}$
- $T_3 = 5 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \{1, 5, 10, 4\}$
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#### Algorithm 1 Parameter-free simulation algorithm

**Require:**  $\mathcal{PN}$  with initial marking  $m_0$ , time interval  $[\tau_0, \tau_{max}]$ , runs  $r_{max}$ **Ensure:** marking m at time point  $\tau_{max}$ 

1: for 
$$r = 0; r < r_{max}; r \leftarrow r + 1$$
 do

3: time 
$$\tau \leftarrow \tau_0$$
, marking  $m \leftarrow m_0$ ,  $T_r \leftarrow T$ 

4: while 
$$\tau <= \tau_{max}$$
 do

5: 
$$T_r \leftarrow random\_shuffle(T_r)$$

6: for all transitions 
$$t_j \in T_r$$
 do

7: 
$$e \leftarrow enablednessDegree(t_j, m)$$

8: 
$$f \leftarrow random(0, e)$$

9: 
$$m \leftarrow m + f * \Delta t$$

#### 10: end for

11: 
$$generateResultPoint(\tau, m)$$

12: 
$$\tau \leftarrow \tau + 1$$

#### 13: end while

#### 14: **end for**



## RKIP inhibited ERK Pathway [Gilbert et al. 2006]

RKIP/MEK-ERK signalling pathway [wolkenhauer 2003], [Calder 2005]



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# RKIP inhibited ERK Pathway





Figure: ERK, N=1

# RKIP inhibited ERK Pathway





Figure: ERK, N=10

# RKIP inhibited ERK Pathway





Figure: ERK, N=100

# Example



## Mitogen-activated Protein Kinase [Huang et al. 1996], [Gilbert et al. 2007]





Figure: MAPK, N=1



(e) QPN 100 runs (<1s)

(f)

QPN 1,000 runs (<1s)

Figure: MAPK, N=4

(g) QPN 10,000 runs (3s)

(h) QPN 100,000 runs (33s)

# Mitogen-activated Protein Kinase



Figure: MAPK, N=10





## Angiogenesis [Napione et al. 2009]



# Angiogenesis





Figure: ANG, N=1

# Angiogenesis





Figure: ANG, N=5

# Angiogenesis





Figure: ANG, N=10



## Conclusions

- Mixed results:
  - performance comparable to stochastic simulation, some times better, some time worse
  - **2** correct results for N = 1, contradictory for N > 1
- Potential solutions:
  - 1 weighted shuffle of transitions
  - 2 mass-action kinetics:  $c_t \cdot \prod_{p \in \bullet t} {m(p) \choose f(p,t)}$ enabledness degree:  $min_{p \in \bullet t} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{m(p)}{f(p,t)} \right\rfloor \right)$

# Milestones



	2013				2014				2015			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
WP1		M1										
WP2				M2								
WP3						M3						
WP4								M4				
WP5								M4				
WP6												M5
WP7												M6

## Next steps...



- Model compilation for simulation, i.e. a Petri net model and the simulation algorithm will be compiled into an executable file.
- Performance comparisons with alternative simulation tools, i.e. Stochkit2, Cain, Copasi, StochPy...



# Thank you for your attention!