


CellML 1.1 – best practice guidelines for heart cell models

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Enhancing Modularity in CellML


- Guidelines on the use of CellML 1.1 to ensure we all create models suitable for re-use by the community wherever possible...



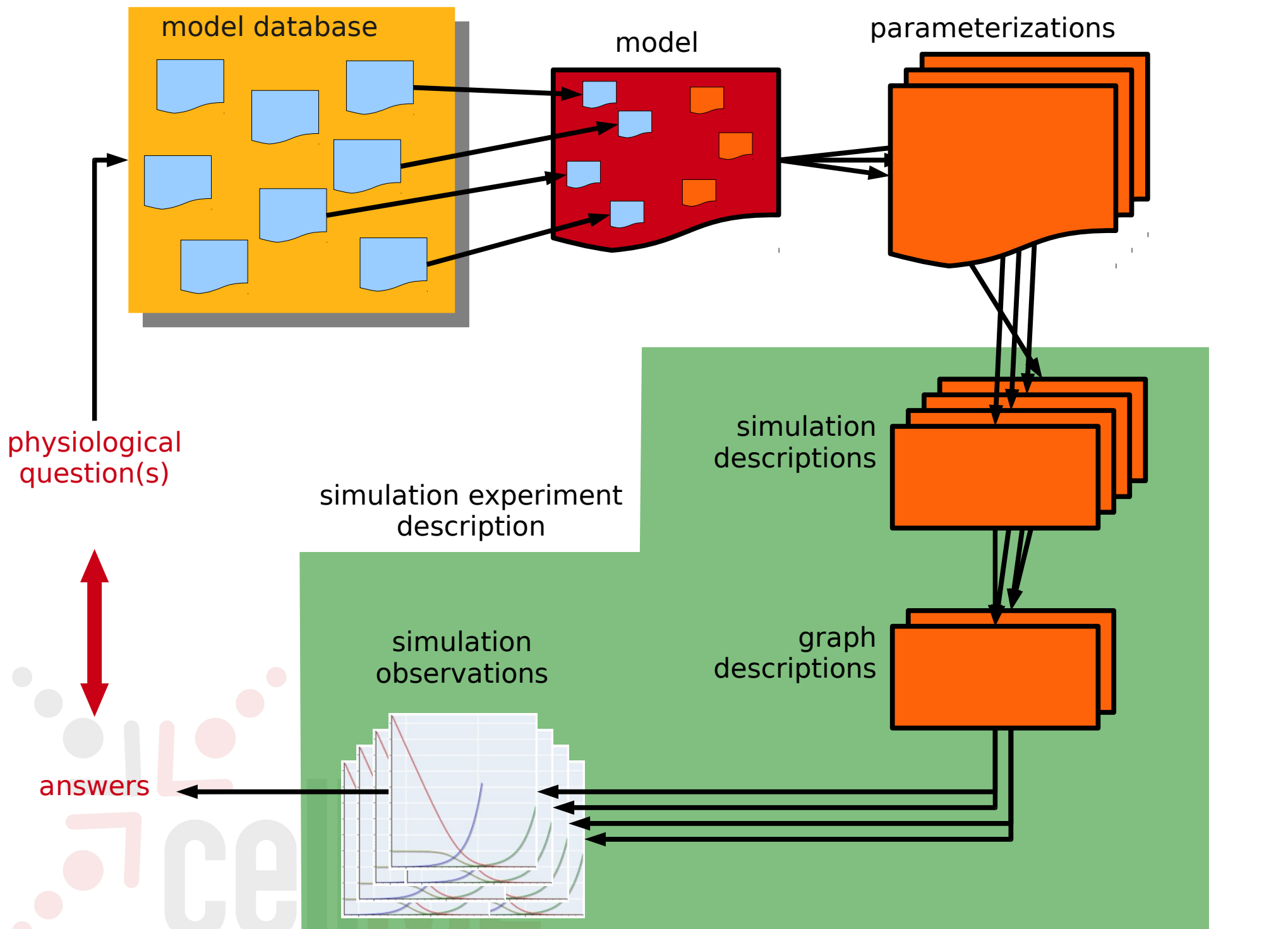
Modelling with CellML 1.1

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Cardiac cell models

- Extensive historical record
- Generally quite modular
 - ion channels
 - concentrations
 - electrics, mechanics, energetics...
- Recurring common mathematical formulations
 - Hodgkin-Huxley gating kinetics, Nernst potential...
- Good candidate for the use of CellML 1.1?

CellML 1.1 & heart cell models

- Works well if a consistent interface is imposed on all aspects of the modeling workflow
 - consistent units, same physical quantities
 - (100's of models in the repository...)
- Adaptors can be written to connect “incompatible” sub-models
 - very flexible
 - adapters need to be customized (single use?)
 - **extensive** historical record!

Adapter models

- Only practical solution...for now
- Is a generalized solution possible?
 - extract common features (flux summation, ion concentrations...)
 - will drop out over time
- Can the creation of adapter models be automated?
 - Model annotation becomes even more important!
 - library of template adapters?

Impose a standard interface

- Can we specify a standard interface for all heart cell models?
- Will only work for new model descriptions
- Is it worth doing if only works with heart cell models?
 - we want to model the whole body, right?



What can you do now?

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