

Resource Summary Report

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MCell

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.mcell.cnl.salk.edu/>

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Description: Software modeling tool for realistic simulation of cellular signaling in complex 3-D subcellular microenvironment in and around living cells. Program that uses spatially realistic 3D cellular models and specialized Monte Carlo algorithms to simulate movements and reactions of molecules within and between cells.

Synonyms: Monte Carlo simulator of cellular microphysiology

Resource Type: simulation software, software application, software resource

Keywords: Monte Carlo, simulator, cellular, microphysiology, living, cell, BRAIN Initiative

Funding: NIGMS P41 GM103712

Availability: Free, Available for download, Freely available

Resource Name: MCell

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Alternate IDs: nif-0000-00160

Alternate URLs: <https://github.com/mcellteam/mcell>

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for MCell.

No alerts have been found for MCell.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 62 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [RRID](#).

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