

OSB Automated Model Validation

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




























Status

Note: this table is still in development!

These status values are currently based on a manual curation process, scoring the models on the completeness of the translation of the model from the original format to NeuroML (or PyNN).

For simulators, the score represents how well the model translates to the specific simulator from the simulator independent format, NOT the availability of original scripts in that simulator.

The longer term aim is to have these scores generated automatically from tests based on parsing of the NeuroML and comparison to expected model behaviour.

	Curation	NeuroML v1.x	NeuroML v2.x	PyNN	NEURON	GENESIS 2	MOOSE	PSICS	NEST	Brian	OSB Model Validation
 vogelsetal2011	★ ★			★★	★★				★	★	
 blender-to-neuroml	★		★★								
 bluehive-showcase			★								
 brianshowcase	—		★	★						★★★	
 nc_ca1	★	★			★						
 nc_superdeep											
 catmaidshowcase	★		★★								
 cnoshowcase	★ ★										
 dbdflymodel											
 dentategyrus2005	★	★			★★	★	★				
 dentate	★	★			★						
 drosophila-acc-l3-motoneuron-gunay-et-al-2014	★	★	★		★						
 fitzhugh-nagumo-fitzhugh-1969	★		★★		★					★★	
 fpgashowcase											

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Retraction

We wish to retract our research article "structure of MsbA from *E. coli*: A homolog of the multidrug resistance ATP binding cassette (ABC) transporters" and both of our Reports "Structure of the ABC transporter MsbA in complex with ADP-vanadate and lipopolysaccharide" and "X-ray structure of the EmrE multidrug transporter in complex with a substrate" ([1–3](#)).

The recently reported structure of Sav1866 ([4](#)) indicated that our MsbA structures ([1](#), [2](#), [5](#)) were incorrect in both the hand of the structure and the topology. Thus, our biological interpretations based on these inverted models for MsbA are invalid.

An in-house data reduction program introduced a change in sign for anomalous differences. This program, which was not part of a conventional data processing package, converted the anomalous pairs (I+ and I-) to (F- and F+), thereby introducing a sign change. As the diffraction data collected for each set of MsbA crystals and for the EmrE crystals were processed with the same program, the structures reported in ([1–3](#), [5](#), [6](#)) had the wrong hand.

The error in the topology of the original MsbA structure was a consequence of the low resolution of the data as well as breaks in the electron density for the connecting loop regions. Unfortunately, the use of the multicopy refinement procedure still allowed us to obtain reasonable refinement values for the wrong structures.

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Guidelines

- ▶ Simple to use and setup. Declarative format, no logic
- ▶ Automated testing for new commits (*continuous integration*)
- ▶ Extensible (adding new tests/backends)



How does it look like

proof-of-concept implementation!

expect changes!

- ▶ <https://github.com/borismarin/hh-testing>
- ▶ <https://travis-ci.org/borismarin/hh-testing>



How to enable it for a project

1. Dry-run test file (*omt* extension)

```
engine: NEURON  
target: NEURON/script.hoc
```

2. Add our `.travis.yaml` file to the repo

OR

1. Install our python package
2. Follow the wizard: `omv_autogen`



Model Emergent Properties [*mep*] files

```
system: Classical HH model
experiments:
  experiment 1, autonomous activity:
    expected:
      resting: -64.9
    morphology:
      total area: 157080
      number of cells: 1
      temperature: 6.3
```

- ▶ We need to specify our expectations
- ▶ Information that comes from the model after computations
- ▶ Can be used to generate visual summary



OSB Model Test

```
target: hhnostim.hoc
engine: NEURON
implements:
  mep: ../hh.mep
  experiment: experiment 1, autonomous activity
  observables:
    resting:
      file:
        path: /tmp/nrnhhnostim.dat
        columns: [0,1]
        average last: 100
      tolerance: 1e-2
  morphology:
    base section: soma
```

- ▶ Given a *mep* file, specify mappings to implementation
 - ▶ how to “run”
 - ▶ how/where info is stored



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