Supported Modeling Methodologies & Their Interactions

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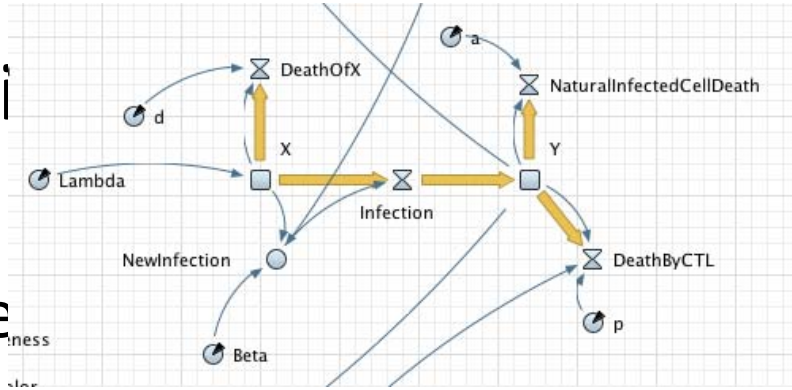
AnyLogic basics

- Multi-platform
- Declarative graphical languages
- Basic language: Java
- Rich library of built-in objects
- Continuous or discrete time/space
- Modeling approaches supported
  - System Dynamics
  - Agent-based
    - Regular & irregular spatial embedding, network embedding
  - Discrete event

System Dynamics

- Feedback-focus
- Traditional graphical depicti
  - Stocks (state of system)
  - Flows (rates of change to the
  - Continuous variation in state



- Stocks are initialized, are then change according to flows
- Values of flows are determined by stocks & any other variables

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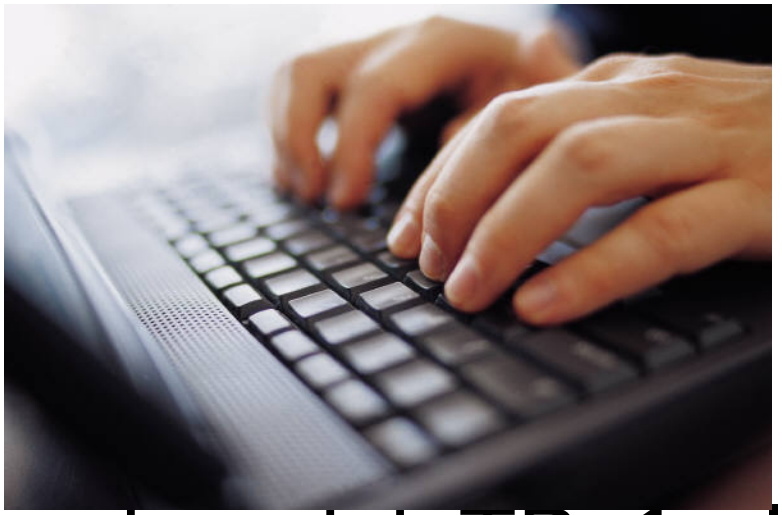
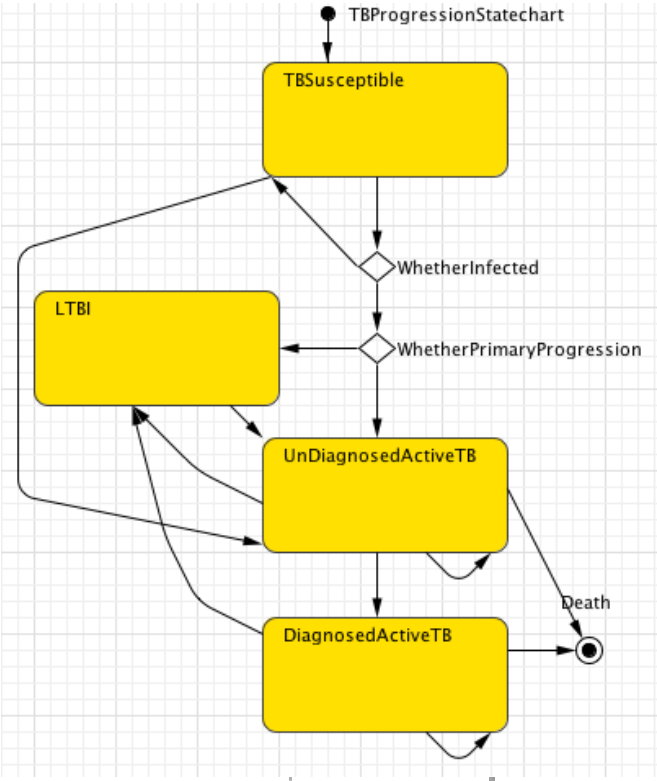
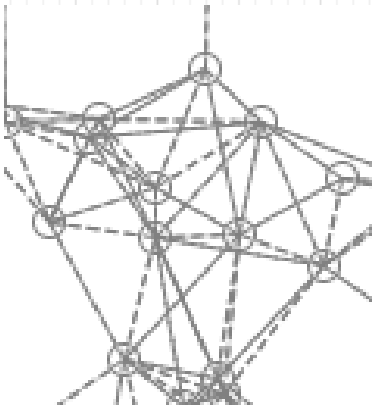


Load model: TBv1.alp

Agent-Based Approaches

- Agent (actor) focused
- Traditional graphical depiction:
  State transition diagram
  - States
  - Transitions
  - Discrete variation in state
- Regular or irregular topologies connect between agents
  - Messages sent via connections





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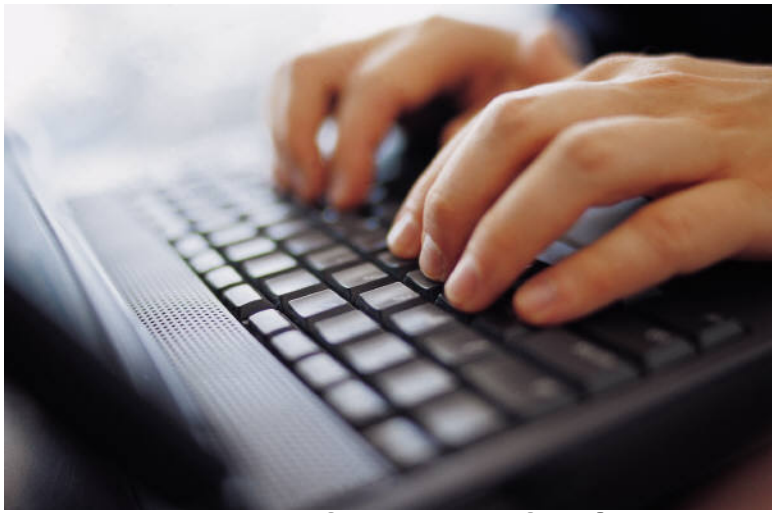
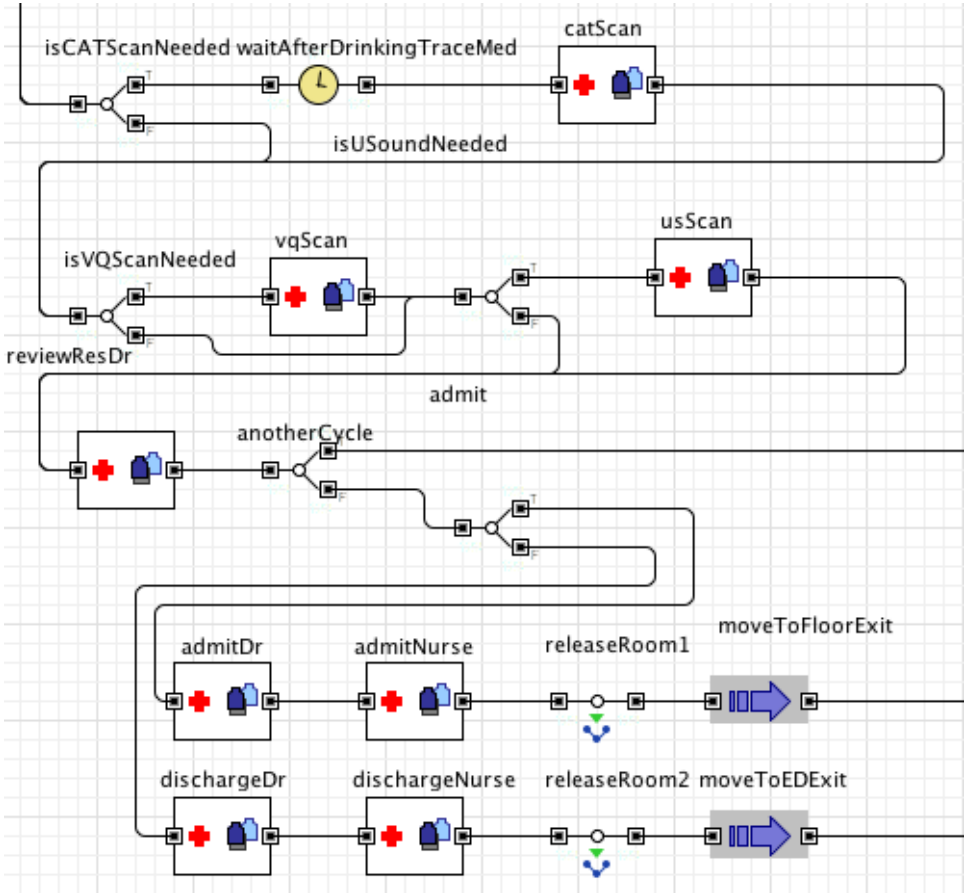


Load model:

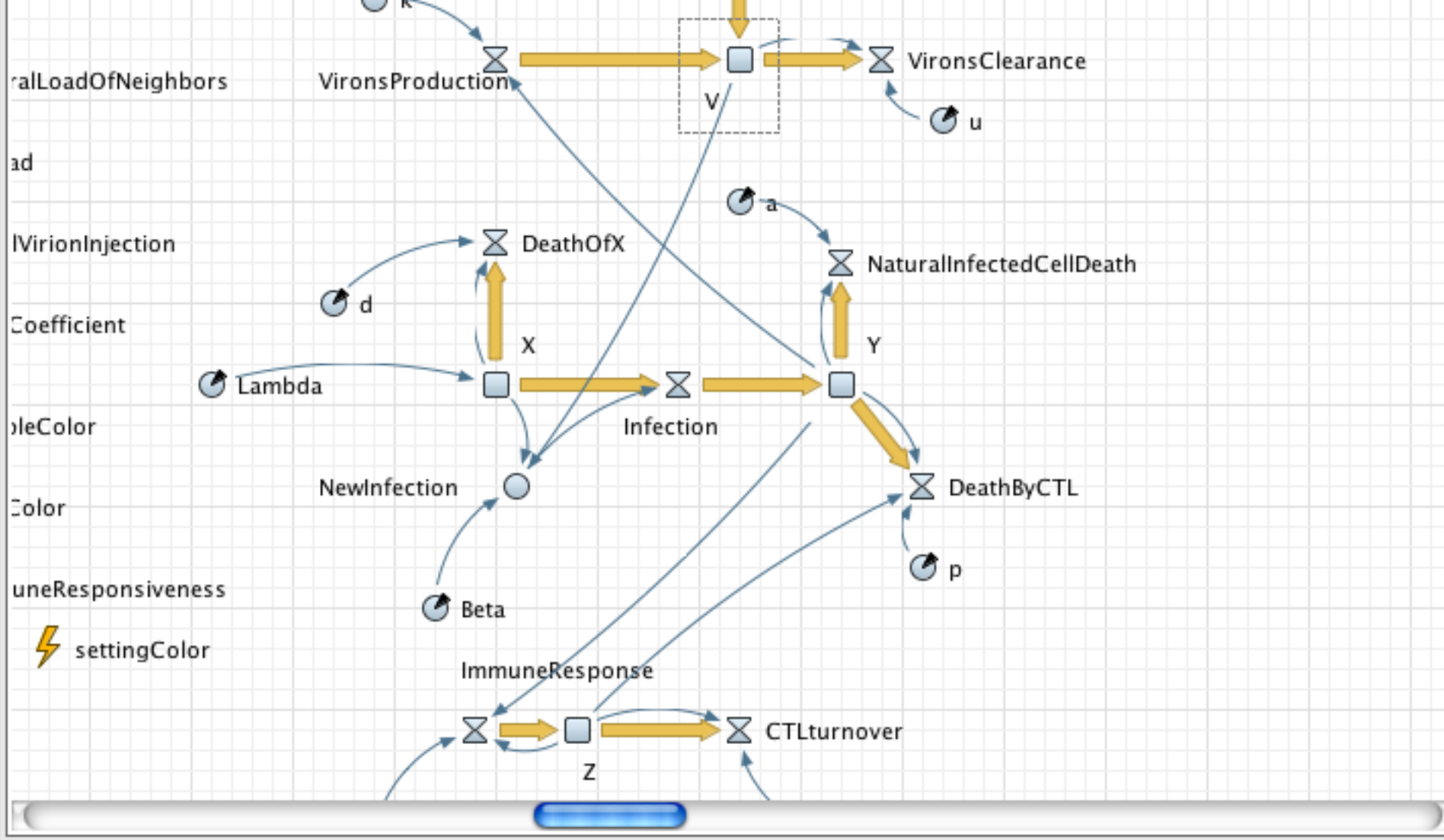
Emergency Department Tulsa.alp

Discrete Event Modeling

- Resource-based modeling
  - Queues
  - Processes
  - Flow charts
  - Capacitated resource pools
  - Send to
  - Attachment/detachment



“Network Modeling”
Irregular Spatial Embedding



Properties | Console

Person – Active Object Class

General

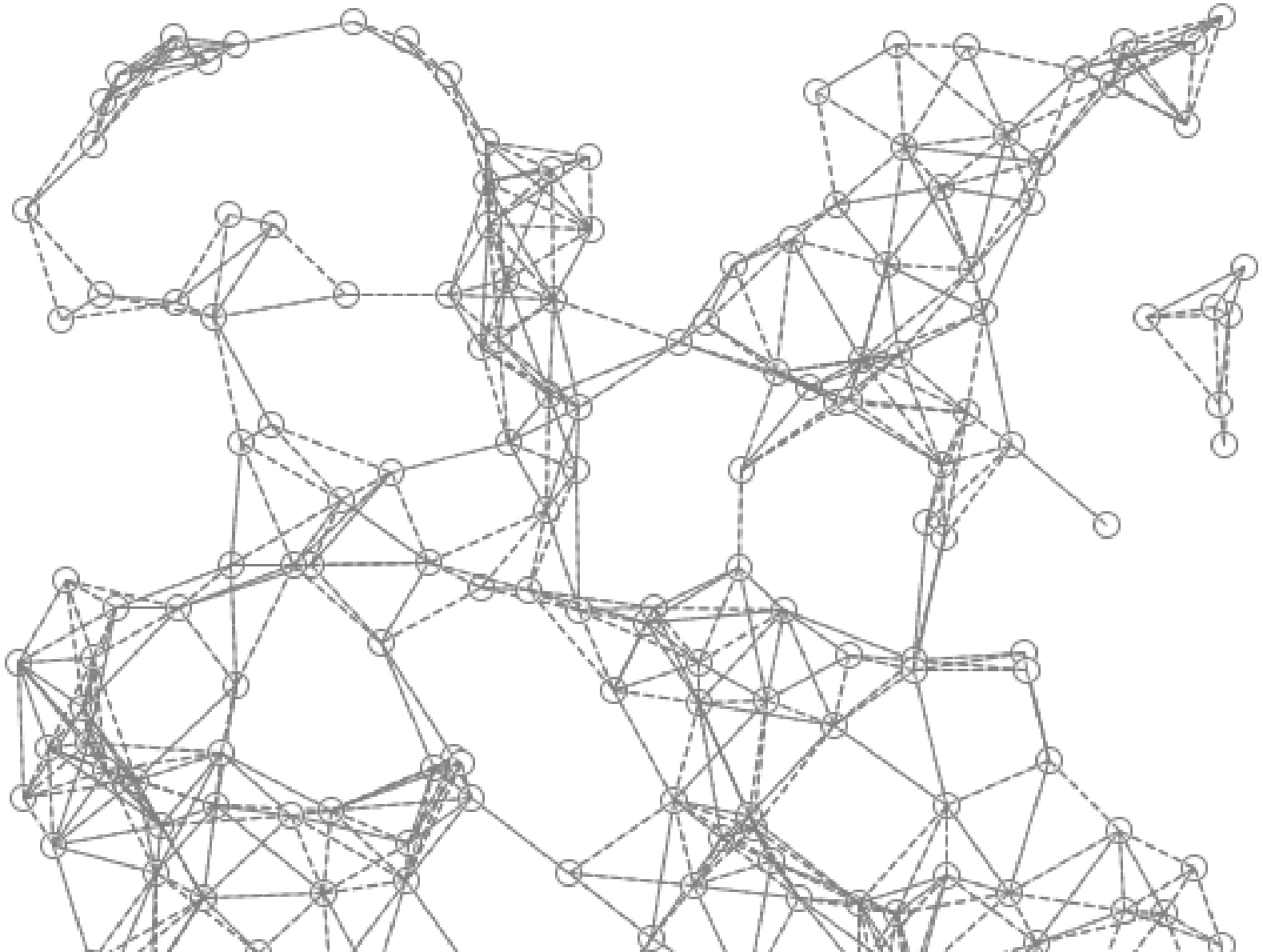
Advanced

Agent

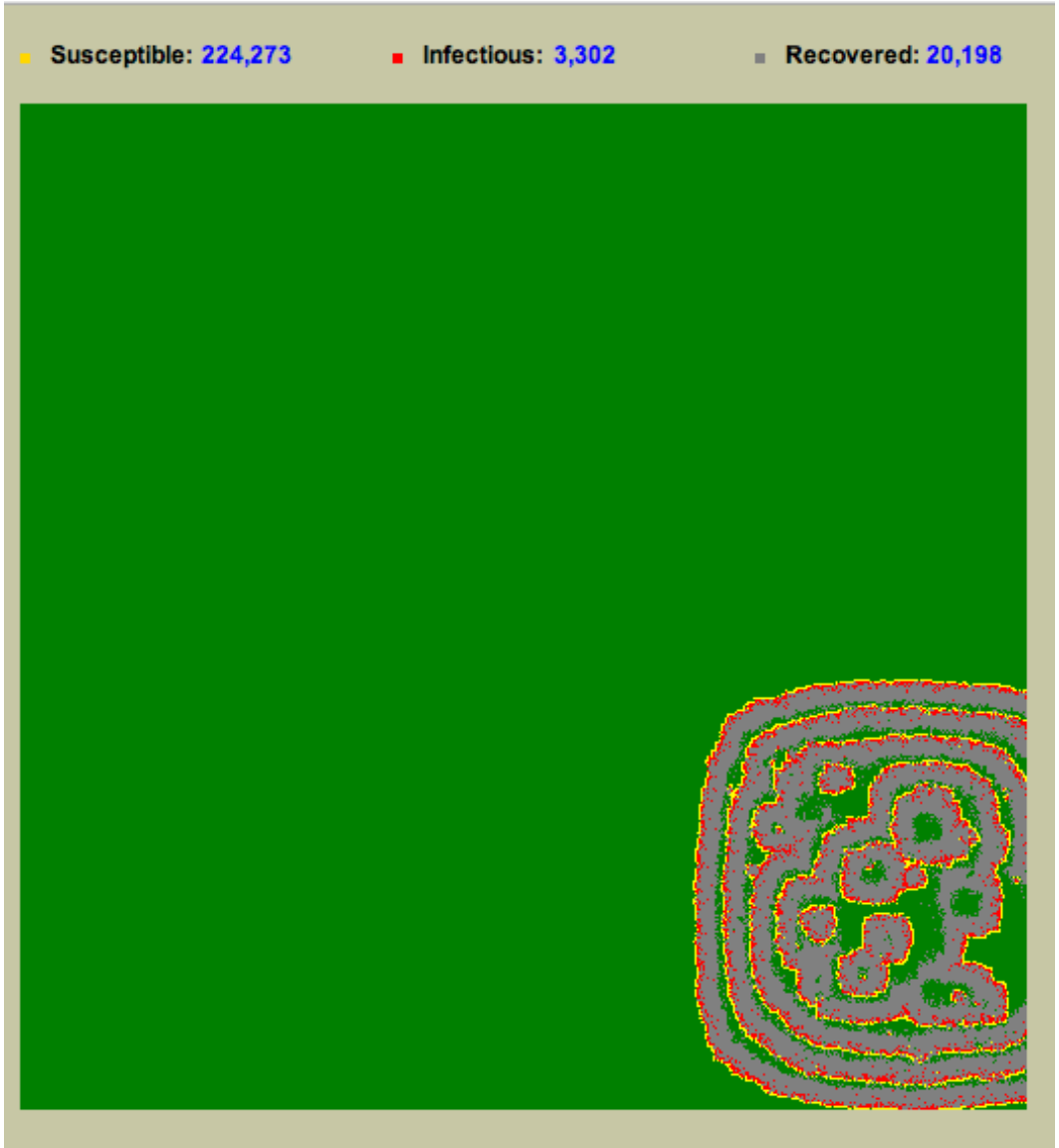
Name: Person

Ignore

Network Embedded Individuals



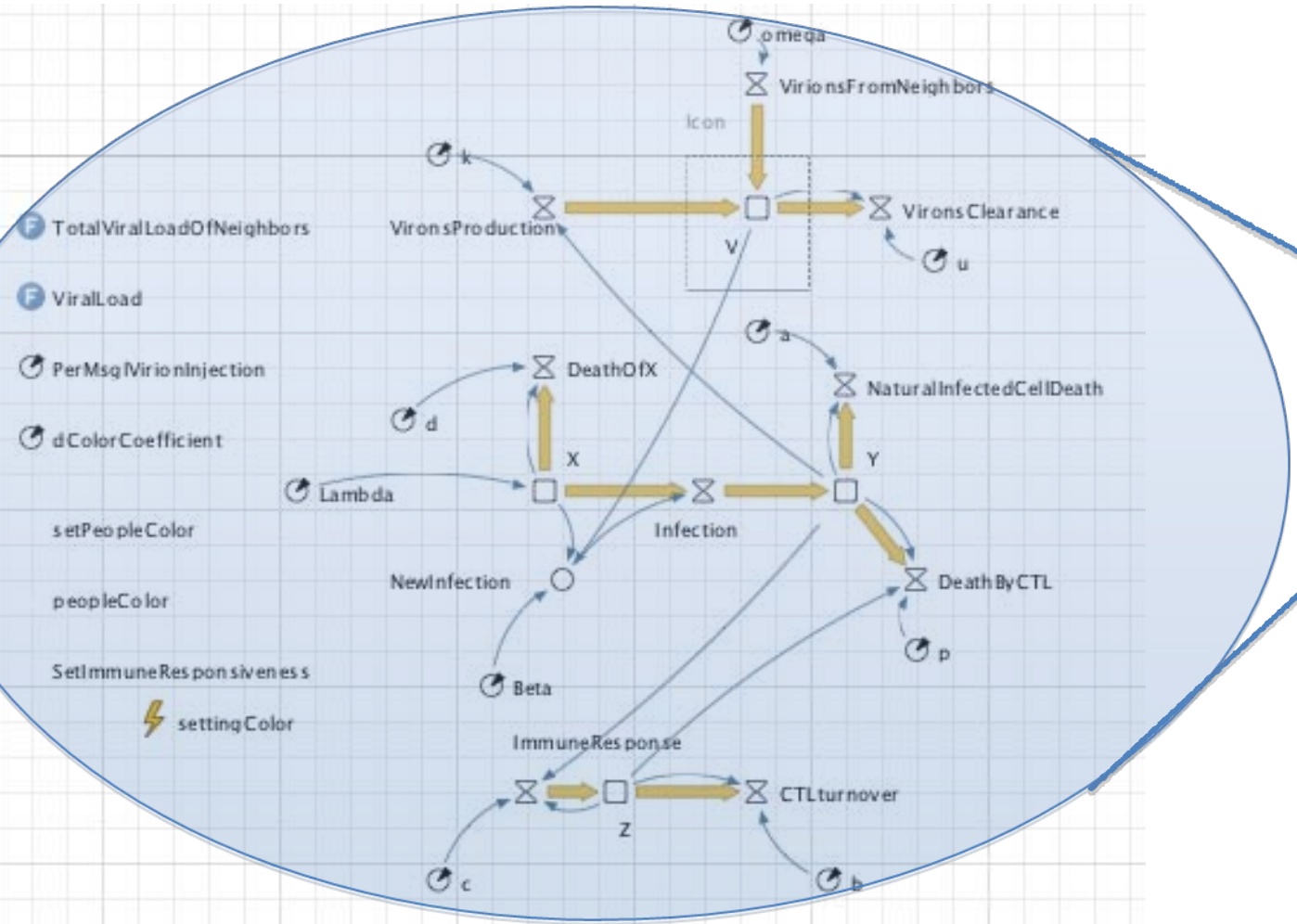
Regular Spatial Embedding

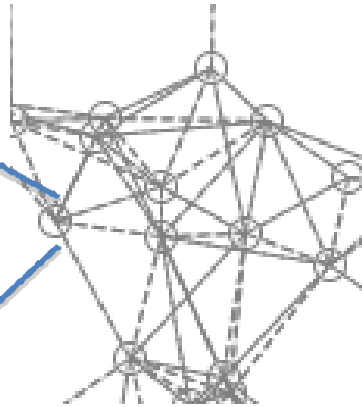


Hybrid Models

- Much of the power of AnyLogic lies in its ability to integrate multiple types of modeling in a single model
- Attractive schemes
  - Agent-based using system dynamics for continuous agent state (c.f. age)
  - System dynamics using agent-based to determine flows
  - Agent-based using system dynamics for global dynamics
  - Agents entering into process-based health services

Example Hybrid Model





Advantages of AnyLogic
(as compared to other Agent-Based Modeling Software)

- Primarily declarative specification
- Less code
- Great flexibility
- Access to Java libraries
- Support for multiple modeling types
- Support for mixture of modeling types

Painful Sides of AnyLogic Education/Advanced

- Export of model results: Lack of trajectory files
- Lack of debugger
- Need for bits of Java code
- Many pieces of system