**NEURON**

**RRID:** SCR_005393  
**Type:** Tool

**Proper Citation**

NEURON (RRID:SCR_005393)

**Resource Information**

**URL:** [http://www.neuron.yale.edu](http://www.neuron.yale.edu)

**Description:** NEURON is a simulation environment for modeling individual neurons and networks of neurons. It provides tools for conveniently building, managing, and using models in a way that is numerically sound and computationally efficient. It is particularly well-suited to problems that are closely linked to experimental data, especially those that involve cells with complex anatomical and biophysical properties. NEURON has benefited from judicious revision and selective enhancement, guided by feedback from the growing number of neuroscientists who have used it to incorporate empirically-based modeling into their research strategies. NEURON's computational engine employs special algorithms that achieve high efficiency by exploiting the structure of the equations that describe neuronal properties. It has functions that are tailored for conveniently controlling simulations, and presenting the results of real neurophysiological problems graphically in ways that are quickly and intuitively grasped. Instead of forcing users to reformulate their conceptual models to fit the requirements of a general purpose simulator, NEURON is designed to let them deal directly with familiar neuroscience concepts. Consequently, users can think in terms of the biophysical properties of membrane and cytoplasm, the branched architecture of neurons, and the effects of synaptic communication between cells. * helps users focus on important biological issues rather than purely computational concerns * has a convenient user interface * has a user-extendable library of biophysical mechanisms * has many enhancements for efficient network modeling * offers customizable initialization and simulation flow control * is widely used in neuroscience research by experimentalists and theoreticians * is well-documented and actively supported * is free, open source, and runs on (almost) everything

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**Resource Type:** Resource, software resource, software application, simulation software

**Keywords:** architecture, dendrites, ion channel, model, simulation, software, network, neuron

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**Parent Organization:** Yale University; Connecticut; USA

**Related resources:** neuroConstruct, MUlti SImulation Coordinator, NeuronVisio, Neuroscience Gateway, Topographica, PyPNS

**Website Status:** Last checked up

**Alternate IDs:** nif-0000-00081

**Alternate URLs:** http://www.nitrc.org/projects/neuron

**Abbreviations:** NEURON

**Mentions Count:** 4492

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**Ratings and Alerts**

No rating or validation information has been found for NEURON.

No alerts have been found for NEURON.

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**Data and Source Information**

**Source:** SciCrunch Registry

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**Usage and Citation Metrics**

We found 4492 mentions in open access literature.

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