The Virtual Population from the IT'IS Foundation

The Virtual Population (ViP) developed by the IT'IS Foundation consists of 12 high-resolution, full-body anatomical human models and three pregnant woman models. The models were developed from high-resolution magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) data of healthy volunteers and reconstructed as three-dimensional computer-aided-design (CAD) objects. The CAD format allows the models to be meshed at arbitrary resolutions without any loss of detail or small features.

History of the Virtual Population

The ViP project first started in 2005 when the mobile phone industry launched the development of the Virtual Family, a joint project between the IT’IS Foundation and the US Food and Drug Administration. Additional models were gradually generated to broaden the population coverage, forming ViP v1.x. The v2.0 models, consisting of 22 simplified CAD files, were developed to support fine-element modeling in third-party commercially available platforms. The newest generation ViP3.0 models, available since mid-2015, elevate computational simulations in 3D anatomies to an unprecedented level of detail and accuracy, with more than 300 tissues and organs per model, a resolution of 0.5 mm³ throughout the entire body, and specific physical, physiological, and biological properties for all segmented tissues.

Verification, Validation, and Compatibility of ViP

Model quality and consistency is based on stringent quality assurance guidelines, quality control procedures performed by team members, a case-tracking system, and the generation of log files of changes. All ViP3.0 models come with a validation certificate issued by a professional anatomist. Their compatibility with v1.x for EM applications has been validated by simulations. To provide permanent digital access to each released version of the models and to guarantee unambiguous traceability, each ViP model has also been assigned a unique digital object identifier (DOI) code.

How to Obtain the Virtual Population Models

The v1.x models are available to the research community for unrestricted use related to non-commercial purposes and are subject to a licensing fee for commercial use. All fees collected are re-invested to support the continued development of the ViP. The Virtual Family v2.0 is free of charge, except for handling fees. The computable, functionalized, and posable ViP 3.0 models require a Sim4Life license from ZMT.

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All the models are in CAD format. The system requirements for using the CAD models are 64bit OS (Window 7, Vista, or XP) and at least 4GB RAM.

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Name | Gender | Age [years] | Height [m] | Weight [kg] | BMI [kg/m²] | No. of tissues | DOI code
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Glenn | male | 84 | 1.73 | 61.1 | 20.4 | 304 | 10.13099/VIP11015-03-0
FATS | male | 37 | 1.82 | 119.0 | 36.0 | 305 | 10.13099/VIP11014-03-0
DUKE | male | 34 | 1.77 | 70.3 | 22.4 | 305 | 10.13099/VIP11001-03-0
ELLA | female | 26 | 1.63 | 57.3 | 21.5 | 305 | 10.13099/VIP11002-03-0
LOUIS | male | 14 | 1.68 | 49.7 | 17.5 | 306 | 10.13099/VIP11006-03-0
BILLIE | female | 11 | 1.49 | 34.0 | 15.4 | 305 | 10.13099/VIP11003-03-0
EARTHA | female | 8 | 1.36 | 29.9 | 16.2 | 306 | 10.13099/VIP11007-03-0
DIZZY | male | 8 | 1.37 | 25.4 | 13.5 | 306 | 10.13099/VIP11005-03-0
THELONIOUS | male | 6 | 1.15 | 18.6 | 14.1 | 299 | 10.13099/VIP11004-03-0
ROBERTA | female | 5 | 1.09 | 17.8 | 14.9 | 302 | 10.13099/VIP11008-03-0
NINA | female | 3 | 0.92 | 13.9 | 16.4 | 97 | 10.13099/VIP-Nina-V1.1
CHARLIE | female | 8 weeks | N/A | 4.3 | N/A | 60 | 10.13099/VIP-Charlie-V1.1
PREGNANT WOMAN | (3rd month) | N/A | 3 months (months in utero) | N/A | 0.015 | N/A | 15 | 10.13099/VIP-Pregnant3m-V1.1
PREGNANT WOMAN | (7th month) | N/A | 7 months (months in utero) | N/A | 1.4 | N/A | 20 | 10.13099/VIP-Pregnant7m-V1.1
PREGNANT WOMAN | (9th month) | female | 9 months (months in utero) | N/A | 2.7 | N/A | 26 | 10.13099/VIP-Pregnant9m-V1.1

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