

# GROWTH DYNAMICS IN *P. anserina*

## A LIVING, GROWING AND BRANCHING NETWORK

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**Hyphal network** The achievement of filamentous fungi in colonizing terrestrial ecosystems can be largely attributed to their flexible morphology, and more specifically to their ability to form an interconnected hyphal network, the mycelium, based upon some fundamental cellular processes, such as hyphal tip (or apex) growth, septation, hyphal orientation, branching and fusion (also known as anastomosis).

The complex network observed is produced by a set of simple rules, 1/growth through the apex, 2/branching 3/anastomosis

**Master Internship** Based on images of the thallus at different ages, we reconstructed and labeled each of the events taking place during growth. In particular, branching, overlapping and anastomosis. In this internship, we propose to exploit the data thus produced to explore tip/environment interactions.

Initially, we'll be looking at the interactions between tips and hyphae that are already present. Avoidance and attraction are known to occur. The aim will be to create collections of hyphae growing close to another hypha and to construct the right observable to characterize their interaction. Secondly, to identify the parameters leading from one behavior to the other. Finally, to reproduce the observed behavior by means of numerical modeling using the ingredients found, which will be inserted into the laws of non-interacting behavior already known.

A good knowledge of, or at least a taste for Python is required.

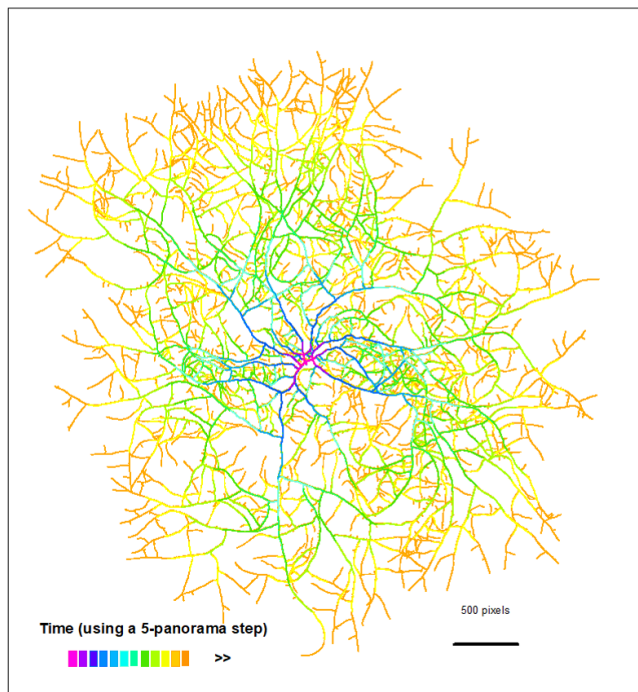


Figure 1: *P. anserina* network after 24 hours of growth, initiated by a single spore. Color codes age.

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