



Keynote Lecture

Instrumentation Challenges for Systems Biology

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Abstract

Burgeoning genomic and proteomic data are motivating the development of numerical models for systems biology. However, specification of the almost innumerable dynamic model parameters will require new measurement techniques. The problem is that cellular metabolic reactions and the early steps of intracellular signaling can occur in ms to s, but the 100 to 100k s temporal resolution of measurements on milliliter culture dishes and well plates is often limited by diffusion times set by the experimental chamber volume. Hence the instruments themselves must be of cellular dimension to achieve response times commensurate with key intracellular biochemical events, as is done with microelectrode recording of ion-channel conductance fluctuations and fluorescence detection of protein binding. The engineering challenge is to develop BioMEMS and molecular-scale sensors and actuators to study the breadth of mechanisms involved in intracellular signaling, metabolism, and cell-cell communication.

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- Eric Chancellor -- picocalorimetry
- **David Cliffe, Ph.D. – Cytosensor/electrochemical electrodes**
- Elizabeth Dworska – Cell culture
- **Sven Eklund -- Microphysiometry**
- **Shannon Faley – T-cell activation and signaling**
- Todd Giorgio, Ph.D. – messenger recognition
- Igor Ges, Ph.D. – Nanophysiometer fabrication
- Frederick Haselton, Ph.D. – cell culture and protein capture
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- Borislav Ivanov – pH sensors
- Duco Jansen, Ph.D. – T-cell activation
- Amanda Kussrow – Optical determination of protein binding
- Eduardo Andrade Lima – Multichannel potentiostats
- Jeremy Norris – MALDI-TOF
- Phil Samson – Microscopy, microfluidics, and cell lysing
- David Piston, Ph.D. – Spectroscopy and fluorescent detection
- Sandra Rosenthal, Ph.D. – Q-Dots
- **David Schaffer – Nanophysiometer fabrication**
- Ian Thomlinson, Ph.D., – Q-Dots
- **Roy Thompson, ECBC/Aberdeen – Class A toxin studies**
- Momchil Velkovsky, Ph.D. – Statistical Analysis
- Mike Warnement – Glow in the dark
- **Andreas Werdich – Cardiac nanophysiometer**
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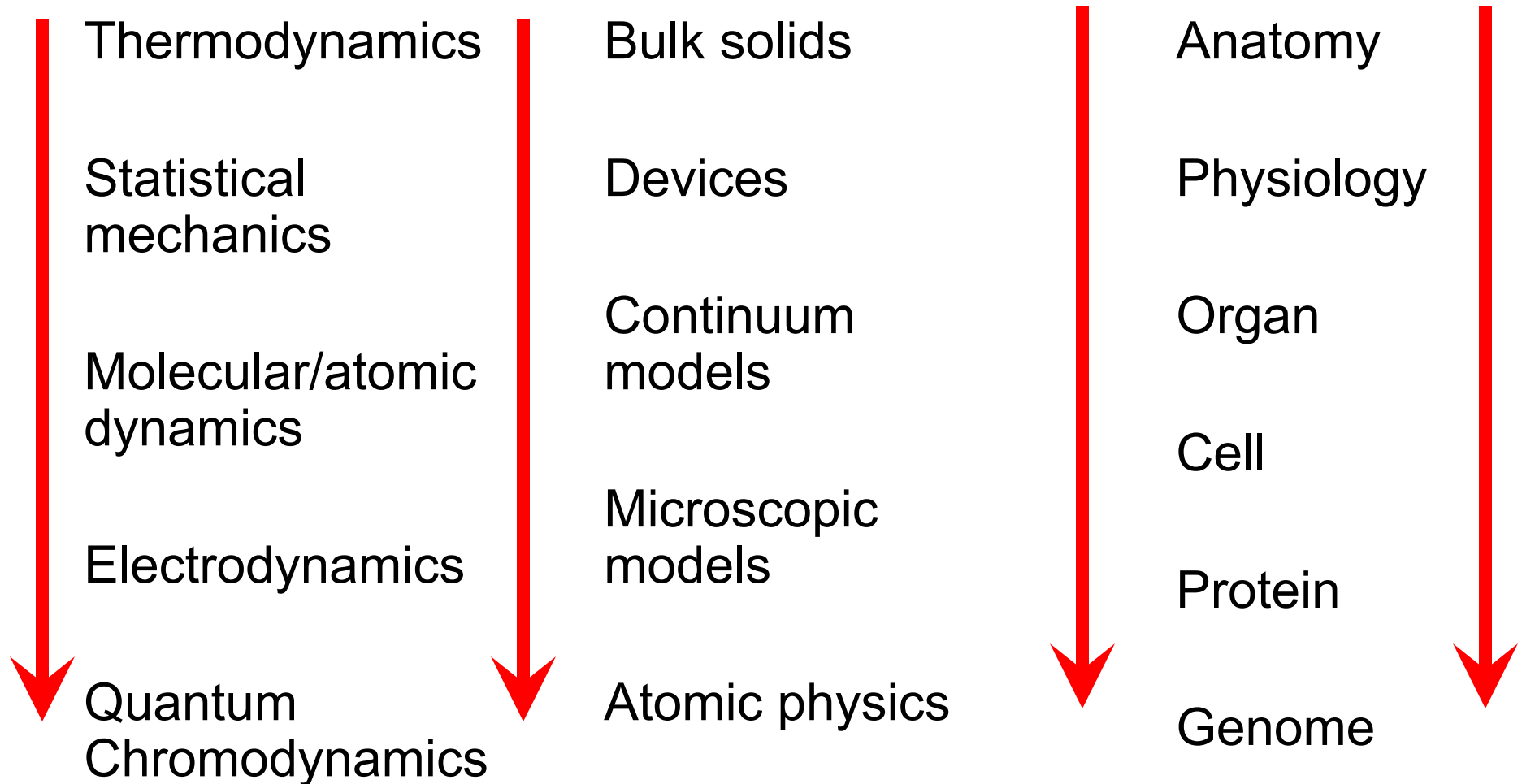
Definition

Systems Biology is ...
quantitative,
postgenomic,
postproteomic,
dynamic,
multiscale
physiology

Theme I

The complexity of
postreductionist biology

Step 1 in Science: Reductionism

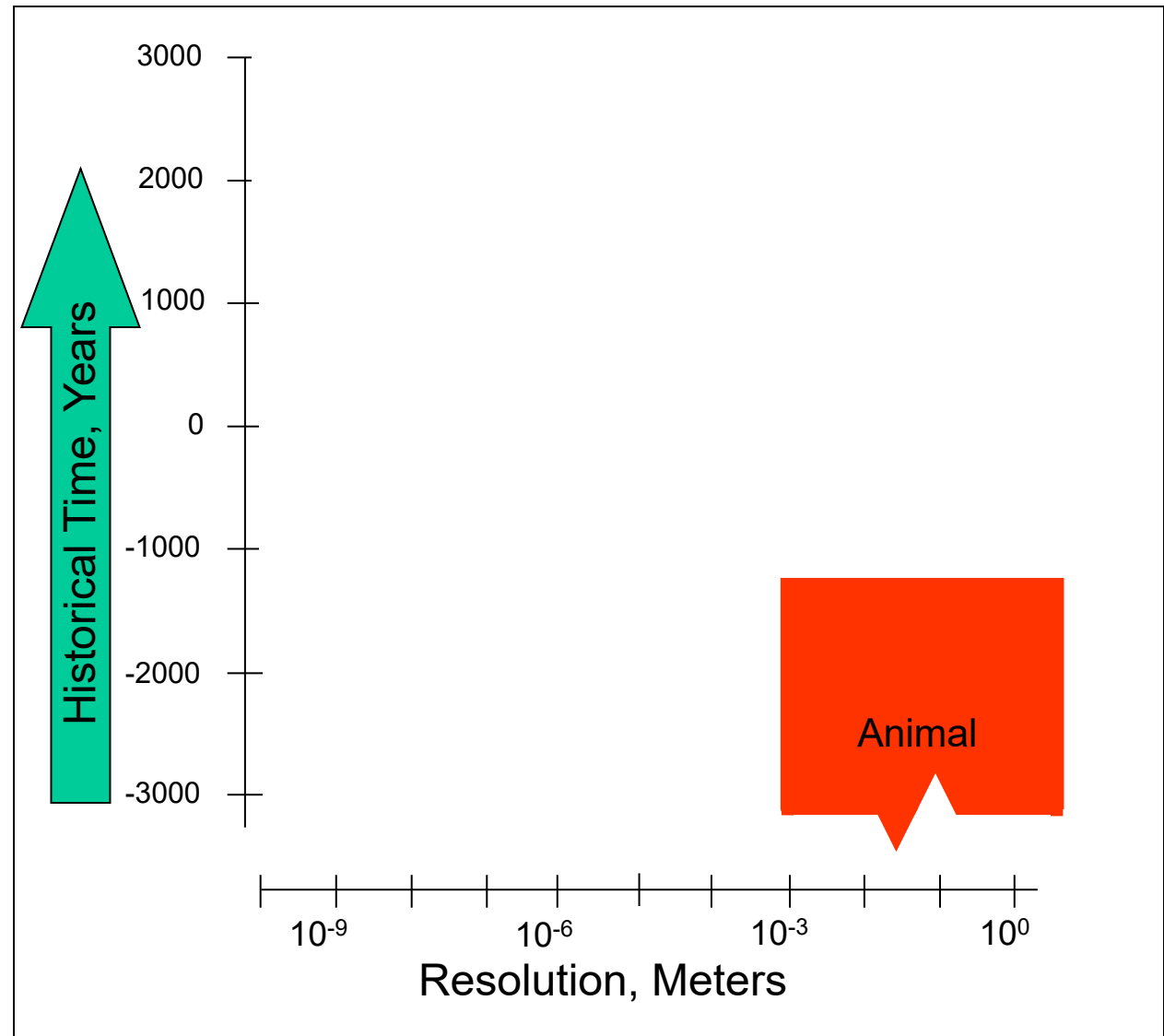


Spatial Resolution in Physiology

Computer
X-Ray / SEM / STM
Optical microscope

Magnifying glass

Unaided eye

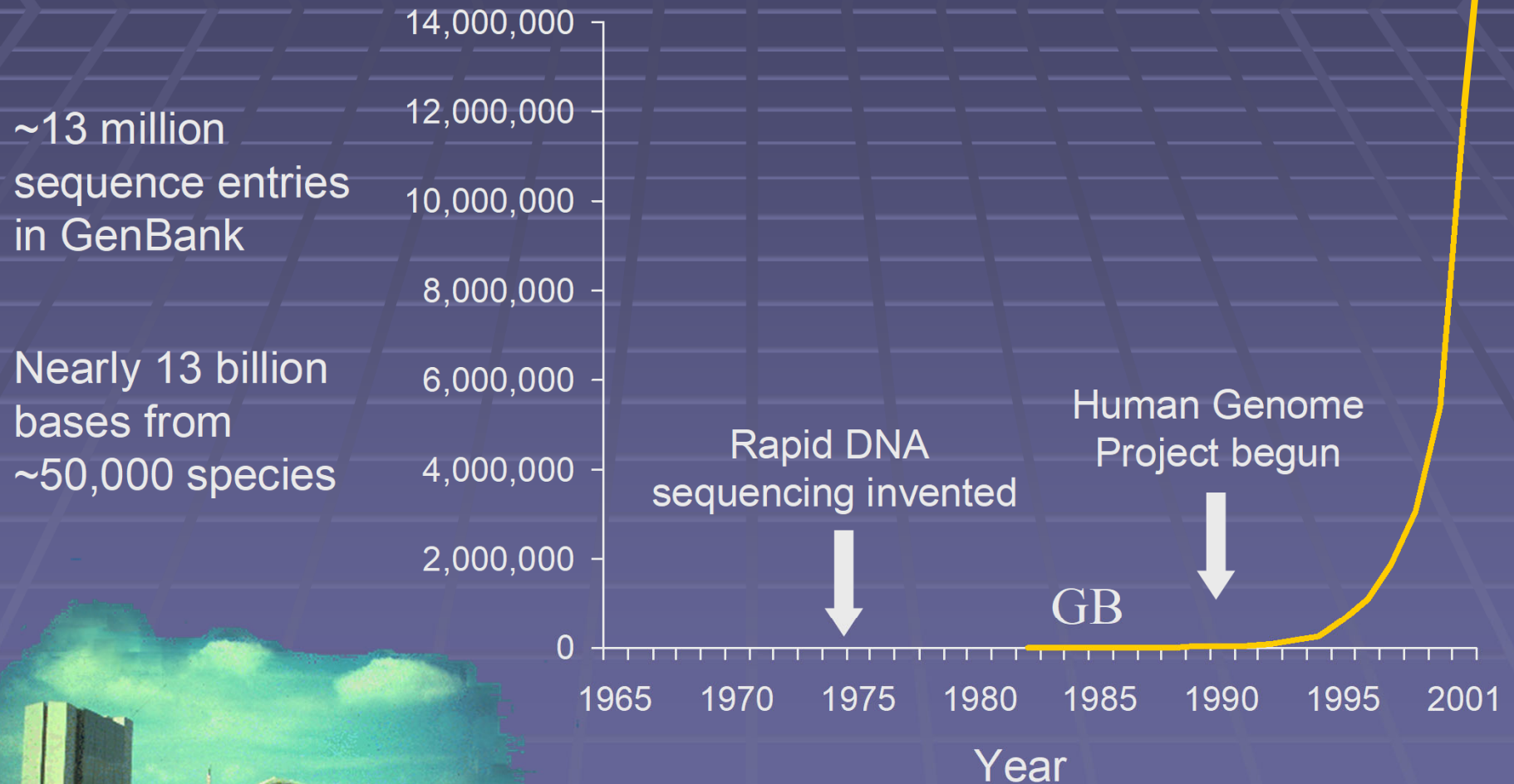


The Problems

- Our understanding of biological phenomena is often based upon
 - experiments that measure the ensemble averages of populations of $10^6 - 10^7$ cells, or
 - measurements of a single variable while all other variables are hopefully held constant, or
 - recordings of one variable on one cell, or
 - averages over minutes to hours, or
 - combinations of some of the above, as with a 10 liter bioreactor that measures 50 variables after a one-week reactor equilibration to steady state.
- Genomics is providing an exponential growth in biological information

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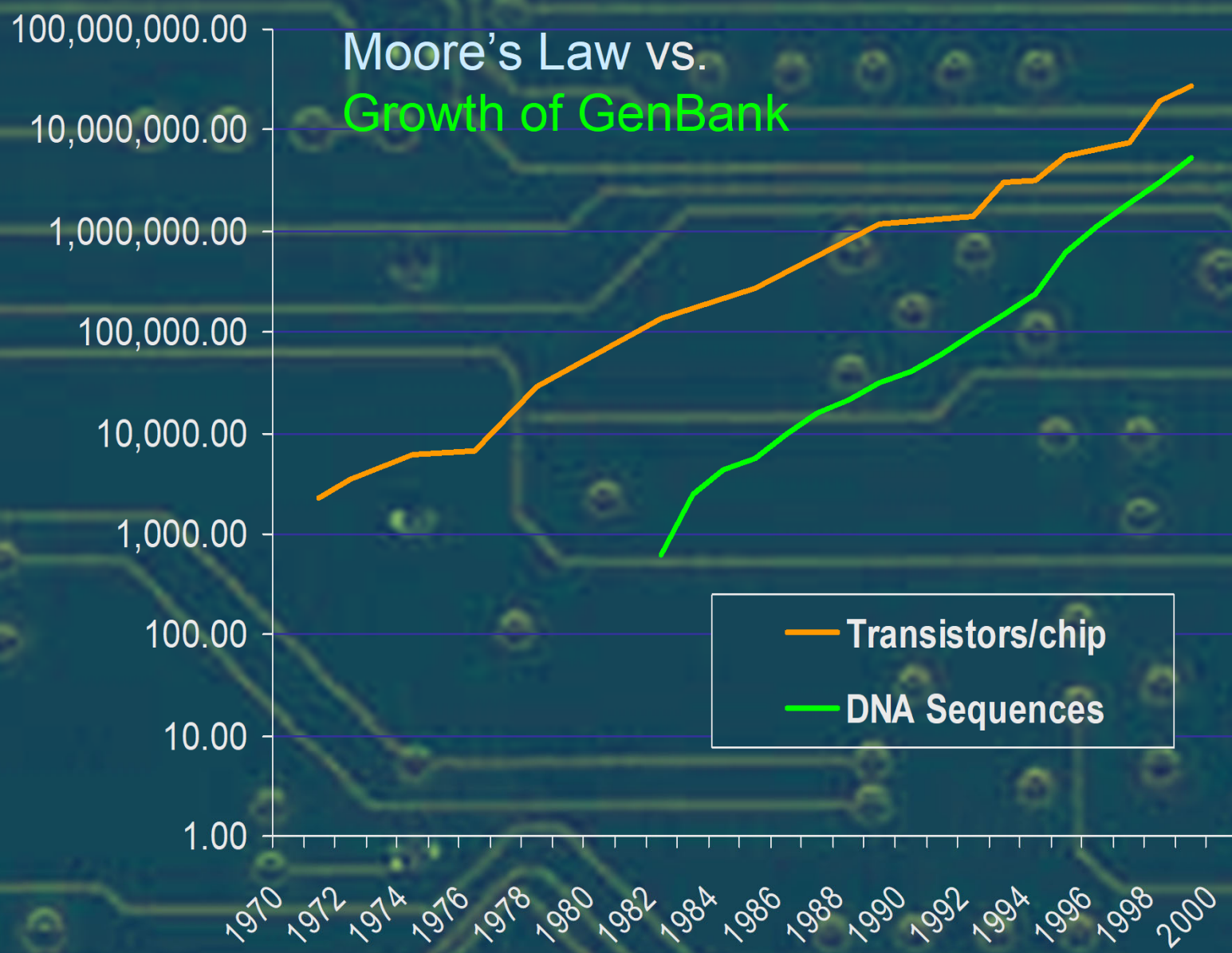
The rate at which DNA sequences began accumulating was exponential



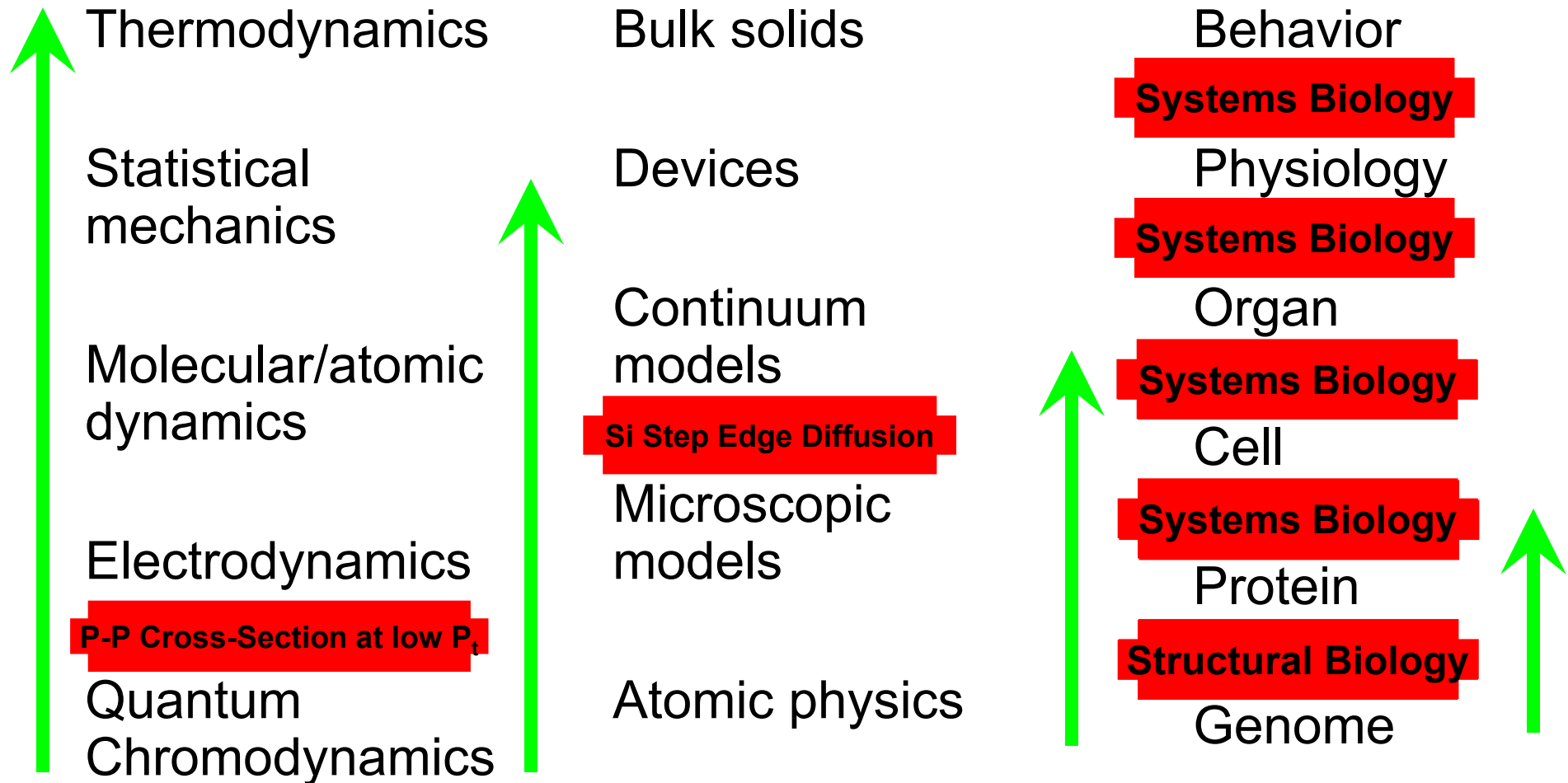
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Genbank/genbankstats.html>

National Library of Medicine

Courtesy of Mark Boguski



Step 2 in Science: Post-Reductionism

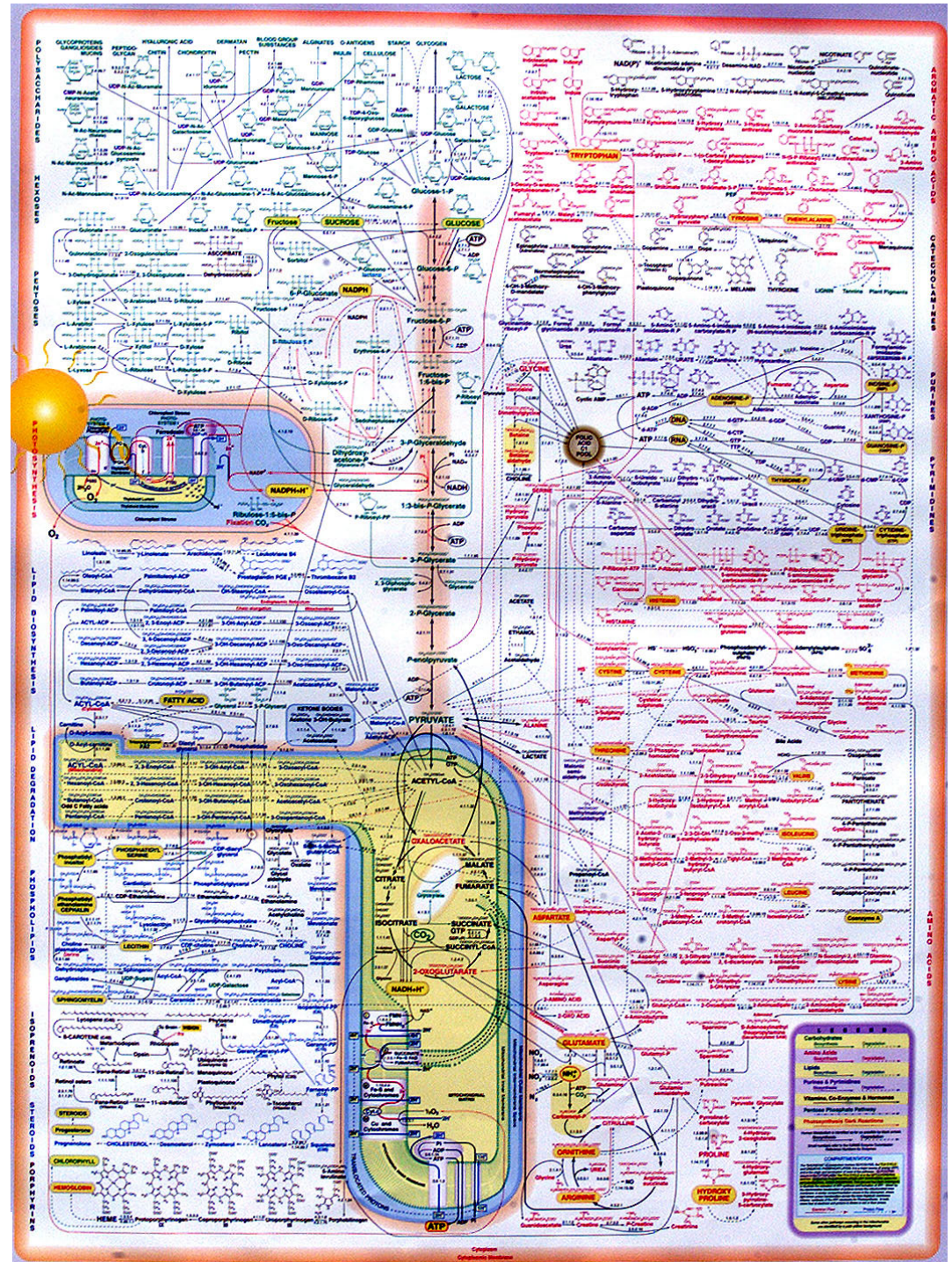




- Given the shockwave of genetic and proteomic data that is hitting us, **what are the possible limitations of computer models being developed for systems biology?**
- What are promising approaches?
 - Multiphasic, *dynamic* cellular instrumentation
 - Exhaustively realistic versus minimal models
 - Dynamic network analysis

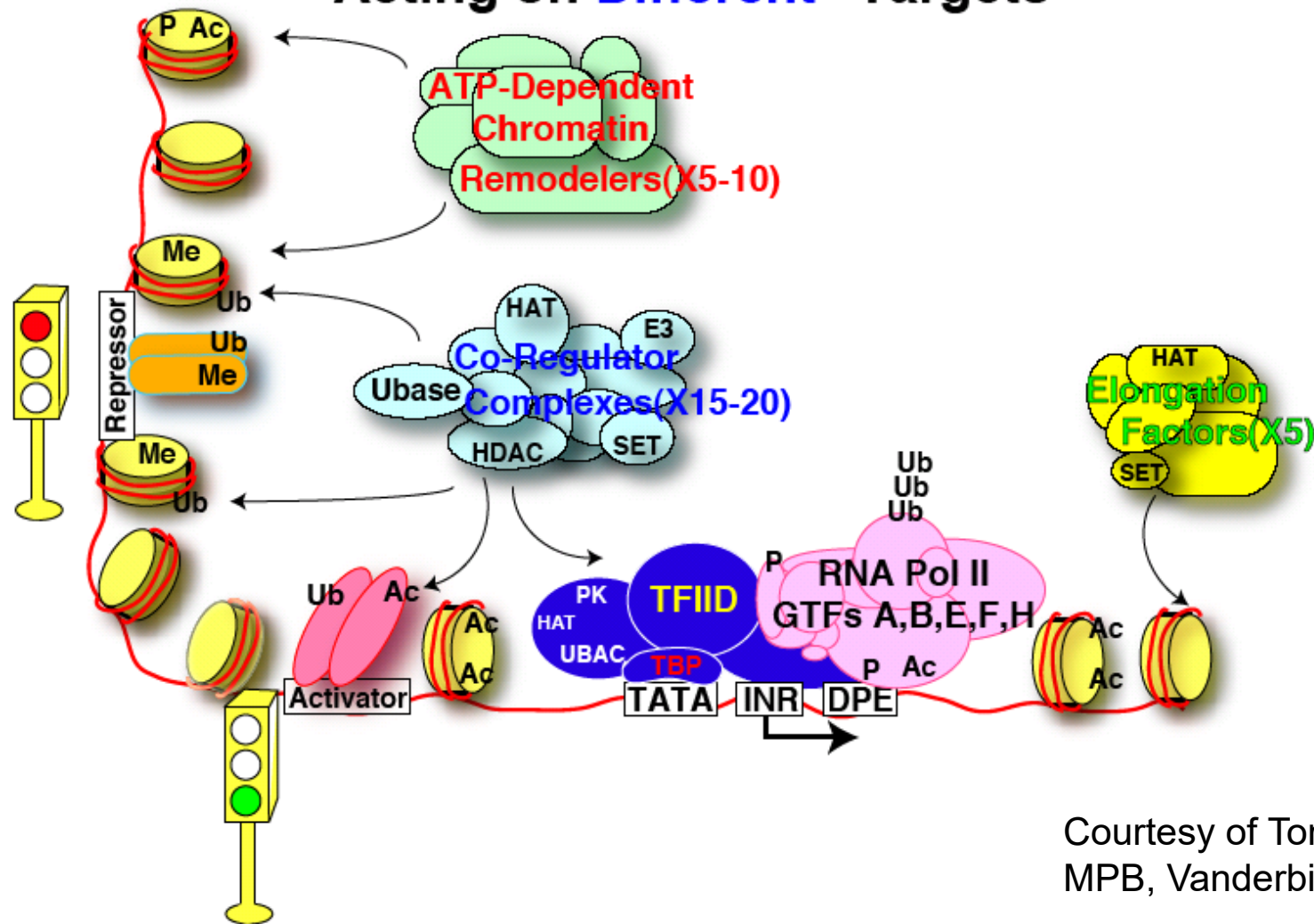
'Postgenomic' Integrative/Systems Physiology/Biology

- Suppose you wanted to **calculate** how the cell responds to a toxin...

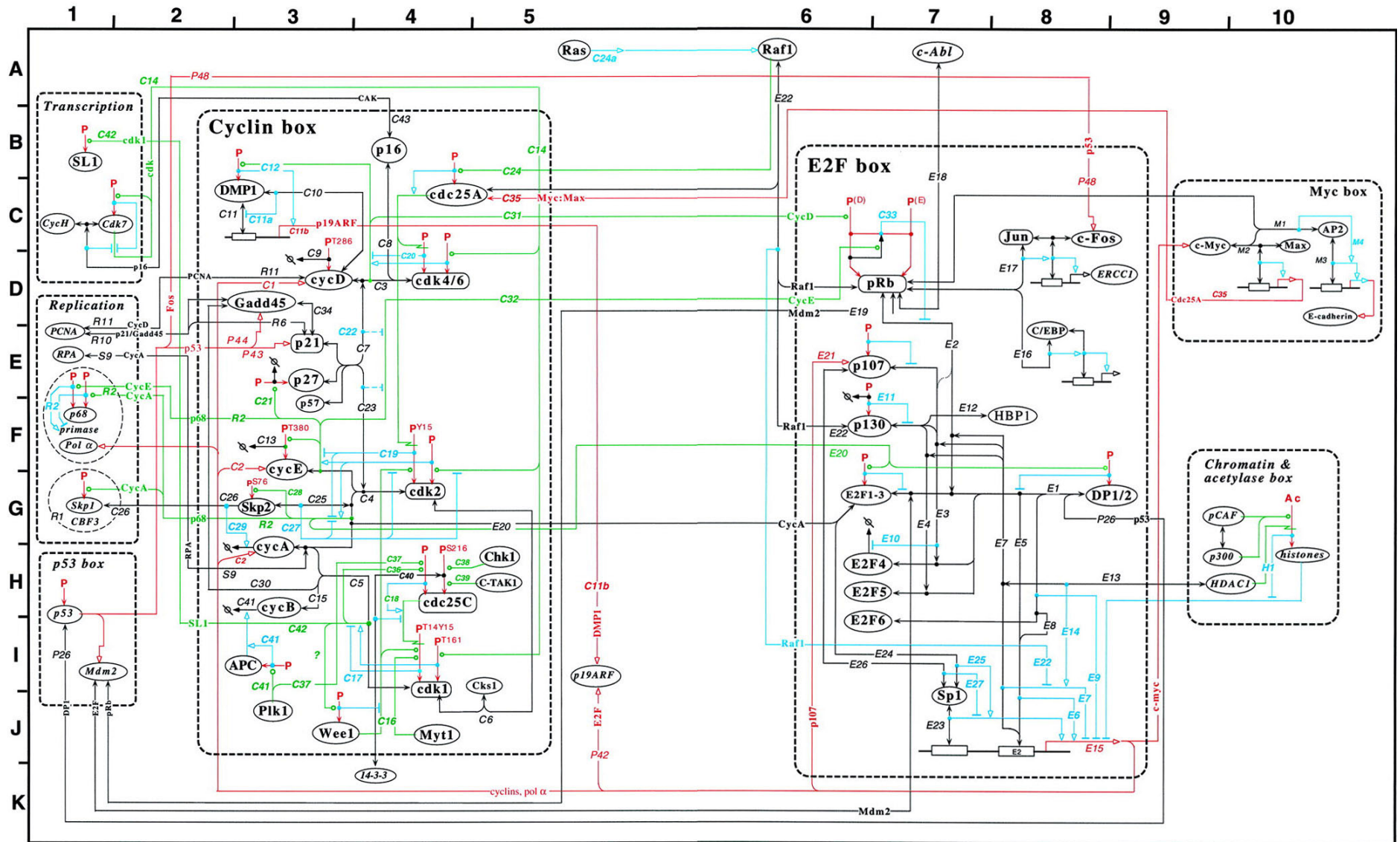


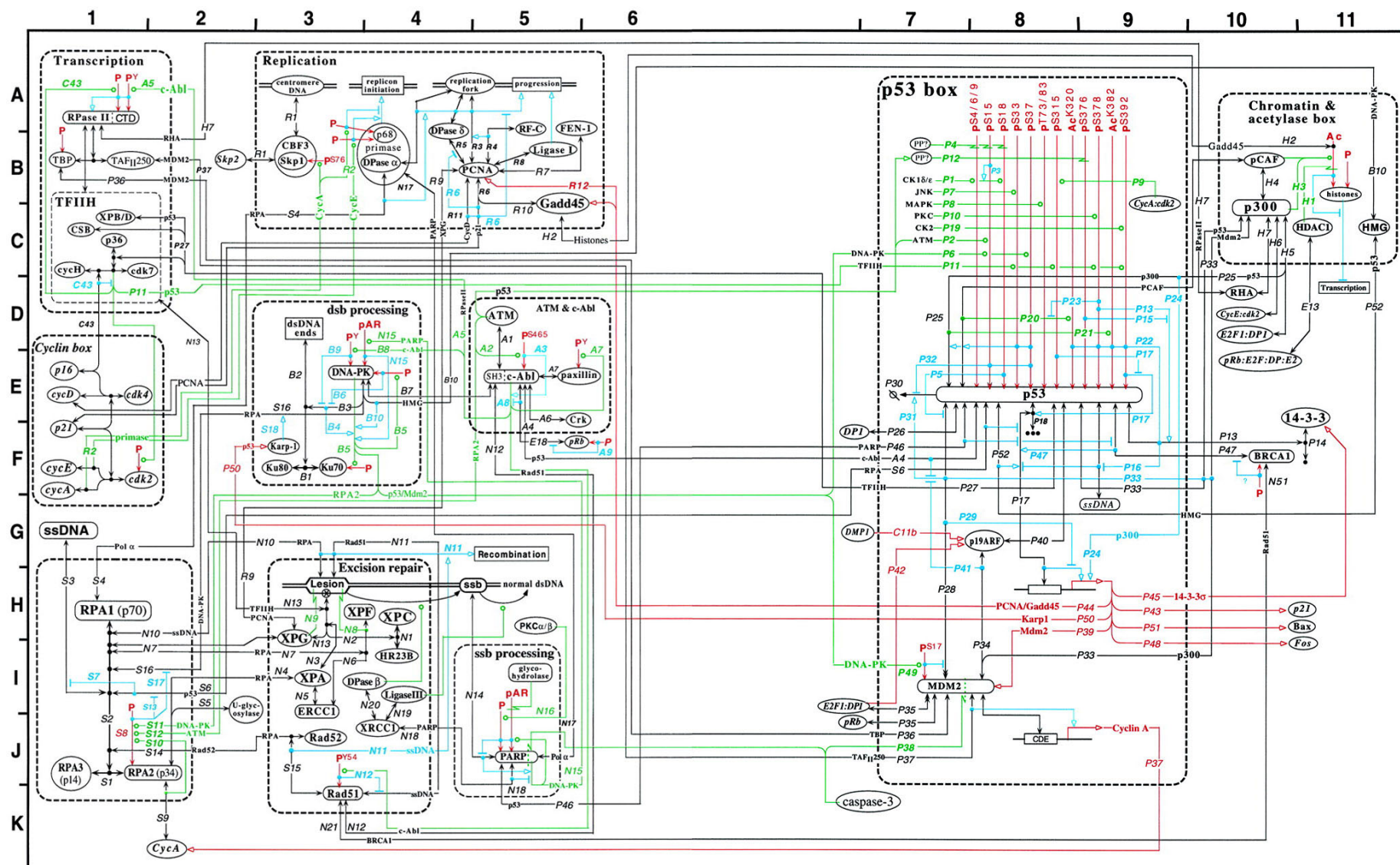
The complexity of eukaryotic gene transcription control mechanisms

Pol II-Mediated mRNA Gene Transcription is Controlled by the Coordinated Action of **Multiple Co-Regulators** Acting on **Different "Targets"**



Courtesy of Tony Weil,
MPB, Vanderbilt



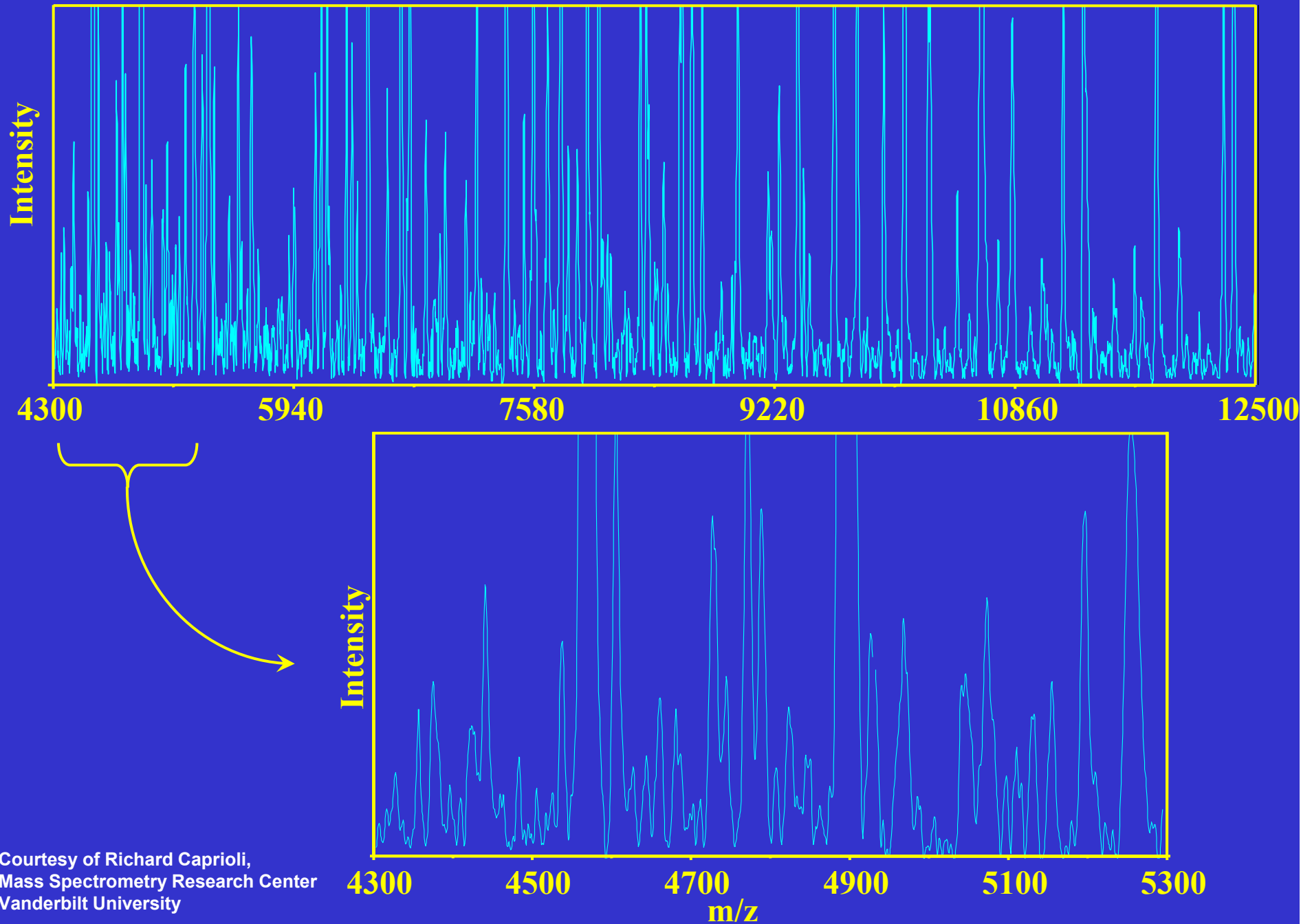


Proteins as Intracellular Signals

A cell expresses between 10,000 to 15,000 proteins at any one time for four types of activities:

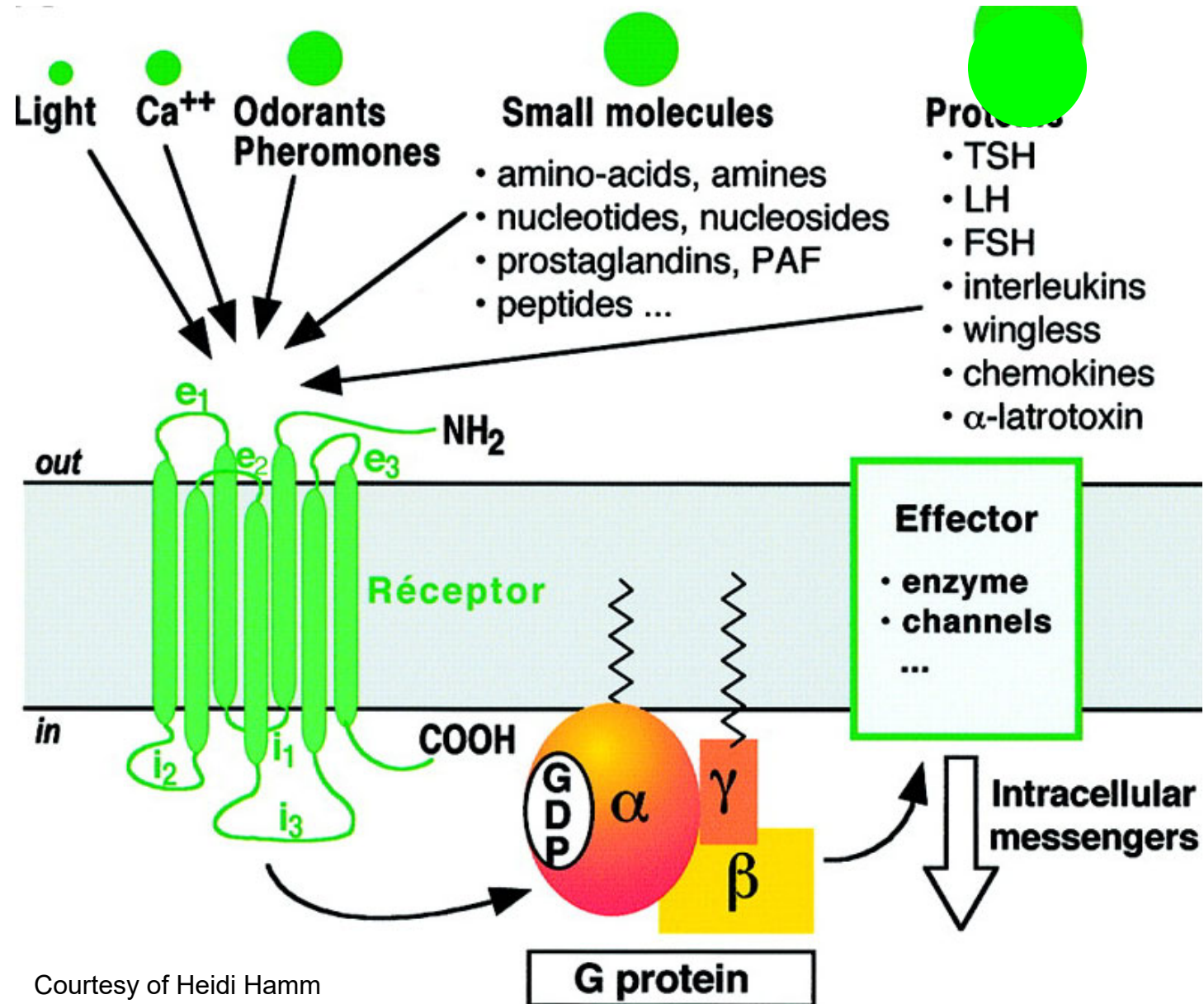
- Metabolic
- Maintaining integrity of subcellular structures
- Intracellular signaling
- Producing signals for other cells

MALDI-TOF: Cells express a lot of proteins...



Courtesy of Richard Caprioli,
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Vanderbilt University

G-Protein Coupled Receptors



Courtesy of Heidi Hamm
Pharmacology, Vanderbilt

The Time Scales of Systems Biology

- 10^9 s Aging
- 10^8 s Survival with CHF
- 10^7 s Bone healing
- 10^6 s Small wound healing
- 10^5 s Atrial remodeling with AF
- 10^4 s Cell proliferation; DNA replication
- 10^3 s Protein synthesis
- 10^2 s Allosteric enzyme control; life with VF
- 10^1 s **Heartbeat**
- 10^0 s Glycolysis
- 10^{-1} s Oxidative phosphorylation in mitochondria
- 10^{-2} s Intracellular diffusion, enzymatic reactions
- 10^{-3} s Receptor-ligand, enzyme-substrate reactions
- 10^{-4} s Ion channel gating
- 10^{-5} s
- 10^{-6} s
- 10^{-7} s
- 10^{-8} s
- 10^{-9} s

3.1 x 3.2 μm^3



- ER, yellow;
- Membrane-bound ribosomes, blue;
- free ribosomes, orange;
- Microtubules, bright green;
- dense core vesicles, bright blue;
- Clathrin-negative vesicles, white;
- Clathrin-positive compartments and vesicles, bright red;
- Clathrin-negative compartments and vesicles, purple;
- Mitochondria, dark green. .

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Marsh *et al.*, Organellar relationships in the Golgi region of the pancreatic beta cell line, HIT-T15, visualized by high resolution electron tomography. *PNAS* 98 (5):2399-2406, 2001.

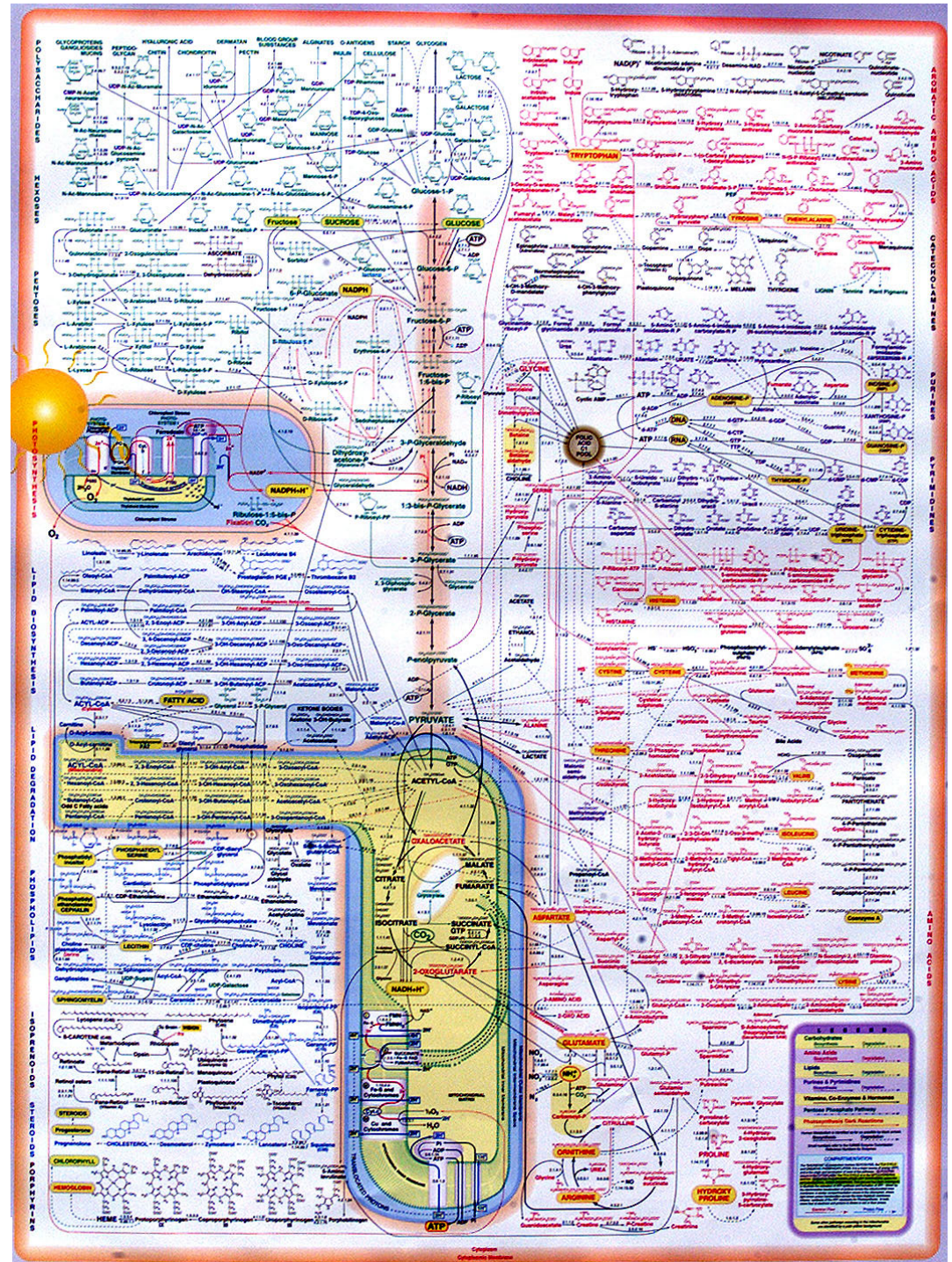
**“A cell is a well-
stirred
bioreactor
enclosed by a
lipid
envelope”....**

ODEs become PDEs ...

Lots and lots and lots of PDEs

'Postgenomic' Integrative/Systems Physiology/Biology

- Specify concentrations and
- Rate constants
- Gene expression,
- Protein^N interactions, and
- Signaling pathways
- Cell responses to a
- Include intracellular spatial
toxin
inhibitions, diffusion, and
transport: ODE → PDE(t)
- ... and then you can **calculate**
how the cell behaves in
response to a toxin



- Modeling of a single mammalian cell may require $>100,000$ dynamic variables and equations
- Cell-cell interactions are critical to system function
- 10^9 interacting cells in some organs
- Cell signaling is a highly *DYNAMIC*, multi-pathway process
- Many of the interactions are non-linear
- **The data don't yet exist to drive the models**
- Hence we need to **experiment...**

The Grand Challenge

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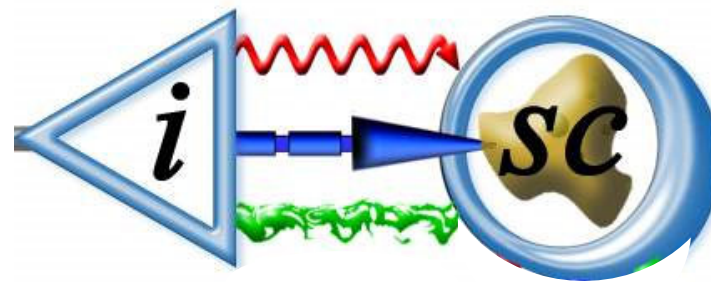
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There are no technologies that allow the measurement of a **hundred**, time dependent, intracellular variables in a single cell (and their correlation with cellular signaling and metabolic dynamics), or between groups of different cells.

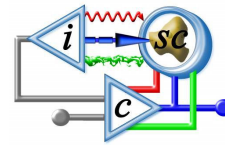
Theme II

Instrumenting the Single Cell

Goal: Develop devices, algorithms, and measurement techniques that will allow us to **instrument single cells** and small populations of cells and thereby explore the complexities of quantitative, experimental systems biology



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1 m	1	1000 L	10 ⁹ s	Animal, bioreactor	100
10 cm	10 ⁻³	1 L	10 ⁷ s	Organ, bioreactor	100
1 cm	10 ⁻⁶	1 mL	10 ⁵ s = 1 day	Tissue, cell culture	10
1 mm	10 ⁻⁹	1 uL	10 ³ s	µenviron, well plate	10
100 µm	10 ⁻¹²	1 nL	10 s	Cell-cell signaling	5
10 µm	10 ⁻¹⁵	1 pL	0.1 s	Cell	10
1 µm	10 ⁻¹⁸	1 fL	1 ms	Subspace	2
100 nm	10 ⁻²¹	1 aL	10 µs	Organelle	2
10 nm	10 ⁻²⁴	1 zL	100 ns	Protein	1
1 nm	10 ⁻²⁷	1 npL	1 ns	Ion channel	1



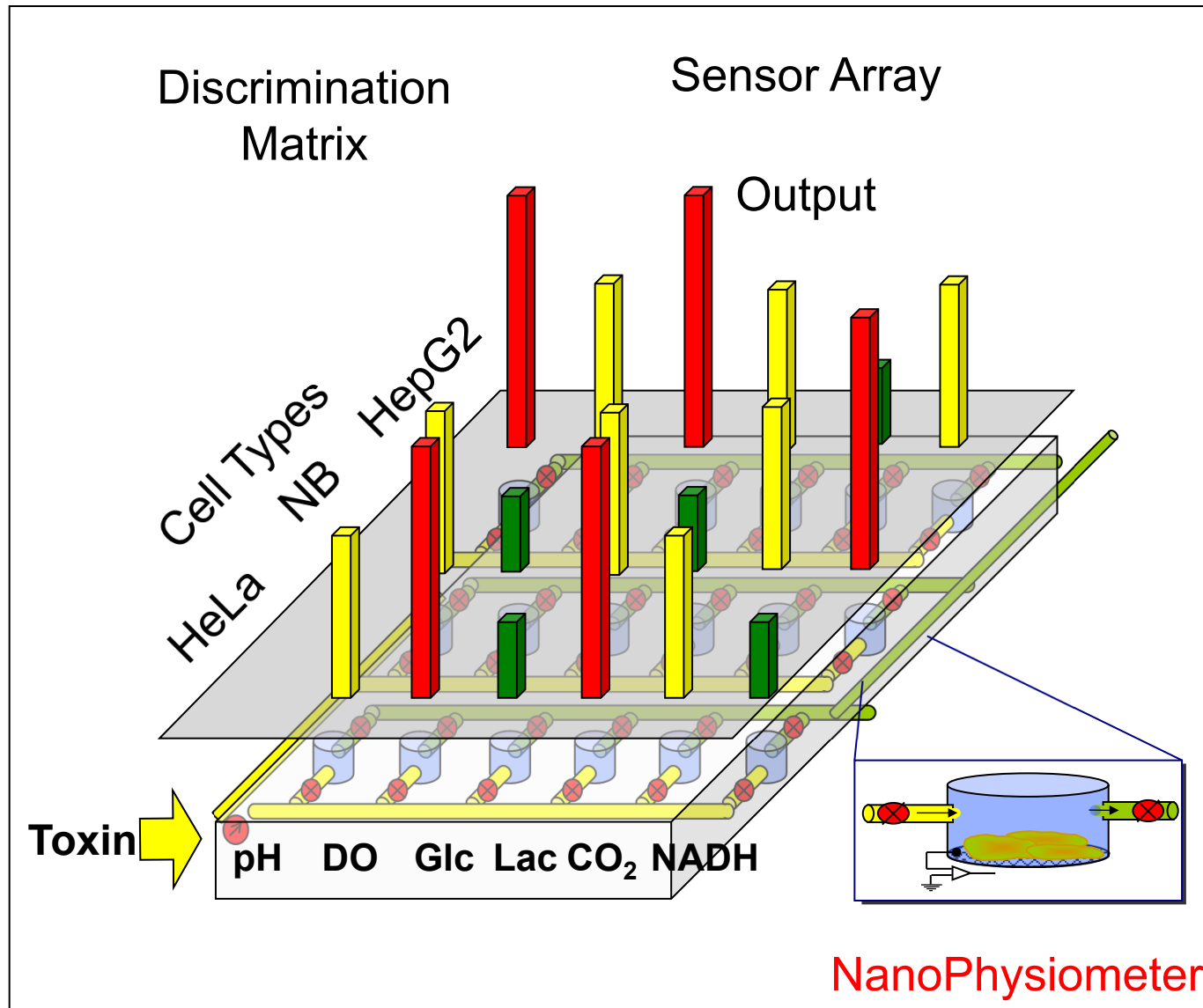
High-Content Toxicology Screening Using Massively Parallel, Multi-Phasic Cellular Biological Activity Detectors MP²-CBAD

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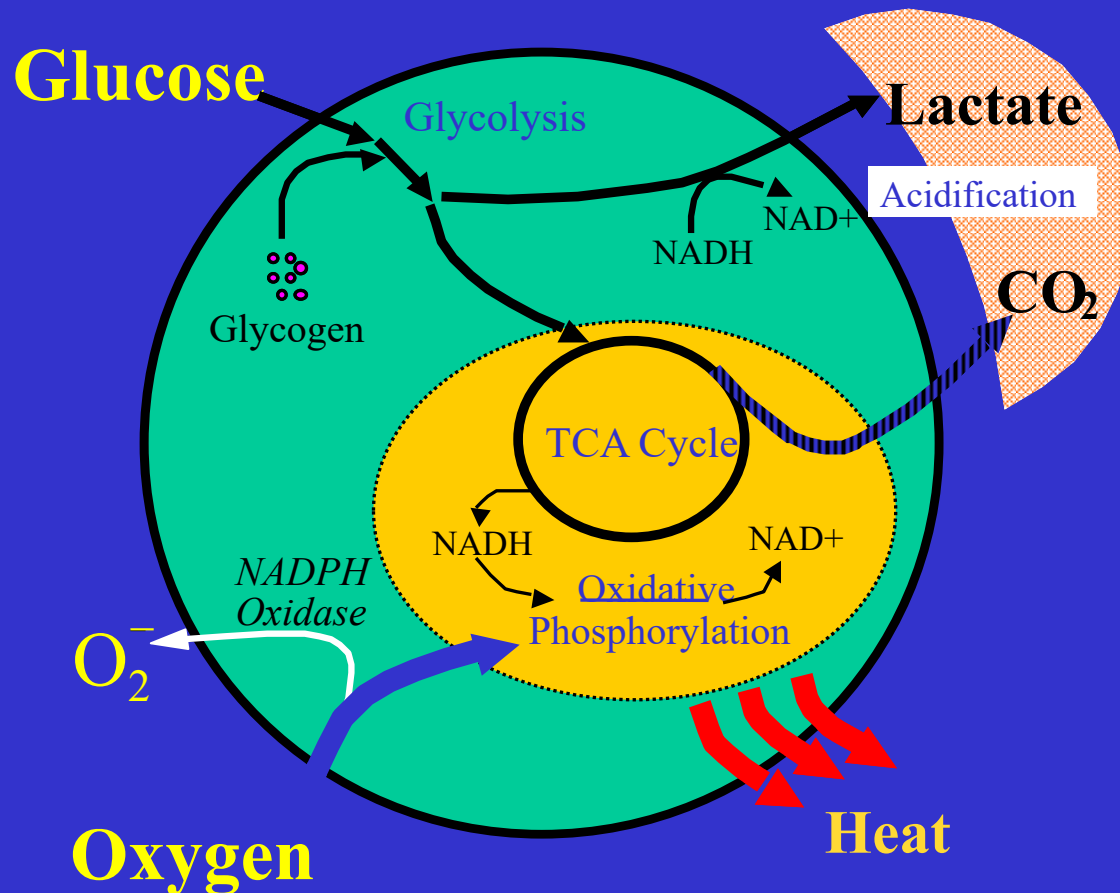
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MP²-CBAD Discrimination



Simplified Metabolic Network



- Robert Balcarcel
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- David Cliffl
- Ales Prokop
- Owen McGuinness
- John Wikswo

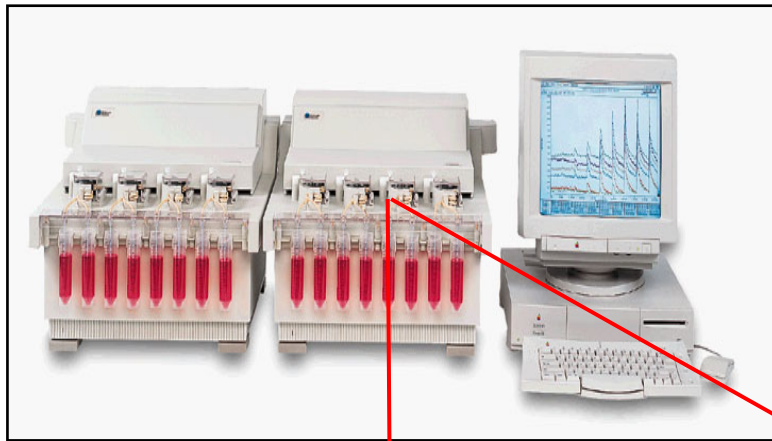
Glucose + 2 ADP + 2 NAD⁺	→	2 Pyruvate + 2 ATP + 2 NADH
Pyruvate + NADH	→	Lactate + NAD⁺
Pyruvate + CoA + FAD + GDP + 3 NAD⁺ + NAD(P)⁺	→	3 CO₂ + FADH₂ + GTP + 3 NADH + NAD(P)H
0.5 O₂ + 3 ADP + NADH	→	3 ATP + NAD⁺
0.5 O₂ + 2 ADP + FADH₂	→	2 ATP + FAD

The well size determines the bandwidth

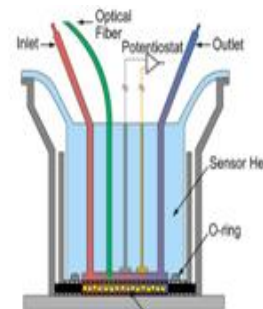
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Modified Cytosensor MicroPhysiometer
- SubNanoliter – 10-100 milliseconds
Vanderbilt NanoPhysiometer

Multianalyte Microphysiometry

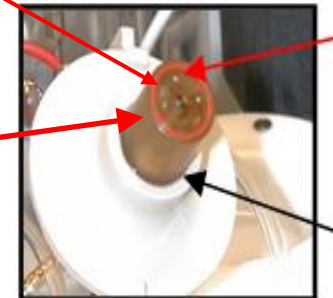
- The Multianalyte MicroPhysiometer (MMP) serves as a platform for studying large numbers of cells simultaneously
- Upon activation, we can measure acidification rate, O_2 , lactate, glucose with ~1 minute resolution



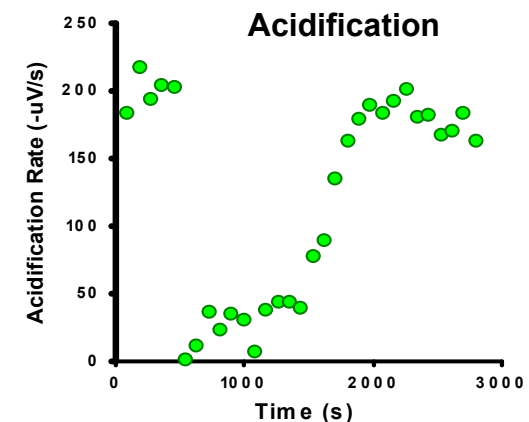
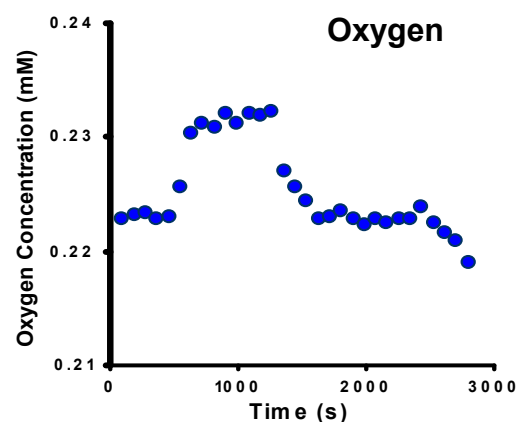
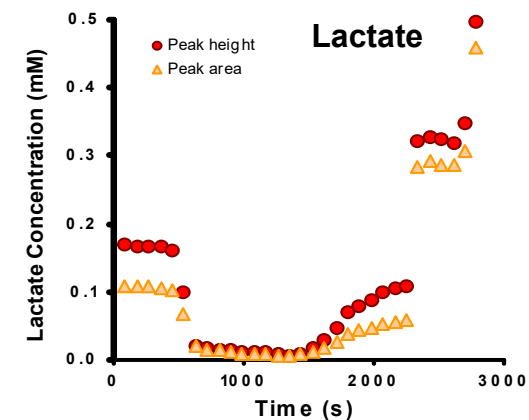
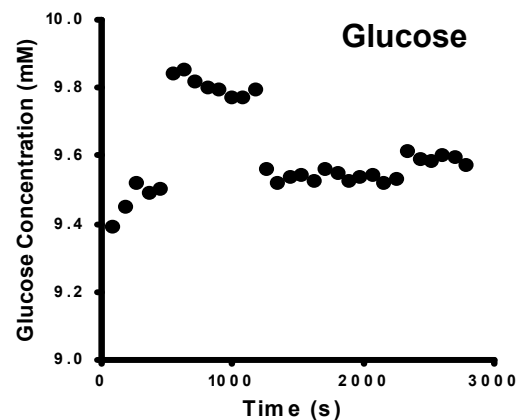
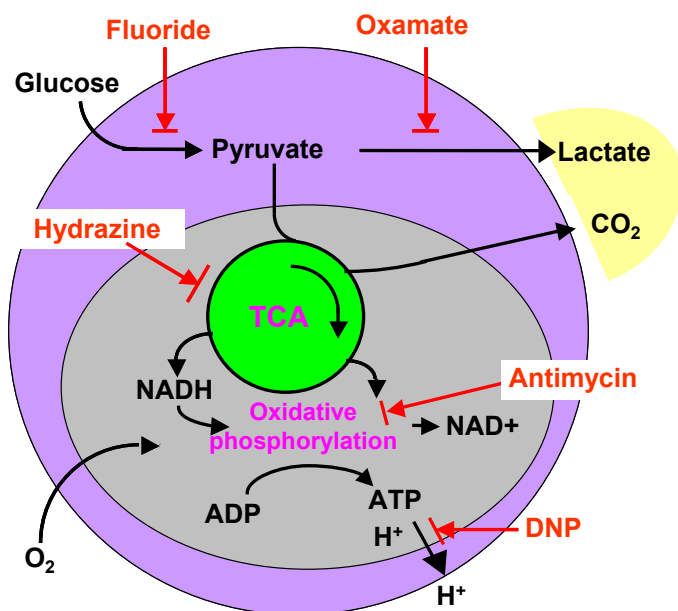
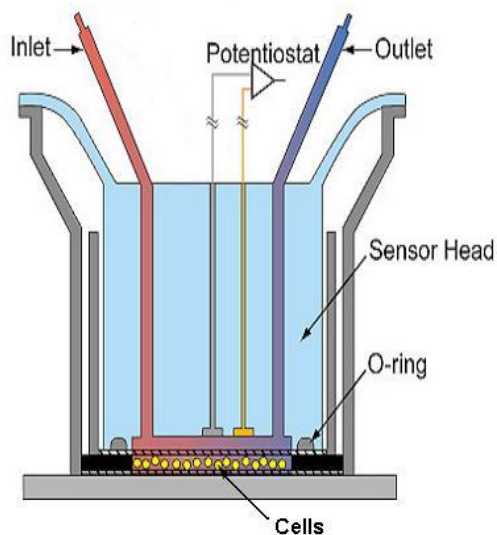
MicroPhysiometer: Modified sensor head



Schematic drawing of modified sensor head for the microliter Molecular Devices Cytosensor microphysiometer

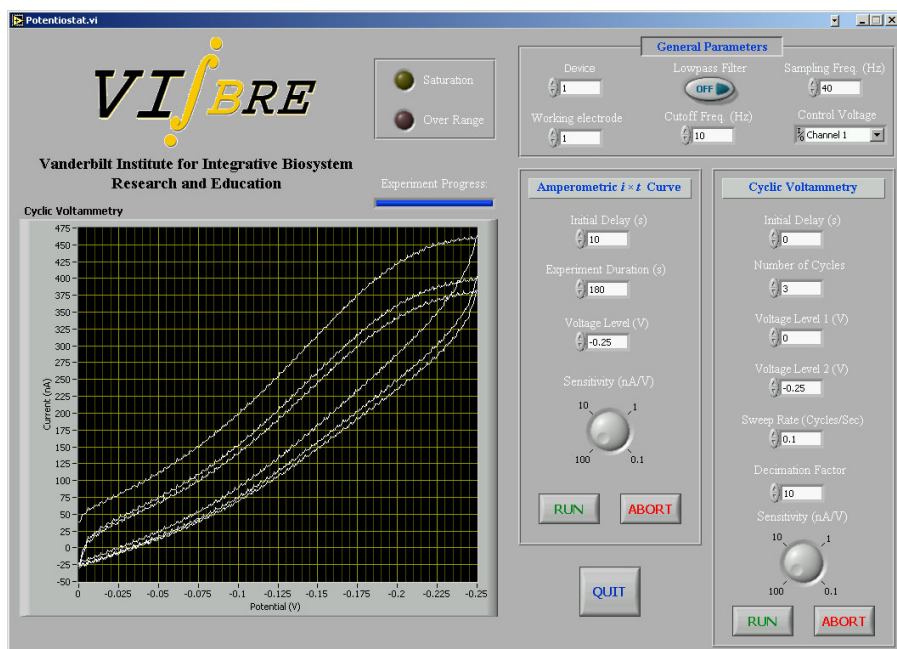
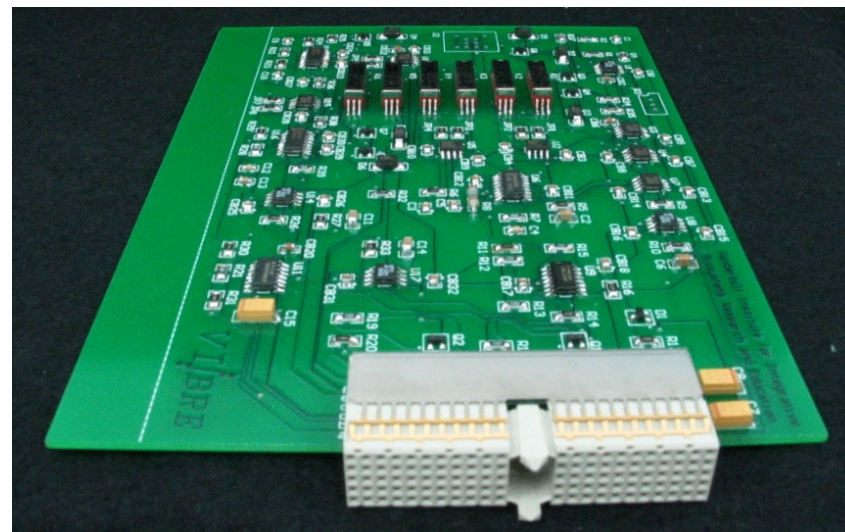
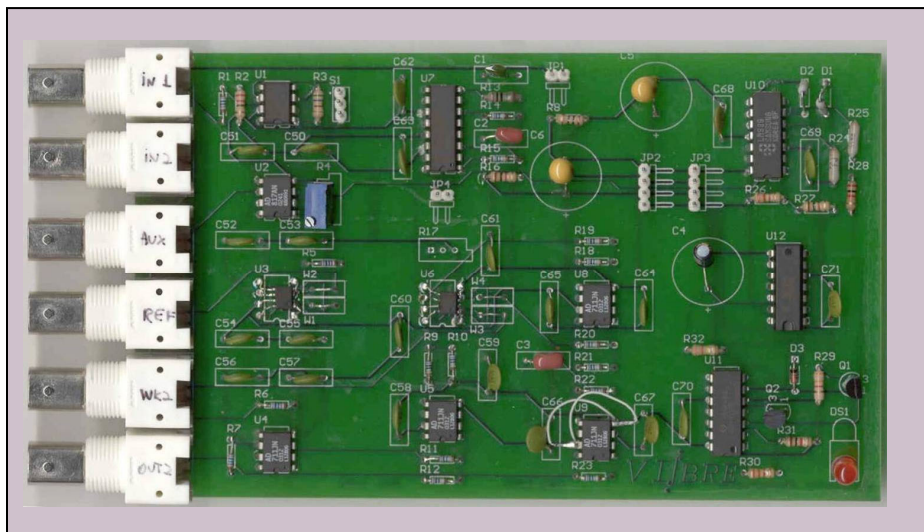


Existing Cytosensor head



CHO cells with 720 s of 20 mM fluoride.

- S.E. Eklund, D.E. Cliffel, et al.,
- *Anal.Chim.Acta* 496 (1-2):93-101, 2003;
 - *Anal.Chem.* 76 (3):519-527, 2004;
 - *Nanobiotechnology*, Humana Press, In Press,

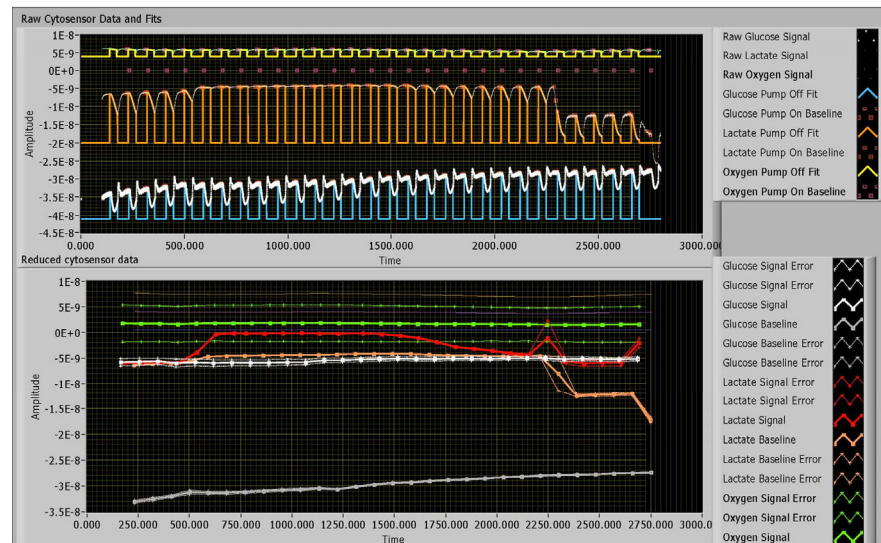


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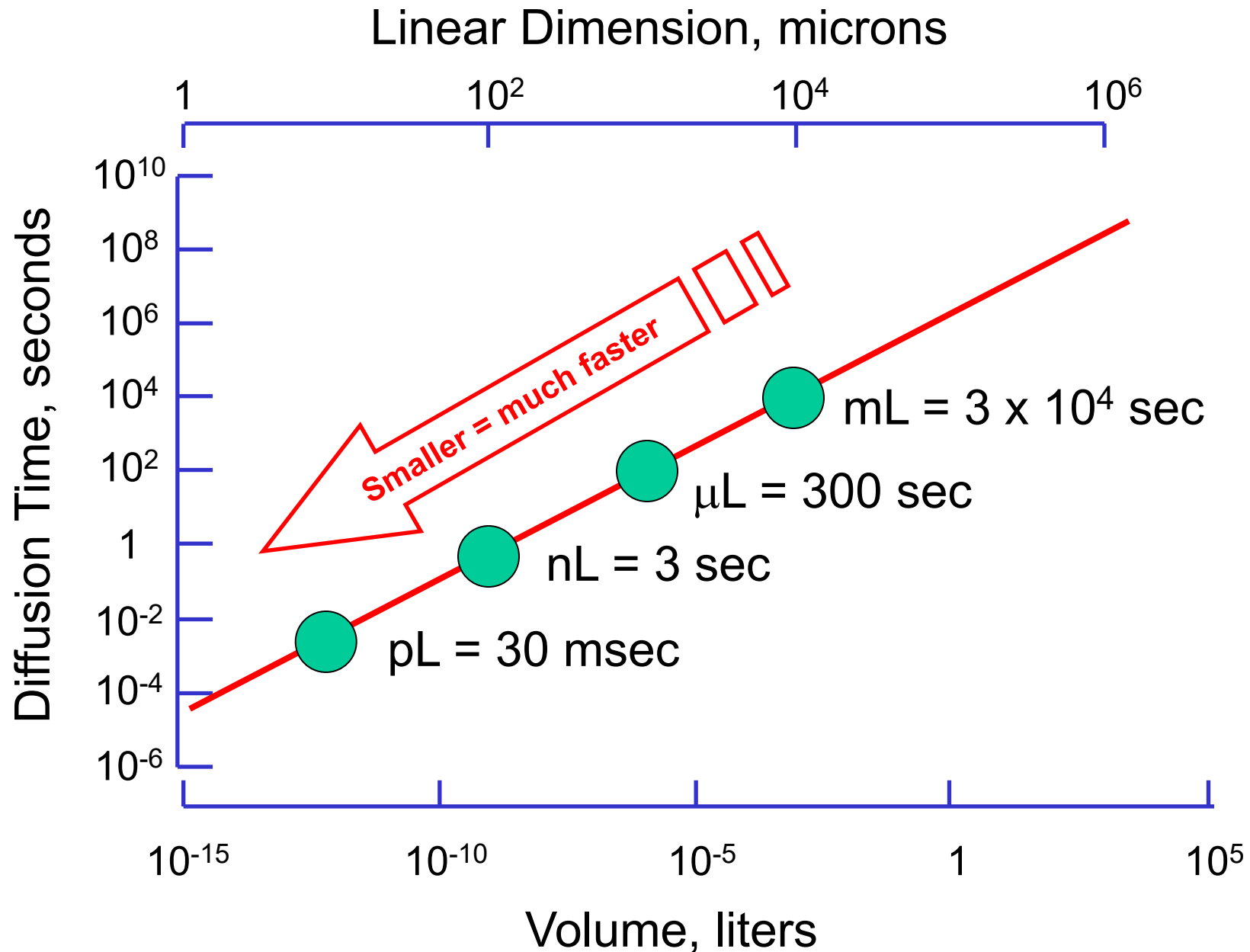
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Modified Cytosensor MicroPhysiometer

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Vanderbilt NanoPhysiometer

Lactate Diffusion Times



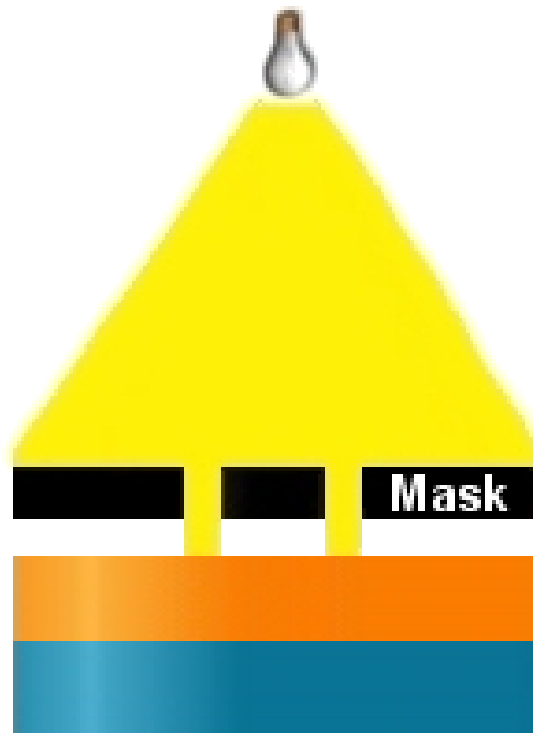
PDMS Soft Lithography



(A)



(C)



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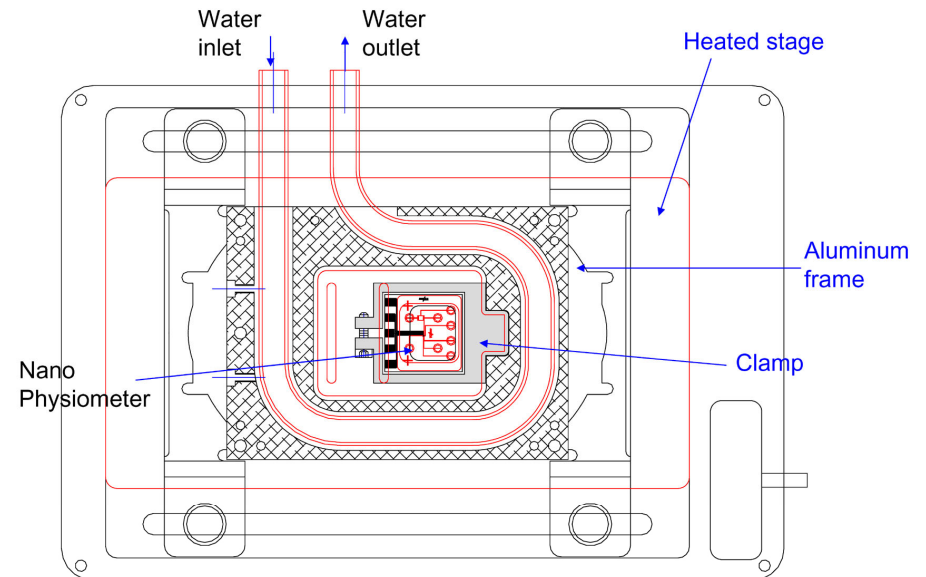
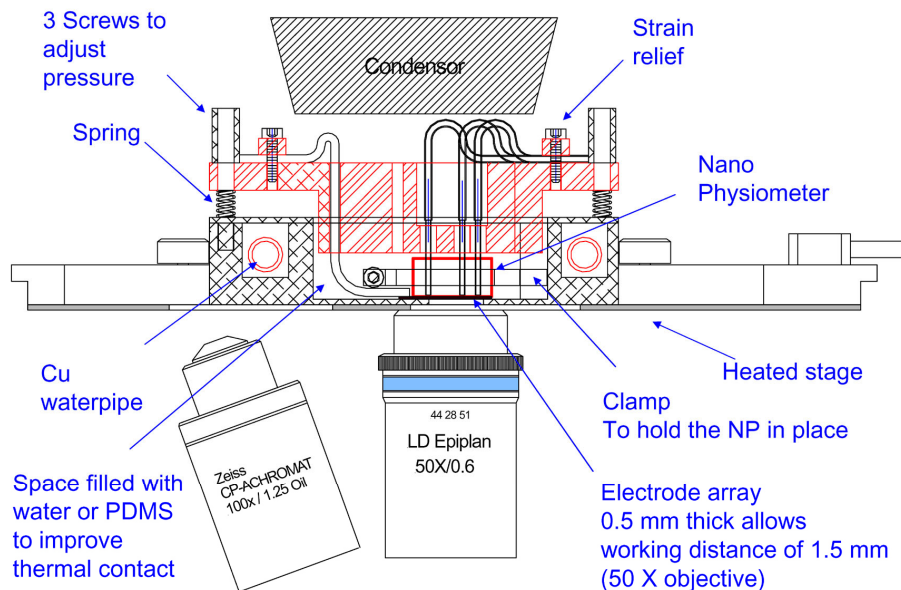
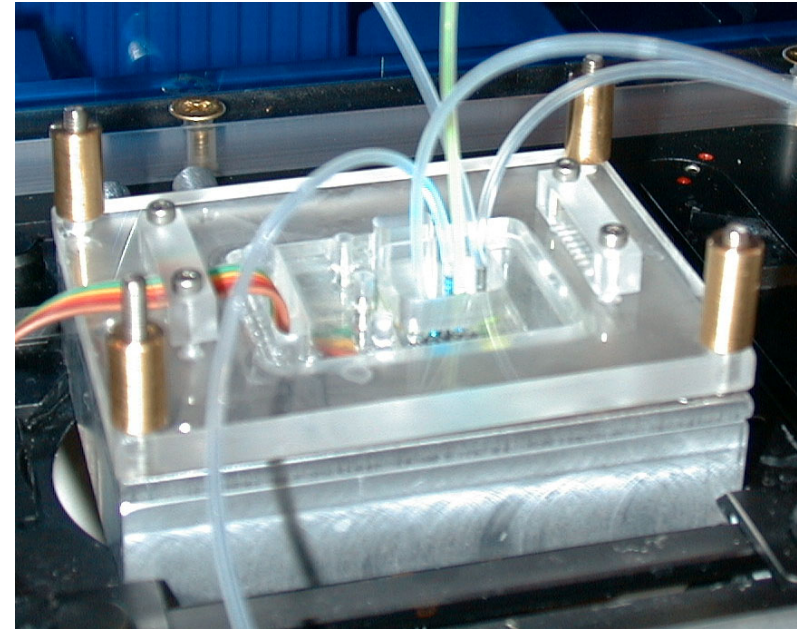
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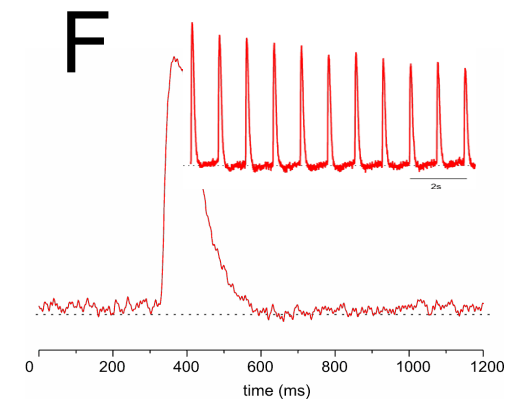
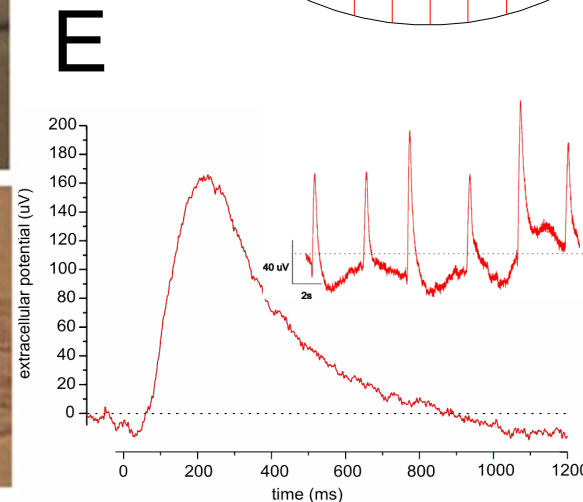
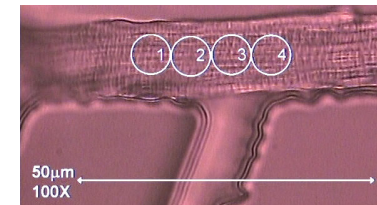
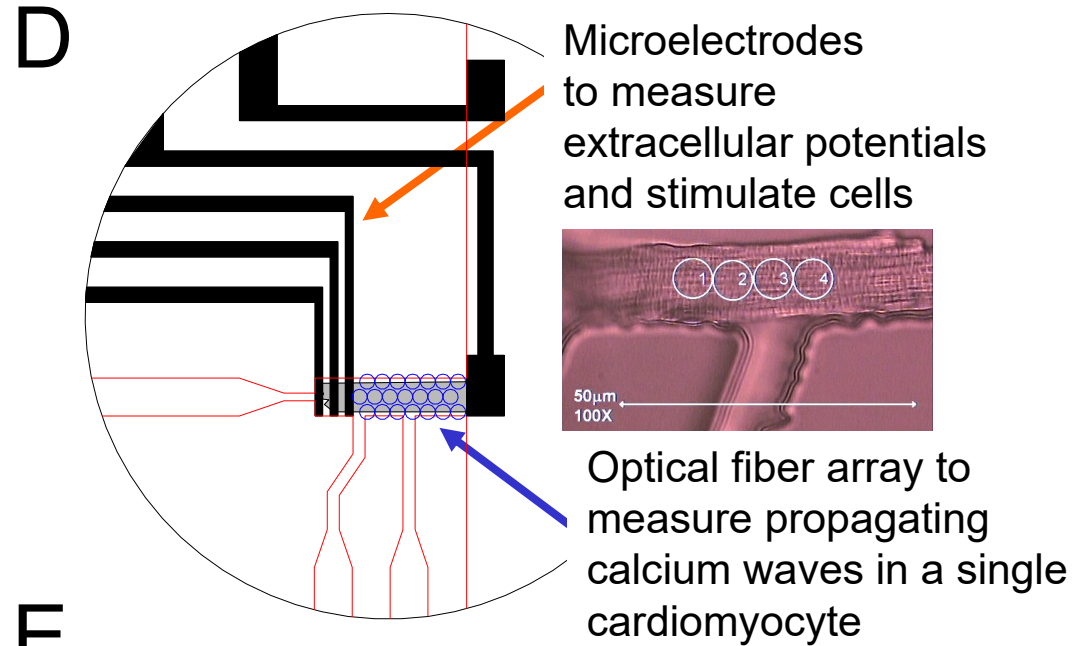
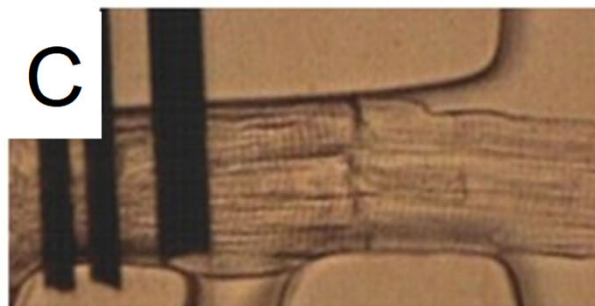
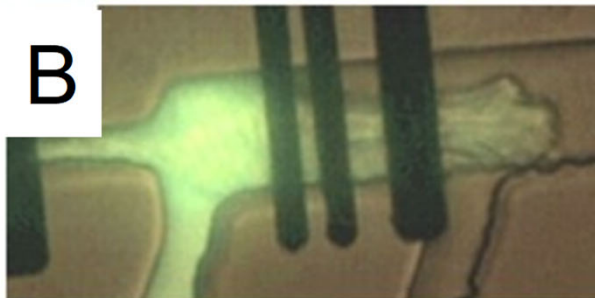
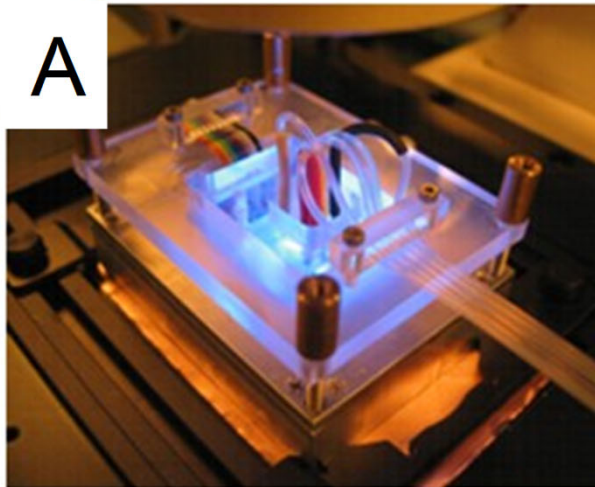
Nanophysiometer for Rapid Activation Dynamics (Baudenbacher)

- The Multianalyte NanoPhysiometer (MNP) will serve as a platform for studying, one at a time, large numbers of single cells
- Upon activation, we will measure **pH, O₂, V_m, [Ca], lactate, glucose, Q-Dot binding**



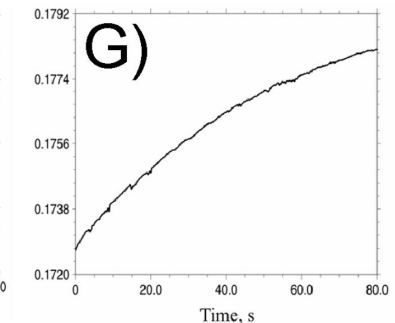
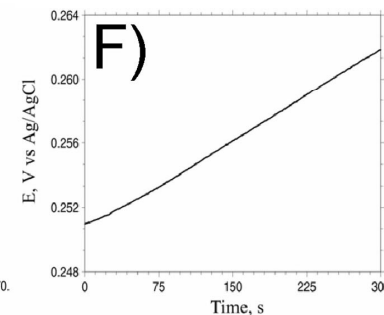
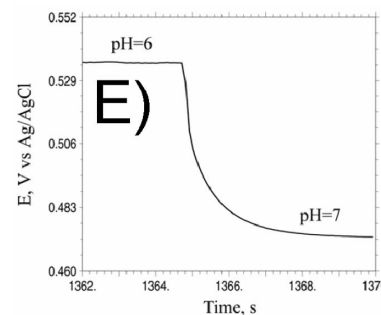
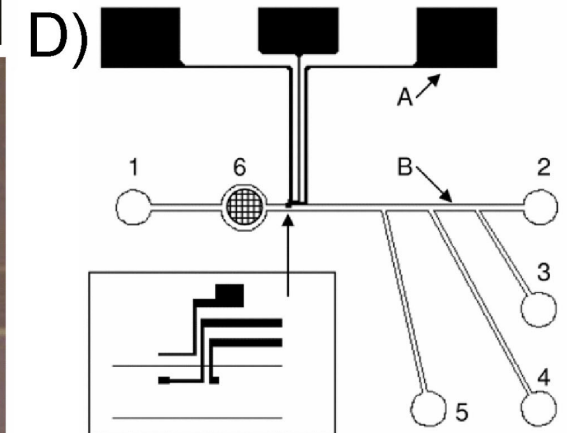
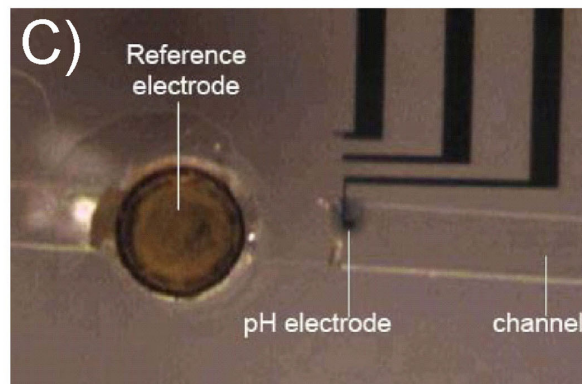
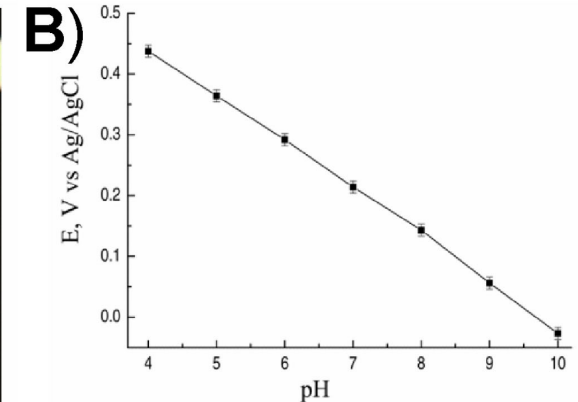
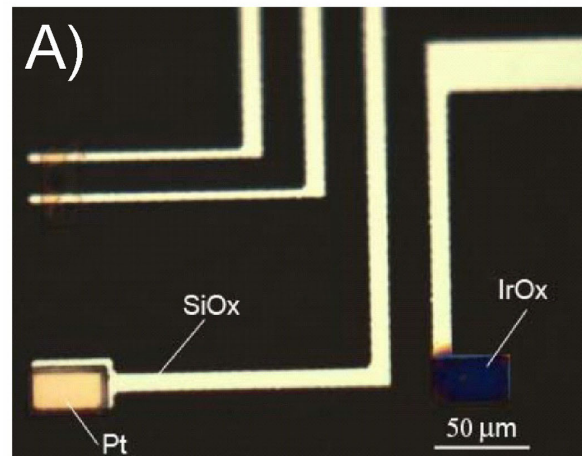
Cardiomyocyte in the Nanophysiometer

F Baudenbacher and A Werdich



A. Werdich, et al *Lab on a Chip* 4 (4):357-362, 2004

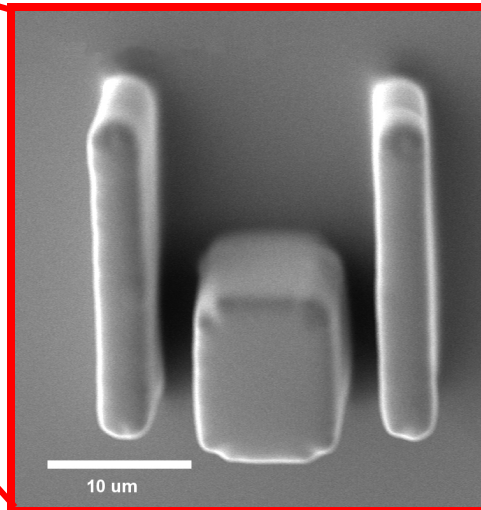
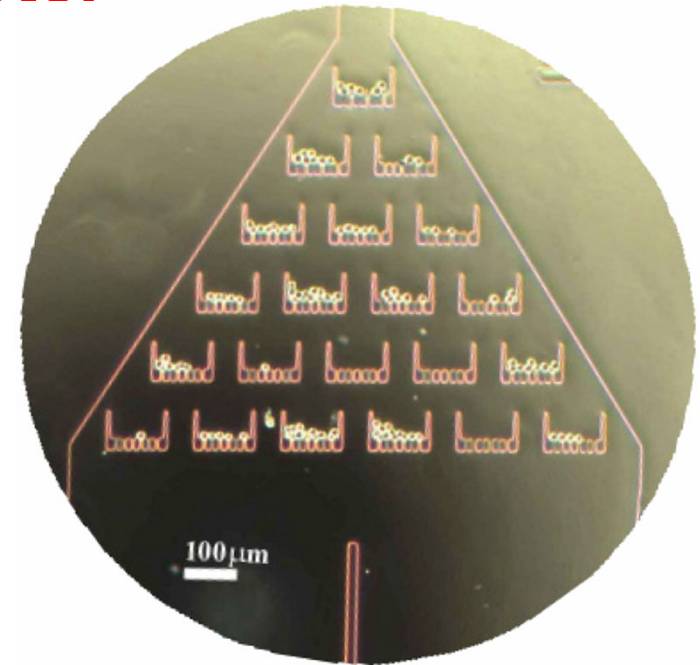
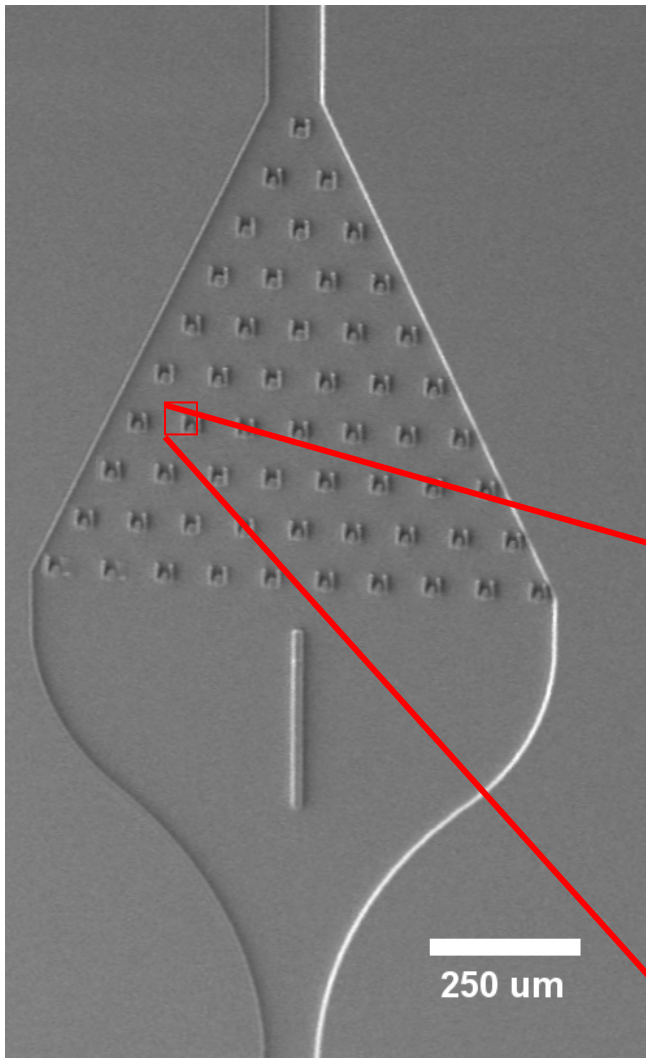
- A) pH electrodes
- B) pH calibration
- C) Reference electrode
- D) Calibration device
- E) Temporal response to a 1 pH step change.
- F) and G) Stop-flow acidification for A9L HD2 fibroblasts and M3 WT4 CHO cells



Ges et al., Submitted for publication

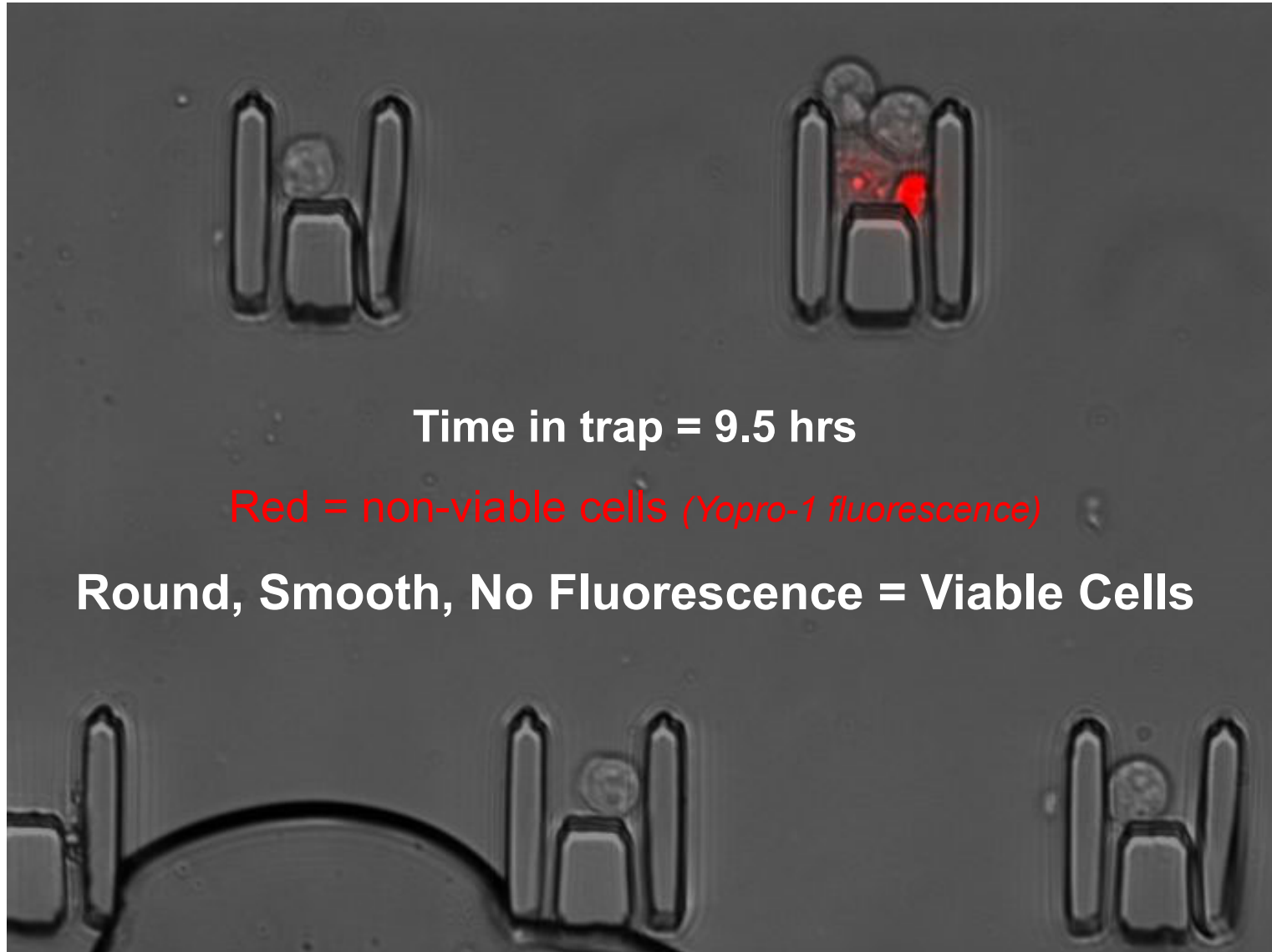
First Generation Autoloading NanoPhysiometer

- A.Prokop, et al.,
- Biological and Bioinspired Materials and Devices, MRS, 2004,
 - Biomedical Microdevices 6 (4):In Press, 2004.



Goal: Instrumented bioreactors with individually addressable traps

Viability of Activated Jurkat cells in NanoPhysiometer Using CO₂-free media



Nanophysiometer Modeling

Mark Stremler

- 3D computational model:

Sensor:

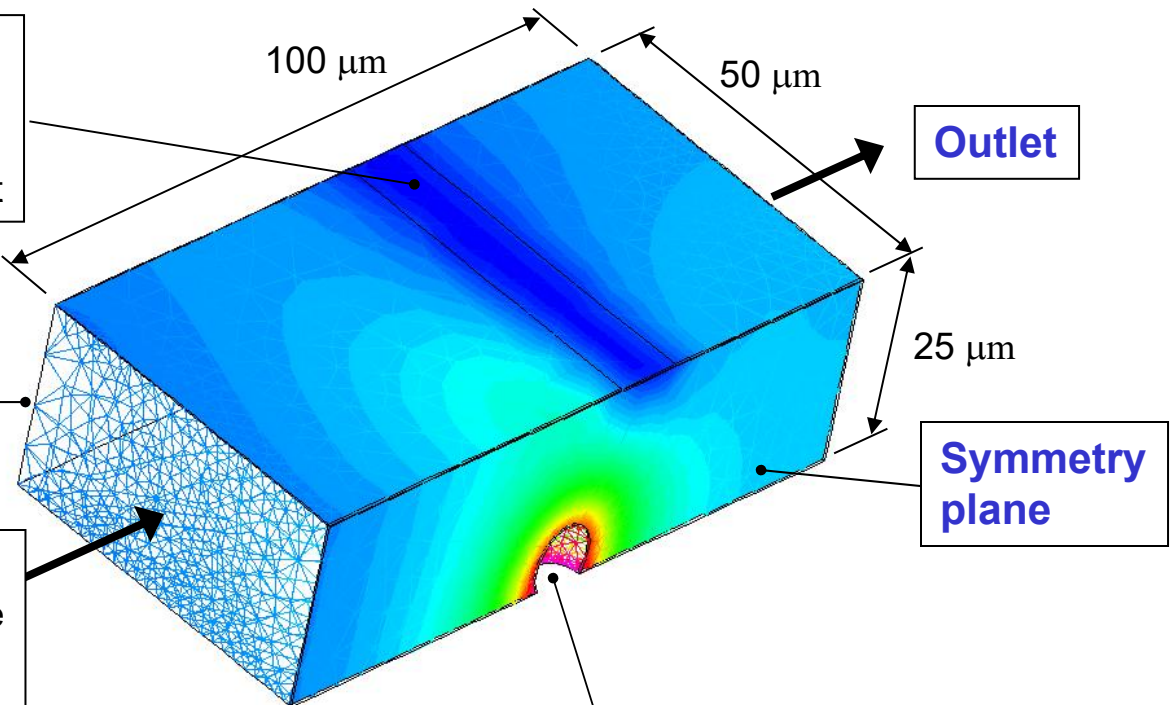
- 10 μm wide, 100 μm long
- Zero concentration at surface
- Sensor flux proportional to current

Channel Walls:

- No transport
- Zero velocity condition

Inlet Flow:

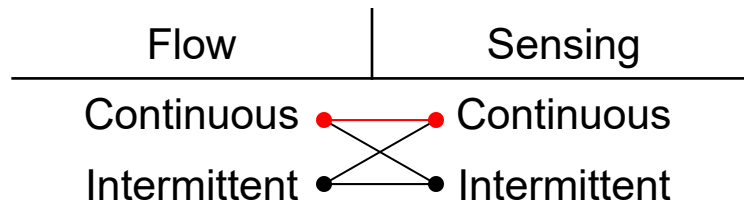
- Specified flowrate, velocity profile
- Specified concentrations
- Upstream diffusion allowed



Single Cell:

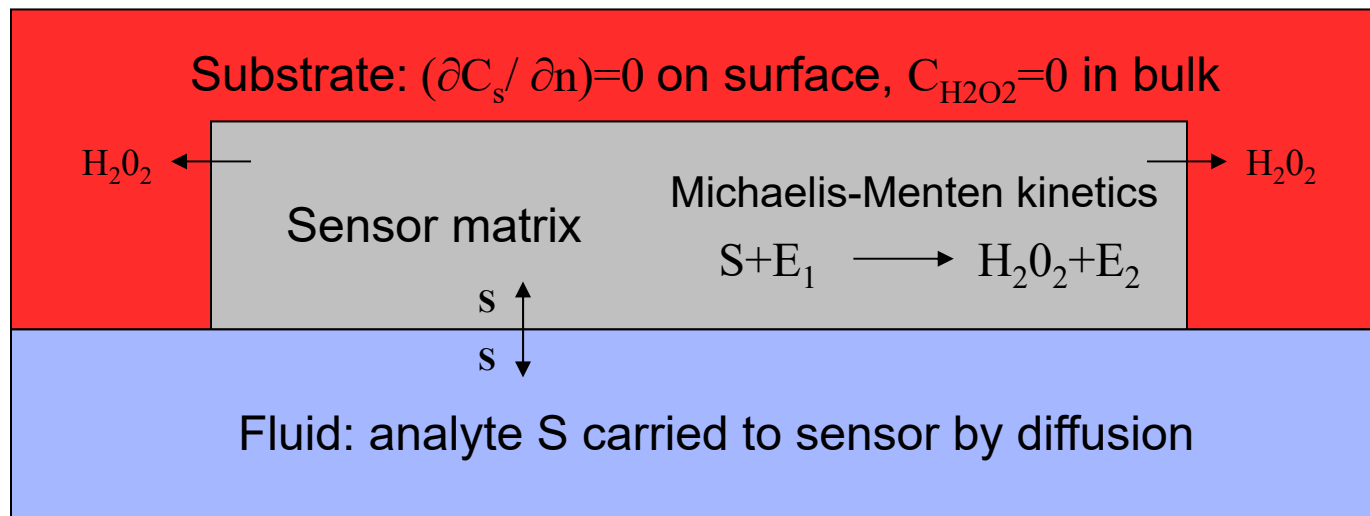
- 10 μm diameter
- Specified membrane fluxes

- Possible device flow and sensing scenarios:



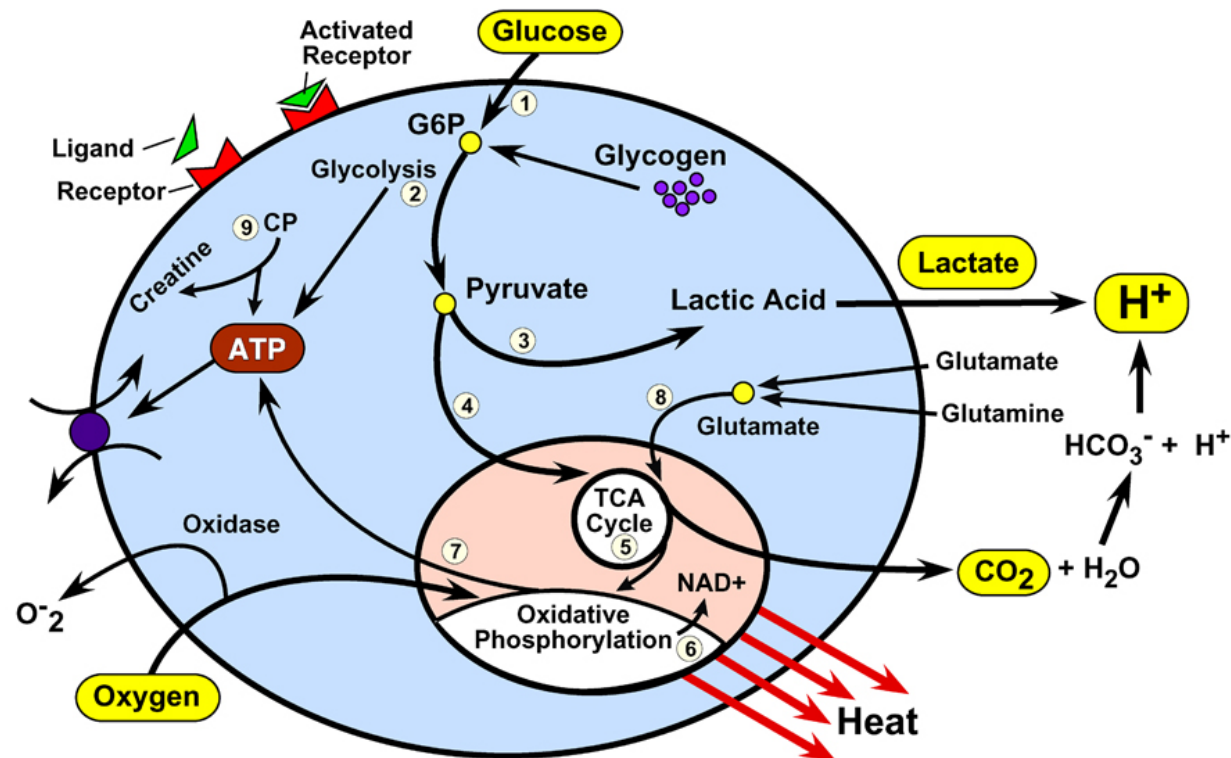
Inverse Sensor Model

- Model diffusion and reactions within the polymer matrix of the sensor.
- Enzyme concentration within the sensor assumed uniform.
- Production of H_2O_2 within sensor modeled with Michaelis-Menten kinetics.
- Sensor signal given by gradient of H_2O_2 at the surface.
- Model implemented analytically and with CFD-ACE



The Next Steps

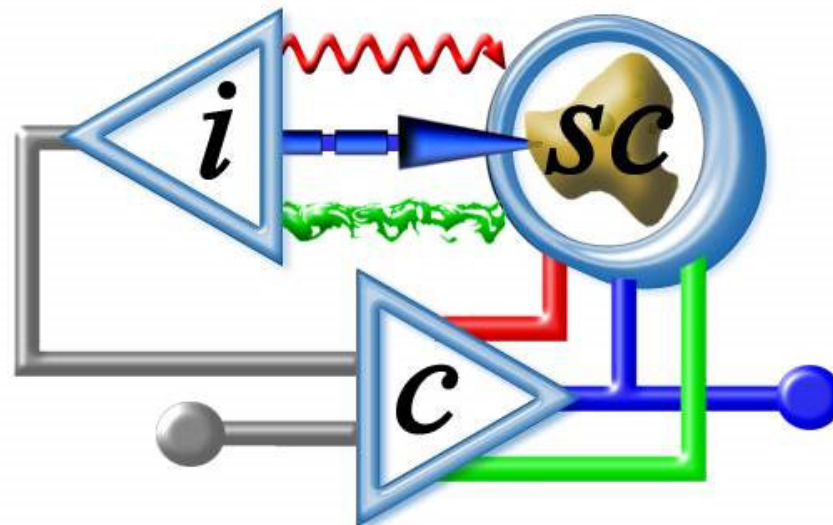
- Inverse sensor model
- Inverse metabolic network model
- Additional metabolic parameters
- Apply experiments, models and analysis to examine the blocking or enhancing of metabolic pathways



Theme III

Instrumenting and Controlling The Single Cell

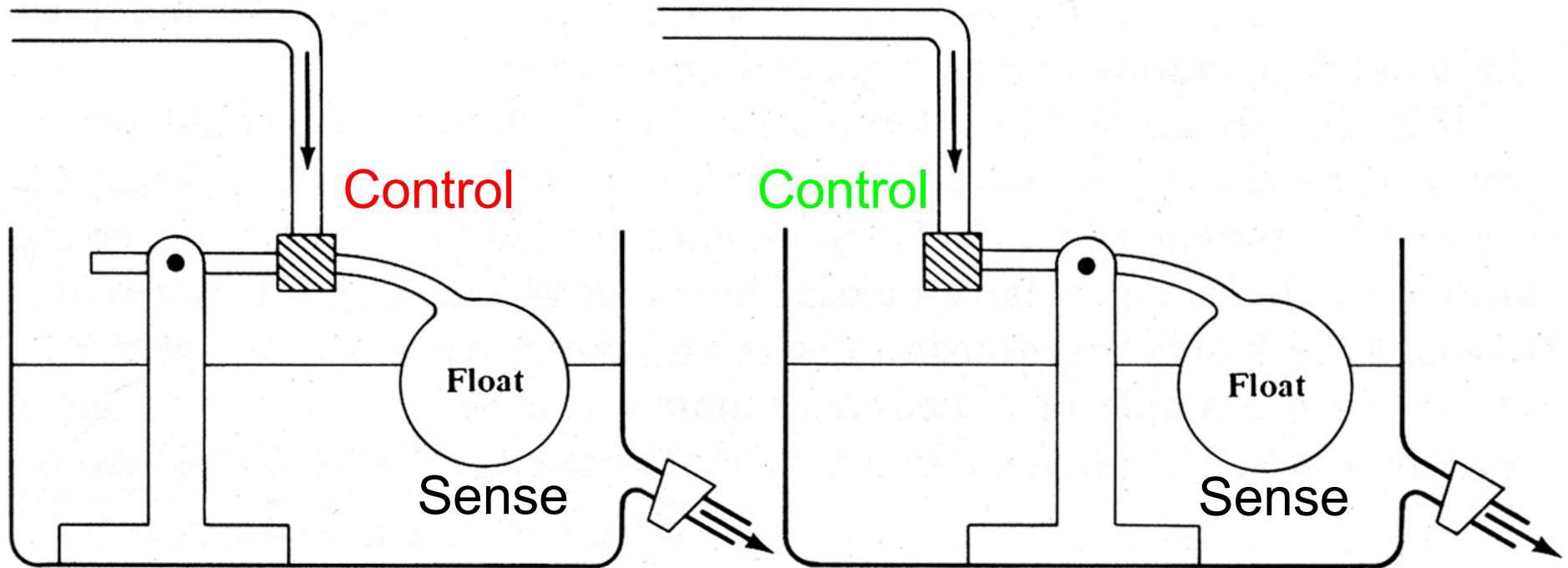
Goal: Develop devices, algorithms, and measurement techniques that will allow us to instrument and **control single cells** and small populations of cells and thereby explore the complexities of quantitative, experimental systems biology



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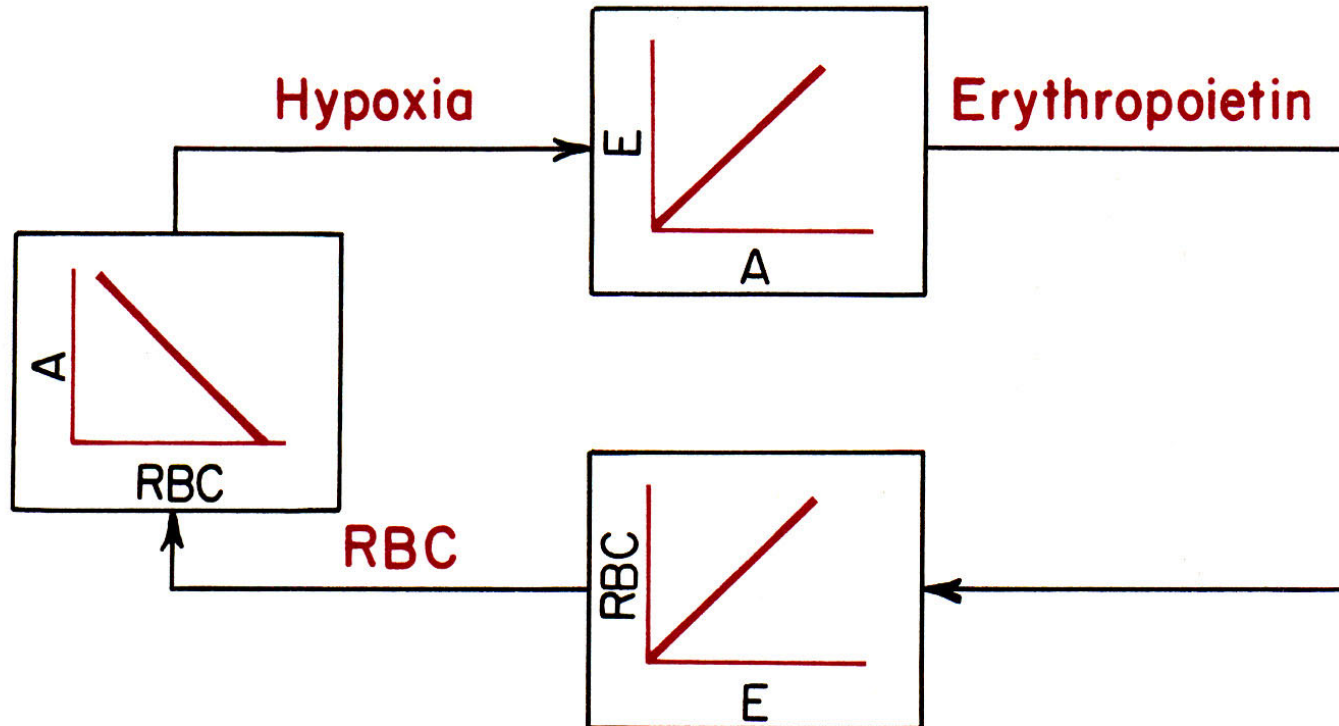
Negative versus Positive Feedback



Negative Feedback

Positive Feedback

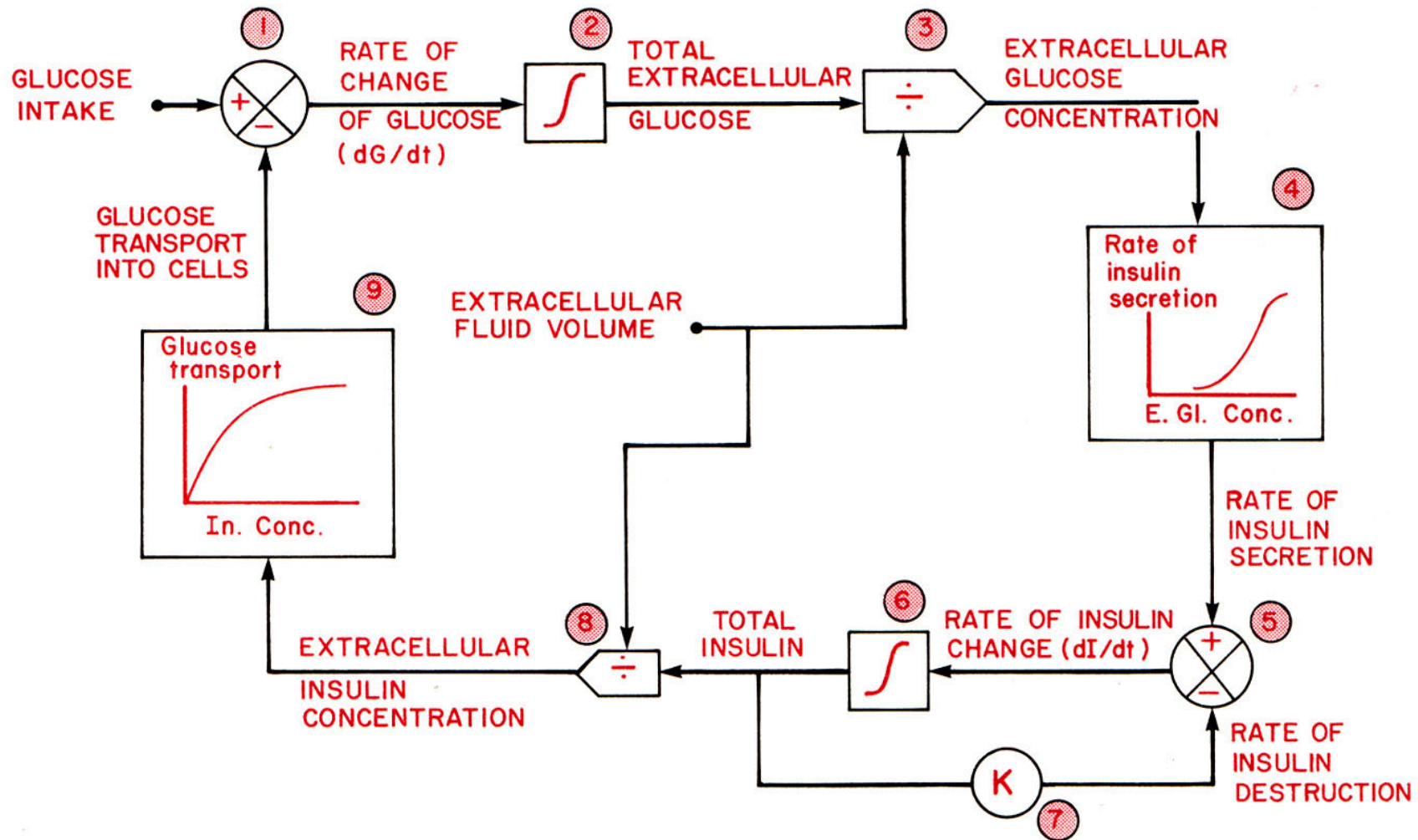
Hypoxia-Red Blood Cell Concentration



Variables

- Erythropoietin E
- Hypoxia A
- RBC

Glucose-Insulin Control

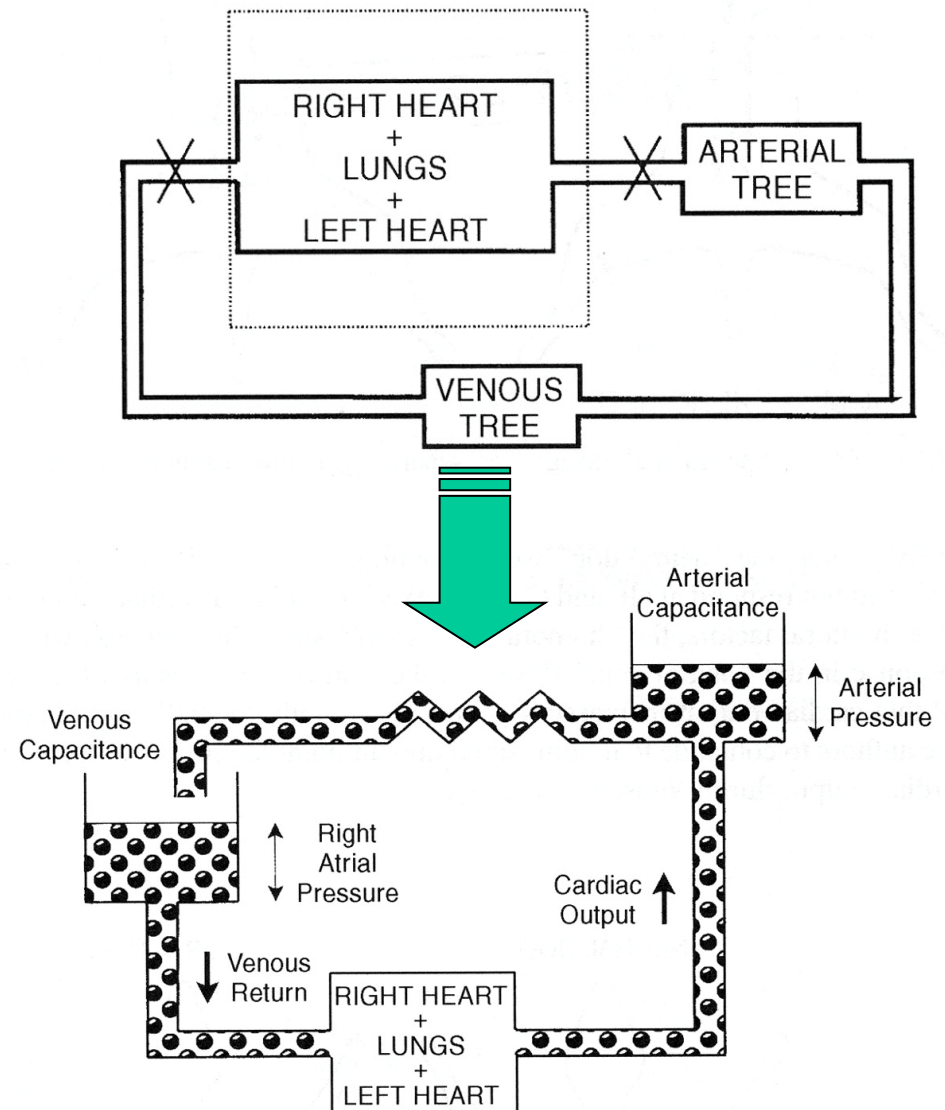


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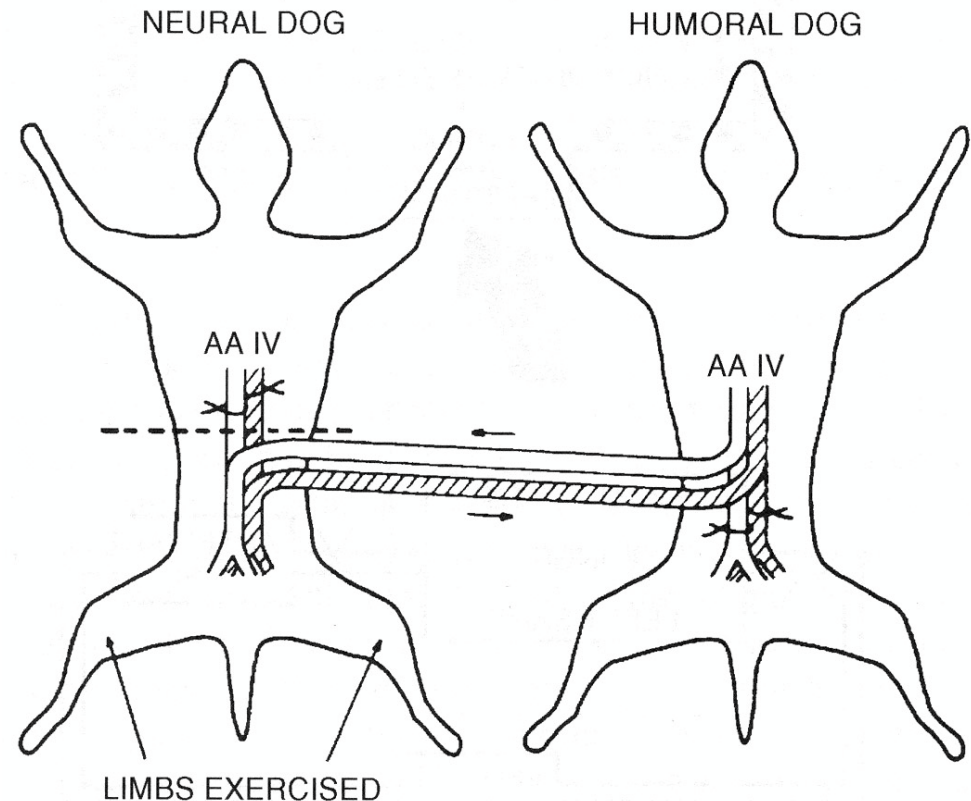
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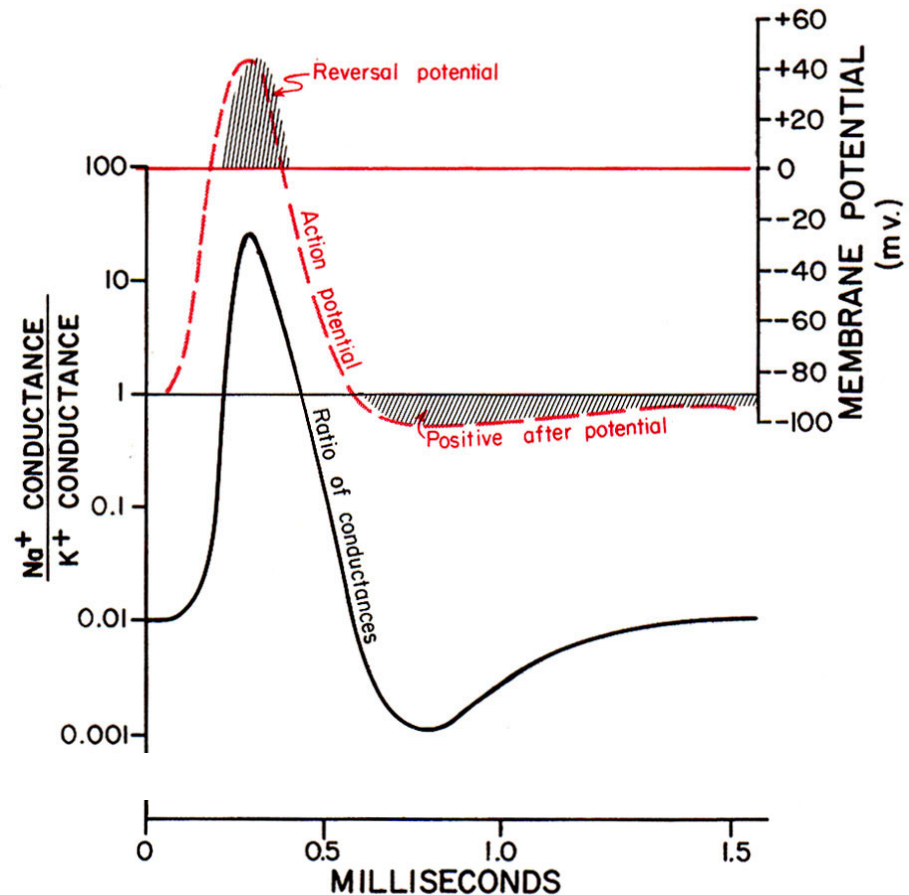
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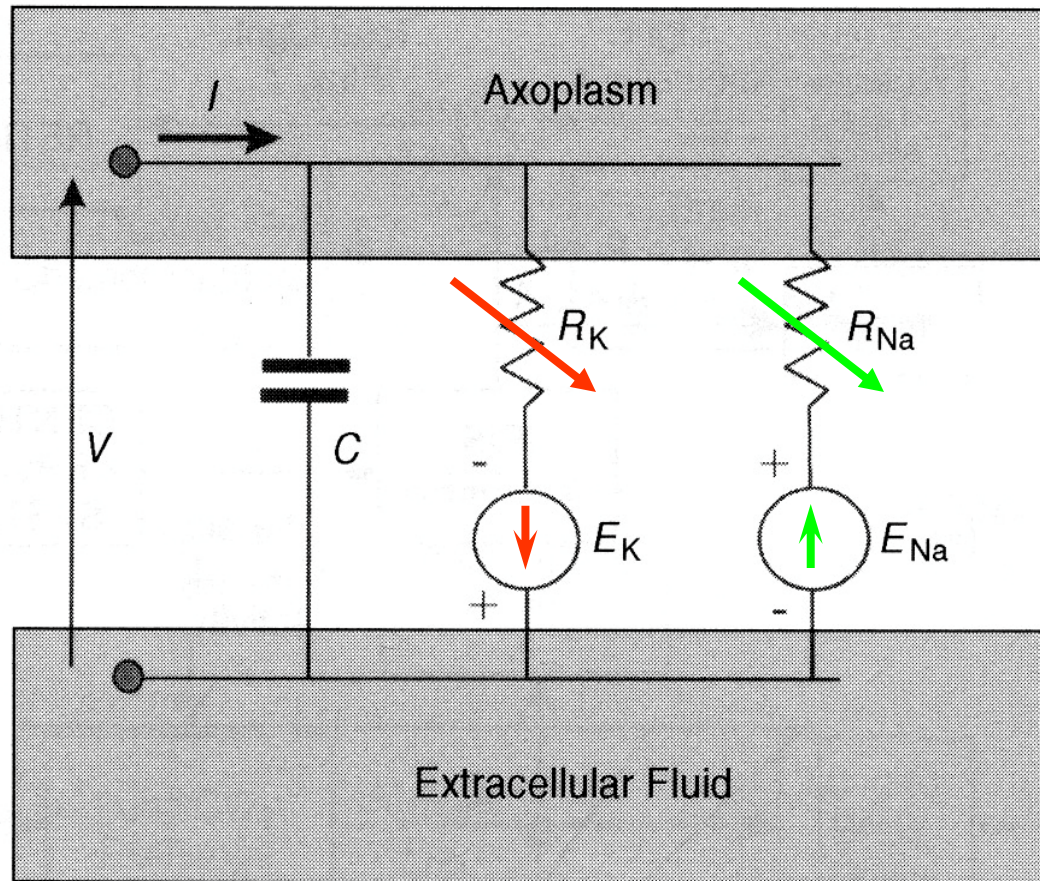


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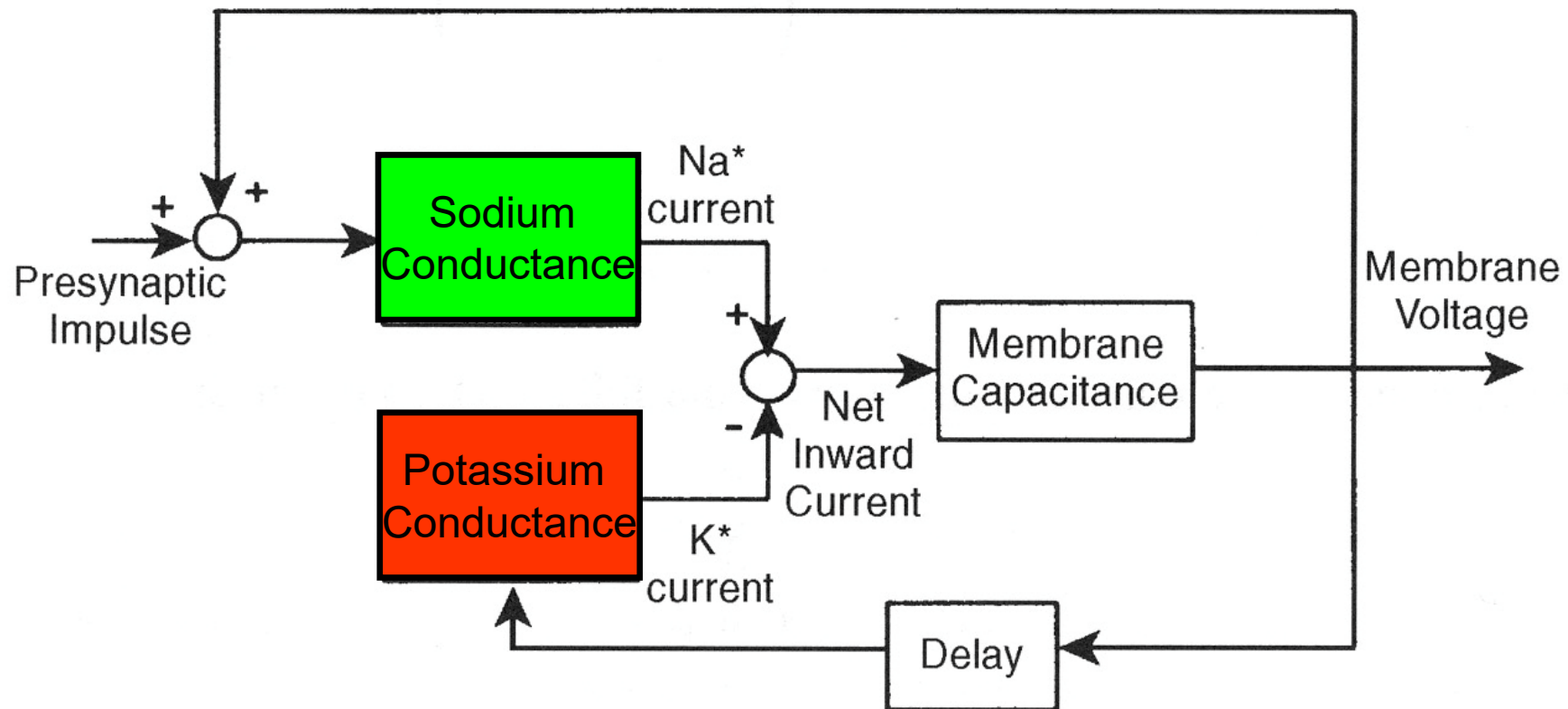


Simplified Hodgkin-Huxley



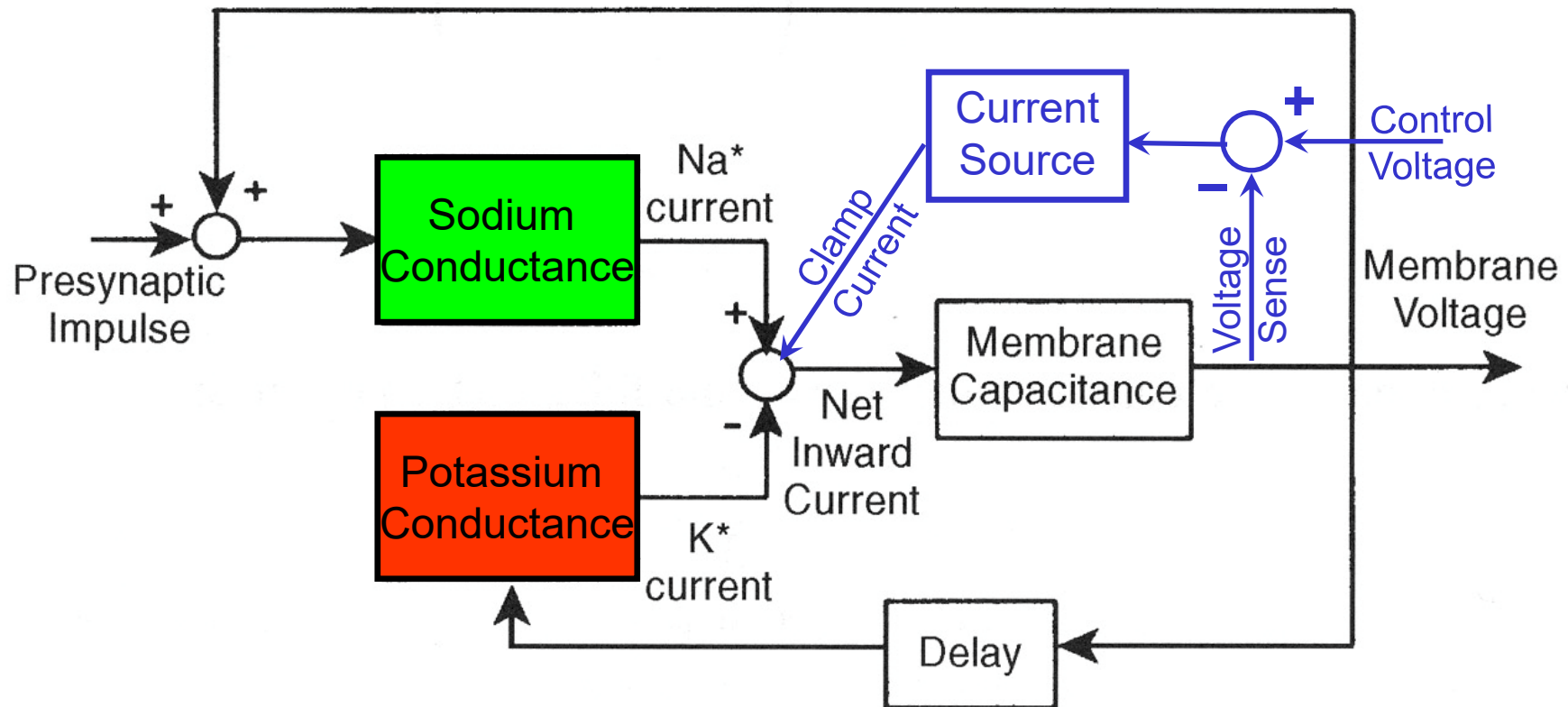
- For the resting cell, E_{Na} , R_{Na} and inward I_{Na} depolarize the cell with **positive feedback**
- E_K , R_K and outward I_K repolarize the cell and serve as **negative feedback**
- Ignore Cl

Hodgkin-Huxley: Closed-loop with positive and negative feedback



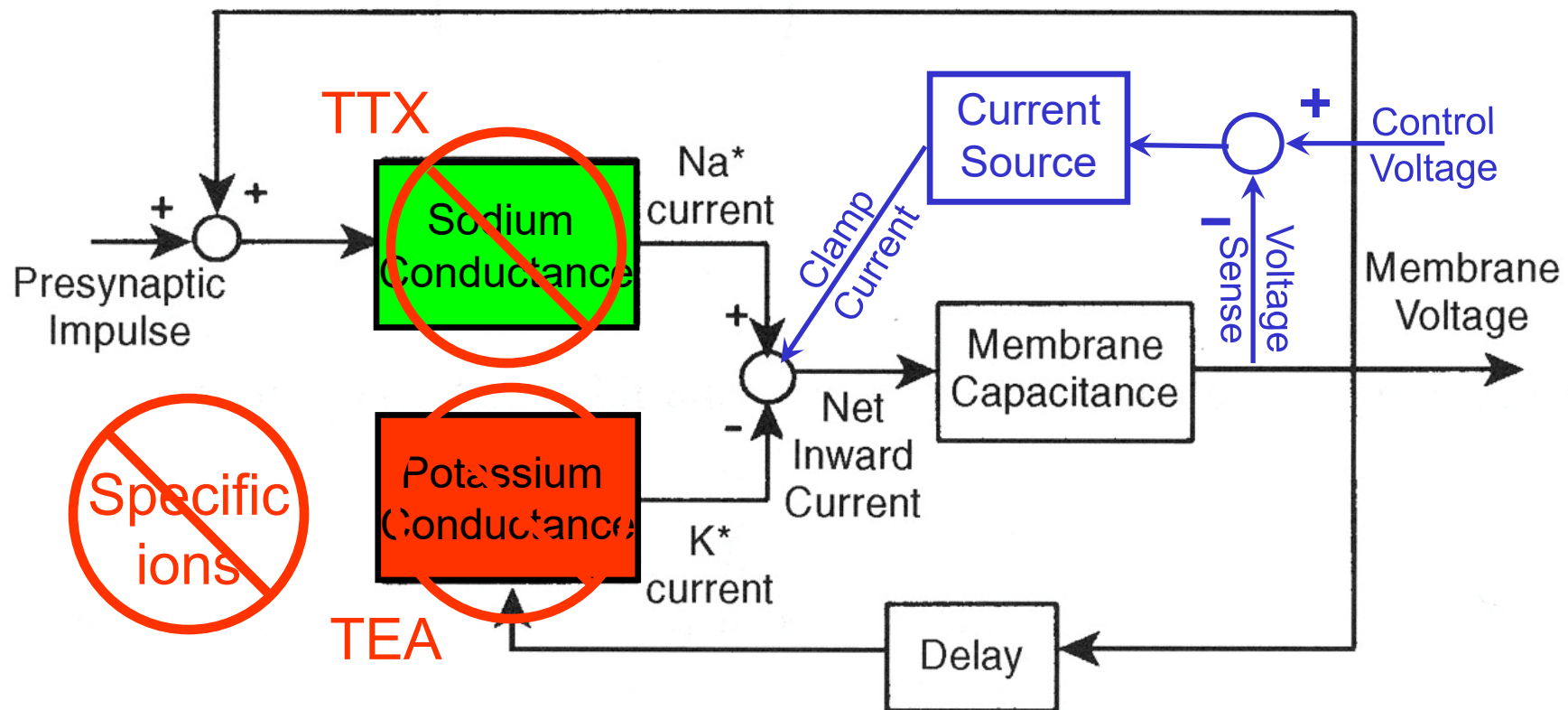
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Overriding Internal Control: Voltage Clamp



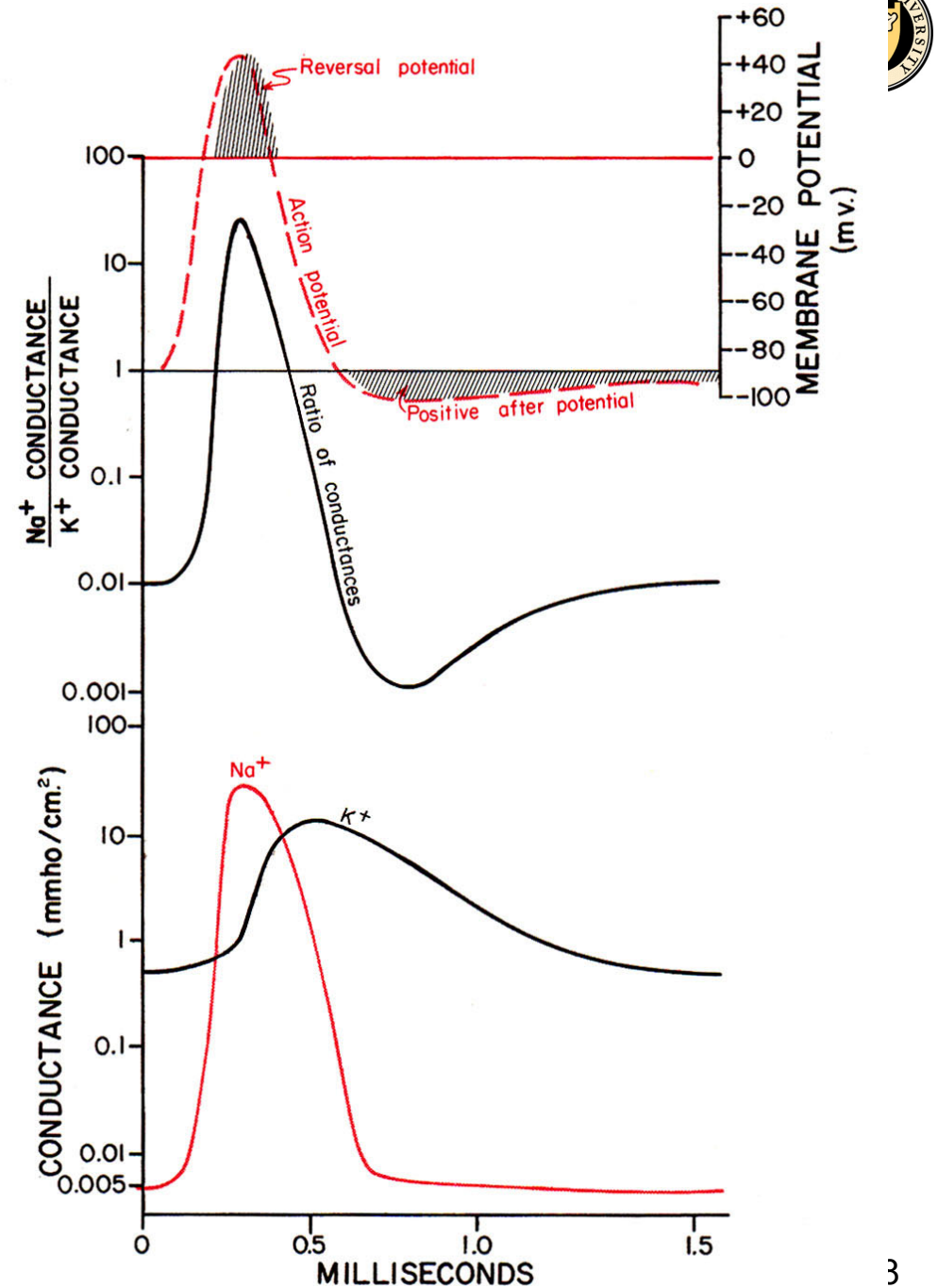
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Opening the Loop During External Control



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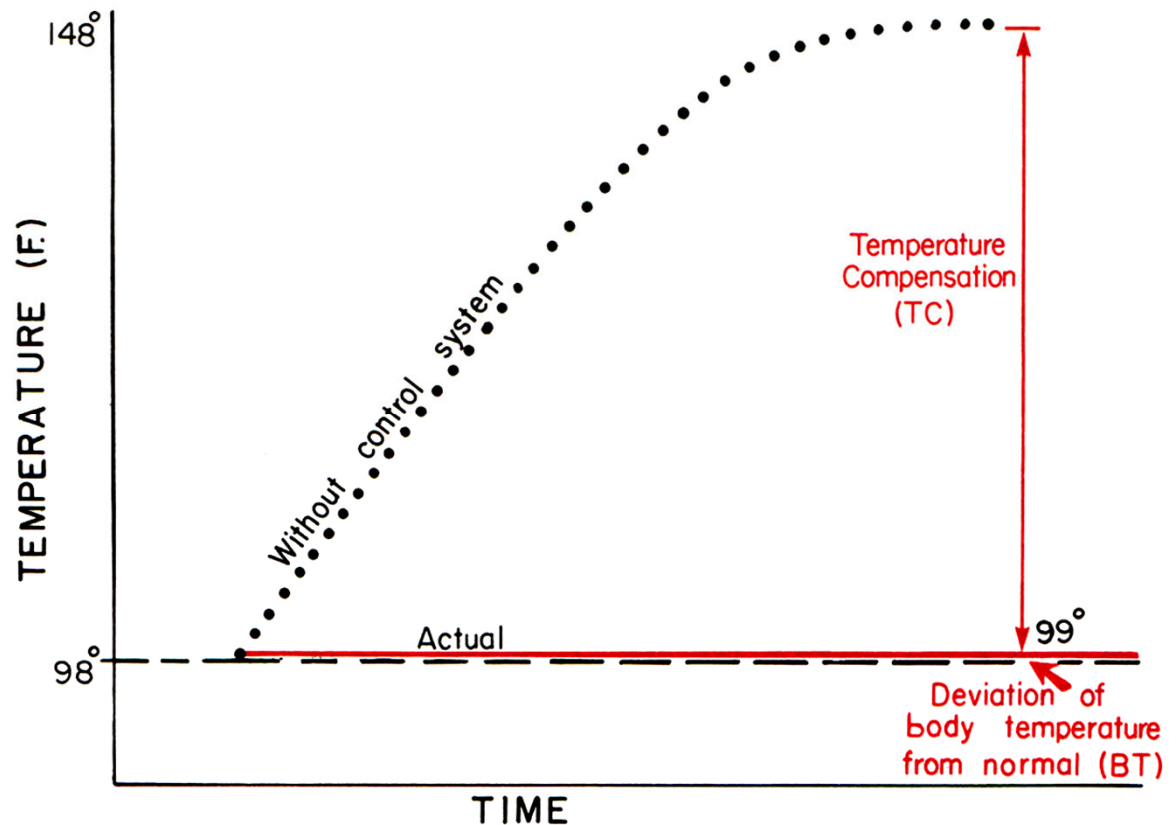
Required: New devices to seize control of subsecond, submicron cellular processes.

A Key to the Future of Systems Biology: External Control of Cellular Feedback

- ✓ Electrical
- Mechanical
- Chemical
- Cell-to-cell...

Signatures of Control

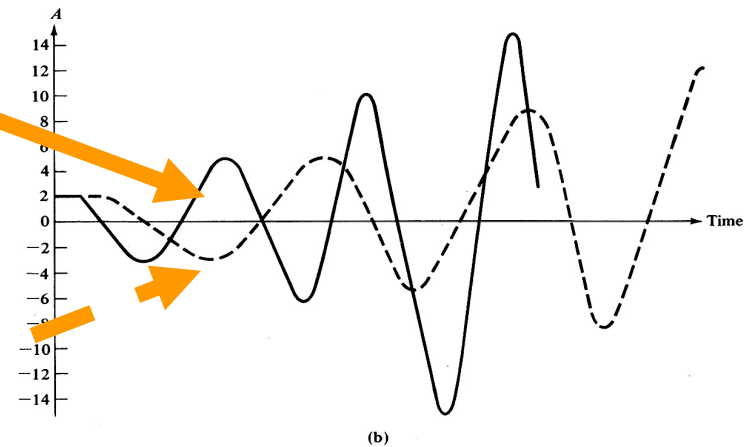
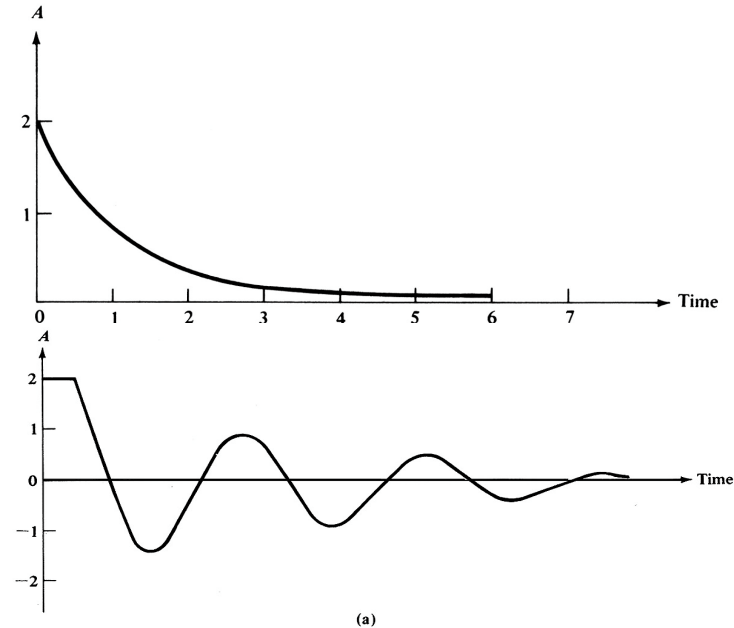
- Stability in the presence of variable input (DT= 50° F)
- Oscillations when excessive delay or too much gain
- Divergent behavior when internal range is exceeded or controls damaged



Guyton, Arthur C.; Textbook of Medical Physiology, 6rd ed.; 1981, W.B. Saunders, p.9

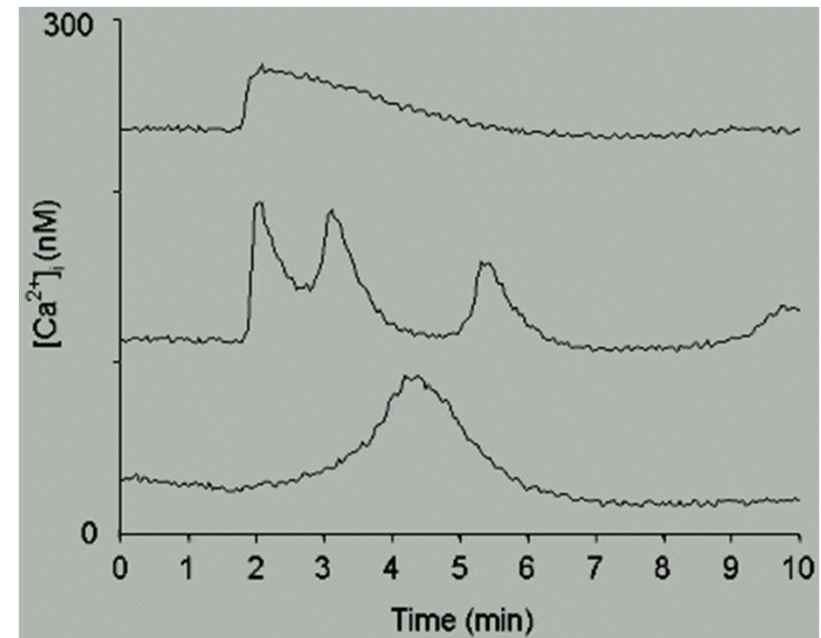
Control Stability

- Proportional control
- Proportional control with finite time delay
- Higher gain, same delay
- Same gain, longer delay



Intracellular Metabolic and Chemical Oscillations

- We know that oscillations and bursts exist
 - Voltage
 - Calcium
 - Glucose/insulin
 - Neurotransmitter
 - Repair enzymes



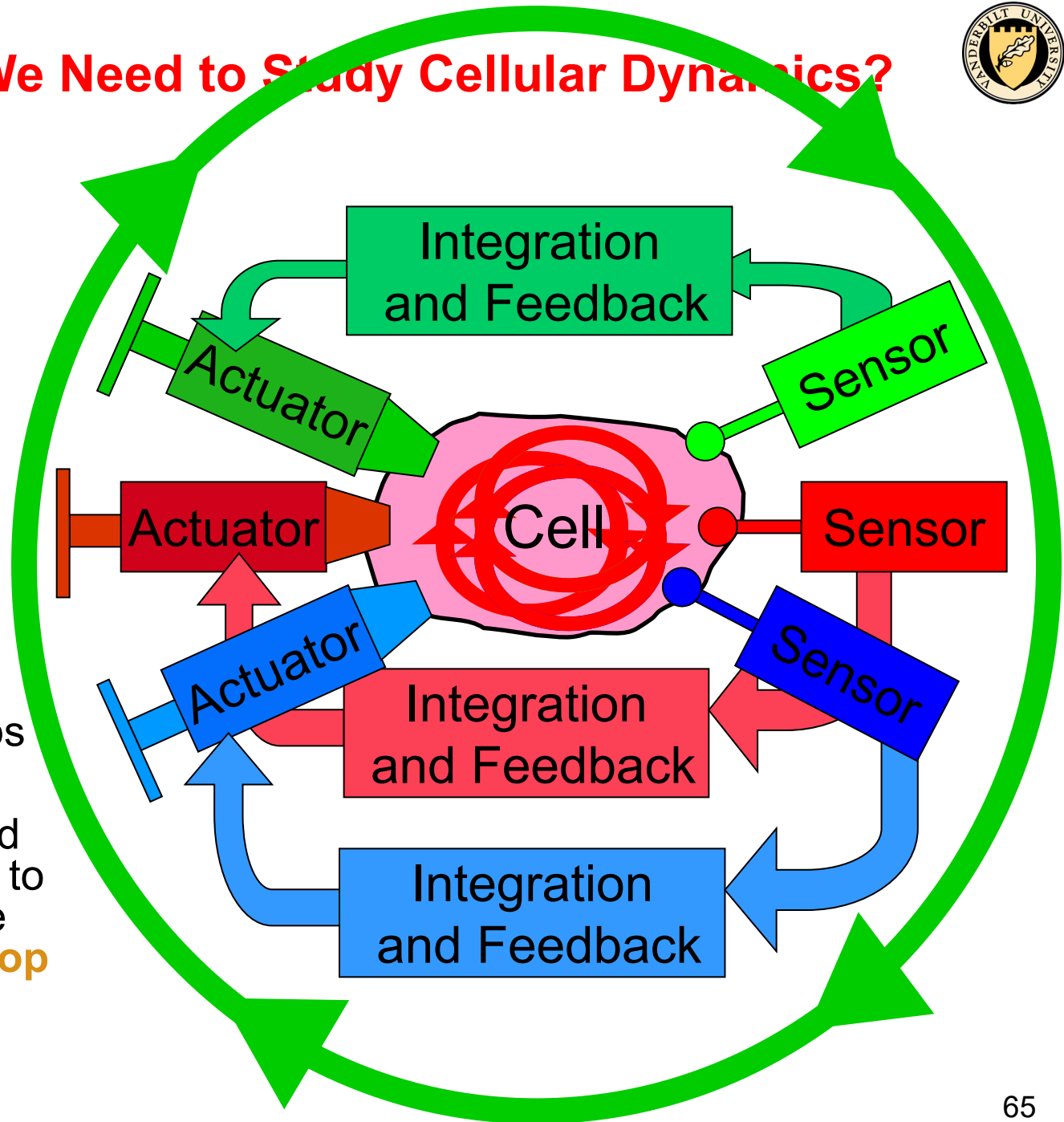
• **Prediction:** At higher bandwidths than provided by present instrumentation, we will see in biosystems other chemical bursts, oscillations, and chaotic behavior. **FIND THEM, USE THEM!**

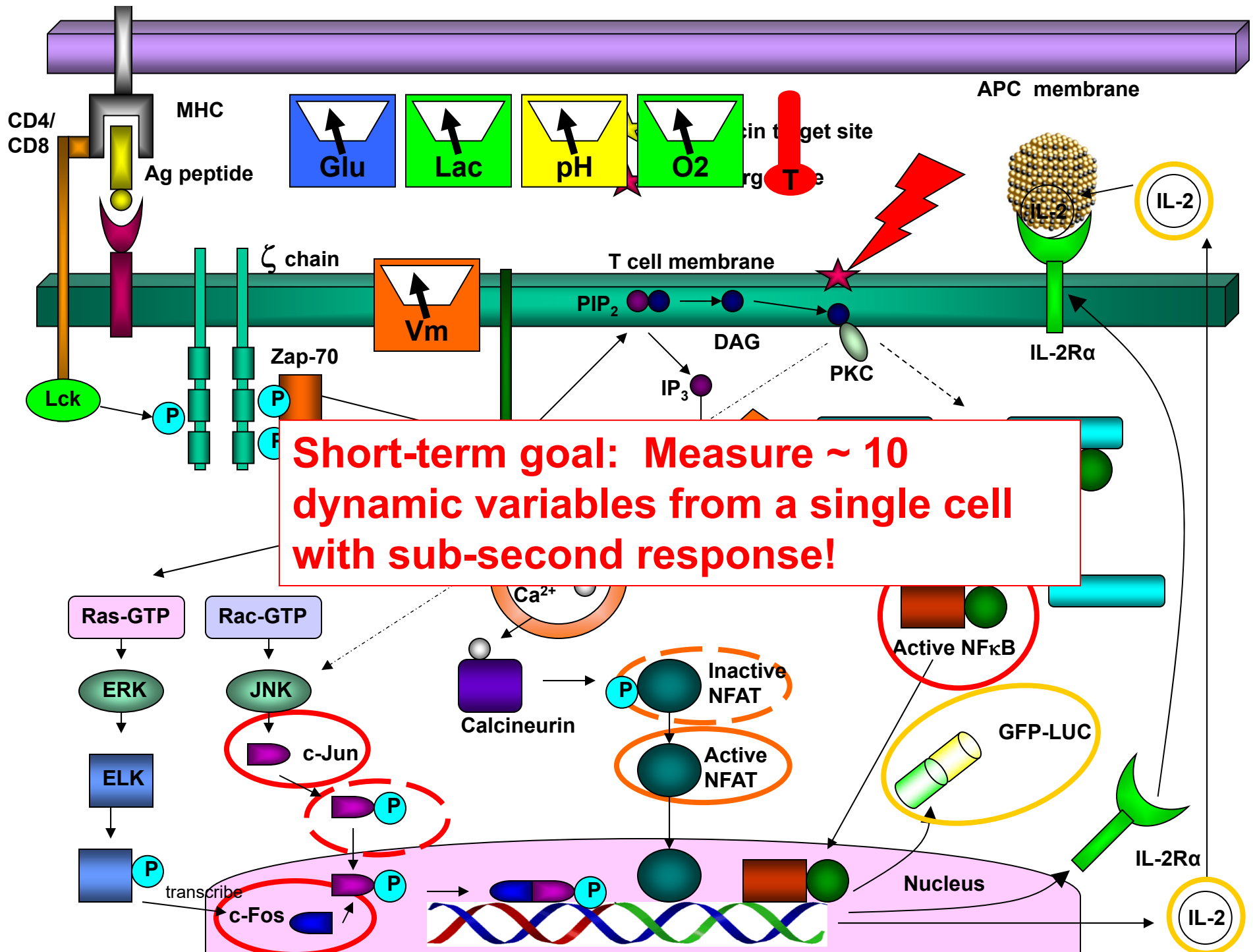
**Ok, we're convinced about
feedback and control....**

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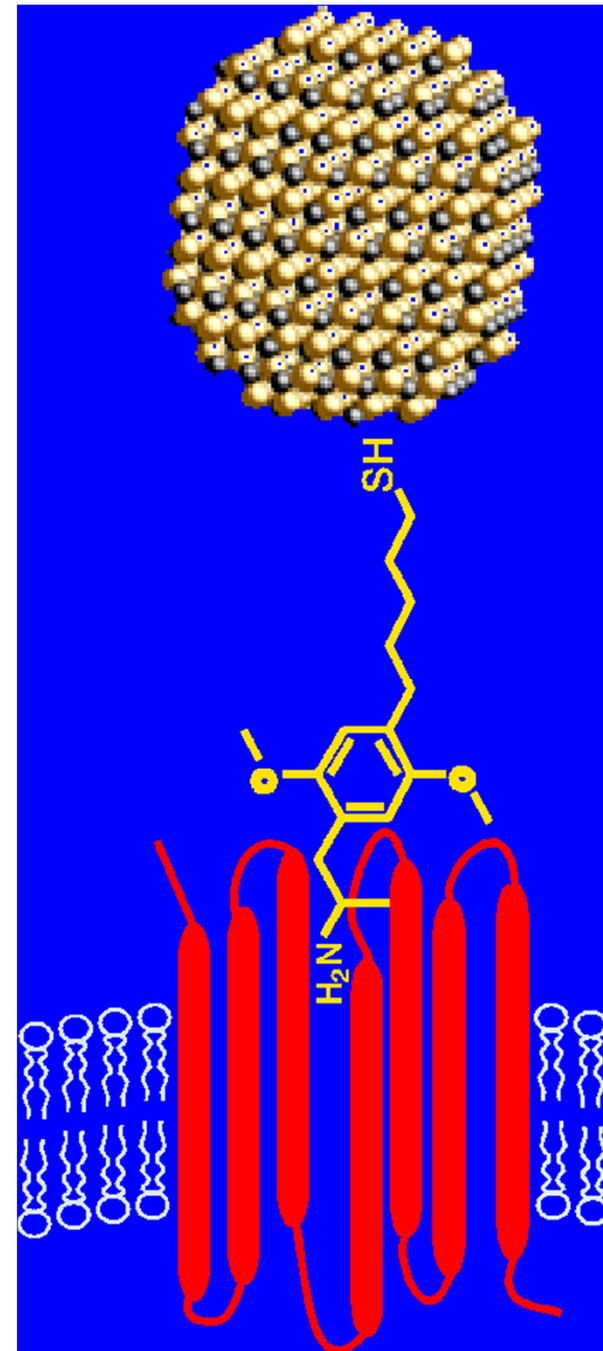
- Multiple, fast **sensors**
- Intra- and extracellular **actuators** for controlled perturbations
- **Openers** (Mutations, siRNA, drugs) for the internal feedback loops
- System algorithms and models that allow you to close and stabilize the **external feedback loop**
- ...



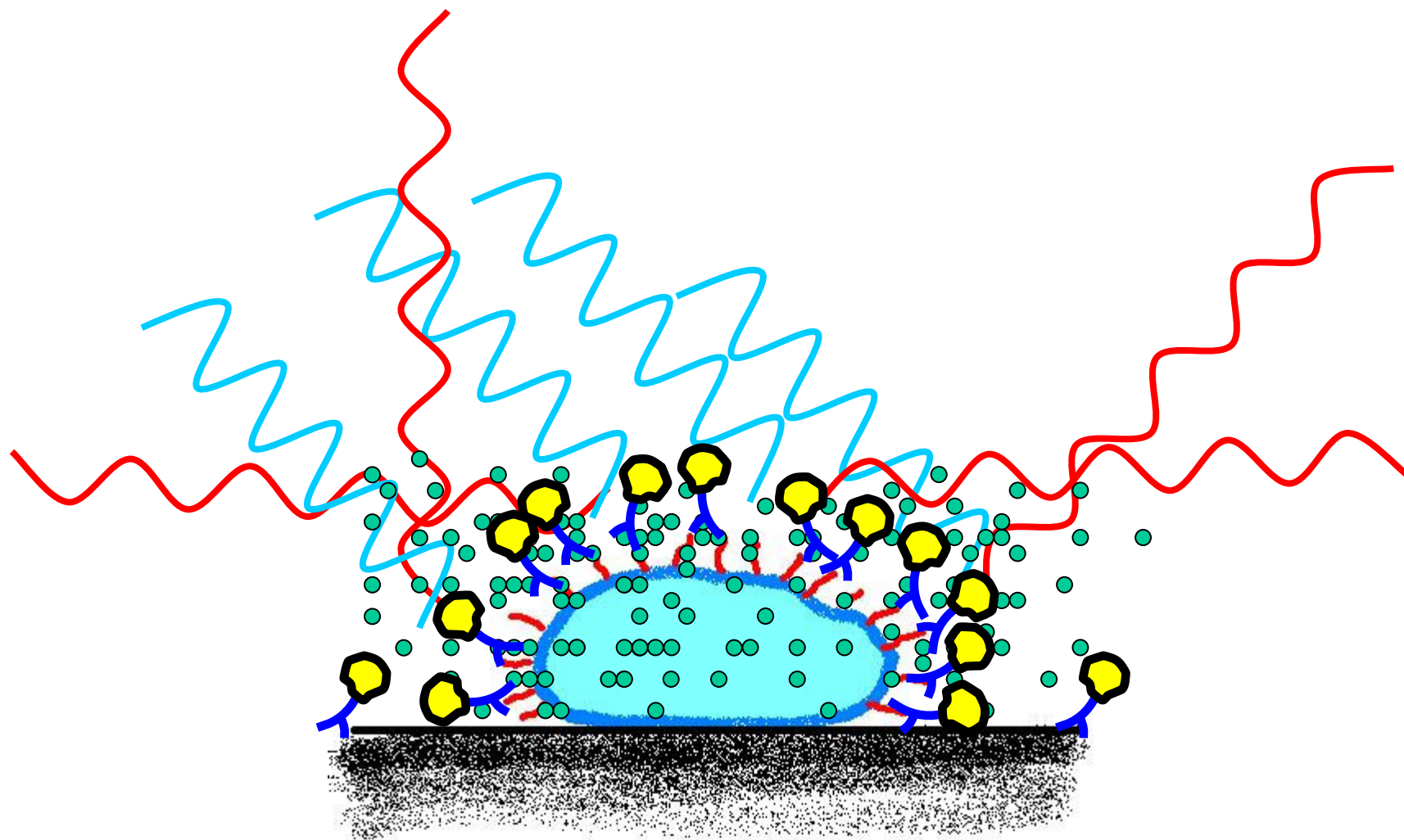


Quantum Dots to Report Protein Presence

- Quantum dots can be conjugated to an antibody that then binds to a membrane protein



QD Detection of Gene Upregulation

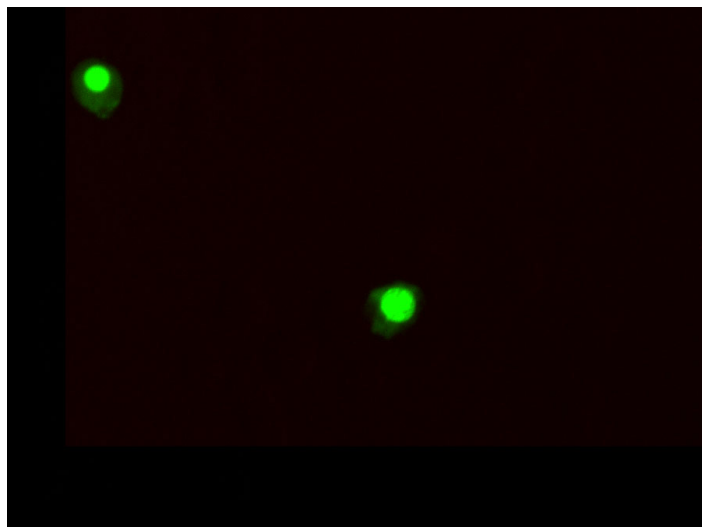
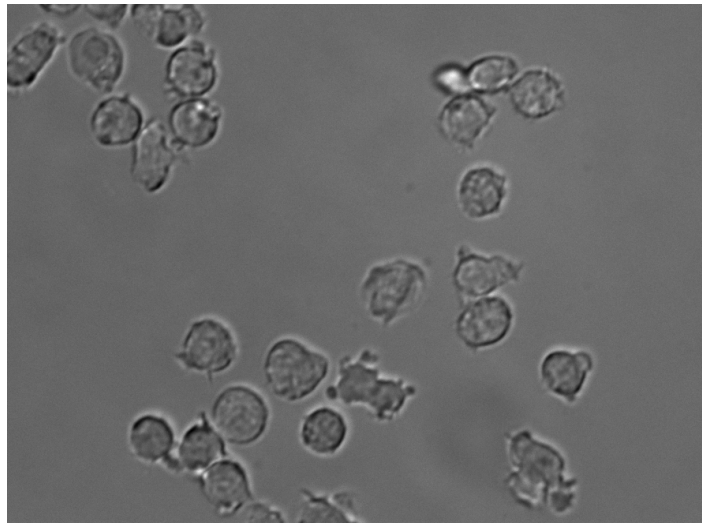


Activated Jurkat Cells Labeled with IL-2Ab Conjugated QDots

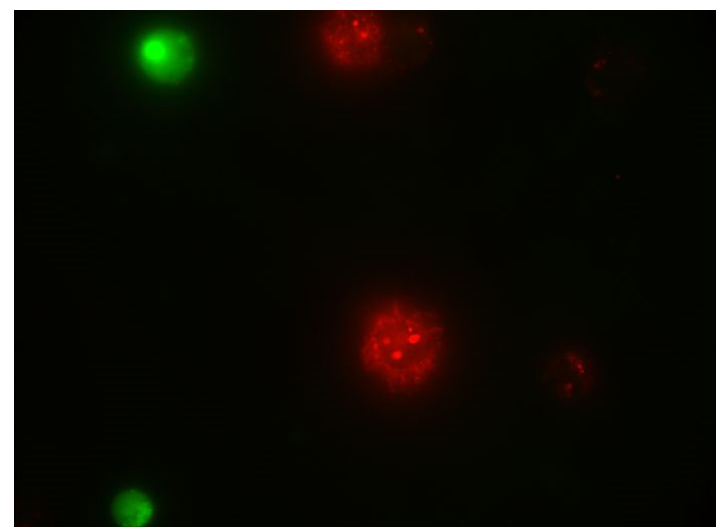
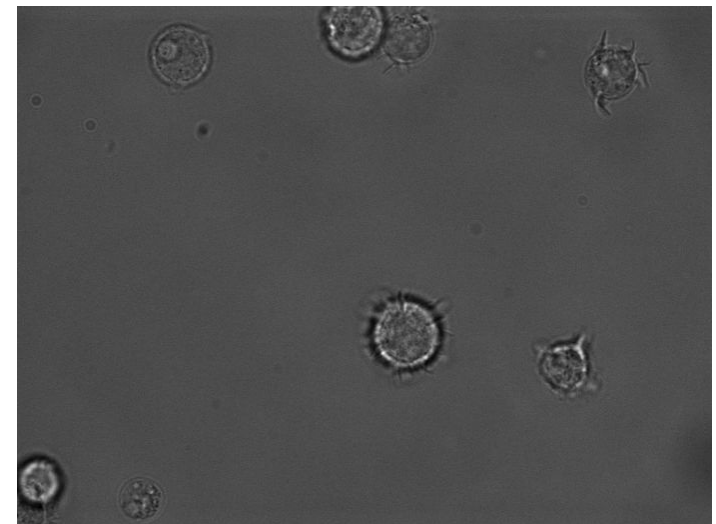


- **Red:** Anti-IL2 QDots
- **Green:** Yopro-1 nucleic acid stain (i.e. non-viable cells)
- Activated using PMA & Ionomycin for 72 hrs
- QDots label 50-70% of viable activated cells

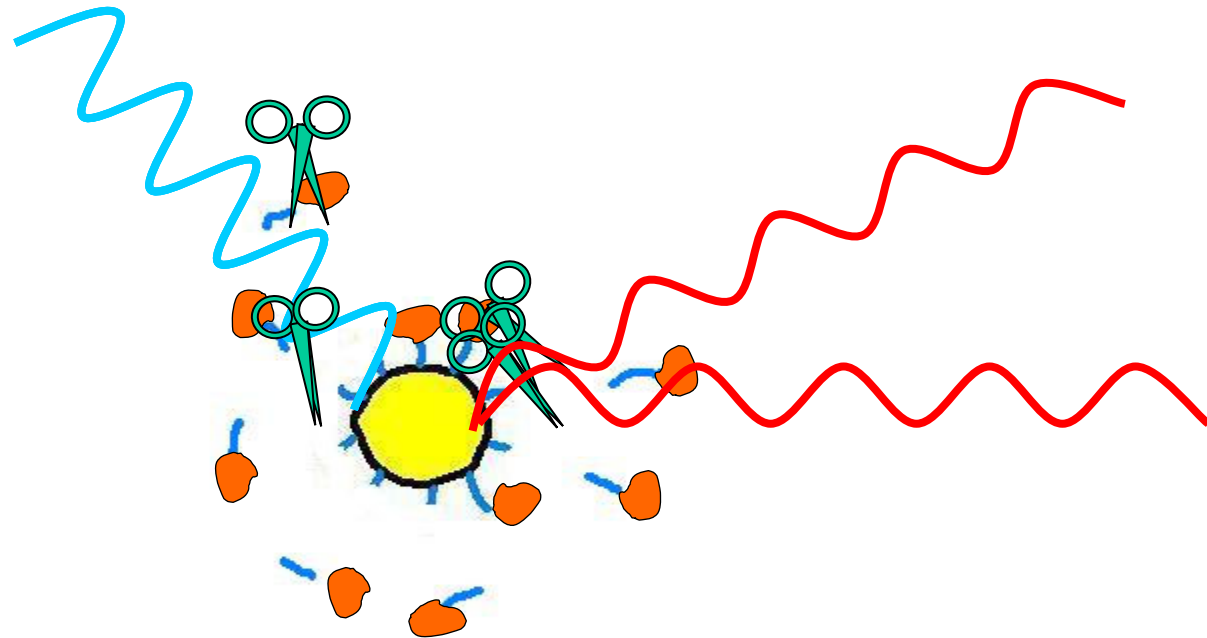
Unactivated Cells



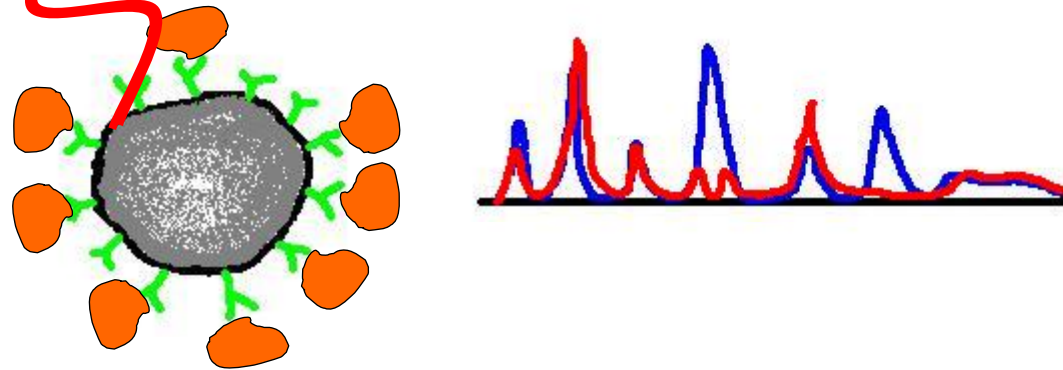
Activated Cells



Quantum Dot Quenching for Detection of Protein Binding and Enzyme Activity



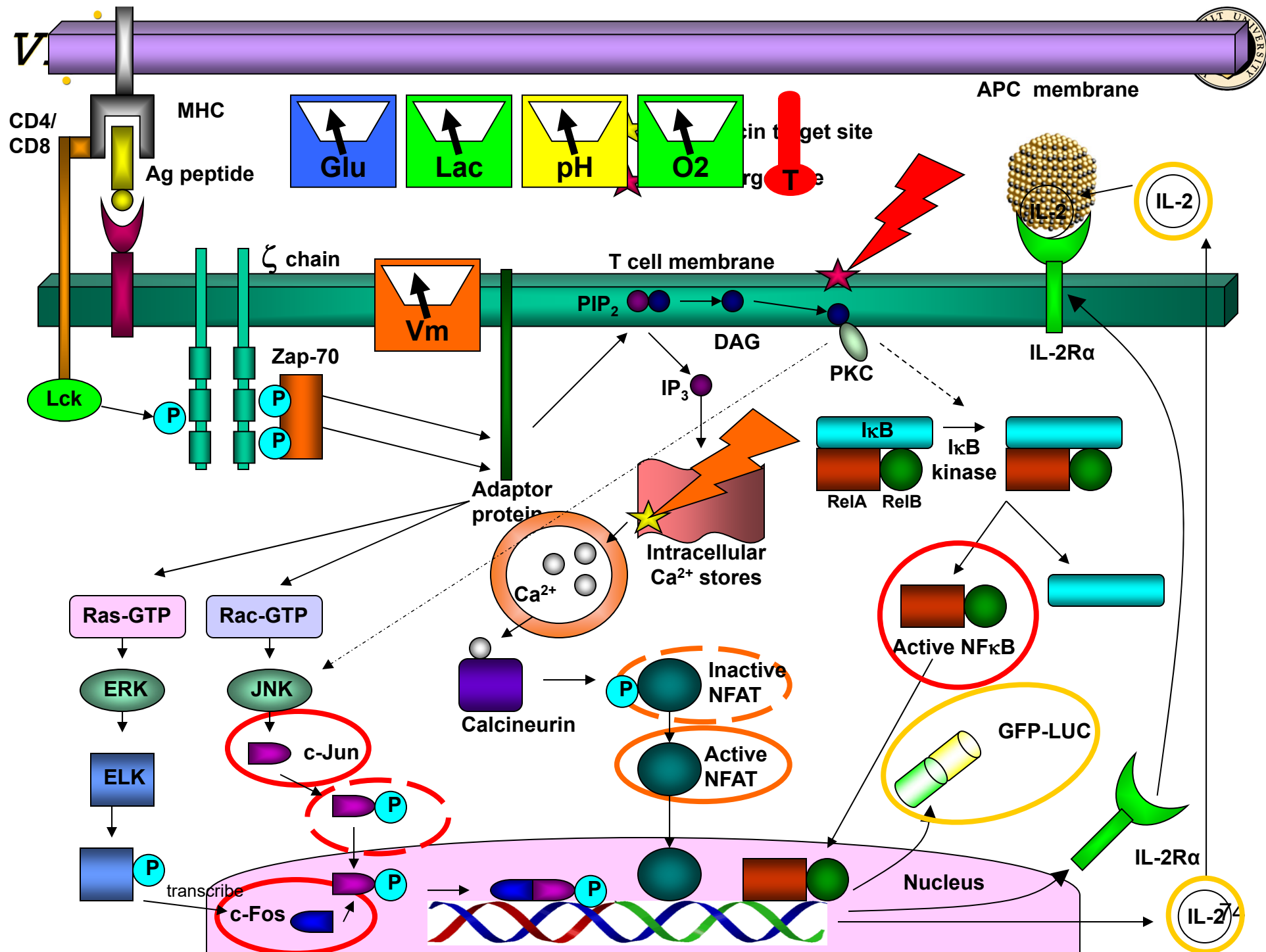
Metal Nanoshells as Substrates for Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy

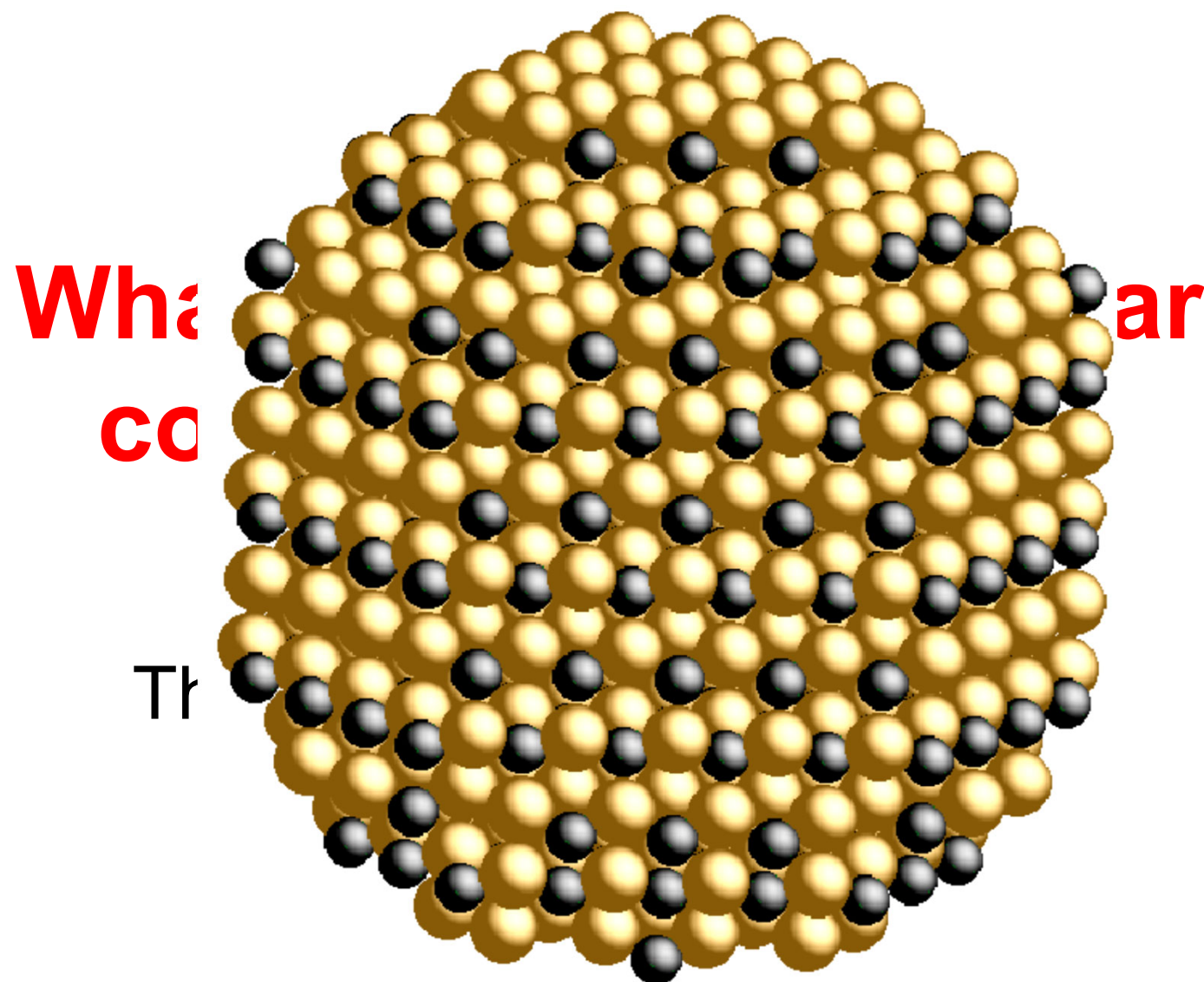


- 10^{12} Raman enhancement
 - optically-addressable intracellular nanothermometer?
- Molecular (vibrational) spectroscopy for protein identification and nanoparticle labeling, (Cullum at U. Maryland, Baltimore)

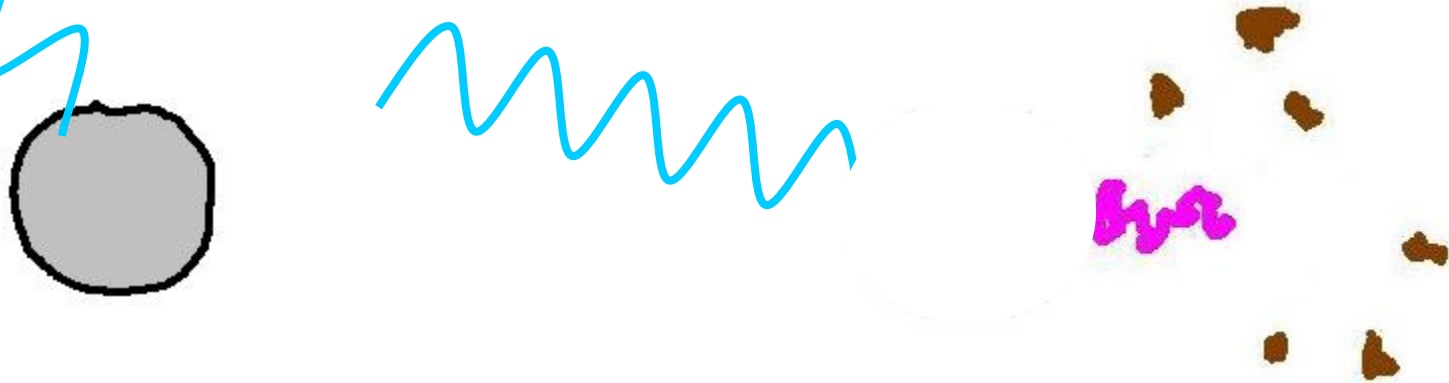
**We need more cellular
nanosensors!!**

**What about the cellular
nanocontrollers/nanoactuators?**





Targeted Optical Delivery of Heat or Charge



- Metallic NanoShells (Halas at Rice, Cliffl at Vanderbilt, Tomchek at UES,)
- Infrared heating by bioconjugate nanoshells
 - Local control of enzymatic reactions
 - Selected destruction of tagged organelles

Magnetic Nanoparticles

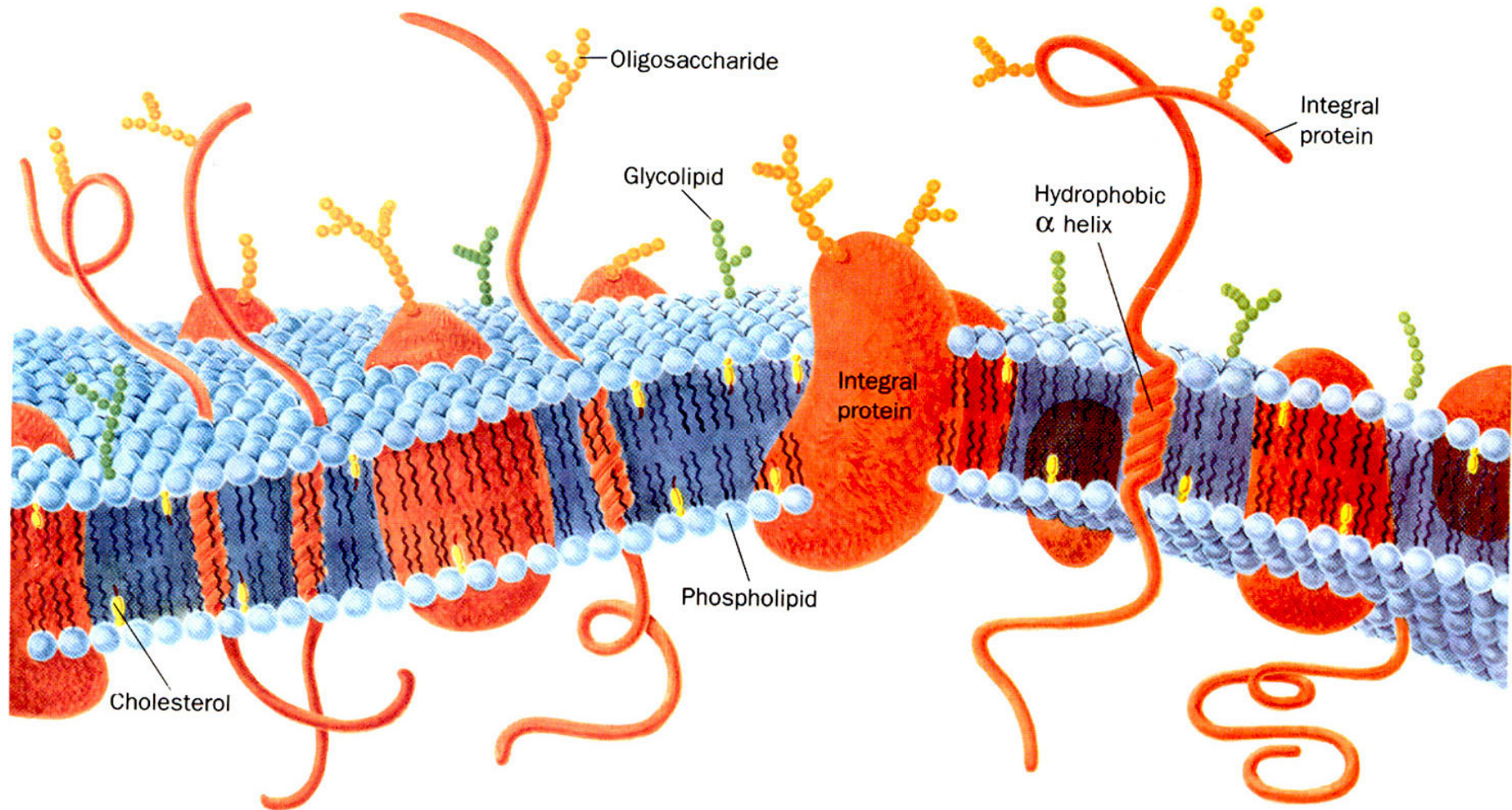
- Translational and rotational forces
 - Viscosity -- Nanorheometry
 - Molecular motor characterization
- Magnetic separation
- Magnetic identification
 - Tagged cells
 - Tagged molecules

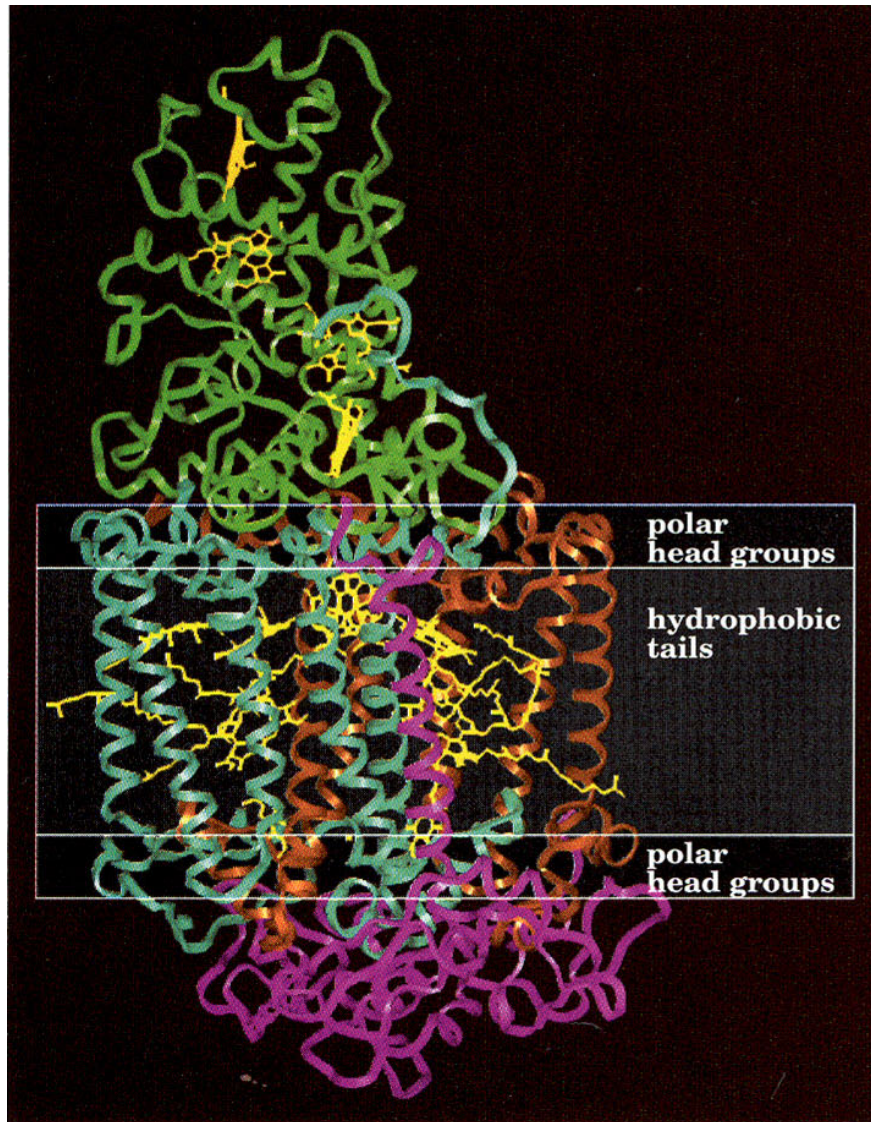
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What is the cellular sensor/actuator competition?

Proteins, proteins, proteins...

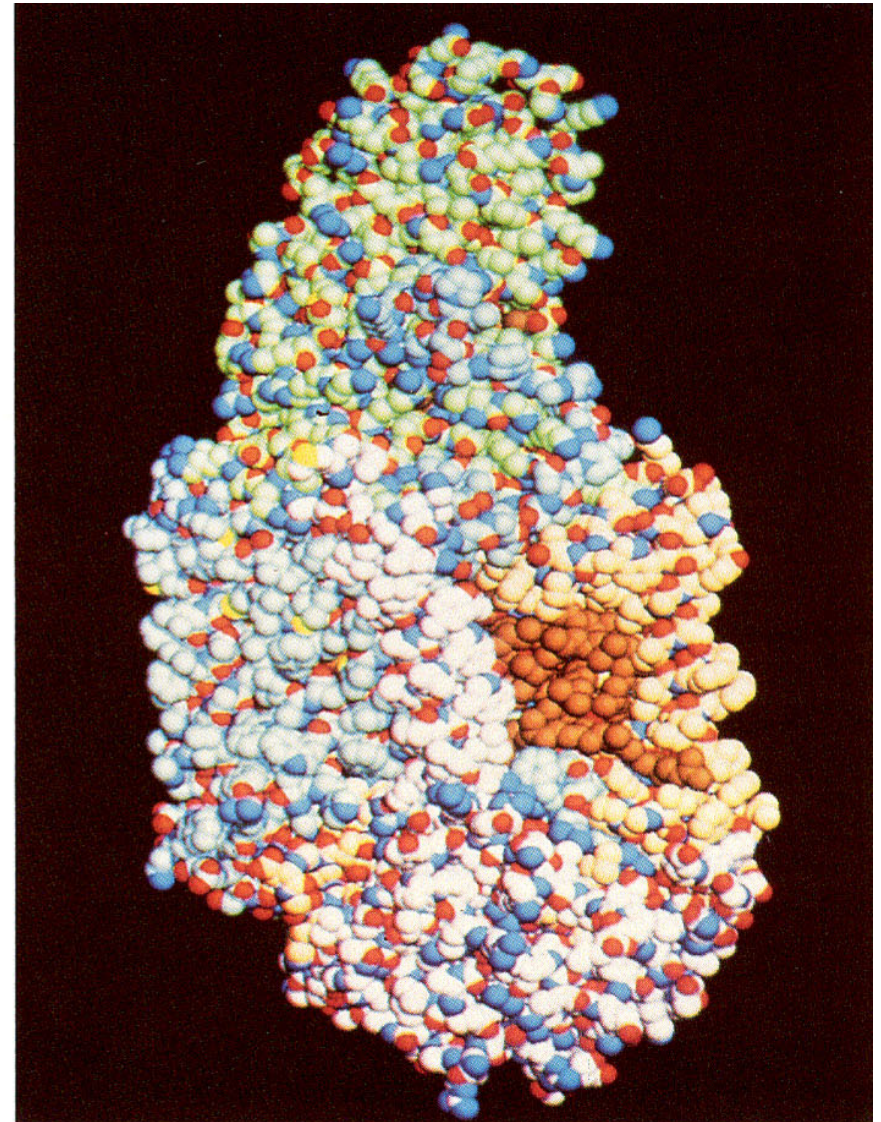
Plasma Membrane





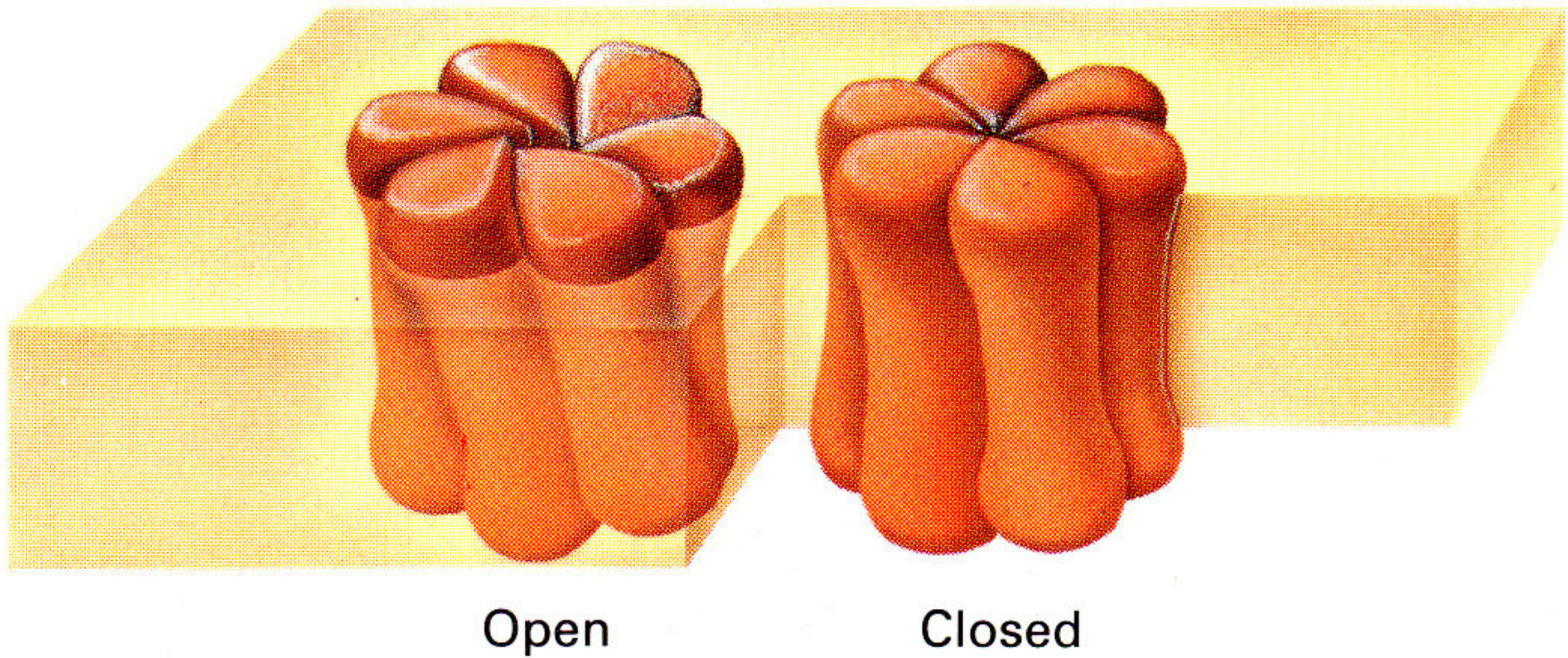
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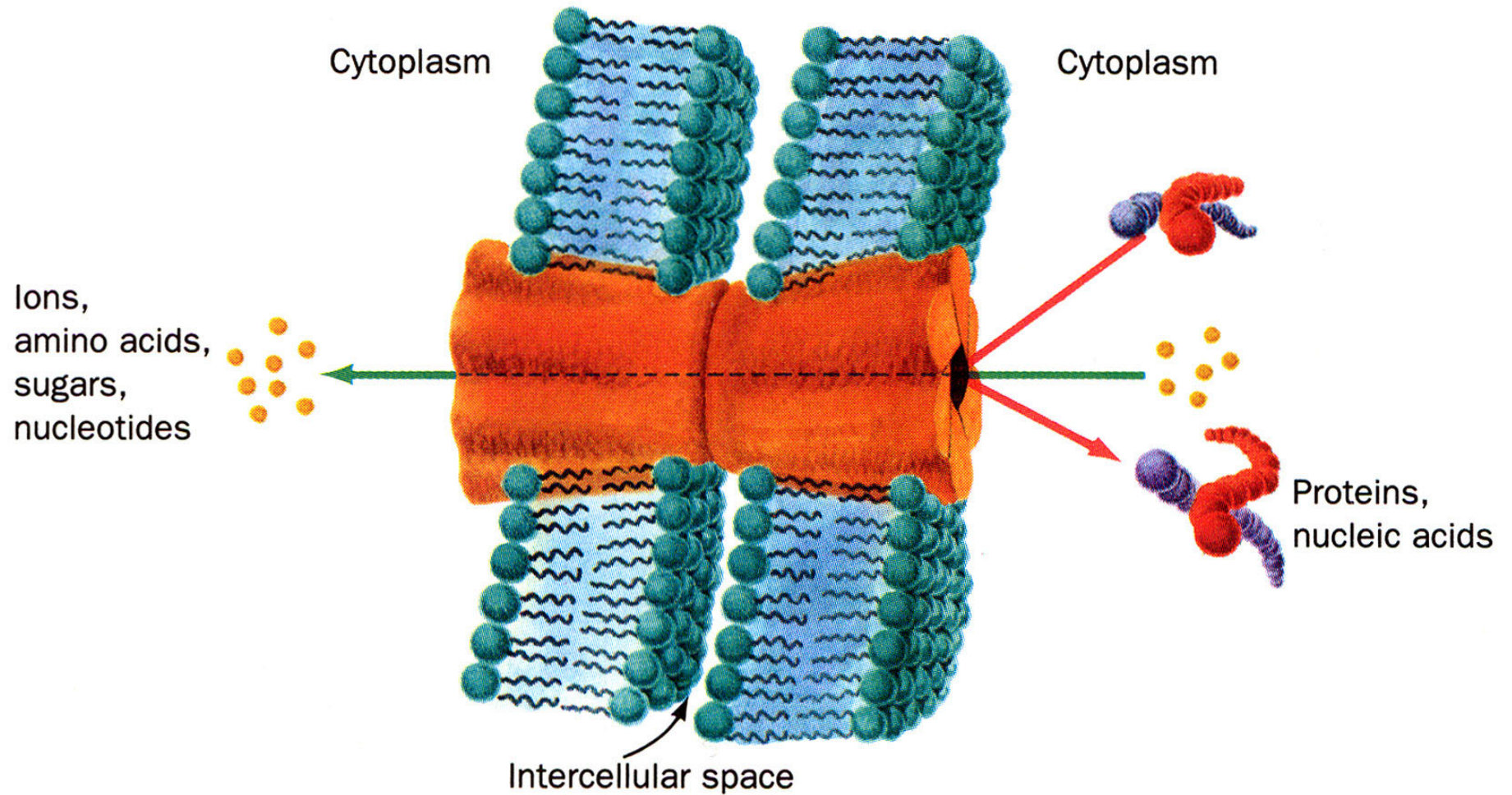


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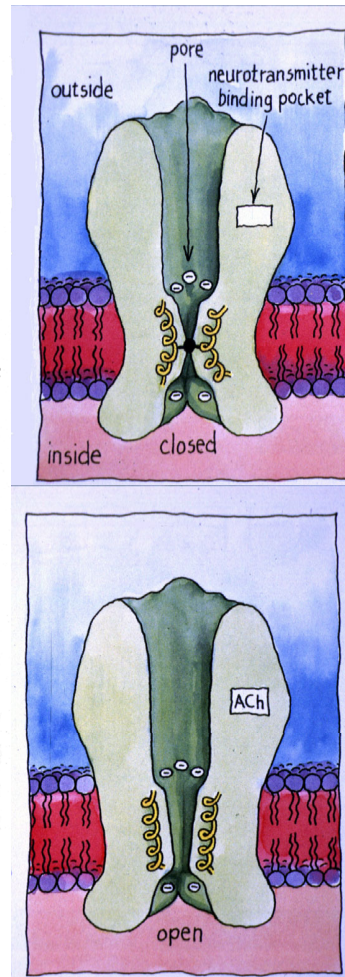
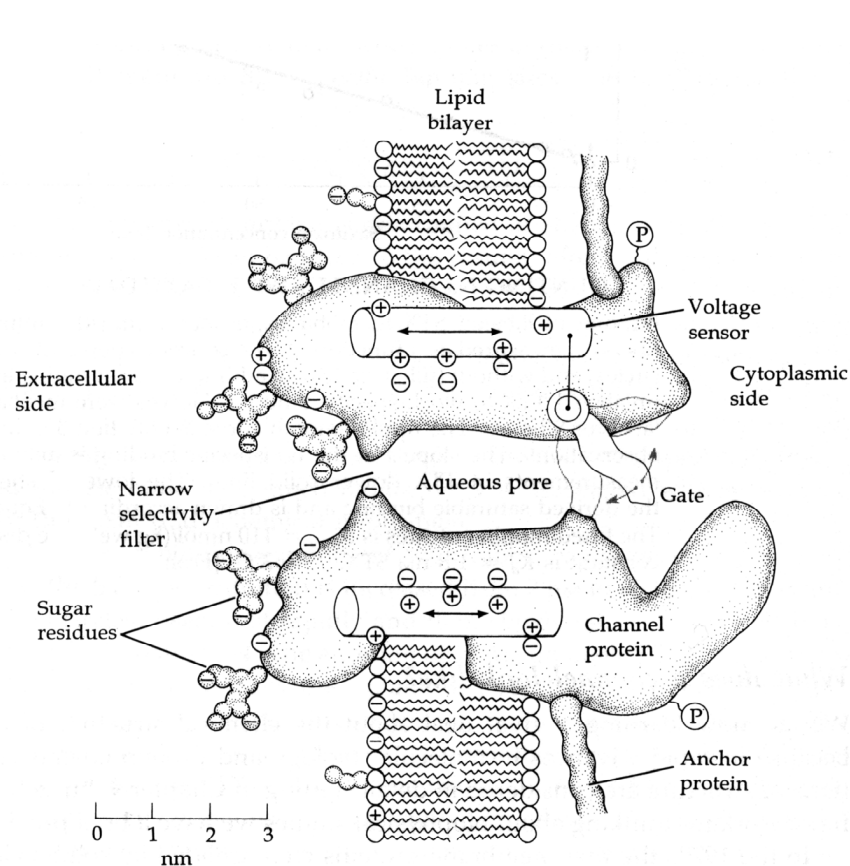
Calcium Control of Conductance



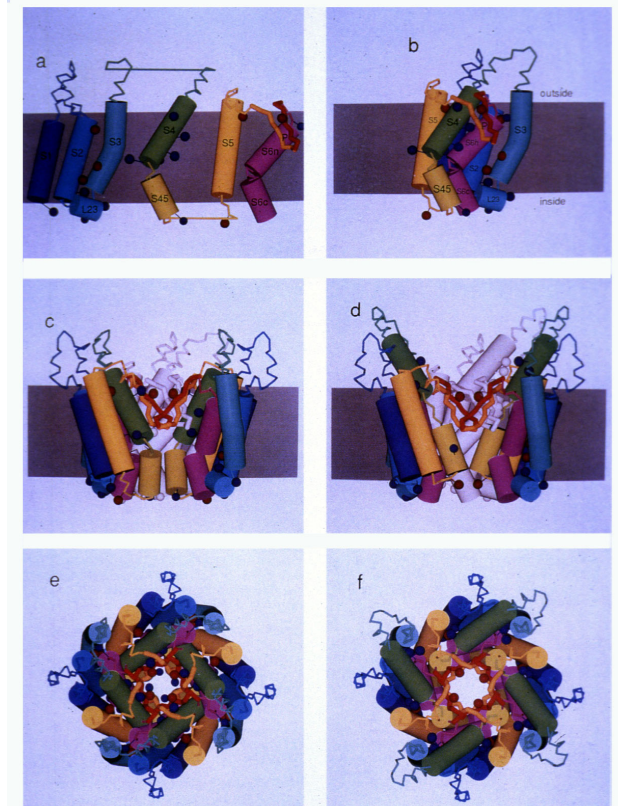
Gap Junctions



The Ultimate NanoMachine: The 1 nm pore in a gated ion channel

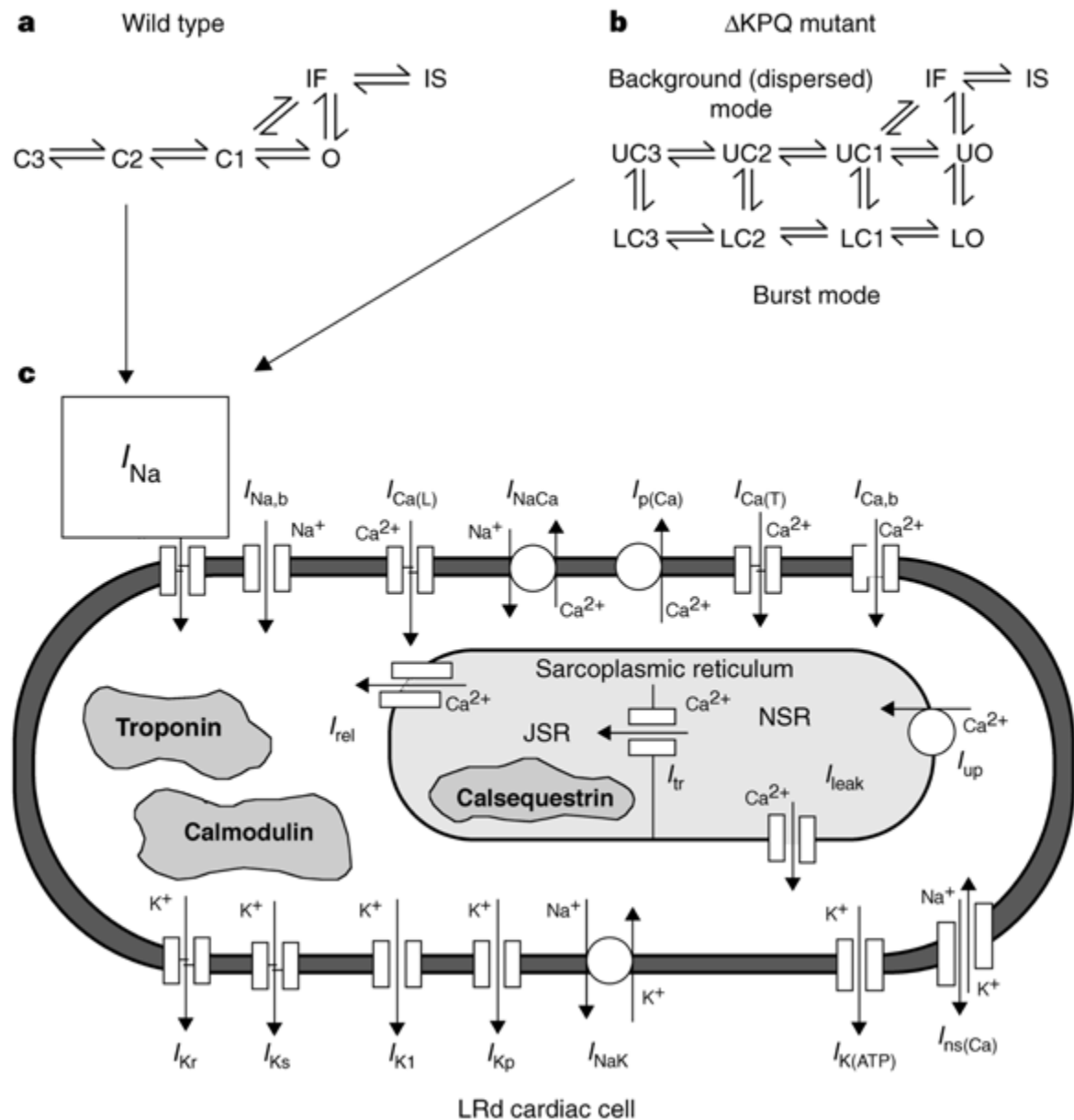


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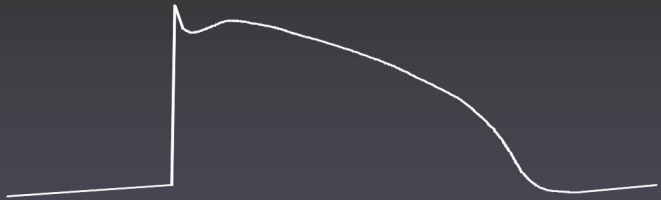














**Cells have
LOTS of
different ion
channels
that serve as
sensors and
actuators!**

Clancy, C. E. and Y. Rudy.
Linking a genetic defect to its
cellular phenotype in a
cardiac arrhythmia. *Nature*
400 (6744) 566-569, 1999.



Ion currents and ion channel clones

		
Current		Probable clone
sodium current		H1, SCN5A*
L-type calcium current		✓*
T-type calcium current		✓
Na-Ca exchanger		Na-Ca exchanger
I_{TO1} (4-AP-sensitive)		Kv4.3 (?1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 4.2)*?
I_{TO2} (Ca-activated)		--
I_{Ks}		KvLQT1 + minK (IsK)
I_{Kr}		HERG + MiRP1
I_{Kur}		Kv1.5
I_{Cl} or I_{Kp}		CFTR, TWIK (?others)
I_{K1} (inward rectifier)		Kir2.x
I_{KACH} ; I_{KATP}		Kir3.1/3.4; Kir6.x/SUR
I_f (pacemaker current)		hCNG

*+sub-units

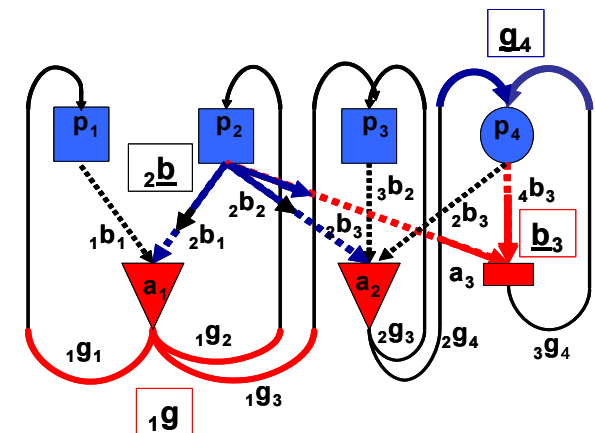
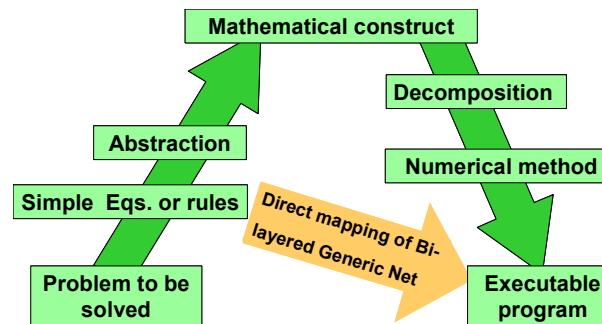
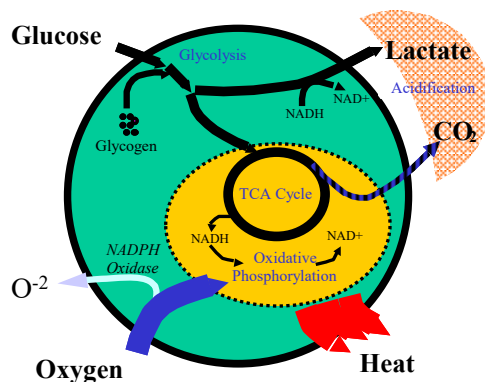
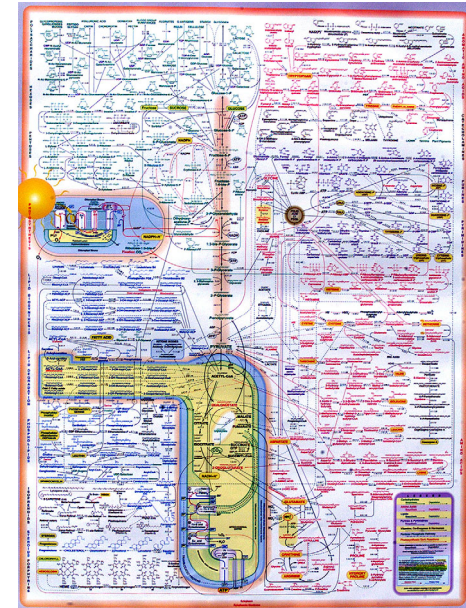
The Ultimate Instrumentation Question for Systems Biology

Can we develop nanodevices that allow *sensing and control* of cellular functions more effectively than natural or bioengineered proteins, but also provide ***readout and external control***?

X	V, m ³	V	Tau _{Diff}	Example	N
1 m	1	1000 L	10 ⁹ s	Animal, bioreactor	100
10 cm	10 ⁻³	1 L	10 ⁷ s	Organ, bioreactor	100
1 cm	10 ⁻⁶	1 mL	10 ⁵ s = 1 day	Tissue, cell culture	10
1 mm	10 ⁻⁹	1 uL	10 ³ s	µenviron, well plate	10
100 µm	10 ⁻¹²	1 nL	10 s	Cell-cell signaling	5
10 µm	10 ⁻¹⁵	1 pL	0.1 s	Cell	100
1 µm	10 ⁻¹⁸	1 fL	1 ms	Subspace	2 - ?
100 nm	10 ⁻²¹	1 aL	10 us	Organelle	2 - ?
10 nm	10 ⁻²⁴	1 zL	100 ns	Protein	1
1 nm	10 ⁻²⁷	1 npL	1 ns	Ion channel	1

Then.... Statistical Analysis of Activation Responses

- Correlations of protein expression and dynamical state
- Effective metabolic and signaling model
 - Metabolic Flux Analysis is primarily steady state
 - Dynamic measurements require dynamic network models
 - Accumulation and depletion of intracellular stores in short times
 - Enzyme concentrations fixed in the intermediate time period
 - Inverse analysis of exact models is intractable, so effective models are required



- The simultaneous measurement of the dynamics of a hundred intracellular variables will allow an unprecedented advance in our understanding of the response of living cells to pharmaceuticals, cellular or environmental toxins, CBW agents, and the drugs that are used for toxin prophylaxis and treatment.
- The general application of this technology will support the development of new drugs, the screening for unwanted drug side effects, and the assessment of yet-unknown effects of environmental toxins

– Systems Biology –

The Ultimate
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