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***Computational Physiology:
Connecting molecular systems biology with
clinical medicine***

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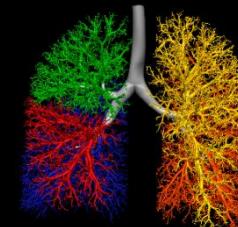
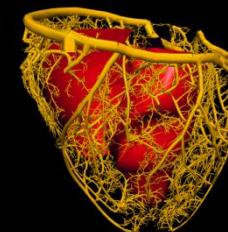


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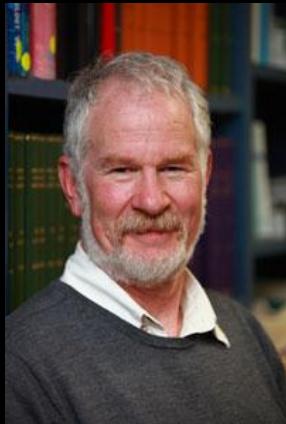
Part 1

Examples (from the ABI):

1. Circulatory system: Heart
2. Respiratory system: Lungs
3. Musculo-skeletal system
4. Digestive system: Stomach
5. Brain & facial muscles



- Circulatory system**
- Respiratory system**
- Musculo-skeletal system**
- Digestive system**
- Brain & facial muscles**



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Cardiac team

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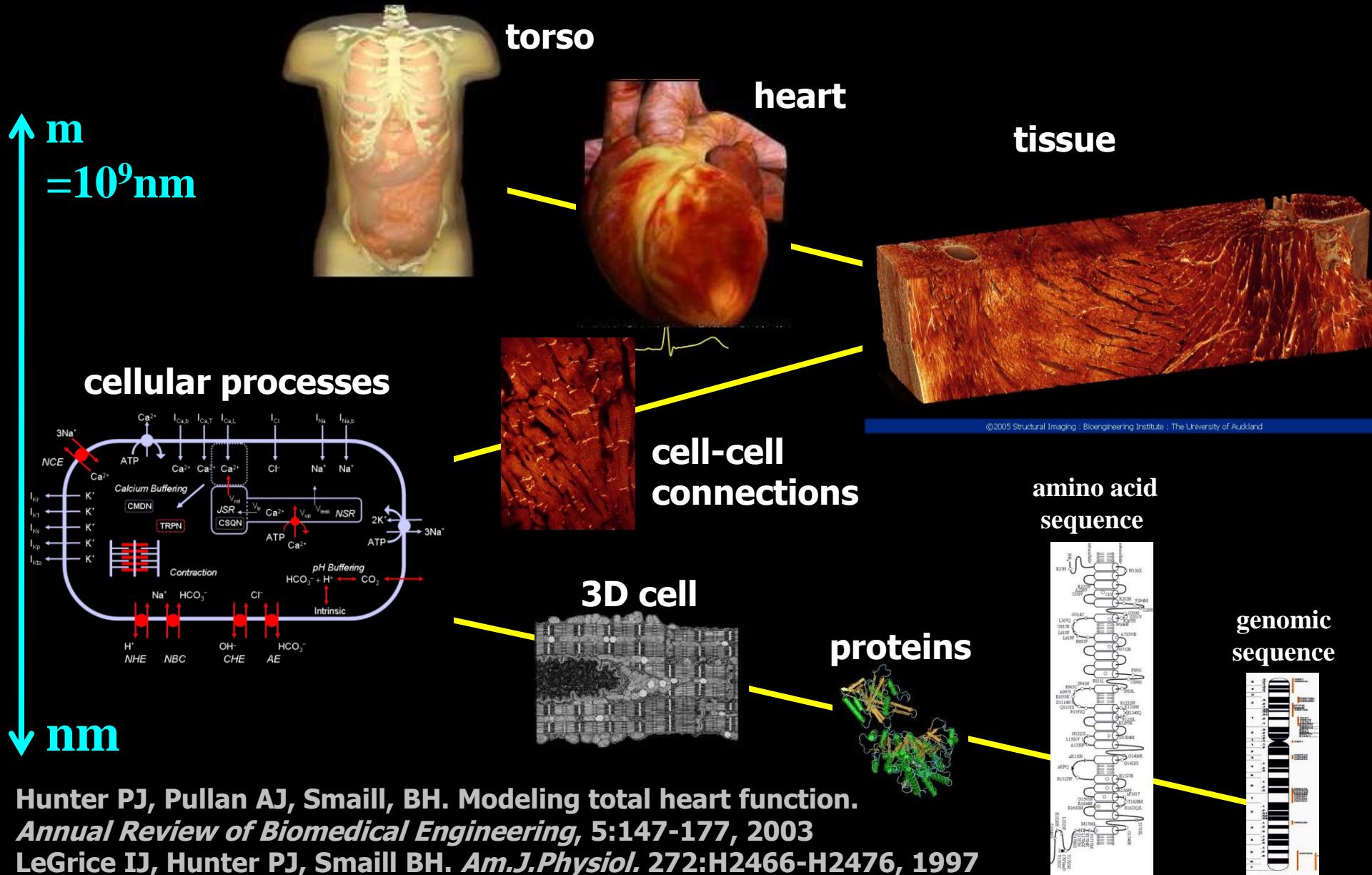
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Heart physiome: Multi-physics and multi-scale





Torso model



Organ model



Continuum tissue model

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- Myocardial activation
- Ventricular wall mechanics
- Ventricular blood flow
- Heart valve mechanics
- Coronary blood flow
- Neural control



Discrete tissue structure model



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- Calcium transport models
- Myofilament mechanics
- Signal pathway models
- Metabolic pathway models
- Gene regulation models

Composite lumped parameter cell model



Hodgkin-Huxley type ion channel model



Markov ion channel model



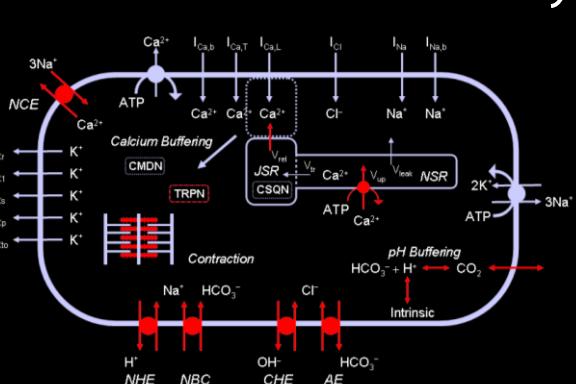
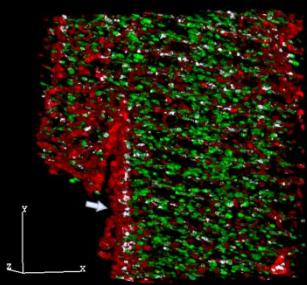
3D protein model



Coarse grained MD model

Molecular dynamics model

Quantum mechanics model



Scale Imaging Multi-scale Modelling

Organism

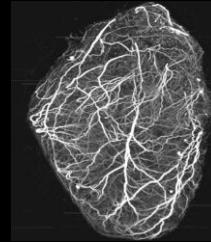
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Organ system

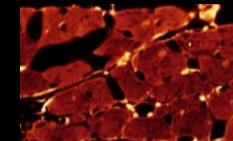
Organ

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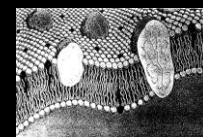


Tissue

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Cell



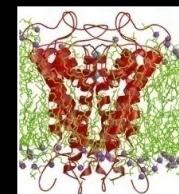
Network

Protein

Gene

Atom

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Partial differential equations (PDEs)

Reaction-diffusion $\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla C = -\nabla \cdot (-k\nabla C) + f_s$

Fluid flow

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

Finite elasticity

$$\tau^{ij}|_i = f^j \quad \tau^{ij} = f(e_{ij})$$

$$e_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_j})$$

Electro-magnetic

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu(\mathbf{J} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t})$$



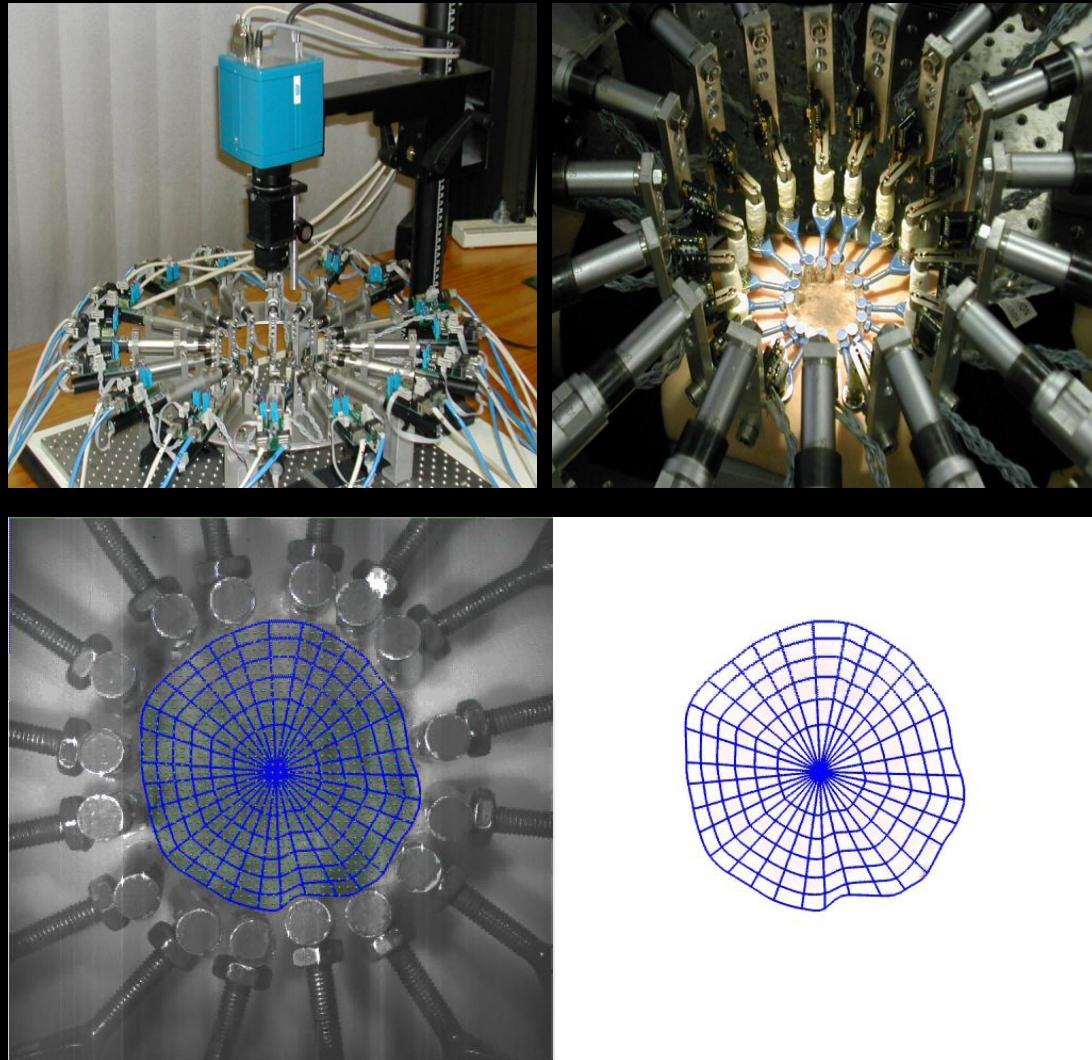
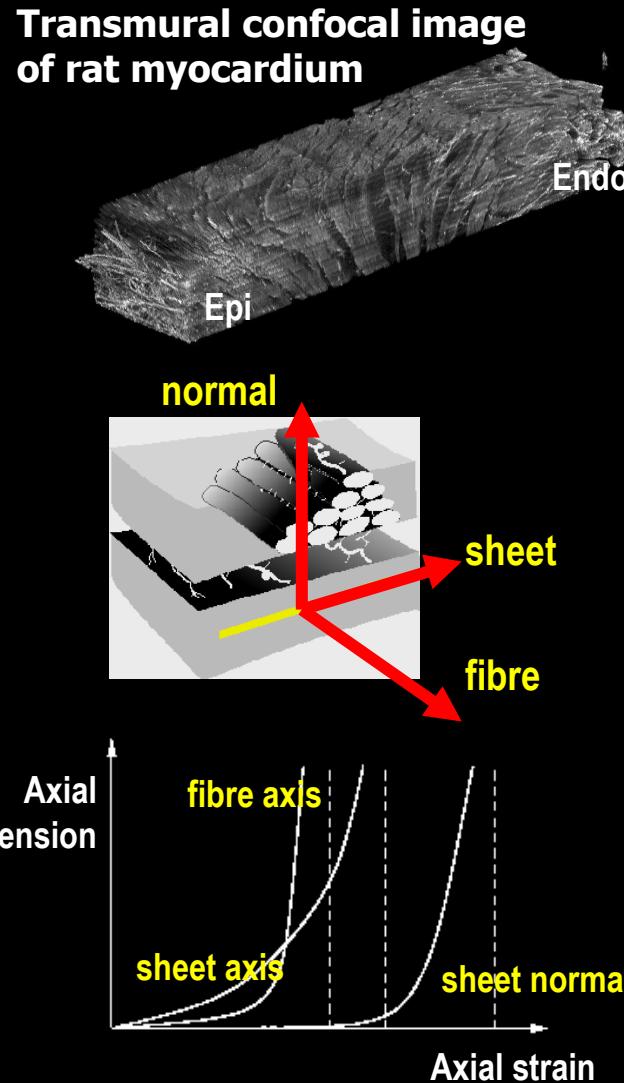
Differential algebraic equations

Bayesian network description

Molecular dynamics/coarse graining

Poisson-Boltzmann ...

Tissue level function: passive properties

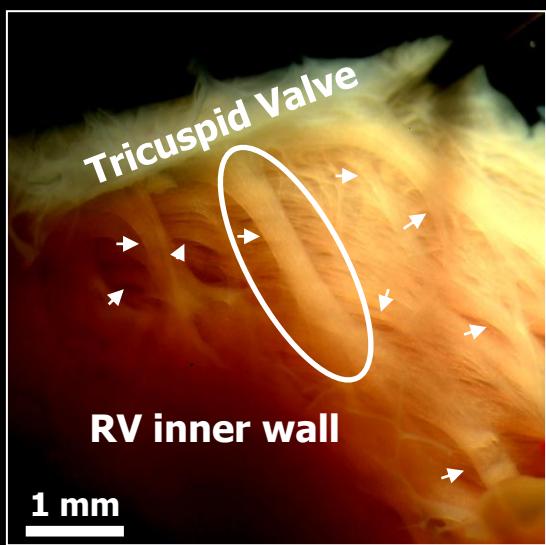


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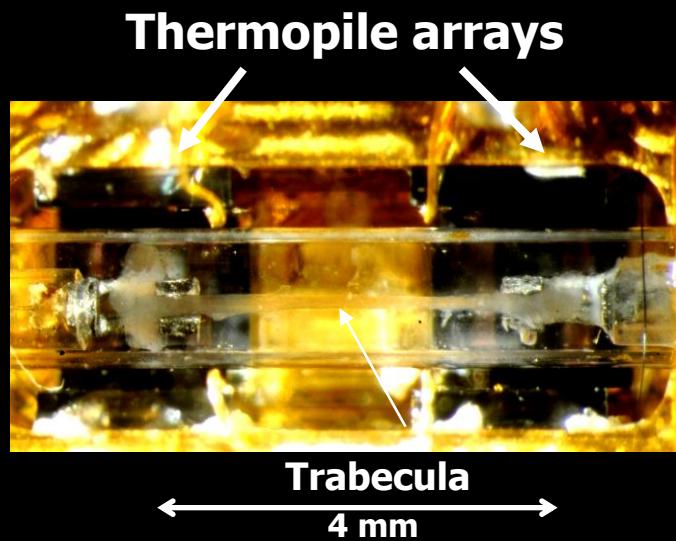
Tissue level function: active properties



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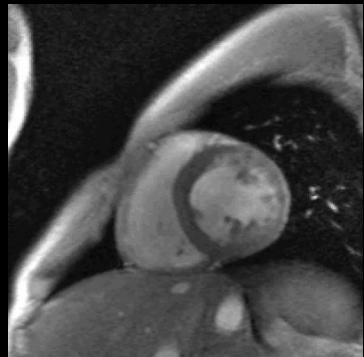
- electrophysiology
- myofilament mechanics
- metabolism
- signalling

$$\frac{1 - T/T_0}{T/T_0 + a} = \sum_{i=1,3} A_i \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\alpha_i(t-\tau)} \dot{\lambda}(\tau) d\tau$$



Model provides framework for aligning data

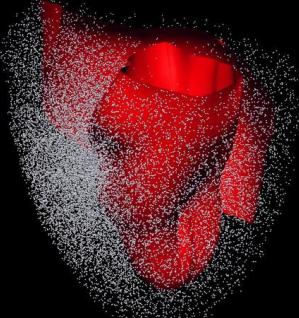
Radiological data



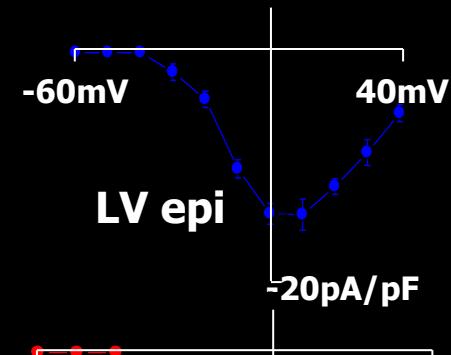
Structural data



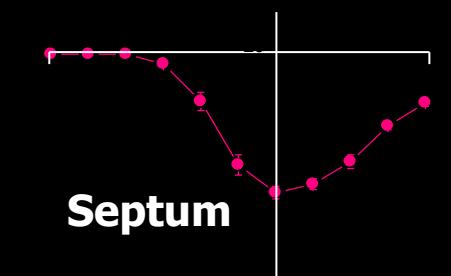
Molecular data



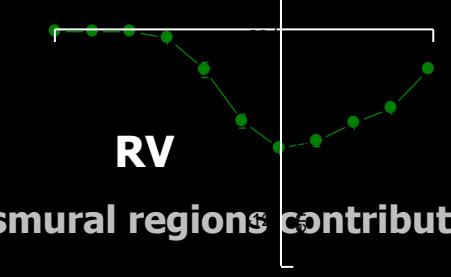
Physiological data



LV epi



LV endo

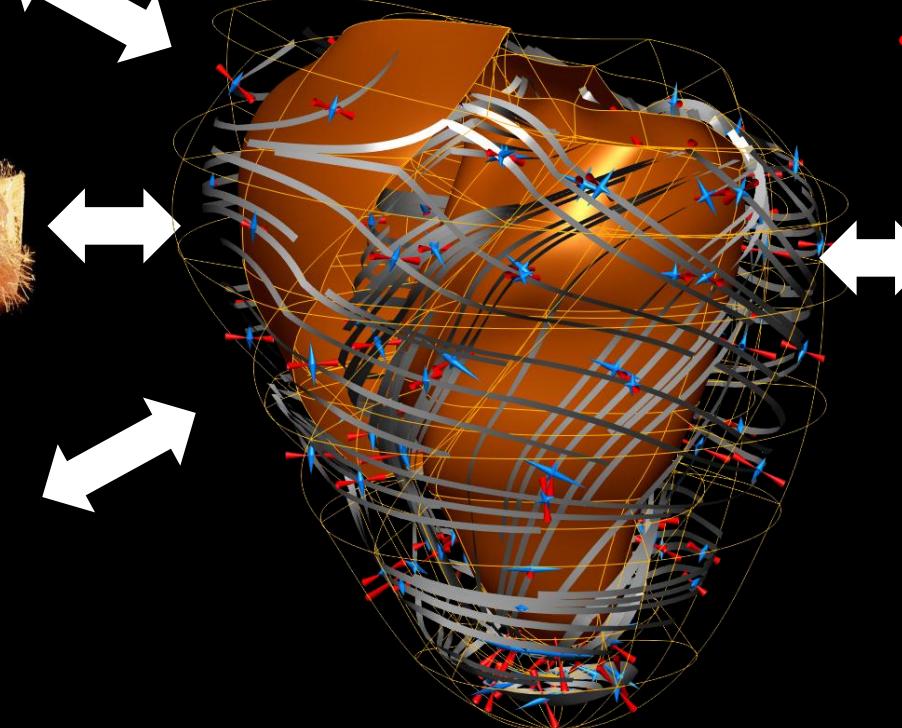


Septum



RV

Mathematical model



Kim, Cannell & Hunter. Changes in calcium current among different transmural regions contributes to action potential heterogeneity in rat heart. *PBMB* 103(1):28-34, 2010

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2. **Respiratory system**
3. **Musculo-skeletal system**
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Lung team

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Alys Clark

Hari Kumar

Barbara Breen

Kerry Hedges

Kelly Murphy

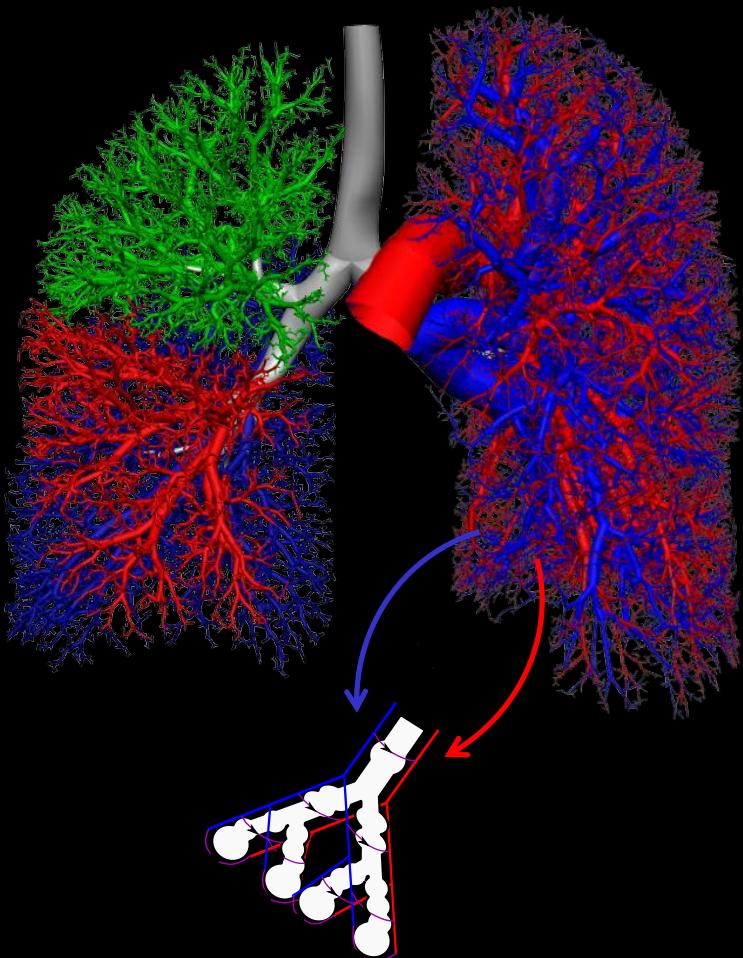
Josh Lee

Mabelle Lin

Karthik Subramaniam

Respiratory system

A multi-scale model of the lung



Tawhai MH, Clark AR, Donovan GM, Burrowes KS. Computational modeling of airway & pulmonary vascular structure & function: development of a 'Lung Physiome'. *Critical Reviews in BME*, 2011.

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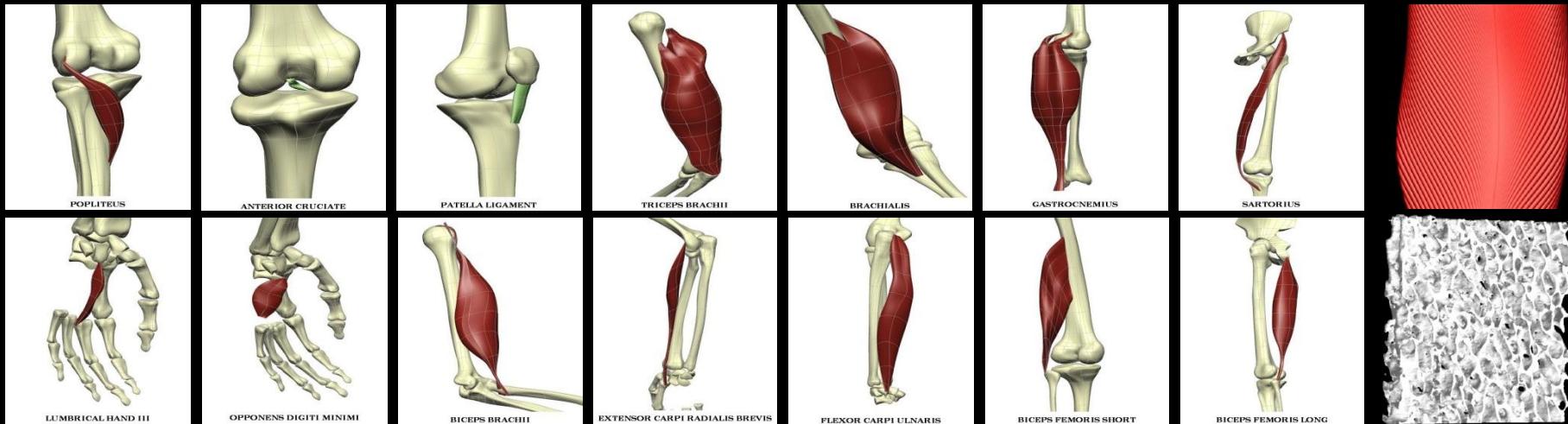
Musculo-skeletal team



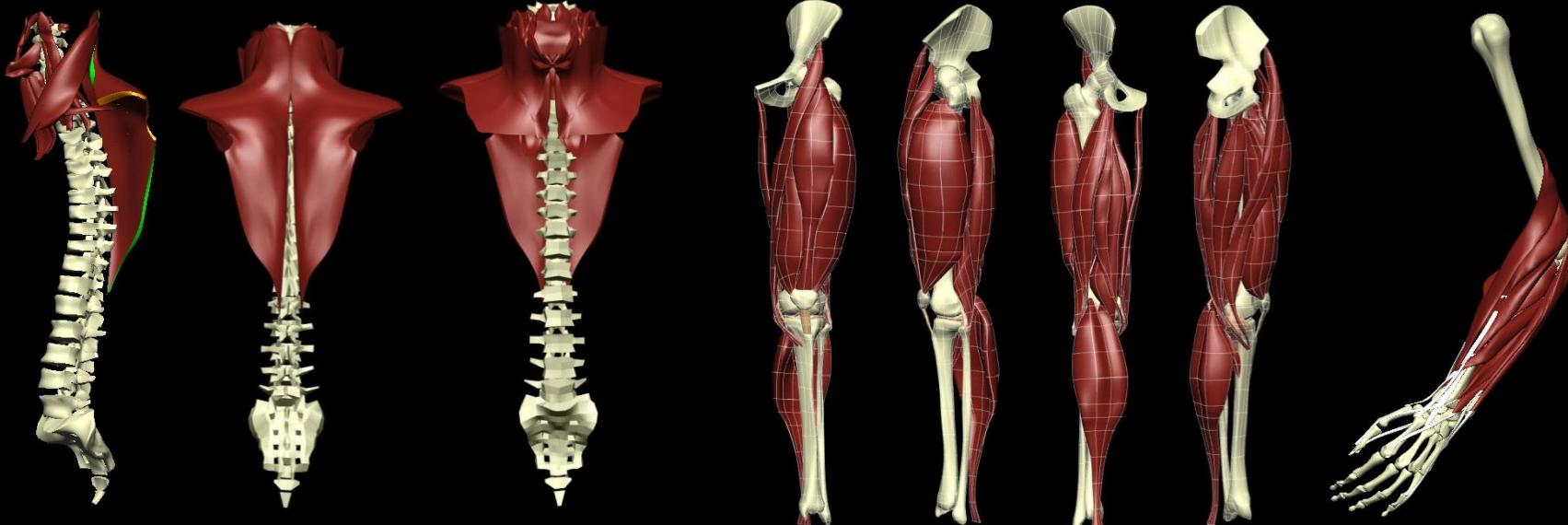
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Yu Zhang

Musculo-skeletal system

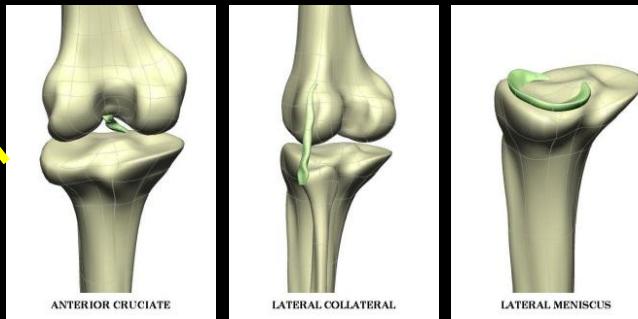
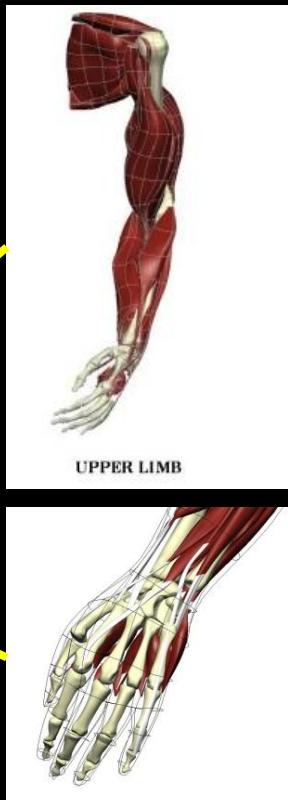
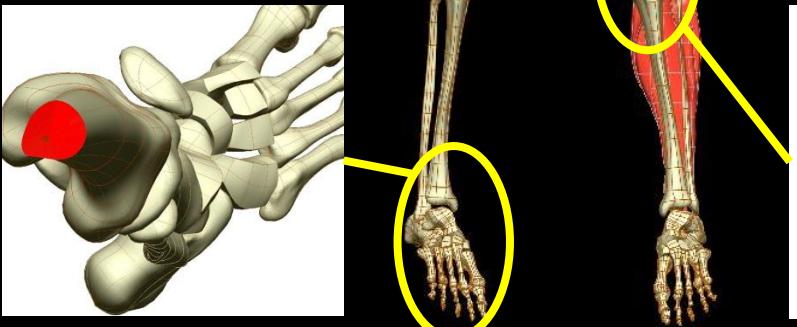
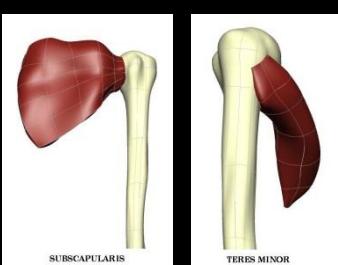
Web-accessible database of generic models (+ tissue structure):



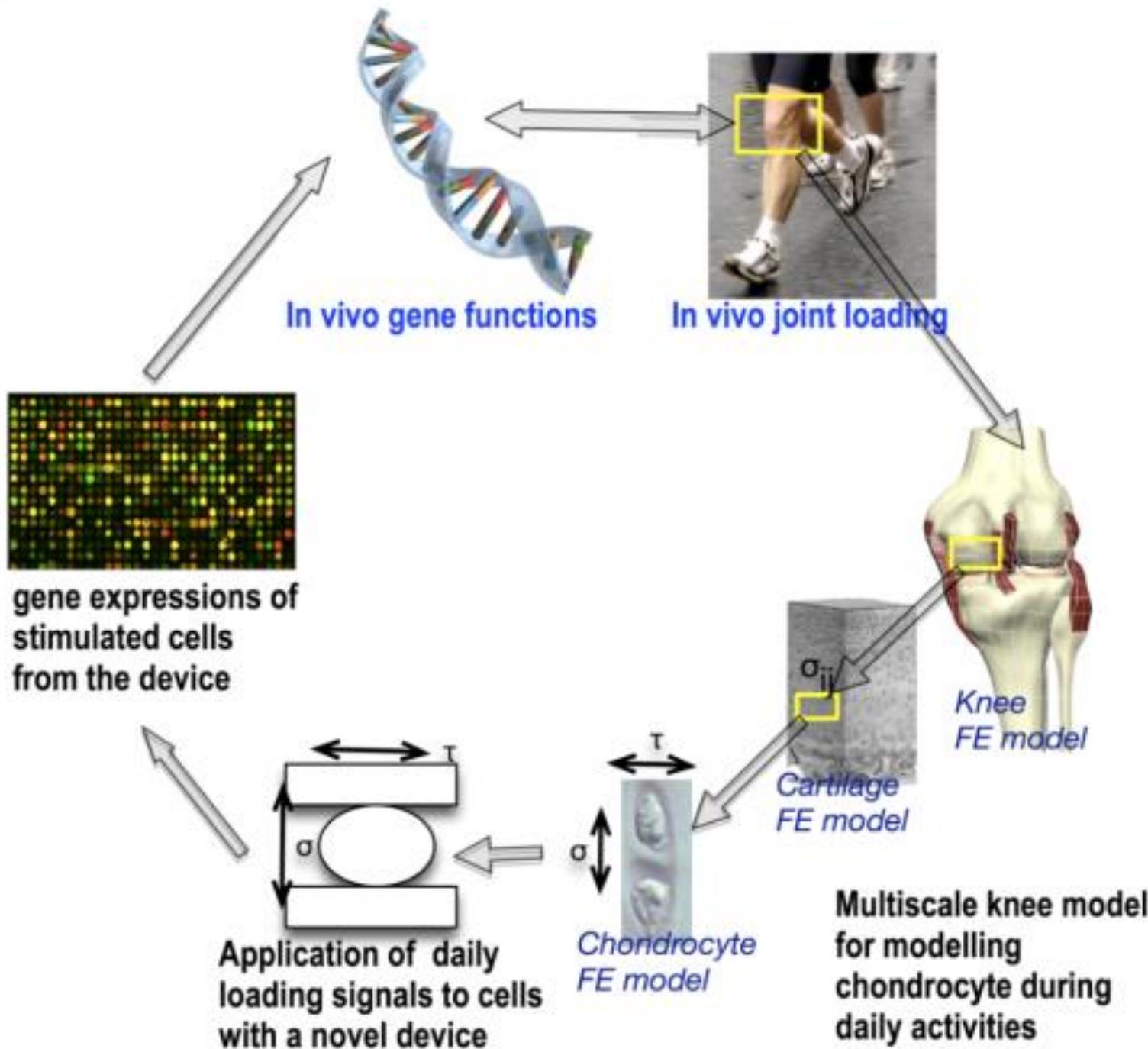
Load generic models into the anatomical component under study:



Generic models of the joints



Shim VB, Hunter PJ, Pivonka P, Fernandez JW. A multiscale framework based on the physiome markup languages for exploring the initiation of osteoarthritis at the bone-cartilage interface. IEEE Trans Biomed Eng. 58(12):3532-6, 2011



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GI team

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Peng Du

Greg O'Grady

Shawn Means

Tim Angeli

Jerry Gao

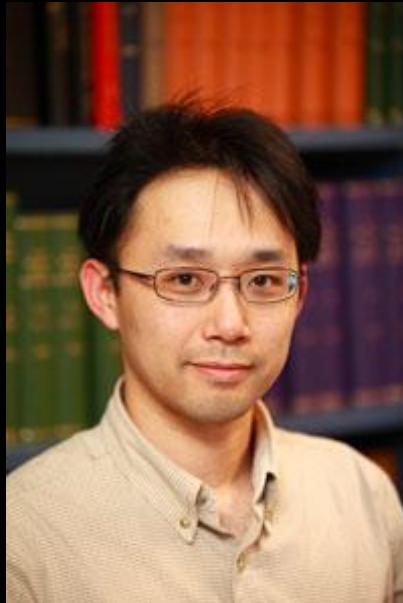
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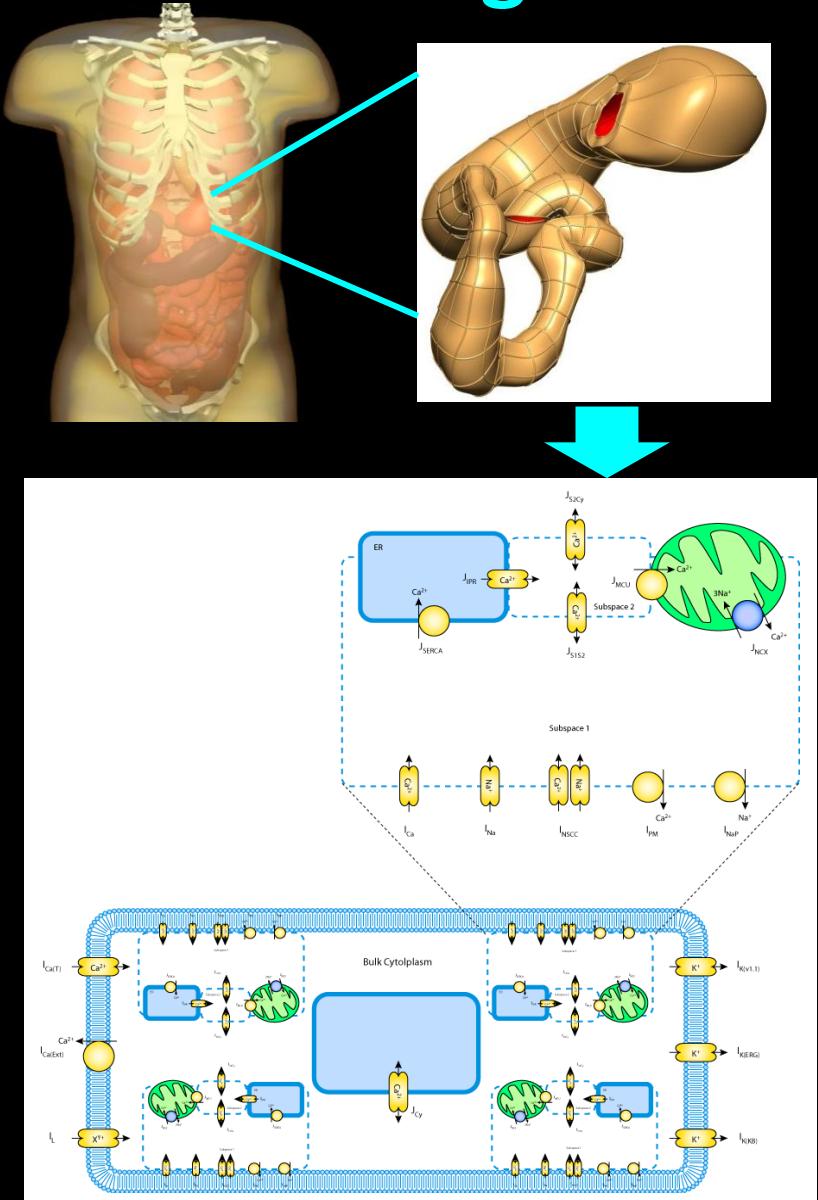
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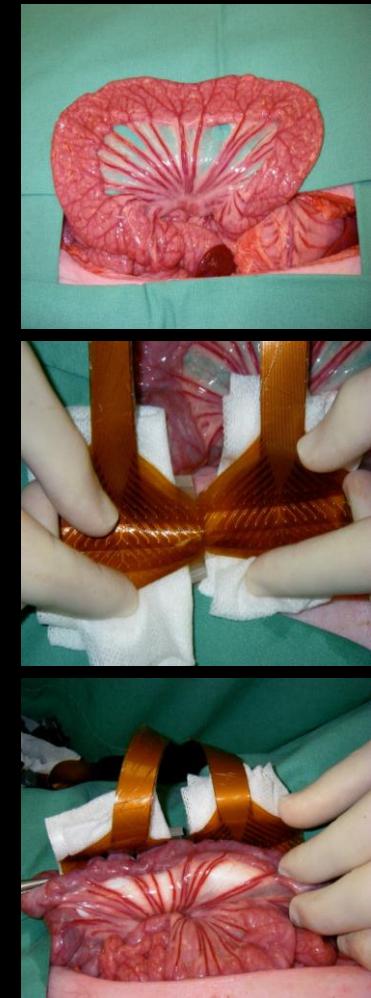
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Digestive system: stomach



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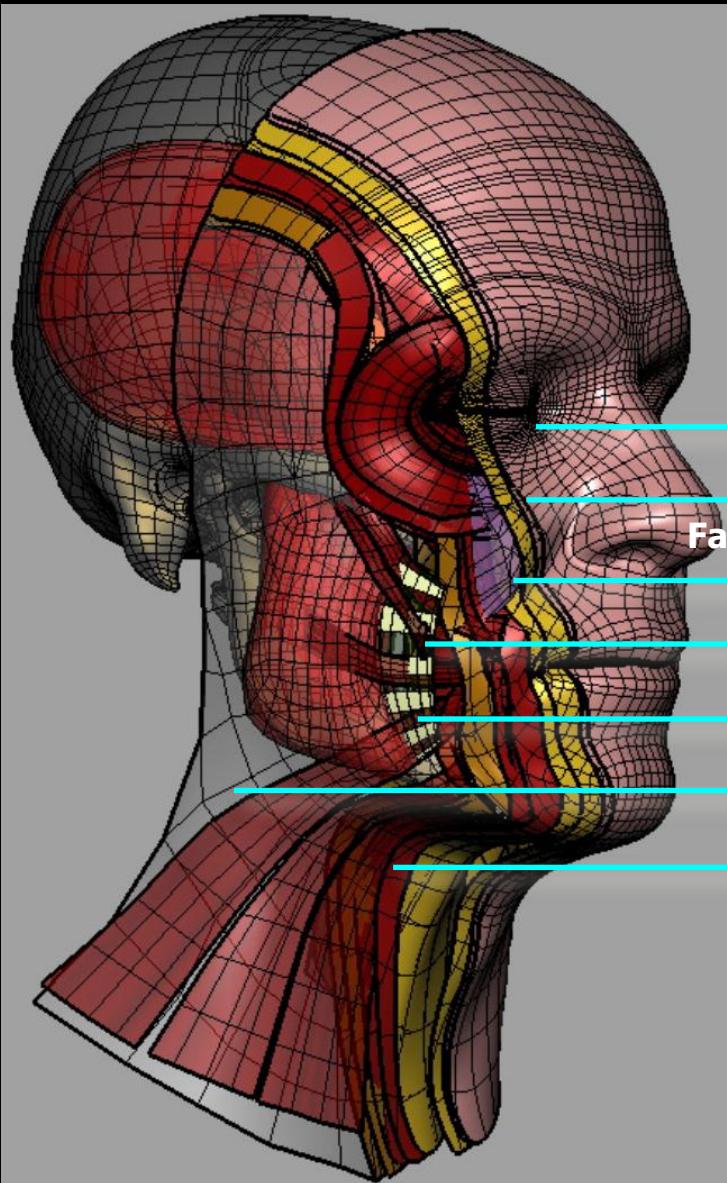
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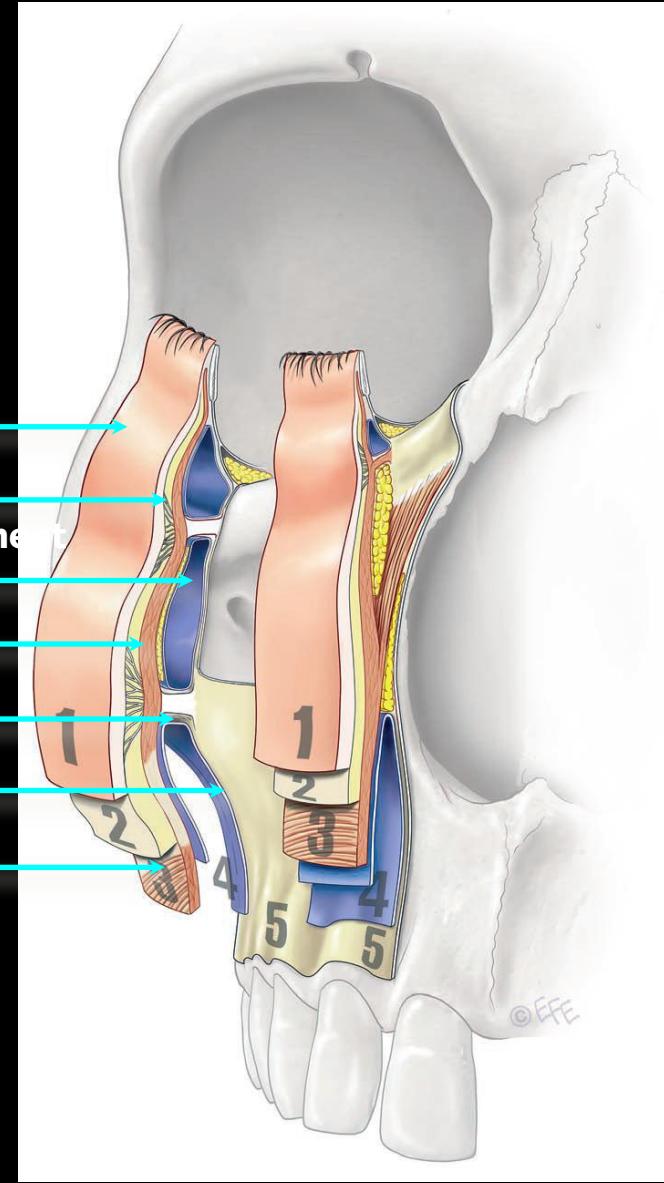


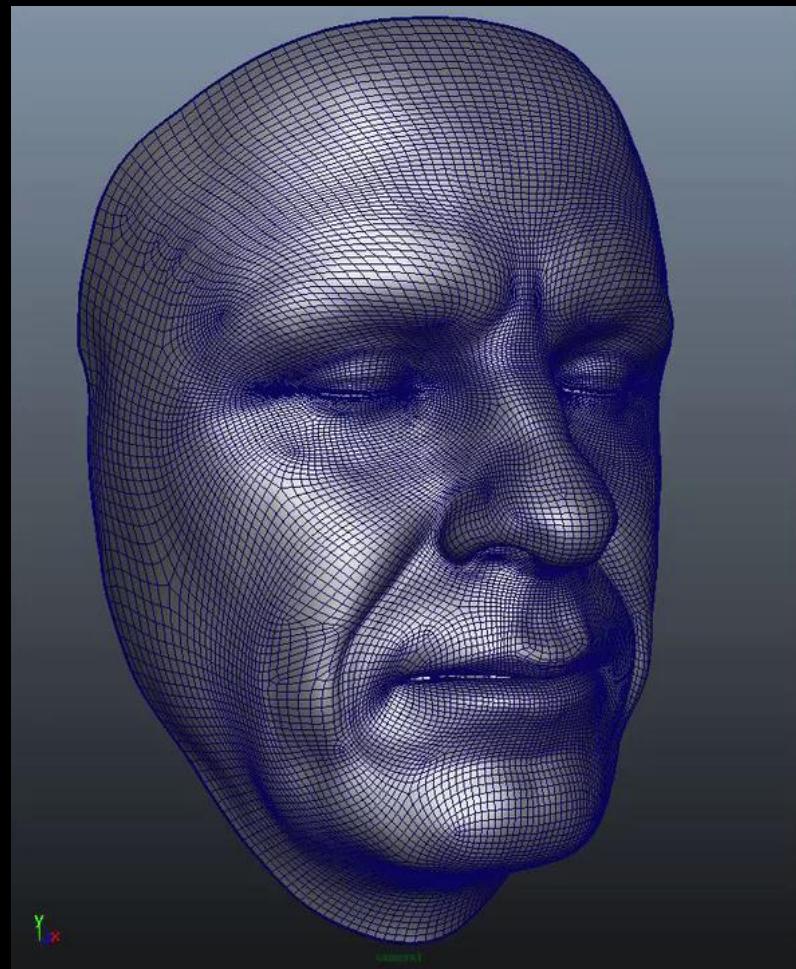
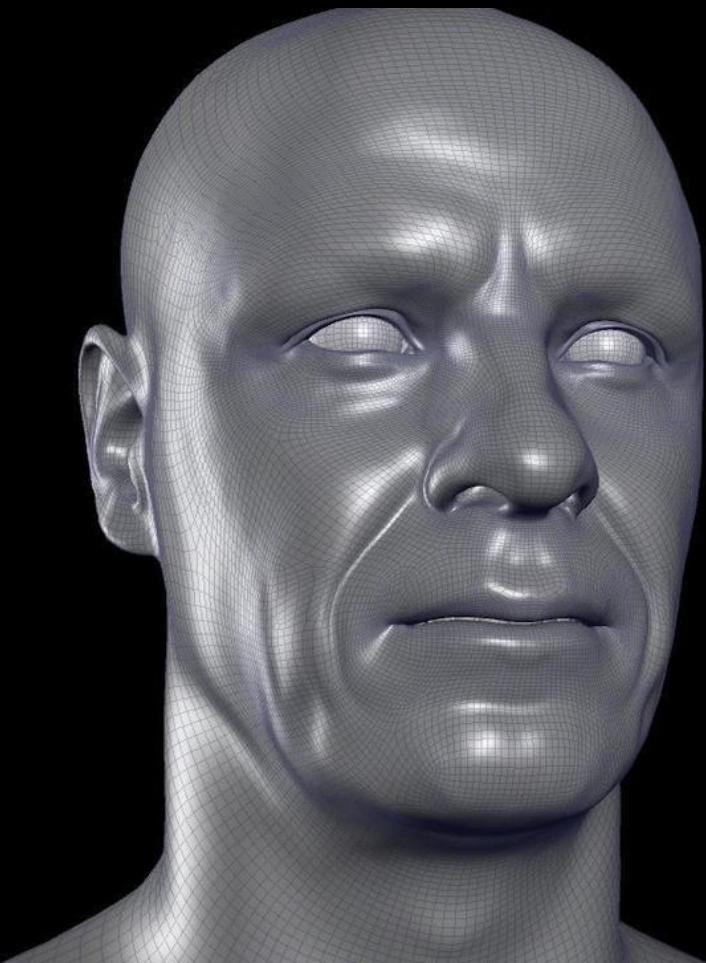
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Modelling the facial muscles



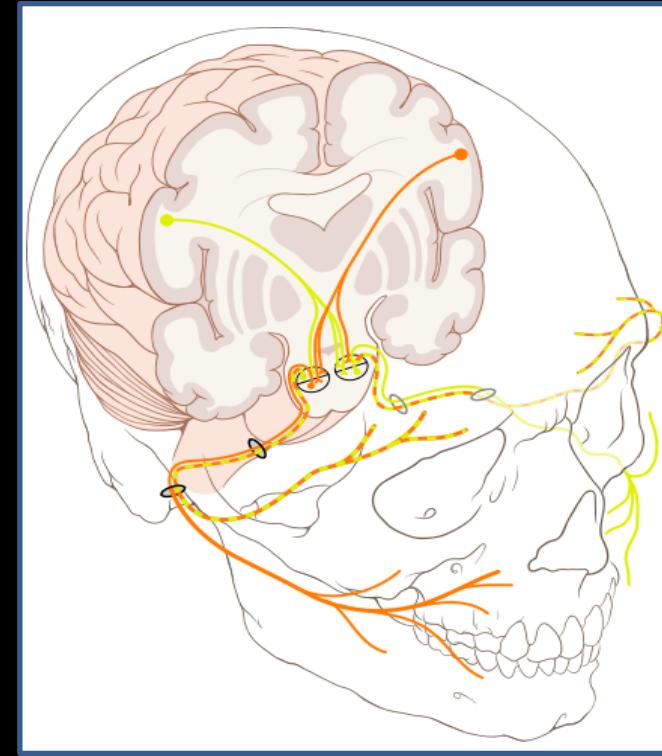
Skin / Dermis
Hypodermis
Facial Space / Fat Compartment
Muscle Fibres
Ligament
Deep Fascia
SMAS





Muscles need a control system

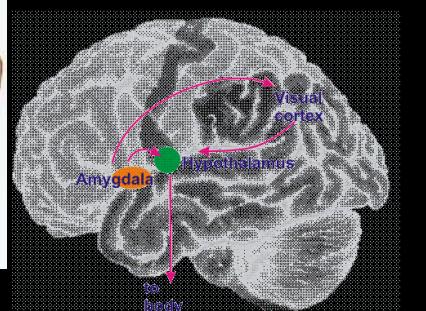
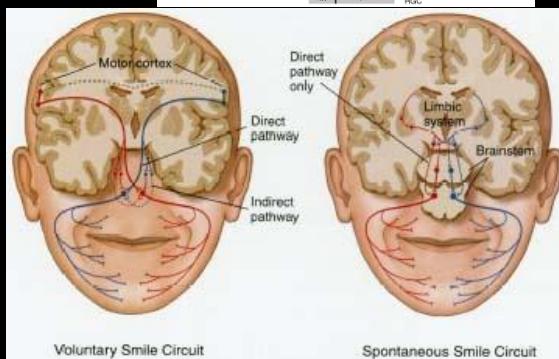
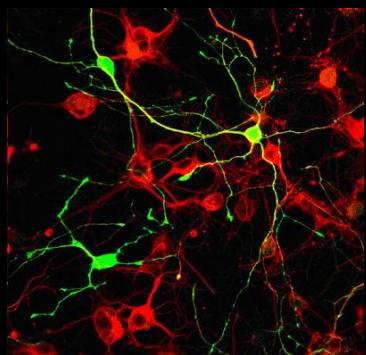
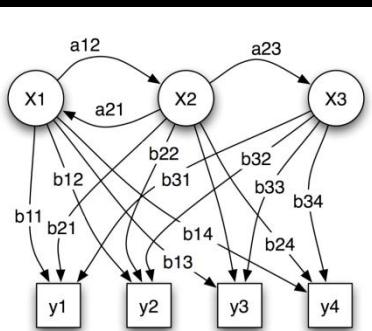
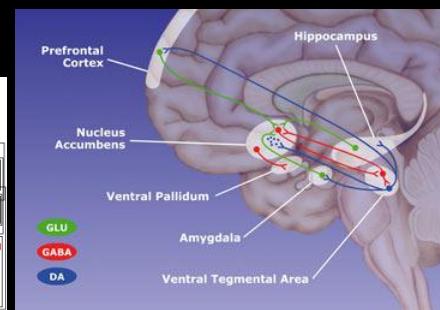
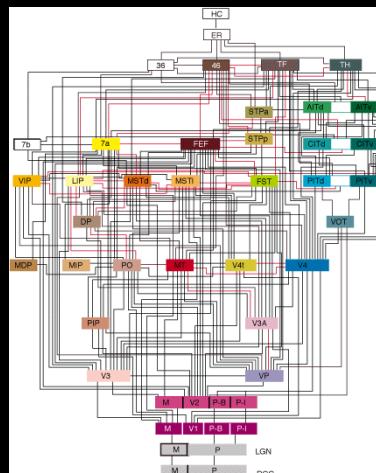
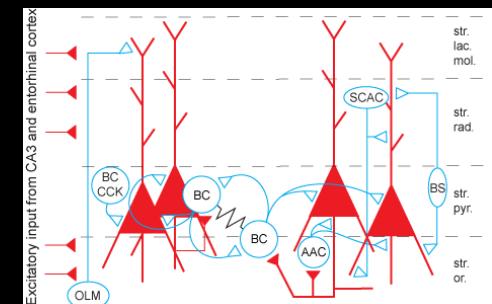
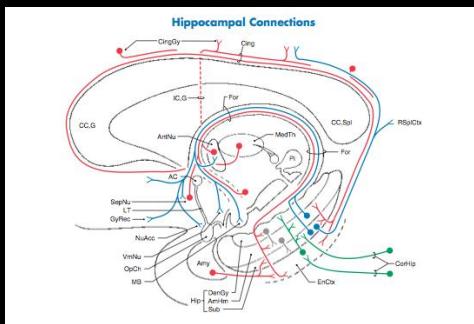
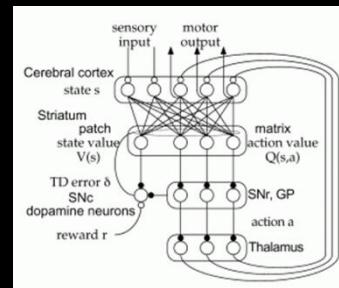
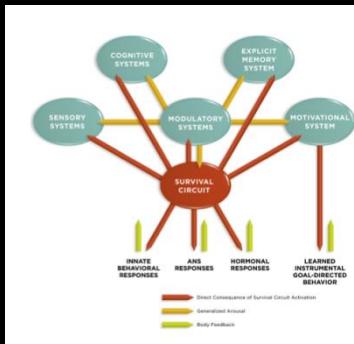
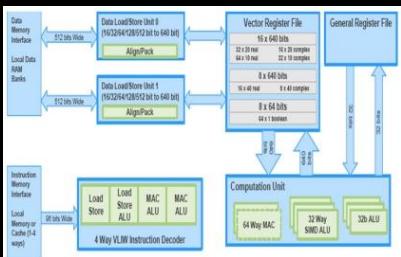
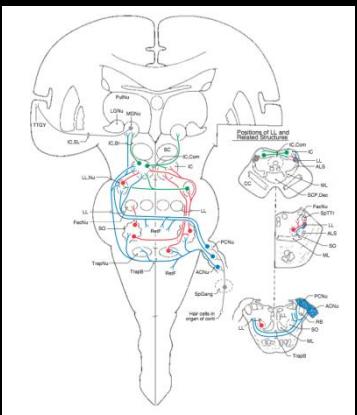
Facial Nerve Circuits

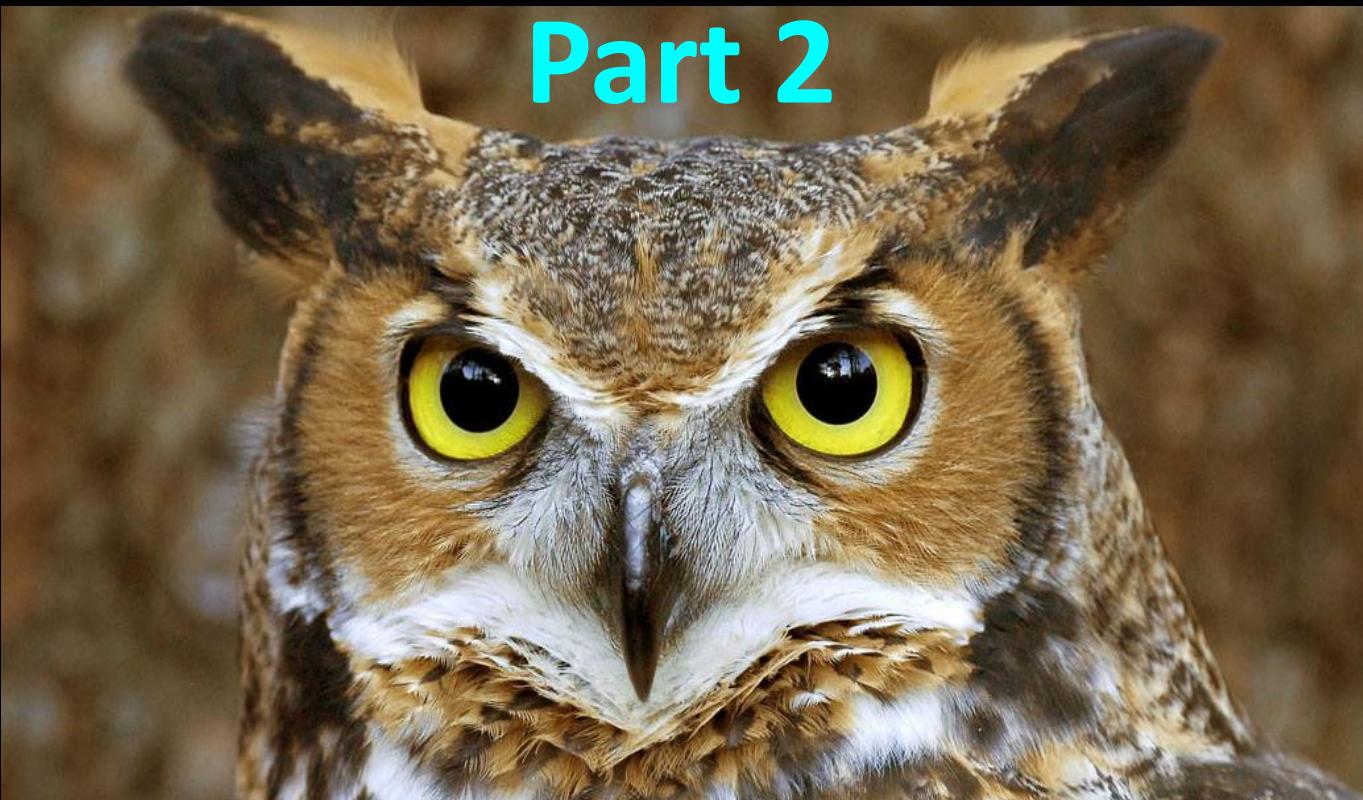


Models include

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- **Emotion and Motivation**
- **Learning**
- **Neuronal Dynamics**

Multi-scale neural modeling



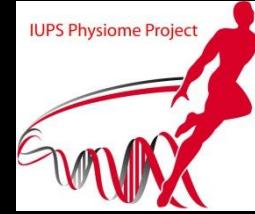


Part 2

To cope with the multi-physics,
multi-scale, complexity of human biology
we must create **reproducible models**
with **modular** approaches
based upon **data and modelling standards**

History of Physiome Project

1997 IUPS Physiome Committee



1998 CellML, FieldML



1999 Systems Biology Markup Language



2003 IMAG (NIH, NSF, FDA, NASA, DOE, DOD, ..)



2006 STEP: Strategy for European Physiome



2008 VPH Network of Excellence

2009 Drug Disease Model Resources (DDMoRe)



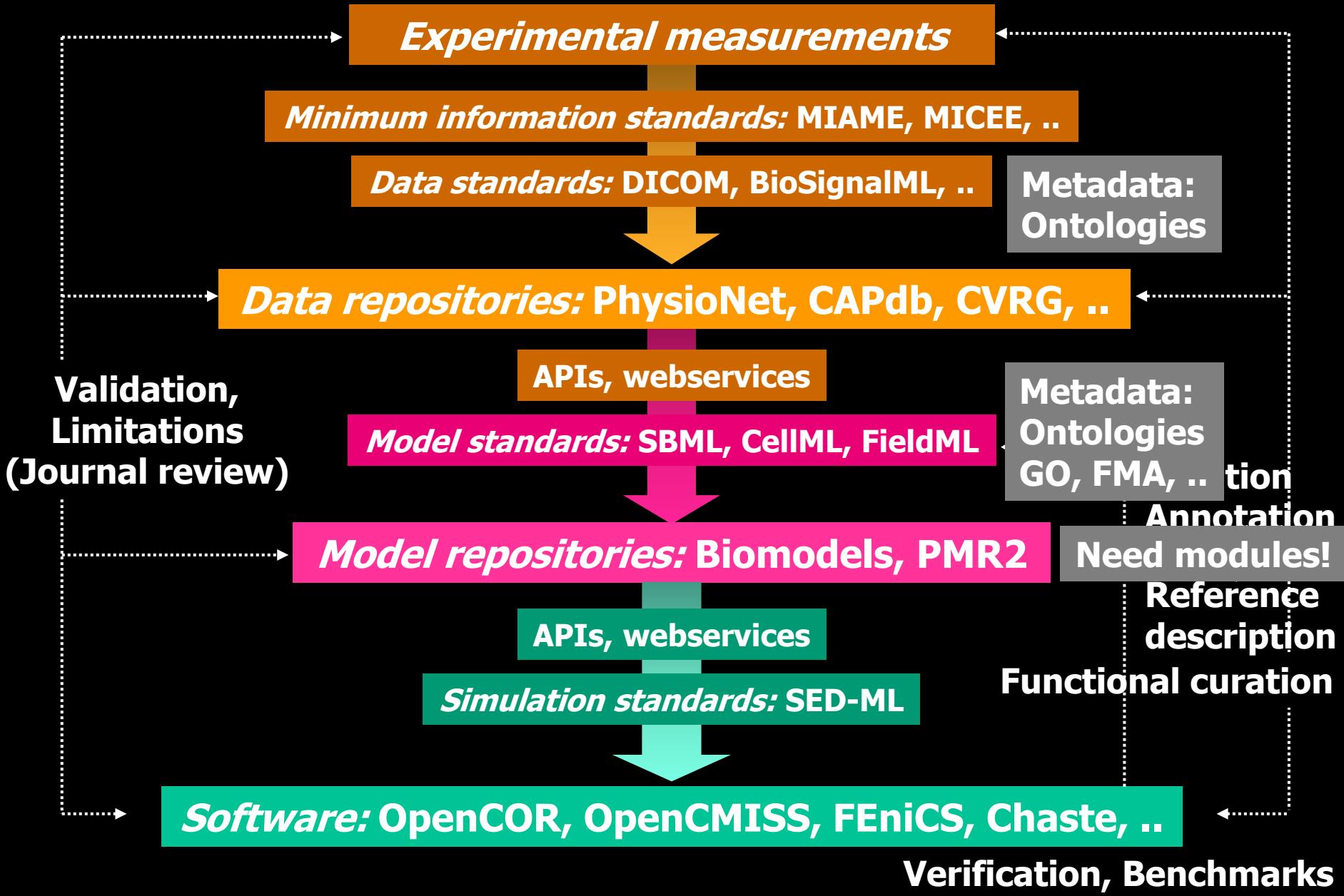
2010 German Virtual Liver Network



2011 VPH Institute



Standards for models, data & software



Note on model publishing

Biophysical Journal

“To assure public access to computational models, authors are strongly encouraged to deposit their models in the CellML Model Repository models.cellml.org/cellml or Biomodels Database www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels-main/”

Similarly for many other journals.

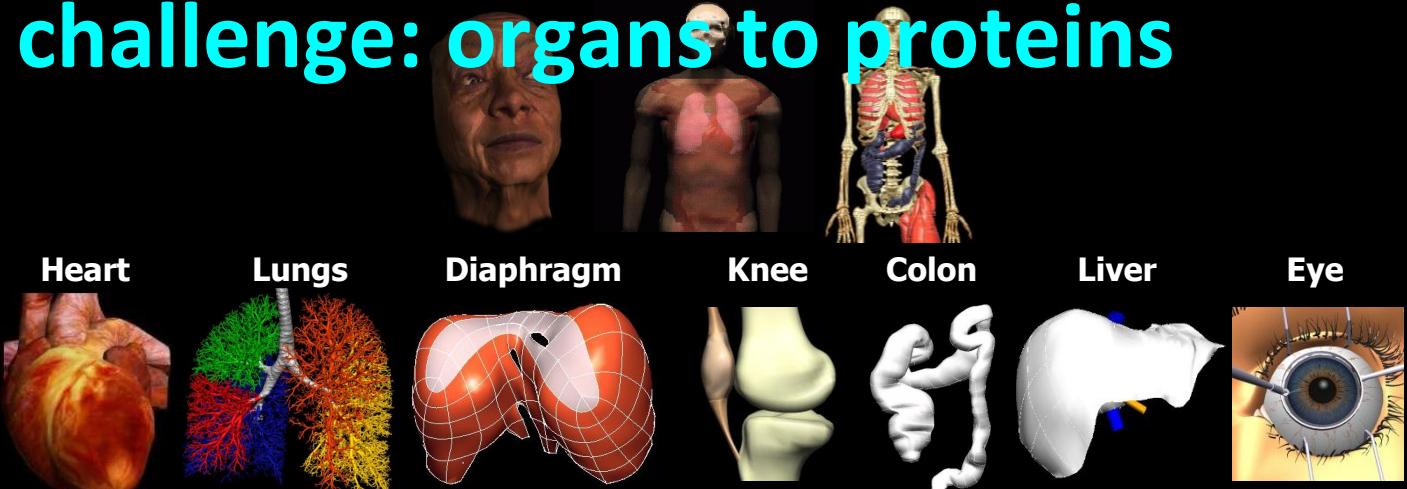
The challenge: organs to proteins

Environment

Organism

Organ system

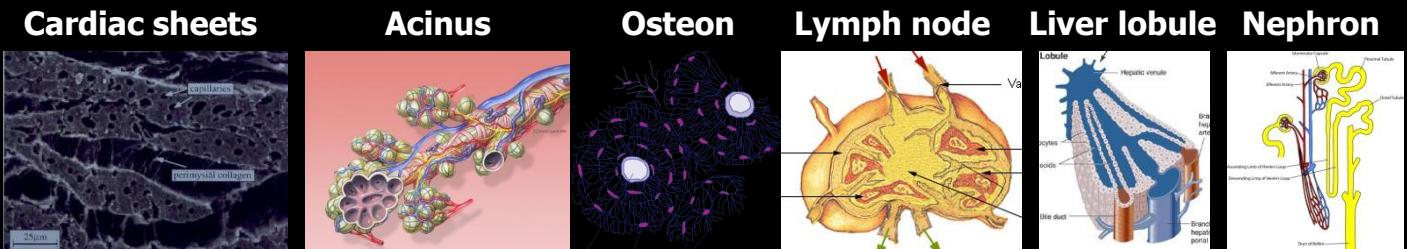
Organ



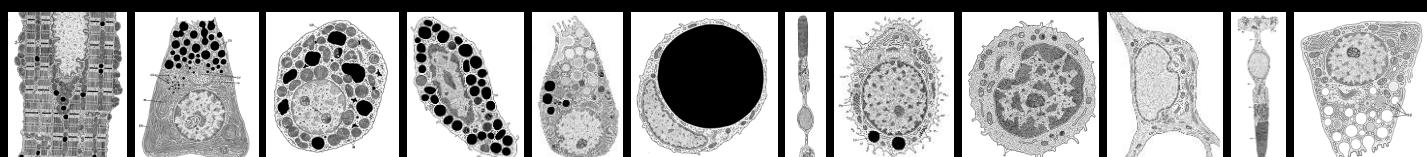
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↓ 20 generations

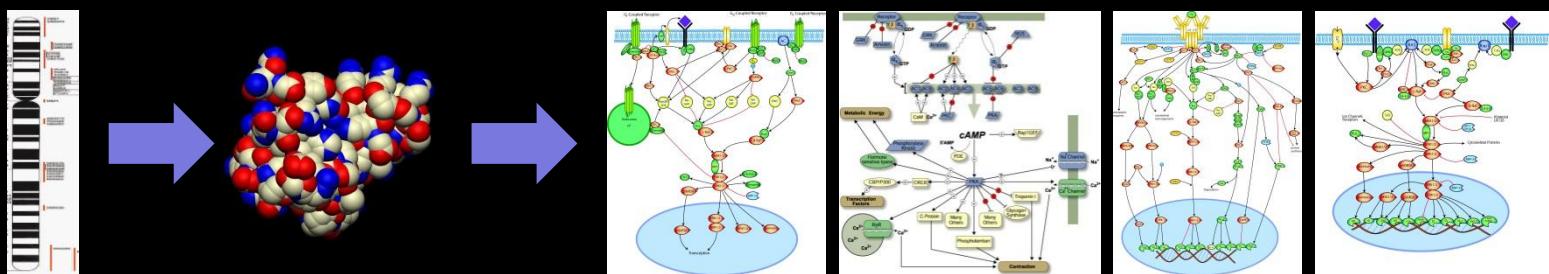
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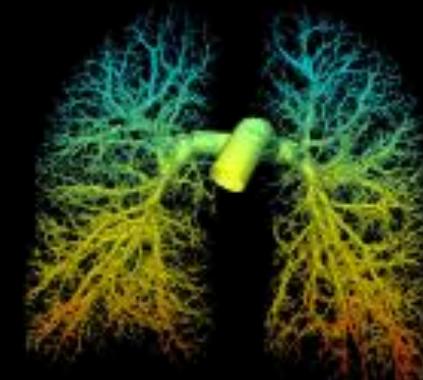
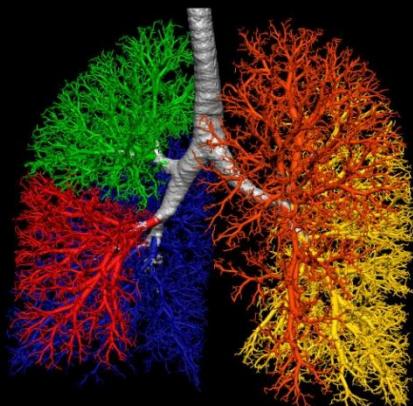
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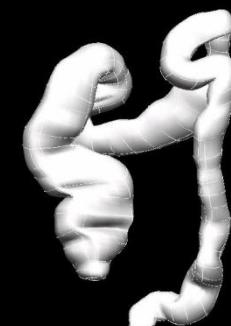
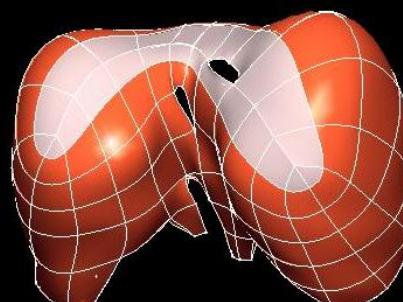
A multi-scale bioengineering approach needs:

- Biophysically based models at every level
 - as much as possible (there's always a black box!)
- Adoption of model and data standards
 - SBML, CellML, FieldML for models
- Automated assembly of multi-scale models
 - molecule to organ(ism)
- Automated model reduction
 - otherwise too expensive
- New instrumentation
 - new instruments → new expts → new knowledge

Organ system Physiome Projects



Cardiovascular system
Respiratory system
Musculo-skeletal system
Digestive system
Skin (integument)
Urinary system
Lymphoid system
Female reproductive system
Special sense organs
Central nervous system
Endocrine system
Male reproductive system



CellML – standards, databases and tools



The CellML project

The CellML language is an open standard based on the XML markup language. CellML is being developed by the Auckland Bioengineering Institute at the University of Auckland and affiliated research groups.

The purpose of CellML is to store and exchange computer-based mathematical models. CellML allows scientists to share models even if they are using different modelling tools. It also enables them to reuse components from one model in another, thus accelerating model development. [Read more...](#)

About CellML

Find out about the CellML language; what it can be used for, its history, and future directions.

Tools and API

The CellML community is committed to providing freely available tools for creating, editing, and using CellML models.

Specifications

Read the CellML specifications - core language and a variety of metadata specifications are available.

Getting started

New to CellML? This section collates information about CellML and tutorials that will help get you up and running with CellML.

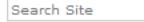
Model repository

The model repository is a resource where modelers can collaborate with each other to build and share models with the rest of the world.

Community

CellML is built around open source science and software. The cellml.org website is a community hub for all things CellML.

(www.cellml.org)



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CellML workshop 2010

The 2010 CellML workshop was held at The University of Auckland from Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th February. The meeting was a huge success and we'd like to thank all the participants - both present and virtually present!



Photo by Tommy Yu

News

-  CellML API 1.8 and OpenCell 0.8 Released Oct 06, 2010
-  EMBC 2010 VPH tools workshop Sep 02, 2010
-  Physiome Model Repository 2 v0.3 Released Jul 01, 2010
-  Improved quality of the models in the CellML model repository thanks to the curation team Jun 29, 2010

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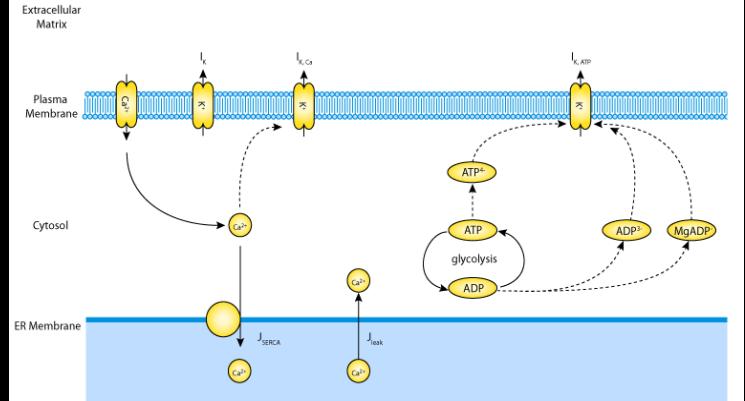
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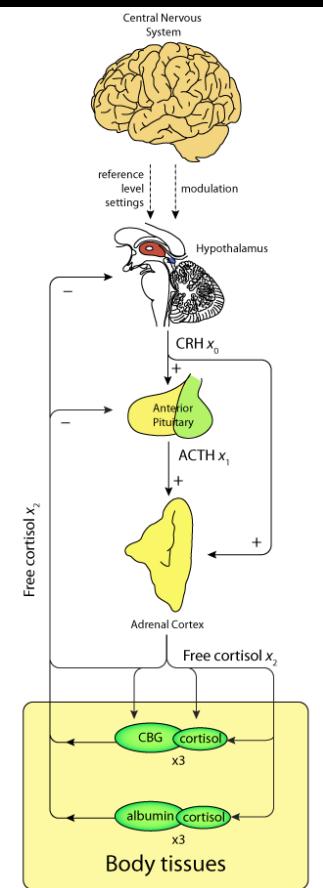
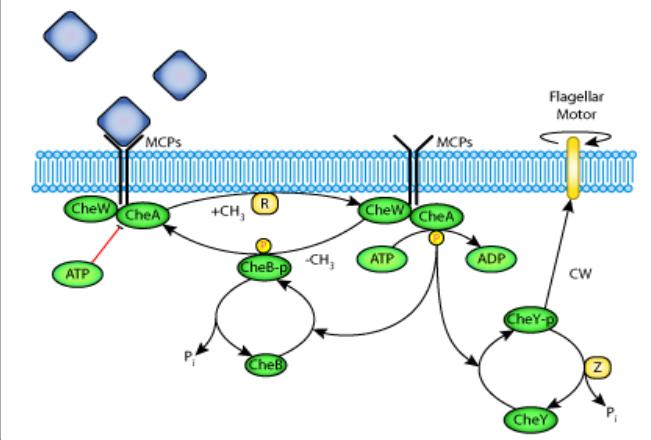


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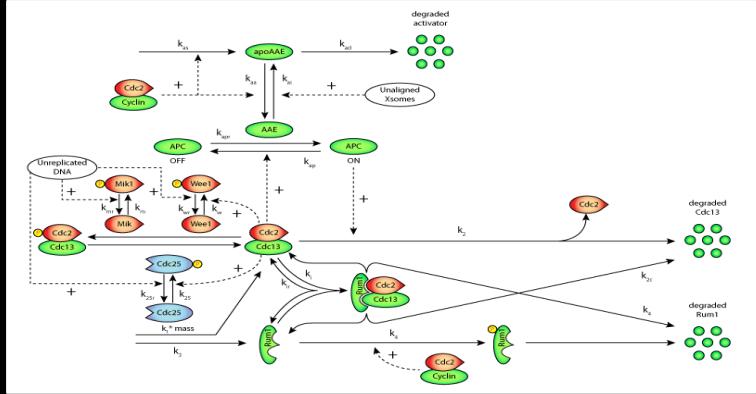
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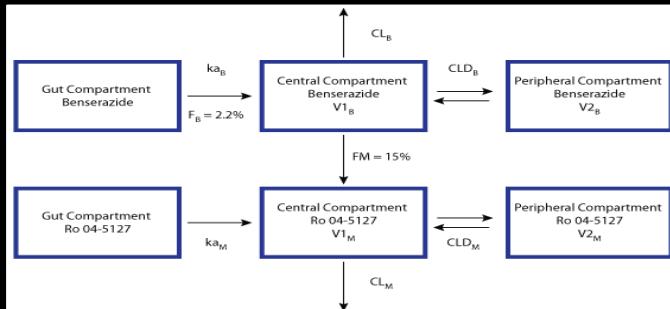
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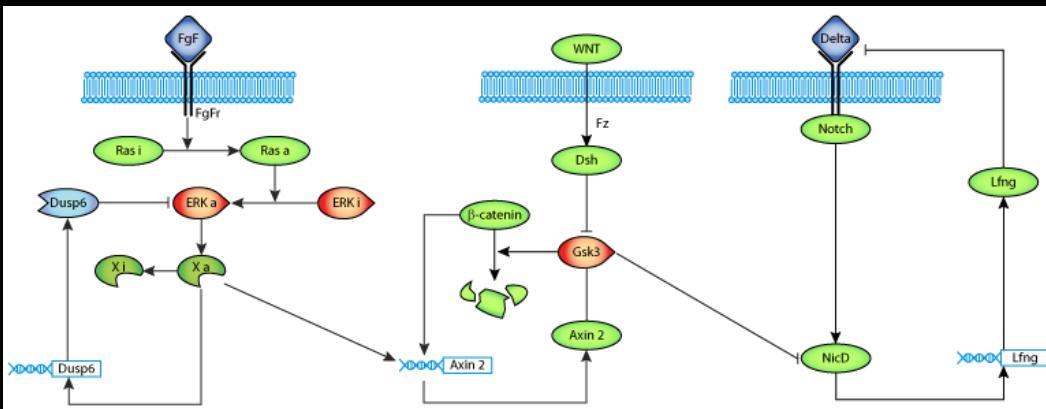
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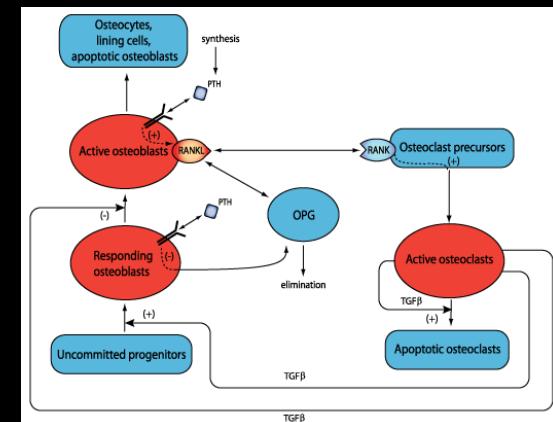
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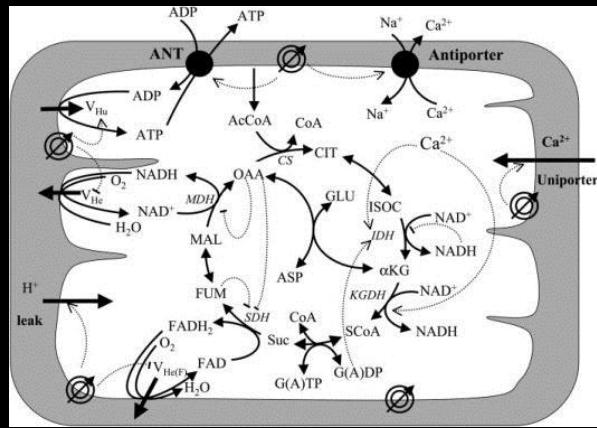
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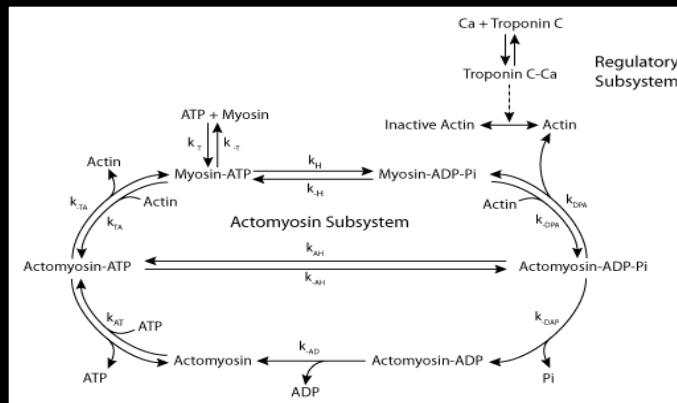
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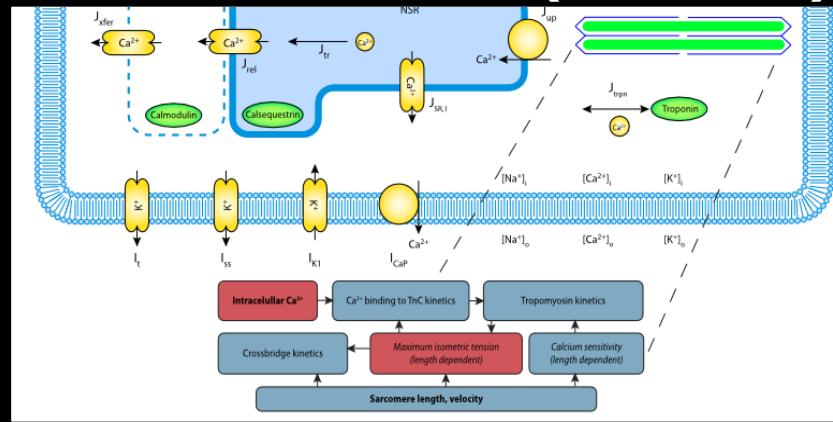


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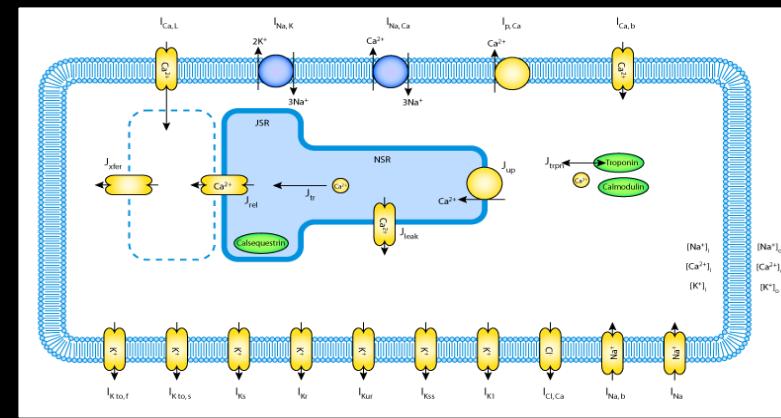


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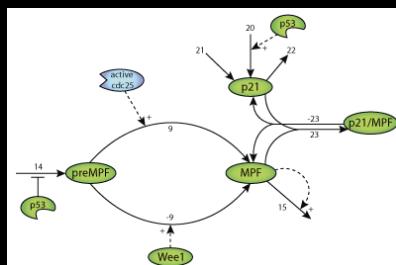
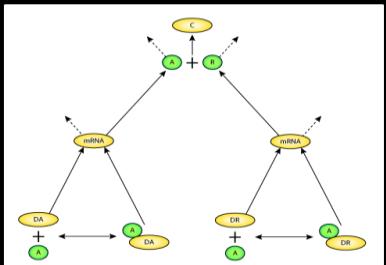
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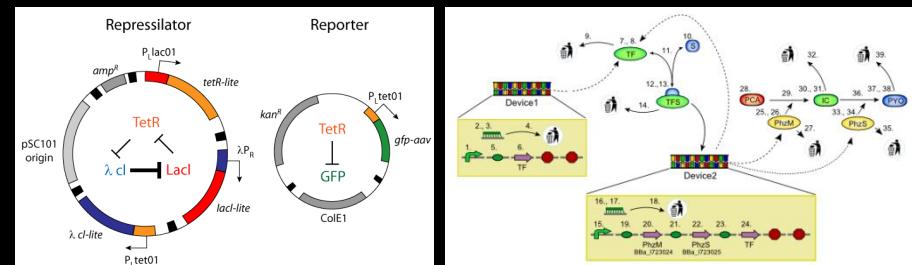
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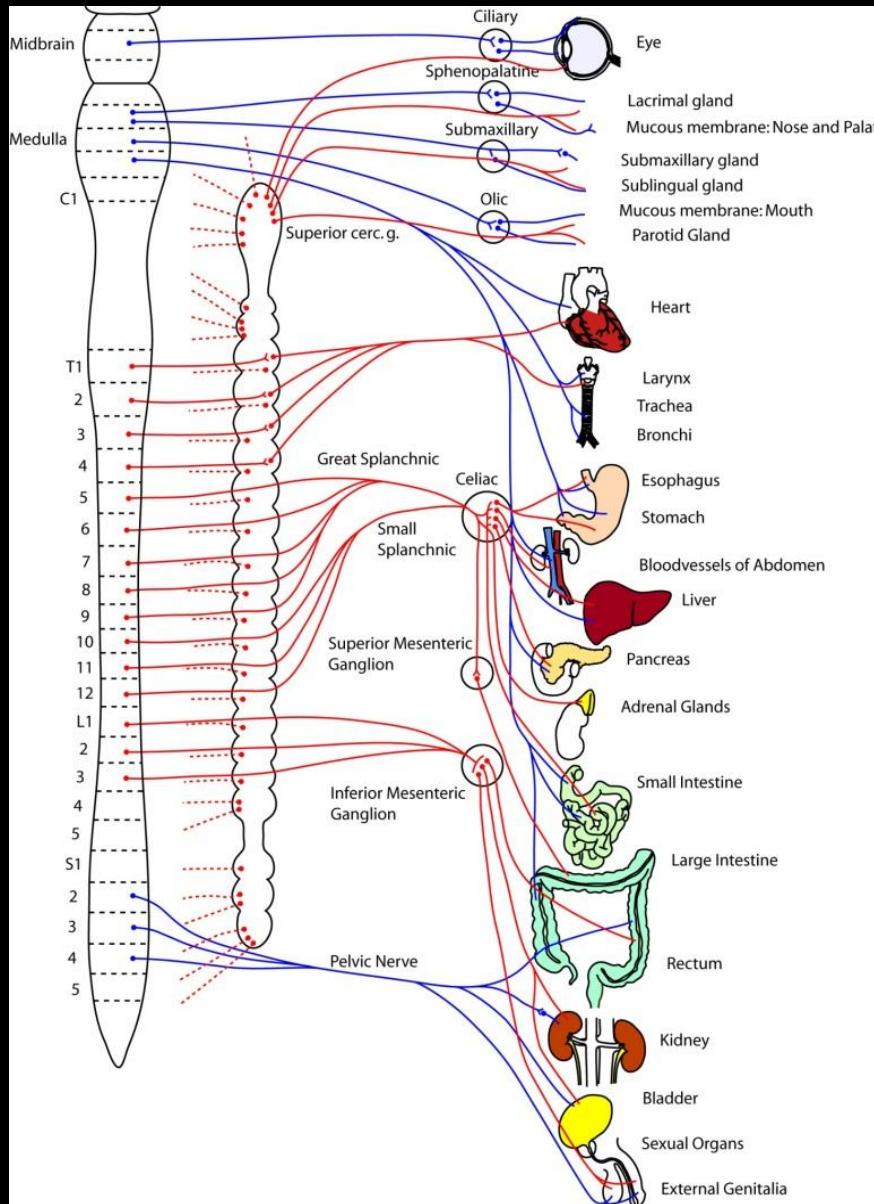
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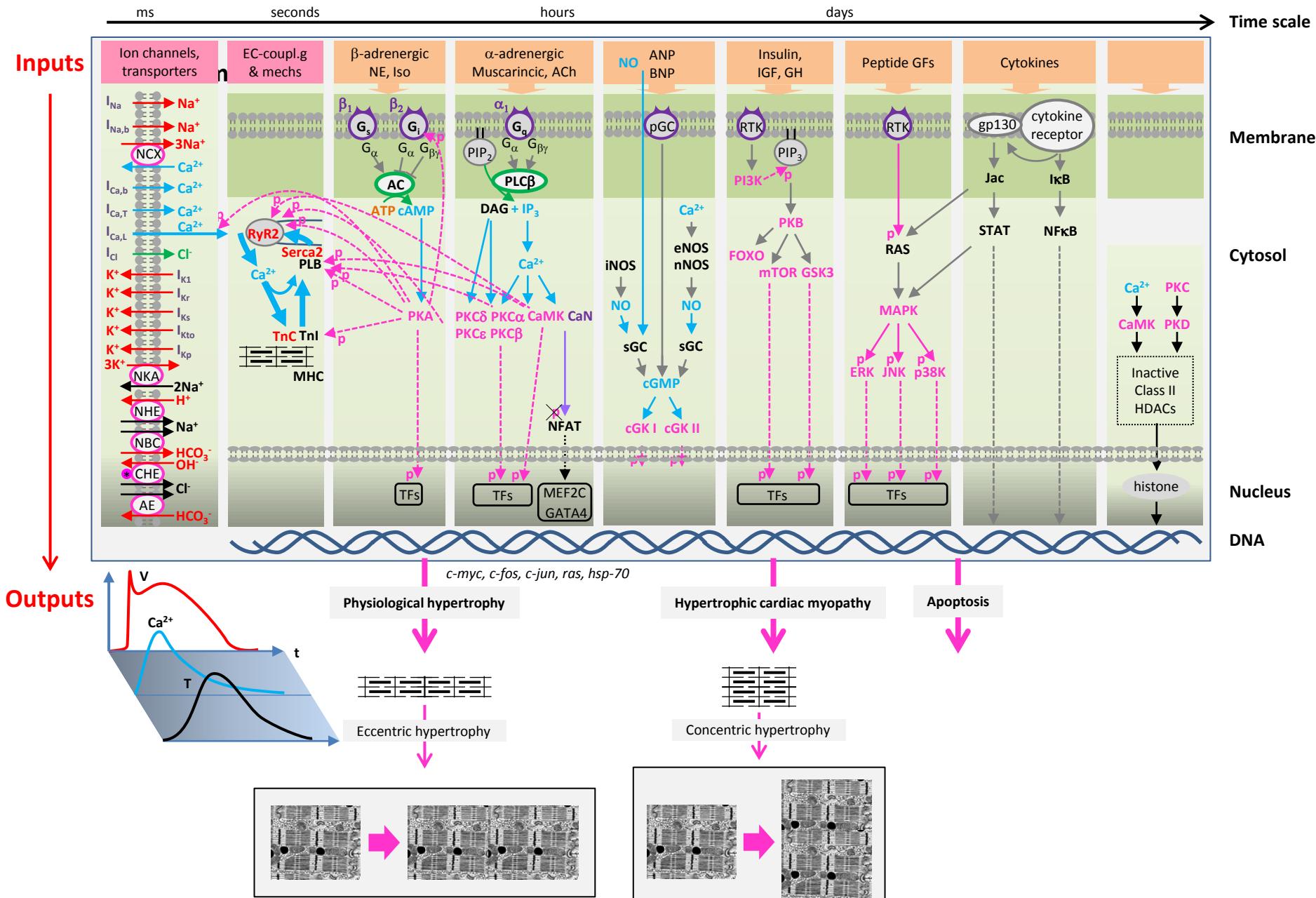
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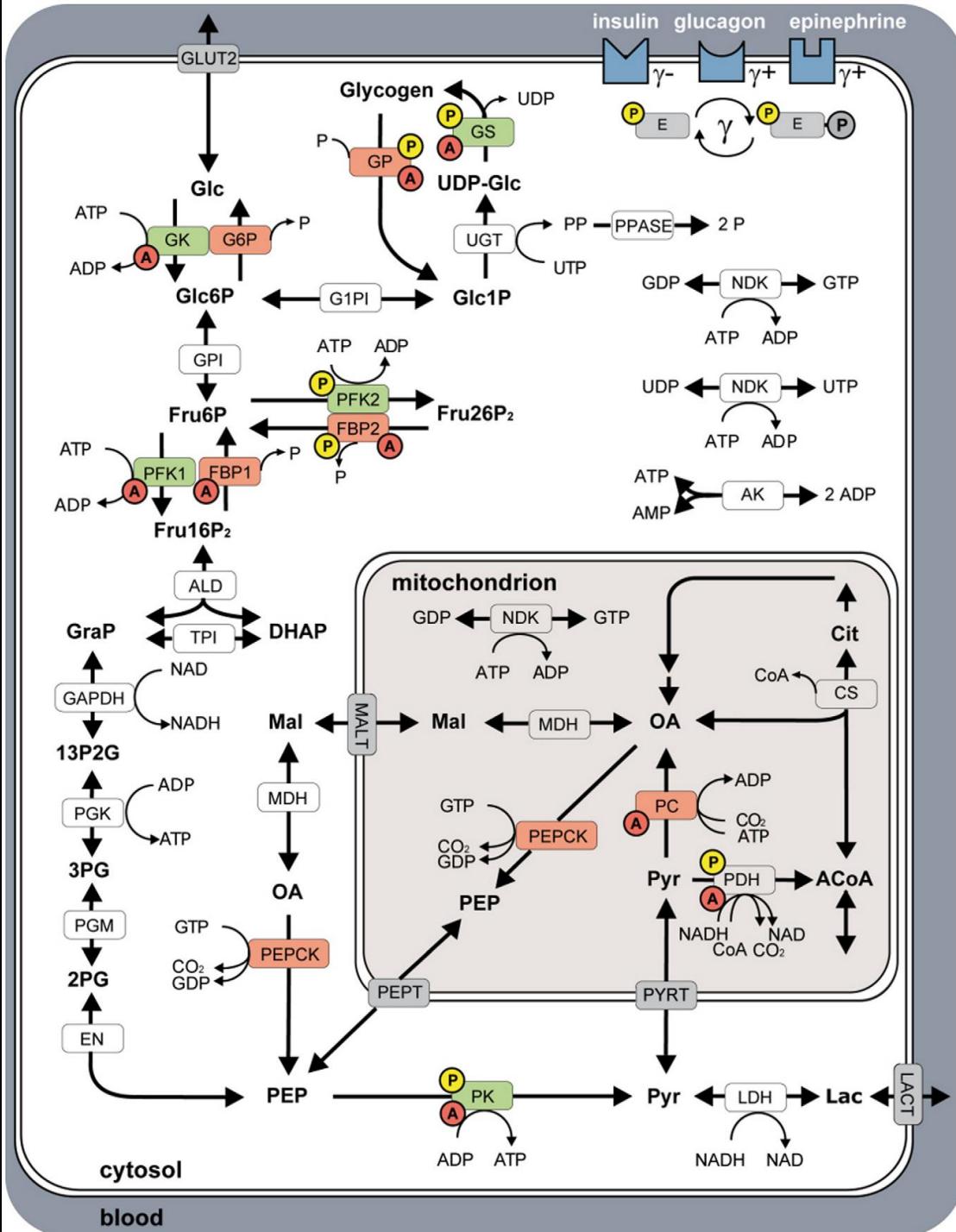
CellML enables modular construction



CellML signalling modules for the cardiac myocyte

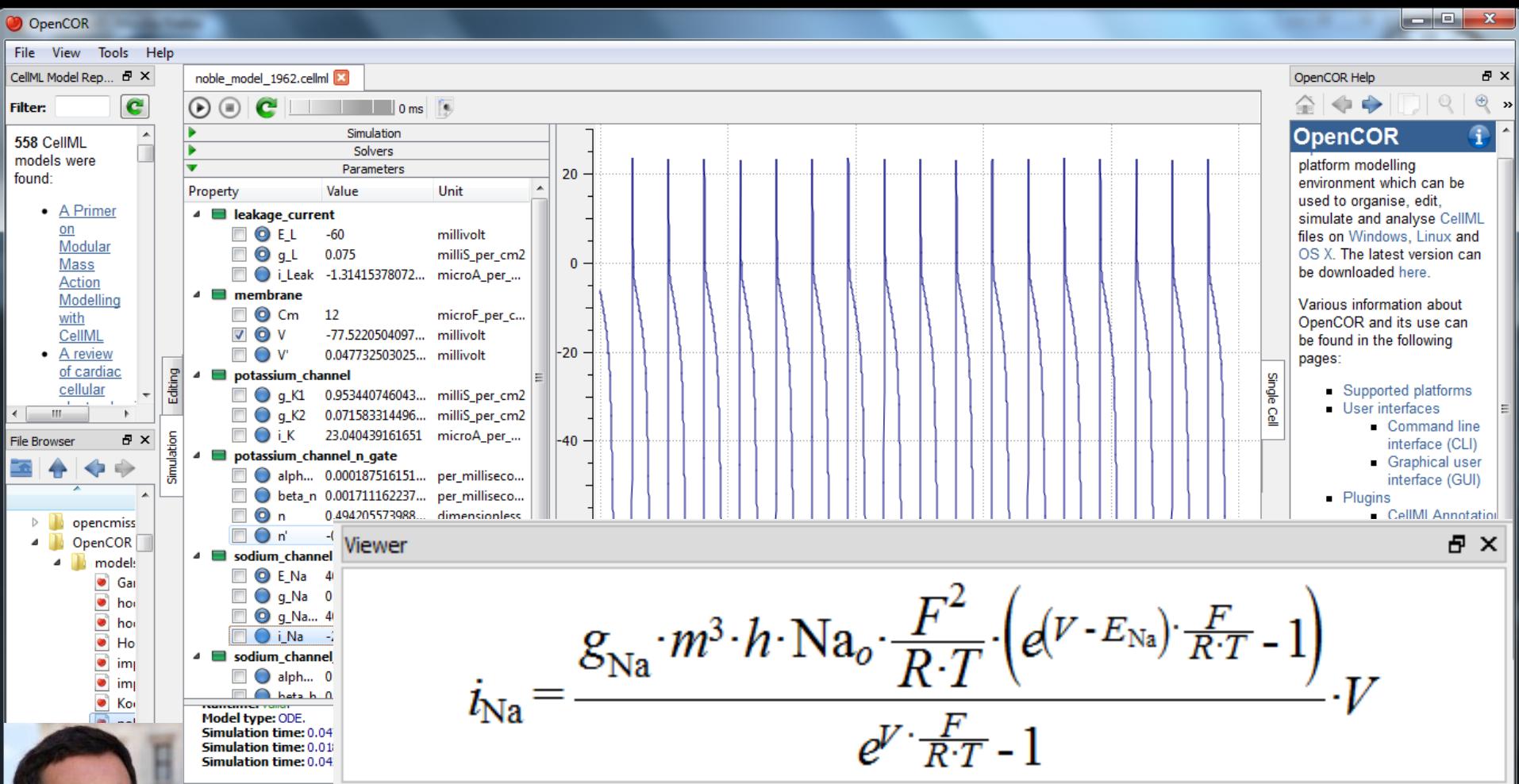


- Glucose transporter (GLUT2)
- Glucokinase (GK)
- Glucose-6 phosphatase (G6Pase)
- Glucose-6-phosphate isomerase (GPI)
- Glucose-1-phosphate 1,6-phosphomutase (G16PI)
- UTP: Glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase (UGT)
- Pyrophosphate phosphohydrolase (PPase)
- Glycogen synthase (GS)
- Glycogen phosphorylase (GP)
- Nucleosid diphosphate kinase (NDK)
- Adenylate kinase (AK)
- Phosphofructo kinase 2 (PFK2)
- Fructo-2,6-bisphosphatase (FBP2)
- Phosphofructo kinase (PFK1)
- Fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase (FBP1)
- Aldolase (ALD)
- Triosephosphate isomerase (TPI)
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- 3-Phosphoglycerate mutase (PGM)
- Enolase (EN)
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- Pyruvate carboxylase (PC)
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- PEP transporter (PEPT)
- Pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH)
- Citrate synthase (CS)
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- Acetyl-CoA flux (ACOAflux)
- Citrate flux (CITflux)



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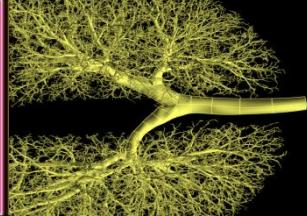
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Large Intestine	Jejuno-Ileum	Liver Pancreas Duodenum	Stomach	Esophagus	Mouth Throat
Genitals Gonads	Vascular Caudal	Vascular Abdominal	Vascular Cardiac	Vascular Cephalic	
Urinary Tract	Nervous Caudal	Nervous Lower Spinal	Nervous Upper Spinal	Nervous Cephalic	Nasopharynx Conjunctiva
Lower Limb	Pelvis	Abdomen	Thorax	Neck Upper Limb	Head

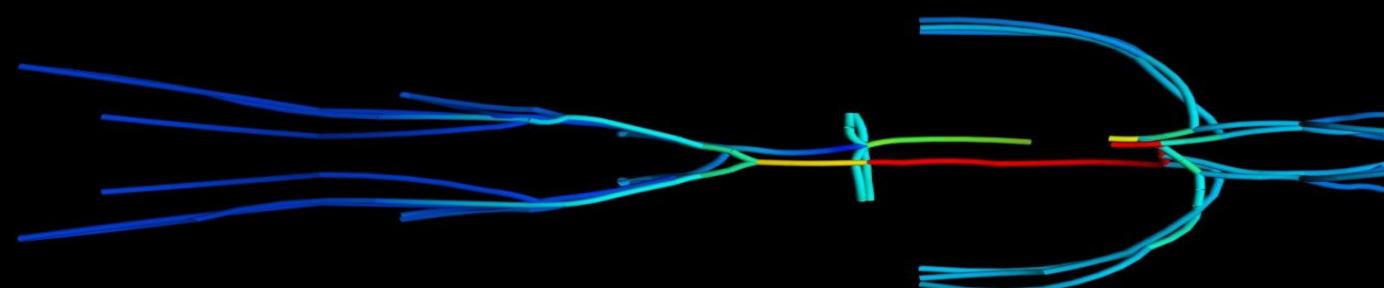
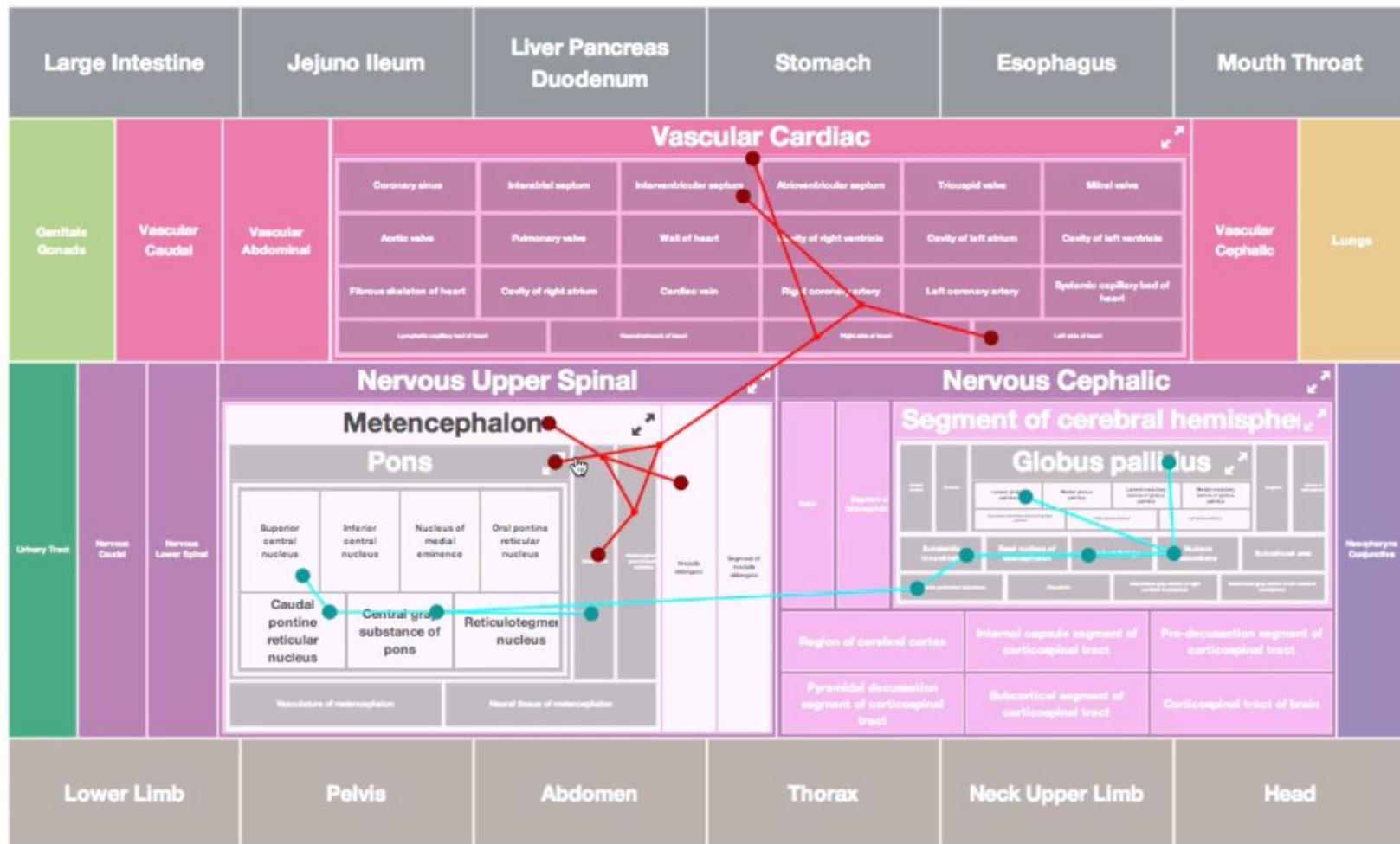
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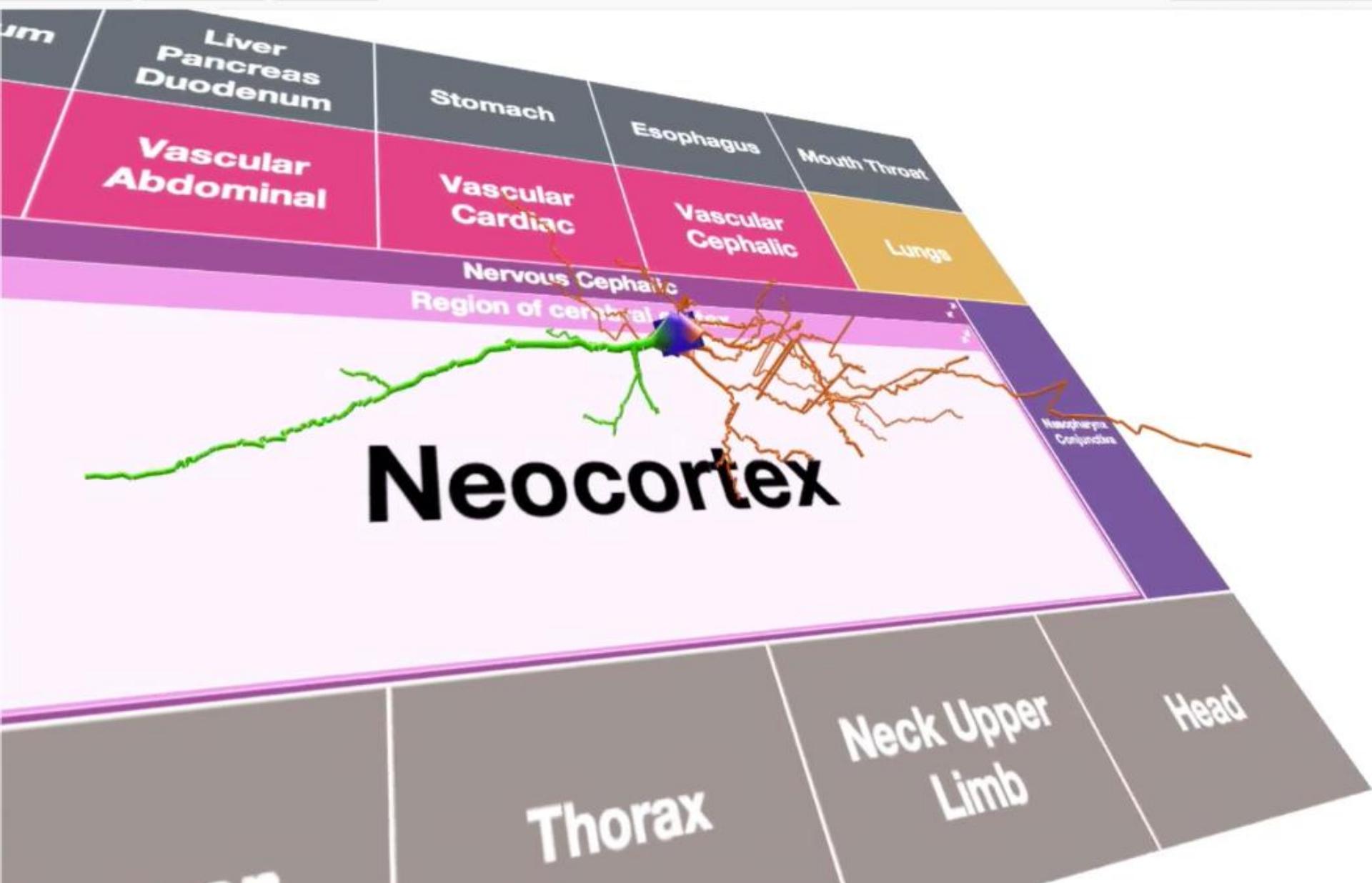
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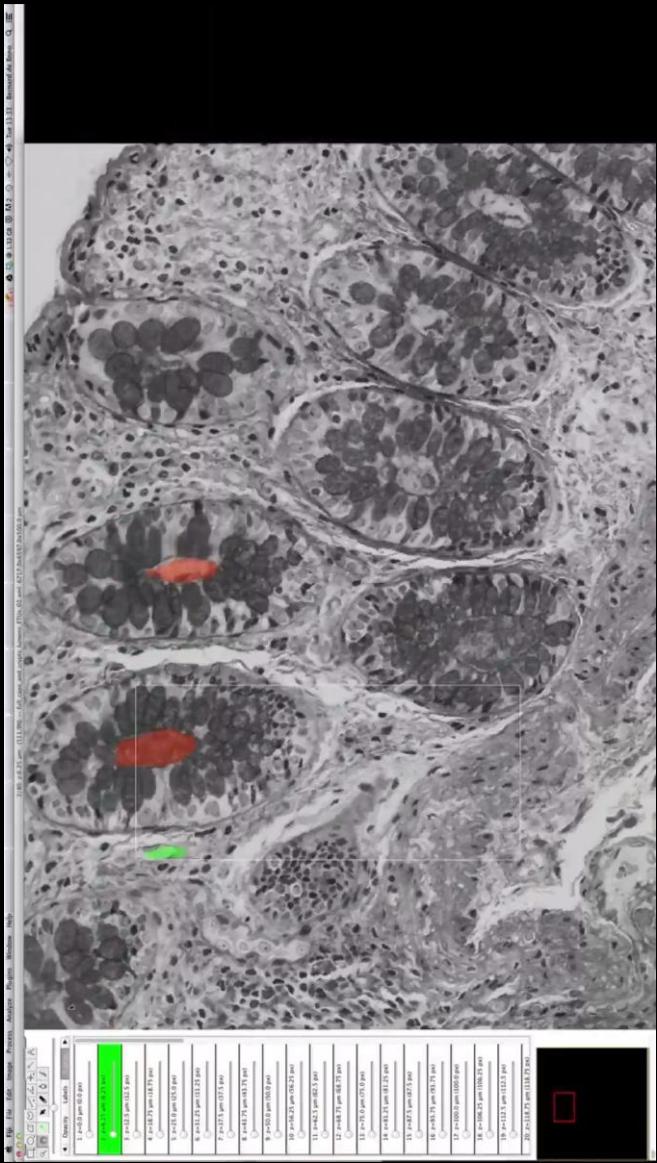
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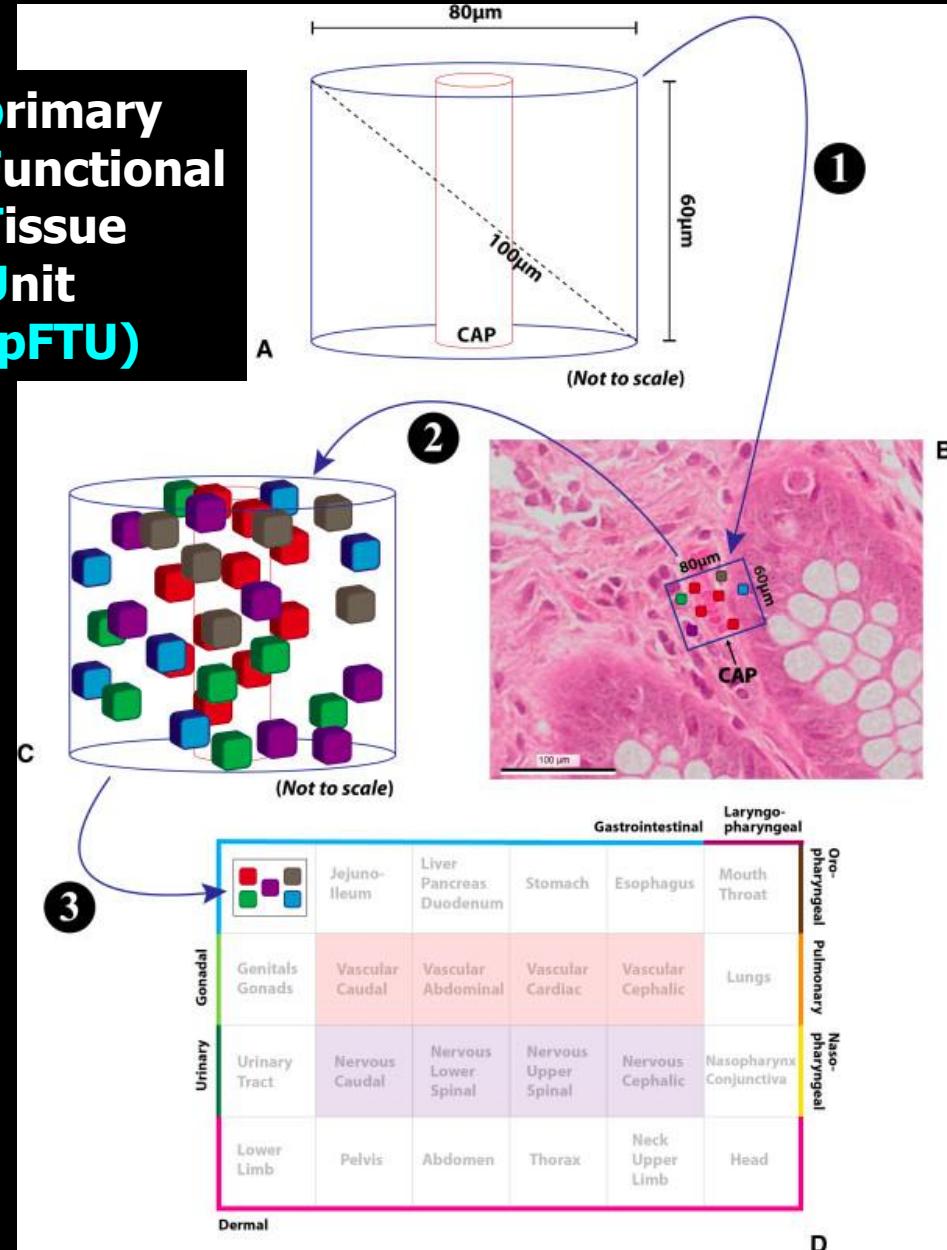




Functional tissue units



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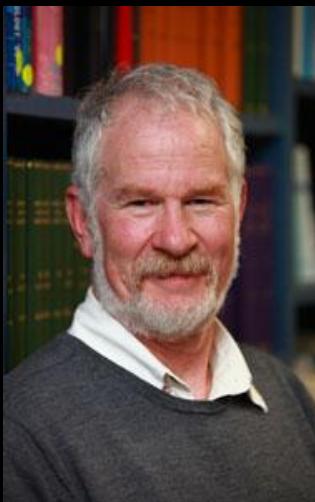
Organ Tissue Cells Cell function

URINARY SYSTEM (all pFTUs include B, EC, SMC, FB, PC, MP)			
Kidney	Nephron (Bowman's capsule	mesangial cell	specialized SMC
	Glomerulus	podocyte	wrap around capillaries of glomerulus
	Proximal tubule	juxtaglomerular cell	s. renin (specialised SMC)
	Loop of Henle	proximal tubule cell	Na^+ & H_2O uptake; $\text{H}^+/\text{HCO}_3^-$ exchange; s. organic acids
	Distal tubule	thin segment epithelial cell	descending limb of Henle highly permeable to H_2O
	Collecting duct)	principal cell of collecting duct	ascending limb of Henle impermeable to H_2O
		intercalated cell	control Na^+ & H_2O uptake in response to aldosterone and vasopressin acid-base homeostasis
Urinary bladder	Epithelial conduit	epithelial cell	barrier
Ureter	Epithelial conduit	epithelial cell	barrier
Urethra	Epithelial conduit	epithelial cell	barrier
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM (all pFTUs include B, EC, SMC, FB, PC, MP)			
Pituitary gland	Adeno-hypophysis	somatotrope (GH cell)	s. growth hormone (GH)
		lactotrope (PRL cell)	s. prolactin (PRL) (s. milk production, gonadal function)
		corticotrope (ACTH cell)	s. ACTH (s. cortisol secretion from adrenal cortex)
		gonadotrope (FSH & LH cells)	s. FSH & LH (control gonadal function)
		thyrotrope (TSH cell)	s. TSH (s. release of thyroxin from thyroid gland)
Thyroid gland	Thyroid gland	follicular epithelial cell	s. thyroid hormones (thyroxine & triiodothyronine)
		parafollicular cell	s. calcitonin
Parathyroid glands	Parathyroid gland	principal cell	s. parathyroid hormone
		oxyphil cell	s. parathyroid hormone-related protein (PTHRP) & calcitriol
Adrenal gland	Adrenal medulla	chromaffin cell	s. catecholamines (neuroendocrine cells)
	Adrenal cortex	adrenocortical cells	s. aldosterone and cortisol
Endocrine pancreas	Islet of Langerhan	α cell	s. glucagon
		β cell	s. insulin
		δ cell	s. somatostatin
Pineal gland	Pineal gland	pinealocyte	s. melatonin
IMMUNE SYSTEM (all pFTUs include B, EC, SMC, FB, PC, MP)			
Bone marrow		haemopoietic cell	pluripotent cell that generates blood cells
		mesenchymal cell	multipotent stromal cell (SMC) → osteoblast, chondrocyte, adipocyte
		osteoprogenitor cell	mesenchymal cell that differentiates into an osteoblast

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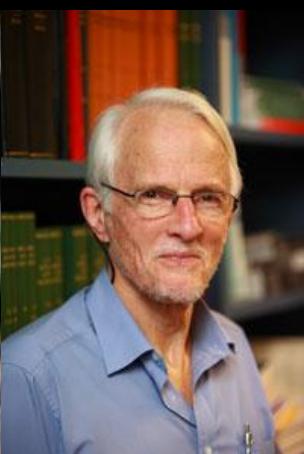
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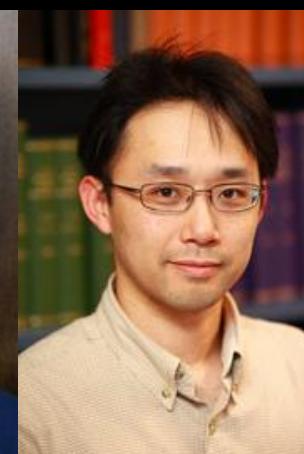
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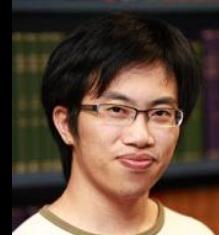
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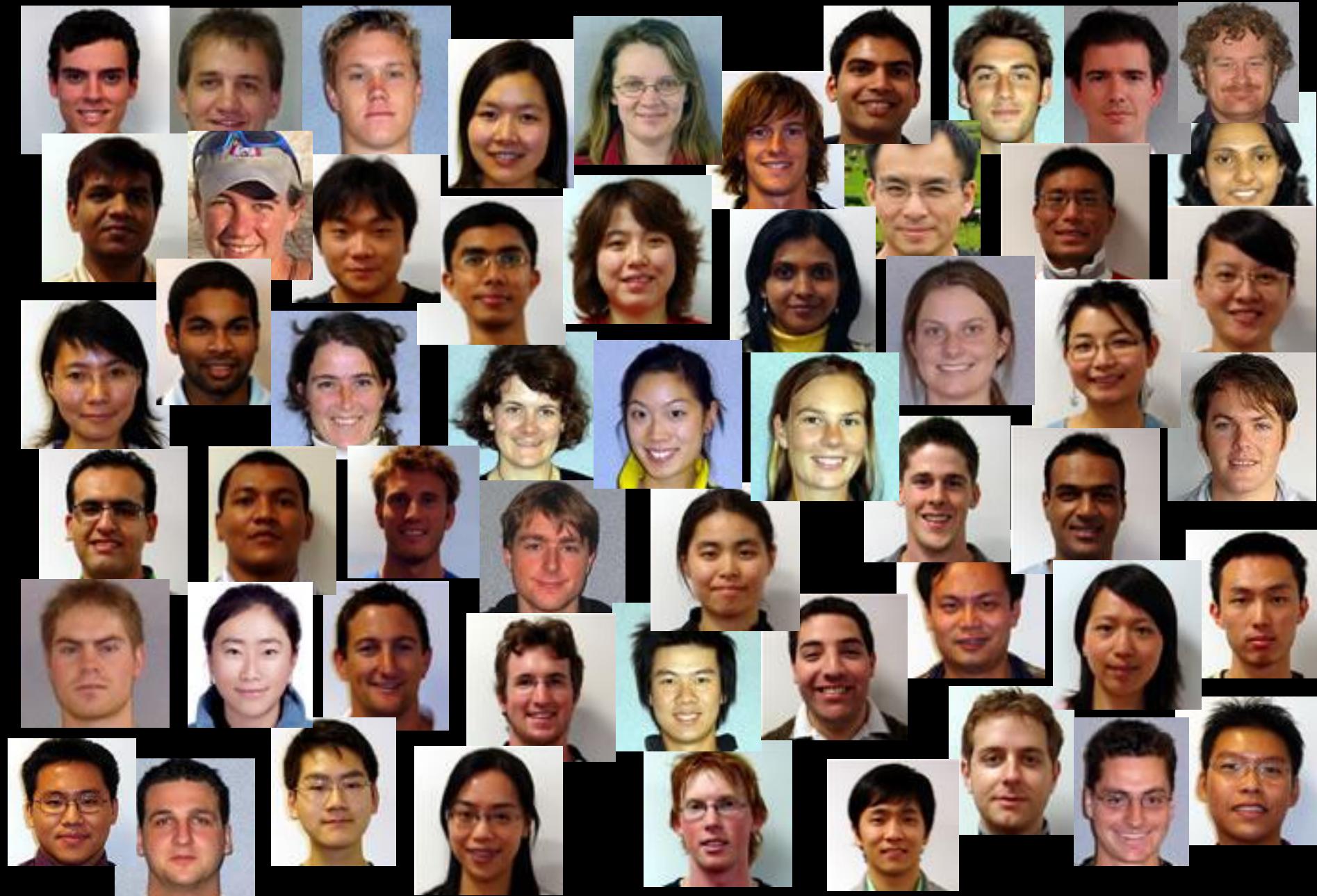


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