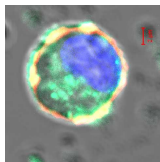


Intra-cellular Control of Insulin Secretion

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Traditional objects of mathematical modeling in biology and medicine:

- inherited genotypes (e.g., Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium)
- population dynamics and epidemiology of infectious diseases
- chemotaxis
- physiology of blood circulation and drug uptake

Challenging biochemical pathways:

- impressive recent progress in quality and quantity of available data
- the promises of faster and larger computers
- **imbalance** between fast growing med care costs (health industrial complex) and virtual stagnation in understanding and treatment/cure



Time to follow d'Alembert's advise?

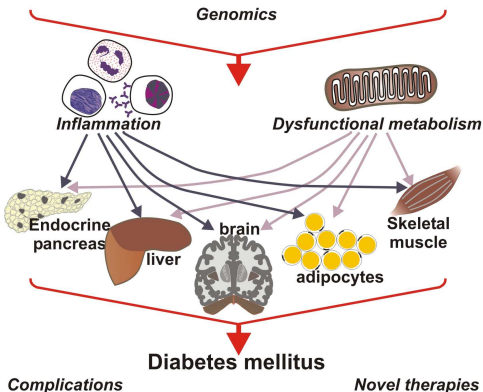
Jean le Rond d'Alembert's verdict (1752):

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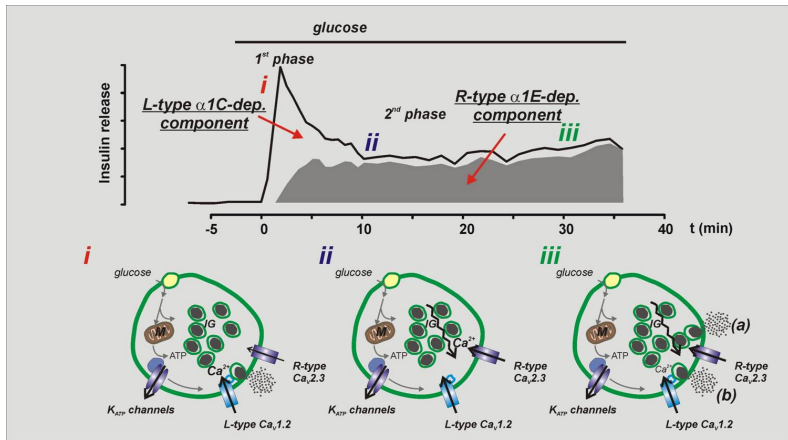


Scientific Areas in Diabetes Research



Biphasic insulin secretion in the single pancreatic β -cell,

from E. Renström



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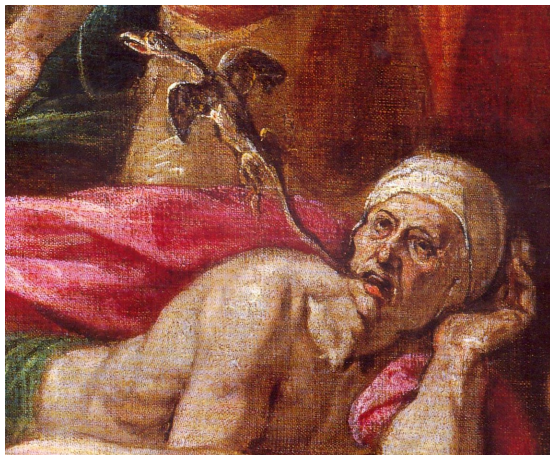
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Medicine challenge II: get the information out before putting the drugs in (Crispin van den Broeck, Healing the sick, 1577)

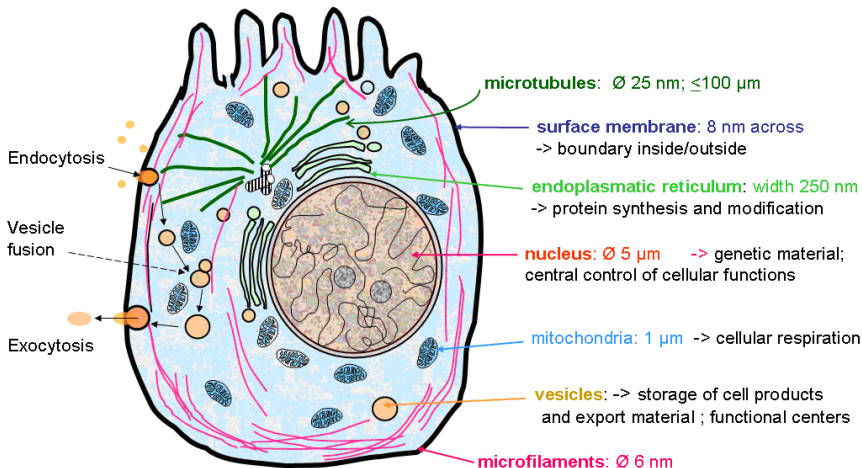


External control requires to

- * **understand** nature's internal control and optimization - here electromagnetism
- * build and test a **physical model** - here dynamic marker of organelles by luminescent magnetic beads



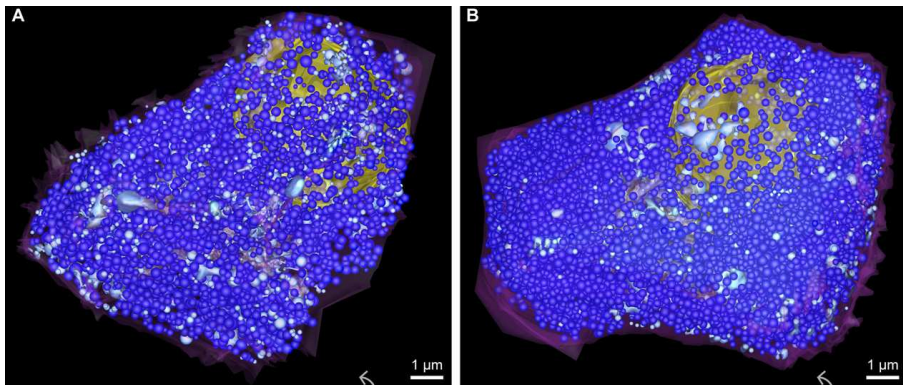
Selected structures and functions of an animal cell I



Source: A. Otto, General picture of secretory cells



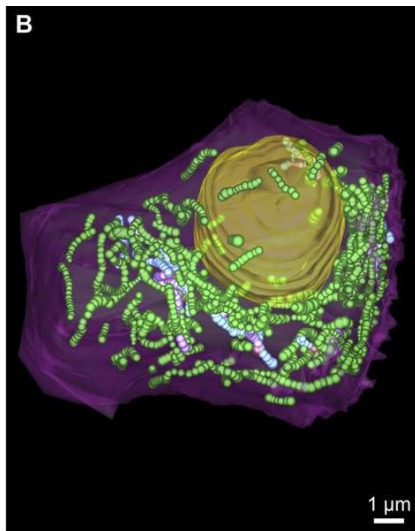
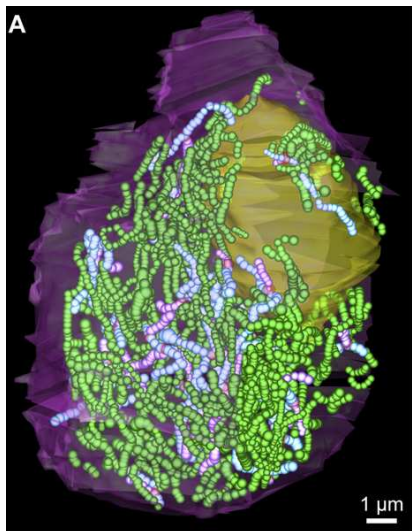
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Electron tomograph of two β -cells with blue marked insulin granules and yellow marked nucleus. Left after release, right not releasing.

Source: B. Marsh and collaborators, 2007

Selected structures and functions of an animal cell III



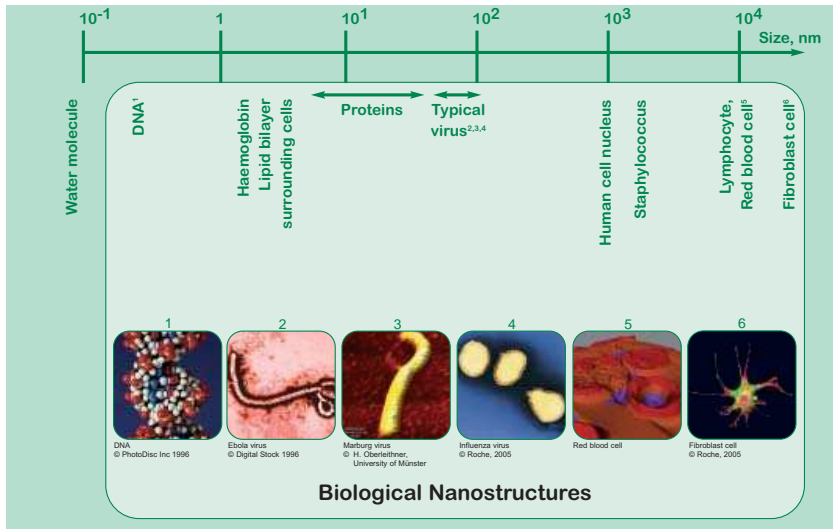
Green marked, partly branched mitochondria; branch points in red



- 1 Intracellular (cytosol) viscosity
 - Near plasma membrane vs. bulk
 - Before release vs. after
 - Healthy cells vs. stressed (or genetic deviating)
- 2 Metabolism, mitochondria shape, Ca^{++} oscillations
- 3 Actin pathways
- 4 2-phase secretion
- 5 Flickering of fusion event
- 6 Gene function and gene silencing by short interfering RNA
- 7 Abundance of new phenomena
 - Multi-scale in time and length
 - Multi-level from DNA to secretion
 - Presence of relicts (possibly meaningless phylogenetic ruins)



Typical nano sizes, from European technology platform on nanomedicine, Brussels 2005



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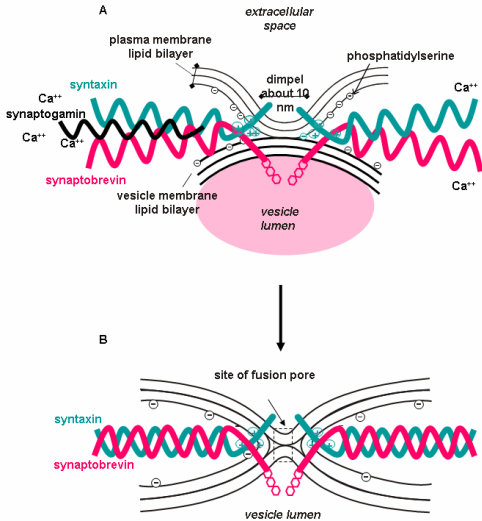
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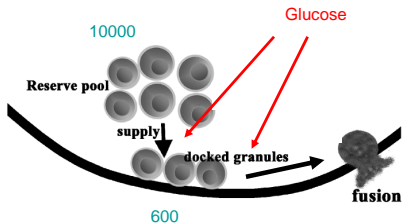


Bilayer membrane fusion



Basic Two-Pool Model for Exocytosis

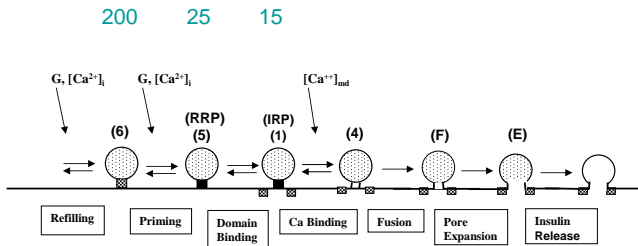
G.M. Grodsky, 1972



- First phase due to release of labile pool
- Second phase due to re-supply of labile pool



Chen-Wang-Sherman Model



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Ca^{++} Oscillations, directed in space and time

\mathcal{D} Alternating electrical field density of low frequency

$$f = \begin{cases} \sim 5 \text{ Hz} & \text{for } \beta \text{ cells} \\ \sim 100 \text{ Hz} & \text{for nerve cells} \end{cases}$$

\mathcal{E} Corresponding electrical field

\mathcal{H} Resulting magnetic field wave

\mathcal{B} Corresponding magnetic flux density $\mathcal{B} = \mu\mathcal{H}$, permeability $\mu = \mu_0\mu_r$, field amplitude $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$

X_C Capacitive reactance $X_C := 1/(\omega C)$

- $\omega = 2\pi f$, C capacitance
- Recall $Z = R - iX_C$ complex impedance
- Vanishing on amorphous outside cell neighbourhood and on cytosol
- **Forming the dimple implies decreasing X_C until X_C vanishes in the fusion pore**



Clearly separated regions

D_0 Amorphous outside

D_1 Plasma membrane

D_2 Cytosol

D_3 Vesicle membrane

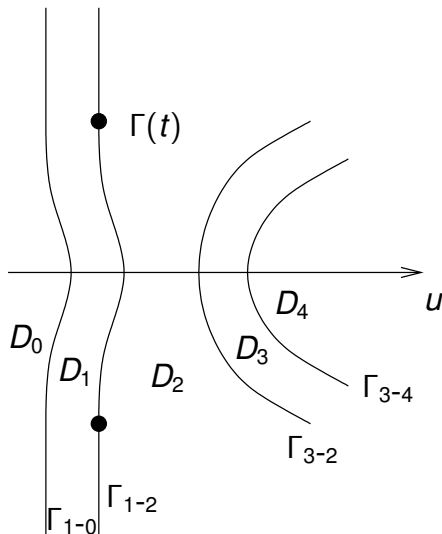
D_4 Vesicle lumen

- $\Gamma(t)$ Free boundary

- u displacement

($\{M_j\}$) Ca storage
organelles:
endoplasmic
reticulum (ER) and
mitochondria, to be
activated

(N) Cell nucleus



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$u(x, y, z, t)$ membrane displacement from equilibrium

$\Gamma = \{\Gamma(t), t\} = \text{boundary of } \{u=0\}$ free boundary

Forces $m \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \mathcal{F}_L + \mathcal{F}_T + \mathcal{F}_M$

- $\mathcal{F}_L = q\mathcal{E}_{\text{space}} + q(\mathbf{v} \times \mathcal{B}) - \gamma v_1$ Lorentz force
- \mathcal{F}_T Transmembrane proteins' force
- $\mathcal{F}_M = \frac{T_0}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - \frac{2}{T_1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ Visco-elastic force,
 ρ density, T_0 tension, T_1 relaxation time
- $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \ll 1$ quasi-static process
- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} > 0$ not assumed, i.e., flickering admitted

Normalized equation $\Delta u - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f$ on $u > 0$, f force density \implies
qualitative results on regularity of process by free
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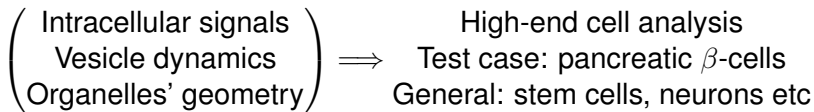
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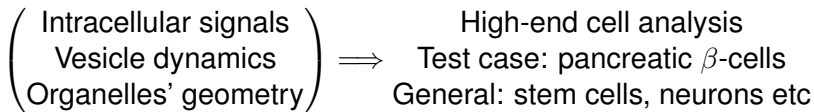


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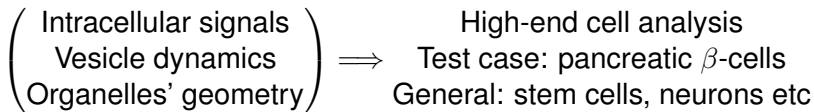


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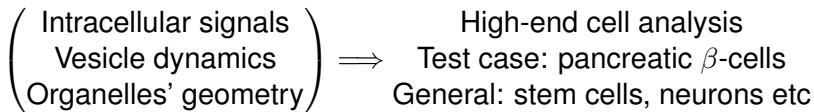


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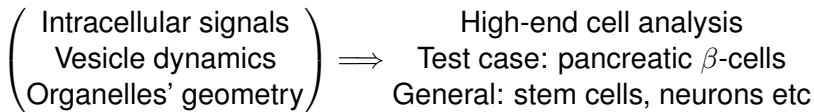


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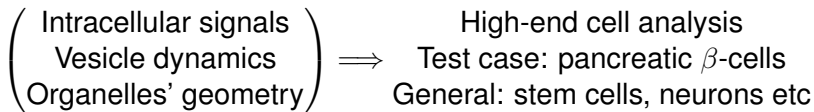


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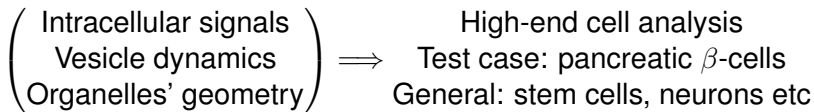


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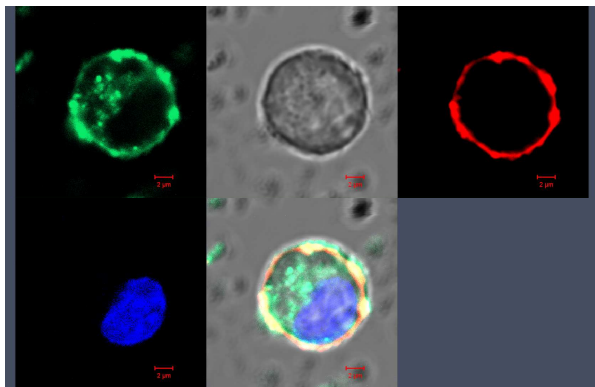


Appendix 4: In-vivo 5 minutes report, 100 nm beads

Break-through: successful electro-dynamic nano particle marking

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Experiment (29-12-2009) with 100nm Beads /micromod CLD



Cell-Type : Insulin secreting cells (Ins-1)

Beads



Nucleus

