

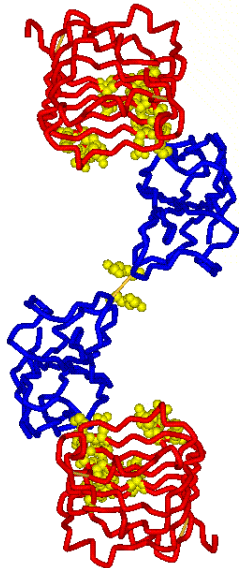
Understanding diabetes pathogenesis: the need for systems biology

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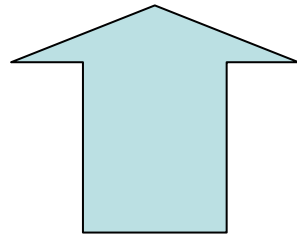


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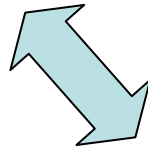
Systems biology of diabetes



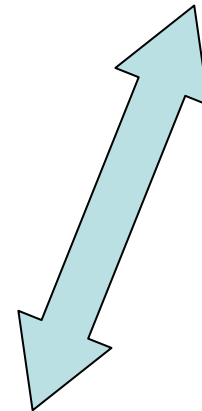
**Structural biology of
ligands and receptors
of the insulin/IGF
peptide family**



Kinetic modelling



Signal transduction specificity



Theme of the talk:

Reductionist approaches have failed to provide an understanding of the pathogenesis of diabetes mellitus, methods to prevent it or cure it, and an adequate pipeline of drugs to treat it optimally.

A systems biology approach is warranted.

What is systems biology?

A scientific discipline that endeavours to quantify all the molecular elements of a biological system to assess their interactions and to integrate that information into models that explain and predict **emergent behaviours** that cannot be understood by looking at the properties of the **individual components of the system.**



Disease like diabetes mellitus



Candidate genes

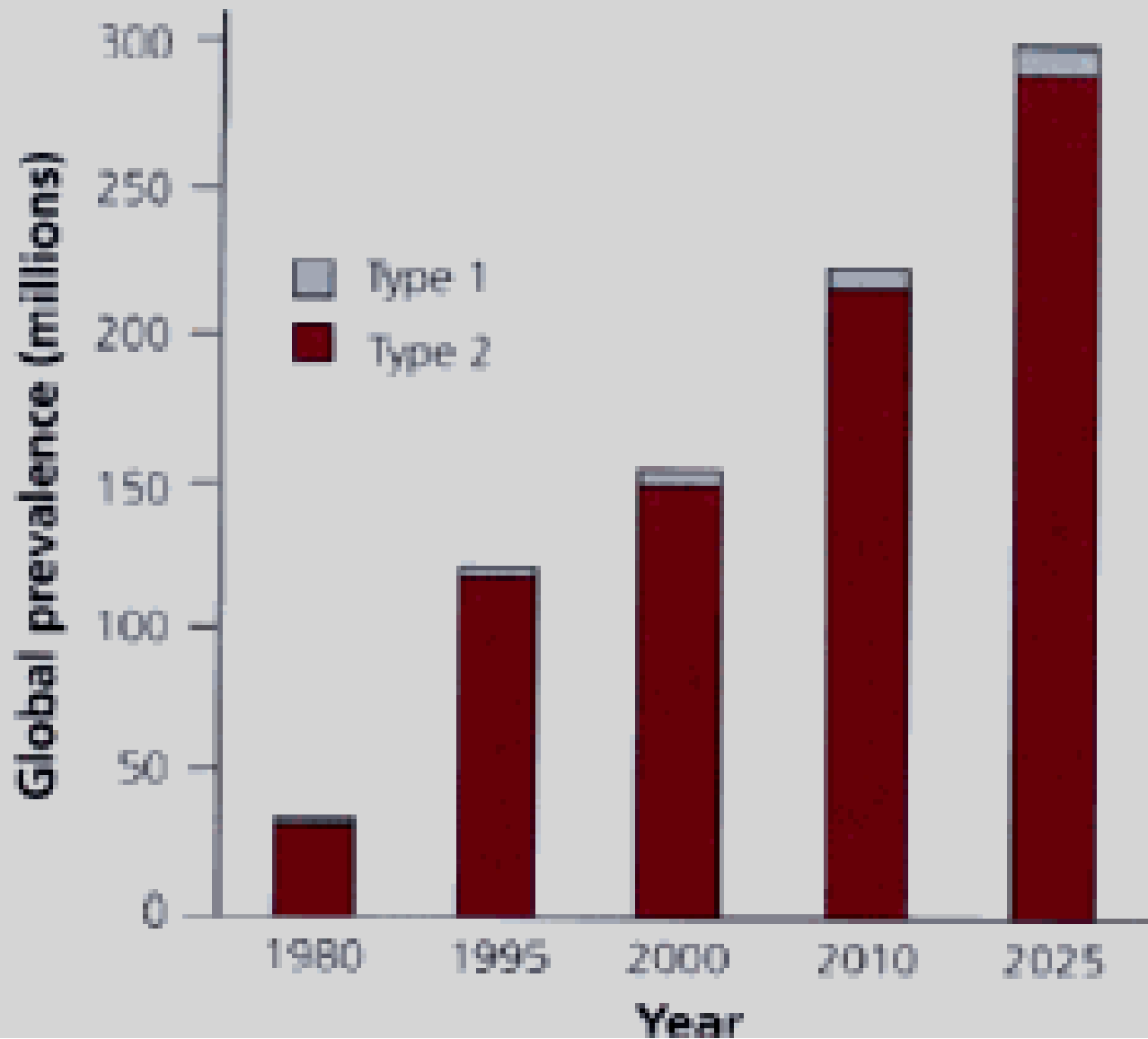
Traditional thinking about diabetes

- **Find "the" cause**
- **Find "the" cure**

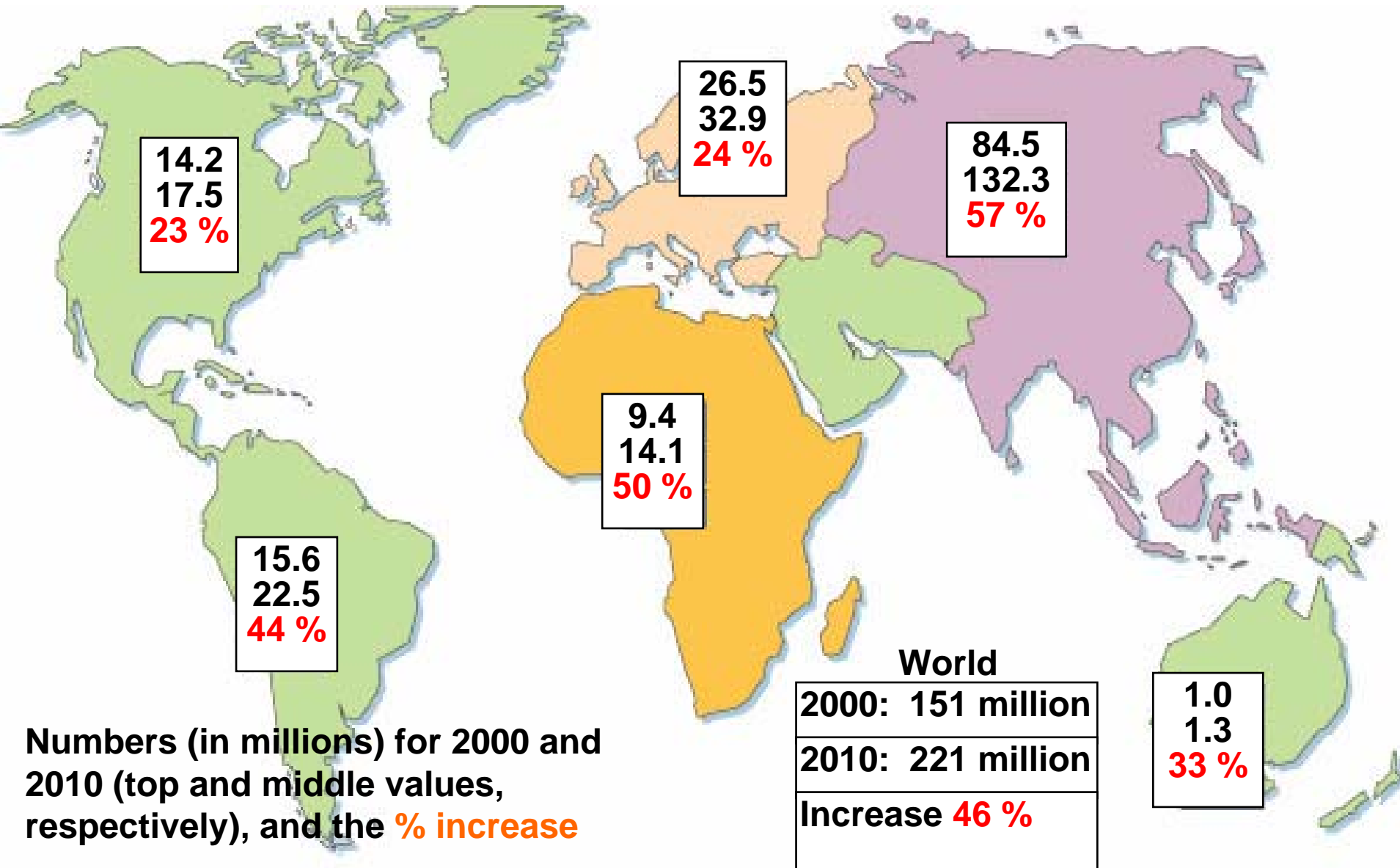
Current status

- **Pathogenesis unknown**
- **Few drugs**
- **No cure**
- **No prediction**
- **No prevention**
- **Type 2 diabetes epidemics**

Estimated global prevalence of type 1 and type 2 diabetes



Diabetes - a world epidemics



Numbers (in millions) for 2000 and 2010 (top and middle values, respectively), and the % increase

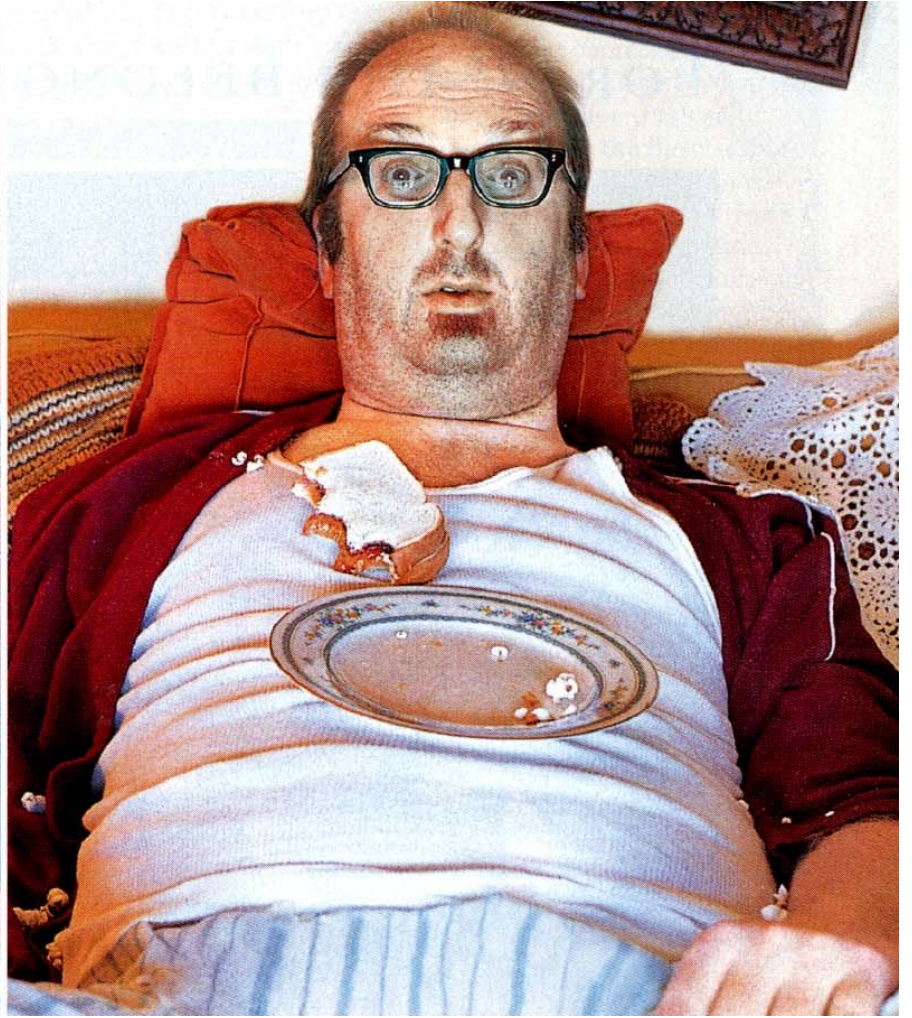
**You don't need to be a
systems biologist to
understand why...**

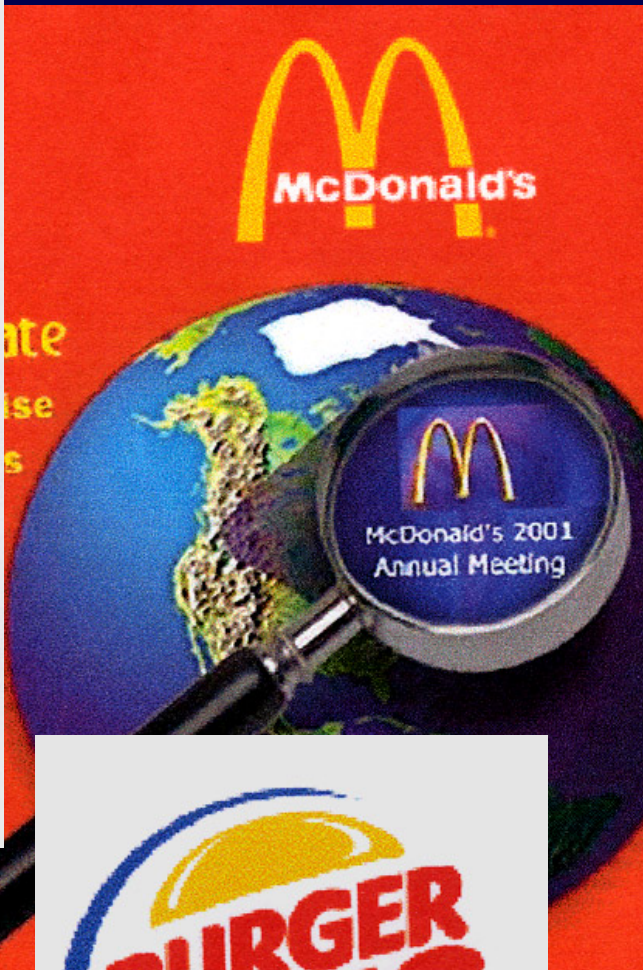


The Lancet, 19 May 2001

Zur falschen Zeit am falschen Ort im falschen Job?

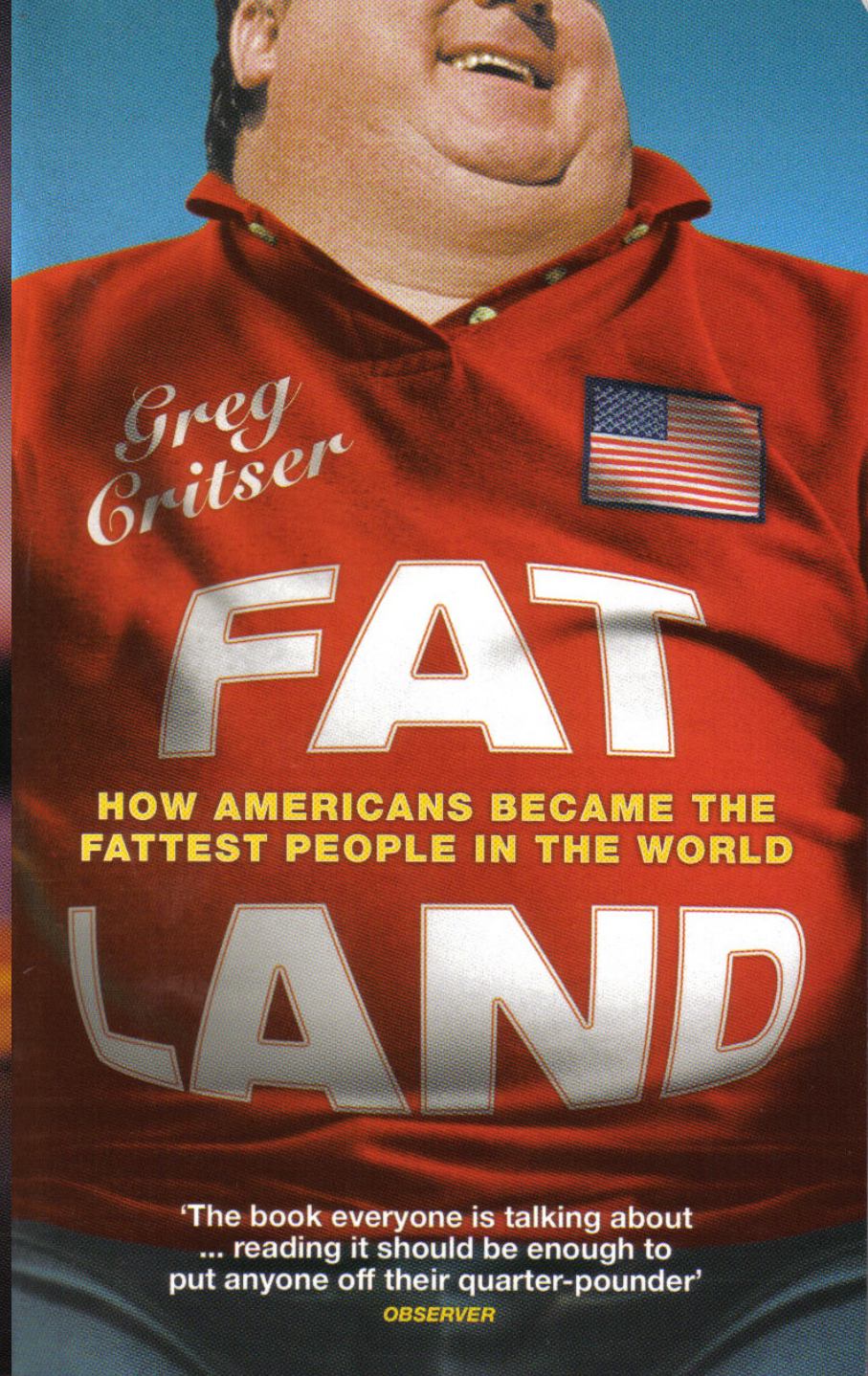








The Dark Side of the All-American Meal



Greg Critser

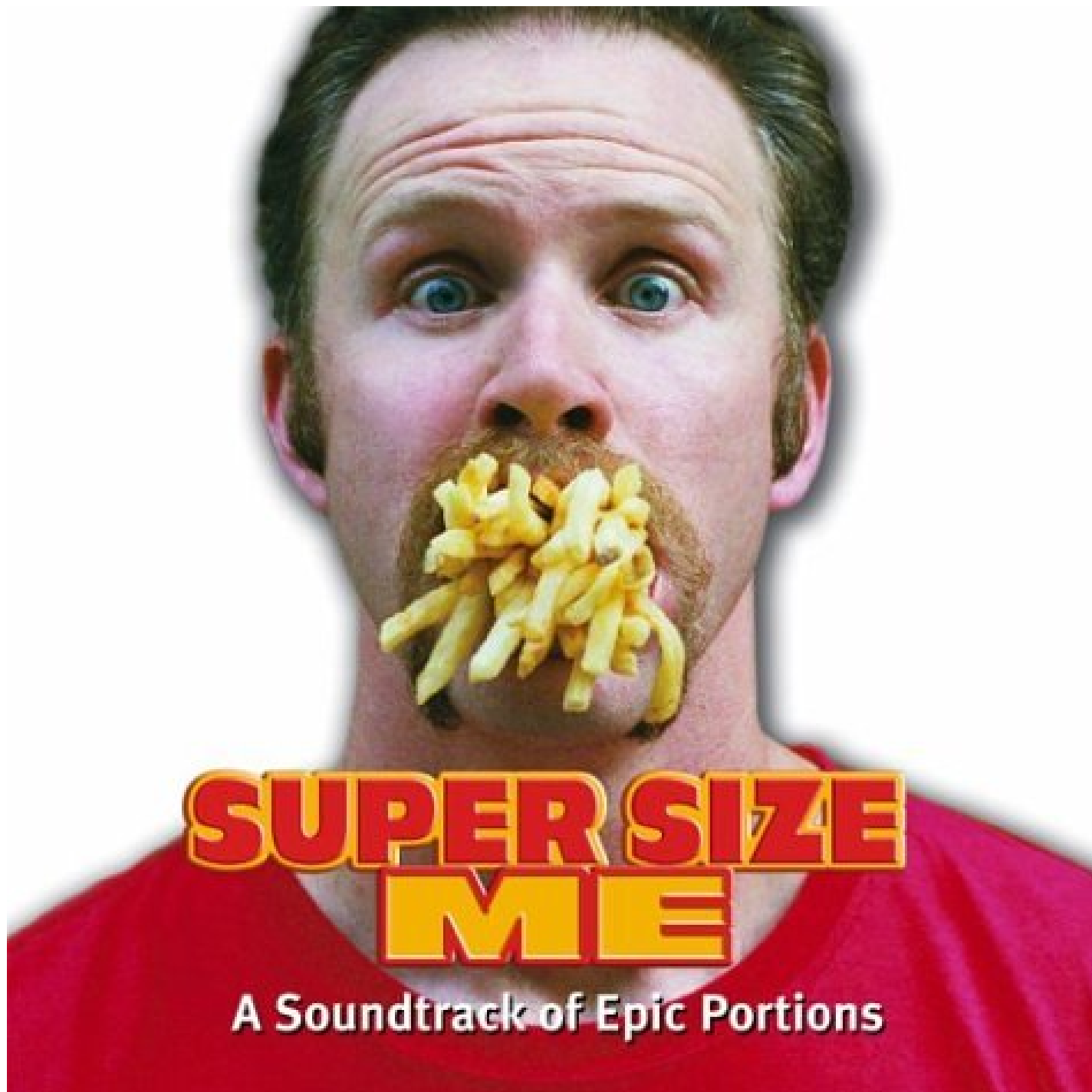
FAT

**HOW AMERICANS BECAME THE
FATTEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD**

LAND

'The book everyone is talking about
... reading it should be enough to
put anyone off their quarter-pounder'

OBSERVER



SUPER SIZE ME

A Soundtrack of Epic Portions

Mireille Guiliano

French
Women
Don't Get
Fat



The Secret of Eating
for Pleasure





Exercise!

What causes type 2 diabetes?

The beta cells do not produce enough insulin

The target cells (muscle, fat, liver) do not respond well to insulin

Genes

Nutrition

Lifestyle

Environment

Conventional wisdom regarding the respective roles of insulin resistance and beta cell function in type 2 diabetes

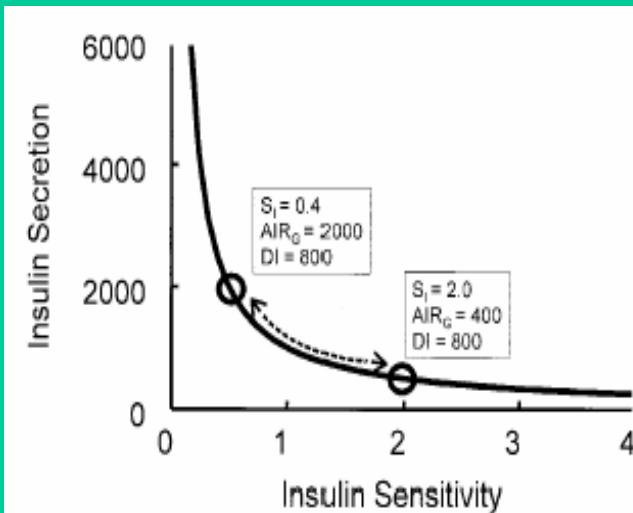
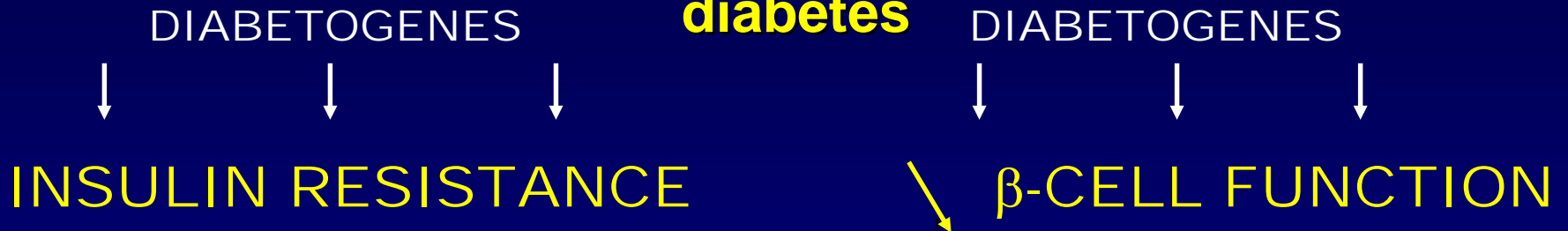


FIG. 1. The hyperbolic sensitivity/secretion curve. It is envisioned that, in the course of environmentally induced reductions in insulin sensitivity, "normal" pancreatic islets would respond by upregulation of the β -cells' sensitivity to glucose. In the example shown, individuals with an S_I of $2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ min}^{-1} \text{ per pmol/l}$ and first-phase insulin response (AIR_G) of 400 pmol/l would have a disposition index [defined as the product ($S_I \times AIR_G$)] of 800 . Reduction in insulin sensitivity (for example, to $0.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ min}^{-1} \text{ per pmol/l}$) would result in upregulation of AIR_G to $2,000 \text{ pmol/l}$, with the DI remaining constant at 800 . Reduction in insulin sensitivity may be due to one of several factors, including pregnancy, increased adiposity, and puberty.

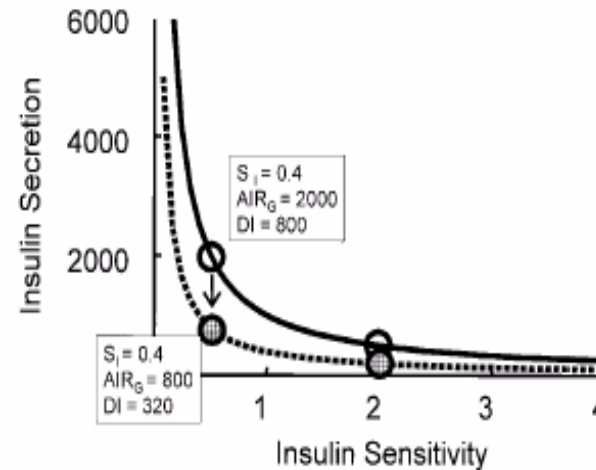
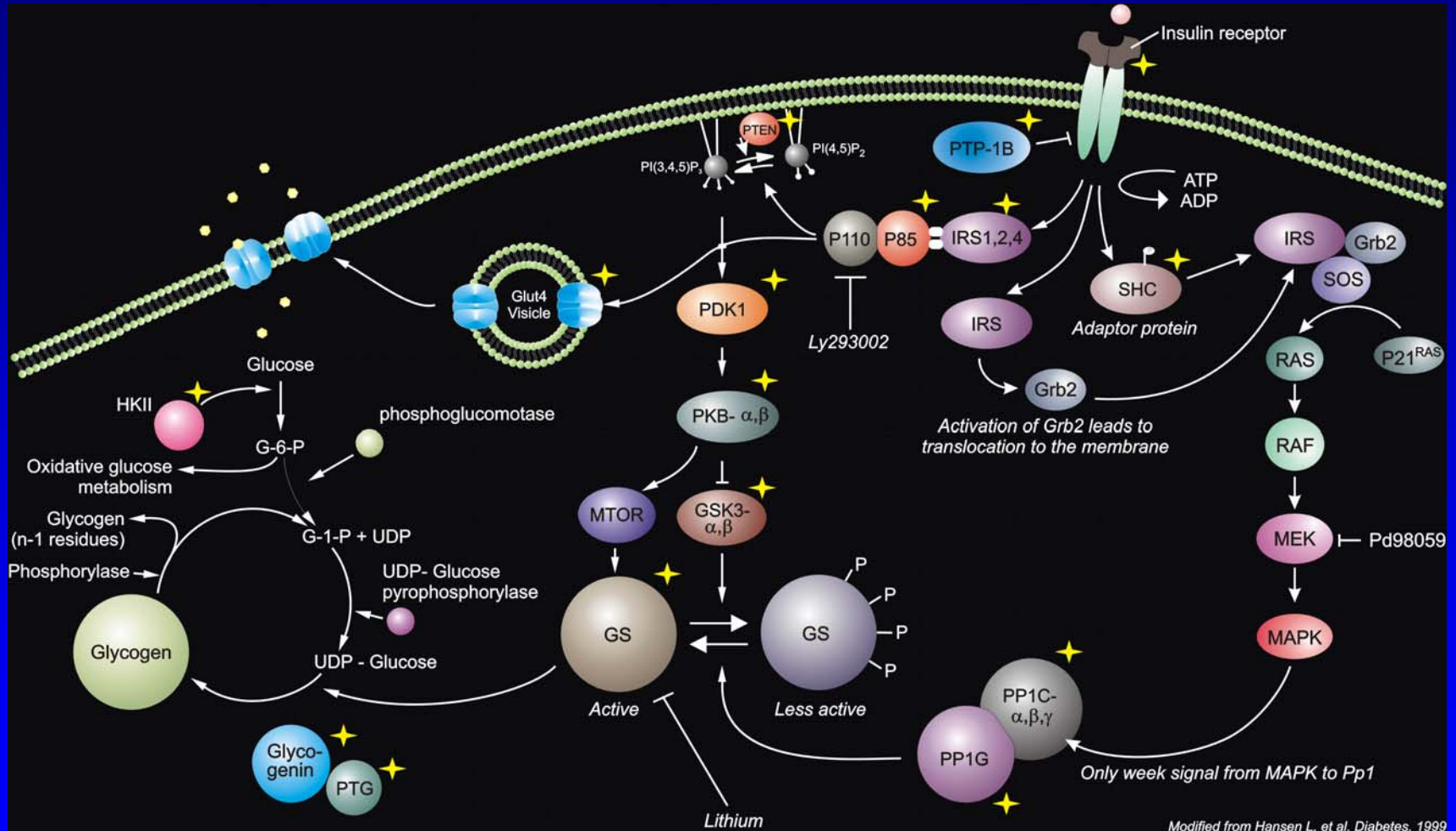


FIG. 2. Curves of "normal" individuals (\odot) versus individuals with a β -cell defect (\oplus). Note that at elevated insulin sensitivity ($S_I \sim 2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ min}^{-1} \text{ per pmol/l}$), it would be difficult to detect differences in insulin response, as the AIR_G is relatively low due to the minimal stress on the β -cells. When insulin resistance is present ($S_I = 0.4$), there is a clearer differentiation between AIR_G values, making it easier to differentiate β -cell function in individuals of similar reduced insulin resistance (14).

by insulin resistance. Under resistant conditions (e.g., $S_I = 0.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ min}^{-1} \text{ per pmol/l}$), the difference between

The signal transduction defect(s) in type 2 diabetes: understanding the combinatorial nature of signalling

Screening for candidate type 2 diabetogenes affecting insulin signal transduction

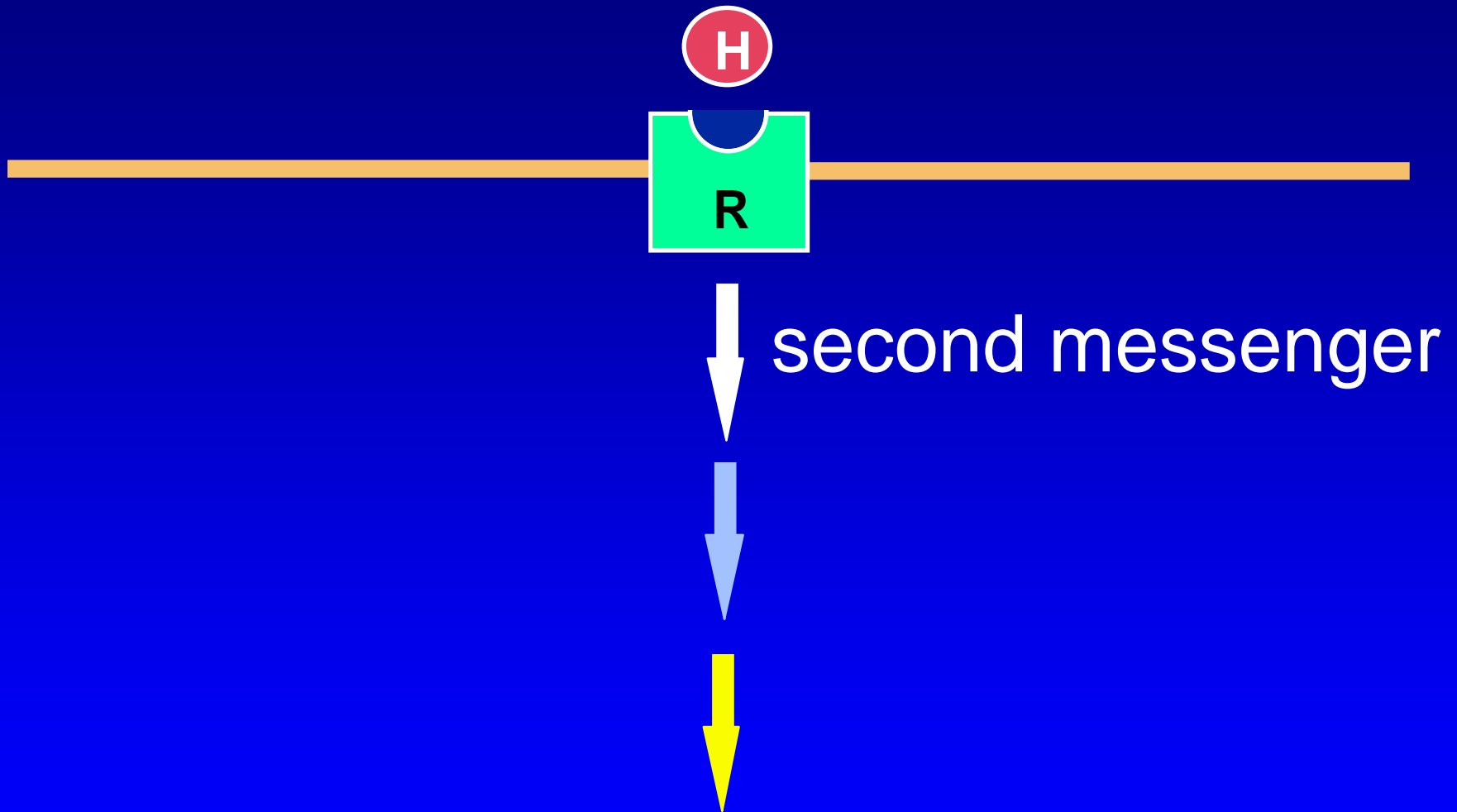


Picture from Jan Nygaard Jensen and Oluf B. Pedersen, Steno Diabetes Center, Gentofte, Denmark

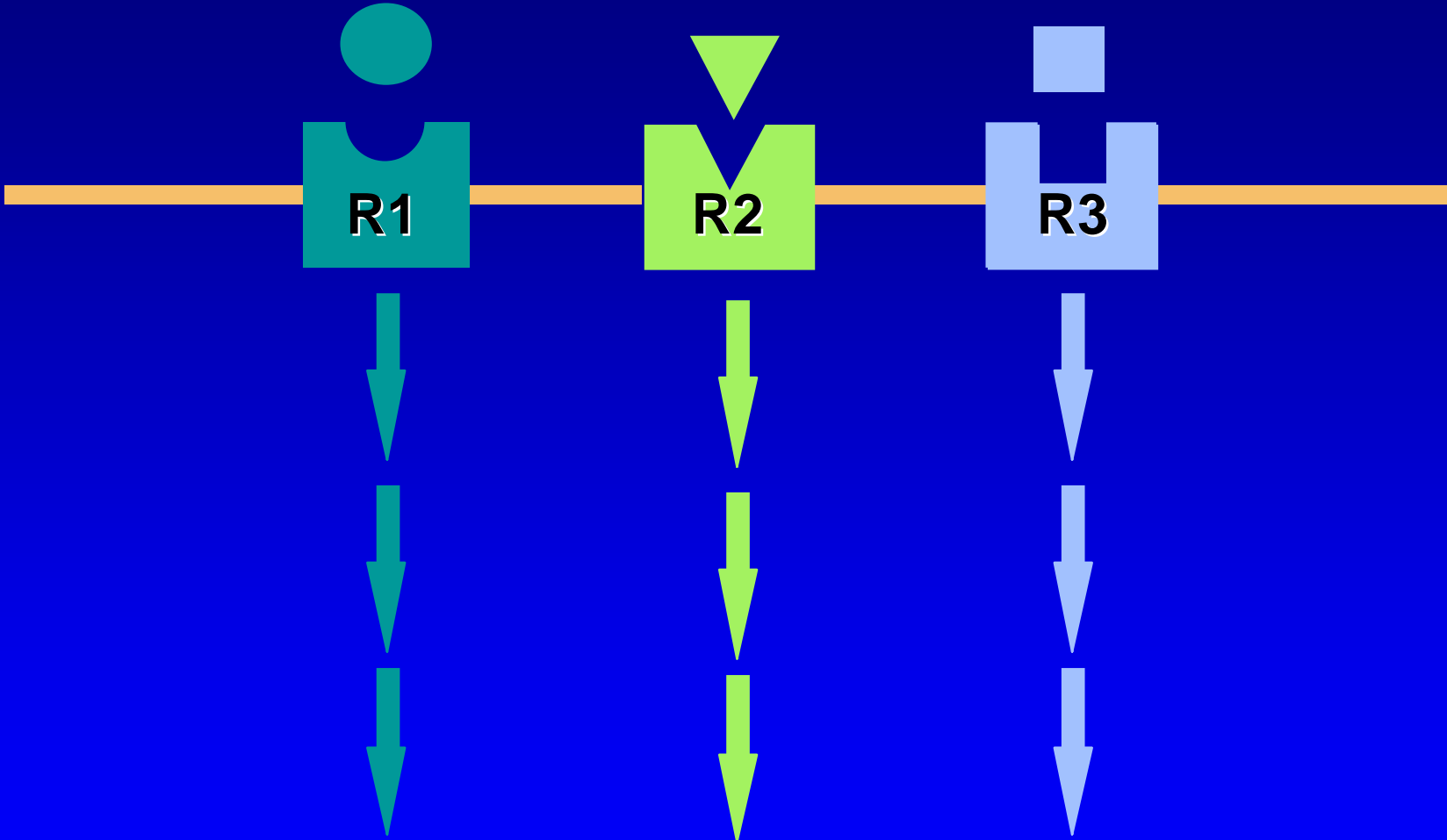
Systems biology of signal transduction:

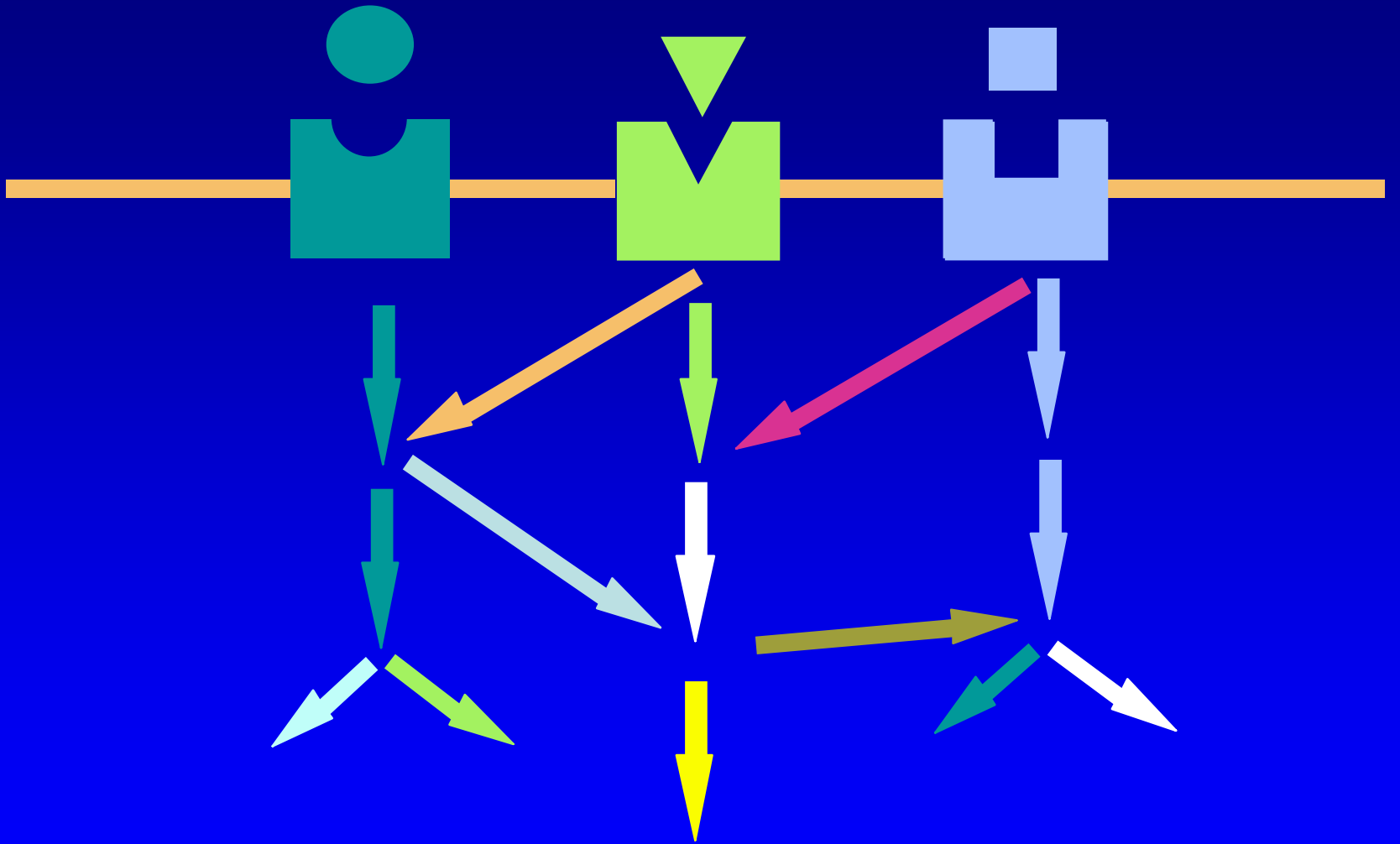
**From linear thinking to
four-dimensional thinking**

Signal transduction in the 60's

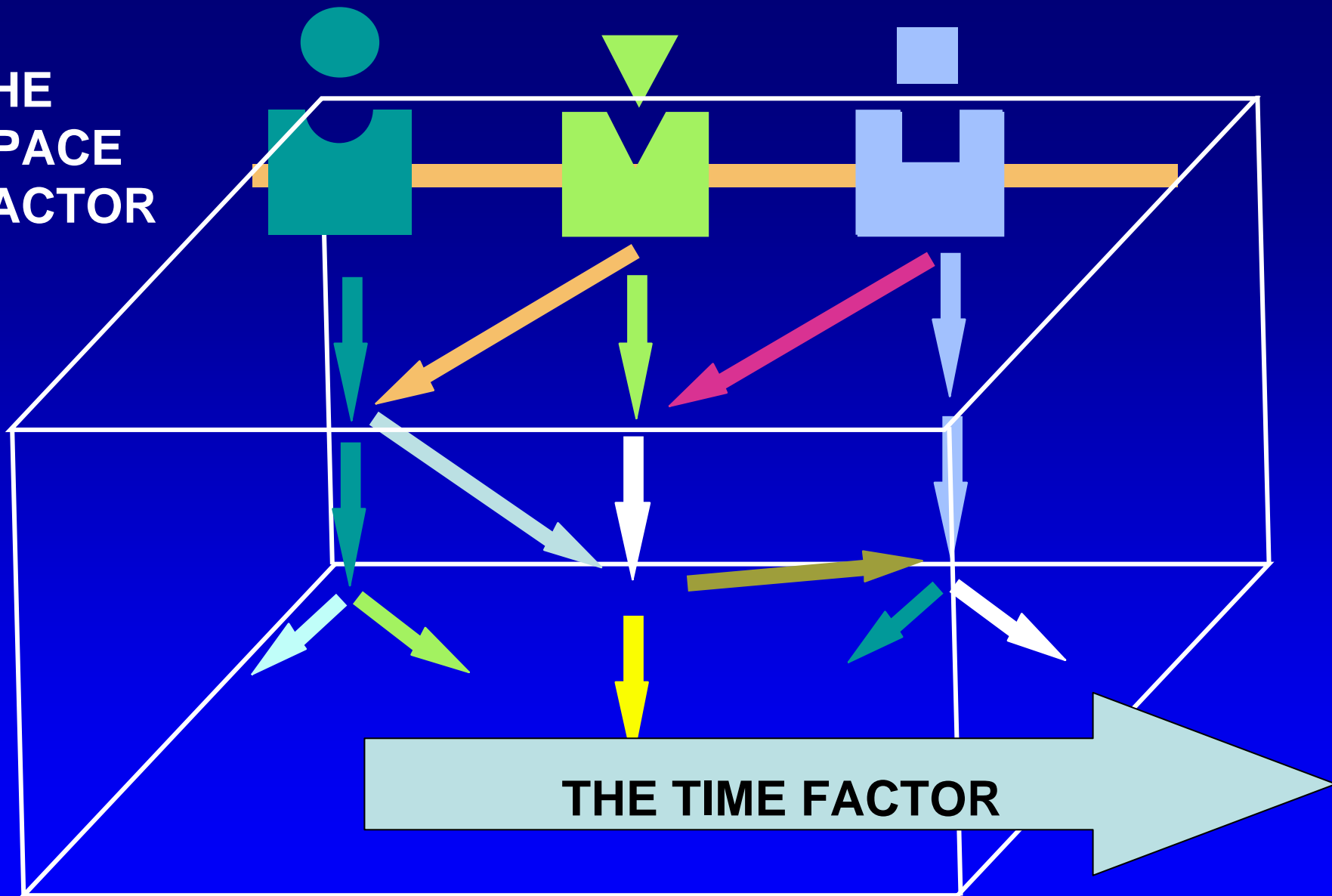


Earl Sutherland, Nobel laureate 1971





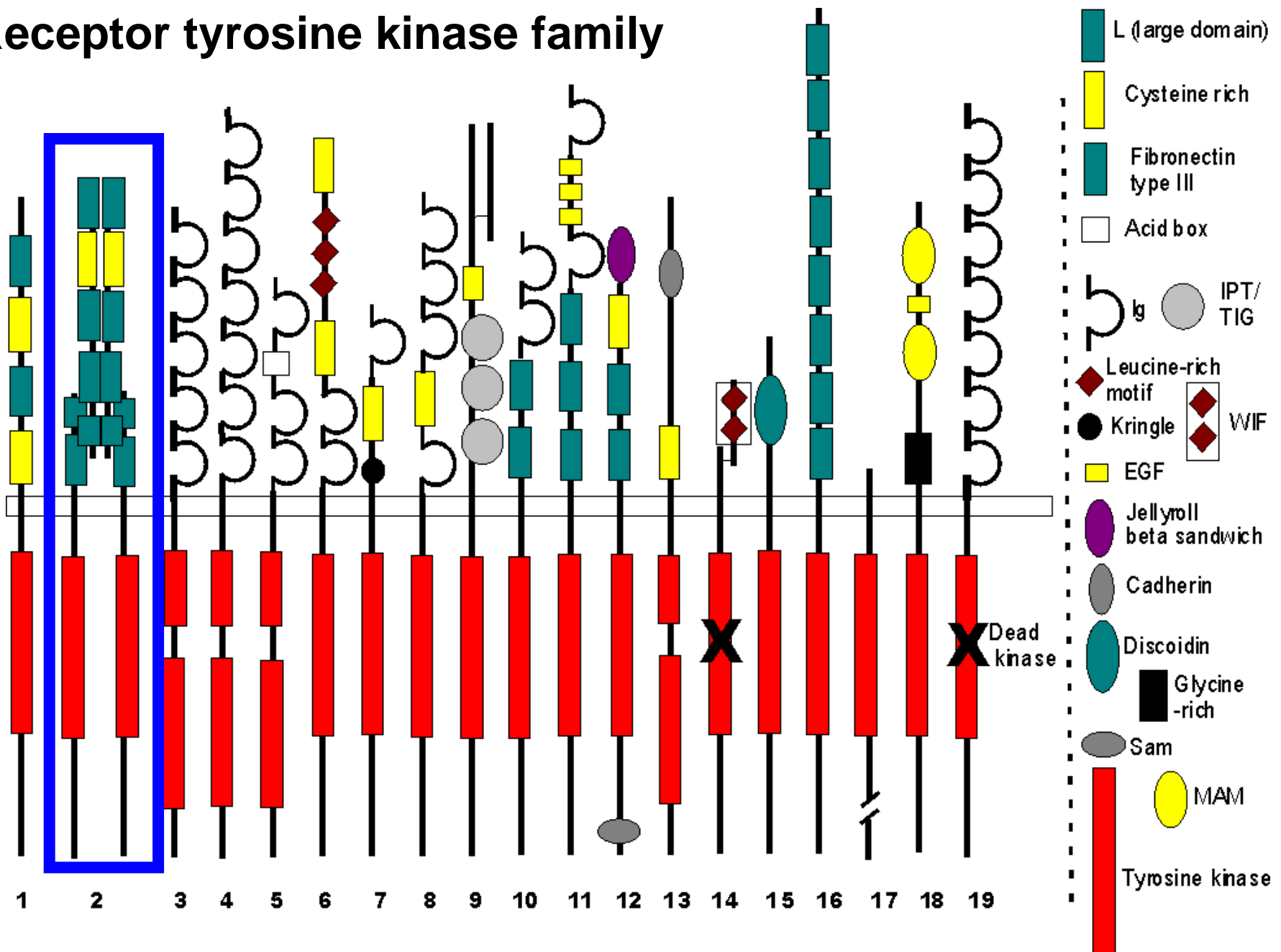
**THE
SPACE
FACTOR**



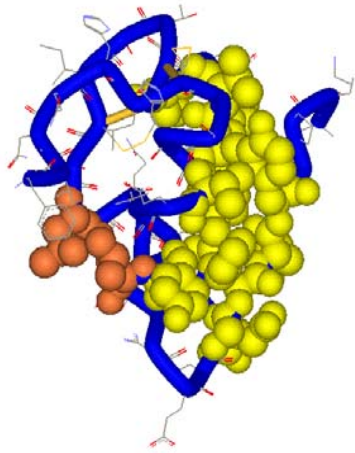
THE TIME FACTOR

Combinatorial nature of signaling specificity

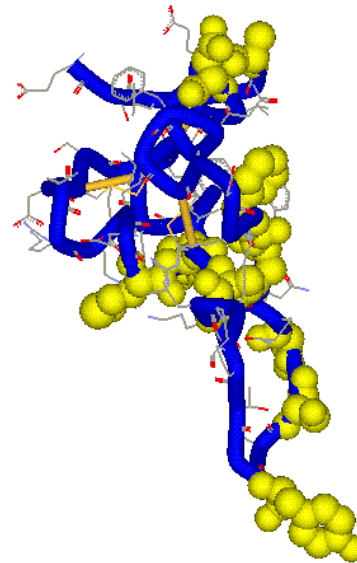
Receptor tyrosine kinase family



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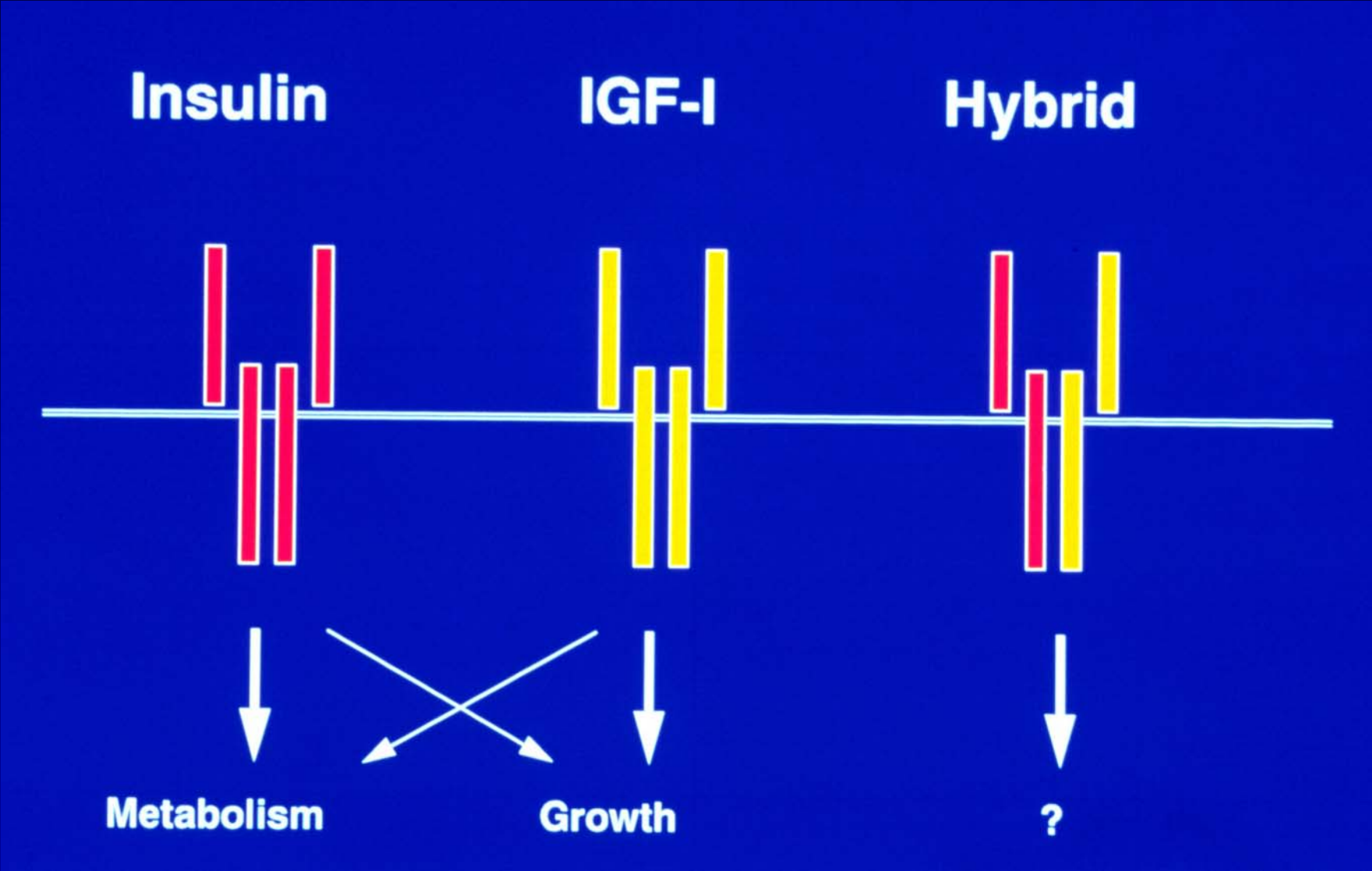


Insulin



IGF-I

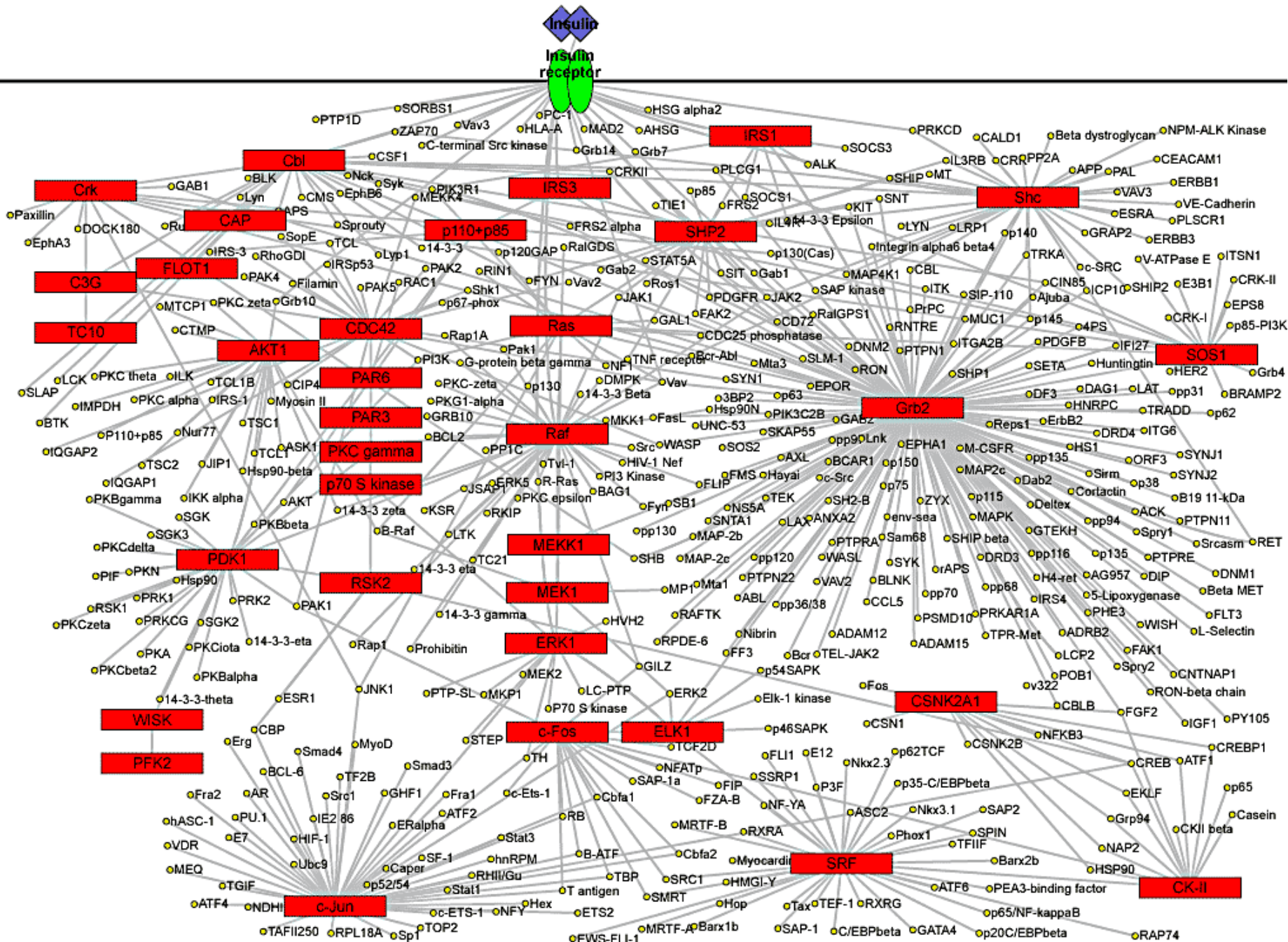
Conventional wisdom on insulin vs IGF-I actions

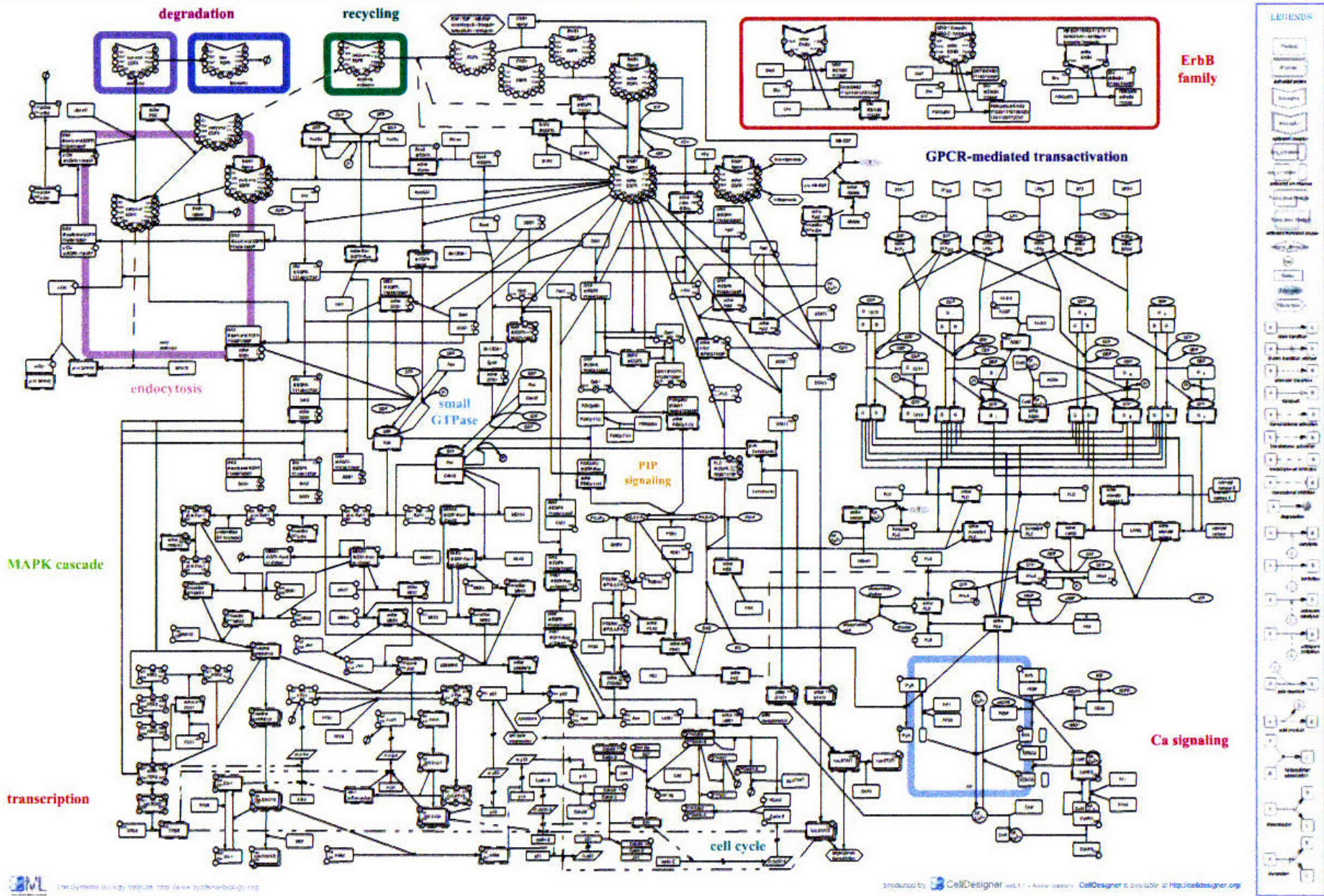


Genetic evidence for distinct roles of insulin and IGF-I receptors

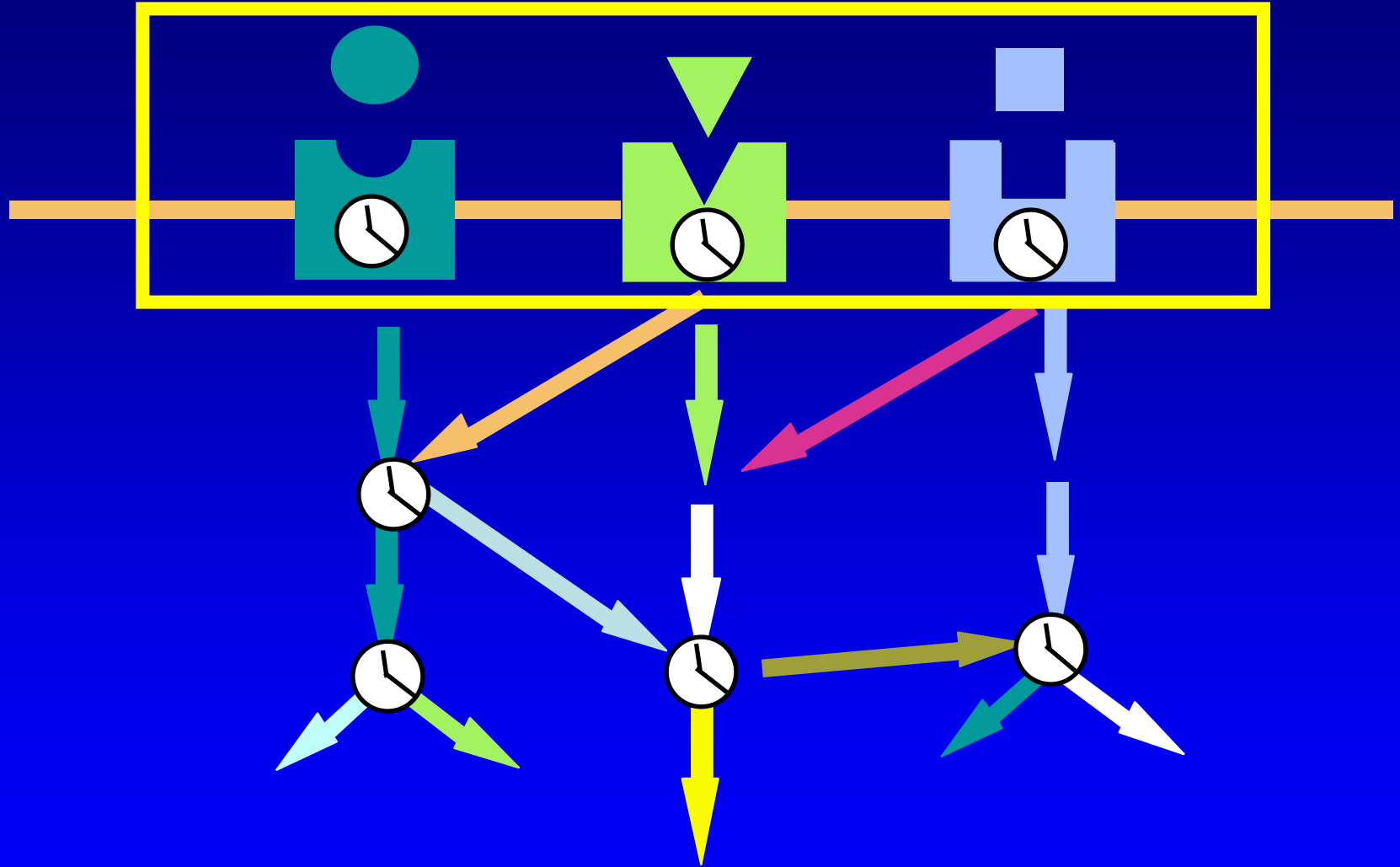
- *Ir*^{-/-} mice are born with almost **normal size** (90%) but die within a few days with severe hyperglycemia and diabetic ketoacidosis.
- *Igf1r*^{-/-} are born **severely growth retarded** (45%) and die within minutes of respiratory failure; they have multiple abnormalities including muscular hypoplasia, delayed ossification and thin epidermis. Also mild hyperglycemia and decreased beta cell mass.

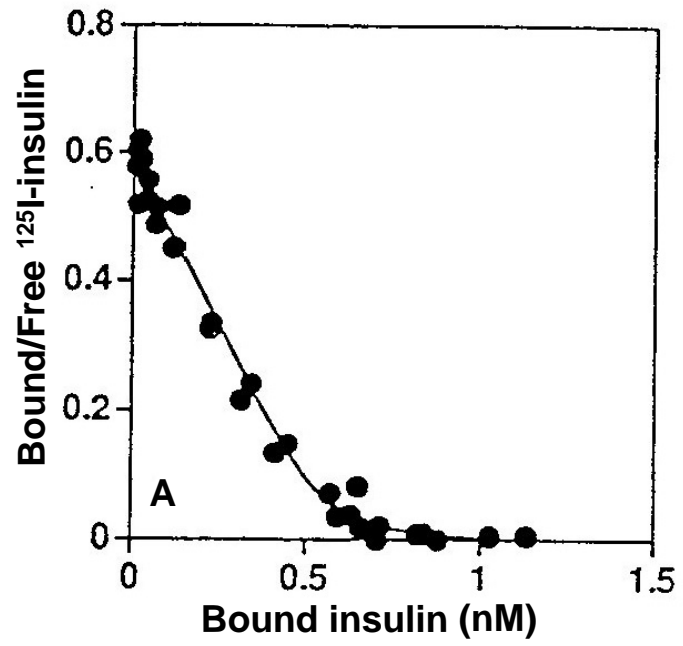
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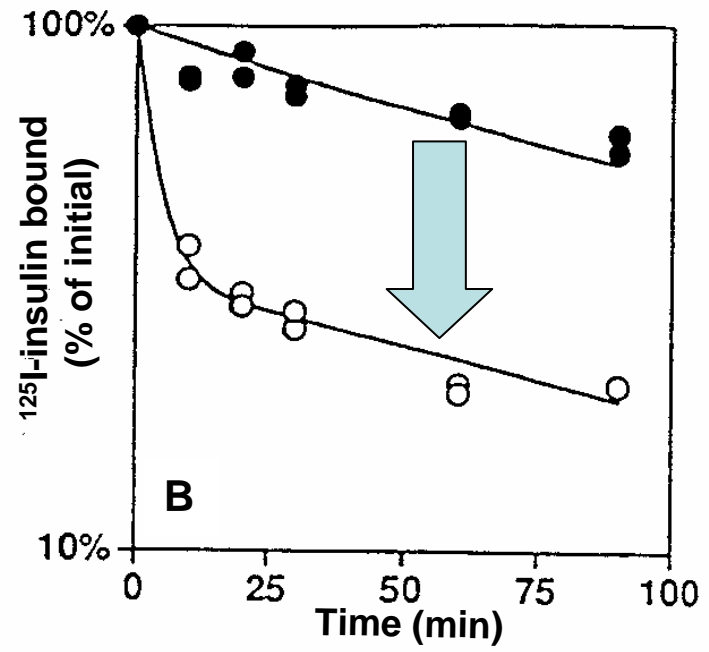
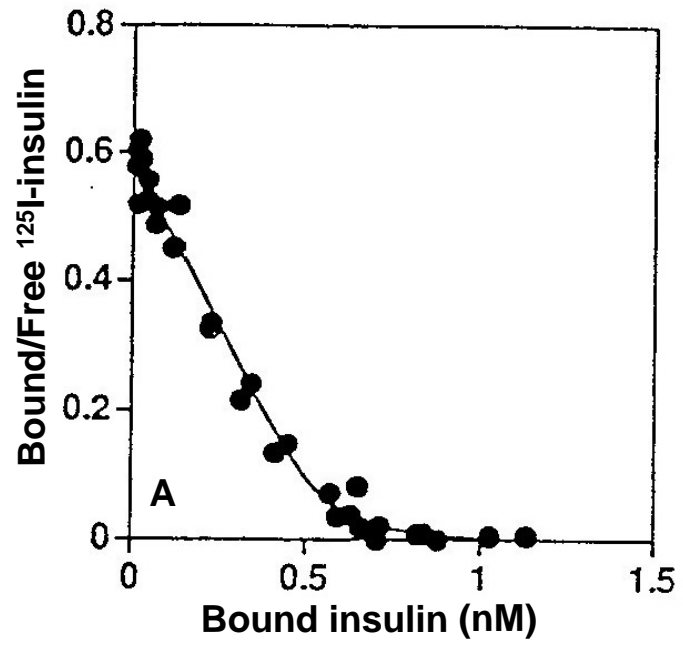


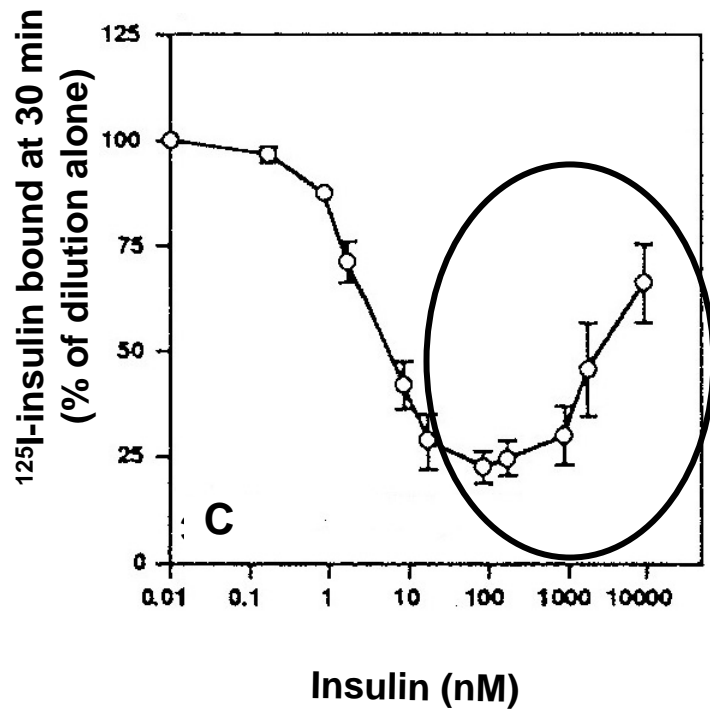
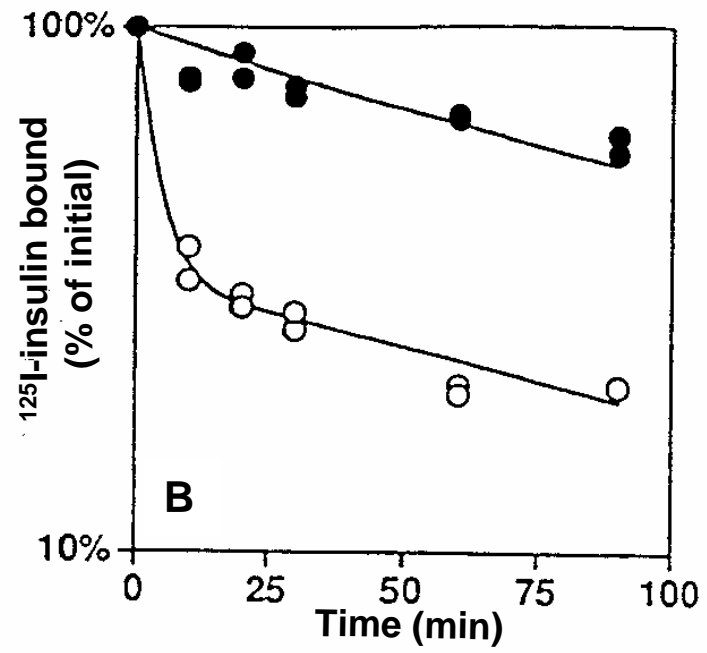
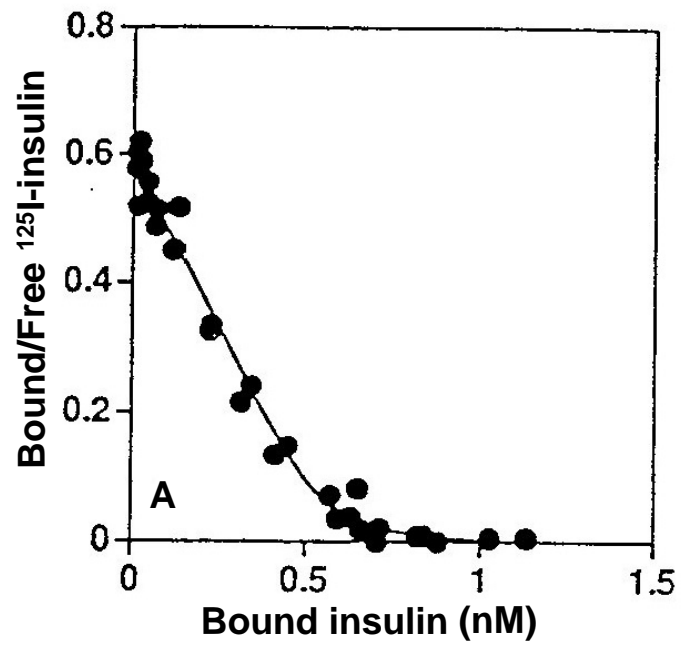
The time factor in signaling specificity

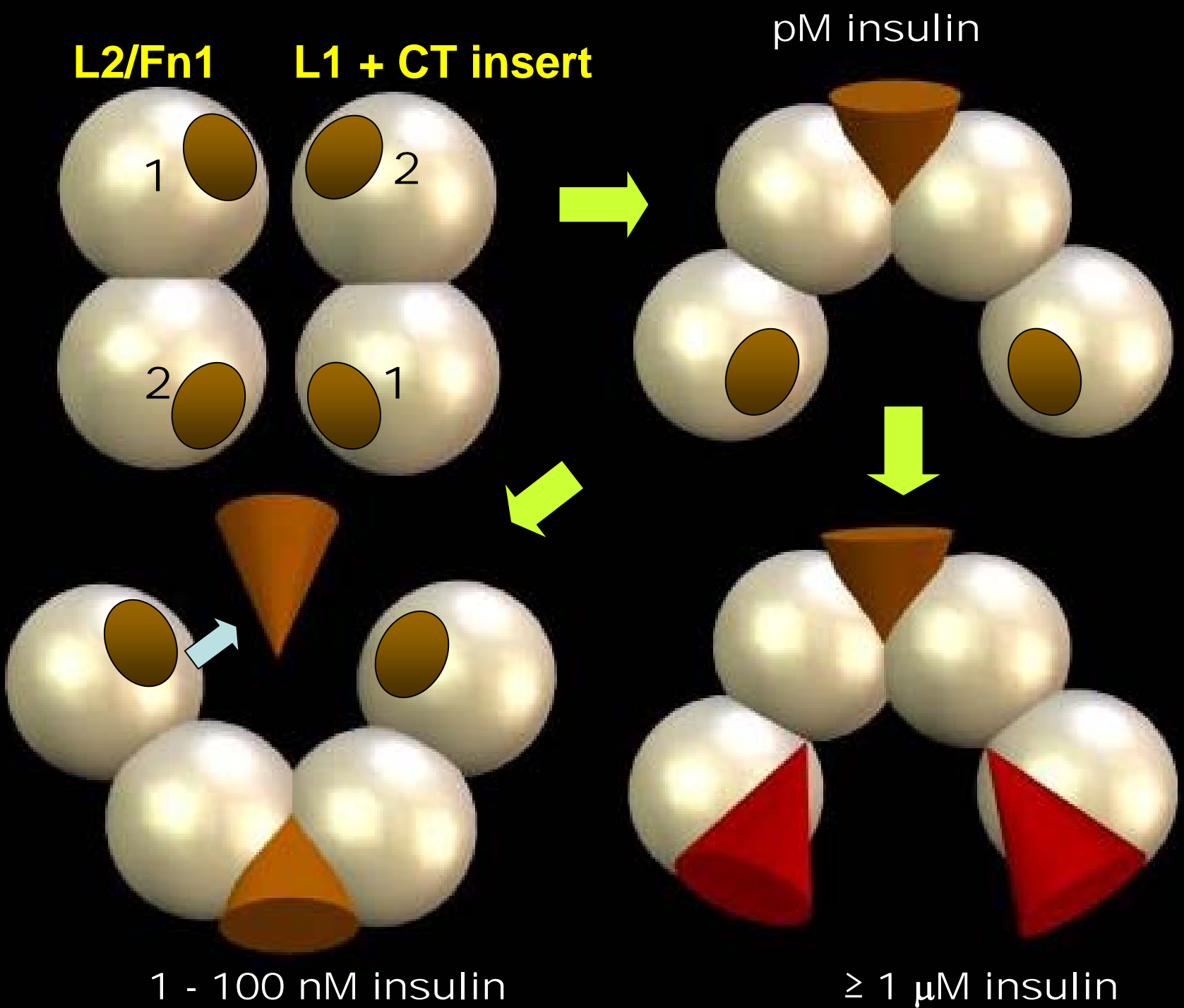




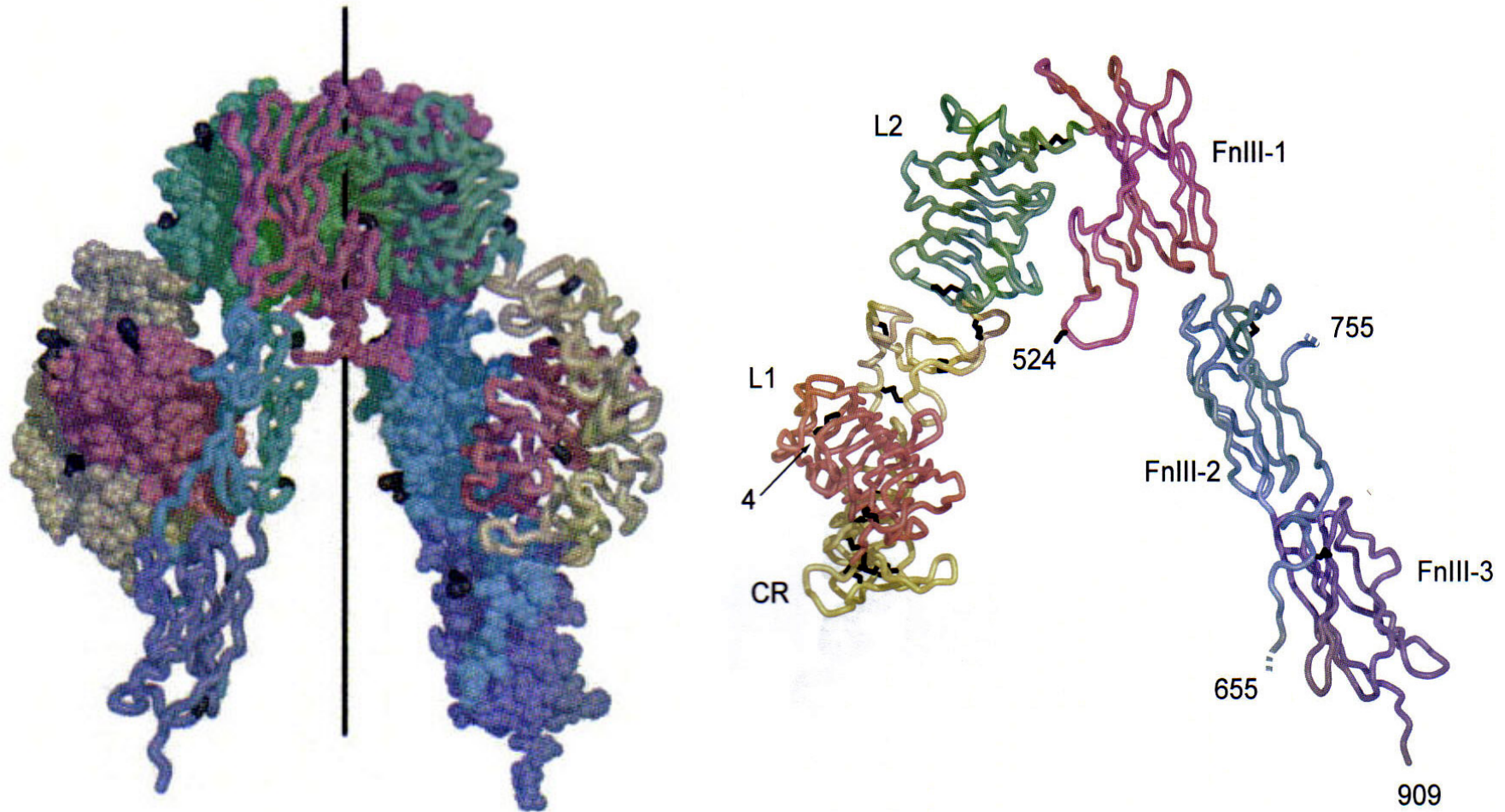
Scatchard plot of insulin binding





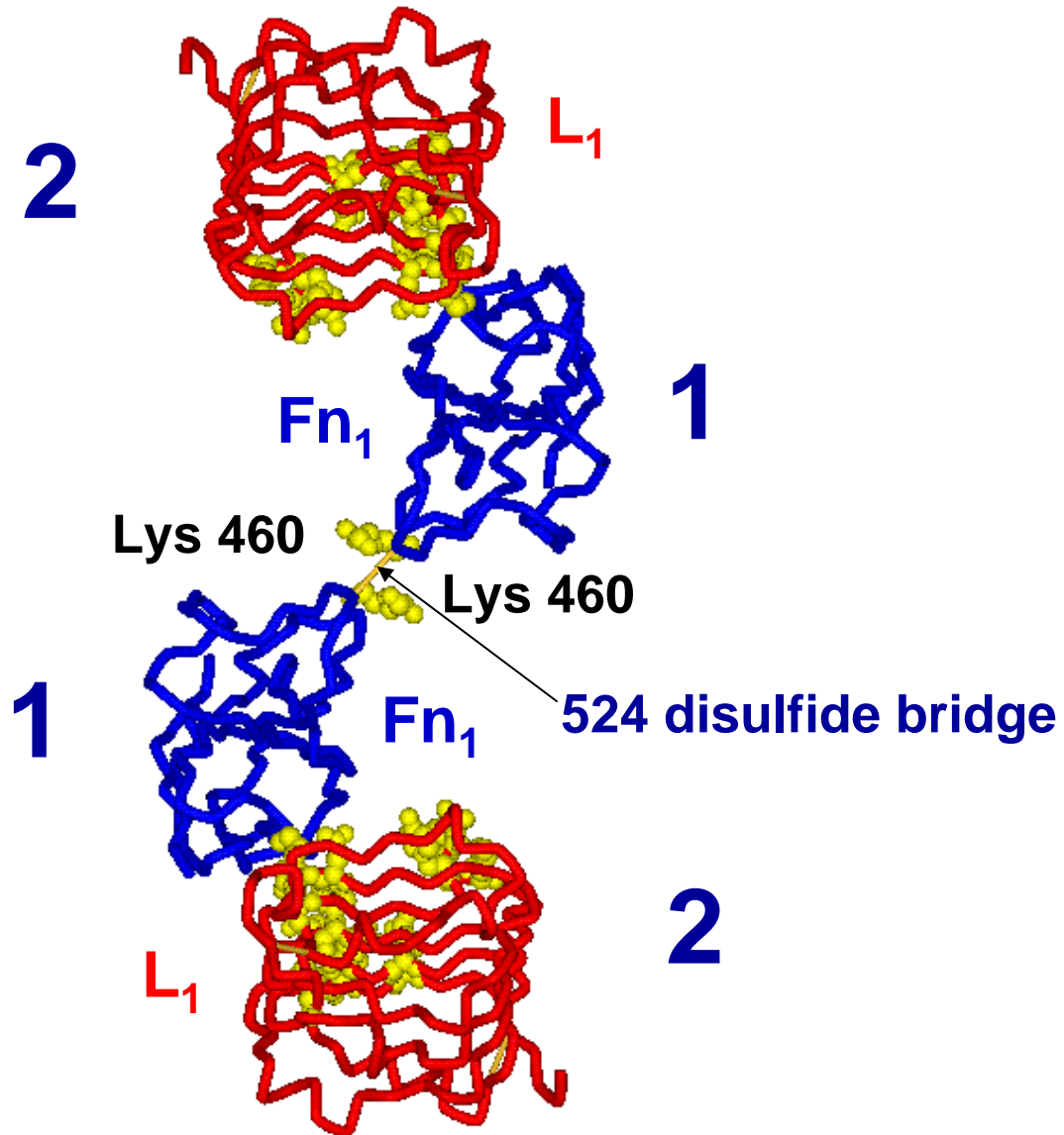


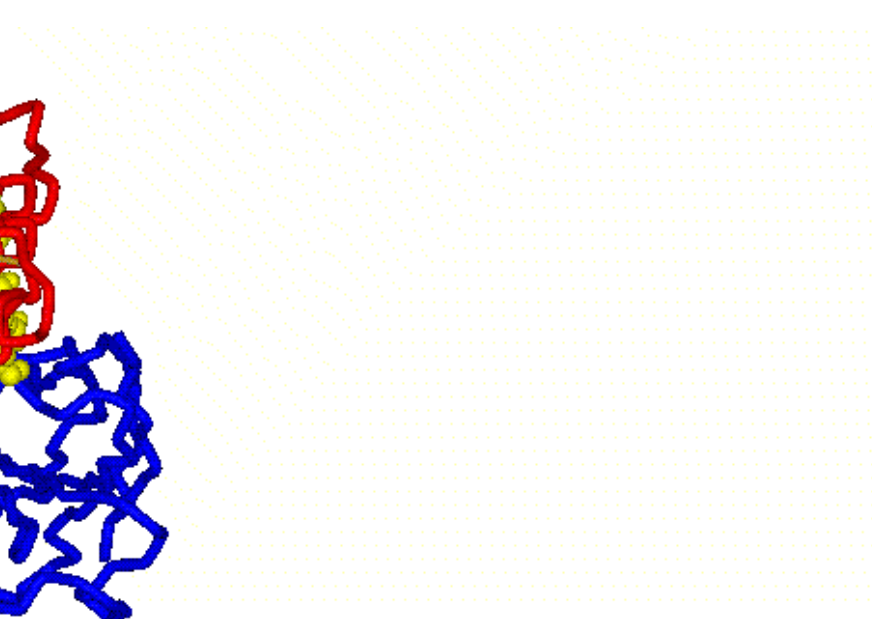
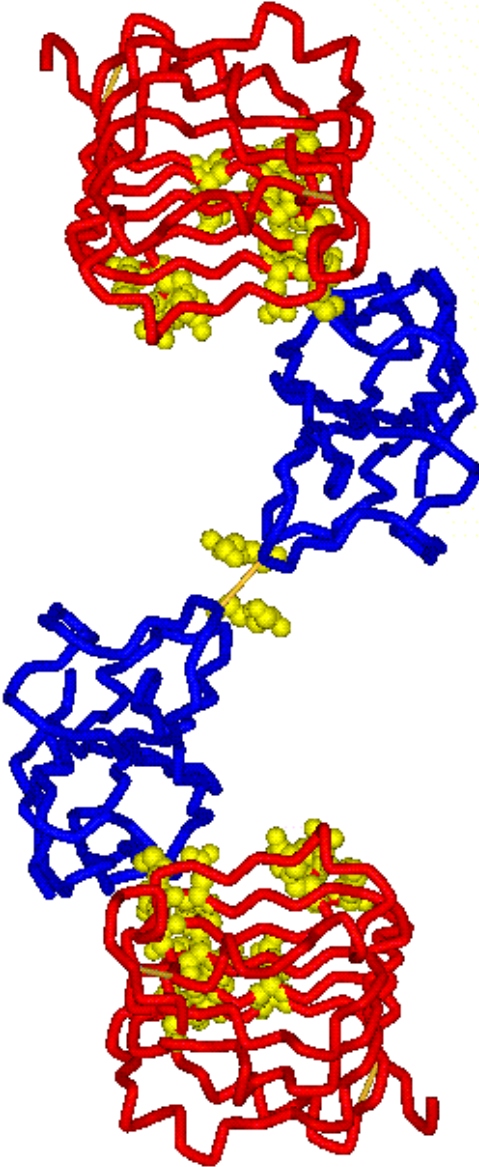
Crystal structure of the insulin receptor ectodomain



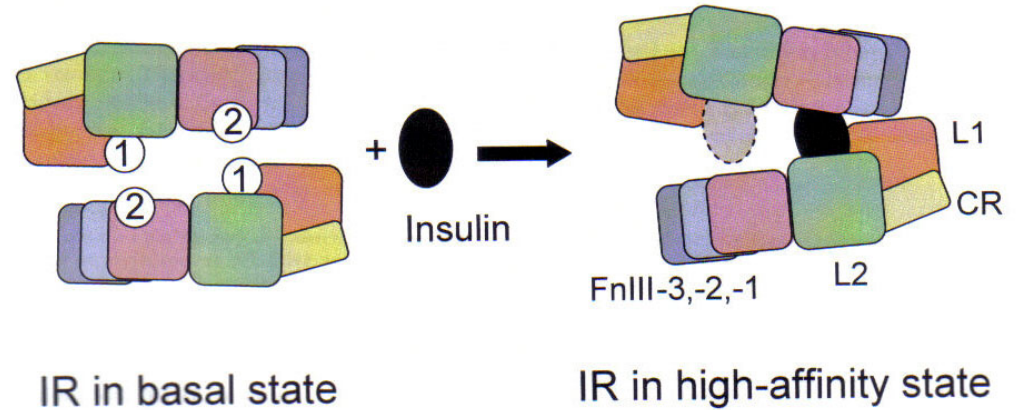
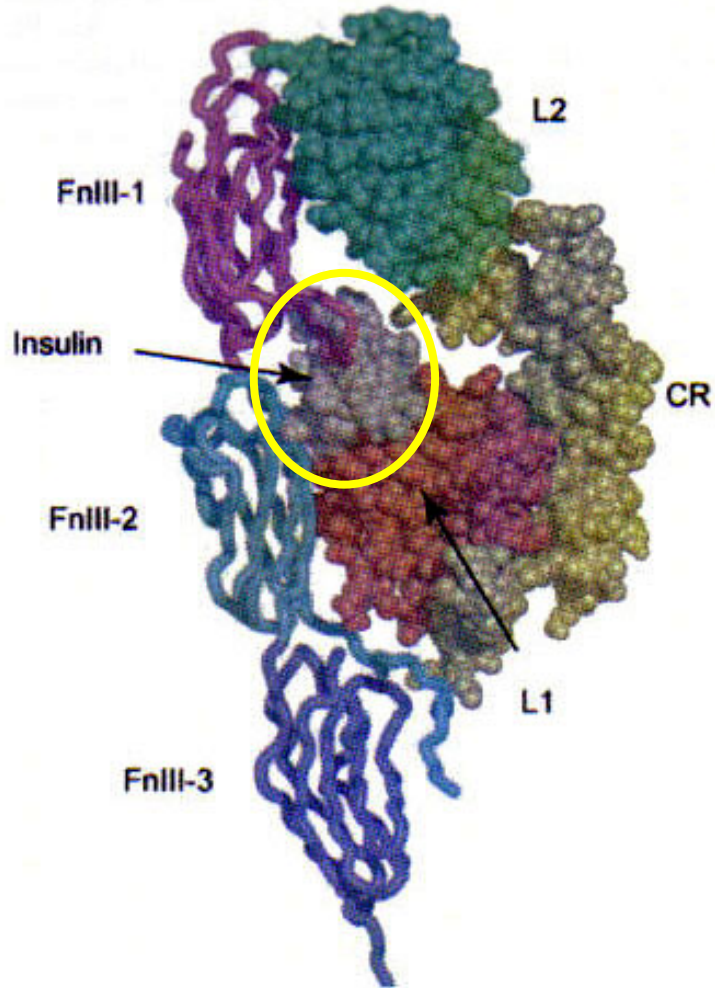
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The architecture of negative cooperativity: antiparallel disposition of the four ligand binding sites

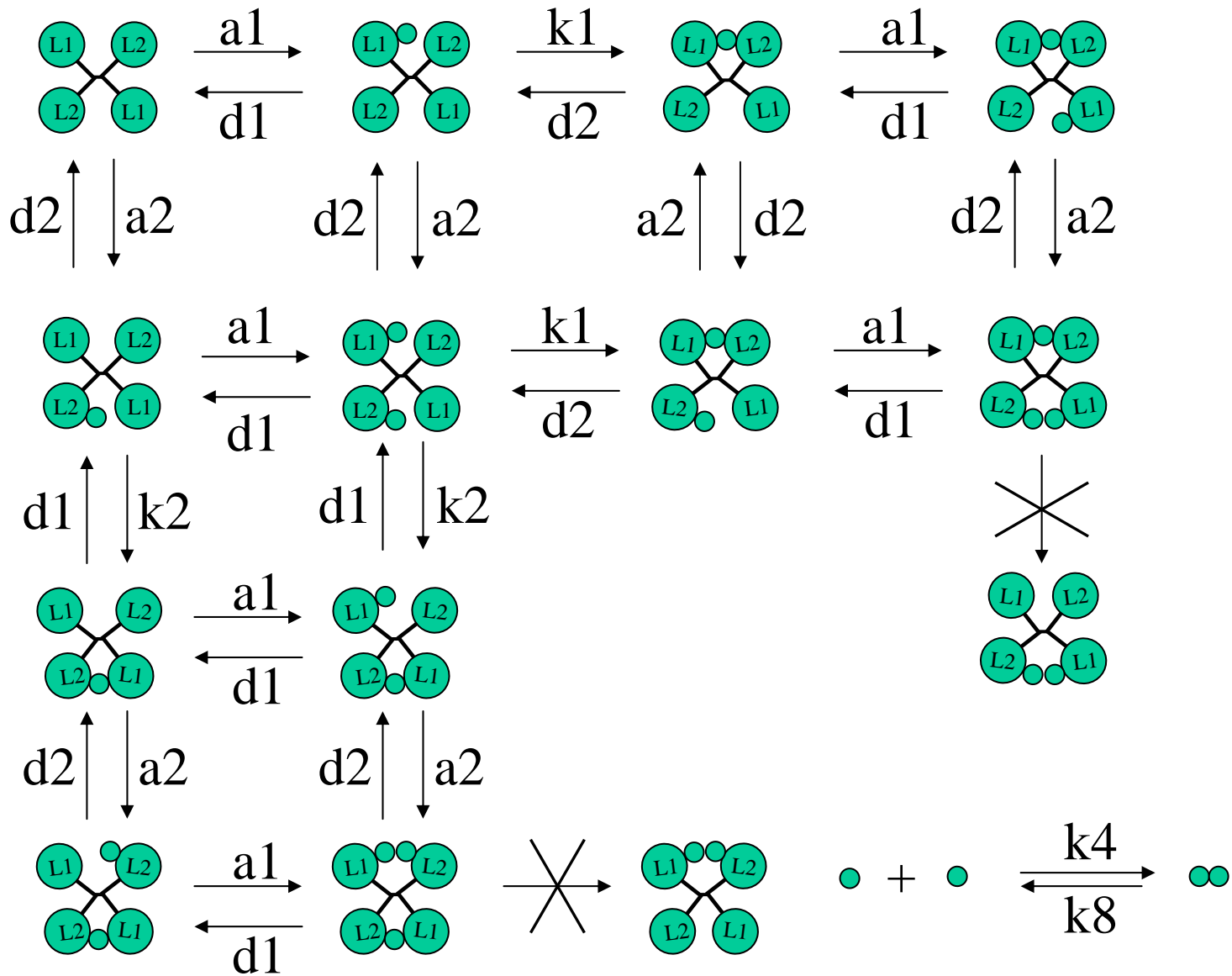




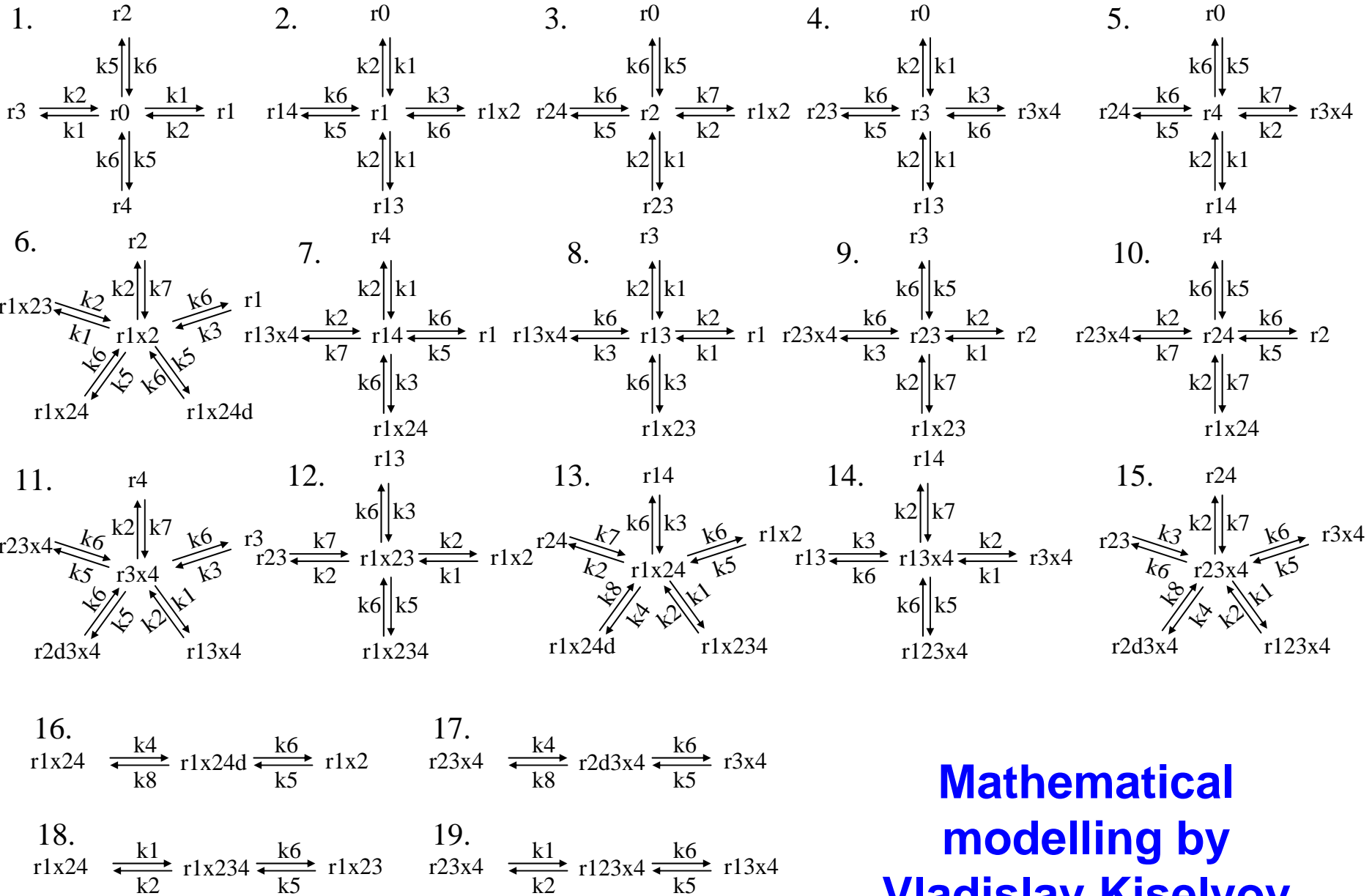
Insulin binding to the insulin receptor ectodomain



One-dimensional harmonic oscillator model

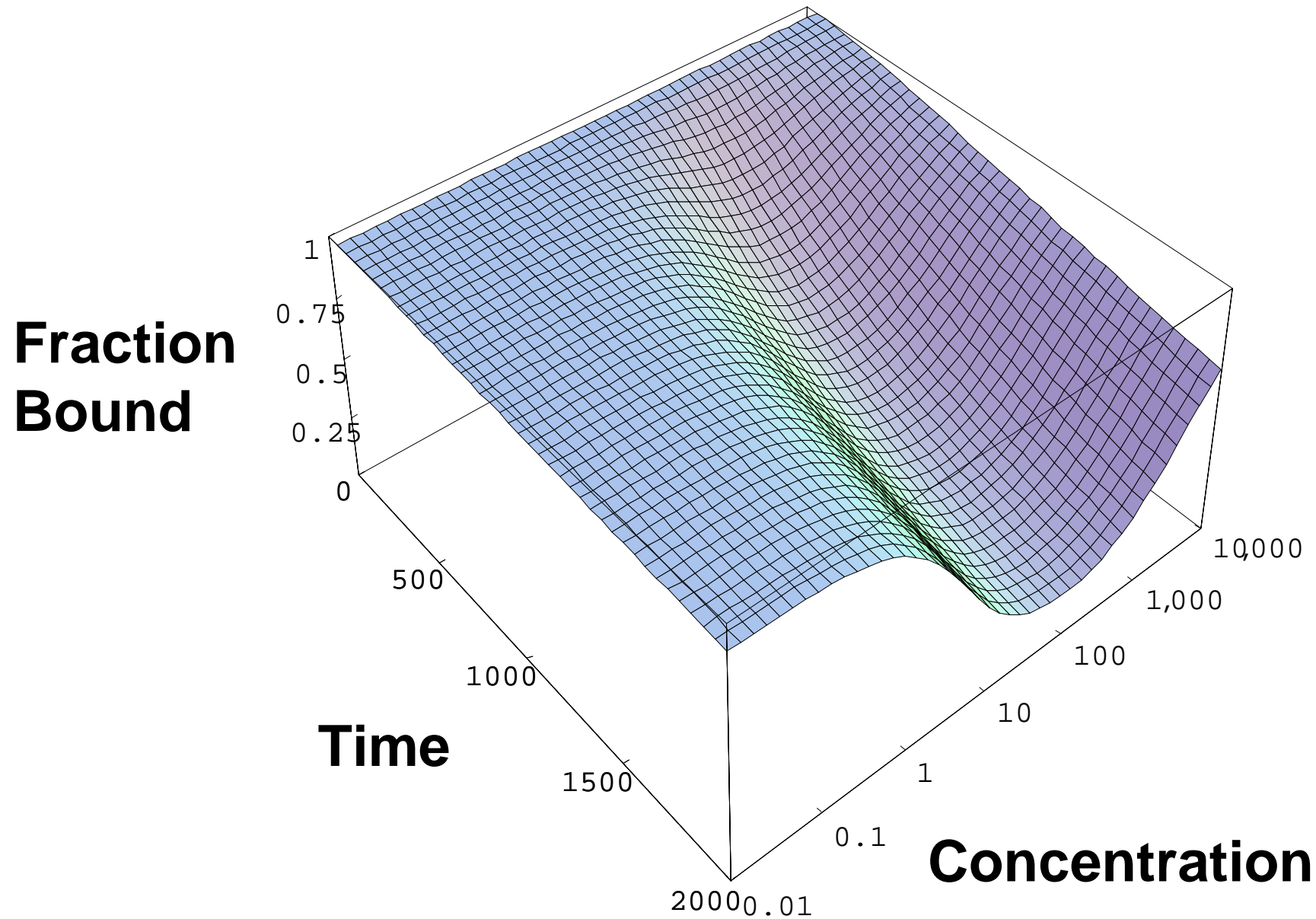


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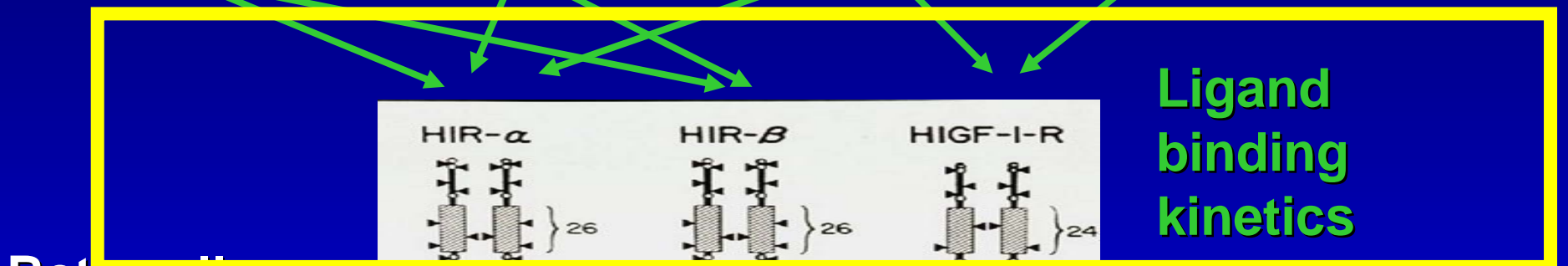


**Mathematical
modelling by
Vladislav Kiselyov**

Modelling of insulin receptor dissociation kinetics



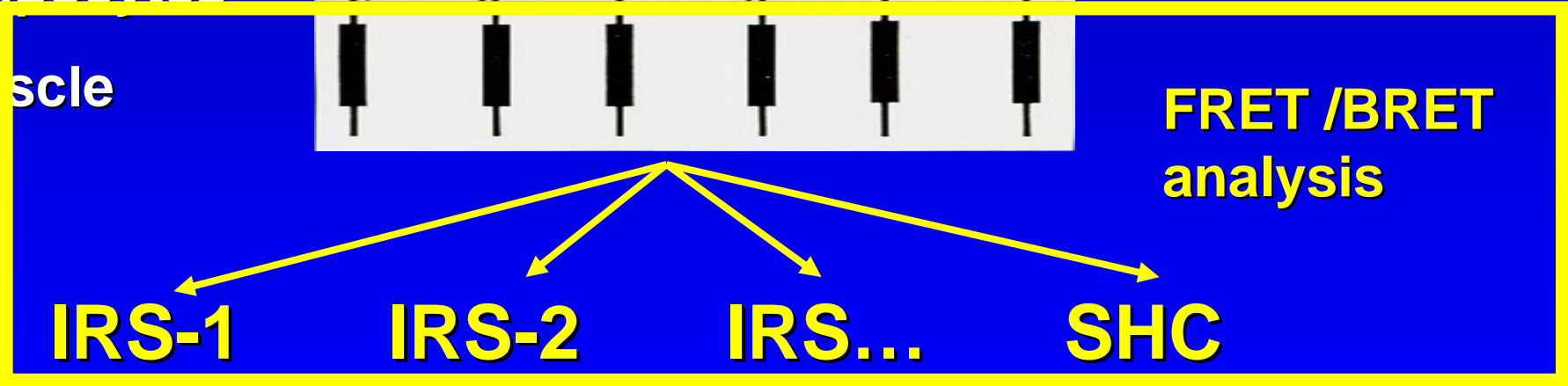
Insulin **Insulin analogues** **IGF-II** **IGF-I**



Beta cells

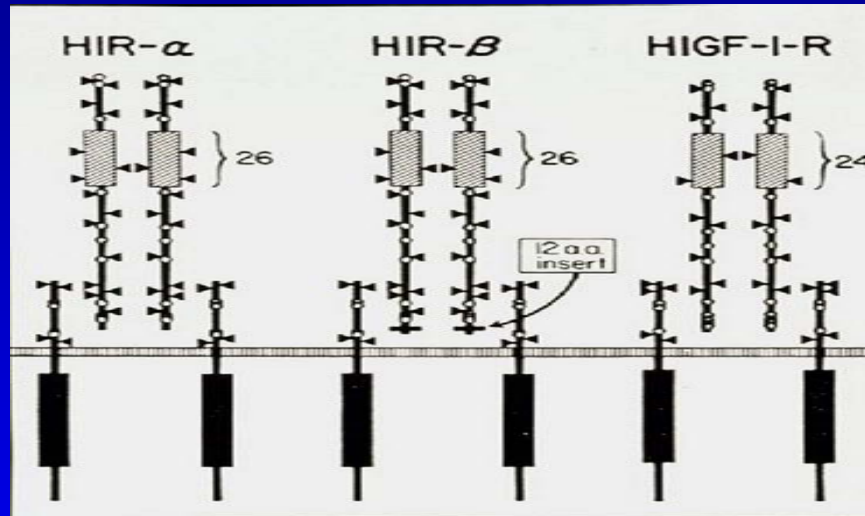
Adipocytes

Muscle



Modelling of signalling pathways

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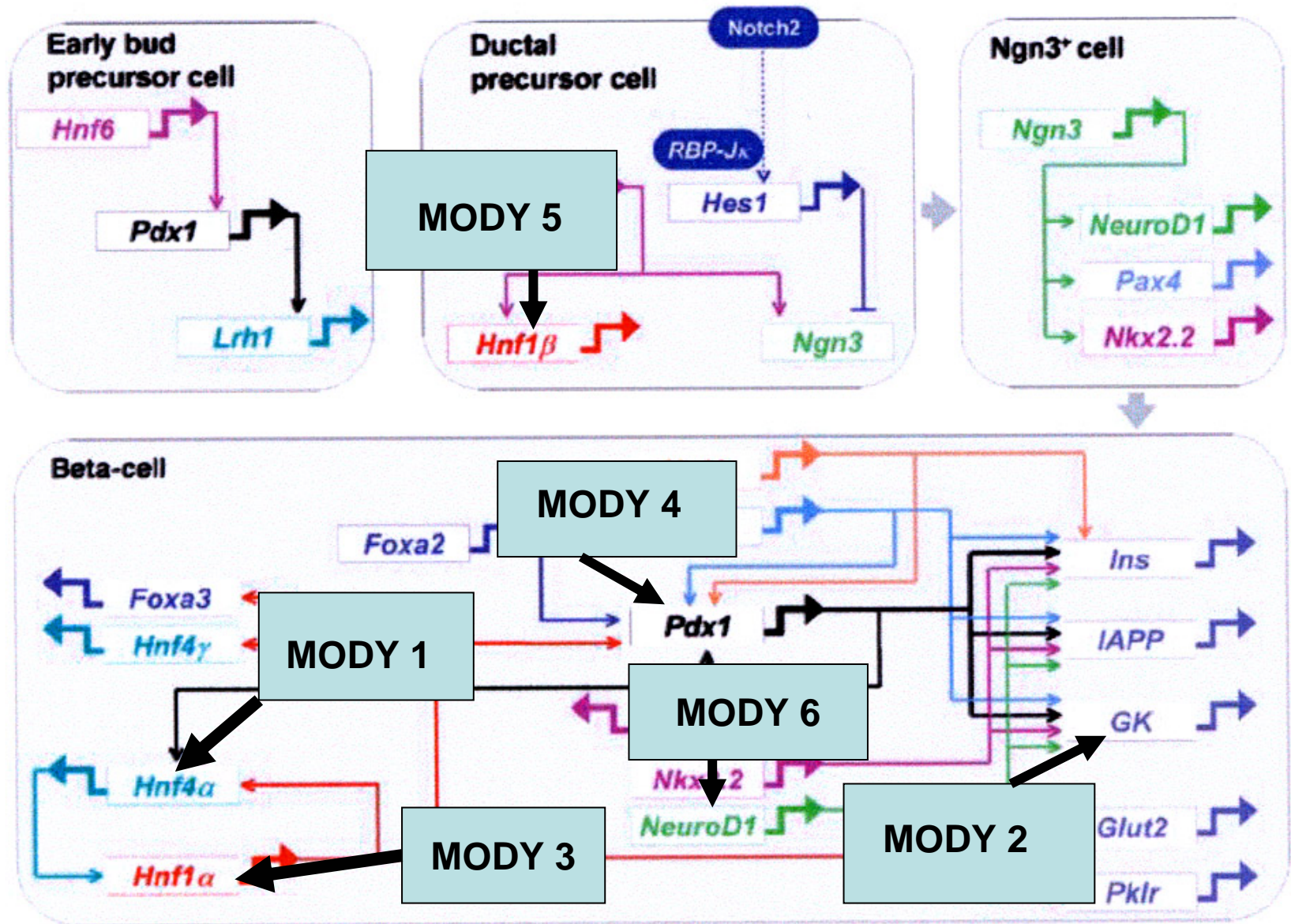
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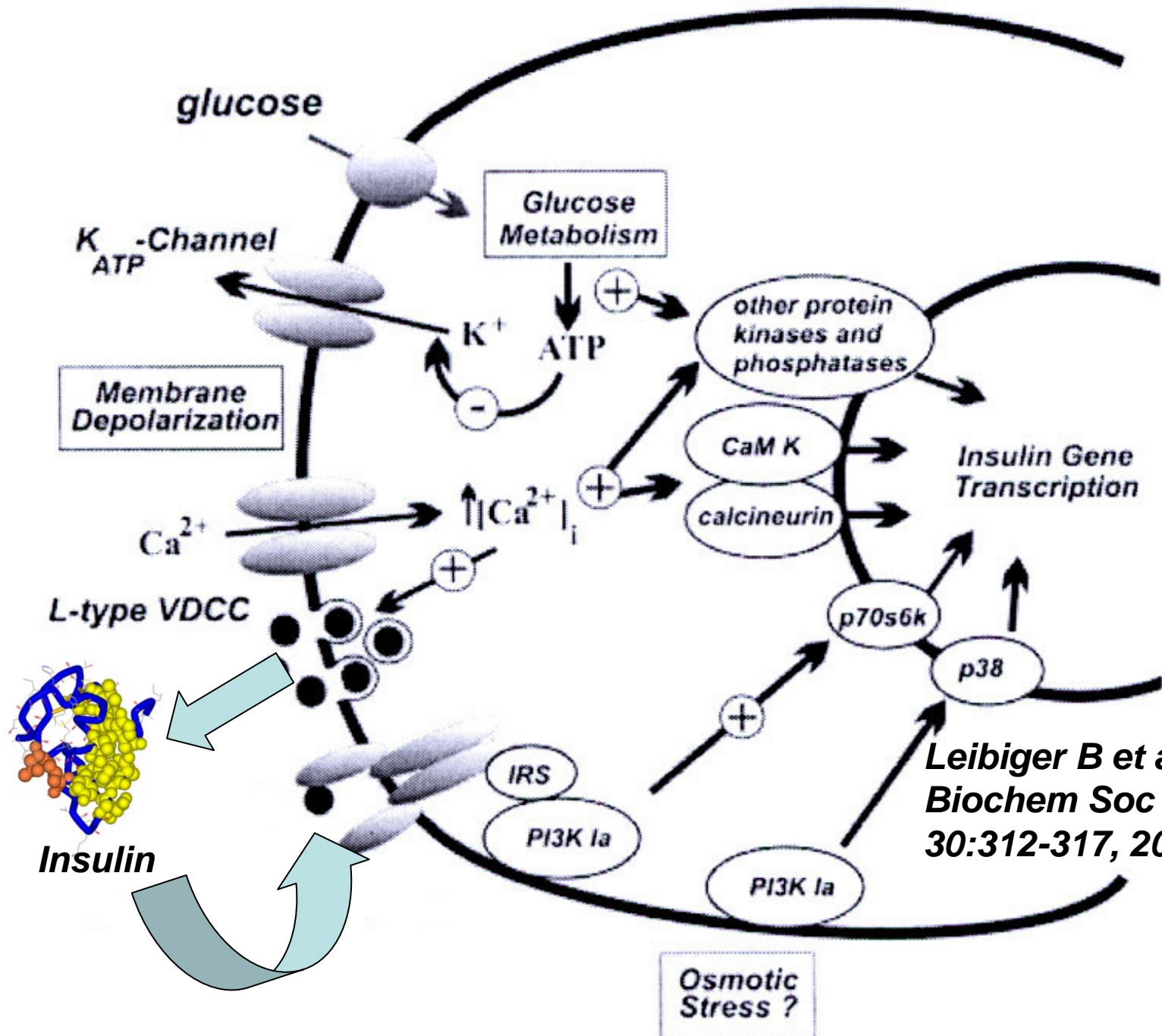
cDNA Microarray Gene Analysis

**The beta cell defect in type 2 diabetes:
transcriptional, functional and systemic
aspects**

Transcriptional networks controlling beta cell development and function



Positive feedback of insulin secretion on beta cell function

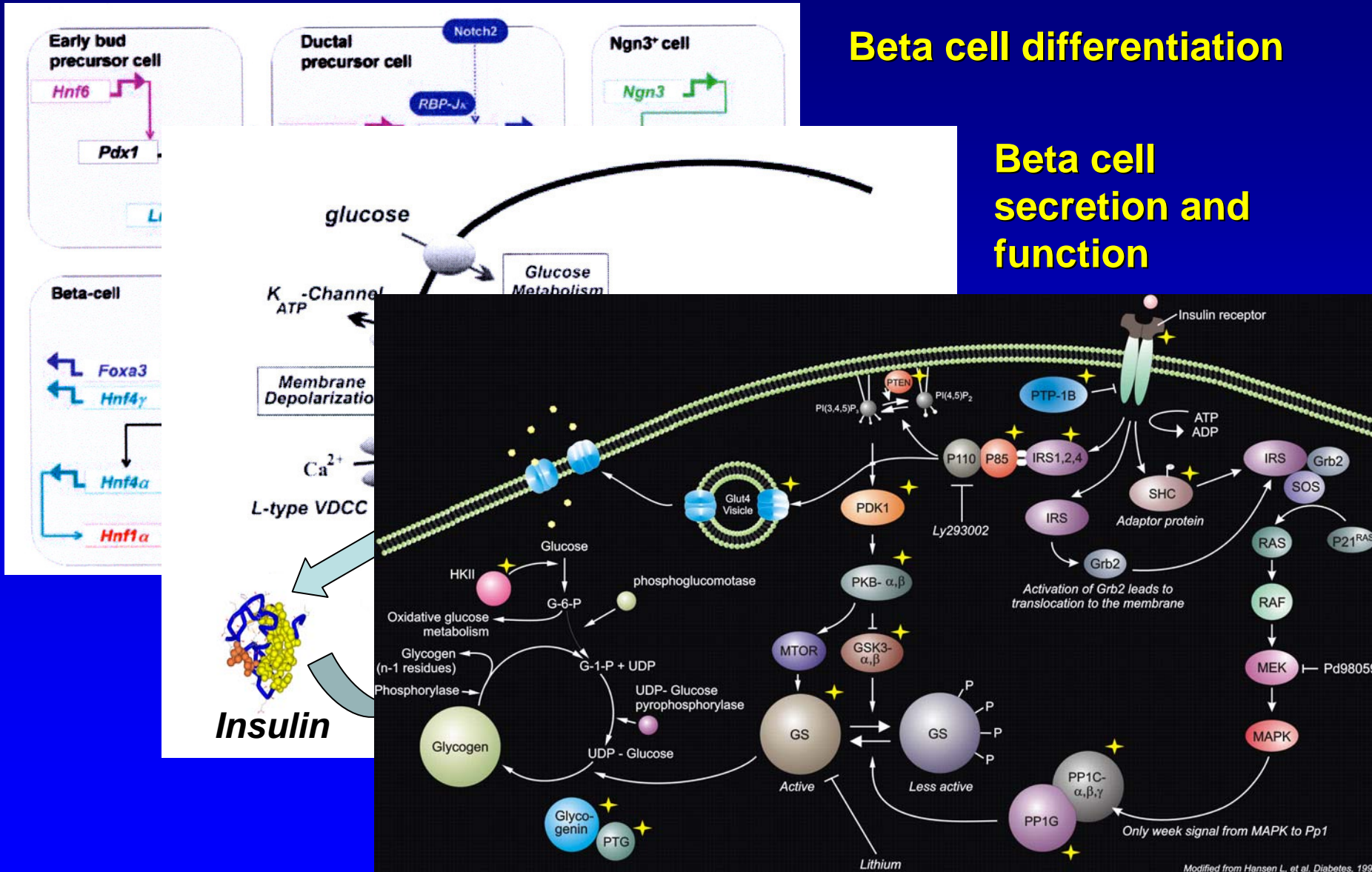


Leibiger B et al,
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Multi-layered complexity in pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes

Beta cell differentiation

Beta cell secretion and function



Peripheral insulin action

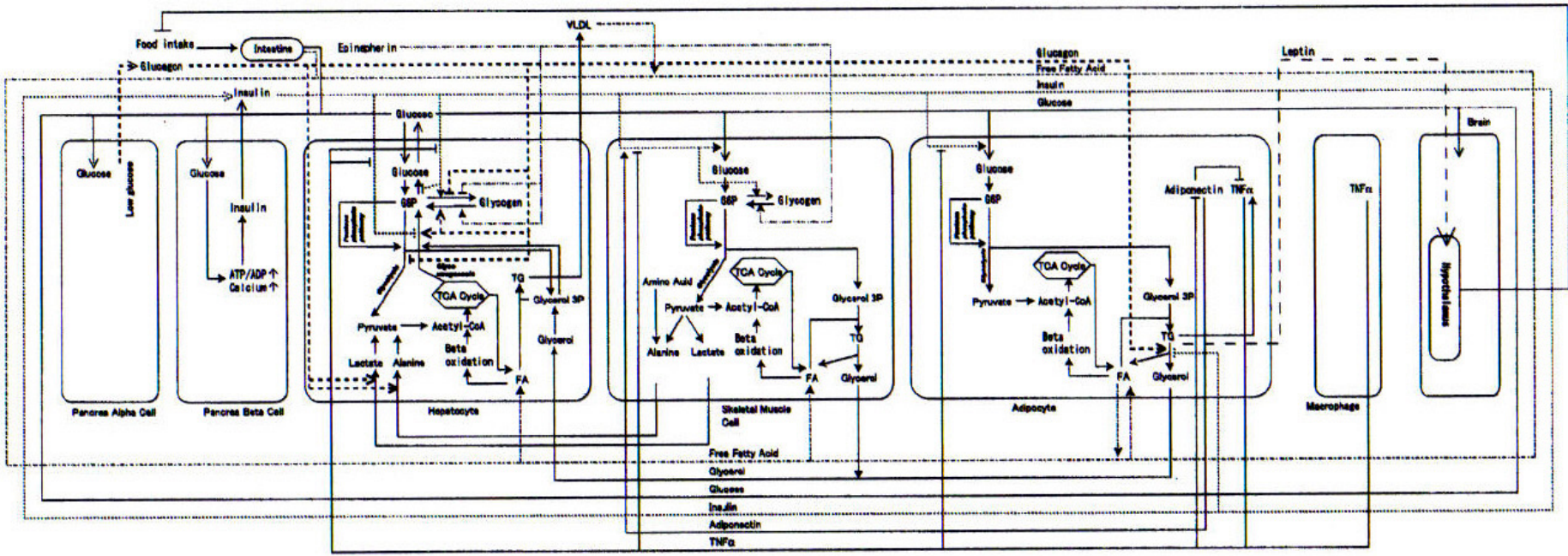


FIG. 1. Schematic illustration of energy control system regulation relevant to diabetes and the metabolic syndrome.

Metabolic Syndrome and Robustness Tradeoffs

Hiroaki Kitano,^{1,2,3} Kanae Oda,⁴ Tomomi Kimura,^{2,4} Yukiko Matsuoka,⁵ Marie Csete,⁶ John Doyle,⁷ and Masaaki Muramatsu⁴

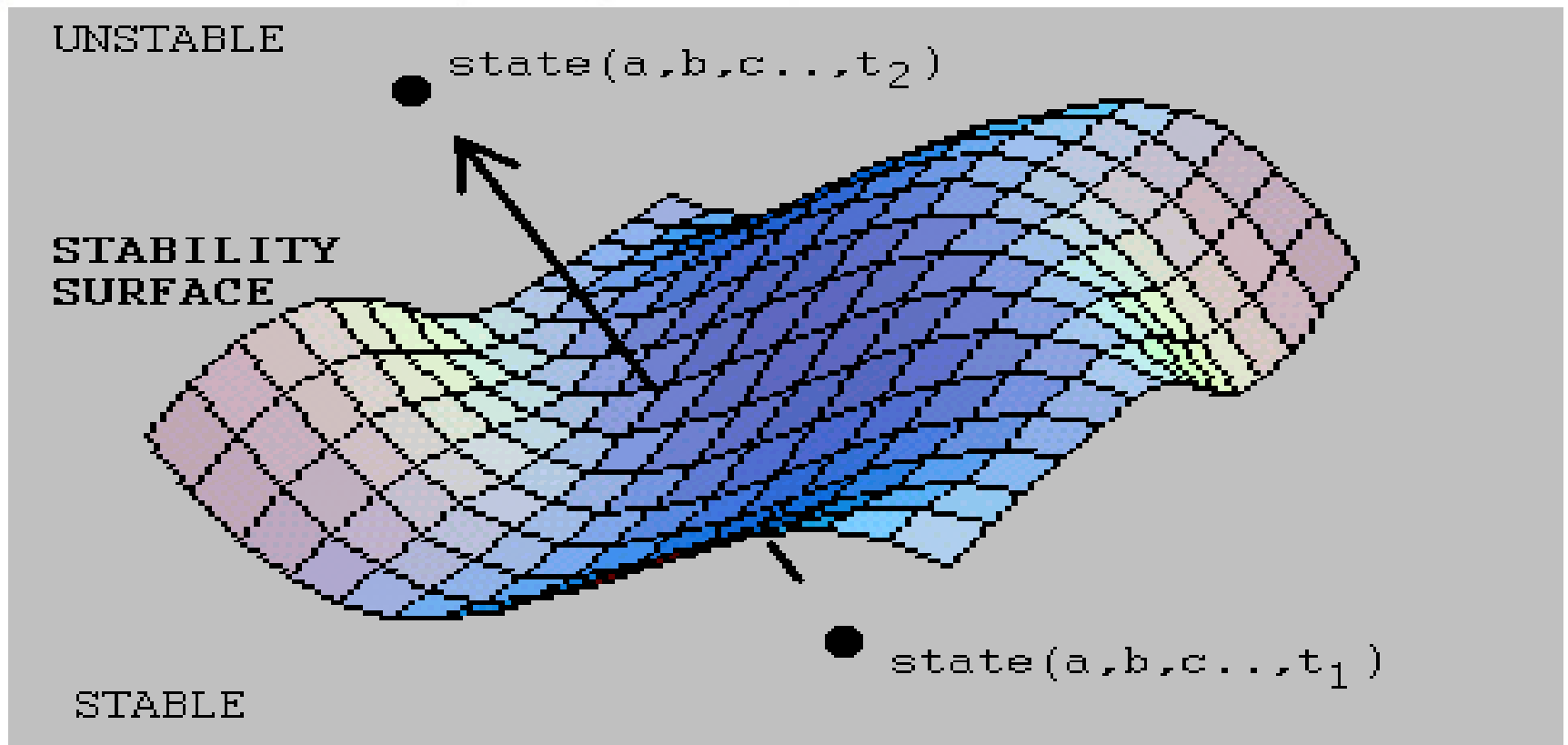
Diabetes, 53 suppl.3: S6-S15, 2004

Perspectives in Diabetes

Onset of Type 1 Diabetes

A Dynamical Instability

Birgitte Freiesleben De Blasio, Per Bak, Flemming Pociot, Allan E. Karlsen, and Jørn Nerup



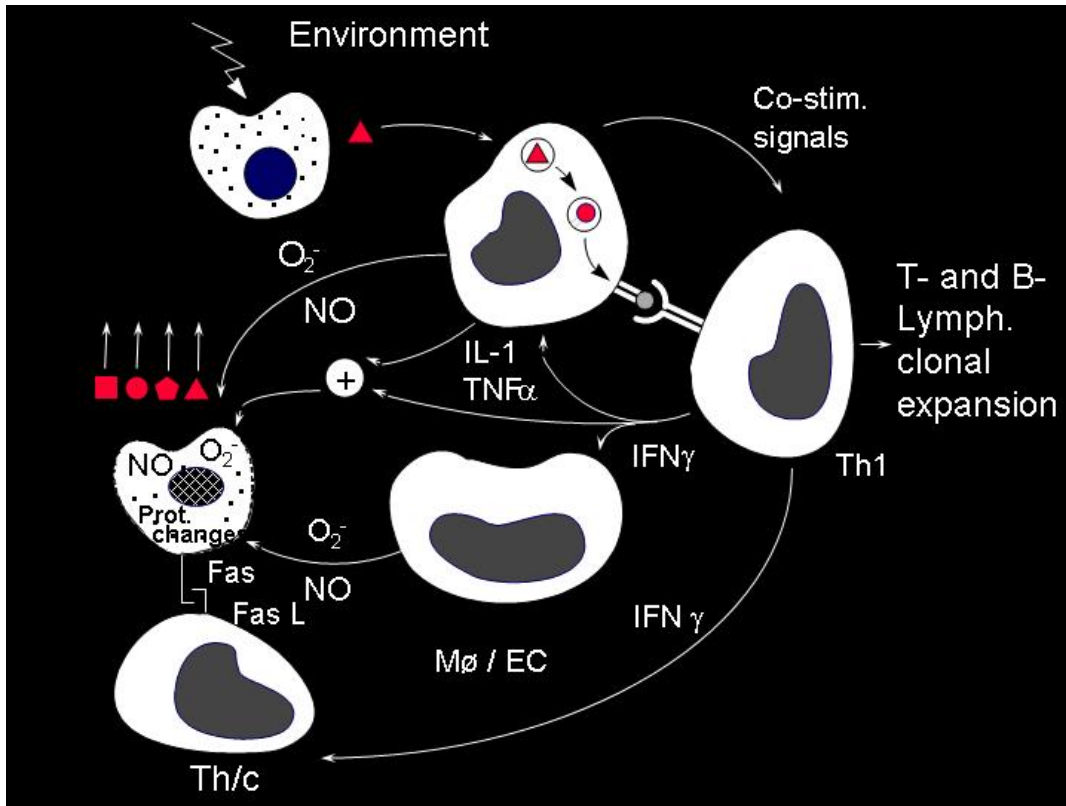


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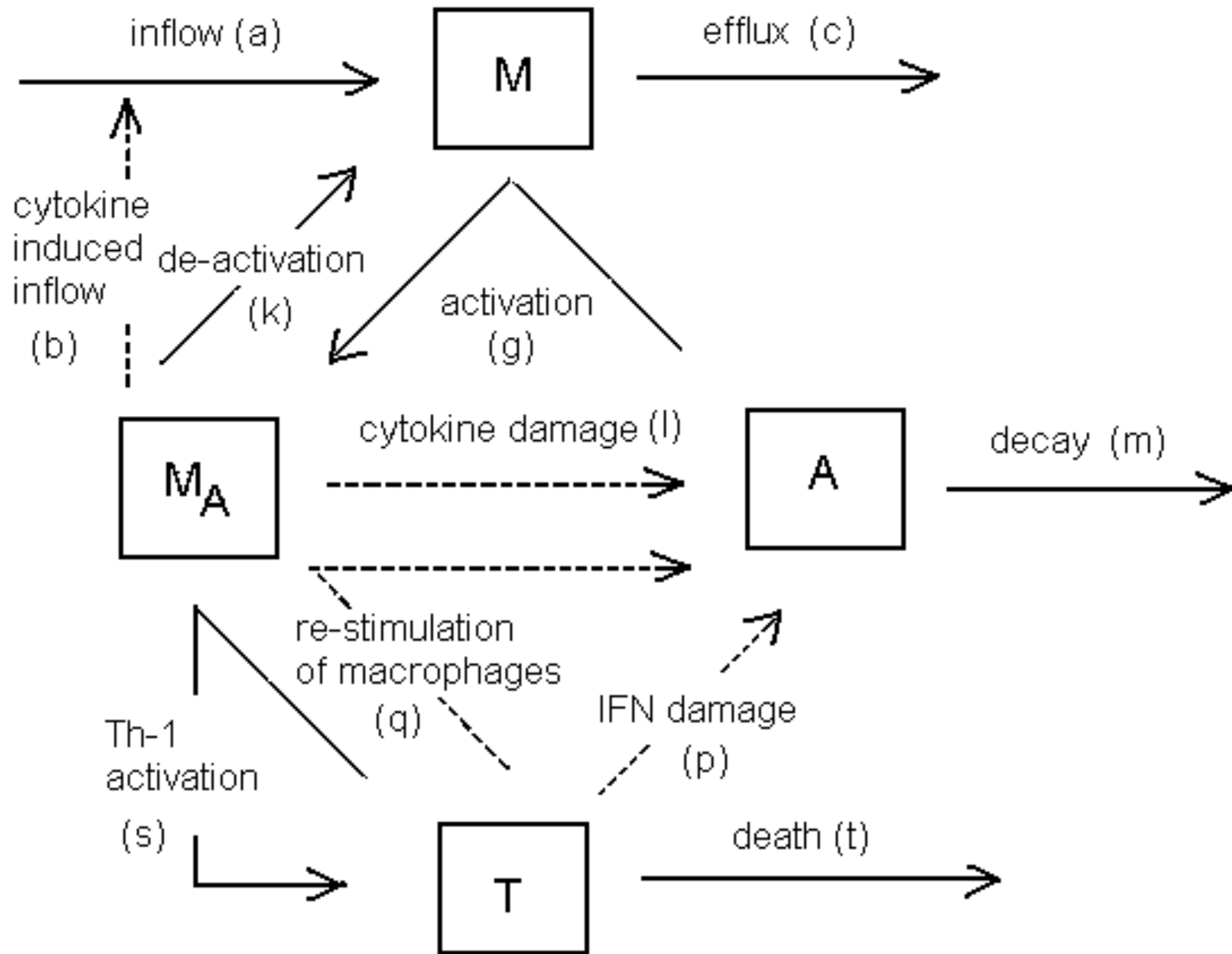
List of symbols

A , amount of β -cell antigenic proteins in volume.
 M , numbers of macrophages in volume.
 M_A , numbers of antigen-expressing macrophages in volume.
 T , numbers of activated Th-lymphocytes in volume.
 \dot{A} , the derivative of A with respect to time, i.e. $\frac{dA}{dt}$.
 \dot{M} , the derivative of M with respect to time.
 \dot{M}_A , the derivative of M_A with respect to time.
 \dot{T} , the derivative of T with respect to time.

a , recruitment rate of macrophages to volume.
 b , $IL-1$ -, $TNF-\alpha$ -induced recruitment rate of macrophages.
 c , efflux rate of macrophages from volume.
 g , uptake rate of β -cell antigens in macrophages.
 k , decay rate of activated macrophages.
 l , effective rate of $IL-1$ -, $TNF-\alpha$ -induced β -cell damage.
 m , clearance rate of free β -cell proteins.
 p , effective rate of $IFN-\gamma$ -induced β -cell damage.
 q , effective rate of β -cell damage caused by effector-macrophages.
 s , proliferation rate of Th-lymphocytes.
 t , death rate of activated Th-lymphocytes.

The Copenhagen model of type 1 diabetes

Diabetes, 48:1677-1685, 1999



Extended mathematical model of type 1 diabetes onset

VIEWPOINT

Systems Biology and New Technologies Enable Predictive and Preventative Medicine

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Systems approaches to disease are grounded in the idea that disease-perturbed protein and gene regulatory networks differ from their normal counterparts; we have been pursuing the possibility that these differences may be reflected by multi-parameter measurements of the blood. Such concepts are transforming current diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to medicine and, together with new technologies, will enable a predictive and preventive medicine that will lead to personalized medicine.

Science, 306:640-643 (2004)

PERSPECTIVES

INNOVATION

Can cell systems biology rescue drug discovery?

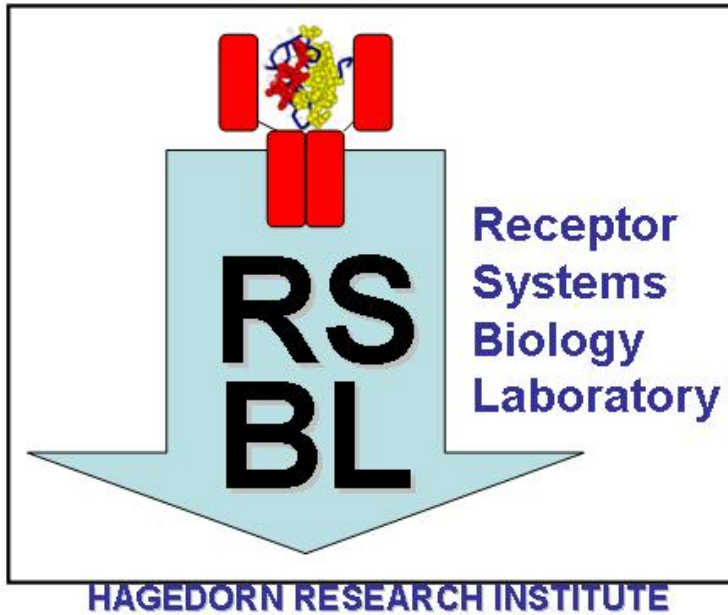
Eugene C. Butcher

Nat Rev Drug Disc 4:461-467 (2005)



**What is simple
is wrong, and
what is
complicated
cannot be
understood.**

Paul Valéry (1871 – 1945)



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