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**I want to work. For it is battle enough  
Having a past such as this to confess...**

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A. DeGaetano DHC acceptance talk*

# Modelling, estimation and control

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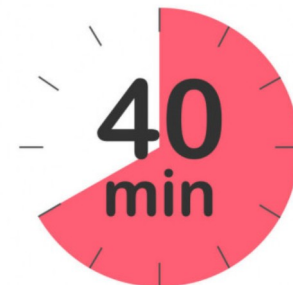
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# Plan of the talk:

- two stories
- a quick overview of 35 years
- the future
- conclusion: M, E & C

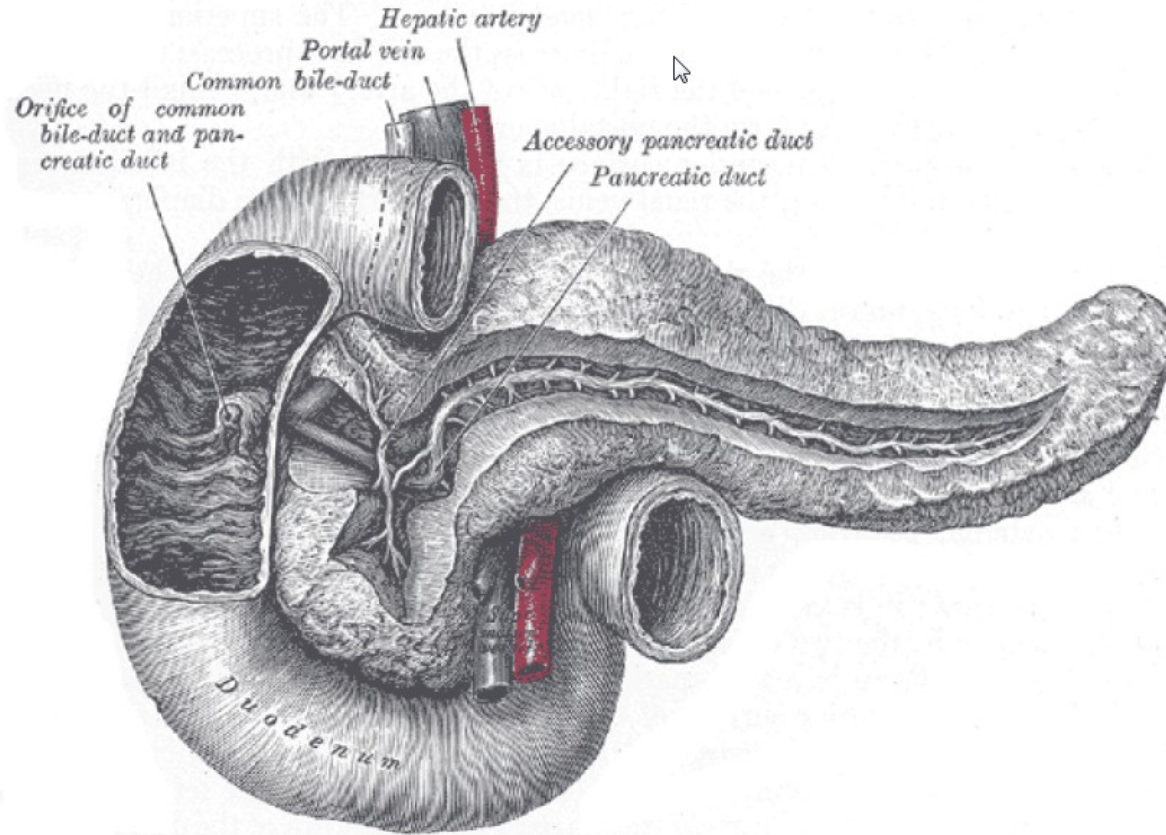


# two stories

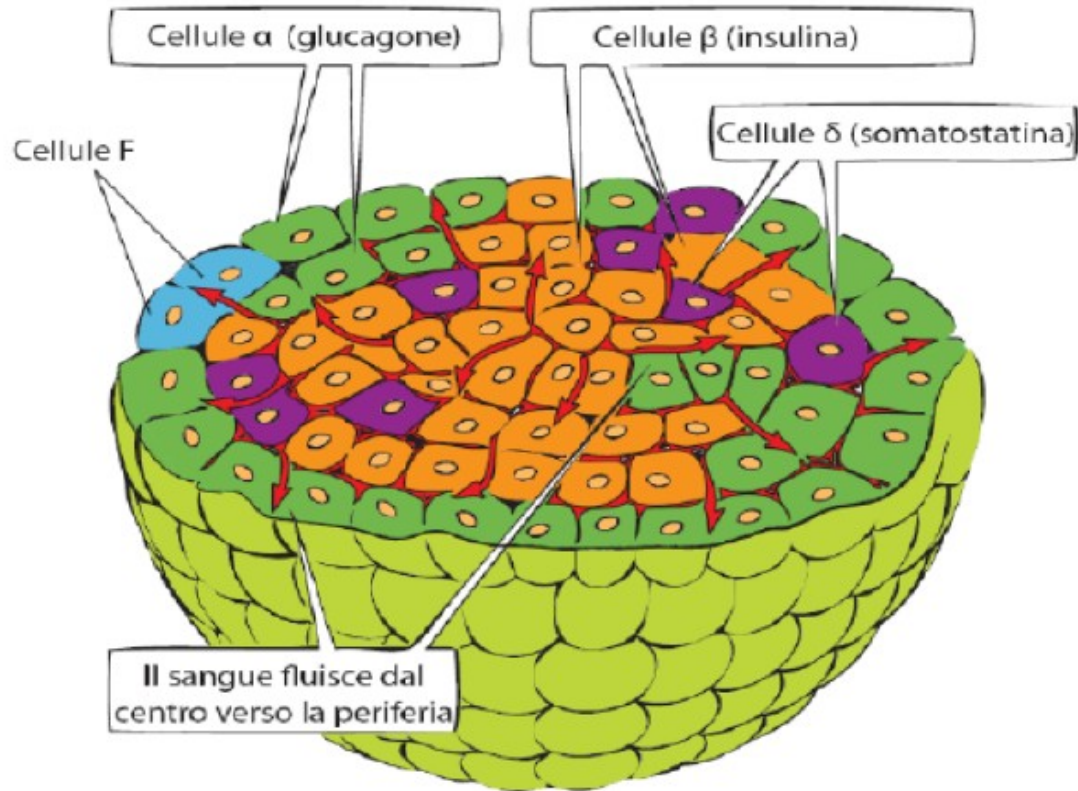
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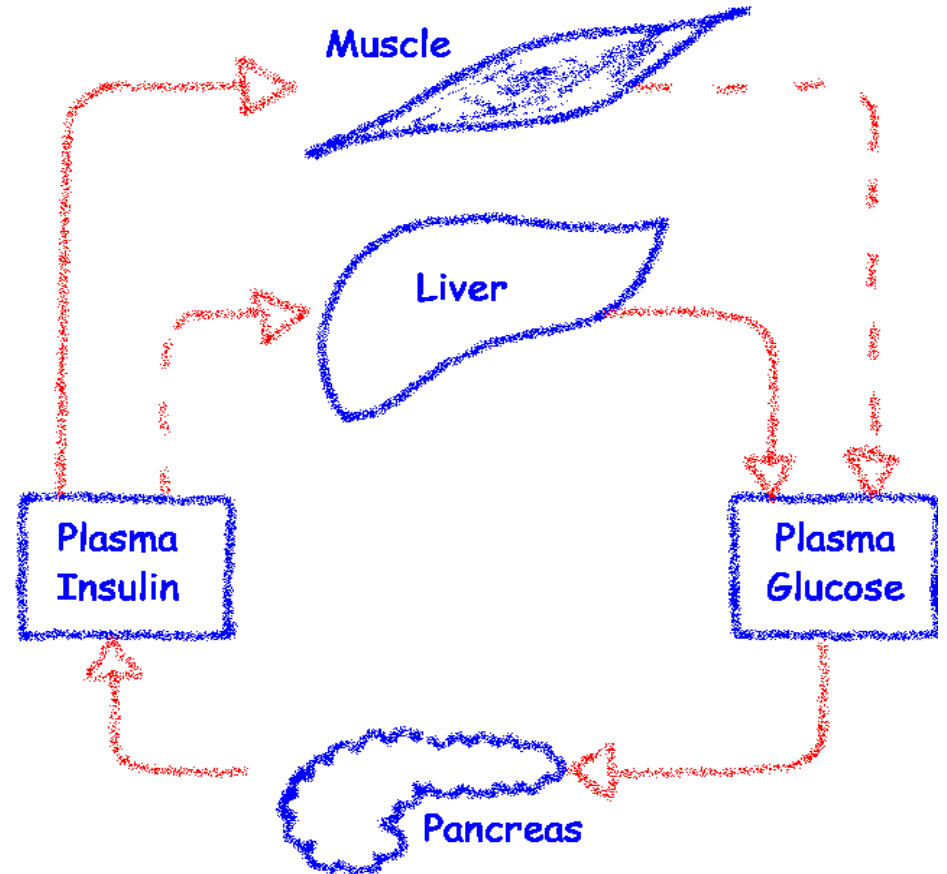
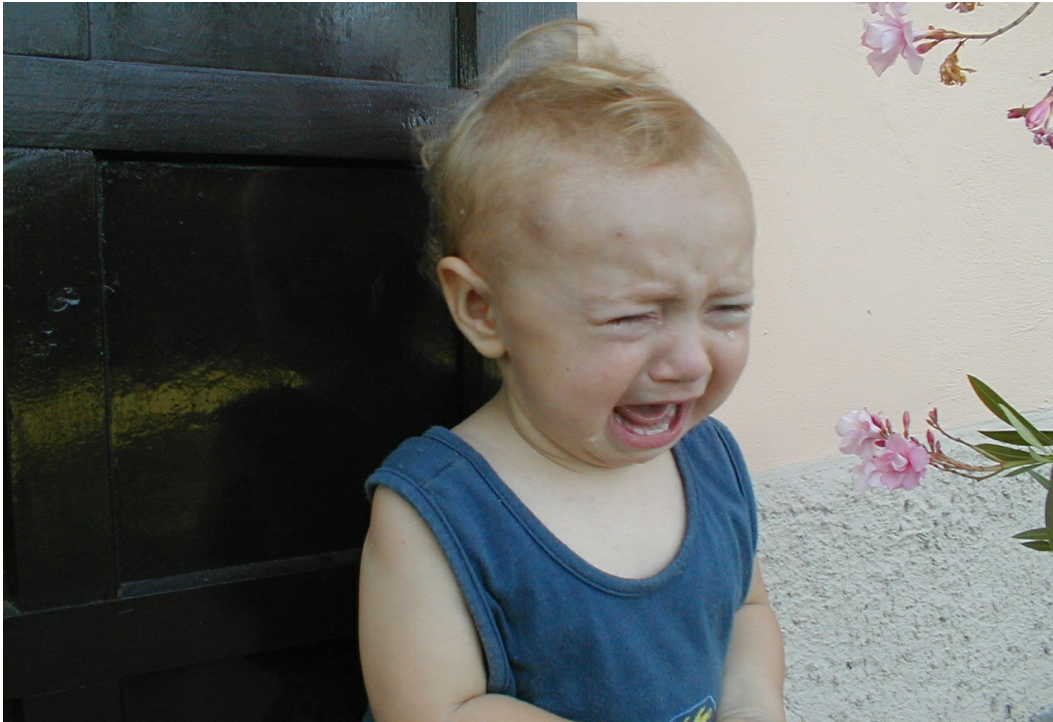
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# Langerhan's Islets

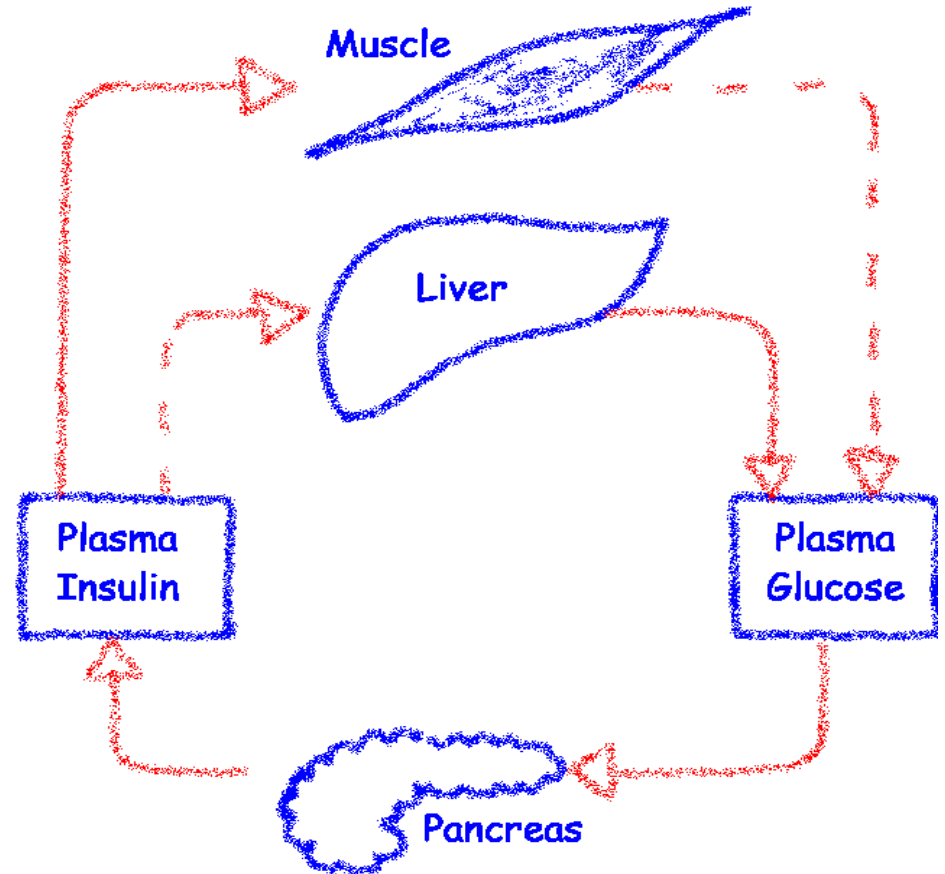


# the glucose-insulin control system





# successful control



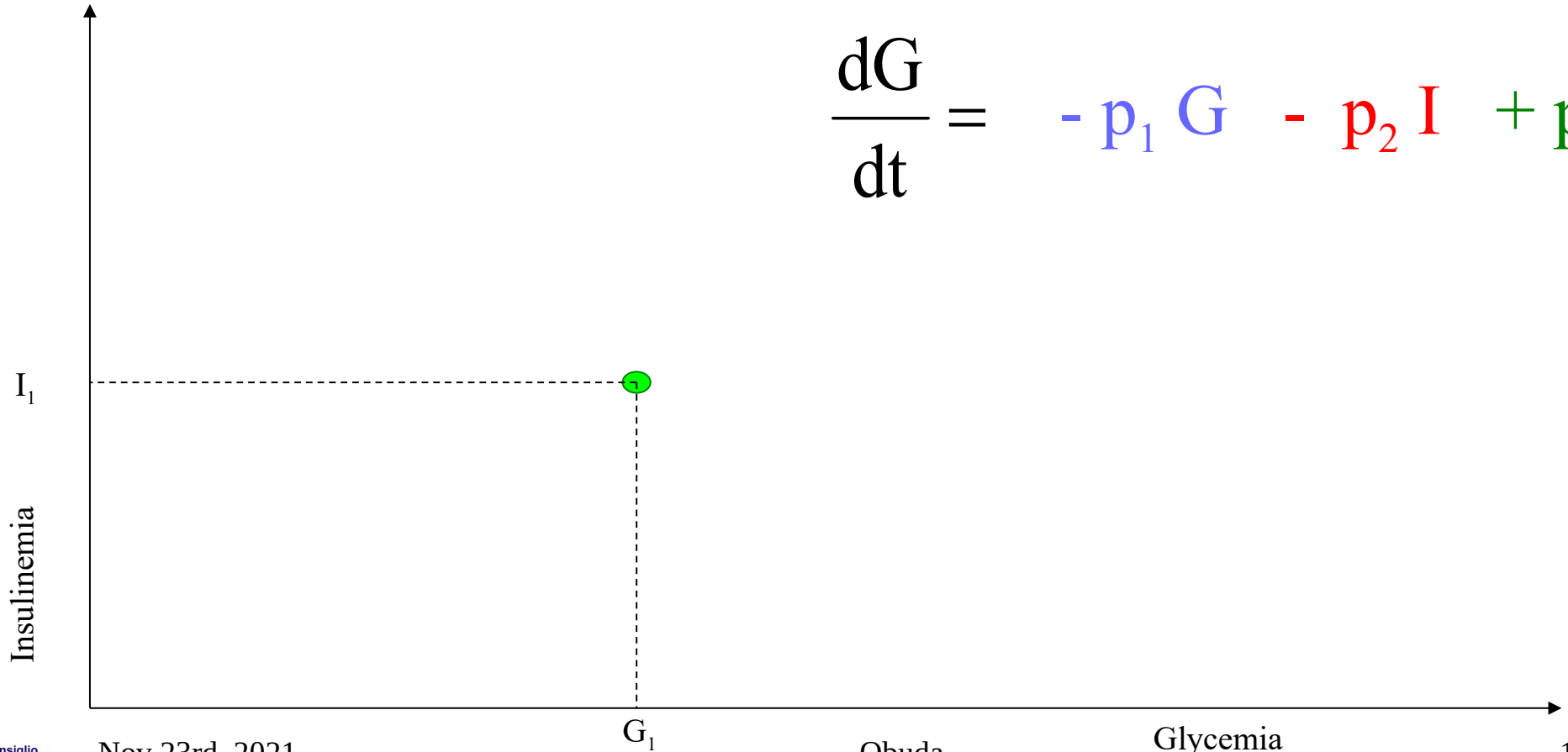
# Bolie 1961

- First attempt to understand actual time-concentration points in plasma.

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = p_1 G + p_2 I(t) + p_3, \quad G(0) = G_0$$

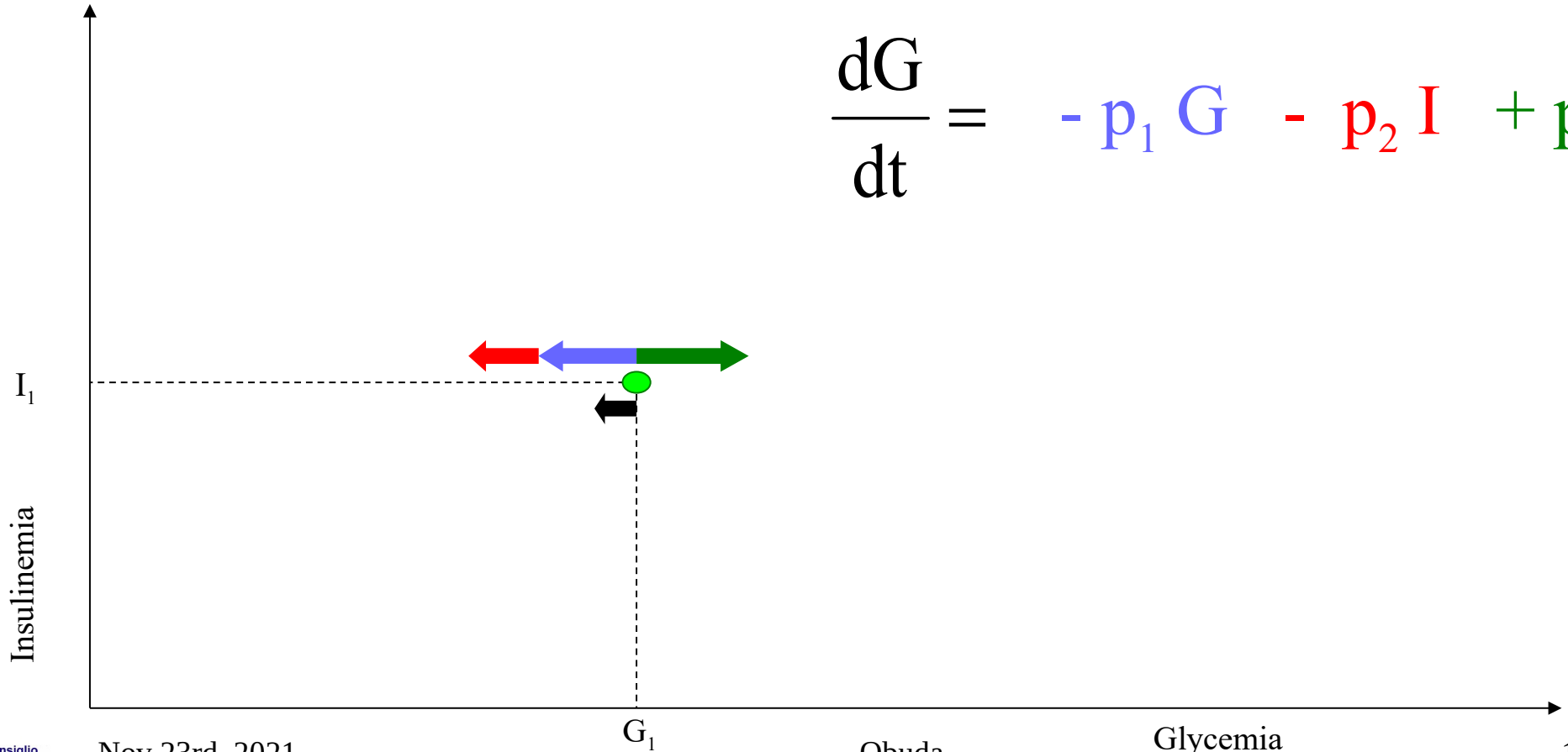
- Introduces plasma insulin and HGO
- Problems?

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = -p_1 G - p_2 I + p_3$$



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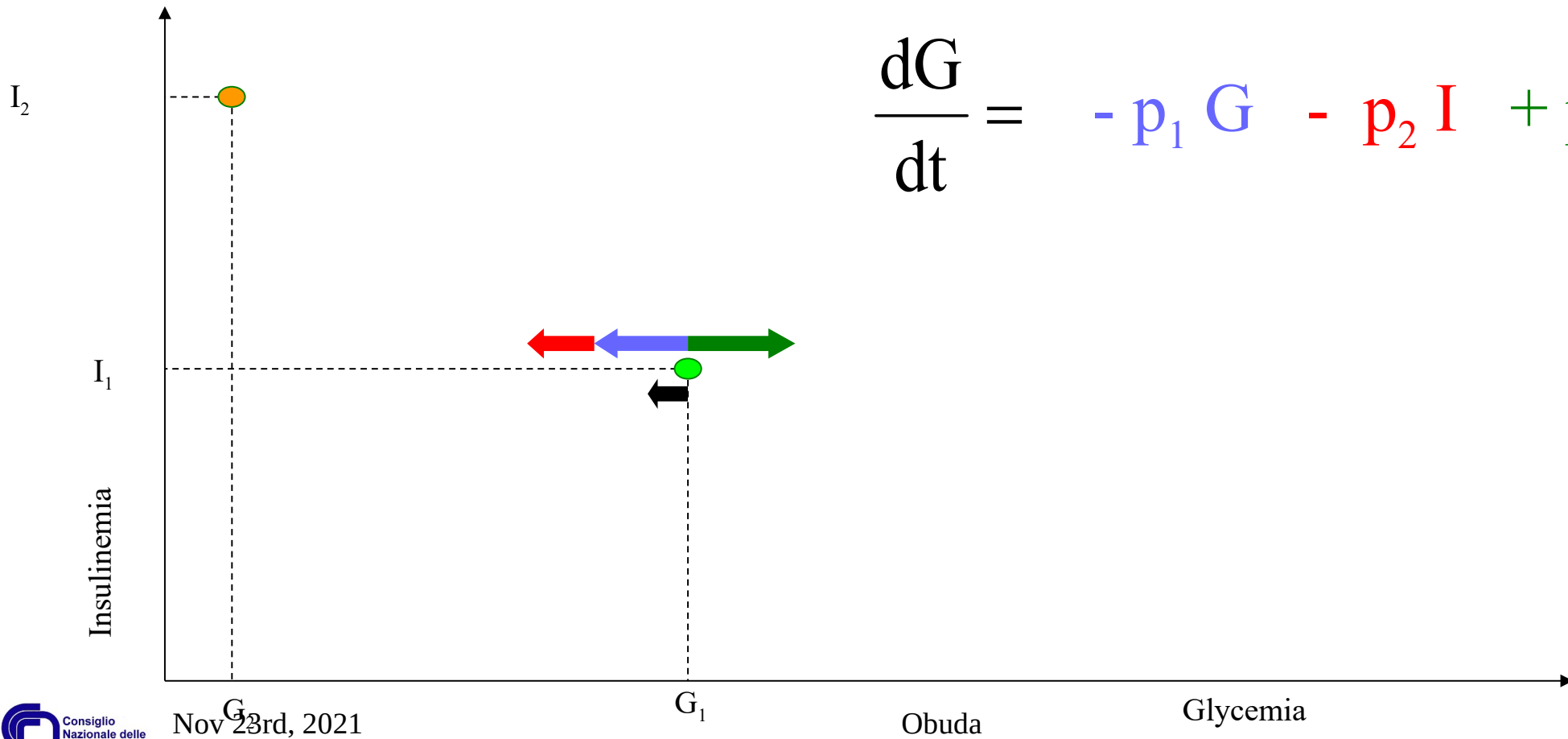


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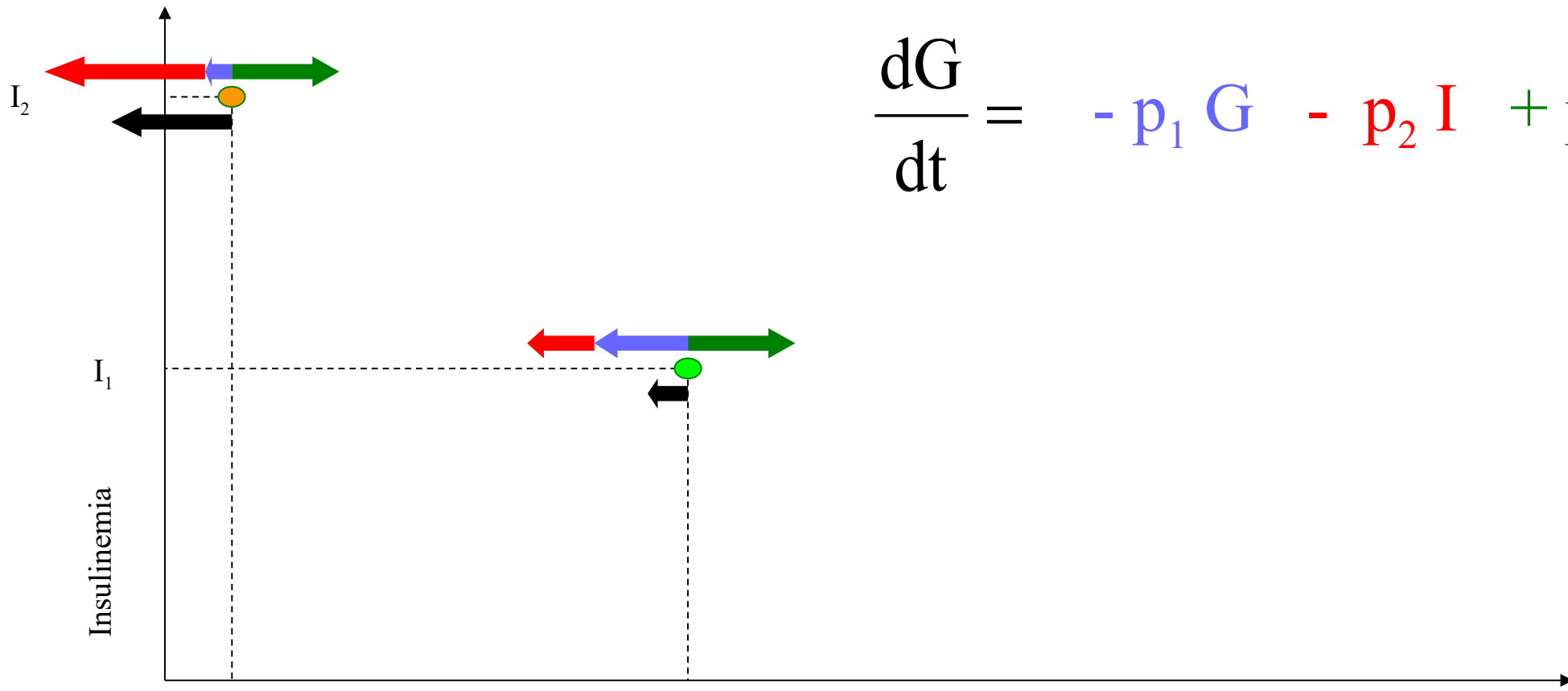
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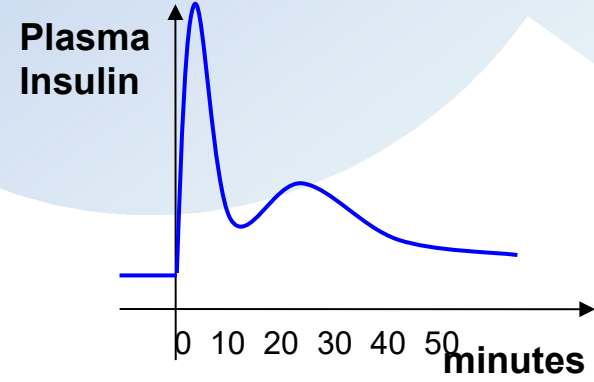
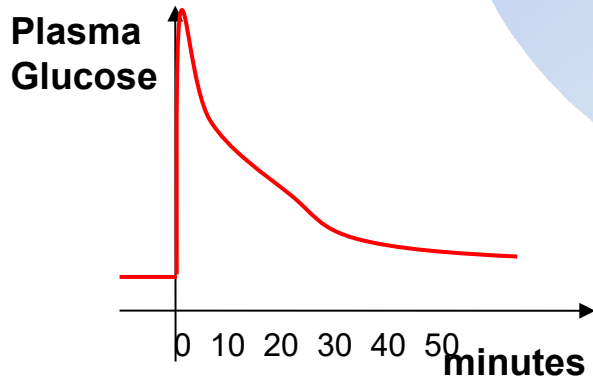
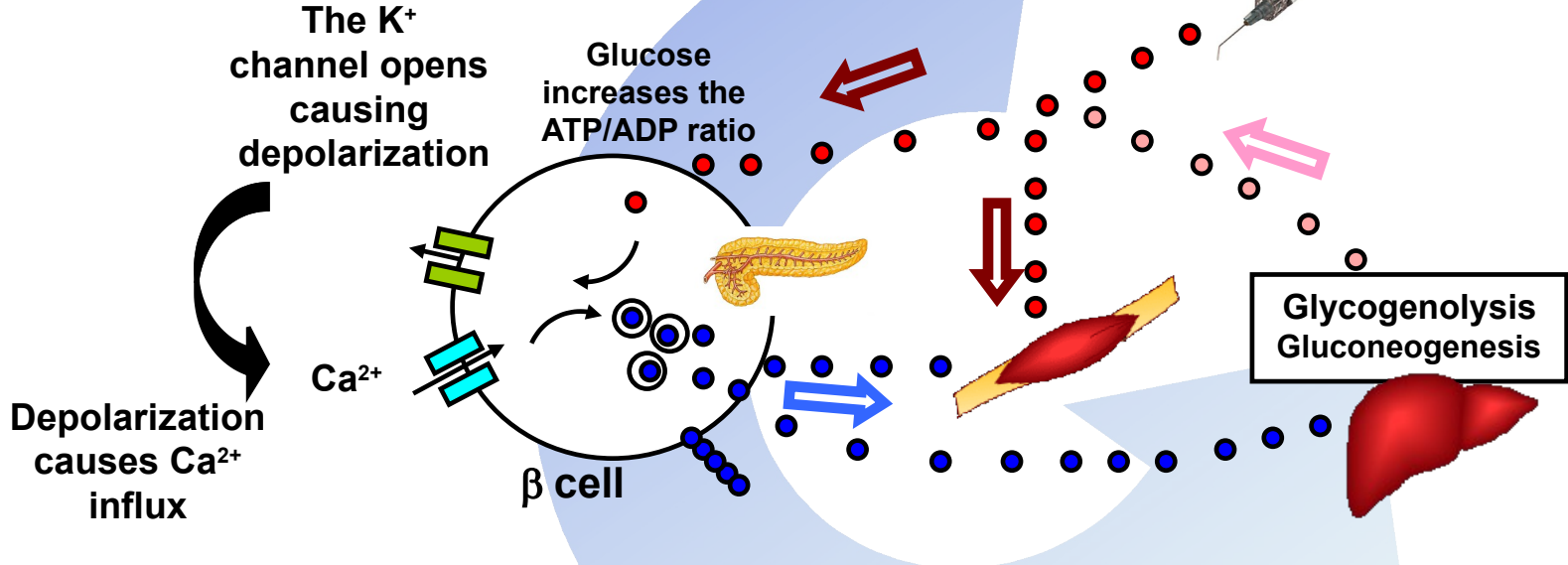
# qualitative analysis reveals ...

- the actual model functional form, which allows negative solutions to appear, must have something in it which goes against the physiology as we think we know it
- Bolie: no matter how little glucose there is in blood, by increasing insulin we would be able to make the tissues extract as much more as we wanted, linearly with insulin levels.
- Mechanism seems wrong. Better to **change model**.

# Perturbation experiments



# IVGTT



# MM 1979/1981

$$\frac{dG(t)}{dt} = -[b_1 + X(t)]G(t) + b_1G_b, \quad G(0) = b_0$$

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# $S_1$

- For **infinite time**,  $S_1 = b_3/b_2$
- in one third to one half of studies on obese subjects  $S_1$  cannot be estimated, due to insufficient variation of glucose decrement with insulin.
- An IVGTT obvious for insulin resistance (high constant insulin levels) yields no estimable  $S_1$ .

# Structural problems

Suppose  $G_b > b_5$ ,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} G(t) > b_5$$

Then

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} X(t) = \infty$$

In other words, for any value  $b_5 < G_b$  the system does not admit an equilibrium.



# Estimation problems

$$\frac{dG(t)}{dt} = -[b_1 + X(t)]G(t) + b_1G_b, \quad G(0) = b_0$$

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# The SDM

$$\frac{dG(t)}{dt} = -K_{xgI} I(t)G(t) + \frac{T_{gh}}{V_g}$$

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} = -K_{xi} I(t) + \frac{T_{igmax}}{V_i} \frac{\left(\frac{G(t-\tau_{gg})}{G^*}\right)^\gamma}{1 + \left(\frac{G(t-\tau_{gg})}{G^*}\right)^\gamma}$$

$$G(t) \equiv G_b \quad \forall t \in (-\infty, 0) , \quad G(0) = G_b + G_\Delta, \quad \text{where } G_\Delta = \frac{D_{gg}}{V_g}$$

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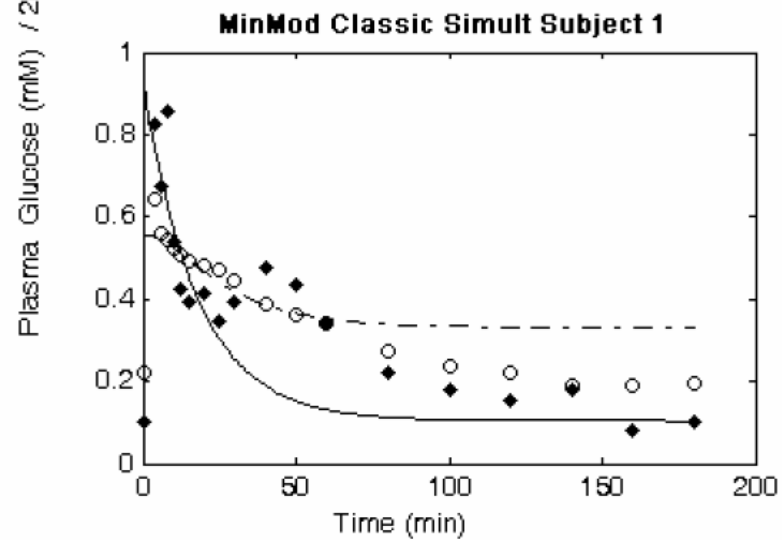
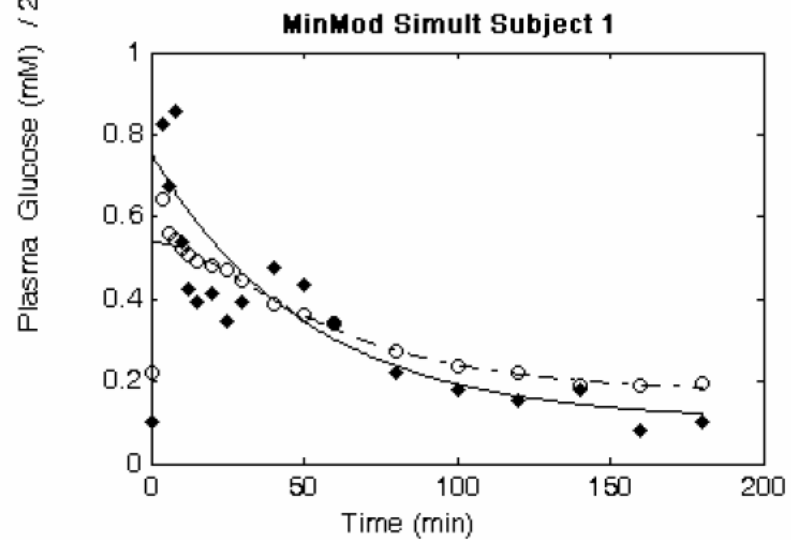
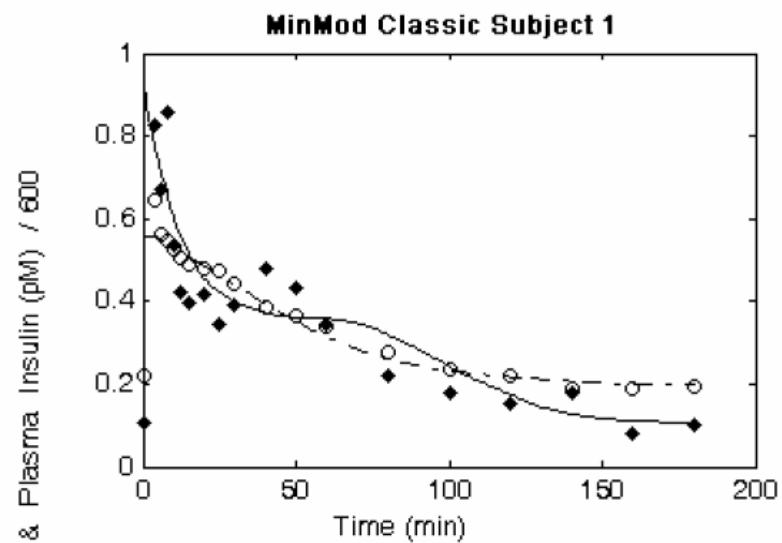
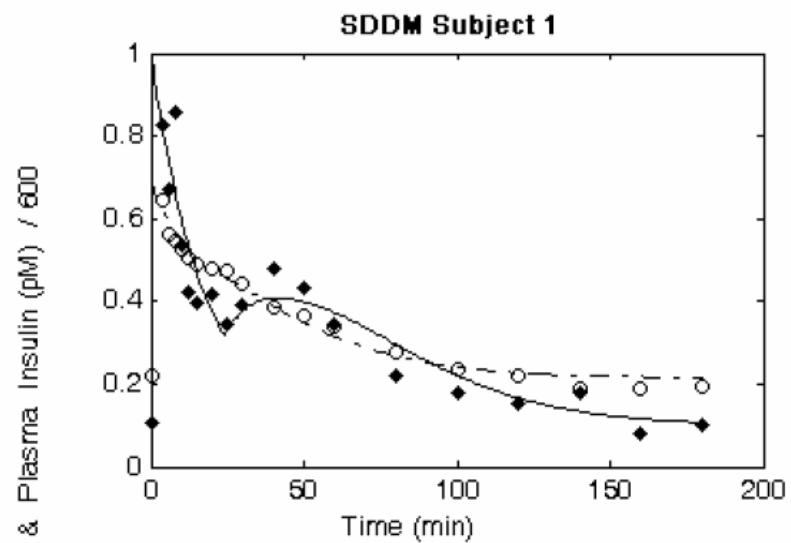
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# SDM characteristics

- Single locally attractive equilibrium at baseline
- Positive, limited solutions
- Global stability guaranteed under conditions on parameters
- Physiologically limited pancreatic secretion ability
- Single pass GLS estimation



# SDM vs. MM

- 74 IVGTTs from lean (19), overweight (22), obese (22) and morbidly obese (11) subjects
- $K_{xgl}$  from the SDM
  - identifiable (CV < 52%) in 73 out of 74 subjects (one 68%)
  - **All** estimates within physiological limits ( $1.25 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $4.36 \times 10^{-4}$ )
- $S_i$  from the MM
  - not identifiable in 36 subjects out of 74, with coefficients of variation ranging from 52.76 % to  $2.36 \times 10^{+9}$  %
  - in 11 subjects estimates doubtfully large (from 3.99 to 890)
  - in 8 subjects estimates very small ( $\leq 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ , “zero- $S_i$ ”)

# second story: strange insulin secretion

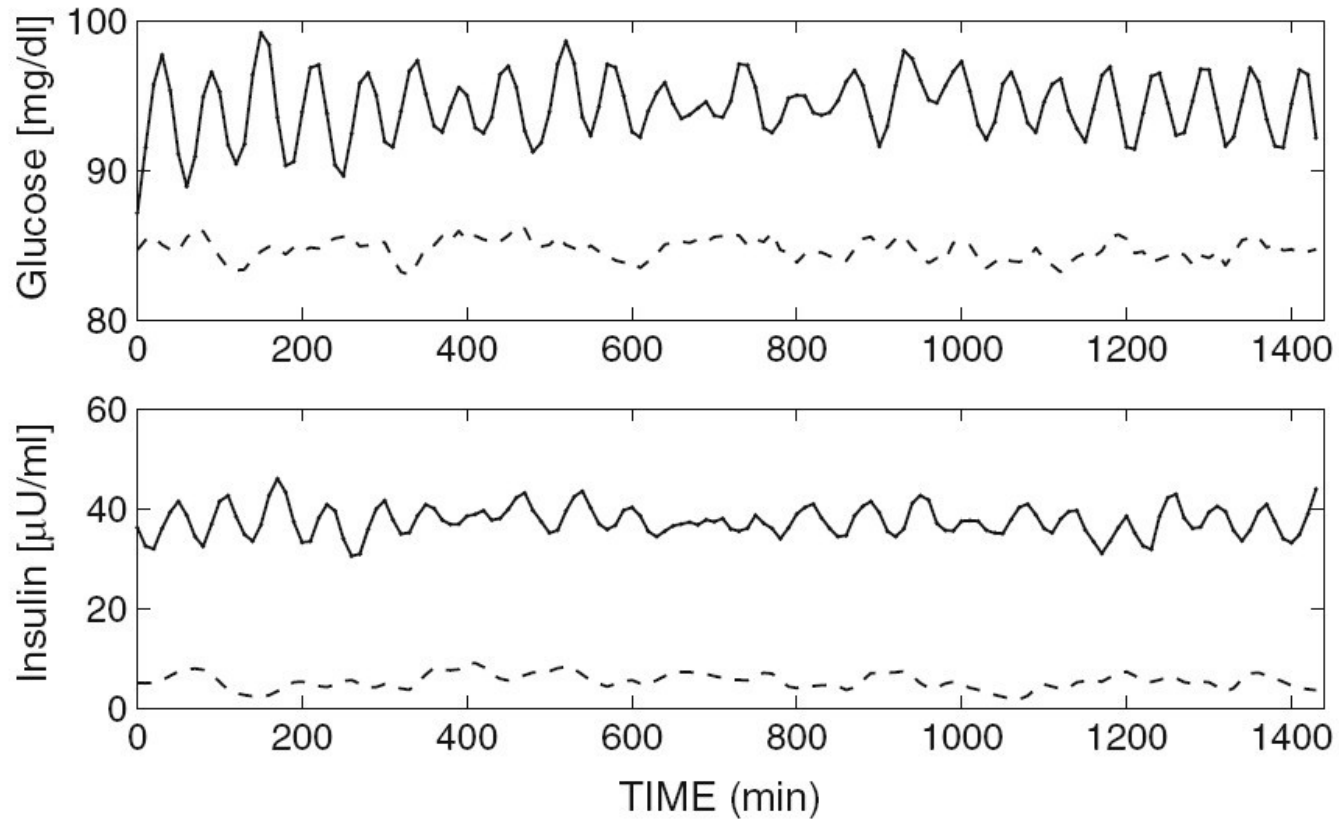
- “Synchronized” ???
- Ex-vivo glucose perturbation experiments (Grotsky 1970’s, Sturis, Porksen, Simon,...)
  - constant at different levels
  - pulse, micropulse, sinusoid (entrainment)
  - step, repeated pulse

# 2010/2014: distributed controller hypothesis

- Many (>100K) independent controllers (islets?)
- coupling ONLY through glycemia
- fire-and-refractory (same as neurons, myocardial cells)
- slow adaptation
- GENERATING METAPARAMETERS (size of grain, refractory time, ...)
- close loop with ANY glucose dynamics



# Simon



# Grodsky

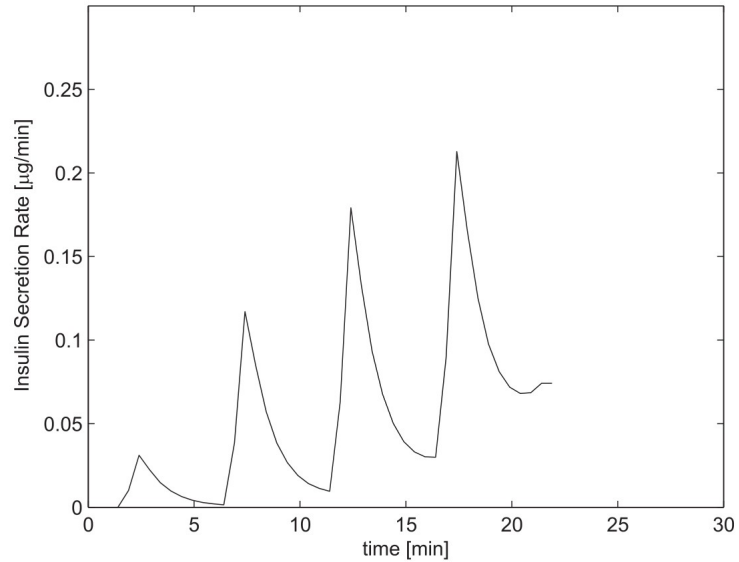
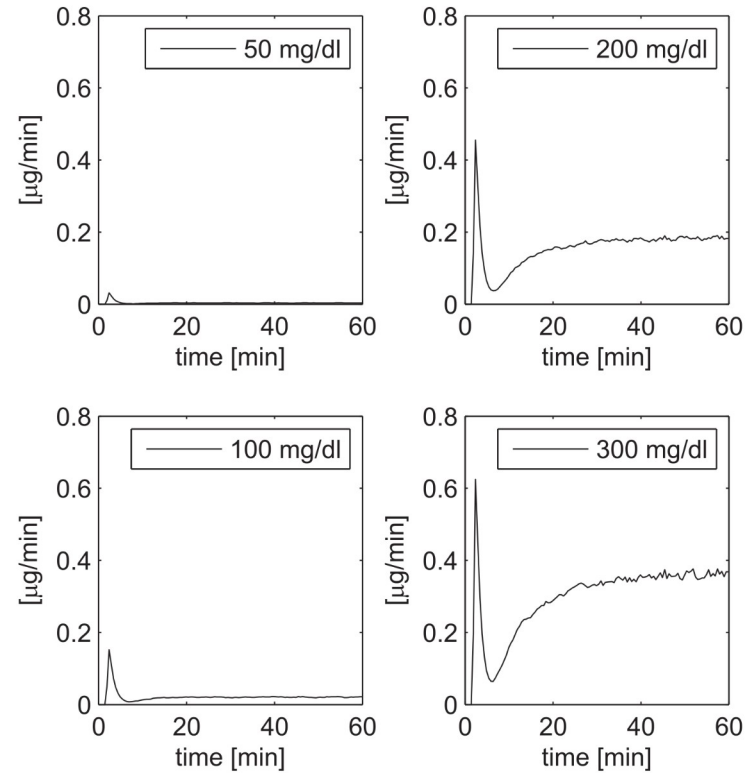


Fig 4. Insulin Secretion Rate at staircase-increasing glucose concentrations, comparable with Grodsky's first experiment (Fig 1 in [1]).



# Grodsky, Sturis

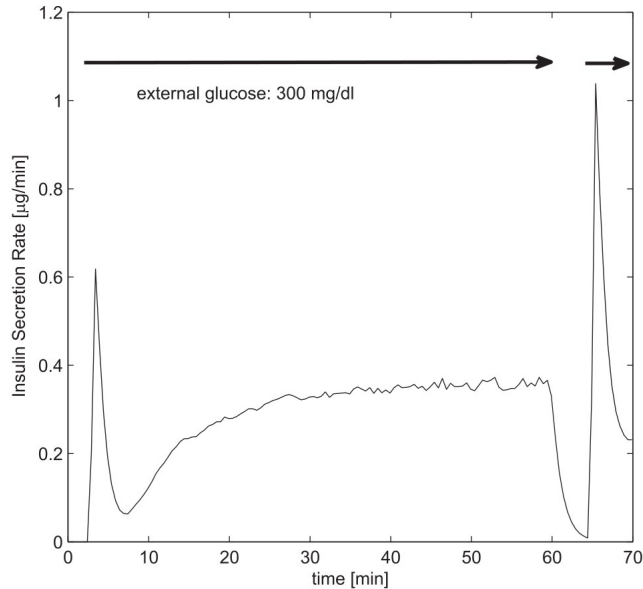


Fig 6. Insulin Secretion Rate for discontinuous constant glucose administration, comparable with Grodsky's third experiment (Fig 3 in [1]).

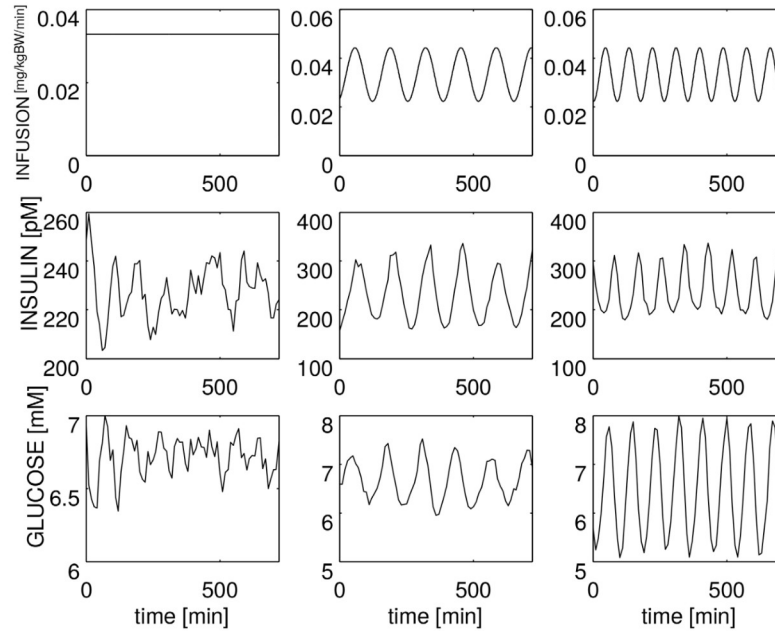
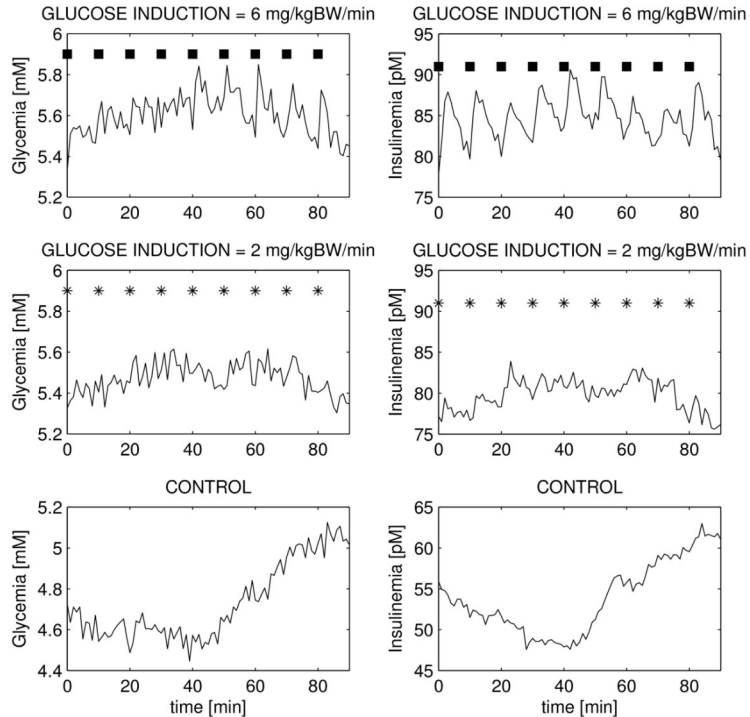
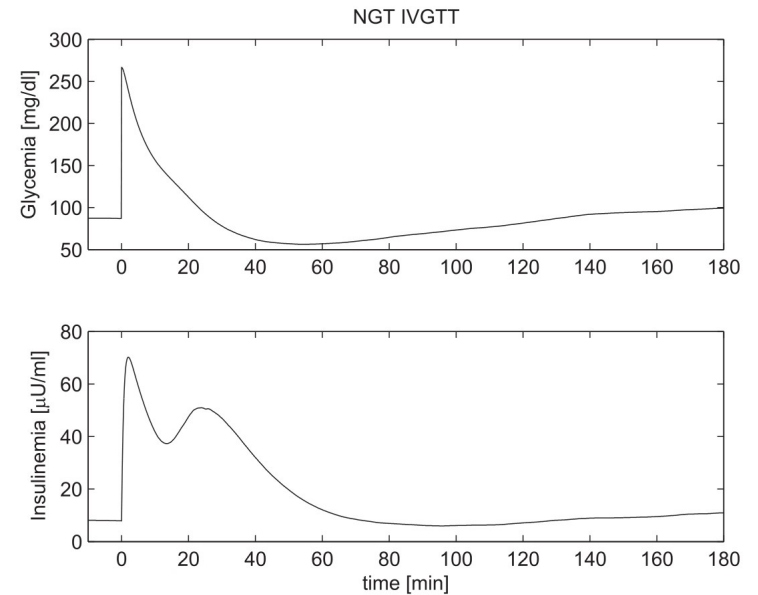


Fig 9. Glucose/insulin evolutions entrained by sinusoidal exogenous glucose administration. Glucose administration (top row), insulinemia (center row) and glycemia (bottom row) during a 720 min period. Compare this figure with Fig 1 by Sturis et al. [14].

# Porksen, IVGTT



**Fig 10. Glucose/insulin concentrations during high frequency minimal stimulation.** Glucose (left panels) and insulin (right panels) evolution during a 1h30' period with 6 (upper panels), 2 (center panels) and 0 (lower panels) mg/kg/min intravenous glucose administration. Compare this figure with Fig 1 by Porksen et al. [15].



**Fig 11. IVGTT experiment for an NGT patient.** Simulated glycemia (upper panel) and insulinemia (lower panel) for a Normal Glucose Tolerance patient (NGT) during an Intravenous Glucose Tolerance Test (IVGTT).

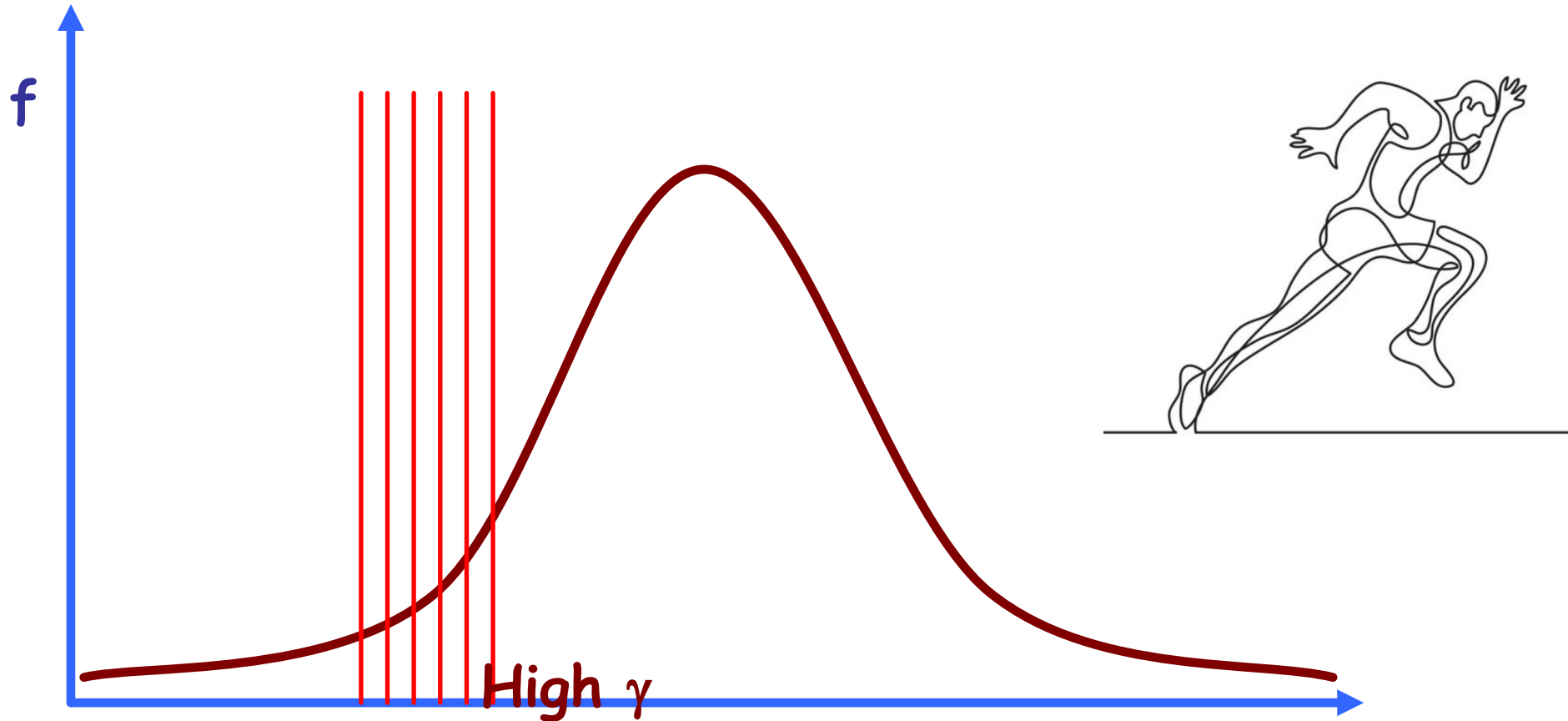
# SDM revisited: why does it work?

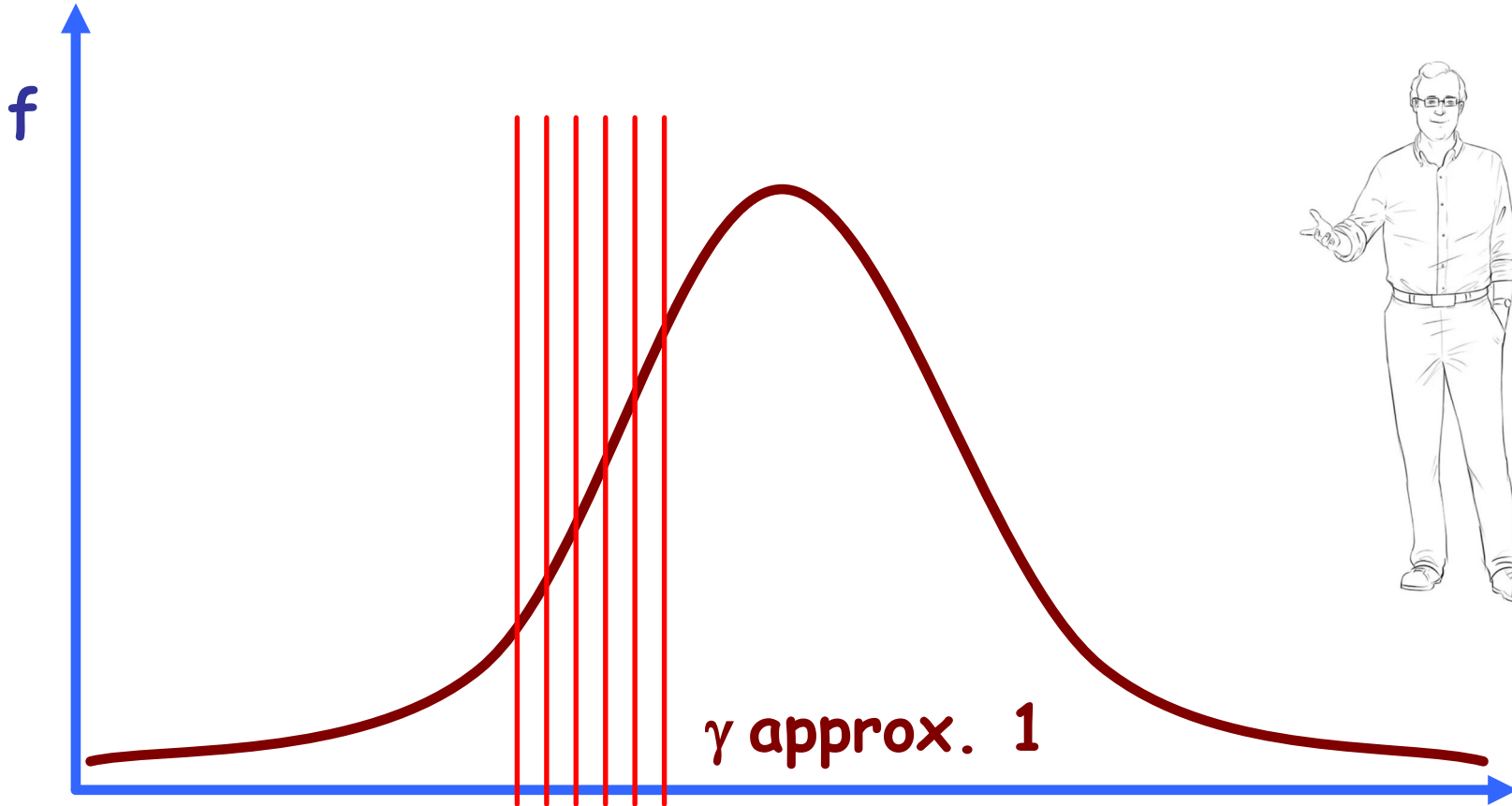
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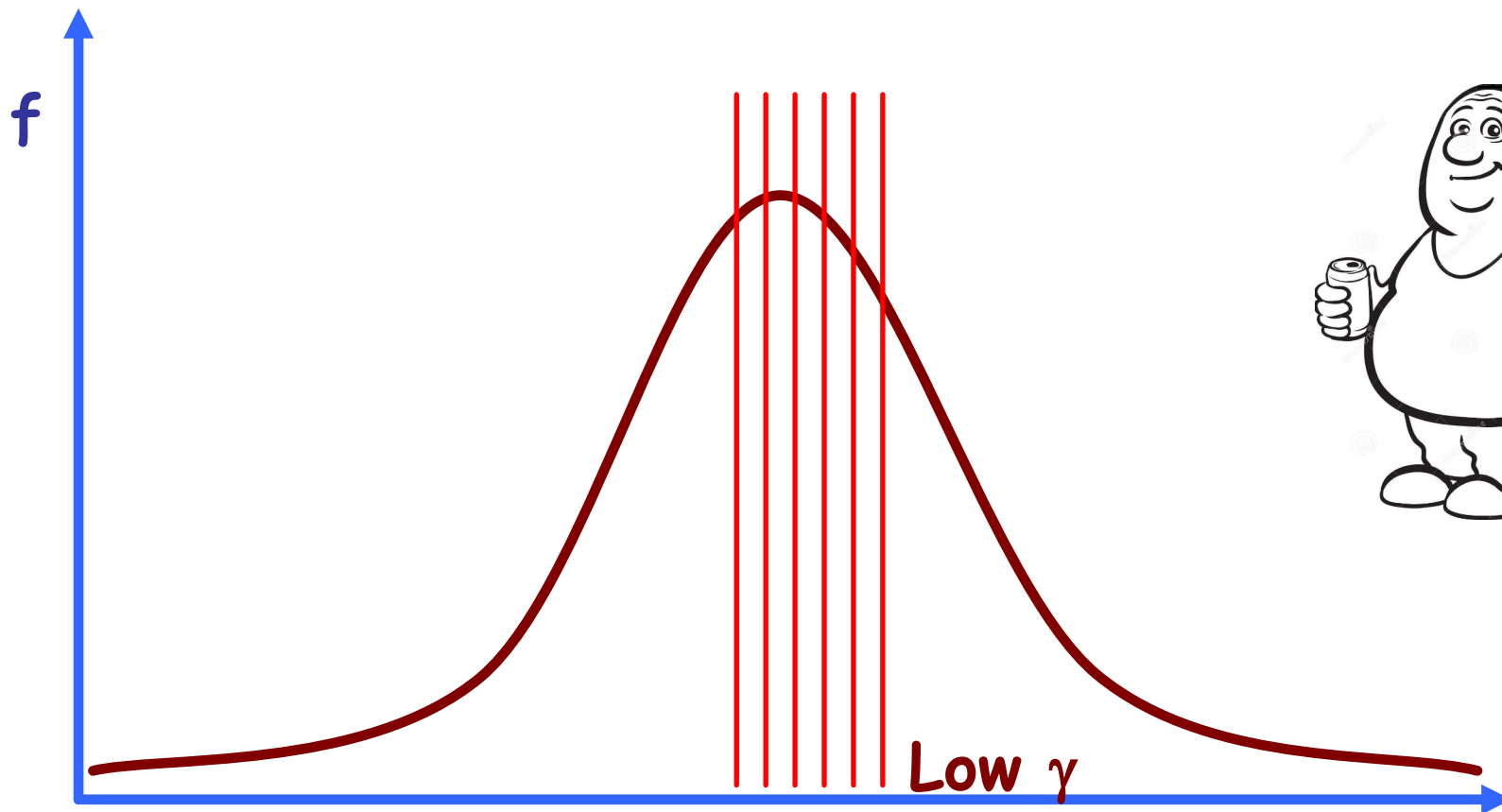
$$\frac{dI}{dt} = T_{ig} \left( \frac{G(t-\tau)}{G_b} \right)^\gamma - K_{xi} I, \quad I(0) = I_b + I_{\Delta G} G_\Delta$$

- ‘Glucose effectiveness’ apparently not needed
- Nonlinear exponent  $\gamma$  crucial for good model fit
- Distribution interpretation of  $\gamma$  as (related to) the derivative of the density of the thresholds?

# threshold distribution interpretation





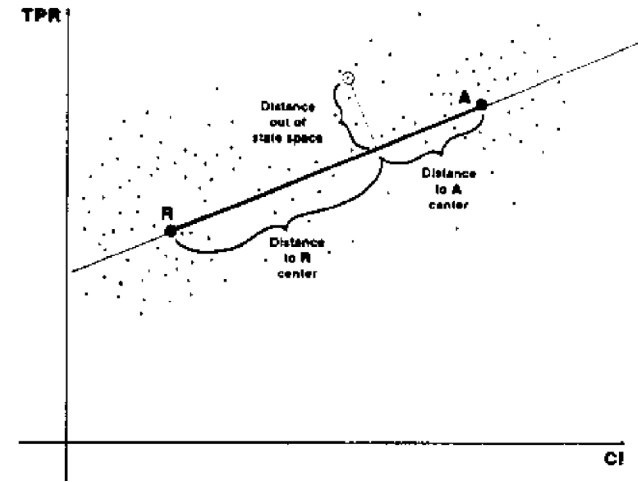




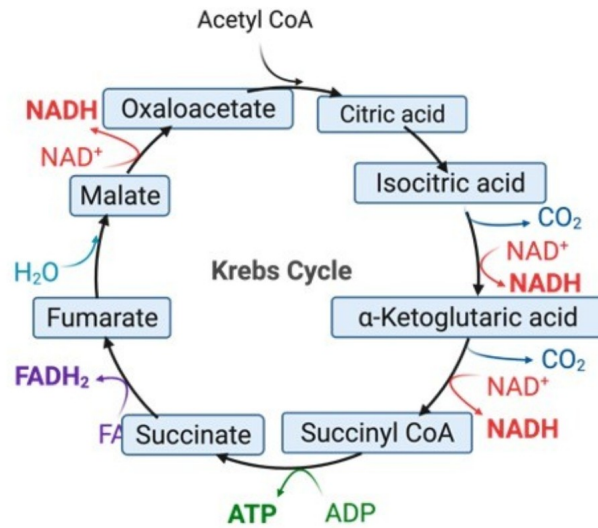
# A quick overview of 35 years (5 minutes)

# 1986-1989 Baltimore: the Patient State Space

- Coleman, Siegel, Giovannini, Castagneto, Sganga, Nanni, Tacchino
- surgical ICU multi-parametric monitoring (11 original variables)
- clustering:
  - R (reference, compensated)
  - sepsis
  - metabolic/hepatic insufficiency
  - cardiovascular insufficiency
  - respiratory insufficiency
- patient trajectories & P(death) by projection onto 5-d StateSpace



# 1990-1999 CNR Rome: dicarboxylic acids 1/2



Linear:

$$dQ_1/dt = -k_{12} Q_1 + k_{21} Q_2$$

$$Q_1(0) = D$$

$$dQ_2/dt = k_{12} Q_1 - k_{21} Q_2 - k_{20} Q_2$$

$$Q_2(0) = 0$$

or

$$V_1 dc_1/dt = -k_{12} c_1 V_1 + k_{21} c_2 V_2$$

$$c_1(0) = D/V_1$$

$$V_2 dc_2/dt = k_{12} c_1 V_1 - k_{21} c_2 V_2 - k_{20} c_2 V_2$$

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Nonlinear:

$$V_1 dc_1/dt = -T_{12} c_1/(M_{12} + c_1) + k_{21} c_2 V_2$$

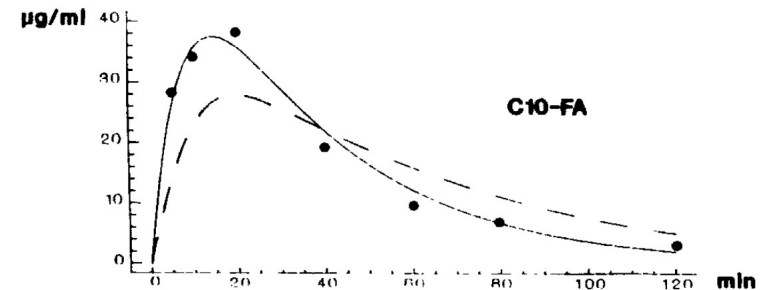
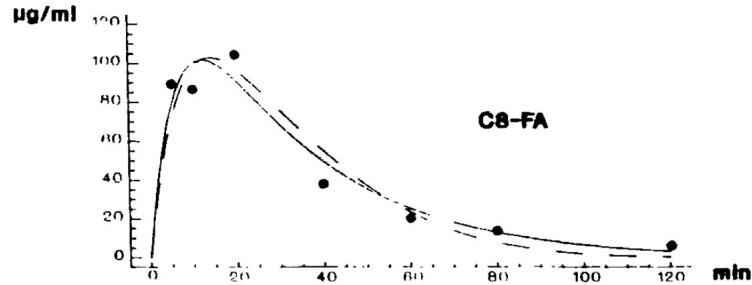
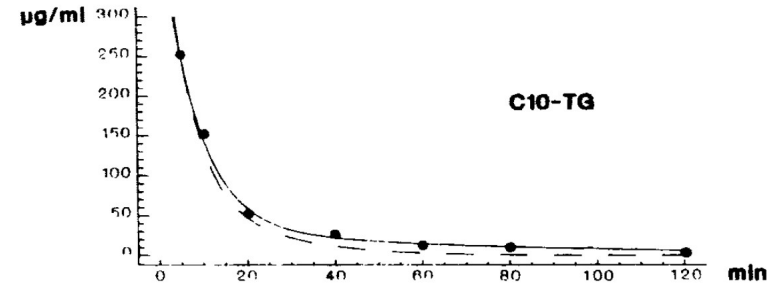
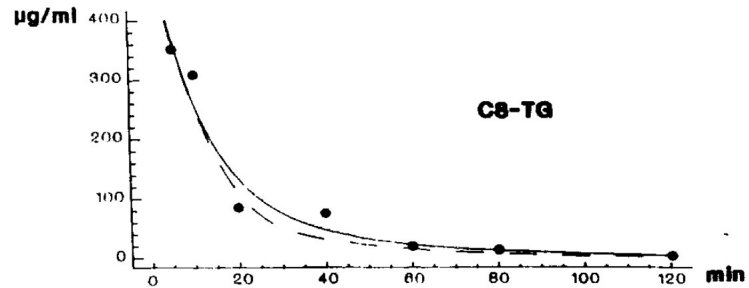
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$$c_2(0) = 0$$

- Mingrone, Tataranni, Raguso
- standard PK (nonlin ODE)

# 1990-1999 CNR Rome: dicarboxylic acids 2/2



# 1996 MinMod!

NONMEM improves group parameter estimation  
for the minimal model of glucose kinetics

Am.J.Physiol. 1996

ANDREA DE GAETANO, GELTRUDE MINGRONE, AND MARCO CASTAGNETO

- estimation!
- NONMEM -> 1985 Sheiner nlme algorithm
- Assumed MinMod

# 2000 MinMod?

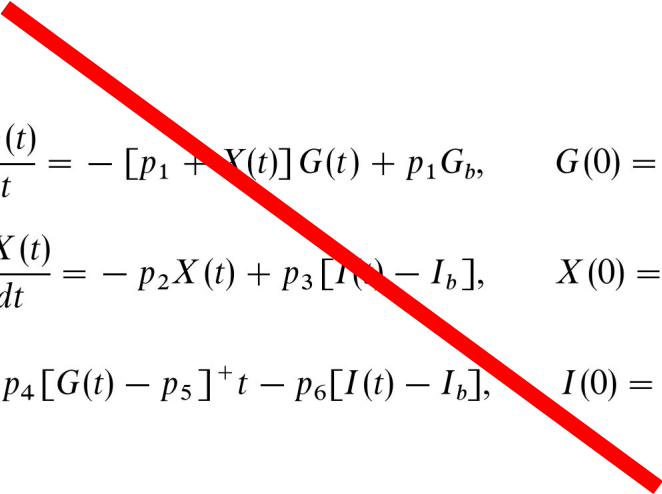
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## Mathematical modelling of the intravenous glucose tolerance test

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# 2000 in general: stability?

## **A Statistical Approach to the Determination of Stability for Dynamical Systems Modelling Physiological Processes**

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Mathematical and Computer Modelling 2000 pp 41–51

# 2002 in the meantime: Calorimetric Chamber



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## Computing DIT from energy expenditure measures in a respiratory chamber: a direct modeling method

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# 2005/2008 / 2010 using and estimating SDE's

REVSTAT – Statistical Journal  
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## MIXED EFFECTS IN STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION MODELS

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# 2005 ... more glucose and insulin

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## MODELING THE INTRA-VENOUS GLUCOSE TOLERANCE TEST: A GLOBAL STUDY FOR A SINGLE-DISTRIBUTED-DELAY MODEL

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## Bariatric surgery and T2DM improvement mechanisms: a mathematical model

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ARTICLE

## Within-patient variation of the pharmacokinetics of subcutaneously injected biphasic insulin aspart as assessed by compartmental modelling

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# ... more glucose and insulin

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## Routine OGTT: A Robust Model Including Incretin Effect for Precise Identification of Insulin Sensitivity and Secretion in a Single Individual

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# 2006 glucose and insulin: SDE's

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## Mathematical Biology

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### **Modeling the euglycemic hyperinsulinemic clamp by stochastic differential equations**

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# 2007 finally a good model for the IVGTT

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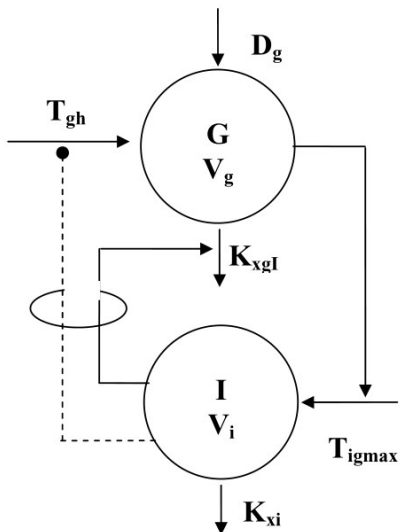
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## QUALITATIVE BEHAVIOR OF A FAMILY OF DELAY-DIFFERENTIAL MODELS OF THE GLUCOSE-INSULIN SYSTEM

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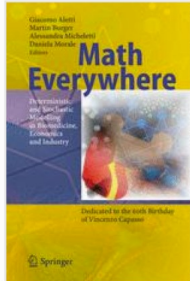
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## Time-Delay Model-Based Control of the Glucose–Insulin System, by Means of a State Observer

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## A glycemia-structured population model

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Evaluation of a Mathematical Model of Diabetes Progression Against  
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### An islet population model of the endocrine pancreas

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### A Unifying Organ Model of Pancreatic Insulin Secretion

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# 2019...: compact is small distributed

## Consistency of compact and extended models of glucose-insulin homeostasis: The role of variable pancreatic reserve

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Comparison of the generating, extended-model parameter values with the obtained compact model estimates shows that the functional form of the nonlinear insulin-secretion term, empirically found to be necessary for the compact model to satisfactorily fit clinical observations, captures the pancreatic reserve level of the simulated virtual patients.

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## A quasi-equilibrium reduced model of pancreatic insulin secretion

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# 2014... meals & control of appetite

## A Simple, Realistic Stochastic Model of Gastric Emptying

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## A short-term dynamical model for ghrelin

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## **PARAMETER ESTIMATION OF A SIMPLE, REALISTIC STOCHASTIC MODEL OF GASTRIC EMPTYING OF PELLETS UNDER FASTING CONDITIONS**

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## **Direct Estimation of General Pulmonary Vascular Models From Occlusion Experiments**

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## A fractional differential equation model for continuous glucose monitoring data

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Modeling continuous glucose monitoring with fractional differential equations subject to shocks



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# FD Op's Grünwald-Letnikov

$$D_t^{GL,\alpha} f(t) = \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ nh=t}} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{\alpha}{r} f(t - rh)$$

$$\binom{\alpha}{r} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(r+1)\Gamma(\alpha-r+1)}$$

# FD Op's Caputo

$$D_t^{C,\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m - \alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{f^{(m)}(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - m + 1}} d\tau$$

# Fractional Differential Operators

- reduce to the usual integer integro-differential operators for  $\alpha = m$
- are linear for any  $\alpha$

$$D_t^\alpha (c_1 f_1(t) + c_2 f_2(t)) = c_1 D_t^\alpha f_1(t) + c_2 D_t^\alpha f_2(t), \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

- preserve sequential integro-differentiation

$$D_t^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} f(t) = D_t^{\alpha_1} (D_t^{\alpha_2} f(t)), \quad \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

# FD Equations

for any chosen FD Operator may wish to solve

$$D^\alpha y(t) = f(t)$$

subject to some initial-value conditions.

Different FD Op's determine **DIFFERENT** solutions!



# Grünwald-Letnikov and Caputo

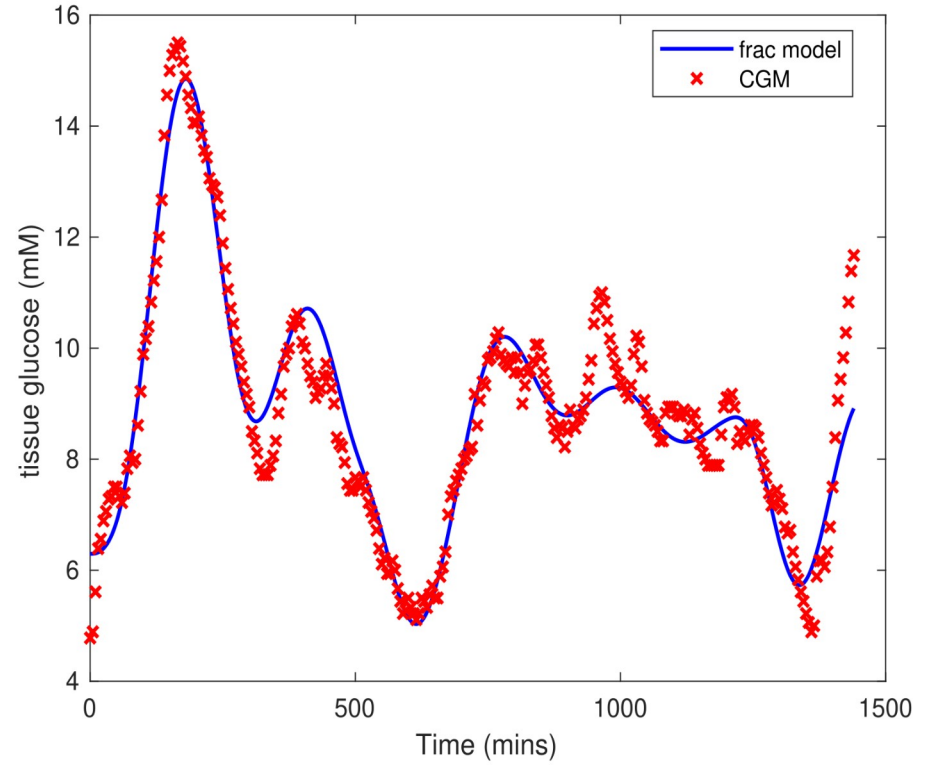
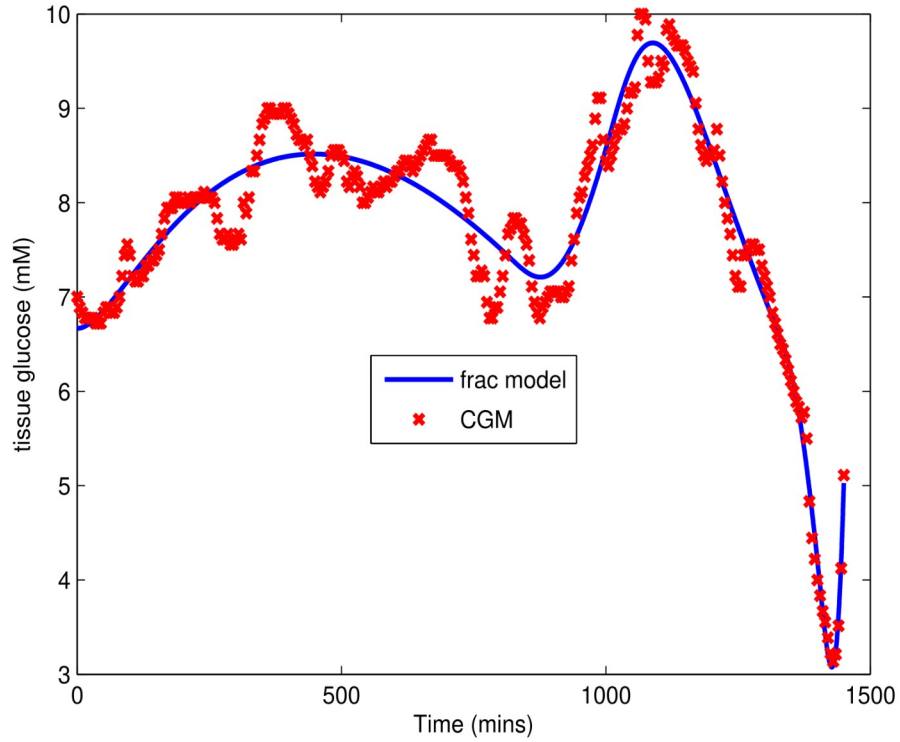
however it can be shown (Laplace transforms)

$$y^C(t) = y^{GL}(t) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{t^k}{k!} y^{(k)}(0)$$

$m \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq m - 1 < \alpha < m$

- GL easy to compute
- C takes care of (INTEGER-order) initial conditions

# FDE modeling example: CGM

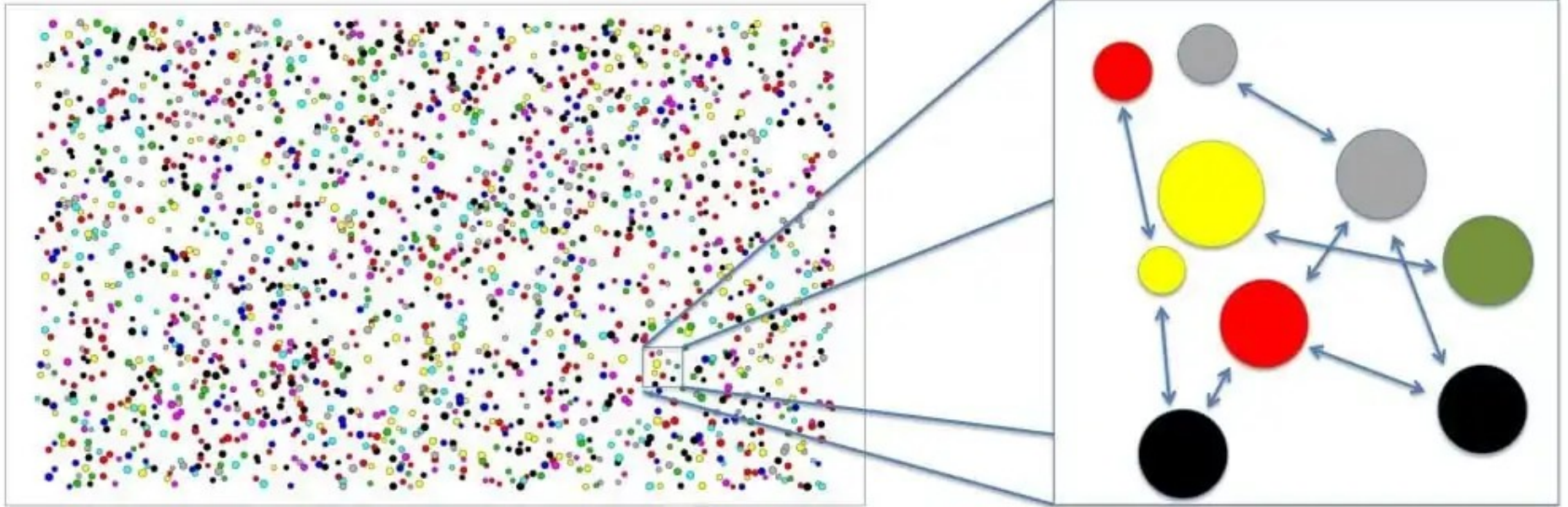


# next step: FSDE's

- if we introduce some driving stochastic process (diffusion) in addition to the deterministic derivative (drift), we obtain a FSDE. May drive such FSDE with different noises...
- Notice that by definition (GL) this FSDE is in any case non-local for non-integer  $\alpha$
- The same would happen if adding noise to a delay-differential equation, DSDE.



# nonlocal stochastic dynamical systems: ABM's







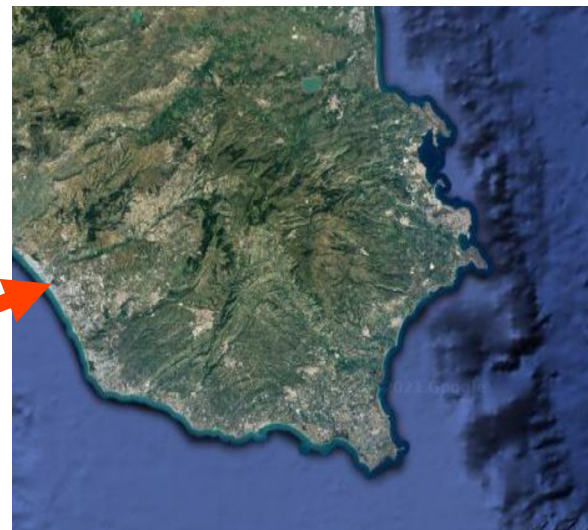




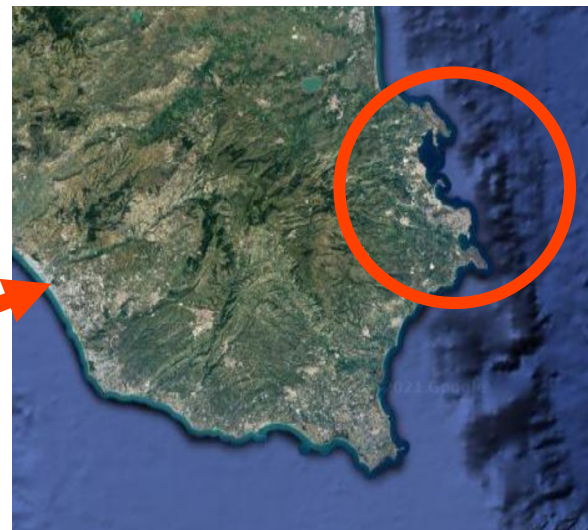




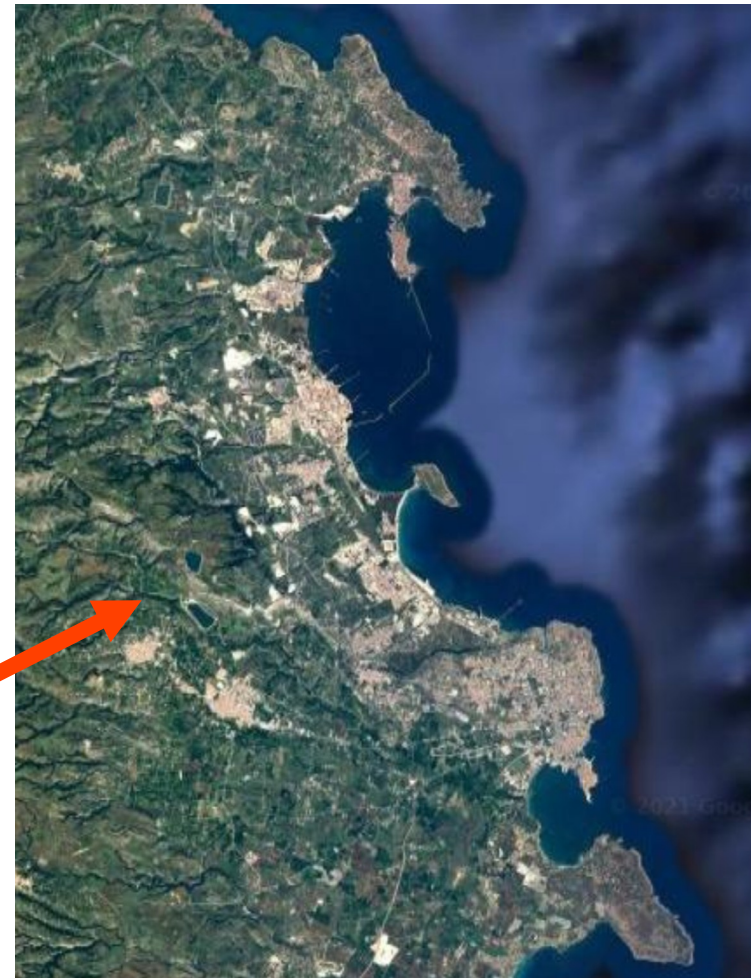
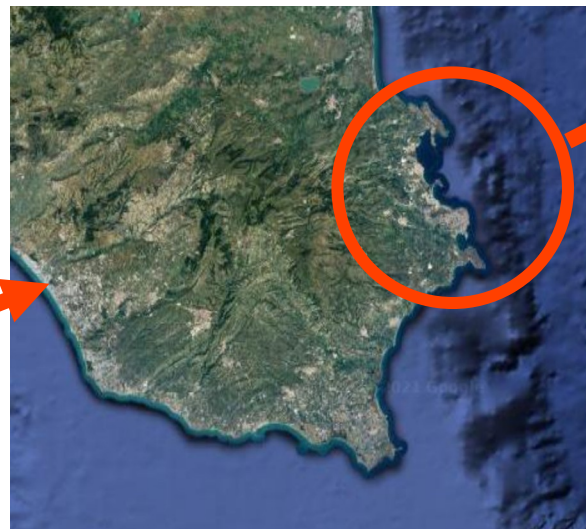
















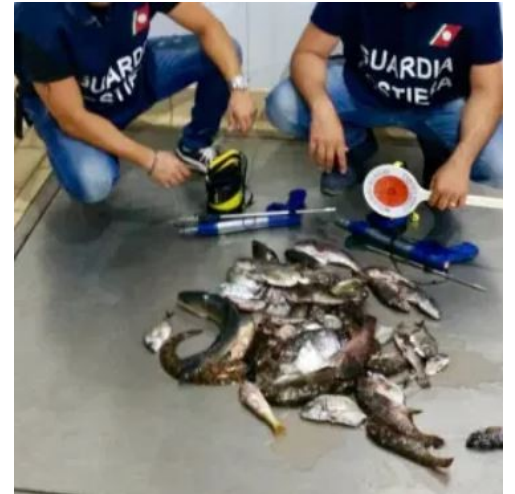
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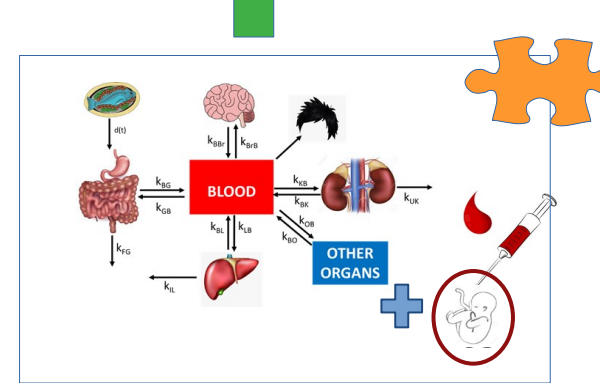
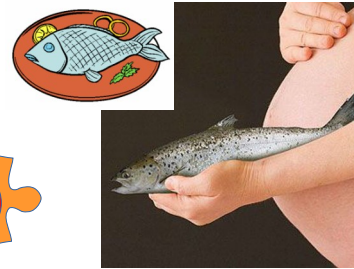
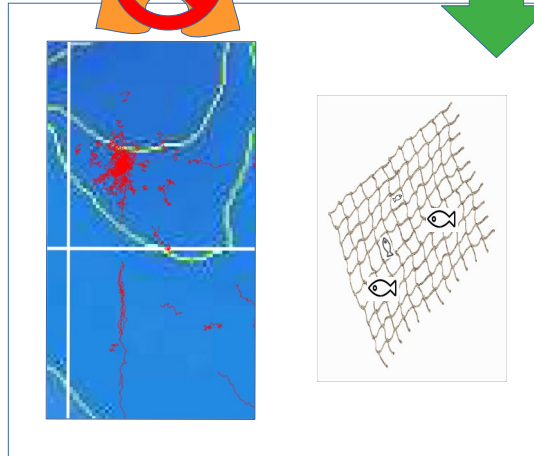
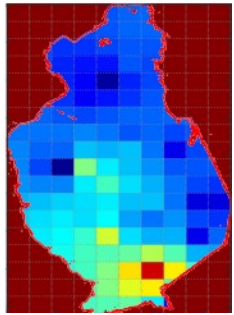
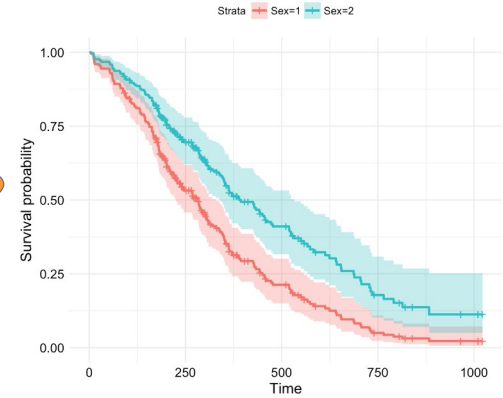
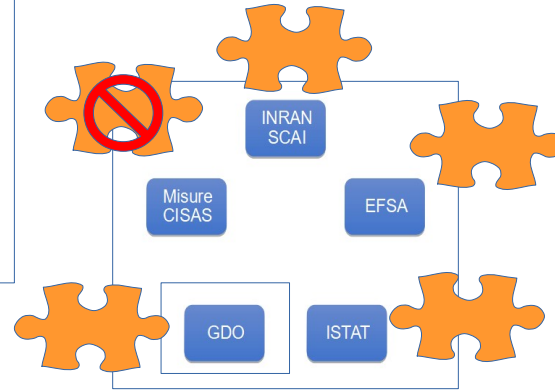
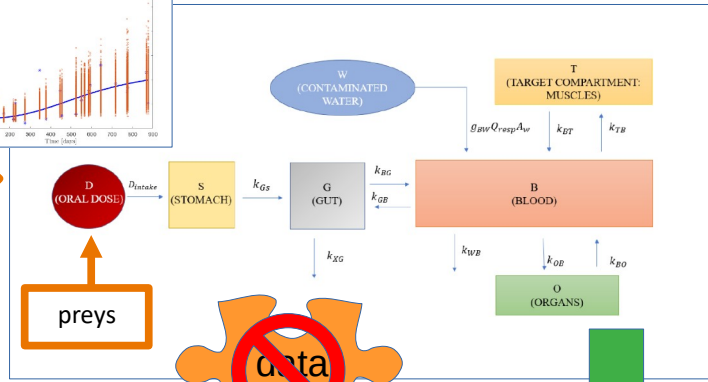
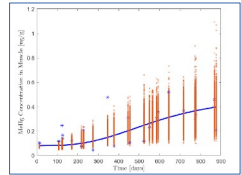
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# Overall modelling effort



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# Agent Motion & Fishing Model (AMoFiM V01.14.02)

$$X(t+1) = X(t) + (1 - \alpha) D Z_1 + \alpha (X(t) - X(t-1)) + \beta V_{max}(L(t)) \frac{(X_v(t) - X(t))}{1 + (X_v(t) - X(t))} \quad (1)$$

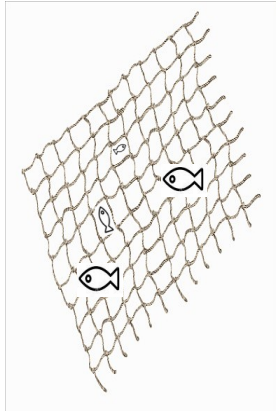
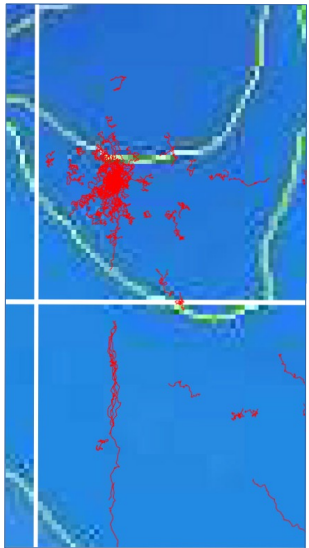
$$Y(t+1) = Y(t) + (1 - \alpha) D Z_2 + \alpha (Y(t) - Y(t-1)) + \beta V_{max}(L(t)) \frac{(Y_v(t) - Y(t))}{1 + (Y_v(t) - Y(t))} \quad (2)$$

$$Z(t+1) = Z_b(t+1) \quad (3)$$

$$L(t+1) = L(t) + k (L_{inf} - L(t)) \Delta t \quad (4)$$

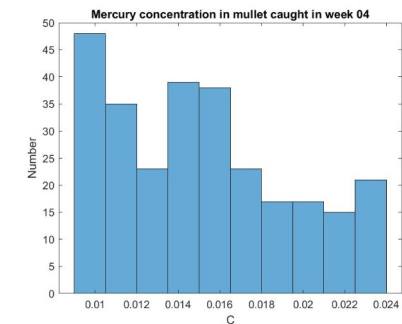
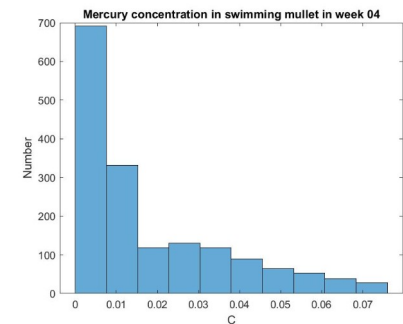
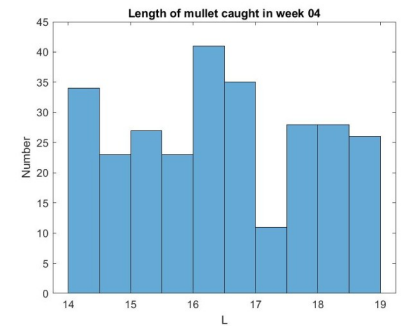
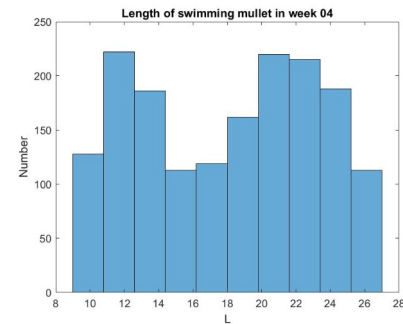
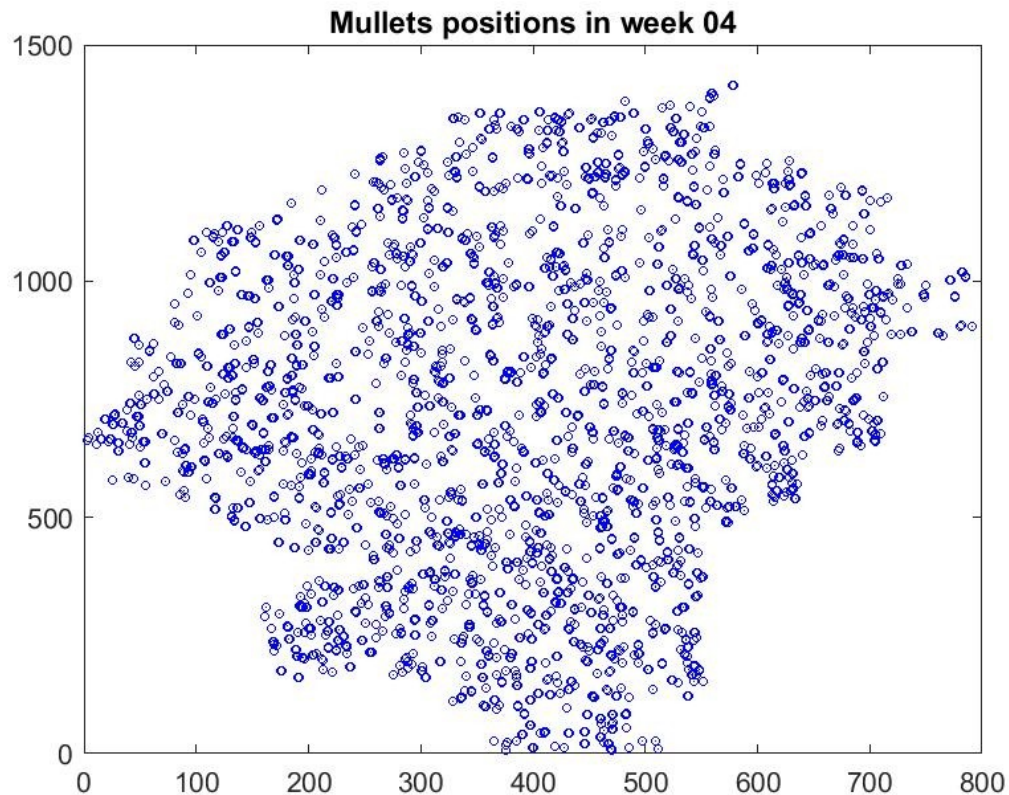
$$W(t+1) = a_{fish} L(t+1)^{b_{fish}} \quad (5)$$

$$V_{max}(L(t)) = \frac{L(t)^\gamma}{L_{50}^\gamma + L(t)^\gamma}$$





# AMoFiM simulation (stochastic)

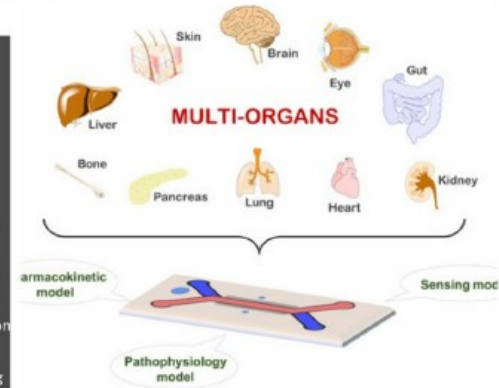
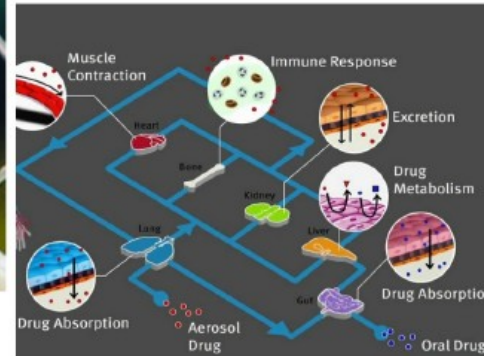
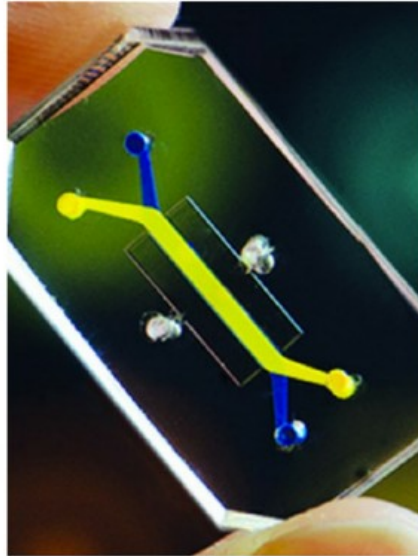
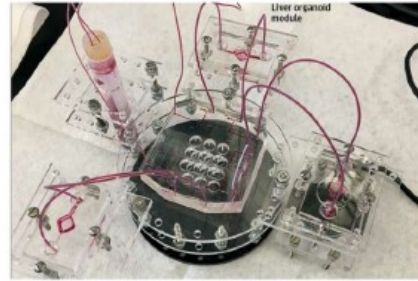


# another example

from fish population dynamics  
to cancer immunity

# Organ On Chip (OOC)

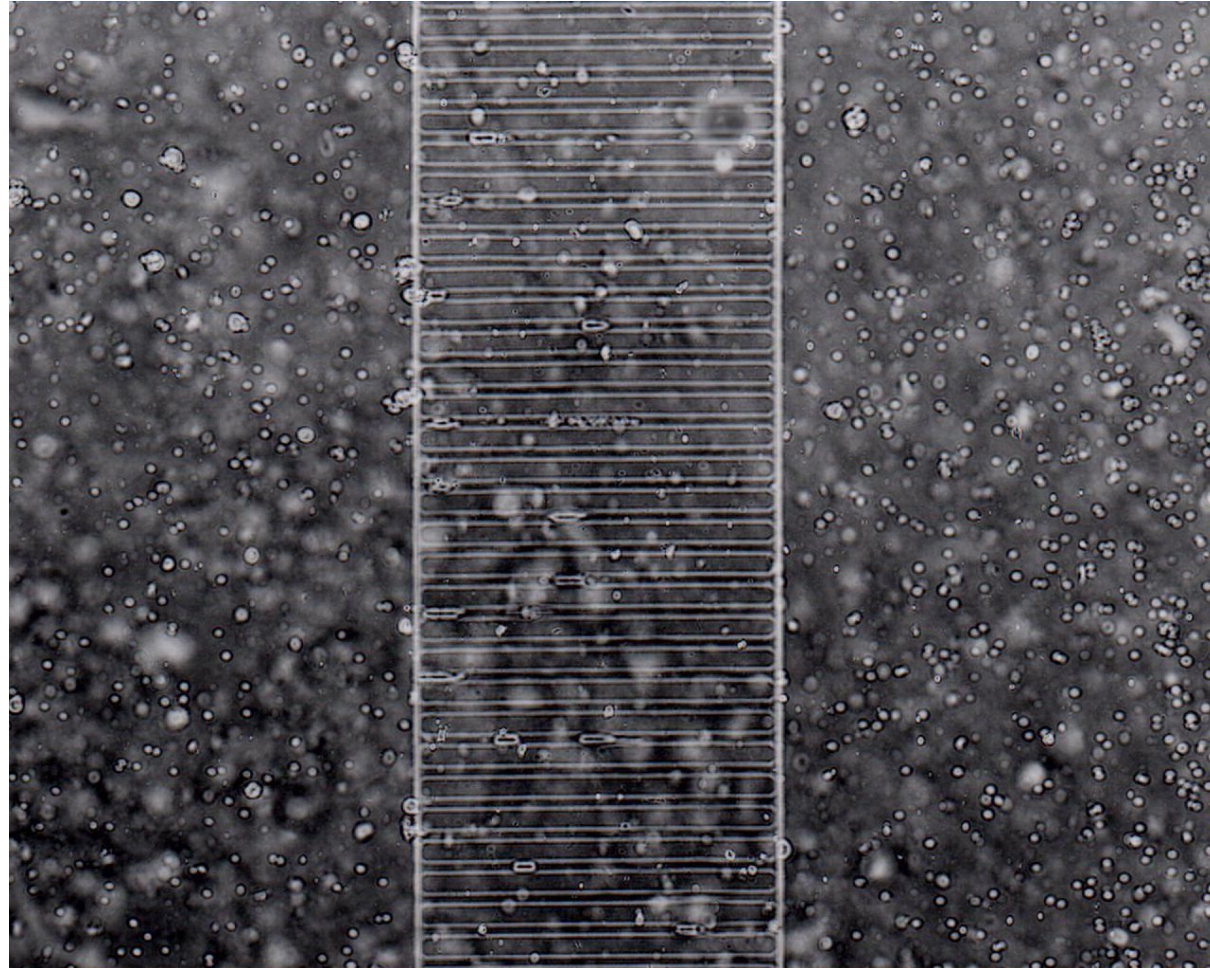
- microfluidic chips
- biological (physiochemical) environment
- recreates in vivo systems in vitro



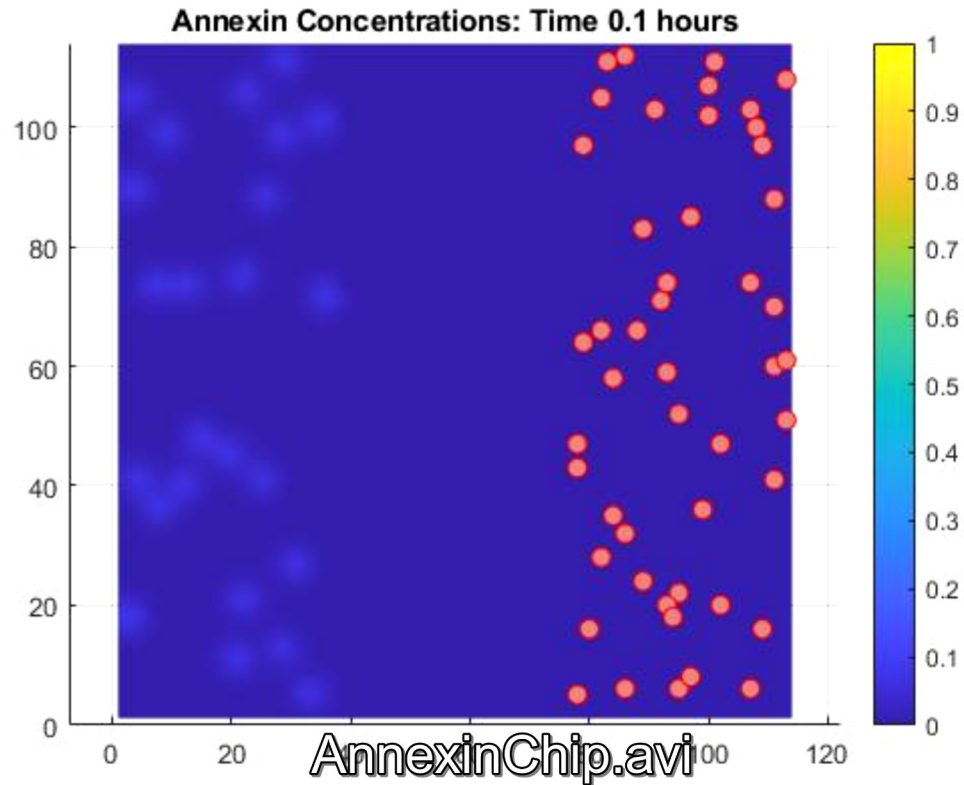


# Our preparation

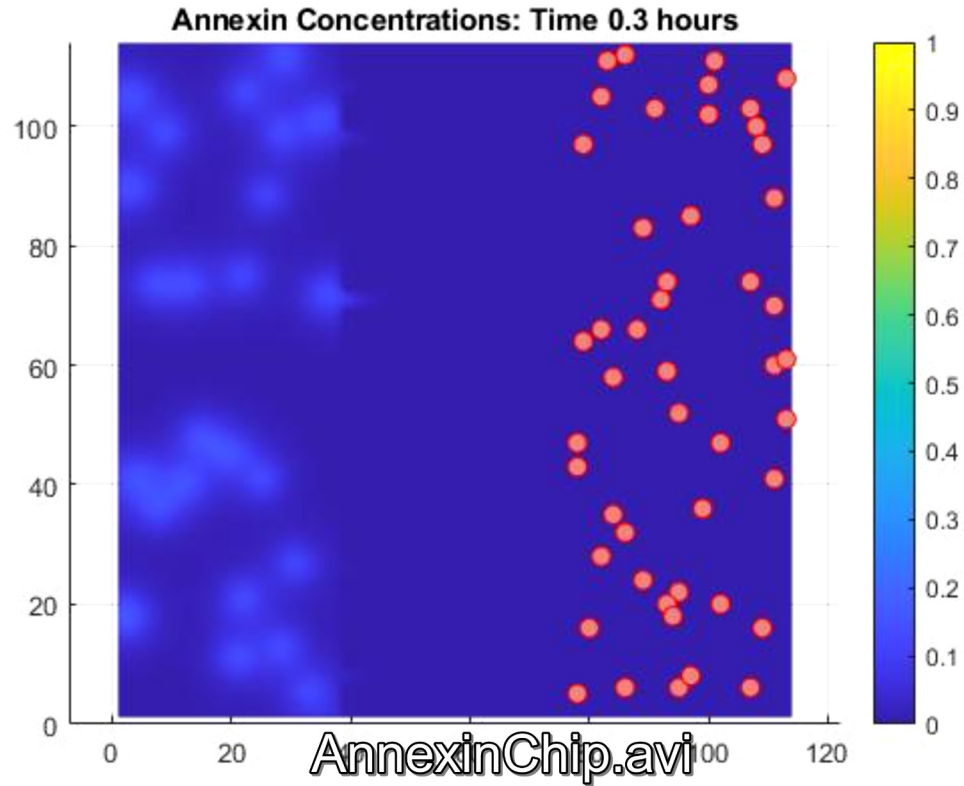
- Treated tumor + leukocytes MCA205-WT
- Videos recording positions of cells (1 frame q 2 min.)
- Goal: visualize treatment effect on migration rate, aggregation, inhibition of cancer cell proliferation



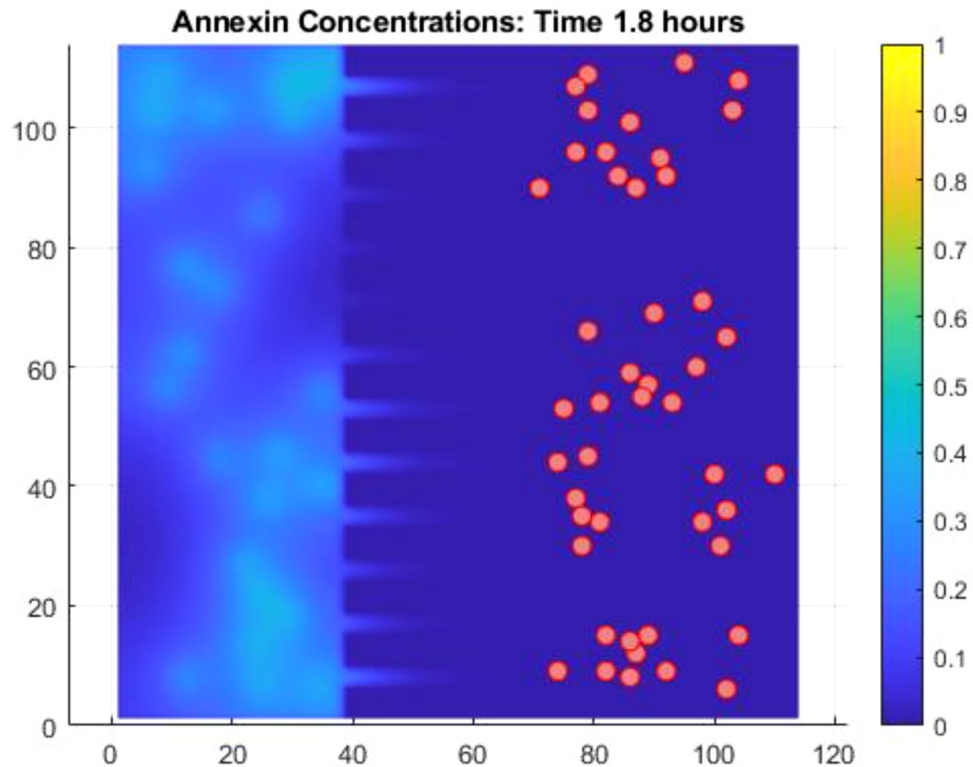
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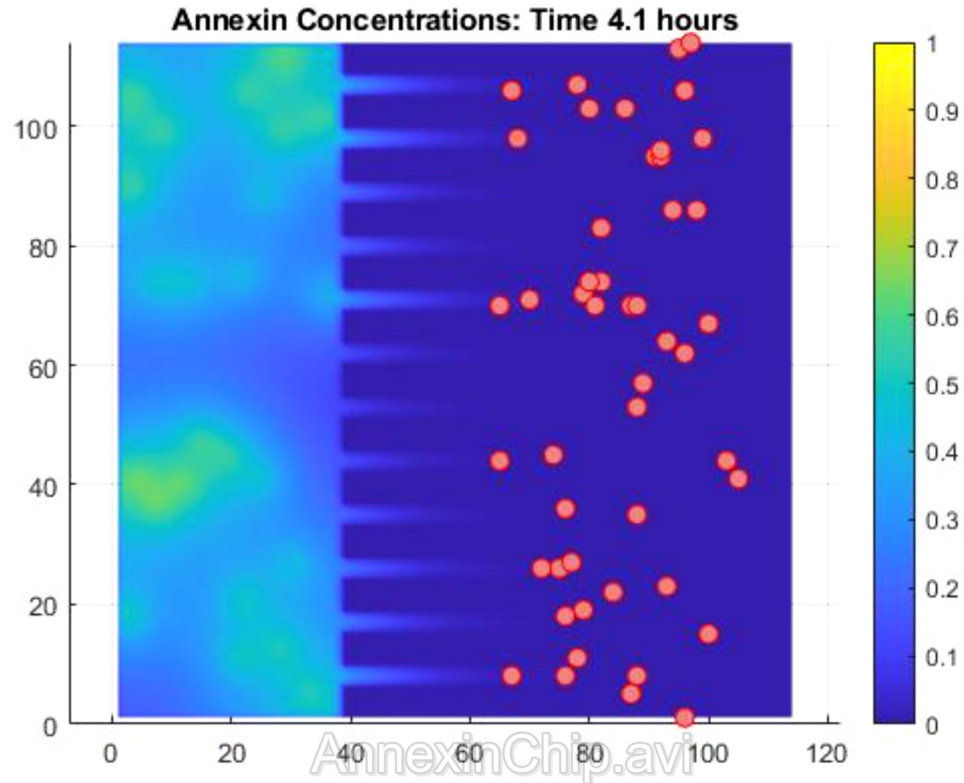
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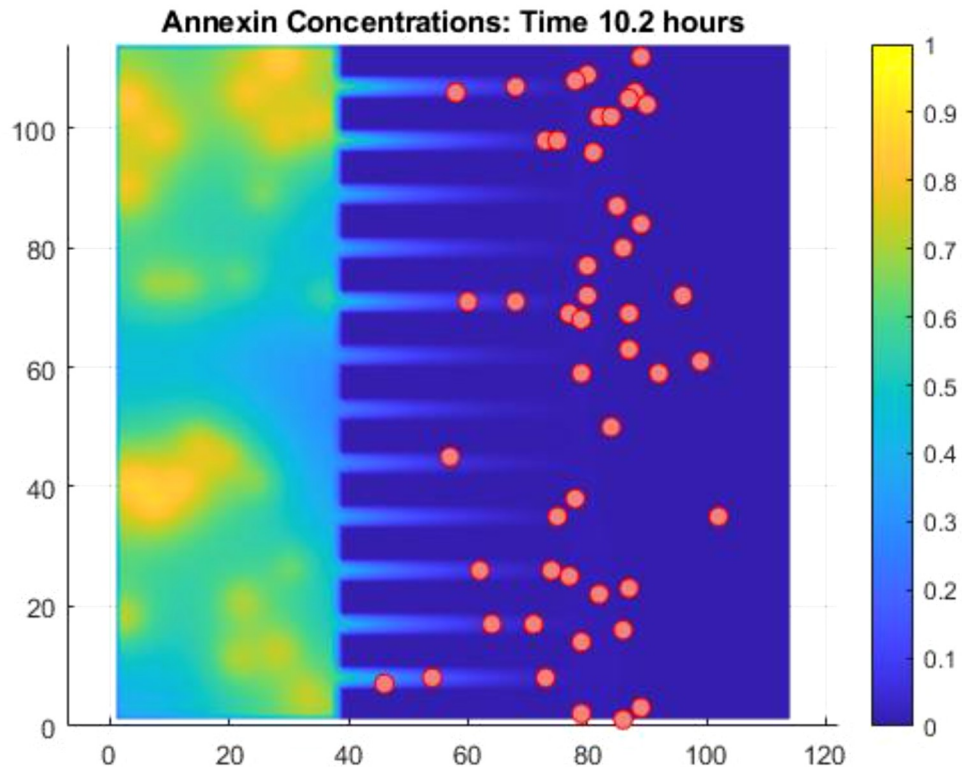


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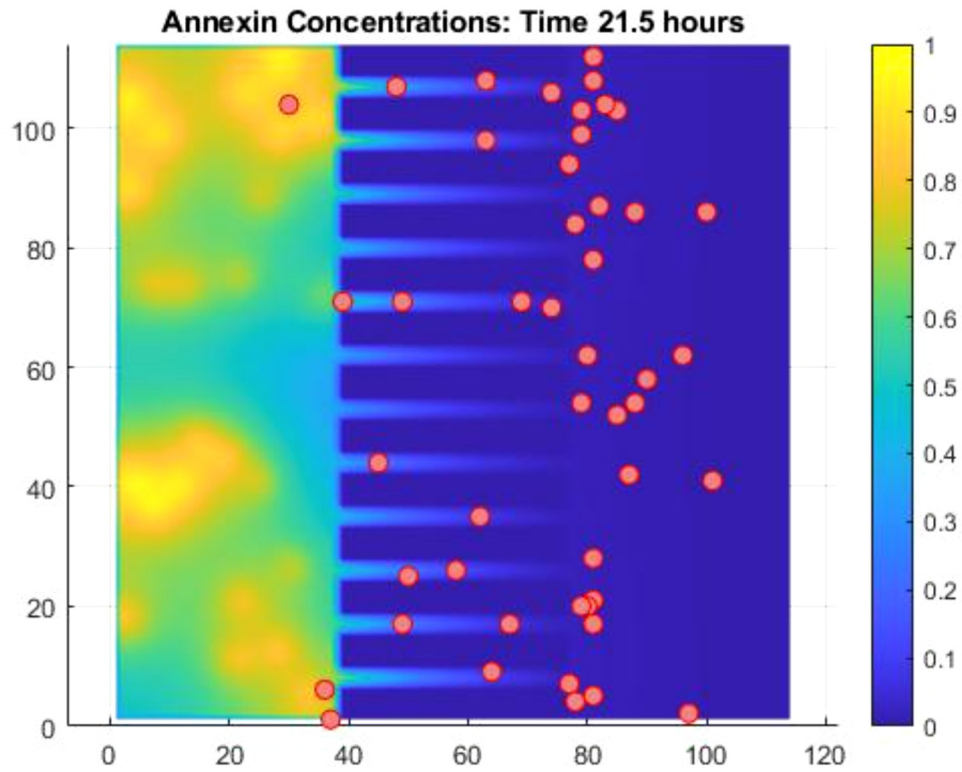




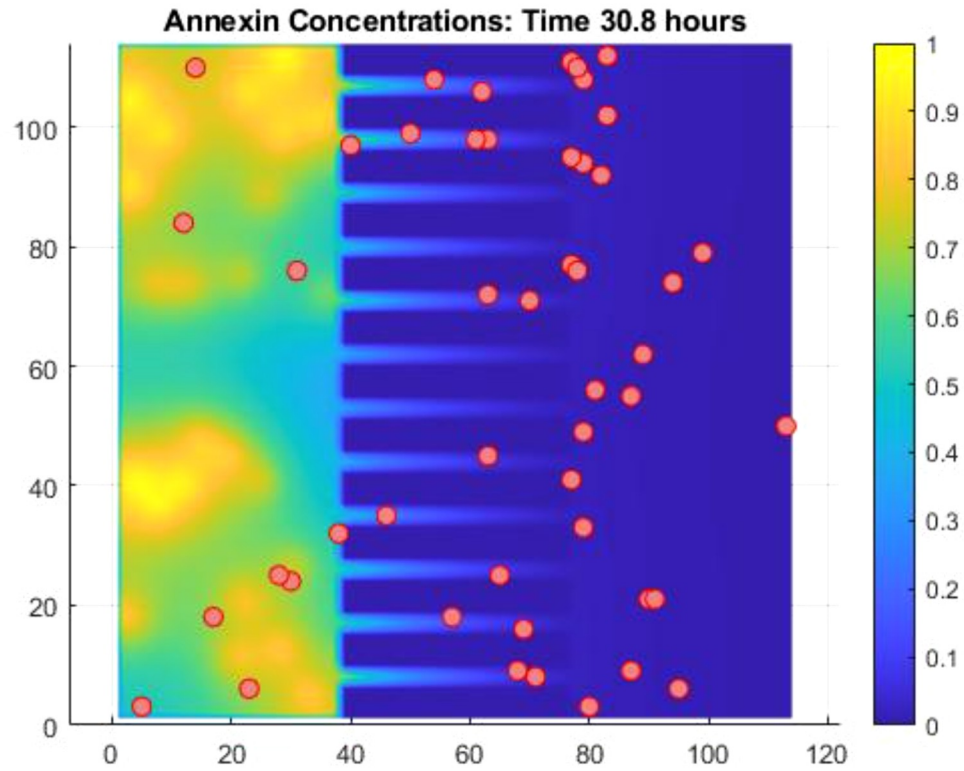
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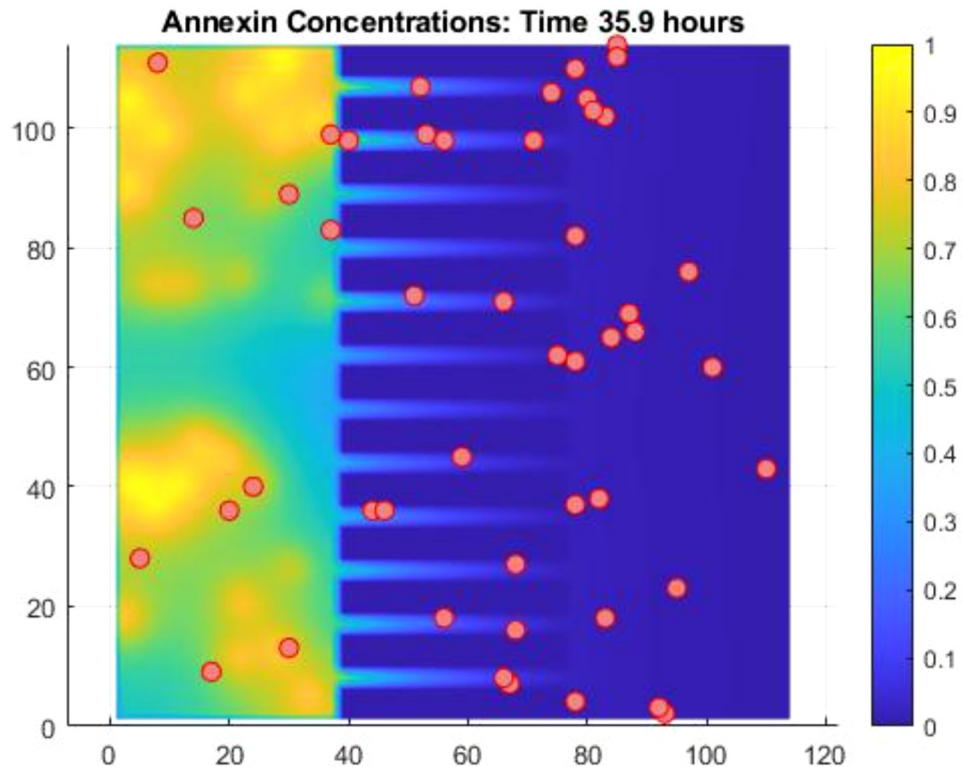
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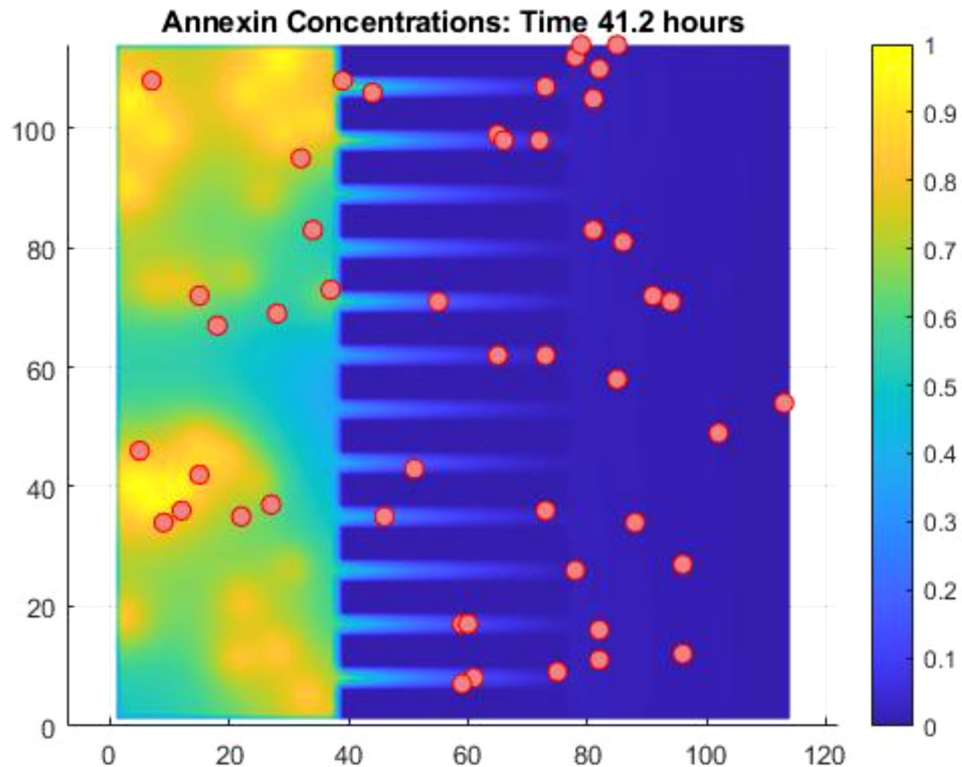
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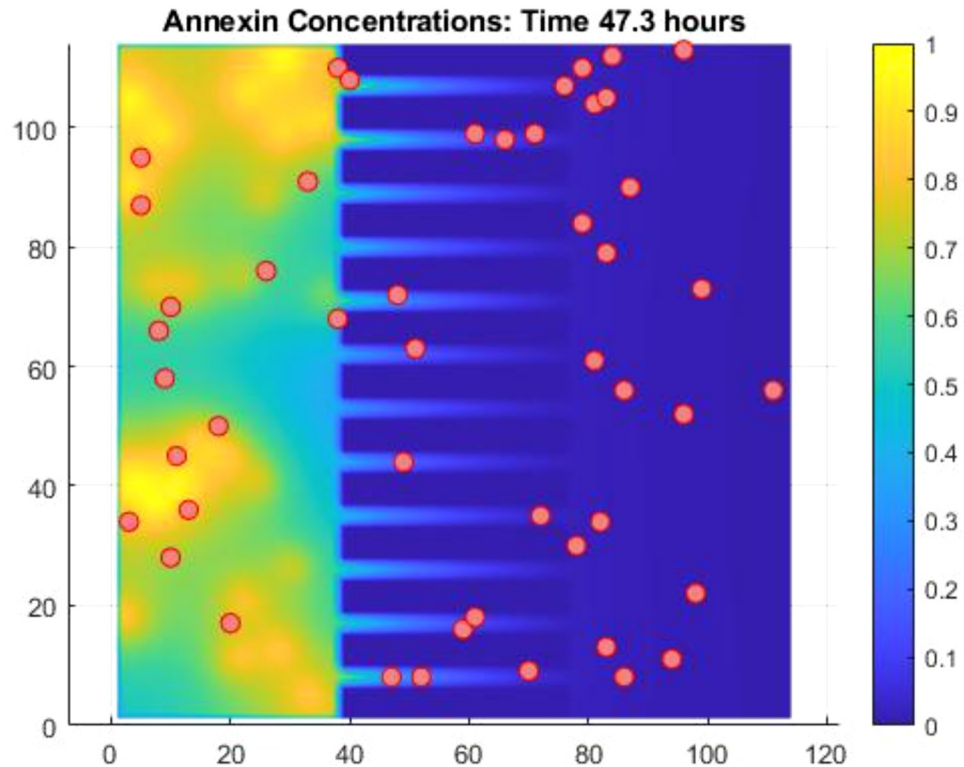
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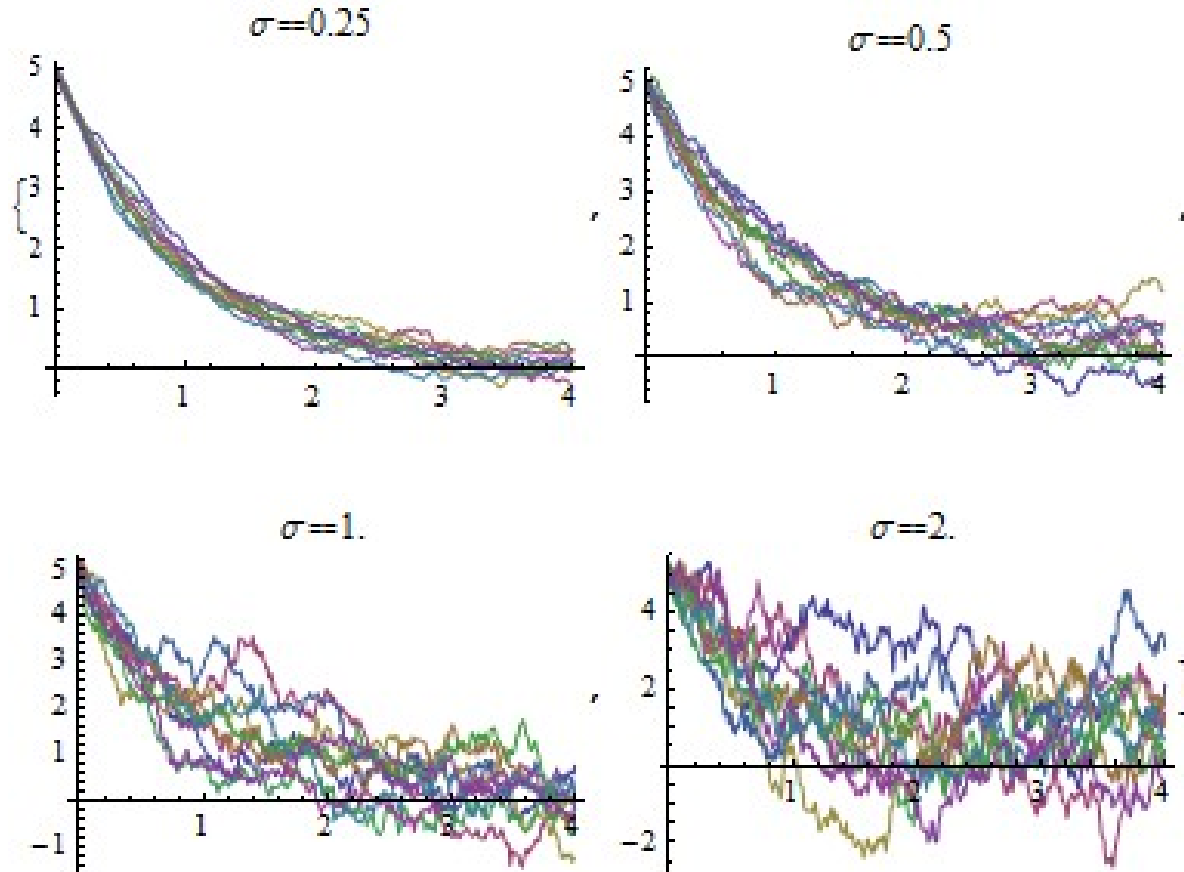


so, now that we have stochastic models...

the question is:

how to estimate the model  
parameters?

# SDE's: ALL trajectories SAME drift parameters

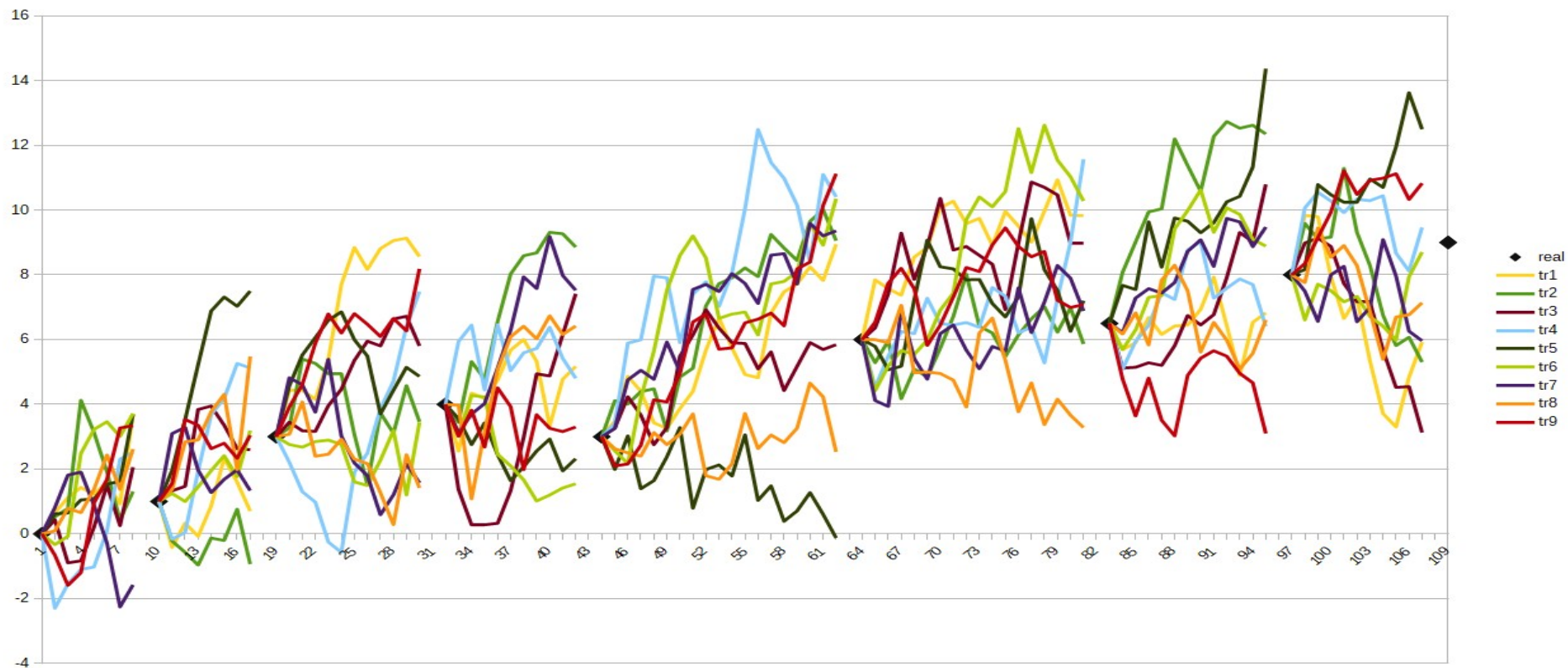




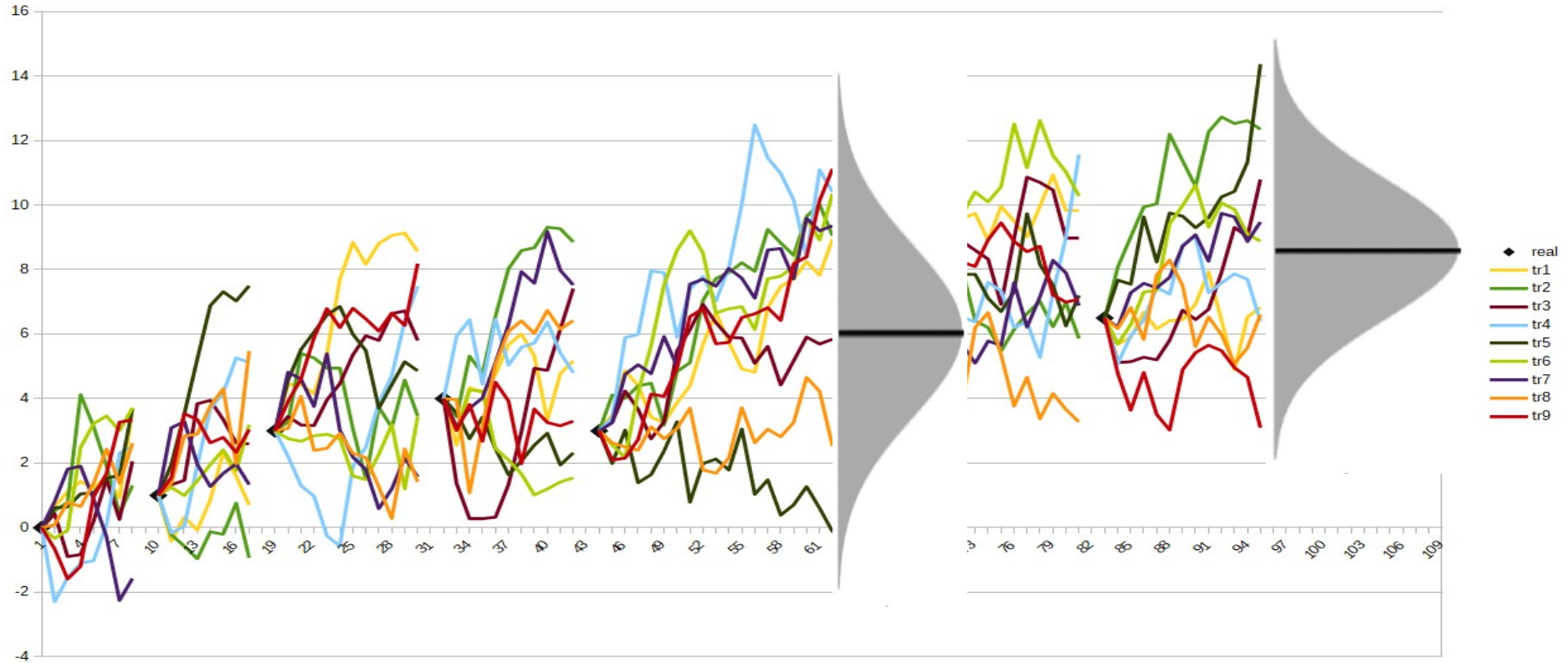
# ML Estimation

- easy case:  $Y$  observed is Markovian
  - implies NO hidden variables and NO observation error
- Hard but doable if hidden process is markovian

# Markovian Y



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# Nonlocal dynamical models: direct MLE

- Generate many trajectories over whole timeframe
- compute density at each observation
- assume independent observations and multiply
- OPTIMIZE!

# local vs. nonlocal stochastic models

- SDEs may be nonlocal if underlying process non-markovian (FSDE, DSDE by definition)
- ABMs nonlocal if incompletely observed (e.g. only position, not inner state)

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**cannot  
do!**

# Estimating nonlocal stochastic models

**Minimization**

**Rejection**

**Regression**

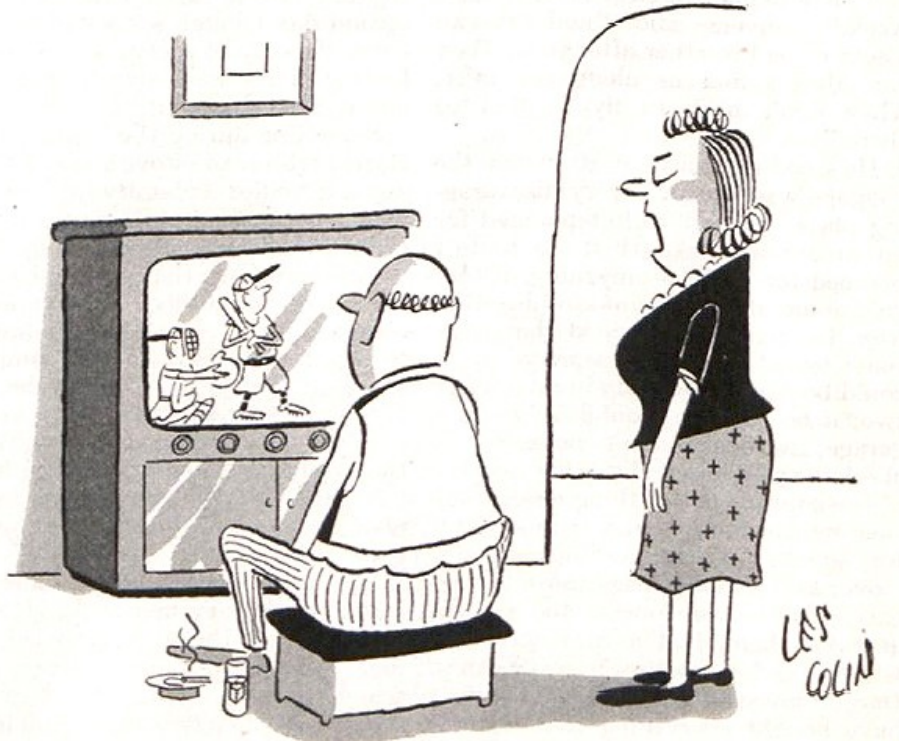
Ernesto CARRELLA:  
<https://carrknight.github.io/abm/2020/09/22/estimation.html>

# Rejection methods: what's the point?

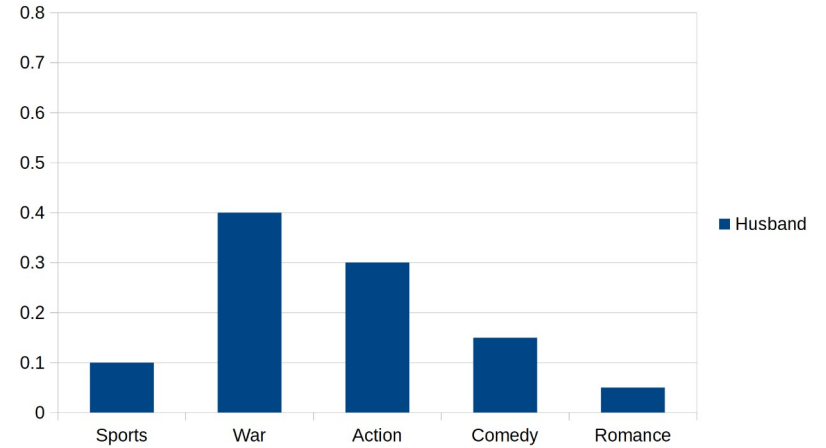
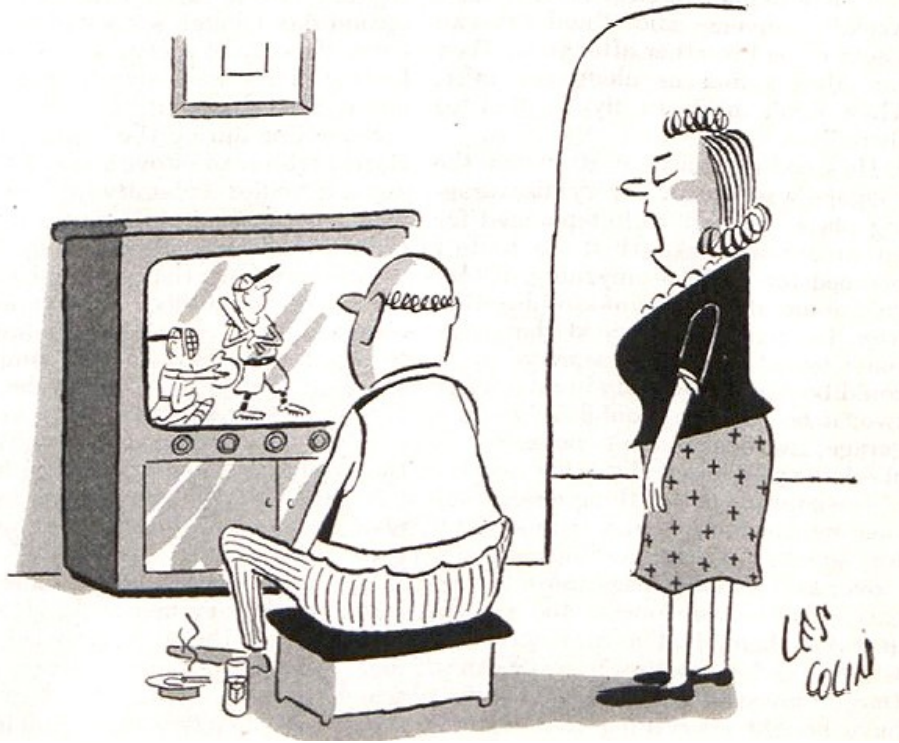
- MLE means find  $q$  such that  $P(Y^o|\theta)$  max.
- Cannot do it? OK, next best thing is...
- ... find (correctly) a (large) sample of  $\theta$  that are consistent with  $Y^o$ , ie. such that  $s(Y|\theta)$  near  $s(Y^o)$ , then use the empirical distribution of this sample to infer anything you want on  $\theta$



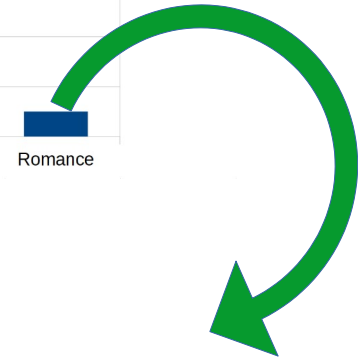
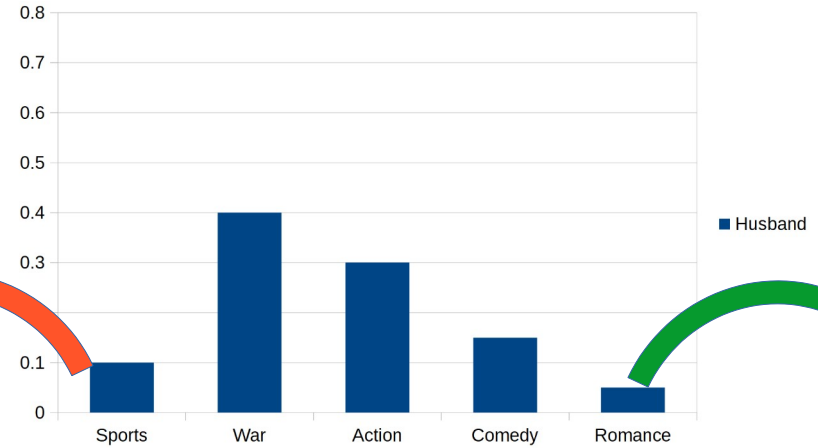
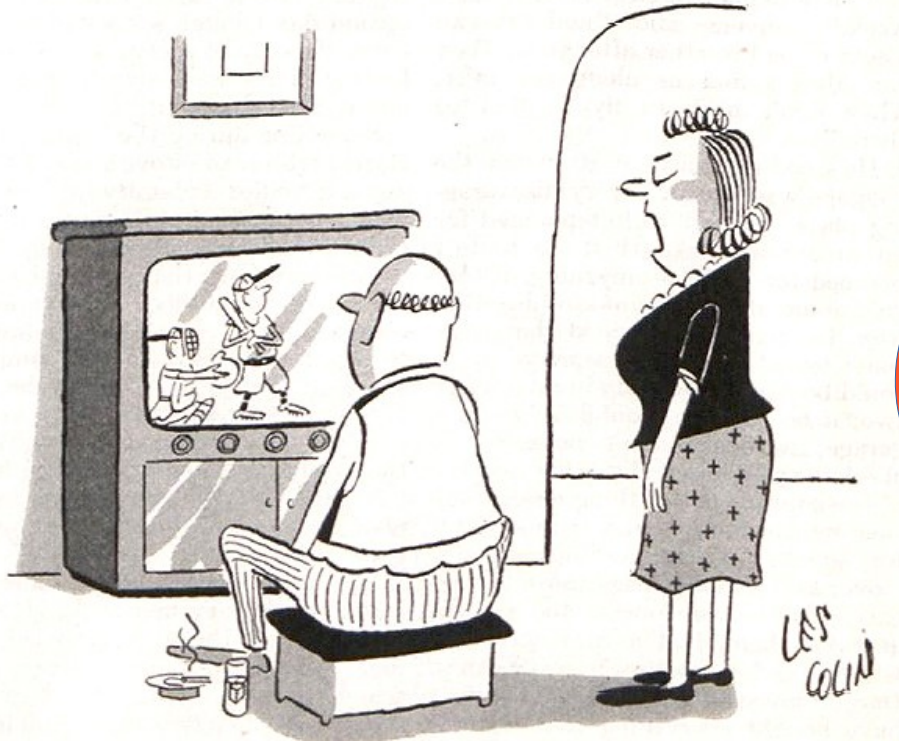
# Rejection sampling



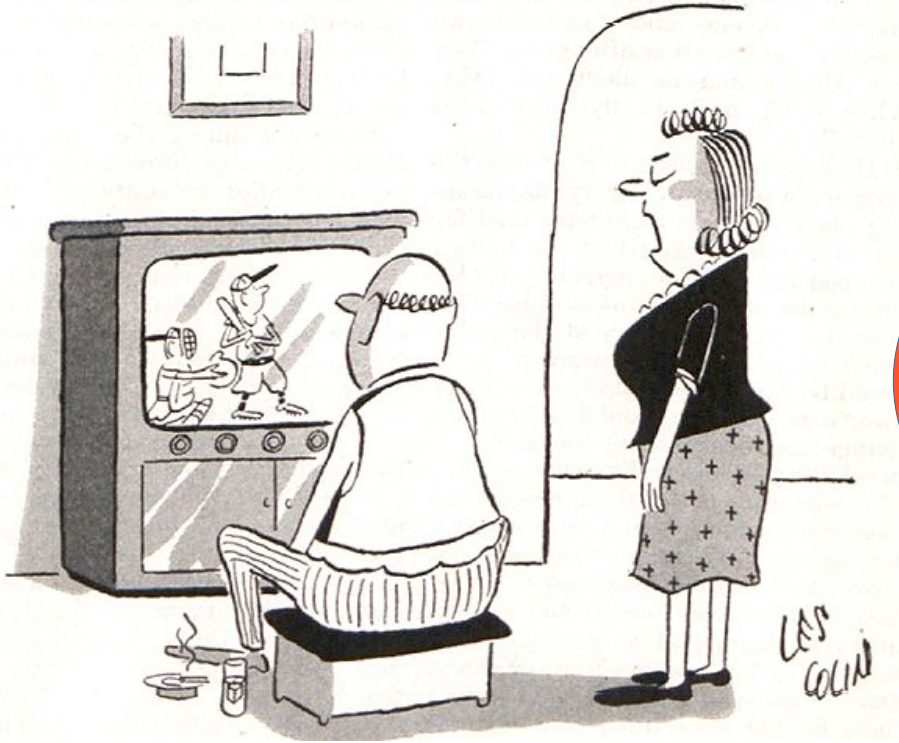
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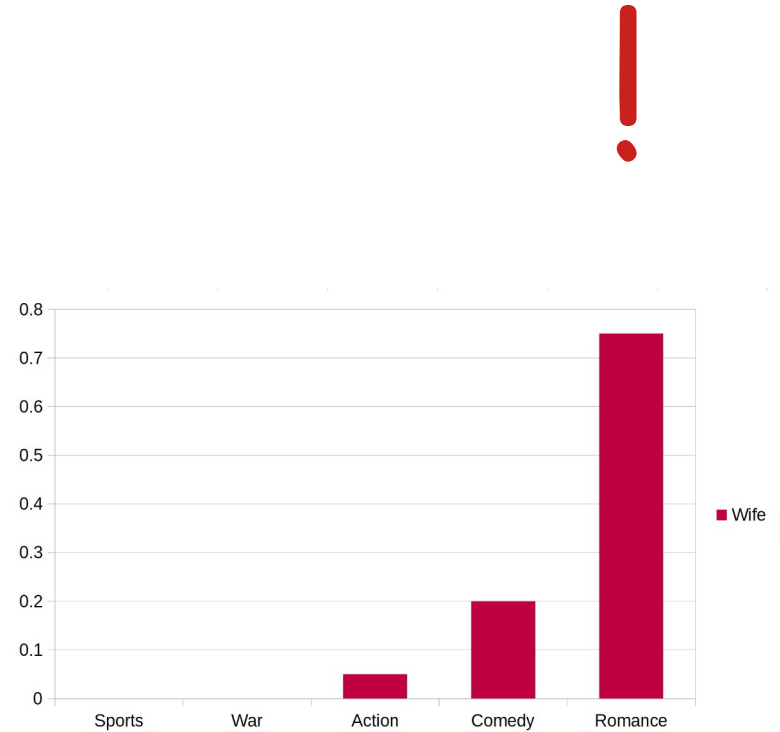
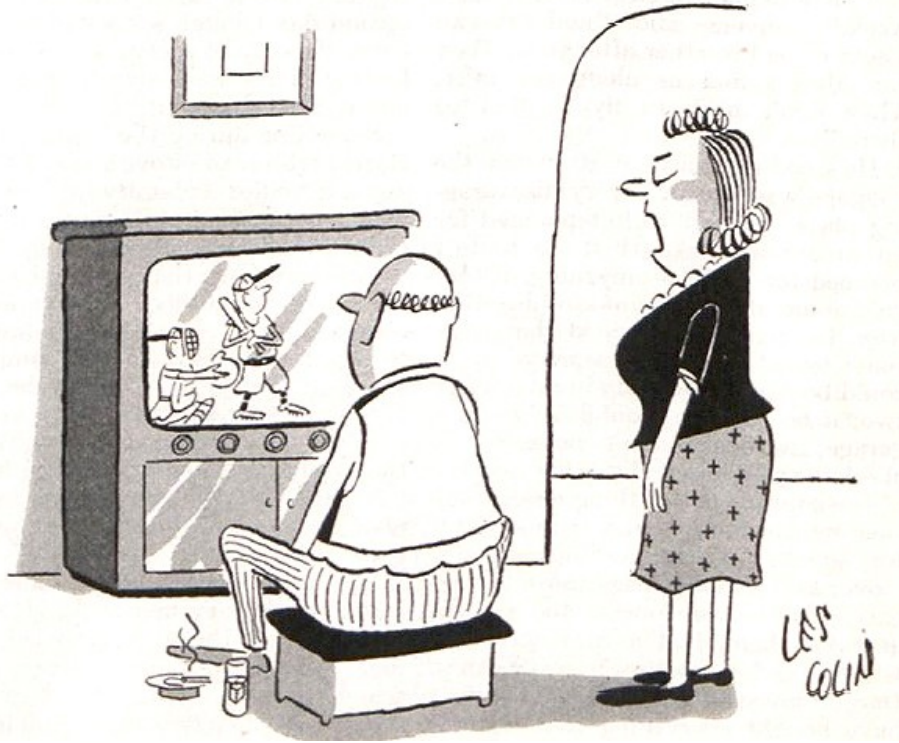
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# Approximate Bayesian Computing

easiest algorithm

*(there are more sophisticated ones)*

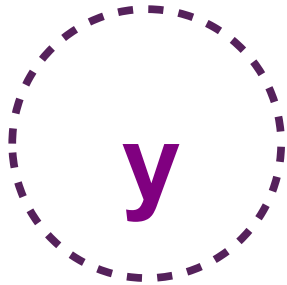
# Approximate Bayesian Computing

$y$

We start with having OBSERVED some (vector)  $y$ , which we assume is being generated by some model depending stochastically on unknown (vector) parameter  $\theta$

$$y = y(\theta)$$

# Approximate Bayesian Computing



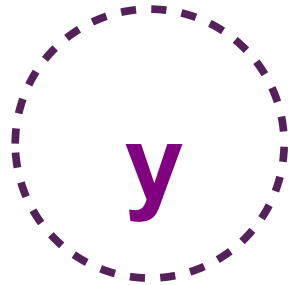
$f(\theta)$

Since we do not know the distribution  $g(\theta)$  of  $\theta$ , we wish to approximate it with the empirical distribution of a sample of *GOOD*  $\theta_i$ 's.

We begin with an appropriate **proposal distribution**  $f(\theta)$



# Approximate Bayesian Computing



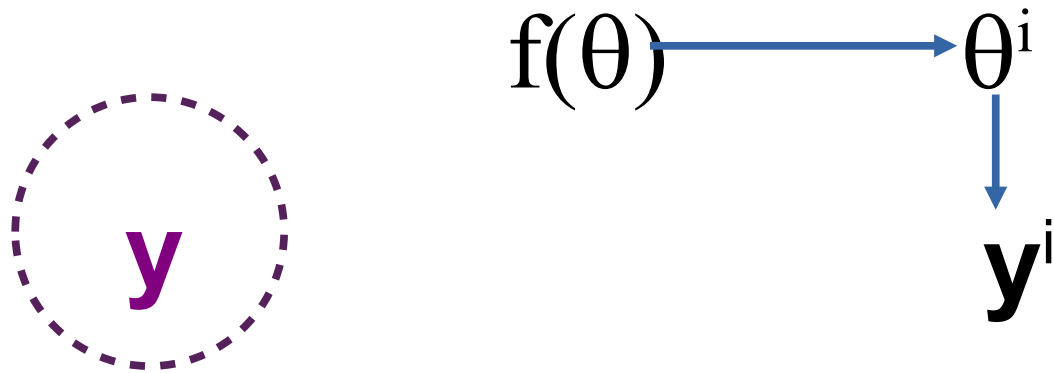
$y$

$f(\theta) \longrightarrow \theta^i$

we can generate  $\theta_i$ 's. from  $f(\theta)$

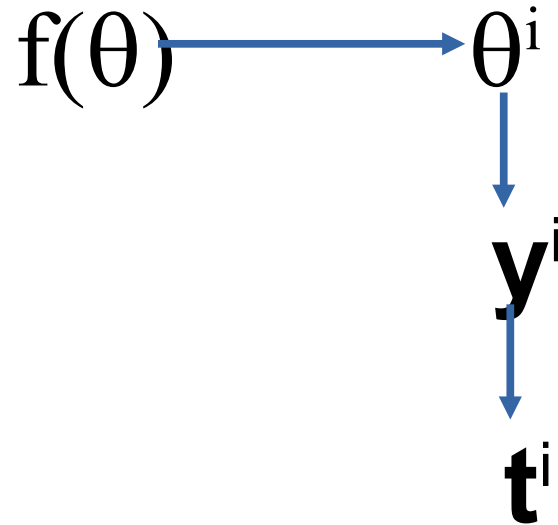
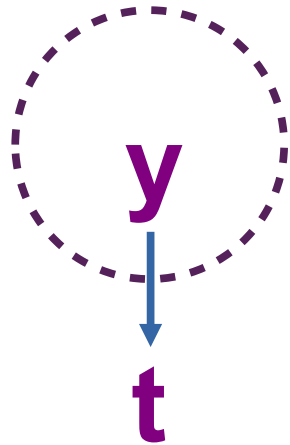
but... how GOOD are they?

# Approximate Bayesian Computing



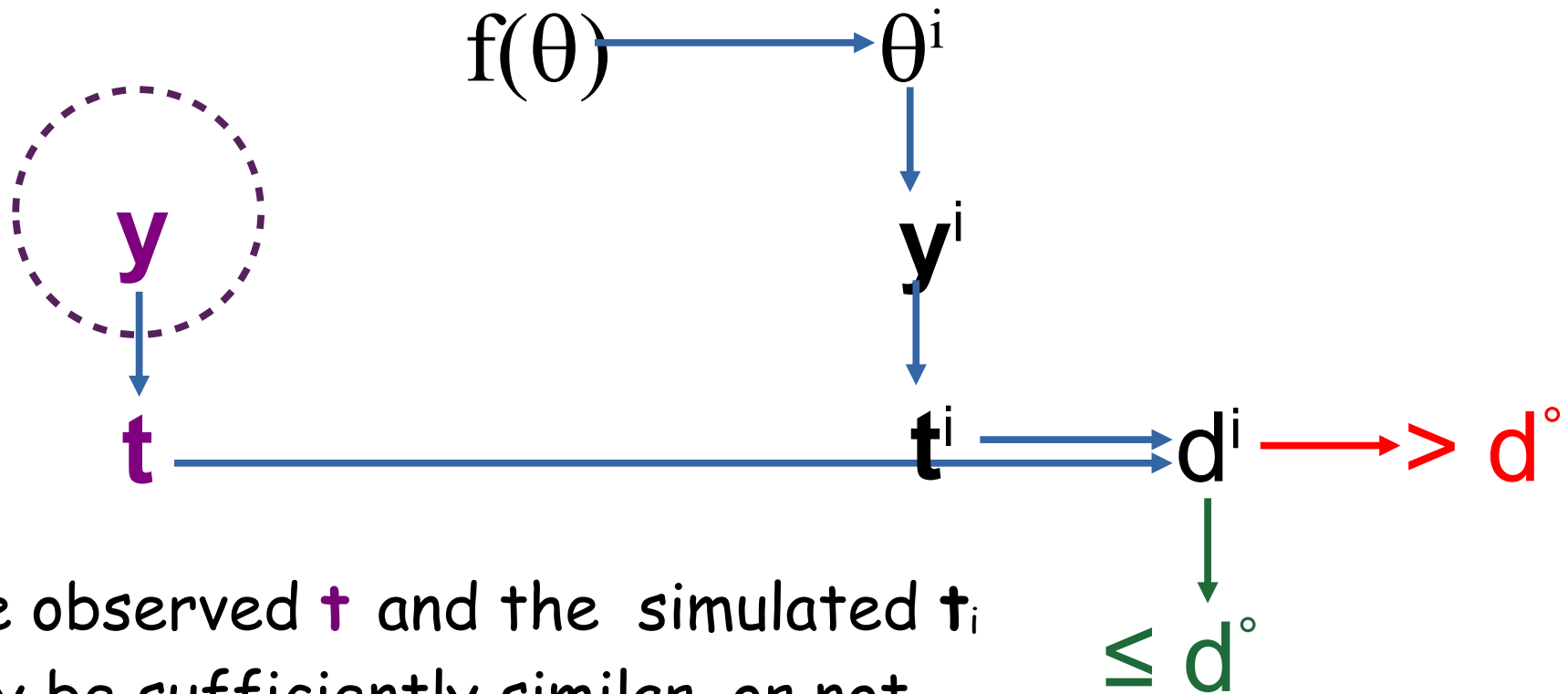
using each  $\theta_i$  we can generate a whole (virtual) sample  $y_i$

# Approximate Bayesian Computing

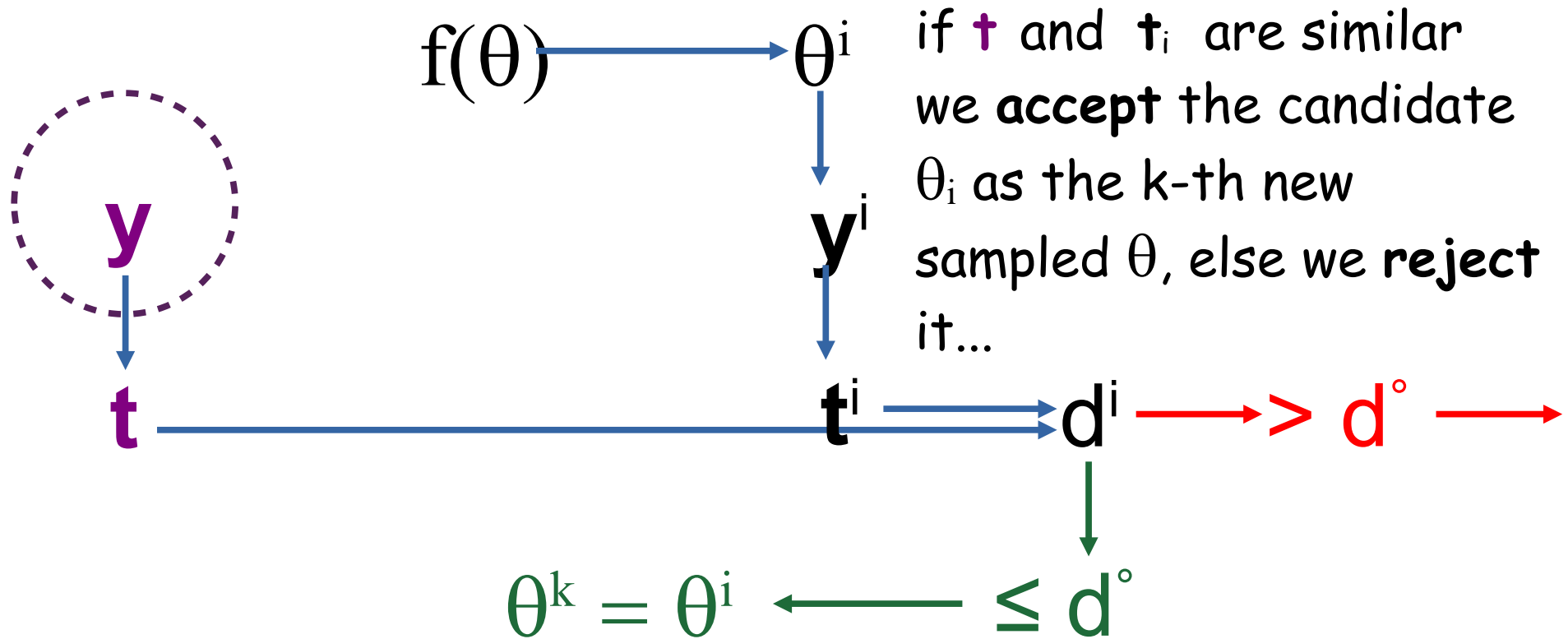


and can compute an appropriate statistics  $t$  from both the observed data  $y$  and from the simulated data  $y_i$

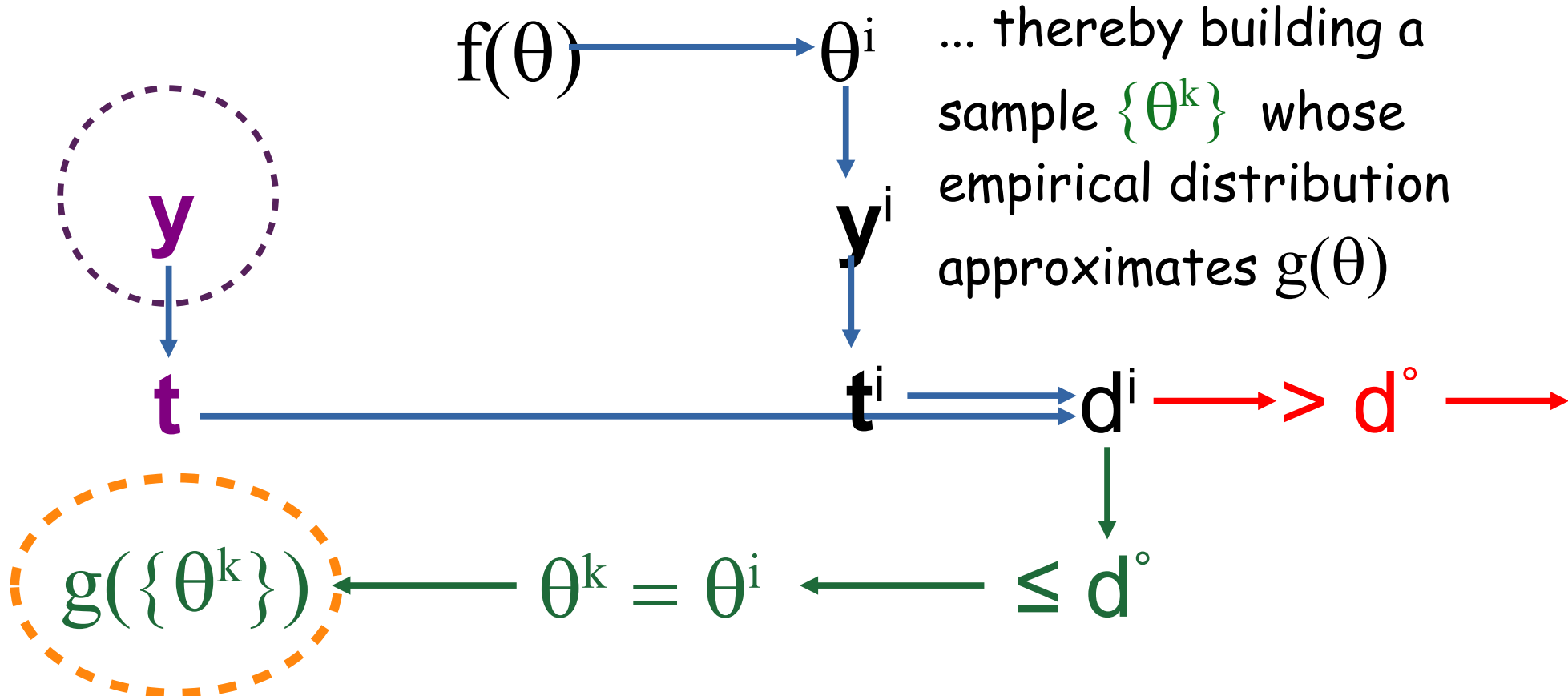
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# but... not so good!

- Rejection/ABC:
  - still sensitive to choice of statistics
  - high computational cost

# next goals:

- Obtain relevant, appropriate statistics from the observed dynamics of the biological situations
- Devise a formally correct, numerically effective method for parameter estimation of nonlocal stochastic models





**conclusion: M, E & C**

# modeling, estimation and control

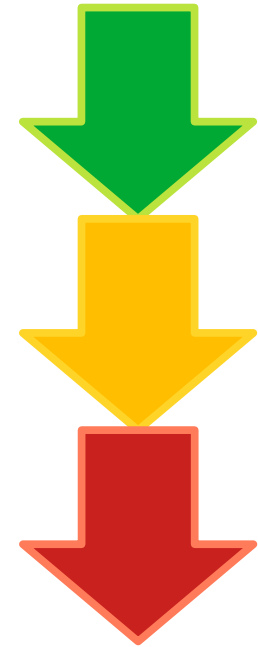


**idea**



**research**

**application**



# modeling, estimation and control

- Addressing biological problems prompts methodological advances
- Teamwork: numerics, analysis, statistics, physiology, optimization
- M, E & C: an eternal golden braid.



# Thank you!



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