

# Multi-scale and hybrid models in cell dynamics

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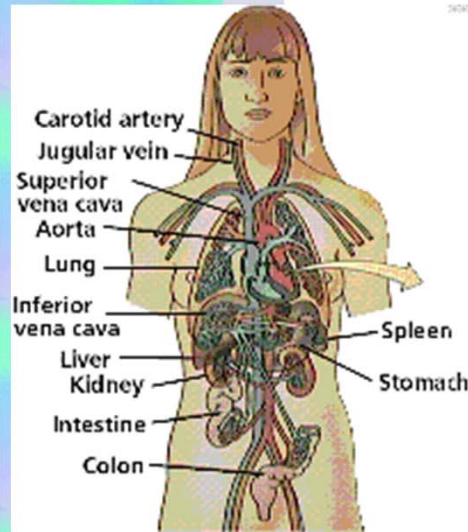
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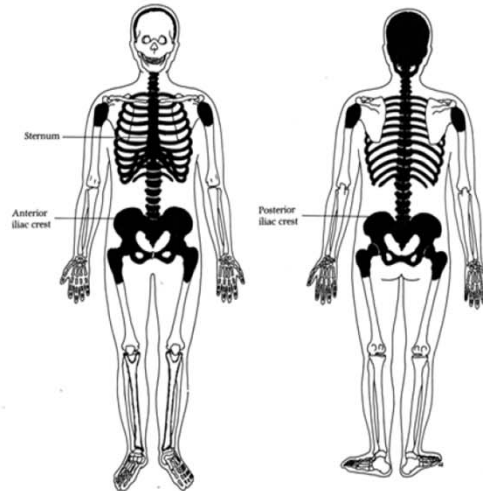
## Outline

- Multi-scale and hybrid modelling in biology
- Deformable cell model (blood cells, plants)
- Hematopoiesis and blood diseases

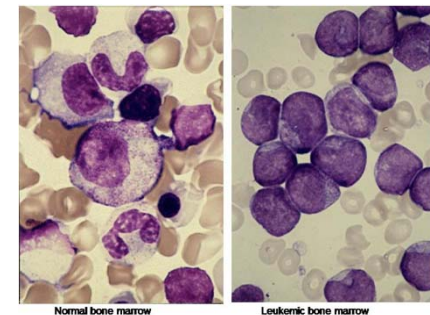
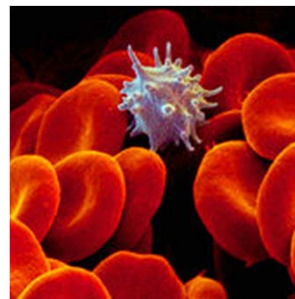
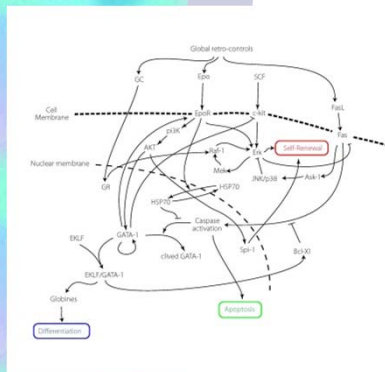
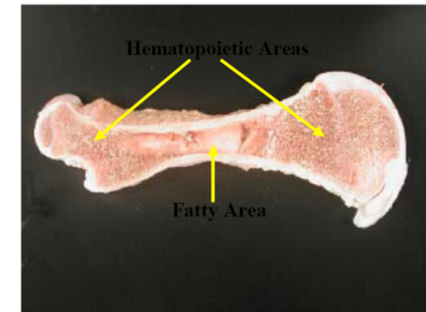
# Multi-scale modelling in biology and medicine



Anatomical Sites of Hematopoiesis in Adult Humans



Cross Section of Bone in a Foal

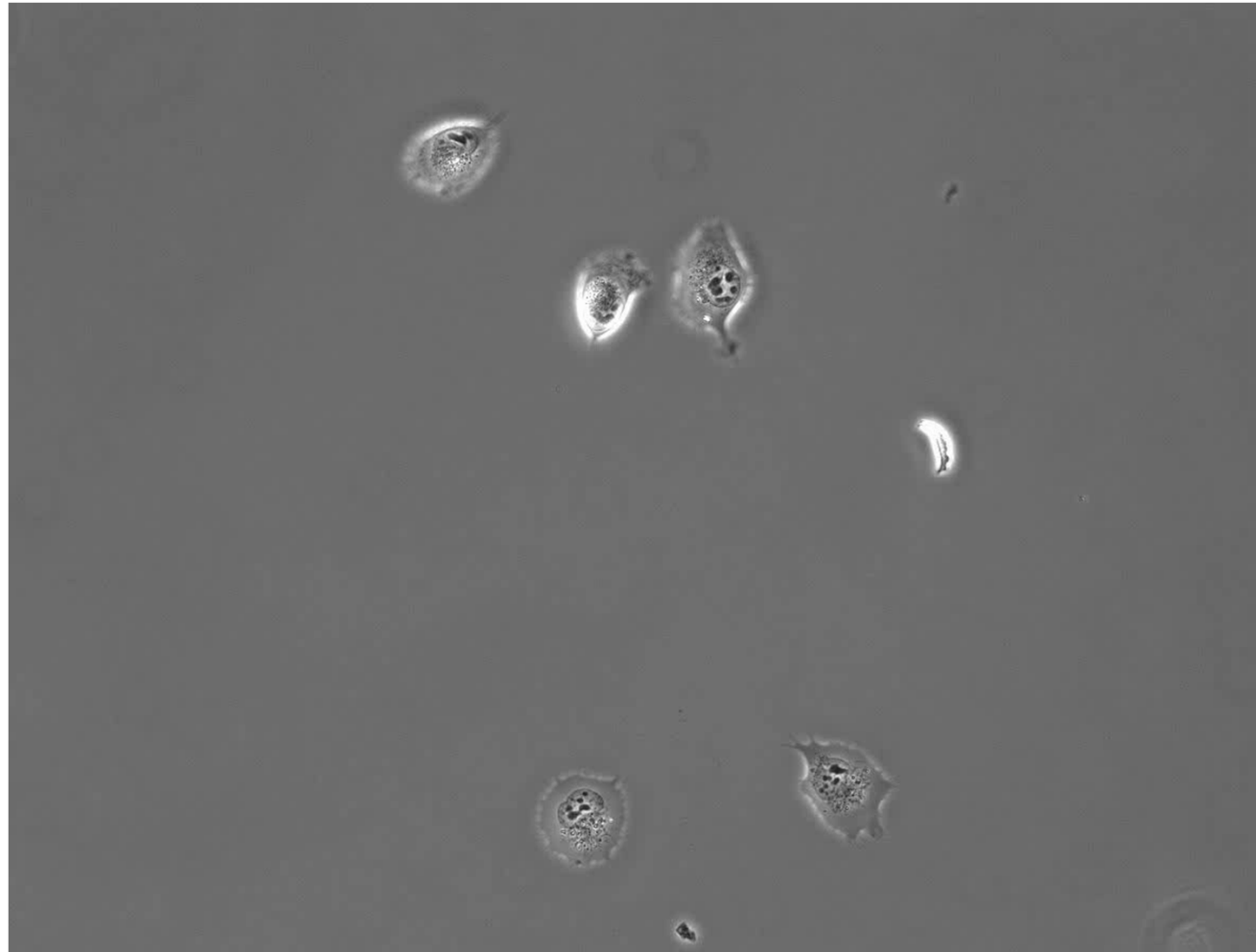


Normal bone marrow

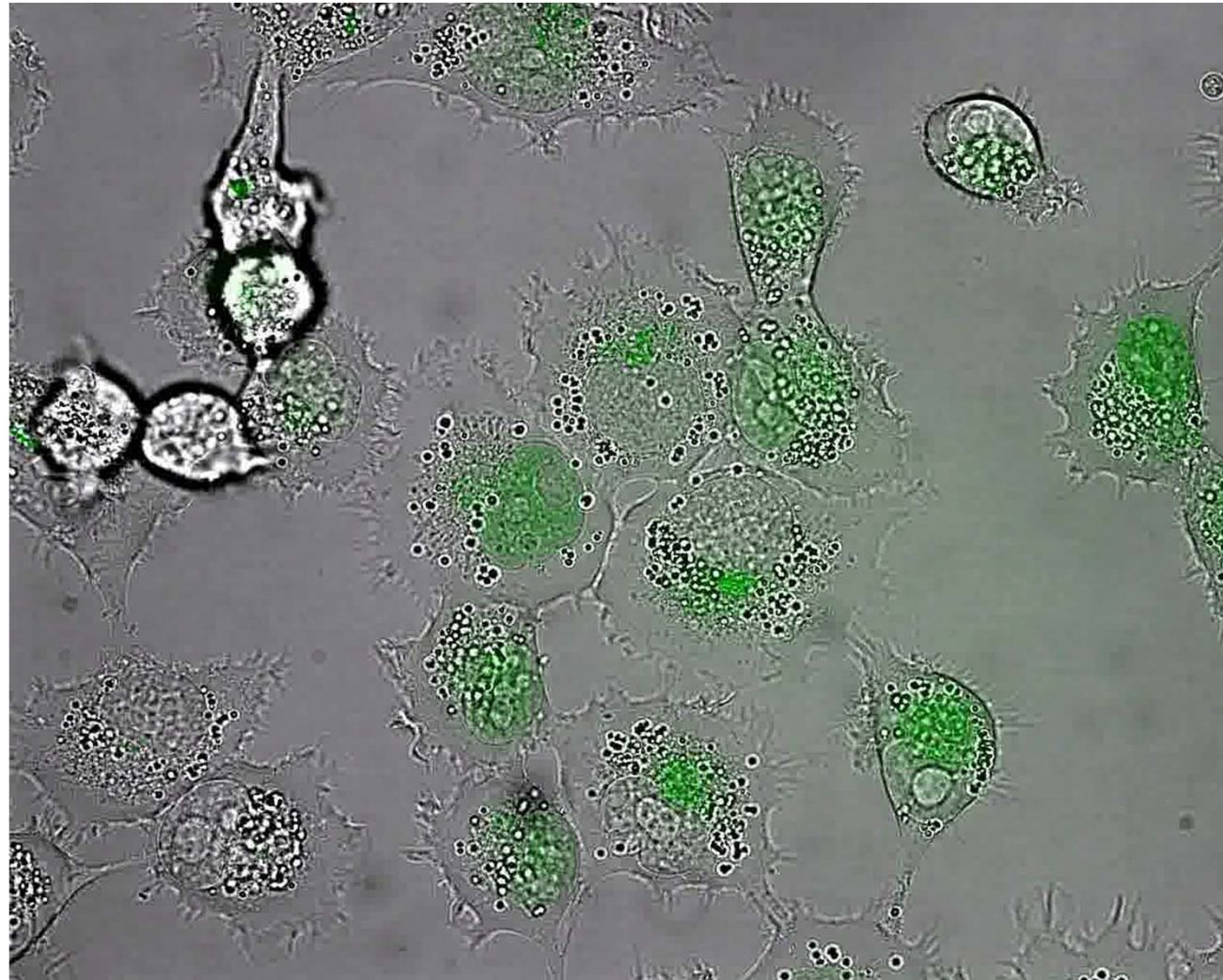
Leukemic bone marrow



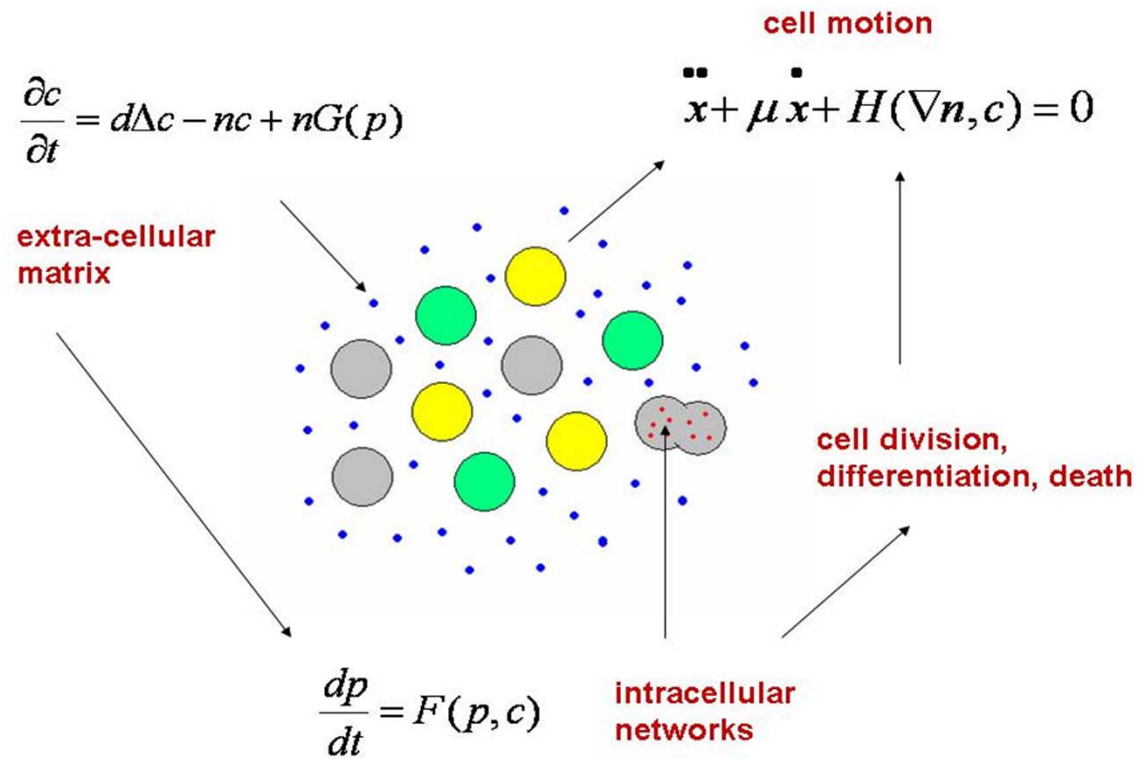
# Concise cell biology for mathematicians: cell motion and division



# Apoptosis

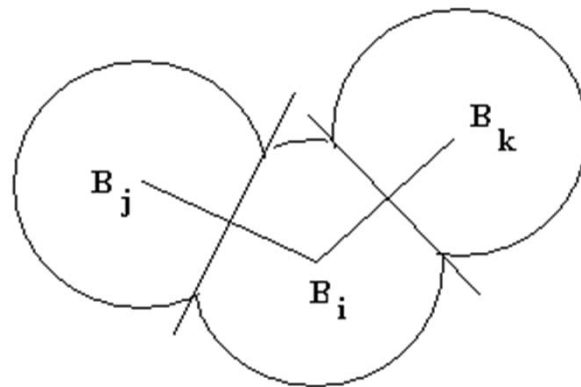


# Hybrid models





# Mechanical interaction



**Forces:**

**Potential**

**Dissipation**

**Adhesion**

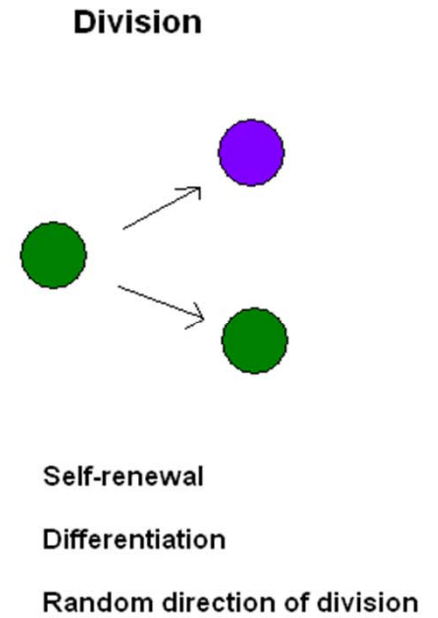
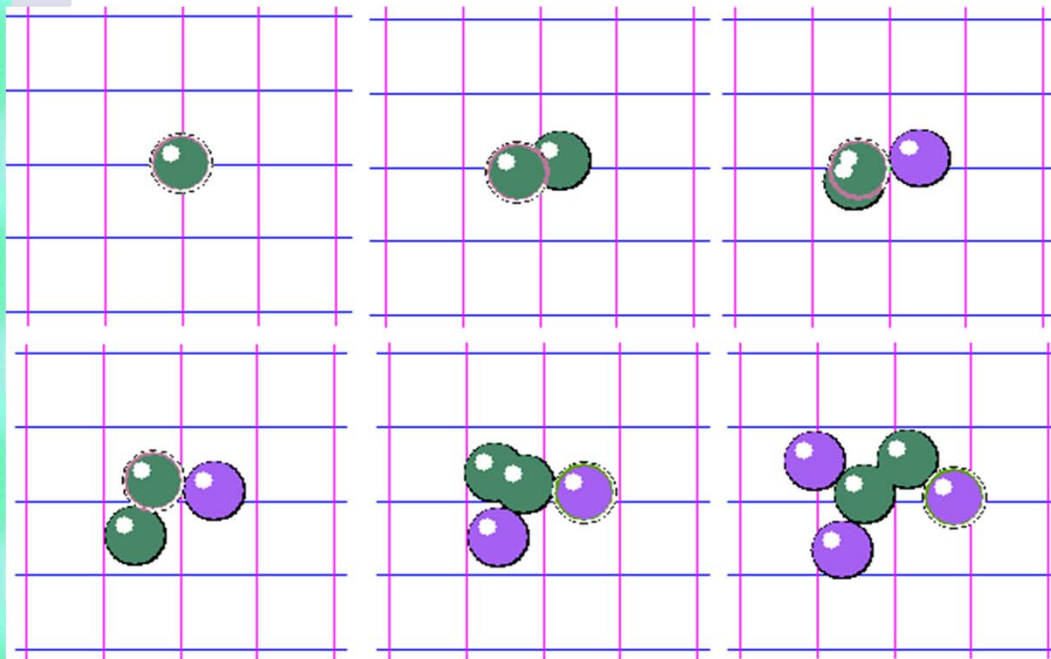
**Chemotaxis**

**Random**

Cells are replaced by points; Newton's second law:

$$m \ddot{x}_i + F^P + F^D + F^R = 0$$

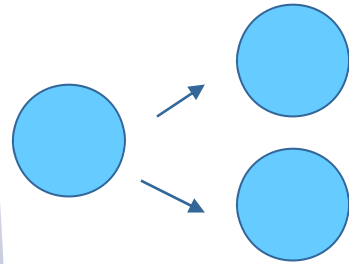
# Cell division (Here and below: all software done by N. Bessonov)



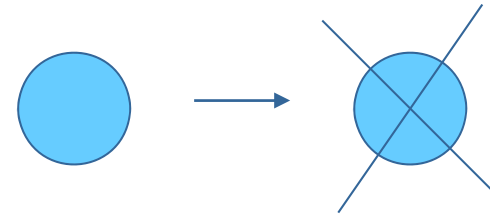
**Cell division determines their random motion**



# Proliferation and apoptosis



$$U_i > U_{cr}$$



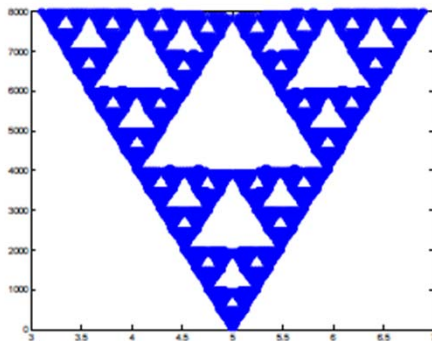
$$V_i > V_{cr}$$

Extracellular regulation

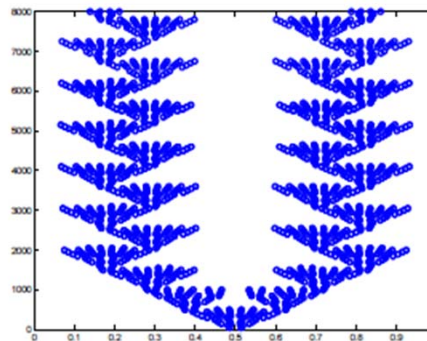
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = d_1 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + b_1 c - q_1 u \\ \frac{dv}{dt} = d_2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + b_2 c - q_2 v \end{cases}$$

Intracellular regulation

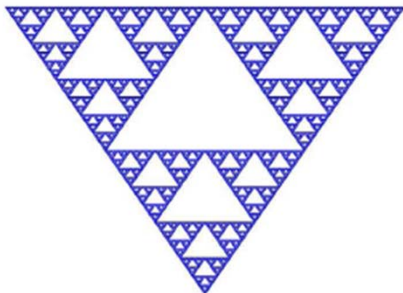
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du_i}{dt} = k_1^{(1)} u(x, t) - k_2^{(1)} u_i(t) + H_1 \\ \frac{dv_i}{dt} = k_1^{(2)} v(x, t) - k_2^{(2)} v_i(t) + H_2 \end{cases}$$



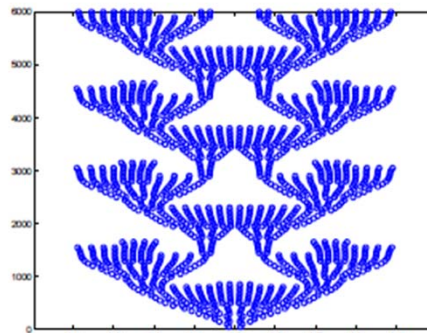
(a) Unbounded growth of the population



(b) Population remains bounded

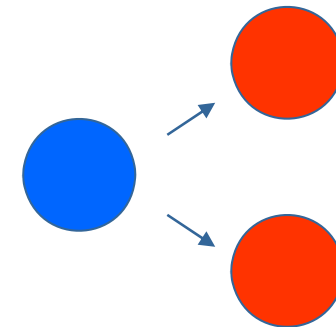
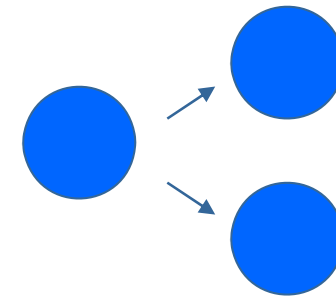
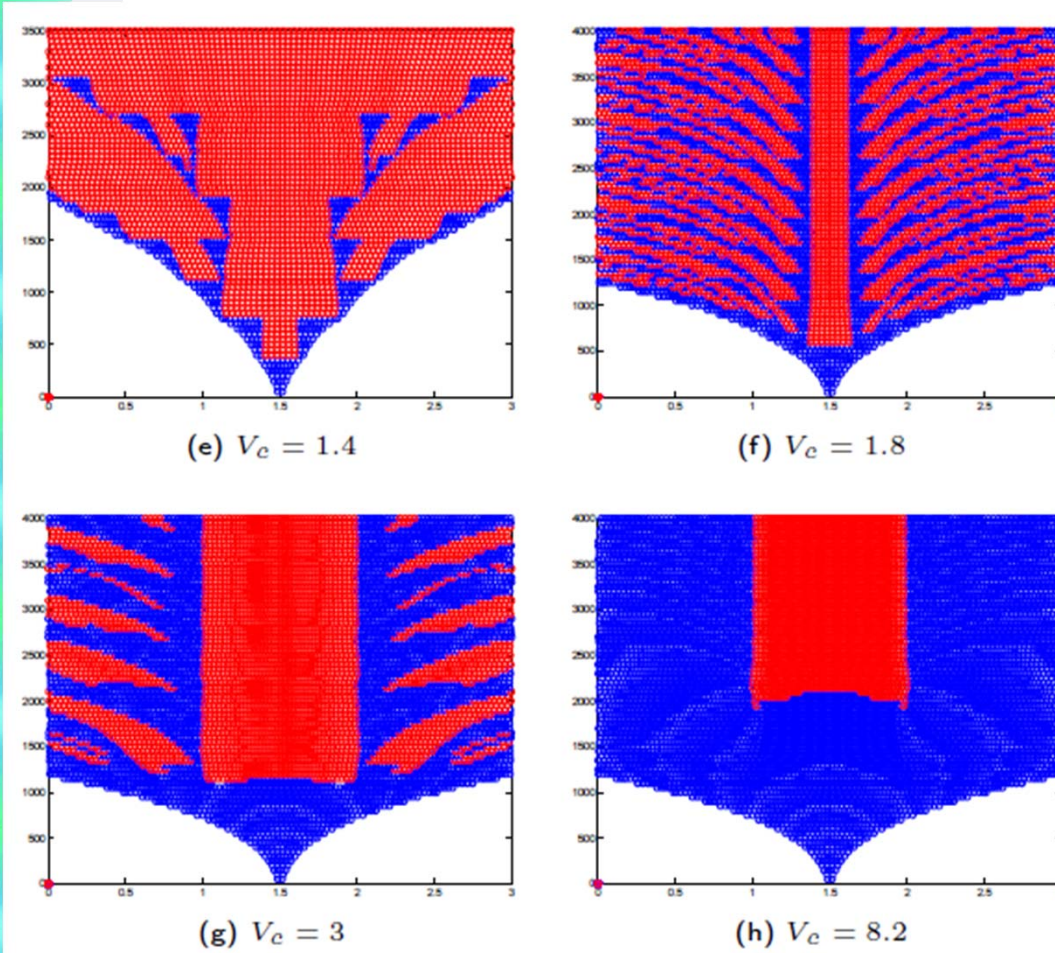


(c) Tapis de Serpinski - ensemble fractal

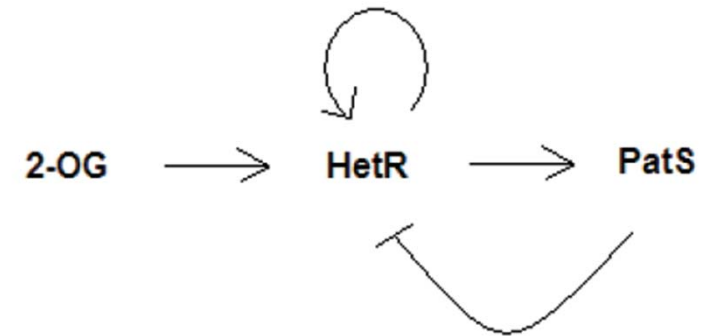
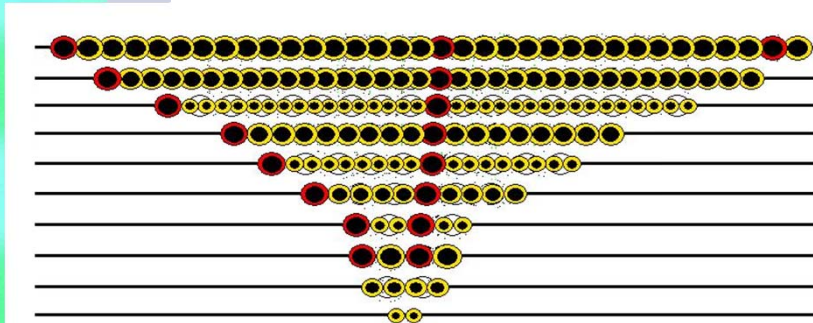


(d) Population remains bounded

# Proliferation and differentiation



# Bacteria filament (anabaena)



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{du_i}{dt} = H_u \\ \frac{dG_i}{dt} = H_g \\ \frac{dh_i}{dt} = k_1^{(h)} G_i(t) + k_2^{(h)} h_i^2(t) - k_3^{(h)} p_i(t) h_i(t) \\ \frac{dp_i}{dt} = d(p_{i-1} - p_i) + d(p_{i+1} - p_i) + k_1^{(p)} h_i(t) - k_2^{(p)} p_i(t) \end{array} \right.$$

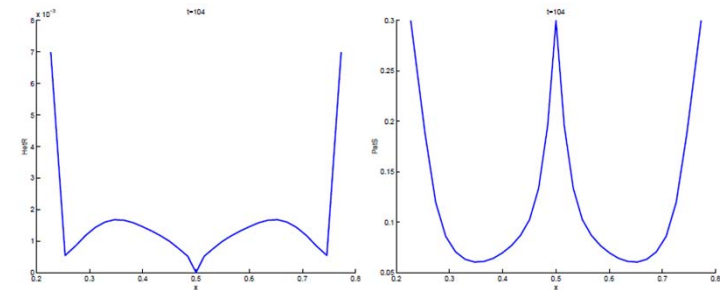


Figure 3: Concentrations of HetR (left) and of PatS (right) along the filament. Minima of HetR and maxima of PatS correspond to differentiated cells.

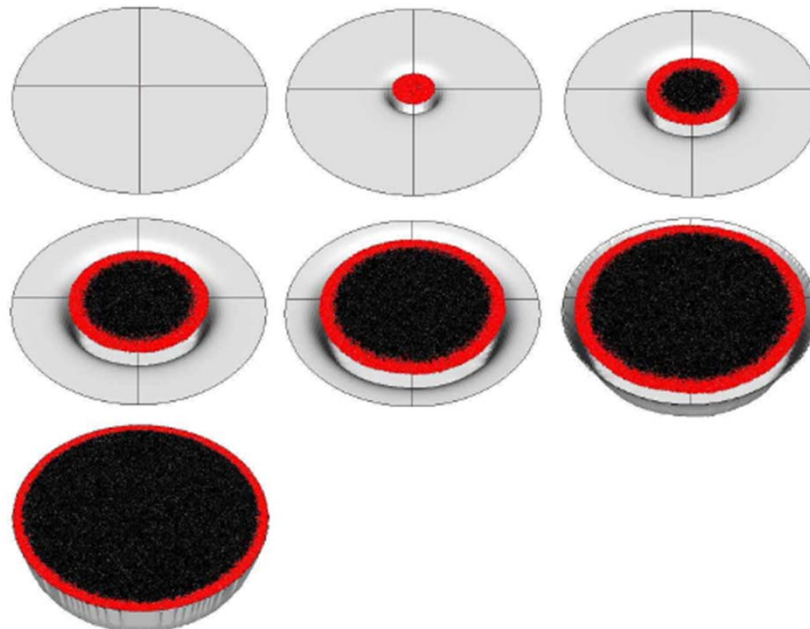
# Tumor growth

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \Delta u - kcu$$

Nutrients

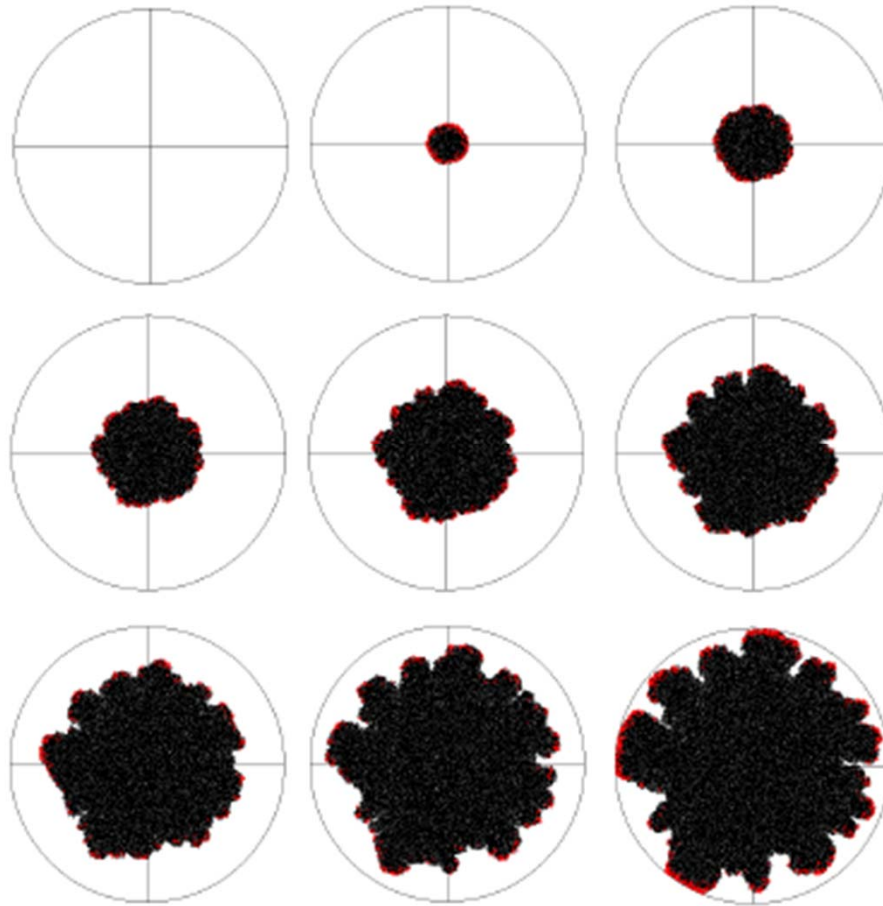
$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = k_1 u(x_i, t) - k_2 u_i$$

Intra-cellular concentration



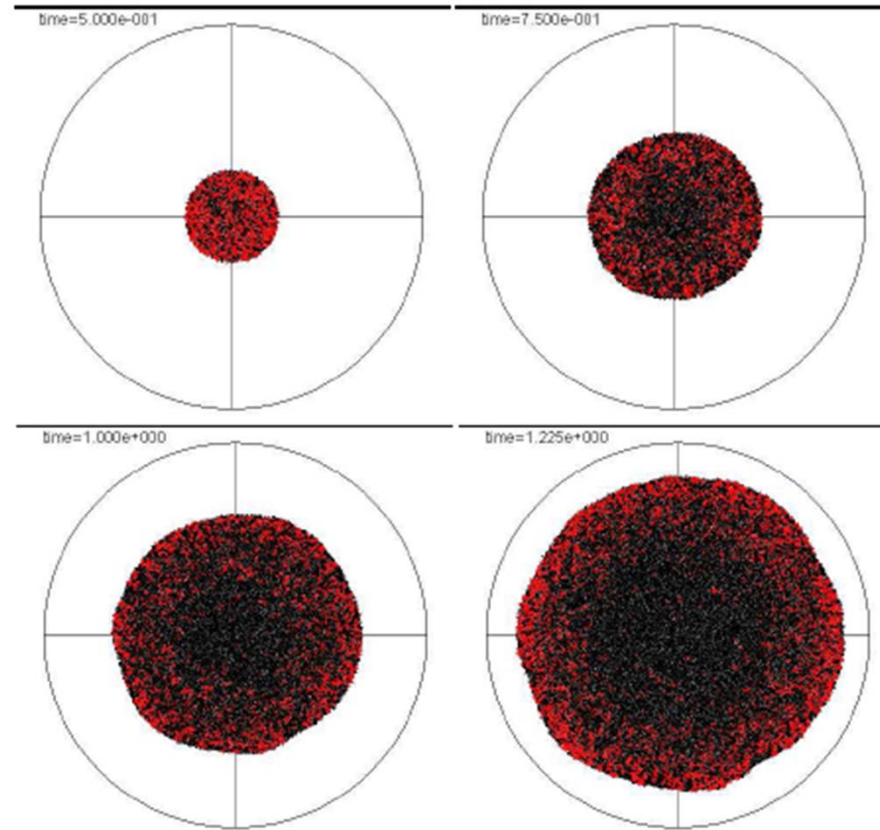


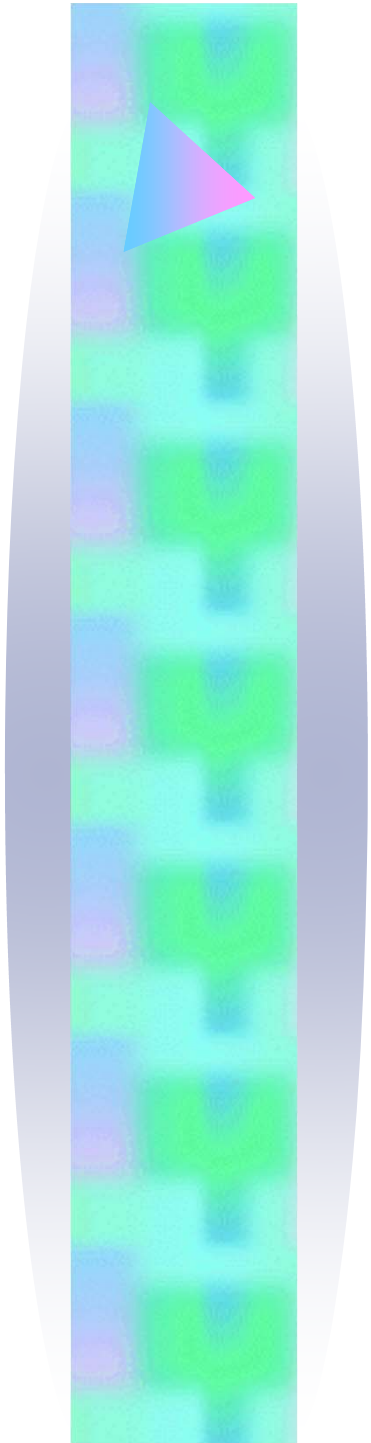
# Asymmetric growth





# Dividing and dormant cells can be mixed

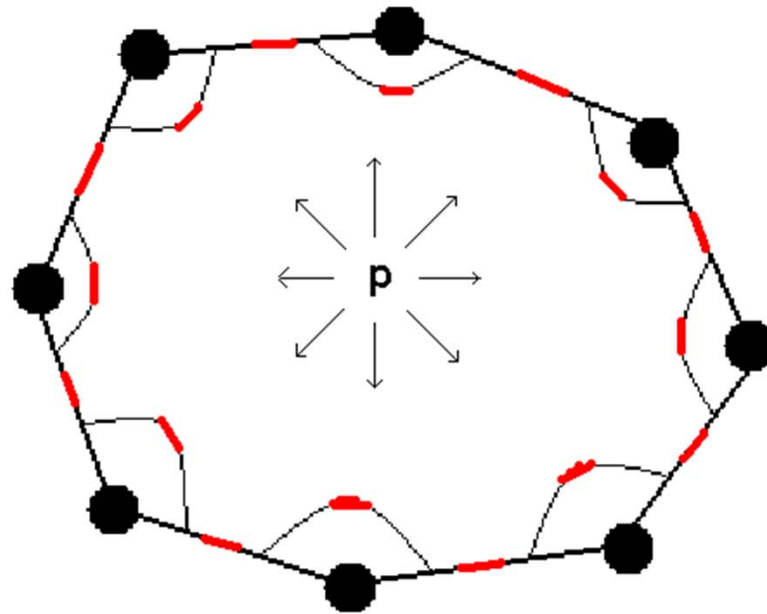




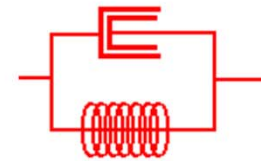
## Deformable cell model



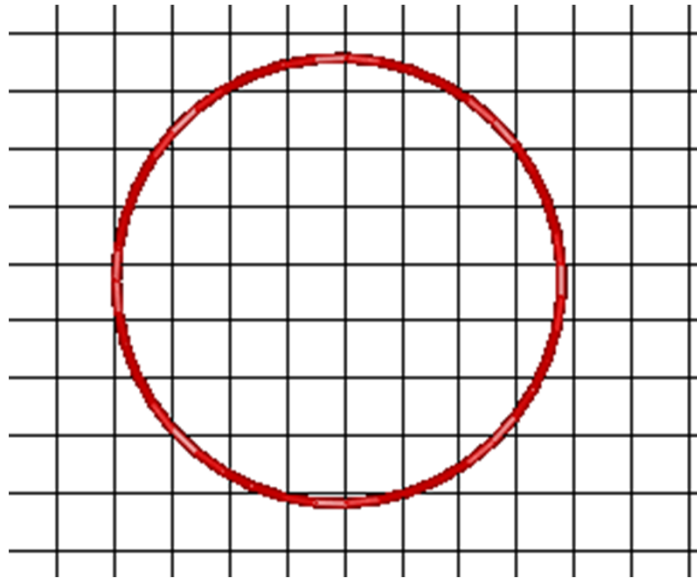
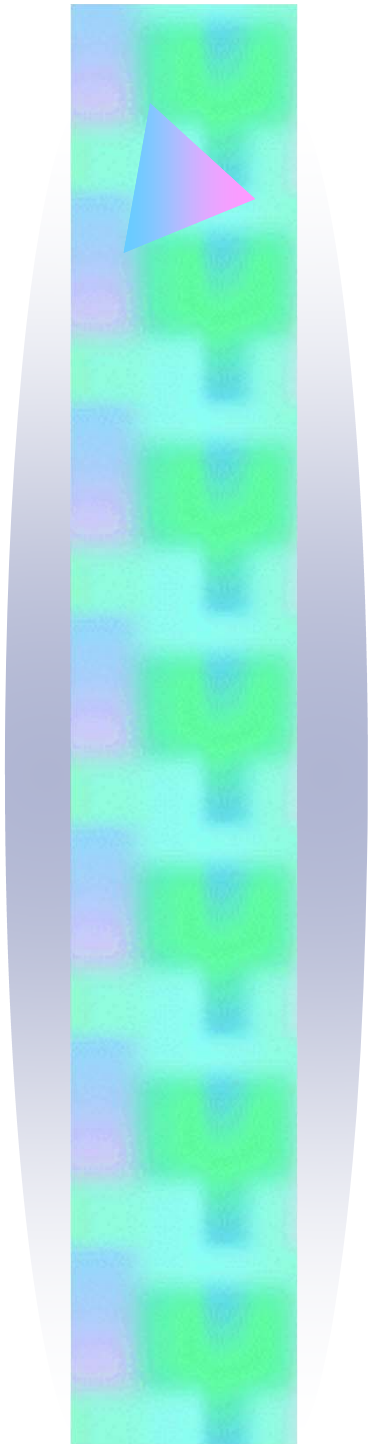
# Cells are not exactly mathematical points: elastic cell model

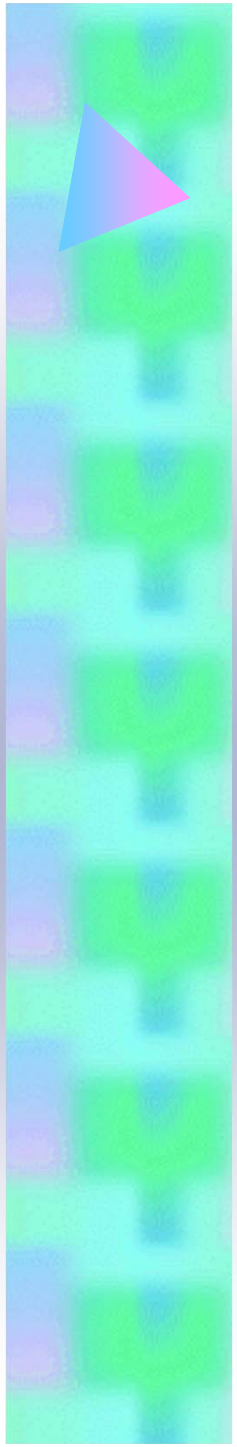


$$p \sim \frac{V_0}{V} - 1$$

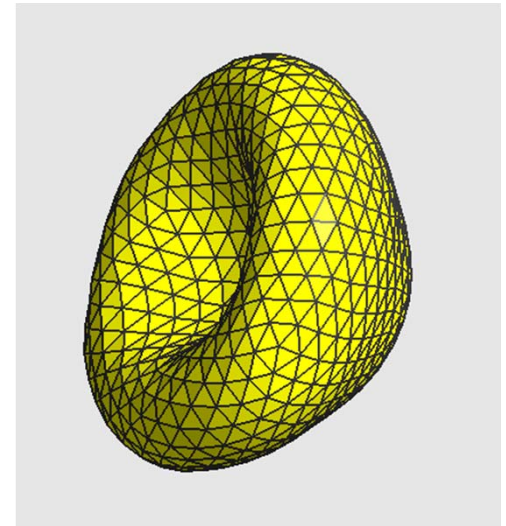




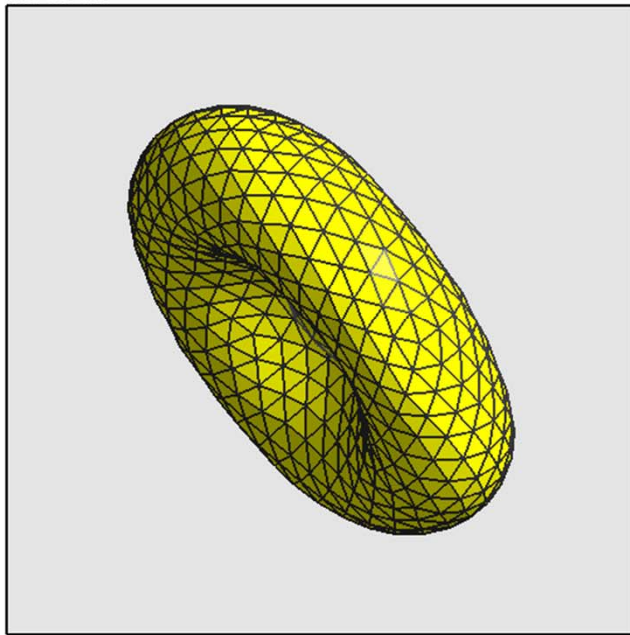




# Erythrocyte 3D

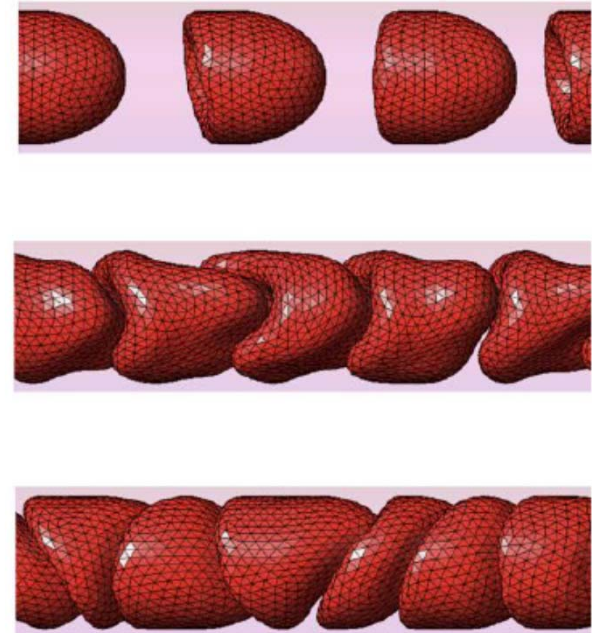
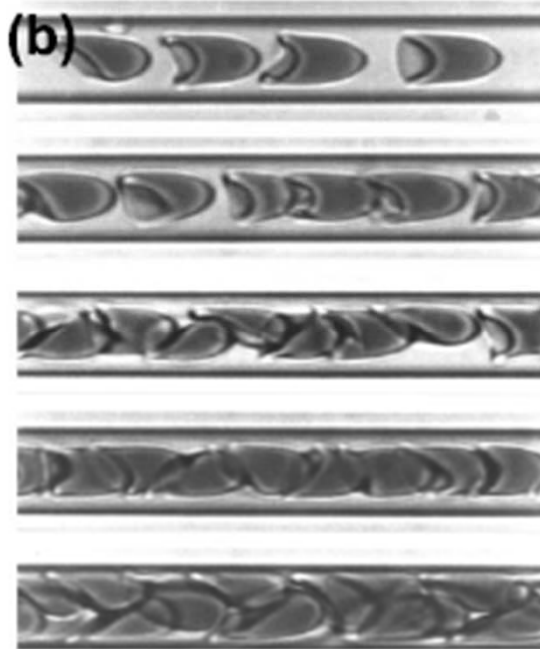
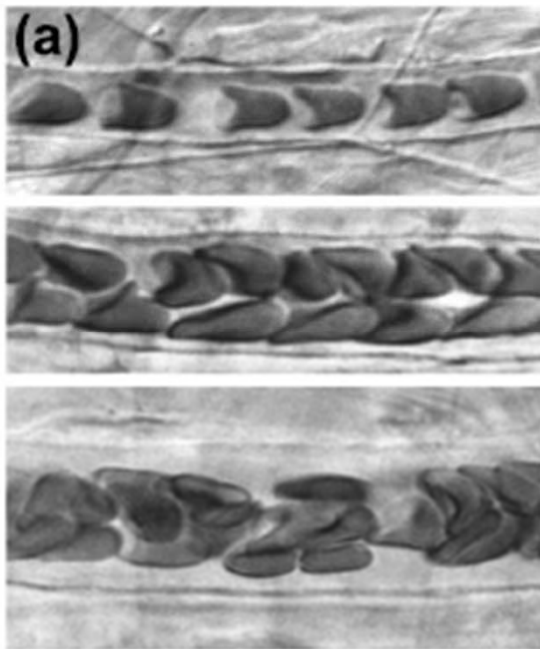


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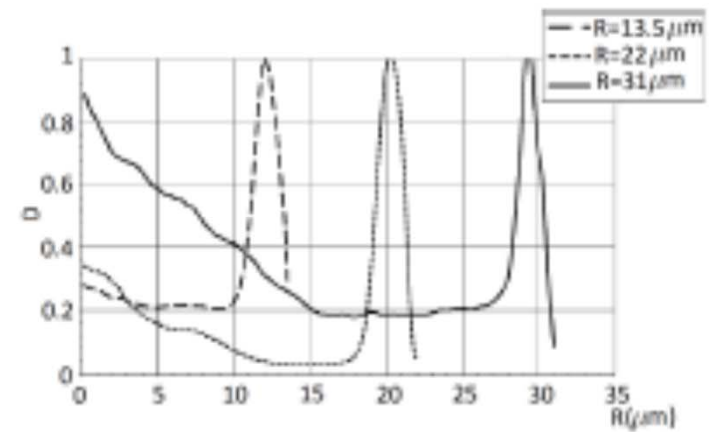
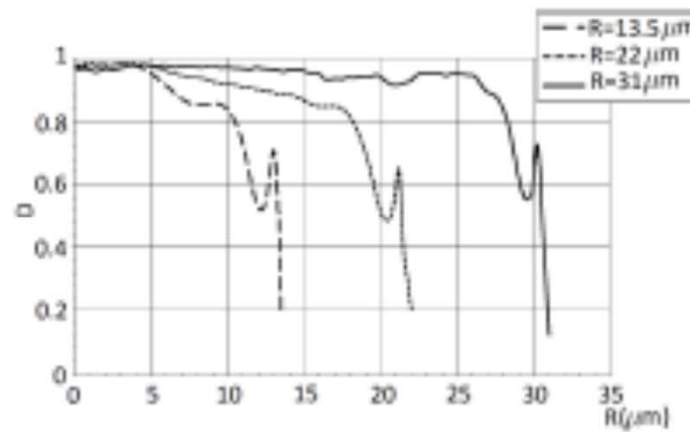
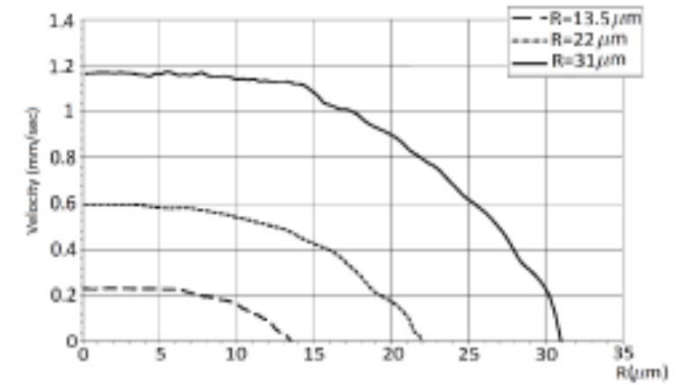
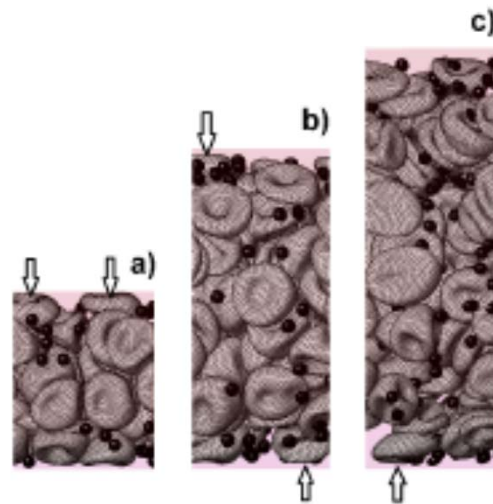




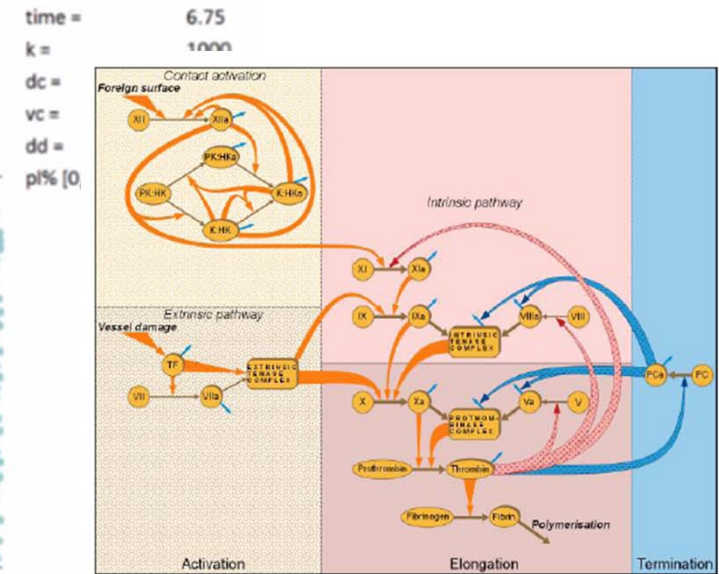
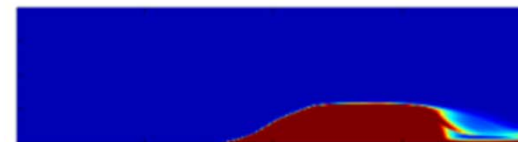
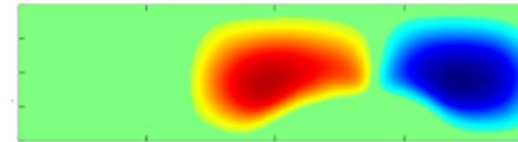
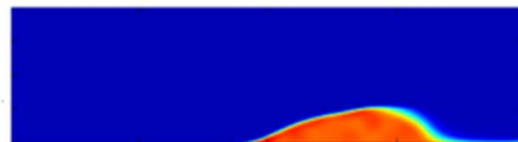
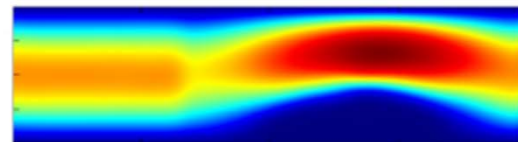
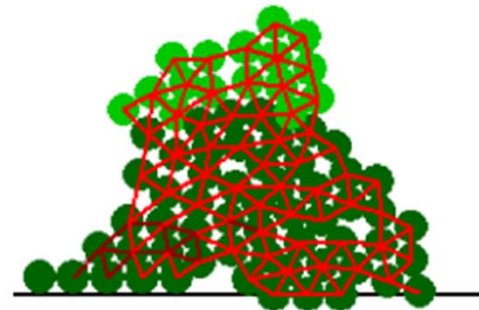
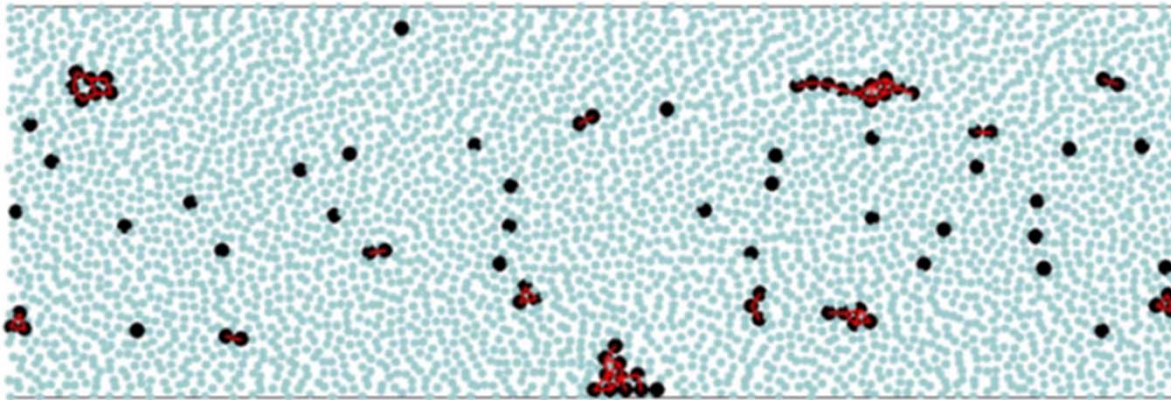
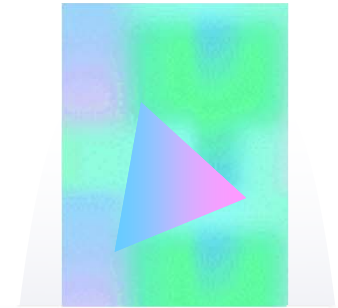
# Blood flow in vivo, in vitro, in silico



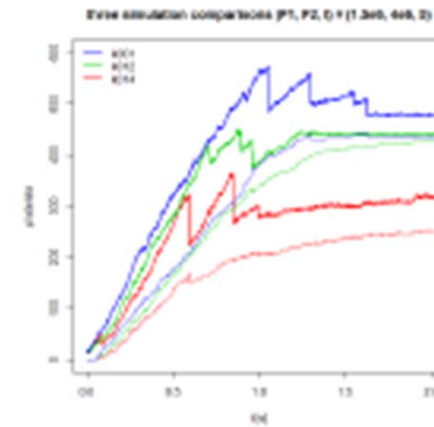
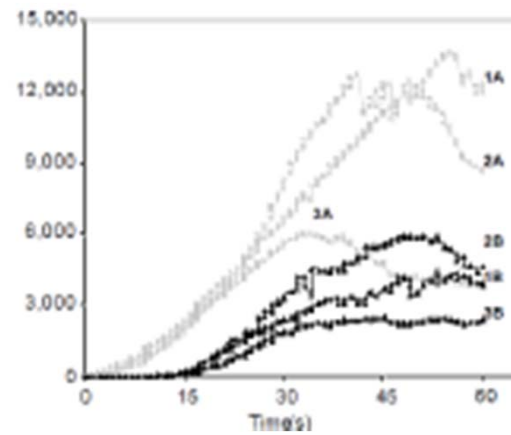
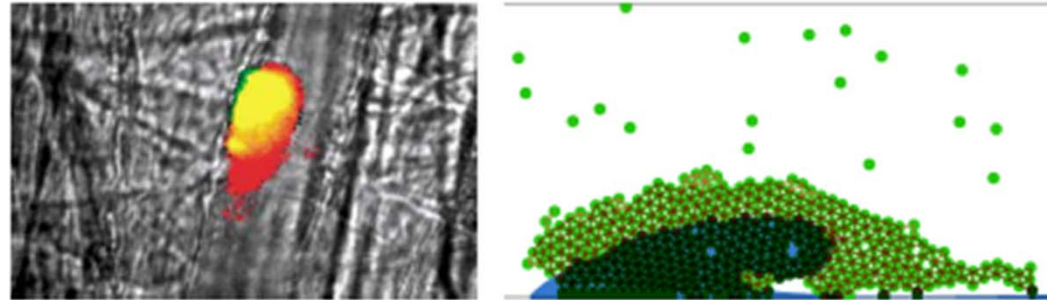
# Cell distribution in flow



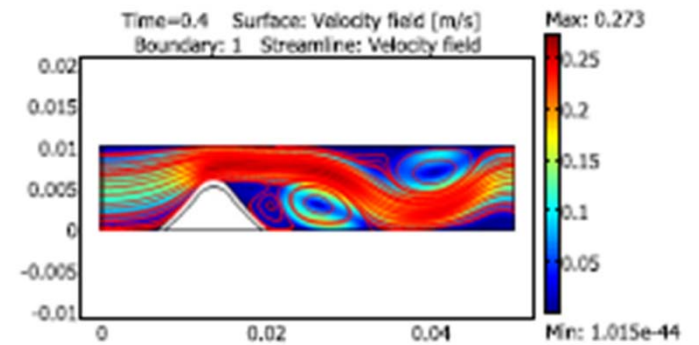
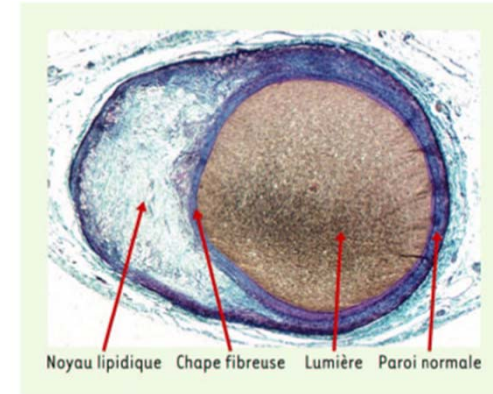
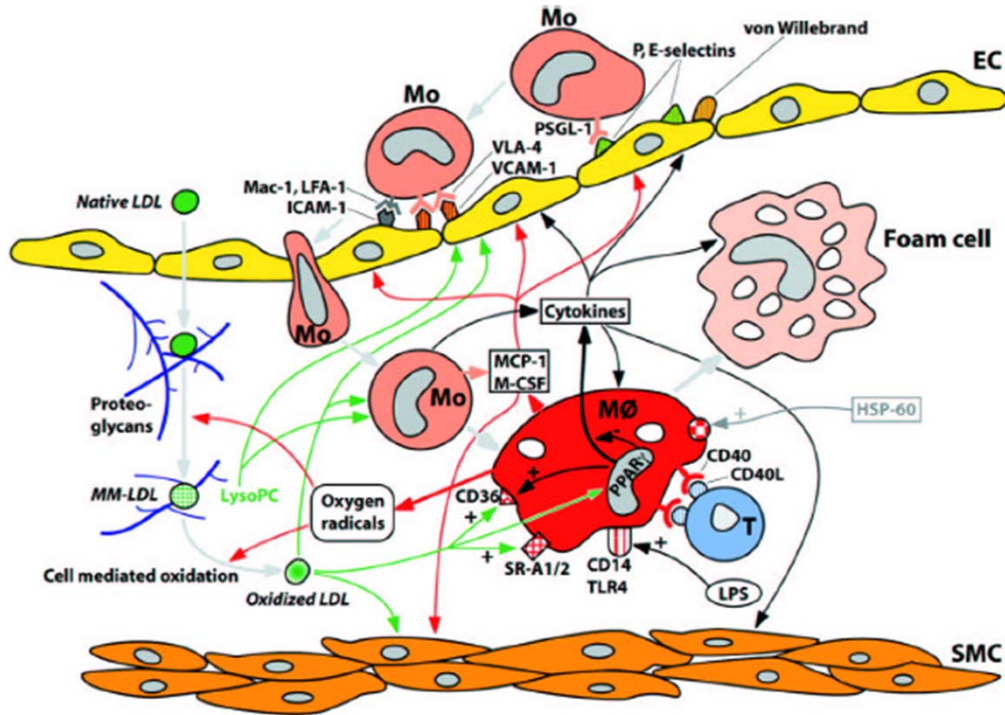
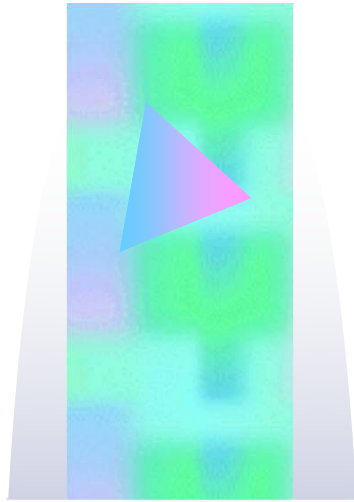
# Blood coagulations



# Clot growth



# Atherosclerosis



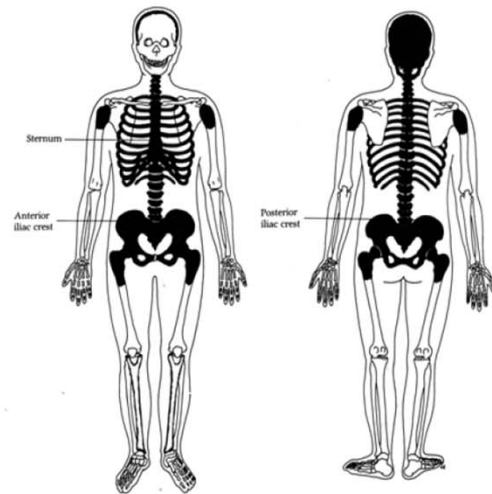


# Hematopoiesis and blood diseases

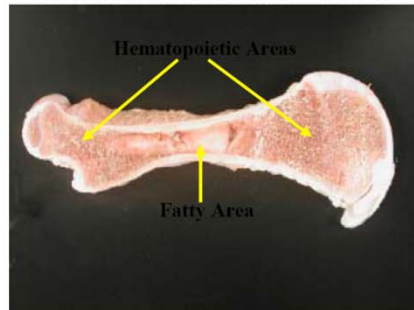


# Hematopoiesis: blood cell production in the bone marrow

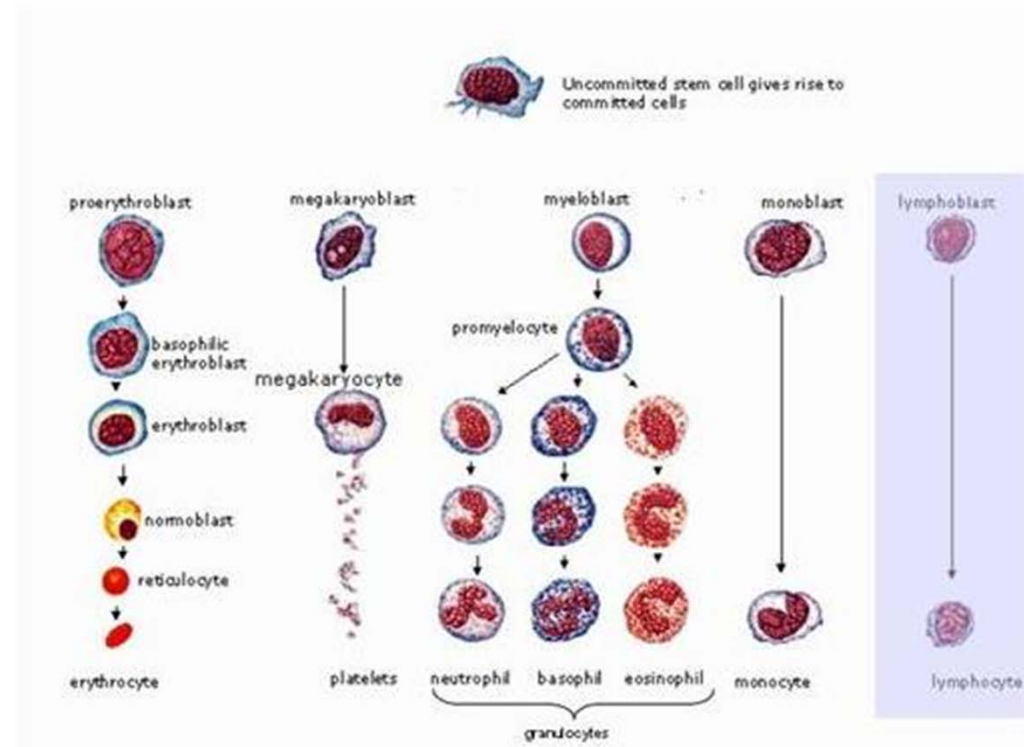
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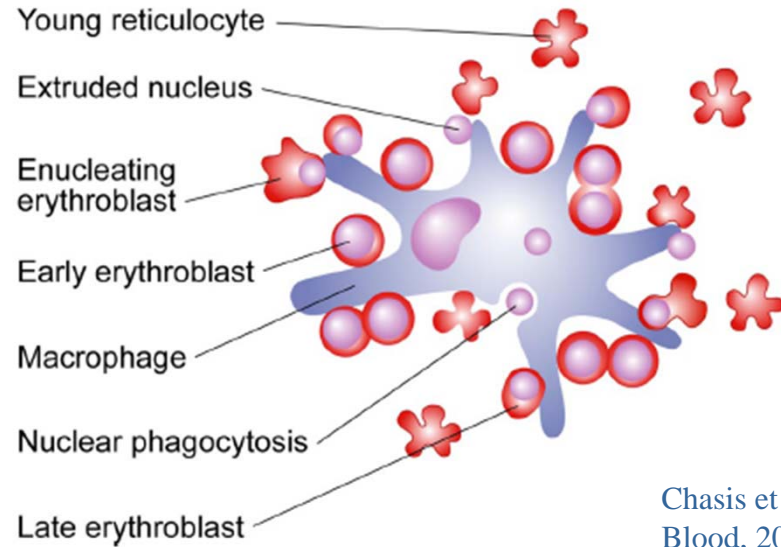


Hematopoiesis scheme



Millions of blood cells produced every second

# Erythropoiesis

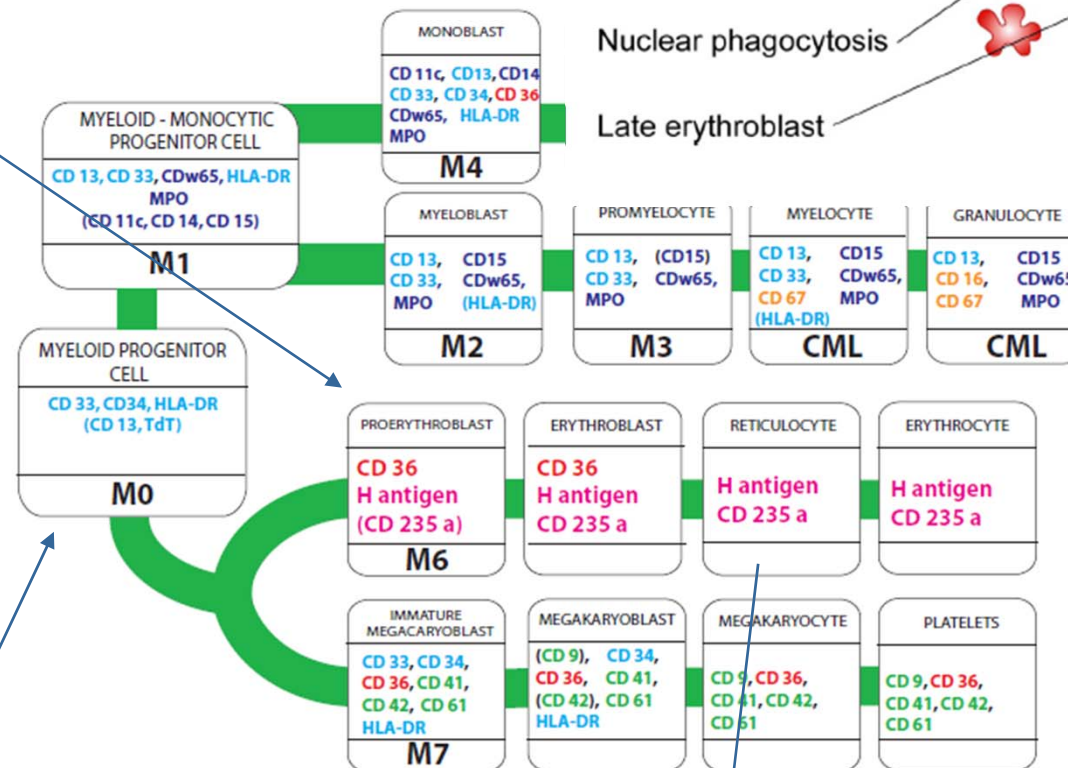


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Blood, 2008

**Erythroleukemia**

**Stem cells**

**Self-renewal,  
differentiation,  
apoptosis**

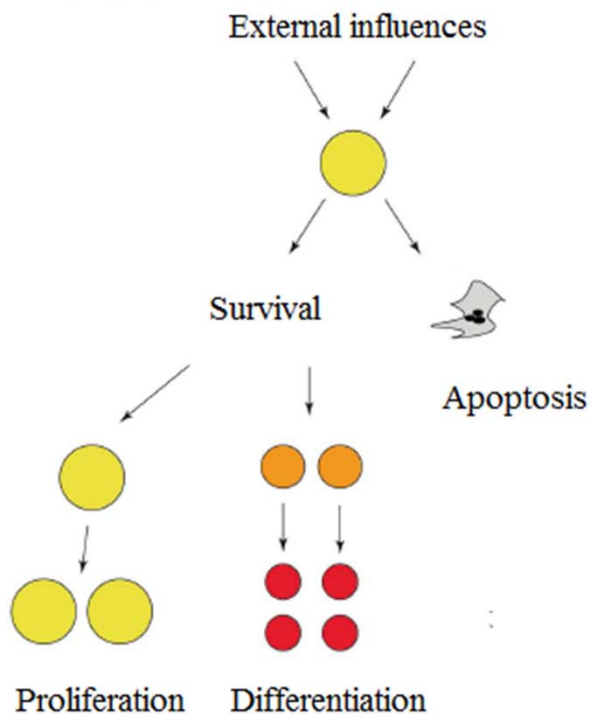


**Blood flow**

**Fas-ligand**

**Feedback by erythropoietin**

# Intracellular and extracellular regulation of erythroid progenitors



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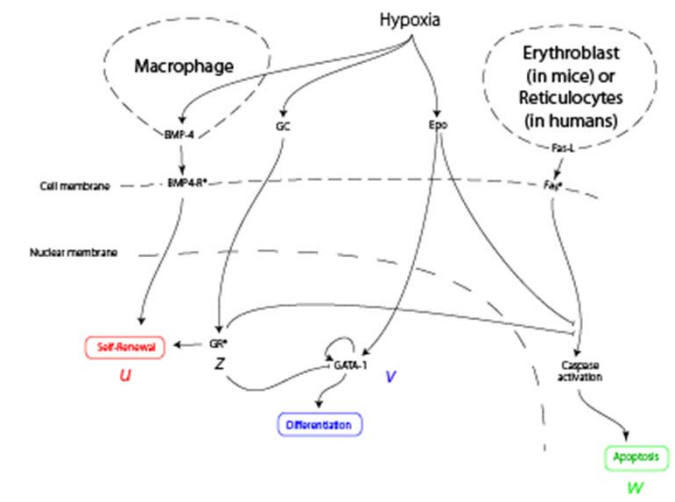
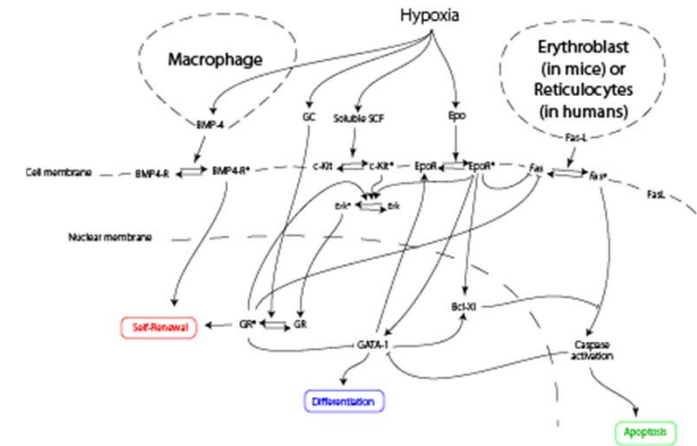
$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = D_2 \Delta G + W_2 - \sigma_2 G.$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = a_0,$$

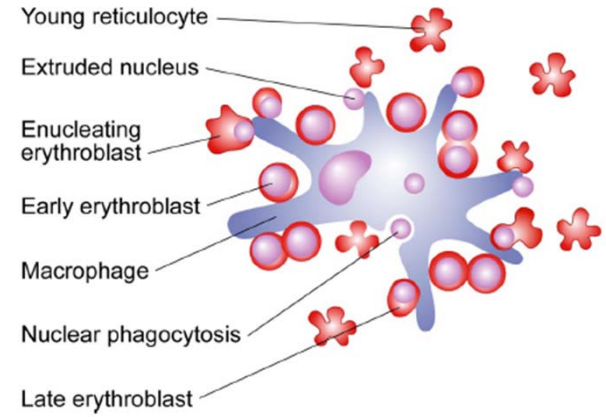
$$\frac{du}{dt} = a_1 + b_1 z,$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = a_2 - b_2 z v,$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = a_3 - b_3 z w.$$

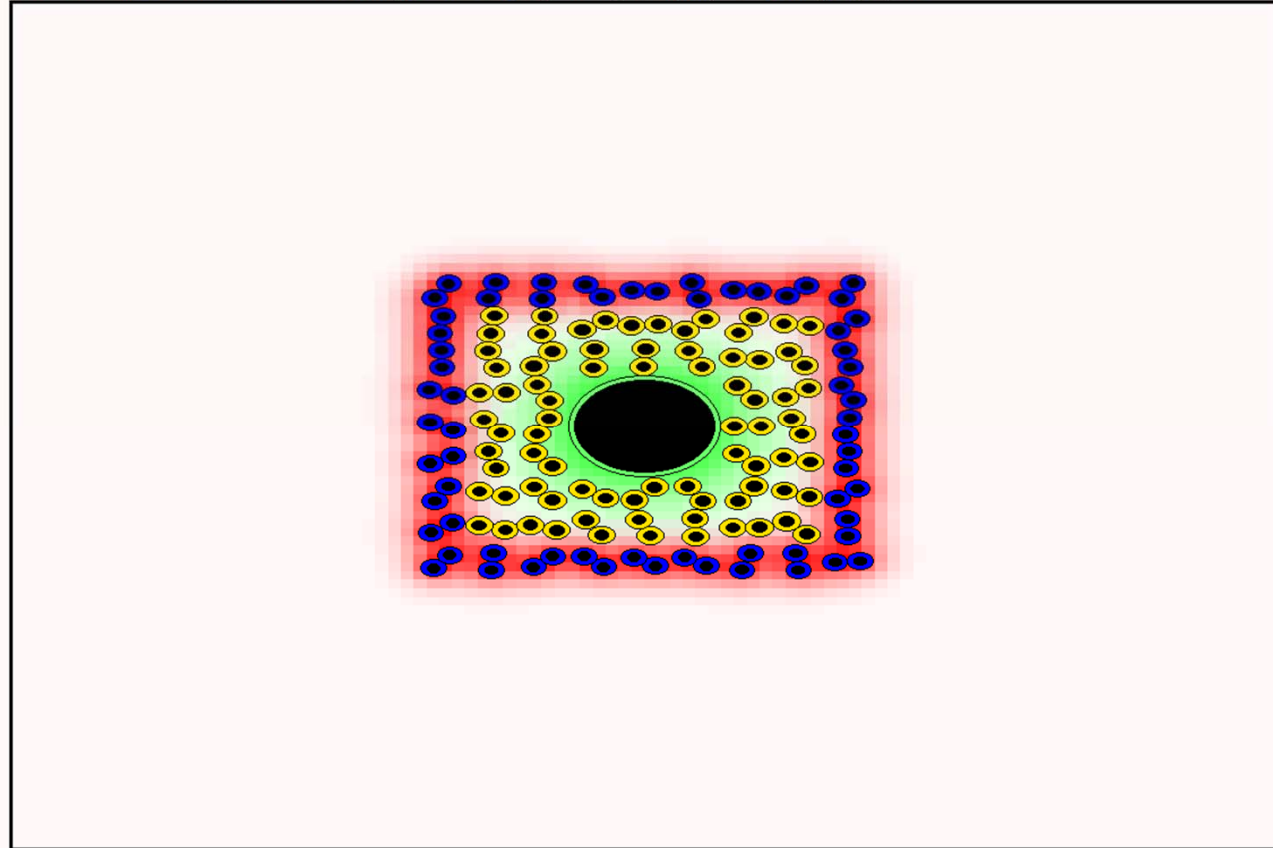


# Erythroblastic islands



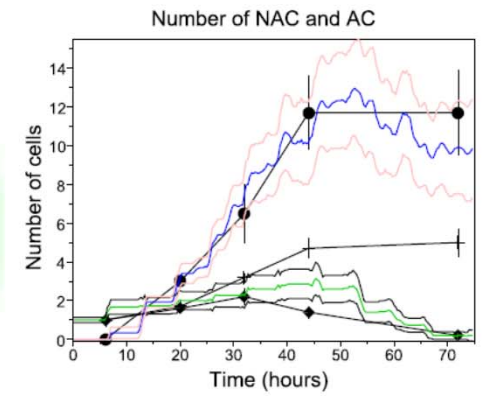
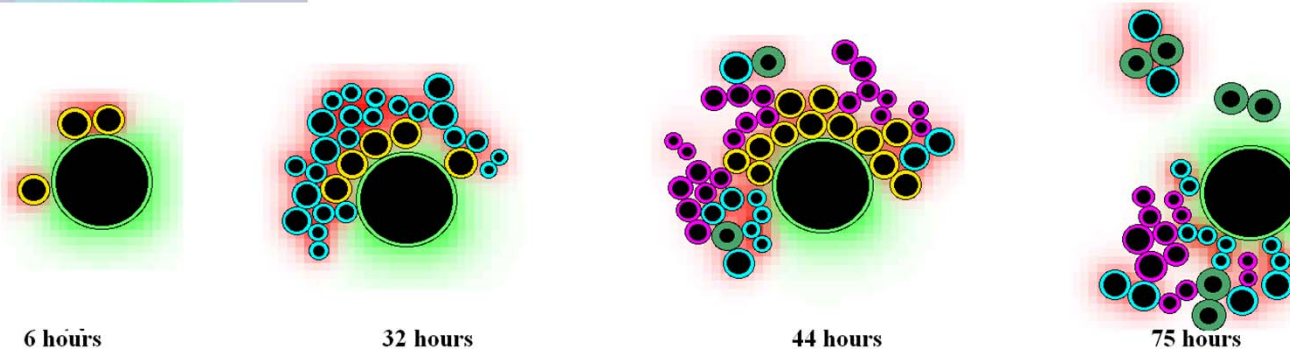
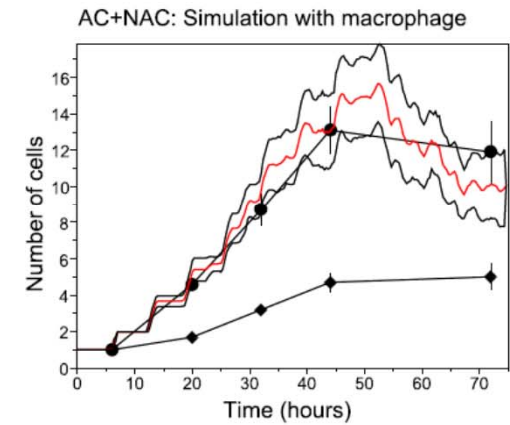
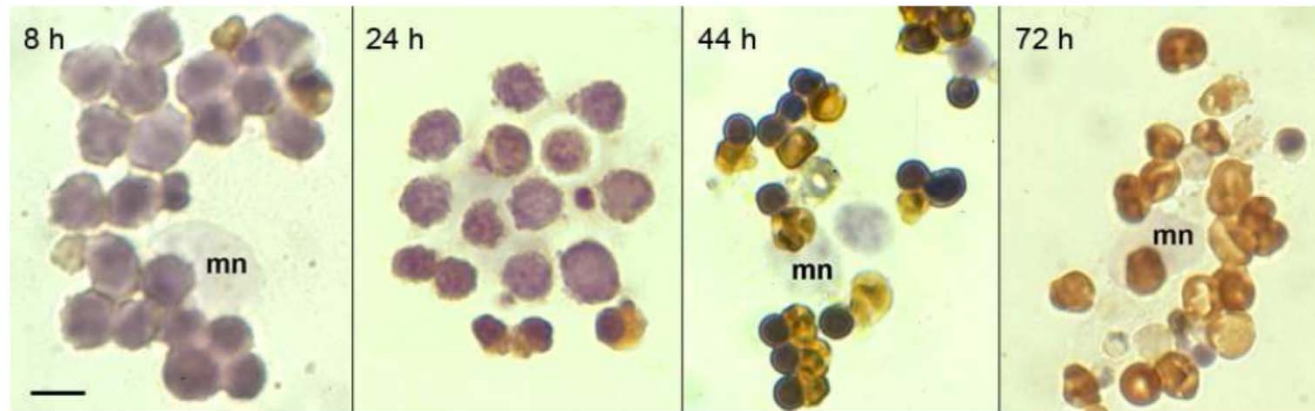
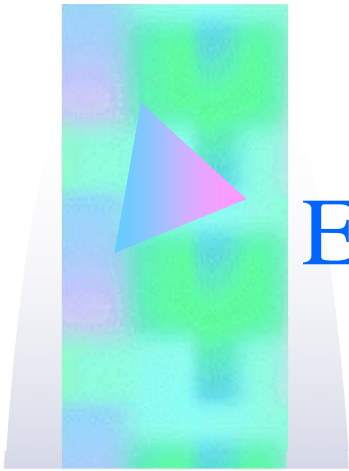
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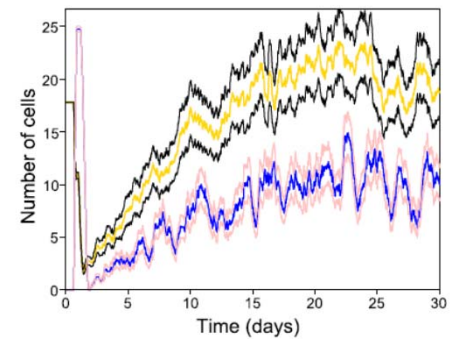
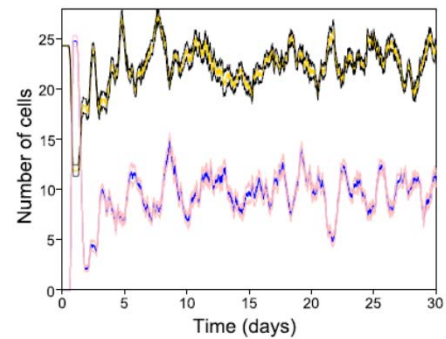
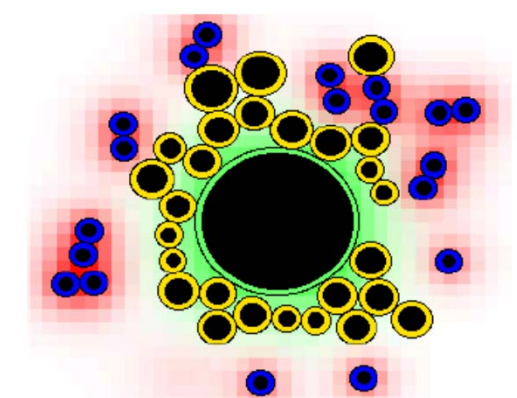
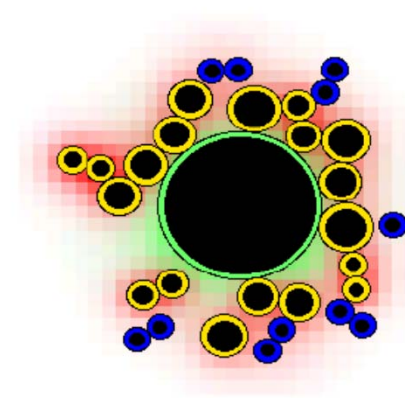
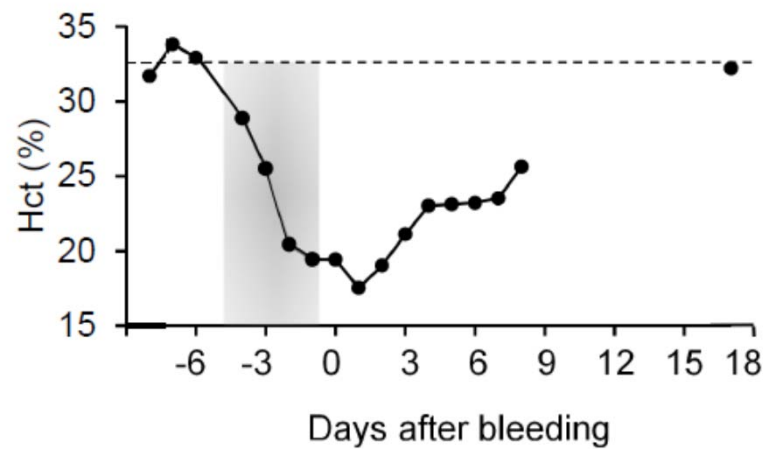
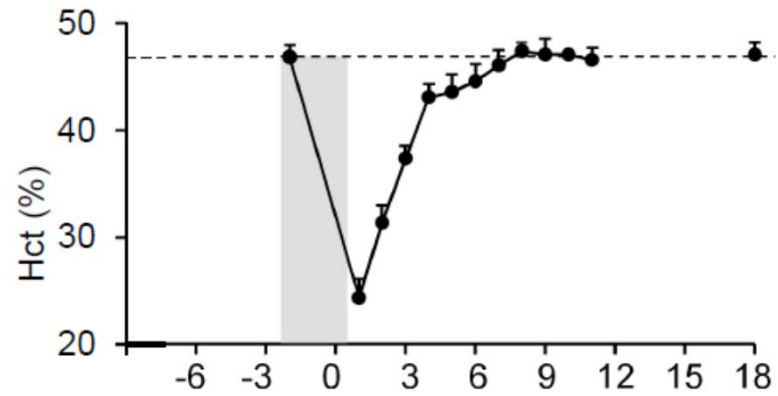
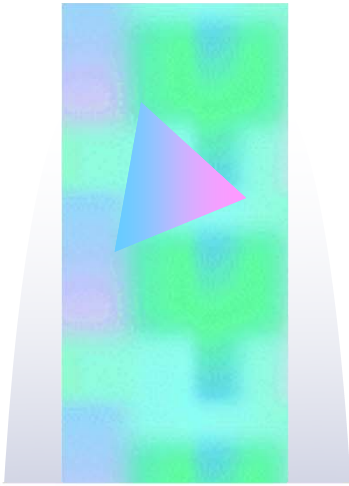


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# Erythroblastic islands

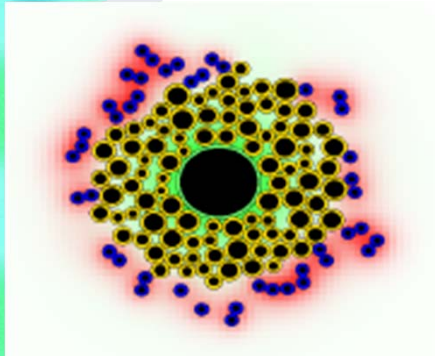


# Man versus mouse



# Anemia (in vivo mice bleeding)

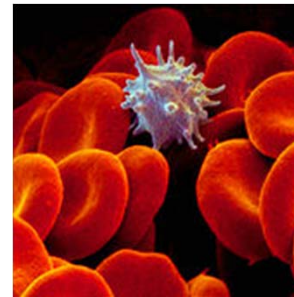
Bone marrow  
(erythroblastic island)



erythrocytes



Blood circulation

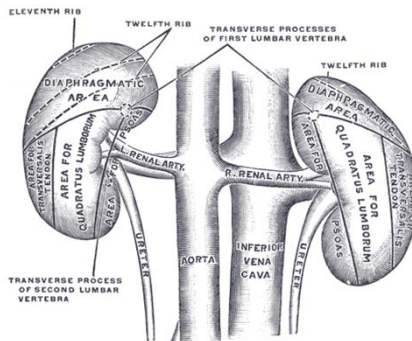


Bleeding (lack of hemaglobine)

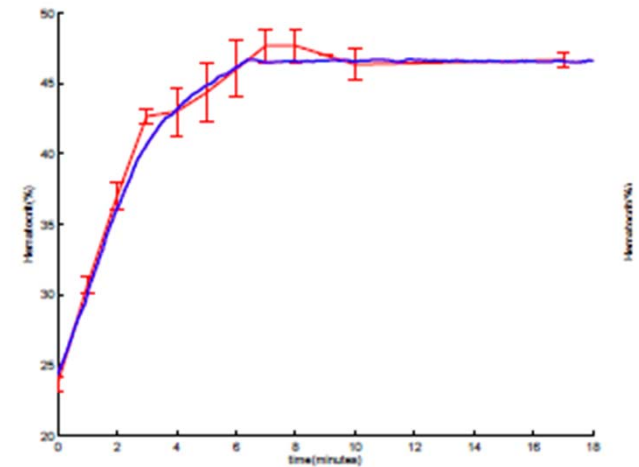


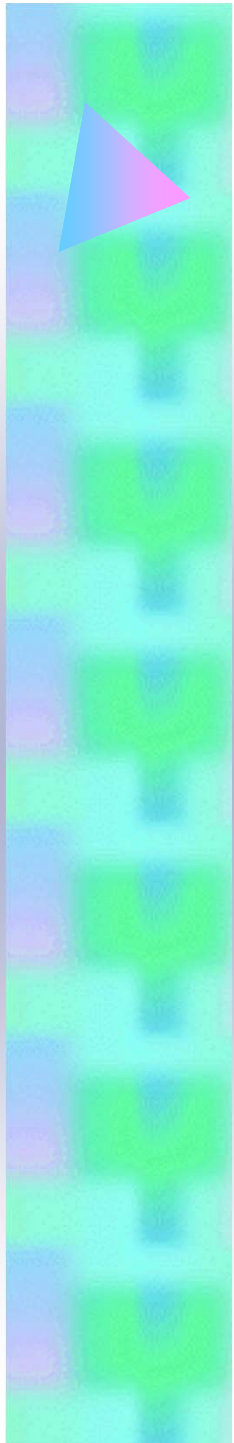
Kidneys

Erythropoietine  
(decreases apoptosis)



Hematocrite restoring after anemia

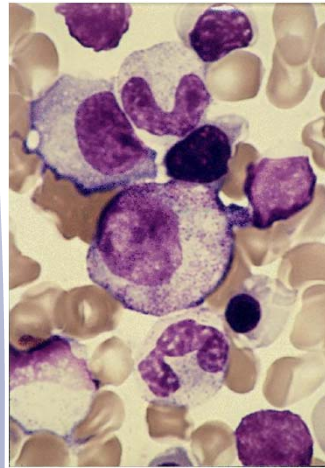




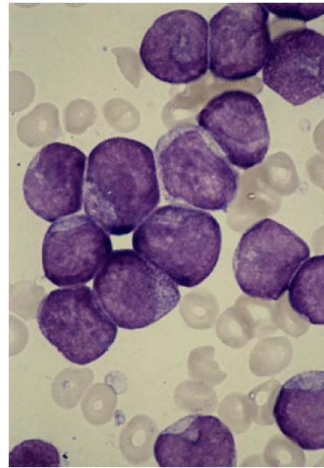
# Leukemia modelling and treatment



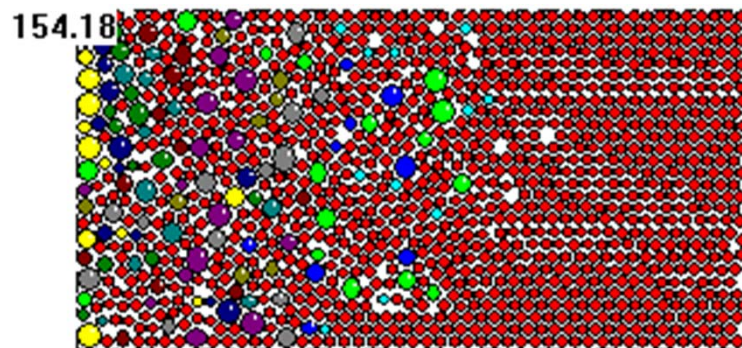
# Leukemia and personalized medicine



Normal bone marrow



Leukemic bone marrow



◆ ~1/1000 live with leukemia or in remission

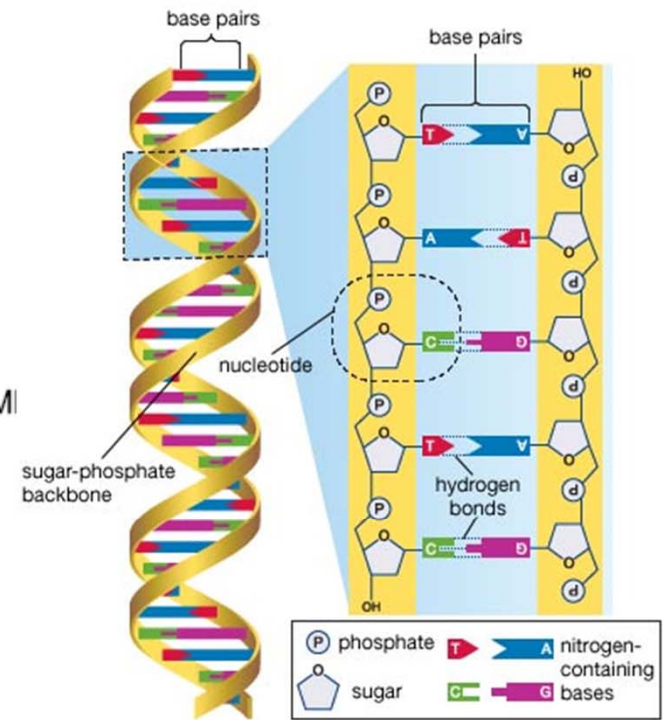
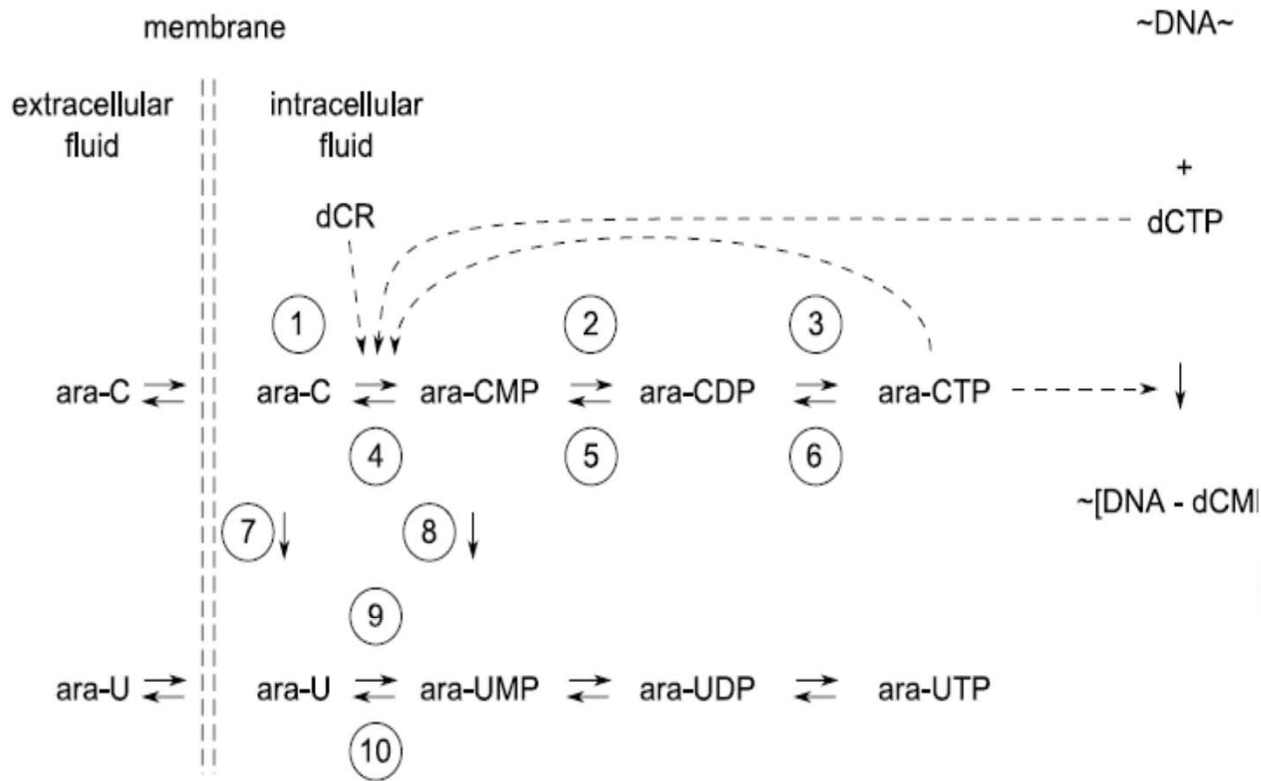
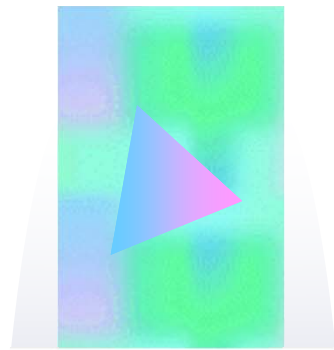
◆ Five year relative survival rate: 14% in 1960, 54% in 2005

◆ Possible causes: radiation, chemicals, but mostly unknown

◆ Median patient age at diagnosis 66 years; 27% of all cancer cases for children

Cf. reaction-diffusion equations

# Treatment with ara-c



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FIGURE 44 – The metabolism of AraC, adapted from [76].



# Pharmacokinetics

Extra-cellular ara-c

$$\frac{dv_i}{dt} = k_1^{(v)} v(x, t) - k_2^{(v)} v_i(t) - (r_p - r_{dp} + r_{da})$$

$$r_p = \frac{V_k}{1 + \frac{K_m K_a}{v_i}}$$

$$r_{dp} = \frac{V_{dp}}{1 + \frac{\alpha K_{dp}}{v_i^a}}$$

$$r_{da} = \frac{V_{da}}{1 + \frac{K_{da}}{v_i}}$$

$$\frac{dv_i^a}{dt} = \tilde{\alpha}(r_p - r_{dp})$$

Intra-cellular ara-c

Phosphorylation

Dephosphorylation

Deamination

Intra-cellular ara-ctp

# Efficiency of treatment for different protocols

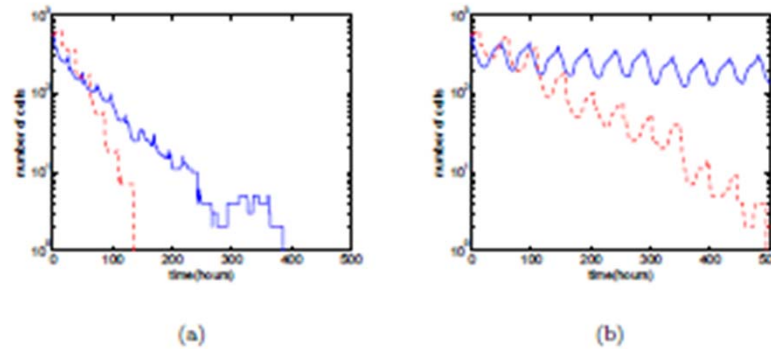


FIG. 3.5. Evolution in time of the total number of cells with Ara-C administrated at 1 a.m. (upper curve) or at 1 p.m. (lower curve). Left: Interval between administrations is 24 hours. Right: Interval between administrations is 48 hours.

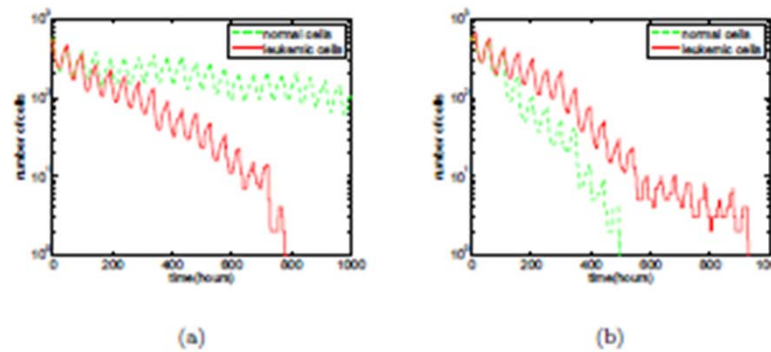


FIG. 3.6. Evolution in time of the total number of normal cells (green line) and leukemic cells (red line) with Ara-C administrated every 48 hours at 1 a.m. (left) and at 1 p.m. (right).



## Discussion

- The choice of cell fate (self-renewal, differentiation, apoptosis):
  - intracellular regulation (probably simplest and generic)
  - local and global extracellular regulation
  - the model may not be unique
  - parameters
  - control self-renewal (the last choice, local regulation)
- Cancer cell evolution
- The role of stochasticity