

# VORLESUNG 1

Vorlesung  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
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## Biologische Physik

Die Dynamik biologischer Prozesse im menschlichen Körper

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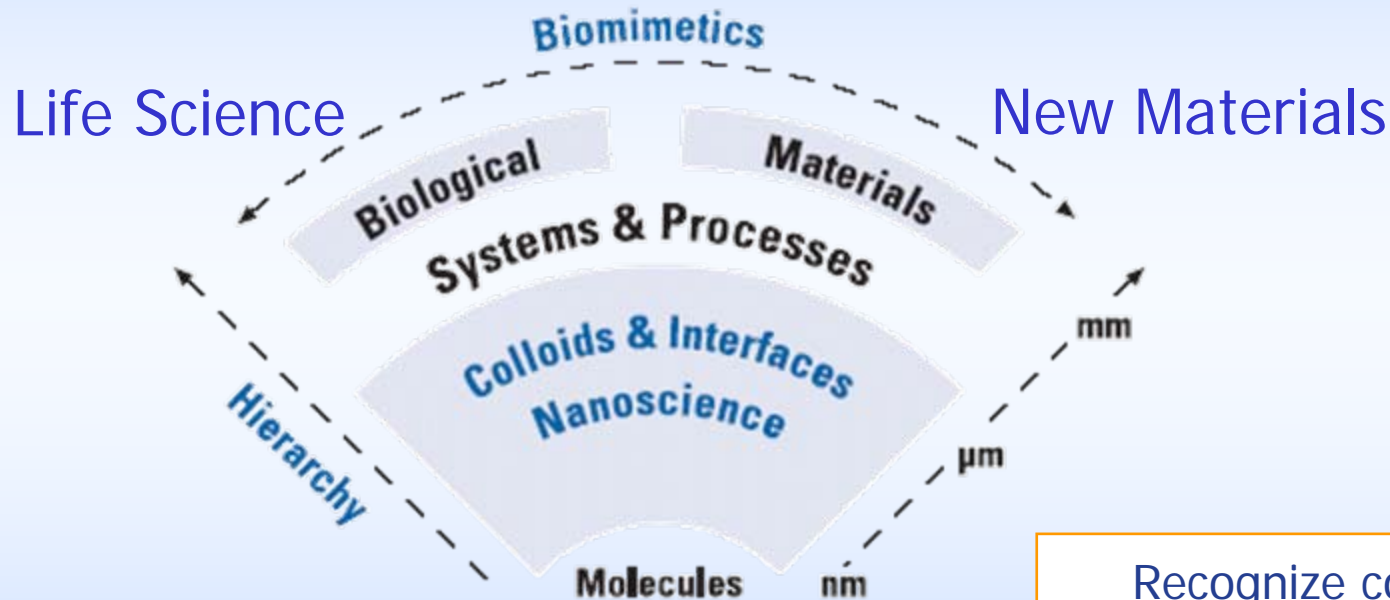
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**Max Planck Institute  
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**Kolloide:** Strukturen im Nano- und Mikrometerbereich  
mit "viel Grenzfläche"



Colloid Science

Recognize construction principles  
of Nature and make them  
useful for technical applications

interdisziplinär: Chemie, Physik, Biologie, Materialwissenschaft, ...





# Outlook

- 15.10. Introduction, Aims, Diving Line, the „Standard Man“, Scaling Relationships, The Circulatory System
- 22.10. The Circulatory System, blood flow, compliant vessel, cardiac output, model of a simple circulatory system
- 29.10. Blood, Myoglobin and Hemoglobin (Biochemical Reactions), Red Blood Cell Production, Leukocytes
- 5.11. Respiration, Capillary-Alveoli Gas Exchange ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ), ventilation and its regulation
- 12.11. Muscle, Anatomy, The Hill Model, A Simple Crossbridge Model: The Huxley Model
- 19.11. Bone I (static), Hierarchical Structure, Theory of Composites, Staggered Model of Bone Nanostructure
- 26.11. Bone II (dynamic – architectural level of spongy bone), Bone Remodeling, Wolff-Roux law, Computersimulation, Markov Model
- 3.12. Bone III (dynamic – bone material), bone mineral density distribution (BMDD), time evolution of the BMDD, mechanical implications, bone healing





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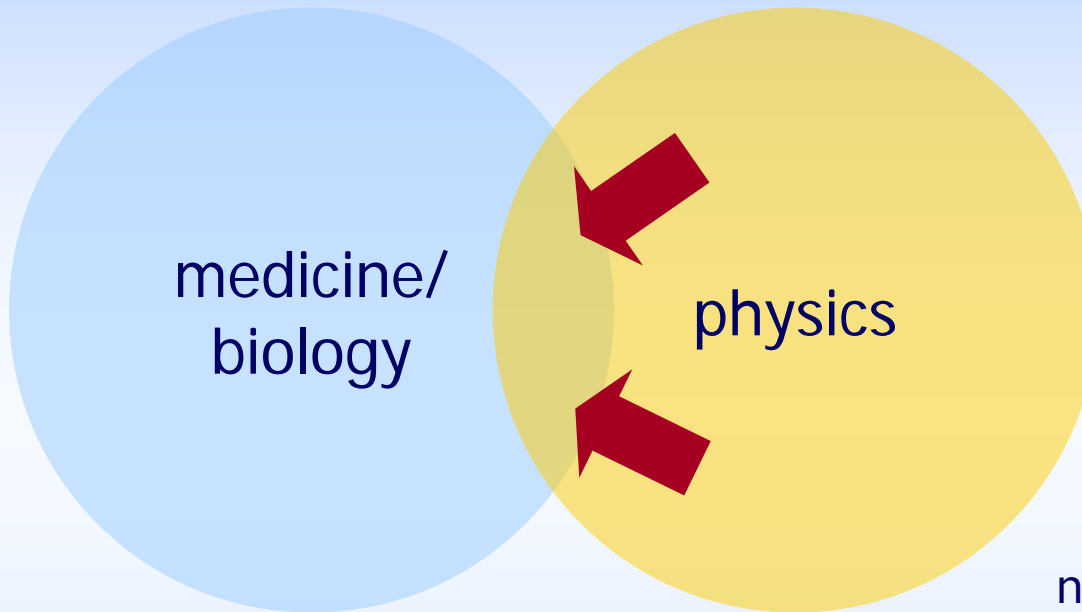
- 10.12. Hormone Physiology, Ovulation in Mammals, Ultradian Oscillations (Insulin – Glucose)
- 17.12. Renal Physiology, The Glomerulus, Urinary Concentration: The Loop of Henle
- 14.1. The Retina and Vision, Weber-Fechner law, Nonlinear Feedback Model, Photoreceptor Physiology, The Pupil Light Reflex
- 21.1. The Inner Ear, Models of the Cochlea, Electrical Resonance in Hair Cells
- 28.1. The Immune System I, The Innate and the Adaptive Immune System, The Inflammatory Response
- 4.2. The Immune System II, Time Course of an Infection





quantitative description of  
physiological processes

interdisciplinary topic



physicists are more  
"flexibel" and  
"have to" move

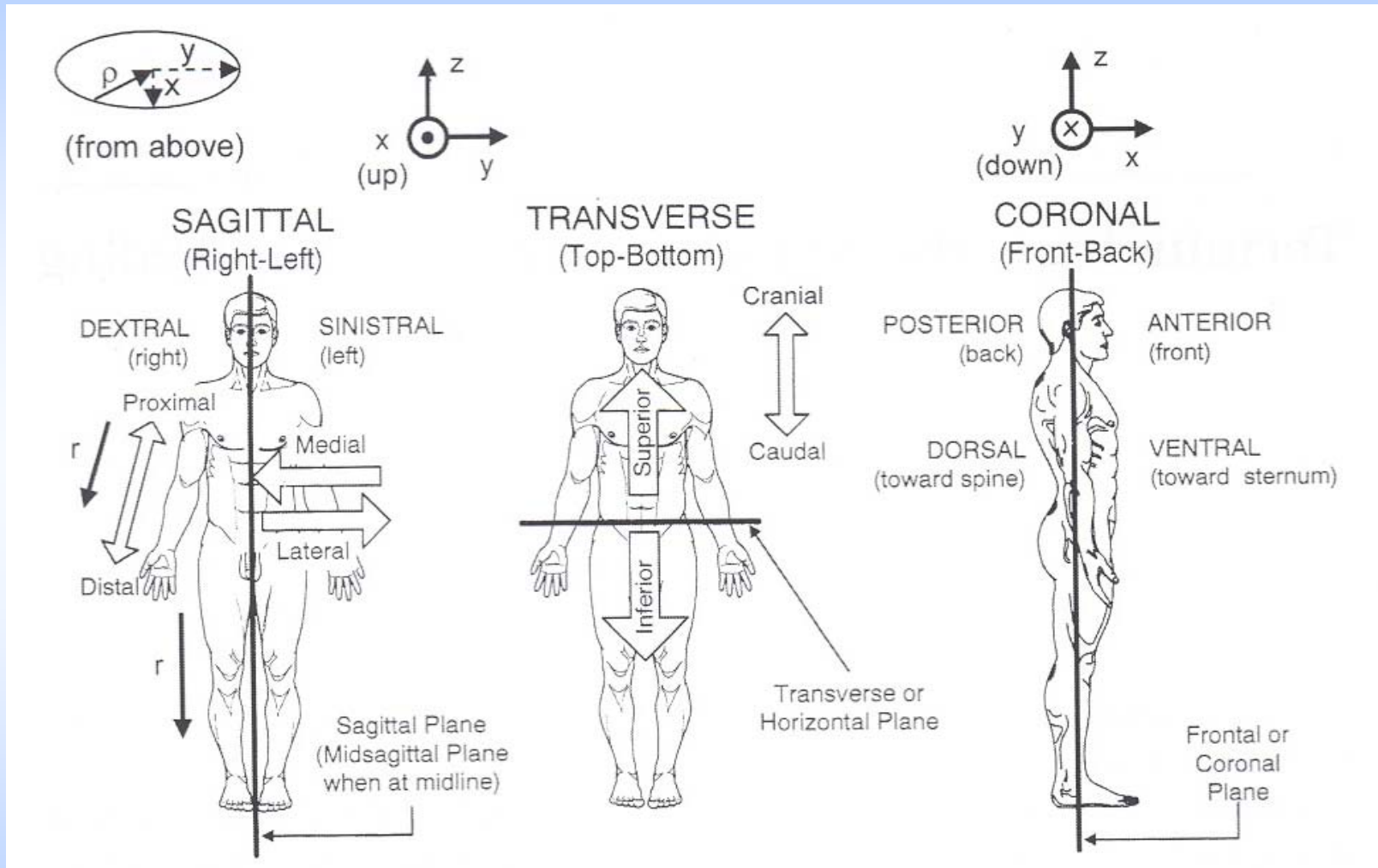
large amount of  
"uninterpreted" data -  
need of input from physicists

problem of interdisciplinary research  
is not so much to understand their ideas,  
but to understand their jargon





# example: coordinate system



medial ( $\rightarrow$  lateral):  
proximal ( $\rightarrow$  distal):

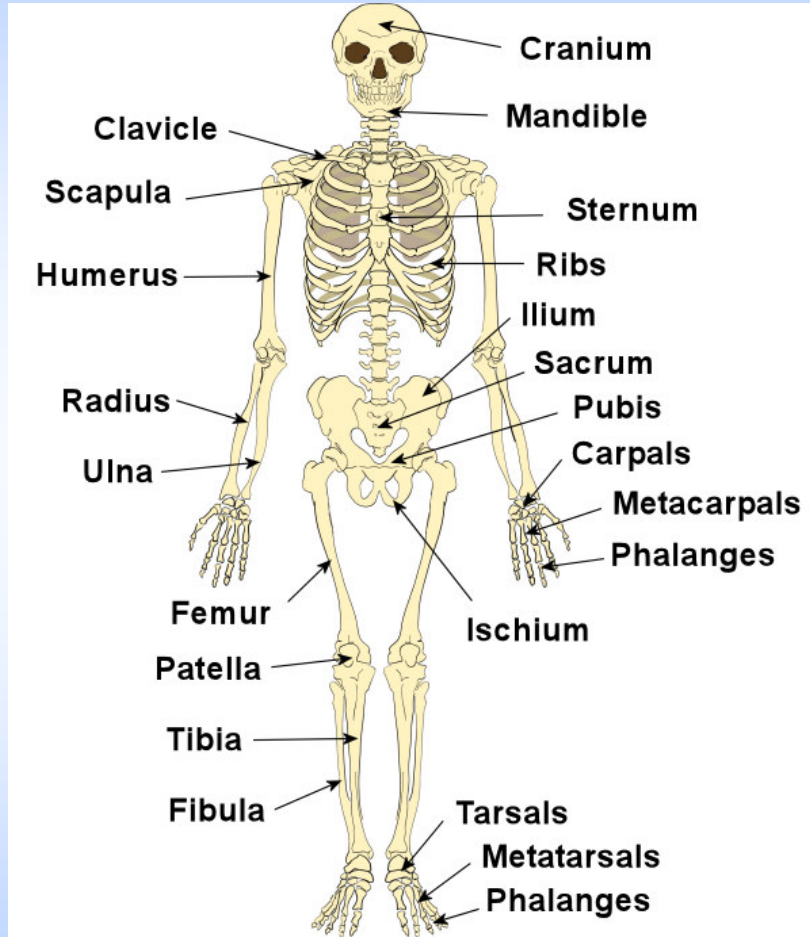
nearer the midline of the body, smaller  $|y|$   
near the point of attachment





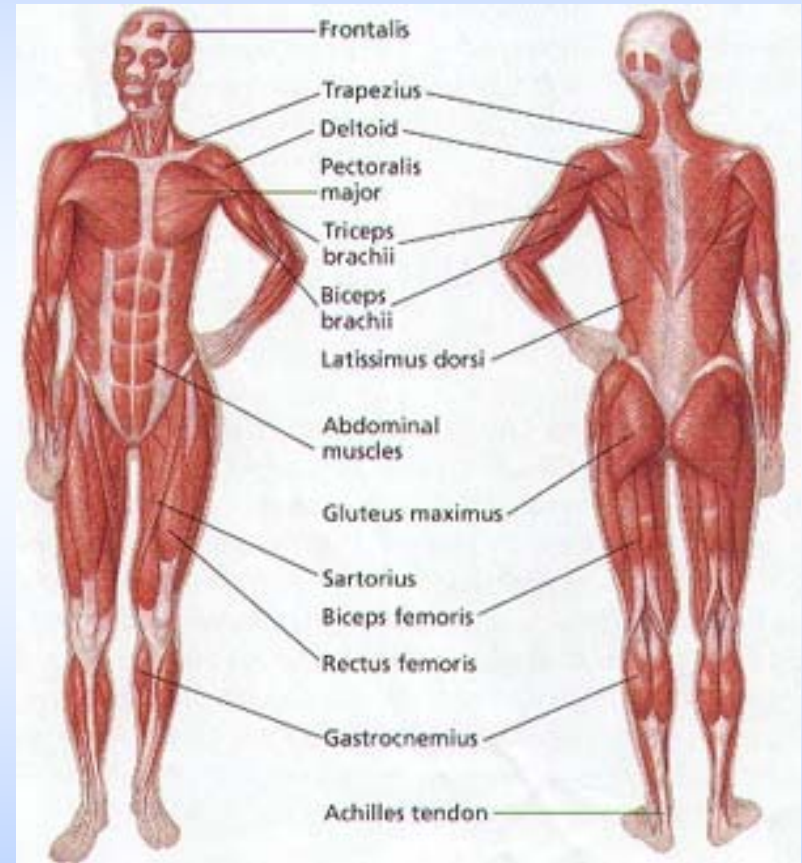
# example: standard anatomy

## the skeletal system:



arm: humerus, ulna + radius  
leg: femur, tibia + fibula

## the muscular system:



biceps (triceps): any muscle with two (three) points of origin





## typical lecture

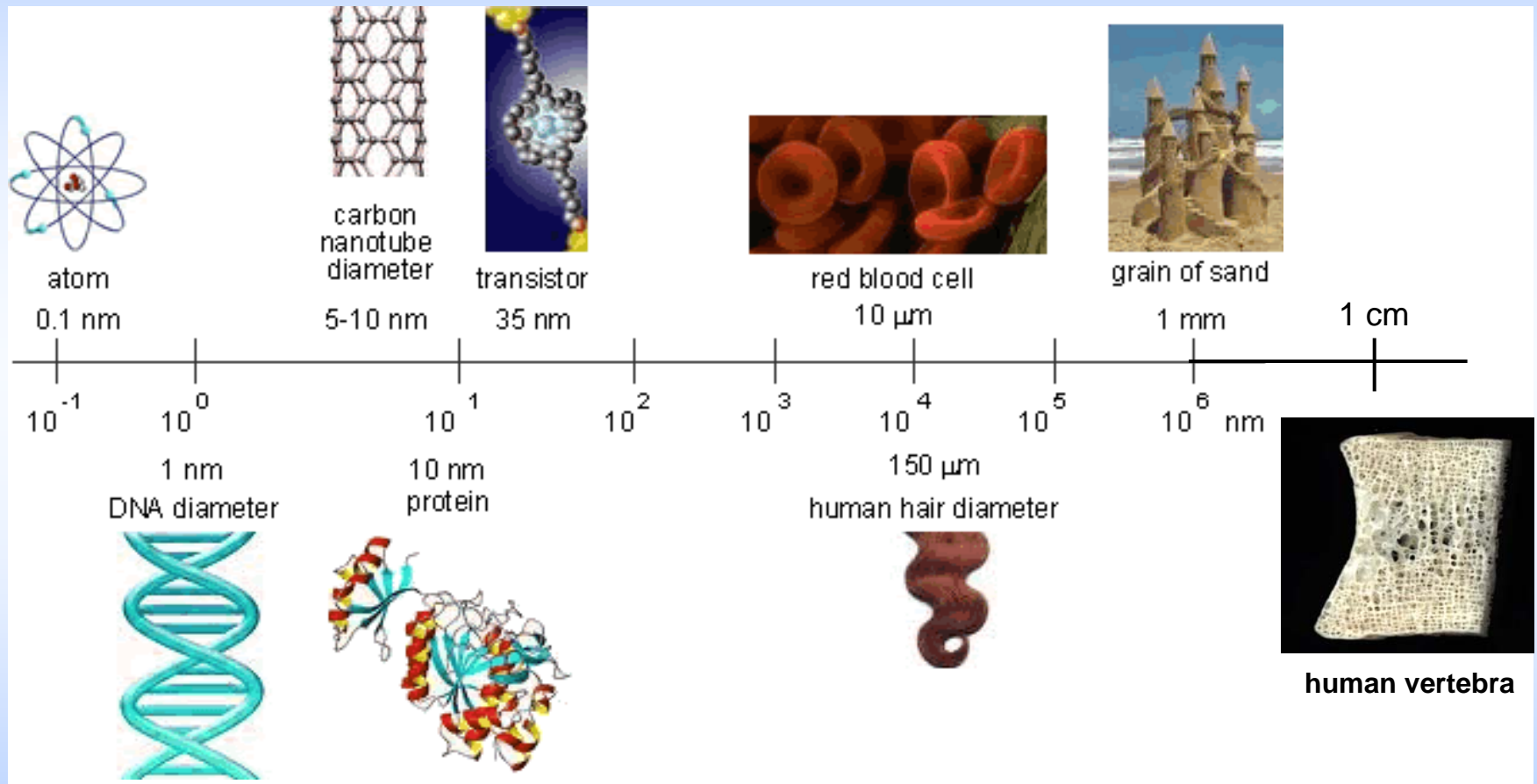
1. anatomy and physiology (new terminology)
2. physical background – problem to solve
3. introduction of the model – model assumptions
4. solution of the model
5. discussion of the results –  
what did we learn about human physiology





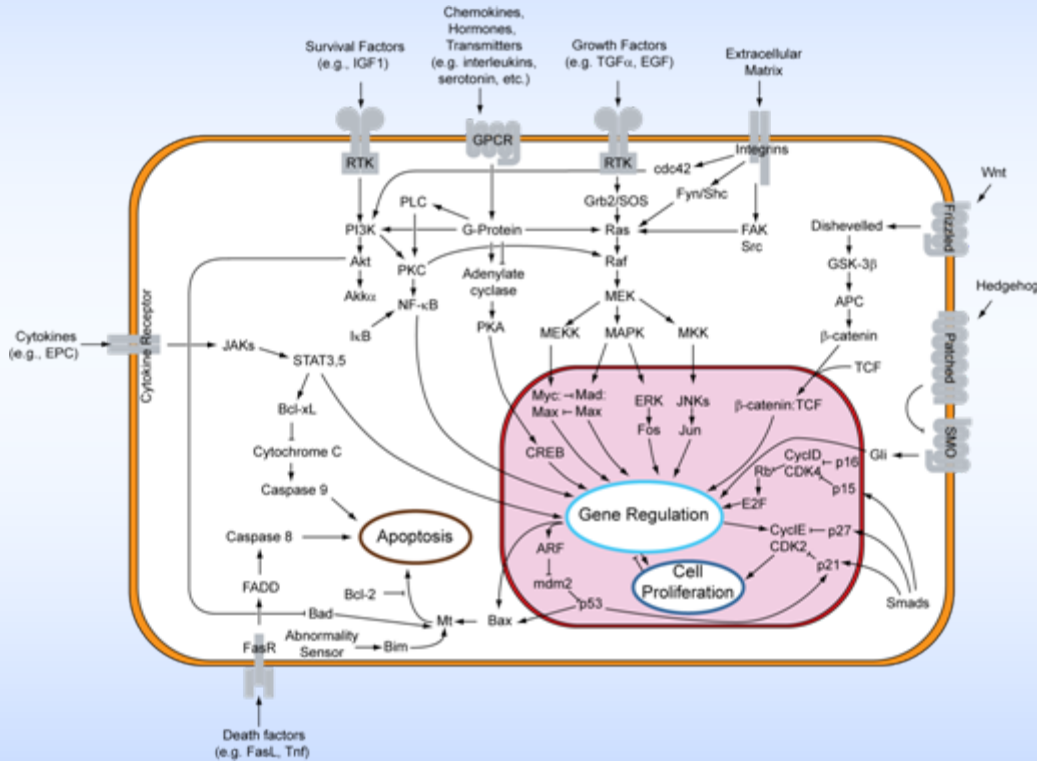
# biophysics

## length scales in biology





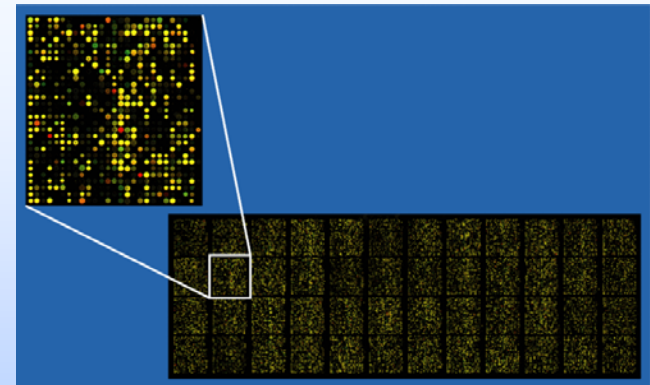
# systems biology and bioinformatics



signal transduction pathways

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DNA sequence

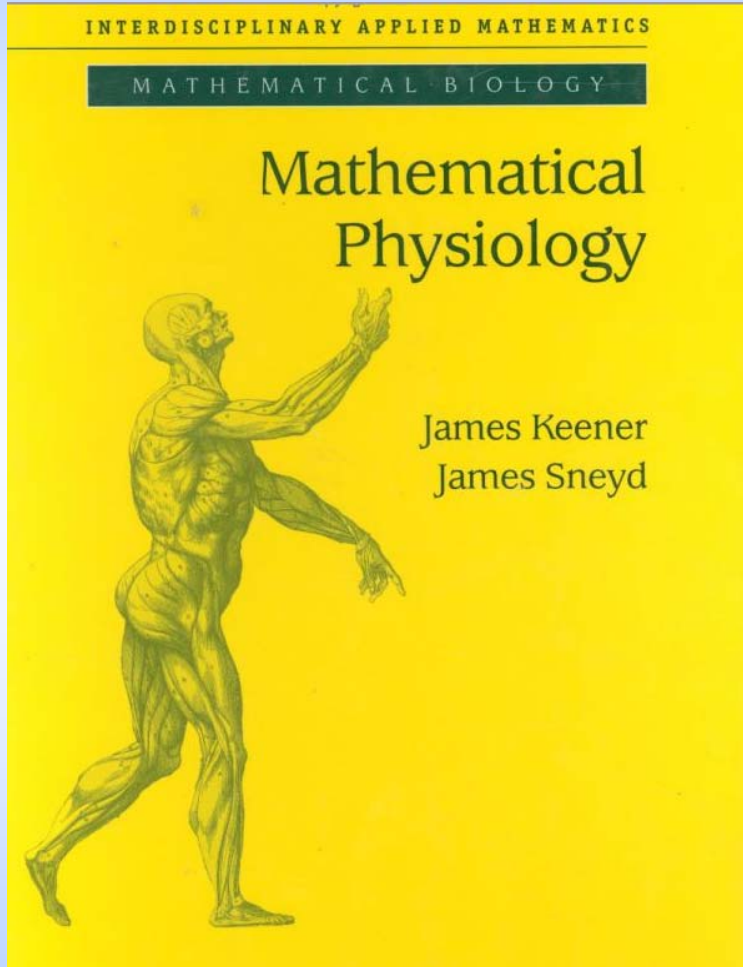


DNA microarrays

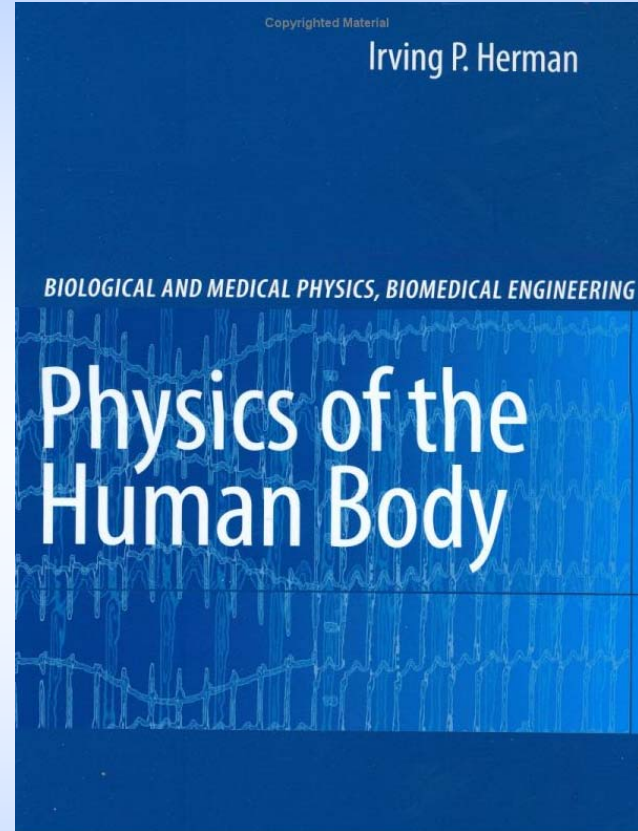




## sources for the lecture



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**+ own research**





# The Standard Human

## PART 1

AIM: to define “the typical human”

age	30 yr
height	1.72 m (5 ft 8 in)
mass	70 kg
weight	690 N (154 lb)
surface area	1.85 m <sup>2</sup>
body core temperature	37.0°C
body skin temperature	34.0°C
heat capacity	0.83 kcal/kg-°C (3.5 kJ/kg-°C)
basal metabolic rate	70 kcal/h (1,680 kcal/day, 38 kcal/m <sup>2</sup> -h, 44 W/m <sup>2</sup> )
body fat	15%
subcutaneous fat layer	5 mm
body fluids volume	51 L
body fluids composition	53% intracellular; 40% interstitial, lymph; 7% plasma
heart rate	65 beats/min





# The Standard Human

## PART 2

AIM: to define “the typical human”

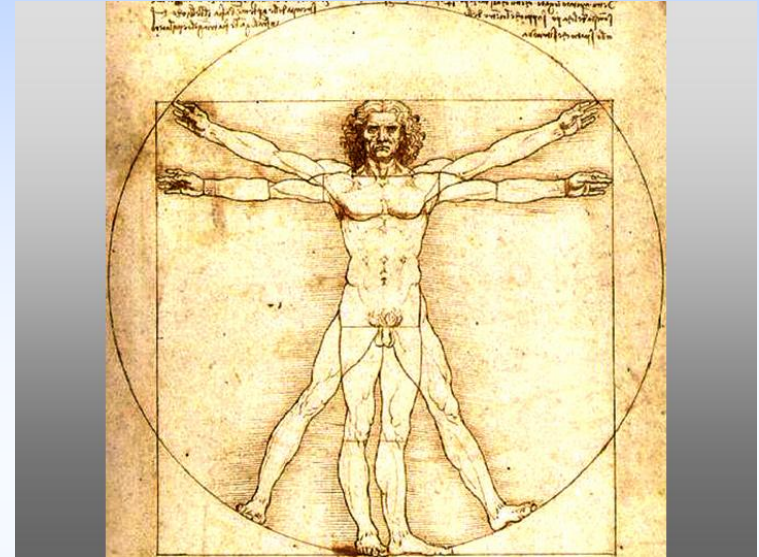
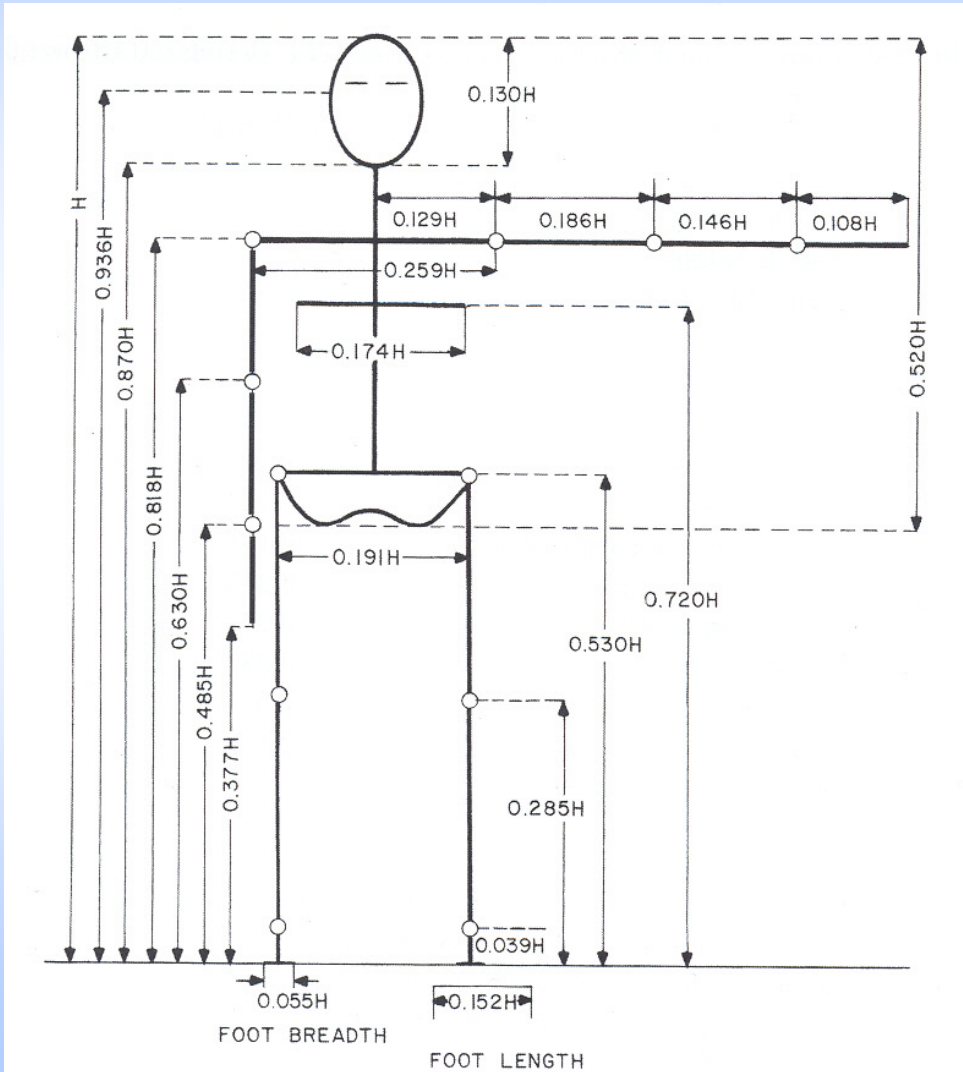
blood volume	5.2 L
blood hematocrit	0.43
cardiac output (at rest)	5.0 L/min
cardiac output (in general)	$3.0 + 8 \times \text{O}_2 \text{ consumption (in L/min)}$ L/min
systolic blood pressure	120 mmHg (16.0 kPa)
diastolic blood pressure	80 mmHg (10.7 kPa)
breathing rate	15/min
O <sub>2</sub> consumption	0.26 L/min
CO <sub>2</sub> production	0.21 L/min
total lung capacity	6.0 L
vital capacity	4.8 L
tidal volume	0.5 L
lung dead space	0.15 L
lung mass transfer area	90 m <sup>2</sup>
mechanical work efficiency	0–25%





# Anthropometry

AIM: to define "the typical human"



Leonardo da Vinci

H ... body height





## mass and volume

of the organs  
in the human body:

fluid, tissue, organ, or system	total mass (g)	total volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )
adult male body	70,000	60,000
muscle	30,000	23,000
fat	10,500	12,000
skin	2,000	1,800
subcutaneous tissue	4,100	3,700
skeleton	10,000	6,875
gastrointestinal track	2,000	1,800
contents (chyme/feces)	~2,000	~2,000
blood vessels	1,800	1,700
contents (blood)	5,600	5,400
liver	1,650	1,470
brain	1,400	1,350
lungs (2)	825	775
contents (air)	~7.7	~6,000
heart	330	300
chamber volume	–	450
kidneys (2)	300	270
urinary bladder	150	140
contents (urine)	~500	~500
digestive fluids	~150	~150
pancreas	110	100
salivary glands (6)	50	48
synovial fluid	~50	~50
teeth (32)	42	14
eyes (2)	30	27
hair (average haircut)	21	16
gall bladder	7	7
contents (bile)	~50	~50
finger nails and toenails (20)	1.1	0.9



## typical cell

molecular content of a typical 20- $\mu$ m human cell:

molecule	mass	molecular weight (amu, daltons)	number of molecules	number of molecular entities
water	65	18	$1.74 \times 10^{14}$	1
other inorganic	1.5	55	$1.31 \times 10^{12}$	20
lipid (fat)	12	700	$8.4 \times 10^{11}$	50
other organic	0.4	250	$7.7 \times 10^{10}$	~200
protein	20	50,000	$1.9 \times 10^{10}$	~5,000
RNA	1.0	$1 \times 10^6$	$5 \times 10^7$	–
DNA	0.1	$1 \times 10^{11}$	46	–





# scaling relationships

## allometric parameters for mammals:

property  $f$

$$f = a m_b^\alpha$$

$m_b$  ... body mass

allometric if  $\alpha \neq 1$

isometric if  $\alpha = 1$

alternative index:  $\frac{m_b}{H^p}$   $p = 2$  Quetelet's index, BMI

parameter	$a$	$\alpha$
basal metabolic rate (BMR), in W	4.1	0.75
body surface area, in $m^2$	0.11	0.65
brain mass in man, in kg	0.085	0.66
brain mass in nonprimates, in kg	0.01	0.7
breathing rate, in Hz	0.892	-0.26
energy cost of running, in J/m-kg	7	-0.33
energy cost of swimming, in J/m-kg	0.6	-0.33
effective lung volume, in $m^2$	$5.67 \times 10^{-5}$	1.03
heart beat rate, in Hz	4.02	-0.25
heart mass, in kg	$5.8 \times 10^{-3}$	0.97
lifetime, in y	11.89	0.20
muscle mass, in kg	0.45	1.0
skeletal mass (terrestrial), in kg	0.068	1.08
speed of flying, in m/s	15	0.167
speed of walking, in m/s	0.5	0.167

