

**Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) Symposium on
Disease and Therapeutic Response Modeling**

**Applying a Multiscale Physiologic System
Model to Evaluate Bone-Related Disease and
Therapeutic Responses**

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Multiscale Modeling

- Introduction

- Define 'Scales'
- Examples:
 - ▶ Guyton's Cardiovascular Model
 - ▶ A Calcium/Bone Model

- Applications of the Calcium/Bone Model

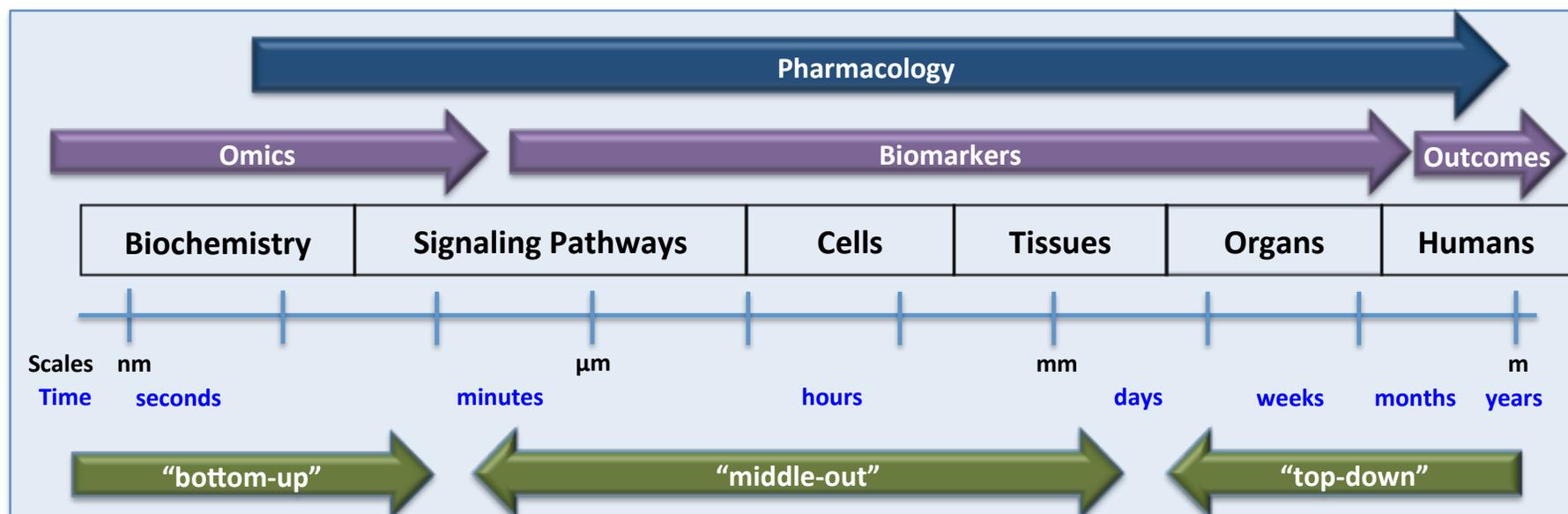
- Disease Response (Chronic Kidney Disease)
- Therapeutic Response

- In Summary

- Concept: A Research Platform
- Parting Thoughts

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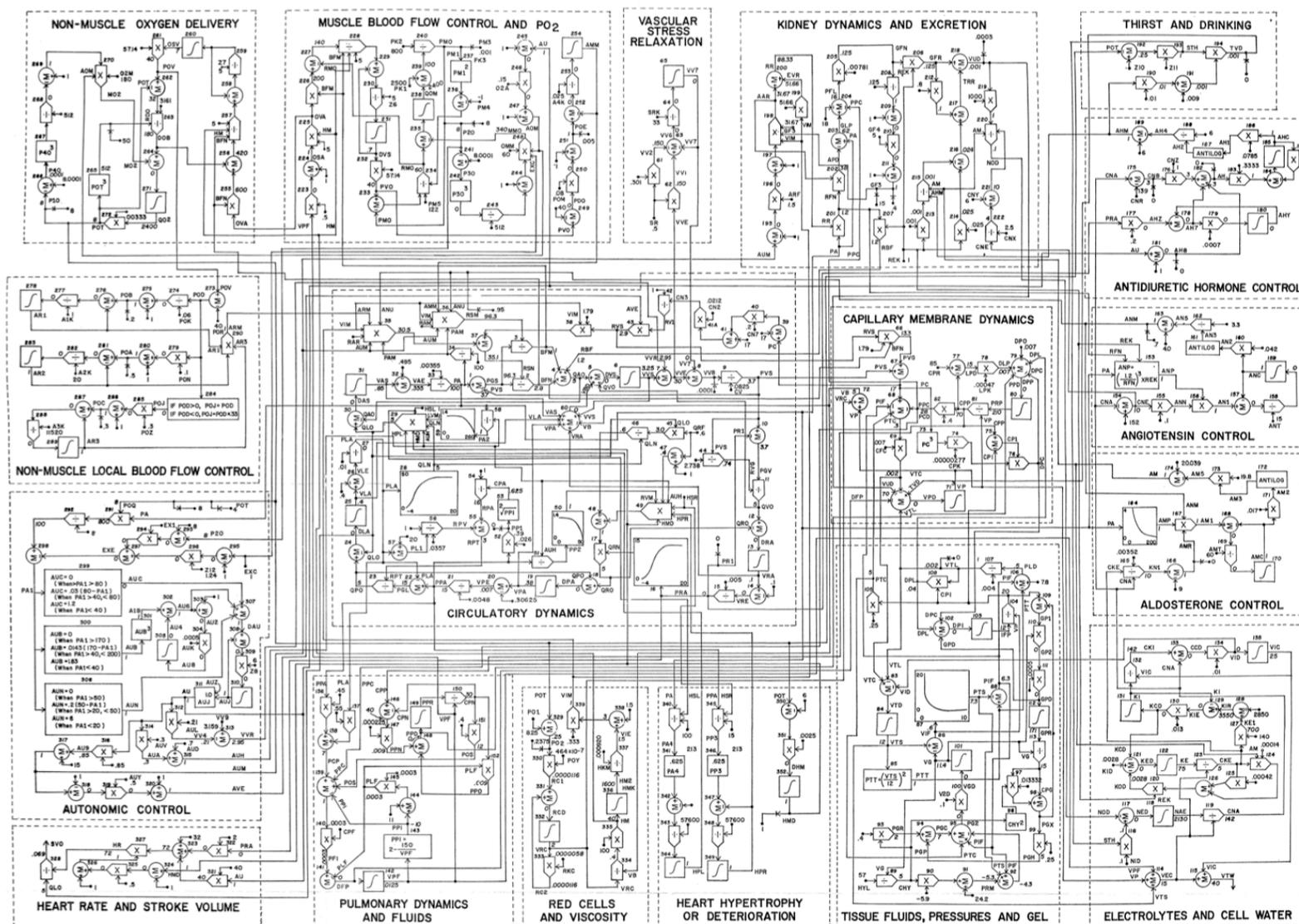
- What is a Multiscale Systems Model?



From Figure 1 of Riggs M. Multiscale Systems Models as a Knowledge Bridge Between Biology, Physiology and Pharmacology. *AAPS Newsmagazine* (December, 2011) ; in press.

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Schematic of Cardiovascular Model



Guyton AC, Coleman TG, Granger HJ 1972. Circulation: overall regulation. *Annu Rev Physiol* 34:13-46.

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Guyton's Cardiovascular Model

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43 Years Later: Notably Few Multiscale Models of Physiology Exist (Publicly)

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Multiscale Model of Calcium and Bone

- Intentions

- Represent physiology
 - ▶ Include multiscale mechanisms (signaling → organs → outcomes)
 - ▶ Incorporate relevant co-factors
 - » Phosphate (PO₄)
 - » Parathyroid hormone (PTH)
 - » Calcitriol
 - » Cytokines (e.g. TGF_{beta})
 - » Cell Signaling
 - » Bone turnover markers (e.g. osteoblast/osteoclast associated)
- Predict Ca homeostasis and bone remodeling
- Provide a platform for evaluating longitudinal therapeutic and disease state effects

Multiscale Model of Calcium and Bone

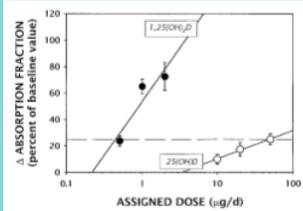
- Existing Research / Data

- 200+ references
 - From 70+ sources (journals, texts, regulatory documents, etc.)
 - Publications: 1959 – present (5+ decades)
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- But How to Bring It All Together?

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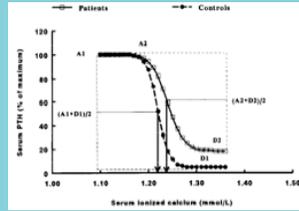
Integrating Existing Data and Models

Calcium Absorption



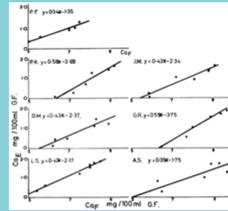
e.g., Heaney et al. 1997

PTH Secretion



e.g., Ramirez et al. 1993

Calcium Excretion



e.g., Peacock and Nordin 1968

Bone Therapeutics

Anabolic
(teriparatide, 2004)

Catabolic
(denosumab, 2006)

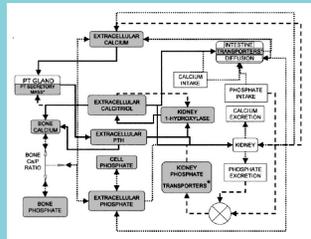
Disease States

Hyper- and hypo-PTH

CKD-MBD (Rix et al. 1999)

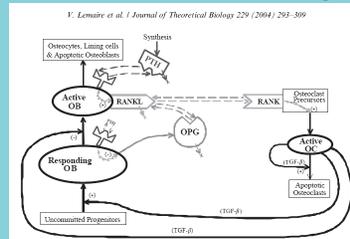


Calcium Homeostasis



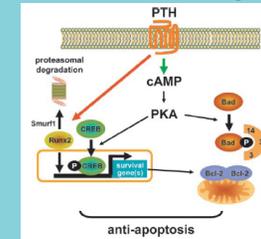
e.g., Raposo et al. 2002

Bone Remodeling



e.g., LeMaire et al. 2004

Intracellular Signaling



e.g., Bellido et al. 2003

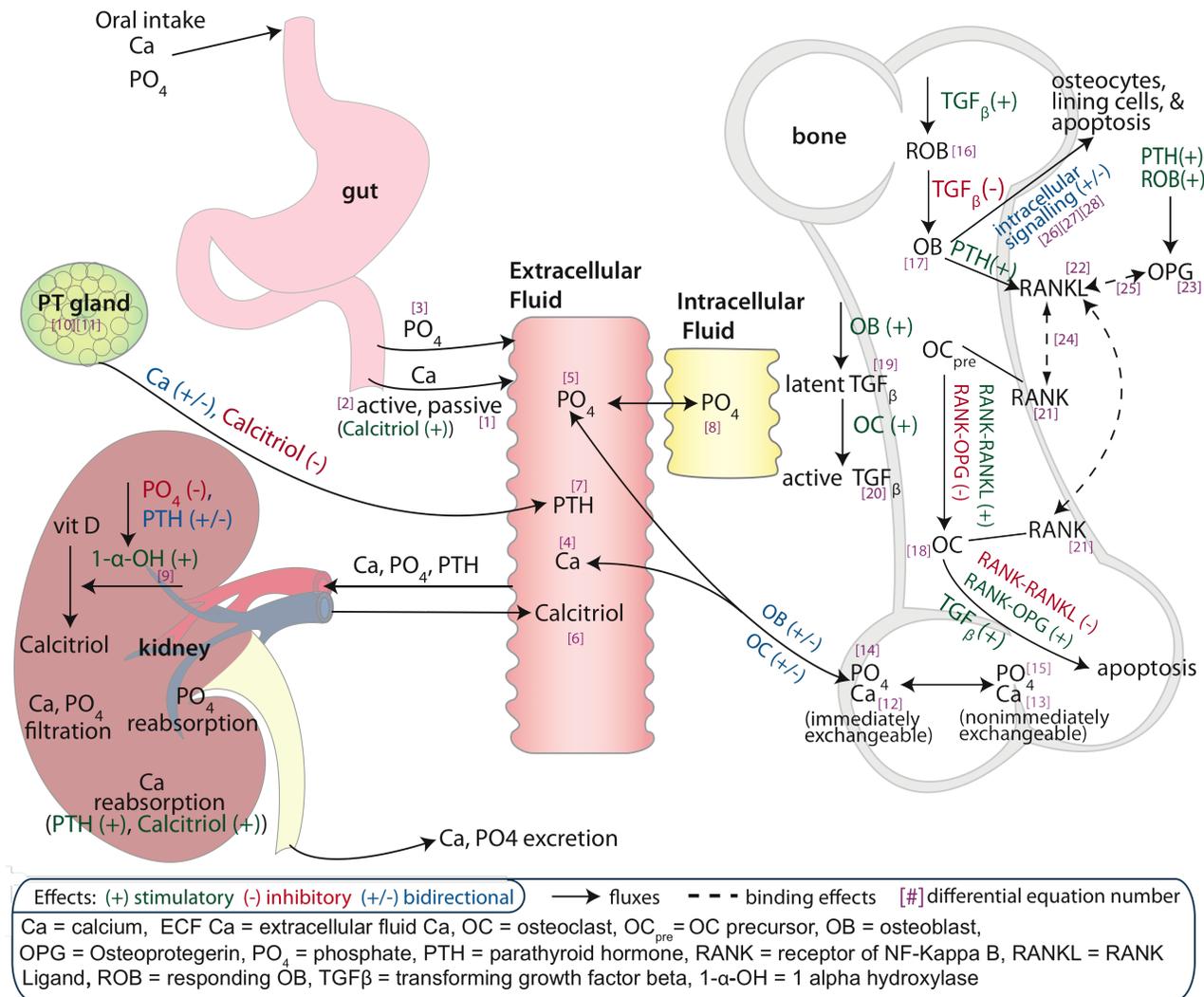


- Multiscale Model:

- Peterson MC and Riggs MM (2010) A physiologically based mathematical model of integrated calcium homeostasis and bone remodeling. *Bone* 46:49-63.

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Multiscale Model of Calcium and Bone



Schematic of physiologic system model to describe calcium homeostasis and bone remodeling (reprinted from Figure 1 of (Peterson and Riggs, 2010))

APPLICATIONS: Disease Response

Chronic Kidney Disease-Mineral Bone Disorder

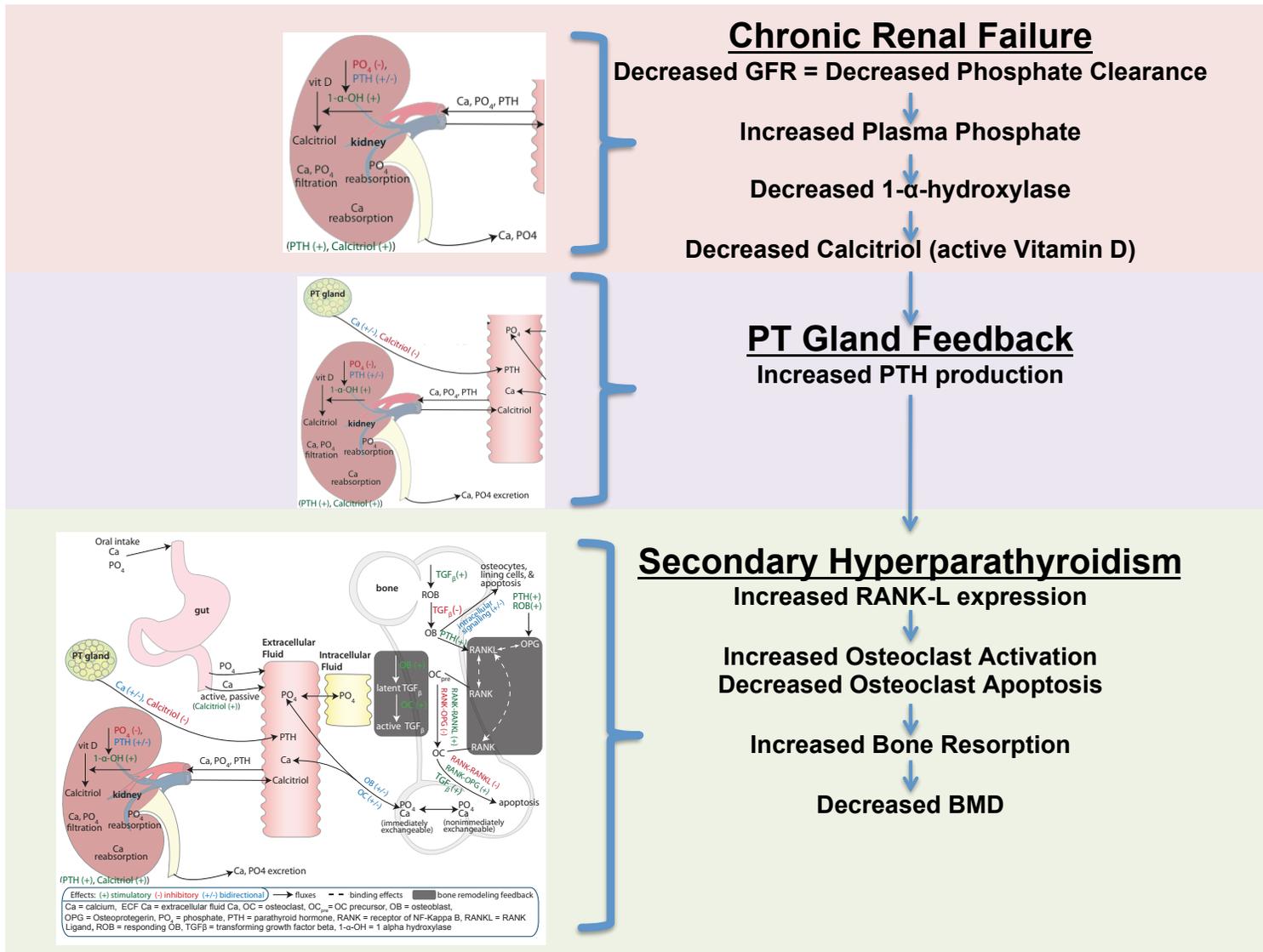
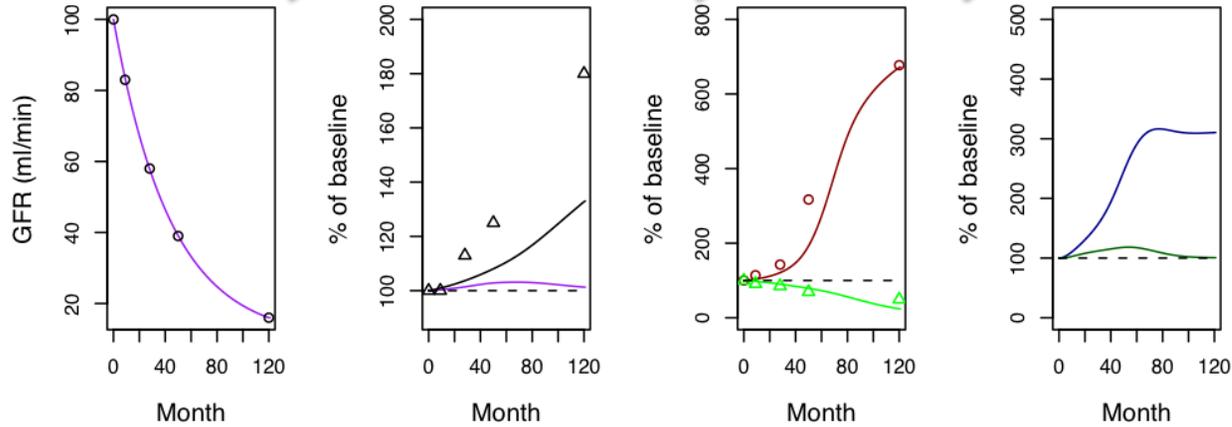


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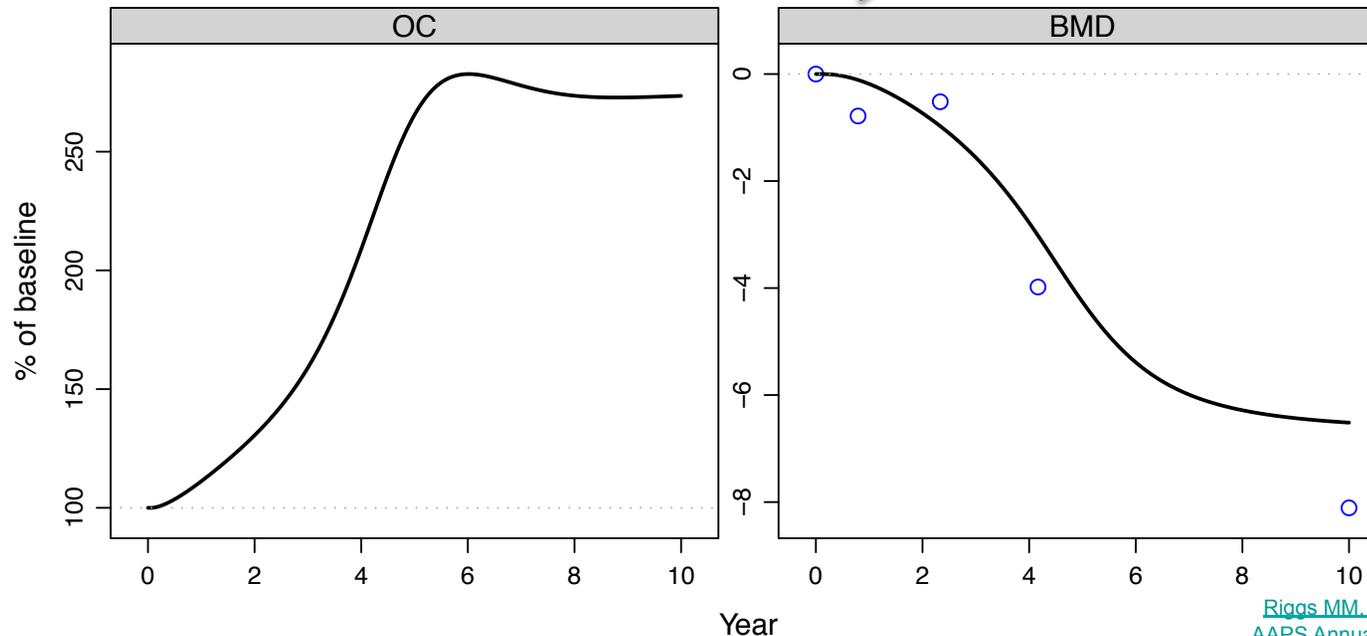
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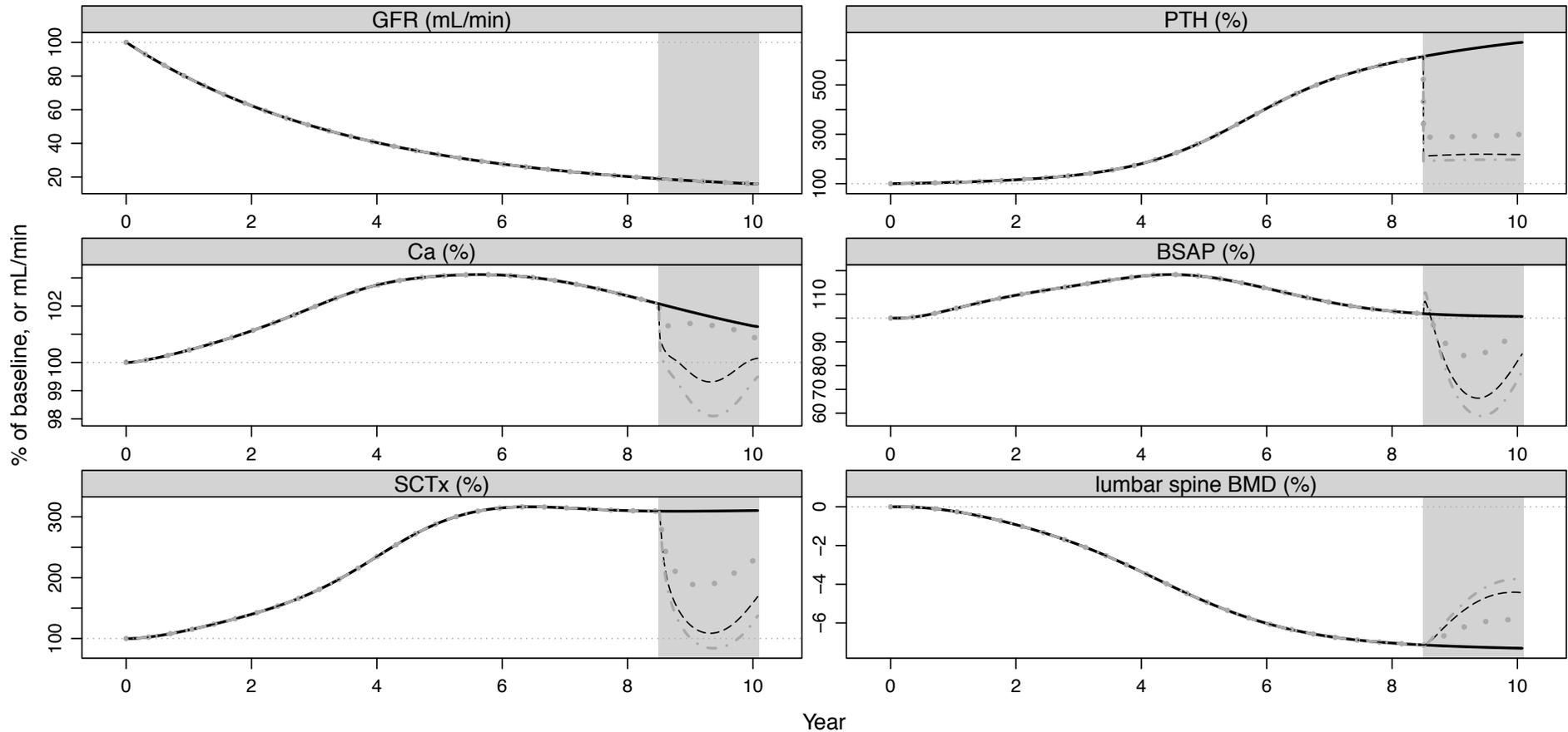
↑ Bone Resorption → ↓ BMD



[Riggs MM, Gastonguay MR, Peterson MC, AAPS Annual Meeting 2010: Poster # W4403](#)

Chronic Kidney Disease-Mineral Bone Disorder

Simulated Effects of CaSR agonism

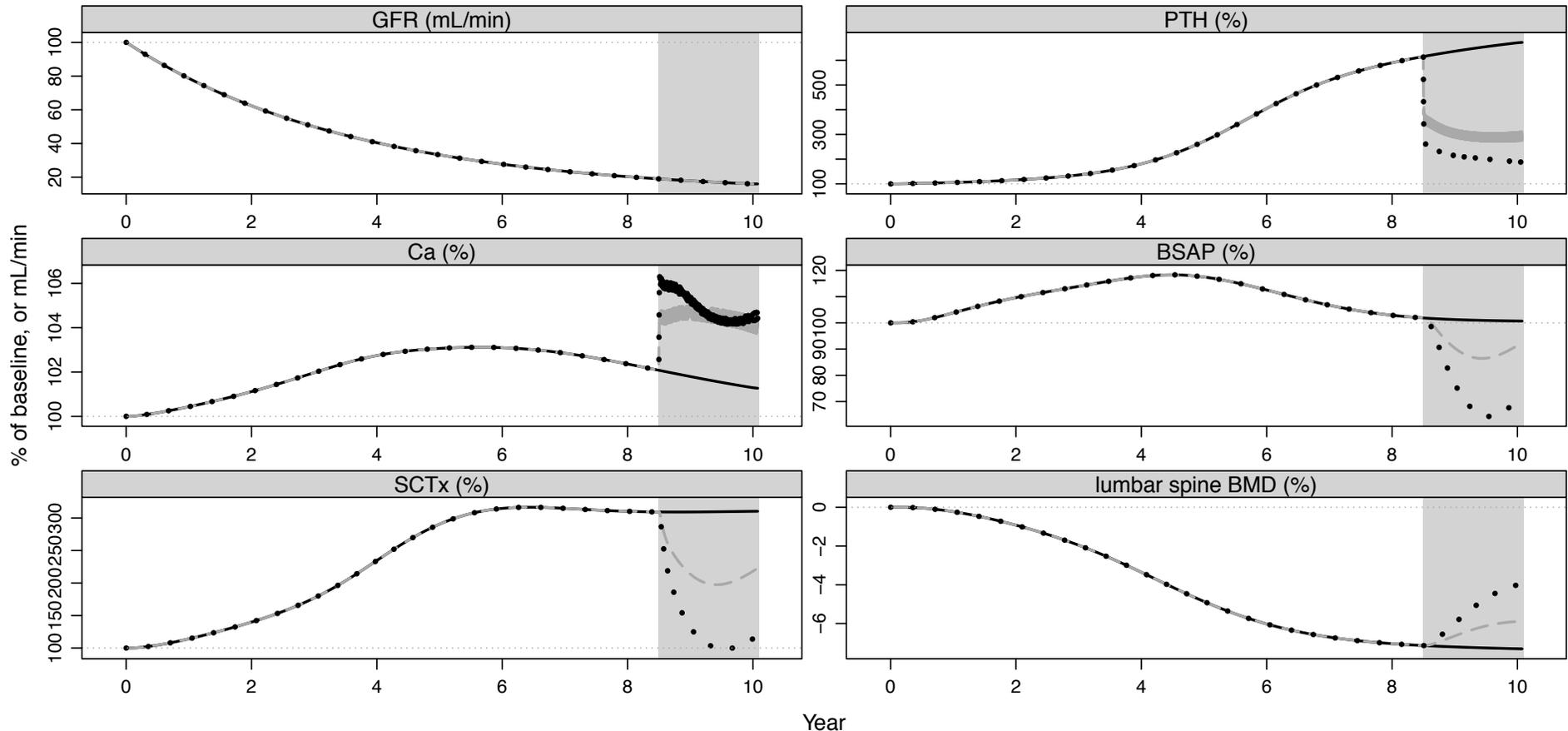


black solid = no intervention; gray dot = 0.33 mmolar Ca Eq; black longdash = 0.67 mmolar Ca Eq; gray dotdash = 1.0 mmolar Ca Eq

Fig.4; Riggs MM, Peterson MC, Gastonguay MR. Multiscale Physiology-Based Modeling of Mineral Bone Disorder in Patients With Impaired Kidney Function. *J Clin Pharmacol. In press.*

Chronic Kidney Disease-Mineral Bone Disorder

Simulated Effects of Calcitriol Infusion



black solid = no intervention; gray dash = 1.25 mcg QOD; black dot = 2.5 mcg QOD

Fig.5; Riggs MM, Peterson MC, Gastonguay MR. Multiscale Physiology-Based Modeling of Mineral Bone Disorder in Patients With Impaired Kidney Function. *J Clin Pharmacol.* *In press.*

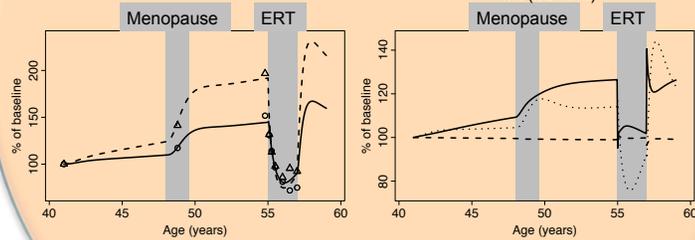
APPLICATIONS: Disease Response

AGE + MENOPAUSE

Includes longitudinal estrogen loss
Predicts Ca & bone estrogen-related effects

Bone Markers
Resorption (dashed)
Formation (solid)

Maintain Ca Balance
PTH (solid)
Active TGF-beta (dotted)
Ca (dashed)



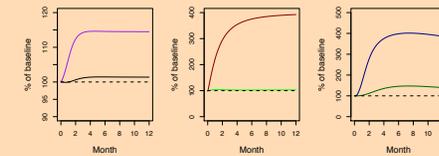
[Riggs MM, Gillespie WR, Gastonguay MR, Peterson MC, NIGMS Quantitative Systems Pharmacology Workshop II, September 9, 2010.](#)

DISEASE PROGRESSION

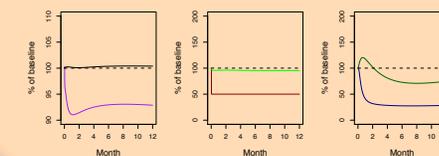
1^o HYPER- & HYPO-PARATHYROIDISM

Predicts Ca and bone effects

Calcium Increases ← PTH increases → Osteoclasts increase



Calcium Decreases ← PTH decreases → Osteoclasts decrease

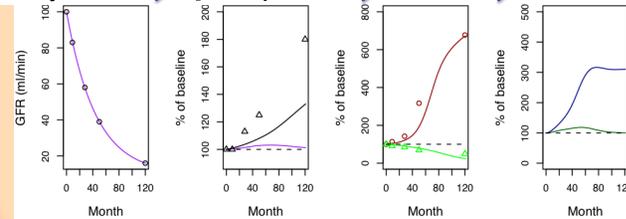


Peterson and Riggs (2010)
Bone 46:49-63 (Fig 5 & 7)

CKD-MBD

Predicts Secondary hyperPTH
Predicts increased bone turnover

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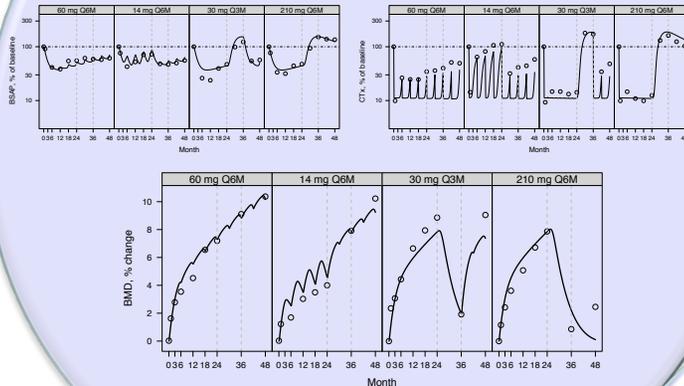


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APPLICATIONS: Therapeutic Response

DENOSUMAB

Rebound in bone metabolism is predictable.
BMD can be modeled as a function of bone markers

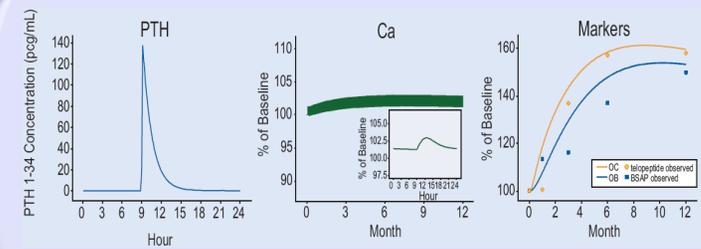


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PHARMACOLOGY

TERIPARATIDE

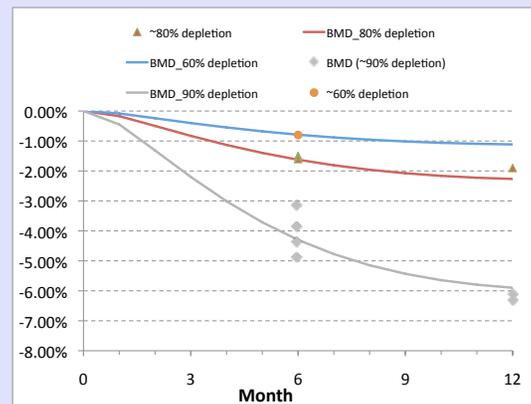
Bone anabolics are predictable.
Effects on Ca / other physiology can be evaluated



[Peterson MC and Riggs MM. Bone 46:49-63: 2010](#)

GnRH RECEPTOR

Estrogen-BMD relationship is predictable.
Degree of GnRH modulation targeted



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- **Multiscale Models as a Knowledge Platform**

- A repository of known mechanisms, hypotheses (theory), and assumptions

- Include supporting data

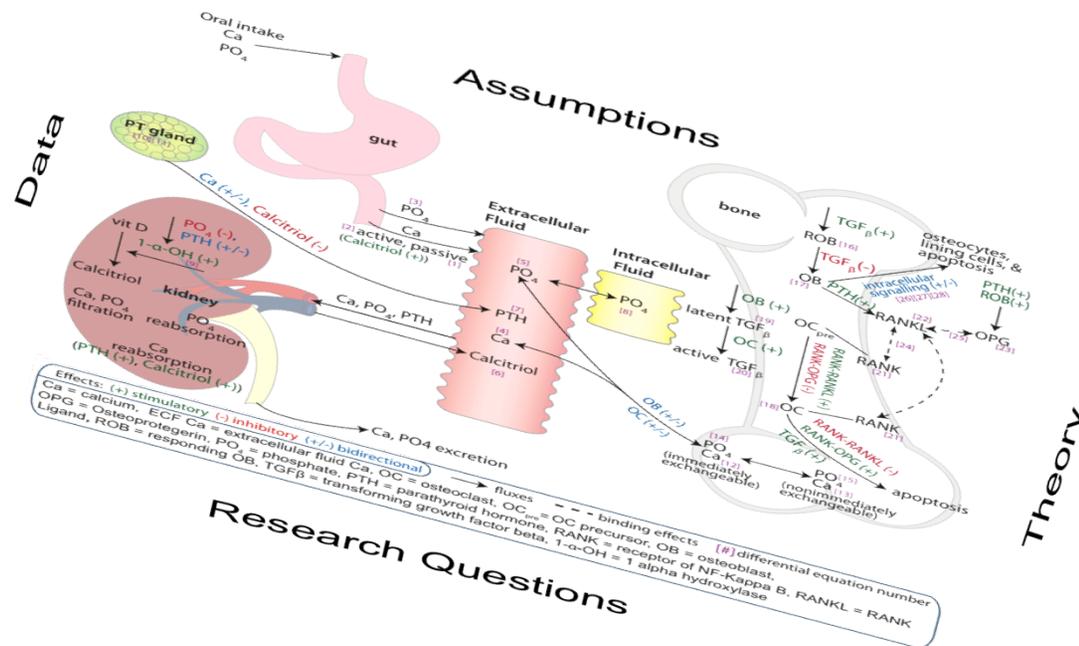
- Input emerging research
 - ▶ New data = learn/confirm hypotheses and assumptions
 - ▶ Information becomes knowledge

- Sharing within and across R&D teams
 - ▶ Portable across drug and disease states
 - ▶ Expandable to new drug and disease states

SUMMARY

- Multiscale Models as a Knowledge Platform

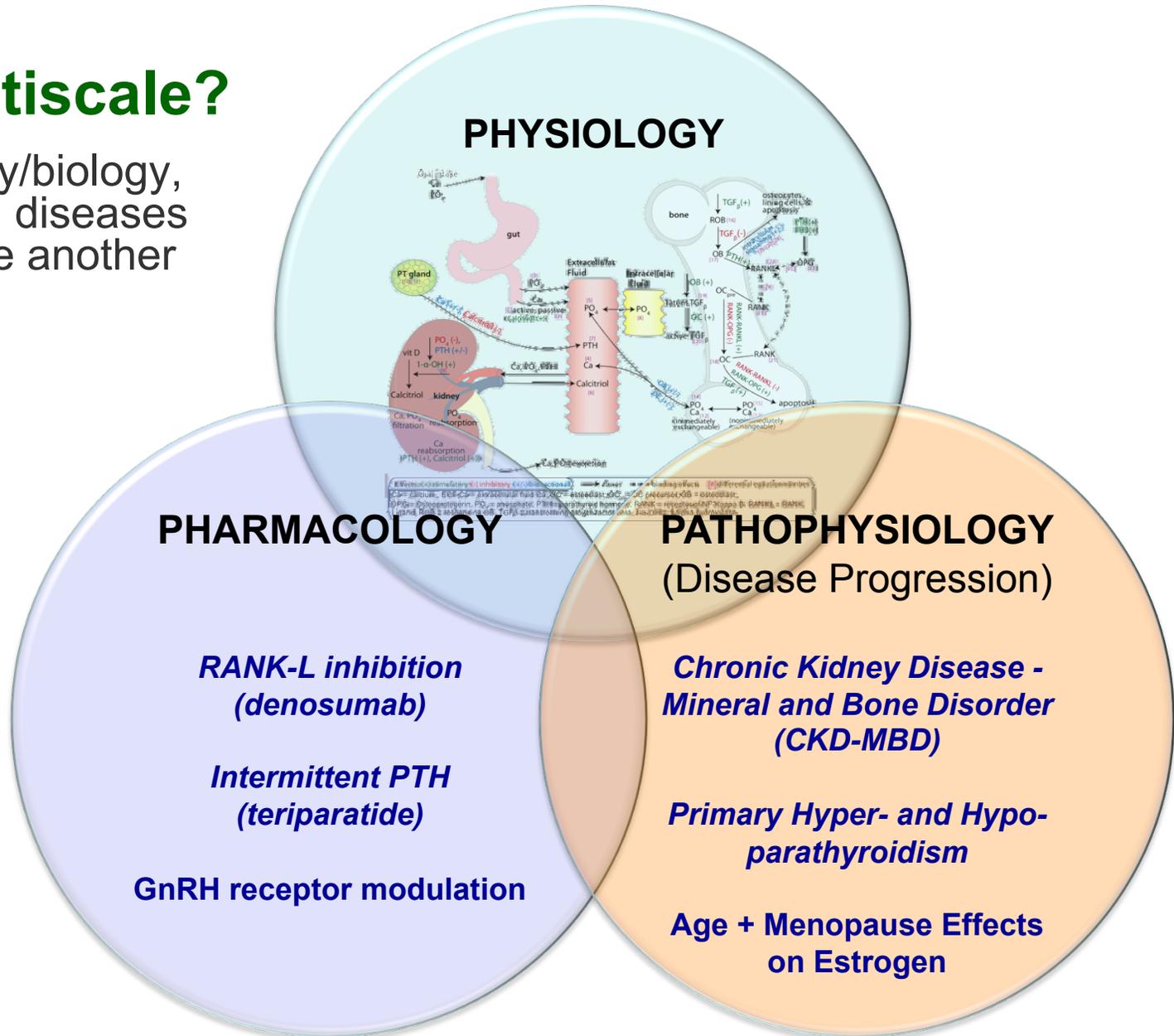
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SUMMARY

- Why Multiscale?

- Physiology/biology, drugs and diseases inform one another



- Parting Thoughts

- The scales do not need to be all inclusive...
 - ▶ but should match the question(s) at hand
- Model validation/evaluation?
 - ▶ Consider model validation at different scales
- Team ownership: biologists, pharmacologists, clinicians
 - ▶ Shared consensus on assumptions
 - ▶ Appropriate representations
 - » the known
 - » the unknown
 - » the 'to be determined'
- These models are complicated, but...
 - ▶ biology, pathphysiology and pharmacology are even more complicated

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- **Benefits: What's to be Gained?**

- selection of therapeutic modality
- hypothesis driven experimentation
- holistic drug design
- selection of target pathways and patient populations
- dose / regimen selection
- broad scale understanding of intended (and unintended) effects associated with disease, genetic variants and drug intervention,
- trial (experiment) simulation/optimization
- simultaneous predictions of all involved co-factors -- potential for biomarker identification
- can serve as repository of known, suspected, and assumed effects with supporting data ... information sharing within and across R&D teams
- ...

- **Challenges/Barriers: What's holding us back?**

- differing role(s) on R&D teams
- sufficient resources (time, people and/or \$)
- training -- broad skill set required
- leadership investment in defining opportunities for real impact
- intellectual inertia (differing discipline nomenclatures, perspectives, and motivations to develop models),
- data (formatting, availability, quality)
- ...