

# Organoides pancréatiques, modèles du développement humain normal et pathologique

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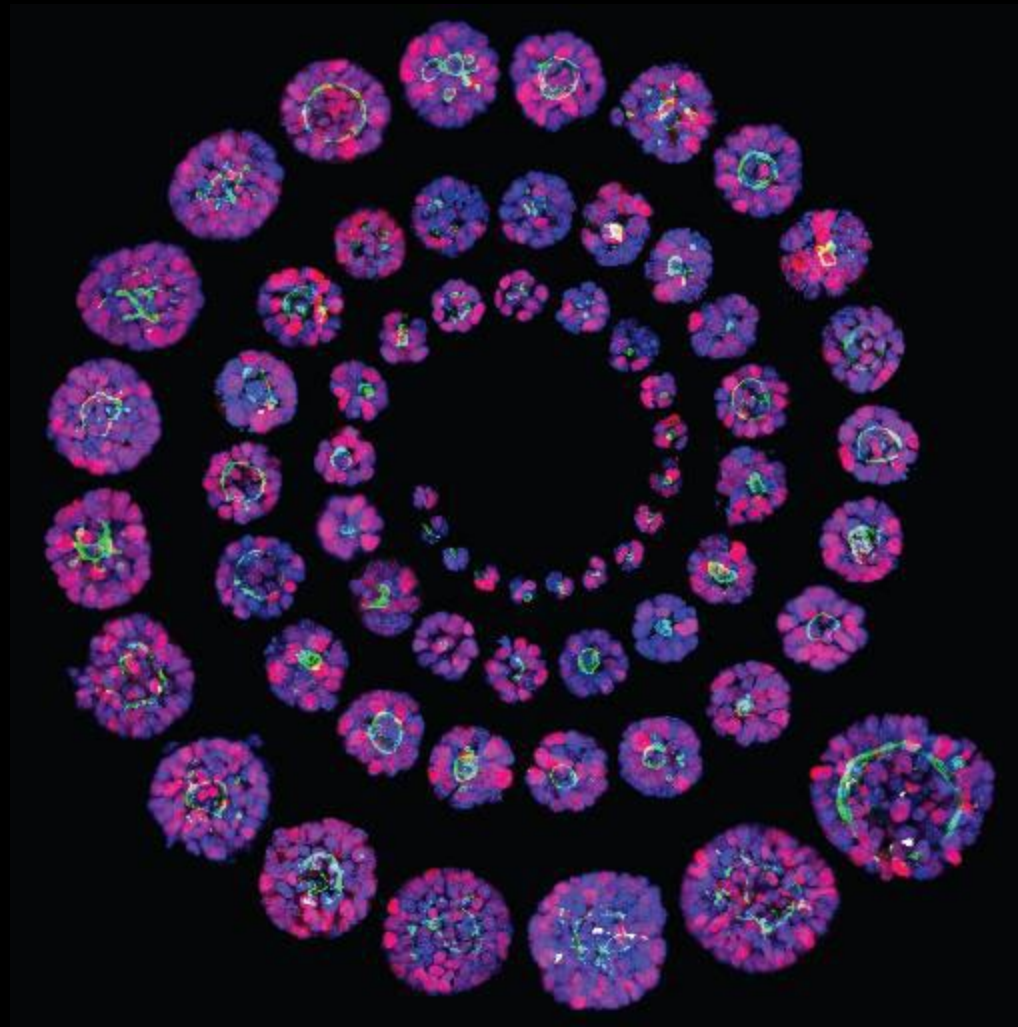


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# Organoids at MPI-CBG, Dresden

- Early stages of development
- From pluripotent stem cells



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- Organogenesis
- From pluripotent stem cells
- From foetal cells



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Wieland Huttner



Alf Honigmann

- Regeneration and disease
- From adult cells



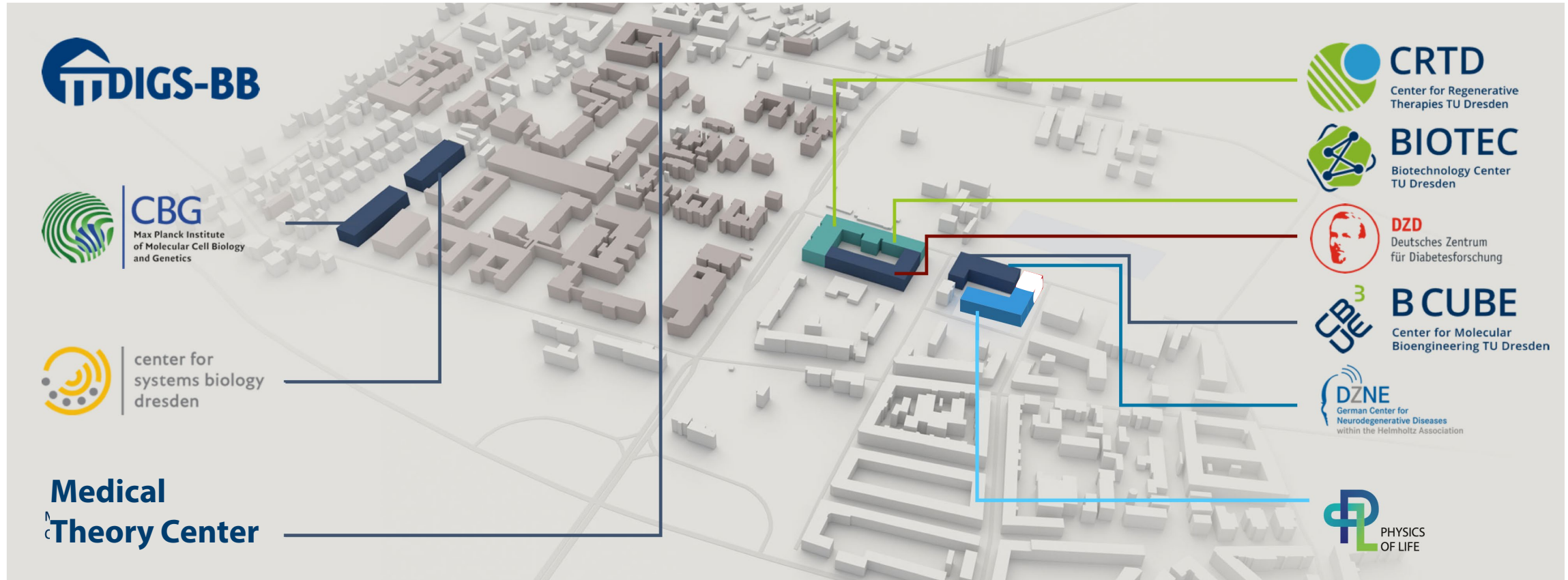
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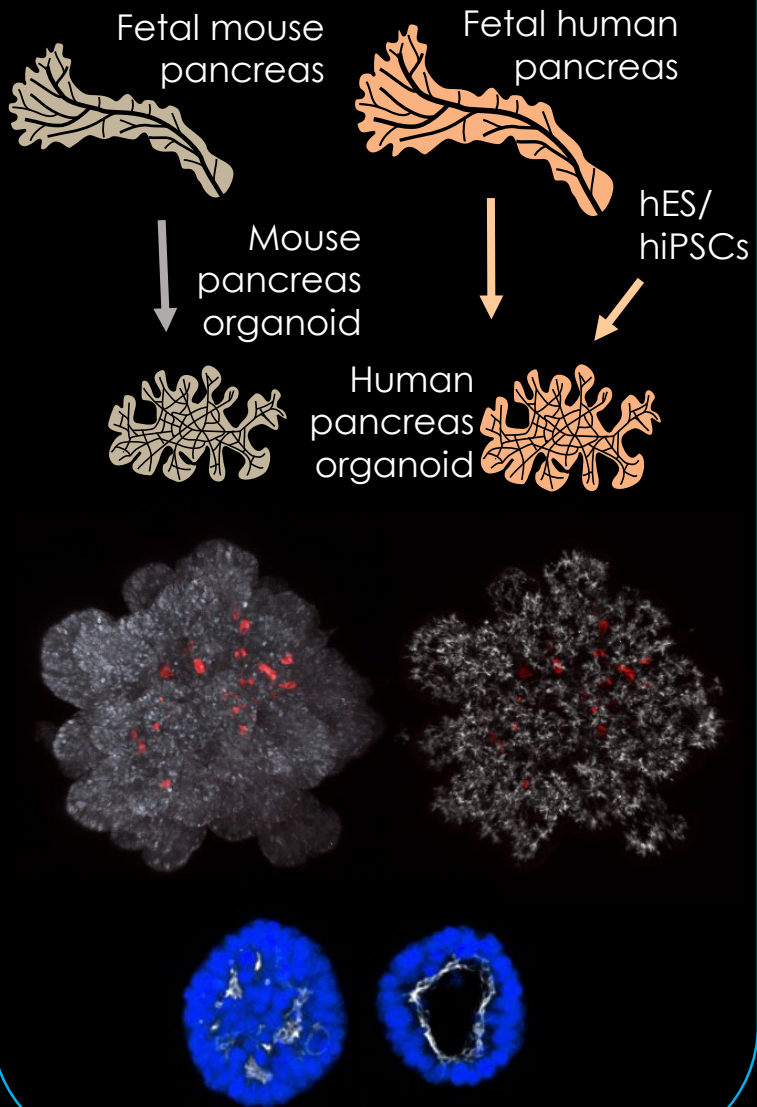
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Neurodegenerative Diseases  
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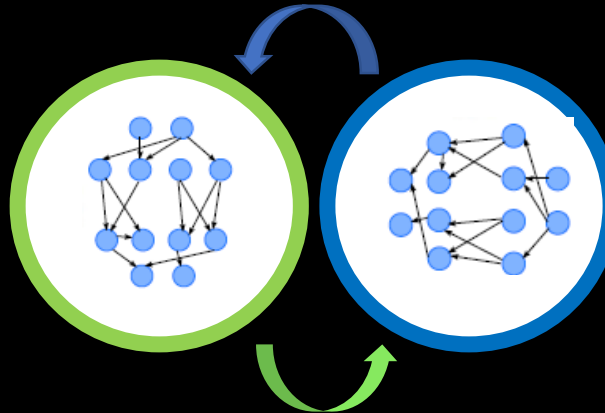
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## System development



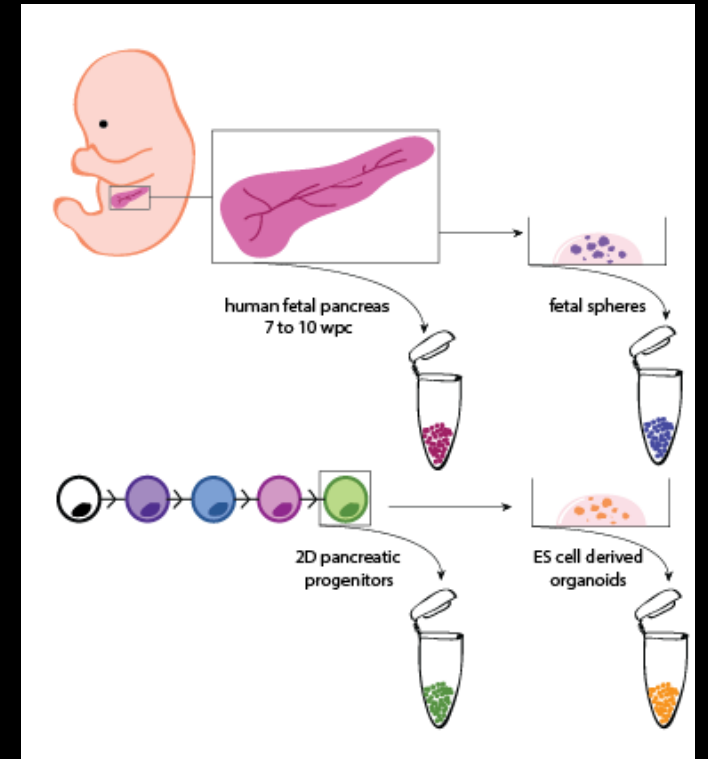
## Self-organization

- Initial conditions
- Feedback loops
- External control



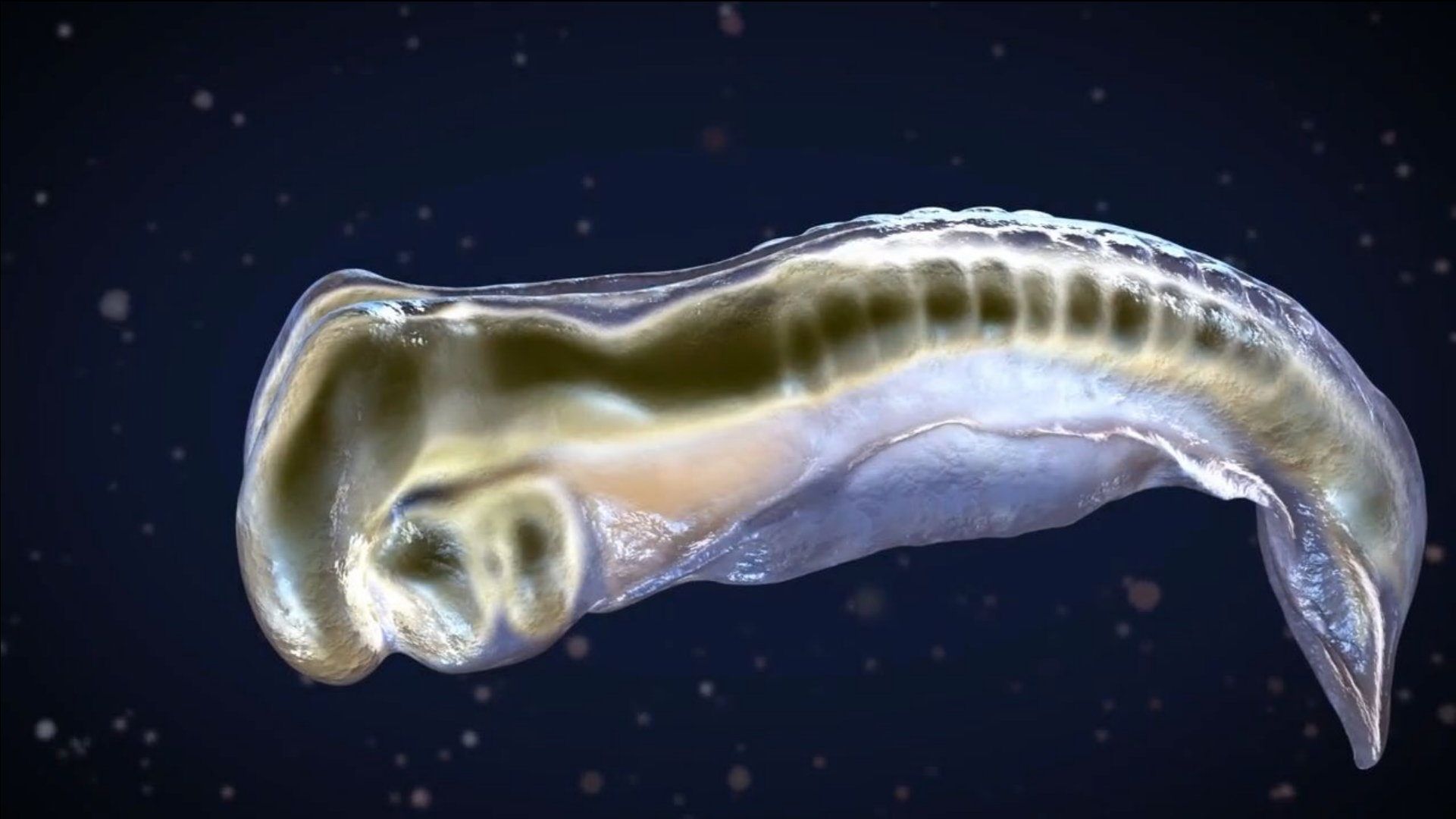
- Morphogenesis
- Tissue dynamics
- Tissue mechanics

## Human development and diabetes

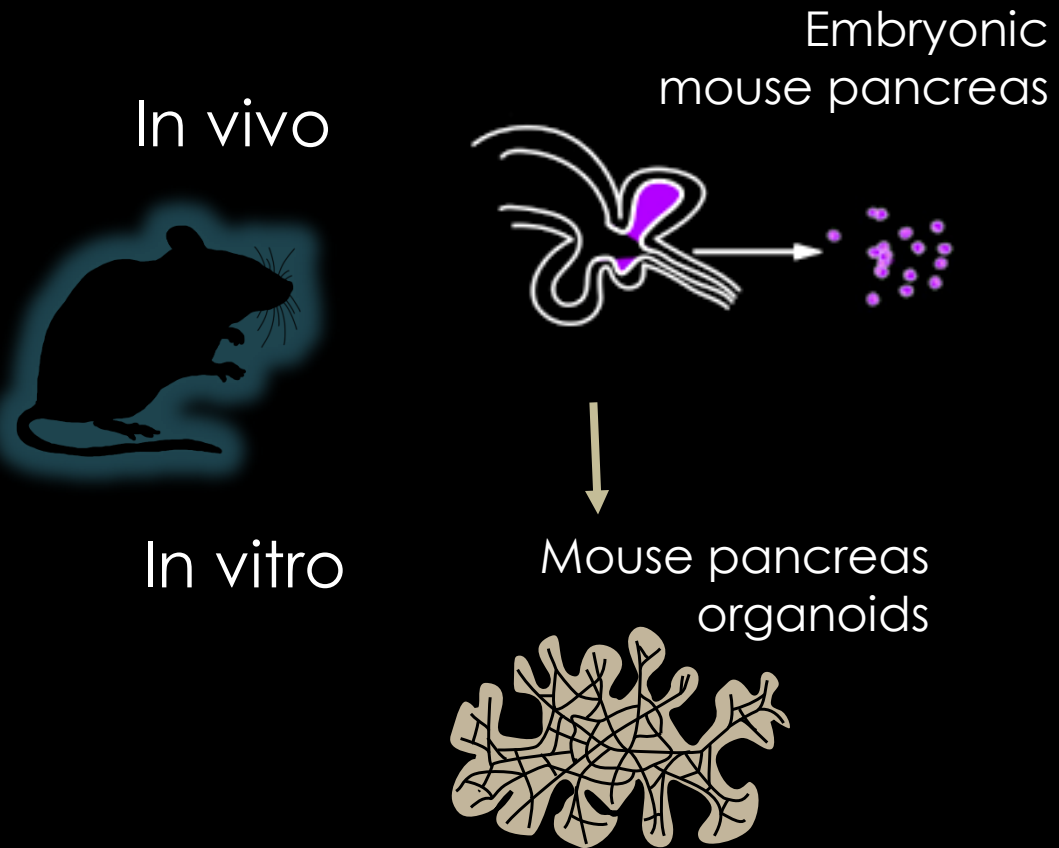


- Human development
- GWAS functional studies

# Pancreas development



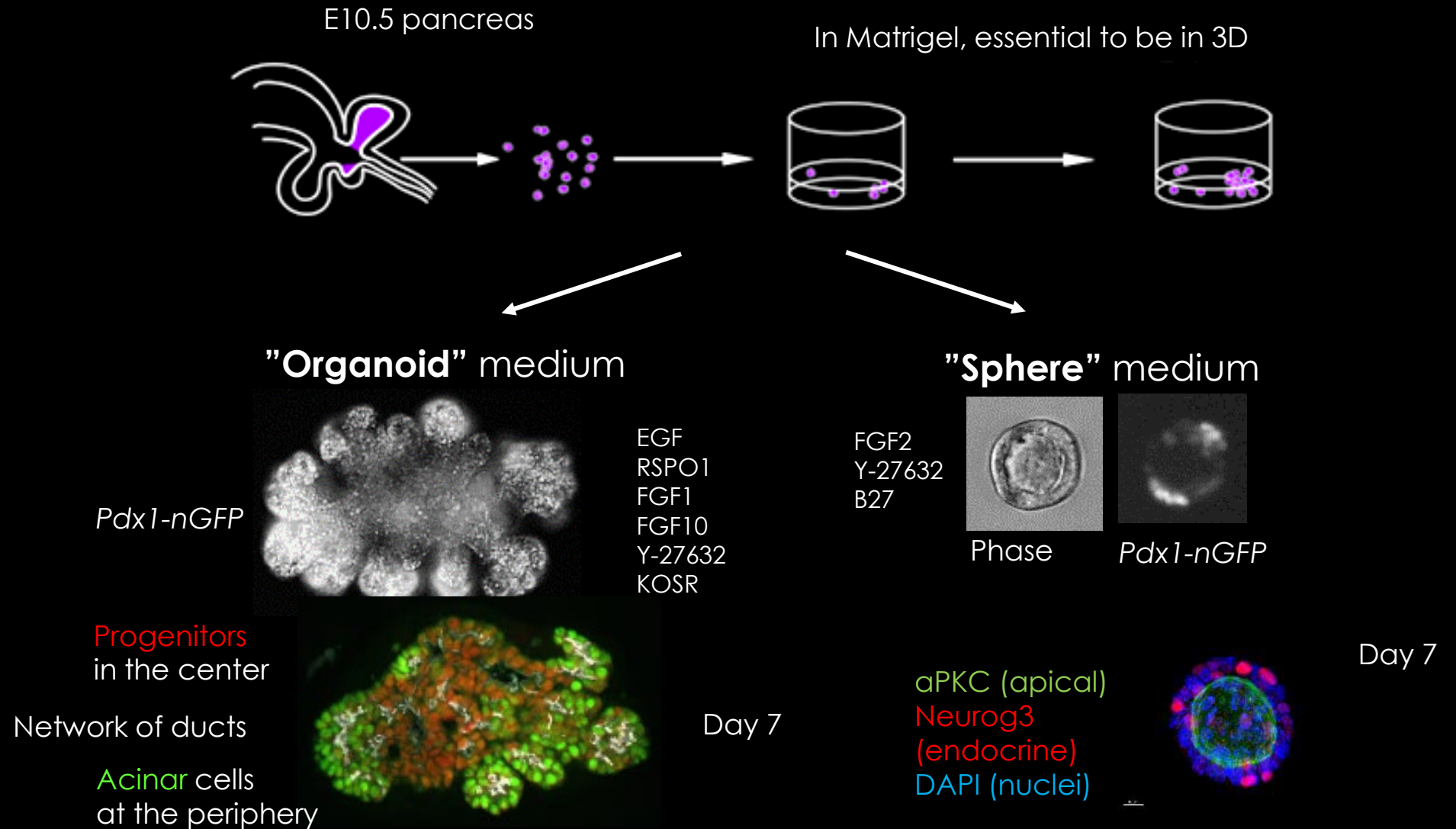
# Mouse pancreas organoids



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To control cell assemblies and external signals to understand emergent properties

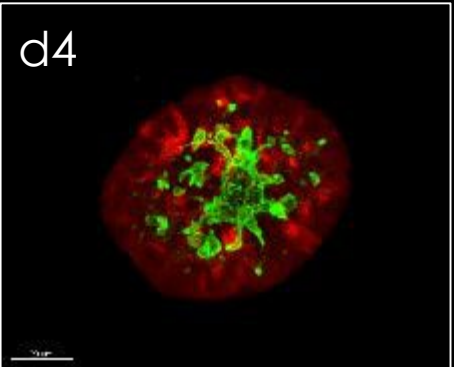
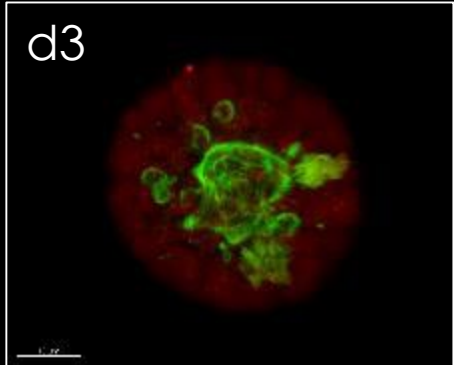
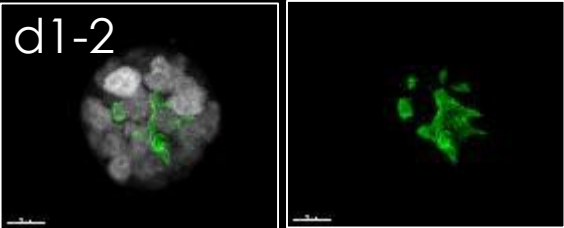
# From mouse pancreas progenitors to spheres and organoids: different media



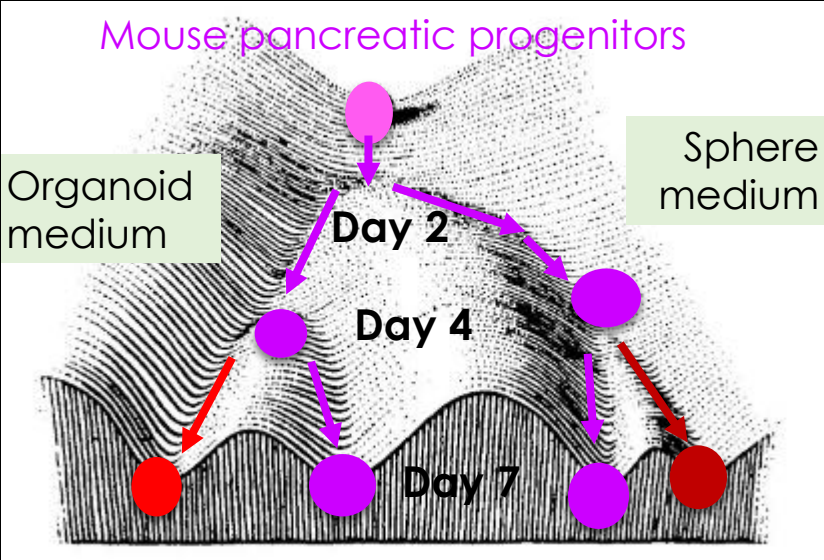


# Same initial cells, different trajectories controlled by the medium

## "Organoid" medium

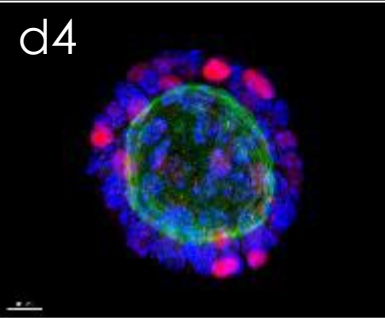
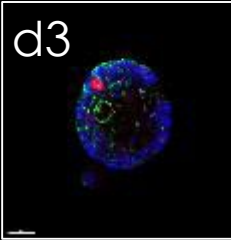
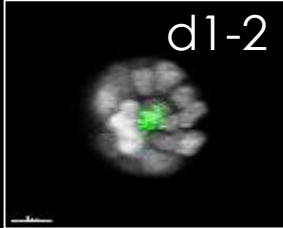


αPkc: lumen  
Amylase: acinar



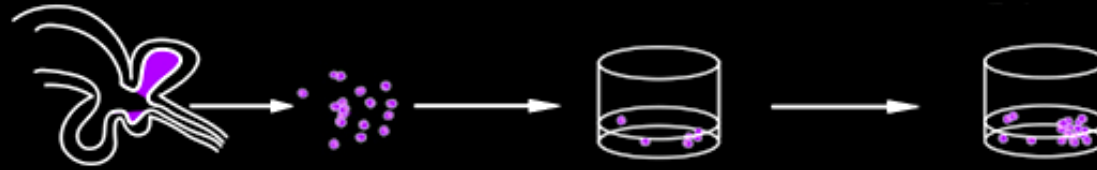
Acinar cells      Endocrine cells

## "Sphere" medium



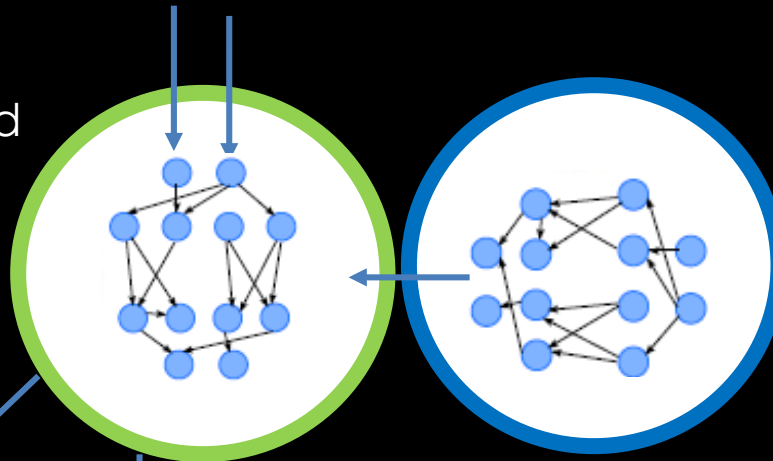
αPkc: lumen  
Neurog3: endocrine  
DAPI

# Control over the initial cell assemblies to control self-organization



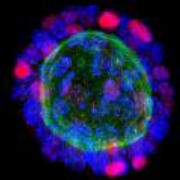
Medium

Initial cell states  
(Genetically-encoded self-organization)

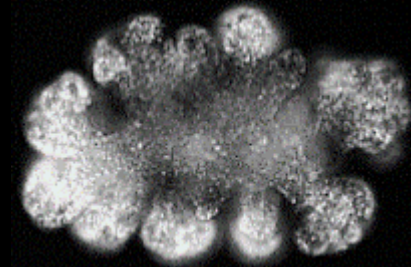


Initial cell number and type  
People start organoids in many different ways  
(1 cell...hundreds of cells)

Sphere medium



Organoid medium

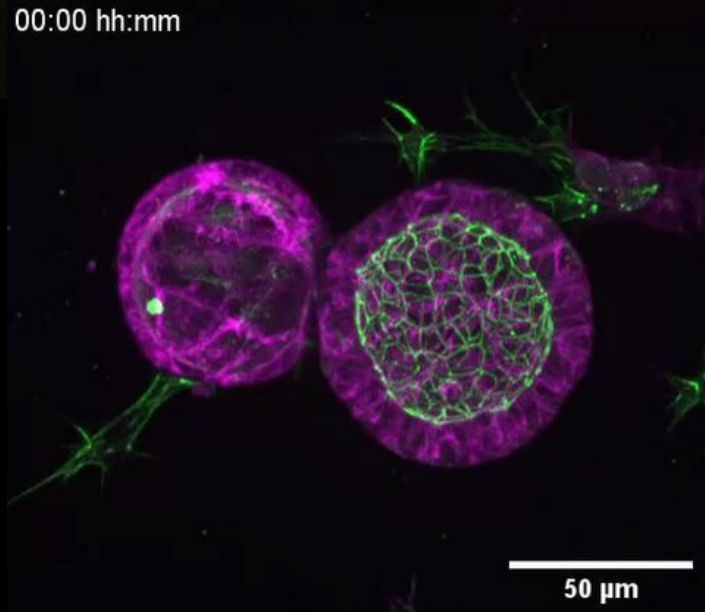
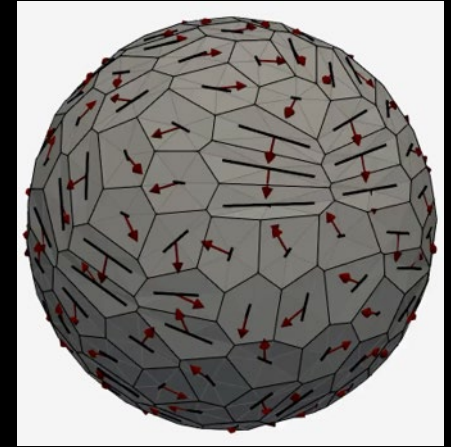
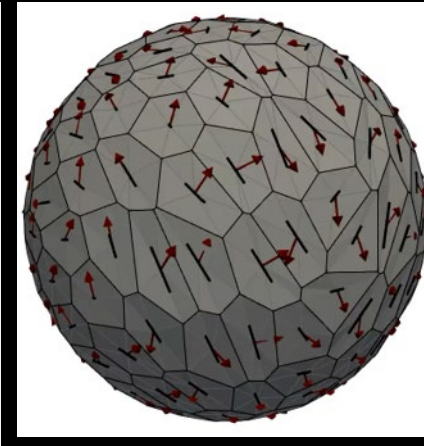
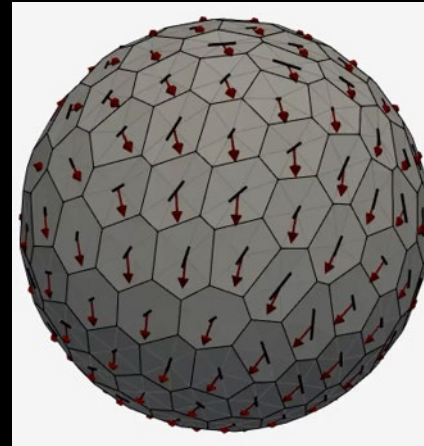


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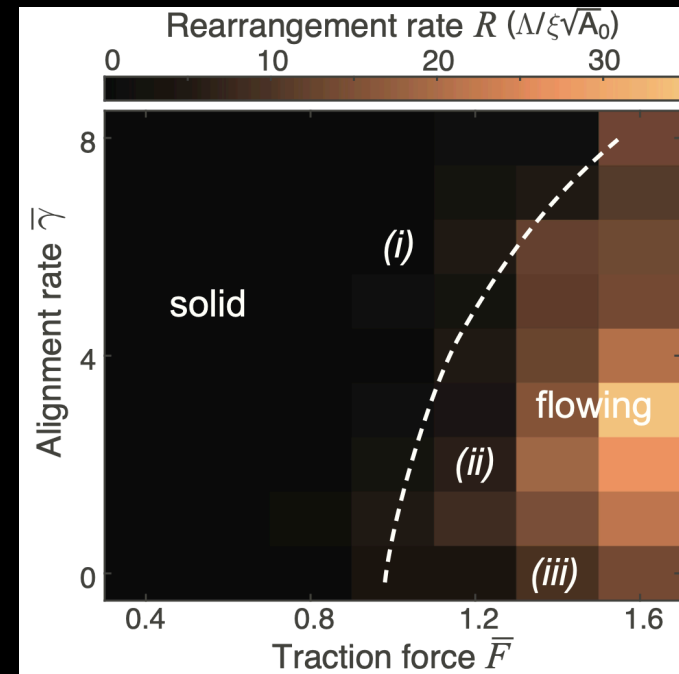
To study the mechanical control of development

# Live imaging reveals collective polarized movements in 3D spheres

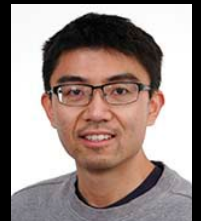


SiR-Actin; Membrane (mT/mG)

Tan et al., BioRxiv 2022



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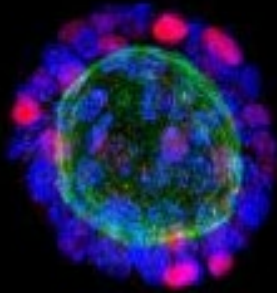


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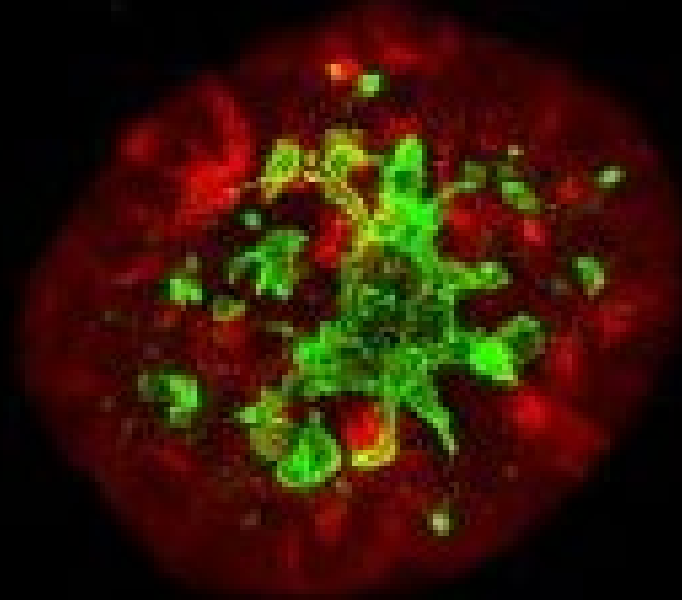
Aboutaleb Amiri  
Frank Jülicher

# Formation of the ductal network

One lumen or many?  
Spherical lumen or network?



αPKC (apical)  
Neurog3  
(endocrine)  
DAPI (nuclei)

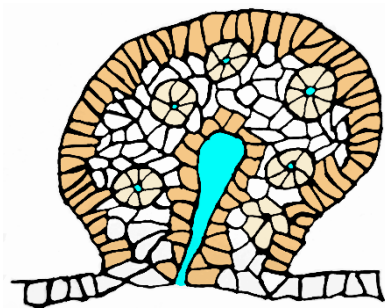


αPKC (apical)  
Amylase  
(acinar)

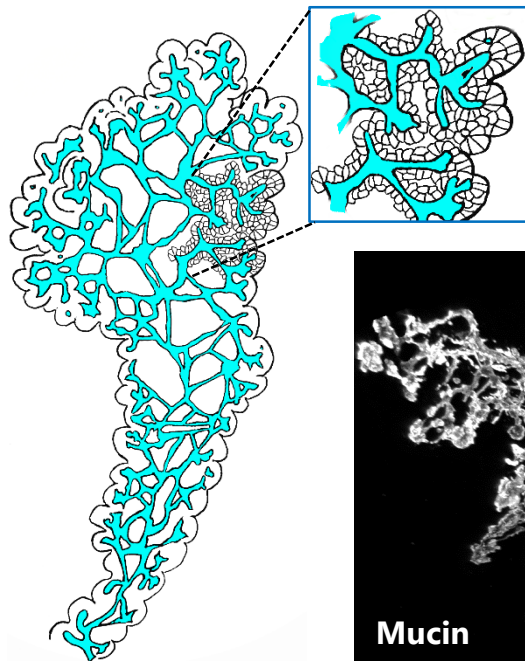
De novo lumen formation

plexus generation

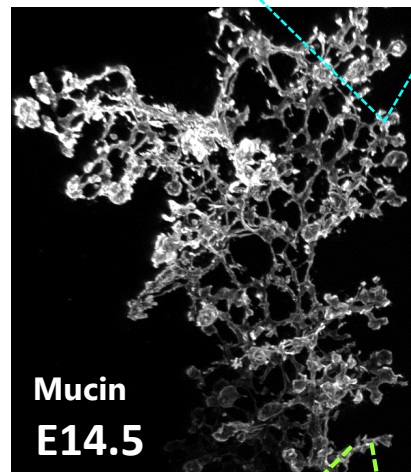
plexus remodelling



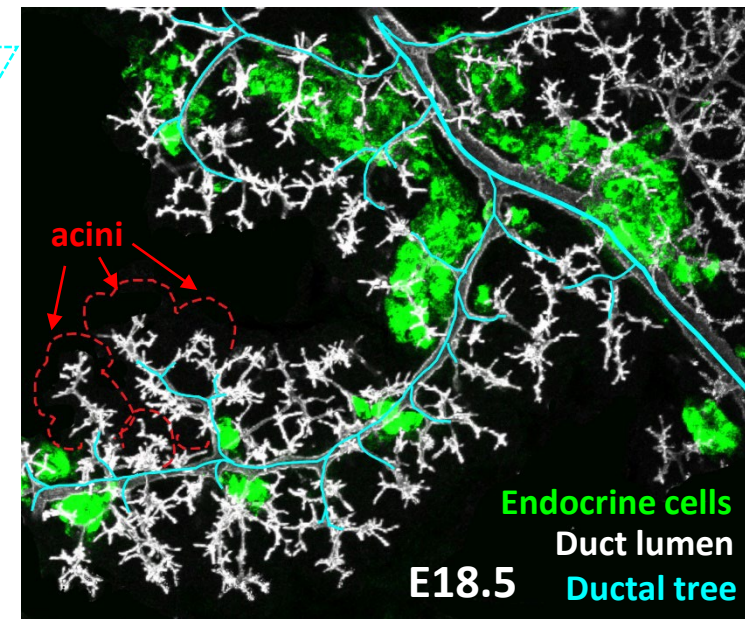
E10.5



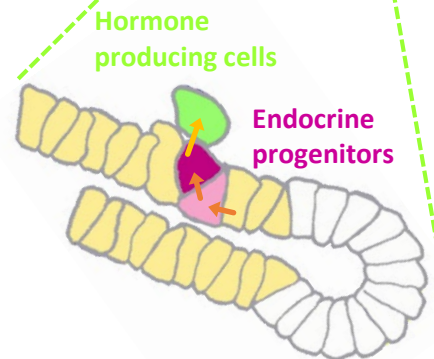
E12.5



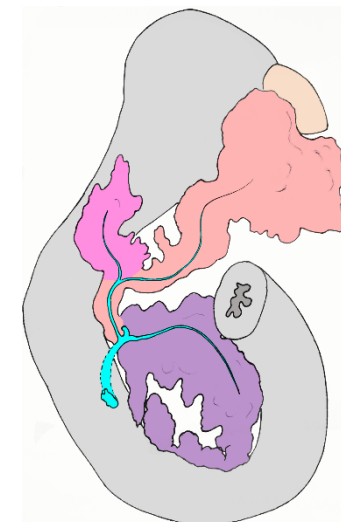
Mucin  
E14.5



acini  
Endocrine cells  
Duct lumen  
E18.5  
Ductal tree



Hormone  
producing cells  
Endocrine  
progenitors

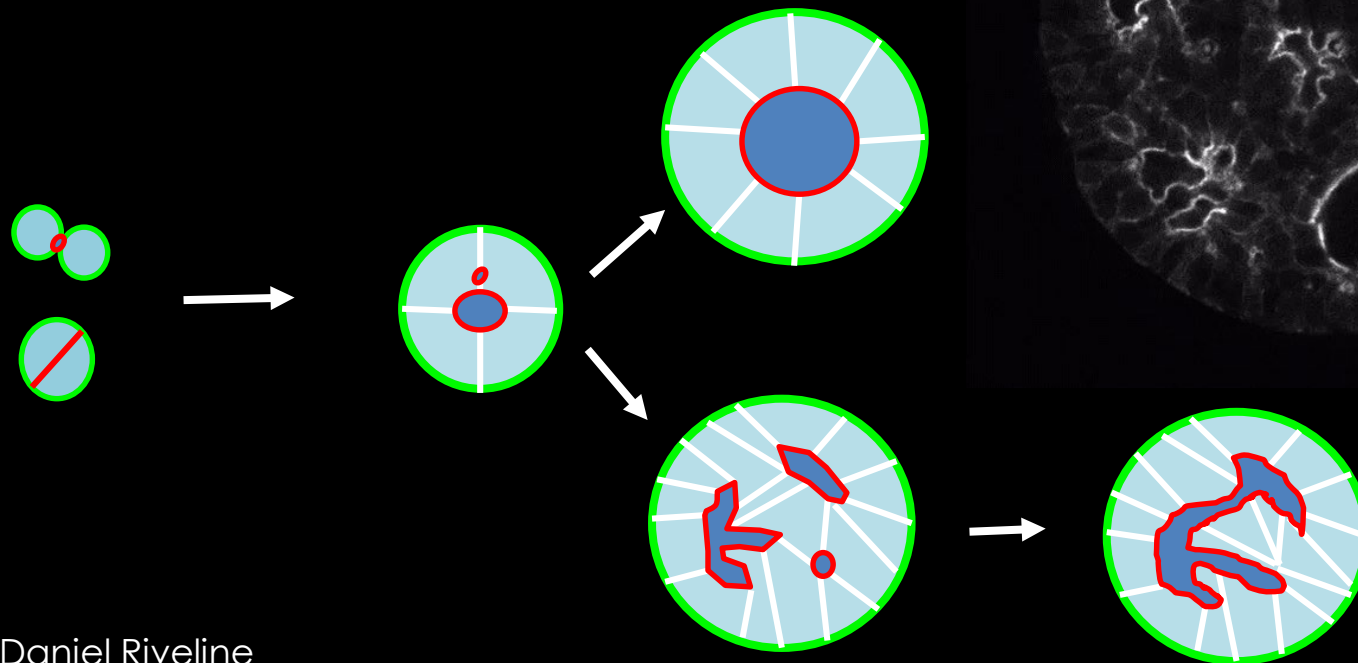


Formation of the ductal network

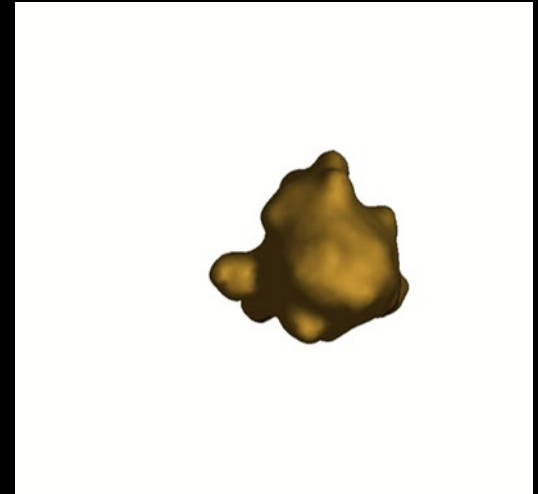
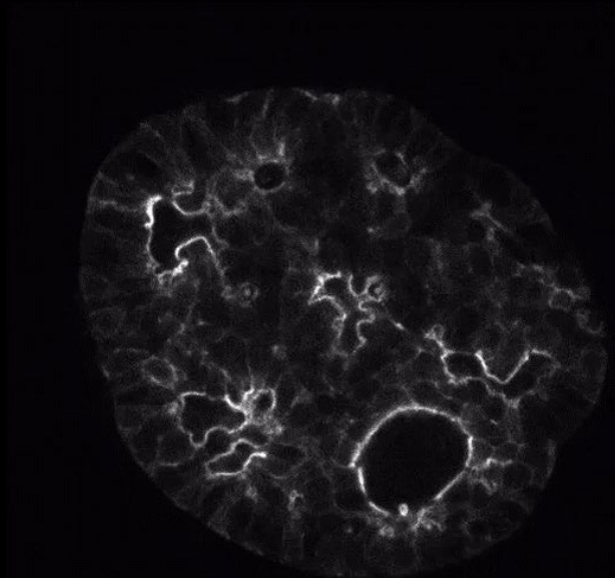
# Formation of the ductal network

3 phases:

- Microlumen formation (cell polarization)
- Connection into a network
- Optimization of network into tree



Timelapse  
GFP-LifeAct



Byung Ho Lee  
Heike Petzold  
Phil Seymour

# Why do we use organoids to study development?

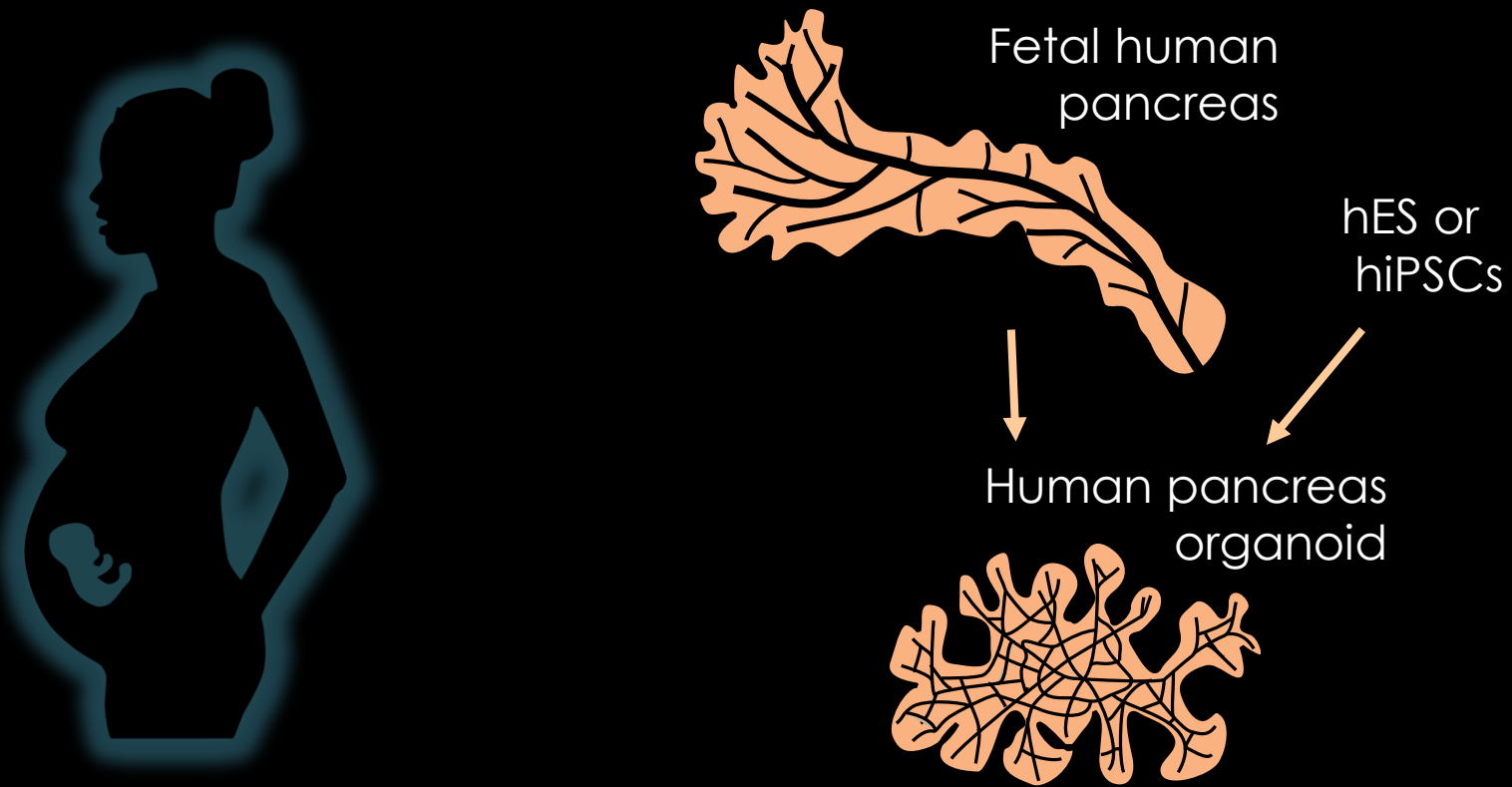
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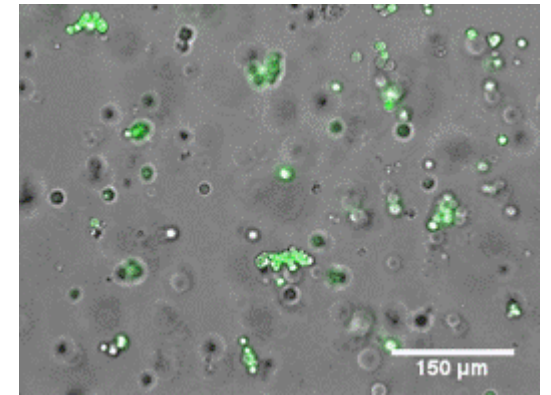
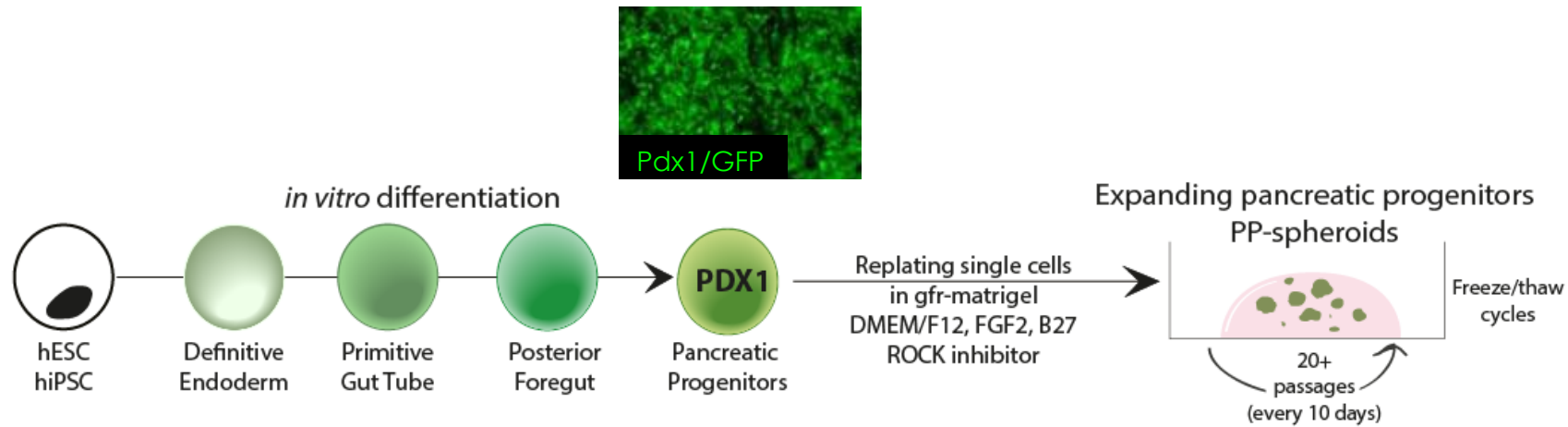
To study human development



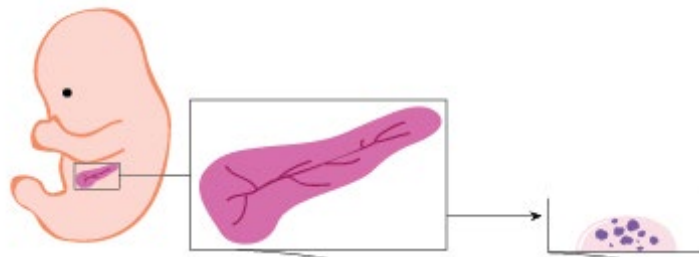
# Human pancreas organoids



# Development of pancreas spheroids from hESCs and iPSCs



Rezzania et al. 2014 protocol or Semb/Ameri;  
Pdx-GFP line from H. Semb- works with a variety of lines.



Same medium

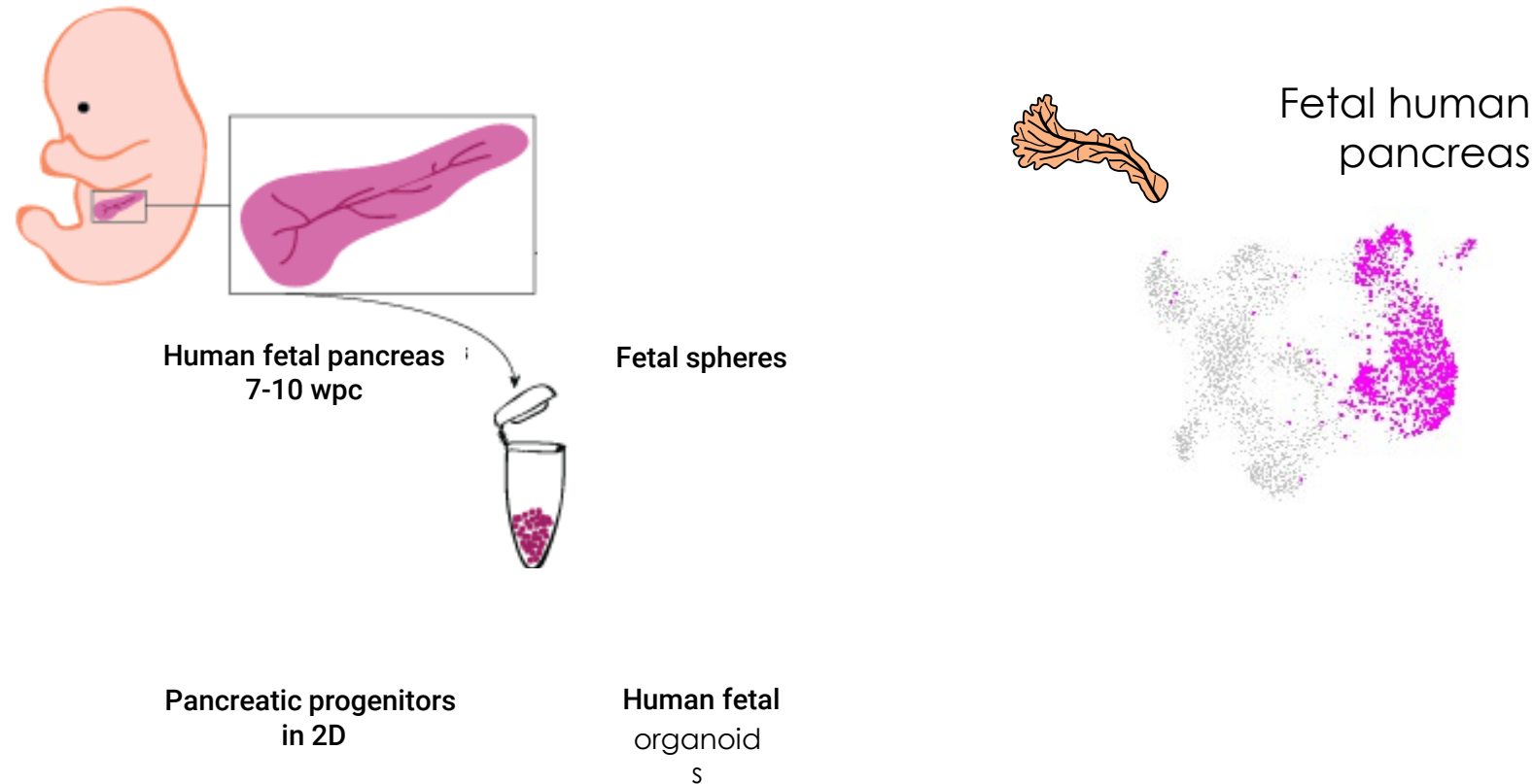
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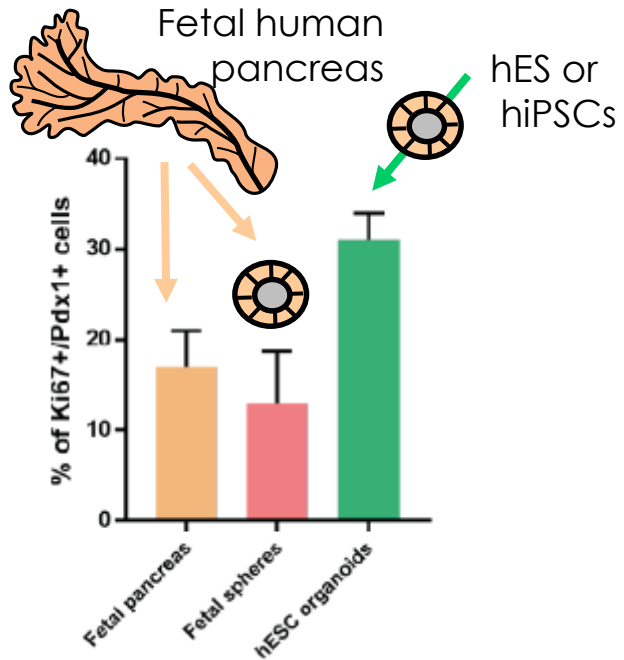
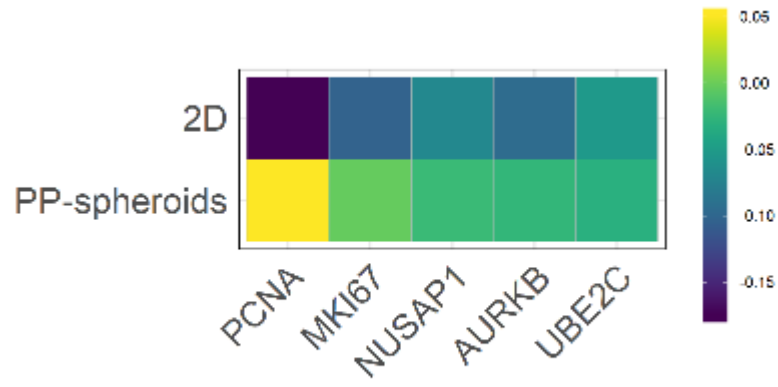
# How similar are pancreas organoids to the human fetal pancreas?

Cells expanding in 3D are more similar to *in vivo* than 2D

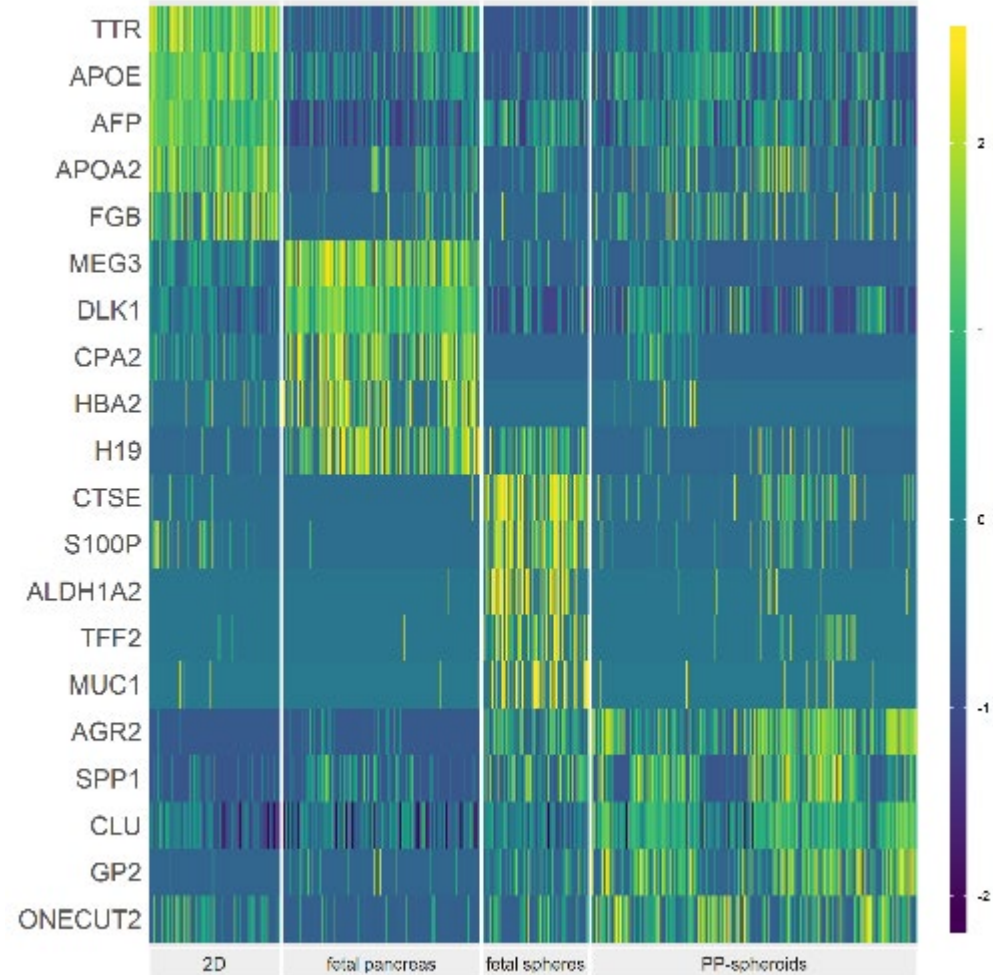


# Major differences between 2D and 3D

More proliferation in 3D

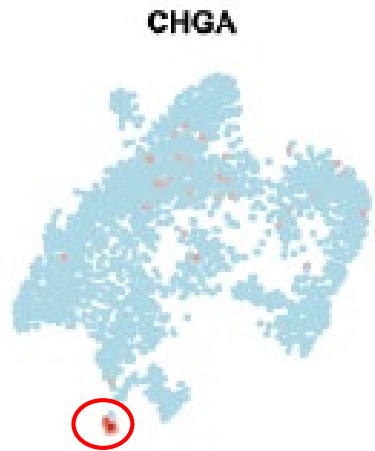


Fate more mixed pancreas/liver in 2D



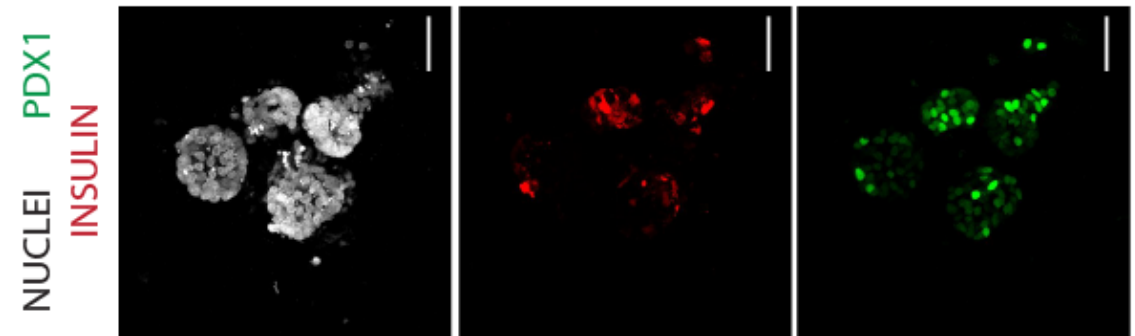
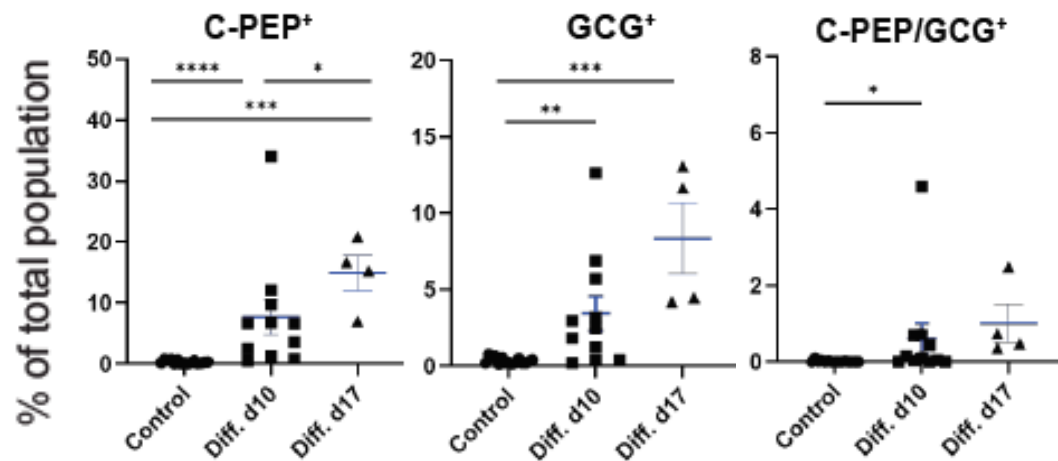
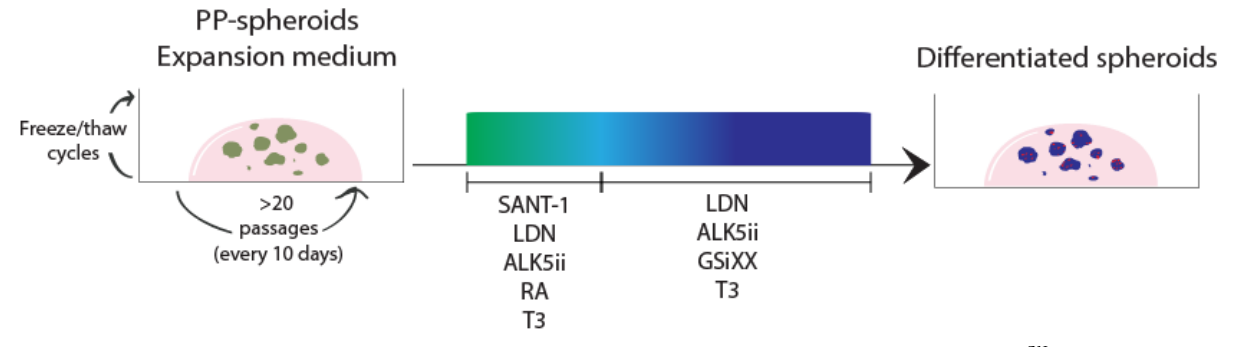
# Pancreas progenitors in vitro keep functional features of the cells in vivo

## Endocrine differentiation



0.1 % Endocrine cells without induction

Induction of differentiation (Rezania st5/6)



Retain endocrine differentiation capacity at all passages. Any ability to differentiate into acinar cells?

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Reporters- comparing species

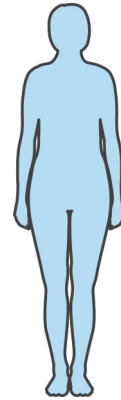
# Using organoids to study genes impairing human development: Neurogenin 3 is critical for pancreatic endocrine commitment



*Neurog3* KO



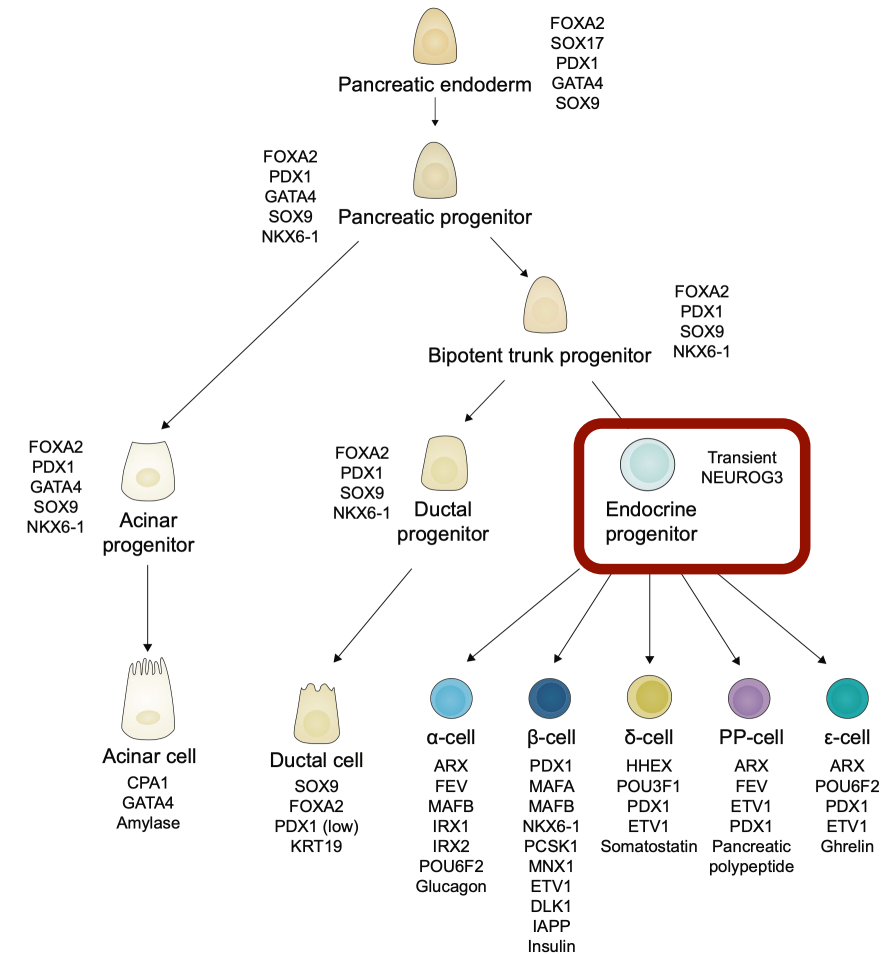
No pancreatic endocrine cells  
Mice die postnatally from diabetes mellitus



severe *NEUROG3* mutations



Most patients develop diabetes mellitus early in life



Gradwohl *et al.* 2000  
Pinney *et al.* 2011  
Rubio-Cabezas *et al.* 2011  
Solorzano-Vargas *et al.* 2020

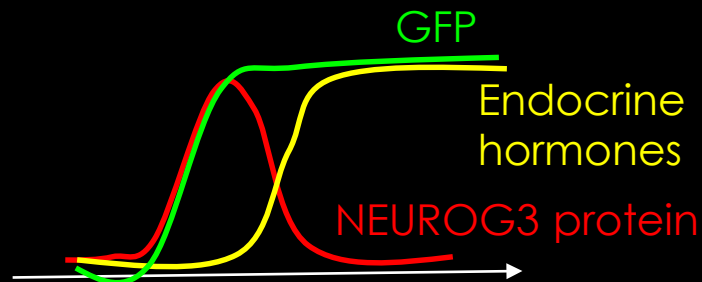
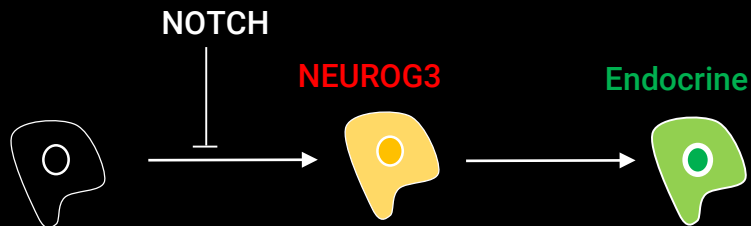
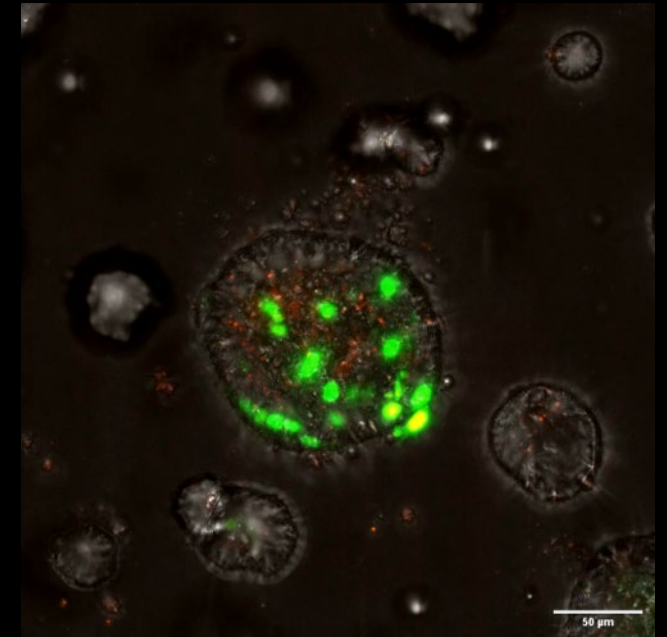
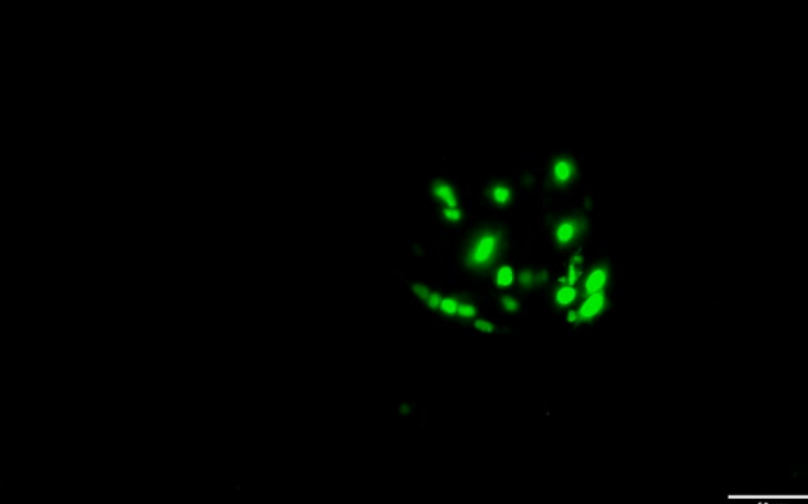
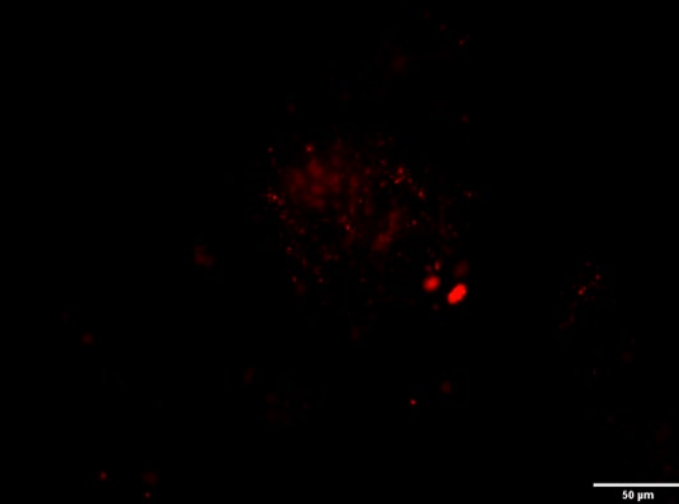


# Following endocrine progenitor cell birth live

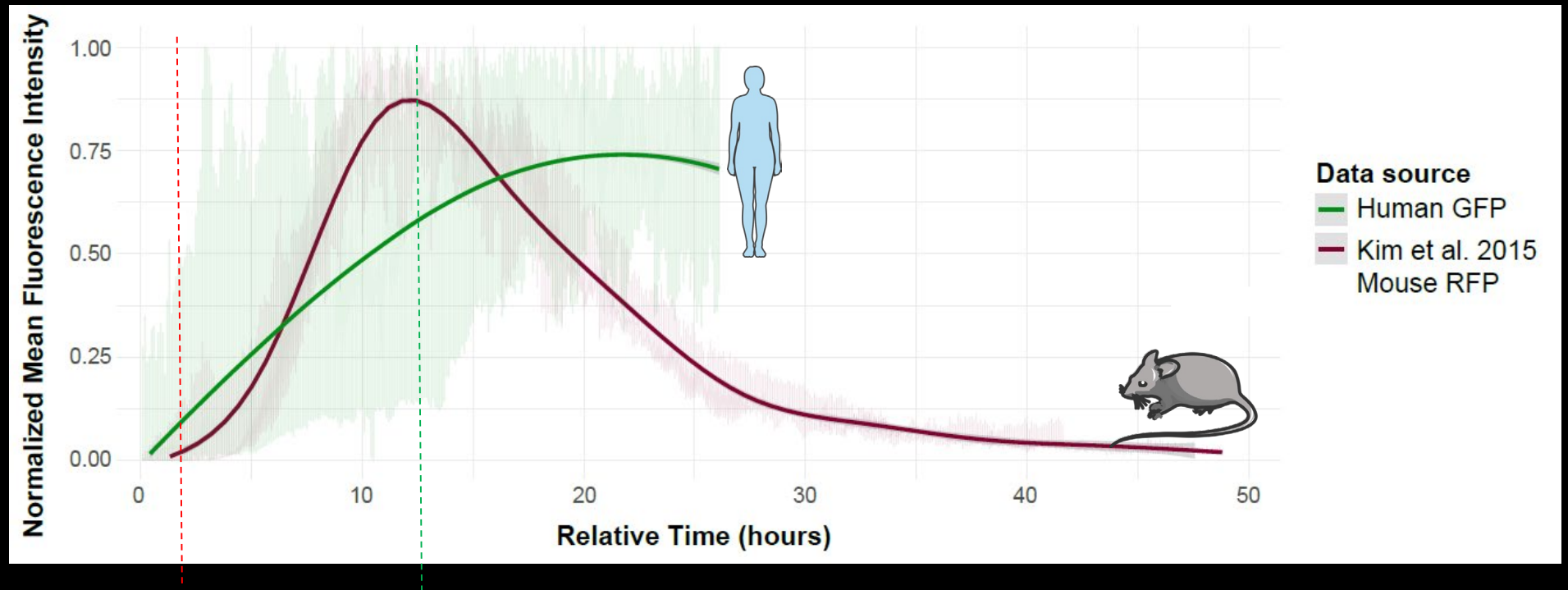
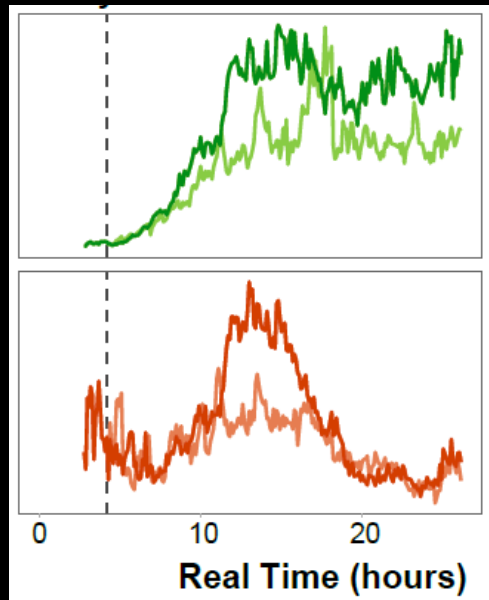


NEUROG3 protein fusion

GFP from NEUROG3 promoter- long half-life- follow endocrine cells

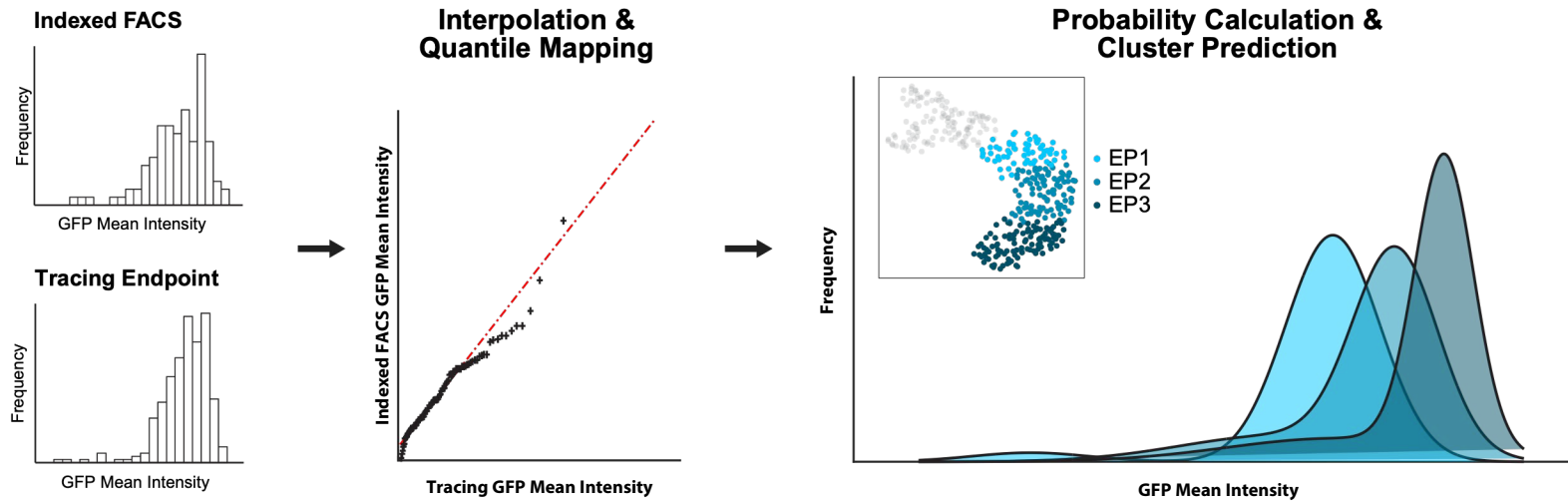


# Slower process of differentiation than in mice



- Heterogeneity of peak levels of NEUROG3 (Stochasticity in Notch ligand inputs?)
- Transcription 2x slower in mouse than in human (also cell cycle length of progenitors)

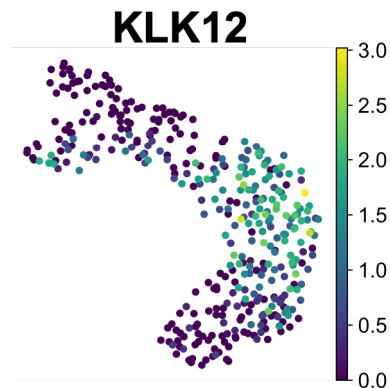
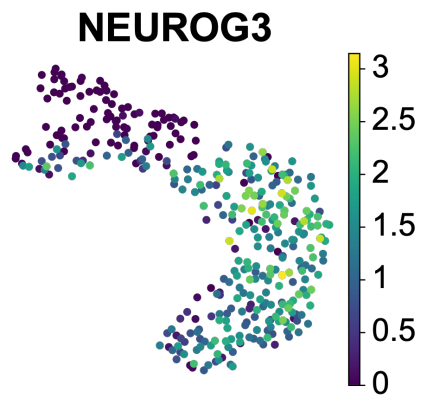
# Mapping live imaging/cell behaviour to single-cell RNA sequencing



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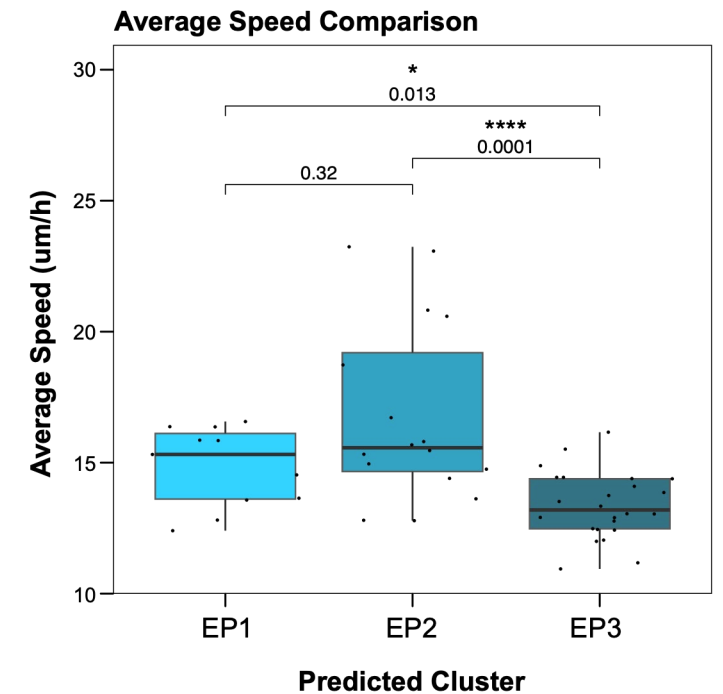


Christoph Zechner



## Kallikrein Related Peptidase 12

Serine protease involved in sprouting & migration of endothelial cells through ECM remodeling. Can efficiently cleave human fibronectin and tenascin. (Kryza *et al.* 2018)



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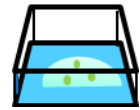
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Interferences in screening formats

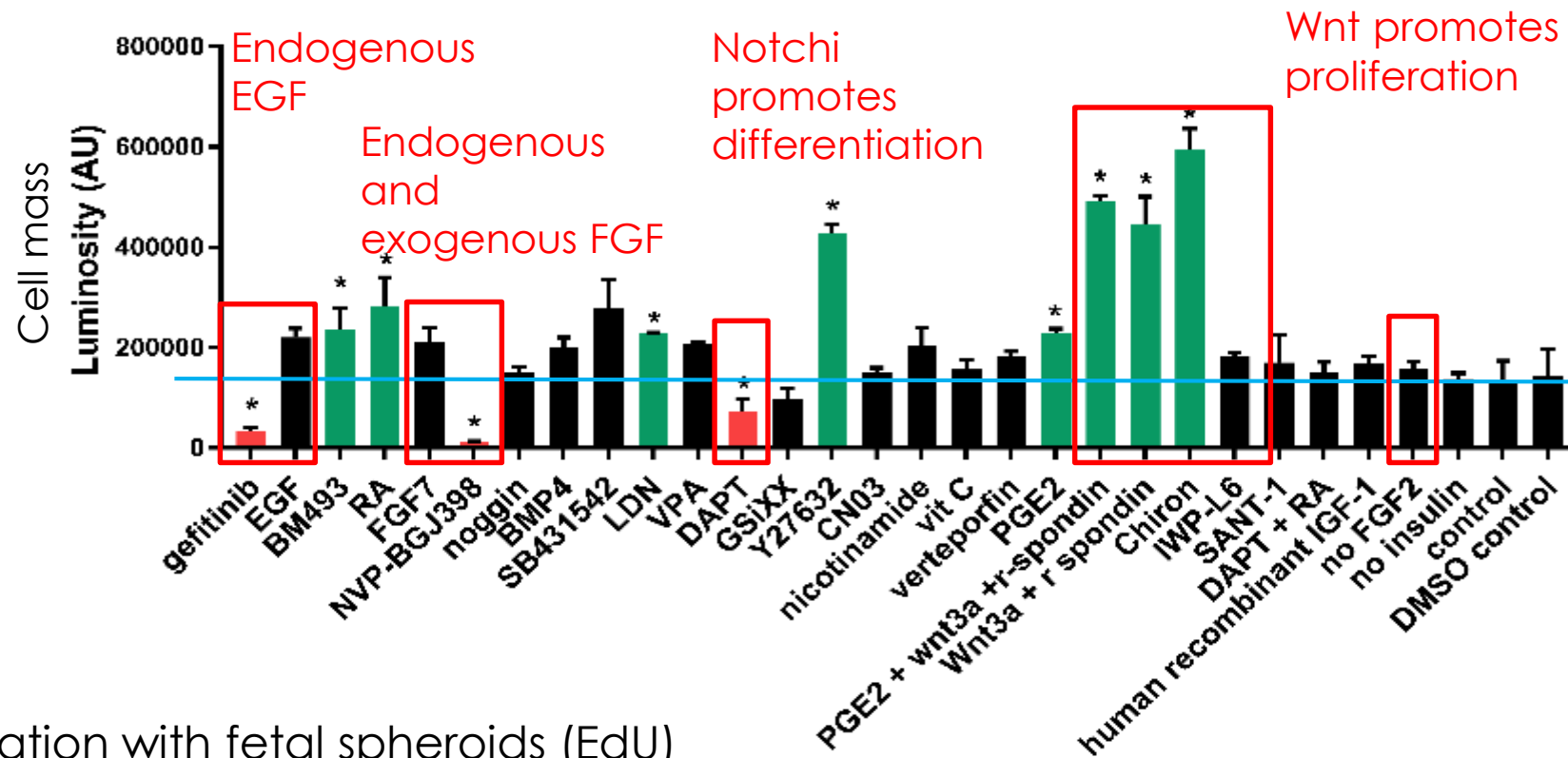
# Screening for pathways controlling expansion and differentiation reveals different ligand-receptor pairing in human and mouse



hESC-derived PP in 96-well plates. Screening 30 compounds



Proliferation and differentiation



## InterComm:

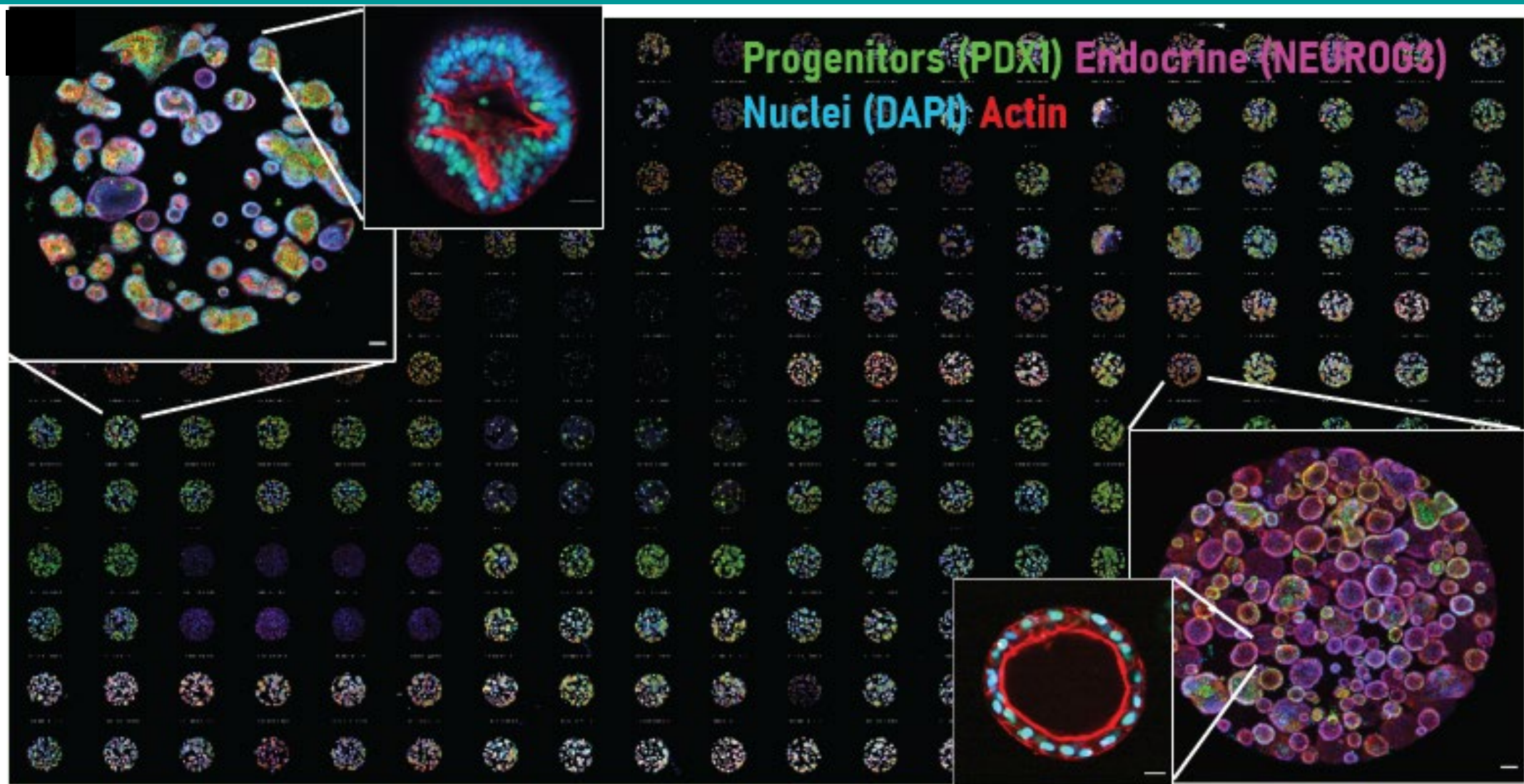
FGF2, 9 & 13 natural ligands in vivo and in organoids (Fgf10 in mouse)

AREG & TGF $\alpha$  natural ligands in vivo and in organoids (BTC & EGF in mouse)

Validation with fetal spheroids (EdU)

Ligand-receptor pairing in vitro and in vivo suggests different ligands in human and mouse.

# Drug screening to identify regulators of human pancreas development



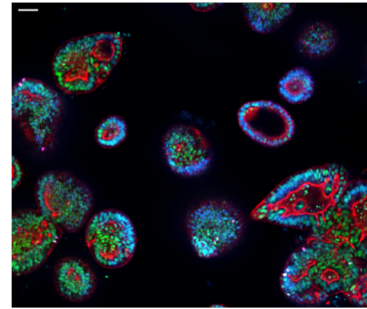
# Image Analysis



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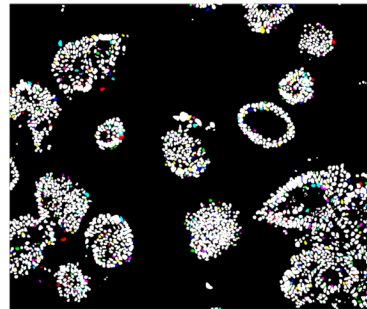
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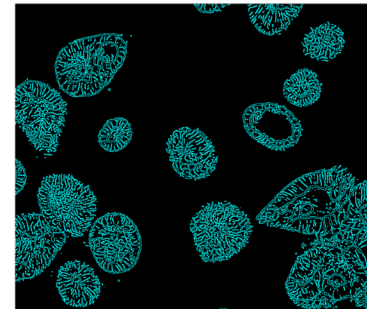
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Martin Stöter



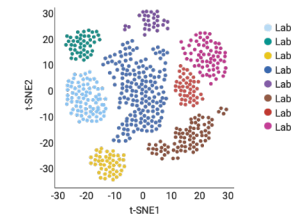
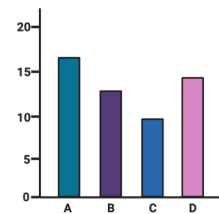
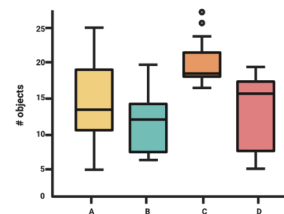
Nuclear Segmentation



Actin Segmentation



Organoid Segmentation

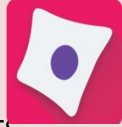


# Hit Selection

## Nuclear features

Total: 290

Intensity  
Size&Shape  
Number of objects



## Organoid features

Total: about 300

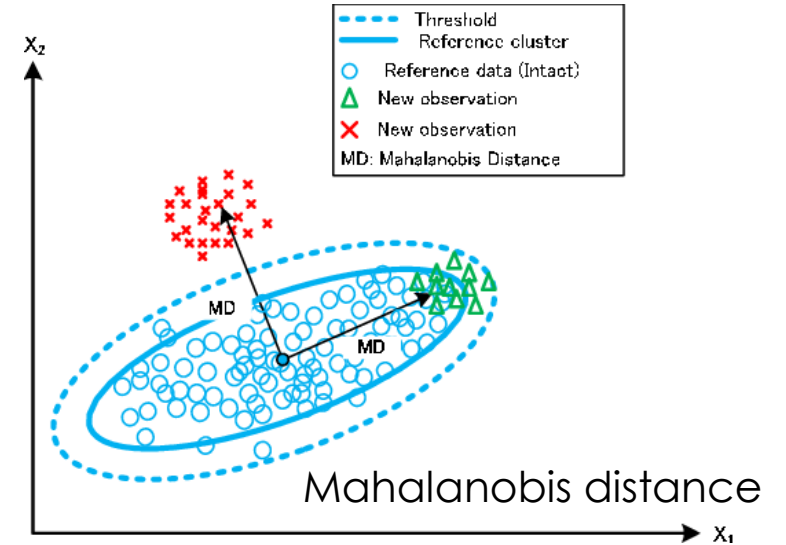
Actin intensity

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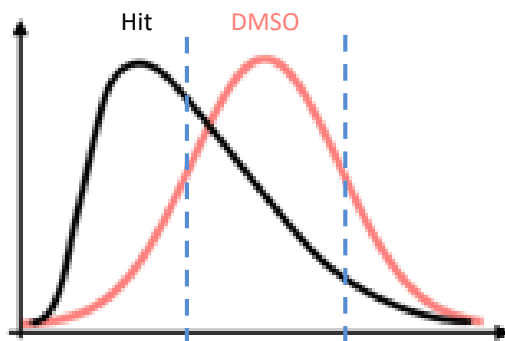
## Parameter Grouping

Hierarchical clustering using  
Pearson Correlation  
Coefficient  
(PCC>0.5)  
91 groups

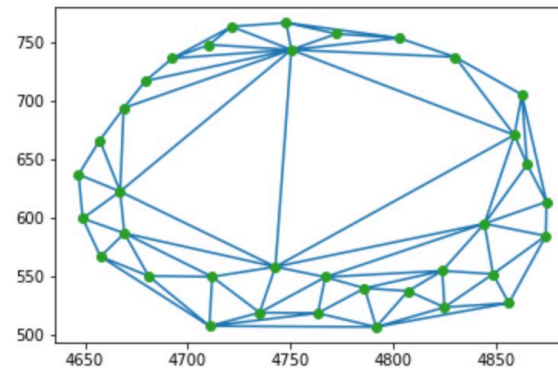
Org\_Area  
Org\_EquivalentDiameter  
Org\_MajorAxisLength  
Org\_Perimeter



## Development of morphometric indicators



Binning Analysis for shape and size parameters



Network Analysis based on Delaunay Triangulation

## Types of hits:

- Less nuclei
- Decrease or increase of PDX1 intensity
- Decrease or increase of PDX1
- Less NEUROG3 nuclei
- More spherical
- Polarity inversion
- Reduced lumen



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# Why do we use organoids to study development?

To control cell assemblies and external signals to understand emergent properties

To study the mechanical control of development

To study human development

Reporters- comparing species

Interferences in screening formats

Interferences inspired from human genetics

# Are human organoids useful to understand disease mechanisms?

GLIS3 mutations cause neonatal diabetes and hypothyroidism syndrome

Heterozygous variants predispose to T1D & T2D

## GLIS3

### Thyroid gland

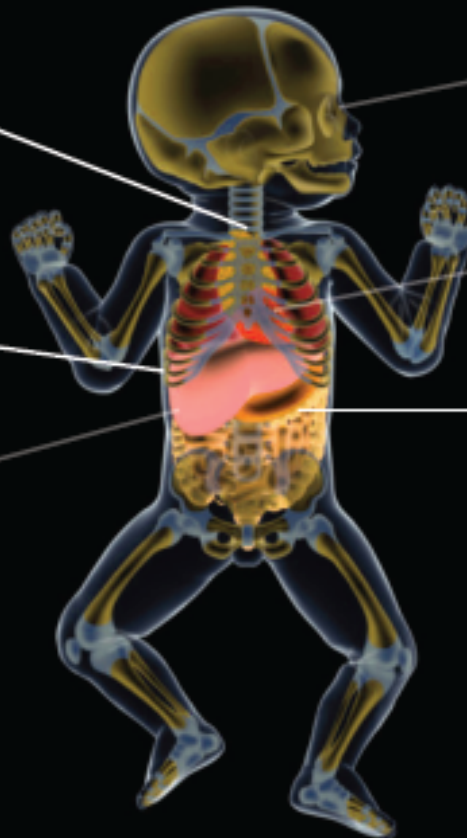
- Congenital hypothyroidism

### Kidney

- Polycystic kidney disease

### Liver

- Liver fibrosis



### Eye

- Congenital glaucoma

### Heart

### Pancreas

- Intrauterine growth restriction
- Neonatal diabetes
- Pancreatic cyst formation

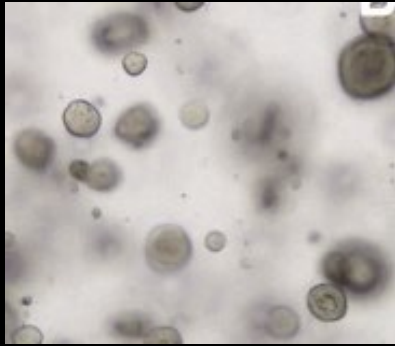


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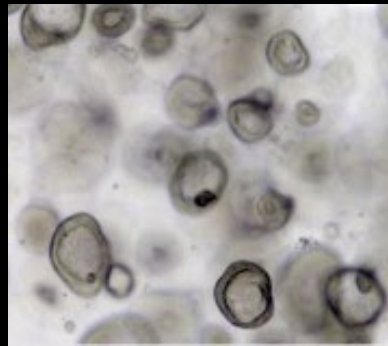
# Glis3 causes a cystic phenotype in human spheroids

Developmental phenotype of mouse mutant: Cysts and 90% reduction of beta cell formation

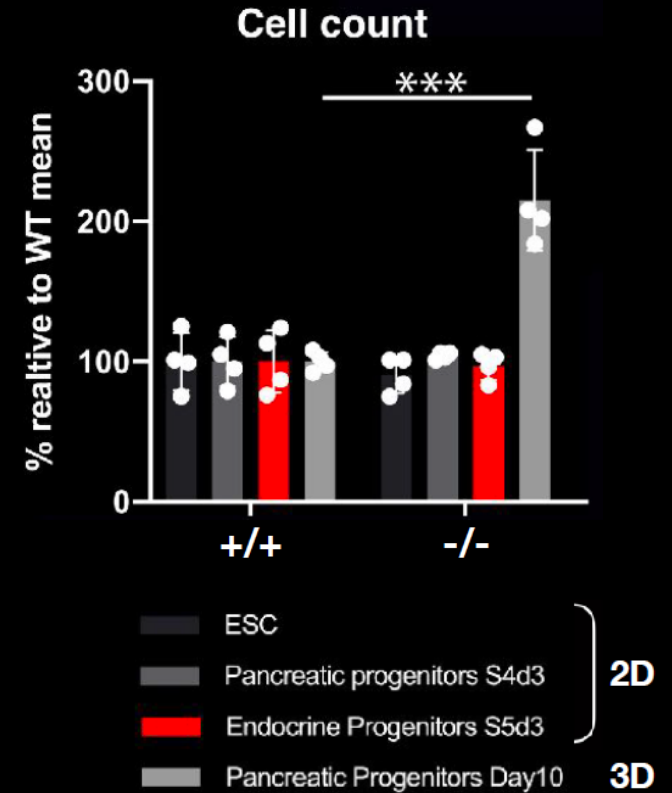
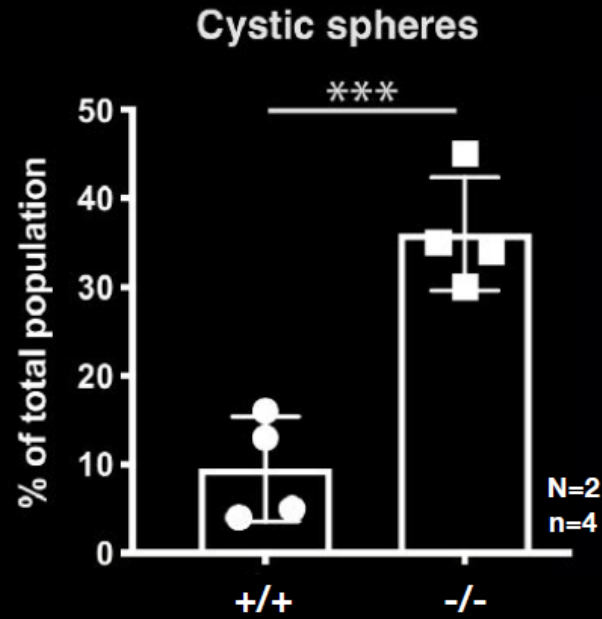
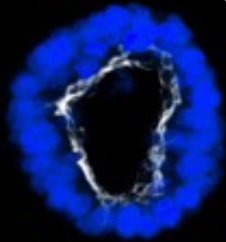
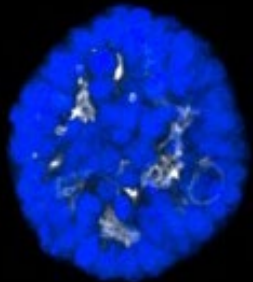
Crispr Inactivation of Glis3 in hES cell-derived pancreas spheres results in cystic spheres



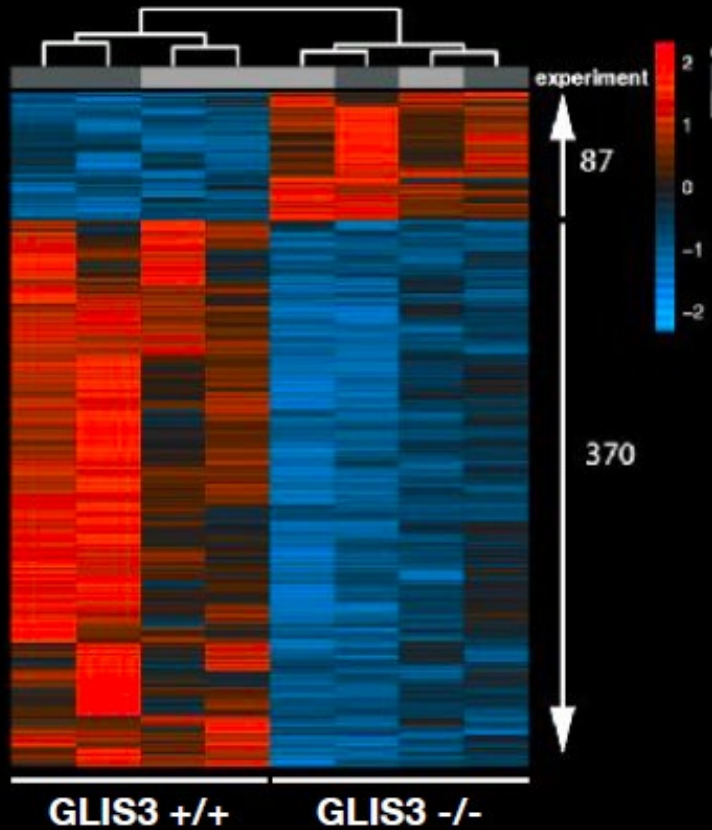
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Glis3-/-



# Mechanisms of cyst formation



Bulk transcriptome day 5  
Prior to cyst detection

→ Increase in proliferation and cell cycle terms

→ Decrease in ductal cell markers, extracellular matrix and cilia- terms

Effect on endocrine differentiation under evaluation.

# Challenges

Benchmarking: there are always some molecular differences with cells in vivo. Do they matter?

Relevance of in vitro observations to the in vivo setting?  
(rotation, endocrine cell wandering)

Medium masking some effects when testing gene function

Heterogeneity of objects (screening)



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